# Intro to R

Data Cleaning

#### Recap on summarization

- summary(x): quantile information
- summarize: creates a summary table of columns of interest
  - combine with across() to programmatically select columns
- 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
- plot() and hist() are great for a quick snapshot of the data

Cheatsheet

#### Recap on data classes

- tibbles show column classes!
- as.CLASS\_NAME(x) can be used to change the class of an object x
- Logic class objects only have TRUE or False (without quotes)
- The repeat rep() and seq() functions help you create vectors with to and from arguments (and others)
- sample() makes random vectors. Can be used for integers or double depending on what it is sampling from.
- matrix has columns and rows but is all one data class
- lists can contain multiples of any other class of data including lists!
- The lubridate package is helpful for dates and times 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

#### Missing data types

One of the most important aspects of data cleaning is missing values.

Types of "missing" data:

- NA general missing data
- Nan stands for "Not a Number", happens when you do 0/0.
- Inf and -Inf Infinity, happens when you divide a positive number (or negative number) by 0.

#### Finding Missing data

- · is.na-looks for NAN and NA
- · is.nan-looks for NAN
- · is.infinite-looks for Infor-Inf

```
test<-c(0,NA, -1)
test/0
```

[1] NaN NA -Inf

test <-test/0
is.na(test)</pre>

[1] TRUE TRUE FALSE

is.nan(test)

[1] TRUE FALSE FALSE

is.infinite(test)

[1] FALSE FALSE TRUE

#### Useful checking functions

- any will be TRUE if ANY are true
  - any(is.na(x)) do we have any NA's in x?

```
A = c(1, 2, 4, NA)

B = c(1, 2, 3, 4)

any(is.na(A)) # are there any NAs - YES/TRUE
```

[1] TRUE

any(is.na(B)) # are there any NAs- NO/FALSE

[1] FALSE

#### Fining NA values with count ()

Check the values for your variables, are they what you expect?

count() is a great option because it gives you:

1. The unique values

2 STRALY 3 STRPRD

4 <NA>

2. The amount of these values

Check if rare values make sense.

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#### naniar

Sometimes you need to look at lots of data though... the <u>naniar package</u> is a good option.

The pct\_complete() function shows the percentage that is complete for a given data object.

```
#install.packages("naniar")
library(naniar)
x = c(0, NA, 2, 3, 4, -0.5, 0.2)
pct_complete(x)

[1] 85.71429

test

[1] NaN NA -Inf

pct_complete(test) # doesn't count infinite values as missing

[1] 33.33333
```

#### 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 airqual <-tibble(airquality) airqual

```
# A tibble: 153 × 6
                          Temp Month
   Ozone Solar.R Wind
                                          Day
            <int> <dbl> <int> <int> <int>
   <int>
              190
                   7.4
                             67
                                     5
      41
 1
 2
                                            2
                                     5
      36
              118
                     8
                             72
                                            3
 3
                                     5
      12
              149
                    12.6
                             74
                                            4
 4
                                     5 5 5 5
      18
              313
                    11.5
                             62
 5
                                            5
6
7
      NA
               NA
                    14.3
                             56
 6
      28
               NA
                    14.9
                             66
      23
              299
                   8.6
                             65
                                            8
 8
      19
                   13.8
               99
                             59
                                     5
                                            9
 9
       8
               19
                    20.1
                             61
10
                                           10
      NA
              194
                     8.6
                             69
    with 143 more rows
```

## naniar: pct\_complete()

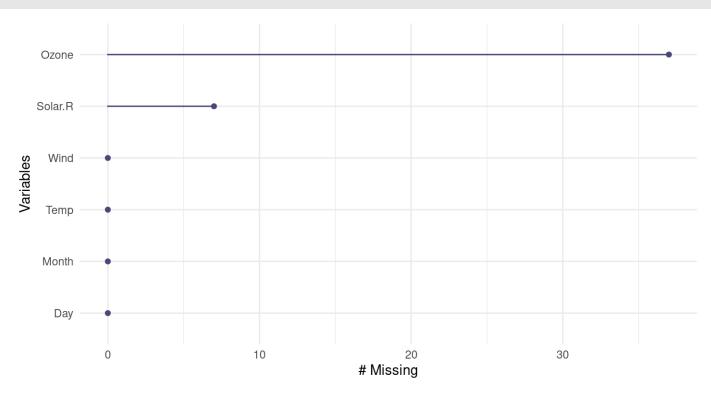
pct\_complete(airquality)

