Dplyr, Pipes, and More

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Last chapter: Purrr and a bit of dplyr

- For iteration tasks, plyr and tidyverse are two alternative of base R with better consistency
- plyr provides apply-like functions **ply and ensures the consistency of input and output data types
- tidyverse is a collection of packages for common data science tasks
- purrr is one such package that provides a consistent family of iteration functions
- Compared with plyr, purrr is often faster
- map(): list in, list out
- map_dbl(), map_lgl(), map_chr(): list in, vector out (of a particular data type)
- map_dfr(), map_dfc(): list in, data frame out (row-binded or column-binded)
- dplyr is another such package that provides functions for data frame computations
- filter(): subset rows based on a condition
- group_by(): define groups of rows according to a condition
- summarize(): apply computations across groups of rows

Part I: *Revisit tidyverse*

What is the tidyverse?

The tidyverse is a coherent collection of packages in R for data science, and **tidyverse** is itself a actually package that loads all its constituent packages. Packages include:

- Data wrangling: dplyr, tidyr, readr
- Iteration: purrr
- Visualization: ggplot2

Last chapter we covered <code>purrr</code> and a bit of <code>dplyr</code>. This chapter we'll do more <code>dplyr</code>, some <code>tidyr</code> and basic <code>ggplot2</code>.

Loading the tidyverse so that we can get all this functionality:

```
## Warning: package 'tidyverse' was built under R version 4.2.3

## Warning: package 'ggplot2' was built under R version 4.2.3

## Warning: package 'tibble' was built under R version 4.2.3

## Warning: package 'tidyr' was built under R version 4.2.3

## Warning: package 'readr' was built under R version 4.2.3

## Warning: package 'dplyr' was built under R version 4.2.3
```

```
## Warning: package 'forcats' was built under R version 4.2.3
```

```
## Warning: package 'lubridate' was built under R version 4.2.3
```

Why the tidyverse?

- Packages have a very consistent API
- Very active developer and user community
- Function names and commands follow a focused grammar
- Powerful and fast when working with data frames and lists (matrices, not so much, yet!)
- Pipes (%>% operator) allows us to fluidly glue functionality together
- At its best, tidyverse code can be **read like a story** using the pipe operator!

CRAN R Packages by Number of Downloads

Rank Package Name Downloads Author Maintainer magrittr 105.620.859 2 ggplot2 103,494,953 3 rlang 96,844,031 80,668,370 4 dplyr 5 tibble 67,814,202 6 jsonlite 67,626,269 67,007,649 7 Rcpp 8 vctrs 66,101,582 9 pillar 63,363,428 10 63,052,277 devtools 11 glue 62,663,280 12 62,517,641 13 55,984,602 stringr 55,503,730 14 stringi lifecycle 55,377,940 16 aws.ec2metadata 54,943,359 17 digest 54,043,682 18 rsconnect 51,654,445 50,700,992 19 knitr 49,296,067 20 aws.s3 21 tidyverse 48,758,134 22 tidyr 48,748,390

Screenshot from http://www.datasciencemeta.com/rpackages.



The developer of tidyverse package, Hadley Wickham, wined the 2019 COPSS Presidents' Award (one of the highest honors in statistics). The award citation recognized Wickham "for influential work in statistical computing, visualization, graphics, and data analysis; for developing and implementing an impressively comprehensive computational infrastructure for data analysis through R software; for making statistical

thinking and computing accessible to large audience; and for enhancing an appreciation for the important role of statistics among data scientists."

Data wrangling the tidy way

- Packages dplyr and tidyr are going to be our main workhorses for data wrangling
- Main structure these packages use is the data frame (or tibble, but we won't go there)
- Learning pipes %>% will facilitate learning the dplyr and tidyr functions
- dplyr functions are analogous to Structured Query Language (SQL) counterparts, so learn dplyr and get SQL for free!

Part II: Mastering the pipe

All behold the glorious pipe

- Tidyverse functions are at their best when composed together using the pipe operator
- It looks like this: %>%. **Shortcut**: use **ctrl** + **shift** + **m** in RStudio
- This operator actually comes from the magrittr package (the most downloaded package, automatically included in dplyr)
- Piping at its most basic level:

Take one return value and automatically feed it in as an input to another function, to form a flow of results

• In unix and related systems, we also have pipes, as in:

```
ls -l | grep tidy | wc -l
```

List the detailed information of files and folders in the current directory, **and then** keep lines containing tidy, and then count the number of lines. Finally, it outputs the number of files or directories whose names contain tidy.

How to read pipes: single arguments

Passing a single argument through pipes, we interpret something like:

```
x %>% f %>% g %>% h
```

as h(g(f(x)))

Key takeaway: in your mind, when you see %>%, read this as "and then"

Simple example

We can write exp(1) with pipes as 1 %>% exp, and log(exp(1)) as 1 %>% exp %>% log

```
exp(1)
```

```
## [1] 2.718282
```

```
1 %>% exp
```

```
## [1] 2.718282
```

```
1 %>% exp %>% log
```

```
## [1] 1
```

How to read pipes: multiple arguments

Now for multi-arguments functions, we interpret something like:

```
x %>% f(y)
```

as f(x,y)

Simple example

```
mtcars %>% head(4)
```

And what's the "old school" (base R) way?

```
head(mtcars, 4)
```

Notice that, with pipes:

- Your code is more readable (arguably)
- You can run partial commands more easily

