R User Group

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2024 meeting schedule

Monthly meetings: second Tuesday of each month

- July 9
- August 13
- September 10
- October 8
- November 12
- December 10

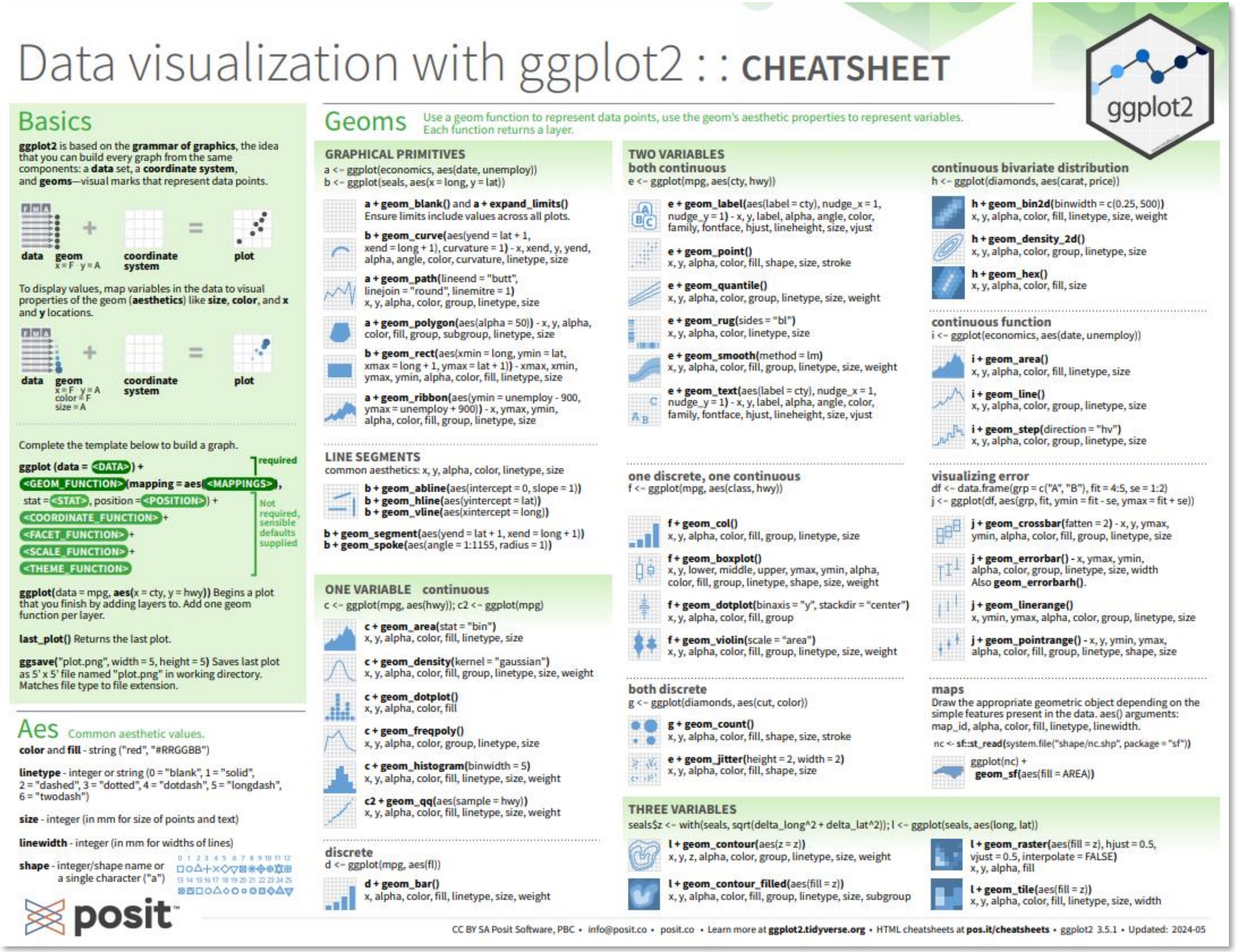
R resources

R resources: Getting started

1. Installing R and R Studio
    1. Download R
    2. Download R Studio
2. R Packages (what’s an R package and how do I install one?)
3. Short primers from the owners of R Studio

R resources: Great references

1. A Gentle Introduction to Tidy Statistics in R – Introductory tutorial focusing on stats
2. R for Data Science – Free online textbook introducing R for data organization, analysis, manipulation, and visualization
3. Cheat sheets for popular R packages



Data visualization with ggplot2 : : CHEATSHEET

Basics

ggplot2 is based on the **grammar of graphics**, the idea that you can build every graph from the same components: a **data** set, a **coordinate system**, and **geoms**—visual marks that represent data points.

data
geom
x = F y = A
coordinate system
plot

To display values, map variables in the data to visual properties of the geom (**aesthetics**) like **size**, **color**, and **x** and **y** locations.

Complete the template below to build a graph.

```
ggplot (data = <DATA>) +                                   required
<GEOM_FUNCTION>(mapping = aes(<MAPPINGS>),
 stat = <STAT>, position = <POSITION>) +                   Not
<COORDINATE_FUNCTION> +                                    required,
<FACET_FUNCTION> +                                         sensible
<SCALE_FUNCTION> +                                         defaults
<THEME_FUNCTION>                                           supplied
```

ggplot(data = mpg, **aes**(x = cty, y = hwy)) Begins a plot that you finish by adding layers to. Add one geom function per layer.

last_plot() Returns the last plot.

ggsave("plot.png", width = 5, height = 5) Saves last plot as 5' x 5' file named "plot.png" in working directory. Matches file type to file extension.

Aes Common aesthetic values.

color and **fill** - string ("red", "#RRGGBB")

linetype - integer or string (0 = "blank", 1 = "solid", 2 = "dashed", 3 = "dotted", 4 = "dotdash", 5 = "longdash", 6 = "twodash")

size - integer (in mm for size of points and text)

linewidth - integer (in mm for widths of lines)

shape - integer/shape name or a single character ("a")

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Geoms

Use a geom function to represent data points, use the geom's aesthetic properties to represent variables. Each function returns a layer.

GRAPHICAL PRIMITIVES

a <- ggplot(economics, aes(date, unemploy))
b <- ggplot(seals, aes(x = long, y = lat))

a + geom_blank() and **a + expand_limits()**
Ensure limits include values across all plots.

b + geom_curve(aes(yend = lat + 1, xend = long + 1), curvature = 1**)** - x, xend, y, yend, alpha, angle, color, curvature, linetype, size

a + geom_path(lineend = "butt", linejoin = "round", linemitre = 1**)**
x, y, alpha, color, group, linetype, size

a + geom_polygon(aes(alpha = 50)**)** - x, y, alpha, color, fill, group, subgroup, linetype, size

b + geom_rect(aes(xmin = long, ymin = lat, xmax = long + 1, ymax = lat + 1)**)** - xmax, xmin, ymax, ymin, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size

a + geom_ribbon(aes(ymin = unemploy - 900, ymax = unemploy + 900)**)** - x, ymax, ymin, alpha, color, fill, group, linetype, size

LINE SEGMENTS

common aesthetics: x, y, alpha, color, linetype, size

b + geom_abline(aes(intercept = 0, slope = 1)**)**
b + geom_hline(aes(yintercept = lat)**)**
b + geom_vline(aes(xintercept = long)**)**

b + geom_segment(aes(yend = lat + 1, xend = long + 1)**)**
b + geom_spoke(aes(angle = 1:1155, radius = 1)**)**

