

# Data607 : Tidying and Transforming Data

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## load flight data:

```
FlightData <- read.csv("C:\\temp\\FlightInfo.csv", sep = ",", stringsAsFactors = FALSE)
FlightData
```

```
##           X           X.1 Los.Angeles Phoenix San.Diego San.Francisco Seattle
## 1  ALASKA On Time           497         221          212           503      1841
## 2    <NA> Delayed           62          12           20           102       305
## 3 AM WEST On Time          694        4840          383           320       201
## 4    <NA> Delayed          117         415           65           129        61
```

In the original data, values (city names) are being used as variables, the data also have some empty row values and meaningless column names. So in order to make the data tidy the wide format needs to be converted to long format so that all the city names can be arranged under one variable. Empty values in the rows and meaningless column names also need to be replaced with appropriate values and names respectively:

```
library(dplyr)
```

```
##
## Attaching package: 'dplyr'
##
## The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':
##
##   filter, lag
##
## The following objects are masked from 'package:base':
##
##   intersect, setdiff, setequal, union
```

```
library(data.table)
```

```
##
## Attaching package: 'data.table'
##
## The following objects are masked from 'package:dplyr':
##
##   between, first, last
```

```
library(tidyr)
```

```
library(zoo)
```

```
##
## Attaching package: 'zoo'
##
## The following objects are masked from 'package:base':
##
##   as.Date, as.Date.numeric
```

```
library(ggplot2)
```

```
library(gridExtra)
```

```
## Warning: package 'gridExtra' was built under R version 3.4.2
```

```
##
```

```
## Attaching package: 'gridExtra'
```

```
## The following object is masked from 'package:dplyr':
```

```
##
```

```
##      combine
```

```
FlightInfo <- FlightData %>% mutate(X = na.locf(X, na.rm = F)) %>%  
  setnames(old = c("X", "X.1"), new = c("Airline", "Arrival")) %>%  
  gather("City", "Flight_Counts", 3:7)
```

```
FlightInfo
```

```
##      Airline Arrival      City Flight_Counts  
## 1  ALASKA On Time  Los.Angeles      497  
## 2  ALASKA Delayed Los.Angeles       62  
## 3  AM WEST On Time  Los.Angeles     694  
## 4  AM WEST Delayed Los.Angeles     117  
## 5  ALASKA On Time   Phoenix       221  
## 6  ALASKA Delayed   Phoenix        12  
## 7  AM WEST On Time   Phoenix    4840  
## 8  AM WEST Delayed   Phoenix     415  
## 9  ALASKA On Time   San.Diego     212  
## 10 ALASKA Delayed   San.Diego      20  
## 11 AM WEST On Time   San.Diego    383  
## 12 AM WEST Delayed   San.Diego      65  
## 13 ALASKA On Time San.Francisco    503  
## 14 ALASKA Delayed San.Francisco    102  
## 15 AM WEST On Time San.Francisco    320  
## 16 AM WEST Delayed San.Francisco    129  
## 17 ALASKA On Time   Seattle    1841  
## 18 ALASKA Delayed   Seattle     305  
## 19 AM WEST On Time   Seattle     201  
## 20 AM WEST Delayed   Seattle      61
```

The data looks much better now but still there are two rows for each observation of a city/Airline pair, so more transformation is needed to make it tidy so that each observation can be arranged in a single row:

```
FlightData <- spread(FlightInfo, 2, 4)
```

```
FlightData
```

