# Introduction

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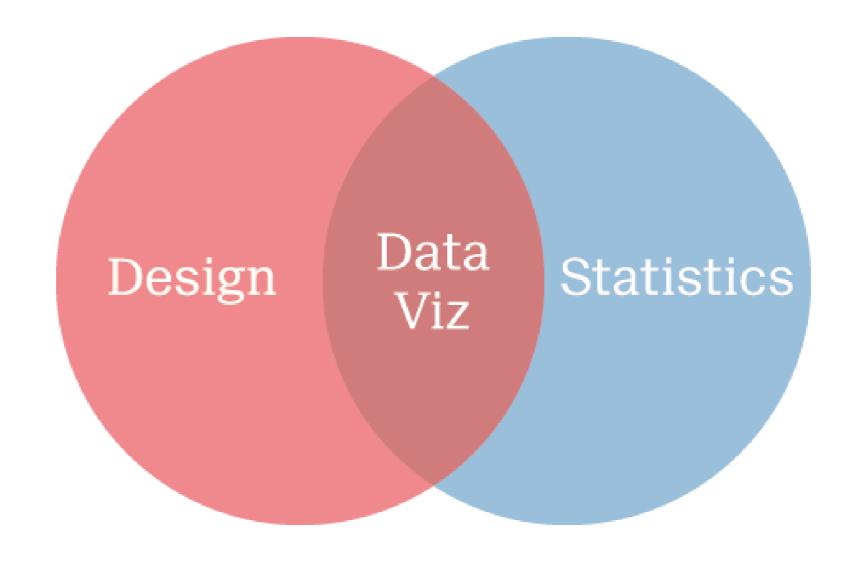


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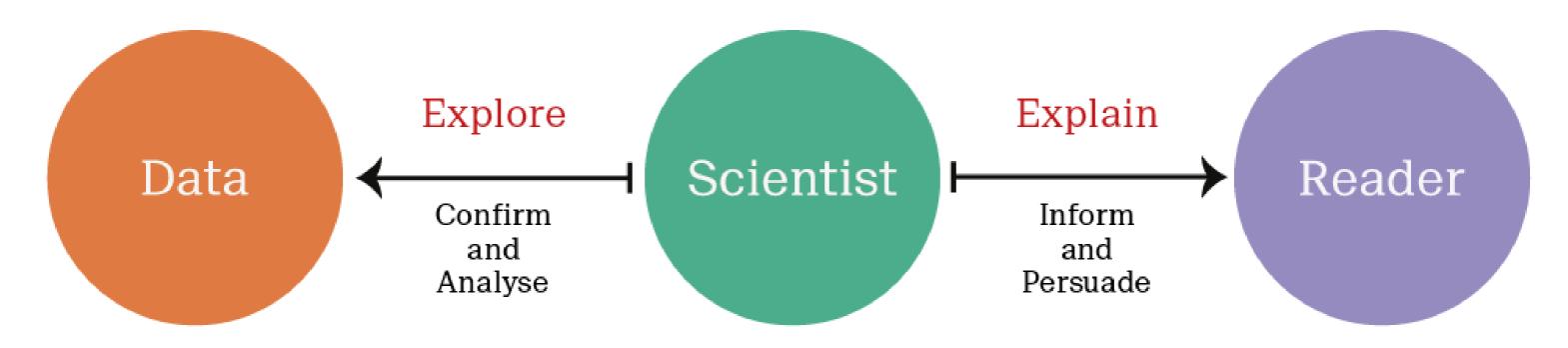


#### Data visualization & data science

A core skill in Data Science.



