# Lecture 2: Investigating data patterns Managing and Manipulating Data Using R

1 Introduction

# What we will do today

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# Libraries we will use today

"Load" the package we will use today (output omitted)

```
library(tidyverse)
```

If package not yet installed, then must install before you load. Install in "console" rather than .Rmd file

```
Generic syntax: install.packages("package_name")
```

```
Install "tidyverse": install.packages("tidyverse")
```

Note: when we load package, name of package is not in quotes; but when we install package, name of package is in quotes:

```
install.packages("tidyverse")
```

library(tidyverse)

# 2 R Markdown

#### What is R Markdown

#### Borrowing from Darin Christensen:

R Markdown documents embed R code, the output associated with R code, and text into one document

An R Markdown document is a "'Living' document that updates every time you compile ["knit"] it"

R Markdown documents have the extension .Rmd can think of them as text files with the extension .Rmd rather than .txt

At top of .Rmd file you specify the "output" style, which dictates what kind of formatted document will be created

When you compile ["knit"] a .Rmd file, the resulting formatted document can be an HTML document, a PDF document, an MS Word document, or many other types

How we will be using R Markdown files in this class:

homework you submit will be .Rmd files, with "output" style will be  ${\tt html\_document}$  or  ${\tt pdf\_document}$ 

lectures we write are .Rmd files, where we the output style will usually be beamer\_presentation

this is essentially a pdf document, where each page is a slide

# Creating RMarkdown documents

#### Do this with a partner

Approach for creating a RMarkdown document.

1. Point-and-click from within RStudio

Click on File >> New File >> R Markdown >> Document >> choose HTML >> click OK

save the .Rmd file [any name, anywhere you can find it]

"Knit" the entire .Rmd file

point-and-click OR shortcut: Cmd/Ctrl + Shift + k

# Components of a .Rmd file

#### An RMarkdown (.Rmd) file consists of several parts

#### 1. YAML header

YAML stands for "yet another markup language"

controls settings that apply to the whole document (e.g., "output" should be  $html\_document$  or  $pdf\_document$ , whether to include table of contents, etc.)

YAML header goes at very top of document

starts with a line of three horizontal dashes ---; ends with a line of three horizontal dashes ---

#### 2. Text in body of .Rmd file

e.g., headings; description of results, etc.

#### 3. R code chunks in body of .Rmd file

```
a <- c(2,4,6)
a
a-1
```

### 4. R output associated with code chunks

```
#> [1] 2 4 6
#> [1] 1 3 5
```

# Comment: Running R code chunks vs. "knit" entire .Rmd file

Two ways to execute R commands in .Rmd file:

1. "Knit" entire .Rmd file

shortcut: Cmd/Ctrl + Shift + k

2. "Run" code chunk or selected lines within code chunk

Run selected line(s): Cmd/Ctrl + Enter

Run current chunk: Cmd/Ctrl + Shift + Enter

Comment on default settings for RStudio:

When you knit entire .Rmd file, "objects" created within .Rmd file will not be available after file comples

When you run code chunk (or selected lines in chunk), objects created by lines you run will be in your "environment" until you remove them or quit R session

### Output types of .Rmd file

#### Common/important output types:

**html\_document**: R Markdown originally designed to create HTML documents

Most features/code in .Rmd files were written for html\_document many of these features are available in other output types

When learning R Markdown, best to start by learning html\_document **pdf\_document**: Requires installation of LaTeX (MiKTeX/MacTeX)
How it works:

You write .Rmd code;

When you compile, this .Rmd code is transformed into LaTeX code LaTeX "engine" creates the formatted .pdf file

Can include some of the same features available for <a href="http://document">http://document</a> Can insert LaTeX commands in .Rmd file with pdf document output

**beamer presentation**: Requires installation of LaTeX

"beamer" is the name for presentations written in LaTeX

essentially creates PDF of presentation slides

Lectures for this class created with beamer\_presentation output

note: YAML header includes <code>beamer\_header.tex</code> file, which creates some formatting rules and additional commands

### Learning more about R Markdown

#### Resources

Cheat sheets and quick reference:

Cheat Sheet

Quick Reference [I prefer the quick reference]

Chapters/books

Chapter 27 of "R for Data Science" book

R Markdown: The Definative Guide book [I prefer this book]

How you will learn R Markdown

Lectures written as .Rmd file

During class run "code chunks" and try to "knit" entire .Rmd file

I'll assign **small** amount of reading on R Markdown

prior to next week:

spend 10-15 minutes familiarizing yourself with Quick Reference

Read section 3.1 of R Markdown: The Definative Guide, about creating html\_document

Homework must be written in .Rmd file

you submit .Rmd file AND output of compiled file

for next week, you will submit homework as html\_document output

3 More R basics: functions and directories

3.1 Introduction to using functions

#### What are functions

**Functions** are pre-written bits of code that accomplish some task.

Functions generally follow three sequential steps:

- 1. take in an input object(s)
- 2. process the input.
- 3. return (A) a new object or (B) a visualizatoin (e.g., plot)

For example, sum() function calcualtes sum of elements in a vector

- 1. **input**. takes in a vector of elements (numeric or logical)
- 2. processing. Calculates the sum of elements
- 3. **return**. Returns numeric vector of length=1; value is sum of input vector

```
sum(c(1,2,3))
#> [1] 6
typeof(sum(c(1,2,3)))
#> [1] "double"
length(sum(c(1,2,3)))
#> [1] 1
sum(c(TRUE,TRUE,FALSE))
#> [1] 2
typeof(sum(c(TRUE,TRUE,FALSE))); length(sum(c(TRUE,TRUE,FALSE)))
#> [1] "integer"
#> [1] 1
```

