

# rtables - A Guide To The Perplexed

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# Writing Analysis Functions

# Step 0 - Do Not Use `make_afun`



But You Made It...



# Why? Tell me what this function does

my\_afun

```
## function(x, ...) {  
##   raw_res <- inner_fun(x, ...)  
##   in_rows(mean_sd = rcell(raw_res[["mean_sd"]],  
##                           label = "Mean (SD)",  
##                           format = "xx.x (xx.x)"),  
##   range = rcell(raw_res[["range"]],  
##                 format = "xx.x - xx.x",  
##                 label = "range"))  
## }
```

# Now Tell Me What This Function Does

my\_afun2

```
## function (x, ...)
## {
##   .if_in_formals <- function(nm, ifnot = list(), named_lwrap = TRUE) {
##     val <- if (nm %in% fun_fnames)
##       get(nm)
##     else ifnot
##       if (named_lwrap && !identical(val, ifnot))
##         setNames(list(val), nm)
##     else val
##   }
##   custargs <- fun_args
##   in_rc_argl <- .if_in_formals(".in_ref_col")
##   .in_ref_col <- if (length(in_rc_argl) > 0)
##     in_rc_argl[[1]]
##   else FALSE
##   sfunargs <- c(.if_in_formals("x"), .if_in_formals("df"),
##     .if_in_formals(".N_col"), .if_in_formals(".N_total"),
##     .if_in_formals(".N_row"), .if_in_formals(".ref_group"),
##     in_rc_argl, .if_in_formals(".df_row"), .if_in_formals(".var"),
##     .if_in_formals(".ref_full"))
##   allvars <- setdiff(fun_fnames, c("...", names(sfunargs)))
##   if ("..." %in% fun_fnames) {
##     exargs <- eval(parser_helper(text = "list(...)"))
##     custargs[names(exargs)] <- exargs
##     allvars <- unique(c(allvars, names(custargs)))
##   }
##   for (var in allvars) {
##     if (var %in% fun_fnames && eval(parser_helper(text = paste0("!missing(",
##       var, ")"))))
##       sfunargs[[var]] <- get(var)
##     else if (var %in% names(custargs))
##       sfunargs[[var]] <- custargs[[var]]
##   }
##   rawvals <- do.call(fun, sfunargs)
##   final_vals <- if (is.null(.stats))
##     rawvals
##   else rawvals[.stats]
##   if (!is.list(rawvals))
##     stop("make_afun expects a function fun that always returns a list")
##   if (!is.null(.stats))
##     stopifnot(all(.stats %in% names(rawvals)))
##   else .stats <- names(rawvals)
##   if (!is.null(.ungroup_stats) && !all(.ungroup_stats %in%
##     c("+", "-")))
```

# They're the same

```
my_afun(1:10)
```

```
## RowsVerticalSection (in_rows) object print method:  
## -----  
##   row_name formatted_cell indent_mod row_label  
## 1 mean_sd      5.5 (3.0)          0 Mean (SD)  
## 2   range      1.0 - 10.0          0   range
```

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But I can tell you which one I want to debug...

# Put another way

```
my_afun2 <- make_afun(inner_fun, .stats = c("mean_sd", "range"),  
  .formats = c(mean_sd = "xx.x (xx.x)",  
    range = "xx.x - xx.x"),  
  .labels = list(mean_sd = "Mean (SD)",  
    range = "range"))
```

```
my_afun <- function(x, ...) {  
  raw_res <- inner_fun(x, ...)  
  in_rows(mean_sd = rcell(raw_res[["mean_sd"]],  
    label = "Mean (SD)",  
    format = "xx.x (xx.x)"),  
    range = rcell(raw_res[["range"]],  
      format = "xx.x - xx.x",  
      label = "range"))  
}
```

Is the first one easier?

Sure, I guess

Is it easier enough to justify making  
debugging virtually impossible?





