Chapter 2: Causality

Data Transformation with Tidyverse Functions

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Aggregate data with group_by()

What does it do?

- Group data for downstream analysis
- Commonly used with summarize and mutate

```
## count the observation in selected variables
race.call.summary <- resume %>%
  group_by(race, call) %>%
  count()
race.call.summary
## calculate callback rates
callback by race <- resume %>%
  group_by(race, sex) %>%
  summarize(callback rate = mean(call))
callback by race
```

Summarize data with summarize()

What does it do?

- Group → Summarize
- Collapse each group into a single row summary

```
## calculate callback rate by race
resume %>%
group_by(race) %>%
summarize(callback = mean(call))

## calculate callback rate by race and sex
resume %>%
group_by(race, sex) %>%
summarize(callback = mean(call))
```

Reshape the data with pivot_wider()

What does it do?

- Increasing the number of columns
- Decreasing the number of rows

```
## tidyverse
## without pivoting the data
resume %>%
group by (race, sex) %>%
summarize(callback = mean(call))
## after pivoting the data
resume %>%
group_by(race, sex) %>%
summarize(callback = mean(call)) %>%
pivot_wider(names_from = race, values_from = callback)
```

Summary

Today's tidyverse functions:

- group_by() to aggregate data
- summarize() to summarize data
- pivot_wider() to reshape data

Reference

• Quantitative Social Science: An Introduction in tidyverse