

Day Two: Data Cleaning

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Review

Inspecting objects

we'll start by using some data that is already in R

```
data(state)
str(state.x77)
```

Inspecting variables

We should see 50 levels in this division variable

```
state.division
```

```
## [1] East South Central Pacific Mountain
## [4] West South Central Pacific Mountain
## [7] New England South Atlantic South Atlantic
## [10] South Atlantic Pacific Mountain
## [13] East North Central East North Central West North Central
## [16] West North Central East South Central West South Central
## [19] New England South Atlantic New England
## [22] East North Central West North Central East South Central
## [25] West North Central Mountain West North Central
## [28] Mountain New England Middle Atlantic
## [31] Mountain Middle Atlantic South Atlantic
## [34] West North Central East North Central West South Central
## [37] Pacific Middle Atlantic New England
## [40] South Atlantic West North Central East South Central
## [43] West South Central Mountain New England
## [46] South Atlantic Pacific South Atlantic
## [49] East North Central Mountain
## 9 Levels: New England Middle Atlantic ... Pacific
```

```
length(state.division)
```

```
## [1] 50
```

```
levels(state.division)
```

```
## [1] "New England" "Middle Atlantic" "South Atlantic"
## [4] "East South Central" "West South Central" "East North Central"
## [7] "West North Central" "Mountain" "Pacific"
```

Inspecting data frames

recall, a dataframe is a list of vectors, where each vector is one variable with all of its measurements

R expects dataframes to be rectangular

```
state <- state.x77
rm(state.x77)
```

```
## Warning in rm(state.x77): object 'state.x77' not found
```

```
state <- as.data.frame(state)
head(state)
```

```
##           Population Income Illiteracy Life Exp Murder HS Grad Frost
## Alabama           3615   3624         2.1   69.05   15.1   41.3    20
## Alaska             365   6315         1.5   69.31   11.3   66.7   152
## Arizona           2212   4530         1.8   70.55    7.8   58.1    15
## Arkansas           2110   3378         1.9   70.66   10.1   39.9    65
## California        21198   5114         1.1   71.71   10.3   62.6    20
## Colorado          2541   4884         0.7   72.06    6.8   63.9   166
##
##           Area
## Alabama    50708
## Alaska    566432
## Arizona   113417
## Arkansas   51945
## California 156361
## Colorado  103766
```

Introduction

Today's class will be essentially be split into two components: CRUD operations in R and TIDY data. For more on tidiness in data, see [Hadley Wickham's paper](#). We will also touch on missingness - for an accessible introduction, you can read [this very old and no longer state-of-the-art paper](#).

yesterday we saw how to create dataframes in R

```
my.data <- data.frame(n = c(1, 2, 3),
                      c=c('one', 'two', 'three'),
                      b=c(TRUE, TRUE, FALSE),
                      d=c(as.Date("2015-07-27"),
                          as.Date("2015-07-27")+7,
                          as.Date("2015-07-27")-7),
                      really.long.and.complicated.variable.name=999)
```

remember, you can learn about dataframes with

```
str(my.data)
```

```
## 'data.frame':   3 obs. of  5 variables:
## $ n              : num  1 2 3
## $ c              : Factor w/ 3 levels "one","three",...: 1 3 2
```

```
## $ b : logi TRUE TRUE FALSE
## $ d : Date, format: "2015-07-27" "2015-08-03" ...
## $ really.long.and.complicated.variable.name: num 999 999 999
```

in practice, you will only rarely create dataframes by hand, because creating tables in a text editor is both boring and prone to error

Reading dataframes from file

why read data from text files?

they are human-readable and highly interoperable

```
read.table("data/mydata.csv", sep=',', header = TRUE)
```

```
##   n     c     b           d really.long.and.complicated.variable.name
## 1 1  one  TRUE 2015-07-27                                999
## 2 2  two  TRUE 2015-08-03                                999
## 3 3 three FALSE 2015-07-20                                999
```

side note - anyone who is 100% new to computing will have a hard time understanding the concept of a working directory, and will try to run this code from their home directory (spoiler alert - it doesn't work)

