

# Climate Change Strike Solutions

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1. Use `read.table()` to read the temperature change dataset from NASA's webpage: [https://data.giss.nasa.gov/gistemp/graphs/graph\\_data/Global\\_Mean\\_Estimates\\_based\\_on\\_Land\\_and\\_Ocean\\_Data/graph.txt](https://data.giss.nasa.gov/gistemp/graphs/graph_data/Global_Mean_Estimates_based_on_Land_and_Ocean_Data/graph.txt)

```
library(dplyr)
Temp = read.table("https://data.giss.nasa.gov/gistemp/graphs/graph_data/Global_Mean_Estimates_based_on_Land_and_Ocean_Data/graph.txt",
                  ,skip=2,header=T, sep="", fill=T)
#skip - skips the first 2 rows of the txt file since they are meaningless
#header uses the 3rd row(since you skipped the first 2 rows) as the column names
#Table is saved as Temp

Temp2= Temp[-c(1), ]
#Removes the first row since it is meaningless.. it has ----- .
#It then saves the new dataframe to Temp2

Temp3 = Temp2%>%mutate(Year=as.numeric(as.character(Year)))
#mutate changes the column Year from Factor to numeric
#It then saves the new dataset with facor as numeric as Temp3
```

2. Try out the `round()` function in R. It takes the parameters `round(x, digits)` where `x` is the vector of numbers to be rounded and positive digits refer to rounding in decimal places and negative digits refer to rounding in whole numbers. Specifically, do:

- a. round the Year variable from the dataset to the nearest hundredth (0.01), i.e. `digits = 2`

```
round(Temp3$Year,2)
```

```
##      [1] 1880 1881 1882 1883 1884 1885 1886 1887 1888 1889 1890 1891 1892 1893
##      [15] 1894 1895 1896 1897 1898 1899 1900 1901 1902 1903 1904 1905 1906 1907
##      [29] 1908 1909 1910 1911 1912 1913 1914 1915 1916 1917 1918 1919 1920 1921
##      [43] 1922 1923 1924 1925 1926 1927 1928 1929 1930 1931 1932 1933 1934 1935
##      [57] 1936 1937 1938 1939 1940 1941 1942 1943 1944 1945 1946 1947 1948 1949
##      [71] 1950 1951 1952 1953 1954 1955 1956 1957 1958 1959 1960 1961 1962 1963
##      [85] 1964 1965 1966 1967 1968 1969 1970 1971 1972 1973 1974 1975 1976 1977
##      [99] 1978 1979 1980 1981 1982 1983 1984 1985 1986 1987 1988 1989 1990 1991
##     [113] 1992 1993 1994 1995 1996 1997 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005
##     [127] 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018
```

- b. round the Year variable from the dataset to the nearest ten (10) , i.e. `digits= -1`

```
round(Temp3$Year,-1)
```

```
##      [1] 1880 1880 1880 1880 1880 1880 1890 1890 1890 1890 1890 1890 1890 1890
##     [15] 1890 1900 1900 1900 1900 1900 1900 1900 1900 1900 1900 1900 1910 1910
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c. now try subtracting 4.5 from the Year and then round to the nearest ten. What is the difference between

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round(Temp3$Year-4.5,-1)
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3. Add a column called `Decade` to the dataset. `Decade` will be defined as the Year minus 4.5 and then rounded to the nearest tens. Name this new dataframe `Temp_dec`. (Hint: Use the `mutate()` function along with the `round()` function. Also use `%>%` from `{dplyr}`)

```
Temp_dec<-Temp3%>%mutate(Decade=round(Year-4.5, -1))
head(Temp_dec)
```

```
##   Year No_Smoothing Lowess.5. Decade
## 1 1880      -0.17      -0.09   1880
## 2 1881      -0.08      -0.13   1880
## 3 1882      -0.11      -0.17   1880
## 4 1883      -0.18      -0.20   1880
## 5 1884      -0.28      -0.24   1880
## 6 1885      -0.33      -0.26   1880
```

3. Summarize the temperature change (referred to as `No_Smoothing`) by decades. Count the number of observations (`n()`), find the average temperature `mean()` and the standard deviation of the temperature (`sd()`) per decade. Hint: Use `%>%` from `{dplyr}` along with `summarize()` and `group_by()`

a. Summarize temperature by Decade.

