

Factor

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ant$habitat <- factor(ant$habitat)
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print(ant$habitat)
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[1] forest forest forest forest forest ...  
[14] forest forest forest forest forest ...  
[27] bog      bog      bog      bog      bog      bog ...  
[40] bog      bog      bog      bog      bog  
Levels: bog forest
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R **data structure** for categorical variables; ?factor
Attribute: levels (sorted alphabetically by default)
Works seamlessly with R regression model syntax and
plotting functions