

Data Transformation: Slicing Your Data

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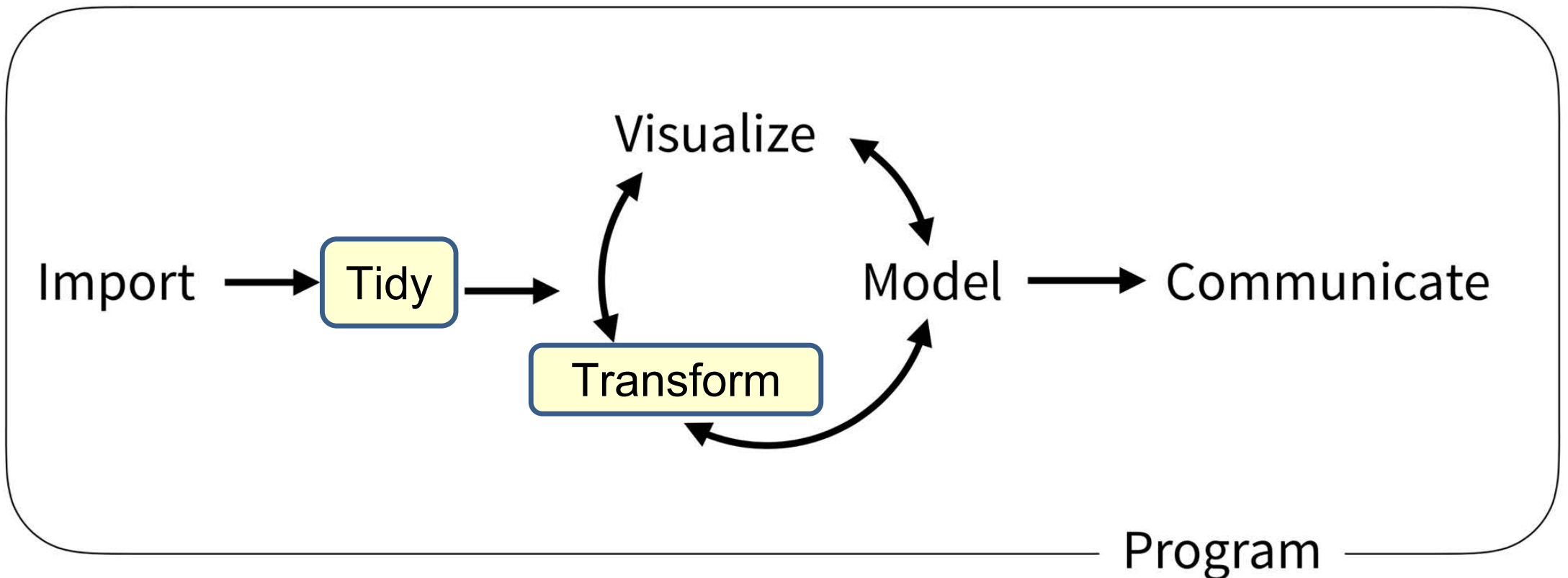
Goal

1. Learn how to use dplyr to transform data frames

Objectives

1. List the major forms of data transformation implemented in dplyr
2. Use code templates with dplyr functions to tidy a raw data set

Typical Data Science Pipeline



What is a “Tidy” Data Frame

AGE	MRN	SEX	RESULT
45	0134567	M	OK
32	0134567	F	OK
28	0134567	F	OK
35	0134567	M	OK
12	1234567	F	OK

A data set is **tidy** if:

1. Each **variable** is in its own **column**
2. Each **observation** is in its own **row**
3. Each **value** is in its own **cell**

Your Turn 1

Open "**04-Transform.Rmd**"

Run the setup chunk

```
```{r setup}  
library(tidyverse) # Provides functions used throughout this session
covid_testing <- read_csv("data/covid_testing.csv")
```
```