# Components of Writing an Analysis Function

# First Argument

`rtables` behavior depends on what this argument is named

- `df` - receives full facet `data.frame`
- `x` (or anything else) - receives *data vector of variable being analyzed*

# Other (Optional, But) Important Parameters

- `.N_col` - Count (taking `alt_counts_df` into account if applicable)
- `.N_row` - Count of observations for this facet
- `.df_row` - the full incoming data (if the first argument was not `df`)
- `.var` - the name of the variable being analyzed (or `NA` in the `analyze_colvars` case)
- `.ref_group` - The level of `.var` corresponding to the reference group, if set
- `.ref_full` - the data for the reference group sibling facet
- `.in_ref_col` - boolean indicating whether the current column is the reference col
- `.spl_context` - Splitting history in row space (see next section)

# Anatomy of an Analysis Function

```
function(x, .N_col, .var, .spl_context, ...) {
```



```
  in_rows(  
  )  
}
```

## **in\_rows**

- Used to construct analysis function output
  - called `RowsVerticalSection` objects
- use `"row label" = <value> paradigm`, or
- `.list`

# Basic Example

```
afun <- function(x, .N_col, .spl_context) {  
  in_rows("n (%)") = rcell(length(x) * c(1, 1/.N_col),  
                             format = "xx (xx.x%)"),  
  Mean = rcell(mean(x), format = "xx.x"),  
  "Min - Max" = rcell(range(x), format = "xx.x - xx.x"))  
}  
  
lyt <- basic_table() %>%  
  split_rows by("ARM") %>%  
  analyze("AGE", afun = afun)  
  
build_table(lyt, DM)
```

```
##               all obs  
## _____  
## A: Drug X  
##   n (%)      121 (34.0%)  
##   Mean       34.9  
##   Min - Max  20.0 - 60.0  
## B: Placebo  
##   n (%)      106 (29.8%)  
##   Mean       33.0  
##   Min - Max  21.0 - 55.0  
## C: Combination  
##   n (%)      129 (36.2%)  
##   Mean       34.6  
##   Min - Max  22.0 - 53.0
```

# But Remember: Whatever We Want

- Conditionally different number of rows<sup>^</sup>
- Conditionally different formatting

# Constraints

- Must generate the same number of rows for all columns in a single row facet



# Understanding And Using Split Context

# **.spl\_context** - Place within the table structure

- `data.frame` which describes each ancestor facet the current facet is nested within
- One row per ancestor state, columns:
  - `split` - name of split
  - `value` - value of split
  - `full_parent_df` - full (all columns) dataframe corresponding to `value` in that split
  - `all_cols_n` - the number of observations across all columns corresponding to `value` in that split
  - `<1 column for each column in the table structure, currently named by their leaf names, this will be changes>`
  - `cur_col_subset` - the logical vector which subsets `full_parent_df` for the current column
  - `cur_col_n` - number of observations which `cur_col_subset` selects

# Using .spl\_context

```
cfun <- function(df, labelstr, .spl_context) {
  lastrow <- .spl_context[nrow(.spl_context) - 1, ]
  last_col_count <- lastrow$cur_col_n
  row_count <- nrow(lastrow$full_parent_df[[1]])
  in_rows(c(nrow(df), last_col_count),
    .names = labelstr,
    .labels = sprintf("%s (%d in parent)", labelstr,
      row_count),
    .formats = "xx / xx")
}

afun <- function(x, .spl_context) {
  lastrow <- .spl_context[nrow(.spl_context), ]
  all_data <- .spl_context$full_parent_df[[1]]
  val <- c(sum(x >= mean(all_data$AGE)),
    lastrow$cur_col_n)
  row_count <- nrow(lastrow$full_parent_df[[1]])
  in_rows(val,
    .names = "age_analysis",
    .labels = sprintf("counts (%d in parent)",
      row_count),
    .formats = "xx / xx")
}

lyt <- basic_table(show_colcounts = TRUE) %>%
  split_cols_by("ARM") %>%
  split_rows_by("COUNTRY",
    split_fun = keep_split_levels(c("CHN", "USA"))) %>%
  summarize_row_groups(cfun = cfun) %>%
  split_rows_by("STRATA1") %>%
  summarize_row_groups(cfun = cfun) %>%
  analyze("AGE", afun = afun)

tab <- build_table(lyt, DM)
```

