

Data Cleaning

Data Wrangling in R

Data Cleaning

In general, data cleaning is a process of investigating your data for inaccuracies, or recoding it in a way that makes it more manageable.

MOST IMPORTANT RULE - LOOK AT YOUR DATA!

Useful checking functions

- ▶ `is.na` - is TRUE if the data is FALSE otherwise
- ▶ `!` - negation (NOT)
 - ▶ if `is.na(x)` is TRUE, then `!is.na(x)` is FALSE
- ▶ `all` takes in a logical and will be TRUE if ALL are TRUE
 - ▶ `all(!is.na(x))` - are all values of x NOT NA
- ▶ `any` will be TRUE if ANY are true
 - ▶ `any(is.na(x))` - do we have any NA's in x?
- ▶ `complete.cases` - returns TRUE if EVERY value of a row is NOT NA
 - ▶ very stringent condition
 - ▶ FALSE missing one value (even if not important)

Dealing with Missing Data

Missing data types

One of the most important aspects of data cleaning is missing values.

Types of “missing” data:

- ▶ NA - general missing data
- ▶ NaN - stands for “**N**ot **a** **N**umber”, happens when you do $0/0$.
- ▶ Inf and -Inf - Infinity, happens when you take a positive number (or negative number) by 0.

Finding Missing data

Each missing data type has a function that returns TRUE if the data is missing:

- ▶ NA - `is.na`
- ▶ NaN - `is.nan`
- ▶ Inf and -Inf - `is.infinite`
- ▶ `is.finite` returns FALSE for all missing data and TRUE for non-missing

Missing Data with Logicals

One important aspect (esp with subsetting) is that logical operations return NA for NA values. Think about it, the data could be > 2 or not we don't know, so R says there is no TRUE or FALSE, so that is missing:

```
x = c(0, NA, 2, 3, 4)
x > 2
```

```
[1] FALSE    NA FALSE  TRUE  TRUE
```

Missing Data with Logicals

What to do? What if we want if $x > 2$ and x isn't NA?
Don't do $x \neq \text{NA}$, do $x > 2$ and x is NOT NA:

```
x != NA
```

```
[1] NA NA NA NA NA
```

```
x > 2 & !is.na(x)
```

```
[1] FALSE FALSE FALSE  TRUE  TRUE
```


Missing Data with Logicals

What about seeing if a value is equal to multiple values? You can do `(x == 1 | x == 2) & !is.na(x)`, but that is not efficient.

```
(x == 0 | x == 2) # has NA
```

```
[1]  TRUE      NA   TRUE FALSE FALSE
```

```
(x == 0 | x == 2) & !is.na(x) # No NA
```

```
[1]  TRUE FALSE  TRUE FALSE FALSE
```

what to do?

Missing Data with Logicals: %in%

Introduce the %in% operator:

```
x %in% c(0, 2) # NEVER has NA and returns logical
```

```
[1] TRUE FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE
```

reads “return TRUE if x is in 0 or 2”. (Like inlist in Stata).

Missing Data with Logicals: %in%

NEVER has NA, even if you put it there (BUT DON'T DO THIS):

```
x %in% c(0, 2, NA) # NEVER has NA and returns logical
```

```
[1]  TRUE  TRUE  TRUE FALSE FALSE
```

```
x %in% c(0, 2) | is.na(x)
```

```
[1]  TRUE  TRUE  TRUE FALSE FALSE
```

Filtering and tibbles

Filter removes missing values, have to keep them if you want them:

```
df = tibble(x = x)
df %>% filter(x > 2)
```

```
# A tibble: 2 x 1
```

```
      x
  <dbl>
1     3
2     4
```

```
filter(df, between(x, -1, 3) | is.na(x))
```

```
# A tibble: 4 x 1
```

```
      x
  <dbl>
1     0
2    NA
3     2
4     3
```

Missing Data with Operations

Similarly with logicals, operations/arithmetic with NA will result in NAs:

```
x + 2
```

```
[1]  2 NA  4  5  6
```

```
x * 2
```

```
[1]  0 NA  4  6  8
```

