Data Manipulation in R

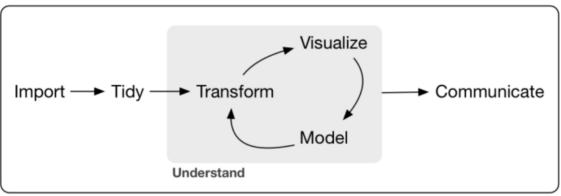
Yuanhao Lai

Western Data Science Solutions

2019-11-07

Data Analysis

Workflow



tidyverse

tidyverse - The Book

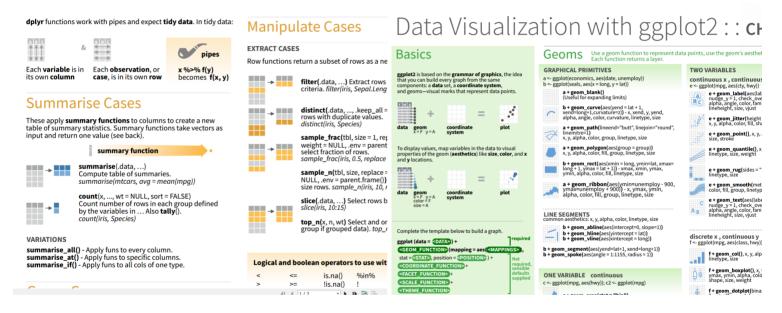
- Overview of data sciences with tidyverse.
- Written by the author of tidyverse!
- Free Ebook online.



Hadley Wickham & Garrett Grolemund

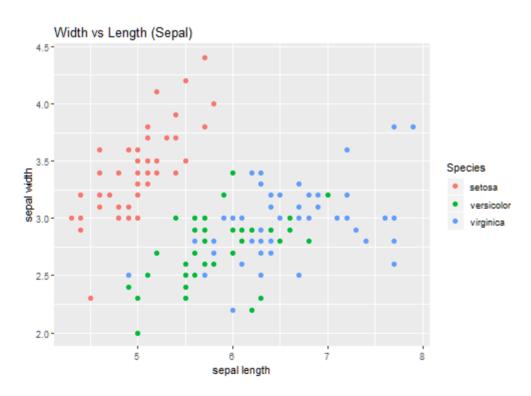
tidyverse - The Cheatsheet

Data Transformation with dply



Iris data

This famous (Fisher's or Anderson's) iris data set gives the measurements in centimeters of the variables sepal length and width and petal length and width, respectively, for 50 flowers from each of 3 species of iris.



Outline

- Data Transformation
- Data Visualization
- Feature Engineering
- Practise with Titanic

Data Transformation

Pipe operator

It is not a must but it makes the code more readable. The functions in Tidyverse were designed to adapt to '%>%'.

```
c(1,2,9,4,5,7,8) %>% mean()

## [1] 5.142857

mean(c(1,2,9,4,5,7,8)) #equivalent

## [1] 5.142857
```

The pipe, '%>%', comes from the package 'magrittr', which is loaded automatically by tidyverse.

Why dplyr

Compared to the base R data manipulation, dplyr is,

- Faster.
- Simple philosophy: data frame in, data frame out.
- Syntax simplicity and ease of use.

Data Transformation

- as_tibble: an alternative format to data.frame.
- glimpse: get a glimpse of your data.
- select: subset by columns (variables).
- filter: subset rows (observations) meeting one or more conditions.
- arrange: sort data by variables.
- mutate: create new variables.
- summarize: compute summary statistics of data subsets.
- group_by: divide data into groups for later operations.

Most of the above operations have variants with postfix _if, _at, or _all.

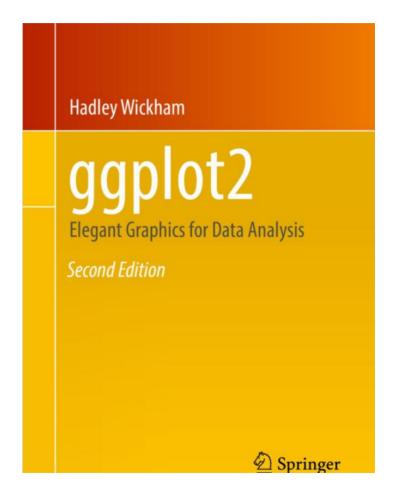
Iris data

See "dataTransform.Rmd" for examples.

Data Visualization

ggplot2

- ggplot2 is a plotting system for R.
- One of the most elegant and most versatile.
- Created by Hadley Wickham.
- Based on the The Grammar of Graphic.
- Do more faster by learning one sys- tem and applying it in many places.



