Module 1, Introduction to the tidyverse

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2-dimensional Data and the tidyverse

Learning Outcomes

- Students will be able to load packages.
- Students will be able to use some functions of the tidyverse: select, filter, the pipe, mutate, summarize, and group by.
- Students will compare and contrast base R and tidyverse methodology for sub-setting data frames.
- Students will able to use tidyverse functions to summarize real-world data.

The tidyverse: What is it?

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.

That said, we will be primarily using the tidyverse for the rest of the semester. With the exception of Module 1 Assignment 3, which is exclusively about tidyverse, I will never punish you for using base R in place of tidyverse, as long as you get the same answer!

Wait, what is a package??

Packages are one of the neatest things of working in an open-source environment like R! They contains bits of code (often in the form of functions) that can be reused, making them a core component of reproducible data science. Anyone can develop a package, and there are thousands of them doing all sorts of things.

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

Practice with the tidyverse

Download and install

In most scenarios, you will need to download a package from the internet onto your computer before you can use it in RStudio. However, with RStudio Cloud, I've already done this step for you!

For future reference, though:

- you usually only need to go through this process once until you update R
- we use the function install.packages() to download the package

```
# download and install the tidyverse package(s)
# to run the line of code, remove the # in front of the line below and run this chunk
# install.packages("tidyverse")
```

Load into R

Any time we open R/RStudio and want to use functions from the tidyverse, we need to "load" the package. We use the library() function to do this.

When you run this code, you'll see a message that says "Attaching packages" and "Conflicts." Don't panic!

- The first bit tells us that the core packages have been brought into our R session.
- The "conflict" part is a little more complicated but we don't need to worry too much about it.
 - If you're curious, though, it is telling us that there are some functions in the tidyverse that have the same names as functions that are automatically installed with R and that the tidyverse versions of those functions will be the ones that get used by default unless we specify otherwise.

```
# load the tidyverse (tell RStudio we want to use this package in this session)
library(tidyverse)
```

Climate Data

To learn about the tidyverse syntax, we're going to use a real data set on climate change from Berkeley, CA, USA. It outlines temperatures in major cities across the world since 1750.

```
## dbl (2): AverageTemperature, AverageTemperatureUncertainty
## date (1): dt
##
## i Use 'spec()' to retrieve the full column specification for this data.
## i Specify the column types or set 'show_col_types = FALSE' to quiet this message.
# Let's take a look at the climate data.
climate_df
```

```
## # A tibble: 239,177 x 7
##
                 AverageTemperature AverageTemperatureUnce~1 City Country Latitude
##
                                                       <dbl> <chr> <chr>
      <date>
                              <dbl>
## 1 1849-01-01
                               26.7
                                                        1.44 Abid~ Côte D~ 5.63N
## 2 1849-02-01
                                                        1.36 Abid~ Côte D~ 5.63N
                               27.4
## 3 1849-03-01
                               28.1
                                                       1.61 Abid~ Côte D~ 5.63N
                                                       1.39 Abid~ Côte D~ 5.63N
## 4 1849-04-01
                               26.1
## 5 1849-05-01
                                                       1.2 Abid~ Côte D~ 5.63N
                               25.4
## 6 1849-06-01
                               24.8
                                                       1.40 Abid~ Côte D~ 5.63N
                                                       1.25 Abid~ Côte D~ 5.63N
## 7 1849-07-01
                              24.1
## 8 1849-08-01
                                                       1.26 Abid~ Côte D~ 5.63N
                               23.6
## 9 1849-09-01
                                                       1.23 Abid~ Côte D~ 5.63N
                               23.7
## 10 1849-10-01
                               25.3
                                                       1.18 Abid~ Côte D~ 5.63N
## # i 239,167 more rows
## # i abbreviated name: 1: AverageTemperatureUncertainty
## # i 1 more variable: Longitude <chr>
```

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).

