

Basics of "dplyr"

Tidyverse

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About

In this slides we provide a quick introduction to the R package "dplyr", which is part of the so-called "tidyverse".

The Tidyverse

"tidyverse" is a set of packages for doing data science in R

<https://www.tidyverse.org>

Hadley Wickham is the leading author of the initial packages (they used to be referred as the "hadleyverse").

Nowadays, Tidyverse packages are made by many of the same people that make RStudio.

Tidyverse Packages

They provide alternatives to R's built-in tools for:

- ▶ Reading files (package "readr")
- ▶ Manipulating data frames (packages "dplyr", "tidyr", "tibble")
- ▶ Making visualizations (package "ggplot2")
- ▶ Manipulating strings (package "stringr")
- ▶ Manipulating factors (package "forcats")
- ▶ Functional programming (package "purrr")

The Tidyverse

The Tidyverse packages are popular but controversial, because some of them use a syntax different from base R.

```
library(tidyverse)
```

RStudio cheat sheets (mostly for Tidyverse packages):

<https://rstudio.com/resources/cheatsheets/>

About tibbles

Motivation

To illustrate some of the ideas presented in this part of the course, I'll use variations of a toy data example

name	gender	height
Anakin	male	1.88
Padme	female	1.65
Luke	male	1.72
Leia	female	1.50

Tibbles

A **tibble** (deformation of the word “table”) is Tidyverse’s improved version of an R data frame.

Compared to an ordinary data frame, a tibble:

- ▶ Prints differently
- ▶ Default to `drop = FALSE` for the subset operator `[`
- ▶ Don’t allow partial matching for the dollar operator `$`

For all intents and purposes, treat tibbles as data frames.

Toy Example

```
# data.frame
dat <- data.frame(
  name = c('Anakin', 'Padme', 'Luke', 'Leia'),
  gender = c('male', 'female', 'male', 'female'),
  height = c(1.88, 1.65, 1.72, 1.50)
)

# tibble
tbl <- tibble(
  name = c('Anakin', 'Padme', 'Luke', 'Leia'),
  gender = c('male', 'female', 'male', 'female'),
  height = c(1.88, 1.65, 1.72, 1.50)
)
```

Toy Example

```
dat
```

```
##      name gender height
## 1 Anakin   male   1.88
## 2 Padme  female   1.65
## 3 Luke    male   1.72
## 4 Leia   female   1.50
```

```
tbl
```

```
## # A tibble: 4 x 3
##   name    gender height
##   <chr>  <chr>    <dbl>
## 1 Anakin male     1.88
## 2 Padme  female    1.65
## 3 Luke   male     1.72
## 4 Leia   female    1.5
```

data.frame versus tibble

For the tibble, using `[` to subset a single value **does not** drop the data frame:

```
class(dat[, 1])
```

```
## [1] "character"
```

```
class(dat[, 1, drop = FALSE])
```

```
## [1] "data.frame"
```

```
class(tbl[, 1])
```

```
## [1] "tbl_df"      "tbl"        "data.frame"
```

data.frame versus tibble

For the tibble, the dollar operator \$ **does not** allow partial matches:

```
# partial match (column account)  
dat$acc
```

```
## NULL
```

```
tbl$acc
```

```
## Warning: Unknown or uninitialised column: `acc`.
```

```
## NULL
```

data.frame and tibble

There are as functions to convert from/to tibbles:

```
# Convert tibble to data frame  
class(as.data.frame(tbl))
```

```
## [1] "data.frame"
```

```
# Convert data frame to tibble  
class(as_tibble(dat))
```

```
## [1] "tbl_df"      "tbl"        "data.frame"
```

"dplyr" main verbs

- ▶ `filter()`
- ▶ `select()`
- ▶ `slice()`
- ▶ `arrange()`
- ▶ `mutate()`
- ▶ `group_by()`
- ▶ `summarise()`

