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Week 08: Merging SAS Data Sets
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Topics: 1. Concepts of a relational database- primary key
       2. one-to-one reading
       3. concatenating
       4. Interleaving
       5. Match-merging
       6. Data set options in the merging process:
          (1) renaming variables
          (2) excluding unmatched observations
          (3) Selecting variables
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DM 'CLEAR OUT';
DM 'CLEAR LOG';
/***** Permanent Library *****/
LIBNAME my311 "C:\STA311\w08";
OPTIONS PS = 94 LS =75 NONUMBER NODATE;
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         Topic 1: one-to-one reading
When performing one-to-one reading, the new data set
contains all the variables from all the input data sets.
If the data sets contain same-named variables, the values
that are read in from the last data set to replace those
that were read in from earlier ones. The number of
observations in the new data set is the number of
observations in the smallest original data set.
/* let's first use two tiny datasets to show the process
  of one-to-one reading
DATA one;
   INPUT ID VarA $ VarB $;
     DATALINES;
    10 A1 B1
    20 A2 B2
     30 A3 B3
RUN;
DATA two;
  INPUT ID VarB $ VarC $;
  DATALINES;
40 B4 C1
50 B5 C2
RUN;
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/** Here is the process: Two common variables (ID and VarB) are in both datasets

Step 1: SAS picks the first record in the data set ONE and put it in the input buffer:

ID	VarA	VarB	VarC
10	A1	В1	

Step 2: SAS picks the first record in data set TWO to put in the buffer and creates the first record in the combined data set. Here is what SAS actually does in the 2nd step

- (1). The values of the common variables will be overwritten by the corresponding values in the same row of the second data set.
- (2). The total number of rows will be equal to the smaller number of rows in the two data sets.

Based on the above reading process, the first complete record in the combined data set should be of the following form:

Step 3: SAS picks up the 2nd record from ONE and put it in the buffer

Step 4: SAS moves to TWO and picks up the 2nd record and repeats step 2. After fishing over-writing, the 2nd complete record in the combined data set will have the following form:

SAS will stop reading since TWO has only two rows:

The final combined set has two records:

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ID VarA VarB VarC
40 A1 B4 C1
50 A2 B5 C2
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DATA onetwo;

SET one; SET two;

RUN;

PROC PRINT DATA = onetwo;
TITLE "ONE 2 TWO";
RUN;

/** Example 2: Because of the way SAS processing the one2one reading by updating the values of the common variables with the ones in the second dataset, you will get different combined

