

# 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`)

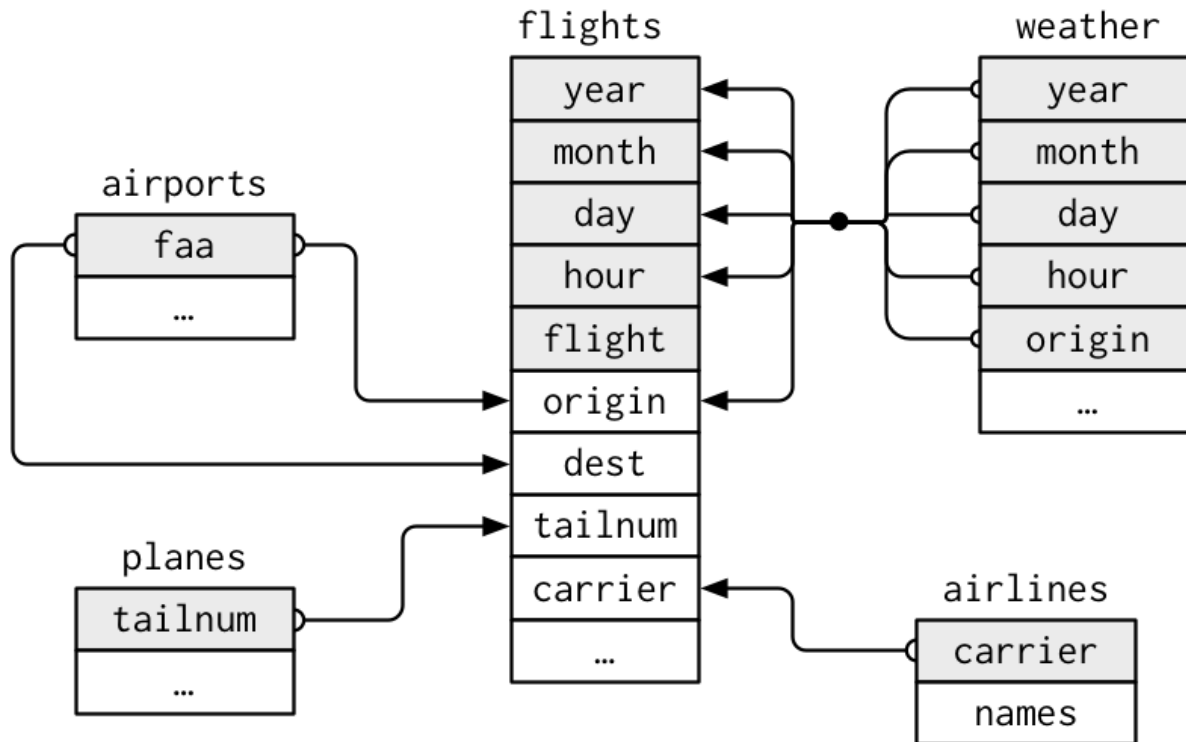
# Relational data

- 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**
  - **primary keys** uniquely identifies an observation in its own table
  - **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?

# The flights key

- 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      3    631  
## 4      4    393  
## 5      5    324  
## 6      6    210  
## 7      7    237  
## 8      8    236  
## 9      9    153  
## 10     10     61  
## # ... with 3,483 more rows
```



# The flights key

- 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     n  
##   <int> <int> <int>   <int> <int>  
## 1  2013     1     1       1     2  
## 2  2013     1     1       3     2  
## 3  2013     1     1       4     2  
## 4  2013     1     1      11     3  
## 5  2013     1     1      15     2  
## 6  2013     1     1      21     2  
## 7  2013     1     1      27     4  
## 8  2013     1     1      31     2  
## 9  2013     1     1      32     2  
## 10 2013     1     1      35     2  
## # ... with 29,758 more rows
```

# The flights key

- 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     2     9     303 <NA>     2  
## 2  2013     2     9     655 <NA>     2  
## 3  2013     2     9    1623 <NA>     2  
## 4  2013     6     8    2269 N487WN     2  
## 5  2013     6    15    2269 N230WN     2  
## 6  2013     6    22    2269 N440LV     2  
## 7  2013     6    29    2269 N707SA     2  
## 8  2013     7     6    2269 N259WN     2  
## 9  2013     8     3    2269 N446WN     2  
## 10 2013     8    10    2269 N478WN     2  
## 11 2013    12    15     398 <NA>     2
```

# The flights key

- 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  
##   year month   day dep_time sched_dep_time dep_delay arr_time  
##   <int> <int> <int>   <int>         <int>         <dbl>   <int>  
## 1  2013     1     1     517           515           2     830  
## 2  2013     1     1     533           529           4     850  
## 3  2013     1     1     542           540           2     923  
## 4  2013     1     1     544           545          -1    1004  
## 5  2013     1     1     554           600          -6     812  
## 6  2013     1     1     554           558          -4     740  
## 7  2013     1     1     555           600          -5     913  
## 8  2013     1     1     557           600          -3     709  
## 9  2013     1     1     557           600          -3     838  
## 10 2013     1     1     558           600          -2     753  
## # ... with 336,766 more rows, and 13 more variables:  
## #   sched_arr_time <int>, arr_delay <dbl>, carrier <chr>,  
## #   flight <int>, tailnum <chr>, origin <chr>, dest <chr>,  
## #   air_time <dbl>, distance <dbl>, hour <dbl>, minute <dbl>,  
## #   time_hour <dtm>, 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     1     1     5 EWR
## 2  2013     1     1     5 LGA
## 3  2013     1     1     5 JFK
## 4  2013     1     1     5 JFK
## 5  2013     1     1     6 LGA
## 6  2013     1     1     5 EWR
## 7  2013     1     1     6 EWR
## 8  2013     1     1     6 LGA
## 9  2013     1     1     6 JFK
## 10 2013     1     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"))
```

