

# Transforming Ag data with dplyr

Dr. Adrian Correndo

2025-01-22

## 1 Description

This lesson introduces the concept of tidy data, and a few basic data wrangling techniques using `dplyr` package. Today, we are using `dplyr` and datasets from the `agridat` package. If you don't have them installed, you can do so by running:

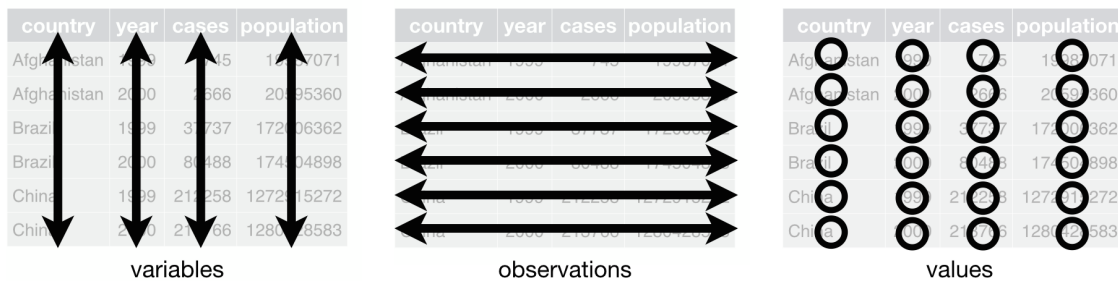
### 1.1 Required packages for today

```
library(pacman)
p_load(agridat) # Agridat datasets
p_load(dplyr)   # dplyr for data wrangling
p_load(skimr)   # skimr for quick exploration of the data
```

## 2 Why TIDY?

Well, from the hand of [Tidyverse](#), the “tidy data” framework changed the way we code and work in R for data science. Tidy datasets are easy to manipulate, model and visualize, and have a specific structure ([Wickham 2014](#)):

- Each variable is a column,
- Each observation is a row, and
- Each value have its own cell.



**Tidy-data structure.** Following three rules makes a dataset tidy: variables are in columns, observations are in rows, and values are in cells. Source: ([Wickham and Grolemund 2017](#)).

Example of tidy data:

```
# Example of tidy data
tidy_data <- data.frame(
  subject = c(1, 2, 3),
  gender = c("M", "F", "F"),
  score = c(90, 95, 88)
)
```

`tidy_data`

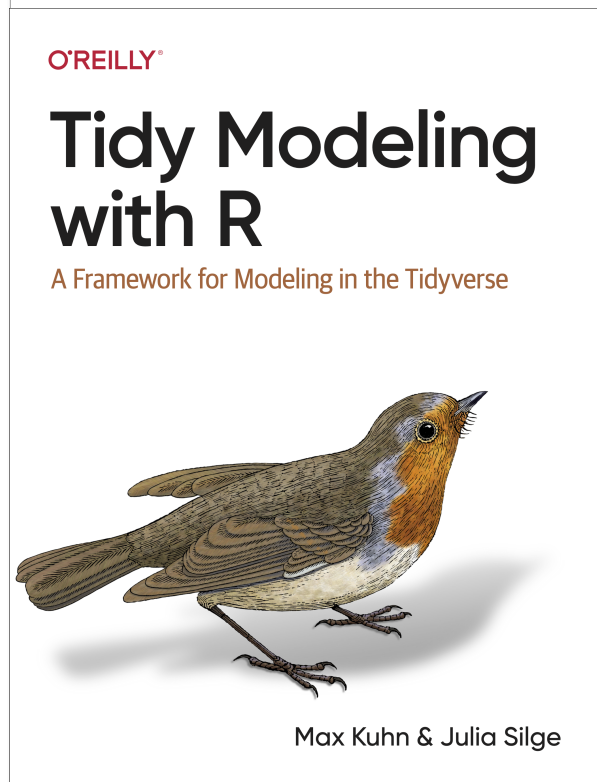
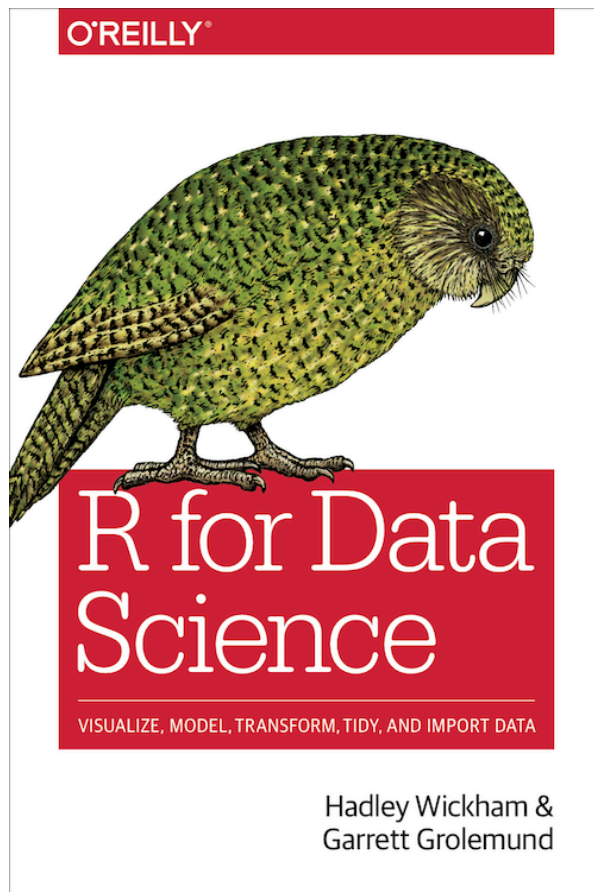
	subject	gender	score
1	1	M	90
2	2	F	95
3	3	F	88