Tables and Tabulations

Useful checking functions

- ▶ `unique` - gives you the unique values of a variable
- ▶ `table(x)` - will give a one-way table of `x`
 - ▶ `table(x, useNA = "ifany")` - will have row NA
- ▶ `table(x, y)` - will give a cross-tab of `x` and `y`

Creating One-way Tables

Here we will use `table` to make tabulations of the data. Look at `?table` to see options for missing data.

```
unique(x)
```

```
[1]  0 NA  2  3  4
```

```
table(x)
```

```
x
```

```
0 2 3 4
```

```
1 1 1 1
```

```
table(x, useNA = "ifany") # will not
```

```
x
```

```
0      2      3      4 <NA>
```

```
1      1      1      1      1
```


Creating One-way Tables

useNA = "ifany" will not have NA in table heading if no NA:

```
table(c(0, 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 3, 2,2, 3),  
      useNA = "ifany")
```

```
0 1 2 3
```

```
1 1 4 4
```

Creating One-way Tables

You can set `useNA = "always"` to have it always have a column for NA

```
table(c(0, 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 3, 2,2, 3),  
      useNA = "always")
```

0	1	2	3	<NA>
1	1	4	4	0

Tables with Factors

If you use a factor, all levels will be given even if no exist! - (May be wanted or not):

```
fac = factor(c(0, 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 3, 2,2, 3),  
             levels = 1:4)  
tab = table(fac)  
tab
```

```
fac  
1 2 3 4  
1 4 4 0
```

```
tab[ tab > 0 ]
```

```
fac  
1 2 3  
1 4 4
```

Creating Two-way Tables

A two-way table. If you pass in 2 vectors, table creates a 2-dimensional table.

```
tab <- table(c(0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 3, 2, 2, 3, 3, 2, 3, 3),  
             c(0, 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 3, 2, 3, 3, 4, 4, 3, 2, 2, 1, 1),  
             useNA = "always")
```

Finding Row or Column Totals

`margin.table` finds the marginal sums of the table. `margin` is 1 for rows, 2 for columns in general in R. Here is the column sums of the table:

```
margin.table(tab, 2)
```

0	1	2	3	4	<NA>
2	4	4	5	2	0

Proportion Tables

`prop.table` finds the marginal proportions of the table. Think of it dividing the table by it's respective marginal totals. If `margin` not set, divides by overall total.

```
prop.table(tab)
```

	0	1	2	3	
0	0.11764706	0.05882353	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.00000000
1	0.00000000	0.05882353	0.05882353	0.00000000	0.00000000
2	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.11764706	0.05882353	0.11764706
3	0.00000000	0.11764706	0.05882353	0.23529412	0.00000000
<NA>	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.00000000

```
prop.table(tab,1) * 100
```

	0	1	2	3	4	<NA>
0	66.66667	33.33333	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
1	0.00000	50.00000	50.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000

Recoding to missing

Sometimes people code missing data in weird or inconsistent ways.

```
ages = c(23,21,44,32,57,65,-999,54)  
range(ages)
```

```
[1] -999    65
```

Recoding to missing

How do we change the -999 to be treated as missing?

```
ages[ages == -999] = NA  
range(ages)
```

```
[1] NA NA
```

```
range(ages, na.rm=TRUE)
```

```
[1] 21 65
```


Recoding from missing

What if you were the person that coded the -999

```
is.na(ages)
```

```
[1] FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE
```

```
ages[is.na(ages)] = -999
```

```
ages
```

```
[1] 23 21 44 32 57 65 -999 54
```

Read in the UFO dataset

- ▶ Read in data from RStudio Cloud or download from: http://sibid.github.io/Module1/data/ufo/ufo_data_complete.csv.gz

```
ufo = read_csv("../data/ufo/ufo_data_complete.csv")
```

Parsed with column specification:

```
cols(  
  datetime = col_character(),  
  city = col_character(),  
  state = col_character(),  
  country = col_character(),  
  shape = col_character(),  
  `duration (seconds)` = col_double(),  
  `duration (hours/min)` = col_character(),  
  comments = col_character(),  
  `date posted` = col_character(),  
  latitude = col_character(),  
  longitude = col_double()  
)
```

