Data Visualization

Introduction to R for Public Health Researchers

Read in Data

```
library(readr)
mort = read_csv(
  "http://johnmuschelli.com/intro_to_r/data/indicatordeadkids35.csv")
mort[1:2, 1:5]
# A tibble: 2 x 5
         `1760` `1761` `1762` `1763`
 X1
  <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
1 Afghanistan
                 NA
                        NA
                              NA
                                     NA
2 Albania
                 NA
                       NA
                              NA
                                     NA
```

Read in Data: jhur

`1838`

<dbl>,

#

`1837`

jhur::read mortality() # A tibble: 197 x 255 X1 1760` `1761` 1762` 1763` `1764` `1765` 1766` `1767` ` 1769` 1768` <chr>> <dbl> 1 Afgh~ NA 2 Alba~ NA 3 Alge~ NA 4 Ango~ NA NA NA NA NA NA NA 5 Arge~ NA 6 Arme~ NA 7 Aruba NA 8 Aust~ NA NA NA NA NA NA NA 9 Aust~ NA 10 Azer~ NA ... with 187 more rows, and 244 more variables: `1770` <dbl>, `1771` <dbl>, # `1772` <dbl>, `1773` <dbl>, `1774` <dbl>, `1775` <dbl>, `1776` <dbl>, <dbl>, # `1777` <dbl>, `1778` 1779` <dbl>, `1780` `1781` <dbl>, <dbl>, `1782` `1784` `1783` <dbl>, <dbl>, `1785` `1786` # <dbl>, <dbl>, <dbl>, `1788` `1789` <dbl>, `1790` `1791` # `1787` <dbl>, <dbl>, <dbl>, <dbl>, <dbl>, `1795` `1792` `1793` `1794` `1796` # <dbl>, <dbl>, <dbl>, <dbl>, <dbl>, `1800` `1801` `1798` # `1797` <dbl>, <dbl>, 1799` <dbl>, <dbl>, `1805` `1803` # 1802 <dbl>, 1804` <dbl>, <dbl>, <dbl>, 1806` <dbl>, `1810` # `1807` <dbl>, 1808` 1809` <dbl>, <dbl>, <dbl>, 1811` <dbl>, # `1812` `1815` <dbl>, 1813` <dbl>, 1814` <dbl>, <dbl>, 1816` <dbl>, # `1817` 1818` <dbl>, 1819` <dbl>, 1820` 1821` <dbl>, <dbl>, <dbl>, # `1822` `1823` <dbl>, 1824` <dbl>, `1825` `1826` <dbl>, <dbl>, <dbl>, `1827` `1828` `1830` `1831` # <dbl>, <dbl>, `1829` <dbl>, <dbl>, <dbl>, `1835` 1832 <dbl>, `1833` <dbl>, `1834` `1836` # <dbl>, <dbl>, <dbl>,

<dbl>, `1839` <dbl>, `1840`

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`1841`

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3/90

Data are not Tidy!

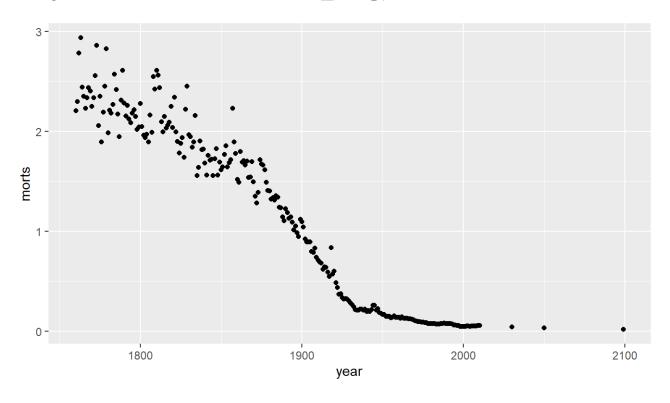
Tidying data: reshape the data

After reshaping the data to long, we can plot the data with one data.frame:

```
library(tidyverse)
long = gather(mort, key = year, value = morts, -country)
long = long %>% filter(!is.na(morts))
head(long); # note class year
# A tibble: 6 x 3
 country     year morts
<chr> <chr> <chr>
1 Sweden
                1760 2.21
2 United Kingdom 1760 2.20
                1761 2.30
3 Sweden
4 United Kingdom 1761 2.35
5 Sweden
                1762 2.79
6 United Kingdom 1762 2.32
long = long %>% mutate(year = as.numeric(year))
```

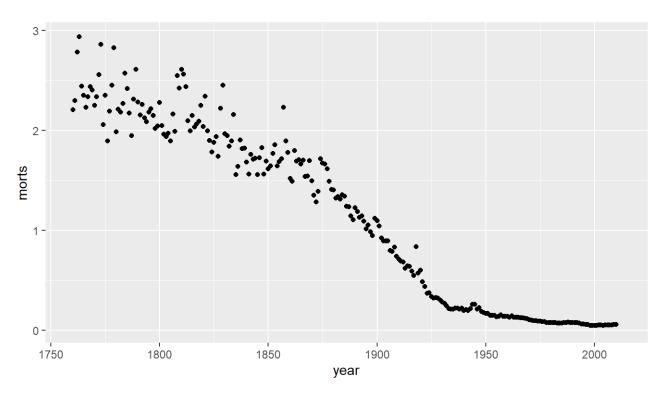
Plot the long data

```
swede_long = long %>% filter(country == "Sweden")
qplot(x = year, y = morts, data = swede_long)
```



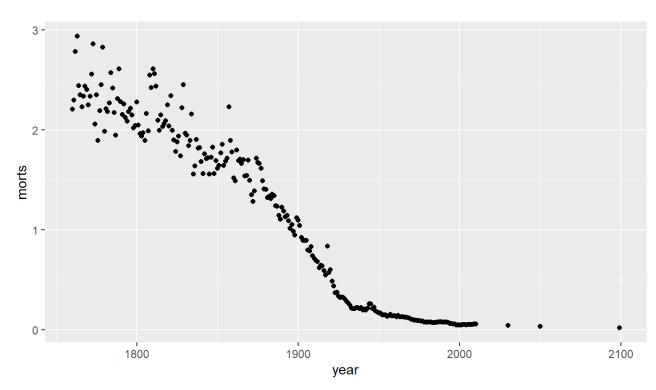
Plot the long data only up to 2012

 $qplot(x = year, y = morts, data = swede_long, xlim = c(1760,2012))$



ggplot2 is a package of plotting that is very popular and powerful (using the grammar of graphics). qplot ("quick plot"), similar to plot

library(ggplot2)
qplot(x = year, y = morts, data = swede_long)



The generic plotting function is ggplot, which uses **aes**thetics:

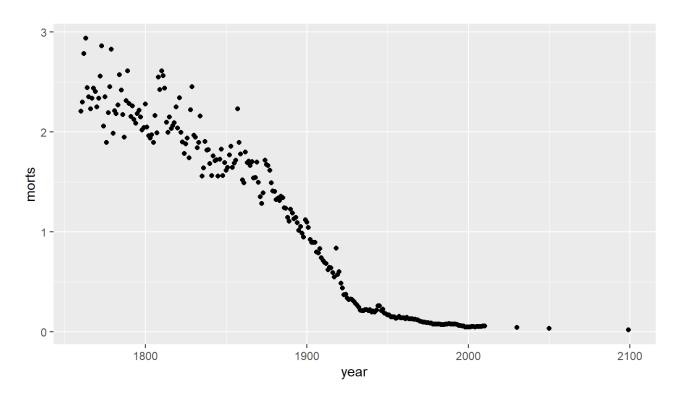
```
ggplot(data, aes(args))
g = ggplot(data = swede_long, aes(x = year, y = morts))
g is an object, which you can adapt into multiple plots!
```

Common aesthetics:

- · X
- у
- colour/color
- · size
- · fill
- · shape

If you set these in aes, you set them to a variable. If you want to set them for all values, set them in a geom.

You can do this most of the time using qplot, but qplot will assume a scatterplot if x and y are specified and histogram if x is specified:



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ggplot2: what's a geom?

