MATHS 7107 Data Taming Practical Solutions

Using the package dplyr to manipulate data

So far, we have seen some basic ways to manipulate data. Now, we are going to go all out. By the end of this practical, you will have the fundamentals to well and truly twist your data into any form you need.

Choose subjects with filter

In week 1, we explained how to access rows (subjects) and columns (variables) in a data frame. For example, to get the first row of the MPG dataset, we use:

```
pacman::p_load(tidyverse, dplyr)
data("mpg")
mpg[1,]
## # A tibble: 1 x 11
     manufacturer model displ year
                                        cyl trans
                                                                    hwy fl
                                                                               class
                                                      drv
                                                              cty
                   <chr> <dbl> <int> <int> <chr>
                                                                               <chr>
##
     <chr>>
                                                      <chr> <int> <int> <chr>
## 1 audi
                                                                     29 p
                  a4
                           1.8 1999
                                          4 auto(15) f
                                                               18
                                                                               compact
```

If you want to see the first six rows of a data frame you can use:

head(mpg)

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 11
##
     manufacturer model displ year
                                        cyl trans
                                                                                  class
                                                                 cty
##
     <chr>>
                   <chr> <dbl> <int> <int> <chr>
                                                        <chr> <int> <int> <chr> <chr>
## 1 audi
                   a4
                            1.8
                                1999
                                          4 auto(15)
                                                        f
                                                                  18
                                                                         29 p
                                                                                  compa~
                                                                         29 p
## 2 audi
                           1.8 1999
                                          4 manual(m5) f
                                                                  21
                                                                                  compa~
                   a4
## 3 audi
                   a4
                           2
                                 2008
                                           4 manual(m6) f
                                                                  20
                                                                         31 p
                                                                                  compa~
## 4 audi
                   a4
                            2
                                 2008
                                           4 auto(av)
                                                        f
                                                                  21
                                                                         30 p
                                                                                  compa~
                           2.8
## 5 audi
                   a4
                                1999
                                          6 auto(15)
                                                        f
                                                                  16
                                                                         26 p
                                                                                  compa~
                           2.8 1999
                                                                         26 p
## 6 audi
                   a4
                                          6 manual(m5) f
                                                                  18
                                                                                  compa~
```

Question: How could you get the last six rows? Can you guess the function? (hint: remember you can always use the ? help function).

```
# Solution
tail(mpg)
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 11
##
    manufacturer model
                          displ year
                                         cyl trans
                                                        drv
                                                                       hwy fl
                                                                                  class
                                                                 cty
##
     <chr>>
                  <chr>>
                          <dbl> <int> <int> <chr>
                                                         <chr> <int> <int> <chr>
                                                                                  <chr>
## 1 volkswagen
                                                                        29 p
                  passat
                            1.8 1999
                                                                                  mids~
                                           4 auto(15)
                                                        f
                                                                  18
                                                                        28 p
## 2 volkswagen
                            2
                                 2008
                                           4 auto(s6)
                                                        f
                                                                  19
                                                                                  mids~
                  passat
## 3 volkswagen
                            2
                                 2008
                                           4 manual(m6) f
                                                                  21
                                                                        29 p
                  passat
                                                                                  mids~
## 4 volkswagen
                  passat
                            2.8 1999
                                           6 auto(15)
                                                        f
                                                                  16
                                                                        26 p
                                                                                  mids~
                                           6 manual(m5) f
## 5 volkswagen
                            2.8 1999
                                                                  18
                                                                        26 p
                                                                                  mids~
                  passat
## 6 volkswagen
                            3.6 2008
                                           6 auto(s6)
                                                                  17
                                                                        26 p
                                                                                  mids~
                  passat
```

This way is fine most of the time, but occasionally I would like to be more precise with my filtering. So, we are going to introduce you to the package dplyr in the tidyverse package which is oh-so-much nicer. Also, as a treat, we will move away from the MPG dataset (everyone, please take a moment to reminisce—we'll miss you MPG.... or will we...) and introduce the flights dataset. This dataset is in the nycflights13 package, so go get it. It contains information on all 336776 flights out of New York City in 2013.

