# Manipulating Data in R

#### Recap of Data Cleaning

- is.na(),any(is.na()), all(is.na()),count(), and functions from naniar like gg\_miss\_var() and miss\_var\_summary can help determine if we have NA values
- miss\_var\_which() can help you drop columns that have any missing values.
- filter() automatically removes NA values
- drop\_na() can help you remove NA values
- NA values can change your calculation results
- think about what NA values represent don't drop them if you shouldn't
- replace\_na() will replace `NA values with a particular value

#### **Recap of Data Cleaning**

- case\_when() can recode entire values based on conditions
  - remember case\_when() needs TRUE ~ variable to keep values that aren't specified by conditions, otherwise will be NA
- stringr package has great functions for looking for specific parts of values especially filter() and str\_detect() combined
  - also has other useful string manipulation functions like str\_replace()and more!
  - separate() can split columns into additional columns
  - unite() can combine columns

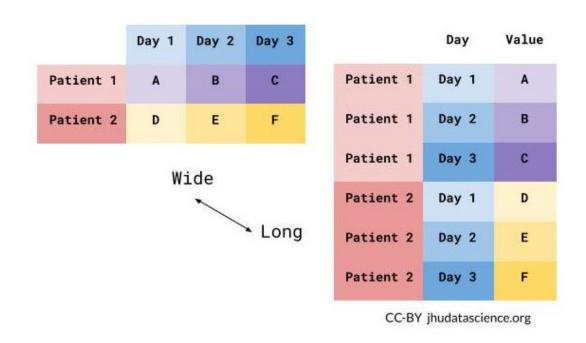
Cheatsheet

### **Manipulating Data**

In this module, we will show you how to:

- 1. Reshape data from wide to long
- 2. Reshape data from long to wide
- 3. Merge Data/Joins

# Data is wide or long with respect to certain variables.



Data is stored *differently* in the tibble.

Here's a small dataset looking at vaccination rates over three months in Alabama.

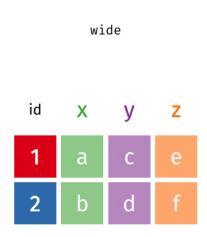
Wide: has many columns

Long: column names become data

Wide: multiple columns per individual, values spread across multiple columns

Long: multiple rows per observation, a single column contains the values

https://github.com/gadenbuie/tidyexplain/blob/main/images/tidyr-pivoting.gif



#### Why do we need to switch between wide/long data?

#### Wide: Easier for humans to read

#### Long: Easier for R to make plots & do analysis

#### Pivoting using the tidyr package (part of tidyverse)

We will be talking about:

- pivot\_longer make multiple columns into variables, (wide to long)
- pivot\_wider make a variable into multiple columns, (long to wide)

The reshape command exists. Its arguments are considered more confusing, so we don't recommend it.

You might see old functions gather and spread when googling. These are older iterations of pivot\_longer and pivot\_wider, respectively.

pivot\_longer...

## Reshaping data from wide to long

pivot\_longer() - puts column data into rows (tidyr package)

First describe which columns we want to "pivot\_longer"

```
{long_data} <- {wide_data} %>% pivot_longer(cols = {columns to pivot})
```

#### Reshaping data from wide to long

ex wide # A tibble:  $2 \times 4$ June\_vacc\_rate May\_vacc\_rate April\_vacc\_rate State <chr> <fdb>> <dbl> <fdb>> 1 Alabama 0.516 0.514 0.511 2 Alaska 0.627 0.626 0.623 ex\_long <- ex\_wide %>% pivot\_longer(cols = ends\_with("rate")) ex long # A tibble:  $6 \times 3$ State value name <chr> <chr> <dbl> 1 Alabama June vacc rate 0.516 2 Alabama May vacc rate 0.514 3 Alabama April\_vacc\_rate 0.511 4 Alaska June vacc rate 0.627 5 Alaska May\_vacc\_rate 0.626 6 Alaska April vacc rate 0.623

#### **GUT CHECK!**

What does pivot\_longer() do?

