

2015 US Domestic Flights Analysis: Delays and Cancellations (Capstone 2)

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General note

The goal of this Capstone2 project is multifold: 1) to incorporate all the learnings (technical & analytical skills) acquired throughout the Data Analytics Career Track course offered by Springboard, 2) to demonstrate & strengthen technical skills and computer literacy related to Python, Tableau, statistics, predictive analytics and modeling, 3) generate a basic tutorial for people who are new to Python and Exploratory Data Analysis

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Python libraries used

- Data manipulation: numpy, pandas, geopandas
- Visualization: matplotlib, seaborn
- Statistics: statsmodel, scipy
- Modeling:statsmodel, sklearn

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- 1. Understand the relationship between variables
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I. Introduction

Why this data set

I chose this data set based on these characteristics:

- Richness in dimensions such as categorical, numerical data, geographic data, and time series
- Prediction potential
- High potential business impact
- Interesting subject

Context

• The U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Bureau of Transportation Statistics tracks the on-time performance and the causes of delays and cancellation of domestic flights operated by large air carriers since 2003. Summary information on the number of on-time, delayed, canceled, and diverted flights is published in DOT's monthly Air Travel Consumer Report. It covers nonstop scheduled-service flights between points within the United States (including territories) by the fourteen (14) U.S. air carriers that have at least one percent of total domestic scheduled-service passenger revenues. The current analysis focuses on the 2015 historical daily data of domestic flights operated by large air carriers, which includes specs on airlines, flights, airports, dates, time, and causes of delays and cancellations

Goals

- Identify major drivers for delays and cancellations
- · Build a model to predict overall flight delays

Sources

- Kaggle: https://www.kaggle.com/usdot/flight-delays?select=flights.csv
- US Department of Transportation: https://www.transportation.gov/airconsumer
- Bureau of Transportation Statistics: https://www.transtats.bts.gov

II. Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA): data examination & cleaning

- A. Import python libraries & raw data
- B. Data overview & description: understanding the variables & dimensions
 - 1. The *flights* dataset
 - 2. The airports dataset
 - 3. The airlines dataset
 - 4. Renaming columns
- C. Data cleaning (add link to section): unique identifiers, missing values, duplicates, data inconsistencies, transforming data
 - 1. The *flights* dataset
 - 2. The airports dataset
 - 3. Merging datasets

A. Import python libraries & raw data

```
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib as mpl
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
import scipy as sp
import statsmodels.api as sm
import datetime
import time
import os

sns.set_style("darkgrid")
mpl.rcParams['figure.figsize'] = (20, 5)
```

import 4 files part of the data set

```
In [2]:
          # 1. flights: the main file
          flights_raw=pd.read_csv("/Users/iulialaptop/Documents/0. Career/Python_Projects_
          # 2. airports file includes airport geographic coordinates
          airports_raw=pd.read_csv("/Users/iulialaptop/Documents/0. Career/Python_Projects
          # 3. airlines file includes the airlines 2-letter code
          airlines=pd.read_csv("/Users/iulialaptop/Documents/0. Career/Python_Projects_Spr
          # 4. the Ocotber file includes data for the month of October 2015 only to correc
          October_2015_Flights=pd.read_csv("/Users/iulialaptop/Documents/0. Career/Python_
          # summary table
In [52]:
          pd.concat([
              flights_raw.dtypes,
              flights_raw.count(),
              flights raw.nunique(),
              flights_raw.duplicated().value_counts(),
              flights_raw.isnull().sum(),
              round(100 * flights_raw.isnull().sum() / len(flights_raw), 1)
          ],
                    axis=1).rename(
                        columns={
                            0: 'Dtype',
                            1: 'Non-null counts',
                            2: 'Unique values',
                            3: 'Duplicates',
                            4: 'Missing Nulls',
                            5: 'Missing (%)'
                        })
```

Out[52]:		Dtype	Non-null counts	Unique values	Duplicates	Missing Nulls	Missing (%)
	YEAR	int16	5819079.0	1.0	NaN	0.0	0.0
	MONTH	int8	5819079.0	12.0	NaN	0.0	0.0
	DAY	int8	5819079.0	31.0	NaN	0.0	0.0
	DAY_OF_WEEK	int8	5819079.0	7.0	NaN	0.0	0.0
	AIRLINE	category	5819079.0	14.0	NaN	0.0	0.0
	ORIGIN_AIRPORT	object	5819079.0	628.0	NaN	0.0	0.0
	DESTINATION_AIRPORT	object	5819079.0	629.0	NaN	0.0	0.0
	SCHEDULED_DEPARTURE	float32	5819079.0	1321.0	NaN	0.0	0.0
	DEPARTURE_TIME	float32	5732926.0	1440.0	NaN	86153.0	1.5
	DEPARTURE_DELAY	float32	5732926.0	1217.0	NaN	86153.0	1.5
	TAXI_OUT	float32	5730032.0	184.0	NaN	89047.0	1.5
	WHEELS_OFF	float32	5730032.0	1440.0	NaN	89047.0	1.5
	SCHEDULED_TIME	float32	5819073.0	550.0	NaN	6.0	0.0