## **Exploratory versus explanatory**



#### MASS::mammals

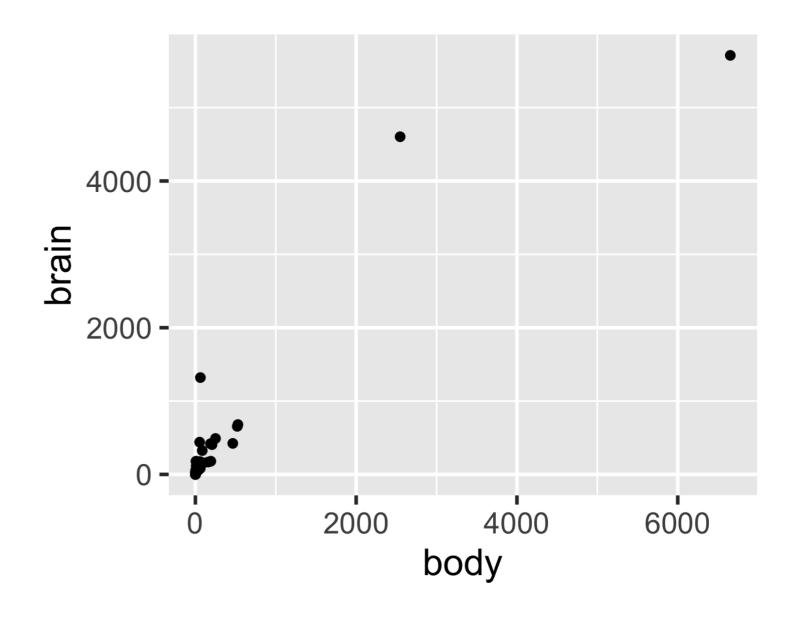
MASS::mammals

	body	brain
Arctic fox	3.385	44.50
Owl monkey	0.480	15.50
Mountain beaver	1.350	8.10
Cow	465.000	423.00
Grey wolf	36.330	119.50
Goat	27.660	115.00
Roe deer	14.830	98.20
Pig	192.000	180.00
Echidna	3.000	25.00
Brazilian tapir	160.000	169.00
Tenrec	0.900	2.60
Phalanger	1.620	11.40
Tree shrew	0.104	2.50
Red fox	4.235	50.40



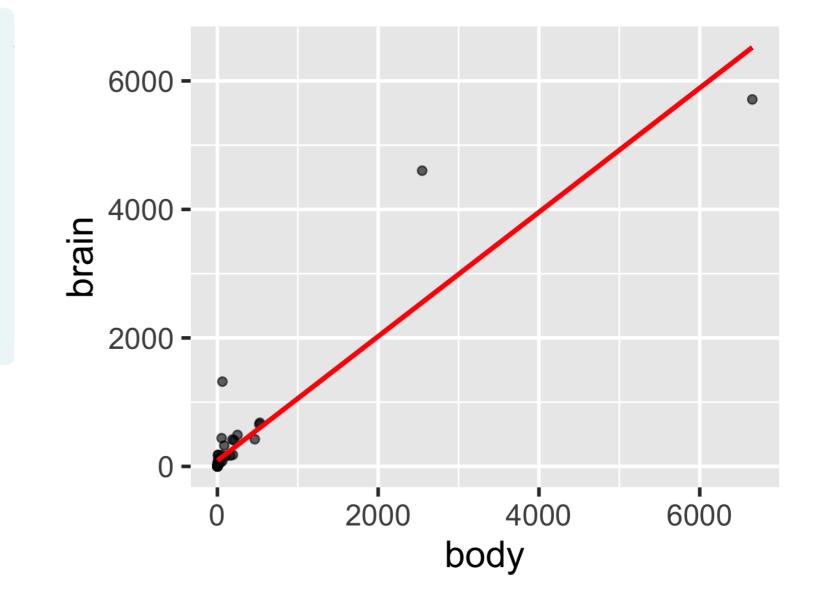
## A scatter plot

```
ggplot(mammals, aes(x = body, y = brain))
geom_point()
```



