

Kaggle Rain Training Set Timing Study

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library(data.table)
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library(dplyr)
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##
## Attaching package: 'dplyr'
##
## The following objects are masked from 'package:data.table':
##
##   between, last
##
## The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':
##
##   filter, lag
##
## The following objects are masked from 'package:base':
##
##   intersect, setdiff, setequal, union
```

```
Sys.info()
```

```
##           sysname           release
##           "Windows"           "7 x64"
##           version             nodename
## "build 7601, Service Pack 1"      "SVA-U319960L001"
##           machine             login
##           "x86-64"             "319960"
##           user                 effective_user
##           "319960"             "319960"
```

```
tx <- list( proc.time())
tcheck <- function(t=1) {
  # t=0 to reset counter, t=1 incremental time output, t=n time difference from n i
  ntervals
  t <- min( t, length(tx))
  pt <- proc.time()
  if (t == 0) {
    tx <- list( proc.time())
  } else {
    tx <- c( tx, list(pt))
    tn <- length(tx)
    print ( tx[[tn]] - tx[[tn-t]])
  }
}

tcheck(0)
train <- fread("../train.csv")
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```

```
object.size(train)
```

```
## 2532802144 bytes
```

```
tcheck()
```

```
##      user  system elapsed
## 181.54      1.99   221.18
```

```
summary(train); tcheck()  #benchmark operation
```

```
##      Id      minutes_past      radardist_km      Ref
##  Min.      :      1  Min.      : 0.00  Min.      : 0.00  Min.      :-31
## 1st Qu.: 296897 1st Qu.:15.00 1st Qu.: 9.00 1st Qu.: 16
## Median : 592199 Median :30.00 Median :11.00 Median : 22
## Mean   : 592337 Mean   :29.52 Mean   :11.07 Mean   : 23
## 3rd Qu.: 889582 3rd Qu.:44.00 3rd Qu.:14.00 3rd Qu.: 30
## Max.   :1180945 Max.   :59.00 Max.   :21.00 Max.   : 71
##                                     NA's      :7415826
##  Ref_5x5_10th  Ref_5x5_50th  Ref_5x5_90th  RefComposite
##  Min.      :-32  Min.      :-32  Min.      :-28  Min.      :-32
## 1st Qu.: 14 1st Qu.: 16 1st Qu.: 18 1st Qu.: 18
## Median : 20 Median : 22 Median : 26 Median : 24
## Mean   : 20 Mean   : 23 Mean   : 26 Mean   : 25
## 3rd Qu.: 26 3rd Qu.: 29 3rd Qu.: 34 3rd Qu.: 32
## Max.   : 62 Max.   : 69 Max.   : 72 Max.   : 92
## NA's      :8481213 NA's      :7408719 NA's      :6213920 NA's      :7048858
## RefComposite_5x5_10th RefComposite_5x5_50th RefComposite_5x5_90th
##  Min.      :-31  Min.      :-28  Min.      :-25
## 1st Qu.: 16 1st Qu.: 18 1st Qu.: 20
## Median : 22 Median : 24 Median : 27
## Mean   : 22 Mean   : 24 Mean   : 27
## 3rd Qu.: 28 3rd Qu.: 32 3rd Qu.: 35
## Max.   : 66 Max.   : 71 Max.   : 94
## NA's      :8009528 NA's      :7053538 NA's      :5935998
##      RhoHV      RhoHV_5x5_10th      RhoHV_5x5_50th      RhoHV_5x5_90th
##  Min.      :0  Min.      :0  Min.      :0  Min.      :0
## 1st Qu.:1 1st Qu.:1 1st Qu.:1 1st Qu.:1
## Median :1 Median :1 Median :1 Median :1
## Mean   :1 Mean   :1 Mean   :1 Mean   :1
## 3rd Qu.:1 3rd Qu.:1 3rd Qu.:1 3rd Qu.:1
## Max.   :1 Max.   :1 Max.   :1 Max.   :1
## NA's      :8830285 NA's      :9632047 NA's      :8828633 NA's      :7859617
##      Zdr      Zdr_5x5_10th      Zdr_5x5_50th      Zdr_5x5_90th
##  Min.      :-8  Min.      :-8  Min.      :-8  Min.      :-8
## 1st Qu.: 0 1st Qu.:-1 1st Qu.: 0 1st Qu.: 1
## Median : 0 Median :-1 Median : 0 Median : 2
## Mean   : 1 Mean   :-1 Mean   : 0 Mean   : 2
## 3rd Qu.: 1 3rd Qu.: 0 3rd Qu.: 1 3rd Qu.: 3
## Max.   : 8 Max.   : 8 Max.   : 8 Max.   : 8
## NA's      :8830285 NA's      :9632047 NA's      :8828633 NA's      :7859617
##      Kdp      Kdp_5x5_10th      Kdp_5x5_50th      Kdp_5x5_90th
##  Min.      :-96  Min.      :-81  Min.      :-79  Min.      :-100
## 1st Qu.: -1 1st Qu.: -5 1st Qu.: -1 1st Qu.: 2
## Median : 0 Median : -3 Median : 0 Median : 4
## Mean   : 0 Mean   : -3 Mean   : 0 Mean   : 4
## 3rd Qu.: 2 3rd Qu.: -2 3rd Qu.: 0 3rd Qu.: 6
## Max.   :180 Max.   : 4 Max.   : 13 Max.   : 145
## NA's      :9582566 NA's      :10336419 NA's      :9577920 NA's      :8712425
##      Expected
##  Min.      :      0.01
```

```
## 1st Qu.:    0.25
## Median :    1.02
## Mean   : 108.63
## 3rd Qu.:    3.81
## Max.   :33017.73
##
```

```
##      user  system elapsed
## 71.81    3.27   75.09
```

```
#data table way
train[, median(Expected)] ; tcheck()  #median of entire set
```

```
## [1] 1.016001
```

```
##      user  system elapsed
##    0.67    0.10    0.77
```

```
train[,mean(Expected),Id][,median(V1)]; tcheck()  #median of station means
```

```
## [1] 1.016001
```

```
##      user  system elapsed
##    0.47    0.09    0.62
```

```
#dplyr way (no pipe)
summarise( summarise( group_by( train, Id ), mean = mean(Expected)), median(mean)); tcheck()
```

```
## Source: local data table [1 x 1]
##
##   median(mean)
## 1      1.016001
```

```
##      user  system elapsed
##    1.67    1.36    3.06
```

```
#dplyr way (with pipe)
train %>% group_by(Id) %>%
  summarise( V1 = mean(Expected)) %>%
  summarise( median(V1))
```



```
## Source: local data table [1 x 1]
##
##   median(V1)
## 1    1.016001
```

```
tcheck()
```

```
##   user  system elapsed
##   1.24    1.35     2.67
```

```
#dplyr way after converting to tbl_df
tbl_df(train) %>% group_by(Id) %>%
  summarise( V1 = mean(Expected)) %>%
  summarise( median(V1))
```

```
## Source: local data frame [1 x 1]
##
##   median(V1)
## 1    1.016001
```

```
tcheck()
```

```
##   user  system elapsed
##   3.62    0.42     4.15
```

```
#remove NA's   ## in two parts, since my laptop runs out of RAM
cpt <- floor(nrow(train)/2) #cutpoint
object.size(train)
```

```
## 2532802144 bytes
```

```
na_obs_1 <- train[ 1:cpt, ] %>%
  select( starts_with("Ref"), starts_with("Rho"), starts_with("Zdr"), starts_with("K
dp")) %>%
  .[, is.na(.SD)] %>%
  rowSums() == 20
tcheck()
```

```
##   user  system elapsed
##  30.91    4.79    37.50
```

```
na_obs_2 <- train[ (cpt+1):nrow(train), ]%>%
  select( starts_with("Ref"), starts_with("Rho"), starts_with("Zdr"), starts_with("K
dp")) %>%
  .[, is.na(.SD)] %>%
  rowSums() == 20
```

```
## Warning in `[.data.table`(train, (cpt + 1):nrow(train), ): Reached total
## allocation of 8097Mb: see help(memory.size)
```

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```
tcheck()
```

```
##      user  system elapsed
##    33.52    5.79   75.44
```

```
na_obs <- c( na_obs_1, na_obs_2)
sum(na_obs) / length(na_obs)
```

```
## [1] 0.3841742
```

```
train <- train[ ! na_obs, ]
```

```
## Warning in `[.data.table`(train, !na_obs, ): Reached total allocation of
## 8097Mb: see help(memory.size)
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```
object.size(train)
```

