

Data Challenge 05

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Objective

In this challenge, you will analyze Olympic medal results across regions and years using tidy summaries and faceted plots. You will:

1. join event data with NOC regions
2. compute group counts and identify “top” groups
3. create a multi-series line plot for the top 6 regions since 1990
4. create faceted trend plots for the top 3 regions by medal type
5. add brief interpretation notes where prompted

Data (same folder as this Rmd):

- `olympic_history_athlete_events.csv`
- `olympic_history_noc_regions.csv`

Load & Tidy Data

1) Load the Olympic data

Keep the exact code. Do **not** modify file names or object names. Ensure your data is located in the corresponding location

```
olympic_events_raw <- read_csv("olympic_history_athlete_events.csv")
noc_regions <- read_csv("olympic_history_noc_regions.csv")
```

2) Explore and describe data (4 pts)

Explore the `olympic_events_raw` and `noc_regions` dataframes. Describe the contents of each dataframe in one-sentence summaries. Your description should answer: “What is this data?”

```
olympic_events_raw_desc <- 'Contains 271,116 Olympic records detailing each athletes participation, dem  
noc_regions_desc <- 'Contains 206 NOC codes to standardize and categorize countries and regions'
```

3) Create `olympic_events` (6 pts)

Create a cleaned dataframe called `olympic_events` using a tidyverse pipe that: 1. starts with `olympic_events_raw` 2. (2 pts) adds `region` by left joining `noc_regions` with `NOC` as by key. 3. (2 pts) ensures all column names are lowercase (hint: use a rename function) 4. (2 pts) drops any rows where `medal` is missing (this is acceptable as we know this means the athlete did not receive a medal which is not information we're interested in for this analysis)

```
olympic_events <- olympic_events_raw %>%  
  left_join(noc_regions, by = 'NOC') %>%  
  rename_with(tolower) %>%  
  filter(!is.na(medal))
```

Success checks:

```
names(olympic_events)  
  
##  [1] "id"      "name"    "sex"     "age"     "height"   "weight"   "team"    "noc"  
##  [9] "games"   "year"    "season"  "city"    "sport"    "event"    "medal"   "region"  
## [17] "notes"  
  
sum(is.na(olympic_events$medal))==0  
  
## [1] TRUE  
  
sum(is.na(olympic_events$region))==0  
  
## [1] TRUE  
  
ncol(olympic_events)==(ncol(olympic_events_raw)+ncol(noc_regions%>%select(-region)))  
  
## [1] TRUE
```

Answer Data Questions

In this analysis, we will set out to answer three question: 1. What region has the highest number of Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals in **Summer** Olympics? 2. From the top six countries, who has gotten more medals per year since 1990 in the **Summer** Olympics? 3. From the top three countries, who has gotten more medals segmented by type (gold, silver, and bronze) per year since 1990 in the **Summer** Olympics?

4) DQ1 — Most Summer medals by type and region (15 pts)

1. (10 pts) create a 326×3 tibble called `region_medal_count`, mapping the count of each medal in each region, that looks like this:

```
region_medal_count <- olympic_events %>%
  filter(season == "Summer") %>%
  count(region, medal, sort=T)
```

2. (5 pts) define `p1_reg_most_gold`, `p1_reg_most_silver`, and `p1_reg_most_bronze` as the single character value of the region that had the mode Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medals, respectively.

Hint: all three are “USA”!

```
p1_reg_most_gold <- region_medal_count %>%
  filter(medal == "Gold") %>%
  top_n(1) %>%
  .$region
p1_reg_most_silver <- region_medal_count %>%
  filter(medal == "Silver") %>%
  top_n(1) %>%
  .$region
p1_reg_most_bronze <- region_medal_count %>%
  filter(medal == "Bronze") %>%
  top_n(1) %>%
  .$region
```

Inline winners:

- Gold: USA
- Silver: USA
- Bronze: USA

5) DQ2 — Top 6 regions: Summer medals per year since 1990 (30 pts)

1. (5 pts) identify the top 6 regions by all-time total Summer medals, stored as a sorted 6×2 tibble `top_6`, that looks like:

```
top_6 <- olympic_events %>%
  filter(season == "Summer") %>%
  count(region, sort=T) %>%
  top_n(6)
```

2. (5 pts) filter the `olympic_events` to Summer events for countries in the `top_6` after 1990 (inclusive) and it store as `olympic_top6`.

```
olympic_top6 <- olympic_events %>%
  filter(season == "Summer",
         year >= 1990,
         region %in% top_6$region)
```