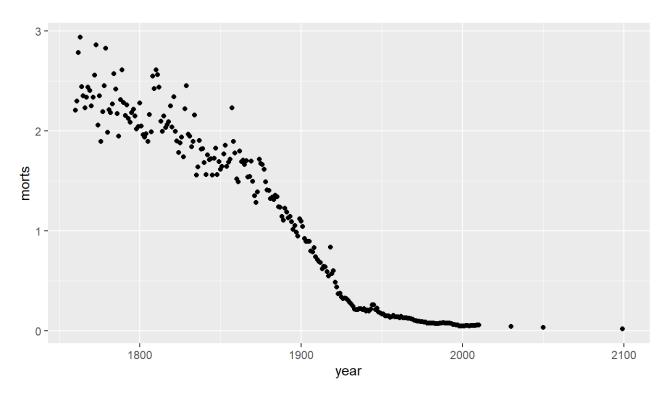
g on it's own can't be plotted, we have to add layers, usually with geom_commands:

- geom_point add points
- geom_line add lines
- geom_density add a density plot
- geom_histogram add a histogram
- geom_smooth add a smoother
- geom_boxplot add a boxplots
- geom_bar bar charts
- geom_tile rectangles/heatmaps

ggplot2: adding a geom and assigning

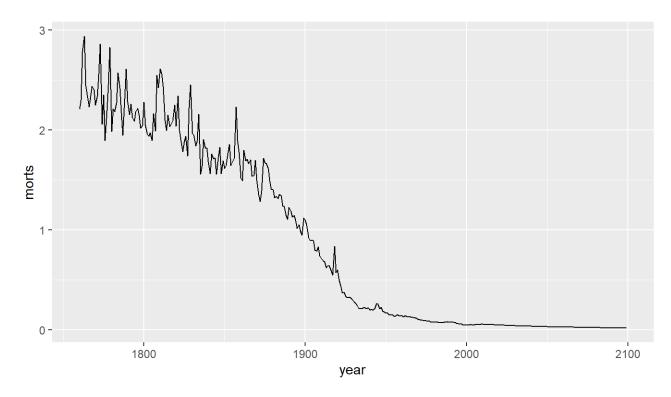
You "add" things to a plot with a + sign (not pipe!). If you assign a plot to an object, you must call print to print it.

gpoints = g + geom_point(); print(gpoints) # one line for slides



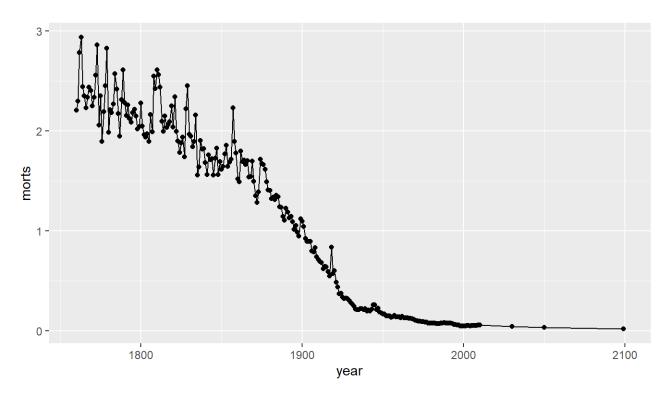
ggplot2: adding a geom

Otherwise it prints by default - this time it's a line



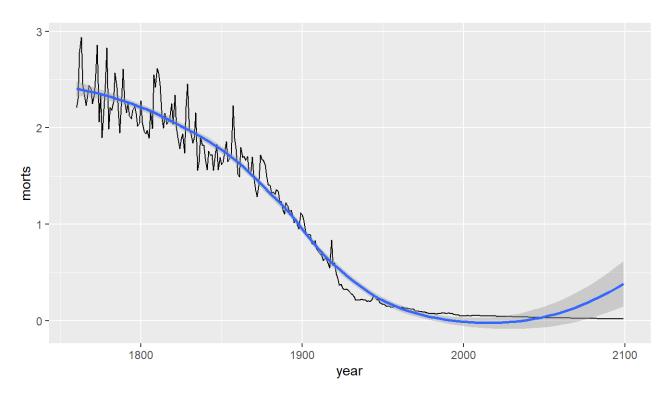
ggplot2: adding a geom

You can add multiple geoms:



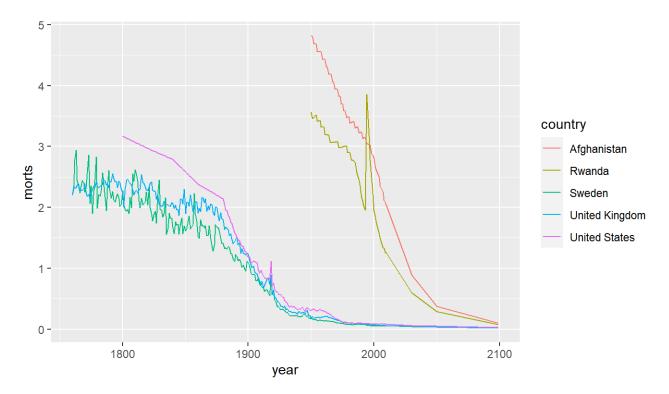
ggplot2: adding a smoother

Let's add a smoother through the points:



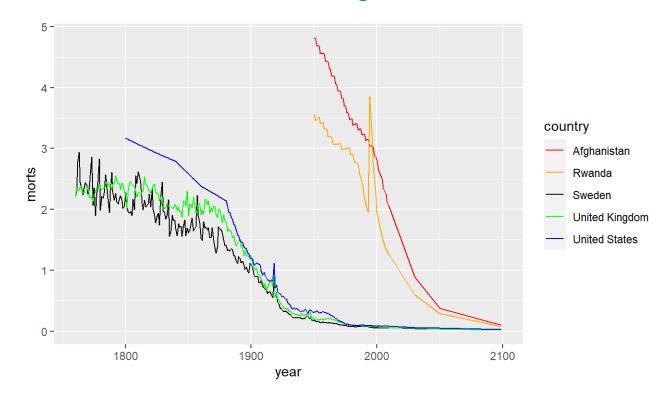
ggplot2: grouping - using colour

If we want a plot with new data, call ggplot again. Group plots by country using colour (piping in the data):



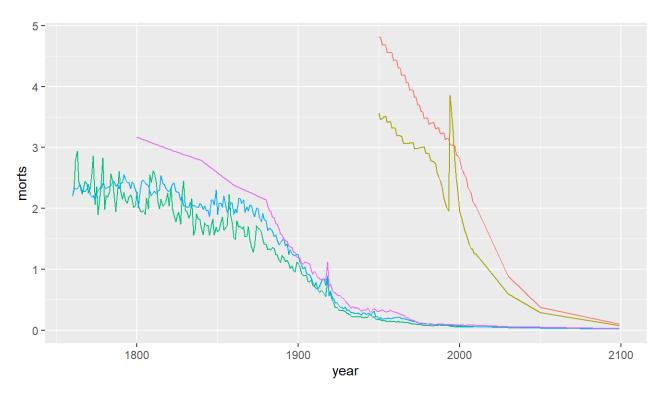
Coloring manually

There are many scale_AESTHETICS_* functions and scale_AESTHETICS_manual allows to directly specify the colors:



ggplot2: grouping - using colour

Let's remove the legend using the guide command:

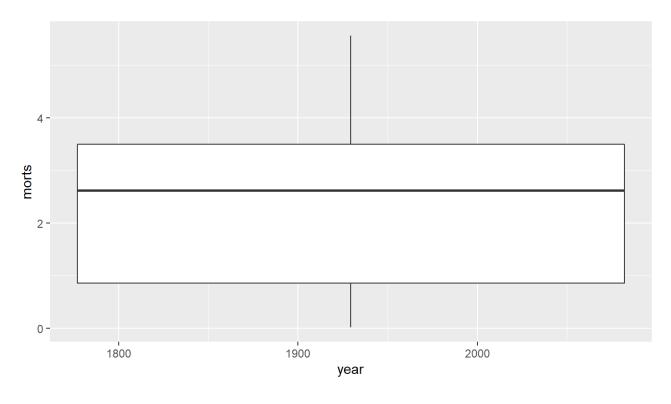


Lab Part 1

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ggplot2: boxplot

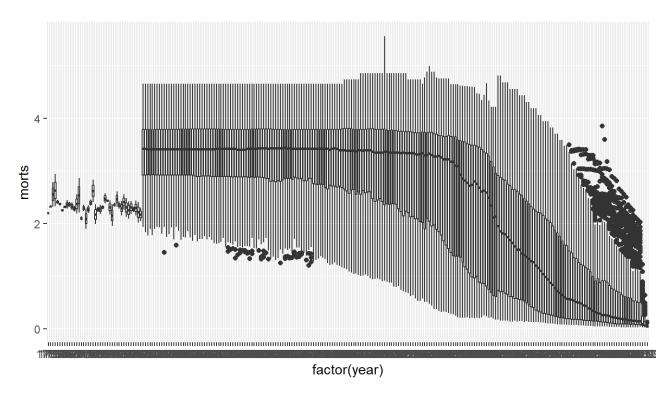
ggplot(long, aes(x = year, y = morts)) + geom_boxplot()



