

DATASOCIETY

Introduction to Tableau

Part 10





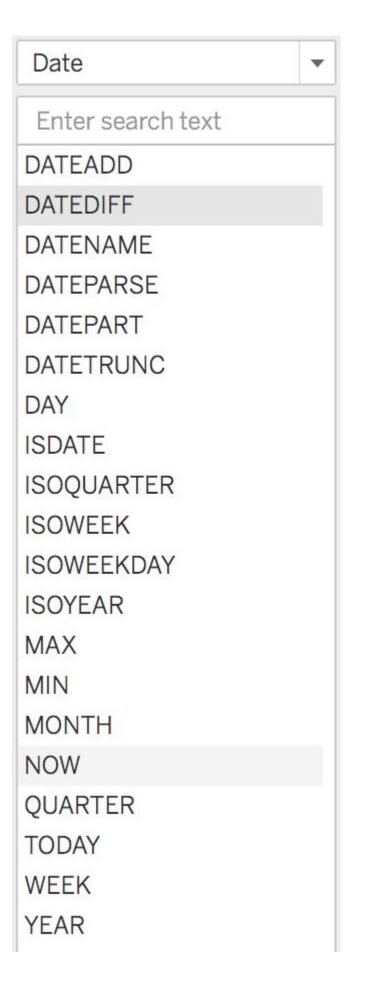
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Date functions

 Date functions allow you to manipulate dates and extract certain features, like month, day, week, etc.



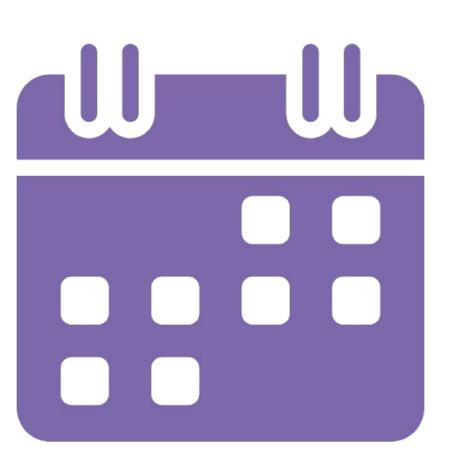


Date function: DATENAME

• DATENAME takes two arguments, returning a requested date_part for a given date.

DATENAME('year', #2004-04-15#) = "2004."

DATENAME('month', #2004-04-15#) = "April."





DATEPARSE and DATEPART

DATEPARSE

 Allows you to control date formatting.

DATEPART

- Allows you to get a piece of a date.
- Both DATENAME and DATEPART can be used to return the month of a given date – so what's the difference?

