# Basic use of dfunctions for data-frames in mets Klaus Holst & Thomas Scheike March 23, 2017

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Here are some key data-manipulation moves on a data-frame which is how we typically organize our data in R. After having read the data into R it will typically be a data-frame, if not we can force it to be a data-frame. The basic idea of the utility functions is to get a simple and easy to type way of making simple data-manipulation on a data-frame much like what is possible in SAS or STATA.

The functions, say, dcut, dfactor and so on are all functions that basically does what the base R cut, factor do, but are easier to use in the context of data-frames and have additional functionality.

```
library(mets)
data(melanoma)

is.data.frame(melanoma)
melanoma=as.data.frame(melanoma)
```

Here we work on the melanoma data that is already read into R and is a data-frame.

dUtility functions

The structure for all functions is

• dfunction(dataframe,y~x | ifcond,...)

to use the function on y in a dataframe grouped by x if condition if cond is valid. The basic functions are

A generic function daggregate, daggr, can be called with a function as the argument

daggregate(dataframe,y~x | ifcond,fun=function,...)

# Renaming, deleting, keeping, dropping variables

```
melanoma=drename(melanoma,tykkelse~thick)
names (melanoma)
 [1] "no"
                "status"
                                       "ulc"
                                                   "tykkelse" "sex"
                            "days"
  Deleting variables
data(melanoma)
melanoma=drm(melanoma,~thick+sex)
names (melanoma)
 [1] "no"
               "status" "days"
                                 "ulc"
  or sas style
data(melanoma)
melanoma=ddrop(melanoma,~thick+sex)
names (melanoma)
 [1] "no"
              "status" "days"
                                 "ulc"
  alternatively we can also keep certain variables
data(melanoma)
melanoma=dkeep(melanoma,~thick+sex+status+days)
names (melanoma)
 [1] "thick" "sex"
                        "status" "days"
```

# Looking at the data

```
data(melanoma)
dstr(melanoma)
 'data.frame':
                    205 obs. of 6 variables:
 $ no : int 789 13 97 16 21 469 685 7 932 944 ...
  $ status: int
               3 3 2 3 1 1 1 1 3 1 ...
  $ days : int 10 30 35 99 185 204 210 232 232 279 ...
        : int 1000111111...
  $ thick : int 676 65 134 290 1208 484 516 1288 322 741 ...
        : int 1110111100...
```

The data can in Rstudio be seen as a data-table but to list certain parts of the data in output window

```
dlist(melanoma)
```

```
no status days ulc thick sex
   789 3
           10 1
                      676 1
2
    13 3
              30 0
                      65 1
3
    97 2
              35 0
                      134
                          1
             99 0
4
    16 3
                    290 0
    21 1
            185 1
                    1208 1
201 317 2
             4492 1
                     706
                          1
202 798 2
             4668 0
                     612
                          0
203 806 2
             4688 0
                     48 0
204 606 2
            4926 0
                    226 0
205 328 2
            5565 0
                    290
```

```
dlist(melanoma, ~.|sex==1)
    no status days ulc thick
   789 3
            10 1
                     676
1
   13 3
              30 0
                      65
   97 2
             35 0
 3
                     134
5
    21 1
             185 1
                    1208
 6
   469 1
             204 1
                     484
191 445 2
            3909 1
195 415 2
             4119 0
                     65
 197 175 2
             4207 0
                     65
198 493 2
             4310 0
                     210
201 317 2
             4492 1
```

#### dlist(melanoma, ~ulc+days+thick+sex|sex==1)

```
ulc days thick sex
   1 10 676 1
1
2
   0
       30
           65
      35 134 1
3
  0
5
 1 185 1208 1
6 1 204 484 1
191 1 3909 806
195 0 4119 65 1
197 0 4207 65 1
      4310 210
198 0
              1
201 1 4492 706
```

### Getting summaries

### dsummary(melanoma)

| no             | status       | days         | ulc           | thick        |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Min. : 2.0     | Min. :1.00   | Min. : 10    | Min. :0.000   | Min. : 10    |
| 1st Qu.:222.0  | 1st Qu.:1.00 | 1st Qu.:1525 | 1st Qu.:0.000 | 1st Qu.: 97  |
| Median :469.0  | Median :2.00 | Median:2005  | Median :0.000 | Median: 194  |
| Mean :463.9    | Mean :1.79   | Mean :2153   | Mean :0.439   | Mean : 292   |
| 3rd Qu.:731.0  | 3rd Qu.:2.00 | 3rd Qu.:3042 | 3rd Qu.:1.000 | 3rd Qu.: 356 |
| Max. :992.0    | Max. :3.00   | Max. :5565   | Max. :1.000   | Max. :1742   |
| sex            |              |              |               |              |
| Min. :0.0000   |              |              |               |              |
| 1st Qu.:0.0000 |              |              |               |              |
| Median :0.0000 |              |              |               |              |
| Mean :0.3854   |              |              |               |              |
| 3rd Qu.:1.0000 |              |              |               |              |
| Max. :1.0000   |              |              |               |              |
|                |              |              |               |              |
|                |              |              |               |              |

