Going deeper with dplyr: New features in 0.3 and 0.4

Introduction

#

In August 2014, I created a 40-minute video tutorial introducing the key functionality of the dplyr package in R, using dplyr version 0.2. Since then, there have been two significant updates to dplyr (0.3 and 0.4), introducing a ton of new features.

This document (created in March 2015) covers the most useful new features in 0.3 and 0.4, as well as other functionality that I didn't cover last time (though it is not necessarily new). My new video tutorial walks through the code below in detail.

If you have not watched the previous tutorial, I recommend you do so first since it covers some dplyr basics that will not be covered in this tutorial.

Loading dplyr and the nycflights13 dataset

minute <dbl>, time_hour <dttm>

Although my last tutorial used data from the hflights package, Hadley Wickham has rewritten the dplyr vignettes to use the nycflights13 package instead, and so I'm also using nycflights13 for the sake of consistency.

```
# remove flights data if you just finished my previous tutorial
rm(flights)
# load packages
suppressMessages(library(dplyr))
#Make sure to install.packages("nycflights13")
library(nycflights13)
# print the flights dataset from nycflights13
flights
## # A tibble: 336,776 × 19
##
                     day dep_time sched_dep_time dep_delay arr_time
       year month
      <int> <int> <int>
                                                       <dbl>
##
                            <int>
                                             <int>
                                                                 <int>
## 1
       2013
                 1
                       1
                               517
                                               515
                                                           2
                                                                   830
## 2
       2013
                 1
                       1
                              533
                                               529
                                                           4
                                                                   850
                                                           2
## 3
       2013
                 1
                       1
                              542
                                               540
                                                                   923
## 4
       2013
                       1
                              544
                                               545
                                                          -1
                                                                  1004
                 1
## 5
       2013
                 1
                       1
                              554
                                               600
                                                          -6
                                                                   812
## 6
       2013
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                              554
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                                                                   740
                 1
## 7
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       2013
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                       1
                              555
                                               600
                                                                   913
## 8
       2013
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                              557
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                                                          -3
                                                                   709
                 1
## 9
       2013
                       1
                              557
                                               600
                                                          -3
                                                                   838
## 10 2013
                              558
                                               600
                                                          -2
                                                                   753
                       1
                 1
## # ... with 336,766 more rows, and 12 more variables: sched_arr_time <int>,
       arr_delay <dbl>, carrier <chr>, flight <int>, tailnum <chr>,
## #
       origin <chr>, dest <chr>, air_time <dbl>, distance <dbl>, hour <dbl>,
```

Choosing columns: select, rename

```
# besides just using select() to pick columns...
flights %>% select(carrier, flight)
## # A tibble: 336,776 \times 2
##
      carrier flight
##
        <chr> <int>
## 1
                1545
           UA
## 2
           UA
                1714
## 3
           AA
                1141
## 4
           В6
                 725
## 5
           DL
                 461
## 6
           UA
                1696
## 7
           В6
                 507
## 8
           EV
                5708
## 9
           В6
                  79
## 10
           AA
                  301
## # ... with 336,766 more rows
# ...you can use the minus sign to hide columns
flights %>% select(-month, -day)
## # A tibble: 336,776 × 17
       year dep_time sched_dep_time dep_delay arr_time sched_arr_time
##
##
                                          <dbl>
      <int>
               <int>
                               <int>
                                                   <int>
## 1
       2013
                  517
                                 515
                                              2
                                                     830
                                                                     819
## 2
       2013
                                 529
                  533
                                              4
                                                     850
                                                                     830
## 3
       2013
                                 540
                                              2
                                                     923
                                                                     850
                 542
## 4
       2013
                  544
                                 545
                                             -1
                                                    1004
                                                                    1022
       2013
                                 600
## 5
                 554
                                             -6
                                                     812
                                                                     837
## 6
       2013
                 554
                                 558
                                             -4
                                                     740
                                                                     728
## 7
       2013
                 555
                                 600
                                             -5
                                                     913
                                                                     854
## 8
       2013
                  557
                                 600
                                             -3
                                                     709
                                                                     723
## 9
       2013
                                 600
                                             -3
                                                                     846
                 557
                                                     838
## 10 2013
                  558
                                 600
                                             -2
                                                     753
                                                                     745
## # ... with 336,766 more rows, and 11 more variables: arr_delay <dbl>,
       carrier <chr>, flight <int>, tailnum <chr>, origin <chr>, dest <chr>,
       air_time <dbl>, distance <dbl>, hour <dbl>, minute <dbl>,
## #
## #
       time_hour <dttm>
# hide a range of columns
flights %>% select(-(dep_time:arr_delay))
# hide any column with a matching name
flights %>% select(-contains("time"))
# pick columns using a character vector of column names
cols <- c("carrier", "flight", "tailnum")</pre>
flights %>% select(one_of(cols))
## # A tibble: 336,776 \times 3
##
      carrier flight tailnum
##
        <chr> <int>
                        <chr>
## 1
           UA
                1545 N14228
## 2
           UA
                1714 N24211
```

```
1141 N619AA
## 3
           AA
## 4
           B6
                 725 N804JB
## 5
                 461 N668DN
           DL
## 6
                1696 N39463
           UA
## 7
           В6
                 507 N516JB
## 8
           EV
                5708 N829AS
## 9
           В6
                  79 N593JB
                 301 N3ALAA
## 10
           AA
## # ... with 336,766 more rows
# select() can be used to rename columns, <mark>though all columns not mentioned are dropped</mark>
flights %>% select(tail = tailnum)
## # A tibble: 336,776 × 1
##
        tail
##
       <chr>
## 1 N14228
## 2 N24211
## 3
     N619AA
## 4 N804JB
## 5 N668DN
## 6 N39463
## 7
      N516JB
## 8 N829AS
## 9 N593JB
## 10 N3ALAA
## # ... with 336,766 more rows
# rename() does the same thing, except all columns not mentioned are kept
flights %>% rename(tail = tailnum)
## # A tibble: 336,776 × 19
##
       year month
                    day dep_time sched_dep_time dep_delay arr_time
##
      <int> <int> <int>
                            <int>
                                           <int>
                                                      <dbl>
                                                               <int>
       2013
## 1
                1
                      1
                              517
                                              515
                                                          2
                                                                 830
## 2
       2013
                              533
                                              529
                                                          4
                                                                 850
                1
                       1
## 3
       2013
                              542
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                1
                       1
                                              540
                                                                 923
## 4
       2013
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                       1
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## 5
       2013
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                              554
                                              600
                                                         -6
                                                                 812
## 6
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                              554
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                                                                 740
## 7
       2013
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## 8
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                                              600
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                                                                 709
## 9
       2013
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                                              600
                                                         -3
                                                                 838
                1
                       1
## 10 2013
                              558
                                                         -2
                1
                       1
                                              600
                                                                 753
## # ... with 336,766 more rows, and 12 more variables: sched_arr_time <int>,
       arr_delay <dbl>, carrier <chr>, flight <int>, tail <chr>,
## #
       origin <chr>, dest <chr>, air_time <dbl>, distance <dbl>, hour <dbl>,
## #
       minute <dbl>, time hour <dttm>
```

