Data Wrangling
with dplyr and tidyr
Cheat Sheet

RStudio

Tidy Data - A foundation for wrangling in R

In a tidy data set:

Each **variable** is saved in its own **column**

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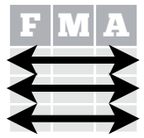
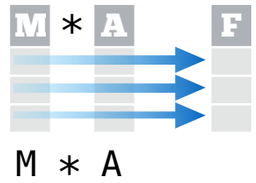


Each **observation** is saved in its own **row**

Tidy data complements R's **vectorized operations**. R will automatically preserve observations as you manipulate variables. No other format works as intuitively with R.



Syntax - Helpful conventions for wrangling

dplyr::**tbl_df(iris)**

Converts data to tbl class. tbl's are easier to examine than data frames. R displays only the data that fits onscreen:

```
Source: local data frame [150 x 5]

   Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length
1           5.1         3.5          1.4
2           4.9         3.0          1.4
3           4.7         3.2          1.3
4           4.6         3.1          1.5
5           5.0         3.6          1.4
..          ...         ...          ...
Variables not shown: Petal.Width (dbl),
  Species (fctr)
```

dplyr::**glimpse(iris)**

Information dense summary of tbl data.

utils::**View(iris)**

View data set in spreadsheet-like display (note capital V).

iris

Filter

	Sepal.Length	Sepal.Width	Petal.Length	Petal.Width	Species
1	5.1	3.5	1.4	0.2	setosa
2	4.9	3.0	1.4	0.2	setosa
3	4.7	3.2	1.3	0.2	setosa
4	4.6	3.1	1.5	0.2	setosa
5	5.0	3.6	1.4	0.2	setosa
6	5.4	3.9	1.7	0.4	setosa
7	4.6	3.4	1.4	0.3	setosa
8	5.0	3.4	1.5	0.2	setosa

dplyr::**%>%**

Passes object on left hand side as first argument (or . argument) of function on righthand side.

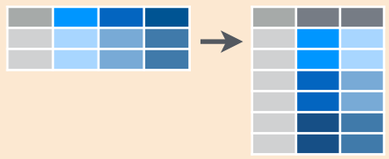
`x %>% f(y)` *is the same as* `f(x, y)`

`y %>% f(x, ., z)` *is the same as* `f(x, y, z )`

"Piping" with %>% makes code more readable, e.g.

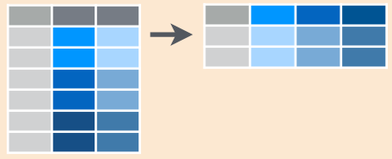
```
iris %>%
  group_by(Species) %>%
  summarise(avg = mean(Sepal.Width)) %>%
  arrange(avg)
```

Reshaping Data - Change the layout of a data set



tidyr::**gather(cases, "year", "n", 2:4)**

Gather columns into rows.



tidyr::**spread(pollution, size, amount)**

Spread rows into columns.

tidyr::**separate(storms, date, c("y", "m", "d"))**

Separate one column into several.

tidyr::**unite(data, col, ..., sep)**

Unite several columns into one.

dplyr::**data_frame(a = 1:3, b = 4:6)**

Combine vectors into data frame (optimized).

dplyr::**arrange(mtcars, mpg)**

Order rows by values of a column (low to high).

dplyr::**arrange(mtcars, desc(mpg))**

Order rows by values of a column (high to low).

dplyr::**rename(tb, y = year)**

Rename the columns of a data frame.

Subset Observations (Rows)

dplyr::**filter(iris, Sepal.Length > 7)**

Extract rows that meet logical criteria.

dplyr::**distinct(iris)**

Remove duplicate rows.

dplyr::**sample_frac(iris, 0.5, replace = TRUE)**

Randomly select fraction of rows.

dplyr::**sample_n(iris, 10, replace = TRUE)**

Randomly select n rows.

dplyr::**slice(iris, 10:15)**

Select rows by position.

dplyr::**top_n(storms, 2, date)**

Select and order top n entries (by group if grouped data).

Logic in R - ?Comparison, ?base::Logic

<	Less than	!=	Not equal to
>	Greater than	%in%	Group membership
==	Equal to	is.na	Is NA
<=	Less than or equal to	!is.na	Is not NA
>=	Greater than or equal to	&,|,!,xor,any,all	Boolean operators

Subset Variables (Columns)

dplyr::**select(iris, Sepal.Width, Petal.Length, Species)**

Select columns by name or helper function.

Helper functions for select - ?select

select(iris, contains("."))

Select columns whose name contains a character string.

select(iris, ends_with("Length"))

Select columns whose name ends with a character string.

select(iris, everything())

Select every column.

select(iris, matches(".t."))

Select columns whose name matches a regular expression.

select(iris, num_range("x", 1:5))

Select columns named x1, x2, x3, x4, x5.

select(iris, one_of(c("Species", "Genus")))

Select columns whose names are in a group of names.

select(iris, starts_with("Sepal"))

Select columns whose name starts with a character string.

select(iris, Sepal.Length:Petal.Width)

Select all columns between Sepal.Length and Petal.Width (inclusive).

select(iris, -Species)

Select all columns except Species.

