# Data types and objects

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# Readings

- R for data science
  - Introduction
  - Chapters 10 (Relational data with dplyr), 11 (Strings with stringr), 12 (Factors with forcats), and 13 (Dates and times with lubridate)

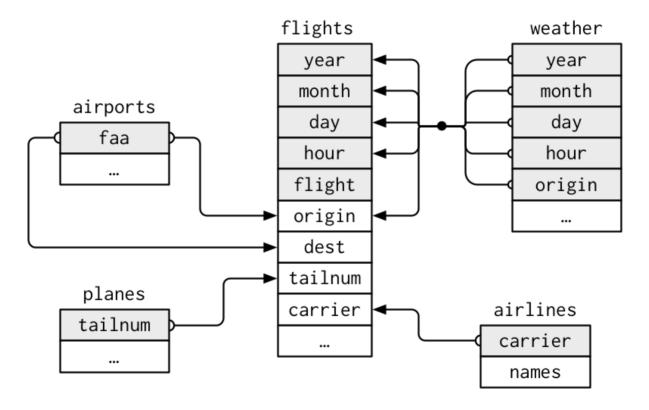
#### Relational data

- Multiple tables of data where the relationships between the data matter
- Common in SQL and other database software
- Common operations include mutating joins, filtering joins, and set operations
- Example: nycflights13 relational data

library(tidyverse)
library(nycflights13)

#### Examine the data

• The data sets include airlines, airports, planes and weather



#### Relational data

- The weather data is connected to flights data by the variables year, month, day, hour, and origin
- The planes data is connected to the flights data by the tailnum variable
- The airports data is connected to the flights data by the faa variable
- The airlines data is connected to the flights data by the carrier variable

#### Relational data

- The variables that connect two or more data tables are called **keys** 
  - o **primary keys** uniquely identifies an observation in its own table
  - o foreign keys uniquely identifies an observation in another table
- A quick check if a variable is a key is to count it

```
planes %>%
  count(tailnum) %>%
  filter(n > 1)

## # A tibble: 0 × 2
## # ... with 2 variables: tailnum <chr>, n <int>
```

• The tailnum variable never shows up more than once in the planes data.

```
airlines %>%
  count(carrier) %>%
  filter(n > 1)
```

## # A tibble: 0 × 2
## # ... with 2 variables: carrier <chr>, n <int>

• The carrier variable never shows up more than once in the airlines data

# Question: What is the key for flights?

• There isn't a key

```
flights %>%
  count(flight) %>% ## the flight number gets reused
  filter(n > 1)
```

```
## # A tibble: 3,493 × 2
##
     flight
              n
      <int> <int>
##
##
   1
          1
              701
##
  2
          2 51
##
          3 631
          4 393
##
   4
##
          5 324
   5
##
          6 210
##
          7 237
##
          8 236
##
            153
         10
              61
## 10
## # ... with 3,483 more rows
```

• There isn't a key

```
flights %>%
  count(year, month, day, flight) %>% ## the flight number gets reused
  filter(n > 1)
```

```
## # A tibble: 29,768 × 5
      year month day flight
##
     <int> <int> <int> <int> <int>
##
   1 2013
                     1
##
##
   2 2013
   3 2013
##
   4 2013
##
                           11
   5 2013
                           15
##
##
   6 2013
                           21
##
  7 2013
                           27
   8 2013
                           31
##
##
      2013
                           32
      2013
                     1
                           35
## 10
## # ... with 29,758 more rows
```

• There isn't a key

```
flights %>%
  count(year, month, day, flight, tailnum) %>% ## the flight number gets reused
  filter(n > 1)
```

```
## # A tibble: 11 × 6
      year month
                    day flight tailnum
##
                                           n
      <int> <int> <int> <int> <chr>
                                       <int>
##
   1 2013
                           303 <NA>
##
                                           2
##
   2 2013
                        655 <NA>
                                           2
   3 2013
                         1623 <NA>
                                           2
##
      2013
##
                         2269 N487WN
   4
      2013
##
   5
                    15
                         2269 N230WN
##
      2013
                     22
                         2269 N440LV
      2013
                     29
                         2269 N707SA
##
   7
      2013
##
   8
                         2269 N259WN
      2013
##
                         2269 N446WN
   9
       2013
## 10
                    10
                         2269 N478WN
      2013
                          398 <NA>
## 11
               12
                     15
```

• If there isn't a key, you can make one (called a **surrogate key**)

```
flights %>%
  mutate(row number = row number())
## # A tibble: 336,776 × 20
##
       vear month
                     day dep_time sched_dep_time dep_delay arr_time sched_arr_time arr_delay carrier fl
      <int> <int> <int>
                            <int>
                                            <int>
                                                      <dbl>
                                                                <int>
                                                                                <int>
                                                                                          <dbl> <chr>
##
   1 2013
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   2 2013
##
                              533
                                              529
                                                                  850
                                                                                  830
                                                                                             20 UA
   3 2013
                                                                  923
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##
                              542
                                              540
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       2013
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                              544
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   5 2013
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                                              600
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   6 2013
                                              558
                                                                  740
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##
                1
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                                                                                             12 UA
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   7 2013
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                              555
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                              558
                                                         -2
                                                                  753
                                                                                  745
## 10
                                              600
                                                                                              8 AA
## # ... with 336,766 more rows, and 7 more variables: dest <chr>, air_time <dbl>, distance <dbl>, hour
## #
       time_hour <dttm>, row_number <int>
flights %>%
  mutate(row_number = row_number()) %>%
  count(row_number) %>%
```

filter(n > 1)

#### Mutating joins

• Combines variable from two data tables

```
# create a smaller dataset from flights
flights_smaller <- flights %>%
  select(year:day, hour, origin)
```

flights\_smaller

```
## # A tibble: 336,776 × 5
##
     year month day hour origin
    <int> <int> <int> <dbl> <chr>
##
  1 2013
                     5 EWR
##
##
  2 2013
                     5 LGA
  3 2013 1
                  5 JFK
##
##
  4 2013
         1 1 5 JFK
          1 1 6 LGA
  5 2013
  6 2013
          1 1 5 EWR
          1 1 6 EWR
  7 2013
          1 1 6 LGA
##
  8 2013
  9 2013
          1 1 6 JFK
##
## 10 2013
                1
                     6 LGA
## # ... with 336,766 more rows
```

