

# Functional Programming

Data Wrangling in R

# Functional Programming

“R, at its heart, is a functional programming (FP) language. This means that it provides many tools for the creation and manipulation of functions. In particular, R has what’s known as first class functions. You can do anything with functions that you can do with vectors: you can assign them to variables, store them in lists, **pass them as arguments to other functions**, create them inside functions, and even return them as the result of a function.” - [Hadley Wickham](#)

Don’t need to write for-loops! - check this [video](#).

Allows you to flexibly iterate functions to multiple elements of a data object!

Useful when you want to apply a function to:

- \* lots of columns in a tibble
- \* multiple tibbles
- \* multiple data files
- \* or perform fancy functions with vectors (or tibble columns)

## Working **across** multiple columns

Say we wanted to round multiple columns of the `mtcars` data. We could do so one column at a time, or we could use the `across` function from the `dplyr` package. Needs to be used **within other dplyr functions** such as `mutate`.

```
mutate(across(which_columns, which function or operation))
```

```
head(mtcars, 2)
```

```
##           mpg cyl  disp  hp  drat    wt  qsec vs  am  gear  carb
## Mazda RX4      21   6  160 110   3.9 2.620 16.46  0   1     4     4
## Mazda RX4 Wag  21   6  160 110   3.9 2.875 17.02  0   1     4     4
```

```
mtcars %>%
  mutate(across(.cols = c(disp, drat, wt, qsec), round)) %>%
  head(2)
```

```
##           mpg cyl  disp  hp  drat    wt  qsec vs  am  gear  carb
## Mazda RX4      21   6  160 110     4   3    16  0   1     4     4
## Mazda RX4 Wag  21   6  160 110     4   3    17  0   1     4     4
```

# functions in R

```
my_function <- function(x) {x + 1}  
my_function
```

```
## function(x) {x + 1}
```

```
my_data <- c(2,3,4)  
my_function(x = my_data)
```

```
## [1] 3 4 5
```

```
my_function(my_data)
```

```
## [1] 3 4 5
```

## Special tilde use

If you see `~ .x` (or sometimes just `.` is used instead of `.x`) this means `function(x)` `{x}` - in other words we are passing `x` to a function. <https://adv-r.hadley.nz/functionals.html#purrr-shortcuts>

For example - this is not necessary but you could use it here:

```
mtcars %>%  
  mutate(across(.cols = c(displ, drat, wt, qsec), ~ round(.x))) %>%  
  head(2)
```

##		mpg	cyl	displ	hp	drat	wt	qsec	vs	am	gear	carb
##	Mazda RX4	21	6	160	110	4	3	16	0	1	4	4
##	Mazda RX4 Wag	21	6	160	110	4	3	17	0	1	4	4

```
mtcars %>%  
  mutate(across(.cols = c(displ, drat, wt, qsec), round)) %>%  
  head(1)
```

##		mpg	cyl	displ	hp	drat	wt	qsec	vs	am	gear	carb
##	Mazda RX4	21	6	160	110	4	3	16	0	1	4	4

## Using **across** with arguments

If you wish to also pass arguments to the function that you are applying to the various columns, then you need to use the `~` and `.x` (or `.`) as a place holder for what you the values you will be passing into the function.

```
mtcars %>%  
  mutate(across(.cols = c(displ, drat, wt, qsec), ~ round(.x, digits = 1))) %>%  
  head(n = 2)
```

##		mpg	cyl	displ	hp	drat	wt	qsec	vs	am	gear	carb
##	Mazda RX4	21	6	160	110	3.9	2.6	16.5	0	1	4	4
##	Mazda RX4 Wag	21	6	160	110	3.9	2.9	17.0	0	1	4	4

```
mtcars %>%  
  mutate(across(.cols = c(displ, drat, wt, qsec), ~ round(., digits = 1))) %>%  
  head(n = 2)
```

##		mpg	cyl	displ	hp	drat	wt	qsec	vs	am	gear	carb
##	Mazda RX4	21	6	160	110	3.9	2.6	16.5	0	1	4	4
##	Mazda RX4 Wag	21	6	160	110	3.9	2.9	17.0	0	1	4	4

# Using across with helpers to apply function to multiple columns

[https://tidyselect.r-lib.org/reference/select\\_helpers.html](https://tidyselect.r-lib.org/reference/select_helpers.html)

```
mtcars %>%  
  mutate(across(.cols = disp:wt, round)) %>%  
  head(2)
```

##		mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat	wt	qsec	vs	am	gear	carb
##	Mazda RX4	21	6	160	110	4	3	16.46	0	1	4	4
##	Mazda RX4 Wag	21	6	160	110	4	3	17.02	0	1	4	4

```
mtcars %>%  
  mutate(across(.cols = everything(), round)) %>%  
  head(2)
```

##		mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat	wt	qsec	vs	am	gear	carb
##	Mazda RX4	21	6	160	110	4	3	16	0	1	4	4
##	Mazda RX4 Wag	21	6	160	110	4	3	17	0	1	4	4

## `if_any()` and `if_all()` are also helpful!

```
iris %>% filter(Sepal.Length > 2.4 & Sepal.Width > 2.4 &  
                Petal.Length > 2.4 & Petal.Width > 2.4)
```

##	Sepal.Length	Sepal.Width	Petal.Length	Petal.Width	Species
## 1	6.3	3.3	6.0	2.5	virginica
## 2	7.2	3.6	6.1	2.5	virginica
## 3	6.7	3.3	5.7	2.5	virginica

```
iris %>% filter(if_all(Sepal.Length:Petal.Width, ~ . > 2.4))
```

##	Sepal.Length	Sepal.Width	Petal.Length	Petal.Width	Species
## 1	6.3	3.3	6.0	2.5	virginica
## 2	7.2	3.6	6.1	2.5	virginica
## 3	6.7	3.3	5.7	2.5	virginica

```
#iris %>% select(-Species) %>% filter(if_all(everything(), ~ . > 2.4))
```



