COGS 137
Conceptual Topics

WI23 Quarter, Week 3

Sorting a Dataframe

X	…
“40”	…
“5”	…
“300”	…

Sort by X

X	…
"300"	…
"40"	…
“5”	…

…	Y
…	40
…	5
…	300

Sort by Y

…	Y
…	5
…	40
…	300

Question to Consider: Why do we have different outcomes?

Numeric vs. Categorical Variable

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Number of Chairs at Geisel

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Military Rank

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Weight of a Textbook

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Hurricane Category

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