The dot (起占任有作用)

The command $x \gg f(y)$ can be equivalently written in **dot notation** as:

```
x %>% f(., y)
```

Advantage of using dots: Sometimes you want to pass in a variable as the *second* or *third* (say, not first) argument to a function, with a pipe. As in:

```
x %>% f(y, .)
```

which is equivalent to f(y,x)

Simple example

Again, see if you can interpret the code below without running it, then run it in your R console as a way to check your understanding:

```
state_df = data.frame(state.x77)
state.region %>%
  tolower %>%
  tapply(state_df$Income, ., summary) (income level of each region)
```

A more complicated example:

```
x = "We learn piping from this chapter"
x %>%
strsplit(split = " ") %>%
.[[1]] %>% # indexing, could also use `[[`(1)
nchar %>%
max
```

Part III: *dplyr functions*

Some of the most important dplyr functions:

- filter(): subset rows based on a condition
- group_by(): define groups of rows according to a condition
- summarize(): apply computations across groups of rows
- arrange(): order rows by value of a column
- select(): pick out given columns
- mutate(): create new columns
- mutate_at(): apply a function to given columns

We've learned filter(), group_by(), summarize() in the last chapter.

In the following, we take the data frame **mtcars** as an example. It stores the fuel consumption and 10 design and performance features of 32 US automobiles in 1974.

```
head(mtcars)
```

```
## Mazda RX4 21.0 6 160 110 3.90 2.620 16.46 0 1 4 4
## Mazda RX4 Wag 21.0 6 160 110 3.90 2.875 17.02 0 1 4 4
## Datsun 710 22.8 4 108 93 3.85 2.320 18.61 1 1 4 1
## Hornet 4 Drive 21.4 6 258 110 3.08 3.215 19.44 1 0 3 1
## Hornet Sportabout 18.7 8 360 175 3.15 3.440 17.02 0 0 3 2
## Valiant 18.1 6 225 105 2.76 3.460 20.22 1 0 3 1
```

For example, the first column mpg stands for miles per gallon.

arrange(): order rows by values of a column

By default, arrange() runs in ascending order: (由小到大神)

```
mtcars %>%
arrange(mpg) %>%
head(4)
```

```
## Cadillac Fleetwood 10.4 8 472 205 2.93 5.250 17.98 0 0 3 4
## Lincoln Continental 10.4 8 460 215 3.00 5.424 17.82 0 0 3 4
## Camaro Z28 13.3 8 350 245 3.73 3.840 15.41 0 0 3 4
## Duster 360 14.3 8 360 245 3.21 3.570 15.84 0 0 3 4
```

```
# Base R 类分子 base R中的 order.但 order 返回的是 mdex vector
mpg_inds = order(mtcars$mpg)
head(mtcars[mpg_inds, ], 4)
```

```
## Cadillac Fleetwood 10.4 8 472 205 2.93 5.250 17.98 0 0 3 4
## Lincoln Continental 10.4 8 460 215 3.00 5.424 17.82 0 0 3 4
## Camaro Z28 13.3 8 350 245 3.73 3.840 15.41 0 0 3 4
## Duster 360 14.3 8 360 245 3.21 3.570 15.84 0 0 3 4
```

We can apply in descending order:

```
mtcars %>%
  arrange(desc(mpg)) %>%
  head(4)
```

```
## Toyota Corolla 33.9  4 71.1  65 4.22 1.835 19.90  1  1  4  1  ## Fiat 128  32.4  4 78.7  66 4.08 2.200 19.47  1  1  4  1  ## Honda Civic  30.4  4 75.7  52 4.93 1.615 18.52  1  1  4  2  ## Lotus Europa  30.4  4 95.1 113 3.77 1.513 16.90  1  1  5  2
```

```
# Base R
mpg_inds_decr = order(mtcars$mpg, decreasing = TRUE)
head(mtcars[mpg_inds_decr, ], 4)
```

```
## Toyota Corolla 33.9  4 71.1  65 4.22 1.835 19.90  1  1  4  1  ## Fiat 128  32.4  4 78.7  66 4.08 2.200 19.47  1  1  4  1  ## Honda Civic 30.4  4 75.7  52 4.93 1.615 18.52  1  1  4  2  ## Lotus Europa 30.4  4 95.1 113 3.77 1.513 16.90  1  1  5  2
```

We can order by multiple columns at the same time: 可以用于对各个类别内部分别排序

```
mtcars %>%
arrange(desc(gear), desc(hp)) %>%
head(8)

gear 相同时再接 hp 排
```

```
## Maserati Bora 15.0 8 301.0 335 3.54 3.570 14.60 0 1 5 8
## Ford Pantera L 15.8 8 351.0 264 4.22 3.170 14.50 0 1 5 4
## Ferrari Dino 19.7 6 145.0 175 3.62 2.770 15.50 0 1 5 6
## Lotus Europa 30.4 4 95.1 113 3.77 1.513 16.90 1 1 5 2
## Porsche 914-2 26.0 4 120.3 91 4.43 2.140 16.70 0 1 5 2
## Merc 280 19.2 6 167.6 123 3.92 3.440 18.30 1 0 4 4
## Merc 280C 17.8 6 167.6 123 3.92 3.440 18.90 1 0 4 4
## Mazda RX4 21.0 6 160.0 110 3.90 2.620 16.46 0 1 4 4
```

First, the data frame is ordered by gear column; if there is a tie in gear, then ordered by hp column.

