

Data Cleaning

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Data

- ▶ We will be using multiple data sets in this lecture:
 - ▶ Salary, Monument, Circulator, and Restaurant from OpenBaltimore: <https://data.baltimorecity.gov/browse?limitTo=datasets>
 - ▶ Gap Minder - very interesting way of viewing longitudinal data
 - ▶ Data is here - <http://www.gapminder.org/data/>
 - ▶ http://spreadsheets.google.com/pub?key=rMsQHawT0bBb6_U2ESjKXYw&output=xls

Data Cleaning

In general, data cleaning is a process of investigating your data for inaccuracies, or recoding it in a way that makes it more manageable.

MOST IMPORTANT RULE - LOOK AT YOUR DATA!

Again - `table`, `summarize`, `is.na`, `any`, `all` are useful.

Missing data

One of the most important aspects of data cleaning is missing values.

Types of “missing” data:

- ▶ NA - general missing data
- ▶ NaN - stands for “**N**ot **a** **N**umber”, happens when you do $0/0$.
- ▶ Inf and -Inf - Infinity, happens when you take a positive number (or negative number) by 0.

Finding Missing data

Each missing data type has a function that returns TRUE if the data is missing:

- ▶ NA - `is.na`
- ▶ NaN - `is.nan`
- ▶ Inf and -Inf - `is.infinite`
- ▶ `is.finite` returns FALSE for all missing data and TRUE for non-missing
- ▶ `complete.cases` on a `data.frame/matrix` returns TRUE if all values in that row of the object are not missing.

Missing Data with Logicals

One important aspect (esp with subsetting) is that logical operations return NA for NA values. Think about it, the data could be > 2 or not we don't know, so R says there is no TRUE or FALSE, so that is missing:

```
x = c(0, 1, 2, 3, NA, 3, 3, 2, 2, 3)
x > 2
```

```
## [1] FALSE FALSE FALSE  TRUE      NA  TRUE  TRUE FALSE FAI
```

Missing Data with Logicals

What to do? What if we want if $x > 2$ and x isn't NA?

Don't do $x \neq \text{NA}$, do $x > 2$ and x is NOT NA:

```
x != NA
```

```
## [1] NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA
```

```
x > 2 & !is.na(x)
```

```
## [1] FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE TRUE TRUE FALSE FAI
```

Missing Data with Logicals

What about seeing if a value is equal to multiple values? You can do `(x == 1 | x == 2) & !is.na(x)`, but that is not efficient. Introduce the `%in%` operator:

```
(x == 1 | x == 2) # has NA
```

```
## [1] FALSE TRUE TRUE FALSE NA FALSE FALSE TRUE TH
```

```
(x == 1 | x == 2) & !is.na(x) # No NA
```

```
## [1] FALSE TRUE TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE TH
```

```
x %in% c(1, 2) # NEVER has NA and returns logical
```

```
## [1] FALSE TRUE TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE TH
```


Creating One-way Tables

Here we will use `table` to make tabulations of the data. Look at `?table` to see options for missing data.

```
table(x)
```

```
## x
## 0 1 2 3
## 1 1 3 4
```

```
table(x,
      useNA = "ifany")
```

```
## x
##   0    1    2    3 <NA>
##   1    1    3    4     1
```

Creating One-way Tables

You can set `useNA = "always"` to have it always have a column for NA

```
table(c(0, 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 3, 2,2, 3),  
      useNA = "always")
```

```
##  
##      0      1      2      3 <NA>  
##      1      1      4      4      0
```

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A two-way table. If you pass in 2 vectors, table creates a 2-dimensional table.

```
tab <- table(c(0, 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 3, 2,2, 3),  
             c(0, 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 3, 4, 4, 3),  
             useNA = "always")
```

Finding Row or Column Totals

`margin.table` finds the marginal sums of the table. `margin` is 1 for rows, 2 for columns in general in R. Here is the column sums of the table:

```
margin.table(tab, 2)
```

```
##  
##      0      1      2      3      4 <NA>  
##      1      1      2      4      2      0
```

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`prop.table` finds the marginal proportions of the table. Think of it dividing the table by it's respective marginal totals. If `margin` not set, divides by overall total.

```
prop.table(tab)
```

```
##
##           0    1    2    3    4 <NA>
##  0      0.1 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0  0.0
##  1      0.0 0.1 0.0 0.0 0.0  0.0
##  2      0.0 0.0 0.2 0.0 0.2  0.0
##  3      0.0 0.0 0.0 0.4 0.0  0.0
## <NA> 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0  0.0
```

```
prop.table(tab,1)
```

```
##
##           0    1    2    3    4 <NA>
```

