

Processing

This notebook reads in the Maryland State Bureau of Elections reports from January-September 2018, September 2014 and September 2016, which were converted from PDF to CSV using [Tabula](https://tabula.technology/) (<https://tabula.technology/>), an open-source tool "for liberating data tables trapped inside PDF files." The files for each month and year are processed and combined into cleaned data files for analysis (see `02_analysis.ipynb`).

The following CSV files are in the `input/` folder for each month and year:

- `*_totals.csv` : total active registration, by county and party
- `*_changes.csv` : voter registration changes, by county and change type (address or name, or changes from* a particular party)
- `*_new.csv` : new registrations, by party and method of registration
- `*_removals.csv` : removals from the registered voter list, by party and reason for removal

The cleaned files are saved in the `output/` folder.

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In [1]: ## functions to process `totals`, `changes`, `new` and `removals` files

suppressMessages(library('tidyverse'))
suppressMessages(library('lubridate'))
suppressMessages(library('janitor'))
suppressMessages(library('data.table'))

process_totals <- function (month_yr) {
  df <- read.csv(paste0('input/', month_yr, '_totals.csv'), stringsAsFactors =
F)
  df <- df %>% mutate(date = mdy(date),
    DEM = as.numeric(str_replace(DEM, pattern = '\\,',
      replacement = '')),
    REP = as.numeric(str_replace(REP, pattern = '\\,',
      replacement = '')),
    GRN = as.numeric(str_replace(GRN, pattern = '\\,',
      replacement = '')),
    LIB = as.numeric(str_replace(LIB, pattern = '\\,',
      replacement = '')),
    UNAF = as.numeric(str_replace(UNAF, pattern = '\\,',
      replacement = '')),
    OTH = as.numeric(str_replace(OTH, pattern = '\\,',
      replacement = '')),
    TOTAL = as.numeric(str_replace(TOTAL, pattern = '\\,',
      replacement = '')),
    CONF.MAILING = as.numeric(str_replace(CONF.MAILING, pattern =
'\\,',
      replacement = '')),
    INACTIVE = as.numeric(str_replace(INACTIVE, pattern = '\\,',
      replacement = ''))) %>% adorn_t
otals('row')

  colnames(df) <- tolower(colnames(df))

  df <- df %>% mutate(date = ifelse(date == '-', lag(date), date),
    dem_perc = dem/total * 100,
    rep_perc = rep/total * 100,
    grn_perc = grn/total * 100,
    lib_perc = lib/total * 100,
    unaf_perc = unaf/total * 100,
    oth_perc = oth/total * 100)

  return(df)
}

process_changes <- function (month_yr) {
  df <- read.csv(paste0('input/', month_yr, '_changes.csv'), stringsAsFactors
= F)
  df <- df %>% mutate(date = mdy(date),
    ADDRESS = as.numeric(str_replace(ADDRESS, pattern = '\\,',
      replacement = '')),
    NAME = as.numeric(str_replace(NAME, pattern = '\\,',
      replacement = '')),
    DEM = as.numeric(str_replace(DEM, pattern = '\\,',
      replacement = '')),
    REP = as.numeric(str_replace(REP, pattern = '\\,',

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                                replacement = '')),
GRN = as.numeric(str_replace(GRN,pattern = '\\,',
                                replacement = '')),
LIB = as.numeric(str_replace(LIB,pattern = '\\,',
                                replacement = '')),
UNAF = as.numeric(str_replace(UNAF,pattern = '\\,',
                                replacement = '')),
OTH = as.numeric(str_replace(OTH,pattern = '\\,',
                                replacement = '')),
TOTAL = as.numeric(str_replace(TOTAL,pattern = '\\,',
                                replacement = ''))) %>% a
dorn_totals('row')
colnames(df) <- tolower(colnames(df))

df <- df %>%

  mutate(date = ifelse(date == '-', lag(date), date),
         dem_perc = dem/total * 100,
         rep_perc = rep/total * 100,
         grn_perc = grn/total * 100,
         lib_perc = lib/total * 100,
         unaf_perc = unaf/total * 100,
         oth_perc = oth/total * 100)
return(df)
}