## 2.0.1 Free HTML books

## 2.1 What is a Data Frame?

A data frame is a two-dimensional table-like structure in R, where columns can contain different types of data (e.g., numeric, character). It is the default structure for datasets loaded from CSV files or data packages.

### 2.1.1 open a data frame



```
# Load the wheat dataset from agricolae (which is a data frame)
wheat_data <- agridat::payne.wheat

# Check the structure of the data frame
str(wheat_data)
```

```
'data.frame':  480 obs. of  4 variables:
 $ rotation: Factor w/ 6 levels "AB","AF","Lc3",...: 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 2 5 5 ...
 $ nitro   : int  0 70 140 210 0 70 140 210 0 70 ...
 $ year    : int  1981 1981 1981 1981 1981 1981 1981 1981 1981 1981 ...
 $ yield   : num  3.84 6.59 7.49 7.39 3.06 6.32 7.61 7.78 5.82 7.52 ...
```

## 2.2 What is a Tibble?

A tibble is a modern version of a data frame, introduced by the tibble package. It offers several improvements:

- Tibbles don't convert characters to factors by default.
- Printing is more concise and doesn't overwhelm you with too much data.
- Tibbles are more explicit with column types when printed.

### 2.2.1 create a tibble

```
# Convert the wheat data frame to a tibble
wheat_tibble <- as_tibble(wheat_data)

# Check the structure of the tibble
wheat_tibble
```

```
# A tibble: 480 x 4
  rotation nitro  year yield
  <fct>    <int> <int> <dbl>
1 AB         0  1981  3.84
2 AB        70  1981  6.59
3 AB       140  1981  7.49
4 AB       210  1981  7.39
5 AF         0  1981  3.06
6 AF        70  1981  6.32
```

```

7 AF          140 1981 7.61
8 AF          210 1981 7.78
9 Ln3         0 1981 5.82
10 Ln3        70 1981 7.52
# i 470 more rows

```

## 2.3 iii. Key Differences between Data Frames and Tibbles

### 1. **\*\*Printing\*\***:

- Data Frames print the entire dataset unless you limit the number of rows. No information about column types is displayed.
- Tibbles print only the first 10 rows and automatically show column types.

### 2.3.1 Example:

```

# Print the entire data frame
print(wheat_data)

```

```

      rotation nitro year yield
1          AB     0 1981  3.84
2          AB    70 1981  6.59
3          AB   140 1981  7.49
4          AB   210 1981  7.39
5          AF     0 1981  3.06
6          AF    70 1981  6.32
7          AF   140 1981  7.61
8          AF   210 1981  7.78
9         Ln3     0 1981  5.82
10        Ln3    70 1981  7.52
11        Ln3   140 1981  8.12
12        Ln3   210 1981  7.40
13        Ln8     0 1981  4.71
14        Ln8    70 1981  6.52
15        Ln8   140 1981  8.03
16        Ln8   210 1981  7.83
17        Lc3     0 1981  5.35
18        Lc3    70 1981  6.70
19        Lc3   140 1981  7.69

```

20	Lc3	210	1981	7.53
21	Lc8	0	1981	6.47
22	Lc8	70	1981	7.84
23	Lc8	140	1981	7.98
24	Lc8	210	1981	7.68
25	AB	0	1982	4.47
26	AB	70	1982	6.38
27	AB	140	1982	7.82
28	AB	210	1982	8.13
29	AF	0	1982	4.30
30	AF	70	1982	6.82
31	AF	140	1982	8.16
32	AF	210	1982	8.52
33	Ln3	0	1982	5.37
34	Ln3	70	1982	7.91
35	Ln3	140	1982	7.53
36	Ln3	210	1982	8.46
37	Ln8	0	1982	5.55
38	Ln8	70	1982	8.04
39	Ln8	140	1982	8.27
40	Ln8	210	1982	7.31
41	Lc3	0	1982	5.16
42	Lc3	70	1982	7.81
43	Lc3	140	1982	8.38
44	Lc3	210	1982	7.40
45	Lc8	0	1982	6.56
46	Lc8	70	1982	8.36
47	Lc8	140	1982	8.60
48	Lc8	210	1982	8.41
49	AB	0	1983	4.11
50	AB	70	1983	6.28
51	AB	140	1983	8.70
52	AB	210	1983	8.17
53	AF	0	1983	3.76
54	AF	70	1983	6.79
55	AF	140	1983	8.50
56	AF	210	1983	9.43
57	Ln3	0	1983	3.86
58	Ln3	70	1983	7.05
59	Ln3	140	1983	8.06
60	Ln3	210	1983	8.28
61	Ln8	0	1983	4.45
62	Ln8	70	1983	7.23