Transform Data with



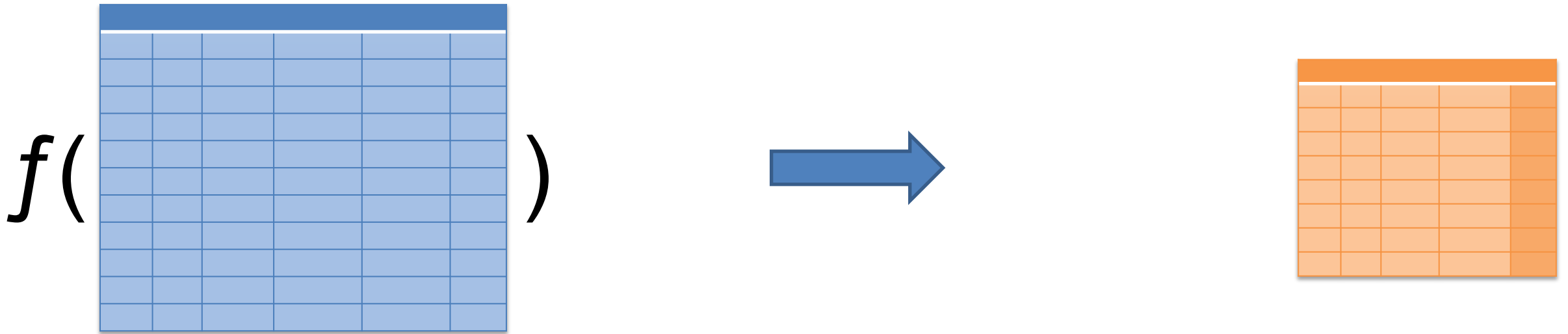
dplyr



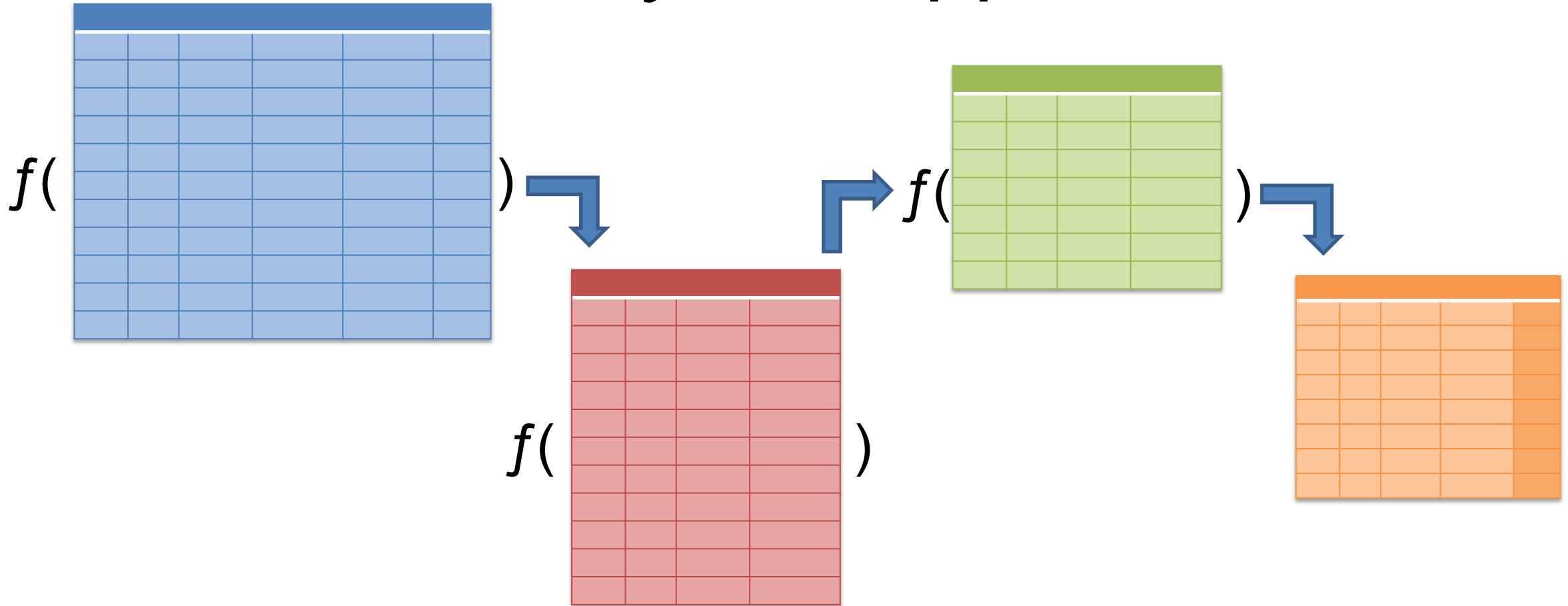
dplyr implements a *grammar* for transforming tabular data.



