# Introduction to the tidyverse

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## 2-dimensional Data and the tidyverse

## What is the tidyverse?

Different programming languages have different syntax (language structure). The tidyverse is a package (more accurately, a set of packages) offered in R that all have similar goals and a unified syntax designed to work particularly well with 2-dimensional data.

Until now, all of the coding we have done is in the original R language, which is often called "base R." The syntax in the tidyverse is often pretty different from base R. Both are useful, and many people often combine them, which is why we start with base R.

#### Explore the tidyverse

If you want to learn more about the tidyverse, head over to www.tidyverse.org and browse the site. Below is a brief summary of *some* of the packages I think you might find the most useful.

- tidyr: creating data that is consistent in form/shape
- dplyr: creating data that is clean, easily wrangled, and summarized
- ggplot2: publication-worthy plots using The Grammar of Graphics
- tibble: data frames but better!
- readr: fast and friendly ways to read data into R
- stringr: easy manipulation of strings (character data)
- lubridate: easy manipulation of time and date values

#### More resources:

- RStudio Cheatsheets
  - specifically the dplyr and tidyr cheat sheets, but there are many more!
- Data Carpentry lesson
- Effectively using the tidyverse

## Practice with the tidyverse

#### Set Up

I have already set up these RStudio Cloud projects so that the tidyverse is installed. Each time we want to use the tidyverse, however, we need to "load" it into our workspace. We do this with the library() function.

We are also going use the penguins dataset from the palmerpenguin package. We will need to load that package, as well.

#### library(tidyverse)

When you load the tidyverse library, you'll see some "conflicts." Don't panic! That's normal. Those conflicts are telling us that certain functions in dplyr are now overriding some functions in base R with the same name.

#### **Penguins**

Let's remind ourselves what the penguins dataset looks like.

## head(penguins)

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 8
##
     species island bill_length_mm bill_depth_mm flipper_length_~ body_mass_g sex
     <fct>
           <fct>
                             <dbl>
                                           <dbl>
                                                                         <int> <fct>
                                                            <int>
## 1 Adelie Torge~
                              39.1
                                            18.7
                                                              181
                                                                         3750 male
## 2 Adelie Torge~
                              39.5
                                            17.4
                                                              186
                                                                         3800 fema~
## 3 Adelie Torge~
                              40.3
                                            18
                                                              195
                                                                         3250 fema~
## 4 Adelie Torge~
                              NA
                                            NA
                                                               NA
                                                                           NA <NA>
## 5 Adelie Torge~
                              36.7
                                            19.3
                                                              193
                                                                         3450 fema~
## 6 Adelie Torge~
                              39.3
                                            20.6
                                                              190
                                                                         3650 male
## # ... with 1 more variable: year <int>
```

## colnames(penguins)

```
## [1] "species" "island" "bill_length_mm"
## [4] "bill_depth_mm" "flipper_length_mm" "body_mass_g"
## [7] "sex" "year"
```

