# Data visualisation - part 4: data processing with dplyr

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## 1 Introduction

In the previous tutorials, you have learned how to visualise your data, from simple scatter plots with default settings to compound figures with elaborate color schemes and labels. For all of these, we used the data from Smith et al (2004) (made available at the following http://www.antigenic-cartography.org/). I mentioned briefly in the previous exercises, that I had formated the data for us to work with. What I expressed there in a half-sentence, usually contains a lot of work, often more than the actual analysis: cleaning your data, bringing it into the right format, checking it for sanity. In the following sections, we will learn how to use 'dplyr' to reformat data into a 'tidy' format that we can use for visualisation and analysis.

For a more detailed description and additional examples, refer to chapter 5 in Hadley Wickham book 'R for Data Science' (Wickham and Grolemund 2017). I would generally highly recommend this book, as it introduces concepts we have discussed in this course and beyond - its online version is available for free here!

First, we are going to set up our analysis script,

load the required libraries

```
library("tidyverse")
library("cowplot")
library("sf")
library("rnaturalearth")
library("RColorBrewer")
```

and read our dataset into R again:

```
coord <- read csv("data/2004 Science Smith data.csv")</pre>
#> Parsed with column specification:
#> cols(
#>
     name = col character(),
#>
     year = col_double(),
#>
     cluster = col character(),
     type = col_character(),
#>
     x.coordinate = col_double(),
#>
#>
     y.coordinate = col double(),
    location = col_character(),
     lat = col_double(),
#>
#>
     lnq = col_double()
```

## 2 dplyr: a grammar of data manipulation

The dplyr package is a core member of the tidyverse. dplyr's core functionality relies on six functions that let us solve the majority of data reformating. These functions, often described as the 'verbs for the language of data manipulation', are:

- arrange(): to change the order of observations;
- select(): to select a subset of variables:
- mutate(): to add new variables that are functions of existing variables;
- filter(): to subset observations based on their values;
- summarise(): to summarise observations to a single row;
- group\_by(): to change the unit of analysis from the complete dataset to individual groups.

All verbs work in a similar fashion:

- their first argument is a tibble or data.frame;
- the following arguments describe the action to apply to that tibble/data.frame by specifying the
  variable names
- the result is a new tibble/data.frame, dependent on the initial input

**Note**: If you want to save the results of a dplyr function, you have to use the assignment operator <-, as dplyr functions never modify their input data.

## 2.1 Change the order of observations with arrange()

Using arrange(), we can change the order of rows. As input, arrange takes a tibble and a set of variable names - at least one is required. It will re-arrange the observations of the tibble based on variable selected for re-ordering. If you provided more than one variable to order the tibble by, each additional variable will be used to break ties in the values of preceding variables.

Here, we are going to order coord by location and year:

```
arrange(coord, location, year)
#> # A tibble: 322 x 9
#>
      name
             year cluster type
                                 x.coordinate y.coordinate location
                                                                        lat
#>
      <chr> <dbl> <chr>
                           <chr>>
                                        <db1>
                                                      <dbl> <chr>
                                                                      <db1>
#>
    1 AK/4~ 1993 BE92
                           AG
                                        6.21
                                                     -3.79
                                                            AKITA
                                                                       39.7
    2 AM/1~
             1977 VI75
                           AG
                                        0.895
                                                            AMSTERD~
                                                                       52.4
                                                      9.41
#>
    3 AM/1~ 1977 VI75
                           SR
                                        0.211
                                                      7.10
                                                           AMSTERD~
                                                                       52.4
    4 AM/4~
#>
            1992 BE89
                           AG
                                        -2.00
                                                     -0.924 AMSTERD~
                                                                       52.4
#>
    5 AT/3~
             1988 SI87
                           AG
                                        -0.765
                                                      2.75
                                                            ATLANTA
                                                                       33.8
    6 AT/2~
            1989 SI87
                           AG
                                        -1.61
                                                      1.03
                                                           ATLANTA
                                                                       33.8
#>
    7 AU/1~ 1997 SY97
                                                            AUCKLAND -36.8
                           AG
                                        -3.28
                                                    -10.1
#>
   8 AU/1~ 1997 SY97
                           SR
                                        -2.02
                                                     -9.26
                                                           AUCKLAND -36.8
   9 AL/4~
            1982 BK79
                           AG
                                        -4.07
                                                      6.18
                                                            AUSTRAL~ -33.9
                                                      5.44 BANGKOK
#> 10 BA/1~ 1979 BK79
                           AG
                                        -5.95
                                                                       13.8
#> # ... with 312 more rows, and 1 more variable: lnq <dbl>
```

