Data quality diagnosis

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Preface

After you have acquired the data, you should do the following:

- o Diagnose data quality.
 - If there is a problem with data quality,
 - o The data must be corrected or re-acquired.
- Explore data to understand the data and find scenarios for performing the analysis.
- · Derive new variables or perform variable transformations.

The dlookr package makes these steps fast and easy:

- Performs an data diagnosis or automatically generates a data diagnosis report.
- Discover data in a variety of ways, and automatically generate EDA(exploratory data analysis) report.
- Imputate missing values and outliers, resolve skewed data, and binarize continuous variables into categorical variables. And generates an automated report to support it.

This document introduces **Data Quality Diagnosis** methods provided by the dlookr package. You will learn how to diagnose the quality of tbl_df data that inherits from data.frame and data.frame with functions provided by dlookr.

dlookr synergy with dplyr increases. Particularly in data exploration and data wrangle, it increases the efficiency of the tidyverse package group.

Supported data structures

Data diagnosis supports the following data structures.

- · data frame : data.frame class.
- o data table : tbl_df class.
- table of DBMS: table of the DBMS through tbl_dbi.
- Using dplyr backend for any DBI-compatible database.

Data: nycflights13

To illustrate basic use of the dlookr package, use the flights data from the nycflights13 package. The flights data frame is data about departure and arrival on all flights departing from NYC in 2013.

Data diagnosis

dlookr aims to diagnose the data and to select variables that can not be used for data analysis or to find the variables that need to be calibrated.:

- diagnose() provides basic diagnostic information for variables.
- diagnose_category() provides detailed diagnostic information for categorical variables.
- diagnose_numeric() provides detailed diagnostic information for numeric variables
- diagnose_outlier() and plot_outlier() provide information and visualization of outliers.

General diagnosis of all variables with diagnose()

diagnose() allows you to diagnosis a variables in a data frame. Like function of dplyr, the first argument is the tibble (or data frame). The second and subsequent arguments refer to variables within that data frame.

The variables of the tbl_df object returned by diagnose () are as follows.

- variables : variable name
- types: the data type of the variable
- missing_count : number of missing values
- missing_percent : percentage of missing values
- unique_count : number of unique values
- unique_rate : rate of unique value. unique_count / number of observation

For example, we can diagnose all variables in flights:

```
1 year integer 0 0 1 0.00000297
2 month integer 0 0 12 0.0000356
3 day integer 0 0 31 0.0000920
4 dep_time integer 8255 2.45 1319 0.00392
# ... with 15 more rows
```

- Missing Value(NA): Variables with very large missing values, ie those with a missing_percent close to 100, should be excluded from the analysis.
- Unique value: Variables with a unique value (unique_count = 1) are considered to be excluded from data
 analysis. And if the data type is not numeric (integer, numeric) and the number of unique values is equal
 to the number of observations (unique_rate = 1), then the variable is likely to be an identifier. Therefore,
 this variable is also not suitable for the analysis model.

year can be considered not to be used in the analysis model since unique_count is 1. However, you do not have to remove it if you configure date as a combination of year, month, and day.

For example, we can diagnose only a few selected variables:

```
# Select columns by name
diagnose(flights, year, month, day)
# A tibble: 3 x 6
 variables types missing_count missing_percent unique_count unique_rate
                            <int> <dbl> <int>
  <chr>
                                                                                          <db1>
                                         0 0 1 0.00000297
0 0 12 0.0000356
0 0 31 0.0000920
                                      0
1 vear
               integer
2 month integer
3 day
               integer
# Select all columns between year and day (inclusive)
diagnose(flights, year:day)
# A tibble: 3 x 6
  variables types missing_count missing_percent unique_count unique_rate
  <chr>
                           <int> <dbl> <int>
                                                          0 1 0.00000297
0 12 0.0000356
0 31 0.0000920
                                      0
0
0
1 year
               integer
2 month integer
3 day
               integer
# Select all columns except those from year to day (inclusive)
diagnose(flights, -(year:day))
# A tibble: 16 x 6
  variables types missing_count missing_percent unique_count unique_rate

        cchr>
        cchr>
        cint>
        cdbl>
        cint>
        cdbl>

        1 dep_time
        inte...
        8255
        2.45
        1319
        0.00392

        2 sched_dep_...
        inte...
        0
        0
        1021
        0.00303

        3 dep_delay
        nume...
        8255
        2.45
        528
        0.00157

        4 arr_time
        inte...
        8713
        2.59
        1412
        0.00419

# ... with 12 more rows
```

