

Merging Data Tables

STAT 133

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Merging Data Tables

Merging

Merging two or more tables is another frequent type of data manipulation

Motivation

```
A <- data.frame(  
  v1 = seq(2, 10, 2),  
  v2 = 16:20)
```

A

##		v1	v2
##	1	2	16
##	2	4	17
##	3	6	18
##	4	8	19
##	5	10	20

```
B <- data.frame(  
  v1 = seq(0.1, 0.5, 0.1),  
  v2 = seq(0.6, 1, 0.1))
```

B

##		v1	v2
##	1	0.1	0.6
##	2	0.2	0.7
##	3	0.3	0.8
##	4	0.4	0.9
##	5	0.5	1.0

Super basic merging

- ▶ R provides the functions `cbind()` and `rbind()`
- ▶ Column binding requires same number of rows
- ▶ It works on matrices and data frames

Binding columns with cbind()

```
# column binding  
AB <- cbind(A, B)  
AB  
  
##      v1 v2  v1  v2  
## 1    2 16 0.1 0.6  
## 2    4 17 0.2 0.7  
## 3    6 18 0.3 0.8  
## 4    8 19 0.4 0.9  
## 5   10 20 0.5 1.0
```

Can you see any potential problems in this case?

Binding columns with cbind()

Notice that columns have repeated names:

```
AB  
  
##    v1 v2  v1  v2  
## 1   2 16 0.1 0.6  
## 2   4 17 0.2 0.7  
## 3   6 18 0.3 0.8  
## 4   8 19 0.4 0.9  
## 5  10 20 0.5 1.0
```

What happens if we do this:

```
AB$v1
```

Your Turn

What do you get in this case?

```
AB$v1
```

- A) Error
- B) Warning
- C) Both columns v1
- D) First column v1
- E) Second column v1

Binding columns with cbind()

```
# column 'v1'
```

```
AB$v1
```

```
## [1]  2  4  6  8 10
```

```
# columns 'v1'
```

```
AB[,c('v1', 'v1')]
```

```
##   v1 v1.1
```

```
## 1  2    2
```

```
## 2  4    4
```

```
## 3  6    6
```

```
## 4  8    8
```

```
## 5 10   10
```

Binding various objects with cbind()

```
# more cbind
```

```
cbind(A, B, A)
```

```
##      v1 v2  v1  v2 v1 v2
## 1    2 16 0.1 0.6  2 16
## 2    4 17 0.2 0.7  4 17
## 3    6 18 0.3 0.8  6 18
## 4    8 19 0.4 0.9  8 19
## 5   10 20 0.5 1.0 10 20
```

Super basic merging

- ▶ Row binding requires same number of columns
- ▶ It works on matrices and data frames
- ▶ `rbind()` on data frames
 - require columns having same names
 - require column factors having same levels

Binding rows with rbind()

```
# row binding
```

```
rbind(A, B)
```

```
##      v1  v2  
## 1  2.0 16.0  
## 2  4.0 17.0  
## 3  6.0 18.0  
## 4  8.0 19.0  
## 5 10.0 20.0  
## 6  0.1  0.6  
## 7  0.2  0.7  
## 8  0.3  0.8  
## 9  0.4  0.9  
## 10 0.5  1.0
```

Merging

- ▶ Row and column binding provide a very basic type of “merging”
- ▶ For more advanced merging operations, we usually require tables to have an **id** column

Motivation

```
X <- data.frame(  
  id = letters[1:5],  
  x1 = 5:1,  
  x2 = 10:6)
```

X

##		id	x1	x2
##	1	a	5	10
##	2	b	4	9
##	3	c	3	8
##	4	d	2	7
##	5	e	1	6

```
Y <- data.frame(  
  id = letters[1:5],  
  y1 = seq(0.1, 0.5, 0.1),  
  y2 = seq(0.6, 1, 0.1))
```

Y

##		id	y1	y2
##	1	a	0.1	0.6
##	2	b	0.2	0.7
##	3	c	0.3	0.8
##	4	d	0.4	0.9
##	5	e	0.5	1.0

Merging with `merge()`

- ▶ The behavior of `merge()` depends on a combination of several arguments
- ▶ Let's see some of the frequent scenarios