As a default, arrange orders the variables in ascending order. To re-order in descending order use desc():

```
arrange(coord, desc(location), year)
#> # A tibble: 322 x 9
#>
             year cluster type x.coordinate y.coordinate location
      name
                                                                        lat
                                                                              lnq
#>
      <chr> <dbl> <chr>
                           <chr>
                                        <dbl>
                                                      <dbl> <chr>
                                                                      <dbl> <dbl>
#>
    1 YA/5~
             1993 BE92
                                       6.59
                                                                             131.
                           AG
                                                     -3.91
                                                            YAMAGA
                                                                       33.0
#>
    2 YA/6~
             1993 BE92
                           AG
                                       7.74
                                                     -2.70
                                                            YAMAGA
                                                                       33.0
                                                                             131.
#>
    3 YA/6~ 1993 BE92
                           AG
                                       6.93
                                                     -3.59
                                                            YAMAGA
                                                                       33.0
                                                                             131.
#>
    4 WU/3~ 1995 WU95
                                       0.0395
                                                     -6.20
                                                            WUHAN
                           AG
                                                                       30.6
                                                                             114.
    5 WE/4~
            1985 BK79
                                                            WELLING~ -41.3
#>
                           AG
                                      -2.93
                                                      4.27
                                                                             175.
                                                      3.62
#>
    6 WE/4~ 1985 BK79
                           SR
                                      -1.72
                                                            WELLING~ -41.3
                                                                             175.
#>
    7 WE/5~ 1989 SI87
                           AG
                                       0.891
                                                      0.733 WELLING~ -41.3
#>
   8 WE/3~
            1990 BE89
                                      -2.06
                           AG
                                                     -1.45
                                                            WELLING~ -41.3
                                                                             175.
    9 WE/5~
             1993 BE92
                           AG
                                       5.22
                                                     -4.56
                                                            WELLING~ -41.3
                                                                             175.
#> 10 WK/1~ 1989 SI87
                                       0.382
                                                      1.53
                                                            WAIKATO −37.6
                           AG
                                                                             175.
#> # ... with 312 more rows
```

### 2.1.1 Exercises

- 1. How does the outure change if you sorted by year first, then location?
- 2. Sort coord to find when the last virus was isolated.
- 3. Find the largest and smallest x.coordinate in the dataset.

#### 2.2 Select a subset of variables with select()

select() let's us pick a subset of variables. In the most simple case, we specify the tibble from which we want to select() variables, followed by the names of the variables that we want to pick. For instance, we could select only names and location:

```
#> 4 BI/808/69 BILTHOVEN

#> 5 BI/908/69 BILTHOVEN

#> 6 BI/17938/69 BILTHOVEN

#> 7 BI/93/70 BILTHOVEN

#> 8 BI/2668/70 BILTHOVEN

#> 9 BI/6449/71 BILTHOVEN

#> 10 BI/21438/71 BILTHOVEN

#> # ... with 312 more rows
```

