

# **DATA MANIPULATION IN SAS**

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# **SAS LABELS**

# ILLUSTRATION

## Fake data set df.csv

```
proc import datafile = '/folders/myshortcuts/WiMa_Praktikum/lectures/illustration/df.csv'  
    out = df  
    dbms = csv  
    replace;  
run;  
  
proc print data = df(obs = 5);  
run;
```

Obs	id	disease	a_factor	another_factor	center	visit_1	visit_2	visit_3	visit_1_d	visit_2_d	visit_3_d
1	1	1		5	Freiburg	-0.862886892	-1.038982913	-0.175620288	2012-06-14	2013-06-05	2014-09-07
2	2	0	0	3	Karlsruhe	-1.56424446	0.713705855	0.0550137514	2012-10-21	2013-08-25	2014-07-23
3	3	1	1	2	Ulm	0.4320450758	-0.493051126	-0.050453051	2012-09-04	2013-08-12	2014-08-20
4	4	0	1	4	Ulm	1.7775694724	-2.217718735	-0.366341982	2012-09-05	2013-09-17	2014-05-18
5	5	1	0	3	Stuttgart	0.774286472	-0.098963345	2.4968651554	2012-12-01	2013-10-23	2014-08-05

# ILLUSTRATION

Alphabetic List of Variables and Attributes					
#	Variable	Type	Len	Format	Informat
3	a_factor	Char	3	\$3.	\$3.
4	another_factor	Num	8	BEST12.	BEST32.
5	center	Char	11	\$11.	\$11.
2	disease	Num	8	BEST12.	BEST32.
1	id	Num	8	BEST12.	BEST32.
6	visit_1	Num	8	BEST12.	BEST32.
7	visit_2	Num	8	BEST12.	BEST32.
8	visit_3	Num	8	BEST12.	BEST32.
9	visit_1_d	Num	8	YYMMDD10.	YYMMDD10.
10	visit_2_d	Num	8	YYMMDD10.	YYMMDD10.
11	visit_3_d	Num	8	YYMMDD10.	YYMMDD10.

- Need to change the format of a\_factor to numeric

```
data df;  
  set df;  
  newfactor = input(a_factor, 3.);  
run;
```

# **LABELLING**

- Both variables and values can be labelled
- Once created, these labels will appear in the output of statistical procedures
  - Nicer and clearer output

# LABELS FOR VARIABLES

```
data df;  
  set df;  
  label visit_1 = "Measure at first visit (mm) "  
        visit_2 = "Measure at second visit (mm) "  
        visit_3 = "Measure at third visit (mm) ";  
run;  
  
proc means data = df;  
var visit_1 visit_2 visit_3;  
run;
```

The MEANS Procedure						
Variable	Label	N	Mean	Std Dev	Minimum	Maximum
visit_1	Measure at first visit (mm)	20	-0.3139315	1.0624007	-2.4594542	1.7775695
visit_2	Measure at second visit (mm)	20	-0.2053891	0.8666551	-2.2177187	1.1200654
visit_3	Measure at third visit (mm)	20	0.2436875	0.7903454	-0.8815313	2.4968652

# LABELS FOR VALUES

Specified through creating new formats

```
proc format;  
  value dis 1 = 'Horrible disease' 0='Healthy';  
  value factor_one 1 = 'Factor present' 0 = 'Factor absent';  
  value factor_two 1-2='low' 3 = 'medium' 4-5 = 'high';  
run;  
  
* an example in proc freq;  
proc freq data = df;  
  format disease dis. another_factor factor_two.;  
  tables disease * another_factor;  
run;
```

The FREQ Procedure

Frequency Percent Row Pct Col Pct	Table of disease by another_factor				
	disease	another_factor			Total
		low	medium	high	
Healthy		2	5	3	10
		10.00	25.00	15.00	50.00
		20.00	50.00	30.00	
		28.57	71.43	50.00	
Horrible disease		5	2	3	10
		25.00	10.00	15.00	50.00
		50.00	20.00	30.00	
		71.43	28.57	50.00	
Total		7	7	6	20
		35.00	35.00	30.00	100.00

**DATES**



# DATES AND TIMES

SAS handles 3 types of date and time values

- Time values (*internal*: Number of seconds since midnight)
- Date values (*internal*: Number of days since 1.1.1970)
- Datetime values (*internal*: Number of seconds since 1.1.1970)

