# Intro to R: Part 2 - Data Visualization with Base R

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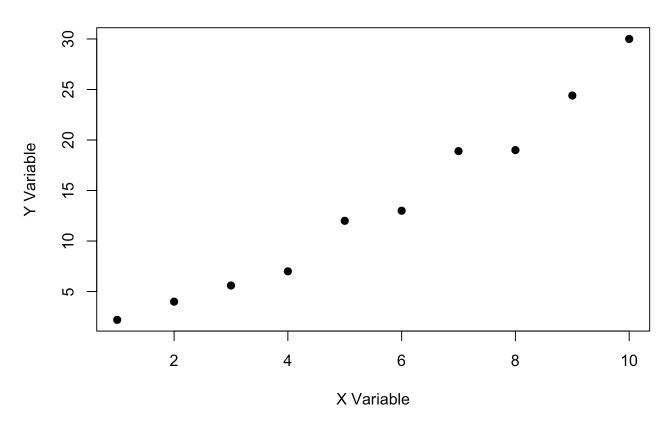
There are a few different plotting systems in R, we will cover the Base R plotting system and the ggplot2 package.

Base R Graphics - basic plots that use high-level plotting functions Based\_R-charts (https://r-charts.com/base-r/)

# 1. Scatter plots (simple and with fit line)

Displays values for typically two variables as points on a Cartesian coordinate system. Each point on the scatter plot represents an observation in your data, with its position determined by the values of the two variables being plotted

## **Scatter Plot Example**



#### Display pch (plotting 'character') values



```
# Reset par to default
par(mfrow = c(1, 1), mar = c(5,4,4,2))
graphics.off()
```

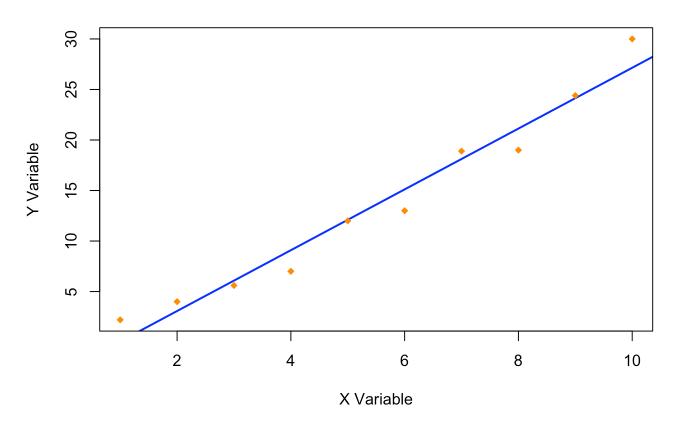
#### Add best fit line (regression line)

- Fit a linear model with lm()
- Use the abline() function after fitting a linear model

```
fit <- lm(y ~ x) # fit a linear model

plot(x, y, main = "Scatter Plot with Best Fit Line", xlab = "X Variable",
    ylab = "Y Variable", pch = 18, col = "darkorange",
    cex = 1, abline(fit, col = "blue", lwd = 2))</pre>
```

## **Scatter Plot with Best Fit Line**

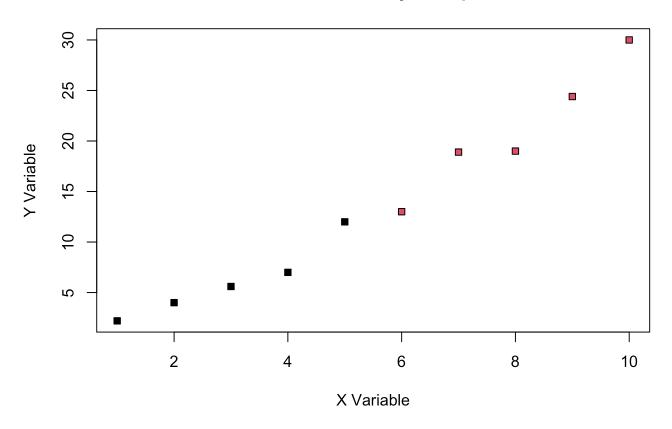


#### Scatterplot with color for group/category

```
data = as.data.frame(cbind(x,y))
data$type = as.factor(c(rep("A", 5), rep("B", 5)))

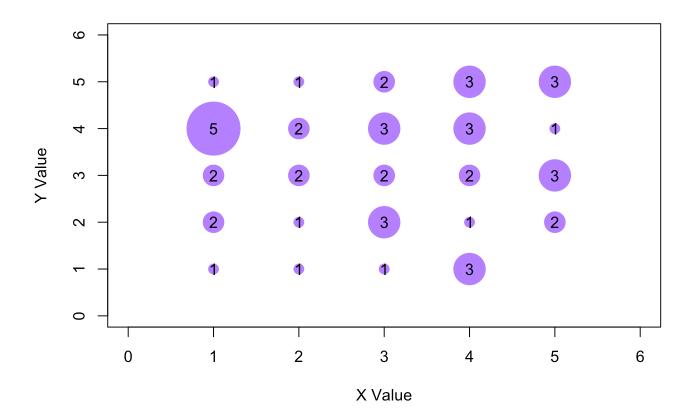
plot(data$x, data$y, main = "Scatter Plot By Group", xlab = "X Variable",
    ylab = "Y Variable", pch = 22,
    cex = 1, bg = data$type)
```

## **Scatter Plot By Group**

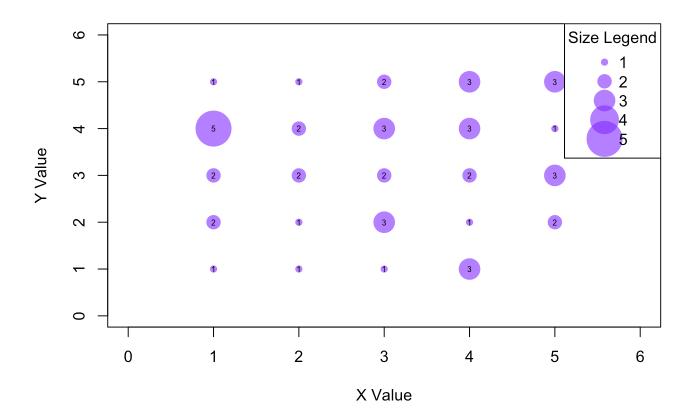


```
# bg = a vector of background colors for open plot symbols, see points. # Note: this is not the same setting as par("bg").
```

# Example data (discrete data) Create 2 discrete variables

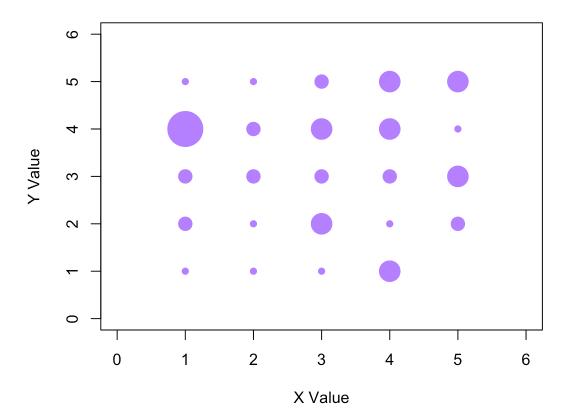


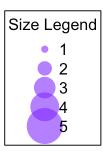
# rgb() function creates a color in R by specifying the levels of
# Red, Green, and Blue (RGB) components, along with an optional alpha
#value for transparency



