More date and time and strings

STAT 220

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Reading the Energy Dataset

Wide to Long

```
energy_narrow <- energy %>%
  pivot_longer( cols = `100_Nevada_Street`:Wilson_House, names_to = "building", values_to =
```

```
energy narrow
# A tibble: 2,880,578 × 10
  Timestamp year month weekOfYear dayOfMonth dayWeek timeHour
            <dbl> <dbl>
                                               <dbl> <fct>
                                                               <dbl>
  <dttm>
                                     <dbl>
                                                   1 Tues
1 2015-09-01 00:00:00 2015
                                        35
2 2015-09-01 00:00:00 2015
                                        35
                                                   1 Tues
3 2015-09-01 00:00:00 2015
                                                   1 Tues
                                        35
4 2015-09-01 00:00:00 2015
                                        35
                                                   1 Tues
5 2015-09-01 00:00:00 2015
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                                                   1 Tues
6 2015-09-01 00:00:00 2015
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                                                   1 Tues
7 2015-09-01 00:00:00 2015
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                                                   1 Tues
8 2015-09-01 00:00:00 2015
                                        35
                                                   1 Tues
9 2015-09-01 00:00:00 2015
                                        35
                                                   1 Tues
10 2015-09-01 00:00:00 2015
                                        35
                                                   1 Tues
# ... with 2,880,568 more rows, and 3 more variables: timeMinute <dbl>,
   building <chr>, energyKWH <dbl>
```

Dates and times manipulation

```
energy$Timestamp[1]
[1] "2015-09-01 UTC"
## [1] "2015-09-01 UTC"
as.numeric(energy$Timestamp[1])
[1] 1441065600
## [1] 1441065600
# 5th timestamp
( stamp5 <- energy$Timestamp[5] )
[1] "2015-09-01 01:00:00 UTC"</pre>
```

```
mdy("1/4/2021")
[1] "2021-01-04"

dmy_hms("01/04/2020-01-30-23")
[1] "2020-04-01 01:30:23 UTC"
```

Duration using lubriate

```
top_dest <- flights %>%
  count(dest) %>%
  slice max(n, n = 10)
flights %>%
  semi_join(top_dest) %>%
 mutate(sch_datetime = make_datetime(
   year = year, month = month,
   day = day, hour = hour,
   min = minute)
   ) %>%
  select(dest, sch datetime) %>%
  group_by(dest) %>%
  arrange(sch datetime) %>%
 mutate(
    diff1 = (lag(sch_datetime) %--%
                    sch_datetime)/minutes(1),
   diff2 = interval(lag(sch_datetime),
                    sch datetime)/minutes(1))
  summarize(medianMins1 = median(diff1,
                                 na.rm=TRUE),
            medianMins2 = median(diff2,
                                 na.rm=TRUE))
```

```
# A tibble: 10 \times 3
   dest medianMins1 medianMins2
                <dbl>
                             <dbl>
   <chr>
 1 ATL
                   15
                                15
 2 BOS
                   17
                                17
 3 CLT
                   18
                                18
 4 DCA
                   34
                                34
 5 FII
                   24
                                24
 6 LAX
                   19
                                19
7 MCO
                   20
                                20
 8 MIA
                   25
                                25
9 ORD
                   15
                                15
10 SF0
                   20
                                20
```

String Parsing

- Powerful tool useful for overcoming many data wrangling challenges
- The most common tasks in string processing include:
 - extracting numbers from strings
 - removing unwanted characters from text
 - finding and replacing characters
 - extracting specific parts of strings
 - converting free form text to more uniform formats
 - splitting strings into multiple values

stringr package

- detecting, locating, extracting and replacing elements of strings.
- begin with **str_** and take the string as the first argument



Regular expressions: Regex

- A way to describe a specific pattern of characters of text.
- To use regex in R, you need to use the stringr package
- stringr functions can take a regex as a pattern.
- Main difference between a regex and a regular string is that a regex can include special characters.

