# Lecture 8 problem set

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#### Overview

This problem set has three parts.

- 1. I'll ask you some definitional/conceptual questions about the concepts introduced in lecture
- 2. Tidying untidy data: reshaping from long to wide
  - e.g., dataset has one row for each combination of university ID and enrollment age group, but you want a dataset with one row per university ID and one enrollment variable for each age group
  - for these questions we'll use fall enrollment data from the Integrated Postsecondary Data System (IPEDS), specifically the fall enrollment sub-survey that focuses on enrollment by age group
- 3. Tidying untidy data: reshaping from wide to long
  - for these questions we'll use data from the NCES digest of education statistics that contains data about the total number of teachers in each state

# Load library and data

In order to use the pivot\_wider and pivot\_longer functions, you need to install the developer version of tidyr

# Part I: Conceptual questions

- What is the difference between the terms "unit of analysis" [our term; not necessarily used outside this class] and "observational level" [A Wickham term]?
  - ANSWER:
- What are the three rules of tidy data?
  - ANSWER:

# Part II: Questions about reshaping long to wide

## Description of the data

For these questions, we'll be using data from the Fall Enrollment survey component of the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS)

- Specifically, we'll be using data from the survey sub-component that focuses on enrollment by age-group.
- The dataset we'll be using data from Fall 2016 (i.e., Fall of the 2016-17 academic year)
- Here is a link to a data dictionary (an excel file) for the enrollment by age dataset: LINK
- In the dataset you load below:
  - I've dropped a few of the variables from the raw enrollment by age data
  - I've added a few variables from the "institutional characteristics" survey (e.g., institution name, state, sector) that should be pretty self explanatory if you examine the variable labels and/or value labels
- the variable unitid is the ID variable for each college/university
- the dataset has one observation for each combination of the variables unitid-efbage-lstudy

#### Overview of the reshaping long to wide tasks

- Load the data frame and assign it the name age\_f16\_allvars\_allobs
- Create two different data frame objects based on the data frame age f16 allvars allobs
  - A dataframe agegroup1\_obs that has fewer variables than age\_f16\_allvars\_allobs and keeps observations where age-group equals 1 (1. All age categories total)
    - \* this data frame has the simplist structure; we'll reshape this one first
  - A dataframe levstudy1\_obs that has fewer variables than age\_f16\_allvars\_allobs and keeps observations where "level of study" equals 1 (1. All Students total)
    - \* we'll reshape this one second
- Questions related to reshaping agegroup1\_obs
- Questions related to reshaping levstudy1\_obs

#### Load data and create three new data frames

• Load IPEDS data that contains fall enrollment by age

NOTE: IN THIS QUESTION, WE GIVE YOU THE ANSWERS; ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS RUN THE BELOW CODE CHUNK

```
rm(list = ls()) # remove all objects
#getwd()
#list.files("../../documents/rclass/data/ipeds/ef/age") # list files in directory w/ NLS data
#Read Stata data into R using read_data() function from haven package
age_f16_allvars_allobs <- read_dta(file="https://github.com/ozanj/rclass/raw/master/data/ipeds/ef/age/e</pre>
```

```
#rename a couple variables
age_f16_allvars_allobs <- age_f16_allvars_allobs %>% rename(agegroup=efbage, levstudy=lstudy)
#list variables and variable labels
names(age_f16_allvars_allobs)
#> [1] "unitid"
                     "agegroup"
                                   "levstudy"
                                                   "efage01"
                    "efage03"
                                  "efage04"
                                                 "efage05"
#> [5] "efage02"
#> [9] "efage06"
                    "efage07"
                                  "efage08"
                                                  "efage09"
                                 "sector"
#> [13] "fullname"
                    "stabbr"
                                                  "iclevel"
                   "hloffer"
#> [17] "control"
                                   "locale"
                                                  "merge_age_ic"
age_f16_allvars_allobs %>% var_label()
#> $unitid
#> [1] "Unique identification number of the institution"
#>
#> $agegroup
#> [1] "Age category"
#> $levstudy
#> [1] "Level of student"
#> $efage01
#> [1] "Full time men"
#>
#> $efage02
#> [1] "Full time women"
#> $efage03
#> [1] "Part time men"
#> $efage04
#> [1] "Part time women"
#> $efage05
#> [1] "Full time total"
#>
#> $efage06
#> [1] "Part time total"
#>
#> $efage07
#> [1] "Total men"
#> $efage08
#> [1] "Total women"
#>
#> $efage09
#> [1] "Grand total"
#> $fullname
#> [1] "Institution (entity) name"
#> $stabbr
#> [1] "State abbreviation"
```

```
#> $sector
#> [1] "Sector of institution"
#>
#> $iclevel
#> [1] "Level of institution"
#>
#> $control
#> [1] "Control of institution"
#>
#> $hloffer
#> [1] "Highest level of offering"
#>
#> $locale
#> [1] "Degree of urbanization (Urban-centric locale)"
#>
#> $merge_age_ic
#> NULL
```

