

Categorical Variables:

BAR CHARTS

Categorical data

FACTOR

ordinal

freshman, sophomore, junior, senior

nominal

Manhattan, The Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens,
Staten Island

discrete

bikes, # of wheels: 1, 2, 3, 4

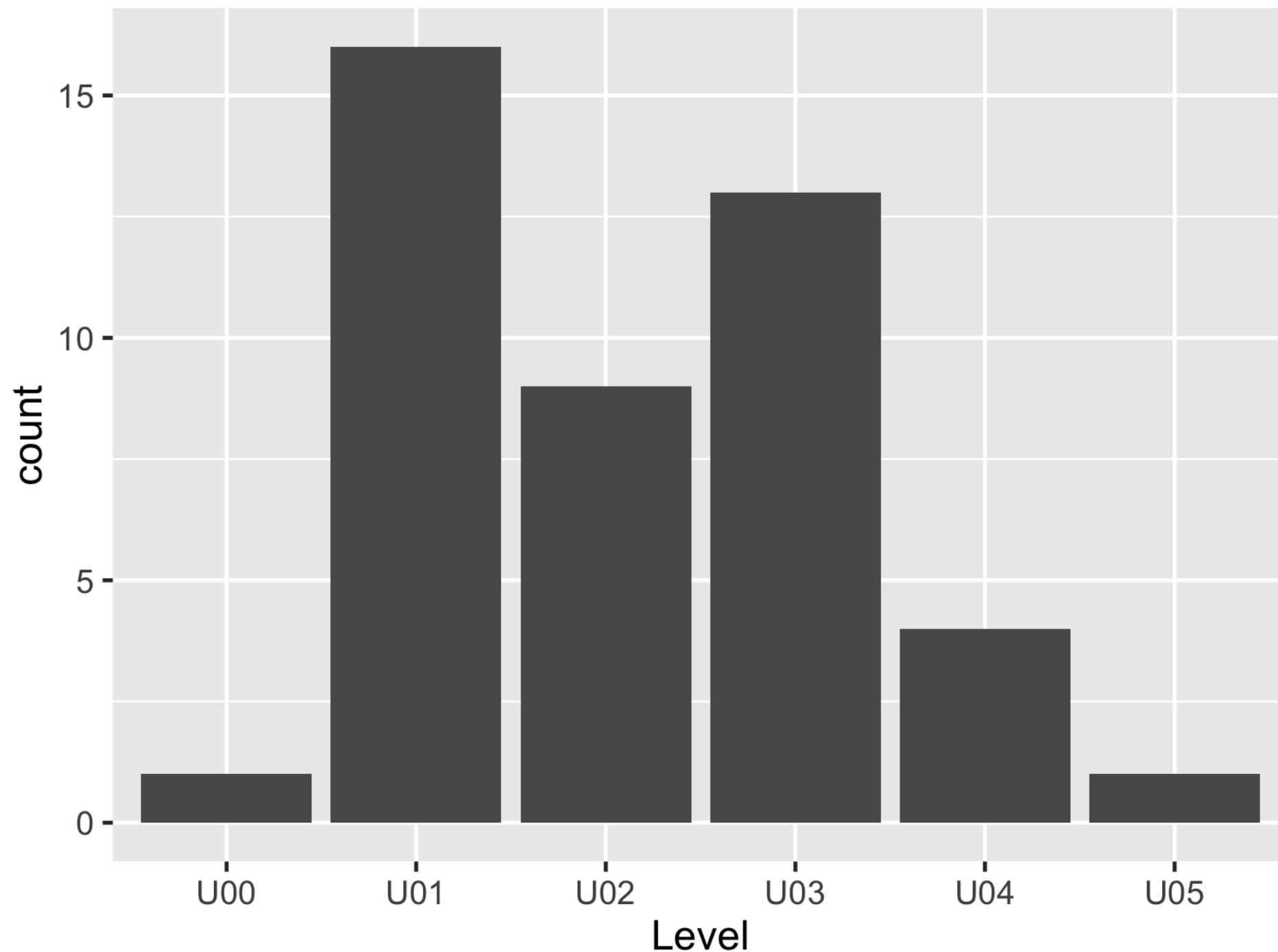
Categorical data

CHARACTER

names, addresses, etc.