Structure of "dplyr" verbs

- ▶ First argument is a data frame (or tibble)
- ▶ Subsequent arguments say what to do with data frame
- ▶ Always return a data frame (or tibble)
- ▶ Never modify in place

slice

Select rows based on index positions

slice: example 1

dat

name	gender	height
Anakin	male	1.88
Padme	female	1.65
Luke	male	1.72
Leia	female	1.50



name	gender	height
Anakin	male	1.88

```
slice(dat, 1)
```

slice: example 2

dat

name	gender	height
Anakin	male	1.88
Padme	female	1.65
Luke	male	1.72
Leia	female	1.50



name	gender	height
Anakin	male	1.88
Padme	female	1.65

```
slice(dat, 1:2)
```

slice: example 3

dat

name	gender	height
Anakin	male	1.88
Padme	female	1.65
Luke	male	1.72
Leia	female	1.50



name	gender	height
Padme	female	1.65
Leia	female	1.50

```
slice(dat, c(2, 4))
```

slice: example 4

dat

name	gender	height
Anakin	male	1.88
Padme	female	1.65
Luke	male	1.72
Leia	female	1.50



name	gender	height
Padme	female	1.65
Luke	male	1.72
Leia	female	1.50

`slice(dat, -1)`

slice: example 5

dat

name	gender	height
Anakin	male	1.88
Padme	female	1.65
Luke	male	1.72
Leia	female	1.50



name	gender	height
Padme	female	1.65
Leia	female	1.50

```
slice(dat, -c(1,3))
```

select

Select one or more columns

select: example 1

dat

name	gender	height
Anakin	male	1.88
Padme	female	1.65
Luke	male	1.72
Leia	female	1.50



name
Anakin
Padme
Luke
Leia

```
select(dat, name)
```

equivalent

```
select(dat, "name")
```

select: example 2

dat

name	gender	height
Anakin	male	1.88
Padme	female	1.65
Luke	male	1.72
Leia	female	1.50



name	height
Anakin	1.88
Padme	1.65
Luke	1.72
Leia	1.50

```
select(dat, name, height)
```

equivalent

```
select(dat, "name", "height")
```


select: example 3

dat

name	gender	height
Anakin	male	1.88
Padme	female	1.65
Luke	male	1.72
Leia	female	1.50



height	name
1.88	Anakin
1.65	Padme
1.72	Luke
1.50	Leia

```
select(dat, height, name)
```

select: example 4

dat

name	gender	height
Anakin	male	1.88
Padme	female	1.65
Luke	male	1.72
Leia	female	1.50



name	gender
Anakin	male
Padme	female
Luke	male
Leia	female

```
select(dat, -height)
```

select: example 5

dat

name	gender	height
Anakin	male	1.88
Padme	female	1.65
Luke	male	1.72
Leia	female	1.50



name	gender
Anakin	male
Padme	female
Luke	male
Leia	female

```
select(dat, name:gender)
```

select: example 6

dat

name	gender	height
Anakin	male	1.88
Padme	female	1.65
Luke	male	1.72
Leia	female	1.50



name
Anakin
Padme
Luke
Leia

```
select(dat, 1)
```

select: example 7

dat

name	gender	height
Anakin	male	1.88
Padme	female	1.65
Luke	male	1.72
Leia	female	1.50



name	gender
Anakin	male
Padme	female
Luke	male
Leia	female

```
select(dat, 1:2)
```

select: example 8

dat

name	gender	height
Anakin	male	1.88
Padme	female	1.65
Luke	male	1.72
Leia	female	1.50



name	height
Anakin	1.88
Padme	1.65
Luke	1.72
Leia	1.50

```
select(dat, c(1, 3))
```

select: example 9

dat

name	gender	height
Anakin	male	1.88
Padme	female	1.65
Luke	male	1.72
Leia	female	1.50



name	gender
Anakin	male
Padme	female
Luke	male
Leia	female

```
select(dat, -3)
```

filter

Select (subset) rows based on a condition

filter: example 1

dat

name	gender	height
Anakin	male	1.88
Padme	female	1.65
Luke	male	1.72
Leia	female	1.50