Choosing rows: filter, between, slice, sample n, top n, distinct

```
# filter() supports the use of multiple conditions
flights %>% filter(dep_time >= 600, dep_time <= 605)</pre>
```

```
## # A tibble: 2,460 \times 19
##
                     day dep_time sched_dep_time dep_delay arr_time
       year month
##
      <int> <int> <int>
                            <int>
                                            <int>
                                                      dbl>
       2013
                              600
                                                                  851
## 1
                1
                                              600
                                                           0
                       1
## 2
       2013
                1
                       1
                              600
                                              600
                                                           0
                                                                  837
## 3
       2013
                       1
                              601
                                              600
                                                           1
                                                                  844
                1
## 4
       2013
                              602
                                                          -8
                1
                       1
                                              610
                                                                  812
## 5
       2013
                              602
                1
                       1
                                              605
                                                          -3
                                                                  821
## 6
       2013
                1
                       2
                              600
                                              600
                                                           0
                                                                  814
## 7
       2013
                       2
                              600
                                                          -5
                                                                  751
                1
                                              605
## 8
       2013
                1
                       2
                              600
                                              600
                                                           0
                                                                  819
## 9
       2013
                       2
                              600
                                                                  846
                                              600
                                                           0
                1
                              600
## 10 2013
                       2
                                              600
                                                           0
                                                                  737
                1
## # ... with 2,450 more rows, and 12 more variables: sched_arr_time <int>,
       arr_delay <dbl>, carrier <chr>, flight <int>, tailnum <chr>,
       origin <chr>, dest <chr>, air_time <dbl>, distance <dbl>, hour <dbl>,
## #
       minute <dbl>, time_hour <dttm>
#(between() is a concise alternative for determing if numeric values fall in a range
flights %>% filter(between(dep_time, 600, 605))
# side note: is.na() can also be useful when filtering
flights %>% filter(!is.na(dep_time))
# slice() filters rows by position
flights %>% slice(1000:1005)
## # A tibble: 6 × 19
##
      year month
                    day dep_time sched_dep_time dep_delay arr_time
##
     <int> <int> <int>
                           <int>
                                           <int>
                                                     <dbl>
## 1 2013
               1
                      2
                             809
                                             810
                                                         -1
                                                                 950
## 2
     2013
               1
                      2
                             810
                                             800
                                                         10
                                                                1008
## 3 2013
                      2
                             811
                                             815
                                                         -4
                                                                1100
               1
## 4 2013
                      2
                             811
                                             815
                                                         -4
                                                                1126
               1
## 5 2013
                                             820
                                                                 944
                      2
                             811
                                                         -9
               1
## 6 2013
                      2
                             815
                                             815
                                                         0
                                                                1109
               1
## # ... with 12 more variables: sched_arr_time <int>, arr_delay <dbl>,
       carrier <chr>, flight <int>, tailnum <chr>, origin <chr>, dest <chr>,
       air_time <dbl>, distance <dbl>, hour <dbl>, minute <dbl>,
## #
## #
       time_hour <dttm>
# keep the first three rows within each group
flights %>% group_by(month, day) %>% slice(1:3)
## Source: local data frame [1,095 x 19]
## Groups: month, day [365]
##
##
       year month
                     day dep_time sched_dep_time dep_delay arr_time
##
      <int> <int> <int>
                            <int>
                                            <int>
                                                      <dbl>
                                                                <int>
       2013
                                                           2
                                                                  830
## 1
                1
                       1
                              517
                                              515
## 2
       2013
                1
                       1
                              533
                                              529
                                                           4
                                                                  850
## 3
       2013
                                                           2
                                                                  923
                1
                       1
                              542
                                              540
## 4
       2013
                       2
                               42
                                             2359
                                                          43
                                                                  518
                1
                       2
## 5
       2013
                1
                              126
                                             2250
                                                         156
                                                                  233
## 6
       2013
                       2
                              458
                                              500
                                                          -2
                                                                  703
                1
## 7
       2013
                       3
                               32
                                             2359
                                                          33
                                                                  504
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## 8
       2013
                               50
                                             2145
                                                         185
                                                                  203
                 1
## 9
       2013
                       3
                              235
                                             2359
                                                         156
                                                                  700
                 1
## 10 2013
                 1
                       4
                               25
                                             2359
                                                          26
                                                                  505
## # ... with 1,085 more rows, and 12 more variables: sched_arr_time <int>,
       arr_delay <dbl>, carrier <chr>, flight <int>, tailnum <chr>,
       origin <chr>, dest <chr>, air_time <dbl>, distance <dbl>, hour <dbl>,
       minute <dbl>, time hour <dttm>
# sample three rows from each group
flights %>% group_by(month, day) %>% sample_n(3)
## Source: local data frame [1,095 x 19]
## Groups: month, day [365]
##
##
                     day dep_time sched_dep_time dep_delay arr_time
       year month
##
      <int> <int> <int>
                            <int>
                                            <int>
                                                       <dbl>
                                                                <int>
## 1
       2013
                             2053
                                             2055
                                                          -2
                                                                 2254
                 1
                       1
## 2
       2013
                 1
                       1
                             1558
                                             1359