# or for specfic variables

# dsummary(melanoma,~thick+status+sex)

```
thick
            status
Min. : 10 Min. :1.00 Min. :0.0000
1st Qu.: 97
          1st Qu.:1.00
                    1st Qu.:0.0000
Median: 194 Median: 2.00 Median: 0.0000
Mean : 292 Mean :1.79 Mean :0.3854
Max. :1742 Max. :3.00 Max. :1.0000
```

### Summaries in different groups (sex)

```
dsummary(melanoma,thick+days+status~sex)
```

```
sex: 0
       thick
                              days
 Min. : 10.0 Min. : 99 Min. :1.000
 1st Qu.: 97.0 1st Qu.:1636 1st Qu.:2.000

      Median: 162.0
      Median: 2059
      Median: 2.000

      Mean: 248.6
      Mean: 2283
      Mean: 1.833

      3rd Qu.: 306.0
      3rd Qu.: 3131
      3rd Qu.: 2.000

 Max. :1742.0 Max. :5565 Max. :3.000
______
sex: 1
      thick
                               days
 Min. : 16.0 Min. : 10 Min. :1.000
 1st Qu.: 105.0 1st Qu.:1052 1st Qu.:1.000

      Median: 258.0
      Median: 1860
      Median: 2.000

      Mean: 361.1
      Mean: 1946
      Mean: 1.722

      3rd Qu.: 484.0
      3rd Qu.: 2784
      3rd Qu.: 2.000

 Max. :1466.0 Max. :4492 Max. :3.000
```

and only among those with thin-tumours or only females (sex==1)

```
dsummary(melanoma,thick+days+status~sex|thick<97)</pre>
```

```
thick
          days
                     status
Min. :10.00 Min. : 355 Min. :1.000
Median :64.00
          Median:2227
                    Median :2.000
Mean :51.48 Mean :2425 Mean :2.034
3rd Qu.:65.00 3rd Qu.:3185 3rd Qu.:2.000
Max. :81.00 Max. :4688 Max. :3.000
          days
 thick
                    status
Min. :16.00 Min. : 30 Min. :1.000
Mean :55.75 Mean :2632 Mean :1.875
3rd Qu.:81.00 3rd Qu.:3328 3rd Qu.:2.000
Max. :81.00 Max. :4207 Max. :3.000
```

dsummary(melanoma,thick+status~+1|sex==1)

```
thick
                    status
Min. : 16.0 Min. :1.000
1st Qu.: 105.0 1st Qu.:1.000
Median: 258.0 Median: 2.000
Mean : 361.1 Mean :1.722
3rd Qu.: 484.0 3rd Qu.:2.000
Max. :1466.0 Max. :3.000
```

Tables between variables

#### dtable(melanoma,~status+sex)

```
sex 0 1
status
       28 29
1
2
      91 43
3
       7 7
```

#### All bivariate tables

```
dtable(melanoma,~status+sex+ulc,level=2)
   status
sex 1 2 3
  0 28 91 7
  1 29 43 7
   status
 ulc 1 2 3
  0 16 92 7
  1 41 42 7
   sex
ulc 0 1
  0 79 36
  1 47 43
```

#### All univariate tables

```
dtable(melanoma,~status+sex+ulc,level=1)
```

```
status
 1 2
        3
57 134 14
sex
 0
126 79
ulc
 0
115 90
```

# Making new variales for the analysis

To define a bunch of new covariates within a data-frame

```
melanoma= transform(melanoma,
         thick2=thick^2,
         lthick=log(thick) )
dhead(melanoma)
   no status days ulc thick sex thick2 lthick
       3 10 1 676 1 456976 6.516193
 1 789
 2 13
          3 30 0
                    65
                             4225 4.174387
                         1
         2 35 0 134 1 17956 4.897840
 3 97
 4 16
          3
             99
                 0
                     290
                          0
                             84100 5.669881
          1 185 1 1208
 5 21
                         1 1459264 7.096721
                    484
                         1 234256 6.182085
 6 469
          1
            204
```

