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. The amount of these values

Check if rare values make sense. (You need a data frame to use this)

```
library(jhur)
bike <- read_bike()

bike %>% count(subType)

# A tibble: 4 × 2
```

```
# A tibble: 4 × 1
subType n
<chr> <chr> <int>
1 STCLN 1
2 STRALY 3
3 STRPRD 1623
4 <NA> 4
```

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, (vector or data frame).

```
#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
   Ozone Solar.R Wind
                           Temp Month
                                          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()

[1] 75.81699

```
pct_complete(airquality)

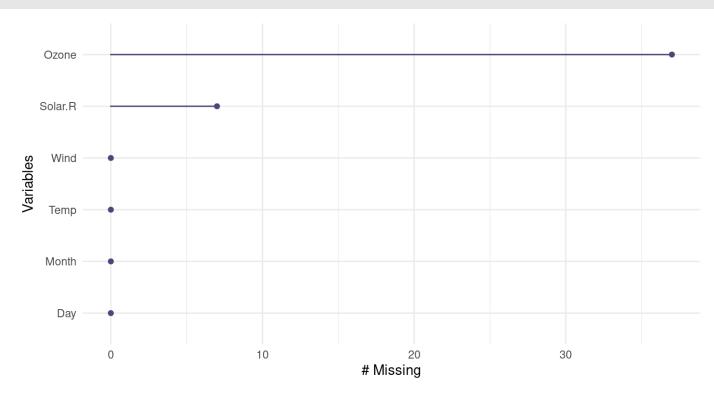
[1] 95.20697

airquality %>% select(Ozone) %>%
pct_complete()
```

naniar plots

The gg_miss_var() function creates a nice plot about the number of missing values for each variable, (need a data frame).

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
```

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!

```
df <-tibble(Dog = c(0, NA, 2, 3, 1, 1),
Cat = c(NA, 8, 6, NA, 2, NA))
```

```
df
```

```
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
```

```
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. (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.

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

[1] "Dog" "Cat"

Use the miss_var_which() function from naniar

Drop columns with any missing values

miss_var_which and function from naniar (need a data frame)

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

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

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
        8
     NA
df %>% mutate(Dog = na_if(x = Dog, y = 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

THINK ABOUT YOUR DATA FIRST!

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 if it was too low and also if there was a different issue (like no one reported)?

Think about NA

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

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.!

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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 don't drop them if you shouldn't

Lab Part 1

Class Website Lab

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>
                                         <int>
                         <int>
         Male
                           225
                                             3
                                            -3
 2 B
                           105
         m
 3
                                            18
   В
         Other
                           229
                                             6 2
   Α
          F
                           110
         Female
   В
                           159
   В
                           199
                                            14
         M
                                             5
                           120
                                            -9
   В
                           201
          0
   В
         Man
                           233
                                            -5
                           108
                                             0
10 A
                                            12
11 B
                           118
12 B
                           121
```

Oh dear...

This needs lots of recoding.

```
Gender n <chr> <chr> <int>
1 f 2
2 F 2
3 Female 1
4 m 1
5 M 1
6 Male 1
7 Man 1
8 0 2
9 Other 1
```

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
                                                                         39/88
         <NA>
12 B
                          121
```

Use of case_when() without automatic NA

::: codeexample

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 × 4
   Diet Gender Weight_start Weight_change
   <chr> <chr>
                       <int>
                                      <int>
         Male
                         225
 1 A
 2 B
                         105
         m
 3 B
     Other
                         229
                                         18
                                          6
 4 A
                         110
 5 B
     Female
                         159
 6 B
                                         14
         Male
                         199
 7 A
                         120
 8 B
                         201
                                         -9
                         233
         Man
                                                                        40/88
                         108
                         118
11 R
```

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
                           110
                                            6
 4 A Female
 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")
[1] FALSE TRUE FALSE</pre>
```

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 end 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

That was easier!



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: 4×2 id visit <int> <int> 1 2 3 4 df_united <- df %>% unite(col = "unique_id", id, visit, sep = "_") head(df_united, 4) # A tibble: 4×1 unique id <chr>> 1 1 1 2 2<u>1</u> 3 3<u>1</u>

Combining multiple columns next to one another

Combining multiple columns next to one another

museums

```
# A tibble: 3 \times 5
                            street city State zip
 name
                            <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr>
 <chr>
1 Baltimore Museum of Art 10 Art Museum Dr Baltimore MD 21218
                   600 N Charles St Baltimore MD 21201
2 Walters Art Museum
3 American Visionary Art Museum 800 Key Hwy Baltimore MD 21230
museums %>% unite(col = address, street:zip, sep = ", ")
# A tibble: 3 \times 2
                            address
 name
 <chr>
                            <chr>
1 Baltimore Museum of Art 10 Art Museum Dr, Baltimore, MD, 21218
                   600 N Charles St, Baltimore, MD, 21201
2 Walters Art Museum
3 American Visionary Art Museum 800 Key Hwy, Baltimore, MD, 21230
```

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"
```

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

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 0
3 0 0 0 4 0 0
<NA> 0 0 0 0 0 0
```