#### Adjust margins to place the legend outside of the plot

```
# default 5,4,4,2
par(mar=c(5, 4, 4, 8), xpd=TRUE) # bottom, left, top, right margins
# par() = parameters of plot
# xpd = FALSE, plotting clipped to the plot region
# xpd = TRUE = plotting is clipped to the figure region
plot(xy_table$x , xy_table$y , cex=xy_table$number, pch=16 , col=rgb(0.5,0,1,0.6) ,
     xlab= "X Value" , ylab= "Y Value" , <math>xlim=c(0,6) , ylim=c(0,6) )
# text(xy_table$x , xy_table$y , xy_table$number, cex = 0.5)
#add legend outside of plot
legend("topright",
       legend = c("1", "2", "3", "4", "5"), # Descriptive labels for sizes
       pch = 16, # Use the same point type (pch = 16)
       pt.cex = c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5), # Different sizes for the points in the legend
       col = rgb(0.5,0,1,0.6), # Same color as the plot
       title = "Size Legend", # Add a title to the legend
       inset = c(-0.3,0))
```





```
# inset = inset distances from the margins as a fraction of the plot # inset = c(-0.3, 0) this moves the legend 30% of the plot width to the left # of the top-right corner of the plot.

# Reset par to default par(mfrow = c(1, 1), mar = c(5,4,4,2)) graphics.off()
```

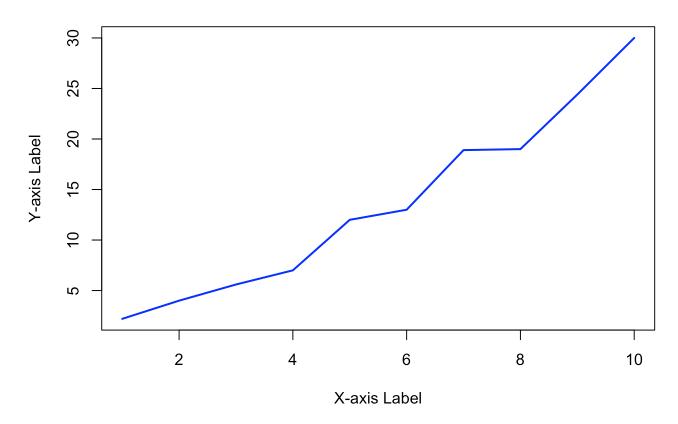
# 2. Line plots

Example data (continuous data)

```
x <- 1:10
y <- c(2.2, 4, 5.6, 7, 12, 13, 18.9, 19, 24.4, 30)

plot(x, y, type = "l", col = "blue", lwd = 2,
    main = "Basic Line Plot Example",
    xlab = "X-axis Label",
    ylab = "Y-axis Label")</pre>
```

# **Basic Line Plot Example**



Line parameters:

type = line plot type

Ity = line styles

lwd = line width

col = line color

pch = symbols

Display all line plot types:

"n" No plotting

"p" Points

"I" Lines

"b" Lines and points

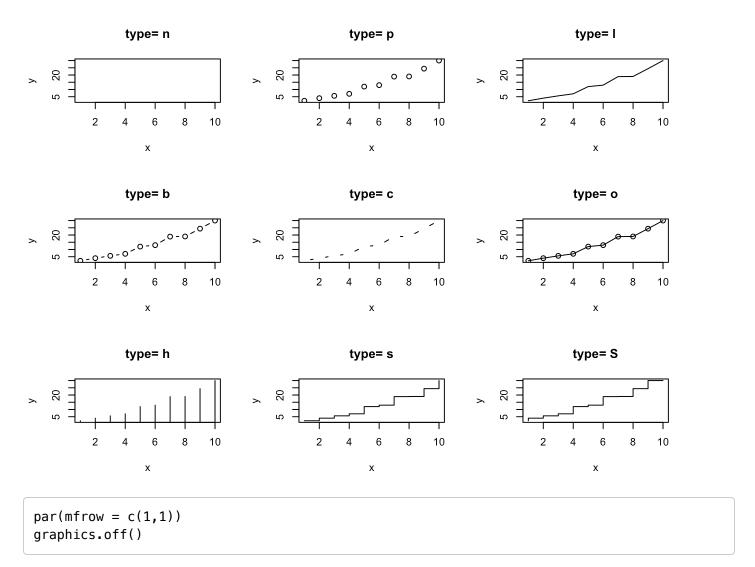
"c" Lines without the part of the points

"o" Lines and points (overplotted)

"h" Histogram-like

"s" Stairs (first line horizontal)

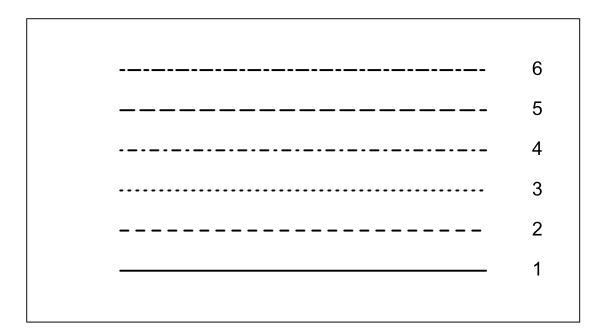
"S" Stairs (first line vertical)



Display line style types

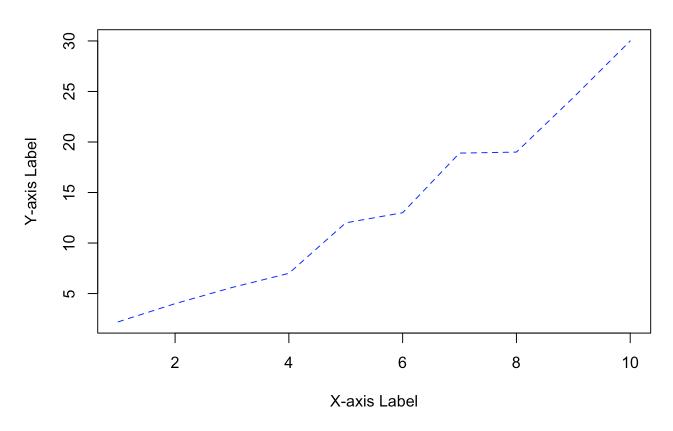
R's base graphics has 6 standard line types

## Line Types (Ity) in R



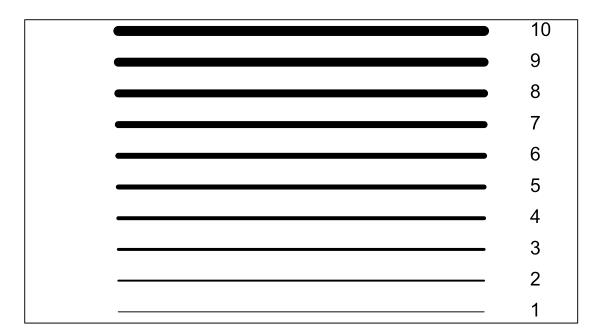
```
plot(x, y, type = "l", col = "blue", lty = 2,
    main = "Basic Line Plot",
    xlab = "X-axis Label",
    ylab = "Y-axis Label")
```

