Lecture 3: Investigating data patterns using Base R Managing and Manipulating Data Using R

1 Introduction

What we will do today

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Load libraries and .Rdata data frames we will use today

```
Data on off-campus recruiting events by public universities
   Data frame object df_event
       One observation per university, recruiting event
   Data frame object df_school
       One observation per high school (visited and non-visited)
rm(list = ls()) # remove all objects in current environment
library(tidyverse) #load tidyverse library
## -- Attaching packages ------
## v ggplot2 3.2.1 v purrr 0.3.2
## v tibble 2.1.3 v dplyr 0.8.3
## v tidyr 0.8.3 v stringr 1.4.0
## v readr 1.3.1 v forcats 0.4.0
## -- Conflicts -----
## x dplyr::filter() masks stats::filter()
## x dplyr::lag() masks stats::lag()
#load dataset with one obs per recruiting event
load(url("https://github.com/ozanj/rclass/raw/master/data/recruiting/recruit eve
#load dataset with one obs per high school
load(url("https://github.com/ozanj/rclass/raw/master/data/recruiting/recruit_sch
```



2.1 Select variables

Select variables using select() function

With **assignment**, select() creates a new object containing only the variables you specify

```
event_small <- select(df_event,instnm,event_date,event_type,event_state,med_inc)
glimpse(event_small)</pre>
```

```
## $ event_state <chr> "MA", "M
```

```
{\tt select()} \  \  {\tt can use "helper functions"} \  \  {\tt starts\_with()} \  \  , \  \  {\tt contains()} \  \  , \  \  {\tt and} \  \  \\ {\tt ends\_with()} \  \  \  {\tt to choose columns} \  \  \  \  \  \\
```

Example:

```
#names(df_event)
select(df event,instnm,starts_with("event"))
```

```
## # A tibble: 18,680 x 8
     instnm event date event type event state event inst event name
##
##
   <chr> <date> <chr>
                           <chr>
                                         <chr>
                                                   <chr>
## 1 UM Am~ 2017-10-12 public hs MA
                                         In-State Amherst-P~
## 2 UM Am~ 2017-10-04 public hs MA
                                                    Hampshire~
                                         In-State
## 2 IIM Am., 2017-10-2E public bg MA
                                         Tn_C+o+o
                                                   Chiconoc
```

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2.2 Filter rows

The filter() function

#

#

filter() allows you to **select observations** based on values of variables

What is the result of a filter() command? - filter() returns a data frame consisting of rows where the condition is TRUE

Show all obs where the high school received 1 visit from UC Berkeley (110635) [output omitted]

```
filter(df_school, visits_by_110635 == 1)
```

```
## # A tibble: 528 x 26
##
      state code school type ncessch name address city zip code pct white
##
     <chr>
                <chr>
                            <chr>
                                    <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr>
                                                                     <dbl>
                public
                            040081~ Grea~ 39808 ~ Anth~ 85086
                                                                      81.0
##
   1 AZ
   2 AZ
                public
                            040187~ Chan~ 350 N.~ Chan~ 85225
                                                                      36.0
##
##
   3 AZ
                public
                            040834~ Dese~ 16440 ~ Phoe~ 85048
                                                                      63.2
   4 AZ
                private
                            000312~ XAVI~ 4710 N~ PHOE~ 85012
                                                                      83.3
##
##
   5 AZ
                private
                            A97001~ GILB~ 3632 E~ GILB~ 85296
                                                                      85.5
##
   6 AZ
                public
                            040082~ BAST~ 25950 ~ Peor~ 85383
                                                                      46.5
##
   7 AZ
                public
                            040834~ Coro~ 1001 E~ Tempe 85284
                                                                      59.0
##
   8 A7.
                private
                            000321~ PHOE~ 3901 E~ PARA~ 85253
                                                                      70.2
##
   9 CA
                public
                            062724~ Coro~ 2101 E~ Newp~ 92660
                                                                      82.6
## 10 CA
                public
                            063386~ Trab~ 27501 ~ Miss~ 92691
                                                                      57.2
## # ... with 518 more rows, and 18 more variables: pct black <dbl>,
      pct_hispanic <dbl>, pct_asian <dbl>, pct_amerindian <dbl>,
## #
## #
      pct_other <dbl>, num_fr_lunch <dbl>, total_students <dbl>,
```

num_took_math <dbl>, num_prof_math <dbl>, num_took_rla <dbl>,

num prof rla <dbl>, avgmedian inc 2564 <dbl>, visits by 110635 <int>.9/43

Filtering and missing values

Wickham (2018) states:

