Tidying Data

DATA 202 21FA (thanks: datasciencebox.org)



Can we use actual maps instead of scatterplots?

Yes, we need a *base layer*. We'll focus more on spatial data in a few weeks.

Review of Exercise 5

Why not just grab states \$population?

Pivoting

Data: Sales

We have...

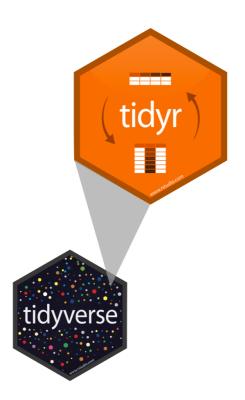
Data: Sales

We have...

We want...

```
# A tibble: 6 \times 3
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        <int> <chr>
                       <chr>
                       bread
1
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            1 item_2
                      milk
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                      banana
4
           2 item_1
                      milk
5
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           2 item_3
                       <NA>
```

A grammar of data tidying



The goal of tidyr is to help you tidy your data via

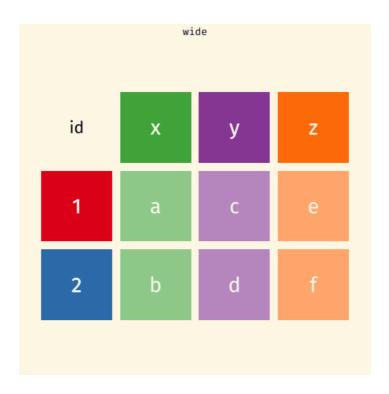
- pivoting for going between wide and long data
- splitting and combining character columns
- nesting and unnesting columns
- clarifying how NAs should be treated

Pivoting data

Not this...



but this!



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  values_to = "value"
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```

Customers \rightarrow **purchases**

```
purchases <- customers %>%
  pivot_longer(
    cols = item_1:item_3,  # variables item_1 to item_3
    names_to = "item_num",  # column names -> new column called if
    values_to = "item"  # values in columns -> new column call
    )

purchases
```

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prices

```
purchases %>%
  left_join(prices)
```

```
# A tibble: 6 \times 4
  customer_id item_num item
        <int> <chr>
                      <chr>
            1 item_1 bread
            1 item_2
                      milk
            1 item_3
                      banana
                      milk
4
           2 item 1
5
           2 item 2
                       toilet r
           2 item 3
                       <NA>
```

Purchases \rightarrow **customers**

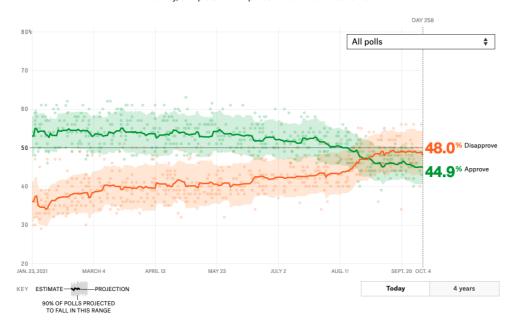
- data (long)
- names_from: tells us what column to put each value in
- values_from: tells us what to put in that column

```
purchases %>%
  pivot_wider(
    names_from = item_num,
    values_from = item
)
```

Case study: Biden Approval Rating

How unpopular is Joe Biden?

An updating calculation of the president's approval rating, accounting for each poll's quality, recency, sample size and partisan lean. How this works »



Source: FiveThirtyEight

Data

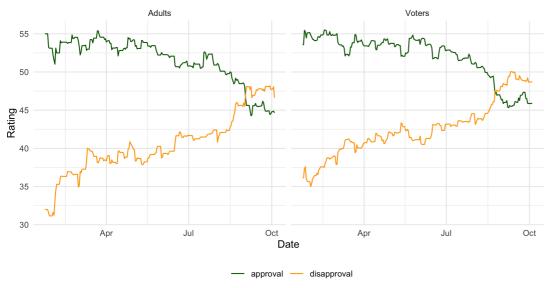
approval

```
# A tibble: 510 × 4
 subgroup date approval disapproval
 <chr> <date>
                     <dbl>
                               <dbl>
1 Voters 2021-10-04
                      45.9
                                48.7
2 Adults 2021-10-04 44.7
                                46.6
3 Voters 2021-10-03 45.9
                                48.7
4 Adults 2021-10-03 44.9
                                48.1
5 Adults 2021-10-02 44.8
                              47.8
6 Voters 2021-10-02 45.9
                                48.7
# ... with 504 more rows
```

Goal

How (un)popular is Joe Biden?

