MAT 3850 : Week 3

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Section 1

Outline for the week

By the end of the week:

- Data Wrangling
- "Tidy" data

Section 2

Data Wrangling

Data Wrangling

In this chapter, we'll introduce a series of functions from the dplyr package for data wrangling

- We will be able to take a data frame and "wrangle" it (transform it) to suit your needs. Such functions include:
- filter() a data frame's existing rows to only pick out a subset of them.
- summarize() one or more of its columns/variables with a summary statistic.
- group_by() its rows. In other words, assign different rows to be part of the same group.
 - We can then combine group_by() with summarize() to report summary statistics for each group separately.

Data Wrangling

- mutate() its existing columns/variables to create new ones. For example, convert hourly temperature recordings from degrees Fahrenheit to degrees Celsius.
- arrange() its rows. For example, sort the rows of weather in ascending or descending order of temp.
- join() it with another data frame by matching along a "key" variable. In other words, merge these two data frames together.

The further benefit to learning to use the dplyr package for data wrangling is its similarity to the **SQL** (database querying language).

Needed packages

Let's load all the packages needed for this chapter. You need to install them if you haven't already.

```
library(nycflights13)
library(ggplot2)
library(dplyr)
```

The pipe operator: %>%

Before we start, let's first introduce a nifty tool that gets loaded with the dplyr package: the pipe operator %>%.

- The pipe operator allows us to combine multiple operations in R into a single sequential chain of actions.
- Let's start with a hypothetical example:
 - $\, \bullet \,$ Say you would like to perform a hypothetical sequence of operations on a hypothetical data frame x
 - using hypothetical functions f(), g(), and h():
- Take x then
- ② Use x as an input to a function f() then
- f 3 Use the output of f(x) as an input to a function g() then
- **4** Use the output of g(f(x)) as an input to a function h()

The pipe operator: %>%

One way to achieve this sequence of operations is by using nesting parentheses as follows:

```
h(g(f(x)))
```

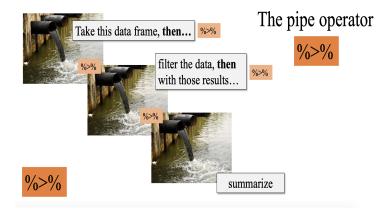
You can obtain the same output as the hypothetical sequence of functions as follows:

```
x%>% # take x

f() %>% # Use this output as the input to the next function f() then
g() %>% # Use this output as the input to the next function g() then
h() # Use this output as the input to the next function h()
```

This is much more human-readable because you can clearly read the sequence of operations line-by-line.

The pipe operator: %>%



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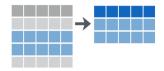
The pipe operator: %>%

For example:

```
alaska_flights <- flights %>%
filter(carrier == "AS")
```

Note that the pipe operator %>% has to come at the end of lines.

Subset Observations (Rows)



The filter() function allows you to specify criteria about the values of a variable in your dataset and then filters out only the rows that match that criteria.

- We begin by focusing only on flights from New York City to Portland, Oregon.
 - The dest destination code (or airport code) for Portland, Oregon is "PDX".
 - Run the following and look at the results in RStudio's spreadsheet viewer to ensure that only flights heading to Portland are chosen here:

```
portland_flights <- flights %>%
  filter(dest == "PDX")
#View(portland_flights)
```

We test for equality using the double equal sign == and not a single equal sign =.

- You can use other operators beyond just the == operator that tests for equality:
 - > corresponds to "greater than"
 - < corresponds to "less than"
 - >= corresponds to "greater than or equal to"
 - <= corresponds to "less than or equal to"</p>
 - != corresponds to "not equal to." The ! is used in many programming languages to indicate "not."
- Furthermore, you can combine multiple criteria using operators that make comparisons:
 - | corresponds to "or"
 - & corresponds to "and"

- We filter flights for all rows that
 - departed from JFK and
 - were heading to Burlington, Vermont ("BTV") or Seattle, Washington ("SEA") and
 - departed in the months of October, November, or December.

```
btv_sea_flights_fall <- flights %>%
filter(origin == "JFK" & (dest == "BTV" | dest == "SEA") & month >= 10)
#View(btv_sea_flights_fall)
```

