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Major Topic: Controlling and Managing SAS Data Sets  
(DATA/PROC Step)

Detailed Topics:

1. Controlling SAS Data Sets with Options/Statements
2. Filtering Observations
3. Sorting Data
4. Accessing Data Directly
5. Copying/Modifying SAS Data Sets
6. Downloading Zipped SAS Transport Files from the Web
7. Converting SAS Transport Files into SAS Data Sets
8. Restructuring Data

**Readings:**

1. Relevant Chapters/Sections - Delwiche L, and Slaughter S. *The Little SAS Book: A Primer*, Fifth Edition Paperback – November 7, 2012
2. Exercises from Relevant Chapters/Sections - Ottesen RA, Delwiche [LD](#), and Slaughter [SJ](#). *Exercises and Projects for The Little SAS Book*, Fifth Edition Paperback – July 1, 2015

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## DATA Statement

The DATA statement begins a DATA step and provides names for any output SAS data sets that are created.

```
→ data work.newprice; output data set
      set golf.supplies;
      <additional programming statements>
run;
```

- The DATA statement can create temporary or permanent data sets.

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## SET Statement

The SET statement reads an observation from one or more SAS data sets for further processing in the DATA step.

```
data work.newprice;
  → set golf.supplies; input data set
  <additional programming statements>
run;
```

- By default, the SET statement reads all variables and all observations from the input data sets.
- The SET statement can read temporary or permanent data sets.

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## Additional Programming Statements

Additional programming statements can be added to perform further processing in the DATA step.

For example, an assignment statement can be added to create a new variable based on an expression.

```
data work.newprice;
  set golf.supplies;
  saleprice=price*0.75; ←
run;
```

creates the variable  
saleprice based  
on the price  
variable from the  
golf.supplies data set

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## DROP and KEEP Statements

- The DROP statement specifies the names of the variables to omit from the output data set.
- The KEEP statement specifies the names of the variables to write to the output data set.

```
data work.newprice;
  set golf.supplies;
  saleprice=price*0.75;
  drop mfg price; ←
run;
```

Placement of statement is  
irrelevant; statement is  
applied at output time.

Partial Data Set

	mfg	type	price	saleprice
1	Low	Distance	8.1	6.075
2	Cres	Spin	8.25	6.1875
3	Crus	Titanium	9.5	7.125
4	Surf	X12000	13.75	10.3125

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## Implicit Output

By default, at the end of each iteration, every DATA step contains an implicit OUTPUT statement that tells SAS to write observations to the data set or data sets that are being created.

```
data work.total;
  set work.scores;
  total=test1+test2;
run;
```

implicit output

VIEWTABLE: Work.Scores				Input Data Set
	name	test1	test2	
1	Kent	73	79	
2	Mary	89	94	
3	Sally	75	86	
4	Thomas	92	95	

VIEWTABLE: Work.Total					Output Data Set
	name	test1	test2	total	
1	Kent	73	79	152	
2	Mary	89	94	183	
3	Sally	75	86	161	
4	Thomas	92	95	187	

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## OUTPUT Statement

The OUTPUT statement without arguments causes the current observation to be written to all data sets that are named in the DATA statement.

```
data work.total;
  set work.scores;
  total=test1+test2;
  →output;
run;
```

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## OUTPUT Statement

Multiple OUTPUT statements can be used in a DATA step.

```
data work.rotate;
  set work.scores;
  test=test1;
  → output;
  test=test2;
  → output;
  drop test1 test2;
run;
```

VIEWTABLE: Work.Scores			Input Data Set
	name	test1	test2
1	Kent	73	79
2	Mary	89	94
3	Sally	75	86
4	Thomas	92	95

VIEWTABLE: Work.Rotate			Output Data Set
	name	test	
1	Kent	73	
2	Kent	79	
3	Mary	89	
4	Mary	94	
5	Sally	75	
6	Sally	86	
7	Thomas	92	
8	Thomas	95	

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## OUTPUT Statement

Placing an explicit OUTPUT statement in a DATA step overrides the implicit output, and SAS adds an observation to a data set only when an explicit OUTPUT statement is executed.

```
data work.rotate;
  set work.scores;
  test=test1;
  → output;
  test=test2;
  drop test1 test2;
run;
```

no implicit output

VIEWTABLE: Work.Scores			Input Data Set
	name	test1	test2
1	Kent	73	79
2	Mary	89	94
3	Sally	75	86
4	Thomas	92	95

VIEWTABLE: Work.Rotate			Output Data Set
	name	test	
1	Kent	73	
2	Mary	89	
3	Sally	75	
4	Thomas	92	

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## Creating Multiple Data Sets

