R bootcamp - part 4: data processing with dplyr

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Introduction

In the previous tutorials, you have learned how to visualise your data, from simple scatter plots with default settings to compound figures with elaborate color schemes and labels. For all of these, we used the data from (Smith et al. 2004) (made available at the following http://www.antigenic-cartography.org/). I mentioned briefly in the previous exercises, that I had formated the data for us to work with. What I expressed there in a half-sentence, usually contains a lot of work, often more than the actual analysis: cleaning your data, bringing it into the right format, checking it for sanity. In the following sections, we will learn how to use dplyr to reformat data into a 'tidy' format that we can use for visualisation and analysis.

For a more detailed description and additional examples, refer to chapter 5 in Hadley Wickham book 'R for Data Science' (Wickham and Grolemund 2017). I would generally highly recommend this book, as it introduces concepts we have discussed in this course and beyond - its online version is available for free here!

In addition, for an overview and help on dplyr functions take a look at the dplyr cheat sheet accessible by choosing $Help > Cheatsheets > Data\ Transformation\ with\ dplyr$ in the RStudio tool bar.

Set-up

First, we are going to set up our analysis script,

load the required libraries

```
library("readr")
library("dplyr")
library("ggplot2")
library("forcats")
```

and read our dataset into R again:

```
coord <- read_csv("data/2004_Science_Smith_data.csv")
#> Rows: 322 Columns: 9
#> -- Column specification ------
#> Delimiter: ","
#> chr (4): name, cluster, type, location
#> dbl (5): year, x.coordinate, y.coordinate, lat, lng
#>
#> 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.
```

dplyr: a grammar of data manipulation

The dplyr package is a core member of the tidyverse. Its main functionality relies on six functions that let us solve the majority of data reformating. These functions, often described as the 'verbs for the language of data manipulation', are:

- arrange(): to change the order of observations;
- select(): to select a subset of variables;
- mutate(): to add new variables that are functions of existing variables;
- filter(): to subset observations based on their values:
- summarise(): to summarise observations to a single row;
- group_by(): to change the unit of analysis from the complete dataset to individual groups.

All verbs work in a similar fashion:

- their first argument is a tibble or data.frame;
- the following arguments describe the action to apply to that tibble/data.frame by specifying the variable names
- the result is a new tibble/data.frame, dependent on the initial input

Note: If you want to save the results of a dplyr function, you have to use the assignment operator <-, as dplyr functions never modify their input data.

Change the order of observations with arrange()

Using arrange(), we can change the order of rows. As input, arrange takes a tibble and a set of variable names - at least one is required. It will re-arrange the observations of the tibble based on variable selected for re-ordering. If you provided more than one variable to order the tibble by, each additional variable will be used to break ties in the values of preceding variables.

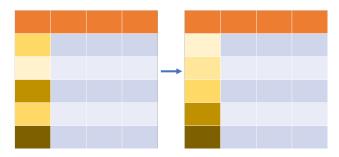


Figure 1: arrange()

Note: These visualisations for dplyr verb function are inspired by the dplyr cheat sheet.

