# joining-tables

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Load the three data sets that we are going to join, survey.csv, speices.csv, plot.csv

```
surveys <- read.csv(file = "../data-raw/surveys (1).csv")
species <- read.csv(file = "../data-raw/species.csv")
plots <- read.csv(file = "../data-raw/plots.csv")</pre>
```

### Why do we need to combine or join dat tables

homework: elaborate on this topic

### How do we join data tables in R

There is a group function '-join()' that allow us to combine two data tables using values on a shared column there has to be a shared column, and we need three main arguments to run these functions, two data tables and one column name

The different function allow us to combine in a different ways. 'inner\_join'

```
inner_join(surveys, species, by = "species_id")
```

We can also run it using pipes:

```
surveys %>%
inner_join(species, by = "species_id") -> joined_table
```

#### How can we explore our combined/joined head table?

We want to see differences between the two input tables to see difference in columns we can use 'head()' To see number of rows we can use 'str()'

```
head(species)
```

```
species
##
     species_id
                            genus
                                                     taxa
## 1
                       Amphispiza
                                         bilineata
                                                     Bird
             AΒ
             AH Ammospermophilus
                                           harrisi Rodent
## 2
## 3
             AS
                       Ammodramus
                                        savannarum
                                                     Bird
## 4
             BA
                          Baiomys
                                           taylori Rodent
## 5
             CB
                 Campylorhynchus brunneicapillus
                                                     Bird
## 6
             CM
                      Calamospiza
                                      melanocorys
                                                     Bird
```

```
head(surveys)
    record_id month day year plot_id species_id sex hindfoot_length weight
## 1
                     16 1977
                                   2
                                            NL
            1
                  7
                                                 М
                                                                       NA
## 2
            2
                  7
                                   3
                     16 1977
                                            NL
                                                 М
                                                                33
                                                                       NA
## 3
                  7
                                   2
                                                 F
                                                                37
                                                                       NA
            3
                     16 1977
                                            DM
## 4
            4
                  7
                     16 1977
                                  7
                                            DM
                                                 Μ
                                                                36
                                                                       NA
## 5
            5
                  7 16 1977
                                   3
                                            DM
                                                 М
                                                                35
                                                                       NA
## 6
                  7 16 1977
                                            PF
                                                                14
                                  1
                                                 Μ
                                                                       NA
head(joined_table)
    record_id month day year plot_id species_id sex hindfoot_length weight
## 1
                  7 16 1977
                                   2
                                                                32
                                                                       NA
            1
## 2
                  7
                                   3
                                                 М
                                                                33
                                                                       NA
            2
                    16 1977
                                            NL
                                   2
                                                 F
## 3
            3
                  7 16 1977
                                            DM
                                                                37
                                                                       NA
                  7 16 1977
                                  7
                                            DM
                                                                36
                                                                       NA
## 4
            4
                                                 Μ
## 5
            5
                  7
                     16 1977
                                  3
                                            DM
                                                 Μ
                                                                35
                                                                       NA
## 6
            6
                  7 16 1977
                                  1
                                            PF
                                                 Μ
                                                                14
                                                                       NA
##
          genus species
                           taxa
## 1
        Neotoma albigula Rodent
## 2
        Neotoma albigula Rodent
## 3
      Dipodomys merriami Rodent
      Dipodomys merriami Rodent
## 5
      Dipodomys merriami Rodent
## 6 Perognathus
                  flavus Rodent
str(species)
## 'data.frame':
                   54 obs. of 4 variables:
                      "AB" "AH" "AS" "BA" ...
   $ species_id: chr
                      "Amphispiza" "Ammospermophilus" "Ammodramus" "Baiomys" ...
   $ genus
               : chr
                      "bilineata" "harrisi" "savannarum" "taylori" ...
   $ species
               : chr
               : chr "Bird" "Rodent" "Bird" "Rodent" ...
   $ taxa
str(surveys)
## 'data.frame':
                   35549 obs. of 9 variables:
                    : int 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ...
##
   $ record id
##
   $ month
                    : int
                          7777777777...
## $ day
                          16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 ...
                    : int
                          ##
   $ year
                    : int
   $ plot_id
                           2 3 2 7 3 1 2 1 1 6 ...
##
                    : int
                           "NL" "NL" "DM" "DM" ...
## $ species_id
                    : chr
                           "M" "M" "F" "M" ...
## $ sex
                    : chr
   $ hindfoot_length: int 32 33 37 36 35 14 NA 37 34 20 ...
                    : int NA ...
##
   $ weight
str(joined_table)
```

```
## 'data.frame':
                34786 obs. of 12 variables:
## $ record_id
                : int 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ...
                 : int 777777777...
## $ month
## $ day
                       16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 ...
                 : int
##
   $ year
                 : int
                       ## $ plot id
                 : int 2 3 2 7 3 1 2 1 1 6 ...
                       "NL" "NL" "DM" "DM" ...
## $ species_id
                 : chr
                        "M" "M" "F" "M" ...
## $ sex
                 : chr
##
   $ hindfoot_length: int 32 33 37 36 35 14 NA 37 34 20 ...
## $ weight
              : int NA ...
## $ genus
                 : chr
                       "Neotoma" "Neotoma" "Dipodomys" "Dipodomys" ...
                        "albigula" "albigula" "merriami" "merriami" ...
## $ species
                 : chr
                        "Rodent" "Rodent" "Rodent" ...
## $ taxa
                  : chr
```

what happened with the number of rows in joined\_table vs surveys?

It dropped the rows that did not have matching vlaues of species\_id column

#### Excerise 1

```
plots %>%
  inner_join(surveys, by = "plot_id") %>%
  filter(plot_type == "Control") %>%
 head()
## Warning in inner_join(., surveys, by = "plot_id"): Each row in 'x' is expected to match at most 1 ro
## i Row 1 of 'x' matches multiple rows.
## i If multiple matches are expected, set 'multiple = "all" to silence this
##
    warning.
     plot_id plot_type record_id month day year species_id sex hindfoot_length
##
## 1
                                     7 16 1977
           2
              Control
                              1
                                                        NL
                                                             М
                                                                            32
## 2
           2
              Control
                               3
                                     7 16 1977
                                                        DM
                                                             F
                                                                            37
                              7
## 3
           2
              Control
                                     7 16 1977
                                                        PΕ
                                                             F
                                                                            NA
## 4
           2
              Control
                              18
                                     7
                                       16 1977
                                                        PP
                                                             Μ
                                                                            22
## 5
           2
                              69
                                                        PF
              Control
                                     8 19 1977
                                                             М
                                                                            15
           2
              Control
                              72
                                     8 19 1977
                                                        NL
## 6
                                                             М
                                                                            31
##
    weight
## 1
        NA
## 2
        NA
## 3
        NA
        NA
## 4
## 5
         8
## 6
        NA
```

## Automate joining tables and other things with 'intersect()'

Which species\_id values are shared between the two data tabels

```
intersect(surveys$species_id, species$species_id)
## [1] "NL" "DM" "PF" "PE" "DS" "PP" "SH" "OT" "DO" "OX" "SS" "OL" "RM" "SA" "PM"
## [16] "AH" "DX" "AB" "CB" "CM" "CQ" "RF" "PC" "PG" "PH" "PU" "CV" "UR" "UP" "ZL"
## [31] "UL" "CS" "SC" "BA" "SF" "RO" "AS" "SO" "PI" "ST" "CU" "SU" "RX" "PB" "PL"
## [46] "PX" "CT" "US"
To find shared columns we use 'colnames()' function ## Excerise 2
colnames(surveys)
## [1] "record_id"
                                                              "year"
                         "month"
                                            "day"
## [5] "plot_id"
                         "species_id"
                                            "sex"
                                                              "hindfoot_length"
## [9] "weight"
colnames(species)
## [1] "species_id" "genus"
                                               "taxa"
                                  "species"
intersect(colnames(surveys), colnames(species))
## [1] "species_id"
colnames(plots)
                   "plot_type"
## [1] "plot_id"
colnames(surveys)
## [1] "record_id"
                         "month"
                                            "day"
                                                              "year"
## [5] "plot_id"
                         "species_id"
                                            "sex"
                                                              "hindfoot_length"
## [9] "weight"
intersect(colnames(plots), colnames(surveys))
## [1] "plot_id"
plots %>%
  inner_join(surveys, by = "plot_id") %>%
  filter(plot_type == "Rodent Exclosure") %>%
## Warning in inner_join(., surveys, by = "plot_id"): Each row in 'x' is expected to match at most 1 ro
## i Row 1 of 'x' matches multiple rows.
## i If multiple matches are expected, set 'multiple = "all" to silence this
## warning.
```

```
plot_type record_id month day year species_id sex
##
     plot_id
           5 Rodent Exclosure
## 1
                                       11
                                                  16 1977
                                                                        F
                                              7
                                                                   DS
           5 Rodent Exclosure
                                                                        F
## 2
                                       87
                                               8
                                                 20 1977
                                                                   PF
                                       98
## 3
           5 Rodent Exclosure
                                               8
                                                 20 1977
                                                                   DM
                                                                        Μ
## 4
           5 Rodent Exclosure
                                      100
                                               8
                                                 20 1977
                                                                   DS
                                                                        F
## 5
                                      101
                                               8
                                                                   DM
                                                                        F
           5 Rodent Exclosure
                                                 20 1977
           5 Rodent Exclosure
                                                                   PF
                                                                        F
                                      113
                                                 20 1977
##
     hindfoot_length weight
## 1
                   53
                          NA
## 2
                           9
                   11
## 3
                   38
                          40
## 4
                   54
                          NA
## 5
                   35
                          46
## 6
                   13
                           8
```

### other join functions

'left\_join()' retains all values from the first table, drops unmatching from second 'right\_join()' drops values from the first table and retaining all values from second 'full\_join()' keeps all values from both tables

### Joining multiple data tables

can we '\_join()' function on 3 or more table at same time? NO so we use a pipe on call the join function two or more times (as needed):

```
inner_join(surveys, species, by = "species_id") %>%
  inner_join(plots, by = "plot_id") %>%
  str()
```

```
## 'data.frame':
                  34786 obs. of 13 variables:
##
   $ record_id
                   : int
                         1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ...
##
   $ month
                   : int
                         7777777777...
##
                         16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 16 ...
  $ day
                   : int
##
   $ year
                   : int
                         ##
   $ plot_id
                   : int
                         2 3 2 7 3 1 2 1 1 6 ...
                   : chr
                         "NL" "NL" "DM" "DM"
##
   $ species_id
                         "M" "M" "F" "M" ...
## $ sex
                   : chr
   $ hindfoot_length: int
                         32 33 37 36 35 14 NA 37 34 20 ...
##
##
   $ weight
                   : int
                         NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA ...
## $ genus
                         "Neotoma" "Neotoma" "Dipodomys" "Dipodomys" ...
                   : chr
## $ species
                   : chr
                         "albigula" "albigula" "merriami" "merriami" ...
                         "Rodent" "Rodent" "Rodent" ...
## $ taxa
                   : chr
                   : chr "Control" "Long-term Krat Exclosure" "Control" "Rodent Exclosure" ...
   $ plot type
```

#### Excerise 3

```
inner_join(surveys, species, by = "species_id") %>%
  inner_join(plots, by = "plot_id") %>%
  filter(plot_type == "Long-term Krat Exclosure" | plot_type == "Control") %>%
  filter(taxa == "Rodent") %>%
  filter(!is.na(weight)) %>%
  select(year, genus, species, weight, plot_type) %>%
  str()
```