Data manipulation in R

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Introduction and background

Today we are going to be learning how to perform basic data manipulation tasks in R. While there are many options for tackling data manipulation problems in R (e.g., apply family, data.table package, functions ave() and aggregate()), we will be working with the dplyr and tidyr packages today. I find that these packages are approachable for people without a lot of programming background but are still quite fast when working with large datasets.

In this workshop, we will cover the following:

- Making summary datasets by group
- Filtering the dataset to include only rows that satisfy certain conditions
- Selecting only some columns/variables in a dataset
- Adding new variables/columns
- Sorting datasets based on variables
- Reshaping datasets
- Merging or *joining* two datasets

The workshop is broken up into three parts:

In Part 1, we'll review functions from **dplyr** for basic data manipulation/munging/cleaning. We end with a chance for you to practice some of the functions we covered.

In Part 2, you'll be introduced to the concept of *reshaping* datasets via **tidyr** functions. We'll do another practice exercise at the end of this section.

In Part 3 we'll practice joining datasets using the join functions from dplyr.

Where to find help

It is important to know where to go for help when you run into data manipulation problems. The first place to start is the help pages for the functions themselves; too often folks skip this step and end up in a time-consuming search that could have been avoided. Another place that I often go to find help is on the Stack Overflow website: http://stackoverflow.com/questions/tagged/r. I've given you the link to questions that are specifically R programming questions. You could also look for questions tagged with **dplyr** or **tidyr** or search all R-related questions using keywords or phrases.

The newer RStudio Community website, https://community.rstudio.com/, is another place to look for and ask for help that can be less intimidating than Stack Overflow.

Both of these packages are fairly young, and while they are stabilizing, some elements of the packages may still change. Functions we are using today, however, are functions that are already stable and likely won't change much through time.

Both packages have introductory vignettes that are useful.

The Introduction to dplyr vignette is updated as dplyr is updated, and is nice resource: https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/dplyr/vignettes/dplyr.html.

Also see the **Tidy data** vignette for some examples using **tidyr**: https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/tidyr/vignettes/tidy-data.html.

The RStudio cheat sheets may also be helpful: https://www.rstudio.com/resources/cheatsheets/

Getting started

Check package version

The current version of **dplyr** is 0.8.3 and the current version of **tidyr** is 1.0.2.

You can use packageVersion() to check for the currently installed version of a package. Make sure you using current versions of both packages.

```
packageVersion("dplyr")
```

[1] '0.8.3'

```
packageVersion("tidyr")
```

```
[1] '1.0.2'
```

If one of these packages isn't up to date, you need to re-install it. You can install via coding using, e.g., install.packages("tidyr") or via the RStudio Packages pane Install button. Remember that you do not need to install a package every time you use it, so don't make this code part of a script.

In between version releases, bugs are fixed and new issues addressed in the *development version* of a package. For these two packages, you can see the changes, check for known issues, and download the current development version via their Github repositories. For **dplyr** see https://github.com/tidyverse/dplyr and for **tidyr** see https://github.com/tidyverse/tidyr.

Load packages

If all packages are up-to-date we can load **dplyr** and **tidyr** and get started.

```
library(dplyr)
library(tidyr)
```

The mtcars dataset

In the first part of the workshop we will be using the mtcars dataset to practice data manipulation. This dataset comes with R, and information about this dataset is available in the R help files for the dataset (?mtcars).

```
We will be using both categorical and continuous variables from this dataset, including: mpg (Miles per US gallon), wt (car weight in 1000 lbs), cyl (number of cylinders), am (type of transmission), disp (engine displacement), qsec (quarter mile time), and hp (horsepower).
```

Let's take a quick look at the first six lines (with head()) and structure (with str()) of this dataset. You should recognize that cyl and am (as well as others like vs) are categorical variables. However, they are considered numeric variables in the dataset since the categories are expressed with numbers.

head(mtcars)

```
mpg cyl disp hp drat
                                          wt
                                             qsec vs am gear carb
Mazda RX4
                 21.0
                        6 160 110 3.90 2.620 16.46
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Mazda RX4 Wag
                 21.0
                           160 110 3.90 2.875 17.02
                                                                 4
Datsun 710
                 22.8
                        4 108 93 3.85 2.320 18.61 1 1
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Hornet 4 Drive
                        6 258 110 3.08 3.215 19.44 1 0
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                 21.4
                                                            3
                                                                 2
Hornet Sportabout 18.7
                        8 360 175 3.15 3.440 17.02 0 0
                        6 225 105 2.76 3.460 20.22 1 0
Valiant
                 18.1
```

str(mtcars)

Part 1: Functions for basic data manipulation

Calculating summary statistics by group

We're going to start out today by learning how to calculate summary statistics by group. I start here because this is common task that I see folks struggle with in R. The task of calculating summaries by groups in R is referred to as a *split-apply-combine* task because we want to split the dataset into groups, apply a function to each split, and then combine the results back into a single dataset.

There are a variety of ways to perform such tasks in R. We will be using **dplyr** functions in this workshop but in the long run you may find you like the style of another method better.

Using the group_by() function

With **dplyr**, the key to split-apply-combine tasks is *grouping*. We need to define which variable contains the groups that we want to summarize separately. We create a grouped dataset using the group_by() function.

Let's create a grouped dataset named bycyl, where we group mtcars by the cyl variable. The cyl variable is a categorical variable representing the number of cylinders a car has. This variable has 3 different levels, 4, 6, and 8.

```
bycyl = group_by(mtcars, cyl)
```

We can see that the new object is a grouped dataset if we print the head of the dataset and see the Groups tag or see the class grouped_df in the object structure.

head(bycyl)

```
# A tibble: 6 x 11
# Groups:
                                                                            cyl [3]
                                                              cyl disp
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```

str(bycyl)

```
Classes 'grouped_df', 'tbl_df', 'tbl' and 'data.frame': 32 obs. of 11 variables:
 $ mpg : num 21 21 22.8 21.4 18.7 18.1 14.3 24.4 22.8 19.2 ...
 $ cyl : num 6646868446 ...
 $ disp: num 160 160 108 258 360 ...
 $ hp : num 110 110 93 110 175 105 245 62 95 123 ...
 $ drat: num 3.9 3.9 3.85 3.08 3.15 2.76 3.21 3.69 3.92 3.92 ...
$ wt : num
             2.62 2.88 2.32 3.21 3.44 ...
 $ qsec: num 16.5 17 18.6 19.4 17 ...
 $ vs : num 0 0 1 1 0 1 0 1 1 1 ...
 $ am : num 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
 $ gear: num 4 4 4 3 3 3 3 4 4 4 ...
 $ carb: num 4 4 1 1 2 1 4 2 2 4 ...
 - attr(*, "groups")=Classes 'tbl df', 'tbl' and 'data.frame': 3 obs. of 2 variables:
  ..$ cyl : num 4 6 8
  ..$ .rows:List of 3
  ....$: int 3 8 9 18 19 20 21 26 27 28 ...
  ....$: int 1 2 4 6 10 11 30
  ....$: int 5 7 12 13 14 15 16 17 22 23 ...
  ..- attr(*, ".drop")= logi TRUE
```

Using the summarise() function

Now that we have a grouped dataset, we can use it with the summarise() function to calculate summary statistics by group. Note that summarize() is an alternative spelling for the same function.

We'll start by calculating the mean engine displacement for each cylinder category. We will be working on the grouped dataset bycyl since we want summaries by groups.

Notice that the first argument of summarise() is the dataset we want summarized. This is true for most of the **dplyr** functions. We list the summary function and variable we want summarized as the second argument.

```
1 4 105.
2 6 183.
3 8 353.
```

Notice that we printed the summarized dataset but did not name the resulting object. This is what we will be doing for most of the workshop, as my goal is to show you what happens to the dataset after we manipulate it. You certainly can (and likely will want to) name your final datasets. We'll see some examples of naming the new objects once we are doing multiple data manipulation tasks at one time.

Summarizing multiple variables in summarise()

We can summarize multiple variables or use different summary functions at once in summarise() by using commas to separate each new function/variable.

For example, we can calculate the mean of engine displacement and horsepower by cylinder category in the same function call.

```
summarise( bycyl, mean(disp), mean(hp) )
```

```
# A tibble: 3 x 3
    cyl `mean(disp)` `mean(hp)`
  <dbl>
                <dbl>
                             <dbl>
1
      4
                  105.
                              82.6
2
                  183.
                             122.
      6
3
      8
                  353.
                             209.
```

Naming the variables in summarise()

The default names for the new variables we've been calculating are sufficient for a quick summary but are not particularly convenient if we wanted to use the result for anything further in R. We can set variable names as we summarize.

Let's calculate the mean and standard deviation of engine displacement by cylinder category and name the new variables mdisp and sdisp, respectively.

```
summarise( bycyl, mdisp = mean(disp), sdisp = sd(disp) )

# A tibble: 3 x 3
    cyl mdisp sdisp
    <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> 1
    4 105. 26.9
```

Grouping a dataset by multiple variables

41.6

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2

3

6

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Datasets can be grouped by multiple variables as well as by a single variable. This is common for studies with multiple factors of interest or with nested studies designs (e.g., plots nested in transects nested in sites).

Let's group mtcars by both cyl and am (transmission type) and then calculate the mean engine displacement. In the output you can see we calculated mean engine displacement for every factor combination, for a total of six rows (3 cyl categories and 2 am categories).

```
byam.cyl = group_by(mtcars, cyl, am)
summarise( byam.cyl, mdisp = mean(disp) )
# A tibble: 6 x 3
            cyl [3]
# Groups:
           am mdisp
    cyl
  <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
      4
            0 136.
1
2
            1 93.6
      4
3
      6
            0 205.
4
      6
            1 155
5
      8
            0 358.
            1 326
```

Ungrouping a dataset

Looking at our last result, we can see the dataset is still grouped by the cyl variable (i.e., cyl is listed in "Groups"). If we are finished with our data manipulation it is best practice to *ungroup* the dataset. Trying to work with a dataset that is grouped when we don't want it to be can lead to unusual behavior. It is "safest" to make sure the final version of a dataset is ungrouped.

Ungrouping is done via the ungroup() function. Notice we no longer have any Groups listed in the output once we do this, as the result is no longer grouped by any variables.

```
ungroup( summarise( byam.cyl, mdisp = mean(disp) ) )
# A tibble: 6 x 3
           am mdisp
    cyl
  <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
1
      4
            0 136.
2
      4
             1 93.6
3
             0 205.
      6
4
      6
             1 155
5
      8
             0 358.
6
      8
             1 326
```

Summarizing multiple variables at once

When we want to summarize many variables in a dataset using the same function, we can use one of the *scoped variants* of summarise(). The scoped variants are summarise_all(), summarise_at(), and summarise_if().

Note: These scoped functions will still be available but will be superseded by across() in dplyr 1.0.0, which will be released in 2020.

summarise_all()

The summarise_all() function is useful when we want to summarize every non-grouping variable in the dataset with the same function. We give the function we want to use for the summaries as the second argument, .funs.

Let's see how summarise_all() works by calculating the mean of every variable in mtcars for each cylinder category.

```
summarise_all(bycyl, .funs = mean)
```

```
# A tibble: 3 x 11
                                     cyl
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Note that we need to be careful with summarise_all(). We could have problems if trying to summarize both continuous and categorical variables in a single dataset and could end up with an error. All the variables in mtcars are currently numeric. What would happen if we made one of the variables a factor and tried to take the mean of every variable?

```
mtcars$vs = factor(mtcars$vs)
```

R still does the averaging, but returns NA and warning messages for the vs column.

```
summarise_all(bycyl, .funs = mean)
```

```
# A tibble: 3 x 11
                                                                                                                                   disp
                                                                                        mpg
                                                                                                                                                                                                          hp
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summarise_at()

We won't always want to summarize every column in a dataset, for reasons including having a mix of variable types. One option to only summarize some of the variables is to use summarise_at(), where we can list a subset of the columns that we want summaries for by name in the .vars argument.

You can list the variables to summarize within vars().

```
summarise_at(bycyl, .vars = vars(disp, wt), .funs = mean)
```

```
# A tibble: 3 x 3
    cyl disp wt
    <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
1    4 105. 2.29
2    6 183. 3.12
3    8 353. 4.00
```

We can also drop out the variables we don't want summarized rather than writing out the ones we do want. For example, while all the variables in mtcars are read as numeric, some are actually categorical. If we don't want to treat them as continuous, we can drop them from the summary. Let's drop am and vs from our summary. We can do this by using the minus sign with the variable names inside vars().

We will talk more about selecting and dropping specific variables later today when we talk about the select() function.

