Getting to Know Your Data

from Doing LVC with R^*

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Getting to know the (t, d) deletion data

If you followed the previous section you now have an object in R called td. If not, you can load it now with either of the following codes.

```
td <- read.delim("https://www.dropbox.com/s/jxlfuogea3lx2pu/deletiondata.txt?dl=1")
td <- read.delim("Data/deletiondata.txt")</pre>
```

Getting a Snapshot of the Data

Now that you have some data loaded into R you can start exploring it. At any time you can type td into the console window to see what that object actually represents. Try it.

```
td
```

To find out how many columns there are in your data frame (this is what R calls spreadsheets), use the function nrow(). Similarly, to find out how many columns are in the data frame, use the function ncol(). The function dim() gives both.

```
nrow(td)
[1] 6989
ncol(td)
```

^{*}https://lingmethodshub.github.io/content/R/lvc_r/

[1] 12

dim(td)

Γ17 6989 12

There are 6,989 rows and 12 columns in this data frame.

The **summary()** function is one of the most useful functions you'll use in *R*. It gives you a quick snapshot of a data frame.

summary(td)

Dep.Var	Stress Category		Morph.Type	
Length:6989	Length:6989	Length:6989	Length:6989	
Class :character	Class :character	Class :character	Class :character	
Mode :character	Mode :character	Mode :character	Mode :character	

Before	After	Speaker	YOB		
Length:6989	Length:6989	Length:6989	Min. :1915		
Class :character	Class :character	Class :character	1st Qu.:1952		
Mode :character	Mode :character	Mode :character	Median :1965		
			Mean :1967		
			3rd Qu.:1991		
			Max. :1999		
Sex	Education	Job	Phoneme.Dep.Var		
Length:6989	Length:6989	Length:6989	Length:6989		
Class :character	Class :character	Class :character	Class :character		
Mode :character	Mode :character	Mode :character	Mode :character		

The summary() function shows you the name of all the columns in the data frame and what each column contains.

When you import a data frame into *R*, *R* automatically decides what type of data each column contains. Any data frame columns where all cells contain only numbers are assumed to numeric or integer data (depending on if there are decimal values). Any columns that include letters will be assumed to be character data.

For numeric or integer data (like YOB, or year of birth of the speakers in the td data), the summary() function will tell you the mean, the median, the minimum value, the maximum value, and the values of the first and third quartiles. The mean is the arithmetic mean, which is the sum of all the values in a column divided by the number of values in a column. Fifty percent of the values in the column are equal to or less than the mean and 50% of the values in the column are greater than or less than the mean. The mean can also be thought of as the 2nd quartile. The median is exact middle point of the values in the column ordered from smallest to largest. For normally distributed data, the mean and the median should be close to the same value. Not all data, however, is normally distributed, which is sometimes a problem, and sometimes not a problem. If a certain test expects numerical data to be normally distributed these instructions will explain what to do, but for now, it's just good to know what mean and median indicate. Twenty-five percent of the values in the column are equal to or less than the 1st quartile and 75% of the values in the column are equal to or less than the 3rd quartile. The minimum value is the lowest value in a column; the maximum value is the highest number in a column. These values can be used to construct a box and whisker plot:

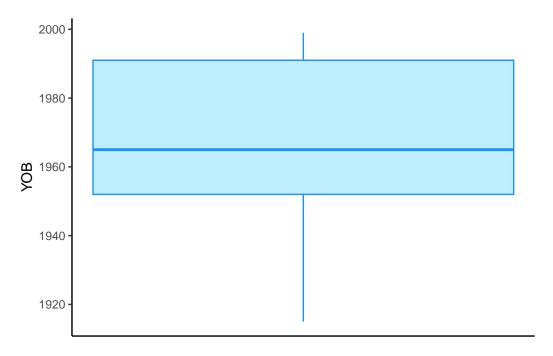


Figure 1: Box and whisker plot of YOB (Year of Birth) in the td data frame

The bottom **whisker** ends at the minimum value of 1910. The bottom line of the **box** displays the first quartile value of 1952. The thick bar in the middle of the **box** is at the second quartile value/mean of 1965. The top line of the *box* ends at the third quartile value of 1991. The range from the first quartile to the third quartile is called the **interquartile range**. The top **whisker** ends at the maximum value of 1999. Sometimes extremely high or extremely low values are more than $1.5\times$ the interquartile range from the top or bottom of the box. In these cases the whiskers will extend out to the last value within $1.5\times$ the interquartile range and anything beyond that will be an **outlier** and identified with a small circle, as in Figure 2.

The function names() returns a vector (a series of items in a line, separated by commas) of the column names. This function can be useful as a quick way to get the names of each column. You will need to use these names quite often when writing other commands. colnames() returns the same information; ls() returns the same information, but ordered alphabetically.

```
names(td)
    "Dep.Var"
                        "Stress"
                                            "Category"
                                                                "Morph.Type"
    "Before"
                        "After"
                                            "Speaker"
                                                                "Y0B"
                                            "Job"
Г97 "Sex"
                        "Education"
                                                                "Phoneme.Dep.Var"
 colnames(td)
[1] "Dep.Var"
                        "Stress"
                                            "Category"
                                                                "Morph.Type"
[5] "Before"
                        "After"
                                            "Speaker"
                                                                "Y0B"
                                            "Job"
Г97 "Sex"
                        "Education"
                                                                "Phoneme.Dep.Var"
 ls(td)
[1] "After"
                        "Before"
                                            "Category"
                                                                "Dep.Var"
```

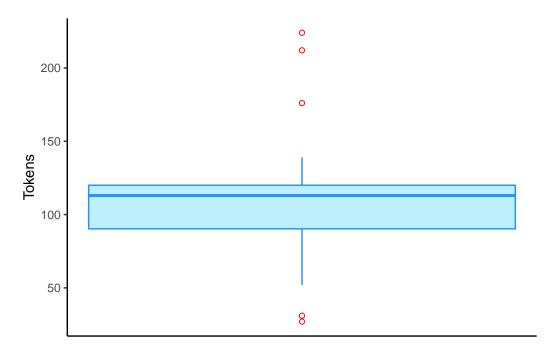


Figure 2: Box and whisker plot of the number of tokens per speaker in the td data frame

```
[5] "Education" "Job" "Morph.Type" "Phoneme.Dep.Var" [9] "Sex" "Speaker" "Stress" "YOB"
```

The function str() describes the structure of a data frame. It reports similar information as summary() but does not include descriptions of each column; however, the layout of the information is sometimes a little easier to read, especially if your data frame has many columns. Here we can see that YOB is categorized as int (integer) data and all the other columns are chr (character) data.

```
str(td)
              6989 obs. of 12 variables:
'data.frame':
$ Dep.Var
                : chr
                       "Realized" "Realized" "Deletion" ...
                       "Stressed" "Stressed" "Stressed" ...
$ Stress
                : chr
                      "Function" "Function" "Function" ...
$ Category
                : chr
$ Morph.Type
                : chr
                      "Mono" "Mono" "Mono" ...
                      "Vowel" "Vowel" "Vowel"
$ Before
                : chr
                      "Pause" "Pause" "Pause" ...
$ After
                : chr
                      "BOUF65" "CHIF55" "CLAF52" "CLAM73"
$ Speaker
                : chr
$ YOB
                : int
                      1965 1955 1952 1973 1915 1941 1953 1953 1958 1946 ...
                       "F" "F" "F" "M" ...
$ Sex
                : chr
$ Education
                : chr
                       "Educated" "Educated" "Not Educated" ...
                      "White" "White" "Service" "Blue" ...
$ Job
                : chr
```

head() will return the first six lines of the data frame. tail() provides the last six. For either you can change the number of lines reported using the option n=.

