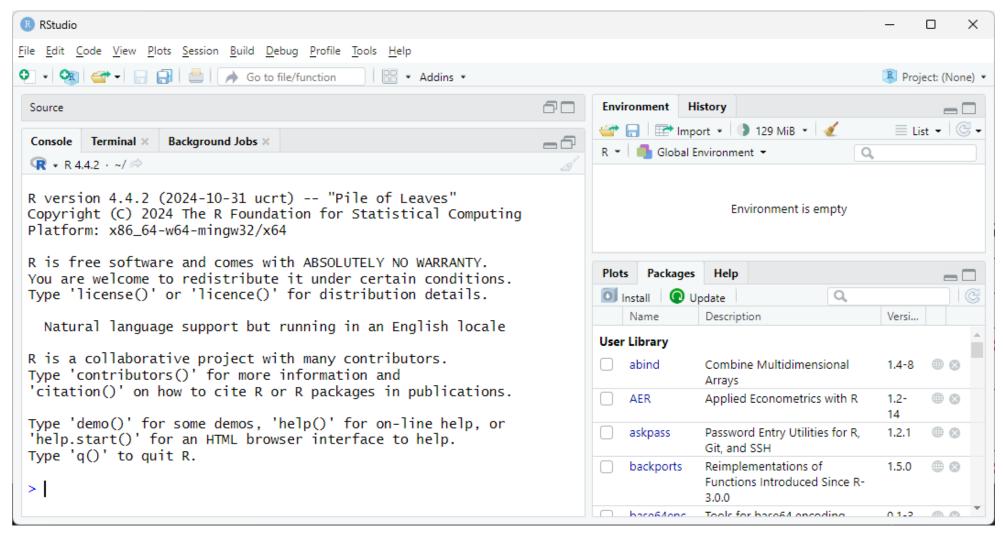
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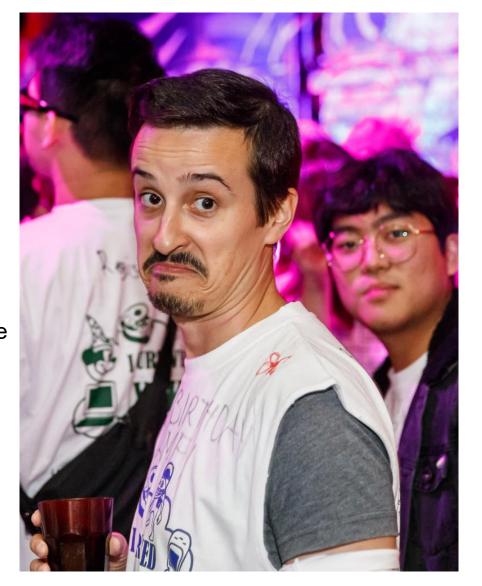
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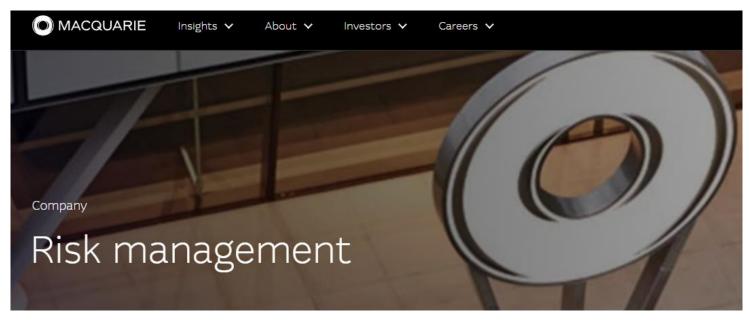
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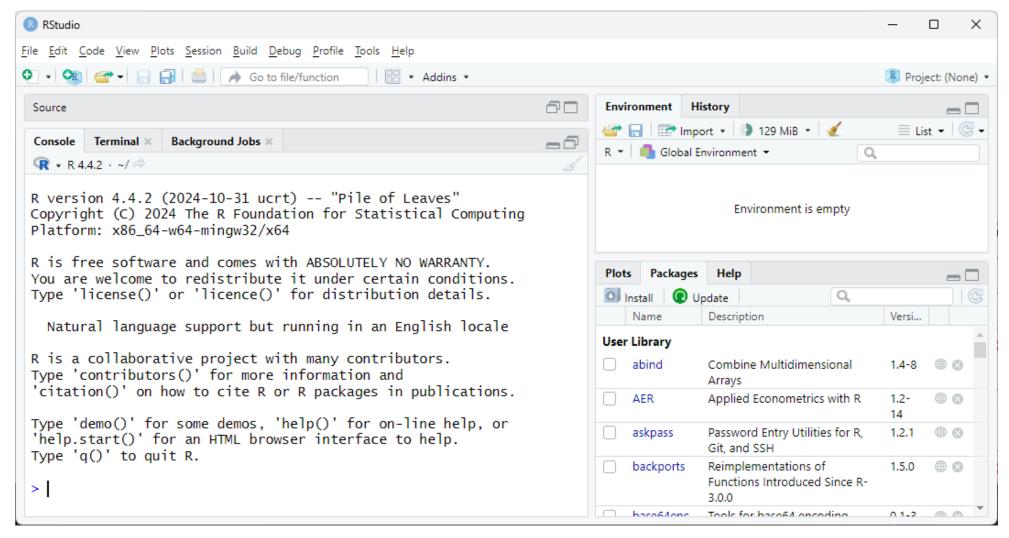