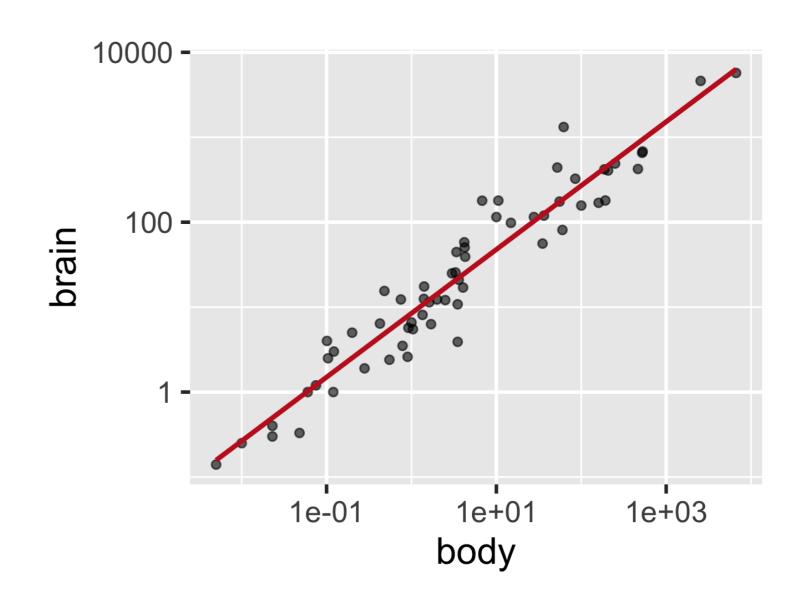
## Explore with a linear model

```
ggplot(mammals, aes(x = body, y = brain))
geom_point(alpha = 0.6) +
stat_smooth(
   method = "lm",
   color = "red",
   se = FALSE
)
```

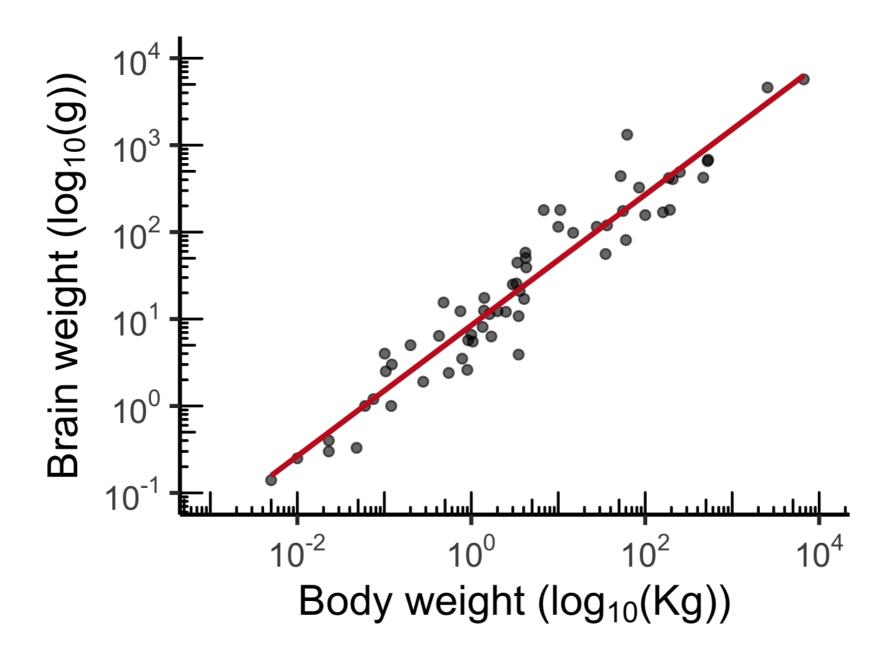


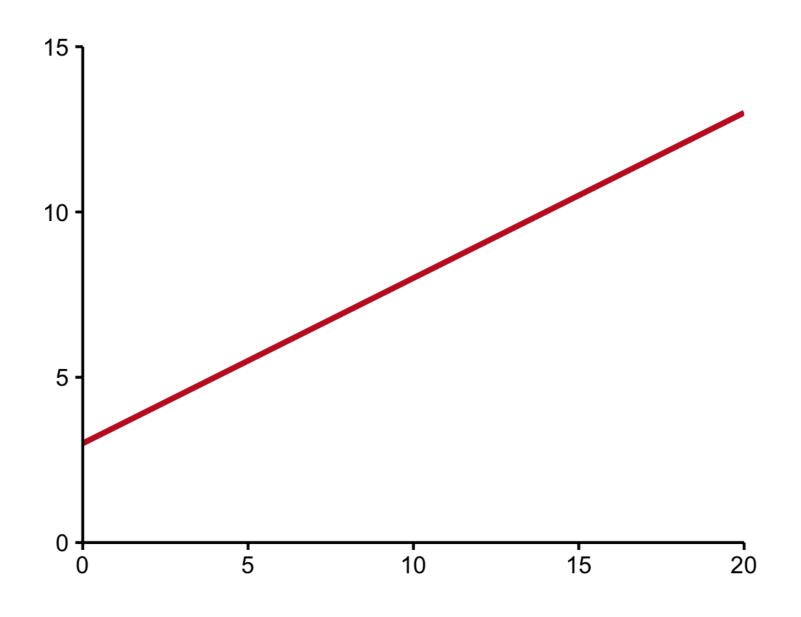
## **Explore: fine-tuning**

```
ggplot(mammals, aes(x = body, y = brain))
  geom_point(alpha = 0.6) +
  coord_fixed() +
  scale_x_log10() +
  scale_y_log10() +
  stat_smooth(
   method = "lm",
   color = "#C42126",
   se = FALSE,
   size = 1
```