#### Mutating joins

- Combines variables from two data tables
- Add variable columns to a dataset

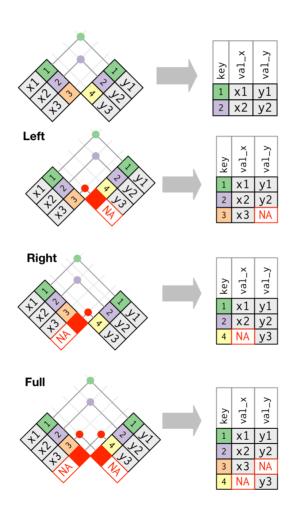
```
flights smaller %>%
   left_join(weather, by = c("year", "month", "day", "hour", "origin"))
## # A tibble: 336,776 × 15
##
       year month
                     day
                          hour origin
                                               dewp humid wind_dir wind_speed wind_gust precip pressur
                                        temp
##
      <int> <int> <int> <dbl> <chr>
                                       <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
                                                              <dbl>
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                                                                                     23.0
                                                                                                      1012
## # ... with 336,766 more rows, and 1 more variable: time_hour <dttm>
```

Weather data appended to the flights\_smaller data

### Types of joins

- Left join (join the two data sets keeping all variables in the left data set)
- Right join (join the two data sets keeping all variables in the right data set)
- Inner join (join the two data sets keeping all variables that are in both data sets)
  - Typically this is poor as it drops missing values silently
  - Missing values are important to keep track of -- only drop missing values intentionally
- Outer join (join the two data sets keeping all variables that are in either data set)

#### **Joins**



## Example data

#### Inner Join

```
dat_x %>%
  inner_join(dat_y, by = "key")
## # A tibble: 4 × 3
##
      key x
    <dbl> <chr> <chr>
## 1
        1 x1
               у1
     2 x2
## 2
             y2
     3 x3
## 3
               у3
## 4
     4 x1
               у1
```

- Notice that the variables with keys 5-8 have been dropped
- Half of the data is now missing without any notice!

- Left joins
  - Keeps all of the observations in the "left" dataset

```
dat_x %>%
  left_join(dat_y, by = "key")
## # A tibble: 6 × 3
##
      key x
    <dbl> <chr> <chr>
## 1
        1 x1
               у1
## 2
     2 x2
             y2
     3 x3
## 3
              у3
     4 x1
## 4
               у1
    5 x2
## 5
              <NA>
## 6
     6 x3
              <NA>
```

Notice how all the observations in dat\_x are kept

- Right joins
  - Keeps all of the observations in the "right" dataset

```
dat x %>%
  right_join(dat_y, by = "key")
## # A tibble: 6 × 3
##
      key x
    <dbl> <chr> <chr>
## 1
       1 x1
             y1
## 2
    2 x2
            y2
    3 x3 y3
## 3
## 4 4 x1
            y1
## 5 7 <NA> y2
## 6
    8 <NA> y3
```

Notice how all the observations in dat\_y are kept

- Full joins
  - Keeps all of the observations in both datasets

```
dat_x %>%
  full_join(dat_y, by = "key")
## # A tibble: 8 × 3
##
      key x
    <dbl> <chr> <chr>
## 1
       1 x1
              у1
## 2
     2 x2
             y2
     3 x3
## 3
             у3
## 4
     4 x1
             у1
     5 x2
## 5
            <NA>
     6 x3
## 6
              <NA>
    7 <NA> y2
## 7
## 8
     8 <NA>
             у3
```

Notice how all the observations in dat\_x and dat\_y are kept

### Duplicate keys

• Typically, there should not be duplicate keys, but this isn't always true

### Left Joins with duplicate keys

```
dat_x %>%
  left_join(dat_y, by = "key")
## # A tibble: 6 × 3
##
      key x
    <dbl> <chr> <chr>
## 1
    1 x1
              ٧1
    2 x2
            y2
## 2
    3 x3
            у3
## 3
    4 x1
            <NA>
## 4
    1 x2
## 5
             y1
    2 x3
## 6
              у2
```

 $\bullet$  Notice that we get all combinations (Cartesian product) of the variables keeping all observations in dat\_x

- Right joins
  - Keeps all of the observations in the "right" dataset

```
dat x %>%
  right_join(dat_y, by = "key")
## # A tibble: 6 × 3
##
      key x
    <dbl> <chr> <chr>
## 1
       1 x1
              y1
## 2
    2 x2
            y2
    3 x3
## 3
            у3
## 4 1 x2
            y1
## 5 2 x3
              y2
    5 <NA> y5
## 6
```

Notice how all the observations in dat\_y are kept

- Full joins
  - Keeps all of the observations in both datasets

```
dat_x %>%
  full_join(dat_y, by = "key")
## # A tibble: 7 × 3
##
      key x
    <dbl> <chr> <chr>
## 1
       1 x1
              у1
## 2
    2 x2
            y2
     3 x3
## 3
            у3
    4 x1
            <NA>
## 4
    1 x2
## 5
            у1
    2 x3
## 6
              у2
## 7
    5 <NA> y5
```

Notice how all the observations in dat\_x and dat\_y are kept

### Defining the key

- Most of the time, the key variable (or variables) are not given the name key
- A natural join uses all of the variables in the two dataframes that are in common

```
flights_reduced <- flights %>%
  select(year:day, hour, origin, dest, tailnum, carrier)
flights_reduced
```

```
## # A tibble: 336,776 × 8
       vear month
                    day hour origin dest tailnum carrier
##
      <int> <int> <int> <dbl> <chr>
##
                                      <chr> <chr>
                                                     <chr>
   1 2013
##
                      1
                             5 EWR
                                            N14228
                                      IAH
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## # ... with 336,766 more rows
```

#### Natural join

What are the key variables used here?

```
flights_reduced %>%
   left join(weather)
## Joining, by = c("year", "month", "day", "hour", "origin")
## # A tibble: 336,776 × 18
##
       vear month
                     day hour origin dest tailnum carrier
                                                                     dewp humid wind_dir wind_speed w-
                                                               temp
      <int> <int> <int> <dbl> <chr>
                                       <chr> <chr>
                                                      <chr>>
                                                              <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
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                                                     AA
## # ... with 336,766 more rows, and 2 more variables: visib <dbl>, time_hour <dttm>
```