By using dplyr, variables including missing values can be sorted by the weight of missing values.:

```
flights %>%
 diagnose() %>%
  select(-unique_count, -unique_rate) %>%
  filter(missing_count > 0) %>%
  arrange(desc(missing_count))
# A tibble: 6 x 4
 variables types missing_count missing_percent
 <chr> <chr>
                  <int> <dbl>
                         9430
1 arr delay numeric
                                        2.80
2 air time numeric
                         9430
2 air_time nu.....
3 arr_time integer
                                        2.80
                         8713
8255
                                        2.59
4 dep time integer
                                        2.45
# ... with 2 more rows
```

Diagnosis of numeric variables with diagnose_numeric()

diagnose_numeric() diagnoses numeric(continuous and discrete) variables in a data frame. Usage is the same as diagnose() but returns more diagnostic information. However, if you specify a non-numeric variable in the second and subsequent argument list, the variable is automatically ignored.

The variables of the tbl_df object returned by diagnose_numeric() are as follows.

```
    min: minimum value
    Q1: 1/4 quartile, 25th percentile
    mean: arithmetic mean
    median: median, 50th percentile
    Q3: 3/4 quartile, 75th percentile
    max: maximum value
    zero: number of observations with a value of 0
    minus: number of observations with negative numbers
    outlier: number of outliers
```

Applying the summary () function to a data frame can help you figure out the distribution of data by printing min, Q1, mean, median, Q3, and max give. However, the result is that analysts can only look at it with eyes. However, returning such information as a data frame structure like tb1 df widens the scope of utilization.

zero, minus, and outlier are useful for diagnosing the integrity of data. For example, numerical data in some cases may not have 0 or a negative number. Since the hypothetical numeric variable 'employee salary' can not have a negative or zero value, you should check for zero or negative numbers in the data diagnosis process.

diagnose_numeric() can diagnose all numeric variables of flights as follows.:

```
# ... with 10 more rows, and 1 more variable: outlier <int>
```

If a numeric variable can not logically have a negative or zero value, it can be used with filter() to easily find a variable that does not logically match:

Diagnosis of categorical variables with diagnose_category()

diagnose_category() diagnoses the categorical(factor, ordered, character) variables of a data frame. The usage is similar to diagnose () but returns more diagnostic information. If you specify a non-categorical variable in the second and subsequent argument list, the variable is automatically ignored. The top argument specifies the number of levels to return per variable. The default value is 10, which returns the top 10 level. Of course, if the number of levels is less than 10, all levels are returned.

The variables of the tbl_df object returned by diagnose_category() are as follows.

- variables : variable names
- o levels: level names
- o N: Number of observation
- freq: Number of observation at the levles
- ratio: Percentage of observation at the levles
- o rank: Rank of occupancy ratio of levels

 $\verb|`diagnose_category()| can diagnose all categorical variables of \verb|flights|| as follows: \\$

In collaboration with filter() in the dplyr package, we can see that the tailnum variable is ranked in top 1 with 2,512 missing values in the case where the missing value is included in the top 10:

The following returns a list of levels less than or equal to 0.01%. It should be noted that the top argument has a generous specification of 500. If you use the default value of 10, values below 0.01% would not be included in the list:

In the analytical model, it is also possible to consider removing the small percentage of observations in the observations or joining them together.

Diagnosing outliers with diagnose_outlier()

 ${\tt diagnose_outlier()}\ diagnoses\ the\ outliers\ of\ the\ numeric\ (continuous\ and\ discrete)\ variables\ of\ the\ data\ frame.\ The\ usage\ is\ the\ same\ as\ {\tt diagnose()}.$

The variables of the tbl_df object returned by diagnose_outlier() are as follows.

