

Lecture 6 problem set

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Required reading and instructions

Required reading before next class

- Work through slides from lecture 6 that we don't get to in class
 - [REQUIRED] slides from section 4 “Tidying data”, particularly 4.2 “gathering”
 - [OPTIONAL] slides from section 5 “Missing data”
- [OPTIONAL] GW chapter 12 (tidy data)
 - Lecture 6 covers this material pretty closely, so read chapter if you can, but I get it if you don't have time
- [OPTIONAL] Wickham, H. (2014). Tidy Data. *Journal of Statistical Software*, 59(10), 1-23. [doi: 10.18637/jss.v059.i10](https://doi.org/10.18637/jss.v059.i10)
 - This is the journal article that introduced the data concepts covered in GW chapter 12 and created the packages related to tidying data

General Problem Set instructions

In this homework, you will specify `pdf_document` as the output format. You must have LaTeX installed in order to create pdf documents.

If you have not yet installed MiKTeX/MacTeX, I recommend installing TinyTeX, which is much simpler to install!

- Instructions for installation of TinyTeX can be found [Here](#)
- General Instructions for Problem Sets [Here](#)

Mid-quarter evaluation

- Please take 10 minutes to complete the anonymous mid-quarter evaluation [Here](#)
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Overview

This problem set has three parts.

1. I'll ask you some definitional/conceptual questions about the concepts introduced in lecture
2. Tidying untidy data: “spreading” (i.e., going from long to wide)
 - this will be the longest part of the problem set because it is very common that data we find “in the wild” needs to be “spread” before it is tidy
 - e.g., dataset has one row for each combination of university ID and enrollment age group, but you want a dataset with one row per university ID and one enrollment variable for each age group
 - for these questions we'll use fall enrollment data from the Integrated Postsecondary Data System (IPEDS), specifically the fall enrollment sub-survey that focuses on enrollment by age group
3. Tidying untidy data: “gathering” (i.e., going from wide to long)
 - This section will be short because it is less common that datasets need to be “gathered” before they are tidy

Load library and data

```
#install.packages("tidyverse") #uncomment if you haven't installed these packaged
#install.packages("haven")
#install.packages("labelled")
library(tidyverse)
#> -- Attaching packages ----- tidyvers
#> v ggplot2 3.0.0      v purrr  0.2.5
#> v tibble  1.4.2      v dplyr  0.7.6
#> v tidyr   0.8.1      v stringr 1.3.1
#> v readr   1.1.1      v forcats 0.3.0
#> -- Conflicts ----- tidyvers
#> x dplyr::filter() masks stats::filter()
#> x dplyr::lag()    masks stats::lag()
library(haven)
library(labelled)
```

Part I: Conceptual questions

- According to Wickham, what is the difference between “data structure” and “data concepts” (he uses the term “data semantics”)
- According to Wickham:
 - what is an “observation”?
ANSWER:
 - give an example of an observation?
ANSWER:
 - What is the difference between an “observation” and a “row”?
ANSWER:
 - Under what condition is an observation the same thing as a row?
ANSWER:
- According to Wickham:
 - what is a “variable”?
ANSWER:
 - give an example of a variable
ANSWER:
 - what is the difference between a “variable” and a “column”
ANSWER:
 - Under what condition is a variable the same thing as a column
ANSWER:
- According to Wickham:
 - what is a “value”?
ANSWER:
 - give an example of a value
ANSWER:
 - what is the difference between a “cell” and a value?
ANSWER:
 - Under what condition is a value the same thing as a cell?
ANSWER:
- What is the difference between the terms “unit of analysis” [an “ozan” term; not necessarily used outside this class] and “observational level” [A Wickham term]?
 - ANSWER:
- What are the three rules of tidy data?
 - ANSWER:

Part II: Questions about spreading

Description of the data

For these questions, we'll be using data from the Fall Enrollment survey component of the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS)

