

**analyticsedge**

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# Assignment 1 Answers

## An Analytical Detective

There are two main types of crimes: violent crimes, and property crimes. In this problem, we'll focus on one specific type of property crime, called "motor vehicle theft" (sometimes referred to as grand theft auto). This is the act of stealing, or attempting to steal, a car. In this problem, we'll use some basic data analysis in R to understand the motor vehicle thefts in Chicago.

To download this data, click: [mvtWeek1.csv](#)

### *Start:*

Read the dataset mvtWeek1.csv into R, using the read.csv function, and call the data frame "mvt".

```
mvt <- read.csv("mvtWeek1.csv")
```

**1.1: How many rows of data (observations) are in this dataset?**

Answer: 191641

```
nrow(mvt)
```

```
[1] 191641
```

**1.2: How many variables are in this dataset?**

Answer: 11

```
ncol(mvt)
```

```
[1] 11
```

**1.3: Using the "max" function, what is the maximum value of the variable "ID"?**

Answer: 9181151

```
max(mvt$ID)
```

```
[1] 9181151
```

**1.4: What is the minimum value of the variable “Beat”?**

Answer: 111

```
min(mvt$Beat)
```

```
[1] 111
```

**1.5: How many observations have value TRUE in the Arrest variable (this is the number of crimes for which an arrest was made)?**

Answer: 15536

```
sum(mvt$Arrest)
```

```
[1] 15536
```

**1.6: How many observations have a LocationDescription value of ALLEY?**

Answer: 2308

```
sum(mvt$LocationDescription == "ALLEY")
```

```
[1] 2308
```

**2.1: In what format are the entries in the variable Date?**

Answer: Month/Day/Year Hour:Minute

```
mvt$Date[1]
```

```
[1] "12/31/12 23:15"
```

**2.2: What is the month and year of the median date in our dataset? Enter your answer as “Month Year”, without the quotes.**

Answer: May 2006

```
DateConvert = as.Date(strptime(mvt$Date, "%m/%d/%y %H:%M"))
#summary(DateConvert)
median(DateConvert)
```

[1] "2006-05-21"

### 2.3: In which month did the fewest motor vehicle thefts occur?

Answer: February

```
mvt$Month = months(DateConvert)
mvt$Weekday = weekdays(DateConvert)
mvt$Date = DateConvert
table(mvt$Month)
```

April	August	December	February	January	July	June	March
15280	16572	16426	13511	16047	16801	16002	15758
May	November	October	September				
16035	16063	17086	16060				

### 2.4: On which weekday did the most motor vehicle thefts occur?

Answer: Friday

```
table(mvt$Weekday)
```

Friday	Monday	Saturday	Sunday	Thursday	Tuesday	Wednesday
29284	27397	27118	26316	27319	26791	27416

### 2.5: Which month has the largest number of motor vehicle thefts for which an arrest was made?

Answer: January

```
table(mvt$Month, mvt$Arrest)
```

	FALSE	TRUE
April	14028	1252
August	15243	1329
December	15029	1397

February	12273	1238
January	14612	1435
July	15477	1324
June	14772	1230
March	14460	1298
May	14848	1187
November	14807	1256
October	15744	1342
September	14812	1248