name	gender	height
Padme	female	1.65
Leia	female	1.50

```
filter(dat, gender == "female")
```

filter: example 2

dat

name	gender	height
Anakin	male	1.88
Padme	female	1.65
Luke	male	1.72
Leia	female	1.50



name	gender	height
Luke	male	1.72

```
filter(dat, name == "Luke")
```

filter: example 3

dat

name	gender	height
Anakin	male	1.88
Padme	female	1.65
Luke	male	1.72
Leia	female	1.50



name	gender	height
Luke	male	1.72
Leia	female	1.50

```
filter(dat, name %in% c("Luke", "Leia"))
```

filter: example 4

dat

name	gender	height
Anakin	male	1.88
Padme	female	1.65
Luke	male	1.72
Leia	female	1.50



name	gender	height
Anakin	male	1.88
Padme	female	1.65
Luke	male	1.72

```
filter(dat, name != "Leia")
```

filter: example 5

dat

name	gender	height
Anakin	male	1.88
Padme	female	1.65
Luke	male	1.72
Leia	female	1.50



name	gender	height
Padme	female	1.65
Leia	female	1.50

```
filter(dat, height < 1.70)
```

filter: example 6

dat

name	gender	height
Anakin	male	1.88
Padme	female	1.65
Luke	male	1.72
Leia	female	1.50



name	gender	height
Padme	female	1.65
Luke	male	1.72

```
filter(dat, height > 1.6 & height < 1.8)
```

filter: example 7

dat

name	gender	height
Anakin	male	1.88
Padme	female	1.65
Luke	male	1.72
Leia	female	1.50



name	gender	height
Padme	female	1.65

```
filter(dat, height > 1.6,  
       gender == "female")
```

```
filter(dat, height > 1.6 &  
       gender == "female")
```

arrange

Arrange rows based on values of one or more columns

arrange: example 1

dat

name	gender	height
Anakin	male	1.88
Padme	female	1.65
Luke	male	1.72
Leia	female	1.50



name	gender	height
Anakin	male	1.88
Leia	female	1.50
Luke	male	1.72
Padme	female	1.65

```
arrange(dat, name)
```

arrange: example 2

dat

name	gender	height
Anakin	male	1.88
Padme	female	1.65
Luke	male	1.72
Leia	female	1.50



name	gender	height
Leia	female	1.50
Padme	female	1.65
Luke	male	1.72
Anakin	male	1.88

```
arrange(dat, height)
```

arrange: example 3

dat

name	gender	height
Anakin	male	1.88
Padme	female	1.65
Luke	male	1.72
Leia	female	1.50



name	gender	height
Anakin	male	1.88
Luke	male	1.72
Padme	female	1.65
Leia	female	1.50

```
arrange(dat, desc(height))
```

arrange: example 4

dat

name	gender	height
Anakin	male	1.88
Padme	female	1.65
Luke	male	1.72
Leia	female	1.50



name	gender	height
Padme	female	1.65
Leia	female	1.50
Anakin	male	1.88
Luke	male	1.72

```
arrange(dat, gender)
```

arrange: example 5

dat

name	gender	height
Anakin	male	1.88
Padme	female	1.65
Luke	male	1.72
Leia	female	1.50



name	gender	height
Padme	female	1.65
Leia	female	1.50
Luke	male	1.72
Anakin	male	1.88

```
arrange(dat, gender, desc(name))
```

mutate

Add new columns or transform existing columns

mutate: example 1

dat

name	gender	height
Anakin	male	1.88
Padme	female	1.65
Luke	male	1.72
Leia	female	1.50



name	gender	height
Anakin	male	0.188
Padme	female	0.165
Luke	male	0.172
Leia	female	0.150

```
mutate(dat, height = height / 10)
```

mutate: example 2

dat

name	gender	height
Anakin	male	1.88
Padme	female	1.65
Luke	male	1.72
Leia	female	1.50