```
summarise_at(bycyl, .vars = vars(-am, -vs), .funs = mean)
```

```
# A tibble: 3 x 9
    cyl
               disp
                         hp drat
           mpg
                                       wt
                                           qsec
                                                  gear
                                                         carb
  <dbl> <
                105.
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```
####summarise_if()
```

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If we want to choose the columns we want to summarize using a logical *predicate* function, we can use summarise_if(). You can see on the help page that the predicate function is the second argument, .predicate, followed by the summary functions.

Here, we'll only summarize the numeric variables by using the predicate function <code>is.numeric()</code>. Using this, R checks if a column is numeric with <code>is.numeric()</code> and if the result is TRUE a summary of the column is made. If the result is FALSE, the variable is dropped from the output.

In this example, all variables except vs are numeric and will be summarized.

```
summarise_if(bycyl, .predicate = is.numeric, .funs = mean)
# A tibble: 3 x 11
                                                                                                                         disp
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Summarizing many variables using multiple functions

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If we want to summarize many variables with multiple functions, we pass all the functions we want to the .funs argument in a list(). The functions are listed with commas between them.

For example, maybe we want to calculate both the mean and the maximum for all numeric variables by group. The functions we use are mean() and max().

While the only example we see today is using summarise_if(), this can be done in any of the summarise_* functions.

```
cyl mpg_fn1 disp_fn1 hp_fn1 drat_fn1 wt_fn1 qsec_fn1 vs_fn1 am_fn1 gear_fn1 carb_fn1 mpg_fn2
  <dbl>
          <dbl>
                    <dbl>
                           <dbl>
                                     <dbl>
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                           209.
                                     3.23
                                             4.00
                                                      16.8 0
                                                                    0.143
                                                                               3.29
                                                                                        3.5
                                                                                                 19.2
  ... with 9 more variables: disp_fn2 <dbl>, hp_fn2 <dbl>, drat_fn2 <dbl>, wt_fn2 <dbl>,
    qsec_fn2 <dbl>, vs_fn2 <dbl>, am_fn2 <dbl>, gear_fn2 <dbl>, carb_fn2 <dbl>
```

Notice that we get fn1 and fn2 appended to the variable name when using multiple functions. To control what name is appended you can assign names to each function within the list().

```
summarise_if( bycyl,
               .predicate = is.numeric,
               .funs = list(mn = mean, mx = max) )
# A tibble: 3 x 21
    cyl mpg_mn disp_mn hp_mn drat_mn wt_mn qsec_mn vs_mn am_mn gear_mn carb_mn mpg_mx disp_mx hp_mx
                  <dbl> <dbl>
                                <dbl> <dbl>
                                               <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
                                                                    <dbl>
                                                                                    <dbl>
         <dbl>
                                                                             <dbl>
                   105. 82.6
                                       2.29
                                                                     4.09
                                                                                              147.
          26.7
                                 4.07
                                                19.1 0.909 0.727
                                                                              1.55
                                                                                     33.9
                                                                                                     113
                   183. 122.
                                                18.0 0.571 0.429
                                                                     3.86
                                                                              3.43
                                                                                     21.4
      6
          19.7
                                 3.59
                                       3.12
                                                                                              258
                                                                                                     175
                                                16.8 0
3
      8
          15.1
                  353. 209.
                                 3.23 4.00
                                                            0.143
                                                                     3.29
                                                                              3.5
                                                                                     19.2
                                                                                              472
                                                                                                     335
 ... with 7 more variables: drat_mx <dbl>, wt_mx <dbl>, qsec_mx <dbl>, vs_mx <dbl>, am_mx <dbl>,
    gear_mx <dbl>, carb_mx <dbl>
```

The glimpse() function for examining wide datasets

The **dplyr** package truncates how much of the dataset we see printed into the R Console. For very wide datasets like the one we just created, we can get a better idea of what the result looks like using glimpse().

```
glimpse( summarise_if( bycyl, .predicate = is.numeric,
                       .funs = list(mn = mean, mx = max) ) )
Observations: 3
Variables: 21
$ cvl
          <dbl> 4, 6, 8
          <dbl> 26.66364, 19.74286, 15.10000
$ disp_mn <dbl> 105.1364, 183.3143, 353.1000
          <dbl> 82.63636, 122.28571, 209.21429
$ hp_mn
$ drat_mn <dbl> 4.070909, 3.585714, 3.229286
          <dbl> 2.285727, 3.117143, 3.999214
$ wt_mn
$ qsec mn <dbl> 19.13727, 17.97714, 16.77214
          <dbl> 0.9090909, 0.5714286, 0.0000000
$ vs mn
          <dbl> 0.7272727, 0.4285714, 0.1428571
$ gear_mn <dbl> 4.090909, 3.857143, 3.285714
$ carb_mn <dbl> 1.545455, 3.428571, 3.500000
$ mpg mx <dbl> 33.9, 21.4, 19.2
$ disp mx <dbl> 146.7, 258.0, 472.0
          <dbl> 113, 175, 335
$ hp_mx
$ drat_mx <dbl> 4.93, 3.92, 4.22
$ wt_mx
          <dbl> 3.190, 3.460, 5.424
$ qsec_mx <dbl> 22.90, 20.22, 18.00
          <dbl> 1, 1, 0
$ vs mx
```

Filtering datasets with filter()

<dbl> 1, 1, 1

\$ gear_mx <dbl> 5, 5, 5
\$ carb_mx <dbl> 2, 6, 8

\$ am_mx

Now we will cover functions for other common data manipulation tasks, starting with *filtering*. Filtering is about how many rows we want in the dataset, not about the number of columns. It involves making specific subsets of your data by removing unwanted rows. Rows to keep are chosen based on *logical conditions*.

For example, maybe we want to focus on a subset of the dataset that only involves cars with automatic transmissions. We can do this with the filter() function to *filter* the mtcars dataset to only those rows where am is 0.

Like other **dplyr** functions, the dataset is the first argument in **filter()**. The subsequent arguments are the conditions that the filtered dataset should meet. Here, the condition is that cars must have automatic transmissions, or **am** == 0 (note the *two* equals signs).

```
filter(mtcars, am == 0)
```

```
disp hp drat
                                                gear carb
    mpg cyl
                                wt
                                    qsec vs
                                             am
   21.4
          6 258.0 110 3.08 3.215 19.44
                                                   3
1
                                           1
                                                         1
                                                         2
2
                                              0
                                                   3
   18.7
          8 360.0 175 3.15 3.440 17.02
                                           0
   18.1
          6 225.0 105 2.76 3.460 20.22
                                           1
                                              0
                                                   3
                                                         1
   14.3
          8 360.0 245 3.21 3.570 15.84
                                           0
                                              0
                                                   3
                                                         4
5
                                                         2
   24.4
          4 146.7
                    62 3.69 3.190 20.00
                                           1
                                              0
                                                   4
                                                         2
6
  22.8
                                              0
                                                   4
          4 140.8
                   95 3.92 3.150 22.90
                                           1
7
                                                   4
                                                         4
  19.2
          6 167.6 123 3.92 3.440 18.30
                                           1
                                                         4
8
  17.8
          6 167.6 123 3.92 3.440 18.90
                                           1
                                              0
                                                   4
9
   16.4
          8 275.8 180 3.07 4.070 17.40
                                           0
                                              0
                                                   3
                                                         3
10 17.3
          8 275.8 180 3.07 3.730 17.60
                                              0
                                                   3
                                                         3
                                           0
11 15.2
          8 275.8 180 3.07 3.780 18.00
                                           0
                                              0
                                                   3
                                                         3
          8 472.0 205 2.93 5.250 17.98
                                                   3
12 10.4
                                           0
                                              0
                                                         4
13 10.4
          8 460.0 215 3.00 5.424 17.82
                                           0
                                              0
                                                   3
                                                         4
14 14.7
          8 440.0 230 3.23 5.345 17.42
                                           0
                                              0
                                                   3
                                                         4
15 21.5
          4 120.1 97 3.70 2.465 20.01
                                           1
                                              0
                                                   3
                                                         1
                                                         2
16 15.5
          8 318.0 150 2.76 3.520 16.87
                                           0
                                              0
                                                   3
                                              0
                                                   3
                                                         2
17 15.2
          8 304.0 150 3.15 3.435 17.30
                                           0
18 13.3
          8 350.0 245 3.73 3.840 15.41
                                                   3
                                                         4
                                                         2
19 19.2
          8 400.0 175 3.08 3.845 17.05
                                                   3
```

The filter() function will always be used with logical operators such as == (testing for equality), != (testing for inequality), < (less than), is.na (all NA values), !is.na (all values except NA), >= (greater than or equal to), etc.

If we wanted to filter out all cars that weigh more than 4000 lbs (i.e., $4\ 1000$ lbs), we can keep only the rows where $\texttt{wt} \le 4$.

```
filter(mtcars, wt <= 4)</pre>
```

```
# A tibble: 28 x 11
                                              qsec vs
            cyl
                  disp
                                drat
     mpg
                           hp
                                         wt
                                                              am
                                                                   gear
                                                                          carb
   <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <
                               <dbl> <dbl>
                                             <dbl> <fct> <dbl>
                                                                  <dbl>
                                                                         <dbl>
    21
              6
                  160
                          110
                                3.9
                                       2.62
                                              16.5 0
                                                                      4
                                                                             4
 1
                                                               1
 2
    21
                  160
                          110
                                3.9
                                       2.88
                                              17.0 0
                                                               1
                                                                      4
                                                                             4
 3
    22.8
                                                                      4
              4
                  108
                           93
                                3.85
                                       2.32
                                              18.6 1
                                                               1
                                                                             1
 4
    21.4
              6
                  258
                          110
                                3.08
                                       3.22
                                              19.4 1
                                                               0
                                                                      3
                                                                             1
 5
                                                               0
                                                                      3
                                                                             2
    18.7
              8
                  360
                          175
                                3.15
                                       3.44
                                              17.0 0
 6
    18.1
              6
                  225
                                2.76
                                              20.2 1
                                                               0
                                                                      3
                          105
                                       3.46
                                                                             1
7
    14.3
                                                                      3
                                                                             4
              8
                  360
                          245
                                3.21
                                       3.57
                                              15.8 0
                                                               0
 8
    24.4
              4
                  147.
                           62
                                3.69
                                       3.19
                                              20
                                                               0
                                                                      4
                                                                             2
                                                    1
                                                                      4
                                                                             2
 9
    22.8
               4
                  141.
                           95
                                3.92
                                       3.15
                                              22.9 1
                                                               0
   19.2
                                3.92
                                                               0
                                                                             4
10
               6
                  168.
                          123
                                       3.44
                                              18.3 1
```

... with 18 more rows

Alternatively, we could achieve the same thing by choosing everything that is *not* greater than 4, !wt > 4. The exclamation point, !, is the *not* operator.

```
filter(mtcars, !wt > 4)
# A tibble: 28 x 11
            cyl
                                                                 gear
                 disp
                               drat
                                            qsec vs
                                                                        carb
     mpg
                          hp
                                        wt
                                                            am
   <dbl> <dbl>
                <dbl>
                       <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <fct> <dbl>
                                                               <dbl>
                                                                       <dbl>
 1
    21
              6
                  160
                          110
                               3.9
                                      2.62
                                            16.5 0
                                                              1
                                                                    4
                                                                           4
                                                                    4
 2
    21
              6
                  160
                          110
                               3.9
                                      2.88
                                             17.0 0
                                                              1
                                                                           4
 3
    22.8
              4
                 108
                                      2.32
                                             18.6 1
                                                                    4
                          93
                               3.85
                                                              1
                                                                           1
 4
    21.4
                 258
                          110
                               3.08
                                      3.22
                                             19.4 1
                                                              0
                                                                    3
                                                                           1
 5
    18.7
                 360
                          175
                               3.15
                                                              0
                                                                    3
                                                                           2
              8
                                      3.44
                                            17.0 0
                                                                    3
 6
    18.1
              6
                  225
                          105
                               2.76
                                      3.46
                                            20.2 1
                                                              0
                                                                           1
 7
    14.3
              8
                 360
                          245
                               3.21
                                      3.57
                                             15.8 0
                                                              0
                                                                    3
                                                                           4
 8
    24.4
              4
                               3.69
                                      3.19
                                                              0
                                                                    4
                                                                           2
                 147.
                           62
                                             20
 9
    22.8
              4
                 141.
                           95
                               3.92
                                      3.15
                                             22.9 1
                                                              0
                                                                    4
                                                                           2
    19.2
                                                                    4
                                                                           4
10
              6
                 168.
                          123
                               3.92
                                     3.44
                                            18.3 1
# ... with 18 more rows
```

Filtering grouped datasets

filter(bycyl, wt > mean(wt))

We can filter grouped datasets, and the condition will be applied separately to each group. For example, maybe we want to keep only the rows where wt is greater than its cylinder category group mean.

