Lecture 3: Investigating data patterns using Base R Managing and Manipulating Data Using R

1 Introduction

What we will do today

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Load libraries and .Rdata data frames we will use today

Data on off-campus recruiting events by public universities

Data frame object df_event

One observation per university, recruiting event

Data frame object df_school

One observation per high school (visited and non-visited)

```
rm(list = ls()) # remove all objects in current environment
```

```
library(tidyverse) #load tidyverse library

## -- Attaching packages ------
```

```
## v ggplot2 3.2.1 v purrr 0.3.2

## v tibble 2.1.3 v dplyr 0.8.3

## v tidyr 0.8.3 v stringr 1.4.0

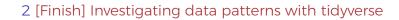
## v readr 1.3.1 v forcats 0.4.0
```

```
## -- Conflicts -----
## x dplyr::filter() masks stats::filter()
## x dplyr::lag() masks stats::lag()
```

#load dataset with one obs per high school

#load dataset with one obs per recruiting event
load(url("https://github.com/ozanj/rclass/raw/master/data/recruiting/recruit_eve

load(url("https://github.com/ozani/rclass/raw/master/data/recruiting/recruit^{4/\$c}th



2.1 Select variables

Select variables using select() function

With **assignment**, select() creates a new object containing only the variables you specify

```
event_small <- select(df_event,instnm,event_date,event_type,event_state,med_inc)
glimpse(event_small)</pre>
```

```
## Observations: 18,680
## Variables: 5
```

```
## $ event_state <chr> "MA", "M
```

```
ends_with() to choose columns

Example:
```

```
#names(df_event)
select(df_event,instnm,starts_with("event"))
```

```
## # A tibble: 18,680 x 8
     instnm event date event type event state event inst event name
##
##
   <chr> <date> <chr>
                           <chr>
                                         <chr>
                                                   <chr>
## 1 UM Am~ 2017-10-12 public hs MA
                                         In-State Amherst-P~
## 2 UM Am~ 2017-10-04 public hs MA
                                                    Hampshire~
                                         In-State
## 2 IIM Am., 2017-10-2E public bg MA
                                         Tn_C+o+o
                                                   Chiconoc
```

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2.2 Filter rows

The filter() function

#

#

#

filter(df school, visits by 110635 == 1)

filter() allows you to **select observations** based on values of variables

What is the result of a filter() command? - filter() returns a data frame consisting of rows where the condition is TRUE

Show all obs where the high school received 1 visit from UC Berkeley (110635) [output omitted]

```
## # A tibble: 528 x 26
##
      state code school type ncessch name address city zip code pct white
     <chr>
                 <chr>
                                     <chr> <chr>
                                                  <chr> <chr>
                                                                      <dbl>
##
                             <chr>
##
   1 AZ
                 public
                             040081~ Grea~ 39808 ~ Anth~ 85086
                                                                       81.0
##
   2. AZ.
                 public
                             040187~ Chan~ 350 N.~ Chan~ 85225
                                                                       36.0
##
   3 AZ
                 public
                            040834~ Dese~ 16440 ~ Phoe~ 85048
                                                                       63.2
##
   4 A7.
                 private
                            000312~ XAVI~ 4710 N~ PHOE~ 85012
                                                                       83.3
##
   5 AZ
                 private
                            A97001~ GTLB~ 3632 E~ GTLB~ 85296
                                                                       85.5
   6 AZ
                 public
                            040082~ BASI~ 25950 ~ Peor~ 85383
                                                                       46.5
##
##
   7 AZ
                 public
                            040834~ Coro~ 1001 E~ Tempe 85284
                                                                       59.0
   8 AZ
                 private
                            000321~ PHOE~ 3901 E~ PARA~ 85253
                                                                       70.2
##
   9 CA
                 public
                             062724~ Coro~ 2101 E~ Newp~ 92660
                                                                       82.6
##
## 10 CA
                 public
                             063386~ Trab~ 27501 ~ Miss~ 92691
                                                                       57.2
## # ... with 518 more rows, and 18 more variables: pct black <dbl>,
```

pct_hispanic <dbl>, pct_asian <dbl>, pct_amerindian <dbl>,

pct_other <dbl>, num_fr_lunch <dbl>, total_students <dbl>,
num took math <dbl>. num prof math <dbl>. num took rla <dbl>.