```
## 1559766896 bytes
```

```
tcheck()
```

```
##      user  system elapsed
##     2.20    4.73   111.54
```

```
summary(train); tcheck()  #benchmark operation
```

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## 8097Mb: see help(memory.size)
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```
##          Id          minutes_past      radardist_km          Ref
##  Min.      :      2  Min.      : 0.00  Min.      : 0.000  Min.      : -31.0
## 1st Qu.: 294470  1st Qu.:14.00  1st Qu.: 7.000  1st Qu.: 16.0
## Median : 591485  Median :29.00  Median :10.000  Median : 22.5
## Mean   : 591071  Mean   :29.34  Mean   : 9.635  Mean   : 22.9
## 3rd Qu.: 889742  3rd Qu.:44.00  3rd Qu.:12.000  3rd Qu.: 29.5
## Max.    :1180945  Max.    :59.00  Max.    :21.000  Max.    : 71.0
##                                     NA's    :2127591
##  Ref_5x5_10th      Ref_5x5_50th      Ref_5x5_90th      RefComposite
##  Min.      : -32  Min.      : -32.0  Min.      : -28.5  Min.      : -32.0
## 1st Qu.: 14  1st Qu.: 16.0  1st Qu.: 18.0  1st Qu.: 17.5
## Median : 20  Median : 22.5  Median : 25.5  Median : 24.0
## Mean   : 20  Mean   : 22.6  Mean   : 25.9  Mean   : 24.7
## 3rd Qu.: 26  3rd Qu.: 29.0  3rd Qu.: 33.5  3rd Qu.: 31.5
## Max.    : 62  Max.    : 69.0  Max.    : 72.5  Max.    : 92.5
## NA's    :3192978  NA's    :2120484  NA's    :925685  NA's    :1760623
## RefComposite_5x5_10th RefComposite_5x5_50th RefComposite_5x5_90th
##  Min.      : -31.0  Min.      : -27.5  Min.      : -25.0
## 1st Qu.: 16.0  1st Qu.: 17.5  1st Qu.: 19.5
## Median : 22.0  Median : 24.0  Median : 27.0
## Mean   : 22.2  Mean   : 24.4  Mean   : 27.4
## 3rd Qu.: 28.5  3rd Qu.: 31.5  3rd Qu.: 35.0
## Max.    : 66.0  Max.    : 71.0  Max.    : 93.5
## NA's    :2721293  NA's    :1765303  NA's    :647763
##          RhoHV      RhoHV_5x5_10th      RhoHV_5x5_50th      RhoHV_5x5_90th
##  Min.      :0  Min.      :0  Min.      :0  Min.      :0.2
## 1st Qu.:1  1st Qu.:1  1st Qu.:1  1st Qu.:1.0
## Median :1  Median :1  Median :1  Median :1.0
## Mean   :1  Mean   :1  Mean   :1  Mean   :1.0
## 3rd Qu.:1  3rd Qu.:1  3rd Qu.:1  3rd Qu.:1.1
## Max.    :1  Max.    :1  Max.    :1  Max.    :1.1
## NA's    :3542050  NA's    :4343812  NA's    :3540398  NA's    :2571382
##          Zdr      Zdr_5x5_10th      Zdr_5x5_50th      Zdr_5x5_90th
##  Min.      : -8  Min.      : -8  Min.      : -8  Min.      : -7.9
## 1st Qu.: 0  1st Qu.: -1  1st Qu.: 0  1st Qu.: 1.1
## Median : 0  Median : -1  Median : 0  Median : 1.7
## Mean   : 1  Mean   : -1  Mean   : 0  Mean   : 2.1
## 3rd Qu.: 1  3rd Qu.: 0  3rd Qu.: 1  3rd Qu.: 2.6
## Max.    : 8  Max.    : 8  Max.    : 8  Max.    : 7.9
## NA's    :3542050  NA's    :4343812  NA's    :3540398  NA's    :2571382
##          Kdp      Kdp_5x5_10th      Kdp_5x5_50th      Kdp_5x5_90th
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## Mean   : 0  Mean   : -3  Mean   : 0  Mean   : 4
## 3rd Qu.: 2  3rd Qu.: -2  3rd Qu.: 0  3rd Qu.: 6
## Max.    :180  Max.    : 4  Max.    : 13  Max.    : 145
## NA's    :4294331  NA's    :5048184  NA's    :4289685  NA's    :3424190
##          Expected
##  Min.      : 0.01
```

```
## 1st Qu.:    0.35
## Median :    1.27
## Mean   :   24.32
## 3rd Qu.:    3.56
## Max.   :33017.73
##
```

```
##      user  system elapsed
## 39.34   14.49   72.57
```

```
train %>% group_by(Id) %>%
  summarise( V1 = mean(Expected)) %>%
  summarise( median(V1))
```

```
## Source: local data table [1 x 1]
##
##      median(V1)
## 1      1.016001
```

```
tcheck()
```

```
##      user  system elapsed
##      1.16    0.48    2.67
```

```
save( train, file="train.Rdata ");tcheck()
```

```
##      user  system elapsed
## 88.11    0.49   89.50
```

```
load( "train.Rdata"); tcheck()
```

```
##      user  system elapsed
## 14.27    0.48   15.29
```

```
summary(train); tcheck()  #benchmark operation
```