- The DATA statement can specify multiple output data sets.
- The OUTPUT statement can specify the data set names.

```
data work.first
      work.second;
  set work.scores;
  test=test1;
  →output work.first;
  test=test2;
  →output work.second;
  drop test1 test2;
run;
```

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## Creating Multiple Data Sets

```
data work.first
      work.second;
  set work.scores;
  test=test1;
  →output work.first;
  test=test2;
  →output work.second;
  drop test1 test2;
run;
```

VIEWTABLE: Work.Scores			Input Data Set
	name	test1	test2
1	Kent	73	79
2	Mary	89	94
3	Sally	75	86
4	Thomas	92	95

VIEWTABLE: Work.First			Output Data Set
	name	test	
1	Kent	73	
2	Mary	89	
3	Sally	75	
4	Thomas	92	

VIEWTABLE: Work.Second			Output Data Set
	name	test	
1	Kent	79	
2	Mary	94	
3	Sally	86	
4	Thomas	95	

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## Creating Multiple Data Sets

Using the OUTPUT statement without arguments causes the current observation to be written to all data sets that are named in the DATA statement.

```
data work.total
    work.first
    work.second;
set work.scores;
total=test1+test2;
output;
drop test1 test2;
run;
```

VIEWTABLE: Work.Total			Output Data Set
	name	total	
1	Kent	152	
2	Mary	183	
3	Sally	161	
4	Thomas	187	

VIEWTABLE: Work.First			Output Data Set
	name	total	
1	Kent	152	
2	Mary	183	
3	Sally	161	
4	Thomas	187	

VIEWTABLE: Work.Second			Output Data Set
	name	total	
1	Kent	152	
2	Mary	183	
3	Sally	161	
4	Thomas	187	

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## Creating Multiple Data Sets

```
data work.total
    work.first
    work.second;
set work.scores;
total=test1+test2;
output work.total;
test=test1;
output work.first;
test=test2;
output work.second;
drop test1 test2;
run;
```

The DROP and KEEP statements apply to all output data sets.

VIEWTABLE: Work.Total				Output Data Set
	name	total	test	
1	Kent	152	.	.
2	Mary	183	.	.
3	Sally	161	.	.
4	Thomas	187	.	.

VIEWTABLE: Work.First				Output Data Set
	name	total	test	
1	Kent	152	73	
2	Mary	183	89	
3	Sally	161	75	
4	Thomas	187	92	

VIEWTABLE: Work.Second				Output Data Set
	name	total	test	
1	Kent	152	79	
2	Mary	183	94	
3	Sally	161	86	
4	Thomas	187	95	

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## DROP= and KEEP= Options

```
data work.total(keep=name total test1 test2)
  work.first(drop=test1 test2)
  work.second(keep=name total test);
set work.scores;
total=test1+test2;
output work.total;
test=test1;
output work.first;
test=test2;
output work.second;
run;
```

VIEWTABLE: Work.First Output Data Set			
	name	total	test
1	Kent	152	73
2	Mary	183	89
3	Sally	161	75
4	Thomas	187	92

VIEWTABLE: Work.Total Output Data Set				
	name	test1	test2	total
1	Kent	73	79	152
2	Mary	89	94	183
3	Sally	75	86	161
4	Thomas	92	95	187

VIEWTABLE: Work.Second Output Data Set			
	name	total	test
1	Kent	152	79
2	Mary	183	94
3	Sally	161	86
4	Thomas	187	95

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## Other Statements Using the OUTPUT Statement

The OUTPUT statement can stand alone or be part of an IF-THEN or SELECT/WHEN statement or be in DO loop processing. Chapters 4 and 5

Example with the IF-THEN statement:

```
data female
  male
    all(keep=name weight height);
  set sashelp.class;
  if sex='F' then output female all;
  else if sex='M' then output male all;
run;
```

- Multiple data sets can be specified in the OUTPUT statement.

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## Selecting Observations

By default, all observations of the input data set are written to the output data set.

```
data work.all;
  set sashelp.retail;
run;
```

Input data set  
**sashelp.retail** has  
58 observations.



Output data set  
**work.all** has  
58 observations.

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## Selecting Observations

The FIRSTOBS= and OBS= data set options can be used to control which observations are read from the input data set.

```
data work.ten;
  set sashelp.retail(obs=10);
run;
```

Input data set  
**sashelp.retail** has  
58 observations.



Output data set  
**work.ten** has  
10 observations.

FIRSTOBS= and OBS= are valid for input processing only. That is, they are not valid for output processing.

