# **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
- 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
- class() can test what class an object is
- Logic class objects only have TRUE or False (without quotes)
- Two kinds of numeric subclasses integer (whole numbers) and double (fractional values)
- Character class values need quotes
- Factors are a special character class that has levels
- 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 Inf or -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() can help you check if there are any NA values in a vector
test
[1] NaN NA -Inf
any(is.na(test))
[1] TRUE
```

## Finding NA values with count ()

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

count() is a great option because it helps you check if rare values make sense.

## naniar

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

#install.packages("naniar")
library(naniar)



"Artwork by @allison\_horst". https://allisonhorst.com/

## naniar: pct\_complete()

This can tell you if there are missing values in the dataset.

```
pct_complete(bike)
[1] 89.21589
Or for a particular variable:
bike%>% select(route) %>%
pct_complete()
[1] 22.19497
```

## naniar:miss\_var\_summary()

To get the percent missing (and counts) for each variable as a table, use this function.

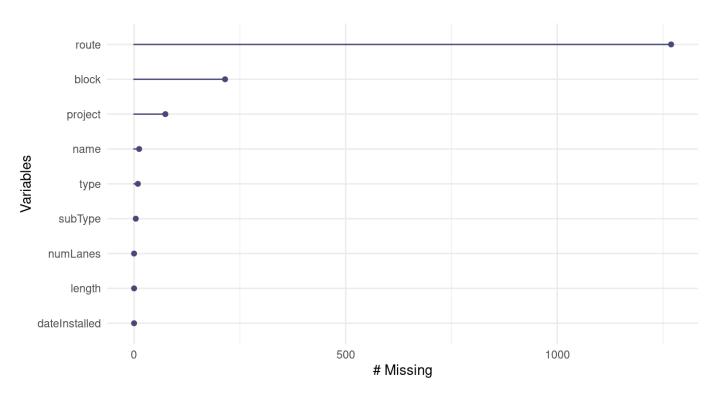
```
miss_var_summary(bike)
```

```
# A tibble: 9 \times 3
 variable n miss pct miss
 <chr>
              <int>
                        <num>
1 route
                1269 77.8
2 block
               215
                       13.2
3 project
                  74 4.54
                     0.736
4 name
                  12
5 type
                        0.552
6 subType
                        0.245
7 numLanes
8 length
9 dateInstalled
```

## 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(bike)



## 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
```

## 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, TRUE, FALSE, NA)
sum(x)
[1] NA
sum(x, na.rm = TRUE)
[1] 4</pre>
```

## 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!

## filter() and missing data

What if NA values represent values that are so low it is undetectable?

Filter will drop them from the data.

## filter() and missing data

is.na() can help us keep them.

```
bike %>% filter(subType == "STCLN" | is.na(subType))
# A tibble: 5 \times 9
  subType name
                        block type numLanes project route length dateInstalled
                                       <dbl> <chr>
  <chr>
         <chr>
                        <chr> <chr>
                                                    <chr> <dbl>
                                                                         <dbl>
1 <NA> <NA>
                                           1 GUILFO... <NA>
                        <NA> BIKE...
                                                           436.
2 <NA> <NA>
                        <NA> SIDE...
                                                    NORT...
                                                           1025.
                                                                          2010
                                          1 <NA>
3 <NA> <NA>
                                         1 SOUTHE... <NA>
                        <NA> SIGN...
                                                           3749.
                                                                          2010
4 <NA> HUNTINGDON PA... <NA> SIDE...
                                        1 <NA> <NA>
                                                              0
5 STCLN
         EDMONDSON AVE 5300... BIKE...
                                        1 OPERAT... <NA>
                                                            181.
                                                                          2011
```

0

0

## 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. Also consider if you need those rows for values for other variables.

