Data & Variable Transformation with sjmisc Cheat Sheet

sjmisc complements dplyr, and helps with data transformation tasks and recoding *variables*.

sjmisc works together seamlessly with dplyr and pipes. All functions are designed to support labelled data.

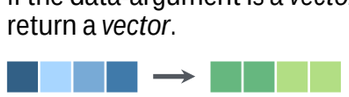
Design Philosophy

The design of sjmisc functions follows the tidyverse-approach: first argument is always the data (either a *data frame* **or** *vector*), followed by variable names to be processed by the functions.

The returned object for each function *equals the type of the data-argument*.

Vector input

- If the data-argument is a *vector*, functions return a *vector*.



rec(mtcars$carb, rec = "1,2=1; 3,4=2; else=3")

Data frame input

- If the data-argument is a *data frame*, functions return a *data frame*.

rec(mtcars, carb, rec = "1,2=1; 3,4=2; else=3")

The …-ellipses Argument

Apply functions to a single variable, selected variables or to a complete data frame.

Variable selection is powered by dplyr's select(): Separate variables with comma, or use dplyr's select-helpers to select variables, e.g. *?rec*:

```
rec(mtcars, one_of(c("gear", "carb")),
    rec = "min:3=1; 4:max=2")

rec(mtcars, gear, carb, rec = "min:3=1; 4:max=2")
```

Descriptives and Summaries

Most of the sjmisc functions (including recode-functions) also work on grouped data frames:

```
library(dplyr)
efc %>%
  group_by(e16sex, c172code) %>%
  frq(e42dep)
```

Frequency Tables

frq(x, ..., sort.frq = c("none", "asc", "desc"), weights = NULL, auto.grp = NULL, ...)

Print frequency tables of (labelled) vectors. Uses variable labels as table header.

data(efc); frq(efc, e42dep, c161sex)

Use this data set in examples!

flat_table(data, ..., margin = c("counts", "cell", "row", "col"), digits = 2, show.values = FALSE)

Print contingency tables of (labelled) vectors. Uses value labels.

flat_table(efc, e42dep, c172code, e16sex)

count_na(x, ...)

Print frequency table of tagged NA values.

```
library(haven); x <- labelled(c(1:3,
tagged_na("a",  "a", "z")), labels =
c("Refused" = tagged_na("a"), "N/A" =
tagged_na("z")))
count_na(x)
```

Descriptive Summary

descr(x, ..., max.length = NULL)

Descriptive summary of data frames, including variable labels in output.

descr(efc, contains("cop"), max.length = 20)

Finding Variables in a Data Frame

Use find_var() to search for variables by names, value or variable labels. Returns vector/data frame.

```
# variables with "cop" in names and variable labels
find_var(efc, pattern = "cop", out = "df" )

# variables with "level" in names and value labels
find_var(efc, "level", search = "name_value")
```

Recode and Transform Variables

Recode functions add a *suffix* to new variables, so original variables are preserved.

By default, original input data frame and new created variables are returned. Use *append = FALSE* to return the recoded variables only.

rec(x, ..., rec, as.num = TRUE, var.label = NULL, val.labels = NULL, append = TRUE, suffix = "_r")

Recode values, return result as numeric, character or categorical (factor).

rec(mtcars, carb, rec = "1,2=1; 3,4=2; else=3")

dicho(x, ..., dich.by = "median", as.num = FALSE, var.label = NULL, val.labels = NULL, append = TRUE, suffix = "_d")

Dichotomise variable by median, mean or specific value.

dicho(mtcars, disp)

split_var(x, ..., n, as.num = FALSE, val.labels = NULL, var.label = NULL, inclusive = FALSE, append = TRUE, suffix = "_g")

Split variable into equal sized groups. Unlike dplyr::ntile(), does not split original categories into different values (see examples in ?split_var).

split_var(mtcars, mpg, disp, n = 3)

group_var(x, ..., size = 5, as.num = TRUE, right.interval = FALSE, n = 30, append = TRUE, suffix = "_gr")

Split variable into groups with equal value range, or into a max. # of groups (value range per group is adjusted to match # of groups).

```
group_var(mtcars, mpg, disp, size = 5)
group_var(mtcars, mpg, size = "auto", n = 4)
```

std(x, ..., robust = "sd", include.fac = FALSE, append = TRUE, suffix = "_z")

Z-standardise variables. Also center().

std(efc, e17age, c160age)

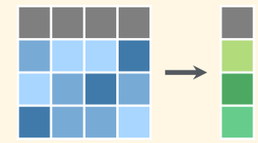
recode_to(x, ..., lowest = 0, highest = -1, append = TRUE, suffix = "_r0")

Shift ("renumber") categories or values.

recode_to(mtcars$gear)

Summarise Variables and Cases

The summary functions mostly mimic base R equivalents, but are designed to work together with pipes and dplyr.



row_sums(x, ..., n, na.rm = TRUE, var = "rowsums", append = FALSE)

Row sums of data frames.

row_sums(efc, c82cop1:c90cop9, n = 5)

row_means(x, ..., n, var = "rowmeans", append = FALSE)

Row means, for at least n valid (non-NA) values.

row_means(efc, c82cop1:c90cop9, n = 7)

row_count(x, ..., count, var = "rowcount", append = FALSE)

Row-wise count # of values in data frames. Also col_count().

row_count(efc, c82cop1:c90cop9, count = 2)

Other Useful Functions

- add_columns() and replace_columns() to combine data frames, but either replace or preserve existing columns.
- set_na() and replace_na() to convert regular into missing values, or vice versa. replace_na() also replaces specific tagged NA values only.
- remove_var() and var_rename() to remove variables from data frames, or rename variables.
- group_str() to group similar string values. Useful for variables with similar, but not identically spelled string values that should be "merged".
- merge_df() to full join data frames and preserve value and variable labels.
- to_long() to gather multiple columns in data frames from wide into long format.

Use with %>% and dplyr

```
# use sjmisc-functions in pipes
mtcars %>% select(gear, carb) %>%
  rec(rec = "min:3=1; 4:max=2")

# use sjmisc-function inside mutate
mtcars %>% select(gear, carb) %>% mutate(
  carb2 = rec(carb, rec = "1,2=0;3:8=1"),
  gear2 = rec(gear, rec = "3=1;4:max=2"))
```