- Specifically, we'll be using data from the survey sub-component that focuses on enrollment by age-group.
- The dataset we'll be using data from Fall 2016 (i.e., Fall of the 2016-17 academic year)
- Here is a link to a data dictionary (an excel file) for the enrollment by age dataset: [LINK](#)
- In the dataset you load below:
 - I've dropped a few of the variables from the raw enrollment by age data
 - I've added a few variables from the "institutional characteristics" survey (e.g., institution name, state, sector) that should be pretty self explanatory if you examine the variable labels and/or value labels
- the variable `unitid` is the ID variable for each college/university
- the dataset has one observation for each combination of the variables `unitid`-`efbage`-`lstudy`

Overview of the spreading tasks

- Load the data frame and assign it the name `age_f16_allvars_allobs`
- Create three different data frame objects based on the data frame `age_f16_allvars_allobs`
 - A dataframe `all_obs` that has fewer variables than `age_f16_allvars_allobs` but the same number of observations
 - * this data frame has the most complex structure; we'll spread this one last
 - A dataframe `agegroup1_obs` that has fewer variables than `age_f16_allvars_allobs` and keeps observations where age-group equals 1 (1. All age categories total)
 - * this data frame has the simplest structure; we'll spread this one first
 - A dataframe `levstudy1_obs` that has fewer variables than `age_f16_allvars_allobs` and keeps observations where "level of study" equals 1 (1. All Students total)
 - * this data frame has the second simplest structure; we'll spread this one second
- Questions related to spreading `agegroup1_obs`
- Questions related to spreading `levstudy1_obs`
- Questions related to spreading `all_obs`

Load data and create three new data frames

- Load IPEDS data that contains fall enrollment by age

NOTE: IN THIS QUESTION, WE GIVE YOU THE ANSWERS; ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS RUN THE BELOW CODE CHUNK

```
rm(list = ls()) # remove all objects
#getwd()
#list.files("../../documents/rclass/data/ipeds/ef/age") # list files in directory w/ NLS data

#Read Stata data into R using read_dta() function from haven package
age_f16_allvars_allobs <- read_dta(file="https://github.com/ozanj/rclass/raw/master/data/ipeds/ef/age/e

#rename a couple variables
age_f16_allvars_allobs <- age_f16_allvars_allobs %>% rename(agegroup=efbage, levstudy=lstudy)

#list variables and variable labels
```

```

names(age_f16_allvars_allobs)
#> [1] "unitid"      "agegroup"    "levstudy"    "efage01"
#> [5] "efage02"     "efage03"     "efage04"     "efage05"
#> [9] "efage06"     "efage07"     "efage08"     "efage09"
#> [13] "fullname"    "stabbr"      "sector"      "iclevel"
#> [17] "control"     "hloffer"     "locale"      "merge_age_ic"
age_f16_allvars_allobs %>% var_label()
#> $unitid
#> [1] "Unique identification number of the institution"
#>
#> $agegroup
#> [1] "Age category"
#>
#> $levstudy
#> [1] "Level of student"
#>
#> $efage01
#> [1] "Full time men"
#>
#> $efage02
#> [1] "Full time women"
#>
#> $efage03
#> [1] "Part time men"
#>
#> $efage04
#> [1] "Part time women"
#>
#> $efage05
#> [1] "Full time total"
#>
#> $efage06
#> [1] "Part time total"
#>
#> $efage07
#> [1] "Total men"
#>
#> $efage08
#> [1] "Total women"
#>
#> $efage09
#> [1] "Grand total"
#>
#> $fullname
#> [1] "Institution (entity) name"
#>
#> $stabbr
#> [1] "State abbreviation"
#>
#> $sector
#> [1] "Sector of institution"
#>
#> $iclevel

```

```
#> [1] "Level of institution"
#>
#> $control
#> [1] "Control of institution"
#>
#> $hloffer
#> [1] "Highest level of offering"
#>
#> $locale
#> [1] "Degree of urbanization (Urban-centric locale)"
#>
#> $merge_age_ic
#> NULL
```