Notice I switch to filtering the grouped dataset bycyl here.

```
# A tibble: 13 x 11
# Groups:
              cyl [3]
            cyl
                  disp
     mpg
                           hp
                                drat
                                          wt
                                              qsec
                                                        ٧s
                                                               am
                                                                   gear
                                                                          carb
   <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <
                                                                  <dbl>
                                                                         <dbl>
                                             <dbl> <dbl>
                                                           <dbl>
    22.8
                  108
                           93
                                3.85
                                       2.32
                                              18.6
                                                         1
                                                                1
                                                                       3
 2
    21.4
               6
                  258
                          110
                                3.08
                                       3.22
                                              19.4
                                                                0
                                                                              1
                                                         1
 3
    18.1
               6
                  225
                          105
                                2.76
                                       3.46
                                              20.2
                                                                0
                                                                       3
                                                                              1
                                                         1
 4
    24.4
                                                                0
                                                                       4
                                                                              2
               4
                  147.
                            62
                                3.69
                                       3.19
                                              20
                                                         1
 5
    22.8
                  141.
                            95
                                3.92
                                       3.15
                                              22.9
                                                                0
                                                                       4
                                                                              2
                                                         1
 6
    19.2
                                3.92
                                              18.3
                                                                0
                                                                       4
                                                                              4
               6
                  168.
                          123
                                       3.44
                                                         1
 7
    17.8
               6
                  168.
                          123
                                3.92
                                       3.44
                                              18.9
                                                         1
                                                                0
                                                                       4
                                                                              4
 8
    16.4
               8
                  276.
                          180
                                3.07
                                       4.07
                                              17.4
                                                         0
                                                                0
                                                                       3
                                                                              3
                                                                       3
 9
    10.4
               8
                  472
                          205
                                2.93
                                       5.25
                                              18.0
                                                         0
                                                                0
                                                                              4
                                                                       3
    10.4
                  460
                                       5.42
                                              17.8
                                                                0
                                                                              4
10
               8
                          215
                                3
                                                         0
                                                                0
                                                                       3
                                                                              4
11
    14.7
               8
                  440
                          230
                                3.23
                                       5.34
                                              17.4
                                                         0
    21.5
                                                                       3
12
               4
                  120.
                            97
                                3.7
                                       2.46
                                              20.0
                                                         1
                                                                0
                                                                              1
13
    21.4
                  121
                          109
                                4.11
                                       2.78
                                              18.6
                                                         1
                                                                1
                                                                       4
                                                                              2
```

Filtering by multiple conditions

And, of course, we can filter datasets by multiple conditions at once. If we wanted to filter the dataset to only cars with automatic transmission (am == 0) and that have weights less than or equal to 4000 lbs (wt <= 4), we can include both conditions in filter() separated by a comma.

```
filter(mtcars, am == 0, wt <= 4)
```

```
disp hp drat
                               wt
                                   qsec vs am
                                               gear carb
1
   21.4
          6 258.0 110 3.08 3.215 19.44
                                          1
                                             0
                                                   3
                                                        1
2
                                                   3
                                                        2
          8 360.0 175 3.15 3.440 17.02
                                             0
   18.7
   18.1
          6 225.0 105 2.76 3.460 20.22
                                                   3
                                                        1
                                          1
          8 360.0 245 3.21 3.570 15.84
4
   14.3
                                          0
                                             0
                                                   3
                                                        4
5
  24.4
          4 146.7
                   62 3.69 3.190 20.00
                                          1
                                             0
                                                   4
                                                        2
                                                        2
6
  22.8
          4 140.8
                  95 3.92 3.150 22.90
                                          1
                                                   4
7
  19.2
          6 167.6 123 3.92 3.440 18.30
                                                   4
                                                        4
                                          1
  17.8
                                                   4
                                                        4
8
          6 167.6 123 3.92 3.440 18.90
9
  17.3
          8 275.8 180 3.07 3.730 17.60
                                             0
                                                   3
                                                        3
                                          0
10 15.2
          8 275.8 180 3.07 3.780 18.00
                                                   3
                                                        3
11 21.5
          4 120.1 97 3.70 2.465 20.01
                                          1
                                             0
                                                   3
                                                        1
12 15.5
          8 318.0 150 2.76 3.520 16.87
                                          0
                                                   3
                                                        2
                                                        2
13 15.2
          8 304.0 150 3.15 3.435 17.30
                                          0
                                             0
                                                   3
14 13.3
          8 350.0 245 3.73 3.840 15.41
                                                   3
                                                        4
                                                        2
15 19.2
          8 400.0 175 3.08 3.845 17.05
                                                   3
```

While we won't see it today, if you need a logical OR statement you will need the | symbol, found on the backslash key on your keyboard.

Scoped variants of filter()

The dplyr package has filter_all(), filter_at(), and filter_if() verbs available. These would be useful if we wanted to apply the same filter to many columns of data.

These are often used in combination with the functions any_vars() or all_vars(). The "Examples" section of the help page is a good place to start to see worked examples.

Selecting variables with select()

Keeping only a subset of the columns of a dataset is referred to as *selecting variables*. This might be for organizational reasons, where an analysis is focused on only some of many variables and so we want to create a dataset that contains only the variables of interest. Selecting is about how many columns we want to keep, not how many rows we have.

The **dplyr** function **select()** makes selecting columns very easy to do. We can keep or drop variables by name (although you can also use the index number) with straightforward code.

Let's select only the cyl variable from mtcars (printing just the first rows to save space in this document).

```
select(mtcars, cyl)
```

```
# A tibble: 32 x 1

cyl

<dbl>
1 6
2 6
3 4
4 6
5 8
```

```
6 6
7 8
8 4
9 4
10 6
# ... with 22 more rows
```

If we want to keep all variables between (and including) cyl and vs, we indicate that with the colon, :.

```
select(mtcars, cyl:vs)
```

```
# A tibble: 32 \times 7
     cyl disp
                  hp drat
                               wt qsec vs
   <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <fct>
 1
       6
          160
                  110
                       3.9
                             2.62
                                   16.5 0
2
                  110
                       3.9
                             2.88
                                   17.0 0
       6
          160
3
       4
          108
                  93
                       3.85
                             2.32
                                   18.6 1
 4
       6
          258
                  110
                       3.08
                             3.22
                                   19.4 1
 5
       8
          360
                  175
                       3.15
                             3.44
                                   17.0 0
 6
       6
          225
                  105
                       2.76
                             3.46
                                   20.2 1
 7
                                   15.8 0
       8
          360
                  245
                       3.21
                             3.57
 8
       4
          147.
                   62
                       3.69
                             3.19
                                    20
9
                                   22.9 1
       4
          141.
                   95
                       3.92
                            3.15
10
          168.
                  123
                      3.92
                             3.44
                                   18.3 1
# ... with 22 more rows
```

If we want to keep only a few columns, we can separate the desired column names with a comma. Here we select only cyl and vs.

```
select(mtcars, cyl, vs)
```

```
# A tibble: 32 x 2
     cyl vs
   <dbl> <fct>
       6 0
 1
       6 0
2
 3
       4 1
 4
       6 1
 5
       8 0
 6
       6 1
7
       8 0
8
       4 1
9
       4 1
10
       6 1
# ... with 22 more rows
```

Using the special helper functions in select()

The select() function has several special functions to make variable selection even easier. See the help page for select_helpers for a list of all of these (?select_helpers).

These special functions include starts_with(), contains(), and ends_with(), among others. Such functions can be very useful if you have coded your variables names so that related variables contain the same letters or numbers.

We are going to start with an example starts_with(), where we select all variables with names that start with a lowercase d. Remember that R is case sensitive, so an uppercase D is different than a lowercase d.

```
select( mtcars, starts with("d") )
# A tibble: 32 \times 2
    disp drat
   <dbl> <dbl>
 1
   160
          3.9
 2
   160
          3.9
 3
    108
          3.85
 4
    258
          3.08
 5
    360
          3.15
 6
    225
          2.76
 7
    360
          3.21
 8
    147.
          3.69
9
   141.
          3.92
10 168. 3.92
# ... with 22 more rows
```

Or we could keep all variables that *contain* a lowercase a anywhere in the variable name.

```
select( mtcars, contains("a") )
```

```
# A tibble: 32 x 4
    drat
             am
                gear carb
   <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
 1 3.9
                    4
              1
   3.9
                    4
 2
              1
    3.85
 3
                    4
                           1
              1
 4
                    3
    3.08
              0
                           1
 5 3.15
              0
                    3
                           2
 6 2.76
              0
                    3
                           1
 7
    3.21
                    3
              0
                           4
8
   3.69
              0
                    4
                           2
9 3.92
                           2
              0
10 3.92
              0
                           4
# ... with 22 more rows
```

We've been choosing which variables we want to keep, but we could also choose which variables we want to drop like we did with summarise_at() earlier. We drop variables using the minus sign (-).

Drop the gear variable.

```
# A tibble: 32 x 10
    mpg cyl disp hp drat wt qsec vs am carb
    <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <</pre>
```

```
1
                 160
                         110
                              3.9
                                     2.62
                                            16.5 0
 2
    21
                 160
                         110
                                     2.88
                                            17.0 0
                                                                    4
              6
                              3.9
                                                             1
 3
    22.8
                 108
                          93
                               3.85
                                     2.32
                                            18.6 1
 4
    21.4
                 258
                         110
                              3.08
                                     3.22
                                            19.4 1
                                                             0
                                                                    1
              6
5
    18.7
              8
                 360
                         175
                               3.15
                                     3.44
                                            17.0 0
                                                             0
                                                                    2
 6
    18.1
                                            20.2 1
                                                             0
                                                                    1
              6
                 225
                         105
                              2.76
                                     3.46
7
    14.3
              8
                               3.21
                 360
                         245
                                     3.57
                                            15.8 0
                                                             0
                                                                   2
    24.4
8
              4
                 147.
                          62
                               3.69
                                     3.19
                                            20
                                                             0
9
    22.8
              4
                 141.
                          95
                               3.92
                                     3.15
                                            22.9 1
                                                             0
                                                                   2
10 19.2
              6
                 168.
                         123
                              3.92 3.44
                                            18.3 1
```

... with 22 more rows

Drop both the gear and carb variables.

```
select(mtcars, -gear, -carb)
# A tibble: 32 x 9
           cyl disp
                         hp
                             drat
                                       wt qsec vs
   <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <fct> <dbl>
                              3.9
   21
                                    2.62
                                           16.5 0
 1
             6
                 160
                         110
 2
    21
             6
                 160
                         110
                              3.9
                                    2.88
                                           17.0 0
                                                           1
 3
    22.8
             4
                 108
                         93
                              3.85
                                    2.32
                                           18.6 1
                                                           1
 4
    21.4
                 258
                         110
                              3.08
                                    3.22
                                           19.4 1
                                                           0
             6
5
    18.7
             8
                 360
                         175
                              3.15
                                    3.44
                                           17.0 0
                                                           0
 6
    18.1
                 225
                         105
                              2.76
                                    3.46
                                           20.2 1
                                                           0
             6
7
    14.3
             8
                 360
                         245
                              3.21
                                    3.57
                                           15.8 0
8
   24.4
             4
                 147.
                          62
                              3.69
                                    3.19
                                           20
                                                           0
9 22.8
                 141.
                          95
                              3.92
                                    3.15
                                           22.9 1
                                                           0
10 19.2
                         123
                              3.92
                                    3.44
                                           18.3 1
                                                           0
             6
                 168.
# ... with 22 more rows
```

Drop all variables between and including am and carb. Notice that parentheses are needed around the variables to use - like this.

```
# A tibble: 32 x 8
     mpg
           cyl
                disp
                         hp
                             drat
                                          qsec vs
   <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <fct>
             6
                 160
                        110
                              3.9
                                    2.62
                                          16.5 0
 2
    21
                 160
                        110
                              3.9
                                    2.88
                                          17.0 0
             6
 3
    22.8
                 108
                         93
                              3.85
                                    2.32
                                          18.6 1
 4
    21.4
             6
                 258
                        110
                              3.08
                                    3.22
                                          19.4 1
 5
    18.7
             8
                 360
                        175
                              3.15
                                    3.44
                                           17.0 0
 6
   18.1
             6
                 225
                        105
                              2.76
                                    3.46
                                          20.2 1
 7
    14.3
             8
                 360
                        245
                              3.21
                                    3.57
                                          15.8 0
    24.4
8
                 147.
                         62
                              3.69
                                    3.19
                                          20
             4
9
    22.8
                 141.
                         95
                              3.92
                                    3.15
                                           22.9 1
             4
                        123
   19.2
             6
                 168.
                             3.92 3.44
                                          18.3 1
# ... with 22 more rows
```

Drop variables that end with the letter "t".

select(mtcars, -(am:carb))

select(mtcars, -ends_with("t")) # A tibble: 32 x 9 qsec vs cyl disp \mathtt{am} mpg hp gear carb <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <fct> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> 21 6 160 110 16.5 0 1 4 4 1 2 21 6 160 110 17.0 0 1 4 4 3 22.8 4 108 4 93 18.6 1 1 1 4 21.4 258 110 19.4 1 0 3 1 5 18.7 0 2 360 175 17.0 0 3 8 6 18.1 6 225 105 20.2 1 0 3 1 7 14.3 0 3 4 8 360 245 15.8 0 8 24.4 4 147. 62 20 0 4 2 22.8 9 4 141. 95 22.9 1 0 4 2 10 19.2 6 168. 123 18.3 1 0 4 4 # ... with 22 more rows

The select_helpers can be used in other functions, as well. We would commonly use them in the scoped *_at() functions like summarise_at() to help pick the variables to use within the function. The select() function also has scoped variants available, select_all(), select_at(), and select_if().

