Data Wrangling in R

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An introduction to manipulating data with tidyr and dplyr

tidyr is designed specifically for data tidying (not general reshaping or aggregating) and works well with dplyr data pipelines. Tidy data ensures that values of different variables from the same observation are always paired. In tidy data:

- Each variable forms a column
- Each observation forms a row
- Each type of observational unit forms a table

 $For further detail see \ https://github.com/hadley/tidyr \ and \ https://ramnathv.github.io/pycon2014-r/explore/tidy.html$

dplyr provides several functions for manipulating data frames. It is a new iteration of the plyr package, which implements the "split-apply-combine" strategy for data analysis. Here we will go over a few examples of data manipulation using dplyr.

Reshaping data

Gather columns into rows

```
# Install and load tidyr and dplyr
#install.packages("tidyr")
#install.packages("dplyr")
library(tidyr)
library(dplyr)
# Load the Iris data
# This data frame includes 150 obs. of 5 variables
str(iris)
## 'data.frame':
                    150 obs. of 5 variables:
## $ Sepal.Length: num 5.1 4.9 4.7 4.6 5 5.4 4.6 5 4.4 4.9 ...
## $ Sepal.Width : num 3.5 3 3.2 3.1 3.6 3.9 3.4 3.4 2.9 3.1 ...
## $ Petal.Length: num 1.4 1.4 1.3 1.5 1.4 1.7 1.4 1.5 1.4 1.5 ...
## $ Petal.Width : num 0.2 0.2 0.2 0.2 0.2 0.4 0.3 0.2 0.2 0.1 ...
              : Factor w/ 3 levels "setosa", "versicolor", ...: 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ Species
head(iris)
     Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width Species
## 1
              5.1
                          3.5
                                       1.4
                                                   0.2 setosa
## 2
                          3.0
              4.9
                                       1.4
                                                   0.2 setosa
## 3
              4.7
                          3.2
                                       1.3
                                                   0.2 setosa
## 4
              4.6
                          3.1
                                       1.5
                                                   0.2 setosa
## 5
              5.0
                          3.6
                                       1.4
                                                   0.2 setosa
## 6
              5.4
                          3.9
                                       1.7
                                                   0.4 setosa
# Use the tbl_df from dplyr to transform a regular data frame to a tbl object
# "tbl objects only print a few rows and all the columns that fit on one screen"
# (transforming data frames into tbl_dfs is not a requirement to use dplyr)
iris <- tbl_df(iris)</pre>
iris
## Source: local data frame [150 x 5]
##
##
      Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width Species
##
             (dbl)
                         (dbl)
                                      (dbl)
                                                  (dbl) (fctr)
## 1
              5.1
                           3.5
                                        1.4
                                                    0.2 setosa
## 2
               4.9
                           3.0
                                        1.4
                                                    0.2 setosa
## 3
               4.7
                           3.2
                                        1.3
                                                    0.2 setosa
## 4
               4.6
                           3.1
                                        1.5
                                                    0.2 setosa
## 5
              5.0
                           3.6
                                        1.4
                                                    0.2 setosa
## 6
              5.4
                           3.9
                                        1.7
                                                    0.4 setosa
## 7
              4.6
                           3.4
                                        1.4
                                                    0.3 setosa
## 8
              5.0
                           3.4
                                        1.5
                                                    0.2 setosa
## 9
              4.4
                                                    0.2 setosa
                           2.9
                                        1.4
## 10
              4.9
                           3.1
                                        1.5
                                                    0.1 setosa
## ..
               . . .
                           . . .
                                        . . .
                                                    . . .
```

```
# Summarize tbl data
glimpse(iris)
## Observations: 150
## Variables: 5
## $ Sepal.Length (dbl) 5.1, 4.9, 4.7, 4.6, 5.0, 5.4, 4.6, 5.0, 4.4, 4.9,...
## $ Sepal.Width (dbl) 3.5, 3.0, 3.2, 3.1, 3.6, 3.9, 3.4, 3.4, 2.9, 3.1,...
## $ Petal.Length (dbl) 1.4, 1.4, 1.3, 1.5, 1.4, 1.7, 1.4, 1.5, 1.4, 1.5,...
## $ Petal.Width (dbl) 0.2, 0.2, 0.2, 0.2, 0.4, 0.3, 0.2, 0.2, 0.1,...
## $ Species
                  (fctr) setosa, setosa, setosa, setosa, setosa, setosa, ...
# Get first observation for each Species in iris data
mini.iris <- iris[c(1, 51, 101), ]
mini.iris
## Source: local data frame [3 x 5]
##
##
    Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width
                                                          Species
##
            (dbl)
                        (dbl)
                                     (dbl)
                                                           (fctr)
## 1
              5.1
                          3.5
                                       1.4
                                                   0.2
                                                           setosa
## 2
              7.0
                          3.2
                                       4.7
                                                   1.4 versicolor
## 3
                                                   2.5 virginica
              6.3
                          3.3
                                       6.0
# Gather columns into rows (converting data from wide to long)
# Usage: gather(data, key, value, ...)
# data: A data frame.
# key, value: Names of key and value columns to create in output
# ...: Specification of columns to gather
# -Species is used to drop the Species column and gather the remaining
# columns, that is, Sepal.Length, Sepal.Width, Petal.Length, and Petal.Width
mini.irisl <- gather(mini.iris, key=flower_trait, value=measurement, -Species)
mini.irisl
## Source: local data frame [12 x 3]
##
##
         Species flower_trait measurement
##
          (fctr)
                     (fctr)
## 1
         setosa Sepal.Length
                                      5.1
    versicolor Sepal.Length
                                      7.0
                                      6.3
## 3
      virginica Sepal.Length
## 4
          setosa Sepal.Width
                                      3.5
## 5 versicolor Sepal.Width
                                      3.2
      virginica Sepal.Width
                                      3.3
## 6
## 7
         setosa Petal.Length
                                      1.4
## 8 versicolor Petal.Length
                                      4.7
## 9
      virginica Petal.Length
                                      6.0
## 10
         setosa Petal.Width
                                      0.2
## 11 versicolor Petal.Width
                                      1.4
## 12 virginica Petal.Width
                                      2.5
```