tab

	A: Drug X (N=121)	B: Placebo (N=106)	C: Combination (N=129)
## CHN (356 in parent)	62 / 121	48 / 106	69 / 129
## A (179 in parent)	19 / 62	14 / 48	20 / 69
## counts (53 in parent)	7 / 19	5 / 14	8 / 20
## B (179 in parent)	19 / 62	16 / 48	22 / 69
## counts (57 in parent)	9 / 19	5 / 16	9 / 22
## C (179 in parent)	24 / 62	18 / 48	27 / 69
## counts (69 in parent)	15 / 24	10 / 18	11 / 27
## USA (356 in parent)	13 / 121	14 / 106	17 / 129
## A (44 in parent)	5 / 13	3 / 14	9 / 17
## counts (17 in parent)	3 / 5	1 / 3	5 / 9
## B (44 in parent)	3 / 13	6 / 14	2 / 17
## counts (11 in parent)	3 / 3	2 / 6	1 / 2
## C (44 in parent)	5 / 13	5 / 14	6 / 17
## counts (16 in parent)	3 / 5	2 / 5	4 / 6

# Custom Splitting Functions

# Splitting Functions

Everyone: Faceting on a categorical variable creates a facet paen for each level

```
split_rows_by( , split_fun = ):
```



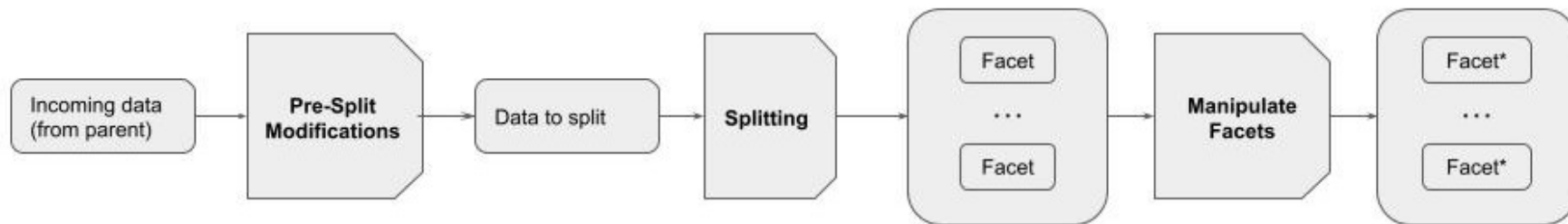
# Splitting Is

- mapping a `data.frame` to a `list` representing a set of facets

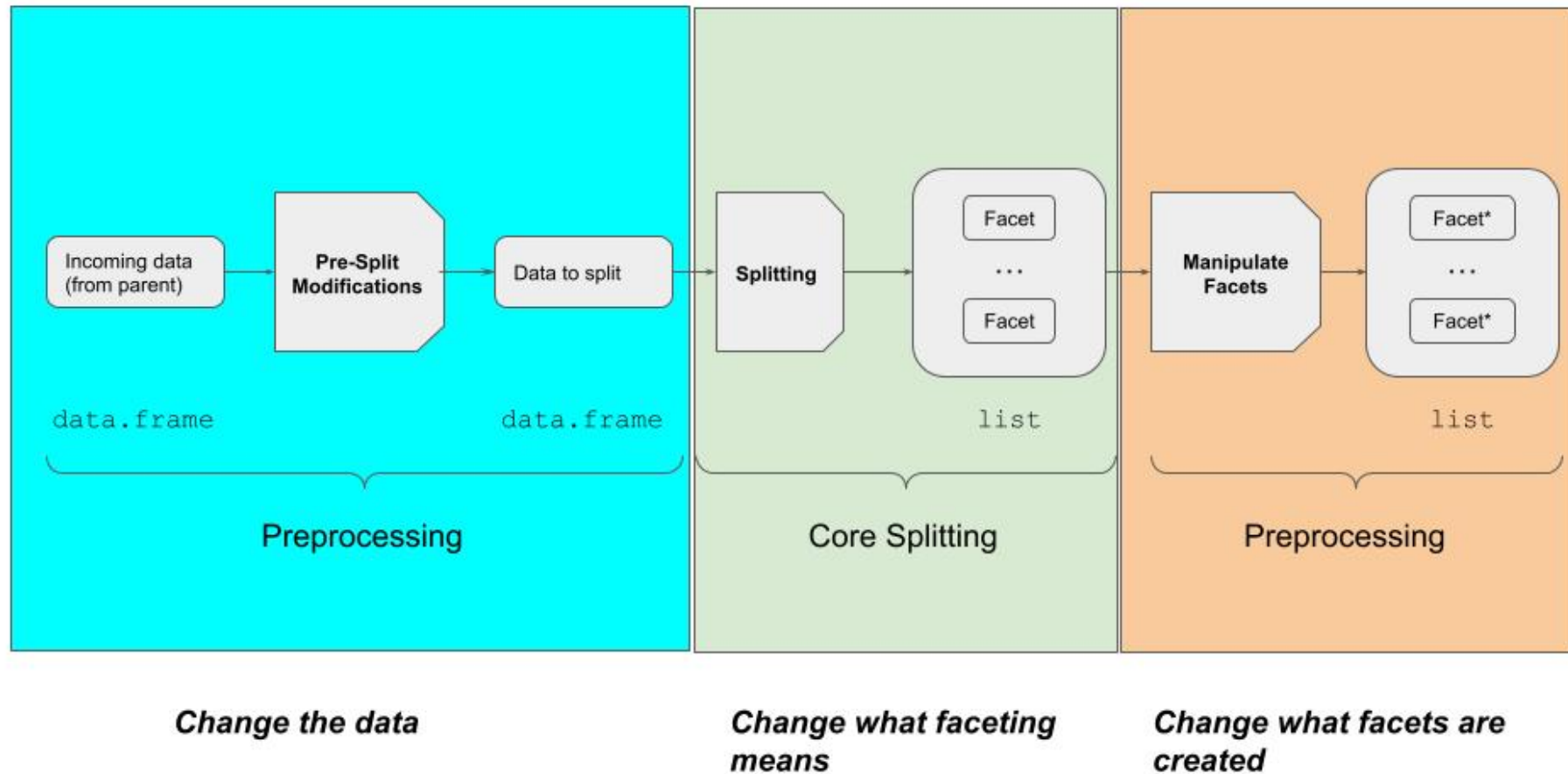


# We can draw the generalized faceting process

Like so:



# There are 3 ways we can modify this process





# Enter make\_split\_fun



# `make_split_fun` - Split Function Constructor

Accepts:

- `pre` - a list of functions which accept and return a `data.frame` for use in the preprocessing step
