Getting to use data in ${\bf R}$

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Handling data in ${\bf R}$

There are many types of objects designed to store data in R.

We will focus on:

- vectors
- matrices (and arrays)
- data frames (and tibbles)
- list

Note: if you master those, we are pretty much all set!

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Vector

A vector is a sequence of data elements of the same basic type.

• Vectors allow the organisation of entities (e.g. numbers, characters. . .) along one dimension which can be indexed:

```
height.girls <- c(178, 175, 159, 164, 183, 192)
height.boys <- c(181, 189, 174, 177)

height.girls[2]

## [1] 175
height.boys[3]

## [1] 174
```

Vector

• They can be combined:

```
(height <- c(height.boys, height.girls))
## [1] 181 189 174 177 178 175 159 164 183 192
```

Vector continued

• They can be indexed logically (i.e. indexed by anything leading to a vector of booleans):

```
(height > 168)
## [1] TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE FALSE FALSE TRUE
## [10] TRUE
height[height > 168]
## [1] 181 189 174 177 178 175 183 192
height[!(height == min(height))]
## [1] 181 189 174 177 178 175 164 183 192
height[height != min(height)]
## [1] 181 189 174 177 178 175 164 183 192
```

Types of vectors

character

```
x <- c("bla", "1", "sf", "xx3")
str(x)
## chr [1:4] "bla" "1" "sf" "xx3"
```

factor

```
x <- as.factor(c("bla", "1", "sf", "xx3"))
str(x)
## Factor w/ 4 levels "1","bla","sf",..: 2 1 3 4</pre>
```

logical

```
x <- c(TRUE, FALSE, T, F)
str(x)
## logi [1:4] TRUE FALSE TRUE FALSE</pre>
```

Dates

```
x <- c(as.Date("1999-01-12"), lubridate::ymd("1999-03-12"))
str(x)
## Date[1:2], format: "1999-01-12" "1999-03-12"</pre>
```

cool stuff with dates

Dates object

```
* ## [1] "1999-01-12" "1999-03-12"
```

compute differences

```
x[1] - x[2]
## Time difference of -59 days
as.numeric(x[1] - x[2])
## [1] -59
```

logical

```
x[1] > x[2]

## [1] FALSE

x[x > as.Date("1999-02-12")]

## [1] "1999-03-12"
```

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Factors

• They work with other things than numbers:

```
sex <- c("girl", "girl", "girl", "girl", "girl", "girl",</pre>
"boy", "boy", "boy", "boy")
sex <- factor(sex)</pre>
sex
## [1] girl girl girl girl girl boy boy boy
## Levels: boy girl
# Or
sex <- factor(c(rep("girl", times = 6),</pre>
              rep("boy", times = 4)))
# Or
sex <- factor(c(rep("girl", times = length(height.girls)),</pre>
              rep("boy", times = length(height.boys))))
```

Changing the order of levels of a factor

You have:

my_factor1
[1] A A B B C
Levels: A B C

You want:

my_factor2
[1] A A B B C
Levels: C B A

Changing the order of levels of a factor

You have:

You want:

my_factor1 ## [1] A A B B C ## Levels: A B C my_factor2 ## [1] A A B B C ## Levels: C B A

You do:

```
## Using base:
my_factor2 <- factor(my_factor1, levels(my_factor1)[c(3, 2, 1)])
my_factor2
## [1] A A B B C
## Levels: C B A</pre>
```

Changing the order of levels of a factor

Levels: C B A

You have: You want: my_factor2 my_factor1 ## [1] A A B B C ## [1] A A B B C ## Levels: A B C ## Levels: C B A You do: ## Usina base: my_factor2 <- factor(my_factor1, levels(my_factor1)[c(3, 2, 1)])</pre> my_factor2 ## [1] A A B B C

Note: the order of levels influences the output of linear models and plotting functions (e.g. order in the legend of a ggplot) ...