## Previously we filtered for patterns or conditions...2 general ways

This can be done on multiple patterns like so:

```
library(stringr)
diamonds %>%
  filter(str_detect(cut, "Ideal|Premium")) %>% head(2)
```

```
## # A tibble: 2 × 10
##   carat cut      color clarity depth table price      x      y      z
##   <dbl> <ord>    <ord> <ord>    <dbl> <dbl> <int> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
## 1  0.23 Ideal    E      SI2     61.5   55    326  3.95  3.98  2.43
## 2  0.21 Premium E      SI1     59.8   61    326  3.89  3.84  2.31
```

```
diamonds %>%
  filter(cut %in% c("Ideal", "Premium"), z > 4, color == "E") %>% head(2)
```

```
## # A tibble: 2 × 10
##   carat cut      color clarity depth table price      x      y      z
##   <dbl> <ord>    <ord> <ord>    <dbl> <dbl> <int> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
## 1  1.22 Premium E      I1     60.9   57   2862  6.93  6.88  4.21
## 2  1.25 Ideal    E      I1     60.9   56   3276  6.95  6.91  4.22
```

## Now we can filter multiple columns for multiple conditions simultaneously!

```
mtcars %>%  
  filter(if_all(c(cyl, gear, carb), ~.x > 3 & .x < 8))
```

##		mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat	wt	qsec	vs	am	gear	carb
##	Mazda RX4	21.0	6	160.0	110	3.90	2.620	16.46	0	1	4	4
##	Mazda RX4 Wag	21.0	6	160.0	110	3.90	2.875	17.02	0	1	4	4
##	Merc 280	19.2	6	167.6	123	3.92	3.440	18.30	1	0	4	4
##	Merc 280C	17.8	6	167.6	123	3.92	3.440	18.90	1	0	4	4
##	Ferrari Dino	19.7	6	145.0	175	3.62	2.770	15.50	0	1	5	6

## **purrr** is also a super helpful package!

“Designed to make your functions purrr.”

`dplyr` is designed for data frames `purrr` is designed for vectors

The `purrr` package can be very helpful!

- <https://purrr.tidyverse.org/>
- <https://github.com/rstudio/cheatsheets/raw/master/purrr.pdf>
- <https://jennybc.github.io/purrr-tutorial/>

## **purrr** main functions

`map` and `map_*` and `modify`

- **applies function** to each element of an vector or object (`map` returns a list, `modify` returns the same object type)

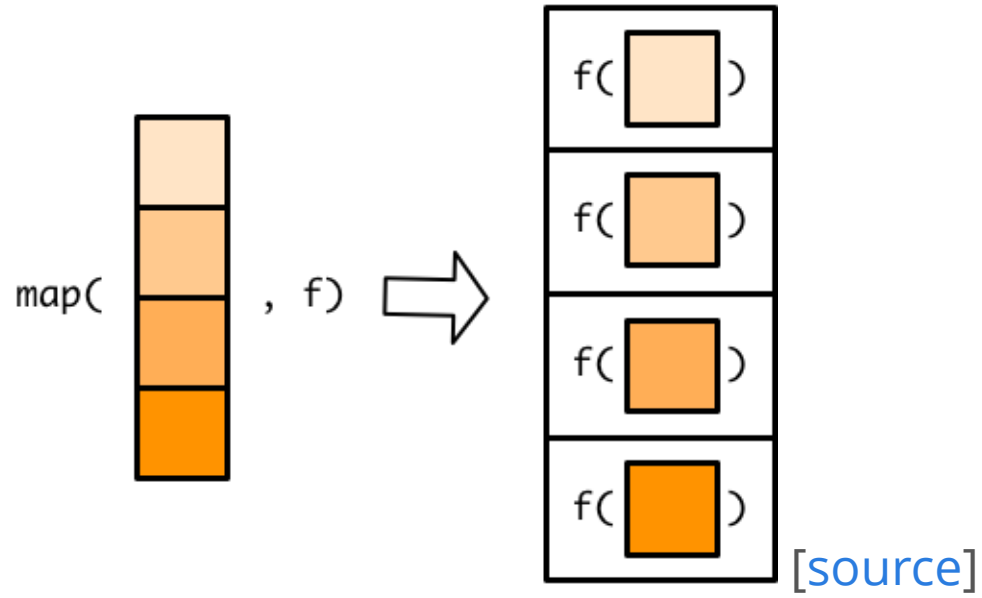
`map2` and `map2_*`

- applies function to each element of **two** vectors or objects

`pmap` and `pmap_*` - applies function to each element of **3+** vector or objects (requires a list for input)

the `_*` options specify the type of data output

## map (and modify)



```
x <-c(1.2, 2.3, 3.5, 4.6)
map(x, round) %>% unlist()
```

```
## [1] 1 2 4 5
```

## map (and modify)

```
x <-tibble(values = c(1.2,2.3,3.5,4.6))  
map_df(x, round)
```

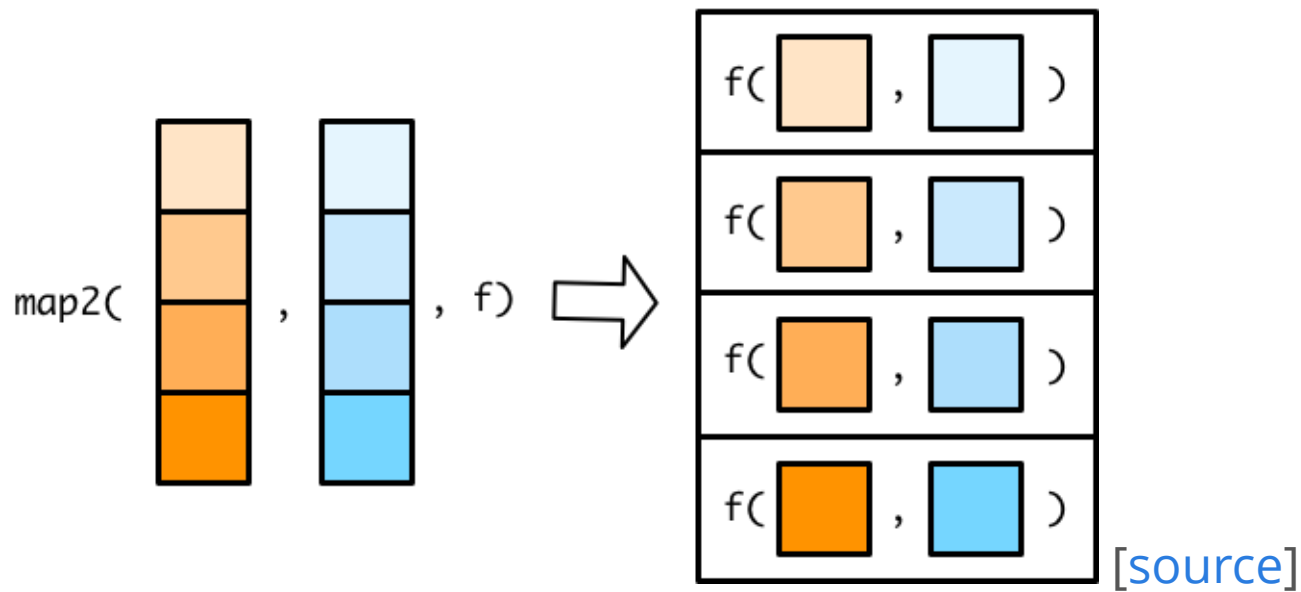
```
## # A tibble: 4 × 1  
##   values  
##   <dbl>  
## 1     1  
## 2     2  
## 3     4  
## 4     5
```

```
modify(x, round)
```

```
## # A tibble: 4 × 1  
##   values  
##   <dbl>  
## 1     1  
## 2     2  
## 3     4  
## 4     5
```