**Example:** Create some dates and times. Note that a `proc print` will display the internal representation

```
data some_dates;  
    time1 = '15:00't;  
    date1 = '18jun2016'd;  
    datetime1 = '3nov1995:15:00:00'dt;  
run;
```

# FORMAT FOR DATES AND TIMES

```
data test_date;  
    time1 = 1090013;  format time1  datetime.;  
    date1 = 9013;      format date1  date9.;  
    time2 = time1;     format time2  timeampm.;  
    date2 = date1;     format date2  month.;  
    date3 = date1;     format date3  DDMMYYB10.;  
  
    new_date = date1 - 360; * math operation work with dates;  
    new_date0 = new_date; format new_date0 date9.;  
    new_date2 = month(new_date); * extract month;  
  
run;
```

Obs	time1	date1	time2	date2	date3	new_date	new_date0	new_date2
1	13JAN60:14:46:53	04SEP1984	2:46:53 PM	9	04 09 1984	8653	10SEP1983	9

# **TEXT PROCESSING**

# CONCATENATE

cat    preserve all spaces

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cats   remove trailing blanks

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catt   remove all blanks

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catx   join with a separator (first argument)

```
data text1;  
  x1 = 'cats ';  
  x2 = ' apples';  
  x3 = 'and dogs';  
  
  all1 = cat(of x1-x3); /* same as cat(x1, x2, x3) */  
  all2 = cats(of x1-x3);  
  all3 = catt(of x1-x3);  
  all4 = catx("|", of x1-x3);  
  
  put all1=;  
  put all2=;  
  put all3=;  
  put all4=;  
run;
```

```
all1=cats  applesand dogs  
all2=catsapplesand dogs  
all3=cats applesand dogs  
all4=cats|apples|and dogs
```

# REMOVE CHARACTERS

```
data text2;  
    expr1 = 'A; simple; sentence';  
    new = compress(expr1, ";");  
    put new=;  
  
    expr2 = '122-1143 76';  
    new2 = compress(expr2, "-", 'd'); * remove '-' and any digit;  
    put new2=;  
  
    expr3 = '1 2 4 5 7';  
    new3 = compress(expr3, , 's'); * Remove spaces;  
    put new3=;  
run;
```

```
new=A simple sentence  
new2=11  
new3=12457
```

# SIMPLE MATCH AND REPLACEMENT

```
data text3;  
  a = count("banana", "a"); * count the number of a's;  
  put a=;  
  
  where = "university of california"; * Position of 'cal' in the string;  
  i = index(where, "cal");  
  put i=;  
  
  hihi = reverse(where);  
  put hihi=;  
  
  up = upcase(where);  
  put up=;  
  
  new = translate(where, 'UC', 'uc'); * Change u's and c's into U's and C's  
  put new=;  
  
  new2 = tranwrd(where, 'university', 'beach'); * Replace words;  
  put new2=;  
run;
```

```
a=3  
i=15  
hihi=ainrofilac fo ytisrevinu  
up=UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA  
new=University of California  
new2=beach of california
```

# **DATA MANIPULATION**

# ROW SUBSCRIPTING

- With a condition

```
data ulm;  
  set df;  
  if upcase(center) eq 'ULM' then delete;  
run;
```

- where statement

```
data high;  
  set df(where = (another_factor in (4 5)));  
run;
```



# COLUMN SUBSCRIPTING

- Keep every variables starting with `visit` (: is a *wildcard*)

```
data visit;  
  set df;  
  keep visit:;  
run;
```

- Drop every variables between `id` and `center`

```
data visit2;  
  set df;  
  drop id--center;  
run;
```

- Keep only numeric variables

```
data numeric;  
  set df;  
  keep id-numeric-visit_3_d;  
run;
```

# COLUMN SUBSCRIPTING

- Keep character variables

```
data char;  
  set df;  
  keep id-character-visit_3_d;  
run;
```

- Remove visit\_1 to visit\_3

```
data sans_visit;  
  set df;  
  drop visit_1-visit_3;  
run;
```

# PROC SQL

`proc sql` permits to sort, summarize, subset, join (merge), and concatenate datasets, create new variables, and print the results or create a new table or view all in one step.