- `core_split` - a function which accepts a `data.frame` and returns a “split result list”. Only supported in row space
- `post` - a list of functions which accept and return a list representing a split result (set of facets)

# **make\_split\_fun** - Customize What You Want

Everything Else Remains the Default

# Some Advice For Using `make_split_fun`

- Write “behavior building-blocks” for use in `pre` and `post`
  - Rather than large multi-behavior functions
  - mix and match
- You should almost never need to override `core_split`
  - If you think you do, you probably don't

Lets Work Some Examples

**COXT01** With Covariates

# Activating rtables Vision

Effect/Covariate Included in the Model	Treatment Effect Adjusted for Covariate				
	n	Hazard Ratio	95% CI	p-value	Interaction p-value
Treatment:					
A: Drug X vs control (B: Placebo)	247	0.70	(0.51, 0.96)	0.0293	
Covariate:					
Age	247				0.8626
34		0.70	(0.51, 0.97)		
RACE	247				0.9197
ASIAN		0.75	(0.48, 1.16)		
BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN		0.66	(0.34, 1.28)		
WHITE		0.65	(0.33, 1.27)		

# rtables Vision - Top Level Row Structure

Effect/Covariate Included in the Model	Treatment Effect Adjusted for Covariate				
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Two distinct top-level sections