Spread rows into columns

```
# Spread rows into columns (converting data from long to wide)
mini.irisw <- spread(mini.irisl, flower_trait, measurement)</pre>
mini.irisw
## Source: local data frame [3 x 5]
##
##
        Species Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width
##
                        (dbl)
                                    (dbl)
                                                  (dbl)
## 1
                                                                0.2
         setosa
                          5.1
                                      3.5
                                                    1.4
## 2 versicolor
                          7.0
                                      3.2
                                                    4.7
                                                                1.4
                          6.3
                                      3.3
                                                    6.0
                                                                2.5
## 3 virginica
Order rows by values
# low to high
arrange(iris, Sepal.Length)
## Source: local data frame [150 x 5]
##
      Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width Species
##
##
             (dbl)
                          (dbl)
                                       (dbl)
                                                    (dbl)
                                                           (fctr)
## 1
               4.3
                            3.0
                                         1.1
                                                      0.1 setosa
## 2
               4.4
                            2.9
                                         1.4
                                                      0.2 setosa
## 3
               4.4
                            3.0
                                         1.3
                                                      0.2 setosa
```

```
4.4
                                                      0.2 setosa
## 4
                            3.2
                                         1.3
## 5
               4.5
                           2.3
                                         1.3
                                                      0.3 setosa
                                                      0.2 setosa
               4.6
## 6
                            3.1
                                         1.5
## 7
               4.6
                            3.4
                                         1.4
                                                      0.3 setosa
## 8
               4.6
                            3.6
                                         1.0
                                                      0.2 setosa
## 9
               4.6
                            3.2
                                         1.4
                                                      0.2 setosa
               4.7
                                         1.3
## 10
                            3.2
                                                      0.2 setosa
## ..
               . . .
                                         . . .
```

```
# high to low
arrange(iris, desc(Sepal.Length))
```

```
## Source: local data frame [150 x 5]
##
##
      Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width
                                                            Species
##
             (dbl)
                          (dbl)
                                       (dbl)
                                                    (db1)
                                                             (fctr)
## 1
               7.9
                            3.8
                                         6.4
                                                      2.0 virginica
## 2
               7.7
                            3.8
                                         6.7
                                                      2.2 virginica
## 3
               7.7
                            2.6
                                         6.9
                                                      2.3 virginica
## 4
               7.7
                            2.8
                                         6.7
                                                      2.0 virginica
## 5
               7.7
                            3.0
                                         6.1
                                                      2.3 virginica
## 6
               7.6
                            3.0
                                         6.6
                                                      2.1 virginica
## 7
               7.4
                            2.8
                                         6.1
                                                      1.9 virginica
```

```
## 8
                7.3
                             2.9
                                           6.3
                                                        1.8 virginica
## 9
                7.2
                             3.6
                                           6.1
                                                        2.5 virginica
## 10
                7.2
                             3.2
                                           6.0
                                                        1.8 virginica
## ..
                . . .
```

Rename the columns of a data frame

rename(iris, sp=Species)

```
## Source: local data frame [150 x 5]
##
##
      Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width
##
             (dbl)
                          (db1)
                                        (dbl)
                                                     (dbl) (fctr)
## 1
               5.1
                            3.5
                                          1.4
                                                      0.2 setosa
## 2
               4.9
                            3.0
                                          1.4
                                                      0.2 setosa
## 3
               4.7
                            3.2
                                          1.3
                                                      0.2 setosa
## 4
               4.6
                            3.1
                                          1.5
                                                      0.2 setosa
## 5
               5.0
                            3.6
                                          1.4
                                                      0.2 setosa
## 6
               5.4
                            3.9
                                          1.7
                                                      0.4 setosa
## 7
               4.6
                            3.4
                                          1.4
                                                      0.3 setosa
## 8
               5.0
                            3.4
                                          1.5
                                                      0.2 setosa
## 9
               4.4
                            2.9
                                          1.4
                                                      0.2 setosa
## 10
               4.9
                                          1.5
                            3.1
                                                      0.1 setosa
```

Manipulating data (filter, select, mutate, bind etc.)

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. . .

dplyr provides a function for each basic verb of data manipulation:

. . .

- filter() (and slice())
- arrange()

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- select() (and rename())
- distinct()
- mutate() (and transmute())

. . .

- summarise()
- sample_n() and sample_frac()

The data is always the first argument of the verb functions.

Subset observations (rows)

Filter

```
# Extract rows that meet logical criteria
filter(iris, Sepal.Length > 6)
```

```
## Source: local data frame [61 x 5]
##
      Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width
                                                               Species
##
##
              (db1)
                           (dbl)
                                         (dbl)
                                                                 (fctr)
                                                      (db1)
## 1
                7.0
                             3.2
                                           4.7
                                                        1.4 versicolor
## 2
                6.4
                             3.2
                                           4.5
                                                        1.5 versicolor
## 3
                6.9
                             3.1
                                           4.9
                                                        1.5 versicolor
## 4
                6.5
                             2.8
                                           4.6
                                                        1.5 versicolor
## 5
                6.3
                             3.3
                                           4.7
                                                        1.6 versicolor
## 6
                6.6
                             2.9
                                           4.6
                                                        1.3 versicolor
## 7
                6.1
                             2.9
                                           4.7
                                                        1.4 versicolor
## 8
                6.7
                                                        1.4 versicolor
                             3.1
                                           4.4
## 9
                6.2
                                           4.5
                             2.2
                                                        1.5 versicolor
## 10
                                           4.0
                6.1
                             2.8
                                                        1.3 versicolor
## ..
                . . .
                                           . . .
                             . . .
iris[iris$Sepal.Length > 6, ] # Using base R
```

```
## Source: local data frame [61 x 5]
##
##
      Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width
                                                                Species
##
              (dbl)
                           (dbl)
                                         (dbl)
                                                      (dbl)
                                                                 (fctr)
                7.0
## 1
                             3.2
                                           4.7
                                                        1.4 versicolor
## 2
                6.4
                             3.2
                                           4.5
                                                        1.5 versicolor
## 3
                6.9
                             3.1
                                           4.9
                                                        1.5 versicolor
## 4
                6.5
                             2.8
                                           4.6
                                                        1.5 versicolor
## 5
                6.3
                             3.3
                                           4.7
                                                        1.6 versicolor
## 6
                6.6
                             2.9
                                           4.6
                                                        1.3 versicolor
## 7
                6.1
                             2.9
                                           4.7
                                                        1.4 versicolor
## 8
                6.7
                                           4.4
                                                        1.4 versicolor
                             3.1
## 9
                6.2
                             2.2
                                           4.5
                                                        1.5 versicolor
## 10
                6.1
                             2.8
                                           4.0
                                                        1.3 versicolor
## ..
                . . .
                             . . .
                                           . . .
```