select(): pick out given columns

Here, we pick out three columns— cyl for number of cylinders, disp for displacement and hp for horsepower—from the original data frame.

```
mtcars %>%
  select(cyl, disp, hp) %>%
head(2)
```

```
## cyl disp hp
## Mazda RX4 6 160 110
## Mazda RX4 Wag 6 160 110
```

```
# Base R
head(mtcars[, c("cyl", "disp", "hp")], 2)
```

```
## cyl disp hp
## Mazda RX4 6 160 110
## Mazda RX4 Wag 6 160 110
```

Some handy select() helpers

Select columns whose names start with "d".

```
mtcars %>%
select(starts_with("d")) %>%
head(2)
```

```
## disp drat

## Mazda RX4 160 3.9

## Mazda RX4 Wag 160 3.9
```

```
# Base R
d_colnames = grep(x = colnames(mtcars), pattern = "^d")
head(mtcars[, d_colnames], 2)
```

```
## disp drat
## Mazda RX4 160 3.9
## Mazda RX4 Wag 160 3.9
```

Base R replies on text manipulation function grep to search the entries starting with d in a string vector. (We will introduce more in the next chapter)

We can do many other things as well:

```
mtcars %>% select(ends_with('t')) %>% head(2)
```

```
## drat wt
## Mazda RX4 3.9 2.620
## Mazda RX4 Wag 3.9 2.875
```

```
mtcars %>% select(ends_with('yl')) %>% head(2)
```

```
## Cyl
## Mazda RX4 6
## Mazda RX4 Wag 6
```

```
mtcars %>% select(contains('ar')) %>% head(2)
```

```
## gear carb
## Mazda RX4 4 4
## Mazda RX4 Wag 4 4
```

If you're interested go and read more here

mutate(): create one or several columns

Newly created variables are usable immediately:

mutate_at(): apply a function to one or several columns

```
mtcars = mtcars %>%
  mutate_at(c("hp_wt", "mpg_wt"), log)

# Base R

mtcars$hp_wt = log(mtcars$hp_wt)

mtcars$mpg_wt = log(mtcars$mpg_wt)
```

Important note



Calling dplyr functions always outputs a new data frame, it does not alter the existing data frame

Thus, to keep the changes, we have to reassign the data frame to be the output of the pipe! (Look back at the examples for mutate() and mutate_at())

dplyr and SQL

SQL is commonly used in accessing, manipulating and retrieving databases.

- Once you learn dplyr you should find SQL very natural, and vice versa!
- For example, select is SELECT, filter is WHERE, arrange is ORDER BY etc.
- This will make it much easier for tasks that require using both R and SQL to munge data and build statistical models
- One major link is through powerful functions like <code>group_by()</code> and <code>summarize()</code>, which are used to aggregate data
- Another major link to SQL is through merging/joining data frames, via left_join() and inner_join() functions

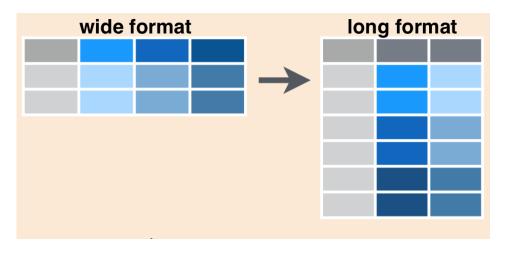
Part IV: tidyr functions

Two of the most important tidyr functions:

- pivot_longer() : make "wide" data longer
- pivot_wider(): make "long" data wider

There are many others like spread(), gather(), nest(), unnest(), etc. (If you're interested go and read about them here)

pivot_longer(): make "wide" data longer



cases is a 3 * 4 data frame, which stores the tuberculosis cases of three countries in 2011, 2012 and 2013.

```
library(EDAWR) # Load some nice data sets cases
```

```
## country 2011 2012 2013
## 1 FR 7000 6900 7000
## 2 DE 5800 6000 6200
## 3 US 15000 14000 13000
```

```
dim(cases)
```

```
## [1] 3 4
```

```
cases %>%
pivot_longer(names_to = "year", # put column names into a column called "year"
    values_to = "n", # put values into a column called "n"
    cols = 2:4) # where the values come from
```

```
等价子:
## # A tibble: 9 × 3
   country year n
                                      df_out <- NULL
                                      for(i in 1:3){
     <chr> <chr> <dbl>
##
                                       for(j in 1:3){
                                        ## 1 FR
            2011 7000
## 2 FR
           2012 6900
## 3 FR
          2013 7000
                                         df_out <- rbind(df_out, row)
## 4 DE
           2011 5800
        2012 6000
2013 6200
2011 15000
## 5 DE
                                 着价子:
## 6 DE
## 7 US
                                     data.frame(country = rep(cases[,1], each = 3),
                                              year = rep(colnames(cases)[2:4], 3)
## 8 US
           2012 14000
                                              n = as.vector(t(as.matrix(cases[,2:4]))))
## 9 US
           2013 13000
                                                          可省略, t (data frame) 会自动 coercion 成 matrix
```

- Here, we transposed columns 2:4 into a year column
- We put the corresponding count values into a column called **n**
- Note tidyr did all the heavy lifting of the transposing work
- We just had to declaratively specify the output