```
str(penguins)
## tibble [344 x 8] (S3: tbl_df/tbl/data.frame)
                                                       : Factor w/ 3 levels "Adelie", "Chinstrap", ..: 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
##
         $ species
##
      $ island
                                                       : Factor w/ 3 levels "Biscoe", "Dream", ...: 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 ...
                                                       : num [1:344] 39.1 39.5 40.3 NA 36.7 39.3 38.9 39.2 34.1 42 ...
##
      $ bill_length_mm
                                                       : num [1:344] 18.7 17.4 18 NA 19.3 20.6 17.8 19.6 18.1 20.2 ...
##
         $ bill_depth_mm
        $ flipper_length_mm: int [1:344] 181 186 195 NA 193 190 181 195 193 190 ...
                                                       : int [1:344] 3750 3800 3250 NA 3450 3650 3625 4675 3475 4250 ...
##
        $ body_mass_g
                                                       : Factor w/ 2 levels "female", "male": 2 1 1 NA 1 2 1 2 NA NA ...
## $ sex
                                                       $ year
view(penguins)
# qlimpse() is from the dplyr package
glimpse(penguins)
## Rows: 344
## Columns: 8
## $ species
                                                       <fct> Adelie, 
                                                       <fct> Torgersen, Torgersen, Torgersen, Torgersen, Torgerse~
## $ island
## $ bill_length_mm
                                                       <dbl> 39.1, 39.5, 40.3, NA, 36.7, 39.3, 38.9, 39.2, 34.1, ~
## $ bill_depth_mm
                                                       <dbl> 18.7, 17.4, 18.0, NA, 19.3, 20.6, 17.8, 19.6, 18.1, ~
## $ flipper_length_mm <int> 181, 186, 195, NA, 193, 190, 181, 195, 193, 190, 186~
                                                       <int> 3750, 3800, 3250, NA, 3450, 3650, 3625, 4675, 3475, ~
## $ body_mass_g
## $ sex
                                                       <fct> male, female, female, NA, female, male, female, male~
                                                       <int> 2007, 2007, 2007, 2007, 2007, 2007, 2007, 2007, 2007~
## $ year
```

The tidyverse converts 2D data into something called a tibble! For our intents and purposes, it is basically the same as a data frame (and I'll probably call it a data frame, in reality).

## Useful functions from dplyr

dplyr is one of the most useful packages in the tidyverse. I use it pretty much every single time I code. If we break down the package name dplyr, we get d-ply-r. The "d" stands for data (and data frame), "ply" means to work with and push the data into a format with which we can work, and the "r" means that we are doing this in R.

#### select()ing columns

Let's use our first function, select(). Select allows us to pick out specific columns from our data. You can use names or their position in the data frame.

First, let's remind ourselves how we would accomplish this in base R.

```
penguins[, 1:3]

## # A tibble: 344 x 3

## species island bill_length_mm

## <fct> <fct> <dbl>
```

```
39.1
   1 Adelie Torgersen
## 2 Adelie Torgersen
                                 39.5
## 3 Adelie
                                 40.3
             Torgersen
## 4 Adelie Torgersen
                                 NA
##
   5 Adelie
             Torgersen
                                 36.7
##
  6 Adelie Torgersen
                                 39.3
  7 Adelie Torgersen
                                 38.9
##
## 8 Adelie
             Torgersen
                                 39.2
## 9 Adelie
             Torgersen
                                 34.1
## 10 Adelie Torgersen
                                 42
## # ... with 334 more rows
```

The select() function does the same thing but with more power (and, in my opinion, more easily). The first argument in the function is the data frame. Any following arguments are the columns we want to select.

```
# first argument is the data frame, then the columns
select(penguins, bill_length_mm)
```

```
## # A tibble: 344 x 1
##
      bill_length_mm
##
               <dbl>
                39.1
##
   1
##
    2
                39.5
                40.3
##
   3
   4
                NA
##
   5
                36.7
                39.3
##
   6
##
   7
                38.9
                39.2
##
   8
## 9
                34.1
## 10
                42
## # ... with 334 more rows
```

```
# multiple columns
select(penguins, species, island, bill_length_mm)
```

```
## # A tibble: 344 x 3
##
      species island
                       bill_length_mm
##
      <fct>
              <fct>
                                 <dbl>
  1 Adelie Torgersen
                                 39.1
## 2 Adelie Torgersen
                                 39.5
   3 Adelie Torgersen
                                 40.3
##
  4 Adelie Torgersen
                                 NA
## 5 Adelie Torgersen
                                 36.7
## 6 Adelie
                                 39.3
             Torgersen
## 7 Adelie
                                 38.9
             Torgersen
## 8 Adelie
             Torgersen
                                 39.2
## 9 Adelie
             Torgersen
                                 34.1
## 10 Adelie
             Torgersen
                                 42
## # ... with 334 more rows
```

#### select(penguins, species:bill\_length\_mm)

```
## # A tibble: 344 x 3
##
      species island
                       bill_length_mm
##
      <fct>
             <fct>
                                 <dbl>
##
   1 Adelie Torgersen
                                 39.1
##
   2 Adelie
             Torgersen
                                 39.5
##
   3 Adelie Torgersen
                                 40.3
##
  4 Adelie Torgersen
                                 NA
## 5 Adelie Torgersen
                                 36.7
                                 39.3
## 6 Adelie
             Torgersen
##
  7 Adelie Torgersen
                                 38.9
  8 Adelie Torgersen
                                 39.2
## 9 Adelie Torgersen
                                 34.1
## 10 Adelie Torgersen
                                 42
## # ... with 334 more rows
```

#### select(penguins, -island)

