# Tidy R programming with databases: applications with the OMOP common data model

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### **Preface**

#### Is this book for me?

We've written this book for anyone interested in a working with databases using a tidyverse style approach. That is, human centered, consistent, composable, and inclusive (see https://design.tidyverse.org/unifying.html for more details on these principles).

New to R? We recommend you compliment the book with R for data science

New to databases? We recommend you take a look at some web tutorials on SQL, such as SQLBolt or SQLZoo

New to the OMOP CDM? We'd recommend you pare this book with The Book of OHDSI

#### How is the book organised?

The book is divided into two parts. The first half of the book is focused on the general principles for working with databases from R. In these chapters you will see how you can use familiar tidyverse-style code to build up analytic pipelines that start with data held in a database and end with your analytic results. The second half of the book is focused on working with data in the OMOP Common Data Model (CDM) format, a widely used data format for health care data. In these chapters you will see how to work with this data format using the general principles from the first half of the book along with a set of R packages that have been built for the OMOP CDM.

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CDMConnector	2.1.1	
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CohortCharacteristics	1.0.0	
CohortConstructor	0.5.0	
DBI	1.2.3	
Lahman	13.0-0	
PatientProfiles	1.4.2	
bit64	4.6.0-1	
cli	3.6.5	
clock	0.7.3	
dbplyr	2.5.1	
dm	1.0.12	
dplyr	1.1.4	
duckdb	1.3.3	
ggplot2	3.5.2	
here	1.0.1	
omock	0.5.0	
omopgenerics	1.3.0	
palmerpenguins	0.1.1	
purrr	1.1.0	
sloop	1.0.1	
stringr	1.5.2	
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### Code

The source code for the book can be found at this Github repository

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This book is rendered using the following version of packages:

Finding R package dependencies ... Done!

Note we only included the packages called explicitly in the book.

## Part I

# Getting started with working databases from R

In this first half of the book we will see how we can work with databases from R. In the following chapters we'll see that when working with data held in a relational database we can leverage various open-source R packages to help us perform tidyverse-style data analyses.

- In Chapter 1 we will perform a simple data analysis from start to finish using a table in a database.
- In Chapter 2 we will see in more detail how familiar dplyr functions can be used to combine data spread across different tables in a database into an analytic dataset which we can then bring into R for further analysis.
- In Chapter 3 we will see how we can perform more complex data manipulation via translation of R code into SQL specific to the database management system being used.
- In Chapter 4 we will see how we can build data pipelines by creating a data model in R to represent the relational database we're working with and creating functions and methods to work with it.

## 1 A first analysis using data in a database



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Before we start thinking about working with healthcare data spread across a database using the OMOP common data model, let's first do a simpler analysis. In this case we will do a quick data analysis with R using a simpler dataset held in a database to understand the general approach. For this we'll use data from palmerpenguins package, which contains data on penguins collected from the Palmer Station in Antarctica.

#### 1.1 Getting set up

Assuming that you have R and RStudio already set up1, first we need to install a few packages not included in base R if we don't already have them.

```
install.packages("dplyr")
install.packages("dbplyr")
install.packages("ggplot2")
install.packages("DBI")
install.packages("duckdb")
install.packages("palmerpenguins")
```

Once installed, we can load them like so.

```
library(dplyr)
library(dplyr)
library(ggplot2)
library(DBI)
library(duckdb)
library(palmerpenguins)
```

#### 1.2 Taking a peek at the data

The package palmerpenguins contains two datasets, one of them called penguins, which we will use in this chapter. We can get an overview of the data using the glimpse() command.

```
glimpse(penguins)
```

```
Rows: 344
Columns: 8
$ species
                    <fct> Adelie, Adelie, Adelie, Adelie, Adelie, Adelie, Adel-
$ island
                    <fct> Torgersen, Torgersen, Torgersen, Torgerse~
$ bill_length_mm
                    <dbl> 39.1, 39.5, 40.3, NA, 36.7, 39.3, 38.9, 39.2, 34.1, ~
$ bill_depth_mm
                    <dbl> 18.7, 17.4, 18.0, NA, 19.3, 20.6, 17.8, 19.6, 18.1, ~
$ flipper_length_mm <int> 181, 186, 195, NA, 193, 190, 181, 195, 193, 190, 186~
$ body_mass_g
                    <int> 3750, 3800, 3250, NA, 3450, 3650, 3625, 4675, 3475, ~
                    <fct> male, female, female, NA, female, male, female, male~
$ sex
                    <int> 2007, 2007, 2007, 2007, 2007, 2007, 2007, 2007, 2007
$ year
```

Or we could take a look at the first rows of the data using head():

```
head(penguins, 5)
```

```
# A tibble: 5 x 8
                     bill_length_mm bill_depth_mm flipper_length_mm body_mass_g
  species island
  <fct>
          <fct>
                              <dbl>
                                             <dbl>
                                                                <int>
                                                                             <int>
1 Adelie Torgersen
                               39.1
                                              18.7
                                                                              3750
                                                                  181
                                              17.4
2 Adelie Torgersen
                               39.5
                                                                  186
                                                                              3800
                               40.3
                                              18
                                                                              3250
3 Adelie Torgersen
                                                                  195
4 Adelie Torgersen
                               NA
                                              NA
                                                                   NA
                                                                                NΑ
5 Adelie Torgersen
                               36.7
                                              19.3
                                                                  193
                                                                              3450
# i 2 more variables: sex <fct>, year <int>
```

#### 1.3 Inserting data into a database

Let's put our penguins data into a duckdb database. We need to first create the database and then add the penguins data to it.

```
db <- dbConnect(drv = duckdb())
dbWriteTable(db, "penguins", penguins)</pre>
```

We can see that our database now has one table:

```
dbListTables(db)
```

#### [1] "penguins"

And now that the data is in a database we could use SQL to get the first rows that we saw before.

```
dbGetQuery(db, "SELECT * FROM penguins LIMIT 5")
```

	species	island	${\tt bill\_length\_mm}$	${\tt bill\_depth\_mm}$	${\tt flipper\_length\_mm}$	${\tt body\_mass\_g}$
1	Adelie	Torgersen	39.1	18.7	181	3750
2	Adelie	Torgersen	39.5	17.4	186	3800
3	Adelie	Torgersen	40.3	18.0	195	3250
4	Adelie	Torgersen	NA	NA	NA	NA
5	Adelie	Torgersen	36.7	19.3	193	3450

1 male 2007

sex year

- 2 female 2007
- 3 female 2007
- 4 <NA> 2007
- 5 female 2007

#### **?** Connecting to databases from R

Database connections from R can be made using the DBI package. The back-end for DBI is facilitated by database specific driver packages. In the code snipets above we created a new, empty, in-process duckdb database to which we then added our dataset. But we could have instead connected to an existing duckdb database. This could, for example, look like

In this book for simplicity we will mostly be working with in-process duckdb databases with synthetic data. However, when analysing real patient data we will be more often working with client-server databases, where we are connecting from our computer to a central server with the database or working with data held in the cloud. The approaches shown throughout this book will work in the same way for these other types of database management systems, but the way to connect to the database will be different (although still using DBI). In general, creating connections is supported by associated back-end packages. For example a connection to a Postgres database would use the RPostgres R package and look something like:

#### 1.4 Translation from R to SQL

Instead of using SQL to query our database, we might instead want to use the same R code as before. However, instead of working with the local dataset, now we will need it to query the data held in the database. To do this, first we can create a reference to the table in the database as such:

```
penguins_db <- tbl(db, "penguins")
penguins_db</pre>
```

```
# Source:
            table<penguins> [?? x 8]
# Database: DuckDB 1.3.3-dev231 [unknown@Linux 6.11.0-1018-azure:R 4.4.1/:memory:]
                     bill_length_mm bill_depth_mm flipper_length_mm body_mass_g
   species island
   <fct>
           <fct>
                               <dbl>
                                              <dbl>
                                                                 <int>
                                                                             <int>
1 Adelie
           Torgersen
                                39.1
                                               18.7
                                                                   181
                                                                              3750
2 Adelie Torgersen
                                39.5
                                               17.4
                                                                   186
                                                                              3800
3 Adelie Torgersen
                                40.3
                                                                   195
                                                                              3250
                                               18
4 Adelie Torgersen
                                NA
                                               NA
                                                                    NA
                                                                                NA
5 Adelie Torgersen
                                36.7
                                               19.3
                                                                   193
                                                                              3450
           Torgersen
                                39.3
                                               20.6
                                                                              3650
6 Adelie
                                                                   190
```

```
7 Adelie
           Torgersen
                                38.9
                                               17.8
                                                                   181
                                                                              3625
                                                                              4675
8 Adelie
           Torgersen
                                39.2
                                               19.6
                                                                   195
9 Adelie
           Torgersen
                                34.1
                                               18.1
                                                                   193
                                                                              3475
10 Adelie
           Torgersen
                                42
                                               20.2
                                                                              4250
                                                                   190
# i more rows
# i 2 more variables: sex <fct>, year <int>
```

Once we have this reference, we can then use it with familiar looking R code.

```
head(penguins_db, 5)
# Source:
            SQL [?? x 8]
# Database: DuckDB 1.3.3-dev231 [unknown@Linux 6.11.0-1018-azure:R 4.4.1/:memory:]
                     bill_length_mm bill_depth_mm flipper_length_mm body_mass_g
  species island
  <fct>
          <fct>
                              <dbl>
                                             <dbl>
                                                                <int>
                                                                            <int>
1 Adelie Torgersen
                               39.1
                                              18.7
                                                                             3750
                                                                  181
2 Adelie Torgersen
                               39.5
                                              17.4
                                                                  186
                                                                             3800
3 Adelie Torgersen
                               40.3
                                              18
                                                                  195
                                                                             3250
4 Adelie Torgersen
                               NA
                                              NA
                                                                   NA
                                                                               NA
                               36.7
                                              19.3
                                                                  193
                                                                             3450
5 Adelie Torgersen
# i 2 more variables: sex <fct>, year <int>
```

The magic here is provided by the dbplyr package, which takes the R code and converts it into SQL. In this case the query looks like the SQL we wrote directly before.

```
head(penguins_db, 5) |>
  show_query()
```

<SQL>
SELECT penguins.\*
FROM penguins
LIMIT 5

#### 1.5 Example analysis

More complicated SQL can also be generated by using familiar dplyr code. For example, we could get a summary of bill length by species like so:

```
penguins_db |>
  group_by(species) |>
  summarise(
    n = n()
    min_bill_length_mm = min(bill_length_mm),
    mean_bill_length_mm = mean(bill_length_mm),
    max_bill_length_mm = max(bill_length_mm)
  ) |>
  mutate(min_max_bill_length_mm = paste0(
    min_bill_length_mm,
    " to ",
    max_bill_length_mm
  )) |>
  select(
    "species",
    "mean_bill_length_mm",
    "min_max_bill_length_mm"
```

```
# Source: SQL [?? x 3]

# Database: DuckDB 1.3.3-dev231 [unknown@Linux 6.11.0-1018-azure:R 4.4.1/:memory:]
species mean_bill_length_mm min_max_bill_length_mm
<fct> <dbl> <chr>
1 Adelie 38.8 32.1 to 46.0
2 Chinstrap 48.8 40.9 to 58.0
3 Gentoo 47.5 40.9 to 59.6
```

The benefit of using dbplyr now becomes quite clear if we take a look at the corresponding SQL that is generated for us:

```
penguins_db |>
  group_by(species) |>
  summarise(
    n = n(),
    min_bill_length_mm = min(bill_length_mm),
    mean_bill_length_mm = mean(bill_length_mm),
    max_bill_length_mm = max(bill_length_mm)
) |>
  mutate(min_max_bill_length_mm = paste0(min, " to ", max)) |>
  select(
    "species",
```

```
"mean_bill_length_mm",
    "min_max_bill_length_mm"
) |>
show_query()
```

```
SQL>
SELECT
   species,
   mean_bill_length_mm,
   CONCAT_WS('', .Primitive("min"), ' to ', .Primitive("max")) AS min_max_bill_length_mm
FROM (
   SELECT
    species,
    COUNT(*) AS n,
    MIN(bill_length_mm) AS min_bill_length_mm,
    AVG(bill_length_mm) AS mean_bill_length_mm,
    MAX(bill_length_mm) AS max_bill_length_mm
FROM penguins
   GROUP BY species
) q01
```

Instead of having to write this somewhat complex SQL specific to duckdb we can use the friendlier dplyr syntax that may well be more familiar if coming from an R programming background.

Not having to worry about the SQL translation behind our queries allows us to interrogate the database in a simple way even for more complex questions. For instance, suppose now that we are particularly interested in the body mass variable. We can first notice that there are a couple of missing records for this.

```
penguins_db |>
  mutate(missing_body_mass_g = if_else(
    is.na(body_mass_g), 1, 0
)) |>
  group_by(species, missing_body_mass_g) |>
  tally()
```

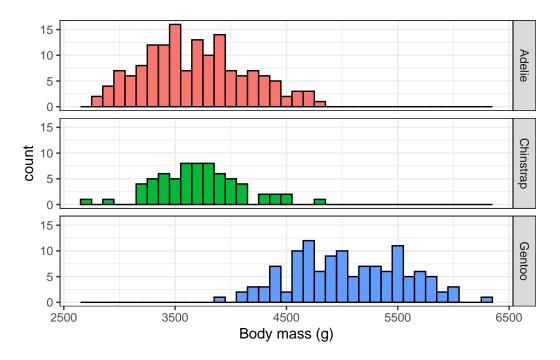
```
1 Adelie 1 1 1 2 Gentoo 1 1 1 3 Chinstrap 0 68 4 Adelie 0 151 5 Gentoo 0 123
```

We can get the mean for each of the species (dropping those two missing records).

```
penguins_db |>
  group_by(species) |>
  summarise(mean_body_mass_g = round(mean(body_mass_g, na.rm = TRUE)))
# Source:
            SQL [?? x 2]
# Database: DuckDB 1.3.3-dev231 [unknown@Linux 6.11.0-1018-azure:R 4.4.1/:memory:]
  species
            mean_body_mass_g
  <fct>
                       <dbl>
1 Adelie
                        3701
2 Chinstrap
                        3733
3 Gentoo
                        5076
```

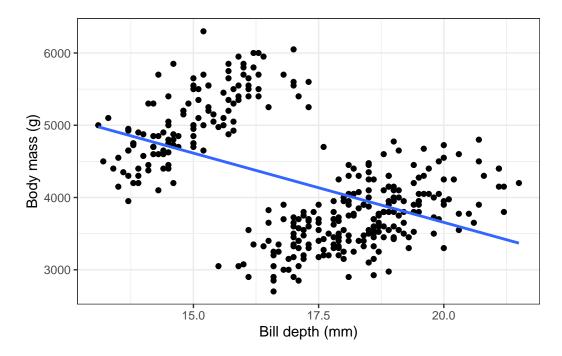
We could also make a histogram of values for each of the species. Here we would collect our data back into R before creating our plot.

```
penguins_db |>
  select("species", "body_mass_g") |>
  collect() |>
  ggplot(aes(group = species, fill = species)) +
  facet_grid(species ~ .) +
  geom_histogram(aes(body_mass_g), colour = "black", binwidth = 100) +
  xlab("Body mass (g)") +
  theme_bw() +
  theme(legend.position = "none")
```



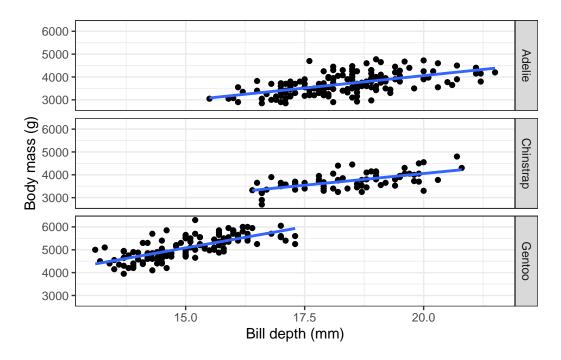
Now let's look at the relationship between body mass and bill depth.

```
penguins |>
  select("species", "body_mass_g", "bill_depth_mm") |>
  collect() |>
  ggplot(aes(x = bill_depth_mm, y = body_mass_g)) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_smooth(method = "lm", se = FALSE) +
  xlab("Bill_depth_(mm)") +
  ylab("Body_mass_(g)") +
  theme_bw() +
  theme(legend.position = "none")
```



Here we see a negative correlation between body mass and bill depth which seems rather unexpected. But what about if we stratify this query by species?

```
penguins |>
  select("species", "body_mass_g", "bill_depth_mm") |>
  collect() |>
  ggplot(aes(x = bill_depth_mm, y = body_mass_g)) +
  facet_grid(species ~ .) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_smooth(method = "lm", se = FALSE) +
  xlab("Bill depth (mm)") +
  ylab("Body mass (g)") +
  theme_bw() +
  theme(legend.position = "none")
```



As well as having an example of working with data in database from R, you also have an example of Simpson's paradox!

#### 1.6 Disconnecting from the database

Now that we've reached the end of this example, we can close our connection to the database using the DBI package.

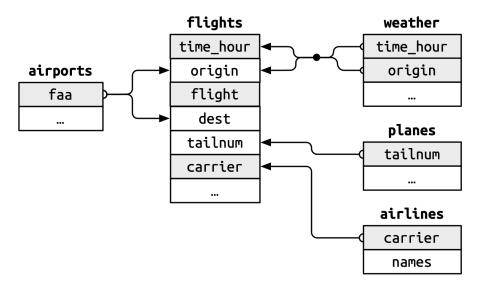
dbDisconnect(db)

### 1.7 Further reading

- R for Data Science (Chapter 13: Relational data)
- Writing SQL with dbplyr
- Data Carpentry: SQL databases and R

## 2 Core verbs for analytic pipelines utilising a database

We saw in the previous chapter that we can use familiar dplyr verbs with data held in a database. In the last chapter we were working with just a single table which we loaded into the database. When working with databases we will though typically be working with multiple tables (as we'll see later when working with data in the OMOP CDM format). For this chapter we will see more tidyverse functionality that can be used with data in a database, this time using the nycflights13 data. As we can see, now we have a set of related tables with data on flights departing from New York City airports in 2013.



Let's load the required libraries, add our data to a duckdb database, and then create references to each of these tables.

```
library(dplyr)
library(tidyr)
library(duckdb)
library(DBI)
```

```
db <- dbConnect(duckdb(), dbdir = ":memory:")
copy_nycflights13(db)
airports_db <- tbl(db, "airports")
airports_db |> glimpse()
```

Rows: ?? Columns: 8 Database: DuckDB 1.3.3-dev231 [unknown@Linux 6.11.0-1018-azure:R 4.4.1/:memory:] <chr> "04G", "06A", "06C", "06N", "09J", "0A9", "0G6", "0G7", "0P2", "~ \$ faa <chr> "Lansdowne Airport", "Moton Field Municipal Airport", "Schaumbur~ \$ name \$ lat <dbl> 41.13047, 32.46057, 41.98934, 41.43191, 31.07447, 36.37122, 41.4~ \$ lon <dbl> -80.61958, -85.68003, -88.10124, -74.39156, -81.42778, -82.17342~ <dbl> 1044, 264, 801, 523, 11, 1593, 730, 492, 1000, 108, 409, 875, 10~ \$ alt <dbl> -5, -6, -6, -5, -5, -5, -5, -5, -8, -5, -6, -5, -5, -5, -5, ~ \$ tz \$ dst \$ tzone <chr> "America/New\_York", "America/Chicago", "America/Chicago", "Ameri~

```
flights_db <- tbl(db, "flights")
flights_db |> glimpse()
```

Rows: ??

Columns: 19 Database: DuckDB 1.3.3-dev231 [unknown@Linux 6.11.0-1018-azure:R 4.4.1/:memory:] <int> 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2~ \$ vear \$ month \$ day \$ dep\_time <int> 517, 533, 542, 544, 554, 554, 555, 557, 557, 558, 558, ~ \$ sched\_dep\_time <int> 515, 529, 540, 545, 600, 558, 600, 600, 600, 600, 600, ~ \$ dep\_delay <dbl> 2, 4, 2, -1, -6, -4, -5, -3, -3, -2, -2, -2, -2, -2, -1~ \$ arr\_time <int> 830, 850, 923, 1004, 812, 740, 913, 709, 838, 753, 849,~ \$ sched\_arr\_time <int> 819, 830, 850, 1022, 837, 728, 854, 723, 846, 745, 851,~ \$ arr delay <dbl> 11, 20, 33, -18, -25, 12, 19, -14, -8, 8, -2, -3, 7, -1~ <chr> "UA", "UA", "AA", "B6", "DL", "UA", "B6", "EV", "B6", "~ \$ carrier \$ flight <int> 1545, 1714, 1141, 725, 461, 1696, 507, 5708, 79, 301, 4~ <chr> "N14228", "N24211", "N619AA", "N804JB", "N668DN", "N394~ \$ tailnum <chr> "EWR", "LGA", "JFK", "JFK", "LGA", "EWR", "EWR", "LGA",~ \$ origin <chr> "IAH", "IAH", "MIA", "BQN", "ATL", "ORD", "FLL", "IAD",~ \$ dest \$ air\_time <dbl> 227, 227, 160, 183, 116, 150, 158, 53, 140, 138, 149, 1~ <dbl> 1400, 1416, 1089, 1576, 762, 719, 1065, 229, 944, 733, ~ \$ distance \$ hour <dbl> 5, 5, 5, 5, 6, 5, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6

```
weather_db <- tbl(db, "weather")
weather_db |> glimpse()
```

Rows: ?? Columns: 15 Database: DuckDB 1.3.3-dev231 [unknown@Linux 6.11.0-1018-azure:R 4.4.1/:memory:] <chr> "EWR", "EW \$ origin <int> 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2 \$ year \$ month \$ day <int> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, ~ \$ hour <dbl> 39.02, 39.02, 39.02, 39.92, 39.02, 37.94, 39.02, 39.92, 39.~ \$ temp \$ dewp <dbl> 26.06, 26.96, 28.04, 28.04, 28.04, 28.04, 28.04, 28.04, 28.04 <dbl> 59.37, 61.63, 64.43, 62.21, 64.43, 67.21, 64.43, 62.21, 62.~ \$ humid \$ wind\_dir <dbl> 270, 250, 240, 250, 260, 240, 240, 250, 260, 260, 260, 330,~ \$ wind speed <dbl> 10.35702, 8.05546, 11.50780, 12.65858, 12.65858, 11.50780, ~ \$ precip \$ pressure <dbl> 1012.0, 1012.3, 1012.5, 1012.2, 1011.9, 1012.4, 1012.2, 101~ \$ visib \$ time\_hour <dttm> 2013-01-01 06:00:00, 2013-01-01 07:00:00, 2013-01-01 08:00~

```
planes_db <- tbl(db, "planes")
planes_db |> glimpse()
```

Rows: ??