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Assessments

Assessment summary

	Category	Assessment task	Weight	Due date
	Quiz	Problem Solving, Data Analysis and Short Report	25% 7 best out of 10	Weeks 3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12 Online Periodic Assessments Throughout the Semester
				Due Thursday 4pm in the specified weeks
	Project	Project: Assignment and Brief Research Report	25%	26/09/2025 4:00 pm
		Online		The project can be submitted at anytime before the due date.
	Examination	End-of-semester Exam	50%	End of Semester Exam Period
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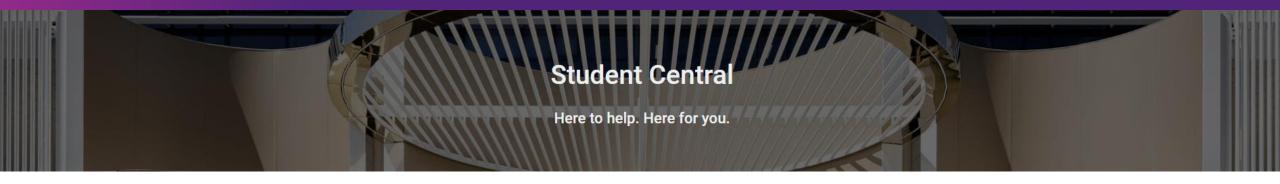


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- Ed Discussion (Blackboard/Learn.UQ)
- Consultation Tuesday to Friday!!
- https://www.econometrics-with-r.org/
 (good source for R codes same book)
- <u>ECON2300@uq.edu.au</u> for general questions
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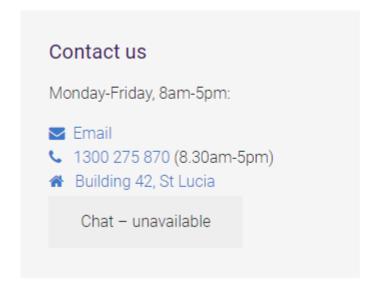


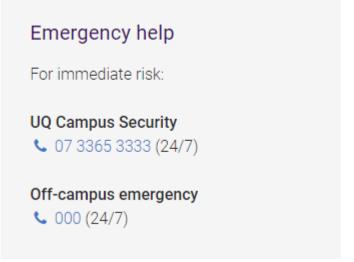




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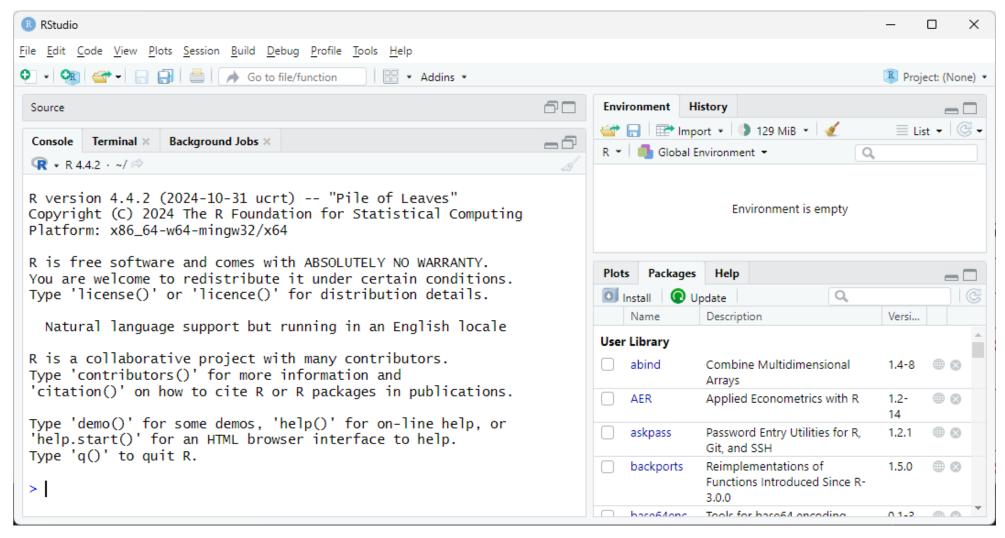








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Installing R (not RStudio yet)

R base distribution – 4.5.1 https://cran.r-project.org/

R-4.5.1 for Windows

Download R-4.5.1 for Windows (86 megabytes, 64 bit)

README on the Windows binary distribution New features in this version

This build requires UCRT, which is part of Windows since Windows 10 and Windows Server 2016. On older systems, UCRT has to be installed manually from here.

If you want to double-check that the package you have downloaded matches the package distributed by CRAN, you can compare the md5sum of the .exe to the fingerprint on the master server.

R for macOS

This directory contains binaries for the base distribution and of R and packages to run on macOS. R and package binaries for R versions older than 4.0.0 are only available from the CRAN archive so users of such versions should adjust the CRAN mirror setting (https://cran-archive.r-project.org) accordingly.

Note: Although we take precautions when assembling binaries, please use the normal precautions with downloaded executables.

R 4.5.1 "Great Square Root" released on 2025/06/13

Please check the integrity of the downloaded package by checking the signature:

pkgutil --check-signature R-4.5.1-arm64.pkg

in the Terminal application. If Apple tools are not avaiable you can check the SHA1 checksum of the downloaded image:

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Latest release:

R-4.5.1-arm64.pkg

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For older Intel Macs:

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For Apple silicon (M1,2...) Macs: R 4.5.1 binary for macOS 11 (Big Sur) and higher, signed and notarized packages.

> Contains R 4.5.1 framework, R.app GUI 1.82, Tc1/Tk 8.6.12 X11 libraries and Texinfo 6.8. The latter two components are optional and can be ommitted when choosing "custom install", they are only needed if you want to use the tcltk R package or build package documentation from sources.

> macOS Ventura users: there is a known bug in Ventura preventing installations from some locations without a prompt. If the installation fails, move the downloaded file away from the Downloads folder (e.g., to your home or Desktop).

> Note: the use of X11 (including tcltk) requires XQuartz (version 2.8.5 or later). Always re-install XQuartz when upgrading your macOS to a new major version.

> This release uses Xcode 16.2(arm64)/14.2(x86 64) and GNU Fortran 14.2. If you wish to compile R packages which contain Fortran code, you may need to download the corresponding GNU Fortran compiler from https://mac.R-project.org/tools. Any external libraries and tools are expected to live in /opt/R/arm64 (Apple silicon) or /opt/R/x86 64 (Intel).



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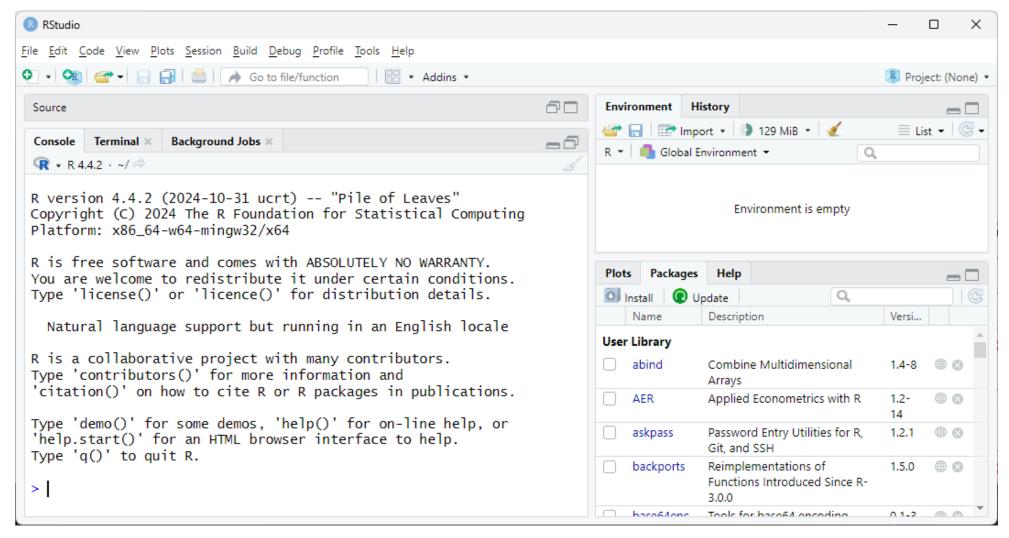
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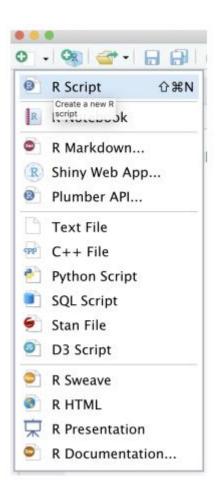
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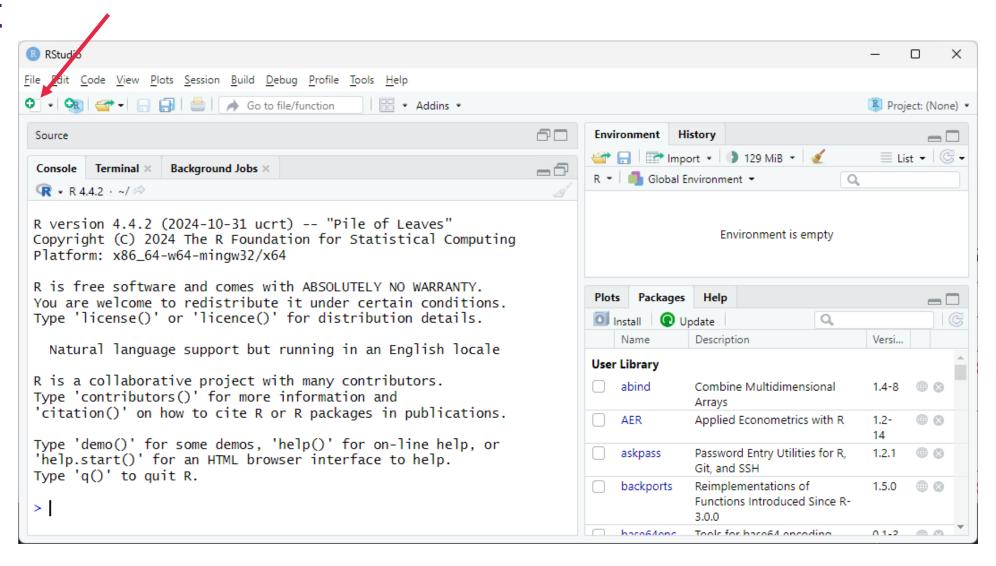


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New script





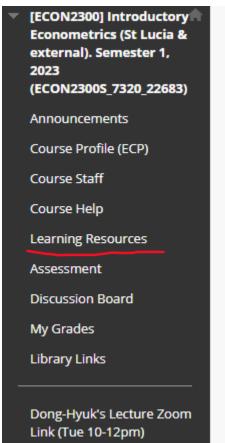


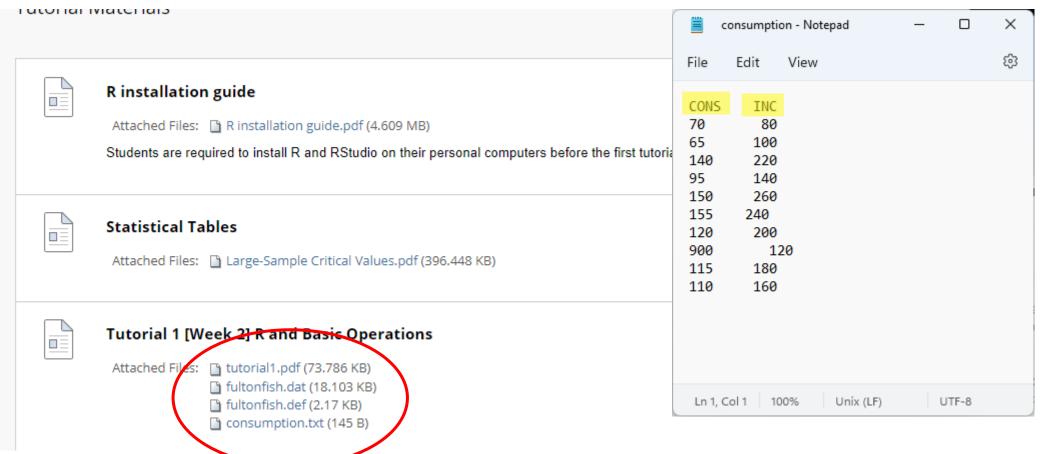
1. The text file consumption.txt contains observations on the weekly family consumption expenditure (CONS) and income (INC) for a sample of 10 families.





consumption.txt







Now, let's download the script for the tutorial.