R has convenience wrappers for reading in tables

```
read.csv("data/mydata.csv")
```

```
##   n     c     b           d really.long.and.complicated.variable.name
## 1 1  one  TRUE 2015-07-27                                999
## 2 2  two  TRUE 2015-08-03                                999
## 3 3 three FALSE 2015-07-20                                999
```

note that we are only reading the files by doing this

R also has its own kind of data file

```
load("data/mydata.Rda")
```

the `load` function does actually put the file into memory, and with the name you originally gave it when you saved it

this is typically a bad thing, and there is currently no easy workaround

to read in tables from excel, use the `xlsx` package

if you are exporting data from excel, be sure to export datetimes as strings, as excel does not store dates internally the same way Unix does

```
install.packages("xlsx")
library(xlsx)
read.xlsx("data/cpds_excel_new.xlsx")
```

But it may be better to save your `.xlsx` file as a `csv` format in Excel first, and then read the `csv` file into R.

you can also use R to read in data from proprietary software

```
# examples of these?
install.packages("foreign")
library(foreign)
read.dta("data/cpds_stata.dta")
read.spss()
read.octave()
```

Cleaning data

there are two major steps to data cleaning, which we will call ‘sanitizing’ and ‘tidying’

in sanitizing, our goal is to take each variable and force its values to be honest representations of its levels

in tidying, we are arranging our data structurally such that each row contains exactly one observation, and each column contains exactly one kind of data about that observation (this is sometimes expressed in SQL terms as “An attribute must tell something about the key, the whole key, and nothing but the key, so help me Codd”)

exporting data from other software can do weird things to numbers and factors

```
dirty <- read.csv('data/dirty.csv')
str(dirty)
```

```
## 'data.frame':   5 obs. of  5 variables:
## $ Timestamp      : Factor w/ 5 levels "7/25/2015 10:08:41",...: 1 2 3 4 5
## $ How.tall.are.you. : Factor w/ 5 levels "156","2.1","5'9",...: 5 4 3 2 1
## $ What.department.are.you.in.: Factor w/ 5 levels " geology","999",...: 4 2 1 5 3
## $ Are.you.currently.enrolled.: Factor w/ 3 levels "999","No","Yes": 3 3 1 2 1
## $ What.is.your.birth.order.  : Factor w/ 3 levels "1","2","9,000": 1 1 2 3 2
```

it’s usually better to DISABLE R’s intuition about data types

unless you already know the data is clean and has no non-factor strings in it (i.e. you are the one who created it)

```
dirty <- read.csv('data/dirty.csv', stringsAsFactors = FALSE)
str(dirty)
```

```
## 'data.frame':    5 obs. of  5 variables:
## $ Timestamp      : chr  "7/25/2015 10:08:41" "7/25/2015 10:10:56" "7/25/2015 10:11:20"
## $ How.tall.are.you. : chr  "very" "70" "5'9" "2.1" ...
## $ What.department.are.you.in.: chr  "Geology" "999" "geology" "goeology" ...
## $ Are.you.currently.enrolled.: chr  "Yes" "Yes" "999" "No" ...
## $ What.is.your.birth.order. : chr  "1" "1" "2" "9,000" ...
```

let's start by removing the empty rows and columns

```
tail(dirty)
```

```
##           Timestamp How.tall.are.you. What.department.are.you.in.
## 1 7/25/2015 10:08:41          very           Geology
## 2 7/25/2015 10:10:56           70             999
## 3 7/25/2015 10:11:20          5'9           geology
## 4 7/25/2015 10:11:25           2.1          goeology
## 5 7/25/2015 10:11:29          156           anthro
## Are.you.currently.enrolled. What.is.your.birth.order.
## 1                Yes                1
## 2                Yes                1
## 3                999                2
## 4                 No              9,000
## 5                999                2
```

```
dirty <- dirty[1:5,-6]
dim(dirty)
```

```
## [1] 5 5
```

you can replace variable names

and you should, if they are uninformative or long

```
names(dirty)
```

```
## [1] "Timestamp"          "How.tall.are.you."
## [3] "What.department.are.you.in." "Are.you.currently.enrolled."
## [5] "What.is.your.birth.order."
```

```
names(dirty) <- c("time", "height", "dept", "enroll", "birth.order")
```

it's common for hand-coded data to have a signifier for subject-missingness

(to help differentiate it from your hand-coder forgetting to do something)

```
dirty$enrollment
```

```
## NULL
```

