R Workshop

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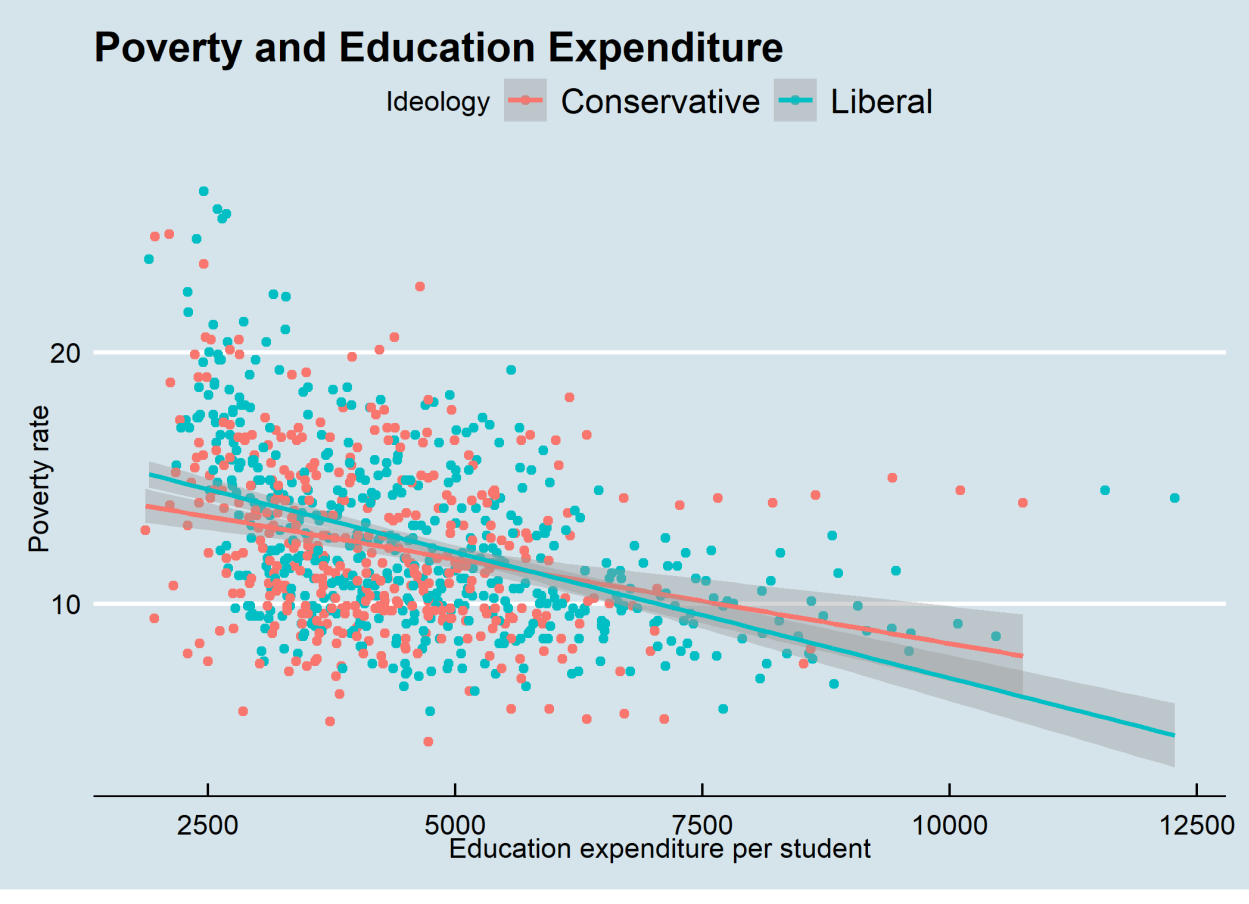
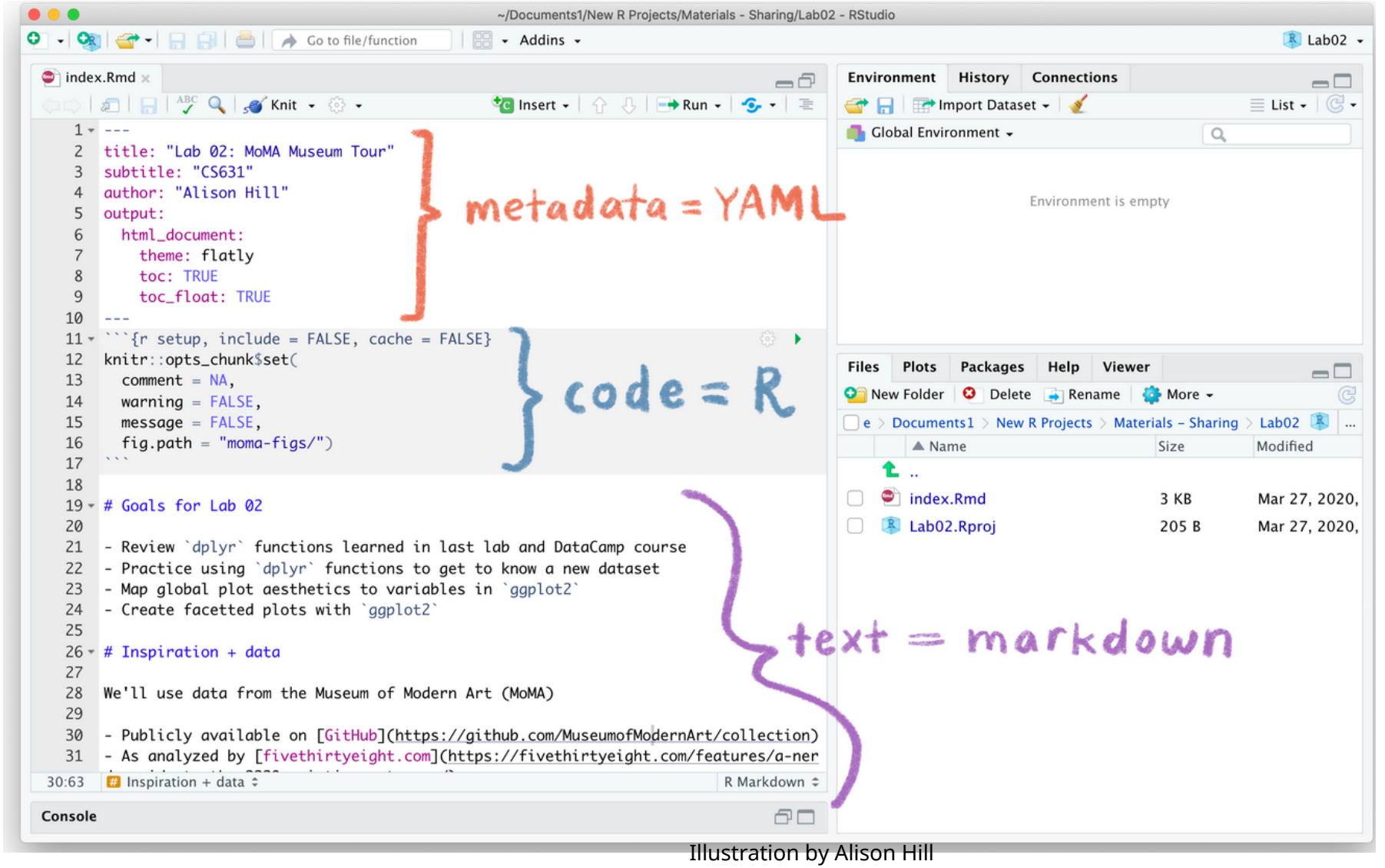
Where we're going





