Case Study 7

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CASE STUDY. A study on the effects of exercise on health with data in four flat files

THE TRUE KEY TO WEIGHT LOSS

- ⇒ EXERCISE 20-30 MINUTES DAILY (THAT'S IT)
- □ GIVE YOURSELF 8 HOURS OF SLEEP EVERY NIGHT
- ⇒ DRINK 1/2 OUNCE OF WATER PER POUND OF YOUR BODYWEIGHT (DAILY)
- SUNSHINE VITAMIN D (10 MINS EARLY MORNING, LATE-AFTERNOON) ON HANDS OR FACE
- DUMP THE JUNK IN YOUR DIET (NOTHING IN BOXES OR BAGS)
- ⇒ LIMIT GRAINS, REFINED SUGARS, AND COMMERCIAL DAIRY
- MORE FRUITS AND VEGETABLES ON EVERY PLATE, EVERY DAY
- ⇒ QUIT SMOKING (YOU CAN DO IT)

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- Assess the effectiveness of a new exercise programme which is believed to induce weight loss and improve self-rated health.
- ▶ 5000 people randomized into two groups: 2,500 people to the treatment and another 2,500 to the control group.
- ► Health outcomes, weight and self-rated health, were measured before and after the intervention.



The data was provided in 4 files:

- EXER_age_sex_race.csv : Subject demographics at baseline: age, sex, and race (we have seen this data when learning how to import comma separated values file)
- EXER_SRH.csv : Self-Rated Health (SRH) on an ordinal scale.
- EXER_weight_trt : Weight, in pounds, for Treatment Group.
- EXER_weight_con : Weight, in pounds, for Control Group.

Import these files using the read_csv() function and explore the variables they contain.



```
data1 = read_csv("DataFiles/EXER_age_sex_race.csv")
```

```
glimpse(data1)
```

```
## Observations: 5,000
## Variables: 2
## $ subject_ID <int> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15,...
## $ SexAge_Race <chr> "MALE41.2_White", "FEMALE42.9_White", "FEMALE38.5_...
```

- There are 5000 subjects in the study.
- ► All the information about each subject is in one column. Separate the information.
- ▶ There are missing values for race.



```
## [1] 1 0
## Levels: 0 1
```

- ➤ This file contains the patient id (note the different column name from the previous file),
- and each participant's self rated health before and after the study.
- trt takes on two values: 0 (individual didn't exercise, control), 1 (individual exercised, treatment).
- ▶ data2 has 10035 rows but there should only be 10000 pata Science

data3 = read_csv("DataFiles/EXER_weight_trt.csv")

- Information about the weight of patients who received the exercise plan.
- Patient id column has different name than in the previous two data sets,
- Pre- and post-intervention weight.

glimpse(data3)

- Many NAs! if pre-intervention weight is recorded, post-intervention weight is an NA, and vice-versa.
- Expect 5000 observations, but there are 5017.



data4 = read_csv("DataFiles/EXER_weight_con.csv")

```
glimpse(data4)
```

- Information about the weight of patients who are in the control group.
- Patient id column has different name than in the previous two data sets,
- Pre- and post-intervention weight.
- Many NAs! if pre-intervention weight is recorded, post-intervention weight is an NA, and vice-versa.
- Expect 5000 observations, but there are 5012.



In this study:

- an observational unit is a patient,
- fixed variables are age, sex and race,
- measured variables are self-rated health and weight at two time points, before and after the intervention.



This is messy data:

- a single observational unit is stored in multiple tables,
- multiple variables are stored in one column,
- there is possibly duplicated information,
- and more messy features to be discovered!



- ▶ The strategy is to deal with the data sets one by one.
- ▶ Manipulate each of them so that they can be joined.
- ► Have to join by subject id so let us name that column id in all four data frames



First data set (data1)

```
glimpse(data1)
## Observations: 5,000
## Variables: 2
## $ subject ID <int> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15,...
## $ SexAge Race <chr> "MALE41.2_White", "FEMALE42.9 White", "FEMALE38.5_...
# data1_1 will be the modified version of data1.
data1 1 = data1
#add a _ after MALE to separate sex and age
data1_1$SexAge_Race =
  str_replace_all(data1_1$SexAge_Race, "MALE", "MALE_")
#separate values between
data1_1 =
separate(data1 1, SexAge Race, c("Sex", "Age", "Race"), sep = " ")
```



```
glimpse(data1_1)
```