# **Function syntax**

```
Components of a function
function name (e.g., sum(), length(), seq())

function arguments
Inputs that the function takes, which determine what function does
can be vectors, data frames, logical statements, etc.
In "function call" you specify values to assign to these function arguments
e.g., sum(c(1,2,3))

Separate arguments with a comma,

seq(10,15)

Evample: the sequence function seq()

#> [1] 10 11 12 13 14 15
```

### Function syntax: More on function arguments

Usually, function arguments have names

```
e.g., the seq() function includes the arguments from , to , by
```

when you call the function, you need to assign values to these arguments; but you usually don't have to specify the name of the argument

```
seq(from=10, to=20, by=2)
#> [1] 10 12 14 16 18 20
seq(10,20,2)
#> [1] 10 12 14 16 18 20
```

Many function arguments have "default values", set by whoever wrote function if you don't specify a value for that argument, the default value is inserted

e.g., partial list of default values for seq(): seq(from=1, to=1, by=1)

```
seq()
#> [1] 1
seq(to=10)
#> [1] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
seq(10) # R assigned value of 10 to "to" rather than "from" or "by"
#> [1] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
```

# Function arguments, the na.rm argument

When R performs calculation and an input has value NA, output value is NA 5+4+NA

```
#> [1] NA
```

R functions that perform calculations often have argument named na.rm na.rm argument asks whether to remove NA values prior to calculation

For most functions, default value is na.rm = FALSE

This means "do not remove NAs" prior to calculation

```
e.g. default values for sum() function: sum(..., na.rm = FALSE)
sum(c(1,2,3,NA), na.rm = FALSE) # default value
#> [1] NA
sum(c(1,2,3,NA))
#> [1] NA
```

```
if you specify, na.rm = TRUE, NA values removed prior to calculation
sum(c(1,2,3,NA), na.rm = TRUE)
#> [1] 6
```

### Help files for functions

To see help file on a function, type <code>?function\_name</code> without parentheses

?sum ?seq

#### **Contents of help files**

**Description**. What the function does

**Usage**. Syntax, including default values for arguments

**Arguments**. Description of function arguments

**Details**. Details and idiosyncracies of about how the function works.

Value. What (object) the function "returns"

e.g., sum() returns vector of length 1 whose value is sum of input vector **References**. Additional reading

See Also Related functions

**Examples**. Examples of function in action

Bottom of help file identifies the package the function comes from

#### **Practice!**

when you encounter new function, spend two minutes reading help file over time, help files will feel less cryptic and will start to feel helpful

# Function arguments, the dot-dot-dot ( . . . ) argument

On help file for many functions, you will see an argument called  $\ldots$ , referred to as the "dot-dot-dot" argument

```
?sum
?seq
```

"Dot-dot-dot" arguments have several uses. What you should know for now:

```
... refers to arguments that are "un-named"; but user can specify values e.g., default syntax for sum(): sum(..., na.rm = FALSE)
```

argument na.rm is "named" (name is na.rm); argument ... un-named ... used to allow a function to take an arbitrary number of arguments:

```
sum(c(10,5,NA),na.rm=TRUE)
#> [1] 15

#Here the sum function takes 3 un-named arguments
sum(10,5,NA,na.rm=TRUE)
#> [1] 15

#Here the sum function takes 5 un-named arguments
sum(10,5,10,20,NA,na.rm=TRUE)
#> [1] 45
```

# 3.2 Directories and filepaths

### Working directory

#### (Current) Working directory

the folder/directory in which you are currently working

this is where R looks for files

Files located in your current working directory can be accessed without specifying a filepath because R automatically looks in this folder

Function getwd() shows current working directory

```
getwd()
#> [1] "/Users/Karina/rclass/lectures/lecture2"
Command list.files() lists all files located in working directory
getwd()
#> [1] "/Users/Karina/rclass/lectures/lecture2"
list.files()
#> [1] "example lecture.R"
                                          "fp1.JPG"
#> [3] "fp2.JPG"
                                          "lecture2.1 ucla.pdf"
#> [5] "lecture2.1 ucla.Rmd"
                                          "lecture2.1 ucla.tex"
#> [7] "lecture2.pdf"
                                          "lecture2.Rmd"
#> [9] "lecture2.tex"
                                          "problemset2_solutions.html"
#> [11] "problemset2 solutions.html.zip" "problemset2 solutions.Rmd"
#> [13] "problemset2.html"
                                          "problemset2.Rmd"
#> [15] "sample simple rmarkdown.txt"
                                          "sample.html"
#> [17] "sample.Rmd"
                                          "text."
#> [19] "transform-logical.png"
```

# Working directory, "Code chunks" vs. "console" and "R scripts"

When you run **code chunks** in RMarkdown files (.Rmd), the working directory is set to the filepath where the .Rmd file is stored

```
getwd()
#> [1] "/Users/Karina/rclass/lectures/lecture2"
list.files()
#> [1] "example lecture.R"
                                         "fp1.JPG"
#> [3] "fp2.JPG"
                                         "lecture2.1_ucla.pdf"
#> [5] "lecture2.1 ucla.Rmd"
                                         "lecture2.1 ucla.tex"
#> [7] "lecture2.pdf"
                                         "lecture2.Rmd"
#> [9] "lecture2.tex"
                                         "problemset2 solutions.html"
#> [11] "problemset2 solutions.html.zip" "problemset2 solutions.Rmd"
#> [13] "problemset2.html"
                                         "problemset2.Rmd"
#> [15] "sample simple rmarkdown.txt"
                                         "sample.html"
#> [17] "sample.Rmd"
                                         "text"
#> [19] "transform-logical.png"
```

When you run code from the **R Console** or an **R Script**, the working directory is....

