

ds105-practice-fall22

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1. Print the length of the pre-built data set Nile using an R function

```
length(Nile)
str(Nile)
```

```
[1] 100
Time-Series [1:100] from 1871 to 1970: 1120 1160 963 1210 1160 1160 813 1230 1370 1140 ..
```

2. Retrieve the second to fifth value of the Nile data set

```
Nile[c(2,3,4,5)]
Nile[2:5]
```

```
[1] 1160 963 1210 1160
[1] 1160 963 1210 1160
```

3. Which data science question does the last output answer? Write a full sentence

»What was the flow of the river Nile in the second through fifth year of observations?«

4. Extract the year that corresponds to the last value of Nile. Remember that the years are stored in time(Nile).

```
t <- time(Nile)
time(Nile)[length(Nile)]
```

```
[1] 1970
```

5. What was the Nile flow in 1967?

```
Nile[97]
Nile[t==1967]
```

```
[1] 919
[1] 919
```

6. What is the index of the third-to-last element of Nile? Use which to answer this question.

```
which(Nile == Nile[length(Nile)-3])
```

```
[1] 97
```

7. How many values of Nile are larger than the third-to-last value of Nile?

```
length(which(Nile > Nile[t==1967]))
Nile > Nile[t==1967]
which(Nile > Nile[t==1967])
```

```
[1] 43
Time Series:
Start = 1871
End = 1970
Frequency = 1
 [1] TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE FALSE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE
[12] TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE FALSE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE
[23] TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE
[34] FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE TRUE TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE
[45] FALSE TRUE TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE
[56] FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE TRUE FALSE
[67] FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE
[78] FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE TRUE FALSE TRUE
[89] TRUE FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE
[100] FALSE
 [1] 1 2 3 4 5 6 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 19 20 21 22 23 24 25
[24] 26 27 28 33 38 39 40 46 47 59 64 65 68 76 84 86 88 89 91 94
```

8. How much water flowed down the Nile between 1871 and 1970?

```
sum(Nile)
paste("Nile flow 1871-1970:", sum(Nile), "million cubic metres.")
```

```
[1] 91935
[1] "Nile flow 1871-1970: 91935 million cubic metres."
```

9. In which year was the Nile at its lowest level? Use the min function for this task.

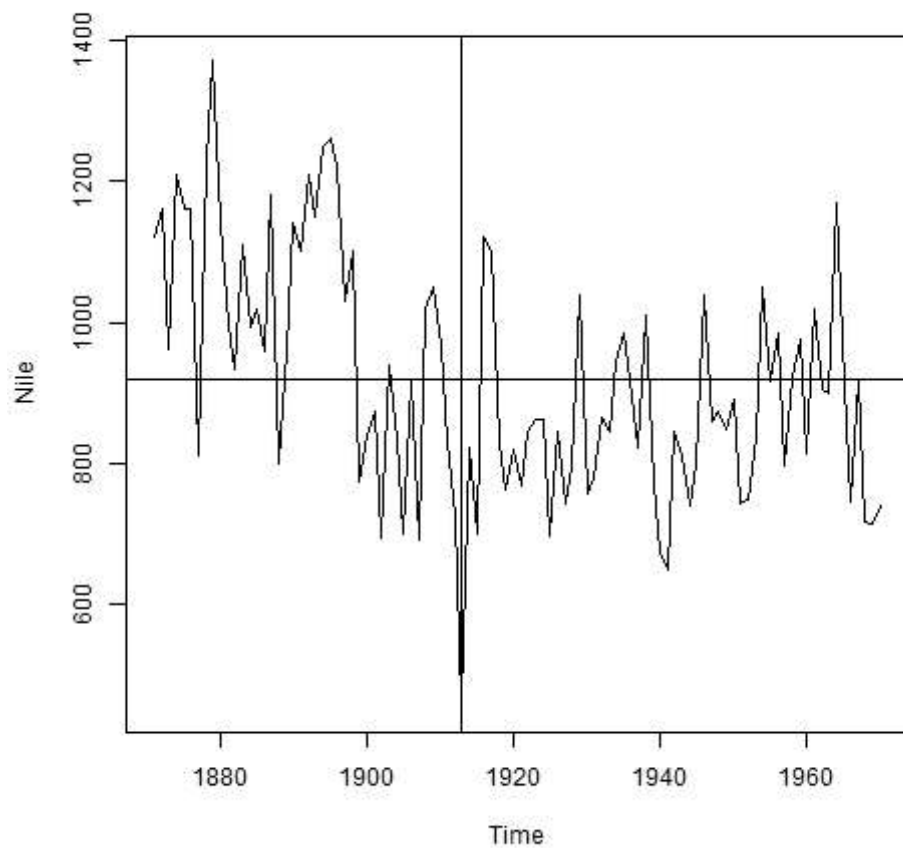
```
tmin <- t[Nile==min(Nile)]
tmin
```

```
[1] 1913
```

10. Make a line plot of all observations in the data set Nile using plot, mark the year of the lowest level of the Nile with a vertical line, and the average flow through the Nile with a horizontal line. The result is stored in nile.png.

