Lab 8: Reading in, Reordering, and Merging Data

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This week's agenda: reading in data, cleaning data, reordering data, merging data, restructuring data.

Reading and cleaning data

• 1a. Use read.table() to read into R the data sets found at http://www.stat.cmu.edu/~ryantibs/statcomp/data/sprint.m.dat and http://www.stat.cmu.edu/~ryantibs/statcomp/data/sprint.w.dat, and call the resulting data frames sprint.m.df and sprint.w.df, respectively. Make sure to use appropriate arguments in read.table(), you can check the lecture for what is needed. Also, make usre to set the argument stringsAsFactors to be TRUE. Verify that you end up with data frames of dimensions 2988 x 8 (for the men's data) and 2018 x 8 (for the women's data). Display the first five rows of both data frames.

```
sprint.m.df <- read.table("http://www.stat.cmu.edu/~ryantibs/statcomp/data/sprint.m.dat",</pre>
                           sep="\t", header=TRUE, quote="", stringsAsFactors=TRUE)
sprint.w.df <- read.table("http://www.stat.cmu.edu/~ryantibs/statcomp/data/sprint.w.dat",</pre>
                           sep="\t", header=TRUE, quote="", stringsAsFactors=TRUE)
head(sprint.m.df, 5)
##
     Rank Time Wind
                            Name Country Birthdate
                                                        City
                                                                   Date
## 1
        1 9.58 0.9
                     Usain Bolt
                                     JAM 21.08.86
                                                     Berlin 16.08.2009
## 2
        2 9.63 1.5
                                          21.08.86
                                                     London 05.08.2012
                     Usain Bolt
                                     JAM
## 3
        3 9.69
                0.0
                     Usain Bolt
                                     JAM
                                          21.08.86
                                                    Beijing 16.08.2008
## 4
        3 9.69 2.0
                      Tyson Gay
                                     USA
                                          09.08.82 Shanghai 20.09.2009
## 5
        3 9.69 -0.1 Yohan Blake
                                     JAM
                                          26.12.89 Lausanne 23.08.2012
head(sprint.w.df, 5)
##
     Rank Time Wind
                                          Name Country Birthdate
                                                                          City
## 1
        1 10.49 0,0 Florence Griffith-Joyner
                                                   USA
                                                        21.12.59 Indianapolis
        2 10.61 +1,2 Florence Griffith-Joyner
                                                   USA
                                                         21.12.59 Indianapolis
        3 10.62 +1,0 Florence Griffith-Joyner
                                                   USA
                                                         21.12.59
                                                                         Seoul
## 4
        4 10.64 +1,2
                               Carmelita Jeter
                                                   USA
                                                         24.11.79
                                                                      Shanghai
## 5
        5 10.65 +1,1
                                  Marion Jones
                                                        12.10.75 Johannesburg
                                                   USA
##
           Date
## 1 16.07.1988
## 2 17.07.1988
## 3 24.09.1988
## 4 20.09.2009
## 5 12.09.1998
```

• 1b. Since we set stringsAsFactors=TRUE in the previous part, the function read.table() treated the values in the Wind column as factors. (The values would've been strings otherwise). We want to convert these factors to numerics. Converting factors to numerics can be an annoyingly frustrating task in general, so it's good to practice it. These next two questions will guide you on how to do this.

We provide a test string input.value below, which is "4,8". Use functions you have seen in previous weeks on text processing to convert input.value to contain the numeric 4.8 instead. Display the converted value and check its class to ensure it is a numeric. Hint: there are multiple ways to do the conversion; perhaps the most familiar way will be to use strsplit() to separate input.value by the comma, and then use paste() function to concatenate the "4" with the "8", separated by ".", and then finally use as.numeric().

```
input.value = "4,8"
input.value <- strsplit(input.value, ",")
input.value <- paste(input.value[[1]][1], ".", input.value[[1]][2], sep="")
input.value <- as.numeric(input.value)
input.value</pre>
```