### **Basic Line Plot**



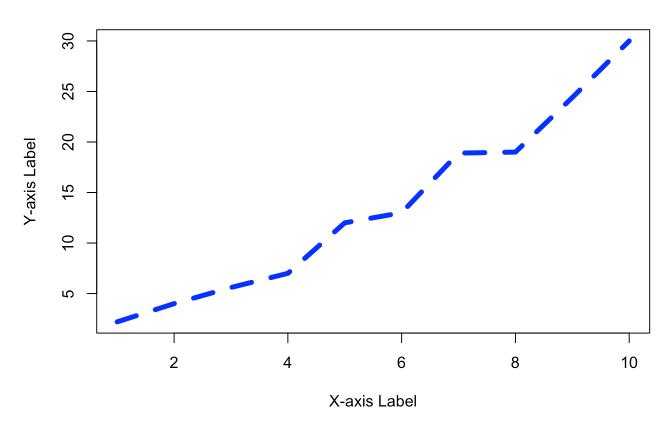
#### Display a range of lwd values

# Line Widths (Iwd) in R



```
plot(x, y, type = "l", col = "blue", lwd = 5, lty = 2,
    main = "Basic Line Plot",
    xlab = "X-axis Label",
    ylab = "Y-axis Label")
```

#### **Basic Line Plot**



#### Framingham datasest

```
df <- read_excel("framingham.xlsx")
str(df) # structure function to display the internal structure of an</pre>
```

```
## tibble [4,240 \times 16] (S3: tbl_df/tbl/data.frame)
   $ male
                     : num [1:4240] 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 ...
##
                     : num [1:4240] 39 46 48 61 46 43 63 45 52 43 ...
##
   $ age
                     : chr [1:4240] "4" "2" "1" "3" ...
##
   $ education
   $ currentSmoker : num [1:4240] 0 0 1 1 1 0 0 1 0 1 ...
##
   $ cigsPerDay
                     : chr [1:4240] "0" "0" "20" "30" ...
##
##
   $ BPMeds
                     : chr [1:4240] "0" "0" "0" "0" ...
##
   $ prevalentStroke: num [1:4240] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
   $ prevalentHyp
                     : num [1:4240] 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 1 1 ...
##
   $ diabetes
                     : num [1:4240] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
##
                     : chr [1:4240] "195" "250" "245" "225" ...
##
   $ totChol
   $ sysBP
##
                     : num [1:4240] 106 121 128 150 130 ...
   $ diaBP
                     : num [1:4240] 70 81 80 95 84 110 71 71 89 107 ...
##
   $ BMI
                     : chr [1:4240] "26.97" "28.73" "25.34" "28.58" ...
##
                     : chr [1:4240] "80" "95" "75" "65" ...
##
    $ heartRate
                     : chr [1:4240] "77" "76" "70" "103" ...
    $ glucose
##
   $ TenYearCHD
                     : num [1:4240] 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 ...
##
```

```
# R object
```

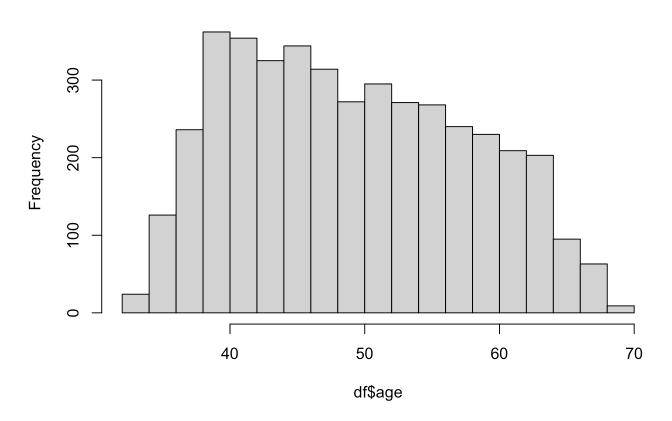
# 3. Density plots - understand the distribution of the data

- histograms
- · kernal density plots

Simple Histogram

hist(df\$age)

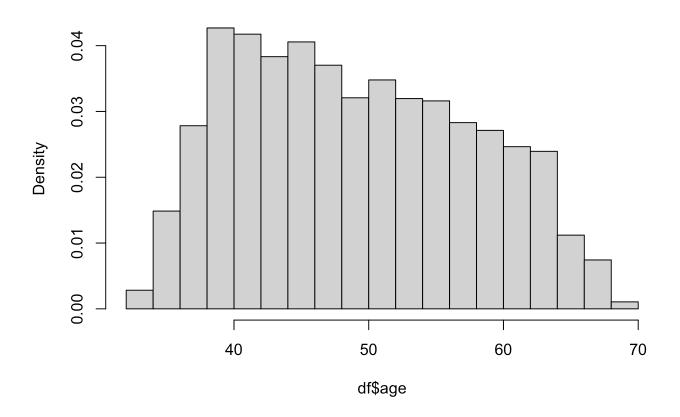
## Histogram of df\$age



# frequency = counts component: the number of data points in each bin/category

hist(df\$age, freq = FALSE)

# Histogram of df\$age

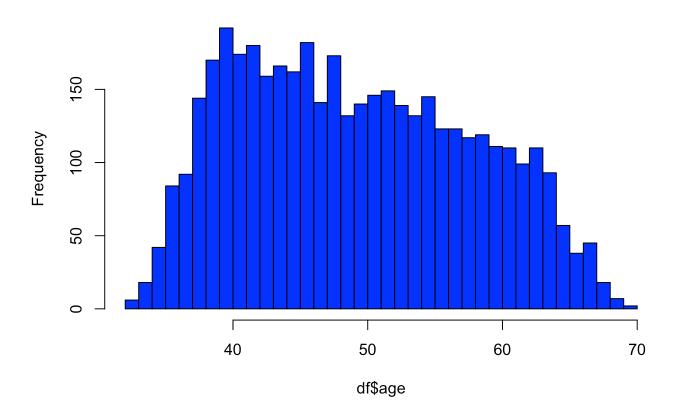


```
# density = modified relative frequency (absolute frequency/total number
# of values for the variable) that represents
# the percentage of the data that belongs to a specific category. The
# area of the entire histogram is always equal to 1.
```

#### Colored Histogram with Different Number of Bins

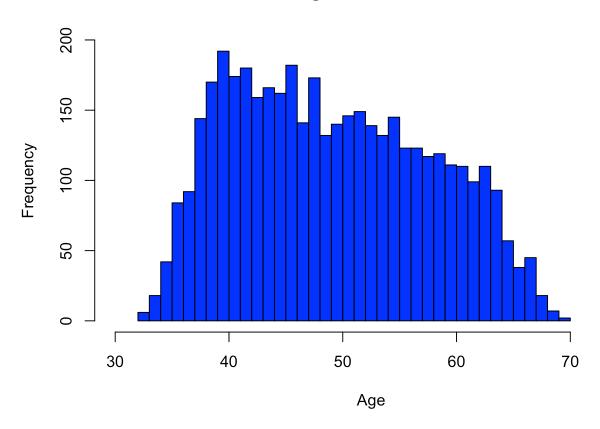
hist(df\$age, breaks=30, col="blue")

# Histogram of df\$age



```
# add labels and change the range of x and y values
hist(df$age, breaks=30, col="blue", xlab="Age",
    main="Age Distribution",
    xlim = c(30,75),
    ylim = c(0,200))
```

