

Video 11 - Data management

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Data management

- Data dictionary
 - Variable names, Variable labels, Value labels, Missing value codes
- Managing complex files
 - Multiple response, Longitudinal/repeated measures data
- Storage options
 - Spreadsheet, Text file, Database, REDCap

Data dictionary

- Also called a code book
- Start before collecting data
- Revise as needed

Variable names

- Brief, but descriptive explanation
- Roughly 4 to 16 characters
- No blanks and (almost) no symbols
- One to three words

Good and bad variable names

- Names to avoid (www.writersexchange.com)
 - systolic blood pressure
 - systolic-blood-pressure
- Names that work
 - systolic_blood_pressure
 - systolic.blood.pressure
 - SystolicBloodPressure
- NEVER USE ALL CAPS FOR VARIABLE NAMES
 - Lower case ascenders (e.g., f and l)
 - Lower case descenders (e.g., g and y)

Variable labels

- Longer descriptions
 - Can include spaces and punctuation
 - Ideal length is 20-40 characters
 - Mention units of measurement, special qualifiers

Missing value codes

- Explain WHY the value is missing
- For a survey
 - Did not answer
 - Not applicable
- For a lab result
 - Below the limit of detection
 - Insufficient volume for testing
 - Dropped the test tube and it shattered making a huge mess

Example of missing value codes

- Use extreme number code
 - 9, 99, 999
 - -1
- Use symbols
 - NA
 - (asterisk)
 - (dot)
- Never use blanks to designate missing
- Note missing value code on data dictionary

Missing value example

TO PURCHASE
Take This Ticket To Cashier

Hewlett Packard
PSC 500

- Printer/Scanner/Copier
- Makes Up To 5 Copies Per Min
- 600x600 dpi Printing
- Model# C7281A#ABA

\$299⁹⁹

OfficeMax Everyday Low Price

Save \$9700⁰⁰

List Price \$9999.99

02234406 R 02

0 88698 89998 4 08/02/03

Price tage from computer store

First break

- What have you learned
 - variable names
 - Variable labels
 - Missing value codes
- What's coming up
 - Date formats
 - Categorical values

Date formats



Cartoon showing variety of data formats

Internal storage formats

- Excel - number of days since 1899-12-31 (1900-01-00)
- R - number of days since January 1, 1970
- SAS - number of days since January 1, 1960
- SPSS - number of seconds since October 14, 1582

Gregorian calendar

JULIAN 1582		October			Gregorian 1582	
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

Transition to the Gregorian calendar

Gregorian calendar



Painting of Pope Gergory XIII

Categorical values

- Definition: small number of possible values
- Beware of ambiguities
 - YES, yes, and Yes are three distinct levels.
- Use number codes
 - 0, 1, 9 for binary variables
- Single letter codes
 - M, F, and U for gender
 - Potentially ambiguous
 - Consistent case is important.

Example of ambiguous coding

RaceID				
	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	2	1.1	1.1	1.1
W	1	.6	.6	1.7
A	1	.6	.6	2.2
B	11	6.1	6.1	8.3
C	137	76.1	76.1	84.4
H	9	5.0	5.0	89.4
O	1	.6	.6	90.0
W	18	10.0	10.0	100.0
Total	180	100.0	100.0	

SPSS frequencies table for RaceID

Reverse coding (1 of 2)

- Context specific
- Sequence of IF THEN ELSE statements
 - if (is.na(x)) then y=NA
 - else if (x=1) then y=4
 - else if (x=2) then y=3
 - else if (x=3) then y=2
 - else if (x=4) then y=1
 - else y=9

Reverse coding (2 of 2)

- Functional transformations
 - 0,1 to 1,0 is $f(x)=1-x$
 - 1,2,3,4 to 4,3,2,1 is $f(x)=5-x$
 - 0,1,2,3,4 to 4,3,2,1,0 is $f(x)=4-x$
- Always check your results
- Watch out for missing value codes

Second break

- What have you learned
 - Dates
 - Value labels
 - Reverse coding
- What's coming next
 - Multiple response
 - Longitudinal/repeated measures data

A multiple response example

Q1. What are a few of your favorite things?