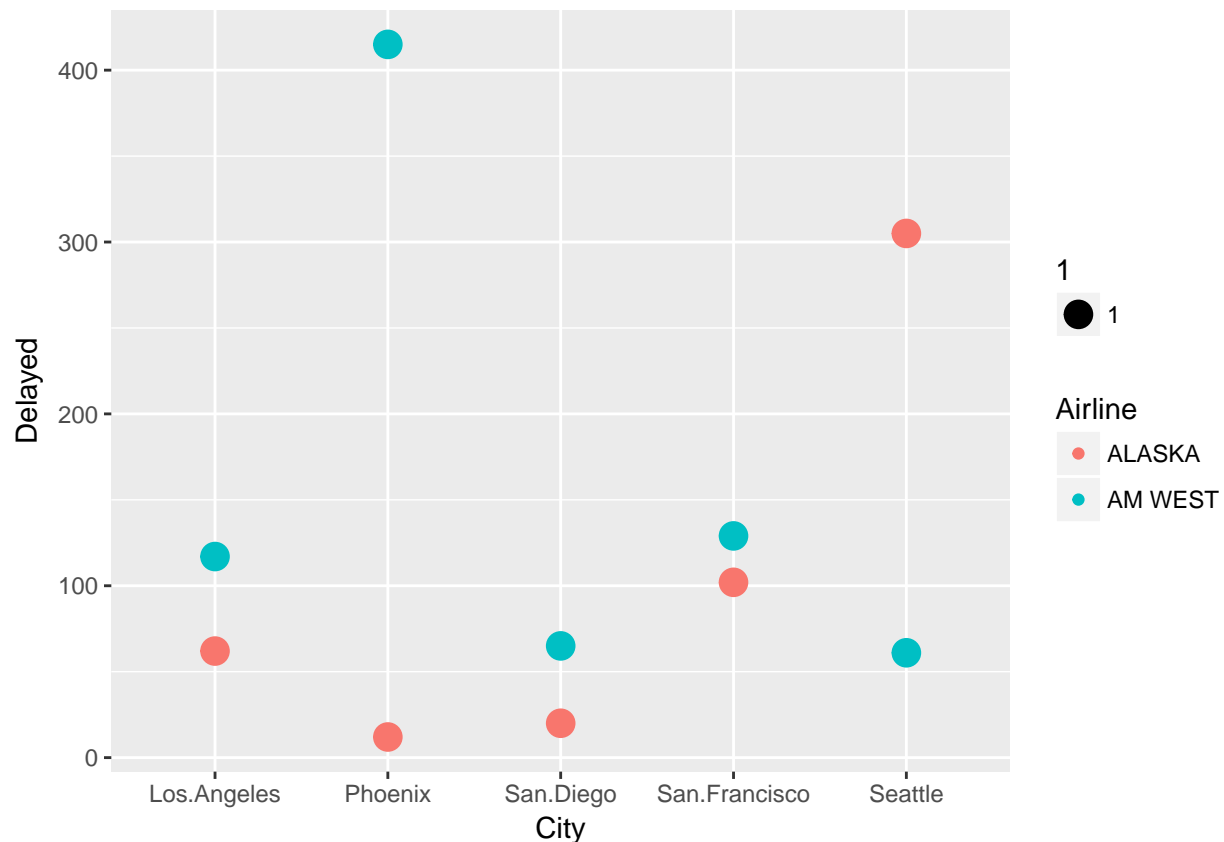
```
##      Airline      City Delayed On Time  
## 1  ALASKA  Los.Angeles      62    497  
## 2  ALASKA   Phoenix      12    221  
## 3  ALASKA  San.Diego      20    212  
## 4  ALASKA San.Francisco    102    503  
## 5  ALASKA   Seattle     305   1841  
## 6  AM WEST  Los.Angeles     117    694  
## 7  AM WEST   Phoenix     415   4840  
## 8  AM WEST  San.Diego      65    383  
## 9  AM WEST San.Francisco    129    320  
## 10 AM WEST   Seattle      61    201
```

## Analysis and comparison:

The below visualization of the shows comparison of the airlines based on their delayed flights. The plot depicts that in most of the cities AM West Airlines has the larger number of delayed flights except Seattle where Alaska Airline has more delayed flights.

Figure 1:

```
ggplot(FlightData, aes(x = City, y = Delayed)) + geom_point(aes(size = 1,
  color = Airline))
```



Some statistics:

```
Flight_Statistics <- FlightData %>% group_by(Airline) %>% summarise(Avg.Delayed = mean(Delayed),
  `Avg.On Time` = mean(`On Time`), `Total Delayed` = sum(Delayed),
  `Total On Time` = sum(`On Time`), `Total Flights` = sum(Delayed +
  `On Time`), `Percent Delayed` = round((`Total Delayed`/`Total Flights`),
  2), `Percent On Time` = round((`Total On Time`/`Total Flights`),
  2), `Maximum Delay` = max(Delayed), `Minimum Delay` = min(Delayed))
```

Flight\_Statistics

```
## # A tibble: 2 x 10
##   Airline Avg.Delayed `Avg.On Time` `Total Delayed` `Total On Time`
##   <chr>      <dbl>      <dbl>          <int>          <int>
## 1 ALASKA    100.2        654.8           501           3274
## 2 AM WEST   157.4        1287.6          787           6438
## # ... with 5 more variables: `Total Flights` <int>, `Percent
```

```
## #   Delayed` <dbl>, `Percent On Time` <dbl>, `Maximum Delay` <dbl>,
## #   `Minimum Delay` <dbl>
```

Above data statistics shows that the percentage of delayed flights is higher for Alaska Airlines if all the flights are considered. Therefore if no further analysis is done it is possible to come up with a conclusion that AM West Airline is better since it has lower percentage of delayed flights.