## **Age Distribution**



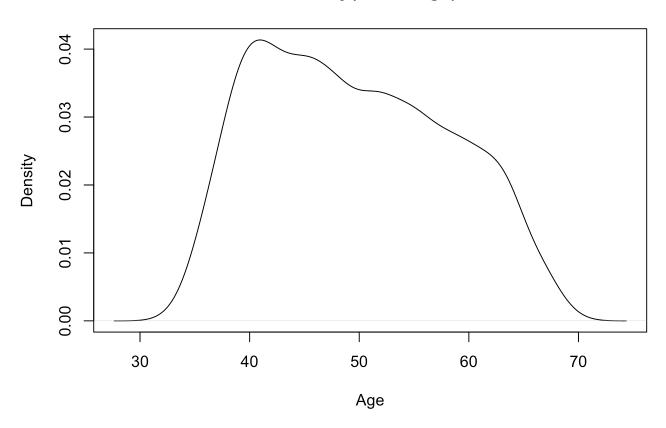
Kernal density plot = smooth version of the histogram

```
density(df$age) # default = gaussian
```

```
##
##
  Call:
    density.default(x = df$age)
##
##
  Data: df$age (4240 obs.);
                                  Bandwidth 'bw' = 1.452
##
##
##
          Х
                           У
##
    Min.
           :27.64
                     Min.
                            :1.180e-06
    1st Qu.:39.32
                     1st Qu.:4.287e-03
##
    Median :51.00
                     Median :2.592e-02
##
           :51.00
                            :2.137e-02
##
    Mean
                     Mean
    3rd Qu.:62.68
                     3rd Qu.:3.399e-02
##
           :74.36
    Max.
                     Max.
                            :4.135e-02
```

```
# computes the kernal density estimates
plot(density(df$age), xlab = "Age")
```

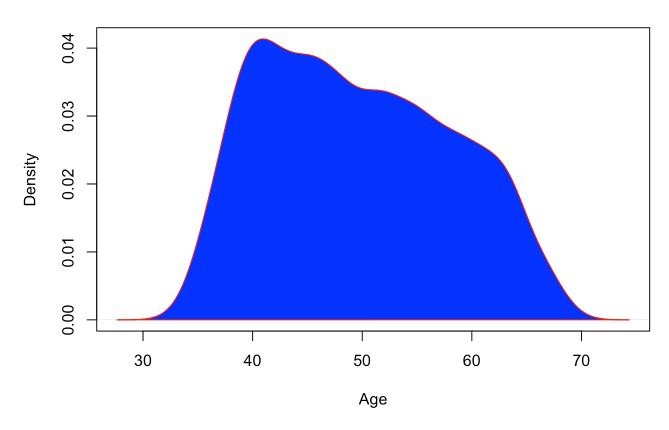
# density(x = df\$age)



### Color fill the kernal density plot

```
d = density(df$age)
plot(density(df$age), xlab = "Age")
polygon(density(df$age), col="blue", border="red")
```

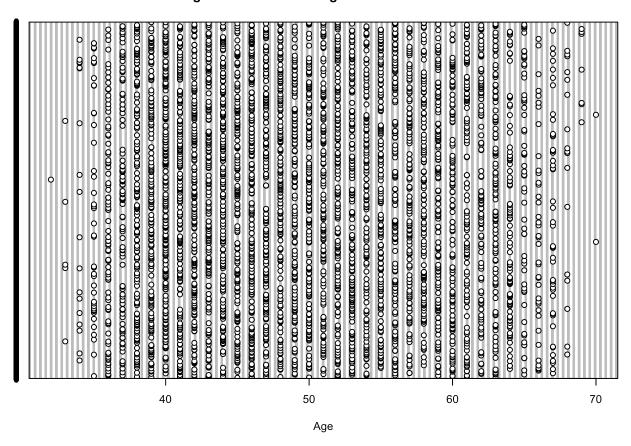
## density(x = df\$age)



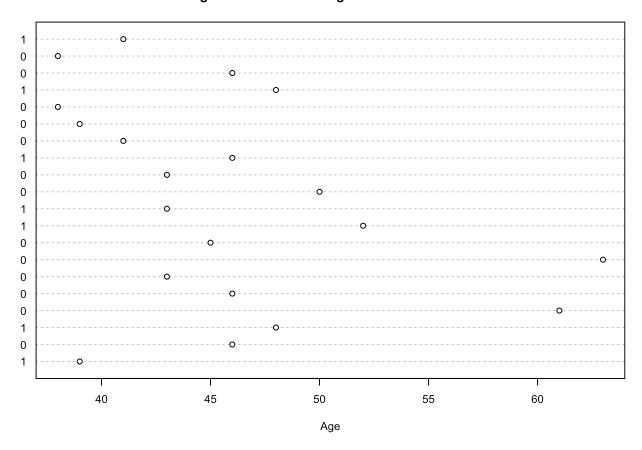
# 4. Dotplots = another way to visualize the distribution of small datasets

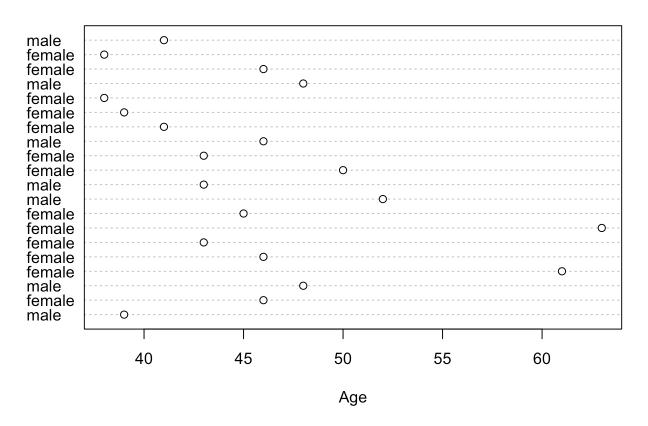
Useful when you want to see individual data points and their distribution without the aggregation that occurs in histograms or kernel density plots

#### Simple Dotplot

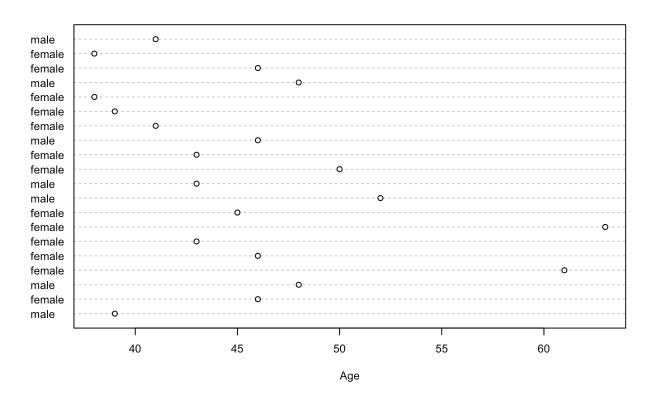


#### Take a subset of the data





dotchart(df\_sub\$age,labels=df\_sub\$gender,cex=.7,
 main="Age Distribution Among Males and Females",
 xlab="Age")