Changing the levels of a factor

You have:

You want:

```
my_factor1
## [1] A A B B C
## Levels: A B C
```

my_factor2 ## [1] A A A A D ## Levels: A D

You do:

```
## Using base:
levels(my_factor1)
## [1] "A" "B" "C"
my_factor2 <- my_factor1
levels(my_factor2) <- c("A", "A", "D") ## in same order!
my_factor2
## [1] A A A A D
## Levels: A D

## Using dplyr:
my_factor2 <- recode(my_factor1, A = "A", B = "A", C = "D")
my_factor2
## [1] A A A A D
## Levels: A D</pre>
```

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Data frames allow the organisation of entities as a matrix-like structure whose columns have the same length:

```
dataframe.ht <- data.frame(Height = height, Sex = sex)
dataframe.ht
      Height Sex
        181 girl
## 2
        189 girl
        174 girl
        177 girl
        178 girl
        175 girl
        159 boy
        164 boy
## 9
        183 boy
## 10
        192 boy
```

It is good practice to always check their structure:

```
str(dataframe.ht)
## 'data.frame': 10 obs. of 2 variables:
## $ Height: num 181 189 174 177 178 175 159 164 183 192
## $ Sex : Factor w/ 2 levels "boy", "girl": 2 2 2 2 2 2 1 1 1 1
```

You access the columns by means of the extractor \$

```
height

## [1] 181 189 174 177 178 175 159 164 183 192

rm(list = c("height", "sex")) # removing original vectors
height

## Error in eval(expr, envir, enclos): object 'height' not found
dataframe.ht$Height #Or: with(data = dataframe.ht, Height)

## [1] 181 189 174 177 178 175 159 164 183 192
```

 \Rightarrow What is the average height?

Some functions can take a data frame as an input:

```
summary(dataframe.ht)
## Height Sex
## Min. :159.0 boy :4
## 1st Qu.:174.2 girl:6
## Median :177.5
## Mean :177.2
## 3rd Qu.:182.5
## Max. :192.0
```

Note: this will be the case of a lot of functions performing statistical tests!

How to compute the average height per sex?

simple

```
mean(dataframe.ht$Height[dataframe.ht$Sex == "boy"])
## [1] 174.5
```

more elegant

• even more elegant but dangerous

```
library(dplyr)
dataframe.ht %>% group_by(Sex) %>% summarize(mean = mean(Height)) ## be aware of the rounding
## # A tibble: 2 x 2
## Sex mean
## <fct> <dbl>
## 1 boy 174.
## 2 girl 179
```

They can also be indexed:

```
dataframe.ht[1, ]
## Height Sex
## 1 181 girl
dataframe.ht[, 1] # Or: dataframe.ht[, "Sex"]
## [1] 181 189 174 177 178 175 159 164 183 192
```

They can be edited:

```
dataframe.ht[1, 1]
## [1] 181
dataframe.ht[1, 1] <- 171.3
dataframe.ht[1, 1]
## [1] 171.3
dataframe.ht$linenumber <- 1:nrow(dataframe.ht)  # add column
ncol(dataframe.ht)  # try dim()
## [1] 3
dataframe.ht$linenumber <- NULL  # remove column
ncol(dataframe.ht)</pre>
```

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• the pipe operator %% takes the output from one function as input of another function.

Usefull dplyr verbs

add column with mutate()

```
dataframe.ht <- dataframe.ht %>% mutate(ID = 1:nrow(dataframe.ht))
head(dataframe.ht, n= 3)
  Height Sex ID
## 1 171.3 girl 1
## 2 189.0 girl 2
## 3 174.0 girl 3
```

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```
dataframe.ht <- dataframe.ht %>% mutate(ID = 1:nrow(dataframe.ht))
head(dataframe.ht, n= 3)