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R Markdown vs. regular R Script

- Combine text and code into attractive output of various formats

```
# H1

## H2

### H3
```

```
**bold text**
```

```
*italicized text*
```

```
> blockquote
```

Look out:

- All code runs every time you "knit" - so beware!
- Code needs to be contained within the grey "chunks"
- Chunks can be set to be hidden in output, or to show but not execute

Recap

The Grammar of R:

- Verb(Nouns, Adjectives)
  - `function(object, other arguments)`

Accessing and manipulating Data in R

Reading Data into R

```
library(readr)
states_data <- read_csv("correlates_state.csv")
```

- Do not use the Graphical User Interface
- It runs the code in the console
- This means the data won't import next time

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Function depends on data type:

- .csv - `read_csv("filename.csv")` (this requires `library(readr)`)
- .xlsx - `read_excel("filename.xlsx")` (this requires `library(readxl)`)
- .RDS - `readRDS("filename.RDS")`
- .dta - `read_dta("filename.dta")` (this requires `library(haven)`)

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- R uses relative filepaths
- In an .RMD file, the working directory is where your .rmd file is located
- if the dataset is in the same directory, just give its name
- if it's in a subdirectory (say `data`) write it `read_csv("data/file.csv")`

Getting a first look at the data:

```
# Info on no. observations, column names,
# variable types, and some values
str(states_data)

# Shows first 5 rows of the dataset
head(states_data)
```

