Data Transformation using **dplyr** and **forcats** packages

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1 Data transformation

1.1 Definition of data transformation

Data transformation is also known as Data Munging or Data Wrangling. It is loosely the process of manually converting or mapping data from one "raw" form into another format. The process allows for more convenient consumption of the data. In doing so, we will be using semi-automated tools in RStudio.

For more information, please refer https://community.modeanalytics.com/sql/tutorial/data-wrangling-with-sql/

1.2 Data transformation with dplyr package

1.2.1 dplyr package

dplyr is a package grouped inside **tidyverse** collection of packages. **dplyr** package is a very useful package to munge or wrangle or to transform your data. It is a grammar of data manipulation. It provides a consistent set of verbs that help you solve the most common data manipulation challenges

For more information, please read https://github.com/tidyverse/dplyr

1.3 Common procedures for doing data transformation

When we begin to work with data, common procedures include transforming variables in the dataset.

The common procedures that data analyst does include:

- 1. reducing the size of dataset by selecting certain variables (or columns)
- 2. generating new variable from existing variables
- 3. sorting observation of a variable
- 4. grouping observations based on certain criteria
- 5. reducing variable to groups to in order to estimate summary statistic

1.4 Some dplyr functions

For the procedures listed above, the corresponding **dplyr** functions are

- 1. dplyr::select() to select a number of variables from a dataframe
- 2. dplyr::mutate() to generate a new variable from existing variables
- 3. dplyr::arrange() to sort observation of a variable
- 4. dplyr::filter() to group observations that fulfil certain criteria
- 5. dplyr::group_by() and dplyr::summarize() to reduce variable to groups in order to provide summary statistic

2 Hands-on 1: Create a new project, set up working directory and read your data

2.1 Create a new project or set your working directory

It is very important to ensure you know where your working directory is.

To do so, the best practice is is to create a new project everytime you want to start new analysis with R. To do so, create a new project by File -> New Project.

If you do not start with a new project, you still need to know Where is my working directory?.

So, I will emphasize again, every time you want to start processing your data, please make sure:

- 1. to use R project to work with your data or analysis
- 2. if you are not using R project, make sure you are inside the correct working directory. Type getwd() to display the active working directory. And to set a working directory use setwd().
- 3. once you are know where your working directory is, you can start read or import data into your working directory. Remember, there are a number of packages you can use to read the data into R. It depends on the format of your data.

For example, we know that data format can be in:

- 1. SPSS (.sav) format,
- 2. Stata (.dta) format,
- 3. SAS format,
- 4. MS Excel (.xlsx) format
- 5. Comma-separated-values .csv format.
- 6. other formats

Three packages - haven, readr and foreign packages - are very useful to read or import your data into R memory.

- 1. readr provides a fast and friendly way to read rectangular data (like csv, tsv, and fwf).
- 2. readxl reads .xls and .xlsx sheets.
- 3. haven reads SPSS, Stata, and SAS data.

2.2 starwars data

To make life easier and to facilitate reproducibility, we will use examples available from the public domains.

We will produce and reproduce the outputs demonstrated on **tidyverse** website (https://github.com/tidyverse/dplyr).

One of the useful datasets is starwars dataset. The starwars data comes together with **dplyr** package. This original source of data is from SWAPI, the Star Wars API accessible at http://swapi.co/.

The starwars data is class of tibble. The data have:

- 87 rows (observations)
- 13 columns (variables)

Now, let us:

- 1. load the **tidyverse** package
- 2. examine the column names (variable names)

Loading **tidyverse** packages will load **dplyr** automatically. If you want to load only **dplyr**, just type library(dplyr).

```
library(dplyr)
```

```
##
## Attaching package: 'dplyr'
## The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':
##
## filter, lag
## The following objects are masked from 'package:base':
##
```

```
## intersect, setdiff, setequal, union
```

