

Creating a Consolidated Report from Several SAS® Outputs Using DATA_NULL_ and PUT Statements

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ABSTRACT

We often find it necessary to combine output values from several procedures into one table or page of a report. When we need a p-value from one procedure, and means and standard errors from another and frequencies from a third procedure, the separate pieces of information must be brought together in one DATA step before using PUT statements to print the table. The problem of how to get the data/output/information ready to print is particularly difficult for inexperienced programmers. We will show examples using several different methods such as PROC FREQ, PROC MEANS, PROC UNIVARIATE and DATA steps. In addition to creating PUT tables these methods can also be used to create delimited ASCII files that can be merged into word processing or spreadsheet packages.

INTRODUCTION

Our goal is to produce a table which describes a continuous variable (Age) and two categorical variables (Gender and Marital Status) by treatment group. As is so often the case in SAS programming, there is more than one way to accomplish the task. We will use SAS procedures and DATA step programming to show some ways to meet the goal. Statistics for the continuous variable will be n, mean, standard deviation and the probability of no difference between treatment groups; for the discrete variables statistics will be n, percent-of-group, and probability of no difference between groups. See the second example for methods of working with probabilities.

Our sample dataset `form1` contains five variables:

ID	Subject identifier
Treatmnt	Treatment A or B
Age	Subject's age in years
Gender	1=male, 2=female
MarStat	1=never married, 2=married, 3=divorced/widowed

The 51 observations have been sorted by treatment group; none of the data are missing. Assume the formats `gender.` and `marital.` exist.

EXAMPLE ONE.

N, MEAN, AND STANDARD DEVIATION USING PROC MEANS

One method of calculating statistics such as means and standard deviations is to use the procedure (PROC) MEANS, which can create an output data set containing the calculated values. The output dataset is named in the OUTPUT statement; the desired statistics are requested and named. When the CLASS statement is used, the dataset contains statistics for each value of the class variable (here, `treatmnt`) and for the total sample. The data step `AGEA` changes the value of `treatmnt` for the

total sample from ' ' (missing) to 'C' so that the data can be sorted to put the total last.

SAS Code:

```
proc means data=form1;
  class treatmnt;
  var age;
  output out=age
    n=n_age mean=m_age std=s_age;
run;
```

```
data agea; set age;
  if treatmnt=' ' then treatmnt='C';
  keep treatmnt n_age m_age s_age;
run;
```

```
proc sort; by treatmnt;
run;
```

N AND PERCENT USING ARRAYS IN A DATA STEP

We can count the occurrences of each category of a discrete variable and calculate percentages in a DATA step. An array is defined for each categorical variable of interest. The array `GEN` will be used to sum the occurrences of 1(male) and 2(female) for each treatment group and overall; likewise, `MARITAL` will hold the marital status counts. For each two-dimensional array the rows are the categories and the columns are the treatment groups. The percentages will be calculated later in the `DATA_NULL_` step.

SAS Code:

```
data counts(keep=gen1-gen9 mar1-mar12);
  set form1 end=eof;
  *columns: Treatment A, B, total;
  *Rows: Male, Female, Total;
  array gen{3,3} gen1-gen9;
  *Rows: Nvr Married, Married, Divorced, total;
  array marital{4,3} mar1-mar12;
```

```
retain gen1-gen9 mar1-mar12 0;
```

```
if treatmnt='A' then trt=1;
if treatmnt='B' then trt=2;
```

```
if gender in (1,2) then do;
  gen{gender,trt}+1;
  gen{gender,3}+1;      *row total;
  gen{3,trt}+1;        *column total;
  gen{3,3}+1;          *overall total;
end;
```

```
if 1 le marstat le 3 then do;
  marital{marstat,trt}+1;
  marital{marstat,3}+1;  *row total;
```

```

    marital{4,trt}+1;          *column tot;
    marital{4,3}+1;          *overall tot;
end;

if eof then output;
run;

```

DATA_NULL_AND PUT

We bring the pieces together and "put" out the data in tabular form.

