Data Summaries

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datasummary is a function from the modelsummary package. It allows us to create data summaries, frequency tables, crosstabs, correlation tables, balance tables (aka "Table 1"), and more. It has many benefits:

- Easy to use.
- Extremely flexible.
- Many output formats: HTML, LaTeX, Microsoft Word and Powerpoint, Text/Markdown, PDF, RTF, or Image files.
- Embed tables in Rmarkdown or knitr dynamic documents.
- Customize the appearance of tables with the tinytable, gt, kableExtra or flextable packages. The possibilities are endless!

This tutorial will show how to draw tables like these (and more!):

datasummary is built around the *fantastic* tables package for R. It is a thin "wrapper" which adds convenience functions and arguments; a user-interface consistent with modelsummary; cleaner html output; and the ability to export tables to more formats, including gt tables, flextable objects, and Microsoft Word documents.

datasummary is a general-purpose table-making tool. It allows us to build (nearly) any summary table we want by using simple 2-sided formulae. For example, in the expression $x + y \sim mean + sd$, the left-hand side of the formula identifies the variables or statistics to display as rows, and the right-hand side defines the columns. Below, we will see how variables and statistics can be "nested" with the * operator to produce tables like the ones above.

In addition to datasummary, the modelsummary package includes a "family" of companion functions named datasummary_*. These functions facilitate the production of standard, commonly used tables. This family currently includes:

- datasummary(): Flexible function to create custom tables using 2-sided formulae.
- datasummary_balance(): Group characteristics (e.g., control vs. treatment)
- datasummary_correlation(): Table of correlations.
- datasummary skim(): Quick summary of a dataset.
- datasummary df(): Create a table from any dataframe.
- datasummary_crosstab(): Cross tabulations of categorical variables.

In the next three sections, we illustrate how to use datasummary_balance, datasummary_correlation, datasummary_skim, and datasummary_crosstab. Then, we dive into datasummary itself to highlight its ease and flexibility.

	Unique	Missing Pct.	Mean	SD	Min	Median	Max	
rownames	344	0	172.5	99.4	1.0	172.5	344.0	
$bill_length_mm$	165	1	43.9	5.5	32.1	44.5	59.6	
$bill_depth_mm$	81	1	17.2	2.0	13.1	17.3	21.5	
$flipper_length_mm$	56	1	200.9	14.1	172.0	197.0	231.0	
$body_mass_g$	95	1	4201.8	802.0	2700.0	4050.0	6300.0	
year	3	0	2008.0	0.8	2007.0	2008.0	2009.0	

1 datasummary_skim

The first datasummary companion function is called datasummary_skim. It was *heavily* inspired by one of my favorite data exploration tools for R: the skimr package. The goal of this function is to give us a quick look at the data.

To illustrate, we download data from the cool new palmerpenguins package by Alison Presmanes Hill and Allison Horst. These data were collected at the Palmer Station in Antarctica by Gorman, Williams & Fraser (2014), and they include 3 categorical variables and 4 numeric variables.

```
library(modelsummary)
library(tidyverse)

url <- 'https://vincentarelbundock.github.io/Rdatasets/csv/palmerpenguins/penguins.csv'
penguins <- read.csv(url, na.strings = "")</pre>
```

To summarize the numeric variables in the dataset, we type:

```
datasummary_skim(penguins)
```

To summarize the categorical variables in the dataset, we type:

```
datasummary_skim(penguins, type = "categorical")
```

2 datasummary_balance

The expressions "balance table" or "Table 1" refer to a type of table which is often printed in the opening pages of a scientific peer-reviewed article. Typically, this table includes basic

		N	%
species	Adelie	152	44.2
	Chinstrap	68	19.8
	Gentoo	124	36.0
island	Biscoe	168	48.8
	Dream	124	36.0
	Torgersen	52	15.1
sex	female	165	48.0
	male	168	48.8
	NA	11	3.2

descriptive statistics about different subsets of the study population. For instance, analysts may want to compare the socio-demographic characteristics of members of the "control" and "treatment" groups in a randomized control trial, or the flipper lengths of male and female penguins. In addition, balance tables often include difference in means tests.

