Data Wrangling (1)

Haohan Chen

Last update: October 05, 2023

Objectives of this Lecture

This lecture introduces data wrangling with R. Using V-Dem data as an example, we will learn how to use the wrangle data with a set of tidyverse functionality. Specifically, we will focus on functions...

- 1. to import and export data: read_csv , write_csv (with a brief introduction to other data import/export functions from readr).
- 2. to take a subset of columns in the existing data: select
- 3. to rename columns: rename
- 4. to take a subset of *rows* by some simple conditions: slice_
- 5. to take a subset of rows by some more complicated conditions: filter
- 6. to sort the rows based on the value of one or multiple columns: arrange
- 7. to perform (4) (5) (6) group by group: group_by, ungroup
- 8. to create new columns in the data: group by, mutate, ungroup
- 9. to summarize the data: group_by, summarise, ungroup

Outline of In-Class Demo

To demonstrate the above functionality, we will use real-world political data from V-Dem. Specifically, we will use the above function to explore the state of global economic development from 1984 to 2022. Our effort will take the following step (with one-on-one mappings with the above tools).

- 1. Read a part of pre-processed V-Dem data into R: 1984-2022 "external" data in the V-Dem dataset.
- 2. Consulting the dataset's codebook and take a **subset** of indicators of *economic development* (along with country-year identifiers).
 - See a list of country-yer identifiers on p. 5 of the codebook (under "1.7 Identifier Variables in the V-Dem Datasets").
 - See a list of development indicators on p. 23 of the codebook (under "9. Background Factors").
- 3. Rename the column to name their names informative to readers.
- 4. Find the country-year with the *highest* and *lowest* level of economic development. In addition, create a dataset containing a random sample of country-year in the dataset.
- 5. Create a dataset focusing on the economic development of Asian countries and regions; Create a dataset that contains only countries/ regions whose development level pass certain threshold.
- 6. Create a dataset whose rows are sorted by the development level of country-year.
- 7. Create a dataset that contains the year of the higest development level for each country/ region respectively.
- 8. Add the following economic indicators to the data:
 - 1. Country-year development level with reference to that of 1984.
 - 2. Year-on-year economic growth.

- 9. Perform a data availability/ integrity check. Then aggregate the data into a new country-level dataset which contains the following indicators:
 - 1. Average development level from 1984 to 2022.
 - 2. Magnitude of growth from 1984 to 2022.

In-Class Exercise

The quality of education has a decisive effect on a country's future development. Applying the data wrangling tools we introduce in this lecture, perform the following task:

- 1. Coodbook lookup. Look up the codebook, answer the following questions:
 - 1. What indicators regarding the quality of education are available in the V-Dem datasets?
 - 2. What are the data's coverage (i.e., for which countries and years do we have data?)
 - 3. What are their sources? Provide the link to least 1 source.

2. Subset by columns

- 1. Create a dataset containing only the country-year identifiers and indicators of education quality.
- 2. Rename the columns of education quality to make them informative.

3. Subset by rows

- 1. List 5 countries-years that have the highest education level among its population.
- 2. List 5 countries-years that suffer from the most severe inequality in education.

4. Summarize the data

- 1. Check data availability: For which countries and years are the indicators of education quality available?
- 2. Create two types of country-level indicators of education quality
 - 1. Average level of education quality from 1984 to 2022
 - 2. Change of education quality from 1984 to 2022
- 3. Examine the data and *briefly* discuss: Which countries perform the best and the worst in terms of education quality in the past four decades?

Submission requirement: You will submit your outputs through Moodle. In your submission:

- 1. Attach a PDF document rendered by Rmarkdown
- 2. In the text field of your submission, include the link to the corresponding Rmarkdown file in your DaSPPA portfolio GitHub repo.

Due: October 6, 2023

Note: Please only use the functions we cover in this lecture for this exercise. There is <u>absolutely no need</u> to perform any data visualization for this exercise... We will get there in later lectures.

Further reading

- R for Data Science (2e) Chapters 4, 5, 8: https://r4ds.hadley.nz/
- readr documentation (note: read the "cheatsheet"): https://readr.tidyverse.org/
- dplyr documentation (note: read the "cheatsheet"): https://dplyr.tidyverse.org/
- V-Dem documentation: https://v-dem.net/

Demo

0. Load the tidyverse Packages

This section loads the packages we need in this lecture.

library(tidyverse)

1. Import and Export the V-Dem Data

This section loads the VDEM dataset and describe its basic information

```
d <- read_csv("_DataPublic_/vdem/1984_2022/vdem_1984_2022_external.csv")

## Rows: 6789 Columns: 211

## -- Column specification -------

## Delimiter: ","

## chr (3): country_name, country_text_id, histname

## dbl (207): country_id, year, project, historical, codingstart, codingend, c...

## date (1): historical_date

##

## i Use `spec()` to retrieve the full column specification for this data.</pre>
```

2. Select economic development indicators

We start by examining the dataset. name() is almost always the first function I apply to a dataset. It gives us the names of all the columns

i Specify the column types or set `show_col_types = FALSE` to quiet this message.