	Dtype	Non-null counts	Unique values	Duplicates	Missing Nulls	Missing (%)
ELAPSED_TIME	float32	5714008.0	712.0	NaN	105071.0	1.8
AIR_TIME	float32	5714008.0	675.0	NaN	105071.0	1.8
DISTANCE	int16	5819079.0	1363.0	NaN	0.0	0.0
WHEELS_ON	float32	5726566.0	1440.0	NaN	92513.0	1.6
TAXI_IN	float32	5726566.0	185.0	NaN	92513.0	1.6
SCHEDULED_ARRIVAL	float32	5819079.0	1435.0	NaN	0.0	0.0
ARRIVAL_TIME	float32	5726566.0	1440.0	NaN	92513.0	1.6
ARRIVAL_DELAY	float32	5714008.0	1240.0	NaN	105071.0	1.8
DIVERTED	int8	5819079.0	2.0	NaN	0.0	0.0
CANCELLED	int8	5819079.0	2.0	NaN	0.0	0.0
CANCELLATION_REASON	category	89884.0	4.0	NaN	5729195.0	98.5
AIR_SYSTEM_DELAY	float32	1063439.0	570.0	NaN	4755640.0	81.7
SECURITY_DELAY	float32	1063439.0	154.0	NaN	4755640.0	81.7
AIRLINE_DELAY	float32	1063439.0	1067.0	NaN	4755640.0	81.7
LATE_AIRCRAFT_DELAY	float32	1063439.0	695.0	NaN	4755640.0	81.7
WEATHER_DELAY	float32	1063439.0	632.0	NaN	4755640.0	81.7
False	NaN	NaN	NaN	5819079.0	NaN	NaN

Optimize files for memory usage

The size of "flights_raw" is: 592.41 MB The size of "airports" is: 0.02 MB

```
The size of "airlines" is: 0.0 MB
The size of "october" is: 177.3 MB
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In [5]: # reducing the file memory usage by changind the dtypes
    dtype = {'YEAR':'int16', 'MONTH':'int8', 'DAY':'int8', 'DAY_OF_WEEK':'int8', 'AI
    flights_raw = pd.read_csv("/Users/iulialaptop/Documents/0. Career/Python_Project
    #drop 2 columns
    flights_raw=flights_raw.drop(columns=['FLIGHT_NUMBER', 'TAIL_NUMBER'])
```

B. Data overview & description: understanding the variables & dimensions

```
In [6]: #raw data summary
    print("1. flights_df_dimensions:", flights_raw.shape)
    print("2. airports_df_dimensions:",airports_raw.shape)
    print("3. airlines_df_dimensions:",airlines.shape)
    print("4. October_2015_df_dimensions:",October_2015_Flights.shape)
```

- 1. flights_df_dimensions: (5819079, 29)
- 2. airports_df_dimensions: (322, 7)
- 3. airlines_df_dimensions: (14, 2)
- 4. October 2015 df dimensions: (486165, 65)

#	File Name	Description	No. of columns
1.	flights_raw	• the main data set to be used in analysis	29
2.	airports_raw	 reference file for the airports; includes details for all airports such as name, city, state, & geographic coordinates; to be merged with flights 	7
3.	airlines	reference file for the airlines;includes the full names for all the airlines	2
4.	October_2015_Flights	 details of all flights for the month of October 2015 (see below why); to be merged with flights 	65

1. The "flights" dataset

In [7]: #main table
flights_raw.head()

Out[7]:		YEAR	MONTH	DAY	DAY_OF_WEEK	AIRLINE	ORIGIN_AIRPORT	DESTINATION_AIRPORT	SCH
	0	2015	1	1	4	AS	ANC	SEA	
	1	2015	1	1	4	AA	LAX	PBI	
	2	2015	1	1	4	US	SFO	CLT	
	3	2015	1	1	4	AA	LAX	MIA	
	4	2015	1	1	4	AS	SEA	ANC	

5 rows × 29 columns

General comments

- the date columns (YEAR, MONTH, DAY) need to be transformed into a single-column date format;
- the total number of airlines is 14;
- the total number of airports is 628 (origin) & 629 (destination);
- AIRLINE column represents a 2-letter unique identifier for the airlines (aka IATA_CODE);
- ORIGIN_AIRPORT & DESTINATION_AIRPORT list 3-letter unique identifiers for airports (aka IATA_CODE);
- the time is either integer or float; they will need to be transformed into integers & converted to time stamps;
- the completeness of the data is good for the time value columns of interest; the rows with null values will be dropped;
- only 1.5% of flights were cancelled during 2015;
- 18.3% of flights recorded delays during 2015.

