Day-0,1: Data Preperation and Introduction to ggplot2

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Data Preparation

Before visualizing data in R, you need to import it from an external source and format it properly. Ideally, data would come in a clean, error-free, rectangular format with no missing values, but that's rarely the case. In reality, data often requires cleaning and transformation to be useful for analysis. This process might involve handling missing data, correcting errors, restructuring columns, or converting data types. Proper preparation is key to ensuring that your visualizations accurately reflect the underlying patterns and insights in your data. A very import part of the data science life cycle.

Importing data into R

R can import data from almost any source, including text files, excel spreadsheets etc. How do we do it? It is simple:

```
# Load the library
library(tidyverse)
```

```
-- Attaching core tidyverse packages ------------------------ tidyverse 2.0.0 --
v dplyr     1.1.4     v readr     2.1.5
v forcats   1.0.0     v stringr   1.5.1
v ggplot2   3.5.1     v tibble    3.2.1
v lubridate 1.9.3     v tidyr     1.3.1
v purrr     1.0.2
-- Conflicts ------------------------------------------ tidyverse_conflicts() --
x dplyr::filter() masks stats::filter()
x dplyr::lag()    masks stats::lag()
i Use the conflicted package (<http://conflicted.r-lib.org/>) to force all conflicts to beco
```

```
Salaries <- read_csv(file = 'data/Salaries.csv')
```

```
Rows: 397 Columns: 6
-- Column specification --------------------------------------------------------
Delimiter: ","
chr (3): rank, discipline, sex
dbl (3): yrs.since.phd, yrs.service, salary

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.
```

```
Salaries <- read_tsv(file = 'data/Salaries.txt')
```

```
Rows: 397 Columns: 6
-- Column specification --------------------------------------------------------
Delimiter: "\t"
chr (3): rank, discipline, sex
dbl (3): yrs.since.phd, yrs.service, salary

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.
```

```
# To know more about these function (any function) to check arguments of these functions.
help("read_csv") # ?read_csv ?function would also show the help page.
```

Cleaning data

The most time consuming part. For this we use `tidyR` and `dplyr` packages. There are other ways to do the same. We will use `Salaries` data set (information about professor's salaries) for doing these tasks:

- Use `select` function to select some variables (columns)
- Use `mutate` function to create a new variable.
- Use `count` function to count a variable

```
# First lets get a glimpse of the data
glimpse(Salaries)
```

```
Rows: 397
Columns: 6
$ rank          <chr> "Prof", "Prof", "AsstProf", "Prof", "Prof", "AssocProf",~
$ discipline    <chr> "B", "B", "B", "B", "B", "B", "B", "B", "B", "B", "B", "~
$ yrs.since.phd <dbl> 19, 20, 4, 45, 40, 6, 30, 45, 21, 18, 12, 7, 1, 2, 20, 1~
$ yrs.service   <dbl> 18, 16, 3, 39, 41, 6, 23, 45, 20, 18, 8, 2, 1, 0, 18, 3,~
$ sex           <chr> "Male", "Male", "Male", "Male", "Male", "Male", "Male", ~
$ salary        <dbl> 139750, 173200, 79750, 115000, 141500, 97000, 175000, 14~
```

```
# Use select function to select rank and discipline columns
subset <- Salaries %>% select(rank,discipline)
subset
```

```
# A tibble: 397 x 2
   rank      discipline
   <chr>     <chr>
 1 Prof      B
 2 Prof      B
 3 AsstProf  B
 4 Prof      B
 5 Prof      B
 6 AssocProf B
 7 Prof      B
 8 Prof      B
```

```
 9 Prof      B
10 Prof      B
# i 387 more rows
```

```
# Use mutate to create a new column color using discipline where A:red and B:blue
subset %>% mutate(color=ifelse(discipline=='A','red','blue'))
```

```
# A tibble: 397 x 3
   rank      discipline color
   <chr>     <chr>      <chr>
 1 Prof      B          blue
 2 Prof      B          blue
 3 AsstProf  B          blue
 4 Prof      B          blue
 5 Prof      B          blue
 6 AssocProf B          blue
 7 Prof      B          blue
 8 Prof      B          blue
 9 Prof      B          blue
10 Prof      B          blue
# i 387 more rows
```

```
#Use count function to count ranks
Salaries %>% count(rank)
```

```
# A tibble: 3 x 2
  rank          n
  <chr>     <int>
1 AssocProf    64
2 AsstProf     67
3 Prof        266
```