Take a peek at the starwars data

glimpse(starwars)

```
## Observations: 87
## Variables: 13
## $ name
                <chr> "Luke Skywalker", "C-3PO", "R2-D2", "Darth Vader", ...
## $ height
                <int> 172, 167, 96, 202, 150, 178, 165, 97, 183, 182, 188...
                <dbl> 77.0, 75.0, 32.0, 136.0, 49.0, 120.0, 75.0, 32.0, 8...
## $ mass
## $ hair_color <chr> "blond", NA, NA, "none", "brown", "brown, grey", "b...
## $ skin_color <chr> "fair", "gold", "white, blue", "white", "light", "l...
## $ eye_color <chr> "blue", "yellow", "red", "yellow", "brown", "blue",...
## $ birth_year <dbl> 19.0, 112.0, 33.0, 41.9, 19.0, 52.0, 47.0, NA, 24.0...
## $ gender
                <chr> "male", NA, NA, "male", "female", "male", "female",...
## $ homeworld <chr> "Tatooine", "Tatooine", "Naboo", "Tatooine", "Alder...
                <chr> "Human", "Droid", "Droid", "Human", "Human", "Human...
## $ species
                <list> [<"Revenge of the Sith", "Return of the Jedi", "Th...</pre>
## $ films
                <list> [<"Snowspeeder", "Imperial Speeder Bike">, <>, <>,...
## $ vehicles
## $ starships <list> [<"X-wing", "Imperial shuttle">, <>, <>, "TIE Adva...
```

Next, we examine the first 10 observations of the data. There are 77 more rows NOT SHOWN. You can also see the types of the variables:

- 1. chr (character),
- 2. int (integer),
- 3. dbl (double)

starwars

```
## # A tibble: 87 x 13
      name height mass hair_color skin_color eye_color birth_year gender
##
##
      <chr> <int> <dbl> <chr>
                                     <chr>
                                                <chr>
                                                                <dbl> <chr>
                      77 blond
                                     fair
                                                                 19
   1 Luke~
               172
                                                blue
                                                                      male
    2 C-3PO
               167
                      75 <NA>
                                                                      <NA>
##
                                                                112
                                     gold
                                                yellow
    3 R2-D2
##
                96
                      32 <NA>
                                     white, bl~ red
                                                                 33
                                                                      <NA>
##
  4 Dart~
               202
                     136 none
                                     white
                                                yellow
                                                                 41.9 male
##
  5 Leia~
               150
                      49 brown
                                     light
                                                brown
                                                                 19
                                                                      female
## 6 Owen~
               178
                     120 brown, gr~ light
                                                blue
                                                                 52
                                                                      male
                      75 brown
##
   7 Beru~
               165
                                     light
                                                blue
                                                                 47
                                                                      female
##
  8 R5-D4
                97
                      32 <NA>
                                                                 NA
                                     white, red red
                                                                      < NA >
## 9 Bigg~
               183
                      84 black
                                                                 24
                                                                      male
                                     light
                                                brown
## 10 Obi-~
               182
                      77 auburn, w~ fair
                                                blue-gray
                                                                 57
                                                                      male
## # ... with 77 more rows, and 5 more variables: homeworld <chr>,
       species <chr>, films <list>, vehicles <list>, starships <list>
```

3 Hands-on 2: dplyr::select(), dplyr::mutate() and dplyr::rename()

3.1 dplyr::select()

When you work with large datasets with many columns, sometimes it is easier to select only the necessary columns to reduce the size of dataset.

This is possible by creating a smaller dataset (less variables). Then you can work on at the initial part of data analysis with this smaller dataset. This will greatly help data exploration.

To create smaller datasets, select some of the columns (variables) in the dataset.