- outliers_cnt : Count of outliers
- \circ outliers_ratio : Percent of outliers
- outliers_mean : Arithmetic Average of outliers
- with_mean : Arithmetic Average of with outliers
- without_mean : Arithmetic Average of without outliers

diagnose_outlier() can diagnose anomalies of all numeric variables of flights as follows:

```
diagnose_outlier(flights)
# A tibble: 14 x 6
 variables outliers_cnt outliers_ratio outliers_mean with_mean
 <chr> <int> <dbl> <dbl>
                                           <dbl>
                         0
                                     NaN 2013
1 year
              0
                0
                                     NaN 6.55
NaN 15.7
2 month
                            0
3 day
                 0
                            0
4 dep_time
               a
                            a
                                     NaN 1349
```

```
# ... with 10 more rows, and 1 more variable: without_mean <dbl>
```

Numeric variables that contain anomalies are easily found with filter().:

```
diagnose_outlier(flights) %>%
 filter(outliers_cnt > 0)
# A tibble: 5 x 6
 variables outliers_cnt outliers_ratio outliers_mean with_mean
                          <int>
                        12.8
1 dep_delay
               43216
2 arr_delay
               27880
                        8.28
                                       121
                                                6.90
3 flight
                        0.000297
                                     8500
                                            1972
                1
4 air_time
                                      400
               5448
                        1.62
                                            151
\# ... with 1 more row, and 1 more variable: without_mean <dbl>
```

The following is a list of numeric variables with anomalies greater than 5%::

```
diagnose_outlier(flights) %>%
 filter(outliers_ratio > 5) %>%
 mutate(rate = outliers_mean / with_mean) %>%
 arrange(desc(rate)) %>%
 select(-outliers_cnt)
# A tibble: 2 x 6
 variables outliers ratio outliers mean with mean without mean rate
                <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
 <chr>
1 arr_delay
                              121
                                                  -3.69 17.5
                  8.28
                                        6.90
                         93.1
                                              0.444 7.37
2 dep_delay
                  12.8
                                       12.6
```

If the outlier is larger than the average of all observations, it may be desirable to replace or remove the outlier in the data analysis process.

Visualization of outliers using plot_outlier()

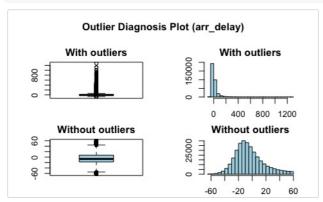
plot_outlier() visualizes outliers of numarical variables(continious and discrete) of data.frame. Usage is the same diagnose().

The plot derived from the numerical data diagnosis is as follows.

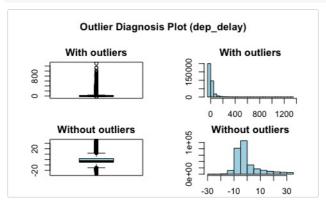
- With outliers box plot
- · Without outliers box plot
- With outliers histogram
- Without outliers histogram

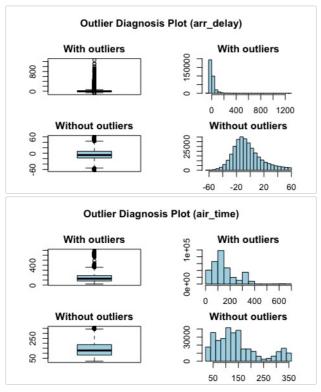
plot outlier() can visualize an anomaly in the arr delay variable of flights as follows:

```
flights %>%
plot_outlier(arr_delay)
```



Use the function of the dplyr package and plot_outlier() and diagnose_outlier() to visualize anomaly values of all numeric variables with an outlier ratio of 0.5% or more.:





You should look at the visualization results and decide whether to remove or replace the outliers. In some cases, it is important to consider removing the variables that contain anomalies from the data analysis model.

In the visualization results, <code>arr_delay</code> has similar distributions to the normal distribution of the observed values. In the case of linear models, we can also consider removing or replacing anomalies. And <code>air_time</code> shows a roughly similar distribution before and after removing anomalies.

Create a diagnostic report using diagnose_report()

diagnose_report() performs data diagnosis of all variables of object inherited from data.frame(tbl_df, tbl, etc) or data.frame.

