Categorical x Continuous data (2 of 2)

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This chapter explores Categorical x Continuous data using the dplyr and ggplot2 packages.

Data: Suppose we run the following code to prepare the mtcars data for subsequent analysis and save it in a tibble called tb. [1]

```
# Load the required libraries, suppressing annoying startup messages
library(dplyr, quietly = TRUE, warn.conflicts = FALSE)
library(tibble, quietly = TRUE, warn.conflicts = FALSE)
library(knitr) # For formatting tables

# Read the mtcars dataset into a tibble called tb
data(mtcars)
tb <- as_tibble(mtcars)
# Convert relevant columns into factor variables
tb$cyl <- as.factor(tb$cyl) # cyl = {4,6,8}, number of cylinders
tb$am <- as.factor(tb$am) # am = {0,1}, 0:automatic, 1: manual transmission
tb$vs <- as.factor(tb$vs) # vs = {0,1}, v-shaped engine, 0:no, 1:yes
tb$gear <- as.factor(tb$gear) # gear = {3,4,5}, number of gears

# Directly access the data columns of tb, without tb$mpg
attach(tb)</pre>
```

Visualizing Continuous Data using ggplot2

Let's take a closer look at some of the most effective ways of visualizing continuous data, across one Category, **using ggplot2**, including

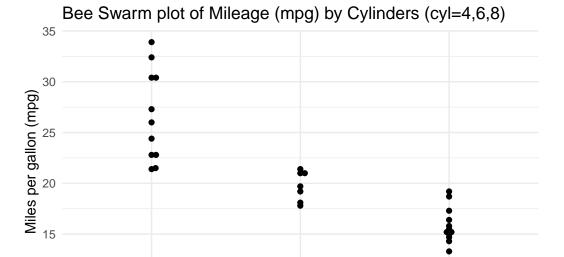
- (i) Bee Swarm plots, using ggplot2;
- (ii) Histograms, using ggplot2;
- (iii) PDF and CDF Density plots, using ggplot2;

- (iv) Box plots, using ggplot2;
- (v) Violin plots, using ggplot2;

Bee Swarm Plot across one Category using ggbeeswarm

• Visualizing Median using Box Plot – median weight of the cars broken down by cylinders (cyl=4,6,8). [2] [3]

```
# Loading the ggplot2 package for data visualization
  library(ggplot2)
Attaching package: 'ggplot2'
The following object is masked from 'tb':
    mpg
  # Loading the ggbeeswarm package for beeswarm plot
  library(ggbeeswarm)
  # Creating a beeswarm plot using ggplot
  ggplot(mtcars, # Specifying the data source as 'mtcars' dataset
         aes(x = factor(cyl), # Mapping 'cyl' as a factor to the x-axis
             y = mpg)) + # Mapping 'mpg' to the y-axis
    geom_beeswarm() + # Adding the beeswarm layer
    labs(title = "Bee Swarm plot of Mileage (mpg) by Cylinders (cyl=4,6,8)",
         x = "Cylinders (cyl)", # Label for the x-axis
         y = "Miles per gallon (mpg)") + # Label for the y-axis
    theme_minimal() # Applying a minimal theme to the plot
```



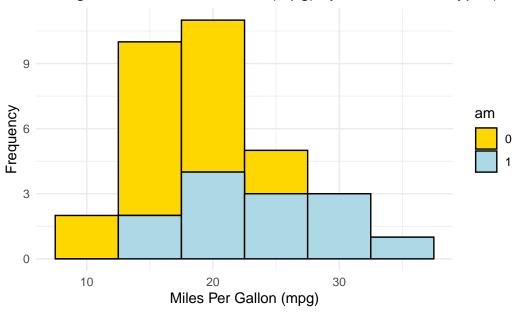
Histograms across one Category using ggplot2

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• Visualizing histograms of car milegage (mpg) broken down by transmission (am=0,1). [2] [4] [5]

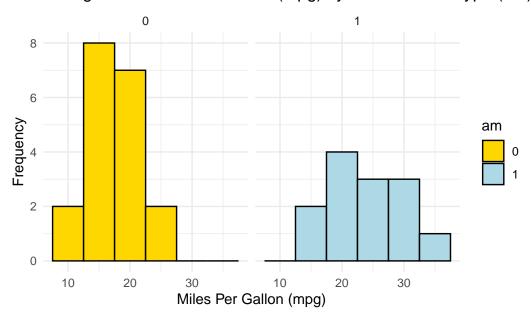
Cylinders (cyl)

