Prepare Data for Age-Length Key

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Preliminaries

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> # clears objects in R workspace
> rm(list = ls())

> # load needed packages
> library(fishWiDNR)  # for setDBClasses()
> library(FSA)  # for lencat(), filterD()
> library(dplyr)  # for select(), mutate(), arrange(), %>%
> library(lubridate)  # for month()
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Loading Data and Initial Manipulations

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> # Load and prepare the data
> setwd("C:/aaaWork/Web/fishR/Courses/WiDNR_Statewide_2015/Day1_IntroR_FMData")
> d <- read.csv("SAWYER_fish_raw_data_012915.csv",stringsAsFactors=FALSE,na.strings=c("-","NA","")) %>%
    setDBClasses(type="RDNR") %>%
    select(County,Waterbody.Name,Survey.Year,Sample.Date,Gear,Fish.Data.Seq.No,Species,
        Length.or.Lower.Length.IN,Gender,Age..observed.annuli.,Edge.Counted.Desc,Age.Structure) %>%
    mutate(mon=month(Sample.Date,label=TRUE)) %>%
    mutate(lcat=lencat(Length.or.Lower.Length.IN,w=0.5)) %>%
    arrange(Species,Length.or.Lower.Length.IN)
>
> wae <- filterD(d,Waterbody.Name=="NELSON LAKE",Survey.Year==2014,mon=="May",Species=="WALLEYE")
> wae.aged <- filterD(wae,!is.na(Age..observed.annuli.))</pre>
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Critical Thinking Interlude

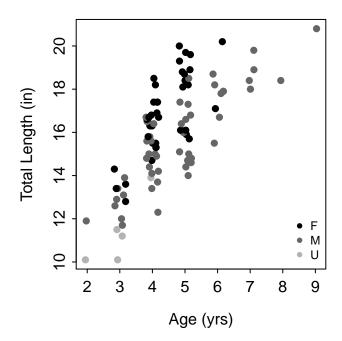
Answer the following questions from your understanding of the code above:

- 1. Are there any questions about the R code (i.e., which functions have you not seen previously)?
- 2. How many data.frames were created?
- 3. How many variables are in each data.frame?
- 4. Describe the individuals that are in each data.frame?

Some Exploration

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> xtabs(~Gender+lcat,data=wae)
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> clrs <- c("black","gray40","gray70")</pre>
> plot(Length.or.Lower.Length.IN~jitter(Age..observed.annuli.),data=wae.aged,pch=16,
       col=clrs[Gender],xlab="Age (yrs)",ylab="Total Length (in)")
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> legend("bottomright",levels(wae\$Gender),col=clrs,pch=16,cex=0.75,bty="n")



Critical Thinking Interlude

Answer the following questions from your understanding of the code above:

- 1. Are there any questions about the R code?
- 2. What decisions were made when sampling these fish for age?
- 3. How do those decisions affect how we can use these data?
- 4. What problems do you forsee with applying an age-length key developed from the aged fish in this sample to those fish that were not aged in the sample?