

# Day4 final exercise solutions

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- Download the quarterly presidential approval ratings dataset from SmartSite. Load and inspect it, making any necessary changes.

```
library(tidyr)
library(dplyr)
library(ggplot2)
```

```
## Warning: package 'ggplot2' was built under R version 3.2.2
```

```
library(stargazer)
setwd('~/.Dropbox/Teaching/RBootcamp/Day4/')
d = readRDS('data/pres.RDS')
head(d)
```

```
##      president Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4
## 1945      Truman NA NA 71 38
## 1946      Truman 87 32 62 46
## 1947      Truman 82 59 61 36
## 1948      Truman 75 74 57 49
## 1949      Truman 63 75 72 35
## 1950      Truman 50 60 83 44
```

```
d$year = rownames(d)
```

- Is it tidy? If not, tidy it.

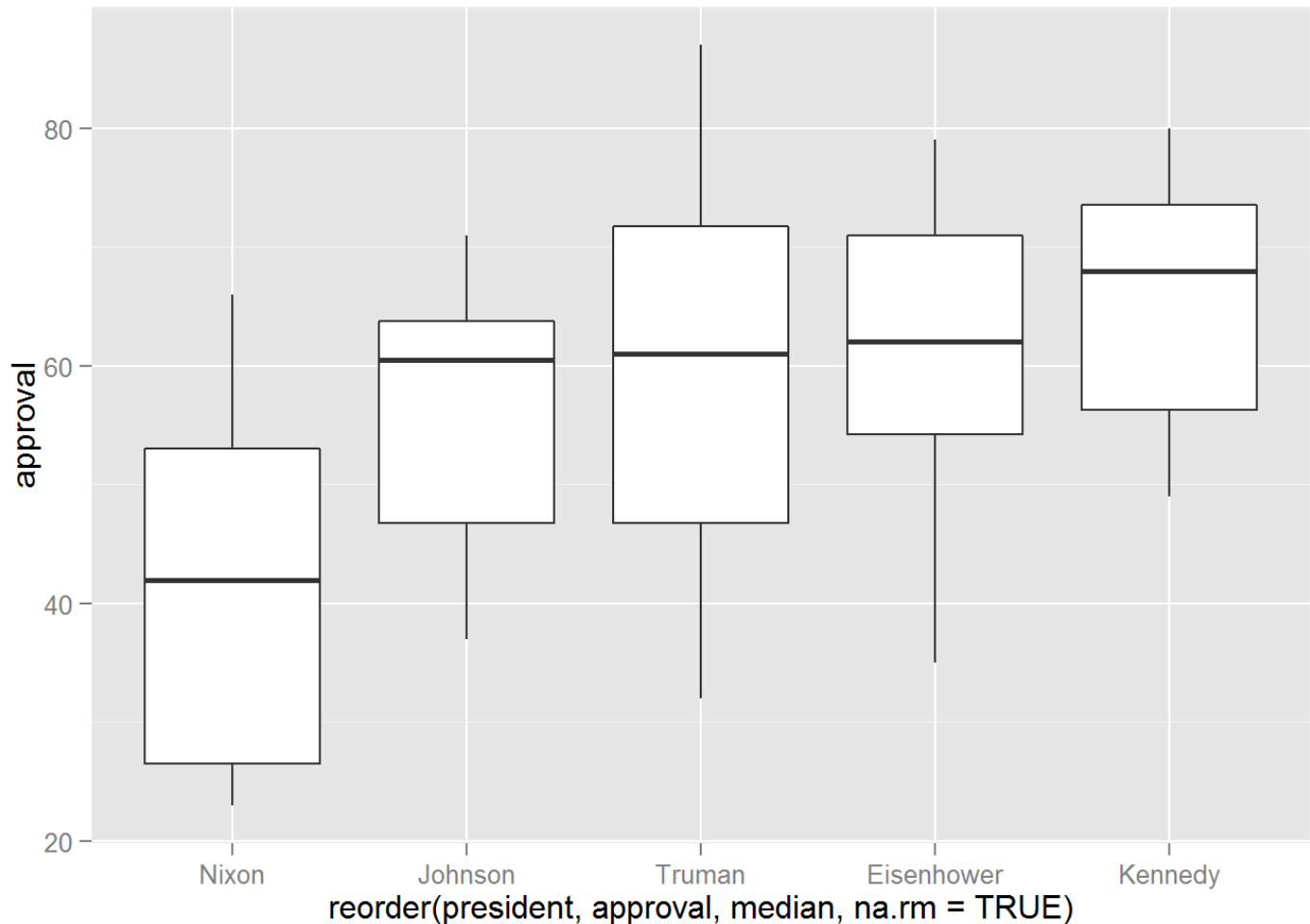
```
d = gather(d, quarter, approval, Q1:Q4)
head(d)
```

```
##   president year quarter approval
## 1   Truman 1945      Q1         NA
## 2   Truman 1946      Q1          87
## 3   Truman 1947      Q1          82
## 4   Truman 1948      Q1          75
## 5   Truman 1949      Q1          63
## 6   Truman 1950      Q1          50
```

