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1 # Data structure: 3. Factor
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3 # Factor a type of data structures used to store categorical variables. (e.g., gender)
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5 # Gender vector
6 gender <- c("Male", "Female", "Female", "Male", "Male")
7 is.vector(gender)
8 class(gender)
9
10 # Convert gender_vector to a factor
11 factor_gender <- factor(gender)
12 factor_gender
13
14 # There are two different types of categorical variables:
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16 # nominal categorical variable and ordinal categorical variable.
17 # 1. Nominal categorical variable: There is no implied order among categories.
18 # For example, Male and Female, and Cat, Dog, and Turtle
19 # 2. Ordinal categorical variable: There is a natural ordering.
20 # For example, "Low", "Medium" and "High", and "Primary", "Middle", "High"
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22 # No ordering
23 pet <- c("Cat", "Dog", "Turtle", "Dog", "Cat", "Cat")
24 factor_pet <- factor(pet)
25 factor_pet
26 class(factor_pet)
27 factor_pet[1] > factor_pet[2]
28
29 # Natural ordering
30 income <- c("High", "High", "Low", "Medium", "Low")
31 factor_income <- factor(income, order = TRUE, levels = c("Low", "Medium", "High")) #
32 You can specify the order (or level)
33 factor_income
34 class(factor_income)
35
36 income[3] > income[1]
37 factor_income[3] > factor_income[1]
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39 # In survey, abbreviations are often used because it is convenient to record.
40 # But this can be confusing when you use survey data.
41 # You can recover the full words using levels function.
42 edu <- c("E", "E", "H", "M", "H", "C")
43 factor_edu <- factor(edu, order = TRUE, levels <- c("E", "M", "H", "C")) # If you don't
44 specify the level, it will be alphabetical.
45 levels(factor_edu) <- c("Elementary", "Middle", "High", "College")
46 factor_edu
47 as.numeric(factor_edu)
48
49 # summarize the factor
50 summary(factor_edu)
51 table(factor_edu)
52 summary(edu)
53
54 # Exercise 1.
55 #####
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57 set.seed(pi)
58 r <- rnorm(2754, 0, 1)
59 income <- exp(r)
60 hist(income, breaks=100)
61
62 # find 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 0.95 quantiles of income. You can use quantile.
63 quant <- quantile(income, c(0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 0.95))
64
65 # Construct a vector, income.level, as follows:
66 # If income is <= 0.25 quantile, "VL"
67 # If income is > 0.25 quantile and <= 0.5 quantile, "L"
68 # If income is > 0.5 quantile and <= 0.75 quantile, "M"
69 # If income is > 0.75 quantile and <= 0.95 quantile, "H"

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67 # If income is > 0.95 quantile, "VH"
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70 # Make an ordered factor from income.level. Specify the levels as
71 c("VL","L","M","H","VH")
72 factor_income.level <-
73 levels(factor_income.level) <- c("Very Low", "Low", "Middle", "High", "Very High")
74 summary(factor_income.level) # You can see the summary of factor_income.level.
75
76 # Construct a subvector income.high that includes income that belongs to "High" and
77 "Very High".
78 income.high <-
79 hist(income.high, breaks = 20)
80
81 # Calculate the average income of people who belong to "Middle" and "High".
82
83 # What is the difference between average income of "Very High" and average income of
84 "High"
85
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87 # Exercise 2.
88 #####
89 industry <- sample(c("Manufacture", "Service", "IT"), 100, replace=TRUE, prob=c(0.3,
90 0.5, 0.2))
91 stock <- rep(NA,100)
92 stock[industry == "Manufacture"] <- rnorm(sum(industry=="Manufacture"), 3, 2)
93 stock[industry == "Service"] <- rnorm(sum(industry=="Service"), 2, 4)
94 stock[industry == "IT"] <- rnorm(sum(industry=="IT"), 8, 8)
95
96 factor.industry <- factor(industry)
97
98 # How many manufacturing, service, and IT companies?
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100 # Compare the average stock prices and their standard deviations among these three
101 industries.
102 mean(stock[factor.industry == "Manufacture"])
103 mean(stock[factor.industry == "Service"])
104 mean(stock[factor.industry == "IT"])
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