names(d)

```
##
     [1] "country_name"
                                        "country_text_id"
     [3] "country_id"
                                        "year"
##
##
     [5] "historical_date"
                                        "project"
##
     [7] "historical"
                                        "histname"
##
     [9] "codingstart"
                                        "codingend"
##
    [11] "codingstart_contemp"
                                        "codingend_contemp"
##
   [13] "codingstart_hist"
                                        "codingend_hist"
##
   [15] "gapstart1"
                                        "gapstart2"
   [17] "gapstart3"
                                        "gapend1"
##
##
    [19] "gapend2"
                                        "gapend3"
                                        "COWcode"
##
   [21] "gap_index"
##
   [23] "e_v2x_api_3C"
                                        "e_v2x_api_4C"
   [25] "e v2x api 5C"
                                        "e v2x civlib 3C"
##
    [27] "e v2x civlib 4C"
                                        "e v2x civlib 5C"
##
                                        "e_v2x_clphy_4C"
##
   [29] "e_v2x_clphy_3C"
   [31] "e_v2x_clphy_5C"
                                        "e_v2x_clpol_3C"
##
   [33] "e_v2x_clpol_4C"
                                        "e_v2x_clpol_5C"
##
    [35] "e_v2x_clpriv_3C"
                                        "e_v2x_clpriv_4C"
                                        "e_v2x_corr_3C"
   [37] "e_v2x_clpriv_5C"
##
##
   [39] "e_v2x_corr_4C"
                                        "e_v2x_corr_5C"
    [41] "e_v2x_cspart_3C"
                                        "e_v2x_cspart_4C"
##
##
    [43] "e_v2x_cspart_5C"
                                        "e_v2x_delibdem_3C"
##
   [45] "e_v2x_delibdem_4C"
                                        "e_v2x_delibdem_5C"
   [47] "e_v2x_EDcomp_thick_3C"
                                        "e_v2x_EDcomp_thick_4C"
##
    [49] "e_v2x_EDcomp_thick_5C"
##
                                        "e v2x egal 3C"
   [51] "e_v2x_egal_4C"
                                        "e_v2x_egal_5C"
##
##
   [53] "e v2x egaldem 3C"
                                        "e_v2x_egaldem_4C"
##
   [55] "e_v2x_egaldem_5C"
                                        "e_v2x_elecoff_3C"
    [57] "e_v2x_elecoff_4C"
                                        "e_v2x_elecoff_5C"
##
  [59] "e_v2x_execorr_3C"
                                        "e_v2x_execorr_4C"
##
   [61] "e v2x execorr 5C"
                                        "e v2x feduni 3C"
   [63] "e_v2x_feduni_4C"
                                        "e v2x feduni 5C"
##
   [65] "e_v2x_frassoc_thick_3C"
                                        "e_v2x_frassoc_thick_4C"
```

```
[67] "e_v2x_frassoc_thick_5C"
                                        "e v2x freexp 3C"
##
    [69] "e_v2x_freexp_4C"
                                        "e_v2x_freexp_5C"
    [71] "e_v2x_freexp_altinf_3C"
                                        "e v2x freexp altinf 4C"
   [73] "e_v2x_freexp_altinf_5C"
                                        "e_v2x_gencl_3C"
##
##
    [75] "e_v2x_gencl_4C"
                                        "e v2x gencl 5C"
##
    [77] "e_v2x_gencs_3C"
                                        "e_v2x_gencs_4C"
   [79] "e_v2x_gencs_5C"
                                        "e v2x gender 3C"
    [81] "e_v2x_gender_4C"
                                        "e_v2x_gender_5C"
##
    [83] "e_v2x_genpp_3C"
##
                                        "e_v2x_genpp_4C"
##
   [85] "e_v2x_genpp_5C"
                                        "e_v2x_jucon_3C"
   [87] "e_v2x_jucon_4C"
                                        "e_v2x_jucon_5C"
   [89] "e_v2x_libdem_3C"
                                        "e_v2x_libdem_4C"
##
##
   [91] "e_v2x_libdem_5C"
                                        "e_v2x_liberal_3C"
  [93] "e_v2x_liberal_4C"
                                        "e_v2x_liberal_5C"
##
## [95] "e_v2x_mpi_3C"
                                        "e_v2x_mpi_4C"
##
   [97] "e_v2x_mpi_5C"
                                        "e_v2x_partip_3C"
##
  [99] "e_v2x_partip_4C"
                                        "e_v2x_partip_5C"
## [101] "e_v2x_partipdem_3C"
                                        "e_v2x_partipdem_4C"
## [103] "e_v2x_partipdem_5C"
                                        "e_v2x_polyarchy_3C"
## [105] "e v2x polyarchy 4C"
                                        "e v2x polyarchy 5C"
## [107] "e_v2x_pubcorr_3C"
                                        "e_v2x_pubcorr_4C"
## [109] "e_v2x_pubcorr_5C"
                                        "e v2x suffr 3C"
## [111] "e_v2x_suffr_4C"
                                        "e_v2x_suffr_5C"
## [113] "e v2xcl rol 3C"
                                        "e v2xcl rol 4C"
## [115] "e_v2xcl_rol_5C"
                                        "e v2xcs ccsi 3C"
## [117] "e_v2xcs_ccsi_4C"
                                        "e_v2xcs_ccsi_5C"
## [119] "e_v2xdd_dd_3C"
                                        "e_v2xdd_dd_4C"
## [121] "e_v2xdd_dd_5C"
                                        "e_v2xdl_delib_3C"
                                        "e_v2xdl_delib_5C"
## [123] "e_v2xdl_delib_4C"
## [125] "e_v2xeg_eqdr_3C"
                                        "e_v2xeg_eqdr_4C"
## [127] "e_v2xeg_eqdr_5C"
                                        "e_v2xeg_eqprotec_3C"
## [129] "e_v2xeg_eqprotec_4C"
                                        "e_v2xeg_eqprotec_5C"
                                        "e_v2xel_frefair_4C"
## [131] "e_v2xel_frefair_3C"
## [133] "e_v2xel_frefair_5C"
                                        "e_v2xel_locelec_3C"
## [135] "e_v2xel_locelec_4C"
                                        "e v2xel locelec 5C"
## [137] "e_v2xel_regelec_3C"
                                        "e_v2xel_regelec_4C"
## [139] "e v2xel regelec 5C"
                                        "e v2xlg legcon 3C"
## [141] "e_v2xlg_legcon_4C"
                                        "e_v2xlg_legcon_5C"
## [143] "e_v2xme_altinf_3C"
                                        "e_v2xme_altinf_4C"
## [145] "e_v2xme_altinf_5C"
                                        "e_v2xps_party_3C"
## [147] "e_v2xps_party_4C"
                                        "e v2xps party 5C"
## [149] "e_boix_regime"
                                        "e_democracy_breakdowns"
## [151] "e_democracy_omitteddata"
                                        "e_democracy_trans"
## [153] "e_fh_cl"
                                        "e_fh_pr"
## [155] "e_fh_rol"
                                        "e_fh_status"
## [157] "e_wbgi_cce"
                                        "e_wbgi_gee"
## [159] "e_wbgi_pve"
                                        "e_wbgi_rle"
                                        "e_wbgi_vae"
## [161] "e_wbgi_rqe"
## [163] "e_lexical_index"
                                        "e_uds_median"
## [165] "e_uds_mean"
                                        "e_uds_pct025"
## [167] "e_uds_pct975"
                                        "e_coups"
## [169] "e_legparty"
                                        "e_autoc"
## [171] "e_democ"
                                        "e_p_polity"
## [173] "e_polcomp"
                                        "e_polity2"
```

```
## [175] "e_bnr_dem"
                                        "e_chga_demo"
## [177] "e_ti_cpi"
                                        "e_vanhanen"
## [179] "e_peaveduc"
                                        "e_peedgini"
## [181] "e_area"
                                        "e_regiongeo"
## [183] "e_regionpol"
                                        "e_regionpol_6C"
## [185] "e_cow_exports"
                                        "e_cow_imports"
## [187] "e gdp"
                                        "e_gdp_sd"
## [189] "e_gdppc"
                                        "e_gdppc_sd"
## [191] "e_miinflat"
                                        "e_pop"
## [193] "e_pop_sd"
                                        "e_total_fuel_income_pc"
## [195] "e_total_oil_income_pc"
                                        "e_total_resources_income_pc"
                                        "e_miferrat"
## [197] "e_radio_n"
## [199] "e_mipopula"
                                        "e_miurbani"
## [201] "e_miurbpop"
                                        "e_pefeliex"
## [203] "e_peinfmor"
                                        "e_pelifeex"
## [205] "e_pematmor"
                                        "e_wb_pop"
## [207] "e_civil_war"
                                        "e_miinteco"
## [209] "e_miinterc"
                                        "e_pt_coup"
## [211] "e_pt_coup_attempts"
```