Creating new variables with mutate()

In **dplyr**, we can use **mutate()** to create new variables and add them to the dataset as new columns. The new variable is the same length as the current dataset; in other words, it has the same number of rows as the original dataset. We will be making some new variables and adding them to **mtcars** to illustrate how this works.

Let's start by making a new variable called disp.hp, which is the sum of engine displacement (disp) and horsepower (hp).

As with the other **dplyr** functions, the dataset is the first argument of mutate.

```
mutate(mtcars, disp.hp = disp + hp)
```

```
# A tibble: 32 x 12
                                                                  gear
            cyl
                 disp
                           hp
                               drat
                                         wt
                                             qsec vs
                                                                         carb disp.hp
     mpg
                                                              am
   <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <fct> <dbl>
                                                                        <dbl>
                                                                                  <dbl>
                                                                 <dbl>
                                3.9
                                       2.62
                                                                                   270
 1
    21
              6
                  160
                          110
                                             16.5 0
                                                               1
 2
    21
                  160
                          110
                                3.9
                                       2.88
                                             17.0 0
                                                                      4
                                                                             4
                                                                                   270
              6
                                                               1
 3
    22.8
              4
                  108
                           93
                                3.85
                                       2.32
                                             18.6 1
                                                               1
                                                                      4
                                                                             1
                                                                                   201
                                                                      3
 4
    21.4
                                3.08
                                      3.22
              6
                  258
                          110
                                             19.4 1
                                                               0
                                                                             1
                                                                                   368
 5
    18.7
              8
                  360
                                3.15
                                       3.44
                                             17.0 0
                                                               0
                                                                      3
                                                                             2
                                                                                   535
                          175
 6
                                                                      3
    18.1
              6
                  225
                          105
                                2.76
                                       3.46
                                             20.2 1
                                                               0
                                                                             1
                                                                                   330
                                                                      3
 7
    14.3
              8
                  360
                          245
                                3.21
                                       3.57
                                              15.8 0
                                                               0
                                                                             4
                                                                                   605
 8
                                                                      4
                                                                             2
    24.4
              4
                  147.
                           62
                                3.69
                                       3.19
                                              20
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                                                                                   209.
9
    22.8
                  141.
                           95
                                3.92
                                       3.15
                                             22.9 1
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                                                                      4
                                                                             2
                                                                                   236.
10
    19.2
              6
                  168.
                          123
                                3.92
                                       3.44
                                              18.3 1
                                                                      4
                                                                             4
                                                                                   291.
# ... with 22 more rows
```

We can make multiple new variables at once, separating each new variable by a comma like we did in summarise(). A handy feature of mutate() is that we can work directly with the new variables we've made

within the same function call. For example, we can first calculate disp.hp and then calculate a second variable that is half of disp.hp (disp.hp divided by 2). We can create other variables, as well, so we'll create the ratio of qsec and wt while we're at it.

```
mutate(mtcars,
    disp.hp = disp + hp,
    halfdh = disp.hp/2,
    qw = qsec/wt)
```

```
# A tibble: 32 x 14
     mpg
            cyl
                  disp
                           hp
                                drat
                                         wt
                                              qsec vs
                                                                  gear
                                                                         carb disp.hp halfdh
                                                              am
   <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
                       <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
                                            <dbl> <fct> <dbl>
                                                                 <dbl>
                                                                        <dbl>
                                                                                  <dbl>
                                                                                          <dbl> <dbl>
 1
    21
              6
                  160
                          110
                                3.9
                                       2.62
                                              16.5 0
                                                               1
                                                                      4
                                                                             4
                                                                                   270
                                                                                           135
                                                                                                  6.28
 2
    21
              6
                  160
                          110
                                3.9
                                       2.88
                                              17.0 0
                                                               1
                                                                      4
                                                                             4
                                                                                   270
                                                                                           135
                                                                                                  5.92
 3
    22.8
                           93
                                       2.32
                                              18.6 1
                                                                      4
                                                                                           100.
                                                                                                 8.02
               4
                  108
                                3.85
                                                               1
                                                                             1
                                                                                   201
 4
    21.4
                  258
                                3.08
                                       3.22
                                              19.4 1
                                                               0
                                                                      3
                                                                                   368
                                                                                           184
                                                                                                  6.05
              6
                          110
                                                                             1
 5
                                                                      3
                                                                             2
    18.7
              8
                  360
                          175
                                3.15
                                       3.44
                                              17.0 0
                                                               0
                                                                                   535
                                                                                           268.
                                                                                                  4.95
 6
    18.1
              6
                  225
                          105
                                              20.2 1
                                                               0
                                                                      3
                                                                                   330
                                                                                           165
                                                                                                  5.84
                                2.76
                                       3.46
                                                                             1
 7
    14.3
              8
                  360
                          245
                                3.21
                                       3.57
                                              15.8 0
                                                               0
                                                                      3
                                                                             4
                                                                                   605
                                                                                           302.
                                                                                                  4.44
    24.4
                                                               0
                                                                      4
                                                                             2
 8
                  147.
                           62
                                3.69
                                       3.19
                                              20
                                                                                   209.
                                                                                           104.
                                                                                                 6.27
               4
                                                   1
 9
    22.8
                  141.
                           95
                                3.92
                                       3.15
                                              22.9 1
                                                               0
                                                                      4
                                                                             2
                                                                                   236.
                                                                                           118.
                                                                                                 7.27
               4
                                      3.44
    19.2
                                                                      4
                                                                             4
                                                                                   291.
10
               6
                  168.
                          123
                                3.92
                                             18.3 1
                                                               \cap
                                                                                           145.
                                                                                                 5.32
# ... with 22 more rows
```

Using mutate() with grouped datasets

We can work with grouped datasets when using mutate(). This is useful when we want to add a column of a summary statistic for each group to the existing dataset rather than making a summary dataset.

Let's create and add a new variable that is the mean horsepower for each cylinder category. Each car within a cylinder category will have the same value of mean horsepower, as mutate() always returns a new dataset that is the same length as the original.

Since this is a grouped operation we'll work with the grouped dataset bycyl we made earlier.

```
mutate( bycyl, mhp = mean(hp) )
```

```
# A tibble: 32 x 12
# Groups:
              cyl [3]
             cyl
                  disp
                                drat
                                                                   gear
                                                                                  mhp
     mpg
                           hp
                                          wt
                                              qsec
                                                       vs
                                                              am
                                                                          carb
   <dbl> <dbl>
                                                           <dbl>
                                                                         <dbl> <dbl>
                 <dbl>
                        <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <
                                                    <dbl>
                                                                  <dbl>
 1
    21
               6
                  160
                          110
                                3.9
                                       2.62
                                              16.5
                                                         0
                                                                1
                                                                       4
                                                                              4 122.
 2
    21
                  160
                          110
                                3.9
                                       2.88
                                              17.0
                                                                       4
                                                                              4 122.
               6
                                                         0
                                                                1
 3
    22.8
               4
                  108
                           93
                                3.85
                                       2.32
                                              18.6
                                                                       4
                                                                                 82.6
                                                         1
                                                                1
                                                                              1
 4
    21.4
               6
                  258
                          110
                                3.08
                                       3.22
                                              19.4
                                                         1
                                                                0
                                                                       3
                                                                              1 122.
 5
    18.7
                  360
                          175
                                3.15
                                       3.44
                                              17.0
                                                         0
                                                                0
                                                                       3
                                                                              2 209.
               8
 6
                                                                       3
                                                                              1 122.
    18.1
               6
                  225
                          105
                                2.76
                                       3.46
                                              20.2
                                                         1
                                                                0
 7
    14.3
               8
                  360
                          245
                                3.21
                                       3.57
                                              15.8
                                                         0
                                                                0
                                                                       3
                                                                              4 209.
 8
    24.4
               4
                  147.
                            62
                                3.69
                                       3.19
                                              20
                                                         1
                                                                0
                                                                       4
                                                                              2
                                                                                 82.6
 9
    22.8
                                                                       4
                                                                              2
                                                                                 82.6
               4
                  141.
                            95
                                3.92
                                       3.15
                                              22.9
                                                         1
                                                                0
    19.2
               6
                  168.
                          123
                                3.92 3.44
                                              18.3
                                                         1
                                                                0
                                                                       4
                                                                              4 122.
```

As you can see, the code for mutate() resembles the code for summarise(). While we will not see examples today, there are mutate_all()/mutate_at()/mutate_if() functions available that work much like the scoped variants of the summarise() function we saw earlier today.

There is also a function called transmute(), which creates new variables that are the same length as the current dataset like mutate() but only returns the new variables like summarise().

Sorting

There are some situations where you might want to sort your dataset by variables within the dataset. For example, if we want to pull out the first observation in each group from a time series we might sort the dataset first by time within group prior to filtering. We can sort datasets with **dplyr** using **arrange()**.

Here we'll start by sorting mtcars by cyl. By default we sort whatever variable we are sorting on from low to high (ascending order).

```
arrange(mtcars, cyl)
```

```
# A tibble: 32 x 11
            cyl
                 disp
     mpg
                          hp
                               drat
                                        wt
                                            qsec vs
                                                            am
                                                                gear
   <dbl>
         <dbl>
                <dbl> <dbl>
                              <dbl> <dbl>
                                                               <dbl>
                                           <dbl> <fct> <dbl>
    22.8
              4 108
                           93
                               3.85
                                     2.32
                                            18.6 1
                                                                    4
 1
                                                             1
                                                                           1
 2
    24.4
              4 147.
                               3.69
                                            20
                                                             0
                                                                    4
                                                                           2
                           62
                                     3.19
                                                  1
                                                                           2
 3
    22.8
                                                             0
                                                                    4
              4 141.
                           95
                               3.92
                                     3.15
                                            22.9 1
                                                                    4
 4
    32.4
              4
                 78.7
                           66
                               4.08
                                     2.2
                                             19.5 1
                                                             1
                                                                           1
 5
    30.4
                 75.7
                              4.93
                                     1.62
                                            18.5 1
                                                                    4
                                                                           2
              4
                           52
                                                             1
    33.9
                                                                    4
 6
              4
                 71.1
                           65
                               4.22
                                     1.84
                                            19.9 1
                                                             1
                                                                           1
 7
    21.5
              4 120.
                           97
                               3.7
                                      2.46
                                            20.0 1
                                                             0
                                                                    3
                                                                           1
 8
    27.3
              4
                 79
                           66
                               4.08
                                     1.94
                                            18.9 1
                                                             1
                                                                    4
                                                                           1
                                                                    5
                                                                           2
9
    26
                                     2.14
              4 120.
                           91
                               4.43
                                            16.7 0
                                                             1
                         113
10
    30.4
                 95.1
                               3.77
                                     1.51
                                            16.9 1
                                                             1
                                                                    5
                                                                           2
 ... with 22 more rows
```

To sort datasets by variables in descending order (highest to lowest), we can use the minus sign (-) or the function desc (which is from dplyr).

```
arrange(mtcars, -cyl)
```

```
# A tibble: 32 x 11
     mpg
            cyl
                 disp
                          hp
                               drat
                                        wt
                                            qsec vs
                                                            am
                                                                gear
                                                                       carb
   <dbl>
         <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <fct> <dbl>
                                                               <dbl>
                                                                      <dbl>
    18.7
                 360
                               3.15
                                     3.44
                                            17.0 0
                                                                   3
                                                                          2
 1
              8
                         175
                                                             0
                                                                   3
 2
    14.3
              8
                 360
                         245
                               3.21
                                     3.57
                                            15.8 0
                                                             0
                                                                          4
 3
    16.4
              8
                 276.
                         180
                               3.07
                                     4.07
                                            17.4 0
                                                             0
                                                                   3
                                                                          3
 4
    17.3
              8
                 276.
                         180
                               3.07
                                     3.73
                                            17.6 0
                                                             0
                                                                   3
                                                                          3
                                                                   3
 5
                                                             0
                                                                          3
    15.2
              8
                 276.
                         180
                               3.07
                                     3.78
                                            18
                                                  0
 6
    10.4
                 472
                         205
                               2.93
                                     5.25
                                            18.0 0
                                                             0
                                                                   3
                                                                          4
              8
 7
                                                                   3
    10.4
              8
                 460
                         215
                               3
                                     5.42
                                            17.8 0
                                                             0
                                                                          4
                                            17.4 0
 8
    14.7
                              3.23
                                     5.34
                                                             0
                                                                   3
                                                                          4
              8
                 440
                         230
 9
    15.5
              8
                 318
                         150
                               2.76
                                     3.52
                                            16.9 0
                                                             0
                                                                   3
                                                                          2
                                                                   3
                                                                          2
    15.2
                         150
                              3.15 3.44
                                           17.3 0
                                                             0
10
              8
                 304
```