Histogram of Miles Per Gallon (mpg) by Transmission Type (am)



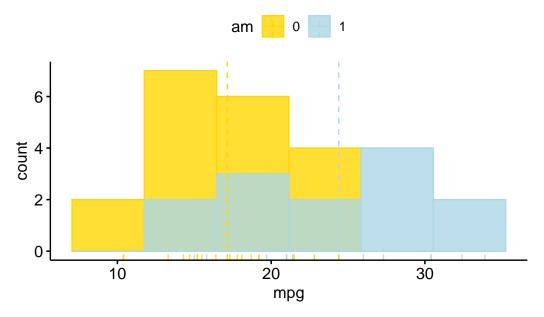
• **Discussion**: If we want separate histograms, we can set facet_wrap(~ am).

Histogram of Miles Per Gallon (mpg) by Transmission Type (am)



Histogram across one Category using ggpubr

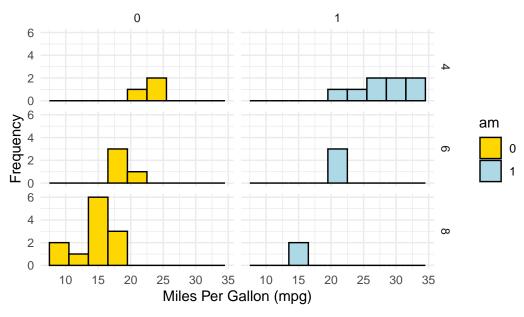
Histogram of Mileage (mpg) by Transmission (am=0,1)



Histograms across two Categories using ggplot2

• Visualizing histograms of car milegage (mpg) by transmission (am=0,1) and cylinders (cyl=4,6,8). [2] [4] [5]

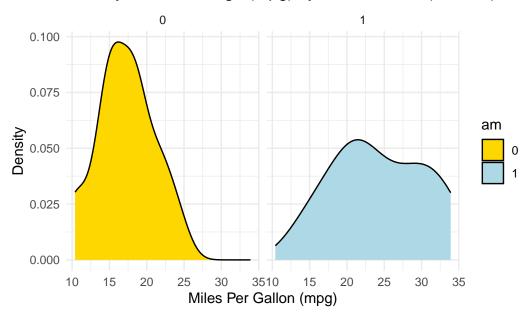
Mileage (mpg) by Transmission (am=0,1) and Cylinders (cyl=4,6



PDF across one Category using ggplot2

• Visualizing the Probability Density Functions (PDF) of car milegage (mpg) by transmission (am=0,1). [2], [5]

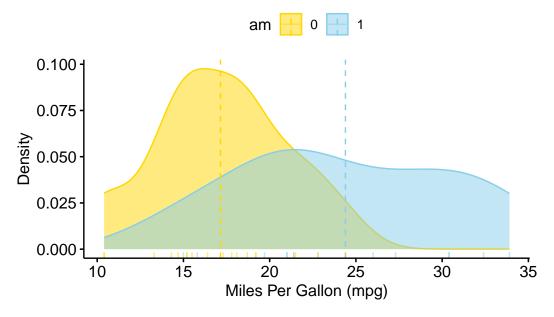
Density Plot of Mileage (mpg) by Transmission (am=0,1)



PDF across one Category using ggpubr

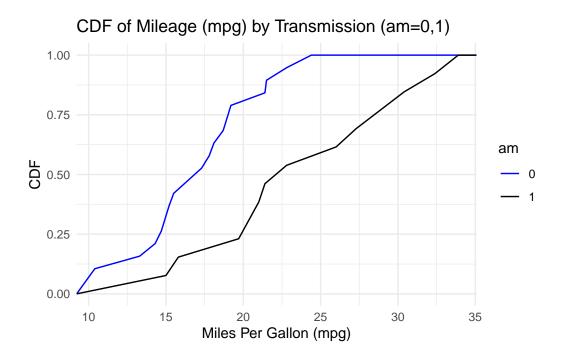
• The provided R code creates a Boxplot of the mpg (miles per gallon) variable, using the ggboxplot() function from the ggpubr package.

