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)
```

Missing Data with Logicals

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

what to do?

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
      X
  <dbl>
filter(df, between(x, -1, 3) | is.na(x))
# A tibble: 6 x 1
     X
  <dbl>
  \cap
 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
```

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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
table(x, useNA = "ifany") # will not
X
-0.5 0 0.2 2 3 4 <NA> 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.

```
tab <- 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")
tab
```

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

 $\langle NA \rangle$

0 100

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)
          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 0.2 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) * 100
```

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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:

```
data = data %>%
  mutate(gender = recode(gender, M = "Male", m = "Male", M = "Male"))

or use ifelse:
```

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
                           Fm
                                    \mathbb{M}
                                                mAle
                                                        Male
                                                                MaLe
                                                                        MALE
                                           Ma
    75
            82
                           89
                                   89
                                           79
                                                   87
                                                           89
                                                                  88
                    74
                                                                          95
   Man Woman
    73
            80
```

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 piwarning: Expected 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

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

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

'Find' functions: finding values, stringr and dplyr

Using Regular Expressions

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

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

[1] "Payne El,Boaz L" "Payne El,Jackie"
[3] "Payne Johnson,Nickole A"

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

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

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

[1] "Spencer,Charles A" "Spencer,Clarence W" "Spencer,Michael 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 id visit
 unique id
  <chr>
                                     2 \ 2^{-1}
                                     2 \ 2^{-1}
3 3 1
                                     3 3 1
                                    13 3 3
13 3 3
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
```

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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

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```
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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 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 A	AgencyID
9	Rawlings-Blake, Stephanie C	MAYOR	A01001
6854	Rawlings, Kellye A	EMERGENCY DISPATCHER	A40302
13284	Rawlings, Paula M	COMMUNITY AIDE	A04015
	Agency	HireDate AnnualSalar	y GrossPay
9	Mayors Office (001)	12/07/1995 16744	9 \$165249.86
6854	M-R Info Technology (302)	01/06/2003 4894	\$73356.42
13284	R&P-Recreation (015)	12/10/2007 1980	2 \$10443.70

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

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[[1]]
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[[2]]
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- Look for any name that starts with:
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```
head(grep("^Payne.*", x = Sal$Name, value = TRUE), 3)

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

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Using Regular Expressions: stringr

```
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```

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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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