Analytical Approach



Analytical Approach



dplyr: a grammar for transforming data

1 Choose columns.

`select()`

2 Extract rows.

`filter()`

3 Derive new columns.

`mutate()`

4 Change the unit of analysis.

`summarize()`



Common syntax

Each function takes a data frame as its first argument and returns a data frame as its output.

```
function(data, ...)
```

dplyr
function

data frame to
transform

specific
arguments



**Pulling specific columns out of your data
frame**

select()

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Extract columns from a data frame



= Number of rows
↓ Number of Columns

select()

Extract columns from a data frame

```
select(covid_testing, mrn, last_name)
```

dplyr
function

data frame to
transform

name(s) of columns
to extract
(or a select helper)

select()

Extract columns from a data frame **by name**

```
select(covid_testing, mrn, last_name)
```

covid_testing

| mrn | first_name | last_name | gender |
|---------|------------|------------|--------|
| 5000876 | sarella | stark | female |
| 5006017 | alester | stark | male |
| 5001412 | jhezane | westerling | female |
| 5000533 | penny | targaryen | female |

...



| mrn | last_name |
|---------|------------|
| 5000876 | stark |
| 5006017 | stark |
| 5001412 | westerling |
| 5000533 | targaryen |

...



select()

Extract columns from a data frame **by name**

```
select(covid_testing, -mrn, -last_name)
```

covid_testing

| mrn | first_name | last_name | gender |
|---------|------------|------------|--------|
| 5000876 | sarella | stark | female |
| 5006017 | alester | stark | male |
| 5001412 | jhezane | westerling | female |
| 5000533 | penny | targaryen | female |

...



| first_name | gender |
|------------|--------|
| sarella | female |
| alester | male |
| jhezane | female |
| penny | female |

...



Your Turn 2


- Alter the code to select just the `first_name` column from `covid_testing`
- If you have time, try to remove the `first_name` column

```
covid_testing_2 <- select(covid_testing, _____)
```



select() helpers

Data Transformation with dplyr : : CHEAT SHEET



dplyr functions work with pipes and expect **tidy data**. In tidy data:

- Each **variable** is in its own **column**
- Each **observation**, or **case**, is in its own **row**
- x %>% f(y)** becomes **f(x, y)**

Summarise Cases

These apply **summary functions** to columns to create a new table of summary statistics. Summary functions take vectors as input and return one value (see back).

summary function

summarise(data, ...)
Compute table of summaries.
`summarise(mtcars, avg = mean(mpg))`

count(x, ..., wt = NULL, sort = FALSE)
Count number of rows in each group defined by the variables in ... Also **tally()**.
`count(iris, Species)`

VARIATIONS
summarise_all() - Apply funs to every column.
summarise_at() - Apply funs to specific columns.
summarise_if() - Apply funs to all cols of one type.

Group Cases

Use **group_by()** to create a "grouped" copy of a table. dplyr functions will manipulate each "group" separately and then combine the results.