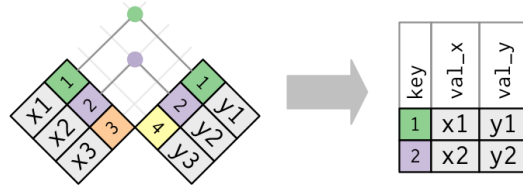
```
## # A tibble: 336,776 × 15  
##   year month   day hour origin  temp  dewp humid wind_dir  
##   <int> <int> <int> <dbl> <chr>  <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>    <dbl>  
## 1  2013     1     1     5   EWR    39.0  28.0  64.4      260  
## 2  2013     1     1     5   LGA    39.9  25.0  54.8      250  
## 3  2013     1     1     5   JFK    39.0  27.0  61.6      260  
## 4  2013     1     1     5   JFK    39.0  27.0  61.6      260  
## 5  2013     1     1     6   LGA    39.9  25.0  54.8      260  
## 6  2013     1     1     5   EWR    39.0  28.0  64.4      260  
## 7  2013     1     1     6   EWR    37.9  28.0  67.2      240  
## 8  2013     1     1     6   LGA    39.9  25.0  54.8      260  
## 9  2013     1     1     6   JFK    37.9  27.0  64.3      260  
## 10 2013     1     1     6   LGA    39.9  25.0  54.8      260  
## # ... with 336,766 more rows, and 6 more variables: wind_speed <dbl>,  
## #   wind_gust <dbl>, precip <dbl>, pressure <dbl>, visib <dbl>,  
## #   time_hour <dtm>
```

- Weather data appended to the `flights_smaller` data

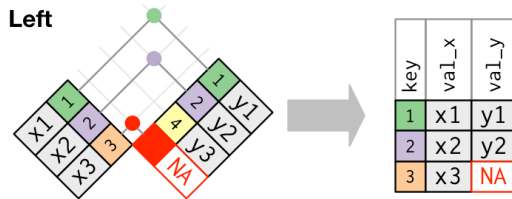
# Types of joins

- 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)

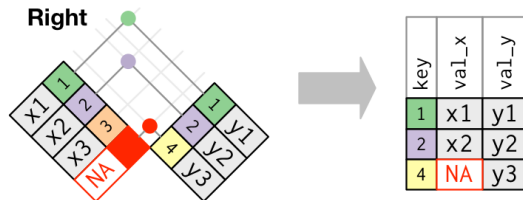
# Joins



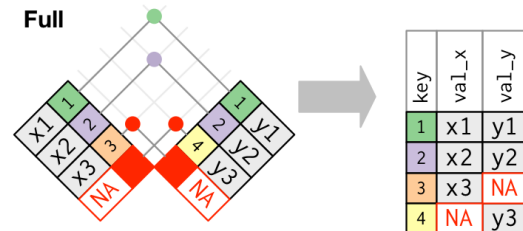
Left



Right



Full



# Example data

```
dat_x <- tribble(  
  ~key, ~x,  
  1, "x1",  
  2, "x2",  
  3, "x3",  
  4, "x1",  
  5, "x2",  
  6, "x3",  
)
```

```
dat_y <- tribble(  
  ~key, ~y,  
  1, "y1",  
  2, "y2",  
  3, "y3",  
  4, "y1",  
  7, "y2",  
  8, "y3",  
)
```



# Inner Join

```
dat_x %>%  
  inner_join(dat_y, by = "key")
```

```
## # A tibble: 4 × 3  
##   key x      y  
##   <dbl> <chr> <chr>  
## 1     1 x1    y1  
## 2     2 x2    y2  
## 3     3 x3    y3  
## 4     4 x1    y1
```

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

# Outer joins

- 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      y  
##   <dbl> <chr> <chr>  
## 1     1 x1   y1  
## 2     2 x2   y2  
## 3     3 x3   y3  
## 4     4 x1   y1  
## 5     5 x2  <NA>  
## 6     6 x3  <NA>
```

- Notice how all the observations in `dat_x` are kept

# Outer joins

- 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      y  
##   <dbl> <chr> <chr>  
## 1     1 x1   y1  
## 2     2 x2   y2  
## 3     3 x3   y3  
## 4     4 x1   y1  
## 5     7 <NA> y2  
## 6     8 <NA> y3
```

- Notice how all the observations in `dat_y` are kept

# Outer joins

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

```
dat_x %>%  
  full_join(dat_y, by = "key")
```

```
## # A tibble: 8 × 3  
##   key x      y  
##   <dbl> <chr> <chr>  
## 1     1 x1   y1  
## 2     2 x2   y2  
## 3     3 x3   y3  
## 4     4 x1   y1  
## 5     5 x2   <NA>  
## 6     6 x3   <NA>  
## 7     7 <NA> y2  
## 8     8 <NA> y3
```

- 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

```
dat_x <- tribble(  
  ~key, ~x,  
  1, "x1",  
  2, "x2",  
  3, "x3",  
  4, "x1",  
  1, "x2",  
  2, "x3",  
)
```

```
dat_y <- tribble(  
  ~key, ~y,  
  1, "y1",  
  2, "y2",  
  3, "y3",  
  5, "y5",  
)
```

# Left Joins with duplicate keys

```
dat_x %>%  
  left_join(dat_y, by = "key")
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 × 3  
##   key x      y  
##   <dbl> <chr> <chr>  
## 1     1 x1   y1  
## 2     2 x2   y2  
## 3     3 x3   y3  
## 4     4 x1   <NA>  
## 5     1 x2   y1  
## 6     2 x3   y2
```

