

Chapter 2: Causality

Data Transformation with Tidyverse

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Section 1

Data Transformation

Let's get started with Data

Does racial discrimination exist in the labor market?

```
## load packages
library(tidyverse)
## load data
resume <- read_csv("causality_tidy_files/data/resume.csv")
# check data
resume
```

Today's Goal

Combine functions to get informative output

```
racial_gaps_by_sex <- resume %>%  
  group_by(race, sex) %>%  
    # using two variables to group the data  
  summarize(callback = mean(call)) %>%  
    # the callback rate for each group  
  pivot_wider(names_from = race,  
               # reshaping the data  
               values_from = callback) %>%  
  mutate(race_gap = white - black)
```

sex	black	white	race_gap
female	0.0662778	0.0989247	0.0326469
male	0.0582878	0.0886957	0.0304079

Tools



dplyr from Tidyverse



filter(.data, ...)

Extract rows that meet logical criteria.



select(.data, ...)

Extract columns by name.



mutate(.data, ...)

Compute new column(s).



summarise(.data, ...)

Compute table of summaries. Use **group_by()** to compute groupwise summaries.

Source: RStudio

Section 2

Functions

What is “pipe %>%” ?



- “a good way to pronounce %>% when reading code is “**then**”.”

```
by_race_sex <- group_by(resume, race, sex)
resume <- summarize(by_race_sex,
  count = n(),
  call_back = mean(call, na.rm = TRUE))
resume <- pivot_wider(resume,
  names_from = race,
  values_from = call_back)
resume <- mutate(resume, race_gap = white - black)
```

```
resume %>%
  group_by(race, sex) %>%
  summarize(callback = mean(call)) %>%
  pivot_wider(names_from = race,
    values_from = callback) %>%
  mutate(race_gap = white - black)
```

Source: R for Data Science

Extract Rows (filter)

- filter: Return rows by name/number/etc.

```
## subset data with black names
```

```
resume %>%
```

```
  filter(race == "black")
```

```
## # A tibble: 2,435 x 4
```

```
##   firstname sex    race    call
```

```
##   <chr>      <chr>  <chr> <dbl>
```

```
## 1 Lakisha   female black     0
```

```
## 2 Latonya   female black     0
```

```
## 3 Kenya   female black     0
```

```
## 4 Latonya   female black     0
```

```
## 5 Tyrone    male    black     0
```

```
## 6 Aisha     female black     0
```

```
## 7 Aisha     female black     0
```

```
## 8 Aisha     female black     0
```

```
## 9 Tamika    female black     0
```

Extract Columns (select)

- select: Return columns by name/number/etc.

```
## Subset with sex and race columns
```

```
resume %>%
```

```
  select(sex, race)
```

```
##           sex  race
## 1    female white
## 2    female white
## 3    female black
## 4    female black
## 5    female white
## 6      male white
## 7    female white
## 8    female black
## 9    female black
## 10   male black
## 11   female black
```

Compute New Columns (mutate)

- mutate

```
## create a factor variable that takes one of the four values
```

```
resume %>%
```

```
  mutate(type = case_when(race == "black" & sex == "female" ~ "BlackFemale",  
                           race == "black" & sex == "male" ~ "BlackMale",  
                           race == "white" & sex == "female" ~ "WhiteFemale",  
                           race == "white" & sex == "male" ~ "WhiteMale",  
                           TRUE ~ "Other"))
```

```
##      firstname    sex  race call      type  
## 1      Allison female white    0 WhiteFemale  
## 2      Kristen female white    0 WhiteFemale  
## 3      Lakisha female black    0 BlackFemale  
## 4      Latonya female black    0 BlackFemale  
## 5        Carrie female white    0 WhiteFemale  
## 6          Jay   male white    0  WhiteMale  
## 7         Jill female white    0 WhiteFemale
```

Compute Table Summaries (summarise)

```
## callback rate for black female names
resume %>%
  filter(race == "black" & sex == "female") %>%
  summarize(callback_rate = mean(call, na.rm = TRUE))

##      callback_rate
## 1      0.06627784
```

Section 3

Summary

Overwhelmed?

Don't worry!

There are many resources you can use, and you don't have to memorize all the functions.

- QSS Textbook
 - Tidyverse Version is on Perusall
- Cheatsheets
 - Search “tidyverse cheatsheets”
 - <https://www.rstudio.com/resources/cheatsheets/>
- Online Resources
 - Google “tidyverse add column error”
 - official reference page, stackoverflow, RPubS, etc.

Teaching Team

We are here for you!

Let's practice!



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- Quantitative Social Science: An Introduction in tidyverse
- RStudio
- R for Data Science