


Analysis Using Multiple Tables: Joins

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Data Consisting of
Multiple Tables

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Relational Data

- Data from two or more tables that is *related*
- Ex. `nycflights13` data in R

```
library(nycflights13)
```

```
## Warning: package  
'nycflights13' was built  
under R version 3.6.2  
• flights  
• airports  
• airlines  
• planes  
• weather
```

- Dataset (`nycflights13`) is made up of multiple tables of data
- All tables have data related to NYC flights in 2013
- Some tables repeat columns

Multiple Tables

nycflights13 Data

- `flights`, airports, airlines, planes, weather

```
flights
#> # A tibble: 336,776 x 19
#>   year month   day dep_time sched_dep_time dep_delay arr_time sched_arr_time
#>   <int> <int> <int>   <int>         <int>         <dbl>   <int>         <int>
#> 1  2013     1     1     517           515           2     830           819
#> 2  2013     1     1     533           529           4     850           830
#> 3  2013     1     1     542           540           2     923           850
#> 4  2013     1     1     544           545          -1    1004          1022
#> 5  2013     1     1     554           600          -6     812           837
#> 6  2013     1     1     554           558          -4     740           728
#> # ... with 336,770 more rows, and 11 more variables: arr_delay <dbl>,
#> #   carrier <chr>, flight <int>, tailnum <chr>, origin <chr>, dest <chr>,
#> #   air_time <dbl>, distance <dbl>, hour <dbl>, minute <dbl>, time_hour <dtm>
```

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```
airports
```

```
#> # A tibble: 1,458 x 8
```

```
#>   faa   name                lat   lon   alt    tz dst  tzone
#>   <chr> <chr>                <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <chr> <chr>
#> 1 04G   Lansdowne Airport        41.1 -80.6  1044   -5 A   America/New_Y...
#> 2 06A   Moton Field Municipal Airp... 32.5 -85.7   264   -6 A   America/Chica...
#> 3 06C   Schaumburg Regional        42.0 -88.1   801   -6 A   America/Chica...
#> 4 06N   Randall Airport          41.4 -74.4   523   -5 A   America/New_Y...
#> 5 09J   Jekyll Island Airport       31.1 -81.4    11   -5 A   America/New_Y...
#> 6 0A9   Elizabethton Municipal Air... 36.4 -82.2  1593   -5 A   America/New_Y...
#> # ... with 1,452 more rows
```

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```
airlines
#> # A tibble: 16 x 2
#>   carrier name
#>   <chr>      <chr>
#> 1 9E        Endeavor Air Inc.
#> 2 AA        American Airlines Inc.
#> 3 AS        Alaska Airlines Inc.
#> 4 B6        JetBlue Airways
#> 5 DL        Delta Air Lines Inc.
#> 6 EV        ExpressJet Airlines Inc.
#> # ... with 10 more rows
```

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```
planes
```

```
#> # A tibble: 3,322 x 9
```

```
#>   tailnum year type      manufacturer model engines seats speed engine
#>   <chr>   <int> <chr>      <chr>          <chr>   <int> <int> <int> <chr>
#> 1 N10156   2004 Fixed wing mu... EMBRAER      EMB-1...     2    55    NA Turbo-...
#> 2 N102UW   1998 Fixed wing mu... AIRBUS INDUST... A320-...     2   182    NA Turbo-...
#> 3 N103US   1999 Fixed wing mu... AIRBUS INDUST... A320-...     2   182    NA Turbo-...
#> 4 N104UW   1999 Fixed wing mu... AIRBUS INDUST... A320-...     2   182    NA Turbo-...
#> 5 N10575   2002 Fixed wing mu... EMBRAER      EMB-1...     2    55    NA Turbo-...
#> 6 N105UW   1999 Fixed wing mu... AIRBUS INDUST... A320-...     2   182    NA Turbo-...
#> # ... with 3,316 more rows
```

Multiple Tables

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weather