• Uses the variables in common between the datasets

## Natural join

```
colnames(flights_reduced)
                                                "origin"
                                                                    "tailnum" "carrier"
## [1] "year"
                 "month"
                           "day"
                                     "hour"
                                                          "dest"
colnames(weather)
    [1] "origin"
                     "year"
                                  "month"
                                                "day"
                                                             "hour"
                                                                          "temp"
                                                                                        "dewp"
##
                     "wind_speed" "wind_gust"
                                                                          "visib"
    [9] "wind_dir"
                                                "precip"
                                                             "pressure"
                                                                                        "time hour"
```

• What variable names are in common

```
intersect(colnames(flights_reduced), colnames(weather))
## [1] "year" "month" "day" "hour" "origin"
```

### Joining with keys

- left join flights\_reduced and planes
- Notice the output of the years variables

```
flights_reduced %>%
  left_join(planes, by = "tailnum")
```

```
## # A tibble: 336,776 × 16
##
      vear.x month
                       day hour origin dest tailnum carrier year.y type
                                                                                       manufacturer model er
       <int> <int> <int> <dbl> <chr>
                                          <chr> <chr>
                                                          <chr>>
                                                                    <int> <chr>
                                                                                       <chr>>
                                                                                                      <chr>>
##
        2013
                                5 EWR
                                          IAH
                                                 N14228
                                                                     1999 Fixed win... BOEING
                                                                                                      737-...
##
                   1
                         1
                                                          UA
    1
##
    2
        2013
                         1
                                5 LGA
                                                 N24211
                                                                     1998 Fixed win... BOEING
                                                                                                      737-...
                                          IAH
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                                                                                                      757-...
##
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                                                          AA
        2013
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## # ... with 336,766 more rows
```

### Joining with keys

flights reduced %>%

2013

2013

## # ... with 284,160 more rows

##

## 10

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- right join flights\_reduced and planes
- Notice the output of the years variables

1

1

6 JFK

6 JFK

MCO

PBI

```
right_join(planes, by = "tailnum")
## # A tibble: 284,170 × 16
##
      vear.x month
                       day hour origin dest tailnum carrier year.y type
                                                                                      manufacturer model er
       <int> <int> <int> <dbl> <chr>
                                          <chr> <chr>
                                                          <chr>>
                                                                    <int> <chr>
                                                                                       <chr>>
                                                                                                     <chr>>
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    8
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                                                         ΕV
                                                                                                     CL-6...
```

N593JB

N793JB

B6

В6

A320...

A320...

2004 Fixed win... AIRBUS

2011 Fixed win... AIRBUS

#### Joining with keys with different names

- flights\_reduced has variable dest, airports has the variable faa
- left join flights\_reduced (dest variable) and airports (faa variable)

```
flights_reduced %>%
  left_join(airports, by = c("dest" = "faa"))
```

```
## # A tibble: 336,776 × 15
##
       vear month
                    day hour origin dest tailnum carrier name
                                                                                              lat
                                                                                                    lor
                                                                                            <dbl> <dbl>
      <int> <int> <int> <dbl> <chr>
                                      <chr> <chr>
##
                                                     <chr>
                                                             <chr>
       2013
                             5 EWR
                                            N14228
                                                             George Bush Intercontinental
                                                                                             30.0 -95.3
##
                                      IAH
                                                     UΑ
    1
##
   2
       2013
                             5 LGA
                                      IAH
                                            N24211
                                                     UΑ
                                                             George Bush Intercontinental
                                                                                             30.0 -95.3
       2013
                                                             Miami Intl
##
                             5 JFK
                                      MIA
                                            N619AA
                                                     AA
                                                                                             25.8 -80.3
    3
       2013
                                            N804JB
                                                             <NA>
                                                                                             NA
##
                             5 JFK
                                      BQN
                                                     В6
                                                                                                   NA
   4
       2013
                                      ATL
                                            N668DN
                                                             Hartsfield Jackson Atlanta ...
                                                                                             33.6 -84.4
##
    5
                             6 LGA
                                                     DL
                                                             Chicago Ohare Intl
       2013
##
                             5 EWR
                                      ORD
                                            N39463
                                                     UΑ
                                                                                             42.0 -87.9
##
   7
       2013
                             6 EWR
                                      FLL
                                            N516JB
                                                     В6
                                                             Fort Lauderdale Hollywood I... 26.1 -80.2
##
       2013
                                            N829AS
                                                             Washington Dulles Intl
                                                                                             38.9 -77.5
                             6 LGA
                                      IAD
                                                     ΕV
       2013
                                                             Orlando Intl
##
                             6 JFK
                                      MCO
                                            N593JB
                                                                                             28.4 -81.3
    9
                                                     B6
       2013
                                      ORD
                                            N3ALAA
                                                             Chicago Ohare Intl
                                                                                             42.0 -87.9
## 10
                             6 LGA
                                                     AΑ
## # ... with 336,766 more rows
```

#### Filtering joins

- Filter joins drop observations that are missing (typically not used much)
- semi\_join(x, y) keeps all observations in x that have a match in y
  - o Drops all observations in x that don't have a match in y
  - Does not duplicate observations (no Cartesian products)
- anti\_join(x, y) drops all observations in x that have a match in y
  - useful for diagnosing join errors

# Working with joins

- Identifying keys
  - Use your knowledge of the data
  - o Trying to identify keys based on the data values can lead to red herrings

## Strings

```
string1 <- "This is a string"
string2 <- 'This is also a string'
string3 <- 'This is a "quoted" string'

string1

## [1] "This is a string"

string2

## [1] "This is also a string"

string3

## [1] "This is a \"quoted\" string"</pre>
```

## Strings - Escape characters

- The escape character for strings is \
- Note: printed strings show the escape characters, not the string

```
print(string3)
## [1] "This is a \"quoted\" string"
```

• To show the actual string, use writelines

```
writeLines(string3)
## This is a "quoted" string
```

• Other special characters include \n, \t

### **Strings**

• Join strings into a vector using c()

• String length (number of characters) using str\_length()

```
str_length(c(string1, string2, string3, NA))
```

## [1] 16 21 25 NA

• Join strings together using str\_c()

```
str_c(string1, string2, string3)
```

## [1] "This is a stringThis is also a stringThis is a \"quoted\" string"

• Join strings with a separator character

```
str_c(string1, string2, sep = "\n")
```