To exclude a variable, use select() with the variable name preceded by a minus -:

```
select(coord, -type)
#> # A tibble: 322 x 8
                   year cluster x.coordinate y.coordinate location
#>
      name
                                                                       lat
                                                                             lnq
#>
      <chr>
                                        <dbl>
                                                                     <dbl> <dbl>
                  <dbl> <chr>
                                                     <dbl> <chr>
                   1968 HK68
                                                                            5.02
#>
   1 BI/15793/68
                                         4.05
                                                      15.0 BILTHOV~
                                                                      52.1
    2 BI/16190/68
                   1968 HK68
                                         4.10
                                                      14.8 BILTHOV~
                                                                      52.1
                                                                            5.02
    3 BI/16398/68
                  1968 HK68
                                         4.36
                                                      13.9 BILTHOV~
                                                                      52.1
                                                                            5.02
#>
#>
  4 BI/808/69
                   1969 HK68
                                         3.87
                                                      14.3 BILTHOV~
                                                                      52.1
                                                                            5.02
                                         4.87
                                                      14.1 BILTHOV~
#>
  5 BI/908/69
                   1969 HK68
                                                                      52.1
                                                                            5.02
#>
    6 BI/17938/69
                   1969 HK68
                                         4.40
                                                      14.9 BILTHOV~
                                                                      52.1
                                                                            5.02
#>
    7 BI/93/70
                   1970 HK68
                                         5.06
                                                      14.5 BILTHOV~
                                                                      52.1
                                                                            5.02
#> 8 BI/2668/70
                   1970 HK68
                                         4.82
                                                      15.5 BILTHOV~
                                                                      52.1
                                                                            5.02
#> 9 BI/6449/71
                   1971 HK68
                                         3.87
                                                      15.9 BILTHOV~
                                                                      52.1 5.02
#> 10 BI/21438/71
                   1971 HK68
                                         4.27
                                                      14.1 BILTHOV~
                                                                      52.1
                                                                            5.02
#> # ... with 312 more rows
```

In addition to that, there a number of functions that can be used in conjunction with select() that let us select multiple variables with common elements in their name. These include:

- starts\_with("year"): matches names that begin with "year".
- ends\_with("coordinate"): matches names that end with "coordinate".
- contains("coord"): matches names that contain "coord".
- num\_range("X", 1:3): matches X1, X2 and X3.

Below, we select all columns that end with the word 'coordinate':

```
select(coord, ends with("coordinate"))
#> # A tibble: 322 x 2
#>
      x.coordinate y.coordinate
#>
              <db1>
                            <db1>
               4.05
#>
   1
                             15.0
    2
#>
               4.10
                             14.8
               4.36
#>
   3
                             13.9
#>
    4
               3.87
                             14.3
               4.87
#>
    5
                             14.1
#>
    6
               4.40
                             14.9
#>
    7
               5.06
                             14.5
#>
    8
               4.82
                             15.5
    9
#>
               3.87
                             15.9
#> 10
               4.27
                             14.1
#> # ... with 312 more rows
```

#### 2.2.1 Exercises

1. What are two other ways of only selecting the x.coordinate and y.coordinate columns?

2. Can you use select to move the location variable from second column to last?

#### 2.3 Add new variables with mutate()

To add new variables to a tibble, we use mutate. Again, mutate first expects the name of the tibble to which we want to add a variable, followed by the name of the new variable, an equal sign = and the data to add. The data has to have the same number of observations as our input tibble and can be created by using a transformation of an existing variable.

Here we create a new variable, that contains the Euclidean distance of each antigen from the origin at (0,0):

```
mutate(coord, distance=sqrt(x.coordinate^2 + y.coordinate^2))
#> # A tibble: 322 x 10
#>
             year cluster type
                                 x.coordinate y.coordinate location
      name
                                                                        lat
                                                                              lnq
#>
      <chr> <dbl> <chr>
                           <chr>
                                        <db1>
                                                      <dbl> <chr>
                                                                     <dbl> <dbl>
#>
    1 BI/1~ 1968 HK68
                           AG
                                         4.05
                                                       15.0 BILTHOV~
                                                                      52.1
                                                                            5.02
    2 BI/1~ 1968 HK68
                                                       14.8 BILTHOV~
                                                                      52.1
                           AG
                                         4.10
    3 BI/1~ 1968 HK68
#>
                           AG
                                         4.36
                                                       13.9 BILTHOV~
                                                                      52.1
                                                                            5.02
    4 BI/8~
             1969 HK68
                                         3.87
                                                       14.3 BILTHOV~
                                                                      52.1
#>
                           AG
                                                                      52.1
#>
    5 BI/9~ 1969 HK68
                           AG
                                         4.87
                                                       14.1 BILTHOV~
                                                                            5.02
   6 BI/1~ 1969 HK68
                           AG
                                         4.40
                                                       14.9 BILTHOV~
                                                                      52.1
                                                                            5.02
    7 BI/9~
            1970 HK68
                                                                      52.1
                           AG
                                         5.06
                                                       14.5 BILTHOV~
                                                                            5.02
    8 BI/2~ 1970 HK68
                           AG
                                         4.82
                                                       15.5 BILTHOV~
                                                                      52.1
                                                                            5.02
  9 BI/6~ 1971 HK68
                                                       15.9 BILTHOV~
                                                                            5.02
                           AG
                                         3.87
                                                                      52.1
#> 10 BI/2~ 1971 HK68
                           AG
                                         4.27
                                                       14.1 BILTHOV~
                                                                      52.1
                                                                            5.02
#> # ... with 312 more rows, and 1 more variable: distance <dbl>
```