In starwars data, we have 13 variables. From this dataset, let us generate a new dataset named as mysw with only these 4 variables,

- 1. name
- 2. height
- 3. mass
- 4. gender

```
mysw <- starwars %>% select(name, gender, height, mass)
mysw
```

```
## # A tibble: 87 x 4
##
      name
                           gender height
                                           mass
##
      <chr>
                           <chr>>
                                    <int> <dbl>
##
    1 Luke Skywalker
                           male
                                      172
                                             77
    2 C-3P0
                           <NA>
                                      167
                                             75
##
    3 R2-D2
                           <NA>
                                       96
                                             32
    4 Darth Vader
                                      202
                                            136
##
                           male
##
    5 Leia Organa
                                      150
                                             49
                           female
    6 Owen Lars
                           male
                                      178
                                            120
##
    7 Beru Whitesun lars female
                                      165
                                             75
##
    8 R5-D4
                           <NA>
                                       97
                                             32
  9 Biggs Darklighter
                                      183
                                             84
                           male
## 10 Obi-Wan Kenobi
                           male
                                      182
                                             77
## # ... with 77 more rows
```

The new dataset mysw is now created. You can see it in the Environment pane.

3.2 dplyr::mutate()

With dplyr::mutate(), you can generate new variable.

For example, in the dataset mysw, we want to create a new variable named as bmi. This variable equals mass in kg divided by squared height (in meter)

$$bmi = \frac{kg}{m^2}$$

```
mysw <- mysw %>% mutate(bmi = mass/(height/100)^2)
mysw
```

```
## # A tibble: 87 x 5
                           gender height
##
      name
                                                   bmi
                                           mass
##
                                    <int>
      <chr>
                           <chr>>
                                          <dbl> <dbl>
                                                  26.0
##
    1 Luke Skywalker
                           male
                                      172
                                              77
##
    2 C-3P0
                           <NA>
                                      167
                                              75
                                                  26.9
##
    3 R2-D2
                           <NA>
                                       96
                                              32
                                                  34.7
    4 Darth Vader
                                            136
                                                  33.3
##
                           male
                                      202
    5 Leia Organa
##
                                      150
                                              49
                                                  21.8
                           female
##
    6 Owen Lars
                           male
                                      178
                                            120
                                                  37.9
    7 Beru Whitesun lars female
##
                                      165
                                             75
                                                  27.5
##
    8 R5-D4
                           <NA>
                                       97
                                              32
                                                  34.0
    9 Biggs Darklighter
                                      183
                                              84
                                                  25.1
                           male
## 10 Obi-Wan Kenobi
                           male
                                      182
                                              77
                                                 23.2
```

... with 77 more rows

Now, your dataset mysw has 5 columns (variables). The last variable is bmi

3.3 dplyr::rename()

Now,

- 1. create a new variable bmi2 which equals bmi^2 .
- 2. rename bmi2 to bmisq

```
mysw <- mysw %>% mutate(bmi2 = bmi^2)
mysw
## # A tibble: 87 x 6
```

```
##
      name
                          gender height
                                          mass
                                                  bmi bmi2
##
                                   <int> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
      <chr>
                          <chr>>
##
   1 Luke Skywalker
                          male
                                     172
                                             77
                                                 26.0
                                                       677.
                          <NA>
                                                 26.9
##
    2 C-3P0
                                     167
                                             75
                                                       723.
    3 R2-D2
                          <NA>
                                      96
                                             32
                                                 34.7 1206.
##
                                     202
   4 Darth Vader
                                           136
                                                 33.3 1111.
                          male
   5 Leia Organa
                                             49
                                                 21.8
                          female
                                     150
                                                      474.
                                                 37.9 1434.
##
   6 Owen Lars
                          male
                                     178
                                           120
   7 Beru Whitesun lars female
                                                 27.5
                                     165
                                            75
                                                      759.
## 8 R5-D4
                          <NA>
                                      97
                                             32
                                                 34.0 1157.
  9 Biggs Darklighter
                          male
                                     183
                                             84
                                                 25.1 629.
## 10 Obi-Wan Kenobi
                                                 23.2
                          male
                                     182
                                             77
                                                       540.
## # ... with 77 more rows
```

```
mysw <- mysw %>% rename(bmisq = bmi2)
mysw
```

```
## # A tibble: 87 x 6
##
      name
                          gender height
                                          mass
                                                  bmi bmisq
##
      <chr>
                           <chr>>
                                         <dbl>
                                                <dbl> <dbl>
                                   <int>
                                                 26.0
##
    1 Luke Skywalker
                          male
                                     172
                                             77
                                                       677.
    2 C-3P0
##
                           <NA>
                                     167
                                             75
                                                 26.9
                                                       723.
##
    3 R2-D2
                           <NA>
                                      96
                                             32
                                                 34.7 1206.
##
    4 Darth Vader
                          male
                                     202
                                            136
                                                 33.3 1111.
    5 Leia Organa
                          female
                                     150
                                             49
                                                 21.8 474.
##
    6 Owen Lars
                          male
                                     178
                                            120
                                                 37.9 1434.
##
    7 Beru Whitesun lars
                                     165
                                             75
                                                 27.5
                          female
                                                      759.
##
   8 R5-D4
                           <NA>
                                      97
                                             32
                                                 34.0 1157.
    9 Biggs Darklighter
                                     183
                                                 25.1
                          male
                                             84
                                                       629.
## 10 Obi-Wan Kenobi
                          male
                                     182
                                             77
                                                 23.2 540.
## # ... with 77 more rows
```