Extract rows according to a factor filter(iris, Species == "setosa")

```
## Source: local data frame [50 x 5]
##
##
      Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width Species
##
              (dbl)
                           (dbl)
                                         (dbl)
                                                      (dbl)
                                                             (fctr)
                                                        0.2 setosa
## 1
                5.1
                             3.5
                                           1.4
## 2
                4.9
                             3.0
                                           1.4
                                                        0.2 setosa
                                                        0.2 setosa
## 3
                4.7
                             3.2
                                           1.3
## 4
                4.6
                             3.1
                                           1.5
                                                        0.2 setosa
                                                        0.2 setosa
## 5
               5.0
                             3.6
                                           1.4
## 6
               5.4
                             3.9
                                           1.7
                                                        0.4 setosa
## 7
               4.6
                                                        0.3 setosa
                             3.4
                                           1.4
## 8
               5.0
                            3.4
                                           1.5
                                                        0.2 setosa
## 9
                4.4
                             2.9
                                           1.4
                                                        0.2 setosa
## 10
                4.9
                             3.1
                                           1.5
                                                        0.1 setosa
## ..
                . . .
                             . . .
                                           . . .
                                                        . . .
                                                                . . .
```

```
subset(iris, Species == "setosa") # Using base R
## Source: local data frame [50 x 5]
##
      Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width Species
##
             (dbl)
                          (dbl)
                                       (dbl)
                                                    (dbl)
                                                           (fctr)
                           3.5
               5.1
                                                      0.2 setosa
## 1
                                         1.4
## 2
               4.9
                            3.0
                                         1.4
                                                      0.2
                                                           setosa
## 3
               4.7
                            3.2
                                         1.3
                                                      0.2 setosa
               4.6
                            3.1
                                         1.5
                                                      0.2 setosa
               5.0
## 5
                            3.6
                                         1.4
                                                      0.2 setosa
               5.4
## 6
                            3.9
                                         1.7
                                                      0.4 setosa
## 7
               4.6
                                         1.4
                                                      0.3 setosa
                            3.4
## 8
               5.0
                            3.4
                                         1.5
                                                      0.2 setosa
                                                      0.2 setosa
## 9
               4.4
                            2.9
                                         1.4
## 10
               4.9
                            3.1
                                         1.5
                                                      0.1 setosa
## ..
                            . . .
# Provide any number of filtering conditions,
# which are joined together with & or /
filter(iris, Species == "setosa" & Sepal.Length > 5)
## Source: local data frame [22 x 5]
##
##
      Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width Species
##
             (dbl)
                          (dbl)
                                       (dbl)
                                                    (dbl) (fctr)
## 1
               5.1
                            3.5
                                         1.4
                                                      0.2 setosa
## 2
               5.4
                            3.9
                                         1.7
                                                      0.4 setosa
## 3
               5.4
                            3.7
                                         1.5
                                                      0.2
                                                           setosa
## 4
               5.8
                            4.0
                                         1.2
                                                      0.2 setosa
               5.7
                            4.4
                                         1.5
                                                      0.4 setosa
               5.4
                            3.9
                                         1.3
## 6
                                                      0.4 setosa
## 7
               5.1
                            3.5
                                         1.4
                                                      0.3 setosa
## 8
               5.7
                            3.8
                                         1.7
                                                      0.3 setosa
## 9
               5.1
                            3.8
                                         1.5
                                                      0.3 setosa
## 10
               5.4
                            3.4
                                         1.7
                                                      0.2 setosa
## ..
               . . .
                            . . .
                                         . . .
filter(iris, Species == "setosa" & Sepal.Length < mean(Sepal.Length))</pre>
## Source: local data frame [50 x 5]
##
##
      Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width Species
##
             (dbl)
                          (db1)
                                       (dbl)
                                                    (dbl)
                                                           (fctr)
## 1
               5.1
                            3.5
                                         1.4
                                                      0.2 setosa
## 2
               4.9
                            3.0
                                                      0.2 setosa
                                         1.4
## 3
               4.7
                            3.2
                                         1.3
                                                      0.2 setosa
                           3.1
## 4
               4.6
                                         1.5
                                                      0.2 setosa
## 5
               5.0
                            3.6
                                         1.4
                                                      0.2 setosa
                                                      0.4 setosa
## 6
               5.4
                            3.9
                                         1.7
## 7
               4.6
                            3.4
                                         1.4
                                                      0.3 setosa
                                                      0.2 setosa
## 8
               5.0
                            3.4
                                         1.5
```

```
## 9
                           2.9
               4.4
                                         1.4
                                                     0.2 setosa
## 10
               4.9
                           3.1
                                         1.5
                                                     0.1 setosa
## ..
               . . .
                                         . . .
# Using base R code
iris[iris$Species == "setosa" | iris$Sepal.Length > median(iris$Sepal.Length), ]
## Source: local data frame [120 x 5]
##
##
      Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width Species
##
             (dbl)
                         (dbl)
                                       (dbl)
                                                   (dbl) (fctr)
## 1
               5.1
                           3.5
                                                     0.2 setosa
                                         1.4
## 2
               4.9
                           3.0
                                         1.4
                                                     0.2 setosa
## 3
                                                     0.2 setosa
               4.7
                           3.2
                                         1.3
## 4
               4.6
                           3.1
                                         1.5
                                                     0.2 setosa
                                                     0.2 setosa
## 5
               5.0
                           3.6
                                         1.4
## 6
               5.4
                           3.9
                                         1.7
                                                     0.4 setosa
## 7
               4.6
                           3.4
                                        1.4
                                                     0.3 setosa
## 8
               5.0
                           3.4
                                         1.5
                                                     0.2 setosa
                                                     0.2 setosa
## 9
               4.4
                           2.9
                                         1.4
## 10
               4.9
                           3.1
                                         1.5
                                                     0.1 setosa
## ..
               . . .
                            . . .
                                         . . .
```

