# Data Cleaning

#### Module 8

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#### Data

- We will be using multiple data sets in this lecture:
  - Salary, Monument, Circulator, and Restaurant from OpenBaltimore: https://data.baltimorecity.gov/browse?limitTo=datasets
  - Gap Minder very interesting way of viewing longitudinal data
    - \* Data is here http://www.gapminder.org/data/
  - http://spreadsheets.google.com/pub?key=rMsQHawTObBb6\_U2ESjKXYw&output=xls

# **Data Cleaning**

In general, data cleaning is a process of investigating your data for inaccuracies, or recoding it in a way that makes it more manageable.

MOST IMPORTANT RULE - LOOK AT YOUR DATA!

Again - table, summarize, is.na, any, all are useful.

#### **Data Cleaning**

```
> table(c(0, 1, 2, 3, NA, 3, 3, 2,2, 3),
          useNA="ifany")
                   3 <NA>
                        1
> table(c(0, 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 3, 2,2, 3),
          useNA="always")
   0
                   3 <NA>
   1
        1
                   4
                        0
> tab \leftarrow table(c(0, 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 3, 2,2, 3),
               c(0, 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 3, 4, 4, 3),
                useNA="always")
> margin.table(tab, 2)
```

```
4 <NA>
  0
            2
                 3
> prop.table(tab)
```

```
2
                      4 <NA>
          1
                  3
    0.1 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0
    0.0 0.1 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0
    0.0 0.0 0.2 0.0 0.2 0.0
    0.0 0.0 0.0 0.4 0.0 0.0
<NA> 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0
```

#### > prop.table(tab,1)

```
2
                   3
                      4 <NA>
0
     1.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0
     0.0 1.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0
     0.0 0.0 0.5 0.0 0.5 0.0
     0.0 0.0 0.0 1.0 0.0 0.0
<NA>
```

# Download Salary FY2014 Data

https://data.baltimorecity.gov/City-Government/Baltimore-City-Employee-Salaries-FY2014/2j28-xzd7 Download as a CSV and then read it into R as the variable Sal

```
> Sal = read.csv("../data/Baltimore_City_Employee_Salaries_FY2014.csv",
                  as.is=TRUE)
```

#### **Data Cleaning**

- any() checks if there are any TRUES
- all() checks if ALL are true

#### > Sal[1:4,]

```
Name
                                          JobTitle AgencyID
     Aaron, Keontae E
                                    AIDE BLUE CHIP
                                                     W02200
1
2
   Aaron, Patricia G Facilities/Office Services II
                                                     A03031
3
                       ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY
      Aaron, Petra L
                                                     A29005
4 Abaineh, Yohannes T
                                    EPIDEMIOLOGIST
                                                     A65026
                    Agency HireDate AnnualSalary GrossPay
1
            Youth Summer
                          06/10/2013
                                         $11310.00
                                                     $873.63
2
      OED-Employment Dev 10/24/1979
                                         $53428.00 $52868.38
3 States Attorneys Office 09/25/2006
                                         $68300.00 $67439.19
  HLTH-Health Department 07/23/2009
                                         $62000.00 $58654.74
```

```
> any(is.na(Sal$Name))
```

[1] FALSE

#### **Example of Cleaning:**

For example, let's say gender was coded as Male, M, m, Female, F, f. Using Excel to find all of these would be a matter of filtering and changing all by hand or using if statements.

In R, you can simply do something like:

```
data$gender[data$gender %in%
    c("Male", "M", "m")] <- "Male"</pre>
```

Sometimes though, it's not so simple. That's where functions that find patterns come in very useful.

```
> table(gender)
```

# gender

F	${\tt FeMAle}$	FEMALE	Fm	M	Ma	${\tt mAle}$	Male	MaLe	MALE
75	82	74	89	89	79	87	89	88	95
Man	Woman								
73	80								

# Find/Replace and Regular Expressions

- R can do much more than find exact matches for a whole string
- Like Perl and other languages, it can use regular expressions.
- What are regular expressions?
- Ways to search for specific strings
- Can be very complicated or simple
- Highly Useful

#### 'Find' functions

grep: grep, grepl, regexpr and gregexpr search for matches to argument pattern within each element of a character vector: they differ in the format of and amount of detail in the results.

grep(pattern, x, fixed=FALSE), where:

- pattern = character string containing a regular expression to be matched in the given character vector.
- x = a character vector where matches are sought, or an object which can be coerced by as character to a character vector.
- If fixed=TRUE, it will do exact matching for the phrase anywhere in the vector (regular find)

#### 'Find' functions

```
> grep("Rawlings",Sal$Name)
[1] 13832 13833 13834 13835
These are the indices/elements where the pattern match occurs
grep() returns something similar to which() on a logical statement
'Find' functions
> grep("Rawlings",Sal$Name)
[1] 13832 13833 13834 13835
> grep("Rawlings", Sal$Name, value=TRUE)
[1] "Rawlings, Kellye A"
                                  "Rawlings, MarqWell D"
[3] "Rawlings, Paula M"
                                  "Rawlings-Blake, Stephanie C"
> Sal[grep("Rawlings", Sal$Name),]
                                              JobTitle AgencyID
                            Name
13832
               Rawlings, Kellye A EMERGENCY DISPATCHER
                                                         A40302
13833
             Rawlings, MarqWell D
                                       AIDE BLUE CHIP
                                                         W02384
13834
                                       COMMUNITY AIDE
                Rawlings, Paula M
                                                         A04015
13835 Rawlings-Blake, Stephanie C
                                                 MAYOR
                                                         A01001
                    Agency HireDate AnnualSalary
                                                     GrossPay
13832 M-R Info Technology 01/06/2003
                                         $47980.00 $68426.73
                           06/15/2012
                                                       $507.50
13833
            Youth Summer
                                         $11310.00
13834
           R&P-Recreation 12/10/2007
                                         $19802.00
                                                      $8195.79
13835
            Mayors Office 12/07/1995
                                        $163365.00 $161219.24
grep() Options
> head(grep("Tajhgh",Sal$Name, value=TRUE))
[1] "Reynold, Tajhgh J"
> grep("Jaffe",Sal$Name)
[1] 8603
> length(grep("Jaffe",Sal$Name))
```

[1] 1

### A bit on Regular Expressions

- http://www.regular-expressions.info/reference.html
- They can use to match a large number of strings in one statement
- . matches any single character
- \* means repeat as many (even if 0) more times the last character
- ? makes the last thing optional

# Using Regular Expressions

- Look for any name that starts with:
  - Payne at the beginning,
  - Leonard and then an S
  - Spence then a capital C

```
> grep("Payne.*", x=Sal$Name, value=TRUE)
```

```
[1] "Payne El, Jackie"
                                  "Payne Johnson, Nickole A"
 [3] "Payne, Chanel"
                                  "Payne, Connie T"
 [5] "Payne, Denise I"
                                  "Payne, Dominic R"
 [7] "Payne, James R"
                                  "Payne, Jasman T"
 [9] "Payne, Joey D"
                                  "Payne, Jordan A"
[11] "Payne, Karen V"
                                  "Payne, Karen V"
[13] "Payne, Leonard S"
                                  "Payne, Mary A"
[15] "Payne, Micah W"
                                  "Payne, Michael C"
[17] "Payne, Michael N"
                                  "Payne, Morag"
[19] "Payne, Nora M"
                                  "Payne, Shelley F"
```

```
> grep("Leonard.?S", x=Sal$Name, value=TRUE)
```

```
[1] "Payne, Leonard S" "Szumlanski, Leonard S"
```

```
> grep("Spence.*C.*", x=Sal$Name, value=TRUE)
```

```
[1] "Greene, Spencer C" "Spencer, Charles A" "Spencer, Christian O" [4] "Spencer, Clarence W" "Spencer, Michael C"
```

#### Replace

Let's say we wanted to sort the data set by Annual Salary:

```
> class(Sal$AnnualSalary)
```

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

```
> sort(c("1", "2", "10")) # not sort correctly (order simply ranks the data)

[1] "1" "10" "2"
> order(c("1", "2", "10"))
```

[1] 1 3 2

#### Replace

So we must change the annual pay into a numeric:

```
> head(as.numeric(Sal$AnnualSalary), 4)
```

```
[1] NA NA NA NA
```

R didn't like the \$ so it thought turned them all to NA. sub() and gsub() can do the replacing part.

### Replacing and subbing

Now we can replace the \$ with nothing (used fixed=TRUE because \$ means something in regular expressions):

	Name	AnnualSalary	${ t JobTitle}$
1222	Bernstein, Gregg L	238772	STATE'S ATTORNEY
3175	Charles, Ronnie E	200000	EXECUTIVE LEVEL III
985	Batts, Anthony W	193800	EXECUTIVE LEVEL III
1343	Black, Harry E	190000	EXECUTIVE LEVEL III
16352	Swift, Michael	187200	CONTRACT SERV SPEC II

#### **Useful String Functions**

Useful String functions

- toupper(), tolower() uppercase or lowercase your data:
- ${\tt str\_trim()}$  (in the  ${\tt stringr}$  package) will trim whitespace
- nchar get the number of characters in a string
- substr(x, start, stop) substrings from position start to position stop
- strsplit(x, split) splits strings up returns list!
- paste() paste strings together look at ?paste

#### **Paste**

Paste can be very useful for joining vectors together:

```
> paste("Visit", 1:5, sep="_")
[1] "Visit_1" "Visit_2" "Visit_3" "Visit_4" "Visit_5"
> paste("Visit", 1:5, sep="_", collapse=" ")
[1] "Visit_1 Visit_2 Visit_3 Visit_4 Visit_5"
> paste("To", "is going be the ", "we go to the store!", sep="day ")
[1] "Today is going be the day we go to the store!"
> # and paste0 can be even simpler see ?paste0
> paste0("Visit",1:5)
[1] "Visit1" "Visit2" "Visit3" "Visit4" "Visit5"
> paste(1:5, letters[1:5], sep="_")
[1] "1_a" "2_b" "3_c" "4_d" "5_e"
> paste(6:10, 11:15, 2000:2005, sep="/")
[1] "6/11/2000" "7/12/2001" "8/13/2002" "9/14/2003" "10/15/2004"
[6] "6/11/2005"
> paste(paste("x",1:5,sep=""),collapse="+")
[1] "x1+x2+x3+x4+x5"
Strsplit
```

```
> x <- c("I really", "like writing", "R code")
> y <- strsplit(x, split=" ")
> y[[2]]
```

```
[1] "like" "writing"
```

```
> sapply(y, "[", 1) # on the fly

[1] "I"    "like" "R"

> sapply(y, "[", 2) # on the fly

[1] "really"    "writing" "code"
```

## Data Merging/Append

- Merging joining data sets together usually on key variables, usually "id"
- merge() is the most common way to do this with data sets
- rbind/cbind row/column bind, respectively
  - rbind is the equivalent of "appending" in Stata or "setting" in SAS
  - cbind allows you to add columns in addition to the previous ways
- reshape2 package also has a lot of information about different ways to reshape data (wide to long, etc)
   but has a different (and sometimes more intuitive syntax)
- t() is a function that will transpose the data

# Merging

```
> base <- data.frame(id=1:10, Age= seq(55,60, length=10))
> base[1:2,]
  id
          Age
  1 55.00000
2 2 55.55556
> visits <- data.frame(id=rep(1:8, 3), visit= rep(1:3, 8),
                      Outcome = seq(10,50, length=24))
> visits[1:2,]
  id visit Outcome
       1 10.00000
  1
         2 11.73913
2 2
> merged.data <- merge(base, visits, by="id")</pre>
> merged.data[1:5,]
  id
          Age visit Outcome
  1 55.00000
                  1 10.00000
  1 55.00000
                  3 23.91304
3 1 55.00000
               2 37.82609
  2 55.55556
                  2 11.73913
5 2 55.55556
                  1 25.65217
```

```
> dim(merged.data)
[1] 24 4
> all.data <- merge(base, visits, by="id", all=TRUE)
> tail(all.data)
   id
          Age visit Outcome
21 7 58.33333
                  2 48.26087
22 8 58.88889
                  2 22.17391
23 8 58.88889
                 1 36.08696
24 8 58.88889
                 3 50.00000
25 9 59.44444
                 NA
                          NA
26 10 60.00000
                          NA
                 NA
> dim(all.data)
[1] 26 4
Aside: Dates
```

You can convert date-like strings in the Date class (http://www.statmethods.net/input/dates.html for more info)

```
> circ = read.csv("../data/Charm_City_Circulator_Ridership.csv",as.is=TRUE)
> head(sort(circ$date))

[1] "01/01/2011" "01/01/2012" "01/01/2013" "01/02/2011" "01/02/2012"
[6] "01/02/2013"

> circ$date <- as.Date(circ$date, "%m/%d/%Y") # creating a date for sorting
> head(circ$date)

[1] "2010-01-11" "2010-01-12" "2010-01-13" "2010-01-14" "2010-01-15"
[6] "2010-01-16"

> head(sort(circ$date))

[1] "2010-01-11" "2010-01-12" "2010-01-13" "2010-01-14" "2010-01-15"
[6] "2010-01-16"
```

#### Data Reshaping

Disclaimer: the reshape command in R is not remarkably intuitive.

- Wide multiple measurements are variables / columns so that the data gets wider with more measurements
- Long multiple measurements are rows so data gets longer with more measurements
- One example would be many ids with multiple visits

# Example of Long/Wide

```
> head(wide)

id visit1 visit2 visit3
1 1 Good Good Bad

> head(long)

id visit Outcome
1 1 1 Good
2 1 2 Good
3 1 3 Bad
```

#### **Data Reshaping**

• Good resource: http://www.ats.ucla.edu/stat/r/faq/reshape.htm

```
> head(Indometh) # this is long
```

#### **Data Reshaping**

```
> wide <- reshape(Indometh, v.names = "conc", idvar = "Subject",
                  timevar = "time", direction = "wide")
> head(wide)
   Subject conc.0.25 conc.0.5 conc.0.75 conc.1 conc.1.25 conc.2 conc.3
1
         1
                1.50
                         0.94
                                   0.78
                                          0.48
                                                     0.37
                                                            0.19
                                                                   0.12
         2
                2.03
                                   0.71
                                          0.70
                                                                   0.32
12
                         1.63
                                                     0.64
                                                            0.36
23
         3
                2.72
                         1.49
                                          0.80
                                                    0.80
                                                                   0.22
                                   1.16
                                                            0.39
34
         4
                1.85
                         1.39
                                   1.02
                                          0.89
                                                     0.59
                                                            0.40
                                                                   0.16
         5
                2.05
45
                         1.04
                                   0.81
                                          0.39
                                                     0.30
                                                            0.23
                                                                   0.13
56
         6
                2.31
                         1.44
                                   1.03 0.84
                                                     0.64
                                                            0.42
                                                                   0.24
   conc.4 conc.5 conc.6 conc.8
                  0.07
1
     0.11
            0.08
                          0.05
    0.20
            0.25
                   0.12
                          0.08
12
23
     0.12
            0.11
                   0.08
                          0.08
34
                   0.07
                          0.07
    0.11
            0.10
45
     0.11
            0.08
                   0.10
                          0.06
                          0.09
56
     0.17
            0.13
                   0.10
```