▶ Note Age is of type character. Should be numeric.



```
#make Age a numeric variable
data1_1$Age = as.numeric(data1_1$Age)
```

```
#rename the first column
names(data1_1)[1] = "id"
```

```
glimpse(data1_1)
```

```
## Observations: 5,000
## Variables: 4
## $ id <int> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17...
## $ Sex <chr> "MALE", "FEMALE", "FEMALE", "FEMALE", "FEMALE", "FEMALE",...
## $ Age <dbl> 41.2, 42.9, 38.5, 35.6, 48.5, 36.9, 28.9, 24.7, 47.1, 37....
## $ Race <chr> "White", "White", "White", "Hispanic", "White", "NA", "Wh...
```

- Note that the Race column of data1_1 has the value "NA", which R reads as a character string and not as a missing value.
- ▶ Need to transform the entries "NA" into NA.



The function str_detect (in package stringr) has two arguments

- ► The 1st argument is a vector where the positions of a string will be detected
- ▶ The 2nd argument is the string to be detected

```
#aux contains the position where the string "NA" was found
aux = str_detect(data1_1$Race, "NA")
```

```
#turn those entries into missing values
data1_1$Race[aux] = NA
```

```
glimpse(data1_1)
```

```
## Observations: 5,000
## Variables: 4
## $ id <int> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17...
## $ Sex <chr> "MALE", "FEMALE", "FEMALE",
```



```
summary(as.factor(data1 1$Race))
##
      Asian
               Black Hispanic
                                  White
                                             NA's
        450
                  424
                           846
                                    2876
##
                                              404
summary(as.factor(data1_1$Sex))
   FEMALE
            MALE
     2556
            2444
##
summary(data1_1$Age)
```

```
## Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max.
## 18.10 33.40 38.80 38.89 44.10 69.30
```



Second data set (data2)

glimpse(data2)

[1] 10016

\$ SRH <chr> "Poor", "Good", "Poor", "Very Poor", "Satisfactory", "Goo...

▶ There are 10,035 rows. Remove exact duplicate rows.

```
data2_1 = data2

#remove duplicate rows
data2_1 = distinct(data2)

nrow(data2_1)
```

► After removing duplicate rows now there are 10,016 rows Data Science Campus

Summaries of columns. Is there anything unusual?

```
summary(as.factor(data2_1$trt))
##
## 5008 5008
summary(as.factor(data2_1$TIME))
## POST
       PRE
## 5003 5013
summary(as.factor(data2_1$SRH))
      Excellent
                        Good
                                      Poor Satisfactory
##
                                                          Very
                                                                 Poor
           2947
                        1570
                                      1711
                                                   1411
##
                                                                   16
      Very Poor
##
```

- ▶ We spotted something unusual! The SRH level Very Poor appears also with a double space between Very and Poor.
- ► This happens for 16 rows.

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##



```
data2 1$SRH =
  str replace all(data2 1$SRH, "Very Poor", "Very Poor")
summary(as.factor(data2_1$SRH))
     Excellent
                      Good
                                   Poor Satisfactory Very Poor
##
##
          2947
                     1570
                                   1711 1411
                                                            2377
#remove duplicate rows
data2 1 = distinct(data2 1)
glimpse(data2_1)
## Observations: 10,000
## Variables: 4
## $ id <int> 1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 4, 4, 5, 5, 6, 6, 7, 7, 8, 8, 9, 9, 10....
## $ TIME <chr> "POST", "PRE", "PRE", "POST", "PRE", "POST", "PRE", "POST...
## $ SRH <chr> "Poor", "Good", "Poor", "Very Poor", "Satisfactory", "Goo...
```

There are now two rows per patient.



Merge all four data sets into one.

glimpse(data2_1)

- ► The first data set has one row per observation. The second data set has two rows per observation.
- Spread the TIME column, to create two new columns with PRE-SRH and POST-SRH.

```
data2_1 = spread(data2_1, TIME, SRH)
```



► Change the names of the 3rd and 4th columns to POST_SRH and PRE_SRH and swap their order.

```
names(data2_1)[3:4] = c("POST_SRH", "PRE_SRH")
```

```
data2_1 = data2_1[,c(1,2,4,3)]
```



glimpse(data2_1)



Third data set (data3)

glimpse(data3)

- Pre- and post-weight of treatment patients.
- Change the name of the first column to id.

```
data3_1 = data3
names(data3_1)[1] = "id"
```

▶ There should be 5,000 rows in data3 but there are 5,017 rows.



```
#remove duplicate rows
data3_1 = distinct(data3_1)
```

```
nrow(data3_1)
```

```
## [1] 5017
```

- There are no exact duplicate rows in data3.
- Let us see if there are more than two records per patient.
- count(), in dplyr, used to count how many instances for each patient id there are.