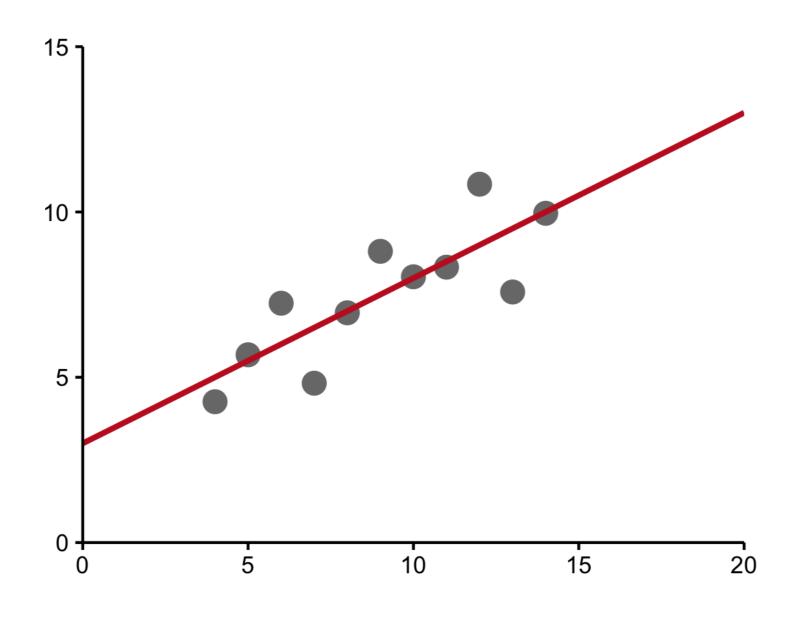


# Publication-ready plot

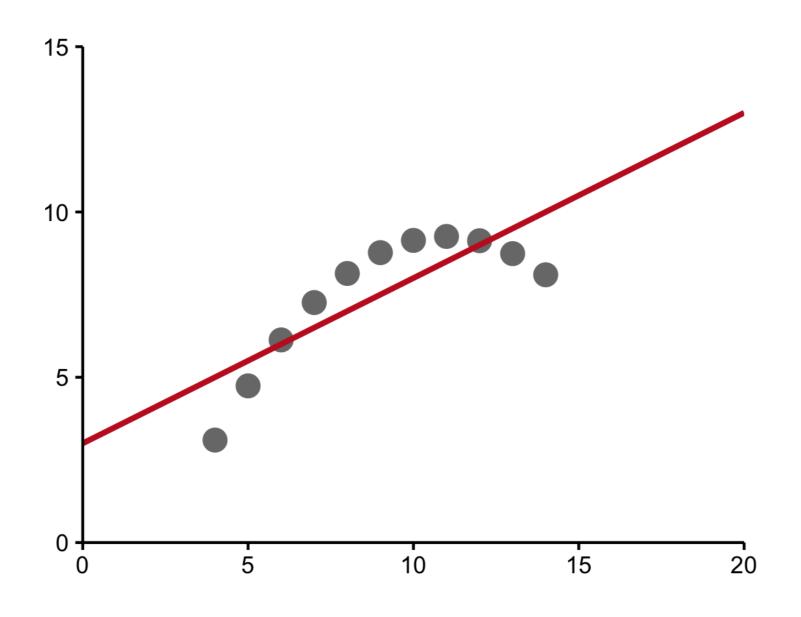


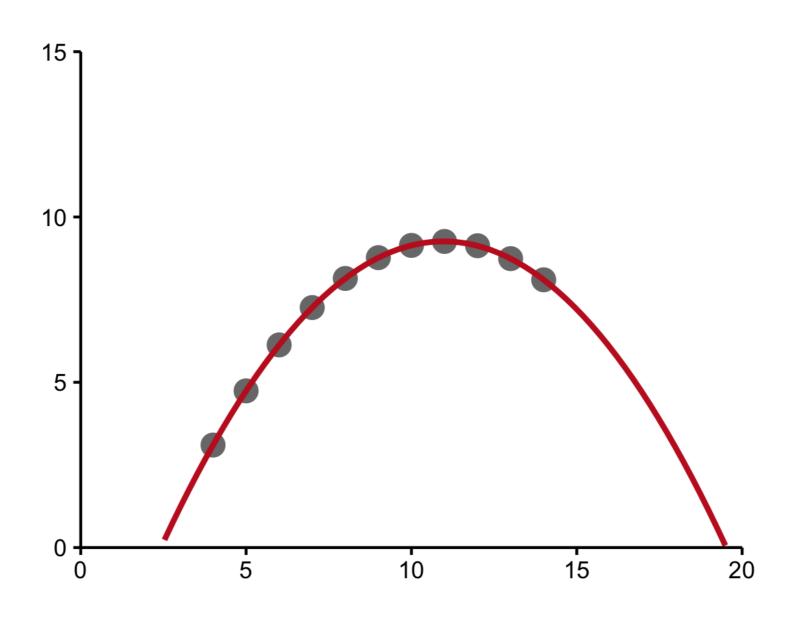


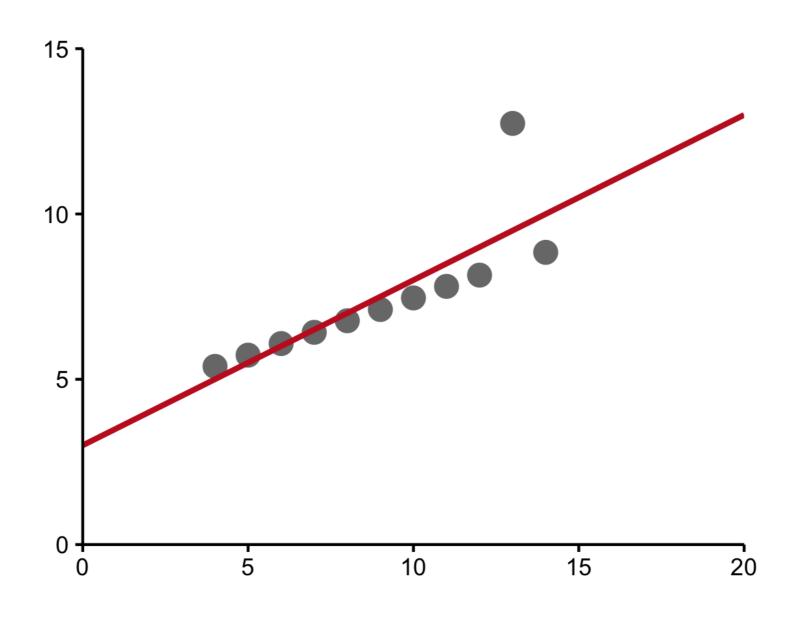


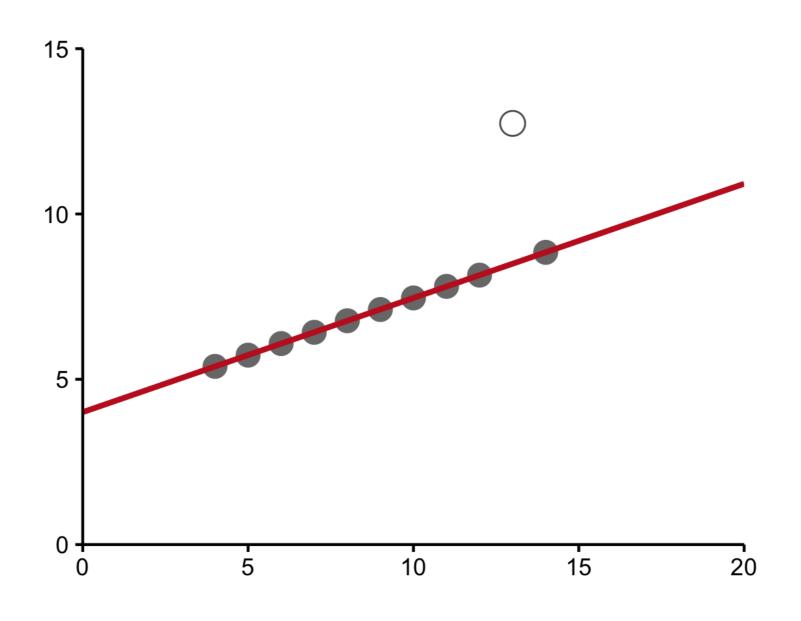


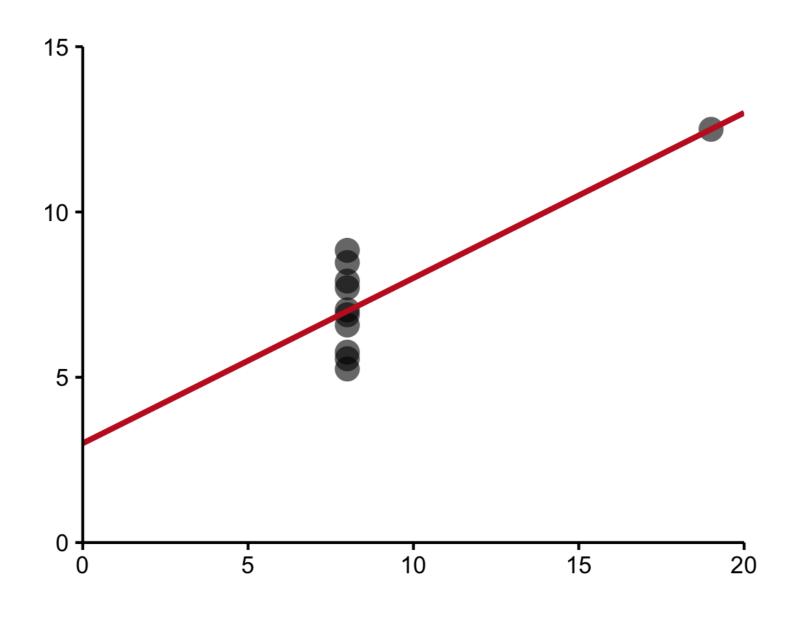


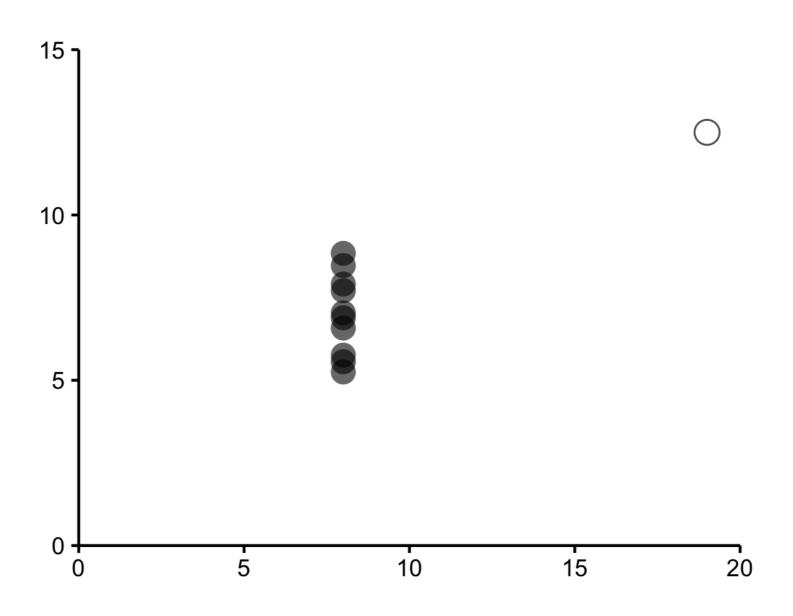


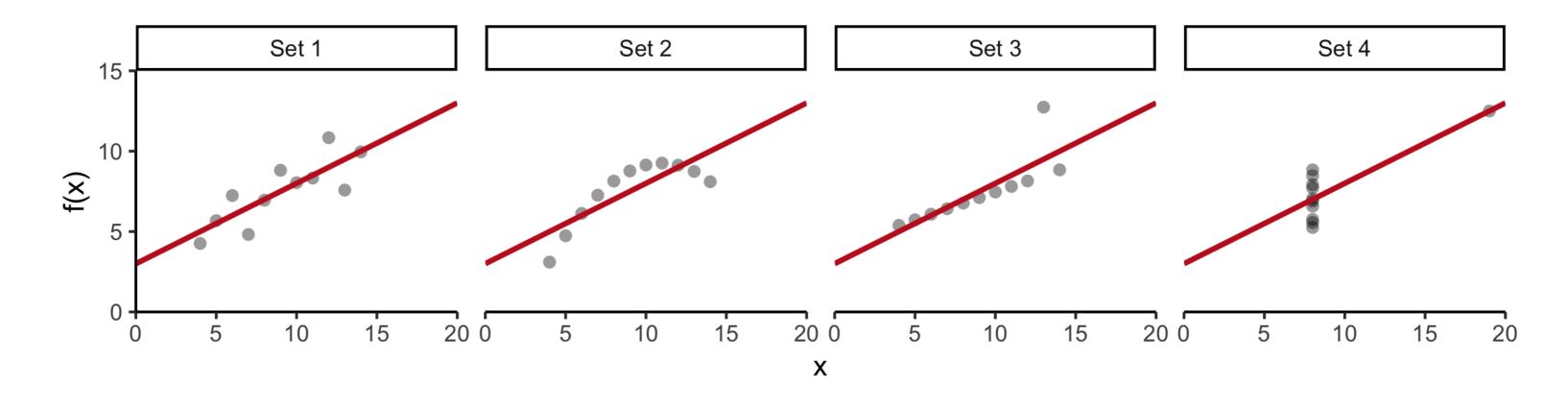












