

STAT 8510 Hands-On Session 4

Question 1:

We will be using the data set named “spiritual” located at D2L handson folder. In the “spiritual” data set are data for the Spiritual Well Being scale, a 20 item questionnaire with values of each item ranging from 1 to 6 on a likert scale of agreement with the item statement. A value of 1=Strongly Agree, 2=Moderately Agree, 3=Agree, 4=Disagree, 5=Moderately Disagree, and 6=Strongly Disagree. The Spiritual Well-Being provides an overall measure of the perception of spiritual quality of life. The Religious Well-being subscale provides a self-assessment of one’s relationships with God, while the Existential Well-being subscale provides a self-assessment of one’s sense of life and life satisfaction.

There are 103 observations in the data set and 21 variables, id and swb1-swb20.

1. Create a SAS program that reads in this data.
2. Create an ARRAY statement that contains the Spiritual Well Being questionnaire items that need to be reversed. These are items swb3, swb4, swb7, swb8, swb10, swb11, swb14, swb15, swb17, swb19, and swb20.
3. Then create an indexing DO loop that reverses the items in the ARRAY statement. Make sure you END the loop.
4. After reversing the items create the following scores:
 - a. A total score that is the sum of all the items.
 - b. A religious well-being subscale which consists of all the odd numbered questionnaire items.
 - c. An existential well-being subscale which consists of all the even numbered questionnaire items.
5. Using the total score, create spiritual wellbeing groups of low, moderate and high defining low as being less than 55, moderate being between 55 and less than 90, and being greater than or equal to 90.

Question 2:

We will be using two permanent SAS data sets that are stored in the at D2L handson folder. The data in the “quest1” and “quest24” collected information on current smoking status and their stage of change (i.e. are they thinking about quitting in the next 30 days, 6 months, or not thinking about it at all) at week 1 and week 24 of an intervention study to help low-income, African American women quit smoking. There are 4 variables in each data set and 103 observations in week 1 and 90 in week 24 (i.e. there were some lost to follow-up individuals). The variables in each data set are

Week 1

<u>Variable</u>	<u>Variable Type</u>	<u>Variable Values</u>
ID	Numeric	
WEEK	Numeric	1
CURSMOKE	Numeric	1=Current, 2=Quit<6mths,

STAGECH	Character	3=Quit>6mths, 4=Never 1=Yes 30days, 2=Yes 6mths, 3=No
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Week 24

<u>Variable</u>	<u>Variable Type</u>	<u>Variable Values</u>
ID	Numeric	
WEEK	Numeric	24
CURSMOKE	Numeric	1=Current, 2=Quit<6mths, 3=Quit>6mths, 4=Never
STAGECH	Numeric	1=Yes 30days, 2=Yes 6mths, 3=No

1. Create a SAS program that reads in both of these data sets, one data step for each.
2. In the week 1 data set, create a new numeric variable, soc, from the “character” variable stagech. Drop the stagech variable from the week 1 data set.
3. In the week 24 data set, create a new numeric variable, soc, from the numeric variable stagech. Drop the stagech variable from the week 24 data set.
4. Now both data sets have variables with the same names and same types.
5. Create a new data step that sets both these data sets into one. This is concatenating the data sets together
6. In the data step that combines the two data sets, we are going to create a stage of change group variable based on the individual’s current smoking status (cursmoke) and their current stage of change (soc). We will do this using an IF-THEN-DO.
 - a. If the individual is a current smoker (=1) and their stage of change is 1=Yes, 30 days then their stage of change group is 1.
 - b. If the individual is a current smoker (=1) and their stage of change is 2=Yes, 6 months then their stage of change group is 2.
 - c. If the individual is a current smoker (=1) and their stage of change is 3=No then their stage of change group is 3.
 - d. If the individual quit in the last 6 months (=2) then their stage of change group is 4, regardless of their answer on soc.
 - e. If the individual is a never smoker (=3) then their stage of change group is 5, regardless of their answer on soc.
7. Print out the old and new variables and make sure you are assigning people to groups correctly.
8. Now, sort quest1 and quest24 by the id variables.
9. Create a new temporary SAS data set named questb that interleaves quest1 and quest24 by the id variable. Will the number of observations and variables be the same as the concatenated data set questa?