

Lecture 05 – Documenting with R Markdown

Specific Learning Objectives:

- 1 – Create reproducible scripts in R.
- 2 – Include effective documentation in scripts and projects.
- 3 – Create and use Notebooks and documents using RMarkdown.
- 4 – Learn how to plot quickly using R's base graphics.

Best Practices Discussion

- Pick one of the 5 papers listed on Slack, sign up on Slack.
- Prepare a short summary (100-200 words) of the paper's main points to discuss and share with the class on Wed.

More Basic R

- Slack me any R topics you want covered on Monday 9/27!

Literate Programming and Reproducible Science

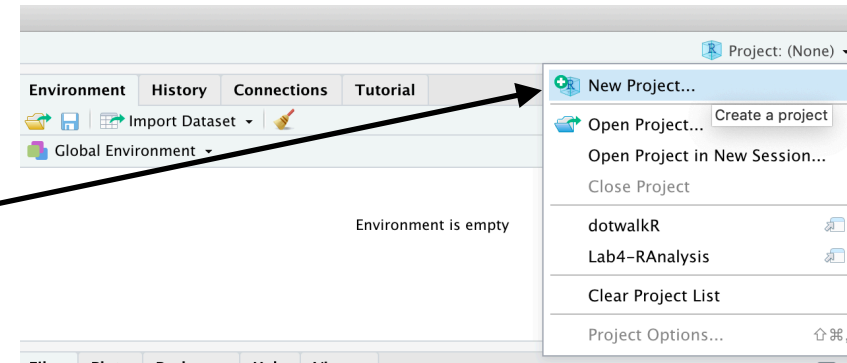
- One of the basic tenets of science is that work is reproducible. This applies to code as well!
 - We will talk more about how to accomplish this in the next unit, but for now, we'll focus on using **documentation** and **literate programming** to build reproducible analyses.
- What is **documentation**?
 - Code documentation refers to all of the notes, instructions, and comments that provide context and help a user run the code successfully
- What is **literate programming**?
 - Literate programming is the method of directly embedding chunks of code in the documentation that helps the user understand the code and its outputs.

R Markdown – a laboratory notebook for code!

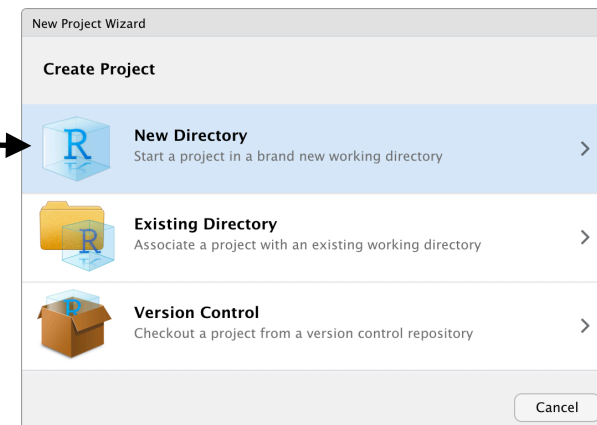
- R Markdown documents help by giving you the ability to embed your code into a regular document.
 - This gives you the space to explain your code, plots, figures, and analyses in context!
 - It helps you by providing a reproducible environment for your code and plots.
- We'll use R Markdown documents with R Projects
 - R projects help you organize your data and code into a neat package.
 - R projects will automatically set the working directory for you, so you don't have to worry about it!
 - R projects will keep track of the work you do in that specific project so it doesn't get mixed up with other projects!

Creating an R Project

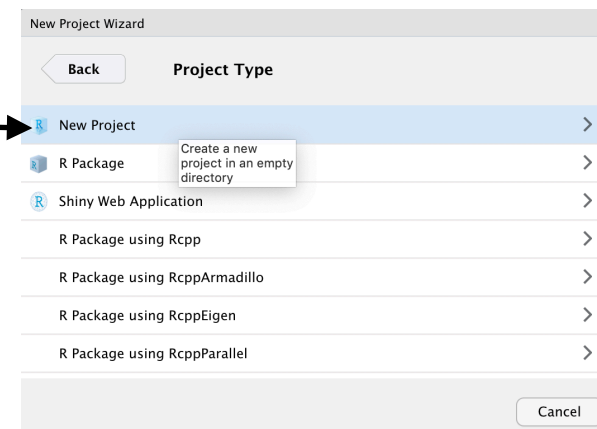
1. Either under “File...” or at the top right corner, select “New Project...”



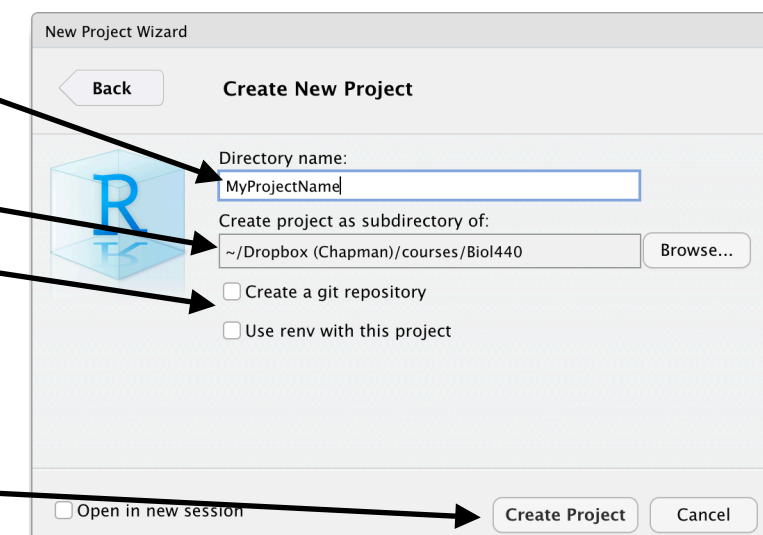
2. Select “New Directory” in the Wizard.



3. Select “New Project” again.



4. Create a directory name for your project. Choose where you want the project directory to be (using Browse...). Uncheck both boxes.



5. Click “Create Project”!

Your First R Markdown Notebook

Click on “New File” tab the in upper left and select “R Notebook”.