Example

```
#count the instances of each patient id in the first 8 rows
aux1 = count(data3_1[1:8,],id)
aux1
```

```
## # A tibble: 4 x 2
## id n
## <int> <int> <int>
## 2 2 2
## 3 3 2
## 4 4 2
```

► The result has two columns. One is id and the other one is the corresponding count, n.



```
#count the instances of each patient id
aux1 = count(data3_1,id)

aux2 = which(aux1$n > 2)

aux3 = aux1$id[aux2]
aux3
```

aux3 gives the patient id's with more than two entries. Let us explore the data for those patients.

[1] 2394 2395 2396 2397 2398 2399 2400 2401 2402



```
ff = filter(data3_1, id %in% aux3)
```

as.data.frame(ff)

```
##
       id PRE_WEIGHT POST_WEIGHT
## 1
     2394
             137.0663
                              NA
## 2
     2394
                   NA
                       128.2492
## 3
     2394
                   NA
                        128.2000
## 4
     2395
            164.3000
                              NA
## 5
     2395
             164.3255
                              NA
     2395
## 6
                  NA
                        164.3350
## 7
     2395
                   NA
                        164.3500
## 8
     2396
             160.9983
                              NA
## 9
     2396
             160.9985
                              NA
## 10 2396
                   NA
                        165.7400
## 11 2396
                  NA
                        165.7270
## 12 2397
            147.7983
                              NA
## 13 2397
            147.7990
                              NA
## 14 2397
                  NA
                        137.8439
## 15 2397
                 NA
                        137.8500
## 16 2398
            133.1364
                              NA
## 17 2398
            133.1400
                              NA
## 18 2398
                   NA
                        118.9500
## 19 2398
                        118.9398
                   NA
## 20 2399
            188.8684
                              NA
## 21 2399
             188.9000
                              NA
## 22 2399
                   NA
                        179.1000
## 23 2399
                   NA
                        179.0564
## 24 2400
            166.1632
                              NA
## 25 2400
             166.2000
                              NA
## 26 2400
                   NA
                        150.2311
## 27 2400
                   NA
                         150,2000
## 28 2401
            151.6768
                              NA
## 29 2401
             151.7000
                              NA
## 30 2401
                   NA
                        133.3000
## 31 2401
                   NA
                         133.2508
```



- Truncate the values of weight (pre- and post-). This will hardly affect the results of the study
- This will create exact row duplicates and then eliminate duplicates.
- ► The function mutate_all() in the dplyr package is useful to apply a function to each column.
- ▶ In this case the function we want to apply is round().



```
#this call truncates all the columns
data3_1 = mutate_all(data3_1, trunc)
```

► Now, remove duplicate rows

```
data3_1 = distinct(data3_1)
```

```
glimpse(data3_1)
```

glimpse(data3_1)

Now we have 5000 rows.



- ▶ Need one row per patient with id, pre- and post-weight.
- Strategy: select id and pre-weight, eliminate the rows where pre-weight is NA.
- Similarly with id and post-weight.
- ▶ Next merge both data frames into one by patient id.



\$ PRE WEIGHT <dbl> 135, 154, 128, 183, 166, 120, 158, 160, 127, 187, 1...



```
#select all columns except PRE_WEIGHT
temp2 = select(data3_1, -PRE_WEIGHT)
```

```
#filter out the NAs in POST_WEIGHT
temp2 = filter(temp2, is.na(POST_WEIGHT) == "FALSE")
```

```
glimpse(temp2)
```



```
#join temp1 and temp2
data3_1 = inner_join(temp1,temp2)
## Joining, by = "id"
glimpse(data3_1)
## Observations: 2,500
## Variables: 3
## $ id
         <dbl> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15,...
## $ PRE WEIGHT <dbl> 135, 154, 128, 183, 166, 120, 158, 160, 127, 187, ...
## $ POST WEIGHT <dbl> 125, 153, 115, 177, 163, 105, 151, 143, 119, 159, ...
```



Fourth data set (data4)

- ► There are 5,012 rows in this data set when there should be just 5,000.
- Similar inefficient way of recording information as in previous data set.



Let us first investigate if there are patient with exact duplicate records.

► There aren't any exact duplicate rows.



