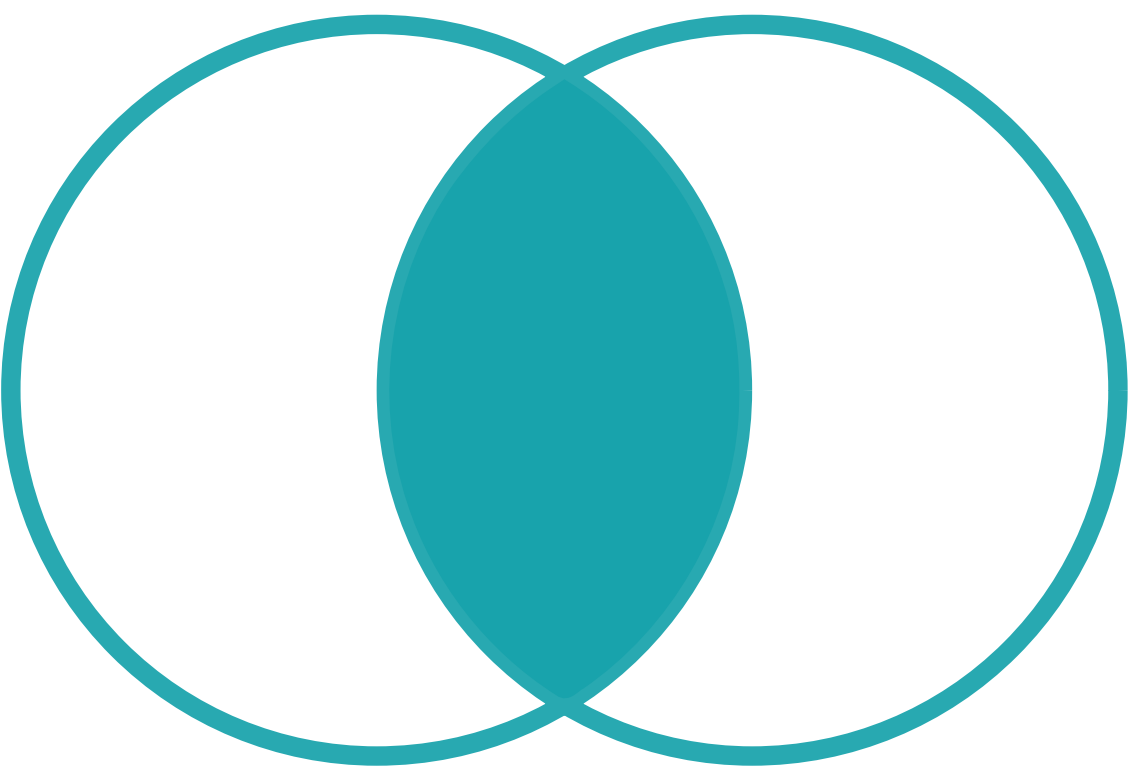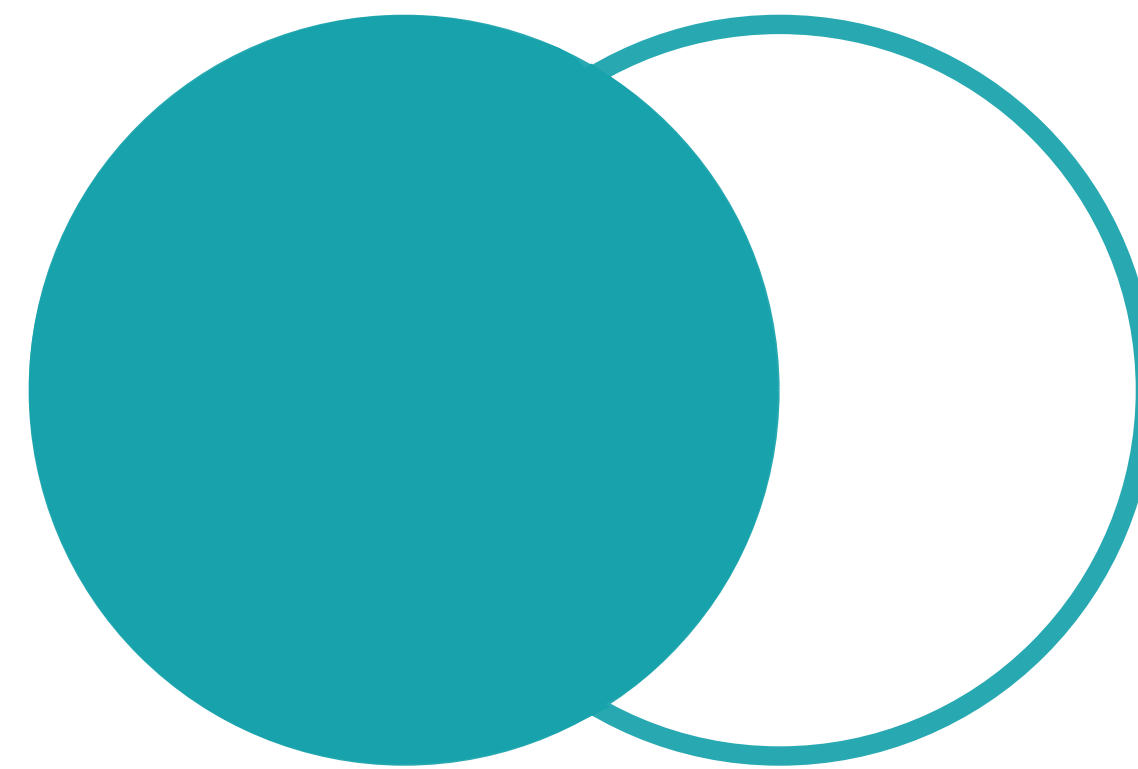The goal of merging is to **combine columns** from different data frames after **matching cases**.