We can often skip the use of & and just separate our conditions with a comma

```
btv_sea_flights_fall <- flights %>%
  filter(origin == "JFK", (dest == "BTV" | dest == "SEA"), month >= 10)
#View(btv_sea_flights_fall)
```

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Lets filter rows corresponding to flights that didn't go to Burlington, VT or Seattle, WA.

```
not_BTV_SEA <- flights %>%
  filter(!(dest == "BTV" | dest == "SEA"))
#View(not_BTV_SEA)
```

Note note the careful use of parentheses. The code below will produce different results.

```
flights %>% filter(!dest == "BTV" | dest == "SEA")
```

Say we have a larger number of airports we want to filter for. We could continue to use the | (or) operator:

```
many_airports <- flights %>%
filter(dest == "SEA" | dest == "SFO" | dest == "PDX" |
dest == "BTV" | dest == "BDL")
```

A shorter approach will be to use %in% operator along with the c() function.

```
many_airports <- flights %>%
    filter(dest %in% c("SEA", "SFO", "PDX", "BTV", "BDL"))
#View(many_airports)
```

The %in% operator is useful for looking for matches commonly in one vector/variable compared to another.

The next common task when working with data frames is to compute **summary statistics**. Summary statistics are single numerical values that summarize a large number of values.

- Commonly known examples of summary statistics include
 - the mean (also called the average),
 - the median (the middle value),
 - the sum,
 - the smallest value also called the minimum,
 - the largest value also called the maximum, and
 - the standard deviation.



Let's calculate two summary statistics (mean and standard deviation) of the temp temperature variable in the weather data frame from nycflights13 package.

```
summary_temp <- weather %>%
summarize(mean = mean(temp), std_dev = sd(temp))
summary_temp
```

```
## # A tibble: 1 x 2
## mean std_dev
## <dbl> <dbl>
## 1 NA NA
```

NA values returned because there are missing values in the temp data.

- To work around this fact:
 - you can set the na.rm argument to TRUE,
 - where rm is short for "remove"; this will ignore any NA missing values and only return the summary value for all non-missing values.

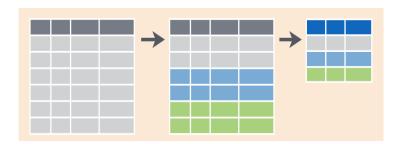
```
## # A tibble: 1 x 2
## mean std_dev
## <dbl> <dbl>
## 1 55.3 17.8
```

Other summary functions we can use inside the summarize():

- mean(): the average
- sd(): the standard deviation, which is a measure of spread
- min() and max(): the minimum and maximum values, respectively
- IQR(): interquartile range
- sum(): the total amount when adding multiple numbers
- n(): a count of the number of rows in each group. This particular summary function will make more sense when group_by().

group_by rows

- Say instead of a single mean temperature for the whole year, you
 would like 12 mean temperatures, one for each of the 12 months
 separately.
 - We would like to compute the mean temperature split by month.
 - We can do this by "grouping" temperature observations by the values of another variable, in this case by the 12 values of the variable month.



group_by rows

```
## # A tibble: 12 x 4
    month mean std_dev count
    <int> <dbl> <dbl> <int>
  1
       1 35.6 10.2
                     2226
       2 34.3 6.98 2010
     3 39.9 6.25 2227
     4 51.7 8.79 2159
     5 61.8 9.68
                     2232
     6 72.2 7.55 2160
## 7
     7 80.1 7.12 2228
     8 74.5
                5.19
                     2217
      9 67.4 8.47 2159
## 10
     10 60.1 8.85 2212
## 11
     11 45.0 10.4
                     2141
## 12
      12 38.4
               9.98 2144
```

Grouping by more than one variable

We can also group by more than one variable

```
by_origin_monthly <- flights %>%
 group by(origin, month) %>%
 summarize(count = n())
by_origin_monthly
   A tibble: 36 x 3
## # Groups:
            origin [3]
     origin month count
     <chr> <int> <int>
   1 EWR 1 9893
   2 EWR 2 9107
   3 EWR 3 10420
   4 EWR 4 10531
   5 EWR 5 10592
   6 EWR 6 10175
  7 EWR 7 10475
```

Observe that there are 36 rows to by_origin_monthly because there are 12 months for 3 airports (EWR, JFK, and LGA).