You'll get an untitled notebook template to use. Change the title and save with a name ending in .Rmd

R Markdown Notebook Features

- R Markdown documents consist of **Markdown text** and **R code chunks**.

The image shows a screenshot of an R Markdown notebook editor window titled 'Untitled1'. The editor displays a sequence of alternating Markdown text blocks and R code chunks. On the left side, three vertical brackets with labels identify these sections: 'Markdown text' for the first and third blocks, and 'R code "chunk"' for the second block. The first Markdown block (lines 1-9) contains a title, output format, and introductory text. The second R code chunk (lines 10-12) contains a single R command. The third Markdown block (lines 14-19) provides instructions on how to use the notebook's features. The interface includes a toolbar at the top with icons for navigation, saving, previewing, and running code. The code chunk is highlighted with a light gray background.

Markdown text

```
1 ---
2 title: "R Notebook"
3 output: html_notebook
4 ---
5
6 This is an [R Markdown](http://rmarkdown.rstudio.com) Notebook. When you execute code within the
7 notebook, the results appear beneath the code.
8
9 Try executing this chunk by clicking the *Run* button within the chunk or by placing your cursor
10 inside it and pressing *Cmd+Shift+Enter*.
```

Writing goes here.

R code "chunk"

```
10 ```{r}
11 plot(cars)
12 ```
```

R code goes here!

Markdown text

```
14 Add a new chunk by clicking the *Insert Chunk* button on the toolbar or by pressing
15 *Cmd+Option+I*.
16
17 When you save the notebook, an HTML file containing the code and output will be saved alongside it
18 (click the *Preview* button or press *Cmd+Shift+K* to preview the HTML file).
19
20 The preview shows you a rendered HTML copy of the contents of the editor. Consequently, unlike
*Knit*, *Preview* does not run any R code chunks. Instead, the output of the chunk when it was
last run in the editor is displayed.
```

Writing goes here.

- R code will not work in Markdown text!!!

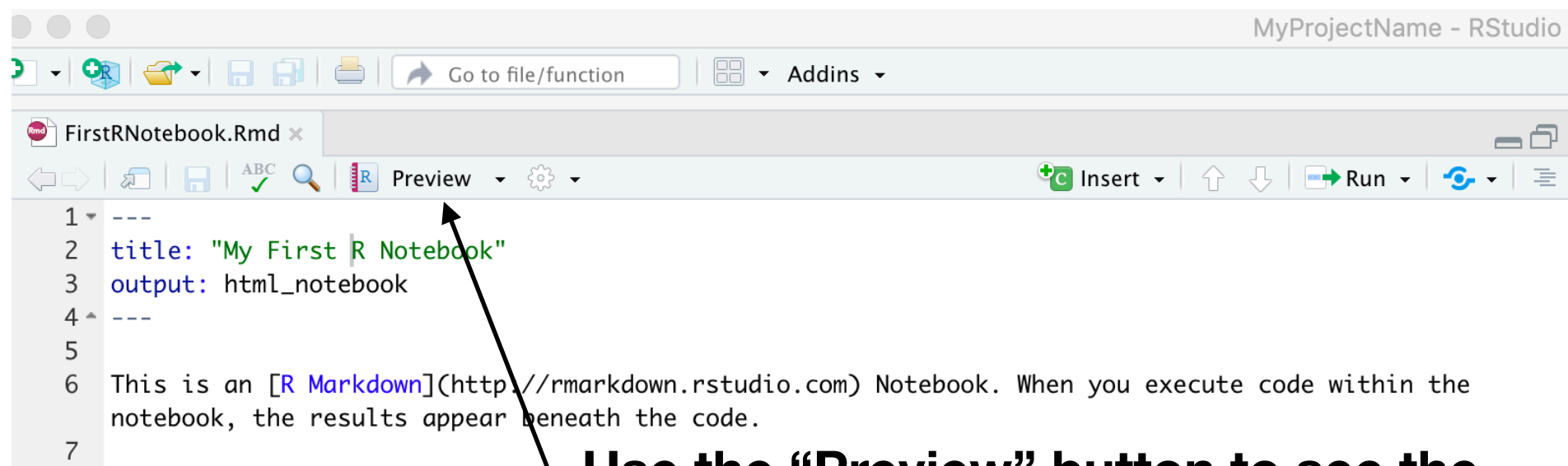
R Markdown Notebook Features

- Running R code chunks will produce output for you embedded in the Markdown document.

```
10 {r}  
11 plot(cars)  
12 {r}  
13
```

Use the run button to execute code in chunks within the document.

- To view the full document, hit “Preview”.



Use the “Preview” button to see the html version of your markdown.

R Markdown Notebook Features

- Markdown text is very simple to manipulate.
 - Link to website: [R Markdown] (<https://rmarkdown.rstudio.com>)
 - Italics text: *text*
 - Bold text: **text**
 - Strikethrough text: ~~text~~
 - Superscript: text²
 - Subscript: text₂
 - Headers: # header text

R Markdown Notebook Features

- R Code Chunks:

- begin with: `` `` {r}`
- end with: `` ```

```
10 ▾ ` `` {r
11   plot(cars)
12 ▴ ` ``
```