You can draw a vertical line at point x with abline(v=x), and a horizontal line at point y with abline(h=y).

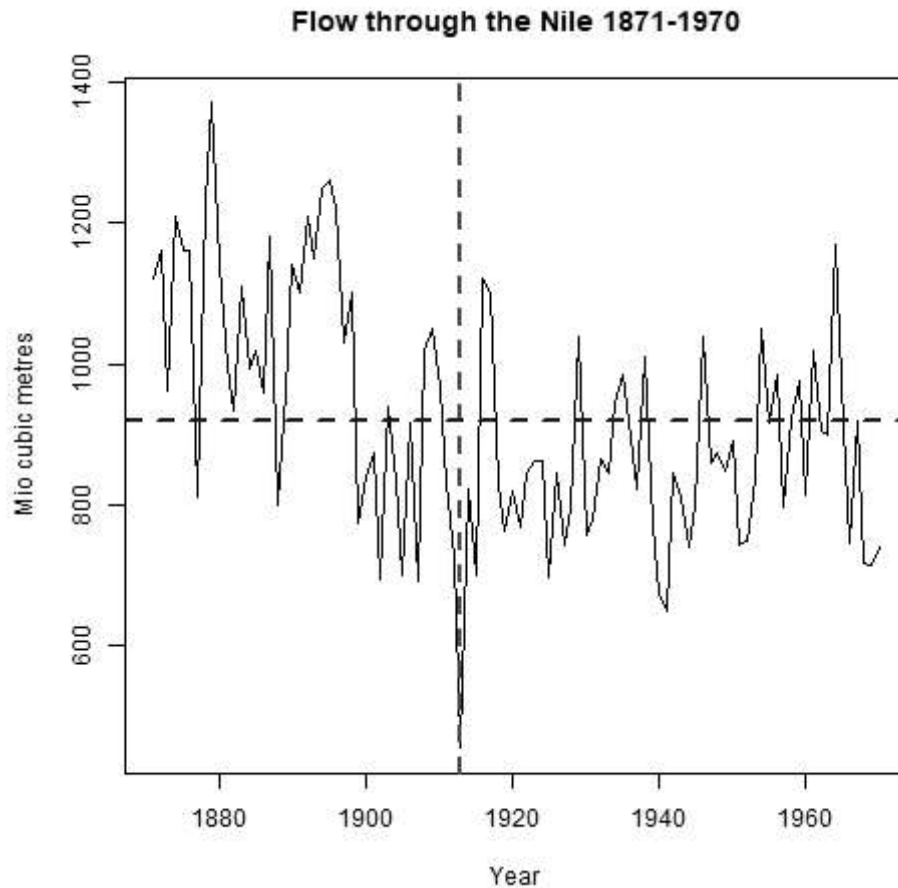
```
plot(Nile)
abline(v=tmin)
abline(h=mean(Nile))
```



Tip: You can change the appearance of lines with the parameters `col`, `lty`, `lwd`. E.g. `col="red", lty=2, lwd=2` for a red, dashed, thick line.

Customized with color, line, title, and label information:

```
plot(Nile,xlab="",ylab="")
abline(v=tmin, col="red", lty=2, lwd=2)
abline(h=mean(Nile), col="blue", lty=2, lwd=2)
title("Flow through the Nile 1871-1970",
      ylab="Mio cubic metres",
      xlab="Year")
```



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This exercise is very similar to the practice on the Nile data set. Here, we're using another built-in data set, `islands`. Instead of time, you need to use names to analyze the content of `islands`, and instead of a line plot, you will draw a dot plot.