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## FIRSTOBS= and OBS= Options

- The FIRSTOBS= data set option specifies a starting point for processing an input data set.
- The OBS= data set option specifies an ending point for processing an input data set.

```
data work.portion;
  set sashelp.retail(firstobs=5 obs=10);
run;
```

Input data set  
**sashelp.retail** has  
58 observations.



Output data set  
**work.portion** has  
6 observations  
(obs # 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10).

- The OBS= option specifies the number of the last observation, and not how many observations there are to process.



## Selecting Observations Based on an Expression

The following statements can be used to select observations based on an expression:

- WHERE statement
- subsetting IF statement
- IF-THEN DELETE statement

All three of the statements reference an ***expression***.

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## Expression

An *expression* is a sequence of operands and operators that forms a set of instructions that define a condition for selecting observations.

- *Operands* are the following:
  - constants (character or numeric)
  - variables (character or numeric)
  - SAS functions
- *Operators* are symbols that request a comparison, logical operation, or arithmetic calculation.

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## Operands

- A *constant* is a fixed value such as a number, quoted character string, or date constant.
  - If the value is numeric, do not use quotation marks.
  - If the value is character, use quotation marks.
  - A SAS date constant is a date (DDMMYY) in quotation marks followed by the letter D.
- A *variable* is a variable coming from a data set, a variable created in an assignment statement, or an automatic variable created by the DATA step.
- A SAS *function* is a routine that performs a computation or system manipulation on arguments and returns a value.

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## Comparison Operators

*Comparison operators* compare a variable with a value or with another variable.

Operators		Definition
EQ	=	equal to
NE	^= ~= ~=	not equal to
GT	>	greater than
GE	>=	greater than or equal to
LT	<	less than
LE	<=	less than or equal to
IN		equal to one of a list

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## Logical Operators

*Logical operators* combine or modify expressions.

Operators		Definition
AND	&	logical and
OR		logical or
NOT	^	logical not

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## Arithmetic Operators

*Arithmetic operators* indicate that an arithmetic calculation is performed.

Operators		Definition
	**	exponentiation
	*	multiplication
	/	division
	+	addition
	-	subtraction

If a missing value is an operand for an arithmetic operator, the result is a missing value.

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## Logical and Arithmetic Operators

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Which of the following is *not* a valid expression?

- A. `X * 5 / A - C eq Y ** 2`
- B. `level = 'up' | type = 'low'`
- C. `january + february le 90000`
- D. `salary > 50000 title not = 'Manager'`

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## Special WHERE Operators

The WHERE statement can use special WHERE operators.

Operators		Definition
BETWEEN – AND		an inclusive range
CONTAINS	?	a character string
LIKE		a character pattern
SOUNDS LIKE	=*	spelling variation
IS NULL		missing value
IS MISSING		missing value
SAME AND ALSO		augments an expression

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## Expression Examples

```

sales > 100000
sales eq .
name = 'Smith'
name = ' '
sales gt 100000 and name = 'Smith'
sales gt 100000 or name = 'Smith'
revenue >= 150 and revenue <= 999
revenue between 150 and 999
revenue not between 150 and 999
month contains 'uary'
birthdate > '11JUL1968'd
upcase(state) = 'TX'
```

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## BETWEEN-AND Operator

### Equivalent Statements

```

where salary between 50000 and 100000;
where salary>=50000 and salary<=100000;
where 50000<=salary<=100000;
```

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## IS NULL Operator

The *IS NULL operator* selects observations in which a variable has a missing value.

### Examples

```
where Employee_ID is null;
where Employee_ID is not null;
```

IS NULL can be used for both character and numeric variables, and is equivalent to the following statements:

```
where employee_ID=' ';
where employee_ID=.;
```

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## IS MISSING Operator

The *IS MISSING operator* selects observations in which a variable has a missing value.

### Examples

```
where Employee_ID is missing;
where Employee_ID is not missing;
```

IS MISSING can be used for both character and numeric variables, and is equivalent to the following statements:

```
where employee_ID=' ';
where employee_ID=.;
```

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## LIKE Operator

The *LIKE* operator selects observations by comparing character values to specified patterns. Two special characters are used to define a pattern:

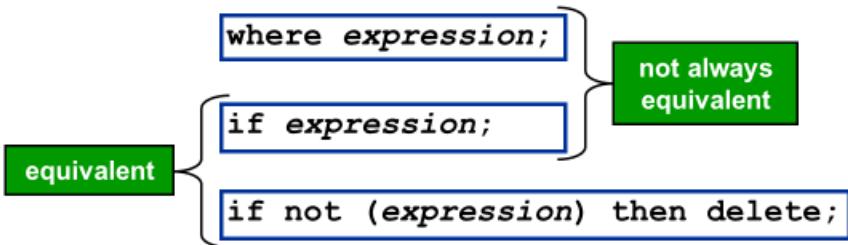
- A percent sign (%) specifies that **any number** of characters can occupy that position.
- An underscore (\_) specifies that **exactly one** character can occupy that position.

