Data Cleaning

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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 take a positive number (or negative number) by 0.

Finding Missing data

Each missing data type has a function that returns TRUE if the data is missing:

- · NA-is.na
- · NaN-is.nan
- Inf and -Inf is.infinite

Useful checking functions

· is.na - is TRUE if the data is FALSE otherwise · ! - negation (NOT) - if is.na(x) is TRUE, then !is.na(x) is FALSE · 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

naniar

Sometimes you need to look at lots of data though... the naniar package 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)
naniar::pct_complete(x)
[1] 85.71429
```

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>
            <int> <dbl> <int> <int> <int>
      41
              190
                   7.4
                            67
                                    5
 1
                                          2
 2
                                    5
      36
                            72
              118
                    8
 3
                                    5
                                          3
      12
              149
                   12.6
                            74
                                          4
 4
                                    55555
                            62
      18
              313
                   11.5
 5
                                          5
                            56
      NA
                   14.3
               NA
                                          67
 6
      28
                   14.9
                            66
               NA
      23
              299
                   8.6
                            65
 8
                                          8
      19
               99
                   13.8
                            59
                                    5
 9
                                          9
       8
               19
                   20.1
                            61
10
                                         10
      NA
              194
                    8.6
                            69
    with 143 more rows
```

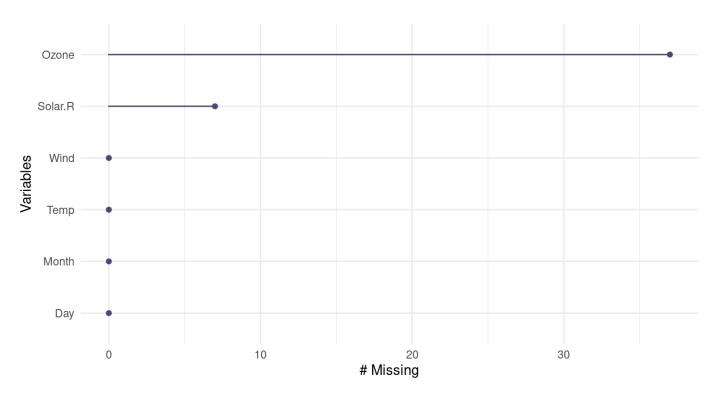
naniar: pct_complete()

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.

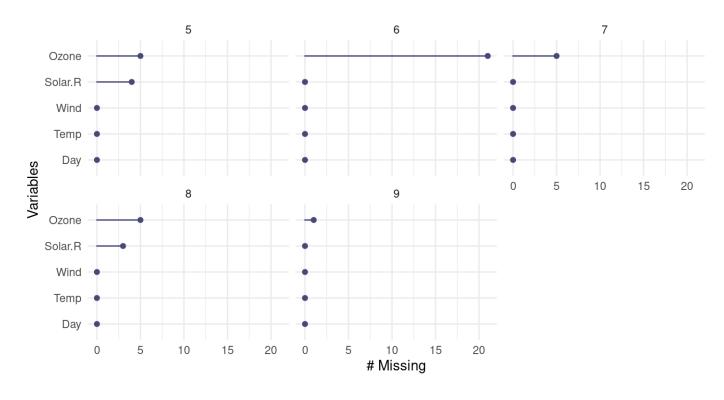
naniar::gg_miss_var(airqual)



naniar plots

We can use the facet argument to make more plots about a specific variable.

naniar::gg_miss_var(airqual, facet = Month)



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 logicals. This is a good thing. The NA data could be > 2 or not, we don't know, so R says there is no TRUE or FALSE, so that is missing.

$$x = c(0, NA, 2, 3, 4, -0.5, 0.2)$$

 $x > 2$

[1] FALSE NA FALSE TRUE TRUE FALSE FALSE

filter() and missing data

Be careful with missing data using subsetting:

filter() removes missing values by default. To keep them need to add
is.na():

x # looks like the 1st and 3rd element should be TRUE

[1] 0.0 NA 2.0 3.0 4.0 -0.5 0.2

 \times %in% c(0, 2) # uh oh - not good!

[1] TRUE FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE

 $x \%in\% c(0, 2) \mid is.na(x) # do this$

[1] TRUE TRUE TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE

filter() and missing data

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

to remove rows with NAs for one variable use drop_na()

Avoid using filter for NA values. Instead use drop_na()

```
df %>% drop_na(Dog)
# A tibble: 5 × 2
    Dog Cat
    <dbl> <dbl>
1    0    NA
2    2    6
3    3    NA
4    1    2
5    1   NA
```

!NAdoes not work as you might expect because you can't tell if something is not actuallyNA- R doesn't ever assume to know what the value ofNA`is

```
NA == NA

[1] NA

NA != NA

[1] NA
```

tidyr::drop_na

This function will drop rows with **any** missing data in **any** column when used on a df.

```
df
# A tibble: 6 × 2
   Dog Cat
 <dbl> <dbl>
     0
1
          NA
2
    NA
          NA
5
     1
         2
6
     1
          NA
drop_na(df)
# A tibble: 2 × 2
   Dog Cat
 <dbl> <dbl>
1
2
     1
```