Dplyr for Data Manipulation

1) select

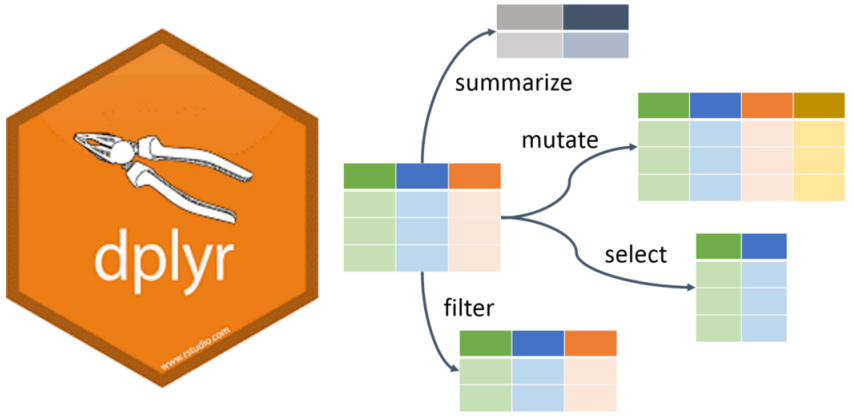
2) filter

3) mutate

4) summariz(s)e

5) group_by

6) rename



Dplyr: Pipes %>%

- Funnel the output of any function forward into the next function
- Easier to read than regular R code with its nested functions

e.g.`select()` function syntax:

```
select(datasetname, column1, column2,
col3:col7)
```

With Pipe: `datasetName %>% select(column1, column2, col3:col7)`

Select

- pull out specified columns
- syntax: `datasetName %>% select(column1, column2, col3:col7)`

```
data_selected <- states_data %>%
  select(1:6, year, region, ideo,inst6014_nom,
         povrate, edinstruct_expend_pstud)
```

Select

We can select by:

- name (`select(country, year)`)
- position of the column(`select(c(1,3,6))`)
- range: (`select(country:year)` or `select(1:3)`).

See markdown for 'helper functions'

Filter

Instead of picking out whole columns (i.e. variables), we can pick out **observations** that comply with given condition(s).

```
data_filtered <- states_data %>%
  filter(year<2010)
```

Filter and R's Logical Operators

Operator	Description
<	less than
<=	less than or equal to
==	exactly equal to
!=	not equal to
!x	Not x
x & y	x AND y
x |y	x OR y
isTRUE(x)	test if X is TRUE

Filter

We can combine as many conditions as we want:

```
data_filtered <- states_data %>%
  filter((year > 2010 & povrate<4) |
         (year >= 2010 & state == "IL"))
```

If we want to exclude DC from our data:

```
data_filtered <- states_data %>%
  filter(state != "District of Columbia")
```

Pipes

We can funnel the output on one function to another without creating a new object at each step:

```
states_final <- states_data %>%
  select(1:6, region, ideo,inst6014_nom,
         povrate, edinstruct_expend_pstud) %>%
  filter(state != "District of Columbia")
```

(Note the keyboard shortcut: Ctrl+Shift+M)

Mutate

- Create new variables based on the transformation of an existing one.
  - e.g. Create the log of educational spending (`edinstruct_expend_pstud`)
- syntax: `dataset %>% mutate(newVarName = contentOfVariable)`

```
states_final <- states_final %>%
  mutate(log_expend = log(edinstruct_expend_pstud))
```

Mutate

`Mutate` can also be used to recode variables together with `case_when()` Based on the Nominate Score of state ideology (continuous, from 0 to 100), we can create a dummy variable that groups states into Liberal and Conservative:

```
states_final <- states_final %>%
  mutate(RedBlue = case_when(
    inst6014_nom >= 49 ~ "Liberal",
    inst6014_nom < 49 ~ "Conservative")
    )
```

Summariz(s)e

- reduces observations to a single value based on certain functions:
  - mean, standard deviation, minimun, maximum, etc.

```
states_final %>%
  summarise(mean_ideo =
              mean(edinstruct_expend_pstud,
                   na.rm = TRUE))
```

```
## # A tibble: 1 x 1
##   mean_ideo
##       <dbl>
## 1     4473.
```

Summarize

We can add as many descriptive statistics as we need:

```
states_final %>%
  summarise(mean_expend =
              mean(edinstruct_expend_pstud, na.rm = TRUE),
            sd_expend =
              sd(edinstruct_expend_pstud,na.rm = TRUE),
            maz_expend =
              max(edinstruct_expend_pstud, na.rm = TRUE))
```

```
## # A tibble: 1 x 3
##   mean_expend sd_expend maz_expend
##         <dbl>     <dbl>      <dbl>
## 1       4473.     1552.      12276
```

Group_by and Summarize

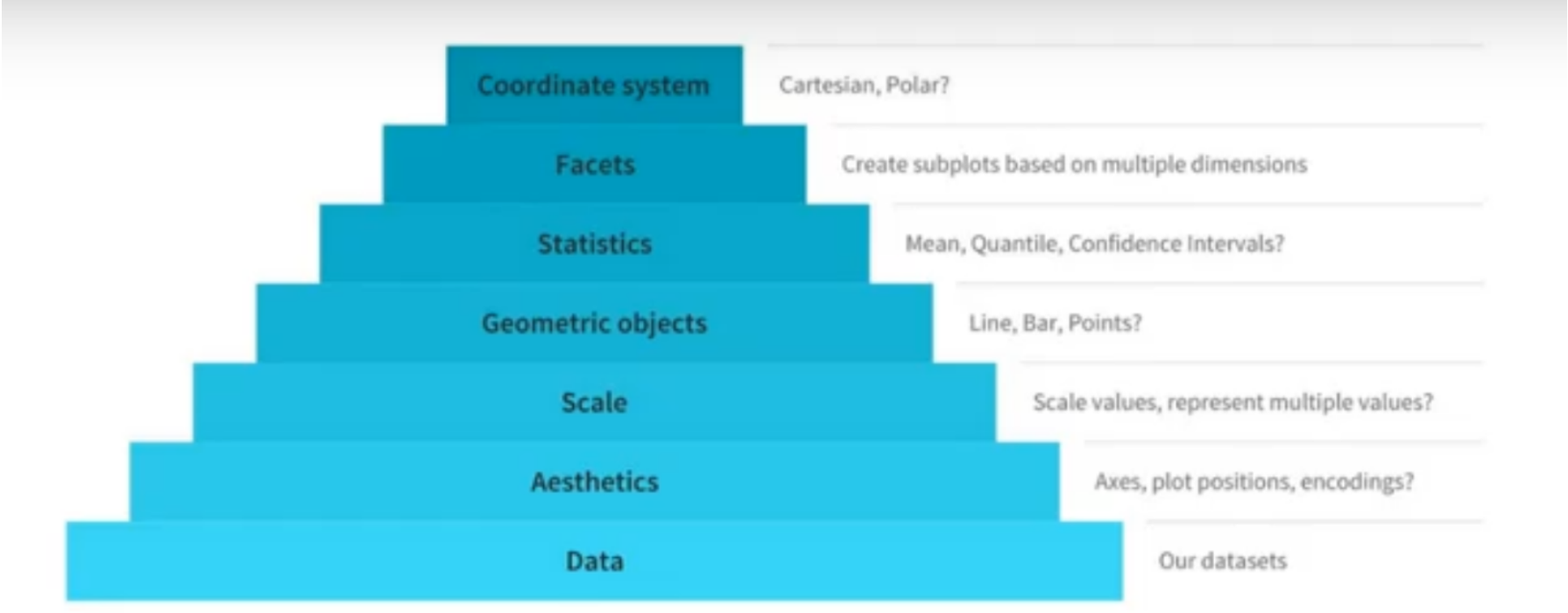
- Analyze data across groups (regions, gender, age group, political party, etc.).

```
states_final %>% group_by(RedBlue) %>%
  summarize(mean_expend =
              mean(edinstruct_expend_pstud, na.rm = TRUE),
            mean_pov =
              mean(povrate, na.rm=TRUE))
```

```
## # A tibble: 2 x 3
##   RedBlue      mean_expend mean_pov
##   <chr>              <dbl>    <dbl>
## 1 Conservative       4218.     13.0
## 2 Liberal            4669.     12.5
```

ggplot: The Grammar of Graphics

The Grammar of Graphics



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The Basic Structure

```
ggplot(name of dataset), aes (x= name
variable x, y= name variable y, ...) +
geom_something()
```

- aes(): links *what* you want to plot (variables) to what you want to *see* (color, fill, shape, linetype, and size). aes stands for 'aesthetics'.