"filter() only includes rows where condition is TRUE; it excludes both FALSE and NA values. To preserve missing values, ask for them explicitly:"

Investigate var $\ df_{event}fr_{lunch}$, number of free/reduced lunch students only available for visits to public high schools

```
#visits to public HS with less than 50 students on free/reduced lunch
count(filter(df_event,event_type == "public hs", fr_lunch<50))</pre>
```

```
##    n
## <int>
## 1 910
#visits to public HS, where free/reduced lunch missing
```

```
#visits to public HS, where free/reduced lunch missing
count(filter(df_event,event_type == "public hs", is.na(fr_lunch)))
```

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

## n

## <int>

## 1 26
```

A tibble: 1 x 1

1 20
#visits to public HS, where free/reduced is less than 50 OR is missing
count(filter(df_event,event_type == "public hs", fr_lunch<50 | is.na(fr_lunch)))</pre>

2.3 Arrange rows

arrange() function

arrange() function "arranges" rows in a data frame; said different, it sorts observations

```
Syntax: arrange(x,...)
```

First argument, x, is a data frame

Subsequent arguments are a "comma separated list of unquoted variable names"

```
arrange(df_event, event_date)
```

Data frame goes back to previous order unless you assign the new order

```
df_event
df_event <- arrange(df_event, event_date)
df_event</pre>
```

arrange() function

Ascending and descending order

arrange() sorts in ascending order by default

```
use desc() to sort a column by descending order
arrange(df_event, desc(event_date))

Can sort by multiple variables
arrange(df_event, univ_id, desc(event_date), desc(med_inc))

#sort by university and descending by size of 12th grade class; combine with sel
```

select(arrange(df_event, univ_id, desc(g12)),instnm,event_type,event_date,g12)

arrange(), missing values sorted at the end

Missing values automatically sorted at the end, regardless of whether you sort ascending or descending

Below, we sort by university, then by date of event, then by ID of high school

Can sort by is.na to put missing values first

```
## # A tibble: 18.680 x 4
##
     instnm event_date event_type school_id
##
   <chr> <date> <chr> <chr>
  1 Bama 2017-12-18 other <NA>
##
##
   2 Bama 2017-12-18 private hs A9106483
   3 Bama 2017-12-15 other <NA>
##
## 4 Bama 2017-12-15 public hs 484473005095
   5 Bama 2017-12-15 public hs 062927004516
##
   6 Bama 2017-12-14 other
                              <NA>
##
## 7 Bama 2017-12-13 other
                              <NA>
```

Exercise, arranging

Use the data from df_event, which has one observation for each off-campus recruiting event a university attends

- 1. Sort ascending by "univ_id" and descending by "event_date"
- Select four variables in total and sort ascending by "univ_id" and descending by "event_date"
- 3. Now using the same variables from above, sort by is.na to put missing values in "school id" first

Solution 1. Sort ascending by "univ_id" and descending by "event_date"

arrange(df event, univ id, desc(event date))

A tibble: 18,680 x 33 ## instnm univ id instst