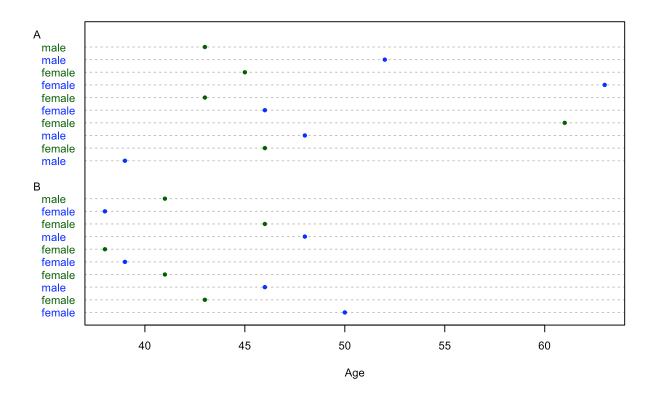


# cex = character size to be used, value smaller than one can help avoid
# label overlap

#### Randomly assign "Control" and "Test"

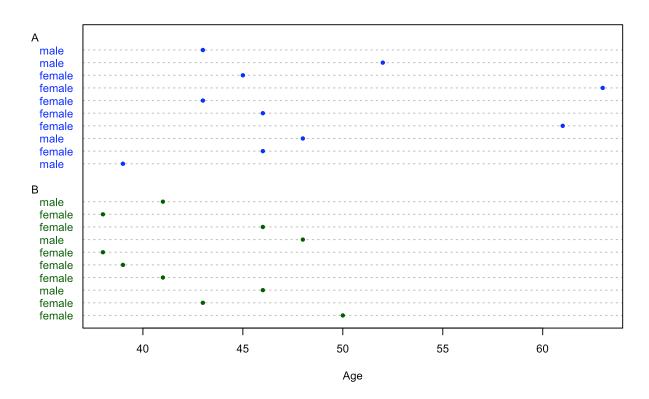
```
df_sub$group <- sample(c("Control", "Test"), size = nrow(df_sub), replace = TRUE)
# size = number of items to choose
# replace = should sampling be with replacement?
# determines whether sampling is done with or without replacement
# vector you're sampling from can be selected multiple times.
# This means that after an item is selected, it's "put back" into the
# pool of possible selections, so it can be picked again in subsequent
# draws
# replace = TRUE: You can select the same item multiple times
# (sampling with replacement).
# replace = FALSE: Each item can be selected only once
# (sampling without replacement).</pre>
```

#### Age Distribution Among Males and Females by Group

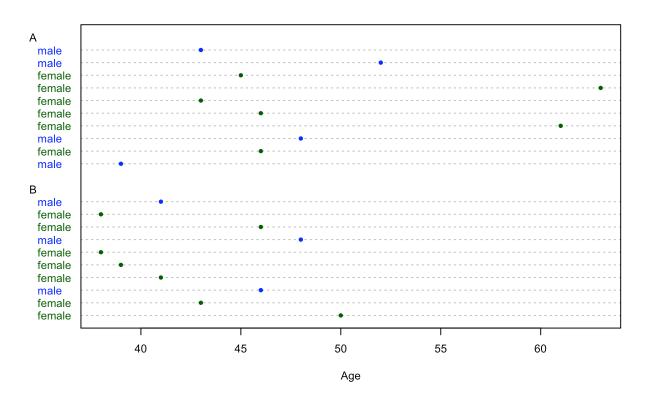


```
df_sub$color[df_sub$group == "A"] = "blue"
df_sub$color[df_sub$group == "B"] = "darkgreen"
```

#### Age Distribution Among Males and Females by Group



#### Age Distribution Among Males and Females by Group



# 5. Bar plots (simple, stacked, and grouped)

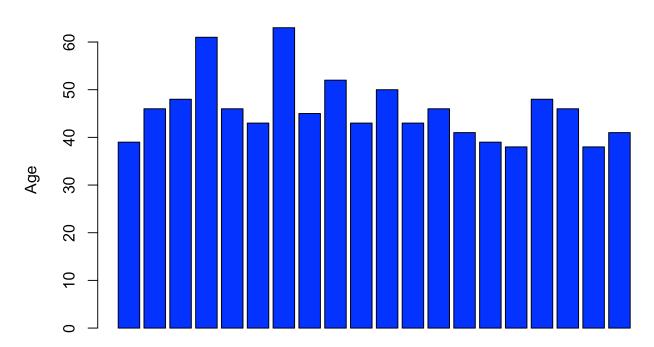
Used for comparing quantities across different categories or groups

- Simple bar plot
- Stacked bar plot
- Grouped bar plot

#### Simple bar plot

```
barplot(df_sub$age,
    col = "blue",
    main = "Basic Bar Plot", xlab = "Individual n's",
    ylab = "Age")
```

#### **Basic Bar Plot**



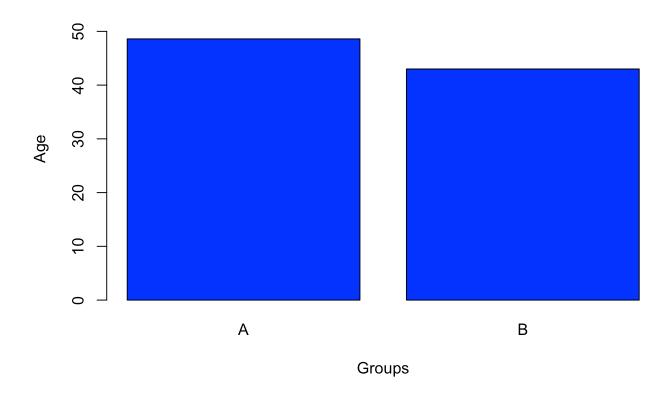
#### Individual n's

```
# bar for each n
```

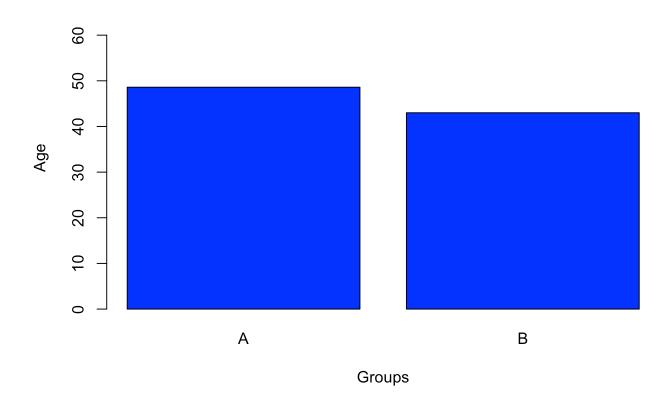
Calculate mean, standard deviation, and standard error of the mean for each group/category

```
mean_values <- tapply(df_sub$age, df_sub$group, mean)
sd_values <- tapply(df_sub$age, df_sub$group, sd)
sem_values <- sd_values/sqrt(nrow(df_sub))
# tapply = "table apply", it applies a function to subsets of a vector,
# split by a given factor or grouping variable.
# useful when you want to perform calculations (like mean, sum,
# standard deviation, etc.) on different groups within your data</pre>
```

