Data Wrangling - 1

COMM 205 - Lecture 19 - R4

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Agenda

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Data Wrangling

- Wikipedia defines data wrangling as "the process of transforming and mapping data from one "raw" data form into another format with the intent of making it more appropriate and valuable for a variety of downstream purposes such as analytics".
- For data wrangling in R, we will mainly use two packages, namely dplyr and magrittr, shipped with tidyverse.
 - ▶ dplyr provides a grammar for data manipulation, providing a consistent set of verbs that solve most common data manipulation challenges.
 - magrittr package offers a set of operators which make your code more readable.
- Since we will use functions from tidyverse, we can go ahead and load it.

library(tidyverse)

Now, you can make use of all the functions available in packages included in tidyverse.

Main dplyr functions

We will cover the following functions in this course.

- select() extracts columns based on their names.
- filter() extracts rows based on values.
- mutate() adds new columns that are functions of existing columns
- summarise() reduces multiple observations down to a single value.
- arrange() changes the ordering of the rows (will be covered later)
- group_by() allows you to perform any of the above operations "by group" (will be covered later).

North American Stock Market 1994-2013 Dataset

- We will be frequently using a data set stored in North_American_Stock_Market_1994-2013.rds file. The original data was put together by Dr. Adam Saunders.
- The data set contains information on virtually all publicly traded firms in Canada and the United States from 1994 to 2013 (obtained from Compustat).
- Most of the data is from the United States, but some companies are from Canada.
- If you wish, you can also crosscheck the data in this dataset with the ones you can access from Google Finance (https://www.google.ca/finance). Type a ticker symbol and click on Financials.
- Note that the dollar amounts in this data set are in millions of USD (or CAD), except for per share items.

Reading/Loading an RDS file

You can read an rds file by using readRDS() function by specifying the location of the file. Note that the file location is specified within quotation marks. The output of the function is a data frame.

Syntax

readRDS("location-of-the-file")

where "location-of-the-file" is

- absolute path to the file or
- relative path with respect to the working directory.

How?

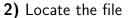
- 1) Using GUI to load the data
- 2) Executing readRDS() directly by specifying the path

How to in Mac

- Suppose you are given an RDS file called data.RDS.
- Alternative #1
- 1) Save the file



• Alternative #2





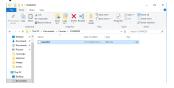
3) Name the Data Frame



my_df <- readRDS("~/Documents/Courses/COMM205/data.RDS")</pre>

How to in Windows

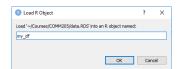
- Suppose you are given an RDS file called data.RDS.
- Alternative #1
- 1) Save the file



2) Locate the file



3) Name the Data Frame



Alternative #2

```
my_df <- readRDS("~/Courses/COMM205/data.RDS")</pre>
```

Loading Companies Data

- Do **not** click on the RDS file on your Finder/File Explorer.
- Either use graphical interface on RStudio to locate the file file or directly specify the path.

```
companies <- readRDS("<path_to_your_file>/North_American_Stock_Mark
```

In my case, I saved the rds file in a folder at:
 "/Users/fenerbahce/Personal Content/Horizon/TEACHING/COMM 205/R/".

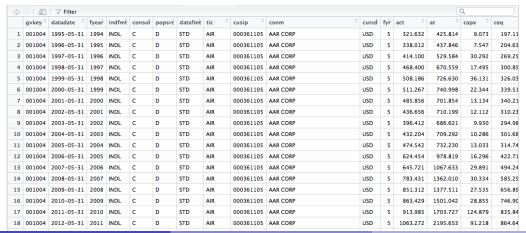
companies <- readRDS("/Users/fenerbahce/Personal Content/Horizon/TH</pre>

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North American Stock Market Dataset (1994-2013)

If you view the data frame, you will see that there are 50 variables and 232,362 observersations. Remember two ways to see a data frame stored in a session.

- by clicking on the name of the data frame on the Environment pane, or
- Typing View(companies) on the Console.