[1] 4.8

• 1c. Now we will write a function to repeatedly apply the strategy from the last part to elements of a vector. Below is a vector wind.measurements of factors (note: not strings) for you to play around with, as a testing ground. Write a function factor.to.numeric() that takes in a vector of factors and outputs a vector of corresponding numerics. Verify that factor.to.numeric(wind.measurements) returns c(-2.0, 0.0, 0.6, 1.7) (or equivalent numbers, e.g., 2 instead of 2.0 is fine).

```
wind.measurements = as.factor(c("-2,0", "0,0", "0,6", "+1,7"))
factor.to.numeric <- function(x){
    x <- sub(",", ".", x)
    x <- as.character(x)
    x <- as.numeric(x)
    return(x)
}
factor.to.numeric(wind.measurements)</pre>
```

[1] -2.0 0.0 0.6 1.7

• 1d. Using factor.to.numeric(), convert the Wind column of sprint.m.df and sprint.w.df into numeric variables. However, you might get exactly one NA from this process in sprint.w.df (or get no NAs depending on you how wrote your function). If you do, what was the wind entry that failed to be converted into a numeric (hence becoming NA)? In words, can you describe why this NA occurred? (This will require you to reload the sprint.w.df from the beginning to see what certain values in the Wind column were before we used the factor.to.numeric().) If needed, you should manually fix this NA. Then, display the first five rows of sprint.m.df and sprint.w.df.

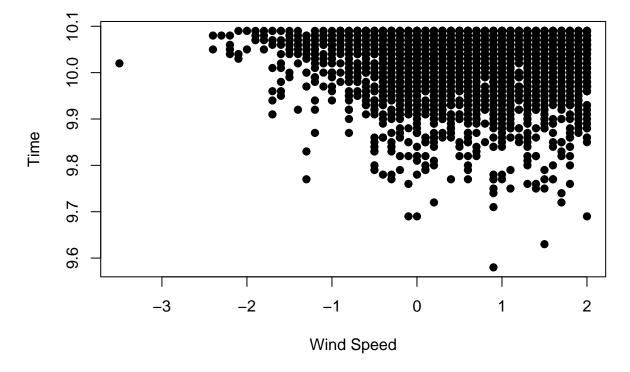
```
sprint.w.df[sprint.w.df$Name=="Lyubov Perepelova",]
##
                                        Name Country Birthdate
                                                                   City
        Rank Time
                     Wind
                                                                               Date
## 1226 1188 11.04 +2,0,0 Lyubov Perepelova
                                                 UZB 26.02.79 Bishkek 03.06.2000
sprint.m.df$Wind <- factor.to.numeric(sprint.m.df$Wind)</pre>
sprint.w.df$Wind <- factor.to.numeric(sprint.w.df$Wind)</pre>
## Warning in factor.to.numeric(sprint.w.df$Wind): NAs introduced by coercion
sprint.w.df[sprint.w.df$Name=="Lyubov Perepelova",]
        Rank Time Wind
                                      Name Country Birthdate
                                                                 City
                                                                             Date
                     NA Lyubov Perepelova
                                               UZB 26.02.79 Bishkek 03.06.2000
## 1226 1188 11.04
sprint.w.df[sprint.w.df$Name=="Lyubov Perepelova", "Wind"] <- 2.0</pre>
head(sprint.m.df, 5)
                            Name Country Birthdate
     Rank Time Wind
                                                        City
                                                                   Date
```

```
## 1
        1 9.58 0.9 Usain Bolt
                                    JAM 21.08.86
                                                     Berlin 16.08.2009
## 2
        2 9.63
                1.5
                     Usain Bolt
                                    JAM 21.08.86
                                                    London 05.08.2012
## 3
        3 9.69
                0.0
                     Usain Bolt
                                    JAM
                                         21.08.86 Beijing 16.08.2008
                                    USA
                                         09.08.82 Shanghai 20.09.2009
## 4
        3 9.69
               2.0
                      Tyson Gay
        3 9.69 -0.1 Yohan Blake
                                     JAM
                                         26.12.89 Lausanne 23.08.2012
head(sprint.m.df, 5)
                           Name Country Birthdate
##
     Rank Time Wind
                                                       City
                                                                  Date
## 1
        1 9.58
               0.9
                     Usain Bolt
                                    JAM
                                         21.08.86
                                                     Berlin 16.08.2009
```