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if you reverse the order of the two SET statements!!! **/
DATA twoone;
  SET two;
   SET one;
RUN;
PROC PRINT DATA = twoone;
TITLE "TWO 2 ONE";
RUN:
/** Example 3: A slightly larger data set. You should be able
               to figure out when you can use one-to-one reading
               methods to create a combined dataset correctly! **/
 DATA one2oneread;
    SET patients;
     SET scale;
 RUN;
 PROC PRINT NOOBS;
   TITLE 'The one2oneread data set';
 RUN;
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              Topic 2: Concatenating
To append the observations from one data set to another data set,
you concatenate them by specifying the data set names in the SET
statement. When SAS concatenates, data sets in the SET statement
are read sequentially, in the order in which they are listed. The
new data set contains all the variables and the total number of
observations from all input data sets.
/** Example 1. Simple stacking- all datasets have the same variable names,
types ... **/
DATA one;
   INPUT ID VarA $ VarB $;
     DATALINES;
  10 A1 B1
     20 A2 B2
    30 A3 B3
RUN;
DATA two;
  INPUT ID VarB $ VarA $;
  DATALINES;
  40 B4 A4
50 B5 A5
RUN;
DATA Concatenate 1 2;
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SET one two;
RUN:
PROC PRINT DATA = Concatenate 1 2;
TITLE "Stacking with same variable names, type, length, ...";
RUN;
/** Example 2. Two data sets have the same type of information, but with
different variable names. You have two different ways to combine these types
of data sets:
    (1). create a new data set based on one of the data sets and make
variables with the same name, types, and length first, then concatenate the
two data sets
    (2). use RENAME option to rename the variables in the data step of
concatenating two or more data sets
DATA data one;
    INPUT Subj VariableA $ VarB $;
     DATALINES;
     10 A1 B1
     20 A2 B2
     30 A3 B3
 ;
RUN;
DATA data two;
  INPUT ID VarB $ VarA $;
  DATALINES:
 40 B4 A4
50 B5 A5
RUN;
/* we use RENAME option in the following data step to stacking the two data
sets with different variable names
     RENAME = (old1=new1 old2=new2 .... oldk=newk);
*/
DATA Concat one two;
SET data one (RENAME = (SUBJ=ID VariableA = VarA))
    data two;
RUN:
QUIT;
PROC PRINT DATA = Concat one two;
TITLE "Concatenating datasets: with rename option";
RUN;
Example 3. We can also stack two or more data sets with different variables
           but with a set of common variables (maybe with different names)
           that will be combined in a new data set.
           Options RENAME and DROP can be used in the data step.
           We expect the combined data set to have ID and VarB only!
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DATA Dataone;
   INPUT SUBJ VarA $ VariableB $ VarD $;
     DATALINES;
     10 A1 B1 D1
     20 A2 B2 D2
     30 A3 B3 D3
RUN:
DATA Datatwo;
  INPUT ID VarB $ VarC $;
  DATALINES;
 40 B4 C1
50 B5 C2
RUN:
DATA Dataone datatwo;
    /** DROP = var1 var2 (no pararenthsis is needed for a list of
              multiple variables!!!)
   dataone(RENAME = (SUBJ=ID VariableB=VarB) DROP = VarA VarD)
    datatwo(DROP = VarC);
RUN;
PROC PRINT DATA = Dataone datatwo;
TITLE "STacking: RENAME and DROP options";
RUN:
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       Topic 3: Merging data set - interleaving data sets
If you use a BY statement when you concatenate data sets, the result
is interleaving. Interleaving intersperses observations from two or
more data sets, based on one or more common variables. Each input data
set must be sorted or indexed in ascending order based on the BY variable(s).
Observations in each BY group in each data set in the SET statement
are read sequentially, in the order in which the data sets and BY variables
are listed, until all observations have been processed. The new data set
contains all the variables and the total number of observations from all
input data sets.
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DATA DataA;
   INPUT year x;
   DATALINES;
   2000 1
    2003 4
   2001 2
   2002 3
RUN;
DATA DataB;
   INPUT year x;
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DATALINES:
   2001 5
   2002 6
   2003 7
 2004 8
RUN;
Caution: whenever using BY statement, you have to
        SORT the data first!
PROC SORT DATA = DataA;
BY year;
RUN;
PROC SORT DATA = DataB;
BY Year;
RUN;
/** interleaving the two sorted data sets **/
DATA DataC;
   SET DataA DataB;
   BY year;
RUN:
PROC PRINT DATA = DataC NOOBS;
   TITLE 'The interleaved three data set';
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                 Topic 4: Merging by Matching
Sometimes we need to combine observations from two or more data sets into a
single observation in a new data set according to the values of a same-named
variable. This is match-merging, which uses a MERGE statement rather than a
SET statement to combine data sets. Each input data set must be sorted or
indexed in ascending order based on the BY variable(s). During match-merging,
SAS sequentially checks each observation of each data set to see whether
the BY values match, then writes the combined observation to the new data