# map2

Good if you need to use multiple vectors in a function together.



```
x <-c(1.2, 2.3, 3.5, 4.6)
y <-c(2.4, 5.3, 6.4, 1.0)
map2(x, y, min) %>% unlist()
```

```
## [1] 1.2 2.3 3.5 1.0
```

```
modify2(x, y, min)
```

```
## [1] 1.2 2.3 3.5 1.0
```

## Put it all together

```
trees %>% mutate(New = map2_dbl(Girth, Height,  
                                function(x,y){ pi * ((x/2)/12)^2 * y})) %>% head(n = 3)
```

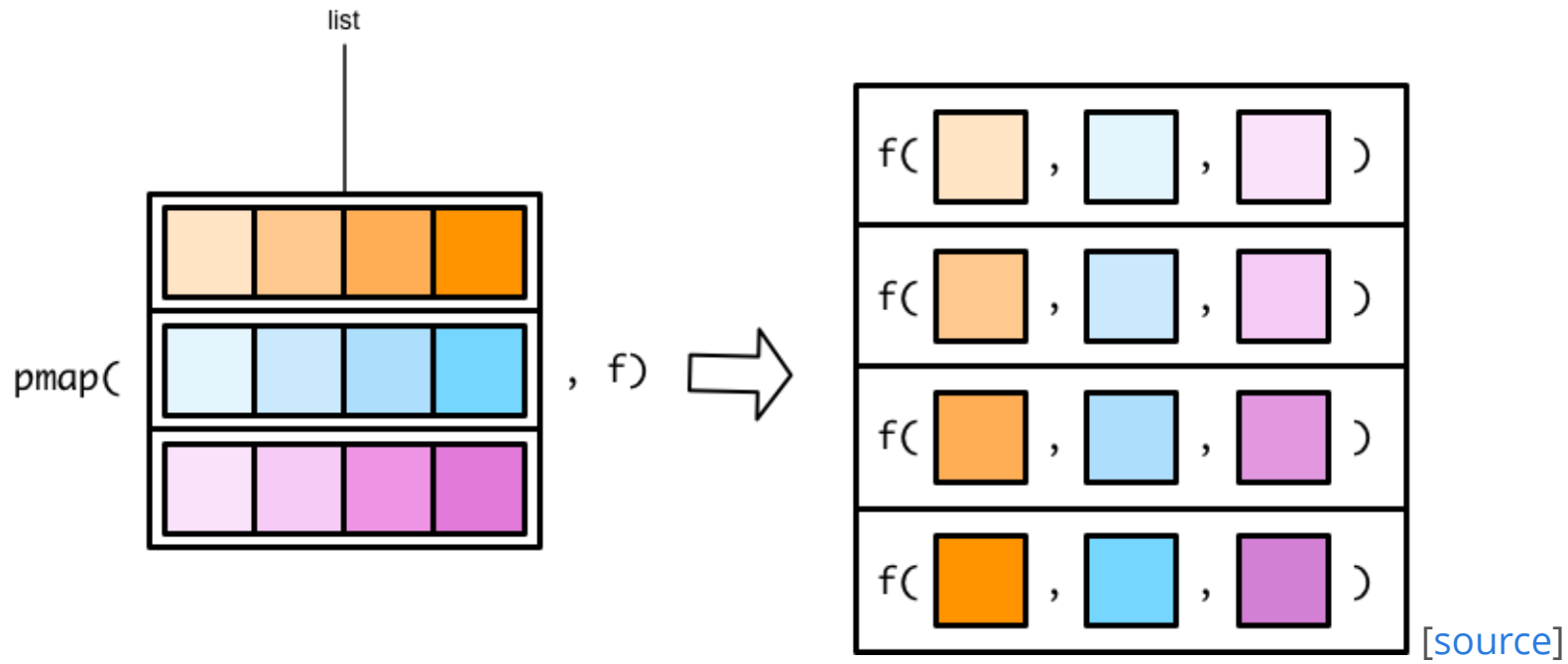
```
##      Girth Height Volume      New  
## 1      8.3      70   10.3 26.30157  
## 2      8.6      65   10.3 26.22030  
## 3      8.8      63   10.2 26.60929
```

```
tree_fun <-function(x,y){ pi * ((x/2)/12)^2 * y}  
trees %>% mutate(New = modify2(.x= Girth,  
                               .y= Height, tree_fun)) %>% head(n = 3)
```

```
##      Girth Height Volume      New  
## 1      8.3      70   10.3 26.30157  
## 2      8.6      65   10.3 26.22030  
## 3      8.8      63   10.2 26.60929
```



# pmap



[\[source\]](#)

```
pmap_list <-  
  list(x = c(5,100,100,100), y = c(100,5, 200, 300), z = c(100,100, 6, 100))
```

```
pmap(pmap_list, min) %>% unlist()
```

```
## [1] 5 5 6 100
```

