ETC1010: Introduction to Data Analysis

Week 4, part A

Relational data, and joins

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Recap

- consultation hours
- Quiz due dates (They close at 4pm on Thursdays)
- ggplot
- tidy data
- drawing mental models

Recap: dates and times

- Note: take a moment to try this out yourself.

[demo]

Recap: Tidy data

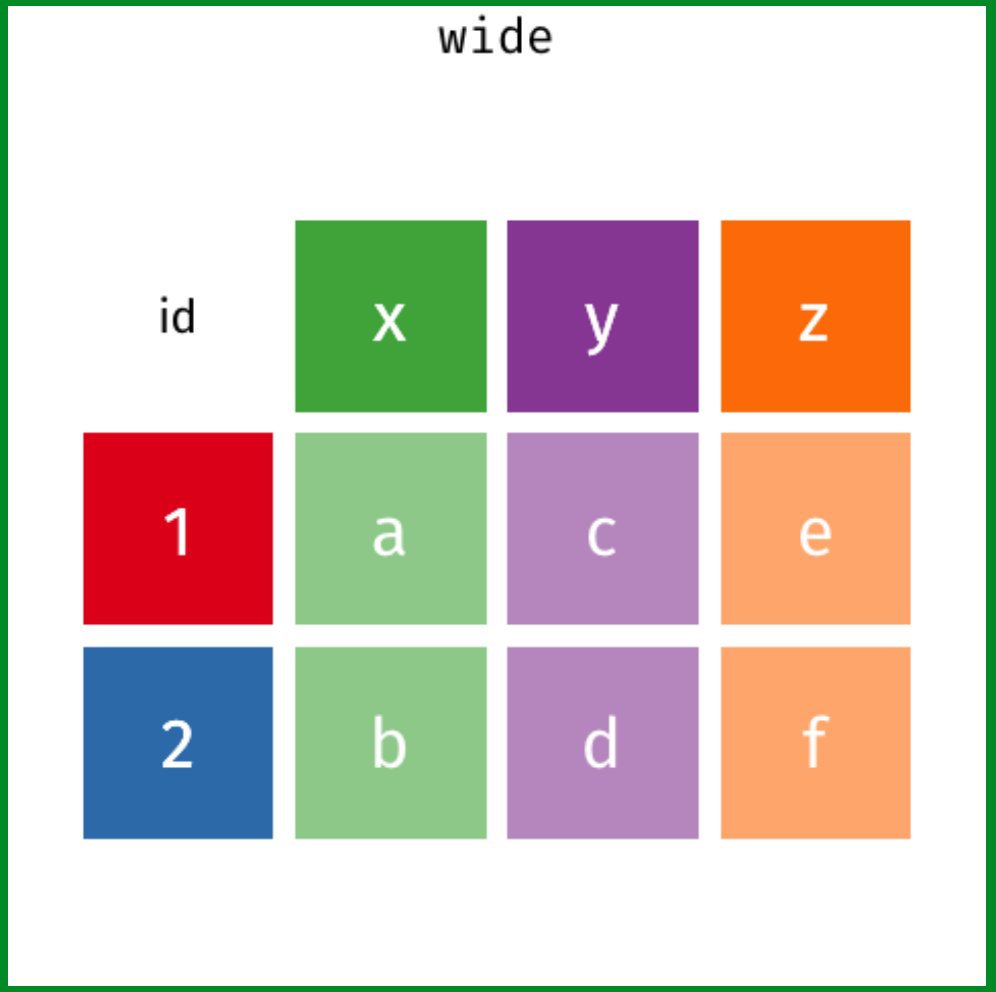
`wide`

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

Recap: Tidy data - animation



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 arr_
##    <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
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## #   minute <dbl>, time_hour <dttm>
```

airlines