Let's take a look at our tibble (AKA data frame).

```
# explore the data set
head(climate_df)
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 7
##
    dt
                AverageTemperature AverageTemperatureUncer~1 City Country Latitude
##
     <date>
                             <dbl>
                                                        <dbl> <chr> <chr>
## 1 1849-01-01
                              26.7
                                                         1.44 Abid~ Côte D~ 5.63N
## 2 1849-02-01
                              27.4
                                                         1.36 Abid~ Côte D~ 5.63N
## 3 1849-03-01
                              28.1
                                                         1.61 Abid~ Côte D~ 5.63N
## 4 1849-04-01
                              26.1
                                                         1.39 Abid~ Côte D~ 5.63N
## 5 1849-05-01
                              25.4
                                                         1.2 Abid~ Côte D~ 5.63N
## 6 1849-06-01
                              24.8
                                                         1.40 Abid~ Côte D~ 5.63N
## # i abbreviated name: 1: AverageTemperatureUncertainty
## # i 1 more variable: Longitude <chr>
```

```
str(climate_df)
```

```
$ City
                                   : chr [1:239177] "Abidjan" "Abidjan" "Abidjan" "Abidjan" ...
##
## $ Country
                                   : chr [1:239177] "Côte D'Ivoire" "Côte D'Ivoire" "Côte D'Ivoire" "Cô
## $ Latitude
                                   : chr [1:239177] "5.63N" "5.63N" "5.63N" "5.63N" ...
                                   : chr [1:239177] "3.23W" "3.23W" "3.23W" "3.23W" ...
##
  $ Longitude
##
   - attr(*, "spec")=
##
     .. cols(
          dt = col_date(format = ""),
##
          AverageTemperature = col_double(),
##
##
         AverageTemperatureUncertainty = col_double(),
##
         City = col_character(),
##
         Country = col_character(),
         Latitude = col_character(),
##
##
         Longitude = col_character()
     . .
##
     ..)
   - attr(*, "problems")=<externalptr>
```

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.

```
# column selection in base R
# climate_df$dt
climate_df[,1:2]
```

```
## # A tibble: 239,177 x 2
##
      dt
                 AverageTemperature
##
      <date>
                               <dbl>
##
    1 1849-01-01
                                26.7
  2 1849-02-01
                                27.4
##
  3 1849-03-01
                                28.1
    4 1849-04-01
                                26.1
##
  5 1849-05-01
                                25.4
   6 1849-06-01
                                24.8
  7 1849-07-01
                                24.1
##
    8 1849-08-01
                                23.6
##
## 9 1849-09-01
                                23.7
## 10 1849-10-01
                                25.3
## # i 239,167 more rows
```

1 1849-01-01

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(climate_df, dt)