As EDAWR package is not published on CRAN, we need to install this package from GitHub.

```
install.packages("devtools")
devtools::install_github("rstudio/EDAWR")
```

pivot_wider(): make "long" data wider

cases is a 6 * 3 data frame. It stores the mean annual particle concentration of three cities in 2014. Particle concentration are measured in two ways, large (PM10) and small (PM2.5).

```
pollution
```

```
## city size amount
## 1 New York large 23
## 2 New York small 14
## 3 London large 22
## 4 London small 16
## 5 Beijing large 121
## 6 Beijing small 56
```

```
dim(pollution)
```

```
## [1] 6 3
```

• Here we transposed to a wide format by size 可以使用filter()处理掉 missing value

- We tabulated the corresponding amount for each size
- Note tidyr did all the heavy lifting again
- We just had to declaratively specify the output
- Note that pivot_wider() and pivot_longer() are inverses

Part V: ggplot2 verbs

gg in the package name stands for the grammar of graphics, which means the whole system and structure of a language for plotting In ggplot2. A graphic

- maps data to
- the aesthetic attributes (such as color, shape and size) of
- **geometric objects** (points, lines and bars),
- contains possible **statistical transformations** of the concerned data
- on the given coordinate systems
- and may also use **faceting**, which controls the subsets of the data included in the plot.

In other words, a particular graphic is comprised of the following six components:

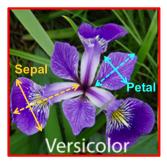
- data
- layer
- scale
- coordinate
- facet
- theme

In particular, we combine the five components (except data) by +.

iris database gives the measurements in cm of sepal length/width and petal length/width for 50 flowers from 3 different species of iris.

head(iris)

```
Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width Species
## 1
            5.1
                       3.5
                                   1.4
                                              0.2 setosa
## 2
            4.9
                       3.0
                                   1.4
                                              0.2 setosa
## 3
           4.7
                      3.2
                                  1.3
                                              0.2 setosa
            4.6
                      3.1
                                  1.5
                                              0.2 setosa
            5.0
## 5
                       3.6
                                   1.4
                                              0.2 setosa
## 6
            5.4
                       3.9
                                   1.7
                                               0.4 setosa
```



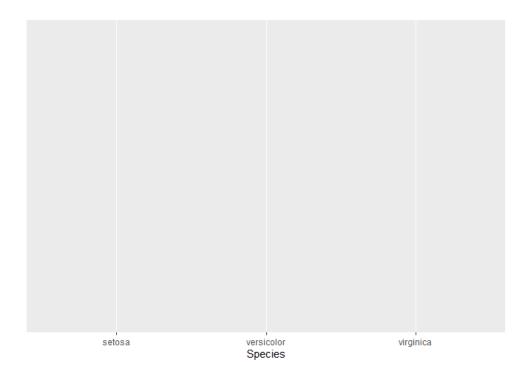




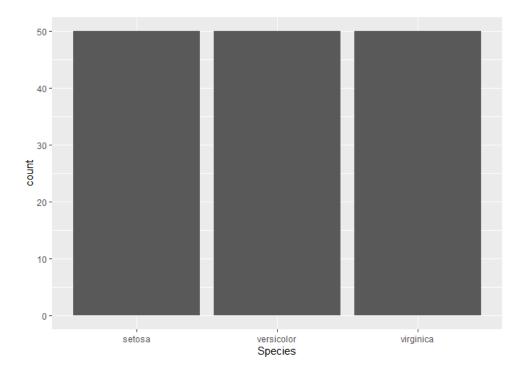
Mapping components: layer

- geom: geometric elements, such as bars, lines, points, etc.
- stat : statistical transformations, such as count and identity

```
# Layer of coordinate system
iris %>%
   ggplot(aes(x = Species))
```

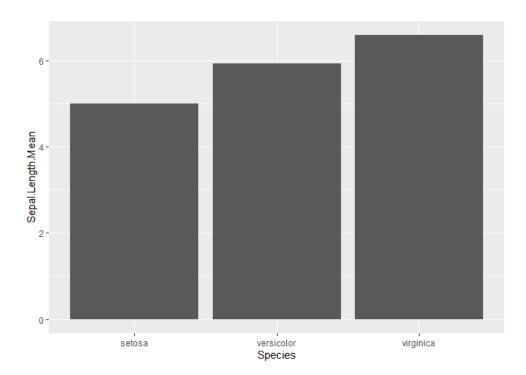


```
# Layer of a bar plot
iris %>%
   ggplot(aes(x = Species)) +
   geom_bar(stat = "count")
```

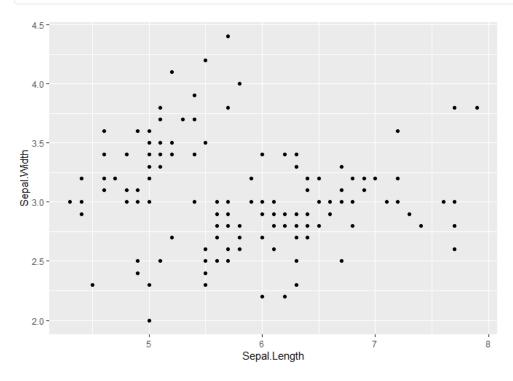


```
# Barplot of mean sepal length
iris %>%
group_by(Species) %>%
summarize(Sepal.Length.Mean = mean(Sepal.Length)) %>%
ggplot(aes(x = Species, y = Sepal.Length.Mean)) +
geom_bar(stat = "identity") # what happens if you don't include the stat argument?

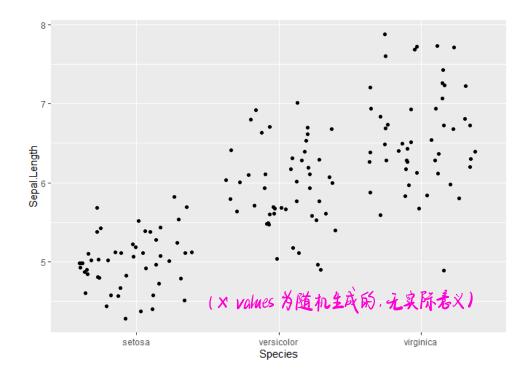
会技術,默认为 stat = "count" ⇒ 尺段有一个x 女 y aesthetic
```