[1] 95.20697

#### naniar plots

The gg\_miss\_var() function creates a nice plot about the number of missing values for each variable.

gg\_miss\_var(airqual)



#### Missing Data Issues

Recall that mathematical operations with NA often result in NAs.

```
sum(c(1,2,3,NA))
[1] NA
mean(c(2,4,NA))
[1] NA
median(c(1,2,3,NA))
[1] NA
```

#### Missing Data Issues

This is also true for logical data. Recall that **TRUE** is evaluated as 1 and **FALSE** is evaluated as 0.

```
x = c(TRUE, TRUE, TRUE, FALSE, NA)
sum(x)

[1] NA

sum(x, na.rm = TRUE)

[1] 4
```

#### 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.

# filter() and missing data

```
df
```

```
# A tibble: 6 × 2
    Dog Cat
    <dbl> <dbl>
1    0    NA
2    NA    8
3    2    6
4    3    NA
5    1    2
6    1    NA
```

#### df %>% filter(Dog < 3)</pre>

```
# A tibble: 4 × 2
    Dog Cat
    <dbl> <dbl>
1    0    NA
2    2    6
3    1    2
4    1    NA
```

# filter() and missing data

```
df %>% filter(Dog < 3 | is.na(Dog))

# A tibble: 5 × 2
    Dog Cat
    <dbl> <dbl>
1    0    NA
2    NA    8
3    2    6
4    1    2
5    1    NA
```

#### To remove rows with NA values for a variable use drop\_na()

A function from the tidyr package.

```
# A tibble: 5 \times 2
   Dog Cat <dbl> <dbl>
                  NA
1
2
3
4
5
                    6
```

NA

NA

df %>% drop\_na(Dog)

#### 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.

```
df %>% drop_na()

# A tibble: 2 × 2
        Dog        Cat
        <dbl> <dbl>
1        2        6
2        1        2
```

## Drop columns with any missing values

Use the miss\_var\_which() function from naniar

# Drop columns with any missing values

```
df %>% select(!miss_var_which(df))
```

```
# A tibble: 6 × 1
    test
    <dbl>
1         1
2         2
3         3
4         4
5         5
6         6
```

#### Removing columns with threshold of percent missing row values

```
is.na(df) \% \% head(n = 3)
       Dog
             Cat test
[1,] FALSE TRUE FALSE
[2,] TRUE FALSE FALSE
[3,] FALSE FALSE FALSE
colMeans(is.na(df))#TRUE and FALSE treated like 0 and 1
      Dog
                Cat
                         test
0.1666667 0.5000000 0.00000000
df %>% select(which(colMeans(is.na(df)) < 0.2))# remove if over 20% missing</pre>
# A tibble: 6 × 2
    Dog test
  <dbl> <dbl>
      0
            1
     NA
          5
6
            6
      1
```

#### Change a value to be NA

The na\_if() function of dplyr can be helpful for this. Let's say we think that all 0 values should be NA.

```
df \%>\% head(n = 3)
# A tibble: 3 \times 3
    Dog Cat test
  <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
           NA
     NA
         8
df %>% mutate(Dog = na_if(Dog, 0))
# A tibble: 6 \times 3
    Dog
         Cat test
  <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
     NA
           NA
2
3
4
     NA
     2
         NA
5
           NA
```

#### Think about NA

Sometimes removing NA values leads to distorted math - be careful! Think about what your NA means for your data (are you sure ?).

Is an NA for values so low they could not be reported? Or is it this and also if there was a different issue?

#### Think about **NA**

If it is something more like a zero then you might want it included in your data like a zero.

Example: - survey reports NA if student has never tried cigarettes - survey reports 0 if student has tried cigarettes but did not smoke that week

You might want to keep the NA values so that you know the original sample size.