SAS Code:

```

data _null_; set agea(in=ina )
              counts(in=inc);
array gen{3,3} gen1-gen9;
array marital{4,3} mar1-mar12;
retain col 0;

file print header=h1;

*Age*;
if ina then do;
  col+17;
  if treatmnt='A' then put
    / @1 'Age (years)' @;
  put @col n_age 2.
    +2 m_age 4.1
    +2 s_age 4.1 @;
end;
if treatmnt='C' then put;

if inc then do;
*Gender*;
  put /// @20 'N      %'
          @37 'N      %'
          @54 'N      %'
          / @19 '_____'
            @36 '_____'
            @53 '_____'
            / @1 'Gender';
do row=1 to 2;
  put @3 row :gender. @;
  col=2;
  do rx=1 to 3;
    col=col+17;
    if gen{3,rx} gt 0 then
      pc=gen{row,rx}/gen{3,rx} * 100;
    else pc=.;
    put @col gen{row,rx} 2.
      + 3 pc 5.1 @;
  end;
  put;
end;

*Marital Status*;
  put / @1 'Marital Status';
do row=1 to 3;
  put @3 row :marital. @;
  col=2;
  do rx=1 to 3;
    col=col+17;
    if marital{4,rx} gt 0 then
      pc=marital{row,rx}/marital{4,rx}
        * 100;
    else pc=.;
    put @col marital{row,rx} 2.
      +3 pc 5.1 @;
  end;
  put;
end;

```

```

end;
return;
h1:
title 'Demographic Information by'
      'Treatment Group';
put //   @33 'Treatment Group'
    //   @23 'A' @40 'B' @56 'Total'
    / @1 'Demographic'
    / @1 'Information'
    @17 ' N Mean S.D.'
    @34 ' N Mean S.D.'
    @51 ' N Mean S.D.'
    / @1 '_____'
    @17 '_____'
    @34 '_____'
    @51 '_____'
run;

```

EXAMPLE TWO. ANOTHER WAY TO PRODUCE THE TABLE (and add some probability values)

N, MEAN, AND STANDARD DEVIATION USING PROC UNIVARIATE

The procedure UNIVARIATE produces many of the same statistics as PROC MEANS, and the OUTPUT data set is similar. In addition, UNIVARIATE calculates medians and percentiles, although we will not be using those values here. Note that the data set must be sorted into BY variable order. Note also that the procedure must be executed twice: once for by-group processing, once for overall.

We will also get the treatment p-value in this second example.

SAS Code:

```

proc univariate data=form1 noprint;
  by treatmnt;
  var age;
  output out=age
    n=n_age mean=m_age std=s_age;
run;
proc univariate data=form1 noprint;
  var age;
  output out=tage
    n=n_age mean=m_age std=s_age;
run;

```

T-TEST P-VALUE USING ANOVA PROCEDURE

Since the TTEST procedure does not have an OUTPUT option, we will use the ANOVA procedure, which calculates the equivalent probability value.

SAS Code:

```

proc anova data=form1 outstat=p_age;
  class treatmnt;
  model age=treatmnt;
run;

```

N, PERCENT, AND CHI-SQUARE PROBABILITY USING PROC FREQ

Counts and percentages, as well as chi-square probabilities, for discrete variables can be obtained by use of the procedure FREQ along with the procedure's two types of output statements. Note that PROC FREQ is

performed separately for the one-way tables (totals).

SAS Code:

```
Proc freq data=form1;
  table gender*treatmnt
    /chisq out=gender outpct;
  output out=cgender(keep=p_pchi) chisq;
run;

proc freq data=form1;
  table marstat*treatmnt
    /chisq out=marital outpct;
  output out=cmarital(keep=p_pchi) chisq;
run;

proc freq data=form1;
  table gender / out=gender;
  table marstat / out=marital;
run;

data gen; set gender
          tgender;
  by gender;
  if _n_=1 then set cgender;
  if treatmnt=' ' then treatmnt='C';
run;

data mar; set marital
          tmarital;
  by marstat;
  if _n_=1 then set cmarital;
  if treatmnt=' ' then treatmnt='C';
run;
```

DATA_NULL_ AND PUT

Again we bring the pieces together and put out the data table.