Columns: 9 Database: DuckDB 1.3.3-dev231 [unknown@Linux 6.11.0-1018-azure:R 4.4.1/:memory:] \$ tailnum <chr> "N10156", "N102UW", "N103US", "N104UW", "N10575", "N105UW~ <int> 2004, 1998, 1999, 1999, 2002, 1999, 1999, 1999, 1999, 199~ \$ year <chr> "Fixed wing multi engine", "Fixed wing multi engine", "Fi~ \$ type \$ manufacturer <chr> "EMBRAER", "AIRBUS INDUSTRIE", "AIRBUS INDUSTRIE", "AIRBU~ <chr> "EMB-145XR", "A320-214", "A320-214", "A320-214", "EMB-145~ \$ model \$ engines \$ seats <int> 55, 182, 182, 182, 55, 182, 182, 182, 182, 182, 55, 55, 5~ \$ speed \$ engine <chr> "Turbo-fan", "Turbo-fan", "Turbo-fan", "Turbo-fan", "Turb-

```
airlines_db <- tbl(db, "airlines")
airlines_db |> glimpse()
```

Rows: ?? Columns: 2

Database: DuckDB 1.3.3-dev231 [unknown@Linux 6.11.0-1018-azure:R 4.4.1/:memory:] \$ carrier <chr> "9E", "AA", "AS", "B6", "DL", "EV", "F9", "FL", "HA", "MQ", "O~ \$ name <chr> "Endeavor Air Inc.", "American Airlines Inc.", "Alaska Airline~

#### 2.0.1 Tidyverse functions

For almost all analyses we want to go from having our starting data spread out across multiple tables in the database to a single tidy table containing all the data we need for the specific analysis. We can often get to our tidy analytic dataset using the below tidyverse functions (most of which coming from dplyr, but a couple also from the tidyr package). These functions all work with data in a database by generating SQL that will have the same purpose as if these functions were being run against data in R.

#### ! Important

Remember, until we use compute() or collect() (or printing the first few rows of the result) all we're doing is translating R code into SQL.

Purpose	Functions	Description
Selecting rows	filter, distinct	To select rows in a
		table.
Ordering rows	arrange	To order rows in a
		table.
Column	mutate, select, relocate, rename	To create new
Transformation		columns or change
		existing ones.
Grouping and	group_by, rowwise, ungroup	To group data by one
ungrouping		or more variables and
		to remove grouping.
Aggregation	count, tally, summarise	These functions are
		used for summarising
		data.

Purpose	Functions	Description
Data merging and joining	inner_join, left_join, right_join, full_join, anti_join, semi_join, cross_join	These functions are used to combine data from different tables based on common columns.
Data reshaping	pivot_wider, pivot_longer	These functions are used to reshape data between wide and long formats.
Data union	union_all, union	This function combines two tables.
Randomly selects rows	slice_sample	We can use this to take a random subset a table.

#### **?** Behind the scenes

By using the above functions we can use the same code regardless of whether the data is held in the database or locally in R. This is because the functions used above are generic functions which behave differently depending on the type of input they are given. Let's take inner\_join() for example. We can see that this function is a S3 generic function (with S3 being the most common object-oriented system used in R).

#### library(sloop) ftype(inner\_join)

#### [1] "S3" "generic"

Among others, the references we create to tables in a database have tbl\_lazy as a class attribute. Meanwhile, we can see that when collected into r the object changes to have different attributes, one of which being data.frame:

```
class(flights_db)
```

```
[1] "tbl_duckdb_connection" "tbl_dbi"
                                                     "tbl_sql"
```

[4] "tbl lazy"

```
class(flights_db |> head(1) |> collect())
```

[1] "tbl\_df" "tbl" "data.frame"

```
We can see that inner_join() has different methods for tbl_lazy and data.frame.
s3_methods_generic("inner_join")
# A tibble: 2 x 4
  generic
             class
                         visible source
  <chr>
             <chr>
                         <lgl>
                                 <chr>
1 inner_join data.frame FALSE
                                 registered S3method
2 inner_join tbl_lazy
                         FALSE
                                 registered S3method
When working with references to tables in the database the tbl_lazy method will be
used.
s3_dispatch(flights_db |>
              inner_join(planes_db))
   inner_join.tbl_duckdb_connection
   inner_join.tbl_dbi
   inner_join.tbl_sql
=> inner_join.tbl_lazy
   inner_join.tbl
   inner_join.default
But once we bring data into R, the data.frame method will be used.
s3_dispatch(flights_db |> head(1) |> collect() |>
              inner_join(planes_db |> head(1) |> collect()))
   inner_join.tbl_df
   inner_join.tbl
=> inner_join.data.frame
```

#### 2.1 Getting to an analytic dataset

inner\_join.default

To see a little more on how we can use the above functions, let's say we want to do an analysis of late flights from JFK airport. We want to see whether there is some relationship between plane characteristics and the risk of delay.

For this we'll first use the filter() and select() dplyr verbs to get the data from the flights

table. Note, we'll rename arr delay to just delay.

```
i Show query

<SQL>
SELECT dest, distance, carrier, tailnum, arr_delay AS delay
FROM flights
WHERE (NOT((arr_delay IS NULL))) AND (origin = 'JFK')
```

When executed, our results will look like the following:

```
delayed_flights_db
```

```
# Source:
            SQL [?? x 5]
# Database: DuckDB 1.3.3-dev231 [unknown@Linux 6.11.0-1018-azure:R 4.4.1/:memory:]
   dest distance carrier tailnum delay
   <chr>
            <dbl> <chr>
                          <chr>
                                   <dbl>
 1 MIA
             1089 AA
                          N619AA
                                      33
2 BQN
             1576 B6
                                     -18
                          N804JB
3 MCO
              944 B6
                          N593JB
                                      -8
4 PBI
             1028 B6
                          N793JB
                                      -2
5 TPA
             1005 B6
                          N657JB
                                      -3
                                      7
6 LAX
             2475 UA
                          N29129
7 BOS
                                      -4
              187 B6
                          N708JB
8 ATL
              760 DL
                          N3739P
                                      -8
9 SFO
             2586 UA
                          N532UA
                                      14
10 RSW
             1074 B6
                                       4
                          N635JB
# i more rows
```

Now we'll add plane characteristics from the planes table. We will use an inner join so that only records for which we have the plane characteristics are kept.

Note that our first query was not executed, as we didn't use either compute() or collect(), so we'll now have added our join to the original query.

```
i Show query

<SQL>
SELECT LHS.*, seats
FROM (
    SELECT dest, distance, carrier, tailnum, arr_delay AS delay
    FROM flights
    WHERE (NOT((arr_delay IS NULL))) AND (origin = 'JFK')
) LHS
INNER JOIN planes
    ON (LHS.tailnum = planes.tailnum)
```

And when executed, our results will look like the following:

```
delayed_flights_db
```

```
# Source:
            SQL [?? x 6]
# Database: DuckDB 1.3.3-dev231 [unknown@Linux 6.11.0-1018-azure:R 4.4.1/:memory:]
  dest distance carrier tailnum delay seats
  <chr>
            <dbl> <chr>
                          <chr>
                                  <dbl> <int>
1 MIA
             1089 AA
                          N619AA
                                     33
                                           178
2 BQN
             1576 B6
                          N804JB
                                    -18
                                           200
3 MCO
             944 B6
                          N593JB
                                     -8
                                           200
4 PBI
                                     -2
             1028 B6
                          N793JB
                                           200
5 TPA
             1005 B6
                          N657JB
                                     -3
                                           200
6 LAX
             2475 UA
                          N29129
                                      7
                                           178
7 BOS
              187 B6
                          N708JB
                                     -4
                                           200
                                     -8
8 ATL
              760 DL
                          N3739P
                                           189
9 RSW
             1074 B6
                          N635JB
                                      4
                                           200
                                           200
10 SJU
             1598 B6
                          N794JB
                                    -21
# i more rows
```

Getting to this tidy dataset has been done in the database via R code translated to SQL. With this, we can now collect our analytic dataset into R and go from there (for example, to perform locally statistical analyses which might not be possible to run in a database).

```
delayed_flights <- delayed_flights_db |>
   collect()

delayed_flights |>
   glimpse()
```

## 3 Supported expressions for database queries

In the previous chapter, Chapter 2, we saw that there are a core set of tidyverse functions that can be used with databases to extract data for analysis. The SQL code used in the previous chapter would be the same for all database management systems, with only joins and variable selection being used.

For more complex data pipleines we will, however, often need to incorporate additional expressions within these functions. Because of differences across database management systems, the SQL these pipelines get translated to can vary. Moreover, some expressions may only be supported for some subset of databases. When writing code which we want to work across different database management systems we therefore need to keep in mind what is supported where. To help with this, the sections below show the available translations for common expressions we might wish to use.

Let's first load the packages which these expressions come from. In addition to base R types, bit64 adds support for integer64. The stringr package provides functions for working with strings, while clock has various functions for working with dates. Many other useful expressions will come from dplyr itself.

```
library(duckdb)
library(bit64)
library(dplyr)
library(dplyr)
library(stringr)
library(clock)

options(dplyr.strict_sql = TRUE) # force error if no known translation
```

#### 3.1 Data types

Commonly used data types are consistently supported across database backends. We can use the base as.numeric(), as.integer(), as.charater(), as.Date(), and as.POSIXct(). We can also use as.integer64() from the bit64 package to coerce to integer64, and the as\_date() and as\_datetime() from the clock package instead of as.Date() and as.POSIXct(), respectively.

```
• Show SQL
```

```
3.1.1 duckdb
translate_sql(as.numeric(var),
              con = simulate_duckdb())
<SQL> CAST(`var` AS NUMERIC)
translate_sql(as.integer(var),
              con = simulate_duckdb())
<SQL> CAST(`var` AS INTEGER)
translate_sql(as.integer64(var),
              con = simulate_duckdb())
<SQL> CAST(`var` AS BIGINT)
translate_sql(as.character(var),
              con = simulate_duckdb())
<SQL> CAST(`var` AS TEXT)
translate_sql(as.Date(var),
              con = simulate_duckdb())
<SQL> CAST(`var` AS DATE)
translate_sql(as_date(var),
              con = simulate_duckdb())
<SQL> CAST(`var` AS DATE)
translate_sql(as.POSIXct(var),
              con = simulate_duckdb())
<SQL> CAST(`var` AS TIMESTAMP)
```

```
translate_sql(as_datetime(var),
              con = simulate_duckdb())
<SQL> CAST(`var` AS TIMESTAMP)
translate_sql(as.logical(var),
              con = simulate_duckdb())
<SQL> CAST(`var` AS BOOLEAN)
3.1.2 Redshift
translate_sql(as.numeric(var),
              con = simulate_redshift())
<SQL> CAST(`var` AS FLOAT)
translate_sql(as.integer(var),
              con = simulate_redshift())
<SQL> CAST(`var` AS INTEGER)
translate_sql(as.integer64(var),
              con = simulate_redshift())
<SQL> CAST(`var` AS BIGINT)
translate_sql(as.character(var),
              con = simulate_redshift())
<SQL> CAST(`var` AS TEXT)
translate_sql(as.Date(var),
              con = simulate_redshift())
<SQL> CAST(`var` AS DATE)
translate_sql(as_date(var),
              con = simulate_redshift())
```

```
<SQL> CAST(`var` AS DATE)
translate_sql(as.POSIXct(var),
              con = simulate_redshift())
<SQL> CAST(`var` AS TIMESTAMP)
translate_sql(as_datetime(var),
              con = simulate_redshift())
<SQL> CAST(`var` AS TIMESTAMP)
translate_sql(as.logical(var),
              con = simulate_redshift())
<SQL> CAST(`var` AS BOOLEAN)
3.1.3 Postgres
translate_sql(as.numeric(var),
              con = simulate_postgres())
<SQL> CAST(`var` AS NUMERIC)
translate_sql(as.integer(var),
              con = simulate_postgres())
<SQL> CAST(`var` AS INTEGER)
translate_sql(as.integer64(var),
              con = simulate_postgres())
<SQL> CAST(`var` AS BIGINT)
translate_sql(as.character(var),
              con = simulate_postgres())
<SQL> CAST(`var` AS TEXT)
```

```
translate_sql(as.Date(var),
              con = simulate_postgres())
<SQL> CAST(`var` AS DATE)
translate_sql(as_date(var),
              con = simulate_postgres())
<SQL> CAST(`var` AS DATE)
translate_sql(as.POSIXct(var),
              con = simulate_postgres())
<SQL> CAST(`var` AS TIMESTAMP)
translate_sql(as_datetime(var),
              con = simulate_postgres())
<SQL> CAST(`var` AS TIMESTAMP)
translate_sql(as.logical(var),
              con = simulate_postgres())
<SQL> CAST(`var` AS BOOLEAN)
3.1.4 Snowflake
translate_sql(as.numeric(var),
              con = simulate_snowflake())
<SQL> CAST(`var` AS DOUBLE)
translate_sql(as.integer(var),
              con = simulate_snowflake())
<SQL> CAST(`var` AS INT)
translate_sql(as.integer64(var),
              con = simulate_snowflake())
```

```
<SQL> CAST(`var` AS BIGINT)
translate_sql(as.character(var),
              con = simulate snowflake())
<SQL> CAST(`var` AS STRING)
translate_sql(as.Date(var),
              con = simulate_snowflake())
<SQL> CAST(`var` AS DATE)
translate_sql(as_date(var),
              con = simulate_snowflake())
<SQL> CAST(`var` AS DATE)
translate_sql(as.POSIXct(var),
              con = simulate_snowflake())
<SQL> CAST(`var` AS TIMESTAMP)
translate_sql(as_datetime(var),
              con = simulate_snowflake())
<SQL> CAST(`var` AS TIMESTAMP)
translate_sql(as.logical(var),
              con = simulate_snowflake())
<SQL> CAST(`var` AS BOOLEAN)
3.1.5 Spark
translate_sql(as.numeric(var),
              con = simulate_spark_sql())
<SQL> CAST(`var` AS DOUBLE)
```

```
translate_sql(as.integer(var),
              con = simulate_spark_sql())
<SQL> CAST(`var` AS INT)
translate_sql(as.integer64(var),
              con = simulate_spark_sql())
<SQL> CAST(`var` AS BIGINT)
translate_sql(as.character(var),
              con = simulate_spark_sql())
<SQL> CAST(`var` AS STRING)
translate_sql(as.Date(var),
              con = simulate_spark_sql())
<SQL> CAST(`var` AS DATE)
translate_sql(as_date(var),
              con = simulate_spark_sql())
<SQL> CAST(`var` AS DATE)
translate_sql(as.POSIXct(var),
              con = simulate_spark_sql())
<SQL> CAST(`var` AS TIMESTAMP)
translate_sql(as_datetime(var),
              con = simulate_spark_sql())
<SQL> CAST(`var` AS TIMESTAMP)
translate_sql(as.logical(var),
              con = simulate_spark_sql())
<SQL> CAST(`var` AS BOOLEAN)
```

## 3.1.6 SQL Server

```
translate_sql(as.numeric(var),
              con = simulate_mssql())
<SQL> TRY_CAST(`var` AS FLOAT)
translate_sql(as.integer(var),
              con = simulate_mssql())
<SQL> TRY_CAST(TRY_CAST(`var` AS NUMERIC) AS INT)
translate_sql(as.integer64(var),
              con = simulate_mssql())
<SQL> TRY_CAST(TRY_CAST(`var` AS NUMERIC(38, 0)) AS BIGINT)
translate_sql(as.character(var),
              con = simulate_mssql())
<SQL> TRY_CAST(`var` AS VARCHAR(MAX))
translate_sql(as.Date(var),
              con = simulate_mssql())
<SQL> TRY_CAST(`var` AS DATE)
translate_sql(as_date(var),
              con = simulate_mssql())
<SQL> TRY_CAST(`var` AS DATE)
translate_sql(as.POSIXct(var),
              con = simulate_mssql())
<SQL> TRY_CAST(`var` AS DATETIME2)
translate_sql(as_datetime(var),
              con = simulate_mssql())
```

## 3.2 Comparison and logical operators

Base R comparison operators, such as <, <=, ==, >=, >, are also well supported in all database backends. Logical operators, such as & and | can also be used as if the data was in R.

```
• Show SQL
3.2.1 duckdb
translate_sql(var_1 == var_2,
               con = simulate_duckdb())
\langle SQL \rangle  var_1 = var_2 
translate_sql(var_1 >= var_2,
               con = simulate_duckdb())
<SQL> `var_1` >= `var_2`
translate_sql(var_1 < 100,</pre>
               con = simulate_duckdb())
<SQL> `var_1` < 100.0
translate_sql(var_1 %in% c("a", "b", "c"),
               con = simulate_duckdb())
<SQL> `var_1` IN ('a', 'b', 'c')
translate_sql(!var_1 %in% c("a", "b", "c"),
               con = simulate_duckdb())
```

```
<SQL> NOT(`var_1` IN ('a', 'b', 'c'))
translate_sql(is.na(var_1),
              con = simulate_duckdb())
<SQL> (`var_1` IS NULL)
translate_sql(!is.na(var_1),
              con = simulate_duckdb())
<SQL> NOT((`var_1` IS NULL))
translate_sql(var_1 >= 100 & var_1 < 200,
              con = simulate_duckdb())
<SQL> `var_1` >= 100.0 AND `var_1` < 200.0
translate_sql(var_1 >= 100 \mid var_1 < 200,
              con = simulate_duckdb())
<SQL> `var_1` >= 100.0 OR `var_1` < 200.0
3.2.2 Redshift
translate_sql(var_1 == var_2,
              con = simulate_redshift())
\langle SQL \rangle  var_1 = var_2 
translate_sql(var_1 >= var_2,
              con = simulate_redshift())
<SQL> `var_1` >= `var_2`
translate_sql(var_1 < 100,
              con = simulate_redshift())
<SQL> `var_1` < 100.0
```

```
translate_sql(var_1 %in% c("a", "b", "c"),
              con = simulate_redshift())
<SQL> `var_1` IN ('a', 'b', 'c')
translate_sql(!var_1 %in% c("a", "b", "c"),
              con = simulate_redshift())
<SQL> NOT(`var_1` IN ('a', 'b', 'c'))
translate_sql(is.na(var_1),
              con = simulate_redshift())
<SQL> (`var_1` IS NULL)
translate_sql(!is.na(var_1),
              con = simulate_redshift())
<SQL> NOT((`var_1` IS NULL))
translate_sql(var_1 >= 100 & var_1 < 200,
             con = simulate_redshift())
<SQL> `var_1` >= 100.0 AND `var_1` < 200.0
translate_sql(var_1 >= 100 \mid var_1 < 200,
              con = simulate_redshift())
<SQL> `var_1` >= 100.0 OR `var_1` < 200.0
3.2.3 Postgres
translate_sql(var_1 == var_2,
              con = simulate_postgres())
<SQL> `var_1` = `var_2`
translate_sql(var_1 >= var_2,
             con = simulate_postgres())
```

```
<SQL> `var_1` >= `var_2`
translate_sql(var_1 < 100,</pre>
              con = simulate_postgres())
<SQL> `var_1` < 100.0
translate_sql(var_1 %in% c("a", "b", "c"),
              con = simulate_postgres())
<SQL> `var_1` IN ('a', 'b', 'c')
translate_sql(!var_1 %in% c("a", "b", "c"),
              con = simulate_postgres())
<SQL> NOT(`var_1` IN ('a', 'b', 'c'))
translate_sql(is.na(var_1),
              con = simulate_postgres())
<SQL> (`var_1` IS NULL)
translate_sql(!is.na(var_1),
              con = simulate_postgres())
<SQL> NOT((`var_1` IS NULL))
translate_sql(var_1 >= 100 \& var_1 < 200,
              con = simulate_postgres())
<SQL> `var_1` >= 100.0 AND `var_1` < 200.0
translate_sql(var_1 >= 100 \mid var_1 < 200,
              con = simulate_postgres())
<SQL> `var_1` >= 100.0 OR `var_1` < 200.0
```

#### 3.2.4 Snowflake

```
translate_sql(var_1 == var_2,
              con = simulate_snowflake())
<SQL> `var_1` = `var_2`
translate_sql(var_1 >= var_2,
              con = simulate_snowflake())
<SQL> `var_1` >= `var_2`
translate_sql(var_1 < 100,
              con = simulate_snowflake())
SQL > var_1 < 100.0
translate_sql(var_1 %in% c("a", "b", "c"),
              con = simulate_snowflake())
<SQL> `var_1` IN ('a', 'b', 'c')
translate_sql(!var_1 %in% c("a", "b", "c"),
              con = simulate_snowflake())
<SQL> NOT(`var_1` IN ('a', 'b', 'c'))
translate_sql(is.na(var_1),
              con = simulate_snowflake())
<SQL> (`var_1` IS NULL)
translate_sql(!is.na(var_1),
              con = simulate_snowflake())
<SQL> NOT((`var_1` IS NULL))
translate_sql(var_1 >= 100 & var_1 < 200,
              con = simulate_snowflake())
```

```
<SQL> `var_1` >= 100.0 AND `var_1` < 200.0
translate_sql(var_1 >= 100 \mid var_1 < 200,
              con = simulate_snowflake())
<SQL> `var_1` >= 100.0 OR `var_1` < 200.0
3.2.5 Spark
translate_sql(var_1 == var_2,
              con = simulate_spark_sql())
<SQL> `var_1` = `var_2`
translate_sql(var_1 >= var_2,
              con = simulate_spark_sql())
<SQL> `var_1` >= `var_2`
translate_sql(var_1 < 100,
              con = simulate_spark_sql())
<SQL> `var 1` < 100.0
translate_sql(var_1 %in% c("a", "b", "c"),
              con = simulate_spark_sql())
<SQL> `var_1` IN ('a', 'b', 'c')
translate_sql(!var_1 %in% c("a", "b", "c"),
              con = simulate_spark_sql())
<SQL> NOT(`var_1` IN ('a', 'b', 'c'))
translate_sql(is.na(var_1),
              con = simulate_spark_sql())
<SQL> (`var_1` IS NULL)
```

```
translate_sql(!is.na(var_1),
              con = simulate_spark_sql())
<SQL> NOT((`var_1` IS NULL))
translate_sql(var_1 >= 100 & var_1 < 200,
              con = simulate_spark_sql())
<SQL> `var_1` >= 100.0 AND `var_1` < 200.0
translate_sql(var_1 >= 100 \mid var_1 < 200,
              con = simulate_spark_sql())
<SQL> `var_1` >= 100.0 OR `var_1` < 200.0
3.2.6 SQL Server
translate_sql(var_1 == var_2,
              con = simulate_mssql())
<SQL> `var_1` = `var_2`
translate_sql(var_1 >= var_2,
              con = simulate_mssql())
<SQL> `var_1` >= `var_2`
translate_sql(var_1 < 100,
              con = simulate_mssql())
<SQL> `var_1` < 100.0
translate_sql(var_1 %in% c("a", "b", "c"),
              con = simulate_mssql())
<SQL> `var_1` IN ('a', 'b', 'c')
translate_sql(!var_1 %in% c("a", "b", "c"),
             con = simulate_mssql())
```