Major data dimensions

- CARRIER-BASED (Airlines): an identification number assigned by US DOT to identify a unique domestic airline, represented by a 2-letter code and corresponding name; Total = 14 airlines designated by the 2-letter code;
- **SPATIAL (Airports):** ORIGIN_AIRPORT & DESTINATION_AIRPORT corresponding to each flight; a 3-letter code attributed by IATA to uniquely identify the airports; **Total** = 322 airports designated by the 3-letter code; -**TEMPORAL / Date:** Year, Month, Day, Day of week; dates corresponding to the flights; -**TEMPORAL / Time:**
 - real time expressed as xx:yy (hour:minute) format: schedule vs. actuals
 - scheduled_departure
 - departure_time
 - scheduled_arrival
 - arrival_time
 - wheels_off
 - wheels_on
 - calculated time metrics in minutes: departure_delays, arrival delays, taxi_out, taxi_in, air time, elapsed time
 - arrival_delay
 - departure_delay
 - taxi_in
 - taxi_out
 - scheduled_time
 - elapsed_time
 - air_time -On-time schedule performance metrics: on-time vs. delayed vs.
 cancelled
- Cancellation reasons: 4 main causes (A, B, C, D) as defined by the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Bureau of Transportation Statistics
 - A = Carrier caused
 - B = Weather

- C = National Aviation System
- D = Security
- Delay reasons: 5 reasons (E, F, G, H, I) as defined by the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Bureau of Transportation Statistics; delays are defined for flights with >=15 minutes
 - E = Carrier caused
 - F = Weather
 - G = National Aviation System
 - H = Security
 - I = Late arriving aircraft

Definitions:

- WHEELS_OFF time = the time point that the aircraft's wheels leave the ground.
- WHEELS_ON time = the time point that the aircraft's wheels touch on the ground.
- **TAXI_OUT** Time = the time duration elapsed between departure from the origin airport gate and wheels off.
- **TAXI_IN** time = the time duration elapsed between wheels-on and gate arrival at the destination airport.
- AIR_TIME = the time duration between wheels_off and wheels_on time
- **SCHEDULED_TIME** = the time duration between scheduled arrival and scheduled departure

Calculated metrics (minutes):

- **DEPARTURE_DELAY** = DEPARTURE_TIME SCHEDULED_DEPARTURE
- TAXI_OUT = WHEELS_OFF DEPARTURE_TIME
- **SCHEDULED_TIME** = SCHEDULED_ARRIVAL SCHEDULED_DEPARTURE
- AIR_TIME = WHEELS_ON WHEELS_OFF
- **ELAPSED_TIME** = AIR_TIME + TAXI_IN + TAXI_OUT
- TAXI_IN = ARRIVAL_TIME WHEEL_ON
- ARRIVAL_DELAY = ARRIVAL_TIME SCHEDULED_ARRIVAL

2. The "airports" dataset

[8]:	ai	airports_raw.head()								
[8]:		IATA_CODE	AIRPORT	CITY	STATE	COUNTRY	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		
	0	ABE	Lehigh Valley International Airport	Allentown	PA	USA	40.65236	-75.44040		
	1	АВІ	Abilene Regional Airport	Abilene	TX	USA	32.41132	-99.68190		
	2	ABQ	Albuquerque International Sunport	Albuquerque	NM	USA	35.04022	-106.60919		
	3	ABR	Aberdeen Regional Airport	Aberdeen	SD	USA	45.44906	-98.42183		

```
IATA_CODE AIRPORT CITY STATE COUNTRY LATITUDE LONGITUDE

4 ABY Southwest Georgia Regional Airport Albany GA USA 31.53552 -84.19447
```

Out[9]:		Dtype	Non-null counts	Unique values	Missing Nulls	Missing (%)
	IATA_CODE	object	322	322	0	0.0
	AIRPORT	object	322	322	0	0.0
	CITY	object	322	308	0	0.0
	STATE	object	322	54	0	0.0
	COUNTRY	object	322	1	0	0.0
	LATITUDE	float64	319	319	3	0.9
	LONGITUDE	float64	319	319	3	0.9

