

# Exercise 2

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(*Warning:* spoilers ahead)

### Overview

(From the Wikipedia) Game of Thrones is an American fantasy drama television series created by David Benioff and D. B. Weiss for HBO. It is an adaptation of A Song of Ice and Fire, a series of fantasy novels by George R. R. Martin, the first of which is A Game of Thrones.

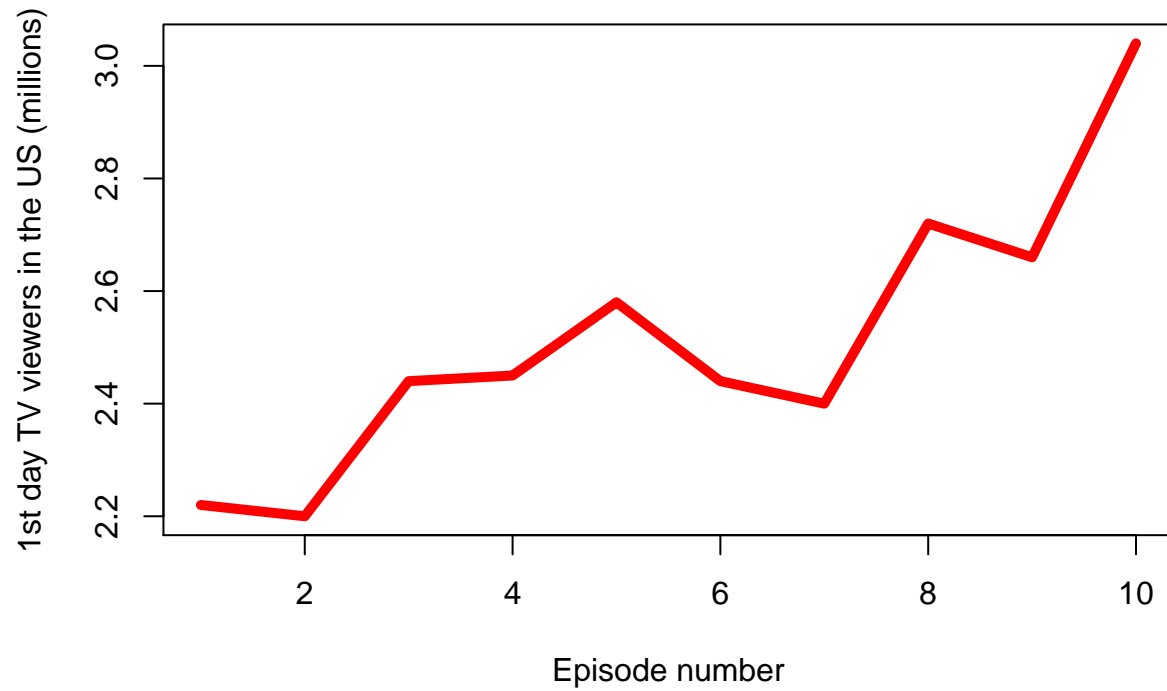
Set on the fictional continents of Westeros and Essos, Game of Thrones has a large ensemble cast and follows several story arcs throughout the course of the show. A major arc concerns the Iron Throne of the Seven Kingdoms of Westeros through a web of political conflicts among the noble families either vying to claim the throne or fighting for independence from it. Another focuses on the last descendant of the realm's deposed ruling dynasty, who has been exiled to Essos and is plotting a return to the throne. A third story arc follows the Night's Watch, a military order defending the realm against threats from the North.

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### Game of Thrones (season 1) summary

The first season of the fantasy drama television series Game of Thrones premiered on HBO on April 17, 2011, in the U.S. and concluded on June 19, 2011. It consists of ten episodes, each of approximately 55 minutes. The series is based on A Game of Thrones, the first novel in the A Song of Ice and Fire series by George R. R. Martin, adapted for television by David Benioff and D. B. Weiss. HBO had ordered a television pilot in November 2008; filming began the following year. However, it was deemed unsatisfactory and later reshot with some roles recast. In March 2010, HBO ordered the first season, which began filming in July 2010, primarily in Belfast, Northern Ireland, with additional filming in Malta.

You can see how the viewership of the episodes changed in Figure 1.



Finally, the episodes with the above-average viewership were:

No..in.season	Title	Directed.by
1	"Winter Is Coming"	Tim Van Patten
2	"The Kingsroad"	Tim Van Patten
3	"Lord Snow"	Brian Kirk
4	"Cripples, Bastards, and Broken Things"	Brian Kirk
5	"The Wolf and the Lion"	Brian Kirk
6	"A Golden Crown"	Daniel Minahan
7	"You Win or You Die"	Daniel Minahan
8	"The Pointy End"	Daniel Minahan
9	"Baelor"	Alan Taylor
10	"Fire and Blood"	Alan Taylor