PDF of Mileage (mpg) by Transmission (am=0,1)



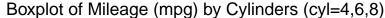
CDF across one Category using ggplot2

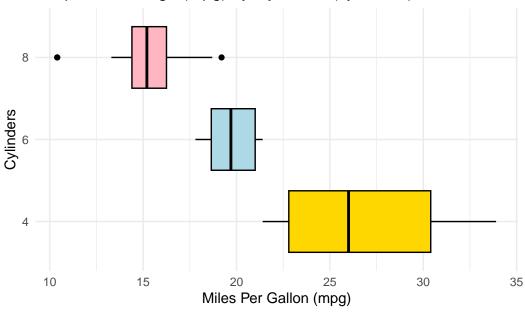
• Visualizing the Cumulative Density Functions (CDF) of car milegage (mpg) by transmission (am=0,1). [2], [5]



Box Plot across one Category using ggplot2

• Visualizing Boxplots of car milegage (mpg) broken down by cylinders (cyl=4,6,8). [2], [6]





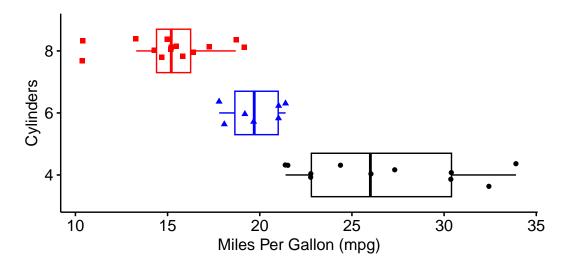
Box Plot across one Category using ggpubr

• The provided R code creates a Boxplot of the mpg (miles per gallon) variable, using the ggboxplot() function from the ggpubr package. [2], [6]

```
# Loading the ggpubr package
library(ggpubr)
# Creating a boxplot with enhanced features using ggboxplot from ggpubr.
ggboxplot(tb,
          y = "mpg", # Setting 'mpg' as the y-axis variable.
          x = "cyl", # Setting 'cyl' as the x-axis variable.
          color = "cyl", # Setting the outline color of the boxes.
          fill = "white", # Setting the fill color of the boxes to white.
         palette = c("black", "blue", "red"), # Defining a color palette.
         shape = "cyl", # Defining the shape of data points based on 'cyl'.
         orientation = "horizontal", # Setting the orientation.
          add = "jitter", # Adding jitter to display individual points.
          title = "Boxplot of Mileage (mpg) by Cylinders (cyl=4,6,8)",
          ylab = "Miles Per Gallon (mpg)", # Label for the y-axis.
          xlab = "Cylinders" # Label for the x-axis.
)
```

Boxplot of Mileage (mpg) by Cylinders (cyl=4,6,8)

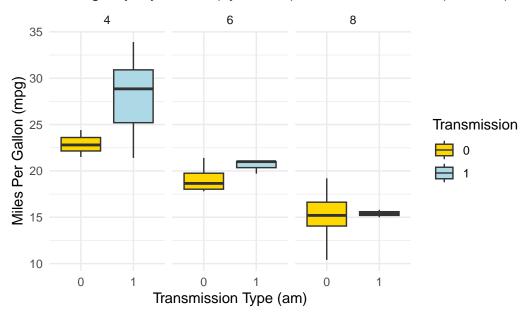




Box Plot across two Categories using ggplot2

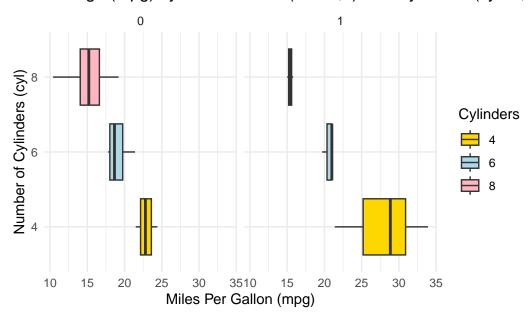
• Visualizing Boxplots of car milegage (mpg) broken down by cylinders (cyl=4,6,8) and Transmission (am=0,1). [2], [6]

Mileage by Cylinders (cyl=4,6,8) and Transmission (am=0,1)



Alternately:

Mileage (mpg) by Transmission (am=0,1) and Cylinders (cyl=4,6



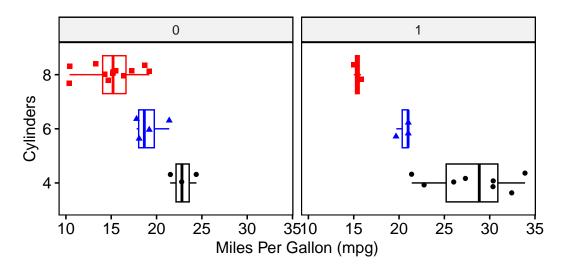
Box Plot across two Categories using ggpubr

• The provided R code creates Boxplots of the mpg (miles per gallon) variable, using the ggboxplot() function from the ggpubr package.

```
# Loading the ggpubr package for enhanced ggplot2 functionalities.
library(ggpubr)
# Creating a boxplot with additional features using ggboxplot from ggpubr.
ggboxplot(tb,
         y = "mpg", # Setting 'mpg' as the y-axis variable.
         x = "cyl", # Setting 'cyl' as the x-axis variable.
         color = "cyl", # Setting the outline color of the boxes
         fill = "white", # Setting the fill color of the boxes to white.
         palette = c("black", "blue", "red"), # Defining a color palette
         shape = "cyl", # Defining the shape of data points
         orientation = "horizontal", # Setting the orientation
         add = "jitter", # Adding jitter .
         facet.by = "am", # Faceting the plot by 'am' .
         title = "Boxplot of Mileage by Cylinders, Transmission",
         ylab = "Miles Per Gallon (mpg)", # Label for the y-axis.
         xlab = "Cylinders" # Label for the x-axis.
```

Boxplot of Mileage by Cylinders, Transmission

cyl 😝 4 😝 6 😝 8



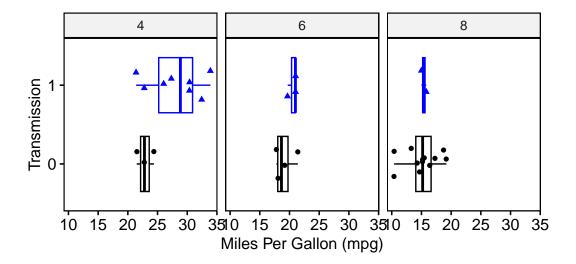
```
# Loading the ggpubr package for enhanced ggplot2 functionalities.
library(ggpubr)
```

Creating a boxplot with additional features using ggboxplot from ggpubr. ggboxplot(tb,

```
y = "mpg", # Setting 'mpg' as the y-axis variable.
x = "am", # Setting 'am' as the x-axis variable.
color = "am", # Setting the outline color of the boxes
fill = "white", # Setting the fill color of the boxes.
palette = c("black", "blue"), # Defining a color palette .
shape = "am", # Defining the shape of data points based on 'am'.
orientation = "horizontal", # Setting the orientation
add = "jitter", # Adding jitter
facet.by = "cyl", # Faceting the plot by 'cyl' .
title = "Boxplot of Mileage by Transmission, Cylinders",
ylab = "Miles Per Gallon (mpg)", # Label for the y-axis.
xlab = "Transmission" # Label for the x-axis.
```

)

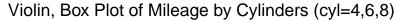
Boxplot of Mileage by Transmission, Cylinders

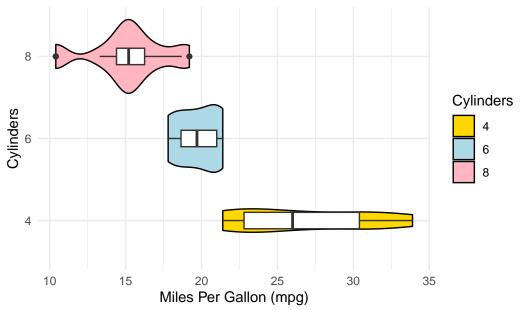


Violin Plot across one Category using ggplot2

• We can embed boxplots within the above Violin plots, as follows. [2], [6]

```
# Loading the ggplot2 package for data visualization.
library(ggplot2)
# Creating a combined plot of violin and box plots using ggplot.
ggplot(tb, aes(x = factor(cyl), # Setting 'cyl' as the x-axis variable,
               y = mpg)) + # Setting 'mpg' as the y-axis variable.
 geom_violin(aes(fill = factor(cyl)), # Creating violin plots, .
              color = "black") + # Setting the outline color
 scale_fill_manual(values = c("gold", "lightblue", "lightpink"),
                   name = "Cylinders") + # Setting the legend title.
 geom_boxplot(width = 0.2, # Adding box plots with specified width.
              fill = "white") + # Setting the box fill color to white.
 coord_flip() + # Flipping the coordinates to create horizontal plots.
 labs(title = "Violin, Box Plot of Mileage by Cylinders (cyl=4,6,8)",
      y = "Miles Per Gallon (mpg)", # Label for the y-axis.
      x = "Cylinders") + # Label for the x-axis.
  theme_minimal() # Applying a minimal theme to the plot.
```





