

Tidyr

# Recap

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- All packages within its ecosystem use the same syntax:
  - `%>%` pipe operators at the end of the line read as "*and then*"

"I took my original data.frame %>%

I kept only 5 out of the original 20 columns %>%

I added a new column that was based on the 2nd column %>%

I grouped the data based on a categorical column %>%

I got descriptive statistics per level of the categorical var"

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```
originalData %>%  
  select(1:5) %>%  
  mutate(newVar = sqrt(var1)) %>%  
  group_by(factorVar) %>%  
  summarize(meanVar = mean(var))
```

# This time

Functions from the `tidyr` package (but DON'T memorize which functions come from which packages!)

- Go from long to wide format
- Split columns and combine them
- Missing data

# Long vs. Wide data

**Long data** - Each column is a variable and each row is an observation. Each row does NOT need to be a unique participant.

**Wide data** - Each row is a particular participant, and columns can contain multiple observations for the same data.

wide    vs    long

ID	a1	a2	a3
1	a1	a2	a3
2	a1	a2	a3
3	a1	a2	a3

long

ID	ID2	A
1	a1	
2	a1	
3	a1	
1	a2	
2	a2	
3	a2	
1	a3	
2	a3	
3	a3	

##	Subject	Time1	Time2	Time3
## 1	1	0.2	0.4	0.3
## 2	2	0.8	0.9	0.7
## 3	3	1.3	1.0	1.1

##	Subject	TimePoint	Score
## 1	1	1	0.2
## 2	2	1	0.8
## 3	3	1	1.3
## 4	1	2	0.4
## 5	2	2	0.9
## 6	3	2	1.0
## 7	1	3	0.3
## 8	2	3	0.7
## 9	3	3	1.1

# Long vs. Wide data

For the most part, you want your data to be in the **long** format

- Especially for plotting in `ggplot2`!
- (some analyses, like reliability, require the wide format, but most stick with long)

However, we often receive data in the wide format. It is useful to be able to go between the two. `tidyr` makes this easy with:

- `pivot_wider()` to go from long to wide
- `pivot_longer()` to go from wide to long

# `pivot_wider()` function

This function takes in long data and makes it wide. Important arguments:

- `names_from` = which columns to get the *name* of the output column.
- `values_from` = which columns to get the *value* of the output column.

# `pivot_wider()` function

Let's take the example data.frame I showed earlier. Since it's completely arbitrary, I'm going to call it `generic`

```
generic
```

```
##   Subject TimePoint Score
## 1      1         1    0.2
## 2      2         1    0.8
## 3      3         1    1.3
## 4      1         2    0.4
## 5      2         2    0.9
## 6      3         2    1.0
## 7      1         3    0.3
## 8      2         3    0.7
## 9      3         3    1.1
```



# `pivot_wider()` function

This `generic` data.frame is in the `long` format. To make it into the `wide` format, let's use `pivot_wider()`

```
wideGeneric <- generic %>%  
  pivot_wider(names_from = TimePoint,  
              values_from = Score)
```

```
wideGeneric
```

```
## # A tibble: 3 x 4  
##   Subject `1`    `2`    `3`  
##   <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>  
## 1      1    0.2    0.4    0.3  
## 2      2    0.8    0.9    0.7  
## 3      3    1.3     1    1.1
```

# pivot\_wider() function

Sometimes, it's a bit more complicated. Let's add some more variables to `generic` to test this out.

- `hairColor` factor with 2 levels (brown & blonde)
- `happiness` scale of 1 to 10 measured at each time point

```
generic <- generic %>%  
  mutate(hairColor = rep(c("brown", "blonde", "blonde"), times = 3),  
         happiness = c(10, 2, 6, 9, 2, 5, 10, 3, 4))
```

```
generic
```

##	Subject	TimePoint	Score	hairColor	happiness
## 1	1	1	0.2	brown	10
## 2	2	1	0.8	blonde	2
## 3	3	1	1.3	blonde	6
## 4	1	2	0.4	brown	9
## 5	2	2	0.9	blonde	2
## 6	3	2	1.0	blonde	5
## 7	1	3	0.3	brown	10
## 8	2	3	0.7	blonde	3

# pivot\_wider() function

Now, let's say we want each time point's **Score** and **happiness** variables in the wide format...

```
wideGenericMore <- generic %>%  
  pivot_wider(names_from = TimePoint,  
              values_from = c(Score, happiness))
```

```
wideGenericMore
```

```
## # A tibble: 3 x 8  
##   Subject hairColor Score_1 Score_2 Score_3 happiness_1 happiness_2 happine  
##   <dbl> <chr>      <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>      <dbl>      <dbl>      <  
## 1      1 brown      0.2   0.4   0.3        10         9  
## 2      2 blonde     0.8   0.9   0.7         2         2  
## 3      3 blonde     1.3   1     1.1         6         5
```

# pivot\_longer() function

The exact opposite of `pivot_wider()` is `pivot_longer`. This takes a wide data.frame and makes it into a **long** data.frame. Arguments are now `names_to =` and `values_to =`. You also need to include a `cols =` argument to say which columns you want into the longer format.

Before doing this with code, here's a schematic that might be helpful:



# `pivot_longer()` function

Let's keep going with our current example, starting from `wideGenericMore`