Must read and try to go through Data Transformation section of this book

Do a read of chapter-2 of this book.

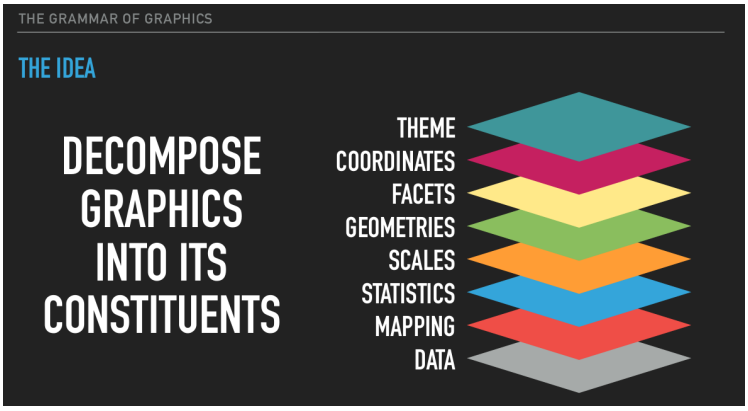
Data Visualization

Introduction

R offers multiple systems for creating graphs, but one of the most powerful and flexible is ggplot2.

What is ggplot2?

ggplot2 is a data visualization package for R developed by Hadley Wickham that provides a structured approach for visualization. This package is built on the grammar of graphics, a structured approach to designing and constructing visualizations in a consistent and intuitive manner.



Lets see these in action with the famous `iris` dataset. First let see a summary of the data.

```
summary(iris)
```

```
  Sepal.Length    Sepal.Width     Petal.Length    Petal.Width
 Min.   :4.300   Min.   :2.000   Min.   :1.000   Min.   :0.100
 1st Qu.:5.100   1st Qu.:2.800   1st Qu.:1.600   1st Qu.:0.300
 Median :5.800   Median :3.000   Median :4.350   Median :1.300
 Mean   :5.843   Mean   :3.057   Mean   :3.758   Mean   :1.199
 3rd Qu.:6.400   3rd Qu.:3.300   3rd Qu.:5.100   3rd Qu.:1.800
 Max.   :7.900   Max.   :4.400   Max.   :6.900   Max.   :2.500
       Species
 setosa    :50
 versicolor:50
 virginica :50
```

Figure 1 takes in data as the argument which will generate a empty plot.

```
ggplot(iris)
```


Figure 1: Passing data to ggplot2

Figure 2 adds Aesthetics to the plot.

```
ggplot(iris,
       aes(x=Sepal.Length, y=Sepal.Width,
           color=Species))
```