"t--Affricate" "t--Fricative" "t--Affricate" "t--Deletion" ...

```
head(td)
```

\$ Phoneme.Dep.Var: chr

Dep.Var Stress Category Morph.Type Before After Speaker YOB Sex

```
1 Realized Stressed Function
                                        Vowel Pause
                                                      BOUF65 1965
                                   Mono
                                                                    F
2 Realized Stressed Function
                                   Mono
                                        Vowel Pause
                                                     CHIF55 1955
3 Realized Stressed Function
                                                     CLAF52 1952
                                  Mono Vowel Pause
4 Deletion Stressed Function
                                   Mono Vowel Pause
                                                      CLAM73 1973
                                                                    М
5 Realized Stressed Function
                                                                    F
                                   Mono Vowel Pause
                                                      DONF15 1915
6 Realized Stressed Function
                                  Mono Vowel Pause
                                                     DONM41 1941
                                                                    М
    Education
                   Job Phoneme.Dep.Var
                          t--Affricate
      Educated
1
                White
2
     Educated
                White
                          t--Fricative
3
      Educated Service
                          t--Affricate
4 Not Educated
                  Blue
                           t--Deletion
5 Not Educated Service
                          t--Fricative
6 Not Educated
                          t--Fricative
                  Blue
```

The numbers on the left side of the output are the row number in the data frame.

```
tail(td, n = 10)
```

```
Dep.Var
                Stress Category Morph. Type Before After Speaker YOB Sex
6980 Realized Stressed Function
                                      Mono Vowel Vowel
                                                        STEM42 1942
                                                                       М
                                                                       F
6981 Realized Stressed Function
                                     Mono
                                           Vowel Vowel
                                                        VIKF91 1991
6982 Realized Stressed Function
                                     Mono Vowel Vowel VIKF91 1991
                                                                       F
6983 Realized Stressed Lexical
                                      Mono Nasal Pause
                                                         PACM94 1994
6984 Deletion Stressed Lexical
                                                         INGM84 1984
                                      Mono
                                                S Pause
                                                                       М
6985 Realized Stressed Lexical
                                      Mono
                                                S Vowel
                                                         INGM84 1984
6986 Realized Stressed Function
                                      Mono
                                           Vowel Pause
                                                         GARF16 1916
                                                                       F
6987 Realized Stressed Lexical
                                      Mono
                                           Vowel Pause
                                                         GARF87 1987
                                                                       F
6988 Deletion Stressed Lexical
                                     Mono
                                           Vowel Pause
                                                         GARF87 1987
                                                                       F
6989 Realized Stressed Lexical
                                           Vowel Pause
                                                         GARF87 1987
                                                                       F
                                     Mono
        Education
                      Job Phoneme.Dep.Var
6980 Not Educated Service d--Glottal Stop
          Student Student
6981
                                  d--Flap
6982
          Student Student
                                  d--Flap
          Student Student
                                     d--T
6983
6984
        Educated Service
                              t--Deletion
6985
        Educated Service t--Glottal Stop
6986 Not Educated Service
                             t--Fricative
6987
        Educated
                   White
                                     d--T
        Educated
                   White
                              d--Deletion
6988
6989
        Educated
                    White
                                     d--D
```

Types of Data

There are other types of data beside numerical (like YOB in the td data) and character (like all other columns in the td data).

Note

Character data is always enclosed in either single quotes ' ' or double quotes " ". It is common practice to use single quotes for single characters and double quotes for strings, though either type of quotation marks will work with either data type.

double is short for "double precision floating point numbers". Don't worry about the difference between numeric and double, because it doesn't really matter.

