

Hungarian physician Dr. Ignaz Semmelweis worked at the Vienna General Hospital with childbed fever patients. Childbed fever is a deadly disease affecting women who have just given birth, and in the early 1840s, as many as 10% of the women giving birth died from it at the Vienna General Hospital.

Dr. Semmelweis discovered that it was the contaminated hands of the doctors delivering the babies, and on June 1st, 1847, he decreed that everyone should wash their hands, an unorthodox and controversial request; nobody in Vienna knew about bacteria.

You will reanalyze the data that made Semmelweis discover the importance of handwashing and its impact on the hospital.

The data is stored as two CSV files within the `data` folder.

`yearly_deaths_by_clinic.csv` contains the number of women giving birth at the two clinics at the Vienna General Hospital between the years 1841 and 1846.

Column	Description
<code>year</code>	Years (1841-1846)
<code>births</code>	Number of births
<code>deaths</code>	Number of deaths
<code>clinic</code>	Clinic 1 or clinic 2

`monthly_deaths.csv` contains data from 'Clinic 1' of the hospital where most deaths occurred.

Column	Description
<code>date</code>	Date (YYYY-MM-DD)
<code>births</code>	Number of births
<code>deaths</code>	Number of deaths

```
# Imported libraries
library(tidyverse)
```

```
# Start coding here..
# 1. Load and inspect the data
yearly = as.data.frame(read_csv("data/yearly_deaths_by_clinic.csv"))
monthly = as.data.frame(read_csv("data/monthly_deaths.csv"))

print(yearly)
print(monthly)
```

Rows: 12 Columns: 4

— Column specification —

Delimiter: ","

chr (1): clinic

dbl (3): year, births, deaths

i Use `spec()` to retrieve the full column specification for this data.

i Specify the column types or set `show\_col\_types = FALSE` to quiet this message.

Rows: 98 Columns: 3

— Column specification —

Delimiter: ","

dbl (2): births, deaths

date (1): date

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	year	births	deaths	clinic
1	1841	3036	237	clinic 1
2	1842	3287	518	clinic 1
3	1843	3060	274	clinic 1
4	1844	3157	260	clinic 1
5	1845	3492	241	clinic 1
6	1846	4010	459	clinic 1
7	1841	2442	86	clinic 2
8	1842	2659	202	clinic 2
9	1843	2739	164	clinic 2
10	1844	2956	68	clinic 2
11	1845	3241	66	clinic 2
12	1846	3754	105	clinic 2

	date	births	deaths
1	1841-01-01	254	37
2	1841-02-01	239	18
3	1841-03-01	277	12
4	1841-04-01	255	4
5	1841-05-01	255	2
6	1841-06-01	200	10
7	1841-07-01	190	16
8	1841-08-01	222	3
9	1841-09-01	213	4
10	1841-10-01	236	26
11	1841-11-01	235	53
12	1842-01-01	307	64
13	1842-02-01	311	38
14	1842-03-01	264	27
15	1842-04-01	242	26

# 2. Add a new column with the proportions

```
yearly <- yearly %>%
```

```
  mutate(proportion_deaths = deaths/births)
```

