# COMP828 Additional Plot and Working with Data

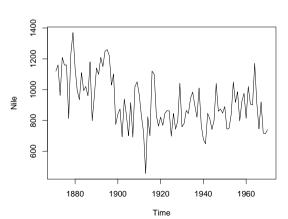
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#### **Plots**

**Line plot** is useful to visualize and summarize the key characteristics of the time series data.

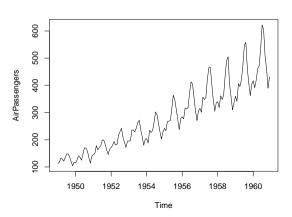
plot(Nile)



# Plots (cont.)

Line plot

plot(AirPassengers)



#### Lists<sup>1</sup>

- list is an object consisting of an ordered collection of objects known as its components.
- A list could consist of a numeric vector, a logical value, a matrix, a complex vector, a character array, and a function.

```
Lst <- list(name="Fred", wife="Mary", no.children=3,
child.ages=c(4,7,9))</pre>
```

- Components are always *numbered* and may always be referred to.
- If Lst is the name of a list with four components, these may be individually referred to as Lst[[1]], Lst[[2]], Lst[[3]], and Lst[[4]].
- If Lst[[4]] is a vector subscripted array then Lst[[4]][1] is its first entry.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>See Section 6 in https://cran.r-project.org/doc/manuals/r-release/R-intro.pdf

# Lists (cont.)

- If Lst is a list, then the function length(Lst) gives the number of (top level) components it has.
- Components of lists may also be named, and in this case the component may
  be referred to either by giving the component name as a character string in
  place of the number in double square brackets, or, more conveniently, by
  giving an expression of the form for the same thing.

#### name\$component\_name

- Additionally, one can also use the names of the list components in double square brackets, i.e., Lst[["name"]] is the same as Lst\$name.
- '[[...]]' is the operator used to select a single element, whereas '[...]' is a general subscripting operator.

## Lists (cont.)

#### **Constructing and modifying lists**

• New lists may be formed from existing objects by the function list().

```
Lst <- list(name_1=object_1, ..., name_m=object_m)
```

- An assignment of the form sets up a list Lst of m components using object\_1,...,object\_m for the components and giving them names as specified by the argument names.
- If these names are omitted, the components are numbered only.
- Lists can be extended by specifying additional components. For example

```
Lst[5] <- list(matrix=Mat)</pre>
```

## Lists (cont.)

#### **Concatenating lists**

• When the concatenation function c() is given list arguments whose components are those of the argument lists joined together in sequence.

```
list.ABC <- c(list.A, list.B, list.C)</pre>
```

- Recall that with vector objects as arguments the concatenation function similarly joined together all arguments into a single vector structure.
- In this case, all other attributes, such as dim attributes, are discarded.

#### **Data Frames**

- A data frame is a list with class data.frame. However, there are restrictions on lists that may be made into data frames.
- The components must be vectors (numeric, character, or logical), factors, numeric matrices, lists, or other data frames.
- Matrices, lists, and data frames provide as many variables to the new data frame as they have columns, elements, or variables, respectively.
- Vector structures appearing as variables of the data frame must all have the same length, and matrix structures must all have the same number of rows.
- A data frame may, for many purposes, be regarded as a matrix with columns possibly of differing modes and attributes. It may be displayed in matrix form, and its rows and columns extracted using matrix indexing conventions.
- Examples: mtcars and iris datasets

### **Data Frames (cont.)**

#### Making data frames

 Objects satisfying the restrictions placed on the columns (components) of a data frame may be used to form one using the function data.frame:

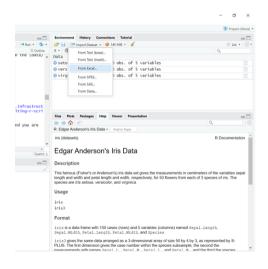
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accountants <- data.frame(home=statef, loot=incomes, shot=incomef)</pre>
```

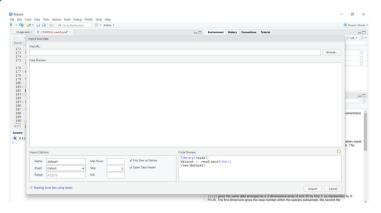
- A list whose components conform to the restrictions of a data frame may be coerced into a data frame using the function as.data.frame().
- The simplest way to construct a data frame from scratch is to use the read.table() function to read an entire data frame from an external file.
- For more info on working with data frames, see https://www.tutorialspoint.com/r/r\_data\_frames.htm#

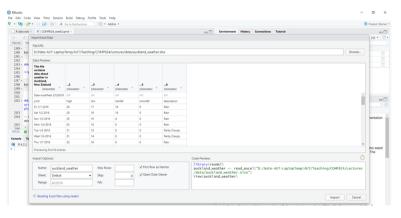
# **Reading/Importing Data**

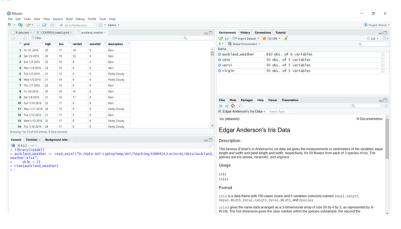
• One of the most convenient ways to read or import data from a file into R is to use read.table() function.

• However, for the new R users, doing this task through the "Import Dataset" in the (data) "Environment" might easier.

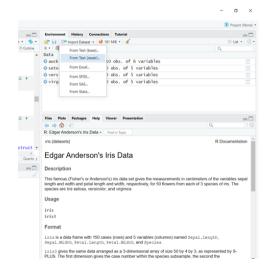




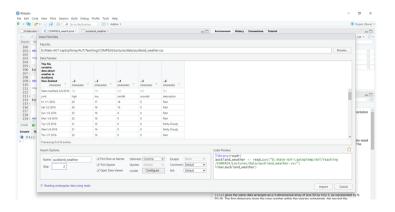




#### **CSV** file



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- Either importing data from an Excel or CSV file, can you work with the dataset?
- Try this:

```
summary(auckland_weather$rainfall)
```

 What we need to do is to convert the "character" variables to the "numeric" ones as:

```
auckland_weather <- as.data.frame(sapply(auckland_weather, as.numeric))</pre>
```

However, we need to be careful that not all variables are numeric.