you should replace all of these values in your dataframe with R's missingness signifier, NA

```
table(dirty$enroll)
```

```
##  
## 999 No Yes  
## 2 1 2
```

```
dirty$enroll[dirty$enroll=="999"] <- NA  
table(dirty$enroll, useNA = "ifany")
```

```
##  
## No Yes <NA>  
## 1 2 2
```

side note - read.table() has an option to specify field values as NA as soon as you import the data, but this is a BAAAAAD idea because R automatically encodes blank fields as missing too, and thus you lose the ability to distinguish between user-missing and experimenter-missing

that timestamp variable is not in a format R likes

base R doesn't handle time well, so we need to get rid of the time part of the timestamp

```
dirty$time
```

```
## [1] "7/25/2015 10:08:41" "7/25/2015 10:10:56" "7/25/2015 10:11:20"  
## [4] "7/25/2015 10:11:25" "7/25/2015 10:11:29"
```

```
dirty$time <- sub(' [0-9]+:[0-9]+:[0-9]+', '', dirty$time)  
dirty$time
```

```
## [1] "7/25/2015" "7/25/2015" "7/25/2015" "7/25/2015" "7/25/2015"
```

the height variable is in four different units

we can fix this with a somewhat complicated loop (since R started as a functional language, there are not easy ways to conditionally modify structures in place)

OR

we can do the same task line-by-line, since the number of observations is small

```
class(dirty$height)
```

```
## [1] "character"
```

```
as.numeric(dirty$height)
```

```
## Warning: NAs introduced by coercion
```

```
## [1] NA 70.0 NA 2.1 156.0
```

because there are apostrophes and quotation marks, R thinks these are strings

```
dirty$height[grep("'", dirty$height, perl=TRUE)] <- 5*30.48 + 9*2.54
dirty$height[2] <- 70*2.54
dirty$height[3] <- 2.1*100
```

let's fix some of those department spellings

first, let's make this all lowercase

```
dirty$dept
```

```
## [1] "Geology" "999" "geology" "goelogy" "anthro"
```

```
dirty$dept <- tolower(dirty$dept)
dirty$dept <- gsub(' ', '', dirty$dept) # what did we just do?
dirty$dept[4] <- "geology"
dirty[dirty == "999"] <- NA
```

then, you can coerce the data into the types they should be

```
dirty$time <- as.Date(dirty$time, '%m/%d/%Y')
dirty$height <- as.numeric(dirty$height)
```

```
## Warning: NAs introduced by coercion
```

```
dirty$dept <- as.factor(dirty$dept)
dirty$enroll <- as.factor(dirty$enroll)
dirty$birth.order <- as.numeric(dirty$birth.order)
```

```
## Warning: NAs introduced by coercion
```

```
str(dirty)
```

```
## 'data.frame': 5 obs. of 5 variables:
## $ time      : Date, format: "2015-07-25" "2015-07-25" ...
## $ height    : num NA 177.8 210 2.1 156
## $ dept      : Factor w/ 2 levels "anthro","geology": 2 NA 2 2 1
## $ enroll    : Factor w/ 2 levels "No","Yes": 2 2 NA 1 NA
## $ birth.order: num 1 1 2 NA 2
```

Missingness

there are many reasons why you might have missing data

AS LONG AS MISSINGNESS IS NOT CAUSED BY YOUR INDEPENDENT VARIABLE this is fine

deleting those observations is wasteful, but easy (listwise deletion)

ignoring the individual missing data points is typical (casewise deletion)

imputing mean values for missing data is possibly the worst thing you can do

imputing via MI + error is currently the best option

listwise deletion is wasteful

```
na.omit(dirty)
```

```
## [1] time      height    dept      enroll    birth.order  
## <0 rows> (or 0-length row.names)
```

casewise deletion is what R does internally

```
nrow(dirty)
```

```
## [1] 5
```

```
sum(is.na(dirty$height))
```

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

```
sum(is.na(dirty$birth.order))
```

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

```
length(lm(height ~ birth.order, data=dirty)$fitted.values)
```

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

this is usually the default strategy

remember how we talked about the extensibility of R?

