Introduction to R for Data Management and Analysis

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Notes on last Tuesday's lecture

- Examples with pipes
- Formulas
- Aggregating
- Reshaping your data
- Downloading files from GitHub
 - Use the 'raw' button when at the page
 - Use Git GUI software
 - https://git-scm.com/download/gui/windows

Outline for today

- Review exercises
- Combining data manipulations
- Reshaping data
- Plotting in base R
- Exploratory Data Analysis
- Intro to ggplot2
- Saving graphics

But first, a quote...

The data may not contain the answer. The combination of some data and an aching desire for an answer does not ensure that a reasonable answer can be extracted from a given body of data. -John Tukey

Review

- Exercises
- Creating a data.frame

Using the nycflights13 dataset

```
library(nycflights13); library(dplyr)
flights %>% group by(carrier) %>%
  summarise(avg_depdelay = mean(dep_delay, na.rm = TRUE),
            count = n()) %>% left_join(airlines) %>%
    arrange(avg_depdelay) %>% head
## # A tibble: 6 x 4
## carrier avg_depdelay count name
## <chr>
                    <dbl> <int> <chr>
## 1 US
                     3.78 20536 US Airways Inc.
## 2 HA
                     4.90 342 Hawaiian Airlines Inc.
## 3 AS
                     5.80 714 Alaska Airlines Inc.
                     8.59 32729 American Airlines Inc.
## 4 AA
                     9.26 48110 Delta Air Lines Inc.
## 5 DI.
## 6 MQ
                    10.6 26397 Envoy Air
```

Reshaping data

- Useful to prepare data for visualizations
- long vs wide
- long format multiple observations per row (survival data)
- wide format a single observation per row

Reshaping data using gather

```
data(iris); library(tidyr)
longdata <- gather(tbl_df(iris), key = measure, n,</pre>
 Sepal.Length:Petal.Width) %>% separate(measure, c("type",
   "dimension"))
longdata %>% group_by(Species, type, dimension) %>%
  summarise(avg_dim = mean(n, na.rm = TRUE))
## # A tibble: 12 \times 4
## # Groups: Species, type [6]
## Species type dimension avg dim
## <fct>
               <chr> <chr>
                                 <dbl>
## 1 setosa
               Petal Length 1.46
```

2 setosa

3 setosa

4 setosa

##

##

##

##

3.43

Petal Width 0.246

Sepal Length 5.01

Sepal Width

5 versicolor Petal Length 4.26

Pew example

```
library(readr)
(pew <- read_csv("../Data/pew.csv"))</pre>
## Parsed with column specification:
## cols(
##
     religion = col character(),
     ^{<}10k^ = col double(),
##
     \$10-20k = col double(),
##
##
    \$20-30k = col double(),
     \$30-40k = col double(),
##
     \$40-50k = col double(),
##
##
     \$50-75k = col double(),
##
     \$75-100k = col double(),
##
     \$100-150k = col double(),
##
     >150k = col double(),
##
     `Don't know/refused` = col double()
```

Gather dataset

```
pew %>% gather(income, n, -religion) %>% head
## # A tibble: 6 x 3
##
    religion
                      income
                                 n
## <chr>
                      <chr> <dbl>
                      <$10k
                                27
## 1 Agnostic
## 2 Atheist
                      <$10k 12
## 3 Buddhist
                      <$10k 27
## 4 Catholic
                      <$10k 418
## 5 Don't know/refused <$10k 15
```

income, religion : variables to gather n : variable in cells -religion means all except religion

<\$10k

6 Evangelical Prot

575

group_by operations

- Allow users to group different levels of categories of 1 or more variables
- Efficient summirization

Using group_by (1)

```
pew %>% gather(income, n, -religion) %>%
  group_by(income) %>% summarise(totals = sum(n))
## # A tibble: 10 \times 2
##
      income
                          totals
##
   <chr>
                           <dbl>
    1 <$10k
##
                            1930
##
    2 >150k
                            2608
##
   3 $10-20k
                            2781
##
    4 $100-150k
                            3197
##
    5 $20-30k
                            3357
##
    6 $30-40k
                            3302
## 7 $40-50k
                            3085
##
    8 $50-75k
                            5185
    9 $75-100k
##
                            3990
## 10 Don't know/refused
                            6121
```

Using group_by (2)

```
pew %>% gather(income, n, -religion) %>%
  group_by(religion) %>% summarise(totals = sum(n))
## # A tibble 18 \times 2
##
      religion
                                totals
##
      <chr>
                                 <dbl>>
                                   826
##
    1 Agnostic
##
    2 Atheist
                                   515
##
    3 Buddhist
                                   411
##
    4 Catholic
                                  8054
##
    5 Don't know/refused
                                   272
##
    6 Evangelical Prot
                                  9472
##
    7 Hindu
                                   257
##
    8 Historically Black Prot
                                  1995
      Jehovah's Witness
                                   215
##
   10 Jewish
                                   682
```

Plotting and Graphing

- Exploratory Data Analysis
- Base R graphics
- Intro ggplot2
- Saving graphics

Plotting systems in R

- 'Base' graphics
- lattice
- ggplot2

Exploratory Data Analysis

- Informal representation data
- Looking for patterns, outliers, etc.
- Get familiar with your data!

Types of graphs

- Historgram
- Scatterplot
 - Scatterplot matrix
- Boxplots / dotplots (ggplot2)
- Violin plots (ggplot2)
- Q-Q plots
- Mosaic plots
- and many more!

par function

- Check parameters for graphing
- Allows you to control the finer details of plotting

ggplot2 - Grammar of Graphics

- Different syntax
 - Slight learning curve
- Plots are built in layers
- Operations add layers to the plot

Saving outputs

- Common formats for saving plots:
 - PDF
 - SVG
 - PNG/TIFF
- but there are more

End in dev.off() for closing the graphics window

ggplot2 graphics may require a print before it gets rendered in the file.

Recommended resources

- Fundamentals of Data Visualization
 - Claus O. Wilke
- R Graphics Cookbook
 - Winston Chang