

# flight times

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```
library(tidyverse)
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## -- Attaching packages ----- tidyverse
## v ggplot2 3.3.1      v purrr  0.3.4
## v tibble  3.0.1      v dplyr  1.0.0
## v tidyr   1.1.0      v stringr 1.4.0
## v readr   1.3.1      v forcats 0.5.0

## -- Conflicts ----- tidyverse_conflicts()
## x dplyr::filter() masks stats::filter()
## x dplyr::lag()    masks stats::lag()
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```
library(nycflights13)
```

I am conducting a basic analysis regarding the variation of flight times, demonstrating the extremely useful tidyverse package. The dataset I am using is called flights has roughly 336,000 observations and multiple columns with relevant information pertaining to flight times.

```
glimpse(flights)
```

```
## Rows: 336,776
## Columns: 19
## $ year      <int> 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013...
## $ month     <int> 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1...
## $ day       <int> 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1...
## $ dep_time  <int> 517, 533, 542, 544, 554, 554, 555, 557, 557, 558, 55...
## $ sched_dep_time <int> 515, 529, 540, 545, 600, 558, 600, 600, 600, 600, 60...
## $ dep_delay <dbl> 2, 4, 2, -1, -6, -4, -5, -3, -3, -2, -2, -2, -2, -2,...
## $ arr_time  <int> 830, 850, 923, 1004, 812, 740, 913, 709, 838, 753, 8...
## $ sched_arr_time <int> 819, 830, 850, 1022, 837, 728, 854, 723, 846, 745, 8...
## $ arr_delay <dbl> 11, 20, 33, -18, -25, 12, 19, -14, -8, 8, -2, -3, 7,...
## $ carrier   <chr> "UA", "UA", "AA", "B6", "DL", "UA", "B6", "EV", "B6"...
## $ flight    <int> 1545, 1714, 1141, 725, 461, 1696, 507, 5708, 79, 301...
## $ tailnum   <chr> "N14228", "N24211", "N619AA", "N804JB", "N668DN", "N...
## $ origin    <chr> "EWR", "LGA", "JFK", "JFK", "LGA", "EWR", "EWR", "LG...
## $ dest      <chr> "IAH", "IAH", "MIA", "BQN", "ATL", "ORD", "FLL", "IA...
## $ air_time  <dbl> 227, 227, 160, 183, 116, 150, 158, 53, 140, 138, 149...
## $ distance  <dbl> 1400, 1416, 1089, 1576, 762, 719, 1065, 229, 944, 73...
## $ hour      <dbl> 5, 5, 5, 5, 6, 5, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 5, 6, 6...
## $ minute    <dbl> 15, 29, 40, 45, 0, 58, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 59...
## $ time_hour <dtm> 2013-01-01 05:00:00, 2013-01-01 05:00:00, 2013-01-0...
```

First, I will add a column that shows the amount of time gained during air (the arrival - the departure delay), then sort the the data by the amount of gain time

```
flights%>%mutate(gain=arr_delay-dep_delay)
```

```
## # 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     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
## 7  2013     1     1     555             600          -5      913             854
## 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 <dtm>,
## #   gain <dbl>
```

```
flights2<-flights%>%mutate(gain=arr_delay-dep_delay)%>%arrange(desc(gain))
```

We can find out if flights lost or gained time on the average

```
flights2%>%summarize(average=mean(gain,na.rm=TRUE))
```

```
## # A tibble: 1 x 1
##   average
##   <dbl>
## 1   -5.66
```

So on average, flights lost about 5 minutes in the air. We can also find the the average amount of time gained by planes coming from or going to a certain airport.

```
flights2%>%filter(dest=="SEA")%>%summarize(average=mean(gain,na.rm=TRUE))
```

```
## # A tibble: 1 x 1
##   average
##   <dbl>
## 1  -11.7
```

```
flights2%>%filter(origin=="JFK")%>%summarize(average=mean(gain,na.rm=TRUE))
```

```
## # A tibble: 1 x 1
##   average
##   <dbl>
## 1   -6.47
```

So flights heading to the Seattle-Tacoma airport lose about 11 minutes, and flights coming from JFK lose about 6 minutes. Besides this, we can find key information about specific routes as well.

