# Lesson 1: Tidy Data Manipulation I

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#### Setup and Installation

First you need to install the dplyr package:

```
install.packages("dplyr")
```

Then load it:

library(dplyr)

You can see some great, detailed introductions and tutorials in the *vignettes*:

browseVignettes("dplyr")

### Cleaning Your Data

#### United Nations voting data

The UN voting data comes from this page- it is otherwise entirely unchanged. You can download it as:

```
load(url("http://varianceexplained.org/courses/WS1015/files/undata-213.RData"))
```

This loads the variables from the RData file into your workspace. What variable is it? You can use ls() to find what variables you currently have loaded:

**ls**()

## [1] "x"

Whatever you do, do not try printing x! It is too big for R to print, and this will crash it! You can, however, display some basic summaries of it:

dim(x)

## [1] 1024539 20

You can even view it like a spreadsheet (it won't show the whole thing):

View(x)

The dplyr package provides a way to change x's behavior so that if we accidentally print it, it won't ruin our day. This is the tbl\_df class:

```
x \leftarrow tbl_df(x)
class(x)
## [1] "tbl_df"
                     "tbl"
                                   "data.frame"
## Source: local data frame [1,024,539 x 20]
##
##
                                   unres vote ccode
                                                                      uniquename
      rcid session
                          date
## 1
         3
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
                                            1
                                                   2 "United States of America"
## 2
         3
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
                                                  20
                                                                        "Canada"
                                            3
## 3
         3
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
                                                  31
                                                                       "Bahamas"
                                                                          "Cuba"
         3
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
## 4
                                                  40
                                            1
         3
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
                                                                         "Haiti"
## 5
                                                  41
                                            1
## 6
         3
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
                                                  42
                                                            "Dominican Republic"
## 7
         3
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
                                                  51
                                                                       "Jamaica"
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
## 8
         3
                                                           "Trinidad and Tobago"
                                            9
                                                  52
## 9
         3
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
                                            9
                                                  53
                                                                      "Barbados"
## 10
         3
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
                                                  54
                                                                      "Dominica"
##
## Variables not shown: voetenoldcode (int), voetenname (AsIs),
     voetenshortcode (AsIs), cowshortcode (AsIs), cowcode (int), cowlongname
##
##
     (AsIs), aclpcode (int), wdicode (AsIs), imfcode (int), politycode (int),
##
     bankscode (int), dpicode (AsIs), uncode (int)
```

Notice that it cuts off after a certain number of columns, and also a certain number of rows. However, it otherwise works just like a data frame:

```
head(x$rcid)
```

```
## [1] 3 3 3 3 3 3
```

```
head(x$session)
```

```
## [1] 1 1 1 1 1 1
```

#### Looking at the data's structure

Now, let's look at the code book, which describes each of these columns. It can be downloaded from this page. Some of the things it shows are:

- rcid: Roll call vote ID: each of these identifies one vote
- session: One United Nations session: a year
- unres: a UN resolution (there might be multiple votes per resolution)
- vote: Coded vote:
  - -1 = Yes
  - -2 = Abstain
  - -3 = No

- -8 = Absent
- -9 = Not a member
- uniqueName: the name of the country

Everything else is lots and lots of other ways of describing countries. For us, these are not important. We can find out a bit more about the columns using summary:

#### summary(x)

```
##
         rcid
                        session
                                          date
                                                              unres
##
                3
    Min.
                    Min.
                            : 1.00
                                      Length: 1024539
                                                          Length: 1024539
    1st Qu.:1303
                    1st Qu.:26.00
                                      Class : AsIs
                                                          Class :AsIs
##
    Median:2603
                    Median :38.00
                                      Mode :character
                                                          Mode : character
##
    Mean
            :2653
                    Mean
                            :36.74
##
    3rd Qu.:3910
                    3rd Qu.:49.00
##
            :9056
                            :67.00
    Max.
                    Max.
##
##
         vote
                          ccode
                                        uniquename
                                                            voetenoldcode
                                       Length: 1024539
##
    Min.
            :1.000
                     Min.
                             : 2.0
                                                            Min.
                                                                   : 2.0
##
    1st Qu.:1.000
                     1st Qu.:290.0
                                       Class :AsIs
                                                            1st Qu.:290.0
##
    Median :1.000
                     Median :452.0
                                       Mode :character
                                                            Median :452.0
            :3.658
                             :469.8
##
    Mean
                     Mean
                                                            Mean
                                                                   :470.1
##
    3rd Qu.:8.000
                     3rd Qu.:680.0
                                                            3rd Qu.:680.0
##
    Max.
            :9.000
                             :990.0
                                                                   :990.0
                     Max.
                                                            Max.
##
##
     voetenname
                         voetenshortcode
                                              cowshortcode
                                                                     cowcode
##
    Length: 1024539
                         Length: 1024539
                                             Length: 1024539
                                                                          : 2.0
##
    Class :AsIs
                         Class :AsIs
                                              Class :AsIs
                                                                  1st Qu.:290.0
##
    Mode :character
                         Mode :character
                                             Mode : character
                                                                  Median :452.0
##
                                                                  Mean
                                                                          :469.8
##
                                                                  3rd Qu.:680.0
##
                                                                          :990.0
                                                                  Max.
##
##
    cowlongname
                            aclpcode
                                            wdicode
                                                                  imfcode
##
    Length: 1024539
                                          Length: 1024539
                                                               Min.
                                                                       :111.0
                         Min.
                                : 1.0
                         1st Qu.: 49.0
                                                               1st Qu.:299.0
##
    Class :AsIs
                                          Class :AsIs
##
    Mode :character
                         Median: 97.0
                                          Mode :character
                                                               Median :576.0
##
                         Mean
                                : 97.5
                                                               Mean
                                                                       :550.3
##
                         3rd Qu.:146.0
                                                               3rd Qu.:734.0
##
                         Max.
                                 :199.0
                                                               Max.
                                                                       :968.0
                                 :26055
                                                                       :51096
##
                         NA's
                                                               NA's
##
                        bankscode
                                          dpicode
      politycode
                                                                 uncode
##
                                        Length: 1024539
    Min.
           : 2.0
                     \mathtt{Min}.
                             : 10.0
                                                             Min.
                                                                    : 4.0
##
    1st Qu.:290.0
                     1st Qu.: 302.0
                                        Class : AsIs
                                                             1st Qu.:208.0
##
    Median :452.0
                     Median : 660.0
                                        Mode : character
                                                             Median :428.0
##
    Mean
            :469.8
                     Mean
                             : 647.9
                                                             Mean
                                                                     :430.2
##
    3rd Qu.:680.0
                     3rd Qu.: 986.2
                                                             3rd Qu.:646.0
                             :1300.0
                                                                     :894.0
##
    Max.
            :990.0
                     Max.
                                                             Max.
##
                     NA's
                             :46899
                                                             NA's
                                                                     :33435
```

We can see how the roll call ID differs from the UN resolutions (turns out there can be more than one vote per resolution) by using length and unique:

```
length(unique(x$rcid))
## [1] 5211
length(unique(x$unres))
```

## [1] 5043

#### dplyr: selecting columns

dplyr provides functions for manipulating our data. We mentioned before that there are some columns we dont care about. dplyr provides the **select** function to extract the columns we want:

```
select(x, rcid, session, date)
```

```
## Source: local data frame [1,024,539 x 3]
##
##
      rcid session
                           date
## 1
         3
                  1 1946-01-01
## 2
         3
                  1 1946-01-01
         3
## 3
                  1 1946-01-01
## 4
         3
                  1 1946-01-01
## 5
         3
                  1 1946-01-01
## 6
         3
                  1 1946-01-01
## 7
         3
                  1 1946-01-01
## 8
         3
                  1 1946-01-01
## 9
         3
                  1 1946-01-01
## 10
         3
                  1 1946-01-01
```

```
select(x, rcid, session, date, unres, vote, uniquename)
```

```
## Source: local data frame [1,024,539 x 6]
##
##
      rcid session
                                                                uniquename
                          date
                                   unres vote
## 1
         3
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
                                               "United States of America"
                                             1
## 2
         3
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
                                             3
                                                                   "Canada"
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
## 3
         3
                                             9
                                                                 "Bahamas"
         3
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
                                                                    "Cuba"
## 4
                                             1
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
## 5
         3
                                                                    "Haiti"
                                             1
## 6
         3
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
                                                      "Dominican Republic"
                                             1
         3
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
                                                                 "Jamaica"
## 7
                                             9
## 8
         3
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
                                             9
                                                    "Trinidad and Tobago"
## 9
         3
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
                                             9
                                                                "Barbados"
## 10
         3
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
                                             9
                                                                "Dominica"
## ..
```

You can also select multiple consecutive columns using ::