## Further Analysis:

Ratio of delayed and on time flights by City:

```
Delyed_Ratio_Cities <- mutate(FlightData, Percent_Delay_City = round(Delayed/(Delayed +
  `On Time`), 2), Percent_ontime_City = round(`On Time`/(Delayed +
  `On Time`), 2))
Delyed_Ratio_Cities
```

##	Airline	City	Delayed	On Time	Percent_Delay_City
## 1	ALASKA	Los.Angeles	62	497	0.11
## 2	ALASKA	Phoenix	12	221	0.05
## 3	ALASKA	San.Diego	20	212	0.09
## 4	ALASKA	San.Francisco	102	503	0.17
## 5	ALASKA	Seattle	305	1841	0.14
## 6	AM WEST	Los.Angeles	117	694	0.14
## 7	AM WEST	Phoenix	415	4840	0.08
## 8	AM WEST	San.Diego	65	383	0.15
## 9	AM WEST	San.Francisco	129	320	0.29
## 10	AM WEST	Seattle	61	201	0.23
##		Percent_ontime_City			
## 1		0.89			
## 2		0.95			
## 3		0.91			
## 4		0.83			
## 5		0.86			
## 6		0.86			
## 7		0.92			
## 8		0.85			
## 9		0.71			
## 10		0.77			

The worst city in terms of delayed flights is San Francisco for both flights, both Airlines have largest delayed flights in San Francisco. Figure 2 and Figure 3 reveal that Alaska Airlines is better in every city compared to AM West Airlines. In every city Alaska Airline has smaller proportion of delayed flights and larger proportion of on time flights.

Figure 2:

```
p1 <- ggplot(Delyed_Ratio_Cities, aes(City, Percent_Delay_City)) +
  geom_bar(aes(fill = Airline), stat = "identity", position = "dodge") +
  labs(title = "Percentage of Delayed Flights by City ", y = "Percentge")

p2 <- ggplot(Delyed_Ratio_Cities, aes(City, Percent_ontime_City)) +
  geom_bar(aes(fill = Airline), stat = "identity", position = "dodge") +
  labs(title = "Percentage of on time Flights by City ", y = "Percentge")

grid.arrange(p1, p2, nrow = 2)
```