We may use some alternative functions that provides information about the dataset. The str() provides not only variable names, but also their data types and a few example data points.

```
# Warning: If you have many variables, the output of str() will be lengthy!
str(d)
```

```
## spc_tbl_ [6,789 x 211] (S3: spec_tbl_df/tbl_df/tbl/data.frame)
## $ country_name
                           : chr [1:6789] "Mexico" "Mexico" "Mexico" "Mexico" ...
## $ country_text_id
                           : chr [1:6789] "MEX" "MEX" "MEX" "MEX" ...
## $ country_id
                           : num [1:6789] 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 ...
## $ year
                           : num [1:6789] 1984 1985 1986 1987 1988 ...
## $ historical_date
                           : Date[1:6789], format: "1984-12-31" "1985-12-31" ...
## $ project
                           : num [1:6789] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
## $ historical
                           : num [1:6789] 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
                           : chr [1:6789] "United Mexican States" "United Mexican States" "United
## $ histname
##
   $ codingstart
                           : num [1:6789] 1789 1789 1789 1789 ...
## $ codingend
                           : num [1:6789] 2022 2022 2022 2022 ...
## $ codingstart_contemp
                           ## $ codingend_contemp
                           : num [1:6789] 2022 2022 2022 2022 ...
                           : num [1:6789] 1789 1789 1789 1789 ...
## $ codingstart_hist
## $ codingend_hist
                           ## $ gapstart1
                           : num [1:6789] NA ...
## $ gapstart2
                           : num [1:6789] NA ...
## $ gapstart3
                           : num [1:6789] NA ...
## $ gapend1
                           : num [1:6789] NA ...
## $ gapend2
                           : num [1:6789] NA ...
                           : num [1:6789] NA ...
## $ gapend3
## $ gap_index
                           : num [1:6789] 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
                           : num [1:6789] 70 70 70 70 70 70 70 70 70 70 ...
## $ COWcode
## $ e_v2x_api_3C
                           : num [1:6789] NA NA NA NA O.5 O.5 O.5 O.5 O.5 O.5 ...
                           : num [1:6789] 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0
## $ e_v2x_api_4C
                          ## $ e_v2x_api_5C
                           : num [1:6789] 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ e_v2x_civlib_3C
## $ e_v2x_civlib_4C
                           : num [1:6789] 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0
## $ e_v2x_civlib_5C
```

```
## $ e_v2x_clphy_3C
                           : num [1:6789] 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 1 1 1 ...
## $ e_v2x_clphy_4C
                           : num [1:6789] 0.333 0.333 0.333 0.333 0.333 0.333 0.333 0.667 0.667 0
## $ e_v2x_clphy_5C
                          : num [1:6789] 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 ...
## $ e_v2x_clpol_3C
                           : num [1:6789] 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
                           : num [1:6789] 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0
## $ e_v2x_clpol_4C
## $ e_v2x_clpol_5C
                          : num [1:6789] 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ e_v2x_clpriv_3C
                           : num [1:6789] 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 1
## $ e_v2x_clpriv_4C
                          ##
   $ e_v2x_clpriv_5C
## $ e_v2x_corr_3C
                          : num [1:6789] 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ e_v2x_corr_4C
                          : num [1:6789] 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
                           ##
   $ e_v2x_corr_5C
                          : num [1:6789] 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 ...
## $ e_v2x_cspart_3C
## $ e_v2x_cspart_4C
                          : num [1:6789] 0.333 0.333 0.333 0.333 0.333 0.333 0.333 0.333 0.333 0
## $ e_v2x_cspart_5C
                          ## $ e_v2x_delibdem_3C
                           : num [1:6789] 0 0 0 0 0 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 ...
## $ e_v2x_delibdem_4C
                           : num [1:6789] 0 0 0 0 0 0.333 0.333 0.333 0.333 ...
## $ e v2x delibdem 5C
                           : num [1:6789] 0 0 0 0.25 0.25 0.25 0.25 0.25 0.25 ...
                           : num [1:6789] 0 0 0 0 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 ...
## $ e_v2x_EDcomp_thick_3C
## $ e_v2x_EDcomp_thick_4C
                           : num [1:6789] 0 0 0 0 0.333 0.333 0.667 0.667 0.667 ...
## $ e_v2x_EDcomp_thick_5C
                           : num [1:6789] 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 ...
## $ e_v2x_egal_3C
                           : num [1:6789] 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 ...
## $ e_v2x_egal_4C
                           : num [1:6789] 0.333 0.333 0.333 0.333 0.333 0.333 0.333 0.333 0.333 0.333
## $ e_v2x_egal_5C
                           ## $ e_v2x_egaldem_3C
                          : num [1:6789] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
## $ e_v2x_egaldem_4C
                           : num [1:6789] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
## $ e_v2x_egaldem_5C
                           : num [1:6789] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0.25 0.25 0.25 ...
                           : num [1:6789] 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ e_v2x_elecoff_3C
## $ e_v2x_elecoff_4C
                          : num [1:6789] 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ e_v2x_elecoff_5C
                           : num [1:6789] 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ e_v2x_execorr_3C
                           : num [1:6789] 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ e_v2x_execorr_4C
                           : num [1:6789] 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0
## $ e_v2x_execorr_5C
                           : num [1:6789] 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ e_v2x_feduni_3C
## $ e v2x feduni 4C
                           : num [1:6789] 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ e_v2x_feduni_5C
                           : num [1:6789] 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ e v2x frassoc thick 3C : num [1:6789] 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ e_v2x_frassoc_thick_4C
                           : num [1:6789] 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0
## $ e_v2x_frassoc_thick_5C
                           ## $ e_v2x_freexp_3C
                           : num [1:6789] 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ e_v2x_freexp_4C
                           : num [1:6789] 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0
## $ e_v2x_freexp_5C
                           ## $ e_v2x_freexp_altinf_3C
                           : num [1:6789] 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ e_v2x_freexp_altinf_4C
                           : num [1:6789] 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0
## $ e_v2x_freexp_altinf_5C
                           ## $ e_v2x_gencl_3C
                                [1:6789] 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 . . .
                           : num
                           : num [1:6789] 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0
## $ e_v2x_gencl_4C
## $ e_v2x_gencl_5C
                           : num [1:6789] 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 ...
## $ e_v2x_gencs_3C
                           : num [1:6789] 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 1 ...
## $ e_v2x_gencs_4C
                           : num [1:6789] 0.333 0.333 0.333 0.333 0.333 0.333 0.333 0.333 0.333 0
## $ e_v2x_gencs_5C
                          : num [1:6789] 0.25 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 ...
## $ e_v2x_gender_3C
                          : num [1:6789] 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ e_v2x_gender_4C
                          : num [1:6789] 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0
## $ e v2x gender 5C
                           : num [1:6789] 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 ...
```

```
## $ e_v2x_genpp_3C
                               : num [1:6789] 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ e_v2x_genpp_4C
                               : num [1:6789] 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0
## $ e_v2x_genpp_5C
                               : num [1:6789] 0.75 0.75 0.75 0.75 0.75 0.75 0.75 0.5 0.5 0.5 ...
                               : num [1:6789] 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 ...
## $ e_v2x_jucon_3C
## $ e_v2x_jucon_4C
                               : num [1:6789] 0.333 0.333 0.333 0.333 0.333 0.333 0.333 0.333 0.333 0
## $ e_v2x_jucon_5C
                               : num [1:6789] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
## $ e v2x libdem 3C
                               : num [1:6789] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
## $ e_v2x_libdem_4C
                               : num [1:6789] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0.25 0.25 0.25 ...
## $ e_v2x_libdem_5C
## $ e_v2x_liberal_3C
                               : num [1:6789] 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 ...
## $ e_v2x_liberal_4C
                               : num [1:6789] 0.333 0.333 0.333 0.333 0.333 0.333 0.333 0.333 0.333 0.333
                               ## $ e_v2x_liberal_5C
## $ e_v2x_mpi_3C
                               : num [1:6789] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
## $ e_v2x_mpi_4C
                               : num [1:6789] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
## $ e_v2x_mpi_5C
                               : num [1:6789] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0.25 ...
## $ e_v2x_partip_3C
                               : num [1:6789] 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 ...
## $ e_v2x_partip_4C
                               : num [1:6789] 0.333 0.333 0.333 0.333 0.333 0.333 0.333 0.333 0.333 0.333
##
    [list output truncated]
##
   - attr(*, "spec")=
##
    .. cols(
##
         country_name = col_character(),
##
         country_text_id = col_character(),
    . .
##
        country_id = col_double(),
         year = col_double(),
##
    . .
##
         historical_date = col_date(format = ""),
##
         project = col_double(),
##
         historical = col_double(),
##
         histname = col_character(),
##
         codingstart = col_double(),
##
         codingend = col_double(),
    . .
##
    . .
         codingstart_contemp = col_double(),
##
         codingend_contemp = col_double(),
    . .
##
         codingstart_hist = col_double(),
##
         codingend_hist = col_double(),
##
         gapstart1 = col_double(),
    . .
##
         gapstart2 = col_double(),
    . .
##
         gapstart3 = col_double(),
    . .
##
         gapend1 = col_double(),
         gapend2 = col_double(),
##
    . .
##
         gapend3 = col_double(),
         gap_index = col_double(),
##
    . .
##
         COWcode = col_double(),
##
         e_v2x_api_3C = col_double(),
    . .
##
         e_v2x_api_4C = col_double(),
##
         e_v2x_api_5C = col_double(),
##
         e_v2x_civlib_3C = col_double(),
    . .
##
         e_v2x_civlib_4C = col_double(),
##
         e_v2x_civlib_5C = col_double(),
##
         e_v2x_clphy_3C = col_double(),
##
         e_v2x_clphy_4C = col_double(),
##
         e_v2x_clphy_5C = col_double(),
    . .
##
    .. e_v2x_clpol_3C = col_double(),
##
    .. e_v2x_clpol_4C = col_double(),
##
         e_v2x_clpol_5C = col_double(),
```

```
##
          e_v2x_clpriv_3C = col_double(),
##
          e_v2x_clpriv_4C = col_double(),
##
          e v2x clpriv 5C = col double(),
          e_v2x_corr_3C = col_double(),
##
##
          e_v2x_corr_4C = col_double(),
     . .
##
          e v2x corr 5C = col double(),
##
          e v2x cspart 3C = col double(),
     . .
          e v2x cspart 4C = col double(),
##
##
          e_v2x_cspart_5C = col_double(),
     . .
##
          e_v2x_delibdem_3C = col_double(),
##
          e_v2x_delibdem_4C = col_double(),
##
          e_v2x_delibdem_5C = col_double(),
##
          e_v2x_EDcomp_thick_3C = col_double(),
     . .
##
          e_v2x_EDcomp_thick_4C = col_double(),
##
          e_v2x_EDcomp_thick_5C = col_double(),
##
          e_v2x_egal_3C = col_double(),
     . .
##
          e_v2x_egal_4C = col_double(),
##
          e v2x egal 5C = col double(),
     . .
##
          e_v2x_egaldem_3C = col_double(),
##
     . .
          e v2x egaldem 4C = col double(),
##
          e_v2x_egaldem_5C = col_double(),
##
          e_v2x_elecoff_3C = col_double(),
     . .
          e_v2x_elecoff_4C = col_double(),
##
##
          e v2x elecoff 5C = col double(),
     . .
##
          e v2x execorr 3C = col double(),
          e_v2x_execorr_4C = col_double(),
##
##
          e_v2x_execorr_5C = col_double(),
          e_v2x_feduni_3C = col_double(),
##
##
          e_v2x_feduni_4C = col_double(),
##
          e_v2x_feduni_5C = col_double(),
##
          e_v2x_frassoc_thick_3C = col_double(),
     . .
##
          e_v2x_frassoc_thick_4C = col_double(),
##
          e_v2x_frassoc_thick_5C = col_double(),
##
          e_v2x_freexp_3C = col_double(),
##
          e v2x freexp 4C = col double(),
     . .
##
          e_v2x_freexp_5C = col_double(),
     . .
##
          e v2x freexp altinf 3C = col double(),
     . .
##
          e_v2x_freexp_altinf_4C = col_double(),
##
          e_v2x_freexp_altinf_5C = col_double(),
     . .
##
          e_v2x_gencl_3C = col_double(),
##
          e v2x gencl 4C = col double(),
          e_v2x_gencl_5C = col_double(),
##
##
          e_v2x_gencs_3C = col_double(),
     . .
##
          e_v2x_gencs_4C = col_double(),
##
          e_v2x_gencs_5C = col_double(),
          e_v2x_gender_3C = col_double(),
##
     . .
##
          e_v2x_gender_4C = col_double(),
##
          e_v2x_gender_5C = col_double(),
##
          e_v2x_genpp_3C = col_double(),
##
          e_v2x_genpp_4C = col_double(),
##
          e_v2x_genpp_5C = col_double(),
     . .
##
     . .
          e v2x jucon 3C = col double(),
##
          e_v2x_jucon_4C = col_double(),
     . .
##
          e v2x jucon 5C = col double(),
```

```
##
          e_v2x_libdem_3C = col_double(),
##
          e_v2x_libdem_4C = col_double(),
##
          e_v2x_libdem_5C = col_double(),
          e_v2x_liberal_3C = col_double(),
##
##
          e_v2x_liberal_4C = col_double(),
##
          e v2x liberal 5C = col double(),
##
          e v2x mpi 3C = col double(),
          e_v2x_mpi_4C = col_double(),
##
##
          e_v2x_mpi_5C = col_double(),
     . .
##
          e_v2x_partip_3C = col_double(),
##
          e_v2x_partip_4C = col_double(),
##
          e_v2x_partip_5C = col_double(),
##
          e_v2x_partipdem_3C = col_double(),
     . .
##
          e_v2x_partipdem_4C = col_double(),
##
          e_v2x_partipdem_5C = col_double(),
##
          e_v2x_polyarchy_3C = col_double(),
     . .
##
          e_v2x_polyarchy_4C = col_double(),
##
          e v2x polyarchy 5C = col double(),
##
          e_v2x_pubcorr_3C = col_double(),
##
     . .
          e v2x pubcorr 4C = col double(),
##
          e_v2x_pubcorr_5C = col_double(),
##
          e_v2x_suffr_3C = col_double(),
     . .
##
          e_v2x_suffr_4C = col_double(),
##
          e v2x suffr 5C = col double(),
     . .
##
          e_v2xcl_rol_3C = col_double(),
##
          e v2xcl rol 4C = col double(),
##
          e_v2xcl_rol_5C = col_double(),
##
          e_v2xcs_ccsi_3C = col_double(),
          e_v2xcs_ccsi_4C = col_double(),
##
##
          e_v2xcs_ccsi_5C = col_double(),
##
          e_v2xdd_dd_3C = col_double(),
     . .
##
          e_v2xdd_dd_4C = col_double(),
##
          e_v2xdd_dd_5C = col_double(),
##
          e_v2xdl_delib_3C = col_double(),
##
          e v2xdl delib 4C = col double(),
     . .
##
          e_v2xdl_delib_5C = col_double(),
     . .
##
          e v2xeg eqdr 3C = col double(),
##
          e_v2xeg_eqdr_4C = col_double(),
##
          e_v2xeg_eqdr_5C = col_double(),
     . .
##
          e_v2xeg_eqprotec_3C = col_double(),
##
          e v2xeg eqprotec 4C = col double(),
          e_v2xeg_eqprotec_5C = col_double(),
##
          e_v2xel_frefair_3C = col_double(),
##
     . .
##
          e_v2xel_frefair_4C = col_double(),
          e_v2xel_frefair_5C = col_double(),
##
          e_v2xel_locelec_3C = col_double(),
##
##
          e_v2xel_locelec_4C = col_double(),
     . .
##
          e_v2xel_locelec_5C = col_double(),
##
          e_v2xel_regelec_3C = col_double(),
##
          e_v2xel_regelec_4C = col_double(),
##
          e_v2xel_regelec_5C = col_double(),
     . .
##
     . .
          e_v2xlg_legcon_3C = col_double(),
##
          e_v2xlg_legcon_4C = col_double(),
     . .
##
          e v2xlg legcon 5C = col double(),
```

```
##
          e_v2xme_altinf_3C = col_double(),
##
          e_v2xme_altinf_4C = col_double(),
##
          e v2xme altinf 5C = col double(),
          e_v2xps_party_3C = col_double(),
##
##
          e_v2xps_party_4C = col_double(),
##
          e_v2xps_party_5C = col_double(),
##
          e boix regime = col double(),
     . .
##
          e_democracy_breakdowns = col_double(),
##
          e_democracy_omitteddata = col_double(),
     . .
##
          e_democracy_trans = col_double(),
##
          e_fh_cl = col_double(),
##
          e_fh_pr = col_double(),
##
          e_fh_rol = col_double(),
     . .
##
          e_fh_status = col_double(),
##
          e_wbgi_cce = col_double(),
##
          e_wbgi_gee = col_double(),
     . .
##
          e_wbgi_pve = col_double(),
##
          e_wbgi_rle = col_double(),
##
          e_wbgi_rqe = col_double(),
##
     . .
          e_wbgi_vae = col_double(),
##
          e_lexical_index = col_double(),
##
          e_uds_median = col_double(),
     . .
##
          e_uds_mean = col_double(),
##
          e_uds_pct025 = col_double(),
     . .
##
          e_uds_pct975 = col_double(),
##
          e_coups = col_double(),
##
          e_legparty = col_double(),
##
          e_autoc = col_double(),
##
          e_democ = col_double(),
##
          e_p_polity = col_double(),
##
     . .
          e_polcomp = col_double(),
##
          e_polity2 = col_double(),
##
          e_bnr_dem = col_double(),
##
          e_chga_demo = col_double(),
##
          e_ti_cpi = col_double(),
##
          e_vanhanen = col_double(),
     . .
##
     . .
          e peaveduc = col double(),
##
          e_peedgini = col_double(),
##
          e_area = col_double(),
     . .
##
          e_regiongeo = col_double(),
##
          e regionpol = col double(),
          e_regionpol_6C = col_double(),
##
##
          e_cow_exports = col_double(),
     . .
##
          e_cow_imports = col_double(),
##
          e_gdp = col_double(),
##
          e_gdp_sd = col_double(),
##
          e_gdppc = col_double(),
     . .
##
          e_gdppc_sd = col_double(),
##
          e_miinflat = col_double(),
##
          e_pop = col_double(),
##
          e_pop_sd = col_double(),
     . .
##
     . .
          e_total_fuel_income_pc = col_double(),
##
          e_total_oil_income_pc = col_double(),
     . .
##
          e_total_resources_income_pc = col_double(),
```

```
##
          e_radio_n = col_double(),
##
          e_miferrat = col_double(),
##
          e_mipopula = col_double(),
          e_miurbani = col_double(),
##
##
          e_miurbpop = col_double(),
##
          e_pefeliex = col_double(),
          e_peinfmor = col_double(),
##
          e_pelifeex = col_double(),
##
          e_pematmor = col_double(),
##
##
          e_wb_pop = col_double(),
##
          e_civil_war = col_double(),
##
          e_miinteco = col_double(),
##
          e_miinterc = col_double(),
          e_pt_coup = col_double(),
##
          e_pt_coup_attempts = col_double()
##
##
     ..)
    - attr(*, "problems")=<externalptr>
Usually, the second step of my data inquiry is having an overview of the identifiers of data points. In our case,
the identifiers are country names, country IDs, and years. Using the distinct() function can effectively
identify the distinct levels of identifiers
d |> select(country_name, country_id, year) |> distinct()
## # A tibble: 6,789 x 3
##
      country_name country_id year
##
      <chr>
                         <dbl> <dbl>
    1 Mexico
                              3 1984
##
    2 Mexico
                              3 1985
    3 Mexico
                              3
                                1986
##
##
    4 Mexico
                              3
                                1987
##
    5 Mexico
                              3 1988
                              3 1989
##
    6 Mexico
    7 Mexico
                              3 1990
##
##
    8 Mexico
                              3 1991
##
    9 Mexico
                              3
                                1992
## 10 Mexico
                              3
                                1993
## # i 6,779 more rows
# Which countries are in this dataset
d |> select(country_name) |> distinct()
## # A tibble: 181 x 1
##
      country_name
##
      <chr>
##
    1 Mexico
    2 Suriname
##
    3 Sweden
##
    4 Switzerland
    5 Ghana
##
    6 South Africa
##
    7 Japan
    8 Burma/Myanmar
##
##
    9 Russia
## 10 Albania
```