- A. Summarize data
- B. Import data
- C. Reshape data

#### Reshaping wide to long: Better column names

pivot\_longer() - puts column data into rows (tidyr package)

- First describe which columns we want to "pivot\_longer"
- names\_to = new name for old columns
- values\_to = new name for old cell values

#### Reshaping wide to long: Better column names

Newly created column names ("Month" and "Rate") are enclosed in quotation marks. It helps us be more specific than "name" and "value".

```
ex_long <- ex_wide %>% pivot_longer(cols = ends_with("rate"),
                                    names to = "Month",
                                    values to = "Rate")
ex long
# A tibble: 6 × 3
  State
         Month
                           Rate
  <chr>
          <chr>
                          <dbl>
1 Alabama June_vacc_rate 0.516
2 Alabama May_vacc_rate
                          0.514
3 Alabama April_vacc_rate 0.511
4 Alaska June_vacc_rate 0.627
5 Alaska May_vacc_rate
                          0.626
6 Alaska April_vacc_rate 0.623
```

#### Data used: Nitrate exposure

Let's look at some data on levels of nitrate in water from Washington. This dataset reports the amount of people in Washington exposed to excess levels of nitrate in their water between 1999 and 2020.

```
wide nitrate <-
  read csv(file = "https://daseh.org/data/Nitrate Exposure for WA Public Water Systems byguarter data.csv")
head(wide_nitrate)
# A tibble: 6 × 11
   year quarter pop on sampled PWS `pop 0-3uq/L` `pop >3-5uq/L` `pop >5-10uq/L`
  <dbl> <chr>
                              <fdb>>
                                            <fdb>>
                                                            <fdb>>
                                                                             <fdb>>
1 1999 01
                             106720
                                            67775
                                                                (-)
                                                                                32
2 1999 Q2
                              85541
                                            55476
                                                                               212
  1999 Q3
                             559137
                                           319252
                                                           231186
                                                                               212
   1999 Q4
                              26995
                                            25969
                                                              420
                                                                                 (-)
   2000 Q1
                              34793
                                             5904
                                                                (-)
                                                                                92
   2000 Q2
                             184521
                                           157396
                                                                (-)
                                                                                32
# [ 5 more variables: `pop_>10-20ug/L` <dbl>, `pop_>20ug/L` <dbl>,
    `pop_on_PWS_with_non-detect` <dbl>, pop_exposed_to_exceedances <dbl>,
#
    perc pop exposed to exceedances <dbl>
```

#### Mission: Average population exposed by concentration

Let's imagine we want to see what proportion of the population was exposed to different nitrate concentrations. Results should look something like:

#### Remove some columns we don't need

```
wide nitrate <- wide nitrate %>%
  select(!ends_with("exceedances"))
wide nitrate
# A tibble: 88 × 9
    year quarter pop_on_sampled_PWS `pop_0-3ug/L` `pop_>3-5ug/L` `pop_>5-10ug/L`
   <dhl> <chr>
                               <dbl>
                                              <dbl>
                                                              <dbl>
                                                                              <dbl>
  1999 Q1
                              106720
                                              67775
                                                                                  32
                                                                  0
   1999 Q2
                                                                                 212
                               85541
                                              55476
                                                                  (-)
   1999 Q3
                              559137
                                             319252
                                                             231186
                                                                                 212
    1999 04
                               26995
                                              25969
                                                                420
                                                                                   0
 5
    2000 01
                               34793
                                               5904
                                                                  0
                                                                                  92
                                                                                  32
    2000 02
                              184521
                                             157396
                                                                  0
    2000 Q3
                               42081
                                             20407
                                                                345
                                                                                   0
    2000 Q4
                                                                                 412
                              407219
                                             358828
                                                                995
    2001 01
                               90054
                                              49552
                                                                150
                                                                                   0
10 2001 02
                               83521
                                              43633
                                                               2536
                                                                                  90
# 1 78 more rows
# [] 3 more variables: `pop_>10-20ug/L` <dbl>, `pop_>20ug/L` <dbl>,
    `pop on PWS with non-detect` <dbl>
#
```