☐ a. Raindrops on roses

☒ b. Whiskers on kittens

☒ c. Bright copper kettles

☒ d. Warm woolen mittens

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Questionnaire with a multiple response question

Coding multiple response with a single column

	q1
Q1. What are a few of your favorite things? <input type="checkbox"/> a. Raindrops on roses <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b. Whiskers on kittens <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. Bright copper kettles <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> d. Warm woolen mittens	bcd
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Multiple response coded into a single column

A different way to code multiple response

	q1.1	q1.2	q1.3
Q1. What are a few of your favorite things? <input type="checkbox"/> a. Raindrops on roses <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b. Whiskers on kittens <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. Bright copper kettles <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> d. Warm woolen mittens	b	c	d
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A multiple response question coded into three columns

The recommended way to code multiple response

	q1.a	q1.b	q1.c	q1.d
Q1. What are a few of your favorite things? <input type="checkbox"/> a. Raindrops on roses <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b. Whiskers on kittens <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. Bright copper kettles <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> d. Warm woolen mittens	0	1	1	1
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Multiple response coded with individual item indicators

Longitudinal data, Repeated measures data

- Longitudinal
 - Multiple time points per patient
- Repeated measurements
 - Measuring patient repeatedly under different conditions
- Tall and thin format
 - One line per visit/measurement
- Short and fat format
 - One line per patient

Example of tall/thin, dictionary

Univariate format:

Variable	Description
Subject	1 to 40
Sex	male or female
Age	Age of subject in years
Height	Height in cm
Weight	Weight in kg
Surface	normal or foam
Vision	eyes open, eyes closed, or closed dome
CTSIB	Qualitative measure of balance, 1 (stable) - 4 (unstable)

Data dictionary for tall and thin format

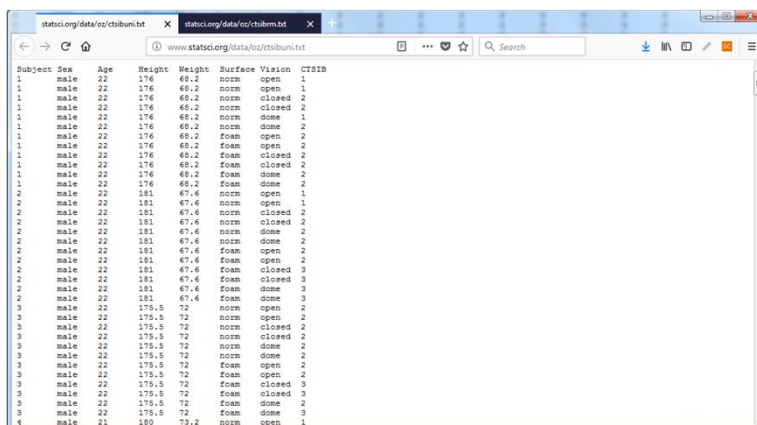
Example of short/fat, dictionary

Repeated measures format:

Variable	Description
Subject	1 to 40
Sex	male or female
Age	Age of subject in years
Height	Height in cm
Weight	Weight in kg
NO1	Balance measure on normal surface with eyes open, first replicate
NO2	as above, second replicate
NC1	Balance measure on normal surface with eyes closed, first replicate
NC2	as above, second replicate
ND1	Balance measure on normal surface with dome, first replicate
ND2	as above, second replicate
FO1	Balance measure on foam surface with eyes open, first replicate
FO2	as above, second replicate
FC1	Balance measure on foam surface with eyes closed, first replicate
FC2	as above, second replicate
FD1	Balance measure on foam surface with dome, first replicate
FD2	as above, second replicate