'diagnose_report() writes the report in two formats:

- · Latex based pdf file
- html file

The contents of the report are as follows.:

- Diagnose Data
 - Overview of Diagnosis
 - List of all variables quality
 - Diagnosing Missing Data
 - Diagnosis of unique data(Text and Category)
 - Diagnosis of unique data(Numerical)
 - Detailed data diagnosis
 - Diagnosis of categorical variables
 - Diagnosis of numerical variables
 - List of numerical diagnosis (zero)
 - List of numerical diagnosis (minus)
- Diagnose Outliers
 - Overview of Diagnosis
 - Diagnosis of numerical variable outliers
 - · Detailed outliers diagnosis

The follwing creates a quality diagnostic report for flights, a tbl_df class object. The file format is pdf and file name is $DataDiagnosis_Report.pdf$.

```
flights %>%
  diagnose_report()
```

The following script creates an html report named ${\tt DataDiagnosis_Report.html}.$

```
flights %>%
  diagnose_report(output_format = "html")
```

The following generates an HTML report named Diagn.html.

```
flights %>%
  diagnose_report(output_format = "html", output_file = "Diagn.html")
```

The Data Diagnostic Report is an automated report intended to aid in the data diahnosis process. It judged whether the data is supplemented or reacquired by referring to the report results.

Diagnostic report contents

Contents of pdf file

 $\circ~$ The cover of the report is shown in the following figure.:



Data Diagnostic Report Cover

• The contents of the report are shown in the following figure.:

1 Diagnose Data 3 1.1 Overview of Diagnosis 3 1.1.1 List of all variables quality 3 1.1.2 Diagnosis of missing data 3 1.1.3 Diagnosis of unique data(Text and Category) 3 1.1.4 Diagnosis of unique data(Numerical) 3 1.2 Detailed data diagnosis 4 1.2.1 Diagnosis of categorical variables 4 1.2.2 Diagnosis of numerical variables 4 1.2.3 List of numerical diagnosis (zero) 5 1.2.4 List of numerical diagnosis (minus) 5

2 Diagnose Outliers 7 2.1 Overview of Diagnosis 7 2.1.1 Diagnosis of numerical variable outliers 7 2.2 Detailed outliers diagnosis 8

Data Diagnostic Report Contents

 Most information is represented in the report as a table. An example of a table is shown in the following figure.:

Chapter 1 Diagnose Data

1.1 Overview of Diagnosis

1.1.1 List of all variables quality

Table 1.1: Data quality overview table

variables	type	missing value(n)	missing value(%)	unique value(n)	unique value(n/N)
year	integer	0	0.0000	1	0.0000
month	integer	0	0.0000	12	0.0000
day	integer	0	0.0000	31	0.0001
dep_time	integer	8,255	2.4512	1,319	0.0039
sched_dep_time	integer	0	0.0000	1,021	0.0030
dep.delay	numeric	8,255	2.4512	528	0.0016
arr_time	integer	8,713	2.5872	1,412	0.0042
sched_arr_time	integer	0	0.0000	1,163	0.0035
arr_delay	numeric	9,430	2.8001	578	0.0017
carrier	character	0	0.0000	16	0.0000
flight	integer	0	0.0000	3,844	0.0114
tailnum	character	2,512	0.7459	4,044	0.0120
origin	character	0	0.0000	3	0.0000
dest	character	0	0.0000	105	0.0003
air_time	numeric	9,430	2.8001	510	0.0015
distance	numeric	0	0.0000	214	0.0006
hour	numeric	0	0.0000	20	0.0001
minute	numeric	0	0.0000	60	0.0002
time_hour	POSIXct	0	0.0000	6,936	0.0206

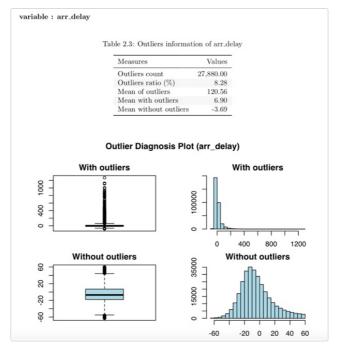
1.1.2 Diagnosing Missing Data

Table 1.2: Variables that include missing values

variables	type	missing value(n)	missing value(%)	unique value(n)	unique value(n/N)
arr.delay	numeric	9,430	2.8001	578	0.0017
air_time	numeric	9,430	2.8001	510	0.0015
arr_time	integer	8,713	2.5872	1,412	0.0042
dep_time	integer	8.255	2.4512	1.319	0.0039