#### Word of caution

Calculating percentages will give you a different result depending on your choice to include NA values.

```
red blue
# A tibble: 3 × 2
  color col_count
  <chr>
           <int>
1 blue
2 red
3 <NA>
red_blue %>% mutate(percent =
                     col_count/sum(pull(red_blue, col_count)))
# A tibble: 3 × 3
  color col_count percent
  <chr>
           <int> <dbl>
1 blue
               3 0.333
               3 0.333
2 red
               3 0.333
3 <NA>
```

#### Word of caution

Should you be dividing by 9 or 6? It depends on your data and what NA might mean. Pay attention to your data and your NA values!

#### Summary

- is.na(),any(is.na()), count(), and functions from naniar like gg\_miss\_var() 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

## Lab Part 1

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# **Recoding Variables**

# **Example of Recoding**

Say we have some data about samples in a diet study:

#### data\_diet

# A tibble: 12 × 4				
	Diet	Gender	Weight_start	Weight_change
	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>	<int></int>	<int></int>
1	Α	Male	225	3
2	В	m	105	-3
3	В	Other	229	18
4	Α	F	110	6
5	В	Female	159	2
6	В	M	199	14
7	Α	f	120	5
8	В	0	201	-9
9	В	Man	233	-5
10	Α	f	108	0
11	В	F	118	12
12	В	0	121	8

#### Oh dear...

This needs lots of recoding.

```
data_diet %>%
   count(Gender)

# A tibble: 9 × 2
Gender
```

```
# A tibble: 9 × 2
Gender n
<chr> 1 f 2
F 2
F 2
F 2
F 3
Female 1
Fe
```

#### dplyr can help!

Using Excel to find all of the different ways gender has been coded, could be hectic!

In dplyr you can use the recode function (need mutate here too!):

#### recode()

```
data_diet %>%
 mutate(Gender = recode(Gender, M = "Male",
                               m = "Male"
                             Man = "Male",
                               0 = "Other"
                               f = "Female"
                               F = "Female")) %>%
 count(Gender, Diet)
# A tibble: 5 \times 3
 Gender Diet n
 <chr> <chr> <int>
1 Female A
2 Female B
3 Male A
4 Male B
5 Other B
```

#### Or you can use case\_when()

The case\_when() function of dplyr can help us to do this as well.

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

```
data diet %>%
  mutate(Gender = case_when(Gender == "M" ~ "Male"))
# A tibble: 12 \times 4
   Diet Gender Weight_start Weight_change
   <chr> <chr>
                                      <int>
                        <int>
         <NA>
                          225
 2 B <NA>
                          105
 3 B
     <NA>
                          229
                                          18
  Α
      <NA>
                          110
                                          6
 5 B
        <NA>
                          159
 6 B
         Male
                          199
                                          14
 7 A
                                          5
         <NA>
                          120
 8 B
     <NA>
                          201
                                          -9
   В
        <NA>
                          233
                                          -5
10 A
                          108
        <NA>
                                          0
        <NA>
                                          12
11 B
                          118
                                                                         36/82
         <NA>
12 B
                          121
```

#### Use of case\_when() without automatic NA

Here we use the original values of Gender to replace all values of Gender that do not meet the condition == "M".

```
data diet %>%
  mutate(Gender = case_when(Gender == "M" ~ "Male")
                                      TRUE ~ Gender))
# A tibble: 12 \times 4
   Diet Gender Weight_start Weight_change
   <chr> <chr>
                                      <int>
                        <int>
 1 A
         Male
                          225
 2 B
                         105
         m
 3 B Other
                         229
                                         18
                         110
                                          6
 4 A
 5 B
     Female
                         159
 6 B
         Male
                                         14
                          199
 7 A
                                          5
         f
                          120
 8 B
                          201
                                          -9
 9 B
                         233
     Man
                                          -5
                          108
                          118
12 B
                          121
                                                                         37/82
```