**Click play button to
run the chunk**

**click cog to get different options
for running code chunk**

**If this field isn't gray, then
the document doesn't
recognize it as a code
chunk!**

**From now on, work in an R
Markdown document!**

Basic Plotting

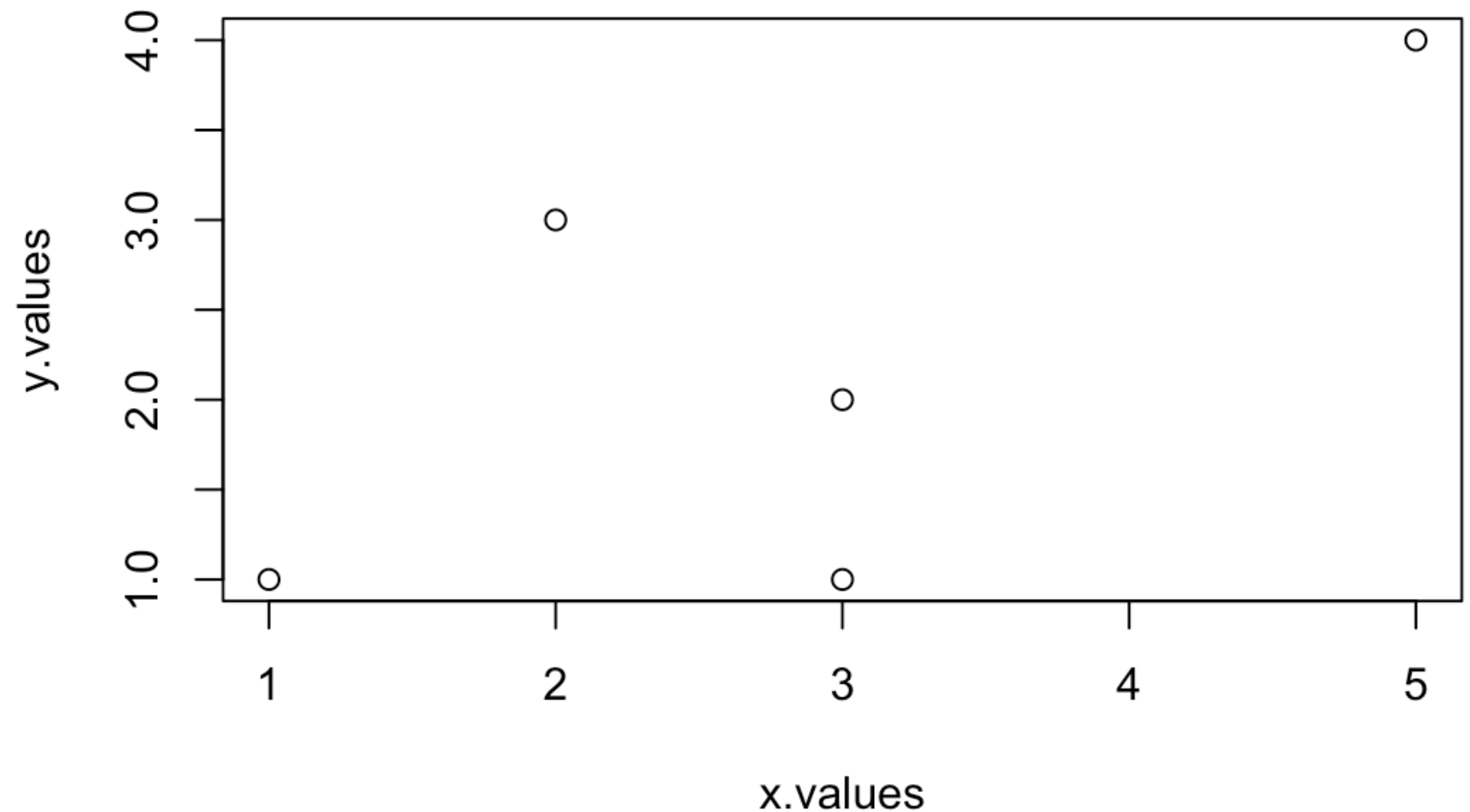
- R is a popular language because of how easy it is to produce beautiful plots!

Basic plot using
the `plot()`
command

```
```{r}
x.values <- c(3, 2, 5, 1, 3)
y.values <- c(1, 3, 4, 1, 2)

plot(x = x.values, y = y.values)
```
```

**Note: the vectors must be
the same length!**



Basic Plotting

**Basic plot using
the `plot()`
command and a
data frame**

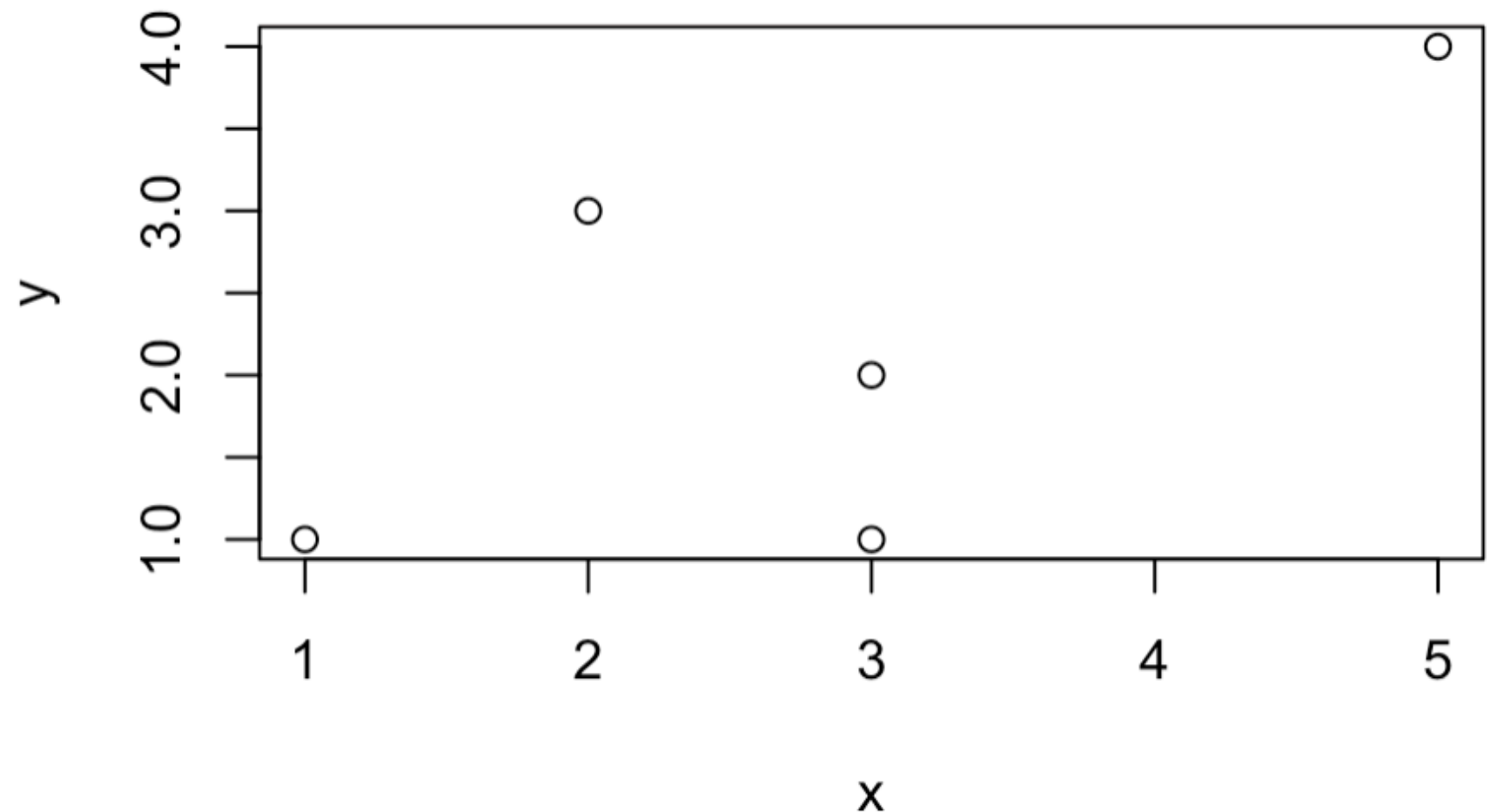
**Using a formula
(`y~x`) and the
argument
`data=df` will
give you the
same result.**