Success Checks

```
min(olympic_top6$year) == 1992

## [1] TRUE

unique(olympic_top6$season) == "Summer"

## [1] TRUE

all(unique(olympic_top6$region) == c("Italy", "Russia", "France", "USA", "UK", "Germany"))

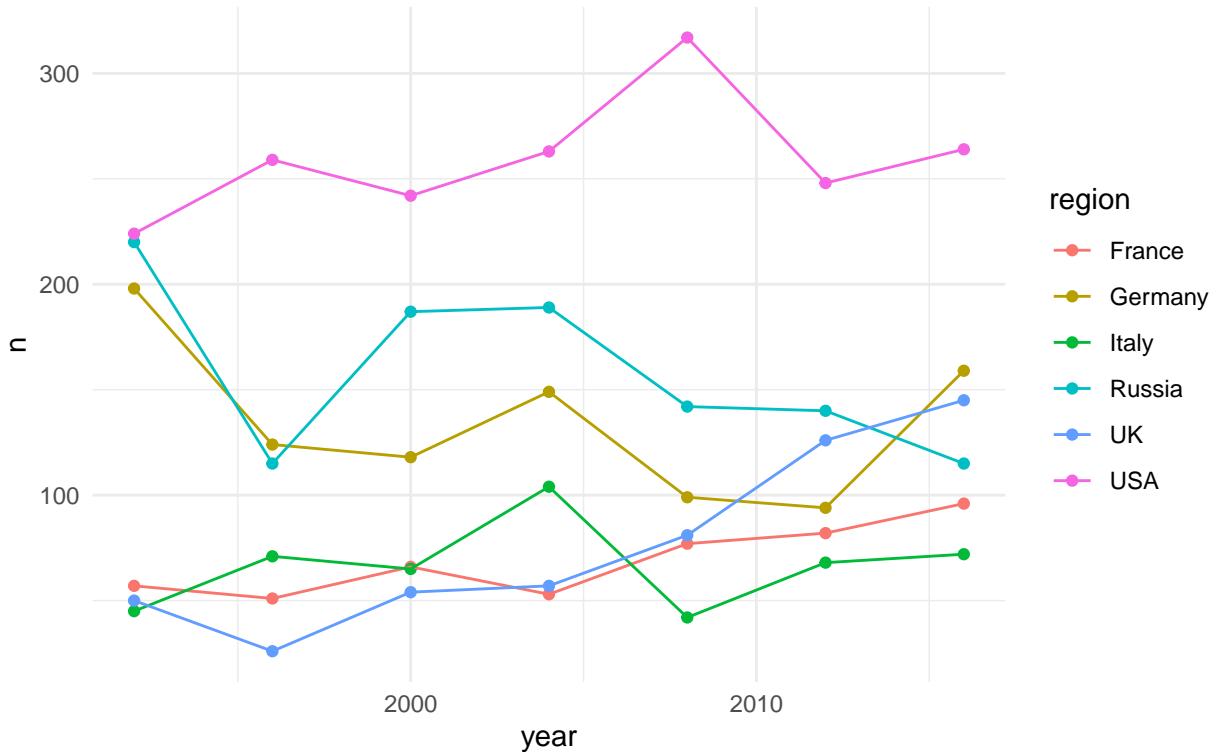
## [1] TRUE
```

3. (20 pts) plot a timeseries of the yearly medal counts since 1990 for those regions with the following elements:

1. (10 pts) time series as scatter plot with overlayed lines
2. (5 pts) maps `x = year` and `y = n`, using `region` to color each line
3. (2 pts) title of "Top 6 Regional medals per year"
4. (2 pts) subtitle of "since 1990 in the Summer Olympics"
5. (1 pt) minimal theme

```
p2RegionalLine <- olympic_top6 %>%
  count(year, region) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = year, y = n, color = region)) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_line() +
  ggtitle("Top 6 Regional medals per year", "since 1990 in the Summer Olympics") +
  theme_minimal()
p2RegionalLine
```

Top 6 Regional medals per year since 1990 in the Summer Olympics



Short interpretation (1–2 sentences) → `q2_note`. (not graded, recommended)

```
q2_note <- 'The visualization above shows that the United States has led all regions in total Summer O...
```

6) DQ3 — Top 3 by medal type, faceted (45 pts)

1. (5 pts) identify the top 3 regions by all-time total Summer medals, stored as a sorted 3×2 tibble `top_3`, that looks like:

```
region      n
<chr>    <int>
1 USA      5002
2 Russia   3188
3 Germany  3126
```

```
top_3 <- olympic_events %>%
  filter(season == "Summer") %>%
  count(region, sort=T)  %>%
  top_n(3)
```

2. (5 pts) filter the `olympic_events` to Summer events for countries in the `top_3` after 1990 (inclusive) and it store as `olympic_top3`.