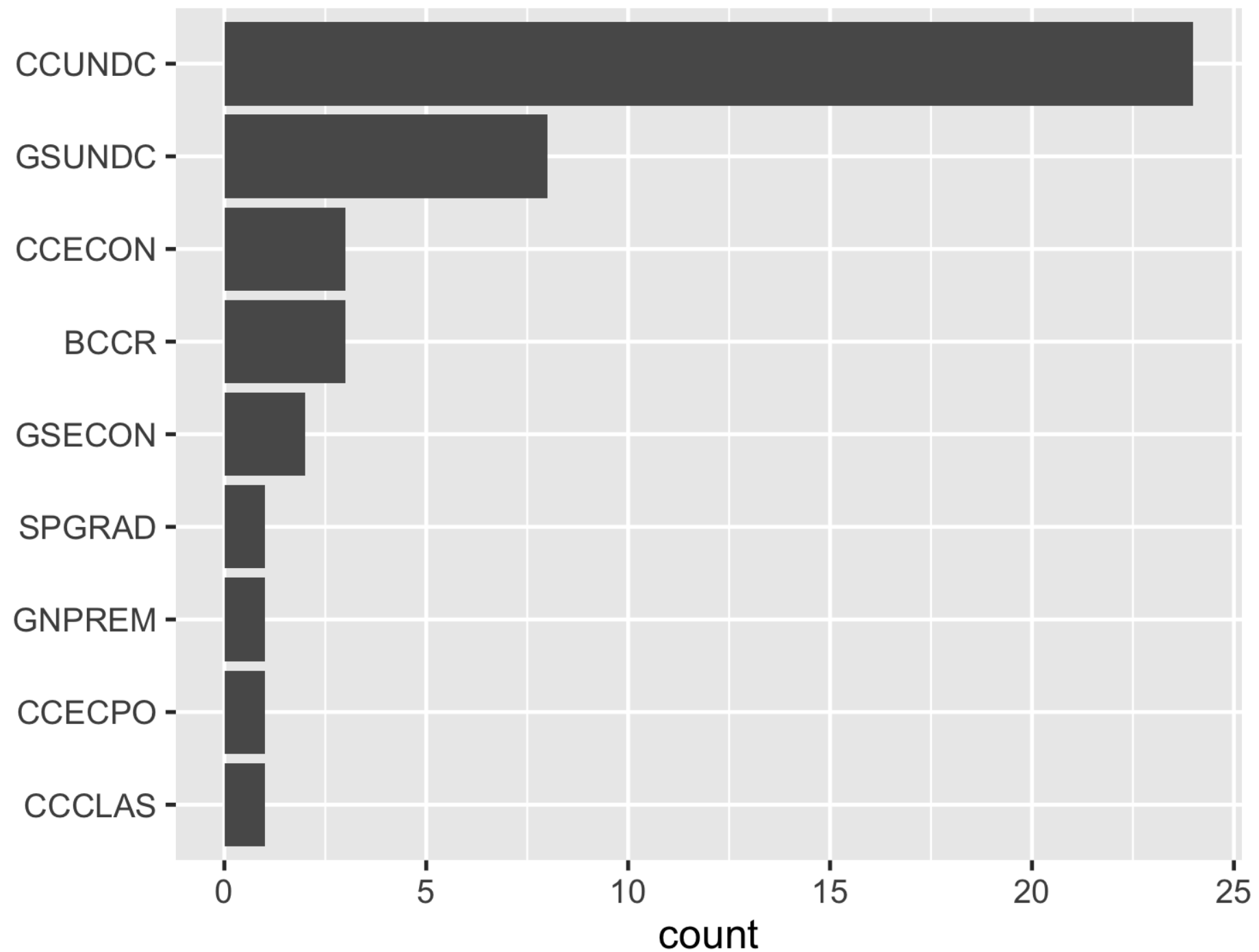
Bar charts

Ordinal data: sort bars by natural order



Bar charts

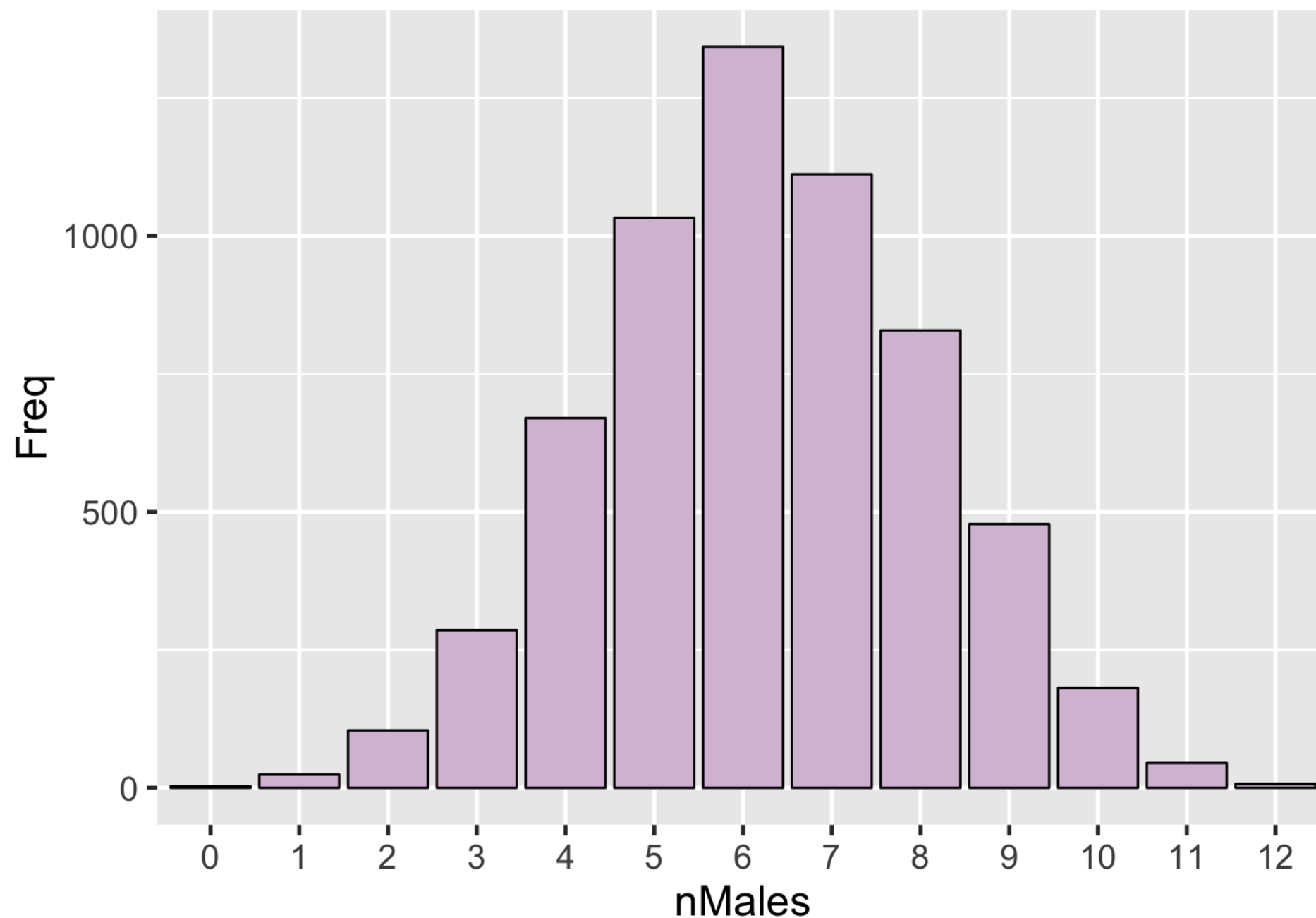
Nominal data: sort bars by frequency



Bar charts

Discrete data: sort bars by natural order

of male children in 6115 familes of size 12



ggplot2