ONE VARIABLE continuous

c <- ggplot(mpg, aes(hwy)); c2 <- ggplot(mpg)

c + geom_area(stat = "bin"**)**
x, y, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size

c + geom_density(kernel = "gaussian"**)**
x, y, alpha, color, fill, group, linetype, size, weight

c + geom_dotplot()
x, y, alpha, color, fill

c + geom_freqpoly()
x, y, alpha, color, group, linetype, size

c + geom_histogram(binwidth = 5**)**
x, y, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size, weight

c2 + geom_qq(aes(sample = hwy)**)**
x, y, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size, weight

discrete

d <- ggplot(mpg, aes(fl))

d + geom_bar()
x, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size, weight

TWO VARIABLES

both continuous

e <- ggplot(mpg, aes(cty, hwy))

e + geom_label(aes(label = cty), nudge_x = 1, nudge_y = 1**)** - x, y, label, alpha, angle, color, family, fontface, hjust, lineheight, size, vjust

e + geom_point()
x, y, alpha, color, fill, shape, size, stroke

e + geom_quantile()
x, y, alpha, color, group, linetype, size, weight

e + geom_rug(sides = "bl"**)**
x, y, alpha, color, linetype, size

e + geom_smooth(method = lm**)**
x, y, alpha, color, fill, group, linetype, size, weight

e + geom_text(aes(label = cty), nudge_x = 1, nudge_y = 1**)** - x, y, label, alpha, angle, color, family, fontface, hjust, lineheight, size, vjust

one discrete, one continuous

f <- ggplot(mpg, aes(class, hwy))

f + geom_col()
x, y, alpha, color, fill, group, linetype, size

f + geom_boxplot()
x, y, lower, middle, upper, ymax, ymin, alpha, color, fill, group, linetype, shape, size, weight

f + geom_dotplot(binaxis = "y", stackdir = "center"**)**
x, y, alpha, color, fill, group

f + geom_violin(scale = "area"**)**
x, y, alpha, color, fill, group, linetype, size, weight

both discrete

g <- ggplot(diamonds, aes(cut, color))

g + geom_count()
x, y, alpha, color, fill, shape, size, stroke

e + geom_jitter(height = 2, width = 2**)**
x, y, alpha, color, fill, shape, size

continuous bivariate distribution

h <- ggplot(diamonds, aes(carat, price))

h + geom_bin2d(binwidth = c(0.25, 500)**)**
x, y, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size, weight

h + geom_density_2d()
x, y, alpha, color, group, linetype, size

h + geom_hex()
x, y, alpha, color, fill, size

continuous function

i <- ggplot(economics, aes(date, unemploy))

i + geom_area()
x, y, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size

i + geom_line()
x, y, alpha, color, group, linetype, size

i + geom_step(direction = "hv"**)**
x, y, alpha, color, group, linetype, size

visualizing error

df <- data.frame(grp = c("A", "B"), fit = 4:5, se = 1:2)
j <- ggplot(df, aes(grp, fit, ymin = fit - se, ymax = fit + se))

j + geom_crossbar(fatten = 2**)** - x, y, ymax, ymin, alpha, color, fill, group, linetype, size

j + geom_errorbar() - x, ymax, ymin, alpha, color, group, linetype, size, width
Also **geom_errorbarh()**.

j + geom_linerange()
x, ymin, ymax, alpha, color, group, linetype, size

j + geom_pointrange() - x, y, ymin, ymax, alpha, color, fill, group, linetype, shape, size

maps

Draw the appropriate geometric object depending on the simple features present in the data. aes() arguments: map_id, alpha, color, fill, linetype, linewidth.

nc <- **sf::st_read(**system.file("shape/nc.shp", package = "sf")**)**

ggplot(nc) +
 geom_sf(aes(fill = AREA)**)**

THREE VARIABLES

seals$z <- with(seals, sqrt(delta_long^2 + delta_lat^2)); l <- ggplot(seals, aes(long, lat))

l + geom_contour(aes(z = z)**)**
x, y, z, alpha, color, group, linetype, size, weight

l + geom_contour_filled(aes(fill = z)**)**
x, y, alpha, color, fill, group, linetype, size, subgroup

l + geom_raster(aes(fill = z), hjust = 0.5, vjust = 0.5, interpolate = FALSE**)**
x, y, alpha, fill

l + geom_tile(aes(fill = z)**)**
x, y, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size, width