Remove duplicate rows

```
# Remove duplicate rows
# Show duplicated rows: duplicated(iris)
distinct(iris)
```

```
## Source: local data frame [149 x 5]
##
##
      Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width Species
                                                  (dbl) (fctr)
##
             (dbl)
                         (dbl)
                                      (dbl)
## 1
               5.1
                           3.5
                                        1.4
                                                     0.2 setosa
## 2
               4.9
                           3.0
                                        1.4
                                                     0.2 setosa
## 3
               4.7
                                                     0.2 setosa
                           3.2
                                        1.3
## 4
               4.6
                           3.1
                                        1.5
                                                     0.2 setosa
                                                     0.2 setosa
## 5
               5.0
                           3.6
                                        1.4
## 6
               5.4
                           3.9
                                        1.7
                                                     0.4 setosa
## 7
               4.6
                           3.4
                                        1.4
                                                     0.3 setosa
## 8
               5.0
                           3.4
                                        1.5
                                                     0.2 setosa
                                                     0.2 setosa
## 9
               4.4
                           2.9
                                        1.4
## 10
               4.9
                           3.1
                                        1.5
                                                     0.1 setosa
## ..
               . . .
                           . . .
                                        . . .
                                                     . . .
```

Randomly select rows

```
# Randomly select fraction of rows
sample_frac(iris, 0.5, replace=TRUE)
```

```
## Source: local data frame [75 x 5]
##
      Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width
##
                                                             Species
##
             (dbl)
                          (dbl)
                                        (dbl)
                                                               (fctr)
                                                    (dbl)
## 1
               5.0
                            2.3
                                          3.3
                                                      1.0 versicolor
## 2
               6.4
                            2.8
                                         5.6
                                                      2.2 virginica
## 3
               5.7
                            2.8
                                         4.5
                                                      1.3 versicolor
## 4
               5.5
                            2.4
                                         3.7
                                                      1.0 versicolor
## 5
               6.0
                            2.2
                                         4.0
                                                      1.0 versicolor
## 6
               5.4
                            3.9
                                         1.7
                                                      0.4
                                                               setosa
## 7
               7.9
                            3.8
                                         6.4
                                                      2.0 virginica
## 8
               5.3
                            3.7
                                          1.5
                                                      0.2
                                                               setosa
## 9
               4.8
                                          1.9
                            3.4
                                                      0.2
                                                               setosa
## 10
               5.5
                            2.5
                                          4.0
                                                      1.3 versicolor
## ..
               . . .
                                          . . .
                            . . .
# Randomly select n rows
sample_n(iris, 10, replace=TRUE)
## Source: local data frame [10 x 5]
##
##
      Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width
                                                             Species
##
             (dbl)
                          (db1)
                                        (dbl)
                                                    (dbl)
                                                               (fctr)
## 1
               7.2
                            3.6
                                          6.1
                                                      2.5 virginica
## 2
               5.1
                            3.5
                                          1.4
                                                      0.2
                                                               setosa
## 3
               6.5
                            3.0
                                          5.2
                                                      2.0 virginica
## 4
               5.6
                            2.9
                                          3.6
                                                      1.3 versicolor
## 5
               4.9
                            2.5
                                          4.5
                                                      1.7 virginica
## 6
               5.2
                            2.7
                                         3.9
                                                      1.4 versicolor
## 7
               4.6
                            3.1
                                         1.5
                                                      0.2
                                                               setosa
## 8
               7.6
                                         6.6
                            3.0
                                                      2.1 virginica
## 9
               5.3
                            3.7
                                          1.5
                                                      0.2
                                                               setosa
## 10
               5.7
                            4.4
                                          1.5
                                                      0.4
                                                               setosa
# Select rows by position
slice(iris, 10:15)
## Source: local data frame [6 x 5]
##
     Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width Species
##
##
            (db1)
                         (db1)
                                      (dbl)
                                                   (dbl) (fctr)
## 1
              4.9
                           3.1
                                         1.5
                                                     0.1 setosa
## 2
              5.4
                           3.7
                                         1.5
                                                     0.2 setosa
## 3
              4.8
                           3.4
                                         1.6
                                                     0.2 setosa
## 4
                           3.0
              4.8
                                        1.4
                                                     0.1 setosa
## 5
              4.3
                           3.0
                                         1.1
                                                     0.1 setosa
## 6
              5.8
                           4.0
                                        1.2
                                                     0.2 setosa
```

Subset variables (columns)