```
dim(bike)
[1] 1631 9
bike_drop <- bike %>% drop_na(route)
dim(bike_drop)
[1] 362 9
```

#### Let's take a look

Can still have NAs for other columns

bike\_drop

```
# A tibble: 362 × 9
   subType name
                            block type
                                         numLanes project route length dateInstalled
                                             <dbl> <chr>
   <chr>
            <chr>
                            <chr> <chr>
                                                             <chr> <dbl>
                                                                                    <dbl>
 1 <NA>
                                                            NORT... 1025.
                                                                                     2010
            <NA>
                            <NA>
                                  SIDE...
                                                 1 <NA>
 2 STRALY
            WINSTON-ROSS... 1200... SIGN...
                                                 2 COLLEG... COLL...
                                                                    148.
                                                                                     2007
            WINSTON-ROSS... 1200... SIGN...
                                                                    366.
                                                                                     2007
 3 STRALY
                                                 2 COLLEG... COLL...
 4 STRALY
            WINSTON-STON... 1200... SIGN...
                                                 2 COLLEG... COLL...
                                                                    262.
                                                                                     2007
 5 STRPRD
            <NA>
                            <NA>
                                  SIGN...
                                                 1 COLLEG... COLL...
                                                                    49.3
                                                                                     2007
 6 STRPRD
            <NA>
                            <NA> SIGN...
                                                 1 COLLEG... COLL...
                                                                    70.0
                                                                                     2007
 7 STRPRD
            <NA>
                            <NA> SIGN...
                                                 1 COLLEG... COLL...
                                                                    765.
                                                                                     2007
                                               2 COLLEG... COLL...
 8 STRPRD
            <NA>
                            <NA>
                                  SIGN...
                                                                    170.
                                                                                     2007
 9 STRPRD
                            <NA>
                                               2 COLLEG... COLL... 1724.
                                                                                     2007
            <NA>
                                  SIGN...
10 STRPRD
            ALBEMARLE ST
                            100 ... SIGN...
                                                 1 SOUTHE... LITT... 250.
                                                                                     2011
# 0 352 more rows
```

## 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.

```
bike drop <- bike %>% drop_na()
bike drop
# A tibble: 257 × 9
   subType name
                           block type numLanes project route length dateInstalled
   <chr>
                           <chr> <chr>
                                           <dbl> <chr>
                                                                 <dbl>
                                                                                 <dbl>
           <chr>
                                                          <chr>
 1 STRALY WINSTON-ROSS... 1200... SIGN...
                                               2 COLLEG... COLL...
                                                                   148.
                                                                                  2007
                                             2 COLLEG... COLL...
 2 STRALY WINSTON-ROSS... 1200... SIGN...
                                                                   366.
                                                                                  2007
                                            2 COLLEG... COLL...
                                                                   262.
 3 STRALY
           WINSTON-STON... 1200... SIGN...
                                                                                  2007
 4 STRPRD
           ALBEMARLE ST
                           100 ... SIGN...
                                            1 SOUTHE... LITT...
                                                                   250.
                                                                                  2011
 5 STRPRD
           ALBEMARLE ST
                           100 ... SIGN...
                                          1 SOUTHE... LITT...
                                                                   257.
                                                                                  2011
                                          1 SOUTHE... LITT...
 6 STRPRD ALBEMARLE ST
                           200 ... SIGN...
                                                                   251.
                                                                                  2011
                                           1 SOUTHE... LITT...
                           200 ... SIGN...
 7 STRPRD ALBEMARLE ST
                                                                   252.
                                                                                  2011
                                            1 SOUTHE... LITT...
                                                                  252.
 8 STRPRD ALBEMARLE ST
                          300 ... SIGN...
                                                                                  2011
                                             1 SOUTHE... LITT...
 9 STRPRD ALBEMARLE ST UNIT... SIGN...
                                                                  130.
                                                                                  2011
10 STRPRD ALBEMARLE ST UNIT... SIGN...
                                               1 SOUTHE... LITT...
                                                                   143.
                                                                                  2011
# 0 247 more rows
```

# Drop columns with any missing values

Use the miss\_var\_which() function from naniar
miss\_var\_which(bike)# which columns have missing values
[1] "subType" "name" "block" "type" "project" "route"

## Drop columns with any missing values

miss\_var\_which and function from naniar (need a data frame)

