# summer\_2021\_qa

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Class 1: Reading files and 'dplyr'

### Do now

#### Do now:

Complete the intro poll at bit.ly/acc\_intro\_poll

#### After the poll

Download lab\_1 from the course webpage: harris-coding-lab.github.io.

#### **Notice**

► Earlier we had a typo for the link to lab\_0 on canvas, which is now fixed. Sorry for inconvience.

## Expectations

## From you:

- do the work (i.e. watch video, try basics, do lab, bring questions)
- engage in course! (i.e. work with partners, answer questions, do polls)
- have R and RStudio installed!

#### From us:

- prepare engaging lesson materials
- address your questions
- help you be confident for core (confident != R expert)

### From everyone:

be nice to each other and create a growth-focused environment

## Do the work

- ► Step 1. Videos
- ▶ Step 1a. Basics
- ► Step 2. QA
- ► Step 3. Lab

# Not an expert

#### We cover:

- how to work with basic data structures (tibbles, vectors)
- how to read and manipulate data
- programmer logic (if statements, loops, functions)

#### We won't cover in depth:

- most statistical tools
- how to join data together
- how to convert data from long to wide (pivoting)
- how to deal with very messy data
- how to work with specific data types (e.g. dates, advanced strings)
- among other things like webscrapping, package development and so forth

# Today's session

- Set up working directories
- ► Review some questions from QA
- ► Highlight key points and open up for live questions

# Setting up working directory and coding environment

- Do you have a folder on your computer for coding lab material?
   If not, create one and make sure you know the path to the folder.
- We recommend creating a problem\_set folder inside your coding lab folder.
- 3. Make folder called data inside the problem\_set folder.

# Putting your files in place

- 4. Create a new R script. Save your script in the problem\_set folder. From now on, when you start a script or Rmd save it there.
- 5. Download the first data set here and put the data in your data folder. Find the link in the lab pdf!

### Tell R where to find files

► Local paths are like addresses on your computer. Use getwd() to see how your computer paths look.

```
# In labO we downloaded data form a URL which is an address on the inte
covid_data <-
    read_csv(
        "https://data.cdc.gov/api/views/qfhf-uhaa/rows.csv?"
      )

# Compare to a local path
wid_data <-
    read_xlsx(
        "~/coding-lab/harris-coding-lab.github.io/data/world_wealth_inequal
    )</pre>
```

Add a line to your script where you setwd() to the data folder.

# Working with the files

- 7. Finally, we are using data in an excel format. We need the package readxl to process data of this type. In the console, run install.packages("readxl").
- 8. Add code to load the tidyverse.
- 9. If you followed the set-up from above, you should be able to run the following code with no error.

```
wid_data <- read_xlsx("world_wealth_inequality.xlsx")</pre>
```

# What to do when something is confusing?

- ▶ use ?
- test code in console. try to break it.
- ► ask teammates / try googling
- ask us!

If it's not "mission critical", you can safely move on without full understanding. (Imagine learning a language and trying to figure out all the grammar and vocabulary at the same time!)

## Question:

- What's the deal with col\_types = cols(Suppress = col\_character())?
- Do we need that "accessType=DOWNLOAD&bom=true&format=true%20target="part?

▶ Note: In URLs after the ? you send meta information about your request.

# Question: Can you explain pipes?

▶ Pipes %>% take the left hand side and put them into the first position on the right hand side.

```
storms %>% filter(year > 2010) %>% glimpse()
recent_storms <- filter(storms, year > 2010)
glimpse(recent_storms)
```

#### Notice

- filter() takes data in the first position and then an arbitrary number of filtering expressions.
- glimpse() takes data in the first position

## Lesson 0: Intro to R, RStudio and the tidyverse

- navigate and use Rstudio's features
  - particularly, the console, the text editor and help
- assign objects to names with <-</p>
- use functions by providing inputs and learn more with ?
- install.packages() (once) and then load them with library() (each time you restart R)

# Lesson 1: Key points: Reading files

- ► Tabular data is stored in a lot of different formats.
  - e.g. .csv, .xlsx, .dta
- Read tabular data of a given type with the proper function.
  - e.g. for csvs we have read\_csv()
  - ► If you get a new type, Google "How to read xxx files into R tidyverse".
- ▶ We need to be aware of the file path and can setwd().
- We know there are useful tools built into the read\_xxx() functions.
  - Though we just scratched the surface.