# rtables Vision - Nested Row Structure

Effect/Covariate Included in the Model	Treatment Effect Adjusted for Covariate				
	n	Hazard Ratio	95% CI	p-value	Interaction p-value
Treatment:					
A: Drug X vs control (B: Placebo)	247	0.70	(0.51, 0.96)	0.0293	
Covariate:					
Age	247				0.8626
34		0.70	(0.51, 0.97)		
RACE	247				0.9197
ASIAN		0.75	(0.48, 1.16)		
BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN		0.66	(0.34, 1.28)		
WHITE		0.65	(0.33, 1.27)		

Two subsections  
in "Covariate"  
table  
(one per variable)

# rtables Vision - Detecting Group Summaries

Effect/Covariate Included in the Model	Treatment Effect Adjusted for Covariate				
	n	Hazard Ratio	95% CI	p-value	Interaction p-value
Treatment:					
A: Drug X vs control (B: Placebo)	247	0.70	(0.51, 0.96)	0.0293	
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Values for  
"Covariate as a  
Whole"  
(content rows)

# rtables Vision - Identifying Analysis Rows

Effect/Covariate Included in the Model	Treatment Effect Adjusted for Covariate				
	n	Hazard Ratio	95% CI	p-value	Interaction p-value
Treatment:					
A: Drug X vs control (B: Placebo)	247	0.70	(0.51, 0.96)	0.0293	
Covariate:					
Age	247				0.8626
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Values for each level within each Covariate (analysis rows)

# rtables Vision - Analyzing Column Structure

Columns Reflect different elements of the same model fit

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Covariate:					
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34					
RACE	247				0.9197
ASIAN		0.75	(0.48, 1.16)		
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# Conceptual Analysis Complete

- Top-level Global Analysis (or Content) Row (Treatment)
- Independent Row Sections Per Covariate (AGE, RACE)
  - Separate model fit for each covariate
    - Accessed in multiple columns and rows!
  - Overall Summary Per Covariate (context rows!)
  - Analysis per covariate level (analysis rows)
- Columns access different elements of the same model (per row)
  - same meaning across rows for each column

# Key Points

- Do not refit same model over and over
  - That would make us look like clowns
- Do not pre-fit model(s)
  - Cause I don't feel like it.
  - And I'm the one writing the slides

# Core Table Structure

- Column split where each facet contains all the data
  - Can be spoofed with `multivar` or `make_split_fun`
- Initial Top-level `analyze/summarize_row_groups`
- `split_rows_by_multivar`
  - We just exported this, but workaround is easy with `make_split_fun`

# Problem 1: Clowns Are Fine But Now Is Not The Time

## Caching the model fit by covariate

```
cached_model <- function(df, cov, .spl_context, cache_env) {  
  model_form <- paste0("survival::Surv(AVAL, event) ~ ARM *", cov)  
  full_df <- df  
  if(!is.null(cache_env[[cov]]))  
    model <- cache_env[[cov]]  
  else {  
    print(model_form)  
    model <- survival::coxph(formula = stats::as.formula(model_form),  
                             data = full_df,  
                             ties = "exact")  
    cache_env[[cov]] <- model  
  }  
  model  
}
```



# Objection! You Can't Do That In An afun!



# I Can And I Shall

```
cox_model_el_direct <- function(df, .var, .spl_context, labelstr = "",
                                model_el,
                                format = formats[model_el[1]],
                                cache_env,
                                cov_main = FALSE) {
  cov <- tail(.spl_context$value, 1)
  model <- cached_model(df = df, .spl_context = .spl_context, cache_env = cache_env, cov = cov)
  effvar <- "ARM"
  givlevs <- if(is.factor(df[[cov]])) levels(df[[cov]]) else as.character(median(df[[cov]]))
  thing <- tern::h_coxreg_extract_interaction(effect = "ARM", covar = cov, mod = model,
                                             data = df, control = control_coxreg(), at = NULL)

  ## interaction stuff don't get main pvals
  thing[, "pval"] <- NA_real_

  if(!cov_main) {
    thing_keep <- thing[thing$level %in% givlevs,]
  } else
    thing_keep <- thing[nchar(thing$level) == 0,]

  retvals <- as.list(apply(thing_keep[model_el], 1, function(x) x, simplify = FALSE))
  nms <- if(cov_main) labelstr else givlevs
  in_rows(.list = retvals, .names = nms,
          .labels = nms,
          .formats = setNames(rep(format, length(nms)), nms),
          .format_na_strs = setNames(rep("", length(nms)), nms))
}
```