General comments

- the total number of unique airports is 322 which is very different from the number of airports in the flights file; this needs to be investigated;
- 3 airports don't have lat and long coordinates;
- IATA_CODE represents the unique identifier for airports which corresponds to the ORIGIN_AIRPORT & DESTINATION_AIRPORT in the *flights* file;
- IATA_CODE for airports (3-letter unique identifier) not to be confused with IATA_CODE for airlines (2-letter unique identifier);
- for clarity I will rename the columns in the flights and airports files;
- the flights & airport files will be merged using IATA_CODE for airports

3. The "airlines" dataset

In [10]: airlines

Out[10]:		IATA_CODE	AIRLINE
	0	UA	United Air Lines Inc.
	1	AA	American Airlines Inc.
	2	US	US Airways Inc.
	3	F9	Frontier Airlines Inc.
	4	В6	JetBlue Airways

	IATA_CODE	AIRLINE
5	00	Skywest Airlines Inc.
6	AS	Alaska Airlines Inc.
7	NK	Spirit Air Lines
8	WN	Southwest Airlines Co.
9	DL	Delta Air Lines Inc.
10	EV	Atlantic Southeast Airlines
11	НА	Hawaiian Airlines Inc.
12	MQ	American Eagle Airlines Inc.
13	VX	Virgin America

Out[11]:

	Dtype	Non-null counts	Unique values	Missing Nulls	Missing (%)
IATA_CODE	object	14	14	0	0.0
AIRLINE	object	14	14	0	0.0

General comments

- the total number of unique airlines is 14;
- IATA_CODE is for airlines (a 2-letter unique identifier);
- AIRLINE columns represents the name of the airline; not to be confused with AIRLINE column in the flights file which is actually is the IATA_CODE for the airlines.

4. Renaming columns for consistency

C. Data cleaning

1. The "flights" dataset

```
In [13]:
          # Convert Date to Datetime format
          flights_new['Date'] = pd.to_datetime(flights_new[['YEAR','MONTH','DAY']])
          flights new.Date.head()
          #adding the day & month name columns
          flights_new['Day_name'] = flights_new['Date'].dt.day_name()
          flights new['Month name']=flights new['Date'].dt.month name()
          flights_new[['Date','Day_name','Month_name']].head()
In [14]:
                  Date Day_name Month_name
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          4 2015-01-01
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         1.2. Converting the time variables to time stamps
          # the columns to be converted
In [15]:
          flights_new[['Date','SCHEDULED_DEPARTURE','DEPARTURE_TIME', 'WHEELS_OFF','WHEELS
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          # Define function that convert the 'HHMM' values to time
In [16]:
          def Format Hoursmin(hours):
               if pd.isnull(hours):
                   return np.nan
               else:
                   if hours == 2400: hours = 0
                   hours = "{0:04d}".format(int(hours))
                   Hoursmin = datetime.time(int(hours[0:2]), int(hours[2:4]))
                   return Hoursmin
          flights new['SCHEDULED DEPARTURE'] = flights new['SCHEDULED DEPARTURE'].apply(Fo
In [17]:
          flights new['DEPARTURE TIME'] = flights new['DEPARTURE TIME'].apply(Format Hours
          flights_new['SCHEDULED_ARRIVAL'] = flights_new['SCHEDULED_ARRIVAL'].apply(Format
          flights_new['ARRIVAL_TIME'] = flights_new['ARRIVAL_TIME'].apply(Format_Hoursmin)
```

```
flights_new['WHEELS_OFF'] = flights_new['WHEELS_OFF'].apply(Format_Hoursmin)
           flights_new['WHEELS_ON'] = flights_new['WHEELS_ON'].apply(Format_Hoursmin)
           flights_new[['Date','SCHEDULED_DEPARTURE','DEPARTURE_TIME', 'WHEELS_OFF','WHEELS
In [18]:
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           # summary table
In [19]:
           pd.concat([flights_new.dtypes,
                        flights_new.count(),
                        flights_new.nunique(),
                        flights_new.isnull().sum(),
                        round(100 * flights_new.isnull().sum()/len(flights_new),1)],
                           axis=1).rename(columns={0:'Dtype',1:'Non-null counts',2:'Unique va
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DISTANCE

WHEELS_ON

int16

object

5819079

5726566

1363

1440

0

92513

0.0

1.6

	Dtype	Non-null counts	Unique values	# Nulls	Missing (%)
TAXI_IN	float32	5726566	185	92513	1.6
SCHEDULED_ARRIVAL	object	5819079	1435	0	0.0
ARRIVAL_TIME	object	5726566	1440	92513	1.6
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LATE_AIRCRAFT_DELAY	float32	1063439	695	4755640	81.7
WEATHER_DELAY	float32	1063439	632	4755640	81.7
Date	datetime64[ns]	5819079	365	0	0.0
Day_name	object	5819079	7	0	0.0
Month_name	object	5819079	12	0	0.0

1.3. Investigating airport codes