# purrr - apply function to all columns

two options `map_df` or `modify`

Lots of variations of `map` based on output

```
library(purrr)
head(mtcars, 2)
```

```
##           mpg cyl  disp  hp  drat    wt  qsec vs  am  gear  carb
## Mazda RX4      21   6  160 110   3.9 2.620 16.46  0   1    4     4
## Mazda RX4 Wag  21   6  160 110   3.9 2.875 17.02  0   1    4     4
```

```
mtcars %>%
  map_df(round) %>% # will be a tibble now - will remove rownames
  head(2)
```

```
## # A tibble: 2 × 11
##   mpg   cyl  disp    hp  drat    wt  qsec    vs  am  gear  carb
##   <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
## 1    21     6   160   110     4     3    16     0     1     4     4
## 2    21     6   160   110     4     3    17     0     1     4     4
```

```
mtcars %>%
  modify(round) %>% # modify keeps original data type
  head(2)
```

## It's a bit simpler than across...

```
mtcars %>%  
  modify(format, digits = 1) %>%  
  head(n = 2)
```

```
##           mpg cyl  disp  hp  drat  wt  qsec  vs  am  gear  carb  
## Mazda RX4      21   6  160 110     4   3    16   0   1     4     4  
## Mazda RX4 Wag  21   6  160 110     4   3    17   0   1     4     4
```

```
mtcars %>%  
  mutate(across(.cols = everything(), format, digits = 1)) %>%  
  head(n = 2)
```

```
##           mpg cyl  disp  hp  drat  wt  qsec  vs  am  gear  carb  
## Mazda RX4      21   6  160 110     4   3    16   0   1     4     4  
## Mazda RX4 Wag  21   6  160 110     4   3    17   0   1     4     4
```

## purrr apply function to some columns like accross

Using `modify_if()` or `map_if()`, we can specify what columns to modify

```
head(as_tibble(iris), 3)
```

```
## # A tibble: 3 × 5
##   Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width Species
##   <dbl>         <dbl>         <dbl>         <dbl> <fct>
## 1         5.1         3.5         1.4         0.2 setosa
## 2         4.9         3         1.4         0.2 setosa
## 3         4.7         3.2         1.3         0.2 setosa
```

```
as_tibble(iris) %>%
  modify_if(is.numeric, as.character) %>%
  head(3)
```

```
## # A tibble: 3 × 5
##   Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width Species
##   <chr>         <chr>         <chr>         <chr> <fct>
## 1 5.1         3.5         1.4         0.2 setosa
## 2 4.9         3         1.4         0.2 setosa
## 3 4.7         3.2         1.3         0.2 setosa
```

```
as_tibble(iris) %>%
  map_if(is.numeric, as.character) %>%
  class()
```

```
## [1] "list"
```

## modify\_if vs mutate/across/where

```
system.time(iris %>%  
  modify_if(is.factor, as.character))
```

```
##      user  system elapsed  
##    0.001    0.000    0.000
```

```
system.time(iris %>%  
  mutate(across(.cols = where(is.factor), as.character)))
```

```
##      user  system elapsed  
##    0.004    0.000    0.003
```

# What is a 'list'?

- Lists are the most flexible/"generic" data class in R
- Can be created using `list()`
- Can hold vectors, strings, matrices, models, list of other list, lists upon lists!
- Can reference data using `$` (if the elements are named), or using `[]`, or `[[ ]]`

```
> mylist <- list(letters=c("A", "b", "c"),  
+               numbers=1:3, matrix(1:25, ncol=5), matrix(1:25, ncol=5))
```

# List Structure

```
> head(mylist)
```

```
$letters
```

```
[1] "A" "b" "c"
```

```
$numbers
```

```
[1] 1 2 3
```

```
[[3]]
```

	[,1]	[,2]	[,3]	[,4]	[,5]
[1,]	1	6	11	16	21
[2,]	2	7	12	17	22
[3,]	3	8	13	18	23
[4,]	4	9	14	19	24
[5,]	5	10	15	20	25

```
[[4]]
```

	[,1]	[,2]	[,3]	[,4]	[,5]
[1,]	1	6	11	16	21
[2,]	2	7	12	17	22
[3,]	3	8	13	18	23
[4,]	4	9	14	19	24
[5,]	5	10	15	20	25

# List referencing

```
> mylist[1] # returns a list
```

```
$letters  
[1] "A" "b" "c"
```

```
> mylist["letters"] # returns a list
```

```
$letters  
[1] "A" "b" "c"
```



## List referencing

```
> mylist[[1]] # returns the vector 'letters'
```

```
[1] "A" "b" "c"
```

```
> mylist$letters # returns vector
```

```
[1] "A" "b" "c"
```

```
> mylist[["letters"]] # returns the vector 'letters'
```

```
[1] "A" "b" "c"
```

->

# List referencing

You can also select multiple lists with the single brackets.

```
> mylist[1:2] # returns a list
```

```
$letters  
[1] "A" "b" "c"
```

```
$numbers  
[1] 1 2 3
```

# Why lists

# great example with split()

```
head(mtcars)
```

```
##           mpg  cyl  disp  hp  drat    wt    qsec  vs  am  gear  carb
## Mazda RX4      21.0    6   160  110  3.90  2.620  16.46  0   1     4     4
## Mazda RX4 Wag  21.0    6   160  110  3.90  2.875  17.02  0   1     4     4
## Datsun 710      22.8    4   108   93  3.85  2.320  18.61  1   1     4     1
## Hornet 4 Drive  21.4    6   258  110  3.08  3.215  19.44  1   0     3     1
## Hornet Sportabout 18.7    8   360  175  3.15  3.440  17.02  0   0     3     2
## Valiant        18.1    6   225  105  2.76  3.460  20.22  1   0     3     1
```

```
str(mtcars %>% split(.$cyl))
```

```
## List of 3
## $ 4:'data.frame':  11 obs. of  11 variables:
## ..$ mpg : num [1:11] 22.8 24.4 22.8 32.4 30.4 33.9 21.5 27.3 26 30.4 ...
## ..$ cyl : num [1:11] 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 ...
## ..$ disp: num [1:11] 108 146.7 140.8 78.7 75.7 ...
## ..$ hp : num [1:11] 93 62 95 66 52 65 97 66 91 113 ...
## ..$ drat: num [1:11] 3.85 3.69 3.92 4.08 4.93 4.22 3.7 4.08 4.43 3.77 ...
## ..$ wt : num [1:11] 2.32 3.19 3.15 2.2 1.61 ...
## ..$ qsec: num [1:11] 18.6 20 22.9 19.5 18.5 ...
## ..$ vs : num [1:11] 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 ...
## ..$ am : num [1:11] 1 0 0 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 ...
## ..$ gear: num [1:11] 4 4 4 4 4 4 3 4 5 5 ...
## ..$ carb: num [1:11] 1 2 2 1 2 1 1 1 2 2 ...
## $ 6:'data.frame':  7 obs. of  11 variables:
## ..$ mpg : num [1:7] 21 21 21.4 18.1 19.2 17.8 19.7
## ..$ cyl : num [1:7] 6 6 6 6 6 6 6
```

