Ingesting object data from a BIO excel file

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Introduction

There is a .R file here in which I tried to decode things automatically. This proved very difficult, because the meanings of things were (I think) indicated by colour underlays. Also, there were *lots* of weird things in the file, like text in numeric fields, negative lengths, etc. In the end, I decided that hand-editing would be superior.

I used lower-case, which is easier to type, and fits with the Dewey names. I also removed the `"` symbols, which are hard to type in code, and appear in some instances and not in others.

Details

`floats_bio.csv`

These seem to be in the yellow-background part of the spreadsheet. The first of these, named `"new glass streamlined float"`, has no listed weight in pounds or newtons, so I ignored that entry.

For buoyancy, I took `NEWTONS` (col E) and divided by 9.8m/s^2 to get kg, rounding to 2 digits after the decimal place.

```
N <- c(445,285,560,516,429,773,414,1886,3963,4030,2095,8224,7740)
round(N/9.8, 2)
```

```
##  [1]  45.41  29.08  57.14  52.65  43.78  78.88  42.24 192.45 404.39 411.22
## [11] 213.78 839.18 789.80
```

There are two length columns in the file, but the values are either identical or relatable by rounding, so I could choose either. But is that in the x or the y direction?

Two columns contain things related to area, one with name `A (m*2/m)` and other with name `AW (m*2)`. I think the former is the projected area per meter of z (as it is for wires). So, if we assume that the length is in the z direction, or that the object is roughly spherical, we can infer what the package needs, namely `height` and `diameter`, from the ratio of the second area to the first length. Whether that's sensible, I just don't know.

```
A<-c(0.164,0.5,0.073,0.5,0.164,1.5,1.5,1.86,2.84,2.474,1.67,2.7,2.7)
L<-c(0.74,0.563,1,0.563,1.187,1,1,1.286,1.286,1.286,1.286,2.42,2.42)
round(A/L,3)
```

```
##  [1] 0.222 0.888 0.073 0.888 0.138 1.500 1.500 1.446 2.208 1.924 1.299 1.116
## [13] 1.116
```

```
knitr::kable(read.csv("floats_bio.csv"))
```

name	buoyancy	height	diameter	CD	code	source
streamlined bub 2 x 17 glass	45.41	0.740	0.222	0.65	NA	BIO
a2 package adcp and 2 viny balls	29.08	0.563	0.888	0.65	NA	BIO
3 pack viny 12b-3 floats	57.14	1.000	0.073	0.65	NA	BIO
streamlined bub 3 viny balls	52.65	0.563	0.888	0.65	NA	BIO
bub 2x17 glass	43.78	1.187	0.138	0.65	NA	BIO
ips / 2x b3 subs assembly	78.88	1.000	1.500	0.65	NA	BIO
adcp / 2x c3 subs assembly	42.24	1.000	1.500	0.65	NA	BIO
stablemoor 533 lb 3500 msw with adcp	192.45	1.286	1.446	0.65	NA	BIO
stablemoor 1000 lb 3500 msw with adcp	404.39	1.286	2.208	0.65	NA	BIO
stablemoor 1015 lb 1500 msw with adcp	411.22	1.286	1.924	0.65	NA	BIO
stablemoor 580 lb 1500 msw with adcp	213.78	1.286	1.299	0.65	NA	BIO
syntactic float with adcp bracket	839.18	2.420	1.116	0.65	NA	BIO
syn. float,bracket and 109 lb.adcp	789.80	2.420	1.116	0.65	NA	BIO

`releases_bio.csv`

Note the ommision of an entry for type `BENTHOS 875 RELEASE`, because it has no value listed in col G (area `A (m*2/m)`) or col I (area `AW (m*2)`).

`height`

Use `LENGTH` (col C).

`buoyancy`

Use the negative of `NEWTONS` (col E), divided by g=9.8m/s^2, rounded to 2 decimal places.

```
N <- c(149, 253.5, 360, 129, 273, 118.7)
round(N/9.8, 2)
```

```
## [1] 15.20 25.87 36.73 13.16 27.86 12.11
```

`width`

Use the ratio of `A (m&2/m)` (col G) to `LENGTH` (col C).

```
G <- c(0.14,0.14,0.127,0.112,0.199,0.237)
C <- c(1.194,1.32,1.23,0.68,1,0.4)
width <- round(G/C, 4)
```

Note the `NA` value – this is "benthos 875 release", which we will not use here, since there's no point in guessing. (Put another way, if someone at BIO wants to take a measuring tape to that thing to find it's diameter, we'll incorporate it!)

`CD`

Use 0.65, i.e. Dewey's value for floats, on the assumption that the two might be similar.

Result for releases

```
knitr::kable(read.csv("releases_bio.csv"))
```

name	buoyancy	height	width	CD	code	source
eg&g 723a	-15.20	1.194	0.1173	0.65	NA	BIO
eg&g 723a with tension bar	-25.87	1.320	0.1061	0.65	NA	BIO
benthos 965a release	-36.73	1.230	0.1033	0.65	NA	BIO
benthos 966a and 866a release	-13.16	0.680	0.1647	0.65	NA	BIO
benthos 865a release	-27.86	1.000	0.1990	0.65	NA	BIO
vr2w release with float collar	-12.11	0.400	0.5925	0.65	NA	BIO

wires_bio.csv

`buoyancyPerMeter`

The 3/16 case has -0.76 in a column named “W Nt/m”, so I’ve converted that to -0.76/9.8=-0.0776 (rounded to 4 places), to get kg/m instead of N/m.

There is no listing for the 1/4 case, but I estimated (guessed) that as

```
round(-0.0776 * ((4/16)/(3/16))^2, 4)
```

```
## [1] -0.138
```

This is based on an assumption that the metal inside is similar, etc.

`diameter`

For the diameter, I looked at the column labeled `A (m*2/m)`. I assume that is the horizontally-projected area. To test that, I computed

```
16*c(0.00635,0.0079375)/0.0254
```

```
## [1] 4 5
```

which yields the expected, for the outside diameters in 16-ths of inch.

`CD`

There are no entries in the file and I did not know what `DRAG -N` and `DRAG -T` meant and so I just used the value $C_D = 1.3$, used in Dewey’s work.

Result for `wires`

```
knitr::kable(read.csv("wires_bio.csv"))
```

name	buoyancyPerMeter	diameter	CD	code	source
3/16 galvanized wire coated to 1/4	-0.0775	0.0063500	1.3	NA	BIO
1/4 galvanized wire coated to 5/16	-0.1380	0.0079375	1.3	NA	BIO