To illustrate how to build a balance table using the datasummary_balance function, we download data about a job training experiment studies in Lalonde (1986). Then, we clean up the data by renaming and recoding a few variables.

```
# Download and read data
training <- 'https://vincentarelbundock.github.io/Rdatasets/csv/Ecdat/Treatment.csv'</pre>
training <- read.csv(training, na.strings = "")</pre>
# Rename and recode variables
training <- training %>%
            mutate(`Earnings Before` = re75 / 1000,
                   `Earnings After` = re78 / 1000,
                   Treatment = ifelse(treat == TRUE, 'Treatment', 'Control'),
                   Married = ifelse(married == TRUE, 'Yes', 'No')) %>%
            select(`Earnings Before`,
                   `Earnings After`,
                   Treatment,
                   Ethnicity = ethn,
                   Age = age,
                   Education = educ,
                   Married)
```

Now, we execute the datasummary_balance function. If the estimatr package is installed, datasummary_balance will calculate the difference in means and test statistics.

		Mean	Std. Dev.
Earnings Before		17.9	13.9
Earnings After		20.5	15.6
Age		34.2	10.5
Education		12.0	3.1
		N	Pct.
Treatment	Control	2490	93.1
	Treatment	185	6.9
Ethnicity	black	780	29.2
	hispanic	92	3.4
	other	1803	67.4
Married	No	483	18.1
	Yes	2192	81.9

Note that if the dataset includes columns called "blocks", "clusters", or "weights", this information will automatically be taken into consideration by estimatr when calculating the difference in means and the associated statistics.

Users can also use the ~ 1 formula to indicate that they want to summarize all the data instead of splitting the analysis across subgroups:

```
datasummary_balance(~ 1, data = training)
```

${f 3}$ datasummary_correlation

The datasummary_correlation accepts a dataframe or tibble, it identifies all the numeric variables, and calculates the correlation between each of those variables:

	mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat	wt	qsec	vs	am	gear	carb
mpg	1	•	·	•		•	•	•		•	•
cyl	-0.85	1							•	•	
disp	-0.85	0.90	1		•			•			
hp	-0.78	0.83	0.79	1					•	•	
drat	0.68	-0.70	-0.71	-0.45	1				•	•	
wt	-0.87	0.78	0.89	0.66	-0.71	1		•			
qsec	0.42	-0.59	-0.43	-0.71	0.09	-0.17	1	•			
VS	0.66	-0.81	-0.71	-0.72	0.44	-0.55	0.74	1	•	•	
am	0.60	-0.52	-0.59	-0.24	0.71	-0.69	-0.23	0.17	1	•	
gear	0.48	-0.49	-0.56	-0.13	0.70	-0.58	-0.21	0.21	0.79	1	
carb	-0.55	0.53	0.39	0.75	-0.09	0.43	-0.66	-0.57	0.06	0.27	1

datasummary_correlation(mtcars)

The values displayed in this table are equivalent to those obtained by calling: cor(x, use='pairwise.complete.obs').

The datasummary_correlation function has a methods argument. The default value is "pearson", but it also accepts other values like "spearman". In addition, method can accept any function which takes a data frame and returns a matrix. For example, we can create a custom function to display information from the correlation package. This allows us to include significance stars even if the stars argument is not supported by default in datasummary_correlation():

```
library(correlation)

fun <- function(x) {
  out <- correlation(mtcars) |>
    summary() |>
    format(2) |>
    as.matrix()
  row.names(out) <- out[, 1]
  out <- out[, 2:ncol(out)]
  return(out)
}

datasummary_correlation(mtcars, method = fun)</pre>
```

	carb	gear	am	vs	qsec	wt	drat	hp	disp	cyl
mpg	55*	.48	.60**	.66**	.42	87***	.68***	78***	85***	85***
cyl	.53*	49	52*	81***	59*	.78***	70***	.83***	.90***	
disp	.39	56*	59*	71***	43	.89***	71***	.79***		
hp	.75***	13	24	72***	71***	.66**	45			
drat	09	.70***	.71***	.44	.09	71***				
wt	.43	58*	69***	55*	17					
qsec	66**	21	23	.74***						
vs	57*	.21	.17							
am	.06	.79***								
gear	.27									

species		female	male	All
Adelie	N	73	73	152
	%row	48.0	48.0	100.0
Chinstrap	N	34	34	68
	% row	50.0	50.0	100.0
Gentoo	N	58	61	124
	%row	46.8	49.2	100.0
All	N	165	168	344
	% row	48.0	48.8	100.0