When the above definitions are done using a condition this can be achieved using the dtransform function that extends transform with a possible condition

```
melanoma=dtransform(melanoma,ll=thick*1.05^ulc,sex==1)
melanoma=dtransform(melanoma,ll=thick,sex!=1)
dmean(melanoma,ll~sex+ulc)
```

```
sex ulc
              11
1 0 0 173.7342
2 1 0 197.3611
3 0 1 374.5532
4 1 1 523.1198
```

# Making factors (groupings)

On the melanoma data the variable thick gives the thickness of the melanom tumour. For some analyses we would like to make a factor depending on the thickness. This can be done in several different ways

```
melanoma=dcut(melanoma,~thick,breaks=c(0,200,500,800,2000))
```

New variable is named thickcat.o by default. To see levels of factors in data-frame

```
dlevels (melanoma)
```

```
thickcat.0 #levels=:4
[1] "[0,200]" "(200,500]" "(500,800]" "(800,2e+03]"
```

#### Checking group sizes

dtable(melanoma,~thickcat.0)

```
thickcat.0
  [0,200] (200,500] (500,800] (800,2e+03]
    109 64 20 12
```

### With adding to the data-frame directly

```
dcut(melanoma,breaks=c(0,200,500,800,2000)) <- gr.thick1~thick
dlevels(melanoma)
```

```
thickcat.0 #levels=:4
[1] "[0,200]" "(200,500]" "(500,800]" "(800,2e+03]"
gr.thick1 #levels=:4
[1] "[0,200]" "(200,500]" "(500,800]"
                                         "(800,2e+03]"
```

new variable is named thickcat.o (after first cut-point), or to get quartiles with default names thick.cat.4

```
dcut(melanoma) <- ~ thick ### new variable is thickcat.4
dlevels(melanoma)
 thickcat.0 #levels=:4
[1] "[0,200]" "(200,500]" "(500,800]"
                                      "(800,2e+03]"
 gr.thick1 #levels=:4
 [1] "[0,200]" "(200,500]" "(500,800]"
                                      "(800,2e+03]"
 _____
thickcat.4 #levels=:4
 [1] "[10,97]" "(97,194]"
                              "(194,356]"
                                            "(356,1.74e+03]"
```

or median groups, here starting again with the original data,

```
data(melanoma)
dcut(melanoma,breaks=2) <- ~ thick ### new variable is thick.2</pre>
dlevels(melanoma)
 thickcat.2 #levels=:2
  [1] "[10,194]" "(194,1.74e+03]"
   to control new names
data(melanoma)
mela= dcut(melanoma,thickcat4+dayscat4~thick+days,breaks=4)
dlevels(mela)
 thickcat4 #levels=:4
  [1] "[10,97]" "(97,194]" "(194,356]" "(356,1.74e+03]"
  [1] "[10,1.52e+03]" "(1.52e+03,2e+03]" "(2e+03,3.04e+03]" [4] "(3.04e+03,5.56e+03]" ------
 dayscat4 #levels=:4
   or
data(melanoma)
dcut(melanoma,breaks=4) <- thickcat4+dayscat4~thick+days</pre>
dlevels(melanoma)
 thickcat4 #levels=:4
 [1] "[10,97]" "(97,194]" "(194,356]" "(356,1.74e+03]"
 davscat4 #levels=:4
                          "(1.52e+03,2e+03]" "(2e+03,3.04e+03]"
  [1] "[10,1.52e+03]"
  [4] "(3.04e+03,5.56e+03]"
   This can also be typed out more specifically
melanoma$gthick = cut(melanoma$thick,breaks=c(0,200,500,800,2000))
melanoma$gthick =

→ cut(melanoma$thick,breaks=quantile(melanoma$thick),include.lowest=TRUE)

 Working with factors
To see levels of covariates in data-frame
data(melanoma)
dcut(melanoma,breaks=4) <- thickcat4~thick</pre>
dlevels(melanoma)
 thickcat4 #levels=:4
  [1] "[10,97]" "(97,194]" "(194,356]" "(356,1.74e+03]"
```

To relevel the factor

```
dtable(melanoma,~thickcat4)
melanoma = drelevel(melanoma,~thickcat4,ref="(194,356]")
dlevels(melanoma)
 thickcat4
       [10,97] (97,194] (194,356] (356,1.74e+03] 56 53 45 51
                   53
                                45 51
 thickcat4 #levels=:4
 [1] "[10,97]" "(97,194]"
                                "(194,356]"
                                              "(356,1.74e+03]"
 thickcat4.(194,356] #levels=:4
                              "(97,194]" "(356,1.74e+03]"
 [1] "(194,356]" "[10,97]"
```

or to take the third level in the list of levels, same as above,

```
melanoma = drelevel(melanoma,~thickcat4,ref=2)
dlevels(melanoma)
 thickcat4 #levels=:4
 [1] "[10,97]" "(97,194]"
                                "(194,356]"
                                                 "(356,1.74e+03]"
 thickcat4.(194,356] #levels=:4
 [1] "(194,356]" "[10,97]"
                                  "(97,194]"
                                                 "(356,1.74e+03]"
 thickcat4.2 #levels=:4
 [1] "(97,194]" "[10,97]" "(194,356]"
                                               "(356,1.74e+03]"
```