#### select(x, rcid:uniquename) ## Source: local data frame [1,024,539 x 7] ## ## rcid session date unres vote ccode uniquename ## 1 3 1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66" 1 2 "United States of America" ## 2 1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66" 3 20 "Canada" ## 3 3 31 1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66" "Bahamas" 1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66" ## 4 3 40 "Cuba" ## 5 3 41 1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66" "Haiti" ## 6 3 1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66" 42 "Dominican Republic" 1 3 "Jamaica" ## 7 1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66" 9 51 ## 8 3 1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66" 9 52 "Trinidad and Tobago" ## 9 3 1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66" 53 "Barbados" 3 1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66" 9 "Dominica" ## 10 54 select(x, rcid:vote, uniquename) ## Source: local data frame [1,024,539 x 6] ## ## rcid session date unres vote uniquename ## 1 3 1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66" 1 "United States of America" ## 2 1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66" "Canada" 3 1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66" ## 3 9 "Bahamas" 3 ## 4 1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66" 1 "Cuba" ## 5 3 1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66" 1 "Haiti" 3 ## 6 1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66" "Dominican Republic" 1 "Jamaica" ## 7 3 1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66" 9 ## 8 3 1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66" 9 "Trinidad and Tobago" ## 9 3 "Barbados" 1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66" ## 10 3 1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66" 9 "Dominica" select(x, rcid:vote, country = uniquename) ## Source: local data frame [1,024,539 x 6] ## ## rcid session date unres vote country ## 1 3 1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66" "United States of America" ## 2 3 1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66" "Canada" 3 1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66" ## 3 9 "Bahamas" ## 4 3 1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66" "Cuba" 1 ## 5 3 1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66" 1 "Haiti" ## 6 3 1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66" 1 "Dominican Republic" "Jamaica" ## 7 3 1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66" 9

or can remove specific columns with -:

1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"

1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"

1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"

## 8

## 9

## 10

##

3

3

3

9

9

9

"Trinidad and Tobago"

"Barbados"

"Dominica"

. . .

```
select(x, -rcid, -date, -session, -ccode)
```

```
## Source: local data frame [1,024,539 x 16]
##
##
         unres vote
                                     uniquename voetenoldcode
## 1
      "R/1/66"
                  1 "United States of America"
                                                              2
      "R/1/66"
## 2
                  3
                                        "Canada"
                                                             20
## 3
      "R/1/66"
                  9
                                       "Bahamas"
                                                             31
## 4
      "R/1/66"
                  1
                                          "Cuba"
                                                             40
## 5
      "R/1/66"
                                         "Haiti"
                                                             41
                  1
## 6
      "R/1/66"
                           "Dominican Republic"
                                                             42
                                       "Jamaica"
## 7
      "R/1/66"
                  9
                                                             51
## 8
      "R/1/66"
                          "Trinidad and Tobago"
                                                             52
      "R/1/66"
                                      "Barbados"
## 9
                  9
                                                            53
## 10 "R/1/66"
                  9
                                      "Dominica"
                                                             54
##
## Variables not shown: voetenname (AsIs), voetenshortcode (AsIs),
     cowshortcode (AsIs), cowcode (int), cowlongname (AsIs), aclpcode (int),
##
##
     wdicode (AsIs), imfcode (int), politycode (int), bankscode (int),
##
     dpicode (AsIs), uncode (int)
```

#### The %>% operator:

Notice that the first argument to **select** is our data. That is true of all dplyr's functions. If we want to perform multiple operations, this becomes a hassle, because we're nesting function calls within function calls. But dplyr provides another way to write it:

```
x %>% select(rcid:vote, country = uniquename)
```

```
## Source: local data frame [1,024,539 x 6]
##
##
      rcid session
                          date
                                   unres vote
                                                                   country
## 1
         3
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
                                            1 "United States of America"
## 2
                                                                  "Canada"
         3
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
                                            3
         3
## 3
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
                                            9
                                                                 "Bahamas"
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
         3
                                                                    "Cuba"
## 4
                                            1
## 5
         3
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
                                            1
                                                                   "Haiti"
         3
                                                     "Dominican Republic"
## 6
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
## 7
         3
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
                                                                 "Jamaica"
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
## 8
         3
                                            9
                                                    "Trinidad and Tobago"
## 9
         3
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
                                            9
                                                                "Barbados"
## 10
         3
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
                                            9
                                                                "Dominica"
## ..
```

The %>% operator, which is typically pronounced "then", lets us pipe together multiple steps of an analysis. But it's nothing more than a simple conversion:

```
a %>% f(b, c)
# becomes
f(a, b, c)
```

```
a %>% f(b) %>% g(c, d, e)
# becomes
g(f(a, b), c, d, e)
```