#### Reshaping data from wide to long

```
long nitrate <- wide nitrate %>%
  pivot_longer(!c(year, quarter, pop_on_sampled_PWS))
long nitrate
# A tibble: 528 × 5
   year quarter pop on sampled PWS name
                                                               value
                              <dbl> <chr>
                                                               <dbl>
   <dbl> <chr>
                             106720 pop_0-3ug/L
 1 1999 Q1
                                                               67775
                             106720 pop_>3-5ug/L
 2 1999 Q1
                                                                   0
 3 1999 Q1
                             106720 pop_>5-10ug/L
                                                                  32
                             106720 pop_>10-20ug/L
 4 1999 Q1
                                                                   0
                             106720 pop_>20ug/L
  1999 01
                             106720 pop_on_PWS_with_non-detect 38913
   1999 Q1
                              85541 pop_0-3ug/L
  1999 02
                                                               55476
                              85541 pop_>3-5ug/L
  1999 Q2
                                                                   0
 9 1999 Q2
                              85541 pop_>5-10ug/L
                                                                 212
10 1999 Q2
                              85541 pop >10-20ug/L
                                                                  60
# 518 more rows
```

#### Reshaping data from wide to long

Un-pivoted columns (year, quarter, pop\_on\_sampled\_PWS) are still columns.

#### long\_nitrate

```
# A tibble: 528 × 5
    year quarter pop_on_sampled_PWS name
                                                                 value
                                                                 <dbl>
   <dbl> <chr>
                               <dbl> <chr>
 1 1999 01
                              106720 pop_0-3ug/L
                                                                 67775
   1999 Q1
                              106720 pop_>3-5ug/L
                                                                     0
 3 1999 Q1
                              106720 pop_>5-10ug/L
                                                                    32
                              106720 pop_>10-20ug/L
   1999 01
                                                                     0
                              106720 pop_>20ug/L
   1999 01
                                                                     (-)
                              106720 pop_on_PWS_with_non-detect 38913
   1999 Q1
                              85541 pop_0-3ug/L
   1999 Q2
                                                                 55476
                              85541 pop_>3-5ug/L
 8 1999 Q2
                                                                     0
                              85541 pop >5-10ug/L
 9 1999 02
                                                                   212
10 1999 02
                              85541 pop >10-20ug/L
                                                                    60
   518 more rows
```

#### Cleaning up long data

Let's make the conc\_count into a proportion.

```
long_nitrate <- long_nitrate %>%
 mutate(conc_prop = value / pop_on_sampled_PWS)
long_nitrate
# A tibble: 528 × 6
   year quarter pop_on_sampled_PWS name
                                                              value conc_prop
  <dbl> <chr>
                             <dbl> <chr>
                                                              <dbl>
                                                                        <dbl>
 1 1999 01
                            106720 pop_0-3ug/L
                                                              67775 0.635
  1999 01
                            106720 pop_>3-5ug/L
                                                                     0
                                                                  0
  1999 01
                            106720 pop_>5-10ug/L
                                                                 32
                                                                    0.000300
   1999 01
                            106720 pop_>10-20ug/L
                                                                     0
                                                                  0
                            106720 pop_>20ug/L
   1999 Q1
                                                                  0
                                                                    0
                            106720 pop_on_PWS_with_non-detect 38913 0.365
   1999 Q1
 7 1999 02
                             85541 pop_0-3ug/L
                                                              55476 0.649
   1999 Q2
                             85541 pop_>3-5ug/L
                                                                  0
                                                                    0
   1999 02
                             85541 pop_>5-10ug/L
                                                                212 0.00248
                             85541 pop_>10-20ug/L
  1999 Q2
                                                                 60 0.000701
# 🛮 518 more rows
```

#### Mission: Average population exposed by concentration

Now our data is more tidy, and we can take the averages easily!

```
long_nitrate %>%
  group_by(name) %>%
  summarize("avg_prop_exposedpop" = mean(conc_prop))
# A tibble: 6 \times 2
  name
                              avg_prop_exposedpop
  <chr>
                                             <dbl>
1 pop 0-3ug/L
                                          0.593
2 pop_>10-20ug/L
                                          0.000678
3 pop_>20ug/L
                                          0.000129
4 pop_>3-5ug/L
                                          0.182
5 pop_>5-10ug/L
                                          0.0189
6 pop on PWS with non-detect
                                          0.206
```

