Session 4: R Practice 1

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```
library(dplyr)

##
## Attaching package: 'dplyr'

## The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':

##
## filter, lag

## The following objects are masked from 'package:base':

##
## intersect, setdiff, setequal, union

library(readr)
library(haven)

data <- haven::read_dta("nyc_schools.dta")

# Source: New York City Department of Education records, assembled by Nathan Favero</pre>
```

Renaming Variables

```
head(data)
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 19
           schoolname
    dbn
                                schooltype overallscore overallgrade percentilerank
     <chr> <chr>
                                                  <dbl> <chr>
                                                                               <dbl>
## 1 01M015 P.S. 015 Roberto C~ Elementary
                                                   39
                                                        C
                                                                                  15
                                                   55.9 B
## 2 01M019 P.S. 019 Asher Levy Elementary
                                                                                  56
## 3 01M020 P.S. 020 Anna Silv~ Elementary
                                                   40.2 C
                                                                                  17
## 4 01M034 P.S. 034 Franklin ~ K-8
                                                   67.5 A
                                                                                  83
## 5 01M063 P.S. 063 William M~ Elementary
                                                   59.3 B
                                                                                  63
## 6 01M064 P.S. 064 Robert Si~ Elementary
                                                   48.9 C
                                                                                  37
## # i 13 more variables: progressgrade <chr>, performancegrade <chr>,
      environmentgrade <chr>, closingtheachievementgappoints <dbl>,
## #
      principal <chr>, enrollment <dbl>, district <dbl>, iep <chr>,
## #
      economicneedindex <dbl>, blackhispanic <chr>, ell <chr>, thgrmathela <chr>,
## #
      peerindex <dbl>
```

```
# Rename a variable
data <- data %>% rename(school = schoolname)
# See if changes made
head(data)
## # A tibble: 6 x 19
          school schooltype overallscore overallgrade percentilerank progressgrade
                                    <dbl> <chr>
                                                                <dbl> <chr>
     <chr> <chr> <chr>
                                   39 C
## 1 01M0~ P.S. ~ Elementary
                                                                   15 F
## 2 01M0~ P.S. ~ Elementary
                                    55.9 B
                                                                   56 B
## 3 01M0~ P.S. ~ Elementary
                                     40.2 C
                                                                   17 D
## 4 01M0~ P.S. ~ K-8
                                     67.5 A
                                                                   83 B
## 5 01M0~ P.S. ~ Elementary
                                     59.3 B
                                                                   63 B
## 6 01M0~ P.S. ~ Elementary
                                     48.9 C
                                                                   37 C
## # i 12 more variables: performancegrade <chr>, environmentgrade <chr>,
      closingtheachievementgappoints <dbl>, principal <chr>, enrollment <dbl>,
      district <dbl>, iep <chr>, economicneedindex <dbl>, blackhispanic <chr>,
## # ell <chr>, thgrmathela <chr>, peerindex <dbl>
```

Summary Statistics for Subsets

Method 1

```
summary(data$overallscore[data$schooltype == "Elementary"])
##
     Min. 1st Qu. Median
                         Mean 3rd Qu.
                                              NA's
##
    12.70
         44.83
                 53.80
                        54.54
                               64.70 102.20
summary(data$overallscore[data$schooltype == "Middle"])
                                              NA's
##
     Min. 1st Qu. Median
                         Mean 3rd Qu.
                                       Max.
         45.90
                  55.30
                        55.94
                               65.47 102.20
    13.40
                                                25
summary(data$overallscore[data$schooltype == "K-8"])
##
     Min. 1st Qu. Median
                         Mean 3rd Qu.
                                              NA's
                                       Max.
    26.20
         44.23
                53.95
                        54.98
                               64.28
                                      91.90
#Guess what will following codes generate
data$schooltype == "Elementary"
     [1] TRUE TRUE TRUE FALSE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE FALSE TRUE FALSE
##
    [13] FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE TRUE TRUE TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE
    ##
##
    [37] TRUE TRUE FALSE FALSE TRUE TRUE FALSE TRUE FALSE TRUE
                                                                  TRUE
    [49] FALSE TRUE TRUE TRUE FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE
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[709] FALSE TRUE FALSE ## ## TRUE TRUE FALSE TRUE FALSE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE [721] FALSE TRUE ## [733] FALSE TRUE TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE TRUE FALSE [745] FALSE TRUE ## ## [757] FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE FALSE TRUE ## [769] FALSE TRUE TRUE FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE TRUE TRUE TRUE FALSE FALSE ## [781] FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE FALSE TRUE ## [793] TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE FALSE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE ## [805] TRUE FALSE TRUE TRUE TRUE FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE TRUE TRUE ## [817] TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE TRUE TRUE ## [829] TRUE TRUE FALSE FALSE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE FALSE TRUE TRUE FALSE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE FALSE TRUE ## [841] TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE ## [853] FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE TRUE ## [865] TRUE TRUE FALSE TRUE TRUE FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE ## [877] TRUE FALSE TRUE TRUE FALSE FALSE TRUE TRUE ## [889] FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE TRUE TRUE ## [901] TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE FALSE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE ## [913] TRUE TRUE TRUE FALSE TRUE TRUE FALSE TRUE TRUE FALSE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE ## [925] FALSE TRUE ## [937] TRUE TRUE FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE ## [949] FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE TRUE FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE [961] FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE ## TRUE TRUE TRUE [973] TRUE ## TRUE TRUE FALSE TRUE FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE ## [985] TRUE TRUE FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE TRUE ## [997] FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE FALSE TRUE TRUE [1009] TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE FALSE TRUE FALSE [1021] TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE FALSE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE ## [1033] TRUE TRUE TRUE FALSE TRUE FALSE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE FALSE FALSE TRUE TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE TRUE [1045] [1057] TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE [1069] FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE [1081] FALSE FALSE TRUE TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE TRUE TRUE TRUE [1093] TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE TRUE FALSE TRUE [1105] FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE TRUE TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE [1117] FALSE TRUE FALSE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE TRUE [1129] TRUE FALSE TRUE TRUE FALSE [1141] FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE TRUE TRUE [1153] TRUE TRUE FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE TRUE ## [1165] TRUE TRUE