ggplot2: boxplot

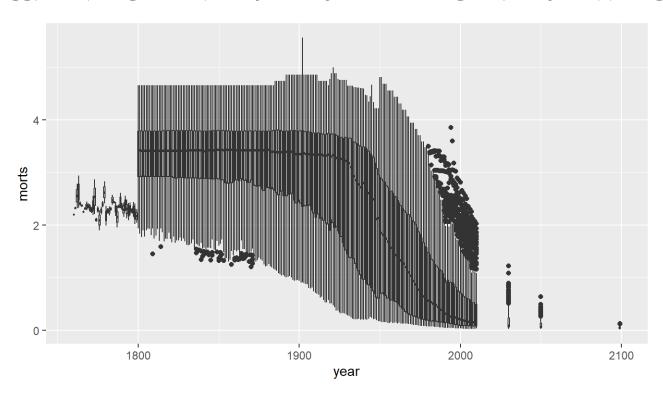
For different plotting per year - must make it a factor - but x-axis is wrong!

 $ggplot(long, aes(x = factor(year), y = morts)) + geom_boxplot()$



ggplot2: boxplot

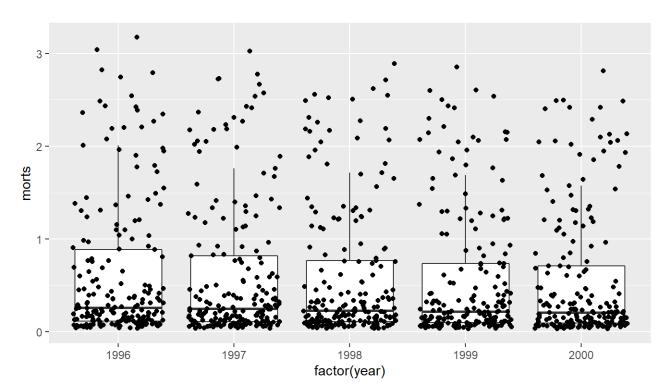
 $ggplot(long, aes(x = year, y = morts, group = year)) + geom_boxplot()$



ggplot2: boxplot with points

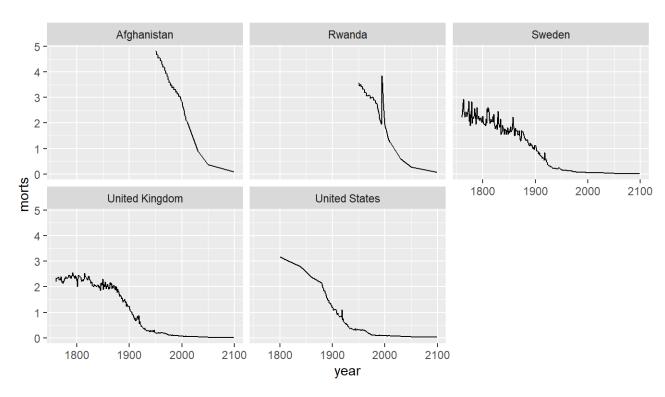
• geom_jitter plots points "jittered" with noise so not overlapping

```
sub_year = long %>% filter( year > 1995 & year <= 2000)
ggplot(sub_year, aes(x = factor(year), y = morts)) +
   geom_boxplot(outlier.shape = NA) + # don't show outliers - will below
   geom_jitter(height = 0)</pre>
```

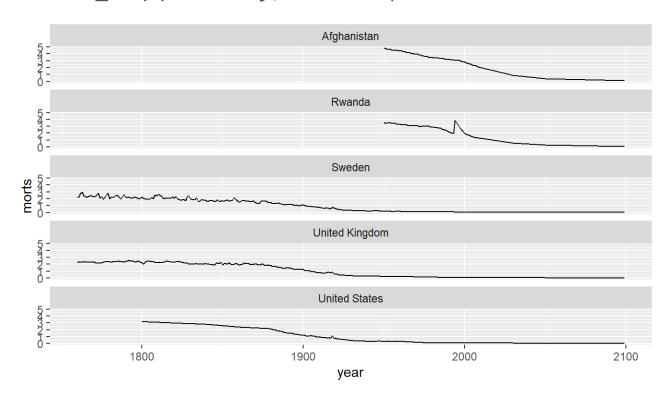


A facet will make a plot over variables, keeping axes the same (out can change that):

```
sub %>% ggplot(aes(x = year, y = morts)) +
  geom_line() +
  facet_wrap(~ country)
```

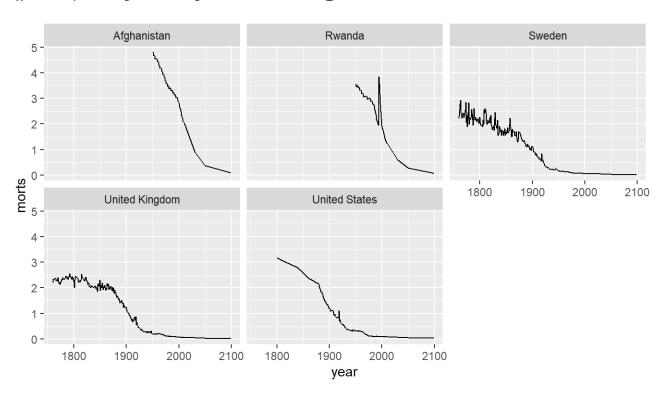


```
sub %>% ggplot(aes(x = year, y = morts)) +
  geom_line() +
  facet_wrap(~ country, ncol = 1)
```



You can use facets in qplot

qplot(x = year, y = morts, geom = "line", facets = ~ country, data = sub)



You can also do multiple factors with + on the right hand side

```
sub %>% ggplot(aes(x = year, y = morts)) +
  geom_line() +
  facet_wrap(~ country + x2 + ... )
```

Lab Part 2

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Devices

By default, R displays plots in a separate panel. From there, you can export the plot to a variety of image file types, or copy it to the clipboard.

However, sometimes its very nice to save many plots made at one time to one pdf file, say, for flipping through. Or being more precise with the plot size in the saved file.

R has 5 additional graphics devices: bmp(), jpeg(), png(), tiff(), and pdf()

Devices

The syntax is very similar for all of them:

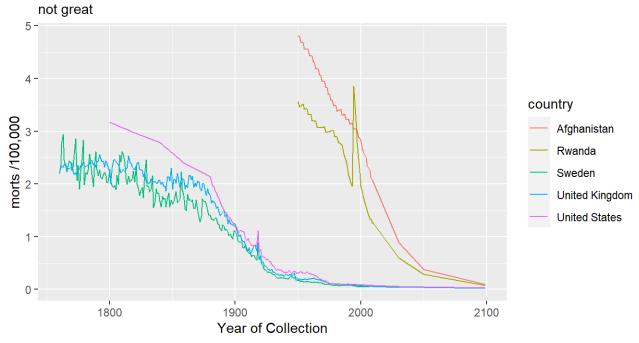
```
pdf("filename.pdf", width=8, height=8) # inches
plot() # plot 1
plot() # plot 2
# etc
dev.off()
```

Basically, you are creating a pdf file, and telling R to write any subsequent plots to that file. Once you are done, you turn the device off. Note that failing to turn the device off will create a pdf file that is corrupt, that you cannot open.