Let us investigate if any patients have duplicate records.

```
#counts instances of each patient id in the whole data set
aux1 = count(data4_1,id)
aux2 = which(aux1$n > 2)
aux3 = aux1$id[aux2]
aux3
```

[1] 4980 4981 4982 4983 4984 4985

Patients 4980, 4981, 4982, 4983, 4984 and 4985 have more than two records each.



```
ff = filter(data4 1, id %in% aux3)
```

as.data.frame(ff)

```
id PRE_WEIGHT POST_WEIGHT
## 1 4980
            151.6736
                            NΑ
## 2
     4980
            151.7000
                      NA
## 3
     4980
                 NA
                     150.5249
## 4
     4980
                 NA
                     150.5300
## 5
     4981
           171.0954
                            NA
## 6
     4981
           171.1000
                       NA
## 7 4981
                 NA
                      168.0745
## 8 4981
                      168.0800
                 NA
## 9 4982
           154.6500
                            NA
## 10 4982
           154.6518
                            NA
## 11 4982
                 NA
                      153.5068
## 12 4982
                 NA
                      153.5100
## 13 4983
           141.0200
                            NA
           141.0217
## 14 4983
                            NA
## 15 4983
                 NA
                      140.1000
## 16 4983
                 NA
                      140.1410
## 17 4984
                            NA
           137.0652
## 18 4984
            137,1000
                            NA
## 19 4984
                 NA
                      134.1708
## 20 4984
                 NA
                      134.2000
## 21 4985
           195.0055
                           NA
## 22 4985
            195.0100
                           NA
## 23 4985
                 NA
                      193.3600
## 24 4985
             NA
                      193.3532
```



As before, truncate the data and eliminate any duplicate rows.

```
#this call rounds all the columns to the nearest integer
data4_1 = mutate_all(data4_1,trunc)
```

```
#eliminate duplicate rows
data4_1 = distinct(data4_1)
```



glimpse(data4_1)

▶ We have 5,000 rows now.



We have to create a data frame with one row per patient, as before.

```
#select all columns except POST WEIGHT
temp1 = select(data4 1, -POST WEIGHT)
#filter out the NAs in PRE_WEIGHT
temp1 = filter(temp1, is.na(PRE_WEIGHT) == "FALSE")
glimpse(temp1)
## Observations: 2,500
## Variables: 2
            <dbl> 2501, 2502, 2503, 2504, 2505, 2506, 2507, 2508, 250...
## $ id
## $ PRE WEIGHT <dbl> 159, 176, 181, 175, 136, 160, 153, 163, 161, 178, 1...
```



```
#select all columns except PRE_WEIGHT
temp2 = select(data4_1, -PRE_WEIGHT)
```

```
#filter out the NAs in POST_WEIGHT
temp2 = filter(temp2, is.na(POST_WEIGHT) == "FALSE")
```

```
glimpse(temp2)
```





- Next, join the rows of data3_1 and data4_1 to create data3_2 so that all patients are in one data frame.
- ▶ First, add a column in data3_1 called trt with all values equal to 1, and a column in data4_1 called trt as well but with all values equal to zero.

```
data3 1$trt = rep(1, nrow(data3 1))
data4 1$trt = rep(0, nrow(data4 1))
glimpse(data3 1)
## Observations: 2,500
## Variables: 4
## $ id
            <dbl> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15,...
## $ PRE WEIGHT <dbl> 135, 154, 128, 183, 166, 120, 158, 160, 127, 187, ...
## $ POST_WEIGHT <dbl> 125, 153, 115, 177, 163, 105, 151, 143, 119, 159, ...
## $ trt
            glimpse(data4_1)
## Observations: 2,500
## Variables: 4
            <dbl> 2501, 2502, 2503, 2504, 2505, 2506, 2507, 2508, 25...
## $ id
## $ PRE WEIGHT <dbl> 159, 176, 181, 175, 136, 160, 153, 163, 161, 178, ...
## $ POST_WEIGHT <dbl> 158, 174, 179, 175, 137, 159, 155, 164, 160, 177, ...
             ## $ trt
```



```
data3_2 = bind_rows(data3_1,data4_1)
```

```
glimpse(data3_2)
```



