

Political Economy of Development:

Intro to tidyverse

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R: Data Wrangling with tidyverse: Introduction

tidyverse

`tidyverse` is a collection of packages for data manipulation. The tools within are more intuitive, and extremely useful.

It is built to be fast, highly expressive, and open-minded about how your data is stored.

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```
# Load Tidyverse:
install.packages("tidyverse", repos="https://cloud.r-project.org")

## Installing package into
'/Users/emontero/Library/R/arm64/4.1/library'
## (as 'lib' is unspecified)
## also installing the dependencies 'lifecycle', 'tidyselect',
'vctrs', 'scales', 'gargle', 'googledrive', 'timechange',
'vroom', 'cpp11', 'broom', 'conflicted', 'cli', 'dbplyr',
'dplyr', 'dtplyr', 'forcats', 'ggplot2', 'googlesheets4',
'haven', 'hms', 'httr', 'jsonlite', 'lubridate', 'magrittr',
'modelr', 'pillar', 'purrr', 'ragg', 'readr', 'readxl', 'reprex',
'rlang', 'rstudioapi', 'rvest', 'stringr', 'tibble', 'tidyr',
'xml2'

##
## There are binary versions available but the source
## versions are later:
##           binary source needs_compilation
##           0.2.1 0.2.2 TRUE
```

tidyverse

It is meant to improve on the R base functions.

For example, replaces: `subset()`, `apply()`, `tapply()`, `aggregate()`, `split()`, etc.


In addition, instead of relying on `for()` loops a lot, it provides other ways to iterate over rows or groups of rows or variables in a data frame.

tidyverse Cheat Sheet

R Studio provides an excellent cheat sheet for using it, highly recommended:

Data Wrangling with dplyr and tidyrr

Cheat Sheet



Syntax

Helpful conventions for wrangling

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

```
Source: local data frame [150 x 5]
  Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length
1           5.1           3.5           1.4
2           4.9           3.0           1.4
3           5.4           3.7           1.5
4           4.7           3.2           1.3
5           4.8           3.2           1.5
6           5.0           3.6           1.4
Variables not shown: Petal.Width (dbl), Species (fctr)
```

dplyr::glimpse(iris)
Information dense summary of tbl data.

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