- Create three new data frames based on `age_f16_allvars_allobs`

NOTE: IN THIS QUESTION, WE GIVE YOU THE ANSWERS; ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS RUN THE BELOW CODE CHUNK

```
#Create dataframe that has fewer variables than `age_f16_allvars_allobs` but the same number of observations
all_obs <- age_f16_allvars_allobs %>%
  select(fullname,unitid,agegroup,levstudy,efage09,stabbr,sector,locale)

glimpse(all_obs)
#> Observations: 85,129
#> Variables: 8
#> $ fullname <chr> "Amridge University", "Amridge University", "Amridge ...
#> $ unitid <dbl> 100690, 100690, 100690, 100690, 100690, 100690, 10069...
#> $ agegroup <dbl+lbl> 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 1, 2, 4, ...
#> $ levstudy <dbl+lbl> 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2...
#> $ efage09 <dbl> 597, 57, 7, 16, 34, 540, 88, 97, 110, 158, 78, 9, 294...
#> $ stabbr <chr> "AL", "AL", "AL", "AL", "AL", "AL", "AL", "AL", "AL",...
#> $ sector <dbl+lbl> 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2...
#> $ locale <dbl+lbl> 12, 12, 12, 12, 12, 12, 12, 12, 12, 12, 12, 12, 1...

#Create dataframe that keeps observations where age-group equals `1` (1. All age categories total)
agegroup1_obs <- all_obs %>%
  filter(agegroup==1) %>% select(-agegroup)

glimpse(agegroup1_obs)
#> Observations: 7,019
#> Variables: 7
#> $ fullname <chr> "Amridge University", "Amridge University", "Amridge ...
#> $ unitid <dbl> 100690, 100690, 100690, 100724, 100724, 100724, 10075...
#> $ levstudy <dbl+lbl> 1, 2, 5, 1, 2, 5, 1, 2, 5, 1, 2, 1, 2, 5, 1, 2, 5...
#> $ efage09 <dbl> 597, 294, 303, 5318, 4727, 591, 37663, 32563, 5100, 1...
#> $ stabbr <chr> "AL", "AL", "AL", "AL", "AL", "AL", "AL", "AL", "AL",...
#> $ sector <dbl+lbl> 2, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 4, 4, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1...
#> $ locale <dbl+lbl> 12, 12, 12, 12, 12, 12, 13, 13, 13, 32, 32, 12, 1...

#Create dataframe keeps observations where "level of study" equals `1` (1. All Students total)
levstudy1_obs <- all_obs %>%
  filter(levstudy==1) %>% select(-levstudy)

glimpse(levstudy1_obs)
```

```
#> Observations: 36,703
#> Variables: 7
#> $ fullname <chr> "Amridge University", "Amridge University", "Amridge ...
#> $ unitid <dbl> 100690, 100690, 100690, 100690, 100690, 100690, 10069...
#> $ agegroup <dbl+lbl> 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 1, 2, 3, ...
#> $ eface09 <dbl> 597, 57, 7, 16, 34, 540, 88, 97, 110, 158, 78, 9, 531...
#> $ stabbr <chr> "AL", "AL", "AL", "AL", "AL", "AL", "AL", "AL", "AL",...
#> $ sector <dbl+lbl> 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1...
#> $ locale <dbl+lbl> 12, 12, 12, 12, 12, 12, 12, 12, 12, 12, 12, 12, 12, 1...
```

Questions related to spreading the dataset `agegroup1_obs`

- Run whatever investigations seem helpful to you to get to know the data (e.g., list variable names, list variable labels, list variable values, tabulations). You may decide to comment out some of these investigations before you knit and submit the problem set so that your pdf doesn't get too long.

