# Intro to R

Data Cleaning

# **Data Cleaning**

In general, data cleaning is a process of investigating your data for inaccuracies, or recoding it in a way that makes it more manageable.

▲ MOST IMPORTANT RULE - LOOK ● AT YOUR DATA! ▲

# Dealing with Missing Data

### Missing data types

One of the most important aspects of data cleaning is missing values.

Types of "missing" data:

- NA general missing data
- Nan stands for "Not a Number", happens when you do 0/0.
- Inf and -Inf Infinity, happens when you take a positive number (or negative number) by 0.

# Finding Missing data

Each missing data type has a function that returns TRUE if the data is missing:

- NA is.na
- · NaN is.nan
- Inf and -Inf is.infinite

# Useful checking functions

any(is.na(B)) # are there any NAs- NO/FALSE

is.na-is TRUE if the data is FALSE otherwise
!-negation (NOT)
if is.na(x) is TRUE, then !is.na(x) is FALSE
any will be TRUE if ANY are true
any (is.na(x)) - do we have any NA's in x?

A = c(1, 2, 4, NA)
B = c(1, 2, 3, 4)
any (is.na(A)) # are there any NAs - YES/TRUE
[1] TRUE

[1] FALSE

#### naniar

Sometimes you need to look at lots of data though... the naniar package is a good option.

The pct\_complete() function shows the percentage that is complete for a given data object.

```
#install.packages("naniar")
library(naniar)
x = c(0, NA, 2, 3, 4, -0.5, 0.2)
naniar::pct_complete(x)
```

[1] 85.71429

# Air quality data

The airquality dataset comes with R about air quality in New York in 1973.

```
?airquality # use this to find out more about the data
airqual <-tibble(airquality)
airqual</pre>
```

```
\# A tibble: 153 \times 6
  Ozone Solar.R Wind
                       Temp Month
                                   Day
  <int>
          <int> <dbl> <int> <int> <int>
                7.4
            190
                         67
     41
                                5
     36
            118
                         72
                12.6
                                5
                                     3
     12
            149
                         74
4
                11.5
                                5555
     18
            313
                         62
                                      5
5
     NA
                14.3
                         56
            NA
                                      6
    28
                14.9
                         66
             NA
    23
                8.6
                         65
            299
           99
                13.8
                         59
    19
9
      8
             19
                20.1
                         61
10
     NA
            194
                8.6
                         69
                                    10
# ... with 143 more rows
```

# naniar:pct\_complete()

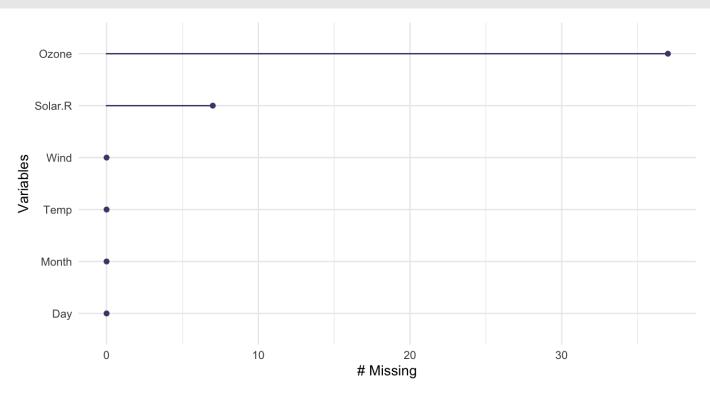
pct\_complete(airquality)

[1] 95.20697

# Naniar plots

The gg\_miss\_var() function creates a nice plot about the number of missing values for each variable.