- Copy the code from Github,
 - https://github.com/tavaresgarcia/teaching
- Save the scripts in the same folder as the data.



- 1. The text file consumption.txt contains observations on the weekly family consumption expenditure (CONS) and income (INC) for a sample of 10 families.
 - (a) Read the data into R.

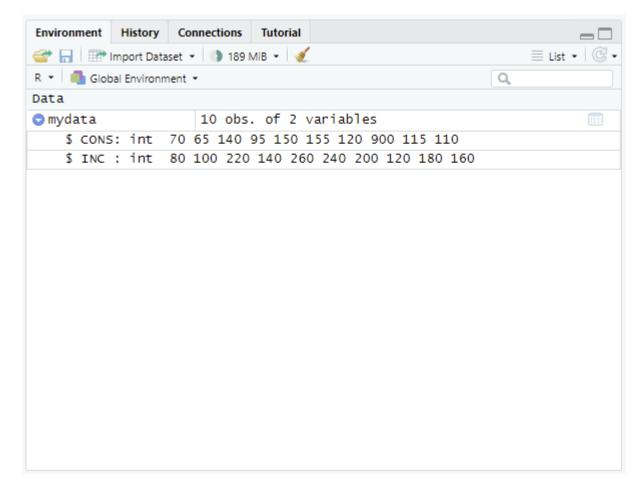
Set Work Directory

Session > Set Working Directory > To Source File Location

Solution The data is loaded using the R command read.delim.

```
mydata <- read.delim("consumption.txt", header = TRUE, sep = "")</pre>
```

We use the option header = TRUE to inform R that the first line contains variable names, and the option sep = "" to indicate that the variables are separated by a space. At the same, we create an R variable mydata to store the data.

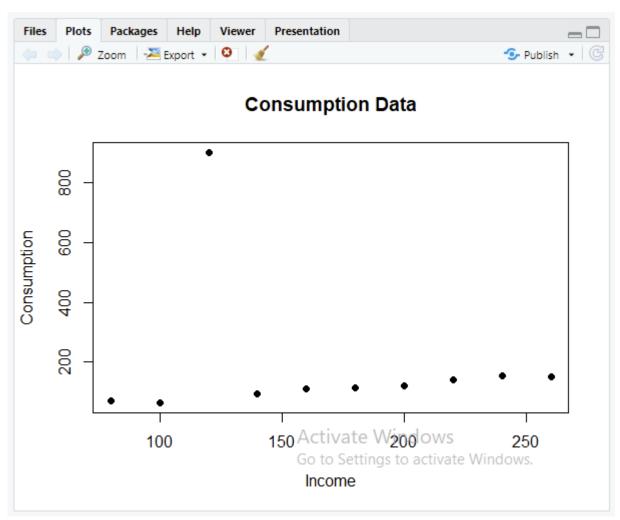




(b) Draw a scatter diagram of CONS against INC.

Solution The simplest way to draw a scatter gram is to attach the data and use the plot command.

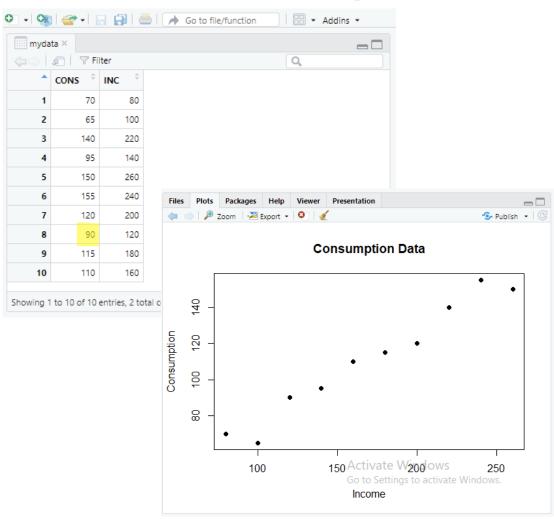
The command plot has several arguments. The first two are the X and Y variables. In addition, it has options to choose a title (main) and labels (xlab and ylab), as well as the point style (pch).





(c) On checking the data, you find that your assistant has recorded the weekly consumption expenditure for Family 8 as \$900 instead of \$90. Correct this error and redraw the scatter diagram.

Solution The data are in the form of a matrix whose (8,1) element has the error, so we assign the correct value to it. Next, we need to "refresh" the data in memory by "detaching" and "attaching" mydata again. Once done, redraw the scatter diagram by repeating the command in part (b).





(d) Compute the mean, median, maximum and minimum values of INC and CONS.

Solution All these statistics are neatly summarised by the summary command. summary(mydata)

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> plot(INC, CONS, main="Consumption Data",
       xlab="Income", ylab="Consumption", pch=19)
> mvdata[8,1] <- 90
> detach(mydata)
> attach(mydata)
> plot(INC, CONS, main="Consumption Data",
       xlab="Income", ylab="Consumption", pch=19)
> summary(mydata)
      CONS
                        INC
      : 65.00
                  Min.
                        : 80
1st Qu.: 91.25
                  1st Qu.:125
Median :112.50
                  Median:170
      :111.00
                         :170
 Mean
                  Mean
 3rd Qu.:135.00
                  3rd Qu.:215
        :155.00
                          :260
Max.
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```



(e) Compute the correlation coefficient between CONS and INC. Comment on the result.