#### Reshaping data from wide to long

There are many ways to **select** the columns we want. Check out <a href="https://dplyr.tidyverse.org/reference/dplyr\_tidy\_select.html">https://dplyr.tidyverse.org/reference/dplyr\_tidy\_select.html</a> to look at more column selection options.

pivot\_wider...

#### Reshaping data from long to wide

pivot\_wider() - spreads row data into columns (tidyr package)

- names\_from = the old column whose contents will be spread into multiple new column names.
- values\_from = the old column whose contents will fill in the values of those new columns.

#### Reshaping data from long to wide

We can use pivot\_wider to convert long data to wide format. Let's try it with the vaccine data from earlier.

#### ex\_long

#### Reshaping data from long to wide

We can use pivot\_wider to convert long data to wide format. Let's try it with the vaccine data from earlier.

```
ex_wide2 <- ex_long %>% pivot_wider(names_from = "Month",
                                     values_from = "Rate")
ex wide2
# A tibble: 2 \times 4
         June_vacc_rate May_vacc_rate April_vacc_rate
 State
 <chr>
                  <dbl>
                               <dbl>
                                               <dbl>
1 Alabama
                  0.516
                               0.514
                                               0.511
2 Alaska
                               0.626
                  0.627
                                               0.623
```

#### Reshaping nitrate exposure data

Let's go back to the nitrate exposure dataset. What if we wanted to make a wide version of the data that displayed the proportion of people at each level of nitrate exposure, with each quarter as a column?

long\_nitrate

```
# A tibble: 528 × 6
   year quarter pop_on_sampled_PWS name
                                                            value conc prop
  <dbl> <chr>
                            <dbl> <chr>
                                                             <dbl>
                                                                      <dbl>
1 1999 Q1
                           106720 pop 0-3ug/L
                                                             67775 0.635
2 1999 Q1
                           106720 pop >3-5ug/L
                                                                0
                                                                   0
                           106720 pop_>5-10ug/L
   1999 01
                                                                32 0.000300
                           106720 pop_>10-20ug/L
  1999 Q1
                                                                   0
  1999 Q1
                           106720 pop >20ug/L
                                                                0 0
  1999 Q1
                           106720 pop on PWS with non-detect 38913 0.365
7 1999 02
                            85541 pop 0-3ug/L
                                                             55476 0.649
                            85541 pop_>3-5ug/L
8 1999 02
                                                                0 0
                            85541 pop >5-10ug/L
   1999 02
                                                              212 0.00248
  1999 Q2
                            85541 pop >10-20ug/L
                                                               60 0.000701
# 0 518 more rows
```

#### Reshaping nitrate exposure data

Drop some columns we don't need.

```
long_nitrate <- long_nitrate %>%
 select(!c(pop_on_sampled_PWS, value))
long_nitrate
# A tibble: 528 × 4
   year quarter name
                                        conc_prop
  <dbl> <chr>
               <chr>
                                            <dbl>
 1 1999 Q1 pop_0-3ug/L
                                         0.635
             pop_>3-5ug/L
  1999 Q1
                                         0
 3 1999 Q1
             pop_>5-10ug/L
                                         0.000300
               pop_>10-20ug/L
   1999 Q1
                                         0
   1999 Q1
               pop_>20ug/L
                                         0
               pop_on_PWS_with_non-detect
   1999 Q1
                                         0.365
   1999 Q2
               pop_0-3ug/L
                                         0.649
  1999 Q2 pop_>3-5ug/L
                                         0
9 1999 Q2 pop >5-10uq/L
                                         0.00248
10 1999 Q2
            pop_>10-20ug/L
                                         0.000701
   518 more rows
```