Many data analyses consist of these consecutive operations. This makes the use of %>% very natural. So from now on we'll write them like:

```
x %>% select(rcid:vote, country = uniquename)
```

#### Filter: removing rows based on a condition

Let's say we don't care about the Abstain or Absent votes. We can filter them out using another dplyr function, filter:

```
x %>% select(rcid:vote, country = uniquename) %>%
filter(vote < 8)</pre>
```

```
## Source: local data frame [699,744 x 6]
##
##
      rcid session
                          date
                                   unres vote
                                                                   country
                 1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
## 1
                                            1 "United States of America"
         3
## 2
         3
                 1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
                                            3
                                                                  "Canada"
         3
                 1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
## 3
                                            1
                                                                    "Cuba"
## 4
         3
                 1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
                                                                   "Haiti"
                                            1
## 5
         3
                 1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
                                                     "Dominican Republic"
                 1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
                                                                 "Mexico"
## 6
         3
                                            1
## 7
         3
                 1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
                                            1
                                                              "Guatemala"
## 8
         3
                 1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
                                                               "Honduras"
                                            1
## 9
         3
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
                                                            "El Salvador"
## 10
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
         3
                                                              "Nicaragua"
                                            1
```

Recall that this is just the same as:

```
filter(select(x, rcid:vote, country = uniquename), vote < 8)</pre>
```

```
## Source: local data frame [699,744 x 6]
##
##
      rcid session
                          date
                                   unres vote
                                                                   country
## 1
         3
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
                                            1 "United States of America"
## 2
         3
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
                                            3
                                                                  "Canada"
## 3
         3
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
                                            1
                                                                    "Cuba"
## 4
         3
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
                                                                   "Haiti"
                                            1
## 5
         3
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
                                                     "Dominican Republic"
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
## 6
         3
                                                                  "Mexico"
                                            1
## 7
         3
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
                                            1
                                                               "Guatemala"
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
## 8
         3
                                                                "Honduras"
                                            1
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
## 9
         3
                                            1
                                                             "El Salvador"
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
## 10
         3
                                            1
                                                               "Nicaragua"
##
```

But it is already more readable.

#### Mutate: changing columns or adding new ones

Right now, votes are represented as 1 (Yes), 2 (Abstain), 3 (No). Let's turn them into a factor.

```
votes <- c("Yes", "Abstain", "No")
x %>% select(rcid:vote, country = uniquename) %>%
   filter(vote < 8) %>%
   mutate(vote = factor(votes[vote]))
```

```
## Source: local data frame [699,744 x 6]
##
##
      rcid session
                          date
                                   unres vote
                                                                   country
## 1
         3
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
                                               "United States of America"
                                          Yes
## 2
         3
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
                                                                  "Canada"
## 3
         3
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
                                                                    "Cuba"
                                          Yes
## 4
         3
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
                                                                   "Haiti"
                                          Yes
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
## 5
         3
                                          Yes
                                                     "Dominican Republic"
## 6
         3
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
                                                                  "Mexico"
         3
## 7
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
                                                               "Guatemala"
                                          Yes
## 8
         3
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
                                          Yes
                                                                "Honduras"
## 9
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
                                                             "El Salvador"
         3
                                          Yes
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
## 10
         3
                                          Yes
                                                               "Nicaragua"
##
```

Secondly, you might be bothered that the country name, and the UN resolution, have quotes around them. The stringr package provides a function, str\_replace, to replace letters in a string with another letter.

```
library(stringr)

x %>% select(rcid:vote, country = uniquename) %>%
    filter(vote < 8) %>%
    mutate(vote = factor(votes[vote]),
        country = str_replace(country, '"', ''))
```

```
## Source: local data frame [699,744 x 6]
##
##
      rcid session
                          date
                                   unres vote
                                                                  country
## 1
         3
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
                                          Yes United States of America"
## 2
         3
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
                                                                  Canada"
         3
## 3
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
                                                                    Cuba"
                                          Yes
         3
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
                                          Yes
                                                                   Haiti"
                    1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
## 5
         3
                                          Yes
                                                     Dominican Republic"
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
         3
## 6
                                          Yes
                                                                  Mexico"
## 7
         3
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
                                                               Guatemala"
## 8
         3
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
                                                                Honduras"
                                          Yes
                    1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
## 9
                                                            El Salvador"
         3
                                          Yes
## 10
         3
                  1 1946-01-01 "R/1/66"
                                                               Nicaragua"
                                          Yes
## ..
```