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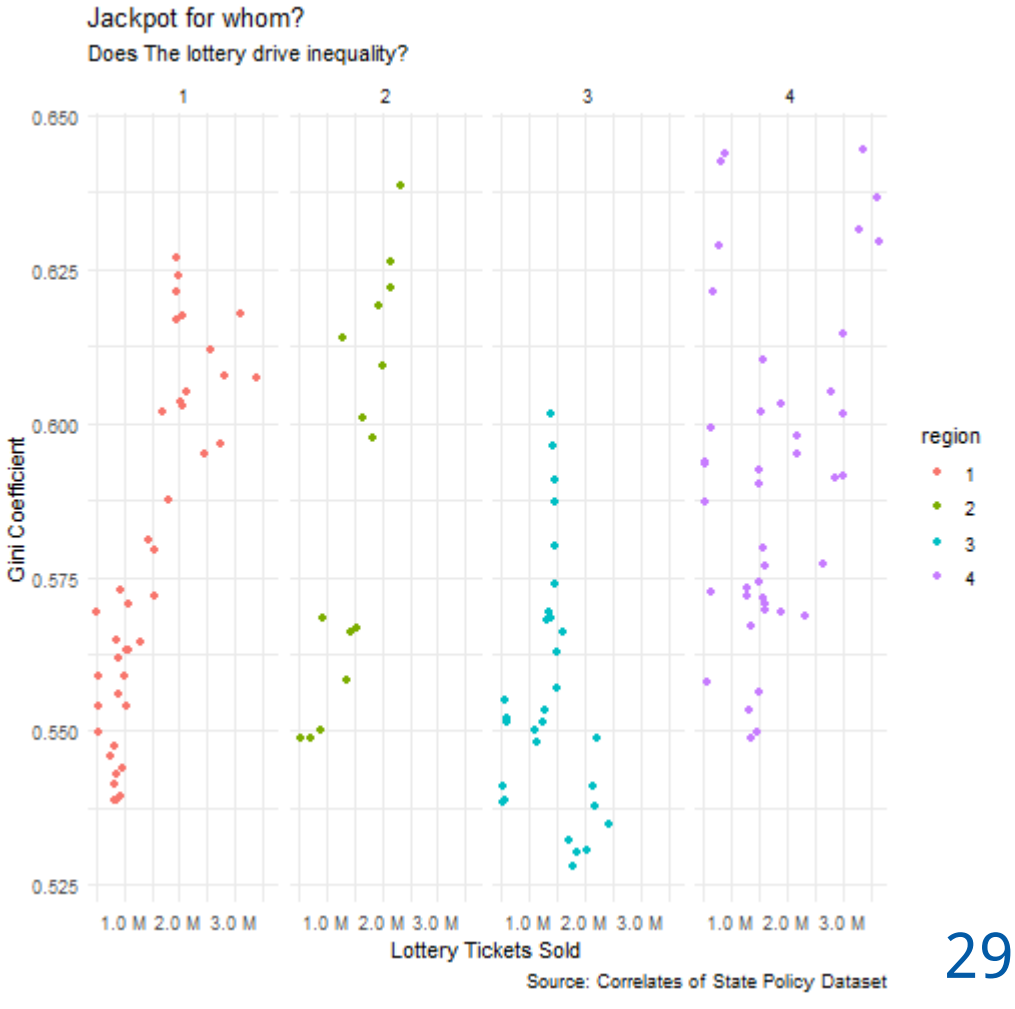
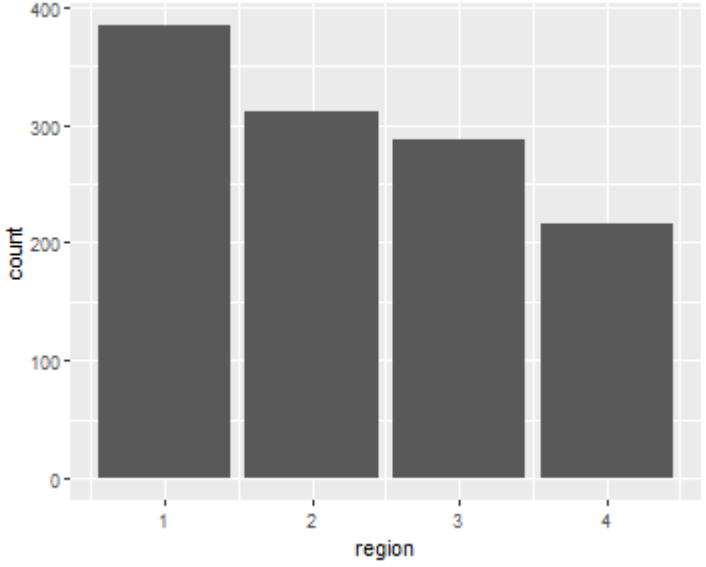
- geom_something: *how* you want to plot it. Geometric objects are the actual marks we put on a plot. You need at least one but can have as many as you want! Common examples: geom_point, geom_line, geom_boxplot

```
ggplot(states_data)+
  aes(x = lotticksales)+
  aes(y = gini_coef)+
  scale_x_continuous(labe
  geom_point()+
  geom_point(aes(color=reg
  labs(title="Jackpot for
  labs(subtitle = "Does Th
  labs(caption="Source: Co
  xlab("Lottery Tickets So
  ylab("Gini Coefficient")
  theme_minimal()+
  facet_grid(~region)
#scale_y_continuous(label
```