Labels and such

xlab/ylab - functions to change the labels; ggtitle - change the title

Mortality of Children over the years



Saving the output:

```
png("morts_over_time.png")
print(q)
dev.off()

png
   2

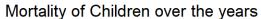
file.exists("morts_over_time.png")

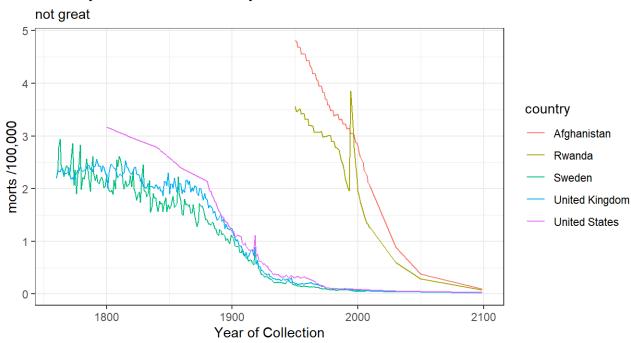
[1] TRUE
```

Themes

• see ?theme_bw - for ggthemes - black and white

q + theme_bw()



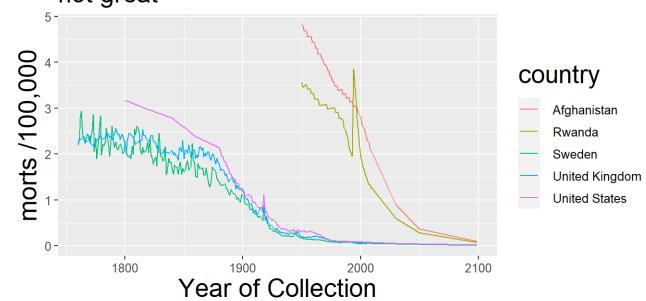


Themes: change plot parameters

• theme - global or specific elements/increase text size

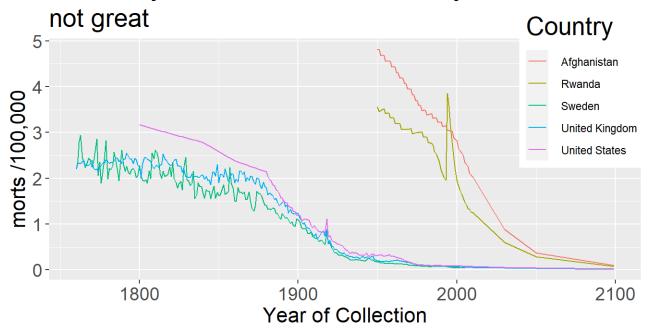
q + theme(text = element_text(size = 12), title = element_text(size = 20))

Mortality of Children over the years not great



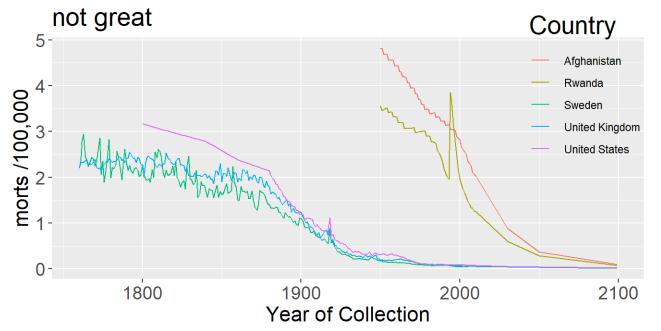
Themes

Mortality of Children over the years



Code for a transparent legend

Mortality of Children over the years

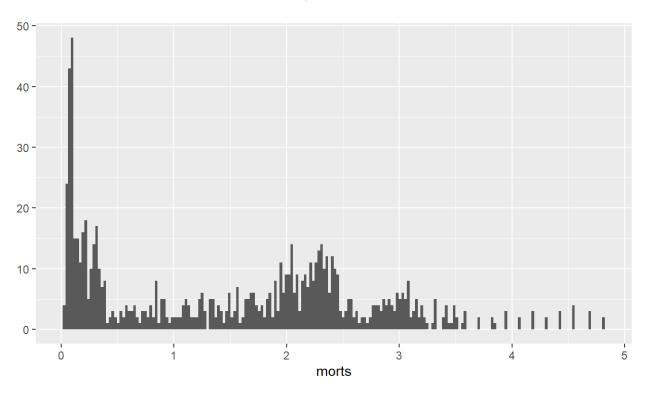


Lab Part 3

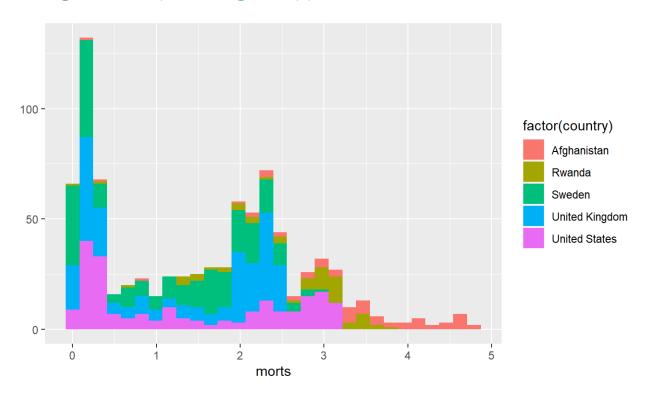
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Histograms again: Changing bins

qplot(x = morts, data = sub, bins = 200)

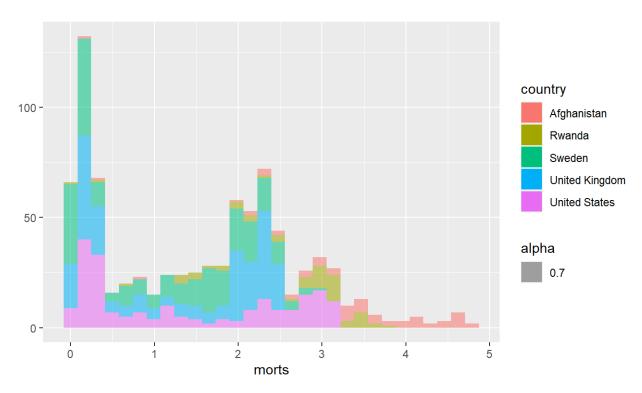


Multiple Histograms

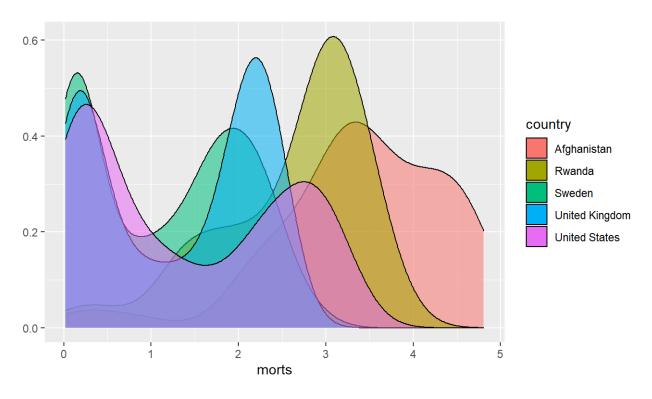


Multiple Histograms

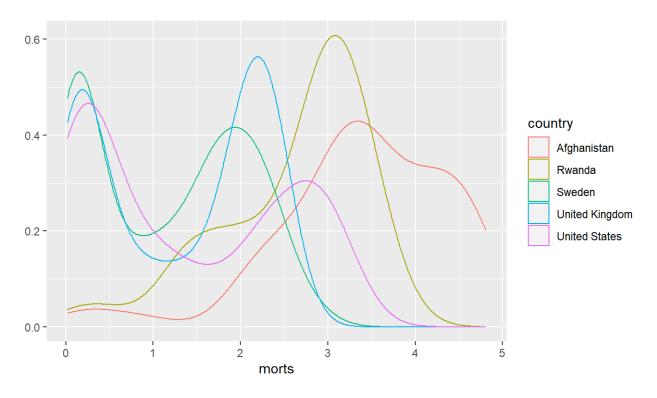
Alpha refers to the opacity of the color, less is more opaque



We cold also do densities:

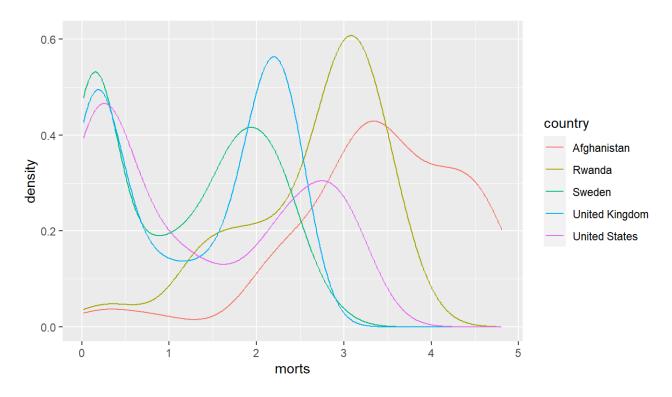


using colour not fill:

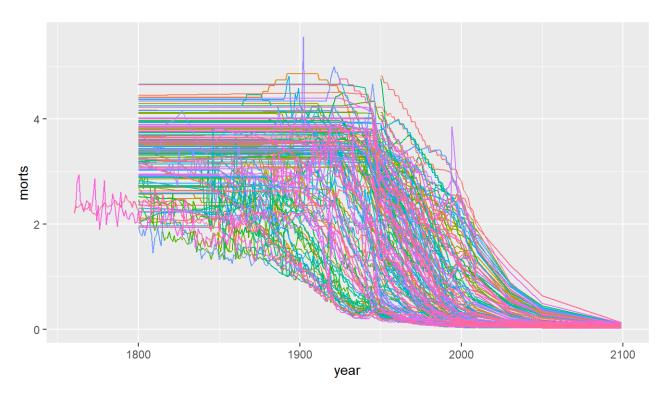


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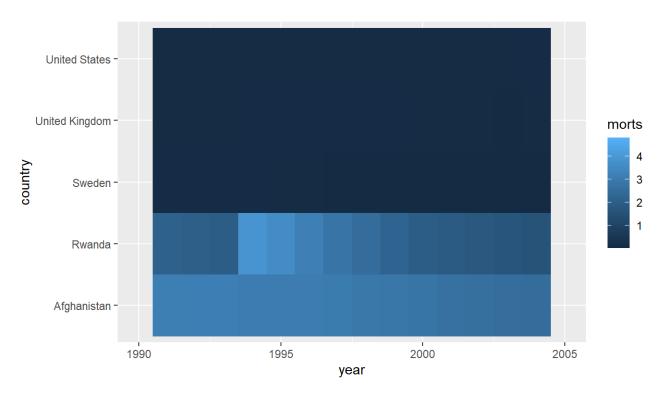
```
ggplot(aes(x = morts, colour = country), data = sub) +
  geom_line(stat = "density")
```



```
qplot(x = year, y = morts, colour = country,
    data = long, geom = "line") + guides(colour = FALSE)
```



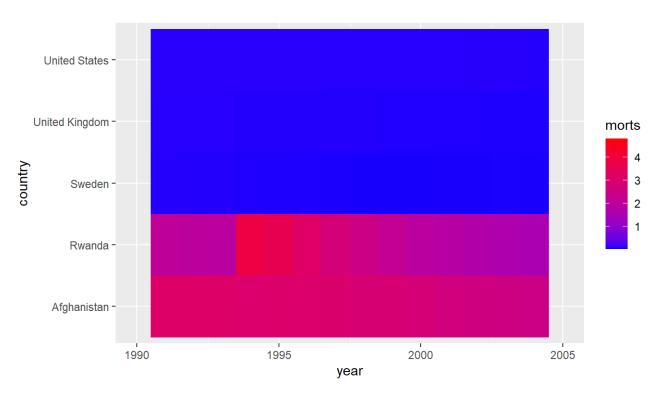
Let's try to make it different like base R, a bit. We use tile for the geom:



ggplot2: changing colors

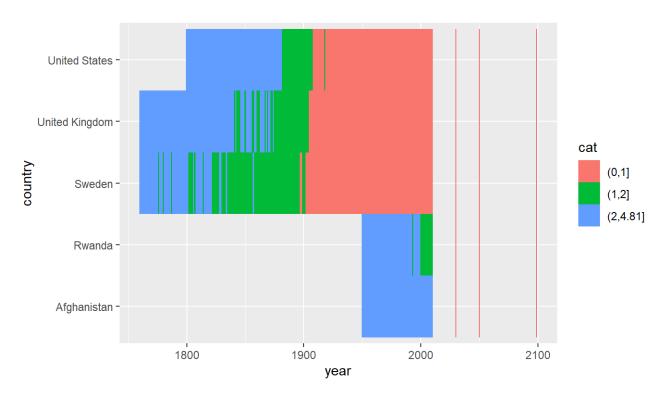
scale_fill_gradient let's us change the colors for the fill:

qtile + scale_fill_gradient(low = "blue", high = "red")



Let's try categories.

```
sub$cat = cut(sub$morts, breaks = c(0, 1, 2, max(sub$morts)))
q2 = qplot(x = year, y = country, fill = cat, data = sub, geom = "tile") +
    guides(colour = FALSE)
```



Colors

It's actually pretty hard to make a good color palette. Luckily, smart and artistic people have spent a lot more time thinking about this. The result is the RColorBrewer package

RColorBrewer::display.brewer.all() will show you all of the palettes available. You can even print it out and keep it next to your monitor for reference.

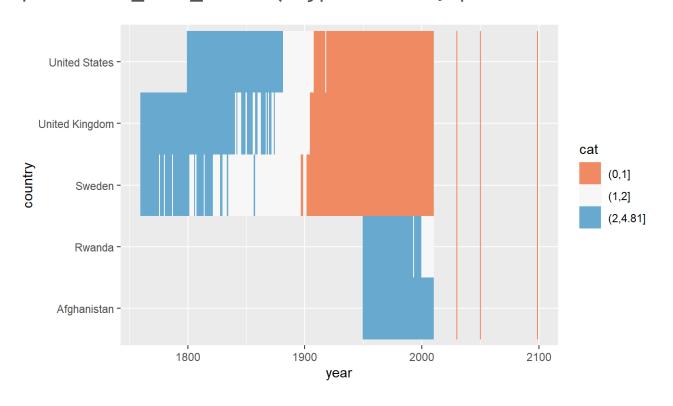
The help file for brewer.pal() gives you an idea how to use the package.

You can also get a "sneak peek" of these palettes at: http://colorbrewer2.org/. You would provide the number of levels or classes of your data, and then the type of data: sequential, diverging, or qualitative. The names of the RColorBrewer palettes are the string after 'pick a color scheme:'

ggplot2: changing colors

scale_fill_brewer will allow us to use these palettes conveniently

q2 + scale_fill_brewer(type = "div", palette = "RdBu")



Bar Plots with a table

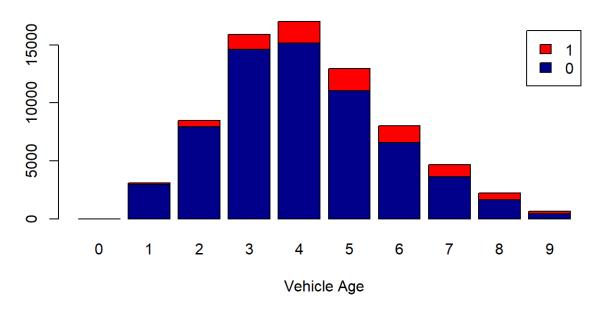
```
cars = read_csv(
   "http://johnmuschelli.com/intro_to_r/data/kaggleCarAuction.csv",
   col_types = cols(VehBCost = col_double()))
counts <- table(cars$IsBadBuy, cars$VehicleAge)</pre>
```

Bar Plots

· Stacked Bar Charts are sometimes wanted to show distributions of data

barplot(counts, main="Car Distribution by Age and Bad Buy Status", xlab="Vehicle Age"

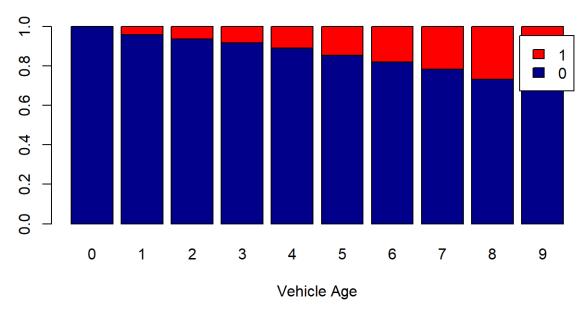




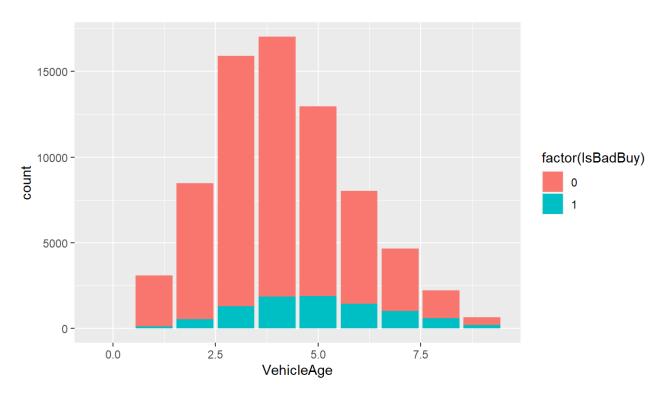
Bar Plots

prop.table allows you to convert a table to proportions (depends on margin either row percent or column percent)