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## NA's     :2721293  NA's     :1765303  NA's     :647763
##      RhoHV      RhoHV_5x5_10th      RhoHV_5x5_50th      RhoHV_5x5_90th
##  Min.      :0  Min.      :0  Min.      :0  Min.      :0.2
## 1st Qu.:1  1st Qu.:1  1st Qu.:1  1st Qu.:1.0
## Median :1  Median :1  Median :1  Median :1.0
## Mean   :1  Mean   :1  Mean   :1  Mean   :1.0
## 3rd Qu.:1  3rd Qu.:1  3rd Qu.:1  3rd Qu.:1.1
## Max.    :1  Max.    :1  Max.    :1  Max.    :1.1
## NA's     :3542050  NA's     :4343812  NA's     :3540398  NA's     :2571382
##      Zdr      Zdr_5x5_10th      Zdr_5x5_50th      Zdr_5x5_90th
##  Min.      : -8  Min.      : -8  Min.      : -8  Min.      : -7.9
## 1st Qu.: 0  1st Qu.: -1  1st Qu.: 0  1st Qu.: 1.1
## Median : 0  Median : -1  Median : 0  Median : 1.7
## Mean   : 1  Mean   : -1  Mean   : 0  Mean   : 2.1
## 3rd Qu.: 1  3rd Qu.: 0  3rd Qu.: 1  3rd Qu.: 2.6
## Max.    : 8  Max.    : 8  Max.    : 8  Max.    : 7.9
## NA's     :3542050  NA's     :4343812  NA's     :3540398  NA's     :2571382
##      Kdp      Kdp_5x5_10th      Kdp_5x5_50th      Kdp_5x5_90th
##  Min.      : -96  Min.      : -81  Min.      : -79  Min.      : -100
## 1st Qu.: -1  1st Qu.: -5  1st Qu.: -1  1st Qu.: 2
## Median : 0  Median : -3  Median : 0  Median : 4
## Mean   : 0  Mean   : -3  Mean   : 0  Mean   : 4
## 3rd Qu.: 2  3rd Qu.: -2  3rd Qu.: 0  3rd Qu.: 6
## Max.    :180  Max.    : 4  Max.    : 13  Max.    : 145
## NA's     :4294331  NA's     :5048184  NA's     :4289685  NA's     :3424190
##      Expected
##  Min.      : 0.01
```

```
## 1st Qu.:    0.35
## Median :    1.27
## Mean   :   24.32
## 3rd Qu.:    3.56
## Max.   :33017.73
##
```

```
##      user  system elapsed
##   33.81    2.61   36.92
```

```
train %>% group_by(Id) %>%
  summarise( V1 = mean(Expected)) %>%
  summarise( median(V1))
```

```
## Source: local data table [1 x 1]
##
##      median(V1)
## 1      1.016001
```

```
tcheck()
```

```
##      user  system elapsed
##    0.59    0.51    1.13
```

```
#total script time
tcheck(999)
```

```
##      user  system elapsed
##   504.93   42.95   750.10
```

Discussion

data.table is faster than dplyer, which converts to a data.frame (I think), but its a lot less intuitive to work with (for me anyway). Removing the NA's reduces the size of the train data from 2.5 GB, to 1.5 GB and dplyr seems to perform okay on the latter.

On my PC (12GB on and AMD Athlon II X4 630 @2.8 GHz) working with the entire dataset eventually brings it to its knees. Removing the NA's makes the dataframe much more manageable and things like `summary` operations are much more manageable.

Recommendation

Run at least this part of the script one time

```
library(data.table)
library(dplyr)

#load the data
train <- fread("../train.csv")

#remove the lines that are all NA
object.size(train)
na_obs <- train %>%
  select( starts_with("Ref"), starts_with("Rho"), starts_with("Zdr"), starts_with("K
dp")) %>%
  .[, is.na(.SD)] %>%
  rowSums() == 20
tcheck()
sum(na_obs) / length(na_obs)
train <- train[ ! na_obs, ]
object.size(train)

save( train, file="train.Rdata ")
```

Then load the data into your scripts using

```
load( "train.Rdata"); tcheck()
```