## great example with split()

```
mtcars %>%  
  split(.$cyl) %>% # creates split of data for each unique cyl value  
  map(~lm(mpg ~ wt, data = .)) %>% # apply linear model to each  
  map(summary) %>%  
  map_dbl("r.squared")
```

```
##           4           6           8  
## 0.5086326 0.4645102 0.4229655
```

# Lists from multiple files!

This comes up a lot in data cleaning and also when reading in multiple files!

```
library(here)
library(readr)
list.files(here::here("data", "iris"), pattern = "*.csv")
```

```
## [1] "iris_q1.csv" "iris_q4.csv" "iris_q5.csv"
```

```
file_list <- paste0(here::here(), "/data/iris/", list.files(here::here("data", "iris"), pattern = "*.csv"))

file_list
```

```
## [1] "/Users/carriewright/Documents/GitHub/Teaching/Data-Wrangling/data/iris/iris_q1.csv"
## [2] "/Users/carriewright/Documents/GitHub/Teaching/Data-Wrangling/data/iris/iris_q4.csv"
## [3] "/Users/carriewright/Documents/GitHub/Teaching/Data-Wrangling/data/iris/iris_q5.csv"
```

```
multifile_data <- file_list %>%
  map(read_csv)

class(multifile_data)
```

```
## [1] "list"
```

# Reading in multiple files

```
multifile_data[[1]]
```

```
## # A tibble: 150 × 5
##   Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width Species
##   <dbl>         <dbl>         <dbl>         <dbl> <chr>
## 1         5.1         3.5         1.4         0.2 setosa
## 2         4.9         3         1.4         0.2 setosa
## 3         4.7         3.2         1.3         0.2 setosa
## 4         4.6         3.1         1.5         0.2 setosa
## 5         5         3.6         1.4         0.2 setosa
## 6         5.4         3.9         1.7         0.4 setosa
## 7         4.6         3.4         1.4         0.3 setosa
## 8         5         3.4         1.5         0.2 setosa
## 9         4.4         2.9         1.4         0.2 setosa
## 10        4.9         3.1         1.5         0.1 setosa
## # ... with 140 more rows
```

# Reading in multiple files

```
multifile_data[[2]]
```

```
## # A tibble: 150 × 1
##   `Sepal.Length:Sepal.Width:Petal.Length:Petal.Width:Species`
##   <chr>
## 1 5.1:3.5:1.4:0.2:setosa
## 2 4.9:3:1.4:0.2:setosa
## 3 4.7:3.2:1.3:0.2:setosa
## 4 4.6:3.1:1.5:0.2:setosa
## 5 5:3.6:1.4:0.2:setosa
## 6 5.4:3.9:1.7:0.4:setosa
## 7 4.6:3.4:1.4:0.3:setosa
## 8 5:3.4:1.5:0.2:setosa
## 9 4.4:2.9:1.4:0.2:setosa
## 10 4.9:3.1:1.5:0.1:setosa
## # ... with 140 more rows
```



# Reading in multiple files

```
multifile_data[[3]]
```

```
## # A tibble: 150 × 5
##   Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width Species
##   <dbl>         <dbl>         <dbl>         <dbl> <chr>
## 1         -999         3.5           1.4           0.2 setosa
## 2         -999         3             1.4           0.2 setosa
## 3         -999         3.2           1.3           0.2 setosa
## 4          4.6         3.1           1.5           0.2 setosa
## 5          5          3.6           1.4           0.2 setosa
## 6          5.4         3.9           1.7           0.4 setosa
## 7          4.6         3.4           1.4           0.3 setosa
## 8          5          3.4           1.5           0.2 setosa
## 9          4.4         2.9           1.4           0.2 setosa
## 10         4.9         3.1           1.5           0.1 setosa
## # ... with 140 more rows
```

## Fixing the second file

```
multifile_data[[2]] <-  
  separate(multifile_data[[2]],  
    col = `Sepal.Length:Sepal.Width:Petal.Length:Petal.Width:Species`,  
    into = c("Sepal.Length", "Sepal.Width",  
      'Petal.Length', "Petal.Width", "Species"),  
    sep = ":")  
  
head(multifile_data[[2]], 3)
```

```
## # A tibble: 3 × 5  
##   Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width Species  
##   <chr>         <chr>         <chr>         <chr>         <chr>  
## 1 5.1          3.5          1.4          0.2          setosa  
## 2 4.9          3            1.4          0.2          setosa  
## 3 4.7          3.2          1.3          0.2          setosa
```

```
multifile_data[[2]] <-  
  multifile_data[[2]] %>%  
  mutate(across(!Species, as.numeric))
```

# Reading in multiple files

The `bind_rows()` function can be great for simply combining data.

```
# bind_rows(multifile_data[[1]], multifile_data[[3]], multifile_data[[2]])
bindrows_data <- multifile_data %>%
  map_df(bind_rows, .id = "experiment") # recall that modify keeps the same data type
# so that will not do what we want here because we want a data frame instead of a list!
dim(bindrows_data)
```

```
## [1] 450 6
```

```
tail(bindrows_data, 2)
```

```
## # A tibble: 2 × 6
##   experiment Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width Species
##   <chr>      <dbl>      <dbl>      <dbl>      <dbl> <chr>
## 1 3          6.2        3.4        5.4        2.3 virginica
## 2 3          5.9        3          5.1        1.8 virginica
```

See <https://www.opencasestudies.org/ocs-bp-vaping-case-study> for more information!