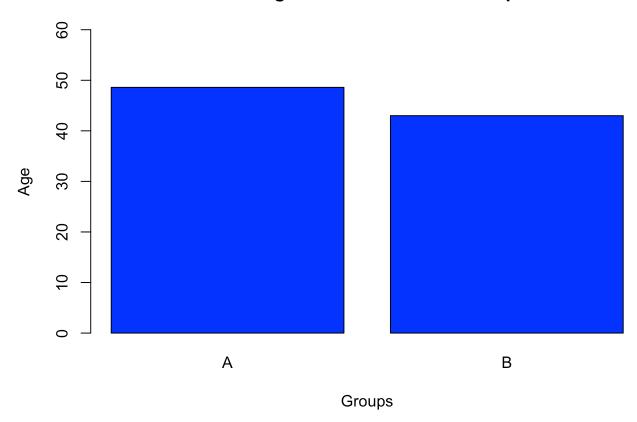
#### Basic barplot



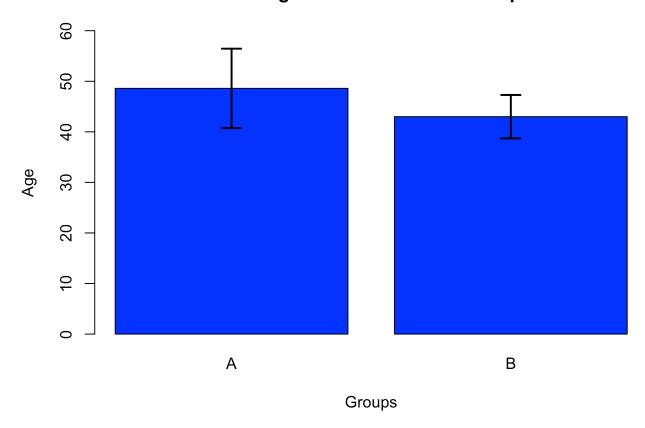
#### Barplot with adjusted y-scale



Automatically adjust y-axis scale with function pretty()

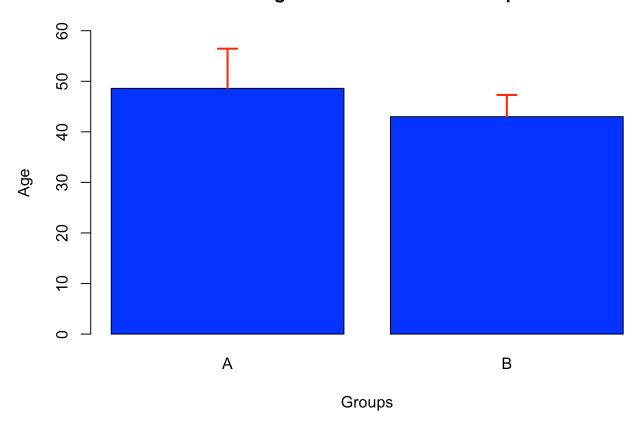


#### Add error bars to the bar plot

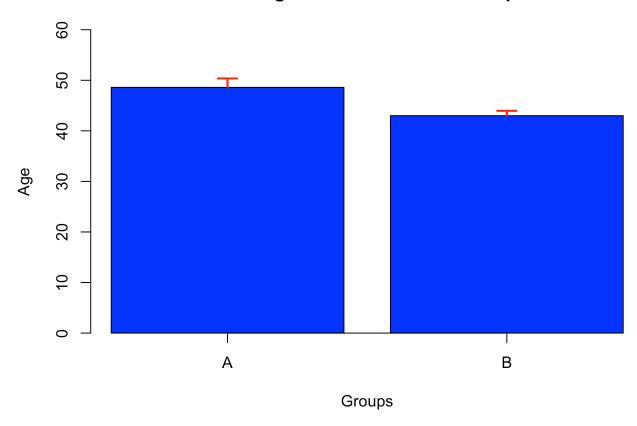


```
# code = 1 down - SD only, 2 - up + SD only, 3 - both directions
```

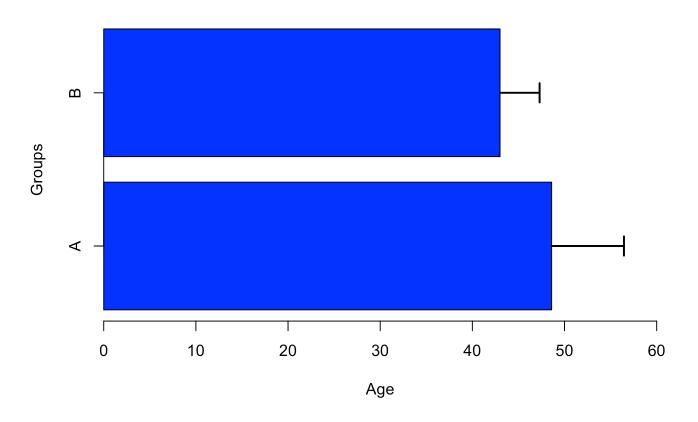
#### Error bars - one direction



#### Plot with SEM instead of SD



#### Horizontal barplot \*\*switch x and y



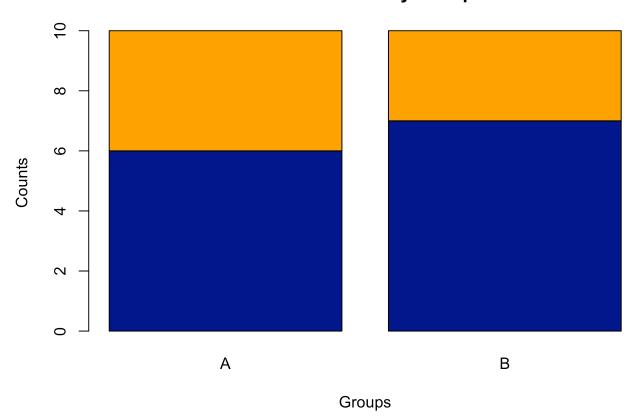
#### Stacked barplot

```
gender_counts = table(df_sub$gender,df_sub$group)
# builds a contingency table of the counts at each
# combination of the factor levels
gender_counts
```

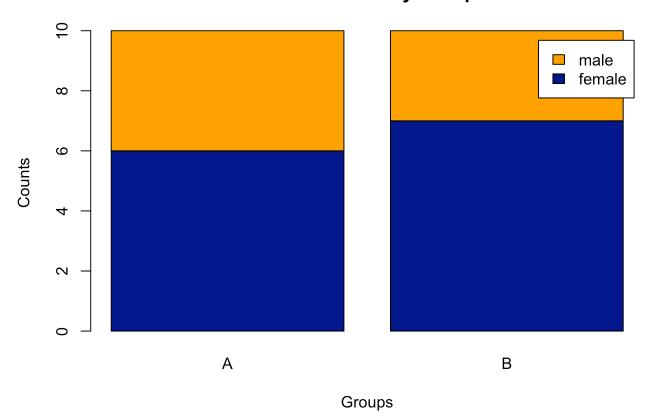
```
##
## A B
## female 6 7
## male 4 3
```

```
barplot(gender_counts, main="Gender Count by Group",
    xlab="Groups",ylab = "Counts", col=c("darkblue","orange"))
```