# .spl\_context Tells Us What Covariate We're In

```
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```

# Fit The Model - If We Feel Like It

```
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# Semi-Politely Decline To Reinvent The Wheel

```
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```

# Handle Summary Vs Analysis Row Differences

```
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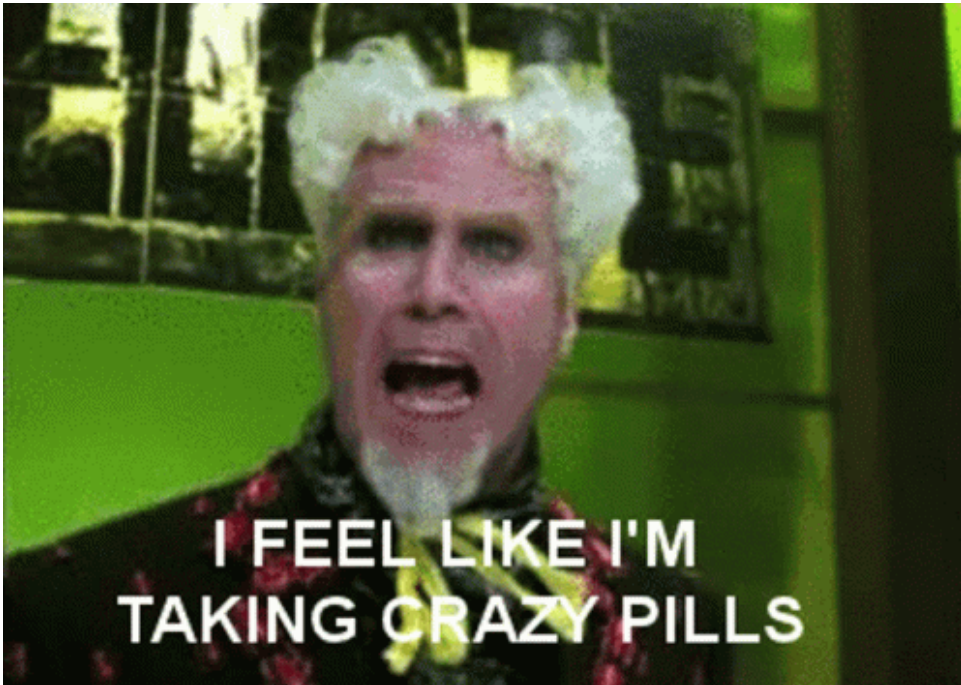
# Inform rtables It Can Take Back Over Now

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    thing_keep <- thing[nchar(thing$level) == 0,]
  retvals <- as.list(apply(thing_keep[model_el], 1, function(x) x, simplify = FALSE))
  nms <- if(cov_main) labelstr else givlevs
  in_rows(.list = retvals, .names = nms,
          .labels = nms,
          .formats = setNames(rep(format, length(nms)), nms),
          .format_na_strs = setNames(rep("", length(nms)), nms))
}
```

# I Know, I Know

You, probably:





# But Watch This:

```
myvars <- list("n", "hr", c("lcl", "ucl"), "pval", "pval_inter")
myvarlabs <- c("n", "Hazard Ratio", "95% CI", "p-value (eff)", "p-value (inter)")
formats <- c(n = "xx", hr = "xx.xx", lcl = "(xx.xx, xx.xx)", pval = "xx.xxxx", pval_inter = "xx.xxxx")
env <- new.env()

lyt <- basic_table() %>%
  split_cols_by_multivar(rep("STUDYID", length(myvars)),
    varlabels = myvarlabs,
    extra_args = list(model_el = myvars,
      cache_env = replicate(length(myvars), list(env)))) %>%
  summarize_row_groups(cfun = cox_model_main_el_direct) %>%
  rtables::split_rows_by_multivar(c("AGE", "RACE"),
    varlabels = c("Age", "Ethnicity"),
    split_label = "Covariate:",
    indent_mod = -1) %>%
  summarize_row_groups(cfun = cox_model_el_direct,
    extra_args = list(cov_main = TRUE)) %>%
  analyze_colvars(afun = cox_model_el_direct)
```

No Way!

Yes Way.