`mtcars %>%
 group_by(cyl) %>%
 summarise(avg = mean(mpg))`

group_by(data, ..., add = FALSE)
Returns copy of table grouped by ...
`g_iris <- group_by(iris, Species)`

ungroup(x, ...)
Returns ungrouped copy of table.
`ungroup(g_iris)`

Manipulate Cases

EXTRACT CASES
Row functions return a subset of rows as a new table.

- filter(data, ...)** Extract rows that meet logical criteria. `filter(iris, Sepal.Length > 7)`
- distinct(data, ..., keep_all = FALSE)** Remove rows with duplicate values.
`distinct(iris, Species)`
- sample_frac(tbl, size = 1, replace = FALSE, weight = NULL, env = parent.frame())** Randomly select fraction of rows.
`sample_frac(iris, 0.5, replace = TRUE)`
- sample_n(tbl, size, replace = FALSE, weight = NULL, env = parent.frame())** Randomly select size rows. `sample_n(iris, 10, replace = TRUE)`
- slice(data, ...)** Select rows by position.
`slice(iris, 10:15)`
- top_n(x, n, wt)** Select and order top n entries (by group if grouped data). `top_n(iris, 5, Sepal.Width)`

Logical and boolean operators to use with filter()

| < | <= | is.na() | %in% | | xor() |
|---|----|----------|------|---|-------|
| > | >= | !is.na() | ! | & | |

See **?base::logic** and **?Comparison** for help.

ARRANGE CASES

- arrange(data, ...)** Order rows by values of a column or columns (low to high); use with **desc()** to order from high to low.
`arrange(mtcars, mpg)`
`arrange(mtcars, desc(mpg))`

ADD CASES

- add_row(data, ..., before = NULL, after = NULL)**
Add one or more rows to a table.
`add_row(faithful, eruptions = 1, waiting = 1)`

Manipulate Variables

EXTRACT VARIABLES
Column functions return a set of columns as a new vector or table.

- pull(data, var = -1)** Extract column values as a vector. Choose by name or index.
`pull(iris, Sepal.Length)`
- select(data, ...)**
Extract columns as a table. Also **select_if()**.
`select(iris, Sepal.Length, Species)`

Use these helpers with select (),
e.g. `select(iris, starts_with("Sepal"))`

contains(match)
ends_with(match)
matches(match)

num_range(prefix, range)
one_of(...)
starts_with(match)

:, e.g. mpg:cyl
-, e.g. -Species

MAKE NEW VARIABLES
These apply vectors as in (see back).

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Pulling specific rows out of your data frame



filter()

filter()

Extract rows that meet logical criteria

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↓ Number of rows
= Number of Columns

Common syntax

Each function takes a data frame as its first argument and returns a data frame as its output.

```
function(data, ...)
```

**dplyr
function**

**data frame to
transform**

**specific
arguments**

filter()

Extract rows that meet logical criteria

```
filter(data, ... )
```

data frame to
transform

one or more logical tests
(filter returns each row for
which the test is TRUE)

| | | | FALSE |
|--|--|--|-------|
| | | | FALSE |
| | | | TRUE |
| | | | FALSE |
| | | | TRUE |
| | | | FALSE |



filter()

Extract rows that meet logical criteria

```
filter(data, column_name == criteria )
```

one or more logical tests
(filter returns each row for
which the test is TRUE)

| | | | FALSE |
|--|--|--|-------|
| | | | FALSE |
| | | | TRUE |
| | | | FALSE |
| | | | TRUE |
| | | | FALSE |



filter()

Extract rows that meet logical criteria

```
filter(covid_testing, mrn==5000083)
```

| | mrn | first_name | last_name | | mrn | first_name | last_name |
|-------|---------|------------|------------|---|---------|------------|-----------|
| FALSE | 5000876 | sarella | stark | → | 5000083 | lollys | clegane |
| FALSE | 5006017 | alester | stark | | | | |
| FALSE | 5001412 | jhezane | westerling | | | | |
| TRUE | 5000083 | lollys | clegane | | | | |

filter()