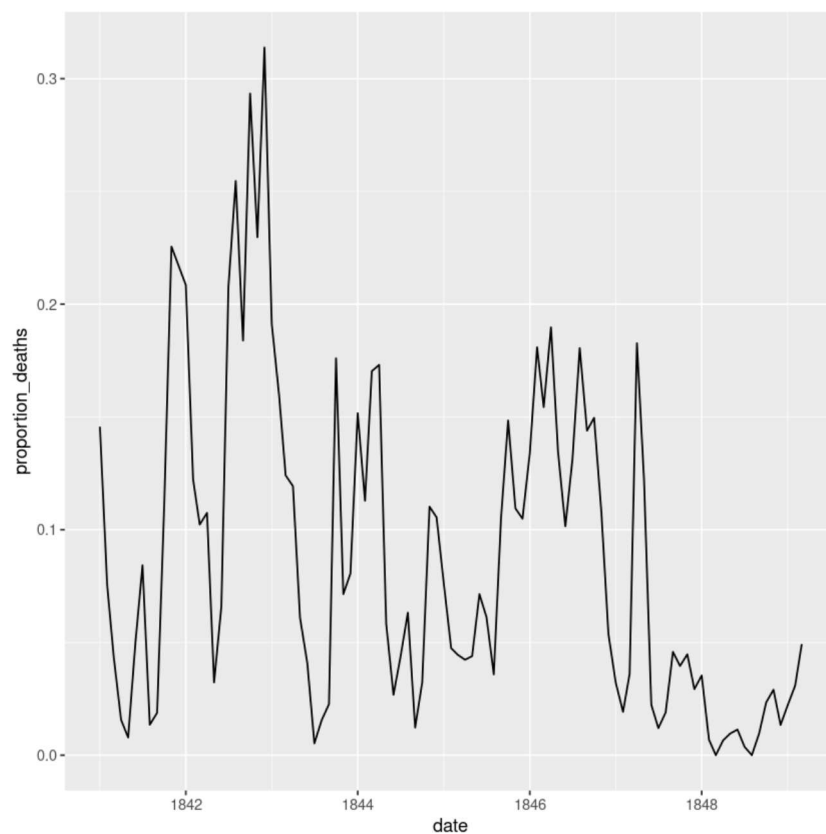
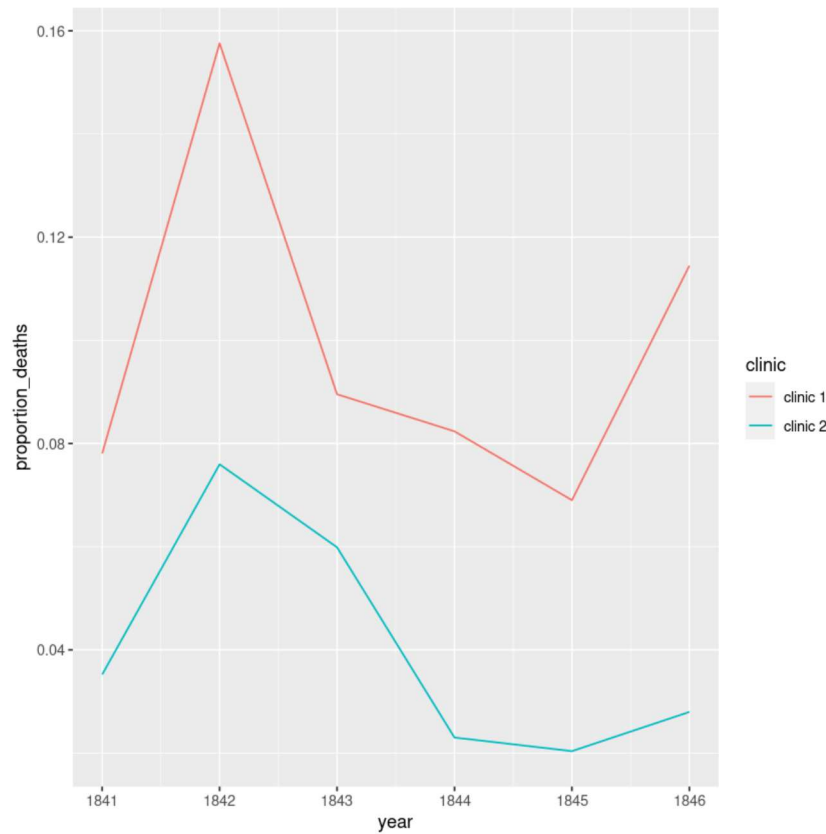
```
monthly <- monthly %>%
```

```
mutate(proportion_deaths = deaths/births)
```

# 3. Make a line plot for each data frame

```
ggplot(yearly, aes(x = year, y = proportion_deaths, color = clinic)) +  
  geom_line()
```

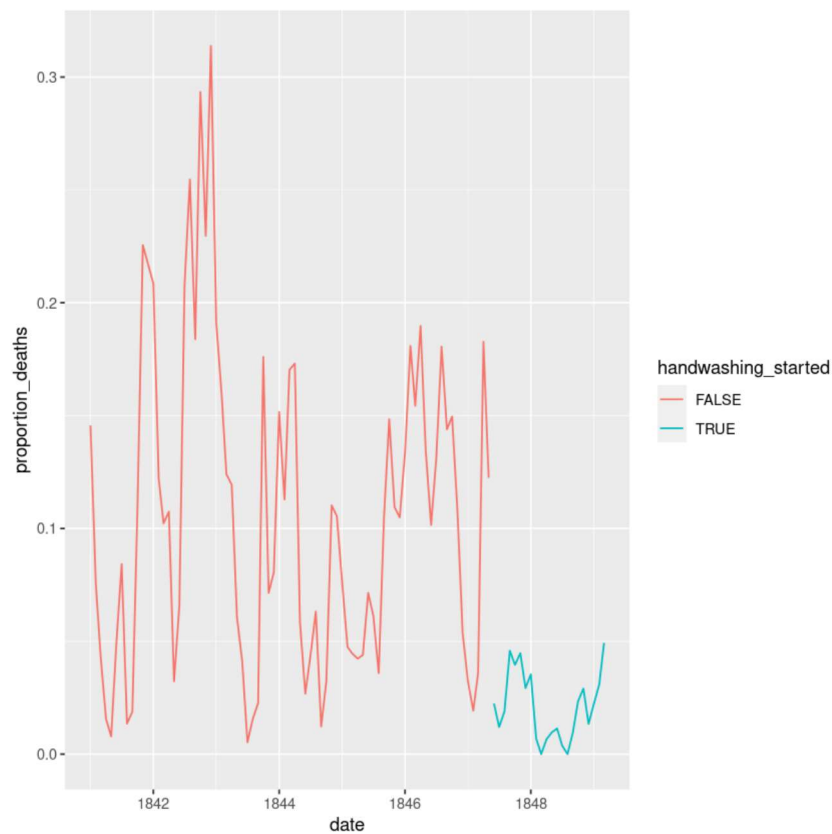
```
ggplot(monthly, aes(x = date, y = proportion_deaths)) +  
  geom_line()
```



# 4. Visualize the threshold

```
monthly <- monthly %>%  
  mutate(handwashing_started = date >= as.Date("1847-06-01"))
```

```
ggplot(monthly, aes(x = date, y = proportion_deaths, color = handwashing_started)) +  
  geom_line()
```



# 5. Calculate the mean proportion of deaths

```
monthly_summary <- monthly %>%  
  group_by(handwashing_started) %>%  
  summarise(mean_prop_deaths = mean(proportion_deaths))  
monthly_summary
```