Select columns by complete or partial name, drop variables

```
# Select columns by name
select(iris, Sepal.Width, Petal.Length, Species)
## Source: local data frame [150 x 3]
##
##
      Sepal.Width Petal.Length Species
##
            (dbl)
                          (dbl)
                                 (fctr)
              3.5
## 1
                            1.4
                                 setosa
## 2
              3.0
                            1.4
                                 setosa
## 3
              3.2
                            1.3
                                 setosa
## 4
              3.1
                            1.5 setosa
## 5
              3.6
                            1.4
                                 setosa
## 6
              3.9
                            1.7
                                 setosa
## 7
              3.4
                            1.4 setosa
## 8
              3.4
                            1.5 setosa
## 9
              2.9
                            1.4 setosa
## 10
              3.1
                            1.5 setosa
## ..
              . . .
                            . . .
# Select columns whose name starts with a character string
select(iris, starts_with("Petal"))
## Source: local data frame [150 x 2]
##
##
      Petal.Length Petal.Width
##
             (dbl)
                          (dbl)
                            0.2
## 1
               1.4
## 2
               1.4
                            0.2
## 3
               1.3
                            0.2
                            0.2
## 4
               1.5
## 5
               1.4
                            0.2
               1.7
                            0.4
## 6
## 7
               1.4
                            0.3
## 8
               1.5
                            0.2
## 9
               1.4
                            0.2
## 10
               1.5
                            0.1
## ..
# Select columns whose name ends with a character string
select(iris, ends_with("Length"))
## Source: local data frame [150 x 2]
##
##
      Sepal.Length Petal.Length
##
             (dbl)
                           (db1)
## 1
               5.1
                             1.4
               4.9
## 2
                             1.4
```

```
## 3
               4.7
                            1.3
## 4
               4.6
                            1.5
## 5
               5.0
                            1.4
## 6
               5.4
                            1.7
## 7
               4.6
                            1.4
## 8
               5.0
                            1.5
## 9
               4.4
                            1.4
## 10
               4.9
                            1.5
## ..
               . . .
# Select columns whose names are in a group of names
#select(iris, one_of("Species"))
# Drop variables
select(iris, -starts_with("Petal"))
## Source: local data frame [150 x 3]
##
##
      Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Species
##
            (dbl)
                        (dbl) (fctr)
                           3.5 setosa
## 1
              5.1
## 2
               4.9
                           3.0 setosa
## 3
               4.7
                           3.2 setosa
## 4
               4.6
                           3.1 setosa
## 5
               5.0
                           3.6 setosa
## 6
              5.4
                           3.9 setosa
## 7
               4.6
                           3.4 setosa
## 8
               5.0
                           3.4 setosa
## 9
                           2.9 setosa
               4.4
## 10
               4.9
                           3.1 setosa
## ..
               . . .
                           . . .
select(iris, -contains("etal"))
## Source: local data frame [150 x 3]
##
##
      Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Species
                        (dbl) (fctr)
##
             (dbl)
## 1
               5.1
                          3.5 setosa
## 2
               4.9
                           3.0 setosa
## 3
               4.7
                           3.2 setosa
## 4
               4.6
                           3.1 setosa
## 5
               5.0
                           3.6 setosa
## 6
               5.4
                           3.9 setosa
## 7
               4.6
                           3.4 setosa
## 8
               5.0
                           3.4 setosa
## 9
               4.4
                           2.9 setosa
## 10
               4.9
                           3.1 setosa
## ..
select(iris, -Petal.Length, -Petal.Width)
```

```
## Source: local data frame [150 x 3]
##
##
      Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Species
##
             (dbl)
                         (dbl) (fctr)
## 1
               5.1
                           3.5 setosa
## 2
               4.9
                           3.0 setosa
## 3
               4.7
                           3.2 setosa
## 4
               4.6
                           3.1 setosa
## 5
               5.0
                           3.6 setosa
## 6
               5.4
                           3.9 setosa
## 7
               4.6
                           3.4 setosa
               5.0
                           3.4 setosa
## 8
## 9
               4.4
                           2.9 setosa
## 10
               4.9
                           3.1 setosa
## ..
               . . .
                            . . .
select(iris, -(Sepal.Length:Petal.Length))
## Source: local data frame [150 x 2]
##
##
      Petal.Width Species
##
            (dbl) (fctr)
              0.2 setosa
## 1
## 2
              0.2 setosa
## 3
              0.2 setosa
## 4
              0.2 setosa
## 5
              0.2 setosa
## 6
              0.4 setosa
## 7
              0.3 setosa
## 8
              0.2 setosa
## 9
              0.2 setosa
## 10
              0.1 setosa
## ..
              . . .
# Using base R
# iris$Species <- NULL</pre>
# iris[["Species"]] <- NULL</pre>
# iris[,"Species"] <- NULL</pre>
# iris[[5]] <- NULL
# iris[,5] <- NULL
# iris <- subset(iris, select=-Species)</pre>
```

Summarize data

```
summarise(group_by(iris, Species), mean(Sepal.Length))

## Source: local data frame [3 x 2]

##

## Species mean(Sepal.Length)

## (fctr) (dbl)
```

```
5.006
## 1
         setosa
## 2 versicolor
                             5.936
                             6.588
## 3 virginica
# Apply summary function to each column
summarise_each(iris, funs(mean))
## Source: local data frame [1 x 5]
##
##
     Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width Species
##
                         (db1)
                                      (dbl)
            (dbl)
                                                  (dbl)
         5.843333
                     3.057333
                                      3.758
## 1
                                               1.199333
                                                             NA
iris %>%
  select(-Species) %>%
 summarise_each(funs(mean))
## Source: local data frame [1 x 4]
##
##
     Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width
##
            (dbl)
                        (dbl)
                                      (dbl)
                                                  (dbl)
## 1
         5.843333
                     3.057333
                                      3.758
                                               1.199333
Group data
# Group data into rows with the same value of Species
group_by(iris, Species)
```

```
## Source: local data frame [150 x 5]
## Groups: Species [3]
##
##
      Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width Species
##
             (dbl)
                         (dbl)
                                      (dbl)
                                                 (dbl) (fctr)
## 1
               5.1
                           3.5
                                        1.4
                                                     0.2 setosa
## 2
               4.9
                           3.0
                                        1.4
                                                     0.2 setosa
               4.7
                           3.2
                                        1.3
                                                     0.2 setosa
## 3
## 4
               4.6
                           3.1
                                        1.5
                                                     0.2 setosa
## 5
               5.0
                           3.6
                                                     0.2 setosa
                                        1.4
## 6
               5.4
                           3.9
                                        1.7
                                                     0.4 setosa
## 7
               4.6
                           3.4
                                        1.4
                                                     0.3 setosa
               5.0
## 8
                           3.4
                                        1.5
                                                     0.2 setosa
## 9
               4.4
                           2.9
                                        1.4
                                                     0.2 setosa
## 10
               4.9
                           3.1
                                        1.5
                                                     0.1 setosa
## ..
               . . .
                           . . .
                                         . . .
# Remove grouping information from data frame
ungroup(iris)
```

```
## Source: local data frame [150 x 5]
```

```
##
##
      Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width Species
              (dbl)
                                                     (dbl)
##
                          (dbl)
                                        (dbl)
                                                             (fctr)
## 1
                5.1
                            3.5
                                           1.4
                                                       0.2 setosa
## 2
                4.9
                            3.0
                                           1.4
                                                       0.2
                                                            setosa
## 3
                4.7
                            3.2
                                          1.3
                                                       0.2 setosa
## 4
                4.6
                            3.1
                                          1.5
                                                       0.2 setosa
## 5
                5.0
                            3.6
                                          1.4
                                                       0.2 setosa
## 6
                5.4
                            3.9
                                          1.7
                                                       0.4
                                                            setosa
## 7
                4.6
                            3.4
                                          1.4
                                                       0.3 setosa
## 8
                5.0
                            3.4
                                          1.5
                                                       0.2 setosa
## 9
                4.4
                            2.9
                                          1.4
                                                       0.2 setosa
                                          1.5
## 10
                4.9
                            3.1
                                                       0.1 setosa
## ..
                . . .
                             . . .
                                           . . .
```