Extract rows that meet logical criteria

```
filter(covid_testing, mrn==5000083)
```

| mrn | first_name | last_name |
|---------|------------|------------|
| 5000876 | sarella | stark |
| 5006017 | alester | stark |
| 5001412 | jhezane | westerling |
| 5000083 | lollys | clegane |

= sets

(returns nothing)

== tests if equal

(returns TRUE or FALSE)

filter()

Values coded as character strings must be surrounded by quotes

Extract rows that meet logical criteria.

```
filter(covid_testing, last_name=="stark")
```

| mrn | first_name | last_name | |
|---------|------------|------------|-------|
| 5000876 | sarella | stark | TRUE |
| 5006017 | alester | stark | TRUE |
| 5001412 | jhezane | westerling | FALSE |
| 5000083 | lollys | clegane | FALSE |



| mrn | first_name | last_name |
|---------|------------|-----------|
| 5000876 | sarella | stark |
| 5006017 | alester | stark |

filter()

Extract rows that meet logical criteria

```
filter(data, ... )
```

**data frame to
transform**

one or more logical tests
(filter returns each row for
which the test is TRUE)

Logical tests

| | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| <code>x < y</code> | Less than |
| <code>x > y</code> | Greater than |
| <code>x == y</code> | Equal to |
| <code>x <= y</code> | Less than or equal to |
| <code>x >= y</code> | Greater than or equal to |
| <code>x != y</code> | Not equal to |
| <code>x %in% y</code> | Group membership |
| <code>is.na(x)</code> | Is NA |
| <code>!is.na(x)</code> | Is not NA |

Pop Quiz

What is the result?

`1 == 1`

Pop Quiz

What is the result?

$3 \neq 1$

Your Turn 3

Use filter() with the logical operators to find:

- Every test for patients **over age 80**
- All of the covid testing where the demographic group (demo_group) is **equal to "client"**
- CHALLENGE:
 - All of the covid testing where the patient class (patient_class) is **NA** [Hint: See slide titled "Logical Tests"]



filter() variants

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x %>% f(y) becomes f(x, y)

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summary function
→ **summarise(data, ...)**
Compute table of summaries. Also **summarise_()**.
summarise(mtcars, avg = mean(mpg))
→ **count(x, ...)**
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count(iris, Species)

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Use **group_by()** to create a "grouped" copy of a table. dplyr functions will manipulate each "group" separately and then combine the results.

**mtcars %>%
group_by(cyl) %>%
summarise(avg = mean(mpg))**

group_by(data, ..., add = FALSE)
Returns copy of table grouped by ...
g_iris <- group_by(iris, Species)

ungroup(x, ...)
Returns ungrouped copy of table.
ungroup(g_iris)

Manipulate Cases

EXTRACT CASES

Row functions return a subset of rows as a new table. Use a variant that ends in **_()** for non-standard evaluation friendly code.

→ **filter(data, ...)**
Extract rows that meet logical criteria. Also **filter_()**. **filter(iris, Sepal.Length > 7)**
→ **distinct(data, ..., keep_all = FALSE)**
Remove rows with duplicate values. Also **distinct_()**.
distinct(iris, Species)
→ **sample_frac(tbl, size = 1, replace = FALSE, weight = NULL, env = parent.frame())**
Randomly select fraction of rows. Also **sample_frac_()**.
sample_frac(iris, 0.5, replace = TRUE)
→ **sample_n(tbl, size, replace = FALSE, weight = NULL, env = parent.frame())**
Randomly select size rows. Also **sample_n_()**.
sample_n(iris, 10, replace = TRUE)
→ **slice(data, ...)**
Select rows by position. Also **slice_()**.
slice(iris, 10:15)
→ **top_n(x, n, wt)**
Select and order top n entries (by group if grouped data).
top_n(iris, 5, Sepal.Width)