Sort and print a few obs

Run some frequencies

- Run the following code, which confirms that there is one row per each combination of `unitid`-`levstudy`

NOTE: IN THIS QUESTION, WE GIVE YOU THE ANSWERS; BUT TRY TO UNDERSTAND WHAT EACH PART OF THE CODE IS DOING

```
agegroup1_obs %>% group_by(unitid,levstudy) %>% # group by vars
  summarise(n_per_group=n()) %>% # create a measure of number of observations per group
  ungroup %>% # ungroup (otherwise frequency table [next step] created) separately for each group
  count(n_per_group) # frequency of number of observations per group
#> # A tibble: 1 x 2
#>   n_per_group      n
#>   <int> <int>
#> 1         1 7019
```

Using code from previous question as a guide, confirm that the object `agegroup1_obs` has more than one observation for each value of `unitid`

- Diagnose whether the data frame `agegroup1_obs` meets each of the three criteria for tidy data
 - YOUR ANSWER HERE:
 - * Each variable must have its own column:
 - * Each observation must have its own row:
 - * Each value must have its own cell:
- What changes need to be made to `age_all` to make it tidy?
 - YOUR ANSWER HERE:
- With respect to “spreading” to tidy a dataset, define the concept “key column”
 - YOUR ANSWER HERE:
- What should the key column be in the data frame `agegroup1_obs`?
 - YOUR ANSWER HERE:
- With respect to “spreading” to tidy a dataset, define the concept “value column”
 - YOUR ANSWER HERE:
- What should the value column be in the data frame `agegroup1_obs`?
 - YOUR ANSWER HERE:

Tidy the data frame `agegroup1_obs` and create a new object `agegroup1_obs_tidy`, then print a few observations

Confirm that the new object `agegroup1_obs_tidy` contains one observation for each value of `unitid`

Create a new object `agegroup1_obs_tidy_v2` from the object `agegroup1_obs` by performing the following steps in one line of code with multiple pipes:

- Create a variable `level` that is a character version of the variable ‘`levstudy`’
- Drop the original variable `levstudy`
- Tidy the dataset

Print a few observations of `agegroup1_obs_tidy_v2`; Why is this data frame preferable over `agegroup1_obs_tidy`?

- YOUR ANSWER HERE:

Questions related to spreading the dataset `levstudy1_obs`

- Run whatever investigations seem helpful to you to get to know the data frame `levstudy1_obs` (e.g., list variable names, list variable labels, list variable values, tabulations). You may decide to comment out some of these investigations before you knit and submit the problem set so that your pdf doesn’t get too long.

Sort and print a few obs

Run some frequencies

- Confirm that there is one row per each combination of `unitid`-`agegroup`

Using code from previous question as a guide, confirm that the object `levstudy1_obs` has more than one observation for each value of `unitid`

- Why is the data frame `levstudy1_obs` not tidy?
 - YOUR ANSWER HERE:
- What changes need to be made to `levstudy1_obs` to make it tidy?
 - YOUR ANSWER HERE:

Tidy the data frame `levstudy1_obs` and create a new object `levstudy1_obs_tidy` (it is up to you whether you want to create character version of the variable `agegroup` prior to tidying) then print a few observations

Confirm that the new object `levstudy1_obs_tidy` contains one observation for each value of `unitid`

Questions related to spreading the dataset `all_obs`

Investigate data frame `all_obs` if you want, but not required to show code

- Confirm that there is one row per each combination of `unitid`-`agegroup`-`levstudy`
- Why is the data frame `all_obs` not tidy?
 - YOUR ANSWER HERE:
- What changes need to be made to `all_obs` to make it tidy?
 - YOUR ANSWER HERE:
- The `spread()` function can only have a single key variable. we have two key variables: `agegroup` and `level`. Run the below code, which creates character versions of these two variables and then uses the `unit()` function to combine these two variables into a single variable. This code will create a new object `all_obs_temp`.