#### 3.3 Conditional statements

The base ifelse function, along with if\_else and case\_when from dplyr are translated for each database backend. As can be seen in the translations, case\_when maps to the SQL CASE WHEN statement.

```
translate_sql(if_else(var == "a", 1L, 2L),
              con = simulate_duckdb())
<SQL> CASE WHEN ('var' = 'a') THEN 1 WHEN NOT ('var' = 'a') THEN 2 END
translate_sql(case_when(var == "a" ~ 1L, .default = 2L),
              con = simulate_duckdb())
<SQL> CASE WHEN ('var' = 'a') THEN 1 ELSE 2 END
translate_sql(case_when(var == "a" ~ 1L,
                         var == "b" \sim 2L,
                         var == "c" \sim 3L,
                         .default = NULL),
              con = simulate_duckdb())
<SQL> CASE
WHEN ('var' = 'a') THEN 1
WHEN ('var' = 'b') THEN 2
WHEN ('var' = 'c') THEN 3
END
translate_sql(case_when(var == "a" ~ 1L,
                        var == "b" \sim 2L,
                         var == "c" \sim 3L,
                         .default = "something else"),
              con = simulate_duckdb())
<SQL> CASE
WHEN ('var' = 'a') THEN 1
WHEN ('var' = 'b') THEN 2
WHEN ('var' = 'c') THEN 3
ELSE 'something else'
END
3.3.2 Redshift
translate_sql(ifelse(var == "a", 1L, 2L),
              con = simulate_redshift())
```

```
<SQL> CASE WHEN ('var' = 'a') THEN 1 WHEN NOT ('var' = 'a') THEN 2 END
translate_sql(if_else(var == "a", 1L, 2L),
              con = simulate_redshift())
<SQL> CASE WHEN ('var' = 'a') THEN 1 WHEN NOT ('var' = 'a') THEN 2 END
translate_sql(case_when(var == "a" ~ 1L, .default = 2L),
              con = simulate_redshift())
<SQL> CASE WHEN ('var' = 'a') THEN 1 ELSE 2 END
translate_sql(case_when(var == "a" ~ 1L,
                        var == "b" \sim 2L,
                        var == "c" \sim 3L,
                        .default = NULL),
              con = simulate_redshift())
<SQL> CASE
WHEN ('var' = 'a') THEN 1
WHEN ('var' = 'b') THEN 2
WHEN ('var' = 'c') THEN 3
END
translate_sql(case_when(var == "a" ~ 1L,
                        var == "b" \sim 2L,
                        var == "c" \sim 3L,
                        .default = "something else"),
              con = simulate_redshift())
<SQL> CASE
WHEN ('var' = 'a') THEN 1
WHEN ('var' = 'b') THEN 2
WHEN ('var' = 'c') THEN 3
ELSE 'something else'
END
3.3.3 Postgres
translate_sql(ifelse(var == "a", 1L, 2L),
             con = simulate_postgres())
```

```
<SQL> CASE WHEN ('var' = 'a') THEN 1 WHEN NOT ('var' = 'a') THEN 2 END
translate_sql(if_else(var == "a", 1L, 2L),
              con = simulate_postgres())
<SQL> CASE WHEN ('var' = 'a') THEN 1 WHEN NOT ('var' = 'a') THEN 2 END
translate_sql(case_when(var == "a" ~ 1L, .default = 2L),
              con = simulate_postgres())
<SQL> CASE WHEN ('var' = 'a') THEN 1 ELSE 2 END
translate_sql(case_when(var == "a" ~ 1L,
                        var == "b" \sim 2L,
                        var == "c" \sim 3L,
                        .default = NULL),
              con = simulate_postgres())
<SQL> CASE
WHEN ('var' = 'a') THEN 1
WHEN (`var` = 'b') THEN 2
WHEN ('var' = 'c') THEN 3
END
translate_sql(case_when(var == "a" ~ 1L,
                        var == "b" \sim 2L,
                        var == "c" ~ 3L,
                        .default = "something else"),
              con = simulate_postgres())
<SQL> CASE
WHEN ('var' = 'a') THEN 1
WHEN ('var' = 'b') THEN 2
WHEN ('var' = 'c') THEN 3
ELSE 'something else'
END
3.3.4 Snowflake
translate_sql(ifelse(var == "a", 1L, 2L),
              con = simulate_snowflake())
```

```
<SQL> CASE WHEN ('var' = 'a') THEN 1 WHEN NOT ('var' = 'a') THEN 2 END
translate_sql(if_else(var == "a", 1L, 2L),
              con = simulate_snowflake())
<SQL> CASE WHEN ('var' = 'a') THEN 1 WHEN NOT ('var' = 'a') THEN 2 END
translate_sql(case_when(var == "a" ~ 1L, .default = 2L),
              con = simulate_snowflake())
<SQL> CASE WHEN ('var' = 'a') THEN 1 ELSE 2 END
translate_sql(case_when(var == "a" ~ 1L,
                        var == "b" \sim 2L,
                        var == "c" \sim 3L,
                        .default = NULL),
              con = simulate_snowflake())
<SQL> CASE
WHEN ('var' = 'a') THEN 1
WHEN ('var' = 'b') THEN 2
WHEN ('var' = 'c') THEN 3
END
translate_sql(case_when(var == "a" ~ 1L,
                        var == "b" \sim 2L,
                        var == "c" \sim 3L,
                        .default = "something else"),
              con = simulate_snowflake())
<SQL> CASE
WHEN ('var' = 'a') THEN 1
WHEN ('var' = 'b') THEN 2
WHEN ('var' = 'c') THEN 3
ELSE 'something else'
END
3.3.5 Spark
translate_sql(ifelse(var == "a", 1L, 2L),
              con = simulate_spark_sql())
```

```
<SQL> CASE WHEN ('var' = 'a') THEN 1 WHEN NOT ('var' = 'a') THEN 2 END
translate_sql(if_else(var == "a", 1L, 2L),
              con = simulate_spark_sql())
<SQL> CASE WHEN ('var' = 'a') THEN 1 WHEN NOT ('var' = 'a') THEN 2 END
translate_sql(case_when(var == "a" ~ 1L, .default = 2L),
              con = simulate_spark_sql())
<SQL> CASE WHEN ('var' = 'a') THEN 1 ELSE 2 END
translate_sql(case_when(var == "a" ~ 1L,
                        var == "b" \sim 2L,
                        var == "c" \sim 3L,
                        .default = NULL),
             con = simulate_spark_sql())
<SQL> CASE
WHEN ('var' = 'a') THEN 1
WHEN ('var' = 'b') THEN 2
WHEN ('var' = 'c') THEN 3
END
translate_sql(case_when(var == "a" ~ 1L,
                        var == "b" \sim 2L,
                        var == "c" \sim 3L,
                        .default = "something else"),
              con = simulate_spark_sql())
<SQL> CASE
WHEN ('var' = 'a') THEN 1
WHEN ('var' = 'b') THEN 2
WHEN ('var' = 'c') THEN 3
ELSE 'something else'
END
3.3.6 SQL Server
translate_sql(ifelse(var == "a", 1L, 2L),
             con = simulate_mssql())
```

```
<SQL> IIF(`var` = 'a', 1, 2)
translate_sql(if_else(var == "a", 1L, 2L),
              con = simulate_mssql())
<SQL> IIF(`var` = 'a', 1, 2)
translate_sql(case_when(var == "a" ~ 1L, .default = 2L),
              con = simulate_mssql())
<SQL> CASE WHEN ('var' = 'a') THEN 1 ELSE 2 END
translate_sql(case_when(var == "a" ~ 1L,
                        var == "b" \sim 2L,
                        var == "c" \sim 3L,
                        .default = NULL),
              con = simulate_mssql())
<SQL> CASE
WHEN ('var' = 'a') THEN 1
WHEN (`var` = 'b') THEN 2
WHEN ('var' = 'c') THEN 3
END
translate_sql(case_when(var == "a" ~ 1L,
                        var == "b" \sim 2L,
                        var == "c" \sim 3L,
                         .default = "something else"),
              con = simulate_mssql())
<SQL> CASE
WHEN ('var' = 'a') THEN 1
WHEN (`var` = 'b') THEN 2
WHEN ('var' = 'c') THEN 3
ELSE 'something else'
END
```

# 3.4 Working with strings

Compared to the previous sections, there is much more variation in support of functions to work with strings across database management systems. In particular, although various useful **stringr** functions do have translations ubiquitously it can be seen below that more translations are available for some databases compared to others.

```
    Show SQL

3.4.1 duckdb
translate_sql(nchar(var),
              con = simulate_duckdb())
<SQL> LENGTH(`var`)
translate_sql(nzchar(var),
              con = simulate_duckdb())
<SQL> (('var' IS NULL) OR 'var' != '')
translate_sql(substr(var, 1, 2),
              con = simulate_duckdb())
<SQL> SUBSTR(`var`, 1, 2)
translate_sql(trimws(var),
              con = simulate_duckdb())
<SQL> LTRIM(RTRIM(`var`))
translate_sql(tolower(var),
              con = simulate_duckdb())
<SQL> LOWER(`var`)
translate_sql(str_to_lower(var),
              con = simulate_duckdb())
<SQL> LOWER('var')
```

```
translate_sql(toupper(var),
              con = simulate_duckdb())
<SQL> UPPER(`var`)
translate_sql(str_to_upper(var),
              con = simulate_duckdb())
<SQL> UPPER(`var`)
translate_sql(str_to_title(var),
              con = simulate_duckdb())
<SQL> INITCAP(`var`)
translate_sql(str_trim(var),
              con = simulate_duckdb())
<SQL> LTRIM(RTRIM(`var`))
translate_sql(str_squish(var),
              con = simulate_duckdb())
<SQL> TRIM(REGEXP_REPLACE(`var`, '\s+', ' ', 'g'))
translate_sql(str_detect(var, "b"),
              con = simulate_duckdb())
<SQL> REGEXP_MATCHES(`var`, 'b')
translate_sql(str_detect(var, "b", negate = TRUE),
              con = simulate duckdb())
<SQL> (NOT(REGEXP_MATCHES(`var`, 'b')))
translate_sql(str_detect(var, "[aeiou]"),
              con = simulate_duckdb())
<SQL> REGEXP_MATCHES(`var`, '[aeiou]')
```

```
translate_sql(str_replace(var, "a", "b"),
              con = simulate_duckdb())
<SQL> REGEXP_REPLACE(`var`, 'a', 'b')
translate_sql(str_replace_all(var, "a", "b"),
              con = simulate_duckdb())
<SQL> REGEXP_REPLACE(`var`, 'a', 'b', 'g')
translate_sql(str_remove(var, "a"),
              con = simulate_duckdb())
<SQL> REGEXP_REPLACE(`var`, 'a', '')
translate_sql(str_remove_all(var, "a"),
              con = simulate_duckdb())
<SQL> REGEXP_REPLACE(`var`, 'a', '', 'g')
translate_sql(str_like(var, "a"),
              con = simulate_duckdb())
<SQL> `var` LIKE 'a'
translate_sql(str_starts(var, "a"),
              con = simulate_duckdb())
<SQL> REGEXP_MATCHES(`var`, '^(?:' || 'a' || ')')
translate_sql(str_ends(var, "a"),
              con = simulate_duckdb())
<SQL> REGEXP_MATCHES(`var`, '(?:' || 'a' || ')$')
```

#### 3.4.2 Redshift

```
translate_sql(nchar(var),
              con = simulate_redshift())
<SQL> LENGTH(`var`)
translate_sql(nzchar(var),
              con = simulate_redshift())
<SQL> (('var' IS NULL) OR 'var' != '')
translate_sql(substr(var, 1, 2),
              con = simulate_redshift())
<SQL> SUBSTRING(`var`, 1, 2)
translate_sql(trimws(var),
              con = simulate_redshift())
<SQL> LTRIM(RTRIM(`var`))
translate_sql(tolower(var),
              con = simulate_redshift())
<SQL> LOWER('var')
translate_sql(str_to_lower(var),
              con = simulate_redshift())
<SQL> LOWER(`var`)
translate_sql(toupper(var),
              con = simulate redshift())
<SQL> UPPER(`var`)
translate_sql(str_to_upper(var),
              con = simulate_redshift())
```

```
<SQL> UPPER('var')
translate_sql(str_to_title(var),
              con = simulate_redshift())
<SQL> INITCAP(`var`)
translate_sql(str_trim(var),
              con = simulate_redshift())
<SQL> LTRIM(RTRIM(`var`))
translate_sql(str_squish(var),
              con = simulate_redshift())
<SQL> LTRIM(RTRIM(REGEXP_REPLACE(`var`, '\s+', ' ', 'g')))
translate_sql(str_detect(var, "b"),
              con = simulate_redshift())
<SQL> `var` ~ 'b'
translate_sql(str_detect(var, "b", negate = TRUE),
              con = simulate_redshift())
<SQL> !(`var` ~ 'b')
translate_sql(str_detect(var, "[aeiou]"),
              con = simulate_redshift())
<SQL> `var` ~ '[aeiou]'
translate_sql(str_replace(var, "a", "b"),
              con = simulate redshift())
Error in `str_replace()`:
! `str_replace()` is not available in this SQL variant.
translate_sql(str_replace_all(var, "a", "b"),
              con = simulate_redshift())
```

```
<SQL> REGEXP_REPLACE(`var`, 'a', 'b')
translate_sql(str_remove(var, "a"),
              con = simulate redshift())
<SQL> REGEXP_REPLACE(`var`, 'a', '')
translate_sql(str_remove_all(var, "a"),
              con = simulate_redshift())
<SQL> REGEXP_REPLACE(`var`, 'a', '', 'g')
translate_sql(str_like(var, "a"),
              con = simulate_redshift())
<SQL> `var` ILIKE 'a'
translate_sql(str_starts(var, "a"),
              con = simulate_redshift())
Error in `str_starts()`:
! Only fixed patterns are supported on database backends.
translate_sql(str_ends(var, "a"),
              con = simulate_redshift())
Error in `str_ends()`:
! Only fixed patterns are supported on database backends.
3.4.3 Postgres
translate_sql(nchar(var),
              con = simulate_postgres())
<SQL> LENGTH(`var`)
translate_sql(nzchar(var),
              con = simulate_postgres())
```

```
<SQL> (('var' IS NULL) OR 'var' != '')
translate_sql(substr(var, 1, 2),
              con = simulate_postgres())
<SQL> SUBSTR(`var`, 1, 2)
translate_sql(trimws(var),
              con = simulate_postgres())
<SQL> LTRIM(RTRIM(`var`))
translate_sql(tolower(var),
              con = simulate_postgres())
<SQL> LOWER(`var`)
translate_sql(str_to_lower(var),
              con = simulate_postgres())
<SQL> LOWER(`var`)
translate_sql(toupper(var),
              con = simulate_postgres())
<SQL> UPPER(`var`)
translate_sql(str_to_upper(var),
              con = simulate_postgres())
<SQL> UPPER(`var`)
translate_sql(str_to_title(var),
              con = simulate_postgres())
<SQL> INITCAP(`var`)
translate_sql(str_trim(var),
              con = simulate_postgres())
```

```
<SQL> LTRIM(RTRIM(`var`))
translate_sql(str_squish(var),
              con = simulate_postgres())
<SQL> LTRIM(RTRIM(REGEXP_REPLACE(`var`, '\s+', ' ', 'g')))
translate_sql(str_detect(var, "b"),
             con = simulate_postgres())
<SQL> `var` ~ 'b'
translate_sql(str_detect(var, "b", negate = TRUE),
              con = simulate_postgres())
<SQL> !(`var` ~ 'b')
translate_sql(str_detect(var, "[aeiou]"),
              con = simulate_postgres())
<SQL> `var` ~ '[aeiou]'
translate_sql(str_replace(var, "a", "b"),
              con = simulate_postgres())
<SQL> REGEXP_REPLACE(`var`, 'a', 'b')
translate_sql(str_replace_all(var, "a", "b"),
              con = simulate_postgres())
<SQL> REGEXP_REPLACE(`var`, 'a', 'b', 'g')
translate_sql(str_remove(var, "a"),
              con = simulate_postgres())
<SQL> REGEXP_REPLACE(`var`, 'a', '')
translate_sql(str_remove_all(var, "a"),
              con = simulate_postgres())
```

```
<SQL> REGEXP_REPLACE(`var`, 'a', '', 'g')
translate_sql(str_like(var, "a"),
              con = simulate_postgres())
<SQL> `var` ILIKE 'a'
translate_sql(str_starts(var, "a"),
              con = simulate_postgres())
Error in `str_starts()`:
! Only fixed patterns are supported on database backends.
translate_sql(str_ends(var, "a"),
              con = simulate_postgres())
Error in `str_ends()`:
! Only fixed patterns are supported on database backends.
3.4.4 Snowflake
translate_sql(nchar(var),
              con = simulate_snowflake())
<SQL> LENGTH(`var`)
translate_sql(nzchar(var),
              con = simulate_snowflake())
<SQL> (('var' IS NULL) OR 'var' != '')
translate_sql(substr(var, 1, 2),
              con = simulate_snowflake())
<SQL> SUBSTR(`var`, 1, 2)
translate_sql(trimws(var),
              con = simulate_snowflake())
```

```
<SQL> LTRIM(RTRIM(`var`))
translate_sql(tolower(var),
              con = simulate_snowflake())
<SQL> LOWER(`var`)
translate_sql(str_to_lower(var),
             con = simulate_snowflake())
<SQL> LOWER(`var`)
translate_sql(toupper(var),
              con = simulate_snowflake())
<SQL> UPPER(`var`)
translate_sql(str_to_upper(var),
              con = simulate_snowflake())
<SQL> UPPER(`var`)
translate_sql(str_to_title(var),
              con = simulate_snowflake())
<SQL> INITCAP(`var`)
translate_sql(str_trim(var),
              con = simulate_snowflake())
<SQL> TRIM(`var`)
translate_sql(str_squish(var),
              con = simulate_snowflake())
<SQL> REGEXP_REPLACE(TRIM(`var`), '\\s+', ' ')
translate_sql(str_detect(var, "b"),
              con = simulate_snowflake())
```

```
Error in `REGEXP_INSTR()`:
! Don't know how to translate `REGEXP_INSTR()`
translate_sql(str_detect(var, "b", negate = TRUE),
              con = simulate_snowflake())
Error in `REGEXP_INSTR()`:
! Don't know how to translate `REGEXP_INSTR()`
translate_sql(str_detect(var, "[aeiou]"),
              con = simulate_snowflake())
Error in `REGEXP_INSTR()`:
! Don't know how to translate `REGEXP_INSTR()`
translate_sql(str_replace(var, "a", "b"),
              con = simulate_snowflake())
<SQL> REGEXP_REPLACE(`var`, 'a', 'b', 1.0, 1.0)
translate_sql(str_replace_all(var, "a", "b"),
              con = simulate_snowflake())
<SQL> REGEXP_REPLACE(`var`, 'a', 'b')
translate_sql(str_remove(var, "a"),
              con = simulate_snowflake())
<SQL> REGEXP_REPLACE(`var`, 'a', '', 1.0, 1.0)
translate_sql(str_remove_all(var, "a"),
              con = simulate snowflake())
<SQL> REGEXP_REPLACE(`var`, 'a')
translate_sql(str_like(var, "a"),
              con = simulate_snowflake())
<SQL> `var` LIKE 'a'
```

```
translate_sql(str_starts(var, "a"),
              con = simulate_snowflake())
Error in `REGEXP_INSTR()`:
! Don't know how to translate `REGEXP_INSTR()`
translate_sql(str_ends(var, "a"),
              con = simulate_snowflake())
Error in `REGEXP_INSTR()`:
! Don't know how to translate `REGEXP_INSTR()`
3.4.5 Spark
translate_sql(nchar(var),
              con = simulate_spark_sql())
<SQL> LENGTH(`var`)
translate_sql(nzchar(var),
              con = simulate_spark_sql())
<SQL> (('var' IS NULL) OR 'var' != '')
translate_sql(substr(var, 1, 2),
              con = simulate_spark_sql())
<SQL> SUBSTR(`var`, 1, 2)
translate_sql(trimws(var),
              con = simulate_spark_sql())
<SQL> LTRIM(RTRIM(`var`))
translate_sql(tolower(var),
             con = simulate_spark_sql())
<SQL> LOWER('var')
```

```
translate_sql(str_to_lower(var),
              con = simulate_spark_sql())
<SQL> LOWER(`var`)
translate_sql(toupper(var),
              con = simulate_spark_sql())
<SQL> UPPER(`var`)
translate_sql(str_to_upper(var),
              con = simulate_spark_sql())
<SQL> UPPER(`var`)
translate_sql(str_to_title(var),
              con = simulate_spark_sql())
<SQL> INITCAP(`var`)
translate_sql(str_trim(var),
              con = simulate_spark_sql())
<SQL> LTRIM(RTRIM(`var`))
translate_sql(str_squish(var),
              con = simulate_spark_sql())
Error in `str_squish()`:
! `str_squish()` is not available in this SQL variant.
translate_sql(str_detect(var, "b"),
              con = simulate_spark_sql())
Error in `str_detect()`:
! Only fixed patterns are supported on database backends.
translate_sql(str_detect(var, "b", negate = TRUE),
              con = simulate_spark_sql())
```

```
Error in `str_detect()`:
! Only fixed patterns are supported on database backends.
translate_sql(str_detect(var, "[aeiou]"),
              con = simulate_spark_sql())
Error in `str_detect()`:
! Only fixed patterns are supported on database backends.
translate_sql(str_replace(var, "a", "b"),
              con = simulate_spark_sql())
Error in `str_replace()`:
! `str_replace()` is not available in this SQL variant.
translate_sql(str_replace_all(var, "a", "b"),
              con = simulate_spark_sql())
Error in `str_replace_all()`:
! `str_replace_all()` is not available in this SQL variant.
translate_sql(str_remove(var, "a"),
              con = simulate_spark_sql())
Error in `str_remove() `:
! `str_remove()` is not available in this SQL variant.
translate_sql(str_remove_all(var, "a"),
              con = simulate_spark_sql())
Error in `str_remove_all()`:
! `str_remove_all()` is not available in this SQL variant.
translate_sql(str_like(var, "a"),
              con = simulate_spark_sql())
<SQL> `var` LIKE 'a'
translate_sql(str_starts(var, "a"),
              con = simulate_spark_sql())
```

```
Error in `str_starts()`:
! Only fixed patterns are supported on database backends.
translate_sql(str_ends(var, "a"),
              con = simulate_spark_sql())
Error in `str_ends()`:
! Only fixed patterns are supported on database backends.
3.4.6 SQL Server
translate_sql(nchar(var),
              con = simulate_mssql())
<SQL> LEN(`var`)
translate_sql(nzchar(var),
              con = simulate_mssql())
<SQL> (('var' IS NULL) OR 'var' != '')
translate_sql(substr(var, 1, 2),
              con = simulate_mssql())
<SQL> SUBSTRING(`var`, 1, 2)
translate_sql(trimws(var),
              con = simulate_mssql())
<SQL> LTRIM(RTRIM(`var`))
translate_sql(tolower(var),
              con = simulate_mssql())
<SQL> LOWER(`var`)
translate_sql(str_to_lower(var),
             con = simulate_mssql())
```

```
<SQL> LOWER(`var`)
translate_sql(toupper(var),
              con = simulate_mssql())
<SQL> UPPER(`var`)
translate_sql(str_to_upper(var),
              con = simulate_mssql())
<SQL> UPPER(`var`)
translate_sql(str_to_title(var),
              con = simulate_mssql())
Error in `str_to_title()`:
! `str_to_title()` is not available in this SQL variant.
translate_sql(str_trim(var),
              con = simulate_mssql())
<SQL> LTRIM(RTRIM(`var`))
translate_sql(str_squish(var),
              con = simulate_mssql())
Error in `str_squish()`:
! `str_squish()` is not available in this SQL variant.
translate_sql(str_detect(var, "b"),
              con = simulate_mssql())
Error in `str_detect()`:
! Only fixed patterns are supported on database backends.
translate_sql(str_detect(var, "b", negate = TRUE),
              con = simulate_mssql())
Error in `str_detect()`:
! Only fixed patterns are supported on database backends.
```

```
translate_sql(str_detect(var, "[aeiou]"),
              con = simulate_mssql())
Error in `str_detect()`:
! Only fixed patterns are supported on database backends.
translate_sql(str_replace(var, "a", "b"),
              con = simulate_mssql())
Error in `str_replace() `:
! `str_replace()` is not available in this SQL variant.
translate_sql(str_replace_all(var, "a", "b"),
              con = simulate_mssql())
Error in `str_replace_all() `:
! `str_replace_all()` is not available in this SQL variant.
translate_sql(str_remove(var, "a"),
              con = simulate_mssql())
Error in `str_remove()`:
! `str_remove()` is not available in this SQL variant.
translate_sql(str_remove_all(var, "a"),
              con = simulate_mssql())
Error in `str_remove_all()`:
! `str_remove_all()` is not available in this SQL variant.
translate_sql(str_like(var, "a"),
              con = simulate_mssql())
<SQL> `var` LIKE 'a'
translate_sql(str_starts(var, "a"),
              con = simulate_mssql())
Error in `str_starts() `:
! Only fixed patterns are supported on database backends.
```