- Notice that we get all combinations (Cartesian product) of the variables keeping all observations in `dat_x`

# Outer joins

- 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      y  
##   <dbl> <chr> <chr>  
## 1     1 x1   y1  
## 2     2 x2   y2  
## 3     3 x3   y3  
## 4     1 x2   y1  
## 5     2 x3   y2  
## 6     5 <NA> y5
```

- Notice how all the observations in `dat_y` are kept

# Outer joins

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

```
dat_x %>%  
  full_join(dat_y, by = "key")
```

```
## # A tibble: 7 × 3  
##   key x      y  
##   <dbl> <chr> <chr>  
## 1     1 x1   y1  
## 2     2 x2   y2  
## 3     3 x3   y3  
## 4     4 x1   <NA>  
## 5     1 x2   y1  
## 6     2 x3   y2  
## 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  
##   year month   day hour origin dest tailnum carrier  
##   <int> <int> <int> <dbl> <chr> <chr> <chr> <chr>  
## 1  2013     1     1     5 EWR   IAH  N14228  UA  
## 2  2013     1     1     5 LGA   IAH  N24211  UA  
## 3  2013     1     1     5 JFK   MIA  N619AA  AA  
## 4  2013     1     1     5 JFK   BQN  N804JB  B6  
## 5  2013     1     1     6 LGA   ATL  N668DN  DL  
## 6  2013     1     1     5 EWR   ORD  N39463  UA  
## 7  2013     1     1     6 EWR   FLL  N516JB  B6  
## 8  2013     1     1     6 LGA   IAD  N829AS  EV  
## 9  2013     1     1     6 JFK   MCO  N593JB  B6  
## 10 2013     1     1     6 LGA   ORD  N3ALAA  AA  
## # ... 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
```

```
##   year month   day hour origin dest tailnum carrier temp dewp  
##   <int> <int> <int> <dbl> <chr> <chr> <chr>   <chr>   <dbl> <dbl>  
## 1  2013     1     1     5 EWR   IAH  N14228  UA      39.0  28.0  
## 2  2013     1     1     5 LGA   IAH  N24211  UA      39.9  25.0  
## 3  2013     1     1     5 JFK   MIA  N619AA  AA      39.0  27.0  
## 4  2013     1     1     5 JFK   BQN  N804JB  B6      39.0  27.0  
## 5  2013     1     1     6 LGA   ATL  N668DN  DL      39.9  25.0  
## 6  2013     1     1     5 EWR   ORD  N39463  UA      39.0  28.0  
## 7  2013     1     1     6 EWR   FLL  N516JB  B6      37.9  28.0  
## 8  2013     1     1     6 LGA   IAD  N829AS  EV      39.9  25.0  
## 9  2013     1     1     6 JFK   MCO  N593JB  B6      37.9  27.0  
## 10 2013     1     1     6 LGA   ORD  N3ALAA  AA      39.9  25.0  
## # ... with 336,766 more rows, and 8 more variables: humid <dbl>,  
## #   wind_dir <dbl>, wind_speed <dbl>, wind_gust <dbl>, precip <dbl>,  
## #   pressure <dbl>, visib <dbl>, time_hour <dtm>
```

- Uses the variables in common between the datasets

# Natural join

```
colnames(flights_reduced)
```

```
## [1] "year"    "month"   "day"     "hour"    "origin"  "dest"  
## [7] "tailnum" "carrier"
```

```
colnames(weather)
```

```
## [1] "origin"    "year"      "month"     "day"      "hour"  
## [6] "temp"      "dewp"      "humid"     "wind_dir"  "wind_speed"  
## [11] "wind_gust" "precip"    "pressure"  "visib"     "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  
##   year.x month   day   hour origin dest  tailnum carrier year.y type  
##   <int> <int> <int> <dbl> <chr>  <chr> <chr>    <chr>    <int> <chr>  
## 1  2013     1     1     5 EWR    IAH   N14228  UA        1999 Fixe...  
## 2  2013     1     1     5 LGA    IAH   N24211  UA        1998 Fixe...  
## 3  2013     1     1     5 JFK    MIA   N619AA  AA        1990 Fixe...  
## 4  2013     1     1     5 JFK    BQN   N804JB  B6        2012 Fixe...  
## 5  2013     1     1     6 LGA    ATL   N668DN  DL        1991 Fixe...  
## 6  2013     1     1     5 EWR    ORD   N39463  UA        2012 Fixe...  
## 7  2013     1     1     6 EWR    FLL   N516JB  B6        2000 Fixe...  
## 8  2013     1     1     6 LGA    IAD   N829AS  EV        1998 Fixe...  
## 9  2013     1     1     6 JFK    MCO   N593JB  B6        2004 Fixe...  
## 10 2013     1     1     6 LGA    ORD   N3ALAA  AA         NA <NA>  
## # ... with 336,766 more rows, and 6 more variables:  
## #   manufacturer <chr>, model <chr>, engines <int>, seats <int>,  
## #   speed <int>, engine <chr>
```

# Joining with keys

- right join `flights_reduced` and `planes`
- Notice the output of the `years` variables

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