```
In [20]: # no. of airport codes in the flights file for the origin airports
flights_new["ORG_ARP_CODE"].nunique()
```

Out[20]: 628

```
In [21]: # no. of airport codes in the flights file for the destination airports
flights_new["DST_ARP_CODE"].nunique()
```

Out[21]: 629

```
In [22]: #a list with all airport codes
flights_new["ORG_ARP_CODE"].unique()
```

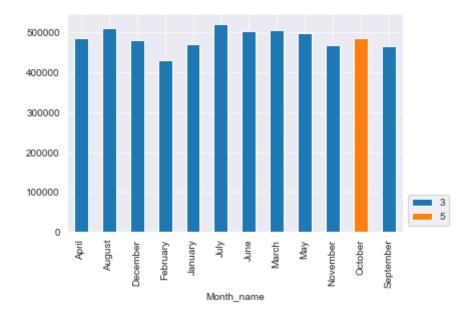
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```

The airport codes are either a 3-letter or 5-digit code

```
In [23]:
          # create 2 new columns based on the length of data for the airport codes
          flights_new["Len_ORG_ARP"]=flights_new["ORG_ARP_CODE"].str.len()
          flights_new["Len_DST_ARP"]=flights_new["DST_ARP_CODE"].str.len()
          flights_new["Len_ORG_ARP"].unique()
In [24]:
Out[24]: array([3, 5])
          flights_new["Len_DST_ARP"].unique()
In [25]:
Out[25]: array([3, 5])

eal Both columns have two unique values, 3 or 5; 3 corresponds to the 3-
               letter code and 5 corresponds to the 5-digit code
          # create a crosstab to investigate the occurrence patterns of the 2 string lengt
In [26]:
          pd.crosstab(flights_new['Month_name'],flights_new['Len_ORG_ARP'])
                            3
                                    5
Out[26]: Len_ORG_ARP
           Month_name
                       485151
                                    0
                  April
                August
                       510536
                                    0
             December 479230
                                    0
              February
                       429191
                                    0
               January 469968
                                    0
                  July
                       520718
                                    0
                 June 503897
                                    0
                March 504312
                                    0
                  May 496993
                                    0
             November 467972
                                    0
               October
                            0 486165
            September 464946
                                    0
In [27]:
          # when the 5-digit flights occur?
          pd.crosstab(flights new['Month name'],flights new['Len ORG ARP']).plot(kind='bar
          plt.legend(loc='center left', bbox to anchor=(1,0.1))
Out[27]: <matplotlib.legend.Legend at 0x7f8fc5bab9d0>
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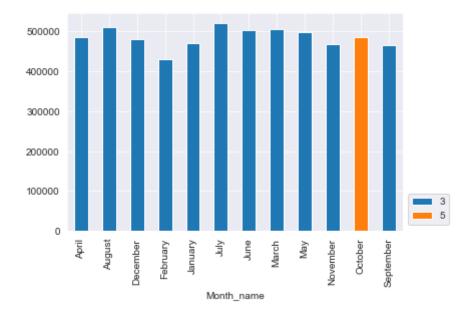


In [28]: # create a crosstab to investigate the occurrence patterns of the 2 string lengt
 pd.crosstab(flights_new['Month_name'],flights_new['Len_DST_ARP'])

Out[28]:	Len_DST_ARP	3	5
	Month_name		
	April	485151	0
	August	510536	0
	December	479230	0
	February	429191	0
	January	469968	0
	July	520718	0
	June	503897	0
	March	504312	0
	May	496993	0
	November	467972	0
	October	0	486165
	September	464946	0

```
In [29]: pd.crosstab(flights_new['Month_name'],flights_new['Len_DST_ARP']).plot(kind='bar
plt.legend(loc='center left', bbox_to_anchor=(1,0.1))
```

Out[29]: <matplotlib.legend.Legend at 0x7f8dbb1e87f0>



We can see that the 5-digit airport codes, for both Origin and Destination airports, occur for the month of October only; all other months have a 3-letter code

```
# subsetting the rows wiht 5-digit airport code
In [30]:
          flights_5digit=flights_new[flights_new['Len_DST_ARP']==5]
          # subsetting the rows wiht 3-digit airport code
          flights_3digit=flights_new[flights_new['Len_DST_ARP']==3]
          flights_new['ORG_ARP_CODE'].nunique(), flights_new['DST_ARP_CODE'].nunique()
In [31]:
Out[31]: (628, 629)
          flights_5digit['ORG_ARP_CODE'].nunique()
In [32]:
Out[32]: 306
          flights_3digit['ORG_ARP_CODE'].nunique()
In [33]:
Out[33]: 322
In [34]:
          flights_5digit['DST_ARP_CODE'].nunique()
Out[34]: 307
          flights_3digit['DST_ARP_CODE'].nunique()
In [35]:
Out[35]: 322
```