```
airlines
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##    carrier name
##    <chr>   <chr>
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##  3 AS      Alaska Airlines Inc.
##  4 B6      JetBlue Airways
##  5 DL      Delta Air Lines Inc.
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## 11 OO      SkyWest Airlines Inc.
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## 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_
##  2 06A   Moton Field Municipal Airport  32.5  -85.7   264    -6 A     America/Chic
##  3 06C   Schaumburg Regional            42.0  -88.1   801    -6 A     America/Chic
##  4 06N   Randall Airport                41.4  -74.4   523    -5 A     America/New_
##  5 09J   Jekyll Island Airport          31.1  -81.4    11    -5 A     America/New_
##  6 0A9   Elizabethton Municipal Airport 36.4  -82.2  1593    -5 A     America/New_
##  7 0G6   Williams County Airport        41.5  -84.5   730    -5 A     America/New_
##  8 0G7   Finger Lakes Regional Airport  42.9  -76.8   492    -5 A     America/New_
##  9 0P2   Shoestring Aviation Airfield   39.8  -76.6  1000    -5 U     America/New_
## 10 0S9   Jefferson County Intl          48.1 -123.    108    -8 A     America/Los_
## # … with 1,448 more rows
```

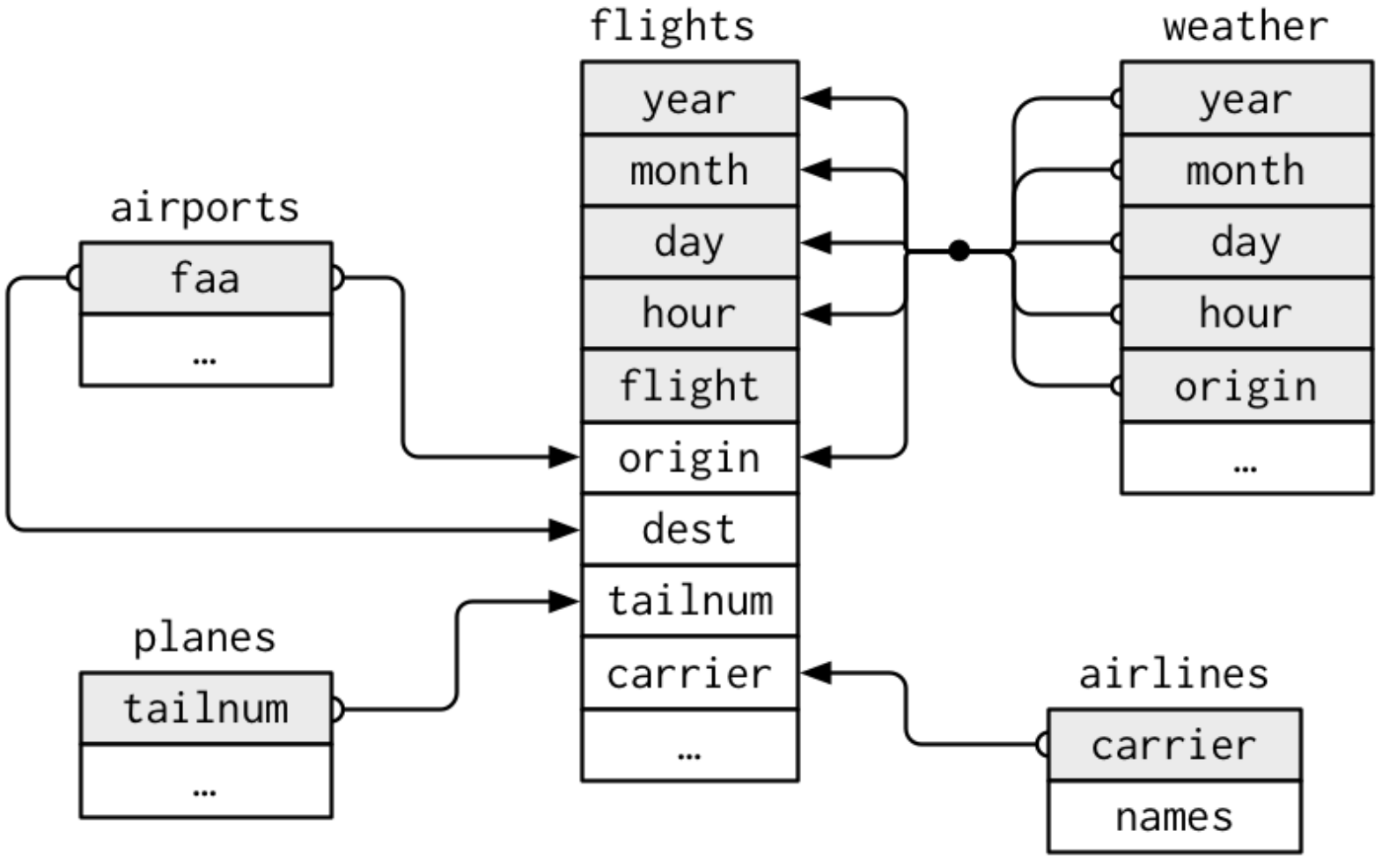
print-planes

