

Nested Data

A **nested data frame** stores individual tables as a list-column of data frames within a larger organizing data frame. List-columns can also be lists of vectors or lists of varying data types.

Use a nested data frame to:

- Preserve relationships between observations and subsets of data. Preserve the type of the variables being nested (factors and datetimes aren't coerced to character).
- Manipulate many sub-tables at once with **purrr** functions like `map()`, `map2()`, or `pmap()` or with **dplyr** `rowwise()` grouping.

CREATE NESTED DATA RESHAPE NESTED DATA TRANSFORM NESTED DATA

nest(data, ...) Moves groups of cells into a list-column of a data frame. **unnest(data, cols, ..., keep_empty = FALSE)** Flatten nested columns A vectorized function takes a vector, transforms each element in frame. Use alone or with `dplyr::group_by()`: back to regular columns. The inverse of `nest()`. parallel, and returns a vector of the same length. By themselves

1. Group the data frame with `group_by()` and use `nest()` to move `n_storms` |> `unnest(data)` vectorized functions cannot work with lists, such as list-columns.

the groups into a list-column. **unnest_longer(data, col, values_to = NULL, indices_to = NULL)** `dplyr::rowwise(.data, ...)` Group data so that each row is one `n_storms <- storms |>` Turn each element of a list-column into a row.group, and within the groups, elements of list-columns appear

`group_by(name) |>` directly (accessed with `[[]]`, not as lists of length one. **When you**

`nest() starwars |>` **use `rowwise()`, `dplyr` functions will seem to apply functions to**

2. Use `nest(new_col = c(x, y))` to specify the columns to group `select(name, films) |>` **list-columns in a vectorized fashion.**

using `dplyr::select()` syntax. `unnest_longer(films)`

`n_storms <- storms |>`

`nest(data = c(year:long))`

name	yr	lat	long
Am	1975	27.5	-79.
y	1975	28.5	0
Am	1975	29.5	-79.
y	1979	22.0	0
Am	1979	22.5	-79.
y	1979	23.0	0
Bob	2005	23.9	-96.
Bob	2005	24.2	0
Bob	2005	24.7	-95.
Zet	3	9	3
Zet	6	5	9
a	-35.	200	23.
Zet	6	5	6
a	-36.	200	24.
Zet	6	5	36.
a	-36.	200	24.

Index list-columns with `[[]]`. `n_storms$data[[1]]`

CREATE TIBBLES WITH LIST-COLUMNS

`tibble::tribble(...)` Makes list-columns when needed.

`tribble(~max, ~seq,`

`3, 1:3,`

`4, 1:4, 4<int [4]>`

`5, 1:5) 5<int [5]>`

3	1:3
4	1:4, 4<int [4]>
5	1:5) 5<int [5]>

`tibble::tribble(...)` Saves list input as list-columns.

`tibble(max = c(3, 4, 5), seq = list(1:3, 1:4, 1:5))`

`tibble::enframe(x, name="name", value="value")`

Converts multi-level list to a tibble with list-cols.

`enframe(list('3'=1:3, '4'=1:4, '5'=1:5), 'max', 'seq')`

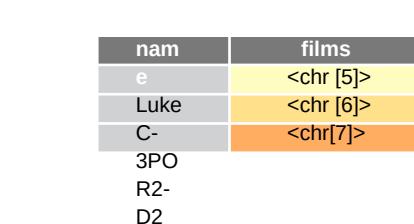
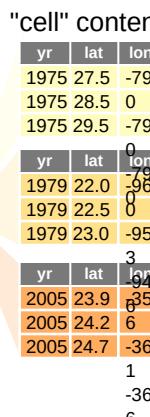
OUTPUT LIST-COLUMNS FROM OTHER FUNCTIONS

`dplyr::mutate()`, `transmute()`, and `summarise()` will output list-columns if they return a list.

`mtcars |>`

`group_by(cyl) |>`

`summarise(q = list(quantile(mpg)))`



nam	films
e	The Empire...Revenge of...
Luke	The Empire... Attack of...
C-	The Empire...Attack of...
3PO	The Empire...The Phantom...
R2-	The Empire...Attack of...
D2	The Empire...The Phantom...

`unnest_wider(data, col)` Turn each element of a list-column into a regular column.

```
starwars |>
  select(name, films) |>
  unnest_wider(films, names_sep = "_")
```

nam	films
e	<chr [5]>
Luke	<chr [6]>
C-	<chr[7]>
3PO	
R2-	
D2	

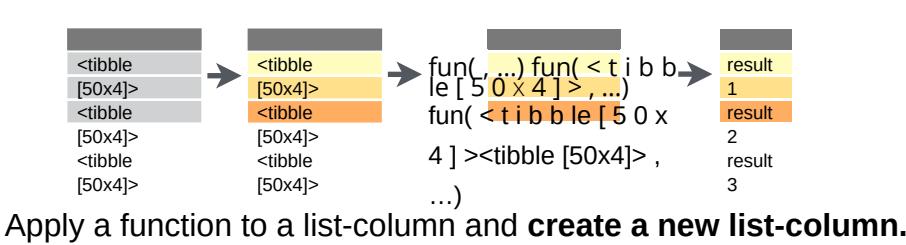
nam	films_1	films_2	films_3
e	The Empire...	Revenge of...	Return of...
Luke	of... The Empire...	Attack of...	The
C-	of... The Empire...	Attack of...	Phantom...
3PO	of...		The
R2-			Phantom...
D2			

`hoist(.data, .col, ..., .remove = TRUE)` Selectively pull list components out into their own top-level columns. Uses `purrr::pluck()` syntax for selecting from lists.

```
starwars |>
  select(name, films) |>
  hoist(films, first_film = 1, second_film = 2)
```

nam	films
e	<chr [5]>
Luke	<chr [6]>
C-	<chr[7]>
3PO	
R2-	
D2	

nam	first_film	second_film	films
e	The Empire...	Revenge of...	<chr [3]>
Luke	The Empire...	Attack of...	<chr [4]>
C-	The Empire...	Attack of...	<chr [5]>
3PO			
R2-			
D2			



Apply a function to a list-column and **create a new list-column**.

`n_storms |>` **ns two values**

`rowwise() |>`

`mutate(n = list(dim(data)))`

with list to tell mutate

Apply a function to a list-column and **create a regular column**.

`n_storms |>`

`rowwise() |>`

`mutate(n = nrow(data))`

returns one integer

Collapse **multiple list-columns** into a single list-column.

`starwars |>`

`rowwise() |>`

`mutate(transport = list(append(vehicles, starships)))`

append() returns a list for each row, so col type must be list

Apply a function to **multiple list-columns**.

`starwars |>`

returns one

`rowwise() |>`

`mutate(n_transports = length(c(vehicles, starships)))`

See **purrr** package for more list functions.