Note: mutate() adds the column at the end of the tibble; if you want it at a different position use select to reorder the variables afterwards.

#### 2.3.1 Exercises

- 1. Add a new column that contains the time difference between this year, 2020, and the year the virus was isolated.
- 2. Save the result of this mutate in a new object.
- 3. Move the new column between the year and cluster columns.

### 2.4 Select of subset of observations with filter()

select creates a subset of the input data by selecting variables. filter() allows us to subset our input data by observations. As a first argument it takes the name of the tibble; this is followed by expressions that filter observations based on their value in the specified variables. Filtering uses the standard set of comparison operators available in R.

#### 2.4.1 Comparisons

Comparison operators in R:

- ==: equal to
- !=: not equal to
- >: greater than
- >=: greater or equal than
- <: less than

• <=: less or equal than

Note: When testing for equality, make sure to use == and not a simple =!

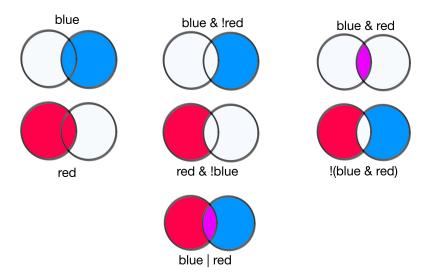
For instance, the following code let's us select all observations of viruses in circulation before 1988:

```
filter(coord, year < 1988)
#> # A tibble: 88 x 9
#>
             year cluster type x.coordinate y.coordinate location
                                                                                lng
                                                                         lat
      name
#>
      <chr> <dbl> <chr>
                           <chr>
                                         <dbl>
                                                       <dbl> <chr>
                                                                       <dbl> <dbl>
#>
    1 BI/1~
             1968 HK68
                           AG
                                          4.05
                                                        15.0 BILTHOV~
                                                                        52.1
                                                                              5.02
#>
    2 BI/1~
             1968 HK68
                           AG
                                          4.10
                                                        14.8 BILTHOV~
                                                                        52.1
                                                                              5.02
    3 BI/1~ 1968 HK68
                                                        13.9 BILTHOV~
                                                                        52.1
#>
                           AG
                                          4.36
                                                                              5.02
#>
    4 BI/8~
             1969 HK68
                                          3.87
                                                        14.3 BILTHOV~
                                                                        52.1
                           AG
                                                                              5.02
             1969 HK68
                                          4.87
                                                                        52.1
#>
    5 BI/9~
                           AG
                                                        14.1 BILTHOV~
                                                                              5.02
#>
    6 BI/1~
             1969 HK68
                           AG
                                                        14.9 BILTHOV~
                                                                        52.1
                                                                              5.02
                                          4.40
#>
    7 BI/9~
             1970 HK68
                           AG
                                          5.06
                                                        14.5 BILTHOV~
                                                                        52.1
                                                                              5.02
#>
    8 BI/2~
             1970 HK68
                           AG
                                          4.82
                                                        15.5 BILTHOV~
                                                                        52.1
                                                                              5.02
    9 BI/6~
             1971 HK68
                           AG
                                          3.87
                                                        15.9 BILTHOV~
                                                                        52.1
                                                                              5.02
#> 10 BI/2~ 1971 HK68
                           AG
                                          4.27
                                                        14.1 BILTHOV~
                                                                        52.1
                                                                              5.02
#> # ... with 78 more rows
```