A unified data set

Observations: 5,000

Merge data1_1, data2_1 and data3_2.

```
data_exer1 = inner_join(data1_1, data2_1)

## Joining, by = "id"

data_exer1 = inner_join(data_exer1, data3_2)

## Joining, by = c("id", "trt")

glimpse(data_exer1)
```

```
## Variables: 9
               <dbl> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15,...
## $ id
## $ Sex <chr> "MALE", "FEMALE", "FEMALE", "FEMALE", "FEMALE", "F...
## $ Age
              <dbl> 41.2, 42.9, 38.5, 35.6, 48.5, 36.9, 28.9, 24.7, 47...
## $ Race
             <chr> "White", "White", "White", "Hispanic", "White", NA...
## $ trt
             ## $ PRE SRH
             <chr> "Good", "Poor", "Satisfactory", "Poor", "Poor", "G...
## $ POST SRH
             <chr> "Poor", "Very Poor", "Good", "Good", "Poor", "Exce...
## $ PRE WEIGHT <dbl> 135, 154, 128, 183, 166, 120, 158, 160, 127, 187, ...
## $ POST WEIGHT <dbl> 125, 153, 115, 177, 163, 105, 151, 143, 119, 159, ...
```



- ► Further narrow the number of variables introducing a variable Time, with values PRE and POST, and gather SRH and Weight.
- ➤ To do that, first create one data frame with all the fixed variables and pre- and post-SRH and another data frame with all the fixed variables and pre- and post-WEIGHT.
- ► Gather the pre- and post- column into Time and SRH or WEIGHT and then we will join both data sets.



```
temp1 = data exer1[,1:7]
temp1 = gather(temp1, "Time", "SRH", 6:7)
temp1$Time = str replace all(temp1$Time, "PRE SRH", "PRE")
temp1$Time = str_replace_all(temp1$Time, "POST SRH", "POST")
glimpse(temp1)
## Observations: 10,000
## Variables: 7
## $ id <dbl> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17...
## $ Sex <chr> "MALE", "FEMALE", "FEMALE", "FEMALE", "FEMALE", "FEMALE", ...
## $ Age <dbl> 41.2, 42.9, 38.5, 35.6, 48.5, 36.9, 28.9, 24.7, 47.1, 37....
## $ Race <chr> "White", "White", "White", "Hispanic", "White", NA, "Whit...
## $ Time <chr> "PRE", "PRE", "PRE", "PRE", "PRE", "PRE", "PRE", "PRE", "PRE", "...
## $ SRH <chr> "Good", "Poor", "Satisfactory", "Poor", "Poor", "Good", "...
```



```
temp2 = data exer1[,c(1:5,8,9)]
temp2 = gather(temp2, "Time", "WEIGHT", 6:7)
temp2$Time = str replace all(temp2$Time, "PRE WEIGHT", "PRE")
temp2$Time = str_replace_all(temp2$Time, "POST_WEIGHT", "POST")
glimpse(temp2)
## Observations: 10,000
## Variables: 7
## $ id <dbl> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, ...
## $ Sex <chr> "MALE". "FEMALE". "FEMALE". "FEMALE". "FEMALE". "FEMALE".
## $ Age <dbl> 41.2, 42.9, 38.5, 35.6, 48.5, 36.9, 28.9, 24.7, 47.1, 3...
## $ Race <chr> "White", "White", "Hispanic", "White", NA, "Wh...
## $ Time <chr> "PRE", 
## $ WEIGHT <dbl> 135, 154, 128, 183, 166, 120, 158, 160, 127, 187, 149, ...
```



Merge temp1 and temp2

data exer2 = inner join(temp1, temp2)

```
## Joining, by = c("id", "Sex", "Age", "Race", "trt", "Time")
glimpse(data_exer2)
## Observations: 10.000
## Variables: 8
## $ id <dbl> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, ...
## $ Sex <chr> "MALE", "FEMALE", "FEMALE", "FEMALE", "FEMALE", "FEMALE...
## $ Age <dbl> 41.2, 42.9, 38.5, 35.6, 48.5, 36.9, 28.9, 24.7, 47.1, 3...
## $ Race <chr> "White", "White", "White", "Hispanic", "White", NA, "Wh...
## $ Time
                                        <chr> "PRE", "PRE"
                                          <chr> "Good". "Poor". "Satisfactory". "Poor". "Poor". "Good"....
## $ SRH
## $ WEIGHT <dbl> 135, 154, 128, 183, 166, 120, 158, 160, 127, 187, 149, ...
```

Data Science

- Both data_exer1 and data_exer2 are tidy, and it is a matter of preference and how the data will be used to choose a format to work with.
- We will work with both data frames for the purpose of visualising the data.