Basic merge()

```
# default merge
```

```
merge(X, Y)
```

```
##   id x1 x2  y1  y2  
## 1  a  5 10 0.1 0.6  
## 2  b  4  9 0.2 0.7  
## 3  c  3  8 0.3 0.8  
## 4  d  2  7 0.4 0.9  
## 5  e  1  6 0.5 1.0
```

merge() will search a common column in both data frames (i.e. column with same name)

Basic merge()

We can explicitly define the name of the column used for merging:

```
merge(X, Y, by = 'id')
```

```
##   id x1 x2  y1  y2
## 1  a  5 10 0.1 0.6
## 2  b  4  9 0.2 0.7
## 3  c  3  8 0.3 0.8
## 4  d  2  7 0.4 0.9
## 5  e  1  6 0.5 1.0
```

Let's make it more interesting

```
# shuffling rows in data frame Y
```

```
Y <- Y[c(3, 2, 5, 4, 1), ]
```

```
Y
```

```
##   id  y1  y2
```

```
## 3  c 0.3 0.8
```

```
## 2  b 0.2 0.7
```

```
## 5  e 0.5 1.0
```

```
## 4  d 0.4 0.9
```

```
## 1  a 0.1 0.6
```

Basic merge()

```
merge(X, Y, by = 'id')
```

```
##   id x1 x2  y1  y2
## 1  a  5 10 0.1 0.6
## 2  b  4  9 0.2 0.7
## 3  c  3  8 0.3 0.8
## 4  d  2  7 0.4 0.9
## 5  e  1  6 0.5 1.0
```

No common column names

```
X <- data.frame(  
  x1 = c(10, 20),  
  x2 = c(30, 40))
```

X

```
##    x1 x2  
##  1 10 30  
##  2 20 40
```

```
Y <- data.frame(  
  y1 = c(0.1, 0.2, 0.3),  
  y2 = c(0.4, 0.5, 0.6))
```

Y

```
##      y1 y2  
##  1 0.1 0.4  
##  2 0.2 0.5  
##  3 0.3 0.6
```

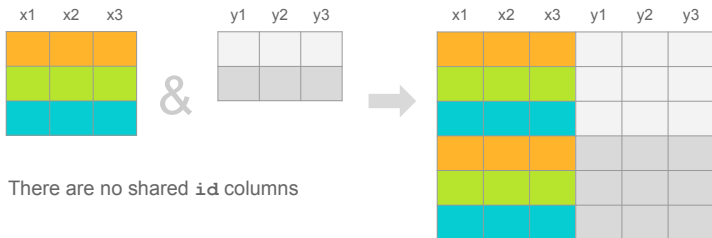
Recycled merge()

If there are no common column names, then recycling is applied:

```
merge(X, Y)
```

```
##   x1 x2  y1  y2
## 1 10 30 0.1 0.4
## 2 20 40 0.1 0.4
## 3 10 30 0.2 0.5
## 4 20 40 0.2 0.5
## 5 10 30 0.3 0.6
## 6 20 40 0.3 0.6
```

Merging with uncommon names



Advanced Mergings

Different number of rows

```
X <- data.frame(  
  id = letters[1:4],  
  x1 = 4:1,  
  x2 = 10:7)
```

X

##		id	x1	x2
##	1	a	4	10
##	2	b	3	9
##	3	c	2	8
##	4	d	1	7

```
Y <- data.frame(  
  id = c('b', 'd'),  
  y1 = c(0.1, 0.2),  
  y2 = c(0.6, 0.7))
```

Y

##		id	y1	y2
##	1	b	0.1	0.6
##	2	d	0.2	0.7

Default merge()

Merging rows that share id

```
merge(X, Y, by = 'id')
```

```
##    id x1 x2  y1  y2  
## 1  b  3  9 0.1 0.6  
## 2  d  1  7 0.2 0.7
```