set.
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/** Example 1. Simple match-merging **/
DATA demog;
   INPUT subj gender $ age;
   DATALINES;
 1000 M 42
   1001 M 20
   1002 F 53
   1003 F 40
 1004 M 29
RUN;
DATA status;
   INPUT subj disease $ test $ ;
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DATALINES;
   1000 Y Y
    1001 N Y
    1002 N N
    1003 Y Y
  1004 N N
RUN:
/** Caution: It always a good practice to sort the source datasets
             before match-merge the data sets. In our example, the
             source data sets were naturally ordered by year. We can simply
             match-merge the source data sets
PROC SORT DATA = demog;
BY subj;
RUN;
PROC SORT DATA = status;
BY subj;
RUN;
DATA patients;
   MERGE demog status;
   BY subj;
RUN;
PROC PRINT DATA=patients NOOBS;
    TITLE 'The patients data set';
RUN:
/** Example 2. Match-merge two datasets and excluding unmatched observations:
Consider a situation: You have large data sets with many patients data. you
only extract a subset of the data set based on a given subset of patients.
DATA allvoids; /** the large data set with more patients' data **/
    INPUT id v date : mmddyy8. void no volume;
    FORMAT v date mmddyy8.;
    DATALINES;
   110011 01/01/06 1 250
    110011 01/01/06 2 300
    110011 01/01/06 3 302
    110011 01/01/06 4 231
    110012 01/02/06 1 305
   110012 01/02/06 2 225
   110012 01/02/06 3 400
   110013 01/04/06 1 300
    110013 01/04/06 2 333
    110013 01/04/06 3 401
110013 01/04/06 4 404
   110014 01/06/06 1 398
 110014 01/06/06 2 413
RUN:
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/** subset of patients to be included in an analysis **/
DATA patients;
   INPUT id v date : mmddyy8.; /* informat */
   FORMAT v date mmddyy8.;
                               /* display format */
   DATALINES;
  110011 01/01/06
   110012 01/02/06
  110013 01/04/06
RUN:
/** If the two sets are merged by matching the two KEYs (ID and V date) **/
DATA analysis;
   MERGE patients allvoids;
   BY id v date;
RUN;
PROC PRINT DATA=analysis NOOBS;
   TITLE 'The analysis data set';
RUN;
/** The resulting datasets still have data for other patients!! **/
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                           IN option!
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/** One way to fix this problem is to introduce new variables to indicate
   each individual record coming from the corresponding source data sets.
  IN = option will do the trick.
  DASET01 (IN = FRMdata01): FRMdata01 is a "ghost" indicator variable in
                           in the resulting dataset: FRMdata01 = 1, the
                           record is from DASET01, FRMdata01 = 0, the
                           record is NOT from DASET01.
                           The reason I call it "ghost" variable is because
                           you cannot print it out and view the variable!
  However, you can define variable explicitly and pick up the values of the
  "ghost" variable and print the explicitly defined variable to see the
values of the "ghost" variable.
 Although you cannot see the "ghost" variable, you can use it to define
 conditional statements.
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/** Example 3: "ghost" variables! **/
DATA ghost variables;
   MERGE patients (IN = inpatients)
         allvoids (IN = inallvoids);
   BY id v date;
RUN;
PROC PRINT DATA = ghost variables; * NOOBS;
   TITLE 'Cannot see the "ghost" variables!! ';
RUN:
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/** Example 4: view the values of the "ghost" variables!! **/
DATA ghost views;
   MERGE patients (IN = inpatients)
         allvoids (IN = inallvoids);
   BY id v date;
     ghost01 = inpatients; /* Add ghost01 to the resulting data set */
     ghost02 = inallvoids; /* Add ghost02 to the resulting data set */
     /** We will study methods of manupilating datasets. Adding a variable
         to an existing data set is one of the topics!!
RUN:
PROC PRINT DATA = ghost views; * NOOBS;
   TITLE 'View the values of the "ghost" variable!!!';
RUN:
/** Example 5: define the required data sets that have on patients in the
patients dataset!!!
             Using the explicit indicator variables!!!!
DATA final data with explicit dummy;
   MERGE patients (IN = inpatients)
         allvoids (IN = inallvoids);
   BY id v date;
     ghost01 = inpatients;
     ghost02 = inallvoids;
     IF qhost01 = qhost02;
     DROP ghost01 ghost02; /* DROPPING the explicit dummy variables */
RUN;
PROC PRINT DATA = final data with explicit dummy;
TITLE "Final Data: Using explicit indicator variables";
RUN;
/** Example 6: define the required data sets that have on patients in the
patients dataset!!!
            Using the implicit ghost variables!!!!
DATA final data with inplicit ghosts;
   MERGE patients (IN = inpatients)
         allvoids (IN = inallvoids);
   BY id v date;
     IF inpatients = inallvoids; /* only keep records where both ghost
variables are equal! */
RUN;
PROC PRINT DATA = final data with inplicit ghosts;
TITLE "Final Data: Using explicit ghost variables";
RUN;
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Topic 5: Working with the real-world data