Make new variables

```
# Compute and append one or more new columns
mutate(iris, sepal=Sepal.Length + Sepal.Width)
```

```
## Source: local data frame [150 x 6]
##
##
      Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width Species sepal
                                                      (dbl)
##
              (dbl)
                           (dbl)
                                         (dbl)
                                                             (fctr) (dbl)
## 1
                5.1
                             3.5
                                                       0.2
                                           1.4
                                                             setosa
                                                                       8.6
## 2
                4.9
                             3.0
                                           1.4
                                                       0.2
                                                             setosa
                                                                       7.9
## 3
                4.7
                             3.2
                                           1.3
                                                       0.2 setosa
                                                                      7.9
## 4
                4.6
                                           1.5
                                                                      7.7
                             3.1
                                                       0.2 setosa
## 5
                5.0
                             3.6
                                           1.4
                                                       0.2
                                                             setosa
                                                                      8.6
## 6
                5.4
                             3.9
                                           1.7
                                                       0.4
                                                                       9.3
                                                             setosa
## 7
                4.6
                             3.4
                                          1.4
                                                       0.3
                                                             setosa
                                                                       8.0
## 8
               5.0
                                                       0.2 setosa
                             3.4
                                          1.5
                                                                      8.4
## 9
                4.4
                             2.9
                                           1.4
                                                       0.2 setosa
                                                                      7.3
## 10
                4.9
                                           1.5
                                                       0.1
                                                                      8.0
                             3.1
                                                             setosa
## ..
                . . .
                             . . .
                                           . . .
```

mutate(iris, logSepal.Length=log10(Sepal.Length))

```
## Source: local data frame [150 x 6]
##
##
      Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width Species
##
                          (dbl)
                                       (db1)
                                                    (dbl)
             (dbl)
                                                           (fctr)
## 1
               5.1
                            3.5
                                          1.4
                                                      0.2 setosa
## 2
               4.9
                            3.0
                                          1.4
                                                      0.2 setosa
## 3
               4.7
                            3.2
                                          1.3
                                                      0.2 setosa
## 4
               4.6
                            3.1
                                         1.5
                                                      0.2 setosa
## 5
               5.0
                            3.6
                                         1.4
                                                      0.2 setosa
## 6
               5.4
                            3.9
                                         1.7
                                                      0.4 setosa
## 7
               4.6
                            3.4
                                         1.4
                                                      0.3 setosa
## 8
               5.0
                            3.4
                                         1.5
                                                      0.2 setosa
                                                      0.2 setosa
## 9
               4.4
                            2.9
                                         1.4
```

```
## 10
              4.9
                            3.1
                                        1.5
                                                    0.1 setosa
## ..
               . . .
                                          . . .
## Variables not shown: logSepal.Length (dbl)
# Using base R
# iris[["logSepal.Length"]] <- log10(iris$Sepal.Length)</pre>
# iris[,"logSepal.Length"] <- log10(iris$Sepal.Length)</pre>
# iris$logSepal.Length <- log10(iris$Sepal.Length)</pre>
# Drop existing variables
transmute(iris, logSepal.Length=log10(Sepal.Length))
## Source: local data frame [150 x 1]
##
##
      logSepal.Length
##
                (dbl)
## 1
            0.7075702
## 2
            0.6901961
## 3
            0.6720979
## 4
            0.6627578
## 5
            0.6989700
## 6
            0.7323938
## 7
            0.6627578
## 8
            0.6989700
## 9
            0.6434527
## 10
            0.6901961
## ..
# Compute one or more new columns. Drop original columns
transmute(iris, sepal=Sepal.Length + Sepal.Width)
## Source: local data frame [150 x 1]
##
##
      sepal
##
      (db1)
## 1
        8.6
## 2
        7.9
## 3
        7.9
## 4
        7.7
## 5
        8.6
## 6
        9.3
## 7
        8.0
## 8
        8.4
## 9
        7.3
## 10
        8.0
## ..
```

Combine data sets

```
a <- data_frame(x1=c("A", "B", "C"), x2=c(1, 2, 3))
```

```
## Source: local data frame [3 x 2]
##
##
       x1
             x2
##
     (chr) (dbl)
## 1
       Α
## 2
       В
              2
## 3
       С
b <- data_frame(x1=c("A", "B", "D"), x3=c("T", "F", "T"))
## Source: local data frame [3 x 2]
##
##
             xЗ
       x1
##
    (chr) (chr)
## 1
       Α
## 2
        В
              F
## 3
              Т
        D
# Join matching rows from b to a
left_join(a, b, by="x1")
## Source: local data frame [3 x 3]
##
##
       x1
           x2
                   xЗ
##
     (chr) (dbl) (chr)
## 1
      A 1
## 2
              2
        В
## 3
        С
              3
                   NA
# Join matching rows from a to b
right_join(a, b, by="x1")
## Source: local data frame [3 x 3]
##
##
       x1
             x2
                   xЗ
     (chr) (dbl) (chr)
## 1 A
                    T
             1
## 2
        В
              2
                    F
## 3
                    Т
        D
             NA
# Join data. Retain only rows in both sets
inner_join(a, b, by="x1")
## Source: local data frame [2 x 3]
##
             x2
       x1
                   xЗ
    (chr) (dbl) (chr)
## 1
        Α
              1
## 2
        В
              2
```

```
# Join data. Retain all values, all rows
full_join(a, b, by="x1")
## Source: local data frame [4 x 3]
##
##
              x2
                     xЗ
        x1
##
     (chr) (dbl) (chr)
## 1
         Α
               1
## 2
         В
               2
                      F
## 3
         C
               3
                     NA
## 4
         D
              NA
                      Т
# All rows in a that have a match in b
semi_join(a, b, by="x1")
## Source: local data frame [2 x 2]
##
##
        x1
              x2
##
     (chr) (dbl)
## 1
       Α
## 2
         В
\# All rows in a that do not have a match in b
anti_join(a, b, by="x1")
## Source: local data frame [1 x 2]
##
##
        x1
              x2
##
     (chr) (dbl)
## 1
       С
Set operations
These expect the x and y inputs to have the same variables, and treat the observations like sets.
y \leftarrow data_frame(x1=c("A", "B", "C"), x2=c(1, 2, 3))
z \leftarrow data_frame(x1=c("B", "C", "D"), x2=c(2, 3, 4))
str(y)
## Classes 'tbl_df', 'tbl' and 'data.frame': 3 obs. of 2 variables:
## $ x1: chr "A" "B" "C"
## $ x2: num 1 2 3
glimpse(y)
```