... with 22 more rows

arrange(mtcars, desc(cyl))

```
# A tibble: 32 x 11
     mpg
            cyl
                 disp
                          hp
                              drat
                                        wt
                                            qsec vs
                                                            am
                                                                gear
   <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <fct> <dbl>
                                                                <dbl>
                                                                       <dbl>
    18.7
              8
                 360
                               3.15
                                      3.44
                                                                           2
                         175
                                            17.0 0
    14.3
                                                                    3
                                                                           4
              8
                  360
                         245
                               3.21
                                      3.57
                                            15.8 0
                                                             0
 3
    16.4
              8
                 276.
                         180
                               3.07
                                      4.07
                                            17.4 0
                                                             0
                                                                    3
                                                                           3
                                                                    3
 4
    17.3
              8
                 276.
                         180
                               3.07
                                      3.73
                                            17.6 0
                                                             0
                                                                           3
 5
    15.2
                 276.
                         180
                               3.07
                                      3.78
                                            18
                                                  0
                                                             0
                                                                    3
                                                                           3
              8
 6
                                                                    3
    10.4
              8
                 472
                         205
                               2.93
                                     5.25
                                            18.0 0
                                                             0
                                                                           4
7
    10.4
              8
                 460
                         215
                                      5.42
                                            17.8 0
                                                             0
                                                                    3
                                                                           4
                               3
   14.7
                                                                    3
 8
              8
                 440
                         230
                               3.23
                                     5.34
                                            17.4 0
                                                             0
                                                                           4
9
    15.5
              8
                 318
                         150
                               2.76
                                      3.52
                                            16.9 0
                                                             0
                                                                    3
                                                                           2
10
    15.2
              8
                 304
                         150
                               3.15
                                     3.44
                                            17.3 0
                                                             0
                                                                    3
                                                                           2
# ... with 22 more rows
```

To sort variables only within groups, we sort by the grouping variable first and then the other sorting variables. The arrange() function ignores group_by; this is different than all the other dplyr verbs we've learned today.

Here's an example of within-group sorting, sorting each cylinder category from lowest to highest wt.

arrange(mtcars, cyl, wt)

```
disp hp drat
                               wt qsec vs am gear carb
             95.1 113 3.77 1.513 16.90
2
   30.4
                                                   4
                                                        2
          4
             75.7
                    52 4.93 1.615 18.52
                                             1
3
   33.9
             71.1
                    65 4.22 1.835 19.90
                                                        1
4
  27.3
             79.0
                    66 4.08 1.935 18.90
                                                   4
                                                        1
                                          1
5
   26.0
          4 120.3
                    91 4.43 2.140 16.70
                                                   5
                                                        2
                    66 4.08 2.200 19.47
6
  32.4
             78.7
                                          1
                                             1
                                                   4
                                                        1
7
  22.8
          4 108.0
                    93 3.85 2.320 18.61
  21.5
                   97 3.70 2.465 20.01
8
          4 120.1
                                             0
                                                   3
                                          1
                                                        1
   21.4
          4 121.0 109 4.11 2.780 18.60
                                             1
                                                   4
                                                        2
10 22.8
          4 140.8
                  95 3.92 3.150 22.90
                                                   4
                                                        2
                                          1
                   62 3.69 3.190 20.00
                                                        2
11 24.4
          4 146.7
12 21.0
          6 160.0 110 3.90 2.620 16.46
                                                   4
                                                        4
                                             1
                                                   5
13 19.7
          6 145.0 175 3.62 2.770 15.50
                                          0
                                             1
                                                        6
14 21.0
          6 160.0 110 3.90 2.875 17.02
                                          0
                                             1
                                                   4
                                                        4
15 21.4
          6 258.0 110 3.08 3.215 19.44
                                          1
                                                   3
                                                        1
16 19.2
          6 167.6 123 3.92 3.440 18.30
                                                   4
                                                        4
                                          1
                                             0
17 17.8
          6 167.6 123 3.92 3.440 18.90
                                          1
                                             0
                                                   4
                                                        4
                                                   3
18 18.1
          6 225.0 105 2.76 3.460 20.22
                                                        1
19 15.8
          8 351.0 264 4.22 3.170 14.50
                                                   5
                                                        4
                                          0
                                             1
20 15.2
          8 304.0 150 3.15 3.435 17.30
                                          0
                                             0
                                                   3
                                                        2
                                             0
                                                   3
                                                        2
21 18.7
          8 360.0 175 3.15 3.440 17.02
                                          0
22 15.5
          8 318.0 150 2.76 3.520 16.87
                                                   3
                                                        2
23 14.3
          8 360.0 245 3.21 3.570 15.84
                                                   3
                                                        4
                                          0
                                             0
24 15.0
          8 301.0 335 3.54 3.570 14.60
                                          0
                                             1
                                                   5
                                                        8
                                                   3
                                                        3
25 17.3
          8 275.8 180 3.07 3.730 17.60
                                          Λ
                                             0
26 15.2
          8 275.8 180 3.07 3.780 18.00
                                                   3
                                                        3
27 13.3
          8 350.0 245 3.73 3.840 15.41
                                                   3
                                                        4
```

```
28 19.2
          8 400.0 175 3.08 3.845 17.05
29 16.4
          8 275.8 180 3.07 4.070 17.40
                                                  3
                                                       3
                                         0
                                                  3
                                                       4
30 10.4
          8 472.0 205 2.93 5.250 17.98
          8 440.0 230 3.23 5.345 17.42
                                                  3
                                                       4
31 14.7
32 10.4
          8 460.0 215 3.00 5.424 17.82
                                                  3
                                                       4
```

To sort by more variables, keep adding them in arrange(), separated by commas.

Combining data manipulation tasks

When working with our own datasets we'll often want to do multiple data manipulation tasks in a row. Now that we've learned how to do different kinds of data manipulation, let's string multiple manipulations together.

We are going to:

- 1. Filter the mtcars dataset to only those cars with automatic transmissions;
- 2. Create a new variable that is the ratio of engine displacement and horsepower;
- 3. Calculate the mean of this new variable separately for each cylinder category.

Using temporary objects

First we'll do this one step at a time, creating a new named object for each step. As a reminder, we haven't been naming objects as we practiced the functions above but instead were only printing results to the R Console. Now we're actually naming each object. I use = for assignment but you can also use <-.

The extra pair of parentheses I'm using prints the object so we can see what happens at each step.

```
# Filter by automatic transmission
( filtcars = filter(mtcars, am == 0) )
```

```
mpg cyl disp hp drat
                               wt
                                   qsec vs am gear carb
1
  21.4
          6 258.0 110 3.08 3.215 19.44
2
  18.7
          8 360.0 175 3.15 3.440 17.02
                                                  3
                                                        2
                                             0
                                                  3
                                                        1
3
  18.1
          6 225.0 105 2.76 3.460 20.22
4
   14.3
          8 360.0 245 3.21 3.570 15.84
                                                  3
                                                        4
                                                       2
5
  24.4
          4 146.7
                    62 3.69 3.190 20.00
                                         1
                                             0
                                                  4
                                                        2
6
  22.8
          4 140.8
                   95 3.92 3.150 22.90
                                             0
                                                  4
7
  19.2
          6 167.6 123 3.92 3.440 18.30
                                         1
                                                        4
8
   17.8
          6 167.6 123 3.92 3.440 18.90
                                                  4
                                                        4
                                          1
                                             0
9
  16.4
          8 275.8 180 3.07 4.070 17.40
                                         0
                                             0
                                                  3
                                                        3
                                                  3
                                                        3
10 17.3
          8 275.8 180 3.07 3.730 17.60
                                          0
                                             0
11 15.2
          8 275.8 180 3.07 3.780 18.00
                                                  3
                                                        3
                                         0
12 10.4
          8 472.0 205 2.93 5.250 17.98
                                                  3
                                                        4
                                                  3
                                                        4
13 10.4
          8 460.0 215 3.00 5.424 17.82
                                         0
                                             0
14 14.7
          8 440.0 230 3.23 5.345 17.42
                                                  3
15 21.5
          4 120.1 97 3.70 2.465 20.01
                                                  3
                                         1
                                                        1
16 15.5
          8 318.0 150 2.76 3.520 16.87
                                             0
                                                  3
                                                        2
                                                  3
                                                        2
17 15.2
          8 304.0 150 3.15 3.435 17.30
                                         Ω
18 13.3
          8 350.0 245 3.73 3.840 15.41
                                                  3
                                                        4
19 19.2
          8 400.0 175 3.08 3.845 17.05
                                                  3
                                                        2
```

```
# Create new variable in the filtered dataset
( ratio.cars = mutate( filtcars, hd.ratio = hp/disp) )
    mpg cyl disp hp drat
                               wt qsec vs am gear carb
                                                         hd.ratio
  21.4
          6 258.0 110 3.08 3.215 19.44
                                            0
                                                  3
                                                       1 0.4263566
1
                                         1
2
  18.7
          8 360.0 175 3.15 3.440 17.02
                                                  3
                                                       2 0.4861111
          6 225.0 105 2.76 3.460 20.22
3
  18.1
                                         1
                                            0
                                                  3
                                                       1 0.4666667
  14.3
          8 360.0 245 3.21 3.570 15.84
                                         0
                                            0
                                                  3
                                                       4 0.6805556
5
                                                  4
  24.4
          4 146.7
                   62 3.69 3.190 20.00
                                         1
                                            0
                                                       2 0.4226312
6
  22.8
          4 140.8
                  95 3.92 3.150 22.90
                                         1
                                                  4
                                                       2 0.6747159
7
  19.2
          6 167.6 123 3.92 3.440 18.30
                                                  4
                                                       4 0.7338902
                                         1
                                            0
8
  17.8
          6 167.6 123 3.92 3.440 18.90
                                         1
                                                  4
                                                       4 0.7338902
  16.4
          8 275.8 180 3.07 4.070 17.40
                                         0
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                                                  3
                                                       3 0.6526468
10 17.3
          8 275.8 180 3.07 3.730 17.60
                                         0
                                                  3
                                                       3 0.6526468
11 15.2
          8 275.8 180 3.07 3.780 18.00
                                         0
                                            0
                                                  3
                                                       3 0.6526468
12 10.4
          8 472.0 205 2.93 5.250 17.98
                                         0
                                            0
                                                  3
                                                       4 0.4343220
                                                  3
13 10.4
          8 460.0 215 3.00 5.424 17.82
                                         0
                                                       4 0.4673913
14 14.7
          8 440.0 230 3.23 5.345 17.42
                                                  3
                                         0
                                            0
                                                       4 0.5227273
15 21.5
          4 120.1 97 3.70 2.465 20.01
                                         1
                                            0
                                                  3
                                                       1 0.8076603
16 15.5
          8 318.0 150 2.76 3.520 16.87
                                         0
                                            0
                                                  3
                                                       2 0.4716981
17 15.2
          8 304.0 150 3.15 3.435 17.30
                                            0
                                                  3
                                                       2 0.4934211
18 13.3
          8 350.0 245 3.73 3.840 15.41
                                                  3
                                                       4 0.7000000
                                         0
                                            0
19 19.2
          8 400.0 175 3.08 3.845 17.05
                                                       2 0.4375000
# Group by number of cylinders
grp.ratio = group_by(ratio.cars, cyl)
# Calculate mean of the new ratio variable by cylinder category
( sum.ratio = summarise( grp.ratio, mratio = mean(hd.ratio) ) )
# A tibble: 3 x 2
    cyl mratio
  <dbl>
         <dbl>
1
      4
         0.635
2
      6
         0.590
3
        0.554
```

The downside of this approach to multiple manipulations is that we had to make four objects when we really just wanted the final sum.ratio object. We have to think of names for each object at each step and we end up with a bunch of temporary objects in our R Environment.

Nesting functions to avoid temporary objects

An alternative to temporary objects is to *nest* all the functions together. This means we put one function call within the next function call. Nesting allows us to avoid making any temporary objects but the resulting code is a bit hard to read. The code from nested functions is read inside out, where the first thing we do is also the most nested.