Download Salary FY2014 Data

From <https://data.baltimorecity.gov/City-Government/Baltimore-City-Employee-Salaries-FY2014/2j28-xzd7>
http://www.aejaffe.com/winterR_2016/data/Baltimore-City-Employee-Salaries-FY2014.csv

Read the CSV into R Sal

```
Sal = read.csv("http://www.aejaffe.com/winterR_2016/data/Baltimore-City-Employee-Salaries-FY2014.csv",  
               as.is = TRUE)
```

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- ▶ `any()` - checks if there are any TRUEs
- ▶ `all()` - checks if ALL are true

```
Sal[1:4,]
```

```
##              Name              JobTitle Agency
## 1  Aaron,Keontae E             AIDE BLUE CHIP  W02
## 2  Aaron,Patricia G Facilities/Office Services II  A03
## 3  Aaron,Petra L    ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY  A29
## 4  Abaineh,Yohannes T      EPIDEMIOLOGIST  A65

##              Agency  HireDate AnnualSalary  Gross
## 1      Youth Summer  06/10/2013   $11310.00   $87
## 2      OED-Employment Dev  10/24/1979   $53428.00 $5286
## 3 States Attorneys Office  09/25/2006   $68300.00 $6743
## 4  HLTH-Health Department  07/23/2009   $62000.00 $5865
```

```
any(is.na(Sal$Name)) # are there any NAs?
```

Example of Cleaning:

For example, let's say gender was coded as Male, M, m, Female, F, f. Using Excel to find all of these would be a matter of filtering and changing all by hand or using if statements.

In R, you can simply do something like:

```
data$gender[data$gender %in%  
  c("Male", "M", "m")] <- "Male"
```


Example of Cleaning:

You can also recode a vector:

```
library(car)
```

```
## Warning: package 'car' was built under R version 3.2.3
```

```
x = rep(c("Male", "M", "m", "f", "Female", "female" ), each=2)
car::recode(x, "c('m', 'M', 'male') = 'Male';
              c('f', 'F', 'female') = 'Female';")
```

```
## [1] "Male" "Male" "Male" "Male" "Male" "Male"
## [8] "Male" "Male" "Female" "Female" "Female" "Female"
## [15] "Female" "Female" "Female" "Female"
```

Example of Cleaning:

You can also revalue a vector with the revalue command

```
library(plyr)
plyr::revalue(x, c("M" = "Male", "m" = "Male",
                  "f" = "Female", "female" = "Female"))

## [1] "Male" "Male" "Male" "Male" "Male" "Male"
## [8] "Male" "Male" "Female" "Female" "Female" "Female"
## [15] "Female" "Female" "Female" "Female"
```

Example of Cleaning:

Sometimes though, it's not so simple. That's where functions that find patterns come in very useful.

```
table(gender)
```

```
## gender
##      F FeMAle FEMALE      Fm      M      Ma      mAle      Male
##      75      82      74      89      89      79      87      89
##      Man      Woman
##      73      80
```

Find/Replace and Regular Expressions

- ▶ R can do much more than find exact matches for a whole string
- ▶ Like Perl and other languages, it can use regular expressions.
- ▶ What are regular expressions?
- ▶ Ways to search for specific strings
- ▶ Can be very complicated or simple
- ▶ Highly Useful

'Find' functions

`grep`: `grep`, `grep1`, `regexpr` and `gregexpr` search for matches to argument `pattern` within each element of a character vector: they differ in the format of and amount of detail in the results.

`grep(pattern, x, fixed=FALSE)`, where:

- ▶ `pattern` = character string containing a regular expression to be matched in the given character vector.
- ▶ `x` = a character vector where matches are sought, or an object which can be coerced by `as.character` to a character vector.
- ▶ If `fixed=TRUE`, it will do exact matching for the phrase anywhere in the vector (regular find)

'Find' functions

```
grep("Rawlings",Sal$Name)
```

```
## [1] 13832 13833 13834 13835
```