amelia is a package that makes a complicated MI approach work without you knowing anything about its implementation


```
library(Amelia)
```

```
## Loading required package: Rcpp
## ##
## ## Amelia II: Multiple Imputation
## ## (Version 1.7.3, built: 2014-11-14)
## ## Copyright (C) 2005-2015 James Honaker, Gary King and Matthew Blackwell
## ## Refer to http://gking.harvard.edu/amelia/ for more information
## ##
```

let's use this large dataset as an example

```
large <- read.csv('data/large.csv')
summary(large)
```

```
##           a              b              c
## Min.      :-33.98426  Min.      :-13.4   Min.      :-249998.64
## 1st Qu.:  -6.71903   1st Qu.:128.6   1st Qu.: -141005.65
## Median :   0.41681   Median :256.9   Median :  -63498.56
## Mean      :  0.00176   Mean      :252.2   Mean      : -83954.09
## 3rd Qu.:   7.00630   3rd Qu.:377.5   3rd Qu.: -15748.98
## Max.      : 35.33306   Max.      :513.3   Max.      :   11.77
## NA's      :45         NA's      :45     NA's      :45
```

```
nrow(na.omit(large))
```

```
## [1] 871
```

for it to work you need low missingness and large N

```
a <- amelia(large,m = 1)
```

```
## -- Imputation 1 --
##
##   1  2  3
```

```
print(a)
```

```
##
## Amelia output with 1 imputed datasets.
## Return code: 1
## Message: Normal EM convergence.
##
## Chain Lengths:
## -----
## Imputation 1: 3
```

amelia returns a list, where the first item is a list of your imputations

we only did one, so here it is

```
large.imputed <- a[[1]][[1]]
summary(large.imputed)
```

```
##           a                b                c
## Min.      :-33.9843   Min.      :-24.39   Min.      :-249999
## 1st Qu.:  -6.8324   1st Qu.:125.81   1st Qu.: -139866
## Median :   0.2591   Median :252.00   Median :  -63764
## Mean     :  -0.1306   Mean      :249.37   Mean      : -83043
## 3rd Qu.:   6.9467   3rd Qu.:373.95   3rd Qu.: -15561
## Max.     :  35.3331   Max.      :577.47   Max.      :  53394
```

if you give it a tiny dataset, it will fuss at you

```
a <- amelia(large[990:1000,],m = 1)
```

```
## Warning in amelia.prep(x = x, m = m, idvars = idvars, empri = empri, ts =
## ts, : You have a small number of observations, relative to the number, of
## variables in the imputation model. Consider removing some variables, or
## reducing the order of time polynomials to reduce the number of parameters.
```

```
## -- Imputation 1 --
##
## No missing data in bootstrapped sample: EM chain unnecessary
```

```
print(a)
```

```
##
## Amelia output with 1 imputed datasets.
## Return code: 1
## Message: Normal EM convergence.
##
## Chain Lengths:
## -----
## Imputation 1:
```

Reshaping

now that our data is clean, it's time to put it in a tidy format. this is a way of storing data that makes it easy to:

1. make graphs
2. run tests
3. summarize
4. transform into other formats

we are basically trying to organize ourselves such that:

1. any grouping is made on rows
2. any testing is done between columns

an aside on testing

in R, you use double symbols for testing

```
1 == 2
```

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

```
1 != 1
```

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

```
1 >= 1
```

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

(you've already seen a couple of these)

tests return boolean vectors

```
1 >= c(0,1,2)
```

```
## [1] TRUE TRUE FALSE
```

recall that boolean vectors need to be the same length or a divisor

if your vectors are not multiples of each other, R will fuss at you

```
c(1,2) >= c(1,2,3)
```

```
## Warning in c(1, 2) >= c(1, 2, 3): longer object length is not a multiple of  
## shorter object length
```

```
## [1] TRUE TRUE FALSE
```

```
c(1,2) >= c(1,2,3,4)    # why no warning this time? R recycles!
```

```
## [1] TRUE TRUE FALSE FALSE
```

the combination of the length requirement, the lack of support in R for proper indexing, and missingness in your data will cause many headaches later on

subsetting data frames

subsetting your data is where you will use this regularly

```
my.data$numeric == 2
```

```
## logical(0)
```

```
my.data[my.data$numeric == 2,]
```

```
## [1] n
## [2] c
## [3] b
## [4] d
## [5] really.long.and.complicated.variable.name
## <0 rows> (or 0-length row.names)
```

boolean variables can act as filters right out of the box

```
my.data[my.data$b,]
```

```
##   n   c   b           d really.long.and.complicated.variable.name
## 1 1 one TRUE 2015-07-27                                     999
## 2 2 two TRUE 2015-08-03                                     999
```