### 3.5 Working with dates

Like with strings, support for working with dates is somewhat mixed. In general, we would use functions from the clock package such as get\_day(), get\_month(), get\_year() to extract parts from a date, add\_days() to add or subtract days to a date, and date\_count\_between() to get the number of days between two date variables.

```
    Show SQL

3.5.1 duckdb
translate_sql(get_day(date_1),
              con = simulate_duckdb())
<SQL> DATE_PART('day', `date_1`)
translate_sql(get_month(date_1),
              con = simulate_duckdb())
<SQL> DATE_PART('month', `date_1`)
translate_sql(get_year(date_1),
              con = simulate_duckdb())
<SQL> DATE_PART('year', `date_1`)
translate_sql(add_days(date_1, 1),
              con = simulate_duckdb())
<SQL> DATE_ADD(`date_1`, INTERVAL (1.0) day)
translate_sql(add_years(date_1, 1),
              con = simulate_duckdb())
```

```
<SQL> DATE_ADD(`date_1`, INTERVAL (1.0) year)
translate_sql(difftime(date_1, date_2),
               con = simulate_duckdb())
Error in `difftime()`:
! Don't know how to translate `difftime()`
translate_sql(date_count_between(date_1, date_2, "day"),
               con = simulate_duckdb())
<SQL> DATEDIFF('day', `date_1`, `date_2`)
translate_sql(date_count_between(date_1, date_2, "year"),
               con = simulate_duckdb())
Error in date_count_between(date_1, date_2, "year"): The only supported value for `precision of the count_between(date_1, date_2, "year"):
3.5.2 Redshift
translate_sql(get_day(date_1),
               con = simulate_redshift())
<SQL> DATE_PART('day', `date_1`)
translate_sql(get_month(date_1),
               con = simulate_redshift())
<SQL> DATE_PART('month', `date_1`)
translate_sql(get_year(date_1),
               con = simulate_redshift())
<SQL> DATE_PART('year', `date_1`)
translate_sql(add_days(date_1, 1),
               con = simulate_redshift())
<SQL> DATEADD(DAY, 1.0, `date_1`)
```

```
translate_sql(add_years(date_1, 1),
              con = simulate_redshift())
<SQL> DATEADD(YEAR, 1.0, `date_1`)
translate_sql(difftime(date_1, date_2),
              con = simulate_redshift())
<SQL> DATEDIFF(DAY, `date_1`)
translate_sql(date_count_between(date_1, date_2, "day"),
              con = simulate_redshift())
<SQL> DATEDIFF(DAY, `date_1`, `date_2`)
translate_sql(date_count_between(date_1, date_2, "year"),
              con = simulate_redshift())
Error in `date_count_between()`:
! `precision = "year"` isn't supported on database backends.
i It must be "day" instead.
3.5.3 Postgres
translate_sql(get_day(date_1),
              con = simulate_postgres())
<SQL> DATE_PART('day', `date_1`)
translate_sql(get_month(date_1),
              con = simulate_postgres())
<SQL> DATE_PART('month', `date_1`)
translate_sql(get_year(date_1),
              con = simulate_postgres())
<SQL> DATE_PART('year', `date_1`)
```

```
translate_sql(add_days(date_1, 1),
              con = simulate_postgres())
<SQL> (`date_1` + 1.0*INTERVAL'1 day')
translate_sql(add_years(date_1, 1),
              con = simulate_postgres())
<SQL> (`date_1` + 1.0*INTERVAL'1 year')
translate_sql(difftime(date_1, date_2),
              con = simulate_postgres())
<SQL> (CAST(`date_1` AS DATE) - CAST(`date_2` AS DATE))
translate_sql(date_count_between(date_1, date_2, "day"),
              con = simulate_postgres())
<SQL> `date_2` - `date_1`
translate_sql(date_count_between(date_1, date_2, "year"),
              con = simulate_postgres())
Error in `date_count_between()`:
! `precision = "year"` isn't supported on database backends.
i It must be "day" instead.
3.5.4 Snowflake
translate_sql(get_day(date_1),
              con = simulate_snowflake())
<SQL> DATE_PART(DAY, `date_1`)
translate_sql(get_month(date_1),
              con = simulate_snowflake())
<SQL> DATE_PART(MONTH, `date_1`)
```

```
translate_sql(get_year(date_1),
              con = simulate_snowflake())
<SQL> DATE_PART(YEAR, `date_1`)
translate_sql(add_days(date_1, 1),
              con = simulate_snowflake())
<SQL> DATEADD(DAY, 1.0, `date_1`)
translate_sql(add_years(date_1, 1),
              con = simulate_snowflake())
<SQL> DATEADD(YEAR, 1.0, `date_1`)
translate_sql(difftime(date_1, date_2),
              con = simulate_snowflake())
<SQL> DATEDIFF(DAY, `date_2`, `date_1`)
translate_sql(date_count_between(date_1, date_2, "day"),
              con = simulate_snowflake())
<SQL> DATEDIFF(DAY, `date_1`, `date_2`)
translate_sql(date_count_between(date_1, date_2, "year"),
              con = simulate_snowflake())
Error in `date_count_between()`:
! `precision = "year"` isn't supported on database backends.
i It must be "day" instead.
3.5.5 Spark
translate_sql(get_day(date_1),
              con = simulate_spark_sql())
<SQL> DATE_PART('DAY', `date_1`)
```

```
translate_sql(get_month(date_1),
              con = simulate_spark_sql())
<SQL> DATE_PART('MONTH', `date_1`)
translate_sql(get_year(date_1),
              con = simulate_spark_sql())
<SQL> DATE_PART('YEAR', `date_1`)
translate_sql(add_days(date_1, 1),
              con = simulate_spark_sql())
<SQL> DATE_ADD(`date_1`, 1.0)
translate_sql(add_years(date_1, 1),
              con = simulate_spark_sql())
<SQL> ADD_MONTHS(`date_1`, 1.0 * 12.0)
translate_sql(difftime(date_1, date_2),
              con = simulate_spark_sql())
<SQL> DATEDIFF(`date_2`, `date_1`)
translate_sql(date_count_between(date_1, date_2, "day"),
              con = simulate_spark_sql())
<SQL> DATEDIFF(`date_2`, `date_1`)
translate_sql(date_count_between(date_1, date_2, "year"),
              con = simulate_spark_sql())
Error in `date_count_between() `:
! `precision = "year"` isn't supported on database backends.
i It must be "day" instead.
```

### 3.5.6 SQL Server

```
translate_sql(get_day(date_1),
              con = simulate_mssql())
<SQL> DATEPART(DAY, `date 1`)
translate_sql(get_month(date_1),
              con = simulate_mssql())
<SQL> DATEPART(MONTH, `date_1`)
translate_sql(get_year(date_1),
              con = simulate_mssql())
<SQL> DATEPART(YEAR, `date_1`)
translate_sql(add_days(date_1, 1),
              con = simulate_mssql())
<SQL> DATEADD(DAY, 1.0, `date_1`)
translate_sql(add_years(date_1, 1),
              con = simulate_mssql())
<SQL> DATEADD(YEAR, 1.0, `date_1`)
translate_sql(difftime(date_1, date_2),
              con = simulate mssql())
<SQL> DATEDIFF(DAY, `date_2`, `date_1`)
translate_sql(date_count_between(date_1, date_2, "day"),
              con = simulate_mssql())
<SQL> DATEDIFF(DAY, `date_1`, `date_2`)
translate_sql(date_count_between(date_1, date_2, "year"),
              con = simulate_mssql())
Error in `date_count_between()`:
! `precision = "year"` isn't supported on database backends.
i It must be "day" instead.
```

## 3.6 Data aggregation

Within the context of using summarise(), we can get aggregated results across entire columns using functions such as n(), n\_distinct(), sum(), min(), max(), mean(), and sd(). As can be seen below, the SQL for these calculations is similar across different database management systems.

```
    Show SQL

3.6.1 duckdb
lazy_frame(x = c(1,2), con = simulate_duckdb()) %>%
  summarise(
         n = n(),
         n_unique = n_distinct(x),
          sum = sum(x, na.rm = TRUE),
          sum_is_1 = sum(x == 1, na.rm = TRUE),
          min = min(x, na.rm = TRUE),
          mean = mean(x, na.rm = TRUE),
          max = max(x, na.rm = TRUE),
          sd = sd(x, na.rm = TRUE)) |>
  show_query()
<SQL>
SELECT
  COUNT(*) AS `n`,
  COUNT(DISTINCT row(`x`)) AS `n_unique`,
  SUM('x') AS 'sum',
  SUM(x) = 1.0) AS sum_is_1,
  MIN('x') AS 'min',
  AVG('x') AS 'mean',
  MAX(`x`) AS `max`,
  STDDEV('x') AS 'sd'
FROM `df`
3.6.2 postgres
```

```
lazy_frame(x = c(1,2), con = simulate_postgres()) %>%
  summarise(
          n = n()
          n unique = n distinct(x),
          sum = sum(x, na.rm = TRUE),
          sum_is_1 = sum(x == 1, na.rm = TRUE),
          min = min(x, na.rm = TRUE),
          mean = mean(x, na.rm = TRUE),
          max = max(x, na.rm = TRUE),
          sd = sd(x, na.rm = TRUE)) |>
  show_query()
<SQL>
SELECT
  COUNT(*) AS `n`,
  COUNT(DISTINCT `x`) AS `n_unique`,
  SUM(`x`) AS `sum`,
  SUM(x = 1.0) AS sum_is_1,
  MIN('x') AS 'min',
  AVG('x') AS 'mean',
  MAX(`x`) AS `max`,
  STDDEV_SAMP(`x`) AS `sd`
FROM `df`
3.6.3 redshift
lazy_frame(x = c(1,2), con = simulate_redshift()) %>%
  summarise(
          n = n(),
          n_unique = n_distinct(x),
          sum = sum(x, na.rm = TRUE),
          sum_is_1 = sum(x == 1, na.rm = TRUE),
          min = min(x, na.rm = TRUE),
          mean = mean(x, na.rm = TRUE),
          max = max(x, na.rm = TRUE),
          sd = sd(x, na.rm = TRUE)) |>
  show_query()
<SQL>
SELECT
  COUNT(*) AS `n`,
```

```
COUNT(DISTINCT `x`) AS `n_unique`,

SUM(`x`) AS `sum`,

SUM(`x` = 1.0) AS `sum_is_1`,

MIN(`x`) AS `min`,

AVG(`x`) AS `mean`,

MAX(`x`) AS `max`,

STDDEV_SAMP(`x`) AS `sd`

FROM `df`
```

#### 3.6.4 Snowflake

```
lazy_frame(x = c(1,2), con = simulate_snowflake()) %>%
  summarise(
          n = n(),
          n_unique = n_distinct(x),
          sum = sum(x, na.rm = TRUE),
          sum_is_1 = sum(x == 1, na.rm = TRUE),
          min = min(x, na.rm = TRUE),
          mean = mean(x, na.rm = TRUE),
          max = max(x, na.rm = TRUE),
          sd = sd(x, na.rm = TRUE)) |>
  show_query()
<SQL>
SELECT
  COUNT(*) AS `n`,
  COUNT(DISTINCT `x`) AS `n_unique`,
  SUM('x') AS 'sum',
  SUM(x) = 1.0) AS sum_is_1,
  MIN('x') AS 'min',
  AVG('x') AS 'mean',
 MAX('x') AS 'max',
  STDDEV(`x`) AS `sd`
FROM `df`
```

```
lazy_frame(x = c(1,2), con = simulate_spark_sql()) %>%
  summarise(
          n = n()
          n unique = n distinct(x),
          sum = sum(x, na.rm = TRUE),
          sum_is_1 = sum(x == 1, na.rm = TRUE),
          min = min(x, na.rm = TRUE),
          mean = mean(x, na.rm = TRUE),
          max = max(x, na.rm = TRUE),
          sd = sd(x, na.rm = TRUE)) |>
  show_query()
<SQL>
SELECT
  COUNT(*) AS `n`,
  COUNT(DISTINCT `x`) AS `n_unique`,
  SUM('x') AS 'sum',
  SUM('x' = 1.0) AS 'sum_is_1',
  MIN('x') AS 'min',
  AVG('x') AS 'mean',
  MAX('x') AS 'max',
  STDDEV_SAMP(`x`) AS `sd`
FROM `df`
3.6.6 SQL Server
lazy_frame(x = c(1,2), a = "a", con = simulate_mssql()) %>%
  summarise(
          n = n()
          n_unique = n_distinct(x),
          sum = sum(x, na.rm = TRUE),
          sum_is_1 = sum(x == 1, na.rm = TRUE),
          min = min(x, na.rm = TRUE),
          mean = mean(x, na.rm = TRUE),
          max = max(x, na.rm = TRUE),
          sd = sd(x, na.rm = TRUE)) |>
  show_query()
<SQL>
SELECT
  COUNT_BIG(*) AS `n`,
```

```
COUNT(DISTINCT `x`) AS `n_unique`,

SUM(`x`) AS `sum`,

SUM(CAST(IIF(`x` = 1.0, 1, 0) AS BIT)) AS `sum_is_1`,

MIN(`x`) AS `min`,

AVG(`x`) AS `mean`,

MAX(`x`) AS `max`,

STDEV(`x`) AS `sd`

FROM `df`
```

#### 3.7 Window functions

In the previous section we saw how aggregate functions can be used to perform operations across entire columns. Window functions differ in that they perform calculations across rows that are in some way related to a current row. For these we now use mutate() instead of using summarise().

We can use window functions like cumsum() and cummean() to calculate running totals and averages, or lag() and lead() to help compare rows to their preceding or following rows.

Given that window functions compare rows to rows before or after them, we will often use arrange() to specify the order of rows. This will translate into a ORDER BY clause in the SQL. In addition, we may well also want to apply window functions within some specific groupings in our data. Using group\_by() would result in a PARTITION BY clause in the translated SQL so that window function operates on each group independently.

```
SUM('x') OVER (ORDER BY 'z' ROWS UNBOUNDED PRECEDING) AS 'sum_x',
  AVG('x') OVER (ORDER BY 'z' ROWS UNBOUNDED PRECEDING) AS 'mean_x',
  LAG('x', 1, NULL) OVER (ORDER BY 'z') AS 'lag_x',
  LEAD(`x`, 1, NULL) OVER (ORDER BY `z`) AS `lead_x`
FROM `df`
lazy_frame(x = c(10, 20, 30),
           y = c("a", "a", "b"),
           z = c(1, 2, 3),
           con = simulate_duckdb()) %>%
  window_order(z) |>
  group_by(y) |>
  mutate(sum_x = cumsum(x),
         mean_x = cummean(x),
         lag_x = lag(x),
         lead_x = lead(x)) >
  show_query()
<SQL>
SELECT
  `df`.*,
  SUM('x') OVER (PARTITION BY 'y' ORDER BY 'z' ROWS UNBOUNDED PRECEDING) AS 'sum_x',
  AVG('x') OVER (PARTITION BY 'y' ORDER BY 'z' ROWS UNBOUNDED PRECEDING) AS 'mean_x',
 LAG('x', 1, NULL) OVER (PARTITION BY 'y' ORDER BY 'z') AS 'lag_x',
  LEAD('x', 1, NULL) OVER (PARTITION BY 'y' ORDER BY 'z') AS 'lead_x'
FROM `df`
3.7.2 postgres
lazy_frame(x = c(10, 20, 30),
           z = c(1, 2, 3),
           con = simulate_postgres()) %>%
  window_order(z) |>
  mutate(sum_x = cumsum(x),
         mean_x = cummean(x),
         lag_x = lag(x),
         lead_x = lead(x)) >
  show_query()
<SQL>
```

```
SELECT
  `df`.*,
  SUM('x') OVER 'win1' AS 'sum_x',
  AVG('x') OVER 'win1' AS 'mean_x',
  LAG('x', 1, NULL) OVER 'win2' AS 'lag_x',
  LEAD(`x`, 1, NULL) OVER `win2` AS `lead_x`
FROM `df`
WINDOW
  `win1` AS (ORDER BY `z` ROWS UNBOUNDED PRECEDING),
  `win2` AS (ORDER BY `z`)
lazy_frame(x = c(10, 20, 30),
           y = c("a", "a", "b"),
           z = c(1, 2, 3),
           con = simulate_postgres()) %>%
  window_order(z) |>
  group_by(y) |>
  mutate(sum_x = cumsum(x),
         mean_x = cummean(x),
         lag_x = lag(x),
         lead x = lead(x)) >
  show_query()
<SQL>
SELECT
  `df`.*,
  SUM(`x`) OVER `win1` AS `sum_x`,
  AVG('x') OVER 'win1' AS 'mean_x',
  LAG('x', 1, NULL) OVER 'win2' AS 'lag_x',
  LEAD(`x`, 1, NULL) OVER `win2` AS `lead_x`
FROM `df`
WINDOW
  `win1` AS (PARTITION BY `y` ORDER BY `z` ROWS UNBOUNDED PRECEDING),
  `win2` AS (PARTITION BY `y` ORDER BY `z`)
3.7.3 redshift
```

```
lazy_frame(x = c(10, 20, 30),
           z = c(1, 2, 3),
           con = simulate_redshift()) %>%
  window order(z) |>
  mutate(sum_x = cumsum(x),
         mean_x = cummean(x),
         lag_x = lag(x),
         lead_x = lead(x)) >
  show_query()
<SQL>
SELECT
  `df`.*,
  SUM('x') OVER (ORDER BY 'z' ROWS UNBOUNDED PRECEDING) AS 'sum_x',
  AVG('x') OVER (ORDER BY 'z' ROWS UNBOUNDED PRECEDING) AS 'mean x',
  LAG(`x`, 1) OVER (ORDER BY `z`) AS `lag_x`,
  LEAD(`x`, 1) OVER (ORDER BY `z`) AS `lead_x`
FROM `df`
lazy_frame(x = c(10, 20, 30),
          y = c("a", "a", "b"),
           z = c(1, 2, 3),
           con = simulate_redshift()) %>%
  window_order(z) |>
  group_by(y) |>
  mutate(sum_x = cumsum(x),
         mean_x = cummean(x),
         lag_x = lag(x),
         lead x = lead(x)) >
  show_query()
<SQL>
SELECT
  `df`.*,
  SUM('x') OVER (PARTITION BY 'y' ORDER BY 'z' ROWS UNBOUNDED PRECEDING) AS | 'sum_x',
  AVG('x') OVER (PARTITION BY 'y' ORDER BY 'z' ROWS UNBOUNDED PRECEDING) AS 'mean x',
  LAG('x', 1) OVER (PARTITION BY 'y' ORDER BY 'z') AS 'lag_x',
  LEAD('x', 1) OVER (PARTITION BY 'y' ORDER BY 'z') AS 'lead_x'
FROM `df`
```

#### 3.7.4 Snowflake

```
lazy_frame(x = c(10, 20, 30),
           z = c(1, 2, 3),
           con = simulate_snowflake()) %>%
  window_order(z) |>
  mutate(sum_x = cumsum(x),
         mean_x = cummean(x),
         lag x = lag(x),
         lead_x = lead(x)) >
 show query()
<SQL>
SELECT
  `df`.*,
  SUM('x') OVER (ORDER BY 'z' ROWS UNBOUNDED PRECEDING) AS 'sum x',
  AVG('x') OVER (ORDER BY 'z' ROWS UNBOUNDED PRECEDING) AS 'mean_x',
  LAG('x', 1, NULL) OVER (ORDER BY 'z') AS 'lag_x',
  LEAD('x', 1, NULL) OVER (ORDER BY 'z') AS 'lead_x'
FROM `df`
lazy_frame(x = c(10, 20, 30),
           y = c("a", "a", "b"),
           z = c(1, 2, 3),
           con = simulate_snowflake()) %>%
  window_order(z) |>
  group_by(y) |>
  mutate(sum x = cumsum(x),
         mean_x = cummean(x),
         lag_x = lag(x),
         lead_x = lead(x)) >
  show_query()
<SQL>
SELECT
  `df`.*,
  SUM('x') OVER (PARTITION BY 'y' ORDER BY 'z' ROWS UNBOUNDED PRECEDING) AS 'sum_x',
  AVG('x') OVER (PARTITION BY 'y' ORDER BY 'z' ROWS UNBOUNDED PRECEDING) AS 'mean_x',
  LAG('x', 1, NULL) OVER (PARTITION BY 'y' ORDER BY 'z') AS 'lag_x',
  LEAD('x', 1, NULL) OVER (PARTITION BY 'y' ORDER BY 'z') AS 'lead_x'
FROM `df`
```

### 3.7.5 Spark

```
lazy_frame(x = c(10, 20, 30),
           z = c(1, 2, 3),
           con = simulate_spark_sql()) %>%
  window_order(z) |>
  mutate(sum_x = cumsum(x),
         mean_x = cummean(x),
         lag_x = lag(x),
         lead_x = lead(x)) >
  show_query()
<SQL>
SELECT
  `df`.*,
  SUM(`x`) OVER `win1` AS `sum_x`,
  AVG('x') OVER 'win1' AS 'mean_x',
  LAG('x', 1, NULL) OVER 'win2' AS 'lag_x',
  LEAD(`x`, 1, NULL) OVER `win2` AS `lead_x`
FROM `df`
WINDOW
  `win1` AS (ORDER BY `z` ROWS UNBOUNDED PRECEDING),
  `win2` AS (ORDER BY `z`)
lazy_frame(x = c(10, 20, 30),
           y = c("a", "a", "b"),
           z = c(1, 2, 3),
           con = simulate_spark_sql()) %>%
  window_order(z) |>
  group_by(y) |>
  mutate(sum_x = cumsum(x),
         mean_x = cummean(x),
         lag_x = lag(x),
         lead_x = lead(x)) >
  show_query()
<SQL>
SELECT
  `df`.*,
  SUM(`x`) OVER `win1` AS `sum_x`,
  AVG('x') OVER 'win1' AS 'mean_x',
```

```
LAG('x', 1, NULL) OVER 'win2' AS 'lag_x',
  LEAD('x', 1, NULL) OVER 'win2' AS 'lead_x'
FROM `df`
WINDOW
  `win1` AS (PARTITION BY `y` ORDER BY `z` ROWS UNBOUNDED PRECEDING),
  `win2` AS (PARTITION BY `y` ORDER BY `z`)
3.7.6 SQL Server
lazy_frame(x = c(10, 20, 30),
           z = c(1, 2, 3),
           con = simulate_mssql()) %>%
  window order(z) |>
  mutate(sum_x = cumsum(x),
         mean x = cummean(x),
         lag_x = lag(x),
         lead_x = lead(x)) >
  show_query()
<SQL>
SELECT
  `df`.*,
  SUM('x') OVER (ORDER BY 'z' ROWS UNBOUNDED PRECEDING) AS 'sum_x',
  AVG('x') OVER (ORDER BY 'z' ROWS UNBOUNDED PRECEDING) AS 'mean x',
  LAG('x', 1, NULL) OVER (ORDER BY 'z') AS 'lag_x',
  LEAD(`x`, 1, NULL) OVER (ORDER BY `z`) AS `lead_x`
FROM `df`
lazy_frame(x = c(10, 20, 30),
           y = c("a", "a", "b"),
           z = c(1, 2, 3),
           con = simulate_mssql()) %>%
  window_order(z) |>
  group_by(y) |>
  mutate(sum_x = cumsum(x),
         mean_x = cummean(x),
         lag_x = lag(x),
         lead_x = lead(x)) >
  show_query()
<SQL>
```

```
SELECT

'df'.*,

SUM('x') OVER (PARTITION BY 'y' ORDER BY 'z' ROWS UNBOUNDED PRECEDING) AS 'sum_x',

AVG('x') OVER (PARTITION BY 'y' ORDER BY 'z' ROWS UNBOUNDED PRECEDING) AS 'mean_x',

LAG('x', 1, NULL) OVER (PARTITION BY 'y' ORDER BY 'z') AS 'lag_x',

LEAD('x', 1, NULL) OVER (PARTITION BY 'y' ORDER BY 'z') AS 'lead_x'

FROM 'df'
```

### 3.8 Calculating quantiles, including the median

So far we've seen that we can perform various data manipulations and calculate summary statistics for different database management systems using the same R code. Although the translated SQL has been different, the databases all supported similar approaches to perform these queries.