### Examples

```
where Name like '%N';  
where Name like 'T_m';  
where Name like 'T_m%';
```

## Selecting Observations Based on an Expression

There are three ways to select an observation based on an expression:



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## WHERE Statement

The WHERE statement causes the DATA step to process only those observations from a data set that meet the condition of the expression.

```

data work.newprice;
  set golf.supplies;
  where mfg='White';
  saleprice=price*0.75;
  if saleprice > 10;
run;
  
```

Placement of statement is irrelevant; statement is applied at input time.

The expression in the WHERE statement

- can reference variables that are from the input data set
- cannot reference variables created from an assignment statement or automatic variables (\_N\_ or \_ERROR\_).

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## Subsetting IF Statement

The subsetting IF statement causes the DATA step to continue processing only those observations in the program data vector that meet the condition of the expression.

```
data work.newprice;
  set golf.supplies;
  saleprice=price*0.75;
→ if saleprice > 10;
run;
```

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## WHERE Statement versus Subsetting IF Statement

- The WHERE statement selects observations before they are brought into the program data vector.
- The subsetting IF statement selects observations that were read into the program data vector.

```
data work.newprice;
  set golf.supplies;
→ where mfg='White';
  saleprice=price*0.75;
→ if saleprice > 10;
run;
```

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## IF-THEN DELETE Statement

The IF-THEN DELETE statement causes the DATA step to stop processing those observations in the program data vector that meet the condition of the expression.

```
data work.newprice;
  set golf.supplies;
  saleprice=price*0.75;
  → if saleprice <= 10 then delete;
run;
```

If the expression is **true** for the observation, the current observation is not written to a data set, and SAS returns immediately to the beginning of the DATA step for the next iteration.

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**Read the following blog post.**

[Create training, validation, and test data sets in SAS by Rick Wicklin - The DO Loop \(SAS Blogs\)](#)

## SORT Procedure

The SORT procedure does the following:

- orders SAS data set observations by the values of one or more character or numeric variables
- either replaces the original data set or creates a new data set
- produces only an output data set, but no report
- arranges the data set by the values in ascending order by default

```
proc sort data=sashelp.shoes
  out=shoes;
  by descending region product;
run;
```

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## PROC SORT Statement

Examples:

```
proc sort data=sashelp.shoes;
```

```
proc sort data=sashelp.shoes
          out=shoes;
```

```
proc sort data=sashelp.shoes
          out=sasuser.sort;
```

- The DATA= option identifies the input SAS data set.
- The OUT= option names the output data set.
- Without the OUT= option, the SORT procedure overwrites the original data set.

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## BY Statement

The BY statement specifies the sorting variables.

Examples:

```
by region;
```

Ascending is the  
default order.

```
by region product;
```

```
by region subsidiary product;
```

- PROC SORT first arranges the data set by the values of the first BY variable.
- PROC SORT then arranges any observations that have the same value of the first BY variable by the values of the second BY variable.
- This sorting continues for every specified BY variable.

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## BY Statement

By default, the SORT procedure orders the values by ascending order.

The DESCENDING option reverses the sort order for the variable that immediately follows in the statement.

Examples:

by region descending product;

by descending region product;

by descending region descending product;

## BY Statement

In addition to the SORT procedure, a BY statement can be used in the DATA step and other PROC steps.

The data sets used in the DATA step and other PROC steps must be sorted by the values of the variables that are listed in the BY statement or have an appropriate index.

```
proc sort data=personnel;
  by descending empid lastname;
run;
proc print data=personnel;
  by descending empid;
run;
```

```
proc sort data=one;
  by id;
run;
proc sort data=two;
  by id;
run;
data both;
  merge one two;
  by id;
run;
```

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## BY Statement

What are the two problems associated with the following program?

```
proc sort data=sashelp.shoes
  out=shoes;
  by descending region product;
run;

data new;
  set sashelp.shoes;
  by region product;
run;
```

- The DATA step is not using the sorted data set.
- The BY statement of the DATA step is not specifying the correct sort order.

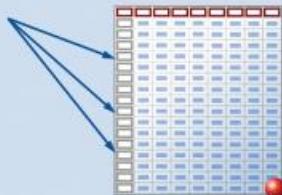
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## Accessing Observations

In this chapter, you focus on direct access techniques to perform these specific tasks.

- Subset a SAS data set based on observation number.
- Subset a large SAS data set based on a variable value.