NOTE: IN THIS QUESTION, WE GIVE YOU THE ANSWERS; BUT TRY TO UNDERSTAND WHAT EACH PART OF THE CODE IS DOING

```
all_obs_temp <- all_obs %>%
  mutate(
    age = recode(as.integer(agegroup),
      `1`="age_all",
      `2`="age_lt25",
      `3`="age_lt18",
      `4`="age_18_19",
      `5`="age_20_21",
      `6`="age_22_24",
      `7`="age_25_plus",
      `8`="age_25_29",
      `9`="age_30-34",
      `10`="age_35-39",
      `11`="age_40_49",
      `12`="age_50_64",
      `13`="age_65_plus",
      `14`="age_unknown"),
    level=recode(as.integer(levstudy),
      `1` = "lev_all",
      `2` = "lev_ug",
      `5` = "lev_grad")
  ) %>% unite("age_lev", age, level) %>%
  select(-levstudy,-agegroup)
```

```
all_obs_temp %>% head(n=20)
#> # A tibble: 20 x 7
#>   fullname      unitid efage09 stabbr sector locale age_lev
#>   <chr>          <dbl>   <dbl> <chr>   <dbl+lb> <dbl+lb> <chr>
#> 1 Amridge Univer~ 100690    597 AL     2      12 age_all_lev_all
#> 2 Amridge Univer~ 100690     57 AL     2      12 age_lt25_lev_a~
#> 3 Amridge Univer~ 100690      7 AL     2      12 age_18_19_lev_~
#> 4 Amridge Univer~ 100690     16 AL     2      12 age_20_21_lev_~
#> 5 Amridge Univer~ 100690     34 AL     2      12 age_22_24_lev_~
#> 6 Amridge Univer~ 100690    540 AL     2      12 age_25_plus_le~
#> 7 Amridge Univer~ 100690     88 AL     2      12 age_25_29_lev_~
#> 8 Amridge Univer~ 100690     97 AL     2      12 age_30-34_lev_~
#> 9 Amridge Univer~ 100690    110 AL     2      12 age_35-39_lev_~
#> 10 Amridge Univer~ 100690    158 AL     2      12 age_40_49_lev_~
#> 11 Amridge Univer~ 100690     78 AL     2      12 age_50_64_lev_~
#> 12 Amridge Univer~ 100690      9 AL     2      12 age_65_plus_le~
#> 13 Amridge Univer~ 100690    294 AL     2      12 age_all_lev_ug
#> 14 Amridge Univer~ 100690     46 AL     2      12 age_lt25_lev_ug
#> 15 Amridge Univer~ 100690      7 AL     2      12 age_18_19_lev_~
#> 16 Amridge Univer~ 100690     15 AL     2      12 age_20_21_lev_~
#> 17 Amridge Univer~ 100690     24 AL     2      12 age_22_24_lev_~
#> 18 Amridge Univer~ 100690    248 AL     2      12 age_25_plus_le~
#> 19 Amridge Univer~ 100690     45 AL     2      12 age_25_29_lev_~
#> 20 Amridge Univer~ 100690     47 AL     2      12 age_30-34_lev_~
```

Tidy the data frame `all_obs_temp` and create a new object `all_obs_tidy`; then print a few observations

- Confirm that the new object `all_obs_tidy` contains one observation for each value of `unitid`

Part III: Questions about gathering

Here, we load a table from NCES digest of education statistics that contains data about the total number of teachers in each state for particular years.

```
load(url("https://github.com/ozanj/rclass/raw/master/data/nces_digest/nces_digest_table_208_30.RData"))
table208_30
#> # A tibble: 51 x 6
#>   state tot_fall_2000 tot_fall_2005 tot_fall_2009 tot_fall_2010
#>   <chr> <chr>         <chr>         <chr>         <chr>
#> 1 Alab~ 48194.400000~ 57757         47492         49363.240000~
#> 2 Alas~ 7880.3999999~ 7912         8083.1000000~ 8170.6399999~
#> 3 Ariz~ 44438.400000~ 51376         51947.230000~ 50030.619999~
#> 4 Arka~ 31947.400000~ 32997         37240         34272.800000~
#> 5 Cali~ 298021.40000~ 309222        316298.58000~ 260806.29999~
#> 6 Colo~ 41983.400000~ 45841         49060.32      48542.990000~
#> 7 Conn~ 41044.400000~ 39687         43592.829999~ 42951.389999~
#> 8 Dela~ 7469.3999999~ 7998         8639.5799999~ 8933
#> 9 Dist~ 4949.3999999~ 5481         5854         5925.3299999~
#> 10 Flor~ 132030.39999~ 158962        183827        175609.28999~
#> # ... with 41 more rows, and 1 more variable: tot_fall_2011 <chr>
```