```
dat<-Temp_dec%>%group_by(Decade)%>%
  summarize(n=n(), Average_temp=mean(No_Smoothing), Variability_temp=sd(No_Smoothing))
head(dat)
```

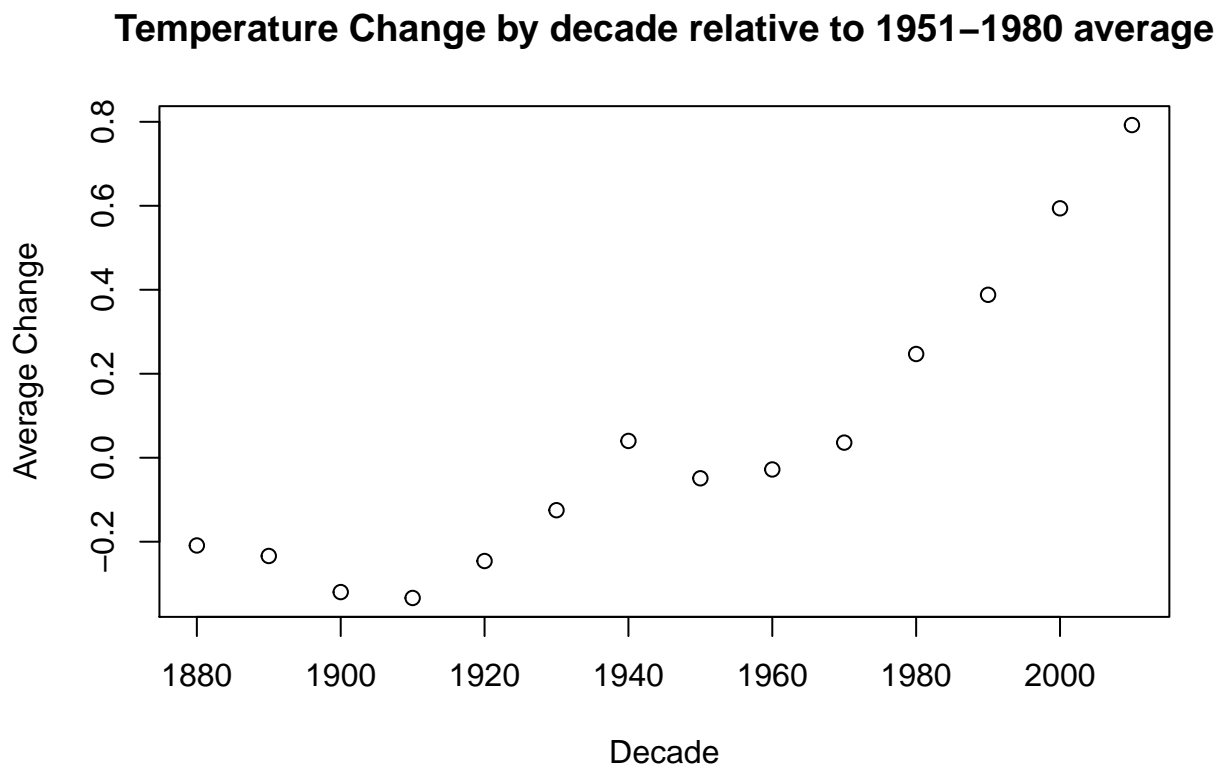
```
## # A tibble: 6 x 4
##   Decade      n Average_temp Variability_temp
```

```
##      <dbl> <int>      <dbl>      <dbl>
## 1  1880    10      -0.209      0.103
## 2  1890    10      -0.234      0.0818
## 3  1900    10      -0.32       0.138
## 4  1910    10      -0.334      0.112
## 5  1920    10      -0.246      0.0664
## 6  1930    10      -0.125      0.0871
```

b. Plot a scatterplot of decade on x axis against the average temperature on the y axis.

(Hint: Use the dataset created in part a above. Be sure to add labels to your plot.)

```
plot(dat$Decade, dat$Average_temp,
     main="Temperature Change by decade relative to 1951-1980 average", xlab="Decade",
     ylab="Average Change")
```



- Make your observations in context to the problem. Visit <https://climate.nasa.gov/vital-signs/global-temperature/> for more information on what the variables mean and for more information.