- Graphically explore these questions to develop a testable hypothesis:
  - Do the presidents differ in their approval ratings?

```
ggplot(d,
  aes(x = reorder(president, approval, median, na.rm = TRUE),
    y = approval)) +
  geom_boxplot()
```

```
## Warning in loop_apply(n, do.ply): Removed 6 rows containing non-finite
## values (stat_boxplot).
```



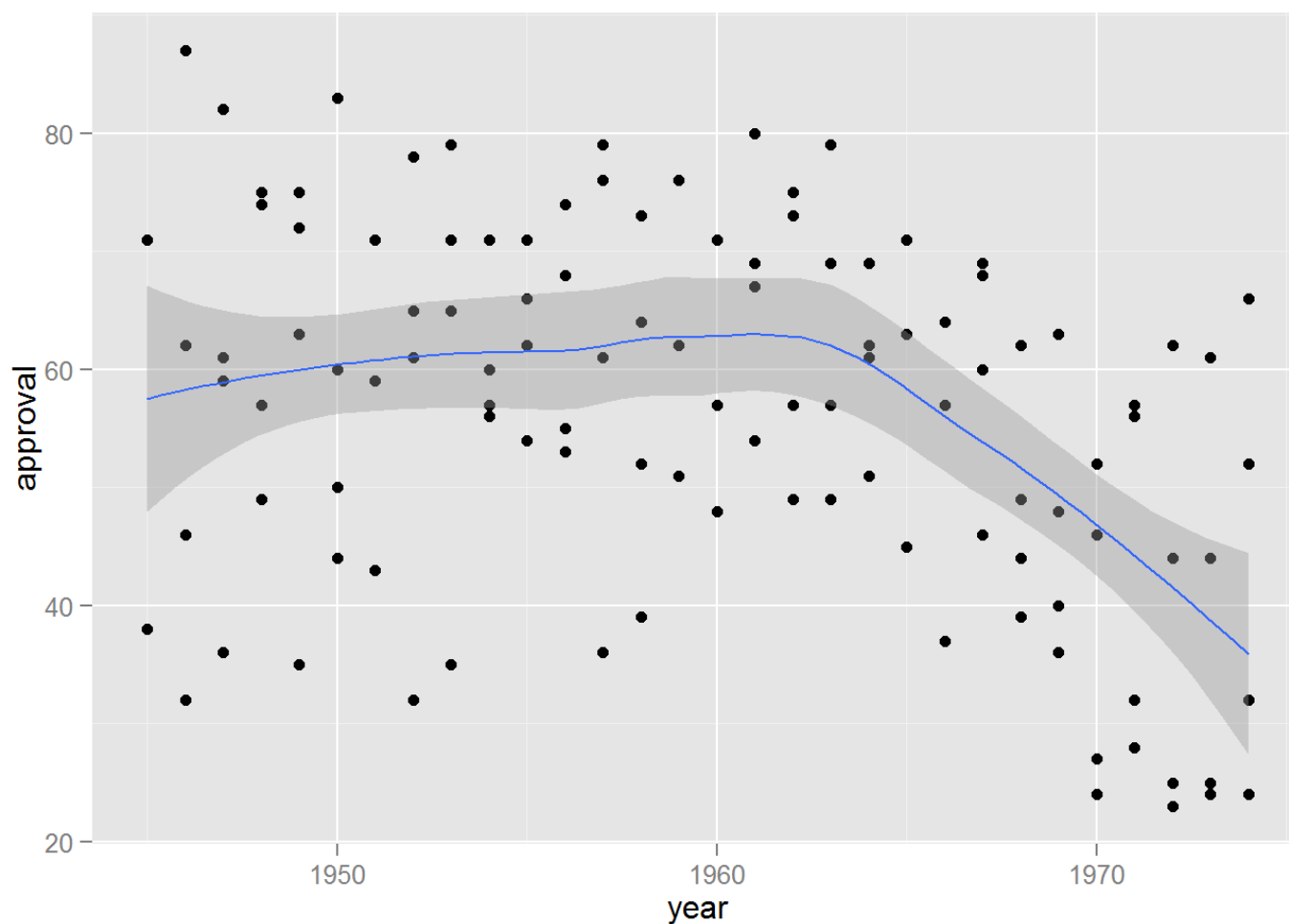
Sure looks like it. At least one does!