**Remember: there's
often multiple ways
to do the same
thing!**

```
```${r}  
x.values <- c(3, 2, 5, 1, 3)
y.values <- c(1, 3, 4, 1, 2)

df <- data.frame(x = x.values, y = y.values)

plot(y~x, data = df)
```
```



Basic Plotting: Titles and Axis Labels

- Additional arguments in `plot()` can edit different features of the plot.

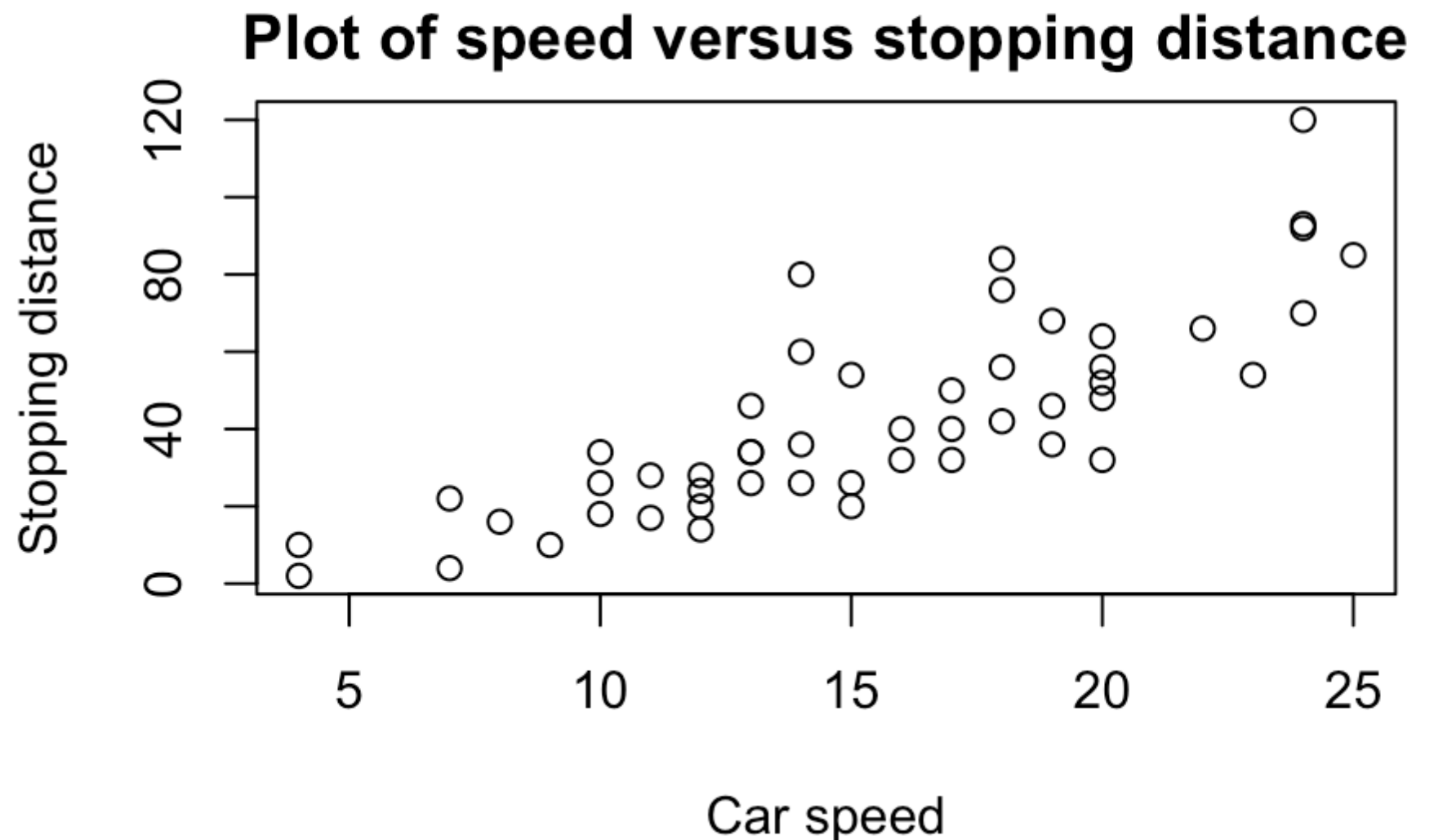
Hitting enter after a comma will help indent the function, making it easier to read!

xlab: x-axis label

ylab: y-axis label

main: main plot title

```
```{r, include=TRUE}  
plot(dist ~ speed, data = cars,
 xlab = "Car speed",
 ylab = "Stopping distance",
 main = "Plot of speed versus stopping distance")
```
```