Here, we are going to order coord by location and year:

```
arrange(coord, location, year)
#> # A tibble: 322 x 9
#>
      name
                  year cluster type
                                      x.coordinate y.coordinate location
                                                                              lat
                                                                                     lnq
#>
      <chr>
                 <dbl> <chr>
                                <chr>
                                              <db1>
                                                            <dbl> <chr>
                                                                            <dbl>
                                                                                   <dbl>
    1 AK/4/93
                                AG
                                              6.21
                                                                             39.7 140.
#>
                  1993 BE92
                                                           -3.79
                                                                  AKITA
                                                                            52.4
                                                                                    4.92
#>
    2 AM/1609/~
                  1977 VI75
                                AG
                                              0.895
                                                           9.41
                                                                 AMSTERD~
#>
    3 AM/1609/~
                  1977 VI75
                                SR
                                             0.211
                                                           7.10
                                                                 AMSTERD~
                                                                             52.4
                                                                                    4.92
                                                                                    4.92
#>
    4 AM/4112/~
                  1992 BE89
                                AG
                                             -2.00
                                                          -0.924 AMSTERD~
                                                                             52.4
    5 AT/3572D~
#>
                  1988 SI87
                                AG
                                             -0.765
                                                           2.75
                                                                  ATLANTA
                                                                             33.8 -84.4
#>
    6 AT/211/89
                  1989 SI87
                                                            1.03
                                                                 ATLANTA
                                AG
                                             -1.61
                                                                             33.8 -84.4
#>
    7 AU/10/97
                  1997 SY97
                                AG
                                             -3.28
                                                         -10.1
                                                                  AUCKLAND -36.8 175.
#>
    8 AU/10/97
                  1997 SY97
                                SR
                                                          -9.26
                                                                 AUCKLAND -36.8 175.
                                             -2.02
                                             -4.07
    9 AL/4382/~
                  1982 BK79
                                AG
                                                            6.18
                                                                  AUSTRAL~ -33.9 151.
#> 10 BA/1/79
                  1979 BK79
                                                                             13.8 101.
                                AG
                                             -5.95
                                                            5.44
                                                                 BANGKOK
#> # i 312 more rows
```

As a default, arrange orders the variables in ascending order. To re-order in descending order use desc():

```
arrange(coord, desc(location), year)
#> # A tibble: 322 x 9
                  year cluster type x.coordinate y.coordinate location
#>
      n.a.me
                                                                               lat
                                                                                      lnq
#>
      <chr>
                 <dbl> <chr>
                                <chr>
                                              <db1>
                                                            <dbl> <chr>
                                                                             <dbl> <dbl>
    1 YA/56/93
                  1993 BE92
                                AG
                                             6.59
                                                           -3.91
                                                                  YAMA GA
                                                                              33.0 131.
#>
                  1993 BE92
                                AG
                                             7.74
#>
    2 YA/61/93
                                                           -2.70
                                                                  YAMAGA
                                                                              33.0
                                                                                    131 .
#>
    3 YA/62/93
                  1993 BE92
                                AG
                                             6.93
                                                           -3.59
                                                                  YAMAGA
                                                                              33.0
                                                                                    131.
#>
    4 WU/359/95
                  1995 WU95
                                AG
                                             0.0395
                                                           -6.20
                                                                  WUHAN
                                                                              30.6
                                                                                    114.
#>
    5 WE/4/85
                  1985 BK79
                                AG
                                            -2.93
                                                            4.27
                                                                  WELLINGT~ -41.3
                                                                                    175.
    6 WE/4/85
                                            -1.72
                                                                  WELLINGT~ -41.3
#>
                  1985 BK79
                                SR
                                                           3.62
                                                                                    175.
#>
    7 WE/5/89
                  1989 SI87
                                AG
                                             0.891
                                                            0.733 WELLINGT~ -41.3
                                                                                    175.
#>
    8 WE/3/90
                  1990 BE89
                                AG
                                            -2.06
                                                           -1.45
                                                                  WELLINGT~ -41.3
                                                                                    175.
                                                           -4.56
#>
    9 WE/59/93
                  1993 BE92
                                AG
                                             5.22
                                                                  WELLINGT~ -41.3
                                                                                    175.
#> 10 WK/1/89
                  1989 SI87
                                AG
                                             0.382
                                                            1.53
                                                                  WAIKATO
                                                                             -37.6
                                                                                    175.
#> # i 312 more rows
```

Exercises

- 1. How does the ouput change if you sorted by year first, then location?
- 2. Sort coord to find when the last virus was isolated.
- 3. Find the largest and smallest x.coordinate in the dataset.

Select a subset of variables with select()

select() let's us pick a subset of variables. In the most simple case, we specify the tibble from which we want to select() variables, followed by the names of the variables that we want to pick.

