# Data communication with tables

# Data dictionaries and summary tables

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# **Learning objectives**

- create a data dictionary
- produce formatted tables with the knitr package
- produce summary tables

### Load packages and data

# **Data dictionary**

- we haven't really discussed what exactly our data are, though
- data dictionaries (a.k.a. code books)
  - describe each variable in a dataset
  - ideally also provide information regarding possible values

### Variable names

• we can list the names of all variables in a dataset using names()

```
names(df_lifetime)
```

```
[1] "px" "trial" "region" "region_n"
[5] "region_text" "eye" "ff" "fp"
[9] "rpd" "tt" "fix_count" "reg_in"
```

```
[13] "reg_in_count" "reg_out"
                                      "reg_out_count" "rt"
[17] "bio"
                                      "gender"
                     "critical"
                                                       "item_id"
[21] "list"
                     "match"
                                      "condition"
                                                       "name"
[25] "lifetime"
                     "tense"
                                      "type"
                                                       "yes_press"
[29] "KeyPress"
                      "accept"
                                      "accuracy"
                                                       "px_accuracy"
```

- but we need to be able to put these names into a single column
  - where each row contains one variable name
  - and other columns contain information like description and data class

#### Names to rows

```
# From day 2 of Lisa DeBruine's [Coding Club: Creating an R Package](https://psyteachr.githu'
# create as many empty strings as we name variable names
coldesc <- rep("", ncol(df_lifetime))
# add variable names to these empty strings
names(coldesc) <- names(df_lifetime)</pre>
```

```
# print as code needed to create an object
dput(coldesc)
```

```
c(px = "", trial = "", region = "", region_n = "", region_text = "",
eye = "", ff = "", fp = "", rpd = "", tt = "", fix_count = "",
reg_in = "", reg_in_count = "", reg_out = "", reg_out_count = "",
rt = "", bio = "", critical = "", gender = "", item_id = "",
list = "", match = "", condition = "", name = "", lifetime = "",
tense = "", type = "", yes_press = "", KeyPress = "", accept = "",
accuracy = "", px_accuracy = "")
```

- copy the output of dput(coldesc) and assign it to an object
  - tip: you can reformat the code by highlighting it and using Cmd/Ctrl+Shift+A
     \* or in the menu bar: Code > Reformat Code
- replace c() with tibble() to create a dataframe
  - and fill in the quotations with description of the data

```
dict_lifetime <- tibble(</pre>
  px = "participant ID (factor)",
  trial = "trial number (ordered factor)",
  region = "sentence region (order factor)",
  region_n = "numerical representation of sentence region (ordered factor)",
  region_text = "text presented in the region (string)",
  eye = "which eye was tracking: right or left (binomial)",
  ff = "first-fixation times in milliseconds (continuous, values can be 0<)",
  fp = "first-pass reading times in milliseconds (numeric, values can be 0<)",</pre>
  rpd = "regression-path duration in milliseconds (numeric, values can be 0<)",</pre>
  tt = "total reading time in milliseconds (numeric, values can be 0<)",
  fix_count = "number of total fixations in the region (count)",
  reg_in = "whether of a regression was made into the regions (binomial: 0 = no, 1 = yes)",
  reg_in_count = "number of fixations into the region (count)",
  reg_out = "whether of a regression was made out of the regions (binomial: 0 = no, 1 = yes)
  reg_out_count = "number of fixations out of the region (count)",
  rt = "reaction time from critical sentence presentation to button press (continuous, value
  bio = "lifetime biography context sentence (string)",
  critical = "critical sentence (string)",
  gender = "gender of stimulus subject (binomial: male, female)",
  item_id = "item identification number (critical items: 1-80)",
  list = "experimental list version: base list version (1-4) and whether the yes-button was
  match = "whether the referent-lifetime was congruent with tense",
  condition = "condition: lifetime (dead, alive) + tense (PP, SF) (factor)",
  name = "name of stimulis subject (string)",
  lifetime = "lifetime status of stimulus subject at time of experiment (binomial: dead, ali
  tense = "tense used in critical sentence (binomail: PP = present perfect, SF = simple future
  type = "sentence type (factor with one level: critical)",
  yes press = "corresponding coding for the yes-button on Cedrus response box (4 = left button)
  KeyPress = "key that was pressed (4 = left button, 5 = right button)",
  accept = "whether the item was accepted, i.e., whether KeyPress equalled yes_press",
  accuracy = "whether the acceptance was accurate (reject for a mismatch, accept for a match
  px_accuracy = "participant's overall accuracy score"
```