Table 1: Types of data in *R*

Data Type	Description	Example		
logical	either TRUE or FALSE	The answer to a question like "is x a number?", etc.		
numeric	any real number, positive or negative, with or without decimal val-	Vowel formant measurements, position in an audio file, household in-		
double	any real number, positive or negative, with or without decimal values (identical to numeric)	come, etc. Vowel formant measurements, position in an audio file, household in-		
integer	whole numbers and their negative counterparts	come, etc. year of birth, year of data collection, number of occurrences of something, etc.		
complex	data that includes imaginary or unknown elements	the pythagorian theroem, i.e., $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$, where a , b , and c are unknown		
character	single characters (like 'F') or strings (like "female")			
raw	raw bytes	Anything expressed in bytes		

It is uncommon to use raw data in sociolinguistics. Anything can be expressed in bytes. There are two functions to convert from characters to bytes, and bytes to characters. To go from characters to bytes:

```
raw_variable <- charToRaw("Sociolinguistics is fun")
print(raw_variable)

[1] 53 6f 63 69 6f 6c 69 6e 67 75 69 73 74 69 63 73 20 69 73 20 66 75 6e
print(class(raw_variable))</pre>
```

[1] "raw"

Above the function charToRaw() converts the string "Sociolinguistics is fun" to bytes and assigns that raw data to the object raw_variable. Next the print() function displays in *R* the contents of the variable raw_variable. The class() function returns the type of data contained within a variable. To convert back to characters:

```
char_variable <- rawToChar(raw_variable)
print(char_variable)

[1] "Sociolinguistics is fun"

print(class(char_variable))

[1] "character"</pre>
```

Types of Data Structures

A **vector** and a **list** are the most basic types of data structures. A **vector** is a collection of elements, most commonly a collection of **character**, **logical**, **integer**, or **numeric** values. Values can be combined into a vector using the concatenating function **c()**

```
simple.vector <- c("Labov", "Fishman")
print(simple.vector)

[1] "Labov" "Fishman"

We can explore the vector using some of the same functions we've already seen.

length(simple.vector)

[1] 2

class(simple.vector)

[1] "character"

str(simple.vector)

chr [1:2] "Labov" "Fishman"</pre>
```

Lists are like **vectors** but can contain a mixture of different data types. Characters must be in quotation marks. Numbers in quotation marks will be categorized as characters. Numeric data is numbers without quotation marks. Integers are specificed by adding L after the number. Logical values are either TRUE or FALSE in all capital letters.

```
simple.list <- list("Labov", "Fishman", "2001", 1963,</pre>
       1.5, 1974L, TRUE)
  print(simple.list)
[[1]]
[1] "Labov"
[[2]]
[1] "Fishman"
[[3]]
[1] "2001"
[[4]]
[1] 1963
[[5]]
[1] 1.5
[[6]]
[1] 1974
[[7]]
[1] TRUE
  length(simple.list)
[1] 7
```

```
class(simple.list)

[1] "list"

str(simple.list)

List of 7
$ : chr "Labov"
$ : chr "Fishman"
$ : chr "2001"
$ : num 1963
$ : num 1.5
$ : int 1974
$ : logi TRUE
```

You will notice that the results of the str() function show that Labov, Fishman and 2001 are all categorized as chr (character); 1963 and 1.5 are categorized as num (numeric); 1974 is categorized as int (integer); and TRUE is categorized as logi (logical).