#### Reshaping nitrate exposure data

Pivot the data!

```
wide_nitrate <- long_nitrate %>%
  pivot_wider(names_from = "quarter", values_from = "conc_prop")
wide nitrate
# A tibble: 132 × 6
   year name
                                         Q1
                                                  Q2
                                                           Q3
                                                                   04
                                      <dbl>
                                               <dbl>
                                                        <dbl>
   <dbl> <chr>
                                                                <dbl>
   1999 pop_0-3ug/L
                                   0.635
                                            0.649
                                                     0.571
                                                              0.962
   1999 pop_>3-5uq/L
                                                     0.413
                                                              0.0156
                                            0
                                                     0.000379
   1999 pop_>5-10ug/L
                                   0.000300 0.00248
   1999 pop_>10-20ug/L
                                            0.000701 0
                                                              0
                                   0
   1999 pop_>20ug/L
                                                     0
                                            0
   1999 pop_on_PWS_with_non-detect 0.365
                                            0.348
                                                     0.0152
                                                              0.0224
   2000 pop_0-3ug/L
                                   0.170
                                            0.853
                                                     0.485
                                                              0.881
  2000 pop_>3-5ug/L
                                                     0.00820
                                                              0.00244
 9 2000 pop_>5-10ug/L
                                   0.00264
                                            0.000173
                                                              0.00101
                                                     0
10 2000 pop >10-20ug/L
                                   0
                                            (-)
                                                     (-)
                                                              (-)
   122 more rows
```

#### Summary

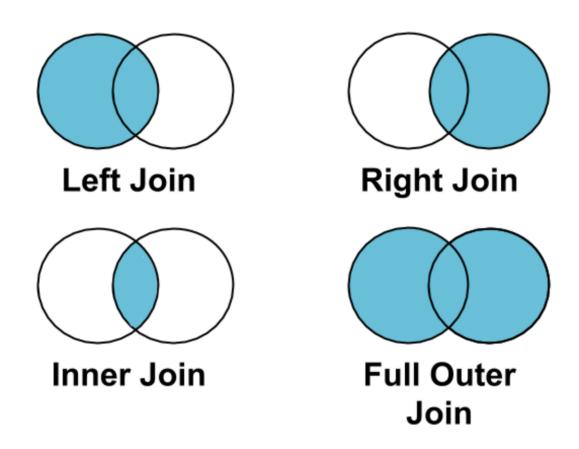
- tidyr package helps us convert between wide and long data
- pivot\_longer() goes from wide -> long
  - Specify columns you want to pivot
  - Specify names\_to = and values\_to = for custom naming
- pivot\_wider() goes from long -> wide
  - Specify names\_from = and values\_from =

# Lab Part 1

- Class Website
- Lab

# Joining

"Combining datasets"



#### Joining in dplyr

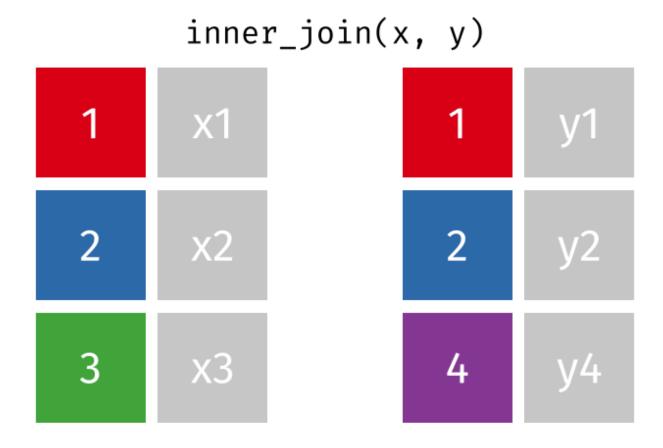
- Merging/joining data sets together usually on key variables, usually "id"
- · ?join see different types of joining for dplyr
- inner\_join(x, y) only rows that match for x and y are kept
- full\_join(x, y) all rows of x and y are kept
- left\_join(x, y) all rows of x are kept even if not merged with y
- right\_join(x, y) all rows of y are kept even if not merged with x
- anti\_join(x, y) all rows from x not in y keeping just columns from x.