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Summarise Data

dplyr::**summarise(iris, avg = mean(Sepal.Length))**
Summarise data into single row of values.

dplyr::**summarise_each(iris, funs(mean))**
Apply summary function to each column.

dplyr::**count(iris, Species, wt = Sepal.Length)**
Count number of rows with each unique value of variable (with or without weights).

Summarise uses **summary functions**, functions that take a vector of values and return a single value, such as:

dplyr::**first**
First value of a vector.

dplyr::**last**
Last value of a vector.

dplyr::**nth**
Nth value of a vector.

dplyr::**n**
# of values in a vector.

dplyr::**n_distinct**
# of distinct values in a vector.

IQR
IQR of a vector.

min
Minimum value in a vector.

max
Maximum value in a vector.

mean
Mean value of a vector.

median
Median value of a vector.

var
Variance of a vector.

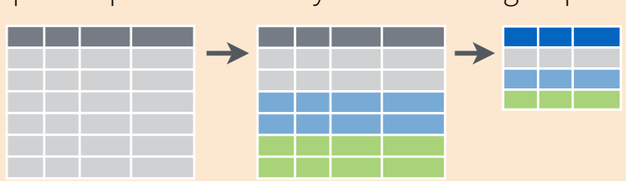
sd
Standard deviation of a vector.

Group Data

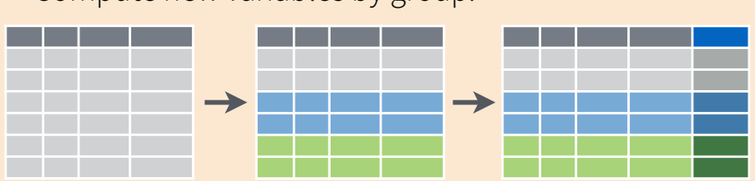
dplyr::**group_by(iris, Species)**
Group data into rows with the same value of Species.

dplyr::**ungroup(iris)**
Remove grouping information from data frame.

iris %>% group_by(Species) %>% summarise(…)
Compute separate summary row for each group.



iris %>% group_by(Species) %>% mutate(…)
Compute new variables by group.



Make New Variables

dplyr::**mutate(iris, sepal = Sepal.Length + Sepal. Width)**
Compute and append one or more new columns.

dplyr::**mutate_each(iris, funs(min_rank))**
Apply window function to each column.

dplyr::**transmute(iris, sepal = Sepal.Length + Sepal. Width)**
Compute one or more new columns. Drop original columns.

Mutate uses **window functions**, functions that take a vector of values and return another vector of values, such as:

dplyr::**lead**
Copy with values shifted by 1.

dplyr::**lag**
Copy with values lagged by 1.

dplyr::**dense_rank**
Ranks with no gaps.

dplyr::**min_rank**
Ranks. Ties get min rank.

dplyr::**percent_rank**
Ranks rescaled to [0, 1].

dplyr::**row_number**
Ranks. Ties got to first value.

dplyr::**ntile**
Bin vector into n buckets.

dplyr::**between**
Are values between a and b?

dplyr::**cume_dist**
Cumulative distribution.

dplyr::**cumall**
Cumulative `all`

dplyr::**cumany**
Cumulative `any`

dplyr::**cummean**
Cumulative `mean`

cumsum
Cumulative `sum`

cummax
Cumulative `max`

cummin
Cumulative `min`

cumprod
Cumulative `prod`

pmax
Element-wise `max`

pmin
Element-wise `min`

Combine Data Sets

a

x1	x2
A	1
B	2
C	3

+

b

x1	x3
A	T
B	F
D	T

=

Mutating Joins

x1	x2	x3
A	1	T
B	2	F
C	3	NA

dplyr::**left_join(a, b, by = "x1")**
Join matching rows from b to a.

x1	x3	x2
A	T	1
B	F	2
D	T	NA

dplyr::**right_join(a, b, by = "x1")**
Join matching rows from a to b.

x1	x2	x3
A	1	T
B	2	F

dplyr::**inner_join(a, b, by = "x1")**
Join data. Retain only rows in both sets.

x1	x2	x3
A	1	T
B	2	F
C	3	NA
D	NA	T

dplyr::**full_join(a, b, by = "x1")**
Join data. Retain all values, all rows.

Filtering Joins

x1	x2
A	1
B	2

dplyr::**semi_join(a, b, by = "x1")**
All rows in a that have a match in b.

x1	x2
C	3

dplyr::**anti_join(a, b, by = "x1")**
All rows in a that do not have a match in b.

y

x1	x2
A	1
B	2
C	3

+

z

x1	x2
B	2
C	3
D	4

=

Set Operations

x1	x2
B	2
C	3

dplyr::**intersect(y, z)**
Rows that appear in both y and z.

x1	x2
A	1
B	2
C	3
D	4

dplyr::**union(y, z)**
Rows that appear in either or both y and z.

x1	x2
A	1

dplyr::**setdiff(y, z)**
Rows that appear in y but not z.

Binding

x1	x2
A	1
B	2
C	3
B	2
C	3
D	4

dplyr::**bind_rows(y, z)**
Append z to y as new rows.

x1	x2	x1	x2
A	1	B	2
B	2	C	3
C	3	D	4

dplyr::**bind_cols(y, z)**
Append z to y as new columns.
Caution: matches rows by position.

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