# Data Cleaning

Introduction to R for Public Health Researchers

#### **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!

#### Useful checking functions

- is.na is TRUE if the data is FALSE otherwise
- · ! negation (NOT)
  - if is.na(x) is TRUE, then !is.na(x) is FALSE
- · all takes in a logical and will be TRUE if ALL are TRUE
  - all(!is.na(x)) are all values of x NOT NA
- any will be TRUE if ANY are true
  - any (is.na(x)) do we have any NA's in x?
- · complete.cases returns TRUE if EVERY value of a row is NOT NA
  - very stringent condition
  - FALSE missing one value (even if not important)

## Dealing with Missing Data

#### Missing data types

One of the most important aspects of data cleaning is missing values.

Types of "missing" data:

- · NA general missing data
- · NaN stands for "Not a Number", happens when you do 0/0.
- Inf and -Inf Infinity, happens when you take a positive number (or negative number) by 0.

#### Finding Missing data

Each missing data type has a function that returns TRUE if the data is missing:

- NA is.na
- · NaN is.nan
- Inf and -Inf is.infinite
- · is.finite returns FALSE for all missing data and TRUE for non-missing

#### Missing Data with Logicals

One important aspect (esp with subsetting) is that logical operations return NA for NA values. Think about it, the data could be > 2 or not we don't know, so R says there is no TRUE or FALSE, so that is missing:

```
x = c(0, NA, 2, 3, 4, -0.5, 0.2)

x > 2
[1] FALSE NA FALSE TRUE TRUE FALSE FALSE
```

#### Missing Data with Logicals

What to do? What if we want if x > 2 and x isn't NA? Don't do x != NA, do x > 2 and x is NOT NA:

```
x != NA
[1] NA NA NA NA NA NA NA
x > 2 & !is.na(x)
[1] FALSE FALSE TRUE TRUE FALSE FALSE
```

#### Missing Data with Logicals

what to do?

What about seeing if a value is equal to multiple values? You can do (x == 1 | x == 2) & !is.na(x), but that is not efficient.

```
(x == 0 | x == 2) # has NA
[1] TRUE NA TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE
(x == 0 | x == 2) & !is.na(x) # No NA
[1] TRUE FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE
```

#### Missing Data with Logicals: %in%

Filter removes missing values, have to keep them if you want them:

```
df = tibble(x = x)
df %>% filter(x > 2)
# A tibble: 2 x 1
 <dbl>
filter(df, between(x, -1, 3) | is.na(x))
# A tibble: 6 x 1
  <dbl>
  NA
  -0.5
  0.2
```

#### dplyr::filter

Be careful with missing data using subsetting:

```
x %in% c(0, 2, NA) # this

[1] TRUE TRUE TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE
x %in% c(0, 2) | is.na(x) # versus this

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

#### Missing Data with Operations

Similarly with logicals, operations/arithmetic with NA will result in NAS:

```
x + 2

[1] 2.0 NA 4.0 5.0 6.0 1.5 2.2

x * 2

[1] 0.0 NA 4.0 6.0 8.0 -1.0 0.4
```

### Lab Part 1

#### Website

### **Tables and Tabulations**

#### Useful checking functions

- · unique gives you the unique values of a variable
- table (x) will give a one-way table of x
  - table(x, useNA = "ifany") will have row NA
- table (x, y) will give a cross-tab of x and y

#### **Creating One-way Tables**

Here we will use table to make tabulations of the data. Look at ?table to see options for missing data.

```
unique(x)

[1] 0.0 NA 2.0 3.0 4.0 -0.5 0.2

table(x)

x
-0.5 0 0.2 2 3 4
1 1 1 1 1
table(x, useNA = "ifany") # will not

x
-0.5 0 0.2 2 3 4 <NA>
1 1 1 1 1 1 1
1 1 1 1 1
```

#### **Creating One-way Tables**

1 1 4 4

useNA = "ifany" will not have NA in table heading if no NA:

#### **Creating One-way Tables**

You can set useNA = "always" to have it always have a column for NA

```
table(c(0, 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 3, 2,2, 3), useNA = "always")

0 1 2 3 <NA>
1 1 4 4 0
```

#### **Tables with Factors**

If you use a factor, all levels will be given even if no exist! - (May be wanted or not):

#### **Creating Two-way Tables**

A two-way table. If you pass in 2 vectors, table creates a 2-dimensional table.