```
tbl_df [5 x 5]
  Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Species
1           5.1           3.5           1.4 setosa
2           4.9           3.0           1.4 setosa
3           5.4           3.7           1.5 setosa
4           4.7           3.2           1.3 setosa
5           4.8           3.2           1.5 setosa
6           5.0           3.6           1.4 setosa
7           5.4           3.9           1.7 versicolour
8           5.0           3.4           1.5 versicolour
9           5.2           3.7           1.5 versicolour
```

dplyr::%>%
Passes object on left hand side as first argument (or argument) of function on right hand side.

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

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

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

Tidy Data

A foundation for wrangling in R

In a tidy data set:

- Each variable is saved in its own column
- Each observation is saved in its own row

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

$M + A = T$
 $M \times A$

Reshaping Data

Change the layout of a data set

dplyr::gather(cases, "year", "m", 2:4)
Gather columns into rows.

dplyr::spread(pollution, size, amount)
Spread rows into columns.

dplyr::data_frame(a = 1:3, b = 4:6)
Combine vectors into data frame (simplified).

dplyr::arrange(mtcars, mpg)
Order rows by values of a column (low to high).

dplyr::arrange(mtcars, desc(mpg))
Order rows by values of a column (high to low).

dplyr::rename(tbl, y = year)
Rename the columns of a data frame.

dplyr::separate(storms, date, c("y", "m", "d"))
Separate one column into several.

dplyr::unite(data, col_..., sep)
Unite several columns into one.

Subset Observations (Rows)

dplyr::filter(iris, Sepal.Length > 7)
Extract rows that meet logical criteria.

dplyr::distinct(iris)
Remove duplicate rows.

dplyr::sample_frac(iris, 0.5, replace = TRUE)
Randomly select fraction of rows.

dplyr::sample_n(iris, 10, replace = TRUE)
Randomly select n rows.

dplyr::slice(iris, 10:15)
Select rows by position.

dplyr::top_n(storms, 2, date)
Select and order top n entries (by group if grouped data).

Subset Variables (Columns)

dplyr::select(iris, Sepal.Width, Petal.Length, Species)
Select columns by name or helper function.

Helper Functions for select - select

- select(iris, contains("y"))**
Select columns whose name contains a character string.
- select(iris, ends_with("Length"))**
Select columns whose name ends with a character string.
- select(iris, everything())**
Select every column.
- select(iris, matches("x"))**
Select columns whose name matches a regular expression.
- select(iris, num_range("x", 1:3))**
Select columns named x1, x2, x3, x4, x5.
- select(iris, one_of("Species", "Genus"))**
Select columns whose names are in a group of names.
- select(iris, starts_with("Sepal"))**
Select columns whose name starts with a character string.
- select(iris, Sepal.Length:Petal.Width)**
Select all columns between Sepal.Length and Petal.Width (inclusive).
- select(iris, -Species)**
Select all columns except Species.
- !!**
Rouden operators

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R: Data Wrangling with tidyverse: Pipes

Pipes & Piping: More “Readable” Code

One huge advantage of `tidyverse` functions is that they can be used with `pipe` notation

`pipng` makes (1) R coding more intuitive, and (2) dramatically improves code readability

- Evaluates function calls as “`chains`”: goes “outside-in” (left-to-right) rather than “inside-out” (right-to-left)

Piping: More “Readable” Code

To see what [piping](#) is and how it improves coding readability:

- ▶ Let's go through a simple example using [filter](#) from [tidyverse](#)
- ▶ ([filter](#) is the [tidyverse](#) improvement of the [subset](#) function from R [base](#) functions)
- ▶ We will first load the [gapminder](#) dataset: data on life expectancy, GDP per capita, and population by country

```
# Load the gapminder data:  
gapminder.data <- read.csv(file = "./gapminder.csv")
```

Piping: More “Readable” Code

- Explore the [gapminder](#) dataset: data on life expectancy, GDP per capita, and population by country

```
# Check out the gapminder data:
```

```
head(gapminder.data)
```

```
##      country continent year lifeExp      pop gdpPercap
## 1 Afghanistan      Asia  1952  28.801  8425333   779.4453
## 2 Afghanistan      Asia  1957  30.332  9240934   820.8530
## 3 Afghanistan      Asia  1962  31.997 10267083   853.1007
## 4 Afghanistan      Asia  1967  34.020 11537966   836.1971
## 5 Afghanistan      Asia  1972  36.088 13079460   739.9811
## 6 Afghanistan      Asia  1977  38.438 14880372   786.1134
```

```
# From the gapminder library
```

Piping: Example

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We can “filter” the dataset to only include countries with life expectancy less than 29:

Without `Piping`:

```
# Filter the data
gapminder.data.under29 <- filter(gapminder.data, lifeExp < 29)

## Error in filter(gapminder.data, lifeExp < 29): object
'lifeExp' not found
```

Piping: Use `filter()` to subset data row-wise

Filter to countries with life expectancy less than 29 using the `filter` function with piping:

Piping uses `% > %` to pass previous objects into functions, going “left-to-right” (or in “chains”)

With **Piping**:

```
# Filter the data and pipe it:
gapminder.data.under29 <- gapminder.data %>% filter(lifeExp < 29)

## Error in gapminder.data %>% filter(lifeExp < 29): could not
find function "%>%"

# Code evaluates "'left-to-right', more readable!
```


Piping: Use filter() to subset data row-wise

Piping is particularly helpful for lines of code with many different function calls. Let's see an example:

- Note: Example below uses `mutate` to create a variable:

```
## Filter data, create a variable using mutate, and filter again:
```

```
# Without Piping:
```

```
gap.without.pipe <-  
  filter(  
    mutate(  
      filter(gapminder.data, lifeExp < 29), filter_sample = 1),  
    lifeExp > 20)
```

```
## Error in mutate(filter(gapminder.data, lifeExp < 29),  
filter_sample = 1): could not find function "mutate"
```