Filtering and missing values

Wickham (2018) states:

A tibble: 1 x 1

A tibble: 1 x 1

##

```
"filter() only includes rows where condition is TRUE; it excludes both

FALSE and NA values. To preserve missing values, ask for them explicitly:"
```

Investigate var df_event\$fr_lunch, number of free/reduced lunch students

only available for visits to public high schools

```
#visits to public HS with less than 50 students on free/reduced lunch
count(filter(df_event,event_type == "public hs", fr_lunch<50))</pre>
```

```
## <int>
## 1 910

#visits to public HS, where free/reduced lunch missing
count(filter(df_event,event_type == "public hs", is.na(fr_lunch)))
```

```
##    n
## <int>
## 1 26
#visits to public HS, where free/reduced is less than 50 OR is missing
count(filter(df_event,event_type == "public hs", fr_lunch<50 | is.na(fr_lunch)))</pre>
```

2.3 Arrange rows

arrange() function

arrange() function "arranges" rows in a data frame; said different, it sorts observations

```
Syntax: arrange(x,...)
```

First argument, x, is a data frame

Subsequent arguments are a "comma separated list of unquoted variable names"

```
arrange(df_event, event_date)
```

Data frame goes back to previous order unless you **assign** the new order

```
df_event
df_event <- arrange(df_event, event_date)
df_event</pre>
```

arrange() function

```
Ascending and descending order
```

```
arrange() sorts in ascending order by default

use desc() to sort a column by descending order

arrange(df_event, desc(event_date))

Can sort by multiple variables

arrange(df_event, univ_id, desc(event_date), desc(med_inc))

#sort by university and descending by size of 12th grade class; combine with sel

select(arrange(df_event, univ_id, desc(g12)),instnm,event type,event date,g12)
```

arrange(), missing values sorted at the end

Missing values automatically sorted at the end, regardless of whether you sort ascending or descending

Below, we sort by university, then by date of event, then by ID of high school

Can sort by is.na to put missing values first

```
select(arrange(df_event, univ_id, desc(event_date), desc(is.na(school_id))),
    instnm,event_date,event_type,school_id)
```

```
## # A tibble: 18.680 x 4
##
     instnm event_date event_type school_id
##
   <chr> <date> <chr> <chr>
  1 Bama 2017-12-18 other <NA>
##
##
   2 Bama 2017-12-18 private hs A9106483
   3 Bama 2017-12-15 other <NA>
##
## 4 Bama 2017-12-15 public hs 484473005095
   5 Bama 2017-12-15 public hs 062927004516
##
   6 Bama 2017-12-14 other
                              <NA>
##
##
  7 Bama 2017-12-13 other
                              <NA>
```

Exercise, arranging

Use the data from df_event, which has one observation for each off-campus recruiting event a university attends

- 1. Sort ascending by "univ id" and descending by "event date"
- Select four variables in total and sort ascending by "univ_id" and descending by "event_date"
- 3. Now using the same variables from above, sort by is.na to put missing values in "school id" first