Dividing date into year/month/day with tidyr's separate

```
install.packages(tidyr)
```

Right now, year, month and day are combined in the same variable, which limits the operations we can perform with them. Let's try separating them, using dplyr's separate operation.

```
library(tidyr)

x %>% select(rcid:vote, country = uniquename) %>% filter(vote < 8) %>%
    mutate(vote = factor(votes[vote]), country = gsub('"', '', country)) %>%
    separate(date, c("year", "month", "day"))
```

```
## Source: local data frame [699,744 x 8]
##
##
      rcid session year month day
                                       unres vote
                                                                     country
## 1
                            01
         3
                  1 1946
                                01 "R/1/66"
                                              Yes United States of America
## 2
         3
                  1 1946
                            01
                                01 "R/1/66"
                                               No
                                                                     Canada
## 3
         3
                  1 1946
                                01 "R/1/66"
                                                                        Cuba
                            01
                                              Yes
         3
## 4
                  1 1946
                            01
                                01 "R/1/66"
                                                                       Haiti
## 5
         3
                                01 "R/1/66"
                                                         Dominican Republic
                  1 1946
                            01
                                              Yes
## 6
         3
                  1 1946
                            01
                                01 "R/1/66"
                                                                     Mexico
## 7
         3
                 1 1946
                            01 01 "R/1/66"
                                                                  Guatemala
## 8
         3
                  1 1946
                            01
                                01 "R/1/66"
                                                                   Honduras
## 9
         3
                  1 1946
                                01 "R/1/66"
                                                                El Salvador
                            01
                                              Yes
         3
                  1 1946
                                01 "R/1/66"
## 10
                            01
                                              Yes
                                                                  Nicaragua
##
```

Right now, year, month and day are all character vectors. We want them to be numbers. That's handled by the convert argument of separate. This time, let's save it into a data frame called votes:

```
votes <- x %>% select(rcid:vote, country = uniquename) %>%
  filter(vote < 8) %>%
  mutate(vote = factor(votes[vote]), country = gsub('"', '', country)) %>%
  separate(date, c("year", "month", "day"), convert = TRUE)
```

This will be the final version of our votes data- we've processed the columns and given them reasonable names. Now we can get to the actually interesting operations.

#### **Exploratory Data Analysis**

Now that we have the data in the format we want, we can start actually exploring it to answer questions.

#### Grouping and Summarizing

An essential operation in data science is the "split-apply-combine" pattern (described here). This breaks up your data into smaller subgroups, performs some analysis on them, and then recombines the results.

This operation by itself doesn't do anything except record, inside the votes table, that we're grouping by that variable:

## votes %>% group\_by(year)

```
## Source: local data frame [699,744 x 8]
## Groups: year
##
##
      rcid session year month day
                                       unres vote
                                                                     country
## 1
         3
                  1 1946
                                  1 "R/1/66"
                                               Yes United States of America
                              1
## 2
         3
                  1 1946
                             1
                                  1 "R/1/66"
                                               No
                                                                      Canada
## 3
         3
                  1 1946
                                  1 "R/1/66"
                             1
                                               Yes
                                                                         Cuba
## 4
         3
                  1 1946
                                  1 "R/1/66"
                                                                       Haiti
                             1
                                               Yes
## 5
         3
                  1 1946
                                  1 "R/1/66"
                                                         Dominican Republic
                             1
                                              Yes
## 6
         3
                  1 1946
                             1
                                  1 "R/1/66"
                                               Yes
                                                                      Mexico
## 7
         3
                  1 1946
                             1
                                  1 "R/1/66"
                                               Yes
                                                                   Guatemala
## 8
         3
                                                                    Honduras
                  1 1946
                             1
                                  1 "R/1/66"
                                               Yes
## 9
         3
                  1 1946
                             1
                                  1 "R/1/66"
                                              Yes
                                                                 El Salvador
         3
## 10
                  1 1946
                             1
                                  1 "R/1/66"
                                                                   Nicaragua
##
```

But when we apply the summarize operation later, that operation takes that grouping variable into account, and performs summaries within each year:

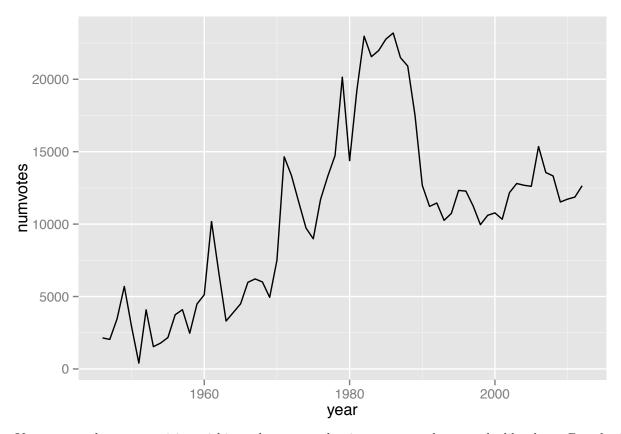
```
votesumm <- votes %>% group_by(year) %>%
    summarize(numvotes = n())
votesumm
```

```
## Source: local data frame [66 x 2]
##
##
      year numvotes
## 1
      1946
                2143
## 2
      1947
                2039
## 3
      1948
                3454
## 4
      1949
                5700
## 5
      1950
                2911
## 6
     1951
                 402
## 7
      1952
                4082
## 8
     1953
                1537
## 9
      1954
                1788
## 10 1955
                2169
                 . . .
```

Notice there is now one line per year (the original group), containing a new variable, numvotes, with the number of votes in that year.

To see why this might be useful, try using ggplot2 to make a graph of votes per year:

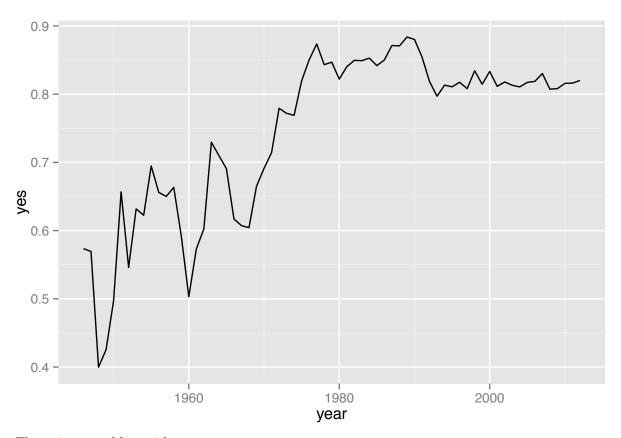
```
library(ggplot2)
ggplot(votesumm, aes(year, numvotes)) + geom_line()
```



You can see that summarizing within each group makes it easy to produce graphs like these. But that's a pretty simple plot. Let's collect more information per year, and plot that. For starters, we could see how the proportion of countries that vote "Yes" on a resolution (a sort of measure of "general agreement") changes from year to year.

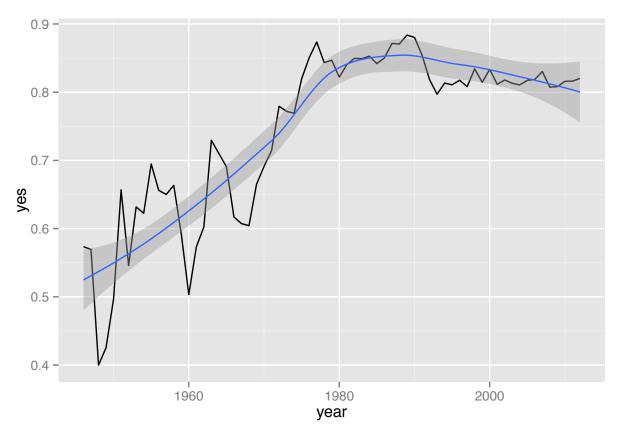
```
votesumm <- votes %>% group_by(year) %>%
    summarize(numvotes = n(), yes = mean(vote == "Yes"))

ggplot(votesumm, aes(year, yes)) + geom_line()
```



Throw in a trend line with geom\_smooth:

```
ggplot(votesumm, aes(year, yes)) + geom_line() + geom_smooth()
```



Now, that's about as interesting as we can get while grouping by year. Let's get more interesting and group within *years and countries*. Do this by adding a second variable to the group\_by

```
votesumm <- votes %>% group_by(year, country) %>%
summarize(numvotes = n(), yes = mean(vote == "Yes"))
```

Notice that there is now one row for each year-country pair.

