

# Data Wrangling (1)

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```
library(tidyverse)
```

## Objectives of this Lecture

This lecture introduces data wrangling with R. Using V-Dem data as an example, we will learn how to use the wrangle data with a set of `tidyverse` functionality. Specifically, we will focus on functions...

1. to import and export data: `read_csv`, `write_csv` (with a brief introduction to other data import/export functions from `readr`).
2. to take a subset of *columns* in the existing data: `select`
3. to rename columns: `rename`
4. to take a subset of *rows* by some simple conditions: `slice_`
5. to take a subset of *rows* by some more complicated conditions: `filter`
6. to sort the rows based on the value of one or multiple columns: `arrange`
7. to perform (4) (5) (6) group by group: `group_by`, `ungroup`
8. to create new columns in the data: `group_by`, `mutate`, `ungroup`
9. to summarize the data: `group_by`, `summarise`, `ungroup`

## Outline of In-Class Demo

To demonstrate the above functionality, we will use real-world political data from V-Dem. Specifically, we will use the above function to explore the state of global economic development from 1984 to 2022. Our effort will take the following step (with one-on-one mappings with the above tools).

1. Read a part of pre-processed V-Dem data into R: 1984-2022 “external” data in the V-Dem dataset.
2. Consulting the dataset’s codebook and take a **subset** of indicators of *economic development* (along with country-year identifiers).
  - See a list of country-year identifiers on p. 5 of the codebook (under “1.7 Identifier Variables in the V-Dem Datasets”).
  - See a list of development indicators on p. 23 of the codebook (under “9. Background Factors”).
3. Rename the column to name their names informative to readers.

4. Find the country-year with the *highest* and *lowest* level of economic development. In addition, create a dataset containing a random sample of country-year in the dataset.
5. Create a dataset focusing on the economic development of Asian countries and regions; Create a dataset that contains only countries/ regions whose development level pass certain threshold.
6. Create a dataset whose rows are sorted by the development level of country-year.
7. Create a dataset that contains the year of the highest development level for each country/ region respectively.
8. Add the following economic indicators to the data:
  1. Country-year development level with reference to that of 1984.
  2. Year-on-year economic growth.
9. Perform a data availability/ integrity check. Then aggregate the data into a new country-level dataset which contains the following indicators:
  1. Average development level from 1984 to 2022.
  2. Magnitude of growth from 1984 to 2022.

## In-Class Exercise

The quality of education has a decisive effect on a country's future development. Applying the data wrangling tools we introduce in this lecture, perform the following task:

1. **Goodbook lookup.** Look up the codebook, answer the following questions:
  1. What indicators regarding the quality of education are available in the V-Dem datasets? 9 Background Factors (E)
    - 9.1.1 Education 15+ (E) (e\_peaveduc) What is the average years of education among citizens older than 15?
    - 9.1.2 Educational inequality, Gini (E) (e\_peedgini) How unequal is the level of education achieved by the population aged 15 years and older?
  2. What are the data's coverage (i.e., for which countries and years do we have data?)

```
setwd('C:/Users/warre/OneDrive/Documents/GitHub/HKU_POLI3148_23Fall/')
set.seed(52)
d <- read_csv("_DataPublic_/vdem/1984_2022/vdem_1984_2022_external.csv")
```

```
## Rows: 6789 Columns: 211
## -- Column specification -----
## Delimiter: ","
## chr   (3): country_name, country_text_id, histname
## dbl   (207): country_id, year, project, historical, codingstart, codingend, c...
## date   (1): historical_date
##
## i Use 'spec()' to retrieve the full column specification for this data.
## i Specify the column types or set 'show_col_types = FALSE' to quiet this message.
```

```
d |> select(country_name, country_id, year) |> distinct()
```

```
## # A tibble: 6,789 x 3
##   country_name country_id year
##   <chr>         <dbl> <dbl>
## 1 Mexico         3  1984
## 2 Mexico         3  1985
## 3 Mexico         3  1986
## 4 Mexico         3  1987
## 5 Mexico         3  1988
## 6 Mexico         3  1989
## 7 Mexico         3  1990
## 8 Mexico         3  1991
## 9 Mexico         3  1992
## 10 Mexico        3  1993
## # i 6,779 more rows
```

```
d |> select(country_name) |> distinct()
```

```
## # A tibble: 181 x 1
##   country_name
##   <chr>
## 1 Mexico
## 2 Suriname
## 3 Sweden
## 4 Switzerland
## 5 Ghana
## 6 South Africa
## 7 Japan
## 8 Burma/Myanmar
## 9 Russia
## 10 Albania
## # i 171 more rows
```