#### More complicated case\_when()

```
data diet %>%
  mutate(Gender = case_when(
    Gender %in% c("M", "male", "Man", "m", "Male") ~ "Male", Gender %in% c("F", "Female", "f", "female")~ "Female", Gender %in% c("O", "Other") ~ "Other"))
# A tibble: 12 \times 4
   Diet Gender Weight_start Weight_change
   <chr> <chr>
                        <int>
                                       <int>
 1 A
                                            3
         Male
                           225
 2 B
                          105
         Male
 3 B Other
                                           18
                          229
                                            6
 4 A Female
                          110
 5 B Female
                      159
                                           14
         Male
                        199
                                            5
 7 A Female
                      120
 8 B
         0ther
                       201
                                           -9
 9 B
                          233
         Male
                                           -5
10 A Female
                          108
                                            0
11 B Female
                                           12
                          118
12 B
         Other
                          121
```

#### Another reason for case\_when()

case\_when can do very sophisticated comparisons

```
data diet <-data diet %>%
      mutate(Effect = case_when(Weight_change > 0 ~ "Increase",
                                Weight_change == 0 ~ "Same",
                                Weight_change < 0 ~ "Decrease"))</pre>
head(data_diet)
# A tibble: 6 \times 5
  Diet Gender Weight_start Weight_change Effect
  <chr> <chr>
                                    <int> <chr>
                      <int>
       Male
                        225
1 A
                                        3 Increase
2 B m
3 B Other
                        105
                                       -3 Decrease
                        229
                                       18 Increase
                        110
                                        6 Increase
4 A
5 B
    Female
                        159
                                        2 Increase
                        199
                                       14 Increase
# A tibble: 4 \times 3
  Diet Effect
  <chr> <chr> <int>
1 A Increase
2 A Same
3 B Decrease
4 B
       Increase
```

# Working with strings

## Strings in R

· R can do much more than find exact matches for a whole string!



#### The stringr package

#### The stringr package:

- Modifying or finding part or all of a character string
- We will not cover grep or gsub base R functions
  - are used on forums for answers
- Almost all functions start with str\_\*

#### stringr

str\_detect, and str\_replace search for matches to argument pattern within each element of a character vector (not data frame or tibble!).

- str\_detect returns TRUE if pattern is found
- str\_replace replaces pattern with replacement

#### str\_detect()

The string argument specifies what to check
The pattern argument specifies what to check for

```
x<-c("cat", "dog", "mouse")
str_detect(string = x, pattern = "d")</pre>
```

[1] FALSE TRUE FALSE

#### str\_replace()

The string argument specifies what to check
The pattern argument specifies what to check for
The replacement argument specifies what to replace the pattern with

```
x<-c("cat", "dog", "mouse")
str_replace(string = x, pattern = "d", replacement = "D")
[1] "cat" "Dog" "mouse"</pre>
```

#### Subsetting part of a string

str\_sub() allows you to subset part of a string
The string argument specifies what strings to work with The start argument
specifies position of where to start
The start argument specifies position of where to end

```
x<-c("cat", "dog", "mouse")
str_sub(string = x, start = 1, end = 2)
[1] "ca" "do" "mo"</pre>
```

#### filter and stringr functions

```
head(data\_diet, n = 4)
# A tibble: 4 \times 5
  Diet Gender Weight_start Weight_change Effect
                              <int> <chr>
  <chr> <chr>
                      <int>
1 A
       Male
                        225
                                         3 Increase
2 B m
3 B Other
                        105
                                        -3 Decrease
                        229
                                        18 Increase
                        110
                                         6 Increase
data_diet %>%
  filter(str_detect(string = Gender,
                    pattern = "M"))
# A tibble: 3 \times 5
  Diet Gender Weight_start Weight_change Effect
                              <int> <chr>
  <chr> <chr>
                      <int>
1 A
       Male
                        225
                                         3 Increase
2 B
3 B
                        199
       М
                                        14 Increase
                        233
       Man
                                        -5 Decrease
```

#### case\_when() improved with stringr

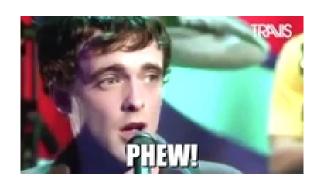
```
count(data_diet, Gender)
# A tibble: 9 \times 2
  Gender n
 <chr> <int>
1 f
2 F
3 Female
4 m
5 M
6 Male
7 Man
8 0
9 Other
data diet %>%
  mutate(Gender = case_when(
     Gender %in% c("M", "male", "Man", "m", "Male") ~ "Male", Gender %in% c("F", "Female", "f", "female")~ "Female", Gender %in% c("O", "Other") ~ "Other"))
```