Observations: 3
Variables: 2

\$ x1 (chr) "A", "B", "C" ## \$ x2 (dbl) 1, 2, 3

```
## Source: local data frame [3 x 2]
##
##
      x1
            x2
## (chr) (dbl)
## 1
      A 1
## 2
      В
## 3
     C
## Source: local data frame [3 x 2]
##
      x1
            x2
## (chr) (dbl)
## 1 B 2
## 2
      С
          4
## 3
      D
# Rows that appear in both y and z
intersect(y, z)
## Source: local data frame [2 x 2]
##
      x1 x2
##
##
    (chr) (dbl)
## 1 B 2
      C 3
## 2
\# Rows that appear in either or both y and z
union(y, z)
## Source: local data frame [4 x 2]
##
##
           x2
      x1
## (chr) (dbl)
## 1
      D 4
## 2
     C 3
## 3
     В
             2
## 4
\# Rows that appear in y but not z
setdiff(y, z)
## Source: local data frame [1 x 2]
##
##
      x1
           x2
    (chr) (dbl)
## 1 A 1
```

Binding

```
# Append z to y as new rows
bind_rows(y, z)
## Source: local data frame [6 x 2]
##
##
               x2
        x1
##
     (chr) (dbl)
## 1
         Α
                1
## 2
         В
## 3
         C
                3
## 4
         В
                2
## 5
         С
                3
# Append z to y as new columns. Caution: matches rows by position
bind cols(y, z)
## Source: local data frame [3 x 4]
##
##
        x1
               x2
                      x1
                            x2
##
     (chr) (dbl) (chr) (dbl)
## 1
         Α
                1
                       В
                2
                       С
## 2
         В
                             3
## 3
         С
                3
                       D
                             4
For further information on dplyr:
https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/dplyr/index.html
http://blog.rstudio.org/2014/01/17/introducing-dplyr/
```

Using magrittr to create pipelines

According to its documentation (https://github.com/smbache/magrittr), the magrittr package offers a set of operators which promote semantics that will improve your code by:

- structuring sequences of data operations left-to-right (as opposed to from the inside and out),
- avoiding nested function calls,
- minimizing the need for local variables and function definitions, and

http://www.dataschool.io/dplyr-tutorial-for-faster-data-manipulation-in-r/

• making it easy to add steps anywhere in the sequence of operations.

A simple example:

```
#install.packages("magrittr")
library(magrittr)
iris %>% head(4)
```

```
## Source: local data frame [4 x 5]
##
     Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width Species
##
##
            (dbl)
                         (dbl)
                                       (dbl)
                                                   (dbl)
                                                          (fctr)
## 1
              5.1
                           3.5
                                         1.4
                                                     0.2 setosa
## 2
              4.9
                           3.0
                                         1.4
                                                     0.2 setosa
## 3
              4.7
                           3.2
                                         1.3
                                                     0.2 setosa
## 4
              4.6
                           3.1
                                                     0.2 setosa
                                         1.5
```

The pipe operator %>% passes the object on left hand side as first argument of function on righthand side. dplyr imports the %>% operator from magrittr.

```
iris %>%
  filter(Species == "setosa") %>%
  select(Sepal.Length, Sepal.Width) %>%
 head(10)
## Source: local data frame [10 x 2]
##
##
      Sepal.Length Sepal.Width
##
              (dbl)
## 1
               5.1
                            3.5
## 2
                4.9
                            3.0
                4.7
                            3.2
## 3
## 4
                4.6
                            3.1
## 5
                5.0
                            3.6
## 6
               5.4
                            3.9
## 7
                4.6
                            3.4
## 8
               5.0
                            3.4
## 9
                            2.9
                4.4
## 10
                4.9
                            3.1
iris %>%
  group_by(Species) %>%
  summarise(avg=mean(Sepal.Width)) %>%
  arrange(avg)
## Source: local data frame [3 x 2]
##
```

There are also functions that do not have a data argument, for which it is useful to expose the variables in the data. This is done with the %\$% operator:

##

##

2

3

Species

1 versicolor 2.770

(fctr) (dbl)

virginica 2.974 setosa 3.428

avg

```
iris %>%
  filter(Sepal.Length > mean(Sepal.Length)) %$%
  cor(Sepal.Length, Sepal.Width)
```

```
## [1] 0.3361992
```

Which country experienced the sharpest 5-year drop in life expectancy?