process_new <- function (month_yr) {
  df <- read.csv(paste0('input/', month_yr, '_new.csv'), stringsAsFactors = F)
  df <- df %>% mutate(date = mdy(date),
                    DEM = as.numeric(str_replace(DEM,pattern = '\\,',
                                                    replacement = '')),
                    REP = as.numeric(str_replace(REP,pattern = '\\,',
                                                    replacement = '')),
                    GRN = as.numeric(str_replace(GRN,pattern = '\\,',
                                                    replacement = '')),
                    LIB = as.numeric(str_replace(LIB,pattern = '\\,',
                                                    replacement = '')),
                    UNAF = as.numeric(str_replace(UNAF,pattern = '\\,',
                                                    replacement = '')),
                    OTH = as.numeric(str_replace(OTH,pattern = '\\,',
                                                    replacement = '')),
                    TOTAL = as.numeric(str_replace(TOTAL,pattern = '\\,',
                                                    replacement = '')),
                    DUPS = as.numeric(str_replace(DUPS,pattern = '\\,',
                                                    replacement = ''))) %>% adorn_totals(
'row')

  colnames(df) <- tolower(colnames(df))

  df <- df %>%
    mutate(date = ifelse(date == '-', lag(date), date),
         dem_perc = dem/total * 100,
         rep_perc = rep/total * 100,
         grn_perc = grn/total * 100,
         lib_perc = lib/total * 100,
         unaf_perc = unaf/total * 100,
         oth_perc = oth/total * 100)

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    return(df)
  }

process_removals <- function (month_yr) {
  df <- read.csv(paste0('input/', month_yr, '_removals.csv'), stringsAsFactors
= F)
  df <- df %>% mutate(date = mdy(date),
    DEM = as.numeric(str_replace(DEM,pattern = '\\,',
                                replacement = '')),
    REP = as.numeric(str_replace(REP,pattern = '\\,',
                                replacement = '')),
    GRN = as.numeric(str_replace(GRN,pattern = '\\,',
                                replacement = '')),
    LIB = as.numeric(str_replace(LIB,pattern = '\\,',
                                replacement = '')),
    UNAF = as.numeric(str_replace(UNAF,pattern = '\\,',
                                replacement = '')),
    OTH = as.numeric(str_replace(OTH,pattern = '\\,',
                                replacement = '')),
    TOTAL = as.numeric(str_replace(TOTAL,pattern = '\\,',
                                replacement = ''))) %>% a
  dorn_totals('row')
  colnames(df) <- tolower(colnames(df))

  df <- df %>%
    mutate(date = ifelse(date == '-', lag(date), date),
      dem_perc = dem/total * 100,
      rep_perc = rep/total * 100,
      grn_perc = grn/total * 100,
      lib_perc = lib/total * 100,
      unaf_perc = unaf/total * 100,
      oth_perc = oth/total * 100)
  return(df)
}
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In [25]: ## apply functions to files

totals.List <- list()
changes.List <- list()
new.List <- list()
removals.List <- list()

for (i in c('01_2018', '02_2018', '03_2018', '04_2018', '05_2018', '06_2018',
'07_2018',
          '08_2018', '09_2018', '09_2016', '09_2014')) {
  totals.List[[i]] <- process_totals(i)
  changes.List[[i]] <- process_changes(i)
  new.List[[i]] <- process_new(i)
  removals.List[[i]] <- process_removals(i)
}

totals <- rbindlist(totals.List)
changes <- rbindlist(changes.List)
new <- rbindlist(new.List)
removals <- rbindlist(removals.List)

totals$date <- ymd(totals$date)
changes$date <- ymd(changes$date)
new$date <- ymd(new$date)
removals$date <- ymd(removals$date)
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In [27]: ## write to csv in `output/` folder

write_csv(totals, 'output/totals.csv')
write_csv(changes, 'output/changes.csv')
write_csv(new, 'output/new.csv')
write_csv(removals, 'output/removals.csv')
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