#### case\_when() improved with stringr

^ indicates the beginning of a character string \$ indicates the end

```
data_diet %>%
  mutate(Gender = case_when(
    str_detect(string = Gender, pattern = "^m|^M") ~ "Male",
    str_detect(string = Gender, pattern = "^f|^F") ~ "Female",
    str_detect(string = Gender, pattern = "^o|^O") ~ "Other")) %>%
  count(Gender)
```

```
# A tibble: 3 × 2
Gender n
<chr> <int>
1 Female 5
2 Male 4
3 Other 3
```



# Separating and uniting data

#### What if our data looked like this?

#### diet\_comb

#### Separating columns based on a separator

The separate() function from tidyr can split a column into multiple columns. The col argument specifies what column to work with The into argument specifies names of new columns
The sep argument specifies what to separate by

#### **Uniting columns**

4 4 1

The unite() function can instead help combine columns. The col argument specifies new column name The sep argument specifies what separator to use when combining # A tibble:  $4 \times 2$ id visit <int> <int> 1 2 3 4 df\_united <- df %>% unite(col = "unique\_id", id, visit, sep = "\_") head(df\_united, 4) # A tibble:  $4 \times 1$ unique id <chr>> 1 1 1 2 2<u>1</u> 3 3<u>1</u>

#### Summary

- recode() can help with simple recoding (not based on condition but simple swap)
- case\_when() can recode entire values based on conditions
  - remember case\_when() needs TRUE ~ varaible to keep values that aren't specified by conditions, otherwise will be NA
- stringr package has great functions for looking for specific parts of values especially filter() and str\_detect() combined
  - also has other useful string manipulation functions like str\_replace() and more!
  - separate() can split columns into additional columns
  - unite() can combine columns

#### Lab Part 2

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# Extra Slides

## String Splitting

str\_split(string, pattern) - splits strings up - returns list!

#### A bit on Regular Expressions

- http://www.regular-expressions.info/reference.html
- · They can use to match a large number of strings in one statement
- · . matches any single character
- \* means repeat as many (even if 0) more times the last character
- · ? makes the last thing optional
- ^ matches start of vector ^a starts with "a"
- \$ matches end of vector b\$ ends with "b"

## Let's look at modifiers for stringr

#### ?modifiers

- fixed match everything exactly
- ignore\_case is an option to not have to use tolower

#### Using a fixed expression

One example case is when you want to split on a period ".". In regular expressions . means **ANY** character, so we need to specify that we want R to interpret "." as simply a period.

#### Pasting strings with paste and paste0

Paste can be very useful for joining vectors together:

```
paste("Visit", 1:5, sep = "_")
[1] "Visit_1" "Visit_2" "Visit_3" "Visit_4" "Visit_5"
paste("Visit", 1:5, sep = "_", collapse = "_")
[1] "Visit_1_Visit_2_Visit_3_Visit_4_Visit_5"
# and paste0 can be even simpler see ?paste0
paste0("Visit",1:5) # no space!
[1] "Visit1" "Visit2" "Visit3" "Visit4" "Visit5"
!- # Before Cleaning - Subsetting with Brackets ->
->
-> -> ->
```

# Comparison of stringr to base R - not covered

# **Splitting Strings**

## Substringing

stringr

str\_split(string, pattern) - splits strings up - returns list!

#### Splitting String:

In stringr, str\_split splits a vector on a string into a list

#### 'Find' functions: stringr compared to base R

Base R does not use these functions. Here is a "translator" of the stringr function to base R functions

- str\_detect similar to grep1 (return logical)
- grep(value = FALSE) is similar to which(str\_detect())
- str\_subset similar to grep(value = TRUE) return value of matched
- str\_replace similar to sub replace one time
- str\_replace\_all similar to gsub replace many times

#### **Important Comparisons**

#### Base R:

- Argument order is (pattern, x)
- Uses option (fixed = TRUE)

#### stringr

- Argument order is (string, pattern) aka (x, pattern)
- Uses function fixed(pattern)