```
bike_drop <- bike %>% select(!miss_var_which(bike))
bike_drop
# A tibble: 1,631 × 3
   numLanes length dateInstalled
      <dbl> <dbl>
                          <dbl>
         1 436.
 1
                               0
         1 1025.
                            2010
 3
         1 3749.
                            2010
              0
                              0
 4
         1 181.
                            2011
 5
         2 148.
                            2007
 6
         2 366.
                            2007
         2 262.
                            2007
         1 696.
                            2009
         1 43.1
                            2007
10
# [ 1,621 more rows
```

## Change a value to be NA

Let's say we think that all 0 values should be NA.

count(bike, dateInstalled)

```
# A tibble: 9 \times 2
  dateInstalled
                        n
            <dbl> <int>
                      126
                 0
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
             2006
                      368
             2007
             2008
                      206
                       86
             2009
                      625
             2010
             2011
                      101
8
             2012
                      107
             2013
                       10
```

## Change a value to be NA

The na\_if() function of dplyr can be helpful for changing all 0 values to NA.

```
bike <- bike %>%
  mutate(dateInstalled = na_if(dateInstalled, 0))
count(bike, dateInstalled)
# A tibble: 9 \times 2
  dateInstalled
                      n
           <dbl> <int>
            2006
12345678
            2007
                   368
            2008
                   206
                   86
            2009
                   625
            2010
            2011
                   101
            2012
                   107
            2013
                   10
              NA
                   126
```

## Change NA to be a value

The replace\_na() function (part of the tidyr package), can do the opposite of na\_if(). (note that you must use numeric values as replacement - we will show how to replace with character strings soon)

```
bike %>%
  mutate(dateInstalled = replace_na(dateInstalled, 2005)) %>%
  count(dateInstalled)
# A tibble: 9 × 2
  dateInstalled
                     n
          <dbl> <int>
1
           2005
                   126
2
                     2
           2006
3
           2007
                   368
                   206
4
           2008
5
           2009
                    86
6
           2010
                   625
7
           2011
                   101
8
           2012
                   107
9
           2013
                    10
```

## 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.!

This is because the denominator changes.

## Word of caution - Percentages with NA

```
count(bike, dateInstalled) %>% mutate(percent = (n/(sum(n)) *100))
# A tibble: 9 \times 3
  dateInstalled
                    n percent
          <dbl> <int> <dbl>
                      0.123
           2006
123456789
                  368 22.6
           2007
           2008
                  206
                       12.6
           2009
                   86
                      5.27
                      38.3
           2010
                  625
           2011
                  101
                      6.19
           2012
                  107
                      6.56
           2013
                 10
                      0.613
             NA
                  126
                      7.73
```

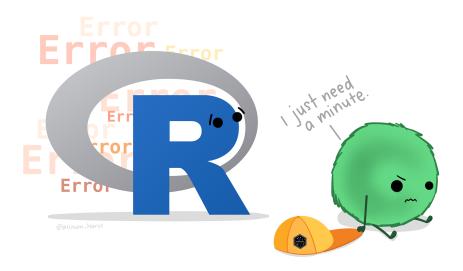
## Word of caution - Percentages with NA

```
bike %>% drop_na(dateInstalled) %>%
  count(dateInstalled) %>% mutate(percent = (n/(sum(n)) *100))
# A tibble: 8 \times 3
  dateInstalled
                    n percent
          <dbl> <int>
                        <dbl>
1234567
           2006
                      0.133
           2007
                  368 24.5
           2008
                  206
                      13.7
           2009
                   86
                      5.71
                  625 41.5
           2010
           2011
                  101
                      6.71
                      7.11
           2012
                  107
8
                      0.664
           2013
                   10
```

Should you be dividing by the total count with NA values included? It depends on your data and what NA might mean. Pay attention to your data and your NA values!

# Don't forget about the common issues

- Extra or Missing commas
- Extra or Missing parentheses
- Case sensitivity
- Spelling



## Summary

- is.na(),any(is.na()), all(is.na()),count(), and functions from naniar like gg\_miss\_var() and miss\_var\_summary can help determine if we have NA values
- miss\_var\_which() can help you drop columns that have any missing 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
- na\_if() will make NA values for a particular value
- replace\_na() will replace `NA values with a particular value

# Lab Part 1

- Class Website
- Lab

# **Recoding Variables**

## Example of Recoding

#### Reading in the data if it were an excel sheet

Data is also here:

http://jhudatascience.org/intro\_to\_r/data/cleaning\_diet\_data.xlsx