```
## # A tibble: 344 x 7
##
      species bill_length_mm bill_depth_mm flipper_length_~ body_mass_g sex
##
      <fct>
                       <dbl>
                                     <dbl>
                                                      <int>
                                                                  <int> <fct> <int>
   1 Adelie
                        39.1
                                      18.7
                                                                   3750 male
                                                                                2007
##
                                                        181
##
   2 Adelie
                        39.5
                                      17.4
                                                        186
                                                                   3800 fema~
                                                                               2007
                        40.3
##
  3 Adelie
                                      18
                                                        195
                                                                   3250 fema~
                                                                               2007
  4 Adelie
                        NA
                                      NA
                                                                     NA <NA>
                                                                               2007
##
                                                         NA
## 5 Adelie
                        36.7
                                      19.3
                                                        193
                                                                   3450 fema~
                                                                               2007
##
  6 Adelie
                        39.3
                                      20.6
                                                        190
                                                                   3650 male
                                                                               2007
##
  7 Adelie
                        38.9
                                      17.8
                                                        181
                                                                   3625 fema~
                                                                               2007
  8 Adelie
                        39.2
                                      19.6
                                                                   4675 male
                                                                                2007
##
                                                        195
## 9 Adelie
                        34.1
                                      18.1
                                                        193
                                                                   3475 <NA>
                                                                                2007
                                                                                2007
## 10 Adelie
                        42
                                      20.2
                                                        190
                                                                   4250 <NA>
## # ... with 334 more rows
```

You might have noticed that we haven't put any column names in quotations, unlike what we did with selecting columns by name in base R. This is one quirk of the tidyverse to which you will need to pay special attention. We usually will not need to put column names in quotations.

**Let's practice!** Write a line of code to select the columns with the following information from penguins: species, body mass, sex, and year.

```
select(penguins, species, body_mass_g, sex, year)
```

```
## # A tibble: 344 x 4
     species body_mass_g sex
##
                                year
##
     <fct>
                   <int> <fct>
                               <int>
   1 Adelie
                    3750 male
##
                                2007
##
   2 Adelie
                    3800 female 2007
                    3250 female 2007
##
  3 Adelie
  4 Adelie
                    NA <NA>
                                2007
## 5 Adelie
                    3450 female 2007
```

```
6 Adelie
                     3650 male
                                  2007
##
  7 Adelie
                     3625 female
                                  2007
                     4675 male
## 8 Adelie
                                  2007
## 9 Adelie
                     3475 <NA>
                                  2007
## 10 Adelie
                     4250 <NA>
                                  2007
## # ... with 334 more rows
```

#### filter()ing rows

filter() allows you filter rows by certain conditions. Recall that we did this a bit with base R.

```
# base R
penguins[penguins$island == "Torgersen", ]
```

```
## # A tibble: 52 x 8
      species island
                        bill_length_mm bill_depth_mm flipper_length_mm body_mass_g
##
##
      <fct>
              <fct>
                                  <dbl>
                                                <dbl>
                                                                   <int>
                                                                                <int>
                                                 18.7
##
   1 Adelie
              Torgersen
                                   39.1
                                                                     181
                                                                                3750
    2 Adelie
              Torgersen
                                   39.5
                                                 17.4
                                                                     186
                                                                                3800
##
##
    3 Adelie
              Torgersen
                                   40.3
                                                 18
                                                                     195
                                                                                3250
  4 Adelie
                                                 NA
##
              Torgersen
                                   NA
                                                                      NA
                                                                                  NA
## 5 Adelie
              Torgersen
                                   36.7
                                                 19.3
                                                                     193
                                                                                3450
              Torgersen
                                   39.3
                                                 20.6
                                                                                3650
## 6 Adelie
                                                                     190
##
  7 Adelie
              Torgersen
                                   38.9
                                                 17.8
                                                                     181
                                                                                3625
  8 Adelie
              Torgersen
                                   39.2
                                                 19.6
                                                                     195
                                                                                4675
## 9 Adelie
              Torgersen
                                   34.1
                                                 18.1
                                                                     193
                                                                                3475
## 10 Adelie Torgersen
                                   42
                                                 20.2
                                                                     190
                                                                                4250
## # ... with 42 more rows, and 2 more variables: sex <fct>, year <int>
```

The code above is, in my opinion, a bit unwieldy. Filter feels more intuitive. We still need the double equal signs, though!