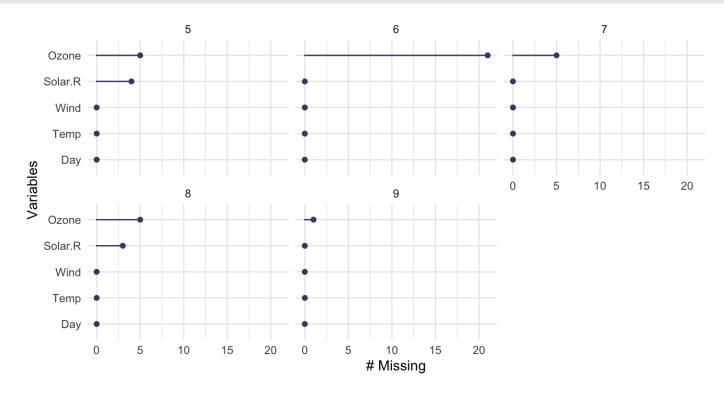
naniar::gg\_miss\_var(airqual)



# Naniar plots

We can use the facet argument to make more plots about a specific variable.

naniar::gg\_miss\_var(airqual, facet = Month)



# Missing Data Issues

Recall that mathematical operations with NA often result in NAS.

```
sum(c(1,2,3,NA))

[1] NA

mean(c(2,4,NA))

[1] NA

median(c(1,2,3,NA))
[1] NA
```

# Missing Data Issues

This is also true for logicals. This is a good thing. The NA data could be > 2 or not, we don't know, so R says there is no TRUE or FALSE, so that is missing.

```
x = c(0, NA, 2, 3, 4, -0.5, 0.2)

x > 2

[1] FALSE NA FALSE TRUE TRUE FALSE FALSE
```

# filter() and missing data

[1]

TRUE

TRUE

Be careful with missing data using subsetting:

filter() removes missing values by default. To keep them need to add
is.na():

TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE

```
x # looks like the 1st and 3rd element should be TRUE

[1] 0.0 NA 2.0 3.0 4.0 -0.5 0.2

x %in% c(0, 2) # uh oh - not good!

[1] TRUE FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE
x %in% c(0, 2) | is.na(x) # do this
```

# filter() and missing data

# A tibble: 6 × 2
Dog Cat
<dbl> <dbl>
1 0 NA
2 NA 8
3 2 6
4 3 NA
5 1 2

df

6

df %>% filter(Dog < 3)</pre>

1 NA

# to remove rows with NAs for one variable use drop\_na()

Avoid using filter for NA values. Instead use drop\_na()

df %>% drop na(Dog)

!NAdoes not work as you might expect because you can't tell if something is not actually NA-R doesn't ever assume to know what the value of NA is

```
NA == NA
```

[1] NA

NA != NA

[1] NA

# tidyr::drop\_na

This function will drop rows with **any** missing data in **any** column when used on a df.

```
df
# A tibble: 6 \times 2
   Dog Cat
  <dbl> <dbl>
     0
    NA
  3 NA
  1 NA
drop na (df)
\# A tibble: 2 × 2
   Dog Cat
 <dbl> <dbl>
```

#### Think about NA

Sometimes removing NA values leads to distorted math - be careful! Think about what your NA means for your data (are you sure ?).

Is an NA for values so low they could not be reported? Or is it this and also if there was a different issue?

#### Think about NA

If it is something more like a zero then you might want it included in your data like a zero.

Example: - survey reports NA if student has never tried cigarettes - survey reports 0 if student has tried cigarettes but did not smoke that week

You might want to keep the NA values so that you know the original sample size.

#### Word of caution

Calculating percentages will give you a different result depending on your choice to include NA values.

```
red blue
# A tibble: 3 \times 2
 color col_count
 <chr> <int>
1 blue
2 red
3 <NA>
red blue %>% mutate(percent =
                  col count/sum(pull(red blue, col count)))
# A tibble: 3 \times 3
 color col count percent
 <chr> <int> <dbl>
1 blue
         3 0.333
2 red 3 0.333
3 <NA> 3 0.333
```

#### Word of caution

#### Check values

Check the values for your variables, are they what you expect?

count () is a great option because it gives tells you:

- 1. The unique values
- 2. the amount of these values

Check if rare values make sense

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# **Recoding Variables**

# **Example of Recoding**

Say we have some data about samples in a diet study:

data\_diet

```
# A tibble: 12 \times 4
   Diet Gender Weight start Weight change
   <chr> <chr>
                        <int>
                                       <int>
                          139
 1 A
         Male
                                          -1
 2 B
                          105
                                          13
         m
     Other
                          203
 3 B
                                          -9
  A
                          160
                                          -3
     Female
 5 B
                          102
                                          12
 6 B
                          233
         \mathbb{M}
 7 A
         f
                          151
                                          -6
 8 B
                          183
                                          11
 9 B
                         118
      Man
                                          -4
                         189
10 A
         f
                          132
                                          10
11 B
         F
12 B
                          104
                                          15
```

#### Oh dear...

This needs lots of recoding.

# dplyr can help!

Using Excel to find all of the different ways gender has been coded, would be a matter of filtering and changing all by hand or using if statements. This can be hectic!

In dplyr you can use the recode function (need mutate here too!):

#### Or you can use case\_when().

The case\_when() function of dplyr can help us to do this as well.

Note that automatically values not reassigned explicitly by case\_when will be NA.

# Use of case\_when()

```
data diet %>%
  mutate(Gender = case when(Gender =="M" ~ "Male"))
# A tibble: 12 \times 4
   Diet Gender Weight start Weight change
   <chr> <chr>
                         <int>
                                        <int>
         <NA>
                           139
 1 A
                                            -1
 2 B
                           105
                                            13
         <NA>
 3 B
                           203
                                            -9
     <NA>
                           160
                                            -3
     <NA>
 5 B
                           102
                                            12
         \langle NA \rangle
 6 B
         Male
                           233
                                            0
 7 A
                           151
       \langle NA \rangle
                                            -6
 8 B
                           183
         <NA>
                                            11
 9 B
                           118
         <NA>
                                            -4
                           189
10 A
         <NA>
                           132
                                            10
11 B
         <NA>
12 B
                                            15
         <NA>
                           104
```

# More complicated case\_when()

```
data diet %>%
 mutate (Gender = case when (
   Gender %in% c("M", "male", "Man", "m", "Male") ~ "Male", Gender %in% c("F", "Female", "f", "female") ~ "Female",
   Gender %in% c("O", "Other") ~ "Other"))
# A tibble: 12 \times 4
 Diet Gender Weight start Weight change
  <chr> <chr>
                    <int>
                                <int>
                     139
1 A
       Male
                     105
                                    13
2 B Male
3 B Other
                   203
                                    -9
4 A Female 160
                                    -3
5 B Female 102
                                    12
6 B Male
                    233
7 A Female
                  151
                                    -6
                   183
8 B Other
                                    11
9 B Male
                      118
                                    -4
10 A Female
                     189
                    132
11 B Female
                                    10
12 B Other
                   104
                                    15
```

# Another reason for case\_when()

case\_when can do very sophisticated comparisons

```
data diet <-data diet %>%
     mutate (Effect = case when (Weight change > 0 ~ "Increase",
                             Weight change == 0 ~ "Same",
                             Weight change < 0 ~ "Decrease"))</pre>
head (data diet)
\# A tibble: 6 × 5
 Diet Gender Weight start Weight change Effect
                               _ <int> <chr>
 <chr> <chr>
                    <int>
1 A
      Male
                    139
                                    -1 Decrease
2 B m
3 B Other
                    105
                                    13 Increase
                    203
                                    -9 Decrease
4 A F
                    160
                                  -3 Decrease
5 B Female
                   102
                                  12 Increase
                     233
                                  0 Same
6 B M
\# A tibble: 5 \times 3
 Diet Effect
                   n
 <chr> <chr> <int>
1 A Decrease
2 A Increase
3 B Decrease
4 B Increase
   Same
5 B
```

#### What if our data looked like this?

#### diet\_comb

# Separating columns based on a separator

From tidyr, you can split a data set into multiple columns:

# Separating columns based on a separator

You can specify the separator with sep.