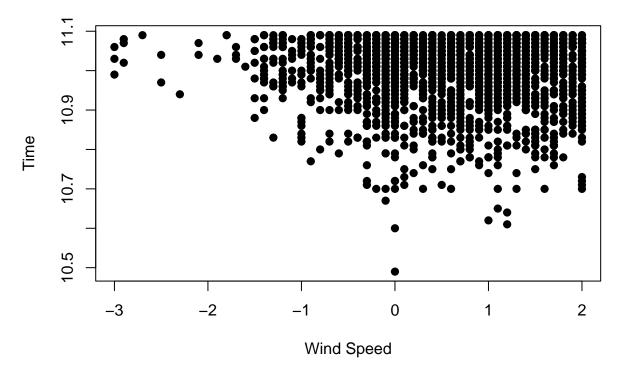
```
London 05.08.2012
## 2
        2 9.63
                1.5
                     Usain Bolt
                                     JAM
                                          21.08.86
## 3
        3 9.69
                0.0
                     Usain Bolt
                                     JAM
                                         21.08.86 Beijing 16.08.2008
## 4
        3 9.69
               2.0
                      Tyson Gay
                                    USA
                                          09.08.82 Shanghai 20.09.2009
        3 9.69 -0.1 Yohan Blake
                                         26.12.89 Lausanne 23.08.2012
## 5
                                     JAM
```

• 1e. For each of the men's and women's data frames, plot the the 100m sprint time versus the wind measurements, setting the pch appropriately so that the points are solid small black dots. Label the axes and title the plot appropriately. Do you notice a trend—does more wind assistance mean faster sprint times? Where do the fastest men's time, and for the fastest women's time, lie among this trend? (Remark: there's an interesting story behind the wind measurement that was recorded for the fastest women's time, you might enjoy reading about it online . . .)

Men's Time vs. Wind Speed



Women's Time vs. Wind Speed



In general, higher windspeeds seem to correlate with faster times. However, it appears that the fastest women's time had no wind assistance.