- A mix of SAS and SQL syntax
- Does not need sorted data sets for merge operations

The command starts with `proc sql` and ends with `quit;` (not run)

# SELECT VARIABLES WITH PROC SQL

Create a data set new from df containing the variables visit\_1 to visit\_3

```
proc sql;  
  create table new as  
    select visit_1, visit_2, visit_3  
    from df  
quit;
```

# MORE COMPLICATED

Create data set new\_new based on df

- select variable id and rename as pat
- create exp\_visit as exp(visit)
- select variables visit\_2, visit\_3 and visit\_1\_d (with format change)
- Select only the individuals for which center equals ulm and freiburg
- Finally, order by descending pat

```
proc sql;  
  create table new_new as  
    select id as pat, exp(visit_1) as exp_visit1, visit_2, visit_3, visit_1_d format=date9.  
    from df  
    where center in ("ulm", "Freiburg")  
    order by id desc;  
quit;
```

Obs	pat	exp_visit1	visit_2	visit_3	visit_1_d
1	20	0.50587	1.1200653733	0.7008688141	15NOV2012
2	15	1.79772	0.4667871902	0.1698879235	20JUL2012
3	13	2.57423	-0.806502312	1.0639712175	07NOV2012
4	10	2.17903	-0.591591575	-0.011528278	10AUG2012
5	1	0.42194	-1.038982913	-0.175620288	14JUN2012

# ARRAY

Arrays in SAS permit to perform the same task on a group of variables

```
array arrayname variable_list <$>;
```

1. All the variables in an array must be of the same type
2. An array can not have the same name as a variable
3. You can use the keyword `_temporary_` instead of a variable list

```
data test_array;  
  set df;  
  array x visit_1-visit_3;  
  array res{3};  
  do i=1 to dim(x);  
    res{i} = x{i} * 10;  
  end;  
  keep visit_1-visit_3 res;;  
run;
```

# DATA RESHAPING

# PROC TRANSPOSE

The name says it all. The problem is that proc transpose can only manage one variable at a time. Thus we need to

- Transpose visit\_X
- Transpose visit\_X\_d
- Merge back with the whole data set

```
proc transpose data = df
  out = long1(rename=(coll=measure)) name = visit;
  by id;
  var visit_1-visit_3;
run;

proc transpose data = df
  out = long2(rename=(coll=date)) name = visit;
  by id;
  var visit_1_d--visit_3_d;
run;

* and merge;
data df_long;
  merge long1
        long2
        df(keep = id a_factor another_factor disease center);
  by id;
run;
```



# RESHAPE USING A DATA STEP

```
data df_long2;
  set df;

  array m visit_1-visit_3;
  array d visit_1_d--visit_3_d;

  do _i = 1 to dim(m);
    measure = m(_i);
    date = d(_i);
    visit = _i;
    output;
  end;

  format date date9.;
  keep id center a_factor another_factor disease measure date visit;
run;
```

Obs	id	disease	a_factor	another_factor	center	measure	date	visit
1	1	1		5	Freiburg	-0.86289	14JUN2012	1
2	1	1		5	Freiburg	-1.03898	05JUN2013	2
3	1	1		5	Freiburg	-0.17562	07SEP2014	3
4	2	0	0	3	Karlsruhe	-1.56424	21OCT2012	1
5	2	0	0	3	Karlsruhe	0.71371	25AUG2013	2
6	2	0	0	3	Karlsruhe	0.05501	23JUL2014	3

# ALWAYS CHECK !!!

```
proc means data = df;  
    var visit_1-visit_3;  
run;
```

The MEANS Procedure

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# ALWAYS CHECK !!!

```
* need to sort before using the by statement in proc means;
proc sort data = df_long
  out = df_long;
  by visit;
proc means data = df_long;
  var measure;
  by visit;
run;
```

The MEANS Procedure				
NAME OF FORMER VARIABLE=visit_1_				
Analysis Variable : measure				
N	Mean	Std Dev	Minimum	Maximum
20	-0.3139315	1.0624007	-2.4594542	1.7775695

  

NAME OF FORMER VARIABLE=visit_2_				
Analysis Variable : measure				
N	Mean	Std Dev	Minimum	Maximum
20	-0.2053891	0.8666551	-2.2177187	1.1200654

  

NAME OF FORMER VARIABLE=visit_3_				
Analysis Variable : measure				
N	Mean	Std Dev	Minimum	Maximum
20	0.2436875	0.7903454	-0.8815313	2.4968652