Breaking Down the Command:

- 1. data\$overallscore: This selects the overallscore column from the data dataframe.
- 2. data\$schooltype == "Elementary": This creates a logical vector (TRUE/FALSE) that is TRUE for rows where the schooltype column equals "Elementary" and FALSE otherwise.
- 3. data\$overallscore[data\$schooltype == "Elementary"]: This uses the logical vector to subset overallscore, selecting only those values where schooltype is "Elementary."
- 4. **summary():** The **summary()** function then computes summary statistics (such as the minimum, 1st quartile, median, mean, 3rd quartile, and maximum) for the selected subset of **overallscore**.

Method 2

```
data%>%
 filter(schooltype=="Elementary")%>%
 select(overallscore)%>%
 summary()
    overallscore
## Min. : 12.70
## 1st Qu.: 44.83
## Median: 53.80
## Mean
         : 54.54
## 3rd Qu.: 64.70
## Max. :102.20
## NA's
          :8
data%>%
 filter(schooltype=="Middle")%>%
  .$overallscore%>% # see the break-downs below
 summary()
##
     Min. 1st Qu. Median
                            Mean 3rd Qu.
                                                    NA's
                                            Max.
##
    13.40 45.90 55.30
                           55.94 65.47 102.20
                                                      25
```

Breaking Down the Command:

- 1. data %>%: Starts a pipeline where the data dataframe is passed into the next function.
- 2. filter(schooltype == "Middle"): Filters the data dataframe to include only rows where the schooltypecolumn is equal to "Middle." The result is a smaller dataframe containing only middle schools.
- 3. .\$overallscore: Extracts the overallscore column from the filtered dataframe. The . refers to the dataframe that results from the previous step in the pipeline.
- 4. summary(): Applies the summary() function to the extracted overallscore column, generating summary statistics such as the minimum, 1st quartile, median, mean, 3rd quartile, and maximum for middle schools.

Rescaling Variables

```
head(data)
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 19
    dbn school schooltype overallscore overallgrade percentilerank progressgrade
                                   <dbl> <chr>
                                                               <dbl> <chr>
    <chr> <chr> <chr>
## 1 01M0~ P.S. ~ Elementary
                                    39 C
                                                                  15 F
## 2 01M0~ P.S. ~ Elementary
                                    55.9 B
                                                                  56 B
## 3 01M0~ P.S. ~ Elementary
                                    40.2 C
                                                                  17 D
## 4 01M0~ P.S. ~ K-8
                                    67.5 A
                                                                  83 B
```

```
## 5 01M0~ P.S. ~ Elementary
                                     59.3 B
                                                                   63 B
## 6 01M0~ P.S. ~ Elementary
                                     48.9 C
                                                                   37 C
## # i 12 more variables: performancegrade <chr>, environmentgrade <chr>,
      closingtheachievementgappoints <dbl>, principal <chr>, enrollment <dbl>,
      district <dbl>, iep <chr>, economicneedindex <dbl>, blackhispanic <chr>,
      ell <chr>, thgrmathela <chr>, peerindex <dbl>
# Rescale the overall score to range from 0 to 1
data <- data %>%
 mutate(overallscore = overallscore / 100)
summary(data$overallscore)
                             Mean 3rd Qu.
                                                      NA's
     Min. 1st Qu. Median
                                              Max.
  0.1270 0.4497 0.5415 0.5505 0.6490 1.0220
                                                        34
```