Reordering data

• 2a. Notice that the Birthdate and Date columns in both data frames sprint.m.df and sprint.w.df are currently factors that follow the format DAY.MONTH.YEAR. Write a function called date.to.numeric() that takes in a factor from either the Birthdate or Date columns, and outputs a numeric of the form DAY + (MONTH)*10^2 + (YEAR)*10^4. For example, date.to.numeric(as.factor("16.08.2009")) should return the numeric 20090816. Then, use one of the apply functions to iteratively use date.to.numeric() on both the Birthdate and Date columns in both the sprint.m.df and sprint.w.df data frames, converting these columns to numerics as appropriate. Print out the first five lines of sprint.m.df and sprint.w.df afterwards. Note: the dates in Birthdate have only the last two numbers of the year, while Date has all four numbers of the year (e.g., 86 vs. 1986). Your code should handle this appropriately.

```
date.to.numeric <- function(x){
    x <- as.character(x)
    x <- unlist(strsplit(x, split="\\."))
    if(nchar(x[3])==2){
        if(x[3]>=22){
            x[3] <- paste("19", x[3])
        }
        else{
            x[3] <- paste("20", x[3])</pre>
```

```
}
  }
  x \leftarrow paste(x[3], x[2], x[1])
  x <- gsub(" ", "", x)
  return(as.numeric(x))
sprint.m.df$Date <- sapply(sprint.m.df$Date, FUN = date.to.numeric)</pre>
sprint.m.df$Birthdate <- sapply(sprint.m.df$Birthdate, FUN = date.to.numeric)</pre>
sprint.w.df$Date <- sapply(sprint.w.df$Date, FUN = date.to.numeric)</pre>
sprint.w.df$Birthdate <- sapply(sprint.w.df$Birthdate, FUN = date.to.numeric)</pre>
head(sprint.m.df, 5)
     Rank Time Wind
                            Name Country Birthdate
                                                        City
                                                                  Date
## 1
                                                      Berlin 20090816
        1 9.58 0.9
                                     JAM 19860821
                     Usain Bolt
## 2
        2 9.63
               1.5
                     Usain Bolt
                                     JAM 19860821
                                                      London 20120805
## 3
        3 9.69 0.0
                     Usain Bolt
                                     JAM 19860821
                                                     Beijing 20080816
                                     USA 19820809 Shanghai 20090920
        3 9.69 2.0
                      Tyson Gay
## 5
                                          19891226 Lausanne 20120823
        3 9.69 -0.1 Yohan Blake
                                     JAM
head(sprint.w.df, 5)
     Rank Time Wind
##
                                          Name Country Birthdate
                                                                           City
## 1
        1 10.49 0.0 Florence Griffith-Joyner
                                                    USA
                                                        19591221 Indianapolis
## 2
        2 10.61 1.2 Florence Griffith-Joyner
                                                    USA
                                                         19591221 Indianapolis
        3 10.62 1.0 Florence Griffith-Joyner
                                                    USA
                                                         19591221
## 4
        4 10.64 1.2
                               Carmelita Jeter
                                                    USA 19791124
                                                                       Shanghai
## 5
        5 10.65 1.1
                                  Marion Jones
                                                    USA 19751012 Johannesburg
##
         Date
## 1 19880716
## 2 19880717
## 3 19880924
## 4 20090920
## 5 19980912
  • 2b. Reorder both data frames sprint.m.df and sprint.w.df so that their rows are in increasing
    order of Date. Print out the first five lines of sprint.m.df and sprint.w.df afterwards.
i.slow <- order(sprint.m.df$Time, decreasing=FALSE)
sprint.m.df <- sprint.m.df[i.slow,]</pre>
i.slow <- order(sprint.w.df$Time, decreasing=FALSE)
sprint.w.df <- sprint.w.df[i.slow,]</pre>
head(sprint.m.df, 5)
##
     Rank Time Wind
                            Name Country Birthdate
                                                        City
                                                                 Date
                     Usain Bolt
## 1
        1 9.58 0.9
                                     JAM 19860821
                                                      Berlin 20090816
## 2
        2 9.63 1.5
                     Usain Bolt
                                     JAM 19860821
                                                      London 20120805
## 3
        3 9.69
               0.0
                     Usain Bolt
                                     JAM 19860821 Beijing 20080816
                                     USA
## 4
        3 9.69
               2.0
                      Tyson Gay
                                          19820809 Shanghai 20090920
        3 9.69 -0.1 Yohan Blake
                                     JAM 19891226 Lausanne 20120823
head(sprint.w.df, 5)
##
        Rank Time Wind
                                              Name Country Birthdate
                                                                              City
## 1
           1 10.49 0.0 Florence Griffith-Joyner
                                                       USA 19591221 Indianapolis
## 2014
           1 10.60 0.0
                                     Zhanna Block
                                                       UKR 19720706
```

```
## 2
           2 10.61 1.2 Florence Griffith-Joyner
                                                             19591221 Indianapolis
                                                        USA
                    1.0 Florence Griffith-Joyner
## 3
           3 10.62
                                                        USA
                                                             19591221
                                                                              Seoul
## 4
           4 10.64
                     1.2
                                  Carmelita Jeter
                                                        USA
                                                             19791124
                                                                           Shanghai
##
            Date
## 1
        19880716
## 2014 19970612
## 2
        19880717
## 3
        19880924
## 4
        20090920
```

