

**R**

**Packages and Graphics**

# TidyData

- There are many ways to represent data in a data frame, and due to the history of R, almost all of them are used
- Recently there has been a push to create commonsense conventions, known as having "Tidy Data"
- Hadley Wickham (Major player in R and the tidy data movement) defines tidy data as
  - Each variable is in a column.
  - Each observation is a row.
  - Each value is a cell.

# TidyR

- To promote and enable this, the package TidyR was released
- It spawned an entire family of packages, collectively known as the tidyverse
  - You can install just tidyR by using `install.packages('tidyR')`
  - The entire family can be installed with `install.packages('tidyverse')`
- It contains many functions meant to manipulate data into a tidy form

# The Pipe Operator

- TidyR is commonly presented using the operator `%>%`, which comes from an earlier package, `magrittr`
  - It is very similar to the pipe in bash, passing the output of one function as the first argument to the next function
  - The following are equivalent

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```
apply(data, 1, function)
```

```
data %>% apply(1, function)
```

# Spreading

- The `spread` function converts from long data to wide data
- The syntax of the `spread` function is

```
spread(data, key, value)
```

- Key is the column you want to use to form your new columns
- Value is the column you want to use to fill the cells

```
In [ ]: library(DSR)
        long <- table2
        extra_wide_cases <- table4
        combined <- table5
        print(table2)
```

```
In [ ]: library(tidyr)  
print(as.data.frame(spread(long, key, value)))
```

# Gathering

- Gathering is the opposite of spread
  - While it is uncommon to need this, it is possible someone made a data frame where not every column is a variable, and you need to collapse things a bit

```
gather(data, COLUMN_NAME1, COLUMN_NAME2, cols_to_gather)
```

```
In [ ]: #print(extra_wide_cases)
gathered_cases <- extra_wide_cases %>% gather("Year", "Cases", 2:3)
print(gathered_cases)
```

## Separating and Uniting

- Separating and Uniting allows us to create multiple columns from one, or bring together columns that should never has been separated

```
separate(data,col_to_separate,new_columns)  
unite(data,col_to_add, from_columns)
```

```
In [ ]: print(table5)
all_good <- table5 %>% unite("year", c("century", "year"), sep="") %>%
separate("rate", c("cases", "population"), sep="/")
print(all_good)
```

# DplyR

- DplyR is another package in the tidyverse
  - Improves upon earlier packaged named `plyr`, which allowed easy manipulation of data
  - Specifically designed to use with data frames
- Just like TidyR, commonly uses pipes
- All functions are verbs

## Selecting Data

- DplyR contains two functions to select data
  - Select selects columns/variables
  - Filter selects rows/observations
- Both of these can take a list of names, but they are more useful with built-in functions in DplyR
  - endsWith
  - startsWith
  - contains
  - one\_of

```
In [ ]: library(dplyr)
        starwars <- as.data.frame(starwars)
        row.names(starwars) <- starwars$name
        head(starwars)
```

```
In [ ]: ## Standard Boring Select  
select(starwars, hair_color, skin_color, eye_color)
```

```
In [ ]: ## Select with Pipes and Ends_with  
starwars %>% select(ends_with('color'))
```

```
In [ ]: starwars %>% select(-name)
```

```
In [ ]: starwars %>% filter(species != "Human")
```

```
In [ ]: starwars %>% filter(species %in% c('Wookiee', 'Ewok'))
```

## Selection Practice

- Print the names and planets of all characters who have a birth year of less than 50

## Adding or Changing Variables

- The `mutate` and `transmute` functions are used to add new variables as well as update existing ones
  - `mutate` does not drop old variables
  - `transmute` drops everything except those in the function call

```
In [ ]: starwars %>% mutate( height_inches = height * 0.393701)
```

```
In [ ]: starwars %>% transmute( height_inches = height * 0.393701)
```

```
In [ ]: starwars %>% filter(species %in% c('Wookiee', 'Ewok')) %>%  
mutate( height = height * 0.393701)
```

## Summarizing and Counting

- In general, to perform an action over a dataframe, use the `summarize` function
  - `summarize` takes in as its parameters other functions that do the calculations
  - The parameters to these inner functions should be the columns you want summarized
  - Multiple summaries can be computed with one call to `summarize`
- If all you want to do is count the frequency of values in certain column, use the `count` function and pass a column to count

```
In [ ]: print(starwars %>% summarize(n_distinct(species)))
```

```
In [ ]: species_counts <- starwars %>% count(species)
print(as.data.frame(species_counts))
```

```
In [ ]: species_counts <- starwars %>% count(species, sort=TRUE)
print(as.data.frame(species_counts))
```

```
In [ ]: species_counts <- starwars %>% count(species, homeworld, sort=TRUE)
print(as.data.frame(species_counts))
```

## Group By

- The `group_by` function allows rows to be grouped based on their values in the given columns or columns
- This makes finding averages and other summary data per group very easy

```
group_by(data, LIST_OF_COLUMNS)
```

```
In [ ]: print(starwars %>% group_by(species, homeworld) %>%  
           summarize(avg_height = mean(height)))
```

```
In [ ]: print(starwars %>%  
           group_by(species, homeworld) %>%  
           summarize(avg_height = mean(height),  
                     min_height=min(height)))
```

## GroupBy Practice

- Find the number of species on each planet

## Combining Data Tables

- The various `join` functions offer database like functionality
  - Matching rows are joined together with their columns
  - Matching is done by default on any common variables, but can be specified
- `bind_rows` and `bind_columns` offer a simpler concatenation style combination
  - Matches by position always