4 Hands-on 3: dplyr::arrange() and dplyr::filter()

4.1 dplyr::arrange()

We can sort data in ascending or descending order.

To do that, we will use dplyr::arrange(). It will sort the observation based on the values of the specified variable.

For dataset mysw, let us sort the bmi from the biggest bmi (descending).

```
mysw <- mysw %>% arrange(desc(bmi))
mysw
```

```
## # A tibble: 87 x 6
##
      name
                              gender
                                             height
                                                     mass
                                                              bmi
                                                                    bmisq
##
      <chr>
                              <chr>
                                                     <dbl> <dbl>
                                                                     <dbl>
                                               <int>
                                                      1358 443.
##
    1 Jabba Desilijic Tiure hermaphrodite
                                                 175
                                                                  196629.
##
    2 Dud Bolt
                                                  94
                                                             50.9
                                                                    2594.
                              male
                                                        45
##
   3 Yoda
                              male
                                                  66
                                                        17
                                                             39.0
                                                                    1523.
                                                             37.9
##
   4 Owen Lars
                              male
                                                 178
                                                       120
                                                                    1434.
##
    5 IG-88
                                                 200
                                                       140
                                                             35
                                                                    1225
                              none
##
   6 R2-D2
                              <NA>
                                                  96
                                                        32
                                                             34.7
                                                                    1206.
##
    7 Grievous
                                                 216
                                                       159
                                                             34.1
                                                                    1161.
                              male
    8 R5-D4
##
                              <NA>
                                                  97
                                                        32
                                                             34.0
                                                                    1157.
  9 Jek Tono Porkins
##
                                                 180
                                                             34.0
                                                                    1153.
                              male
                                                       110
## 10 Darth Vader
                              male
                                                 202
                                                       136
                                                             33.3
                                                                    1111.
## # ... with 77 more rows
```

Now, we will replace the dataset mysw with data that contain the bmi values from the lowest to the biggest bmi (ascending).

```
mysw <- mysw %>% arrange(bmi)
mysw
```

```
## # A tibble: 87 x 6
##
      name
                    gender height
                                            bmi bmisq
                                    mass
##
      <chr>
                    <chr>
                             <int> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
                                          12.9
##
    1 Wat Tambor
                    male
                                                166.
                               193
                                      48
##
    2 Adi Gallia
                    female
                               184
                                      50
                                          14.8
                                                 218.
    3 Sly Moore
                                          15.1
                                                 230.
##
                    female
                               178
                                      48
##
   4 Roos Tarpals male
                               224
                                      82
                                          16.3
                                                 267.
    5 Padmé Amidala female
                                          16.5
                                                 273.
##
                               165
                                      45
##
    6 Lama Su
                    male
                               229
                                      88
                                          16.8
                                                 282.
##
                                                 295.
  7 Jar Jar Binks male
                               196
                                      66
                                          17.2
  8 Ayla Secura
                    female
                               178
                                      55
                                          17.4
                                                 301.
## 9 Shaak Ti
                    female
                               178
                                      57
                                          18.0
                                                 324.
## 10 Barriss Offee female
                               166
                                      50
                                          18.1
                                                 329.
## # ... with 77 more rows
```

4.2 dplyr::filter()

To select observations based on certain criteria, we use the dplyr::filter() function.