- but dict\_lifetime doesn't have the shape we want
  - each variable name is a column name
  - and its description is in the first row

#### dict\_lifetime

```
# A tibble: 1 x 32
 рх
                 trial region region_n region_text eye
                                                          ff
                                                                      rpd
                                                                            tt
                 <chr> <chr> <chr>
                                       <chr>
                                                    <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr>
  <chr>>
1 participant I~ tria~ sente~ numeric~ text prese~ whic~ firs~ firs~ regr~ tota~
# i 22 more variables: fix_count <chr>, reg_in <chr>, reg_in_count <chr>,
   reg_out <chr>, reg_out_count <chr>, rt <chr>, bio <chr>, critical <chr>,
   gender <chr>, item_id <chr>, list <chr>, match <chr>, condition <chr>,
   name <chr>, lifetime <chr>, tense <chr>, type <chr>, yes_press <chr>,
   KeyPress <chr>, accept <chr>, accuracy <chr>, px accuracy <chr>
```

- we want to transpose the data
  - i.e., rotates the data so that the column names are in a row, with the descriptions in another row

#### pivot\_longer()

- takes wide data and makes it longer
  - converts headers of columns into values of a new column
  - combines the values of those columns into a new condensed column
- takes a few arguments:
  - cols: which columns do we want to combine into a single column?
  - names\_to: what should we call the new column containing the previous column names?
  - values\_to: what should we call the new column containing the values from the previous columns?



### Pivot our data dictionary

• this looks much better!

```
dict_lifetime <-
  dict_lifetime |>
  pivot_longer(
    cols = everything(),
    names_to = "variable",
    values_to = "description"
)
```

### Save data dictionary

• now we can save our data dictionary just like we would any csv

```
write_csv(dict_lifetime, here("data", "tidy_data_lifetime_pilot_dictionary.csv"))
```

### Formatted tables

- when we render our document, dict\_lifetime won't look very pretty
- there are several packages that produce nicely formatted tables
  - knitr

variable description	
px participant ID (factor)	
trial trial number (ordered factor)	
region sentence region (order factor)	
region_n numerical representation of sentence region (ordered factor)	
region_textext presented in the region (string)	
eye which eye was tracking: right or left (binomial)	
ff first-fixation times in milliseconds (continuous, values can be 0<)	
fp first-pass reading times in milliseconds (numeric, values can be $0<$ )	
rpd regression-path duration in milliseconds (numeric, values can be 0<)	
tt total reading time in milliseconds (numeric, values can be 0<)	
fix_count number of total fixations in the region (count)	
reg_in whether of a regression was made into the regions (binomial: $0 = \text{no}$ , $1 = \text{yes}$ )	
reg_in_commutations of fixations into the region (count)	
reg_out whether of a regression was made out of the regions (binomial: $0 = \text{no}$ , $1 = \text{yes}$	)
reg_out_countber of fixations out of the region (count)	
rt reaction time from critical sentence presentation to button press (continuous,	
values can be $0<$ )	
bio lifetime biography context sentence (string)	
critical critical sentence (string)	
gender gender of stimulus subject (binomial: male, female)	
item_id item identification number (critical items: 1-80)	
experimental list version: base list version (1-4) and whether the yes-button was coded as 4 or 5 (factor: 14, 15, 24, 25, 34, 35, 44, 45)	S
match whether the referent-lifetime was congruent with tense	
condition condition: lifetime (dead, alive) + tense (PP, SF) (factor)	
name name of stimulis subject (string)	
lifetime lifetime status of stimulus subject at time of experiment (binomial: dead, alive)	
tense tense used in critical sentence (binomail: PP = present perfect, SF = simple	
future)	
type sentence type (factor with one level: critical)	
yes_press corresponding coding for the yes-button on Cedrus response box $(4 = left button)$	n,
5 = right button	
KeyPress key that was pressed $(4 = left button, 5 = right button)$	
accept whether the item was accepted, i.e., whether KeyPress equalled yes_press	,
accuracy whether the acceptance was accurate (reject for a mismatch, accept for a match	ι)
px_accurapparticipant's overall accuracy score	

#### Tables as LaTeX code

- you can add the argument "latex" to print LaTeX code for a table in the Console
  - you can then cut and paste this code into a LaTeX (or Overleaf) script

```
dict_lifetime |>
  knitr::kable("latex")
```

• but be careful, if you're rendering to HTML the table won't be printed if you use "latex"