8 10359

9 9550

10 10104

8 EWR

i 26 more rows

9 EWR

10 EWR

Grouping by more than one variable

9 27574 10 28889

11 27268

12 28135

10

11

12

Why do we group_by(origin, month) and not group_by(origin) and then group_by(month)? Let's investigate:

```
by_origin_monthly_incorrect <- flights %>%
 group_by(origin) %>%
 group by (month) %>%
 summarize(count = n())
by origin monthly incorrect
## # A tibble: 12 x 2
      month count
      <int> <int>
          1 27004
        2 24951
         3 28834
         4 28330
         5 28796
         6 28243
        7 29425
        8 29327
```

The second group_by(month) overwrote group_by(origin).

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Another common transformation of data is to create/compute new variables based on existing ones.



For example, we can create a new variable by converting temperatures from ${}^{\circ}F$ to ${}^{\circ}C$ using the formula

temp in C =
$$\frac{\text{temp in F} - 32}{1.8}$$

We can apply this formula to the temp variable using the mutate() function from the dplyr package.

```
weather <- weather %>%
mutate(temp_in_C = (temp - 32) / 1.8)
```

- In this code:
 - we mutate() the weather data frame by creating a new variable temp_in_C = (temp - 32) / 1.8 and
 - then overwrite the original weather data frame.

Let's now compute monthly average temperatures in both °F and °C.

```
summary_monthly_temp <- weather %>%
group_by(month) %>%
summarize(mean_temp_in_F = mean(temp, na.rm = TRUE),
mean_temp_in_C = mean(temp_in_C, na.rm = TRUE))
summary_monthly_temp
```

```
## # A tibble: 12 x 3
     month mean_temp_in_F mean_temp_in_C
     <int>
                    <dh1>
                                  <dh1>
## 1
                    35.6
                                  2.02
                   34.3
                                  1.26
                    39.9
                                  4.38
                   51.7
                                  11.0
                   61.8
                                  16.6
                   72.2
                                  22.3
                    80.1
                                  26.7
                   74.5
                                  23.6
                   67.4
                                 19.7
## 10
                   60.1
                                  15.6
        10
## 11
        11
                   45.0
                                  7.22
## 12
        12
                    38.4
                                   3.58
```

Let's consider another example.

- Passengers are often frustrated when their flight departs late, but aren't as annoyed if, in the end, pilots can make up some time during the flight.
- This is known in the airline industry as gain, and we will create this variable using the mutate() function:

```
flights <- flights %>%
  mutate(gain = dep_delay - arr_delay)
flights %>% select(dep_delay, arr_delay, gain)%>% head()
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 3

## dep_delay arr_delay gain

## 1 2 11 -9

## 2 4 20 -16

## 3 2 33 -31

## 4 -1 -18 17

## 5 -6 -25 19

## 6 -4 12 -16
```

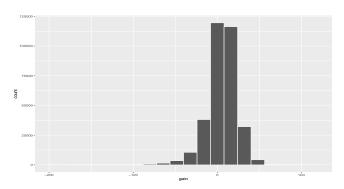
Let's look at some summary statistics of the gain variable

```
gain_summary <- flights %>%
summarize(
    min = min(gain, na.rm = TRUE),
    q1 = quantile(gain, 0.25, na.rm = TRUE),
    median = quantile(gain, 0.75, na.rm = TRUE),
    q3 = quantile(gain, 0.75, na.rm = TRUE),
    max = max(gain, na.rm = TRUE),
    mean = mean(gain, na.rm = TRUE),
    sd = sd(gain, na.rm = TRUE),
    missing = sum(is.na(gain))
)
gain_summary
```

```
## # A tibble: 1 x 8
## min q1 median q3 max mean sd missing
## <dbl> >dbl> 566 18.0 9430
```

Since gain is a numerical variable, we can visualize its distribution using a histogram.

```
ggplot(data = flights, mapping = aes(x = gain)) +
geom_histogram(color = "white", bins = 20)
```



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- One of the most commonly performed data wrangling tasks is to sort a data frame's rows in the alphanumeric order of one of the variables.
- The dplyr package's arrange() function allows us to sort/reorder a data frame's rows according to the values of the specified variable.