Command getwd() shows current working directory

```
getwd()
#> [1] "/Users/Karina/rclass/lectures/lecture2"
```

# Absolute vs. relative filepath

**Absolute file path**: The absolute file path is the complete list of directories needed to locate a file or folder.

setwd("/Users/pm/Desktop/rclass/lectures/lecture2")

**Relative file path**: The relative file path is the path relative to your current location/directory. Assuming your current working directory is in the "lecture2" folder and you want to change your directory to the data folder, your relative file path would look something like this:

setwd("../../data")

File path shortcuts

Key	Description
~	tilde is a shortcut for user's home directory (mine is my name pm)
/	moves up a level
//	moves up two level

#### **Exercise**

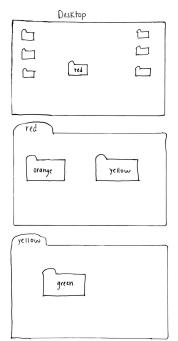
- 1. Let's create a folder on our desktop and name it red
- 2. Inside the red folder, create two subfolders named orange and yellow
- 3. Inside the yellow folder create another subfolder named green

Make sure to name these folders in lowercase.

You should have 1 folder on your desktop called red. Inside the red folder you have two folders called orange and yellow. Inside the yellow folder you have a folder called green.

Here is a visual of how it should look...

# File path visual



#### Exercise continued

Let's say we want to get to the green folder using the absolute file path.

- 1. View your current working directory getwd()
- 2. Set your working directory to the green folder using the absolute file path
- 3. Now set your working directory to the orange folder using the relative file path (hint: ./)

# Solution

```
getwd()
setwd("~/Desktop/red/yellow/green")
getwd()
setwd("../../orange")
getwd()
```

# 4 Investigating objects

### Load .Rdata data frames we will use today

```
Data on off-campus recruiting events by public universities
    Data frame object df event
       One observation per university, recruiting event
    Data frame object df_school
       One observation per high school (visited and non-visited)
rm(list = ls()) # remove all objects in current environment
getwd()
#> [1] "/Users/Karina/rclass/lectures/lecture2"
#load dataset with one obs per recruiting event
load(url("https://github.com/ozanj/rclass/raw/master/data/recruiting/recruit_eve
#load("../../data/recruiting/recruit_event somevars.Rdata")
#load dataset with one obs per high school
load(url("https://github.com/ozanj/rclass/raw/master/data/recruiting/recruit sch
#load("../../data/recruiting/recruit_school_somevars.Rdata")
```

### Listing objects

#### Files in your working directory

list.files() function lists files in your current working directory
if you run this code from .Rmd file, working directory is location .Rmd file
is stored

```
getwd() # what is your current working directory
#> [1] "/Users/Karina/rclass/lectures/lecture2"
list.files()
#> [1] "example_lecture.R"
                                         "fp1.JPG"
#> [3] "fp2.JPG"
                                         "lecture2.1 ucla.pdf"
#> [5] "lecture2.1 ucla.Rmd"
                                         "lecture2.1 ucla.tex"
#> [7] "lecture2.pdf"
                                         "lecture2.Rmd"
#> [9] "lecture2.tex"
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#> [13] "problemset2.html"
                                        "problemset2.Rmd"
#> [15] "sample simple rmarkdown.txt"
                                       "sample.html"
#> [17] "sample.Rmd"
                                         "text"
#> [19] "transform-logical.png"
```

#### Objects currently open in your R session

1s() function lists objects currently open in R

```
x <- "hello!"

ls() # Objects open in R

#> [1] "df_event" "df_school" "x"
```

# Removing objects

```
rm() function removes specified objects open in R
rm(x)
ls()
#> [1] "df_event" "df_school"
```

Command to remove all objects open in R (I don't run it)

```
rm(list = ls())
```

# Describing objects, focus on data frames

#### type and length of a data frame object

Recall that a data frame is an object where **type** is a list

### **Length** of an object is the number of elements

When object is a data frame, number of elements = number of variables

```
typeof(df_event)
#> [1] "list"
length(df_event) # = num elements = num columns
#> [1] 33
```

#### Number of **columns** and **rows** of data frame object

number of columns = number of elements = number of variables

number of rows = number of observations

```
ncol(df_event) # num columns = num variables
#> [1] 33
nrow(df_event) # num rows = num observations
#> [1] 18680
dim(df_event) # shows number rows by columns
#> [1] 18680 33
```

```
{\tt str}() provides compact information on structure any object (output omitted) {\tt str}({\tt df\_event})
```