These are the indices/elements where the pattern match occurs

grep() returns something similar to which() on a logical statement

'Find' functions

```
grep("Rawlings",Sal$Name)
```

```
## [1] 13832 13833 13834 13835
```

```
grep("Rawlings",Sal$Name,value=TRUE)
```

```
## [1] "Rawlings,Kellye A"           "Rawlings,MarqWell D"  
## [3] "Rawlings,Paula M"           "Rawlings-Blake,Stephanie C"
```

```
Sal[grep("Rawlings",Sal$Name),]
```

##	Name	JobTitle	Agency	HireDate	AnnualSalary	GrossPay
## 13832	Rawlings,Kellye A	EMERGENCY DISPATCHER	M-B Info Technology	01/06/2003	\$47980.00	\$6840.00
## 13833	Rawlings,MarqWell D	AIDE BLUE CHIP				
## 13834	Rawlings,Paula M	COMMUNITY AIDE				
## 13835	Rawlings-Blake,Stephanie C	MAYOR				

grep() Options

```
head(grep("Tajhgh",Sal$Name, value=TRUE))
```

```
## [1] "Reynold,Tajhgh J"
```

```
grep("Jaffe",Sal$Name)
```

```
## [1] 8603
```

```
length(grep("Jaffe",Sal$Name))
```

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


A bit on Regular Expressions

- ▶ `http:`
`//www.regular-expressions.info/reference.html`
- ▶ They can use to match a large number of strings in one statement
- ▶ `.` matches any single character
- ▶ `*` means repeat as many (even if 0) more times the last character
- ▶ `?` makes the last thing optional

Using Regular Expressions

- ▶ Look for any name that starts with:
 - ▶ Payne at the beginning,
 - ▶ Leonard and then an S
 - ▶ Spence then a capital C

```
grep("Payne.*", x=Sal$Name, value=TRUE)
```

```
## [1] "Payne El,Jackie"      "Payne Johnson,Nickole A"
## [3] "Payne,Chanel"        "Payne,Connie T"
## [5] "Payne,Denise I"      "Payne,Dominic R"
## [7] "Payne,James R"       "Payne,Jasman T"
## [9] "Payne,Joey D"        "Payne,Jordan A"
## [11] "Payne,Karen V"       "Payne,Karen V"
## [13] "Payne,Leonard S"    "Payne,Mary A"
## [15] "Payne,Micah W"       "Payne,Michael C"
## [17] "Payne,Michael N"     "Payne,Morag"
## [19] "Payne,Nora M"        "Payne,Shelley F"
```

```
grep("Leonard.S", x=Sal$Name, value=TRUE)
```

Replace

Let's say we wanted to sort the data set by Annual Salary:

```
class(Sal$AnnualSalary)
```

```
## [1] "character"
```

```
sort(c("1", "2", "10")) # not sort correctly (order simply)
```

```
## [1] "1" "10" "2"
```

```
order(c("1", "2", "10"))
```

```
## [1] 1 3 2
```

Replace

So we must change the annual pay into a numeric:

```
head(as.numeric(Sal$AnnualSalary), 4)
```

```
## Warning in head(as.numeric(Sal$AnnualSalary), 4): NAs in  
## coercion
```

```
## [1] NA NA NA NA
```

R didn't like the \$ so it thought turned them all to NA.

sub() and gsub() can do the replacing part.

Replacing and subbing

Now we can replace the \$ with nothing (used fixed=TRUE because \$ means something in regular expressions):

```
Sal$AnnualSalary <- as.numeric(gsub(pattern="$", replacement=" ",
                                     Sal$AnnualSalary, fixed=TRUE))
Sal <- Sal[order(Sal$AnnualSalary, decreasing=TRUE), ] # use order
Sal[1:5, c("Name", "AnnualSalary", "JobTitle")]
```

##		Name	AnnualSalary	JobTitle
## 1222	Bernstein, Gregg L	238772	STATE'S ATTORNEY	
## 3175	Charles, Ronnie E	200000	EXECUTIVE LEVEL 1	
## 985	Batts, Anthony W	193800	EXECUTIVE LEVEL 1	
## 1343	Black, Harry E	190000	EXECUTIVE LEVEL 1	
## 16352	Swift, Michael	187200	CONTRACT SERV SPEC	

Useful String Functions

Useful String functions

- ▶ `toupper()`, `tolower()` - uppercase or lowercase your data:
- ▶ `str_trim()` (in the `stringr` package) - will trim whitespace
- ▶ `nchar` - get the number of characters in a string
- ▶ `substr(x, start, stop)` - substrings from position start to position stop
- ▶ `strsplit(x, split)` - splits strings up - returns list!
- ▶ `paste()` - paste strings together - look at ?paste