Solution

1. Sort ascending by "univ_id" and descending by "event_date" arrange(df_event, univ_id, desc(event_date))

```
## # A tibble: 18,680 x 33
                          pid event date event type zip school id
##
     instnm univ id instst
##
     <chr> <int> <chr>
                          <int> <date>
                                       <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr>
   1 Bama 100751 AL
                           7115 2017-12-18 private hs 77089 A9106483
##
##
   2 Bama 100751 AL
                           7121 2017-12-18 other
                                                    <NA> <NA>
##
   3 Bama 100751 AL
                           7114 2017-12-15 public hs 75165 48447300~
##
   4 Bama 100751 AL
                           7100 2017-12-15 public hs
                                                    93012 06292700~
##
   5 Bama 100751 AL
                           7073 2017-12-15 other
                                                    98027 <NA>
##
   6 Bama 100751 AL
                           7072 2017-12-14 other
                                                    98007 <NA>
   7 Bama 100751 AL
                           7118 2017-12-13 public hs 31906 13038700~
##
##
   8 Bama 100751 AL
                           7099 2017-12-13 private hs 90293 00071151
   9 Bama 100751 AL
                           7109 2017-12-13 public hs 92630 06338600~
##
## 10 Bama 100751 AL 7071 2017-12-13 other
                                                    98032 <NA>
## # ... with 18,670 more rows, and 25 more variables: ipeds_id <int>,
## #
      event state <chr>, event inst <chr>, med inc <dbl>, pop total <dbl>,
## #
      pct_white_zip <dbl>, pct_black_zip <dbl>, pct_asian_zip <dbl>,
## #
      pct_hispanic_zip <dbl>, pct_amerindian_zip <dbl>,
      pct nativehawaii zip <dbl>, pct tworaces zip <dbl>,
## #
## #
      pct_otherrace_zip <dbl>, fr_lunch <dbl>, titlei_status_pub <fct>,
      total_12 <dbl>, school_type_pri <int>, school_type_pub <int>,
## #
## #
      g12offered <dbl>, g12 <dbl>, total students pub <dbl>,
## #
      total students pri <dbl>, event name <chr>, event location name <chr>,
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## #
      event datetime start <dttm>
```

Solution

Select four variables in total and sort ascending by "univ_id" and descending by "event date"

```
select(arrange(df_event, univ_id, desc(event_date)), univ_id, event_date,
    instnm, event_type)
```

```
## # A tibble: 18,680 x 4
##
     univ id event date instnm event type
       <int> <date> <chr> <chr>
##
   1 100751 2017-12-18 Bama private hs
##
##
   2 100751 2017-12-18 Bama other
   3 100751 2017-12-15 Bama public hs
##
##
   4 100751 2017-12-15 Bama public hs
   5 100751 2017-12-15 Bama other
##
##
   6 100751 2017-12-14 Bama other
##
   7 100751 2017-12-13 Bama public hs
##
   8 100751 2017-12-13 Bama
                              private hs
##
   9 100751 2017-12-13 Bama public hs
## 10 100751 2017-12-13 Bama
                              other
  # ... with 18,670 more rows
```

Solution

3. Select the variables "univ_id", "event_date", and "school_id" and sort by is.na to put missing values in "school id" first.

```
## # A tibble: 18,680 x 3
     univ id event date school id
##
##
      <int> <date> <chr>
   1 100751 2017-12-18 <NA>
##
   2 100751 2017-12-18 A9106483
##
##
   3 100751 2017-12-15 <NA>
   4 100751 2017-12-15 484473005095
##
##
   5 100751 2017-12-15 062927004516
##
   6 100751 2017-12-14 <NA>
##
   7 100751 2017-12-13 <NA>
##
   8 100751 2017-12-13 130387001439
   9 100751 2017-12-13 00071151
##
## 10 100751 2017-12-13 063386005296
## # ... with 18,670 more rows
```

3 Investigating data patterns using Base R

Why learn to "wrangle" data both via tidyverse and base R?

Tidyverse has become the leading way many people clean and manipulate data in R

these packages make data wrangling simpler than core base R commands (most times)

tidyverse commands can be more more efficient (less lines of code, consolidate steps)

But you will inevitably run into edge cases where tidyverse commands don't work the way you expect them to and you'll need to use **base R**

It's good to have a basic foundation on both approaches and then decide which you prefer for most data tasks!

this class will primarily use tidyverse approach

future data science seminar will provide examples of edge cases where base $\ensuremath{\mathsf{R}}$ is necessary

Tidyverse vs. base R functions

tidyverse	base R	operation
select()	[] + c() OR subset()	"extract" variables
filter()	[] + \$ OR subset()	"extract" observations
arrange()	order()	sorting data

3.1 Subsetting using subsetting operators

Subsetting to Extract Elements

Subsetting is the R word for accessing object elements.