# Uniting columns based on a separator

From tidyr, you can unite:

```
df = tibble(id = rep(1:5, 3), visit = rep(1:3, each = 5))
head (df, 4)
# A tibble: 4 \times 2
     id visit
  <int> <int>
3
df united <- df %>% unite(col = "unique id", id, visit, sep = " ")
head(df united, 4)
# A tibble: 4 \times 1
 unique id
  <chr>
1 1 1
2 2<u>1</u>
3 3 1
```

# Strings functions

# Splitting/Find/Replace and Regular Expressions

· R can do much more than find exact matches for a whole string!

# The stringr package

The stringr package:

- Modifying or finding part or all of a character string
- We will not cover grep or gsub base R functions
  - are used on forums for answers
- Almost all functions start with str\_\*

#### stringr

str\_detect, and str\_replace search for matches to argument pattern within each element of a character vector (not data frame or tibble!).

- str\_detect returns TRUE if pattern is found
- str\_replace replaces pattern with replacement

# Download Salary FY2014 Data

Sal = jhur::read salaries() # or

6 Abbott-Cole, Michelle CONTRACT... A90005

From <a href="https://data.baltimorecity.gov/City-Government/Baltimore-City-Employee-Salaries-FY2015/nsfe-bg53">https://data.baltimore-City-Employee-Salaries-FY2015/nsfe-bg53</a>, from <a href="https://data.baltimorecity.gov/api/views/nsfe-bg53/rows.csv">https://data.baltimorecity.gov/api/views/nsfe-bg53/rows.csv</a>

#### Read the CSV into R sal:

```
head (Sal)
# A tibble: 6 \times 7
                         JobTitle
                                   AgencyID Agency HireDate AnnualSalary
                                                                              Grossi
  name
  <chr>
                         <chr>
                                   <chr>
                                             <chr> <chr>
                                                                <chr>
                                                                              <chr>
                        Faciliti... A03031
                                             OED-Em... 10/24/1... $55314.00
1 Aaron, Patricia G
                                                                              $53626
                        ASSISTAN... A29045
                                             States... 09/25/2... $74000.00
                                                                              $73000
2 Aaron, Petra L
3 Abaineh, Yohannes T EPIDEMIO... A65026
                                             HLTH-H... 07/23/2... $64500.00
                                                                              $64403
4 Abbene, Anthony M
                     POLICE O... A99005
                                             Police... 07/24/2... $46309.00
                                                                              $59620
5 Abbey, Emmanuel
                    CONTRACT... A40001
                                             M-R In... 05/01/2... $60060.00
                                                                              $54059
```

TRANS-... 11/28/2... \$42702.00

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# 'Find'str\_detect() function: finding values: stringr

# Showing differnce in str\_replace and str\_replace\_all

str replace replaces only the first instance.

```
head(pull(Sal, JobTitle))
[1] "Facilities/Office Services II" "ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY"
[3] "EPIDEMIOLOGIST"
                                   "POLICE OFFICER"
[5] "CONTRACT SERV SPEC II" "CONTRACT SERV SPEC II"
head(str replace(pull(Sal, JobTitle), "II", "2"))
[1] "Facilities/Office Services 2" "ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY"
[3] "EPIDEMIOLOGIST"
                                  "POLICE OFFICER"
[5] "CONTRACT SERV SPEC 2" "CONTRACT SERV SPEC 2"
str replace replaces all instances.
head(str replace all(pull(Sal, name), "a", "j"), 2)
[1] "Ajron, Pjtricij G" "Ajron, Petrj L"
```

# Lab Part 2

lab part 2

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# Extra Slides

# String Splitting

• str\_split(string, pattern) - splits strings up - returns list!

