Introduction to dplyr: Exercises

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These exercises will use datasets from the nycflights13 library. In order to load the dataset we will need to first install the library (if it is not already installed), load the library, and the attach the dataset.

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install.packages("nycflights13")
library(nycflights13)
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Single Table Verbs

- 1. Create two datasets called flights_am and flights_pm that contain flights that are scheduled to leave before 1200 and after 1200.
- 2. For both flights_am and flights_pm, do the following. Save the resulting datasets as fl_am_full and fl_pm_full.
 - (a) Add a column that indicates if a flight departed on time. Call it dep_ontime. Define 'on time' as within 10 minutes of scheduled departure.
 - (b) Add a column that indicates if a flight arrived on time. Call it arr_ontime. Define 'on time' as within 10 minutes of scheduled arrival.
 - (c) Add a column that indicates if a flight left more than 10 minutes late, but arrived on time. Call it latedep_ontimearr.
 - (d) Add a column that reports the date (year-month-day) of the flight. Call it date. (Hint: you may need the as.Date() and paste() functions, along with the year, month, and day fields.)
- 3. Create two new datasets fl_am and fl_pm by selecting the following columns from flights_am_full and flights_pm_full:
 - (a) Drop year, month, and day (since you have all of that in date).
 - (b) Rename scheduled departure time as sched_dep
 - (c) Rename scheduled arrival time as sched_arr
- 4. Take both fl_am and fl_pm and create some summary statistics.
 - (a) Proportion of flights that depart and arrive on time.
 - (b) Proportion of flights that depart late but arrive on time.
 - (c) Average air time
 - (d) Average and standard deviation of flight distances

Combining Single-Table Verbs

- 5. Above we used a series of single-table verbs to create fl_am and fl_pm. Re-do this using only a single series of pipes commands. For both fl_am and fl_pm:
 - (a) Take the month, day, and year columns and create date. Then drop month, day, and year.
 - (b) Rename sched_arr_time and sched_dep_time to sched_arr and sched_dep.
 - (c) Adds columns to indicate if flights arrive on time, leave on time, and arrive on time after leaving late
- 6. In the weather dataset, use the month, day, and year columns and create date column as above. Then drop the month, day, and year columns. Save the results in wthr. Do all of this using one set of piped commands.
- 7. In the planes dataset, determine:
 - (a) What engines go on the largest/smallest planes (by number of seats).
 - (b) What engines go on the fastest/slowest planes (on average).

Grouping

- 8. Using the flights data set, determine:
 - (a) The number of flights each plane (tailnum) flies, as well as the flights it flies from each airport in the dataset.
 - (b) The average air time (air_time) for each plane.
 - (c) The average departure and arrival delays for each carrier.
- 9. Using the weather data, determine which weather station (origin) had:
 - (a) The fastest wind gust (wind_gust).
 - (b) The highest average wind speed (wind_speed).
 - (c) The most variable (in standard deviation) wind speeds.
 - (d) The worst average visibility (visib).

(Hint: try using one set of piped commands to get all of the data you might need in a-d, and store it as wth. Then you just need to use the arrange() function on wth.)

- 10. Using the planes data, determine:
 - (a) Which manufacturers have the most/fewest planes in the data.
 - (b) Which manufacturer has the oldest/newest (on average) planes in the data. (Hint: create a column called age and set age = 2017 year)
 - (c) Which year saw the most/least amount of planes made.
 - (d) What type of engine is most/least common.

Joins

- 11. Which airlines had some of the windiest flights? (Hint: join flights and weather and group by carrier).
- 12. Which airline(s) uses the oldest plane in the data? (Hint: join flights and planes and use summarize)
- 13. Which airline(s) has the oldest mean or median plane in the data? (Hint: take only distinct tailnum-carrier pairs from flights, join that with planes, mutate to include age, and then summarize).
- 14. Obtain a list of planes that flew to destinations above 45° lattitude. What is the newest plane? What is the average size of these planes? How many of these flights emanated from each of the origin airports in the data? (Hint: join flights and airports, filter by lat, then join with planes)

Putting it All Together

Create one dataset that contains all of the information in the flights, airports, weather, and planes datasets. Make sure to replace the day, month, and year columns with one column called 'date'. Use this dataset to answer questions 7-12 above.