A case where this is not the case is when we are interested in summarising distributions of the data and estimating quantiles. For example, let's take estimating the median as an example. Some databases only support calculating the median as an aggregation function similar to how min, mean, and max were calculated above. However, some others only support it as a window function like lead and lag above. Unfortunately this means that for some databases quantiles can only be calculated using the summarise aggregation approach, while in others only the mutate window approach can be used.

```
Show SQL

3.8.1 duckdb

lazy_frame(x = c(1,2), con = simulate_duckdb()) %>%
    summarise(median = median(x, na.rm = TRUE)) |>
    show_query()

<SQL>

SELECT MEDIAN(`x`) AS `median`
FROM `df`

lazy_frame(x = c(1,2), con = simulate_duckdb()) %>%
    mutate(median = median(x, na.rm = TRUE)) |>
    show_query()

<SQL>
```

```
SELECT `df`.*, MEDIAN(`x`) OVER () AS `median`
FROM `df`
3.8.2 postgres
lazy_frame(x = c(1,2), con = simulate_postgres()) %>%
  summarise(median = median(x, na.rm = TRUE)) |>
  show_query()
<SQL>
SELECT PERCENTILE_CONT(0.5) WITHIN GROUP (ORDER BY `x`) AS `median`
FROM `df`
lazy_frame(x = c(1,2), con = simulate_postgres()) %>%
  mutate(median = median(x, na.rm = TRUE)) |>
  show_query()
Error in `median()`:
! Translation of `median()` in `mutate()` is not supported for
  PostgreSQL.
i Use a combination of `summarise()` and `left_join()` instead:
  `df %>% left_join(summarise(<col> = median(x, na.rm = TRUE)))`.
3.8.3 redshift
lazy_frame(x = c(1,2), con = simulate_redshift()) %>%
  summarise(median = median(x, na.rm = TRUE)) |>
  show_query()
<SQL>
SELECT PERCENTILE_CONT(0.5) WITHIN GROUP (ORDER BY `x`) AS `median`
FROM `df`
lazy_frame(x = c(1,2), con = simulate_redshift()) %>%
  mutate(median = median(x, na.rm = TRUE)) |>
  show_query()
Error in `median()`:
! Translation of `median()` in `mutate()` is not supported for
  PostgreSQL.
i Use a combination of `summarise()` and `left_join()` instead:
  `df %>% left_join(summarise(<col> = median(x, na.rm = TRUE)))`.
```

#### 3.8.4 Snowflake

```
lazy_frame(x = c(1,2), con = simulate_snowflake()) %>%
  summarise(median = median(x, na.rm = TRUE)) |>
  show_query()
SELECT PERCENTILE_CONT(0.5) WITHIN GROUP (ORDER BY `x`) AS `median`
FROM `df`
lazy_frame(x = c(1,2), con = simulate_snowflake()) %>%
  mutate(median = median(x, na.rm = TRUE)) |>
 show_query()
<SQL>
SELECT
  `df`.*,
  PERCENTILE_CONT(0.5) WITHIN GROUP (ORDER BY `x`) OVER () AS `median`
FROM `df`
3.8.5 Spark
lazy_frame(x = c(1,2), con = simulate_spark_sql()) %>%
  summarise(median = median(x, na.rm = TRUE)) |>
  show_query()
<SQL>
SELECT MEDIAN(`x`) AS `median`
FROM `df`
lazy_frame(x = c(1,2), con = simulate_spark_sql()) %>%
  mutate(median = median(x, na.rm = TRUE)) |>
  show_query()
<SQL>
SELECT `df`.*, MEDIAN(`x`) OVER () AS `median`
FROM `df`
```

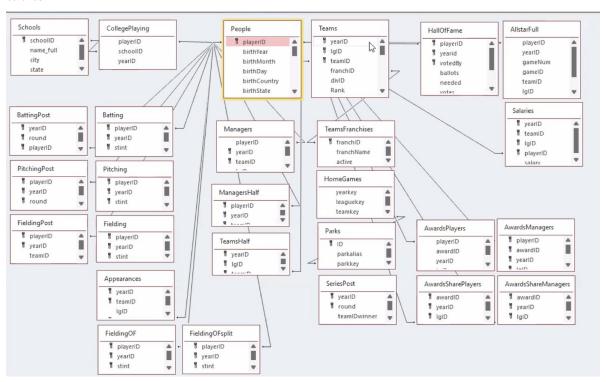
## 3.8.6 SQL Server

```
lazy_frame(x = c(1,2), con = simulate_mssql()) %>%
  summarise(median = median(x, na.rm = TRUE)) |>
  show_query()
Error in `median()`:
! Translation of `median()` in `summarise()` is not supported for SQL
  Server.
i Use a combination of `distinct()` and `mutate()` for the same result:
  `mutate(<col> = median(x, na.rm = TRUE)) %>% distinct(<col>)`
lazy_frame(x = c(1,2), con = simulate_mssql()) %>%
  mutate(median = median(x, na.rm = TRUE)) |>
  show_query()
<SQL>
SELECT
  `df`.*,
  PERCENTILE_CONT(0.5) WITHIN GROUP (ORDER BY `x`) OVER () AS `median`
FROM `df`
```

# 4 Building analytic pipelines for a data model

In the previous chapters we've seen that after connecting to a database we can create references to the various tables we've interested in it and write bespoke analytic code to query them. However, if we are working with the same database over and over again we are likely to want to build some tooling for tasks we are often performing.

To see how we can develop a data model with associated methods and functions we'll use the Lahman baseball data. We can see below how the data is stored across various related tables.



## 4.1 Defining a data model

```
library(DBI)
library(duckdb)
library(dplyr)
library(tidyr)
library(purrr)
library(cli)
library(dbplyr)
library(Lahman)

db <- dbConnect(duckdb(), dbdir = ":memory:")
copy_lahman(db)</pre>
```

Instead of manually creating references to tables of interest as we go, we will write a function to create a single reference to the Lahman data.

```
lahmanFromCon <- function(con) {
  lahmanRef <- c(
    "AllstarFull", "Appearances", "AwardsManagers", "AwardsPlayers", "AwardsManagers",
    "AwardsShareManagers", "Batting", "BattingPost", "CollegePlaying", "Fielding",
    "FieldingOF", "FieldingOFsplit", "FieldingPost", "HallOfFame", "HomeGames",
    "LahmanData", "Managers", "ManagersHalf", "Parks", "People", "Pitching",
    "PitchingPost", "Salaries", "Schools", "SeriesPost", "Teams", "TeamsFranchises",
    "TeamsHalf"
) |>
    set_names() |>
    map(\(x) tbl(con, x))
    class(lahmanRef) <- c("lahman_ref", class(lahmanRef))
  lahmanRef
}</pre>
```

With this function we can now easily get references to all our lahman tables in one go using our lahmanFromCon() function.

```
lahman <- lahmanFromCon(db)

lahman$People |>
   glimpse()
```

Rows: ?? Columns: 26

```
Database: DuckDB 1.3.3-dev231 [unknown@Linux 6.11.0-1018-azure:R 4.4.1/:memory:]
                              <chr> "aardsda01", "aaronha01", "aaronto01", "aasedo01", "abada~
$ playerID
$ birthYear
                              <int> 1981, 1934, 1939, 1954, 1972, 1985, 1850, 1877, 1869, 186~
$ birthMonth
                              <int> 12, 2, 8, 9, 8, 12, 11, 4, 11, 10, 6, 9, 3, 10, 2, 8, 9, ~
$ birthDay
                              <int> 27, 5, 5, 8, 25, 17, 4, 15, 11, 14, 1, 20, 16, 22, 16, 17~
                              <chr> "Denver", "Mobile", "Mobile", "Orange", "Palm Beach", "La~
$ birthCity
$ birthCountry <chr> "USA", "USA", "USA", "USA", "USA", "D.R.", "USA", "USA", ~
                             <chr> "CO", "AL", "AL", "CA", "FL", "La Romana", "PA", "PA", "V~
$ birthState
                             <int> NA, 2021, 1984, NA, NA, NA, 1905, 1957, 1962, 1926, NA, N~
$ deathYear
$ deathMonth
                             <int> NA, 1, 8, NA, NA, NA, 5, 1, 6, 4, NA, NA, 2, 6, NA, NA, N~
                              <int> NA, 22, 16, NA, NA, NA, 17, 6, 11, 27, NA, NA, 13, 11, NA~
$ deathDay
$ deathCountry <chr> NA, "USA", "USA", NA, NA, NA, "USA", 
                              <chr> NA, "GA", "GA", NA, NA, NA, "NJ", "FL", "VT", "CA", NA, N~
$ deathState
                              <chr> NA, "Atlanta", "Atlanta", NA, NA, NA, "Pemberton", "Fort ~
$ deathCity
                             <chr> "David", "Hank", "Tommie", "Don", "Andy", "Fernando", "Jo~
$ nameFirst
$ nameLast
                              <chr> "Aardsma", "Aaron", "Aaron", "Aase", "Abad", "Abad", "Aba~
$ nameGiven
                             <chr> "David Allan", "Henry Louis", "Tommie Lee", "Donald Willi~
                             <int> 215, 180, 190, 190, 184, 235, 192, 170, 175, 169, 192, 22~
$ weight
$ height
                             <int> 75, 72, 75, 75, 73, 74, 72, 71, 71, 68, 72, 74, 71, 70, 7~
$ bats
                              <fct> R, R, R, R, L, L, R, R, R, L, L, R, R, R, R, R, L, R, L, ~
$ throws
                              <fct> R, R, R, R, L, L, R, R, R, L, L, R, R, R, R, L, L, R, L, ~
                              <chr> "2004-04-06", "1954-04-13", "1962-04-10", "1977-07-26", "~
$ debut
$ bbrefID
                             <chr> "aardsda01", "aaronha01", "aaronto01", "aasedo01", "abada~
                             <chr> "2015-08-23", "1976-10-03", "1971-09-26", "1990-10-03", "~
$ finalGame
$ retroID
                             <chr> "aardd001", "aaroh101", "aarot101", "aased001", "abada001~
                             <date> NA, 2021-01-22, 1984-08-16, NA, NA, NA, 1905-05-17, 1957~
$ deathDate
                              <date> 1981-12-27, 1934-02-05, 1939-08-05, 1954-09-08, 1972-08-~
$ birthDate
```

#### The dm package

In this chapter we will be creating a bespoke data model for our database. This approach can be further extended using the dm package, which also provides various helpful functions for creating a data model and working with it.

Similar to above, we can use dm to create a single object to access our database tables.

```
Tables: `batting`, `people`
Columns: 48
Primary keys: 0
Foreign keys: 0
Using this approach, we can make use of various utility functions. For example here we
specify primary and foreign keys and then check that the key constraints are satisfied.
lahman_dm <- lahman_dm %>%
  dm_add_pk(people, playerID) %>%
  dm_add_fk(batting, playerID, people)
lahman_dm
-- Table source -----
src: DuckDB 1.3.3-dev231 [unknown@Linux 6.11.0-1018-azure:R 4.4.1/:memory:]
-- Metadata -----
Tables: `batting`, `people`
Columns: 48
Primary keys: 1
Foreign keys: 1
dm_examine_constraints(lahman_dm)
i All constraints satisfied.
For more information on the dm package see https://dm.cynkra.com/index.html
```

## 4.2 Creating functions for the data model

We can also now make various functions specific to our Lahman data model to facilitate data analyses. Given we know the structure of the data, we can build a set of functions that abstract away some of the complexities of working with data in a database.

Let's start by making a small function to get the teams players have played for. We can see that the code we use follows on from the last couple of chapters.

```
getTeams <- function(lahman, name = "Barry Bonds") {
  lahman$Batting |>
```

```
inner_join(
  lahman$People |>
    mutate(full_name = paste0(nameFirst, " ", nameLast)) |>
    filter(full_name %in% name) |>
    select("playerID"),
  by = "playerID"
) |>
select(
  "teamID",
  "yearID"
) |>
distinct() |>
left_join(lahman$Teams,
 by = c("teamID", "yearID")
) |>
select("name") |>
distinct()
```

Now we can easily get the different teams a player represented. We can see how changing the player name changes the SQL that is getting run behind the scenes.

```
SQL>
SELECT DISTINCT q01.*
FROM (
SELECT "name"
FROM (
SELECT DISTINCT q01.*
FROM (
```

```
SELECT teamID, yearID
FROM Batting
INNER JOIN (
SELECT playerID
FROM (
SELECT People.*, CONCAT_WS('', nameFirst, '', nameLast) AS full_name
FROM People
) q01
WHERE (full_name IN ('Babe Ruth'))
) RHS
ON (Batting.playerID = RHS.playerID)
) q01
) LHS
LEFT JOIN Teams
ON (LHS.teamID = Teams.teamID AND LHS.yearID = Teams.yearID)
) q01
```

#### getTeams(lahman, "Barry Bonds")

```
Show query

<SQL>
SELECT DISTINCT q01.*
FROM (
    SELECT "name"
    FROM (
    SELECT DISTINCT q01.*
    FROM (
        SELECT teamID, yearID
        FROM Batting
        INNER JOIN (
        SELECT playerID
        FROM (
        SELECT People.*, CONCAT_WS('', nameFirst, ' ', nameLast) AS full_name
```

```
FROM People
) q01
WHERE (full_name IN ('Barry Bonds'))
) RHS
ON (Batting.playerID = RHS.playerID)
) q01
) LHS
LEFT JOIN Teams
ON (LHS.teamID = Teams.teamID AND LHS.yearID = Teams.yearID)
) q01
```

### • Choosing the right time to collect data into R

The function collect() brings data out of the database and into R. When working with large datasets, as is often the case when interacting with a database, we typically want to keep as much computation as possible on the database side. In the case of our getTeams() function, for example, it does everything on the database side and so collecting will just bring out the result of the teams the person played for. In this case we could also use pull() to get our result out as a vector rather that a data frame.

```
getTeams(lahman, "Barry Bonds") |>
    collect()

# A tibble: 2 x 1
    name
    <chr>
    1 San Francisco Giants
2 Pittsburgh Pirates

getTeams(lahman, "Barry Bonds") |>
    pull()
```

#### [1] "San Francisco Giants" "Pittsburgh Pirates"

In other cases however we may need to collect data so as to perform further analysis steps that are not possible using SQL. This might be the case for plotting or for other analytic steps like fitting statistical models. In such cases we should try to only bring out the data that we need (as we will likely have much less memory available on our local computer than is available for the database).

Similarly we could make a function to add the a player's year of birth to a table.

```
addBirthCountry <- function(lahmanTbl){</pre>
  lahmanTbl |>
    left_join(lahman$People |>
             select("playerID", "birthCountry"),
             by = "playerID")
}
lahman$Batting |>
  addBirthCountry()
           SQL [?? x 23]
# Source:
# Database: DuckDB 1.3.3-dev231 [unknown@Linux 6.11.0-1018-azure:R 4.4.1/:memory:]
   playerID yearID stint teamID lgID
                                               AB
                                                               X2B
                                                                     ХЗВ
                                                                            HR
                                          G
                                                     R
                                                           Η
   <chr>
             1 aardsda01
              2004
                       1 SFN
                                         11
                                                0
                                                     0
 2 aardsda01
              2006
                       1 CHN
                                NL
                                         45
                                                2
                                                     0
                                                           0
                                                                 0
                                                                       0
                                                                             0
 3 aardsda01
              2007
                       1 CHA
                                AL
                                         25
                                                0
                                                                 0
                                                                       0
                                                                             0
 4 aardsda01
              2008
                       1 BOS
                                AL
                                         47
                                                1
                                                     0
                                                           0
                                                                 0
                                                                       0
                                                                             0
 5 aardsda01 2009
                      1 SEA
                                AL
                                         73
                                               0
                                                     0
                                                           0
                                                                 0
                                                                       0
                                                                             0
 6 aardsda01
                                                0
                                                                             0
              2010
                      1 SEA
                                AL
                                         53
                                                     0
                                                                 0
                                                                       0
 7 aardsda01
                      1 NYA
                                         1
                                                0
                                                     0
                                                                       0
                                                                             0
             2012
                                AL
                                                           0
                                                                 0
 8 aardsda01
                                         43
                                                                             0
             2013
                       1 NYN
                                NL
                                                0
                                                                       0
 9 aardsda01
              2015
                       1 ATL
                                NL
                                         33
                                                1
                                                     0
                                                                 0
                                                                             0
10 aaronha01
              1954
                       1 ML1
                                        122
                                                         131
                                                                27
                                NL
                                              468
                                                    58
                                                                            13
# i more rows
# i 11 more variables: RBI <int>, SB <int>, CS <int>, BB <int>, SO <int>,
    IBB <int>, HBP <int>, SH <int>, SF <int>, GIDP <int>, birthCountry <chr>
 i Show query
  <SQL>
 SELECT Batting.*, birthCountry
 FROM Batting
 LEFT JOIN People
   ON (Batting.playerID = People.playerID)
lahman$Pitching |>
  addBirthCountry()
```

# Source: SQL [?? x 31]

```
# Database: DuckDB 1.3.3-dev231 [unknown@Linux 6.11.0-1018-azure:R 4.4.1/:memory:]
                                                                             SHO
   playerID
             yearID stint teamID lgID
                                              W
                                                    L
                                                           G
                                                                GS
                                                                       CG
                                                                                    SV
   <chr>
               <int> <int> <fct>
                                   <fct> <int> <int> <int> <int> <int> <int> <int> <int> <int>
 1 aardsda01
                2004
                         1 SFN
                                              1
                                                    0
                                                          11
                                                                  0
                                                                        0
                                                                               0
                                                                                     0
                                   NL
                         1 CHN
2 aardsda01
                2006
                                   NL
                                              3
                                                     0
                                                          45
                                                                  0
                                                                        0
                                                                               0
                                                                                     0
3 aardsda01
                2007
                         1 CHA
                                              2
                                                          25
                                                                               0
                                                                                     0
                                   ΑL
                                                     1
                                                                  0
                                                                        0
4 aardsda01
                2008
                         1 BOS
                                   AL
                                              4
                                                    2
                                                          47
                                                                               0
                                                                                     0
5 aardsda01
                2009
                         1 SEA
                                   ΑL
                                              3
                                                    6
                                                          73
                                                                        0
                                                                               0
                                                                                    38
6 aardsda01
                         1 SEA
                                              0
               2010
                                   AL
                                                    6
                                                          53
                                                                  0
                                                                        0
                                                                               0
                                                                                    31
7 aardsda01
                2012
                         1 NYA
                                   AL
                                              0
                                                    0
                                                           1
                                                                  0
                                                                        0
                                                                               0
                                                                                     0
                                              2
                                                    2
                                                          43
                                                                                     0
8 aardsda01
                         1 NYN
                                   NL
                                                                  0
                                                                        0
                                                                              0
                2013
9 aardsda01
                                                                  0
                                                                               0
                                                                                     0
                2015
                         1 ATL
                                   NL
                                              1
                                                     1
                                                          33
                                                                        0
                1977
                                                                               2
10 aasedo01
                         1 BOS
                                              6
                                                                 13
                                                                        4
                                                                                     0
                                   AL
                                                          13
# i more rows
# i 19 more variables: IPouts <int>, H <int>, ER <int>, HR <int>, BB <int>,
    SO <int>, BAOpp <dbl>, ERA <dbl>, IBB <int>, WP <int>, HBP <int>, BK <int>,
#
    BFP <int>, GF <int>, R <int>, SH <int>, SF <int>, GIDP <int>,
#
    birthCountry <chr>
```

```
i Show query

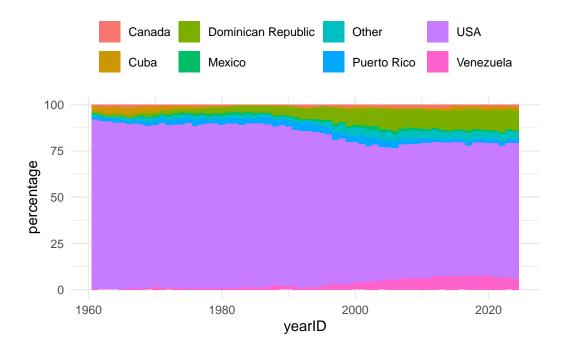
<SQL>
    SELECT Pitching.*, birthCountry
    FROM Pitching
    LEFT JOIN People
    ON (Pitching.playerID = People.playerID)
```

We could then use our addBirthCountry() function as part of a larger query to summarise the proportion of players from each country over time (based on their presence in the batting table).

```
plot_data <- lahman$Batting |>
    select(playerID, yearID) |>
    addBirthCountry() |>
    filter(yearID > 1960) |>
    mutate(birthCountry = case_when(
        birthCountry == "USA" ~ "USA",
        birthCountry == "D.R." ~ "Dominican Republic",
        birthCountry == "Venezuela" ~ "Venezuela",
        birthCountry == "P.R." ~ "Puerto Rico ",
        birthCountry == "Cuba" ~ "Cuba",
        birthCountry == "CAN" ~ "Canada",
```

```
birthCountry == "Mexico" ~ "Mexico",
    .default = "Other"
)) |>
group_by(yearID, birthCountry) |>
summarise(n = n(), .groups = "drop") |>
group_by(yearID) |>
mutate(percentage = n / sum(n) * 100) |>
ungroup() |>
collect()
```

```
Show query
<SQL>
SELECT q01.*, (n / SUM(n) OVER (PARTITION BY yearID)) * 100.0 AS percentage
FROM (
  SELECT yearID, birthCountry, COUNT(*) AS n
  FROM (
    SELECT
      playerID,
      yearID,
      CASE
WHEN (birthCountry = 'USA') THEN 'USA'
WHEN (birthCountry = 'D.R.') THEN 'Dominican Republic'
WHEN (birthCountry = 'Venezuela') THEN 'Venezuela'
WHEN (birthCountry = 'P.R.') THEN 'Puerto Rico '
WHEN (birthCountry = 'Cuba') THEN 'Cuba'
WHEN (birthCountry = 'CAN') THEN 'Canada'
WHEN (birthCountry = 'Mexico') THEN 'Mexico'
ELSE 'Other'
END AS birthCountry
    FROM (
      SELECT Batting.playerID AS playerID, yearID, birthCountry
      FROM Batting
      LEFT JOIN People
        ON (Batting.playerID = People.playerID)
    WHERE (yearID > 1960.0)
  GROUP BY yearID, birthCountry
) q01
```



### i Defining methods for the data model

As part of our lahmanFromCon() function our data model object has the class "lahman\_ref". Therefore as well as creating user-facing functions to work with our lahman data model, we can also define methods for this object.