Subsetting features can be used to select/exclude elements (i.e., variables and observations)

there are three subsetting operators: [] , \$, [[]]

these operators function differently based on vector types (e.g, atomic vectors, lists, data frames)

Subsetting Atomic Vectors via operators

Six ways to subset an atomic vector using []

1. Using positive integers to return elements at specified positions

```
x \leftarrow c(1.1, 2.2, 3.3, 4.4, 5.5)
x[c(3, 1)]
```

[1] 3.3 1.1

2. Using negative integers to exclude elements at specified positions x[-c(3,1)]

3. Using logicals to return elements where corresponding logical is $\frac{\text{TRUE}}{x[x>3]}$ #3

Subsetting Atomic Vectors via operators

Six ways to subset an atomic vector using [] continued...

```
4. Empty [] returns original vector (useful for dataframes)
x[] #4
## [1] 1.1 2.2 3.3 4.4 5.5
```

5. Zero vector (useful for testing data)

```
x[0]
```

```
## numeric(0)
```

6. Returning character elements with matching names

```
y<- setNames(x, letters[1:5]) #6
y[c("a", "b", "d")] #6
```

```
## a b d
## 1.1 2.2 4.4
```

Subsetting Lists and Matrices via operators

Subsetting lists (arrays and matrices too) via [] operator works the same as subsetting an atomic vector [] simplifies output to the lowest possible dimensionality (i.e.,if you subset a (2D) matrix it will return a 1D vector with however many elements vou subset) x <- list(1,2, "apple") y < -x[c(3, 1)]typeof(y) ## [1] "list" a <- matrix(1:9, nrow = 3) a #this is a 3X3 matrix ## [,1] [,2] [,3] ## [1,] 1 4 7 ## [2,] 2 5 8 ## [3,] 3 6 9 $b \leftarrow a[c(1,5)]$ b #returns an integer vector with two elements

```
## [1] 1 5
```

Subsetting Single Elements from Vectors, Lists, and Matrices via operators

Two other subsetting operators are used for extracting single elements, since subsetting lists with [] returns a smaller list

```
[[]],$
```

\$ is shorthand operator equivalent to x[["y"]] and is used to access variables in a dataframe (will show this in upcoming slides)

Example from Hadley: If x is a train carrying objects, then x[[5]] is the object in car 5 and x[4:6] is a smaller train made up of cars 4, 5, & 6.

```
x <- list(1:3, "a", 4:6)
y <- x[1] #this returns a list
typeof(y)</pre>
```

```
## [1] "list"
z <- x[[1]] #this is not a list
typeof(z)</pre>
```

```
## [1] "integer"
```

Subsetting Data Frames to extract columns (variables) based on positionality

Selecting columns from a data frame by subsetting with [] and a single index based on column positionality

```
df_event[1:4]
```

```
## # A tibble: 18,680 x 4
##
     instnm
                 univ id instst
                                  pid
     <chr>
                   <int> <chr> <int>
##
   1 UNI.
                  181464 NE
                                11052
##
##
   2 Rutgers
                  186380 N.J
                                64786
   3 Rutgers
                  186380 NJ
                                64727
##
   4 Stony Brook 196097 NY
                                 16005
##
##
   5 Bama
                  100751 AT.
                                 2667
   6 UGA
                  139959 GA
                                21008
##
##
   7 Kansas
                  155317 KS
                                59772
   8 Bama
                  100751 AL
                                 2674
##
##
   9 Bama
                  100751 AT.
                                 2675
## 10 Kansas
                  155317 KS
                                59853
  # ... with 18,670 more rows
```

Subsetting Data Frames to extract columns (variables) and rows (observations) based on positionality

Selecting rows and columns from a data frame by subsetting with [] and a double index based on row/column positionality

#this returns the first 5 rows and first 3 columns

#this returns the first 5 rows and all columns [output omitted]
df_event[1:5,]