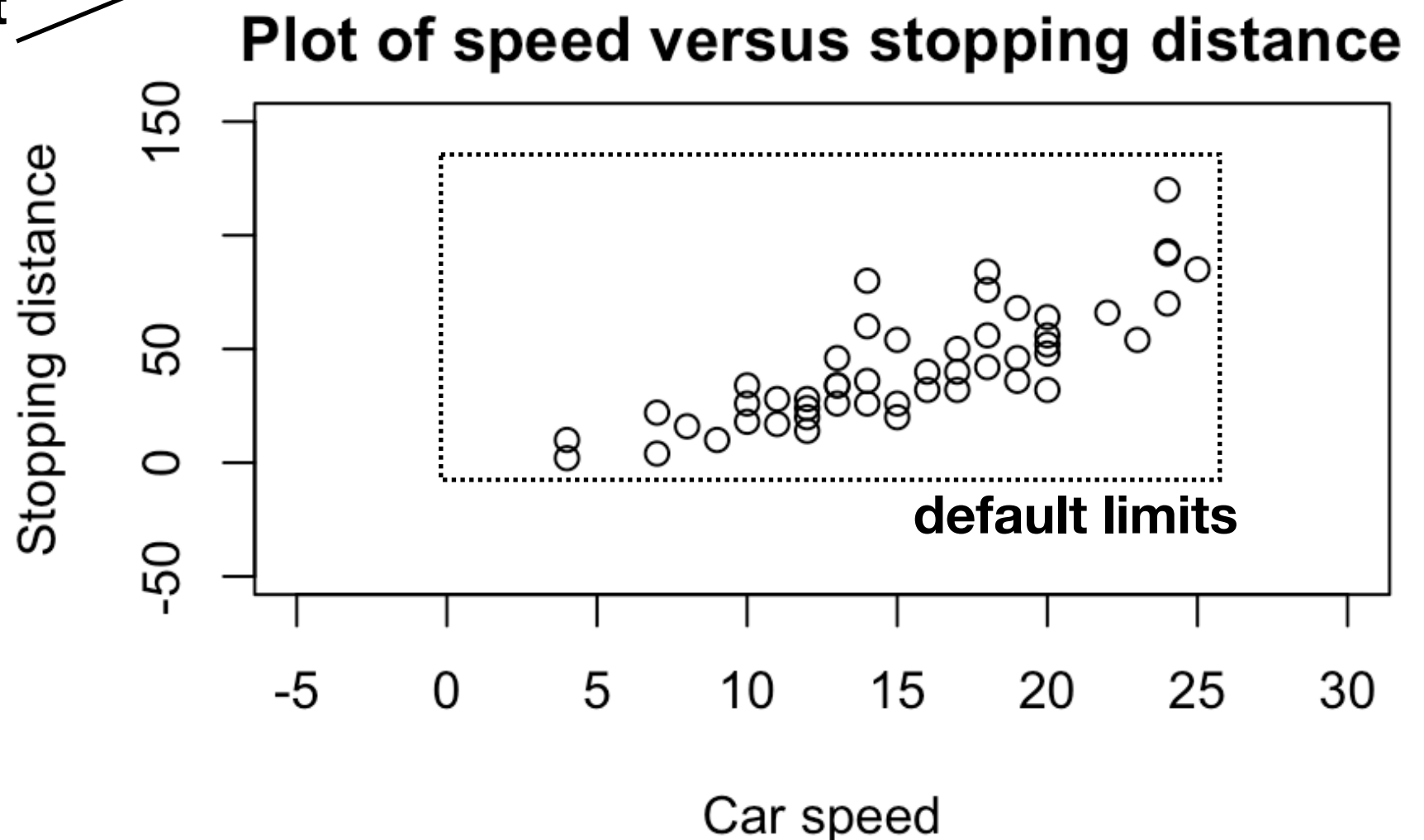


Basic Plotting: Axis Limits

xlim: vector length 2 that sets x-axis limits

ylim: vector length 2 that sets y-axis limits

```
```{r, include=TRUE}
plot(dist ~ speed, data = cars,
 xlab = "Car speed",
 ylab = "Stopping distance",
 main = "Plot of speed versus stopping distance",
 xlim = c(-5,30), ylim = c(-50,150))
```
```



Basic Plotting: Formatting Plots

- Many attributes can be included as argument in plot:

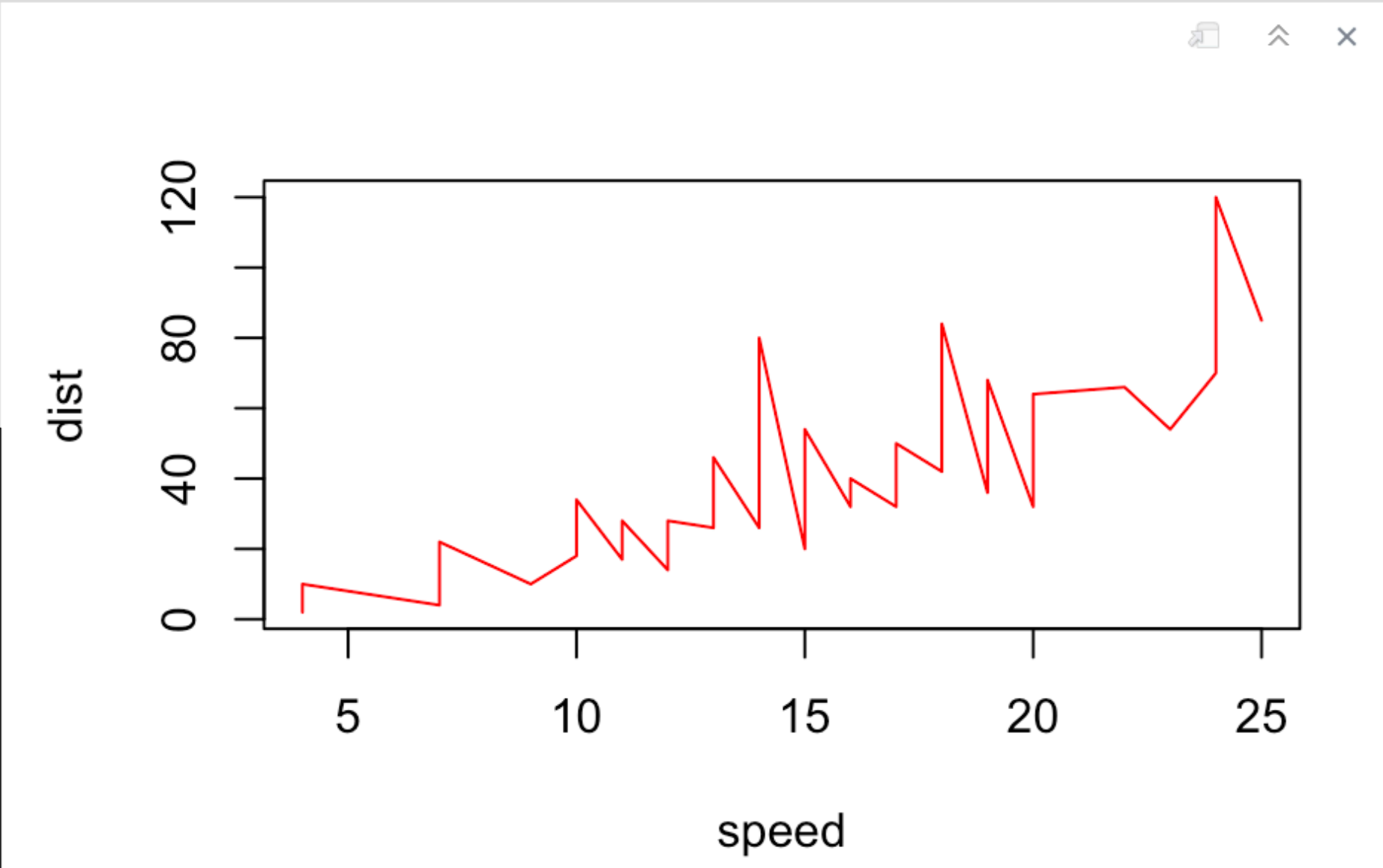
type: plot style (l, p, or b)

col: color of plot, must be character (most basic colors are valid)

pch: shape of points (integer/numeric)

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|----|---|----|---|----|---|----|---|----|---|
| 0 | □ | 1 | ○ | 2 | △ | 3 | + | 4 | × |
| 5 | ◇ | 6 | ▽ | 7 | ⊠ | 8 | ✱ | 9 | ⬡ |
| 10 | ⊕ | 11 | ⊗ | 12 | ⊞ | 13 | ⊗ | 14 | ⊞ |
| 15 | ■ | 16 | ● | 17 | ▲ | 18 | ◆ | 19 | ● |
| 20 | ● | 21 | ○ | 22 | □ | 23 | ◇ | 24 | △ |
| 25 | ▽ | | | | | | | | |

```
```{r, include=TRUE}  
plot(dist ~ speed, data = cars,
 type="l", col = "red")
```
```



Basic Plotting: Formatting Plots

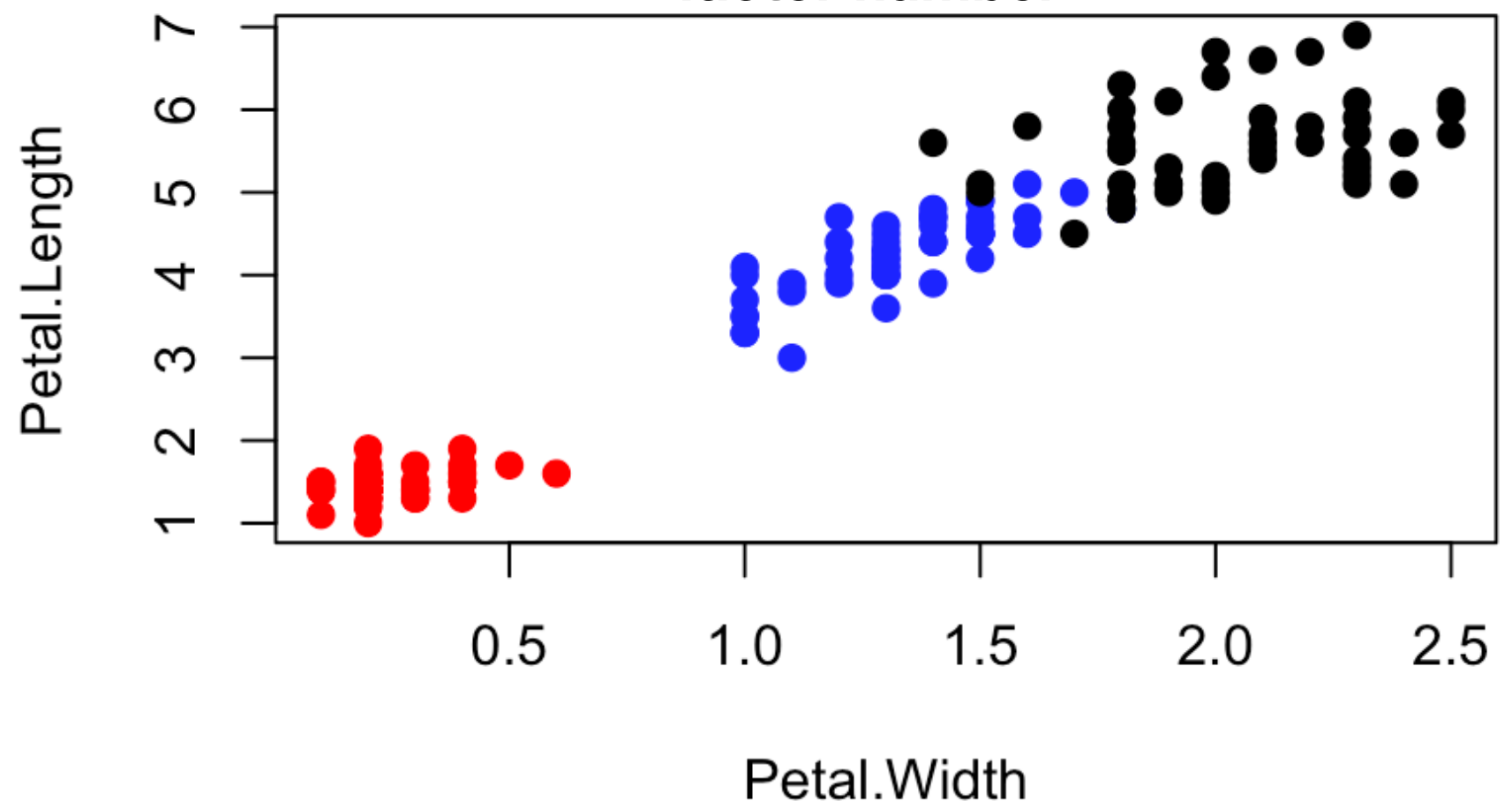
- Color can be assigned based on factors!