```
## # A tibble: 284,170 × 16  
##   year.x month   day   hour origin dest  tailnum carrier year.y type  
##   <int> <int> <int> <dbl> <chr>  <chr> <chr>   <chr>    <int> <chr>  
## 1  2013     1     1     5 EWR    IAH   N14228  UA        1999 Fixe...  
## 2  2013     1     1     5 LGA    IAH   N24211  UA        1998 Fixe...  
## 3  2013     1     1     5 JFK    MIA   N619AA  AA        1990 Fixe...  
## 4  2013     1     1     5 JFK    BQN   N804JB  B6        2012 Fixe...  
## 5  2013     1     1     6 LGA    ATL   N668DN  DL        1991 Fixe...  
## 6  2013     1     1     5 EWR    ORD   N39463  UA        2012 Fixe...  
## 7  2013     1     1     6 EWR    FLL   N516JB  B6        2000 Fixe...  
## 8  2013     1     1     6 LGA    IAD   N829AS  EV        1998 Fixe...  
## 9  2013     1     1     6 JFK    MCO   N593JB  B6        2004 Fixe...  
## 10 2013     1     1     6 JFK    PBI   N793JB  B6        2011 Fixe...  
## # ... with 284,160 more rows, and 6 more variables:  
## #   manufacturer <chr>, model <chr>, engines <int>, seats <int>,  
## #   speed <int>, engine <chr>
```

# 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  
##   year month   day hour origin dest  tailnum carrier name      lat  
##   <int> <int> <int> <dbl> <chr> <chr> <chr>    <chr> <chr>    <dbl>  
## 1  2013     1     1     5 EWR   IAH   N14228  UA      George... 30.0  
## 2  2013     1     1     5 LGA   IAH   N24211  UA      George... 30.0  
## 3  2013     1     1     5 JFK   MIA   N619AA  AA      Miami ... 25.8  
## 4  2013     1     1     5 JFK   BQN   N804JB  B6      <NA>      NA  
## 5  2013     1     1     6 LGA   ATL   N668DN  DL      Hartsf... 33.6  
## 6  2013     1     1     5 EWR   ORD   N39463  UA      Chicag... 42.0  
## 7  2013     1     1     6 EWR   FLL   N516JB  B6      Fort L... 26.1  
## 8  2013     1     1     6 LGA   IAD   N829AS  EV      Washin... 38.9  
## 9  2013     1     1     6 JFK   MCO   N593JB  B6      Orland... 28.4  
## 10 2013     1     1     6 LGA   ORD   N3ALAA  AA      Chicag... 42.0  
## # ... with 336,766 more rows, and 5 more variables: lon <dbl>,  
## #   alt <dbl>, tz <dbl>, dst <chr>, tzone <chr>
```

# 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`
  - 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
  - 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"
```

# 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()`

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

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

- 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"
```

- 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
```

```
## [1] "john" "paul" "ringo" "george"
```

# String manipulation

- `str_to_lower()`

```
str_to_lower(beatles)
```

```
## [1] "john" "paul" "ringo" "george"
```

- `str_to_upper()`

```
str_to_upper(beatles)
```

```
## [1] "JOHN" "PAUL" "RINGO" "GEORGE"
```

- `str_to_title()`

```
str_to_title(beatles)
```

```
## [1] "John" "Paul" "Ringo" "George"
```

- `str_sort()`

```
str_sort(beatles)
```

```
## [1] "george" "john" "paul" "ringo"
```

- `str_order()`

```
str_order(beatles)
```

```
## [1] 4 1 2 3
```

# 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

# Strings and searching

```
str_view(costumes, "e")
```

skeleton  
zombie  
witch  
ghoul  
ghost  
ghastly ghoul  
post man

```
str_view_all(costumes, "e")
```

skeleton  
zombie  
witch  
ghoul  
ghost  
ghastly ghoul  
post man



# Regular expressions

- The `.` character matches any character (except `\n`)

```
str_view(costumes, ".h.")
```

skeleton

zombie

witch

ghoul

ghost

ghastly ghoul

post man

# Regular expressions

- 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
```

# Regular expressions

- How do you search for a `\`?
  - `\\\\`
- Search at the beginning of a string with `^`
- Search at the end of a string with `$`

```
str_view(costumes, "^gho")
```

```
skeleton  
zombie  
witch  
ghoul  
ghost  
ghastly ghou  
post man
```

```
str_view(costumes, "ost$")
```

```
skeleton  
zombie  
witch  
ghoul  
ghost  
ghastly ghou  
post man
```

# Regular expressions

- 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
  - `(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 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`?

```
# display 5 of these words at random  
sample(words[str_detect(words, "(^ch) | (^th)"), 5)
```

```
## [1] "than"      "though"    "they"      "therefore" "thank"
```

- Using `str_subset()`

```
# display 5 of these words at random  
sample(str_subset(words, "(^ch) | (^th)"), 5)
```

```
## [1] "this"      "though"    "chap"      "chance"    "thousand"
```

# 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      i
##   <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        1     1         0  
## 2 able     2     2         2  
## 3 about    3     3         2  
## 4 absolute 4     4         4  
## 5 accept   5     2         4  
## 6 account  6     3         4  
## 7 achieve  7     4         3  
## 8 across  8     2         4  
## 9 act     9     1         2  
## 10 active 10     3         3  
## # ... 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)
```

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

# String splitting

- Use `str_split()` to split the speech into sentences

```
trump_sentences <- unlist(str_split(dat[[1]], "(\\.\\.s)|(?\\.s)"))  
head(trump_sentences)
```

```
## [1] "Thank you"  
## [2] "Thank you"  
## [3] "Thank you to Vice President Pence"  
## [4] "He's a good guy"  
## [5] "We've done a great job together"  
## [6] "And Merry Christmas, Michigan"
```

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

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

- 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.

# Extracting matches

- How many sentences contain "Michigan"?

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

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

# Extracting matches

- 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)
```

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

- Note: this only returns the first match

# Extracting matches

- 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.

Thank you to Vice President Pence.

Thank you, Michigan.

Thank you very much.