                                                         119
                                                                 1718
## 3
       2013
                 1
                       1
                             2209
                                             2155
                                                          14
                                                                 2400
## 4
       2013
                 1
                       2
                             1902
                                             1905
                                                          -3
                                                                 2203
## 5
                       2
       2013
                 1
                             1257
                                             1300
                                                          -3
                                                                 1529
## 6
       2013
                       2
                             2051
                                             1929
                                                          82
                                                                 2256
                 1
## 7
                       3
       2013
                 1
                             2046
                                             2045
                                                           1
                                                                 2340
## 8
       2013
                 1
                       3
                             1455
                                             1446
                                                           9
                                                                 1801
## 9
       2013
                       3
                             1510
                                             1510
                                                           0
                                                                 1736
## 10 2013
                             1643
                                                                 1857
                       4
                                             1615
                                                          28
                 1
## # ... with 1,085 more rows, and 12 more variables: sched_arr_time <int>,
       arr_delay <dbl>, carrier <chr>, flight <int>, tailnum <chr>,
       origin <chr>, dest <chr>, air_time <dbl>, distance <dbl>, hour <dbl>,
## #
       minute <dbl>, time_hour <dttm>
# keep three rows from each group with the top dep_delay
flights %>% group_by(month, day) %>% top_n(3, dep_delay)
## Source: local data frame [1,108 x 19]
## Groups: month, day [365]
##
##
       year month
                     day dep time sched dep time dep delay arr time
##
                            <int>
                                                       <dbl>
      <int> <int> <int>
                                            <int>
                                                                <int>
## 1
       2013
                1
                       1
                              848
                                             1835
                                                         853
                                                                 1001
## 2
       2013
                                             1325
                                                         290
                                                                 2120
                 1
                       1
                             1815
## 3
       2013
                 1
                       1
                             2343
                                             1724
                                                         379
                                                                  314
## 4
       2013
                 1
                       2
                             1412
                                              838
                                                         334
                                                                 1710
## 5
       2013
                       2
                             1607
                                             1030
                                                         337
                                                                 2003
                 1
                       2
## 6
       2013
                                                         379
                                                                 2340
                 1
                             2131
                                             1512
## 7
       2013
                       3
                             2008
                                             1540
                                                         268
                                                                 2339
                 1
## 8
       2013
                 1
                       3
                             2012
                                             1600
                                                         252
                                                                 2314
## 9
       2013
                       3
                             2056
                                             1605
                                                         291
                                                                 2239
                 1
## 10 2013
                       4
                             2058
                                             1730
                                                         208
## # ... with 1,098 more rows, and 12 more variables: sched_arr_time <int>,
       arr_delay <dbl>, carrier <chr>, flight <int>, tailnum <chr>,
       origin <chr>, dest <chr>, air_time <dbl>, distance <dbl>, hour <dbl>,
## #
       minute <dbl>, time_hour <dttm>
# also sort by dep_delay within each group
flights %>% group_by(month, day) %% top_n(3, dep_delay) %>% arrange(desc(dep_delay))
```

```
## Source: local data frame [1,108 x 19]
## Groups: month, day [365]
##
##
                    day dep_time sched_dep_time dep_delay arr_time
       year month
##
      <int> <int> <int>
                           <int>
                                           <int>
                                                     <dbl>
                                                               <int>
## 1
       2013
                      9
                             641
                                             900
                                                      1301
                                                                1242
                1
## 2
       2013
                6
                     15
                            1432
                                            1935
                                                      1137
                                                                1607
## 3
       2013
                1
                     10
                            1121
                                            1635
                                                      1126
                                                               1239
## 4
       2013
                9
                     20
                            1139
                                            1845
                                                      1014
                                                               1457
## 5
       2013
                7
                     22
                                                      1005
                             845
                                            1600
                                                               1044
## 6
       2013
                4
                     10
                            1100
                                            1900
                                                       960
                                                               1342
## 7
       2013
                     17
                            2321
                                                       911
                                                                135
                3
                                             810
## 8
       2013
                6
                     27
                             959
                                            1900
                                                       899
                                                                1236
## 9
       2013
                7
                     22
                            2257
                                                       898
                                             759
                                                                 121
## 10 2013
               12
                      5
                             756
                                            1700
                                                       896
                                                                1058
## # ... with 1,098 more rows, and 12 more variables: sched_arr_time <int>,
       arr_delay <dbl>, carrier <chr>, flight <int>, tailnum <chr>,
## #
       origin <chr>, dest <chr>, air_time <dbl>, distance <dbl>, hour <dbl>,
       minute <dbl>, time_hour <dttm>
# unique rows can be identified using unique() from base R
flights %>% select(origin, dest) %>% unique()
## # A tibble: 224 × 2
##
      origin dest
       <chr> <chr>
##
## 1
         EWR
               IAH
## 2
         LGA
               IAH
## 3
         JFK
               AIM
## 4
         JFK
               BQN
## 5
         LGA
               ATL
## 6
         EWR
               ORD
## 7
         EWR
               FLL
## 8
         LGA
               IAD
## 9
               MCO
         JFK
## 10
         LGA
               ORD
## # ... with 214 more rows
# dplyr provides an alternative that is more "efficient"
flights %>% select(origin, dest) %>% distinct()
# side note: when chaining, you don't have to include the parentheses if there are no arguments
flights %>% select(origin, dest) %>% distinct