2. The "airports" dataset

2.1. Investigating the codes for the airports

```
In [36]: airports_new.info()
```

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
          RangeIndex: 322 entries, 0 to 321
          Data columns (total 7 columns):
               Column
                          Non-Null Count Dtype
               ARP_CODE
                           322 non-null
           0
                                           object
               ARP_Name
           1
                           322 non-null
                                           object
           2
                           322 non-null
                                           object
               CITY
           3
               STATE
                           322 non-null
                                           object
           4
                          322 non-null
                                           object
               COUNTRY
           5
                                           float64
               LATITUDE 319 non-null
             LONGITUDE 319 non-null
                                           float64
          dtypes: float64(2), object(5)
          memory usage: 17.7+ KB
          airports_new["ARP_CODE"].str.len().unique()
In [37]:
Out[37]: array([3])
                orall the code for the airports is a 3-letter unique code and thus this dataset
               can be merged with the flights dataset based on this unique identifier
         2.2. Investigating the null values for the Lat & Long
          # Lat & Long missing values
In [38]:
           # method 1: display the airports that have NO coordinates (3 counts)
           is_NaN = airports_new.isnull()
          row has NaN = is NaN.any(axis=1)
           rows with NaN = airports new[row has NaN]
           print(rows_with_NaN)
```

```
ARP CODE
                                                          ARP Name
96
                 Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport
         ECP
234
         PBG
                                Plattsburgh International Airport
313
         UST
              Northeast Florida Regional Airport (St. August...
               CITY STATE COUNTRY LATITUDE LONGITUDE
96
       Panama City
                       FL
                              USA
                                         NaN
       Plattsburgh
                       NY
                              USA
                                         NaN
                                                     NaN
234
313 St. Augustine
                       FL
                              USA
                                         NaN
                                                     NaN
2.3. Replacing the null values
```

```
# replacing null values for coordinates that are missing
In [39]:
          airports_new.iloc[[96],[5,6]] = [30.354673,-85.8000081697587]
          airports_new.iloc[[234],[5,6]] = [44.6519299287931,-73.467855928325]
          airports new.iloc[[313],[5,6]] = [29.9545573,-81.34298816]
          airports new.iloc[[96,234,313]]
```

Out[39]:		ARP_CODE	ARP_Name	CITY	STATE	COUNTRY	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
	96	ECP	Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport	Panama City	FL	USA	30.354673	-85.800008
	234	PBG	Plattsburgh International Airport	Plattsburgh	NY	USA	44.651930	-73.467856
	313	UST	Northeast Florida Regional Airport (St. August	St. Augustine	FL	USA	29.954557	-81.342988

3. Merging datasets

3.1. Merging "flights" with "2015 October"

Investigate the "October flights" dataset

```
In [40]: October_2015_Flights.shape
Out[40]: (486165, 65)
In [41]: # display columns names
              October 2015 Flights.columns
Out[41]: Index(['YEAR', 'QUARTER', 'MONTH', 'DAY_OF_MONTH', 'DAY_OF_WEEK', 'FL_DATE',
                      'OP_UNIQUE_CARRIER', 'OP_CARRIER_AIRLINE_ID', 'OP_CARRIER', 'TAIL_NUM', 'OP_CARRIER_FL_NUM', 'ORIGIN_AIRPORT_ID', 'ORIGIN_AIRPORT_SEQ_ID',
                      'ORIGIN_CITY_MARKET_ID', 'ORIGIN', 'ORIGIN_CITY_NAME',
                      'ORIGIN_STATE_ABR', 'ORIGIN_STATE_FIPS', 'ORIGIN_STATE_NM',
                      'ORIGIN_WAC', 'DEST_AIRPORT_ID', 'DEST_AIRPORT_SEQ_ID',
                      'DEST_CITY_MARKET_ID', 'DEST', 'DEST_CITY_NAME', 'DEST_STATE_ABR',
                      'DEST_STATE_FIPS', 'DEST_STATE_NM', 'DEST_WAC', 'CRS_DEP_TIME',
                      'DEP TIME', 'DEP_DELAY', 'DEP_DELAY_NEW', 'DEP_DEL15',
                      'DEP_DELAY_GROUP', 'DEP_TIME_BLK', 'TAXI_OUT', 'WHEELS_OFF',
                      'WHEELS ON', 'TAXI_IN', 'CRS_ARR_TIME', 'ARR_TIME', 'ARR_DELAY',
                      'ARR_DELAY_NEW', 'ARR_DEL15', 'ARR_DELAY_GROUP', 'ARR_TIME_BLK',
                      'CANCELLED', 'CANCELLATION_CODE', 'DIVERTED', 'CRS_ELAPSED_TIME', 'ACTUAL_ELAPSED_TIME', 'AIR_TIME', 'FLIGHTS', 'DISTANCE', 'DISTANCE_GROUP', 'CARRIER_DELAY', 'WEATHER_DELAY', 'NAS_DELAY', 'SECURITY_DELAY', 'LATE_AIRCRAFT_DELAY', 'FIRST_DEP_TIME', 'TOTAL_ADD_GTIME', 'LONGEST_ADD_GTIME', 'Unnamed: 64'],
                     dtype='object')
```

we need 4 columns to correct the airport codes in the flights file: 1) ORIGIN_AIRPORT_ID, 2) ORIGIN, 3) DEST_AIRPORT_ID, 4) DEST

Correct the codes for the ORIGIN airport