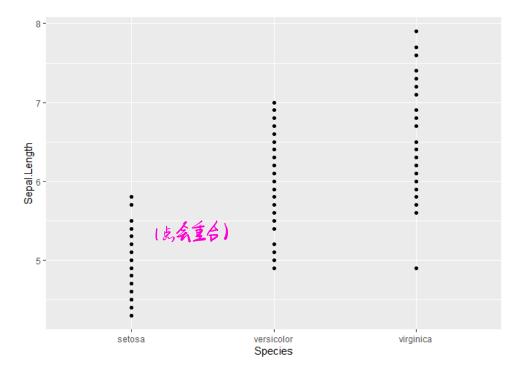
```
# Scatter plot of sepal length vs width ggplot 需要 long format 来应 scatter plot iris %>%
ggplot(aes(x = Sepal.Length, y = Sepal.Width)) +
geom_point()
```



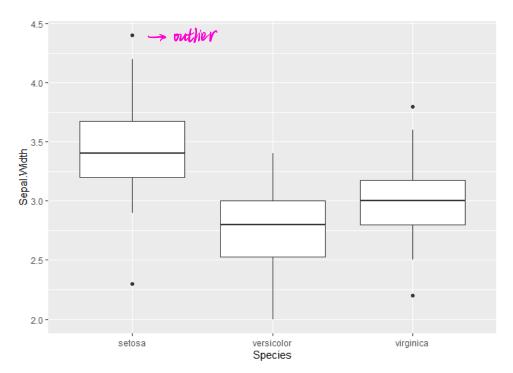
```
# Jitter plot (适用子存在 discrete value 的情况)
iris %>%
ggplot(aes(x = Species, y = Sepal.Length)) +
geom_point(position = "jitter")
```



```
# without jittering
iris %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = Species, y = Sepal.Length)) +
  geom_point()
```



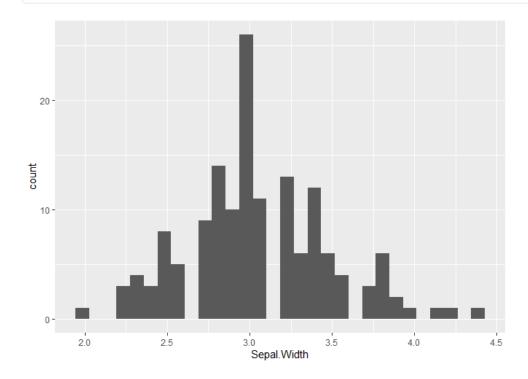
```
# Boxplot
iris %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = Species, y = Sepal.Width)) +
  geom_boxplot()
```



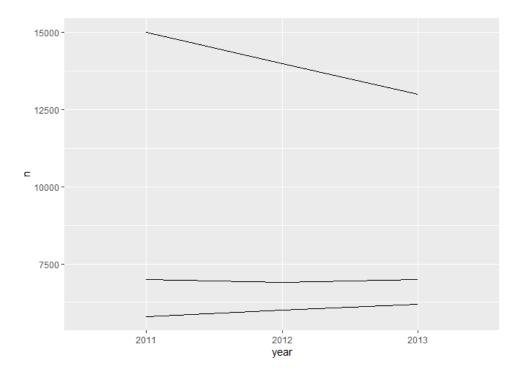
可以 combine 同一个 coordinate 下不同的 layers (如 jitter plot和 boxplot)

```
# Histogram
iris %>%
ggplot(aes(x = Sepal.Width)) +
geom_histogram() 可以设置 'bins' 和 'binwidth'
```

```
## `stat_bin()` using `bins = 30`. Pick better value with `binwidth`.
```



不设置的话会 group by year, 作出三条垂线



```
reases %>%

pivot_longer(names_to = "year",

values_to = "n",

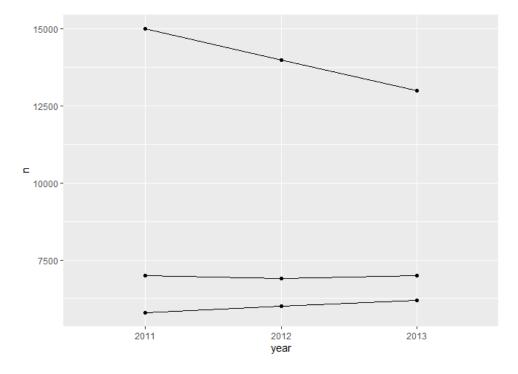
cols = 2:4) %>%

ggplot(aes(x = year, y = n, group = country)) +

geom_line() +

geom_point()

程置改变了,类似于变成了global variable
```