```
#> # A tibble: 26,115 x 15
```

```
#>   origin year month   day hour  temp  dewp humid wind_dir wind_speed wind_gust
#>   <chr>  <int> <int> <int> <int> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>    <dbl>    <dbl>    <dbl>
#> 1 EWR      2013     1     1     1  39.0  26.1  59.4      270      10.4      NA
#> 2 EWR      2013     1     1     2  39.0  27.0  61.6      250       8.06      NA
#> 3 EWR      2013     1     1     3  39.0  28.0  64.4      240      11.5      NA
#> 4 EWR      2013     1     1     4  39.9  28.0  62.2      250      12.7      NA
#> 5 EWR      2013     1     1     5  39.0  28.0  64.4      260      12.7      NA
#> 6 EWR      2013     1     1     6  37.9  28.0  67.2      240      11.5      NA
#> # ... with 26,109 more rows, and 4 more variables: precip <dbl>, pressure <dbl>,
#> #   visib <dbl>, time_hour <dtm>
```


Multiple Tables

nycflights13 Data

flights

year
month
day
dep_time
sched_dep_time
dep_delay
arr_time
sched_arr_time
arr_delay
carrier
flight
tailnum
origin
dest
air_time
distance
hour
minute
time_hour

airports

faa
name
lat
lon
alt
tz
dst
tzone

airlines

carrier
name

planes

tailnum
year
type
manufacturer
model
engines
seats
speed
engine

weather

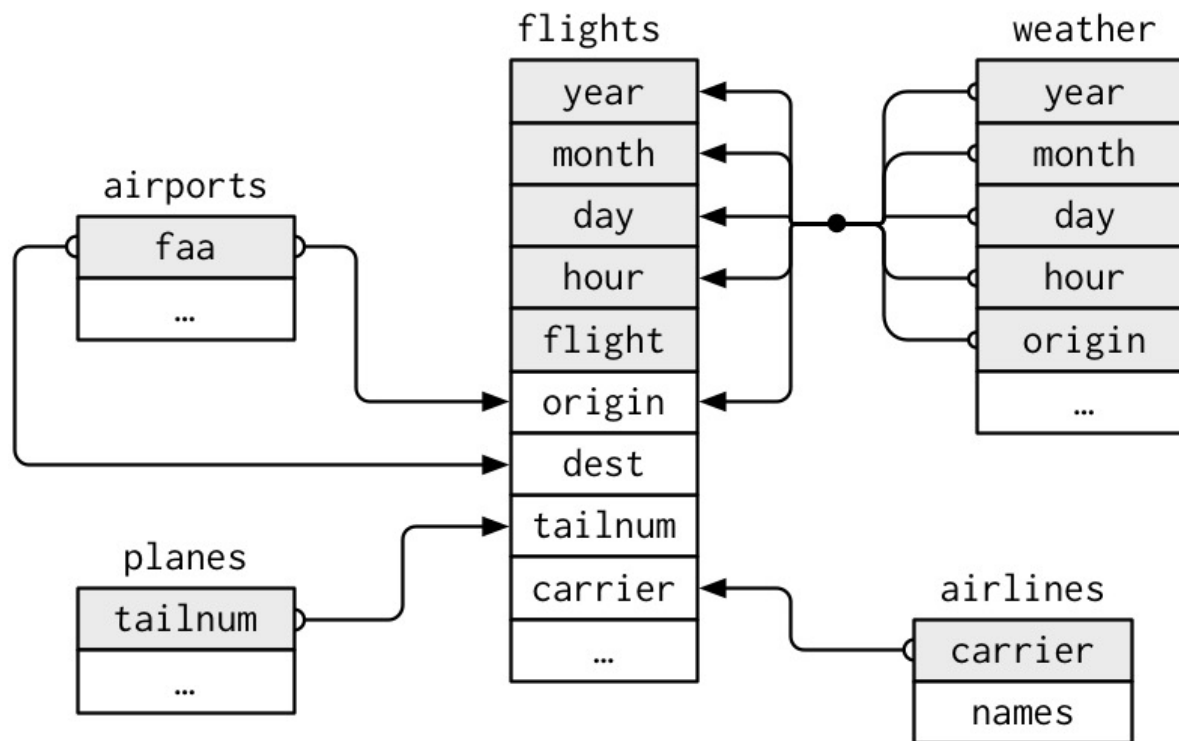
origin
year
month
day
hour
temp
dewp
humid
wind_dir
wind_speed
wind_gust
precip
pressure
visib
time_hour

Work with the person next to you to find which columns are shared between these different tables

Draw in the connections on the Jamboard here: [nycflights13 Data Diagram](#)