# The grammar of graphics

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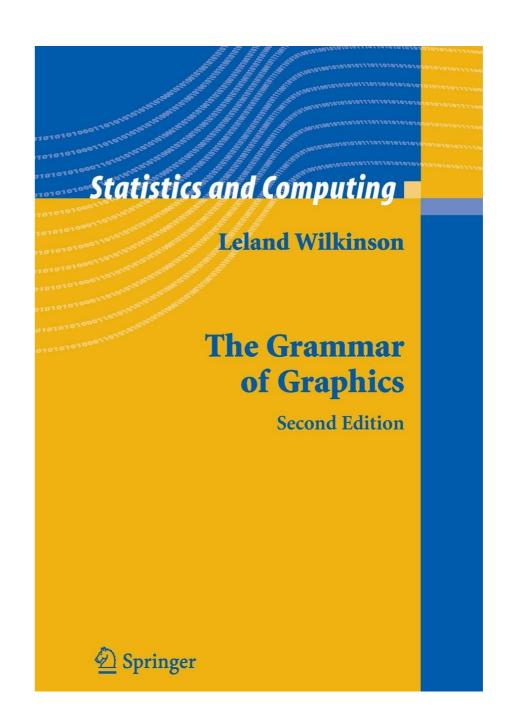


# The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog

Article	The	$\boldsymbol{A}$	The
Adjective	quick brown	rabid red	
Noun	fox	fox	Hunter
Verb	jumps	bit	shot
Preposition	over		
Article	the	the	the
Adjective	lazy	friendly	rabid red
Noun	dog.	dog.	fox.

# Grammar of graphics

- Plotting framework
- Leland Wilkinson, Grammar of Graphics, 1999
- 2 principles
  - Graphics = distinct layers of grammatical elements
  - Meaningful plots through aesthetic mappings





## The three essential grammatical elements

Element	Description
Data	The data-set being plotted.
Aesthetics	The scales onto which we <i>map</i> our data.
Geometries	The visual elements used for our data.

## Course 1: core competency

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## The seven grammatical elements

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Geometries	The visual elements used for our data.
Themes	All non-data ink.
Statistics	Representations of our data to aid understanding.
Coordinates	The space on which the data will be plotted.
Facets	Plotting small multiples.