- ► The variable SRH is an ordinal categorical variable. Let us tell R about the ordinal features of SRH.
- Also, Time is categorical ordinal. Sex and Race are simply categorical.
- ➤ Treatment, trt, is also a factor and we will let R know and re-label the levels from 0 to Control and 1 to Treatment.
- We will do this for both data frames data_exer1 and data_exer2.



```
#transform character columns into factors for data exer1
data exer1$PRE SRH = factor(data exer1$PRE SRH, levels = c("Very Poor",
                                           "Poor", "Satisfactory", "Good", "Excellent"), ordered = TRUE)
data exer1$POST SRH = factor(data exer1$POST SRH, levels = c("Very Poor",
                                              "Poor", "Satisfactory", "Good", "Excellent"), ordered = TRUE)
data exer1$Sex = as.factor(data exer1$Sex)
data exer1$Race = as.factor(data exer1$Race)
data_exer1$trt = factor(as.character(data_exer1$trt), levels = c("0", "1"),
                                                                                                labels = c("Control". "Treatment"))
glimpse(data exer1)
## Observations: 5,000
## Variables: 9
## $ id
                                                 <dbl> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15,...
## $ Sex
                                                 <fct> MALE, FEMALE, FE
## $ Age
                                                <dbl> 41.2, 42.9, 38.5, 35.6, 48.5, 36.9, 28.9, 24.7, 47...
```

<fct> White, White, White, Hispanic, White, NA, White, H...</fct> Treatment. Treatment. Treatment. Treatment. Treatment.

<ord> Good, Poor, Satisfactory, Poor, Poor, Good, Excell...

<ord> Poor, Very Poor, Good, Good, Poor, Excellent, Exce...

\$ PRE_WEIGHT <dbl> 135, 154, 128, 183, 166, 120, 158, 160, 127, 187, ...
\$ POST WEIGHT <dbl> 125, 153, 115, 177, 163, 105, 151, 143, 119, 159, ...

\$ Race

\$ POST_SRH

\$ trt ## \$ PRE SRH



```
#transform character columns into factors for data exer2
data exer2$SRH = factor(data exer2$SRH, levels = c("Very Poor", "Poor",
                   "Satisfactory", "Good", "Excellent"), ordered = TRUE)
#Time is also an ordered factor
data exer2$Time = factor(data exer2$Time, levels = c("PRE", "POST").
                           ordered = TRUE)
data exer2$Sex = as.factor(data exer2$Sex)
data exer2$Race = as.factor(data exer2$Race)
data_exer2$trt = factor(as.character(data_exer2$trt), levels = c("0", "1"),
                          labels = c("Control", "Treatment"))
glimpse(data_exer2)
## Observations: 10,000
## Variables: 8
## $ id
        <dbl> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, ...
## $ Sex <fct> MALE, FEMALE, FEMALE, FEMALE, FEMALE, FEMALE, M...
```

<dbl> 41.2, 42.9, 38.5, 35.6, 48.5, 36.9, 28.9, 24.7, 47.1, 3... ## \$ Race <fct> White, White, Hispanic, White, NA, White, Hispan... ## \$ trt <fct> Treatment, Treatment, Treatment, Treatment, Treatment, ...

<ord> Good, Poor, Satisfactory, Poor, Poor, Good, Excellent, ...

\$ WEIGHT <dbl> 135, 154, 128, 183, 166, 120, 158, 160, 127, 187, 149, ...

\$ Age

\$ SRH



- Age is continuous in nature.
- ► However, it is not really expected that at each small change in age we would observe changes in treatment effects.
- Also, in case effects change according to age, a change of, say 5 years, at young age will not possibly see the same effect as a change of 5 years at middle or old age.
- Construct age groups.
- Note that we will use Age from data_exer1 because it contains just one row per observational unit.



```
## Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max.
## 18.10 33.40 38.80 38.89 44.10 69.30
aux = cut(data_exer1$Age, c(18, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60,70))
```

```
summary(aux)
```

```
## (18,20] (20,30] (30,40] (40,50] (50,60] (60,70]
## 33 649 2133 1779 374 32
```

- ► Most participants are 30 50 years of age.
- No participants are younger than 18 years or older than 70 years.
- Split age into 18-34yrs, 35-40yrs, 41-45yrs, 46-70yrs, so that we don't have an age category over-represented with number of patients.
- Create a new column in both data_exer1 and data_exer2 called Age_cat which indicates the age group of the page Science called Age_cat which indicates the age group of the page Science

```
data_exer1$Age_cat = cut(data_exer1$Age, c(18, 34, 39, 44, 70))

data_exer2$Age_cat = cut(data_exer2$Age, c(18, 34, 39, 44, 70))

summary(data_exer1$Age_cat)

## (18,34] (34,39] (39,44] (44,70]

## 1345 1223 1162 1270
```