#### some data to work with

Sal = read\_salaries() # or

### Showing difference in str\_extract

str\_extract extracts just the matched string

```
ss = str_extract(Sal$Name, "Rawling")
Warning: Unknown or uninitialised column: `Name`.
head(ss)
character(0)
ss[ !is.na(ss)]
character(0)
```

### Showing difference in str\_extract and str\_extract\_all

str\_extract\_all extracts all the matched strings

```
head(str_extract(Sal$AgencyID, "\\d"))

[1] "0" "2" "6" "9" "4" "9"

head(str_extract_all(Sal$AgencyID, "\\d"), 2)

[[1]]
[1] "0" "3" "0" "3" "1"

[[2]]
[1] "2" "9" "0" "4" "5"
```

#### **Using Regular Expressions**

- Look for any name that starts with:
  - Payne at the beginning,
  - Leonard and then an S
  - Spence then capital C

```
head(grep("^Payne.*", x = Sal$name, value = TRUE), 3)

[1] "Payne El,Boaz L" "Payne El,Jackie"

[3] "Payne Johnson,Nickole A"

head(grep("Leonard.?S", x = Sal$name, value = TRUE))

[1] "Payne,Leonard S" "Szumlanski,Leonard S"

head(grep("Spence.*C.*", x = Sal$name, value = TRUE))

[1] "Spencer,Charles A" "Spencer,Clarence W" "Spencer,Michael C"
```

#### Using Regular Expressions: stringr

#### Replace

Let's say we wanted to sort the data set by Annual Salary:

```
class(Sal$AnnualSalary)
[1] "character"
sort(c("1", "2", "10")) # not sort correctly (order simply ranks the data)
[1] "1" "10" "2"
order(c("1", "2", "10"))
[1] 1 3 2
```

#### Replace

So we must change the annual pay into a numeric:

```
head(Sal$AnnualSalary, 4)

[1] "$55314.00" "$74000.00" "$64500.00" "$46309.00"

head(as.numeric(Sal$AnnualSalary), 4)

Warning in head(as.numeric(Sal$AnnualSalary), 4): NAs introduced by coercion

[1] NA NA NA NA

R didn't like the $ so it thought turned them all to NA.

sub() and gsub() can do the replacing part in base R.
```

#### Replacing and subbing

Now we can replace the \$ with nothing (used fixed=TRUE because \$ means ending):

```
Sal$AnnualSalary <- as.numeric(gsub(pattern = "$", replacement="",
                              Sal$AnnualSalary, fixed=TRUE))
Sal <- Sal[order(Sal$AnnualSalary, decreasing=TRUE), ]
Sal[1:5, c("name", "AnnualSalary", "JobTitle")]
# A tibble: 5 \times 3
                 AnnualSalary JobTitle
  name
  <chr>
                         <dbl> <chr>
1 Mosby, Marilyn J
                        238772 STATE'S ATTORNEY
2 Batts, Anthony W
                        211785 Police Commissioner
3 Wen, Leana
                        200000 Executive Director III
4 Raymond, Henry J
                        192500 Executive Director III
5 Swift, Michael
                        187200 CONTRACT SERV SPEC II
```

#### Replacing and subbing: stringr

We can do the same thing (with 2 piping operations!) in dplyr

```
dplyr_sal = Sal
dplyr_sal = dplyr_sal %>% mutate(
   AnnualSalary = AnnualSalary %>%
    str_replace(
        fixed("$"),
        "") %>%
    as.numeric) %>%
   arrange(desc(AnnualSalary))
check_Sal = Sal
rownames(check_Sal) = NULL
all.equal(check_Sal, dplyr_sal)
```

[1] TRUE

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# Extra slides

A two-way table. If you pass in 2 vectors, table creates a 2-dimensional table.

```
tab <- table(c(0, 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 3, 2,2, 3), c(0, 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 3, 4, 4, 3), useNA = "always") tab
```

```
0 1 2 3 4 <NA>
0 1 0 0 0 0 0
1 0 1 0 0 0
2 0 0 2 0 2
3 0 0 0 4 0
<NA> 0 0 0 0 0 0
```