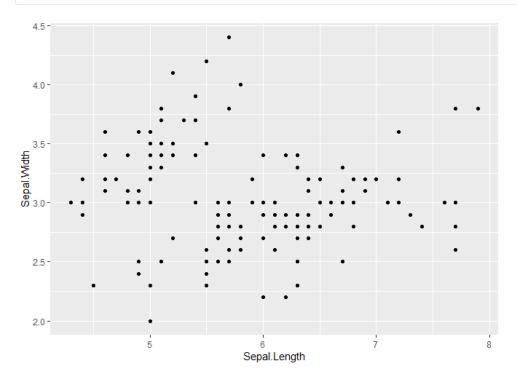
• Jittering of scatter plots reduces overlapping in the plots of ordinal data or data that are rounded

Mapping components: scale

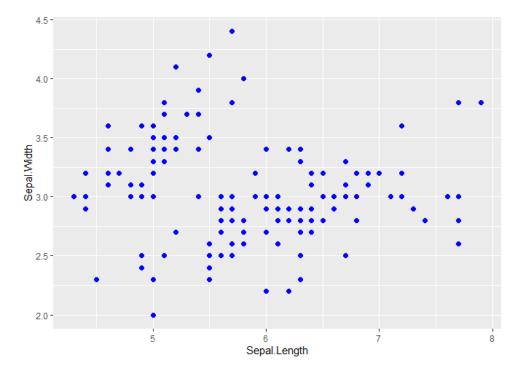
- Modify the aesthetic attributes of data, including shape, color, size, etc
- Adjust the scale of axis
- Add legends

```
# No aesthetic
iris %>%
```

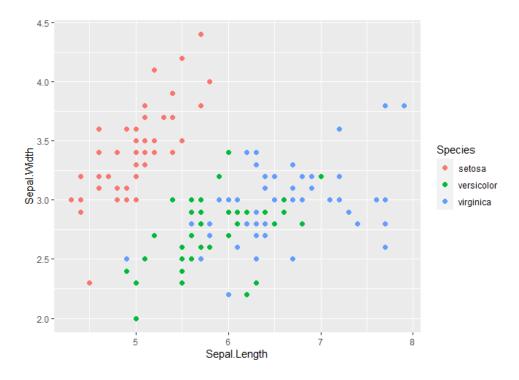
```
ggplot(aes(x = Sepal.Length, y = Sepal.Width)) +
geom_point()
```



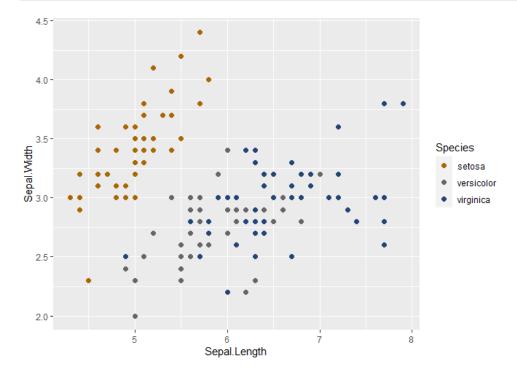
```
# Change point color and size
iris %>%
   ggplot(aes(x = Sepal.Length, y = Sepal.Width)) +
   geom_point(color = "blue", size = 2)
```



```
# Color points by group
iris %>%
   ggplot(aes(x = Sepal.Length, y = Sepal.Width)) +
   geom_point(aes(color = Species), size = 2)
```

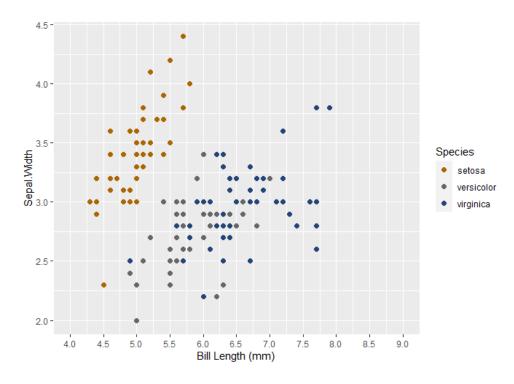


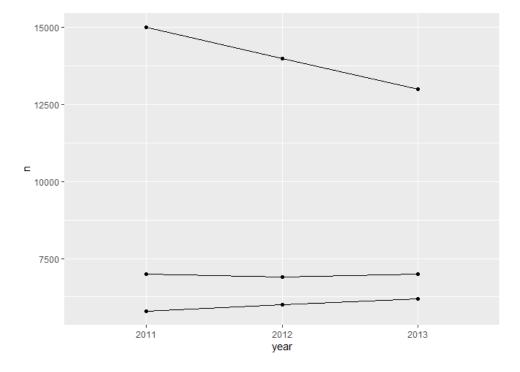
```
# Manually set the color for each group
iris %>%
   ggplot(aes(x = Sepal.Length, y = Sepal.Width)) +
   geom_point(aes(color = Species), size = 2) +
   scale_color_manual(values = c("#aa6600","#6666666","#224477"))
```



```
# Change the scale of axis
iris %>%

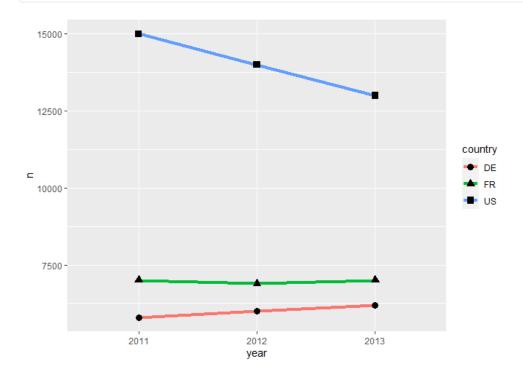
ggplot(aes(x = Sepal.Length, y = Sepal.Width)) +
geom_point(aes(color = Species), size = 2) +
scale_color_manual(values = c("#aa6600","#6666666","#224477")) +
scale_x_continuous(name = "Bill Length (mm)",
breaks = seq(4, 9, by = 0.5), limits = c(4, 9))
```





```
## Warning: Using `size` aesthetic for lines was deprecated in ggplot2 3.4.0.
```