#### **Exercise**

- 1. install the knitr package (install.packages("knitr"))
- 2. print dict\_lifetime, but only for the following variables:
  - px, trial, region\_text, ff, fp, and condition
- 3. use kable() from knitr to print the table

variable	description
px	participant ID (factor)
trial	trial number (ordered factor)
$region\_text$	text presented in the region (string)
ff	first-fixation times in milliseconds (continuous, values can be 0<)
fp	first-pass reading times in milliseconds (numeric, values can be 0<)
condition	condition: lifetime (dead, alive) + tense (PP, SF) (factor)

#### **Data summaries**

• we can create summary tables of our data

```
ci = qt(1 - (0.05 / 2), N - 1) * se,
lower.ci = mean.ff - qt(1 - (0.05 / 2), N - 1) * se,
upper.ci = mean.ff + qt(1 - (0.05 / 2), N - 1) * se)
```

- and print the output with the kable() function from the knitr package
  - for extra customisation you can also use the kableExtra package (e.g., with the kable\_styling() function)

Table 3: Table with summary statistics for first-fixation duration at the verb region

condition	lifetime	tense	N	mean.ff	$\operatorname{sd}$	se	ci	lower.ci	upper.ci
deadPP	dead	PP	140	198.9	57.9	4.9	9.7	189.2	208.6
deadSF	dead	$\operatorname{SF}$	139	194.6	67.9	5.8	11.4	183.2	205.9
livingPP	living	PP	140	194.2	77.3	6.5	12.9	181.3	207.1
livingSF	living	SF	140	186.0	57.6	4.9	9.6	176.4	195.6

### Saving summary tables

- we could also save this table using write\_csv()
  - but it's relatively simple to re-produce, so I wouldn't bother
  - instead, when writing up my results I would load in the data and print the summary directly
- sometimes summary tables are more code-intensive
  - in this case I would save the summary as a csv, and simply load and print it when writing in R markdown or Quarto

# **Additional packages**

There are many other packages for including tables that are publication-ready. Some that I would suggest you look into:

- kableExtra which includes additionally formatting options for knitr::kable() tables via the kable\_styling() function and others
  - tables must first pass through knitr::kable(), e.g., my\_table |> knitr::kable()
    |> kableExtra::kable\_styling()
- flextable
  - very flexible package for creating publication-ready tables of many formats
- papaja::apa\_table(): the papaja package aids in creating APA-formatted journal articles
  - the apa\_table() function can take objects containing results from a statistical test/model and output a formatted table
  - we'll discuss this topic more when we get into regression

#### kableExtra::kable\_styling()

 $\bullet$  we'll first create a little summary table using the <code>iris</code> dataset which comes built-in with R

```
sum_iris <- iris |>
summarise(mean = mean(Sepal.Length),

sd = sd(Sepal.Length),

n = n(),

.by = Species)
```

• and we'll print the summary using kable\_styling() (Table 4)

```
sum_iris |>
knitr::kable() |>
kableExtra::kable_styling()
```

Table 4: Example output of an table using the kableExtra package

Species	mean	sd	n
setosa	5.006	0.3524897	50
versicolor	5.936	0.5161711	50
virginica	6.588	0.6358796	50

#### flextable

• print the same summary using flextable() (Table 5)

```
sum_iris |>
flextable::flextable()
```

Table 5: Example output of an table using the flextable package

Species	mean	sd	n
setosa	5.006 0.3	3524897	50
versicolor	5.936 0.5	5161711	50
virginica	6.588 0.6	358796	50

### papaja::apa\_table()

• now run a linear mixed model on the iris data

• and print a model summary table using apa\_table() (Table 6)

```
lmm_iris |> papaja::apa_print() |>
papaja::apa_table(caption = NULL)
```

### **Exercise**

- 1. create an object with some summary statistics of the variable rt
  - call it summary\_rt
- 2. use kable() from knitr to print a table, it should look something like Table 8
- 3. try creating the same table with one (or more) of the additional packages we saw above (kableExtra, flextable, papaja)

Table 6: Example output of an LMM using papaja package  $[tbp] \label{eq:control}$ 

Table 7

Term	$\hat{eta}$	95% CI	t
Intercept	0.85	[-0.34, 2.05]	1.39
Sepal Length	0.27	[0.18,  0.36]	5.85
Petal Width	0.51	[0.28,  0.74]	4.37

Table 8: Summary of reaction times (ms) per condition

lifetime	tense	condition	N	mean.rt	$\operatorname{sd}$
dead	PP	deadPP	140	3530.5	2915.8
dead	$\operatorname{SF}$	deadSF	139	1747.0	1153.4
living	PP	livingPP	140	2257.7	1346.3
living	SF	living SF	140	2578.1	1958.7