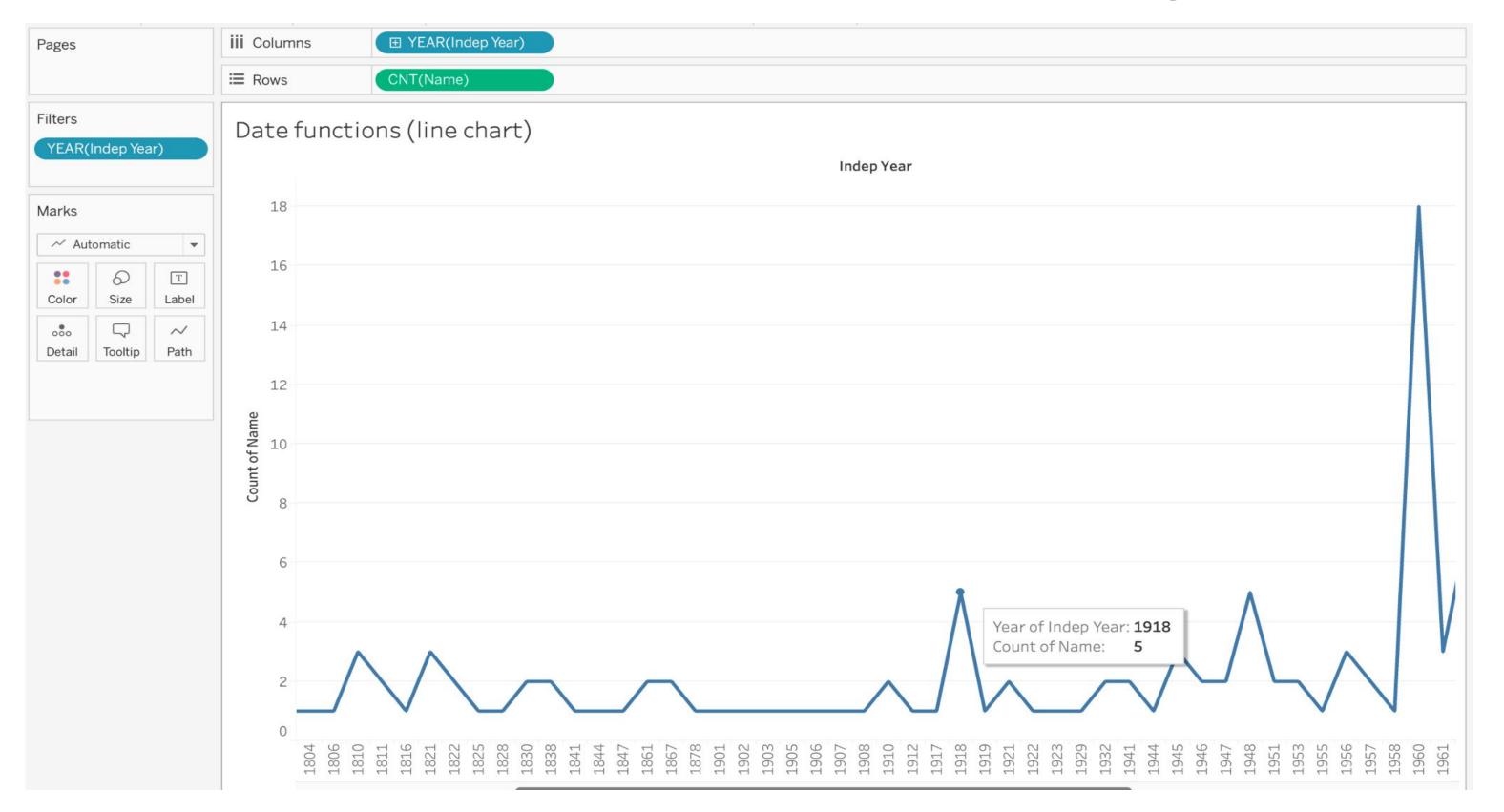
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Example: DATEPARSE
("dd.MMMM.yyyy", "15.April.
2004") = 2004-04-15 12:00:00
AM
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Example: DATEPART('month', #2004-04-15#) = 4
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Setting up a date-related chart

