# **Metrics**

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Labeling factors and exploring scales.

# 0.1 Data preliminaries

Initial point of departure - the databox of the selected variables, described in the Methods chapter.

VARIABLE TITLE	Units	Codename															
CV_SAMPLE_TYPE	1/0	sample	1997														
PUBID, YOUTH CASE IDENTIFICATION CODE	integers	id	1997														
KEY! <b>SEX</b> , RS GENDER	m/f	sex	1997														
KEY!RACE_ETHNICITY, COMBINED RACE AND ETHNICITY	b/h/m/o	race	1997														
KEY!BDATE, RS BIRTHDATE MONTH/YEAR	01-12	bmonth	1997														
KEY!BDATE, RS BIRTHDATE MONTH/YEAR	years	byear	1997														
HOW OFTEN PR ATTEND CHURCH IN LAST YEAR?	1-8	attendPR	1997														
WHAT IS PRS CURRENT RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE?	1-8	relprefPR	1997														
WHAT RELIGION WAS PR RAISED IN?	1-8	relraisedPR	1997														
RS AGE IN MONTHS AS OF INTERVIEW DATE	months	agemon	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
RS <b>AGE</b> AT INTERVIEW DATE	years	ageyear	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
# DAYS PER WEEK TYPICALLY FAMILY DOES SOMETHING RELIGIOUS	# days	famrel	1997	1998	1999	2000											
HOW OFTEN R ATTENDED WORSHIP SERVICE IN PAST 12 MONTHS	1-8	attend				2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
R DOES NOT NEED RELIGION FOR GOOD VALUES	y/n	values						2002			2005			2008			2011
GOD NOTHING <b>TO DO</b> HAPPENS TO R	y/n	todo						2002			2005			2008			2011
R BELIEVES RELIGIOUS TEACHINGS ARE TO BE <b>OBEYED</b> EXACTLY AS WRITTEN	y/n	obeyed						2002			2005			2008			2011
R PRAYS MORE THAN ONCE A DAY	y/n	pray						2002			2005			2008			2011
R ASKS GOD HELP MAKE <b>DECISIONS</b>	y/n	decisions						2002			2005			2008			2011
WHAT IS R'S CURRENT RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE?	cats:35	relpref									2005			2008			2011
R A BORN-AGAIN EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN?	y/n	bornagain												2008			2011
IMPORTANCE OF RELIGIOUS FAITH IN DAILY LIFE	1-5	faith												2008			2011
HOW OFTEN R FELT CALM AND PEACEFUL IN PAST MONTH	1-4	calm				2000		2002		2004		2006		2008		2010	
HOW OFTEN R FELT DOWN OR BLUE IN PAST MONTH	1-4	blue				2000		2002		2004		2006		2008		2010	
HOW OFTEN R HAS BEEN A HAPPY PERSON IN PAST MONTH	1-4	happy				2000		2002		2004		2006		2008		2010	
HOW OFTEN R DEPRESSED IN LAST MONTH	1-4	depressed				2000		2002		2004		2006		2008		2010	
HOW OFTEN R HAS BEEN A NERVOUS PERSON IN PAST MONTH	1-4	nervous				2000		2002		2004		2006		2008		2010	
HOW MANY HOURS PER WEEK DOES R WATCH TELEVISION	cats:6	tv						2002					2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
HOW MANY HOURS PER WEEK DOES R USE A COMPUTER	cats:6	computer						2002					2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
CURRENTLY HAVE ACCESS TO INTERNET?	y/n	internet						2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011

This databox corresponds to the dataset dsL produced by Derive\_dsL\_from\_Extract report, given in the Appendix.

dsL<-readRDS("./Data/Derived/dsL.rds")</pre>

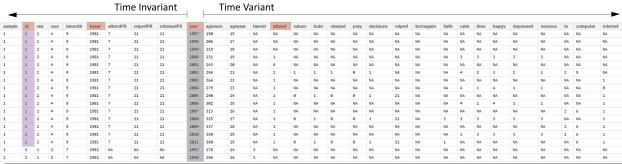


Figure 3.3 Generic dataset used in the current study, view for one respondent

Note that the variable **year** serves as a natural devided between time invariant (Tlvars) and time variant (TVvars) variables. All modeling operations beging with subsetting this dataset. For the grammer rules of operations with relevant data see Data Manipulation Guide.