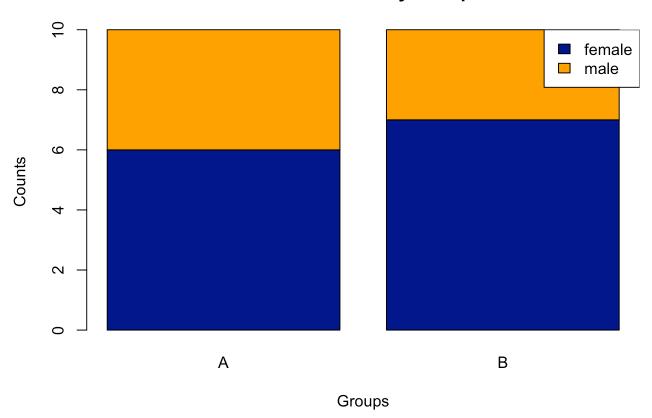
# **Gender Count by Group**



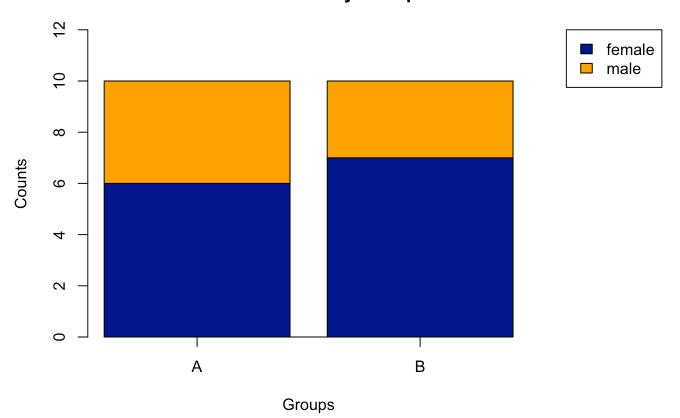
#### Stacked barplot with legend



### Add 'legend' with legend()

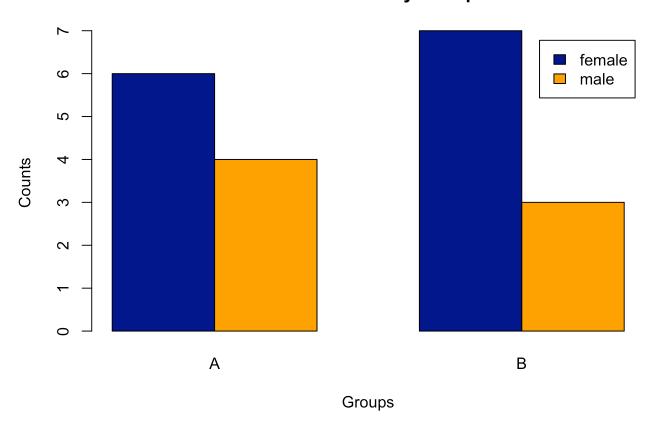


Adjust margins, to place legend outside of plot

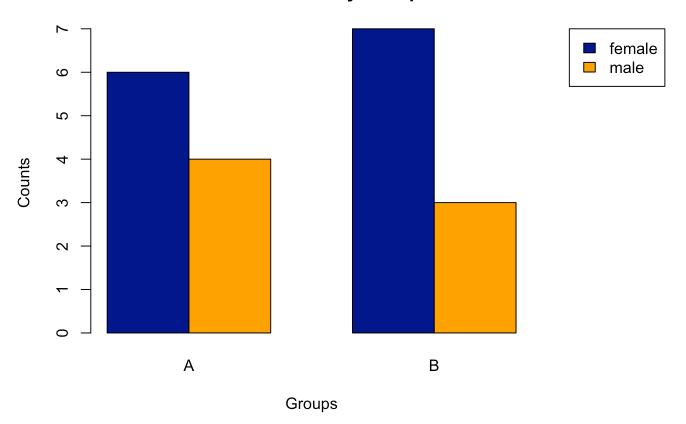


```
# inset = inset distances from the margins as a fraction of the plot # inset = c(-0.3, 0) this moves the legend 30% of the plot width to the left # of the top-right corner of the plot.
```

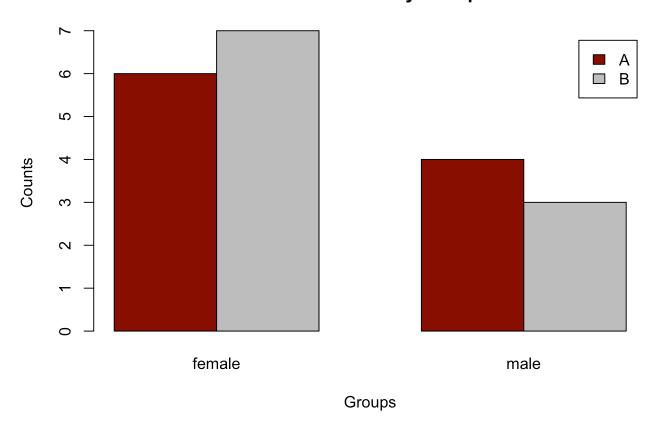
### Grouped barplot



### Adjust par(mar()) settings



### Transposed data, color = group



# t() function transposes matrices and data frames

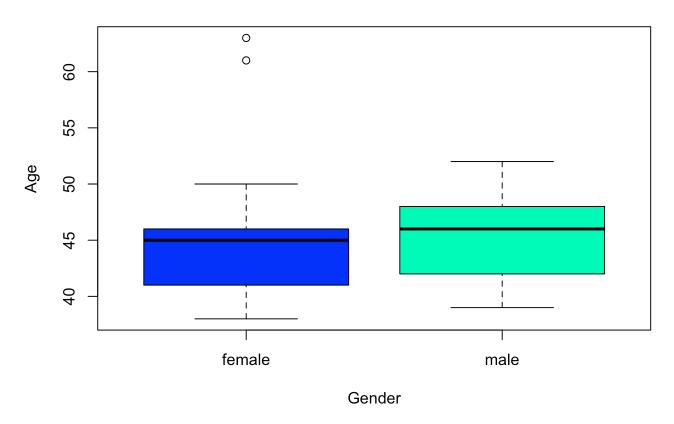
# 6. Boxplots

Box-and-whisker plot, is a graphical representation of the distribution of a dataset that shows its central tendency, spread, and potential outliers. It provides a summary of the data through five key summary statistics: the minimum, first quartile (Q1), median, third quartile (Q3), and maximum

Formula: y ~ group, where y is a numeric vector of data values to be split into groups according to the grouping variable (usually a factor)

#### Basic boxplot

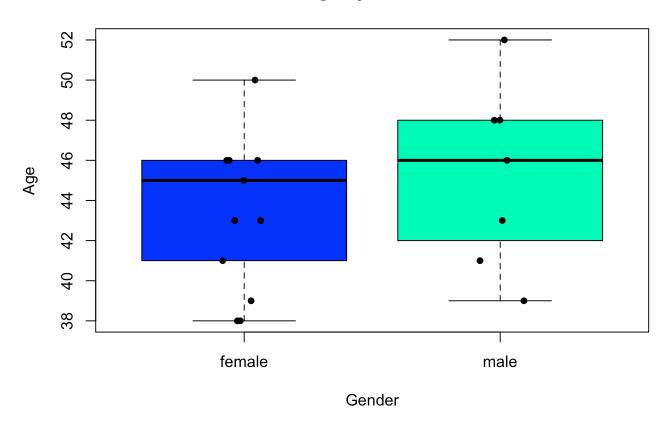
## Age by Gender



```
# col = "color_name"
# col = rgb(R,G,B, transparency)
# col = hex code
```