Defining Strings

- A string is any sequence of characters
- Define a string by surrounding text with either single quotes or double quotes.

```
s <- "Hello!"  # double quotes define a string
s <- 'Hello!'  # single quotes define a string</pre>
```

• The cat() or writeLines() function displays a string as it is represented inside R.

```
cat(s)
Hello!

s <- `Hello`  # backquotes do not define a string
s <- "10""  # error - unclosed quotes
```

Special characters

• The "escape" backslash \ is used to escape the special use of certain characters

```
writeLines("\"")
writeLines("\\")
\
writeLines("Math\\Stats")
Math\Stats
```

• To include both single and double quotes in string, escape with \

```
s <- '5\'10"' # outer single quote
cat(s)
5'10"</pre>
```

```
s <- "5'10\"" # outer double quote
cat(s)
5'10"</pre>
```

More Special Characters

- The | symbol inside a regex means "or".
- Use \\s to match white space characters (spaces, tabs, and newlines)
- Use \\w to match alphanumeric characters (letters and numbers)
- Use \\d to represent digits (numbers)

More Special Characters

- \$ = end of a string
- . = any character
- [:alpha:] = any letter
- [:digit:] = any digit

Quantifiers

- * = matches the preceding character any number of times
- + = matches the preceding character once
- ? = matches the preceding character at most once (i.e. optionally)
- {n} = matches the preceding character exactly n times

Combining strings

```
str_c("fire", "man")
[1] "fireman"
a <- c("a", "b", "c")
b <- c("A", "B", "C")
str c(a, b)
[1] "aA" "bB" "cC"
building <- "CMC"</pre>
room <- "102"
begin_time <- "12:30 p.m."
end_time <- "01:40 p.m."
days <- "MWF"
class <- "STAT 220"
str_c(class, "meets from", begin_time, "to", end_time,
      days, "in", building, room, sep=" ")
[1] "STAT 220 meets from 12:30 p.m. to 01:40 p.m. MWF in CMC 102"
```

str_detect()

• str_detect() indicates whether a pattern is present in a string.

str_detect()

```
days <- rep(c("Monday", "Tuesday", "Wednesday",</pre>
              "Thursday", "Friday", "Saturday", "Sunday"),2)
str_detect(days, "^[Ss]un.*")
 [1] FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE
[13] FALSE TRUE
identical(str_detect(days, "Su"), str_detect(days, "^[Ss]un.*"))
[1] TRUE
days %>%
 str_which("^T") #indices of matching entries
\lceil 1 \rceil 2 4 9 11
```

str_subset()

• returns all values in a vector which match a pattern

```
gapminder$country %>%
  unique() %>%
  str_subset("^[CU].*a$")
[1] "Cambodia" "Canada" "China" "Colombia" "Costa Rica"
[6] "Croatia" "Cuba" "Uganda"

# columns with names starting with "c"
gapminder %>% names() %>% str_subset("^c")
[1] "country" "continent"
```

str_extract() and str_sub()

• extracts parts of strings based on their position with the start and end arguments

```
gapminder %>%
  names() %>%
  str_sub(start = 1, end = 6) #return the 1st 6 characters of each column name
[1] "countr" "contin" "year" "lifeEx" "pop" "gdpPer"
```

extract just the part of the string matching the specified regex instead of the entire entry

str_split()

• Splits a string into a list or matrix of pieces based on a supplied pattern

```
str_split(c("a_3", "d_54"), pattern = "_") # returns a list
[[1]]
[1] "a" "3"

[[2]]
[1] "d" "54"
```

```
str_split(c("a_3", "d_54"), pattern = "_", simplify = TRUE) # returns a matrix
      [,1] [,2]
[1,] "a" "3"
[2,] "d" "54"
```

str_replace()

str_replace() replaces the first instance of the detected pattern with a specified string.

Your turn 1

Please git clone the repository on basic string manipulation to your local folder.

• Complete the required tasks using **str_subset**, **str_extract**, **str_split** and **str_replace**.

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