4.1 Variables names

### Variable names

#### names() function lists names of elements in an object

?names

When object is a data frame: each element is a variable

each element name is a variable name

```
names(df event)
#> [1] "instnm"
                               "univ id"
                                                       "instst"
#> [4] "pid"
                               "event date"
                                                       "event type"
#> [7] "zip"
                                "school id"
                                                       "ipeds id"
#> [10] "event_state"
                               "event_inst"
                                                       "med_inc"
#> [13] "pop total"
                               "pct white zip"
                                                       "pct black zip"
#> [16] "pct_asian_zip"
                               "pct_hispanic_zip"
                                                       "pct_amerindian_zip"
#> [19] "pct_nativehawaii_zip" "pct_tworaces_zip"
                                                       "pct_otherrace_zip"
#> [22] "fr lunch"
                               "titlei status pub"
                                                       "total 12"
#> [25] "school_type_pri"
                                "school_type_pub"
                                                       "g12offered"
#> [28] "g12"
                                "total students pub"
                                                       "total students pri"
#> [31] "event name"
                               "event location name" "event datetime start"
```

### Variable names

Refer to specific named elements of an object using this syntax:

```
obj_name$element_name
```

When object is data frame, refer to specific variables using this syntax:

```
data_fram_name$varname
```

### This approach to isolating variables very useful for investigating data

```
typeof(df_event$instnm)
#> [1] "character"
typeof(df_event$med_inc)
#> [1] "double"
```

### Variable names

```
Recall that data frames are lists with following criteria:
   each element of the list is a vector
       each element of list is a variable. length of data frame = number of variables
length(df event)
#> [1] 33
nrow(df event)
#> [1] 18680
#str(df event)
   each element of the list (i.e., variable) has the same length
       Length of each variable is equal to number of observations in data frame
typeof(df_event$event_state)
#> [1] "character"
length(df event$event state)
#> [1] 18680
str(df event$event state)
typeof(df event$med inc)
#> [1] "double"
length(df_event$med_inc)
#> [1] 18680
str(df_event$med_inc)
#> nim [1:18680] 71714 89122 70136 70136 71024 ...
```

### Variable names

Recall that object df\_school has one obs per high school

the variable visits\_by\_100751 shows number of visits by University of Alabama to each high school

like all variables in a data frame, the var visits\_by\_100751 is just a vector

```
typeof(df_school$visits_by_100751)
#> [1] "integer"
length(df_school$visits_by_100751) # num elements in vector
#> [1] 21301
sum(df_school$visits_by_100751)
#> [1] 3338
```

Sp we perform calculations on a variable, just like we would any numeric vector

```
v <- c(2,4,6)
typeof(v)
#> [1] "double"
length(v)
#> [1] 3
sum(v)
#> [1] 12
```

4.2 View and print data

# Viewing and printing data frames

Three ways to view/print a data frame object

1. Simply type the object name (output omitted)

number of observations and rows printed depend on YAML header settings and on attributes (discussed next week) of the object

df\_event

2. Use the View() function to view data in a browser

View(df\_event)

3. head() to show the first n rows

#?head

head(df\_event, n=5)

# Viewing and printing data frames

```
obj_name[<rows>,<cols>] to print specific rows and columns of data frame
    particularly powerful when combined with sequences (e.g., 1:10)
Examples:
    Print first five rows
df_event[1:5, ]
    Print first five rows and first three columns
df event[1:5, 1:3]
    Print first three columns of the 100th observation
df_event[100, 1:3]
    Print the 50th observation, all variables
df event [50,]
```

# Viewing and printing data

```
type obj name$var name to print specific elements (i.e., vars) in data frame
df event$zip
   recall that these elements are vectors, with length = number of obs
typeof(df event$zip)
#> [1] "character"
length(df event$zip)
#> [1] 18680
    obj_name$var_name syntax can be combined with sequences
       vectors don't have "rows" or "columns"; they just have elements
       so use sequence to identify which elements you want to print
df event$event state[1:10]
df event$event type[6:10]
#> [1] "private hs" "private hs" "public hs" "private hs" "public hs"
```

```
Can also print multiple variables using combine() function

c(df_event$event_state[1:5],df_event$event_type[1:5])

#> [1] "MA" "MA" "MA" "MA"

#> [6] "public hs" "public hs" "public hs" "public hs" "public hs"
```

#### **Exercise**

## Create a printing exercise using the df\_school data frame

- Use obj\_name[<rows>,<cols>] to print the first 5 rows and 3 columns of data frame
- 2. Use head() to print first 4 observations
- Use obj\_name\$var\_name[1:10] to print the first 10 observations of a variable
- 4. Use combine() to print the first 3 observations of variables "school\_type" & "name"

 Use obj\_name[<rows>,<cols>] to print the first 5 rows and 3 columns of data frame

```
df_school[1:5,1:3]
#> # A tibble: 5 x 3
#>
   state_code school_type ncessch
  <chr> <chr> <chr>
#>
#> 1 AK
          public 020000100208
#> 2 AK
          public
                     020000100211
#> 3 AK
            public
                     020000100212
#> 4 AK
           public
#> 5 AK
           public
```