you see the empty space after the comma? that tells R to grab all the columns

you can also select columns

```
my.data[, 'd']
```

```
## [1] "2015-07-27" "2015-08-03" "2015-07-20"
```

that empty space **before** the comma? that tells R to grab all the rows

you can also match elements from a vector

```
good.things <- c("three", "four", "five")
my.data[my.data$character %in% good.things, ]
```

```
## [1] n
## [2] c
## [3] b
## [4] d
## [5] really.long.and.complicated.variable.name
## <0 rows> (or 0-length row.names)
```

most subsetting operations on dataframes also return a dataframe

```
str(my.data[!(my.data$character %in% good.things), ])
```

```
## 'data.frame':    0 obs. of  5 variables:
##  $ n                : num
##  $ c                : Factor w/ 3 levels "one","three",...:
##  $ b                : logi
##  $ d                :Class 'Date'   num(0)
##  $ really.long.and.complicated.variable.name: num
```

subsets that are a single column return a vector

```
str(my.data$numeric)
```

```
## NULL
```

most tidying can be done with two R packages

(plus a wrapper around the base string functions)

```
install.packages('reshape2')
install.packages('stringr')
install.packages('plyr')
```

```
library(reshape2)
library(stringr)
library(plyr)
```

reshaping

our goal here is to arrange our data such that each table is about one kind of thing: whether it is everything about a measurement, everything about a person, or everything about a group of people

```
abnormal <- data.frame(name = c('Alice', 'Bob', 'Eve'),
                      time1 = c(90, 90, 150),
                      time2 = c(100, 95, 100))
```

this table is not tidy - why not?

the table is about measurements, but each measurement does not have its own row, and each type of measurement value is represented by more than one column

```
normal <- melt(data = abnormal, id.vars = 'name')
normal
```

```
##      name variable value
## 1 Alice    time1     90
## 2  Bob    time1     90
## 3  Eve    time1    150
## 4 Alice    time2    100
## 5  Bob    time2     95
## 6  Eve    time2    100
```

we can `melt` this dataframe down into a long format, which makes each row a unique observation, and then clean up the dataframe a bit

```
normal$id <- seq(1:nrow(normal))
names(normal) <- c('name','time','value','id')
normal$time <- str_replace(normal$time,'time','')
```

now that we are in a tidy format, see how easy it is to subset

```
normal[normal$time == 1,]
```

```
##      name time value id
## 1 Alice     1     90  1
## 2  Bob     1     90  2
## 3  Eve     1    150  3
```

```
normal[normal$name == 'Alice',]
```

```
##      name time value id
## 1 Alice     1     90  1
## 4 Alice     2    100  4
```

and test

side note - don't worry about how this works yet - we'll talk about it tomorrow

```
t.test(value ~ time, data=normal)
```

```
##
## Welch Two Sample t-test
##
## data:  value by time
## t = 0.58132, df = 2.0278, p-value = 0.6191
## alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
##  -73.56101  96.89434
## sample estimates:
## mean in group 1 mean in group 2
##      110.00000      98.33333
```

it's easy to combine tidy tables to compare different levels of information simultaneously

Merging data frames

flexibly join dataframes with merge

imagine you have two datasets that you want to merge

```
data.1 <- read.csv('data/merge_practice_1.csv')
data.2 <- read.csv('data/merge_practice_2.csv')
```

```
## Warning in read.table(file = file, header = header, sep = sep, quote
## = quote, : incomplete final line found by readTableHeader on 'data/
## merge_practice_2.csv'
```

```
str(data.1)
```

```
## 'data.frame': 5 obs. of 4 variables:
## $ id : int 1 2 3 4 5
## $ name : Factor w/ 5 levels "Alice","Bob",...: 1 2 3 4 5
## $ job : Factor w/ 3 levels "communications",...: 1 1 2 1 3
## $ location: Factor w/ 3 levels "Berkeley","Cambridge",...: 3 2 3 1 2
```

```
str(data.2)
```

```
## 'data.frame': 4 obs. of 4 variables:
## $ id : int 1 4 5 6
## $ name : Factor w/ 4 levels "Alice","Dave",...: 1 2 3 4
## $ job : Factor w/ 3 levels "hacker","handler",...: 1 3 2 1
## $ location: Factor w/ 4 levels "berkeley","cambridge",...: 2 4 3 1
```

sometimes the same people have different jobs in different locations

you can do an *inner* join using merge

```
merge(data.1, data.2, by = 'id')
```

```
##   id name.x      job.x location.x name.y  job.y location.y
## 1  1 Alice communications New York Alice hacker  cambridge
## 2  4 Dave communications Berkeley Dave tree palo alto
## 3  5 Eve spy Cambridge Eve handler new york
```

that's no good - we lost half of our people!