```
longGeneric <- wideGenericMore %>%  
  pivot_longer(cols = 3:8,  
               names_to = "valueType",  
               values_to = "allScores")
```

```
longGeneric
```

```
## # A tibble: 18 x 4  
##   Subject hairColor valueType  allScores  
##   <dbl> <chr>      <chr>      <dbl>  
## 1      1      1 brown    Score_1      0.2  
## 2      1      1 brown    Score_2      0.4  
## 3      1      1 brown    Score_3      0.3  
## 4      1      1 brown    happiness_1  10  
## 5      1      1 brown    happiness_2   9  
## 6      1      1 brown    happiness_3  10  
## 7      2      2 blonde   Score_1      0.8  
## 8      2      2 blonde   Score_2      0.9  
## 9      2      2 blonde   Score_3      0.7
```

# `pivot_longer()` function

For both of these `pivot` functions, you can use the `-` (minus) sign to say "everything except this column". For example:

```
longGeneric <- wideGenericMore %>%  
  pivot_longer(cols = c(-hairColor, -Subject),  
               names_to = "valueType",  
               values_to = "allScores")
```

```
longGeneric
```

```
## # A tibble: 18 x 4  
##   Subject hairColor valueType  allScores  
##   <dbl> <chr>      <chr>      <dbl>  
## 1      1      1 brown    Score_1      0.2  
## 2      1      1 brown    Score_2      0.4  
## 3      1      1 brown    Score_3      0.3  
## 4      1      1 brown    happiness_1  10  
## 5      1      1 brown    happiness_2   9  
## 6      1      1 brown    happiness_3  10  
## 7      2      2 blonde   Score_1      0.8  
## 8      2      2 blonde   Score_2      0.9  
## 9      2      2 blonde   Score_3      0.7
```

# The `pivot` functions

Some things to notice:

- In `pivot_longer`, the arguments take in strings (aka, need quotations!). That's because you need to tell R what to name something.
- In `pivot_wider`, the arguments take in variable names that already exist. So you do not need to wrap those in quotation marks.
- These are the types of functions that I mess up ALL. THE. TIME. Use your History tab!

# separate() function

In our latest iteration, `longGeneric`, we have a column called `valueType` where it is a name, then an underscore (`_`), and a number, ex: `Score_1`.

We can use `separate()` to make split `valueType` into 2 separate columns...1 for the `Score` and another for the `1`.

```
longGeneric %>%  
  separate(col = valueType,  
           into = c("variableName", "timePoint"))
```

```
## # A tibble: 18 x 5  
##   Subject hairColor variableName timePoint allScores  
##   <dbl> <chr>      <chr>      <chr>      <dbl>  
## 1      1      1 brown      Score      1          0.2  
## 2      2      1 brown      Score      2          0.4  
## 3      3      1 brown      Score      3          0.3  
## 4      4      1 brown      happiness  1          10  
## 5      5      1 brown      happiness  2           9  
## 6      6      1 brown      happiness  3          10  
## 7      7      2 blonde     Score      1          0.8  
## 8      8      2 blonde     Score      2          0.9
```



# separate() function

Note that I did not specify that I wanted to separate based on the underscore.

- When it is simple like this, R can automatically detect it.
- But if it's a bit trickier, you can specify how to separate in the `sep =` argument.
  - For example, `sep = ": "` if you want to separate on a colon + space.

# unite() function

The opposite of `separate` is `unite()`. For instance, let's say we want to create a variable called `bogus` that looks something like `brown: Score` or `blonde: happiness`. The separator is a colon + space.

```
longGeneric %>%  
  unite(col = "bogus",  
        hairColor, valueType,  
        sep = ": ")
```

```
## # A tibble: 18 x 3  
##   Subject bogus          allScores  
##   <dbl> <chr>          <dbl>  
## 1      1 1 brown: Score_1      0.2  
## 2      2 1 brown: Score_2      0.4  
## 3      3 1 brown: Score_3      0.3  
## 4      4 1 brown: happiness_1    10  
## 5      5 1 brown: happiness_2     9  
## 6      6 1 brown: happiness_3    10  
## 7      7 2 blonde: Score_1        0.8  
## 8      8 2 blonde: Score_2        0.9  
## 9      9 2 blonde: Score_3        0.7
```

# Missing values in tidyverse

- Like `base R` and others, many `tidyverse` functions have an argument for `na.rm =`.
- You can add a `drop_na()` function to your `tidyverse` chunk. This function is part of `tidyr` and it will get rid of any rows that contain missing values. It's the equivalent of `na.omit()`
- Do everything in your power to make sure missing values are treated as `NA` and *not* something else. Ex:
  - `999` -- Many measurements can have a value of 999...
  - `" "` -- Spaces are treated as a character string, not truly missing!  
Remember, the class of your object is based on the least specific object. So if you have a vector of integers, but one missing value that is `" "`, the class of your vector will be a character! Same thing goes for `.` (periods).
- If you have something like `999` and you want to replace that with an `NA`, either of the following will work:
  - `data[data == 999] <- NA` (for the entire dataset)
  - `data$column[data$column == 999] <- NA` (for a single column)
  - `data <- gsub(pattern = 999, replacement = NA, x = data)`  
(but this will find anything with 999, so be careful!)