Here, we will create a new dataset (which we will name as mysw_m_40) that contains observations with these criteria:

- gender is male AND
- bmi at or above 40

```
mysw_m_40 <- mysw %>% filter(gender == 'male', bmi >= 40)
mysw_m_40
```

```
## # A tibble: 1 x 6
## name gender height mass bmi bmisq
## <chr> <chr> <chr> <int> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> = 50.9 2594.
```

Next, we will create a new dataset (named as mysw_ht_45) that contain

- height above 200 OR BMI above 45, AND
- does not include NA (which is missing value) observation for bmi

```
mysw_ht_45 <- mysw %>% filter(height >200 | bmi >45, bmi != 'NA')
mysw_ht_45
```

```
## # A tibble: 9 x 6
##
     name
                                             height mass
                                                                    bmisq
                             gender
                                                             bmi
##
     <chr>>
                             <chr>
                                              <int> <dbl> <dbl>
                                                                    <dbl>
## 1 Roos Tarpals
                             male
                                                224
                                                        82
                                                            16.3
                                                                     267.
## 2 Lama Su
                             male
                                                229
                                                            16.8
                                                                     282.
## 3 Tion Medon
                                                206
                                                        80
                                                            18.9
                                                                     355.
                             male
## 4 Chewbacca
                                                228
                                                            21.5
                             male
                                                       112
                                                                     464.
## 5 Tarfful
                                                234
                                                       136
                                                            24.8
                                                                     617.
                             male
## 6 Darth Vader
                             male
                                                202
                                                       136
                                                            33.3
                                                                    1111.
## 7 Grievous
                             male
                                                216
                                                       159
                                                            34.1
                                                                    1161.
## 8 Dud Bolt
                             male
                                                 94
                                                        45
                                                            50.9
                                                                    2594.
## 9 Jabba Desilijic Tiure hermaphrodite
                                                175
                                                     1358 443.
                                                                 196629.
```

5 Hands-on 4: dplyr::group_by() and dplyr::summarize

5.1 dplyr::group_by()

The group_by function will prepare the data for group analysis.

For example,

- 1. to get summary values for mean bmi, mean ht and mean mass
- 2. for male, female, hermaphrodite and none (gender variable)

```
mysw_g <- mysw %>% group_by(gender)
mysw_g
```

```
## # A tibble: 87 x 6
##
  # Groups:
               gender [5]
##
      name
                    gender height
                                   mass
                                           bmi bmisq
##
      <chr>
                    <chr>
                             <int> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
##
    1 Wat Tambor
                                         12.9
                    male
                              193
                                      48
                                               166.
    2 Adi Gallia
                    female
                              184
                                      50
                                          14.8
                                                218.
##
    3 Sly Moore
                    female
                              178
                                      48
                                          15.1
                                                230.
                                          16.3
   4 Roos Tarpals
                    male
                              224
                                                267.
                                          16.5
##
  5 Padmé Amidala female
                              165
                                      45
                                                273.
    6 Lama Su
                    male
                              229
                                          16.8
                                                282.
  7 Jar Jar Binks male
                                         17.2
                                                295.
                              196
                                      66
    8 Ayla Secura
                    female
                              178
                                      55 17.4
                                                301.
    9 Shaak Ti
                    female
                              178
                                      57
                                          18.0
                                                324.
## 10 Barriss Offee female
                              166
                                      50 18.1 329.
## # ... with 77 more rows
```