+ Do approval ratings vary over time?

```
d$year = as.integer(d$year)
ggplot(d, aes(x = year, y = approval)) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_smooth()
```

```
## Warning in loop_apply(n, do.ply): Removed 6 rows containing missing values
## (stat_smooth).
```

```
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## (geom_point).
```

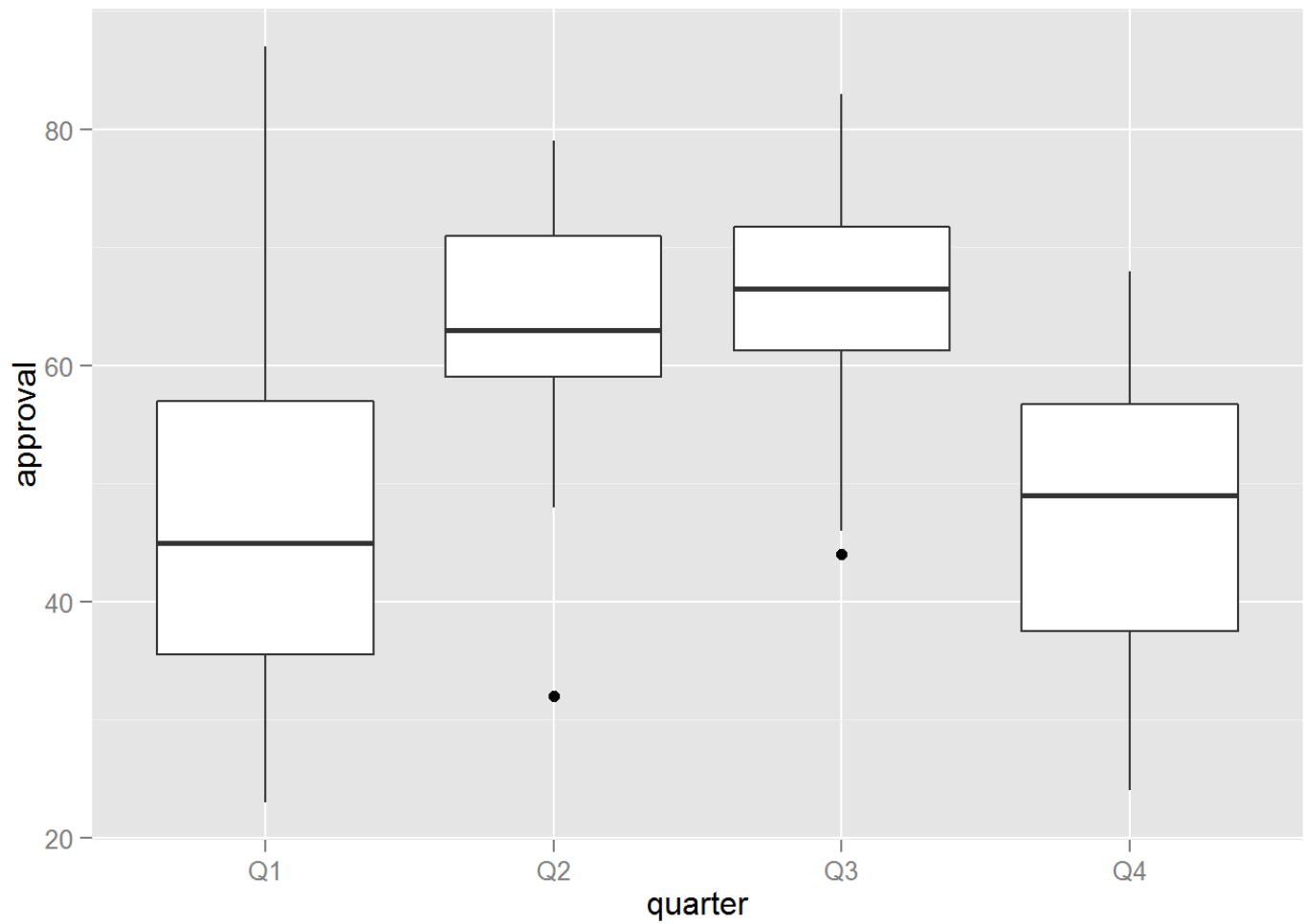


Hmm... something happens in the mid-60s after which approval ratings fall off.

```
+ Is there a seasonal effect of quarter on approval ratings?
```

```
ggplot(d, aes(x = quarter, y = approval)) +  
  geom_boxplot()
```

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```



Looks like people get grumpy in the winter and give lower approval ratings.

- Test your hypothesis using a linear model.

```
m = lm(approval ~ quarter, d)
summary(m)
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = approval ~ quarter, data = d)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -32.000  -8.517  -0.018   8.350  39.444
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)  47.5556     2.5217  18.858 < 2e-16 ***
## quarterQ2    16.4444     3.5043   4.693 7.81e-06 ***
## quarterQ3    17.8444     3.4760   5.134 1.24e-06 ***
## quarterQ4    -0.5198     3.5343  -0.147  0.883
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 13.1 on 110 degrees of freedom