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

# Extracting matches

- 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"  
##
```

# Extracting matches

- 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. "  
## [2] "We've done a great job together. "  
## [3] "What a victory we had in Michigan. "  
## [4] "What a victory was that. "  
## [5] "One of the greats. "  
## [6] "Was that the greatest evening? "
```

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

```
has_noun %>%  
  str_extract(noun) %>%  
  head()
```

```
## [1] "a good"      "a great"      "a victory"    "a victory"  
## [5] "the greats." "the greatest"
```



# Grouped matches

- `str_extract()` gives complete match, `str_match()` gives the individual groups

```
has_noun %>%  
  str_extract(noun) %>%  
  head()
```

```
## [1] "a good"      "a great"      "a victory"    "a victory"  
## [5] "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"  
## [4,] "a victory" "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. "  
## [2] "Th%nk you. "  
## [3] "Th%nk you to Vice President Pence. "  
## [4] "H%'s a good guy. "  
## [5] "W%'ve done a great job together. "  
## [6] "And M%rry Christmas, Michigan. "
```

```
trump_sentences %>%  
  str_replace_all("[aeiou]", "%") %>%  
  head()
```

```
## [1] "Th%nk y%%. "  
## [2] "Th%nk y%%. "  
## [3] "Th%nk y%% t% V%c% Pr%s%d%nt P%nc%. "  
## [4] "H%'s % g%%d g%y. "  
## [5] "W%'v% d%n% % gr%%t j%b t%g%th%r. "  
## [6] "And M%rry Chr%stm%s, M%ch%g%n. "
```

# Replacing matches

- Replace multiple matches with `str_replace_all()`

```
trump_sentences %>%  
  str_replace_all(c("you" = "me", "Pence" = "%%%" )) %>%  
  head()
```

```
## [1] "Thank me. "  
## [2] "Thank me. "  
## [3] "Thank me to Vice President %%%. "  
## [4] "He's a good guy. "  
## [5] "We've done a great job together. "  
## [6] "And Merry Christmas, Michigan. "
```

# 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
  - nominal (order doesn't matter) -- colors, religion, etc.
  - 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"
```

- Sorted alphabetically, not by age

```
age_levels <- c("young", "middle aged", "old")
ages_factor <- factor(ages, levels = age_levels)
sort(ages_factor)
```

```
## [1] young      young      middle aged old
## Levels: young middle aged old
```

- 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"
```

- Sorted alphabetically, not by age

```
age_levels <- c("young", "middle aged", "old")
ages_factor <- factor(ages, levels = age_levels)
ages_factor
```

```
## [1] young      middle aged old      <NA>
## Levels: young middle aged old
```

- Notice the NA value was created without a warning

# Working with characters

```
library(openintro)
```

```
## Warning: package 'openintro' was built under R version 4.1.2
```

```
## Loading required package: airports
```

```
## Loading required package: cherryblossom
```

```
## Loading required package: usdata
```

```
data("yrbss")
```

```
# ?yrbss
```

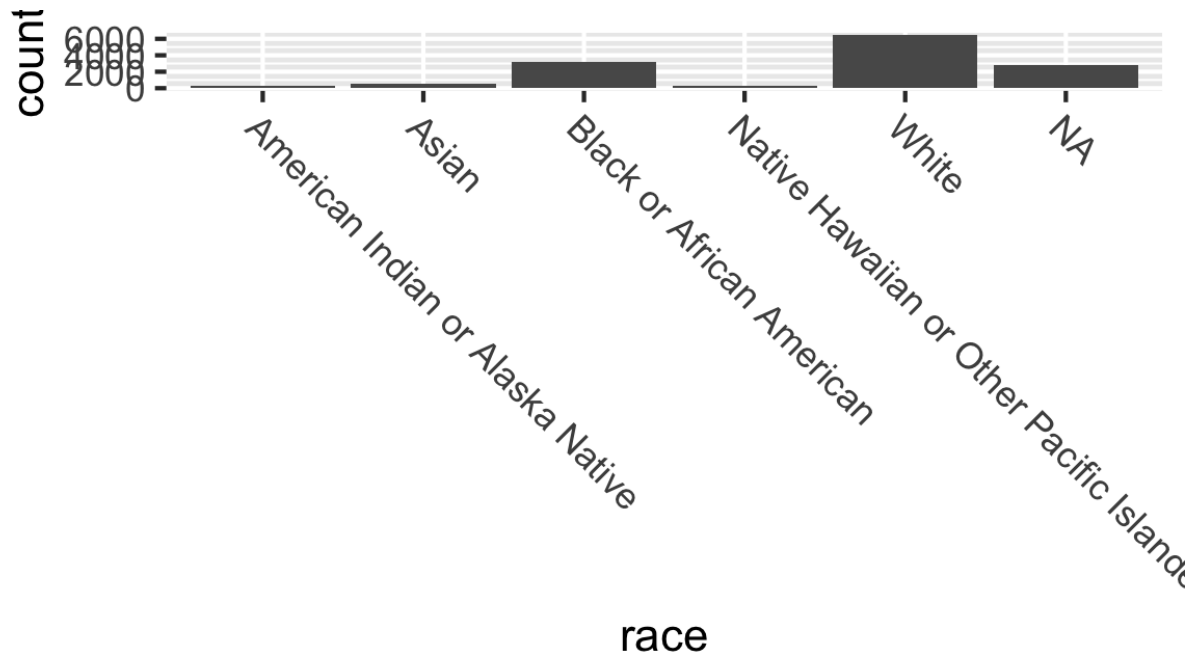
```
yrbss
```

```
## # A tibble: 13,583 × 13
```

```
##   age gender grade hispanic race          height weight helmet_12m
##   <int> <chr>  <chr> <chr>    <chr>         <dbl>  <dbl> <chr>
## 1    14 female 9      not      Black or Afr...   NA      NA    never
## 2    14 female 9      not      Black or Afr...   NA      NA    never
## 3    15 female 9      hispanic Native Hawai...  1.73    84.4  never
## 4    15 female 9      not      Black or Afr...  1.6     55.8  never
## 5    15 female 9      not      Black or Afr...  1.5     46.7  did not r...
## 6    15 female 9      not      Black or Afr...  1.57    67.1  did not r...
## 7    15 female 9      not      Black or Afr...  1.65   132.  did not r...
## 8    14 male  9      not      Black or Afr...  1.88    71.2  never
## 9    15 male  9      not      Black or Afr...  1.75    63.5  never
## 10   15 male 10     not      Black or Afr...  1.37    97.1  did not r...
## # ... with 13,573 more rows, and 5 more variables:
```