First, a simple example of nesting functions from work we did earlier, where we want to group the dataset by cyl and am and then calculate the mean of disp. Here's the same task via nesting. We put the group_by() function call within summarise().

```
summarise( group_by(mtcars, cyl, am), mdisp = mean(disp) )
# A tibble: 6 x 3
# Groups:
             cyl [3]
    cyl
           am mdisp
  <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
             0 136.
1
2
      4
             1 93.6
3
             0 205.
      6
4
      6
             1 155
5
      8
             0 358.
6
      8
             1 326
```

Now the more complicated example, where we combined the series of data manipulation tasks. Note how the filter() is four functions deep in the code below.

The pipe operator

Now that we are combining multiple data manipulation functions from **dplyr**, it's time to talk about the pipe operator. The pipe operator (%>%) represents a different coding style. The pipe allows us to perform a series of data manipulation steps in a long *chain* while avoiding all those temporary objects or difficult-to-read nested code.

In essence, the pipe operator *pipes* a dataset into a function as the first argument. One reason I've been pointing out to you that the **dplyr** functions have the dataset as the first argument is that this is one of the things that makes piping so easy with these functions.

You can think of the pipe as being pronounced "then", which we'll talk more about as we see some examples. Using the pipe is a bit hard to picture when you are first introduced to it, but things should start to get clearer once we see some code.

Let's start with a simple example. Remember when we grouped mtcars by cyl earlier?

```
bycyl = group_by(mtcars, cyl)
```

We read even this simple code "inside out". We see that we are grouping with group_by and then if we read inside the function we see the dataset we are going to group. Let's write this same code using the pipe.

```
bycyl = mtcars %>% group_by(cyl)
```

The code with the pipe is read from left to right. We see we are working with the mtcars dataset and then that we are grouping that dataset by cyl. The result is the same, but the code itself looks quite different.

Handily, we can keep piping through multiple functions in one long chain. Let's group mtcars by cyl and then calculate the mean disp of each group.

When working with pipes in a chain, it is standard to use a line break after each pipe with an indent for each subsequent function.

Aside: Stylistically, including white space in your code improves code readability. Think of writing a sentence without white space; it would be hard to read! Newer R users sometimes need to be reminded that white space rationing is not in effect. :-D It might seem clunky at first, but including white space quickly becomes natural and your code becomes much easier to read and understand.

```
mtcars %>%
    group_by(cyl) %>%
    summarise( mdisp = mean(disp) )

# A tibble: 3 x 2
    cyl mdisp
    <dbl> <dbl>
1    4 105.
2    6 183.
3    8 353.
```

Again, the above code is read from left to right. We see we are going to work with mtcars, then we group it by cyl, and then we calculate the mean disp of the grouped dataset. When you read it like this you can see why we might pronounce %>% as then.

Combining data manipulation tasks using the pipe operator

Let's go back to our combined data manipulation task we did a few minutes ago on mtcars and use piping instead of temporary objects or nesting.

We didn't assign a name to the final object. Let's do that now.

2

3

6 0.590

8 0.554

```
sum.ratio = mtcars %>%
  filter(am == 0) %>% # filter out the manual transmission cars
  mutate(hd.ratio = hp/disp) %>% # make new ratio variable
  group_by(cyl) %>% # group by number of cylinders
  summarise(mratio = mean(hd.ratio)) # calculate mean hd.ratio per cylinder category
```

Using the pipe operator with non-dplyr functions

The pipe operator can be used with functions outside the **dplyr** package, as well. If the first argument of the function is the dataset, the code looks exactly like what we've been doing. For example, we can use the pipe with the **head()** function from base R and get the first 10 rows of **mtcars**. The first argument of the **head()** function is the dataset.

```
mtcars %>% head(n = 10)
```

```
mpg cyl disp hp drat
                                             wt qsec vs am gear carb
Mazda RX4
                  21.0
                         6 160.0 110 3.90 2.620 16.46
Mazda RX4 Wag
                                                                     4
                  21.0
                         6 160.0 110 3.90 2.875 17.02
                                                      0
                                                          1
Datsun 710
                  22.8
                         4 108.0 93 3.85 2.320 18.61
                                                                     1
Hornet 4 Drive
                  21.4
                         6 258.0 110 3.08 3.215 19.44
                                                                3
                                                                     1
                                                       1
Hornet Sportabout 18.7
                         8 360.0 175 3.15 3.440 17.02
                                                                3
                                                                     2
                                                       0
                                                          0
Valiant
                         6 225.0 105 2.76 3.460 20.22
                                                                3
                                                                    1
                  18.1
                                                       1
Duster 360
                  14.3
                         8 360.0 245 3.21 3.570 15.84
                                                                    4
Merc 240D
                                                                    2
                  24.4
                         4 146.7 62 3.69 3.190 20.00
                                                       1 0
Merc 230
                  22.8
                         4 140.8 95 3.92 3.150 22.90
                                                       1
                                                                     2
Merc 280
                         6 167.6 123 3.92 3.440 18.30
                                                                     4
                  19.2
```

If the first argument of a function is *not* the dataset, we need to use the dot, ., to represent the dataset name in the function we are piping into. We can see this if we use the pipe operator with the t.test() function, which doesn't have data as the first argument.

Here we test for a difference in mean horsepower among transmission types based on the mtcars dataset. The dataset is piped to the data argument with the ..

```
mtcars %>% t.test(hp ~ am, data = .)
```

```
Welch Two Sample t-test

data: hp by am

t = 1.2662, df = 18.715, p-value = 0.221

alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0

95 percent confidence interval:

-21.87858 88.71259

sample estimates:

mean in group 0 mean in group 1

160.2632 126.8462
```

We generally wouldn't use piping in such a simple case, though, as we would use the data argument in t.test() directly. A more realistic example is if we wanted to filter the dataset before doing the test.

Let's filter mtcars to cars weighing less than or equal to 4000 lbs and then test if mean horsepower is different between transmission types.

```
mtcars %>%
  filter(wt <= 4) %>%
  t.test(hp ~ am, data = .)
```

```
Welch Two Sample t-test

data: hp by am

t = 0.76927, df = 19.747, p-value = 0.4508

alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0

95 percent confidence interval:

-35.68283 77.32385

sample estimates:

mean in group 0 mean in group 1

147.6667 126.8462
```

Counting the number of rows in a group

Before we move on, I want to talk about one more function. The **dplyr** package has a built-in function, n(), for counting up the unique rows in a group. This is useful when making tables of summary statistics.

This function can be used directly inside other functions, such as filter(), for removing rows based on the group total count. I'll keep on the rows of the dataset of cyl groups that have fewer than 10 observations. It turns out that this is true only for the 6 group.

To show best practice here I'll ungroup() at the end of the pipe chain.

```
mtcars %>%
   group_by(cyl) %>%
   filter(n() < 10) %>%
   ungroup()
```

```
# A tibble: 7 x 11
           cyl
                disp
                         hp
                             drat
                                       wt
                                           qsec vs
                                                           am
                                                                gear
                                                                      <dbl>
  <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <fct> <dbl> <dbl> <fct> <dbl> <dbl> <
1
  21
             6
                160
                        110
                              3.9
                                     2.62
                                           16.5 0
                                                            1
                                                                   4
                                           17.0 0
2
  21
             6
                160
                                     2.88
                        110
                              3.9
                                                             1
                                                                   4
                                                                          4
3
   21.4
             6
                258
                        110
                              3.08
                                     3.22
                                           19.4 1
                                                             0
                                                                   3
                                                                          1
4
  18.1
             6
                225
                        105
                              2.76
                                     3.46
                                           20.2 1
                                                            0
                                                                   3
                                                                          1
  19.2
             6
                168.
                        123
                              3.92
                                     3.44
                                           18.3 1
                                                             0
                                                                   4
                                                                          4
6
  17.8
             6
                168.
                        123
                              3.92
                                     3.44
                                           18.9 1
                                                             0
                                                                   4
                                                                          4
   19.7
                145
                        175
                              3.62
                                    2.77
                                           15.5 0
                                                                          6
```

The n() function can also be used when assigning index numbers within groups. I use this most often when my rows within groups aren't uniquely identified but I need them to be. This is especially useful if the group sizes aren't known or might vary.

In this example we'll also select() just the first three columns so we can easily see the new index column that we create. This column indexes from one to group size (n()) in each cylinder group.

```
mtcars %>%
    group_by(cyl) %>%
    select(1:3) %>%
    mutate( index = 1:n() ) %>%
    ungroup()
```

```
# A tibble: 32 x 4
           cyl disp index
     mpg
   <dbl> <dbl> <int>
 1
   21
             6
               160
                         1
 2
   21
             6
               160
                         2
   22.8
 3
             4
                108
                         1
 4 21.4
                258
                         3
             6
 5
   18.7
             8
                360
                         1
 6
                225
                         4
   18.1
             6
                         2
7
  14.3
             8
               360
8
  24.4
             4
                147.
                         2
9
                         3
   22.8
             4
                141.
10
   19.2
               168.
                         5
             6
# ... with 22 more rows
```

We might want to add this index in based on the order of some variable in the dataset, not on the order the dataset is when we read it in. This is a case for arrange().

Let's add the index based on the order of disp within each cyl category. We arrange() prior to creating the index variable.

```
mtcars %>%
  arrange(cyl, disp) %>%
  group_by(cyl) %>%
  select(1:3) %>%
  mutate( index = 1:n() ) %>%
  ungroup()
```

```
# A tibble: 32 x 4
     mpg
           cyl disp index
   <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <int>
 1 33.9
             4 71.1
 2 30.4
               75.7
             4
                         2
 3
   32.4
             4
                78.7
                         3
 4 27.3
             4
               79
                         4
 5 30.4
             4 95.1
                         5
 6 22.8
             4 108
                         6
7
   21.5
             4 120.
                         7
8 26
             4 120.
                         8
9
   21.4
             4 121
                         9
10 22.8
             4 141.
                        10
# ... with 22 more rows
```

Practice data manipulation

So far we've covered a lot of material on data manipulation functions. Before going on to the next topic, I want to take some time to allow you to practice using some of the functions we've seen so far. I've set up two example problems below. Each example will take a different set of functions to solve.

The babynames dataset

We'll be practicing using the babynames dataset. This can be found in package babynames. The current version of this package is 1.0.0. If you do not have this package or it is not up to date, please install it. You can do this with the RStudio Packages pane Install button, or run the code install.packages("babynames").

```
packageVersion("babynames")
```

```
[1] '1.0.0'
```

Once the package is installed, load the package.

```
library(babynames)
```

The help page for babynames gives us some basic information on the dataset.

```
?babynames
```

The babynames dataset contains data from the United States Social Security Administration on the number and proportion of babies given a name each year from 1880 through 2017. Rare names (recorded less than 5 times) are excluded from the dataset in R. The annual proportion of babies given a name was calculated separately for male and female babies (sex).

The dataset has five variables, shown below.

```
glimpse(babynames)
```

head(babynames)

```
# A tibble: 6 x 5
                                prop
  year sex
              name
                            n
  <dbl> <chr> <chr>
                        <int> <dbl>
  1880 F
              Marv
                         7065 0.0724
  1880 F
2
              Anna
                         2604 0.0267
3
  1880 F
              Emma
                         2003 0.0205
4
  1880 F
              Elizabeth 1939 0.0199
  1880 F
              Minnie
                         1746 0.0179
  1880 F
                         1578 0.0162
6
              Margaret
```

Practice problem 1

The first practice problem involves filtering and sorting.

Which name was given to the largest number of babies in the year you were born?

Once you find the answer

How many babies were given that name in 2017?

You can check to see how I approached this problem below.

Practice problem 2

The second practice problem involves filtering, grouping, and then summarizing the number of rows per group.

Calculate the total number of baby names for each level of the sex variable in the year you were born and in 2017.

Hint: To use filter() with multiple values you'll need %in% instead of ==. For example, if you wanted to filter to the years 1980 and 2015 you'd use year %in% c(1980, 2015) for the condition in filter().

Here's how I tackled this.

Part 2: Reshaping datasets

We are going to switch gears now and talk about how to reshape datasets.

In this section, we will learn to take the information from the columns of a dataset and put that information on rows instead. This is an example of taking a *wide* dataset and making it *long*. We will also learn to take information from the rows of a dataset and put that information into columns instead. In other words, reshape a dataset from *long* to *wide*. None of this changes how much information we have, it just changes how the information is stored.

We will be learning to reshape using the **tidyr** package.

The current language of the **tidyr** package involves *pivoting*. To *pivot long* means to take a wide format dataset and transform it into a long dataset. To *pivot wide* means to take a long format dataset and make it wide. We'll see examples of these as we go along, which should help clear up any confusion with this new terminology.