Adding new variables: mutate, transmute, add_rownames
# mutate() creates a new variable (and keeps all existing variables)
flights %>% mutate(speed = distance/air_time*60)
```

```
## # A tibble: 336,776 × 20
##
       year month
                     day dep_time sched_dep_time dep_delay arr_time
##
      <int> <int> <int>
                            <int>
                                             <int>
                                                       <dbl>
                                                                 <int>
                                                            2
## 1
       2013
                                               515
                                                                   830
                 1
                       1
                               517
## 2
       2013
                 1
                       1
                               533
                                               529
                                                                   850
```

```
923
## 3
               2013
                                                              542
                                                                                              540
                                               1
## 4
               2013
                                               1
                                                              544
                                                                                              545
                                                                                                                                     1004
                                  1
                                                                                                                      -1
## 5
               2013
                                               1
                                                              554
                                                                                              600
                                                                                                                      -6
                                                                                                                                       812
               2013
## 6
                                                              554
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                                                                                                                      -4
                                                                                                                                       740
                                  1
                                               1
## 7
               2013
                                  1
                                               1
                                                              555
                                                                                              600
                                                                                                                      -5
                                                                                                                                       913
## 8
               2013
                                                                                              600
                                                                                                                      -3
                                                                                                                                       709
                                               1
                                                              557
                                  1
## 9
               2013
                                                                                                                      -3
                                                                                                                                       838
                                  1
                                                              557
                                                                                              600
## 10 2013
                                                                                                                      -2
                                  1
                                               1
                                                              558
                                                                                              600
                                                                                                                                       753
## # ... with 336,766 more rows, and 13 more variables: sched_arr_time <int>,
               arr_delay <dbl>, carrier <chr>, flight <int>, tailnum <chr>,
               origin <chr>, dest <chr>, air_time <dbl>, distance <dbl>, hour <dbl>,
               minute <dbl>, time_hour <dttm>, speed <dbl>
# transmute() only keeps the new variables
flights %>% transmute(speed = distance/air_time*60)
## # A tibble: 336,776 × 1
##
                   speed
##
                   <dbl>
## 1 370.0441
## 2
            374.2731
            408.3750
## 3
## 4
            516.7213
## 5 394.1379
## 6 287.6000
## 7 404.4304
## 8 259.2453
## 9 404.5714
## 10 318.6957
## # ... with 336,766 more rows
# example data frame with row names
mtcars %>% head()
                                                                                                    wt qsec vs am gear carb
##
                                               mpg cyl disp hp drat
## Mazda RX4
                                                            6 160 110 3.90 2.620 16.46
## Mazda RX4 Wag
                                             21.0
                                                            6 160 110 3.90 2.875 17.02
                                                                                                                                                      4
                                                                                                                          0
                                                                                                                                            4
                                                                  108 93 3.85 2.320 18.61
## Datsun 710
                                             22.8
                                                            4
                                                                                                                                                      1
## Hornet 4 Drive
                                             21.4
                                                            6
                                                                  258 110 3.08 3.215 19.44
                                                                                                                          1
                                                                                                                                           3
                                                                                                                                                      1
## Hornet Sportabout 18.7
                                                                  360 175 3.15 3.440 17.02
                                                                                                                                                      2
                                                            6 225 105 2.76 3.460 20.22
## Valiant
                                             18.1
                                                                                                                          1
                                                                                                                                                      1
# add_rownames() turns row names into an explicit variable
mtcars %>% add_rownames("model") %>% head()
## Warning: Deprecated, use tibble::rownames_to_column() instead.
## # A tibble: 6 × 12
##
                                    model
                                                     mpg
                                                                  cvl disp
                                                                                              hp drat
                                                                                                                        wt qsec
                                                                                                                                                  ٧S
##
                                     <chr> <dbl> <dbl > dbl >
## 1
                            Mazda RX4
                                                 21.0
                                                                      6
                                                                               160
                                                                                            110 3.90 2.620 16.46
## 2
                   Mazda RX4 Wag
                                                   21.0
                                                                               160
                                                                                            110
                                                                                                     3.90 2.875 17.02
                                                                                                                                                                 1
                                                                       6
                                                                                                                                                    0
## 3
                         Datsun 710