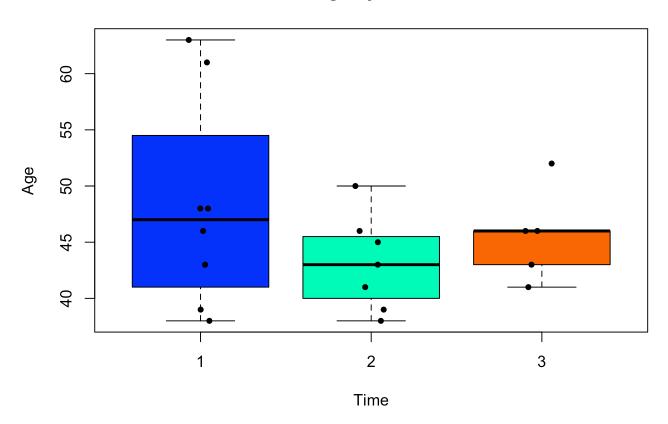
### Boxplot with scatter points, remove outliers

## Age by Gender



# Add new variable 'time'

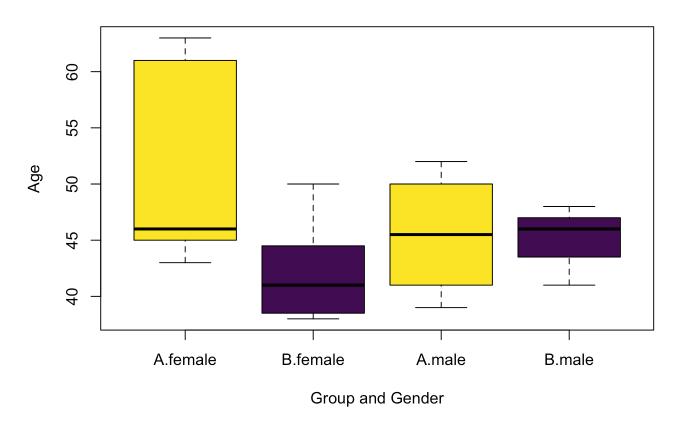
# Age by Time



### Boxploty of age by gender and group

```
boxplot(age ~ interaction(group, gender), data = df_sub,
    col = viridis(3)[as.integer(interaction(df_sub$group, df_sub$gender))],
    xlab = "Group and Gender",
    ylab = "Age",
    main = "Boxplot of Age by Group and Gender")
```

# **Boxplot of Age by Group and Gender**



# 7. Pie chart

Create 'time\_counts' dataframe

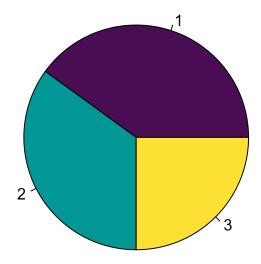
```
# Create a table from the data
time_counts <- table(df_sub$time)
time_counts</pre>
```

```
##
## 1 2 3
## 8 7 5
```

Pie charts with different color palettes

Viridis

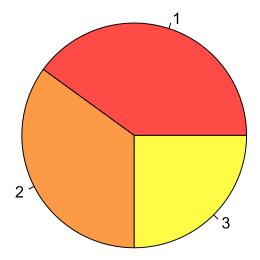
```
pie(time_counts,
    col = hcl.colors(length(time_counts), "viridis"))
```



```
# hcl.colors(n, palette name)
# palette names: hcl.pals()
# alpha = transparenc level: 0-1
# rev = logical to indicate if the colors should be reversed
```

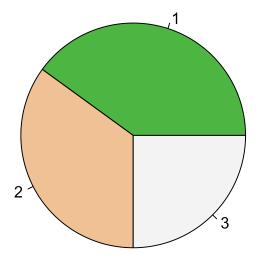
#### heat.colors

```
pie(time_counts,
    col = heat.colors(length(time_counts), alpha = 0.8))
```



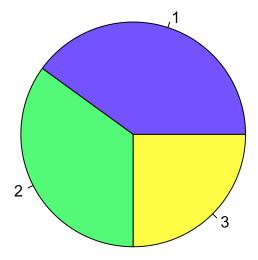
### terrain.colors

```
pie(time_counts,
    col = terrain.colors(length(time_counts), alpha = 0.8))
```



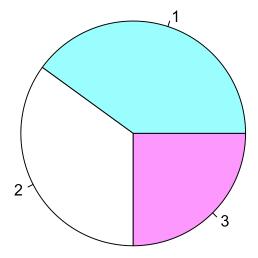
### topo.colors

```
pie(time_counts,
    col = topo.colors(length(time_counts), alpha = 0.8))
```



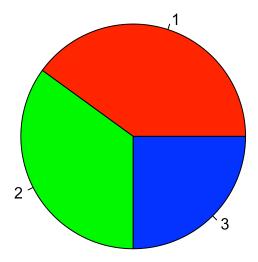
### cm.colors

```
pie(time_counts,
    col = cm.colors(length(time_counts), alpha = 0.8))
```



### rainbow

```
pie(time_counts,
    col = rainbow(length(time_counts), s = 1, v = 1))
```



```
# s = saturation
# v = value
```

### Save the df\_sub dataframe

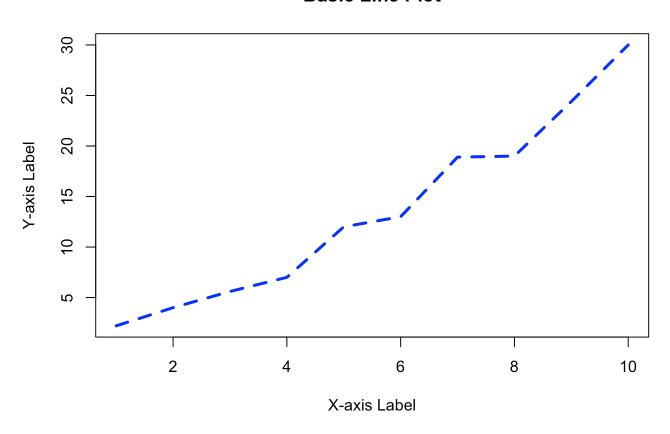
```
write.csv(df_sub, "framingham_sub.csv", row.names = FALSE)
# row.names = FALSE removes column index that is generated, as default
# is TRUE
```

# **Practice Session**

1. What happens when we plot lwd = 2, lty = 4, and pch = 19?

```
plot(x, y, type = "l", col = "blue", lwd = 3, lty = 2, pch = 19,
    main = "Basic Line Plot",
    xlab = "X-axis Label",
    ylab = "Y-axis Label")
```

### **Basic Line Plot**



2. Using tidyr format, how would you create a grouped barplot with Base R?

```
count_data = df_sub %>%
group_by(group, gender) %>%
  count(gender)
count_data
```

```
## # A tibble: 4 × 3
## # Groups:
               group, gender [4]
##
     group gender
##
     <fct> <chr> <int>
## 1 A
           female
                       6
## 2 A
           male
                       4
## 3 B
           female
## 4 B
           male
                       3
```

```
gender_counts
```

```
##
## A B
## female 6 7
## male 4 3
```

3. Convert 'count\_data' to wide format to create bar plot with Base R

4. Create a grouped barplot and add legend

# Save a plot in R

- 1. Export menu in the Plots tab (save as image, pdf, or copy to clipboard)
- 2. Save as pdf

```
# Open graphical device and set parameters for output
pdf("my_plot.pdf",  # File name
   width = 8, height = 7, # Width and height in inches
   bg = "white")

# Creating the plot
plot(x,y)

# Closing the graphical device
dev.off()
```

```
## pdf
## 2
```