Repeated measures example in short and fat format

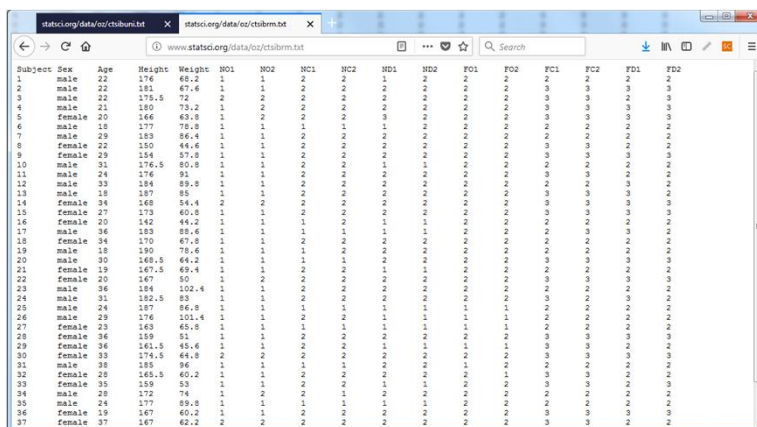
Example of tall/thin, data



Subject	Sex	Age	Height	Weight	Surface	Vision	CTSSB
1	male	22	176	68.2	norm	open	1
1	male	22	176	68.2	norm	open	1
1	male	22	176	68.2	norm	closed	2
1	male	22	176	68.2	norm	closed	2
1	male	22	176	68.2	norm	dome	1
1	male	22	176	68.2	norm	dome	2
1	male	22	176	68.2	foam	open	2
1	male	22	176	68.2	foam	open	2
1	male	22	176	68.2	foam	closed	2
1	male	22	176	68.2	foam	closed	2
1	male	22	176	68.2	foam	dome	2
1	male	22	176	68.2	foam	dome	2
2	male	22	181	67.6	norm	open	1
2	male	22	181	67.6	norm	open	1
2	male	22	181	67.6	norm	closed	2
2	male	22	181	67.6	norm	closed	2
2	male	22	181	67.6	norm	dome	2
2	male	22	181	67.6	norm	dome	2
2	male	22	181	67.6	foam	open	2
2	male	22	181	67.6	foam	open	2
2	male	22	181	67.6	foam	closed	3
2	male	22	181	67.6	foam	closed	3
2	male	22	181	67.6	foam	dome	3
2	male	22	181	67.6	foam	dome	3
3	male	22	175.5	72	norm	open	2
3	male	22	175.5	72	norm	open	2
3	male	22	175.5	72	norm	closed	2
3	male	22	175.5	72	norm	closed	2
3	male	22	175.5	72	norm	dome	2
3	male	22	175.5	72	norm	dome	2
3	male	22	175.5	72	foam	open	2
3	male	22	175.5	72	foam	open	2
3	male	22	175.5	72	foam	closed	3
3	male	22	175.5	72	foam	closed	3
3	male	22	175.5	72	foam	dome	2
3	male	22	175.5	72	foam	dome	2
4	male	21	180	73.2	norm	open	1

Repeated measures data in tall and thin format

Example of short/fat, data



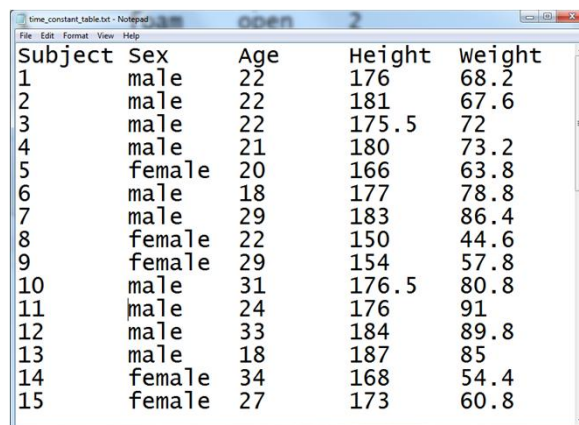
Subject	Sex	Age	Height	Weight	NO1	NO2	NC1	NC2	ND1	ND2	FO1	FO2	FC1	FC2	FD1	FD2
1	male	22	176	68.2	1	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
2	male	22	181	67.6	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3
3	male	22	175.5	72	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3
4	male	21	180	73.2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3
5	female	20	166	63.8	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3
6	male	18	177	78.8	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
7	male	29	163	56.4	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
8	female	22	150	44.6	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3
9	female	29	154	57.8	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3
10	male	31	176.5	80.8	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
11	male	24	176	91	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3
12	male	33	184	89.8	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
13	male	18	187	85	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3
14	female	34	168	54.4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3
15	female	27	173	60.8	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3
16	female	20	142	44.2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2
17	male	34	183	88.6	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
18	female	34	170	67.8	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
19	male	18	190	78.6	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
20	male	30	168.5	64.2	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	3	3	3
21	female	19	167.5	69.4	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
22	female	20	167	50	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3
23	male	36	184	102.4	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
24	male	31	182.5	83	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3
25	male	24	187	86.8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2
26	male	29	176	101.4	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2
27	female	23	163	65.8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2
28	female	36	159	51	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3
29	female	36	161.5	45.6	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3
30	female	33	174.5	64.8	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3
31	male	38	185	96	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2
32	female	28	165.5	40.2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3
33	male	35	159	53	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	3	3	3	3
34	male	29	172	74	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
35	male	24	177	89.8	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
36	female	19	167	60.2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3
37	female	37	167	62.2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3