Direct Access



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## Using the DATA Step with the NOBS= Option

The NOBS= option assigns the number of observations in the SAS data set to a temporary variable.

```
data subset;
  do PickIt=1 to TotObs by 50;
    set orion.orderfact
      (keep=CustomerID
       EmployeeID
       StreetID
       OrderID) point=PickIt
      nobs=TotObs;
    output;
  end;
  stop;      SET data-set-name NOBS=observation-number;
run;
```

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## Using the DATA Step with the POINT= Option

The POINT= option specifies a temporary variable whose numeric value determines which observation is read.

```
data subset;
  do PickIt=1 to TotObs by 50;
    set orion.orderfact
      (keep=CustomerID
       EmployeeID
       StreetID
       OrderID) point=PickIt
      nobs=TotObs;
    output;
  end;
  stop;      SET data-set-name POINT=point-variable;
run;
```

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## Using the STOP Statement

The STOP statement prevents the continuous processing of the DATA step.

```
data subset;
  do PickIt=1 to TotObs by 50;
    set orion.orderfact
      (keep=CustomerID
       EmployeeID
       StreetID
       OrderID) point=PickIt
      nobs=TotObs;
    output;
  end;
  stop;
run;
```

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**Ex3\_Direct\_Access.sas**  
**Ex4\_sample\_select.sas**

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## Transposing Data

Transposing means converting rows (i.e., observations) to columns (variables) or vice versa. This can be accomplished using at least through

- Data Step (ARRAY statement and DO Loop)
- PROC TRANSPOSE



## Data Set Structure

Some data sets store all the information about one entity in a single observation. For convenience, this is referred to as a *wide* data set.

Employee_ID	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Method
134391	.	125	.	.	Cash
143561	150	79	67	15	Credit
158913	208	22	.	33	Credit

- All information for employee 143561 is in a single observation.



## Data Set Structure

Other data sets have multiple observations per entity.  
For convenience, this is referred to as a *narrow* data set.

Employee_ID	Period	Amount
134391	Qtr2	125
143561	Qtr1	150
143561	Qtr2	79
143561	Qtr3	67
143561	Qtr4	15
158913	Qtr1	208
158913	Qtr2	22

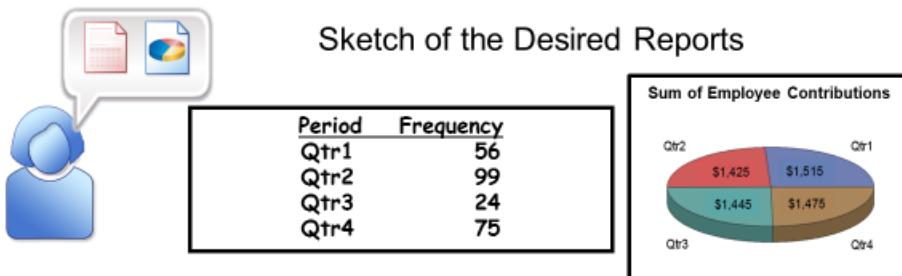
- The information for employee 143561 is stored in four observations. Each observation represents a donation for a different quarter.

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## Business Scenario: Reports

The Orion Payroll Manager asked for a report showing the number of Orion Star employees who made charitable donations each quarter and a pie chart with quarterly sum of the contributions.



- The FREQ and GCHART procedures can be used to generate the desired reports.

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## 8.01 Quiz – Correct Answer

Which data set structure is more appropriate for using PROC FREQ to determine the number of charitable donations made in each of the four quarters (**Qtr1–Qtr4**)?

Proposed SAS Program

```
proc freq data=b;
  tables Period /nocum nopct;
run;
```

b.

Employee_ID	Period	Amount
120265	Qtr4	25
120267	Qtr1	15
120267	Qtr2	15
120267	Qtr3	15
120267	Qtr4	15
120269	Qtr1	20
120269	Qtr2	20

PROC FREQ Output

The FREQ Procedure	
Period	Frequency
Qtr1	2
Qtr2	2
Qtr3	1
Qtr4	2

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## Business Scenario: Considerations

Restructure the input data set, and create a separate observation for each nonmissing quarterly contribution.

Employee_ID	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Paid_By
120265	.	.	.	25	Cash or Check
120267	15	15	15	15	Payroll Deduction
120269	20	20	20	20	Payroll Deduction

Employee_ID	Period	Amount
120265	Qtr4	25
120267	Qtr1	15
120267	Qtr2	15
120267	Qtr3	15
120267	Qtr4	15
120269	Qtr1	20
120269	Qtr2	20
120269	Qtr3	20
120269	Qtr4	20

- The output data set, **rotate**, should contain only **Employee\_ID**, **Period**, and **Amount**.