                                                   22.8
                                                                               108
                                                                                              93
                                                                                                      3.85 2.320 18.61
                                                                                                                                                                 1
                                                                      4
## 4
                 Hornet 4 Drive 21.4
                                                                      6
                                                                               258
                                                                                            110
                                                                                                     3.08 3.215 19.44
                                                                                                                                                                 Λ
## 5 Hornet Sportabout 18.7
                                                                      8
                                                                               360
                                                                                            175
                                                                                                      3.15 3.440 17.02
                                                                                                                                                                 0
                                                                                            105 2.76 3.460 20.22
## 6
                                Valiant 18.1
                                                                      6
                                                                               225
                                                                                                                                                                 0
## # ... with 2 more variables: gear <dbl>, carb <dbl>
```

```
## # A tibble: 32 × 11
                                cyl disp
                                                                 hp drat
                   mpg
                                                                                              wt qsec
                                                                                                                                           am
                                                                                                                                                 gear carb
## *
              <dbl> 
## 1
                21.0
                                      6 160.0
                                                            110 3.90 2.620 16.46
                                                                                                                              0
                                                                                                                                             1
## 2
                21.0
                                      6 160.0
                                                              110 3.90 2.875 17.02
                                                                                                                              0
                                                                                                                                             1
                                                                                                                                                           4
## 3
                22.8
                                     4 108.0
                                                              93 3.85 2.320 18.61
                                                                                                                              1
                                      6 258.0
                                                           110 3.08 3.215 19.44
## 4
                21.4
                                                                                                                                             0
                                                                                                                                                           3
                                                                                                                                                                          1
                                                                                                                              1
## 5
                18.7
                                     8 360.0
                                                           175 3.15 3.440 17.02
                                                                                                                              0
                                                                                                                                             0
                                                                                                                                                           3
                                                                                                                                                                          2
## 6
               18.1
                                   6 225.0
                                                           105 2.76 3.460 20.22
                                                                                                                              1
                                                                                                                                            0
                                                                                                                                                           3
                                                                                                                                                                          1
## 7
               14.3
                                  8 360.0
                                                              245 3.21 3.570 15.84
                                                                                                                             0
                                                                                                                                            0
                                                                                                                                                           3
## 8
                                                                62 3.69 3.190 20.00
                                                                                                                                                                          2
                24.4
                                    4 146.7
                                                                                                                                            0
                                                                                                                                                           4
                                                                                                                             1
                                      4 140.8
                                                                95 3.92 3.150 22.90
                                                                                                                                                           4
                                                                                                                                                                          2
## 9
                22.8
                                                                                                                             1
                                                                                                                                            0
## 10 19.2
                                      6 167.6 123 3.92 3.440 18.30
                                                                                                                                                           4
                                                                                                                                                                          4
                                                                                                                             1
                                                                                                                                             0
## # ... with 22 more rows
Grouping and counting: summarise, tally, count, group_size, n_groups, un-
group
# summarise() can be used to count the number of rows in each group
flights %>% group_by(month) %>% summarise(cnt = n())
## # A tibble: 12 × 2
##
              month cnt
##
              <int> <int>
## 1
                       1 27004
## 2
                        2 24951
## 3
                       3 28834
## 4
                       4 28330
## 5
                       5 28796
## 6
                       6 28243
## 7
                       7 29425
## 8
                       8 29327
                       9 27574
## 9
                     10 28889
## 10
## 11
                     11 27268
## 12
                     12 28135
# tally() and count() can do this more concisely
flights %>% group_by(month) %>% tally()
flights %>% count(month)
# you can sort by the count
flights %>% group_by(month) %>% summarise(cnt = n()) %>% arrange(desc(cnt))
## # A tibble: 12 × 2
##
              month cnt
               <int> <int>
##
## 1
                       7 29425
                        8 29327
## 2
## 3
                     10 28889
```