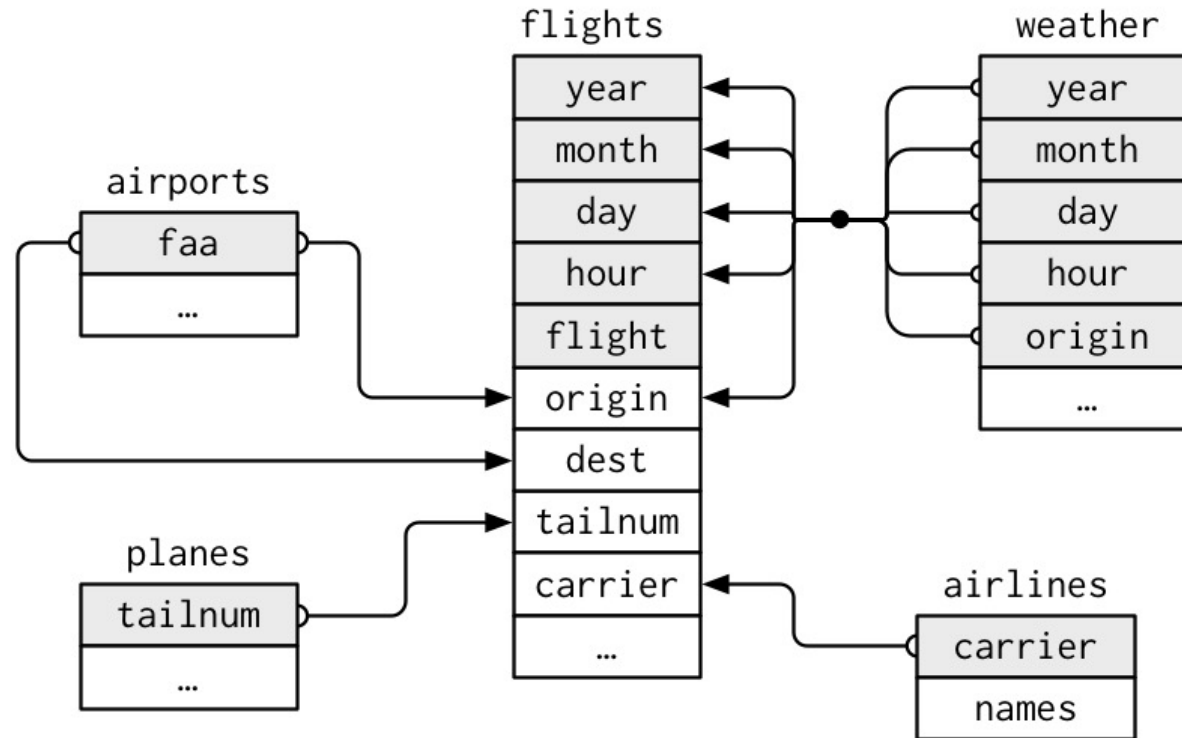
Multiple Tables

nycflights13 Data



Multiple Tables

nycflights13 Data



- We use shared columns to join (i.e. connect / merge) tables
- Ex. We could join the **planes** and **flights** tables on **tailnum**, their shared column



Joins

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- **Join** is the word for connecting or merging two data tables
- We join tables on shared columns, which we call the **key**
- Ex.

Table_X

ID	DataX
1	x1
2	x2
3	x3

Table_Y

ID	DataY
1	y1
2	y2
4	y3

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- Different types of joins handle this situation differently

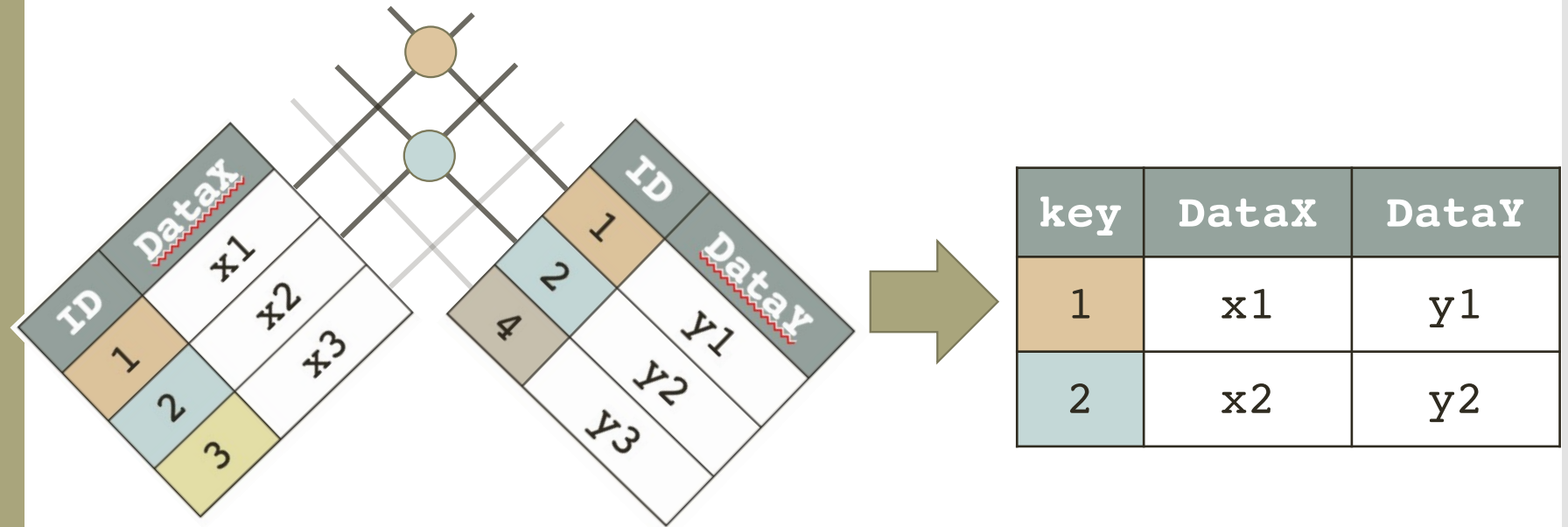
Joins

`inner_join()`

- Resulting table has only rows in both tables