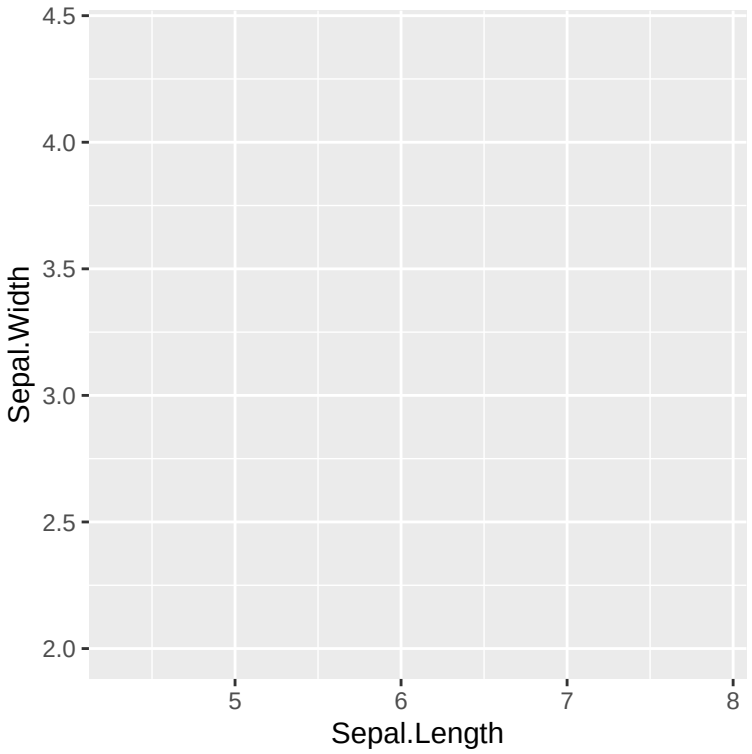


Figure 2: Adding Aesthetics

Figure 3 adds Geometries to the plot.

```
ggplot(iris,
       aes(x=Sepal.Length, y=Sepal.Width,
           color=Species))+
  geom_point()
```

