

**Instructions:** Answer each question as thoroughly as possible. Round answers to 4 decimal places as needed. Exact answers are best when possible. Be sure to answer all parts of each question.

1. For this problem, you'll need to install the {xts} package. Follow the steps to convert the time series uspop (a built-in dataset in R) to a dataframe. Then perform the indicated analysis.

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data1 <- as.data.frame(uspop)
data1$times <- rownames(data1)
data1$times <- as.numeric(data1$times)
data1$times <- (data1$times)*10+1780
data1
```

- a. Plot the data in ggplot. Paste the graph below. Describe the trend.
- b. Use geom\_smooth() to plot a LOESS model to the data. Paste the graph below.
- c. Create a new column of the log of the population. And replot with a linear model.
- d. Write the equation of the resulting model. Perform algebra to convert this into an exponential model.
- e. Compare the results (keep in mind that the log operation will impact the size of the residual standard error). Which model appears to match the data most closely? Why? Which model do you prefer and under what circumstances?