SAS Code:

```
data _null_;
  set age(in=in_a)
      tage(in=in_t)
      p_age(in=inp
            where=( _type_='ANOVA'))
      gen(in=in_g)
      mar(in=in_m);
  retain col 0;

  file print header=h1;
  if in_g and treatmnt='A' and gender=1
    then put
      // @20 'N      %'
      @37 'N      %'
      @54 'N      %'
      @68 'probability'
      / @19 '_____'
      @36 '_____'
      @53 '_____'
      @68 '_____'
      / @1 'Gender' @;

  if in_m and treatmnt='A' and marstat=1
    then put // @1 'Marital Status' @;

  if treatmnt='A' then do;
    if in_a then put / @1 'Age (years)' @;
    if in_g then put
      / @3 gender gender. @;
    if in_m then put
```

```
    / @3 marstat marital. @;
  end;

  if in_a or in_t then do;
    col=col+17;
    put @col n_age 2.
      +2 m_age 4.1
      +2 s_age 4.1 @;
  end;

  if in_g or in_m then do;
    if treatmnt='A' then col=2;
    col+17;
    if treatmnt in ('A','B') then put
      @col count 2. + 3 pct_col 5.1 @;
    else if treatmnt = 'C' then
      put @col count 2. +3 percent 5.1 @ ;
  end;

  if inp then put @71 prob 5.3;
  if in_g and treatmnt='C' and gender=1
    then put @71 p_pchi 5.3 @;
  if in_m and treatmnt='C' and marstat=1
    then put @71 p_pchi 5.3 @;

  return;
h1:
title 'Demographic Information by'
      'Treatment Group';
put // @33 'Treatment Group'
    // @23 'A' @40 'B' @56 'Total'
    / @1 'Demographic'
    / @1 'Information'
    @17 ' N Mean S.D.'
    @34 ' N Mean S.D.'
    @51 ' N Mean S.D.'
    @68 'probability'
    / @1 '_____'
    @17 '_____'
    @34 '_____'
    @51 '_____'
    @68 '_____' ;

run;
```

CONCLUSION

Using DATA step arrays and/or output data sets from SAS procedures will require some extra programming steps. The time is well spent, though, when you compare the programming time to the alternative of hand-transcribing, and checking, and checking again, and verifying that the correct numbers from the appropriate SAS output listings have been put in the correct destination slots.

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APPENDIX A. Sample Data Set form1

TREATMNT	ID	AGE	GENDER	MARSTAT	B	26	32	2	3
A	1	21	1	1	B	27	25	2	2
A	2	36	1	2	B	28	33	2	2
A	3	45	2	3	B	29	34	1	1
A	4	40	2	1	B	30	27	1	3
A	5	44	1	1	B	31	54	1	1
A	6	32	1	2	B	32	37	2	2
A	7	25	2	1	B	33	33	1	2
A	8	33	2	3	B	34	44	1	3
A	9	34	1	2	B	35	22	2	3
A	10	27	1	3	B	36	32	2	3
A	11	54	1	1	B	37	25	2	2
A	12	37	2	2	B	38	33	2	1
A	13	33	1	2	B	39	34	1	2
A	14	44	1	3	B	40	27	1	3
A	15	22	2	2	B	41	54	1	1
A	16	32	2	3	B	42	37	2	2
A	17	25	2	2	B	43	33	1	3
A	18	33	2	1	B	44	44	1	3
A	19	34	1	2	B	45	22	2	2
A	20	27	1	3	B	46	32	2	3
A	21	54	1	1	B	47	45	2	1
A	22	37	2	2	B	48	32	1	2
A	23	33	1	3	B	49	24	1	3
A	24	44	1	3	B	50	33	1	3
A	25	22	2	2	B	51	33	1	3