• 2c. Create a column in both sprint.m.df and sprint.w.df called City.Date, given by concatenating the entries in the City and Date columns, separated by "." For example, if the City is Tokyo and Date is 19641015, then City.Date should be Tokyo.19641015. Print out the first five lines of sprint.m.df and sprint.w.df afterwards.

```
sprint.m.df$City.Date <-paste(sprint.m.df$City, sprint.m.df$Date, sep=".")</pre>
sprint.w.df$City.Date <-paste(sprint.w.df$City, sprint.w.df$Date, sep=".")
head(sprint.m.df, 5)
##
     Rank Time Wind
                            Name Country Birthdate
                                                         City
                                                                  Date
## 1
        1 9.58
                0.9
                      Usain Bolt
                                           19860821
                                                      Berlin 20090816
## 2
        2 9.63
                1.5
                                           19860821
                                                      London 20120805
                      Usain Bolt
                                      JAM
## 3
        3 9.69
                0.0
                      Usain Bolt
                                                      Beijing 20080816
                                      JAM
                                           19860821
## 4
        3 9.69
                2.0
                       Tyson Gay
                                     USA
                                           19820809 Shanghai 20090920
## 5
        3 9.69 -0.1 Yohan Blake
                                           19891226 Lausanne 20120823
                                      JAM
##
             City.Date
       Berlin.20090816
## 1
## 2
       London.20120805
## 3
      Beijing.20080816
## 4 Shanghai.20090920
## 5 Lausanne.20120823
```

```
##
        Rank Time Wind
                                              Name Country Birthdate
                                                                               City
## 1
           1 10.49
                                                             19591221 Indianapolis
                    0.0 Florence Griffith-Joyner
                                                       USA
                                      Zhanna Block
## 2014
           1 10.60
                    0.0
                                                       UKR
                                                             19720706
## 2
           2 10.61
                    1.2 Florence Griffith-Joyner
                                                       USA
                                                             19591221 Indianapolis
## 3
           3 10.62
                    1.0 Florence Griffith-Joyner
                                                       USA
                                                             19591221
                                                                              Seoul
## 4
           4 10.64
                    1.2
                                  Carmelita Jeter
                                                       USA
                                                             19791124
                                                                           Shanghai
##
            Date
                              City.Date
## 1
        19880716 Indianapolis.19880716
## 2014 19970612
                          Kiev.19970612
## 2
        19880717 Indianapolis.19880717
## 3
        19880924
                         Seoul.19880924
## 4
        20090920
                      Shanghai.20090920
```

head(sprint.w.df, 5)