# A bit on Regular Expressions

- http://www.regular-expressions.info/reference.html
- They can use to match a large number of strings in one statement
- · . matches any single character
- \* means repeat as many (even if 0) more times the last character
- · ? makes the last thing optional
- ^ matches start of vector ^a starts with "a"
- \$ matches end of vector b\$ ends with "b"

# Let's look at modifiers for stringr

#### ?modifiers

- fixed match everything exactly
- ignore\_case is an option to not have to use tolower

# Using a fixed expression

One example case is when you want to split on a period ".". In regular expressions . means **ANY** character, so we need to specify that we want R to interpret "." as simply a period.

```
str_split("I.like.strings", ".")

[[1]]
[1] "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" "" ""

str_split("I.like.strings", fixed("."))

[[1]]
[1] "I" "like" "strings"

str_split("I.like.strings", "\\.")

[[1]]
[1] "I" "like" "strings"
```

# Pasting strings with paste and paste0

Paste can be very useful for joining vectors together:

```
paste("Visit", 1:5, sep = " ")
[1] "Visit 1" "Visit 2" "Visit 3" "Visit 4" "Visit 5"
paste("Visit", 1:5, sep = "_", collapse = "_")
[1] "Visit 1 Visit 2 Visit 3 Visit 4 Visit 5"
# and paste0 can be even simpler see ?paste0
paste0("Visit", 1:5) # no space!
[1] "Visit1" "Visit2" "Visit3" "Visit4" "Visit5"
!- # Before Cleaning - Subsetting with Brackets ->
->
-> -> ->
```

# **Using Regular Expressions**

- Look for any name that starts with:
  - Payne at the beginning,
  - Leonard and then an S
  - Spence then capital C

```
head(str_subset( Sal$name, "^Payne.*"), 3)

[1] "Payne El,Boaz L" "Payne El,Jackie"
[3] "Payne Johnson,Nickole A"

head(str_subset( Sal$name, "Leonard.?S"))

[1] "Payne,Leonard S" "Szumlanski,Leonard S"

head(str_subset( Sal$name, "Spence.*C.*"))

[1] "Spencer,Charles A" "Spencer,Clarence W" "Spencer,Michael C"
```

# Comparison of stringr to base R - not covered

# **Splitting Strings**

# Substringing

stringr

• str\_split(string, pattern) - splits strings up - returns list!

# Splitting String:

In stringr, str split splits a vector on a string into a list

#### str extract

str extract extracts matched strings - \\d searches for DIGITS/numbers

```
head(Sal$AgencyID)

[1] "A03031" "A29045" "A65026" "A99005" "A40001" "A90005"

head(str_extract(Sal$AgencyID, "\\d"))

[1] "0" "2" "6" "9" "4" "9"
```

# 'Find' functions: stringr compared to base R

Base R does not use these functions. Here is a "translator" of the stringr function to base R functions

- str\_detect similar to grep1 (return logical)
- grep(value = FALSE) is similar to which(str\_detect())
- str subset similar to grep (value = TRUE) return value of matched
- str\_replace similar to sub replace one time
- str replace all similar to gsub replace many times

# **Important Comparisons**

#### Base R:

- Argument order is (pattern, x)
- Uses option (fixed = TRUE)

#### stringr

- Argument order is (string, pattern) aka (x, pattern)
- Uses function fixed (pattern)

# 'Find' functions: Finding Indices

These are the indices where the pattern match occurs:

```
grep("Rawlings", Sal$Name)
Warning: Unknown or uninitialised column: `Name`.
integer (0)
which (grepl ("Rawlings", Sal$Name))
Warning: Unknown or uninitialised column: `Name`.
integer (0)
which(str detect(Sal$Name, "Rawlings"))
Warning: Unknown or uninitialised column: `Name`.
integer (0)
```

# 'Find' functions: Finding Logicals

These are the indices where the pattern match occurs:

```
head(grepl("Rawlings", Sal$Name))
Warning: Unknown or uninitialised column: `Name`.
logical(0)
head(str_detect(Sal$Name, "Rawlings"))
Warning: Unknown or uninitialised column: `Name`.
logical(0)
```