Different number of rows

Values of rows not matching the `id` are filled with NA's

```
merge(X, Y, by = 'id', all = TRUE)
```

```
##   id x1 x2  y1  y2
## 1  a  4 10  NA  NA
## 2  b  3  9 0.1 0.6
## 3  c  2  8  NA  NA
## 4  d  1  7 0.2 0.7
```

Advanced merge()

We can specify which data frame columns to include:

```
merge(X, Y, by = 'id', all.x = TRUE)
```

```
##   id x1 x2  y1  y2
## 1  a  4 10  NA  NA
## 2  b  3  9 0.1 0.6
## 3  c  2  8  NA  NA
## 4  d  1  7 0.2 0.7
```

Advanced merge()

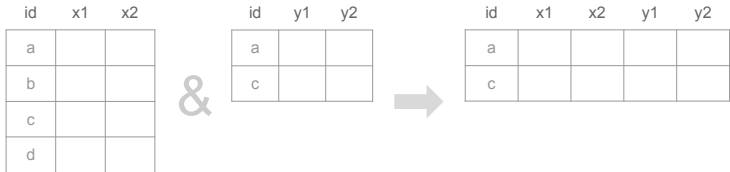
We can specify which data frame columns to include:

```
merge(X, Y, by = 'id', all.y = TRUE)
```

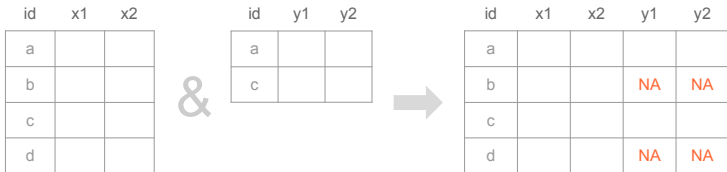
```
##   id x1 x2  y1  y2  
## 1  b  3  9 0.1 0.6  
## 2  d  1  7 0.2 0.7
```

Merging Types

`merge(x, y, by = 'id', all = FALSE)`



`merge(x, y, by = 'id', all = TRUE)`



Merging Types (cont'd)

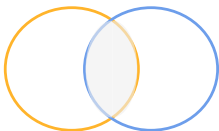
`merge(x, y, by = 'id', all.x = TRUE)`

id	x1	x2		id	y1	y2		id	x1	x2	y1	y2
a			&	a			→	a				
b								b			NA	NA
c				c				c				
d								d			NA	NA

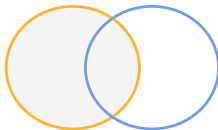
`merge(x, y, by = 'id', all.y = TRUE)`

id	x1	x2		id	y1	y2		id	x1	x2	y1	y2
a			&	a			→	a				
b												
c				c				c				
d												

Merging Types



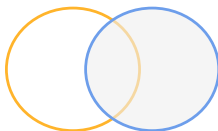
default



all.x = TRUE



all = TRUE



all.y = TRUE

More Mergings

Different id columns

```
X <- data.frame(  
  idx = letters[1:4],  
  x1 = 4:1,  
  x2 = 10:7)
```

X

##	idx	x1	x2
## 1	a	4	10
## 2	b	3	9
## 3	c	2	8
## 4	d	1	7

```
Y <- data.frame(  
  idy = c('b', 'd'),  
  y1 = c(0.1, 0.2),  
  y2 = c(0.6, 0.7))
```

Y

##	idy	y1	y2
## 1	b	0.1	0.6
## 2	d	0.2	0.7

More merge() options

Sometimes the id columns have different names:

```
merge(X, Y, by.x = 'idx', by.y = 'idy')
```

```
##   idx x1 x2  y1  y2
## 1   b  3  9 0.1 0.6
## 2   d  1  7 0.2 0.7
```

More merge() options

```
merge(X, Y, by.x = 'idx', by.y = 'idy', all = TRUE)
```

```
##   idx x1 x2  y1  y2
## 1   a  4 10  NA  NA
## 2   b  3  9 0.1 0.6
## 3   c  2  8  NA  NA
## 4   d  1  7 0.2 0.7
```