# Factors

First we will create some data about absences for different students.

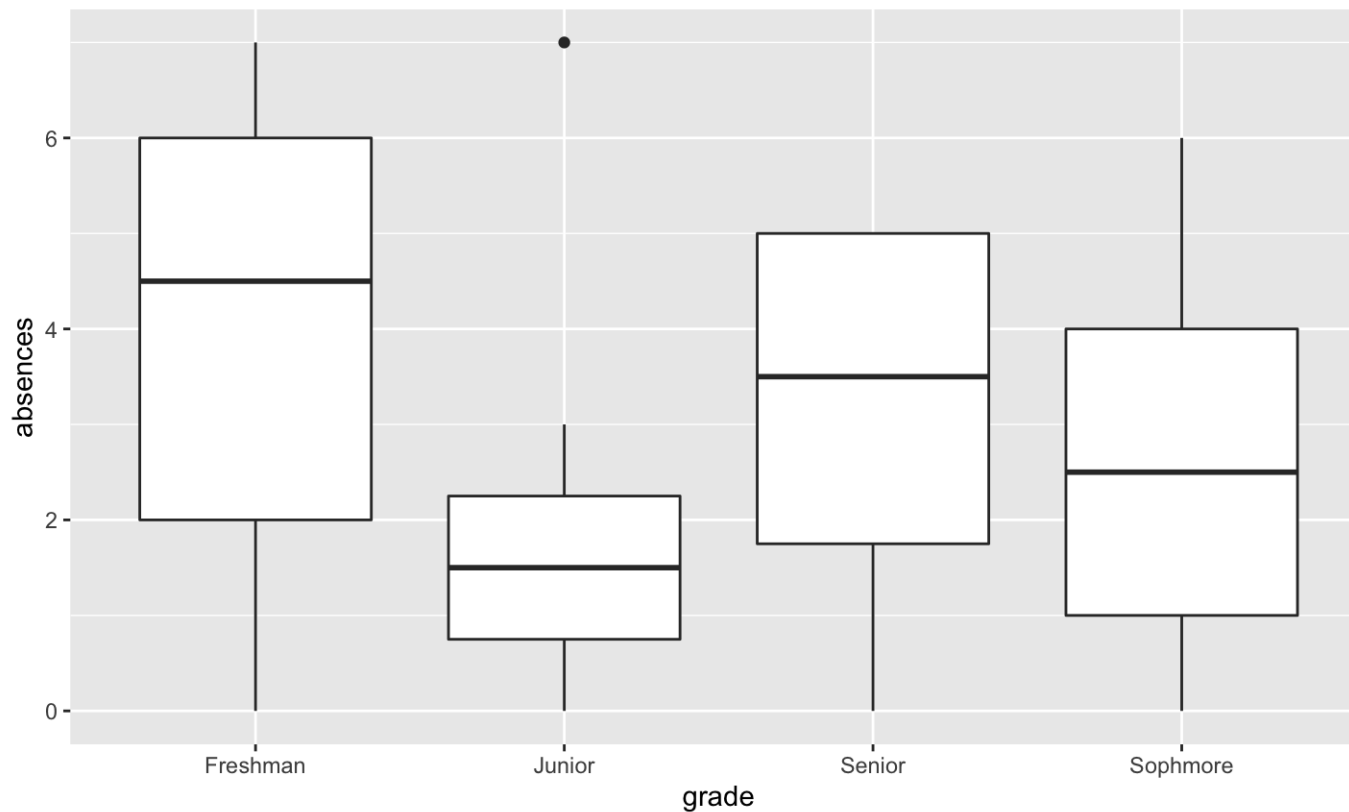
```
set.seed(123)
data_highschool <- tibble(absences = sample(0:7, size = 32, replace = TRUE),
                          grade = rep(c("Freshman", "Sophomore",
                                       "Junior", "Senior"), 8))
head(data_highschool, 3)
```

```
## # A tibble: 3 × 2
##   absences grade
##   <int> <chr>
## 1       6 Freshman
## 2       6 Sophomore
## 3       2 Junior
```

Notice that `grade` is a `chr` variable. This indicates that the values are character strings. R does not realize that there is any order related to the `grade` values. However, we know that the order is: freshman, sophomore, junior, senior.

## Let's make a plot first:

```
#boxplot(data = data_highschool, absences ~ grade)
data_highschool %>%
  ggplot(mapping = aes(x = grade, y = absences)) +
  geom_boxplot()
```



## Not quite what we want

OK this is very useful, but it is a bit difficult to read, because we expect the values to be plotted by the order that we know, not by alphabetical order. Currently `grade` is class `character` but let's change that to class `factor` which allows us to specify the levels or order of the values.

## As factor now

Using `as_factor()` from the `forcats` package the levels will be in the order in which they occur in the data!