```
## # 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>
##
       2013
                                517
                                                 515
                                                              2
                                                                      830
                                                                                       819
    1
                  1
                        1
##
    2
       2013
                  1
                        1
                                533
                                                 529
                                                               4
                                                                      850
                                                                                       830
       2013
                                                              2
                                                                                       850
##
    3
                        1
                                542
                                                 540
                                                                      923
                  1
##
    4
       2013
                  1
                        1
                                544
                                                 545
                                                              -1
                                                                     1004
                                                                                      1022
##
    5
       2013
                                                             -6
                  1
                        1
                                554
                                                 600
                                                                      812
                                                                                       837
##
    6
       2013
                  1
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                                554
                                                 558
                                                             -4
                                                                      740
                                                                                       728
                                                             -5
##
    7
       2013
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                                                                                       854
                  1
##
    8
       2013
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                                                                      709
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    9
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       2013
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                        1
                                557
                                                 600
                                                             -3
                                                                      838
                                                                                       846
## 10
       2013
                  1
                        1
                                558
                                                 600
                                                             -2
                                                                      753
                                                                                       745
## # ... with 336,766 more rows, and 11 more variables: arr_delay <dbl>,
       carrier <chr>, flight <int>, tailnum <chr>, origin <chr>, dest <chr>,
```

The first verb that dplyr introduces is filter(). This lets us filter the subjects that we want, i.e., filter rows. So first – let's pause a second and decide what are the subjects in the flights dataset?

air_time <dbl>, distance <dbl>, hour <dbl>, minute <dbl>, time_hour <dttm>

Go away, you have not paused long enough.

Better.

#

Yes, each subject is a flight.

Let's start by filtering for just the flights in January (Month 1):

filter(flights, month == 1)

```
## # A tibble: 27,004 x 19
##
        year month
                       day dep_time sched_dep_time dep_delay arr_time sched_arr_time
                                                            <dbl>
##
       <int> <int>
                    <int>
                               <int>
                                                <int>
                                                                       <int>
                                                                                        <int>
                                                                 2
##
       2013
                                 517
                                                   515
                                                                         830
                                                                                          819
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##
    2
       2013
                  1
                         1
                                 533
                                                   529
                                                                 4
                                                                         850
                                                                                          830
       2013
                                                                2
                                                                                          850
##
    3
                  1
                         1
                                 542
                                                   540
                                                                         923
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                                                                        1004
                                                                                         1022
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    7
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##
       2013
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##
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                                                                         838
                                                                                          846
## 10 2013
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                                                                                          745
                  1
                                                                         753
```

... with 26,994 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 <dttm>

This gives use 27,004 rows (see the top of output).

Breaking this command down:

- filter(): function to do all of the work,
- flights: first argument in the brackets gives the dataframe name,

• month ==: this is the criteria to filter on. In this case, the variable month is equal to == the first month

1. Notice the use of a double = to indicate equal to. A single = will cause an error. (Try it.... I dare you)

How about the first day of January?

```
filter(flights, month == 1, day==1)
## # A tibble: 842 x 19
```

```
##
        year month
                       day dep time sched dep time dep delay arr time sched arr time
                                                 <int>
                                                            <dbl>
                                                                       <int>
##
       <int> <int> <int>
                               <int>
                                                                                        <int>
##
    1
        2013
                  1
                         1
                                 517
                                                   515
                                                                 2
                                                                         830
                                                                                           819
##
    2
        2013
                                 533
                                                   529
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    3
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        2013
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##
    9
        2013
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## 10 2013
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                                                                -2
                                                                         753
                                                                                           745
```

... with 832 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 <dttm>

We can just keep adding criteria.

Question: How many flights were scheduled to depart at 7am?

```
# Solution
filter(flights, sched_dep_time == 700)
```

```
## # A tibble: 4,900 x 19
##
                      day dep_time sched_dep_time dep_delay arr_time sched_arr_time
       year month
##
       <int> <int> <int>
                              <int>
                                               <int>
                                                           <dbl>
                                                                     <int>
                                                                                      <int>
##
       2013
                                 653
                                                  700
                                                              -7
                                                                       936
                                                                                       1009
    1
                  1
                         1
       2013
                                                  700
                                                              -5
##
    2
                  1
                         1
                                 655
                                                                      1037
                                                                                       1045
##
       2013
                                 655
                                                  700
                                                              -5
                                                                      1002
                                                                                       1020
    3
                  1
                         1
##
    4
       2013
                         1
                                 656
                                                  700
                                                              -4
                                                                       854
                                                                                        850
                  1
##
    5
       2013
                  1
                         1
                                 656
                                                  700
                                                              -4
                                                                       948
                                                                                       1011
##
    6
       2013
                  1
                         1
                                 657
                                                  700
                                                              -3
                                                                       959
                                                                                       1013
    7
       2013
                                                  700
                                                              -2
##
                  1
                         1
                                 658
                                                                       944
                                                                                        939
##
    8
       2013
                         1
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                                                                      1027
                                                                                       1025
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##
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       2013
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                                                              -1
                                                                      1008
                                                                                       1015
## 10 2013
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                                                  700
                                                                      1008
                                                                                       1007
                  1
                         1
                                                              -1
## # ... with 4,890 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 <dttm>