• Create two new data frames based on age\_f16\_allvars\_allobs

NOTE: IN THIS QUESTION, WE GIVE YOU THE ANSWERS; ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS RUN THE BELOW CODE CHUNK

```
#Create dataframe that keeps observations where age-group equals `1` (1. All age categories total)
agegroup1_obs <- age_f16_allvars_allobs %>%
      select(fullname,unitid,agegroup,levstudy,efage09,stabbr,locale) %>%
      filter(agegroup==1) %>%
      select(-agegroup)
glimpse(agegroup1_obs)
#> Observations: 7,019
#> Variables: 6
#> $ fullname <chr> "Amridge University", "Amridge University", "Amridge ...
#> $ levstudy <dbl+lbl> 1, 2, 5, 1, 2, 5, 1, 2, 5, 1, 2, 5, 1, 2, 5, 1, 2, 5...
#> $ efage09 <dbl> 597, 294, 303, 5318, 4727, 591, 37663, 32563, 5100, 1...
#> $ stabbr <chr> "AL", 
#> $ locale <dbl+lbl> 12, 12, 12, 12, 12, 12, 13, 13, 13, 32, 32, 12, 1...
#Create dataframe keeps observations where "level of study" equals `1` (1. All Students total)
levstudy1_obs <- age_f16_allvars_allobs %>%
      select(fullname,unitid,agegroup,levstudy,efage09,stabbr,locale) %>%
     filter(levstudy==1) %>%
      select(-levstudy)
glimpse(levstudy1_obs)
#> Observations: 36,703
#> Variables: 6
#> $ fullname <chr> "Amridge University", "Amridge University", "Amridge ...
#> $ unitid <dbl> 100690, 100690, 100690, 100690, 100690, 100690, 100690...
#> $ agegroup <dbl+lbl> 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 1, 2, 3, ...
#> $ efage09 <dbl> 597, 57, 7, 16, 34, 540, 88, 97, 110, 158, 78, 9, 531...
#> $ stabbr <chr> "AL", "AL",
```

## Questions related to reshaping the dataset agegroup1\_obs from long to wide

• Run whatever investigations seem helpful to you to get to know the data (e.g., list variable names, list variable variable labels, list variable values, tabulations). You may decide to comment out some of these investigations before you knit and submit the problem set so that your pdf doesn't get too long.

Sort and print a few obs

Run some frequencies

• Run the following code, which confirms that there is one row per each combination of unitid-levstudy

NOTE: IN THIS QUESTION, WE GIVE YOU THE ANSWERS; BUT TRY TO UNDERSTAND WHAT EACH PART OF THE CODE IS DOING

Using code from previous question as a guide, confirm that the object agegroup1\_obs has more than one observation for each value of unitid

- Diagnose whether the data frame agegroup1\_obs meets each of the three criteria for tidy data
  - YOUR ANSWERS HERE:
    - \* Each variable must have its own column:
    - \* Each observation must have its own row:
    - \* Each value must have its own cell:
- What changes need to be made to agegroup1\_obs to make it tidy?
  - YOUR ANSWER HERE:
- With respect to "reshaping long to wide" to tidy a dataset, define the "names\_from" parameter.
  - YOUR ANSWER HERE:
- What should the "names\_from" column be in the data frame agegroup1\_obs?
  - YOUR ANSWER HERE:
- With respect to "reshaping long to wide" to tidy a dataset, define the "values\_from" parameter.
  - YOUR ANSWER HERE:
- What should the "values\_from" column be in the data frame agegroup1\_obs?
  - YOUR ANSWER HERE:

Tidy the data frame agegroup1\_obs and create a new object agegroup1\_obs\_tidy, then print a few observations

Confirm that the new object agegroup1\_obs\_tidy contains one observation for each value of unitid

Create a new object agegroup1\_obs\_tidy\_v2 from the object agegroup1\_obs by performing the following steps in one line of code with multiple pipes:

- Create a variable level that is a character version of the variable 'levstudy'
- Drop the original variable levstudy
- Tidy the dataset

Print a few observations of agegroup1\_obs\_tidy\_v2; Why is this data frame preferable over agegroup1\_obs\_tidy?

- YOUR ANSWER HERE:

### Questions related to reshaping the dataset levstudy1\_obs from long to wide

• Run whatever investigations seem helpful to you to get to know the data frame levstudy1\_obs (e.g., list variable names, list variable variable labels, list variable values, tabulations). You may decide to comment out some of these investigations before you knit and submit the problem set so that your pdf doesn't get too long.

Sort and print a few obs

Run some frequencies

• Confirm that there is one row per each combination of unitid-agegroup

Using code from previous question as a guide, confirm that the object levstudy1\_obs has more than observation for each value of unitid

- Why is the data frame levstudy1\_obs not tidy?
  - YOUR ANSWER HERE:
- What changes need to be made to levstudy1\_obs to make it tidy?
  - YOUR ANSWER HERE:

Tidy the data frame levstudy1\_obs and create a new object levstudy1\_obs\_tidy (it is up to you whether you want to create character version of the variable agegroup prior to tidying) then print a few observations

Confirm that the new object levstudy1\_obs\_tidy contains one observation for each value of unitid

# Part III: Questions about reshaping wide to long

Here, we load a table from NCES digest of education statistics that contains data about the total number of teachers in each state for particular years.

```
load(url("https://github.com/ozanj/rclass/raw/master/data/nces_digest/nces_digest_table_208_30.RData"))
#covert character variables for teacher totals to integers
table208_30[2:6] <- data.frame(lapply(table208_30[2:6],as.integer))
table208_30
#> # A tibble: 51 x 6
#>
      state tot_fall_2000 tot_fall_2005 tot_fall_2009 tot_fall_2010
#>
      <chr>
                     \langle int \rangle
                                    \langle int \rangle
                                                    \langle int \rangle
                                                                   <int>
#>
   1 Alab~
                     48194
                                    57757
                                                    47492
                                                                   49363
#>
   2 Alas~
                      7880
                                     7912
                                                     8083
                                                                    8170
#>
   3 Ariz~
                     44438
                                                    51947
                                                                   50030
                                    51376
#>
    4 Arka~
                     31947
                                    32997
                                                    37240
                                                                   34272
#>
  5 Cali~
                    298021
                                    309222
                                                   316298
                                                                  260806
#>
  6 Colo~
                                     45841
                     41983
                                                    49060
                                                                   48542
   7 Conn~
                     41044
                                     39687
                                                    43592
                                                                   42951
  8 Dela~
                      7469
                                      7998
                                                     8639
                                                                    8933
#> 9 Dist~
                      4949
                                      5481
                                                     5854
                                                                    5925
#> 10 Flor~
                    132030
                                    158962
                                                   183827
                                                                  175609
#> # ... with 41 more rows, and 1 more variable: tot_fall_2011 <int>
```

- Why is the data frame table208\_30 not tidy?
  - YOUR ANSWER HERE:
- What changes need to be made to table208\_30 to make it tidy?
  - YOUR ANSWER HERE:

Tidy the data frame table208\_30 and create a new object table208\_30\_tidy:

- hint: use the cols = starts\_with() and names\_prefix=() options for pivot\_longer()
  after you tidy the data, print a few observations

Once finished, knit to (pdf) and upload both .Rmd and pdf files. Remeber to use this naming convention  $"lastname\_firstname\_ps8"$