Solution The command cor gives a correlation matrix. The off-diagonal elements are correlation coefficients between the variables indicated in the rows and columns.

```
## CONS INC
```

CONS 1.0000000 0.9808474 ## INC 0.9808474 1.0000000

cor(mydata)

In this example, we have only two variables, which gives only one correlation coefficient (0.981). Since the correlation coefficient is close to (positive) one, consumption and income are moving in the same direction and they are closely related.

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> attach(mydata)
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> summary(mydata)
      CON5
                        INC
      : 65.00
                        : 80
                   Min.
1st Qu.: 91.25
                   1st Qu.:125
Median :112.50
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        :111.00
                          :170
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> cor(mydata)
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                      INC
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>
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(f) Create the following new variables

DCONS = 0.5CONS

LCONS = log(CONS)

 $INC2 = INC^2$

 $SQRTINC = \sqrt{INC}$

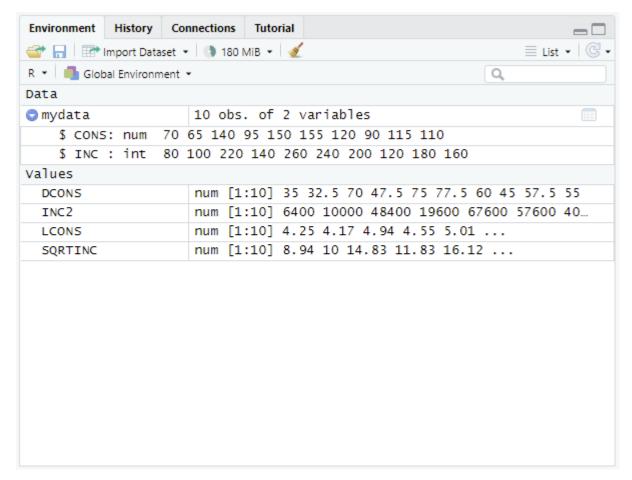
Solution Variables are created using either <- or =. The function log applied the "natural logarithm' ransformation.

```
DCONS <- 0.5 * CONS

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INC2 = INC^2

SQRTINC = sqrt(INC)
```

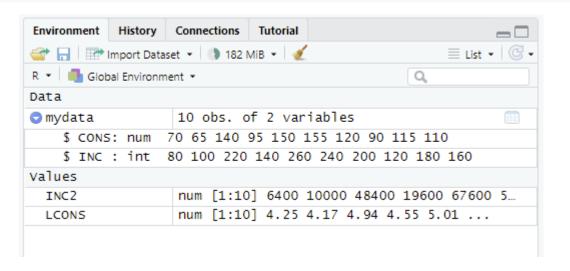




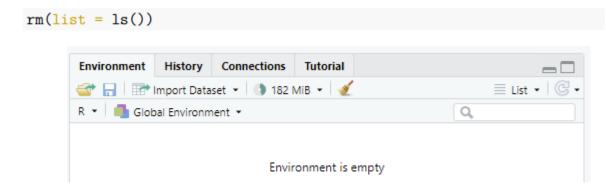
- (g) Delete the variable DCONS and SQRTINC.
- (h) Delete everything.

Solution Use the rm command to delete variables.

rm(DCONS, SQRTINC)



Solution Delete all the variables by passing the output of the ls command to rm.





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fultonfish.dat



Whiting

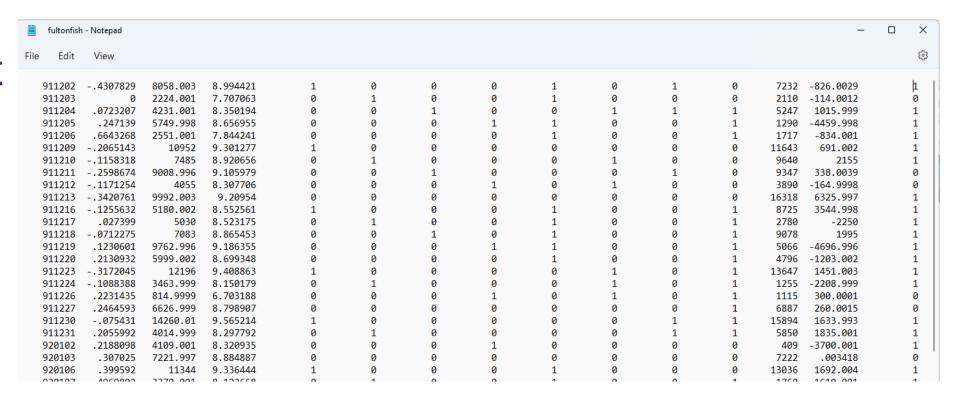


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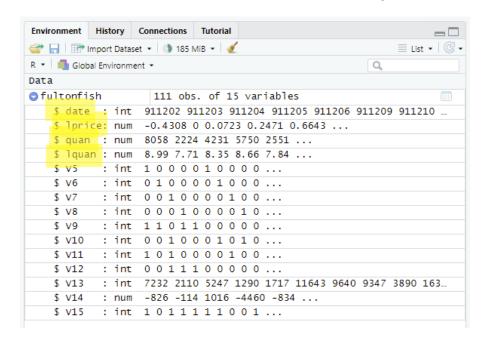


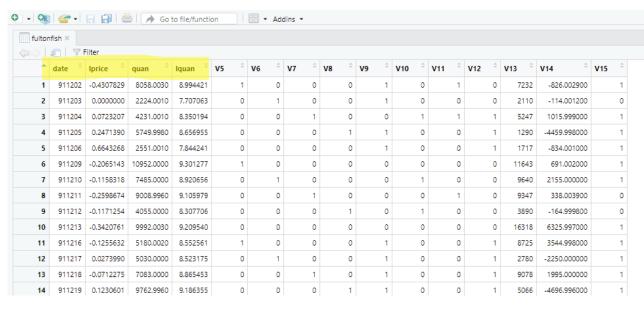
(a) Use R to open the data file and name the series in the first four columns as date, lprice, quan and lquan