Using pipes (magrittr) to make my code easier to read

As we build up more verbs in our data manipulation tool bag, we are going to end up with lots of nested functions. Instead, we are going to use the magrittr or 'pipe' symbol %>%.

This command can be read as 'then', and is used to join verbs. For example, to get the first of January, we can rewrite the above command as:

```
flights %>% filter(month == 1, day == 1)
## # A tibble: 842 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
                                533
                                                529
                                                              4
                                                                     850
                                                                                      830
                 1
                                                             2
##
    3
       2013
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                                542
                                                540
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                                                                                      850
##
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    7
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                                                                                      723
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                                557
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                                                                     838
                                                                                      846
                 1
## 10 2013
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                                558
                                                600
                                                            -2
                                                                     753
                                                                                      745
## # ... with 832 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 <dttm>
```

We read this as:

- get the dataframe: flights
- then: % > %

Solution

• filter for Jan 1: filter(month == 1, day == 1).

OK, your turn. Filter for all American Airlines flights (AA). Make sure you use the pipe symbol!

```
flights %>% filter(carrier == "AA")
## # A tibble: 32,729 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>
##
       2013
                                542
                                                540
                                                             2
                                                                      923
                                                                                      850
    1
                 1
                        1
       2013
                                                             -2
##
    2
                 1
                        1
                                558
                                                600
                                                                     753
                                                                                      745
       2013
                                                600
                                                                     941
##
    3
                 1
                        1
                                559
                                                             -1
                                                                                      910
##
    4
       2013
                        1
                                606
                                                610
                                                             -4
                                                                     858
                                                                                      910
                 1
##
    5
       2013
                 1
                        1
                                623
                                                610
                                                             13
                                                                     920
                                                                                      915
##
    6
       2013
                 1
                        1
                                628
                                                630
                                                             -2
                                                                    1137
                                                                                     1140
    7
##
       2013
                 1
                        1
                                629
                                                630
                                                             -1
                                                                     824
                                                                                      810
##
    8
       2013
                        1
                                635
                                                635
                                                             0
                                                                    1028
                                                                                      940
                 1
##
    9
       2013
                 1
                        1
                                656
                                                700
                                                             -4
                                                                     854
                                                                                      850
## 10 2013
                        1
                                                             -3
                                                                                      959
                 1
                                656
                                                659
                                                                     949
     ... with 32,719 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 <dttm>
```

Choose variables with Select

The thing about the nycflights13 dataset (or many 'Big' datasets) is that it is too wide to fit onto the screen. In all the examples of filtering above, we couldn't even see all of the variables — there were always 12 columns that didn't fit on the screen. It would be nice if we could make our data frame a bit narrower so that we can fit the information we're interested in (and nothing else) onto the screen. This is what select does — it's essentially a filter, but for columns rather than rows.

So, let's say I was just interested in departure times and arrival times for all American Airways flights on the 1st of January; then I could just add to our filter example from before:

flights %>% filter(carrier == "AA", month == 1, day == 1) %>% select(flight, dep_time, arr_time)

```
## # A tibble: 94 x 3
##
      flight dep_time arr_time
##
        <int>
                  <int>
                             <int>
##
    1
         1141
                    542
                               923
##
    2
          301
                    558
                               753
##
    3
          707
                    559
                               941
##
    4
         1895
                    606
                               858
##
    5
         1837
                    623
                               920
    6
                    628
##
          413
                              1137
##
    7
          303
                    629
                               824
    8
##
          711
                    635
                              1028
##
    9
          305
                    656
                               854
## 10
         1815
                    656
                               949
     ... with 84 more rows
```

Now we only have $94 \times 3 = 282$ pieces of information in our data frame. This is starting to look more manageable!