```
0 1 2 3 4 <NA>
0 1 0 0 0 0 0
1 0 1 0 0 0 0
2 0 0 2 0 2 0
3 0 0 0 4 0 0
<NA> 0 0 0 0 0 0
```

#### Finding Row or Column Totals

margin.table finds the marginal sums of the table. margin is 1 for rows, 2 for columns in general in R. Here is the column sums of the table:

margin.table(tab, 2)

0 1 2 3 4 <NA>
1 1 2 4 2 0

#### **Proportion Tables**

prop.table finds the marginal proportions of the table. Think of it dividing the table by it's respective marginal totals. If margin not set, divides by overall total.

```
prop.table(tab)

0 1 2 3 4 <NA>
0 0.1 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0
1 0.0 0.1 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0
2 0.0 0.0 0.2 0.0 0.2 0.0
3 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) * 100
```

```
0 1 2 3 4 <NA>
0 100 0 0 0 0 0 0
1 0 100 0 0 0 0
2 0 0 50 0 50 0
3 0 0 100 0 0
<NA>
```

### Lab Part 2

Website

#### Download Salary FY2014 Data

From https://data.baltimorecity.gov/City-Government/Baltimore-City-Employee-Salaries-FY2015/nsfe-bg53 https://data.baltimorecity.gov/api/views/nsfe-bg53/rows.csv

#### Read the CSV into R sal:

```
Sal = jhur::read_salaries() # or
Sal = read_csv("http://data.baltimorecity.gov/api/views/nsfe-bg53/rows.csv")
Sal = rename(Sal, Name = name)
```

#### Checking for logical conditions

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

```
head (Sal, 2)
```

```
Name

JobTitle AgencyID

1 Aaron, Patricia G Facilities/Office Services II A03031

2 Aaron, Petra L ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY A29045

Agency HireDate AnnualSalary GrossPay

1 OED-Employment Dev (031) 10/24/1979 $55314.00 $53626.04

2 States Attorneys Office (045) 09/25/2006 $74000.00 $73000.08

any(is.na(Sal$Name)) # are there any NAs?

[1] FALSE
```

## Recoding Variables

#### **Example of Recoding**

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 dplyr you can use the recode function:

#### Example of Cleaning: more complicated

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

```
table (gender)
gender
     F FeMAle FEMALE
                                  M
                                         Ma
                                              mAle
                                                     Male
                                                             MaLe
                                                                     MALE
                          Fm
    75
           82
                          89
                                  89
                   74
                                         79
                                                 87
                                                        89
                                                               88
                                                                       95
   Man Woman
           80
    73
```

### Example of Cleaning: more complicated

table (gender)

gender
female Female fm male Male
 156 155 89 359 241

## Strings functions

#### Splitting/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 think "Find" on steroids

#### 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
- ^ matches start of vector ^a starts with "a"
- \$ matches end of vector b\$ ends with "b"

#### The stringr package

The stringr package:

- Makes string manipulation more intuitive
- · Has a standard format for most functions
  - the first argument is a string like first argument is a data.frame in dplyr
- We will not cover grep or gsub base R functions
  - are used on forums for answers
- Almost all functions start with str\_\*

#### Let's look at modifier for stringr

#### ?modifiers

- fixed match everything exactly
- regexp default uses regular expressions
- ignore\_case is an option to not have to use tolower

#### **Substring and String Splitting**

- str\_sub(x, start, end) substrings from position start to position end
- str\_split(string, pattern) splits strings up returns list!

#### Using a fixed expression

One example case is when you want to split on a period ".". In regular expressions . means ANY character, so

```
str_split("I.like.strings", ".")