```
<chr> <int> <chr> <int> <date> <chr> <chr> <chr>
##
                          7115 2017-12-18 private hs 77089 A9106483
##
   1 Bama 100751 AL
   2 Bama 100751 AL
                          7121 2017-12-18 other <NA> <NA>
##
##
   3 Bama 100751 AL
                          7114 2017-12-15 public hs 75165 48447300~
   4 Bama 100751 AL
##
                          7100 2017-12-15 public hs 93012 06292700~
   5 Bama 100751 AL 7073 2017-12-15 other
                                                   98027 <NA>
##
##
   6 Bama 100751 AL 7072 2017-12-14 other 98007 <NA>
##
   7 Bama 100751 AL
                          7118 2017-12-13 public hs 31906 13038700~
##
   8 Bama 100751 AL
                          7099 2017-12-13 private hs 90293 00071151
##
   9 Bama 100751 AL 7109 2017-12-13 public hs 92630 06338600~
## 10 Bama 100751 AL 7071 2017-12-13 other
                                                  98032 <NA>
## # ... with 18,670 more rows, and 25 more variables: ipeds id <int>,
## #
      event_state <chr>, event_inst <chr>, med_inc <dbl>, pop total <dbl>,
      pct white zip <dbl>, pct black zip <dbl>, pct asian zip <dbl>,
## #
## #
      pct_hispanic_zip <dbl>, pct_amerindian_zip <dbl>,
## #
      pct_nativehawaii_zip <dbl>, pct_tworaces_zip <dbl>,
## #
      pct otherrace zip <dbl>, fr lunch <dbl>, titlei status pub <fct>,
## #
      total_12 <dbl>, school_type_pri <int>, school_type_pub <int>,
      g12offered <dbl>, g12 <dbl>, total_students_pub <dbl>,
## #
## #
      total students pri <dbl>, event name <chr>, event location name <chr>,
## #
      event_datetime_start <dttm>
```

pid event_date event_type zip school_id

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Solution

Select four variables in total and sort ascending by "univ_id" and descending by "event date"

```
## # A tibble: 18,680 x 4
##
     univ id event date instnm event type
##
      <int> <date> <chr> <chr>
##
   1 100751 2017-12-18 Bama private hs
##
   2 100751 2017-12-18 Bama other
##
   3 100751 2017-12-15 Bama public hs
   4 100751 2017-12-15 Bama public hs
##
##
   5 100751 2017-12-15 Bama other
##
   6 100751 2017-12-14 Bama other
      100751 2017-12-13 Bama public hs
##
##
   8 100751 2017-12-13 Bama private hs
##
   9 100751 2017-12-13 Bama public hs
## 10 100751 2017-12-13 Bama
                              other
## # ... with 18,670 more rows
```

Solution

3. Select the variables "univ_id", "event_date", and "school_id" and sort by is.na to put missing values in "school_id" first.

```
select(arrange(df_event, univ_id, desc(event_date), desc(is.na(school_id))),
     univ_id, event_date, school_id)
```

```
## # A tibble: 18,680 x 3
##
     univ id event date school id
      <int> <date> <chr>
##
##
   1 100751 2017-12-18 <NA>
##
   2 100751 2017-12-18 A9106483
##
   3 100751 2017-12-15 <NA>
##
   4 100751 2017-12-15 484473005095
##
   5 100751 2017-12-15 062927004516
##
   6 100751 2017-12-14 <NA>
##
   7 100751 2017-12-13 <NA>
##
   8 100751 2017-12-13 130387001439
##
   9 100751 2017-12-13 00071151
## 10 100751 2017-12-13 063386005296
## # ... with 18.670 more rows
```

3 Investigating data patterns using Base R

Why learn to "wrangle" data both via tidyverse and base R?

Tidyverse has become the leading way many people clean and manipulate data in R

these packages make data wrangling simpler than core base R commands (most times)

tidyverse commands can be more more efficient (less lines of code, consolidate steps)

But you will inevitably run into edge cases where tidyverse commands don't work the way you expect them to and you'll need to use ${\bf base}~{\bf R}$

It's good to have a basic foundation on both approaches and then decide which you prefer for most data tasks!

this class will primarily use tidyverse approach

future data science seminar will provide examples of edge cases where base $\ensuremath{\mathsf{R}}$ is necessary

Tidyverse vs. base R functions

tidyverse	base R	operation
select()	[] + c() OR subset()	"extract" variables
filter()	[] + \$ OR subset()	"extract" observations
arrange()	order()	sorting data

3.1 Subsetting using subsetting operators

Subsetting to Extract Elements

Subsetting is the R word for accessing object elements.

Subsetting features can be used to select/exclude elements (i.e., variables and observations)

there are three subsetting operators: [], \$, [[]]

these operators function differently based on vector types (e.g, atomic vectors, lists, data frames)

Subsetting Atomic Vectors via operators

Six ways to subset an atomic vector using []

1. Using positive integers to return elements at specified positions