```
In [42]: # create a df by extracting the codes for the Origin aiports from the October fi
Oct_ORG = October_2015_Flights[['ORIGIN_AIRPORT_ID','ORIGIN']]

#dropping the duplicates
Oct_ORG = Oct_ORG.drop_duplicates()

# renaming the columns to match the columns in flights file
Oct_ORG.columns = ['ORG_ARP_CODE', 'ORIGIN']

# converting the datatype to string to be able to join
Oct_ORG['ORG_ARP_CODE'] = Oct_ORG['ORG_ARP_CODE'].astype(str)

# converting the datatype to string to be able to join
flights_new['ORG_ARP_CODE'] = flights_new['ORG_ARP_CODE'].astype(str)

# merge files to correct the airports codes at Origin
flights_OCT = pd.merge(flights_new, Oct_ORG, on ='ORG_ARP_CODE', how='left')

# create a column with final 3-letter code for airports at Origin
flights_OCT['ORG_ARP_FINAL'] = np.where(flights_OCT['ORIGIN'].isnull(),flights
```

Correct the codes for the DESTINATION airport

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In [43]:
          # create a df by extracting the codes for the Destination aiports from the Octob
          Oct_DST = October_2015_Flights[['DEST_AIRPORT_ID','DEST']]
          #dropping the duplicates
          Oct_DST = Oct_DST.drop_duplicates()
          # renaming the columns to match the columns in flights file
          Oct DST.columns = ['DST ARP CODE', 'DEST']
          # converting the datatype to string to be able to join
          Oct_DST['DST_ARP_CODE'] = Oct_DST['DST_ARP_CODE'].astype(str)
          # converting the datatype to string to be able to join
          flights_OCT['DST_ARP_CODE'] = flights_OCT['DST_ARP_CODE'].astype(str)
          # merge files to correct the airports codes at Destination
          flights_OCT_2 = pd.merge(flights_OCT, Oct_DST, on ='DST_ARP_CODE', how='left')
          # create a column with final 3-letter code for airports at Destination
          flights_OCT_2['DST_ARP_FINAL'] = np.where(flights_OCT_2['DEST'].isnull(),fligh
In [44]:
          #drop unneccessary columns
          flights OCT 2=flights OCT 2.drop(columns=['ORG ARP CODE', 'DST ARP CODE', 'Len ORG
In [45]:
          flights OCT 2.shape
Out[45]: (5819079, 32)
In [46]:
          #summary table
          pd.concat([flights_OCT_2.dtypes,
                      flights OCT 2.count(),
                      flights OCT 2.nunique(),
                      flights_OCT_2.isnull().sum(),
                      round(100 * flights OCT 2.isnull().sum()/len(flights OCT 2),1)],
                         axis=1).rename(columns={0:'Dtype',1:'Non-null counts',2:'Unique va
Out[46]:
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	Dtype	Non-null counts	Unique values	Missing Nulls	Missing (%)
ELAPSED_TIME	float32	5714008	712	105071	1.8
AIR_TIME	float32	5714008	675	105071	1.8
DISTANCE	int16	5819079	1363	0	0.0
WHEELS_ON	object	5726566	1440	92513	1.6
TAXI_IN	float32	5726566	185	92513	1.6
SCHEDULED_ARRIVAL	object	5819079	1435	0	0.0
ARRIVAL_TIME	object	5726566	1440	92513	1.6
ARRIVAL_DELAY	float32	5714008	1240	105071	1.8
DIVERTED	int8	5819079	2	0	0.0
CANCELLED	int8	5819079	2	0	0.0
CANCELLATION_REASON	category	89884	4	5729195	98.5
AIR_SYSTEM_DELAY	float32	1063439	570	4755640	81.7
SECURITY_DELAY	float32	1063439	154	4755640	81.7
AIRLINE_DELAY	float32	1063439	1067	4755640	81.7
LATE_AIRCRAFT_DELAY	float32	1063439	695	4755640	81.7
WEATHER_DELAY	float32	1063439	632	4755640	81.7
Date	datetime64[ns]	5819079	365	0	0.0
Day_name	object	5819079	7	0	0.0
Month_name	object	5819079	12	0	0.0
ORG_ARP_FINAL	object	5819079	322	0	0.0
DST_ARP_FINAL	object	5819079	322	0	0.0

3.2. Merging "flights_OCT_2" with "airlines"

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In [47]: # merging with "airlines" to get the full name of the airlines
flights_OCT_airlines=flights_OCT_2.merge(airlines_new, on="ARL_CODE", how="left"
flights_OCT_airlines.shape
```