We'll learn the basics of reshaping on what I call a *toy* dataset. A toy dataset is a set of fake data that we make to practice functions on. Small toy datasets are handy when you are learning a new function or trying to troubleshoot a data manipulation technique. We could use built-in datasets like mtcars, as well, but toy datasets are conveniently very small.

The dataset that we will create, toy1, will have six rows and five columns.

The first column contains the levels of some treatment (trt).

The second contains the identifier of individuals the treatment was applied to (indiv). These identifiers are repeated across treatments, so individual 1 in treatment a is different than individual 1 in treatment b. This means the combination of treatment and individual is the unique identifier for each row.

The last three columns are some quantitative measurement taken at three different times (time1, time2, and time3).

The shape of this toy dataset is one I commonly see for data from studies that take measurements through time.

I'm not going to walk through this code, but below you can see how I create this dataset. If you are interested in more information on how to get started simulating data in R, see my post here.

This dataset toy1 is in a *wide* format. It has 6 rows, and the quantitative values are stored in the 3 "time" columns for a total of 18 values.

```
indiv trt
                   time1
                               time2
                                           time3
1
      1
            0.223159229 -1.13657484 -1.06105168
          a 0.081902105 -0.07023700 -0.60945992
2
3
         a 1.609929003 -0.04375057 -0.52665809
            0.417928386 -1.20497524 0.67251065
4
      1
         b
5
      2
         b 0.008878006 -1.37970036 -0.07098206
6
          b -0.880900128 0.35491329 -1.07802787
```

If we were going to analyze this dataset in R we would most likely need it to be in a long format. We want to keep the two columns containing the identifying information (trt, indiv), have a single column containing the information about the time of measurement (time1, time2, or time3), and a single column containing the values of the quantitative measurement. To lengthen a dataset from wide to long we use the pivot_longer() function.

Wide to long with pivot_longer()

The **tidyr** package was built to be used with pipes, and the dataset is the first argument for its functions. In pivot_longer(), the first thing we do after defining the dataset we want to reshape is to list the columns that contain values we want to be combined into a single column in cols. We can use the select_helpers we learned earlier for this.

Once we pick the columns we are combining, we name the new "grouping" column that will contain the names of the columns we are combining with names_to. I will name this new column time. Note that when naming a column we need to use a *string*, meaning the name has to be in quotes.

Finally we need to name the new column of values using values_to. I'll name this column measurement. This is also done using a string.

We have the same amount of information in the newly long dataset below as we did in the wide dataset. We have 18 values, now stored in a single column. We changed the shape of the dataset, not the underlying data.

```
# A tibble: 18 x 4
   indiv trt
                time measurement
                             <dbl>
   <int> <fct> <chr>
 1
                           0.223
       1 a
                time1
       1 a
                time2
                          -1.14
 3
                          -1.06
       1 a
                time3
 4
                           0.0819
       2 a
                time1
 5
       2 a
                time2
                          -0.0702
 6
       2 a
                time3
                          -0.609
 7
       3 a
                time1
                          1.61
                          -0.0438
8
       3 a
                time2
9
                          -0.527
       3 a
                time3
10
       1 b
                time1
                           0.418
11
       1 b
                time2
                          -1.20
12
       1 b
                           0.673
                time3
13
       2 b
                time1
                           0.00888
14
       2 b
                time2
                          -1.38
15
       2 b
                time3
                          -0.0710
       3 b
16
                          -0.881
                time1
17
       3 b
                time2
                           0.355
18
       3 b
                time3
                          -1.08
```

We'd better name this newly long-format object so we can use it in further examples. We'll use this long dataset to practice putting it back into wide format. This time I use starts_with() to choose the columns.

Long to wide with pivot_wider()

Now we can use the function pivot_wider() to widen the long dataset toy1long back to its original format. You might want to do this if, for example, you were going to take a dataset from an analysis done in R to graph in a program like SigmaPlot (which apparently often works best on wide datasets).

In the pivot_wider() function, we'll use the pair of arguments names_from and values_from after defining the dataset we want to reshape.

The names_from argument is where we list the column(s) that contains the values we will use as the new column names. We are referring to an existing column, so this can be done with *bare* names (i.e., without quotes around the variable names).

We list the column that contains the value(s) we will fill the new columns with using values_from.

```
3
      3 a
                1.61
                         -0.0438 -0.527
4
                0.418
      1 b
                         -1.20
                                  0.673
                0.00888 -1.38
5
      2 b
                                 -0.0710
6
      3 b
               -0.881
                          0.355 -1.08
```

Using multiple columns in names_from.

In some cases we'll want to make a wide dataset with new column names based on multiple variables in the long dataset. In that case we can pass multiple variable names to names_from.

By default, the new column names will have an underscore (_) in them separating the information from the two variables. The new column names are based on the order the variables are listed in names_from.

Now we have a 3 row dataset with quantitative values stored in 6 columns: we still have our original 18 pieces of information.

```
# A tibble: 3 x 7
  indiv a_time1 a_time2 a_time3
                                 b_time1 b_time2 b_time3
                  <dbl>
                          <dbl>
                                    <dbl>
                                            <dbl>
                                                    <dbl>
  <int>
          <dbl>
        0.223 - 1.14
                         -1.06
                                 0.418
                                           -1.20
                                                   0.673
2
        0.0819 -0.0702 -0.609 0.00888
                                          -1.38 -0.0710
3
                -0.0438 -0.527 -0.881
                                            0.355 - 1.08
```

We can change the symbol used in the new column names with names_sep. Here I also change the new column names by changing order the variables are listed in names_from.

```
# A tibble: 3 x 7
  indiv time1.a time2.a time3.a
                                 time1.b time2.b time3.b
  <int>
          <dbl>
                  <dbl>
                          <dbl>
                                   <dbl>
                                            <dbl>
                                                    <dbl>
1
        0.223 - 1.14
                         -1.06
                                 0.418
                                           -1.20
                                                   0.673
2
      2 0.0819 -0.0702 -0.609 0.00888
                                          -1.38 -0.0710
3
        1.61
                -0.0438 -0.527 -0.881
                                           0.355 - 1.08
```

Non-unique row identifiers in pivot_wider()

If the rows of the long dataset aren't uniquely identified when converting into a wide format you will get a warning message from pivot_wider().

For example, if we were trying to spread toy1long but we only had the trt variable and not the indiv variable our rows wouldn't be uniquely identified. It is only the combination of trt, indiv, and time that uniquely identifies a row.

Let's remove indiv from the dataset using select().

```
toy1long %>%
select(-indiv)
```

```
# A tibble: 18 x 3
         time measurement
   t.rt.
   <fct> <chr>
                      <dbl>
                   0.223
         time1
 1 a
 2 a
         time2
                   -1.14
 3 a
                   -1.06
         time3
 4 a
         time1
                   0.0819
                   -0.0702
 5 a
         time2
                   -0.609
 6 a
         time3
 7 a
         time1
                   1.61
8 a
         time2
                   -0.0438
 9 a
         time3
                   -0.527
10 b
         time1
                   0.418
                   -1.20
11 b
         time2
12 b
         time3
                   0.673
13 b
         time1
                    0.00888
14 b
         time2
                   -1.38
15 b
         time3
                   -0.0710
16 b
                   -0.881
         time1
17 b
         time2
                    0.355
18 b
         time3
                   -1.08
```

There are now multiple observations of each time for each trt category; our rows are not uniquely identified. Let's see what happens when we use pivot_wider() on this dataset without changing the code.

In particular, take a look at the warning messages. These messages contain useful information about what is in the output and why. The output dataset looks pretty different than what we've seen before because all 3 values for each trt and time were kept but placed into lists.

If we really want to widen the dataset without indiv, we most likely want to summarize over the values for each trt and time. This can be done using the values_fun argument. This is what the message

• Use values_fn = list(measurement = summary_fun) to summarise duplicates

was telling us.

I'll change the code to calculate the mean of the values in each trt and time using values_fn. When we summarize over multiple values we do change the total number of values in the dataset. We now have only 6 quantitative values in the output.

Practice reshaping

-0.151 -0.743 -0.159

Before we move on to Part 3 of the workshop I want you take time to practice reshaping with pivot_wider() and pivot_longer().

We will once again be working with the babynames dataset.

Practice problem 3

The third practice problem is based off of our work from practice problem 2. We calculated the total number of baby names in the year we were born and in 2017 for each sex.

I didn't name the final object, but I need to in order to use it in this problem. I'll do that here, and print the result so I remember what it looked like.

```
( numbaby_76_17 = babynames %>%
    filter( year %in% c(1976, 2017) ) %>%
    group_by(year, sex) %>%
    summarise(n = n() ) %>%
    ungroup() )
```

Using your summarized dataset from practice problem 2:

Reshape the dataset to a wide format. Make a dataset with a separate column for each sex containing the number of baby names in a given year.

Now reshape the same dataset to different wide format. Make a dataset with a separate column for each year containing the number of baby names in a given sex.

Finally, practice putting the dataset back in the original format.

Take the dataset that has sex as separate columns and put this back in the original format.

You can see my approach here.

Part 3: Joining two datasets together

The last topic we are going to cover today is merging or *joining*. For a variety of reasons, we might have data for a single analysis stored in separate datasets. Joining is the process of combining two datasets based on matching values in the columns you are using as the *unique identifiers*. The unique identifier variables are the variables in the dataset that tells the computer which rows in one dataset should be matched to the rows in another dataset.

There is a merge() function in base R, but we will be using some of the join functions from **dplyr** today, including inner_join(), left_join(), and full_join().

Let's create two toy datasets to join together.

The first dataset (tojoin1) will contain counts of some species in three different treatment plots (treat) within different sites (site).

The second dataset (tojoin2) will contain an environmental variable, measured on the same plots and sites (elev). Both datasets are missing measurements from a treatment plot in site 3; the first dataset is missing treatment "c" and the second dataset is missing treatment "a".

The key to making a data.frame() like this is to make sure each variable is the same length as each other variable.

If we set.seed() to the same number we'll all get the same random numbers from rpois() and rgamma().

```
site treat count
      1
1
             a
2
      1
             b
3
      1
             С
                    6
4
      2
                    4
             a
      2
                    9
5
             b
      2
                    5
6
             С
7
      3
             a
                    3
      3
                    8
```

```
site treat
                   elev
1
     1
           b 1036.1179
2
     2
              984.7461
           b
3
     3
           b 1012.7026
4
              977.3154
     1
5
     2
            c 1017.7019
6
     3
            c 1058.7514
7
     1
            a 1003.0419
     2
              976.0533
```

The unique identifier of each measurement in each dataset is a combination of site and treat; those are the variables that we will use to tell R which rows within the two datasets to combine into one.

The inner join

Let's start our joining practice by joining these two datasets together using inner_join().

See the help page, ?join, to see a description of each type of join available in **dplyr**. In the documentation, you will see that every join involves two datasets, called x and y, to be joined. The x dataset is the first dataset you give to the join function and the y dataset is the second.

An *inner join* matches on the unique identifiers and returns only rows that are shared in both datasets.

From the documentation, an inner_join() will

return all rows from x where there are matching values in y, and all columns from x and y

By default, inner_join() joins on all columns shared by the two datasets. When we use this default, we will get a message telling us which variables were used for joining when we run the code.

We'll name our new combined dataset joined, and print the result.

```
( joined = inner_join(tojoin1, tojoin2) )
Joining, by = c("site", "treat")
  site treat count
                         elev
                  7 1003.0419
1
     1
           a
2
                  4 1036.1179
     1
           b
3
     1
           С
                  6
                    977.3154
     2
                    976.0533
4
           a
                  4
5
     2
           b
                  9 984.7461
6
     2
           С
                  5 1017.7019
7
     3
           b
                  8 1012.7026
```

To make our code more explicit and easily understandable, we can also use the by argument to define which variables we want to join on. This is what I usually do.

```
inner_join( tojoin1, tojoin2, by = c("site", "treat") )
```

```
site treat count
                           elev
                   7 1003.0419
1
     1
            a
2
     1
            b
                   4 1036.1179
                      977.3154
3
                   6
     1
            С
4
     2
                      976.0533
            a
                   4
5
     2
                   9
                      984.7461
            b
6
     2
            С
                   5 1017.7019
7
     3
            b
                   8 1012.7026
```

We see above that the joined dataset only has 7 rows. This is because there are only 7 site-treatment combinations that are present in both datasets. If we want to retain more rows, we'll need a different kind of join.

The left join

A left join is used when we want to keep all rows in the first dataset regardless of if they have a match in the second dataset.

From the documentation, left_join() will

return all rows from x, and all columns from x and y. Rows in x with no match in y will have NA values in the new columns.