#### Merging: Simple Data

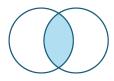
```
data As <- read csv(
 file = "https://daseh.org/data/data_As_1.csv")
data_cold <- read_csv(</pre>
 file = "https://daseh.org/data/data_cold_1.csv")
data As
# A tibble: 2 × 3
 State June_vacc_rate May_vacc_rate
                 <dbl> <dbl>
 <chr>
1 Alabama
             0.516 0.514
2 Alaska
              0.627 0.626
data cold
# A tibble: 2 \times 2
 State April_vacc_rate
 <chr>
                 <dbl>
1 Maine
                 0.795
2 Alaska
              0.623
```

# Inner Join

https://github.com/gadenbuie/tidyexplain/blob/main/images/inner-join.gif

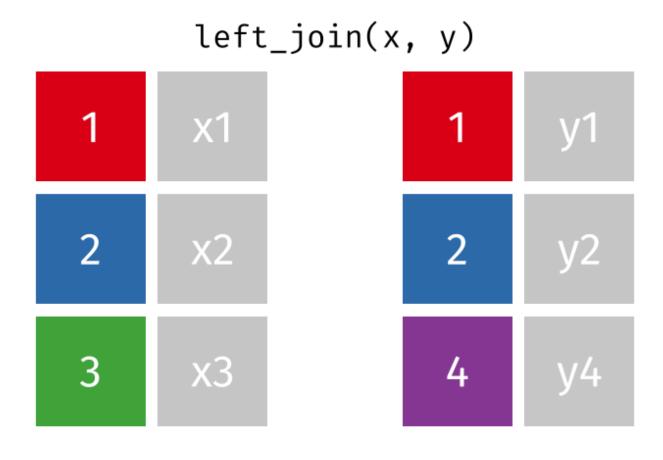


# Inner Join



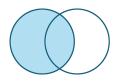
# Left Join

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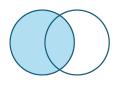
#### Left Join

```
"Everything to the left of the comma"
lj <- left_join(data_As, data_cold)</pre>
Joining with `by = join_by(State)`
1j
# A tibble: 2 \times 4
  State
          June_vacc_rate May_vacc_rate April_vacc_rate
  <chr>
                    <dbl>
                                  <dbl>
                                                   <dbl>
1 Alabama
                   0.516
                                  0.514
                                                  NA
2 Alaska
                   0.627
                                  0.626
                                                   0.623
```



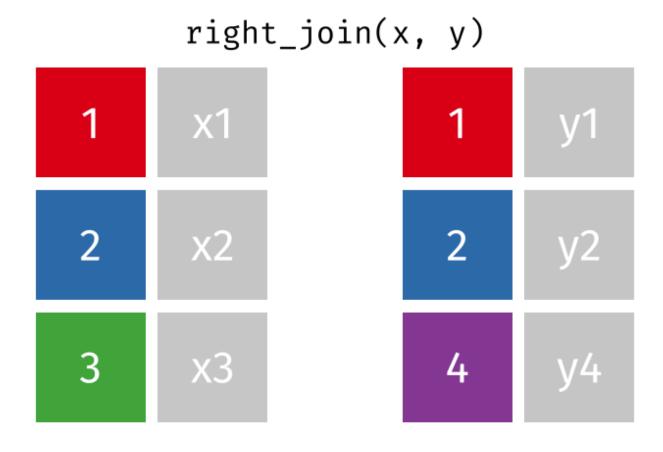
# Install tidylog package to log outputs

```
# install.packages("tidylog")
library(tidylog)
left_join(data_As, data_cold)
Joining with `by = join_by(State)`
left_join: added one column (April_vacc_rate)
> rows only in data_As 1
> rows only in data_cold (1)
> matched rows 1
> ===
> rows total 2
# A tibble: 2 \times 4
 State
         June_vacc_rate May_vacc_rate April_vacc_rate
 <chr>
                 <dbl> <dbl>
                                            <dbl>
1 Alabama
              0.516 0.514
                                           NA
2 Alaska
              0.627
                             0.626
                                            0.623
```