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R resources: Fun stuff

1. R for cats – Fun tutorial about the basics of R programming… with cats!
2. Learning R – Episode of the PolicyViz podcast with Jonathan Schwabish from the Urban Institute where he talks about his approach to learning R

Demos

Census data

Demo topic:	Working with census data in R
Date:	July 9, 2024
Presenters:	Coral Wonderly
Packages used:	Tidycensus, Tidyverse, Insight
Script link:	Markdown Version: https://github.com/CTOpenData/r-user-group/blob/main/tidycensus.Rmd PDF Version: https://github.com/CTOpenData/r-user-group/blob/main/tidycensus.pdf

Cleaning address data

Demo topic:	Cleaning a column with unstandardized town name data
Date:	June 4, 2024
Presenters:	Sarah Hurley and Pauline Zaldonis
Packages used:	dplyr, readr, stringr
Script link:	https://github.com/CTOpenData/r-user-group/blob/main/address_data_cleaning.R

Appendix

Who we are

What is R?

What is R?

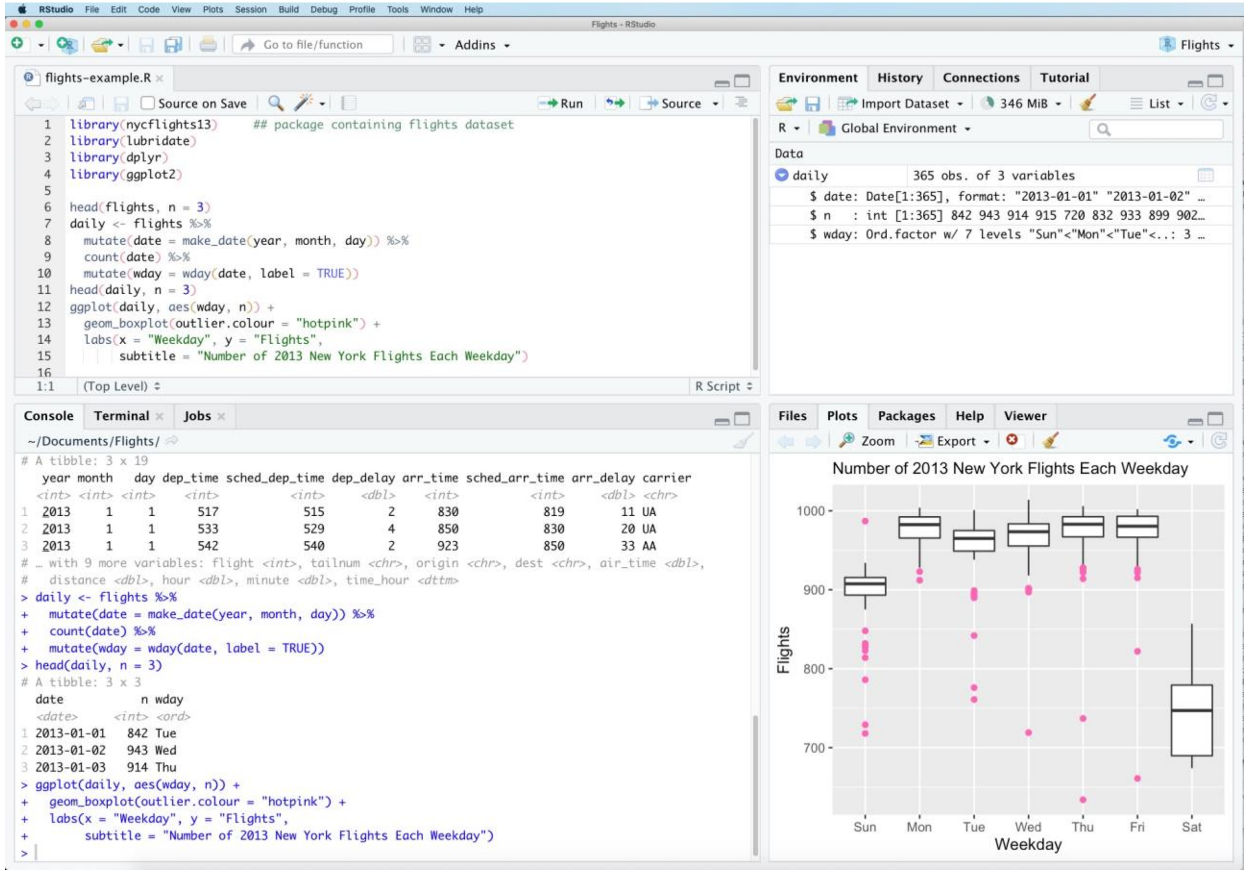
- Programming language for statistical computing and data visualization
- Open-source and free to use
- Created by statisticians for statisticians