```
# filter
filter(penguins, island == "Torgersen")
```

```
## # A tibble: 52 x 8
##
      species island
                        bill_length_mm bill_depth_mm flipper_length_mm body_mass_g
##
      <fct>
              <fct>
                                  <dbl>
                                                 <dbl>
                                                                   <int>
                                                                                <int>
##
   1 Adelie
              Torgersen
                                   39.1
                                                  18.7
                                                                      181
                                                                                 3750
                                   39.5
                                                  17.4
##
    2 Adelie
              Torgersen
                                                                      186
                                                                                 3800
##
    3 Adelie
              Torgersen
                                   40.3
                                                  18
                                                                      195
                                                                                 3250
                                                  NA
##
  4 Adelie
              Torgersen
                                   NA
                                                                      NA
                                                                                   NA
## 5 Adelie
              Torgersen
                                   36.7
                                                  19.3
                                                                      193
                                                                                 3450
## 6 Adelie
              Torgersen
                                   39.3
                                                  20.6
                                                                      190
                                                                                 3650
   7 Adelie
              Torgersen
                                   38.9
                                                  17.8
                                                                      181
                                                                                 3625
##
              Torgersen
                                   39.2
                                                  19.6
                                                                      195
##
  8 Adelie
                                                                                 4675
## 9 Adelie
              Torgersen
                                                  18.1
                                   34.1
                                                                      193
                                                                                 3475
## 10 Adelie Torgersen
                                   42
                                                  20.2
                                                                      190
                                                                                 4250
## # ... with 42 more rows, and 2 more variables: sex <fct>, year <int>
```

```
# easy to write multiple conditions and to chain stuff together
filter(penguins, island == "Torgersen" & year > 2008)
```

```
## # A tibble: 16 x 8
##
                         bill_length_mm bill_depth_mm flipper_length_mm body_mass_g
      species island
      <fct>
                                                 <dbl>
##
              <fct>
                                   <dbl>
                                                                    <int>
                                                                                 <int>
                                    38.6
##
    1 Adelie
              Torgersen
                                                  17
                                                                       188
                                                                                  2900
##
    2 Adelie
              Torgersen
                                    37.3
                                                  20.5
                                                                       199
                                                                                  3775
##
    3 Adelie
              Torgersen
                                    35.7
                                                  17
                                                                       189
                                                                                  3350
## 4 Adelie
              Torgersen
                                    41.1
                                                  18.6
                                                                       189
                                                                                  3325
## 5 Adelie
              Torgersen
                                    36.2
                                                  17.2
                                                                       187
                                                                                  3150
## 6 Adelie
              Torgersen
                                    37.7
                                                  19.8
                                                                       198
                                                                                  3500
## 7 Adelie
                                    40.2
              Torgersen
                                                  17
                                                                       176
                                                                                  3450
## 8 Adelie
                                                  18.5
                                                                       202
              Torgersen
                                    41.4
                                                                                  3875
## 9 Adelie
              Torgersen
                                    35.2
                                                  15.9
                                                                       186
                                                                                  3050
## 10 Adelie
              Torgersen
                                    40.6
                                                  19
                                                                       199
                                                                                  4000
## 11 Adelie
              Torgersen
                                    38.8
                                                  17.6
                                                                       191
                                                                                  3275
## 12 Adelie
              Torgersen
                                    41.5
                                                  18.3
                                                                       195
                                                                                  4300
## 13 Adelie
              Torgersen
                                    39
                                                  17.1
                                                                       191
                                                                                  3050
## 14 Adelie
              Torgersen
                                    44.1
                                                  18
                                                                       210
                                                                                  4000
                                    38.5
## 15 Adelie
              Torgersen
                                                  17.9
                                                                       190
                                                                                  3325
## 16 Adelie
              Torgersen
                                    43.1
                                                  19.2
                                                                       197
                                                                                  3500
## # ... with 2 more variables: sex <fct>, year <int>
```

