

ETC5510: Introduction to Data Analysis

Week 4, part A

Relational data, and joins

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Recap

- consultation hours
- assignment 1
- tidy data

Recap: Tidy data

wide

id	x	y	z
1	a	c	e
2	b	d	f

long

id	key	val
1	x	a
2	x	b
1	y	c
2	y	d
1	z	e
2	z	f

Overview

- What is relational data?
- Keys
- Different sorts of joins
- Using joins to follow an aircraft flight path

Relational data

- Data analysis **rarely involves** only a single table of data.
- To answer questions you generally need to combine many tables of data
- Multiple tables of data are called *relational data*
- It is the **relations**, not just the individual datasets, that are important.

nycflights13

- Data set of flights that departed NYC in 2013 from <https://www.transtats.bts.gov> - a public database of all USA commercial airline flights. It has five tables:
 1. flights
 2. airlines
 3. airports
 4. planes
 5. weather

flights

```
library(nycflights13)
```

```
flights
```

```
## # A tibble: 336,776 x 19
```

```
##   year month   day dep_time sched_dep_time dep_delay arr_time sched_arr_time
##   <int> <int> <int>   <int>         <int>         <dbl>   <int>         <int>
## 1  2013     1     1     517           515           2     830           819
## 2  2013     1     1     533           529           4     850           830
## 3  2013     1     1     542           540           2     923           850
## 4  2013     1     1     544           545          -1    1004          1022
## 5  2013     1     1     554           600          -6     812           837
## 6  2013     1     1     554           558          -4     740           728
## 7  2013     1     1     555           600          -5     913           854
## 8  2013     1     1     557           600          -3     709           723
## 9  2013     1     1     557           600          -3     838           846
## 10 2013     1     1     558           600          -2     753           745
```

```
## # ... with 336,766 more rows, and 11 more variables: 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>
```

airlines

```
airlines
```

```
## # A tibble: 16 x 2
```

```
##   carrier name
```

```
##   <chr>    <chr>
```

```
## 1 9E      Endeavor Air Inc.
```

```
## 2 AA      American Airlines Inc.
```

```
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```

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```

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## 10 MQ     Envoy Air
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```
## 11 00     SkyWest Airlines Inc.
```

```
## 12 UA     United Air Lines Inc.
```

```
## 13 US     US Airways Inc.
```

```
## 14 VX     Virgin America
```

```
## 15 WN     Southwest Airlines Co.
```

```
## 16 YV     Mesa Airlines Inc.
```


airports

```
airports
```

```
## # A tibble: 1,458 x 8
```

```
##   faa   name          lat   lon   alt   tz dst  tzone
##   <chr> <chr>         <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <chr> <chr>
## 1 04G   Lansdowne Airport    41.1  -80.6  1044   -5 A   America/New_Yo...
## 2 06A   Moton Field Municipal A... 32.5  -85.7   264   -6 A   America/Chicago
## 3 06C   Schaumburg Regional    42.0  -88.1   801   -6 A   America/Chicago
## 4 06N   Randall Airport       41.4  -74.4   523   -5 A   America/New_Yo...
## 5 09J   Jekyll Island Airport   31.1  -81.4    11   -5 A   America/New_Yo...
## 6 0A9   Elizabethton Municipal ... 36.4  -82.2  1593   -5 A   America/New_Yo...
## 7 0G6   Williams County Airport  41.5  -84.5   730   -5 A   America/New_Yo...
## 8 0G7   Finger Lakes Regional A... 42.9  -76.8   492   -5 A   America/New_Yo...
## 9 0P2   Shoestring Aviation Air... 39.8  -76.6  1000   -5 U   America/New_Yo...
## 10 0S9   Jefferson County Intl    48.1 -123.    108   -8 A   America/Los_An...
## # ... with 1,448 more rows
```