**vector with colors,
length = number of
factors**

```
``{r, include=TRUE}  
iriscolors <- c("red", "blue", "black")  
plot(Petal.Length ~ Petal.Width, data = iris,  
     type="p", pch = 19, col = iriscolors[iris$Species])  
``
```

**Find number of levels:
nlevels(iris\$Species)**

**references color
value based on
factor number**



Check Your Understanding

Make a plot of circumference versus age of the orange trees in the data set Orange. Give each tree a unique color *and* point shape.

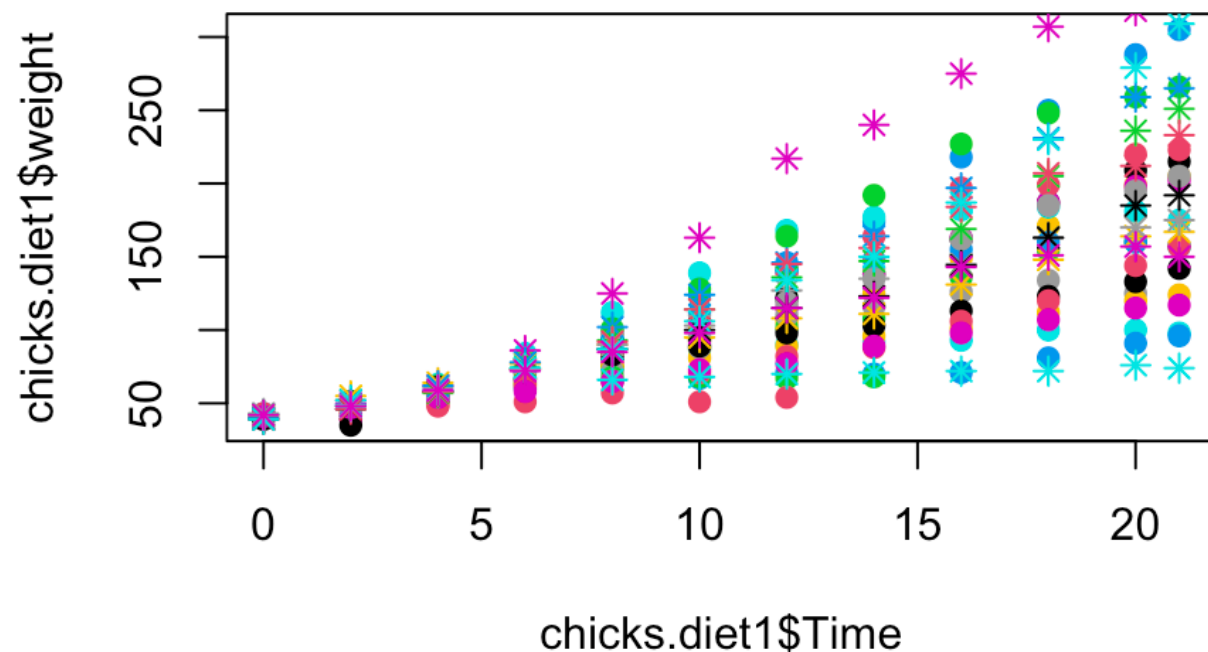
Basic Plotting: Adding Things to Existing Plots

- You can add separate data sources to plots using `points()`, `lines()`, or `arrows()`.

Breaking ChickWeight into two subsets, plotting one and then the other.

```
``{r, include=TRUE}
chicks.diet1 <- subset(ChickWeight, ChickWeight$Diet==1)
plot(x = chicks.diet1$Time, y = chicks.diet1$weight,
col=chicks.diet1$Chick, pch=19)

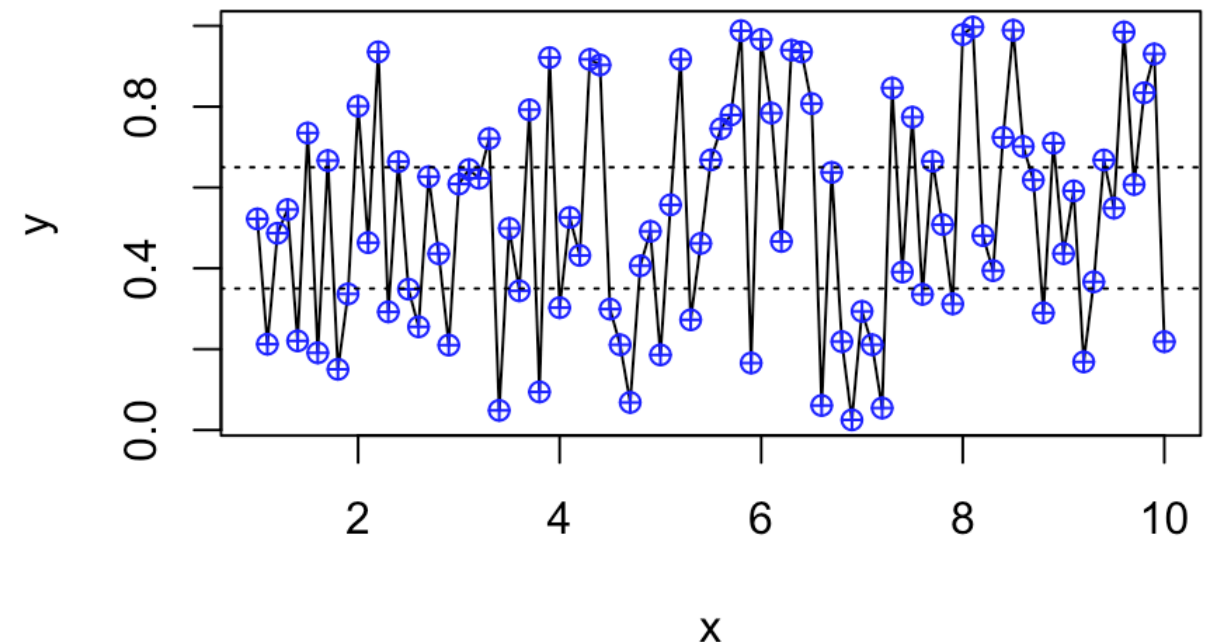
chicks.diet2 <- subset(ChickWeight, ChickWeight$Diet==2)
points(x = chicks.diet2$Time, y = chicks.diet2$weight,
col=chicks.diet2$Chick, pch = 8)
``
```