```
d |> select(year) |> distinct()
```

```
## # A tibble: 39 x 1
##   year
##   <dbl>
## 1  1984
## 2  1985
## 3  1986
## 4  1987
## 5  1988
## 6  1989
## 7  1990
## 8  1991
## 9  1992
## 10 1993
## # i 29 more rows
```

3. What are their sources? Provide the link to least 1 source.

e\_peedgini: Source(s): Clio Infra ([clio-infra.eu](http://clio-infra.eu)), drawing on Mitchell (1998a, 1998b, 1998c), United States Census Bureau (2021), UNESCO, Földvári and van Leeuwen (2010a), Leeuwen, van Leeuwen-Li, Földvári (2011), Leeuwen, van Leeuwen-Li, Földvári (2012a), Leeuwen, van Leeuwen-Li, Földvári (2012b), Didenko, Foldvari, van Leeuwen (2012).

## 2. Subset by columns

1. Create a dataset containing only the country-year identifiers and indicators of education quality.

```
education <- d |>
  select(country_name, year, e_peaveduc, e_peedgini)
```

2. Rename the columns of education quality to make them informative.

```
education_renamed <- education |>
  rename("average_years_of_postsecondary_education" = "e_peaveduc" , "postsecondary_gini_inequality_index" = "e_peedgini")
```

## 3. Subset by rows

1. List 5 countries-years that have the highest education level among its population.

```
education_renamed |>
  slice_max(average_years_of_postsecondary_education, n=5)
```

```
## # A tibble: 13 x 4
##   country_name    year average_years_of_postsecondary_~1 postsecondary_gini_i~2
##   <chr>          <dbl>                <dbl>                <dbl>
## 1 United Kingdom 2010                13.3                6.07
## 2 United Kingdom 2011                13.3                NA
## 3 United Kingdom 2012                13.3                NA
## 4 United Kingdom 2013                13.3                NA
## 5 United Kingdom 2014                13.3                NA
## 6 United Kingdom 2015                13.3                NA
## 7 United Kingdom 2016                13.3                NA
## 8 United Kingdom 2017                13.3                NA
## 9 United Kingdom 2018                13.3                NA
## 10 United Kingdom 2019                13.3                NA
## 11 United Kingdom 2020                13.3                NA
## 12 United Kingdom 2021                13.3                NA
## 13 United Kingdom 2022                13.3                NA
## # i abbreviated names: 1: average_years_of_postsecondary_education,
## # 2: postsecondary_gini_inequality_index
```

2. List 5 countries-years that suffer from the most severe inequality in education.

```
education_renamed |>
  slice_max(postsecondary_gini_inequality_index, n=5)
```

```
## # A tibble: 5 x 4
##   country_name    year average_years_of_postsecondary_edu~1 postsecondary_gini_i~2
##   <chr>          <dbl>                <dbl>                <dbl>
## 1 Burkina Faso 1984                0.301                97.0
## 2 Burkina Faso 1985                0.322                96.9
## 3 Burkina Faso 1986                0.343                96.7
## 4 Burkina Faso 1987                0.364                96.4
## 5 Burkina Faso 1988                0.385                96.1
## # i abbreviated names: 1: average_years_of_postsecondary_education,
## # 2: postsecondary_gini_inequality_index
```

#### 4. Summarize the data

1. Check data availability: For which countries and years are the indicators of education quality available?

```
cleaned_data <- education_renamed |>
  filter_at(vars(c(postsecondary_gini_inequality_index, average_years_of_postsecondary_education)), any)

education_renamed |>
  mutate(gini_missing = is.na(postsecondary_gini_inequality_index)) |>
  group_by(country_name) |>
  summarize(number_missing_gini = sum(gini_missing))
```

```
## # A tibble: 181 x 2
##   country_name number_missing_gini
##   <chr>          <int>
## 1 Afghanistan      12
## 2 Albania          39
## 3 Algeria          12
## 4 Angola           12
## 5 Argentina        12
## 6 Armenia          12
## 7 Australia        12
## 8 Austria           12
## 9 Azerbaijan       12
## 10 Bahrain         39
## # i 171 more rows
```

```
education_renamed |>
  mutate(yrs_missing = is.na(average_years_of_postsecondary_education)) |>
  group_by(country_name) |>
  summarize(number_missing_years_of_education = sum(yrs_missing))
```