planes

planes

```
## # A tibble: 3,322 x 9
```

```
##   tailnum year type      manufacturer model engines seats speed engine
##   <chr>   <int> <chr>      <chr>          <chr>   <int> <int> <int> <chr>
## 1 N10156  2004 Fixed wing m... EMBRAER      EMB-1...     2    55    NA Turbo-...
## 2 N102UW  1998 Fixed wing m... AIRBUS INDUST... A320-...     2   182    NA Turbo-...
## 3 N103US  1999 Fixed wing m... AIRBUS INDUST... A320-...     2   182    NA Turbo-...
## 4 N104UW  1999 Fixed wing m... AIRBUS INDUST... A320-...     2   182    NA Turbo-...
## 5 N10575  2002 Fixed wing m... EMBRAER      EMB-1...     2    55    NA Turbo-...
## 6 N105UW  1999 Fixed wing m... AIRBUS INDUST... A320-...     2   182    NA Turbo-...
## 7 N107US  1999 Fixed wing m... AIRBUS INDUST... A320-...     2   182    NA Turbo-...
## 8 N108UW  1999 Fixed wing m... AIRBUS INDUST... A320-...     2   182    NA Turbo-...
## 9 N109UW  1999 Fixed wing m... AIRBUS INDUST... A320-...     2   182    NA Turbo-...
## 10 N110UW 1999 Fixed wing m... AIRBUS INDUST... A320-...     2   182    NA Turbo-...
## # ... with 3,312 more rows
```

weather

weather

A tibble: 26,115 x 15

origin year month day hour temp dewp humid wind_dir wind_speed

<chr> <int> <int> <int> <int> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>

1 EWR 2013 1 1 1 39.0 26.1 59.4 270 10.4

2 EWR 2013 1 1 2 39.0 27.0 61.6 250 8.06

3 EWR 2013 1 1 3 39.0 28.0 64.4 240 11.5

4 EWR 2013 1 1 4 39.9 28.0 62.2 250 12.7

5 EWR 2013 1 1 5 39.0 28.0 64.4 260 12.7

6 EWR 2013 1 1 6 37.9 28.0 67.2 240 11.5

7 EWR 2013 1 1 7 39.0 28.0 64.4 240 15.0

8 EWR 2013 1 1 8 39.9 28.0 62.2 250 10.4

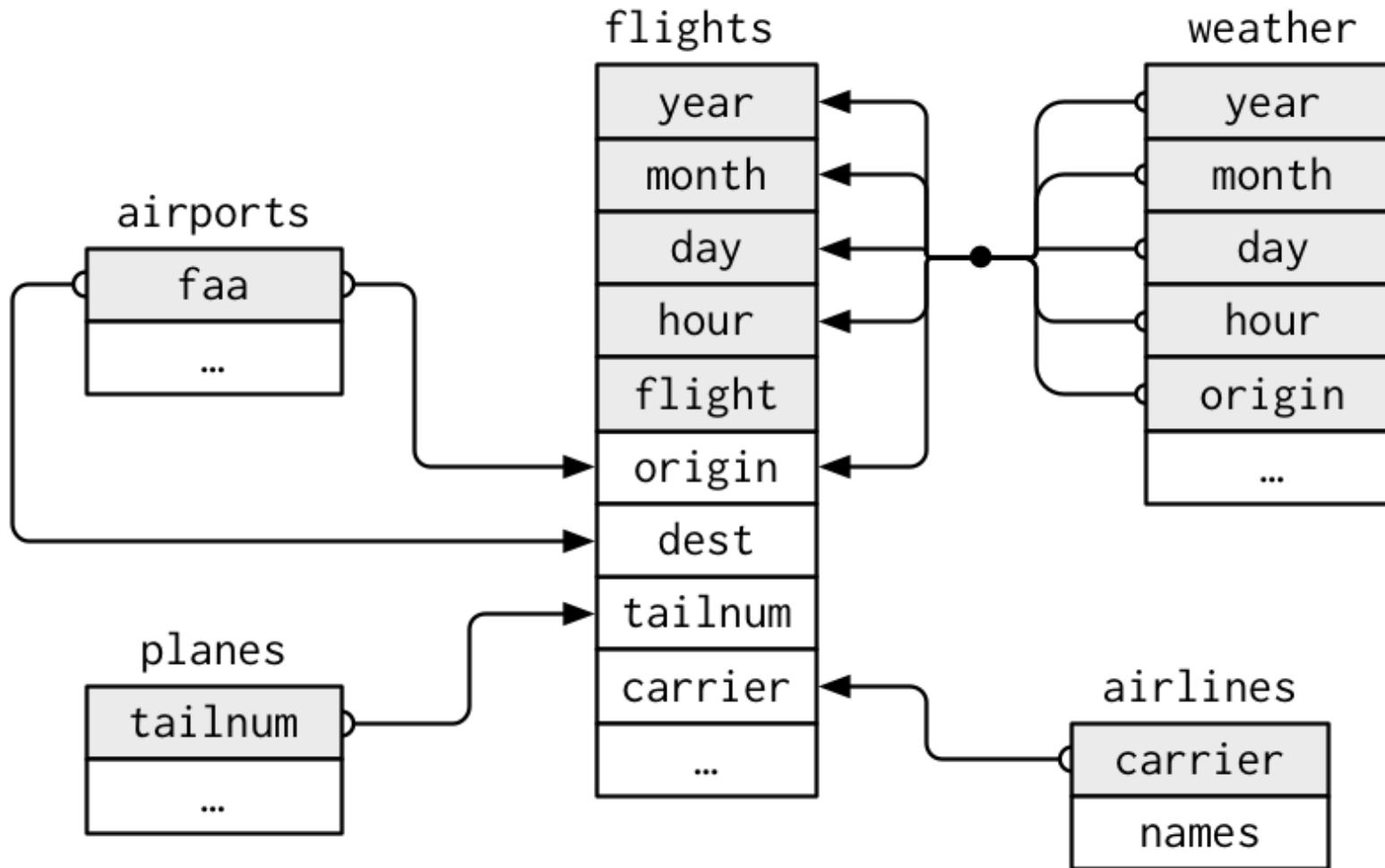
9 EWR 2013 1 1 9 39.9 28.0 62.2 260 15.0