63	Ln8	140	1983	7.48
64	Ln8	210	1983	6.93
65	Lc3	0	1983	6.36
66	Lc3	70	1983	9.67
67	Lc3	140	1983	9.34
68	Lc3	210	1983	8.40
69	Lc8	0	1983	7.39
70	Lc8	70	1983	9.64
71	Lc8	140	1983	8.80
72	Lc8	210	1983	8.66
73	AB	0	1984	3.66
74	AB	70	1984	6.56
75	AB	140	1984	7.74
76	AB	210	1984	9.41
77	AF	0	1984	4.28
78	AF	70	1984	8.94
79	AF	140	1984	9.12
80	AF	210	1984	9.35
81	Ln3	0	1984	4.92
82	Ln3	70	1984	7.66
83	Ln3	140	1984	9.75
84	Ln3	210	1984	10.35
85	Ln8	0	1984	5.46
86	Ln8	70	1984	8.68
87	Ln8	140	1984	9.20
88	Ln8	210	1984	10.33
89	Lc3	0	1984	7.18
90	Lc3	70	1984	11.06
91	Lc3	140	1984	10.52
92	Lc3	210	1984	9.88
93	Lc8	0	1984	7.51
94	Lc8	70	1984	9.66
95	Lc8	140	1984	11.04
96	Lc8	210	1984	9.36
97	AB	0	1985	2.39
98	AB	70	1985	5.90
99	AB	140	1985	7.76
100	AB	210	1985	8.62
101	AF	0	1985	2.03
102	AF	70	1985	5.46
103	AF	140	1985	7.72
104	AF	210	1985	9.20
105	Ln3	0	1985	4.24

106	Ln3	70	1985	7.26
107	Ln3	140	1985	8.26
108	Ln3	210	1985	9.69
109	Ln8	0	1985	4.07
110	Ln8	70	1985	6.98
111	Ln8	140	1985	8.39
112	Ln8	210	1985	8.55
113	Lc3	0	1985	4.97
114	Lc3	70	1985	7.64
115	Lc3	140	1985	9.57
116	Lc3	210	1985	8.84
117	Lc8	0	1985	4.44
118	Lc8	70	1985	8.08
119	Lc8	140	1985	8.76
120	Lc8	210	1985	10.19
121	AB	0	1986	4.17
122	AB	70	1986	6.91
123	AB	140	1986	7.21
124	AB	210	1986	8.53
125	AF	0	1986	4.08
126	AF	70	1986	5.08
127	AF	140	1986	6.32
128	AF	210	1986	7.88
129	Ln3	0	1986	3.36
130	Ln3	70	1986	5.65
131	Ln3	140	1986	6.62
132	Ln3	210	1986	6.05
133	Ln8	0	1986	4.68
134	Ln8	70	1986	6.55
135	Ln8	140	1986	7.20
136	Ln8	210	1986	6.84
137	Lc3	0	1986	6.14
138	Lc3	70	1986	7.15
139	Lc3	140	1986	6.89
140	Lc3	210	1986	6.20
141	Lc8	0	1986	6.09
142	Lc8	70	1986	7.31
143	Lc8	140	1986	6.85
144	Lc8	210	1986	6.75
145	AB	0	1987	4.39
146	AB	70	1987	6.18
147	AB	140	1987	6.75
148	AB	210	1987	7.84



149	AF	0	1987	3.02
150	AF	70	1987	5.56
151	AF	140	1987	6.60
152	AF	210	1987	6.43
153	Ln3	0	1987	4.41
154	Ln3	70	1987	6.55
155	Ln3	140	1987	7.59
156	Ln3	210	1987	7.13
157	Ln8	0	1987	4.80
158	Ln8	70	1987	6.74
159	Ln8	140	1987	7.86
160	Ln8	210	1987	7.00
161	Lc3	0	1987	5.51
162	Lc3	70	1987	7.24
163	Lc3	140	1987	7.74
164	Lc3	210	1987	7.61
165	Lc8	0	1987	5.26
166	Lc8	70	1987	7.48
167	Lc8	140	1987	8.31
168	Lc8	210	1987	8.13
169	AB	0	1988	2.98
170	AB	70	1988	6.28
171	AB	140	1988	6.77
172	AB	210	1988	6.20
173	AF	0	1988	3.09
174	AF	70	1988	6.60
175	AF	140	1988	6.63
176	AF	210	1988	6.61
177	Ln3	0	1988	4.01
178	Ln3	70	1988	6.77
179	Ln3	140	1988	7.12
180	Ln3	210	1988	6.14
181	Ln8	0	1988	4.34
182	Ln8	70	1988	6.73
183	Ln8	140	1988	7.46
184	Ln8	210	1988	7.23
185	Lc3	0	1988	5.68
186	Lc3	70	1988	7.39
187	Lc3	140	1988	7.54
188	Lc3	210	1988	7.51
189	Lc8	0	1988	5.26
190	Lc8	70	1988	7.87
191	Lc8	140	1988	6.94