# Lesson 1: Manipulating data with dplyr()

- ► Choose columns with select().
- ► Choose rows based on a match criteria with filter().
  - ▶ We were introduced to comparison operators like == and %in%.
- Make new columns with mutate().
- ➤ Sort data with arrange() and arrange(desc()) or arrange(-x).
- Create summary statistics with summarize().

# Class 2: Vectors and data types

## Course logistics:

- When should we start working on the final project?
  - Start looking for a dataset now.
  - Write code to read it into R and start investigating with dplyr verbs.
    - Ask simple questions that can be addressed with your current tools.

lab 1 solutions will be available on the course website.

# Getting started with Rmarkdown (Rmd)

- ► What's an Rmd?
- How to make an Rmd
- ► How to work with an Rmd

# Knitting: making the frustrating part less frustrating

► Install tinytex

```
install.packages("tinytex")
tinytex::install_tinytex()
```

Knit early and often.

## When to use Rmds vs scripts?

#### Rmd

- Exploration of data
- Presentations and reports

## script

- ▶ Projects with interrelated code (e.g. an R package)
- Working on a server that does not have Rstudio installed

## Questions from QA

**Question 1**: - Why do I need the function summarize in the following bit of code?

```
michigan_population_total <-
midwest %>%
  filter(state == "MI") %>%
  summarize(total_pop = sum(poptotal))
```

Why can't I just pipe directly into sum?

**Question 2**: Why do we need to use pull()?

## R's primary data structures: Vectors vs. tibbles

- ▶ Why do we need different data structures?
- ► How are vectors and tibbles related?

# Why do we need different data structures?

In theory, we can do all our work with vectors.

```
names_vec <- c("Ari", "Qiwei", "Jay", "Thomas")
surnames_vec <- c("Anisfeld", "Lin", "Zaleski", "Whamond")
position_vec <- c("Instructor", "TA", "TA", "TA")</pre>
```

why might I want a tibble?

## R's primary data structures: Vectors vs. tibbles

### Tibbles encapsulate vectors

- ► Keep data tidy -> rows are a single observation or record.
- Keep meta-data (column names)
- Keep track of relationships between vectors
- Can hold various data types

## R's primary data structures: Vectors vs. tibbles

- vectors are simpler
- ► have a single data type
- some functions expect vectors or make more sense on them.

# Reviewing automatic type coercion

Type coercion is done automatically when R knows how. Usually, simpler types can be coerced to more complex types.

▶ logical < integer < double < character.

```
# pasteO() is a function that combines
# two chr vectors into a single vector
pasteO("str", "ing")
```

```
## [1] "string"

pasteO(1L, "ing")
```

```
## [1] "ling"
```

1L is an int, but R will coerce it into a chr in this context.

## Automatic coercion

Logicals are coercible to numeric or character. This is very useful! Determine the rule for how R treats TRUE and FALSE in math.

```
TRUE + 4
FALSE + 4
sum(c(FALSE, FALSE, FALSE, FALSE))
mean(c(TRUE, TRUE, FALSE, FALSE, TRUE))
```

# Automatic coercion

```
TRUE + 4
## [1] 5
FALSE + 4
## [1] 4
sum(c(FALSE, FALSE, FALSE, FALSE))
## [1] 0
mean(c(TRUE, TRUE, FALSE, FALSE, TRUE))
## [1] 0.6
```

### Exercise

1: Use R to calculate the sum

$$\sum_{n=0}^{10} \frac{1}{2^n} = \frac{1}{2^0} + \frac{1}{2^1} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^{10}}$$
$$\sum_{n=0}^{10} \frac{1}{2^n} = 1 + 0.5 + \dots + 0.00098$$

- 1. Use vectorized math to create a vector with the correct numbers
- 2. Use a built-in function to add up all the numbers in the vector.