inner joins are mostly used when you **only** want records that appear in both tables

if you want the union, you can use an outer join

```
merge(data.1, data.2, by = 'id', all = TRUE)
```

```
##   id name.x      job.x location.x name.y  job.y location.y
## 1  1 Alice communications New York Alice hacker  cambridge
## 2  2 Bob communications Cambridge <NA> <NA> <NA>
## 3  3 Chuck hacker New York <NA> <NA> <NA>
## 4  4 Dave communications Berkeley Dave tree palo alto
## 5  5 Eve spy Cambridge Eve handler new york
## 6  6 <NA> <NA> <NA> Faith hacker berkeley
```

this works basically the same as join in SQL

running merges is particularly useful when:

- a. your data is tidy; and,
- b. you want to add information with a lookup table

in this case, you can store your lookup table as a dataframe, then merge it

```
lookup <- read.csv('data/merge_practice_3.csv')
str(lookup)
```

```
## 'data.frame':   5 obs. of  2 variables:
## $ location   : Factor w/ 5 levels "Berkeley","Cambridge",...: 2 3 1 4 5
## $ population: int  107289 8406000 116768 66642 233294
```

this lookup table gives us the population for each location

we can add this to our people table with

```
merge(data.1, lookup, by = "location")
```

```
##   location id  name          job population
## 1 Berkeley  4  Dave communications    116768
## 2 Cambridge 2   Bob communications    107289
## 3 Cambridge 5   Eve               spy     107289
## 4 New York  1 Alice communications    8406000
## 5 New York  3 Chuck               hacker    8406000
```

note that Reno was in our lookup table

```
lookup[lookup$location == 'Reno', ]
```

```
##   location population
## 5      Reno      233294
```

but doesn't show up when we merge - why do you think this is?

Practice

Grab some data from Pew

and sanitize/tidy it

this will be hard

```
library(foreign)
pew <- as.data.frame(read.spss("data/pew.sav"))
```

```
## re-encoding from CP1252
```



```
## Warning in `levels<-`(`*tmp*`, value = if (nl == nL) as.character(labels)
## else paste0(labels, : duplicated levels in factors are deprecated
```

```
religion <- pew[c("q16", "reltrad", "income")]
rm(pew)
```

we'll start by cleaning up the factor variables

```
religion$reltrad <- as.character(religion$reltrad)
religion$reltrad <- str_replace(religion$reltrad, " Churches", "")
religion$reltrad <- str_replace(religion$reltrad, " Protestant", " Prot")
religion$reltrad[religion$q16 == " Atheist (do not believe in God) "] <- "Atheist"
religion$reltrad[religion$q16 == " Agnostic (not sure if there is a God) "] <- "Agnostic"
religion$reltrad <- str_trim(religion$reltrad)
religion$reltrad <- str_replace_all(religion$reltrad, " \\(\\..*?\\)", "")
```

```
religion$income <- c("Less than $10,000" = "<$10k",
  "10 to under $20,000" = "$10-20k",
  "20 to under $30,000" = "$20-30k",
  "30 to under $40,000" = "$30-40k",
  "40 to under $50,000" = "$40-50k",
  "50 to under $75,000" = "$50-75k",
  "75 to under $100,000" = "$75-100k",
  "100 to under $150,000" = "$100-150k",
  "$150,000 or more" = ">150k",
  "Don't know/Refused (VOL)" = "Don't know/refused")[religion$income]

religion$income <- factor(religion$income, levels = c("<$10k", "$10-20k", "$20-30k", "$30-40k", "$40-50k",
  "$75-100k", "$100-150k", ">150k", "Don't know/refused"))
```

now we can reduce this down to three columns for three variables

```
religion <- count(religion, c("reltrad", "income"))
names(religion)[1] <- "religion"
```

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