192	Lc8	210	1988	7.06
193	AB	0	1989	1.16
194	AB	70	1989	3.94
195	AB	140	1989	4.58
196	AB	210	1989	4.74
197	AF	0	1989	2.80
198	AF	70	1989	4.92
199	AF	140	1989	5.17
200	AF	210	1989	5.82
201	Ln3	0	1989	4.04
202	Ln3	70	1989	5.94
203	Ln3	140	1989	6.10
204	Ln3	210	1989	6.04
205	Ln8	0	1989	3.77
206	Ln8	70	1989	5.58
207	Ln8	140	1989	5.56
208	Ln8	210	1989	4.91
209	Lc3	0	1989	5.45
210	Lc3	70	1989	6.28
211	Lc3	140	1989	6.12
212	Lc3	210	1989	5.81
213	Lc8	0	1989	4.91
214	Lc8	70	1989	6.69
215	Lc8	140	1989	6.39
216	Lc8	210	1989	5.06
217	AB	0	1990	1.47
218	AB	70	1990	4.94
219	AB	140	1990	5.83
220	AB	210	1990	6.33
221	AF	0	1990	1.38
222	AF	70	1990	5.72
223	AF	140	1990	6.30
224	AF	210	1990	5.18
225	Ln3	0	1990	1.73
226	Ln3	70	1990	4.94
227	Ln3	140	1990	5.43
228	Ln3	210	1990	6.17
229	Ln8	0	1990	2.62
230	Ln8	70	1990	5.79
231	Ln8	140	1990	5.08
232	Ln8	210	1990	5.25
233	Lc3	0	1990	3.59
234	Lc3	70	1990	6.06

235	Lc3	140	1990	7.20
236	Lc3	210	1990	6.42
237	Lc8	0	1990	3.31
238	Lc8	70	1990	6.51
239	Lc8	140	1990	6.65
240	Lc8	210	1990	6.99
241	AB	0	1991	4.48
242	AB	70	1991	8.56
243	AB	140	1991	9.94
244	AB	210	1991	10.23
245	AF	0	1991	3.46
246	AF	70	1991	8.00
247	AF	140	1991	9.75
248	AF	210	1991	10.57
249	Ln3	0	1991	6.75
250	Ln3	70	1991	8.85
251	Ln3	140	1991	9.96
252	Ln3	210	1991	10.41
253	Ln8	0	1991	5.94
254	Ln8	70	1991	8.83
255	Ln8	140	1991	9.64
256	Ln8	210	1991	9.75
257	Lc3	0	1991	6.47
258	Lc3	70	1991	9.37
259	Lc3	140	1991	10.46
260	Lc3	210	1991	10.48
261	Lc8	0	1991	6.08
262	Lc8	70	1991	8.81
263	Lc8	140	1991	9.63
264	Lc8	210	1991	10.10
265	AB	0	1992	6.31
266	AB	70	1992	7.84
267	AB	140	1992	7.21
268	AB	210	1992	6.81
269	AF	0	1992	3.82
270	AF	70	1992	8.05
271	AF	140	1992	8.21
272	AF	210	1992	7.59
273	Ln3	0	1992	2.73
274	Ln3	70	1992	6.47
275	Ln3	140	1992	7.49
276	Ln3	210	1992	7.26
277	Ln8	0	1992	4.19

278	Ln8	70	1992	7.17
279	Ln8	140	1992	7.54
280	Ln8	210	1992	6.67
281	Lc3	0	1992	6.33
282	Lc3	70	1992	7.48
283	Lc3	140	1992	6.13
284	Lc3	210	1992	4.79
285	Lc8	0	1992	7.11
286	Lc8	70	1992	6.65
287	Lc8	140	1992	6.45
288	Lc8	210	1992	6.14
289	AB	0	1993	3.11
290	AB	70	1993	5.92
291	AB	140	1993	5.89
292	AB	210	1993	6.63
293	AF	0	1993	2.86
294	AF	70	1993	5.79
295	AF	140	1993	6.72
296	AF	210	1993	7.37
297	Ln3	0	1993	3.13
298	Ln3	70	1993	5.40
299	Ln3	140	1993	6.60
300	Ln3	210	1993	6.52
301	Ln8	0	1993	3.42
302	Ln8	70	1993	5.16
303	Ln8	140	1993	6.47
304	Ln8	210	1993	6.55
305	Lc3	0	1993	5.58
306	Lc3	70	1993	7.01
307	Lc3	140	1993	7.69
308	Lc3	210	1993	7.91
309	Lc8	0	1993	6.08
310	Lc8	70	1993	7.03
311	Lc8	140	1993	7.20
312	Lc8	210	1993	7.69
313	AB	0	1994	0.93
314	AB	70	1994	3.94
315	AB	140	1994	4.04
316	AB	210	1994	3.51
317	AF	0	1994	1.80
318	AF	70	1994	5.32
319	AF	140	1994	8.08
320	AF	210	1994	8.55