Summarizing Continuous Data using dplyr and ggplot2

Across one Category using dplyr and ggplot2

- 1. Calculating the mean and standard deviation
- We demonstrate the bivariate relationship between Miles Per Gallon (mpg) and Cylinders (cyl) using ggplot2. [1], [2]

Table 0.1: Summary Statistics of Mileage (mpg) by Cylinders

cyl	Mean_mpg	SD_mpg
4	26.66	4.51
6	19.74	1.45
8	15.10	2.56

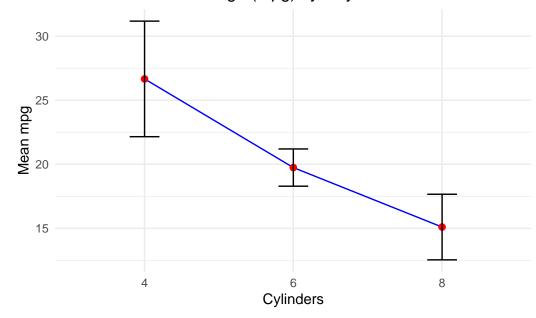
2. Discussion:

- In this code, we use the pipe operator %\>% to perform a series of operations. We first group the data by the cyl column using the group_by() function. We then use summarise() to apply the mean() and sd() functions to the mpg column.
- The results are stored in new columns, aptly named Mean mpg and SD mpg.
- We set na.rm = TRUE in both mean() and sd() function calls, to remove any missing values before calculation.
- The data resulting from the above code consists of grouped cylinder counts (cyl), their corresponding mean miles per gallon (Mean_mpg), and the standard deviation of miles per gallon (SD_mpg). [1], [2]

3. Visualizing the mean and standard deviation

• A simple way to visualize this data is to create a **line plot** for the mean miles per gallon with **error bars** indicating the standard deviation. Here is an example of how we could do this with **ggplot2**:

Mean and SD of Mileage (mpg) by #Cylinders



4. Discussion:

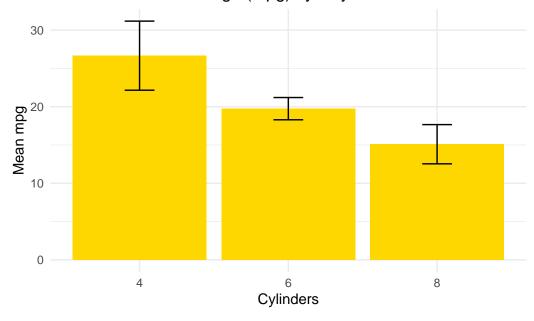
- aes(x = cyl, y = Mean_mpg) assigns the cyl values to the x-axis and Mean_mpg to the y-axis.
- geom_line(group=1, color = "blue") adds a blue line connecting the data points.
- geom_point(size = 2, color = "red") adds red points for each data point.
- geom_errorbar(aes(ymin = Mean_mpg SD_mpg, ymax = Mean_mpg + SD_mpg), width = .2, colour = "black") adds error bars, where the error is the standard deviation.
- The ymin and ymax arguments define the range of the error bars.
- labs(x = "Cylinders", y = "Mean mpg") labels the x and y axes.
- theme_minimal() applies a minimal theme to the plot. [1], [2]

5. Visualizing the mean and standard deviation - Alternate Method

• An alternate method is to visualize this mean by creating a **bar plot**, with **error bars** indicating the standard deviation. Here is an example of how we could do this with ggplot2:

Loading the ggplot2 package for data visualization. library(ggplot2)

Mean and SD of Mileage (mpg) by #Cylinders



6. Discussion:

- ggplot(s1, aes(x = cyl, y = Mean_mpg)): The ggplot() function initializes a ggplot object using dataframe s1 and mapping aesthetic elements. Here, aes(x = cyl, y = Mean_mpg) specifies that the x-axis represents cyl (number of cylinders) and the y-axis represents Mean_mpg (mean miles per gallon).
- geom_bar(stat = "identity", fill = "gold"): The geom_bar() function is used to create a bar chart. Setting stat = "identity" indicates that the heights of the bars represent the values in the data (in this case, Mean_mpg). The fill = "gold" argument sets the color of the bars.