• 2d. We now want to remove all duplicated sprints in each of sprint.m.df and sprint.w.df. Specifically, if multiple sprints (rows) in sprint.m.df occur on the same City.Date, we will only keep the fastest sprint and discard the rest. Do the same with sprint.w.df. Make sure at the end, all the rows in sprint.m.df and sprint.w.df are still sorted in order of Date, and if multiple sprints occur on the same date, then sort those sprints alphabetically by City. Your final sprint.m.df should have dimension 1253 x 9, while sprint.w.df should be 921 x 9. Display the first five lines of sprint.m.df and sprint.w.df afterwards. Hint: write a function to do the cleaning; then apply this function to each of the two data frames.

```
require(data.table)
## Loading required package: data.table
cleaner <- function(df){</pre>
  return(setDT(df)[, .SD[which.max(Time)], by=City.Date])
sprint.m.df <- cleaner(sprint.m.df)</pre>
sprint.w.df <- cleaner(sprint.w.df)</pre>
head(sprint.m.df, 5)
##
              City.Date Rank Time Wind
                                                    Name Country Birthdate
                                                                                 City
## 1:
        Berlin.20090816 1456 10.04 -0.2 Dwain Chambers
                                                              GBR
                                                                   19780405
                                                                              Berlin
## 2:
        London.20120805 2691 10.09 1.7
                                           Justyn Warner
                                                              CAN
                                                                   19870628
                                                                              London
## 3: Beijing.20080816 1683 10.05 -0.1
                                             Kim Collins
                                                              SKN
                                                                   19760405
                                                                             Beijing
## 4: Shanghai.20090920
                          230 9.91
                                            Nesta Carter
                                                              JAM
                                                                   19851110 Shanghai
## 5: Lausanne.20120823 1133 10.02 -0.1
                                            Jimmy Vicaut
                                                              FRA
                                                                   19920227 Lausanne
##
          Date
## 1: 20090816
## 2: 20120805
## 3: 20080816
## 4: 20090920
## 5: 20120823
head(sprint.w.df, 5)
                  City.Date Rank Time Wind
                                                          Name Country Birthdate
## 1: Indianapolis.19880716
                              592 10.97
                                                  Gail Devers
                                                                   USA
                                                                        19661119
## 2:
                                2 10.70
              Kiev.19970612
                                                                   UKR 19720706
                                         0.0
                                                 Zhanna Block
## 3: Indianapolis.19880717 1188 11.04
                                                  Alice Brown
                                                                   USA
                                                                        19600920
## 4:
             Seoul.19880924 1853 11.09
                                         1.1
                                                Anelia Nuneva
                                                                   BUL
                                                                        19620630
## 5:
          Shanghai.20090920 1084 11.03 1.2 Chandra Sturrup
                                                                   BAH 19710912
##
              City
                        Date
## 1: Indianapolis 19880716
## 2:
              Kiev 19970612
## 3: Indianapolis 19880717
## 4:
             Seoul 19880924
## 5:
          Shanghai 20090920
  • 2e. Verify that in both sprint.m.df and sprint.w.df, each of the values in the City.Date column
    appear exactly once (i.e., there are no duplicated values).
length(unique(sprint.m.df$City.Date))
## [1] 1253
length(unique(sprint.w.df$City.Date))
```

Merging data

[1] 921

• 3a. In preparation of merging sprint.m.df and sprint.w.df, we first wwant to find all the sprints that occur in the same race in both data frames. Specifically, remove all the rows in sprint.m.df that have a City.Date that does not occur in sprint.w.df. Likewise, remove all the rows in sprint.w.df that have a City.Date that does not occur in sprint.m.df. Then, remove the City and Date columns

in both data frames. In the end, both sprint.m.df and sprint.w.df should have 377 rows and 7 columns. Print out the first five lines of sprint.m.df and sprint.w.df afterwards. Hint: you might find the %in% operator useful; try looking it its help file.

```
sprint.m.df <- sprint.m.df[sprint.m.df$City.Date %in% sprint.w.df$City.Date,]
sprint.w.df <- sprint.w.df[sprint.w.df$City.Date %in% sprint.m.df$City.Date,]</pre>
head(sprint.m.df, 5)
##
                   City.Date Rank Time Wind
                                                        Name Country Birthdate
## 1:
             Berlin.20090816 1456 10.04 -0.2 Dwain Chambers
                                                                 GBR 19780405
## 2:
            Beijing.20080816 1683 10.05 -0.1
                                                 Kim Collins
                                                                 SKN
                                                                      19760405
## 3:
           Shanghai.20090920 230
                                   9.91
                                         2.0
                                                Nesta Carter
                                                                 JAM 19851110
## 4:
           Lausanne.20120823 1133 10.02 -0.1
                                                                 FRA 19920227
                                                Jimmy Vicaut
## 5: New York City.20080531 2145 10.07 1.7 Darvis Patton
                                                                 USA 19771204
##
               City
## 1:
             Berlin 20090816
## 2:
            Beijing 20080816
## 3:
           Shanghai 20090920
## 4:
           Lausanne 20120823
## 5: New York City 20080531
head(sprint.w.df, 5)
##
              City.Date Rank Time Wind
                                                       Name Country Birthdate
## 1:
         Seoul.19880924 1853 11.09
                                              Anelia Nuneva
                                                                BUL
                                                                     19620630
## 2: Shanghai.20090920 1084 11.03
                                            Chandra Sturrup
                                                                BAH
                                                                     19710912
       Sevilla.19990822 1395 11.06 -0.1
                                            Chandra Sturrup
                                                                BAH
                                                                     19710912
## 4:
        Eugene.20110604 1696 11.08
                                         Blessing Okagbare
                                    2.0
                                                                NGR
                                                                     19880910
## 5: Kingston.20120629 1292 11.05 1.5 Schillonie Calvert
                                                                JAM 19880727
##
          City
                   Date
## 1:
         Seoul 19880924
## 2: Shanghai 20090920
```