Solution R assigns variable names V1, V2, ... when the variables do not have a name. Assign proper names to the first four variables using the command colnames.

```
fultonfish <- read.delim("fultonfish.dat", header = FALSE, sep = "")
colnames(fultonfish)[1:4] <- c("date", "lprice", "quan", "lquan")</pre>
```

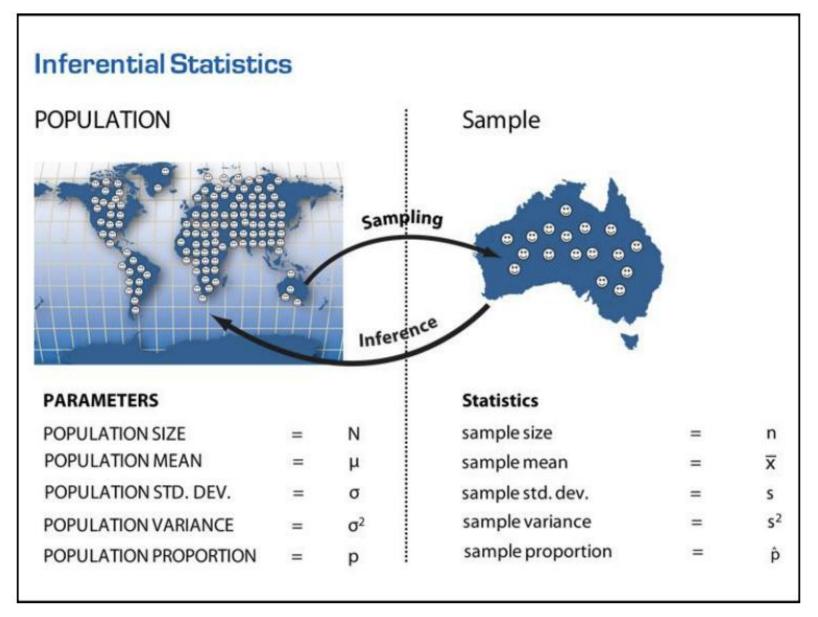
The command colnames takes an R object as an argument—in this case fultonfish. The range in brackets, [1:4], chooses the columns (from the first to the fourth). The command c "concatenates" a list of variables.





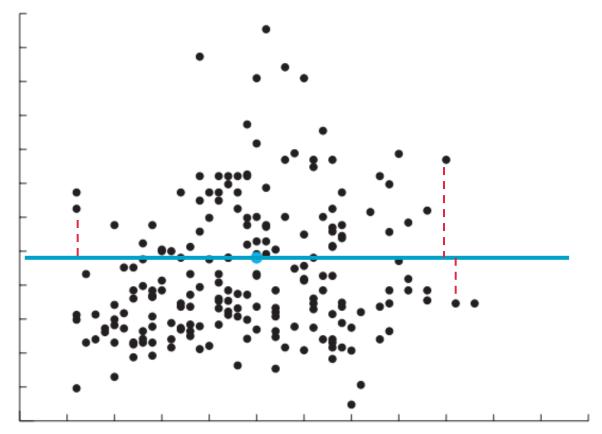
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(b) Compute the sample mean and standard deviation of the quantity sold (quan).



What is the sample mean?
Should I add every observation and divide YES!
by the number of observations?

The bar represents mean
$$\overline{Y} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i = \frac{1}{n} (Y_1 + Y_2 + \dots + Y_n)$$

$$\overline{\overline{Y}} \xrightarrow{p} \mu_Y.$$

What is the standard deviation? From ECON1310, you might remember that standard deviation = σ and σ^2 = variance. So $\sigma = \sqrt{variance}$.

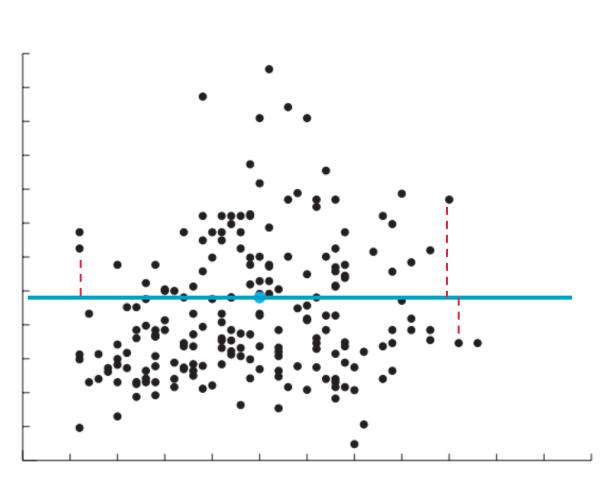
$$Var(Y) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_i - \mu_Y)^2$$

$$s_Y^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \overline{y})^2$$



(b) Compute the sample mean and standard deviation of the quantity sold (quan).