[[1]]
  [1] "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" ""

str_split("I.like.strings", fixed("."))

[[1]]
  [1] "I" "like" "strings"
```

# Let's extract from y

```
y[[2]]
[1] "like" "writing"
sapply(y, dplyr::first) # on the fly

[1] "I" "like" "R"
sapply(y, nth, 2) # on the fly

[1] "really" "writing" "code"
sapply(y, last) # on the fly

[1] "really" "writing" "programs"
```

## Separating columns based on a separator

From tidyr, you can split a data set into multiple columns:

```
df = tibble(x = c("I really", "like writing", "R code programs"))
df %>% separate(x, into = c("first df %>% separate(x, into = c("first", "se
Warning: Expected 3 pieces. Missing piwaenifigllexpected MApiene2.raddit1onal p
21.
                                    # A tibble: 3 x 2
# A tibble: 3 x 3
                                      first second
 first second third
                                      <chr> <chr>
 <chr> <chr> <chr>
                                    1 I really
1 I really <NA>
                                    2 like writing
2 like writing <NA>
                                    3 R code
3 R code programs
```

# Separating columns based on a separator

• extra = "merge" will not drop data. Also, you can specify the separator

## 'Find' functions: stringr

str\_detect, str\_subset, str\_replace, and str\_replace\_all 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.

- str\_detect returns TRUE if pattern is found
- str\_subset returns only the strings which pattern were detected
  - convenient wrapper around x[str detect(x, pattern)]
- str\_extract returns only strings which pattern were detected, but ONLY the pattern
- str replace replaces pattern with replacement the first time
- str\_replace\_all replaces pattern with replacement as many times matched

# 'Find' functions: Finding Logicals

These are the indices where the pattern match occurs:

```
head(str_detect(Sal$Name, "Rawlings"))
[1] FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE
```

# 'Find' functions: Finding Indices

These are the indices where the pattern match occurs:

```
which(str_detect(Sal$Name, "Rawlings"))
[1] 10256 10257 10258
```

# Showing difference in str\_extract

str\_extract extracts just the matched string

```
ss = str_extract(Sal$Name, "Rawling")
head(ss)

[1] NA NA NA NA NA
ss[!is.na(ss)]

[1] "Rawling" "Rawling" "Rawling"
```

# 'Find' functions: finding values, stringr and dplyr

```
str subset (Sal$Name, "Rawlings")
[1] "Rawlings, Kellye A"
                               "Rawlings, Paula M"
[3] "Rawlings-Blake, Stephanie C"
Sal %>% filter(str detect(Name, "Rawlings"))
                       Name
                                       JobTitle AgencyID
          Rawlings, Kellye A EMERGENCY DISPATCHER A40302
           Rawlings, Paula M
                                 COMMUNITY AIDE A04015
 Rawlings-Blake, Stephanie C
                                          MAYOR A01001
                    Agency HireDate AnnualSalary GrossPay
1 M-R Info Technology (302) 01/06/2003 $48940.00 $73356.42
      R&P-Recreation (015) 12/10/2007 $19802.00 $10443.70
       Mayors Office (001) 12/07/1995 $167449.00 $165249.86
```

# **Using Regular Expressions**

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

# Showing differnce in str\_extract and str\_extract\_all

str\_extract\_all extracts all the matched strings - \\d searches for
DIGITS/numbers

```
head(str_extract(Sal$AgencyID, "\\d"))

[1] "0" "2" "6" "9" "4" "9"

head(str_extract_all(Sal$AgencyID, "\\d"), 2)

[[1]]
[1] "0" "3" "0" "3" "1"

[[2]]
[1] "2" "9" "0" "4" "5"
```

# Showing differnce in str\_replace and str\_replace\_all

str\_replace\_all extracts all the matched strings

```
head(str_replace(Sal$Name, "a", "j"))