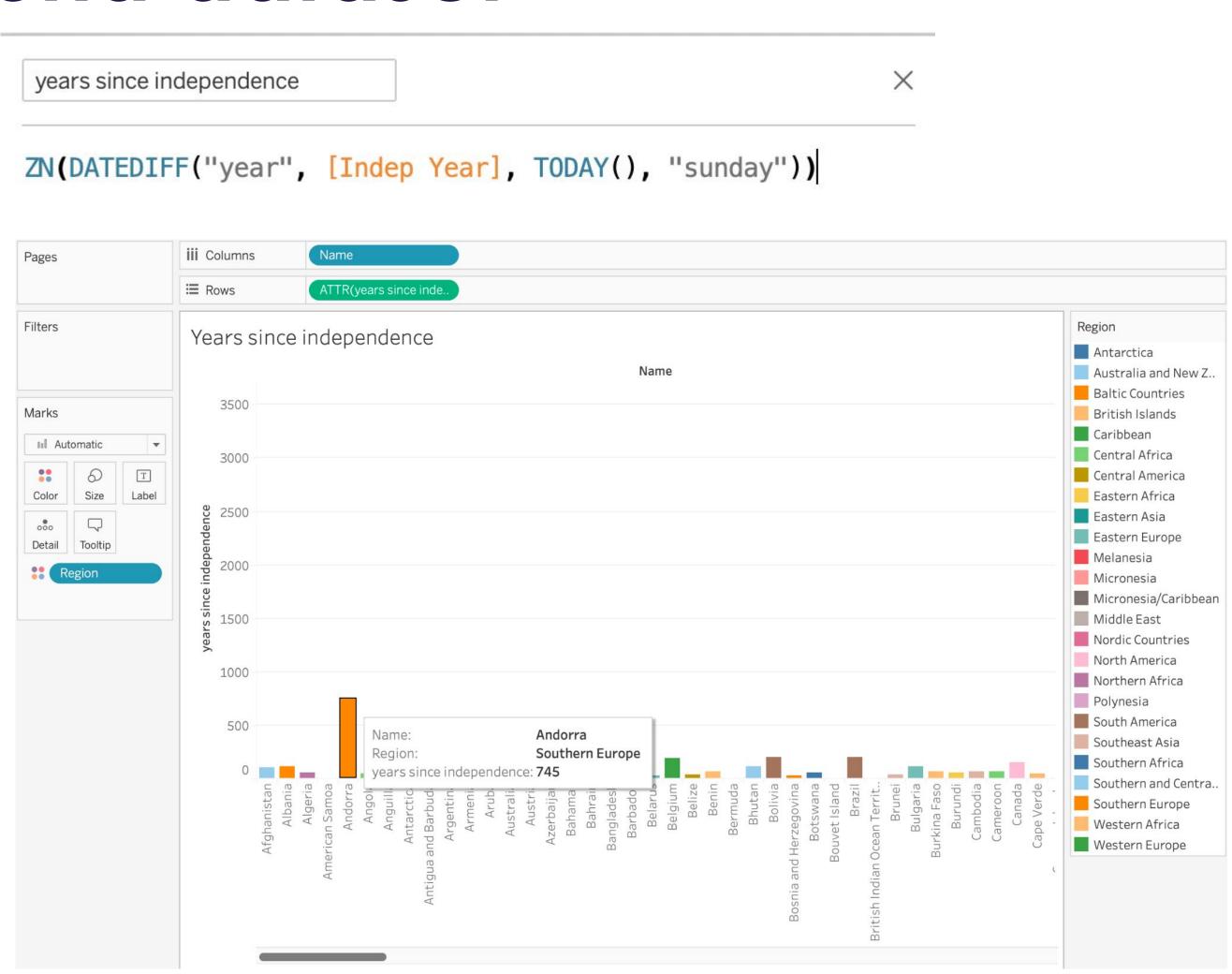
• To practice using these functions, let's use the world data to plot a **line chart** showing the number of countries that became independent in a given year.





Date functions in the world dataset

- Get the years since independence for a country using these functions:
 - TODAY
 - YEAR
- Next, replot the independence.
 - o Graph as a bar chart.
- What does this chart tell us?





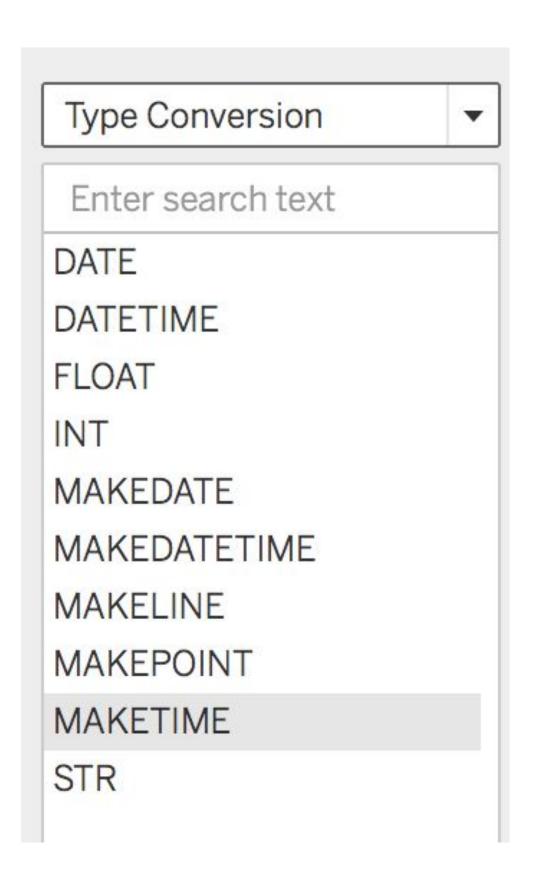
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Type functions

- Type functions allow you to convert fields from one data type to another.
- For example, you can convert
 numbers to strings so that Tableau
 does not try to aggregate them.