```
Table_X %>%
```

```
  inner_join(Table_Y, by = "ID")
```

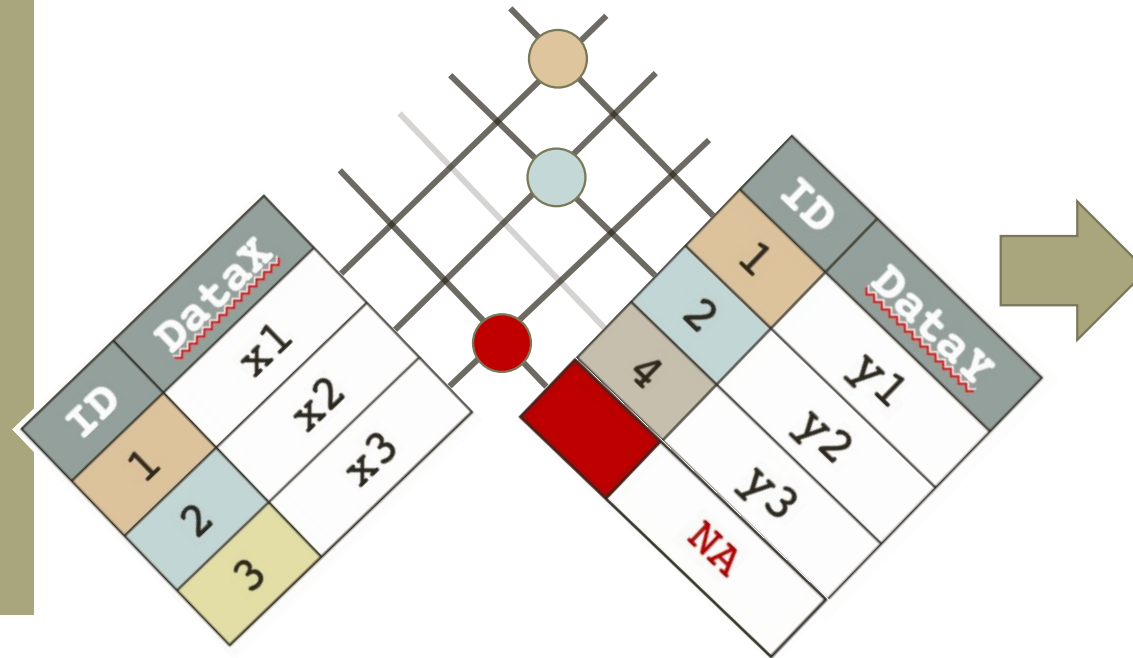


Joins

`left_join()`

- Resulting table has all rows in left table

```
Table_X %>%  
  left_join(Table_Y, by = "ID")
```



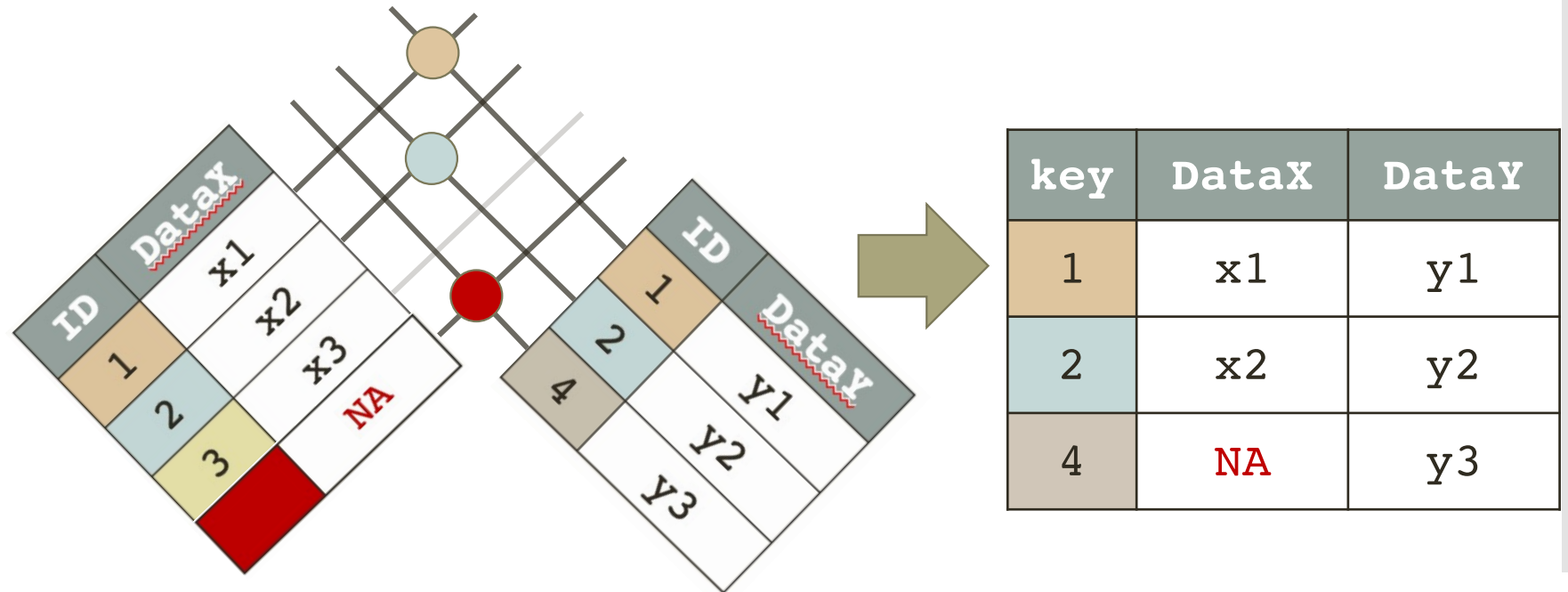
key	DataX	DataY
1	x1	y1
2	x2	y2
3	x3	NA

Joins

`right_join()`

- Resulting table has all rows in right table