i 171 more rows

```
d |> select(year) |> distinct()
## # A tibble: 39 x 1
##
      year
##
     <dbl>
## 1 1984
## 2 1985
## 3 1986
## 4 1987
## 5 1988
## 6 1989
## 7 1990
## 8 1991
## 9 1992
## 10 1993
## # i 29 more rows
Select both the country identifiers, GDP, and GDP per capita.
d_gdp <- d |>
 select(country_name, country_id, year, e_gdp, e_gdppc)
d_gdp
## # A tibble: 6,789 x 5
##
     country_name country_id year e_gdp e_gdppc
     <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
## 1 Mexico
                         3 1984 93563.
                                            11.7
## 2 Mexico
                         3 1985 94259.
                                          11.5
## 3 Mexico
                         3 1986 92750. 11.1
## 4 Mexico
                         3 1987 93220.
                                          10.9
                                          10.8
## 5 Mexico
                         3 1988 94687.
## 6 Mexico
                         3 1989 98145. 11.0
## 7 Mexico
                        3 1990 103254. 11.4
## 8 Mexico
                         3 1991 107374.
                                          11.6
## 9 Mexico
                         3 1992 111533.
                                           11.9
                          3 1993 114611.
## 10 Mexico
                                           12.0
## # i 6,779 more rows
3. Rename Columns to Make Names Informative
# d_gdp />
  rename("GDP" = "e_gdp", "GDP_per_capita" = "e_gdppc",
#
          "Country" = "country_name", "ID" = "country_id",
          "Year" = "year")
#
d_gdp <- d_gdp |>
 rename("GDP" = "e_gdp", "GDP_per_capita" = "e_gdppc",
        "Country" = "country_name", "ID" = "country_id",
        "Year" = "year")
d_gdp
```

GDP GDP_per_capita

A tibble: 6,789 x 5

Country ID Year

##

```
##
      <chr>
               <dbl> <dbl>
                              <dbl>
                                              <dbl>
##
                      1984
                            93563.
                                               11.7
    1 Mexico
                   3
##
    2 Mexico
                   3
                      1985
                             94259.
                                               11.5
    3 Mexico
                   3
                      1986
                                               11.1
##
                             92750.
##
    4 Mexico
                   3
                      1987
                             93220.
                                               10.9
                      1988
                                               10.8
##
    5 Mexico
                   3
                            94687.
    6 Mexico
                   3
                      1989
                            98145.
                                               11.0
    7 Mexico
##
                   3
                      1990 103254.
                                               11.4
##
    8 Mexico
                   3
                      1991 107374.
                                               11.6
##
   9 Mexico
                   3
                     1992 111533.
                                               11.9
## 10 Mexico
                   3 1993 114611.
                                               12.0
## # i 6,779 more rows
```

4. Subset Rows of the Data Using slice_

The set of slice_ functions will become handy when you want to take a subset of rows based on some simple rules.