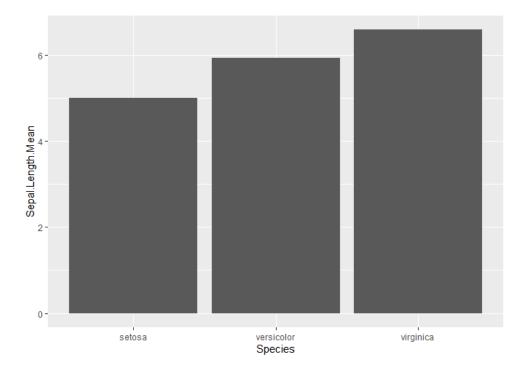
```
## i Please use linewidth instead.
## This warning is displayed once every 8 hours.
## Call `lifecycle::last_lifecycle_warnings()` to see where this warning was
## generated.
```



Mapping components: coordinate

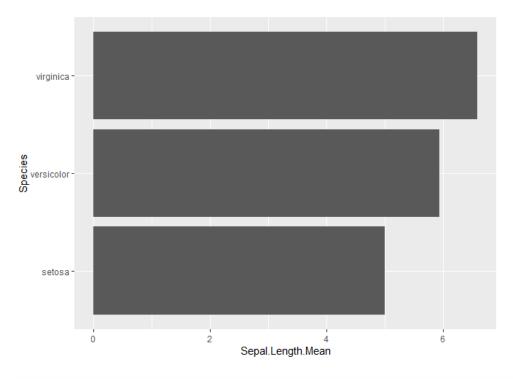
- x and y axis
- latitude and longitude
- radius and angle

```
iris %>%
  group_by(Species) %>%
  summarize(Sepal.Length.Mean = mean(Sepal.Length)) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = Species, y = Sepal.Length.Mean)) +
  geom_bar(stat = "identity")
```

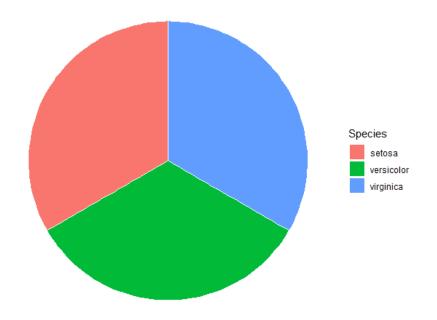


```
# flip the coordinate
iris %>%
```

```
group_by(Species) %>%
summarize(Sepal.Length.Mean = mean(Sepal.Length)) %>%
ggplot(aes(x = Species, y = Sepal.Length.Mean)) +
geom_bar(stat = "identity") +
coord_flip()
```



```
# Pie chart by using polar coordinate
iris %>%
  count(Species) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = "", y = n, fill = Species)) +
  geom_bar(stat = "identity", width = 1, color = "white") +
  coord_polar("y", start = 0) +
  theme_void()
```

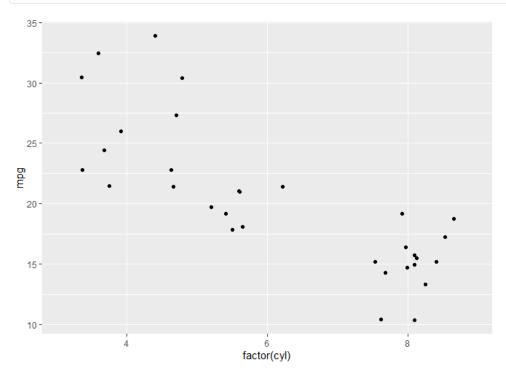


Mapping components: facet

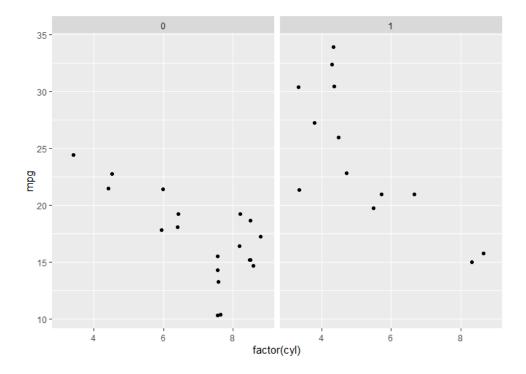
Faceting is generally used to create the same plot for different subsets of the database. Here, we are interested in the distribution of mpg under different numbers of cyl for automatic (am=0) and manual (am=1) transmission, respectively.



```
# Jitter plot
mtcars %>%
   ggplot(aes(x = factor(cyl), y = mpg)) +
   geom_point(position = "jitter")
```



```
# faceting
mtcars %>%
   ggplot(aes(x = factor(cyl), y = mpg)) +
   geom_point(position = "jitter") +
   facet_wrap(~am)
```