# Jargon for each element

Data		{varia	bles of inter	est}	
Aesthetics	x-axis y-axis	colour fill	size labels	alpha shape	line width line type
Geometries	point	line	histogram	bar	boxplot
Themes	non-data ink	ζ.			
Statistics	binning	smoothing	descriptive	inferential	
Coordinates	cartesian	fixed	polar	limits	
Facets	columns	rows			

#### Course 2: Tools for EDA

- Remaining 3 layers
- Best practices for Data Viz

#### Course 3: The Next Level

- Advanced plot types
- Plots for special data types
  - Graphics of large data
  - Geospatial plots
  - Networks
  - Sankey
- Animation as a tool for exploration

## Course 4: Programming with ggplot2

- Programming with ggplot2 and tidyeval
- Creating custom geoms
- Interactivity
- In-depth case study

# ggplot2 layers

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## ggplot2 package

- The grammar of graphics implemented in R
- Two key concepts:
  - 1. Layer grammatical elements
  - 2. Aesthetic mappings



#### Data





#### Iris dataset

Setosa



Versicolor



Virginica



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Fisher, R. A. (1936) The use of multiple measurements in taxonomic problems. Annals of Eugenics, 7, Part II, 179–188. <sup>2</sup> Anderson, Edgar (1935). The irises of the Gaspe Peninsula, Bulletin of the American Iris Society, 59, 2–5.

### Iris dataset

iris

	Senal Length	Senal Width	Petal.Length	Petal Width	Species
1	5.1	3.5			
2	4.9				
3	4.7	3.2	1.3	0.2	setosa
50	5.0	3.3	1.4	0.2	setosa
51	7.0	3.2	4.7	1.4	versicolor
52	6.4	3.2	4.5	1.5	versicolor
53	6.9	3.1	4.9	1.5	versicolor
100	5.7	2.8	4.1	1.3	versicolor
10°	6.3	3.3	6.0	2.5	virginica
102	5.8	2.7	5.1	1.9	virginica
103	7.1	3.0	5.9	2.1	virginica
156	5.9	3.0	5.1	1.8	virginica



#### Aesthetics





#### Iris aesthetics

Species Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width

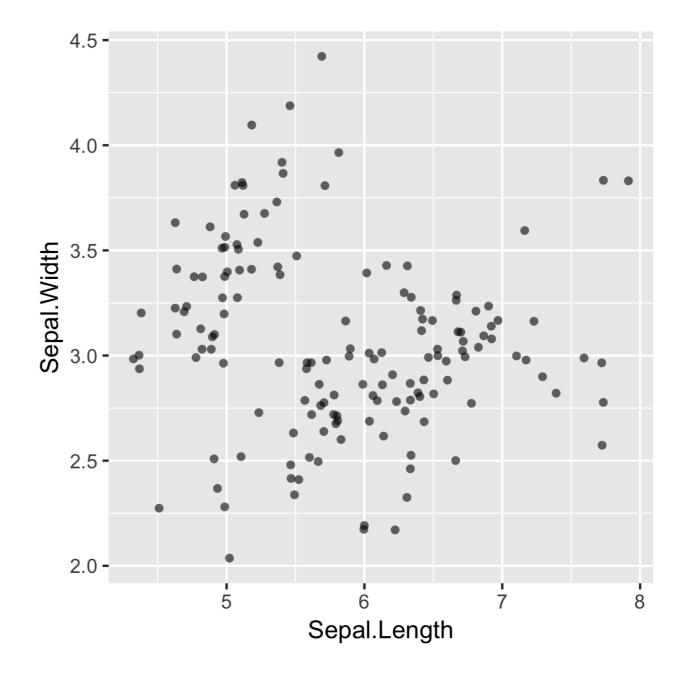
#### Geometries





## Iris geometries

```
g <- ggplot(iris, aes(x = Sepal.Length, y = Sepal.Width)) +
  geom_jitter()
g</pre>
```



#### **Themes**





#### Iris themes

```
g <- g +
  labs(x = "Sepal Length (cm)", y = "Sepal Width (cm)") -
  theme_classic()
g</pre>
```