## # A tibble: 239,177 x 1

## dt
## <date>
```

```
## 2 1849-02-01
## 3 1849-03-01
## 4 1849-04-01
## 5 1849-05-01
## 6 1849-06-01
## 7 1849-07-01
## 8 1849-08-01
## 9 1849-09-01
## 10 1849-10-01
## # i 239,167 more rows
# multiple columns
select(climate_df, dt, City, Country)
## # A tibble: 239,177 x 3
     dt
                 City
                         Country
##
                 <chr>
                         <chr>
      <date>
## 1 1849-01-01 Abidjan Côte D'Ivoire
## 2 1849-02-01 Abidjan Côte D'Ivoire
## 3 1849-03-01 Abidjan Côte D'Ivoire
## 4 1849-04-01 Abidjan Côte D'Ivoire
## 5 1849-05-01 Abidjan Côte D'Ivoire
## 6 1849-06-01 Abidjan Côte D'Ivoire
## 7 1849-07-01 Abidjan Côte D'Ivoire
## 8 1849-08-01 Abidjan Côte D'Ivoire
## 9 1849-09-01 Abidjan Côte D'Ivoire
## 10 1849-10-01 Abidjan Côte D'Ivoire
## # i 239,167 more rows
select(climate_df, dt:Country)
## # A tibble: 239,177 x 5
##
     dt
                AverageTemperature AverageTemperatureUncertainty City
                                                                          Country
      <date>
##
                              <dbl>
                                                            <dbl> <chr>
                                                                          <chr>>
## 1 1849-01-01
                               26.7
                                                             1.44 Abidjan Côte D'I~
## 2 1849-02-01
                               27.4
                                                             1.36 Abidjan Côte D'I~
## 3 1849-03-01
                               28.1
                                                             1.61 Abidjan Côte D'I~
## 4 1849-04-01
                                                             1.39 Abidjan Côte D'I~
                               26.1
## 5 1849-05-01
                                                             1.2 Abidjan Côte D'I~
                               25.4
## 6 1849-06-01
                               24.8
                                                             1.40 Abidjan Côte D'I~
## 7 1849-07-01
                               24.1
                                                             1.25 Abidjan Côte D'I~
## 8 1849-08-01
                               23.6
                                                             1.26 Abidjan Côte D'I~
## 9 1849-09-01
                               23.7
                                                             1.23 Abidjan Côte D'I~
                               25.3
## 10 1849-10-01
                                                             1.18 Abidjan Côte D'I~
## # i 239,167 more rows
select(climate_df, -City)
## # A tibble: 239,177 x 6
##
      dt
                 AverageTemperature AverageTemperatureUncertainty Country Latitude
##
                              <dbl>
                                                            <dbl> <chr>
      <date>
## 1 1849-01-01
                               26.7
                                                             1.44 Côte D'~ 5.63N
```

```
2 1849-02-01
                               27.4
                                                              1.36 Côte D'~ 5.63N
                                                              1.61 Côte D'~ 5.63N
##
   3 1849-03-01
                               28.1
##
   4 1849-04-01
                               26.1
                                                              1.39 Côte D'~ 5.63N
##
  5 1849-05-01
                               25.4
                                                              1.2 Côte D'~ 5.63N
                                                              1.40 Côte D'~ 5.63N
##
   6 1849-06-01
                               24.8
                                                              1.25 Côte D'~ 5.63N
##
  7 1849-07-01
                               24.1
   8 1849-08-01
                               23.6
                                                              1.26 Côte D'~ 5.63N
## 9 1849-09-01
                               23.7
                                                              1.23 Côte D'~ 5.63N
                                                              1.18 Côte D'~ 5.63N
## 10 1849-10-01
                               25.3
## # i 239,167 more rows
## # i 1 more variable: Longitude <chr>
```

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 following data from the climate_df: average temperature, latitude and longitude

```
select(climate_df, AverageTemperature, Latitude, Longitude)
```

```
## # A tibble: 239,177 x 3
##
      AverageTemperature Latitude Longitude
##
                    <dbl> <chr>
                                    <chr>
                     26.7 5.63N
                                    3.23W
##
   1
                                    3.23W
##
    2
                     27.4 5.63N
##
    3
                     28.1 5.63N
                                    3.23W
##
   4
                     26.1 5.63N
                                    3.23W
##
   5
                     25.4 5.63N
                                    3.23W
   6
                     24.8 5.63N
                                    3.23W
##
##
   7
                     24.1 5.63N
                                    3.23W
##
   8
                     23.6 5.63N
                                    3.23W
##
   9
                     23.7 5.63N
                                    3.23W
## 10
                     25.3 5.63N
                                    3.23W
## # i 239,167 more rows
```

It is important to remember that the computer interprets everything literally. We need to tell the function the **exact** names of the columns. R will interpret latitude and Latitude as different things; it doesn't know that they are probably the same!

filter()ing rows

filter() allows you filter rows by certain conditions. The code below is how we would do this in base R.