```
planes
## # A tibble: 3,322 x 9
##    tailnum  year type                manufacturer     model    engines seats speed
##    <chr>   <int> <chr>               <chr>            <chr>      <int> <int> <int>
##  1 N10156   2004 Fixed wing multi en… EMBRAER          EMB-145…       2    55    NA
##  2 N102UW   1998 Fixed wing multi en… AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A320-214        2   182    NA
##  3 N103US   1999 Fixed wing multi en… AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A320-214        2   182    NA
##  4 N104UW   1999 Fixed wing multi en… AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A320-214        2   182    NA
##  5 N10575   2002 Fixed wing multi en… EMBRAER          EMB-145…       2    55    NA
##  6 N105UW   1999 Fixed wing multi en… AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A320-214        2   182    NA
##  7 N107US   1999 Fixed wing multi en… AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A320-214        2   182    NA
##  8 N108UW   1999 Fixed wing multi en… AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A320-214        2   182    NA
##  9 N109UW   1999 Fixed wing multi en… AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A320-214        2   182    NA
## 10 N110UW   1999 Fixed wing multi en… AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A320-214        2   182    NA
## # … 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 wind_gust p
##    <chr>  <int> <int> <int> <int> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>    <dbl>      <dbl>     <dbl>
##  1 EWR     2013     1     1     1  39.0  26.1  59.4      270      10.4         NA
##  2 EWR     2013     1     1     2  39.0  27.0  61.6      250       8.06        NA
##  3 