```
# have to go "inside-out" to understand this...
```

```
# With Piping:
```

```
gap.with.pipe <- gapminder.data %>% filter( lifeExp < 29) %>%  
  mutate(filter_sample = 1) %>% filter(lifeExp > 20)
```

```
## Error in gapminder.data %>% filter(lifeExp < 29) %>%
```

Piping: Another Example

Piping can now also be used with many base functions

Thus, you can use pipes for almost all data preparation now

Piping: Another Example

Another example of readability with `pipes` using basic functions:

Compute the logarithm of some x , calculate lagged differences, compute the exponential function, and round the result:

```
## Piping Example
# Initialize `x`
x <- c(0.109, 0.359, 0.63, 0.996, 0.515, 0.142, 0.017, 0.829, 0.907)
# No Pipes:
round(exp(diff(log(x))), 1)

## [1] 3.3 1.8 1.6 0.5 0.3 0.1 48.8 1.1

# With Pipes
x %>% log() %>%
  diff() %>%
  exp() %>%
  round(1)

## Error in x %>% log() %>% diff() %>% exp() %>% round(1): could
not find function "%>%"
```

Piping: Conclusion

Piping is super useful. Makes R coding even more intuitive and code more readable

Highly recommend using it! We will see many examples using it today

RStudio also has shortcuts to add `%>%` on a line:

- ▶ On Mac: “Shift + Command + M”
- ▶ On Windows: “Shift+ Control + M”

Piping: Another Example

Piping Practice: Take the `x` vector below and using **piping**:

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```
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```

```
# One Solution:
```

```
x %>% exp() %>% sqrt() %>% sum()
```

```
## Error in x %>% exp() %>% sqrt() %>% sum(): could not find  
function "%>%"
```

R: Back to tidyverse: Basics

What do tidyverse functions return: tibbles

Calling tidyverse functions – e.g. `filter` – often return an object called a `tibble`

A `tibble` is very similar to a `data.frame` object, it just optimized to be faster for tidyverse functions.

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For example, we can `filter` the data to select only Rwanda and Afghanistan:

Option 1: Listing two logical statements. Returns a `tibble`:

```
# Filter and see Result:
head(
  gapminder.data %>% filter(country == "Rwanda" | country == "Afghanist
  ## Here, we do not "store" the output in another object (using <- nor
)

## Error in gapminder.data %>% filter(country == "Rwanda" |
country == "Afghanistan"): could not find function "%>%"
```

What do tidyverse functions return: tibbles

Option 2: Using `%in%` – checks if an item is “in” another `vector` or `list`:

- Convenient alternative to typing out multiple different statements, especially for long lists

```
# Filter using %in% and see result:
head(
  gapminder.data %>% filter(country %in% c("Rwanda", "Afghanistan"))
)

## Error in gapminder.data %>% filter(country %in% c("Rwanda",
## "Afghanistan")): could not find function "%>%"
```

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head(  
  gapminder.data %>% select(year, lifeExp)  
)  
  
## Error in gapminder.data %>% select(year, lifeExp): could not  
find function "%>%"
```

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One big advantage: You can refer to existing variables by name!

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```
## Using Mutate, with piping:
gapminder.data.mutated <- gapminder.data %>%
  mutate(gdp = pop * gdpPercap)

## Error in gapminder.data %>% mutate(gdp = pop * gdpPercap):
could not find function "%>%"
```

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# Arrange Data by year and country:  
head(  
  gapminder.data %>% arrange(year, country)  
)  
  
## Error in gapminder.data %>% arrange(year, country): could not  
find function "%>%"
```


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```
head(  
  gapminder.data %>% arrange(desc(lifeExp))  
)  
  
## Error in gapminder.data %>% arrange(desc(lifeExp)): could not  
find function "%>%"
```

Use `rename()` to rename variables

Can use `rename()` to rename variables, very useful for cleaning data:

Can also use `select()`:

```
## Using Rename -- Piping:
```

```
gapminder.data.renamed <- gapminder.data %>% rename(gdp_percap = gdpPer
```

```
## Error in gapminder.data %>% rename(gdp_percap = gdpPercap):  
could not find function "%>%"
```

```
## Using Rename -- No Piping:
```

```
gapminder.data.renamed<- rename(gapminder.data, gdp_percap = gdpPercap)
```

```
## Error in rename(gapminder.data, gdp_percap = gdpPercap):  
could not find function "rename"
```

tidyverse practice

Let's take a few minutes to do some practice with tidyverse

Exercise: Using the `gapminder` dataset and “piping”, do the following:

1. Create a variable with the ratio of life expectancy to gdp per capita
2. Select only that variable you created, the country, and the year
3. Filter the data to only look at countries where this ratio is above 0.1 and the year is greater than 1995
4. Rename the variable created to be called `ratio_practice`
5. Arrange by `ratio_practice` in ascending order

Extra Exercise: Try keeping it to only one set of piping commands

tidyverse practice

One Possible Solution (using piping):

```
gapminder.practice <- gapminder.data %>%  
  # 1. Create the variable  
  mutate(ratio_le_gdp = lifeExp/gdpPercap) %>%  
  # 2. Select only year and ratio_le_gdp:  
  select(year, country, ratio_le_gdp) %>%  
  # 3. Filter to where ratio >2 and year > 1995:\n  filter(ratio_le_gdp > 0.1, year>1995) %>%  
  # 4. Rename variable  
  rename(ratio_practice = ratio_le_gdp) %>%  
  # 5. Sort:  
  arrange(ratio_practice)  
  
## Error in gapminder.data %>% mutate(ratio_le_gdp =  
lifeExp/gdpPercap) %>% : could not find function "%>%"  
  
# First Country:  
gapminder.practice[1,]  
  
## Error in eval(expr, envir, enclos): object  
'gapminder.practice' not found
```

R: Data Wrangling with tidyverse: `group_by()`

Group_by

`tidyverse` is extremely useful for questions like: “which country experienced the sharpest 5-year drop in life expectancy?”

This is a question about “groups” of data: *a country* across intervals

- ▶ This type of data – many observations (countries) across time – is also known as **panel data**
- ▶ We will explore this type of data much more for **difference-in-differences** methods

Answering this question is difficult to do with base functions without using `for()` loops for example (or, `apply()`)

These functions are not well suited for group questions; however, `tidyverse` is. This is very useful when preparing data.

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- ▶ `summarize()` takes a dataset with n observations, computes requested summaries, and returns a dataset with 1 observation per group
- ▶ `mutate()` creates a variable for each group
- ▶ `mutate()` and `summarize()` will honor groups. So `summarize()` after using `group_by()` will turn n observation to m observations, where $m = \text{number of groups}$

group_by: Counting

Let's start with simple counting.

Example: How many observations do we have per continent?

With [tidyverse](#) and piping:

```
# Piping: Num Obs per Continent
```

```
gapminder.data %>% group_by(continent) %>%  
  summarize(n=n())
```

```
## Error in gapminder.data %>% group_by(continent) %>%  
summarize(n = n()): could not find function "%>%"
```

group_by: Counting

Can also use the `tally()` function as a convenience function that knows to count rows.

It honors groups.

```
# Count Observations by continent using tally:  
gapminder.data %>% group_by(continent) %>% tally()  
  
## Error in gapminder.data %>% group_by(continent) %>% tally():  
could not find function "%>%"
```

group_by: Counting

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```
# Group by Continent, then find number of observations by continent, and  
gapminder.data %>% group_by(continent) %>%  
  summarize(n = n(),  
            n_countries = n_distinct(country))  
  
## Error in gapminder.data %>% group_by(continent) %>%  
summarize(n = n(), : could not find function "%>%"
```

group_by: Summarizing

Can apply many functions within `summarize()`.