In addition to these comparison operators, we can also use boolean operators to filter the input data. The simplest boolean operator is intrinsic to the filter function: multiple arguments to filter() are combined with *and*, i.e. every expression has to be true for an observation to be kept in the output. For instance, all observations of viruses in circulation before 1988 in BILTHOVEN.

```
filter(coord, year < 1988, location == "BILTHOVEN")</pre>
#> # A tibble: 40 x 9
#>
      name
             year cluster type x.coordinate y.coordinate location
                                                                         lat
                                                                                lnq
#>
      <chr> <dbl> <chr>
                                          <dbl>
                                                       <dbl> <chr>
                                                                       <dbl> <dbl>
                           <chr>
                           AG
    1 BI/1~ 1968 HK68
                                          4.05
                                                                        52.1
                                                                              5.02
#>
                                                        15.0 BILTHOV~
    2 BI/1~
             1968 HK68
                           AG
                                          4.10
                                                        14.8 BILTHOV~
                                                                        52.1
#>
    3 BI/1~
             1968 HK68
                           AG
                                                        13.9 BILTHOV~
                                                                        52.1
                                                                              5.02
                                          4.36
    4 BI/8~
#>
             1969 HK68
                           AG
                                          3.87
                                                        14.3 BILTHOV~
                                                                        52.1
                                                                              5.02
    5 BI/9~ 1969 HK68
                                          4.87
                                                                        52.1
#>
                           AG
                                                        14.1 BILTHOV~
                                                                              5.02
#>
    6 BI/1~
             1969 HK68
                                                        14.9 BILTHOV~
                                                                        52.1
                                                                              5.02
                           AG
                                          4.40
    7 BI/9~
#>
             1970 HK68
                           AG
                                          5.06
                                                        14.5 BILTHOV~
                                                                        52.1
                                                                              5.02
                                          4.82
#>
    8 BI/2~
             1970 HK68
                           AG
                                                        15.5 BILTHOV~
                                                                        52.1
                                                                              5.02
    9 BI/6~
             1971 HK68
                                                                        52.1
                           AG
                                          3.87
                                                        15.9 BILTHOV~
                                                                              5.02
#> 10 BI/2~
            1971 HK68
                           AG
                                          4.27
                                                        14.1 BILTHOV~
                                                                        52.1
                                                                              5.02
#> # ... with 30 more rows
```

Any more complicated combinations, like in circulation before 1988 but not in BILTHOVEN and not in MADRID, can be constructed using the logical operators and &, or | and not !. The graphic below shows a complete overview of selection logical subsets of observations for two variables "red" and "blue":



Using these logical operators, we can filter for viruses in circulation before 1988 but only in BILTHOVEN or in MADRID:

```
filter(coord, year < 1988, location == "BILTHOVEN" | location == "MADRID")
#> # A tibble: 40 x 9
#>
             year cluster type x.coordinate y.coordinate location
                                                                       lat
#>
      <chr> <dbl> <chr>
                                        <db1>
                                                     <dbl> <chr>
                                                                    <dbl> <dbl>
                          <chr>
#>
    1 BI/1~ 1968 HK68
                          AG
                                         4.05
                                                      15.0 BILTHOV~
                                                                     52.1
                                                                           5.02
#>
   2 BI/1~ 1968 HK68
                          AG
                                        4.10
                                                      14.8 BILTHOV~
                                                                     52.1
                                                                           5.02
   3 BI/1~ 1968 HK68
                          AG
                                         4.36
                                                      13.9 BILTHOV~
                                                                     52.1
#>
   4 BI/8~ 1969 HK68
                          AG
                                        3.87
                                                      14.3 BILTHOV~
                                                                     52.1
                                                                           5.02
#>
   5 BI/9~
            1969 HK68
                                        4.87
                                                      14.1 BILTHOV~
                                                                     52.1
                          AG
                                                                           5.02
                                                                           5.02
#>
   6 BI/1~ 1969 HK68
                          AG
                                                                     52.1
                                         4.40
                                                      14.9 BILTHOV~
   7 BI/9~
            1970 HK68
                          AG
                                        5.06
                                                      14.5 BILTHOV~
                                                                     52.1
#>
   8 BI/2~
            1970 HK68
                          AG
                                                      15.5 BILTHOV~
                                                                     52.1
                                        4.82
                                                                           5.02
   9 BI/6~
            1971 HK68
                                         3.87
                                                      15.9 BILTHOV~
                                                                     52.1
                          AG
                                                                           5.02
#> 10 BI/2~ 1971 HK68
                          AG
                                         4.27
                                                      14.1 BILTHOV~
                                                                     52.1
                                                                           5.02
#> # ... with 30 more rows
```