Sample data diagnostic report table

 In the data diagnosis report, the outlier diagnostic contents include visualization results. The result is shown in the following figure.:



Data diagnosis report outlier diagnosis contents

Contents of html file

• The title and contents of the report are shown in the following figure.:



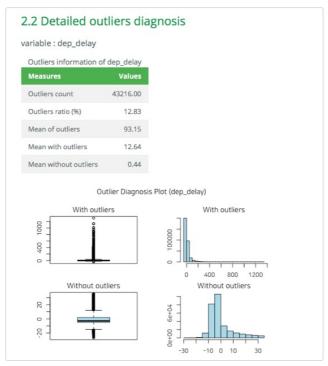
Data Diagnostic report titles and table of contents

 Most of the information is represented in tables in reports. An example of a table in an html file is shown in the following figure.



Sample data diagnostic report table (html)

 In the data diagnosis report, the outlier diagnostic contents include visualization results. The result of the html file is shown in the following figure.



Data diagnosis report outlier diagnosis contents (html)

Diagnosing tables in DBMS

The DBMS table diagnostic function supports In-database mode that performs SQL operations on the DBMS side. If the size of the data is large, using In-database mode is faster.

It is difficult to obtain anomaly or to implement the sampling-based algorithm in SQL of DBMS. So some functions do not yet support In-database mode. In this case, it is performed in In-memory mode in which table data is brought to R side and calculated. In this case, if the data size is large, the execution speed may be slow. It supports the collect_size argument, which allows you to import the specified number of samples of data into R.

- In-database support fuctions
 - o diagonse()
 - o diagnose_category()
- · In-database not support fuctions
 - diagnose_numeric()
 - diagnose_outlier()
 - plot_outlier()diagnose_report()
- Preparing table data

Copy the carseats data frame to the SQLite DBMS and create it as a table named TB_CARSEATS. Mysql/MariaDB, PostgreSQL, Oracle DBMS, etc. are also available for your environment.

```
if (!require(DBI)) install.packages('DBI')
if (!require(RSQLite)) install.packages('RSQLite')
if (!require(dplyr)) install.packages('dplyr')
if (!require(dbplyr)) install.packages('dbplyr')

library(dbplyr)
library(dplyr)

carseats <- ISLR::Carseats
    carseats[sample(seq(NROW(carseats)), 20), "Income"] <- NA
    carseats[sample(seq(NROW(carseats)), 5), "Urban"] <- NA

# connect DBMS
con_sqlite <- DBI::dbConnect(RSQLite::SQLite(), ":memory:")

# copy carseats to the DBMS with a table named TB_CARSEATS
copy_to(con_sqlite, carseats, name = "TB_CARSEATS", overwrite = TRUE)</pre>
```

Diagnose data quality of variables in the DBMS

Use dplyr::tbl() to create a tbl_dbi object, then use it as a data frame object. That is, the data argument of all diagonose function is specified as tbl_dbi object instead of data frame object.

```
# Diagnosis of all columns
 con_sqlite %>%
     tbl("TB_CARSEATS") %>%
     diagnose()
  # A tibble: 11 x 6
    variables types missing_count missing_percent unique_count unique_rate

        CompPrice
        doub...
        0
        0
        73
        0.182

        3 Income
        doub...
        0
        5.00
        99
        0.248

        4 Advertising
        0
        0
        28
        0.0700

 # ... with 7 more rows
 # Positions values select columns, and In-memory mode
 con_sqlite %>%
      tbl("TB_CARSEATS") %>%
     diagnose(1, 3, 8, in_database = FALSE)
  # A tibble: 3 x 6
    variables types missing_count missing_percent unique_count unique_rate

        Cohro
        Cinto
        Cidblo
        Cinto
        Cohro
        Cinto
        Cohro
        <t
 # Positions values select columns, and In-memory mode and collect size is 200
 con sqlite %>%
     tbl("TB CARSEATS") %>%
     diagnose(-8, -9, -10, in_database = FALSE, collect_size = 200)
 # A tibble: 8 x 6
    variables types missing_count missing_percent unique_count unique_rate

        CompPrice
        nume...
        0
        0
        65
        0.325

        3 Income
        nume...
        0
        0
        84
        0.420

        4 Advertising
        0
        0
        23
        0.115

1 Sales nume...
2 CompPrice nume...
 # ... with 4 more rows
```