# 0.2 Labeling Factor Levels

Review of the item reference cards shows that initially, all items were recorded on some discrete scale, either counting occasions or assigning an intiger to a category of response. However, data were saved as numerical values or intigers

```
ds<- dsL %>%
  dplyr::select(
      sample, id, sex, race, bmonth,byear, attendPR, relprefPR,relraisedPR,
      year,
      agemon, ageyear, famrel, attend,
      values, todo, obeyed, pray, decisions,
      relpref, bornagain, faith,
      calm, blue, happy, depressed, nervous,
      tv, computer, internet)
str(ds)
```

```
134745 obs. of 30 variables:
'data.frame':
            : int 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
$ sample
$ id
            : int
                   1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
$ sex
            : int 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 ...
$ race
            : int 444444444...
$ bmonth
            : int 999999999...
$ byear
                  : int
$ attendPR
            : int 7777777777...
$ relprefPR : int 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 ...
$ relraisedPR: int 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 ...
$ year
            : int 1997 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 ...
            : num 190 206 219 231 243 256 266 279 290 302 ...
$ agemon
                 15 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 ...
$ ageyear
            : num
$ famrel
                  NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA ...
            : num
$ attend
                  NA NA NA 1 6 2 1 1 1 1 ...
            : num
                 NA NA NA NA NA 1 NA NA O NA ...
$ values
            : num
$ todo
            : num NA NA NA NA 1 NA NA 1 NA ...
            : num NA NA NA NA NA 1 NA NA O NA ...
$ obeyed
$ pray
            : num NA NA NA NA NA O NA NA O NA ...
            : num NA NA NA NA NA 1 NA NA 1 NA ...
$ decisions
            : num NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA 21 NA ...
$ relpref
$ bornagain
            : num NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA ...
$ faith
            : num NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA ...
$ calm
            : num NA NA NA 3 NA 4 NA 4 NA 4 ...
$ blue
            : num NA NA NA 3 NA 2 NA 1 NA 1 ...
            : num NA NA NA 3 NA 3 NA 4 NA 4 ...
$ happy
            : num NA NA NA 3 NA 2 NA 1 NA 1 ...
$ depressed
                  NA NA NA 3 NA 1 NA 1 NA 1 ...
$ nervous
            : num
$ tv
                  NA NA NA NA NA 2 NA NA NA NA ...
            : num
$ computer
            : num
                  NA NA NA NA NA 5 NA NA NA NA ...
            : num NA NA NA NA NA 1 O 1 1 ...
$ internet
```

LabelingFactorLevels.R sourced at the end of Derive\_dsL\_from\_Extract matches numeric values with response labels from the questionnaire and adds to dsL copies of the variables, saved as labeled factors. For estimations routines such as Ime4

or graphing functions such as ggplot2, the data type (string,numeric, factor) is a meaningful input, so a quick access to both formats frequently proves useful. It is convenient to think that **dsL** contains only

```
ncol(dsL)/2
```

[1] 30

variables, but each of them has a double, a labeled factor.