Paste

Paste can be very useful for joining vectors together:

```
paste("Visit", 1:5, sep="_")
```

```
## [1] "Visit_1" "Visit_2" "Visit_3" "Visit_4" "Visit_5"
```

```
paste("Visit", 1:5, sep="_", collapse=" ")
```

```
## [1] "Visit_1 Visit_2 Visit_3 Visit_4 Visit_5"
```

```
paste("To", "is going be the ", "we go to the store!", sep=
```

```
## [1] "Today is going be the day we go to the store!"
```

```
# and paste0 can be even simpler see ?paste0
```

```
paste0("Visit",1:5)
```

```
## [1] "Visit1" "Visit2" "Visit3" "Visit4" "Visit5"
```

Strsplit

```
x <- c("I really", "like writing", "R code")  
y <- strsplit(x, split=" ")  
y[[2]]
```

```
## [1] "like"      "writing"
```

```
sapply(y, "[", 1) # on the fly
```

```
## [1] "I"        "like" "R"
```

```
sapply(y, "[", 2) # on the fly
```

```
## [1] "really" "writing" "code"
```


Data Merging/Append

- ▶ Merging - joining data sets together - usually on key variables, usually “id”
- ▶ `merge()` is the most common way to do this with data sets
- ▶ `rbind/cbind` - row/column bind, respectively
 - ▶ `rbind` is the equivalent of “appending” in Stata or “setting” in SAS
 - ▶ `cbind` allows you to add columns in addition to the previous ways
- ▶ `reshape2` package also has a lot of information about different ways to reshape data (wide to long, etc) - but has a different (and sometimes more intuitive syntax)
- ▶ `t()` is a function that will transpose the data

Merging

```
base <- data.frame(id=1:10, Age= seq(55,60, length=10))  
base[1:2,]
```

```
##   id      Age  
## 1  1 55.00000  
## 2  2 55.55556
```

```
visits <- data.frame(id=rep(1:8, 3), visit= rep(1:3, 8),  
                     Outcome= seq(10,50, length=24))  
visits[1:2,]
```

```
##   id visit Outcome  
## 1  1      1 10.00000  
## 2  2      2 11.73913
```

```
merged.data <- merge(base, visits, by="id")  
merged.data[1:5,]
```

Aside: Dates

You can convert date-like strings in the Date class

(<http://www.statmethods.net/input/dates.html> for more info)

```
circ = read.csv("http://www.aejaffe.com/winterR_2016/data/CircData.csv",
               as.is=TRUE)
head(sort(circ$date))
```

```
## [1] "01/01/2011" "01/01/2012" "01/01/2013" "01/02/2011"
## [6] "01/02/2013"
```

```
circ$date <- as.Date(circ$date, "%m/%d/%Y") # creating a date
head(circ$date)
```

```
## [1] "2010-01-11" "2010-01-12" "2010-01-13" "2010-01-14"
## [6] "2010-01-16"
```

```
head(sort(circ$date))
```

Data Reshaping

Disclaimer: the `reshape` command in R is not remarkably intuitive.

- ▶ Wide - multiple measurements are variables / columns so that the data gets wider with more measurements
- ▶ Long - multiple measurements are rows so data gets longer with more measurements
- ▶ One example would be many ids with multiple visits

Example of Long/Wide

```
head(wide)
```

```
##   id visit1 visit2 visit3  
## 1  1   Good   Good   Bad
```

```
head(long)
```

```
##   id visit Outcome  
## 1  1     1    Good  
## 2  1     2    Good  
## 3  1     3    Bad
```

Data Reshaping

- ▶ Good resource:

<http://www.ats.ucla.edu/stat/r/faq/reshape.htm>

```
head(Indometh) # this is long
```

```
## Grouped Data: conc ~ time | Subject
```

```
##   Subject time conc
```

```
## 1         1 0.25 1.50
```

```
## 2         1 0.50 0.94
```

```
## 3         1 0.75 0.78
```

```
## 4         1 1.00 0.48
```

```
## 5         1 1.25 0.37
```

```
## 6         1 2.00 0.19
```

Data Reshaping

```
wide <- reshape(Indometh, v.names = "conc", idvar = "Subject",  
                 timevar = "time", direction = "wide")  
head(wide)
```

