# 4-more ddply Rearranging Data

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## Outline

- working with ddply: an example
- plyr variations

## French Fries

- ▶ 10 week experiment
- ▶ 12 participants
- 3 types of oil
- 2 replicates for each individudal, each week
- ► Participants asked to evaluate how potato-y, buttery, grassy, rancid, and paint-y the french fries taste

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- How have average ratings changed over time?
- Do certain participants give higher ratings than others?
- How similar are different replicates for each subject?
- ▶ Do different oils have different rating trajectories over time?

All of these questions can be answered using ddply.

Answer one or more of the questions you came up with using ddply

#### Sample Questions:

- How do average ratings change over time for each variable?
- How similar are different replicates for each subject?
- Do different oils have different average rating trajectories over time?

## stringr package

#### The str\_command philosophy for more consistency with string operators

- Basics
  - str\_c Join multiple strings into a single string.
  - str\_join join multiple strings into a single string.
  - str\_length
     The length of a string (in characters).
  - str\_dup Duplicate and concatenate strings within a character vector.
  - str\_trim
     Trim whitespace from start and end of string.
  - word
     Extract words from a sentence.
  - str\_split
     Split up a string into a variable number of pieces.
- Pattern Detection
  - str\_detect
     Detect the presence or absence of a pattern in a string.

- str\_locate, str\_locate\_all
   Locate the position of the first, all occurrence of a pattern in a string.
- str\_count Count the number of matches in a string.
- str\_match, str\_match\_all
   Extract first, all matched group from a string.
- Pattern Extraction & Replacement
  - str\_extract, str\_extract\_all
     Extract first, all piece of a string that matches a pattern.
  - str\_sub
     Extract substrings from a character vector.
  - str\_sub\_replace
     Replace substrings in a character vector.
     'str\_sub-c-' will recycle all arguments to be the
     same length as the longest argument.
  - str\_replace, str\_replace\_all
     Replace first occurrence of a matched pattern in a
     string.

#### transform

Transform allows multiple statements with the same dataset (shortcut)

```
data$newvar1 = ...
data$newvar2 = ...
data$newvar3 = ...
```

With transform, this becomes...

```
data <- transform(data,
  newvar1 = ...,
  newvar2 = ...,
  newvar3 = ...
)</pre>
```

ddply and transform together allow us to perform group-wise operations

## OkCupid Data

OkCupid is an online dating site. This dataset contains demographic information (age, gender, location, relationship status, religious affiliation) from a subset of OkCupid users, along with their response to one essay prompt.

#### http:

//heike.github.io/R-workshops/03-r-format/data/0kCupid.csv
Read the data into R:

profile <- read.csv("http://heike.github.io/R-workshops/03-r-format/dat</pre>

Use Stringr and transform to create separate variables for the state, city, and height in inches of each user.

#### Hints:

- word() will give you single items in a string, so if you define sep=", ", you can extract the city and state separately by changing start and end
- Use word() with a different sep="", twice. The second time, specify start.
  - Alternately, use str\_sub() to get feet and/or inches, with str\_locate() to get the relevant start/end locations.

## ddply + separate function

Instead of using an existing function, we can have more flexibility and write our own function:

This function should return a data frame (for now).

Notice that you no longer have to use one of "summarize", "transform", etc. after your .(id) statement.

Use ddply to create a dataset that examines the proportion of users of each gender and one other variable in each state that are on OkCupid.

**Hint**: Variables with a small number of choices, such as orientation, status, Education, Drinks, Smokes are good options.

**Hint 2**: Use table() and as.data.frame to convert the table into something we can deal with.

## Variations on ddply

- plyr commands have the format xyply
- x and y are letters representing different object types
- x is "going in" and y is "coming out"

letter	object
- 1	list
d	data frame
m	data frame or matrix
а	array (vector or matrix)
_	no output
r	input only

Example: ldply takes a list and returns a data frame



Use one of the plyr commands to do each of the following:

- For each state, return the longest essay (essay\_0) for each gender
- 2. From the previous output, extract the most common word (use table() and order()) and count the number of sentences (or at least the number of "."'s. ).