## [1] "This is a string\nThis is also a string"

### Strings

- Missing values (NA) are contagious
- The str\_c() function (like most R functions) are vectorized

```
str_c("abc", c("var", NA), "def", sep = "-")
## [1] "abc-var-def" NA
```

• Collapse a vector of strings using collapse

```
str_c(c("abc", "def", "ghi"), collapse = ", ")
## [1] "abc, def, ghi"
```

# Subsetting strings

• Subset strings using str\_sub()

```
beatles <- c("John", "Paul", "Ringo", "George")
# select the 1st through 3rd characters, inclusive
str_sub(beatles, 1, 3)

## [1] "Joh" "Pau" "Rin" "Geo"

# select the last through 3rd from last characters, inclusive
str_sub(beatles, -3, -1)

## [1] "ohn" "aul" "ngo" "rge"</pre>
```

Convert string to lower case

```
str_to_lower(beatles)
## [1] "john" "paul" "ringo" "george"
```

• Can use subsetting in assignment

```
str_sub(beatles, 1, 1) <- str_to_lower(str_sub(beatles, 1, 1))
beatles</pre>
```

### Sting manipulation

```
str_to_lower()
                                               str_sort()
str_to_lower(beatles)
                                             str_sort(beatles)
## [1] "john"
               "paul"
                       "ringo" "george"
                                             ## [1] "george" "john"
                                                                    "paul"
                                                                             "ringo"
                                               • str_order()
  str_to_upper()
str_to_upper(beatles)
                                             str_order(beatles)
## [1] "JOHN"
               "PAUL"
                       "RINGO"
                                "GEORGE"
                                            ## [1] 4 1 2 3
  str_to_title()
str_to_title(beatles)
## [1] "John"
               "Paul"
                       "Ringo"
                                "George"
```

# Strings and searching

• To help troubleshoot string searches, the functions str\_view() and str\_view\_all() are useful

```
costumes <- c("skeleton", "zombie", "witch", "ghoul", "ghost", "ghastly ghoul", "post man
str_view(costumes, "gh")

skeleton
zombie
witch
ghoul
ghost
ghastly ghoul
post man</pre>
```

# Strings and searching

```
str_view(costumes, "e")
                                          str_view_all(costumes, "e")
skeleton
                                         skeleton
zombie
                                         zombie
witch
                                         witch
ghoul
                                         ghoul
ghost
                                         ghost
ghastly ghoul
                                         ghastly ghoul
post man
                                         post man
```

• The . character matches any character (except \n)

```
str_view(costumes, ".h.")
skeleton
zombie
witch
ghoul
ghost
ghastly ghoul
post man
```

- How do you search for a .?
  - Remember \ is an escape character
  - To create the regular expression \., you need to escape the escape \
  - ∘ To search for a ., you need the expression \\.

```
dot <- "\\."
writeLines(dot)

## \.

str_view(c("a.c", "d.f", "ghi"), "\\.")

a.c
d.f
ghi</pre>
```

• How do you search for a \?

```
0 \\\\
```

- Search at the beginning of a string with ^
- Search at the end of a string with \$

```
str_view(costumes, "^gho")
                                          str_view(costumes, "ost$")
skeleton
                                          skeleton
zombie
                                          zombie
witch
                                          witch
ghoul
                                          ghoul
ghost
                                          ghost
ghastly ghoul
                                          ghastly ghoul
post man
                                          post man
```

Character classes

```
\d - digit
\s - whitespace
\S - non-whitespace
[abc] - matches a, b, or c
[^abc] - matches everything except a, b, or c
```

- Recall: \ is an escape so you need to match \\d or \\s or \\S
- Repetition

```
? - zero or one
+ - one or more
* - zero or more
{n} - exactly n matches
{n, } - n or more matches
{, n} - no more than n matches
{n, m} - between n and m matches
```

- Groupings
  - o (abc) searches for the string "abc

### String detection

• Detect whether a string matches a pattern with str\_detect()

```
str_detect(costumes, "gh")
## [1] FALSE FALSE TRUE TRUE TRUE FALSE
```

• How many words in the stringr library dataset words contain ie after a c?

```
sum(str_detect(words, "cie"))
## [1] 2
```

• What proportion of words in words begin with a ch or a th?

```
mean(str_detect(words, "(^ch)|(^th)"))
```

## [1] 0.03265306122448979886386

### String detection

• What are some of the words that begin with a ch or a th?

### String detection

• Using str\_detect() within a data.frame to select words starting with "ch" or "th"

```
df <- tibble(word = words, i = seq_along(word))
df %>%
  filter(str_detect(word, "(^ch)|(^th)"))
```

```
## # A tibble: 32 × 2
##
     word
##
     <chr>
               <int>
## 1 chair
                138
## 2 chairman
              139
## 3 chance
              140
## 4 change
              141
## 5 chap
             142
## 6 character 143
## 7 charge
                144
## 8 cheap
                145
  9 check
                146
## 10 child
                147
## # ... with 22 more rows
```

# String counting

- Count the number of matches using str\_count()
- Count the number of vowels and consonants in each word

```
df %>%
  mutate(
    vowels = str_count(word, "[aeiou]"),
    consonants = str_count(word, "[^aeiou]")
## # A tibble: 980 × 4
     word
                  i vowels consonants
##
     <chr> <int> <int>
                               <int>
##
  1 a
                                   0
  2 able
## 3 about
## 4 absolute 4
## 5 accept
## 6 account
## 7 achieve
## 8 across
  9 act
## 10 active
## # ... with 970 more rows
```

#### Strings examples

- Use the Trump speech data
- A subset of speeches at Trump rallies

```
file_path <- here::here("data", "Trump_rallies")
all_files <- list.files(file_path, pattern = ".txt")

dat <- list()

for (i in 1:length(all_files)) {
   dat[[i]] <- read_file(paste(file_path, all_files[i], sep = "/"))
}

str_sub(dat[[1]], 1, 200)</pre>
```

## [1] "Thank you. Thank you. Thank you to Vice President Pence. He's a good guy. We've done a grea

# String splitting

• Use str\_split() to split the speech into sentences

• Use the boundary() function to split on line breaks, sentences, words, or characters

```
trump_sentences <- unlist(str_split(dat[[1]], boundary("sentence")))</pre>
```

