Intro to R

Data Cleaning

Recap on summarization

- summary(x): quantile information
- summarize: creates a summary table of columns of interest
- count(variable): how many of each unique value do you have
- group_by(): changes all subsequent functions
 - combine with summarize() to get statistics per group

Cheatsheet

Data Cleaning

In general, data cleaning is a process of investigating your data for inaccuracies, or recoding it in a way that makes it more manageable.

MOST IMPORTANT RULE - LOOK AT YOUR DATA!

Dealing with Missing Data

Air quality data

The airquality dataset comes with R about air quality in New York in 1973.

?airquality # use this to find out more about the data

We can use **count** to see missing values

The will be at the bottom typically

```
Ozone_values <- count(airquality, Ozone)
tail(Ozone_values)</pre>
```

```
0zone n
63 115 1
64 118 1
65 122 1
66 135 1
67 168 1
68 NA 37
```

Missing Data Issues

Recall that mathematical operations with NA often result in NAs.

```
sum(c(1,2,3,NA))
[1] NA
mean(c(1,2,3,NA))
[1] NA
median(c(1,2,3,NA))
[1] NA
```

filter() and missing data

Be careful with missing data using subsetting!

filter() removes missing values by default. Because R can't tell for sure if an NA value meets the condition. To keep them need to add is.na() conditional.

Think about if this is OK or not - it depends on your data!

airquality %>% filter(Solar.R > 330 | is.na(Solar.R))

	0zone	Solar.R	Wind	Temp	Month	Day
1	NA	NA	14.3	56	5	5
2	28	NA	14.9	66	5	6
3	7	NA	6.9	74	5	
4	14		11.5	64	5	16
5	NA	NA	8.0	57	5	27
6	NA	332	13.8	80	6	14
7	78	NA	6.9	86	8	4
8	35	NA	7.4	85	8	5
9	66	NA	4.6	87	8	6

To remove rows with NA values for a variable use drop_na()

A function from the tidyr package. (Need a data frame to start!)

Disclaimer: Don't do this unless you have thought about if dropping NA values makes sense based on knowing what these values mean in your data.

airquality %>% drop_na(Ozone)

	0zone	Solar.R	Wind	Temp	Month	Day
1	41	190	7.4	67	5	1
2	36	118	8.0	72	5	2
3	12	149	12.6	74	5	3
4	18	313	11.5	62	5	4
5	28	NA	14.9	66	5	6
6	23	299	8.6	65	5	7
7	19	99	13.8	59	5	8
8	8	19	20.1	61	5	9
9	7	NA	6.9	74	5	11
10	16	256	9.7	69	5	12
11	11	290	9.2	66	5	13
12	14	274	10.9	68	5	14
13	18	65	13.2	58	5	15
14	14	334	11.5	64	5	16
15	34	307	12.0	66	5	17
16	6	78	18.4	57	5	18
17	30	322	11.5	68	5	19
18	11	44	9.7	62	5	20
19	1	8	9.7	59	5	21
20	11	320	16.6	73	5	22
21	4	25	9.7	61	5	23

To remove rows with NA values for a data frame use drop_na()

This function of the tidyr package drops rows with **any** missing data in **any** column when used on a df.

```
airquality %>% drop_na()
```

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20	32	92	12.0	61	5	24
21	23	13	12.0	67	5	
22	45	252	14.9	81	5	29
23	115	223	5.7	79	5	30
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Summary

- count() can help determine if we have NA values
- filter() automatically removes NA values can't confirm or deny if condition is met (need | is.na() to keep them)
- drop_na() can help you remove NA values from a variable or an entire data frame
- NA values can change your calculation results
- think about what NA values represent don't drop them if you shouldn't

Use count() and tail() to determine the number of missing values in the airquality data for the Solar.R variable.

airquality %>% count(_____) %>% _____

Filter the rows of airquality to remove rows with NA values for Solar.R.

filt_airqual <- _____ %>% _____(_____)

Recoding Variables

Example of Recoding

```
#install.packages("catdata")
library(catdata)
Loading required package: MASS
Attaching package: 'MASS'
The following object is masked from 'package:plotly':
    select
The following object is masked from 'package:patchwork':
    area
The following object is masked from 'package:dplyr':
    select
?catdata::teratology
data(teratology)
rat <- teratology
```

Description

In a teratology experiment 58 rats on iron-deficient diets were assigned to four groups. In the first group only placebo injections were given, in the other groups iron supplements were given. The animals were made pregnant and sacrificed after three weeks. The response is the number of living and dead rats of a litter.

Usage

data(teratology)

Format

Oh dear...

It's not very easy to tell what is what.

head(rat)

```
D L Grp
1 1 9 1
2 4 7 1
3 9 3 1
4 4 0 1
5 10 0 1
6 9 2 1
```

Grp variable

rat %>%
 count(Grp)

Changing the class

We can use as.character or as.numeric to change a variable to each class respectively.

Let's change the group to be character, since it doesn't actually have numeric significance.

rat <- rat %>% mutate(Grp = as.character(Grp))

dplyr can help!

In dplyr you can use the recode function to change each Grp value to be something more useful!

(need mutate for data frames/tibbles!)

recode() function

Need quotes for values!

rename columns

Can use the rename() function.

```
# general format! not code!
{data you are creating or changing} <- {data you are using} %>%
                       rename({New Name} = {Old name})
head(rat, 2)
 D L Grp Grp_recoded
1 1 9 1 Untreated
2 4 7 1 Untreated
head(rat, 2)
 num_dead_litter num_living_litter Grp Grp_recoded
1
                               1 Untreated
2
                                   Untreated
```

First load some data.

```
#install.packages("catdata")
library(catdata)
data(teratology2)
rat2 <-teratology2 # assign it to a new name
head(rat2)

y Rat Grp
1 1 G1</pre>
```

2 0 1 G1 3 0 1 G1 4 0 1 G1

5 0 1 G1

6 0 1 G1

?teratology2 #find out more about the data

Recode the data to create a new variable from the y variable to be values of dead (instead of 1) and living (instead of 0). Call the variable status.

First change the y variable to be character.

```
rat2 <- rat2 %>% _____(y = _____(y))

rat2_recoded <- rat2 %>%
_____(status = ____(_, __ = ____))'
```

Summary

- recode() requires mutate() when working with dataframes/tibbles
- recode() can help with simple recoding (an exact swap) for values
- recode() has the opposite order as rename use "old value" = "new value"
- rename() helps us change column names use new name = old name and it does not require mutate() Workshop Website

Extra slides if there is time

case_when() helps make sophisticated new variables

Note that automatically values not reassigned explicitly by case_when() will be NA unless otherwise specified.

{value_for_not_meeting_condition} could be something new or it can be the original values of a column

case_when()

case_when can do very sophisticated comparisons

Now it is easier to see what is happening

```
rat%>%
count(Grp_recoded, survival)

Grp_recoded survival n
1 Inj. Day 0 and 7 well 5
2 Inj. Day 7 and 10 well 12
3 Inj. Weekly well 10
4 Untreated poor 26
5 Untreated well 5
```

case_when will make NA values

If there is a condition not specified, NA values will be generated.

Summary

- recode() and case_when() require mutate() when working with dataframes/tibbles
- recode() can help with simple recoding (an exact swap)
- case_when() can recode based on conditions (need quotes for conditions and new values)
 - remember case_when() will generate NA values for anything not specified

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