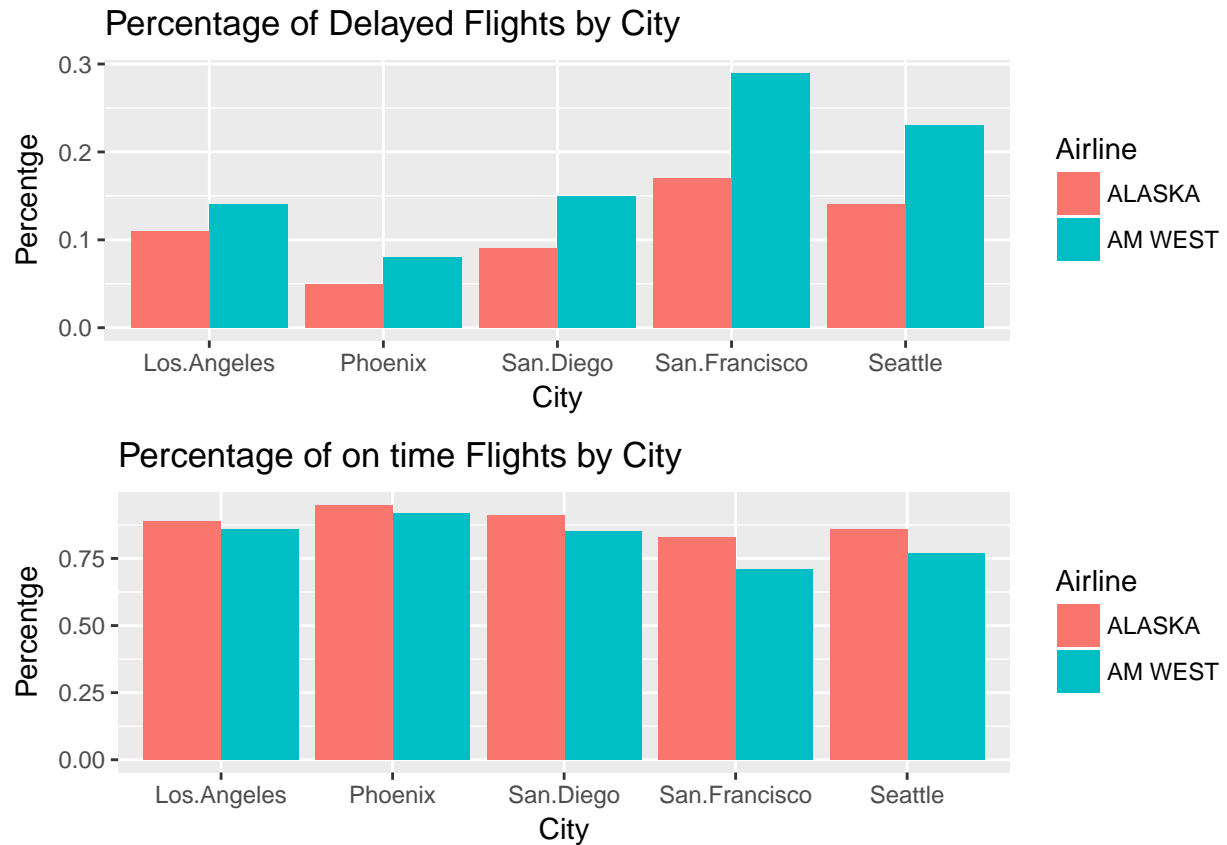
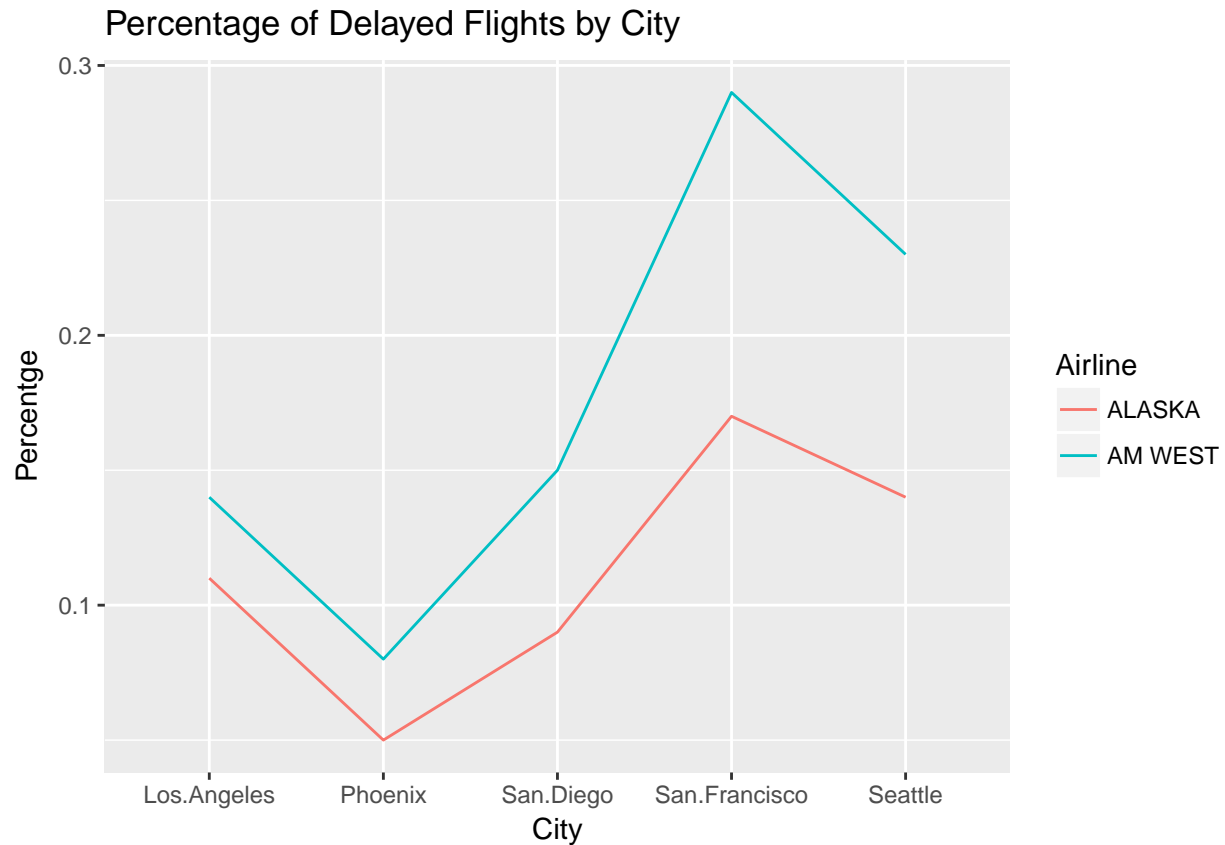