```
##
      <date>
                              <dbl>
                                                       <dbl> <chr> <chr>
   1 1849-01-01
                                                        1.44 Abid~ Côte D~ 5.63N
##
                               26.7
                               27.4
##
   2 1849-02-01
                                                       1.36 Abid~ Côte D~ 5.63N
                                                        1.61 Abid~ Côte D~ 5.63N
  3 1849-03-01
                               28.1
##
   4 1849-04-01
                               26.1
                                                        1.39 Abid~ Côte D~ 5.63N
  5 1849-05-01
                                                       1.2 Abid~ Côte D~ 5.63N
##
                              25.4
   6 1849-10-01
                              25.3
                                                       1.18 Abid~ Côte D~ 5.63N
                                                       1.51 Abid~ Côte D~ 5.63N
## 7 1849-11-01
                              26.3
##
   8 1849-12-01
                               25.4
                                                        1.84 Abid~ Côte D~ 5.63N
                                                       1.94 Abid~ Côte D~ 5.63N
## 9 1850-01-01
                               25.8
## 10 1850-02-01
                               27.9
                                                        1.43 Abid~ Côte D~ 5.63N
## # i 79,680 more rows
## # i abbreviated name: 1: AverageTemperatureUncertainty
## # i 1 more variable: Longitude <chr>
```

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

```
# filter
filter(climate_df, AverageTemperature > 25)
## # A tibble: 68,688 x 7
##
                 AverageTemperature AverageTemperatureUnce~1 City Country Latitude
##
                              <dbl>
                                                       <dbl> <chr> <chr>
      <date>
                                                                           <chr>>
##
   1 1849-01-01
                               26.7
                                                        1.44 Abid~ Côte D~ 5.63N
## 2 1849-02-01
                                                        1.36 Abid~ Côte D~ 5.63N
                               27.4
## 3 1849-03-01
                              28.1
                                                        1.61 Abid~ Côte D~ 5.63N
                                                       1.39 Abid~ Côte D~ 5.63N
##
  4 1849-04-01
                              26.1
## 5 1849-05-01
                              25.4
                                                       1.2 Abid~ Côte D~ 5.63N
                                                       1.18 Abid~ Côte D~ 5.63N
##
  6 1849-10-01
                              25.3
## 7 1849-11-01
                              26.3
                                                       1.51 Abid~ Côte D~ 5.63N
## 8 1849-12-01
                                                       1.84 Abid~ Côte D~ 5.63N
                              25.4
## 9 1850-01-01
                                                       1.94 Abid~ Côte D~ 5.63N
                              25.8
                                                       1.43 Abid~ Côte D~ 5.63N
## 10 1850-02-01
                              27.9
## # i 68,678 more rows
## # i abbreviated name: 1: AverageTemperatureUncertainty
## # i 1 more variable: Longitude <chr>
# easy to write multiple conditions and to chain stuff together
filter(climate_df, AverageTemperature > 25, Country == "United States") # only rows that meet both co
## # A tibble: 61 x 7
                 AverageTemperature AverageTemperatureUnce~1 City Country Latitude
      dt.
```

```
##
##
      <date>
                              <dbl>
                                                       <dbl> <chr> <chr>
  1 1761-07-01
                               27.8
                                                       2.39 Chic~ United~ 42.59N
##
##
   2 1868-07-01
                               25.1
                                                       0.699 Chic~ United~ 42.59N
##
  3 1900-08-01
                               25.2
                                                       0.49 Chic~ United~ 42.59N
   4 1921-07-01
                               25.6
                                                       0.264 Chic~ United~ 42.59N
                                                       0.199 Chic~ United~ 42.59N
## 5 1947-08-01
                              26.4
   6 1955-08-01
                              25.3
                                                       0.153 Chic~ United~ 42.59N
##
## 7 1959-08-01
                              25.1
                                                       0.205 Chic~ United~ 42.59N
## 8 1988-08-01
                              25.4
                                                       0.305 Chic~ United~ 42.59N
                                                       0.283 Chic~ United~ 42.59N
## 9 1995-08-01
                               25.9
```

