Topic: Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

Presentation of Bivariate Data

Part B: One quantitative and one qualitative variable

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- scatterplots
- line plots (against time)

Comparing Batches: One quantitative and one qualitative variable

Question: Is there a **difference** between two or more batches of data?

- One quantitative variable
- Two batches (male & female)
- Or many batches (eg brands)

The aim is to turn data into meaningful information AND to **communicate it effectively**

- Plots should be on the same scale
- Do NOT use two separate plots
- Different plots will show different aspects of the data

Later we examine hypothesis tests - eg. are the population means significantly different?

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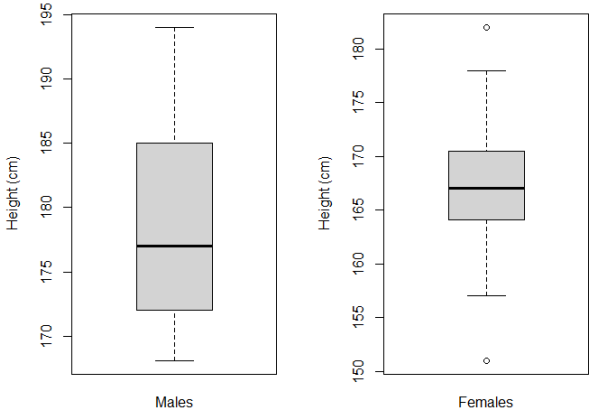

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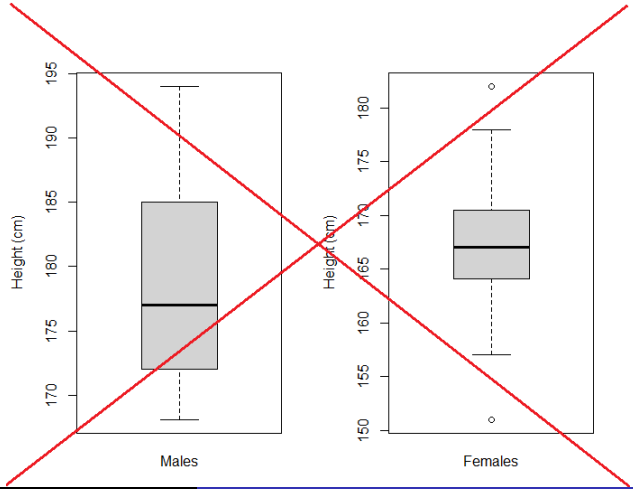

To compare: Use one plot, one set of axes

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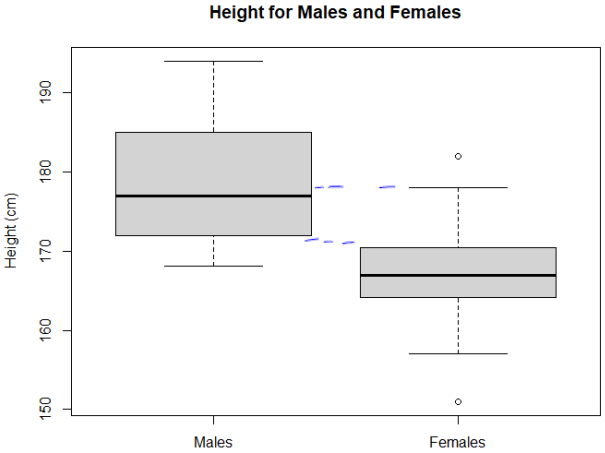

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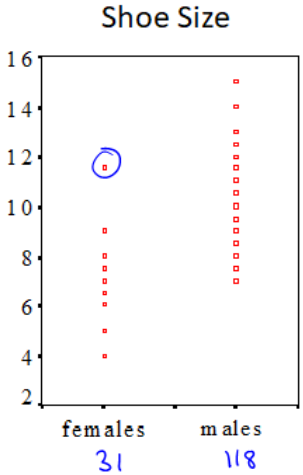
For all key features

- Contexts
- Shape of distribution
- Outliers/Extremes
- Centre
- Spread
- Patterns

Comparison - Dot plots

Comparison of male and female shoe size



We can easily see:

- spread
- possible outliers

What can't we see?

- shape of the distribution
- centre of data
- density of dots (ie how many people with one shoe size) as dots overlayed

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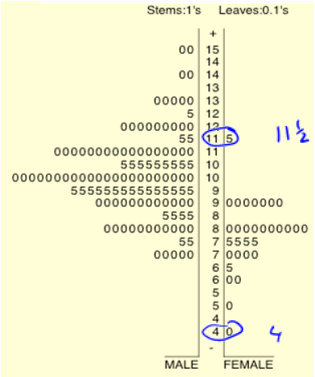

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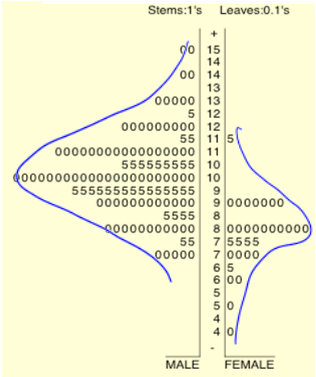

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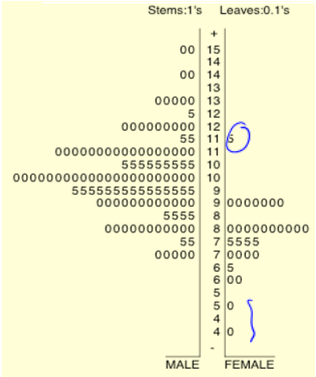