4 datasummary_crosstab

A cross tabulation is often useful to explore the association between two categorical variables.

```
library(modelsummary)
url <- 'https://vincentarelbundock.github.io/Rdatasets/csv/palmerpenguins/penguins.csv'
penguins <- read.csv(url, na.strings = "")
datasummary_crosstab(species ~ sex, data = penguins)</pre>
```

You can create multi-level crosstabs by specifying interactions using the \ast operator:

		female		male				
species		Biscoe	Dream	Torgersen	Biscoe	Dream	Torgersen	All
Adelie	N	22	27	24	22	28	23	152
	% row	14.5	17.8	15.8	14.5	18.4	15.1	100.0
Chinstrap	N	0	34	0	0	34	0	68
	% row	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	100.0
Gentoo	N	58	0	0	61	0	0	124
	% row	46.8	0.0	0.0	49.2	0.0	0.0	100.0
All	N	80	61	24	83	62	23	344
	% row	23.3	17.7	7.0	24.1	18.0	6.7	100.0

species		female	male
Adelie	% col	44.2	43.5
Chinstrap	% col	20.6	20.2
Gentoo	% col	35.2	36.3
All	% col	100.0	100.0

```
datasummary_crosstab(species ~ sex * island, data = penguins)
```

By default, the cell counts and row percentages are shown for each cell, and both row and column totals are calculated. To show cell percentages or column percentages, or to drop row and column totals, adjust the statistic argument. This argument accepts a formula that follows the datasummary "language". To understand exactly how it works, you may find it useful to skip to the datasummary tutorial in the next section. Example:

See ?datasummary_crosstab for more details.

5 datasummary

datasummary tables are specified using a 2-sided formula, divided by a tilde ~. The left-hand side describes the rows; the right-hand side describes the columns. To illustrate how this works, we will again be using the palmerpenguins dataset:

	Mean
flipper_length_mm	200.92
flipper_lengt	th_mm
Mean	200.92

To display the flipper_length_mm variable as a row and the mean as a column, we type:

To flip rows and columns, we flip the left and right-hand sides of the formula:

5.1 Custom summary functions

The Mean function is a shortcut supplied by modelsummary, and it is equivalent to mean(x,na.rm=TRUE). Since the flipper_length_mm variable includes missing observation, using the mean formula (with default na.rm=FALSE) would produce a missing/empty cell:

modelsummary supplies these functions: Mean, SD, Min, Max, Median, PO, P25, P50, P75, P100, Histogram, and a few more (see the package documentation).

Users are also free to create and use their own custom summaries. Any R function which takes a vector and produces a single value is acceptable. For example, the Range functions return a numerical value, and the MinMax returns a string:

```
mean flipper_length_mm
```

	Range
flipper_length_mm	59.00
	MinMax
flipper_length_mm	[172, 231]

5.2 Concatenating with +

To include more rows and columns, we use the + sign:

Sometimes, it can be cumbersome to list all variables separated by + signs. The All() function is a useful shortcut:

By default, All selects all numeric variables. This behavior can be changed by modifying the function's arguments. See ?All for details.

5.3 Nesting with *

datasummary can nest variables and statistics inside categorical variables using the * symbol. When applying the the * operator to factor, character, or logical variables, columns or rows

	Mean	\overline{SD}
flipper_length_mm	200.92	14.06
$body_mass_g$	4201.75	801.95

	Mean	SD
rownames	172.50	99.45
$bill_length_mm$	43.92	5.46
$bill_depth_mm$	17.15	1.97
$flipper_length_mm$	200.92	14.06
body_mass_g	4201.75	801.95
year	2008.03	0.82
year	2008.03	0.82

	female	male
flipper_length_mm	197.36	204.51
$body_mass_g$	3862.27	4545.68

will automatically be nested. For instance, if we want to display separate means for each value of the variable sex, we use mean * sex:

We can use parentheses to nest several terms inside one another, using a call of this form: x + (y + z). Here is an example with nested columns:

Here is an example with nested rows:

The order in which terms enter the formula determines the order in which labels are displayed. For example, this shows island above sex:

	fem	ale	ma	le
	mean	$\overline{\mathrm{sd}}$	mean	$\overline{\mathrm{sd}}$
body_mass_g	3862.27	666.17	4545.68	787.63

sex		mean	sd
female	body_mass_g	3862.27	666.17
	$flipper_length_mm$	197.36	12.50
male	$body_mass_g$	4545.68	787.63
	$flipper_length_mm$	204.51	14.55

	Biscoe		Dre	Dream		Torgersen	
	female	male	female	male	female	male	
flipper_length_mm	205.69	213.29	190.02	196.31	188.29	194.91	
$body_mass_g$	4319.38	5104.52	3446.31	3987.10	3395.83	4034.78	

This shows sex above island values:

By default, datasummary omits column headers with a single value/label across all columns, except for the header that sits just above the data. If the header we want to see is not displayed, we may want to reorder the terms of the formula. To show all headers, set sparse_header=FALSE:

When using sparse_header=FALSE, it is often useful to insert Heading() * in the table formula, in order to rename or omit some of the labels manually. Type ?tables::Heading for details and examples.

		female			male	
	Biscoe	Dream	Torgersen	Biscoe	Dream	Torgersen
flipper_length_mm	205.69	190.02	188.29	213.29	196.31	194.91
body_mass_g	4319.38	3446.31	3395.83	5104.52	3987.10	4034.78

		female			male	
	Biscoe	Dream	Torgersen	Biscoe	Dream	Torgersen
flipper_length_mm	205.69	190.02	188.29	213.29	196.31	194.91
body_mass_g	4319.38	3446.31	3395.83	5104.52	3987.10	4034.78

	Mean	SD
Flipper length (mm)	200.92	14.06
Body mass (g)	4201.75	801.95

5.4 Renaming with =

Personally, I prefer to rename variables and values *before* drawing my tables, using backticks when variable names include whitespace. For example,

However, thanks to the tables package, datasummary offers two additional mechanisms to rename. First, we can wrap a term in parentheses and use the equal = sign: (NewName=OldName):

```
datasummary((`Flipper length (mm)` = flipper_length_mm) + (`Body mass (g)` = body_mass_g) ~
    island * ((Avg. = Mean) + (Std.Dev. = SD)),
    data = penguins)
```

Second, we can use the Heading() function:

	Biscoe		Dream		Torgersen	
	Avg.	Std.Dev.	Avg.	Std.Dev.	Avg.	Std.Dev.
Flipper length (mm)	209.71	14.14	193.07	7.51	191.20	6.23
Body mass (g)	4716.02	782.86	3712.90	416.64	3706.37	445.11

	Biso	Biscoe		am	Torge	ersen
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	$\overline{\mathrm{SD}}$
Flipper length (mm)	209.71	14.14	193.07	7.51	191.20	6.23
Body mass (g)	4716.02	782.86	3712.90	416.64	3706.37	445.11

sex		Mean	SD
female	flipper_length_mm	197.36	12.50
	$bill_length_mm$	42.10	4.90
male	$flipper_length_mm$	204.51	14.55
	$bill_length_mm$	45.85	5.37
	Body mass (g)	4201.75	801.95

The Heading function also has a nearData argument which can be useful in cases where some rows are nested but others are not. Compare the last row of these two tables:

5.5 Counts and Percentages

The tables package allows datasummary to use neat tricks to produce frequency tables:

sex		Mean	SD
female	flipper_length_mm	197.36	12.50
	$bill_length_mm$	42.10	4.90
male	$flipper_length_mm$	204.51	14.55
	$bill_length_mm$	45.85	5.37
Body mass (g)		4201.75	801.95

anasiaa		N	Percent
species	sex	IN	Percent
Adelie	female	73	21.22
	male	73	21.22
Chinstrap	female	34	9.88
	male	34	9.88
Gentoo	female	58	16.86
	male	61	17.73
	All	344	100.00

- 1. Add a N to the right-hand side of the equation.
- 2. Add Percent() to the right-hand side to calculate the percentage of observations in each cell.
- 3. Add 1 to the left-hand side to include a row with the total number of observations:

Note that the Percent() function accepts a denom argument to determine if percentages should be calculated row or column-wise, or if they should take into account all cells.