Lists can be bigger than just one group of data. Items in a list can also be more complex than a single value.

```
complex.list <- list(a = "John Baugh", b = simple.vector,</pre>
       c = simple.list, d = head(td))
  print(complex.list)
$a
[1] "John Baugh"
$b
[1] "Labov"
              "Fishman"
$c
$c[[1]]
[1] "Labov"
$c[[2]]
[1] "Fishman"
$c[[3]]
[1] "2001"
$c[[4]]
[1] 1963
$c[[5]]
[1] 1.5
$c[[6]]
[1] 1974
$c[[7]]
[1] TRUE
```

```
$d
             Stress Category Morph. Type Before After Speaker YOB Sex
   Dep.Var
1 Realized Stressed Function
                                  Mono Vowel Pause BOUF65 1965
2 Realized Stressed Function
                                  Mono Vowel Pause CHIF55 1955
                                                                    F
3 Realized Stressed Function
                                  Mono Vowel Pause CLAF52 1952
                                                                   F
4 Deletion Stressed Function
                                  Mono Vowel Pause CLAM73 1973
                                                                   М
5 Realized Stressed Function
                                  Mono Vowel Pause DONF15 1915
                                                                    F
6 Realized Stressed Function
                                  Mono Vowel Pause DONM41 1941
                                                                   М
    Education
                  Job Phoneme.Dep.Var
1
      Educated
                White
                         t--Affricate
2
      Educated
                White
                         t--Fricative
3
      Educated Service
                         t--Affricate
4 Not Educated
                 Blue
                          t--Deletion
5 Not Educated Service
                         t--Fricative
6 Not Educated
                 Blue
                         t--Fricative
  str(complex.list)
List of 4
$ a: chr "John Baugh"
$ b: chr [1:2] "Labov" "Fishman"
 $ c:List of 7
  ..$ : chr "Labov"
  ..$ : chr "Fishman"
  ..$ : chr "2001"
  ..$: num 1963
  ..$: num 1.5
 ..$: int 1974
  ..$: logi TRUE
 $ d:'data.frame': 6 obs. of 12 variables:
  ..$ Dep.Var
                    : chr [1:6] "Realized" "Realized" "Realized" "Deletion" ...
                    : chr [1:6] "Stressed" "Stressed" "Stressed" ...
  ..$ Stress
                    : chr [1:6] "Function" "Function" "Function" ...
  ..$ Category
                    : chr [1:6] "Mono" "Mono" "Mono" "Mono" ...
  ..$ Morph.Type
  ..$ Before
                    : chr [1:6] "Vowel" "Vowel" "Vowel" ...
 ..$ After
                     : chr [1:6] "Pause" "Pause" "Pause" ...
                     : chr [1:6] "BOUF65" "CHIF55" "CLAF52" "CLAM73" ...
  ..$ Speaker
  ..$ YOB
                     : int [1:6] 1965 1955 1952 1973 1915 1941
                    : chr [1:6] "F" "F" "F" "M" ...
 ..$ Sex
 ..$ Education
                     : chr [1:6] "Educated" "Educated" "Not Educated" ...
                     : chr [1:6] "White" "White" "Service" "Blue" ...
  ..$ Job
 ..$ Phoneme.Dep.Var: chr [1:6] "t--Affricate" "t--Fricative" "t--Affricate" "t--Deletion" ...
In the list complex.list column a contains only one value: John Baugh. Column b contains our
simple.vector, column c contains our simple.list, and column d includes the first six rows of the td
data (which itself has columns). To access the values from columns within columns you can use multiple
$ operators.
  print(complex.list$a)
[1] "John Baugh"
  print(complex.list$d)
```

```
Stress Category Morph. Type Before After Speaker YOB Sex
1 Realized Stressed Function
                                   Mono
                                         Vowel Pause BOUF65 1965
2 Realized Stressed Function
                                         Vowel Pause CHIF55 1955
                                                                    F
                                   Mono
3 Realized Stressed Function
                                         Vowel Pause CLAF52 1952
                                                                    F
                                   Mono
4 Deletion Stressed Function
                                   Mono
                                         Vowel Pause
                                                      CLAM73 1973
5 Realized Stressed Function
                                   Mono Vowel Pause DONF15 1915
                                                                    F
6 Realized Stressed Function
                                   Mono Vowel Pause DONM41 1941
     Education
                   Job Phoneme.Dep.Var
1
      Educated
                 White
                          t--Affricate
2
      Educated
                 White
                          t--Fricative
3
      Educated Service
                          t--Affricate
4 Not Educated
                           t--Deletion
                  Blue
5 Not Educated Service
                          t--Fricative
6 Not Educated
                  Blue
                          t--Fricative
  print(complex.list$d$Job)
                        "Service" "Blue"
                                            "Service" "Blue"
[1] "White"
              "White"
```

Generally, in LVC analysis we do not deal often with either simple vectors or lists; instead, most of our data is in a spreadsheet-like format, which in *R* is a **data frame**.