Why ggplot2?

https://github.com/tidyverse/ggplot2/wiki/Why-use-ggplot2

- Automatic legends, colors, etc.
- The "default" output is much nicer than with base graphics.
- Store any ggplot2 object for modification or future recall.
- Flexibility, intuitiveness, and logic of the mapping between the data and its representation.

ggplot2 Concepts

- Data and Mapping
- Scale
- Geometric
- Statistics
- Coordinates
- Layer
- Facet

```
ggplot (data = <DATA>) +

<GEOM_FUNCTION> (mapping = aes(<MAPPINGS>),

stat = <STAT>, position = <POSITION>) +

<COORDINATE_FUNCTION> +

<FACET_FUNCTION> +

<SCALE_FUNCTION> +

<THEME_FUNCTION>

ggplot(data = mpg, aes(x = cty, y = hwy)) Begins a plot that you finish by adding layers to. Add one geom function per layer.
```

Data and Mapping

Mapping controls the relationship between variables of data. In ggplot2, we use aesthetic to control the mapping.

length	width	depth	trt
2	3	4	a
1	2	1	a
4	5	15	b
9	10	80	b



X	У	colour
2	3	а
1	2	а
4	5	b
9	10	b

Scale

Scale controls the format of the graphical output, related to the mapping.

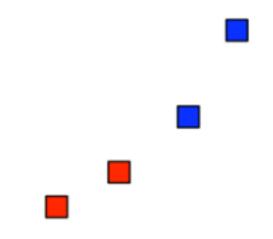
X	у	colour
2	3	a
1	2	a
4	5	b
9	10	b



X	у	colour
25	11	red
0	0	red
75	53	blue
200	300	blue

Geometric

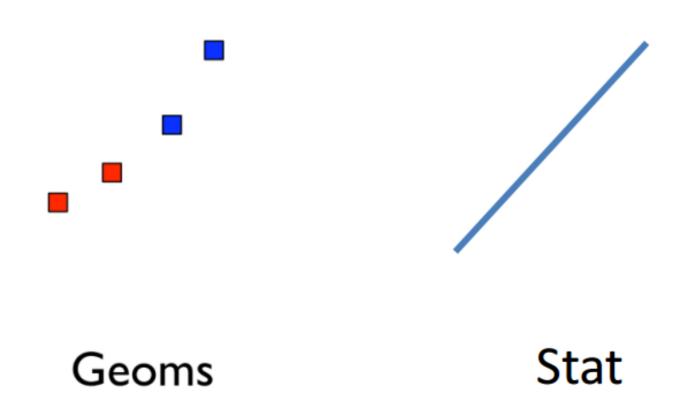
Graphical objects on the plots, e.g., points, lines, polygons.



Geoms

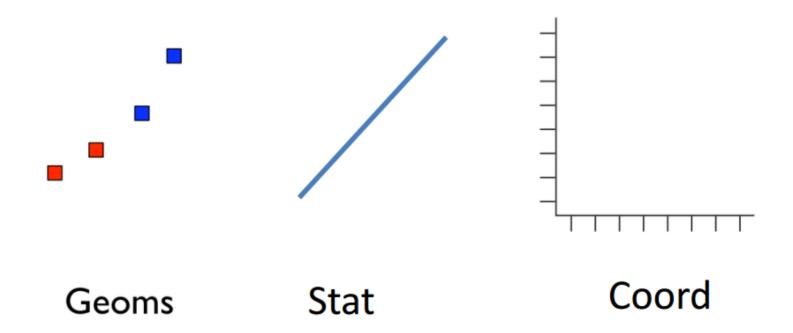
Statistics

Compute quantitative values/summary statistics of the data and add them to the graph, e.g., the linear regression line, the density.



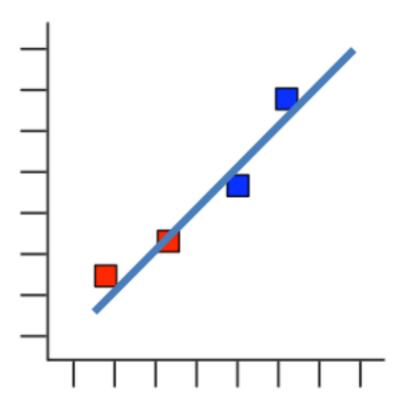
Coordinates

The visualization perspective, e.g., a grid.



