

Data Storage and Retrieval – Assignment 1

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Question 1: The directory `/usr/share/databases/Homelessness/Jail/LayoutBFiles` contains

- the raw data files “N LAYOUT B CSV.csv”, $N=1,\dots,9$
 - several intermediate files of processed data, some of which are explained in the README
 - some *.clean files that are pasted together into the final files `bookings.clean` and `booking_addl-charge.clean`
- a. Write a program to read in the raw data files and produce the two files `release.clean` and `booking_addl-charge.clean`. Test your output with the Linux `diff` command.

So my `release.clean` file can come out without any differences, or it can not include lines with missing values (like release dates, etc.). This can be done just by switching a `+` to a `*` in the regular expression. It’s pretty cool. But my `bookings_addl-charges.clean` file is another story. I should have just written the whole thing in python. But I realized that a bit too late. I started learning `sed`, `awk`, and `perl`, and that was where my weekend went.

- b. Write a paragraph discussing the choice I made to separate the information in `bookings.clean` from the information in `booking_addl-charge.clean`. Was it a convenient choice for cleaning the data? for asking questions of the data?

That’s called data-base normalization. Basically, you want a separation of concerns. If one thing is repeated possibly many times for every one occurrence of another thing, you’d want them both separated into different tables. My only question is why you didn’t choose to include the booking ID in the `release.clean` file. It seems as though that would make a reliable ID to join on, etc.

Question 2: Last week we asked the following questions about the jail data. For each question, write one sql statement or a sequence of sql statements that come as close to answering the question as you can. Show the top ten rows of results for each question, where you get to pick what “top” means.

Some of the questions are worded precisely; others not. If a question isn’t worded precisely, give it a precise interpretation before answering it. You may embellish each question as you see fit; just say what question you are answering.

Along with your sql and results, write a paragraph about each question describing how fully your sql answers the question and whether and how additional data might help you answer the question more fully.

- a. How many arrests are there for each race and ethnicity?

Let me start by apologizing for the lack of code-blocks and syntax highlighting. I haven’t yet figured out how to connect SQLite to RStudio (which is apparently necessary, even just to include the code chunks).

```
SELECT UPPER(e), COUNT(bookingNumber) FROM bookingsB
GROUP BY UPPER(e);
```

H|190627

N|1031072

U|1092

```
SELECT race, COUNT(bookingNumber) FROM bookingsB
GROUP BY race;
```

A|3608

B|459772

I|525

U|386

W|758500

Or,

```
SELECT UPPER(race), UPPER(e), COUNT(bookingNumber) FROM bookingsB
GROUP BY UPPER(race), UPPER(e);
```

A|H|32

A|N|3519

A|U|57

B|H|9627

B|N|449775

B|U|370

I|H|7

I|N|509

I|U|9

U|H|226

U|N|150

U|U|10

W|H|180735

W|N|577119

W|U|646

b. How do we know if someone is homeless?

The only way we can tell (a priori) is to see if the address field doesn't make sense. For instance, if the address is NULL or "HOMELESS", etc. One could then write a script (which would probably take a while to get working correctly) that checks the county property appraiser's website to see if the property is in a residential neighborhood. If the property is not, it's a good chance that the person is homeless.

Lastly, the way that we're going to take advantage of today, is if you somehow happen upon a list (or table) of known homeless shelters and other addresses commonly used by homeless people, but not used by non-homeless people, you can check the arrest's address against this list.

c. For people who are homeless, how many arrests are there for each charge?

```
CREATE TABLE chargeNBooking AS
  SELECT charge, bookingNumber, (UPPER(address) IN
                                (SELECT UPPER(address) FROM homeless_addresses)) AS homeless
  FROM bookingsB;

INSERT INTO chargeNBooking
  SELECT charge, bookingNumber, (SELECT homeless FROM chargeNBooking AS c
                                WHERE bookingNumber = c.bookingNumber) AS homeless
  FROM booking_addl_charge;
```

TRESPASS ON PROP OTHER THAN STRUCTURE OR C|5856
 POSSESSION OF COCAINE|5843
 POSSESSION OF OPEN CONTAINER|4482
 TRES. ON PROP. OTHER THAN STRUCT. OR CONVE|2456
 DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE|2289
 NO VALID DRIVER|2249
 MANUFACTURE.DIST.DISPENSE.POSSES CON SUB-|2193
 PETIT THEFT (\$100 OR LESS)|2167
 POSSESSION OF CANNABIS LESS THAN 20 GRAMS|1772
 BATTERY (DOMESTIC VIOLENCE)|1770

d. What do homeless people get charged with in greater proportion than others?

```
SELECT charge, count FROM homelessCharges AS h
  WHERE count > (SELECT count FROM nonHomelessCharges AS n
                 WHERE n.charge = h.charge)
ORDER BY count DESC LIMIT 10;
```

SOLICITING ON EDGE OF ROAD|603
SOLICITATION AND DISTRIBUTION ON PUBLIC RO|266
UNLAWFUL CAMPING|166
UNLAWFUL USE OF STATE ROAD RIGHT OF WAY|66
UNLAWFUL SOLICITING IN PROHIBITED ZONE OR|14
TRAIN RIDING|10
FURNISHING INTOXICANTS TO HABITUAL DRUNKAR|3
DRIVING UNDER INFL|2
HIJACKING AIRCRAFT - FEDERAL|2
PUBLIC MUTILATION OF FLAG|2

e. What is the average stay in jail?

```
SELECT AVG(julianday(releaseDate) - julianday(arrestDate)) FROM bookingsA;
```

25.0 (approximately)

f. Where do arrests take place?

The arrest location was not included in the dataset, making this problem particularly difficult. (I have a dry sense of humor).

g. How many arrests are there per year for “possession of open container”, homeless vs. not.

```
SELECT count(bookingNumber) AS arrests, substr(arrestDate,1,4) AS year FROM bookingsA
WHERE bookingNumber IN (SELECT bookingNumber FROM homelessCharges
                        WHERE charge LIKE "POSSESSION OF OPEN CONTAINER")
GROUP by substr(arrestDate,1,4)
ORDER by year
LIMIT 10;
```

2|1947

4|1950

1|1951

1|1952

2|1955

2|1957

2|1958

2|1959

3|1960

1|1961

h. How old was each homeless person when first arrested?

```
SELECT name, MIN(julianday(arrestDate) - julianday(DOB))/365 AS age FROM bookingsA
WHERE bookingNumber IN (SELECT bookingNumber FROM homelessCharges)
GROUP BY name
SORT BY age DESC
LIMIT 10;
```

AARON,ANDREW LEE	42.9945205479452
AARON,LINDA LEE	42.1287671232877
ABADIA,MARIA DELPILAR	34.0027397260274
ABALA,GORGE NMN	26.7013698630137
ABALOS,DAVID O	44.827397260274
ABARCA,MARCELINO	22.4383561643836
ABARCA,SAMUEL	22.6328767123288
ABARCADESALMERON,JOBANI	30.1890410958904
ABBATIELLO,JOHN JOSEPH	46.5616438356164
ABBATT,ROBERT HAVEN	41.8027397260274