Let us see how the data looks like now

glimpse(data_exer1)

```
## Observations: 5,000
## Variables: 10
## $ id
                 <dbl> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15,...
## $ Sex
                 <fct> MALE, FEMALE, FEMALE, FEMALE, FEMALE, FEMALE, FEMA...
## $ Age
                 <dbl> 41.2, 42.9, 38.5, 35.6, 48.5, 36.9, 28.9, 24.7, 47...
## $ Race
                 <fct> White, White, White, Hispanic, White, NA, White, H...
## $ trt
                 <fct> Treatment, Treatment, Treatment, Treatment, Treatm...
## $ PRE SRH
                 <ord> Good. Poor. Satisfactory. Poor. Poor. Good. Excell...
## $ POST SRH
                 <ord> Poor, Very Poor, Good, Good, Poor, Excellent, Exce...
## $ PRE WEIGHT
                 <dbl> 135, 154, 128, 183, 166, 120, 158, 160, 127, 187, ...
## $ POST_WEIGHT <dbl> 125, 153, 115, 177, 163, 105, 151, 143, 119, 159, ...
## $ Age cat
                 <fct> (39,44], (39,44], (34,39], (34,39], (44,70], (34,3...
```



glimpse(data_exer2)

```
## Observations: 10.000
## Variables: 9
## $ id
           <dbl> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16,...
## $ Sex
           <fct> MALE, FEMALE, FEMALE, FEMALE, FEMALE, FEMALE, ...
## $ Age
           <dbl> 41.2, 42.9, 38.5, 35.6, 48.5, 36.9, 28.9, 24.7, 47.1, ...
## $ Race
           <fct> White, White, White, Hispanic, White, NA, White, Hispa...
## $ trt
           <fct> Treatment, Treatment, Treatment, Treatment, Treatment,...
## $ Time
           ## $ SRH
           <ord> Good, Poor, Satisfactory, Poor, Poor, Good, Excellent,...
## $ WEIGHT <dbl> 135, 154, 128, 183, 166, 120, 158, 160, 127, 187, 149,...
## $ Age cat <fct> (39.44], (39.44], (34.39], (34.39], (44.70], (34.39], ...
```



Let us shuffle the columns so that Age and Age_cat are contiguous.

```
data exer1 = data exer1[,c(1:3,10,4:9)]
data exer2 = data exer2[,c(1:3,9,4:8)]
glimpse(data_exer1)
## Observations: 5.000
## Variables: 10
## $ id
                <dbl> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15,...
## $ Sex
                <fct> MALE, FEMALE, FEMALE, FEMALE, FEMALE, FEMALE, FEMA...
## $ Age
                <dbl> 41.2, 42.9, 38.5, 35.6, 48.5, 36.9, 28.9, 24.7, 47...
                <fct> (39,44], (39,44], (34,39], (34,39], (44,70], (34,3...
## $ Age_cat
## $ Race
                <fct> White, White, White, Hispanic, White, NA, White, H...
## $ trt
                <fct> Treatment, Treatment, Treatment, Treatment, Treatm...
## $ PRE_SRH <ord> Good, Poor, Satisfactory, Poor, Poor, Good, Excell...
## $ POST SRH
               <ord> Poor, Very Poor, Good, Good, Poor, Excellent, Exce...
## $ PRE WEIGHT <dbl> 135, 154, 128, 183, 166, 120, 158, 160, 127, 187, ...
## $ POST WEIGHT <dbl> 125, 153, 115, 177, 163, 105, 151, 143, 119, 159, ...
```



glimpse(data_exer2)

```
## Observations: 10,000
## Variables: 9
           <dbl> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16,...
## $ id
## $ Sex <fct> MALE, FEMALE, FEMALE, FEMALE, FEMALE, FEMALE, FEMALE, ...
         <dbl> 41.2. 42.9, 38.5, 35.6, 48.5, 36.9, 28.9, 24.7, 47.1, ...
## $ Age
## $ Age_cat <fct> (39,44], (39,44], (34,39], (34,39], (44,70], (34,39], ...
## $ Race
          <fct> White, White, White, Hispanic, White, NA, White, Hispa...
## $ trt
          <fct> Treatment, Treatment, Treatment, Treatment, Treatment,...
## $ Time
          <ord> Good, Poor, Satisfactory, Poor, Poor, Good, Excellent,...
## $ SRH
## $ WEIGHT <dbl> 135, 154, 128, 183, 166, 120, 158, 160, 127, 187, 149,...
```