unbinned data

```
df_unbinned <- data.frame(temperature =  
  ("cold", "warm", "hot", "hot", "warm",  
   "warm", "cold", "cold", "cold"))
```

binned data

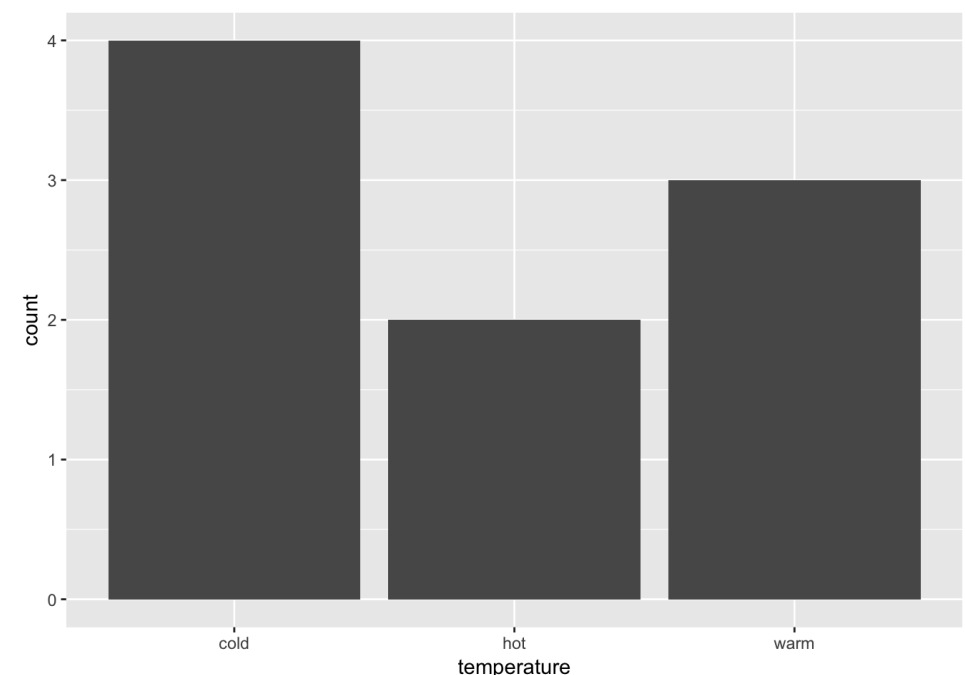
```
df_binned <- data.frame(temperature =  
  c("cold", "hot", "warm"),  
  count = c(4, 2, 3))
```