### **Data Reshaping**

```
> dim(Indometh)
[1] 66 3
> wide
   Subject conc.0.25 conc.0.5 conc.0.75 conc.1 conc.1.25 conc.2 conc.3
1
         1
                1.50
                          0.94
                                    0.78
                                            0.48
                                                      0.37
                                                              0.19
                                                                     0.12
12
         2
                2.03
                          1.63
                                    0.71
                                            0.70
                                                      0.64
                                                              0.36
                                                                     0.32
23
         3
                2.72
                          1.49
                                    1.16
                                            0.80
                                                      0.80
                                                              0.39
                                                                     0.22
34
         4
                1.85
                          1.39
                                    1.02
                                            0.89
                                                      0.59
                                                              0.40
                                                                     0.16
45
         5
                2.05
                                    0.81
                                                                     0.13
                          1.04
                                            0.39
                                                      0.30
                                                              0.23
                2.31
                                    1.03
                                           0.84
                                                      0.64
                                                                     0.24
56
         6
                          1.44
                                                              0.42
   conc.4 conc.5 conc.6 conc.8
     0.11
            0.08
                   0.07
                           0.05
1
     0.20
                   0.12
                           0.08
12
            0.25
                   0.08
                           0.08
23
     0.12
            0.11
34
     0.11
            0.10
                   0.07
                           0.07
45
     0.11
            0.08
                   0.10
                           0.06
56
     0.17
            0.13
                   0.10
                           0.09
```

# **Data Reshaping**

• If you've reshaped a data set - to get it back, just reshape it again

```
> reshape(wide, direction = "long")[1:10,]
```

```
Subject time conc
1.0.25
             1 0.25 1.50
2.0.25
             2 0.25 2.03
3.0.25
             3 0.25 2.72
4.0.25
             4 0.25 1.85
5.0.25
             5 0.25 2.05
6.0.25
             6 0.25 2.31
1.0.5
             1 0.50 0.94
2.0.5
             2 0.50 1.63
3.0.5
             3 0.50 1.49
4.0.5
             4 0.50 1.39
```

Note the row name change

# Data Reshaping - A Better Example

```
TB.incidence..all.forms..per.100.000.population.per.year. X1990 X1991
1
                                               Afghanistan
                                                             168
  X1992 X1993 X1994 X1995 X1996 X1997 X1998 X1999 X2000 X2001 X2002 X2003
  168
        168
              168
                     168
                           168
                                 168
                                       168
                                             168
                                                   168
                                                         168
                                                               168
                                                                     168
 X2004 X2005 X2006 X2007 NA.
   168
        168
              168
                     168 NA
> TB$NA. <- NULL
> head(TB, 1)
  TB.incidence..all.forms..per.100.000.population.per.year. X1990 X1991
1
                                               Afghanistan
 X1992 X1993 X1994 X1995 X1996 X1997 X1998 X1999 X2000 X2001 X2002 X2003
   168
                           168 168
                                                   168
        168
               168
                     168
                                       168
                                             168
                                                         168
 X2004 X2005 X2006 X2007
  168 168
               168
                     168
```

#### Data Reshaping - A Better Example

```
> colnames(TB) <- c("Country", paste("Year",</pre>
                             1990:2007, sep="."))
> head(TB,1)
      Country Year.1990 Year.1991 Year.1992 Year.1993 Year.1994 Year.1995
                              168
                                         168
                                                   168
1 Afghanistan
                    168
  Year.1996 Year.1997 Year.1998 Year.1999 Year.2000 Year.2001 Year.2002
                  168
                             168
                                       168
                                                 168
  Year.2003 Year.2004 Year.2005 Year.2006 Year.2007
                  168
        168
                             168
                                       168
```

#### Data Reshaping - More is better!

```
> TB.long <- reshape(TB, idvar="Country",
              v.names="Cases", times=1990:2007,
                     direction="long", timevar="Year",
                     varying = paste("Year", 1990:2007, sep="."))
> head(TB.long, 4)
                           Country Year Cases
Afghanistan.1990
                       Afghanistan 1990
                                           168
Albania.1990
                           Albania 1990
                                           25
Algeria.1990
                           Algeria 1990
                                            38
American Samoa.1990 American Samoa 1990
                                           21
> rownames(TB.long) <- NULL
> head(TB.long, 4)
```

	Country	Year	Cases
1	Afghanistan	1990	168
2	Albania	1990	25
3	Algeria	1990	38
4	American Samoa	1990	21