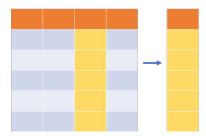


Figure 2: select()

For instance, we could select only name and location:

```
select(coord, name, location)
#> # A tibble: 322 x 2
#>
                  location
      name
#>
      <chr>
                  <chr>
    1 BI/15793/68 BILTHOVEN
#>
    2 BI/16190/68 BILTHOVEN
#>
    3 BI/16398/68 BILTHOVEN
#>
#>
    4 BI/808/69
                  BILTHOVEN
    5 BI/908/69
#>
                  BILTHOVEN
#>
    6 BI/17938/69 BILTHOVEN
#>
    7 BI/93/70
                  BILTHOVEN
    8 BI/2668/70
                 BILTHOVEN
    9 BI/6449/71 BILTHOVEN
#> 10 BI/21438/71 BILTHOVEN
#> # i 312 more rows
```

To exclude a variable, use select() with the variable name preceded by a minus -:

```
select(coord, -type)
#> # A tibble: 322 x 8
#>
      n.a.me
                    year cluster x.coordinate y.coordinate location
                                                                          lat
                                                                                lnq
#>
      <chr>
                   <dbl> <chr>
                                         <db1>
                                                       <dbl> <chr>
                                                                       <dbl> <dbl>
                                          4.05
                                                                        52.1
#>
    1 BI/15793/68
                   1968 HK68
                                                       15.0 BILTHOVEN
                                                                              5.02
                                          4.10
    2 BI/16190/68
                    1968 HK68
                                                       14.8 BILTHOVEN
                                                                        52.1
                                                                              5.02
#>
    3 BI/16398/68
                   1968 HK68
                                          4.36
                                                       13.9 BILTHOVEN
                                                                        52.1
                                                                               5.02
#>
    4 BI/808/69
                    1969 HK68
                                          3.87
                                                       14.3 BILTHOVEN
                                                                        52.1
                                                                              5.02
#>
    5 BI/908/69
                    1969 HK68
                                          4.87
                                                        14.1 BILTHOVEN
                                                                        52.1
                                                                               5.02
    6 BI/17938/69
                    1969 HK68
                                                       14.9 BILTHOVEN
                                                                        52.1
                                                                              5.02
                                          4.40
#>
    7 BI/93/70
                    1970 HK68
                                                                        52.1
                                                                              5.02
                                          5.06
                                                       14.5 BILTHOVEN
   8 BI/2668/70
                    1970 HK68
                                                                        52.1
#>
                                          4.82
                                                       15.5 BILTHOVEN
                                                                              5.02
  9 BI/6449/71
                    1971 HK68
                                          3.87
                                                       15.9 BILTHOVEN 52.1 5.02
```

```
#> 10 BI/21438/71 1971 HK68 4.27 14.1 BILTHOVEN 52.1 5.02 #> # i 312 more rows
```

In addition to that, there a number of functions that can be used in conjunction with select() that let us select multiple variables with common elements in their name. These include:

- starts with ("year"): matches names that begin with "year".
- ends with ("coordinate"): matches names that end with "coordinate".
- contains("coord"): matches names that contain "coord".
- num_range("X", 1:3): matches X1, X2 and X3.
- everything(): matches everything that has not specifically been named before (see Exercises to mutate for example).

Exercises

- 1. What are two other ways of only selecting the x.coordinate and y.coordinate columns?
- 2. Can you use select to move the location variable from second column to last?

Add new variables with mutate()

To add new variables to a tibble, we use mutate. Again, mutate first expects the name of the tibble to which we want to add a variable, followed by the name of the new variable, an equal sign = and the data to add. The data has to have the same number of observations as our input tibble and can be created by using a transformation of an existing variable.

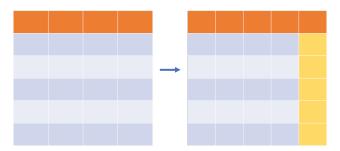


Figure 3: mutate()