[1] "Ajron, Patricia G" "Ajron, Petra L" "Abjineh, Yohannes T"
[4] "Abbene, Anthony M" "Abbey, Emmjnuel" "Abbott-Cole, Michelle"

head(str_replace_all(Sal$Name, "a", "j"), 2)

[1] "Ajron, Pjtricij G" "Ajron, Petrj L"
```

# Replace

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

```
class(Sal$AnnualSalary)

[1] "factor"

head(Sal$AnnualSalary, 4)

[1] $55314.00 $74000.00 $64500.00 $46309.00
1654 Levels: $10000.00 $100000.00 $100013.00 $100200.00 ... $99994.00

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

[1] 908 1302 1094 722
```

R didn't like the \$ so it thought turned them all to NA.

# Replacing and substituting

Now we can replace the \$ with nothing (used fixed("\$") because \$ means ending):

```
Sal = Sal %>% mutate(
  AnnualSalary = str_replace(AnnualSalary, fixed("$"), ""),
  AnnualSalary = as.numeric(AnnualSalary)
  ) %>%
  arrange(desc(AnnualSalary))
```

# Pasting strings with paste and paste0

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"
```

# Uniting columns based on a separator

From tidyr, you can unite:

```
df = tibble(id = rep(1:5, 3), visit = rep(1:3, each = 5))
df %>% unite(col = "unique id", id df %>% unite(col = "unique id", id, visi
# A tibble: 15 x 1
                                     # A tibble: 15 x 3
 unique id
                                      unique id id visit
  <chr>
                                        <chr> - <int> <int>
14 4 3
                                     14 4 3
15 5 3
                                     15 5 3
```

# Paste Depicting How Collapse Works

```
paste(1:5)

[1] "1" "2" "3" "4" "5"

paste(1:5, collapse = " ")

[1] "1 2 3 4 5"
```

# **Useful String Functions**

**Useful String functions** 

- toupper(), tolower() uppercase or lowercase your data:
- str\_trim() (in the stringr package) or trimws in base
  - will trim whitespace
- · nchar get the number of characters in a string

# Sorting characters

- sort reorders the data characters work, but not correctly
- rank gives the rank of the data ties are split
- order gives the indices, if subset, would give the data sorted
  - x[order(x)] is the same as sorting

```
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

x = rnorm(10)
x[1] = x[2] # create a tie
rank(x)

[1] 3.5 3.5 1.0 8.0 5.0 7.0 6.0 9.0 2.0 10.0
```

# Lab Part 3

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# Comparison of stringr to base R - not covered

# Splitting Strings

# Substringing

Very similar:

#### Base R

- substr(x, start, stop) substrings from position start to position stop
- strsplit(x, split) splits strings up returns list!

#### stringr

- str\_sub(x, start, end) substrings from position start to position end
- str\_split(string, pattern) splits strings up returns list!

# Splitting String: base R

In base R, strsplit splits a vector on a string into a list

# Showing differnce in str\_extract and str\_extract\_all

str\_extract\_all extracts all the matched strings - \\d searches for
DIGITS/numbers

```
head(str_extract(Sal$AgencyID, "\\d"))

[1] "2" "9" "6" "2" "0" "0"

head(str_extract_all(Sal$AgencyID, "\\d"), 2)

[[1]]
[1] "2" "9" "0" "0" "1"

[[2]]
[1] "9" "9" "3" "9" "0"
```

#### 'Find' functions: base R

grep: grep, grep1, 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: stringr compared to base R

Base R does not use these functions. Here is a "translator" of the stringr function to base R functions

- str detect similar to grep1 (return logical)
- grep(value = FALSE) is similar to which(str\_detect())
- str subset Similar to grep (value = TRUE) return value of matched
- str\_replace similar to sub replace one time
- str\_replace\_all similar to gsub replace many times

# **Important Comparisons**

#### Base R:

- Argument order is (pattern, x)
- Uses option (fixed = TRUE)