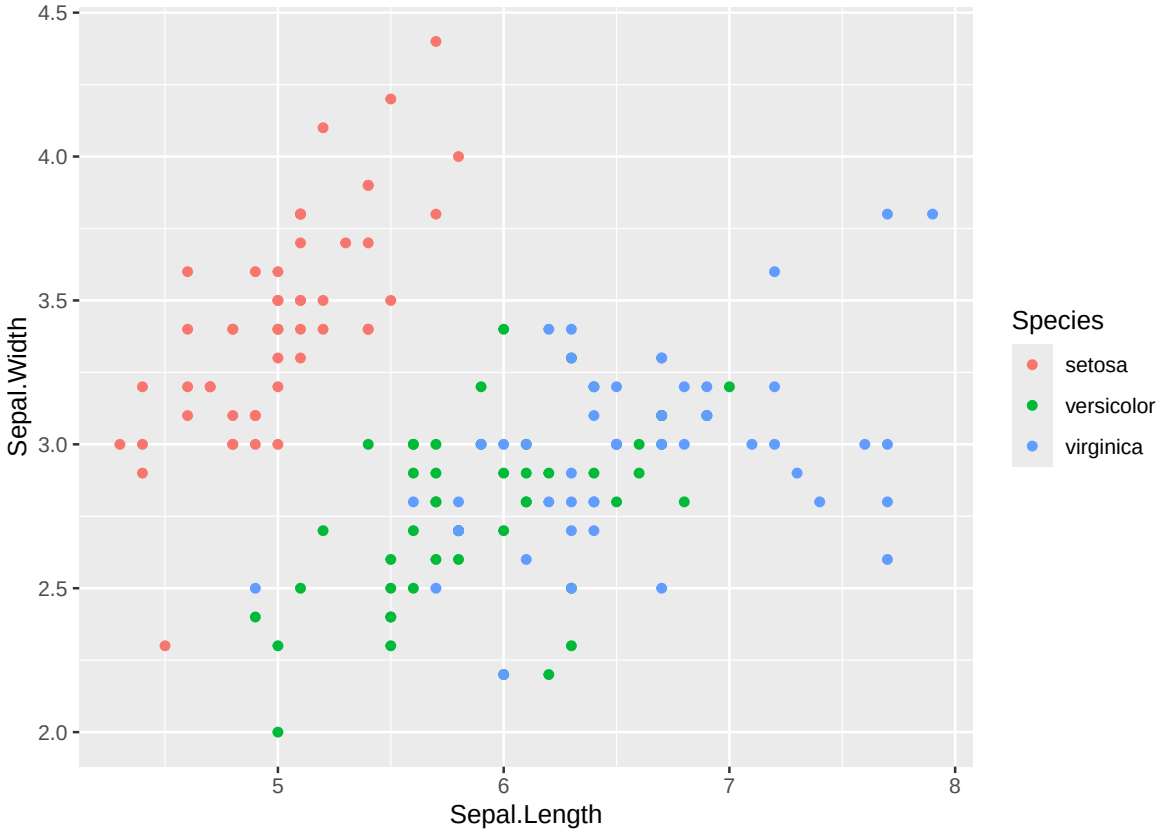


Figure 3: Adding Geometries

Figure 4 adds Scale to the plot.

```
ggplot(iris,
       aes(x=Sepal.Length, y=Sepal.Width,
           color=Species))+
  geom_point()+
  scale_color_brewer(palette = 'Dark2')
```