Typecasting functions

Typecasting functions are type functions that convert one data type to another.

• STR

STR([Age])

INT

$$INT(8.0/3.0) = 2$$

 $INT(4.0/1.5) = 2$
 $INT(0.50/1.0) = 0$
 $INT(-9.7) = -9$

FLOAT

$$FLOAT(3) = 3.000$$



MAKE functions

- MAKE functions return date and time values given certain arguments.
- MAKEDATE returns a time value constructed from the specified year, month, and date.
- MAKEDATETIME returns a datetime that combines a date and a time.
 - The date can be a date, datetime, or a string type.
 - o The time must be a datetime.

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MAKEDATE(2004, 4, 15) = #April
15, 2004#
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MAKEDATETIME("1899-12-30",
#07:59:00#) = #12/30/1899 7:59:00

AM#

MAKEDATETIME([Date], [Time]) = #1/1/2001 6:00:00 AM#
```



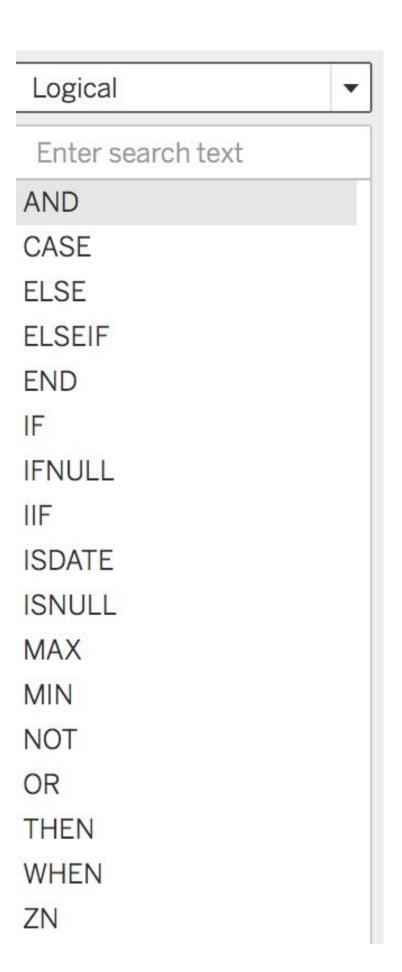
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Logical functions

- Logical functions allow you to determine if a certain condition is true or false (boolean logic).
- Tableau offers all the basic logical functions for managing control flow and performing Boolean tests.





Case switching and conditionals

- Case switch functions:
 - CASE, WHEN, THEN, ELSE, END

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Example: CASE [RomanNumeral]
WHEN 'I' THEN 1 WHEN 'II'
THEN 2 ELSE 3 END
```