321	Ln3	0	1994	4.76
322	Ln3	70	1994	6.16
323	Ln3	140	1994	7.35
324	Ln3	210	1994	7.14
325	Ln8	0	1994	3.64
326	Ln8	70	1994	5.14
327	Ln8	140	1994	7.00
328	Ln8	210	1994	7.16
329	Lc3	0	1994	5.06
330	Lc3	70	1994	6.00
331	Lc3	140	1994	6.28
332	Lc3	210	1994	7.50
333	Lc8	0	1994	3.46
334	Lc8	70	1994	6.48
335	Lc8	140	1994	6.07
336	Lc8	210	1994	7.53
337	AB	0	1995	1.30
338	AB	70	1995	4.21
339	AB	140	1995	4.35
340	AB	210	1995	4.35
341	AF	0	1995	1.27
342	AF	70	1995	3.82
343	AF	140	1995	4.60
344	AF	210	1995	4.96
345	Ln3	0	1995	2.17
346	Ln3	70	1995	5.01
347	Ln3	140	1995	5.39
348	Ln3	210	1995	5.79
349	Ln8	0	1995	2.52
350	Ln8	70	1995	5.71
351	Ln8	140	1995	5.36
352	Ln8	210	1995	6.53
353	Lc3	0	1995	2.57
354	Lc3	70	1995	5.70
355	Lc3	140	1995	6.46
356	Lc3	210	1995	5.78
357	Lc8	0	1995	3.52
358	Lc8	70	1995	6.60
359	Lc8	140	1995	6.36
360	Lc8	210	1995	6.14
361	AB	0	1996	1.19
362	AB	70	1996	7.24
363	AB	140	1996	7.80

364	AB	210	1996	8.43
365	AF	0	1996	0.65
366	AF	70	1996	6.60
367	AF	140	1996	7.69
368	AF	210	1996	7.79
369	Ln3	0	1996	3.82
370	Ln3	70	1996	7.19
371	Ln3	140	1996	7.15
372	Ln3	210	1996	8.41
373	Ln8	0	1996	6.37
374	Ln8	70	1996	8.23
375	Ln8	140	1996	8.77
376	Ln8	210	1996	8.46
377	Lc3	0	1996	5.23
378	Lc3	70	1996	7.76
379	Lc3	140	1996	8.19
380	Lc3	210	1996	8.67
381	Lc8	0	1996	5.73
382	Lc8	70	1996	7.97
383	Lc8	140	1996	8.48
384	Lc8	210	1996	8.28
385	AB	0	1997	1.58
386	AB	70	1997	5.73
387	AB	140	1997	7.37
388	AB	210	1997	7.88
389	AF	0	1997	2.40
390	AF	70	1997	6.52
391	AF	140	1997	9.25
392	AF	210	1997	9.24
393	Ln3	0	1997	1.74
394	Ln3	70	1997	3.83
395	Ln3	140	1997	5.15
396	Ln3	210	1997	5.02
397	Ln8	0	1997	2.53
398	Ln8	70	1997	6.20
399	Ln8	140	1997	6.93
400	Ln8	210	1997	7.25
401	Lc3	0	1997	4.40
402	Lc3	70	1997	7.70
403	Lc3	140	1997	8.01
404	Lc3	210	1997	8.30
405	Lc8	0	1997	4.10
406	Lc8	70	1997	6.78

407	Lc8	140	1997	7.36
408	Lc8	210	1997	7.43
409	AB	0	1998	3.21
410	AB	70	1998	6.70
411	AB	140	1998	9.35
412	AB	210	1998	10.26
413	AF	0	1998	2.52
414	AF	70	1998	6.35
415	AF	140	1998	8.80
416	AF	210	1998	9.72
417	Ln3	0	1998	3.77
418	Ln3	70	1998	7.13
419	Ln3	140	1998	8.67
420	Ln3	210	1998	9.62
421	Ln8	0	1998	4.97
422	Ln8	70	1998	7.77
423	Ln8	140	1998	9.21
424	Ln8	210	1998	9.24
425	Lc3	0	1998	4.78
426	Lc3	70	1998	7.48
427	Lc3	140	1998	8.50
428	Lc3	210	1998	8.75
429	Lc8	0	1998	4.11
430	Lc8	70	1998	7.55
431	Lc8	140	1998	9.01
432	Lc8	210	1998	8.98
433	AB	0	1999	0.00
434	AB	70	1999	1.97
435	AB	140	1999	3.44
436	AB	210	1999	2.28
437	AF	0	1999	0.52
438	AF	70	1999	6.55
439	AF	140	1999	7.53
440	AF	210	1999	8.48
441	Ln3	0	1999	1.69
442	Ln3	70	1999	6.58
443	Ln3	140	1999	7.58
444	Ln3	210	1999	7.83
445	Ln8	0	1999	3.42
446	Ln8	70	1999	6.59
447	Ln8	140	1999	8.26
448	Ln8	210	1999	6.51
449	Lc3	0	1999	4.42