```
x \leftarrow c(1.1, 2.2, 3.3, 4.4, 5.5)
x[c(3, 1)]
```

- ## [1] 3.3 1.1
 - 2. Using negative integers to exclude elements at specified positions

$$x[-c(3,1)]$$

- ## [1] 2.2 4.4 5.5
 - 3. Using logicals to return elements where corresponding logical is TRUE

Subsetting Atomic Vectors via operators

```
Six ways to subset an atomic vector using [] continued...
 4. Empty [] returns original vector (useful for dataframes)
x[] #4
## [1] 1.1 2.2 3.3 4.4 5.5
 5. Zero vector (useful for testing data)
x[0]
## numeric(0)
 6. Returning character elements with matching names
y<- setNames(x, letters[1:5]) #6
y[c("a", "b", "d")] #6
##
## 1.1 2.2 4.4
```

Subsetting Lists and Matrices via operators

[1] 1 5

```
Subsetting lists (arrays and matrices too) via [] operator works the same as
subsetting an atomic vector
     [] simplifies output to the lowest possible dimensionality (i.e.,if you
   subset a (2D) matrix it will return a 1D vector with however many
   elements vou subset)
x <- list(1,2,"apple")
v \leftarrow x[c(3, 1)]
typeof(y)
## [1] "list"
a \leftarrow matrix(1:9, nrow = 3)
a #this is a 3X3 matrix
## [,1] [,2] [,3]
## [1,] 1 4 7
## [2,] 2 5 8
## [3,] 3 6
                     9
b \leftarrow a[c(1,5)]
b #returns an integer vector with two elements
```

Subsetting Single Elements from Vectors, Lists, and Matrices via operators

Two other subsetting operators are used for extracting single elements, since subsetting lists with [] returns a smaller list

```
[[]],$
```

 $\$ is shorthand operator equivalent to x["y"]] and is used to access variables in a dataframe (will show this in upcoming slides)

Example from Hadley: If x is a train carrying objects, then x[[5]] is the object in car 5 and x[4:6] is a smaller train made up of cars 4, 5, & 6.

```
x <- list(1:3, "a", 4:6)
y <- x[1] #this returns a list
typeof(y)</pre>
```

```
## [1] "list"
z <- x[[1]] #this is not a list
typeof(z)</pre>
```

```
## [1] "integer"
```

Subsetting Data Frames to extract columns (variables) based on positionality

Selecting columns from a data frame by subsetting with [] and a single index based on column positionality

```
df_event[1:4]
```

```
## # A tibble: 18,680 x 4
##
     instnm
                 univ id instst
                                  pid
     <chr>
                   <int> <chr> <int>
##
   1 UNI.
                  181464 NF.
                                11052
##
##
   2 Rutgers
                  186380 N.J
                                64786
   3 Rutgers
                  186380 NJ
                                64727
##
   4 Stony Brook 196097 NY
                                 16005
##
##
   5 Bama
                  100751 AT.
                                 2667
   6 UGA
                  139959 GA
                                21008
##
##
   7 Kansas
                  155317 KS
                                59772
   8 Bama
                  100751 AL
                                 2674
##
##
   9 Bama
                  100751 AT.
                                 2675
## 10 Kansas
                  155317 KS
                                59853
  # ... with 18,670 more rows
```

Subsetting Data Frames to extract columns (variables) and rows (observations) based on positionality

Selecting rows and columns from a data frame by subsetting with [] and a double index based on row/column positionality

```
#this returns the first 5 rows and first 3 columns
df_event[1:5, 1:3]