For example, classical statistical summaries, like `mean()`, `median()`, `var()`, `sd()`, `mad()`, `IQR()`, `min()`, and `max()`

These will be applied *for each group*:

```
# Group and Calculate Average Life Expectancy BY CONTINENT:
gapminder.grouped <- gapminder.data %>% group_by(continent)

## Error in gapminder.data %>% group_by(continent):  could not
find function "%>%"

summarize(gapminder.grouped,
          avg_lifeExp = mean(lifeExp))

## Error in summarize(gapminder.grouped, avg_lifeExp =
mean(lifeExp)):  could not find function "summarize"
```

tidyverse group practice

Let's take a few minutes to do some practice with [tidyverse](#) and groups:

Exercise: Using the [gapminder](#) dataset and “pipes”, do the following:

1. Focus on Asian countries,
2. Find: What are the minimum and maximum life expectancies each year in Asia?

tidyverse group practice

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1. Focus on Asian countries,
2. Find: What are the minimum and maximum life expectancies seen *by year*?

```
# filter to Asia, group by year, and find min and max life exp
gapminder.data %>%
  filter(continent == "Asia") %>%
  group_by(year) %>%
  summarize(min_lifeExp = min(lifeExp), max_lifeExp = max(lifeExp))

## Error in gapminder.data %>% filter(continent == "Asia") %>%
group_by(year) %>% : could not find function "%>%"
```

group_by: Summarizing

`summarize_at()` applies the same summary function(s) to multiple variables.

For example, for computing average and median life expectancy **and** GDP per capita **by continent, by year**:

```
# Per continent-year, mean and median life exp and gdp per capita:  
gapminder.data %>% group_by(continent, year) %>%  
  summarize_at(vars(lifeExp, gdpPercap), list(mean, median))  
  
## Error in gapminder.data %>% group_by(continent, year) %>%  
summarize_at(vars(lifeExp, : could not find function "%>%")
```

group_by: Mutate

`summarize()` collapses the data (n rows to 1 per group). But, sometimes, we want to keep all rows and compute within the rows and add group information to all rows.

We can do this using `mutate()` with `group_by`.

For example, we can make a new variable that is the *years of life expectancy gained (lost) relative to 1952, for each individual country*

We group by country and use `mutate()` to make a new variable

- ▶ In some ways, creates “mini-datasets” within our dataset (`gapminder.data`)

group_by: Mutate

Making a new variable that is the years of life expectancy gained (lost) relative to 1952, for each individual country.

The `first()` function extracts the first value from a vector. Notice that `first()` is operating on the vector of life expectancies within each country group.

```
gapminder.grouped <- group_by(gapminder.data, country)

## Error in group_by(gapminder.data, country): could not find
function "group_by"

mutate(gapminder.grouped,
       lifeExp_gain = lifeExp - first(lifeExp))

## Error in mutate(gapminder.grouped, lifeExp_gain = lifeExp -
first(lifeExp)): could not find function "mutate"
```

group_by: Window Functions

Window functions, such as `mutate`, also take n inputs and give back n outputs, but are even more flexible

Example: Examine the worst and best life expectancies in Asia over time, **and** retaining info about **which** country contributes these extreme values.

Let's first subset the data to be data from Asia and only keep year, country and life expectancy:

```
# Commands without piping:
asia <-
  select(
    group_by(
      filter(
        gapminder.data,
        continent == "Asia"),
      year),
    year,
    country,
    lifeExp)
```

group_by: Window Functions

Alternative, using piping:

```
# OR: with piping: Much easier to follow:
```

```
asia <- gapminder.data %>%  
  filter(continent == "Asia") %>%  
  select(year, country, lifeExp) %>%  
  group_by(year)
```

```
## Error in gapminder.data %>% filter(continent == "Asia") %>%  
select(year, : could not find function "%>%"
```

```
head(asia)
```

```
## Error in head(asia): object 'asia' not found
```

group_by: Window Functions

Apply window function: `min_rank()`. Since Asia is grouped by year, `min_rank()` operates within *mini-datasets*, each for a specific year.

