Data Visualization with R Ggplot2 tutorial (part 2)

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Theme is used to change the non-data elements of the plot:

Theme	Туре	Arguments
axis.title.x	element_text	size, color, family, angle
axis.title.y	element_text	size, color, family, angle
plot.background	element_rect	fill, color, linewidth
panel.background	element_rect	fill, fill, color, line width
panel.grid.major	element_line	color, linetype, linewidth

Type ?theme to show all possible types of themes, their types and their arguments.

You can add themes to the plot to customize the non-data elements:

```
p1 <- ggplot(dfn, aes(Genre, WorldGross))</pre>
p2 <- p1+ geom_bar(aes(fill=LeadStudio),
                        stat="Identity",
                       position="dodge")
p3 <- p2 + theme(axis.title.x=element_text(size=15),
                 axis.title.y=element_text(size=15),
plot.background=element_rect(fill="gray87"),
panel.background=element_rect(fill="beige"),
panel.grid.major=element_line(color="Gray",
                               linetype=1))
```

You can use predefined themes:

```
p2 + theme_bw() + ggtitle("theme_bw()")
p2 + theme_classic() + ggtitle("theme_classic()")
p2 + theme_classic() + ggtitle("theme_gray()")
p2 + theme_minimal() + ggtitle("theme_minimal()")
```

You can also use define your own theme:

and use it for a single plot:

```
p2 + mytheme + ggtitle("Changed Plot with my theme")
```

or for all the plots by placing it at the beginning of your code:

```
theme_set(my_theme)
```

You can change the color palette.

Type ?scale_fill_brewer to see all the color palettes available.

```
p4 <- p2 + theme_bw() + ggtitle("theme_bw()")
p4 + scale_fill_brewer(palette="Spectral")</pre>
```

Bubble charts

You can make the size of each marker proportional to a variable:

Density plots

Instead of plotting an histogram, ggplot2 will estimate the density before plotting it:

```
ggplot(df, aes(x=loan_amnt)) +
geom_density() +
facet_wrap(~grade)
```

It is also possible to superimpose the density plots:

```
ggplot(df, aes(x=loan_amnt)) +
geom_density(aes(fill=grade), alpha=1/2) +
scale_fill_brewer(palette="Dark2")
```

Time series plots

Usegeom_line to make time series plots:

```
df_fb$Date <- as.Date(df_fb$Date)
ggplot(df_fb, aes(x=Date, y=Close, group=1)) +
geom_line(color="black", na.rm=TRUE) +
scale_x_date(date_breaks='3 month')</pre>
```

We use group=1 one there is only one line to be show.

Use group=MyCategory to plot a line per value of a categorical variable.

Statistical summaries

You can add statistical summaries of the data (e.g. mean, median, quantiles) to the plot:

Linear regression

Ggplot can also fit a linear regression to the data and add it to the plot. It may be done for all the data:

Linear regression

Or you can fit a linear regression to each category:

Correlations

You can also plot correlations between different variables:

```
M <- cor(df)
corrplot(M, method="number")
corrplot(M, method="pie")
corrplot(M, method="ellipse")</pre>
```

Maps

You can use maps from the maps and map_data packages to plot maps:

```
world_map <- map_data("world")
states_map <- map_data("state")</pre>
```

You can select only some polygons from the map using:

Maps

To plot the data, we may use geom_polygom or geom_path.

The projection is defined with coord_map.

```
ggplot(states_map, aes(x=long, y=lat, group=group)) +
geom_polygon(fill="white", color="black")
```

```
ggplot(states_map, aes(x=long, y=lat, group=group)) +
geom_path() +
coord_map("mercator")
```