##	Subject	conc.0.25	conc.0.5	conc.0.75	conc.1	conc.1.25
## 1	1	1.50	0.94	0.78	0.48	0.37
## 12	2	2.03	1.63	0.71	0.70	0.64
## 23	3	2.72	1.49	1.16	0.80	0.80
## 34	4	1.85	1.39	1.02	0.89	0.55
## 45	5	2.05	1.04	0.81	0.39	0.30
## 56	6	2.31	1.44	1.03	0.84	0.64

##	conc.4	conc.5	conc.6	conc.8
## 1	0.11	0.08	0.07	0.05
## 12	0.20	0.25	0.12	0.08
## 23	0.12	0.11	0.08	0.08
## 34	0.11	0.10	0.07	0.07
## 45	0.11	0.08	0.10	0.06
## 56	0.17	0.13	0.10	0.09

Data Reshaping

```
dim(Indometh)
```

```
## [1] 66  3
```

```
wide
```

```
##      Subject conc.0.25 conc.0.5 conc.0.75 conc.1 conc.1.25
## 1          1      1.50      0.94      0.78  0.48      0.37
## 12         2      2.03      1.63      0.71  0.70      0.64
## 23         3      2.72      1.49      1.16  0.80      0.80
## 34         4      1.85      1.39      1.02  0.89      0.59
## 45         5      2.05      1.04      0.81  0.39      0.30
## 56         6      2.31      1.44      1.03  0.84      0.64
```

```
##      conc.4 conc.5 conc.6 conc.8
## 1      0.11  0.08  0.07  0.05
## 12     0.20  0.25  0.12  0.08
## 23     0.12  0.11  0.08  0.08
## 34     0.11  0.10  0.07  0.07
```


Data Reshaping

- ▶ If you've reshaped a data set - to get it back, just reshape it again

```
reshape(wide, direction = "long")[1:10,]
```

##	Subject	time	conc
## 1.0.25	1	0.25	1.50
## 2.0.25	2	0.25	2.03
## 3.0.25	3	0.25	2.72
## 4.0.25	4	0.25	1.85
## 5.0.25	5	0.25	2.05
## 6.0.25	6	0.25	2.31
## 1.0.5	1	0.50	0.94
## 2.0.5	2	0.50	1.63
## 3.0.5	3	0.50	1.49
## 4.0.5	4	0.50	1.39

Note the row name change

Data Reshaping - A Better Example

```
## Loading required package: rJava
## Loading required package: xlsxjars
```

```
destfile = tempfile(fileext = ".xlsx")
download.file("http://www.aejaffe.com/winterR_2016/data/inc
TB <- read.xlsx(file = destfile,
                sheetName = "Data")
head(TB, 1)
```

```
## TB.incidence..all.forms..per.100.000.population.per.ye
## 1 Afghanistan
## X1992 X1993 X1994 X1995 X1996 X1997 X1998 X1999 X2000
## 1 168 168 168 168 168 168 168 168 168
## X2004 X2005 X2006 X2007 NA.
## 1 168 168 168 168 NA
```

```
TB$NA. <- NULL
head(TB, 1)
```

Data Reshaping - A Better Example

```
colnames(TB) <- c("Country", paste("Year",  
                                     1990:2007, sep="."))  
head(TB,1)
```

```
##      Country Year.1990 Year.1991 Year.1992 Year.1993 Year.1994  
## 1 Afghanistan      168      168      168      168      168  
##      Year.1996 Year.1997 Year.1998 Year.1999 Year.2000 Year.2001  
## 1      168      168      168      168      168      168  
##      Year.2003 Year.2004 Year.2005 Year.2006 Year.2007 Year.2008  
## 1      168      168      168      168      168      168
```

Data Reshaping - More is better!

```
TB.long <- reshape(TB, idvar="Country",  
                    v.names="Cases", times=1990:2007,  
                    direction="long", timevar="Year",  
                    varying = paste("Year", 1990:2007, sep=""),  
                    sep="")  
head(TB.long, 4)
```

```
##              Country Year Cases  
## Afghanistan.1990    Afghanistan 1990    168  
## Albania.1990        Albania 1990     25  
## Algeria.1990        Algeria 1990     38  
## American Samoa.1990 American Samoa 1990    21
```

```
rownames(TB.long) <- NULL  
head(TB.long, 4)
```

```
##              Country Year Cases  
## 1    Afghanistan 1990    168  
## 2    Albania 1990     25
```