Find out what `islands` contains and what its structure is. Take a look at `example(islands)`, too. Submit the completed file in Canvas for bonus points.

```
str(islands)
```

```
Named num [1:48] 11506 5500 16988 2968 16 ...  
- attr(*, "names")= chr [1:48] "Africa" "Antarctica" "Asia" "Australia" ...
```

1. How many elements does the vector `islands` have?

```
length(islands)
```

```
[1] 48
```

2. Retrieve the third to fourth, the twelfth to thirty-fifth, and the 48th element of `islands` with one command, and check that you retrieved 28 elements altogether (with another command)

```
islands[c(3:5,12:35,48)]  
length(islands[c(3:5,12:35,48)])
```

```
      Asia      Australia      Axel Heiberg      Cuba  
16988      2968      16      43  
Devon      Ellesmere      Europe      Greenland  
21      82      3745      840  
Hainan      Hispaniola      Hokkaido      Honshu  
13      30      30      89  
Iceland      Ireland      Java      Kyushu  
40      33      49      14  
Luzon      Madagascar      Melville      Mindanao  
42      227      16      36  
Moluccas      New Britain      New Guinea      New Zealand (N)  
29      15      306      44  
New Zealand (S)      Newfoundland      North America      Victoria  
58      43      9390      82  
[1] 28
```

3. Create a vector `islands_unnamed` from `islands` that is not named and show its structure. Tip: to remove the names of a vector, assign `NULL` to it.

```
islands_unnamed <- islands  
names(islands_unnamed) <- NULL  
str(islands_unnamed)
```

```
num [1:48] 11506 5500 16988 2968 16 ...
```

4. Print the value of `islands` that belongs to the `names(islands)` element "Iceland"- which data science question could this answer?

```
islands[names(islands)=="Iceland"]
```

```
Iceland  
40
```

»What is the area of Iceland in thousands of square miles?«

5. Which element of `islands` corresponds to the greatest area? (Put differently: what is the greatest landmass on Earth?)

```
names(islands)[islands == max(islands)]
```

```
[1] "Asia"
```

6. What is the index of the next-to-last element of `islands`? Use `which` to answer this question and save the result as `index`.

```
index <- which(islands == islands[length(islands)-1])
index
```

```
Vancouver
      47
```

7. Check your answer to the last question by finding the value of `islands` that belongs to `index`.

```
islands[index]
```

```
Vancouver
      12
```

8. How many values of `islands` are larger than the next-to-last value of `islands`?

```
length(islands[islands > islands[index]])
```

```
[1] 47
```

9. What is the landmass of all areas listed in `islands`?

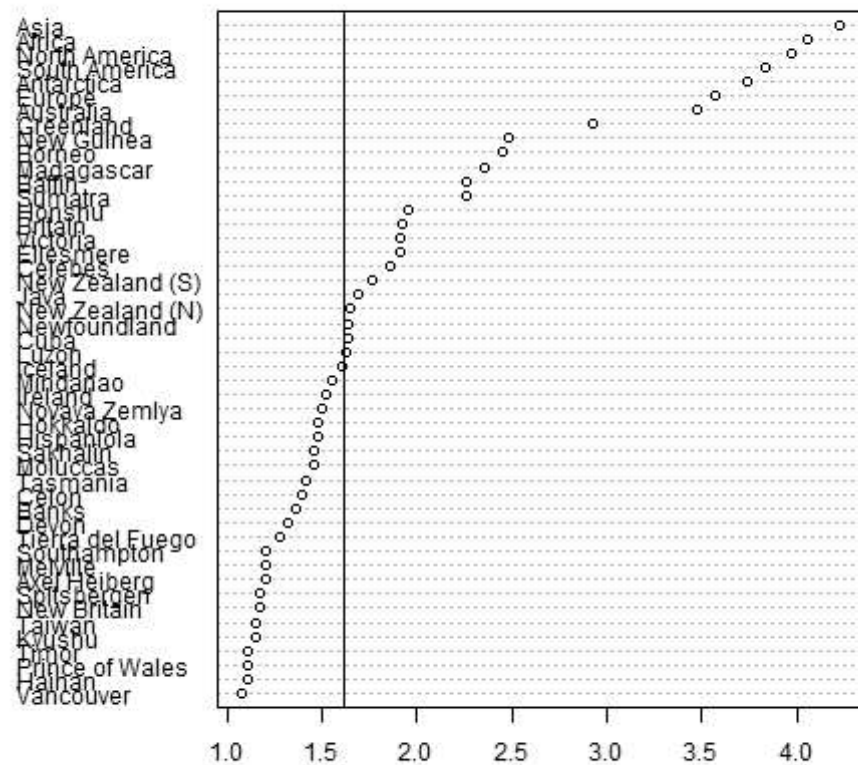
```
paste("Total landmass:", sum(islands), "thousands of square miles.")
```

```
[1] "Total landmass: 60131 thousands of square miles."
```

10. Make a dot plot of all entries in the data set `islands` using the `dotchart` function. As its only argument, use the `log10`-transformed, ordered data set `areas <- log10(sort(islands))`.

Add a line for the median of this data set, `median(areas)` and add it to the plot with `abline(v=median(areas))`.

```
areas <- log10(sort(islands))
md_areas <- median(areas)
dotchart(areas)
abline(v=md_areas)
```



Area of Earth's landmasses (log-transformed)