Data frames are a special type of list in which every element in the list has the same length (unlike, for example, the complex.list above). Data frames can have additional annotations, like rownames(). Some statisticians use rownames() for things like participantID, sampleID, or some other unique identifier. Most of the time (and for our purposes), rownames() are not useful given that we have multiple rows from the same speaker/interview, etc.

Factors and Comments

[1] "factor"

A *factor* in *R* is a special type of variable or data type that, in theory, has a limited number of values. Each value is called a *level*. Any **vector** or **data frame** column of **character** or **integer** values can be a **factor**. Most non-numerical data in LVC is generally thought of as a **factor** already, so knowing how to convert **vectors** or **data frame** columns to factors is important. For example, in the **td** data, the column **Stress** contains only two options: **Stressed** and **Unstressed**. Because this column contains letters, when we imported it into *R*, it was automatically categorized as **character** data. This is probably the best option for a column that, for example, contained the broader context of a token. For **Stress**, however, it is better for our purposes for *R* to consider the column as containing a **factor** with two discrete levels. Below is the code to convert **Stress** into a **factor**.

```
# Determine the class of the column Stress in the
# date frame td
class(td$Stress)

[1] "character"

# Convert Stress to a column to a factor
td$Stress <- factor(td$Stress)
# Verify class of Stress column
class(td$Stress)</pre>
```

Notice the **comments** in the code above. In *R* any line that begins with a # is not evaluated. This is called *commenting out* a line. We use # to include notes in our codes, or to keep code in our script file but have *R*

ignore it. This can be useful in order to keep track of the steps you are taking in an analysis (see also this tutorial¹ on organizing code using #)

Columns within a data frame can be specified using the \$ operator So, above, we tell *R* to assign (using the assignment operator <-) the values of the original td\$Stress column, converted into **factors**, back to the column td\$Stress. In other words, we are replacing the original column td\$Stress with a converted version of itself. Now, look how the output of the summary() function changes.

Speaker

YOB

summary(td)

Before

Dep.Var	Stress	Category	Morph.Type	
Length:6989	Stressed :6555	Length:6989	Length:6989	
Class :character	Unstressed: 434	Class :character	Class :character	
Mode :character		Mode :character	Mode :character	

After

Length:6989	Length:6989	Length:6989	Min. :1915
Class :character	Class :character	Class :character	1st Qu.:1952
Mode :character	Mode :character	Mode :character	Median :1965
			Mean :1967
			3rd Qu.:1991
			Max. :1999
Sex	Education	Job	Phoneme.Dep.Var
Length:6989	Length:6989	Length:6989	Length:6989
Class :character	Class :character	Class :character	Class :character
Mode :character	Mode :character	Mode :character	Mode :character

We get the number of observations of each level of td\$Stress instead of just the number of rows (i.e. the length of the column).

To get the levels of a **factor** we can use the function levels() and to get the number of levels, we can use the function nlevels()

```
levels(td$Stress)

[1] "Stressed" "Unstressed"

nlevels(td$Stress)

[1] 2
```

More Exploring

If you only want information from a single column of the data frame, you can use the operator \$ to specify which column of td you want. Here the column 'Sex' is specified.

```
summary(td$Sex)
```

 $^{^{1}} https://support.rstudio.com/hc/en-us/articles/200484568-Code-Folding-and-Sections-in-the-RStudio-IDE-like the control of the control o$

```
Length Class Mode
6989 character character
levels(td$Sex)
```

NULL

The Sex column is still categorized as character data and so summary() only return the number of rows (length) of the column and there are no levels. To get the information we want about the Sex column (i.e., how many tokens are from male speakers and how many are from women speakers) we need to convert it to a factor first. We can either convert the the column to a factor column, or we can use the as.factor() function to have *R* treat is as a factor in just the following code.

```
summary(as.factor(td$Sex))

F M
3776 3213

levels(as.factor(td$Sex))

[1] "F" "M"
```