What countries are there to work with? Some of them may have names we're not used to. Here's a trick to visualize them:

#### sort(unique(votesumm\$country))

```
[1] "Afghanistan"
                                               "Albania"
##
                                               "Andorra"
##
     [3] "Algeria"
     [5] "Angola"
##
                                               "Antigua & Barbuda"
                                               "Armenia"
     [7] "Argentina"
##
                                               "Austria"
##
     [9] "Australia"
    [11] "Azerbaijan"
                                               "Bahamas"
##
##
    [13] "Bahrain"
                                               "Bangladesh"
                                               "Belarus"
##
    [15] "Barbados"
    [17] "Belgium"
                                               "Belize"
##
##
    [19] "Benin"
                                               "Bhutan"
    [21] "Bolivia"
                                               "Bosnia and Herzegovina"
##
                                               "Brazil"
##
    [23] "Botswana"
    [25] "Brunei Darussalam"
                                               "Bulgaria"
##
##
    [27] "Burkina Faso"
                                               "Burundi"
    [29] "Cambodia"
                                               "Cameroon"
##
```

```
[31] "Canada"
                                              "Cape Verde"
##
    [33] "Central African Republic"
                                              "Chad"
   [35] "Chile"
                                              "China"
   [37] "Colombia"
                                              "Comoros"
##
##
    [39] "Congo"
                                              "Costa Rica"
##
   [41] "Cote d'Ivoire"
                                              "Croatia"
   [43] "Cuba"
                                              "Cyprus"
   [45] "Cyprus (old)"
##
                                              "Czech Republic"
##
    [47] "Czechoslovakia"
                                              "Democratic Republic of the Congo"
##
   [49] "Denmark"
                                              "Djibouti"
   [51] "Dominica"
                                              "Dominican Republic"
   [53] "East Timor"
                                              "Ecuador"
##
                                              "El Salvador"
##
    [55] "Egypt"
   [57] "Equatorial Guinea"
                                              "Eritrea"
##
##
   [59] "Estonia"
                                              "Ethiopia"
##
    [61] "Ethiopia (new)"
                                              "Fiji"
##
    [63] "Finland"
                                              "France"
##
   [65] "Gabon"
                                              "Gambia"
##
   [67] "Georgia"
                                              "Germany"
##
    [69] "Germany, East"
                                              "Germany, West"
##
   [71] "Ghana"
                                              "Greece"
##
   [73] "Grenada"
                                              "Guatemala"
   [75] "Guinea"
                                              "Guinea-Bissau"
##
    [77] "Guyana"
                                              "Haiti"
##
   [79] "Honduras"
                                              "Hungary"
   [81] "Iceland"
                                              "India"
##
   [83] "Indonesia"
                                              "Iran"
   [85] "Iraq"
                                              "Ireland"
##
##
  [87] "Israel"
                                              "Italy"
  [89] "Jamaica"
                                              "Japan"
##
   [91] "Jordan"
                                              "Kazakhstan"
##
   [93] "Kenya"
                                              "Kiribati"
   [95] "Kuwait"
##
                                              "Kyrgyzstan"
##
   [97] "Laos"
                                              "Latvia"
   [99] "Lebanon"
##
                                              "Lesotho"
## [101] "Liberia"
                                              "Libva"
## [103] "Liechtenstein"
                                              "Lithuania"
## [105] "Luxembourg"
                                              "Macedonia"
                                              "Malawi"
## [107] "Madagascar"
                                              "Maldives"
## [109] "Malaysia"
## [111] "Mali"
                                              "Malta"
## [113] "Marshall Islands"
                                              "Mauritania"
## [115] "Mauritius"
                                              "Mexico"
## [117] "Micronesia, Federated States of"
                                              "Moldova"
## [119] "Monaco"
                                              "Mongolia"
## [121] "Montenegro"
                                              "Morocco"
## [123] "Mozambique"
                                              "Myanmar"
## [125] "Namibia"
                                              "Nauru"
## [127] "Nepal"
                                              "Netherlands"
## [129] "New Zealand"
                                              "Nicaragua"
## [131] "Niger"
                                              "Nigeria"
## [133] "North Korea"
                                              "Norway"
## [135] "Oman"
                                              "Pakistan"
## [137] "Pakistan (old)"
                                              "Palau"
```