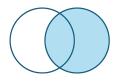
# Right Join

https://raw.githubusercontent.com/gadenbuie/tidyexplain/main/images/right-join.gif



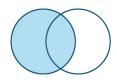
# Right Join

```
"Everything to the right of the comma"
rj <- right_join(data_As, data_cold)</pre>
Joining with `by = join_by(State)`
right_join: added one column (April_vacc_rate)
> rows only in data_As (1)
> rows only in data_cold 1
> matched rows 1
> ===
> rows total 2
rj
# A tibble: 2 \times 4
  State June_vacc_rate May_vacc_rate April_vacc_rate
                        <dbl>
  <chr>
                  <dbl>
                                                <dbl>
1 Alaska
               0.627 0.626
                                                0.623
2 Maine
                                                0.795
                NA
                               NA
```



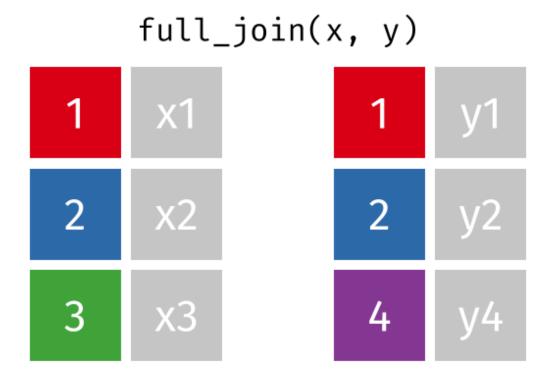
# Left Join: Switching arguments

```
lj2 <- left_join(data_cold, data_As)</pre>
Joining with `by = join_by(State)`
left_join: added 2 columns (June_vacc_rate, May_vacc_rate)
> rows only in data_cold 1
> rows only in data_As (1)
> matched rows 1
> ===
> rows total 2
lj2
# A tibble: 2 \times 4
 State April_vacc_rate June_vacc_rate May_vacc_rate
                               <dbl>
 <chr>
                 <dbl>
                                            <dbl>
1 Maine
              0.795
                            NA
                                           NA
2 Alaska 0.623
                             0.627
                                           0.626
```



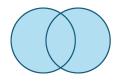
# **Full Join**

https://raw.githubusercontent.com/gadenbuie/tidyexplain/main/images/full-join.gif



# Full Join

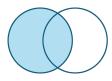
```
fj <- full_join(data_As, data_cold)</pre>
Joining with `by = join_by(State)`
full_join: added one column (April_vacc_rate)
> rows only in data_As 1
> rows only in data_cold 1
> matched rows 1
> ===
> rows total 3
fj
# A tibble: 3 \times 4
 State
         June_vacc_rate May_vacc_rate April_vacc_rate
 <chr>
                  <dbl>
                                <dbl>
                                                <dbl>
1 Alabama
                0.516 0.514
                                               NA
2 Alaska
                0.627
                              0.626
                                               0.623
3 Maine
                                                0.795
                 NA
                               NA
```



```
data_As <- read_csv(</pre>
  file = "https://daseh.org/data/data_As_2.csv")
data_cold <- read_csv(</pre>
  file = "https://daseh.org/data/data_cold_2.csv")
data As
# A tibble: 2 \times 2
  State state bird
  <chr> <chr>
1 Alabama wild turkey
2 Alaska willow ptarmigan
data cold
# A tibble: 3 \times 3
  State vacc_rate month
  <chr> <dbl> <chr>
1 Maine 0.795 April
2 Alaska 0.623 April
3 Alaska 0.626 May
```

```
lj <- left_join(data_As, data_cold)

Joining with `by = join_by(State)`
left_join: added 2 columns (vacc_rate, month)
> rows only in data_As 1
> rows only in data_cold (1)
> matched rows 2 (includes duplicates)
> ===
> rows total 3
```

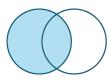


Data including the joining column ("State") has been duplicated.