Drop columns with any missing values

```
df<-df %>% mutate(test =c(1,2,3,4,5,6))
miss_var_which(df)

[1] "Dog" "Cat"

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)
       Dog
            Cat test
            TRUE FALSE
            TRUE FALSE
     FALSE FALSE
[6,] FALSE TRUE FALSE
colMeans(is.na(df))
      Dog
                 Cat
                          test
0.1666667 0.5000000 0.0000000
df %>% select(which(colMeans(is.na(df)) < 0.2))</pre>
# A tibble: 6 \times 2
    Dog test
  <dbl> <dbl>
      0
1
2
3
4
5
     NA
```

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.

```
na_if(vector to change, value to replace with NA)
df %>% select(Dog) %>% na_if(0)
# A tibble: 6 \times 1
    Dog
  <dbl>
123456
     NA
     NA
df \%>\% mutate(Dog = na_if(Dog, 0))
# A tibble: 6 × 3
           Cat test
    Dog
  <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
     NA
            NA
2
3
4
5
6
     NA
            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 \times 2
  color col_count
  <chr>
            <int>
1 blue
                 3
2 red
                 3
3 <NA>
                 3
red_blue %>% mutate(percent =
                       col_count/sum(pull(red_blue, col_count)))
# A tibble: 3 \times 3
  color col_count percent
  <chr>
            <int> <dbl>
1 blue
                    0.333
                    0.333
2 red
3 <NA>
                    0.333
```

Word of caution

```
red_blue %>% mutate(percent =
                     col_count/sum(pull(drop_na(red_blue), col_count)))
# A tibble: 3 × 3
  color col_count percent
  <chr>
           <int>
                  <dbl>
1 blue
               3
                   0.5
2 red
                  0.5
3 <NA>
               3
                   0.5
# Should you be dividing by 9 or 6? It depends on your data
# Pay attention to your data and your NAs!
```

Check values

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

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

- 1. The unique values
- 2. the amount of these values

Check if rare values make sense

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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	179	4
2	В	m	249	3
3	В	Other	200	9
4	Α	F	210	19
5	В	Female	236	13
6	В	M	232	-7
7	Α	f	243	15
8	В	0	231	10
9	В	Man	197	-3
10	Α	f	202	18
11	В	F	189	-8
12	В	0	169	14

Oh dear...

This needs lots of recoding.

dplyr can help!

Using Excel to find all of the different ways **gender** has been coded, would be a matter of filtering and changing all by hand or using if statements. This can be hectic!

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

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.

Use of case_when()

```
data_diet %>%
  mutate(Gender = case_when(Gender =="M" ~ "Male"))
# A tibble: 12 \times 4
   Diet Gender Weight_start Weight_change
   <chr> <chr>
                         <int>
                                        <int>
 1 A
         <NA>
                           179
                                            4
                                            3
 2 B
         <NA>
                           249
 3 B
         <NA>
                           200
         <NA>
                           210
                                           19
   В
         <NA>
                           236
                                           13
                           232
         Male
                                           -7
                           243
         <NA>
                                           15
 8 B
         <NA>
                           231
                                           10
 9 B
         <NA>
                           197
                                           -3
10 A
                           202
                                           18
         <NA>
11 B
         <NA>
                           189
                                           -8
12 B
         <NA>
                           169
                                           14
```

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>
          Male
                            179
 1 A
 2 B
          Male
                            249
 3 B
          0ther
                            200
 4 A Female
                            210
                                              19
 5 B Female
                            236
                                             13
 6 B
          Male
                            232
                                             -7
          Female
                            243
                                             15
 8 B
          0ther
                            231
                                             10
 9 B
          Male
                            197
                                             -3
10 A Female
                            202
                                             18
11 B Female
                            189
                                             -8
12 B
          Other
                            169
                                              14
```

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>
                                    <int> <chr>
       Male
                        179
                                        4 Increase
1 A
2 B
                        249
                                        3 Increase
    Other
3 B
                       200
                                        9 Increase
                       210
4 A
                                       19 Increase
5 B
    Female
                        236
                                       13 Increase
6 B
                        232
                                       -7 Decrease
# A tibble: 3 \times 3
  Diet Effect
                     n
  <chr> <chr>
                 <int>
1 A
        Increase
2 B Decrease
       Increase
```

What if our data looked like this?

```
diet_comb
```

Separating columns based on a separator

From tidyr, you can split a data set into multiple columns:

Separating columns based on a separator

You can specify the separator with sep.