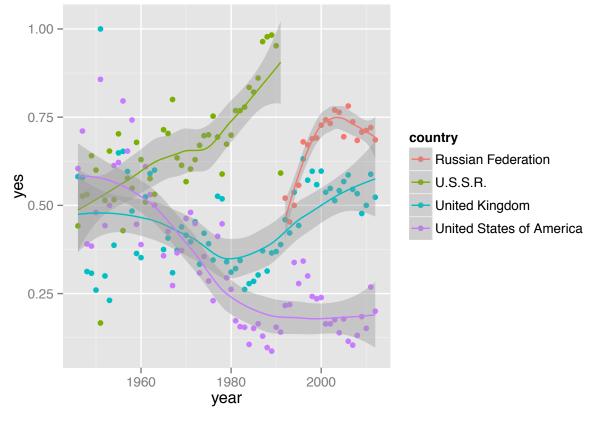
```
## [139] "Panama"
                                              "Papua New Guinea"
## [141] "Paraguay"
                                              "Peru"
## [143] "Philippines"
                                              "Poland"
## [145] "Portugal"
                                              "Qatar"
## [147] "Romania"
                                              "Russian Federation"
## [149] "Rwanda"
                                              "Samoa"
## [151] "San Marino"
                                              "Sao Tome and Principe"
## [153] "Saudi Arabia"
                                              "Senegal"
## [155] "Serbia"
                                              "Serbia and Montenegro"
## [157] "Seychelles"
                                              "Sierra Leone"
## [159] "Singapore"
                                              "Slovakia"
## [161] "Slovenia"
                                              "Solomon Islands"
## [163] "Somalia"
                                              "South Africa"
## [165] "South Korea"
                                              "South Sudan"
## [167] "Spain"
                                              "Sri Lanka"
## [169] "St. Kitts and Nevis"
                                              "St. Lucia"
## [171] "St. Vincent and the Grenadines"
                                              "Sudan"
                                              "Swaziland"
## [173] "Suriname"
## [175] "Sweden"
                                              "Switzerland"
                                              "Taiwan"
## [177] "Syria"
## [179] "Tajikistan"
                                              "Tanzania"
## [181] "Thailand"
                                              "Togo"
## [183] "Tonga"
                                              "Trinidad and Tobago"
## [185] "Tunisia"
                                              "Turkey"
## [187] "Turkmenistan"
                                              "Tuvalu"
## [189] "U.S.S.R."
                                              "Uganda"
                                              "United Arab Emirates"
## [191] "Ukraine"
## [193] "United Kingdom"
                                              "United States of America"
                                              "Uzbekistan"
## [195] "Uruguay"
## [197] "Vanuatu"
                                              "Venezuela"
                                              "Yemen"
## [199] "Viet Nam"
## [201] "Yemen Arab Republic"
                                              "Yemen PDR (South)"
## [203] "Yugoslavia"
                                              "Zambia"
## [205] "Zanzibar"
                                              "Zimbabwe"
```

Let's grab out a few that might interest us. (Note that the "U.S.S.R." turned into the "Russian Federation" starting in 1992).

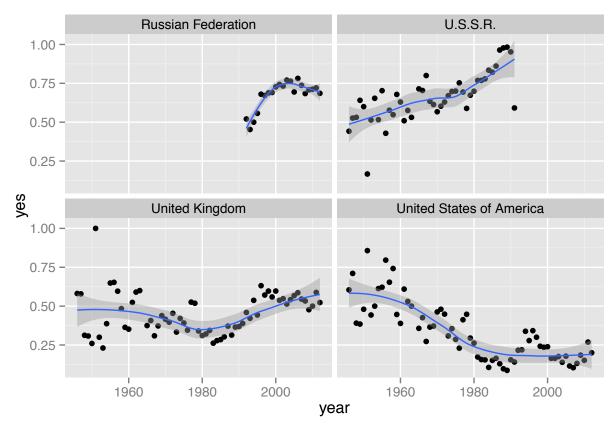
```
interesting_countries <- c("United States of America", "U.S.S.R.", "United Kingdom", "Russian Federation
interesting <- votesumm %>% filter(country %in% interesting_countries)
```

Now that we've filtered for these countries, we can plot their "% Yes" metric separately over time. Here's two ways (of many) you can do this- separating countries by color and by facets (sub-plots):

```
ggplot(interesting, aes(year, yes, color = country)) + geom_point() +
    geom_smooth()
```



```
ggplot(interesting, aes(year, yes)) + geom_point() +
    geom_smooth() +
    facet_wrap(~ country)
```



We can already pick out and start interpreting trends based on these four plots, of how each countries level of agreement with the UN's resolutions changed over time.

Tomorrow we'll continue diving into this data as an example of a tidy data analysis. We'll learn:

- How to merge this data with a different dataset that describes the topic and importance of each resolution, and create graphs based on these topics
- How to turn un-tidy data into tidy data using tidyr
- How to perform an analysis, such as a regression or spline, within each country using the broom package
- How to cluster countries by similarity in voting patterns, and construct heatmaps and trees