- geom_errorbar() adds error bars to the plot. The arguments aes(ymin = Mean_mpg SD_mpg, ymax = Mean_mpg + SD_mpg) set the bottom (ymin) and top (ymax) of the error bars to represent one standard deviation below and above the mean, respectively. width = .2 sets the horizontal width of the error bars.
- labs(x = "Cylinders", y = "Mean mpg"): The labs() function is used to specify the labels for the x-axis and y-axis.
- theme_minimal(): The theme_minimal() function is used to set a minimalistic theme for the plot. [1], [2]
- 7. We extend this code to demonstrate how to measure the bivariate relationships between multiple continuous variables from the mtcars data and the categorical variable number of Cylinders (cyl), using ggplot2. Specifically, we want to measure the mean and SD of continuous variables (i) Miles Per Gallon (mpg); (ii) Weight (wt); (iii) Horsepower (hp) across the number of Cylinders (cyl).

```
# Loading the dplyr package for data manipulation.
library(dplyr)
# Calculating summary statistics for Mileage (mpg), Weight (wt), and
# Horsepower (hp) grouped by Cylinders (cyl).
s3 <- tb %>%
  group_by(cyl) %>%
  summarise(
    Mean_mpg = mean(mpg, na.rm = TRUE), # the mean of Mileage (mpg).
    SD mpg = sd(mpg, na.rm = TRUE), # the standard deviation of Mileage (mpg).
    Mean_wt = mean(wt, na.rm = TRUE), # the mean of Weight (wt).
    SD wt = sd(wt, na.rm = TRUE), # the standard deviation of Weight (wt).
   Mean_hp = mean(hp, na.rm = TRUE), # the mean of Horsepower (hp).
   SD hp = sd(hp, na.rm = TRUE) # the standard deviation of Horsepower (hp).
  )
# Creating a table (kable) to display the summary statistics.
kable(s3,
      digits = 2,
      caption = "Summary of Mileage, Weight, Horsepower by Cylinders")
```

Table 0.2: Summary of Mileage, Weight, Horsepower by Cylinders

cyl	Mean_mpg	SD_mpg	Mean_wt	SD_wt	Mean_hp	SD_hp
4	26.66	4.51	2.29	0.57	82.64	20.93
6	19.74	1.45	3.12	0.36	122.29	24.26

cyl	Mean_mpg	SD_mpg	Mean_wt	SD_wt	Mean_hp	SD_hp
8	15.10	2.56	4.00	0.76	209.21	50.98

8. Discussion:

- With tb %>%, we indicate that we are going to perform a series of operations on the tb data frame. The group_by(cyl) groups the data by the cyl variable.
- The summarise() function calculates the mean and standard deviation (SD) of three variables (mpg, wt, and hp). Thena.rm = TRUE argument inside mean() and sd() functions is used to exclude any NA values from these calculations.
- The resulting calculations are assigned to new variables (Mean_mpg, SD_mpg, Mean_wt, SD_wt, Mean_hp, and SD_hp) which will be the columns in the summarised data frame.
- To summarize, this script groups the data in the tb tibble by cyl and then calculates the mean and standard deviation of the mpg, wt, and hp variables for each group. [1], [2]

Across two Categories using ggplot2

1. We demonstrate the relationship between Miles Per Gallon (mpg) and Cylinders (cyl) and Transmission type (am) using ggplot2. Recall that a car's transmission may be automatic (am=0) or manual (am=1). [1], [2]

```
# Loading the dplyr package for data manipulation.
library(dplyr)

# Calculating summary statistics for Mileage (mpg)
# grouped by Cylinders (cyl) and Transmission (am).
s4 <- tb %>%
   group_by(cyl, am) %>%
   summarise(
        Mean_mpg = mean(mpg, na.rm = TRUE), # Calculating the mean.
        SD_mpg = sd(mpg, na.rm = TRUE) # Calculating the standard deviation
)
```

