## Manipulation de données avec dplyr

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#### **Structures: Data Frames**

- In Economics, this might be the most frequent structure we use
- data.frame objects are lists of vectors
- Each column is a vector: the mode inside each column needs to be the same of all observation
- The data.frame() function is used to create a data.frame

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```
head(women)
##
    height weight
## 1
        58
             115
## 2
        59 117
## 3
        60 120
## 4
     61 123
## 5
            126
        62
## 6
        63
            129
class(women)
## [1] "data.frame"
```

#### **Structures: Data Frames**



### **Import Data**

- · Whatever the type of data, there is probably a function to import it in the R session
- With ASCII files, the two main functions are read.table() ans scan()
- · We will not present the scan() function here
- · With other type of files, one needs to load a specific library

### Import Data: read.table()

- · The read.table() function is designed for data already organized as a table
- · The output is a data.frame
- Here are the main parameters I use:

ARGUMENT	DESCRIPTION
file	File name, or complete path to file (can be an URL)
header	Whether the file contains the names of the variables at its first line? (FALSE by default)
sep	Field separator character (white character by default)
dec	Character used for decimal points ("." by default)
na.strings	Character vector of strungs to be interpreded as NA (NA by default)

### **Import Data from Excel Files**

- · I mainly use two functions:
  - read.xls() from the gdata package
  - read\_excel() from the readxl package
- · For convenience, we will use the iris.xls file contained in the folder of the gdata package

```
library(gdata)
xlsfile <- file.path(path.package("gdata"), "xls", "iris.xls")
iris <- read.xls(xlsfile) # Creates a temporary csv file</pre>
```

- By default, the first sheet is imported. The sheet argument enables to import another sheet,
   either by giving the number or the name of the sheet
- The read\_excel() function is faster, has almost the same names for the arguments, but is not as robust at the moment as the read.xls() function. In addition, it returns a tbl\_df object, not a data.frame

### **Export Data from R**

• The function write.table() can be used to export a data.frame object (or a matrix) to an ASCII file:

```
write.table(my_data_frame, file = "file_name.txt", sep = ";")
```

· To save one or more objects as is: save(); to import the object(s) back: load():

```
save(obj_1, obj_2, file = "my_file.rda")
load("my_file.rda")
```

To save the entire session: save.image(); to load the session: load()

```
save.image("my_session.rda")
load("my_session.rda")
```

- Elements of a vector can be accessed by their **numerical index** or by their **name** (if they are provided with one)
- This can be done by the "["() function
- The arguments of this function are the vector one wants to extract data from and a numerical vector which contains the positions of the elements one wants to extract (or not), or a logical vector (mask)
- · As it might be painful to write this function, R provides a shortcut to use the "["() function:

```
x \leftarrow c(4, 7, 3, 5, 0)
"["(x, 2)
```

## [1] 7

```
x[2] # The second element of x
## [1] 7
x[-2] # All the elements of x minus the second one
## [1] 4 3 5 0
x[3:5] # Elements of x from 3rd to 5th position
## [1] 3 5 0
```

```
i \leftarrow 3:5; x[i] # Elements of x from 3rd to 5th position
## [1] 3 5 0
x[c(F, T, F, F, F)] # Second element from x
## [1] 7
x[x<1] # Elements of x that are lower than 1
## [1] 0
x<1 # Returns a logical vector
## [1] FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE
```

- · To extract the positions of TRUE values from a logical vector: which()
- To extract the positions of the first minimum (maximum) of a logical or numerical vector:
   which.min()(which.max())

```
x <- c(2, 4, 5, 1, 7, 6)
which(x < 7 & x > 2)

## [1] 2 3 6

which.min(x)

## [1] 4
```



## **Modify elements of a vector**

Simply use the <- symbol</li>

```
x <- seq_len(5)
x[2] <- 3
x</pre>
## [1] 1 3 3 4 5
```

· Multiple elements can be modified using one instruction

```
x[2] <- x[3] <- 0
x
```

- The same function "["() works
- · One just needs to indicate the rows (i) and columns (j) indices: x[i,j]

```
(x <- matrix(1:9, ncol = 3, nrow = 3))

## [,1] [,2] [,3]
## [1,] 1 4 7
## [2,] 2 5 8
## [3,] 3 6 9</pre>

x[1, 2]

## [1] 4
```

• i and j can be vectors of length greater than one:

```
i \leftarrow c(1,3); j \leftarrow 3
 x[i,j] # Elements of first and third row for the third column
 ## [1] 7 9
```

- Not providing i returns all lines for the j columns
- Not providing j returns all columns for the i rows