```
library(readxl)
data_diet<- read_excel(here::here("data", "cleaning_diet_data.xlsx"))</pre>
```

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

data\_diet

# A tibble: 12 × 4				
	Diet	Treatment	Weight_start	Weight_change
	<chr></chr>	<chr></chr>	<dbl></dbl>	<db1></db1>
1	Α	Ginger	164	16
2	В	Ginger	104	-4
3	В	Other	233	-7
4	Α	peppermint	173	1
5	В	peppermint	242	9
6	В	Ginger	190	6
7	Α	Mint	119	-5
8	В	0	121	0
9	В	Ginger	229	-1
10	Α	mint	125	-3
11	В	Mint	129	13
12	В	0	222	15

#### Oh dear...

This needs lots of recoding.

#### dplyr can help!

Using Excel to find all of the different ways Treatment has been coded, could be hectic! In dplyr you can use the case\_when function.

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

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

It is more flexible and powerful.

(need mutate here too!)

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

#### Need quotes for conditions and new values!

#### What happened?

We seem to have NA values!

We didn't specify what happens to values that were already Other or Ginger.

#### case\_when() drops unspecified values

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 the column

#### case\_when with TRUE ~ original variable name

```
data diet %>%
 mutate(Treatment_recoded = case_when(
                             Treatment == "0" ~ "Other",
                             Treatment == "Mint" ~ "Peppermint",
                             Treatment == "mint" ~ "Peppermint",
                             Treatment == "peppermint" ~ "Peppermint",
                              TRUE ~ Treatment)) %>%
 count(Treatment, Treatment recoded)
# A tibble: 6 \times 3
 Treatment Treatment_recoded
 <chr> <chr>
                             <int>
1 Ginger Ginger
2 Mint Peppermint
3 0 Other
4 Other Other
5 mint Peppermint
6 peppermint Peppermint
```

#### Typically it is good practice to include the TRUE statement

You never know if you might be missing something - and if a value already was an NA it will stay that way.

#### But maybe we want NA?

Perhaps we want values that are O or Other to actually be NA, then case\_when can be helpful for this. We simply specify everything else.

```
data diet %>%
  mutate(Treatment_recoded = case_when(Treatment == "Ginger" ~ "Ginger",
                               Treatment == "Mint" ~ "Peppermint",
                               Treatment == "mint" ~ "Peppermint",
                               Treatment == "peppermint" ~ "Peppermint")) %>%
  count(Treatment, Treatment recoded)
# A tibble: 6 \times 3
  Treatment Treatment recoded
                                   n
  <chr> <chr>
                               <int>
1 Ginger Ginger
2 Mint Peppermint
                                   2
3 0
             <NA>
                                   1
4 Other <NA>
5 mint Peppermint
6 peppermint Peppermint
```

#### case\_when() can also overwrite/update a variable

You need to specify what we want in the first part of mutate.

#### More complicated case\_when()

case\_when can do complicated statements and can match many patterns at a time.

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

case\_when can do very sophisticated comparisons!

Here we create a new variable called Effect.

```
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 Treatment Weight start Weight change Effect
  <chr> <chr>
                          <dbl>
                                       <dbl> <chr>
1 A
       Ginger
                            164
                                           16 Increase
2 B
       Ginger
                           104
                                           -4 Decrease
3 B
       Other
                           233
                                           -7 Decrease
4 A peppermint
                         173
                                           1 Increase
       peppermint
                         242
5 B
                                           9 Increase
        Ginger
                           190
                                           6 Increase
```

#### Now it is easier to see what is happening

## 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 (case sensitive)

```
Effect <- pull(data_diet) %>% head(n = 6)
Effect

[1] "Increase" "Decrease" "Increase" "Increase" "Increase"

str_detect(string = Effect, pattern = "d")