Car Distribution by Age and Bad Buy Status



Bar Plots



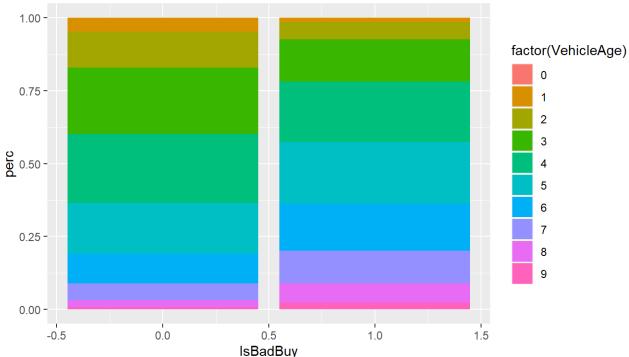
Normalized Stacked Bar charts

we must calculate percentages on our own

Each Age adds to 1

```
perc_is_bad = perc %>%
group_by(VehicleAge) %>% mutate(perc = n / sum(n))
ggplot(aes(fill = factor(IsBadBuy),
               x = VehicleAge,
               y = perc),
          data = perc_is_bad) + geom_bar(stat = "identity")
   1.00 -
   0.75 -
                                                                factor(IsBadBuy)
 ည်
0.50 -
   0.25 -
   0.00 -
                                                7.5
          0.0
                       2.5
                                   5.0
                             VehicleAge
```

Each Bar adds to 1 for bad buy or not

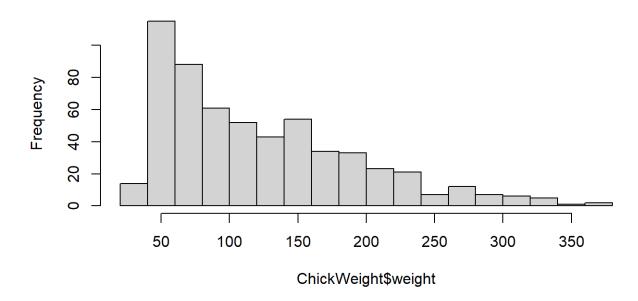


Histograms again

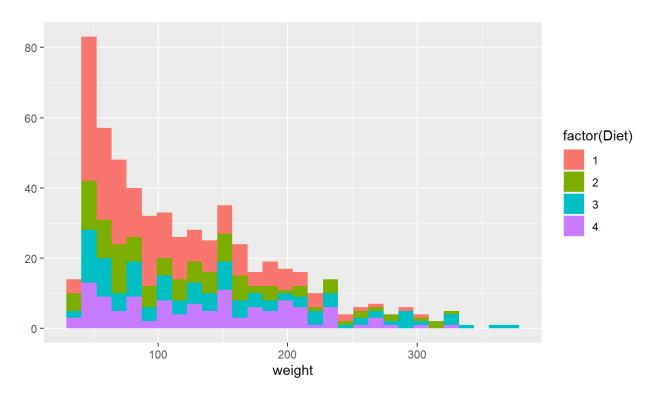
We can do histograms again using hist. Let's do histograms of weight at all time points for the chick's weights. We reiterate how useful these are to show your data.

hist(ChickWeight\$weight, breaks = 20)

Histogram of ChickWeight\$weight

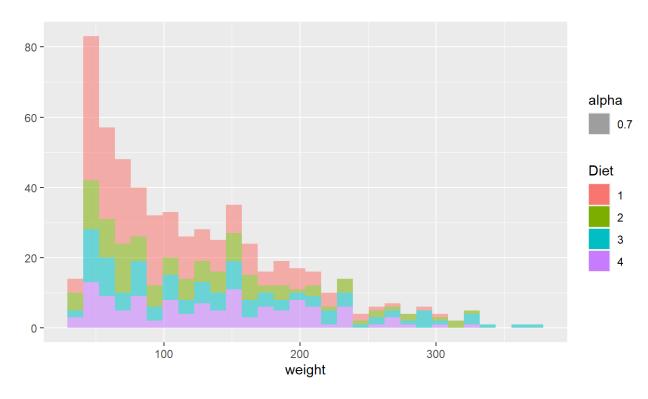


Multiple Histograms

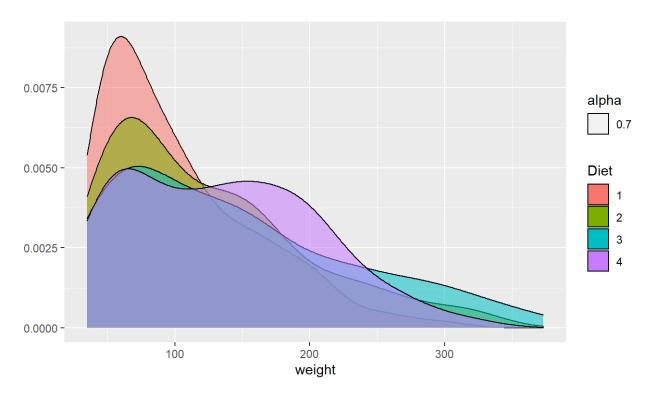


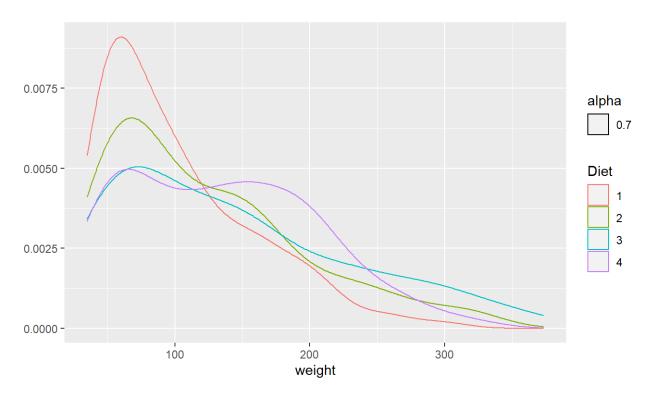
Multiple Histograms

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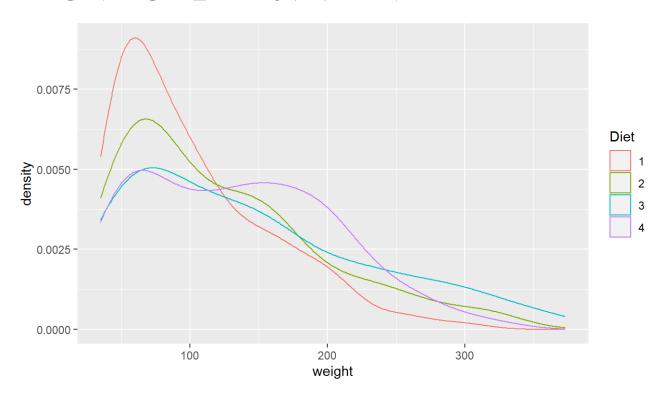


We cold also do densities



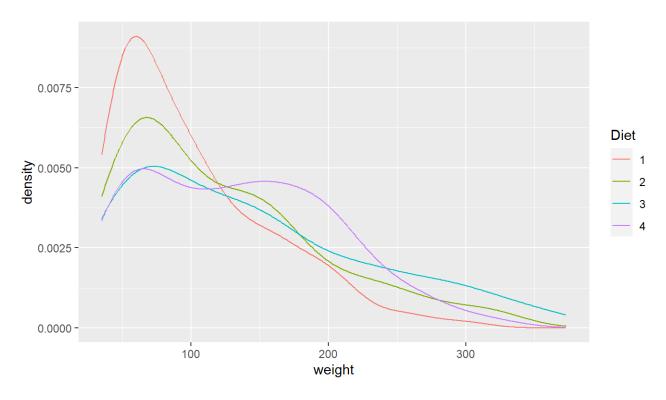


```
ggplot(aes(x= weight, colour = Diet),
  data = ChickWeight) + geom_density(alpha=.7)
```



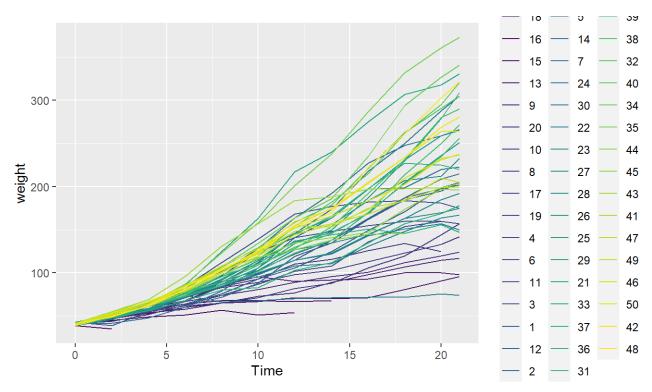
You can take off the lines of the bottom like this

```
ggplot(aes(x = weight, colour = Diet), data = ChickWeight) +
  geom_line(stat = "density")
```