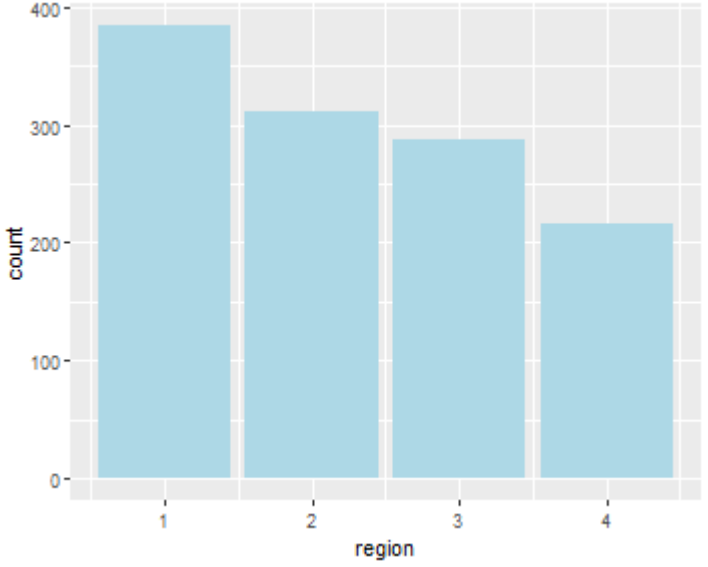


Categorical variables

```
ggplot(data = states_final)+
  aes(x= region)+
  geom_bar()
```

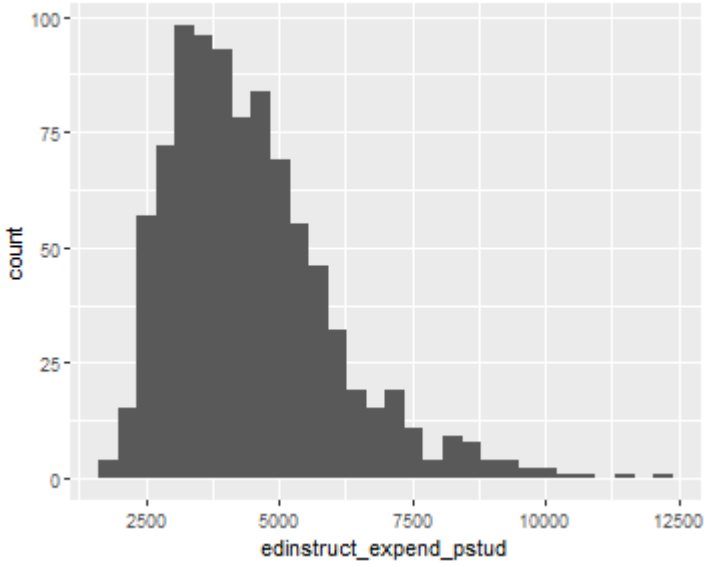



```
ggplot(data = states_final)+
  aes(x= region)+
  geom_bar(fill="light blue")
```

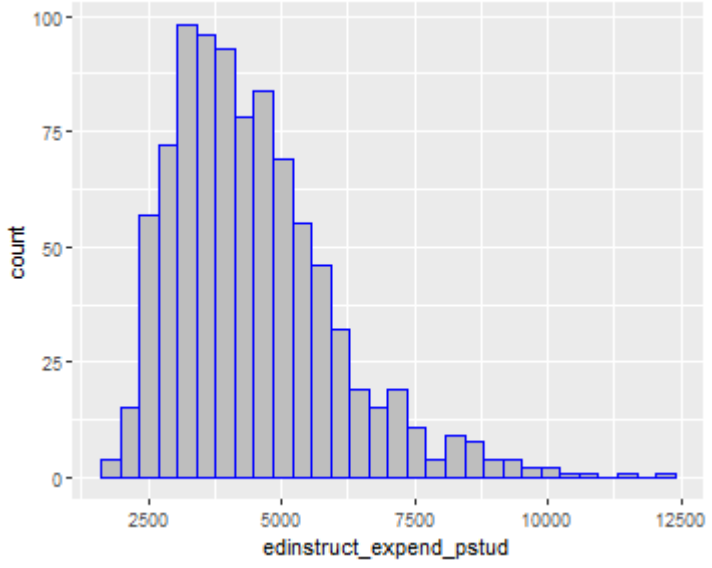


Continuous variable

```
ggplot(data = states_final)+
  aes(x= edinstruct_expend_pstu
  geom_histogram()
```




```
ggplot(data = states_final)+
  aes(x= edinstruct_expend_pstu
  geom_histogram(fill="grey",
                 color="blue")
```