Diagnose data quality of categorical variables in the DBMS

```
3 ShelveLoc Good 200 40 20.0
# Positions values select variables
con sqlite %>%
 tbl("TB CARSEATS") %>%
 diagnose_category(-7)
# A tibble: 5 x 6
variables levels
                  N freq ratio rank
* <fct> <chr> <int> <int> <dbl> <int>
1 Urban Yes 400 278 69.5 1
                 400 117 29.2
2 Urban
         No
               400 5 1.25
400 258 64.5
3 Urban <NA>
4 US
         Yes
# ... with 1 more row
```

Diagnose data quality of numerical variables in the DBMS

```
# Diagnosis of all numerical variables
con salite %>%
   tb1("TB CARSEATS") %>%
   diagnose_numeric()
# A tibble: 8 x 10
  variables min
                                             Q1 mean median
                                                                                            Q3 max zero minus outlier

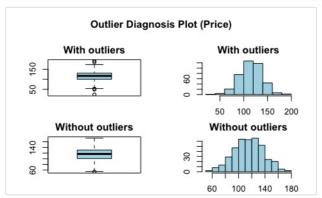
        <db1>
        <db1>
        <db1>
        <db1>
        <db1>
        <db1>
        <db1>
        <int>
        <int>
        <int>
        <int>
        <tn>
        <tn>

                              0 5.39 7.50 7.49 9.32 16.3 1 0
2 CompPrice 77.0 115 125 125 135 175 3 Income 21.0 42.0 68.7 69.0 90.0 120
                                                                                                  175 0
120 0
4 Advertising 0 0
                                                       6.64 5.00 12.0 29.0 144
# ... with 4 more rows
# Positive values select variables, and In-memory mode and collect size is 200
con sqlite %>%
   tb1("TB CARSEATS") %>%
   diagnose_numeric(Sales, Income, collect_size = 200)
# A tibble: 2 x 10
  variables min
                                         Q1 mean median
                                                                                 Q3 max zero minus outlier
1 Sales
                         0 5.26 7.42 7.50 9.10 14.9 1 0
2 Income 21.0 47.8 71.4 73.0 92.2 120
```

Diagnose outlier of numerical variables in the DBMS

Plot outlier information of numerical data diagnosis in the DBMS

```
# Visualization of numerical variables with a ratio of
# outliers greater than 1%
con_sqlite %>%
    tbl("TB_CARSEATS") %>%
    plot_outlier(con_sqlite %>%
        tbl("TB_CARSEATS") %>%
        diagnose_outlier() %>%
        filter(outliers_ratio > 1) %>%
        select(variables) %>%
        pull())
```



Reporting the information of data diagnosis for table of thr DBMS

The following shows several examples of creating an data diagnosis report for a DBMS table.

Using the <code>collect_size</code> argument, you can perform data diagonosis with the corresponding number of sample data. If the number of data is very large, use <code>collect_size</code>.

```
# create pdf file. file name is DataDiagnosis_Report.pdf
con_sqlite %>%
    tbl("TB_CARSEATS") %>%
    diagnose_report()

# create pdf file. file name is Diagn.pdf, and collect size is 350
con_sqlite %>%
    tbl("TB_CARSEATS") %>%
    diagnose_report(collect_size = 350, output_file = "Diagn.pdf")

# create html file. file name is Diagnosis_Report.html
con_sqlite %>%
    tbl("TB_CARSEATS") %>%
    diagnose_report(output_format = "html")

# create html file. file name is Diagn.html
con_sqlite %>%
    tbl("TB_CARSEATS") %>%
    tbl("TB_CARSEATS") %>%
    tbl("TB_CARSEATS") %>%
    tbl("TB_CARSEATS") %>%
    diagnose_report(output_format = "html", output_file = "Diagn.html")
```