side note: dplyr no longer prints row names (ever) for local data frames

mtcars %>% tbl_df()

```
3 28834
## 4
## 5
         5 28796
## 6
         4 28330
         6 28243
## 7
## 8
         12 28135
## 9
         9 27574
## 10
        11 27268
## 11
         1 27004
## 12
          2 24951
# tally() and count() have a sort parameter for this purpose
flights %>% group_by(month) %>% tally(sort=TRUE)
flights %>% count(month, sort=TRUE)
# you can sum over a specific variable instead of simply counting rows
flights %>% group_by(month) %>% summarise(dist = sum(distance))
## # A tibble: 12 × 2
##
     month
                dist
##
      <int>
               <dbl>
         1 27188805
## 1
## 2
         2 24975509
## 3
         3 29179636
## 4
         4 29427294
         5 29974128
## 5
## 6
         6 29856388
## 7
         7 31149199
## 8
        8 31149334
## 9
         9 28711426
        10 30012086
## 10
## 11
        11 28639718
## 12
         12 29954084
# tally() and count() have a wt parameter for this purpose
flights %>% group_by(month) %>% tally(wt = distance)
flights %>% count(month, wt = distance)
# group_size() returns the counts as a vector
flights %>% group_by(month) %>% group_size()
## [1] 27004 24951 28834 28330 28796 28243 29425 29327 27574 28889 27268
## [12] 28135
# n_groups() simply reports the number of groups
flights %>% group_by(month) %>% n_groups()
## [1] 12
# group by two variables, summarise, arrange (output is possibly confusing)
flights %>% group_by(month, day) %>% summarise(cnt = n()) %>% arrange(desc(cnt)) %>% print(n = 40)
## Source: local data frame [365 x 3]
## Groups: month [12]
##
##
      month
              day
                    cnt
##
      <int> <int> <int>
               27 1014
## 1
         11
```

```
## 2
          7
                    1006
                11
## 3
                    1004
          7
                 8
## 4
                    1004
          7
                10
## 5
         12
                 2 1004
## 6
          7
                18
                    1003
## 7
          7
                25
                   1003
## 8
          7
                12 1002
## 9
                9 1001
          7
## 10
          7
                17
                    1001
## 11
          7
                31
                    1001
## 12
          8
                 7
                    1001
## 13
                    1001
          8
                 8
## 14
          8
                12
                    1001
## 15
          7
                    1000
                22
## 16
          7
                24
                    1000
## 17
          8
                 1
                    1000
## 18
          8
                 5
                    1000
## 19
                    1000
          8
                15
                    1000
## 20
                21
         11
## 21
          7
                     999
                15
## 22
          7
                19
                     999
## 23
          7
                26
                     999
## 24
          7
                29
                     999
## 25
          8
                 2
                     999
## 26
                     999
          8
                 9
## 27
         11
                22
                     999
## 28
          8
                16
                     998
## 29
          7
                23
                     997
## 30
          7
                30
                     997
## 31
                14
                     997
          8
## 32
          7
                16
                     996
## 33
          8
                 6
                     996
## 34
                     996
          8
                19
## 35
          9
                13
                     996
## 36
                26
                     996
          9
## 37
          9
                27
                     996
## 38
          4
                15
                     995
## 39
          6
                20
                     995
                26
                     995
## 40
          6
## # ... with 325 more rows
# ungroup() before arranging to arrange across all groups
flights %>% group_by(month, day) %>% summarise(cnt = n()) %>% ungroup() %>% arrange(desc(cnt))
## # A tibble: 365 × 3
##
      month
               day
                     cnt
##
      <int> <int> <int>
## 1
         11
                27 1014
## 2
          7
                    1006
                11
## 3
          7
                 8 1004
## 4
          7
                10 1004
## 5
         12
                 2 1004
## 6
          7
                18
                    1003
## 7
          7
                   1003
                25
## 8
          7
                12 1002
```

```
7
## 9
               9 1001
## 10
         7
              17 1001
## # ... with 355 more rows
```

Creating data frames: data_frame

data_frame() is a better way than data.frame() for creating data frames. Benefits of data_frame():