```
In [ ]: print (band_members)
```

```
In [ ]: print (band_instruments)
```

```
In [ ]: print(full_join(band_members,band_instruments))
```

```
In [ ]: print(inner_join(band_members,band_instruments))
```

```
In [ ]: print(left_join(band_members,band_instruments))
```

```
In [ ]: print(right_join(band_members,band_instruments))
```

```
In [ ]: print(band_instruments2)
```

```
In [ ]: print(full_join(band_members,band_instruments2,  
                        by=c("name" = "artist")))
```

```
In [ ]: print(bind_cols(band_members,band_members))
```

```
In [ ]: print(bind_rows(band_members,band_instruments))
```

## ggplot2

- R has long supported creating graphs from data, but the process was often messy and confusing
- `ggplot2` is a widely used package that standardizes how graphs are created
  - Based on the Grammar of Graphics, a language independent theory on how graphs should be created
  - A very large community with lots of extensions and enhancements available
  - Works directly on data frames

# The `ggplot` function

- The `ggplot` function sets up the basics for our graph, including which data frame to use, and how to use it

```
ggplot(data_frame, aes(AESTHETICS))
```

- Aesthetics are what we see are the graph, and are defined using data frame columns
  - x and y position
  - color
  - shape

```
In [ ]: library(ggplot2)  
ggplot(starwars, aes(x=height, y=mass))
```

# Geometries

- The base `ggplot` function sets up the graph and creates a `ggplot` object, but doesn't produce anything visually
- We need to specify how we want to display our data using geometries
  - `geom_point`
  - `geom_boxplot`
  - `geom_histogram`
  - `geom_dist`
- Geometries, and every other specification in `ggplot2` is done by adding to the original `ggplot` call

```
In [ ]: ggplot(starwars, aes(x=height, y=mass)) + geom_point()
```

```
In [ ]: ggplot(starwars, aes(x=height, y=mass)) + geom_histogram()
```

```
In [ ]: ggplot(starwars) + geom_histogram(aes(height)) +  
        geom_histogram(aes(mass))
```

```
In [ ]: ggplot(starwars) + geom_density(aes(height), fill="blue", alpha=0.3) +  
geom_density(aes(mass))
```

```
In [ ]: ggplot(starwars, aes(x=height, y=mass, color=species)) +  
geom_point()
```

## GGplot 2 Basics Practice

- Draw a scatter plot that charts the number of species on a planet by the average age on that planet

```
In [ ]: interesting <- (starwars %>%  
  filter(!is.na(species)) %>%  
  group_by(species) %>%  
  summarize(count = n()) %>%  
  filter(count > 2))$species  
print(interesting)  
to_vis <- starwars %>%  
  filter(species %in% interesting)
```

```
In [ ]: base_plot <- ggplot(to_vis, aes(x=species, fill=species, y=height))  
base_plot + geom_violin()
```

## Modifying Other Aspects

- `ggplot` has a function for almost every aspect of a graphs appearance
- To add titles, use the functions
  - `xlabs`, `ylabs`, `ggtitle`, `labs`
- To modify area shown, use
  - `xlim`, `ylim`, `lims`
- To modify colors use one of the `scale_` functions

```
In [ ]: base_plot2 <- ggplot(to_vis, aes(x=mass, y=height, color=species))
scatter <- base_plot2 + geom_point()
plot(scatter)
```

```
In [ ]: scatter + ggtitle("Height vs Mass of Starwars Characters")
```

```
In [ ]: scatter + labs(title="Height vs Mass of Starwars Characters",  
                        x="Mass (kg)",y="Height (cm)")
```

```
In [ ]: scatter + labs(title="Height vs Mass of Starwars Characters",  
                       x="Mass (kg)",y="Height (cm)") + xlim(0,175) +  
ylim(0,240)
```

```
In [ ]: scatter + labs(title="Height vs Mass of Starwars Characters",  
                        x="Mass (kg)",y="Height (cm)") + xlim(0,175) +  
guides(color=guide_legend(title="Species"))
```

```
In [ ]: scatter + labs(title="Height vs Mass of Starwars Characters",  
                       x="Mass (kg)",y="Height (cm)") + xlim(0,175) +  
guides(color=guide_legend(title="Species")) +  
scale_color_brewer(palette = "Set1")
```

# Themes

- Themes allow you to control things like font, gridline color, etc.
- The elements of the theme can be modified by using the `theme` function and passing the appropriate parameters
- More common is to download or use an existing theme, and add it to your plot using `+ theme_NAME`

```
In [ ]: library(ggthemes)
almost_finished <- scatter +
labs(title="Height vs Mass of Starwars Characters",
      x="Mass (kg)",y="Height (cm)") +
xlim(0,175) + guides(color=guide_legend(title="Species"))
almost_finished + theme_fivethirtyeight()
```

```
In [ ]: almost_finished + theme_wsj()
```

```
In [ ]: almost_finished + theme_economist()
```

```
In [ ]: almost_finished + theme_tufte()
```

## Facet Grids

- Facet Grids allow us to create "mini" plots, per categorical variable
- After setting up your plot as you normally would, you add in the `facet_grid()`

```
facet_grid(ROWS ~ COLUMNS)
```

```
In [ ]: almost_finished + facet_grid(. ~ eye_color)
```

```
In [ ]: almost_finished + facet_grid(hair_color ~ .)
```

```
In [ ]: almost_finished + facet_grid(hair_color ~ eye_color)
```

## Saving Plots

- While `ggplot2` is very easy to use in a good R IDE, many times we want to share our plots
- The `ggsave` function by default will save the last plot to a given file location
- The type of file is guessed from the name, but if you want to specify it, use the `device` parameter

```
ggsave(file_name, plot = plot_var)
```

```
In [ ]: my_final_plot <- almost_finished + theme_fivethirtyeight()  
        ggsave("final_plot.pdf", dpi=600, width=10)
```