geom_bar()

unbinned data

```
df_unbinned <- data.frame(temperature =  
  ("cold", "warm", "hot", "hot", "warm",  
   "warm", "cold", "cold", "cold"))
```

```
ggplot(df_unbinned,  
  aes(x = temperature)) +  
  geom_bar()
```

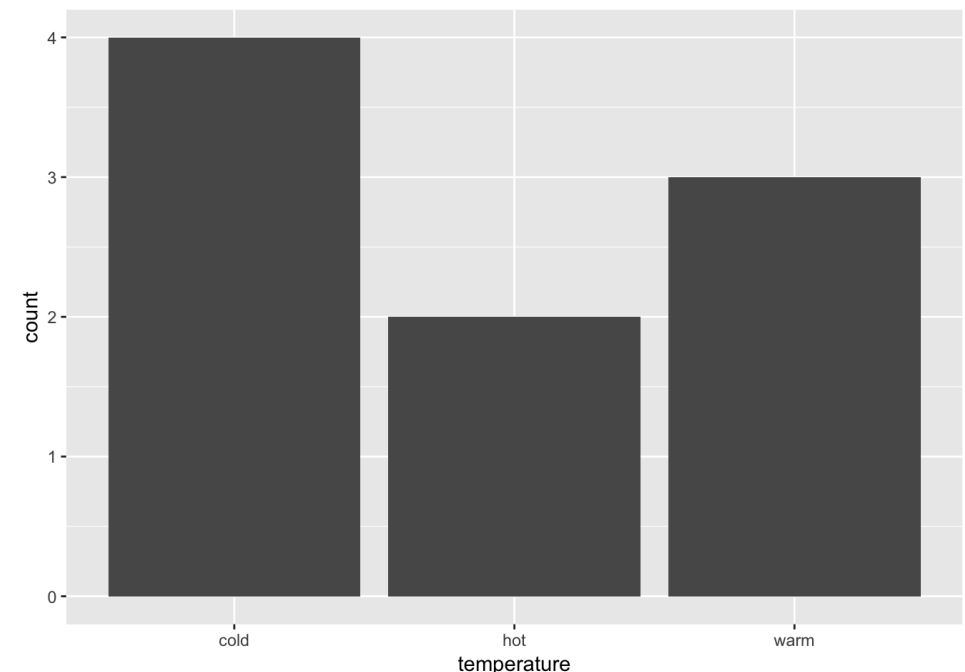


geom_col()

binned data

```
df_binned <- data.frame(temperature =  
  c("cold", "hot", "warm"),  
  count = c(4, 2, 3))
```

```
ggplot(df_binned,  
  aes(x = temperature, y = count)) +  
  geom_col()
```



how to reorder bars



Kara Woo @kara_woo · Feb 5

Aftereffects of [#rstudioconf](#): I spent five minutes trying to answer a ggplot2 Stack Overflow question on a display laptop in the Apple store, without a reprex or access to R, before remembering that's not what I was there for.



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Following

Replying to [@kara_woo](#)

The answer to all ggplot2 questions on stackoverflow: "You need to turn the variable into a factor and then order the levels in the order you want the bars to be drawn."

8:19 PM - 5 Feb 2018

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how to reorder bars

reorder factor levels

base R

```
df_unbinned$temperature <-  
  factor(df_unbinned$temperature,  
         levels = c("cold", "warm", "hot"))
```

dplyr

```
df_unbinned <- df_unbinned %>%  
  mutate(temperature = factor(temperature,  
    levels = c("cold", "warm", "hot")))
```

how to reorder bars

more options

**"Reorder those bars, once and for all,
with forcats"**

<https://github.com/jtr13/codehelp/blob/master/R/reorder.md>

Lab 4: Bar charts

1) Go to:

<https://github.com/jtr13/BRL-workshops>

2) Download ZIP

3) Open:

4-Barchart.Rmd

in the

labs/ folder