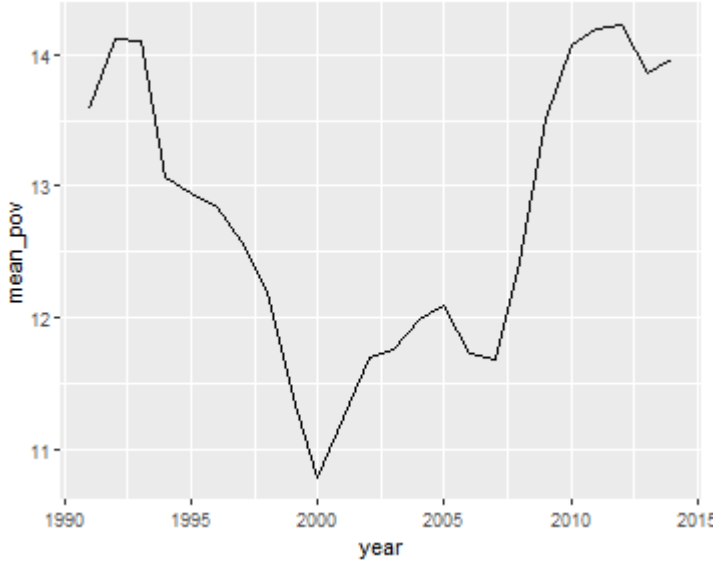
Categorical and continuous

See Markdown for boxplots

Time series

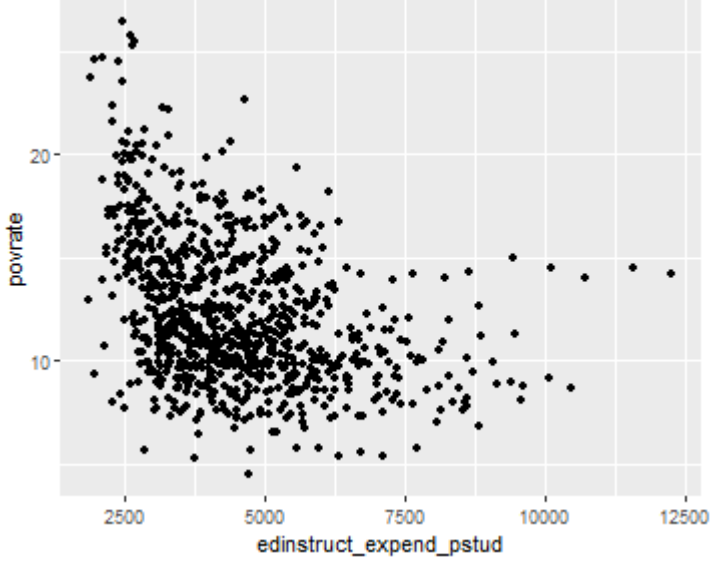
When we want to plot change over time, we use line charts.

```
states_final %>%
  group_by(year) %>%
  summarize(mean_pov =
              mean(povrate)) %>
  ggplot(aes(x= year,
             y=mean_pov)) +
  geom_line()
```

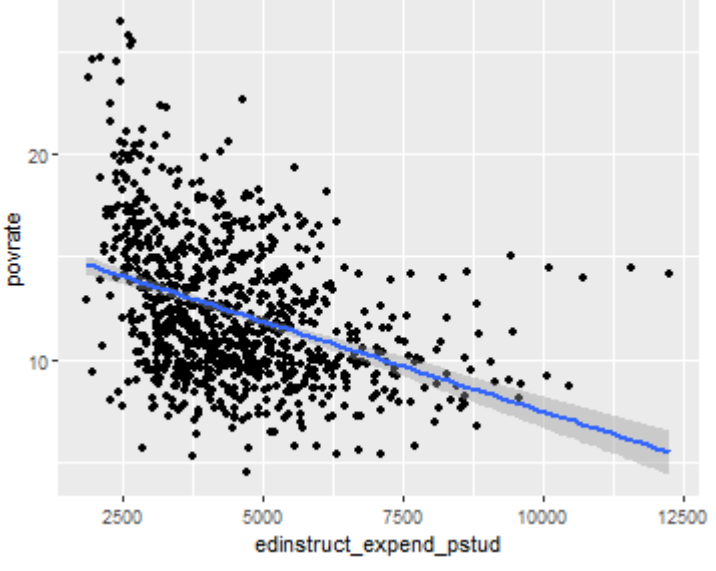


Two continuous variables

```
ggplot(data = states_final)+
  aes(x= edinstruct_expend_pstu
      y=povrate)+
  geom_point()
```



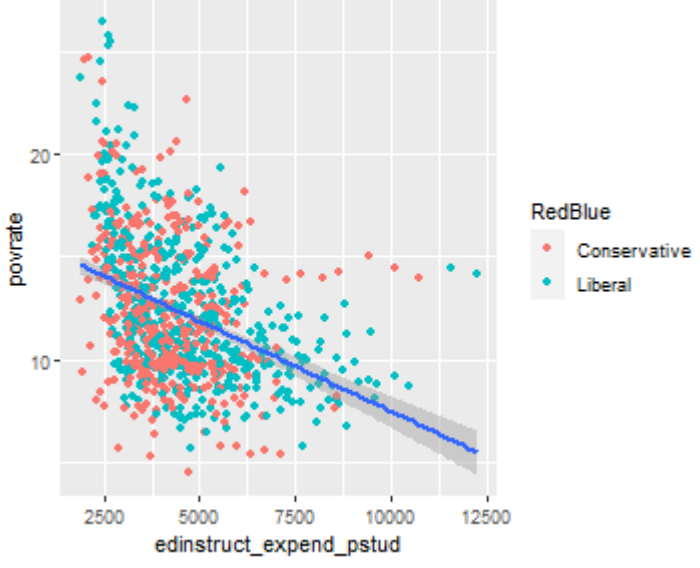

```
ggplot(data = states_final) +
  aes(x= edinstruct_expend_pstu
      y=povrate) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_smooth(method="lm")
```