Figure 3:

```
ggplot(Delyed_Ratio_Cities, aes(x = City, y = Percent_Delay_City,
  group = Airline, color = Airline)) + geom_line() + labs(title = "Percentage of Delayed Flights by C
  y = "Percentge")
```



So Alaska Airline is better when the percentage of flights (both delayed and on time) are considered in every city. But AM West appears to be better when all the flights are considered at a time, which suggests that there must be some large values in one or two cities that would explain this discrepancy.

Figure 4 shows that in Phoenix AM West Airline has a huge number of flights compared to what Alaska has in there. Figure 5 shows that Phoenix also has a very large number of on time flights. Since the presence of Alaska Airline in Phoenix is very small it is obvious that most of those on time flights belong to AM West Airline. Therefore this large number of on time flights in Phoenix affect the overall data in favor of AM West Airline and explains why AM West Airline looks better when the data is seen as a whole.

Figure 4:

```
ggplot(FlightInfo, aes(City, Flight_Counts)) + geom_bar(aes(fill = Airline),
  stat = "identity", position = "dodge") + labs(title = "Flight counts by City ",
  y = "Count")
```

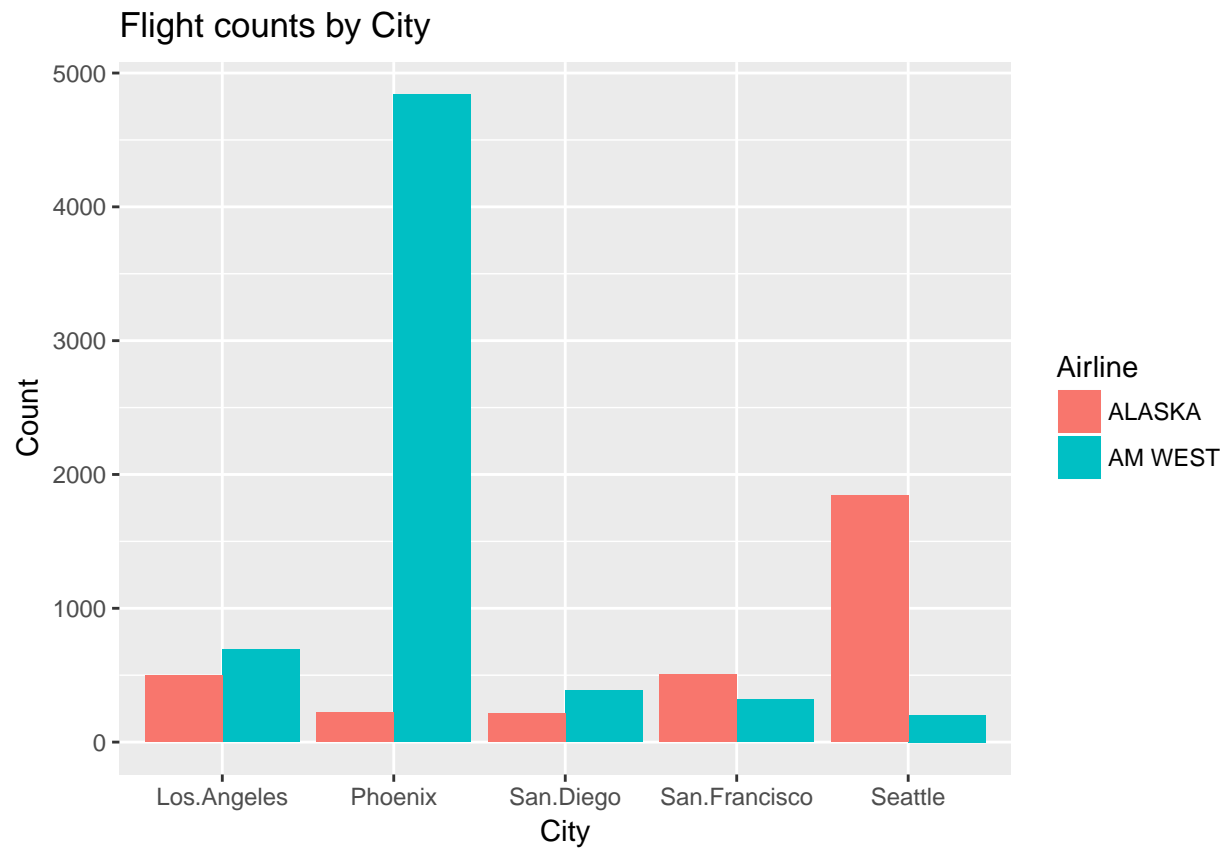
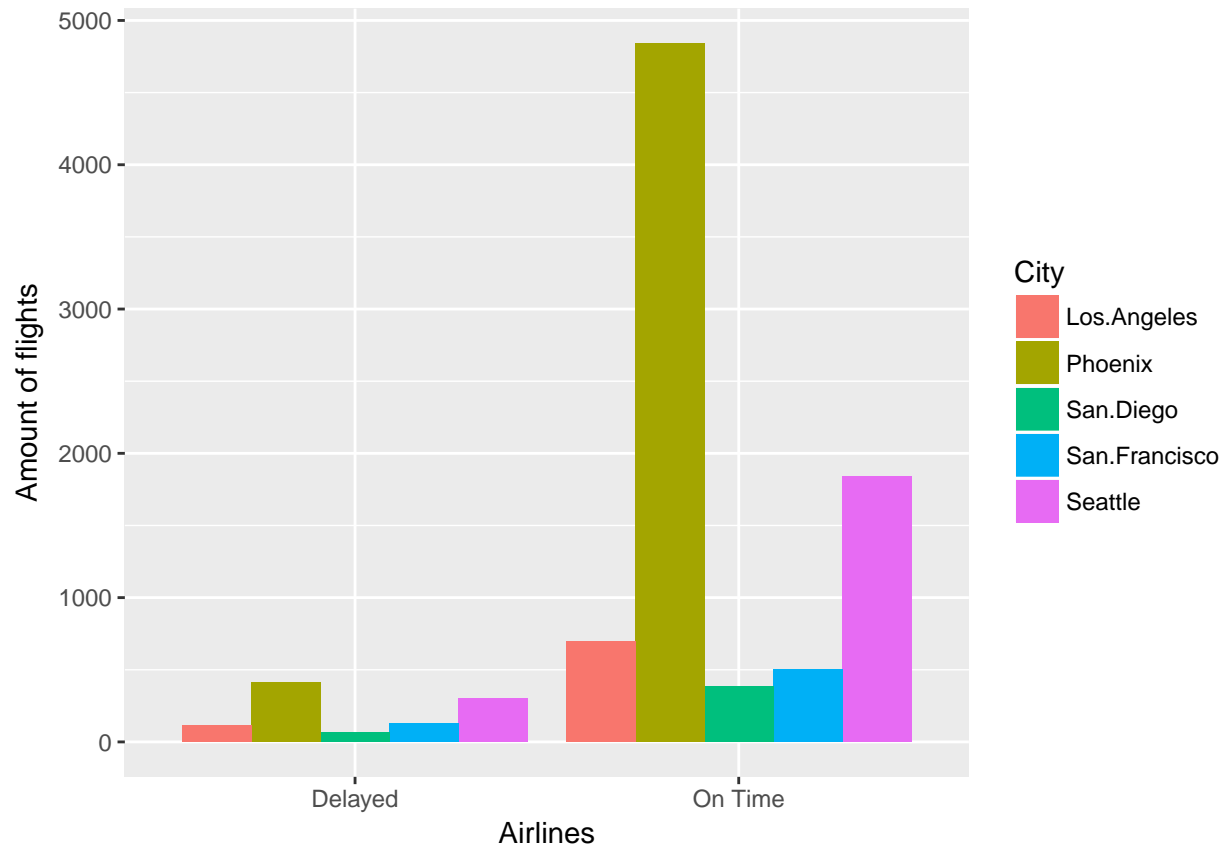