#### 2. Use head() to print first 4 observations

```
head(df school, n=4)
#> # A tibble: 4 x 26
#> state code school type ncessch name address city zip code pct white
#> <chr> <chr
                                                                                    <db1>
#> 1 AK
               public 020000~ Beth~ 1006 R~ Beth~ 99559
                                                                                     11.8
#> 2 AK public 020000~ Avag~ 106 Vi~ Kong~ 99559
#> 3 AK
                  public 020000~ Kwig~ 108 Vi~ Kwig~ 99622
#> 4 AK
                  public
                                  020000~ Nels~ 118 Vi~ Toks~ 99637
#> # ... with 18 more variables: pct black <dbl>, pct hispanic <dbl>,
#> # pct_asian <dbl>, pct_amerindian <dbl>, pct_other <dbl>,
#> # num fr lunch <dbl>, total students <dbl>, num took math <dbl>,
#> #
        num prof math <dbl>, num took rla <dbl>, num prof rla <dbl>,
#> #
        avgmedian_inc_2564 <dbl>, visits_by_110635 <int>,
        visits by 126614 <int>, visits by 100751 <int>, inst 110635 <chr>,
#> #
#> #
        inst 126614 <chr>, inst 100751 <chr>
```

 Use obj\_name\$var\_name[1:10] to print the first 10 observations of a variable

```
df_school$name[1:10]
#> [1] "Bethel Regional High School" "Ayagina'ar Elitnaurvik"
#> [3] "Kwigillingok School" "Nelson Island Area School"
#> [5] "Alakanuk School" "Emmonak School"
#> [7] "Hooper Bay School" "Ignatius Beans School"
#> [9] "Pilot Station School" "Kotlik School"
```

Use combine() to print the first 3 observations of variables "school\_type" & "name"

4.3 Missing values

# Missing values

Missing values have the value NA

```
use is.na() function to determine if a value is missing
    is.na() returns a logical vector
is.na(5)
#> [1] FALSE
is.na(NA)
#> [1] TRUE
is.na("NA")
#> [1] FALSE
typeof(is.na("NA")) # example of a logical vector
#> [1] "logical"
nvector \leftarrow c(10.5.NA)
is.na(nvector)
#> [1] FALSE FALSE TRUE
typeof(is.na(nvector)) # example of a logical vector
#> [1] "logical"
svector <- c("e", "f", NA, "NA")</pre>
is.na(svector)
#> [1] FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE
```

NA is a special keyword, not the same as the character string "NA"

# Missing values are "contagious"

What does "contagious" mean? operations involving a missing value will yield a missing value

```
7>5
#> [1] TRUE
7>NA
#> [1] NA
0==NA
#> [1] NA
2*c(0,1,2,NA)
#> [1] 0 2 4 NA
NA*c(0,1,2,NA)
#> [1] NA NA NA NA
```

# Function and missing values, the table() function

table() function useful for investigating categorical variables

```
table(df_event$g12offered)
#>
#> 1
#> 11423
```

By default table() ignores NA values

useNA argument determines whether to include NA values "allowed values correspond to never ("no"); only if count is positive ("ifany"); and even for zero counts ("always")"

```
nrow(df_event)
#> [1] 18680
table(df_event$g12offered, useNA="always")
#>
#> 1 <NA>
#> 11423 7257
```

## Broader point:

Most functions that create descriptive statistics have options about how to treat missing values

When investigating data, good practice to always show missing values

#### Tip:

command  $str(df\_event)$  shows which variables have missing values

5 Investigating data patterns with tidyverse

# Introduction to the dplyr library

dplyr, a package within the tidyverse suite of packages, provide tools for manipulating data frames

Wickham describes functions within dplyr as a set of "verbs" that fall in the broader categories of **subsetting**, **sorting**, and **transforming** 

Today			Next two weeks			
Subsetting data			Transforming data			
-	select()	variables	-	<pre>mutate()</pre>	cr	eates new variables
-	filter()	observations	-	summarize	()	calculates across rows
Sorting data			-	group_by(	)	to calculate across rows within groups
-	arrange()					

All dplyr verbs (i.e., functions) work as follows

- 1. first argument is a data frame
- subsequent arguments describe what to do with variables and observations in data frame refer to variable names without quotes
- 3. result of the function is a new data frame

## 5.1 Select variables

# Select variables using select() function

Printing observations is key to investigating data, but datasets often have hundreds, thousands of variables

select() function selects columns of data (i.e., variables) you specify
first argument is the name of data frame object

remaining arguments are variable names, which are separated by commas and without quotes

Without **assignment**, select() function by itself simply prints selected vars

```
select(df event,instnm,event date,event type,event state,med inc)
#> # A tibble: 18,680 x 5
#> instnm event date event type event state med inc
#> <chr> <date> <chr> <chr>
                                            <db1>
#> 1 UM Amherst 2017-10-12 public hs MA
                                         71714.
#> 2 UM Amherst 2017-10-04 public hs MA
                                           89122.
#> 3 UM Amherst 2017-10-25 public hs MA 70136.
#> 4 UM Amherst 2017-10-26 public hs MA 70136.
#> 5 Stony Brook 2017-10-02 public hs MA 71024.
#> 6 USCC 2017-09-18 private hs MA 71024.
#> 7 UM Amherst 2017-09-18 private hs MA 71024.
#> 8 UM Amherst 2017-09-26 public hs MA 97225
#> 9 UM Amherst 2017-09-26 private hs MA 97225
#> 10 UM Amherst 2017-10-12 public hs MA
                                           77800.
#> # ... with 18,670 more rows
```

# Select variables using select() function

Recall that all dplyr functions (e.g., select()) return a new data frame object **type** equals "list"

length equals number of vars you select

```
typeof(select(df_event,instnm,event_date,event_type,event_state,med_inc))
#> [1] "list"
length(select(df_event,instnm,event_date,event_type,event_state,med_inc))
#> [1] 5
```

glimpse() function – a tidyverse function for viewing data frames – is a cross between str() and simply printing data