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Columns

no	variable	type	label
1	gvkey	character	Global Company Key
2	datadate	Date	Data Date
3	fyear	numeric	Data Year - Fiscal
4	indfmt	character	Industry Format
5	consol	character	Level of Consolidation - Company Annual Descriptor
6	popsrc	character	Population Source
7	datafmt	character	Data Format
8	tic	character	Ticker Symbol
9	cusip	character	CUSIP
10	conm	character	Company Name
11	curcd	character	ISO Currency Code
12	fyr	numeric	Fiscal Year-end Month
13	act	numeric	Current Assets - Total
14	at	numeric	Assets - Total
15	capx	numeric	Capital Expenditures
16	ceq	numeric	Common/Ordinary Equity - Total
17	ch	numeric	Cash
18	che	numeric	Cash and Short-Term Investments
19	cogs	numeric	Cost of Goods Sold
20	csho	numeric	Common Shares Outstanding

Columns (cont'd)

no	variable	type	label
21	dlc	numeric	Debt in Current Liabilities - Total
22	dltt	numeric	Long-Term Debt - Total
23	ebit	numeric	Earnings Before Interest and Taxes
24	ebitda	numeric	Earnings Before Interest
25	emp	numeric	Employees
26	invt	numeric	Inventories - Total
27	lct	numeric	Current Liabilities - Total
28	lt	numeric	Liabilities - Total
29	ni	numeric	Net Income (Loss)
30	niadj	numeric	Net Income Adjusted for Common/Ordinary Stock (Capital) Equivalents
31	oiadp	numeric	Operating Income After Depreciation
32	oibdp	numeric	Operating Income Before Depreciation
33	ppent	numeric	Property, Plant and Equipment - Total (Net)
34	pstk	numeric	Preferred/Preference Stock (Capital) - Total
35	rect	numeric	Receivables - Total
36	sale	numeric	Sales/Turnover (Net)
37	seq	numeric	Stockholders Equity - Parent
38	exchg	numeric	Stock Exchange Code
39	cik	character	CIK Number
40	costat	character	Active/Inactive Status Marker

Columns (cont'd)

no	variable	type	label
41	fic	character	Current ISO Country Code - Incorporation
42	naicsh	numeric	North America Industrial Classification System - Historical
43	sich	numeric	Standard Industrial Classification - Historical
44	prcc_c	numeric	Price Close - Annual - Calendar
45	prcc f	numeric	Price Close - Annual - Fiscal
46	conml	character	Company Legal Name
47	ein	character	Employer Identification Number
48	loc	character	Current ISO Country Code - Headquarters
49	naics	character	North American Industry Classification Code
50	sic	character	Standard Industry Classification Code

select() Function

select() extracts columns specified from a data frame. The output is a data frame.

select() syntax:

select(data_object_name, variable_name(s))

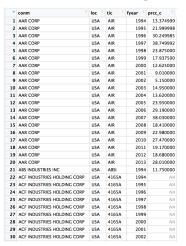
Question

Let's use our companies and create a new data frame which has the **company name** (i.e., conm), its **headquarter location** (i.e., loc), its **ticker** (i.e., tic), the **fiscal year** (i.e., fyear), and its **stock price at the end of the calendar year** (i.e., prcc_c).

Note that the new data frame will have the same number of observations (i.e., 232,362) and *only* five columns specified.

New data frame

Here are the first 30 observations from stock_price_year_end:



Obviously, you can use View(stock_price_year_end) to browse the the newly created data frame.

filter() Function

filter() keeps rows/observations where condition(s) specified are satisfied.

filter() syntax:

filter(data_object_name, condition(s))

where conditions are logical operations on the column(s) of the data object.