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## Rotating a SAS Data Set

The DATA step below rotates the input data set and outputs an observation if a contribution was made in a given quarter.

```
data rotate (keep=Employee_Id Period Amount);
  set orion.employee_donations
    (drop=recipients paid_by);
  array contrib{4} qtr1-qtr4;
  do i=1 to 4;
    if contrib{i} ne . then do;
      Period=cats("Qtr",i);
      Amount=contrib{i};
      output;
    end;
  end;
run;
```

Include only  
nonmissing values

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## TRANSPOSE Procedure

The TRANSPOSE procedure

- transposes selected variables into observations
- transposes numeric variables by default
- transposes character variables only if explicitly listed in a VAR statement
- creates a new data set, not a report.

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## BY Statement

Use a BY statement to group the output by **Employee\_ID**.

```
proc transpose data=orion.employee_donations
               out=rotate2;
   by Employee_ID;
run;
proc print data=rotate2 noobs;
run;
```

<BY <DESCENDING> variable-1  
 <...<DESCENDING> variable-n> <NOTSORTED>;>

All numeric variables other than the BY variable are transposed.

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## Improved PROC TRANSPOSE Results

Use of the BY statement results in one observation for each transposed variable per **Employee\_ID** and includes missing values.

Partial PROC PRINT Output

Employee_ID	_NAME_	COL1
120265	Qtr1	.
120265	Qtr2	.
120265	Qtr3	.
120265	Qtr4	25
120267	Qtr1	15
120267	Qtr2	15
120267	Qtr3	15
120267	Qtr4	15

If there were additional numeric variables, an observation would be created for each.

## VAR Statement

The VAR statement is used to specify which variables to transpose. It can include character and numeric variables.

```
proc transpose data=orion.employee_donations
               out=rotate2;
   by Employee_ID;
   var Qtr1-Qtr4;           <VAR variable(s);>
run;
proc print data=rotate2 noobs;
run;
```

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## Enhancing PROC TRANSPOSE Results

The final step is to change the default names of the new variables.

### Partial PROC PRINT Output

Employee_ID	_NAME_	COL1
120265	Qtr1	.
120265	Qtr2	.
120265	Qtr3	.
120265	Qtr4	25
120267	Qtr1	15
120267	Qtr2	15
120267	Qtr3	15
120267	Qtr4	15

- Change **\_NAME\_** to **Period**.
- Change **COL1** to **Amount**.

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## Renaming Variables in PROC TRANSPOSE

```
proc transpose data=orion.employee_donations
               out=rotate2 name=Period;
   by Employee_ID;
run;
proc print data=rotate2 noobs;
run;
```

**PROC TRANSPOSE** DATA=input-data-set  
<OUT=output-data-set>  
<NAME=variable-name>;

### Partial rotate2

Employee_ID	Period	COL1
120265	Qtr1	.
120265	Qtr2	.
120265	Qtr3	.
120265	Qtr4	25

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## Renaming Variables in PROC TRANSPOSE

```
proc transpose data=orion.employee_donations
               out=rotate2 (rename=(col1=Amount))
               name=Period;
   by Employee_ID;
run;
proc print data=rotate2 noobs;
run;
```

### Partial rotate2

The RENAME= data set option is used to change the name of COL1.

Employee_ID	Period	Amount
120265	Qtr1	.
120265	Qtr2	.
120265	Qtr3	.
120265	Qtr4	25
120267	Qtr1	15
120267	Qtr2	15

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## WHERE= Data Set Option

There is no option or statement in PROC TRANSPOSE to eliminate observations with missing values for the transposed variable.

SAS-data-set(WHERE=(where-expression))

```
proc transpose data=orion.employee_donations
               out=rotate2(rename=(col1=Amount)
                           where=(Amount ne . ))
               name=Period;
   by Employee_ID;
run;
proc print data=rotate2 noobs;
run;
proc freq data=rotate2;
   tables Period/nocum nopct;
   label Period=" ";
run;
```

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## No Missing Values

### Partial PROC PRINT Output

Employee_ID	Period	Amount
120265	Qtr4	25
120267	Qtr1	15
120267	Qtr2	15
120267	Qtr3	15
120267	Qtr4	15
120269	Qtr1	20
120269	Qtr2	20
120269	Qtr3	20
120269	Qtr4	20
120270	Qtr1	20
120270	Qtr2	10
120270	Qtr3	5

### PROC FREQ Output

The FREQ Procedure	
Period	Frequency
Qtr1	110
Qtr2	98
Qtr3	107
Qtr4	102

The resulting data set has no missing values.  
Now PROC FREQ produces the desired results.