# Select variables using select() function

With **assignment**, <code>select()</code> creates a new object containing only the variables you specify

### Select

```
{\tt select()} \ \ {\tt can} \ \ {\tt use} \ \ "{\tt helper} \ \ {\tt functions}" \ \ {\tt starts\_with()} \ , \ \ {\tt contains()} \ , \ {\tt and} \ \\ {\tt ends\_with()} \ \ \ {\tt to} \ \ {\tt choose} \ \ {\tt columns}
```

## Example:

```
#names(df event)
select(df event,instnm,starts_with("event"))
#> # A tibble: 18,680 x 8
#> instnm event_date event_type event_state event_inst event_name
                  <chr> <chr>
#> <chr> <date>
                                      <chr>
                                                <chr>>
#> 1 UM Am~ 2017-10-12 public hs MA
                                      In-State Amherst-P~
#> 2 UM Am~ 2017-10-04 public hs MA
                                                Hampshire~
                                      In-State
#> 3 UM Am~ 2017-10-25 public hs MA
                                      In-State
                                                Chicopee ~
#> 4 UM Am~ 2017-10-26 public hs MA
                                      In-State
                                                Chicopee ~
#> 5 Stony~ 2017-10-02 public hs MA
                                      Out-State
                                                Easthampt~
#> 6 USCC 2017-09-18 private hs MA
                                      Out-State
                                                Williston~
#> 7 UM Am~ 2017-09-18 private hs MA
                                      In-State
                                                Williston~
Granby Jr~
#> 9 UM Am~ 2017-09-26 private hs MA
                                      In-State
                                                MacDuffie~
#> 10 UM Am~ 2017-10-12 public hs MA
                                      In-State
                                                Smith Aca~
#> # ... with 18,670 more rows, and 2 more variables:
#> # event location name <chr>, event datetime start <dttm>
```

#### **Exercise**

The data frame df\_school has one observation for each high school and indicators for whether the high school received a recruiting visit.

names(df\_school)

- 1. Use select() to familiarize yourself with variables in the data frame
- Practice using the contains() and ends\_with() helper functions to to choose variables

## Rename variables

rename() function renames variables within a data frame object

## Syntax:

Variable names do not change permanently unless we combine rename with assignment

```
rename_event <- rename(df_event, g12_offered = g12offered, titlei = titlei_statu
names(rename_event)
rm(rename_event)</pre>
```

# 5.2 Filter rows

# The filter() function

filter() allows you to select observations based on values of variables Arguments

first argument is name of data frame

subsequent arguments are logical expressions to filter the data frame

Multiple expressions separated by commas work as **AND** operators (e.g., condtion 1 TRUE AND condition 2 TRUE)

What is the result of a filter() command?

filter() returns a data frame consisting of rows where the condition is TRUE

Example using data frame object  ${\tt df\_school}$ , where each observation is a high school

Show all obs where the high school received 1 visit from UC Berkeley (110635) [output omitted]

```
filter(df_school, visits_by_110635 == 1)
```

Note that resulting object is list, consisting of obs where condition TRUE

```
nrow(df_school)
#> [1] 21301
nrow(filter(df_school,visits_by_110635 == 1))
#> [1] 528
```

## Exercise

#### Task

Create a filter to identify all the high schools that recieved 1 visit from UC Berkeley (110635) AND 1 visit from CU Boulder (126614)[output omitted]

```
filter(df_school,visits_by_110635 == 1, visits_by_126614==1)
nrow(filter(df_school,visits_by_110635 == 1, visits_by_126614==1))
count(filter(df_school,visits_by_110635 == 1, visits_by_126614==1))
Must assign to create new object based on filter
berk_boulder <- filter(df_school,visits_by_110635 == 1, visits_by_126614==1)
count(berk_boulder)</pre>
```

## Filter, character variables

Use single quotes '' or double quotes "" to refer to values of character variables

Below, we identify all private high schools in CA that got visit by particular universities

# Logical operators for comparisons

Symbol	Meaning			
==	Equal to			
! =	Not equal to			
>	greater than			
>=	greater than or equal to			
<	less than			
<=	less than or equal to			
&	AND			
1	OR			
%in	includes			

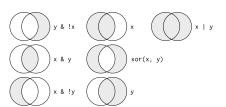


Figure 1: "Boolean" operations, x=left circle, y=right circle, from Wichkam (2018)

# Filters and comparisons, Demonstration

Schools visited by Bama (100751) and/or Berkeley (110635)

```
#berkeley and bama
filter(df_school,visits_by_100751 >= 1, visits_by_110635 >= 1)
filter(df_school,visits_by_100751 >= 1 & visits_by_110635 >= 1) # same same
#berkeley or bama
filter(df_school,visits_by_100751 >= 1 | visits_by_110635 >= 1)
```

Apply  $\mathtt{count}()$  function on top of  $\mathtt{filter}()$  function to count the number of observations that satisfy criteria