#### str(dsL)

```
'data.frame':
               134745 obs. of 60 variables:
$ sample
              : int
                   1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
$ id
              : int
                    1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
$ sex
                     2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 ...
              : int
              : int
                     4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 ...
$ race
              : int 999999999...
$ bmonth
                     $ byear
              : int
$ attendPR
              : int
                     7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 ...
                     21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 ...
$ relprefPR
              : int
$ relraisedPR : int 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 ...
$ year
              : int 1997 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 ...
                    190 206 219 231 243 256 266 279 290 302 ...
$ agemon
              : num
              : num 15 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 ...
$ ageyear
$ famrel
              : num NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA ...
$ attend
              : num
                     NA NA NA 1 6 2 1 1 1 1 ...
$ values
              : num
                     NA NA NA NA 1 NA NA 0 NA ...
                     NA NA NA NA NA 1 NA NA 1 NA ...
$ todo
              : num
$ obeyed
              : num
                     NA NA NA NA 1 NA NA 0 NA ...
                     NA NA NA NA O NA NA O NA ...
$ pray
              : num
$ decisions
              : num
                     NA NA NA NA 1 NA NA 1 NA ...
$ relpref
                     NA NA NA NA NA NA NA 21 NA ...
              : num
$ bornagain
                     NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA ...
              : num
$ faith
                     NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA ...
              : num
$ calm
              : num
                     NA NA NA 3 NA 4 NA 4 NA 4 ...
$ blue
              : num NA NA NA 3 NA 2 NA 1 NA 1 ...
$ happy
              : num NA NA NA 3 NA 3 NA 4 NA 4 ...
              : num NA NA NA 3 NA 2 NA 1 NA 1 ...
$ depressed
$ nervous
              : num NA NA NA 3 NA 1 NA 1 NA 1 ...
$ tv
              : num
                     NA NA NA NA NA 2 NA NA NA ...
$ computer
                     NA NA NA NA NA 5 NA NA NA NA ...
              : num
                     NA NA NA NA NA 1 O 1 1 ...
  internet
              : num
$ sampleF
              : Ord.factor w/ 2 levels "Cross-Sectional" < ..: 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
              : Factor w/ 8983 levels "1", "2", "3", "4", ...: 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
$ idF
              : Ord.factor w/ 3 levels "Male"<"Female"<...: 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 ...
$ sexF
$ raceF
              : Ord.factor w/ 4 levels "Black"<"Hispanic"<...: 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 ...
              : Ord.factor w/ 12 levels "Jan"<"Feb"<"Mar"<..: 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 ...
$ bmonthF
$ byearF
              : Factor w/ 5 levels "1980", "1981", ...: 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 ...
              : Ord.factor w/ 8 levels "Never"<"Once or Twice"<...: 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 ...
$ attendPRF
$ relprefPRF : Ord.factor w/ 33 levels "Catholic"<"Baptist"<..: 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 ...
$ relraisedPRF: Ord.factor w/ 33 levels "Catholic"<"Baptist"<...: 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 ...
              : Factor w/ 15 levels "1997", "1998", ...: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ...
$ yearF
            : Factor w/ 244 levels "146","147","148",...: 45 61 74 86 98 111 121 134 145 157 ...
$ agemonF
```

```
: Factor w/ 21 levels "12", "13", "14", ...: 4 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 ...
$ famrelF
           : Factor w/ 8 levels "0","1","2","3",..: NA ...
$ attendF
          : Ord.factor w/ 8 levels "Never"<"Once or Twice"<..: NA NA NA 1 6 2 1 1 1 1 ...
$ valuesF
         : Ord.factor w/ 2 levels "FALSE/less Religious" < . . : NA NA NA NA NA 2 NA NA 1 NA . . .
$ todoF
         : Ord.factor w/ 2 levels "FALSE/less Religious" < ...: NA NA NA NA NA 2 NA NA 2 NA ...
$ obeyedF
         : Ord.factor w/ 2 levels "FALSE/less Religious" < ... NA NA NA NA NA 2 NA NA 1 NA ...
$ pravF
         : Ord.factor w/ 2 levels "FALSE/less Religious" < ..: NA NA NA NA NA 1 NA NA 1 NA ...
$ decisionsF : Ord.factor w/ 2 levels "FALSE/less Religious" < ...: NA NA NA NA NA 2 NA 2 NA 2 NA ...
$ relprefF
         : Ord.factor w/ 33 levels "Catholic"<"Baptist"<...: NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA 21 NA ...
$ faithF
         : Ord.factor w/ 4 levels "All of the time"<...: NA \dots
$ calmF
          : Ord.factor w/ 4 levels "All of the time"<...: NA \dots
$ blueF
          $ happyF
$ nervousF
          $ tvF
           : Ord.factor w/ 6 levels "less than 2"<...: NA NA NA NA NA 2 NA NA NA NA NA ...
          : Ord.factor w/ 6 levels "None" < "less than 1" < ...: NA NA NA NA NA 5 NA NA NA NA NA ...
$ computerF
$ internetF
          : Ord.factor w/ 2 levels "No"<"Yes": NA NA NA NA NA NA 2 1 2 2 ...
```

This give a certain flexibity in assembling needed dataset quickly and have access to factor labels. One can alternate between the raw metric and labeled factor by adding "F" suffix to the end of the variable name:

```
ds<- dsL %>%
  dplyr::filter(id==25) %>%
  dplyr::select(id,byear,year, attend,attendF)
ds
```

```
id byear year attend
                                  attendF
  25 1983 1997
                                     <NA>
1
  25 1983 1998
2
                    NA
                                      <NA>
3
  25 1983 1999
                    NΑ
                                      <NA>
4
  25 1983 2000
                     5 About twice/month
5
  25 1983 2001
                     7 Several times/week
6
  25 1983 2002
                     7 Several times/week
                            Once or Twice
7
  25 1983 2003
  25 1983 2004
                     7 Several times/week
9
  25 1983 2005
                     5 About twice/month
10 25 1983 2006
                     7 Several times/week
11 25 1983 2007
                     5 About twice/month
                     7 Several times/week
12 25 1983 2008
                     7 Several times/week
13 25 1983 2009
14 25
     1983 2010
                     7 Several times/week
                     7 Several times/week
15 25 1983 2011
```

Having quick access to factor labels will be especially useful during graph production.

# 0.3 Time metrics : Age, Period, Cohort

NLSY97 sample includes individuals from five cohorts, born between 1980 and 1984. The following graphics shows how birth cohort, age of respondents, and round of observation are related in NSLY97.