5.6 Weighted percentages

The Percent() pseudo-function also accepts a fn argument, which must be a function which accepts two vectors: x is the values in the current cell, and y is all the values in the whole dataset. The default fn is:

The code above takes the number of elements in the cell length(x) and divides it by the number of total elements length(y).

Now, let's say we want to display percentages weighted by one of the variables of the dataset. This can often be useful with survey weights, for example. Here, we use an arbitrary column of weights called flipper_length_mm:

species	sex	N	Percent
Adelie	female	73	21.22
	male	73	21.22
Chinstrap	female	34	9.88
	male	34	9.88
Gentoo	female	58	16.86
	male	61	17.73
	All	344	100.00

species	sex	N	Percent
Adelie	female	73	19.95
	male	73	20.44
Chinstrap	female	34	9.49
	male	34	9.89
Gentoo	female	58	17.95
	male	61	19.67
	All	344	100.00

cyl	Percent
4	11 (34.4%)
6	7~(21.9%)
8	14 (43.8%)

In each cell we now have the sum of weights in that cell, divided by the total sum of weights in the column.

5.7 Custom percentages

Here is another simple illustration of Percent function mechanism in action, where we combine counts and percentages in a simple nice label:

```
dat <- mtcars
dat$cyl <- as.factor(dat$cyl)

fn <- function(x, y) {
    out <- sprintf(
        "%s (%.1f%%)",
        length(x),
        length(x) / length(y) * 100)
}
datasummary(
    cyl ~ Percent(fn = fn),
    data = dat)</pre>
```

5.8 Factor

The * nesting operator that we used above works automatically for factor, character, and logical variables. Sometimes, it is convenient to use it with other types of variables, such as binary numeric variables. In that case, we can wrap the variable name inside a call to Factor(). This allows us to treat a variable as factor, without having to modify it in the original data. For example, in the mtcars data, there is a binary numeric variable call am. We nest statistics within categories of am by typing:

	0	0		
	mean	sd	mean	sd
mpg	17.15	3.83	24.39	6.17
hp	160.26	53.91	126.85	84.06
			mean	mean
flipper_length_mm				200.92

5.9 Arguments: na.rm=TRUE

We can pass any argument to the summary function by including a call to Arguments(). For instance, there are missing values in the flipper_length_mm variable of the penguins dataset. Therefore, the standard mean function will produce no result, because its default argument is na.rm=FALSE. We can change that by calling:

Notice that there is an empty cell (NA) under the normal mean function, but that the mean call with Arguments (na.rm=TRUE) produced a numeric result.

We can pass the same arguments to multiple functions using the parentheses:

Note that the shortcut functions that modelsummary supplies use na.rm=TRUE by default, so we can use them directly without arguments, even when there are missing values:

	mean	sd
flipper_length_mm	200.92	14.06

	Mean	Var	P75	Range
flipper_length_mm	200.92	197.73	213.00	59.00

	weighted.mean
X	-0.48
у	-1.03

5.10 Arguments: Weighted Mean

You can use the Arguments mechanism to do various things, such as calculating weighted means:

Which produces the same results as:

```
weighted.mean(newdata$x, newdata$w)
```

[1] -0.4849162

```
weighted.mean(newdata$y, newdata$w)
```

[1] -1.025456

But different results from:

```
mean(newdata$x)
```

[1] 0.2079921

$bill_length_mm > 44.5$	209.68
$bill_length_mm <= 44.5$	192.45

mean(newdata\$y)

[1] 0.1901706

5.11 Logical subsets

Cool stuff is possible with logical subsets:

See the tables package documentation for more details and examples.

5.12 Missing values

At least 3 distinct issues can arise related to missing values.