```
# worth noting here that we haven't saved any of this. We need to write to a new object.
torg2008 <- filter(penguins, island == "Torgersen" & year >= 2008)
```

Let's practice using select() and filter() Using the penguins data frame, write a small set of code that does the following:

- 1. Slims down the full data frame to one that contains the species, bill length, and sex. Assign this to an object called slim.
- 2. Filters the data for only male penguins with bills greater than 20 mm in length.
- 3. Name this new data frame male 20

```
slim <- select(penguins, species, bill_length_mm, sex)
male20 <- filter(slim, sex == "male", bill_length_mm > 20)
```

## The pipe %>%

You can use the pipe operator to chain tidyverse functions together. You can think of the pipe as automatically sending the output from the first line (left side of the pipe) into the next line as the input (right side of the pipe).

This is helpful for a lot of reasons, including:

- 1. removing the clutter of creating a lot of intermediate objects in your work space, which reduces the chance of errors caused by using the wrong input object
- 2. makes things more human-readable (in addition to computer-readable)

The shortcut for the pipe is Ctrl + Shift + M (Windows) or Cmd + Shift + M (Mac).

Let's recreate the male 20 data frame that we created above; this time, however, we will use the pipe!

```
male20 <- penguins %>%
  select(species, bill_length_mm, sex) %>%
  filter(sex == "male", bill_length_mm > 20)
```

## Group Challenge

Using pipes, subset the **penguins** data to include only Adelie penguins from the year 2007. Your final data frame should only have the species, sex, and year columns.

```
penguins %>%
  filter(species == "Adelie", year == 2007) %>%
  select(species, sex, year)
```

```
## # A tibble: 50 x 3
##
     species sex
                     year
##
      <fct>
             <fct>
                    <int>
##
   1 Adelie male
                     2007
##
  2 Adelie female
                     2007
  3 Adelie female
                     2007
##
##
   4 Adelie <NA>
                     2007
##
  5 Adelie female
                     2007
##
  6 Adelie male
                     2007
  7 Adelie female
##
                     2007
##
   8 Adelie
             male
                     2007
## 9 Adelie <NA>
                     2007
## 10 Adelie <NA>
                     2007
## # ... with 40 more rows
```

#### More useful functions!

#### Creating new variables with mutate()

Sometimes our data doesn't have our data in exactly the format we want. For example, we might want our temperature data in Fahrenheit instead of Celsius or our millimeter measurements in centimeters.

The tidyverse has a function called mutate() that lets us create a new column. Often, we want to apply a function to the entire column or perform some type of calculation. The mutate() function allows us to do this.

```
penguins %>%
  mutate(bill_length_cm = bill_length_mm / 10)
```

```
## # A tibble: 344 x 9
##
      species island
                        bill_length_mm bill_depth_mm flipper_length_mm body_mass_g
##
      <fct>
              <fct>
                                 <dbl>
                                                <dbl>
                                                                  <int>
                                                                               <int>
##
  1 Adelie Torgersen
                                  39.1
                                                 18.7
                                                                    181
                                                                                3750
## 2 Adelie Torgersen
                                  39.5
                                                 17.4
                                                                    186
                                                                                3800
                                  40.3
                                                 18
                                                                    195
                                                                                3250
## 3 Adelie Torgersen
```