Out[47]: (5819079, 33)

3.3. Merging "flights_OCT_airlines" with "airports"

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flights_FINAL.nunique(),
flights_FINAL.isnull().sum(),
round(100 * flights_FINAL.isnull().sum()/len(flights_FINAL),1)],
   axis=1).rename(columns={0:'Dtype',1:'Non-null counts',2:'Unique va
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Out[49]:

0 0	Dtype	Non-null counts	Unique values	# Nulls	Missing (%)
YEAR	int16	5819079	1	0	0.0
MONTH	int8	5819079	12	0	0.0
DAY	int8	5819079	31	0	0.0
DAY_OF_WEEK	int8	5819079	7	0	0.0
ARL_CODE	object	5819079	14	0	0.0
SCHEDULED_DEPARTURE	object	5819079	1321	0	0.0
DEPARTURE_TIME	object	5732926	1440	86153	1.5
DEPARTURE_DELAY	float32	5732926	1217	86153	1.5
TAXI_OUT	float32	5730032	184	89047	1.5
WHEELS_OFF	object	5730032	1440	89047	1.5
SCHEDULED_TIME	float32	5819073	550	6	0.0
ELAPSED_TIME	float32	5714008	712	105071	1.8
AIR_TIME	float32	5714008	675	105071	1.8
DISTANCE	int16	5819079	1363	0	0.0
WHEELS_ON	object	5726566	1440	92513	1.6
TAXI_IN	float32	5726566	185	92513	1.6
SCHEDULED_ARRIVAL	object	5819079	1435	0	0.0
ARRIVAL_TIME	object	5726566	1440	92513	1.6
ARRIVAL_DELAY	float32	5714008	1240	105071	1.8
DIVERTED	int8	5819079	2	0	0.0
CANCELLED	int8	5819079	2	0	0.0
CANCELLATION_REASON	category	89884	4	5729195	98.5
AIR_SYSTEM_DELAY	float32	1063439	570	4755640	81.7
SECURITY_DELAY	float32	1063439	154	4755640	81.7
AIRLINE_DELAY	float32	1063439	1067	4755640	81.7
LATE_AIRCRAFT_DELAY	float32	1063439	695	4755640	81.7
WEATHER_DELAY	float32	1063439	632	4755640	81.7
Date	datetime64[ns]	5819079	365	0	0.0
Day_name	object	5819079	7	0	0.0
Month_name	object	5819079	12	0	0.0
ORG_ARP_FINAL	object	5819079	322	0	0.0

	Dtype	Non-null counts	Unique values	# Nulls	Missing (%)
DST_ARP_FINAL	object	5819079	322	0	0.0
ARL_Name	object	5819079	14	0	0.0
ARP_CODE_org	object	5819079	322	0	0.0
ARP_Name_org	object	5819079	322	0	0.0
CITY_org	object	5819079	308	0	0.0
STATE_org	object	5819079	54	0	0.0
COUNTRY_org	object	5819079	1	0	0.0
LATITUDE_org	float64	5819079	322	0	0.0
LONGITUDE_org	float64	5819079	322	0	0.0
ARP_CODE_dst	object	5819079	322	0	0.0
ARP_Name_dst	object	5819079	322	0	0.0
CITY_dst	object	5819079	308	0	0.0
STATE_dst	object	5819079	54	0	0.0
COUNTRY_dst	object	5819079	1	0	0.0
LATITUDE_dst	float64	5819079	322	0	0.0
LONGITUDE_dst	float64	5819079	322	0	0.0

3.4. Export final file to a csv file

In [50]: # export final file to a csv file flights_FINAL.to_csv("/Users/iulialaptop/Documents/0. Career/Python_Projects_Spr