Suppose we are interested in determining the most frequent destination airports for all domestic flights departing from New York City in 2013.

```
freq_dest <- flights %>%
  group_by(dest) %>%
  summarize(num_flights = n())
freq_dest

## # A tibble: 105 x 2

## dest num_flights
## <chr> <int>
```

```
1 ABQ
                     254
   2 ACK
                     265
    3 ALB
                     439
    4 ANC
    5 ATT.
                   17215
                    2439
    6 AUS
                     275
   7 AVL
   8 RDI.
                     443
   9 BGR
                     375
## 10 BHM
                     297
## # i 95 more rows
```

Observe that by default the rows of the resulting freq_dest data frame are sorted in alphabetical order of destination.

Say instead we would like to see the same data, but sorted from the most to the least number of flights (num_flights) instead

```
arrange(num_flights)
  # A tibble: 105 x 2
      dest num flights
      <chr>>
                   <int>
   1 LEX
    2 LGA
    3 ANC
    4 SBN
                      10
    5 HDN
                      15
    6 MTJ
                      15
    7 EYW
                      17
    8 PSP
                      19
    9 JAC
## 10 BZN
                      36
## # i 95 more rows
```

freq_dest %>%

This is, however, the opposite of what we want. The rows are sorted with the least frequent destination airports displayed first.

To switch the ordering to be in "descending" order instead, we use the desc() function as so:

```
arrange(desc(num_flights))
## # A tibble: 105 x 2
      dest num_flights
      <chr>>
                  <int>
   1 ORD
                  17283
   2 ATI.
                  17215
    3 LAX
                  16174
   4 BOS
                  15508
   5 MCO
                  14082
   6 CLT
                  14064
   7 SF0
                  13331
   8 FLL
                  12055
   9 MTA
                  11728
## 10 DCA
                   9705
## # i 95 more rows
```

freq_dest %>%

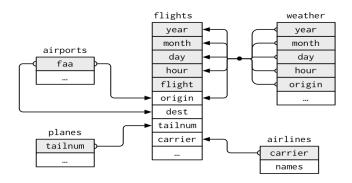
join data frames

Another common data transformation task is "joining" or "merging" two different datasets.

- For example, in the flights data frame, the variable carrier lists the carrier code for the different flights.
- While the corresponding airline names for "UA" and "AA" might be somewhat easy to guess (United and American Airlines), what airlines have codes "VX", "HA", and "B6"?
- This information is provided in a separate data frame airlines.

join data frames

Lets see the data relationships from the nycflights13 package.



Matching "key" variable names

In both the flights and airlines data frames, the key variable we want to join/merge/match the rows by has the same name: **carrier**.

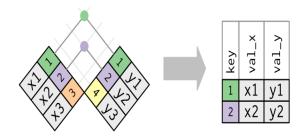
 Let's use the inner_join() function to join the two data frames, where the rows will be matched by the variable carrier, and then compare the resulting data frames:

```
flights_joined <- flights %>%
  inner_join(airlines, by = "carrier")
#View(flights)
#View(flights_joined)
```

Observe that the flights and flights_joined data frames are identical except that flights_joined has an additional variable name.

Matching "key" variable names

A visual representation of the inner_join() is shown below



- There are other types of joins available,
 - such as left_join(), right_join(), outer_join(), and anti_join()),
 - but the inner_join() will solve nearly all of the problems you'll encounter in this class.

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Different "key" variable names

- Say instead you are interested in the destinations of all domestic flights departing NYC in 2013,
 - and you ask yourself questions like: "What cities are these airports in?", or "Is"ORD" Orlando?", or "Where is"FLL"?"
- The airports data frame contains the airport codes for each airport:

#View(airports)

- However, if you look at both the airports and flights data frames, you'll find that the airport codes are in variables that have different names.
 - In airports the airport code is in faa.
 - whereas in flights the destination airport codes are in dest.
 - This fact is further highlighted in the visual representation of the relationships between these data frames.