EWR     2013     1     1     3  39.0  28.0  64.4      240      11.5         NA
##  4 EWR     2013     1     1     4  39.9  28.0  62.2      250      12.7         NA
##  5 EWR     2013     1     1     5  39.0  28.0  64.4      260      12.7         NA
##  6 EWR     2013     1     1     6  37.9  28.0  67.2      240      11.5         NA
##  7 EWR     2013     1     1     7  39.0  28.0  64.4      240      15.0         NA
##  8 EWR     2013     1     1     8  39.9  28.0  62.2      250      10.4         NA
##  9 EWR     2013     1     1     9  39.9  28.0  62.2      260      15.0         NA
## 10 EWR     2013     1     1    10  41    28.0  59.6      260      13.8         NA
## # … with 26,105 more rows, and 3 more variables: pressure <dbl>, visib <dbl>,
## #   time_hour <dttm>
```

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.cloud

- Open `lahman.Rmd`, 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

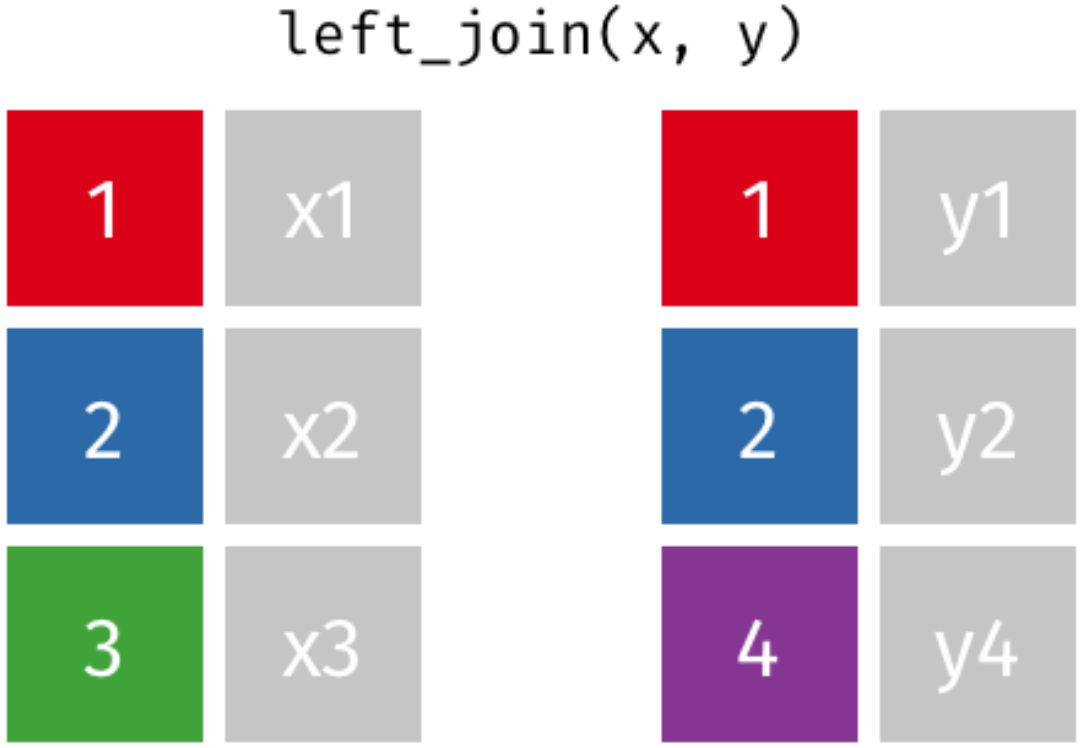
1	x1
2	x2
3	x3

y

1	y1
2	y2
4	y4

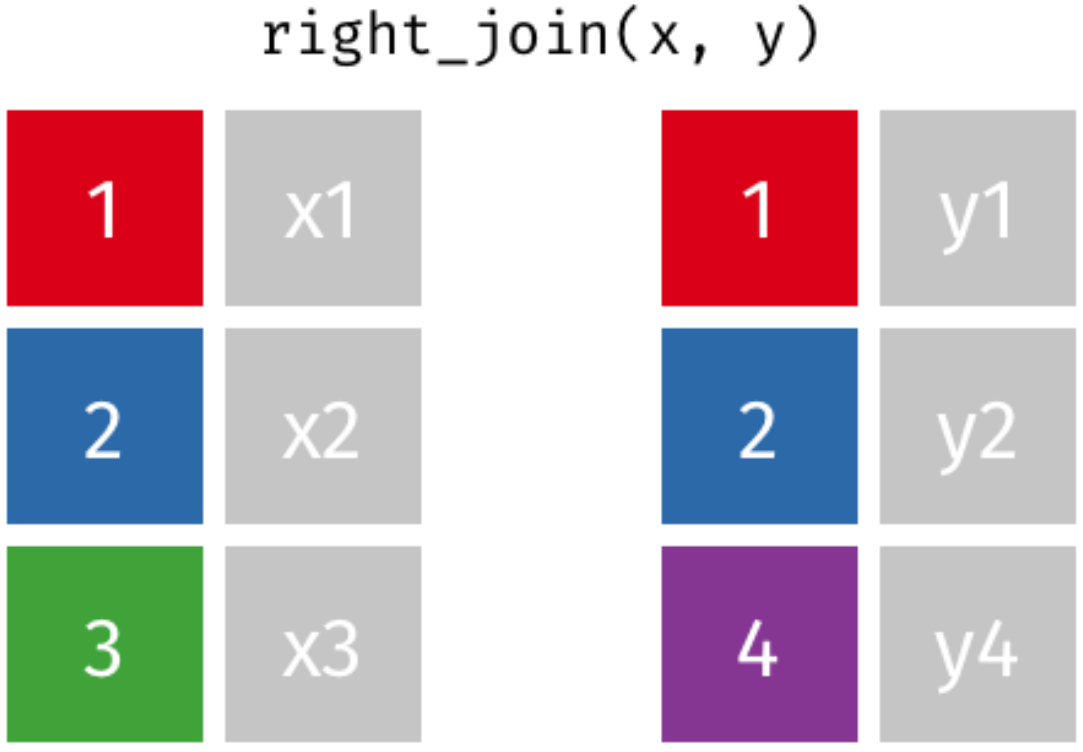
Left Join (Generally the one you want to use)

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



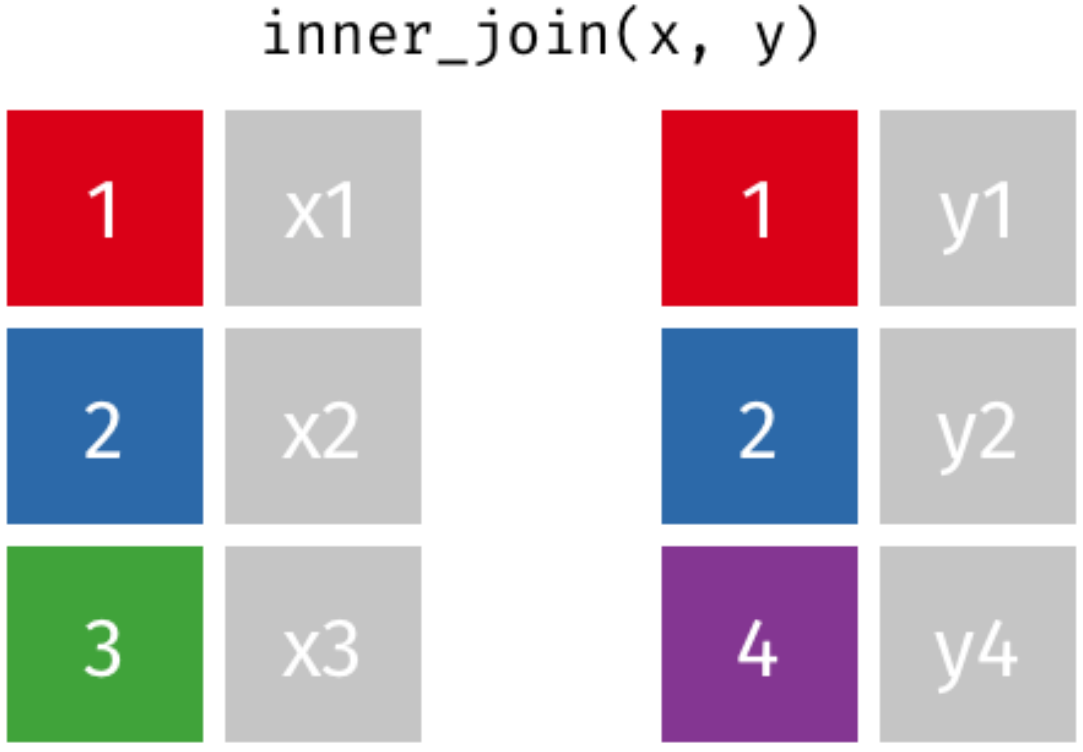
Right Join

Same as left join, but in reverse.



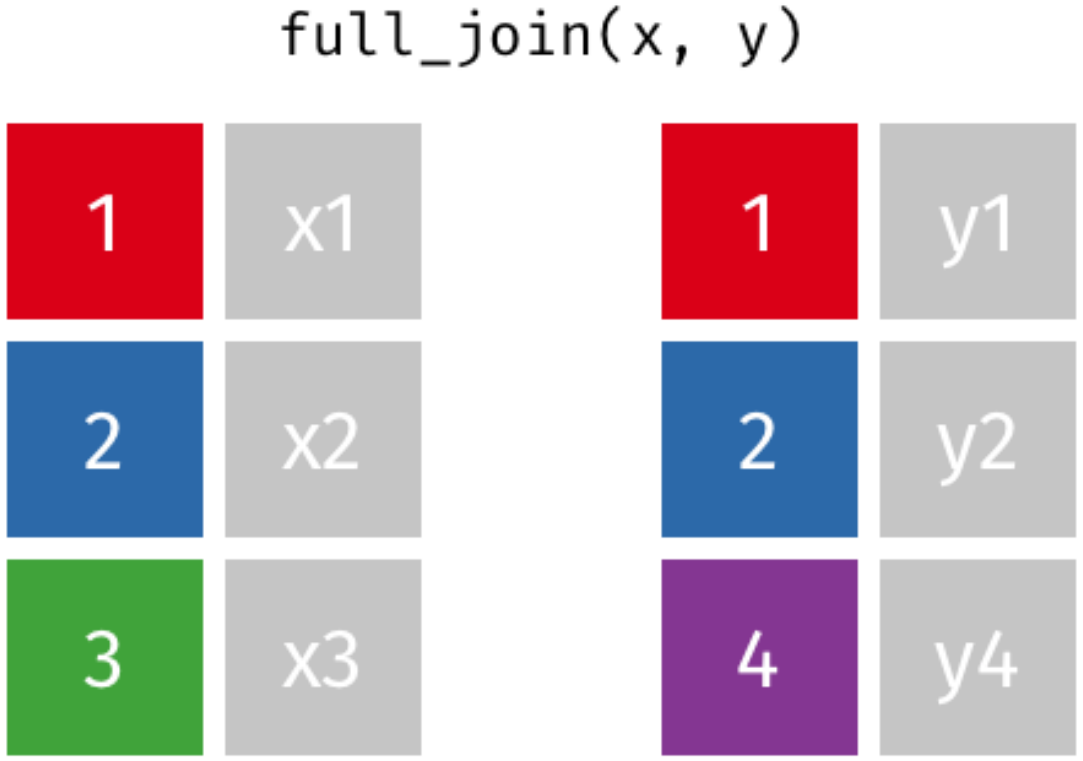
Inner join

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



Outer (full) join

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



Combine full airline name with flights data?

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## #   minute <dbl>, time_hour <dttm>
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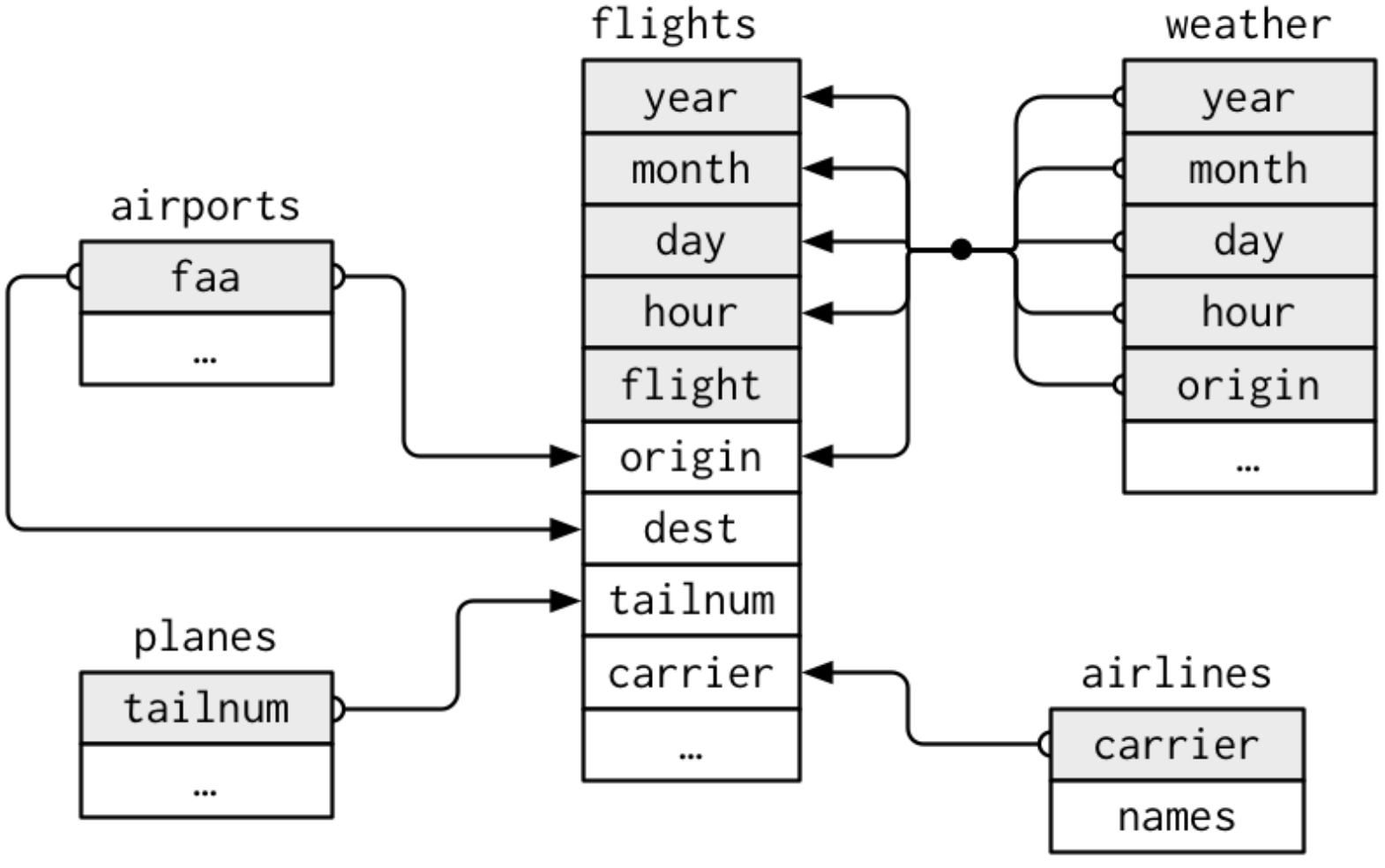

Combine `airlines` & `flights` using `left_join()`

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