Repeated measures data in short and fat format

A simple alternative to both tall/thin and short/fat

- Disadvantages of tall/thin
 - Too much repetition
- Disadvantages of short/fat
- Database format
 - Time constant table
 - Time varying table

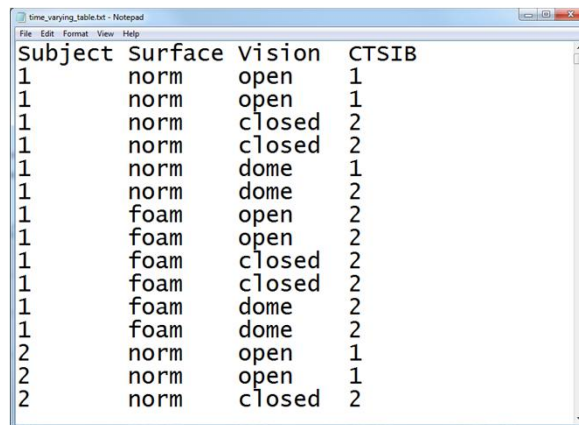
Time constant data



Subject	Sex	Age	Height	weight
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2	male	22	181	67.6
3	male	22	175.5	72
4	male	21	180	73.2
5	female	20	166	63.8
6	male	18	177	78.8
7	male	29	183	86.4
8	female	22	150	44.6
9	female	29	154	57.8
10	male	31	176.5	80.8
11	male	24	176	91
12	male	33	184	89.8
13	male	18	187	85
14	female	34	168	54.4
15	female	27	173	60.8

Table listing time constant data only

Time varying data



A screenshot of a Notepad window titled 'time_varying_table.txt - Notepad'. The window displays a table with four columns: 'Subject', 'Surface', 'Vision', and 'CTSIB'. The data is as follows:

Subject	Surface	Vision	CTSIB
1	norm	open	1
1	norm	open	1
1	norm	closed	2
1	norm	closed	2
1	norm	dome	1
1	norm	dome	2
1	foam	open	2
1	foam	open	2
1	foam	closed	2
1	foam	closed	2
1	foam	dome	2
1	foam	dome	2
2	norm	open	1
2	norm	open	1
2	norm	closed	2

Table listing time varying data only

Contents of a data dictionary

- Variable names
- Variable labels
- Units of measurement
- Permissible/impermissible values
- Value labels
- Missing value codes
- Source
- License

Third break

- What have you learned
 - Multiple response variables
 - Longitudinal/repeated measures data
- What's next
 - Double entry coding
 - Excel files

Double entry coding

- Great quality check
 - If you can afford it
- Prepare a code book first
 - Count the proportion of discrepancies
- If too many discrepancies
 - Revise the code book and re-do the data entry.
- If discrepancies small enough
 - Report this number in your publication

If you enter data into Excel

- Do not use colors
- Do not include summary statistics
- Rectangular grid
- Don't squeeze two data values into one cell
 - Systolic/diastolic blood pressures
 - 44M for a 44 year old male
- Variable names in first row
- No blank cells
 - Contradicts your book