Bonus What happens to the sum as you increase n?

2: Use pasteO() to convert v1 and v2 into "hello!"

## [1] "h el lo !"

# Key points: Class 2 vectors and data types

### vectors and vectorized coding

- Vectors are the fundemental way to store data in R
- ▶ We can operate on vectors element-by-element without loops
  - dplyr verbs rely on this!
- We introduced built-in functions to build vectors and do operations on vectors.

### data types

- ► (Atomic) Vectors have a single data type
  - most often: logical, integer, double, or character
- Certain operations expect a certain data type and will try to coerce the data if it can.
  - coercion can lead to unexpected behavior such as making NAs.

**Over weekend:** Attempt lab 2. **For Tuesday:** Watch video about control flow + try basics.

Class 3: Control flow

## Outline

- ▶ lingering questions about Rmds
- ▶ ifelse() questions

# Reviewing the anatomy of an Rmd:

#### Write text in the document

```
# ^^^ start an R chunk '''{r}
# sometimes {} have meta information

# R code goes in a chunk
ex <- seq(1, 12)

# and output prints below
print(ex)</pre>
```

```
## [1] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
```

A meta examples:  $\{r, echo = FALSE\}$ 

```
## [1] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
```

Another meta examples:  $\{r, eval = FALSE\}$ 

print(ex)

# Naming chunks

Chunk names help you debug

# code

Two chunks cannot have the same name

# If I change the name to "example" we will get an error.

 $\ensuremath{\textit{Q}}\xspace$  Why don't we get LaTex with \$ in this example?

```
$$
  \sqrt{p}
$$
```

Q: Why don't we get LaTex with \$ in this example? A: In a code chunk, knitr expects R code! So a dollar sign is interpreted to be referring to a named entity in an object like data\$column\_name.

So put LaTex in the "text" area of an Rmd!



Q: What does this error tell you?

```
setwd("~/Documents/coding")
```

Error in setwd(" $\sim$ /Documents/coding") : cannot change working directory

Q: What does this error tell you? A: Usually, it means your directory name is wrong somehow!

```
setwd("~/Documents/coding_lab/")
```

Note: "∼/" does not work on Windows!

# An aside on relative paths

You can refer to directories **relative** to your current directory using . and . .

- means current directory.
- .. means "go back" the directory path.

#### an example

#### File structure:

- coding\_lab datafile.csv
  - problem\_sets my\_rmd.Rmd

You could access the data with read\_csv("../datafile.csv") in a chunk.

#### What's the difference between & and &&?

Test your hypothesis with additional examples in the console?

```
c(TRUE, TRUE) & c(TRUE, FALSE)

## [1] TRUE FALSE

c(TRUE, TRUE) && c(TRUE, FALSE)

## [1] TRUE
```

- Which plays nicely with ifelse()?
- Which plays nicely with if()?

# What's the difference between | and ||?

Similarly OR has a vectorized | and singleton || version.

- ▶ generally, you can get by with | and &!
- when you are working on code for general use (like writing a package) there will be times when you want to ensure

#### Exercise

We want to make a new column called famous\_storm that is 1 for "Katrina" and "Rita" and 0 otherwise.

This code fails.

```
# bad code :(
storms %>%
  mutate(famous_storm =
         ifelse(name == "Katrina" | "Rita", 1, 0))
storms %>%
```

# Example: Creating a simulation dataset

You want to understand the impact of discrimination on gifted education.

- ▶ Students in group 1 get tested with probability 60 percent
- ▶ Students in group 2 get tested with probability 10 percent
- Students get gifted education if iq > 1 and they're tested

# Key points: control flow with if and contingent column creation with ifelse

- Use ifelse() with mutate() to create new columns contingently.
  - ifelse() is vectorized so can operate on a logical vector to produce new results
- Understand how logical operators (i.e. !, |, &) work together with ifelse and conditional operators.
- Use if() (and else) to control whether an action is completed outside of a data context.

We also introduced Rmds and saw how to knit the Rmd to html or pdf.