Avoids printing individual observations

## Filters and comparisons, >=

Number of public high schools that are at least 50% Black in Alabama compared to number of schools that received visit by Bama

```
#at least 50% black
count(filter(df school, school type == "public", pct black >= 50,
            state code == "AL"))
#> # A tibble: 1 x 1
#>
#> <int.>
#> 1 86
count(filter(df school, school type == "public", pct black >= 50,
            state code == "AL", visits by 100751 >= 1)
#> # A tibble: 1 x 1
#> n
#> <int.>
#> 1 21
#at least 50% white
count(filter(df school, school type == "public", pct white >= 50,
            state code == "AL"))
#> # A tibble: 1 x 1
#>
   n
#> <int.>
#> 1 238
count(filter(df school, school type == "public", pct white >= 50,
            state code == "AL", visits by 100751 >= 1)
#> # A tibble: 1 x 1
#>
        n
```

# Filters and comparisons, not equals (!=)

Count the number of high schools visited by University of Colorado (126614) that are not located in CO

```
#number of high schools visited by U Colorado
count(filter(df_school, visits_by_126614 >= 1))
#> # A tibble: 1 x 1
#> n
#> <int.>
#> 1 1056
#number of high schools visited by U Colorado not located in CO
count(filter(df school, visits by 126614 >= 1, state code != "CO"))
#> # A tibble: 1 x 1
#> n
#> <int.>
#> 1 873
#number of high schools visited by U Colorado located in CO
#count(filter(df school, visits by 126614 >= 1, state code == "CO"))
```

## Filters and comparisons, %in% operator

What if you wanted to count the number of schools visited by Bama (100751) in a group of states?

Easier way to do this is with %in% operator

Select the private high schools that got either 2 or 3 visits from Bama

# Identifying data type and possible values of variable is helpful for filtering $_{class}()$ and $_{str}()$ shows data type of a variable

table() to show potential values of categorical variables

```
class(df_event$event_type)
#> [1] "character"
str(df_event$event_type)
#> chr [1:18680] "public hs" "public hs" "public hs" "public hs" ...
table(df event$event type)
#>
#> 2yr college 4yr college other private hs public hs
      951
                   5.31
                          2001 3774
                                               11423
#>
class(df event$event state)
#> [1] "character"
str(df_event$event_state) # double quotes indicate character
class(df event$med inc)
#> [1] "numeric"
str(df_event$med_inc)
#> num [1:18680] 71714 89122 70136 70136 71024 ...
```

Now that we know  $\ensuremath{\mathtt{event\_type}}$  is a character, we can filter values

n

```
count(filter(df_event, event_type == "public hs", event_state =="CA"))
#> # A tibble: 1 x 1
```

#### **Exercises**

Use the data from df\_event, which has one observation for each off-campus recruiting event a university attends

- 1. Count the number of events attended by the University of Pittsburgh (Pitt) univ\_id == 215293
- Count the number of recruiting events by Pitt at public or private high schools
- 3. Count the number of recruiting events by Pitt at public or private high schools located in the state of PA
- 4. Count the number of recruiting events by Pitt at public high schools not located in PA where median income is less than 100.000
- 5. Count the number of recruiting events by Pitt at public high schools not located in PA where median income is greater than or equal to 100,000
- Count the number of out-of-state recruiting events by Pitt at private high schools or public high schools with median income of at least 100,000

 Count the number of events attended by the University of Pittsburgh (Pitt) univ id == 215293

Count the number of recruiting events by Pitt at public or private high schools

3. Count the number of recruiting events by Pitt at public or private high schools located in the state of PA

 Count the number of recruiting events by Pitt at public high schools not located in PA where median income is less than 100,000

Count the number of recruiting events by Pitt at public high schools not located in PA where median income is greater than or equal to 100,000

Count the number of out-of-state recruiting events by Pitt at private high schools or public high schools with median income of at least 100,000

# Filtering and missing values

Wickham (2018) states:

"filter() only includes rows where condition is TRUE; it excludes both FALSE and NA values. To preserve missing values, ask for them explicitly."

Investigate var df\_event\$fr\_lunch , number of free/reduced lunch students only available for visits to public high schools

```
#visits to public HS with less than 50 students on free/reduced lunch
count(filter(df event, event type == "public hs", fr lunch<50))</pre>
#> # A tibble: 1 x 1
#> n
#> <int>
#> 1 910
#visits to public HS, where free/reduced lunch missing
count(filter(df event, event type == "public hs", is.na(fr lunch)))
#> # A tibble: 1 x 1
#> n
#> <int.>
#> 1 26
#visits to public HS, where free/reduced is less than 50 OR is missing
count(filter(df_event,event_type == "public hs", fr_lunch<50 | is.na(fr_lunch)))</pre>
#> # A tibble: 1 x 1
#>
    n
#> <int.>
#> 1 936
```

# 5.3 Arrange rows

# arrange() function

df event

df event

df\_event <- arrange(df\_event, event\_date)</pre>

```
observations

Syntax: arrange(x,...)

First argument, x, is a data frame

Subsequent arguments are a "comma separated list of unquoted variable names"

arrange(df_event, event_date)

Data frame goes back to previous order unless you assign the new order
```

arrange() function "arranges" rows in a data frame; said different, it sorts

# arrange() function

Ascending and descending order

arrange() sorts in ascending order by default

```
use desc() to sort a column by descending order
arrange(df_event, desc(event_date))

Can sort by multiple variables
arrange(df_event, univ_id, desc(event_date), desc(med_inc))

#sort by university and descending by size of 12th grade class; combine with sel
```

select(arrange(df\_event, univ\_id, desc(g12)),instnm,event\_type,event\_date,g12)