[1] FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE

str_detect(string = Effect, pattern = "D")

[1] FALSE TRUE TRUE FALSE FALSE 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

```
str_replace(string = Effect, pattern = "D", replacement = "d")
[1] "Increase" "decrease" "Increase" "Increase" "Increase"
```

# st\_replace() only replaces the first instance of the pattern in each value

```
str_replace_all() can be used to replace all instances within each value
str_replace(string = Effect, pattern = "e", replacement = "E")
[1] "IncrEase" "DEcrease" "IncrEase" "IncrEase" "IncrEase"
str_replace_all(string = Effect, pattern = "e", replacement = "E")
[1] "IncrEasE" "DEcrEasE" "DEcrEasE" "IncrEasE" "IncrEasE" "IncrEasE"
```

#### 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

```
str_sub(string = Effect, start = 1, end = 3)
[1] "Inc" "Dec" "Dec" "Inc" "Inc" "Inc"
```

#### filter and stringr functions

```
head(data\_diet, n = 4)
# A tibble: 4 \times 5
  Diet Treatment Weight_start Weight_change Effect
  <chr> <chr>
                           <dbl>
                                          <dbl> <chr>
1 A
        Ginger
                             164
                                             16 Increase
2 B
        Ginger
                             104
                                             -4 Decrease
3 B
        Other
                             233
                                             -7 Decrease
                             173
        peppermint
                                              1 Increase
data diet %>%
  filter(str_detect(string = Treatment,
                     pattern = "int"))
# A tibble: 5 \times 5
  Diet Treatment Weight start Weight change Effect
                                          <db1> <chr>
  <chr> <chr>
                           <dbl>
1 A
        peppermint
                             173
                                              1 Increase
        peppermint
2 B
                             242
                                              9 Increase
3 A
        Mint
                             119
                                             -5 Decrease
                             125
        mint
                                             -3 Decrease
        Mint
                             129
                                             13 Increase
```

#### OK back to our original problem

count(data\_diet, Treatment) # A tibble:  $6 \times 2$ Treatment

<int> 1 Ginger 2 Mint 3 0

<chr>

4 Other 5 mint

6 peppermint

#### case\_when() made an improvement

But we still might miss a strange value

```
data_diet %>%
  mutate(Treatment_recoded = case_when(
    Treatment %in% c("G", "g", "Ginger", "ginger") ~ "Ginger",
    Treatment %in% c("Mint", "mint", "Peppermint", "peppermint") ~ "Peppermint",
    Treatment %in% c("O", "Other") ~ "Other",
    TRUE ~ Treatment))
```

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

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

This is a more robust solution! It will catch typos as long as first letter is correct or there is part of the word mint.

#### That's better!



## Separating and uniting data

#### **Uniting columns**

The unite() function can help combine columns

The col argument specifies new column name

The sep argument specifies what separator to use when combining -default is "\_"
The remove argument specifies if you want to drop the old columns

```
diet comb <- data diet %>%
  unite(Diet, Effect, col = "change", remove = TRUE)
diet comb
# A tibble: 12 \times 4
   change Treatment Weight start Weight change
   <chr> <chr>
                                                <db1>
                                 <dbl>
 1 A Increase Ginger
                                   164
                                                   16
 2 B_Decrease Ginger
                                   104
                                                   -4
 3 B Decrease Other
                                   233
 4 A_Increase peppermint
                                   173
                                                   9
6
-5
 5 B Increase peppermint
                                   242
 6 B Increase Ginger
                                   190
                                   119
 7 A Decrease Mint
 8 B Same
                                   121
                                                    0
              0
 9 B_Decrease Ginger
                                   229
                                                   -3
10 A Decrease mint
                                   125
11 B Increase Mint
                                   129
                                                   13
12 B Increase 0
                                   222
                                                   15
```