## Height Sex ID
## 1 171.3 girl 1
## 2 189.0 girl 2
## 3 174.0 girl 3
```

select columns with select()

```
dataframe.ht.sex <- dataframe.ht %% select(Sex)
head(dataframe.ht.sex, n= 3)

## Sex
## 1 girl
## 2 girl
## 3 girl</pre>
```

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dataframe.ht <- dataframe.ht %>% mutate(ID = 1:nrow(dataframe.ht))
head(dataframe.ht, n= 3)
  Height Sex ID
## 1 171.3 girl 1
## 2 189.0 girl 2
## 3 174.0 girl 3
```

select columns with select()

```
dataframe.ht.sex <- dataframe.ht %>% select(Sex)
head(dataframe.ht.sex, n= 3)
      Sex
## 1 girl
## 2 girl
## 3 girl
```

select rows with filter()

```
dataframe.ht.female <- dataframe.ht %>% filter(Sex == "girl")
head(dataframe.ht.female, n= 3)
    Height Sex ID
## 1 171.3 girl 1
## 2 189.0 girl 2
## 3 174.0 girl 3
```

mutate_if()

you want to change all numeric variables into character variables

you have:

```
## 'data.frame': 10 obs. of 6 variables:
## $ Height : num 171 189 174 177 178 ...
## $ Sex : chr "girl" "girl" "girl" "girl" ...
  $ ID : int 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
## $ mean H : num 177 177 177 177 177 ...
## $ median H: num 176 176 176 176 176 ...
          : int 6666664444
```

vou want

```
## 'data.frame': 10 obs. of 6 variables:
## $ Height : chr "171.3" "189" "174" "177" ...
## $ Sex : chr "girl" "girl" "girl" "girl" ...
## $ ID : chr "1" "2" "3" "4" ...
## $ mean_H : chr "177.38" "177.38" "177.38" "177.38" ...
## $ median_H: chr "176" "176" "176" "176" ...
## $ n : chr "6" "6" "6" "6" ...
```

you do:

```
x numeric <- x %>% mutate if(is.numeric, ~ as.character(.))
```

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• or with mutate() -> one value per observation

group_by() with summarize()

You want the mean height of males and females, the median height and the number in each group:

you do:

```
x <- dataframe.ht %>%
  group_by(Sex) %>%
  summarize(mean_H = mean(Height, na.rm = T),
            median_H = median(Height, na.rm = T),
           n = n()
```

you get:

```
as.data.frame(x)
     Sex mean_H median_H n
## 1 boy 174.5000 173.5 4
## 2 girl 177.3833 176.0 6
```

group_by() with mutate()

You want the mean height of males and females, the median height and the number in each group but get the value for each individual

you do:

```
x <- dataframe.ht %>%
  group by (Sex) %>%
  mutate(mean_H = mean(Height, na.rm = T),
            median H = median (Height, na.rm = T),
            n = n()
```

you get:

```
as.data.frame(x)
     Height Sex ID mean_H median_H n
     171.3 girl 1 177.3833
                            176.0 6
     189.0 girl 2 177.3833
                            176.0 6
## 3
     174.0 girl 3 177.3833
                            176.0 6
     177.0 girl 4 177.3833
                            176.0 6
     178.0 girl 5 177.3833
                            176.0 6
## 6
     175.0 girl 6 177.3833
                            176.0 6
      159.0 boy 7 174.5000
                            173.5 4
      164.0 boy 8 174.5000
                            173.5 4
      183.0 bov 9 174.5000
                            173.5 4
## 10 192.0 boy 10 174.5000
                              173.5 4
```

joining data frame

you have df1:

```
my_df1
         ID
                 age
       ID-1 12.49418
## 2
       ID-2 15.73457
       ID-3 11.65749
       ID-4 21.38112
       ID-5 16.31803
       ID-6 11.71813
## 11 ID-11 21.04712
```

you have df2:

```
my_df2
        ID school grade origin
      ID-4 Youhou 76.42 French
      ID-5 bababa 71.88 Swiss
      ID-1 genius 78.38 French
     ID-12 Youhou 75.64 German
## 5
      ID-7 bababa 61.49 German
      ID-3 genius 20.21 French
     ID-8 Youhou 72.40 German
      ID-6 bababa 58.88 German
     ID-2 genius 56.88 Swiss
## 9
## 10 ID-10 Youhou 30.58 French
```