Alternatively, we can solve the above using the x %in% y syntax:

```
filter(coord, year < 1988, location %in% c("BILTHOVEN", "MADRID"))</pre>
#> # A tibble: 40 x 9
#>
      name
             year cluster type x.coordinate y.coordinate location
                                                                       lat
                                                                             lnq
#>
                                                                     <dbl> <dbl>
      <chr> <dbl> <chr>
                          <chr>
                                        <dbl>
                                                     <dbl> <chr>
                                         4.05
#>
   1 BI/1~ 1968 HK68
                          AG
                                                      15.0 BILTHOV~
                                                                     52.1
                                                                            5.02
   2 BI/1~ 1968 HK68
#>
                                                      14.8 BILTHOV~
                                                                     52.1
                          AG
                                         4.10
                                                                            5.02
                                         4.36
#>
   3 BI/1~ 1968 HK68
                          AG
                                                      13.9 BILTHOV~
                                                                     52.1
                                                                            5.02
   4 BI/8~ 1969 HK68
                                                                     52.1
#>
                          AG
                                         3.87
                                                      14.3 BILTHOV~
                                                                            5.02
                                         4.87
#>
   5 BI/9~
            1969 HK68
                          AG
                                                      14.1 BILTHOV~
                                                                     52.1
                                                                           5.02
   6 BI/1~
            1969 HK68
                          AG
                                         4.40
                                                      14.9 BILTHOV~
                                                                     52.1
                                                                            5.02
   7 BI/9~ 1970 HK68
                                                                            5.02
#>
                          AG
                                         5.06
                                                      14.5 BILTHOV~
                                                                     52.1
   8 BI/2~ 1970 HK68
                          AG
                                         4.82
                                                      15.5 BILTHOV~
                                                                     52.1
#> 9 BI/6~ 1971 HK68
                          AG
                                         3.87
                                                      15.9 BILTHOV~
                                                                     52.1 5.02
#> 10 BI/2~ 1971 HK68
                                         4.27
                                                      14.1 BILTHOV~
                                                                     52.1 5.02
#> # ... with 30 more rows
```

where we select every row where x, in this case location, is contained in y, here a vector of names.

**Note**: vectors are R data objects and are constructed by enclosing the variables x, y, z to be put in the vector in c(): c(x,y,z)

#### 2.4.2 Exercises

- 1. Find viruses that were isolated in the NETHERLANDS.
- 2. Filter for rows that are of type antigen (AG).
- 3. Find viruses in circulation after 1997 and are assigned to either cluster SY97 or cluster WU95.

## 2.5 Group analyses and summarise observations with group by and summarise()

group\_by and summarise() often go hand in hand: using group\_by, we can first group observation based on values in the specified variable and then apply a summary statistic on this group. This might sound a bit complicated, so let's have a look at an example. We are fist going to group coord by cluster. To pass this grouped tibble onto the summarise function, we have to save the grouped tibble into a new object (for now, we will see further down how we can do this more elegantly). We pass this new object to summarise, to find the start and end year of circulation for viruses per cluster. To find the start and end year, we can use the R functions min and max, that find the minimum and maximum entry of a tibble column or vector, respectively:

```
coord_grouped <- group_by(coord, cluster)</pre>
summarise(coord_grouped,
          start=min(year),
          end=max(year))
#> # A tibble: 11 x 3
#>
      cluster start
#>
      <chr>
              <dbl> <dbl>
#>
    1 BE89
               1989 1993
   2 BE92
#>
               1992 1996
#>
   3 BK79
               1979 1988
#>
    4 EN72
               1972
                     1975
#>
   5 FU02
               2002 2003
#>
   6 HK68
               1968 1972
    7 SI87
#>
               1987 1991
   8 SY97
               1997 2003
   9 TX77
               1976 1977
#> 10 VI75
               1975 1977
#> 11 WU95
               1993
                    1998
```