Wide	Age i	in yea	rs																
age	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Born in 1980					1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
1981				1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	
1982			1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011		
1983		1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011			
1984	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011				

Wave

	Waves of measurement														
wave	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Born in 1980	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1981	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
1982	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
1983	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
1984	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
															Age

	Long	Born ir	n				Lo		Born i	n				
	wave	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	a	ge	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	
Wave:	1997	17	16	15	14	13	Age years	13					1997	
	1998	18	17	16	15	14		14				1997	1998	
	1999	19	18	17	16	15		15			1997	1998	1999	
	2000	20	19	18	17	16		16		1997	1998	1999	2000	
	2001	21	20	19	18	17		17	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	
	2002	22	21	20	19	18		18	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	
	2003	23	22	21	20	19		19	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	
	2004	24	23	22	21	20		20	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	
	2005	25	24	23	22	21		21	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	
	2006	26	25	24	23	22		22	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	
	2007	27	26	25	24	23		23	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	
	2008	28	27	26	25	24		24	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	
	2009	29	28	27	26	25		25	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	
	2010	30	29	28	27	26		26	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	
	2011	31	30	29	28	27	Age	27	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Wave
								28	2008	2009	2010	2011		
								29	2009	2010	2011			
								30	2010	2011				
								31	2011					

NSLY97 contains static (bmonth, byear) and dynamic (agemon, ageyear) indicators of age :

```
ds<- dsL %>%
  dplyr::filter(id==25, year %in% c(1997:2011)) %>%
  dplyr::select(id,byear,bmonthF,year,agemon,ageyear)
print(ds)
```

 $\hbox{id byear bmonth} F \hbox{ year agemon age} \\ \hbox{ age}$ 

```
1
   25
       1983
                Mar 1997
                             167
                                       13
2
   25
      1983
                Mar 1998
                             188
                                       15
3
      1983
                Mar 1999
   25
                             201
                                       16
4
   25
      1983
                Mar 2000
                                       17
                             214
5
   25
       1983
                Mar 2001
                             226
                                       18
6
   25
      1983
                Mar 2002
                             236
                                       19
7
   25
      1983
                Mar 2003
                             254
                                       21
   25
      1983
                Mar 2004
                                       21
8
                             261
9
   25
       1983
                Mar 2005
                             272
                                       22
10 25
      1983
                Mar 2006
                                       23
                             284
11 25
      1983
                Mar 2007
                             295
                                       24
                Mar 2008
                                       25
12 25
      1983
                             307
13 25
      1983
                Mar 2009
                                       26
                             319
14 25 1983
                Mar 2010
                             332
                                       27
15 25 1983
                Mar 2011
                             342
                                       28
```

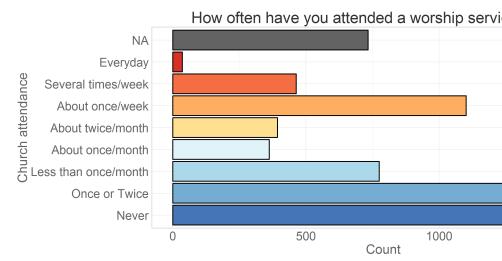
When transforming the metric of time, and using biological age instead of year of measurement as the temporal dimension, the value of age at the time of the interview will be computed as **age = agemon/12** 

```
ds<- dsL %>%
  dplyr::filter(id==25, year %in% c(1997:2011)) %>%
  dplyr::select(id,bmonthF,byear,year, agemon,ageyear) %>%
  dplyr::mutate (age = agemon/12)
print(ds)
```

```
id bmonthF byear year agemon ageyear
                                           age
  25
          Mar 1983 1997
                                      13 13.92
1
                            167
2
  25
          Mar 1983 1998
                            188
                                      15 15.67
3
  25
          Mar 1983 1999
                            201
                                      16 16.75
4
   25
          Mar 1983 2000
                            214
                                      17 17.83
5
  25
          Mar 1983 2001
                            226
                                      18 18.83
6
  25
          Mar 1983 2002
                            236
                                     19 19.67
7
   25
               1983 2003
                                      21 21.17
          Mar
                            254
   25
          Mar 1983 2004
                                      21 21.75
8
                            261
9
  25
              1983 2005
                                      22 22.67
          Mar
                            272
10 25
          Mar 1983 2006
                            284
                                     23 23.67
11 25
               1983 2007
                                      24 24.58
          Mar
                            295
12 25
          Mar 1983 2008
                            307
                                     25 25.58
                                     26 26.58
13 25
          Mar 1983 2009
                            319
14 25
          Mar 1983 2010
                            332
                                     27 27.67
15 25
          Mar 1983 2011
                            342
                                      28 28.50
```

# 0.4 Attendance

NLSY97 asked to report church attendance (attend) for the past 12 months preceding the interview date. The response offered a



choice of 7 categories ordered by magnitude.

# 0.5 Read more

in ./Models/Descriptives:

- Metrics how values of items are labeled
- Descriptives basic stats of various items (Continue)
- Attendance focus on church attendence over time
- Databox

### See also

- Deriving Data from NLYS97 extract
- Data Manipulation Guide