• View the words in the first three sentences

```
str_view_all(trump_sentences[1:3], boundary("word"))
Thank you.
Thank you.
Thank you to Vice President Pence.
```

• How many sentences contain "Michigan"?

```
has_michigan <- str_subset(trump_sentences, "Michigan")
michigan_mentions <- str_match(has_michigan, "Michigan")
head(michigan_mentions)</pre>
```

```
## [,1]
## [1,] "Michigan"
## [2,] "Michigan"
## [3,] "Michigan"
## [4,] "Michigan"
## [5,] "Michigan"
## [6,] "Michigan"
```

• How many sentences contain "because", "Thank", or "you"?

```
words_to_find <- c("because", "Thank", "thank", "you")
words_match <- str_c(words_to_find, collapse = "|")
has_words <- str_subset(trump_sentences, words_match)
mentions <- str_match(has_words, words_match)
head(mentions)</pre>
```

```
## [,1]
## [1,] "Thank"
## [2,] "Thank"
## [3,] "Thank"
## [4,] "Thank"
## [5,] "Thank"
## [6,] "you"
```

• Note: this only returns the first match

How to view all the matches?

```
has_words <- str_subset(trump_sentences, words_match)
str_view_all(head(has_words), words_match)

Thank you.

Thank you to Vice President Pence.

Thank you, Michigan.

Thank you very much.

And did you notice that everybody is saying Merry Christmas again?
```

##

• Extract all matches with str\_match\_all()

```
head(str_match(has_words, words_match))
        [,1]
##
## [1,] "Thank"
## [2,] "Thank"
## [3,] "Thank"
## [4,] "Thank"
## [5,] "Thank"
## [6,] "you"
head(str_match_all(has_words, words_match))
## [[1]]
     [,1]
## [1,] "Thank"
## [2,] "you"
## [[2]]
        [,1]
## [1,] "Thank"
## [2,] "you"
##
## [[3]]
        [,1]
## [1,] "Thank"
## [2,] "you"
```

• Format results in a matrix rather than a list

```
head(str_extract_all(has_words, words_match, simplify = TRUE))

## [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4] [,5] [,6]

## [1,] "Thank" "you" "" "" ""

## [2,] "Thank" "you" "" "" ""

## [3,] "Thank" "you" "" "" ""

## [4,] "Thank" "you" "" "" ""

## [5,] "Thank" "you" "" "" ""

## [6,] "you" "" "" "" ""
```

### **Grouped matches**

• Define a noun as a word that comes after an "a" or a "the"

```
noun <- "(a|the) ([^ ]+)"
has_noun <- str_subset(trump_sentences, noun)
head(has_noun)

## [1] "He's a good guy. " "We've done a great job together. " "What a victory
## [4] "What a victory was that. " "One of the greats. " "Was that the gr</pre>
```

• Doesn't do too great for nouns but seems ok

#### Grouped matches

• str\_extract() gives complete match, str\_match() gives the individual groups

```
has noun %>%
 str_extract(noun) %>%
   head()
                        "a great"
                                         "a victory"
## [1] "a good"
                                                          "a victory"
                                                                          "the greats." "the greatest"
 has_noun %>%
 str_match(noun) %>%
   head()
##
         [,1]
                     [,2] [,3]
## [1,] "a good" "a" "good"
## [2,] "a great" "a" "great"
## [3,] "a victory" "a" "victory"
                        "a" "victory"
## [4,] "a victory"
## [5,] "the greats." "the" "greats."
## [6,] "the greatest" "the" "greatest"
```

### Replacing matches

- Replace matches with str\_replace() (only replace first instance) and str\_replace\_all()
- Replace Trump speeches vowels with "%"

```
head(str_replace(trump_sentences, "[aeiou]", "%"))
## [1] "Th%nk you. "
                                             "Th%nk you. "
                                                                                    "Th%nk you to V
                                             "W%'ve done a great job together. "
## [4] "H%'s a good guy. "
                                                                                    "And M%rry Chris
trump_sentences %>%
  str_replace_all("[aeiou]", "%") %>%
  head()
                                                                                    "Th%nk v%% t% V%
## [1] "Th%nk y%%. "
                                             "Th%nk v\%%. "
## [4] "H%'s % g%%d g%y. "
                                             "W%'v% d%n% % gr%%t j%b t%g%th%r. "
                                                                                    "And M%rry Chr%s
```

### Replacing matches

• Replace multiple matches with str\_replace\_all()

#### Locate strings

• Locate where the strings are with str\_locate() and str\_locate\_all()

•

```
head(str_locate(trump_sentences, "Thank"))
```

```
## start end
## [1,] 1 5
## [2,] 1 5
## [3,] 1 5
## [4,] NA NA
## [5,] NA NA
## [6,] NA NA
```

#### **Factors**

- A factor is a "qualitative" variable that is encoded with a "numeric" value
- Types of factors
  - o nominal (order doesn't matter) -- colors, religion, etc.
  - o ordinal (order matters) -- low/medium/high, young/middle aged/old

```
names <- c("Joe", "Frank", "Prudence", "Cora")
ages <- c("young", "middle aged", "old", "young")
sort(ages)
## [1] "middle aged" "old" "young" "young"</pre>
```

Sorted alphabetically, not by age

much better as a factor

#### **Factors**

• Be careful of typos

```
names <- c("Joe", "Frank", "Prudence", "Cora")
ages <- c("young", "middle aged", "old", "youngs")
sort(ages)
## [1] "middle aged" "old" "young" "youngs"</pre>
```

• Sorted alphabetically, not by age

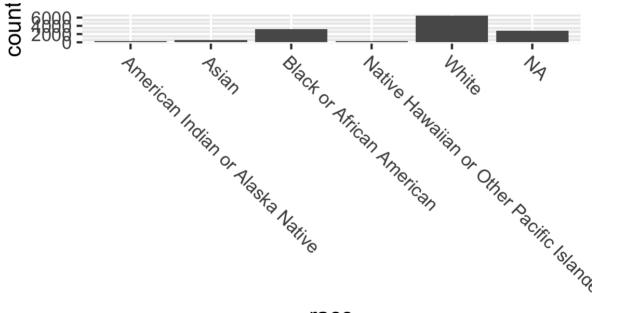
Notice the NA value was created without a warning