**3.1.1: In general, does it look like crime increases or decreases from 2002 - 2012?**

Answer: Decreases

**3.1.2: In general, does it look like crime increases or decreases from 2005 - 2008?**

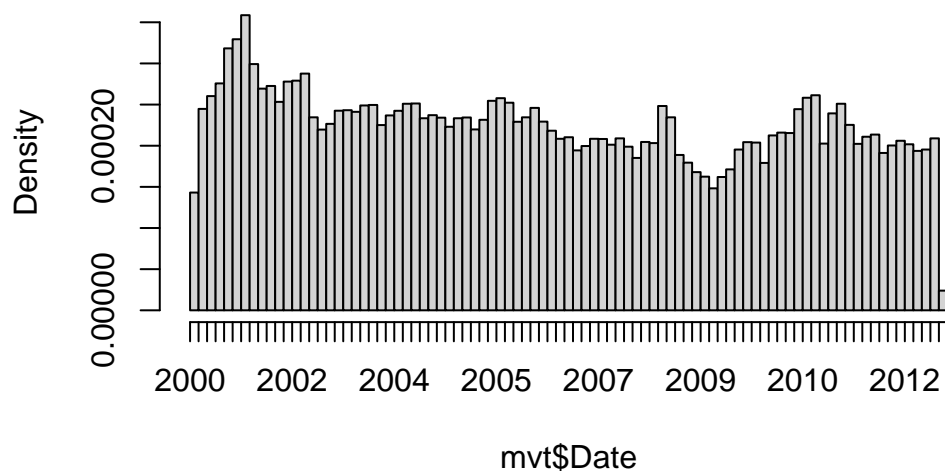
Answer: Decreases

**3.1.3: In general, does it look like crime increases or decreases from 2009 - 2011?**

Answer: Increases

```
hist(mvt$Date, breaks=100)
```

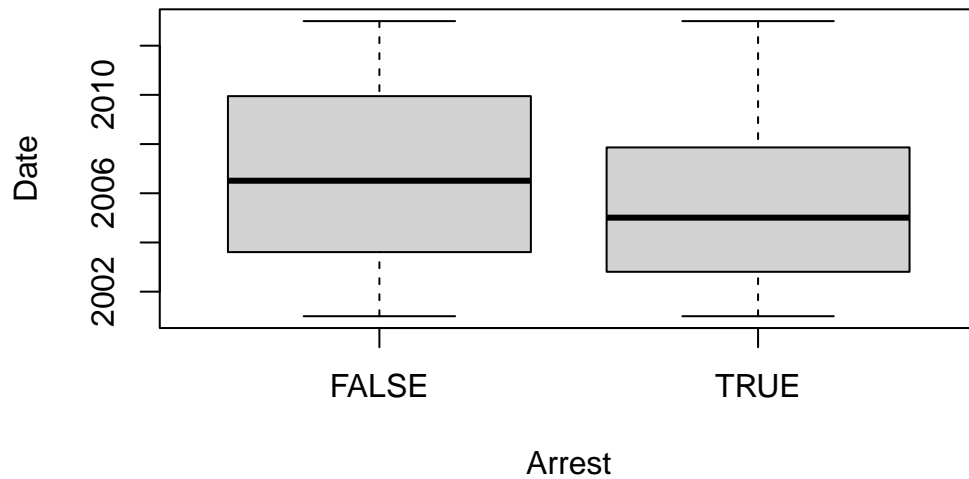
**Histogram of mvt\$Date**



**3.2: Does it look like there were more crimes for which arrests were made in the first half of the time period or the second half of the time period?**

Answer: First half

```
boxplot(Date ~ Arrest, data = mvt)
```



**3.3: For what proportion of motor vehicle thefts in 2001 was an arrest made?**

Answer: 0.1041173

```
table(mvt$Year, mvt$Arrest)
```

	FALSE	TRUE
2001	18517	2152
2002	16638	2115
2003	14859	1798
2004	15169	1693
2005	14956	1528
2006	14796	1302
2007	13068	1212
2008	13425	1020
2009	11327	840
2010	14796	701
2011	15012	625
2012	13542	550

```
2152/(18517+2152)
```

```
[1] 0.1041173
```

**3.4: For what proportion of motor vehicle thefts in 2007 was an arrest made?**

Answer: 0.08487395

```
table(mvt$Year, mvt$Arrest)
```

	FALSE	TRUE
2001	18517	2152
2002	16638	2115
2003	14859	1798
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2010	14796	701
2011	15012	625
2012	13542	550

```
1212/(13068+1212)
```

```
[1] 0.08487395
```

**3.5: For what proportion of motor vehicle thefts in 2012 was an arrest made?**

Answer: 0.03902924

```
table(mvt$Year, mvt$Arrest)
```

	FALSE	TRUE
2001	18517	2152
2002	16638	2115
2003	14859	1798
2004	15169	1693
2005	14956	1528
2006	14796	1302
2007	13068	1212
2008	13425	1020
2009	11327	840
2010	14796	701



2011	15012	625
2012	13542	550

550/(13542+550)

[1] 0.03902924

**4.1: Which locations are the top five locations for motor vehicle thefts, excluding the “Other” category?**

Answer: STREET, PARKING LOT/GARAGE(NON.RESID.), ALLEY, GAS STATION, DRIVEWAY - RESIDENTIAL

```
sort(table(mvt$LocationDescription))
```

AIRPORT BUILDING NON-TERMINAL - SECURE AREA	1
AIRPORT EXTERIOR - SECURE AREA	1
ANIMAL HOSPITAL	1
APPLIANCE STORE	1
CTA TRAIN	1
JAIL / LOCK-UP FACILITY	1
NEWSSTAND	1
BRIDGE	2
COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY RESIDENCE HALL	2
CURRENCY EXCHANGE	2
BOWLING ALLEY	3
CLEANING STORE	3
MEDICAL/DENTAL OFFICE	3