Uniting columns based on a separator

From tidyr, you can unite:

```
df = tibble(id = rep(1:5, 3), visit = rep(1:3, each = 5))
head(df, 4)
# A tibble: 4 \times 2
     id visit
  <int> <int>
      1
23
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_1
3 3_1
4 4_1
```

Strings functions

Splitting/Find/Replace and Regular Expressions

· 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

Download Salary FY2014 Data

Sal = jhur::read_salaries() # or

From https://data.baltimorecity.gov/City-Government/Baltimore-City-Employee-Salaries-FY2015/nsfe-bg53, from https://data.baltimorecity.gov/api/views/nsfe-bg53/rows.csv

Read the CSV into R Sal:

```
head(Sal)
# A tibble: 6 \times 7
                                      AgencyID Agency HireDate AnnualSalary
                          JobTitle
                                                                                  GrossPay
  name
  <chr>
                          <chr>
                                       <chr>
                                                 <chr> <chr>
                                                                    <chr>
                                                                                   <chr>
                                                 OED-E... 10/24/1... $55314.00
1 Aaron, Patricia G
                          Facilitie... A03031
                                                                                   $53626....
2 Aaron, Petra L
                                                 State... 09/25/2... $74000.00
                          ASSISTANT... A29045
                                                                                   $73000 ....
3 Abaineh, Yohannes T
                                                 HLTH-... 07/23/2... $64500.00
                          EPIDEMIOL... A65026
                                                                                   $64403....
4 Abbene, Anthony M
                          POLICE OF... A99005
                                                 Polic... 07/24/2... $46309.00
                                                                                   $59620 ....
5 Abbey, Emmanuel
                          CONTRACT ... A40001
                                                 M-R I... 05/01/2... $60060.00
                                                                                   $54059 ....
6 Abbott-Cole, Michelle CONTRACT ... A90005
                                                 TRANS... 11/28/2... $42702.00
                                                                                   $20250 ....
```

'Find'str_detect() function: finding values: stringr

Sal %>% filter(str_detect(name, "Rawlings")) # A tibble: 3×7 JobTitle AgencyID Agency HireDate AnnualSalary GrossPay name <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr> M-R I... 01/06/2... \$48940.00 \$73356.... 1 Rawlings, Kellye A EMERGEN... A40302 2 Rawlings, Paula M R&P-R... 12/10/2... \$19802.00 COMMUNI... A04015 \$10443.... 3 Rawlings-Blake, Stepha... MAYOR A01001 Mayor... 12/07/1... \$167449.00 \$165249...

Showing difference in str_replace and str_replace_all

str_replace replaces only the first instance.

```
head(pull(Sal, JobTitle))
    "Facilities/Office Services II" "ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY"
3] "EPIDEMIOLOGIST"
                                      "POLICE OFFICER"
[5] "CONTRACT SERV SPEC II" "CONTRACT SERV SPEC II"
head(str_replace(pull(Sal, JobTitle), "II", "2"))
    "Facilities/Office Services 2" "ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY"
[3] "EPIDEMIOLOGIST" "POLICE OFFICER" [5] "CONTRACT SERV SPEC 2" "CONTRACT SERV SPEC 2"
    "EPIDEMIOLOGIST"
str_replace replaces all instances.
head(str_replace_all(pull(Sal, name), "a", "j"), 2)
[1] "Ajron, Pjtricij G" "Ajron, Petrj L"
```

Lab Part 2

lab part 2

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Extra Slides

String Splitting

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 ->
->
-> -> ->
```

Using Regular Expressions

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

```
head(str_subset( Sal$name, "^Payne.*"), 3)

[1] "Payne El,Boaz L" "Payne El,Jackie"
[3] "Payne Johnson,Nickole A"

head(str_subset( Sal$name, "Leonard.?S"))

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

head(str_subset( Sal$name, "Spence.*C.*"))

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

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

str_extract

str_extract extracts matched strings - \\d searches for DIGITS/numbers
head(Sal\$AgencyID)
[1] "A03031" "A29045" "A65026" "A99005" "A40001" "A90005"
head(str_extract(Sal\$AgencyID, "\\d"))
[1] "0" "2" "6" "9" "4" "9"

'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)

'Find' functions: Finding Indices

These are the indices where the pattern match occurs:

```
grep("Rawlings", Sal$Name)
Warning: Unknown or uninitialised column: `Name`.
integer(0)
which(grepl("Rawlings", Sal$Name))
Warning: Unknown or uninitialised column: `Name`.
integer(0)
which(str_detect(Sal$Name, "Rawlings"))
Warning: Unknown or uninitialised column: `Name`.
integer(0)
```

'Find' functions: Finding Logicals

These are the indices where the pattern match occurs:

```
head(grepl("Rawlings", Sal$Name))
Warning: Unknown or uninitialised column: `Name`.
logical(0)
head(str_detect(Sal$Name, "Rawlings"))
Warning: Unknown or uninitialised column: `Name`.
logical(0)
```

'Find' functions: finding values, base R

```
grep("Rawlings", Sal$Name, value=TRUE)
Warning: Unknown or uninitialised column: `Name`.
character(0)
Sal[grep("Rawlings", Sal$Name),]
Warning: Unknown or uninitialised column: `Name`.

# A tibble: 0 × 7
# ... with 7 variables: name <chr>, JobTitle <chr>, AgencyID <chr>, # HireDate <chr>, AnnualSalary <chr>, GrossPay <chr>
```

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,
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 - 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

```
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head(str_subset( Sal$name, "Leonard.?S"))

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

head(str_subset( Sal$name, "Spence.*C.*"))

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

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):

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
```