Data Wrangling: Exercises

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Use the fligths data from the nycflights13-package. The data set contains information on flights from airports in New York in 2013.

Exercise 1. filter()

- (a) Find all flights without any delay on departure (dep_delay) and with at least 2 hours delay on arrival (arr_delay)
- (b) Find all fligths of carriers United (UA), American (AA) and Delta (DL)

Exercise 2. arrange()

- (a) Sort the flights dataset in such a way that flights with the highest delay at arrival (arr_delay) come first.
- (b) Sort the flights dataset in such a way that flights with tailnum equal to NA come first.

Exercise 3. select()

(a) Select all columns that end with _time or with _delay.

Exercise 4. mutate()

(a) The dep_time column is formatted like a digital clock, where 213 actually means 2:13. Use mutate() to create a column dep_time_mins which gives the total number of minutes since midnight.

Exercise 5. summarise() and group_by()

- (a) Calculate the number of canceled flights by month, the total number of flights per month and the percentage of canceled flights per month. Sort the new data.frame such that months with the highest percentage of canceled flights come first. Canceled flights either have no dep_time or do not have arr_time.
- (b) Calculate the minimum, maximum, mean, median and standard deviation of air_time by destination. Sort the new data.frame such that destinations with the highest mean air_time comes first.

Exercise 6. group_by(), filter() and mutate()

- a Add a column dep_delay_lag to fligths, with dep_delay of the previous fligth from that airport (see ?lag to find out how to store the value of row x-1 in row x).
- b Filter the observations such that you only have those where neither dep_delay, nor dep_delay_lag is missing.
- c Find the average of dep_delay, separate for each value of dep_delay_lag and for each origin using group_by. Name this variable dep_delay_avg.
- d Visualize the relation (using a scatter plot) between dep_delay_lag and dep_delay_avg, where the color of the point depends on origin.

Exercise 7. combined

Consider the forsale.Rds-dataset from Canvas. It contains information about houses for sale in Rotterdam area during the recent past.

- a Load the data from Canvas.
- b Make a data.frame of the first 10 observations, with only the variables postcode, city, suburb, asking_price and living_area.
- c Add a variable to the original data.frame forsale that contains the price per square metre. Call this column price_m2.
- d Calculate the number of houses in this dataset in each city, as well as the minimum, average and maximum asking price. Which city is the cheapest, on average?
- e Calculate the ratio between each house's price per square metre and the mean price per square metre in that house's 4-digit postcode. Call this new variable price_premium.
- f Create a subset of the forsale dataset from (e), which contains only houses that satisfy the following criteria: it is within the city of Rotterdam, it has at least 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms and costs no more than 400.000 euro.
- g Sort the new data.frame such that those with the highest price_premium occur first. What does a high price_premium mean?

Exercise 8. across()

- a Load the penguins-data from penguins.Rds, available on Canvas. The data is on penguin species in Palmer Archipelago.
- b Get the number of distinct categories for all variables, using functions across() and n_distinct().
- c Get the number of distinct categories, only for species, island and sex.
- d Get the number of missing values, only for the variables of type factor (categorical variables).
- e Get the number of missing values for all variables with length in their name.
- f Bonus Transform all variables where mm is in the name to be relative to the species-specific mean of that variable (divide by the species-specific mean). Hence, you will need to use group_by(), mutate() and across().

Exercise 9. join

- (a) Add location (lat and lon) from the airport data set (available from the nycflights13-package) to the flights-data.frame. Make sure you only add these two columns. Which key should be used?
- (b) Bonus Make the following data.frame: Full name of carrier (name), number of active planes (nr_active_planes) and average build year (mean_build_year). Add a 4th column with the number of planes of which the build year is unkown (unknown_planes). Think carefully: which data.frames from the nycflights13-package do you need, how do you merge them, which columns do you need?

Exercise 10. tidyr

- (a) Load the data pivot_example.Rds from Canvas. The data is on the distribution of male and female in the US navy.
- (b) Gather the information in the columns on the amount of persons in one column, named gender_marital, where the value is stored in the column amount.

Exercise 11. tidyr

- (a) Load the data on NBA players and points scored (fictive) from Canvas.
- (b) Gather the columns day1points and day2points into a new column day with the values in the new column points.