Logical and boolean operators to use with filter()

< <= is.na() %in% | xor()
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ARRANGE CASES

→ **arrange(data, ...)**
Order rows by values of a column or columns (low to high), use with **desc()** to order from high to low.
arrange(mtcars, mpg)
arrange(mtcars, desc(mpg))

ADD CASES

→ **add_row(data, ..., before = NULL, after = NULL)**
Add one or more rows to a table.
add_row(faithful, eruptions = 4, waiting = 1)

Column functions return a set of columns as a new table. Use a variant that ends in **_()** for non-standard evaluation friendly code.

→ **select(data, ...)**
Extract columns by name. Also **select_if()**.
select(iris, Sepal.Length, Species)

Use these helpers with **select()**.
e.g. **select(iris, starts_with("Sepal"))**

contains(match) **num_range(prefix, range)** z.e.g. **mpg:cyl**
ends_with(match) **one_of(...)** z.e.g. **Species**
matches(match) **starts_with(match)**

MAKE NEW VARIABLES

These apply **vectorized functions** to columns. Vectorized funs take vectors as input and return vectors of the same length as output (see back).

vectorized function

→ **mutate(data, ...)**
Compute new column(s).
mutate(mtcars, gpm = 1/mpg)

→ **transmute(data, ...)**
Compute new column(s), drop others.
transmute(mtcars, gpm = 1/mpg)

→ **mutate_all(tbl, funs, ...)**
Apply funs to every column. Use with **funs()**.
mutate_all(faithful, funs(log(), log2()))

→ **mutate_at(tbl, cols, funs, ...)**
Apply funs to specific columns. Use with **funs()**, **vars()** and the helper functions for **select()**.
mutate_at(iris, vars(Species), funs(log()))

→ **mutate_if(tbl, predicate, funs, ...)**
Apply funs to all columns of one type. Use with **funs()**.
mutate_if(iris, is.numeric, funs(log()))

→ **add_column(data, ..., before = NULL, after = NULL)**
Add new column(s).
add_column(mtcars, new = 1:32)

→ **rename(data, ...)**
Rename columns.
rename(iris, Length = Sepal.Length)

EXTRACT CASES

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distinct(data, ..., keep_all = FALSE) Remove rows with duplicate values.
distinct(iris, Species)



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Logical and boolean operators to use with filter()

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What else?



arrange()

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Order rows by values in a column



= Number of rows
= Number of Columns



arrange()

Order rows by values in a column

```
arrange(data, ... )
```

data frame to
transform

name(s) of columns to
arrange by

arrange()

Order rows by values in a column

```
arrange(covid_testing, first_name)
```

| mrn | first_name | last_name |
|---------|------------|-----------|
| 5000876 | sarella | stark |
| 5006017 | alester | stark |
| 5001412 | jhezane | targaryen |
| 5000533 | penny | targaryen |



| mrn | first_name | last_name |
|---------|------------|-----------|
| 5006017 | alester | stark |
| 5001412 | jhezane | targaryen |
| 5000533 | penny | targaryen |
| 5000876 | sarella | stark |

arrange()

Order rows by values in a column

```
arrange(covid_testing, desc(mrn))
```

| mrn | first_name | last_name |
|---------|------------|-----------|
| 5000876 | sarella | stark |
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| 5001412 | jhezane | targaryen |
| 5000533 | penny | targaryen |



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| 5000876 | sarella | stark |
| 5000533 | penny | targaryen |

Your Turn 4

The column `ct_result` contains the cycle threshold (Ct) for the real-time PCR that generated the final result.

How might you use `arrange()` to determine the highest and lowest Ct result in the dataset?



Pop Quiz

The default behavior of `arrange()` is to order from lower to higher values.

When might `arrange()` place "1000" before "50"?

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