- Multiple conditions are combined with & or |.
- Only rows where the condition evaluates to TRUE are kept.
- Note that rows where the condition(s) evaluate to NA are **dropped**.
- If you separate the conditions with commas, it combines with conditions with & (i.e., all the conditions must be satisfied).

filter() example

Question

Again using our North American Stock Market 1994-2013 Dataset, let's create a new data frame which containing observersations for which **headquarter location** (i.e., *loc*) is "CAN".

```
canadian_companies <- filter(companies, loc=="CAN")</pre>
```

You can browse the canadian_companies data frame by typing the following at your console.

```
View(canadian_companies)
```

As you can see, filter retains all the columns of the original data only keep the observations satisfied the condition.

select() and filter() combined

If you are interested in specific columns for these companies.

Question

Create a new data frame which has the **company name** (i.e., *conm*), its **headquarter** location (i.e., loc), its ticker (i.e., tic), the fiscal year (i.e., fyear), and its stock price at the end of the calendar year (i.e., prcc_c) for companies whose headquarter is in Canada.

This can be done with nesting:

```
can_companies_stock_v1 <-</pre>
  select(filter(companies,loc=="CAN"),
         conm, loc, tic, fyear, prcc c)
```

This is equivalent to creating an intermediate dataframe and passing that to the next command as follows:

```
canadian companies <- filter(companies, loc=="CAN")</pre>
canadian_stock_stock_v1 <-
  select(canadian_companies,
         conm, loc, tic, fyear, prcc_c)
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```

NA

Remember that "rows where the condition evaluates to NA are dropped".

If you are only interested in 'conm', 'fyear', and 'ch' for the company with 'gvkey' of '001010', you will see that 'ch' values for some years are 'NA'.

gvkey	conm	fyear	ch
001010	ACF INDUSTRIES HOLDING CORP	1994	58.6
001010	ACF INDUSTRIES HOLDING CORP	1995	NA
001010	ACF INDUSTRIES HOLDING CORP	1996	NA
001010	ACF INDUSTRIES HOLDING CORP	1997	NA
001010	ACF INDUSTRIES HOLDING CORP	1998	NA
001010	ACF INDUSTRIES HOLDING CORP	1999	NA
001010	ACF INDUSTRIES HOLDING CORP	2000	NA
001010	ACF INDUSTRIES HOLDING CORP	2001	NA
001010	ACF INDUSTRIES HOLDING CORP	2002	NA
001010	ACF INDUSTRIES HOLDING CORP	2003	650.6

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Now, if you want to filter of the observations of that company of which ch is positive, you can add another condition to the filter as follows.

gvkey	conm	fyear	ch
001010	ACF INDUSTRIES HOLDING CORP	1994	58.6
001010	ACF INDUSTRIES HOLDING CORP	2003	650.6

If you compare the results of the last two codes, you will see that the rows (observations) where the condition evaluates to NA are dropped in the latter code.

Because seperating the conditions with commas is equivalent to combining the conditions with logical AND operators, the code above is identical to

Advantage(s) of magrittr

Most data manipulations would require multiple operations. Combining those functions either through nesting or through intermediate data frames would be cumbersome. magrittr comes to the rescue.

The **magrittr** package is created to make the data manipulation code more readable:

- structuring sequences of data operations left-to-right (not inside-out),
- avoiding nested function calls,
- minimizing the need for intermediate objects, and
- making it easy to add steps anywhere in the sequence of operations.

Sequencing the operations with pipe operator

Forward Pipe Operator

%>% pipes its **left-hand side** value forward into the expression that appears on its **right-hand side**.

Basic Piping

- x %>% f is equivalent to f(x).
- x %>% f(y) is equivalent to f(x, y)
- x %>% f %>% g %>% h is equivalent to h(g(f(x)))

filter(companies, loc=="CAN") # is equivalent to
companies %>% filter(loc =="CAN")

Piping Approach to a previous question

Question

Create a new data frame which has the **company name** (i.e., *conm*), its **headquarter location** (i.e., *loc*), its **ticker** (i.e., *tic*), the **fiscal year** (i.e., *fyear*), and its **stock price at the end of the calendar year** (i.e., *prcc_c*) for **companies whose headquarter is in Canada**.