A poorly structured spreadsheet

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q
1		Legend: on the Ksar HTN management tool, 0=none of the time, 1=a little bit of the time, 2=some of the time, 3=a good bit of the time, 4=most of the time, and 5=all of the time. On the Motivators of and Barriers to Health Behaviors Inventory (MBHI), 1=strongly disagree, 2=somewhat disagree, 3=somewhat agree, and 4=strongly agree. On the Stages of Change questionnaire, 0=no and 1=yes while the scales will use numbers accordingly from 0 to 10. Any question from any survey that is in yellow text indicates that the "ideal response" would run on a spectrum opposite to the majority of other responses, e.g. most responses on the MBHI are "ideally" 4 for a healthy individual, but for a question in yellow text, a healthy individual would indicate 1.															
2																	
3		Ksar HTN Management Tool															
4		Medication Adherence		Health Behaviors				Medication Side Effects				Barriers to Managing Blood Pressure				Healthy Breakfast - Motivators of an	
5		I took every dose of blood pressure medication as prescribed	I have to take my medicine for high blood pressure	I took all my medication for high blood pressure	I followed a low salt diet to pay attention to my dietary intake	I followed a low fat or weight loss diet to assist in controlling my high blood pressure	I exercised as prescribed by my physician to reduce or limit my stress to help lower my blood pressure	I exercised as prescribed by my physician to reduce or limit my stress to help lower my blood pressure	I exercised as prescribed by my physician to reduce or limit my stress to help lower my blood pressure	I exercised as prescribed by my physician to reduce or limit my stress to help lower my blood pressure	I do not have enough money or adequate insurance to purchase medication to keep my blood pressure under control each month	I do not have enough money or adequate insurance to purchase medication to keep my blood pressure under control each month	I do not have enough money or adequate insurance to purchase medication to keep my blood pressure under control each month	I do not have enough money or adequate insurance to purchase medication to keep my blood pressure under control each month	I am trying to lose weight and I think eating a healthy diet will help	I am trying to lose weight and I think eating a healthy diet will help	I am trying to lose weight and I think eating a healthy diet will help
6																	
7	Patient 1	0	5	5	5	4	2	4	4	0	0	0	0	4	4	1	4
8	Patient 2	3	5	2		4	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	4	4	2	2
9	Patient 3	0	1	2	2	1	5	2	2	2	0	0	0	4	1	3	2
10	Patient 4	4	5	4	2	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	4
11	Patient 5	0	5	5	5	5	0	4	2	3	1	0	3	3	2	3	2
12	Patient 6	0	5	4	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	4	4	0	1	3	
13	Patient 7	1	5	5	3	3	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
14	Patient 8	5		2	3	3	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	4	4
15	Patient 9	1															
16	Sheet	1	4	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

A spreadsheet with data

Revisions to this spreadsheet

id	MedAdherence1	MedAdherence2	MedAdherence3	HealthBehaviors1	HealthBehaviors2	HealthBehaviors3	HealthBehaviors4	HealthBehaviors5	SideEffects1	SideEffects2
1 Patient 1	0	5	5	5	4	2	4	4	0	0
2 Patient 2	3	5	2	9	4	2	2	2	0	0
3 Patient 3	0	1	2	2	1	5	2	2	2	2
4 Patient 4	4	5	4	2	0	1	0	1	0	0
5 Patient 5	0	5	5	5	5	0	4	2	3	0
6 Patient 6	0	5	9	4	0	2	0	0	0	1
7 Patient 7	1	5	5	3	3	3	9	5	0	0
8 Patient 8	5	9	2	3	3	3	1	1	0	0
9 Patient 9	1	5	5	5	5	5	1	1	0	0
10 Patient 10	1	4	5	5	3	3	1	1	3	3
11 Patient 11	5	5	5	5	5	4	2	4	4	4
12 Patient 12	2	9	5	2	9	4	2	2	2	2
13 Patient 13	2	2	1	2	2	1	5	2	2	2
14 Patient 14	4	2	5	4	2	0	0	1	1	1
15 Patient 15	5	5	5	5	5	5	0	4	2	2
16 Patient 16	9	4	5	9	4	0	2	0	0	0
17 Patient 17	5	3	5	5	3	3	3	9	5	5
18 Patient 18	2	3	9	2	3	3	3	1	1	1
19 Patient 19	5	5	5	5	5	5	0	5	5	5
20 Patient 20	5	5	4	5	5	0	5	9	4	4
21 Patient 21	2	2	2	2	2	1	5	5	3	3
22 Patient 22	0	1	1	0	1	5	9	2	3	3
23 Patient 23	0	4	2	3	1	1	5	5	5	5
24 Patient 24	2	0	0	1	0	1	4	5	5	5