We can get fancy with select: if I wanted to grab just the variables from flights that have something to do with 'time', then I could use the contains command:

```
select(flights, contains("time"))
```

```
## # A tibble: 336,776 x 6
      dep_time sched_dep_time arr_time sched_arr_time air_time time_hour
##
##
         <int>
                          <int>
                                   <int>
                                                    <int>
                                                             <dbl> <dttm>
##
    1
           517
                            515
                                      830
                                                      819
                                                                227 2013-01-01 05:00:00
    2
           533
                            529
                                      850
                                                      830
                                                                227 2013-01-01 05:00:00
##
##
    3
           542
                            540
                                      923
                                                      850
                                                                160 2013-01-01 05:00:00
    4
##
           544
                            545
                                     1004
                                                     1022
                                                                183 2013-01-01 05:00:00
##
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           554
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                                      812
                                                      837
                                                                116 2013-01-01 06:00:00
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           554
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                                                                158 2013-01-01 06:00:00
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    8
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                                      709
                                                      723
                                                                 53 2013-01-01 06:00:00
##
    9
           557
                            600
                                      838
                                                      846
                                                                140 2013-01-01 06:00:00
##
   10
           558
                            600
                                      753
                                                      745
                                                                138 2013-01-01 06:00:00
## # ... with 336,766 more rows
```

Or.

```
flights %>% select(contains("time"))
```

```
## # A tibble: 336,776 x 6
##
      dep_time sched_dep_time arr_time sched_arr_time air_time time_hour
##
         <int>
                                                              <dbl> <dttm>
                          <int>
                                    <int>
                                                    <int>
##
           517
                                      830
    1
                            515
                                                      819
                                                                227 2013-01-01 05:00:00
##
    2
            533
                            529
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##
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                                                     1022
                                                                183 2013-01-01 05:00:00
##
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                                                      837
                                                                116 2013-01-01 06:00:00
##
    6
           554
                            558
                                      740
                                                      728
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##
    7
            555
                            600
                                      913
                                                      854
                                                                158 2013-01-01 06:00:00
##
    8
                            600
                                      709
                                                      723
                                                                 53 2013-01-01 06:00:00
            557
```

```
## 9 557 600 838 846 140 2013-01-01 06:00:00 ## 10 558 600 753 745 138 2013-01-01 06:00:00 ## # ... with 336,766 more rows
```

In a similar vein, you might be able to guess what starts_with() or ends_with() do. I can also select, say, the columns from year to day:

```
select(flights, year:day)
```

```
## # A tibble: 336,776 x 3
##
       year month
                     day
##
      <int> <int> <int>
##
       2013
    1
                 1
                        1
       2013
##
    2
                 1
##
    3
       2013
                 1
                        1
##
    4
       2013
                 1
                        1
    5 2013
##
                 1
                        1
##
    6
       2013
                 1
                        1
    7
##
       2013
                        1
##
    8
       2013
                 1
                        1
##
    9
       2013
                        1
## 10 2013
                 1
                        1
## # ... with 336,766 more rows
```

Type ?select at the console to see some more examples.

But... how about if we want to make some new variables? It's time for us — like a statistical X-Men character — to mutate.

Making new variables with mutate()

In the dataset flights, we have the departure delay dep_delay, which is the difference between the scheduled departure time (sched_dep_time) and the departure time (dep_time). Let's assume that this is not given and that we would like to calculate it. We can do that with:

```
flights %>% mutate(delay = dep_time - sched_dep_time)
```

```
## # A tibble: 336,776 x 20
##
       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
                                517
                                                 515
                                                              2
                                                                      830
                                                                                       819
                 1
##
    2 2013
                                                              4
                 1
                        1
                                533
                                                 529
                                                                      850
                                                                                       830
##
    3 2013
                        1
                                542
                                                 540
                                                              2
                                                                      923
                                                                                       850
                 1
##
    4
       2013
                 1
                        1
                                544
                                                 545
                                                             -1
                                                                     1004
                                                                                      1022
##
    5
       2013
                                                             -6
                                                                                       837
                 1
                        1
                                554
                                                 600
                                                                      812
##
    6
       2013
                        1
                                554
                                                 558
                                                             -4
                                                                      740
                                                                                       728
       2013
                                                                                       854
##
    7
                                555
                                                 600
                                                             -5
                                                                      913
                 1
                        1
##
    8
       2013
                 1
                        1
                                557
                                                 600
                                                             -3
                                                                      709
                                                                                       723
    9
                                                 600
                                                             -3
##
       2013
                        1
                                557
                                                                      838
                 1
                                                                                       846
## 10
       2013
                        1
                                558
                                                 600
                                                             -2
                                                                      753
                                                                                       745
## # ... with 336,766 more rows, and 12 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 <dttm>,

delay <int>

Let's work through this:

- Take the dataset: flights
- then: % > %
- add a new column: mutate()
- called delay: delay =
- which is calculated as the difference: dep_time sched_dep_time. If you look at the last row of the output, you see the new column delay <int>, but wait that is a trick!

Look at the flights data frame again. Can you see this new column? The new column is not there. Why? Because you have to tell R to save the new column, like this:

```
flights <- flights %>% mutate(delay = dep_time - sched_dep_time)
```

This is the same as before, but the extra flights <- basically says 'do the stuff, then save it as the data frame flights', i.e. overwrite it.

Sort using arrange

Sometimes I would like to sort a column from smallest to largest. This is done with arrange().

How about an example. We will sort the rows by distance. To make it easier to see, we will also select just the origin, dest, and distance columns:

```
flights %>%
  select(origin, dest, distance) %>%
  arrange(distance)
```

```
## # A tibble: 336,776 x 3
##
      origin dest
                    distance
##
      <chr>
              <chr>>
                        <dbl>
##
              LGA
    1 EWR
                           17
##
    2 EWR
              PHL
                           80
##
    3 EWR
              PHL
                           80
##
    4 EWR
              PHL
                           80
##
    5 EWR
              PHL
                           80
##
    6 EWR
              PHL
                           80
##
    7 EWR
              PHL
                           80
##
    8 EWR
              PHL
                           80
##
    9 EWR
              PHL
                           80
## 10 EWR
              PHL
                           80
## # ... with 336,766 more rows
```

The shortest flight is EWR to LGA. What about longest distance?

```
flights %>%
  select(origin, dest, distance) %>%
  arrange(desc(distance))
```

```
## # A tibble: 336,776 x 3
##
      origin dest
                     distance
##
              <chr>>
      <chr>
                        <dbl>
##
    1 JFK
              HNL
                         4983
##
    2 JFK
              HNL
                         4983
##
    3 JFK
              HNL
                         4983
##
    4 JFK
              HNL
                         4983
##
    5 JFK
              HNL
                         4983
    6 JFK
##
              HNL
                         4983
##
   7 JFK
                         4983
              HNI.
```

```
## 8 JFK HNL 4983
## 9 JFK HNL 4983
## 10 JFK HNL 4983
## # ... with 336,766 more rows
```

Notice the use of desc to change from smallest to largest to largest to smallest.

We can also do multiple sorts:

```
flights %>%
  select(origin, dest, dep_time, distance) %>%
  arrange(distance, dep_time)
```

```
## # A tibble: 336,776 x 4
##
      origin dest dep_time distance
##
      <chr>
              <chr>>
                        <int>
                                  <dbl>
##
    1 EWR
              LGA
                           NA
                                     17
    2 EWR
              PHL
                         1155
                                     80
##
    3 EWR
              PHL
                         1240
                                     80
    4 EWR
                                     80
##
              PHL
                         1610
##
    5 EWR
              PHL
                                     80
                         1613
##
    6 EWR
              PHL
                         1617
                                     80
##
    7 EWR
              PHL
                         1619
                                     80
##
    8 EWR
              PHL
                         1621
                                     80
## 9 EWR
                                     80
              PHL
                         1829
## 10 EWR
              PHL
                         1926
                                     80
## # ... with 336,766 more rows
```

This sorts by distance first, and then within each distance by dep_time.

Your turn! Obtain the scheduled arrival time and actual arrival time for each carrier and sort by the arrival delay.

```
# Solution
flights %>%
  select(carrier, sched_arr_time, arr_time, arr_delay) %>%
  arrange(arr_delay)
```