- IF, ELSE conditionals:
 - o IF, THEN, ELSEIF, THEN, END

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Example: IF [Profit] > 0
THEN 'Profitable' ELSEIF
[Profit] = 0 THEN
'Breakeven' ELSE 'Loss' END
```



IIF test

- IIF checks whether a condition is met, and then returns:
 - One value if TRUE.
 - Another value if FALSE.
 - An optional third value or NULL if unknown.

IIF(test, then, else, [unknown])

Checks whether a condition is met, and returns one value if TRUE, another value if FALSE, and an optional third value or NULL if unknown.

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Example: IIF([Profit] > 0,
'Profit', 'Loss')
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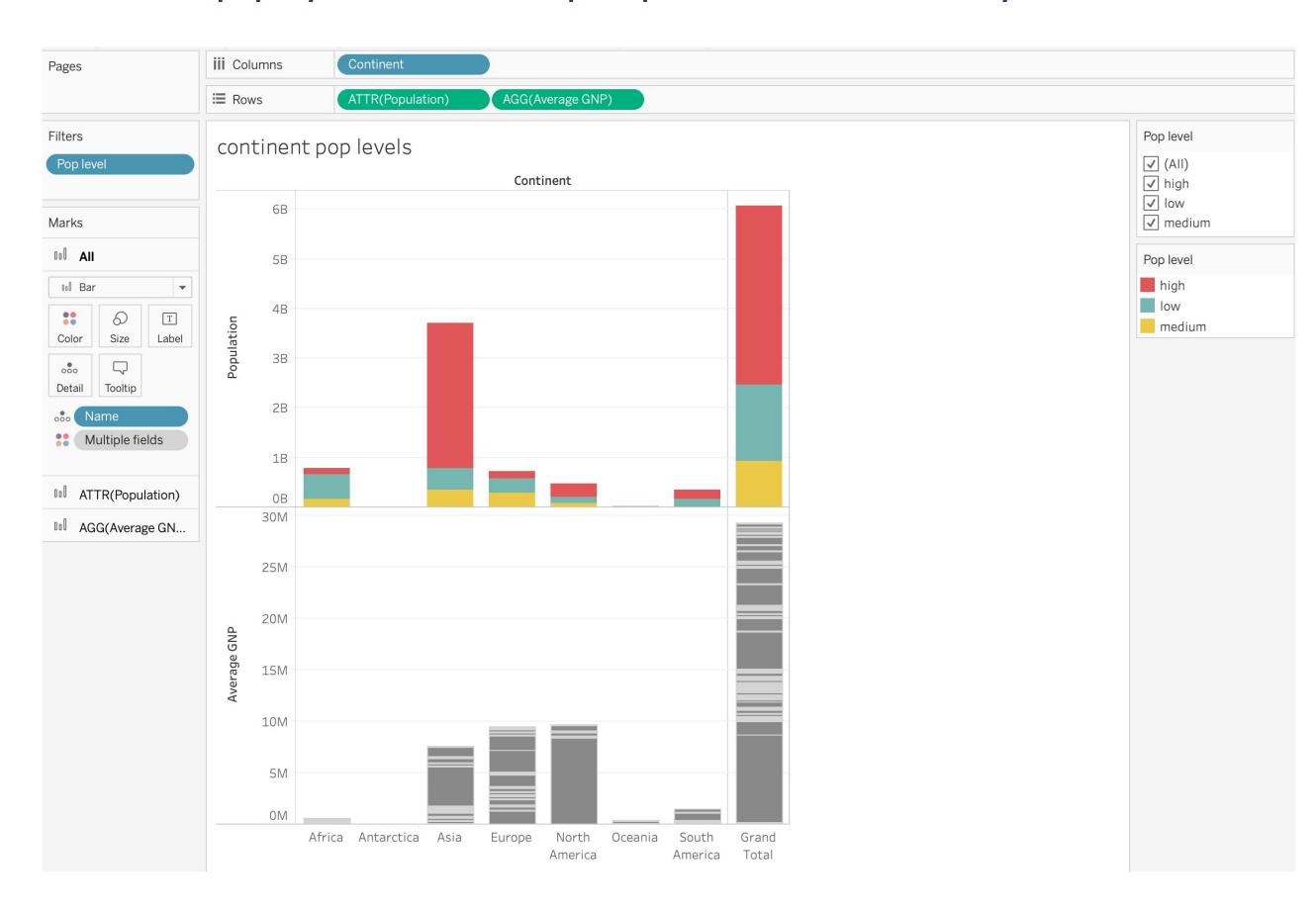


Logical functions in the world dataset

 Use an IF ELSE conditional to make a "high", "medium" and "low" population column.

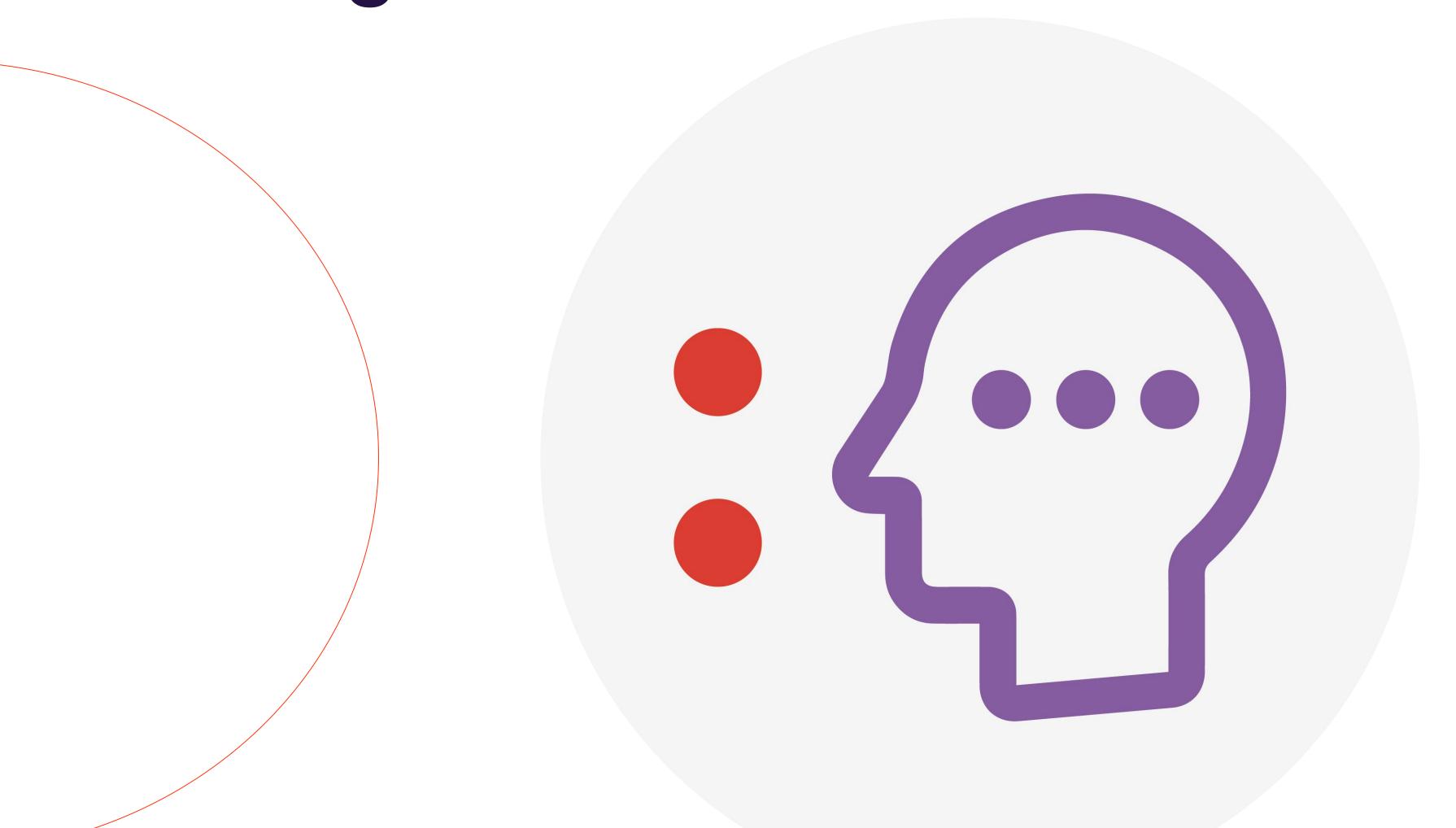


Apply it to the population analysis.



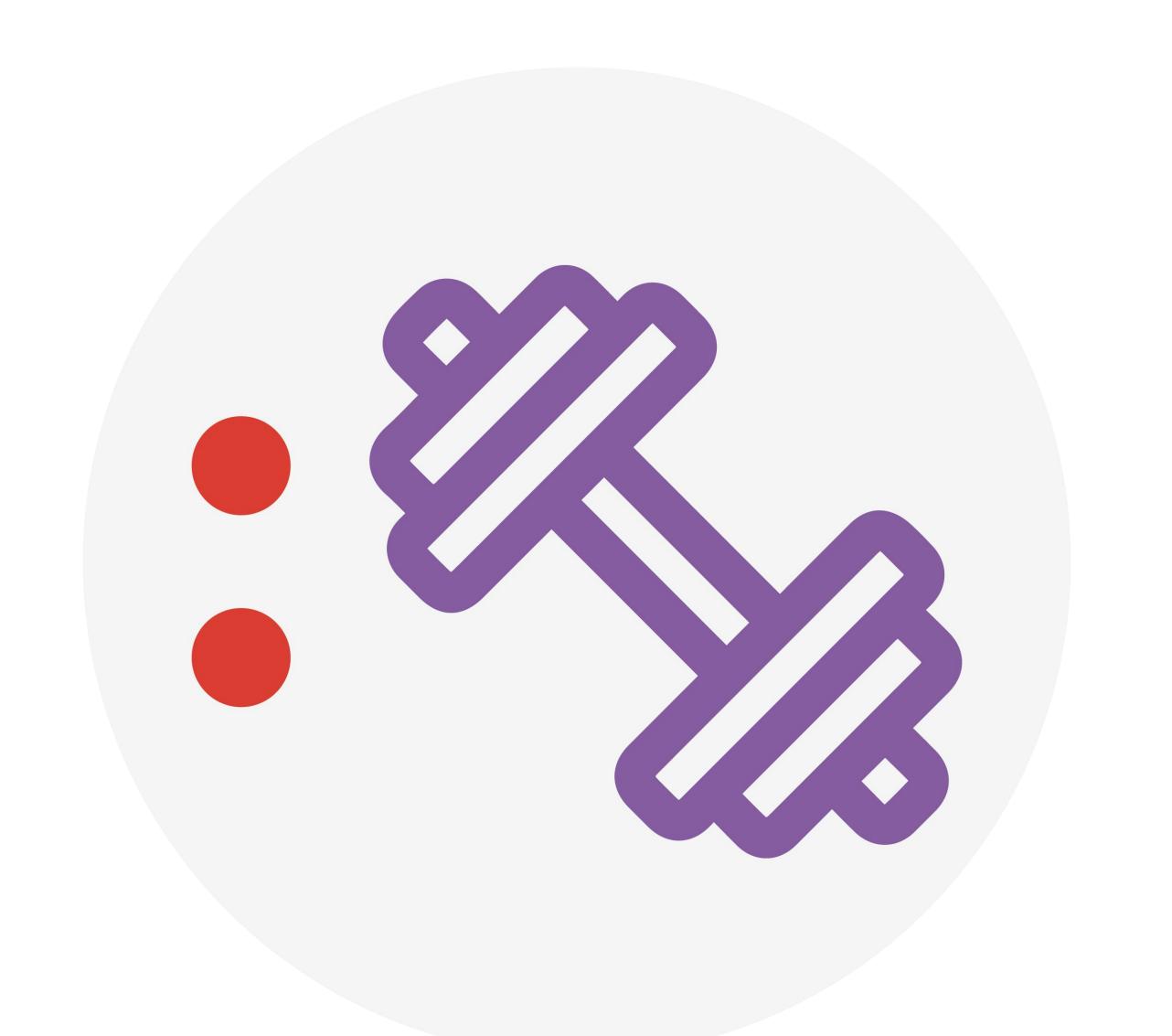


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Exercise 10





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Congratulations!

In the past few modules, we covered:

- String Functions
 - o MID
 - REPLACE
 - o TRIM
- Date Functions
 - DATENAME
 - DATEPARSE
 - DATEPART

- Type Functions
 - o STR
 - o INT
 - FLOAT
 - MAKEDATE and MAKEDATETIME
- Logical Functions
 - CASE
 - o IF, ELSE, and IIF conditionals



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Next steps

Next few modules, we will begin mapping in Tableau!

- Defining geospatial visualization
- Generating coordinates
- Cleaning and fixing geospatial data
- Creating a final dashboard

Until then, stay excited!

End of Part 10