ABANDONED BUILDING	4
AIRPORT BUILDING NON-TERMINAL - NON-SECURE AREA	4
BARBERSHOP	4
LAKEFRONT/WATERFRONT/RIVERBANK	4
LIBRARY	4
SAVINGS AND LOAN	4
AIRPORT TERMINAL UPPER LEVEL - NON-SECURE AREA	5
CHA APARTMENT	5
DAY CARE CENTER	5
FIRE STATION	5
FOREST PRESERVE	6
BANK	7
CONVENIENCE STORE	7
DRUG STORE	8
OTHER COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTATION	8
ATHLETIC CLUB	9
AIRPORT VENDING ESTABLISHMENT	10
AIRPORT PARKING LOT	11
SCHOOL, PRIVATE, BUILDING	14
TAVERN/LIQUOR STORE	14
FACTORY/MANUFACTURING BUILDING	16
BAR OR TAVERN	

	17
WAREHOUSE	17
MOVIE HOUSE/THEATER	18
RESIDENCE PORCH/HALLWAY	18
NURSING HOME/RETIREMENT HOME	21
TAXICAB	21
DEPARTMENT STORE	22
HIGHWAY/EXPRESSWAY	22
SCHOOL, PRIVATE, GROUNDS	23
VEHICLE-COMMERCIAL	23
AIRPORT EXTERIOR - NON-SECURE AREA	24
OTHER RAILROAD PROP / TRAIN DEPOT	28
SMALL RETAIL STORE	33
CONSTRUCTION SITE	35
CAR WASH	44
COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY GROUNDS	47
GOVERNMENT BUILDING/PROPERTY	48
RESTAURANT	49
CHURCH/SYNAGOGUE/PLACE OF WORSHIP	56
GROCERY FOOD STORE	80
HOSPITAL BUILDING/GROUNDS	101
SCHOOL, PUBLIC, BUILDING	114

HOTEL/MOTEL	
	124
COMMERCIAL / BUSINESS OFFICE	
	126
CTA GARAGE / OTHER PROPERTY	
	148
SPORTS ARENA/STADIUM	
	166
APARTMENT	
	184
SCHOOL, PUBLIC, GROUNDS	
	206
PARK PROPERTY	
	255
POLICE FACILITY/VEH PARKING LOT	
	266
AIRPORT/AIRCRAFT	
	363
CHA PARKING LOT/GROUNDS	
	405
SIDEWALK	
	462
VEHICLE NON-COMMERCIAL	
	817
VACANT LOT/LAND	
	985
RESIDENCE-GARAGE	
	1176
RESIDENCE	
	1302
RESIDENTIAL YARD (FRONT/BACK)	
	1536
DRIVEWAY - RESIDENTIAL	
	1675
GAS STATION	
	2111
ALLEY	
	2308
OTHER	
	4573
PARKING LOT/GARAGE(NON.RESID.)	
	14852
STREET	

Create a subset of your data, only taking observations for which the theft happened in one of these five locations, and call this new data set “Top5”.

```
Top5 <- subset(mvt, mvt$LocationDescription == "STREET"
  | mvt$LocationDescription == "PARKING LOT/GARAGE(NON.RESID.)"
  | mvt$LocationDescription == "ALLEY"
  | mvt$LocationDescription == "GAS STATION"
  | mvt$LocationDescription == "DRIVEWAY - RESIDENTIAL")
```

**4.2: How many observations are in Top5?**

Answer: 177510

```
nrow(Top5)
```

```
[1] 177510
```

**4.3: One of the locations has a much higher arrest rate than the other locations. Which is it?**

Answer: Gas Station (Check percentages)

```
Top5$LocationDescription = factor(Top5$LocationDescription)
table(Top5$LocationDescription, Top5$Arrest)
```

	FALSE	TRUE
ALLEY	2059	249
DRIVEWAY - RESIDENTIAL	1543	132
GAS STATION	1672	439
PARKING LOT/GARAGE(NON.RESID.)	13249	1603
STREET	144969	11595

**4.4: On which day of the week do the most motor vehicle thefts at gas stations happen?**

Answer: Saturday

```
table(Top5$LocationDescription == "GAS STATION", Top5$Weekday)
```

	Friday	Monday	Saturday	Sunday	Thursday	Tuesday	Wednesday
FALSE	26746	25008	24917	24220	24956	24527	25025
TRUE	332	280	338	336	282	270	273

**4.5: On which day of the week do the fewest motor vehicle thefts in residential driveways happen?**

Answer: Saturday

```
table(Top5$LocationDescription == "DRIVEWAY - RESIDENTIAL", Top5$Weekday)
```

	Friday	Monday	Saturday	Sunday	Thursday	Tuesday	Wednesday
FALSE	26821	25033	25053	24335	24975	24554	25064
TRUE	257	255	202	221	263	243	234