You want to merge the two data frames

joining data frame with base R

You can use merge()

```
my_df3 <- merge(my_df1, my_df2)</pre>
```

```
my_df3
       ID
              age school grade origin
## 1 ID-1 12.49418 genius 78.38 French
## 2 ID-2 15.73457 genius 56.88 Swiss
## 3 ID-3 11.65749 genius 20.21 French
## 4 ID-4 21.38112 Youhou 76.42 French
## 5 ID-5 16.31803 bababa 71.88 Swiss
## 6 ID-6 11.71813 bababa 58.88 German
```

joining data frame with dpylr join()

or use inner_join()

```
library(dplyr)
my_df3 <- inner_join(my_df1, my_df2)
## Joining, by = "ID"</pre>
```

```
my_df3

## 1D age school grade origin

## 1 ID-1 12.49418 genius 78.38 French

## 2 ID-2 15.73457 genius 56.88 Swiss

## 3 ID-3 11.65749 genius 20.21 French

## 4 ID-4 21.38112 Youhou 76.42 French

## 5 ID-5 16.31803 bababa 71.88 Swiss

## 6 ID-6 11.71813 bababa 58.88 German
```

joining data frame with left_join()

```
library(dplyr)
my_df3 <- left_join(my_df1, my_df2)
## Joining, by = "ID"</pre>
```

joining data frame with full_join()

full_join() keep all the rows of the two data frame adds NA when no data are present

```
library(dplyr)
my_df3 <- full join(my_df1, my_df2)</pre>
         ## Joining, by = "ID"
```

```
my_df3
                 age school grade origin
      ID-1 12.49418 genius 78.38 French
      ID-2 15.73457 genius 56.88 Swiss
## 3
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## 4
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      ID-11 21.04712
                       <NA>
                                  <NA>
     ID-12
                  NA Youhou 75.64 German
## 9
       ID-7
                 NA bababa 61.49 German
      TD-8
                 NA Youhou 72.40 German
## 10
## 11 ID-10
                 NA Youhou 30.58 French
```

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• gather() turns wide data into long

• spread() turns long data into wide

you have wide data:

```
head(my_df1)
## ID Sex age1 age2 age3 age4
## 1 1 girl 71.3 146.3 161.3 171.3
dim(my_df1)
## [1] 1 6
```

you want long data:

```
head(my_df2)
## ID Sex Age Height
## 1 1 girl age1 71.3
## 2 1 girl age2 146.3
## 3 1 girl age3 161.3
## 4 1 girl age4 171.3
dim(my_df2)
## [1] 4 4
```

you have wide data:

```
head(my_df1)
## ID Sex age1 age2 age3 age4
## 1 1 girl 71.3 146.3 161.3 171.3
dim(my_df1)
## [1] 1 6
```

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## 2 1 girl age2 146.3
## 3 1 girl age3 161.3
## 4 1 girl age4 171.3
dim(my_df2)
## [1] 4 4
```

you do:

```
my_df2 <- my_df1 %>% gather("Age", "Height", -Sex, -ID) %>% arrange(ID, Age)
```

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## 1 1 girl 71.3 146.3 161.3 171.3
dim(my_df1)
## [1] 1 6
```

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## 3 1 girl age3 161.3
## 4 1 girl age4 171.3
dim(my_df2)
## [1] 4 4
```

you do:

