# Lecture 11: Rectangular data

#### Content so far (in R and Python!)

- Simulation
- Iteration
- Vectors (R), 1-d arrays (Python), and lists
- Functions

What's missing: actual data sets!

#### Learning goals

- Review/refresh data manipulation from STA 112
- Explore different data objects in R and Python
- Work with more challenging data, requiring more difficult manipulation
- Combine information from multiple datasets
- Learn tools for different data types (strings, factors, dates and times)

#### Rectangular data

- 1 library(dplyr)
- 2 starwars

```
# A tibble: 87 × 14
            height mass hair color skin color eye color birth year sex
   name
gender
             <int> <dbl> <chr>
                                      <chr>
                                                                  <dbl>
   <chr>
                                                  <chr>
<chr> <chr>
                       77 blond
 1 Luke Sk...
            172
                                      fair
                                                  blue
                                                                   19
                                                                        male
mascu...
                167
                       75 <NA>
                                                  yellow
 2 C-3PO
                                      gold
                                                                  112
                                                                        none
mascu...
 3 R2-D2
                       32 <NA>
                                      white, bl... red
                                                                   33
                 96
                                                                        none
mascu...
 4 Darth V...
                202
                      136 none
                                      white
                                                  yellow
                                                                   41.9 male
mascu...
                       49 brown
                                      light
 5 Leia Or...
                150
                                                  brown
                                                                   19
```

#### Rectangular data in R

In R, there are two main ways of storing rectangular data:

- matrices
- data frames

#### **Matrices**

A *matrix* generalizes a vector to *two* dimensions:

```
1 x <- matrix(c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6), nrow=2)
2 x

[,1] [,2] [,3]
[1,] 1 3 5
[2,] 2 4 6</pre>
```

- Each row is a vector
- Each column is a vector

#### **Indexing matrices**

- Use single square brackets [ ] to index
- The first coordinate is the row, the second coordinate is the column

#### Uses and limitations of matrices

- Correspond to the matrices we know and love from linear algebra
- Usually the right way to store 2-d data for doing math (like matrix multiplication)
- Like vectors, contain only one type of data

```
1 x <- matrix(c(1, 2, 3, 'a', 5, 6), nrow=2)
2 x

[,1] [,2] [,3]
[1,] "1" "3" "5"
[2,] "2" "a" "6"</pre>
```

#### **Data frames**

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#### Aside: what are data frames?

- Matrices are like a 2-d vector
- Data frames are a special type of list! With some requirements:
  - Each component is a vector
  - Each component has the same length

#### **Indexing data frames**

[ ] can work for indexing data frames, just like matrices:

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Like lists, [[]] and \$ can also be used:

# What do you do with a data frame?

- Data manipulation and cleaning
- Visualization
- Input for modeling

#### Data manipulation

#### 1 glimpse(starwars)

```
Rows: 87
Columns: 14
$ name
             <chr> "Luke Skywalker", "C-3PO", "R2-D2", "Darth Vader",
"Leia Or...
$ height
           <int> 172, 167, 96, 202, 150, 178, 165, 97, 183, 182, 188,
180, 2...
$ mass
             <dbl> 77.0, 75.0, 32.0, 136.0, 49.0, 120.0, 75.0, 32.0,
84.0, 77....
$ hair color <chr> "blond", NA, NA, "none", "brown", "brown, grey",
"brown", N...
$ skin color <chr> "fair", "gold", "white, blue", "white", "light",
"light", "...
$ eye_color <chr> "blue", "yellow", "red", "yellow", "brown", "blue",
"blue",...
```

What manipulation might I want to do with the starwars data?

# dplyr: Tools for data wrangling



- part of the tidyverse
- provides a "grammar of data manipulation": useful verbs (functions) for manipulating data
- we will cover the key dplyr functions

#### Verbs for data wrangling

- select(): take a subset of the columns (i.e., features, variables)
- filter(): take a subset of the rows (i.e., observations)
- mutate(): add or modify existing columns
- arrange(): sort the rows
- summarize(): aggregate the data across rows (e.g., group it according to some criteria)

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          <int> <dbl> <chr>
                                  <chr>
  <chr>
                                               <chr>
                                                               <dbl> <chr>
<chr>
1 C-3PO
            167
                                               yellow
                    75 <NA>
                                  gold
                                                                 112 none
masculi...
2 R2-D2
             96
                    32 <NA>
                                  white, blue red
                                                                  33 none
masculi...
3 R5-D4
             97
                    32 <NA>
                                  white, red red
                                                                  NA none
masculi...
4 IG-88
            200
                   140 none
                                  metal
                                               red
                                                                  15 none
masculi...
5 R4-P17
                                  silver, red red, blue
             96
                   NA none
                                                                  NA none
```

#### Creating a subset of the rows

