

STAT 33B Workbook 12

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This workbook is due **Nov 19, 2020** by 11:59pm PT.

The workbook is organized into sections that correspond to the lecture videos for the week. Watch a video, then do the corresponding exercises *before* moving on to the next video.

Workbooks are graded for completeness, so as long as you make a clear effort to solve each problem, you'll get full credit. That said, make sure you understand the concepts here, because they're likely to reappear in homeworks, quizzes, and later lectures.

As you work, write your answers in this notebook. Answer questions with complete sentences, and put code in code chunks. You can make as many new code chunks as you like.

In the notebook, you can run the line of code where the cursor is by pressing **Ctrl + Enter** on Windows or **Cmd + Enter** on Mac OS X. You can run an entire code chunk by clicking on the green arrow in the upper right corner of the code chunk.

Please do not delete the exercises already in this notebook, because it may interfere with our grading tools.

You need to submit your work in two places:

- Submit this Rmd file with your edits on bCourses.
- Knit and submit the generated PDF file on Gradescope.

If you have any last-minute trouble knitting, **DON'T PANIC**. Submit your Rmd file on time and follow up in office hours or on Piazza to sort out the PDF.

Tidy Data

Watch the “Tidy Data” lecture video.

No exercises for this section.

Columns into Rows

Watch the “Columns into Rows” lecture video.

No exercises for this section.

Rows into Columns

Watch the “Rows into Columns” lecture video.

String Processing

Watch the “String Processing” lecture video.

Exercise 1

Visit the stringr documentation.

How does the `str_sub` function work? Give 3 examples, including 1 that shows how to use `str_sub` to reassign part of a string.

YOUR ANSWER GOES HERE:

The `str_sub` function subsets strings:

```
library(stringr)
x = "Hello world"
str_sub(x, 1, 5) # Get the first 5 characters ("Hello")

## [1] "Hello"

str_sub(x, -5) # Get the last 5 characters ("world")

## [1] "world"

str_sub(x, -5) = "everybody" # Replace the last 5 characters with "everybody"
x

## [1] "Hello everybody"
```

Exercise 2

Complete the `table3` example from the lecture by showing the entire process for converting `table3` into a tidy data frame.

Hint: All of the functions needed to do this were mentioned in the lecture or in other recent lectures.

YOUR ANSWER GOES HERE:

```
library(tidyr)
table3

## # A tibble: 6 x 3
##   country      year rate
## * <chr>      <int> <chr>
## 1 Afghanistan  1999 745/19987071
## 2 Afghanistan  2000 2666/20595360
## 3 Brazil       1999 37737/172006362
## 4 Brazil       2000 80488/174504898
## 5 China        1999 212258/1272915272
## 6 China        2000 213766/1280428583

splits = str_split_fixed(table3$rate, "/", 2)
tidy_table3 = table3[-3]
tidy_table3["cases"] = splits[,1]
tidy_table3["population"] = splits[,2]
tidy_table3

## # A tibble: 6 x 4
##   country      year cases population
##   <chr>      <int> <chr>   <chr>
## 1 Afghanistan  1999 745    19987071
## 2 Afghanistan  2000 2666    20595360
## 3 Brazil       1999 37737   172006362
## 4 Brazil       2000 80488   174504898
```

```
## 5 China      1999 212258 1272915272
## 6 China      2000 213766 1280428583
```

Regular Expressions

Watch the “Regular Expressions” lecture video.

If you use RStudio, the RegExplain RStudio addin makes it easier to learn how to use regular expressions. You can find information about how to install RegExplain on the documentation page for stringr.

If you decide not to install RegExplain, there are many online regular expression testers that can be helpful when learning. For example, I like <https://regex101.com>.

Exercise 3

The lecture video “Printing Output” described how R interprets backslashes in strings as escape sequences. For instance, the string “\t” is a tab character.

Because backslashes have a special meaning, to put a literal backslash in a string, you have to write the backslash twice: “\\”.

Regular expressions also use backslash as a special character. In a regular expression, putting a backslash in front of a metacharacter causes it to be interpreted literally. For instance, the pattern “\.” matches a single, literal dot (rather than being a wildcard).

R’s rule for backslashes interacts with regex’s rule for backslashes in an unfortunate way. Regex patterns in R are just strings, and R interprets “\.” (or backslash followed by any other character) as an escape sequence. Since we need a literal backslash, we have to write “\\.” in R. Then the regular expression system sees this as “\.”, and searches for a literal “.”.

This interaction is especially bad if you want to search for a literal backslash with a regular expression. You’d need to write “\\\\”!

As a remedy, R version 4.0 introduced *raw strings*. In a raw string, R always interprets backslashes literally (rather than as escape sequences).

1. Raw strings are documented in ?Quotes. Find the section in that file and read it.
2. Give an example of creating a raw string.
3. Write a vectorized function `has_backslash` with parameter `x` that returns `TRUE` if `x` contains a backslash and `FALSE` otherwise. In your function, use `str_detect` with a raw string for the pattern.

YOUR ANSWER GOES HERE:

```
r"(\telephone)"

## [1] "\\telephone"

has_backslash = function(x) {
  str_detect(x, r"\\")
}

has_backslash(c(r"(no backslash here)", r"(here \is \a \backslash)"))

## [1] FALSE  TRUE
```

Exercise 4

Write a function `extract_phone` that extracts a phone number from a string. Your function should return the phone number as a string in the format NNN-NNNN without any other characters.

Test your function on the following strings:

```
ex1 = "Phone: 555-2920"
ex2 = "Hi! The number you've called is 555-3131!"
ex3 = "The phone for unit 4342 is 555-9753."
```

Hint 1: Use `str_match` to extract the number.

Hint 2: Take advantage of non-numeric characters that mark the boundaries of a phone number.

YOUR ANSWER GOES HERE:

```
extract_phone = function(x) {
  str_match(x, r"(\d{3}-\d{4})")
}
extract_phone(ex1)
```

```
##      [,1]
## [1,] "555-2920"
```

```
extract_phone(ex2)
```

```
##      [,1]
## [1,] "555-3131"
```

```
extract_phone(ex3)
```

```
##      [,1]
## [1,] "555-9753"
```