Here we create a new variable, that contains the Euclidean distance of each antigen from the origin at (0,0):

```
mutate(coord, distance=sqrt(x.coordinate^2 + y.coordinate^2))
#> # A tibble: 322 x 10
#>
      name.
                   year cluster type
                                      x.coordinate y.coordinate location
                                                                              lat
                                                                                    lnq
#>
      <chr>
                  <dbl> <chr>
                                <chr>
                                              <db1>
                                                            <dbl> <chr>
                                                                           <db1>
                                                                                  <dbl>
#>
    1 BI/15793/~
                   1968 HK68
                                AG
                                               4.05
                                                             15.0 BILTHOV~
                                                                            52.1
                                                                                   5.02
    2 BI/16190/~
                   1968 HK68
                                                             14.8 BILTHOV~
                                                                            52.1
                                AG
                                               4.10
#>
    3 BI/16398/~
                   1968 HK68
                                                             13.9 BILTHOV~
                                                                            52.1
                                                                                   5.02
                                AG
                                               4.36
                                                             14.3 BILTHOV~
                                                                            52.1
#>
    4 BI/808/69
                   1969 HK68
                                AG
                                               3.87
                                                                                   5.02
#>
    5 BI/908/69
                   1969 HK68
                                AG
                                               4.87
                                                             14.1 BILTHOV~
                                                                            52.1
                                                                                   5.02
   6 BI/17938/~
                                                             14.9 BILTHOV~
                  1969 HK68
                                AG
                                               4.40
                                                                            52.1
                                                                                   5.02
    7 BI/93/70
                   1970 HK68
                                AG
                                               5.06
                                                             14.5 BILTHOV~
                                                                            52.1
                                                                                   5.02
    8 BI/2668/70
                  1970 HK68
                                AG
                                               4.82
                                                             15.5 BILTHOV~
                                                                            52.1
                                                                                   5.02
  9 BI/6449/71
                  1971 HK68
                                               3.87
                                                             15.9 BILTHOV~
                                                                            52.1
                                                                                   5.02
                                AG
#> 10 BI/21438/~
                  1971 HK68
                                AG
                                               4.27
                                                             14.1 BILTHOV~ 52.1 5.02
```

```
#> # i 312 more rows
#> # i 1 more variable: distance <dbl>
```

Note: mutate() adds the column at the end of the tibble; if you want it at a different position use select to reorder the variables afterwards.

Exercises

- 1. Add a new column that contains the time difference between this year, 2020, and the year the virus was isolated.
- 2. Save the result of this mutate in a new object.
- 3. Move the new column between the year and cluster columns.

Select of subset of observations with filter()

select creates a subset of the input data by selecting variables. filter() allows us to subset our input data by observations. As a first argument it takes the name of the tibble; this is followed by expressions that filter observations based on their value in the specified variables. Filtering uses the standard set of comparison operators available in R.

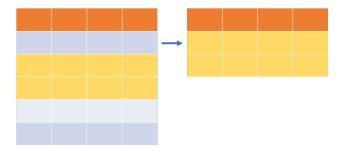


Figure 4: filter()

Comparisons

Comparison operators in R:

- \bullet ==: equal to
- !=: not equal to
- >: greater than
- >=: greater or equal than
- <: less than
- <=: less or equal than

Note: When testing for equality, make sure to use == and not a simple =!

For instance, the following code let's us select all observations of viruses in circulation before 1988:

```
filter(coord, year < 1988)
#> # A tibble: 88 x 9
#>
      name
                  year cluster type
                                     x.coordinate y.coordinate location
                                                                                lnq
                 <dbl> <chr>
                               <chr>
                                            <db1>
                                                         <dbl> <chr>
                                                                        <dbl> <dbl>
      <chr>
   1 BI/15793/~
                 1968 HK68
                               AG
                                             4.05
                                                          15.0 BILTHOV~ 52.1 5.02
                                                          14.8 BILTHOV~ 52.1 5.02
  2 BI/16190/~ 1968 HK68
                               AG
                                             4.10
#> 3 BI/16398/~ 1968 HK68
                               AG
                                                          13.9 BILTHOV~ 52.1 5.02
                                             4.36
```

```
#>
    4 BI/808/69
                   1969 HK68
                                 AG
                                                3.87
                                                              14.3 BILTHOV~
                                                                              52.1
                                                                                     5.02
                                                4.87
#>
    5 BI/908/69
                   1969 HK68
                                 AG
                                                              14.1 BILTHOV~
                                                                              52.1
                                                                                     5.02
                                 AG
#>
    6 BI/17938/~
                   1969 HK68
                                                                              52.1
                                                                                     5.02
                                                4.40
                                                              14.9 BILTHOV~
    7 BI/93/70
                   1970 HK68
                                 AG
                                                5.06
                                                              14.5 BILTHOV~
                                                                               52.1
#>
    8 BI/2668/70
                   1970 HK68
                                 AG
                                                              15.5 BILTHOV~
                                                                              52.1
                                                                                     5.02
                                                4.82
    9 BI/6449/71
                                 AG
                                                3.87
                                                              15.9 BILTHOV~
                                                                              52.1
                   1971 HK68
                                                                                     5.02
#> 10 BI/21438/~
                                                4.27
                                                              14.1 BILTHOV~
                                                                              52.1
                   1971 HK68
                                 AG
                                                                                     5.02
#> # i 78 more rows
```