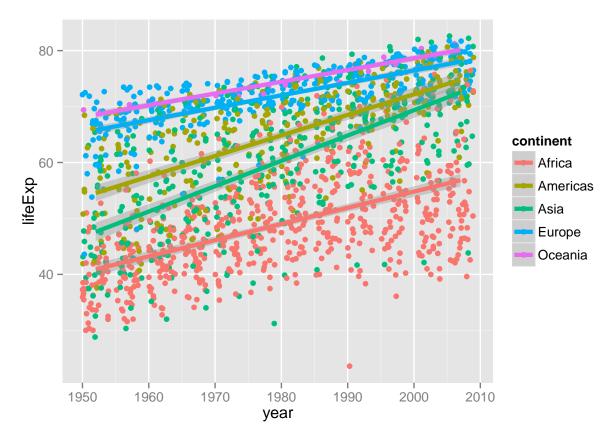
```
#install.packages("gapminder")
library(gapminder)
## Warning: package 'gapminder' was built under R version 3.1.3
gtbl <- tbl_df(gapminder)</pre>
glimpse(gtbl)
## Observations: 1,704
## Variables: 6
## $ country
               (fctr) Afghanistan, Afghanistan, Afghanistan, Afghanistan,...
## $ continent (fctr) Asia, Asia, Asia, Asia, Asia, Asia, Asia, Asia, Asia...
               (dbl) 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992...
## $ year
## $ lifeExp
               (dbl) 28.801, 30.332, 31.997, 34.020, 36.088, 38.438, 39.8...
## $ pop
               (dbl) 8425333, 9240934, 10267083, 11537966, 13079460, 1488...
## $ gdpPercap (dbl) 779.4453, 820.8530, 853.1007, 836.1971, 739.9811, 78...
#worstle <-
gtbl %>%
  group_by(continent, country) %>%
  select(country, year, continent, lifeExp) %>%
  # lag(): copy with values lagged by 1
 mutate(le.delta=lifeExp - lag(lifeExp)) %>%
  summarize(worstle.delta=min(le.delta, na.rm=TRUE)) %>%
  filter(min_rank(worstle.delta) < 2) %>%
  arrange(worstle.delta)
## Source: local data frame [5 x 3]
## Groups: continent [5]
##
##
     continent
                   country worstle.delta
##
        (fctr)
                   (fctr)
                                   (dbl)
        Africa
                    Rwanda
                                 -20.421
## 1
                                  -1.511
## 2 Americas El Salvador
## 3
          Asia
                  Cambodia
                                  -9.097
                                  -1.464
## 4
       Europe Montenegro
## 5
       Oceania Australia
                                   0.170
#worstle
```

What is the correlation between life expectancy and year within each country?

```
# Fit a linear regression within country
library(ggplot2)
```

```
## Warning: package 'ggplot2' was built under R version 3.1.3
```

```
str(gapminder)
```

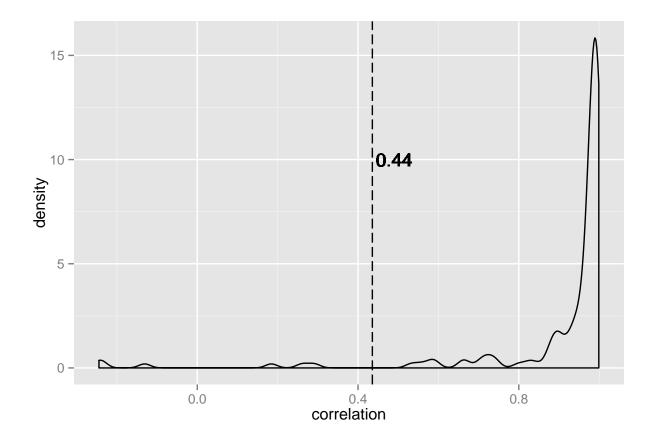


```
# Calculate overall correlation between year and life expectancy
(ov.cor <- gapminder %$%
  cor(year, lifeExp))</pre>
```

[1] 0.4356112

```
#> [1] 0.4356112
# Calculate correlation within each country
(gcor <- gapminder %%
    group_by(country) %>%
    summarize(correlation=cor(year, lifeExp)))
```

```
## Source: local data frame [142 x 2]
##
##
          country correlation
##
           (fctr)
                         (dbl)
      Afghanistan
                    0.9735051
## 1
## 2
          Albania
                    0.9542420
## 3
          Algeria
                    0.9925307
                    0.9422392
## 4
           Angola
## 5
        Argentina
                    0.9977816
## 6
        Australia
                    0.9897716
## 7
          Austria
                    0.9960592
          Bahrain
                    0.9832293
## 8
## 9
       Bangladesh
                    0.9946662
## 10
          Belgium
                    0.9972665
## ..
```



Pattern matching and replacement

Some content included here taken from https://github.com/STAT545-UBC

Position of pattern within the string

- ^: start of the string.
- \$: end of the string.
- \b: empty string at either edge of a word. Don't confuse it with ^ \$ which marks the edge of a string.
- \B: empty string provided it is not at an edge of a word.

Operators

- .: matches any single character, as shown in the first example.
- [...]: a character list, matches any one of the characters inside the square brackets. We can also use inside the brackets to specify a range of characters.
- [^...]: an inverted character list, similar to [...], but matches any characters except those inside the square brackets.
- \: suppress the special meaning of metacharacters in regular expression, i.e. \$ * + . ? [] ^ { } | () \, similar to its usage in escape sequences. Since \ itself needs to be escaped in R, we need to escape these metacharacters with double backslash like \\\$.
- |: an "or" operator, matches patterns on either side of the |.
- (...): grouping in regular expressions. This allows you to retrieve the bits that matched various parts of your regular expression so you can alter them or use them for building up a new string. Each group can than be refer using \\N, with N being the No. of (...) used. This is called backreference.

```
# Find matches for a string
?grep
bee.spp <- c("Apis cerana", "Apis koschevnikovi", "Apis mellifera",
    "Apis nigrocincta", "Bombus atratus", "Bombus dahlbomii",
    "Bombus fervidus", "Bombus lapidarius", "Bombus ruderatus",
    "Bombus rupestris")

i <- grep("Bombus", bee.spp)
cat("'Bombus' appears", length(bee.spp[i]), "times")

## 'Bombus' appears 6 times

i

## [1] 5 6 7 8 9 10

bee.spp[i]

## [1] "Bombus atratus" "Bombus dahlbomii" "Bombus fervidus"
## [4] "Bombus lapidarius" "Bombus ruderatus" "Bombus rupestris"</pre>
```