5.12.1 Functions and na.rm

An empty cell can appear in the table when a statistical function returns NA instead of a numeric value. In those cases, you should:

- 1. Make sure that your statistical function (e.g., mean or sd) uses na.rm=TRUE by default
- 2. Use the Arguments strategy to set na.rm=TRUE (see the Arguments section of this vignette).
- 3. Use a convenience function supplied by modelsummary, where na.rm is TRUE by default: Mean, SD, P25, etc.

			female		female		ma	le
island	species		Mean	SD	Mean	SD		
Biscoe	Adelie	body_mass_g	3369.32	343.47	4050.00	355.57		
	Chinstrap	$body_mass_g$						
	Gentoo	$body_mass_g$	4679.74	281.58	5484.84	313.16		
Dream	Adelie	$body_mass_g$	3344.44	212.06	4045.54	330.55		
	Chinstrap	$body_mass_g$	3527.21	285.33	3938.97	362.14		
	Gentoo	$body_mass_g$						
Torgersen	Adelie	$body_mass_g$	3395.83	259.14	4034.78	372.47		
	Chinstrap	$body_mass_g$						
	Gentoo	$body_mass_g$						

			female		male	
island	species		Mean	SD	Mean	SD
Biscoe	Adelie	body_mass_g	3369.32	343.47	4050.00	355.57
	Gentoo	$body_mass_g$	4679.74	281.58	5484.84	313.16
Dream	Adelie	$body_mass_g$	3344.44	212.06	4045.54	330.55
	Chinstrap	$body_mass_g$	3527.21	285.33	3938.97	362.14
Torgersen	Adelie	$body_mass_g$	3395.83	259.14	4034.78	372.47

5.12.2 Empty crosstab cells

An empty cell can appear in the table when a crosstab is deeply nested, and there are no observations for a given combination of covariates. In those cases, you can use the * DropEmpty pseudo-function. See the "Empty cells" section of this vignette for examples.

Z	N	Percent
0	4	57.14
1	2	28.57
Z	N	Percent
0	4	66.67
1	2	33.33

5.12.3 Percent()

By default, the Percent() function computes the share of each category with respect to the whole data, including missing observations, but we can work around this with some trickery:

```
dat <- data.frame(z = c(0,0,1,0,NA,0,1))
prop.table(table(dat$z))</pre>
```

```
0 1
0.6666667 0.3333333
```

```
datasummary(Factor(z) ~ N + Percent(), data = dat)
```

To count percentages without missing values, we can exploit the fact that Percent() accepts a denom argument which can be a logical vector:

```
datasummary(Factor(z) ~ N + Percent(denom = !is.na(dat$z)), data = dat)
```

5.13 Add rows

	Adelie		Chinstrap		Gentoo	
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	$\overline{\mathrm{SD}}$
flipper_length_mm	189.95	6.54	195.82	7.13	217.19	6.48
$body_mass_g$	3700.66	458.57	3733.09	384.34	5076.02	504.12
Does	2.00	plus	2.00	equals	5.00	?

	Adelie		Chinstrap		Gentoo		
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	New.Stat
flipper_length_mm	189.95	6.54	195.82	7.13	217.19	6.48	0.59
$body_mass_g$	3700.66	458.57	3733.09	384.34	5076.02	504.12	0.36

```
'?')

datasummary(flipper_length_mm + body_mass_g ~ species * (Mean + SD),

data = penguins,

add_rows = new_rows)
```

5.14 Add columns

6 Output formats

All functions in the datasummary_* family accept the same output argument. Tables can be saved to several file formats:

```
f <- flipper_length_mm ~ island * (mean + sd)
datasummary(f, data = penguins, output = 'table.html')
datasummary(f, data = penguins, output = 'table.tex')
datasummary(f, data = penguins, output = 'table.docx')
datasummary(f, data = penguins, output = 'table.pptx')
datasummary(f, data = penguins, output = 'table.md')</pre>
```

```
datasummary(f, data = penguins, output = 'table.rtf')
datasummary(f, data = penguins, output = 'table.jpg')
datasummary(f, data = penguins, output = 'table.png')
```