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COVID-19 DATA SET
Data Sources: (1). Demographics
                https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/county-level-data-
sets/download-data/
             (2). COVID-19: NYTimes COVID-19 data
                https://github.com/nytimes/covid-19-data
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/** import all relevant data sets **/
PROC IMPORT OUT= county covid
          DATAFILE= "C:\STA311\w08\w07-us-counties.csv"
           DBMS=CSV REPLACE;
    GETNAMES=YES;
      GUESSINGROWS = 30000;
    DATAROW=2;
RUN;
PROC IMPORT OUT= edu01
           DATAFILE= "C:\STA311\w08\w08-Edu01.csv"
           DBMS=CSV REPLACE;
    GETNAMES=YES;
      GUESSINGROWS = 30000;
    DATAROW=2;
RUN:
PROC IMPORT OUT= unemploy
           DATAFILE= "C:\STA311\w08\w08-Unemp01.csv"
           DBMS=CSV REPLACE;
    GETNAMES=YES;
      GUESSINGROWS = 30000;
    DATAROW=2;
RUN;
PROC IMPORT OUT= poverty
           DATAFILE= "C:\STA311\w08\w08-PovEst01.csv"
           DBMS=CSV REPLACE;
    GETNAMES=YES;
      GUESSINGROWS = 30000;
    DATAROW=2;
RUN;
/** checking the contents of the SAS data sets created
   in the above procedures **/
PROC CONTENTS DATA = county covid;
RUN;
PROC CONTENTS DATA = edu01;
RUN:
PROC CONTENTS DATA = unemploy;
RUN;
PROC CONTENTS DATA = poverty;
RUN;
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Covid-19
1.cases
2.county
3.date
4.deaths
5.fips
6.state
Edu
1.ASDeq
2.BSplus
3.BelowHS
4.County
5.FIPSCode
6.HSonly
7.State
Unemployment
1.FIPStxt
2.Med income 18
3.Stabr
4.Unemp rate 19
5.area name
Poverty
1. Area name
2.FIPStxt
3.PCTPOV017 2018
4.PCYPOC517 2018
5.PCTPOVALL 2018
6.Stabr
***/
/** every county had many records: we create a subset to
    include on the record on Sept. 27, 2020
DATA COVID19 CURRENT;
SET county covid;
IF DATE = '27SEP2020'd; /* */
KEEP FIPS CASES DEATHS county;
/** FIPSCode is the primary key **/
PROC SORT DATA =COVID19 CURRENT;
BY FIPS;
RUN;
/** FIPS is the primary key: need to rename FIPSCode as FIPS **/
DATA EDUCATION;
SET EDU01(RENAME=(FIPSCode=FIPS));
RUN;
PROC SORT DATA = EDUCATION;
BY FIPS;
RUN;
/** FIPS is the primary key: need to rename FIPStext as FIPS **/
DATA UNEMPLOYMENT;
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SET unemploy (RENAME=(FIPStxt=FIPS));
DROP Stabr;
RUN;
PROC SORT DATA = UNEMPLOYMENT;
BY FIPS;
RUN;
/** FIPS is the primary key: need to rename FIPStext as FIPS **/
DATA Poverty 01;
SET poverty(RENAME=(FIPStxt=FIPS));
DROP stabr;
RUN;
PROC SORT DATA = Poverty 01;
BY FIPS;
RUN;
/** FIPS is the primary key. Hidden dummy variables are logical **/
DATA Analytic data;
MERGE COVID19 CURRENT(IN = ghost1)
     EDUCATION(IN = ghost2)
     UNEMPLOYMENT(IN = ghost3)
     Poverty 01(IN = ghost4);
BY FIPS;
IF ghost1 * ghost2 * ghost3 * ghost4 = 1; /* Keep all FIPS that have a
complete
                                   or patial record in all four data sets
* /
RUN;
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  There are a lot of different methods to combine data sources
  using different tools. Some of them are effective than the others.
  These methods will be introduced in more advanced SAS programming
  or in ither database programming such MySQL. SAS PROC SQL uses the
  standard SQL syntax.
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