```
## 10 2012-07-01
                               25.9
                                                       0.516 Chic~ United~ 42.59N
## # i 51 more rows
## # i abbreviated name: 1: AverageTemperatureUncertainty
## # i 1 more variable: Longitude <chr>
filter(climate_df, AverageTemperature > 25 | Country == "United States" ) # rows that meet one or the o
## # A tibble: 77,082 x 7
##
      dt.
                AverageTemperature AverageTemperatureUnce~1 City Country Latitude
##
      <date>
                              <dbl>
                                                       <dbl> <chr> <chr>
## 1 1849-01-01
                               26.7
                                                        1.44 Abid~ Côte D~ 5.63N
## 2 1849-02-01
                               27.4
                                                        1.36 Abid~ Côte D~ 5.63N
                                                       1.61 Abid~ Côte D~ 5.63N
## 3 1849-03-01
                              28.1
## 4 1849-04-01
                              26.1
                                                       1.39 Abid~ Côte D~ 5.63N
## 5 1849-05-01
                              25.4
                                                       1.2 Abid~ Côte D~ 5.63N
## 6 1849-10-01
                              25.3
                                                       1.18 Abid~ Côte D~ 5.63N
## 7 1849-11-01
                              26.3
                                                       1.51 Abid~ Côte D~ 5.63N
## 8 1849-12-01
                              25.4
                                                       1.84 Abid~ Côte D~ 5.63N
## 9 1850-01-01
                                                       1.94 Abid~ Côte D~ 5.63N
                              25.8
## 10 1850-02-01
                              27.9
                                                       1.43 Abid~ Côte D~ 5.63N
## # i 77,072 more rows
## # i abbreviated name: 1: AverageTemperatureUncertainty
## # i 1 more variable: Longitude <chr>
filter(climate_df, Country == "United States" | Country == "Mexico") # pulls rows in which the Cou
## # A tibble: 10,600 x 7
##
     dt
                AverageTemperature AverageTemperatureUnce~1 City Country Latitude
##
      <date>
                              <dbl>
                                                       <dbl> <chr> <chr>
                              5.44
                                                        2.20 Chic~ United~ 42.59N
## 1 1743-11-01
                                                             Chic~ United~ 42.59N
## 2 1743-12-01
                             NA
## 3 1744-01-01
                             NA
                                                       NA
                                                             Chic~ United~ 42.59N
## 4 1744-02-01
                             NA
                                                      NA
                                                             Chic~ United~ 42.59N
## 5 1744-03-01
                             NA
                                                      NA
                                                             Chic~ United~ 42.59N
## 6 1744-04-01
                              8.77
                                                       2.36 Chic~ United~ 42.59N
## 7 1744-05-01
                             11.6
                                                       2.10 Chic~ United~ 42.59N
## 8 1744-06-01
                             18.0
                                                       1.99 Chic~ United~ 42.59N
## 9 1744-07-01
                              21.7
                                                        1.79 Chic~ United~ 42.59N
## 10 1744-08-01
                             NA
                                                             Chic~ United~ 42.59N
## # i 10,590 more rows
## # i abbreviated name: 1: AverageTemperatureUncertainty
## # i 1 more variable: Longitude <chr>
# worth noting here that we haven't saved any of this. We need to write to a new object.
us_df <- filter(climate_df, AverageTemperature > 25)
```

Let's practice using select() and filter()

Work with the climate data we've been using this class period. Construct a small set of code that does the following:

- 1. Slims down the full data frame to one that contains the columns dt, AverageTemperature and City. Assign this to an object called slim.
- 2. Filters the data for Paris with an average temperature less than 22.
- 3. Name this new data frame "cold_paris"

```
# not piped
slim <- select(climate_df, dt, AverageTemperature, City)
filtered <- filter(slim, City == "Paris", AverageTemperature < 22)
cold_paris <- filtered</pre>
```

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 into the next line as the input.

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 typing a pipe is Ctrl + Shift + M (or Cmd + Shift + M on a Mac)