[1] 4040.12



Solution This is straightforward using commands mean and sd.

```
mean(fultonfish$quan)

## [1] 6334.667

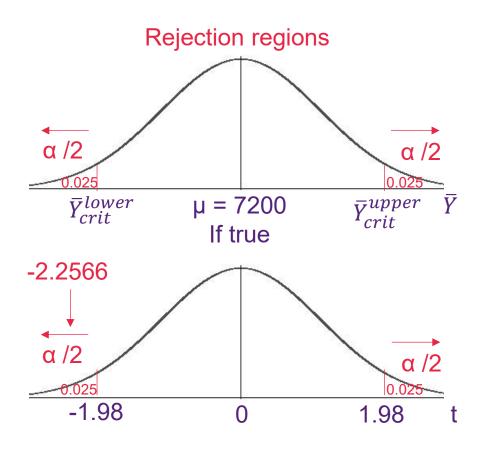
sd(fultonfish$quan)
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> |
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Step 1: State H_0 and H_1

 H_0 : $\mu = 7,200$ H_1 : $\mu \neq 7,200$

Step 2: Decision rule

Reject H_0 if $|t_{calc}| > t_{crit} = t_{\alpha/2,n-1} = t_{0.025,110} = 1.98$

Step 3: Calculate t_{calc}

$$t_{calc} = \frac{\bar{Y} - \mu}{s_{\bar{Y}}} = \frac{\bar{Y} - \mu}{\frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}} = \frac{6334.67 - 7200}{\frac{4040.12}{\sqrt{1111}}} = -2.2566$$

Step 4: Make a decision

$$|t_{calc}| > t_{crit} \rightarrow |-2.26| > 1.98 \rightarrow \text{Reject } H_0.$$

Step 5: Conclusion

There is sufficient evidence to suggest that the mean quantity sold is not equal to 7,200 pounds a day at the 5% level of significance.

Five Steps for Hypothesis Testing.

- . State H₀ and H₁
- 2. State the decision rule for the appropriate test statistic and sampling distribution
- 3. Calculate the test statistic
- Make a decision (reject H₀ or do not reject H₀)
- State a conclusion

Note:

steps 1 and 2 are prior to any sample information.



(c) Test the null hypothesis that the mean quantity sold is equal to 7,200 pounds a day at the 5% level of significance.

Solution This is straightforward using the command t.test.

```
##
## One Sample t-test
##
## data: fultonfish$quan
## t = -2.2566, df = 110, p-value = 0.02601
## alternative hypothesis: true mean is not equal to 7200
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## 5574.717 7094.617
## sample estimates:
## mean of x
## 6334.667
```

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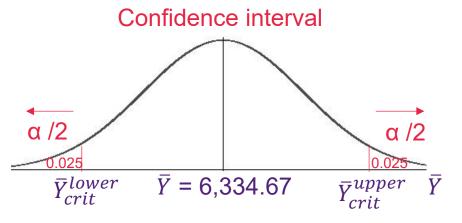
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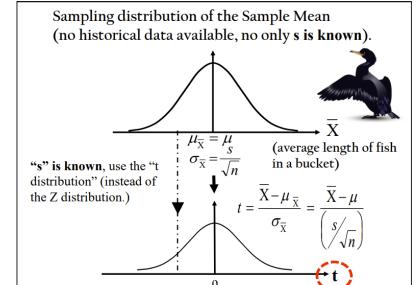


$$\bar{Y} \pm t_{\alpha/2, df} * s_{\bar{Y}} =$$

$$\bar{Y} \pm t_{\alpha/2, df} * \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} =$$

$$6,334.67 \pm 1.9817 * \frac{4040.12}{\sqrt{111}} =$$

$$5,574.72 < \mu < 7,094.62$$



Confidence Interval Estimate for μ , (σ unknown, and only have s).

Lower limit: $\overline{X} - t_{\alpha/2, n-1} \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$

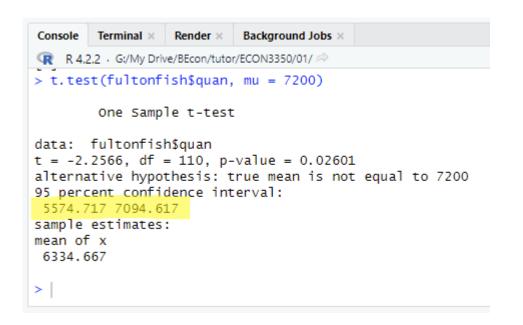
Upper limit: $\overline{X} + t_{\alpha/2, n-1} \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$

where $t_{\alpha/2, \, {\rm n-1}}$ is the critical value t_{crit} of the t distribution with:

- n -1 degrees of freedom
- an area of α/2 in each tail
- t distribution assumptions must be satisfied



(d) Construct the 95% confidence interval for part (c)



$$\bar{Y} \pm t_{\alpha/2, df} * s_{\bar{Y}} =$$

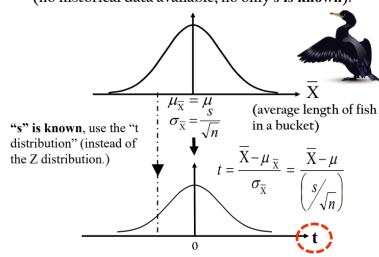
$$\overline{Y} \pm t_{\alpha/2, df} * \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} =$$

$$6,334.67 \pm 1.9817^* \frac{4040.12}{\sqrt{111}} =$$

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All the necessary information is available form the output of the t.test command. Indeed, the confidence interval itself is included in the output!

Sampling distribution of the Sample Mean (no historical data available, no only **s is known**).



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- t distribution assumptions must be satisfied



(e) Plot lprice against lquan and label the variable lprice as "log(Price) of whiting per pound" and lquan as "log(Quantity)". Then, comment on the nature of the relationship between these two variables.

Solution Generate the plot the same way as in Question 1, part (b).

```
attach(fultonfish)
plot(lquan, lprice,
    main = "Log Price and Log Quantity",
    xlab="log(Quantity)",
    ylab="log(Price) of whiting per pound",
    pch=19)
```





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> cor(lquan, lprice)

[1] -0.2785303

>

two variables.

Conceptually, we expect price and quantity to be negatively related, but there does not to appear to be a clear relationship between price and quantity in this data. We can investigate it further by computing the sample correlation.