# Working with characters

```
library(openintro)
## Loading required package: airports
## Loading required package: cherryblossom
## Loading required package: usdata
data("vrbss")
# ?vrbss
vrbss
## # A tibble: 13,583 × 13
##
        age gender grade hispanic race
                                                 height weight helmet_12m text_while_driv... physical?
      <int> <chr> <chr> <chr>
                                   <chr>
                                                  <dbl>
                                                          <dbl> <chr>
                                                                            <chr>>
##
         14 female 9
                                   Black or Afr...
                         not
                                                           NA
##
   1
                                                                never
                                                                            0
        14 female 9
                                   Black or Afr... NA
##
                         not
                                                           NA
                                                                           <NA>
                                                                never
        15 female 9
                         hispanic Native Hawai...
                                                  1.73
##
                                                           84.4 never
                                                                            30
##
        15 female 9
                                   Black or Afr...
                                                 1.6
                                                          55.8 never
                         not
        15 female 9
                                   Black or Afr... 1.5 46.7 did not r... did not drive
##
                         not
        15 female 9
                                   Black or Afr... 1.57
                                                           67.1 did not r... did not drive
##
                         not
        15 female 9
##
                         not
                                   Black or Afr... 1.65 132. did not r... <NA>
        14 male
                                   Black or Afr... 1.88
                                                          71.2 never
##
                                                                           <NA>
                         not
         15 male
                                   Black or Afr... 1.75
                                                           63.5 never
                                                                           <NA>
##
   9
                         not
                                                   1.37
  10
         15 male
                                   Black or Afr...
                                                           97.1 did not r... <NA>
##
                   10
                         not
## # ... with 13,573 more rows, and 2 more variables: strength_training_7d <int>, school_night_hours_
```

## Working with characters

```
yrbss %>%
  ggplot(aes(race)) +
  geom_bar() +
  theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle =- 45, hjust = 0))
```



race

```
## change race to a factor
yrbss$race <- factor(yrbss$race)</pre>
```

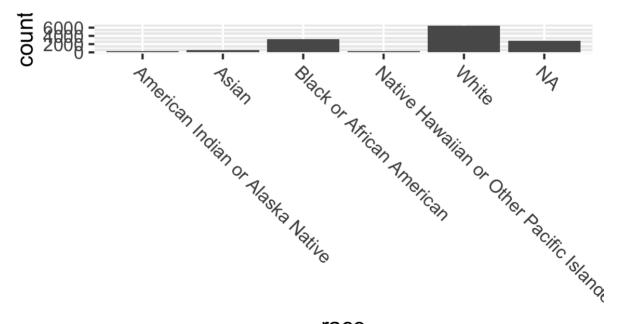
• count the different race variables

```
yrbss %>%
  count(race)
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 × 2
##
     race
                                                     n
     <fct>
                                                 <int>
## 1 American Indian or Alaska Native
                                                   323
## 2 Asian
                                                   552
## 3 Black or African American
                                                  3229
## 4 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
                                                   258
## 5 White
                                                  6416
## 6 <NA>
                                                  2805
```

• Names are too long

```
yrbss %>%
  ggplot(aes(race)) +
  geom_bar() +
  theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle =- 45, hjust = 0))
```



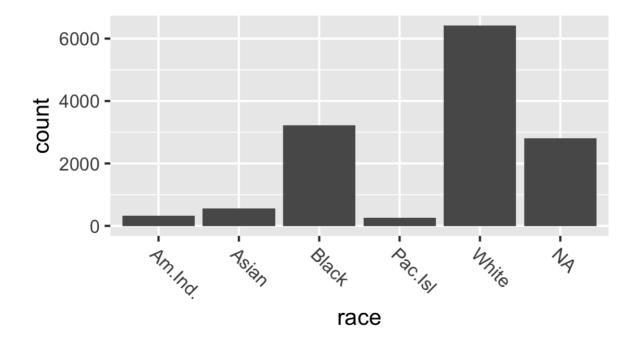
race

• rename factors with fct\_recode()

```
yrbss$race <- fct_recode(
  yrbss$race,
  Am.Ind. = "American Indian or Alaska Native",
  Asian = "Asian",
  Black = "Black or African American",
  Pac.Isl = "Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander",
  White = "White"
)</pre>
```

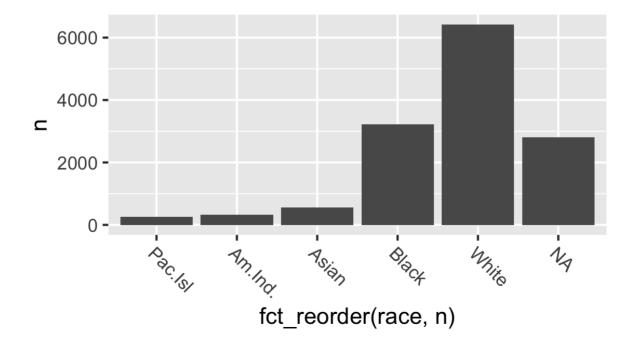
• Better figure

```
yrbss %>%
  ggplot(aes(race)) +
  geom_bar() +
  theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle =- 45, hjust = 0))
```



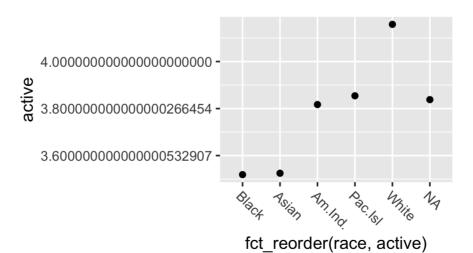
reorder based on count using fct\_reorder

```
yrbss %>%
  count(race) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = fct_reorder(race, n), y = n)) +
  geom_col() +
  theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle =- 45, hjust = 0))
```



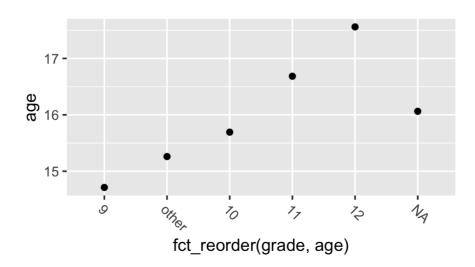
reorder based on count using fct\_reorder

```
yrbss %>%
  group_by(race) %>%
  summarize(
    active = mean(physically_active_7d, na.rm = TRUE),
    age = mean(age, na.rm = TRUE),
    n = n()
) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = fct_reorder(race, active), y = active)) +
  geom_point() +
  theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle =- 45, hjust = 0))
```