Data cleaning “before” R

You saw warning messages when reading in this dataset.

```
p = problems(ufo)
p
```

```
# A tibble: 199 x 5
```

	row	col	expected	actual	file
	<int>	<chr>	<chr>	<chr>	<chr>
1	877	<NA>	11 columns	12 columns	'../data/ufo/ufo_data_
2	1712	<NA>	11 columns	12 columns	'../data/ufo/ufo_data_
3	1814	<NA>	11 columns	12 columns	'../data/ufo/ufo_data_
4	2857	<NA>	11 columns	12 columns	'../data/ufo/ufo_data_
5	3733	<NA>	11 columns	12 columns	'../data/ufo/ufo_data_
6	4755	<NA>	11 columns	12 columns	'../data/ufo/ufo_data_
7	5388	<NA>	11 columns	12 columns	'../data/ufo/ufo_data_
8	5422	<NA>	11 columns	12 columns	'../data/ufo/ufo_data_
9	5613	<NA>	11 columns	12 columns	'../data/ufo/ufo_data_
10	5848	<NA>	11 columns	12 columns	'../data/ufo/ufo_data_

```
# ... with 189 more rows
```

Data cleaning “before” R

```
ufo[p$row, ]
```

```
# A tibble: 199 x 11
```

	datetime	city	state	country	shape	`duration` (seconds)	`duration` (minutes)
	<chr>	<chr>	<chr>	<chr>	<chr>	<dbl>	<chr>
1	10/1/20~	<NA>	<NA>	<NA>	<NA>	0	<NA>
2	10/14/2~	<NA>	<NA>	<NA>	<NA>	0	<NA>
3	10/14/2~	<NA>	nv	<NA>	<NA>	0	light
4	10/17/2~	<NA>	tx	<NA>	<NA>	0	oval
5	10/20/2~	<NA>	ct	<NA>	<NA>	0	egg
6	10/24/2~	<NA>	sd	<NA>	<NA>	0	sphere
7	10/27/2~	<NA>	ny	<NA>	<NA>	0	<NA>
8	10/27/2~	<NA>	mi	<NA>	<NA>	0	light
9	10/28/2~	<NA>	<NA>	<NA>	<NA>	0	<NA>
10	10/29/2~	<NA>	oh	<NA>	<NA>	0	<NA>

```
# ... with 189 more rows, and 3 more variables: `date posted`  
#   latitude <chr>, longitude <dbl>
```

Data cleaning “before” R

Let's just drop those rows for now

```
ufo = ufo[-p$row,]
```

Checking for logical conditions

- ▶ `any()` - checks if there are any TRUEs
- ▶ `all()` - checks if ALL are true

```
any(is.na(ufo$state)) # are there any NAs?
```

```
[1] TRUE
```

```
table(is.na(ufo$state)) # are there any NAs?
```

FALSE	TRUE
81268	7408

Recoding Variables

Example of Recoding: base R

For example, let's say gender was coded as Male, M, m, Female, F, f. Using Excel to find all of these would be a matter of filtering and changing all by hand or using if statements.

In R, you can simply do something like:

```
data$gender[data$gender %in%  
  c("Male", "M", "m")] <- "Male"
```


Example of Cleaning: more complicated

Sometimes though, it's not so simple. That's where functions that find patterns come in very useful.

```
table(gender)
```

```
gender
```

F	FeMAle	FEMALE	Fm	M	Ma	mAle	Male	M
80	88	76	87	99	76	84	83	

```
Woman
```

```
71
```

String functions

Useful String Functions

Useful String functions

- ▶ `toupper()`, `tolower()` - uppercase or lowercase your data:
- ▶ `str_trim()` (in the `stringr` package) or `trimws` in base
 - ▶ will trim whitespace
- ▶ `nchar` - get the number of characters in a string
- ▶ `paste()` - paste strings together with a space
- ▶ `paste0` - paste strings together with no space as default