<https://forcats.tidyverse.org/>

```
class(pull(data_highschool, grade))
```

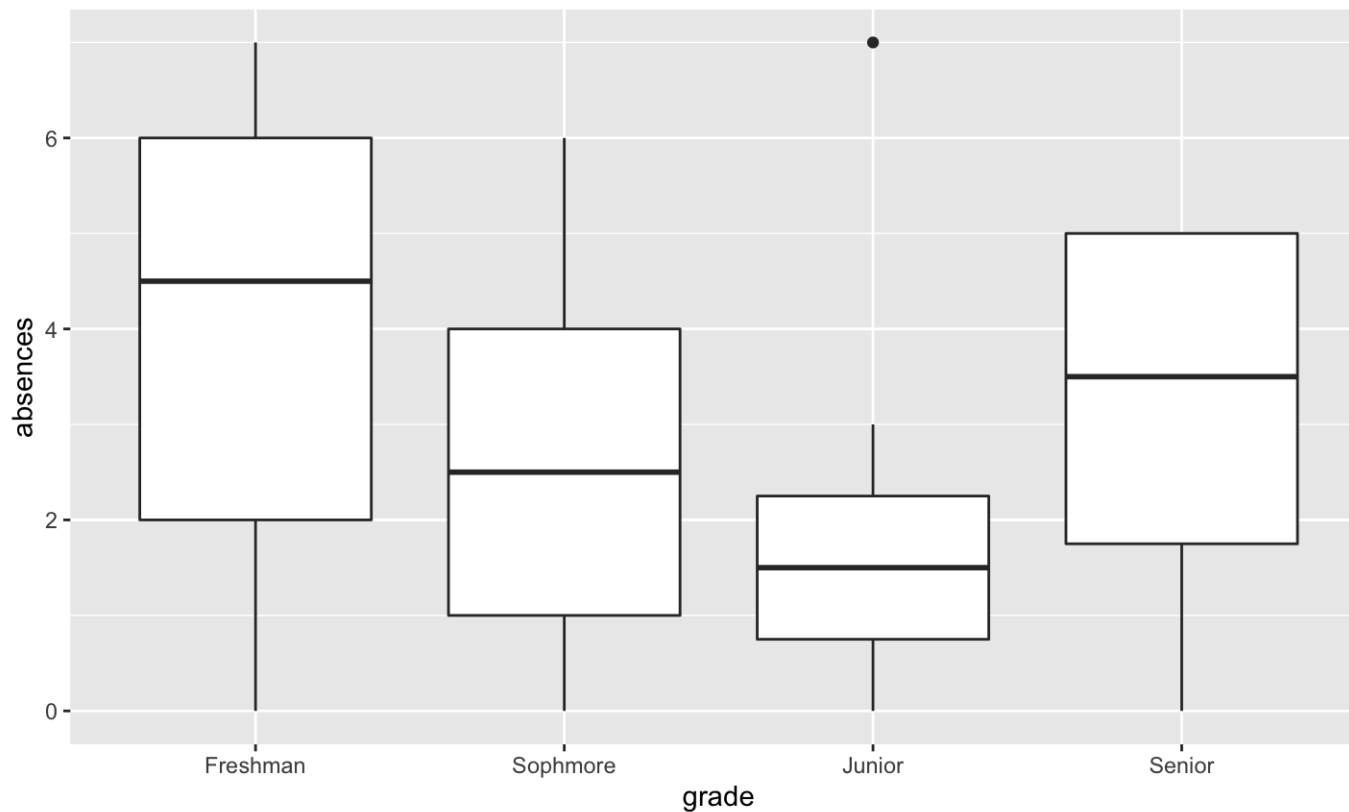
```
## [1] "character"
```

```
data_highschool_fct <- data_highschool %>%  
  mutate(grade = as_factor(grade))  
head(data_highschool_fct, 3)
```

```
## # A tibble: 3 × 2  
##   absences grade  
##   <int> <fct>  
## 1      6 Freshman  
## 2      6 Sophomore  
## 3      2 Junior
```

Now let's make our plot again:

```
#boxplot(data = data_highschool_fct, absences ~ grade)
data_highschool_fct %>%
  ggplot(mapping = aes(x = grade, y = absences)) +
  geom_boxplot()
```





## Calculatons with factors?

Now what about results from some calculations.

```
data_highschool %>% group_by(grade) %>% summarise(mean = mean(absences))
```

```
## # A tibble: 4 × 2
##   grade      mean
##   <chr>    <dbl>
## 1 Freshman    4
## 2 Junior      2
## 3 Senior     3.12
## 4 Sophmore   2.62
```

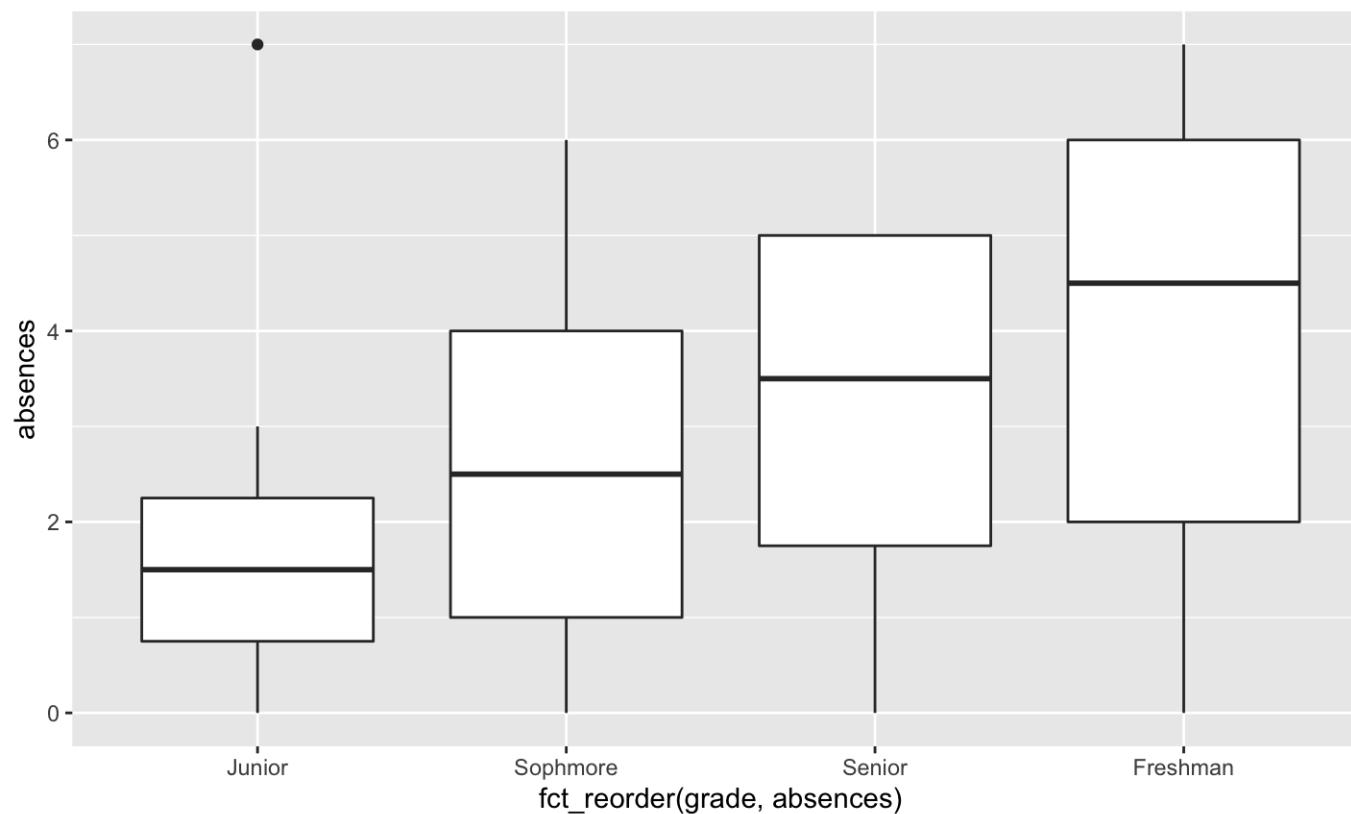
```
data_highschool_fct %>% group_by(grade) %>% summarise(mean = mean(absences))
```

```
## # A tibble: 4 × 2
##   grade      mean
##   <fct>    <dbl>
## 1 Freshman    4
## 2 Sophmore   2.62
## 3 Junior      2
## 4 Senior     3.12
```