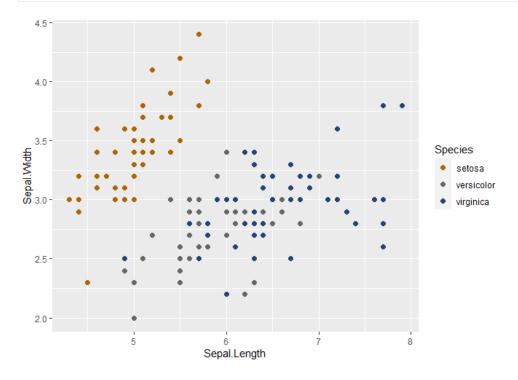


We split the first plot into two facets, one for automatic cars, another for manual one.

Mapping components: theme

Theme controls the finer points of display like the font size and background color properties. We can not only adjust individual pieces of the plot, including font size, grid lines, legend position, etc, but also adopt a completely custom theme.

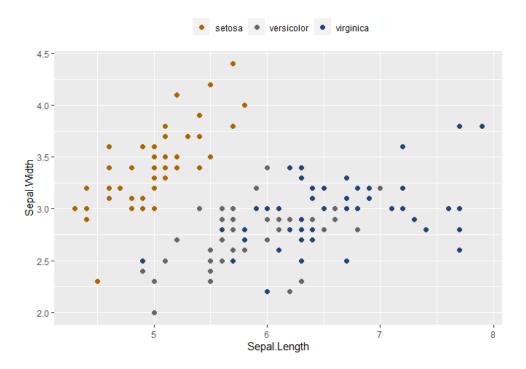
```
# Previous scatter plot
iris %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = Sepal.Length, y = Sepal.Width)) +
  geom_point(aes(color = Species), size = 2) +
  scale_color_manual(values = c("#aa6600","#6666666","#224477"))
```



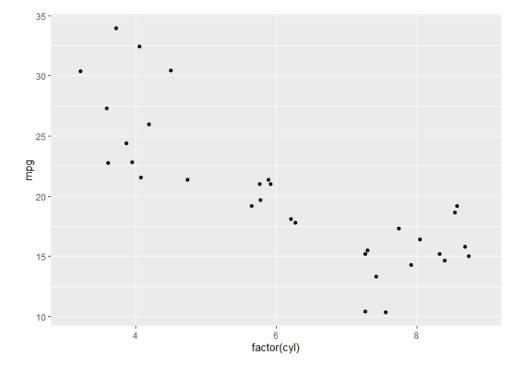
```
# Change the position of legend and remove legend title
iris %>%

ggplot(aes(x = Sepal.Length, y = Sepal.Width)) +
geom_point(aes(color = Species), size = 2) +
```

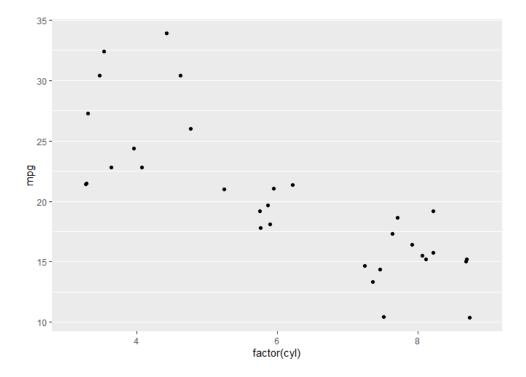
```
scale_color_manual(values = c("#aa6600","#666666","#224477")) +
theme(legend.position = "top", legend.title = element_blank())
```



```
# Previous jitter plot
mtcars %>%
   ggplot(aes(x = factor(cyl), y = mpg)) +
   geom_point(position = "jitter")
```



```
# Remove vertical grid lines
mtcars %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = factor(cyl), y = mpg)) +
  geom_point(position = "jitter") +
  theme(panel.grid.major.x = element_blank())
```



The uasge of <code>ggplot2</code> is very abundant and flexible. Here, we only introduce the most basic part. In some universities, there will be a separate course on how to use <code>ggplot2</code> (say, statistical graphics). If you are interested, please find more details here.

Summary

tidyverse is a collection of packages for common data science tasks

- Tidyverse functionality is greatly enhanced using pipes (%>% operator)
- Pipes allow you to string together commands to get a flow of results

dplyr is a package for data wrangling, with several key verbs (functions)

- filter(): subset rows based on a condition
- **group_by()**: define groups of rows according to a condition
- summarize(): apply computations across groups of rows
- arrange(): order rows by value of a column
- select(): pick out given columns
- mutate(): create new columns
- mutate_at(): apply a function to given columns

tidyr is a package for manipulating the structure of data frames

- pivot_longer(): make "wide" data longer
- pivot_wider(): make "long" data wider

ggplot2 graphics is comprised of data, layer, scale, coordinate, facet and theme, which are combined by +

- layer: ggplot for the coordinate system; geom_point for scatter or jitter plots; geom_line,
 geom_bar, geom_boxplot, geom_histogram for line charts, bar plots, boxplots and histogram,
 respectively
- scale: allow changing the color, size and type of points, lines, axis and legend
- coordinate: set a polar coordinate for pie chart coord_polar; flip Cartesian coordinates coord_flip
- facet: create the same plot for different subsets
- theme: adjust display finer, like font size, background color, or no background layer (theme_void())