450	Lc3	70	1999	7.27
451	Lc3	140	1999	8.65
452	Lc3	210	1999	9.54
453	Lc8	0	1999	1.79
454	Lc8	70	1999	4.65
455	Lc8	140	1999	5.54
456	Lc8	210	1999	4.95
457	AB	0	2000	1.45
458	AB	70	2000	4.54
459	AB	140	2000	4.52
460	AB	210	2000	5.53
461	AF	0	2000	0.96
462	AF	70	2000	4.87
463	AF	140	2000	6.28
464	AF	210	2000	7.39
465	Ln3	0	2000	3.40
466	Ln3	70	2000	7.06
467	Ln3	140	2000	8.64
468	Ln3	210	2000	8.71
469	Ln8	0	2000	3.42
470	Ln8	70	2000	6.58
471	Ln8	140	2000	7.22
472	Ln8	210	2000	7.49
473	Lc3	0	2000	5.05
474	Lc3	70	2000	8.24
475	Lc3	140	2000	8.96
476	Lc3	210	2000	10.33
477	Lc8	0	2000	4.31
478	Lc8	70	2000	7.47
479	Lc8	140	2000	8.95
480	Lc8	210	2000	9.65

```
# Print the tibble (shows only first 10 rows and column types)
print(wheat_tibble)
```

```
# A tibble: 480 x 4
  rotation nitro year yield
  <fct>      <int> <int> <dbl>
1 AB          0  1981  3.84
2 AB         70  1981  6.59
3 AB        140  1981  7.49
4 AB        210  1981  7.39
```



```

5 AF          0  1981  3.06
6 AF          70  1981  6.32
7 AF         140  1981  7.61
8 AF         210  1981  7.78
9 Ln3          0  1981  5.82
10 Ln3         70  1981  7.52
# i 470 more rows

```

### 3 A package for data manipulation...



The dplyr package in R provides powerful tools for transforming and analyzing data. In this tutorial, we'll use an agricultural dataset to explore some common **dplyr** functions like `filter()`, `mutate()`, `summarize()`, and `group_by()`.

#### 3.1 Why using R Packages?

- **Efficiency:** Avoid rewriting code for common tasks.
- **Consistency:** Standardized code structure and naming conventions.
- **Reproducibility:** Ensures that your work is easier to share and reproduce.
- **Intuitive:** R packages use functions with intuitive names of functions, so you can spend less time learning the code & more time learning to solve practical problems.

#### 3.2 Example 1: `mutate()`

Packages like dplyr simplify tasks by providing clean, concise code for data manipulation.

1. **Create a new column:** `total`, which is the sum of two existing columns (`var1` and `var2`).

### 3.2.0.1 Base R version

```
# Sample data
df <- data.frame(var1 = c(1, 2, 3), var2 = c(4, 5, 6))

# Adding a new column using base R
df$total <- df$var1 + df$var2
```

### 3.2.0.2 dplyr package (Tidyverse)

```
library(dplyr)

# Using mutate to add a new column
df <- df %>%
  mutate(total = var1 + var2)
```

## 3.3 Example 2: filter()

2. **Filtering:** get values of `var1` greater than 2.

### 3.3.0.1 Base R version

```
# Filter rows using base R
filtered_df <- df[df$var1 > 2, ]
```

### 3.3.0.2 dplyr package (Tidyverse)

```
# Filter rows using dplyr
filtered_df <- filter(data = df, var1 > 2)
```

## 3.4 Example 3: select()

3. **Select specific variables:** get `var1` and `var3`.

### 3.4.0.1 Base R version

```
# Select columns using base R
selected_df <- df[, c("var1", "var3")]
```

### 3.4.0.2 dplyr package (Tidyverse)

```
# Filter rows using dplyr
filtered_df <- select(data = df, var1, var3)
```

## 4 Corn Dataset:

For this tutorial, we'll use the `lasrosas.corn` dataset from the 'agridat' package, which contains information on corn varieties, yields, and topographical features. First, let's load the required packages and inspect the dataset: ### i. Read data

```
# Load dataset
data("lasrosas.corn") # This creates an object with the name of the dataset "lasrosas.corn"

# Store the data with another name
corn_data <- lasrosas.corn
```