```
x[, 2] # Elements of the second column
```

## [1] 4 5 6

· As for vectors, negative values indicate positions one does not want:

```
x[, -c(1,3)] # x without first and third columns ## [1] 4 5 6
```

· In the case of a data.frame, columns are named and can thus be accessed using these names

```
women <-data.frame(height =c(58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64,
                             65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72),
                   weight =c(115, 117, 120, 123, 126, 129, 132, 135,
                             139,142, 146, 150, 154, 159, 164))
colnames (women) # Names of the columns
## [1] "height" "weight"
rownames(women) # Names of the rows
## [1] "1" "2" "3" "4" "5" "6" "7" "8" "9" "10" "11" "12" "13" "14"
## [15] "15"
```

```
dimnames(women) # Names of both rows and columns

## [[1]]
## [1] "1" "2" "3" "4" "5" "6" "7" "8" "9" "10" "11" "12" "13" "14"
## [15] "15"
##
## [[2]]
## [1] "height" "weight"
```

• To access a specific column: \$:

women\$height
## [1] 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72

## Data manipulation with dplyr

- · The packeg dplyr offers many functions that are really easy to use to manipulate data
- We will also use the pipe (%>%) operator (from the package magrittr), which transmits a
  value as the first argument of the following function
- For instance:

```
library(magrittr)
mean(x) %>% log()
```

· Computes the mean of the object x and the apply the logarithm function to the result of mean(x). It can also be written in the following (but harder to read) way:

```
log(mean(x))

## [1] 1.609438
```

## Data manipulation with dplyr: selection

To select columns from a data.frame: select()

```
library(dplyr)
women %>%
select(height)
```

## Data manipulation with dplyr: selection

· To remove a columns from a data.frame: select() and a negative sign

```
library(dplyr)
women %>%
  select(-height) %>%
  head()
##
     weight
## 1
        115
## 2
        117
## 3
        120
## 4
        123
## 5
        126
## 6
        129
```

## Data manipulation with dplyr: selection

To select rows according to their position: slice()

```
women %>% slice(4:5)

## height weight
## 1 61 123
## 2 62 126
```

## Data manipulation with dplyr: filtering

To return rows with matchin conditions: filter()

```
women %>%
  filter(height == 60)
##
     height weight
## 1
         60
               120
women %>%
  filter(weight > 120, height <= 62)</pre>
##
     height weight
## 1
               123
         61
## 2
         62 126
```

## Data manipulation with dplyr: column modifications

• To rename a column: rename(data, new\_name\_1 = old\_name\_1, new\_name\_2 = old\_name\_2)

```
women <-
 women %>%
 rename(masse = weight)
head(women)
##
    height masse
## 1
        58
             115
## 2
        59 117
## 3
        60
             120
## 4
        61 123
## 5
        62
             126
## 6
        63 129
```

## Data manipulation with dplyr: column modifications

· Let us create another data.frame:

## Data manipulation with dplyr: column modifications

To modify (or create) columns: mutate()

```
unemp <-
 unemp %>%
 mutate(unemp rate = unemployed/active pop*100,
        log unemployed = log(unemployed),
        year = year / 1000)
head(unemp)
##
     year unemployed active pop unemp rate log unemployed
## 1 2.012
               2.811
                        28.328
                               9.923044
                                              1.0335403
## 2 2.011
               2.604
                        28.147 9.251430
                                              0.9570487
## 3 2.010
               2.635
                        28.157 9.358241
                                              0.9688832
## 4 2.009
               2.573
                        28.074 9.165064
                                              0.9450725
## 5 2.008
               2.064
                        27.813
                                 7.420990
                                              0.7246458
```

## Data manipulation with dplyr: ordering

· Let us create another data.frame:

## Data manipulation with dplyr: ordering

To order observations according to one or multiple values: order():

```
df %>% arrange(first name, last name)
##
                  first name grade
     last name
## 1
        Durand
                         Emma
                                 19
## 2
        Martin Julien-Yacine
                                 17
## 3
        Martin
                       Serge
                                 18
## 4
        Durand
                        Sonia
                                 23
## 5
        Martin
                      Victor
                                 17
```

• To order by decreasing values: desc() (negative sign can be used for numeric columns)

```
df %>% arrange(first_name, desc(last_name))
```

Functions to join data.frames from dplyr have an easy syntax:

```
xxx_join(x, y, by = NULL, copy = FALSE, ...)
```

- $\cdot$  x and y are the two tables to join
- by is a character vector containing variables used to join the tables (if ommited, a natural join using all variables with common names accross the two tables will be done)

• Let us create two data.frame to illustrate the different join functions:

· inner\_join(): return all rows from x where there are matching values in x, and all columns from x and y. If there are multiple matches between x and y, all combination of the matches are returned

· left\_join(): return all rows from x, and all columns from x and y. Rows in x with no match in y will have NA values in the new columns. If there are multiple matches between x and y, all combinations of the matches are returned

· right\_join(): return all rows from y, and all columns from x and y. Rows in y with no match in x will have NA values in the new columns. If there are multiple matches between x and y, all combinations of the matches are returned

```
exportations %>%
  right_join(importations, by = c(year = "annee"))

## year exportations importations
## 1 2010 NA 558.1
## 2 2011 572.6 625.3
## 3 2012 587.3 628.5
```

semi\_join(): return all rows from x where there are matching values in y, keeping just
 columns from x

# Data manipulation with dplyr: joining two data.frame

anti\_join(): return all rows from x where there are not matching values in y, keeping just columns from x.

```
exportations %>%
  anti_join(importations, by = c(year = "annee"))

## year exportations
## 1 2013 597.8
```

# Data manipulation with dplyr: joining two data.frame

• full\_join(): return all rows and all columns from both x and y. Where there are not matching values, returns NA for the one missing

```
exportations %>%
  full join(importations, by = c(year = "annee"))
     year exportations importations
##
## 1 2011
                 572.6
                              625.3
## 2 2012
                              628.5
                 587.3
## 3 2013
                                 NA
                 597.8
## 4 2010
                              558.1
                    NA
```

- To aggregate data, dplyr offers an easy way: summarise()
- · The arguments are a data.frame and one or multiple operations to do on the data.frame
- Let us create some dummy observations:

· If we want to compute the mean and standard deviation for the colums ouvriers and ingenieurs:

- It is really simple to aggregate data on groups of observations, thanks to the group\_by()
- · We just need to first group the data according to some values taken by one or multiple variables, and then apply the aggregation to the result:

```
chomage %>%
  group by (annee) %>%
  summarise(ouvriers = sum(ouvriers),
            ingenieurs = sum(ingenieurs))
## # A tibble: 2 × 3
##
     annee ouvriers ingenieurs
##
     <dbl>
             <dbl>
                         <dbl>
## 1 2010 43041
                         9984
## 2
     2011
           45329
                         10474
```

· With groups depending on combination of variables:

```
chomage %>%
  group by(annee, region) %>%
  summarise(ouvriers = sum(ouvriers),
            ingenieurs = sum(ingenieurs))
## Source: local data frame [4 x 4]
## Groups: annee [?]
##
             region ouvriers ingenieurs
##
     annee
##
     <dbl>
             <fctr>
                       <dbl>
                                  <dbl>
## 1
      2010 Bretagne
                       40885
                                   9490
## 2
      2010
                        2156
              Corse
                                    494
## 3
      2011 Bretagne
                       43057
                                   9961
## 4 2011
                        2272
                                    513
              Corse
```

#### Data manipulation: tidyr

- The package tidyr contains interesting functions to manipulate data
- These functions are really important when one realise graphs with ggplot2
- Unfortunately, their use is not as straightforward as the functions from the dplyr package
- We will only focus on two functions here: gather() and spread()
- · These functions are useful to turn a large table to a long one, and reciprocally

# Data manipulation: from a large table to a long one

· First, let us create some dummy data:

## Data manipulation: from a large table to a long one

- · The gather() function takes a data.frame as its first argument
- The second argument (key) is the name we want to give to the column that will contain the the names of the columns we want to gather, as a factor
- The third argument (value) is the name we want to give to the column that will contain the corresponding values
- Then, we need to specify which colums to gather (either by giving or excluding variable names, as in the select() function)

## Data manipulation: from a large table to a long one

```
library(tidyr)
pop long <-
 pop %>%
  gather(key = type_pop,
        value = population,
        pop municipale, pop all)
pop long
     city arrondissement type pop population
##
## 1 Paris
                      1 pop municipale
                                           17443
## 2 Paris
                      2 pop municipale
                                           22927
## 3 Lyon
                      1 pop municipale
                                           28932
## 4 Lyon
                      2 pop municipale
                                           30575
## 5 Paris
                                           17620
                               pop all
## 6 Paris
                               pop all
                                           23102
## 7 Lyon
                               pop all
                                           29874
## 8 Lyon
                               pop all
                                            31131
```

## Data manipulation: from a long table to large one

- Now to go from a long table to a large one: spread()
- The first argument is the data.frame
- The second argument is the name of the colum that contains values that can be converted to a factor. Each level of the factor will end up as a column name
- The third argument is the name of the column that contains the values

# Data manipulation: from a long table to large one