Plotting y values with lines and points, adding bounding lines on the y axis.

```
``{r, include=TRUE}
x.values <- seq(1,10, by=0.1)
y.values <- runif(length(x.values))
df2 <- data.frame(x = x.values, y = y.values)

plot(y ~ x, data = df2, type = "l")
points(x = df2$x, y = df2$y, pch = 10, col = "blue")
lines(x = c(-1,11), y = c(0.65, 0.65), lty = 3)
lines(x = c(-1,11), y = c(0.35, 0.35), lty = 3)
``
```



Basic Plotting: Adding a Legend

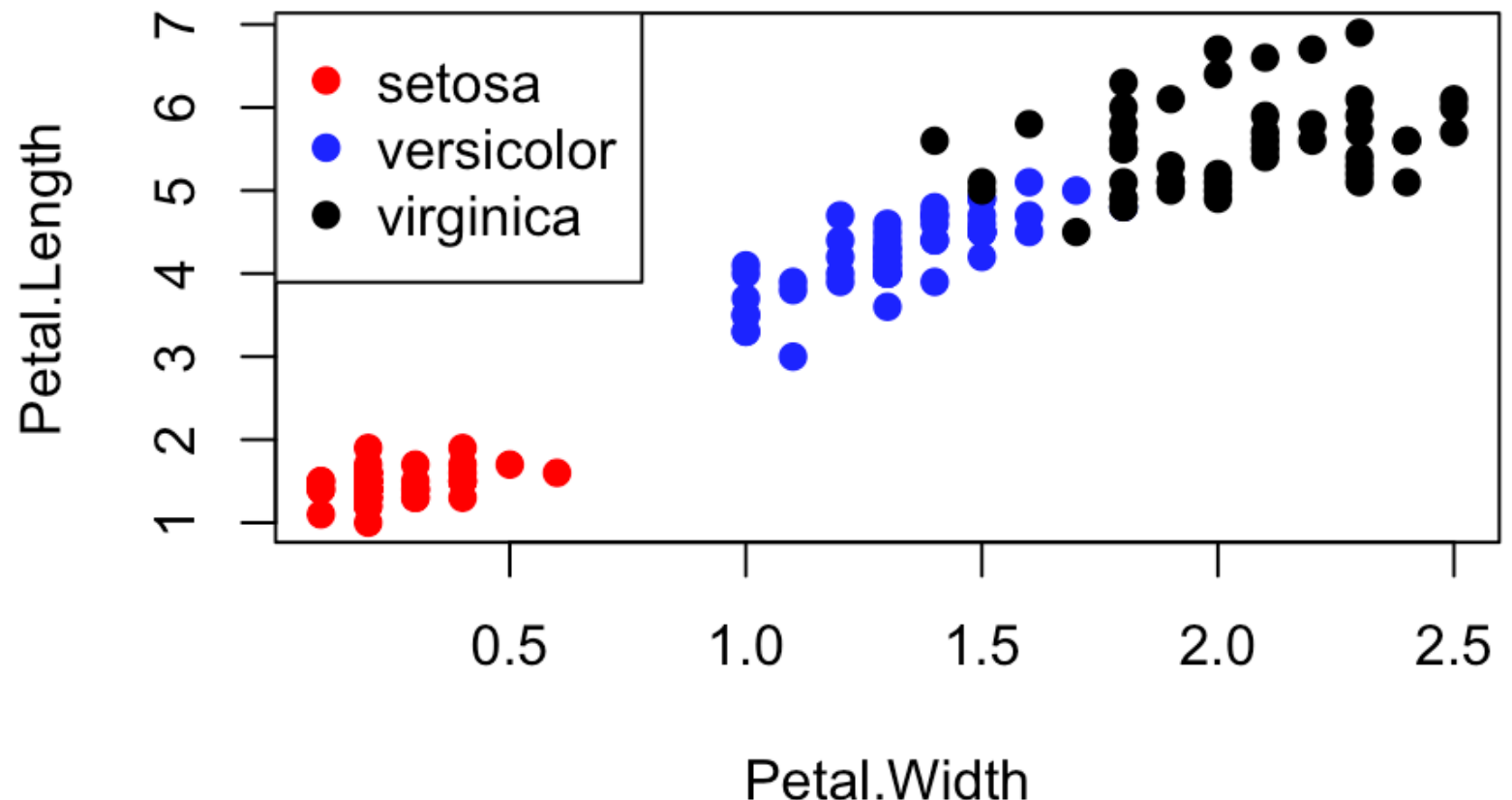
- You can add a plot legend with `legend()`.

sets placement, options
are topright, topleft,
bottomright,
bottomleft, or center

```
```{r, include=TRUE}  
iriscolors <- c("red", "blue", "black")
plot(Petal.Length ~ Petal.Width, data = iris,
 type="p", pch = 19, col = iriscolors[iris$Species])

legend("topleft", legend=levels(iris$Species), col=iriscolors,
 pch=rep(19,3))
```
```

legend: sets text
pch: shapes
col: colors



Check Your Understanding

Add a legend to your graph of Orange trees.

Action Items

- 1. Complete Assignment 2.1 using R Markdown.**
- 2. Read Davies Chapter 8 and Chang Chapters 1-2 for next time.**