```
## 4 Adelie Torgersen
                                  NA
                                                 NA
                                                                     NA
                                                                                  NA
                                                 19.3
                                                                     193
                                                                                3450
## 5 Adelie Torgersen
                                  36.7
                                                 20.6
  6 Adelie Torgersen
                                  39.3
                                                                     190
                                                                                3650
                                  38.9
                                                 17.8
                                                                     181
                                                                                3625
##
  7 Adelie
              Torgersen
##
   8 Adelie
              Torgersen
                                  39.2
                                                 19.6
                                                                     195
                                                                                4675
##
  9 Adelie Torgersen
                                  34.1
                                                 18.1
                                                                     193
                                                                                3475
## 10 Adelie Torgersen
                                  42
                                                 20.2
                                                                     190
                                                                                4250
## # ... with 334 more rows, and 3 more variables: sex <fct>, year <int>,
## #
       bill_length_cm <dbl>
```

```
# remember, we would have to create a new object to save this new column!
```

#### Understanding data through summarize()

Like we have talked about in previous classes, some of the best ways for us to understand our data is through what we call summary statistics such as the mean, standard deviation, minimums, maximums, etc.

Fortunately, the tidyverse has a handy-dandy function to make this easy to do with data frames.

```
# first attempt at mean and sd of body mass
penguins %>%
  summarise(mean body mass = mean(body mass g),
            sd_body_mass = sd(body_mass_g))
## # A tibble: 1 x 2
##
     mean_body_mass sd_body_mass
##
              <dbl>
                            <dbl>
## 1
```

Wait a second! Those are some weird values!

NA

NA

It is important to note that if any of the values in the column that you are trying to summarize are missing, you might get some wonky values, like you did above. Fortunately, mean() and sd() and many other functions have an argument to remove the missing values: na.rm = TRUE

```
penguins %>%
  summarise(mean_body_mass = mean(body_mass_g, na.rm = TRUE),
            sd_body_mass = sd(body_mass_g, na.rm = TRUE))
## # A tibble: 1 x 2
##
     mean_body_mass sd_body_mass
                            <dbl>
##
              <dbl>
                             802.
## 1
              4202.
```

## Split, Apply, Combine with group\_by()

One common way we analyze data is through something we call the "split, apply, combine" approach. This means that we:

- split data up into groups via some type of categorization
- apply some type of analysis to each group independently and

• combine the data back together

The group\_by() function lets us do this. It is most often used in combination with mutate() or summarize().

For example, we can use this method to calculate the mean body mass for males and females of each species instead of the overall mean of the entire dataset

```
penguins %>%
  group_by(species, sex) %>%
  summarise(mean body mass = mean(body mass g, na.rm = TRUE),
            sd_body_mass = sd(body_mass_g, na.rm = TRUE))
## 'summarise()' has grouped output by 'species'. You can override using the
## '.groups' argument.
## # A tibble: 8 x 4
## # Groups:
               species [3]
                      mean_body_mass sd_body_mass
     species
               sex
     <fct>
                                <dbl>
                                              <dbl>
##
               <fct>
## 1 Adelie
               female
                                3369.
                                               269.
## 2 Adelie
               male
                                4043.
                                               347.
## 3 Adelie
               <NA>
                                3540
                                               477.
## 4 Chinstrap female
                                               285.
                                3527.
## 5 Chinstrap male
                                3939.
                                               362.
## 6 Gentoo
               female
                                4680.
                                               282.
## 7 Gentoo
               male
                                5485.
                                               313.
## 8 Gentoo
               <NA>
                                               338.
                                4588.
```

#### Let's practice!

Practice using the combination of group\_by() and summarize() to calculate the minimum (min()) and maximum (max()) average flipper length per island. Save this data frame as flipper\_min\_max

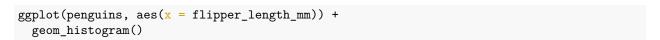
```
## # A tibble: 3 x 3
## island min_flipper max_flipper
## <fct> <int> <int>
## 1 Biscoe 172 231
## 2 Dream 178 212
## 3 Torgersen 176 210
```

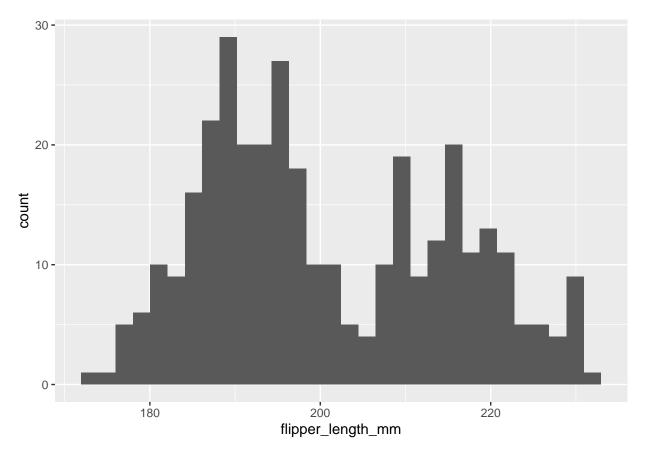
Already accomplished this task? Try to figure out how you can keep the "species" column in the final data frame.