Pasting strings with paste and paste0

Paste can be very useful for joining vectors together:

```
paste("Visit", 1:5, sep = "_")
```

```
[1] "Visit_1" "Visit_2" "Visit_3" "Visit_4" "Visit_5"
```

```
paste("Visit", 1:5, sep = "_", collapse = " ")
```

```
[1] "Visit_1 Visit_2 Visit_3 Visit_4 Visit_5"
```

```
paste("To", "is going be the ", "we go to the store!", sep
```

```
[1] "Today is going be the day we go to the store!"
```

```
# and paste0 can be even simpler see ?paste0
```

```
paste0("Visit",1:5)
```

```
[1] "Visit1" "Visit2" "Visit3" "Visit4" "Visit5"
```

Paste Depicting How Collapse Works

```
paste(1:5)
```

```
[1] "1" "2" "3" "4" "5"
```

```
paste(1:5, collapse = " ")
```

```
[1] "1 2 3 4 5"
```

The stringr package

Like dplyr, the stringr package:

- ▶ Makes some things more intuitive
- ▶ Is different than base R
- ▶ Is used on forums for answers
- ▶ Has a standard format for most functions
 - ▶ the first argument is a string like first argument is a `data.frame` in dplyr

Splitting/Find/Replace and Regular Expressions

- ▶ R can do much more than find exact matches for a whole string
- ▶ Like Perl and other languages, it can use regular expressions.
- ▶ What are regular expressions?
 - ▶ Ways to search for specific strings
 - ▶ Can be very complicated or simple
 - ▶ Highly Useful - think “Find” on steroids

A bit on Regular Expressions

- ▶ <http://www.regular-expressions.info/reference.html>
- ▶ They can use to match a large number of strings in one statement
- ▶ . matches any single character
- ▶ * means repeat as many (even if 0) more times the last character
- ▶ ? makes the last thing optional
- ▶ ^ matches start of vector ^a - starts with "a"
- ▶ \$ matches end of vector b\$ - ends with "b"

Substringing

stringr

- ▶ `str_sub(x, start, end)` - substrings from position start to position end
- ▶ `str_split(string, pattern)` - splits strings up - returns list!

Splitting String: stringr

In base R, `strsplit` splits a vector on a string into a list

```
x <- c("I really", "like writing", "R code programs")  
y <- str_split(x, pattern = " ") # returns a list  
y
```

```
[[1]]
```

```
[1] "I"      "really"
```

```
[[2]]
```

```
[1] "like"    "writing"
```

```
[[3]]
```

```
[1] "R"      "code"    "programs"
```

Using a fixed expression

One example case is when you want to split on a period “.”. In regular expressions `.` means **ANY** character, so

```
str_split("I.like.strings", ".")
```

```
[[1]]  
[1] "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" ""
```

```
str_split("I.like.strings", fixed("."))
```

```
[[1]]  
[1] "I"      "like"   "strings"
```

Let's extract from y

The `purrr` package allows you to more easily interface with lists.

<https://purrr.tidyverse.org/>

The main function family for this is `map()`

Let's extract from y

map_chr() takes a list and returns a character vector

```
map_chr(y, first) # on the fly
```

```
[1] "I"      "like" "R"
```

```
map_chr(y, nth, 2) # on the fly
```

```
[1] "really" "writing" "code"
```

```
map_chr(y, last) # on the fly
```

```
[1] "really" "writing" "programs"
```

'Find' functions: `stringr`

`str_detect`, `str_subset`, `str_replace`, and `str_replace_all` search for matches to argument pattern within each element of a character vector: they differ in the format of and amount of detail in the results.