### 4.0.1 ii. Inspect data

The `glimpse()` function provides an overview of the dataset, including variable names and data types.

```
# Inspect the dataset
glimpse(corn_data)
```

```
Rows: 3,443
Columns: 9
$ year  <int> 1999, 1999, 1999, 1999, 1999, 1999, 1999, 1999, 1999, 1999, 1999~
$ lat   <dbl> -33.05113, -33.05115, -33.05116, -33.05117, -33.05118, -33.05120~
$ long  <dbl> -63.84886, -63.84879, -63.84872, -63.84865, -63.84858, -63.84851~
$ yield <dbl> 72.14, 73.79, 77.25, 76.35, 75.55, 70.24, 76.17, 69.17, 69.77, 6~
$ nitro <dbl> 131.5, 131.5, 131.5, 131.5, 131.5, 131.5, 131.5, 131.5, 131.5, 1~
$ topo  <fct> W, W, W, W, W, W, W, W, W, W, W, W, W, W, W, W, W, W, W, W~
$ bv    <dbl> 162.60, 170.49, 168.39, 176.68, 171.46, 170.56, 172.94, 171.86, ~
```

```
$ rep <fct> R1, R1, R1, R1, R1, R1, R1, R1, R1, R1, R1, R1, R1, R1, R1, R1, ~
$ nf <fct> N5, N5, N5, N5, N5, N5, N5, N5, N5, N5, N5, N5, N5, N5, N5, N5, ~
```

The `skim()` function from the ‘skimr’ allows to take a deeper look to all the variables (columns), creating a quick summary that reports the presence of missing values, etc., etc.

```
skimr::skim(corn_data)
```

Table 1: Data summary

Name	corn_data
Number of rows	3443
Number of columns	9
Column type frequency:	
factor	3
numeric	6
Group variables	None

#### Variable type: factor

skim_variable	n_missing	complete_rate	ordered	n_unique	top_counts
topo	0	1	FALSE	4	W: 1043, LO: 885, HT: 785, E: 730
rep	0	1	FALSE	3	R3: 1149, R1: 1147, R2: 1147
nf	0	1	FALSE	6	N1: 577, N3: 575, N5: 575, N0: 573

#### Variable type: numeric

skim_variable	n_missing	complete_rate	mean	sd	p0	p25	p50	p75	p100	hist
year	0	1	1999.99	1.00	1999.00	1999.00	1999.00	2001.00	2001.00	
lat	0	1	-	0.00	-	-	-	-	-	
			33.05		33.05	33.05	33.05	33.05	33.05	
long	0	1	-	0.00	-	-	-	-	-	
			63.85		63.85	63.85	63.85	63.84	63.84	
yield	0	1	69.83	19.83	12.66	54.54	66.63	84.68	117.90	
nitro	0	1	64.57	42.60	0.00	29.00	66.00	106.00	131.50	

skim_variable	missing	complete	rate	mean	sd	p0	p25	p50	p75	p100	hist
bv	0	1	174.42	9.68	91.74	168.48	173.08	179.39	213.82		

## 4.0.2 Filtering Data

To focus on specific data, we can use `filter()`. For example, let's filter the data to include only rows where the nitrogen applied (`nitro`) is greater than 100:

```
# Filter rows with nitro > 100
high_nitro <- corn_data %>% filter(nitro > 100)
head(high_nitro)
```

	year	lat	long	yield	nitro	topo	bv	rep	nf
1	1999	-33.05113	-63.84886	72.14	131.5	W	162.60	R1	N5
2	1999	-33.05115	-63.84879	73.79	131.5	W	170.49	R1	N5
3	1999	-33.05116	-63.84872	77.25	131.5	W	168.39	R1	N5
4	1999	-33.05117	-63.84865	76.35	131.5	W	176.68	R1	N5
5	1999	-33.05118	-63.84858	75.55	131.5	W	171.46	R1	N5
6	1999	-33.05120	-63.84851	70.24	131.5	W	170.56	R1	N5

This selects only rows where the `nitro` column has values greater than 100.

## 4.0.3 Adding New Variables with `mutate()`

You can add new columns to your dataset with `mutate()`. Let's calculate the yield in tons per hectare (assuming the current yield is in kilograms):

```
# Add a column for yield in tons
corn_data <- corn_data %>%
  mutate(yield_tons = yield / 1000)
head(corn_data)
```

	year	lat	long	yield	nitro	topo	bv	rep	nf	yield_tons
1	1999	-33.05113	-63.84886	72.14	131.5	W	162.60	R1	N5	0.07214
2	1999	-33.05115	-63.84879	73.79	131.5	W	170.49	R1	N5	0.07379
3	1999	-33.05116	-63.84872	77.25	131.5	W	168.39	R1	N5	0.07725
4	1999	-33.05117	-63.84865	76.35	131.5	W	176.68	R1	N5	0.07635
5	1999	-33.05118	-63.84858	75.55	131.5	W	171.46	R1	N5	0.07555
6	1999	-33.05120	-63.84851	70.24	131.5	W	170.56	R1	N5	0.07024

This creates a new column, `yield_tons`, with the transformed yield values.