• reorder based on count using fct\_reorder -- doesn't make sense here

```
yrbss %>%
  group_by(grade) %>%
  summarize(
    active = mean(physically_active_7d, na.rm = TRUE),
    age = mean(age, na.rm = TRUE),
    n = n()
) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = fct_reorder(grade, age), y = age)) +
  geom_point() +
  theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle =- 45, hjust = 0))
```



• gss\_cat data in forcats package

gss\_cat

```
## # A tibble: 21,483 × 9
##
       vear marital
                                                                          relig
                             age race rincome
                                                      partyid
                                                                                              denom
##
      <int> <fct>
                           <int> <fct> <fct>
                                                       <fct>
                                                                          <fct>
                                                                                              <fct>
                                                      Ind, near rep
##
       2000 Never married
                              26 White $8000 to 9999
                                                                                              Southerr
                                                                          Protestant
       2000 Divorced
                              48 White $8000 to 9999 Not str republican Protestant
##
                                                                                              Baptist-
      2000 Widowed
                              67 White Not applicable Independent
##
                                                                          Protestant
                                                                                              No denor
                              39 White Not applicable Ind, near rep
                                                                          Orthodox-christian Not appl
##
      2000 Never married
##
      2000 Divorced
                              25 White Not applicable Not str democrat
                                                                                              Not app
                                                                          None
##
      2000 Married
                              25 White $20000 - 24999 Strong democrat
                                                                                              Southerr
                                                                          Protestant
##
      2000 Never married
                              36 White $25000 or more Not str republican Christian
                                                                                              Not app
       2000 Divorced
##
                              44 White $7000 to 7999 Ind, near dem
                                                                          Protestant
                                                                                              Lutherar
##
       2000 Married
                              44 White $25000 or more Not str democrat
                                                                                              0ther
   9
                                                                          Protestant
## 10
       2000 Married
                             47 White $25000 or more Strong republican
                                                                          Protestant
                                                                                              Southerr
## # ... with 21,473 more rows
```

# Working with Factors

• Recode multiple variables

```
gss_cat %>%
  count(partyid)
```

```
## # A tibble: 10 × 2
##
     partyid
##
      <fct>
                         <int>
  1 No answer
                           154
## 2 Don't know
                            1
## 3 Other party
                           393
## 4 Strong republican
                          2314
   5 Not str republican 3032
   6 Ind, near rep
                          1791
  7 Independent
                         4119
  8 Ind, near dem
                         2499
   9 Not str democrat
                          3690
## 10 Strong democrat
                          3490
```

# Working with Factors

• Recode multiple variables at one time with fct\_collapse()

```
gss_cat %>%
  mutate(partyid = fct_collapse(
    partyid,
    other = c("No answer", "Don't know", "Other party"),
    rep = c("Strong republican", "Not str republican"),
    ind = c("Ind,near rep", "Independent", "Ind,near dem"),
    dem = c("Not str democrat", "Strong democrat")
)) %>%
    count(partyid)
```

```
## # A tibble: 4 × 2
## partyid n
## <fct> <int>
## 1 other 548
## 2 rep 5346
## 3 ind 8409
## 4 dem 7180
```

#### Dates and times

- dates and times can be really complicated (lubridate package)
- many different computer formats (POSIXct is really common)

```
library(lubridate)

##
## Attaching package: 'lubridate'

## The following objects are masked from 'package:base':

##
## date, intersect, setdiff, union

today()

## [1] "2022-05-25"

now()

## [1] "2022-05-25 12:22:28 CDT"
```

- How many seconds in a day? In a year?
- What about leap years? Time zones?

# Dates and times



# Dates from strings

 Helpful functions: ymd(), ymd(), myd(), mdy(), dym(), and dmy() for year, month, and day

```
ymd("2020-10-31")

## [1] "2020-10-31"

mdy("October 31st, 2020")

## [1] "2020-10-31"
```

• Can add in time with \_hms() functions

```
# 6 PM on halloween
ymd_h("2020-10-31 18")

## [1] "2020-10-31 18:00:00 UTC"

# Right before midnight
ymd_hms("2020-10-31 11:59:59")

## [1] "2020-10-31 11:59:59 UTC"
```

#### **Dates**

Process dates with make\_date()

```
dat <- data.frame(
  year = c(2012, 2012, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2014, 2016),
  month = c(5, 6, 11, 4, 1, 10, 9),
  day = c(11, 22, 13, 30, 9, 5, 16),
  hour = c(2, 16, 9, 22, 4, 15, 17)
)</pre>
```

```
dat %>%
  mutate(date = make_date(year, month, day))
```

#### **Dates**

• Process dates with make\_datetime()

```
dat <- data.frame(
  year = c(2012, 2012, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2014, 2016),
  month = c(5, 6, 11, 4, 1, 10, 9),
  day = c(11, 22, 13, 30, 9, 5, 16),
  hour = c(2, 16, 9, 22, 4, 15, 17),
  minute = c(13, 24, 25, 33, 14, 53, 37),
  second = c(36, 5, 19, 4, 34, 43, 18)
)</pre>
```

```
dat_dt <- dat %>%
  mutate(datetime = make_datetime(year, month, day, hour, minute, second))
dat_dt
```

```
year month day hour minute second
                                       datetime
##
## 1 2012
           5 11
                 2
                       13
                            36 2012-05-11 02:13:36
        6 22 16 24 5 2012-06-22 16:24:05
## 2 2012
## 3 2013
        11 13 9 25 19 2013-11-13 09:25:19
                      33 4 2013-04-30 22:33:04
## 4 2013
        4 30 22
        1 9 4 14 34 2013-01-09 04:14:34
## 5 2013
                      53 43 2014-10-05 15:53:43
## 6 2014
        10 5 15
        9 16
                 17
                       37
## 7 2016
                            18 2016-09-16 17:37:18
```

# Converting between dates and date-times

```
today()
## [1] "2022-05-25"

as_datetime(today())
## [1] "2022-05-25 UTC"

now()
## [1] "2022-05-25 12:22:28 CDT"

as_date(now())
## [1] "2022-05-25"
```

#### Dates: Extracting components

- year()
- month()
- mday() (day of the month)
- yday() (day of the year)
- wday() (day of the week)
- hour()
- minute()
- second()