# Working with characters

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





# Working with Factors

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

- count the different race variables

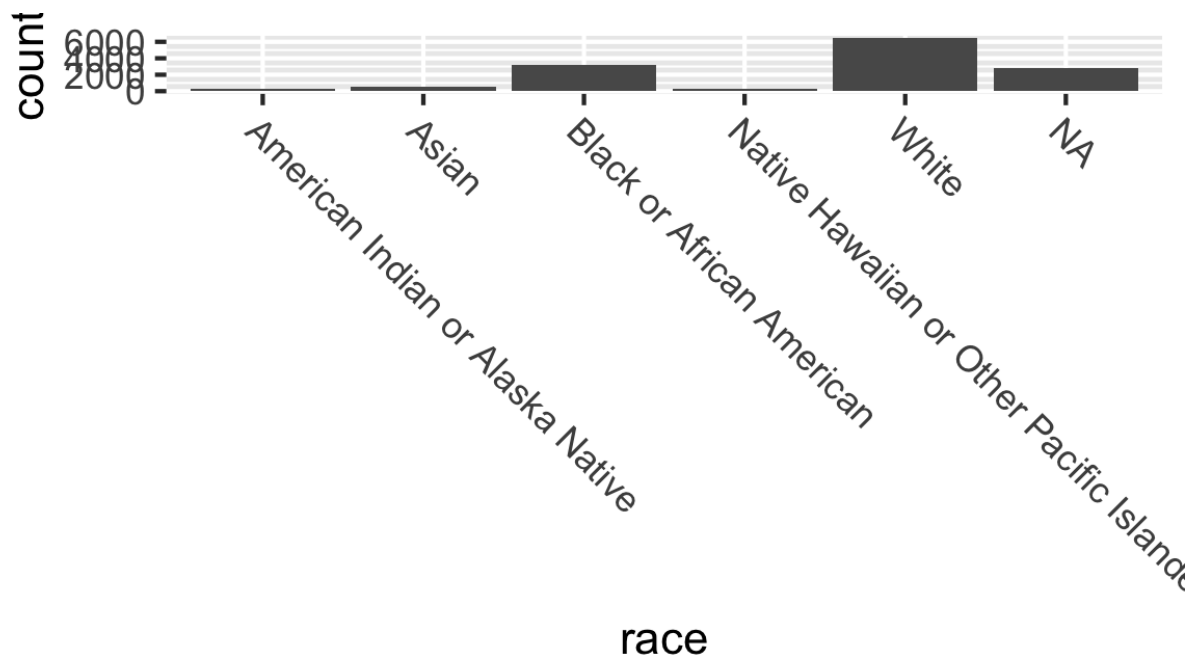
```
yrbss %>%
  count(race)
```

```
## # 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
```

# Working with Factors

- Names are too long

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



# Working with Factors

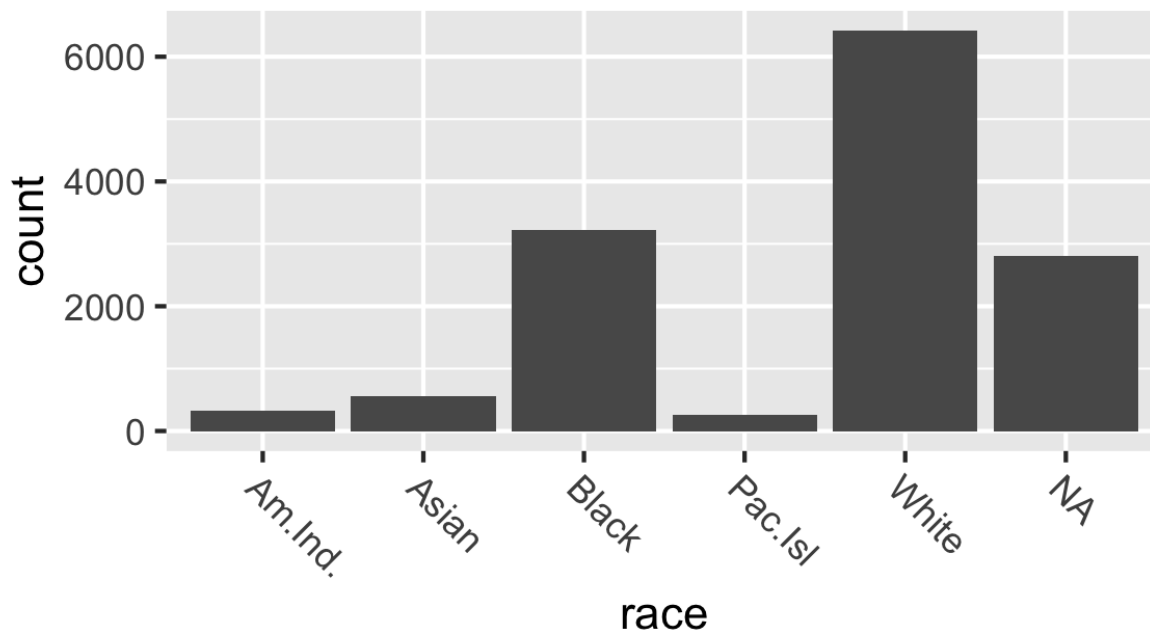
- rename factors with `fct_recode()`

```
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"  
)
```