name	gender	height
Anakin	MALE	0.188
Padme	FEMALE	0.165
Luke	MALE	0.172
Leia	FEMALE	0.150

```
mutate(dat,  
  height = height / 10,  
  gender = toupper(gender))
```


mutate: example 3

dat

name	gender	height
Anakin	male	1.88
Padme	female	1.65
Luke	male	1.72
Leia	female	1.50



name	gender	height	ht10
Anakin	male	1.88	18.8
Padme	female	1.65	16.5
Luke	male	1.72	17.2
Leia	female	1.50	15.0

```
mutate(dat, ht10 = height * 10)
```

mutate: example 4

dat

name	gender	height
Anakin	male	1.88
Padme	female	1.65
Luke	male	1.72
Leia	female	1.50



name	gender	height	num
Anakin	male	1.88	1
Padme	female	1.65	2
Luke	male	1.72	3
Leia	female	1.50	4

```
mutate(dat, num = row_number())
```

equivalent

```
mutate(dat, num = 1:n())
```

Grouped Summaries

Summarize data, and grouped-by operations

summarize: example 1

dat

name	gender	height
Anakin	male	1.88
Padme	female	1.65
Luke	male	1.72
Leia	female	1.50



total
6.75

```
summarize(dat, total = sum(height))
```

equivalent

```
summarize(dat, total = sum(height))
```

summarize: example 2

dat

name	gender	height
Anakin	male	1.88
Padme	female	1.65
Luke	male	1.72
Leia	female	1.50



avg
1.6875

```
summarize(dat, avg = mean(height))
```

summarize: example 3

dat

name	gender	height
Anakin	male	1.88
Padme	female	1.65
Luke	male	1.72
Leia	female	1.50



avg	med
1.6875	1.685

```
summarize(dat,  
  avg = mean(height) ,  
  med = median(height) )
```

group_by: example 41

dat

name	gender	height
Anakin	male	1.88
Padme	female	1.65
Luke	male	1.72
Leia	female	1.50



gender	min
female	1.58
male	1.8

```
by_gender <- group_by(dat, gender)
```

```
summarize(by_gender, avg = mean(height))
```

group_by: example 2

dat

name	gender	height
Anakin	male	1.88
Padme	female	1.65
Luke	male	1.72
Leia	female	1.50



gender	avg
female	1.5
male	1.72

```
by_gender <- group_by(dat, gender)
```

```
summarize(by_gender, min = min(height))
```


group_by: example 3

dat

name	gender	height
Anakin	male	1.88
Padme	female	1.65
Luke	male	1.72
Leia	female	1.50



gender	min	max
female	1.5	1.65
male	1.72	1.88

```
by_gender <- group_by(dat, gender)
```

```
summarize(by_gender,  
  min = min(height),  
  max = max(height))
```

group_by: example 4

dat

name	gender	height
Anakin	male	1.88
Padme	female	1.65
Luke	male	1.72
Leia	female	1.50



gender	avg	sd
female	1.58	0.106
male	1.8	0.113

```
summarize(  
  group_by(dat, gender),  
  avg = mean(height),  
  sd = sd(height))
```

group_by: example 5

dat

name	gender	height
Anakin	male	1.88
Padme	female	1.65
Luke	male	1.72
Leia	female	1.50



gender	avg	sd
male	1.8	0.113
female	1.58	0.106

```
arrange(  
  summarize(group_by(dat, gender),  
    avg = mean(height),  
    sd = sd(height)),  
  desc(avg))
```

Other Functions

other examples

dat

name	gender	height
Anakin	male	1.88
Padme	female	1.65
Luke	male	1.72
Leia	female	1.50



gender	n
female	2
male	2

`count(dat, gender)`

other examples

dat

name	gender	height
Anakin	male	1.88
Padme	female	1.65
Luke	male	1.72
Leia	female	1.50



gender
male
female

```
distinct(dat, gender)
```

```
n_distinct(select(dat, gender)) → 2
```