Creating Dummy Variables for Grades

#

#

```
table(data$overallgrade)
##
##
            B C
                  D
   34 287 399 348 76 22
# Create dummy variables for letter grades
data <- data %>% mutate(
  gradeA = ifelse(overallgrade == "A", 1, ifelse(overallgrade == "", NA, 0)),
  gradeB = ifelse(overallgrade == "B", 1, ifelse(overallgrade == "", NA, 0)),
  gradeC = ifelse(overallgrade == "C", 1, ifelse(overallgrade == "", NA, 0)),
 gradeD = ifelse(overallgrade == "D", 1, ifelse(overallgrade == "", NA, 0)),
  gradeF = ifelse(overallgrade == "F", 1, ifelse(overallgrade == "", NA, 0)),
  grade_NA = ifelse(overallgrade == "", 1, 0)
head(data)
## # A tibble: 6 x 25
         school schooltype overallscore overallgrade percentilerank progressgrade
     <chr> <chr> <chr>
                                    <dbl> <chr>
                                                                <dbl> <chr>
                                                                   15 F
## 1 01M0~ P.S. ~ Elementary
                                    0.39 C
                                                                   56 B
## 2 01M0~ P.S. ~ Elementary
                                    0.559 B
## 3 01M0~ P.S. ~ Elementary
                                    0.402 C
                                                                   17 D
## 4 01M0~ P.S. ~ K-8
                                    0.675 A
                                                                   83 B
## 5 01M0~ P.S. ~ Elementary
                                                                   63 B
                                    0.593 B
## 6 01M0~ P.S. ~ Elementary
                                    0.489 C
## # i 18 more variables: performancegrade <chr>, environmentgrade <chr>,
      closingtheachievementgappoints <dbl>, principal <chr>, enrollment <dbl>,
## #
      district <dbl>, iep <chr>, economicneedindex <dbl>, blackhispanic <chr>,
```

ell <chr>, thgrmathela <chr>, peerindex <dbl>, gradeA <dbl>, gradeB <dbl>,

gradeC <dbl>, gradeD <dbl>, gradeF <dbl>, grade_NA <dbl>

```
table(data$gradeA,data$overallgrade)
```

```
## ## A B C D F
## 0 0 0 399 348 76 22
## 1 0 287 0 0 0 0
```

Breaking Down the Command:

- gradeA = ifelse(overallgrade == "A", 1, ifelse(overallgrade == "", NA, 0)):
 - ifelse(overallgrade == "A", 1, ifelse(overallgrade == "", NA, 0)):
 - * Checks if overallgrade is "A". If true, assigns 1 to gradeA.
 - * If overallgrade is missing (empty string), assigns NA to gradeA.
 - * If neither condition is true, assigns 0 to gradeA.
 - This pattern is repeated for gradeB, gradeC, gradeD, and gradeF, where the check is for "B", "C", "D", and "F", respectively.
- grade_missing = ifelse(overallgrade == "", 1, 0):
 - This creates a binary indicator that assigns 1 if overallgrade is missing (empty string) and 0 otherwise.

Creating an Index Variable

Now, let's create an index of the progress grade and the performance grade. We first convert the grades to numeric variables.