In addition to these comparison operators, we can also use boolean operators to filter the input data. The simplest boolean operator is intrinsic to the filter function: multiple arguments to filter() are combined with *and*, i.e. every expression has to be true for an observation to be kept in the output. For instance, all observations of viruses in circulation before 1988 in BILTHOVEN.

```
filter(coord, year < 1988, location == "BILTHOVEN")</pre>
#> # A tibble: 40 x 9
#>
      name
                   year cluster type
                                        x.coordinate y.coordinate location
                                                                                       lnq
#>
      <chr>
                  <dbl> <chr>
                                 <chr>
                                                <db1>
                                                              <dbl> <chr>
                                                                              <db1>
                                                                                    <dbl>
                                                                                     5.02
#>
    1 BI/15793/~
                   1968 HK68
                                 AG
                                                4.05
                                                               15.0 BILTHOV~
                                                                               52.1
#>
    2 BI/16190/~
                   1968 HK68
                                 AG
                                                4.10
                                                               14.8 BILTHOV~
                                                                               52.1
                                                                                     5.02
#>
    3 BI/16398/~
                   1968 HK68
                                 AG
                                                 4.36
                                                               13.9 BILTHOV~
                                                                               52.1
    4 BI/808/69
                                 AG
#>
                   1969 HK68
                                                3.87
                                                               14.3 BILTHOV~
                                                                               52.1
                                                                                     5.02
#>
    5 BI/908/69
                   1969 HK68
                                 AG
                                                4.87
                                                               14.1 BILTHOV~
                                                                               52.1
                                 AG
#>
    6 BI/17938/~
                   1969 HK68
                                                               14.9 BILTHOV~
                                                                               52.1
                                                                                     5.02
                                                 4.40
#>
    7 BI/93/70
                   1970 HK68
                                 AG
                                                5.06
                                                               14.5 BILTHOV~
                                                                               52.1
                                                                                     5.02
#>
    8 BI/2668/70
                                                               15.5 BILTHOV~
                                                                               52.1
                                                                                     5.02
                   1970 HK68
                                 AG
                                                 4.82
                                                 3.87
                                                               15.9 BILTHOV~
                                                                               52.1
    9 BI/6449/71
                   1971 HK68
                                 AG
                                                                                     5.02
#> 10 BI/21438/~
                                                               14.1 BILTHOV~
                                                                               52.1
                   1971 HK68
                                 AG
                                                4.27
                                                                                     5.02
#> # i 30 more rows
```

Any more complicated combinations, like in circulation before 1988 but not in BILTHOVEN and not in MADRID, can be constructed using the logical operators and &, or \mid and not \mid . The graphic below shows a complete overview of selection logical subsets of observations for two variables "red" and "blue":