Applied to the variable `lifeExp`, `min_rank()` returns the rank of each country's observed life expectancy for each year group.

```
# Min and Max Rank Each Year:
```

```
asia <- asia %>% mutate(  
  lowest_rank_eachyear = min_rank(lifeExp),  
  highest_rank_eachyear = min_rank(desc(lifeExp)))
```

```
## Error in asia %>% mutate(lowest_rank_eachyear =  
min_rank(lifeExp), highest_rank_eachyear =  
min_rank(desc(lifeExp))): could not find function "%>%"
```

group_by: Window Functions

Can now filter to the top and bottom countries for each year:

```
# Filtering to Min and Max Rank within Asia:  
filter(asia,  
       highest_rank_eachyear==1 | lowest_rank_eachyear==1) %>%  
  arrange(year, country)  
  
## Error in filter(asia, highest_rank_eachyear == 1 |  
lowest_rank_eachyear == : could not find function "%>%"
```


group_by: Window Functions

Can also use `top_n()` function if we only want the highest-rank observation:

```
gapminder.data %>%  
  filter(continent == "Asia") %>%  
  select(year, country, lifeExp) %>%  
  arrange(year) %>%  
  group_by(year) %>%  
  top_n(1, wt = desc(lifeExp))  
  
## Error in gapminder.data %>% filter(continent == "Asia") %>%  
select(year, : could not find function "%>%"  
  
#top_n(1, wt = lifeExp)          ## gets the min
```

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Dense code on next slide, might not want to do so much manipulation in one fell swoop. But, to do for you: break the code into pieces, starting at the top, and inspect the intermediate results.

group_by: Final Question


```
gapminder.data %>%  
  # Sort by country and year:  
  arrange(country, year) %>%  
  # Keep only variables of interest:  
  select(country, year, continent, lifeExp) %>%  
  # Group by country (since we are interested on "within" country changes)  
  group_by(country) %>%  
  # Create variable = (lifeExp in year i) - (lifeExp in year i - 1)  
  mutate(le_delta = lifeExp - lag(lifeExp)) %>%  
  # within country, retain the worst lifeExp change = smallest or most negative  
  summarize(worst_le_delta = min(le_delta, na.rm = TRUE)) %>%  
  # within country, retain the row with the lowest worst_le_delta  
  top_n(1, wt = desc(worst_le_delta)) %>%  
  # Sort data:  
  arrange(worst_le_delta)
```

```
## Error in gapminder.data %>% arrange(country, year) %>%  
select(country, : could not find function "%>%"
```

Remember: tidyverse Cheat sheet

Highly recommended cheat sheet, hopefully it makes more sense now (and will keep making more sense):


Summarise Data



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

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

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



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

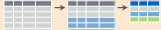
dplyr::first First value of a vector.	min Minimum value in a vector.
dplyr::last Last value of a vector.	max Maximum value in a vector.
dplyr::nth Nth value of a vector.	mean Mean value of a vector.
dplyr::n # of values in a vector.	median Median value of a vector.
dplyr::n_distinct # of distinct values in a vector.	var Variance of a vector.
IQR IQR of a vector.	sd Standard deviation of a vector.

Group Data


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

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

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




Make New Variables



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

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

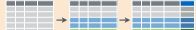
dplyr::transmute(iris, sepal = Sepal.Length + Sepal.Width)
Compute one or more new columns. Drop original columns.




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

dplyr::lead Copy with values shifted by 1.	dplyr::cumall Cumulative all
dplyr::lag Copy with values lagged by 1.	dplyr::cumany Cumulative any
dplyr::dense_rank Ranks with no gaps.	dplyr::cummean Cumulative mean
dplyr::min_rank Ranks. Ties get min rank.	cumsum Cumulative sum
dplyr::percent_rank Ranks rescaled to [0, 1].	cummax Cumulative max
dplyr::row_number Ranks. Ties got to first value.	cummin Cumulative min
dplyr::ntile Bin vector into n buckets.	cumprod Cumulative prod
dplyr::between Are values between a and b?	pmax Element-wise max
dplyr::cume_dist Cumulative distribution.	pmin Element-wise min

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



Combine Data Sets




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

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


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

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

Mutating Joins




Filtering Joins



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

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

Set Operations




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

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

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

Binding



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

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

Next class

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