## # A tibble: 5 x 3
## instrm univ id instst.
```

```
#this returns the first 5 rows and all columns [output omitted]
df_event[1:5, ]
```

Subsetting Data Frames to extract columns (variables) based on names

Selecting columns from a data frame by subsetting with [] and list of column names

```
df event[c("instnm", "univ id", "event state")]
## # A tibble: 18,680 x 3
##
  instnm univ id event state
## <chr> <int> <chr>
  1 UNL 181464 TX
##
##
  2 Rutgers 186380 NJā
##
   3 Rutgers 186380 NJă
  4 Stony Brook 196097 NY
##
##
   5 Bama 100751 TX
##
  6 UGA 139959 CT
  7 Kansas
               155317 KS
##
## 8 Bama 100751 AI.
## 9 Bama
               100751 AL
## 10 Kansas
               155317 TX
## # ... with 18,670 more rows
```

Subsetting Data Frames with [] and \$

Show all obs where the high school received 1 visit from UC Berkeley (110635) and all columns [output omitted]

```
x <- df_school[df_school$visits_by_110635 == 1, ]</pre>
```

Show all obs where the high school received 1 visit from UC Berkeley (110635) and the first three columns [output omitted]

```
df_school[df_school$visits_by_110635 == 1, 1:3]
```

Show all obs where high schools received 1 visit by Bama (100751) and Berkeley (110635)

```
\label{eq:df_school} $$ df_school$visits_by_110635 == 1 \& df_school$visits_by_100751 == 1, ]
```

Subsetting Data Frames with [] and \$ Show all public high schools with at least 50% Latinx (hispanic in data) student enrollment

```
#public high schools with at least 50% Latinx student enrollment
df_CA<- df_school[df_school$school_type == "public"</pre>
                      & df school$pct hispanic >= 50
                      & df_school$state_code == "CA", ]
head(df CA, n=3)
## # A tibble: 3 x 26
      state code school type ncessch name address city zip code pct white
##
## <chr> <chr
                                                                                   <dbl>
                   public 064015~ Tust~ 1171 E~ Tust~ 92780 13.3
## 1 CA
## 2 CA
                  public 062547~ Bell~ 6119 A~ Bell~ 90201 0.402
## 3 CA
                   public
                                  063531~ Sant~ 520 W.~ Sant~ 92701 0.547
## # ... with 18 more variables: pct black <dbl>, pct hispanic <dbl>,
## #
        pct_asian <dbl>, pct_amerindian <dbl>, pct_other <dbl>,
## #
        num fr lunch <dbl>, total students <dbl>, num took math <dbl>,
## #
        num_prof_math <dbl>, num_took_rla <dbl>, num_prof_rla <dbl>,
## #
        avgmedian inc 2564 <dbl>, visits by 110635 <int>,
## #
        visits by 126614 <int>, visits by 100751 <int>, inst 110635 <chr>,
## #
        inst 126614 <chr>, inst 100751 <chr>>
nrow(df CA)
```

3.2 Subsetting using the subset function

Subset function

The subset() is a base R function and easiest way to "filter" observations
 can be combined with select() base R function to select variables
 can be combined with count() for quick comparisons or assignment to
 create new objects

?subset

Syntax: subset(x, subset, select, drop = FALSE)

x is object to be subsetted

subset is the logical expression(s) indicating elements (rows) to keep select indicates columns to select from data frame (if argument is not used default will keep all columns)

drop takes TRUE or FALSE if you want to preserve the original dimensions (only need to worry about dataframes when your subset output is a single column)

Subset function, examples Show all public high schools that are at least 50% Latinx (hispanic in data) student enrollment in California compared to number of schools that received visit by UC Berkeley

```
#public high schools with at least 50% Latinx student enrollment
count(subset(df school, school type == "public" & pct hispanic >= 50
             & state code == "CA"))
```