A revised and better organized spreadsheet

The codebook from this spreadsheet

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U
1	Kear HTN Management Tool																				
2	Medication Adherence																				
3	MedAdherence1																				
4	MedAdherence2																				
5	MedAdherence3																				
6	Health Behaviors																				
7	HealthBehaviors1																				
8	HealthBehaviors2																				
9	HealthBehaviors3																				
10	HealthBehaviors4																				
11	HealthBehaviors5																				
12	Medication Side Effects																				
13	SideEffects1																				
14	SideEffects2																				
15	SideEffects3																				
16	Barriers to Managing Blood Pressure																				
17	Barriers1																				
18	Barriers2																				
19	Barriers3																				
20	Motivators of and Barriers to Health-Smart Behaviors Inventory																				
21	Healthy Breakfast - Motivators																				
22	BreakfastMotivators1																				
23	BreakfastMotivators2																				
24	BreakfastMotivators3																				

A codebook associated with revised spreadsheet

Fourth break

- What have you learned
 - Double entry
 - Excel files
- What's coming next
 - Text files
 - Database files

Text files

- Fixed width
- Delimited
 - Commas
 - Spaces
 - Tabs
 - "Quotes around text"

Data dictionary for aboriginal prison death study

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Aboriginal Deaths in Custody

Keywords: binomial regression.

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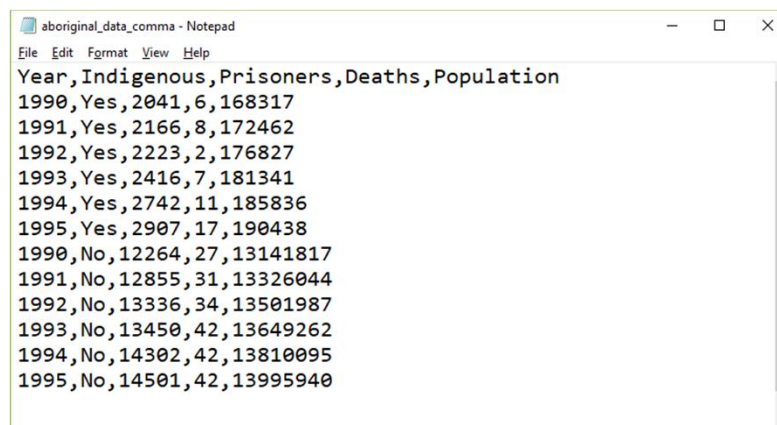
The data give the number of deaths in prison custody in Australia in each of the six years 1990 to 1995, given separately for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders (indigenous) and others (non-indigenous).

Variable	Description
Year	1990 through 1995
Indigenous	Yes = Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, No = Non-indigenous
Prisoners	Total number in prison custody
Deaths	Number of deaths in prison custody
Population	Adult population (15+ years)

The data were collected in response to the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody, the final report of which was tabled in the Federal Parliament on the 9 May 1991.

Data dictionary

Comma separated values (csv)

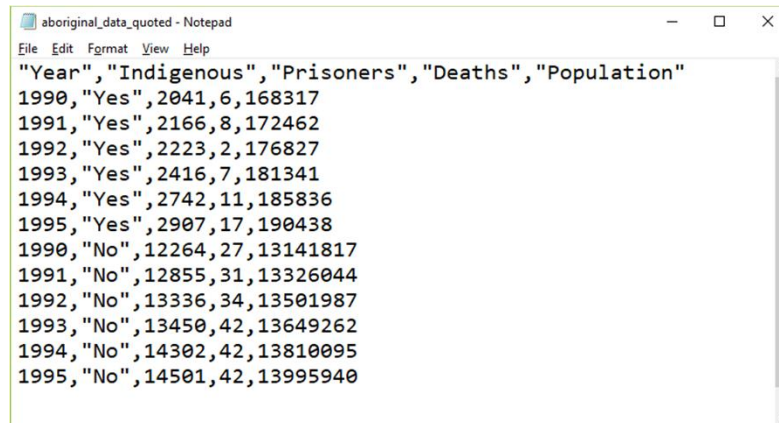


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Data set using a comma separated value format