Subsetting Data Frames to extract columns (variables) based on names

Selecting columns from a data frame by subsetting with [] and list of column names

```
df event[c("instnm", "univ id", "event state")]
## # A tibble: 18,680 x 3
##
  instnm univ id event state
## <chr> <int> <chr>
  1 UNL 181464 TX
##
##
  2 Rutgers 186380 NJā
##
   3 Rutgers 186380 NJă
  4 Stony Brook 196097 NY
##
##
   5 Bama 100751 TX
##
  6 UGA 139959 CT
  7 Kansas
               155317 KS
##
## 8 Bama 100751 AI.
## 9 Bama
               100751 AL
## 10 Kansas
               155317 TX
## # ... with 18,670 more rows
```

Subsetting Data Frames with [] and \$

Show all obs where the high school received 1 visit from UC Berkeley (110635) and all columns [output omitted]

```
x <- df_school[df_school$visits_by_110635 == 1, ]</pre>
```

Show all obs where the high school received 1 visit from UC Berkeley (110635) and the first three columns [output omitted]

```
df_school[df_school$visits_by_110635 == 1, 1:3]
```

Show all obs where high schools received 1 visit by Bama (100751) and Berkeley (110635)

```
df_school[df_school$visits_by_110635 == 1 & df_school$visits_by_100751 == 1,]
```

Subsetting Data Frames with [] and \$

Show all public high schools with at least 50% Latinx (hispanic in data) student enrollment

```
## # A tibble: 3 x 26
## state code school type ncessch name address city zip code pct white
## <chr> <chr
                                                                               <dbl>
## 1 CA
               public 064015~ Tust~ 1171 E~ Tust~ 92780 13.3
## 2 CA
                 public 062547~ Bell~ 6119 A~ Bell~ 90201
                                                                             0.402
## 3 CA
                  public
                                063531~ Sant~ 520 W.~ Sant~ 92701
                                                                             0.547
## # ... with 18 more variables: pct_black <dbl>, pct_hispanic <dbl>,
## # pct asian <dbl>, pct amerindian <dbl>, pct other <dbl>,
## #
        num_fr_lunch <dbl>, total_students <dbl>, num_took_math <dbl>,
        num prof math <dbl>, num took rla <dbl>, num prof rla <dbl>,
## #
## #
        avgmedian inc 2564 <dbl>, visits by 110635 <int>,
## #
        visits by 126614 <int>, visits by 100751 <int>, inst 110635 <chr>,
## #
        inst 126614 <chr>, inst 100751 <chr>
nrow(df CA)
```

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Subsetting Data Frames with [] and \$, NA Observations

When extracting observations via subsetting operators, resulting dataframe will include rows where condition is TRUE; **as well as** NA values.

To remove missing values, ask for values that only evaluate to TRUE explicitly via which()

Task: Show all public high schools with at least \$50k median household incomes

tidyverse

```
df_tv <- filter(df_event, event_type == "public hs" & med_inc>=50000)
nrow(df_tv) #9,941 obs
```

base R without which()

```
 df_b1 \leftarrow df_event[df_event$vent_type == "public hs" \& df_event$med_inc>=50000, nrow(df_b1) #10,016 obs view(df_b1) #NAs sorted at the end of column
```

base R with which()

```
df_b2 <- df_event[which(df_event$event_type == "public hs" & df_event$med_inc>=5
nrow(df b2) #9,941 obs, same as tidyverse way
```

3.2 Subsetting using the subset function

Subset function

The subset() is a base R function and easiest way to "filter" observations

can be combined with select() base R function to select variables
can be combined with count() for quick comparisons or assignment to create new objects

?subset

Syntax: subset(x, subset, select, drop = FALSE)

x is object to be subsetted

subset is the logical expression(s) indicating elements (rows) to keep select indicates columns to select from data frame (if argument is not used default will keep all columns)

drop takes TRUE or FALSE if you want to preserve the original dimensions (only need to worry about dataframes when your subset output is a single column)

Subset function, examples

Show all public high schools that are at least 50% Latinx (hispanic in data) student enrollment in California compared to number of schools that received visit by UC Berkeley

```
## <int>
## 1 100
```