```
climate_df %>%
  select(dt, City)
```

```
## # A tibble: 239,177 x 2
     dt
                 City
##
##
      <date>
                 <chr>>
##
   1 1849-01-01 Abidjan
## 2 1849-02-01 Abidjan
## 3 1849-03-01 Abidjan
## 4 1849-04-01 Abidjan
## 5 1849-05-01 Abidjan
## 6 1849-06-01 Abidjan
## 7 1849-07-01 Abidjan
## 8 1849-08-01 Abidjan
## 9 1849-09-01 Abidjan
## 10 1849-10-01 Abidjan
## # i 239,167 more rows
cold_paris <- climate_df %>%
  select(dt, AverageTemperature, City) %>%
  filter(City == "Paris", AverageTemperature < 22)</pre>
```

Let's practice!

In small groups, use pipes to create a new data frame called warm_nigeria that includes the following:

- the columns AverageTemperature, City, Country
- only rows for the country Nigeria and temperatures that are greater than 30 degrees

```
warm_nigeria <- climate_df %>%
select(AverageTemperature, City, Country) %>%
filter(Country == "Nigeria", AverageTemperature > 30)
```

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.

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, such as converting temp from F to C.

To help us out, here is the equation for converting: Fahrenheit = Celcius * (9/5) + 32

```
# create a new column for temps in Fahrenheit
climate_df %>%
  select(dt, AverageTemperature) %>%
  mutate(AverageTemperature_F = AverageTemperature * (9/5) + 32)
```

```
## # A tibble: 239,177 x 3
##
      dt
                 AverageTemperature AverageTemperature_F
##
      <date>
                               <dbl>
##
  1 1849-01-01
                                26.7
                                                     80.1
    2 1849-02-01
                                27.4
                                                     81.4
##
##
  3 1849-03-01
                                28.1
                                                     82.6
  4 1849-04-01
                                26.1
                                                     79.1
##
## 5 1849-05-01
                                                     77.8
                                25.4
    6 1849-06-01
                                                     76.7
##
                                24.8
## 7 1849-07-01
                               24.1
                                                     75.3
## 8 1849-08-01
                                23.6
                                                     74.4
                                23.7
                                                     74.6
## 9 1849-09-01
## 10 1849-10-01
                                25.3
                                                     77.5
## # i 239,167 more rows
```

The first part of the argument in the mutate function (before the =) is the name of the new column we want to create (or, sometime, the name of a column we want to overwrite). After the = is what we want the new column to contain.

Let's Practice

Write some code that uses the round() function to create a new column of average temperatures (Celsius) with only point value after the decimal point.

```
climate_df %>%
  mutate(AverageTemperatureRound = round(AverageTemperature, digits = 1))
```

```
3 1849-03-01
                               28.1
                                                         1.61 Abid~ Côte D~ 5.63N
##
   4 1849-04-01
                               26.1
                                                         1.39 Abid~ Côte D~ 5.63N
   5 1849-05-01
                                                         1.2 Abid~ Côte D~ 5.63N
##
                               25.4
                                                         1.40 Abid~ Côte D~ 5.63N
##
  6 1849-06-01
                               24.8
   7 1849-07-01
                               24.1
                                                         1.25 Abid~ Côte D~ 5.63N
                                                         1.26 Abid~ Côte D~ 5.63N
##
   8 1849-08-01
                               23.6
  9 1849-09-01
                                                         1.23 Abid~ Côte D~ 5.63N
                               23.7
                                                         1.18 Abid~ Côte D~ 5.63N
## 10 1849-10-01
                               25.3
## # i 239,167 more rows
## # i abbreviated name: 1: AverageTemperatureUncertainty
## # i 2 more variables: Longitude <chr>, AverageTemperatureRound <dbl>
```

If we set the "new" column name in the mutate() function as the same name of a column that already exists, the code with replace that column with the new values.

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.

The summarize() function creates a new dataframe with columns and values we give it. Similar to mutate(), what is on the left of the = is the name of the new column, and what is on the right of the = is the value(s) to put in the new column.