```
Table_X %>%  
  right_join(Table_Y, by = "ID")
```

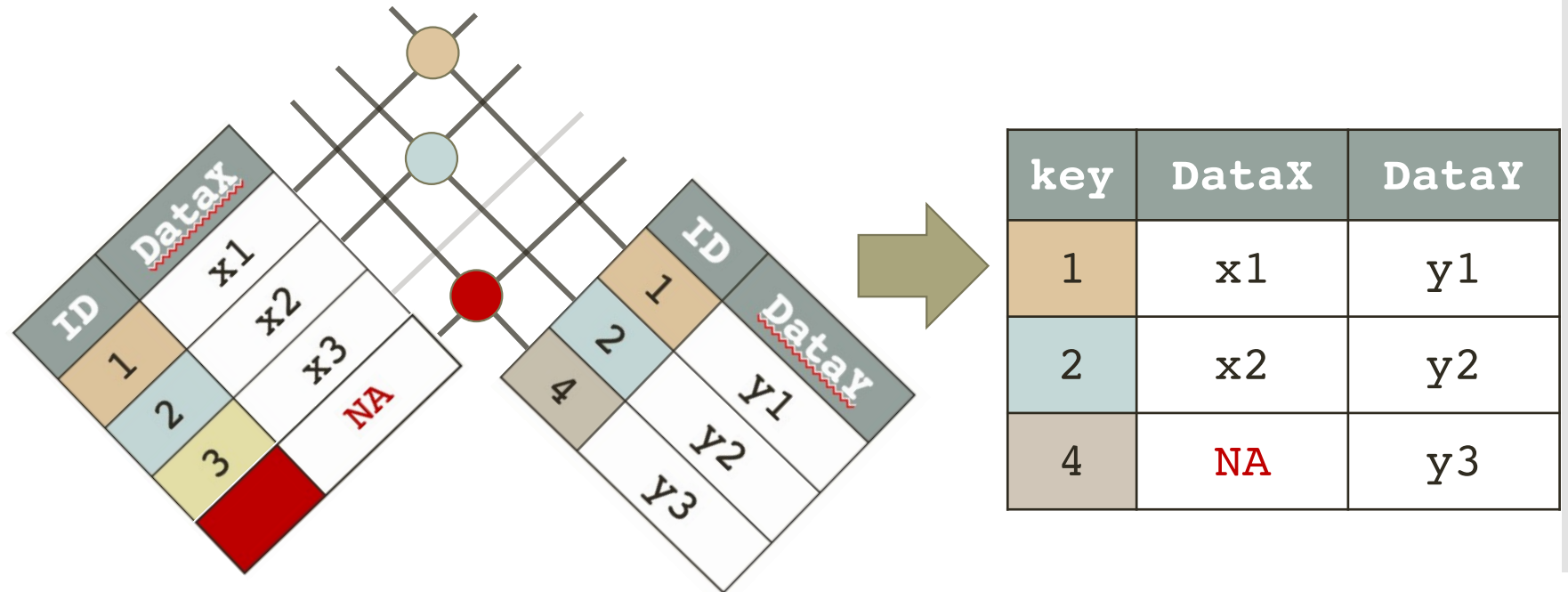


Joins

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```
Table_X %>%  
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```

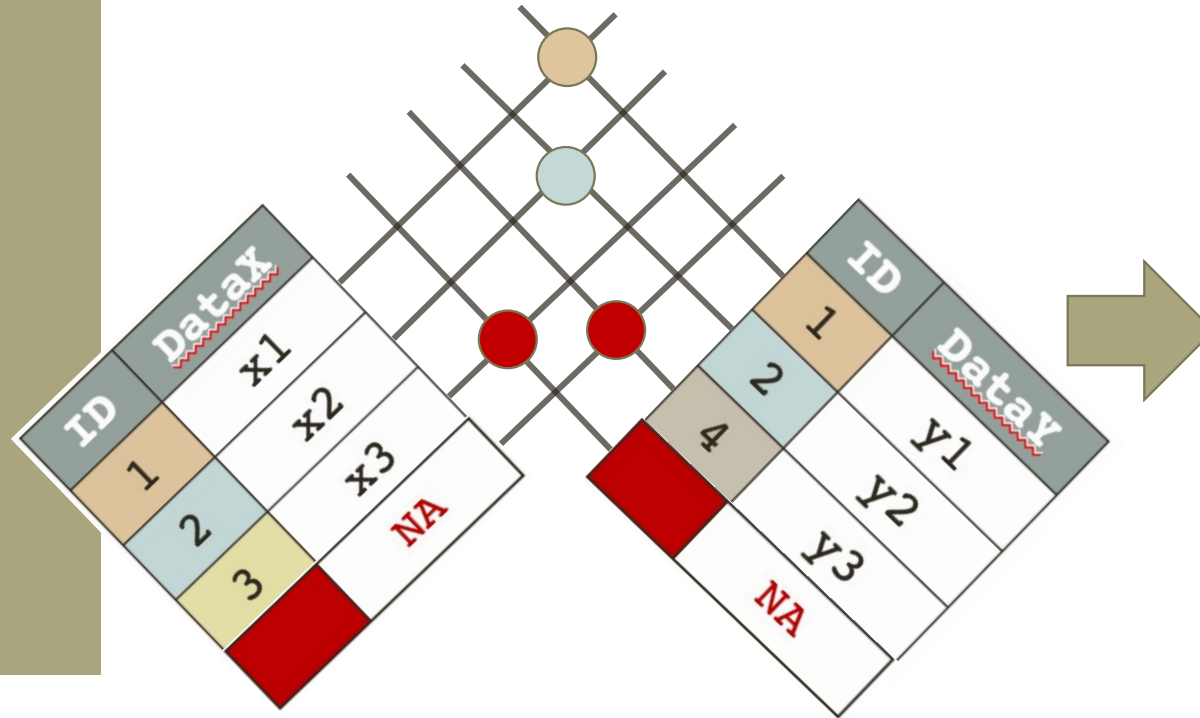


Joins