## (6 observations deleted due to missingness)
## Multiple R-squared:  0.3147, Adjusted R-squared:  0.296
## F-statistic: 16.83 on 3 and 110 DF,  p-value: 4.546e-09
```

There is a massive effect of seasonality on approval ratings!

- Summarize your findings with one table and one plot.

```
# Note that this code chunk has the option `results = 'asis'`.
stargazer(m, type = 'html', title = 'Linear model of approval and seasonal quarters. Q1 (Jan. - Mar.) is the excluded class.')
```

**Linear model of approval and seasonal quarters. Q1 (Jan. - Mar.) is the excluded class.**

	<u>Dependent variable:</u>
	approval
quarterQ2	16.444 <sup>***</sup> (3.504)
quarterQ3	17.844 <sup>***</sup> (3.476)
quarterQ4	-0.520 (3.534)
Constant	47.556 <sup>***</sup> (2.522)
Observations	114
R <sup>2</sup>	0.315
Adjusted R <sup>2</sup>	0.296
Residual Std. Error	13.103 (df = 110)

F Statistic 16.835\*\*\* (df = 3; 110)

Note:  $p < 0.1$ ;  **$p < 0.05$** ;  $p < 0.01$

```
meanAp = mean(d$approval, na.rm = TRUE)
ggplot(d, aes(x = quarter, y = approval)) +
  geom_boxplot() +
  geom_hline(aes(yintercept = meanAp),
             color = 'red',
             linetype = 'dashed',
             size = 1) +
  geom_text(x = 4.45, y = meanAp, angle = 90,
            hjust = -.1,
            label = "Mean approval",
            color = 'red') +
  ylim(c(0, 100)) +
  theme_bw(base_size = 18)
```

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