```
## Observations: 336,776
## Variables: 20
## $ year           <int> 2013, 2013, 2013, 2013, 20
## $ 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, 5
## $ sched_dep_time <int> 515, 529, 540, 545, 600, 5
## $ dep_delay      <dbl> 2, 4, 2, -1, -6, -4, -5, -
## $ arr_time       <int> 830, 850, 923, 1004, 812,
## $ sched_arr_time <int> 819, 830, 850, 1022, 837,
## $ arr_delay      <dbl> 11, 20, 33, -18, -25, 12,
## $ carrier        <chr> "UA", "UA", "AA", "B6", "E
## $ flight         <int> 1545, 1714, 1141, 725, 46
## $ tailnum        <chr> "N14228", "N24211", "N619A
## $ origin         <chr> "EWR", "LGA", "JFK", "JFK
## $ dest           <chr> "IAH", "IAH", "MIA", "BQN
## $ air_time       <dbl> 227, 227, 160, 183, 116,
## $ distance       <dbl> 1400, 1416, 1089, 1576, 76
## $ hour           <dbl> 5, 5, 5, 5, 6, 5, 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, 20
## $ 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, 5
## $ sched_dep_time <int> 515, 529, 540, 545, 600, 5
## $ dep_delay      <dbl> 2, 4, 2, -1, -6, -4, -5, -
## $ arr_time       <int> 830, 850, 923, 1004, 812,
## $ sched_arr_time <int> 819, 830, 850, 1022, 837,
## $ arr_delay      <dbl> 11, 20, 33, -18, -25, 12,
## $ carrier        <chr> "UA", "UA", "AA", "B6", "E
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## $ origin         <chr> "EWR", "LGA", "JFK", "JFK
## $ dest           <chr> "IAH", "IAH", "MIA", "BQN
## $ air_time       <dbl> 227, 227, 160, 183, 116,
## $ distance       <dbl> 1400, 1416, 1089, 1576, 76
## $ hour           <dbl> 5, 5, 5, 5, 6, 5, 6, 6, 6,
## $ minute         <dbl> 15, 29, 40, 45, 0, 58, 0,
```

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, 2017-
## $ CARRIER  <chr> "AA", "AA", "AA", "AA", "AA", "AA", "AA", "AA", "AA", "AA", "AA",
## $ FL_NUM   <dbl> 2246, 2276, 2278, 2287, 2288, 2291, 2297, 2297, 2297, 2297, 2302,
## $ ORIGIN   <chr> "CVG", "DFW", "DFW", "STL", "IND", "CHS", "DFW", "DFW", "MKE", "MK
## $ DEST     <chr> "DFW", "IND", "OKC", "ORD", "DFW", "DFW", "MKE", "MKE", "DFW", "DF
## $ DEP_TIME <chr> "0748", "2020", "0848", "0454", "0601", "0807", "0700", "0659", "1
## $ ARR_TIME <chr> "0917", "2323", "0941", "0600", "0719", "0947", "0905", "0909", "1
## $ DISTANCE <dbl> 812, 761, 175, 258, 761, 987, 853, 853, 853, 853, 447, 447, 761, 8
```

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", "09A",
## $ LATITUDE           <dbl> 58.10944, 65.54806, 68.08333, 67.57000, 57.74528, 55.554
## $ LONGITUDE          <dbl> -152.90667, -161.07167, -163.16667, -148.18389, -152.882
## $ AIRPORT_STATE_NAME <chr> "Alaska", "Alaska", "Alaska", "Alaska", "Alaska", "Alask
```

Our Turn: Joining the two tables to show flight movements

- Go to rstudio.cloud 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