Success checks:

- `min(olympic_top3$year) == 1992`
- `unique(olympic_top3$season) == "Summer"`
- `all(unique(olympic_top3$region) == c("Russia", "USA", "Germany"))`

```
olympic_top3 <- olympic_events %>%
  filter(season == "Summer",
         year >= 1990,
         region %in% top_3$region)
```

Success checks

```
min(olympic_top3$year) == 1992
## [1] TRUE

unique(olympic_top3$season) == "Summer"
## [1] TRUE

all(unique(olympic_top3$region) == c("Russia", "USA", "Germany"))
## [1] TRUE
```

3. (10 pts) convert columns `medal` and `region` into a leveled factor type. We should order medals as `c("Gold", "Silver", "Bronze")` and regions as `top_3$region`. Save as `olympic_top3_ordered`

```
olympic_top3_ordered <- olympic_top3 %>%
  mutate(medal = factor(medal, levels = c("Gold", "Silver", "Bronze")),
         region = factor(region, levels = top_3$region))
```

Success checks

```
summary(olympic_top3_ordered$medal)
##    Gold  Silver  Bronze
##    1624    1033    1209

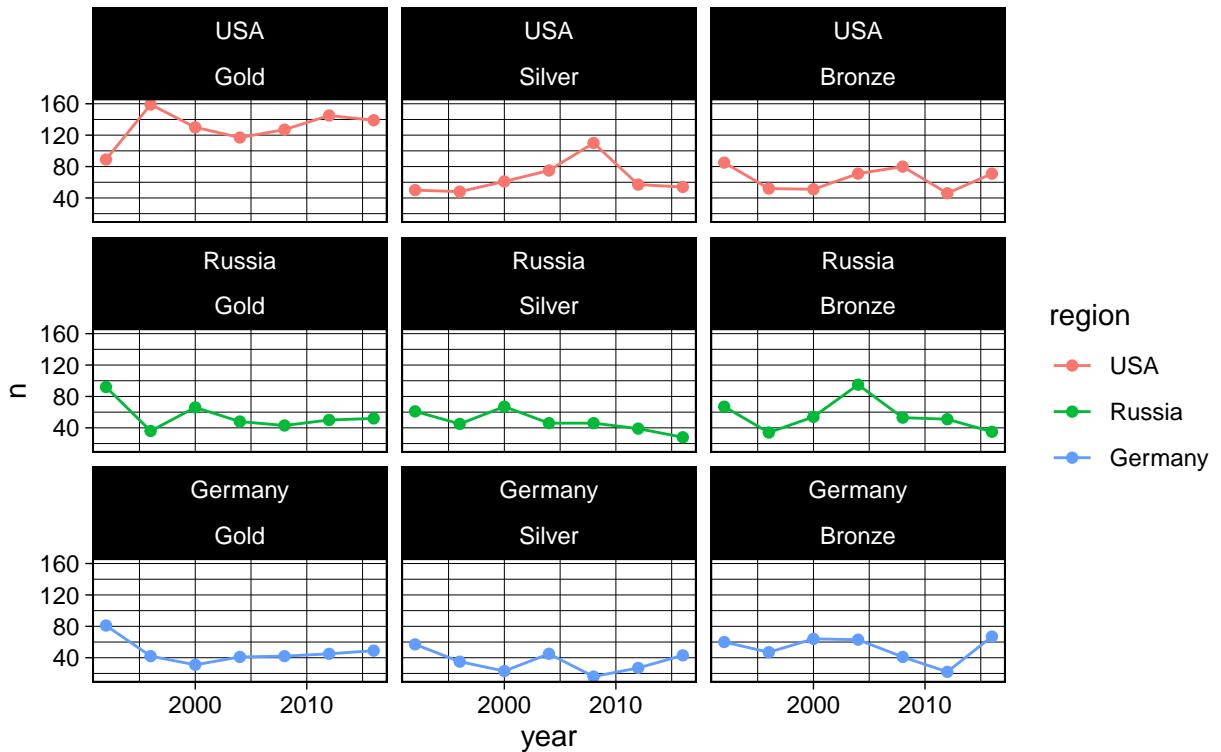
summary(olympic_top3_ordered$region)
##      USA  Russia  Germany
##      1817    1108     941
```

4. (25 pts) using `olympic_top3_ordered`, plot timeseries subplots of the yearly medal counts since 1990 with the following elements:

1. (5 pts) scatter plots with overlayed lines
2. (5 pts) maps x = year and y = n, using region to color each line
3. (10 pts) split into subplots of ncol=3 with axes y-axis as medal and x-axis as region (region~medal)
4. (2 pts) title of "Top 3 Regional medals per year by medal type"
5. (2 pts) subtitle of "since 1990 in the Summer Olympics"
6. (1 pt) "linedraw" theme

```
p3_line_subplots_ordered <- olympic_top3_ordered %>%
  count(year, region, medal) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = year, y = n, color = region)) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_line() +
  ggtitle("Top 3 Regional medals per year by medal type", "since 1990 in the Summer Olympics") +
  facet_wrap(region~medal, ncol=3) +
  theme_linedraw()
p3_line_subplots_ordered
```

Top 3 Regional medals per year by medal type
since 1990 in the Summer Olympics



Short interpretation (1–2 sentences) → q3_note. (not graded, recommended)

```
q3_note <- 'The visualization above shows that the United States consistently wins the most medals across all medal categories, followed by Russia and Germany. The USA's dominance is most evident in the Gold medal count, while Russia and Germany compete closely for the remaining medals.'
```