`summarise()` has grouped output by 'cyl'. You can override using the `.groups` argument.

```
# Creating a table (kable) to display the summary statistics
kable(s4,
```

```
digits = 2,
caption = "Summary of Mileage (mpg) by Cylinders and Transmission")
```

Table 0.3: Summary of Mileage (mpg) by Cylinders and Transmission

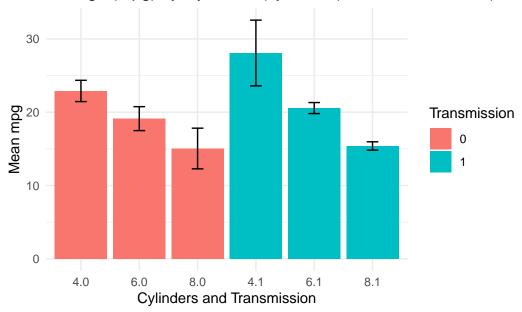
cyl	am	Mean_mpg	SD_mpg
$\overline{4}$	0	22.90	1.45
4	1	28.08	4.48
6	0	19.12	1.63
6	1	20.57	0.75
8	0	15.05	2.77
8	1	15.40	0.57

2. Discussion:

- The above code provides the mean and standard deviation of mpg for each unique combination of cyl and am. [1], [2]
- Here is how it can be visualized:

```
# Create the plot using ggplot2
# Create an interaction variable for 'cyl' and 'am'
ggplot(s4, aes(x = interaction(cyl, am),
              y = Mean_mpg, # Set 'Mean_mpg' as the y-axis variable
              fill = as.factor(am))) + # Fill bars by the 'am' factor
 geom_bar(stat = "identity", # Use the "identity" statistic to plot the bars
          position = position_dodge()) + # Dodge the bars for each 'am' level
 geom_errorbar(aes(ymin = Mean_mpg - SD_mpg, # Add error bars
                   ymax = Mean_mpg + SD_mpg),
               width = .2, # Set the width of error bars
               position = position_dodge(.9)) + # Dodge error bars
 labs(x = "Cylinders and Transmission", # Set x-axis label
      y = "Mean mpg", # Set y-axis label
      fill = "Transmission", # Set legend title for fill color
      title = "Mileage (mpg) by Cylinders (cyl=4,6,8) and Transmission (am=0,1)") +
 theme minimal() # Use the minimal theme for the plot
```

Mileage (mpg) by Cylinders (cyl=4,6,8) and Transmission (am=0



3. In the below code, the order of the variables is reversed - the data is first grouped by am, then by cyl. So, the function first sorts the data by the am variable, and within each am group, it further groups the data by cyl. [1], [2]

`summarise()` has grouped output by 'am'. You can override using the `.groups` argument.

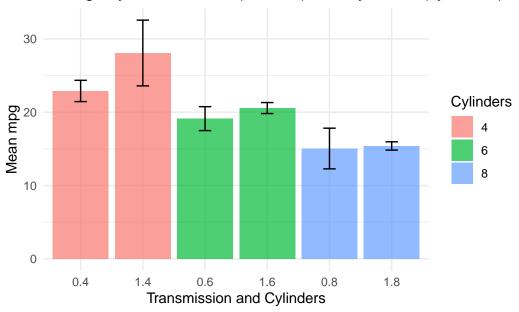
Table 0.4: Summary of Mileage (mpg) by Transmission and Cylinders

am	cyl	Mean_mpg	SD_mpg
0	4	22.90	1.45
0	6	19.12	1.63
0	8	15.05	2.77
1	4	28.08	4.48
1	6	20.57	0.75
1	8	15.40	0.57

• Here is how it can be visualized:

```
# Create the plot using ggplot2
ggplot(s5,
      aes(x = interaction(am, cyl), # 'am' and 'cyl' as the x-axis variable
          y = Mean_mpg, # Mean 'mpg' as the y-axis variable
          fill = as.factor(cyl))) + # Fill the bars by 'cyl' (Cylinders)
 geom_bar(stat = "identity", # Create a bar plot with actual data values
           alpha = 0.7, # Set the transparency of bars to 0.7
          position = position_dodge()) + # Dodge bars for better visualization
 geom_errorbar(aes(ymin = Mean_mpg - SD_mpg, # Add error bars
                   ymax = Mean_mpg + SD_mpg),
               width = .2, # Set the width of the error bars
               position = position_dodge(.9)) + # Dodge error bars
 labs(x = "Transmission and Cylinders", # Set the x-axis label
      y = "Mean mpg", # Set the y-axis label
      fill = "Cylinders", # Set the legend label for fill color
      title = "Mileage by Transmission (am=0,1) and Cylinders (cyl=4,6,8)") +
 theme_minimal() # Use a minimal theme for the plot
```