# Dates: Extracting components

```
year(dat_dt$datetime)
## [1] 2012 2012 2013 2013 2013 2014 2016
mday(dat_dt$datetime)
## [1] 11 22 13 30 9 5 16
yday(dat_dt$datetime)
## [1] 132 174 317 120 9 278 260
wday(dat_dt$datetime)
## [1] 6 6 4 3 4 1 6
wday(dat_dt$datetime, label = TRUE)
## [1] Fri Fri Wed Tue Wed Sun Fri
## Levels: Sun < Mon < Tue < Wed < Thu < Fri < Sat
```

#### **Dates**

• rounding of dates with floor\_date(), round\_date(), and ceiling\_date()

```
dat dt %>%
                                                                           dat dt %>%
  select(datetime) %>%
                                                                             select(datetime) %>%
  mutate(week date = floor date(datetime, "week"))
                                                                             mutate(week date = ceiling date(datetime, "week"))
                datetime week date
                                                                                           datetime week date
## 1 2012-05-11 02:13:36 2012-05-06
                                                                          ## 1 2012-05-11 02:13:36 2012-05-13
## 2 2012-06-22 16:24:05 2012-06-17
                                                                          ## 2 2012-06-22 16:24:05 2012-06-24
## 3 2013-11-13 09:25:19 2013-11-10
                                                                          ## 3 2013-11-13 09:25:19 2013-11-17
## 4 2013-04-30 22:33:04 2013-04-28
                                                                          ## 4 2013-04-30 22:33:04 2013-05-05
## 5 2013-01-09 04:14:34 2013-01-06
                                                                          ## 5 2013-01-09 04:14:34 2013-01-13
## 6 2014-10-05 15:53:43 2014-10-05
                                                                          ## 6 2014-10-05 15:53:43 2014-10-12
## 7 2016-09-16 17:37:18 2016-09-11
                                                                          ## 7 2016-09-16 17:37:18 2016-09-18
dat dt %>%
                                                                           dat dt %>%
  select(datetime) %>%
                                                                             select(datetime) %>%
  mutate(month date = floor date(datetime, "month"))
                                                                             mutate(month date = ceiling date(datetime, "month"))
                datetime month date
                                                                                           datetime month date
## 1 2012-05-11 02:13:36 2012-05-01
                                                                          ## 1 2012-05-11 02:13:36 2012-06-01
## 2 2012-06-22 16:24:05 2012-06-01
                                                                          ## 2 2012-06-22 16:24:05 2012-07-01
## 3 2013-11-13 09:25:19 2013-11-01
                                                                          ## 3 2013-11-13 09:25:19 2013-12-01
                                                                          ## 4 2013-04-30 22:33:04 2013-05-01
## 4 2013-04-30 22:33:04 2013-04-01
## 5 2013-01-09 04:14:34 2013-01-01
                                                                          ## 5 2013-01-09 04:14:34 2013-02-01
## 6 2014-10-05 15:53:43 2014-10-01
                                                                          ## 6 2014-10-05 15:53:43 2014-11-01
## 7 2016-09-16 17:37:18 2016-09-01
                                                                          ## 7 2016-09-16 17:37:18 2016-10-01
```

## Time spans

durations

```
# how long since the Big Lebowski was released?
dude_abiding <- today() - ymd("1998-03-06")
dude_abiding

## Time difference of 8846 days

str(dude_abiding)

## 'difftime' num 8846
## - attr(*, "units") = chr "days"

as.duration(dude_abiding)

## [1] "764294400s (~24.22 years)"</pre>
```

#### Time spans

duration constructors: dseconds(), dminutes(), dhours(), ddays(), dweeks(), and dyears()

```
ddays(3)
## [1] "259200s (~3 days)"

dyears(1)
## [1] "31557600s (~1 years)"
```

• durations can give strange results

```
# Why still in 2016?
ymd_hms("2016-01-01 01:00:00") + dyears(1)

## [1] "2016-12-31 07:00:00 UTC"

# Why did the time change?
ymd_hms("2020-03-08 01:00:00", tz = "America/Chicago") + ddays(1)

## [1] "2020-03-09 02:00:00 CDT"
```

### Time periods

- periods are human-defined terms like weeks and months
- periods can be constructed with: seconds(), minutes(), hours(), days(), weeks(), and years()

```
# Now in 2017
ymd_hms("2016-01-01 01:00:00") + years(1)

## [1] "2017-01-01 01:00:00 UTC"

# Time didn't change
ymd_hms("2020-03-08 01:00:00", tz = "America/Chicago") + days(1)

## [1] "2020-03-09 01:00:00 CDT"
```

#### Intervals

• What should the result of dyears(1) / ddays(365) be?

```
dyears(1) / ddays(365)
## [1] 1.00068493150684934001
```

• What should the result of years(1) / days(1) be?

```
years(1) / days(1)
## [1] 365.25
```

• Could change based on the year!

```
next_year <- today() + years(1)
  (today() %--% next_year) ## define a date interval

## [1] 2022-05-25 UTC--2023-05-25 UTC

  (today() %--% next_year) / days(1)

## [1] 365

  (today() %--% next_year) / ddays(1)</pre>
```

#### Time zones

- Time zones are really complex
- Time zones are typically tied to cities
- Get your timzone with Sys.timezone()
- Default timezone is UTC
- Get timezones with OlsonNames()

```
head(OlsonNames())

## [1] "Africa/Abidjan" "Africa/Accra" "Africa/Addis_Ababa" "Africa/Algiers" "Africa/## [6] "Africa/Asmera"
```

#### Time zones

```
x <- ymd_hms("2020-10-31 19:00:00", tz = "America/Denver")
y <- ymd_hms("2020-10-31 20:00:00", tz = "America/Chicago")</pre>
z <- ymd_hms("2020-10-31 21:00:00", tz = "America/New_York")
x - y
## Time difference of 0 secs
x - z
## Time difference of 0 secs
times \leftarrow c(x, y, z)
times
## [1] "2020-10-31 19:00:00 MDT" "2020-10-31 19:00:00 MDT" "2020-10-31 19:00:00 MDT"
with_tz(times, tzone = "America/Los_Angeles")
## [1] "2020-10-31 18:00:00 PDT" "2020-10-31 18:00:00 PDT" "2020-10-31 18:00:00 PDT"
```