Functions used with summarise have to return a single value. Other useful functions are for instance:

- mean: returns mean value;
- median: returns median values;
- $\bullet\,$  sum: return the sum of input values;
- n(): returns total count (this is the only one that does not take an argument);
- n\_distinct: returns the unique count;

#### 2.5.1 Exercises

- 1. How do you know if a tibble is grouped or not? How do you ungroup a grouped tibble (Hint: use the help function of group\_by).
- 2. What happens if you use the same summarise command on the original, ungrouped tibble?
- 3. Find the mean x and y coordinate of each cluster.

4. Find the total and distinct number of locations per cluster.

# 3 Creating a workflow with pipes

We have seen above how useful it is to first use <code>group\_by</code> and then <code>summarise</code> on the grouped <code>tibble</code>. However, we had to first save the grouped <code>tibble</code> in a new object, that we passed on to summarise. This object solely served the purpose of an intermediate step in our workflow. To avoid having to create intermediate objects, we can use the pipe function %>%. To do the same grouping and summarising as above, we can now simply write:

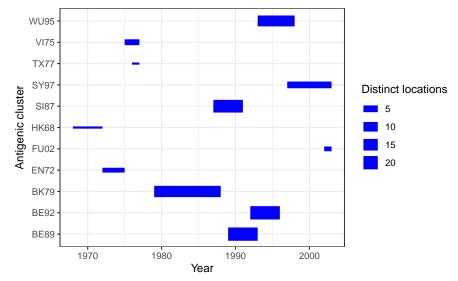
```
coord %>%
    group by(cluster) %>%
    summarise(start=min(year), end=max(year))
#> # A tibble: 11 x 3
#>
      cluster start
                      en.d.
      <chr>
              <dbl> <dbl>
#>
   1 BE89
               1989 1993
#> 2 BE92
              1992 1996
#> 3 BK79
               1979 1988
   4 EN72
               1972 1975
#> 5 FU02
               2002 2003
#> 6 HK68
               1968 1972
#> 7 SI87
               1987 1991
#>
   8 SY97
               1997 2003
#> 9 TX77
               1976 1977
#> 10 VI75
               1975 1977
#> 11 WU95
               1993 1998
```

where we pipe coord into the grouping function, and then pipe the output of that into the summarise function.

This is really powerful and elegant, when we have to apply many processing steps to our data and want to avoid having to create lot's of intermediate objects.

For instance, in this chunk, we apply grouping by cluster, then summarise start, end and number of locations and then sort in ascending order by start year. We save the entire process in a new object by using the <-operator.

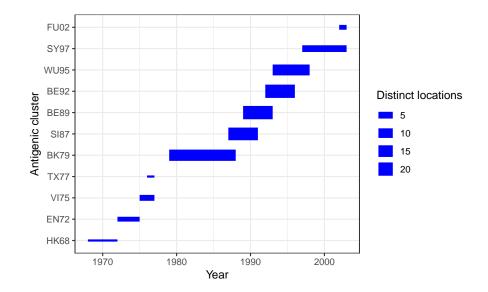
We can then visualise the cluster transition over time in a segment plot. We additionally map the number of distinct locations to the size aesthetic, to visualise the its spread.



This plot does not yield the result we expected. Despite us having arranged the tibble by start year, this is not the order it was plotted. This is something very confusing to beginners and even more experienced R users stumble over this from time to time. When using a character column (here cluster names) as aes, ggplot treats it as a factor column (we mentioned factors as a representation of categorical variables with fixed possible values). By converting characters to factors, the values are internally ordered alphabetically, which in this case disrupts the ordering we desired.

To prevent this, we can explictly convert the cluster column into a factor and enforce the original order by the fct\_inorder function. We can chain this processing onto our previous workflow using a pipe and the mutate function.

The segment plot with the ordered factor as y-labels looks as we expect:



# 3.1 Exercises

1. Create a piped workflow that finds the number of distinct clusters and the first virus isolation for each location.

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