```
cor(lquan, lprice)
```

[1] -0.2785303

The correlation coefficient is slightly negative but not particularly strong. Does this mean demand for whiting is not very affected by prices?





(f) Save this workfile to any folder on any drive.

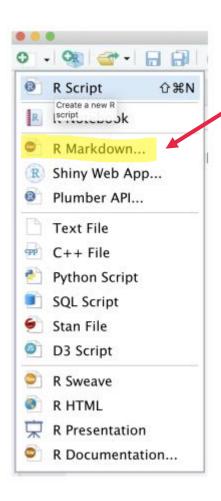
Solution Save the entire workspace in RData format using the save command in combination with the 1s command.

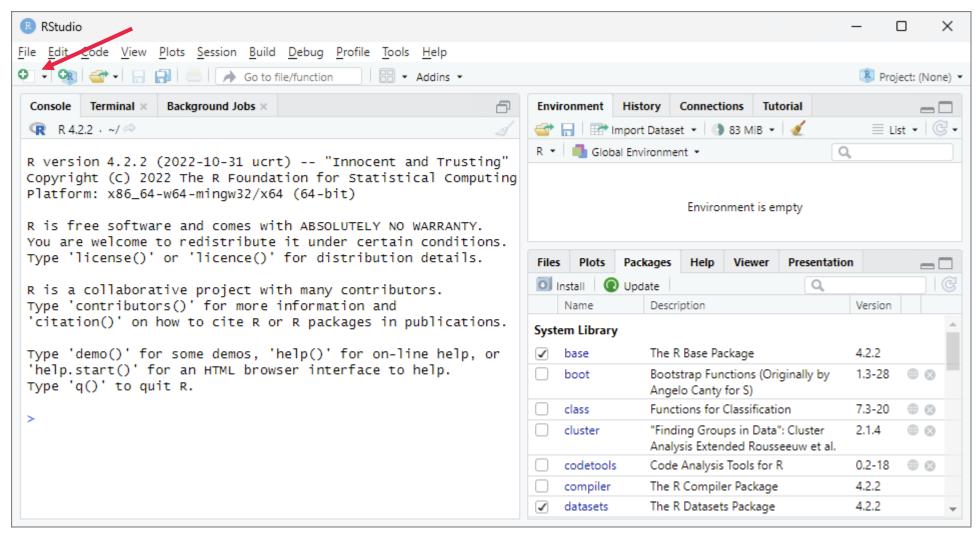
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save(list = ls(all = TRUE), file = "tuturial01.RData")
```

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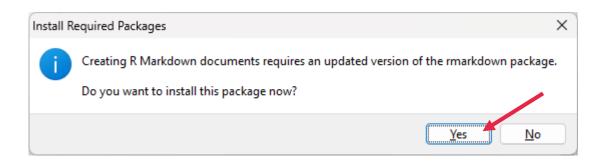
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R Markdown - installation

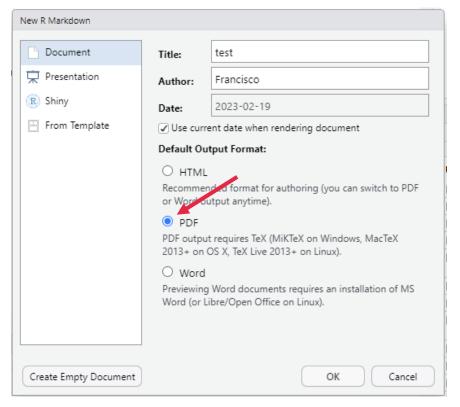


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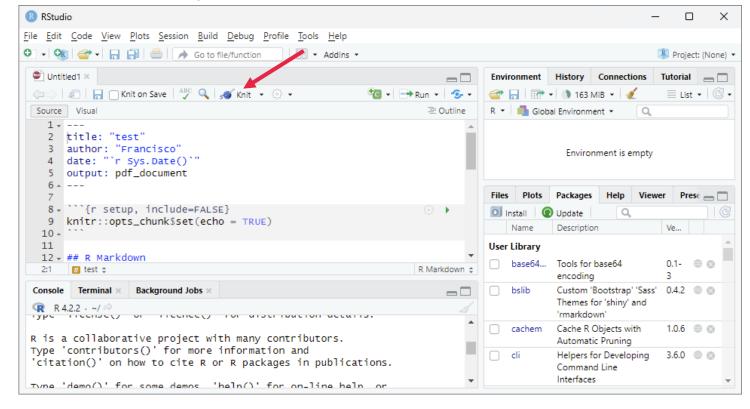


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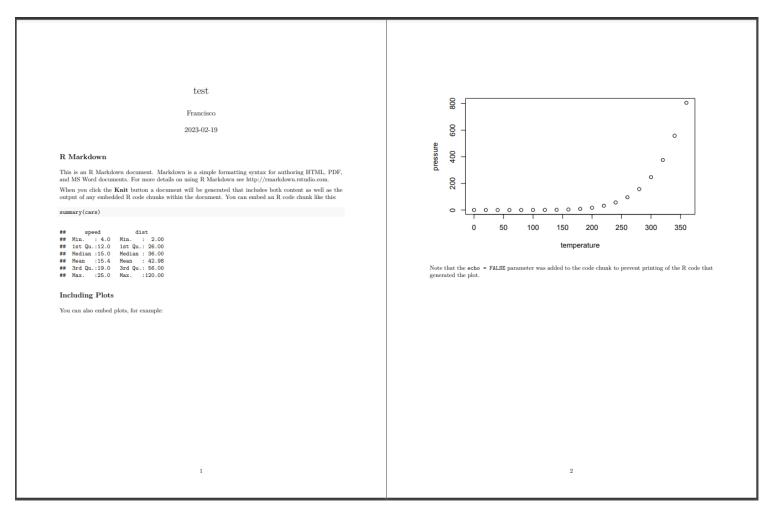


R Markdown - PDF

You need to install the package tinytex. To do so, run the following code:

```
tinytex::install_tinytex()
# to uninstall TinyTeX, run
# tinytex::uninstall_tinytex()
```

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Thank you

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