- You can use previously defined columns to compute new columns.
- It never coerces column types.
- It never munges column names.
- It never adds row names.
- It only recycles length 1 input.
- It returns a local data frame (a tbl df).

```
# data_frame() example
data_frame(a = 1:6, b = a*2, c = 'string', 'd+e' = 1) %>% glimpse()
## Observations: 6
## Variables: 4
## $ a
        <int> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
## $ b
        <dbl> 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12
        <chr> "string", "string", "string", "string", "string"
## $ d+e <dbl> 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1
# data.frame() example
data.frame(a = 1:6, c = 'string', 'd+e' = 1) %>% glimpse()
## Observations: 6
## Variables: 3
## $ a
        <int> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
## $ c <fctr> string, string, string, string, string, string
## $ d.e <dbl> 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1
```

Joining (merging) tables: left_join, right_join, inner_join, full_join, semi_join, anti join

```
# create two simple data frames
(a <- data_frame(color = c("green", "yellow", "red"), num = 1:3))</pre>
## # A tibble: 3 × 2
##
      color
              num
##
      <chr> <int>
## 1 green
                1
                 2
## 2 yellow
## 3
        red
(b <- data_frame(color = c("green", "yellow", "pink"), size = c("S", "M", "L")))
## # A tibble: 3 × 2
##
      color size
##
      <chr> <chr>
## 1 green
                S
## 2 yellow
## 3 pink
                L
```

```
# only include observations found in both "a" and "b" (automatically joins on variables that appear in
inner_join(a, b)
## Joining, by = "color"
## # A tibble: 2 × 3
## color num size
##
     <chr> <int> <chr>
## 1 green 1 S
## 2 yellow 2 M
# include observations found in either "a" or "b"
full_join(a, b)
## Joining, by = "color"
## # A tibble: 4 × 3
##
   color num size
##
   <chr> <int> <chr>
## 1 green 1 S
## 2 yellow
            2 M
## 3 red 3 <NA>
## 4 pink NA L
# include all observations found in "a"
left_join(a, b)
## Joining, by = "color"
## # A tibble: 3 × 3
## color num size
## <chr> <int> <chr>
## 1 green 1 S
## 2 yellow
            2
## 3 red 3 <NA>
# include all observations found in "b"
right_join(a, b)
## Joining, by = "color"
## # A tibble: 3 × 3
## color num size
## <chr> <int> <chr>
## 1 green 1 S
## 2 yellow
             2
## 3 pink NA
# right_join(a, b) is identical to left_join(b, a) except for column ordering
left_join(b, a)
## Joining, by = "color"
## # A tibble: 3 × 3
##
   color size num
##
     <chr> <chr> <int>
## 1 green S 1
## 2 yellow
            M
## 3 pink L
                  NA
```

```
# filter "a" to only show observations that match "b"
semi_join(a, b)
## Joining, by = "color"
## # A tibble: 2 × 2
##
     color num
##
     <chr> <int>
## 1 green 1
## 2 yellow
# filter "a" to only show observations that don't match "b"
anti_join(a, b)
## Joining, by = "color"
## # A tibble: 1 × 2
##
    color
            num
    <chr> <int>
## 1
      red
              3
# sometimes matching variables don't have identical names
b <- b %>% rename(col = color)
# specify that the join should occur by matching "color" in "a" with "col" in "b"
inner_join(a, b, by=c("color" = "col"))
## # A tibble: 2 × 3
     color num size
##
##
     <chr> <int> <chr>
## 1 green
            1
## 2 yellow
                     М
               2
```