```
## # A tibble: 181 x 2
##   country_name number_missing_years_of_education
##   <chr>          <int>
## 1 Afghanistan      0
## 2 Albania          39
## 3 Algeria          0
## 4 Angola           0
## 5 Argentina        0
## 6 Armenia          0
## 7 Australia        0
## 8 Austria           0
## 9 Azerbaijan       0
## 10 Bahrain         39
## # i 171 more rows
```

```
summary(cleaned_data)
```

```
##   country_name      year  average_years_of_postsecondary_education
## Length:5015      Min.   :1984      Min.   : 0.301
```

```
## Class :character    1st Qu.:1994    1st Qu.: 4.840
## Mode  :character    Median :2003    Median : 7.489
##                               Mean  :2003    Mean  : 7.360
##                               3rd Qu.:2013    3rd Qu.:10.118
##                               Max.   :2022    Max.   :13.300
##
## postsecondary_gini_inequality_index
## Min.   : 3.771
## 1st Qu.:18.726
## Median :27.937
## Mean   :34.298
## 3rd Qu.:46.602
## Max.   :96.983
## NA's   :1637
```

## 2. Create two types of country-level indicators of education quality

### 1. Average level of education quality from 1984 to 2022

```
education_renamed |>
  group_by(country_name) |>
  summarise(avg_gini_index = mean(postsecondary_gini_inequality_index, na.rm = TRUE)) |>
  arrange(avg_gini_index)
```

```
## # A tibble: 181 x 2
##   country_name avg_gini_index
##   <chr>         <dbl>
## 1 Austria         6.35
## 2 Barbados        6.98
## 3 Denmark         8.17
## 4 Switzerland     8.28
## 5 United Kingdom  8.38
## 6 Japan           9.33
## 7 Norway          9.58
## 8 Australia       9.60
## 9 Tajikistan     10.8
## 10 Hungary        11.2
## # i 171 more rows
```

```
education_renamed |>
  group_by(country_name) |>
  summarise(avg_gini_index = mean(postsecondary_gini_inequality_index, na.rm = TRUE)) |>
  arrange(-avg_gini_index)
```

```
## # A tibble: 181 x 2
##   country_name avg_gini_index
##   <chr>         <dbl>
## 1 Burkina Faso   91.3
## 2 Mali          87.9
## 3 Niger         85.3
## 4 Somalia       84.7
## 5 Afghanistan   77.8
```

```
## 6 Benin 76.9
## 7 The Gambia 76.7
## 8 Guinea 73.4
## 9 Burundi 73.0
## 10 Nepal 69.8
## # i 171 more rows
```

```
education_renamed |>
  group_by(country_name) |>
  summarise(average_years_of_education = mean(average_years_of_postsecondary_education, na.rm = TRUE))
  arrange(average_years_of_education)
```

```
## # A tibble: 181 x 2
##   country_name average_years_of_education
##   <chr> <dbl>
## 1 Burkina Faso 0.982
## 2 Niger 1.06
## 3 Mali 1.25
## 4 Somalia 1.29
## 5 Burundi 1.86
## 6 Mozambique 2.36
## 7 Benin 2.39
## 8 Angola 2.46
## 9 Senegal 2.54
## 10 Guinea 2.62
## # i 171 more rows
```

```
education_renamed |>
  group_by(country_name) |>
  summarise(average_years_of_education = mean(average_years_of_postsecondary_education, na.rm = TRUE))
  arrange(-average_years_of_education)
```

```
## # A tibble: 181 x 2
##   country_name average_years_of_education
##   <chr> <dbl>
## 1 Germany 12.9
## 2 Australia 12.9
## 3 United Kingdom 12.9
## 4 Canada 12.7
## 5 Switzerland 12.7
## 6 Japan 12.6
## 7 Norway 12.4
## 8 France 12.0
## 9 South Korea 12.0
## 10 New Zealand 11.9
## # i 171 more rows
```

## 2. Change of education quality from 1984 to 2022

```
education_renamed |>
  group_by(country_name) |>
  arrange(year, by.group=TRUE) |>
```

```
mutate(change_in_years_of_education = last(average_years_of_postsecondary_education, year) - first(average_years_of_postsecondary_education, year))
filter(year==2022) |>
select(country_name, year, change_in_years_of_education) |>
arrange(-change_in_years_of_education)
```