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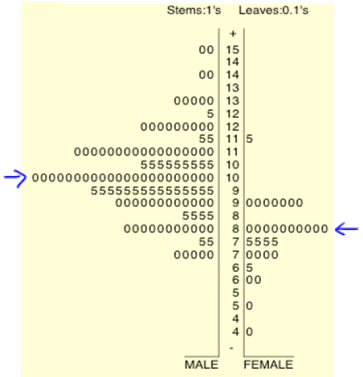

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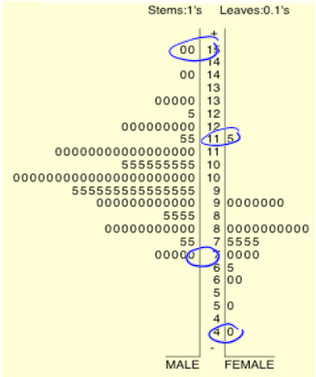

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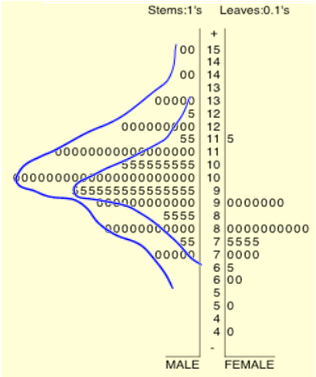

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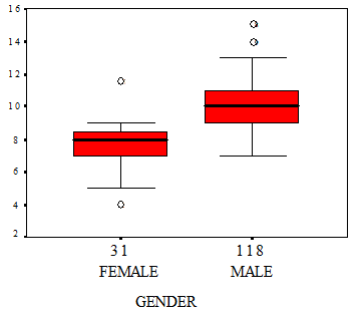

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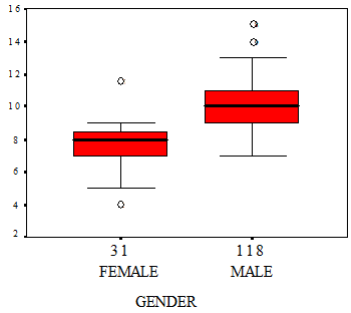

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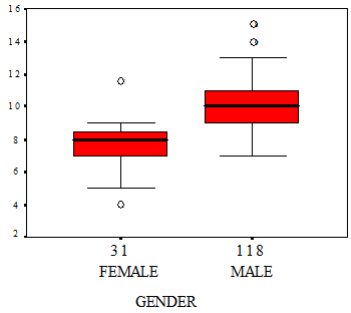

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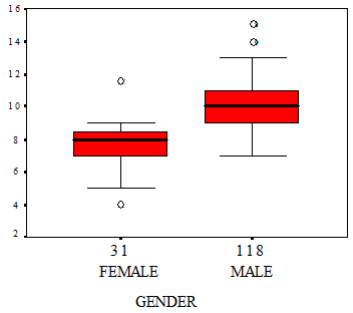

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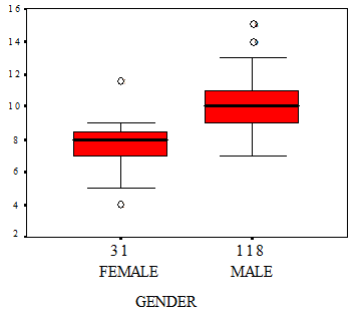

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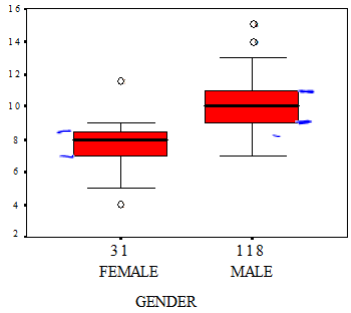

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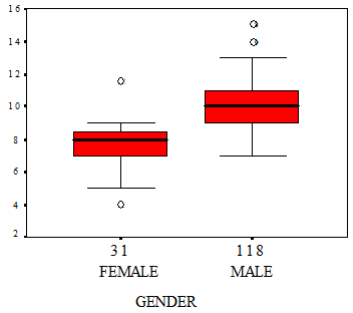

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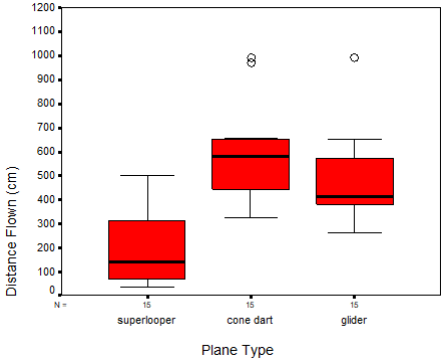

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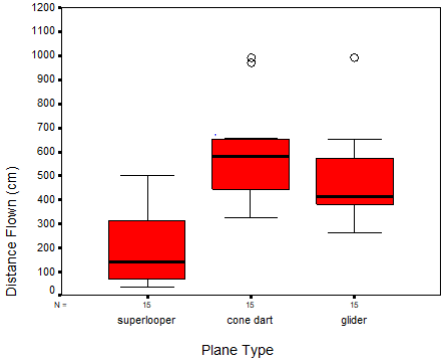

- **Stem-and-leaf plots**
  - show individual values, and
  - give a better picture of the shape of the spread,
  - but their detail makes them unsuitable for comparing more than two groups (back-to-back)
  - not suitable when a large no. of observations