# 'Find' functions: finding values, base R

```
grep("Rawlings", Sal$Name, value=TRUE)

Warning: Unknown or uninitialised column: `Name`.

character(0)

Sal[grep("Rawlings", Sal$Name),]

Warning: Unknown or uninitialised column: `Name`.

# A tibble: 0 × 7
# ... with 7 variables: name <chr>, JobTitle <chr>, AgencyID <chr>, Agency <chr>
# HireDate <chr>, AnnualSalary <chr>, GrossPay <chr>
```

# Showing differnce in str\_extract

str extract extracts just the matched string

```
ss = str_extract(Sal$Name, "Rawling")
Warning: Unknown or uninitialised column: `Name`.
head(ss)
character(0)
ss[ !is.na(ss)]
character(0)
```

# Showing differnce in str\_extract and str\_extract\_all

str extract all extracts all the matched strings

```
head(str_extract(Sal$AgencyID, "\\d"))

[1] "0" "2" "6" "9" "4" "9"

head(str_extract_all(Sal$AgencyID, "\\d"), 2)

[[1]]
[1] "0" "3" "0" "3" "1"

[[2]]
[1] "2" "9" "0" "4" "5"
```

# **Using Regular Expressions**

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# Using Regular Expressions: stringr

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```

# Replace

Let's say we wanted to sort the data set by Annual Salary:

```
class(Sal$AnnualSalary)
[1] "character"
sort(c("1", "2", "10")) # not sort correctly (order simply ranks the data)
[1] "1" "10" "2"
order(c("1", "2", "10"))
[1] 1 3 2
```

# Replace

So we must change the annual pay into a numeric:

```
head(Sal$AnnualSalary, 4)

[1] "$55314.00" "$74000.00" "$64500.00" "$46309.00"

head(as.numeric(Sal$AnnualSalary), 4)

Warning in head(as.numeric(Sal$AnnualSalary), 4): NAs introduced by coercion

[1] NA NA NA NA

R didn't like the $ so it thought turned them all to NA.

sub() and gsub() can do the replacing part in base R.
```

# Replacing and subbing

Now we can replace the \$ with nothing (used fixed=TRUE because \$ means ending):

```
Sal$AnnualSalary <- as.numeric(gsub(pattern = "$", replacement="",
                             Sal$AnnualSalary, fixed=TRUE))
Sal <- Sal [order (Sal $Annual Salary, decreasing=TRUE), ]
Sal[1:5, c("name", "AnnualSalary", "JobTitle")]
\# A tibble: 5 \times 3
 name AnnualSalary JobTitle
                       <dbl> <chr>
 <chr>
                       238772 STATE'S ATTORNEY
1 Mosby, Marilyn J
2 Batts, Anthony W 211785 Police Commissioner
3 Wen, Leana
                       200000 Executive Director III
4 Raymond, Henry J
                       192500 Executive Director III
5 Swift, Michael
                       187200 CONTRACT SERV SPEC II
```

# Replacing and subbing: stringr

We can do the same thing (with 2 piping operations!) in dplyr

```
dplyr_sal = Sal
dplyr_sal = dplyr_sal %>% mutate(
   AnnualSalary = AnnualSalary %>%
    str_replace(
        fixed("$"),
        "") %>%
    as.numeric) %>%
   arrange(desc(AnnualSalary))
check_Sal = Sal
rownames(check_Sal) = NULL
all.equal(check_Sal, dplyr_sal)
```

[1] TRUE

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# Extra slides

A two-way table. If you pass in 2 vectors, table creates a 2-dimensional table.

```
tab <- table(c(0, 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 3, 2,2, 3),

c(0, 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 3, 4, 4, 3),

useNA = "always")
tab
```

```
0 1 2 3 4 <NA>
0 1 0 0 0 0 0
1 0 1 0 0 0
2 0 2 0 2 0
3 0 0 0 4 0 0
<NA> 0 0 0 0 0 0
```