➜ Venn diagrams show what happens to the **rows** (i.e. **cases**) of the left and right tables.
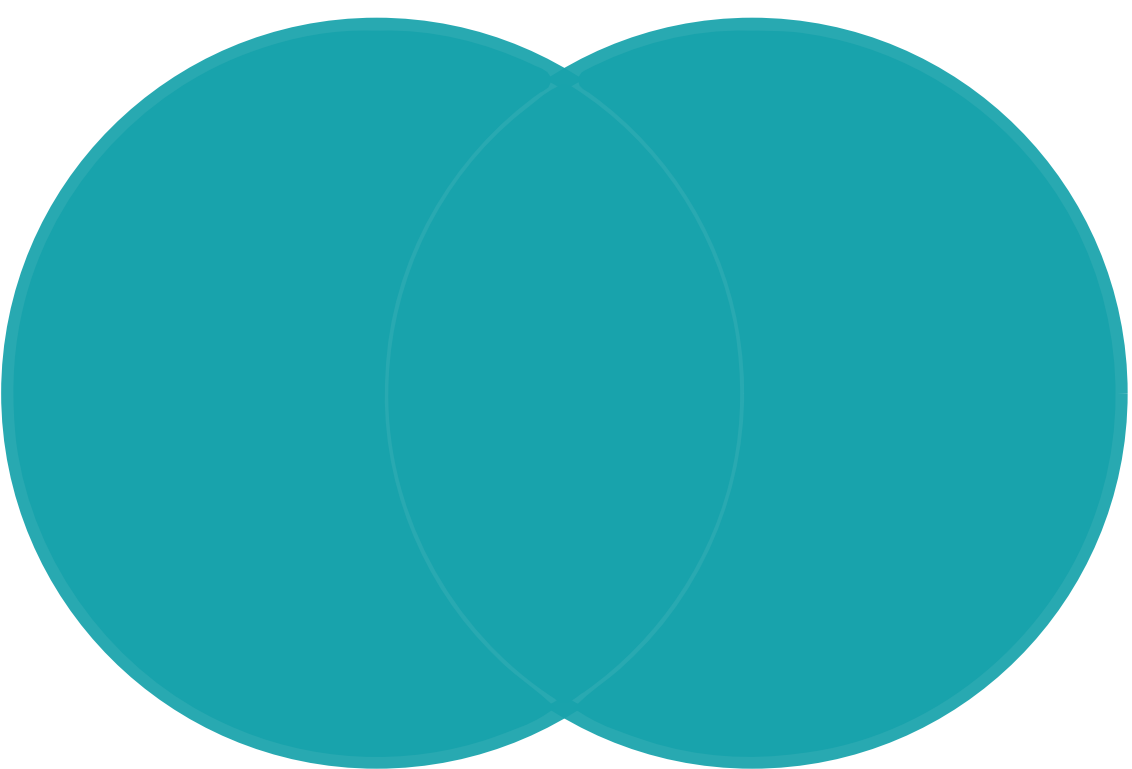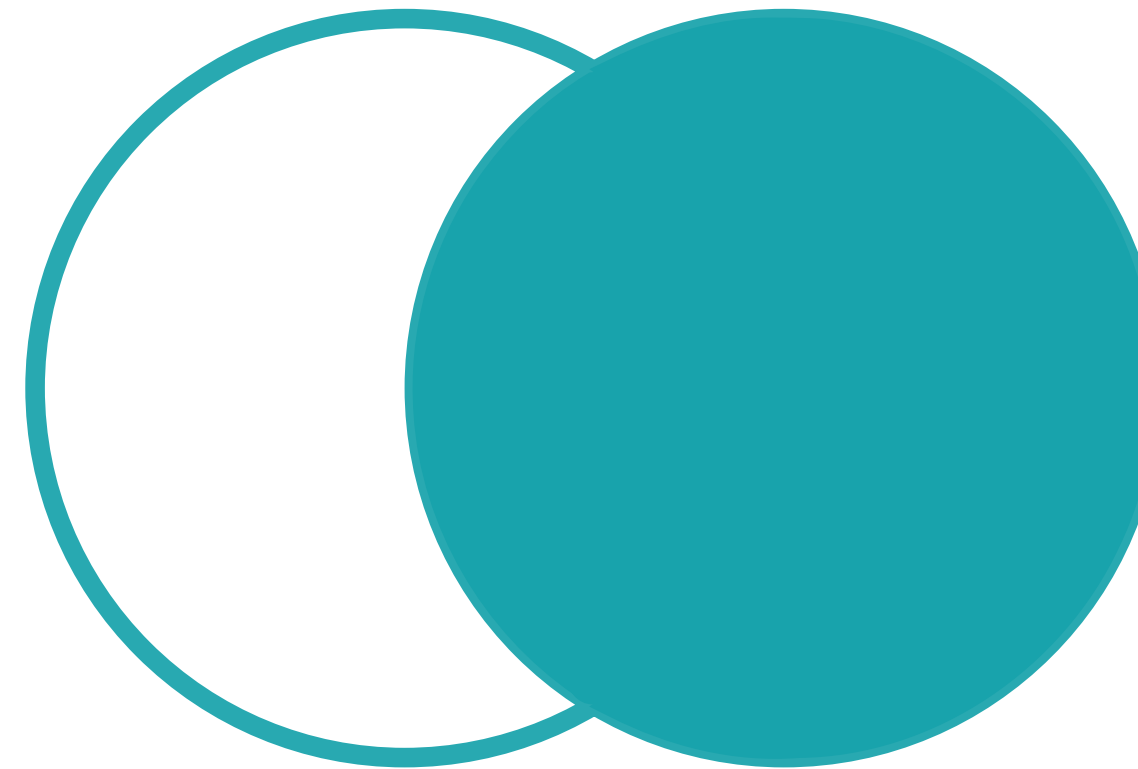

Inner join

`merge(a, b, all = FALSE)`

Left outer join

`merge(a, b, all.x = TRUE)`

Outer join

`merge(a, b, all = TRUE)`

Right outer join

`merge(a, b, all.y = TRUE)`