```
full_join()
```

- Resulting table has all rows in both tables

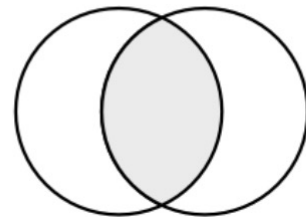
```
Table_X %>%  
  full_join(Table_Y, by = "ID")
```



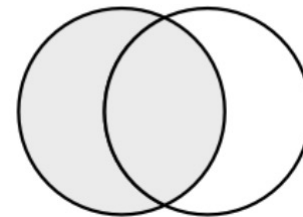
key	DataX	DataY
1	x1	y1
2	x2	y2
3	x3	NA
4	NA	y3

Joins

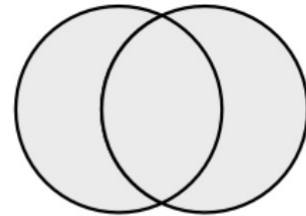
Another way to visualize joins



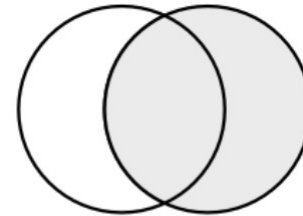
`inner_join(x, y)`



`left_join(x, y)`



`full_join(x, y)`



`right_join(x, y)`