If you would like to get 10 obervations (countries-years) with the maximum GDP, use slice_max:

```
# Want countries-years with highest GDP
d_gdp |> slice_max(order_by = GDP, n = 10)
```

```
## # A tibble: 10 x 5
      Country
##
                                       Year
                                                  GDP GDP_per_capita
                                   TD
##
      <chr>
                                <dbl> <dbl>
                                               <dbl>
                                                               <dbl>
##
    1 China
                                  110
                                       2019 2279809.
                                                                15.4
##
   2 China
                                       2018 2205730.
                                                                14.9
                                       2017 2136176.
##
    3 China
                                  110
                                                                14.5
    4 United States of America
                                   20
                                       2019 2118706.
                                                                60.6
##
    5 United States of America
                                   20 2018 2077898.
                                                                59.6
##
   6 China
                                  110 2016 2039529.
                                                                13.9
##
   7 United States of America
                                   20 2017 2023242.
                                                                58.5
    8 United States of America
                                   20
                                       2016 1980809.
                                                                57.6
##
  9 China
                                  110
                                       2015 1953127.
                                                                13.3
## 10 United States of America
                                   20 2015 1942092.
                                                                56.7
```

Similiarily, if you want a subset of countries-years with mimnimal GDP, use slice_min:

```
# Get countries-years with the lowest GDP
d_gdp |> slice_min(order_by = GDP, n = 10)
```

```
## # A tibble: 10 x 5
##
      Country
                                    Year
                                            GDP GDP_per_capita
                                ID
##
      <chr>
                             <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
                                                          <dbl>
##
   1 Sao Tome and Principe
                               196
                                    1988
                                          24.0
                                                           2.04
    2 Sao Tome and Principe
                               196
                                    1987
                                           24.0
                                                           2.08
                                    1986
                                                           2.17
##
    3 Sao Tome and Principe
                               196
                                           24.4
##
    4 Sao Tome and Principe
                               196
                                    1984
                                           24.7
                                                           2.29
                                    1985
                                           24.9
##
    5 Sao Tome and Principe
                               196
                                                           2.26
   6 Sao Tome and Principe
                               196
                                    1989
                                           25.0
                                                           2.06
   7 Sao Tome and Principe
                               196
                                    1990
                                           25.2
                                                           2.03
    8 Sao Tome and Principe
                               196
                                    1992
                                           25.2
                                                           1.95
    9 Sao Tome and Principe
                               196
                                    1991
                                           25.3
                                                           1.99
## 10 Sao Tome and Principe
                               196
                                    1993 25.5
                                                           1.93
```

Finally, if you wish to take a random sample of observations in the data, use slice_sample. Note that you

may tell R the exact sample size you want:

```
set.seed(52)
d_gdp |> slice_sample(n = 10) # Sample 10 observations
```

```
## # A tibble: 10 x 5
##
      Country
                      ID
                          Year
                                      GDP GDP_per_capita
##
      <chr>
                   <dbl> <dbl>
                                    <dbl>
                                                    <dbl>
                           1988
                                     76.5
                                                     2.18
##
    1 Cape Verde
                      70
##
    2 Oman
                     187
                           1991
                                  2955.
                                                    14.7
##
    3 Romania
                     190
                           2010
                                 30202.
                                                    14.0
    4 South Korea
##
                      42
                           2001 124701.
                                                    24.6
##
    5 Mozambique
                      57
                           2012
                                  3589.
                                                     1.41
                           1992
    6 Bulgaria
                     152
                                  8739.
                                                     9.53
##
##
    7 Morocco
                      90
                           2001
                                 15549.
                                                     5.03
                           1990
                      34
##
    8 Vietnam
                                 10537.
                                                     1.47
##
    9 Canada
                      66
                           1985
                                 83713.
                                                    30.4
## 10 Serbia
                     198
                           1987
                                 17430.
                                                     7.64
```

Or you may define the sample size as a poroportion of the original data size:

```
set.seed(52)
d_gdp |> slice_sample(prop = 0.1)
```

```
## # A tibble: 678 x 5
##
      Country
                                      GDP GDP_per_capita
                      ID
                          Year
##
      <chr>>
                   <dbl> <dbl>
                                    <dbl>
                                                    <dbl>
##
    1 Cape Verde
                      70
                           1988
                                     76.5
                                                     2.18
    2 Oman
                                                    14.7
##
                     187
                           1991
                                  2955.
##
    3 Romania
                     190
                           2010
                                 30202.
                                                    14.0
##
    4 South Korea
                      42
                           2001 124701.
                                                    24.6
    5 Mozambique
                      57
                           2012
                                  3589.
                                                     1.41
##
##
    6 Bulgaria
                     152
                           1992
                                  8739.
                                                     9.53
##
    7 Morocco
                      90
                           2001
                                 15549.
                                                     5.03
##
    8 Vietnam
                      34
                           1990
                                 10537.
                                                     1.47
    9 Canada
                      66
                           1985
                                 83713.
                                                    30.4
##
## 10 Serbia
                     198
                           1987
                                 17430.
                                                     7.64
## # i 668 more rows
```

The set.seed function specify a random seed with which the system uses to generate the "random sample." Long story short, "random" stuff generated by a machine are never really random. Instead, the random outputs (in our case, a random subset of the data) are results of the computer input some "random seed" to some complicated formula. When you define a random seed, you can guarantee that you obtain the same random sample every time you run the program – this makes your data science research reproducible. As we have discussed, reproducibility is a desired feature of a data science project. So I would strongly recommend setting a random seed every time.

5. Subset Rows of the Data Using filter

3

##

1 Mexico

2000 145206.

For example, we may take the observations whose Year variable ranges from 2000 to 2005.

13.7

```
##
    2 Mexico
                       2001 146993.
                                               13.6
##
    3 Mexico
                    3
                       2002 148549.
                                               13.6
                                               13.7
##
    4 Mexico
                    3
                       2003 151035.
##
    5 Mexico
                    3
                       2004 156578.
                                               14.1
##
    6 Mexico
                    3
                       2005 162094.
                                               14.3
    7 Suriname
                    4
                       2000
                                                7.67
##
                                383.
    8 Suriname
                       2001
                                                7.93
                                402.
                       2002
                                                8.25
##
    9 Suriname
                    4
                                423.
## 10 Suriname
                    4
                       2003
                                451.
                                                8.67
## # i 1,052 more rows
```

We may subset observations whose Country variable, a character variable, equals to the text "China".

```
d_gdp_china <- d_gdp |> filter(Country == "China")
```

We may also stack multiple filter functions. For example, you may do the following if you want to look at a subset of the data whose Year ranges from 2000 to 2005 and Country equals to "China":

```
# Want: 2000 - 2005 from China
d_gdp |>
  filter(Year >= 2000 & Year <= 2005) |>
 filter(Country == "China")
## # A tibble: 6 x 5
##
     Country
                ID Year
                              GDP GDP_per_capita
##
     <chr>>
             <dbl> <dbl>
                            <dbl>
                                            <dbl>
## 1 China
               110
                    2000 633740.
                                             4.74
## 2 China
               110
                    2001 682141.
                                             5.05
## 3 China
               110
                    2002 738393.
                                             5.43
```

6. Sort the Data based on Values of Rows using arrange

2003 798702.

2004 871314.

2005 956102.

4 China

5 China

6 China

110

110

110

Now we will try to sort the dataset d_gdp by the value of GDP per capita using the arrange. We may have country-year with small values of GDP_per_capita appearing first and those with larger values of GDP_per_capita coming after them.