Estimates based on polls of all adults and polls of likely/registered voters

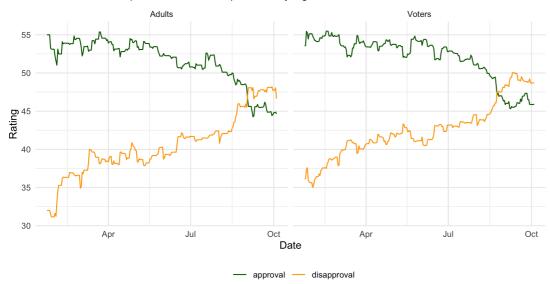


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Aesthetic mappings:

$$\sqrt{x}$$
 = date

rating_type

Facet:

✓ subgroup

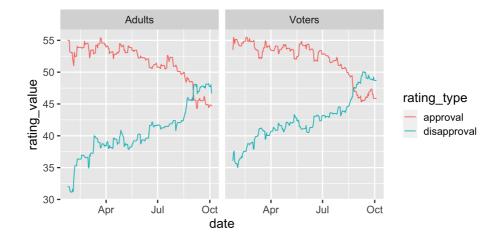
(Adults and Voters)

Pivot

```
approval_longer <- approval %>%
  pivot_longer(
    cols = c(approval, disapproval),
    names_to = "rating_type",
    values_to = "rating_value"
  )
approval_longer
```

```
# A tibble: 1,020 × 4
 <chr> <date> <chr>
                                 <dbl>
1 Voters 2021-10-04 approval
                                  45.9
2 Voters 2021-10-04 disapproval
                                48.7
3 Adults 2021-10-04 approval
                                44.7
4 Adults
        2021-10-04 disapproval
                               46.6
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                                45.9
        2021-10-03 disapproval
6 Voters
                                  48.7
# ... with 1,014 more rows
```

Plot

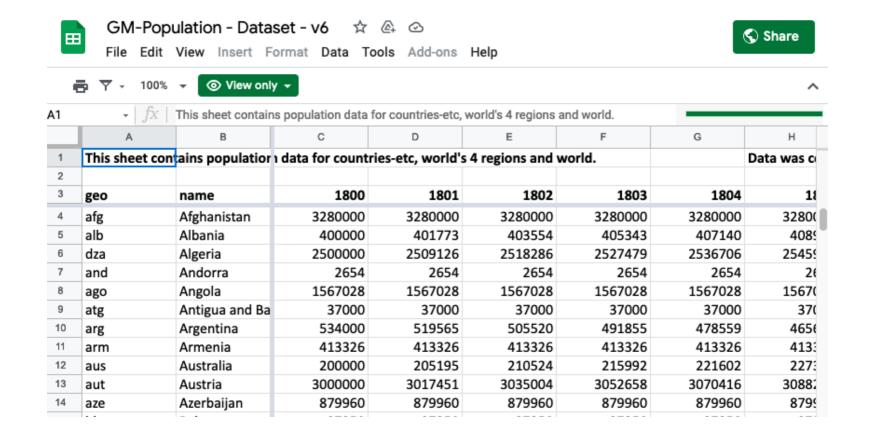


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```
ggplot(approval_longer,
       aes(x = date, y = rating_value,
           color = rating_type)) +
  geom line() +
  facet_wrap(vars(subgroup)) +
  scale_color_manual(values = c("darkgreen", "orange")) +
 labs(
    x = "Date", y = "Rating",
    color = NULL,
    title = "How (un)popular is Joe Biden??",
    subtitle = "Estimates based on polls of all adults and polls
    caption = "Source: FiveThirtyEight modeling estimates"
  theme minimal() +
  theme(legend.position = "bottom")
```

Case study: Gapminder



Source: https://www.gapminder.org/data/documentation/gd003/

We want...

```
gm_pop_wide <- read_csv("data/GM-Population - Dataset - v6 - data
gm_pop_wide %>% distinct(geo, name)
```

```
gm_pop_long <- gm_pop_wide %>%
  pivot_longer(
    cols = -c(geo, name),
    names_to = "year",
    values_to = "population"
) %>%
  mutate(
```

Case Study: is college worth it?

```
# https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2019/06/10/new-data-show-e
# https://www.newyorkfed.org/medialibrary/media/research/college-
labor_fed <- read_csv("data/college-labor-data.csv", show_col_ty
labor_fed</pre>
```

```
# A tibble: 31 \times 5
         `Bachelor's degree… `Bachelor's degr… `Bachelor's degre…
  <chr>>
                                                                <dbl>
                        <dbl>
                                            <dbl>
1 1/1/90
                        35369
                                            46311
                                                                59434
2 1/1/91
                        33077
                                            43723
                                                                57030
3 1/1/92
                        33208
                                            44277
                                                                55347
4 1/1/93
                        32250
                                            43000
                                                                55542
5 1/1/94
                        31303
                                            41912
                                                                54137
6 1/1/95
                        29727
                                            40769
                                                                52660
# ... with 25 more rows, and 1 more variable:
    High school diploma: median <dbl>
#
```

```
labor_fed %>%
  pivot_longer(
    cols = -Date,
    names_to = "education",
    values_to = "wage"
) %>%
  separate(education, into = c("degree", "measure"), sep = ": ")
```