- ▶ `str_detect` - returns TRUE if pattern is found
- ▶ `str_subset` - returns only the strings which pattern were detected
 - ▶ convenient wrapper around `x[str_detect(x, pattern)]`
- ▶ `str_extract` - returns only strings which pattern were detected, but ONLY the pattern
- ▶ `str_replace` - replaces pattern with replacement the first time
- ▶ `str_replace_all` - replaces pattern with replacement as many times matched

Let's look at modifier for stringr

?modifiers

- ▶ fixed - match everything exactly
- ▶ regexp - default - uses **regular expressions**
- ▶ ignore_case is an option to not have to use tolower

'Find' functions: Finding Indices

These are the indices where the pattern match occurs:

```
which(str_detect(ufo$comments, "two aliens"))
```

```
[1] 1728 61579
```


'Find' functions: Finding Logicals

These are the indices where the pattern match occurs:

```
str_detect(ufo$comments, "two aliens") %>% head()
```

```
[1] FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE
```

'Find' functions: finding values, stringr and dplyr

```
str_subset(ufo$comments, "two aliens")
```

```
[1] "((HOAX??))  two aliens appeared from a bright light to  
[2] "Witnessed two aliens walking along baseball field fence"
```

```
ufo %>% filter(str_detect(comments, "two aliens"))
```

```
# A tibble: 2 x 11
```

	datetime	city	state	country	shape	`duration (seco~`	`dura
	<chr>	<chr>	<chr>	<chr>	<chr>	<dbl>	<chr>
1	10/14/2~	yuma	va	us	form~	300	5 min
2	7/1/200~	nort~	ct	<NA>	unkn~	60	1 min

```
# ... with 3 more variables: `date posted` <chr>, latitude  
#   longitude <dbl>
```

Showing difference in str_extract

str_extract extracts just the matched string

```
ss = str_extract(ufo$comments, "two aliens")  
head(ss)
```

```
[1] NA NA NA NA NA NA
```

```
ss[ !is.na(ss)]
```

```
[1] "two aliens" "two aliens"
```

- Look for anycomment that starts with “aliens”

```
str_subset(ufo$comments, "^aliens.*")
```

```
[1] "aliens speak german???" "aliens exist"
```

```
"aliens exist"
```

Using Regular Expressions

That contains space then ship maybe with stuff in between

```
str_subset(ufo$comments, "space.?ship") %>% head(7)
```

```
[1] "I saw the cylinder shaped looked like a spaceship hovering  
[2] "description of a spaceship spotted over Birmingham Alabama  
[3] "A space ship was descending to the ground"  
[4] "On Monday october 3rd 2005 I spotted two spaceships  
[5] "Me and my daughter seen the most beautiful shiney space  
[6] "I saw a Silver space ship rising into the early morning  
[7] "Saw a space ship hanging over the southern (Manzano) part of the desert"
```

Replace

Let's say we wanted to sort the data set by latitude and longitude:

```
class(ufo$latitude)
```

```
[1] "character"
```

```
sort(c("1", "2", "10")) # not sort correctly (order simply)
```

```
[1] "1"  "10" "2"
```

```
order(c("1", "2", "10"))
```

```
[1] 1 3 2
```

Replace

So we must change the coordinates into a numeric:

```
head(ufo$latitude, 4)
```

```
[1] "29.8830556" "29.38421"   "53.2"        "28.9783333"
```

```
head(as.numeric(ufo$latitude), 4)
```

Warning in head(as.numeric(ufo\$latitude), 4): NAs introduced by coercion

```
[1] 29.88306 29.38421 53.20000 28.97833
```

Dropping bad observations

```
dropIndex = which(is.na(as.numeric(ufo$latitude)) |  
                  is.na(as.numeric(ufo$longitude)))
```

Warning in which(is.na(as.numeric(ufo\$latitude)) |
is.na(as.numeric(ufo\$longitude))): NAs introduced by coercion

```
ufo_clean = ufo[-dropIndex,]  
dim(ufo_clean)
```

```
[1] 88675    11
```

Ordering

```
ufo2 = ufo_clean
ufo2$latitude = as.numeric(ufo2$latitude)
ufo2$longitude = as.numeric(ufo2$longitude)
ufo2 <- ufo2[order(ufo2$latitude, ufo2$longitude), ]
ufo2[1:5, c("datetime", "latitude", "longitude")]
```

```
# A tibble: 5 x 3
```

	datetime	latitude	longitude
	<chr>	<dbl>	<dbl>
1	5/15/1994 13:00	-82.9	-135
2	4/14/2002 22:22	-46.4	168.
3	7/3/2002 22:35	-46.4	168.
4	10/23/2008 04:45	-46.2	170.
5	6/1/1998 22:00	-45.7	171.