• 3b. We will now complete the manual merge of sprint.m.df and sprint.w.df. First, check the order of values in City.Date in sprint.m.df match exactly with those in sprint.w.df. Then, use cbind() to create a new data frame sprint.df that has 13 columns. The first column should be City.Date, the next 6 columns should contain all the remaining columns from sprint.m.df, and the last 6 columns should contain all the remaining columns form sprint.w.df. Of course, each row should correspond to sprints from the same City.Date. Print out the first five lines of sprint.df afterwards, and verify that its dimensions are 377 x 13.

3:

4:

Sevilla 19990822

5: Kingston 20120629

Eugene 20110604

```
i.city <- order(sprint.m.df$City.Date, decreasing=FALSE)</pre>
sprint.m.df <- sprint.m.df[i.city]</pre>
i.city <- order(sprint.w.df$City.Date, decreasing=FALSE)</pre>
sprint.w.df <- sprint.w.df[i.city,]</pre>
sprint.df <- cbind(sprint.m.df$City.Date,</pre>
                    sprint.m.df[, c("Rank", "Time", "Wind", "Name", "Country", "Birthdate")],
                    sprint.w.df[, c("Rank", "Time", "Wind", "Name", "Country", "Birthdate")])
head(sprint.df, 5)
                       V1 Rank Time Wind
                                                        Name Country Birthdate Rank
## 1: Ad-Dawhah.19980507 2145 10.07
                                      0.4
                                             Donovan Bailey
                                                                 CAN
                                                                       19671216 1545
## 2: Ad-Dawhah.20020515 2422 10.08 0.0 Bernard Williams
                                                                      19780119 888
                                                                 USA
```

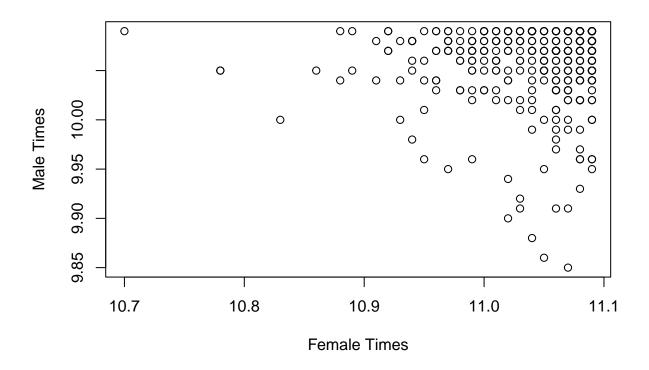
```
## 3: Ad-Dawhah.20080509 2422 10.08
                                             Michael Frater
                                                                      19821006 1853
                                                                 JAM
                                      1.0
                                             Travis Padgett
## 4: Ad-Dawhah.20090508 1456 10.04
                                                                 USA
                                                                      19861213
                                                                                377
## 5: Ad-Dawhah.20120511 1683 10.05
                                      0.4
                                               Nesta Carter
                                                                 JAM
                                                                      19851110
                                                                                888
##
       Time Wind
                               Name Country Birthdate
## 1: 11.07
             0.7
                       Inger Miller
                                         USA
                                              19720612
## 2: 11.01
             0.4
                    Chandra Sturrup
                                              19710912
                                         BAH
## 3: 11.09
             1.5
                    Sherone Simpson
                                         JAM
                                              19840812
## 4: 10.93
             1.3
                    Kerron Stewart
                                         JAM
                                              19840416
## 5: 11.01 0.7 Blessing Okagbare
                                         NGR
                                              19880910
```