#### 4.0.4 Summarizing Data

To get a quick overview of your data, you can use `summarize()` in combination with `group_by()`. For example, let's calculate the average yield for each topographical category (`topo`):

```
# Average yield by topography
average_yield_topo <- corn_data %>%
  group_by(topo) %>%
  summarize(avg_yield = mean(yield, na.rm = TRUE))
average_yield_topo
```

```
# A tibble: 4 x 2
  topo avg_yield
<fct>   <dbl>
1 E      78.7
2 HT     48.6
3 LO     84.9
4 W      66.8
```

```
# Average yield by year and topography
average_yield_topoyear <- corn_data %>%
  group_by(year, topo) %>%
  summarize(avg_yield = mean(yield, na.rm = TRUE))
```

``summarise()`` has grouped output by 'year'. You can override using the `` .groups `` argument.

```
average_yield_topoyear
```

```
# A tibble: 8 x 3
# Groups:   year [2]
  year topo avg_yield
<int> <fct>   <dbl>
1  1999 E      64.8
2  1999 HT     53.4
3  1999 LO     71.2
4  1999 W      66.0
```

5	2001	E	92.7
6	2001	HT	44.7
7	2001	L0	99.9
8	2001	W	67.7

This groups the data by `topo` and calculates the mean yield for each group.

#### 4.0.5 Additional dplyr Functions

Here are some other useful `dplyr` functions:

1. **`arrange()`**: Arrange rows by a variable in ascending or descending order.

```
# Arrange data by yield in descending order
arranged_data <- corn_data %>% arrange(desc(yield))
head(arranged_data)
```

	year	lat	long	yield	nitro	topo	bv	rep	nf	yield_tons
1	2001	-33.05086	-63.84317	117.90	99.8	L0	162.17	R3	N4	0.11790
2	2001	-33.05125	-63.84245	117.19	124.6	L0	165.81	R3	N5	0.11719
3	2001	-33.05181	-63.84323	116.64	124.6	L0	159.75	R1	N5	0.11664
4	2001	-33.05084	-63.84324	114.94	99.8	L0	166.27	R3	N4	0.11494
5	2001	-33.05134	-63.84299	114.46	99.8	L0	164.58	R2	N4	0.11446
6	2001	-33.05127	-63.84238	114.08	124.6	L0	170.94	R3	N5	0.11408

2. **`select()`**: Select specific columns from the dataset.

```
# Select specific columns
selected_data <- corn_data %>% select(yield, nitro, topo)
head(selected_data)
```

	yield	nitro	topo
1	72.14	131.5	W
2	73.79	131.5	W
3	77.25	131.5	W
4	76.35	131.5	W
5	75.55	131.5	W
6	70.24	131.5	W

3. **`distinct()`**: Find unique values in a column.

```
# Unique values in topo
unique_topo <- corn_data %>% distinct(topo)
unique_topo
```

```
topo
1    W
2   HT
3    E
4   LO
```

4. **count()**: Count the number of observations in each group.

```
# Count observations by topo
topo_count <- corn_data %>% count(topo)
topo_count
```

```
topo    n
1    E 730
2   HT 785
3   LO 885
4    W 1043
```

5. **rename()**: Rename a column.

```
# Rename a column
renamed_data <- corn_data %>% rename(Nitrogen = nitro)
head(renamed_data)
```

	year	lat	long	yield	Nitrogen	topo	bv	rep	nf	yield_tons
1	1999	-33.05113	-63.84886	72.14	131.5	W	162.60	R1	N5	0.07214
2	1999	-33.05115	-63.84879	73.79	131.5	W	170.49	R1	N5	0.07379
3	1999	-33.05116	-63.84872	77.25	131.5	W	168.39	R1	N5	0.07725
4	1999	-33.05117	-63.84865	76.35	131.5	W	176.68	R1	N5	0.07635
5	1999	-33.05118	-63.84858	75.55	131.5	W	171.46	R1	N5	0.07555
6	1999	-33.05120	-63.84851	70.24	131.5	W	170.56	R1	N5	0.07024



## 5 Hands-On Exercise

Try the following tasks using the `lasrosas.corn` dataset:

1. Filter the data to include only rows where the yield is greater than 6000.
2. Add a new column that calculates yield per kilogram of nitrogen applied.
3. Summarize the data to find the total yield for each `topo` category.
4. Arrange the data by `nitro` in ascending order.
5. Use `select()` to create a dataset with only the `yield`, `topo`, and `nitro` columns.

Submit your code and results to the class discussion forum. Happy coding!

## 6 Conclusion

The `dplyr` package simplifies data transformation and analysis tasks, making it easier to work with agricultural datasets like the one in this tutorial. Use these functions and try the hands-on exercise to deepen your understanding.

Happy coding!

Wickham, Hadley. 2014. “Tidy Data.” *Journal of Statistical Software* 59 (10). <https://doi.org/10.18637/jss.v059.i10>.

Wickham, Hadley, and Garrett Golemund. 2017. *R for Data Science: Import, Tidy, Transform, Visualize, and Model Data*. 1st ed. Paperback; O’Reilly Media. <http://r4ds.had.co.nz/>.