5.2 dplyr::summarize()

Now that we have a group data named mysw_g, now, we would summarize our data using the mean and standard deviation (SD).

```
mysw_g %>% summarise(meanbmi = mean(bmi, na.rm = TRUE),
                     meanht = mean(height, na.rm = TRUE),
                     meanmass = mean(mass, na.rm = TRUE),
                     sdbmi = sd(bmi, na.rm = TRUE),
                     sdht = sd(height, na.rm = TRUE);
                     sdmass = sd(mass, na.rm = TRUE))
## # A tibble: 5 x 7
##
                   meanbmi meanht meanmass sdbmi sdht sdmass
     gender
     <chr>
##
                     <dbl>
                            <dbl>
                                      <dbl>
                                             <dbl> <dbl>
                                                          <dbl>
## 1 female
                      18.8
                             165.
                                       54.0
                                              3.71 23.0
                                                           8.37
## 2 hermaphrodite
                     443.
                             175
                                     1358
                                            NaN
                                                   NaN
                                                         NaN
## 3 male
                      25.7
                             179.
                                      81.0
                                              6.49 35.4
                                                          28.2
## 4 none
                      35
                             200
                                      140
                                            NaN
                                                   NaN
## 5 <NA>
                             120
                      31.9
                                      46.3
                                              4.33 40.7 24.8
```

To calculate the frequencies

• with one variable

```
freq_species <- starwars %>% count(species, sort = TRUE)
freq_species
```

```
## # A tibble: 38 x 2
##
      species
                   n
##
      <chr>
               <int>
##
   1 Human
                  35
##
   2 Droid
                   5
    3 <NA>
                   5
                   3
##
  4 Gungan
## 5 Kaminoan
                   2
## 6 Mirialan
                   2
##
   7 Twi'lek
                   2
## 8 Wookiee
## 9 Zabrak
                   2
## 10 Aleena
## # ... with 28 more rows
```

• with two variables

```
freq_species_home <- starwars %>% count(species, homeworld, sort = TRUE)
freq_species_home
```

```
## # A tibble: 58 x 3
##
      species homeworld
                              n
##
      <chr>
               <chr>
                          <int>
##
    1 Human
               Tatooine
                              8
##
    2 Human
               Naboo
                              5
   3 Human
               <NA>
                              5
   4 Gungan
                              3
##
               Naboo
## 5 Human
               Alderaan
                              3
                              2
## 6 Droid
               Tatooine
## 7 Droid
               <NA>
                              2
```

```
## 8 Human Corellia 2
## 9 Human Coruscant 2
## 10 Kaminoan Kamino 2
## # ... with 48 more rows
```

6 Hands-on 5: More complicated dplyr verbs

To be more efficient, use multiple **dplyr** functions in one line of R code

```
starwars %>% filter(gender == "male", height > 100, mass > 100) %>%
  select(height, mass, species) %>%
  group by(species) %>%
  summarize(mean_ht = mean(height, na.rm = TRUE),
            mean mass = mean(mass, na.rm = TRUE),
            freq = n())
## # A tibble: 5 x 4
     species
                mean_ht mean_mass freq
     <chr>>
                  <dbl>
                             <dbl> <int>
                   198
## 1 Besalisk
                               102
## 2 Human
                   187.
                               122
                                       3
## 3 Kaleesh
                   216
                               159
## 4 Trandoshan
                   190
                               113
                                       1
                                       2
## 5 Wookiee
                   231
                               124
```

7 Data transformation for categorical variables

7.1 forcats package

Data transformation for categorical variables (factor variables) can be facilitated using the **forcats** package.