```
flights2%>%filter(origin=="JFK",dest=="SEA")%>%summarize(minimum=min(air_time,na.rm=TRUE),maximum=max(a
```

```
## # A tibble: 1 x 3
##   minimum maximum average
##   <dbl>    <dbl>    <dbl>
## 1    275     389     329.
```

In this case, we see that the minimum flight time from JFK airport to was 275 minutes, the maximum was 389 minutes, and the average was 329 minutes. We can also sort delay times by month of the year

```
slowest<-flights2%>%group_by(month)%>%summarize(delayance=mean(dep_delay,na.rm=TRUE)) %>% arrange(desc(
```

```
## `summarise()` ungrouping output (override with `.groups` argument)
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```
slowest
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```
## # A tibble: 12 x 2
##   month delayance
##   <int>     <dbl>
## 1     7      21.7
## 2     6      20.8
## 3    12      16.6
## 4     4      13.9
## 5     3      13.2
## 6     5      13.0
## 7     8      12.6
## 8     2      10.8
## 9     1      10.0
## 10    9       6.72
## 11   10       6.24
## 12   11       5.44
```

Here we can see that July has the highest average delay times, while September has the lowest average delay times. Let's also find the airport that usually has the highest average delay times

```
slowflight<-flights2%>%group_by(dest)%>%summarize(arrivaldelay=mean(arr_delay,na.rm=TRUE))%>%arrange(desc(
```

```
## `summarise()` ungrouping output (override with `.groups` argument)
```

```
slowflight %>% head(5)
```

```
## # A tibble: 5 x 2
##   dest arrivaldelay
##   <chr>         <dbl>
## 1 CAE         41.8
## 2 TUL         33.7
## 3 OKC         30.6
## 4 JAC         28.1
## 5 TYS         24.1
```

We can see Columbia Metropolitan Airport on average has the greatest delay times. Going in another direction, we can find the airports that flown to the fastest by creating another column called speed (distance flown/air time), grouping by destinations, and find the averages of those groups

```
flights%>%mutate(speed=distance/air_time)%>%group_by(dest)%>%summarize(average=mean(speed,na.rm=TRUE))%>%
```

```
## `summarise()` ungrouping output (override with `.groups` argument)
```

```
## # A tibble: 5 x 2
##   dest average
##   <chr>     <dbl>
## 1 ANC      8.17
## 2 BQN      8.12
## 3 SJU      8.09
## 4 HNL      8.06
## 5 PSE      8.01
```

We see that Anchorage International Airport is the destination that is flown to with the greatest speed. Finally, lets try combining relevant data from this dataset with a similar dataset using a “join”

```
#first, using the flights data, we find information that we would like to
#be added to the similar dataset
avg_arrival_delay<-flights%>%group_by(dest)%>%summarize(delayal=mean(arr_delay, na.rm=TRUE))

## `summarise()` ungrouping output (override with `.groups` argument)

#we are combining average delay times by airport with another dataset called airports
#that has information containing latitudes, longitudes, etc. We join by columns that
#exist in both datasets
plane2<-left_join(avg_arrival_delay,airports,by=c("dest"="faa"))
plane2 %>% head(10)
```

```
## # A tibble: 10 x 9
##   dest delayal name          lat lon alt tz dst tzone
##   <chr>   <dbl> <chr>          <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <chr> <chr>
## 1 ABQ     4.38 Albuquerque Interna~ 35.0 -107. 5355 -7 A America/De~
## 2 ACK     4.85 Nantucket Mem         41.3 -70.1 48 -5 A America/Ne~
## 3 ALB    14.4 Albany Intl         42.7 -73.8 285 -5 A America/Ne~
## 4 ANC     -2.5 Ted Stevens Anchor~ 61.2 -150. 152 -9 A America/An~
## 5 ATL    11.3 Hartsfield Jackson ~ 33.6 -84.4 1026 -5 A America/Ne~
## 6 AUS     6.02 Austin Bergstrom In~ 30.2 -97.7 542 -6 A America/Ch~
## 7 AVL     8.00 Asheville Regional ~ 35.4 -82.5 2165 -5 A America/Ne~
## 8 BDL     7.05 Bradley Intl         41.9 -72.7 173 -5 A America/Ne~
## 9 BGR     8.03 Bangor Intl         44.8 -68.8 192 -5 A America/Ne~
## 10 BHM    16.9 Birmingham Intl        33.6 -86.8 644 -6 A America/Ch~
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