qa material

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Key points: class 0

- Rstudio has a console to access R and a text editor to write code for reproducible projects.
 - Analogy: R is to RStudio as Tony Stark is to Ironman's suit
- R extensible through packages
 - use install.packages("") once and then library() each session
- ▶ Use <- to assign any object to a name</p>
- functions take inputs and return outputs
 - input "understood" based on position or name
 - ▶ find out more about functions with ? (e.g. ?filter)

Up next: Watch videos for lab 1: reading data into R and manipulating it with dplyr verbs.

Questions from TAs / Piazza

- ► How do you assign a name to data? (<-)
- ▶ What is the difference between console and text editor section of R markdown?
- ▶ What is %>%?
- ► How do I read errors?
- What's the deal with backticks and quotes?
- Please add additional questions to the chat.

Reading files and dplyr

Key points: class 1: 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

Questions from piazza / ta sessions.

What do the errors mean? Can you write code to get the same errors on your machine?

```
setwd("~/Docutents")
Error in setwd("~/Docutents") :
   cannot change working directory

setwd(~/Documents/)
Error: unexpected '/' in "setwd(~/"

# Finally I got it to work
setwd("~/Documents")
```

Questions from piazza

- @35 a funky data issue in excel files on some Windows machines
- ▶ Why does read_dta("some_name.RData") fail?

Key points: class 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% (more in class 3)
- ► Make new columns with mutate()
 - ▶ We were introduced to math functions (more in class 2)
- Sort data with arrange() and arrange(desc())
- Create summary statistics with summarize()

Up next: Watch videos for lab 2: vectors and data types. Try the warm-up

Question from Piazza

- @38 Debugging with your eyes.
- ▶ @41 tidyverse vs baseR

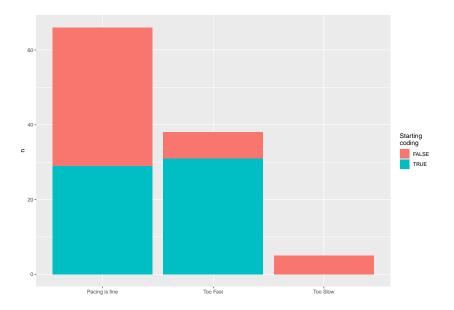
Practice

How many children live in Ohio?

- Restrict data to Ohio only.
- We have poptotal and popadults. Create a new column called pop_children.
- Aggregate data from Ohio counties to Ohio state total.

```
# midwest is a data set that comes with the tidyverse
library(tidyverse)
midwest
```

Feedback:



Response:

- ▶ Adding 30 minutes before lab for more direct instruction.
 - ▶ This is geared towards students who feel we're moving too fast.
- ▶ Now that we know you better, TAs will group more deliberately.
- ▶ We will provide more "basics" practice.
 - "Optional" worksheets that should be doable after watching the videos
- ▶ We will also provide code from the pdf, so when you need to copy and paste you can use an R file.

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.



What's the deal with fall coding lab?

Two tracks:

Accelerated: 2 lessons

2 lessons covering loops and functions.

Not accelerated: 5 lessons.

3 lessons review summer camp material

2 lessons covering loops and functions

Logistics for both tracks

- Instructors Ari and Terence + wonderful TAs - 80 minutes per week - Not graded but will have a final project - Access to TAs for coding specific problems throughout the quarter

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.

Up next: Watch videos for lab 3: using ifelse for control flow.

Exercise

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?

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 into one
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))

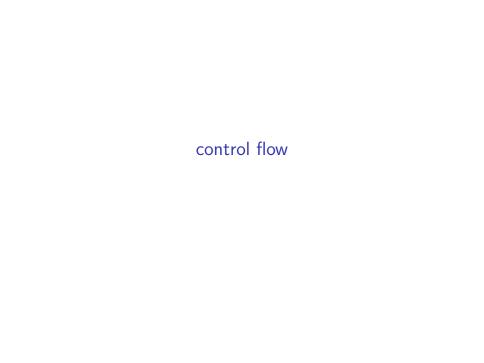
mean(c(TRUE, TRUE, FALSE, FALSE, TRUE))
```

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
```

Question from Piazza Type coercion

```
@63
1/n
Error in 1/n : non-numeric argument to binary operator
1/as.numeric(n)
Error in as.numeric(n) :
  cannot coerce type 'closure' to vector of type 'double'
```



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: watch video for class 4 on using group_by to do grouped analysis.¹ Read the introduction to lab 4 before lab tomorrow!

¹This is way more exciting than it sounds.

Execercise

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

This code fails.

Find two alternative ways to write this code that work.

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

Question from piazza

@87

What are the order of operations when using vectorized functions within mutate()?

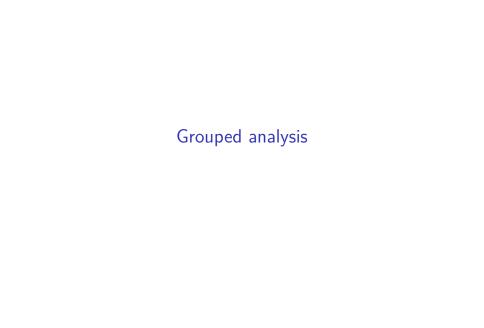
Question from piazza

```
@82 (@79)
"How to aggregate across rows?"
df \leftarrow tibble(sam = c(1, 0, 1, 1),
            casey = c(1, 1, 0, 0),
            abdul = c(1, 0, NA, 0))
df %>%
 mutate(rank = sum(sam, casey, abdul, na.rm = TRUE))
## # A tibble: 4 x 4
      sam casey abdul rank
##
## <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <
## 1
                         6
## 2 0 1 0
                         6
## 3 1 0 NA 6
## 4 1
              0
                   0
                         6
```

Discussion questions

warm-up take aways

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



Key points: Grouped analysis with group_by()

- groups are a set of rows that belong together.
 - group_by() adds information about groups 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.
- we can also use group_by to do grouped analysis with
 - mutate with window functions or to add a summary stat as column for further analysis.
 - ▶ it also can impact arrange and filter

 $\textbf{Up next:} \ \ \text{watch video for class 5 on using ggplot. In lab 5, your}$

Exercise

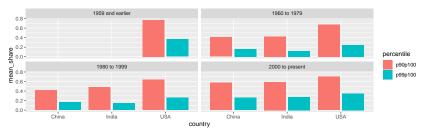
Rewrite this code to

Discussion

How do we make the data for this graph?

▶ What "groups" are required for the visualization?

Warning: Removed 4 rows containing missing values (geom



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.

Where does n come from?

```
disposition_by_race <-
   traffic_data %>%
   mutate(Disposition = str_to_lower(Disposition),
        Disposition =
        case_when(
            Disposition %in% citation_strings ~ "citation",
            Disposition %in% arrest_strings ~ "arrest",
            TRUE ~ Disposition)) %>%
   count(Race, Disposition) %>%
   group_by(Race) %>%
   mutate(freq = round(n / sum(n), 3))
```