So in our scenario, we should get 8 rows back because we have 8 rows in the first dataset (tojoin1). We will still be missing a row for site 3 treatment "a", as this is not present in the first dataset.

```
left_join( tojoin1, tojoin2, by = c("site", "treat") )
```

```
site treat count
                           elev
1
     1
            a
                   7 1003.0419
2
     1
            b
                   4 1036.1179
3
                       977.3154
     1
            С
                   6
4
     2
                   4
                      976.0533
5
                      984.7461
     2
            b
6
     2
            С
                   5 1017.7019
7
     3
            а
                   3
                              NA
8
     3
                   8 1012.7026
            h
```

There is also a right_join(), which we won't practice today but works a lot like the left_join().

The full join

To keep all rows in both datasets regardless of a match, we can make a full join via full_join().

The full_join() function will

return all rows and all columns from both x and y. Where there are not matching values, returns NA for the one missing.

This is how we can get rows for all nine site-treatment combinations.

```
full_join( tojoin1, tojoin2, by = c("site", "treat") )
```

```
site treat count
                           elev
1
     1
                   7 1003.0419
            a
                   4 1036.1179
2
     1
            b
3
                      977.3154
     1
            С
                   6
4
     2
            a
                   4
                      976.0533
5
     2
            b
                   9
                      984.7461
6
     2
                   5 1017.7019
            С
7
     3
                   3
                             NA
            a
8
     3
            b
                   8 1012.7026
9
     3
                  NA 1058.7514
            C.
```

Matching multiple rows when joining

There is an additional sentence in the documentation when describing the joins that we haven't discussed yet.

If there are multiple matches between x and y, all combination of the matches are returned.

This is an important topic to cover, as sometimes we want this behavior but other times this behavior helps us uncover a mistake we are making.

An example of when this is useful

For example, if we wanted to join a variable that was only measured at the "site" level, this behavior is desirable. Let's make a dataset that has a variable measured at the site level.

```
site rainfall
1 1 16.43203
2 2 9.30625
3 3 11.35799
```

This new dataset only has 3 rows. Every treatment plot in the count dataset tojoin1 needs to be assigned to the same value of the rainfall site-level variable. This means each row in the site-level dataset will be matched to multiple rows in tojoin1 when joined, which is exactly what we want to happen. We end up with an 8 row dataset.

```
left_join(tojoin1, tojoin3, by = "site")
```

```
site treat count rainfall
                   7 16.43203
     1
1
2
     1
            b
                   4 16.43203
3
     1
                   6 16.43203
            С
4
     2
            a
                      9.30625
5
     2
                      9.30625
            b
                   9
6
     2
                      9.30625
            С
                   5
7
     3
            a
                   3 11.35799
8
     3
            b
                   8 11.35799
```

An example of when this indicates a mistake

This sort of behavior can cause unexpected results, though. If we join the original two joining datasets using only site instead of the two variables that make up the unique identifier of each row, we will end up with multiple matches per row. This leads us with a dataset that is much longer than expected.

When this sort of thing happens unexpectedly, we likely need to step back and evaluate whether or not we have unique identifiers. We may need to rethink what we are doing versus what we want the final dataset to look like.

```
left_join(tojoin1, tojoin2, by = "site")
```

```
# A tibble: 22 x 5
    site treat.x count treat.y
                                   elev
   <int> <fct>
                  <int> <fct>
                                  <dbl>
 1
       1 a
                       7 b
                                  1036.
       1 a
                       7 c
                                   977.
 3
                                  1003.
       1 a
                       7 a
 4
       1 b
                       4 b
                                  1036.
 5
       1 b
                       4 c
                                   977.
 6
       1 b
                       4 a
                                  1003.
 7
                       6 b
                                  1036.
       1 c
8
       1 c
                       6 c
                                   977.
9
                                  1003.
       1 c
                       6 a
10
       2 a
                                   985.
# ... with 12 more rows
```

Using anti_join() to find missing data

The very last function we'll learn today is yet another kind of join, called the anti_join().

An anti_join() will

return all rows from x where there are not matching values in y, keeping just columns from x.

This is great for figuring out which rows are missing matches between two datasets. In an anti-join, we want to only return the values in the x dataset that are *not* in the y dataset.

Both anti_join() and the related semi_join() act more like filters than joins.

Here's what this looks like, pulling out the row in tojoin1 that is missing from tojoin2. We see we are missing treatment "a" at site 3 from tojoin2.

```
anti_join( tojoin1, tojoin2, by = c("site", "treat") )
   site treat count
1    3    a    3
```

If we wanted to find the row in tojoin2 that is missing in tojoin1, we switch the order we put the datasets in anti_join(). Now we see where are missing treatment "c" at site 3 from tojoin1.

```
anti_join( tojoin2, tojoin1, by = c("site", "treat") )
   site treat   elev
1    3    c 1058.751
```

Using the join functions with the pipe operator

The join functions can be used with the pipe operator. We can only pipe in one dataset at a time, so we have to decide if we want to pipe the dataset in as the x dataset or the y dataset.

Piping in a join function isn't super useful for these simple examples I'm showing you, but we can easily fit a join into a longer pipe chain.

If piping a dataset in as the x dataset, the piped-in dataset is the first argument of whatever join function you are using. This example uses the anti_join().

```
tojoin1 %>%
   anti_join( tojoin2, by = c("site", "treat") )
   site treat count
1   3   a   3
```

We can pipe the dataset as the y dataset, as well, using the . placeholder we saw earlier.

```
tojoin1 %>%
   anti_join( tojoin2, ., by = c("site", "treat") )

site treat   elev
1   3   c 1058.751
```

Joins are an important skill to learn for data manipulation. The main take-home message here is that joins can be used as part of a longer chain of data manipulation steps via the pipe.

Two additional dplyr functions

There are a couple other functions I use for data checking a lot, which I will put here at the end of the workshop. We may not get to these during the workshop and so I have listed them here for reference.

The n_distinct() function

The n_distinct() function is a useful function for counting up the number of *unique values* of a variable. I use this most when I'm learning about a dataset that I don't know well and want to understand the structure of individual variables.

I also use n_distinct() when I think I have mistakes in a variable, such as a value of a categorical variable being misentered. For example, if we know our dataset should only have 3 values for cyl we can check to make sure our variable doesn't contain more than that with n_distinct().

```
mtcars %>%
    summarise( ncyl = n_distinct(cyl) )

ncyl
1    3
```

Another example is checking how many unique values of one variable is in each group. Here we'll calculate how many unique values of mpg there are in each cylinder category with n_distinct() and compare that to the number of rows we have in that category calculated with n().

```
# A tibble: 3 x 3
    cyl nmpg
                   n
  <dbl> <int> <int>
      4
            9
                  11
1
             6
2
      6
                   7
3
      8
            12
                  14
```

There are fewer unique mpg values (only 27) than there are rows in the dataset.

The distinct() function

The last of the **dplyr** functions we will see is the **distinct()** function. This is the function we can use if we need to remove duplicate-valued rows from our dataset.

For example, we saw above that we had fewer unique values of mpg in each cyl group than we had rows in the dataset. Let's pull out only the *distinct* values of mpg per cyl group.

The resulting dataset has 27 rows instead of the 32 rows of the original dataset. These are the rows that contain the first of each unique value of mpg within each cylinder category.

```
mtcars %>%
   group_by(cyl) %>%
   distinct(mpg) %>%
   ungroup()
```

```
# A tibble: 27 \times 2 mpg cyl
```

```
<dbl> <dbl>
    21
 1
    22.8
 3
    21.4
              6
 4
    18.7
              8
 5
    18.1
              6
 6
   14.3
 7
    24.4
              4
    19.2
9
   17.8
              6
10 16.4
              8
# ... with 17 more rows
```

Above we only kept the grouping variables and the variable we used to determine uniqueness. If we want to keep all the variables when using distinct() we need the .keep_all argument.

```
mtcars %>%
  group_by(cyl) %>%
  distinct(mpg, .keep_all = TRUE) %>%
  ungroup()
```

```
# A tibble: 27 x 11
            cyl
                disp
                          hp
                              drat
                                       wt
                                           qsec vs
                                                               gear
   <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <fct> <dbl>
 1
    21
              6
                 160
                         110
                              3.9
                                     2.62
                                           16.5 0
                                                                         4
                                                            1
    22.8
              4
                 108
                              3.85
                                     2.32
                                           18.6 1
                                                                         1
 3
    21.4
                                                                  3
              6
                 258
                         110
                              3.08
                                    3.22
                                           19.4 1
                                                            0
                                                                         1
   18.7
              8
                 360
                              3.15
                                    3.44
                                           17.0 0
                         175
 5
    18.1
              6
                 225
                         105
                              2.76
                                     3.46
                                           20.2 1
                                                            0
                                                                  3
                                                                         1
 6
    14.3
              8
                 360
                         245
                              3.21
                                     3.57
                                           15.8 0
                                                            0
                                                                  3
                                                                         4
                                                                         2
 7
    24.4
              4
                 147.
                          62
                              3.69
                                     3.19
                                           20
                                                            0
8
   19.2
                                                                         4
              6
                 168.
                         123
                              3.92
                                     3.44
                                           18.3 1
9
    17.8
                                                                  4
                                                                         4
                 168.
                         123
                              3.92
                                     3.44
                                           18.9 1
                                                            0
              6
                                           17.4 0
                                                                         3
10
    16.4
              8
                 276.
                         180
                              3.07
                                     4.07
# ... with 17 more rows
```

Working through the practice problems

You can see how I approached each practice problem below.

Answers problem 1

Which name was given to the largest number of babies in the year you were born?

I was born in 1976, so I first filter the dataset to that year. Since I wanted to find the name given to the largest number of babies I then sorted by n in descending order.

The most babies were named Michael in 1976.

```
babynames %>%
  filter(year == 1976) %>%
  arrange(-n)
```

```
# A tibble: 17,391 x 5
    year sex
               name
                                n
                                    prop
   <dbl> <chr> <chr>
                            <int>
                                   <dbl>
               Michael
   1976 M
                            66964 0.0410
   1976 F
               Jennifer
                            59474 0.0378
 3
  1976 M
               Jason
                            52681 0.0323
   1976 M
               Christopher 45213 0.0277
 5
   1976 M
               David
                            39299 0.0241
 6
   1976 M
               James
                            38306 0.0235
7
   1976 M
               John
                            34008 0.0208
8
    1976 M
               Robert
                            33809 0.0207
9 1976 F
               Amy
                            31341 0.0199
10 1976 M
                            30535 0.0187
               Brian
# ... with 17,381 more rows
```

How many babies were given that name in 2017?

I need to filter the dataset to 2017 and babies named Michael. Notice I didn't specify sex, and there were both male and female babies named Michael in 2017.

```
babynames %>%
  filter(year == 2017, name == "Michael")
```

Go to practice problem 2

Answer problem 2

Calculate the total number of baby names for each level of the sex variable in the year you were born and in 2017.

We didn't see how to filter to multiple values, so we'll need to make sure of the hint to do so.

I'll first filter the dataset to only the years 1976 and 2017. Then I'll group it by both year and sex so I can add up the total number of rows in each year for each sex with summarise() and n(). This works because each row in the babynames dataset is a unique name.

I end with ungroup() to make sure the final result isn't grouped anymore.

There are more different baby names in 2017 compared to 1976 and in both years there were more unique names for female babies compared to male babies.

```
babynames %>%
  filter( year %in% c(1976, 2017) ) %>%
  group_by(year, sex) %>%
  summarise(n = n() ) %>%
  ungroup()
```

Go to part 2 of the workshop

Answers problem 3

These questions are based on the final dataset from practice problem 2. My first step was to name this object so I can use it to answer the question in problem 3.

```
numbaby_76_17 = babynames %>%
  filter( year %in% c(1976, 2017) ) %>%
  group_by(year, sex) %>%
  summarise(n = n() ) %>%
  ungroup()
```

Reshape the dataset from practice problem 2 to a wide format. Make a dataset with a separate column for each sex containing the number of baby names in a given year.

Since we're going from long to wide we'll need pivot_wider(). The question specifically asks for separate columns by sex, which tells me that this variable should be listed in names_from. The n variable is what I need to fill the columns with so I use it as the values_from variable.

```
# A tibble: 2 x 3
    year F M
    <dbl> <int> <int> 6491
2 2017 18309 14160
```

Now reshape the same dataset to different wide format. Make a dataset with a separate column for each year containing the number of baby names in a given sex.

This is very similar to the first question except this time year is the names_from variable. Notice that the result has backticks around the new column names, since having column names as numbers is not syntactically valid in R.

Take the dataset that has sex as separate columns and put this back in the original format.

Since we are now going from 'wide" to "long" this involves using pivot_longer(). The two columns that contain information I want to gather are F and M. I'll call the new categorical column "sex" and the new continuous column "num_name".

```
# A tibble: 4 x 3
    year sex num_name
    <dbl> <chr>    1 1976 F 10900
2 1976 M 6491
3 2017 F 18309
4 2017 M 14160
```

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