```
build_table(lyt, anl)
```

```
## [1] "survival::Surv(AVAL, event) ~ ARM *ARM"  
## [1] "survival::Surv(AVAL, event) ~ ARM *AGE"  
## [1] "survival::Surv(AVAL, event) ~ ARM *RACE"
```

##	n	Hazard Ratio	95% CI	p-value (eff)	p-value (inter)
##					
## B: Placebo vs A: Drug X	247	0.70	(0.51, 0.96)	0.0293	
## Covariate:					
## Age	247				0.8626
## 34		0.70	(0.51, 0.97)		
## Ethnicity	247				0.9197
## ASIAN		0.75	(0.48, 1.16)		
## BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN		0.66	(0.34, 1.28)		
## WHITE		0.65	(0.33, 1.27)		

# Conditionally-present Analyses (different in different facets)

# Example - SEX analyzed only for strata B and C

	A: Drug X	B: Placebo	C: Combination
<hr/>			
A			
AGE			
n	38	44	40
mean (sd)	33.1 (5.7)	35.1 (7.9)	34.2 (6.2)
B			
AGE			
n	47	45	43
mean (sd)	33.9 (7.2)	36.0 (9.1)	36.3 (8.4)
SEX			
F	25	27	21
M	21	17	21
U	1	1	1
UNDIFFERENTIATED	0	0	0
C			
AGE			
n	49	45	49
mean (sd)	34.2 (6.6)	35.2 (6.6)	35.6 (8.2)
SEX			
F	33	26	27
M	14	19	19
U	1	0	2
UNDIFFERENTIATED	1	0	1

# Layout-Based Solution

None, yet, but issue filed:

<https://github.com/Roche/rtables/issues/537>

# Post-processing Solution

Assigning **NULL** anywhere in the table structure removes the substructure (including any children)

```
lyt <- basic_table() %>%
  split_cols_by("ARM") %>%
  split_rows_by("STRATA1") %>%
  analyze(c("AGE", "SEX"))
```

```
tbl <- build_table(lyt, ex_adsl)
tbl
```

	A: Drug X	B: Placebo	C: Combination
## A			
## AGE			
## Mean	33.08	35.11	34.23
## SEX			
## F	21	24	18
## M	16	19	20
## U	1	1	1
## UNDIFFERENTIATED	0	0	1
## B			
## AGE			
## Mean	33.85	36.00	36.33
## SEX			
## F	25	27	21
## M	21	17	21
## U	1	1	1
## UNDIFFERENTIATED	0	0	0
## C			
## AGE			
## Mean	34.22	35.18	35.63
## SEX			
## F	33	26	27
## M	14	19	19
## U	1	0	2
## UNDIFFERENTIATED	1	0	1

```
row_paths_summary(tbl)
```

## rowname	node_class	path
##		
## A	LabelRow	STRATA1, A
## AGE	LabelRow	STRATA1, A, AGE
## Mean	DataRow	STRATA1, A, AGE, Mean
## SEX	LabelRow	STRATA1, A, SEX
## F	DataRow	STRATA1, A, SEX, F
## M	DataRow	STRATA1, A, SEX, M
## U	DataRow	STRATA1, A, SEX, U
## UNDIFFERENTIATED	DataRow	STRATA1, A, SEX, UNDIFFERENTIATED
## B	LabelRow	STRATA1, B
## AGE	LabelRow	STRATA1, B, AGE
## Mean	DataRow	STRATA1, B, AGE, Mean
## SEX	LabelRow	STRATA1, B, SEX
## F	DataRow	STRATA1, B, SEX, F
## M	DataRow	STRATA1, B, SEX, M
## U	DataRow	STRATA1, B, SEX, U
## UNDIFFERENTIATED	DataRow	STRATA1, B, SEX, UNDIFFERENTIATED
## C	LabelRow	STRATA1, C
## AGE	LabelRow	STRATA1, C, AGE
## Mean	DataRow	STRATA1, C, AGE, Mean
## SEX	LabelRow	STRATA1, C, SEX
## F	DataRow	STRATA1, C, SEX, F
## M	DataRow	STRATA1, C, SEX, M
## U	DataRow	STRATA1, C, SEX, U
## UNDIFFERENTIATED	DataRow	STRATA1, C, SEX, UNDIFFERENTIATED