#### class(lahman)

#### [1] "lahman\_ref" "list"

With this we can make some specific methods for a "lahman\_ref" object. For example, we can define a print method like so:

```
print.lahman_ref <- function(x, ...) {</pre>
  len <- length(names(x))</pre>
  cli_h1("# Lahman reference - {len} tables")
  cli li(paste(
    "{.strong tables:}",
    paste(names(x), collapse = ", ")
  invisible(x)
Now we can see a summary of our lahman data model when we print the object.
lahman
-- # Lahman reference - 28 tables ---
* tables: AllstarFull, Appearances, AwardsManagers, AwardsPlayers,
AwardsManagers, AwardsShareManagers, Batting, BattingPost, CollegePlaying,
Fielding, FieldingOF, FieldingOFsplit, FieldingPost, HallOfFame, HomeGames,
LahmanData, Managers, ManagersHalf, Parks, People, Pitching, PitchingPost,
Salaries, Schools, SeriesPost, Teams, TeamsFranchises, TeamsHalf
And we can see that this print is being done by the method we defined.
library(sloop)
s3_dispatch(print(lahman))
=> print.lahman_ref
   print.list
 * print.default
```

## 4.3 Building efficient analytic pipelines

#### 4.3.1 The risk of "clean" R code

Following on from the above approach, we might think it a good idea to make another function addBirthYear(). We can then use it along with our addBirthCountry() to get a summarise average salary by birth country and birth year.

```
addBirthYear <- function(lahmanTbl){
  lahmanTbl |>
    left_join(lahman$People |>
              select("playerID", "birthYear"),
              by = "playerID")
}
lahman$Salaries |>
  addBirthCountry() |>
  addBirthYear() |>
  group_by(birthCountry, birthYear) |>
  summarise(average_salary = mean(salary), .groups = "drop")
# Source:
            SQL [?? x 3]
# Database: DuckDB 1.3.3-dev231 [unknown@Linux 6.11.0-1018-azure:R 4.4.1/:memory:]
   birthCountry birthYear average_salary
   <chr>>
                    <int>
                                    <dbl>
 1 USA
                     1966
                                 1761151.
 2 Venezuela
                     1974
                                 4269365.
 3 D.R.
                     1984
                                 2924854.
 4 Mexico
                     1982
                                 1174912.
 5 Panama
                     1981
                                  555833.
 6 USA
                     1978
                                 3133596.
 7 P.R.
                     1959
                                  297786.
 8 USA
                     1961
                                  811250.
 9 USA
                     1990
                                  728740.
10 USA
                     1950
                                  625076.
# i more rows
```

Although the R code on the face of it looks fine, when we look at the SQL we can see that our query has two joins to the People table. One join gets information on the birth country and the other on the birth year.

```
SQL>
SELECT birthCountry, birthYear, AVG(salary) AS average_salary
FROM (
    SELECT
    Salaries.*,
    "People...2".birthCountry AS birthCountry,
```

```
"People...3".birthYear AS birthYear
FROM Salaries
LEFT JOIN People "People...2"
   ON (Salaries.playerID = "People...2".playerID)
LEFT JOIN People "People...3"
   ON (Salaries.playerID = "People...3".playerID)
) q01
GROUP BY birthCountry, birthYear
```

To improve performance, we could instead have a single function to get both of these, birth country and birth year, at the same time.

```
addCharacteristics <- function(lahmanTbl){</pre>
  lahmanTbl |>
    left_join(lahman$People |>
              select("playerID", "birthYear", "birthCountry"),
              by = "playerID")
}
lahman$Salaries |>
  addCharacteristics() |>
  group_by(birthCountry, birthYear) |>
  summarise(average_salary = mean(salary), .groups = "drop")
            SQL [?? x 3]
# Source:
# Database: DuckDB 1.3.3-dev231 [unknown@Linux 6.11.0-1018-azure:R 4.4.1/:memory:]
   birthCountry birthYear average_salary
   <chr>
                     <int>
                                    <dbl>
 1 USA
                                 1761151.
                     1966
 2 Venezuela
                     1974
                                 4269365.
 3 D.R.
                     1984
                                 2924854.
 4 Mexico
                     1982
                                 1174912.
 5 Panama
                     1981
                                  555833.
 6 USA
                     1978
                                 3133596.
 7 P.R.
                     1959
                                  297786.
 8 USA
                     1961
                                  811250.
 9 USA
                     1990
                                  728740.
10 USA
                     1950
                                  625076.
# i more rows
```

```
i Show query

<SQL>
SELECT birthCountry, birthYear, AVG(salary) AS average_salary
FROM (
    SELECT Salaries.*, birthYear, birthCountry
    FROM Salaries
    LEFT JOIN People
        ON (Salaries.playerID = People.playerID)
) q01
GROUP BY birthCountry, birthYear
```

Now this query outputs the same result but is simpler than the previous one, thus lowering the computational cost of the analysis. All this is to show that when working with databases we should keep in mind what is going on behind the scenes in terms of the SQL code actually being executed.

#### 4.3.2 Piping and SQL

Although piping functions has little impact on performance when using R with data in memory, when working with a database the SQL generated will differ when using multiple function calls (with a separate operation specified in each) instead of multiple operations within a single function call.

For example, a single mutate function creating two new variables would generate the below SQL.

```
<SQL>
SELECT
  playerID,
  DATE_ADD(birthDate, INTERVAL (1) year) AS birthDatePlus1,
  DATE_ADD(birthDate, INTERVAL (10) year) AS birthDatePlus10
```

#### FROM People

Whereas the SQL will be different if these were created using multiple mutate calls (with now one being created in a sub-query).

```
<SQL>
SELECT
  playerID,
  birthDatePlus1,
  DATE_ADD(birthDate, INTERVAL (10) year) AS birthDatePlus10
FROM (
  SELECT People.*, DATE_ADD(birthDate, INTERVAL (1) year) AS birthDatePlus1
  FROM People
) q01
```

### 4.3.3 Computing intermediate queries

Let's say we want to summarise home runs in the batting table and stike outs in the pitching table by the college players attended and their birth year. We could do this like so:

```
players_with_college <- lahman$People |>
    select(playerID, birthYear) |>
    inner_join(lahman$CollegePlaying |>
        filter(!is.na(schoolID)) |>
        select(playerID, schoolID) |>
        distinct(),
        by = "playerID")

lahman$Batting |>
    left_join(players_with_college,
        by = "playerID") |>
```

```
group_by(schoolID, birthYear) |>
summarise(home_runs = sum(H, na.rm = TRUE), .groups = "drop") |>
collect()
```

```
# A tibble: 6,205 x 3
  schoolID birthYear home_runs
  <chr>
                  <int>
                            <dbl>
1 pennst
                   1981
                                0
2 virginia
                   1987
                               27
3 cacerri
                   1971
                                3
4 usc
                   1947
                               11
5 lsu
                             1832
                   1927
6 wake
                   1915
                               72
7 pepperdine
                   1969
                                1
8 lsu
                   1978
                                2
9 miamidade
                   1982
                                0
10 cincy
                   1950
                                5
# i 6,195 more rows
```

```
# A tibble: 3,663 x 3
            birthYear strike_outs
  schoolID
  <chr>
                              <dbl>
                  <int>
1 illinoisst
                   1981
                                205
2 lehigh
                   1901
                                  1
3 tamukvill
                   1978
                                409
4 byu
                   1961
                               1030
5 kentucky
                   1985
                                 91
6 txsjjcn
                   1983
                                571
7 stanford
                   1961
                                  0
8 bethanywv
                   1922
                                  2
9 tulane
                                 59
                   1968
10 nmnmjco
                   1972
                                232
# i 3,653 more rows
```

Looking at the SQL we can see, however, that there is some duplication, because as part of each full query we have run our players\_with\_college query.

```
i Show query
<SQL>
SELECT schoolID, birthYear, SUM(H) AS home_runs
FROM (
  SELECT Batting.*, birthYear, schoolID
  FROM Batting
  LEFT JOIN (
    SELECT People.playerID AS playerID, birthYear, schoolID
    FROM People
    INNER JOIN (
      SELECT DISTINCT playerID, schoolID
      FROM CollegePlaying
      WHERE (NOT((schoolID IS NULL)))
    ) RHS
      ON (People.playerID = RHS.playerID)
    ON (Batting.playerID = RHS.playerID)
GROUP BY schoolID, birthYear
SELECT schoolID, birthYear, SUM(SO) AS strike_outs
FROM (
  SELECT Pitching.*, birthYear, schoolID
  FROM Pitching
  LEFT JOIN (
    SELECT People.playerID AS playerID, birthYear, schoolID
    FROM People
    INNER JOIN (
      SELECT DISTINCT playerID, schoolID
      FROM CollegePlaying
      WHERE (NOT((schoolID IS NULL)))
    ) RHS
      ON (People.playerID = RHS.playerID)
    ON (Pitching.playerID = RHS.playerID)
) q01
GROUP BY schoolID, birthYear
```

To avoid this we could instead make use of the compute() function to force the computation of this first, intermediate, query to a temporary table in the database.

```
players_with_college <- players_with_college |>
compute()
```

Now we have a temporary table with the result of our players\_with\_college query, and we can use this in both of our aggregation queries.

```
players_with_college |>
   show_query()
```

<SQL>
SELECT \*
FROM dbplyr\_wfFNQYQGGt

```
# A tibble: 6,205 x 3
   schoolID birthYear home_runs
   <chr>
                             <dbl>
                  <int>
1 pennst
                   1981
                                0
2 gamiddl
                   1972
                                2
3 flgateway
                   1980
                                86
4 swesterntx
                                0
                   1883
5 ilparkl
                   1970
                                6
6 texas
                   1958
                                10
7 okstate
                   1936
                              1022
8 virginia
                   1987
                               27
9 sprngfldma
                   1947
                               452
10 sliprock
                   1988
                               624
# i 6,195 more rows
```

```
lahman$Pitching |>
  left_join(players_with_college,
           by = "playerID") |>
  group_by(schoolID, birthYear) |>
  summarise(strike_outs = sum(SO, na.rm = TRUE), .groups = "drop") |>
  collect()
# A tibble: 3,663 x 3
   schoolID birthYear strike_outs
   <chr>
                            <dbl>
                <int>
 1 longbeach
                1968
                              273
 2 elon
                 1921
                               13
 3 lehigh
                1901
                               1
                              275
 4 usc
                 1947
 5 tamukvill
                1978
                              409
              1972
 6 stanford
                              218
 7 upenn
                              14
                1964
 8 arkansas
                              537
                 1962
9 kentucky
                              91
                 1985
10 txsjjcn
                 1983
                              571
# i 3,653 more rows
 i Show query
  <SQL>
 SELECT schoolID, birthYear, SUM(H) AS home_runs
```

```
Show query

<SQL>
SELECT schoolID, birthYear, SUM(H) AS home_runs
FROM (
    SELECT Batting.*, birthYear, schoolID
    FROM Batting
    LEFT JOIN dbplyr_wfFNQYQGGt
        ON (Batting.playerID = dbplyr_wfFNQYQGGt.playerID)
) q01
GROUP BY schoolID, birthYear

<SQL>
SELECT schoolID, birthYear, SUM(SO) AS strike_outs
FROM (
    SELECT Pitching.*, birthYear, schoolID
    FROM Pitching
    LEFT JOIN dbplyr_wfFNQYQGGt
        ON (Pitching.playerID = dbplyr_wfFNQYQGGt.playerID)
) q01
```

#### GROUP BY schoolID, birthYear

In this case the SQL from our initial approach was not so complicated. However, you can imagine that without using computation to intermediate tables, the SQL associated with a series of data manipulations could quickly become unmanageable. Moreover, we can end up with inefficient code that repeatedly gets the same result as part of a larger query. Therefore although we don't want to overuse computation of intermediate queries, it is often a necessity when creating our analytic pipelines.

# Part II Working with the OMOP CDM from R

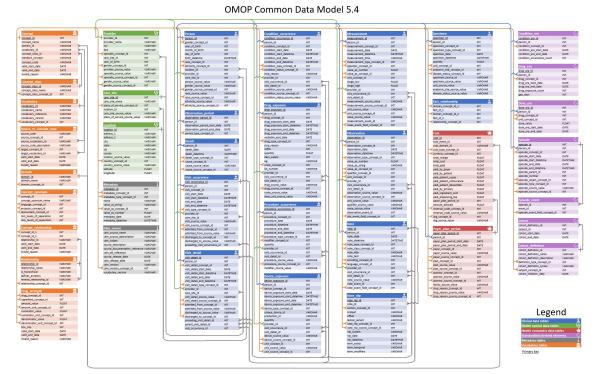
In this second half of the book we will see how we can work with data in the OMOP CDM format from R.

- In Chapter 5 we will see how to create a cdm\_reference in R, a data model that contains references to the OMOP CDM tables and provides the foundation for analysis.
- The OMOP CDM is a person-centric model, and the person and observation period tables are two key tables for any analysis. In **?@sec-omop\_person\_obs\_period** we will see more on how these tables can be used as the starting point for identifying your study participants.
- The OMOP CDM standarises the content of health care data via the OMOP CDM vocabulary tables, which provides a set of standard concepts to represent different clinical events. The vocabulary tables are described in **?@sec-omop\_vocabularies**, with these tables playing a fundamental role when we identify the clinical events of interest for our study.
- Clinical records associated with individuals are spread across various OMOP CDM tables, covering various domains. In **?@sec-omop\_clinical\_tables** we will see how these tables represent events and link back to the person and vocabulary tables.

# 5 Creating a CDM reference

# 5.1 The OMOP common data model (CDM) layout

The OMOP CDM standardises the structure of healthcare data. Data is stored across a system of tables with established relationships between them. In other words, the OMOP CDM provides a relational database structure, with version 5.4 of the OMOP CDM shown below.



# 5.2 Creating a reference to the OMOP CDM

As we saw in Chapter 4, creating a data model in R to represent the OMOP CDM can provide a basis for analytic pipelines using the data. Luckily for us, we won't have to create functions and methods for this ourselves. Instead, we will use the omogenerics package which defines

a data model for OMOP CDM data and the CDMConnector package which provides functions for connecting to a OMOP CDM data held in a database.

To see how this works we will use the omock package to create example data in the format of the OMOP CDM, which we will then copy to a duckdb database.

```
library(DBI)
library(duckdb)
library(here)
library(dplyr)
library(omock)
library(omopgenerics)
library(CDMConnector)
library(palmerpenguins)
cdm_local <- mockCdmReference() |>
    mockPerson(nPerson = 100) |>
    mockObservationPeriod() |>
    mockConditionOccurrence() |>
    mockDrugExposure() |>
    mockObservation() |>
    mockMeasurement() |>
    mockVisitOccurrence() |>
    mockProcedureOccurrence()
db <- dbConnect(drv = duckdb())</pre>
cdm <- insertCdmTo(cdm = cdm_local,</pre>
                    to = dbSource(con = db, writeSchema = "main"))
```

Now that we have OMOP CDM data in a database, we can use the function cdmFromCon() from CDMConnector to create our cdm reference. Note that as well as specifying the schema containing our OMOP CDM tables, we will also specify a write schema where any database tables we create during our analysis will be stored. Often our OMOP CDM tables will be in a schema that we only have read-access to and we'll have another schema where we can have write-access and where intermediate tables can be created for a given study.

```
-- # OMOP CDM reference (duckdb) of example_data -----
```

- \* omop tables: cdm\_source, concept, concept\_ancestor, concept\_relationship, concept\_synonym, condition\_occurrence, drug\_exposure, drug\_strength, measurement, observation, observation\_period, person, procedure\_occurrence, visit\_occurrence, vocabulary
- \* cohort tables: -
- \* achilles tables: -
- \* other tables: -

# **?** Setting a write prefix

We can also specify a write prefix and this will be used whenever permanent tables are created in the write schema. This can be useful when we're sharing our write schema with others and want to avoid table name conflicts and easily drop tables created as part of a particular study.

We can see that we now have an object that contains references to all the OMOP CDM tables. We can reference specific tables using the "\$" or "[[ ... ]]" operators.

#### cdm\$person

1	1	8507	1975	9	18
2	2	8532	1952	12	23
3	3	8532	1963	4	26
4	4	8507	1959	7	31
5	5	8507	1996	11	8
6	6	8532	2000	7	18
7	7	8532	1976	4	17
8	8	8532	1955	7	25
9	9	8507	1972	8	28
10	10	8532	1984	4	9

# i more rows

- # i 13 more variables: race\_concept\_id <int>, ethnicity\_concept\_id <int>,
- # birth\_datetime <dttm>, location\_id <int>, provider\_id <int>,
- # care\_site\_id <int>, person\_source\_value <chr>, gender\_source\_value <chr>,
- # gender\_source\_concept\_id <int>, race\_source\_value <chr>,
- # race\_source\_concept\_id <int>, ethnicity\_source\_value <chr>,
- # ethnicity\_source\_concept\_id <int>

#### cdm[["observation\_period"]]

- # Source: table<observation\_period> [?? x 5]
- # Database: DuckDB 1.3.3-dev231 [unknown@Linux 6.11.0-1018-azure:R 4.4.1/:memory:]
   observation\_period\_id person\_id observation\_period\_s~1 observation\_period\_e~2

	<int></int>	<int></int>	<date></date>	<date></date>
1	1	1	1994-05-08	1999-05-16
2	2	2	1993-05-12	1998-09-21
3	3	3	1993-10-23	2000-12-01
4	4	4	1981-09-08	2001-04-18
5	5	5	2003-05-02	2007-12-31
6	6	6	2014-10-23	2019-09-30
7	7	7	1990-12-27	2012-03-10
8	8	8	1998-06-28	2018-04-23
9	9	9	2018-09-28	2019-04-15
10	10	10	1988-05-29	1993-03-02

# i more rows

- # i abbreviated names: 1: observation\_period\_start\_date,
- 2: observation\_period\_end\_date
- # i 1 more variable: period\_type\_concept\_id <int>

Note that here we have first created a local version of the cdm with all the tables of interest with omock, then copied it to a duckdb database, and finally crated a reference to it with CDMConnector, so that we can work with the final cdm object as we normally would for one

created with our own healthcare data. In that case we would directly use cdmFromCon with our own database information. Throughout this chapter, however, we will keep working with the mock dataset.

#### 5.3 CDM attributes

#### **5.3.1 CDM** name

Our cdm reference will be associated with a name. By default this name will be taken from the cdm\_source\_name field from the cdm\_source table. We will use the function cdmName from omopgenerics to get it.

```
cdm <- cdmFromCon(db,
  cdmSchema = "main",
 writeSchema = "main")
cdm$cdm_source
            table<cdm_source> [?? x 10]
# Source:
# Database: DuckDB 1.3.3-dev231 [unknown@Linux 6.11.0-1018-azure:R 4.4.1/:memory:]
  cdm_source_name cdm_source_abbreviation cdm_holder source_description
  <chr>
                  <chr>>
                                           <chr>
                                                       <chr>>
1 mock
                  <NA>
                                           <NA>
                                                       <NA>
# i 6 more variables: source_documentation_reference <chr>,
    cdm_etl_reference <chr>, source_release_date <date>,
```

```
cdmName(cdm)
```

cdm\_release\_date <date>, cdm\_version <chr>, vocabulary\_version <chr>

#### [1] "mock"

However, we can instead set this name to whatever else we want when creating our cdm reference.

```
cdm <- cdmFromCon(db,
  cdmSchema = "main",
  writeSchema = "main",
  cdmName = "my_cdm")
cdmName(cdm)</pre>
```

### [1] "my\_cdm"

Note that we can also get our cdm name from any of the tables in our cdm reference.

#### cdmName(cdm\$person)

[1] "my\_cdm"



#### Behind the scenes

The class of the cdm reference itself is cdm\_reference.

#### class(cdm)

[1] "cdm\_reference"

#### class(cdm\$person)

Each of the tables has class cdm\_table. If the table is one of the standard OMOP CDM tables it will also have class omop\_table. This latter class is defined so that we can allow different behaviour for these core tables (person, condition\_occurrence,

observation\_period, etc.) compared to other tables that are added to the cdm reference during the course of running a study.

#### class(cdm\$person)

[1] "omop\_table" "cdm\_table" "tbl\_duckdb\_connection" [4] "tbl\_dbi" "tbl\_sql" "tbl\_lazy"

[7] "tbl"

We can see that cdmName() is a generic function, which works for both the cdm reference as a whole and individual tables.

# library(sloop) s3\_dispatch(cdmName(cdm))

- => cdmName.cdm\_reference
- \* cdmName.default

```
s3_dispatch(cdmName(cdm$person))

cdmName.omop_table
=> cdmName.cdm_table
    cdmName.tbl_duckdb_connection
    cdmName.tbl_dbi
    cdmName.tbl_sql
    cdmName.tbl_lazy
    cdmName.tbl
* cdmName.default
```

#### 5.3.2 CDM version

We can also easily check the OMOP CDM version that is being used with the function cdmVersion from omopgenerics like so:

```
cdmVersion(cdm)
[1] "5.3"
```

## 5.4 Including cohort tables in the cdm reference

We'll be seeing how to create cohorts in more detail in **?@sec-creating\_cohorts**. For the moment, let's just outline how we can include a cohort in our cdm reference. For this we'll use omock to add a cohort to our local cdm and upload that to a duckdb database again.

Now we can specify we want to include this existing cohort table to our cdm object when creating our cdm reference.

```
cdm$my_study_cohort |>
  glimpse()
```

## 5.5 Including achilles tables in the cdm reference

If we have the results tables from the Achilles R package in our database, we can also include these in our cdm reference.

Just to show how this can be done let's upload some empty results tables in the Achilles format.

```
tibble(
               analysis_id = NA_integer_,
               stratum_1 = NA_character_,
               stratum_2 = NA_character_,
               stratum_3 = NA_character_,
               stratum_4 = NA_character_,
               stratum_5 = NA_character_,
               count_value = NA_character_))
dbWriteTable(db,
             "achilles_results_dist",
             tibble(
               analysis_id = NA_integer_,
               stratum_1 = NA_character_,
               stratum_2 = NA_character_,
               stratum_3 = NA_character_,
               stratum_4 = NA_character_,
               stratum_5 = NA_character_,
               count_value = NA_character_,
               min_value = NA_character_,
               max_value = NA_character_,
               avg_value = NA_character_,
               stdev_value = NA_character_,
               median_value = NA_character_,
               p10_value = NA_character_,
               p25_value = NA_character_,
               p75_value = NA_character_,
               p90_value = NA_character_))
```

We can now include these achilles table in our cdm reference as in the previous case.

## 5.6 Adding other tables to the cdm reference

Let's say we have some additional local data that we want to add to our cdm reference. We can add this both to the same source (in this case a database) and to our cdm reference using insertTable from omogenerics. We will show this with the dataset cars in-built in R.

We can see that now this extra table has been uploaded to the database behind our cdm reference and also added to our reference.

```
\operatorname{cdm}
```

- -- # OMOP CDM reference (duckdb) of example\_data -----
- \* omop tables: cdm\_source, concept, concept\_ancestor, concept\_relationship, concept\_synonym, condition\_occurrence, drug\_exposure, drug\_strength, measurement, observation, observation\_period, person, procedure\_occurrence, visit\_occurrence, vocabulary
- \* cohort tables: my\_study\_cohort
- \* achilles tables: achilles\_analysis, achilles\_results, achilles\_results\_dist
- \* other tables: cars

#### cdm\$cars

```
# Source:
            table<cars> [?? x 2]
# Database: DuckDB 1.3.3-dev231 [unknown@Linux 6.11.0-1018-azure:R 4.4.1/:memory:]
   speed dist
   <dbl> <dbl>
       4
2
       4
            10
3
       7
             4
4
       7
            22
5
       8
            16
6
       9
            10
7
      10
            18
8
      10
            26
9
      10
            34
10
      11
            17
# i more rows
```

If we already had the table in the database we could have instead just assigned it to our existing cdm reference. To see this let's upload the penguins table to our duckdb database.