```
## # A tibble: 1 x 1
##
        n
##
     <int.>
## 1 713
count(subset(df school, school type == "public" & pct hispanic >= 50
             & state code == "CA" & visits by 110635 >= 1))
## # A tibble: 1 x 1
```

A tibble: 1 x 1 ## ## <int> 108

n

##

1

count(subset(df school, visits by 100751 >= 1 & state code %in% c("MA", "ME", "VT"

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<int.> ## 1 100 Can also use the %in% operator... -Show visits by Bama in multiple states

Subset function, examples

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Create new df with all public high schools that are at least 50% Latinx student enrollment in California **AND** only keep variables name and address

#public high schools with at least 50% Latinx student enrollment
df CA2 <- subset(df school, school type == "public" & pct hispanic >= 50

```
& state_code == "CA", select = c(name, address))
head(df CA2)
## # A tibble: 6 x 2
## name
                         address
## <chr>
                       <chr>
                 1171 El Camino Real
## 1 Tustin High
## 2 Bell Gardens High 6119 Agra St.
## 3 Santa Ana High
                   520 W. Walnut
## 4 Warren High
                   8141 De Palma St.
## 5 Hollywood Senior High 1521 N. Highland Ave.
## 6 Venice Senior High 13000 Venice Blvd.
nrow(df CA2)
```

3.3 Sorting data

Base R sort() for vectors

```
sort() is a base R function that sorts vectors - Syntax:
sort(x, decreasing=FALSE, ...); where x is object being sorted - By default it
sorts in ascending order (low to high) - Need to set decreasing argument to
TRUE to sort from high to low
?sort()
x < -c(31, 5, 8, 2, 25)
sort(x)
## [1] 2 5 8 25 31
sort(x, decreasing = TRUE)
## [1] 31 25 8 5 2
```

Base R order() for dataframes

```
order() is a base R function that sorts vectors
   Syntax: order(..., na.last = TRUE, decreasing = FALSE)
   where ... are variable(s) to sort by
    By default it sorts in ascending order (low to high)
    Need to set decreasing argument to TRUE to sort from high to low
Descending argument only works when we want either one (and only) variable
descending or all variables descending (when sorting by multiple vars)
   use - when you want to indicate which variables are descending while
    using the default ascending sorting
df_event[order(df_event$event_date), ]
df event[order(df event$event date, df event$total 12), ]
#sort descending via argument
df event[order(df event$event date, decreasing = TRUE), ]
df event[order(df event$event date, df event$total 12, decreasing = TRUE), ]
#sorting by both ascending and descending variables
df_event[order(df_event$event_date, -df_event$total_12), ]
```

4 Tidyverse vs base R examples

Extracting columns (variables)

-Create a new dataframe by extracting the columns <code>instnm</code>, <code>event_date</code>, <code>event_type</code> from df_event. Use the <code>names()</code> function to show what columns/variables are in the newly created dataframe.

tidyverse

```
df event tv <- select(df event, instnm, event date, event type)</pre>
names(df_event_tv)
## [1] "instnm" "event_date" "event_type"
base R using subsetting operators
df_event_br1 <- df_event[, c("instnm", "event_date", "event_type")]</pre>
names(df event br1)
## [1] "instnm" "event_date" "event_type"
base R using subset() function
df_event_br2 <- subset(df_event, select=c(instnm, event_date, event_type))</pre>
names(df event br2)
```

[1] "instnm" "event date" "event type"

Extracting observations

-Create a new dataframe from df_schools that includes out-of-state public high schools with 50%+ Latinx student enrollment that received at least one visit by the University of California Berkeley.

tidyverse

```
df_school_tv <- filter(df_school, state_code != "CA" & school_type == "public" &
nrow(df_school_tv)

## [1] 10

base R using subsetting operators</pre>
```

[1] 10

base R using subset() function

```
df_school_br2 <- subset(df_school, state_code != "CA" & school_type == "public"
nrow(df_school_br2)</pre>
```

```
## [1] 10
```

Sorting observations

-Create a new dataframe from df_events that sorts by ascending by ${\tt event_date}$, ascending ${\tt event_state}$, and descending ${\tt pop_total}$.

tidyverse

df_event_tv <- arrange(df_event, event_date, event_state, desc(pop_total))</pre>

base R using order() function