# Manipulating data in the tidyverse

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## RStudio cloud

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For students struggling with installing RStudio, RStudio cloud may be an alternative:

https://rstudio.cloud/

Set up an account and you can start working with RStudio from your browser.

Data wrangling and manipulation are common tasks when doing empirical work.

Even though it has been easier and easier to access highquality data, we may need to perform some *cleaning*, *filtering*, and *organizing* before we proceed.

The tidyverse has a wide array of functions, of which we will study a few.

To see these functions in practice, let us keep working on the "toy" data set we saw in the last session.

#### Recall:

```
1 library(tidyverse)
2
3 my_data <- read_csv("toy_data.csv")</pre>
```

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```
1 my data
# A tibble: 9 \times 5
          tip age weight movie
 name
 <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <chr>
1 John 1.5
                       150 drama
2 Anna 2.5
             17
                       160 comedy
3 Xavier 3.5
                       165 drama
4 Walter 4
                       140 horror
5 Bailey 5
                 21
                       170 horror
6 David 10
                 28
                       175 drama
        18
                 18
                       160 comedy
7 Anna
                       160 drama
                 19
8 Anna
9 Walter 1.25
                 24
                       140 comedy
```

# The pipe operator

## The pipe operator

The tidyverse has a very useful operator, known as the **pipe** operator, that facilitates data wrangling.

• %>%

If you are using RStudio, you can use the pipe operator using the following keyboard shortcut:

- Cmd+Shift+M (macOS);
- Ctrl+Shift+M (Windows).

9 Walter comedy

The first function we will look at is the select() function. In practice:

```
my data %>%
      select(name, movie)
# A tibble: 9 \times 2
        movie
 name
  <chr> <chr>
1 John drama
2 Anna comedy
3 Xavier drama
4 Walter horror
5 Bailey horror
6 David drama
7 Anna comedy
8 Anna
         drama
```

24

9 Walter

140

```
my data %>%
      select(name, age, weight)
# A tibble: 9 \times 3
            age weight
  name
  <chr> <dbl> <dbl>
1 John
             17
                   150
                   160
2 Anna
             17
3 Xavier
             21
                   165
4 Walter
             25
                   140
5 Bailey
             21
                   170
6 David
             28
                   175
7 Anna
             18
                   160
                   160
8 Anna
             19
```

When working with a pipeline, R will not automatically update your data set.

In case you want to **store** a modified data set, you simply assign your pipeline to a **new object**.

```
1 my_data_subset <- my_data %>%
2 select(name, age, weight)
```

#### In practice:

28 175 drama

140 comedy

#### In practice:

4 David 10

5 Walter 1.25 24

#### In practice:

5 Anna

6 Walter 1.25

3 19

24

```
my data %>%
     filter(tip < 5)
# A tibble: 6 \times 5
      tip age weight movie
 name
 <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <chr>
1 John 1.5
                17
                     150 drama
      2.5
2 Anna
            17
                     160 comedy
3 Xavier 3.5
                     165 drama
        4 25
4 Walter
                     140 horror
```

160 drama

140 comedy

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In case you want to store a modified data set, just assign to a new object:

```
1 my_data_filter <- my_data %>%
2 filter(name %in% "Anna" & tip > 5)
```

#### In practice:

```
1 my data %>%
     mutate(age months = age * 12)
# A tibble: 9 \times 6
          tip
                age weight movie age months
 name
 <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <chr>
                                       <dbl>
1 John 1.5
                 17
                       150 drama
                                         204
2 Anna 2.5
             17
                       160 comedy
                                         204
3 Xavier 3.5
                       165 drama
                                         252
4 Walter 4
              25
                       140 horror
                                         300
                 21
                                         252
5 Bailey 5
                       170 horror
6 David 10
                 28
                       175 drama
                                         336
        18
                 18
7 Anna
                       160 comedy
                                         216
                 19
                       160 drama
                                         228
8 Anna
                       140 comedy
9 Walter 1.25
                 24
                                         288
```

#### In practice:

9 Walter 1.25

24

```
1 my data %>%
     mutate(weight kg = weight * 0.453592)
# A tibble: 9 \times 6
          tip age weight movie weight kg
 name
 <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <chr>
                                    <dbl>
1 John 1.5
                17
                                     68.0
                      150 drama
2 Anna 2.5
             17
                      160 comedy
                                     72.6
3 Xavier 3.5
                      165 drama
                                     74.8
4 Walter 4
             25
                      140 horror
                                     63.5
                21
                                     77.1
5 Bailey 5
                      170 horror
6 David 10
                                     79.4
                28
                      175 drama
        18
                18
                                     72.6
7 Anna
                      160 comedy
                19
                      160 drama
                                     72.6
8 Anna
```

63.5

140 comedy

#### A way of mutating, but adding new columns:

```
fav birds <- c("kestrel", "quail", "albatross", "hummingbird",</pre>
                 "american robin", "eastern bluebird", "hummingbird",
                 "california quail", "blue jay")
 3
   my data %>%
     add column(fav birds)
# A tibble: 9 \times 6
      tip age weight movie fav birds
 name
 <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <chr> <chr>
1 John 1.5
               17 150 drama kestrel
2 Anna 2.5 17
                  160 comedy quail
3 Xavier 3.5
                     165 drama albatross
4 Walter 4 25
                     140 horror hummingbird
                     170 horror american robin
5 Bailey 5 21
6 David 10 28
                     175 drama eastern bluebird
        18
          18
                     160 comedy hummingbird
7 Anna
      3 19
                     160 drama california quail
8 Anna
9 Walter 1.25 24
                     140 comedy blue jay
```

## A pipeline

```
1 my_data %>%
2  add_column(fav_birds) %>%
3  filter(fav_birds %in% "hummingbird") %>%
4  select(name)

# A tibble: 2 × 1
  name
  <chr>
1 Walter
2 Anna
```

# The group\_by() function

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