Once we have this table in the database, we can just assign it to our cdm reference.

```
cdm$penguins <- tbl(db, "penguins")
cdm</pre>
```

```
-- # OMOP CDM reference (duckdb) of example_data -----
```

<sup>\*</sup> omop tables: cdm\_source, concept, concept\_ancestor, concept\_relationship, concept\_synonym, condition\_occurrence, drug\_exposure, drug\_strength, measurement, observation, observation\_period, person, procedure\_occurrence, visit\_occurrence, vocabulary

```
* cohort tables: my_study_cohort
```

- \* achilles tables: achilles\_analysis, achilles\_results, achilles\_results\_dist
- \* other tables: cars, penguins

## 5.7 Mutability of the cdm reference

An important characteristic of our cdm reference is that we can alter the tables in R, but the OMOP CDM data will not be affected. We will therefore only be transforming the data in our cdm object but the original datasets behind it will remain intact.

For example, let's say we want to perform a study with only people born in 1970. For this we could filter our person table to only people born in this year.

```
cdm$person <- cdm$person |>
  filter(year_of_birth == 1970)

cdm$person
```

```
# Source: SQL [?? x 18]
```

# Database: DuckDB 1.3.3-dev231 [unknown@Linux 6.11.0-1018-azure:R 4.4.1/:memory:]
 person\_id gender\_concept\_id year\_of\_birth month\_of\_birth day\_of\_birth

	<int></int>	<int></int>	<int></int>	<int></int>	<int></int>
1	38	8507	1970	9	1
2	54	8532	1970	2	15
3	78	8532	1970	6	2

# i 13 more variables: race\_concept\_id <int>, ethnicity\_concept\_id <int>,

- # birth\_datetime <dttm>, location\_id <int>, provider\_id <int>,
- # care\_site\_id <int>, person\_source\_value <chr>, gender\_source\_value <chr>,
- # gender\_source\_concept\_id <int>, race\_source\_value <chr>,
- # race\_source\_concept\_id <int>, ethnicity\_source\_value <chr>,
- # ethnicity source concept id <int>

From now on, when we work with our cdm reference this restriction will continue to have been applied.

```
cdm$person |>
  tally()
```

The original OMOP CDM data itself however will remain unaffected. We can see that, indeed, if we create our reference again the underlying data is unchanged.

The mutability of our cdm reference is a useful feature for studies as it means we can easily tweak our OMOP CDM data if needed. Meanwhile, leaving the underlying data unchanged is essential so that other study code can run against the data, unaffected by any of our changes.

One thing we can't do, though, is alter the structure of OMOP CDM tables. For example, the following code would cause an error as the person table must always have the column person\_id.

```
cdm$person <- cdm$person |>
    rename("new_id" = "person_id")
```

```
Error in `newOmopTable()`:
! person_id is not present in table person
```

<dbl>

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In such a case we would have to call the table something else first, and then run the previous code:

Now we would be allowed to have this new table as an additional table in our cdm reference, knowing it was not in the format of one of the core OMOP CDM tables.

```
-- # OMOP CDM reference (duckdb) of Synthea Covid-19 data ------

* omop tables: cdm_source, concept, concept_ancestor, concept_relationship, concept_synonym, condition_occurrence, drug_exposure, drug_strength, measurement, observation, observation_period, person, procedure_occurrence, visit_occurrence, vocabulary

* cohort tables: -

* achilles tables: -
```

The package omopgenerics provides a comprehensive list of the required features of a valid cdm reference. You can read more about it here.

# 5.8 Working with temporary and permanent tables

\* other tables: -

When we create new tables and our cdm reference is in a database we have a choice between using temporary or permanent tables. In most cases we can work with these interchangeably. Below we create one temporary table and one permanent table. We can see that both of these tables have been added to our cdm reference and that we can use them in the same way. Note that any new computed table will by default be temporary unless otherwise specified.

```
cdm$person_new_temp <- cdm$person |>
  head(5) \mid >
  compute()
cdm$person_new_permanent <- cdm$person |>
 head(5) >
  compute(name = "person_new_permanent",
          temporary = FALSE)
cdm
cdm$person_new_temp
# Source:
            table<og_001_1757550105> [?? x 18]
# Database: DuckDB 1.3.3-dev231 [unknown@Linux 6.11.0-1018-azure:R 4.4.1/:memory:]
 person_id gender_concept_id year_of_birth month_of_birth day_of_birth
      <int>
                        <int>
                                       <int>
                                                       <int>
                                                                    <int>
1
          1
                          8507
                                        1975
                                                           9
                                                                       18
2
          2
                          8532
                                        1952
                                                          12
                                                                       23
3
          3
                                                           4
                                                                       26
                          8532
                                        1963
          4
                                                           7
4
                          8507
                                        1959
                                                                       31
5
          5
                          8507
                                        1996
                                                          11
                                                                        8
# i 13 more variables: race_concept_id <int>, ethnicity_concept_id <int>,
    birth_datetime <dttm>, location_id <int>, provider_id <int>,
#
    care_site_id <int>, person_source_value <chr>, gender_source_value <chr>,
   gender_source_concept_id <int>, race_source_value <chr>,
#
   race_source_concept_id <int>, ethnicity_source_value <chr>,
    ethnicity_source_concept_id <int>
cdm$person_new_permanent
# Source:
            table<person_new_permanent> [?? x 18]
# Database: DuckDB 1.3.3-dev231 [unknown@Linux 6.11.0-1018-azure:R 4.4.1/:memory:]
 person_id gender_concept_id year_of_birth month_of_birth day_of_birth
      <int>
                        <int>
                                       <int>
                                                       <int>
                                                                    <int>
1
          1
                          8507
                                        1975
                                                           9
                                                                       18
2
          2
                                                          12
                                                                       23
                         8532
                                        1952
```

```
# i 13 more variables: race_concept_id <int>, ethnicity_concept_id <int>,
# birth_datetime <dttm>, location_id <int>, provider_id <int>,
# care_site_id <int>, person_source_value <chr>, gender_source_value <chr>,
# gender_source_concept_id <int>, race_source_value <chr>,
# race_source_concept_id <int>, ethnicity_source_value <chr>,
# ethnicity_source_concept_id <int>
```

One benefit of working with temporary tables is that they will be automatically dropped at the end of the session, whereas the permanent tables will be left over in the database until explicitly dropped. This helps maintain the original database structure tidy and free of irrelevant data.

However, one disadvantage of using temporary tables is that we will generally accumulate more and more of them as we go (in a single R session), whereas we can overwrite permanent tables continuously. For example, if our study code contains a loop that requires a compute, we would either overwrite an intermediate permanent table 100 times or create 100 different temporary tables in the process. In the latter case we should be wary of consuming a lot of RAM, which could lead to performance issues or even crashes.

# 6 Disconnecting

Once we have finished our analysis we can close our connection to the database behind our cdm reference.

cdmDisconnect(cdm)

# 7 Further reading

- omopgenerics package
- CDMConnector package

# 8 Exploring the OMOP CDM

For this chapter, we'll use a synthetic Covid-19 dataset.

```
library(DBI)
library(dbplyr)
library(dplyr)
library(here)
library(CDMConnector)
library(ggplot2)
library(clock)
db<-dbConnect(duckdb::duckdb(),</pre>
              dbdir = eunomiaDir(datasetName = "synthea-covid19-10k"))
cdm <- cdmFromCon(db, cdmSchema = "main", writeSchema = "main")</pre>
cdm
-- # OMOP CDM reference (duckdb) of Synthea -----
* omop tables: attribute_definition, care_site, cdm_source, cohort_definition,
concept, concept_ancestor, concept_class, concept_relationship,
concept_synonym, condition_era, condition_occurrence, cost, death,
device_exposure, domain, dose_era, drug_era, drug_exposure, drug_strength,
fact_relationship, location, measurement, metadata, note, note_nlp,
observation, observation_period, payer_plan_period, person,
procedure_occurrence, provider, relationship, source_to_concept_map, specimen,
visit_detail, visit_occurrence, vocabulary
* cohort tables: -
* achilles tables: -
* other tables: -
```

## 8.1 Counting people

The OMOP CDM is person-centric, with the person table containing records to uniquely identify each person in the database. As each row refers to a unique person, we can quickly get a count of the number of individuals in the database like so

```
# Source: SQL [?? x 1]
# Database: DuckDB 1.3.3-dev231 [unknown@Linux 6.11.0-1018-azure:R 4.4.1//tmp/RtmpZADaBN/file
```

<dbl>

cdm\$person |>

The person table also contains some demographic information, including a gender concept for each person. We can get a count grouped by this variable, but as this uses a concept we'll also need to join to the concept table to get the corresponding concept name for each concept id.

# Vocabulary tables

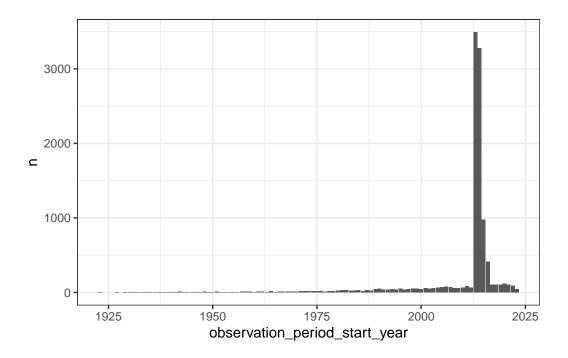
Above we've got counts by specific concept IDs recorded in the condition occurrence table. What these IDs represent is described in the concept table. Here we have the name associated with the concept, along with other information such as it's domain and

```
vocabulary id.
cdm$concept |>
 glimpse()
Rows: ??
Columns: 10
Database: DuckDB 1.3.3-dev231 [unknown@Linux 6.11.0-1018-azure:R 4.4.1//tmp/RtmpZADaBN/file
                <int> 45756805, 45756804, 45756803, 45756802, 45756801, 457~
$ concept_id
                <chr> "Pediatric Cardiology", "Pediatric Anesthesiology", "~
$ concept_name
                <chr> "Provider", "Provider", "Provider", "Provider", "Prov-
$ domain_id
                <chr> "ABMS", "ABMS", "ABMS", "ABMS", "ABMS", "ABMS", "ABMS"
$ vocabulary_id
$ concept_class_id <chr> "Physician Specialty", "Physician Specialty", "Physic~
<chr> "OMOP4821938", "OMOP4821939", "OMOP4821940", "OMOP482~
$ concept_code
<date> 2099-12-31, 2099-12-31, 2099-12-31, 2099-12-31, 2099-
$ valid_end_date
$ invalid_reason
                Other vocabulary tables capture other information about concepts, such as the direct
relationships between concepts (the concept relationship table) and hierarchical relation-
ships between (the concept ancestor table).
cdm$concept_relationship |>
 glimpse()
Rows: ??
Columns: 6
Database: DuckDB 1.3.3-dev231 [unknown@Linux 6.11.0-1018-azure:R 4.4.1//tmp/RtmpZADaBN/file
$ concept_id_1
                <int> 35804314, 35804314, 35804314, 35804327, 35804327, 358~
$ concept_id_2
                <int> 912065, 42542145, 42542145, 35803584, 42542145, 42542~
$ relationship_id <chr> "Has modality", "Has accepted use", "Is current in", ~
$ valid_start_date <date> 2021-01-26, 2019-08-29, 2019-08-29, 2019-05-27, 2019~
               <date> 2099-12-31, 2099-12-31, 2099-12-31, 2099-12-31, 2099~
$ valid_end_date
cdm$concept_ancestor |>
 glimpse()
Rows: ??
```

Columns: 4

## 8.2 Summarising observation periods

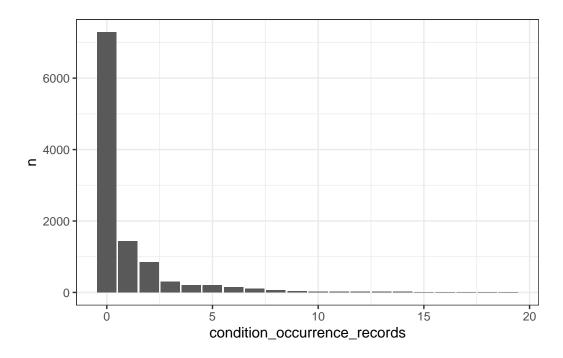
The observation period table contains records indicating spans of time over which clinical events can be reliably observed for the people in the person table. Someone can potentially have multiple observation periods. So say we wanted a count of people grouped by the year during which their first observation period started. We could do this like so:



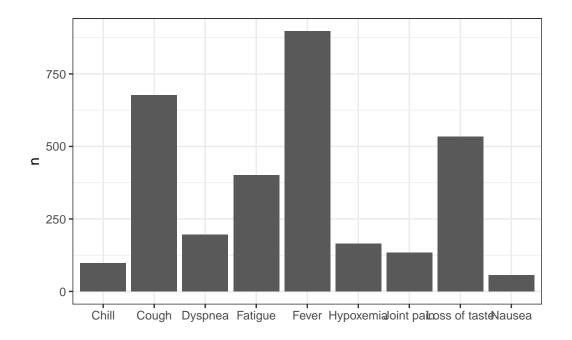
# 8.3 Summarising clinical records

What's the number of condition occurrence records per person in the database? We can find this out like so

```
cdm$person |>
  left_join(cdm$condition_occurrence |>
  group_by(person_id) |>
  count(name = "condition_occurrence_records"),
  by="person_id") |>
  mutate(condition_occurrence_records = if_else(
    is.na(condition_occurrence_records), 0,
    condition_occurrence_records)) |>
  group_by(condition_occurrence_records) |>
  count() |>
  collect() |>
  ggplot() +
  geom_col(aes(condition_occurrence_records, n)) +
  theme_bw()
```



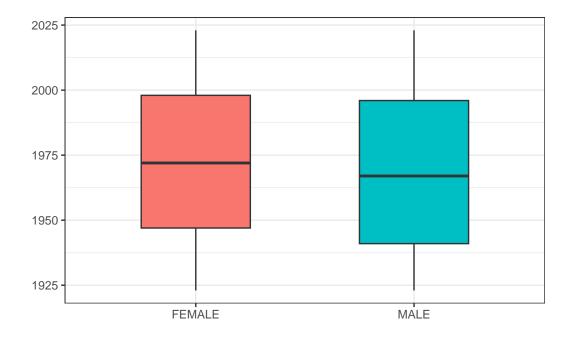
How about we were interested in getting record counts for some specific concepts related to Covid-19 symptoms?



We can also use summarise for various other calculations

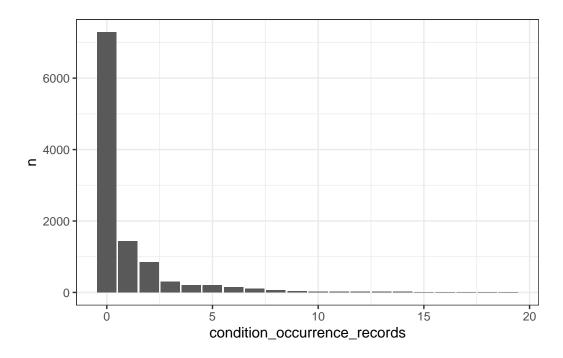
As we've seen before, we can also quickly get results for various groupings or restrictions

```
grouped_summary <- cdm$person |>
   group_by(gender_concept_id) |>
   summarise(min_year_of_birth = min(year_of_birth, na.rm=TRUE),
            q25_year_of_birth = quantile(year_of_birth, 0.25, na.rm=TRUE),
            median_year_of_birth = median(year_of_birth, na.rm=TRUE),
            q75_year_of_birth = quantile(year_of_birth, 0.75, na.rm=TRUE),
           max_year_of_birth = max(year_of_birth, na.rm=TRUE)) |>
 left_join(cdm$concept,
            by=c("gender_concept_id" = "concept_id")) |>
   collect()
grouped_summary |>
  ggplot(aes(x = concept_name, group = concept_name,
             fill = concept_name)) +
 geom_boxplot(aes(
   lower = q25_year_of_birth,
   upper = q75_year_of_birth,
   middle = median_year_of_birth,
   ymin = min_year_of_birth,
   ymax = max_year_of_birth),
   stat = "identity", width = 0.5) +
  theme_bw()+
  theme(legend.position = "none") +
 xlab("")
```

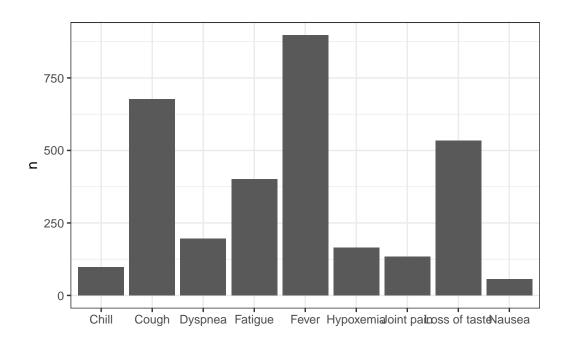


What's the number of condition occurrence records per person in the database? We can find this out like so

```
cdm$person |>
  left_join(cdm$condition_occurrence |>
  group_by(person_id) |>
  count(name = "condition_occurrence_records"),
  by="person_id") |>
  mutate(condition_occurrence_records = if_else(
    is.na(condition_occurrence_records), 0,
    condition_occurrence_records)) |>
  group_by(condition_occurrence_records) |>
  count() |>
  collect() |>
  ggplot() +
  geom_col(aes(condition_occurrence_records, n)) +
  theme_bw()
```



How about we were interested in getting record counts for some specific concepts related to Covid-19 symptoms?



# 9 Identifying patient characteristics

For this chapter, we'll again use our example COVID-19 dataset.

```
library(DBI)
library(duckdb)
library(dplyr)
library(dplyr)
library(here)
library(CDMConnector)
library(PatientProfiles)
library(ggplot2)
```

As part of an analysis we almost always have a need to identify certain characteristics related to the individuals in our data. These characteristics might be time-invariant (ie a characteristic that does not change as time passes and a person ages) or time-varying.<sup>1</sup>

# 9.1 Adding specific demographics

The PatientProfiles package makes it easy for us to add demographic information to tables in the OMOP CDM. Like the CDMConnector package we've seen previously, the fact that the structure of the OMOP CDM is known allows the PatientProfiles package to abstract away some common data manipulations required to do research with patient-level data.<sup>2</sup>

Let's say we are interested in individuals' age and sex at time of diagnosis with COVID-19. We can add these variables to the table like so (noting that because age is time-varying, we have to specify the variable with the date for which we want to calculate age relative to).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>In some datasets characteristics that could conceptually be considered as time-varying are encoded as time-invariant. One example for the latter is that in some cases an individual may be associated with a particular socioeconomic status or nationality that for the purposes of the data is treated as time-invariant.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Although these manipulations can on the face of it seem quite simple, their implementation across different database platforms with different data granularity (for example whether day of birth has been filled in for all patients or not) presents challenges that the PatientProfiles package solves for us.

```
cdm$condition_occurrence <- cdm$condition_occurrence |>
   addSex() |>
   addAge(indexDate = "condition_start_date")

cdm$condition_occurrence |>
   glimpse()
```

```
Rows: ??
Columns: 18
Database: DuckDB 1.3.3-dev231 [unknown@Linux 6.11.0-1018-azure:R 4.4.1//tmp/RtmpxVa1f6/file2
$ condition_occurrence_id
                            <int> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 1~
$ person_id
                            <int> 2, 6, 7, 8, 8, 8, 8, 16, 16, 18, 18, 25,~
$ condition_concept_id
                            <int> 381316, 321042, 381316, 37311061, 437663~
                            <date> 1986-09-08, 2021-06-23, 2021-04-07, 202~
$ condition start date
$ condition_start_datetime
                            <dttm> 1986-09-08, 2021-06-23, 2021-04-07, 202~
$ condition_end_date
                            <date> 1986-09-08, 2021-06-23, 2021-04-07, 202~
                            <dttm> 1986-09-08, 2021-06-23, 2021-04-07, 202~
$ condition_end_datetime
                            <int> 38000175, 38000175, 38000175, 38000175, ~
$ condition_type_concept_id
$ condition_status_concept_id
                            <int> 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0~
$ stop_reason
                            $ provider_id
                            <int> 19, 55, 67, 79, 79, 79, 79, 168, 171, 19~
$ visit_occurrence_id
$ visit_detail_id
                            <int> 1000019, 1000055, 1000067, 1000079, 1000~
                            <chr> "230690007", "410429000", "230690007", "~
$ condition_source_value
$ condition_source_concept_id
                            <int> 381316, 321042, 381316, 37311061, 437663~
<chr> "Female", "Male", "Male", "Male", "Male"~
$ sex
$ age
                            <int> 57, 25, 97, 2, 2, 2, 75, 77, 57, 76, ~
cdm$condition occurrence |>
 addSexQuery() |>
 show_query()
```

```
Warning: ! The following columns will be overwritten: sex
<SQL>
SELECT
  condition_occurrence_id,
```

og\_002\_1757550144.person\_id AS person\_id,

condition\_concept\_id,

```
condition_start_date,
  condition_start_datetime,
  condition_end_date,
  condition_end_datetime,
  condition_type_concept_id,
  condition_status_concept_id,
  stop_reason,
  provider_id,
  visit_occurrence_id,
  visit_detail_id,
  condition_source_value,
  condition_source_concept_id,
  condition_status_source_value,
  age,
  RHS.sex AS sex
FROM og_002_1757550144
LEFT JOIN (
  SELECT
    person_id,
    CASE
WHEN (gender_concept_id = 8507.0) THEN 'Male'
WHEN (gender_concept_id = 8532.0) THEN 'Female'
ELSE 'None'
END AS sex
  FROM person
) RHS
  ON (og_002_1757550144.person_id = RHS.person_id)
```

We now have two variables added containing values for age and sex.

```
cdm$condition_occurrence |>
  glimpse()
```

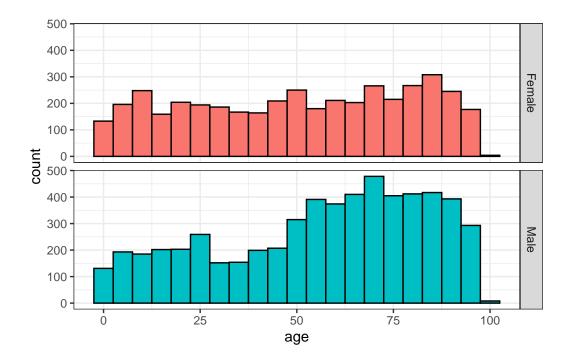
```
$ condition_end_datetime
                       <dttm> 1986-09-08, 2021-06-23, 2021-04-07, 202~
                       <int> 38000175, 38000175, 38000175, 38000175, ~
$ condition_type_concept_id
$ condition_status_concept_id
                       $ stop_reason
                       $ provider id
$ visit_occurrence_id
                       <int> 19, 55, 67, 79, 79, 79, 79, 168, 171, 19~
$ visit detail id
                       <int> 1000019, 1000055, 1000067, 1000079, 1000~
                       <chr> "230690007", "410429000", "230690007", "~
$ condition_source_value
$ condition_source_concept_id
                       <int> 381316, 321042, 381316, 37311061, 437663~
<chr> "Female", "Male", "Male", "Male", "Male"~
$ sex
                       <int> 57, 25, 97, 2, 2, 2, 75, 77, 57, 76, ~
$ age
```

And with these now added it is straightforward to calculate mean age at condition start date by sex or even plot the distribution of age at diagnosis by sex.

```
cdm$condition_occurrence |>
  group_by(sex) |>
  summarise(mean_age = mean(age, na.rm=TRUE)) |>
  collect()
```

```
# A tibble: 2 x 2
sex mean_age
<chr> <chr> 1 Female 50.8
2 Male 56.5
```

```
cdm$condition_occurrence |>
  select("person_id", "age", "sex") |>
  collect() |>
  ggplot(aes(fill = sex)) +
  facet_grid(sex ~ .) +
  geom_histogram(aes(age), colour = "black", binwidth = 5) +
  theme_bw() +
  theme(legend.position = "none")
```



## 9.2 Adding multiple demographics simultaneously

We've now seen individual functions from PatientProfiles to add age and sex, and the package has others to add other characteristics like days of prior observation in the database (rather unimaginatively named addPriorObservation()). In additional to these individuals functions, the package also provides a more general function to get all of these characteristics at the same time.<sup>3</sup>

```
cdm$drug_exposure <- cdm$drug_exposure |>
  addDemographics(indexDate = "drug_exposure_start_date")

cdm$drug_exposure |>
  glimpse()
```

Rows: ?? Columns: 27

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>This function also provides a more time efficient method that getting the characteristics one by one. This is because these characteristics are all derived from the OMOP CDM person and observation period tables and so can be identified simultaneously.

```
$ person_id
                       <int> 7764, 7764, 7764, 7764, 7764, 7764, 7764,~
                       <int> 40213227, 40213201, 40213198, 40213154, 4~
$ drug_concept_id
$ drug_exposure_start_date
                       <date> 2015-02-08, 2010-01-10, 2010-01-10, 2017~
$ drug_exposure_start_datetime <dttm> 2015-02-08 22:40:04, 2010-01-10 22:40:04~
                       <date> 2015-02-08, 2010-01-10, 2010-01-10, 2017~
$ drug exposure end date
                       <dttm> 2015-02-08 22:40:04, 2010-01-10 22:40:04~
$ drug_exposure_end_datetime
$ verbatim end date
                       <date> 2015-02-08, 2010-01-10, 2010-01-10, 2017~
$ drug_type_concept_id
                       <int> 32869, 32869, 32869, 32869, 32869, ~
$ stop reason
                       $ refills
                       $ quantity
$ days_supply
                       $ sig
$ route_concept_id
                       $ lot_number
                       <int> 14656, 14656, 14656, 14656, 14656, ~
$ provider_id
$ visit_occurrence_id
                       <int> 80896, 80891, 80891, 80892, 80895, 80896,~
                       <int> 1080896, 1080891, 1080891, 1080892, 10808~
$ visit_detail_id
                       <chr> "113", "33", "133", "140", "140", "140", ~
$ drug_source_value
                       <int> 40213227, 40213201, 40213198, 40213154, 4~
$ drug source concept id
                       $ route_source_value
$ dose_unit_source_value
                       $ age
                       <int> 71, 66, 66, 73, 72, 71, 69, 67, 65, 70, 6~
                       <chr> "Male", "Male", "Male", "Male", "~
$ sex
$ prior_observation
                       <int> 2597, 742, 742, 3339, 2968, 2597, 1855, 1~
                       <int> 896, 2751, 2751, 154, 525, 896, 1638, 238~
$ future_observation
```

With these characteristics now all added, we can now calculate mean age, prior observation (how many days have passed since the individual's most recent observation start date), and future observation (how many days until the individual's nearest observation end date) at drug exposure start date by sex.