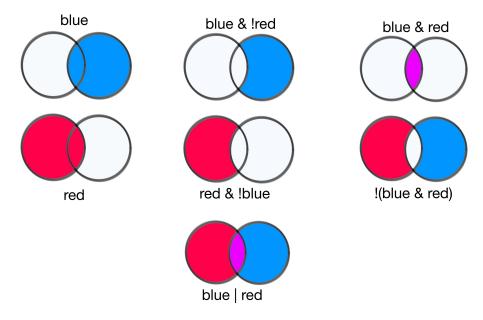


Figure 5: Boolean Operators

Using these logical operators, we can filter for viruses in circulation before 1988 but only in BILTHOVEN or in MADRID:

```
filter(coord, year < 1988, location == "BILTHOVEN" | location == "MADRID")
#> # A tibble: 40 x 9
#>
                  year cluster type x.coordinate y.coordinate location
      name
                                                                             lat
                                                                                    lnq
#>
      <chr>
                  <dbl> <chr>
                                <chr>
                                              <dbl>
                                                            <dbl> <chr>
                                                                           <db1>
                                                                                 <db1>
    1 BI/15793/~
                  1968 HK68
                                AG
                                               4.05
                                                                            52.1
                                                                                  5.02
#>
                                                            15.0 BILTHOV~
    2 BI/16190/~
                  1968 HK68
                                                                            52.1
#>
                                AG
                                               4.10
                                                            14.8 BILTHOV~
    3 BI/16398/~
#>
                  1968 HK68
                                AG
                                               4.36
                                                            13.9 BILTHOV~
                                                                            52.1
                                                                                   5.02
#>
    4 BI/808/69
                   1969 HK68
                                AG
                                               3.87
                                                            14.3 BILTHOV~
                                                                            52.1
                                                                                   5.02
    5 BI/908/69
                                               4.87
#>
                   1969 HK68
                                AG
                                                            14.1 BILTHOV~
                                                                            52.1
                                                                                   5.02
#>
   6 BI/17938/~
                  1969 HK68
                                AG
                                               4.40
                                                            14.9 BILTHOV~
                                                                            52.1
                                                                                   5.02
   7 BI/93/70
                                                                            52.1
#>
                   1970 HK68
                                AG
                                               5.06
                                                            14.5 BILTHOV~
                                                                                   5.02
#>
    8 BI/2668/70
                  1970 HK68
                                AG
                                               4.82
                                                            15.5 BILTHOV~
                                                                            52.1
                                                                                   5.02
  9 BI/6449/71
                  1971 HK68
                                AG
                                               3.87
                                                            15.9 BILTHOV~
                                                                            52.1
                                                                                  5.02
#> 10 BI/21438/~
                  1971 HK68
                                AG
                                               4.27
                                                            14.1 BILTHOV~
                                                                            52.1
                                                                                  5.02
#> # i 30 more rows
```

Alternatively, we can solve the above using the x %in% y syntax:

```
filter(coord, year < 1988, location %in% c("BILTHOVEN", "MADRID"))
#> # A tibble: 40 x 9
                  year cluster type x.coordinate y.coordinate location
#>
                                                                              lat
                                                                                    lnq
      name
#>
      <chr>
                  <dbl> <chr>
                                              <db1>
                                                            <dbl> <chr>
                                                                            <dbl> <dbl>
                                <chr>
#>
    1 BI/15793/~
                   1968 HK68
                                AG
                                               4.05
                                                             15.0 BILTHOV~
                                                                            52.1
                                                                                   5.02
    2 BI/16190/~
                   1968 HK68
                                AG
                                                             14.8 BILTHOV~
                                                                            52.1
                                                                                   5.02
#>
                                               4.10
   3 BI/16398/~
                   1968 HK68
                                                             13.9 BILTHOV~
                                                                            52.1
#>
                                AG
                                               4.36
#>
    4 BI/808/69
                   1969 HK68
                                AG
                                               3.87
                                                             14.3 BILTHOV~
                                                                            52.1
                                                                                   5.02
#>
    5 BI/908/69
                   1969 HK68
                                               4.87
                                                             14.1 BILTHOV~
                                                                            52.1
                                AG
                                                                                   5.02
#>
   6 BI/17938/~
                  1969 HK68
                                                                            52.1
                                                                                   5.02
                                AG
                                               4.40
                                                             14.9 BILTHOV~
#>
   7 BI/93/70
                   1970 HK68
                                AG
                                               5.06
                                                             14.5 BILTHOV~
                                                                            52.1
                                                                                   5.02
   8 BI/2668/70
                  1970 HK68
                                               4.82
                                                             15.5 BILTHOV~
                                                                            52.1
                                                                                   5.02
                                AG
   9 BI/6449/71
                  1971 HK68
                                AG
                                               3.87
                                                             15.9 BILTHOV~
                                                                            52.1
                                                                                   5.02
#> 10 BI/21438/~
                   1971 HK68
                                                                                   5.02
                                AG
                                               4.27
                                                             14.1 BILTHOV~
                                                                            52.1
#> # i 30 more rows
```

where we select every row where x, in this case location, is contained in y, here a vector of names.

Note: vectors are R data objects and are constructed by enclosing the variables x, y, z to be put in the vector in c(): c(x,y,z)

Exercises

- 1. Find viruses whose isolation is specified as NETHERLANDS.
- 2. Filter for rows that are of type antigen (AG).
- 3. Find viruses in circulation after 1997 and are assigned to either cluster SY97 or cluster WU95.

Group analyses and summarise observations with group_by and summarise()

group_by and summarise() often go hand in hand: using group_by, we can first group observation based on values in the specified variable and then apply a summary statistic on this group. This might sound a bit complicated, so let's have a look at an example. We are fist going to group coord by cluster. To pass this grouped tibble onto the summarise function, we have to save the grouped tibble into a new object (for

now, we will see further down how we can do this more elegantly). We pass this new object to summarise, to find the start and end year of circulation for viruses per cluster.

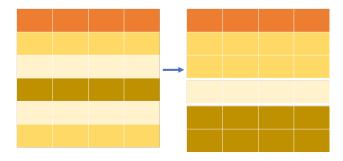


Figure 6: (ref:groupby-caption)

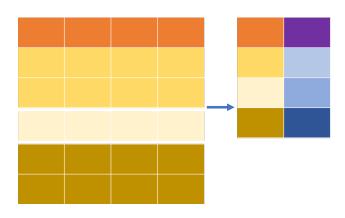


Figure 7: summarise()

(ref:groupby-caption) group by().

To find the start and end year, we can use the R functions min and max, that find the minimum and maximum entry of a tibble column or vector, respectively:

```
coord_grouped <- group_by(coord, cluster)</pre>
summarise(coord_grouped,
          start=min(year),
          end=max(year))
#> # A tibble: 11 x 3
#>
      cluster start
                       end
#>
      <chr>
              <dbl> <dbl>
#>
    1 BE89
               1989 1993
#>
    2 BE92
               1992 1996
#>
    3 BK79
               1979 1988
#>
    4 EN72
               1972 1975
#>
    5 FU02
               2002
                     2003
#>
    6 HK68
               1968 1972
#>
    7 SI87
               1987 1991
    8 SY97
               1997
                     2003
    9 TX77
               1976
                     1977
#> 10 VI75
               1975
                     1977
#> 11 WU95
               1993
                    1998
```

Functions used with summarise have to return a single value. Other useful functions are for instance:

- mean: returns mean value;
- median: returns median values;
- sum: return the sum of input values;
- n(): returns total count (this is the only one that does not take an argument);
- n distinct: returns the unique count;

Exercises

- 1. How do you know if a tibble is grouped or not? How do you ungroup a grouped tibble (Hint: use the help function of group_by).
- 2. What happens if you use the same summarise command on the original, ungrouped tibble?
- 3. Find the mean x and y coordinate of each cluster.
- 4. Find the total and distinct number of locations per cluster.

Creating a workflow with pipes

We have seen above how useful it is to first use <code>group_by</code> and then <code>summarise</code> on the grouped <code>tibble</code>. However, we had to first save the grouped <code>tibble</code> in a new object, that we passed on to summarise. This object solely served the purpose of an intermediate step in our workflow. To avoid having to create intermediate objects, we can use the pipe function %>%. To do the same grouping and summarising as above, we can now simply write:

```
coord %>%
   group_by(cluster) %>%
    summarise(start=min(year), end=max(year))
#> # A tibble: 11 x 3
#>
      cluster start
#>
      <chr>
             <dbl> <dbl>
   1 BE89
              1989 1993
              1992 1996
   2 BE92
  3 BK79
              1979 1988
#>
  4 EN72
              1972 1975
   5 FU02
              2002 2003
#>
  6 HK68
              1968 1972
  7 SI87
              1987 1991
  8 SY97
              1997 2003
   9 TX77
              1976 1977
#> 10 VI75
              1975 1977
#> 11 WU95
              1993 1998
```

where we pipe coord into the grouping function, and then pipe the output of that into the summarise function.