```
## # A tibble: 336,776 x 4
      carrier sched_arr_time arr_time arr_delay
##
##
                                              <dbl>
      <chr>>
                         <int>
                                   <int>
##
    1 VX
                          2110
                                    1944
                                                -86
##
    2 VX
                          1110
                                     951
                                                -79
##
    3 UA
                          2324
                                    2209
                                                -75
                          2200
##
   4 AA
                                    2045
                                                -75
                                                -74
##
    5 AS
                          2131
                                    2017
##
    6 UA
                          2310
                                    2157
                                                -73
##
    7 DL
                                                -71
                          2115
                                    2004
##
   8 UA
                            28
                                    2317
                                                -71
##
    9 B6
                                     908
                                                -71
                          1019
## 10 VX
                          1415
                                    1305
                                                -70
## # ... with 336,766 more rows
```

Split into Groups with group_by

We are now in a position to do something quite powerful – clump variables together into groups, and then summarise these groups.

Grouping won't look like much just yet, but stick with me on this.

I have a hypothesis about flight delays in New York City: I reckon they're worse in winter.

Snowstorms, ice, wind – I suspect that all of these will make delays in the winter months of December, January, February, worse than in the summer months. To investigate this we'll need to group flights by month, which we can do like this:

```
by_month <- group_by(flights,month)</pre>
by month
## # A tibble: 336,776 x 20
  # Groups:
##
                month [12]
##
                      day dep_time sched_dep_time dep_delay arr_time sched_arr_time
       year month
##
      <int> <int> <int>
                                                         <dbl>
                                                                   <int>
                             <int>
                                              <int>
                                                                                    <int>
##
       2013
                        1
                                517
                                                515
                                                              2
                                                                     830
                                                                                      819
    1
                 1
                                                529
                                                                     850
##
    2
       2013
                                533
                                                              4
                                                                                      830
                 1
                        1
##
    3
       2013
                 1
                        1
                                542
                                                540
                                                             2
                                                                     923
                                                                                      850
##
    4
       2013
                        1
                                544
                                                545
                                                            -1
                                                                    1004
                                                                                     1022
                 1
##
    5
       2013
                 1
                        1
                                554
                                                600
                                                             -6
                                                                     812
                                                                                      837
##
    6
       2013
                                                558
                                                            -4
                                                                     740
                                                                                      728
                 1
                        1
                                554
##
    7
       2013
                        1
                                555
                                                600
                                                            -5
                                                                     913
                                                                                      854
                 1
##
    8
       2013
                 1
                        1
                                557
                                                600
                                                            -3
                                                                     709
                                                                                      723
##
    9
       2013
                 1
                        1
                                557
                                                600
                                                            -3
                                                                     838
                                                                                      846
## 10
       2013
                 1
                        1
                                558
                                                600
                                                            -2
                                                                     753
                                                                                      745
## # ... with 336,766 more rows, and 12 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 <dttm>,
## #
       delay <int>
```

Well that was underwhelming.

This data frame looks pretty much the same as the original, apart from the second line: Groups: month [12].

That tells me that a group for each month has been created, but to explore this further we'll have to learn to summarise.

Before we do though, two quick notes about group_by:

- You can group by multiple variables: by_day <- group_by(flights,year,month,day) will create a dataframe with 365 groups for each day of the year (try it!).
- You can ungroup a grouped dataframe using, you guessed it, ungroup().

Get summaries with summarise

To test my hypothesis about flight delays, we need to create a summary statistic about delays for each month. Let's calculate the mean flight departure delay for each calendar month, which we can do like this:

```
summarise(by_month, delay = mean(dep_delay, na.rm = TRUE))
```

```
## # A tibble: 12 x 2
##
      month delay
##
      <int> <dbl>
##
    1
           1 10.0
    2
           2 10.8
##
##
    3
           3 13.2
##
    4
           4 13.9
```

```
##
    5
          5 13.0
    6
          6 20.8
##
##
    7
          7 21.7
##
   8
          8 12.6
##
    9
            6.72
         10 6.24
## 10
         11 5.44
## 11
## 12
         12 16.6
```

This has taken my grouped data frame by_month, and for each group has computed the mean of the values in the dep_delay column for that group.

The na.rm = TRUE argument has told the mean function to remove (rm in unix-speak) all values that are not available (NA). Basically, some rows in this data frame do not have an entry in the dep_delay column, so R puts the symbol NA there instead. Trying to calculate the mean of this symbol doesn't work (try it without the na.rm = TRUE bit!), so we get rid of them instead.

Secondly, I don't think my hypothesis was correct. Maybe December has slightly worse delays than the preceding months, but January and February really aren't so bad, and by far the worst months are June and July. To drive the point home, let's make a nice plot of the trends over the entire year using ggplot (which you will learn more about in week 3!). We'll use our skills to group by day this time instead of month, because it looks cooler.