10 EWR 2013 1 1 10 41 28.0 59.6 260 13.8

... with 26,105 more rows, and 5 more variables: wind_gust <dbl>, precip <dbl>,

pressure <dbl>, visib <dbl>, time_hour <dtm>

Concept map of tables and joins from the text



Keys

- Keys = variables used to connect records in one table to another.
- In the `nycflights13` data,
 - `flights` connects to `planes` by a single variable `tailnum`
 - `flights` connects to `airlines` by a single variable `carrier`
 - `flights` connects to `airports` by two variables, `origin` and `dest`
 - `flights` connects to `weather` using multiple variables, `origin`, and `year`, `month`, `day` and `hour`.

Your turn: go to Rstudio and open today's exercises

- Load the Lahman package, which contains multiple tables of baseball data.
- What key(s) connect the batting table with the salary table?
- Can you draw out a diagram of the connections amongst the tables?

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Joins

- "mutating joins", add variables from one table to another.
- There is always a decision on what observations are copied to the new table as well.
- Let's discuss how joins work using some [lovely animations](#) provided by [Garrick Aden-Buie](#).

Example data

X

1	x1
2	x2
3	x3

y

1	y1
2	y2
4	y4

Left Join (Generally the one you want to use)

All observations from the "left" table, but only the observations from the "right" table that match those in the left.