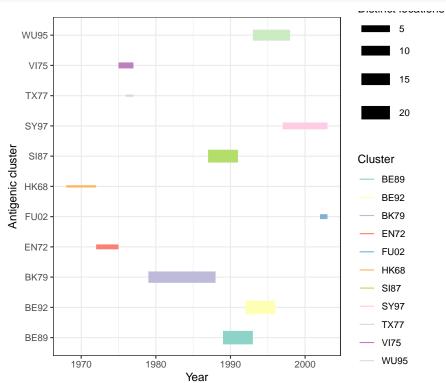
This is really powerful and elegant, when we have to apply many processing steps to our data and want to avoid having to create lot's of intermediate objects.

For instance, in this chunk, we apply grouping by cluster, then summarise start, end and number of locations and then sort in ascending order by start year. We save the entire process in a new object by using the <-operator.

```
location=n_distinct(location)) %>%
arrange(start)
```

We can then visualise the cluster transition over time in a segment plot. We additionally map the number of distinct locations to the size aesthetic, to visualise the its spread.

```
circulation summary <- coord %>%
    group_by(cluster) %>%
    summarise(start=min(year),
              end=max(year),
              location=n_distinct(location)) %>%
    arrange(start)
p <- ggplot(circulation_summary)</pre>
p + geom_segment(aes(x=start, xend=end, y=cluster, yend=cluster,
                     size=location, color=cluster)) +
    scale_color_brewer(type="qual", palette = "Set3") +
    labs(x="Year",
         y="Antigenic cluster",
         size="Distinct locations",
         color="Cluster") +
    theme_bw()
#> Warning: Using `size` aesthetic for lines was deprecated in ggplot2 3.4.0.
#> i Please use `linewidth` instead.
#> This warning is displayed once every 8 hours.
#> Call `lifecycle::last_lifecycle_warnings()` to see where this warning was
#> generated.
```



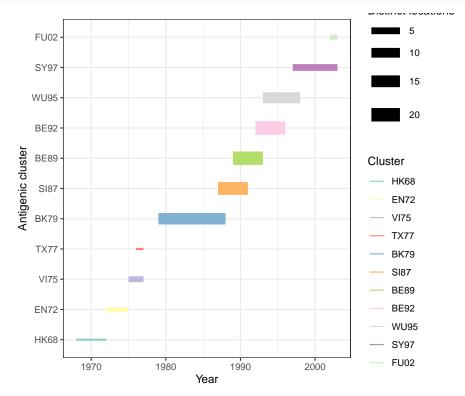
This plot does not yield the result we expected. Despite us having arranged the tibble by start year, this is not the order it was plotted. This is something very confusing to beginners and even more experienced R users stumble over this from time to time. When using a character column (here cluster names) as aes,

ggplot treats it as a factor column (we mentioned factors as a representation of categorical variables with fixed possible values in part 2 of this course). By converting characters to factors, the values are internally ordered alphabetically, which in this case disrupts the ordering we desired.

To prevent this, we can explictly convert the cluster column into a factor and enforce the original order by the fct_inorder function. We can chain this processing onto our previous workflow using a pipe and the mutate function.

The segment plot with the ordered factor as y-labels looks as we expect:

```
circulation_summary <- coord %>%
    group by(cluster) %>%
    summarise(start=min(year),
              end=max(year),
              location=n_distinct(location)) %>%
    arrange(start) %>%
    mutate(cluster=fct_inorder(cluster))
p <- ggplot(circulation_summary)</pre>
p + geom_segment(aes(x=start, xend=end, y=cluster, yend=cluster,
                     size=location, color=cluster)) +
    scale_color_brewer(type="qual", palette = "Set3") +
    labs(x="Year",
         y="Antigenic cluster",
         size="Distinct locations",
         color="Cluster") +
    theme bw()
```



Exercises

1. Create a piped workflow that finds the number of distinct clusters and the first virus isolation for each location.

References

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