

FISH 552

Homework 3

55 points, 5 points per question

Open a new script in R and put the following information at the top using comments:

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# Name: First Last  
# Homework 3
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Complete the tasks below and be sure to label each question with comments as before.

When your script is complete, save it as `LastName_Homework3.R`, then clear your workspace (Workspace/Clear all) and run through your script again to make sure you don't have any 'object not found' errors. Then go to the drop box at the course website to submit your R script.

Question 1

Ran Meyers compiled a very substantial stock-recruitment database of hundreds of fish from all over the world. This data was used in many of his and colleagues notable papers appearing in *Ecology*, *Science* and *Nature*. This data can be found at <http://www.mscs.dal.ca/~myers/welcome.html>. For this question we will focus on just one species, Atlantic Mackerel.

a) Read in the three data sets found at <http://ram.biology.dal.ca/~myers/popsofMackerel.html>. Call each data set `mack.black`, `mack.nafo` and `mack.ices` respectively. The column names are

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"Year" "spawners" "recruits" "catch" "fishMortality"
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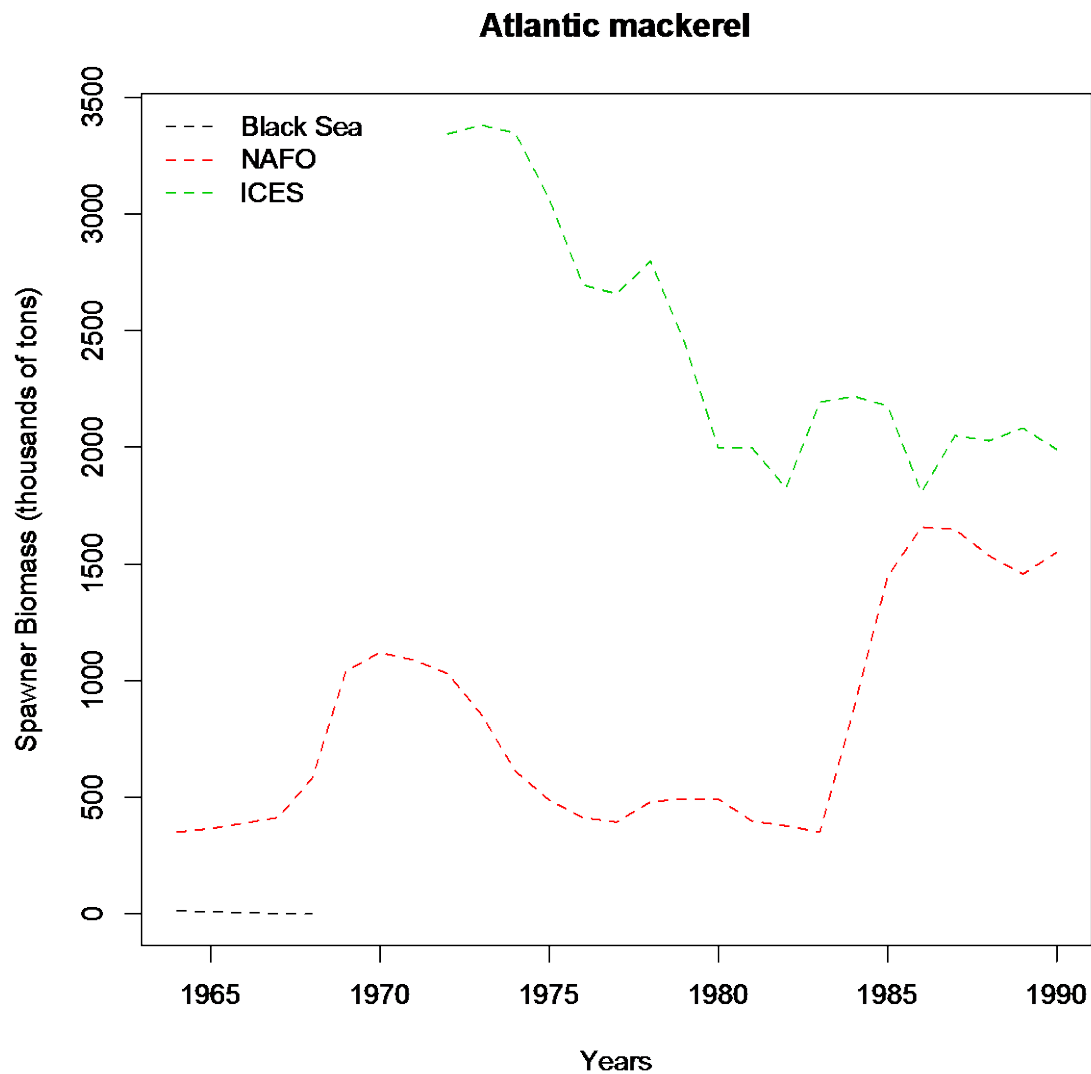
Be sure that these are used instead of `V1`, `V2`,

b) Create a single data set from `mack.black` and `mack.nafo` that contains all of the variables in each data set (`spawners` `recruits` `catch` `fishMortality`), but is restricted to years that the two data sets have in common. One function will do this. Call this data frame `mack.partial`. The column names of `mack.partial` should have suffixes corresponding to the specific data set. By that I mean: `"spawners.black"` `"recruits.black"` . . . `"spawners.nafo"` `"recruits.nafo"` . Specifying one option in this function will do this for you.

c) Create a single data set from `mack.partial` and `mack.ices` that contains all of the variables in each data set, but is restricted to years that the two data sets have in common. One function will do this. Call this data frame `mack`.

d) Change the column names in `mack` that are uninformative to `"spawners.ices"` `"recruits.ices"` `"catch.ices"` `"fishMortality.ices"`.

e) Create this graph with the data in `mack`. A slick way to do this is with the `matplot()` function. Look up the help on this function to get started. If you prefer to not use this function you may use `plot()` and then `lines()`.



Question 2

For this question we'll be creating our own set of simulated data.

a) Create a data frame named `temperature` which has 2 columns: the dates Jan 1 2010 through Jun 30 2010 and a randomly generated temperature for each day. Use `rnorm` to generate the temperatures with the means listed below and a standard deviation of 5, then round to the nearest whole number. Hint: you only have to call `rnorm` once if you first create a vector of means.

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Mean	40	42	51	55	58	62

b) Calculate the observed means for each month (based on the data you generated) and compare to the values specified in part a.

c) Check if you have any duplicate temperatures. On which days does this happen? (Note that this answer will change if you regenerate the data)

d) Now create a second data frame named `observations` which has 3 columns: the dates Jan 1 2010 through Jul 31 2010, but only every other day, the conditions (sunny, cloudy, or partly cloudy) as a factor (how you assign conditions to days is up to you), and the wind speed. Use `rnorm` to generate the wind speed with a mean of 5 and a standard deviation of 3, but change any negative values to 0.

e) Combine the 2 data frames into a single data frame `weather`, omitting any rows that don't match.

f) Calculate the min and max temperature for each of the conditions, as well as how many days of each condition there were.