8 Hands-on 6: forcats()

8.1 Create a dataset

Let us create create a dataset to demonstrate forcats package. The dataset will contain

```
1. a vector column named as sex1 , values = 0,1
2. a vector column named as race1 , values = 1,2,3,4
3. a tibble dataframe (dataset) named as data_f
sex1 <- rbinom(n = 100, size = 1, prob = 0.5)
str(sex1)
## int [1:100] 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 0 1 0 ...
race1 <- rep(seq(1:4), 25)
str(race1)</pre>
```

```
## int [1:100] 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 1 2 ...
```

```
data_f <- tibble(sex1, race1)
head(data_f)</pre>
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 2
##
      sex1 race1
##
     <int> <int>
## 1
          1
                 1
## 2
          1
## 3
          1
                 3
                 4
## 4
          1
## 5
          0
                 1
## 6
          1
```

Now let us see the structure of the dataset. You should see that they are all in the integer (numerical) format str(data_f)

```
## Classes 'tbl_df', 'tbl' and 'data.frame': 100 obs. of 2 variables:
## $ sex1 : int 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 0 1 0 ...
## $ race1: int 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 1 2 ...
```

8.2 Conversion from numeric to factor variables

Now, we will convert the integer (numerical) variable to a factor (categorical) variable.

For example, we will generate a new factor (categorical) variable named as male from variable sex1 (which is an integer variable). We will label maleas No or Yes.

We then generate a new factor (categorical) variable named as race2 from race1 (which is an integer variable) and label as Mal, Chi, Ind, Others

```
data_f$male <- factor(data_f$sex1, labels = c('No', 'Yes'))
data_f$race2 <- factor(data_f$race1, labels = c('Mal', 'Chi', 'Ind', 'Others'))
str(data_f)</pre>
```

```
## Classes 'tbl_df', 'tbl' and 'data.frame': 100 obs. of 4 variables:
## $ sex1 : int 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 0 1 0 ...
## $ race1: int 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 1 2 ...
## $ male : Factor w/ 2 levels "No","Yes": 2 2 2 2 1 2 2 1 2 1 ...
## $ race2: Factor w/ 4 levels "Mal","Chi","Ind",..: 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 1 2 ...
head(data_f) ; tail(data_f)
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 4
##
      sex1 race1 male race2
##
     <int> <int> <fct> <fct>
         1
                1 Yes
## 1
                        Mal
## 2
         1
                2 Yes
                        Chi
## 3
         1
                3 Yes
                        Ind
                4 Yes
## 4
                        Others
         1
## 5
         0
                1 No
                        Mal
## 6
         1
                2 Yes
                        Chi
## # A tibble: 6 x 4
##
      sex1 race1 male race2
##
     <int> <int> <fct> <fct>
## 1
         1
               3 Yes
                        Ind
```

```
## 2
                 4 No
                          Others
## 3
          0
                 1 No
                          Mal
## 4
          0
                 2 No
                          Chi
          0
## 5
                 3 No
                          Ind
## 6
          0
                 4 No
                          Others
```

8.3 forcats::fct_recode()

Recode old levels to new levels

Our objectives:

- 1. For variable male, change from No vs Yes to Fem and Male
- 2. Create a new variable **malay** from variable **race2** and label Chi to Non-Malay, Ind to Non-Malay and Others to Non-Malay. But we keep Mal as it is

We will use forcats packages for that. Below we show two ways of recoding the variables.

```
library(forcats)
data_f$male2 <- data_f$male %>% fct_recode('Fem' = 'No', 'Male' = 'Yes')
data_f <- data_f %>% mutate(malay = fct_recode(race2,
                                          'Non-Malay' = 'Chi',
                                          'Non-Malay' = 'Ind',
                                          'Non-Malay' = 'Others'))
head(data_f) ; tail(data_f)
## # A tibble: 6 x 6
##
      sex1 race1 male race2
                              male2 malay
##
     <int> <int> <fct> <fct>
                               <fct> <fct>
## 1
               1 Yes
                        Mal
                               Male Mal
## 2
               2 Yes
                        Chi
         1
                               Male Non-Malay
## 3
         1
               3 Yes
                        Ind
                               Male
                                     Non-Malay
## 4
                        Others Male
         1
               4 Yes
                                     Non-Malay
## 5
         0
               1 No
                        Mal
                               Fem
                                     Mal
## 6
               2 Yes
                        Chi
         1
                               Male Non-Malay
## # A tibble: 6 x 6
                              male2 malay
##
      sex1 race1 male race2
##
     <int> <int> <fct> <fct>
                               <fct> <fct>
## 1
               3 Yes
                        Ind
                               Male
                                     Non-Malay
## 2
         0
               4 No
                        Others Fem
                                     Non-Malay
## 3
         0
               1 No
                        Mal
                                     Mal
## 4
         0
               2 No
                        Chi
                               Fem
                                     Non-Malay
## 5
         0
               3 No
                        Ind
                               Fem
                                     Non-Malay
## 6
               4 No
                        Others Fem
                                     Non-Malay
```