```
## # A tibble: 179 x 3
## # Groups:   country_name [179]
##   country_name year change_in_years_of_education
##   <chr>         <dbl>                <dbl>
## 1 Botswana      2022                5.17
## 2 Singapore     2022                4.52
## 3 Libya         2022                4.07
## 4 Cuba          2022                3.84
## 5 Chad          2022                3.82
## 6 Egypt         2022                3.82
## 7 Jordan        2022                3.82
## 8 South Korea   2022                3.54
## 9 Saudi Arabia  2022                3.49
## 10 Algeria      2022                3.35
## # i 169 more rows
```

```
education_renamed |>
  group_by(country_name) |>
  arrange(year, by.group=TRUE) |>
  mutate(change_in_years_of_education = last(average_years_of_postsecondary_education, year) - first(average_years_of_postsecondary_education, year))
  filter(year==2022) |>
  select(country_name, year, change_in_years_of_education) |>
  arrange(change_in_years_of_education)
```

```
## # A tibble: 179 x 3
## # Groups:   country_name [179]
##   country_name year change_in_years_of_education
##   <chr>         <dbl>                <dbl>
## 1 Tajikistan    2022           -0.252
## 2 North Korea   2022              0
## 3 Russia        2022             0.230
## 4 Azerbaijan    2022             0.252
## 5 Uzbekistan    2022             0.272
## 6 Kyrgyzstan    2022             0.301
## 7 Switzerland   2022             0.328
## 8 Armenia       2022             0.336
## 9 Germany       2022             0.350
## 10 Georgia      2022             0.387
## # i 169 more rows
```

```
education_renamed |>
  group_by(country_name) |>
  arrange(year) |>
  mutate(change= last(na.omit(postsecondary_gini_inequality_index)) - first(na.omit(postsecondary_gini_inequality_index)))
  filter(year==2022) |> select(country_name, year, change) |>
  arrange(-change)
```



```
## # A tibble: 179 x 3
## # Groups:   country_name [179]
##   country_name      year change
##   <chr>          <dbl> <dbl>
## 1 Costa Rica      2022  4.12
## 2 New Zealand     2022  3.16
## 3 Spain           2022  2.30
## 4 Trinidad and Tobago 2022  2.30
## 5 Switzerland     2022  1.72
## 6 Lebanon          2022  0.718
## 7 Seychelles      2022  0.696
## 8 France           2022 -0.287
## 9 Venezuela        2022 -0.395
## 10 Jamaica         2022 -0.597
## # i 169 more rows
```

```
education_renamed |>
  group_by(country_name) |>
  arrange(year) |>
  mutate(change= last(na.omit(postsecondary_gini_inequality_index)) - first(na.omit(postsecondary_gini_inequality_index))) |>
  filter(year==2022) |>
  select(country_name, year, change) |>
  arrange(change)
```

```
## # A tibble: 179 x 3
## # Groups:   country_name [179]
##   country_name      year change
##   <chr>          <dbl> <dbl>
## 1 Nepal          2022 -39.8
## 2 Botswana        2022 -34.0
## 3 Haiti           2022 -31.5
## 4 Egypt           2022 -30.8
## 5 Iran            2022 -30.3
## 6 Angola          2022 -29.5
## 7 India           2022 -29.0
## 8 Nigeria         2022 -27.5
## 9 Malawi          2022 -27.2
## 10 Uganda         2022 -26.8
## # i 169 more rows
```

3. Examine the data and *briefly* discuss: Which countries perform the best and the worst in terms of education?

African Nations generally do not see much education of individuals past the age of 15, where as Western developed nations sees higher education levels for individuals older than 15. Those same African nations also see a higher inequality, with a few very educated individuals and a lot of uneducated individuals. We see that Singapore and other developing Asian nations have seen higher growth of education level. However, in previous soviet states, the education years have gone down. This may be due to the following: while the soviets valued education, the value of education has become less relevant in the post soviet world as many states have become petro-states.

**Submission requirement:** You will submit your outputs through Moodle. In your submission:

1. Attach a PDF document rendered by Rmarkdown

2. In the text field of your submission, include the link to the corresponding Rmarkdown file in your *DaSPPA portfolio* GitHub repo.

**Due:** October 4, 2023

*Note: Please only use the functions we cover in this lecture for this exercise. There is absolutely no need to perform any data visualization for this exercise... We will get there in later lectures.*

## Further reading

- R for Data Science (2e) Chapters 4, 5, 8: <https://r4ds.hadley.nz/>
- `readr` documentation (note: read the “cheatsheet”): <https://readr.tidyverse.org/>
- `dplyr` documentation (note: read the “cheatsheet”): <https://dplyr.tidyverse.org/>
- V-Dem documentation: <https://v-dem.net/>

## Demo