

# Final Presentation

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## Research Question

What positions on the Jeopardy board are most likely to be a Daily Double by round and across years?

# Introduction

- ▶ Importance to the game
  - ▶ Arthur Chu (2014)
  - ▶ James Holzhauer (2019)
- ▶ Previous analyses
  - ▶ None across years
- ▶ Challenge of finding position
- ▶ Visual representation of results

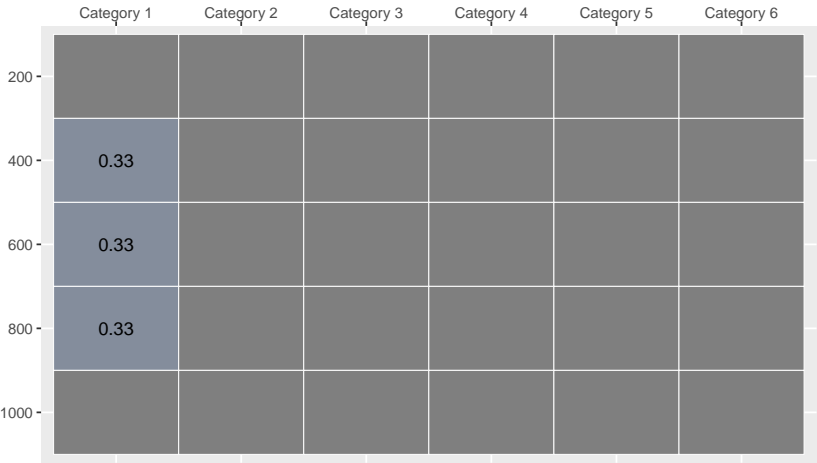
# Methods

- ▶ Only included episodes from dates beyond November 26, 2001
- ▶ Finding  $x$  position of daily double (filtered to episodes with 12 categories)
- ▶ Finding  $y$  position of daily double (Weighted across missing values)

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# Results

## Flex Dashboard:

- ▶ Daily Double Round 1 since 2001
- ▶ Daily Double Round 2 since 2001
- ▶ Daily Double Location by year
- ▶ Daily Doubles are not evenly distributed across the board
- ▶ No differences in daily double location between Round 1 and Round 2
- ▶ 15 out of 19 years had the most daily doubles within the 800/1600 row

# Conclusions

- ▶ Similar to previous analyses
  - ▶ <https://flowingdata.com/2015/03/03/where-to-find-jeopardy-daily-doubles/>
- ▶ Shift in location in 2016
  - ▶ Arthur Chu and subsequent analyses
- ▶ Future locations (pattern or random)



# Overview of Approach

Nest data by air date

Pull out subsets of that data

Modify subsets by:

Adding additional information (i.e. weight, x/y position)

Manipulating data (i.e. expanding, further subsetting)

Rejoin dataframes to get desired information

Create tidy dataset for plots

# Interesting Packages or Techniques

- ▶ Creating perfect data frame
  - ▶ Package: `tidyr`
  - ▶ Function(s): `expand()`
- ▶ Mapping
  - ▶ Package: `purrr`
  - ▶ Function(s): `map()`, `map2()`
- ▶ Joining
  - ▶ Package: `dplyr`
  - ▶ Function(s): `right_join()`, `full_join()`, `left_join()`
- ▶ Plotting
  - ▶ Package: `plotly`
  - ▶ Function(s): `plot_ly()`

# Examples

## ► Input

- categories\_asked: information about each episode

```
mutate(categories_unique = map(data, ~ unique(select(., cat
  categories_unique = map(categories_unique,
    ~ rownames_to_column(., var = "
  perfect_pos = map2(categories_unique, categories_a
    ~ full_join(.x, .y)),
  perfect_pos = map(perfect_pos,
    ~ group_by(., round)),
  perfect_pos = map(perfect_pos,
    ~ expand(., x_pos, value)))
```

## ► Output

- categories\_unique: x position assigned to each category
- perfect\_pos: perfect df for each game

# Examples

## ► Input

- dd\_perfect: perfect DD df
- dd\_weight: df containing the weight to be assigned to DD questions

```
mutate(dd_perfect = map2(dd_perfect, dd_weight,  
  ~ full_join(.x, .y, by = "category")),  
  dd_perfect = map(dd_perfect,  
    ~ mutate(., daily_double = case_when(  
      is.na(daily_double) == TRUE ~ weight,  
      is.na(daily_double) == FALSE ~ daily_double)))
```

## ► Output

- dd\_perfect: perfect DD df with weights added

## Examples

```
daily_double_year %>%  
  unnest() %>%  
  plot_ly(  
    x = ~ x_pos,  
    y = ~ y_pos,  
    z = ~ Percent,  
    frame = ~ year,  
    hovertemplate = paste("Daily Double Percent: %{z:,.}%<br>  
                           "<extra></extra>"),  
    colors = "Blues",  
    type = 'heatmap'  
  ) %>%  
  layout(title = list(text = ""),  
         xaxis = list(title = "",  
                       side = 'top'),  
         yaxis = list(title = ""))
```

## Lessons Learned

1. Seemingly simple problems may not be simple to answer.
2. Pros/cons of `ggplot()` vs `plot_ly()`
3. Project organization and GitHub
4. Writing other code before data is completely clean is beneficial.