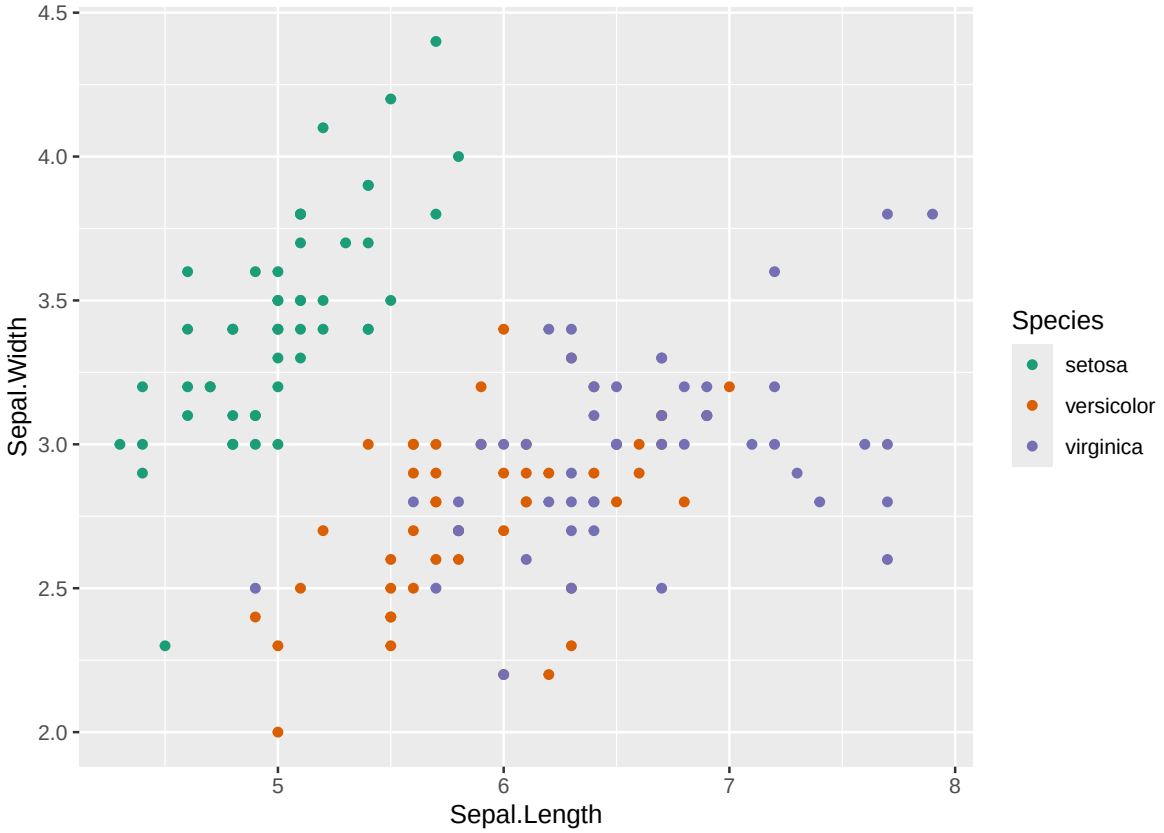


Figure 4: Adding Scales

Figure 4 adding Stats,theme,facets to the plot.

```
ggplot(iris,
       aes(x=Sepal.Length, y=Sepal.Width,
           color=Species)) +
    geom_point() +
    scale_color_brewer(palette="Dark2") +
    stat_summary(fun.y="mean", geom= "line") +
    coord_flip() +
    facet_wrap(~Species) +
    theme_bw() + theme(legend.position="top") +
    annotate("text", x=7.5, y=2.5, label="Pval")
```

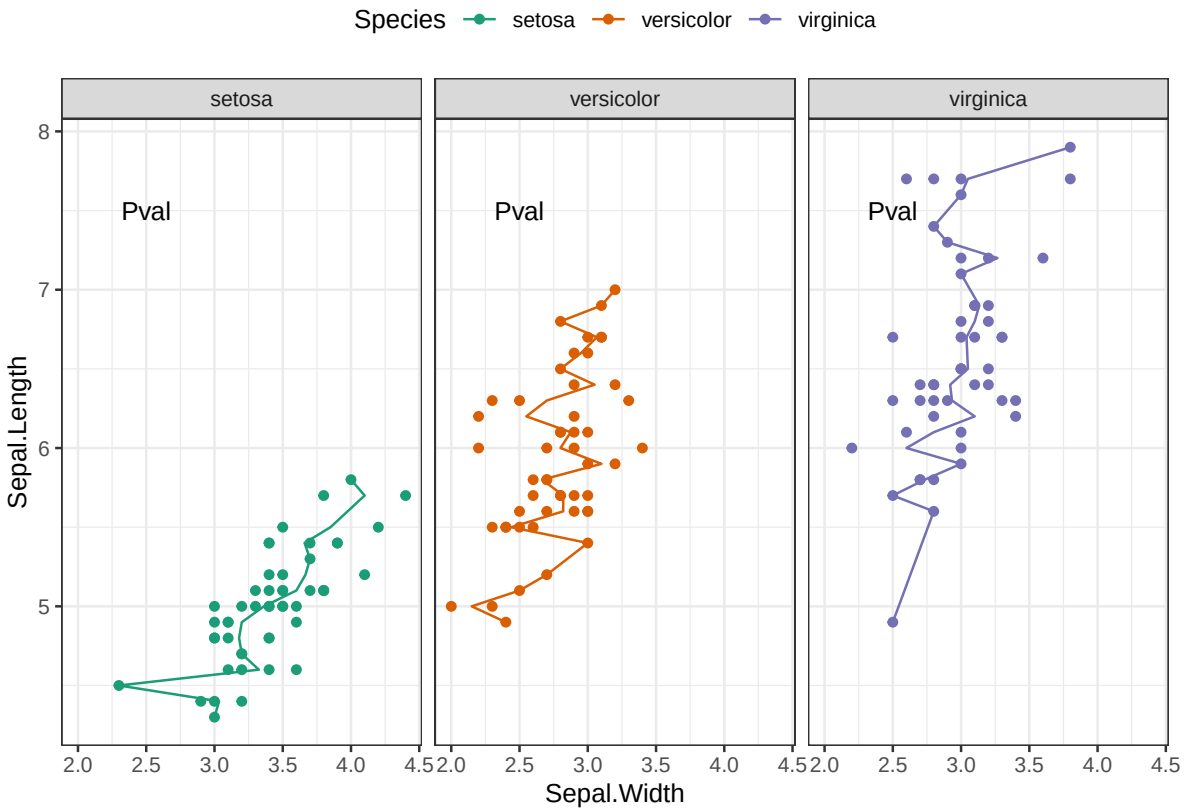


Figure 5: Adding Scales

Let's create a bar plot of variable `rank` in similar steps on `Salaries` data.

```
ggplot(data = Salaries, mapping = aes(x=rank,fill = rank,colour = rank))+
  geom_bar()+
  scale_fill_brewer(palette="Dark2")+
  scale_color_brewer(palette="Dark2")+
  theme_bw() +
  theme(legend.position="top")
```