9 Summary

dplyr package is a very useful package that encourages users to use proper verb when manipulating variables (columns) and observations (rows).

We have learned to use 5 functions but there are more functions available. Other useful functions include:

```
1. dplyr::distinct()
2. dplyr::transmutate()
```

3. dplyr::sample_n() and dplyr::sample_frac()

Also note that, package **dplyr** is very useful when it is combined with another function that is **group_by** If you working with database, you can use **dbplyr** which has been developed to perform very effectively with databases.

For categorical variables, you can use **forcats** package.

10 Self-practice

If you have completed the tutorial above, you may:

- 1. Read your own data (hints: **haven**, **foreign**) or you can download data from https://www.kaggle.com/datasets . Maybe can try this dataset https://www.kaggle.com/blastchar/telco-customer-churn
- 2. Create a smaller dataset by selecting some variable (hints: dplyr::select())
- 3. Creating a dataset with some selection (hints: dplyr::filter())
- 4. Generate a new variable (hintsdplyr::mutate())
- 5. Creata an object using pipe and combining dplyr::select(), dplyr::filter() and dplyr::mutate() in one single line of R code
- 6. Summarise the mean, standard deviation and median for numerical variables dplyr::group_by() and dplyr::summarize()
- 7. Calculare the number of observations for categorical variables (hints: dplyr::count())
- 8. Recode a categorical variable (hints: forcats::fct_recode())

11 References

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- 2. forcats examples here http://r4ds.had.co.nz/factors.html
- 3. reading data into R https://garthtarr.github.io/meatR/rio.html

12 Session

sessionInfo()

```
## R version 3.5.2 (2018-12-20)
## Platform: x86 64-w64-mingw32/x64 (64-bit)
## Running under: Windows 10 x64 (build 17763)
## Matrix products: default
##
## locale:
## [1] LC_COLLATE=English_United States.1252
## [2] LC_CTYPE=English_United States.1252
## [3] LC_MONETARY=English_United States.1252
## [4] LC_NUMERIC=C
## [5] LC_TIME=English_United States.1252
## attached base packages:
## [1] stats
                 graphics grDevices utils
                                                datasets methods
                                                                    base
##
```

```
## other attached packages:
## [1] forcats_0.3.0 bindrcpp_0.2.2 dplyr_0.7.8
## loaded via a namespace (and not attached):
                        knitr_1.21
                                         bindr_0.1.1
## [1] Rcpp_1.0.0
                                                         magrittr_1.5
## [5] tidyselect_0.2.5 R6_2.3.0
                                         rlang_0.3.0.1
                                                          fansi_0.4.0
## [9] stringr_1.3.1
                        tools_3.5.2
                                         xfun_0.4
                                                          utf8 1.1.4
## [13] cli_1.0.1
                                                          assertthat_0.2.0
                        htmltools_0.3.6 yaml_2.2.0
## [17] digest_0.6.18
                        tibble_1.4.2
                                         crayon_1.3.4
                                                          purrr_0.2.5
                        evaluate_0.12
                                         rmarkdown_1.11
## [21] glue_1.3.0
                                                          stringi_1.2.4
## [25] compiler_3.5.2 pillar_1.3.1
                                         pkgconfig_2.0.2
```