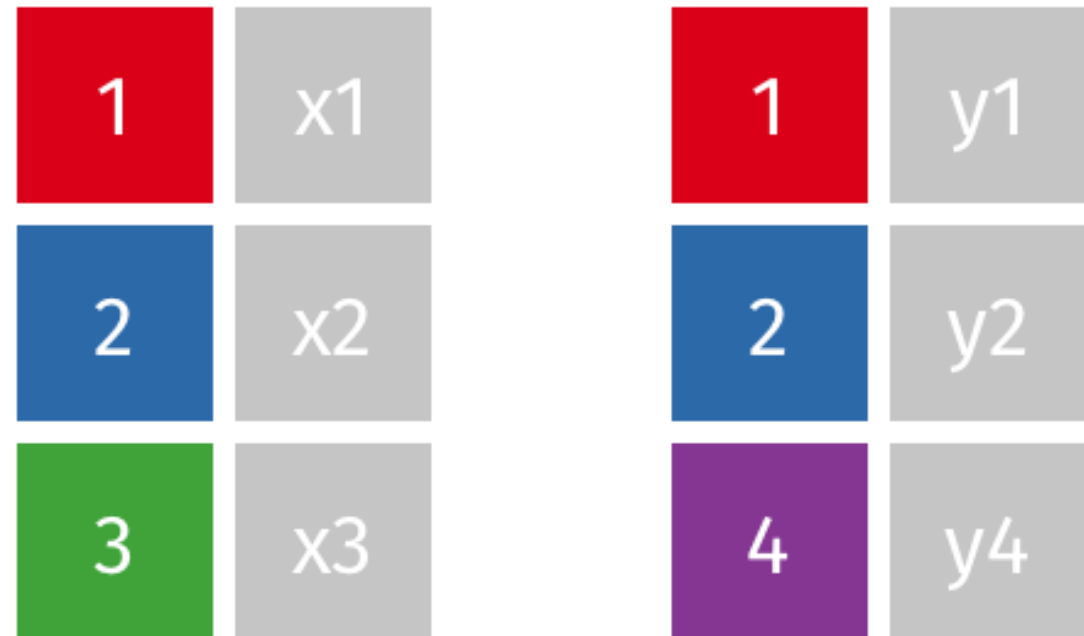
`left_join(x, y)`

1	x1	1	y1
2	x2	2	y2
3	x3	4	y4

Right Join

Same as left join, but in reverse.

`right_join(x, y)`



Inner join

Intersection between the two tables, only the observations that are in both

`inner_join(x, y)`

1	x1	1	y1
2	x2	2	y2
3	x3	4	y4

Outer (full) join

Union of the two tables,
all observations from
both, and missing values
might get added

`full_join(x, y)`

1	x1	1	y1
2	x2	2	y2
3	x3	4	y4

Combine full airline name with flights data?

```
flights
```

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```

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## 7 F9      Frontier Airlines Inc.
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## 9 HA      Hawaiian Airlines Inc.
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## 12 UA     United Air Lines Inc.
## 13 US     US Airways Inc.
## 14 VX     Virgin America
## 15 WN     Southwest Airlines Co.
## 16 YV     Mesa Airlines Inc.
```

Combine airlines & flights using left_join()

```
flights %>%  
  left_join(airlines,  
            by = "carrier") %>%  
  glimpse()
```

```
## Observations: 336,776  
## Variables: 20  
## $ year          <int> 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013,  
## $ month         <int> 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1,  
## $ day           <int> 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1,  
## $ dep_time      <int> 517, 533, 542, 544, 554, 555, 555, 566, 547,  
## $ sched_dep_time <int> 515, 529, 540, 545, 600, 606, 617, 627, 644,  
## $ dep_delay     <dbl> 2, 4, 2, -1, -6, -4, -5, 1, -1,  
## $ arr_time      <int> 830, 850, 923, 1004, 812, 844, 858, 917, 854,  
## $ sched_arr_time <int> 819, 830, 850, 1022, 837, 843, 854, 913, 859,  
## $ arr_delay     <dbl> 11, 20, 33, -18, -25, 12, 14, 14, -5,  
## $ carrier       <chr> "UA", "UA", "AA", "B6", "DL", "AA", "B6", "DL", "AA",  
## $ flight        <int> 1545, 1714, 1141, 725, 461, 1545, 1714, 1141, 725, 461,  
## $ tailnum       <chr> "N14228", "N24211", "N619", "N14228", "N24211", "N619",  
## $ origin        <chr> "EWR", "LGA", "JFK", "JFK", "LGA", "EWR", "LGA", "JFK", "JFK",  
## $ dest          <chr> "IAH", "IAH", "MIA", "BQN", "IAH", "IAH", "MIA", "BQN", "IAH",  
## $ air_time      <dbl> 227, 227, 160, 183, 116, 227, 227, 160, 183, 116,  
## $ distance      <dbl> 1400, 1416, 1089, 1576, 759, 1400, 1416, 1089, 1576, 759,  
## $ hour          <dbl> 5, 5, 5, 5, 6, 5, 6, 6, 6, 6,
```


Example: flights joining to airports

```
flights %>%  
  left_join(  
    airports,  
    by = c("origin" = "faa")) %>%  
  glimpse()
```