Can also use the %in% operator... -Show visits by Bama in multiple states count(subset(df_school, visits_by_100751 >= 1 & state_code %in% c("MA", "ME", "VT"

```
## # A tibble: 1 x 1 ## n
```

<int>

A tibble: 1 x 1

n

##

##

Subset function, examples

Create new df with all public high schools that are at least 50% Latinx student enrollment in California **AND** only keep variables name and address

```
#public high schools with at least 50% Latinx student enrollment
df_CA2 <- subset(df_school, school_type == "public" & pct_hispanic >= 50
            & state code == "CA", select = c(name, address))
head(df CA2)
## # A tibble: 6 x 2
                          address
## name
## <chr>
                         <chr>
## 1 Tustin High
                         1171 El Camino Real
## 2 Bell Gardens High 6119 Agra St.
## 3 Santa Ana High 520 W. Walnut
## 4 Warren High
                     8141 De Palma St.
## 5 Hollywood Senior High 1521 N. Highland Ave.
## 6 Venice Senior High 13000 Venice Blvd.
nrow(df_CA2)
```

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3.3 Sorting data

Base R sort() for vectors

```
sort() is a base R function that sorts vectors - Syntax:
sort(x, decreasing=FALSE, ...); where x is object being sorted - By default it
sorts in ascending order (low to high) - Need to set decreasing argument to
TRUE to sort from high to low
?sort()
x < -c(31, 5, 8, 2, 25)
sort(x)
## [1] 2 5 8 25 31
sort(x, decreasing = TRUE)
## [1] 31 25 8 5 2
```

Base R order() for dataframes

order() is a base R function that sorts vectors

```
Syntax: order(..., na.last = TRUE, decreasing = FALSE) where ... are variable(s) to sort by By default it sorts in ascending order (low to high)
```

Need to set decreasing argument to TRUE to sort from high to low

Descending argument only works when we want either one (and only) variable descending or all variables descending (when sorting by multiple vars)

use - when you want to indicate which variables are descending while using the default ascending sorting

```
df_event[order(df_event$event_date), ]
df_event[order(df_event$event_date, df_event$total_12), ]

#sort descending via argument
df_event[order(df_event$event_date, decreasing = TRUE), ]
df_event[order(df_event$event_date, df_event$total_12, decreasing = TRUE), ]

#sorting by both ascending and descending variables
df_event[order(df_event$event_date, -df_event$total_12), ]
```

4 Tidyverse vs base R examples

Extracting columns (variables)

-Create a new dataframe by extracting the columns instnm, $event_date$, $event_type$ from df_event. Use the names() function to show what columns/variables are in the newly created dataframe.

tidyverse

```
df event tv <- select(df event, instnm, event date, event type)</pre>
names(df_event_tv)
## [1] "instnm" "event_date" "event_type"
base R using subsetting operators
df_event_br1 <- df_event[, c("instnm", "event_date", "event_type")]</pre>
names(df event br1)
## [1] "instnm" "event_date" "event_type"
base R using subset() function
df_event_br2 <- subset(df_event, select=c(instnm, event_date, event_type))</pre>
names (df event br2)
```

[1] "instnm" "event date" "event type"

Extracting observations

-Create a new dataframe from df_schools that includes out-of-state public high schools with 50%+ Latinx student enrollment that received at least one visit by the University of California Berkeley.

tidyverse

[1] 10

```
nrow(df school tv)
## [1] 10
base R using subsetting operators
df_school_br1 <- df_school[which(df_school$state_code != "CA" & df_school$school
                  & df_school$pct_hispanic >= 50
                  & df school$visits by 110635 >= 1), ]
nrow(df_school_br1)
## [1] 10
base R using subset() function
df school br2 <- subset(df_school, state_code != "CA" & school_type == "public"</pre>
nrow(df school br2)
```

df_school_tv <- filter(df_school, state_code != "CA" & school_type == "public" &

Sorting observations

-Create a new dataframe from df_events that sorts by ascending by $event_date$, ascending $event_state$, and descending $event_state$.

tidyverse

df_event_tv <- arrange(df_event, event_date, event_state, desc(pop_total))</pre>

base R using order() function