**Up next:** prepare lab 3 for tomorrow. **Friday** watch video for class 4 on using group\_by to do grouped analysis.

# Key points:if() versus ifelse()

	<pre>if()/ else()</pre>
Used to conditionally evaluate code	yes
Vectorized?	no, only uses first element
Handles NA	no, error missing value where T
baseR	yes

► Takeaway: When we are focusing on data analysis use ifelse() (or if else()).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>there's a tidyverse if\_else() that works slightly differently

#### Class 2 basics

▶ *Q* Why did I get double when your code shows the type is an int?

```
typeof(seq(1, 12, 1))
## [1] "double"
```

#### Class 2 basics

- Q Why did I get double when your code shows the type is an int?
- A In base R, data types are not always predictable.

```
typeof(seq(1, 12))

## [1] "integer"

typeof(seq(1, 12, 1))

## [1] "double"
```

Tidyverse functions tend to be more careful to avoid this sort of behavior.

## Horoscope game:

Make a game where you ask the user to enter their birth month and you tell them their fortune.

- Give people born in December, January or February a "cold" fortune
- ► Give people born in June through September a "warm" fortune
- Give people born in November a great fortune
- Give everyone else an okay fortune

e.g. birth\_month <- 2 the code should return something like I
see penguins in your forecast.</pre>

# Class 4: Grouped analysis

## Today's class

- ▶ Review if statements and conditional expressions
- ► Review some base R
- ► Take questions about grouped analysis

For the curious: "[\\r]?\\n" is a "regular expression" which tells separate() to look for "\n" or "\r\n" and separate the data wherever it finds those strings within other strings.

▶ NA | TRUE returns TRUE. Why does FALSE | NA return NA?

Hint: Fill out this table:

x	у	x OR y
FALSE	FALSE	
FALSE	TRUE	
TRUE	FALSE	
TRUE	TRUE	

▶ NA | TRUE returns TRUE. Why does FALSE | NA return NA?

x	у	x OR y
FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
FALSE	TRUE	
TRUE	FALSE	
TRUE	TRUE	

▶ NA | TRUE returns TRUE. Why does FALSE | NA return NA?

X	у	x OR y
FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
FALSE	TRUE	TRUE
TRUE	FALSE	TRUE
TRUE	TRUE	TRUE

▶ NA | TRUE returns TRUE. Why does FALSE | NA return NA?

OR returns TRUE if **any** value is TRUE. Thus, when we have NA | TRUE, then we logically know that the result is TRUE!

FALSE | NA depends on the missing value, so R cannot evaluate the expression.

► TRUE & NA returns NA. Why does FALSE & NA return FALSE?

x	у	x AND y
FALSE	FALSE	
FALSE	TRUE	
TRUE	FALSE	
TRUE	TRUE	

▶ TRUE & NA returns NA. Why does FALSE & NA return FALSE?

x	у	x AND y
FALSE	FALSE	FALSE
FALSE	TRUE	FALSE
TRUE	FALSE	FALSE
TRUE	TRUE	TRUE

AND requires all TRUE so R knows FALSE & NA is FALSE!

Q: What's the difference between ifelse() and if\_else()

A: tidyverse::if\_else() mimics base::ifelse() with two major differences

```
Qh: What's the difference between ifelse() and
if_else()
```

 tidyverse::if\_else() has a built-in way to replace missing data.

```
ex <- c(1, NA, 0, NA, 1)
if_else(ex == 1, "Yes", "No", missing = "Eh")

## [1] "Yes" "Eh" "No" "Eh" "Yes"
```

```
Qh: What's the difference between ifelse() and
if_else()
```

The same behavior requires nesting with base::ifelse()

```
ifelse(is.na(ex),
    "Eh",
    ifelse(ex == 1, "Yes", "No"))
```

```
## [1] "Yes" "Eh" "No" "Eh" "Yes"
```

```
Qh: What's the difference between ifelse() and
if_else()
```

2. tidyverse::if\_else() checks for type matching

```
if_else(ex == 1, 1, "No")
```

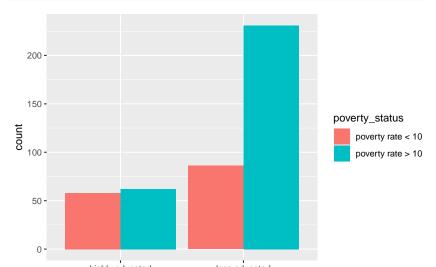
Error: false must be a double vector, not a character vector.