• 3c. Ue the merge() function to recreate the merge in the previous part. This should require only one line of code; call the result sprint.df.2. In the call to merge(), make sure to set the argument suffixes=c(".m",".w"), which will help appropriately distinguish the column names after merging (a convenience of using the merge() function). The merged data frame sprint.df2 should be of dimension 377 x 13; display its first five lines. Do these match those of sprint.df from the last part? They shouldn't match, and this is because the merge() function sorts according to the by column, by default. Take a look at the help file for merge() to see what arugment you should set in order to turn off this behavior; then check again the first five lines of the output sprint.df2, and compare to those from sprint.df.

```
##
                City.Date Rank.m Time.m Wind.m
                                                           Name.m Country.m
## 1: Ad-Dawhah.19980507
                            2145
                                   10.07
                                                   Donovan Bailey
                                            0.4
## 2: Ad-Dawhah.20020515
                            2422
                                   10.08
                                                                         USA
                                            0.0 Bernard Williams
## 3: Ad-Dawhah.20080509
                            2422
                                   10.08
                                            1.4
                                                   Michael Frater
                                                                         JAM
## 4: Ad-Dawhah.20090508
                            1456
                                                   Travis Padgett
                                                                         USA
                                   10.04
                                            1.0
  5: Ad-Dawhah.20120511
                            1683
                                   10.05
                                            0.4
                                                     Nesta Carter
                                                                         JAM
##
      Birthdate.m Rank.w Time.w Wind.w
                                                     Name.w Country.w Birthdate.w
## 1:
         19671216
                     1545
                           11.07
                                     0.7
                                               Inger Miller
                                                                   USA
                                                                           19720612
## 2:
                                           Chandra Sturrup
         19780119
                      888
                           11.01
                                     0.4
                                                                   BAH
                                                                           19710912
## 3:
         19821006
                     1853
                           11.09
                                     1.5
                                           Sherone Simpson
                                                                   JAM
                                                                           19840812
## 4:
         19861213
                      377
                           10.93
                                     1.3
                                             Kerron Stewart
                                                                   JAM
                                                                           19840416
## 5:
         19851110
                      888
                           11.01
                                     0.7 Blessing Okagbare
                                                                   NGR
                                                                           19880910
```

• 3d. Plot the Time.w versus Time.m columns in sprint.df2, with appropriately labeled axes and an appropriate title. Looking at the the women's versus men's times from the common track meets—is there a positive correlation here, i.e., is there a "track meet effect"? This might suggest that there is something about the track meet itself (e.g., the weather, the atmosphere, the crowd, the specific way the track has been constructed/set up, etc.) that helps sprinters run faster. Then, use the cor.test() function to determine if there is a significant correlation between Time.w and Time.m—specifically, report the p.value from its output. In the call to cor.test(), use all default arguments.

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```
cor.test(sprint.df.2$Time.w, sprint.df.2$Time.m)
```

```
##
## Pearson's product-moment correlation
##
## data: sprint.df.2$Time.w and sprint.df.2$Time.m
## t = -0.090524, df = 375, p-value = 0.9279
## alternative hypothesis: true correlation is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## -0.10562648  0.09637266
## sample estimates:
## cor
## -0.004674599
```

There doesn't appear to be much of a track effect. There's a fairly large cluster of slower times, and the faster female/male times don't always have a fast counterpart. We see this as the correlation test has a p value of about 0.9, so there doesn't appear to be a statistical correlation between the two samples.