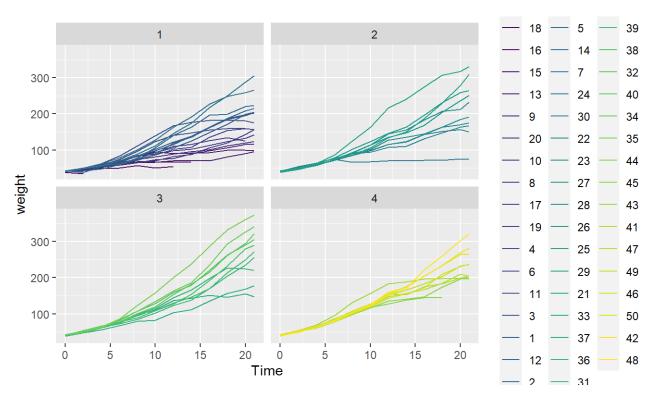
Spaghetti plot

We can make a spaghetti plot by telling ggplot we want a "line", and each line is colored by Chick.



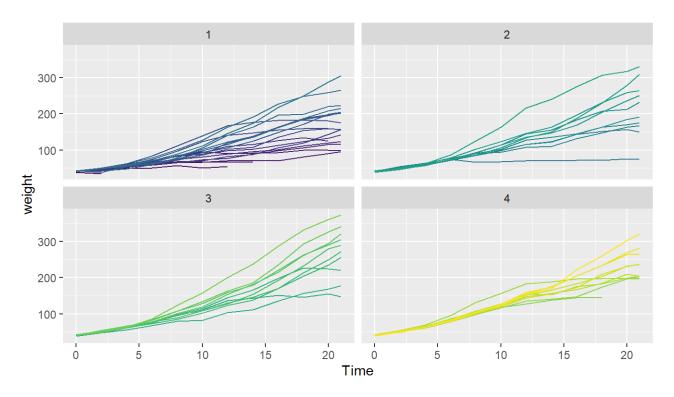
Spaghetti plot: Facets

In ggplot2, if you want separate plots for something, these are referred to as facets.



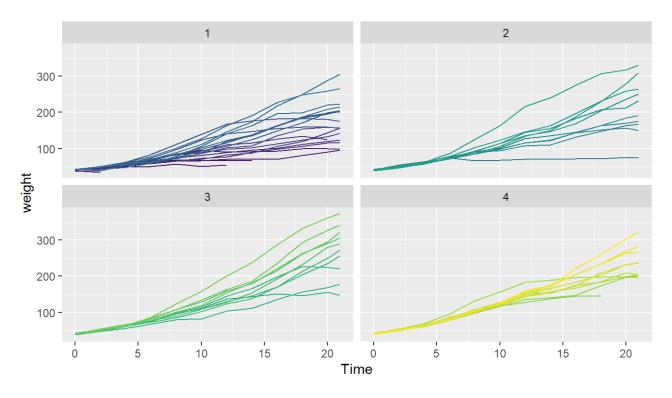
Spaghetti plot: Facets

We can turn off the legend (referred to a "guide" in ggplot2). (Note - there is different syntax with the +)



Spaghetti plot: Facets

```
ggplot(aes(x = Time, y = weight, colour = factor(Chick)),
    data = ChickWeight) + geom_line() +
    facet_wrap(facets = ~Diet) + guides(colour = FALSE)
```

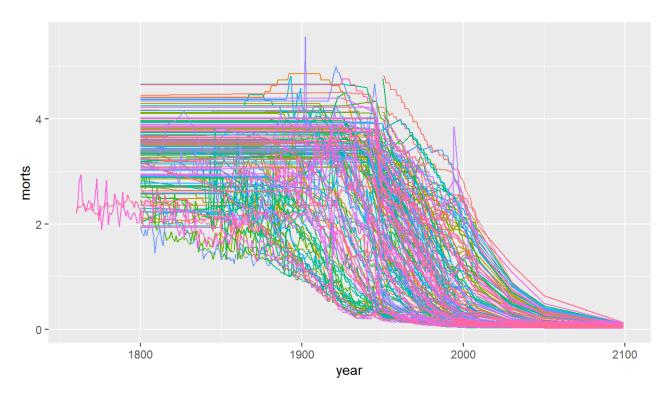


Let's try this out on the childhood mortality data used above. However, let's do some manipulation first, by using gather on the data to convert to long.

Let's also make the year numeric, as we did above in the stand-alone year variable.

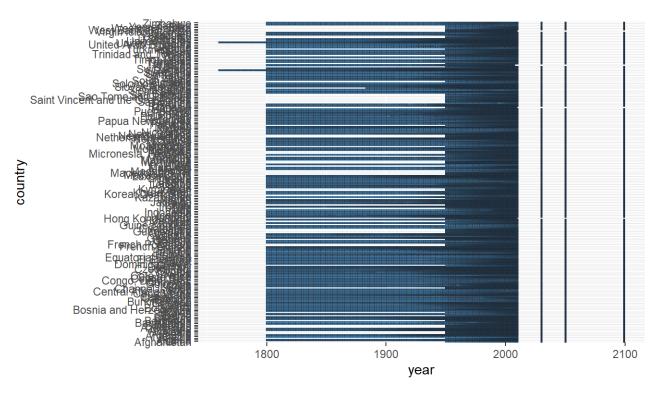
```
library(stringr)
library(dplyr)
long$year = long$year %>% str_replace("^X", "") %>% as.numeric
long = long %>% filter(!is.na(morts))
```

```
qplot(x = year, y = morts, colour = country,
    data = long, geom = "line") + guides(colour = FALSE)
```



Let's try to make it different like base R, a bit. We use tile for the geometric unit:

qplot(x = year, y = country, colour = morts,
 data = long, geom = "tile") + guides(colour = FALSE)



ggplot2

Useful links:

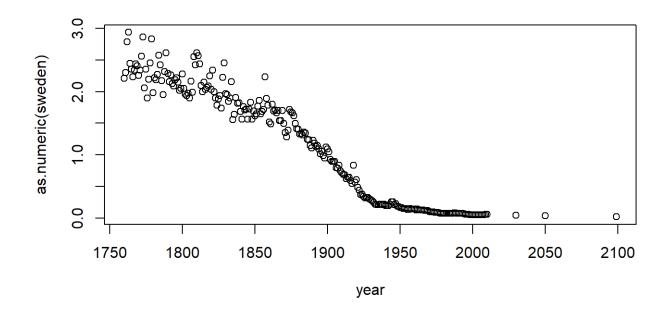
- http://docs.ggplot2.org/0.9.3/index.html
- http://www.cookbook-r.com/Graphs/

Website

Website

Base Graphics - explore on your own

```
library(dplyr)
sweden = mort %>%
  filter(country == "Sweden") %>%
  select(-country)
year = as.numeric(colnames(sweden))
plot(as.numeric(sweden) ~ year)
```



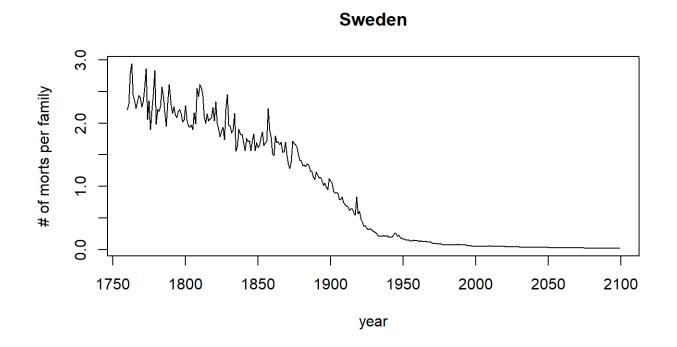
Base Graphics parameters

Set within most plots in the base 'graphics' package:

- pch = point shape, http://voteview.com/symbols_pch.htm
- \cdot cex = size/scale
- xlab, ylab = labels for x and y axes
- main = plot title
- lwd = line density
- \cdot col = color
- cex.axis, cex.lab, cex.main = scaling/sizing for axes marks, axes labels, and title

The y-axis label isn't informative, and we can change the label of the y-axis using ylab (xlab for x), and main for the main title/label.