#### **Practice**

- Use mutate() and ifelse() with midwest data to create binary variables
- ed\_status = a city is "highly educated" if over 20 percent of residents have college education (percollege)
- poverty\_status = distinguish between cities with poverty rates above and below 10 percent.
- 2. Assign your intermediate data set to a name.
- 3. Calculate the proportion "highly educated" and proportion "poverty rate < 10" for counties in Ohio.
- 4. Calculate the proportion "highly educated" and proportion "poverty rate < 10" for counties in Illinois.

## Expected output

```
midwest_binarized %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = ed_status, fill = poverty_status)) +
    geom_bar(position = "dodge")
```



#### **Practice**

► Calculate the proportion "highly educated" and proportion "poverty rate < 10" for counties in Ohio.

► Calculate the proportion "highly educated" and proportion "poverty rate < 10" for counties in IL.

#### Solutions

```
midwest binarized <-
midwest %>%
  mutate(poverty_status = ifelse(percbelowpoverty < 10, "pe
         ed status = ifelse(percollege > 20, "highly educa"
midwest binarized %>%
  filter(state == "IL") %>%
  summarize(state = first(state),
            prop highly educated = sum(ed status == "highly
            prop low poverty = sum(percbelowpoverty < 10),</pre>
```

Is there a better way? What if I want the information for all the states?

#### Solutions

Use group\_by() and summarize!

## # A tibble: 5 x 3

```
state prop_highly_educated prop_low_poverty
##
##
     <chr>>
                            <int>
                                               <int>
## 1 IL
                               28
                                                  27
                               18
                                                  46
## 2 TN
                               27
                                                  16
## 3 MT
                               18
                                                  29
## 4 OH
## 5 WT
                               29
                                                  26
```

```
Quick hitter: When do we need ungroup()?
   Recall, group_by() adds information about groups "silently"
   without changing the data
```

```
midwest_grouped <-</pre>
midwest_binarized %>%
  group_by(state, ed_status, poverty_status) %>%
  select(poptotal)
```

```
## Adding missing grouping variables: 'state', 'ed_status'
```

```
## Rows: 437
```

```
## Groups: state, ed status, poverty status [20]
## $ state
            <chr> "IL", "IL", "IL", "IL", "IL", "II
```

## \$ poverty\_status <chr> "poverty rate > 10", "poverty rate

<int> 66090, 10626, 14991, 30806, 5836

## Columns: 4

midwest\_grouped %>% glimpse()

## \$ poptotal

# Quick hitter: When do we need ungroup()?

If we want to do analysis where groups get in the way, we need  ${\tt ungroup}$ ().

```
midwest_grouped %>%
  ungroup() %>%
  glimpse()
```

# Quick hitter: When do we need ungroup()?

If we want to do analysis where groups get in the way, we need ungroup().

```
midwest_grouped %>%
  summarize(biggest county = max(poptotal))
```

```
## 'summarise()' has grouped output by 'state', 'ed_status
```

## # A tibble: 20 x 4

```
## # Groups: state, ed_status [10]
```

## state ed status poverty\_status biggest\_count

```
## <chr> <chr>
                  <chr>
                                       <in
```

## 1 IL highly educated poverty rate < 10 78166

```
## 2 IL highly educated poverty rate > 10
                                                 510506
                                                  480
##
```

less educated poverty rate < 10</pre> 3 IL ## 4 IL less educated poverty rate > 10 24923

highly educated poverty rate < 10

highly educated poverty rate > 10

less educated poverty rate < 10

30083

7971

15619

5 IN

6 IN

7 IN

##

##

##

# Quick hitter: When do we need ungroup()?

If we want to do analysis where groups get in the way, we need ungroup().

```
midwest_grouped %>%
  ungroup() %>%
  summarize(biggest_county = max(poptotal))
```

```
## # A tibble: 1 x 1
## biggest_county
## <int>
## 1 5105067
```

# Sure, but why would I group that data in the first place?

Perhaps you did a group\_by() + summarize() with multiple groups.