```
canadian_stock_stock_v2 <- companies %>%
  filter(loc=="CAN") %>%
  select(conm, loc, tic, fyear, prcc_c)
```

As you can see, when pipe operator is used, the dplyr functions take the data from the previous step as their input. Pictorially, here is what we have done.

```
companies %>% filter(loc=="CAN") %>% select(conm, loc, tic, fyear, prcc_c)
select(filter(companies, loc=="CAN"), conm, loc, tic, fyear, prcc_c)
```

Readability

You can imagine that sequencing several function calls with the pipe-operator would be even more beneficial.

Note that, as we have done in our solution, data wranglers often start a new line by hitting enter after each pipe-operator to improve readability of the code. The code creating canadian companies stocks data frame could have been written in a single line.

canadian stock stock v2 <- companies %>%

```
filter(loc=="CAN") %>%
select(conm, loc, tic, fyear, prcc_c)
```

canadian stock stock v2 <- companies %>% filter(loc=="CAN") %>% select(conm, lo

mutate() function

mutate() adds new column(s) into a data frame and preserves the existing ones.

mutate() syntax:

mutate(data_object_name, new_variable_name =) where can be function(s) and arithmetic/logical operations.

With mutate(), you can create multiple new columns by separating them with comma.

Question

Let's create a data frame where contains **company name** (i.e., *conm*), its **ticker** (i.e., *tic*), its cash (i.e., ch), not in millions as recorded in the original data frame but as a full amount (e.g., if 1 is recorded, it should be 1000000 in the new data set.) for those companies whose **headquarter** was in **Canada** (i.e., CAN) and whose **cash** was greater than 10 million in **financial year** 2010 (i.e., fyear == 2010).

```
canadian_comp_full_cash <- companies %>%
  mutate(full_ch= 1000000*ch) %>%
  filter(loc=="CAN" & fyear==2010 & ch>10) %>%
  select(conm, tic, full ch)
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```

Resultant data frame

*	conm	tic [‡]	full_ch [‡]
1	MORGUARD CORP	MRCBF	27535000
2	AGNICO EAGLE MINES LTD	AEM	95560000
3	ALGOMA CENTRAL CORP	AGMJF	45537000
4	ARBOR MEMORIAL SERVICES INC	AROBF	12827000
5	ATCO LTD -CL I	ACLLF	647700000
6	BARRICK GOLD CORP	ABX	3968000000
7	BCE INC	BCE	774000000
8	RESOLUTE FOREST PRODUCTS INC	RFP	319000000
9	BROOKFIELD ASSET MANAGEMENT	BAM	1713000000
10	CATALYST PAPER CORP	CYSTF	95400000
11	TELUS CORP	TU	17000000
12	CAE INC	CAE	276400000
13	CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY CO	CNI	490000000
14	NEXEN INC	NXY	1005000000
15	CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY LTD	СР	360600000
16	CANADIAN TIRE CORP -CL A	CDNAF	554300000
17	CANADA BREAD CO LTD	CBDLF	84401000
18	RUSSEL METALS INC	RUSMF	323700000
19	FINNING INTERNATIONAL INC	FINGF	349857000
20	MAGELLAN AEROSPACE CORP	MALIF	24952000

summarise() Function

summarise() is used to create an aggregate statistic over the observations.

```
summarise() syntax:
summarise(data_object, new_var_name =
aggregate_funct(existing_var_name))
```

Aggregate functions that can be used (not exhaustive):

- For the central tendency: mean(), median()
- For the spread: sd()
- For the range: min(), max()
- For count: n(), n_distinct()
- For aggregating:sum()

When summarise() is used with group_by, the aggregate statistic is calculated over each group (we will be covered this next lecture).

Question

Question

Let's now find out the *maximum* and *minimum* cash recorded for Canada-headquartered companies in 2010.

Since ch has NA's, we needed to specify max() and min() to ignore NAs with na.rm = TRUE.

The resultant data frame has **two (new) columns** and **one row**.



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The End

Thanks for watching

See you in next time!

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