#### 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

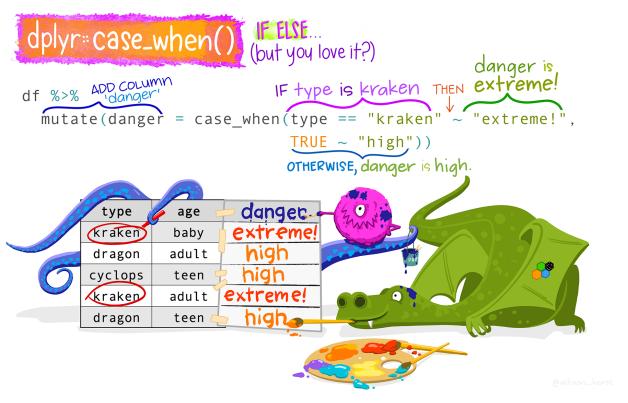
```
diet comb <- diet comb %>%
  separate(col = change, into = c("Diet", "Change"), sep = "_" )
diet comb
# A tibble: 12 \times 5
   Diet Change Treatment Weight_start Weight_change
   <chr> <chr> <chr>
                                     <dbl>
                                                    <dbl>
         Increase Ginger
                                       164
                                                       16
 1 A
 2 B
         Decrease Ginger
                                       104
 3 B
         Decrease Other
                                       233
         Increase peppermint
                                       173
 5
  В
         Increase peppermint
                                       242
                                                        6
 6 B
         Increase Ginger
                                       190
 7 A
         Decrease Mint
                                       119
 8 B
                                       121
         Same
 9 B
                                       229
         Decrease Ginger
                                       125
                                                       -3
10 A
         Decrease mint
                                                       13
11 B
         Increase Mint
                                       129
12 B
                                       222
                                                       15
         Increase 0
```

#### Summary

- case\_when() requires mutate() when working with dataframes/tibbles
- case\_when() can recode entire values based on conditions (need quotes for conditions and new values)
  - remember case\_when() needs TRUE ~ varaible to keep values that aren't specified by conditions, otherwise will be NA

**Note:** you might see the recode() function, it only does some of what case\_when() can do, so we skipped it, but it is in the extra slides at the end.

#### Summary continued



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#### **Summary Continued**

- stringr package has great functions for looking for specific parts of values especially filter() and str\_detect() combined
- stringr also has other useful string functions like str\_detect() (finding patterns in a column or vector), str\_subset() (parsing text), str\_replace() (replacing the first instance in values), str\_replace\_all() (replacing all instances in each value) and more!
- separate() can split columns into additional columns
- unite() can combine columns
- · : can indicate when you want to start and end with columns next to one another

#### Lab Part 2

- Class Website
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### **Extra Slides**

# recode() function

This is similar to case\_when() but it can't do as much.

(need mutate for data frames/tibbles!)

```
# General Format - this is not code!
{data_input} %>%
  mutate({variable_to_fix_or_new} = recode({Variable_fixing}, {old_value} = {new_value}))
```

# recode() function

Need quotes for new values! Tolerates quotes for old values.

### recode()

```
data diet %>%
  mutate(Treatment_recoded = recode(Treatment,
                                      0 = "Other",
                                    Mint = "Peppermint",
                                    mint = "Peppermint",
                              peppermint = "Peppermint")) %>%
  count(Treatment, Treatment_recoded)
# A tibble: 6 \times 3
  Treatment Treatment_recoded
  <chr> <chr>
                               <int>
1 Ginger Ginger
                                   2
1
1
2
2 Mint
           Peppermint
            Other
3 0
            Other
4 Other
5 mint Peppermint
6 peppermint Peppermint
```

# Can update or overwrite variables with recode too!

Just use the same variable name to change the variable within mutate.

# 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"
```

# 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

```
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"
```

# 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
```

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
```

# Removing columns with threshold of percent missing values

```
is.na(df) \%>% head(n = 3)
         Χ
[1,] FALSE
[2,] FALSE
[3,] FALSE
colMeans(is.na(df))#TRUE and FALSE treated like 0 and 1
Χ
0
which(colMeans(is.na(df)) < 0.2) #the location of the columns < .2
Χ
1
df %>% select(which(colMeans(is.na(df)) < 0.2))# remove if over 20% missing</pre>
# A tibble: 3 × 1
  Χ
  <chr>
1 I really
2 like writing
3 R code programs
```