They can be returned in human-readable data.frames, markdown, html, or LaTeX code to the console:

```
datasummary(f, data = penguins, output = 'data.frame')
datasummary(f, data = penguins, output = 'markdown')
datasummary(f, data = penguins, output = 'html')
datasummary(f, data = penguins, output = 'latex')
```

datasummary can return objects compatible with the tinytable, gt, kableExtra, flextable, huxtable, and DT table creation and customization packages:

```
datasummary(f, data = penguins, output = 'tinytable')
datasummary(f, data = penguins, output = 'gt')
datasummary(f, data = penguins, output = 'kableExtra')
datasummary(f, data = penguins, output = 'flextable')
datasummary(f, data = penguins, output = 'huxtable')
datasummary(f, data = penguins, output = 'DT')
```

Please note that hierarchical or "nested" column labels are only available for these output formats: kableExtra, gt, html, rtf, and LaTeX. When saving tables to other formats, nested labels will be combined to a "flat" header.

7 Rounding

The fmt argument allows us to set the printing format of numeric values. It accepts a single number representing the number of digits after the period, or a string to be passed to the sprintf function. For instance, setting fmt="%.4f" will keep 4 digits after the dot (see ?sprintf for more options):

```
datasummary(flipper_length_mm ~ Mean + SD,
    fmt = 4,
    data = penguins)
```

We can set the formatting on a term-by-term basis by using the same Arguments function that we used to handle missing values in the previous section. The shortcut functions that ship with modelsummary (e.g., Mean, SD, Median, P25) all include a fmt argument:

	Mean	SD
flipper_length_mm	200.9152	14.0617
	Mean	SD
flipper_length_mm	200.9152	14.1

Note that the $\mathbb{N}()$ function is supplied by the upstream tables package, and does not have a fmt argument. Fortunately, it is easy to override the built-in function to use custom formatting:

```
tmp <- data.frame(X = sample(letters[1:3], 1e6, replace = TRUE))
N <- \((x)\) format(length(x), big.mark = ",")
datasummary(X ~ N, data = tmp)</pre>
```

8 Titles and notes

datasummary includes the same title and notes arguments as in modelsummary:

9 Alignment

We can align columns using the align argument. align should be a string of length equal to the number of columns, and which includes only the letters "l", "c", or "r":

X	N
a	333,438
b	332,988
c	333,574

Table 1: Statistics about the famous Palmer Penguins.

	Mean	SD
rownames	172.50	99.45
$bill_length_mm$	43.92	5.46
$bill_depth_mm$	17.15	1.97
$flipper_length_mm$	200.92	14.06
$body_mass_g$	4201.75	801.95
year	2008.03	0.82

A note at the bottom of the table.

	Mean	SD	Range
flipper_length_mm	200.92	14.06	59.00
$bill_length_mm$	43.92	5.46	27.50

10 Factors

By default, the factor function in R does *not* assign a distinct factor level to missing values: the factor function's exclude argument is set to NA by default. To ensure that NAs appear in your table, make sure you set exclude=NULL when you create the factor.

Internally, the datasummary_balance and datasummary_crosstab functions convert logical and character variables to factor with the exclude=NULL argument. This means that NAs will appear in the table as distinct rows/columns. If you do *not* want NAs to appear in your table, convert them to factors yourself ahead of time. For example:

```
mycars <- mtcars[, c("cyl", "mpg", "hp", "vs")]
mycars$cyl[c(1, 3, 6, 8)] <- NA
mycars$cyl_nona <- factor(mycars$cyl)
mycars$cyl_na <- factor(mycars$cyl, exclude = NULL)
datasummary_crosstab(cyl_nona ~ vs, data = mycars)</pre>
```

cyl_nona	_	0	1	All
4	N	1	8	9
	%row	11.1	88.9	100.0
6	N	2	3	5
	%row	40.0	60.0	100.0
8	N	14	0	14
	% row	100.0	0.0	100.0
All	N	18	14	32
	%row	56.2	43.8	100.0
cyl_na		0	1	All
4	N	1	8	9
	%row	11.1	88.9	100.0
6	N	2	3	5
	%row	40.0	60.0	100.0
8	N	14	0	14
	%row	100.0	0.0	100.0
NA	N	1	3	4
	%row	25.0	75.0	100.0
All	N	18	14	32
	%row	56.2	43.8	100.0

datasummary_crosstab(cyl_na ~ vs, data = mycars)