```
## # A tibble: 1 x 2
## mean_temp sd_temp
## <dbl> <dbl>
## 1 NA NA
```

Wait a second! Those are some weird values!

NA is used to represent missing data. So what is happening here? We know that there are numbers to calculate these values.

It is important to note that if any of the values in the column that you are trying to summarize are missing (NA), you might get some wonky values, like you did above.

Fortunately, mean() and sd() and some other functions have an argument to remove the missing values: na.rm = TRUE

```
## # A tibble: 1 x 2
## mean_temp sd_temp
## <dbl> <dbl>
## 1 18.1 10.0
```

Pay attention to where the na.rm = TRUE argument is placed. We are putting it inside the parentheses for the mean() and sd() function, not as an argument in the summarize() function.

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 temperatures of **each** country instead of the overall mean of the entire dataset. In order to do these, we create groups in the data based on the country.

```
## # A tibble: 49 x 3
##
      Country
                  mean_temp sd_temp
##
      <chr>
                      <dbl>
                              <dbl>
##
  1 Afghanistan
                      14.3
                               8.65
## 2 Angola
                      23.7
                               1.98
## 3 Australia
                      15.2
                               3.70
                      25.5
## 4 Bangladesh
                               3.88
## 5 Brazil
                      22.8
                               2.95
## 6 Burma
                      26.7
                               1.87
## 7 Canada
                       5.11
                              10.7
## 8 Chile
                       5.69
                               4.75
## 9 China
                              11.4
                      11.8
## 10 Colombia
                      20.9
                               1.15
## # i 39 more rows
```

Let's practice!

Practice using the combination of group_by() and summarize() to calculate the minimum (min()) and maximum (max()) average temperatures for each city. Save this data frame as city_min_max

```
## 2 Addis Abeba
                                 21.2
                       14.5
## 3 Ahmadabad
                       16.8
                                 35.4
## 4 Aleppo
                                 32.6
                       0.67
## 5 Alexandria
                       10.2
                                 28.8
## 6 Ankara
                       -6.28
                                 26.0
                       4.24
## 7 Baghdad
                                 38.3
## 8 Bangalore
                       20.3
                                 29.7
## 9 Bangkok
                       21.9
                                 31.1
## 10 Belo Horizonte
                       15.9
                                 25.2
## # i 90 more rows
```

Already accomplished this task? Try to figure out how you can keep the "Country" column in the final data frame. This is trickier than you might think!

```
climate_df %>%
  group_by(Country, City) %>%
  summarize(min_temp = min(AverageTemperature, na.rm = TRUE),
            max_temp = max(AverageTemperature, na.rm = TRUE))
## 'summarise()' has grouped output by 'Country'. You can override using the
## '.groups' argument.
## # A tibble: 100 x 4
## # Groups:
              Country [49]
##
      Country
                 City
                                min_temp max_temp
##
      <chr>
                  <chr>
                                   <dbl>
                                            <dbl>
##
  1 Afghanistan Kabul
                                   -2.08
                                             27.6
## 2 Angola
                                             27.2
                 Luanda
                                   18.7
## 3 Australia
                 Melbourne
                                    6.63
                                             23.0
## 4 Australia
                                             22.0
                 Sydney
                                   12.0
## 5 Bangladesh Dhaka
                                   15.1
                                             30.7
## 6 Brazil
                 Belo Horizonte
                                   15.9
                                             25.2
## 7 Brazil
                 Brasília
                                             25.9
                                   17.2
                                             30.0
## 8 Brazil
                 Fortaleza
                                   24.3
                 Rio De Janeiro
## 9 Brazil
                                   18.5
                                             28.8
                 Salvador
## 10 Brazil
                                             28.3
                                   21.0
## # i 90 more rows
```