# Working with Factors

- Better figure

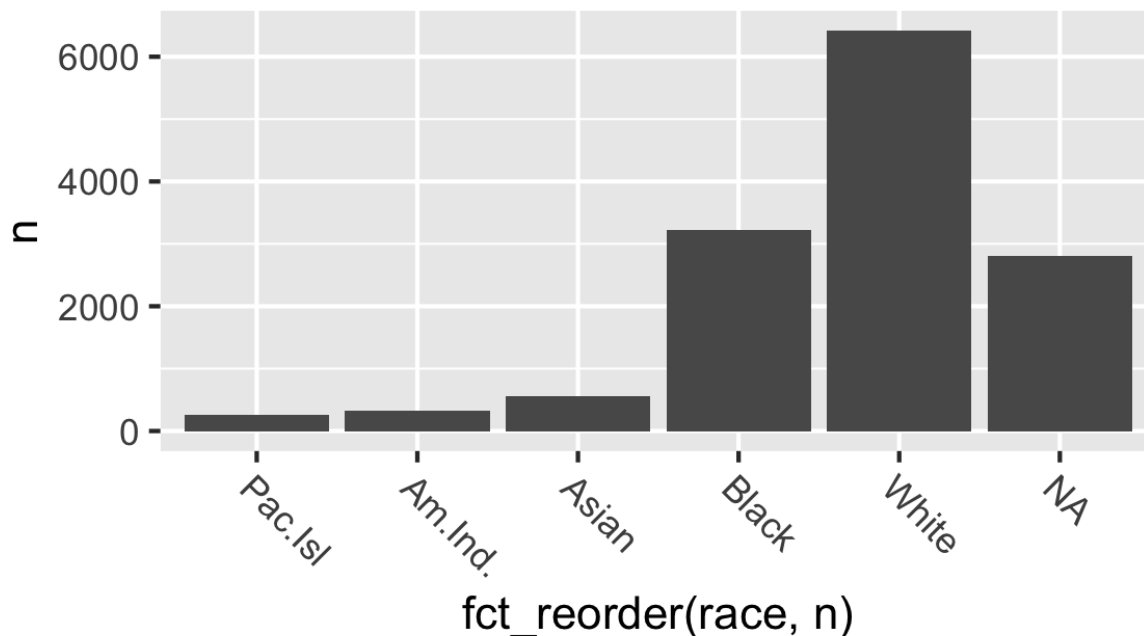
```
yrbss %>%  
  ggplot(aes(race)) +  
  geom_bar() +  
  theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = - 45, hjust = 0))
```



# Working with Factors

- reorder based on count using `fct_reorder`

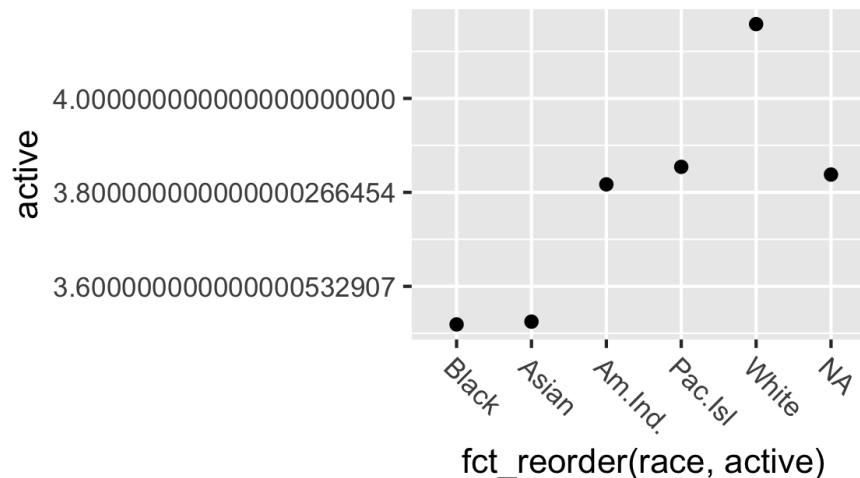
```
yrbss %>%  
  count(race) %>%  
  ggplot(aes(x = fct_reorder(race, n), y = n)) +  
  geom_col() +  
  theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = -45, hjust = 0))
```



# Working with Factors

- reorder based on count using `fct_reorder`

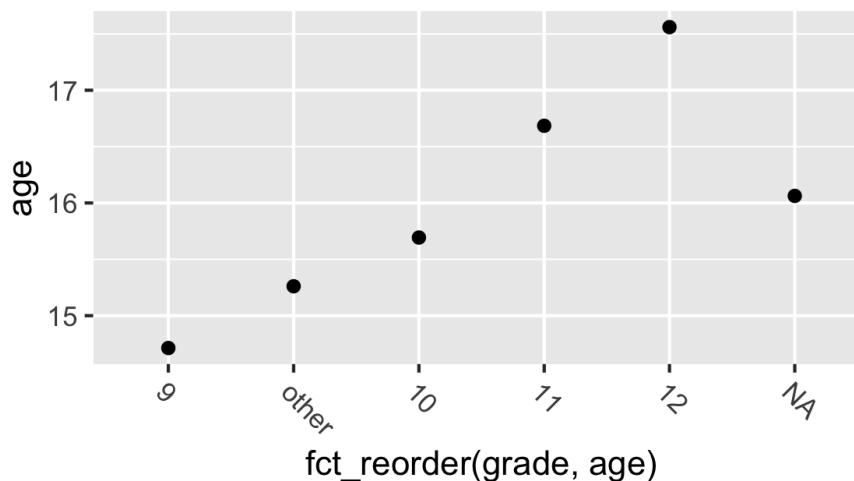
```
yrbss %>%  
  group_by(race) %>%  
  summarize(  
    active = mean(physically_active_7d, na.rm = TRUE),  
    age     = mean(age, na.rm = TRUE),  
    n       = n()  
  ) %>%  
  ggplot(aes(x = fct_reorder(race, active), y = active)) +  
  geom_point() +  
  theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle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



# Working with Factors

- 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))
```