```
my_df2 <- my_df1 %>% gather("Age", "Height", -Sex, -ID) %>% arrange(ID, Age)
                                or:
my_df2 <- my_df1 %>% gather("Age", "Height", 3:ncol(my_df1)) %>% arrange(ID, Age)
```

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## 3 1 girl age3 161.3
## 4 1 girl age4 171.3
dim(my_df2)
## [1] 4 4
```

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## 2 1 girl age2 146.3
## 3 1 girl age3 161.3
## 4 1 girl age4 171.3
dim(my_df2)
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```

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## 1 1 girl 71.3 146.3 161.3 171.3
dim(my_df1)
## [1] 1 6
```

you do:

```
my_df2 %>% spread(-Sex, -ID)
## ID Sex age1 age2 age3 age4
## 1 1 girl 71.3 146.3 161.3 171.3
```

some other usefull functions

unite() merges 2 columns of a data frame

```
my_df3 <- my_df2 %>% unite(New_col, ID, Sex)
head(my_df3)
   New_col Age Height
## 1 1_girl age1 71.3
## 2 1_girl age2 146.3
## 3 1_girl age3 161.3
## 4 1_girl age4 171.3
```

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```
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head(my_df3)
  New_col Age Height
## 1 1_girl age1 71.3
## 2 1_girl age2 146.3
## 3 1_girl age3 161.3
## 4 1_girl age4 171.3
```

separate() separate 2 columns of a data frame

```
my_df3 %>% separate(New_col, c("ID", "Sex"))
  ID Sex Age Height
## 1 1 girl age1 71.3
## 2 1 girl age2 146.3
## 3 1 girl age3 161.3
## 4 1 girl age4 171.3
```

cheating data frame

plenty of informative cheatsheets on: https://www.rstudio.com/resources/cheatsheets/

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Lists

Lists allow the organisation of any set of entities into a single R object:

```
list.ht <- list(girls = height.girls, boys = height.boys)
list.ht
## $girls
## [1] 178 175 159 164 183 192
##
## $boys
## [1] 181 189 174 177</pre>
```

Lists

Lists can also be indexed and their elements extracted:

```
list.ht$girls
## [1] 178 175 159 164 183 192
list.ht["boys"]  # still a list
## $boys
## [1] 181 189 174 177
list.ht[["boys"]]  # vector
## [1] 181 189 174 177
list.ht[[2]][3]
## [1] 174
```

Lists

Some functions can take a list as an input:

```
lapply(list.ht, FUN = mean)
## $girls
## [1] 175.1667
##
## $boys
## [1] 180.25
```

Summary

```
dataframe.ht
     Height Sex ID
## 1 171.3 girl 1
     189.0 girl 2
## 3
     174.0 girl 3
## 4
     177.0 girl 4
     178.0 girl 5
## 5
## 6
     175.0 girl 6
     159.0 boy 7
## 7
## 8
     164.0 boy 8
     183.0 boy 9
## 10 192.0 boy 10
```

```
list.ht

## $girls

## [1] 178 175 159 164 183 192

##

## $boys

## [1] 181 189 174 177
```

Summary

data.frame

- All columns have same length
- Each column can have its own class (e.g. numeric, factor, character)

• list

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Working directory

```
getwd() # to change, use setwd()
## [1] "/home/alex/Dropbox/Boulot/Mes_projets_de_recherche/R_packages/BeginR_project/BeginR/sources_vignettes/usingdata"
dir() # listing all files in the working directory
## [1] "usingdata.pdf.asis" "usingdata.Rnw"
dir(pattern = "*.csv")
## character(0)
```

Exporting and importing data in R

```
write.csv(dataframe.ht,
    file = "my.first.R.dataframe.csv", row.names = FALSE)

rm(list = ls()) # deleting everything in R

dataframe.ht <- read.csv("my.first.R.dataframe.csv")</pre>
```

R cannot read/write .xls files out of the box
Packages can do that but it is safer to use .csv files

Excel can read and write .csv files!

Challenge #2

Create a dataframe using your favorite spreadsheet software and import it in R!