#### stringr

- Argument order is (string, pattern) aka (x, pattern)
- Uses function fixed (pattern)

# 'Find' functions: Finding Indices

These are the indices where the pattern match occurs:

```
grep("Rawlings", Sal$Name)

[1] 9 6854 13284

which(grepl("Rawlings", Sal$Name))

[1] 9 6854 13284

which(str_detect(Sal$Name, "Rawlings"))

[1] 9 6854 13284
```

# 'Find' functions: Finding Logicals

These are the indices where the pattern match occurs:

```
head(grepl("Rawlings", Sal$Name))

[1] FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE
head(str_detect(Sal$Name, "Rawlings"))

[1] FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE
```

# 'Find' functions: finding values, base R

```
grep("Rawlings", Sal$Name, value=TRUE)
[1] "Rawlings-Blake, Stephanie C" "Rawlings, Kellye A"
[3] "Rawlings, Paula M"
Sal[grep("Rawlings", Sal$Name),]
                          Name
                                           JobTitle AgencyID
     Rawlings-Blake, Stephanie C
                                              MAYOR A01001
              Rawlings, Kellye A EMERGENCY DISPATCHER A40302
6854
13284
              Rawlings, Paula M COMMUNITY AIDE A04015
                       Agency HireDate AnnualSalary GrossPay
           Mayors Office (001) 12/07/1995
                                         167449 $165249.86
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6854 M-R Info Technology (302) 01/06/2003 48940 $73356.42
          R&P-Recreation (015) 12/10/2007 19802 $10443.70
13284
```

# Showing differnce in str\_extract

str\_extract extracts just the matched string

```
ss = str_extract(Sal$Name, "Rawling")
head(ss)

[1] NA NA NA NA NA NA
ss[!is.na(ss)]

[1] "Rawling" "Rawling" "Rawling"
```

# Showing differnce in str\_extract and str\_extract\_all

str\_extract\_all extracts all the matched strings

```
head(str_extract(Sal$AgencyID, "\\d"))

[1] "2" "9" "6" "2" "0" "0"

head(str_extract_all(Sal$AgencyID, "\\d"), 2)

[[1]]
[1] "2" "9" "0" "0" "1"

[[2]]
[1] "9" "9" "3" "9" "0"
```

# **Using Regular Expressions**

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

```
head(grep("^Payne.*", x = Sal$Name, value = TRUE), 3)

[1] "Payne, James R" "Payne, Karen V" "Payne, Jasman T"

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

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

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

[1] "Spencer, Michael C" "Spencer, Clarence W" "Spencer, Charles A"
```

# Using Regular Expressions: stringr

```
head(str_subset( Sal$Name, "^Payne.*"), 3)

[1] "Payne, James R" "Payne, Karen V" "Payne, Jasman T"

head(str_subset( Sal$Name, "Leonard.?S"))

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

head(str_subset( Sal$Name, "Spence.*C.*"))

[1] "Spencer, Michael C" "Spencer, Clarence W" "Spencer, Charles A"
```

# Replace

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

```
class(Sal$AnnualSalary)

[1] "numeric"

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(Sal$AnnualSalary, 4)

[1] 238772 211785 200000 192500

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

[1] 238772 211785 200000 192500
```

R didn't like the \$ so it thought turned them all to NA.

sub() and gsub() can do the replacing part in base R.

# Replacing and subbing

Now we can replace the \$ with nothing (used fixed=TRUE because \$ means ending):

# Replacing and subbing: stringr

We can do the same thing (with 2 piping operations!) in dplyr

```
dplyr_sal = Sal
dplyr_sal = dplyr_sal %>% mutate(
  AnnualSalary = AnnualSalary %>%
    str_replace(
      fixed("$"),
      "") %>%
    as.numeric) %>%
    arrange(desc(AnnualSalary))
check_Sal = Sal
rownames(check_Sal) = NULL
all.equal(check_Sal, dplyr_sal)
[1] TRUE
```

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