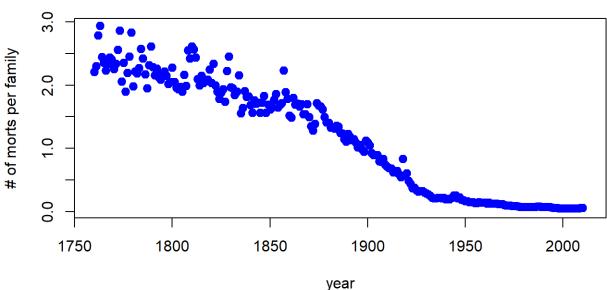
```
plot(as.numeric(sweden) ~ year,
     ylab = "# of morts per family", main = "Sweden", type = "l")
```



Let's drop any of the projections and keep it to year 2012, and change the points to blue.

```
plot(as.numeric(sweden) ~ year,
     ylab = "# of morts per family", main = "Sweden",
     xlim = c(1760,2012), pch = 19, cex=1.2,col="blue")
```

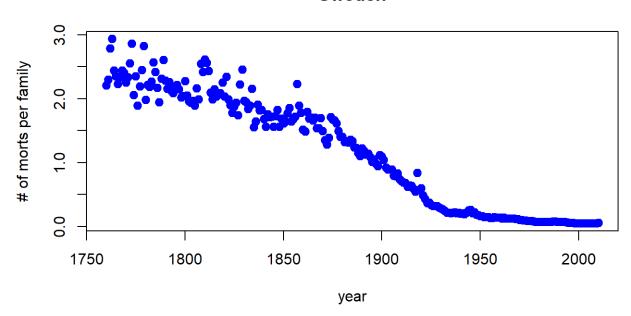




You can also use the **subset** argument in the **plot()** function, only when using formula notation:

```
plot(as.numeric(sweden) ~ year,
     ylab = "# of morts per family", main = "Sweden",
     subset = year < 2015, pch = 19, cex=1.2,col="blue")</pre>
```



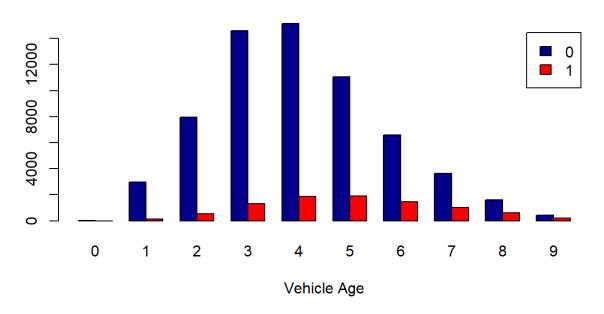


Bar Plots

Using the beside argument in barplot, you can get side-by-side barplots.

```
# Stacked Bar Plot with Colors and Legend
barplot(counts, main="Car Distribution by Age and Bad Buy Status",
    xlab="Vehicle Age", col=c("darkblue","red"),
    legend = rownames(counts), beside=TRUE)
```

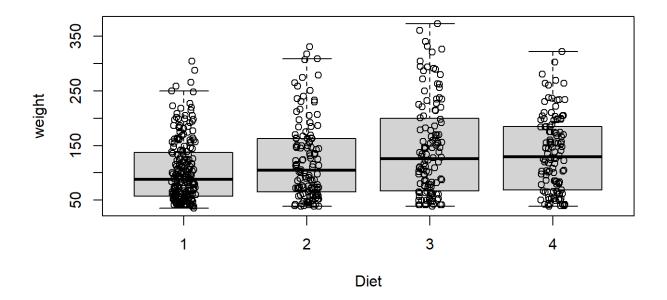
Car Distribution by Age and Bad Buy Status



Boxplots, revisited

These are one of my favorite plots. They are way more informative than the barchart + antenna...

```
boxplot(weight ~ Diet, data=ChickWeight, outline=FALSE)
points(ChickWeight$weight ~ jitter(as.numeric(ChickWeight$Diet),0.5))
```



Formulas

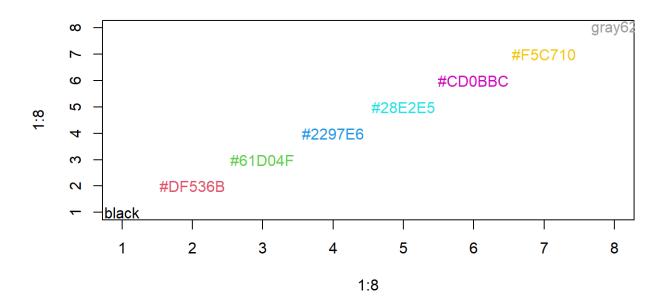
Formulas have the format of $y \sim x$ and functions taking formulas have a data argument where you pass the data.frame. You don't need to use \$ or referencing when using formulas:

boxplot(weight ~ Diet, data=ChickWeight, outline=FALSE)

Colors

R relies on color 'palettes'.

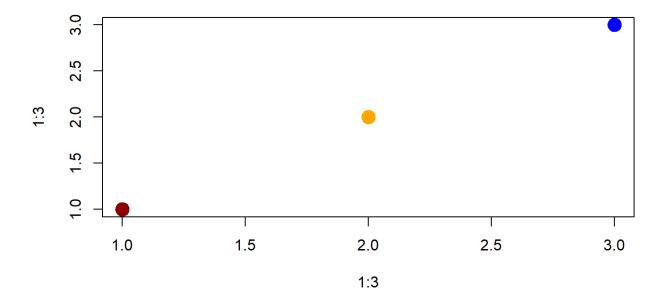
```
palette("default")
plot(1:8, 1:8, type="n")
text(1:8, 1:8, lab = palette(), col = 1:8)
```



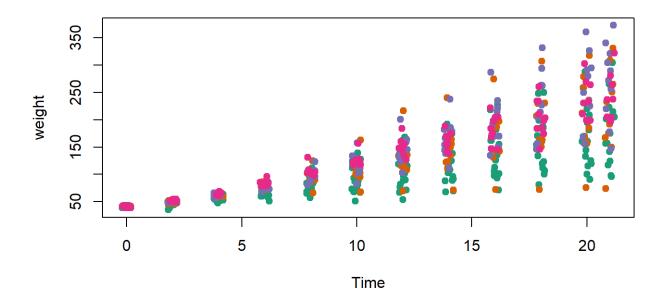
Colors

The default color palette is pretty bad, so you can try to make your own.

```
palette(c("darkred","orange","blue"))
plot(1:3,1:3,col=1:3,pch =19,cex=2)
```



Colors



Adding legends

The legend() command adds a legend to your plot. There are tons of arguments to pass it.

x, y=NULL: this just means you can give (x,y) coordinates, or more commonly just give x, as a character string:

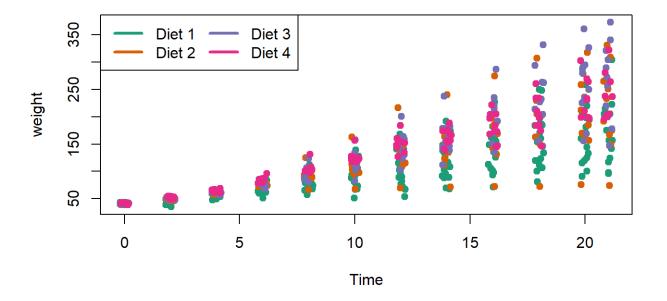
"top", "bottom", "topleft", "bottomleft", "topright", "bottomright".

legend: unique character vector, the levels of a factor

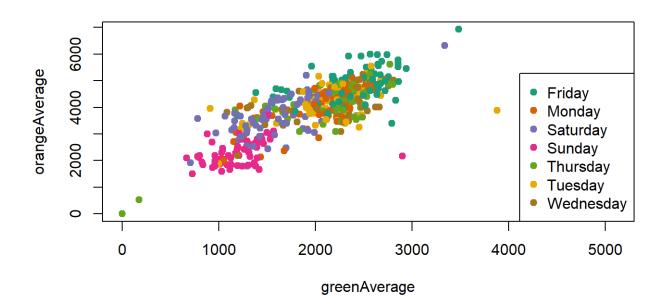
pch, lwd: if you want points in the legend, give a pch value. if you want lines, give a lwd value.

col: give the color for each legend level

Adding legends



Coloring by variable



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