```
## 'summarise()' has grouped output by 'island'. You can override using the
## '.groups' argument.
## # A tibble: 5 x 4
## # Groups:
               island [3]
##
     island
               species
                          min_flipper max_flipper
     <fct>
##
               <fct>
                                <int>
                                             <int>
## 1 Biscoe
               Adelie
                                  172
                                               203
                                               231
                                  203
## 2 Biscoe
               Gentoo
## 3 Dream
               Adelie
                                  178
                                               208
## 4 Dream
               Chinstrap
                                  178
                                               212
                                               210
## 5 Torgersen Adelie
                                  176
```

## Making Plots with ggplot2

One of my favorite parts of using the tidyverse is making plots with the ggplot2 package. We aren't going to delve into how this works too much right now because we don't end up making too many plots in this course, but I wanted to include some code for making a histogram to give you an idea of how this works.





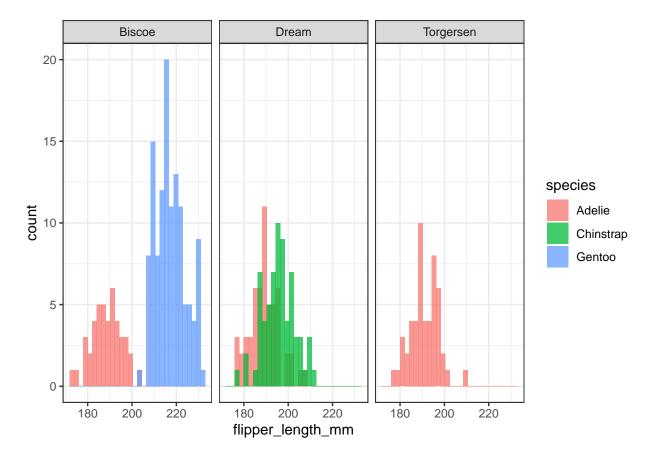
Here's what is happening in the code above.

• ggplot() is the function to make a plot

- after telling the function what data to use (penguins), we need to tell the function the "mappings", or which variables (columns) should be associated with which axes or other elements of the plot. Here, I've assigned the "flipper\_length\_mm" column to the x-axis. When plotting a histogram, ggplot() automatically knows that the y-axis will be frequency, so we do not need to specify
- we use the + symbol to add a new "layer" to the plot
- here, I've added a histogram layer with the geom\_histogram() function, telling ggplot2 to make a histogram plot

This is definitely more complicated than making a basic histogram in base R, so why is it so great? Well, with just a few modifications, you can make beautiful, multi-layered plots that would be much more complicated to produce in base R. For example, check out resulting plot from the code below.

```
ggplot(penguins, aes(flipper_length_mm, fill = species)) +
geom_histogram(position = "identity", alpha = 0.75) +
facet_wrap( ~ island) +
theme_bw()
```



#### A few other things to know

Below, I'm including some additional functions that you might find helpful! You will NOT be tested on these functions below, but they often come in handy, and we might use them down the road.

1. We can use the is.na() function to filter out NA values. The ! tells R to do the opposite of what we've asked. Therefore, the code below effectively says the following:

- ask if each value in the sex column is an NA value or not and return a string of TRUE and FALSE
- instead of filtering out the TRUE values (meaning we would get all rows in which the value in the sex column is NA, adding the ! symbol tells the filter function to pull all the FALSE values, meaning we pull all the rows in which the value in the sex column is not NA.