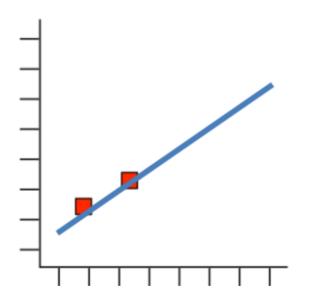
Layer

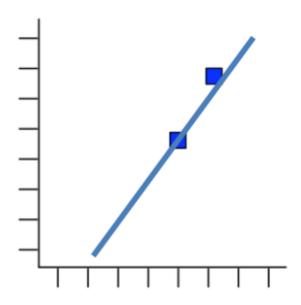
A combination of data, mapping, geometrics, statistics and coordinates, which can be built step by step in ggplot2.



Facet

Data are grouped by certain conditions and visualization is done for each group.





Visualization Types

- Scatterplot
- Bar chart
- Box plot
- Density/Histogram plot
- Pie chart

```
required
ggplot (data = <DATA>) +
<GEOM_FUNCTION> (mapping = aes( <MAPPINGS> ),
stat = <STAT>, position = <POSITION>) +
                                              Not
                                              required,
<COORDINATE FUNCTION>+
                                              sensible
<FACET_FUNCTION> +
                                              defaults
                                             supplied
<SCALE_FUNCTION> +
<THEME_FUNCTION>
ggplot(data = mpg, aes(x = cty, y = hwy)) Begins a plot
that you finish by adding layers to. Add one geom
function per layer.
```

Iris data

See "dataVisualize.Rmd" for examples.

Feature Engineering

Data determine the upper limit of machine learning, and models just approach this upper limit.

Feature engineering helps models spend less effort in learning data.

Feature engineering

Feature Engineering aims at creating additional relevant features from the existing raw features in the data, and to increase the predictive power of the learning algorithm.

- Most creative aspect of Data Science.
- Hold brainstorming sessions.
- Often require domain knowledges.
- Revist previous experiences.

Data: Survival in Sinking Titanic

Survival in Sinking Titanic

https://www.kaggle.com/c/titanic/overview

The sinking of the RMS Titanic is one of the most infamous shipwrecks in history. One of the reasons that the shipwreck led to such loss of life was that there were not enough lifeboats for the passengers and crew. The objective of this data set is to predict which passengers survived the tragedy.

```
## Observations: 891
## Variables: 12
## $ PassengerId <int> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15,...
                  <int> 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0,...
## $ Survived
                  <int> 3, 1, 3, 1, 3, 3, 1, 3, 3, 2, 3, 1, 3, 3, 3, 2, 3,...
## $ Pclass
                  <chr> "Braund, Mr. Owen Harris", "Cumings, Mrs. John Bra...
<chr> "male", "female", "female", "female", "male", "mal...
## $ Name
## $ Sex
                  <dbl> 22, 38, 26, 35, 35, NA, 54, 2, 27, 14, 4, 58, 20, ...
## $ Age
                  <int> 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 3, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 4,...
## $ SibSp
                  <int> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 2, 0, 1, 0, 0, 5, 0, 0, 1,...
## $ Parch
                  <chr> "A/5 21171", "PC 17599", "STON/02. 3101282", "1138...
## $ Ticket
## $ Fare
                  <dbl> 7.2500, 71.2833, 7.9250, 53.1000, 8.0500, 8.4583, ...
                  <chr> NA, "C85", NA, "C123", NA, NA, "E46", NA, NA, NA, ...
## $ Cabin
                  <chr> "S", "C", '"S", "S", "S", "Q", "S", "S", "S", "C", ...
## $ Embarked
```

Survival in Sinking Titanic

Variable	Definition	Key
survival	Survival	0 = No, 1 = Yes
pclass	Ticket class	1 = 1st, 2 = 2nd, 3 = 3rd
sex	Sex	
Age	Age in years	
sibsp	# of siblings / spouses aboard the Titanic	
parch	# of parents / children aboard the Titanic	
ticket	Ticket number	
fare	Passenger fare	
cabin	Cabin number	
embarked	Port of Embarkation	C = Cherbourg, Q = Queenstown, S = Southampton

Missing rate

9 Ticket

12 Embarked

10 Fare ## 11 Cabin

```
# Count by summarize_all
train %>%
   summarize_all(list(~sum(is.na(.))/n())) %>%
  gather(key = "variable", value="missingRate")
## # A tibble: 12 x 2
##
  variable
                 missingRate
## <chr>
                       <dbl>
## 1 PassengerId
## 2 Survived
                     0
## 3 Pclass
                     0
## 4 Name
## 5 Sex
## 6 Age
                     0.199
## 7 SibSp
## 8 Parch
                     0
```

0

0.771

0.00224

Countinuous/numerical variable

- Binning/discretization, e.g., divide age into categories of children, adult, senior;
- Standarization/Normalization, important in training a neural network;
- Log, minmax transformation, ...

