### Cost Difference of Gendered Lego Sets

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#### **Proposal**

In this project, we will be exploring the different prices and number of pieces per set of Lego's that have a specific gender as their target audience, looking at the difference between the binary genders male and female, and between gendered sets and sets that are deemed neutral. We will be making our hypotheses based on long-standing societal norms about toys aimed towards boys versus girls. Our main hypothesis is that sets whose target audience is girls will have, on average, a higher price than sets geared towards boys. A secondary hypothesis is that sets that have a specific gender audience will have higher prices than sets with a gender neutral audience. A tertiary hypothesis is that sets aimed at girls will have less pieces per set, on average, than sets that are neutral or aimed at boys.

#### Data

The data we will be using can be found at brickset.com. This is an online resource for Lego fans that compares various prices found online through different retailers for a specific set of Legos.

#### **Outcome Variable**

The response variable will be the price of Lego sets, measured in US dollars. This is a numeric variable with values from 1.99 to 699.99.

#### **Explanatory Variables**

The explanatory variables will be pieces per set, a numerical variable measured in integers ranging from 1 to 6020, and filtered by gender which will be divided into two categorical variables taking a value of 0 or 1. One variable will be girl, for which an observation will be taking a value of 1 if it is for an audience of girls, or 0 if it is not. Another variable will be

boys, for which an observation will take a value of 1 if it is for an audience of boys or 0 if it is not. This way, if neither variable is "on", the reference category will be gender neutral.

#### **Exploratory Visualizations**

Attaching package: 'dplyr'

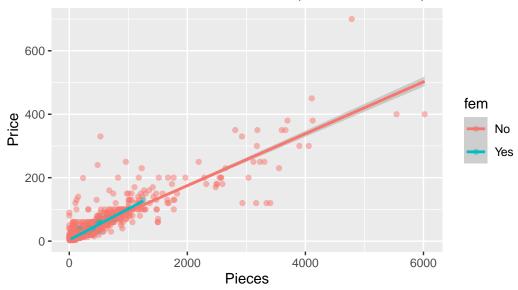
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filter, lag

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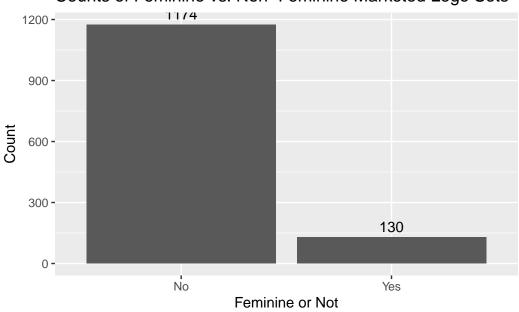
intersect, setdiff, setequal, union

### Scatterplot of Lego Price as a Function of Number of Pieces and Gender (Feminine or not)



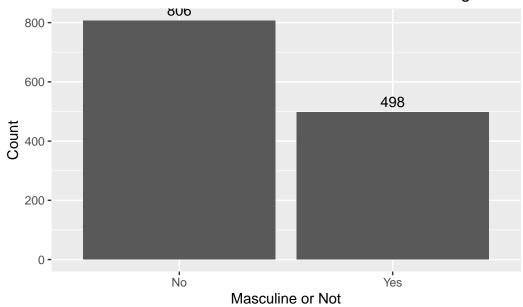
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Counts of Feminine vs. Non-Feminine Marketed Lego Sets

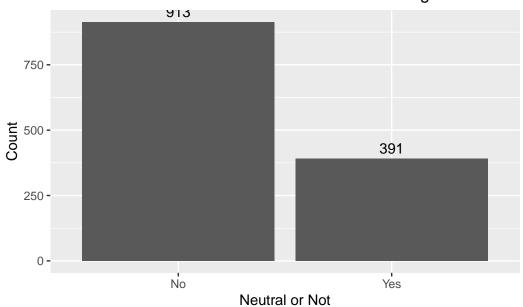


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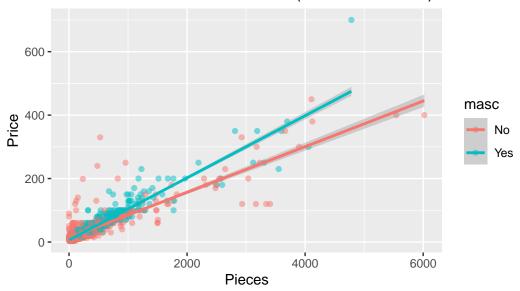


#### Counts of Neutral vs. Non-Neutral Marketed Lego Sets



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price_piece_fem <- lm(Price ~ Pieces + masc, lego_clean)
ggplot(lego_clean, aes( x = Pieces, y = Price, color = masc)) +
  geom_point(alpha = 0.5) +
  geom_smooth(method = "lm") +
  labs(title = "Scatterplot of Lego Price as a Function of \n Number of Pieces and Gender)</pre>
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## Scatterplot of Lego Price as a Function of Number of Pieces and Gender (Masculine or not)



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price_piece_fem <- lm(Price ~ Pieces + neutral, lego_clean)
ggplot(lego_clean, aes( x = Pieces, y = Price, color = neutral)) +
   geom_point(alpha = 0.5) +
   geom_smooth(method = "lm") +
   labs(title = "Scatterplot of Lego Price as a Function of \n Number of Pieces and Gender)</pre>
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# Scatterplot of Lego Price as a Function of Number of Pieces and Gender (Neutral or not)