1 Male 43.0 2455. 1768. 2 Female 39.4 2096. 1661.

#### Returning a query from PatientProfiles rather than the result

In the above examples the functions from PatientProfiles will execute queries with the results written to a table in the database (either temporary if no name is provided or a permanent table if one is given). We might though instead want to to instead just get the underlying query back so that we have more control over how and when the query will be executed.

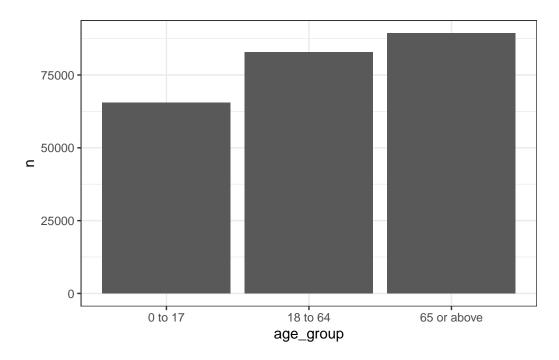
```
cdm$visit_occurrence |>
  addSex() |>
  filter(sex == "Male") |>
  show_query()
<SQL>
SELECT og_004_1757550146.*
FROM og_004_1757550146
WHERE (sex = 'Male')
cdm$visit_occurrence |>
  addSex(name = "my_new_table") |>
  filter(sex == "Male") |>
  show_query()
<SQL>
SELECT my_new_table.*
FROM my_new_table
WHERE (sex = 'Male')
cdm$visit_occurrence |>
  addSexQuery() |>
  filter(sex == "Male") |>
  show_query()
<SQL>
SELECT q01.*
FROM (
  SELECT visit_occurrence.*, sex
  FROM visit_occurrence
```

```
LEFT JOIN (
    SELECT
    person_id,
    CASE

WHEN (gender_concept_id = 8507.0) THEN 'Male'
WHEN (gender_concept_id = 8532.0) THEN 'Female'
ELSE 'None'
END AS sex
    FROM person
) RHS
    ON (visit_occurrence.person_id = RHS.person_id)
) q01
WHERE (sex = 'Male')
```

## 9.3 Creating categories

When we add age, either via addAge or addDemographics, we can also add another variable containing age groups. These age groups are specified in a list of vectors, each of which contain the lower and upper bounds.



PatientProfiles also provides a more general function for adding categories. Can you guess it's name? That's right, we have addCategories() for this.

```
cdm$condition_occurrence |>
  addPriorObservation(indexDate = "condition_start_date") |>
  addCategories(
    variable = "prior_observation",
    categories = list("prior_observation_group" = list(
        c(0, 364), c(365, Inf)
    ))
    ) |>
    glimpse()
```

```
Rows: ??
Columns: 20
Database: DuckDB 1.3.3-dev231 [unknown@Linux 6.11.0-1018-azure:R 4.4.1//tmp/RtmpxVa1f6/file2
$ condition_occurrence_id
                                <int> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 1~
$ person_id
                                <int> 2, 6, 7, 8, 8, 8, 8, 16, 16, 18, 18, 25,~
$ condition_concept_id
                                <int> 381316, 321042, 381316, 37311061, 437663~
                                <date> 1986-09-08, 2021-06-23, 2021-04-07, 202~
$ condition_start_date
$ condition_start_datetime
                                <dttm> 1986-09-08, 2021-06-23, 2021-04-07, 202~
                                <date> 1986-09-08, 2021-06-23, 2021-04-07, 202~
$ condition_end_date
$ condition_end_datetime
                                <dttm> 1986-09-08, 2021-06-23, 2021-04-07, 202~
```

```
<int> 38000175, 38000175, 38000175, 38000175, ~
$ condition_type_concept_id
$ condition_status_concept_id
                        $ stop_reason
$ provider_id
                        $ visit_occurrence_id
                        <int> 19, 55, 67, 79, 79, 79, 79, 168, 171, 19~
                        <int> 1000019, 1000055, 1000067, 1000079, 1000~
$ visit_detail_id
$ condition_source_value
                        <chr> "230690007", "410429000", "230690007", "~
$ condition_source_concept_id
                        <int> 381316, 321042, 381316, 37311061, 437663~
$ sex
                        <chr> "Female", "Male", "Male", "Male", "Male"~
                        <int> 57, 25, 97, 2, 2, 2, 2, 75, 77, 57, 76, ~
$ age
$ prior_observation
                        <int> 3437, 2898, 2842, 872, 872, 872, 872, 23~
                        <chr> "365 or above", "365 or above", "365 or ~
$ prior_observation_group
```

#### 9.4 Adding custom variables

While PatientProfiles provides a range of functions that can help add characteristics of interest, you may also want to add other features. Obviously we can't cover here all possible custom characteristics you may wish to add. However, two common groups of custom features are those that are derived from other variables in the same table and others that are taken from other tables and joined to our particular table of interest.

In the first case where we want to add a new variable derived from other variables in our table we'll typically be using mutate() (from dplyr package). For example, perhaps we just want to add a new variable to our observation period table containing the year of individuals' observation period start date. This is rather straightforward.

```
cdm$observation_period <- cdm$observation_period |>
  mutate(observation_period_start_year = get_year(observation_period_start_date))
cdm$observation_period |>
  glimpse()
```

\$ observation\_period\_start\_year <dbl> 2014, 1977, 2014, 2014, 2013, 2013, 2013~

The second case is normally a more complex task where adding a new variable involves joining to some other table. This table may well have been created by some intermediate query that we wrote to derive the variable of interest. For example, lets say we want to add each number of condition occurrence records for each individual to the person table (remember that we saw how to calculate this in the previous chapter). For this we will need to do a join between the person and condition occurrence tables (as some people might not have any records in the condition occurrence table). Here we'll save the create a table containing just the information we're interested in and compute to a temporary table.

```
condition_summary <- cdm$person |>
  select("person_id") |>
  left_join(cdm$condition_occurrence |>
  group_by(person_id) |>
  count(name = "condition_occurrence_records"),
  by="person_id") |>
  select("person_id", "condition_occurrence_records") |>
  mutate(condition_occurrence_records = if_else(
    is.na(condition_occurrence_records),
    O, condition_occurrence_records) |>
  compute()

condition_summary |>
  glimpse()
```

We can see what goes on behind the scenes by viewing the associated SQL.

```
cdm$person |>
  select("person_id") |>
  left_join(cdm$condition_occurrence |>
  group_by(person_id) |>
  count(name = "condition_occurrence_records"),
  by="person_id") |>
  select("person_id", "condition_occurrence_records") |>
  mutate(condition_occurrence_records = if_else(
   is.na(condition_occurrence_records),
```

```
0, condition_occurrence_records)) |>
show_query()
```

```
SQL>
SELECT
  person_id,
  CASE WHEN ((condition_occurrence_records IS NULL)) THEN 0.0 WHEN NOT ((condition_occurrence))
FROM (
  SELECT person.person_id AS person_id, condition_occurrence_records
  FROM person
  LEFT JOIN (
    SELECT person_id, COUNT(*) AS condition_occurrence_records
    FROM og_002_1757550144
    GROUP BY person_id
) RHS
    ON (person.person_id = RHS.person_id)
) q01
```

#### Taking care with joins

When adding variables through joins we need to pay particular attention to the dimensions of the resulting table. While sometimes we may want to have additional rows added as well as new columns, this is often not desired. If we, for example, have a table with one row per person then a left join to a table with multiple rows per person can then result in a table with multiple rows per person.

Examples where to be careful include when joining to the observation period table, as individuals can have multiple observation periods, and when working with cohorts (which are the focus of the next chapter) as individuals can also enter the same study cohort multiple times.

Just to underline how problematic joins can become if we don't take care, here we join the condition occurrence table and the drug exposure table both of which have multiple records per person. Remember this is just with our small synthetic data, so when working with real patient data which is oftentimes much, much larger this would be extremely problematic (and would unlikely be needed to answer any research question). In other words, don't try this at home!

```
cdm$condition_occurrence |>
   tally()

# Source: SQL [?? x 1]

# Database: DuckDB 1.3.3-dev231 [unknown@Linux 6.11.0-1018-azure:R 4.4.1//tmp/RtmpxVa1f6/f:
```

```
<dbl>
1 9967
cdm$drug_exposure |>
 tally()
# Source:
            SQL [?? x 1]
# Database: DuckDB 1.3.3-dev231 [unknown@Linux 6.11.0-1018-azure:R 4.4.1//tmp/RtmpxVa1f6/f:
   <dbl>
1 337509
cdm$condition_occurrence |>
 select(person_id, condition_start_date) |>
 left_join(cdm$drug_exposure |>
 select(person_id, drug_exposure_start_date),
 by = "person_id") |>
 tally()
# Source:
            SQL [?? x 1]
# Database: DuckDB 1.3.3-dev231 [unknown@Linux 6.11.0-1018-azure:R 4.4.1//tmp/RtmpxVa1f6/fi
   <dbl>
1 410683
```

# 10 Further reading

• PatientProfiles package

## 11 Adding cohorts to the CDM

#### 11.1 What is a cohort?

When performing research with the OMOP common data model we often want to identify groups of individuals who share some set of characteristics. The criteria for including individuals can range from the seemingly simple (e.g. people diagnosed with asthma) to the much more complicated (e.g. adults diagnosed with asthma who had a year of prior observation time in the database prior to their diagnosis, had no prior history of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and no history of use of short-acting beta-antagonists).

The set of people we identify are cohorts, and the OMOP CDM has a specific structure by which they can be represented, with a cohort table having four required fields: 1) cohort definition id (a unique identifier for each cohort), 2) subject id (a foreign key to the subject in the cohort - typically referring to records in the person table), 3) cohort start date, and 4) cohort end date. Individuals can enter a cohort multiple times, but the time periods in which they are in the cohort cannot overlap. Individuals will only be considered in a cohort when they have have an ongoing observation period.

It is beyond the scope of this book to describe all the different ways cohorts could be created, however in this chapter we provide a summary of some of the key building blocks for cohort creation. Cohort-building pipelines can be created following these principles to create a wide range of study cohorts.

## 11.2 Set up

We'll use our synthetic dataset for demonstrating how cohorts can be constructed.

```
library(DBI)
library(duckdb)
library(CDMConnector)
library(CodelistGenerator)
library(CohortConstructor)
library(CohortCharacteristics)
library(dplyr)
```

### 11.3 General concept based cohort

Often study cohorts will be based around a specific clinical event identified by some set of clinical codes. Here, for example, we use the CohortConstructor package to create a cohort of people with Covid-19. For this we are identifying any clinical records with the code 37311061.

- # Source: table < covid > [?? x 4]
- # Database: DuckDB 1.3.3-dev231 [unknown@Linux 6.11.0-1018-azure:R 4.4.1//tmp/Rtmp5tSFTy/file cohort\_definition\_id subject\_id cohort\_start\_date cohort\_end\_date

<int></int>	<int></int>	<date></date>	<date></date>
1	5083 2	2020-11-29	2020-12-18
1	7249 2	2020-12-09	2021-01-08
1	7837 2	2021-01-31	2021-02-21
1	1935 2	2021-09-03	2021-10-09
1	2646 2	2020-11-20	2020-12-18
1	3827 2	2020-11-10	2020-12-05
1	6230 2	2020-10-31	2020-11-24
1	937 2	2021-01-16	2021-02-11
1	1517 2	2020-12-23	2021-01-27
1	2295 2	2021-02-19	2021-02-28
	1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 5083 2 1 7249 2 1 7837 2 1 1935 2 1 2646 2 1 3827 2 1 6230 2 1 937 2 1 1517 2	1 5083 2020-11-29 1 7249 2020-12-09 1 7837 2021-01-31 1 1935 2021-09-03 1 2646 2020-11-20 1 3827 2020-11-10 1 6230 2020-10-31

# i more rows

## • Finding appropriate codes

In the defining the cohorts above we have needed to provide concept IDs to define our cohort. But, where do these come from?

We can search for codes of interest using the CodelistGenerator package. This can be done using a text search with the function CodelistGenerator::getCandidateCodes(). For example, we can have found the code we used above (and many others) like so:

```
getCandidateCodes(cdm = cdm,
                  keywords = c("coronavirus", "covid"),
                  domains = "condition",
                  includeDescendants = TRUE)
Limiting to domains of interest
Getting concepts to include
Adding descendants
Search completed. Finishing up.
v 37 candidate concepts identified
Time taken: 0 minutes and 1 seconds
# A tibble: 37 x 6
   concept_id found_from
                           concept_name domain_id vocabulary_id standard_concept
        <int> <chr>
                                                    <chr>
                                                                  <chr>
     37310254 From initia~ Otitis medi~ Condition SNOMED
                                                                  S
 1
 2
     37310287 From initia~ Myocarditis~ Condition SNOMED
                                                                  S
 3
       703445 From initia~ Low risk ca~ Condition SNOMED
                                                                  S
     37311061 From initia~ COVID-19
                                         Condition SNOMED
                                                                   S
      3655975 From initia~ Sepsis due ~ Condition SNOMED
                                                                   S
      3655977 From initia~ Rhabdomyoly~ Condition SNOMED
       756039 From initia~ Respiratory~ Condition OMOP Extensi~ S
       705076 From initia~ Post-acute ~ Condition OMOP Extensi~ S
       439676 From initia~ Coronavirus~ Condition SNOMED
      3656668 From initia~ Conjunctivi~ Condition SNOMED
10
                                                                  S
# i 27 more rows
We can also do automated searches that make use of the hierarchies in the vocabularies.
Here, for example, we find the code for the drug ingredient Acetaminophen and all of it's
descendants.
getDrugIngredientCodes(cdm = cdm, name = "acetaminophen")
- 161_acetaminophen (25747 codes)
```

Note that in practice clinical expertise is vital in the identification of appropriate codes so as to decide which the codes are in line with the clinical idea at hand.

We can see that as well as having the cohort entries above, our cohort table is associated with several attributes.

First, we can see the settings associated with cohort.

```
settings(cdm$covid) |>
glimpse()
```

Second, we can get counts of the cohort.

```
cohortCount(cdm$covid) |>
  glimpse()
```

```
Rows: 1
Columns: 3
$ cohort_definition_id <int> 1
$ number_records <int> 964
$ number_subjects <int> 964
```

And last we can see attrition related to the cohort.

```
attrition(cdm$covid) |>
  glimpse()
```

As we will see below these attributes of the cohorts become particularly useful as we apply further restrictions on our cohort.

## 11.4 Applying inclusion criteria

#### 11.4.1 Only include first cohort entry per person

Let's say we first want to restrict to first entry.

```
cdm$covid <- cdm$covid |>
    requireIsFirstEntry()
```

#### 11.4.2 Restrict to study period

```
cdm$covid <- cdm$covid |>
    requireInDateRange(dateRange = c(as.Date("2020-09-01"), NA))
```

#### 11.4.3 Applying demographic inclusion criteria

Say for our study we want to include people with a GI bleed who were aged 40 or over at the time. We can use the add variables with these characteristics as seen in chapter 4 and then filter accordingly. The function CDMConnector::record\_cohort\_attrition() will then update our cohort attributes as we can see below.

```
cdm$covid <- cdm$covid |>
  requireDemographics(ageRange = c(18, 64), sex = "Male")
```

#### 11.4.4 Applying cohort-based inclusion criteria

As well as requirements about specific demographics, we may also want to use another cohort for inclusion criteria. Let's say we want to exclude anyone with a history of cardiac conditions before their Covid-19 cohort entry.

We can first generate this new cohort table with records of cardiac conditions.

```
cdm$cardiac <- conceptCohort(
  cdm = cdm,
  list("myocaridal_infarction" = c(
    317576, 313217, 321042, 4329847
  )),
name = "cardiac"</pre>
```

```
)
cdm$cardiac
```

```
# Database: DuckDB 1.3.3-dev231 [unknown@Linux 6.11.0-1018-azure:R 4.4.1//tmp/Rtmp5tSFTy/file
   cohort_definition_id subject_id cohort_start_date cohort_end_date
                  <int>
                              <int> <date>
                                                       <date>
1
                       1
                                390 2011-12-17
                                                       2011-12-17
2
                       1
                               1042 1997-09-07
                                                       1997-09-07
3
                       1
                               1732 2020-01-22
                                                       2020-01-22
4
                       1
                               1749 1951-10-19
                                                       1951-10-19
5
                               2377 1981-11-19
                       1
                                                       1981-11-19
6
                       1
                               3992 2006-06-17
                                                       2006-06-17
7
                       1
                               5562 1974-08-22
                                                       1974-08-22
8
                               7094 1975-09-20
                                                       1975-09-20
                       1
9
                       1
                               8111 2020-06-24
                                                       2020-06-24
10
                               8596 1982-05-22
                                                       1982-05-22
                       1
# i more rows
```

table<cardiac> [?? x 4]

And now we can apply the inclusion criteria that individuals have zero intersections with the table in the time prior to their Covid-19 cohort entry.

Note if we had wanted to have required that individuals did have a history of a cardiac condition we would instead have set intersections = c(1, Inf) above.

#### 11.5 Cohort attributes

# Source:

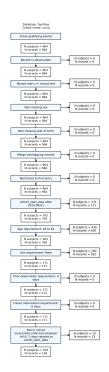
We can see that the attributes of the cohort were updated as we applied the inclusion criteria.

```
settings(cdm$covid) |>
glimpse()
```

```
Rows: 1
Columns: 8
$ cohort_definition_id
                         <int> 1
$ cohort_name
                         <chr> "covid"
$ cdm version
                         <chr> "5.3"
$ vocabulary_version
                         <chr> "v5.0 22-JUN-22"
$ age_range
                         <chr> "18 64"
$ sex
                         <chr> "Male"
$ min_prior_observation <dbl> 0
$ min_future_observation <dbl> 0
cohortCount(cdm$covid) |>
  glimpse()
Rows: 1
Columns: 3
$ cohort_definition_id <int> 1
$ number_records
                       <int> 158
$ number_subjects
                       <int> 158
attrition(cdm$covid) |>
  glimpse()
```

For attrition, we can use CohortConstructor::summariseCohortAttrition() and then CohortConstructor::tableCohortAttrition() to better view the impact of applying the additional inclusion criteria.

```
attrition_summary <- summariseCohortAttrition(cdm$covid)
plotCohortAttrition(attrition_summary, type = 'png')</pre>
```



# 12 Further reading

• ...

## 13 Working with cohorts

#### 13.1 Cohort intersections

PatientProfiles::addCohortIntersect()

#### 13.2 Intersection between two cohorts

### 13.3 Set up

```
library(CDMConnector)
library(dplyr)
library(PatientProfiles)
# For this example we will use GiBleed data set
downloadEunomiaData(datasetName = "GiBleed")
db <- DBI::dbConnect(duckdb::duckdb(), eunomiaDir())</pre>
cdm <- cdmFromCon(db, cdmSchema = "main", writeSchema = "main")</pre>
# cdm <- cdm |>
    generate_concept_cohort_set(concept_set = list("gi_bleed" = 192671),
                               limit = "all",
#
                               end = 30,
#
                               name = "gi_bleed",
                               overwrite = TRUE) |>
   generate_concept_cohort_set(concept_set = list("acetaminophen" = c(1125315,
                                                                  1127078,
#
                                                                  1127433,
                                                                  40229134,
                                                                  40231925,
#
                                                                  40162522,
                                                                  19133768)),
```

```
# limit = "all",
# end = "event_end_date",
# name = "acetaminophen",
# overwrite = TRUE)
```

#### 13.3.1 Flag

```
# cdm$gi_bleed <- cdm$gi_bleed |>
# addCohortIntersectFlag(targetCohortTable = "acetaminophen",
# window = list(c(-Inf, -1), c(0,0), c(1, Inf)))
#
# cdm$gi_bleed |>
# summarise(acetaminophen_prior = sum(acetaminophen_minf_to_m1),
# acetaminophen_index = sum(acetaminophen_0_to_0),
# acetaminophen_post = sum(acetaminophen_1_to_inf)) |>
# collect()
```

#### 13.3.2 Count

#### 13.3.3 Date and times

## 13.4 Intersection between a cohort and tables with patient data

# 14 Further reading

• ...