5.83

6.31

6.89

```
# Want: sort the row by GDP per capita
d_gdp |> arrange(GDP_per_capita)
```

```
## # A tibble: 6,789 x 5
##
      Country
                                                         GDP GDP_per_capita
                                            ID Year
##
      <chr>
                                         <dbl> <dbl>
                                                       <dbl>
                                                                       <dbl>
##
   1 Liberia
                                            86
                                                1995
                                                        62.3
                                                                       0.286
##
    2 Liberia
                                            86
                                                1994
                                                        65.5
                                                                       0.307
                                                        70.6
##
    3 Liberia
                                            86
                                                1996
                                                                       0.309
##
   4 Liberia
                                            86
                                                1993
                                                        81.5
                                                                       0.383
##
    5 Liberia
                                                1997
                                                       107.
                                                                       0.429
                                            86
    6 Liberia
                                                1992
                                                                       0.53
##
                                            86
                                                       113.
##
   7 Democratic Republic of the Congo
                                           111
                                                2002 2966.
                                                                       0.538
    8 Democratic Republic of the Congo
                                           111
                                                2001 2890.
                                                                       0.54
    9 Liberia
                                            86
                                                1998
                                                      147.
                                                                       0.543
## 10 Democratic Republic of the Congo
                                                2003 3141.
                                           111
                                                                       0.552
## # i 6,779 more rows
```

Want the countries-years with larger values of GDP_per_capita appear first? Simply reverse the value using -GDP_per_capita. Alternatively, you may replace desc(GDP_per_capita).

```
d_gdp |> arrange(-GDP_per_capita)
## # A tibble: 6,789 x 5
##
      Country
                               ID Year
                                           GDP GDP_per_capita
##
      <chr>
                            <dbl> <dbl>
                                         <dbl>
                                                         <dbl>
   1 United Arab Emirates
                                   1984 16817.
                                                         115.
##
                              207
   2 United Arab Emirates
                              207
                                   1985 15946.
                                                         103.
##
   3 Qatar
                               94
                                  2012 23055.
                                                         101.
##
  4 Qatar
                               94
                                  2011 21273.
                                                         100.
##
  5 Qatar
                               94
                                  2013 24074.
                                                          98.9
##
  6 United Arab Emirates
                              207
                                   1991 20567.
                                                          96.5
##
   7 United Arab Emirates
                              207
                                   1992 21506.
                                                          95.7
## 8 Qatar
                               94
                                   2014 24194.
                                                          95.3
## 9 Qatar
                                   2010 18107.
                                                          94.4
## 10 United Arab Emirates
                              207
                                   2000 31871.
                                                          93.3
## # i 6,779 more rows
d_gdp |> arrange(desc(GDP_per_capita))
## # A tibble: 6,789 x 5
##
      Country
                               ID Year
                                           GDP GDP_per_capita
##
      <chr>
                            <dbl> <dbl>
                                         <dbl>
                                                         <dbl>
##
   1 United Arab Emirates
                              207
                                   1984 16817.
                                                         115.
   2 United Arab Emirates
                              207
                                   1985 15946.
                                                         103.
##
   3 Qatar
                               94
                                   2012 23055.
                                                         101.
##
   4 Qatar
                               94
                                   2011 21273.
                                                         100.
                               94
## 5 Qatar
                                   2013 24074.
                                                          98.9
  6 United Arab Emirates
                                  1991 20567.
                                                          96.5
                              207
  7 United Arab Emirates
                                                          95.7
##
                              207
                                  1992 21506.
## 8 Qatar
                               94
                                   2014 24194.
                                                          95.3
```

7. Perform (4) (5) (6) group by group: group_by, ungroup

94

2010 18107.

207 2000 31871.

9 Qatar

10 United Arab Emirates

i 6,779 more rows

Task: Create a dataset that contains the year of the higest development level for each country/ region respectively.

94.4

93.3

- 1. Perform a data availability/ integrity check. Then aggregate the data into a new country-level dataset which contains the following indicators:
 - 1. Average development level from 1984 to 2022.
 - 2. Magnitude of growth from 1984 to 2022.

```
# Want: For each country, we want the year with the highest GDP
d_gdp |>
  group by(Country) |>
  slice_max(GDP, n = 1)
## # A tibble: 341 x 5
## # Groups:
               Country [181]
##
      Country
                     ID Year
                                   GDP GDP_per_capita
##
      <chr>
                  <dbl> <dbl>
                                 <dbl>
                                                <dbl>
  1 Afghanistan
                     36 2019
                                 6775.
                                                 1.74
```

```
## 2 Albania
                   12 2019 3490.
                                             11.3
## 3 Algeria
                   103 2019 52143.
                                             11.6
## 4 Angola
                   104 2015 17449.
                                             6.56
## 5 Argentina
                   37 2017 80302.
                                             17.2
## 6 Armenia
                   105 2019
                             3903.
                                             12.3
## 7 Australia
                    67 2019 127644.
                                             48.1
## 8 Austria
                   144 2019 44063.
                                             46.2
## 9 Azerbaijan
                   106 2014 15216.
                                             15.1
## 10 Bahrain
                   146 2018 5149.
                                             30.9
## # i 331 more rows
# How many entries are there for each country
d_gdp |>
 group_by(Country) |>
 count()
## # A tibble: 181 x 2
## # Groups:
              Country [181]
##
     Country
                     n
##
     <chr>>
                 <int>
## 1 Afghanistan
                    39
## 2 Albania
                    39
## 3 Algeria
## 4 Angola
                    39
## 5 Argentina
                    39
## 6 Armenia
                    33
## 7 Australia
                    39
## 8 Austria
                    39
## 9 Azerbaijan
                    33
## 10 Bahrain
                    39
## # i 171 more rows
?count
# Want: For each country, get the year when it has worst GDP
d_gdp |>
 group_by(Country) |>
 slice_min(order_by = GDP, n = 1)
## # A tibble: 341 x 5
## # Groups: Country [181]
                               GDP GDP_per_capita
##
     Country
                    ID Year
##
     <chr>
                 <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
                                            <dbl>
## 1 Afghanistan
                    36 1994 1573.
                                             0.85
## 2 Albania
                    12 1992 995.
                                             2.98
                   103 1988 22997.
                                             8.83
## 3 Algeria
## 4 Angola
                   104 1984 3001.
                                             3.06
## 5 Argentina
                    37 1985 25577.
                                             8.43
                   105 1994 1037.
## 6 Armenia
                                             3.12
## 7 Australia
                    67 1984 42768.
                                            25.6
## 8 Austria
                   144 1984 18343.
                                            22.9
                   106 1996 2362.
## 9 Azerbaijan
                                            2.91
## 10 Bahrain
                   146 1986 726.
                                            15.4
## # i 331 more rows
```

8. Create new columns in the data: group_by, mutate, ungroup

```
d_gdp |> mutate(New = 1)
## # A tibble: 6,789 x 6
                            GDP GDP_per_capita
##
     Country
                ID Year
                                                 New
##
      <chr>
             <dbl> <dbl>
                           <dbl>
                                         <dbl> <dbl>
##
  1 Mexico
                 3 1984
                         93563.
                                          11.7
  2 Mexico
                 3 1985
                          94259.
                                          11.5
                 3 1986
##
   3 Mexico
                         92750.
                                          11.1
## 4 Mexico
                 3 1987
                          93220.
                                          10.9
## 5 Mexico
                 3 1988
                          94687.
                                          10.8
## 6 Mexico
                 3 1989
                         98145.
                                          11.0
                                                   1
## 7 Mexico
                 3 1990 103254.
                                          11.4
## 8 Mexico
                 3 1991 107374.
                                          11.6
                                                   1
## 9 Mexico
                 3 1992 111533.
                                          11.9
                 3 1993 114611.
## 10 Mexico
                                          12.0
## # i 6,779 more rows
d_gdp |> mutate(New = GDP)
## # A tibble: 6,789 x 6
                ID Year
##
                            GDP GDP_per_capita
     Country
                                                   New
##
      <chr>
             <dbl> <dbl>
                           <dbl>
                                         <dbl>
                                                 <dbl>
                                          11.7 93563.
##
                 3 1984 93563.
   1 Mexico
## 2 Mexico
                 3 1985
                          94259.
                                          11.5 94259.
## 3 Mexico
                 3 1986
                         92750.
                                          11.1 92750.
##
   4 Mexico
                 3 1987
                          93220.
                                          10.9 93220.
                 3 1988
## 5 Mexico
                                          10.8 94687.
                         94687.
## 6 Mexico
                 3 1989 98145.
                                          11.0 98145.
## 7 Mexico
                 3 1990 103254.
                                          11.4 103254.
##
   8 Mexico
                 3 1991 107374.
                                          11.6 107374.
## 9 Mexico
                 3 1992 111533.
                                         11.9 111533.
                 3 1993 114611.
                                         12.0 114611.
## 10 Mexico
## # i 6,779 more rows
d_gdp |> mutate(New = log(GDP))
## # A tibble: 6,789 x 6
##
                             GDP GDP_per_capita
                                                 New
     Country
                ID Year
##
      <chr>
             <dbl> <dbl>
                           <dbl>
                                         <dbl> <dbl>
##
   1 Mexico
                 3 1984
                          93563.
                                          11.7 11.4
                                          11.5 11.5
##
  2 Mexico
                 3 1985
                          94259.
  3 Mexico
                 3 1986
                          92750.
                                          11.1 11.4
## 4 Mexico
                 3 1987
                          93220.
                                          10.9 11.4
                 3 1988 94687.
                                          10.8 11.5
## 5 Mexico
## 6 Mexico
                 3 1989 98145.
                                          11.0 11.5
## 7 Mexico
                 3 1990 103254.
                                          11.4 11.5
## 8 Mexico
                 3 1991 107374.
                                          11.6 11.6
## 9 Mexico
                 3 1992 111533.
                                          11.9 11.6
## 10 Mexico
                 3 1993 114611.
                                         12.0 11.6
## # i 6,779 more rows
d_gdp |> mutate(New = log(GDP) + 1)
## # A tibble: 6,789 x 6
```

```
##
                               GDP GDP_per_capita
      Country
                 ID Year
##
                                            <dbl> <dbl>
      <chr>
              <dbl> <dbl>
                             <dbl>
                            93563.
##
    1 Mexico
                  3
                     1984
                                             11.7
                                                    12.4
                     1985
                            94259.
                                                  12.5
##
    2 Mexico
                  3
                                             11.5
##
    3 Mexico
                  3
                     1986
                            92750.
                                             11.1
                                                    12.4
   4 Mexico
                                             10.9
##
                  3 1987
                            93220.
                                                   12.4
   5 Mexico
                  3 1988
                            94687.
                                             10.8
                                                   12.5
##
    6 Mexico
                  3
                     1989
                           98145.
                                             11.0
                                                   12.5
##
   7 Mexico
                  3
                     1990 103254.
                                             11.4
                                                   12.5
##
  8 Mexico
                  3
                    1991 107374.
                                             11.6 12.6
## 9 Mexico
                  3 1992 111533.
                                             11.9 12.6
                    1993 114611.
                                             12.0 12.6
## 10 Mexico
                  3
## # i 6,779 more rows
# Want: New column to be GDP relative to average GDP in the world 1984-2022
d_gdp |> mutate(GDP_over_avg = GDP / mean(GDP, na.rm = TRUE))
## # A tibble: 6,789 x 6
##
      Country
                 ID
                     Year
                               GDP GDP_per_capita GDP_over_avg
##
      <chr>
              <dbl> <dbl>
                             <dbl>
                                            <dbl>
                                                          <dbl>
##
                           93563.
   1 Mexico
                  3
                    1984
                                             11.7
                                                           2.11
##
                  3 1985
                            94259.
    2 Mexico
                                             11.5
                                                           2.13
##
    3 Mexico
                  3
                     1986
                           92750.
                                             11.1
                                                           2.09
##
  4 Mexico
                  3 1987
                           93220.
                                             10.9
                                                           2.10
##
  5 Mexico
                  3 1988
                            94687.
                                                           2.14
                                             10.8
##
                  3 1989
                                                           2.21
  6 Mexico
                           98145.
                                             11.0
##
   7 Mexico
                  3
                     1990 103254.
                                                           2.33
                                             11.4
## 8 Mexico
                  3
                    1991 107374.
                                                           2.42
                                             11.6
## 9 Mexico
                  3
                     1992 111533.
                                             11.9
                                                           2.52
                  3 1993 114611.
## 10 Mexico
                                             12.0
                                                           2.59
## # i 6,779 more rows
# Want: New column to be GDP relative to average GDP of the country in the world 1984-2022
d_gdp |>
  group_by(Country) |>
  mutate(GDP_over_avg = GDP / mean(GDP, na.rm = TRUE))
## # A tibble: 6,789 x 6
## # Groups:
               Country [181]
##
      Country
                 ID Year
                               GDP GDP_per_capita GDP_over_avg
##
      <chr>
              <dbl> <dbl>
                             <dbl>
                                            <dbl>
                                                          <dbl>
##
   1 Mexico
                     1984
                           93563.
                                             11.7
                                                          0.624
                  3
##
   2 Mexico
                  3
                     1985
                            94259.
                                             11.5
                                                          0.628
   3 Mexico
                  3
                     1986
                            92750.
                                                          0.618
                                             11.1
## 4 Mexico
                  3
                     1987
                            93220.
                                             10.9
                                                          0.622
   5 Mexico
##
                  3
                     1988
                           94687.
                                             10.8
                                                          0.631
##
  6 Mexico
                  3
                     1989
                            98145.
                                             11.0
                                                          0.654
##
  7 Mexico
                  3
                     1990 103254.
                                             11.4
                                                          0.688
##
                  3
                     1991 107374.
                                                          0.716
   8 Mexico
                                             11.6
##
                  3
                     1992 111533.
  9 Mexico
                                             11.9
                                                          0.744
## 10 Mexico
                  3 1993 114611.
                                                          0.764
                                             12.0
## # i 6,779 more rows
```

Task: Add the following economic indicators to the data:

1. Country-year development level with reference to that of 1984.

2. Year-on-year economic growth.

```
# Country-year development level with reference to that of 1984.
d gdp |>
 group_by(Country) |>
 arrange(Year) |>
 mutate(GDP_over_1984 = GDP / first(GDP)) |>
 ungroup() |>
 arrange(Country, Year)
## # A tibble: 6,789 x 6
##
     Country
                    ID Year
                              GDP GDP_per_capita GDP_over_1984
                 <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
##
      <chr>
                                            <dbl>
                                                         <dbl>
## 1 Afghanistan
                   36 1984 2723.
                                            2.03
                                                         1
                    36 1985 2690.
                                                         0.988
## 2 Afghanistan
                                           2.01
                    36 1986 2617.
## 3 Afghanistan
                                           1.97
                                                         0.961
## 4 Afghanistan
                    36 1987 2471.
                                           1.86
                                                         0.907
## 5 Afghanistan
                    36 1988 2317.
                                           1.73
                                                         0.851
## 6 Afghanistan
                    36 1989 2173.
                                           1.59
                                                         0.798
## 7 Afghanistan
                    36 1990 2066.
                                           1.46
                                                         0.759
## 8 Afghanistan
                    36 1991 1953.
                                           1.32
                                                         0.717
## 9 Afghanistan
                    36 1992 1842.
                                           1.16
                                                         0.676
                    36 1993 1676.
## 10 Afghanistan
                                            0.973
                                                         0.616
## # i 6,779 more rows
# first()
# Country-year development level with reference to that of 1984.
d_gdp
## # A tibble: 6,789 x 5
##
     Country
                ID Year
                             GDP GDP_per_capita
##
      <chr>
             <dbl> <dbl>
                           <dbl>
                                          <dbl>
## 1 Mexico
               3 1984 93563.
                                          11.7
                 3 1985 94259.
## 2 Mexico
                                          11.5
                 3 1986 92750.
## 3 Mexico
                                          11.1
## 4 Mexico
               3 1987 93220.
                                          10.9
## 5 Mexico
               3 1988 94687.
                                          10.8
               3 1989 98145.
## 6 Mexico
                                          11.0
                3 1990 103254.
## 7 Mexico
                                          11.4
                                          11.6
## 8 Mexico
                 3 1991 107374.
## 9 Mexico
                 3 1992 111533.
                                          11.9
                 3 1993 114611.
## 10 Mexico
                                          12.0
## # i 6,779 more rows
# Year-on-year economic growth.
# ?lag
d_gdp |>
 group_by(Country) |>
 arrange(Year) |>
 mutate(GDP_yoy_change = GDP - lag(GDP, n = 1)) |>
 ungroup() |>
 arrange(Country, Year)
## # A tibble: 6,789 x 6
##
                    ID Year GDP GDP_per_capita GDP_yoy_change
     Country
```

```
##
      <chr>
                  <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
                                             <dbl>
                                                            <dbl>
##
  1 Afghanistan
                     36 1984 2723.
                                             2.03
                                                             NΑ
## 2 Afghanistan
                                                            -33.1
                     36 1985 2690.
                                             2.01
                                                            -72.8
## 3 Afghanistan
                     36 1986 2617.
                                             1.97
## 4 Afghanistan
                     36 1987 2471.
                                             1.86
                                                           -146.
## 5 Afghanistan
                     36 1988 2317.
                                                           -154.
                                             1.73
## 6 Afghanistan
                     36 1989 2173.
                                             1.59
                                                           -144.
                                                           -107.
## 7 Afghanistan
                                             1.46
                     36 1990 2066.
## 8 Afghanistan
                     36 1991 1953.
                                             1.32
                                                           -113.
## 9 Afghanistan
                     36 1992 1842.
                                             1.16
                                                           -111.
## 10 Afghanistan
                     36 1993 1676.
                                             0.973
                                                           -166.
## # i 6,779 more rows
```

9. Summarize the data: group_by, summarise, ungroup

Task: Perform a data availability/ integrity check. Then aggregate the data into a new country-level dataset which contains the following indicators:

- 1. Average development level from 1984 to 2022.
- 2. Magnitude of growth from 1984 to 2022.

```
# Data availability/ integrity check
d_gdp |>
  # Create a column that indicates whether the value is missing
  mutate(GDP_missing = as.numeric(is.na(GDP)), .after = GDP) |>
  group_by(Country) |>
  summarise(N_GDP_missing = sum(GDP_missing))
## # A tibble: 181 x 2
##
      Country
                  N_GDP_missing
##
                          <dbl>
      <chr>
  1 Afghanistan
                              3
## 2 Albania
                              3
##
   3 Algeria
                              3
                              3
## 4 Angola
## 5 Argentina
                              3
## 6 Armenia
                              4
   7 Australia
                              3
## 8 Austria
                              3
## 9 Azerbaijan
                              3
## 10 Bahrain
                              3
## # i 171 more rows
# ?as.numeric
# Average development level
d_gdp |>
```

```
group_by(Country) |>
  summarise(GDP_average = mean(GDP, na.rm = TRUE),
            GDPpc_average = mean(GDP_per_capita, na.rm = TRUE))
## # A tibble: 181 x 3
##
      Country
                  GDP_average GDPpc_average
##
      <chr>
                        <dbl>
                                      <dbl>
## 1 Afghanistan
                        3374.
                                       1.35
## 2 Albania
                        2029.
                                       6.33
## 3 Algeria
                       35153.
                                      10.1
## 4 Angola
                        8133.
                                       4.07
## 5 Argentina
                       53263.
                                      13.2
## 6 Armenia
                                       6.83
                        2163.
                                      38.3
## 7 Australia
                       83495.
## 8 Austria
                                      35.6
                       31285.
## 9 Azerbaijan
                        8230.
                                       8.72
## 10 Bahrain
                        2493.
                                      24.4
## # i 171 more rows
# GDP growth and GDP per capita growth: comparing 2019 with 1984
d_gdp |>
 filter(Year >= 1984 & Year <= 2019) |>
  group_by(Country) |>
  arrange(Year) |>
  summarise(GDP_growth_2019_1984 = (last(GDP) - first(GDP)) / first(GDP),
            GDPpc_growth_2019_1984 = (last(GDP_per_capita) - first(GDP_per_capita)) / first(GDP_per_cap
  ungroup() |>
  arrange(Country)
## # A tibble: 181 x 3
      Country
                  GDP_growth_2019_1984 GDPpc_growth_2019_1984
##
      <chr>
                                 <dbl>
                                                         <dbl>
## 1 Afghanistan
                                  1.49
                                                        -0.142
## 2 Albania
                                  1.84
                                                         1.82
## 3 Algeria
                                  1.14
                                                         0.118
## 4 Angola
                                  4.64
                                                         0.763
                                                         0.922
## 5 Argentina
                                  2.03
## 6 Armenia
                                 NA
                                                        NA
## 7 Australia
                                  1.98
                                                         0.879
```

1.02

0.766

0.711

Final Notes

8 Austria

10 Bahrain

9 Azerbaijan

i 171 more rows

Pipe |>

What is a pipe?

R now provides a simple native forward pipe syntax |>. The simple form of the forward pipe inserts the left-hand side as the first argument in the right-hand side call.

1.40

1.47

5.50

Let's elaborate this definition

```
# What we have used
d_gdp |> filter(Country == "China")
```

```
## # A tibble: 39 x 5
     Country
                ID Year
                            GDP GDP_per_capita
##
     <chr> <dbl> <dbl>
                          <dbl>
                                          <dbl>
               110 1984 243976.
##
   1 China
                                          2.21
## 2 China
               110 1985 265805.
                                          2.36
## 3 China
               110 1986 285707.
                                          2.50
## 4 China
               110 1987 308227.
                                          2.65
## 5 China
               110 1988 322596.
                                          2.73
## 6 China
               110 1989 327739.
                                          2.74
## 7 China
               110 1990 315683.
                                          2.63
               110 1991 329836.
## 8 China
                                          2.71
## 9 China
               110 1992 359817.
                                          2.90
## 10 China
               110 1993 393449.
                                          3.15
## # i 29 more rows
# is equivalent to...
filter(d_gdp, Country == "China")
## # A tibble: 39 x 5
     Country
                ID Year
                             GDP GDP_per_capita
##
                                          <dbl>
     <chr> <dbl> <dbl>
                           <dbl>
##
   1 China
               110 1984 243976.
                                           2.21
## 2 China
               110 1985 265805.
                                          2.36
## 3 China
               110 1986 285707.
                                          2.50
## 4 China
               110 1987 308227.
                                          2.65
## 5 China
               110 1988 322596.
                                          2.73
## 6 China
               110 1989 327739.
                                          2.74
## 7 China
               110 1990 315683.
                                          2.63
## 8 China
               110 1991 329836.
                                          2.71
## 9 China
               110 1992 359817.
                                          2.90
## 10 China
               110
                   1993 393449.
                                          3.15
## # i 29 more rows
# ... is equivalent to
d_gdp |> filter(.data = _, Country == "China")
## # A tibble: 39 x 5
##
     Country
                ID Year
                             GDP GDP_per_capita
##
     <chr> <dbl> <dbl>
                           <dbl>
                                          <dbl>
##
   1 China
               110 1984 243976.
                                           2.21
## 2 China
               110 1985 265805.
                                          2.36
## 3 China
               110 1986 285707.
                                          2.50
## 4 China
               110 1987 308227.
                                          2.65
## 5 China
               110 1988 322596.
                                          2.73
## 6 China
               110 1989 327739.
                                          2.74
  7 China
               110 1990 315683.
                                          2.63
## 8 China
               110 1991 329836.
                                          2.71
## 9 China
               110 1992 359817.
                                          2.90
## 10 China
               110 1993 393449.
                                          3.15
## # i 29 more rows
```

Why piping? Pipe is useful when you are conducting a series of operation on your data but want to minimize the number of intermediate outputs produced. To

```
# STEP 1: Subset variables
d_gdp <- d |> select(country_name, country_id, year, e_gdp, e_gdppc)
# STEP 2: Rename variables
d_gdp_renamed <- d_gdp |>
  rename("GDP" = "e_gdp", "GDP_per_capita" = "e_gdppc",
         "Country" = "country_name", "ID" = "country_id",
         "Year" = "year")
# STEP 3: Filter down to China
d_gdp_china <- d_gdp_renamed |> filter(Country == "China")
# STEP 4: Filter down to 2000 - 2005
d_gdp_china_2000_2005 <- d_gdp_china |> filter(Year >= 2000 & Year <= 2005)
d_gdp_china_2000_2005
## # A tibble: 6 x 5
##
    Country
                ID Year
                             GDP GDP_per_capita
     <chr>>
             <dbl> <dbl>
                           <dbl>
                                          <dbl>
               110 2000 633740.
                                           4.74
## 1 China
## 2 China
               110 2001 682141.
                                           5.05
## 3 China
               110 2002 738393.
                                           5.43
## 4 China
               110 2003 798702.
                                           5.83
## 5 China
               110
                    2004 871314.
                                           6.31
```

As programmers, we face trade-offs. We want to work things out step-by-step. In this way, our code will look organized and readable for ourselves and other readers. However, the cost of a a step-by-step approach often is the growing size of intermediate outputs — to pass down results from our intermediate steps, we have to temporarily save intermediate outputs. Doing so consume system resources (as they take up your Memory), makes it hard to navigate through your Environment, and is error-prone.

6.89

6 China

110 2005 956102.

A pipe helps us maintain the step-by-step approach without creating many intermediate outputs. In our case, I can skip the intermediate outputs d_gdp, d_gdp_renamed and d_gdp_china with pipe.

d_gdp_china_2000_2005

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 5
                               GDP GDP_per_capita
##
                 ID
                    Year
     Country
##
     <chr>>
              <dbl> <dbl>
                             <dbl>
                                             <dbl>
                     2000 633740.
## 1 China
                110
                                              4.74
## 2 China
                110
                     2001 682141.
                                              5.05
## 3 China
                110
                     2002 738393.
                                              5.43
## 4 China
                110
                     2003 798702.
                                              5.83
## 5 China
                     2004 871314.
                                              6.31
                110
## 6 China
                110
                     2005 956102.
                                              6.89
```

|> v.s. %>% When you look up online resources, you may see pipe written in a different way: %>%. This is the pipe operator that data scientists (including myself) have been familiar with for years. You may use |> and %>% interchangeably for basic use cases (which is pretty much everything we are doing in this course). For more advanced use cases, %>% is more powerful.

Read further: https://www.tidyverse.org/blog/2023/04/base-vs-magrittr-pipe/

To Create a New Object or Not

With pipe |>, we can maintain a step-by-step approach but skip some intermediate outputs. However, as our data processing task becomes more and more complicated, intermediate outputs are unavoidable. When do we want to create an intermediate output and when do we want to skip it? This is more arts than science. Here is my take:

- 1. If I keep repeating some data wrangling steps for many downstream tasks, I would create an intermediate output and use it for all these downstream tasks.
- 2. If I find some intermediate outputs no longer needed, I will remove them from my environment using rm() to keep my environment clean and to make space.
- 3. Although I'd plan my data wrangling before I start the work, unexpected things happen. Sometimes, I figure I can merge some data wrangling steps to reduce intermediate outputs. Sometime, I suddenly realize some intermediate outputs are essential. This is a trial-and-error process.
- 4. Perfectionism is unnecessary in data wrangling. Produce replicable code that you and readers can understand. But do not edit your code to make it "pretty" endlessly.

Style

Where should you add a space? Where should you add a line break? Where should you add a comment? Where should you add a section break? These are questions concerning the style of your R code. Like writing articles, maintaining a good style when you write code helps you better communicate information with your readers and your future self.

Before talking about style, I should stress that the correctness of your syntax should always be prioritized over style. One common mistake beginners make is to add spaces between functions and their arguments. The typical error along this line is adding a space between a function and its arguments. For example, filter(Year >= 2000 & Year <= 2005) is correct, but filter (Year >= 2000 & Year <= 2005) is incorrect. The latter has a space between the function filter and its arguments (Year >= 2000 & Year <= 2005). Take another example, x[, 1], an expression that subset the first column of the data frame or matrix x, is correct. But x [, 1] is incorrect, because a space is added between the object x and the command that takes a subset from it [, 1].

As we heavily use tidyverse, we will use tidyverse's style guide: https://style.tidyverse.org/. The style guide touches upon several advanced R functionality, for now, we will focus on Sections 1 (Files), 4 (Pipes), and 5(ggplot2).