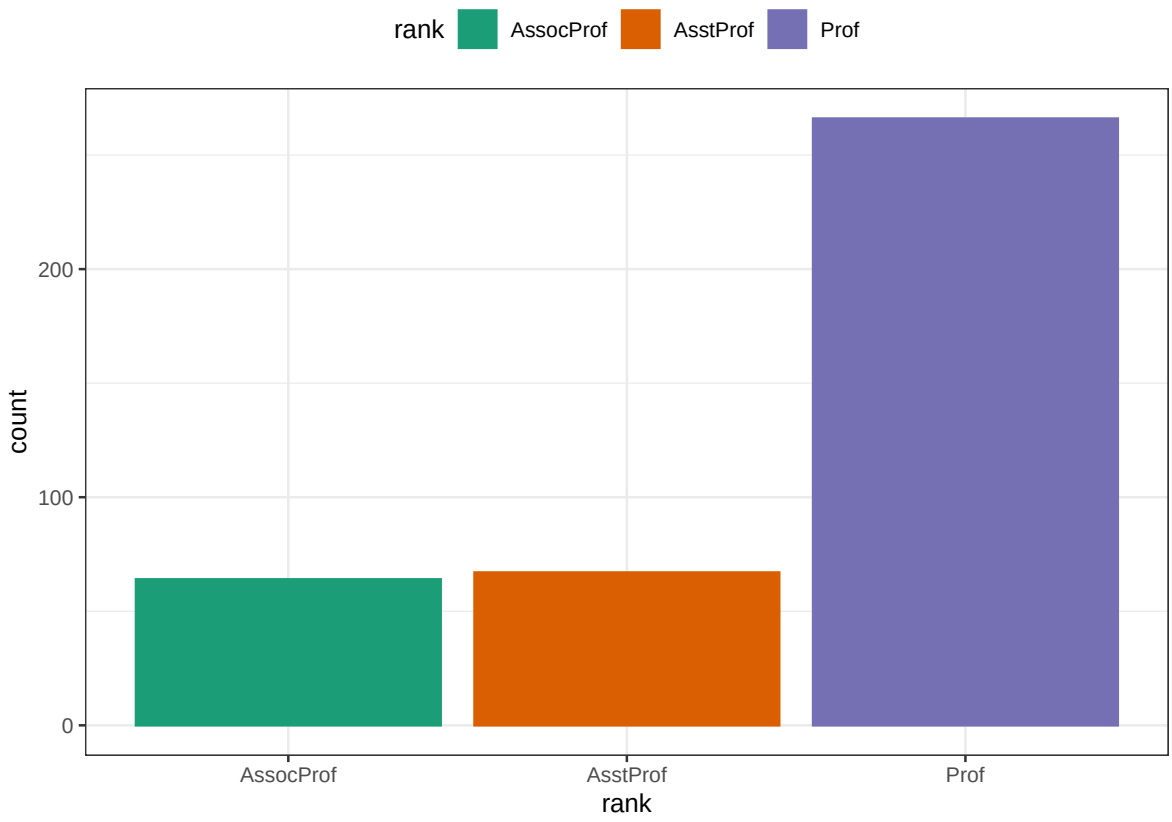


Figure 6: Creating Bar Plot

References and Additional Materials

For making this tutorial various online resources were used. Mentioning few over here:

- https://ggplot2-book.org/
- https://socviz.co/index.html
- https://github.com/thomasp85/ggplot2_workshop
- https://rkabacoff.github.io/datavis/
- https://r4ds.hadley.nz/
- https://clauswilke.com/dataviz/

Materials

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