- Why is the data frame `table208_30` not tidy?
 - YOUR ANSWER HERE:
- What changes need to be made to `table208_30` to make it tidy?
 - YOUR ANSWER HERE:

Tidy the data frame `table208_30` and create a new object `table208_30_tidy`:

- Recommended but optional: prior to gathering, rename the **names** columns (i.e., the set of columns that represent values, not variables in your untidy data). Specifically, rename these variables to remove characters prior to gathering (e.g., rename “`tot_fall_2000`” -> “`2000`”). See the end of section 4.2.1 for an example of how to do this.
- after you tidy the data, print a few observations

Bonus Question:

Run this code below to create the data frame `allobsv1` and examine its contents

```
names(age_f16_allvars_allobs)
#> [1] "unitid"      "agegroup"    "levstudy"    "efage01"
#> [5] "efage02"     "efage03"     "efage04"     "efage05"
#> [9] "efage06"     "efage07"     "efage08"     "efage09"
#> [13] "fullname"    "stabbr"      "sector"      "iclevel"
#> [17] "control"     "hloffer"     "locale"      "merge_age_ic"
#age_f16_allvars_allobs %>% var_label()

allobsv1 <- age_f16_allvars_allobs %>%
  select(1:9, 13:19)
names(allobsv1)
#> [1] "unitid"      "agegroup"    "levstudy"    "efage01"    "efage02"    "efage03"
#> [7] "efage04"     "efage05"     "efage06"     "fullname"    "stabbr"     "sector"
#> [13] "iclevel"     "control"     "hloffer"     "locale"
allobsv1
```

```

#> # A tibble: 85,129 x 16
#>   unitid agegroup levstudy efage01 efage02 efage03 efage04 efage05 efage06
#>   <dbl> <dbl+lbl> <dbl+lbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
#> 1 100690 " 1"      1          89    127    144    237    216    381
#> 2 100690 " 2"      1           9     14     12     22     23     34
#> 3 100690 " 4"      1           1      2      1      3      3      4
#> 4 100690 " 5"      1           3      6      5      2      9      7
#> 5 100690 " 6"      1           5      6      6     17     11     23
#> 6 100690 " 7"      1          80    113    132    215    193    347
#> 7 100690 " 8"      1          12     26     16     34     38     50
#> 8 100690 " 9"      1          22     20     19     36     42     55
#> 9 100690 10        1          15     20     23     52     35     75
#> 10 100690 11       1          22     33     46     57     55    103
#> # ... with 85,119 more rows, and 7 more variables: fullname <chr>,
#> #   stabbr <chr>, sector <dbl+lbl>, iclevel <dbl+lbl>, control <dbl+lbl>,
#> #   hloffer <dbl+lbl>, locale <dbl+lbl>

```

Your task in this bonus question is to make the untidy data frame `allobsv1` tidy. note that `allobsv1` contains multiple enrollment variables (in addition to the variables `efbage` and `lstudy` which were in the previous data frames we tidied).

The end of Section 4.3 “Tidying data: spreading” of Lecture 6 states that the `spread()` function is not designed to create tidy datasets when there are multiple **value** variables. Therefore, in order to spread to create a tidy dataset from an untidy dataset that has multiple **value** variables, we would need to incorporate additional/alternative programming skills **not taught** in class. And that is why this is a bonus question.

Your end result should be a “tidy” version of `allobsv1`.

Hint: Google “How to spread multiple value columns in R”

Once finished, knit to (pdf) and upload both .Rmd and pdf files to class website under the week 6 tab
Remember to use this naming convention “lastname_firstname_ps6”