Different "key" variable names

In order to join these two data frames by airport code, our inner_join()
operation will use the by = c("dest" = "faa") argument:

```
flights_with_airport_names <- flights %>%
  inner_join(airports, by = c("dest" = "faa"))
#View(flights_with_airport_names)
```

Different "key" variable names

inner join(airports, by = c("dest" = "faa")) %>%

named_dests <- flights %>%
group by(dest) %>%

summarize(num_flights = n()) %>%
arrange(desc(num_flights)) %>%

rename(airport name = name)

Let's construct the chain of pipe operators %>% that computes the number of flights from NYC to each destination, but also includes information about each destination airport:

```
named dests
## # A tibble: 101 x 9
           num_flights airport_name
                                                 lat
                                                        lon
                                                               alt.
                                                                      tz dst
                                                                               tzone
                                                      <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <chr> <chr>
      <chr>>
                  <int> <chr>
                                               <db1>
   1 ORD
                  17283 Chicago Ohare Intl
                                                42.0 -87.9
                                                                      -6 A
                                                               668
                                                                               Amer~
   2 ATT.
                  17215 Hartsfield Jackson At~ 33.6 -84.4 1026
                                                                      -5 A
                                                                               Amer~
   3 LAX
                                                33.9 -118.
                  16174 Los Angeles Intl
                                                              126
                                                                      -8 A
                                                                               Amer~
   4 ROS
                  15508 General Edward Lawren~ 42.4 -71.0
                                                                      -5 A
                                                                               Amer~
   5 MCO
                                                28.4 -81.3
                                                                      -5 A
                  14082 Orlando Intl
                                                                               Amer~
   6 CLT
                  14064 Charlotte Douglas Intl 35.2 -80.9
                                                                      -5 A
                                                                               Amer~
  7 SF0
                  13331 San Francisco Intl
                                                37.6 -122.
                                                                      -8 A
                                                                               Amer~
  8 FLL
                  12055 Fort Lauderdale Hollv~
                                                26.1 -80.2
                                                                      -5 A
                                                                               Amer~
## 9 MIA
                  11728 Miami Intl
                                                25.8 -80.3
                                                                      -5 A
                                                                               Amer~
## 10 DCA
                   9705 Ronald Reagan Washing~
                                                38.9 -77.0
                                                               15
                                                                      -5 A
                                                                               Amer~
## # i 91 more rows
```

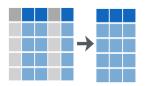
Multiple "key" variables

- Say instead we want to join two data frames by multiple key variables.
- For example, from the visual representation of the relationships between the data frame:
 - we see that in order to join the flights and weather data frames, we need more than one key variable: year, month, day, hour, and origin.
 - This is because the combination of these 5 variables act to uniquely identify each observational unit in the weather data frame: hourly weather recordings at each of the 3 NYC airports.
- We achieve this by specifying a vector of key variables to join by using the c() function.
 - Recall, this function is is short for "combine" or "concatenate."

Multiple "key" variables

```
flights_weather_joined <- flights %>%
  inner_join(weather, by = c("year", "month", "day", "hour", "origin"))
#View(flights_weather_joined)
```

Subset Variables (Columns)



We've seen that the flights data frame in the nycflights13 package contains 19 different variables.

#qlimpse(flights)

However, say you only need two of these 19 variables, say carrier and flight. You can select() these two variables:

```
flights_sub <-flights %>%
select(carrier, flight)
```

Let's say instead you want to drop, or de-select, certain variables. For example, lets say we want to remove the year in the flights data frame. We can deselect year by using the - sign:

```
flights_no_year <- flights %>% select(-year)
```

Another way of selecting columns/variables is by specifying a range of columns:

```
flight_arr_times <- flights %>% select(month:day, arr_time:sched_arr_time)
#flight_arr_times
```

This will select() all columns between month and day, as well as between arr_time and sched_arr_time, and drop the rest.

The select() function can also be used to reorder columns when used with the everything() helper function.

- For example, suppose we want the hour, minute, and time_hour variables to appear immediately after the year, month, and day variables, while not discarding the rest of the variables.
- In the following code, everything() will pick up all remaining variables:

```
flights_reorder <- flights %>%
    select(year, month, day, hour, minute, time_hour, everything())
#glimpse(flights_reorder)
```

Lastly, the helper functions starts_with(), ends_with(), and contains() can be used to select variables/columns that match those conditions. As examples,

```
flights_sub1<-flights %>% select(starts_with("a"))
flights_sub2<-flights %>% select(ends_with("delay"))
flights_sub3<-flights %>% select(contains("time"))
```

Summary table

Verb	Data wrangling operation	
filter()	Pick out a subset of rows	
summarize()	Summarize many values to one using a summary statistic function like $\mbox{ mean()}$, $\mbox{median()}$, etc.	
group_by()	Add grouping structure to rows in data frame. Note this does not change values in data frame, rather only the meta-data	
mutate()	Create new variables by mutating existing ones	
arrange()	Arrange rows of a data variable in ascending (default) or desc ending order	
inner_join()	Join/merge two data frames, matching rows by a key variable	

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"Tidy" data

"Tidy" data

Let's now learn about the concept of "tidy" data format.