To combine levels of a factor (first combinining first 3 groups into one)

```
melanoma = drelevel(melanoma,~thickcat4,newlevels=1:3)
dlevels(melanoma)
thickcat4 #levels=:4
[1] "[10,97]" "(97,194]"
                                 "(194,356]" "(356,1.74e+03]"
thickcat4.(194,356] #levels=:4
                                  "(97,194]"
 [1] "(194,356]" "[10,97]"
                                                  "(356,1.74e+03]"
 thickcat4.2 #levels=:4
 [1] "(97,194]"
               "[10,97]"
                                "(194,356]"
                                                "(356,1.74e+03]"
 thickcat4.1:3 #levels=:2
 [1] "[10,97]-(194,356]" "(356,1.74e+03]"
```

or to combine groups 1 and 2 into one group and 3 and 4 into another

```
dkeep(melanoma) <- ~thick+thickcat4
melanoma = drelevel(melanoma,gthick2~thickcat4,newlevels=list(1:2,3:4))
dlevels(melanoma)
thickcat4 #levels=:4
[1] "[10,97]" "(97,194]" "(194,356]"
                                                 "(356,1.74e+03]"
 gthick2 #levels=:2
 [1] "[10,97]-(97,194]" "(194,356]-(356,1.74e+03]"
```

### Changing order of factor levels

```
dfactor(melanoma,levels=c(3,1,2,4)) <- thickcat4.2~thickcat4</pre>
dlevel(melanoma,~ "thickcat4*")
dtable(melanoma,~thickcat4+thickcat4.2)
thickcat4 #levels=:4
 [1] "[10,97]" "(97,194]"
                                 "(194,356]"
                                                 "(356,1.74e+03]"
 thickcat4.2 #levels=:4
 [1] "(194,356]" "[10,97]"
                                "(97,194]"
                                                 "(356,1.74e+03]"
             thickcat4.2 (194,356] [10,97] (97,194] (356,1.74e+03]
 thickcat4
 [10,97]
 (97,194]
                                             53
                                0
                                      0
                                                             0
 (194,356]
                               45
                                      0
                                              0
                                                             0
 (356,1.74e+03]
                                Ω
                                      0
                                              0
                                                            51
```

### Combine levels but now control factor-level names

```
melanoma=drelevel(melanoma,gthick3~thickcat4,newlevels=list(group1.2=1:2,group3.4=3:4))
dlevels(melanoma)
 thickcat4 #levels=:4
 [1] "[10,97]" "(97,194]" "(194,356]"
                                                 "(356,1.74e+03]"
 gthick2 #levels=:2
 [1] "[10,97]-(97,194]"
                           "(194,356]-(356,1.74e+03]"
 thickcat4.2 #levels=:4
 [1] "(194,356]" "[10,97]" "(97,194]" "(356,1.74e+03]"
 gthick3 #levels=:2
 [1] "group1.2" "group3.4"
```

# Making a factor from existing numeric variable and vice versa

A numeric variable "status" with values 1,2,3 into a factor by

```
data(melanoma)
melanoma = dfactor(melanoma,~status,
    → labels=c("malignant-melanoma", "censoring", "dead-other"))
  melanoma = dfactor(melanoma,sexl~sex,labels=c("females","males"))
   dtable(melanoma,~sexl+status.f)
            status.f malignant-melanoma censoring dead-other
    sexl
    females
                                     28
                                               91
                                     29
                                              43
```

A gender factor with values "M", "F" can be converted into numerics by

```
melanoma = dnumeric(melanoma,~sexl)
dstr(melanoma,"sex*")
dtable(melanoma, ~'sex*', level=2)
```

```
'data.frame': 205 obs. of 3 variables:
$ sex : int 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 0 0 ...
$ sexl : Factor w/ 2 levels "females", "males": 2 2 2 1 2 2 2 2 1 1 ...
$ sexl.n: num 2 2 2 1 2 2 2 2 1 1 ...

sex

sexl 0 1
females 126 0
males 0 79

sex

sexl.n 0 1
1 126 0
2 0 79

sexl

sexl.n females males
1 126 0
2 0 79
```