```
penguins %>%
  filter(!is.na(sex))
```

```
# A tibble: 333 x 8
##
      species island
                         bill_length_mm bill_depth_mm flipper_length_mm body_mass_g
      <fct>
                                   <dbl>
                                                  <dbl>
##
              <fct>
                                                                     <int>
                                                                                 <int>
                                    39.1
                                                  18.7
##
    1 Adelie
              Torgersen
                                                                       181
                                                                                  3750
                                    39.5
                                                  17.4
##
    2 Adelie
              Torgersen
                                                                       186
                                                                                  3800
##
    3 Adelie
              Torgersen
                                    40.3
                                                  18
                                                                       195
                                                                                  3250
##
   4 Adelie
              Torgersen
                                    36.7
                                                  19.3
                                                                       193
                                                                                  3450
              Torgersen
                                                  20.6
                                                                       190
##
   5 Adelie
                                    39.3
                                                                                  3650
##
   6 Adelie
              Torgersen
                                    38.9
                                                  17.8
                                                                       181
                                                                                  3625
##
   7 Adelie
             Torgersen
                                    39.2
                                                  19.6
                                                                       195
                                                                                  4675
   8 Adelie
              Torgersen
                                                  17.6
                                                                       182
                                                                                  3200
##
                                    41.1
##
    9 Adelie
              Torgersen
                                    38.6
                                                  21.2
                                                                       191
                                                                                  3800
                                                                       198
                                                                                  4400
## 10 Adelie Torgersen
                                    34.6
                                                  21.1
## # ... with 323 more rows, and 2 more variables: sex <fct>, year <int>
```

2. The arrange() functions lets us order our rows alphabetically or numerically.

```
penguins %>%
  arrange(body_mass_g)
```

```
## # A tibble: 344 x 8
##
      species
                 island
                            bill length mm bill depth mm flipper length ~ body mass g
##
      <fct>
                 <fct>
                                      <dbl>
                                                     <dbl>
                                                                       <int>
                                                                                    <int>
                                       46.9
##
    1 Chinstrap Dream
                                                      16.6
                                                                         192
                                                                                     2700
    2 Adelie
                                       36.5
                                                      16.6
                                                                                     2850
##
                 Biscoe
                                                                         181
##
    3 Adelie
                 Biscoe
                                       36.4
                                                      17.1
                                                                         184
                                                                                     2850
##
    4 Adelie
                 Biscoe
                                       34.5
                                                      18.1
                                                                         187
                                                                                     2900
##
    5 Adelie
                 Dream
                                       33.1
                                                      16.1
                                                                         178
                                                                                     2900
##
    6 Adelie
                 Torgersen
                                       38.6
                                                      17
                                                                         188
                                                                                     2900
                                                                                     2900
##
    7 Chinstrap Dream
                                       43.2
                                                      16.6
                                                                         187
##
    8 Adelie
                 Biscoe
                                       37.9
                                                      18.6
                                                                         193
                                                                                     2925
##
   9 Adelie
                 Dream
                                       37.5
                                                      18.9
                                                                         179
                                                                                     2975
## 10 Adelie
                                       37
                                                                                     3000
                 Dream
                                                      16.9
                                                                         185
## # ... with 334 more rows, and 2 more variables: sex <fct>, year <int>
```

3. count() let's us find out how many observations we have.

```
penguins %>%
  count(species, sex)
```

```
## # A tibble: 8 x 3
## species sex n
## <fct> <fct> <int>
```

```
## 1 Adelie
               female
                          73
## 2 Adelie
               male
                          73
               <NA>
## 3 Adelie
                          6
## 4 Chinstrap female
                          34
## 5 Chinstrap male
                          34
## 6 Gentoo
               female
                          58
## 7 Gentoo
               male
                          61
## 8 Gentoo
               <NA>
                           5
```

4. Finally, distinct() allows us to find all the unique values in a column. This is usually best for categorical (character) columns.

```
penguins %>%
  distinct(species)
```

## # A tibble: 3 x 1
## species
## <fct>
## 1 Adelie
## 2 Gentoo
## 3 Chinstrap