Introduction to dplyr

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dplyr package is a set of tools using split-apply-combine strategy. Here is a list of important dplyr verbs:

- arrange() for changing the ordering of the rows.
- select() for selecting one or more variables.
- mutate() for creating a new variable as a function of existing variables.
- filter() for row-wise subsetting.
- summarise() for reducing multiple values down to a single summary.
- group_by() for group operations.

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```
install.packages("dplyr") #to install
library("dplyr") #to load

##
## Attaching package: 'dplyr'

## The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':
##
## filter, lag

## The following objects are masked from 'package:base':
##
## intersect, setdiff, setequal, union
```

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Click here for more information about Orange.

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## 3 5 118 30
## 4 4 118 32
## 5 2 118 33
## 6 5 484 49
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                         30
       5 118
                         30
                         32
      4 118
     2 118
                         33
## 6
        5 484
                         49
         head(arrange(Orange, desc(circumference)))
          age circumference
        4 1582
                         214
       4 1372
                         209
      2 1372
                         203
      2 1582
                         203
      4 1231
                         179
        5 1582
                         177
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No, we did not. To make the effect of arrange function permenant:

Orange <- arrange(Orange, circumference)</pre>

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## age
## 1 118
## 2 484
## 3 664
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```
Orange %>% select(circumference,age,Tree) %>% head()
```

```
## circumference age Tree
## 1 30 118 1
## 2 58 484 1
## 3 87 664 1
## 4 115 1004 1
## 5 120 1231 1
## 6 142 1372 1
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Add a minus before the column name to remove it!

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```
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```
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##
## 1
          118
                         30
                               4.8
## 2
                         58
                               9.2
       1 484
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## 2 9.2
## 3 13.8
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## 5 19.1
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```

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```
Orange %>% filter(circumference==100) %>% head()
                                 circumference
## [1] Tree
                    age
## <0 rows> (or 0-length row.names)
Orange %>% filter(circumference>=100) %>% head(4)
    Tree age circumference
##
       1 1004
## 1
                       115
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If you are interested in the Tree column:

```
Orange %>% filter(circumference < 100 & age > 500 ) %>% select(Tree) %>% head()
## Tree
## 1    1
## 2    3
## 3    5
```

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```
answer <- Orange %>% mutate(growth=circumference/age) %>%
  filter(Tree==3) %>% filter(growth==min(growth))
print(answer$age)
```

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In case of NA values, use the following:
summarize(r_ave=mean(circumference/(2*pi),na.rm = TRUE)).
summarize() is often used with group_by:
Orange %>% group_by(Tree) %>% head(2)
## # A tibble: 2 x 3
## # Groups: Tree [1]
   Tree age circumference
  <ord> <dbl>
                        <db1>
##
            118
                            30
## 1 1
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            484
                           58
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- Other aggregate functions which can be used: max(), mean(), median(), min(), sd(), sum() and the interquartile range (IQR()).

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Check the documentation for two table verbs.

Acknowledgment

Here is a list of the resources I've used for this talk:

- The official dplyr documentation
- Jenny Bryan's STAT 545 course page
- Another course page