

# 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()

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) **num\_range**(prefix, range) ; e.g. *mpg:cyl*  
**ends\_with**(match) **one\_of**(...) ; 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()**. Also **mutate\_if**.  
*mutate\_all(faithful, funs(log), log2())*  
*mutate\_if(iris, is.numeric, funs(log))*

**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))*

**add\_column**(data, ..., before = NULL, after = NULL)  
 Add new column(s). Also **add\_count**.  
*add\_tally(iris, add\_column(mtcars, new = 1:32))*

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



## Vector Functions

### TO USE WITH MUTATE ()

**mutate()** and **transmute()** apply vectorized functions to columns to create new columns. Vectorized functions take vectors as input and return vectors of the same length as output.

### vectorized function

#### OFFSETS

**dplyr::lag()** - Offset elements by 1  
**dplyr::lead()** - Offset elements by -1

#### CUMULATIVE AGGREGATES

**dplyr::cumall()** - Cumulative all()  
**dplyr::cumany()** - Cumulative any()  
**dplyr::cummax()** - Cumulative max()  
**dplyr::cummean()** - Cumulative mean()  
**dplyr::cummin()** - Cumulative min()  
**dplyr::cumprod()** - Cumulative prod()  
**dplyr::cumsum()** - Cumulative sum()

#### RANKINGS

**dplyr::cume\_dist()** - Proportion of all values <=  
**dplyr::dense\_rank()** - rank with ties = min, no gaps  
**dplyr::min\_rank()** - rank with ties = min  
**dplyr::ntile()** - bins into n bins  
**dplyr::percent\_rank()** - min\_rank scaled to [0,1]  
**dplyr::row\_number()** - rank with ties = "first"

#### MATH

**+**, **-**, **\***, **/**, **^**, **%/%**, **%%**, **%%** - arithmetic ops  
**log()**, **log2()**, **log10()** - logs  
**sqrt()**, **>**, **<**, **>=**, **<=**, **!=**, **==** - logical comparisons  
**dplyr::between()** -  $x >= \text{left} \ \&\& \ x <= \text{right}$   
**dplyr::near()** - safe == for floating point numbers

#### MISC

**dplyr::case\_when()** - multi-case if...else()  
**dplyr::coalesce()** - first non-NA values by element across a set of vectors  
**dplyr::if\_else()** - element-wise if() + else()  
**dplyr::na\_if()** - replace specific values with NA  
**pmax()** - element-wise max()  
**pmin()** - element-wise min()  
**dplyr::recode()** - Vectorized switch()  
**dplyr::recode\_factor()** - Vectorized switch() for factors

## Summary Functions

### TO USE WITH SUMMARISE ()

**summarise()** applies summary functions to columns to create a new table. Summary functions take vectors as input and return single values as output.

### summary function

#### COUNTS

**dplyr::n()** - number of values/rows  
**dplyr::n\_distinct()** - # of uniques  
**sum(is.na())** - # of non-NA's

#### LOCATION

**mean()** - mean, also **mean(is.na())**  
**median()** - median

#### LOGICALS

**mean()** - Proportion of TRUE's  
**sum()** - # of TRUE's

#### POSITION/ORDER

**dplyr::first()** - first value  
**dplyr::last()** - last value  
**dplyr::nth()** - value in nth location of vector

#### RANK

**quantile()** - nth quantile  
**min()** - minimum value  
**max()** - maximum value

#### SPREAD

**IQR()** - Inter-Quartile Range  
**mad()** - median absolute deviation  
**sd()** - standard deviation  
**var()** - variance

## Row Names

Tidy data does not use rownames, which store a variable outside of the columns. To work with the rownames, first move them into a column.

### rownames\_to\_column()

Move row names into col.  
 $a <- \text{rownames\_to\_column}(iris, \text{var} = "C")$

### column\_to\_rownames()

Move col in row names.  
 $\text{column\_to\_rownames}(a, \text{var} = "C")$

Also **has\_rownames()**, **remove\_rownames()**

## Combine Tables

### COMBINE VARIABLES

x	y
A B C	A B C D
1 1 1	1 1 1 1
2 2 2	2 2 2 2
3 3 3	3 3 3 3

 + 

x	y
A B C	A B C
1 1 1	1 1 1
2 2 2	2 2 2
3 3 3	3 3 3

 = 

x	y
A B C D	A B C
1 1 1 1	1 1 1
2 2 2 2	2 2 2
3 3 3 3	3 3 3

Use **bind\_cols()** to paste tables beside each other as they are.

**bind\_cols(...)** Returns tables placed side by side as a single table.  
BE SURE THAT ROWS ALIGN.

Use a "Mutating Join" to join one table to columns from another, matching values with the rows that they correspond to. Each join retains a different combination of values from the tables.

**left\_join(x, y, by = NULL, copy=FALSE, suffix=c("x","y"),...)**  
Join matching values from y to x.

**right\_join(x, y, by = NULL, copy=FALSE, suffix=c("x","y"),...)**  
Join matching values from x to y.

**inner\_join(x, y, by = NULL, copy=FALSE, suffix=c("x","y"),...)**  
Join data. Retain only rows with matches.

**full\_join(x, y, by = NULL, copy=FALSE, suffix=c("x","y"),...)**  
Join data. Retain all values, all rows.

Use **by = c("col1", "col2", ...)** to specify one or more common columns to match on.  
**left\_join(x, y, by = "x")**

Use a named vector, **by = c("col1" = "col2")**, to match on columns that have different names in each table.  
**left\_join(x, y, by = c("C" = "D"))**

Use **suffix** to specify the suffix to give to unmatched columns that have the same name in both tables.  
**left\_join(x, y, by = c("C" = "D"), suffix = c("1", "2"))**



### COMBINE CASES

x	y
A B C	A B C
1 1 1	1 1 1
2 2 2	2 2 2
3 3 3	3 3 3

 + 

x	y
A B C	A B C
1 1 1	1 1 1
2 2 2	2 2 2
3 3 3	3 3 3

Use **bind\_rows()** to paste tables below each other as they are.

**bind\_rows(..., id = NULL)**  
Returns tables one on top of the other as a single table. Set id to a column name to add a column of the original table names (as pictured)

**intersect(x, y, ...)**  
Rows that appear in both x and y.

**setdiff(x, y, ...)**  
Rows that appear in x but not y.

**union(x, y, ...)**  
Rows that appear in x or y. (Duplicates removed). **union\_all()** retains duplicates.

Use **setequal()** to test whether two data sets contain the exact same rows (in any order).

### EXTRACT ROWS

x	y
A B C	A B C
1 1 1	1 1 1
2 2 2	2 2 2
3 3 3	3 3 3

 + 

x	y
A B C	A B C
1 1 1	1 1 1
2 2 2	2 2 2
3 3 3	3 3 3

 = 

x	y
A B C	A B C
1 1 1	1 1 1
2 2 2	2 2 2
3 3 3	3 3 3

Use a "Filtering Join" to filter one table against the rows of another.

**semi\_join(x, y, by = NULL, ...)**  
Return rows of x that have a match in y. USEFUL TO SEE WHAT WILL BE JOINED.

**anti\_join(x, y, by = NULL, ...)**  
Return rows of x that do not have a match in y. USEFUL TO SEE WHAT WILL NOT BE JOINED.