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## Business Scenario

The manager of the Sales Department asked for a report showing monthly sales and a total for each customer.

Sketch of the Desired Report

Monthly Sales by Customer					
Customer_ID	Month1	Month2	...	Month12	Total
1	1000			500	2000
2	.	.		200	750
3	1200			.	2200
4	500	150		350	1000
5	.	1000		.	2500



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## Business Scenario: Considerations

The data set `orion.order_summary` contains an observation for each month in which a customer placed an order (101 total observations). The data set is sorted by **Customer\_ID** and has no missing values.

Partial `orion.order_summary`

Customer_ID	Order_Month	Sale_Amt	The number of observations per customer varies.
5	5	478.00	
5	6	126.80	
5	9	52.50	
5	12	33.80	
10	3	32.60	
10	4	250.80	
10	5	79.80	
10	6	12.20	
10	7	163.29	

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## Business Scenario: Considerations

The report requires rotating the columns into rows. Use PROC TRANSPOSE again to restructure the data set, and this time from narrow to wide.

Customer_ID	Order_Month	Sale_Amt
5	5	478.00
	6	126.80
	9	52.50
	12	33.80
	3	32.60

Desired Output

Customer_ID	Month1	... Month5	Month6	... Month9	... Month12
5	.	478.00	126.80	52.50	33.80

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## Using PROC TRANSPOSE

The resulting data set has three observations, one for each numeric variable in the input data set: **Customer\_ID**, **Order\_Month**, and **Sale\_Amt**.

_NAME_	_LABEL_	COL1	COL2	COL3	COL4	COL5	...	COL101
Customer_ID	Customer ID	5	5.0	5.0	5.0	10.0		70201.0
Order_Month		5	6.0	9.0	12.0	3.0		8.0
Sale_Amt		478	126.8	52.5	33.8	32.6		1075.5

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The variables **COL1-COL101** represent the 101 observations in the input data set.

Group the output by **Customer\_ID**.

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## BY Statement

The BY statement groups by **Customer\_ID** and produces an observation for each transposed variable, **Order\_Month** and **Sale\_Amt**.

```
proc transpose data=orion.order_summary
               out=annual_orders;
   by Customer_ID;
run;
```

Notice the varying number of columns for each customer.

Customer_ID	_NAME_	COL1	COL2	COL3	COL4	COL5	COL6	COL7	COL8	COL9
5	Order_Month	5.0	6.0	9.0	12.0	.	.	.	.	.
5	Sale_Amt	478.0	126.8	52.5	33.8	.	.	.	.	.
10	Order_Month	3.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	7.00	8.0	11.0	12.0	.
10	Sale_Amt	32.6	250.8	79.8	12.2	163.29	902.5	1894.6	143.3	.
11	Order_Month	9.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
11	Sale_Amt	78.2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

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## Creating Columns Based on a Variable

Instead of transposing **Order\_Month**, use its values to create new variables. A value of 5.0 represents orders placed in May, 6.0 represents orders placed in June, and so on.

Customer_ID	_NAME_	COL1	COL2	COL3	COL4	COL5	COL6	COL7	COL8	COL9
5	Order_Month	5.0	6.0	9.0	12.0	.	.	.	.	.
5	Sale_Amt	478.0	126.8	52.5	33.8	.	.	.	.	.
10	Order_Month	3.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	7.00	8.0	11.0	12.0	.
10	Sale_Amt	32.6	250.8	79.8	12.2	163.29	902.5	1894.6	143.3	.
11	Order_Month	9.0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
11	Sale_Amt	78.2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

Add an ID statement.

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## ID Statement

The ID statement identifies the variable whose values become the names of the new columns.

```
proc transpose data=orion.order_summary
               out=annual_orders;
  by Customer_ID;
  id Order_Month;
run;
```

**PROC TRANSPOSE DATA=input-data-set;**  
**<ID variable(s);>**  
**RUN;**

Customer_ID	_NAME_	_5	_6	_9	_12	...
5	Sale_Amt	478.0	126.80	52.5	33.80	
10	Sale_Amt	79.8	12.20	.	143.30	
11	Sale_Amt	.	.	78.2	.	
12	Sale_Amt	.	48.40	87.2	.	
18	Sale_Amt	.	.	.	.	

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## Enhancing PROC TRANSPOSE Results

What other changes can enhance the report?

Customer_ID	_NAME_	Month5	Month6	Month9	Month12	...
5	Sale_Amt	478.0	126.80	52.5	33.80	
10	Sale_Amt	79.8	12.20	.	143.30	
11	Sale_Amt	.	.	78.2	.	
12	Sale_Amt	.	48.40	87.2	.	
18	Sale_Amt	.	.	.	.	

- Change the variable names from `_n` to `Monthn`.
- Drop the `_NAME_` variable.

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## Changing the Variable Names

The PREFIX= option is used to set a prefix for each new variable name. The prefix replaces the underscore.

```
proc transpose data=orion.order_summary
               out=annual_orders
               prefix=Month;
   by Customer_ID;
   id Order_Month;
run;
```

Customer_ID	_NAME_	Month5	Month6	Month9	...
5	Sale_Amt	478.0	126.80	52.5	
10	Sale_Amt	79.8	12.20	.	
11	Sale_Amt	.		78.2	
12	Sale_Amt	.	48.40	87.2	
18	Sale_Amt	.	.	.	

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## Dropping the \_NAME\_ Column

Use the DROP= data set option to drop the \_NAME\_ variable.

```
proc transpose data=orion.order_summary
               out=annual_orders(drop=_name_)
               prefix=Month;
   by Customer_ID;
   id Order_Month;
run;
```

Customer_ID	Month5	Month6	Month9	Month12	Month3	...
5	478.0	126.80	52.5	33.80	.	
10	79.8	12.20	.	143.30	32.6	
11	.	.	78.2	.	.	
12	.	48.40	87.2	.	.	

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## PROC DATASETS

The DATASETS procedure can be used to do the following among many tasks:

- list data sets in the memory in the existing SAS session
- manage SAS data sets (e.g., copying, updating, deleting indexes, catalogs)
- rename variables in a SAS data set
- add/change formats and labels, etc. to a SAS data set
- remove formats from a SAS data set

## SAS Transport Files

According to the SAS Institute, SAS transport files are the "best overall format" for interfacing with other systems because they are consistent across all host environments. SAS transport files can be converted into a variety of system files (e.g., SAS, Stata, and R).

[https://meps.ahrq.gov/data\\_stats/download\\_data\\_files.jsp](https://meps.ahrq.gov/data_stats/download_data_files.jsp)

There are many SAS transport files (public-use files) available for download from the MEPS (The Medical Expenditure Panel Survey) web site.

"The Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, which began in 1996, is a set of large-scale surveys of families and individuals, their medical providers (doctors, hospitals, pharmacies, etc.), and employers across the United States. MEPS collects data on the specific health services that Americans use, how frequently they use them, the cost of these services, and how they are paid for, as well as data on the cost, scope, and breadth of health insurance held by and available to U.S. workers."

### **Ex11\_download\_unzip\_create.sas**

- can be used to download/unzip a single SAS transport file from the above web site and convert into a SAS data set
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### **Ex12\_download\_unzip\_create\_macro.sas** can be used to:

- download multiple SAS transport files from the MEPS website
- unzip those files
- convert the SAS transport files into SAS data sets

## Review Questions

1. When do you use the SET statement in the DATA step?
2. What is the significance of using each of the following data set options?
  - KEEP=
  - DROP=
  - RENAME=
  - END=
  - NOBS=
  - POINT=
3. [Read this blog \(SAS nrd\) post: Control Order of Columns.](#)
4. [Read this blog \(SAS nrd\) post: The Meaning of If 0 Then Set in SAS Data Step.](#)
5. Which additional SAS statements have to be used while adding the POINT= option to the data set option in the DATA step and why?
6. Explain the following options with PROC SORT.
  - NODUPKEY
  - NODUPRECS/NODUPREC/NODUP
  - OUT=
7. [Read this blog \(SAS nrd\) post: The Difference Between NodupKey and NoDup in SAS PROC SORT.](#)
8. [Read this blog \(SAS nrd\) post: Three Alternatives To PROC SORT In SAS.](#)
9. [Read this blog \(SAS nrd\) post: Remove Duplicates in SAS.](#)
10. Explain the significance of the DESCENDING option in the BY statement with PROC SORT.
11. Explain the usage of the WHERE= option vs. WHERE statement (and WHERE operator) in PROC SORT step.

12. Describe the usage of the IF vs. WHERE statement when filtering observations in DATA step and PROC step.

13. Consider the following program.

```
1 data class;
2 num=5;
3 set sashelp.class point=num;
4 output;
5 stop;
6 run;
```

What would happen if you delete the OUTPUT statement in line 4 above?

What would happen if you delete both OUTPUT and the STOP statements in lines 4 and 5 above?

14. Consider the following program.

```
1 DATA class;
2   SET sashelp.class END=last;
3 bmi = (weight*703) / (height**2);
4
5 RUN;
```

What SAS statement will you write in line 4 so that the output data set **work.class** has only one observation?