# A quick introduction to dplyr

## library(dplyr)

dplyr is a Cran Package with tools for manipulation of data. It is very extensive and has methods to deal with different kinds of data structures, but there are **5 functions** that you can learn quickly and use on your R data frame objects. They are:

- 1. select(): focus on a subset of variables
- 2. filter(): focus on a subset of rows
- 3. mutate(): add new columns
- 4. summarise(): get summary statistics
- 5. arrange(): re-order the rows

You can use column names as parameters without having to use the \$ operator, which makes code more readable!

## 1. select()

basic pseudocode: select(your\_dataframe, columns you want to select) example:

### head(iris) #built-in R data for example

```
##
     Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width Species
## 1
                            3.5
                                          1.4
                                                        0.2
               5.1
                                                             setosa
## 2
               4.9
                            3.0
                                          1.4
                                                        0.2
                                                             setosa
## 3
               4.7
                            3.2
                                          1.3
                                                        0.2
                                                             setosa
                            3.1
                                          1.5
## 4
               4.6
                                                        0.2
                                                             setosa
               5.0
                            3.6
                                          1.4
                                                        0.2
## 5
                                                             setosa
                            3.9
                                          1.7
## 6
               5.4
                                                        0.4
                                                             setosa
```

```
#I only want to analyse Species and Sepal Length
myiris <- select(iris, Species, Sepal.Length)
head(myiris)</pre>
```

```
##
     Species Sepal.Length
                       5.1
## 1
      setosa
## 2
                       4.9
      setosa
                       4.7
## 3
      setosa
                       4.6
## 4
      setosa
## 5
                       5.0
      setosa
                       5.4
## 6
      setosa
```

#### #notice it changes the column ordering to what you chose too

#### 2. filter()

My favorite: only get the data that follows a certain condition basic pseudocode: filter(your\_dataframe, true/false condition) example:

```
#I only want to analyse Species virginica and Petal length > 5
myiris2 <- filter(iris,Species == "virginica",Petal.Length > 5)
head(myiris2)
```

```
##
     Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width
                                                            Species
## 1
              6.3
                           3.3
                                         6.0
                                                     2.5 virginica
## 2
              5.8
                           2.7
                                         5.1
                                                     1.9 virginica
              7.1
                           3.0
## 3
                                         5.9
                                                     2.1 virginica
## 4
              6.3
                           2.9
                                         5.6
                                                     1.8 virginica
## 5
              6.5
                           3.0
                                         5.8
                                                     2.2 virginica
              7.6
## 6
                           3.0
                                         6.6
                                                     2.1 virginica
```

#### 3. mutate()

basic pseudocode: mutate(your\_dataframe, new column to be added) example:

```
#I will add a column of random uniform draws
myiris3 <- mutate(iris, runif(length(Species)))
head(myiris3)</pre>
```

```
##
     Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width Species
## 1
              5.1
                           3.5
                                         1.4
                                                     0.2
                                                           setosa
## 2
              4.9
                           3.0
                                         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
                                         1.4
## 5
              5.0
                           3.6
                                                     0.2
                                                           setosa
## 6
              5.4
                           3.9
                                         1.7
                                                     0.4 setosa
     runif(length(Species))
##
## 1
                   0.9416964
## 2
                   0.9365674
## 3
                  0.3823653
## 4
                  0.2321037
## 5
                  0.6233210
## 6
                  0.2651123
```

## 4. summarise()

summarise(factors to group, summary statistics to use)

```
summarise(group_by(iris,Species),mean(Sepal.Length))
```

#### summarise(group\_by(iris,Species),sd(Sepal.Length))

#### 5. arrange()

arrange(yourdata, columns that should be sorted by, in order

## head(arrange(iris, Sepal.Length))

```
##
     Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width Species
## 1
              4.3
                           3.0
                                         1.1
                                                     0.1
                                                           setosa
## 2
              4.4
                           2.9
                                         1.4
                                                     0.2
                                                           setosa
## 3
              4.4
                           3.0
                                         1.3
                                                     0.2
                                                           setosa
## 4
              4.4
                           3.2
                                         1.3
                                                     0.2
                                                           setosa
## 5
              4.5
                           2.3
                                         1.3
                                                     0.3
                                                           setosa
              4.6
                           3.1
                                         1.5
                                                     0.2
## 6
                                                           setosa
```

## head(arrange(iris, Sepal.Length, Petal.Length))

```
##
     Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width Species
## 1
              4.3
                           3.0
                                         1.1
                                                     0.1
                                                           setosa
## 2
              4.4
                           3.0
                                         1.3
                                                     0.2
                                                           setosa
                                         1.3
## 3
              4.4
                           3.2
                                                     0.2
                                                           setosa
                           2.9
                                         1.4
## 4
              4.4
                                                     0.2
                                                           setosa
                           2.3
              4.5
                                         1.3
## 5
                                                     0.3
                                                           setosa
                           3.6
                                         1.0
## 6
              4.6
                                                     0.2
                                                           setosa
```

## head(arrange(iris, desc(Sepal.Length)))

##		Sepal.Length	Sepal.Width	Petal.Length	Petal.Width	Species
##	1	7.9	3.8	6.4	2.0	virginica
##	2	7.7	3.8	6.7	2.2	virginica
##	3	7.7	2.6	6.9	2.3	virginica
##	4	7.7	2.8	6.7	2.0	virginica
##	5	7.7	3.0	6.1	2.3	virginica
##	6	7.6	3.0	6.6	2.1	virginica