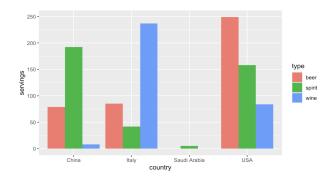
 We focus on the drinks data frame in the fivethirtyeight package.

```
library(fivethirtyeight)
drinks_smaller <- drinks %>%
  filter(country %in% c("USA", "China", "Italy", "Saudi Arabia")) %>%
  select(-total_litres_of_pure_alcohol) %>%
  rename(beer = beer_servings, spirit = spirit_servings, wine = wine_servings)
drinks_smaller
```

```
## # A tibble: 4 x 4
               beer spirit wine
    country
    <chr>
              <int> <int> <int>
## 1 China
                        192
## 2 Italv
                85
                             237
## 3 Saudi Arabia
                0
## 4 USA
                  249
                        158
                              84
```

"Tidy" data

The drinks_smaller data frame, cannot be used to create the side-by-side barplot show below.



why?

"Tidy" data

- Let's break down the grammar of graphics we introduced earlier:
 - The categorical variable country with four levels (China, Italy, Saudi Arabia, USA) would have to be mapped to the x-position of the bars.
 - The numerical variable servings would have to be mapped to the y-position of the bars (the height of the bars).
 - The categorical variable type with three levels (beer, spirit, wine) would have to be mapped to the fill color of the bars.
- To recreate the barplot above, our data frame should be in the "tidy" format.

"Tidy" data: Definition

The word "tidy" in data science means that your data follows a standardized format.

- "Tidy" data is a standard way of mapping the meaning of a dataset to its structure. A dataset is messy or tidy depending on how rows, columns and tables are matched up with observations, variables and types.
- In tidy data:
 - Each variable forms a column.
 - Each observation forms a row.
 - Each type of observational unit forms a table.



"Tidy" data: Definition

Stock prices (non-tidy format):

Date	Boeing stock price	Amazon stock price	Google stock price
2009-01-01	\$173.55	\$174.90	\$174.34
2009-01-02	\$172.61	\$171.42	\$170.04

Stock prices (tidy format):

Date	Stock Name	Stock Price
2009-01-01	Boeing	\$173.55
2009-01-01	Amazon	\$174.90
2009-01-01	Google	\$174.34
2009-01-02	Boeing	\$172.61
2009-01-02	Amazon	\$171.42
2009-01-02	Google	\$170.04

"Tidy" data: Definition

- Observe that:
 - The non-tidy format of the stock prices is what's known as "wide" format, whereas - the tidy format is known as "long/narrow" format.
- In the context of doing data science, long/narrow format is also known as "tidy" format.
- In order to use the ggplot2 and dplyr packages for data visualization and data wrangling, your input data frames must be in "tidy" format.
- Thus, all non-"tidy" data must be converted to "tidy" format first.

Coverting to "Tidy" format

We convert the drinks_smaller data to "tidy" format by using the pivot_longer() function from the tidyr package:

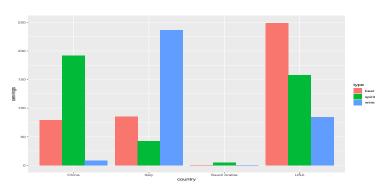
```
## # A tibble: 12 x 3
                         servings
     country
                  type
     <chr>
                <chr>
                            <int>
   1 China
                 beer
                               79
   2 China
                  spirit
                              192
   3 China
                  wine
   4 Italy
              beer
   5 Italy
               spirit
   6 Italy
                              237
                  wine
  7 Saudi Arabia beer
## 8 Saudi Arabia spirit
## 9 Saudi Arabia wine
                                Ω
## 10 USA
                  beer
                              249
                  spirit
                              158
## 11 USA
## 12 IISA
                               84
                  wine
```

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These will produce same results

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```
library(tidyr)
ggplot(drinks_smaller_tidy, aes(x = country, y = servings, fill = type)) +
geom_col(position = "dodge")
```



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