summary(data_exer2\$trt)

```
## Control Treatment
## 5000 5000
```



- Let us see a few ways in which we can tabulate some aspects of the data.
- We can use table(), ftable() (more than two variables) or xtabs().

```
with(data_exer2, table(SRH,Time))
```

```
##
                Time
## SRH
                  PRE POST
##
    Very Poor
                 1321 1040
    Poor
                  959
                      752
##
    Satisfactory 611 800
##
    Good
                736 834
##
##
    Excellent 1373 1574
```

- ▶ Without considering any other factor, there are less patients in the Poor and Very Poor categories after the intervention.
- there are more patients in the Satisfactory, Good and Excellent categories after the intervention than before the intervention.

Let us see if the trend stays when we consider also the patient's gender.



```
aux2 = with(data_exer2, table(SRH,Time,Sex))
aux2
```

```
## , , Sex = FEMALE
##
##
               Time
## SRH
               PRE POST
    Very Poor 660 576
##
##
    Poor
             443 414
##
    Satisfactory 337
                     367
##
    Good
                391 382
##
    Excellent 725 817
##
## . Sex = MALE
##
##
                Time
## SRH
               PRE POST
##
    Very Poor
                661
                     464
##
    Poor
                516 338
##
    Satisfactory 274 433
##
    Good
                345 452
##
    Excellent 648 757
```



- ► The trend of positive effect of the exercise plan is still present when we consider gender.
- ▶ It seems to be stronger for men than for women.





SRH by age & gender, treatment and control groups PRE POST 45-70 -40-44 -35-39 -Age Group 45-70 -40-44 -35-39 -18-34 -Gender

Good

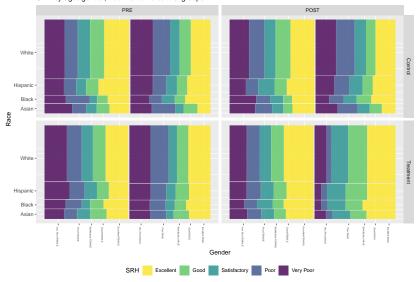
Satisfactory Poor Very Poor

SRH Excellent





SRH by age&gender, treatment and control groups

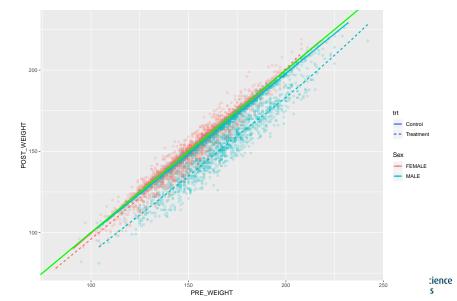




- Let us visualise now the measured variables that are continuous, namely Weight.
- ► Plot POST_WEIGHT vs PRE_WEIGHT for males (blue) and females (red), before (solid line) and after (dotted line) the intervention.
- Add a 45 degree line through zero (symbolising no treatment effect on weight, i.e. weight before is equal to weight after).



```
ggplot(data_exer1, aes(x=PRE_WEIGHT, y=POST_WEIGHT, col=Sex, linetype=trt))+
  geom_point(alpha=0.2) +
  stat_smooth(method = "loess", se = FALSE, lwd=1) +
  geom_abline(intercept = 0, slope = 1, color = "green", lwd = 1)
```

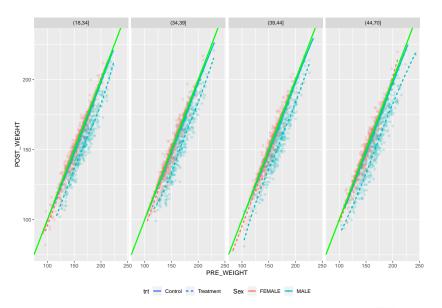


- ► For both sexes the curves of the control patients are nearly overlapping the no-effect green line, as expected.
- ► The treatment curve for women is very near the no-effect green line. There seems to be a very mild positive effect for women whose weights before the intervention were below 150 pounds.
- ➤ The intervention seems to be effective for weight loss for men who underwent the exercise programme, as the blue dotted curve is clearly below the no-effect green line.



Let us split the data into age categories.







The observations we made before still hold when we split the group by age category. The effect of the exercise programme seems to be more beneficial for men aged 45 or older who weigh over 200 pounds.



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