```
by_day <- group_by(flights,year,month,day)
summarise(by_day, delay = mean(dep_delay, na.rm = TRUE)) %>%
  ungroup() %>%
  mutate(day_num = seq_along(delay)) %>%
  ggplot(aes(day_num,delay)) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_smooth()
```

I added a slightly tricky intermediate step here to create a column day_num counting the days of the year: ungroup() %>% mutate(day_num = seq_along(delay)) ungroups by_day, and then creates a sequence along the column delay — essentially counting the row numbers.

Anyway, the middle of the year really does look like a worse time to fly; so much for my hypothesis. Guided by this exploration, I think I have a new one now: June, July, and December would be the busiest months for flying, so maybe it's simply that there are longer delays when there are more flights. A simple modification to our summarise command will allow us to explore this relationship:

```
summarise(by_day, delay = mean(dep_delay, na.rm = TRUE), num_flights = n()) %>%
ggplot(aes(num_flights,delay)) +
geom_point() +
geom_smooth()
```

The num_flights = n() bit produces a second summary statistic for each group, which is just the number of items in that group. Note that I don't need to index days of the year now, so I can lose the ungroup bit.

It looks like there's some relationship between number of flights and delays, but it's not particularly strong. Again, some more investigation is needed.

Your turn (exercises)

1. Load the mpg dataset. Hello old friend!

```
# Solution
data("mpg")
mpg
```

```
## # A tibble: 234 x 11
##
      manufacturer model
                                 displ year
                                                cyl trans drv
                                                                           hwy fl
                                                                                      class
                                                                    cty
                                 <dbl> <int> <int> <chr> <chr> <int>
##
      <chr>
                                                                        <int> <chr>
                                                                                     <chr>
                                        1999
##
    1 audi
                                   1.8
                                                  4 auto~ f
                                                                            29 p
                     a4
                                                                     18
                                                                                      comp~
##
    2 audi
                     a4
                                   1.8
                                        1999
                                                  4 manu~ f
                                                                     21
                                                                            29 p
                                                                                      comp~
##
    3 audi
                                                                            31 p
                    a4
                                   2
                                        2008
                                                  4 manu~ f
                                                                     20
                                                                                      comp~
    4 audi
                                   2
                                                                            30 p
##
                    a4
                                        2008
                                                  4 auto~ f
                                                                     21
                                                                                      comp~
    5 audi
                                                  6 auto~ f
##
                     a4
                                   2.8
                                        1999
                                                                     16
                                                                            26 p
                                                                                      comp~
##
    6 audi
                     a4
                                   2.8
                                        1999
                                                  6 manu~ f
                                                                     18
                                                                            26 p
                                                                                      comp~
##
    7 audi
                     a4
                                   3.1
                                        2008
                                                  6 auto~ f
                                                                     18
                                                                            27 p
                                                                                      comp~
    8 audi
                                   1.8
                                        1999
                                                  4 manu~ 4
                                                                     18
                                                                            26 p
                     a4 quattro
                                                                                      comp~
##
    9 audi
                                        1999
                     a4 quattro
                                   1.8
                                                  4 auto~ 4
                                                                     16
                                                                            25 p
                                                                                      comp~
## 10 audi
                                   2
                                        2008
                                                  4 manu~ 4
                                                                     20
                                                                            28 p
                     a4 quattro
                                                                                      comp~
## # ... with 224 more rows
```

2. Find all cars that are made in 1999. How many are there?