Comma separated values with quotes

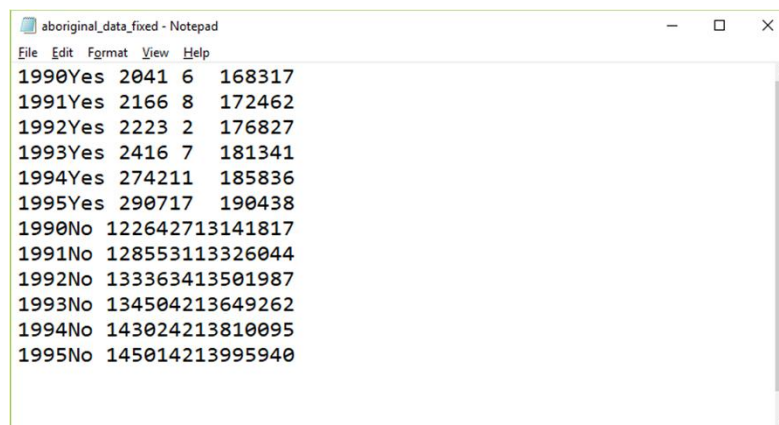


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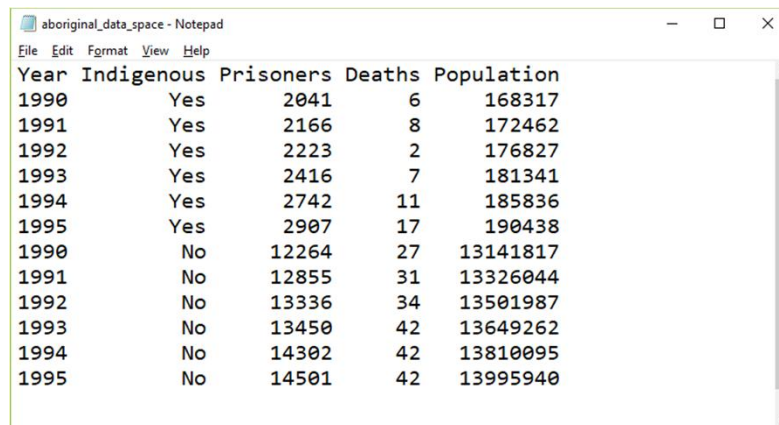


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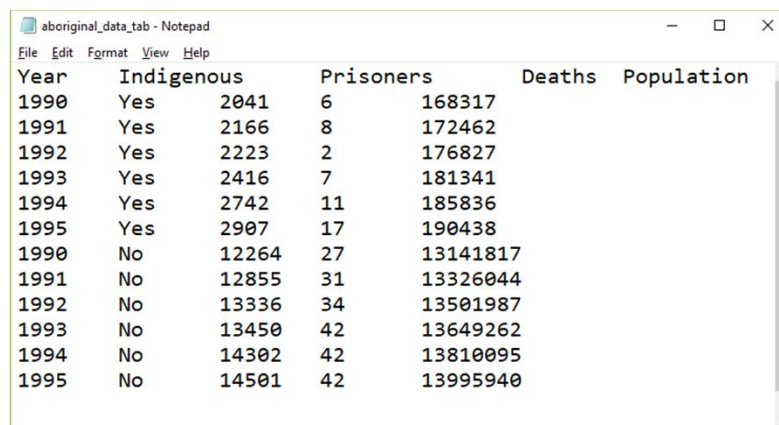
Spaced format



Year	Indigenous	Prisoners	Deaths	Population
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Data set using a spaced format

Tab separated values



Year	Indigenous	Prisoners	Deaths	Population
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1991	Yes	2166	8	172462
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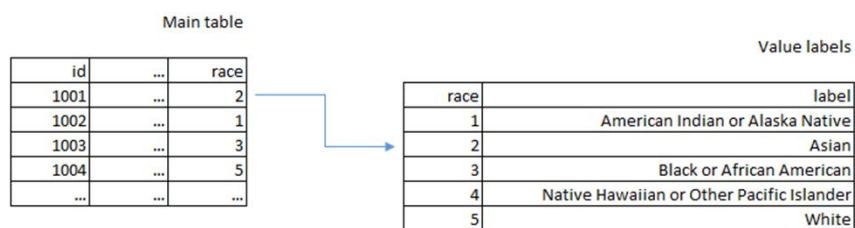
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Database systems

– Terminology

- Tables
- Fields
- Records
- Primary key
- Foreign key

Database table for value labels



Database linkage between race code and race labels

REDCap

- Research Electronic Data Capture
- Not open source, but freely distributed by Vanderbilt
- Software components
 - PHP
 - JavaScript
 - MySQL
- Case report forms
- Strongly recommended

Conclusion

- Data dictionary
 - Variable names, Variable labels, Value labels, Missing value codes
- Managing complex files
 - Multiple response, Longitudinal/repeated measures data
- Storage options
 - Spreadsheet, Text file, Database, REDCap