## arrange(), missing values sorted at the end

Missing values automatically sorted at the end, regardless of whether you sort ascending or descending

Below, we sort by university, then by date of event, then by ID of high school

```
Can sort by is.na to put missing values first
```

```
select(arrange(df_event, univ_id, desc(event_date), desc(is.na(school_id))),
      instnm,event_date,event_type,school_id)
#> # A tibble: 18.680 x 4
     instnm event date event type school id
#>
#> <chr> <date> <chr> <chr>
#> 1 Bama 2017-12-18 other <NA>
#> 2 Bama 2017-12-18 private hs A9106483
#> 3 Bama 2017-12-15 other <NA>
#> 4 Bama 2017-12-15 public hs 484473005095
#> 5 Bama 2017-12-15 public hs 062927004516
#> 6 Bama 2017-12-14 other <NA>
#> 7 Bama 2017-12-13 other <NA>
#> 8 Bama 2017-12-13 public hs 130387001439
#\ Q Pama
           2017-12-12 private ha 00071151
```

# Exercise, arranging

Use the data from df\_event, which has one observation for each off-campus recruiting event a university attends

- 1. Sort ascending by "univ\_id" and descending by "event\_date"
- Select four variables in total and sort ascending by "univ\_id" and descending by "event\_date"
- 3. Now using the same variables from above, sort by is.na to put missing values in "school id" first

## 1. Sort ascending by "univ\_id" and descending by "event\_date"

arrange(df\_event, univ\_id, desc(event\_date))

```
#> # A tibble: 18,680 x 33
     instnm univ_id instst pid event_date event_type zip school_id
#>
#>
    <chr> <int> <chr> <int> <date>
                                         <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr>
   1 Bama 100751 AL
                          7115 2017-12-18 private hs 77089 A9106483
#>
#>
   2 Bama 100751 AL 7121 2017-12-18 other <NA> <NA>
   3 Bama 100751 AL
                          7114 2017-12-15 public hs 75165 48447300~
#>
#>
  4 Bama 100751 AL
                          7100 2017-12-15 public hs
                                                   93012 06292700~
                                                   98027 <NA>
#>
  5 Bama 100751 AL 7073 2017-12-15 other
#>
   6 Bama 100751 AL 7072 2017-12-14 other 98007 <NA>
#> 7 Bama 100751 AL 7118 2017-12-13 public hs 31906 13038700~
#>
   8 Bama 100751 AL 7099 2017-12-13 private hs 90293 00071151
   9 Bama 100751 AL 7109 2017-12-13 public hs 92630 06338600~
#>
#> 10 Bama 100751 AL 7071 2017-12-13 other
                                                   98032 <NA>
#> # ... with 18,670 more rows, and 25 more variables: ipeds id <int>,
      event state <chr>, event inst <chr>, med inc <dbl>, pop total <dbl>,
#> #
#> #
      pct_white_zip <dbl>, pct_black_zip <dbl>, pct_asian_zip <dbl>,
#> #
      pct hispanic zip <dbl>, pct amerindian zip <dbl>,
#> #
      pct_nativehawaii_zip <dbl>, pct_tworaces_zip <dbl>,
#> #
      pct otherrace zip <dbl>, fr lunch <dbl>, titlei status pub <fct>,
      total_12 <dbl>, school_type_pri <int>, school_type_pub <int>,
#> #
#> #
      g12offered <dbl>, g12 <dbl>, total_students_pub <dbl>,
#> #
      total_students_pri <dbl>, event_name <chr>, event_location_name <chr>,
#> #
      event datetime start <dttm>
```

Select four variables in total and sort ascending by "univ\_id" and descending by "event\_date"

```
select(arrange(df_event, univ_id, desc(event_date)), univ_id, event_date,
      instnm, event type)
#> # A tibble: 18.680 x 4
     univ id event date instnm event type
#>
#>
  <int> <date> <chr> <chr>
   1 100751 2017-12-18 Bama private hs
#>
#>
   2 100751 2017-12-18 Bama other
   3 100751 2017-12-15 Bama public hs
#>
#>
   4 100751 2017-12-15 Bama public hs
                           other
#>
   5 100751 2017-12-15 Bama
   6 100751 2017-12-14 Bama other
#>
#> 7 100751 2017-12-13 Bama public hs
  8 100751 2017-12-13 Bama private hs
#>
#>
   9 100751 2017-12-13 Bama public hs
#> 10 100751 2017-12-13 Bama other
#> # ... with 18,670 more rows
```

3. Select the variables "univ\_id", "event\_date", and "school\_id" and sort by is.na to put missing values in "school\_id" first.

```
select(arrange(df_event, univ_id, desc(event_date), desc(is.na(school id))),
      univ id, event date, school id)
#> # A tibble: 18.680 x 3
     univ id event date school id
#>
#> <int> <date> <chr>
#>
  1 100751 2017-12-18 <NA>
#>
   2 100751 2017-12-18 A9106483
   3 100751 2017-12-15 <NA>
#>
#>
   4 100751 2017-12-15 484473005095
   5 100751 2017-12-15 062927004516
#>
   6 100751 2017-12-14 <NA>
#>
#> 7 100751 2017-12-13 <NA>
   8 100751 2017-12-13 130387001439
#>
#>
   9 100751 2017-12-13 00071151
#> 10 100751 2017-12-13 063386005296
#> # ... with 18,670 more rows
```