```
1 starwars |>
     filter(species == "Droid")
# A tibble: 2 \times 14
       height mass hair color skin color eye color birth year sex
gender
 <chr> <int> <dbl> <chr> <chr>
                                         <chr>
                                                      <dbl> <chr>
<chr>
1 C-3PO 167 75 <NA>
                             gold
                                         yellow
                                                         112 none
masculine
2 R2-D2 96 32 <NA>
                             white, blue red
                                                          33 none
masculine
# i 5 more variables: homeworld <chr>, species <chr>, films t>,
# vehicles <list>, starships <list>
```

- |> is called the pipe. It means "take <this>, THEN do <that>"
- filter keeps only the rows which satisfy a specific condition

**Question:** What is the average height for droids in the dataset?

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- pipes (|>) can be chained together
- summarize calculates summary statistics
- Why am I getting NA?

#### Handling missing values

```
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         height mass hair color skin color eye color birth year sex
  name
gender
  <chr>
          <int> <dbl> <chr>
                                  <chr>
                                               <chr>
                                                              <dbl> <chr>
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                                               red
                                                                  15 none
masculi...
5 R4-P17
                                  silver, red red, blue
             96
                   NA none
                                                                  NA none
 1 starwars |>
      filter(species == "Droid") |>
      summarize(mean_height = mean(height, na.rm=T))
# A tibble: 1 \times 1
 mean height
        <dbl>
1
         131.
```

Question: What if I want the average height for humans?

```
1 starwars |>
2 filter(species == "Droid") |>
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```

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```
starwars |>
     group by(species) |>
     summarize(mean height = mean(height, na.rm=T))
# A tibble: 38 \times 2
  species mean height
  <chr>
                 <dbl>
 1 Aleena
                   79
2 Besalisk
               198
 3 Cerean
                 198
4 Chagrian 196
 5 Clawdite
            168
 6 Droid
              131.
 7 Dug
                  112
8 Ewok
                 88
 9 Geonosian
                  183
10 Gungan
                  209.
# i 28 more rows
```

**Question:** What is the distribution of the ratio of body mass to height?

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```
1 starwars |>
2 mutate(body_ratio = mass/height)
```

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starwars |>
     mutate(body_ratio = mass/height) |>
     group by(species) |>
     summarize(mean_ratio = mean(body_ratio, na.rm=T),
 4
 5
              sd ratio = sd(body ratio, na.rm=T))
# A tibble: 38 \times 3
  species mean ratio sd ratio
  <chr>
                <dbl>
                       <dbl>
1 Aleena
                0.190 NA
2 Besalisk
                0.515 NA
3 Cerean
                0.414 NA
4 Chagrian NaN
                      NA
5 Clawdite 0.327 NA
6 Droid
            0.453
                     0.174
7 Dug
              0.357 NA
8 Ewok
           0.227 NA
9 Geonosian 0.437 NA
10 Gungan
                0.351
                       0.0207
# i 28 more rows
```

```
starwars |>
     mutate(body_ratio = mass/height) |>
      group by(species) |>
      summarize(mean ratio = mean(body ratio, na.rm=T),
 4
               sd ratio = sd(body ratio, na.rm=T),
 6
               N = n())
# A tibble: 38 \times 4
   species mean ratio sd ratio
                 <dbl> <dbl> <int>
  <chr>
 1 Aleena
                 0.190 NA
2 Besalisk
                 0.515 NA
 3 Cerean
                 0.414
                        NA
 4 Chagrian
               NaN
                        NA
 5 Clawdite
                 0.327
                        NA
 6 Droid
                 0.453 0.174
 7 Dug
                 0.357
                        NA
8 Ewok
                 0.227 NA
 9 Geonosian
                 0.437 NA
10 Gungan
                 0.351 0.0207
                                    3
# i 28 more rows
```

#### Summary so far

- filter: choose certain rows
- summarize: calculate summary statistics
- group\_by: group rows together
- mutate: create new columns

#### Data frames and tibbles

 Tibbles are special types of data frames, often used in tidyverse packages

### **Class activity**

https://sta279-

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