Key features of R

- Statistical analysis: linear and nonlinear modeling, time-series analysis, classification, clustering
- Data visualization: high-quality graphs and plots
- Extensible with thousands of packages available
- Comprehensive R Archive Network (CRAN) hosts user-contributed packages
- Large and active user community
- Extensive documentation and support available

R Studio

- R Studio is the integrated development environment (IDE) for working with R
- User-friendly interface for writing and debugging R code
- Enhances productivity and ease of use



```r
library(nycflights13)     ## package containing flights dataset
library(lubridate)
library(dplyr)
library(ggplot2)

head(flights, n = 3)
daily <- flights %>%
  mutate(date = make_date(year, month, day)) %>%
  count(date) %>%
  mutate(wday = wday(date, label = TRUE))
head(daily, n = 3)
ggplot(daily, aes(wday, n)) +
  geom_boxplot(outlier.colour = "hotpink") +
  labs(x = "Weekday", y = "Flights",
       subtitle = "Number of 2013 New York Flights Each Weekday")
```

```
Data
daily                365 obs. of 3 variables
   $ date: Date[1:365], format: "2013-01-01" "2013-01-02" …
   $ n   : int [1:365] 842 943 914 915 720 832 933 899 902…
   $ wday: Ord.factor w/ 7 levels "Sun"<"Mon"<"Tue"<..: 3 …
```

```
# A tibble: 3 x 19
   year month   day dep_time sched_dep_time dep_delay arr_time sched_arr_time arr_delay carrier
  <int> <int> <int>    <int>          <int>     <dbl>    <int>          <int>     <dbl> <chr>
1  2013     1     1      517            515         2      830            819        11 UA
2  2013     1     1      533            529         4      850            830        20 UA
3  2013     1     1      542            540         2      923            850        33 AA
# … with 9 more variables: flight <int>, tailnum <chr>, origin <chr>, dest <chr>, air_time <dbl>,
#   distance <dbl>, hour <dbl>, minute <dbl>, time_hour <dttm>
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# A tibble: 3 x 3
  date           n wday
  <date>     <int> <ord>
1 2013-01-01   842 Tue
2 2013-01-02   943 Wed
3 2013-01-03   914 Thu
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+   labs(x = "Weekday", y = "Flights",
+        subtitle = "Number of 2013 New York Flights Each Weekday")
> 
```

Why use R?

Why use R?

- **Interoperability**
  - Integrates with other programming languages and tools
  - Compatibility with Python, SQL, Hadoop, etc.
  - Facilitates seamless workflow in data science projects
- **Reproducible processes**
  - Create processes that you can quickly repeat & reproduce results
  - Tools like R Markdown for creating dynamic documents
    - Combines code, output, and narrative text
    - Ensures reproducible research and reports

Discussion

Discussion questions

1. What R projects have you been working on?
2. What questions do you have?
3. What do you want to learn about R?
4. What would you be willing to demo at a future R meeting?