More merge() options

```
merge(X, Y, by.x = 'idx', by.y = 'idy', all.x = TRUE)
```

```
##   idx x1 x2  y1  y2
## 1   a  4 10  NA  NA
## 2   b  3  9 0.1 0.6
## 3   c  2  8  NA  NA
## 4   d  1  7 0.2 0.7
```

Basic merge()

```
merge(X, Y, by.x = 'idx', by.y = 'idy', all.y = TRUE)
```

```
##      idx x1 x2  y1  y2  
## 1     b  3  9 0.1 0.6  
## 2     d  1  7 0.2 0.7
```

Package "dplyr"

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```
# install "dplyr"  
install.packages("dplyr")  
  
# load "dplyr"  
library(dplyr)
```

Join Functions

- ▶ `inner_join()`
- ▶ `left_join()`
- ▶ `right_join()`
- ▶ `full_join()`
- ▶ `semi_join()`
- ▶ `anti_join()`

Different number of rows

```
X <- data.frame(  
  id = letters[1:4],  
  x1 = 4:1,  
  x2 = 10:7,  
  stringsAsFactors = FALSE)
```

X

##	id	x1	x2
## 1	a	4	10
## 2	b	3	9
## 3	c	2	8
## 4	d	1	7

```
Y <- data.frame(  
  id = c('b', 'd'),  
  y1 = c(0.1, 0.2),  
  y2 = c(0.6, 0.7),  
  stringsAsFactors = FALSE)
```

Y

##	id	y1	y2
## 1	b	0.1	0.6
## 2	d	0.2	0.7

Function `inner_join()`

`inner_join()` returns all rows from X where there are matching values in Y, and all columns from X and Y.

```
inner_join(X, Y, by = 'id')
```

```
##   id x1 x2  y1  y2
## 1  b  3  9 0.1 0.6
## 2  d  1  7 0.2 0.7
```

Function left_join()

left_join() returns all rows from X, and all columns from X and Y.

```
left_join(X, Y, by = 'id')
```

```
##   id x1 x2  y1  y2
## 1  a  4 10  NA  NA
## 2  b  3  9 0.1 0.6
## 3  c  2  8  NA  NA
## 4  d  1  7 0.2 0.7
```

Function `right_join()`

`right_join()` returns all rows from Y, and all columns from X and Y.

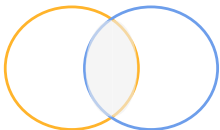
```
right_join(X, Y, by = 'id')
```

```
##   id x1 x2  y1  y2
## 1  b  3  9 0.1 0.6
## 2  d  1  7 0.2 0.7
```

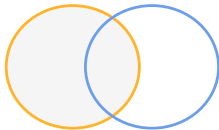
Function full_join()

```
full_join(X, Y, by = 'id')
```

```
##   id x1 x2  y1  y2
## 1  a  4 10  NA  NA
## 2  b  3  9 0.1 0.6
## 3  c  2  8  NA  NA
## 4  d  1  7 0.2 0.7
```



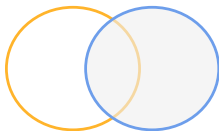
`inner_join`



`left_join`



`full_join`



`right_join`

Function `semi_join()`

`semi_join()` returns all rows from X where there are matching values in Y, keeping just columns from X.

```
semi_join(X, Y, by = 'id')
```

```
##   id x1 x2
## 1  b  3  9
## 2  d  1  7
```

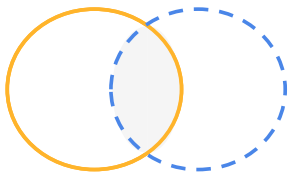
Function anti_join()

`anti_join()` returns all rows from X where there are not matching values in Y, keeping just columns from X.

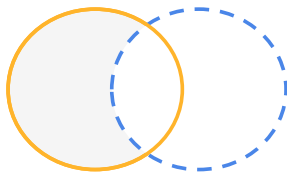
```
anti_join(X, Y, by = 'id')
```

```
##   id x1 x2  
## 1  c  2  8  
## 2  a  4 10
```


Semi and Anti joins



`semi_join`



`anti_join`