```
## Observations: 336,776  
## Variables: 26  
## $ year          <int> 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013  
## $ month         <int> 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1  
## $ day           <int> 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1  
## $ dep_time      <int> 517, 533, 542, 544, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559  
## $ sched_dep_time <int> 515, 529, 540, 545, 600, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609  
## $ dep_delay     <dbl> 2, 4, 2, -1, -6, -4, -5, -3, -2, -1  
## $ arr_time      <int> 830, 850, 923, 1004, 812, 845, 917, 1002, 933, 1012  
## $ sched_arr_time <int> 819, 830, 850, 1022, 837, 869, 941, 1017, 948, 1027  
## $ arr_delay     <dbl> 11, 20, 33, -18, -25, 12, 16, 15, 15, 15  
## $ carrier       <chr> "UA", "UA", "AA", "B6", "DL", "AA", "B6", "DL", "AA", "B6  
## $ flight        <int> 1545, 1714, 1141, 725, 468, 1545, 1714, 1141, 725, 468  
## $ tailnum       <chr> "N14228", "N24211", "N619", "N14228", "N24211", "N619", "N14228", "N24211", "N619", "N14228  
## $ origin        <chr> "EWR", "LGA", "JFK", "JFK", "LGA", "EWR", "LGA", "JFK", "JFK", "LGA  
## $ dest          <chr> "IAH", "IAH", "MIA", "BQN", "IAH", "IAH", "MIA", "BQN", "IAH", "IAH  
## $ air_time      <dbl> 227, 227, 160, 183, 116, 227, 227, 160, 183, 116  
## $ distance      <dbl> 1400, 1416, 1089, 1576, 759, 1400, 1416, 1089, 1576, 759  
## $ hour          <dbl> 5, 5, 5, 5, 6, 5, 6, 6, 6, 6  
## $ minute        <dbl> 15, 29, 40, 45, 0, 58, 0, 15, 29, 40
```

Airline travel, ontime data

```
plane_N4YRAA <- read_csv("data/plane_N4YRAA.csv")
```

```
glimpse(plane_N4YRAA)
```

```
## Observations: 145
```

```
## Variables: 8
```

```
## $ FL_DATE    <date> 2017-05-26, 2017-05-02, 2017-05-05, 2017-05-11, 2017-05-03, ...
```

```
## $ CARRIER   <chr> "AA", "AA", "AA", "AA", "AA", "AA", "AA", "AA", "AA", "AA", ...
```

```
## $ FL_NUM     <dbl> 2246, 2276, 2278, 2287, 2288, 2291, 2297, 2297, 2297, 2297, ...
```

```
## $ ORIGIN     <chr> "CVG", "DFW", "DFW", "STL", "IND", "CHS", "DFW", "DFW", "MKE...
```

```
## $ DEST       <chr> "DFW", "IND", "OKC", "ORD", "DFW", "DFW", "MKE", "MKE", "DFW...
```

```
## $ DEP_TIME   <chr> "0748", "2020", "0848", "0454", "0601", "0807", "0700", "065...
```

```
## $ ARR_TIME   <chr> "0917", "2323", "0941", "0600", "0719", "0947", "0905", "090...
```

```
## $ DISTANCE   <dbl> 812, 761, 175, 258, 761, 987, 853, 853, 853, 853, 447, 447, ...
```

Airline travel, airport location

```
airport_raw <- read_csv("data/airports.csv")

airport_raw %>%
  select(AIRPORT,
         LATITUDE,
         LONGITUDE,
         AIRPORT_STATE_NAME) %>%
  glimpse()
## Observations: 13,094
## Variables: 4
## $ AIRPORT      <chr> "01A", "03A", "04A", "05A", "06A", "07A", "08A", "..."
## $ LATITUDE     <dbl> 58.10944, 65.54806, 68.08333, 67.57000, 57.74528, ...
## $ LONGITUDE    <dbl> -152.90667, -161.07167, -163.16667, -148.18389, -1...
## $ AIRPORT_STATE_NAME <chr> "Alaska", "Alaska", "Alaska", "Alaska", "Alaska", ...
```

Our Turn: Joining the two tables to show flight movements

- Go to Rstudio and open "flight-movements.Rmd" and complete exercise - the aim is to show flight movement on the map
- Next: Open "nycflights.Rmd"

Learning more

- The coat explanation of joins: Different types of joins explained using a person and a coat, by [Leight Tami](#)

References

- Chapter 13 of R4DS