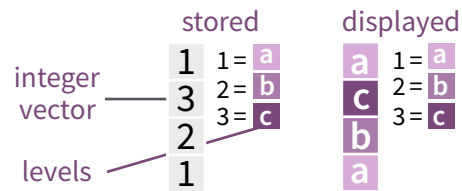


Factors with forcats : : CHEAT SHEET

The **forcats** package provides tools for working with factors, which are R's data structure for categorical data.

Factors

R represents categorical data with factors. A **factor** is an integer vector with a **levels** attribute that stores a set of mappings between integers and categorical values. When you view a factor, R displays not the integers, but the values associated with them.



Create a factor with `factor()`
factor(x = character(), levels, labels = levels, exclude = NA, ordered = is.ordered(x), nmax = NA) Convert a vector to a factor. Also **as_factor**.
`f <- factor(c("a", "c", "b", "a"), levels = c("a", "b", "c"))`

Return its levels with `levels()`
levels(x) Return/set the levels of a factor. `levels(f)`; `levels(f) <- c("x", "y", "z")`

Use `unclass()` to see its structure

Inspect Factors

fct_count(f, sort = FALSE) Count the number of values with each level. `fct_count(f)`

fct_unique(f) Return the unique values, removing duplicates. `fct_unique(f)`

Combine Factors

fct_c(...) Combine factors with different levels.
`f1 <- factor(c("a", "c"))`
`f2 <- factor(c("b", "a"))`
`fct_c(f1, f2)`

fct_unify(fs, levels = lvs_union(fs)) Standardize levels across a list of factors. `fct_unify(list(f2, f1))`

Change the order of levels

fct_relevel(f, ..., after = 0L) Manually reorder factor levels.
`fct_relevel(f, c("b", "c", "a"))`

fct_infreq(f, ordered = NA) Reorder levels by the frequency in which they appear in the data (highest frequency first).
`f3 <- factor(c("c", "c", "a"))`
`fct_infreq(f3)`

fct_inorder(f, ordered = NA) Reorder levels by order in which they appear in the data.
`fct_inorder(f2)`

fct_rev(f) Reverse level order.
`f4 <- factor(c("a", "b", "c"))`
`fct_rev(f4)`

fct_shift(f) Shift levels to left or right, wrapping around end.
`fct_shift(f4)`

fct_shuffle(f, n = 1L) Randomly permute order of factor levels.
`fct_shuffle(f4)`

fct_reorder(f, x, .fun = median, ..., .desc = FALSE) Reorder levels by their relationship with another variable.
`boxplot(data = iris, Sepal.Width ~ fct_reorder(Species, Sepal.Width))`

fct_reorder2(f, x, y, .fun = last2, ..., .desc = TRUE) Reorder levels by their final values when plotted with two other variables.
`ggplot(data = iris, aes(Sepal.Width, Sepal.Length, color = fct_reorder2(Species, Sepal.Width, Sepal.Length))) + geom_smooth()`

Change the value of levels

fct_recode(f, ...) Manually change levels. Also **fct_relabel** which obeys purrr::map syntax to apply a function or expression to each level.
`fct_recode(f, v = "a", x = "b", z = "c")`
`fct_relabel(f, ~ paste0("x", .x))`

fct_anon(f, prefix = "") Anonymize levels with random integers. `fct_anon(f)`

fct_collapse(f, ...) Collapse levels into manually defined groups.
`fct_collapse(f, x = c("a", "b"))`

fct_lump(f, n, prop, w = NULL, other_level = "Other", ties.method = c("min", "average", "first", "last", "random", "max")) Lump together least/most common levels into a single level. Also **fct_lump_min**.
`fct_lump(f, n = 1)`

fct_other(f, keep, drop, other_level = "Other") Replace levels with "other."
`fct_other(f, keep = c("a", "b"))`

Add or drop levels

fct_drop(f, only) Drop unused levels.
`f5 <- factor(c("a", "b"), c("a", "b", "x"))`
`f6 <- fct_drop(f5)`

fct_expand(f, ...) Add levels to a factor. `fct_expand(f6, "x")`

fct_explicit_na(f, na_level = "(Missing)") Assigns a level to NAs to ensure they appear in plots, etc.
`fct_explicit_na(factor(c("a", "b", NA)))`