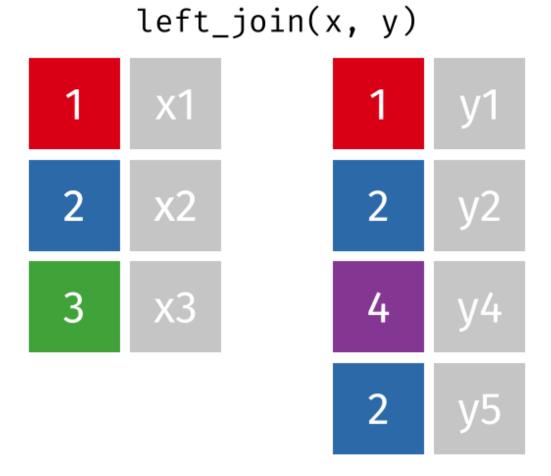
1j

```
# A tibble: 3 × 4
State state_bird vacc_rate month
<chr> <chr> <chr> 1 Alabama wild turkey NA <NA>
2 Alaska willow ptarmigan 0.623 April
3 Alaska willow ptarmigan 0.626 May
```

Note that "Alaska willow ptarmigan" appears twice.



https://github.com/gadenbuie/tidyexplain/blob/main/images/left-join-extra.gif

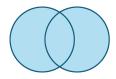


# Stop tidylog

```
unloadNamespace() does the opposite of library().
unloadNamespace("tidylog")
```

## Using the by argument

By default joins use the intersection of column names. If by is specified, it uses that.

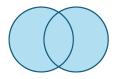


# Using the by argument

You can join based on multiple columns by using something like by = c(col1, col2).

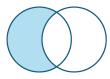
If the datasets have two different names for the same data, use:

$$full_join(x, y, by = c("a" = "b"))$$



## anti\_join: what's missing

```
Entries in data_As but not in data_cold
anti_join(data_As, data_cold, by = "State")
# A tibble: 1 \times 2
  State state bird
  <chr> <chr>
1 Alabama wild turkey
Entries in data_cold but not in data_As
anti_join(data_cold, data_As, by = "State") # order switched
# A tibble: 1 \times 3
  State vacc rate month
  <chr> <dbl> <chr>
1 Maine 0.795 April
```



#### **GUT CHECK!**

Why use join functions?

- A. Combine different data sources
- B. Connect Rmd to other files
- C. Using one data source is too easy and we want our analysis ~ fancy ~

## Summary

- · Merging/joining data sets together assumes all column names that overlap
  - use the by = c("a" = "b") if they differ
- inner\_join(x, y) only rows that match for x and y are kept
- full\_join(x, y) all rows of x and y are kept
- left\_join(x, y) all rows of x are kept even if not merged with y
- right\_join(x, y) all rows of y are kept even if not merged with x
- Use the tidylog package for a detailed summary
- anti\_join(x, y) shows what is only in x (missing from y)

#### Lab Part 2

- Class Website
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- Posit's tidyr Cheatsheet
- Posit's dplyr Cheatsheet



# **Additional Slides**

# Getting the set difference with setdiff

We might want to determine what indexes ARE in the first dataset that AREN'T in the second.

For this to work, the datasets need the same columns.

We'll just select the index using select().

A\_states <- data\_As %>% select(State)
cold\_states <- data\_cold %>% select(State)

# Getting the set difference with setdiff

```
States in A_states but not in cold_states
dplyr::setdiff(A_states, cold_states)
# A tibble: 1 × 1
  State
  <chr>
1 Alabama
States in cold_states but not in A_states
dplyr::setdiff(cold_states, A_states)
# A tibble: 1 \times 1
  State
  <chr>
1 Maine
```

# Getting the set difference with setdiff

Why did we use dplyr::setdiff?

There is a base R function, also called **setdiff** that requires vectors.

In other words, we use dplyr:: to be specific about the package we want to use.

More set operations can be found here: https://dplyr.tidyverse.org/reference/setops.html

# Fast manipulation using collapse package

https://sebkrantz.github.io/collapse/

Might be helpful if your data is very large. However, dplyr and tidyr functions are great for most applications.