Here we see that the mean is calculated in the order we would like only for the version of the data that has absences coded as a factor!

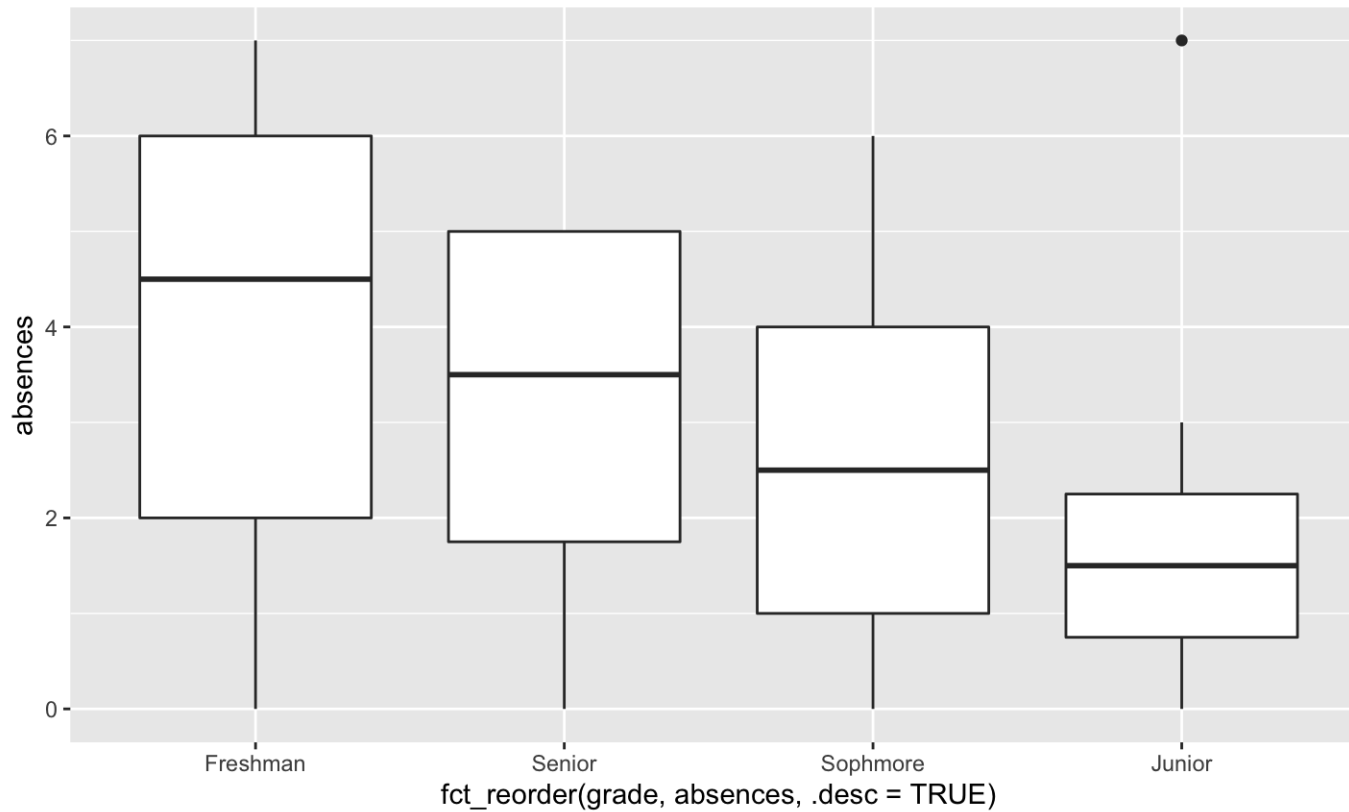
# What if we want to change the factor level order?

```
data_highschool_fct %>%  
  ggplot(mapping = aes(x = fct_reorder(grade, absences),  
                        y = absences)) +  
  geom_boxplot()
```



# Descending factor order

```
data_highschool_fct %>%  
  ggplot(mapping = aes(x = fct_reorder(grade, absences, .desc = TRUE),  
                        y = absences)) +  
  geom_boxplot()
```



# Calculations with reoder

```
data_highschool_fct %>% group_by(grade) %>% summarise(mean = mean(absences))
```

```
## # A tibble: 4 × 2
##   grade      mean
##   <fct>    <dbl>
## 1 Freshman    4
## 2 Sophomore  2.62
## 3 Junior      2
## 4 Senior     3.12
```

```
data_highschool_fct %>% mutate(grade = fct_reorder(grade, absences, .desc = TRUE))
```

```
## # A tibble: 32 × 2
##   absences grade
##   <int> <fct>
## 1      6 Freshman
## 2      6 Sophomore
## 3      2 Junior
## 4      5 Senior
## 5      2 Freshman
## 6      1 Sophomore
## 7      1 Junior
## 8      5 Senior
## 9      2 Freshman
## 10     4 Sophomore
## # ... with 22 more rows
```

```
data_highschool_fct %>% group_by(grade) %>% summarise(mean = mean(absences))
```