

Graduate School Class Reminders

- ▶ Maintain six feet of distancing
- ▶ Please sit in the same chair each class time
- ▶ Observe entry/exit doors as marked
- ▶ Use hand sanitizer when you enter/exit the classroom
- ▶ Use a disinfectant wipe/spray to wipe down your learning space before and after class
- ▶ Media Services: 414 955-4357 option 2

Documentation on the web

- ▶ CRAN: <http://cran.r-project.org>
- ▶ R manuals: <https://cran.r-project.org/manuals.html>
- ▶ SAS: <http://support.sas.com/documentation>
- ▶ SAS 9.3: <https://support.sas.com/en/documentation/documentation-for-SAS-93-and-earlier.html>
- ▶ Step-by-Step Programming with Base SAS 9.4 (SbS):
<https://documentation.sas.com/api/docsets/basess/9.4/content/basess.pdf>
- ▶ SAS 9.4 Programmer's Guide: Essentials (PGE):
<https://documentation.sas.com/api/docsets/lepg/9.4/content/lepg.pdf>
- ▶ Wiki: <https://wiki.biostat.mcw.edu> (MCW/VPN)

DATASTEP: arrays

- ▶ Arrays are a temporary construct of the DATASTEP
Their component variables may, or may not, be saved in the NEW data set, but the array's definition is NOT
- ▶ Numeric: `array _VAR(n) VAR1 ... VARn;`
`_VAR(n)` can be an asterisk: `_VAR(*)`
- ▶ Character: `array _CHAR(m) $ L CHAR1 ... CHARm;`
- ▶ `array _VAR(n:m) VARn ... VARm;`
- ▶ Temporary: variables are not named and not saved
`array _VAR(n) _TEMPORARY_;`
`_VAR(n)` can NOT be an asterisk
- ▶ Optionally, with initial values assigned
`array _VAR(n) _TEMPORARY_ (VALUE1 ... VALUEn);`
- ▶ Two dimension arrays: **row major**
`array _VAR(n, m) VAR1 ... VARnm;`
`_VAR(n, m)` can NOT be an asterisk
- ▶ Multiple dimension arrays
`array _VAR(n, ..., m) ...;`

DATASTEP: arrays

- ▶ You reference array values like so
- ▶ For array `_VAR(n) VAR1 ... VARn;`
`_VAR(i)`
- ▶ However, that is ambiguous since now SAS will NOT call the function `_VAR()`
a reason that I like to use the underscore in array names since there are no such functions
(YET: we will re-visit that next lecture)
- ▶ But, for most flexibility
(such as in the PROC FCMP which we will see next time)
use `_VAR[i]`

DATASTEP: iterative DO loops

- ▶ The do loop has a few variants
- ▶ `do VAR=VALUE1 to VALUE2 by VALUE3; ...; end;`
if VALUE3 not given, it defaults to 1
- ▶ `do VAR=VALUE1 to VALUE2 until(CONDITION); ...;`
`end;`
increments until the CONDITION is true or VALUE2
whichever comes first
- ▶ `do VAR=VALUE1 to VALUE2 while(CONDITION); ...;`
`end;`
increments until the CONDITION is false or VALUE2
whichever comes first

SAS formats

- ▶ In Chapters 4 and 5, we saw informats for inputting data
- ▶ For output, formats end in a period: `FORMAT`.
with an optional `WIDTH` `FORMATw.` potentially along with
a number of `DECIMAL` places `FORMATw.d`
- ▶ Common numeric formats:
`data NEW; set OLD; format X best12. Y 6.4 Z z4.;`
- ▶ `Zw.` and `Zw.d` are filled with leading zeros
- ▶ Common character formats: they start with dollar sign
`data NEW; set OLD; format X $40. Y $char200.;`
- ▶ SAS supplies many formats and informats
- ▶ You can make your own with `proc format`

SAS dates

- ▶ There are other data types besides numeric and character the most common is a SAS date with literals that look like this
"DDMONYYYY" d GOOD
"DDMONYY" d BAD
due to Y2K, and other types of 2-digit year errors, the former is far preferable to the latter (see below)
- ▶ For example, "12OCT2020" d which is the numeric value 22200: the number of days from the SAS origin 01/01/1960 (which is the typical choice for IBM mainframes as opposed to 01/01/1970 of Unix/R)
- ▶ They are NOT ISO 8601 compliant: dates prior to 1582 generate an error
- ▶ And a Y2K-like bug/feature
"12OCT0000" d is equivalent to "12OCT2000" d
"0000" is considered to be the two-digit year "00" or "2000"
this behavior is documented so it is a *feature*
(SAS is pretty good about fixing bugs due to their rental fees)

DATASTEP: SAS dates

- ▶ There are many useful SAS features for SAS dates
- ▶ Such as the SAS format `date9.`
- ▶ And the automatic macro variable `sysdate9` which is formatted as `date9.`
- ▶ There are several useful SAS data functions
- ▶ For example, `intnx` and `intck`
- ▶ `intnx` creates a date offset into the future or the past
- ▶ `intck` counts the number of intervals between two dates useful for calculating age
- ▶ see `lecture13.sas`
- ▶ There are also times `"HH:MM:SS"t`
- ▶ And datetimes `"DDMONYYYY:HH:MM:SS"dt`
- ▶ But these are uncommon except for EMR/clinical trials

DATASTEP: SELECT statement type 1

RED and BLUE are optional

```
select(EXPRESSION);  
when(VALUE1) BLOCK1  
when(VALUE2) BLOCK2  
:  
when(VALUEn) BLOCKn  
otherwise BLOCK0  
end;
```

- ▶ if VALUE1, ..., VALUEn are not exhaustive
AND there is no otherwise clause,
then errors are generated for those observations that remain

DATASTEP: SELECT statement type 2

RED and BLUE are optional

```
select;  
when(CONDITION1) BLOCK1  
when(CONDITION2) BLOCK2  
:  
when(CONDITIONn) BLOCKn  
otherwise BLOCK0  
end;
```

- ▶ if CONDITION1, ..., CONDITIONn are not exhaustive
AND there is no otherwise clause,
then errors are generated for those observations that remain

HW part 1: create a date format for the ISO 8601 Proleptic Gregorian Calendar

- ▶ The details are in lecture 2, slides 3-5
- ▶ See my example of the Proleptic Julian Calendar `julian.sas`

HW part 2: NTDB hot-decking

- ▶ Write a SAS DATASTEP program to perform hot-decking for the NTDB example: see the details in lecture 4, slide 4
- ▶ Hints: for random number generation from the Uniform distribution, use the `rand("unif")` and call `streaminit(SEED);` to set the seed.
- ▶ Use arrays with the `array` statement
- ▶ Use the `set` statement with the `point` option to iterate through the data set BEWARE: with `point`, don't forget the `stop;` run; at the end of the DATASTEP
- ▶ With many functions you can use an `of` clause with a variable list, e.g., `nmiss(of VAR1-VARn)` instead of `nmiss(VAR1, ..., VARn)`
- ▶ Or with the STARTS-WITH colon operator `nmiss(of VAR:)`
- ▶ Use the `%nobs()` macro to determine how many observations are in a data set like `%nobs(data=ntdb.elder)`