```
# Solution
mpg %>% filter(year == "1999")
```

```
## # A tibble: 117 x 11
      manufacturer model
                                 displ year
                                                cyl trans drv
                                                                    cty
                                                                          hwy fl
                                                                                      class
##
      <chr>
                    <chr>>
                                 <dbl> <int>
                                              <int> <chr> <chr> <int>
                                                                        <int> <chr>
                                                                                     <chr>
##
    1 audi
                    a4
                                   1.8
                                        1999
                                                  4 auto~ f
                                                                     18
                                                                           29 p
                                                                                      comp~
                                                                           29 p
##
    2 audi
                    a4
                                   1.8
                                        1999
                                                  4 manu~ f
                                                                     21
                                                                                      comp~
                                                                           26 p
##
    3 audi
                    a4
                                   2.8
                                        1999
                                                  6 auto~ f
                                                                     16
                                                                                     comp~
##
    4 audi
                     a4
                                   2.8
                                        1999
                                                  6 manu~ f
                                                                     18
                                                                           26 p
                                                                                     comp~
##
    5 audi
                    a4 quattro
                                   1.8
                                        1999
                                                  4 manu~ 4
                                                                     18
                                                                           26 p
                                                                                     comp~
##
    6 audi
                                        1999
                     a4 quattro
                                   1.8
                                                  4 auto~ 4
                                                                     16
                                                                           25 p
                                                                                      comp~
##
    7 audi
                     a4 quattro
                                   2.8
                                        1999
                                                  6 auto~ 4
                                                                     15
                                                                           25 p
                                                                                     comp~
##
    8 audi
                     a4 quattro
                                   2.8
                                        1999
                                                  6 manu~ 4
                                                                     17
                                                                           25 p
                                                                                     comp~
##
    9 audi
                                        1999
                     a6 quattro
                                   2.8
                                                  6 auto~ 4
                                                                     15
                                                                           24 p
                                                                                     mids~
## 10 chevrolet
                     c1500 sub~
                                   5.7
                                        1999
                                                  8 auto~ r
                                                                     13
                                                                           17 r
                                                                                     suv
## # ... with 107 more rows
```

There are 117 cars.

3. Write the command to give just the year and manufacturer columns.

```
# Solution
mpg %>% select(year, manufacturer)
```

```
## # A tibble: 234 x 2
##
       year manufacturer
##
      <int> <chr>
    1 1999 audi
##
##
       1999 audi
##
    3
       2008 audi
       2008 audi
##
    4
##
    5
       1999 audi
##
    6
       1999 audi
##
    7
       2008 audi
##
    8
      1999 audi
##
    9
       1999 audi
## 10 2008 audi
## # ... with 224 more rows
```

4. Convert the column hwy from miles per gallon to km per litre. Hint 1 miles / gallon is 0.42 km / litre.

```
# Solution
mpg \%>% mutate(hwy = hwy * 0.42)
## # A tibble: 234 x 11
##
     manufacturer model
                             displ year
                                           cyl trans drv
                                                             cty
                                                                   hwy fl
                                                                             class
##
      <chr>
                 <chr>
                             <dbl> <int> <int> <chr> <int> <dbl> <chr> <chr>
##
   1 audi
                  a4
                               1.8 1999
                                             4 auto~ f
                                                              18 12.2 p
                                                                             comp~
##
  2 audi
                 a4
                               1.8 1999
                                             4 manu~ f
                                                              21 12.2 p
                                                                             comp~
                                                              20 13.0 p
## 3 audi
                 a4
                               2
                                    2008
                                             4 manu~ f
                                                                             comp~
## 4 audi
                               2
                                    2008
                                                              21 12.6 p
                  a4
                                             4 auto~ f
                                                                             comp~
## 5 audi
                  a4
                               2.8 1999
                                             6 auto~ f
                                                              16 10.9 p
                                                                             comp~
## 6 audi
                  a4
                               2.8 1999
                                             6 manu~ f
                                                              18 10.9 p
                                                                             comp~
                                                              18 11.3 p
## 7 audi
                  a4
                               3.1 2008
                                             6 auto~ f
                                                                             comp~
## 8 audi
                               1.8 1999
                                                              18 10.9 p
                  a4 quattro
                                             4 manu~ 4
                                                                             comp~
## 9 audi
                               1.8 1999
                                                              16 10.5 p
                  a4 quattro
                                             4 auto~ 4
                                                                             comp~
## 10 audi
                  a4 quattro
                                    2008
                                                              20 11.8 p
                               2
                                             4 manu~ 4
                                                                             comp~
## # ... with 224 more rows
```

5. Find the mean cty for each year.

```
# Solution
mpg %>% group_by(year) %>% summarise(mean_cty = mean(cty))
```

```
## # A tibble: 2 x 2
## year mean_cty
## <int> <dbl>
## 1 1999 17.0
## 2 2008 16.7
```

Further challenge: in this week's content (week 2), the "Using inspect_df solutions" code is written using magrittr. See if you can understand the difference between the instructions in the content and this code and ask us if you have any questions.

```
# Solutions
# Load the diamonds dataset
data("diamonds")

# Load packages using pacman
pacman::p_load(tidyverse, inspectdf)

# Produce a plot to look at all of the categorical variables.
show_plot(inspect_cat(diamonds))

# OR with %>%
diamonds %>% inspect_cat() %>% show_plot()

# Produce summary statistics for all of the quantitative variables.
inspect_num(diamonds)

# OR with %>%
diamonds %>% inspect_num()
```