Figure 5:

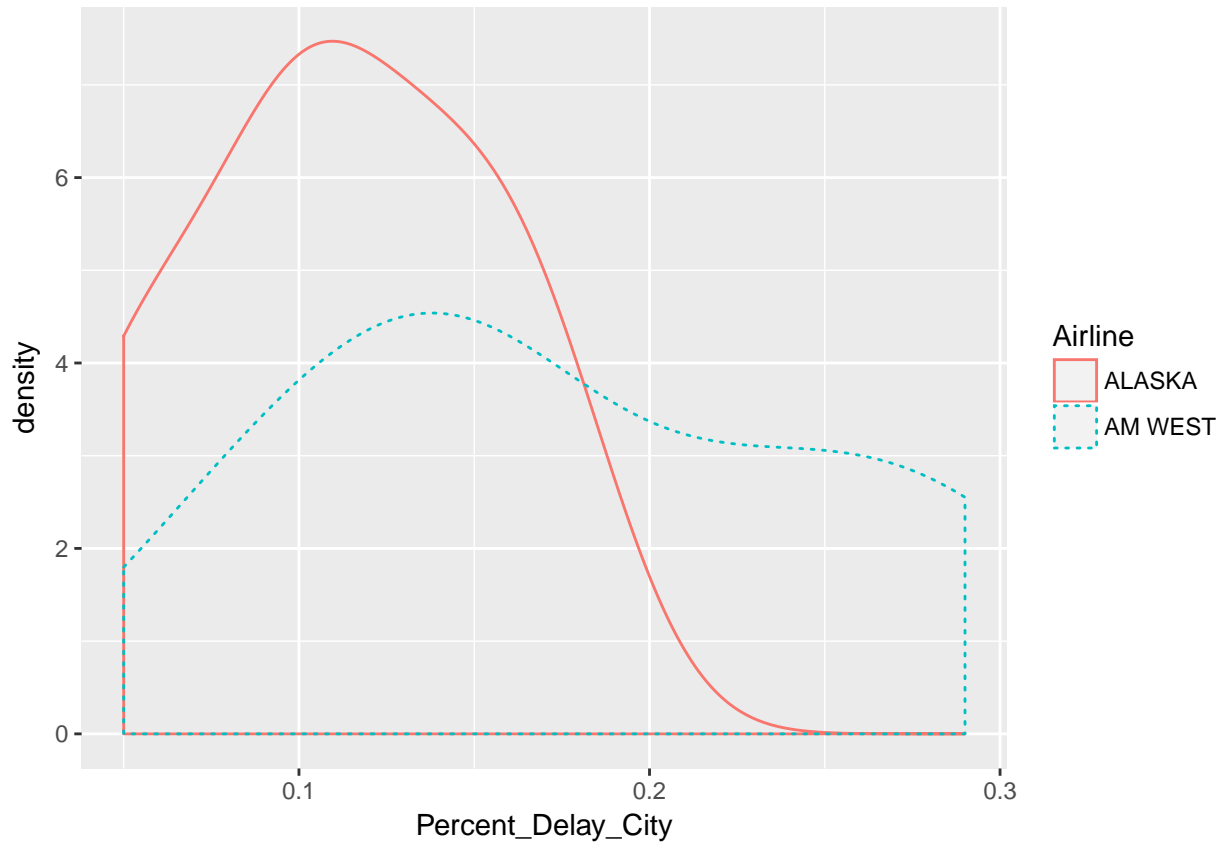
```
ggplot(FlightInfo, aes(x = Arrival, y = Flight_Counts, fill = City)) +  
  geom_bar(stat = "identity", position = "dodge") + xlab("Airlines") +  
  ylab("Amount of flights")
```



The density plot below also shows that Alaska Airline is doing better since it has higher density of lower percentage of delayed flights:

```
qplot(Percent_Delay_City, data = Delyed_Ratio_Cities, geom = "density",
      color = Airline, linetype = Airline)
```





### Conclusion:

AM West Airline has lower percentage of delayed flights when all the data is considered. But when each city is separately considered it becomes clear that Alaska Airline performs better and has lower percentage of delayed flights in each city. The huge number of flights of AM West Airline in Phoenix is actually responsible for this false impression that AM West Airline is better (when all the data is considered at a time).