Replacing and subbing: stringr

We can do the same thing (with 2 piping operations!) in dplyr

```
ufo_dplyr = ufo_clean
ufo_dplyr = ufo_dplyr %>% mutate(
  latitude = latitude %>% as.numeric,
  longitude = longitude %>% as.numeric) %>%
  arrange(latitude, longitude)
ufo_dplyr[1:5, c("datetime", "latitude", "longitude")]
```

A tibble: 5 x 3

	datetime	latitude	longitude
	<chr>	<dbl>	<dbl>
1	5/15/1994 13:00	-82.9	-135
2	4/14/2002 22:22	-46.4	168.
3	7/3/2002 22:35	-46.4	168.
4	10/23/2008 04:45	-46.2	170.
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Special characters like money/\$

```
money = tibble(group = letters[1:5],  
  amount = c("$12.32", "$43.64", "$765.43", "$93.31", "$12.13"),  
  money %>% arrange(amount)
```

```
# A tibble: 5 x 2
```

	group	amount
	<chr>	<chr>
1	e	\$12.13
2	a	\$12.32
3	b	\$43.64
4	c	\$765.43
5	d	\$93.31

```
as.numeric(money$amount)
```

Warning: NAs introduced by coercion

```
[1] NA NA NA NA NA
```

Special characters like money/\$

In the past, we would recommend just replacing the \$ sign with an empty string and convert to numeric:

```
money$amountNum = as.numeric(str_replace(money$amount, "fixe", ""))
money %>% arrange(amountNum)
```

```
# A tibble: 5 x 3
```

	group	amount	amountNum
	<chr>	<chr>	<dbl>
1	e	\$12.13	12.1
2	a	\$12.32	12.3
3	b	\$43.64	43.6
4	d	\$93.31	93.3
5	c	\$765.43	765.

Special characters like money/\$

But now there are better helper functions for this:

```
money$amount = parse_number(money$amount)
```

This is way easier. . . “This drops any non-numeric characters before or after the first number. The grouping mark specified by the locale is ignored inside the number.”

Base R versions

Substrings

Base R

- ▶ `substr(x, start, stop)` - substrings from position start to position stop
- ▶ `strsplit(x, split)` - splits strings up - returns list!

Splitting String: base R

In base R, `strsplit` splits a vector on a string into a list

```
x <- c("I really", "like writing", "R code programs")  
y <- strsplit(x, split = " ") # returns a list  
y
```

```
[[1]]
```

```
[1] "I"      "really"
```

```
[[2]]
```

```
[1] "like"    "writing"
```

```
[[3]]
```

```
[1] "R"      "code"    "programs"
```

'Find' functions: base R

`grep`: `grep`, `grep1`, `regexpr` and `gregexpr` search for matches to argument `pattern` within each element of a character vector: they differ in the format of and amount of detail in the results.

`grep(pattern, x, fixed=FALSE)`, where:

- ▶ `pattern` = character string containing a regular expression to be matched in the given character vector.
- ▶ `x` = a character vector where matches are sought, or an object which can be coerced by `as.character` to a character vector.
- ▶ If `fixed=TRUE`, it will do exact matching for the phrase anywhere in the vector (regular find)

'Find' functions: stringr compared to base R

Base R does not use these functions. Here is a “translator” of the stringr function to base R functions

- ▶ `str_detect` - similar to `grepl` (return logical)
- ▶ `grep(value = FALSE)` is similar to `which(str_detect())`
- ▶ `str_subset` - similar to `grep(value = TRUE)` - return value of matched
- ▶ `str_replace` - similar to `sub` - replace one time
- ▶ `str_replace_all` - similar to `gsub` - replace many times

Important Comparisons

Base R:

- ▶ Argument order is (pattern, x)
- ▶ Uses option (fixed = TRUE)

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- ▶ Argument order is (string, pattern) aka (x, pattern)
- ▶ Uses function fixed(pattern)