# Working with Factors

- `gss_cat` data in `forcats` package

```
gss_cat
```

```
## # A tibble: 21,483 × 9
##   year marital      age race  rincome partyid relig denom tvhours
##   <int> <fct>      <int> <fct> <fct>   <fct>   <fct> <fct>   <int>
## 1  2000 Never marri...    26 White $8000 ... Ind,ne... Prot... Sout...    12
## 2  2000 Divorced        48 White $8000 ... Not st... Prot... Bapt...    NA
## 3  2000 Widowed         67 White Not ap... Indepe... Prot... No d...     2
## 4  2000 Never marri...    39 White Not ap... Ind,ne... Orth... Not ...     4
## 5  2000 Divorced        25 White Not ap... Not st... None   Not ...     1
## 6  2000 Married         25 White $20000... Strong... Prot... Sout...    NA
## 7  2000 Never marri...    36 White $25000... Not st... Chri... Not ...     3
## 8  2000 Divorced        44 White $7000 ... Ind,ne... Prot... Luth...    NA
## 9  2000 Married         44 White $25000... Not st... Prot... Other     0
## 10 2000 Married         47 White $25000... Strong... Prot... Sout...     3
## # ... with 21,473 more rows
```



# Working with Factors

- Recode multiple variables

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

```
## # A tibble: 10 × 2  
##   partyid      n  
##   <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] "2022-06-02"
```

```
now()
```

```
## [1] "2022-06-02 08:50:31 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)  
)
```

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

##	year	month	day	hour	date
## 1	2012	5	11	2	2012-05-11
## 2	2012	6	22	16	2012-06-22
## 3	2013	11	13	9	2013-11-13
## 4	2013	4	30	22	2013-04-30
## 5	2013	1	9	4	2013-01-09
## 6	2014	10	5	15	2014-10-05
## 7	2016	9	16	17	2016-09-16

# 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)  
)
```

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

# Converting between dates and date-times

```
today()
```

```
## [1] "2022-06-02"
```

```
as_datetime(today())
```

```
## [1] "2022-06-02 UTC"
```

```
now()
```

```
## [1] "2022-06-02 08:50:31 CDT"
```

```
as_date(now())
```

```
## [1] "2022-06-02"
```



# 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 %>%  
  select(datetime) %>%  
  mutate(week_date = floor_date(datetime, "week"))
```

```
##           datetime week_date  
## 1 2012-05-11 02:13:36 2012-05-06  
## 2 2012-06-22 16:24:05 2012-06-17  
## 3 2013-11-13 09:25:19 2013-11-10  
## 4 2013-04-30 22:33:04 2013-04-28  
## 5 2013-01-09 04:14:34 2013-01-06  
## 6 2014-10-05 15:53:43 2014-10-05  
## 7 2016-09-16 17:37:18 2016-09-11
```

```
dat_dt %>%  
  select(datetime) %>%  
  mutate(month_date = floor_date(datetime, "month"))
```

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

```
dat_dt %>%  
  select(datetime) %>%  
  mutate(week_date = ceiling_date(datetime, "week"))
```

```
##           datetime week_date  
## 1 2012-05-11 02:13:36 2012-05-13  
## 2 2012-06-22 16:24:05 2012-06-24  
## 3 2013-11-13 09:25:19 2013-11-17  
## 4 2013-04-30 22:33:04 2013-05-05  
## 5 2013-01-09 04:14:34 2013-01-13  
## 6 2014-10-05 15:53:43 2014-10-12  
## 7 2016-09-16 17:37:18 2016-09-18
```

```
dat_dt %>%  
  select(datetime) %>%  
  mutate(month_date = ceiling_date(datetime, "month"))
```

```
##           datetime month_date  
## 1 2012-05-11 02:13:36 2012-06-01  
## 2 2012-06-22 16:24:05 2012-07-01  
## 3 2013-11-13 09:25:19 2013-12-01  
## 4 2013-04-30 22:33:04 2013-05-01  
## 5 2013-01-09 04:14:34 2013-02-01  
## 6 2014-10-05 15:53:43 2014-11-01  
## 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 8854 days
```

```
str(dude_abiding)
```

```
## 'difftime' num 8854  
## - attr(*, "units")= chr "days"
```

```
as.duration(dude_abiding)
```

```
## [1] "764985600s (~24.24 years)"
```

# 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] 2022-06-02 UTC--2023-06-02 UTC
```

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

```
## [1] 365
```

```
(today() %--% next_year) / ddays(1)
```

# 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"  
## [4] "Africa/Algiers"      "Africa/Asmara"       "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")
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 <- c(x, y, z)
times
```

```
## [1] "2020-10-31 19:00:00 MDT" "2020-10-31 19:00:00 MDT"
## [3] "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"
## [3] "2020-10-31 18:00:00 PDT"
```