# ALWAYS CHECK !!!

```
proc sort data = df_long2  
  out = df_long2;  
  by visit;  
proc means data = df_long2;  
  var measure;  
  by visit;  
run;
```

## The MEANS Procedure

visit=1

Analysis Variable : measure				
N	Mean	Std Dev	Minimum	Maximum
20	-0.3139315	1.0624007	-2.4594542	1.7775695

visit=2

Analysis Variable : measure				
N	Mean	Std Dev	Minimum	Maximum
20	-0.2053891	0.8666551	-2.2177187	1.1200654

visit=3

Analysis Variable : measure				
N	Mean	Std Dev	Minimum	Maximum
20	0.2436875	0.7903454	-0.8815313	2.4968652

# **DATA MERGING**

# COMBINE DATA BY ROWS

```
data d1;  
  input x y $;  
  datalines;  
  1 a  
  4 b  
  5 g  
  7 y  
  ;  
run;  
  
data d2;  
  input x y $;  
  datalines;  
  6 r  
  9 g  
  4 j  
  6 t  
  ;  
run;
```

Note the \$ sign after y to specify this variable as character

# COMBINE DATA BY ROW

```
data row_bind;  
    set d1 d2;  
proc print data = row_bind;  
run;
```

Obs	x	y
1	1	a
2	4	b
3	5	g
4	7	y
5	6	r
6	9	g
7	4	j
8	6	t

# COMBINE DATA BY COLUMN

We first need to rename the columns of d2, otherwise SAS does nothing

```
data d3;  
    set d2(rename=(x=z y=w));  
run;
```



# COMBINE DATA BY COLUMN

- Either use 2 set statements

```
data col_bind;  
  set d1;  
  set d3;  
run;
```

- Or merge by row numbers (which means, don't specify any variable to merge on)

```
data col_bind2;  
  merge d1 d3;  
run;
```

Obs	x	y
1	1	a
2	4	b
3	5	g
4	7	y
5	6	r
6	9	g
7	4	j
8	6	t

# MERGING

```
data dd1;  
  input id letter $;  
  datalines;  
20 k  
1 j  
3 h  
7 a  
13 c  
8 s  
;
```

```
run;
```

```
data dd2;  
  input id digit;  
  datalines;  
13 3  
14 8  
7 7  
1 6  
54 0  
;
```

```
run;
```

# MERGING

Before merging using the merge statement, data sets have to be sorted wrt the variables used for merging

```
proc sort data=dd1  
    out=dd1_sort;  
    by id;  
run;  
  
proc sort data=dd2  
    out=dd2_sort;  
    by id;  
run;
```

# MERGING

By default SAS performs a full join

```
data ddmerge;  
  merge dd1_sort dd2_sort;  
  by id;  
run;
```

Total rows: 8 Total columns: 3				
	id letter		digit	
1	1	j	6	
2	3	h	.	
3	7	a	7	
4	8	s	.	
5	13	c	3	
6	14		8	
7	20	k	.	
8	54		0	

# MERGING

To perform other types of joins, use the `in=` directive

- That creates temporary variables indicating from which data the observations are coming from

## Natural join

```
data ddmerge_natural;  
  merge dd1_sort(in=in1) dd2_sort(in=in2);  
  by id;  
  if in1 eq 0 or in2 eq 0 then delete;  
run;
```

	id	letter	digit	
1	1	j	6	
2	7	a	7	
3	13	c	3	

# MERGING

## Left join

```
data ddmerge_left;  
  merge dd1_sort(in=in1) dd2_sort(in=in2);  
  by id;  
  if in1 eq 0 then delete;  
run;
```

	id letter		digit
1	1	j	6
2	3	h	.
3	7	a	7
4	8	s	.
5	13	c	3
6	20	k	.

# MERGING WITH PROC SQL

## Natural join

```
proc sql;
  create table ddmerge_natural_sql as
    select *
    from dd1 inner join dd2
    on dd1.id=dd2.id;
quit;
```

- When the variables you join on don't share the same name

```
data dd2_alt;
  set dd2(rename=(id=pat));
run;

proc sql;
  create table ddmerge_natural_sql2 as
    select *
    from dd1 inner join dd2_alt
    on dd1.id=dd2_alt.pat;
quit;
```

# MERGING WITH PROC SQL

## Left join

```
proc sql;  
  create table ddmerge_left_sql as  
  select *  
  from dd1 left join dd2  
  on dd1.id=dd2.id;  
quit;
```