► The default is to strip the "last" grouping variable

```
midwest_grouped %>%
   summarize(avg_pop = mean(poptotal)) %>%
   glimpse()
```

```
## 'summarise()' has grouped output by 'state', 'ed_status
```

```
## Rows: 20
## Columns: 4
```

How many ways can you pull out the even numbers from vec?

vec <- 1:10

```
BaseR: what's the deal with subsetting?
```

How many ways can you pull out the even numbers from vec?

```
vec <- 1:10
vec[c(2, 4, 6, 8, 10)]
## [1] 2 4 6 8 10
vec[rep(c(FALSE, TRUE), 5)]
## [1] 2 4 6 8 10
vec[seq(2, 10, 2)]
## [1] 2 4 6 8 10
vec[vec %% 2 == 0]
```

## [1] 2 4 6 8 10

Notice filter() works like the final option!

Now what if vec is a column in a tibble?

```
data <- tibble(vec_col = 1:10, random_col = "A")</pre>
```

Now what if vec is a column in a tibble?

```
data <- tibble(vec_col = 1:10, random_col = "A")</pre>
# equivalent to pull() (with filter)
data$vec_col[data$vec_col \( \frac{\chi}{\chi} \) 2 == 0] # nicest way
data[["vec col"]][c(2, 4, 6, 8, 10)]
data[rep(c(FALSE, TRUE), 5), ][["vec col"]]
#equivalent to select() (with filter)
data[rep(c(FALSE, TRUE), 5), "vec col"]
data[seq(2, 10, 2), "vec col"]
data %>%
  filter(vec col %% 2 == 0) %>%
  select(vec col)
```

Using [ with vectors is natural.

- you can extract based on
  - indices
  - a vector of booleans (of equal length)
  - and names (if there are names)

When working with data, use tidyverse verbs to extract data.

- easier to remember words
- ▶ help avoid syntax errors and confusion between [ [[ and \$

When googling for help add "in R tidyverse" to your query. If you start doing numerical computing, look for a review of [ and [[.

# Wait did you say names for a vector?

Yep, we can have a named vector.

```
x <- c("a" = 1, "b"= 2)
x["a"]
```

## a ## 1

# Named vectors are not, Lists

## [1] 2

Notice this is distinct from a list.

► The key difference is that lists can accept different data types as entries.

```
c("a" = c(1, 2), "b" = 2)
## a1 a2 b
## 1 2 2
list("a" = c(1, 2), "b" = 2)
## $a
## [1] 1 2
##
## $b
```

#### Tibbles are built on lists

but tibbles enforce all entries to be the same length vectors.

```
my_tib \leftarrow tibble(a = c(1, 2),
       b = "A"
my_list \leftarrow list(a = c(1, 2),
       b = c("A", "A"))
# e.g.
my_tib[["b"]]
## [1] "A" "A"
my_list[["b"]]
## [1] "A" "A"
```

# Key points: Grouped analysis with group\_by()

- groups are a set of rows that belong together.
  - group\_by() adds information about groups "silently" without changing the data
- Use group\_by() with summarize() to create summary tables at group-level.
  - Use with functions that reduce data from a vector to a single value per group.
  - Expected output: a table with one row per group and one column per summary statistic (and one column per grouping column.)

# Key points: Grouped analysis with group\_by()

- we can also use group\_by() to do grouped analysis with mutate()
  - you can use a "window function" like lag()
  - or add summary statistics to your main data set for futher analysis
- group\_by() also can impact arrange() and filter()

**Up next:** Grouping() watch video for class 5 on using loops.

#### Discussion

How do we make the data for this graph?

▶ What "groups" are required for the visualization?

#### Exercise

A student came during office hours and asked why mean(percentile=="p90p100") doesn't calculate the average wealth shares (value) for the top 10 percentile group.

Class 5: Loops

### Class 6: Functions