Two continous variables

```
ggplot(data = states_final)+
  aes(x=edinstruct_expend_pstud
      y=povrate)+
  geom_point(aes(color=RedBlue)
  geom_smooth(method="lm")
```

```
ggplot(data = states_final)+
  aes(x=edinstruct_expend_pstud
      y=povrate,
      color=RedBlue)+
  geom_point()+
  geom_smooth(method="lm")
```



Graph styling: labels

```
ggplot(data = states_final)+
  aes(x=edinstruct_expend_pstud,
      y=povrate,
      color=RedBlue)+
  geom_point()+
  geom_smooth(method="lm") +
  labs(title = "Poverty and Education Expenditure",
       x ="Education expenditure per student",
       y = "Poverty rate",
       color = "Ideology")
```

Graph styling: themes

```
plot + theme_dark()
```

```
plot + theme_bw()
```

Graph styling: themes

External packages like `ggthemr` and `ggthemes` contain even more option. See Markdown document for an example.

Note on Color

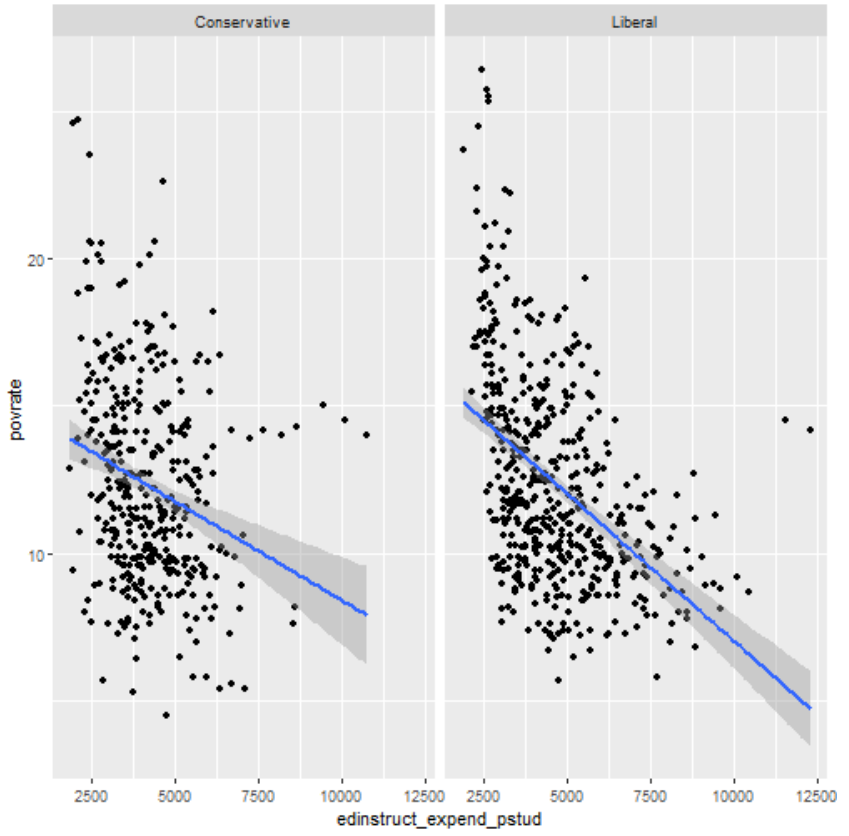
A Note on Colors

Colors

```
library(RColorBrewer)
display.brewer.all(colorblindFriendly = TRUE)
```

Facetting

```
ggplot(data = states_final) +
  aes(x=edinstruct_expend_pstud
      y=povrate) +
  geom_point()+
  geom_smooth(method="lm") +
  facet_wrap(~RedBlue)
```



Combining plots

```
library(cowplot)

plot1 <- states_final %>% filter(year==2005) %>%
ggplot(aes(x=edinstruct_expend_pstud, y=povrate, color= RedBlue))+
  geom_point()+
  geom_smooth(method="lm")

plot2<- ggplot(data = states_final)+
  aes(x= edinstruct_expend_pstud, fill=RedBlue)+
  geom_density(alpha=0.3 )

plot3 <- states_final %>% group_by(year) %>% summarize(mean_pov = m
  geom_line()
```

Combining plots

```
plot_grid(plot1, plot2, plot3, ncol=2, nrow=2)
```