Can the SAS procedure PROC FREQ be used to analyze data and display frequency counts without percentages?

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The SAS procedure PROC FREQ is a statistical tool that can be utilized to analyze data and display frequency counts. It is capable of providing a detailed breakdown of the number of occurrences for each distinct value within a dataset. This procedure is particularly useful when working with categorical data. It should be noted, however, that PROC FREQ does not automatically display percentages alongside the frequency counts. Instead, the user must specify the appropriate options to include percentage calculations in the output. Therefore, while PROC FREQ can be utilized for frequency analysis, it requires additional steps to display percentages.

SAS: Use PROC FREQ & Show No Percentages

You can use the following methods with PROC FREQ in SAS to create frequency tables and suppress any percentage values in the resulting tables:

Method 1: Suppress Percentages in One-Way Frequency Table

```
proc freq data=my_data order=freq;
tables my_variable / nopercentnocum;
run;
```

Method 2: Suppress Percentages in Two-Way Frequency Table

```
proc freq data=my_data order=freq;
tables my_variable1*my_variable2 / norow nocol
nopercent nocum;
```

run;

The following examples shows how to use each method in practice with the SAS built-in dataset called , which contains various characteristics for 100,000 mothers that recently gave birth.

We can use PROC PRINT to view the first 10 observations from this dataset:

/*view first 10 observations from BirthWgt dataset*/
proc printdata=sashelp.BirthWgt (obs=10);

run;

Obs	LowBirthWgt	Married	AgeGroup	Race	Drinking	Death	Smoking	SomeCollege
1	No	No	3	Asian	No	No	No	Yes
2	No	No	2	White	No	No	No	No
3	Yes	Yes	2	Native	No	Yes	No	No
4	No	No	2	White	No	No	No	No
5	No	No	2	White	No	No	No	Yes
6	No	No	2	White	No	No	No	
7	No	No	2	Asian	No	No	No	Yes
8	No	No	3	White	No	No	No	Yes
9	No	Yes	1	Black	No	No	No	No
10	No	No	2	Native	No	No	No	Yes

Example 1: Suppress Percentages in One-Way Frequency Table

We can use the following code to create a frequency table for the Race variable:

```
/*create frequency table for Race variable*/
proc freqdata=sashelp.BirthWgt;
tables Race;
run;
```

The FREQ Procedure

Race	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Frequency	Cumulative Percent
Asian	5224	5.22	5224	5.22
Black	14133	14.13	19357	19.36
Hispanic	22139	22.14	41496	41.50
Native	942	0.94	42438	42.44
White	57562	57.56	100000	100.00

By default, SAS displays percentages in the frequency table.

To suppress the percentages, we can use the nopercent and nocum statements:

```
/*create frequency table for Race variable and suppress percentages*/
proc freq data=sashelp.BirthWgt;
```

```
tables Race / nopercentnocum;
run;
```

The FREQ Procedure

Race	Frequency
Asian	5224
Black	14133
Hispanic	22139
Native	942
White	57562

Example 2: Suppress Percentages in Two-Way Frequency Table

We can use the following code to create a two-way frequency table for the Race and Married variables:

```
/*create frequency table for Race and Married variables*/
proc freqdata=sashelp.BirthWgt;
tables Race*Married;
run;
```

The FREQ Procedure

Frequency Percent Row Pct Col Pct	Table of Race by Married		
	Married		
Race	No	Yes	Total
Asian	4440 4.44 84.99 6.74	784 0.78 15.01 2.29	5224 5.22
Black	4480 4.48 31.70 6.81	9653 9.65 68.30 28.25	14133 14.13
Hispanic	12252 12.25 55.34 18.61	9887 9.89 44.66 28.93	22139 22.14
Native	379 0.38 40.23 0.58	563 0.56 59.77 1.65	942 0.94
White	44279 44.28 76.92 67.26	13283 13.28 23.08 38.87	57562 57.56
Total	65830 65.83	34170 34.17	100000 100.00

By default, SAS displays percentages for overall percent, row percent, and column percent for each cell in the frequency table.

To suppress the percentages, we can use the norow, nocol and nopercent statements:

```
/*create frequency table for Race and Married variables and suppress percentages*/
proc freq data=sashelp.BirthWgt;
```

```
tables Race*Married / norow nocol nopercent;
run;
```

The FREQ Procedure

Frequency	Table of Race by Married		
	Married		
Race	No	Yes	Total
Asian	4440	784	5224
Black	4480	9653	14133
Hispanic	12252	9887	22139
Native	379	563	942
White	44279	13283	57562
Total	65830	34170	100000

Notice that the frequency table only shows frequency values and no percentage values for each cell in the table.

The following tutorials explain how to perform other common tasks in SAS: