Data transformation

Other helpful dplyr verbs



Other helpful dplyr verbs

- transmute: Like mutate, except the transformed output is placed in a new data frame
- pull: Extract column into the base R vector data type
- rename: Convenient way to change the name of a variable (column)
- distinct: Determines unique values across one or more columns in the dataset
- count: Group by category and count the number of group members

transmute example

Example from mutate lectures for computing term lengths:

```
presidential %>%
  mutate(term_length = interval(start, end) / dyears(1))
```

```
## # A tibble: 11 x 5
##
                start
                           end
                                      party
                                                 term length
     name
##
   <chr> <date> <date>
                                      <chr>
                                                       < [db] >
   1 Eisenhower 1953-01-20 1961-01-20 Republican
                                                        8.01
##
##
   2 Kennedy
                1961-01-20 1963-11-22 Democratic
                                                        2.84
##
   3 Johnson
                1963-11-22 1969-01-20 Democratic
                                                        5.17
##
   4 Nixon
                1969-01-20 1974-08-09 Republican
                                                        5.55
##
   5 Ford
                1974-08-09 1977-01-20 Republican
                                                        2.45
##
   6 Carter
                                                        4.00
                1977-01-20 1981-01-20 Democratic
##
   7 Reagan
                1981-01-20 1989-01-20 Republican
                                                        8.01
   8 Bush
                1989-01-20 1993-01-20 Republican
                                                        4.00
##
##
   9 Clinton
                1993-01-20 2001-01-20 Democratic
                                                        8.01
## 10 Bush
                2001-01-20 2009-01-20 Republican
                                                        8.01
## 11 Obama
                2009-01-20 2017-01-20 Democratic
                                                        8.01
```

transmute example

Example from mutate lectures for computing term lengths:

```
presidential %>%
  transmute(term_length = interval(start, end) / dyears(1))
## # A tibble: 11 x 1
    term length
##
##
         <dbl>
        8.01
## 1
## 2 2.84
## 3 5.17
## 4 5.55
## 5 2.45
## 6
      4.00
          8.01
## 7
## 8
          4.00
          8.01
## 9
## 10
          8.01
## 11
          8.01
```

pull example

pull extracts a column and converts it into the base R vector data type:

```
presidential %>%
  pull(name)

## [1] "Eisenhower" "Kennedy" "Johnson" "Nixon" "Ford"
## [6] "Carter" "Reagan" "Bush" "Clinton" "Bush"
## [11] "Obama"
```

rename example

rename lets us rename the columns in the dataset:

```
presidential
```

```
## # A tibble: 11 x 4
##
                start
     name
                            end
                                       party
     <chr> <date>
                           <date>
                                       <chr>>
##
##
    1 Eisenhower 1953-01-20 1961-01-20 Republican
                1961-01-20 1963-11-22 Democratic
   2 Kennedy
##
##
   3 Johnson
                1963-11-22 1969-01-20 Democratic
##
   4 Nixon
                1969-01-20 1974-08-09 Republican
##
   5 Ford
                 1974-08-09 1977-01-20 Republican
##
   6 Carter
                 1977-01-20 1981-01-20 Democratic
   7 Reagan
##
                 1981-01-20 1989-01-20 Republican
##
   8 Bush
                 1989-01-20 1993-01-20 Republican
   9 Clinton
                 1993-01-20 2001-01-20 Democratic
##
## 10 Bush
                 2001-01-20 2009-01-20 Republican
## 11 Obama
                 2009-01-20 2017-01-20 Democratic
```

rename example

rename lets us rename the columns in the dataset:

```
presidential %>%
  rename(term_begin = start, term_end = end)
```

```
## # A tibble: 11 x 4
##
                term begin term end party
     name
   <chr> <date>
##
                          <date> <chr>
   1 Eisenhower 1953-01-20 1961-01-20 Republican
##
   2 Kennedy
                1961-01-20 1963-11-22 Democratic
##
##
   3 Johnson
                1963-11-22 1969-01-20 Democratic
##
   4 Nixon
                1969-01-20 1974-08-09 Republican
##
   5 Ford
                1974-08-09 1977-01-20 Republican
   6 Carter
                1977-01-20 1981-01-20 Democratic
##
   7 Reagan
                1981-01-20 1989-01-20 Republican
##
   8 Bush
##
                1989-01-20 1993-01-20 Republican
   9 Clinton
                1993-01-20 2001-01-20 Democratic
##
## 10 Bush
                2001-01-20 2009-01-20 Republican
## 11 Obama
                2009-01-20 2017-01-20 Democratic
```

distinct example

distinct can find all the unique political parties in the party column:

```
presidential %>%
  distinct(party)

## # A tibble: 2 x 1

## party

## <chr>
## 1 Republican
## 2 Democratic
```

count example

count finds the number of presidents in the two political parties in this dataset:

Note that count is identical to the following group_by and summarize command:

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