APPENDIX B. Example One Output Data Sets

Example One: Data Set "age"

OBS	TREATMNT	_TYPE_	_FREQ_	N_AGE	M_AGE	S_AGE
1		0	51	51	34.2941	8.73223
2	A	1	25	25	34.7200	9.11738
3	B	1	26	26	33.8846	8.50565

Example One: Data Set "agea" after sorting

OBS	TREATMNT	N_AGE	M_AGE	S_AGE
1	A	25	34.7200	9.11738
2	B	26	33.8846	8.50565
3	C	51	34.2941	8.73223

Example One: Data Set "counts"

	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M		
O	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	R	R	R		
B	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	1	1	1		
S	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	
	1	14	14	28	11	12	23	25	26	51	7	5	12	10	9	19	8	12	20	25	26	51

APPENDIX C. Example Two Output Data Sets

```

Example Two: Data Set "age"
              OBS      TREATMNT      N_AGE      M_AGE      S_AGE
              1          A           25      34.7200    9.11738
              2          B           26      33.8846    8.50565

```

```

Example Two: Data Set "tage"
              OBS      N_AGE      M_AGE      S_AGE
              1          51      34.2941    8.73223

```

```

Example Two: Data Set "p_age"
              OBS      _NAME_      _SOURCE_      _TYPE_      DF      SS      F      PROB
              1      AGE      ERROR      ERROR      49      3803.69      .      .
              2      AGE      TREATMNT      ANOVA      1          8.89      0.11458      0.73644

```

```

Example Two: Data Set "gender"
              OBS      GENDER      TREATMNT      COUNT      PERCENT      PCT_ROW      PCT_COL
              1          1          A           14      27.4510      50.0000      56.0000
              2          1          B           14      27.4510      50.0000      53.8462
              3          2          A           11      21.5686      47.8261      44.0000
              4          2          B           12      23.5294      52.1739      46.1538

```

```

Example Two: Data Set "cgender"
              OBS      P_PCHI
              1          0.87719

```

```

Example Two: Data Set "tgender"
              OBS      GENDER      COUNT      PERCENT
              1          1          28      54.9020
              2          2          23      45.0980

```

```

Example Two: Data Set "marital"
              OBS      MARSTAT      TREATMNT      COUNT      PERCENT      PCT_ROW      PCT_COL
              1          1          A           7          13.7255      58.3333      28.0000
              2          1          B           5          9.8039      41.6667      19.2308
              3          2          A          10          19.6078      52.6316      40.0000
              4          2          B           9          17.6471      47.3684      34.6154
              5          3          A           8          15.6863      40.0000      32.0000
              6          3          B          12          23.5294      60.0000      46.1538

```

```

Example Two: Data Set "cmarital"
              OBS      P_PCHI
              1          0.55800

```

```

Example Two: Data Set "tmarital"
              OBS      MARSTAT      COUNT      PERCENT
              1          1          12      23.5294
              2          2          19      37.2549
              3          3          20      39.2157

```

APPENDIX D. GOAL: Tabulated Data (Example Two)

Demographic Information by Treatment Group

Demographic Information	Treatment Group									probability
	A			B			Total			
	N	Mean	S.D.	N	Mean	S.D.	N	Mean	S.D.	
Age (years)	25	34.7	9.1	26	33.9	8.5	51	34.3	8.7	0.736
	N	%		N	%		N	%		probability
Gender										
Male	14	56.0		14	53.8		28	54.9		0.877
Female	11	44.0		12	46.2		23	45.1		
Marital Status										
Single	7	28.0		5	19.2		12	23.5		0.558
Married	10	40.0		9	34.6		19	37.3		
Divorced	8	32.0		12	46.2		20	39.2		