We assign a score of 4 to schools with an A, 3 for a B, etc.

```
# Creating an index of progress grade and performance grade
data <- data %>% mutate(
  progress = case_when(
   progressgrade == "A" ~ 4,
   progressgrade == "B" ~ 3.
   progressgrade == "C" ~ 2,
   progressgrade == "D" ~ 1,
   progressgrade == "F" ~ 0,
   TRUE ~ NA_real_
  ),
  performance = case_when(
   performancegrade == "A" ~ 4,
   performancegrade == "B" ~ 3,
   performancegrade == "C" ~ 2,
   performancegrade == "D" ~ 1,
   performancegrade == "F" ~ 0,
   TRUE ~ NA_real_
 ),
  index = (progress + performance)/2
head(data)
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 28
##
           school schooltype overallscore overallgrade percentilerank progressgrade
     <chr> <chr> <chr>
                                    <dbl> <chr>
                                                                 <dbl> <chr>
## 1 01M0~ P.S. ~ Elementary
                                    0.39 C
                                                                    15 F
                                                                    56 B
## 2 01M0~ P.S. ~ Elementary
                                    0.559 B
## 3 01M0~ P.S. ~ Elementary
                                    0.402 C
                                                                    17 D
## 4 01M0~ P.S. ~ K-8
                                    0.675 A
                                                                    83 B
## 5 01M0~ P.S. ~ Elementary
                                                                    63 B
                                    0.593 B
## 6 01M0~ P.S. ~ Elementary
                                    0.489 C
                                                                    37 C
## # i 21 more variables: performancegrade <chr>, environmentgrade <chr>,
       closingtheachievementgappoints <dbl>, principal <chr>, enrollment <dbl>,
       district <dbl>, iep <chr>, economicneedindex <dbl>, blackhispanic <chr>,
## #
       ell <chr>, thgrmathela <chr>, peerindex <dbl>, gradeA <dbl>, gradeB <dbl>,
## #
## #
       gradeC <dbl>, gradeD <dbl>, gradeF <dbl>, grade_NA <dbl>, progress <dbl>,
       performance <dbl>, index <dbl>
## #
# Note: NA + 10 = ?
table(data$progressgrade,data$progress)
##
##
                 2
                     3
##
         0
             0
                 0
                     0
                         0
##
         0
             0
                 0
                     0 185
     Α
##
         0
             0
                 0 316
     В
##
         0
             0 367
                         0
         0 162
##
     D
                 0
                     0
                         0
##
     F 102
             0
                 0
                     0
                         0
```

table(data\$performancegrade,data\$performance)

```
##
##
          0
              1
                        3
                            4
##
          0
              0
                   0
                        0
                            0
##
     Α
          0
              0
                   0
                        0 439
##
          0
              0
                   0 302
     В
                            0
##
     C
          0
              0 247
##
     D
          0
             95
                   0
                        0
                            0
##
     F
        49
              0
                   0
                        0
                            0
```

NA and NA real

NA

- Type: Generic missing value.
- Behavior: When used in expressions, NA can adapt to the expected type of the output (integer, numeric, character, etc.). For example, if you're working with a numeric vector and use NA, it will automatically be treated as NA_real_.
- Usage: NA is flexible and can be used in various contexts, including vectors of different types.

NA_real_

- **Type:** Specifically a missing value of type double (real numbers).
- Behavior: Explicitly indicates that the missing value is numeric and of type double. This is important when you need to ensure that the data type remains consistent, especially in functions like mutate() where type consistency is crucial.
- Usage: Typically used in numeric calculations or when creating variables where the type must be explicitly double.

Why Use NA_real_?

- Type Consistency: By explicitly using NA_real_, you ensure that the elementary variable is always treated as a numeric vector. If you used NA instead, R would still work correctly in this case, but using NA_real_ makes the intent clear and avoids potential issues if the type needs to be consistent, especially in more complex operations.
- Prevents Implicit Type Conversion: If the context changes or if additional types are introduced, NA_real_ ensures that R does not implicitly convert the vector to another type, which might happen with NA.

Handling String Variables

Convert Percentage Variables to Numeric

```
# We want to know how many black or hispanic students those schools have summary(data$blackhispanic)
```

```
## Length Class Mode
## 1166 character character
```

```
#We need to convert this variable to just numbers.
# Convert blackhispanic and ell variables to numeric

data <- data %>% mutate(
   blackhispanic = as.numeric(gsub("%", "", blackhispanic))
)

data <- data %>% mutate(
   blackhispanic = gsub("%", "", blackhispanic),
   blackhispanic = as.numeric(blackhispanic)
```

```
)
summary(data$blackhispanic)

## Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max.
## 3.60 52.52 92.35 74.99 97.40 100.00
```

Breaking Down the Command:

```
mutate(blackhispanic = as.numeric(gsub("%", "", blackhispanic))):
```

- gsub("%", "", blackhispanic): This function removes the percentage signs (%) from the blackhispanic variable. The gsub function replaces each occurrence of % with an empty string ("").
- as.numeric(...): Converts the cleaned blackhispanic values (now just numbers in string form) into numeric data.
- mutate(...): Creates a new version of the blackhispanic variable within the data dataframe, replacing the original values with the cleaned numeric values.

Extracting Substrings

The variable dbn contains the district, borough, and school number. The first 2 digits are the district number. The third digit is the borough. And the fourth through sixth digits are the school number.

```
# Extract district, borough, and school number from the dbn variable
data <- data %>% mutate(
   distnum = substr(dbn, 1, 2),
   borough = substr(dbn, 3, 3),
   schoolnum = substr(dbn, 4, 6)
)

substr("abcdef", 2, 5)
## [1] "bcde"
```

Save the data

```
# Save the cleaned data
saveRDS(data, "nyc_schools_cleaned.RDS")
```