Binning/discretization

In industry, continuous variables are always discretized first when fitting a logistic regression or a linear regression.

- Improve interpretation sometimes;
- Discretized variables is less sensitive to outliers;
- Discretizing produces more categories/variables and enhances the non-linearity/representation power of the linear model;
- Allow to add more interactions from discretized variables.

Discretize Age

To discretize a continuous variable in R, we use the function cut.

```
summary(train$Age)
##
     Min. 1st Ou. Median Mean 3rd Ou.
                                           Max.
                                                    NA's
##
     0.42 20.12 28.00
                           29.70 38.00
                                           80.00
                                                    177
train <- train %>%
  mutate(age_bin=cut(Age, breaks = c(0,18,60,80),
                     labels=c("children", "adult", "senior"),
                     include.lowest = TRUE)) %>%
  mutate(age_bin=addNA(age_bin))
 train %>% select(Age,age_bin) %>% print(n=2)
## # A tibble: 891 x 2
## Age age_bin
## <dbl> <fct>
## 1 22 adult
## 2 38 adult
## # ... with 889 more rows
 # Categories with NA (not available, i.e., missing values) added
levels(train$age_bin)
```

Categorical variable

- Always appear in practice.
- High cardinality can create very sparse data.
- Difficult to impute missing.

Encoding

Mathematical models can not treat categorical variables directly. Instead, categorical variables are encoded before they are passed to the model. Encoding here means that we use some numerical variables to represent a categorical variable.

https://www.slideshare.net/HJvanVeen/feature-engineering-72376750

- One Hot Encoding (Dummy variables)
- Hash encoding
- Label encoding
- Count encoding
- Target encoding
- Category Embedding
- NaN encoding

One-hot encoding

It is also called dummy variables. For example, to represent the ticket class Pclass, which has three levels, 1,2,3, we can create two dummy variables.

One-hot encoding

- Most basic method without information loss.
- Sparse format is memory-friendly
- Most current implementations don't gracefully treat missing, unseen variables

Count encoding

There are 891 obervations in this Titanic data set but only 681 unique tikets. So there were passengers with the same ticket. We can then use the number of passengers for each ticket to represent each ticket.

```
train %>%
  group_bv(Ticket) %>%
   summarise(shareTicket=n()) %>%
   right_join(train, by ="Ticket") %>%
   select(Ticket, shareTicket) %>%
  print(n=4)
## # A tibble: 891 x 2
            shareTicket
## Ticket
    <chr>
                           <int>
## 1 A/5 21171
## 2 PC 17599
## 3 STON/02. 3101282
## 4 113803
## # ... with 887 more rows
```

Count encoding

In essense, it means that the frequency of a level for a factor is related to the quantity of interest.

- Replace categorical variables with their count in the training set.
- Suitable when a variable has many levels even some of them is rare.
- Useful for both linear and non-linear algorithms.
- Can be sensitive to outliers.
- May add log-transform, works well with counts.
- Replace unseen variables with 1.
- May give collisions: same encoding, different variables.

Target encoding

Encode categorical variables by their ratio of target (binary classification or regression).

- Be careful to avoid overfit! (Leakage)
- Form of stacking: single-variable model which outputs average target.
- Do in cross-validation manner
- Add random noise to combat overfit
- Suitable when a variable has many levels but each of them is not rare.

Target encoding

... with 887 more rows

```
reftable <- train %>%
  group_by(Pclass) %>%
  summarise(surPclass=mean(Survived))
reftable
## # A tibble: 3 x 2
## Pclass surPclass
## <int> <dbl>
## 1 1 0.630
## 2 2 0.473
## 3 0.242
 reftable %>%
  right_join(train, by ="Pclass") %>%
  select(Pclass, surPclass) %>%
  mutate(surPclass=surPclass+rnorm(nrow(train),sd=0.01)) %>% # add noise
  print(n=4)
## # A tibble: 891 x 2
## Pclass surPclass
## <int> <dbl>
## 1 3 0.248
## 2 1 0.628
## 3 0.238
## 4 1 0.638
```

Exercise

See "Titanic_working.Rmd".

Thank You!

Please help us make this workshop better

https://forms.gle/qa1gFoTSqFjfGbu2A