```
tt_at_path(tbl, c("STRATA1", "A", "SEX")) <- NULL
tbl
```

		A: Drug X	B: Placebo	C: Combination
<hr/>				
## A				
##	AGE			
##	Mean	33.08	35.11	34.23
## B				
##	AGE			
##	Mean	33.85	36.00	36.33
##	SEX			
##	F	25	27	21
##	M	21	17	21
##	U	1	1	1
##	UNDIFFERENTIATED	0	0	0
## C				
##	AGE			
##	Mean	34.22	35.18	35.63
##	SEX			
##	F	33	26	27
##	M	14	19	19
##	U	1	0	2
##	UNDIFFERENTIATED	1	0	1

# Key Take-Aways

- Pathing makes specifying the things you want to find easy and deterministic
  - including when you're trying to remove them
- Obvious place for further extension of the layouting API

Table Analyzing different subsets of  
the same data

# Example

	A: Drug X	B: Placebo	C: Combination
All Patients	134 (100.0%)	134 (100.0%)	132 (100.0%)
Mean	5.97	5.70	5.62
Older Females	30 (22.4%)	33 (24.6%)	35 (26.5%)
Mean	5.70	5.69	5.29
Younger Males	24 (17.9%)	20 (14.9%)	31 (23.5%)
Mean	7.68	5.88	5.07

# Layout-Based Solution

## Custom splitting

```
custom_core_split <- function(df, ...) {  
  stopifnot(all(c("AGE", "SEX") %in% names(df)))  
  
  make_split_result(  
    values = c("ALL", "OLDF", "YOUNGM"),  
    datasplit = list(ALL = df,  
                     OLDF = subset(df, SEX == "F" & AGE > mean(AGE)),  
                     YOUNGM = subset(df, SEX == "M" & AGE < mean(AGE))),  
    labels = c("All Patients", "Older Females", "Younger Males"))  
}  
  
mysplfun <- make_split_fun(core_split = custom_core_split)  
  
lyt <- basic_table() %>%  
  split_cols_by("ARM") %>%  
  split_rows_by("STUDYID", split_fun = mysplfun) %>%  
  summarize_row_groups() %>%  
  analyze("BMRKR1")  
  
tbl <- build_table(lyt, ex_adsl)
```

# Result

tbl

##	A: Drug X	B: Placebo	C: Combination
##			
## All Patients	134 (100.0%)	134 (100.0%)	132 (100.0%)
## Mean	5.97	5.70	5.62
## Older Females	30 (22.4%)	33 (24.6%)	35 (26.5%)
## Mean	5.70	5.69	5.29
## Younger Males	24 (17.9%)	20 (14.9%)	31 (23.5%)
## Mean	7.68	5.88	5.07

# Resulting Table Structure

```
table_structure(tbl)
```

```
## [TableTree] STUDYID  
## [TableTree] ALL [cont: 1 x 3]  
## [ElementaryTable] BMRKR1 (1 x 3)  
## [TableTree] OLDF [cont: 1 x 3]  
## [ElementaryTable] BMRKR1 (1 x 3)  
## [TableTree] YOUNGM [cont: 1 x 3]  
## [ElementaryTable] BMRKR1 (1 x 3)
```

# Key Take Aways

- custom split functions can do *anything*
  - including define the different subsets you want to analyze!
- doesn't matter what you "split on" when overriding core behavior
  - cause you're fully overriding core behavior...