The following code changes all the character class columns to factors.

```
# Start with a fresh import of the (t, d) data
# into R, downloading it directly
td <- read.delim("https://www.dropbox.com/s/jxlfuogea3lx2pu/deletiondata.txt?dl=1")
# or using the version saved locally in a folder
# Data in the same location as your script file
td <- read.delim("Data/deletiondata.txt")</pre>
# Now convert each character column into a factor
td$Dep.Var <- factor(td$Dep.Var)
td$Stress <- factor(td$Stress)
td$Category <- factor(td$Category)
td$Morph.Type <- factor(td$Morph.Type)
td$Before <- factor(td$Before)
td$After <- factor(td$After)
td$Speaker <- factor(td$Speaker)
td$Sex <- factor(td$Sex)
td$Education <- factor(td$Education)
td$Job <- factor(td$Job)
td$Phoneme.Dep.Var <- factor(td$Phoneme.Dep.Var)
```

The (t/d) Data

Let's look at the data now that all the character columns are factors.

```
Dep.Var Stress Category Morph.Type
Deletion:1747 Stressed :6555 Function: 739 Mono :5236
```

```
Realized:5242 Unstressed: 434 Lexical :6250 Past : 782
```

Be	fore	Aft	er	Speak	cer	Y0	В	Sex
Liquid	: 269	Consonant	: 709	GARF87:	224	Min.	:1915	F:3776
Nasal	: 209	Н	: 246	INGM84:	212	1st Qu.	:1952	M:3213
Other Fricative	e: 130	Pause	:5248	MARM92:	176	Median	:1965	
S	: 332	Vowel	: 786	HANF83:	: 139	Mean	:1967	
Stop	: 249			CHIF55:	: 135	3rd Qu.	:1991	
Vowel	:5800			GARF16:	: 132	Max.	:1999	
				(Other):	:5971			
Education	on	Job		Phoneme.D	Dep.Var			
Educated :30	006 Bl	ue :1068	8 tD	eletion :	981			
Not Educated:2	184 Se	rvice:2895	tF	ricative:	973			
Student :1	799 St	udent:1799	tT	:	830			
	Wh	ite :1227	' dD	eletion :	766			
tAffricate: 667								
			dT	:	: 583			
			(0th	er) :	2189			

As shown by the <code>summary(td)</code> results above, the first column in the (t, d) deletion data is called <code>Dep.Var</code> and it includes two levels: <code>Realized</code> and <code>Deletion</code>. These two levels represent the two options for each token of (t, d). The values after each level are how many rows are coded with that level. In other words, there are 1,747 rows (or tokens) of <code>Deletion</code> and there are 5,242 rows (or tokens) of <code>Realized</code>. Notice that the order of the factor levels is alphabetical. There is a column labelled <code>Stress</code> which indicates if the (t, d) token is in a stressed or unstressed syllable. The <code>Category</code> column indicates if the word in which the (t, d) token appears is a function or lexical word. <code>Morph.Type</code> indicates if the (t, d) occurs in a monomorpheme (like <code>fist</code>), a semi-weak simple past-tense verb (like <code>dealt</code>) in which there is a vowel change and a (t,d) sound is added, or a weak simple past-tense verb (like <code>walked</code>) in which just <code>/-ed/</code> is added. <code>Before</code> indicates the type of sound preceding the (t, d) and <code>After</code> indicates the sound following the (t, d). <code>Speaker</code> is a unique identifier for each participant in the data (only the first six are displayed, though); <code>YOB</code> indicates the speaker's year of birth, <code>Sex</code> his or her <code>sex²</code>, <code>Education</code> his or her education level, and <code>Job</code> his or her job type. Finally, <code>Phoneme.Dep.Var</code> indicates the canonical underlying phoneme of the (t, d) token and a more detailed coding of the dependent variable.

²These were the only two sex/gender identities reported by speakers in this data.