Viewing more output: print, View

```
# specify that you want to see more rows
flights %>% print(n = 15)
## # A tibble: 336,776 × 19
##
      year month day dep_time sched_dep_time dep_delay arr_time
##
     <int> <int> <int>
                                                 <dbl>
                         <int>
                                       <int>
## 1
     2013
              1
                    1
                           517
                                          515
                                                     2
                                                            830
      2013
                           533
                                          529
                                                     4
                                                            850
## 2
               1
                     1
## 3
      2013
                    1
                           542
                                          540
                                                     2
                                                            923
               1
## 4
      2013
                    1
                           544
                                          545
                                                    -1
                                                           1004
      2013
                                                    -6
## 5
                    1
                           554
                                          600
                                                            812
               1
## 6
      2013
               1
                    1
                           554
                                          558
                                                     -4
                                                            740
## 7
      2013
                                          600
                                                    -5
               1
                    1
                           555
                                                            913
## 8
      2013
              1
                    1
                           557
                                          600
                                                    -3
                                                            709
## 9
      2013
               1
                    1
                           557
                                          600
                                                    -3
                                                            838
## 10 2013
               1
                    1
                           558
                                          600
                                                    -2
                                                            753
## 11 2013
                           558
                                          600
                                                    -2
                                                            849
               1
                    1
## 12 2013
                           558
                                                    -2
                                                            853
               1
                    1
                                          600
                                                    -2
## 13 2013
               1
                     1
                           558
                                          600
                                                            924
## 14 2013
                           558
                                          600
                                                     -2
                                                            923
```

```
## 15 2013
                1
                       1
                              559
                                              600
                                                                   941
## # ... with 3.368e+05 more rows, and 12 more variables:
       sched_arr_time <int>, arr_delay <dbl>, carrier <chr>, flight <int>,
       tailnum <chr>, origin <chr>, dest <chr>, air_time <dbl>,
## #
       distance <dbl>, hour <dbl>, minute <dbl>, time_hour <dttm>
# specify that you want to see ALL rows (don't run this!)
flights %>% print(n = Inf)
# specify that you want to see all columns
flights %>% print(width = Inf)
## # A tibble: 336,776 × 19
       vear month
                     day dep_time sched_dep_time dep_delay arr_time
                                                                 <int>
##
      <int> <int> <int>
                                                       <dbl>
                            <int>
                                            <int>
## 1
       2013
                 1
                       1
                               517
                                              515
                                                           2
                                                                   830
## 2
       2013
                                              529
                                                           4
                                                                   850
                 1
                       1
                               533
## 3
       2013
                 1
                       1
                               542
                                              540
                                                           2
                                                                   923
## 4
       2013
                              544
                                              545
                                                                  1004
                 1
                       1
                                                          -1
       2013
## 5
                       1
                              554
                                              600
                                                          -6
                                                                   812
                 1
## 6
       2013
                 1
                       1
                              554
                                              558
                                                          -4
                                                                   740
## 7
       2013
                 1
                       1
                              555
                                              600
                                                          -5
                                                                   913
## 8
       2013
                 1
                       1
                              557
                                              600
                                                          -3
                                                                   709
## 9
       2013
                       1
                              557
                                              600
                                                          -3
                                                                   838
                 1
## 10 2013
                              558
                                                          -2
                                                                   753
                 1
                       1
                                              600
##
      sched_arr_time arr_delay carrier flight tailnum origin dest air_time
##
                <int>
                          <dbl>
                                   <chr>
                                          <int>
                                                   <chr>
                                                          <chr> <chr>
                                                                          <dbl>
## 1
                  819
                             11
                                      UA
                                           1545 N14228
                                                            EWR
                                                                   IAH
                                                                            227
## 2
                  830
                             20
                                      UA
                                           1714 N24211
                                                            LGA
                                                                   IAH
                                                                            227
## 3
                  850
                             33
                                      AA
                                           1141 N619AA
                                                            JFK
                                                                   MIA
                                                                            160
## 4
                 1022
                            -18
                                      B6
                                            725 N804JB
                                                            JFK
                                                                   BQN
                                                                            183
                            -25
                                      DL
## 5
                  837
                                            461 N668DN
                                                            LGA
                                                                   ATL
                                                                            116
## 6
                  728
                             12
                                      UA
                                           1696
                                                 N39463
                                                            EWR
                                                                   ORD
                                                                            150
## 7
                  854
                             19
                                      В6
                                            507
                                                 N516JB
                                                            EWR
                                                                   FLL
                                                                            158
## 8
                  723
                            -14
                                      ΕV
                                           5708
                                                 N829AS
                                                            LGA
                                                                   IAD
                                                                             53
## 9
                  846
                                             79
                                                            JFK
                                                                   MCO
                             -8
                                      B6
                                                N593JB
                                                                            140
                  745
                                            301 N3ALAA
## 10
                              8
                                      AA
                                                            LGA
                                                                   ORD
                                                                            138
##
      distance hour minute
                                        time_hour
##
         <dbl> <dbl>
                       <dbl>
                                           <dttm>
## 1
          1400
                    5
                          15 2013-01-01 05:00:00
## 2
          1416
                    5
                          29 2013-01-01 05:00:00
## 3
                          40 2013-01-01 05:00:00
          1089
                    5
## 4
          1576
                          45 2013-01-01 05:00:00
                    5
## 5
           762
                    6
                           0 2013-01-01 06:00:00
## 6
           719
                    5
                          58 2013-01-01 05:00:00
## 7
          1065
                    6
                           0 2013-01-01 06:00:00
## 8
                           0 2013-01-01 06:00:00
           229
                    6
## 9
           944
                    6
                           0 2013-01-01 06:00:00
## 10
           733
                           0 2013-01-01 06:00:00
                    6
## # ... with 336,766 more rows
# show up to 1000 rows and all columns
flights %>% View()
# set option to see all columns and fewer rows
```

```
options(dplyr.width = Inf, dplyr.print_min = 6)
# reset options (or just close R)
options(dplyr.width = NULL, dplyr.print_min = 10)
```

Resources

- Release announcements for version 0.3 and version 0.4
- dplyr reference manual and vignettes
- Two-table vignette covering joins and set operations
- RStudio's Data Wrangling Cheat Sheet for dplyr and tidyr
- $\bullet\,$ dplyr Git Hub repo and list of releases

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- Blog
- Email newsletter
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