Mileage by Transmission (am=0,1) and Cylinders (cyl=4,6,8)



4. The following code produces a new data frame that contains the mean and standard deviation of the continuous variables mpg, wt, and hp for each combination of the factor variables am and cyl. [1], [2]

```
# Summary statistics 'mpg', 'wt', 'hp' by Transmission (am) and Cylinders (cyl)
s6 <- tb %>%
  group_by(am, cyl) %>%
  summarise(
    Mean_mpg = mean(mpg, na.rm = TRUE), # Calculate mean 'mpg'
    SD_mpg = sd(mpg, na.rm = TRUE), # Calculate standard deviation of 'mpg'
    Mean_wt = mean(wt, na.rm = TRUE), # Calculate mean 'wt' (weight)
    SD_wt = sd(wt, na.rm = TRUE), # Calculate standard deviation of 'wt'
    Mean_hp = mean(hp, na.rm = TRUE), # Calculate mean 'hp' (horsepower)
    SD_hp = sd(hp, na.rm = TRUE) # Calculate standard deviation of 'hp'
    )
```

`summarise()` has grouped output by 'am'. You can override using the `.groups` argument.

Table 0.5: mpg, wt, hp by am (am=0,1), cyl (cyl=4,6,8)

am	cyl	Mean_mpg	SD_mpg	Mean_wt	SD_wt	Mean_hp	SD_hp
0	4	22.90	1.45	2.94	0.41	84.67	19.66
0	6	19.12	1.63	3.39	0.12	115.25	9.18
0	8	15.05	2.77	4.10	0.77	194.17	33.36
1	4	28.08	4.48	2.04	0.41	81.88	22.66
1	6	20.57	0.75	2.76	0.13	131.67	37.53
1	8	15.40	0.57	3.37	0.28	299.50	50.20

Summary of Chapter 12 – Categorical x Continuous data (2 of 2)

In this chapter, we delve into the analysis of categorical and continuous data using the versatile R packages dplyr and ggplot2. To begin, we prepare the mtcars dataset and save it as a tibble named tb. After converting relevant columns into factor variables, we can directly access the data columns without referencing tb\$ for each variable.

We then explore various visualization techniques for continuous data within one category, employing ggplot2. These techniques include Bee Swarm plots, Histograms, Probability Density Functions (PDF), Cumulative Density Functions (CDF), Box plots, and Violin plots. For instance, we create a Bee Swarm plot to visualize the median weight of cars categorized by the number of cylinders (cyl). Additionally, we construct histograms to display car mileage (mpg) breakdown by transmission type (am), using separate histograms for each transmission category for easier comparison. The PDF and CDF plots showcase the distribution of mpg with distinct colors representing transmission types. Box plots and Violin plots provide insights into mileage distribution across different cylinder counts and transmission types.

We then delve into summarizing continuous data using dplyr and ggplot2. Within one category, such as the number of cylinders (cyl), we calculate and visualize summary statistics like the mean and standard deviation of car mileage (mpg). We generate line plots and bar plots with error bars, highlighting the relationship between cyl and the mean mpg. An alternative method of measuring bivariate relationships extends the analysis to multiple continuous variables, namely mpg, wt (weight), and hp (horsepower) across cyl. A similar approach is taken for relationships across two categories, where we explore the interaction between cyl and transmission type (am). This analysis provides a comprehensive understanding of how to summarize and visualize continuous data.

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Appendix A

Appendix A1: Violin Plot across two Categories using ggplot2

• We can embed boxplots within the above Violin plots, as follows.

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# Load the ggplot2 library
library(ggplot2)
# Violin plot and box plot of 'mpg' by 'cylinders' and 'am' (Transmission)
ggplot(tb, aes(x = factor(cyl), y = mpg)) +
 geom violin(aes(fill = factor(cyl)), color = "black") +
 scale_fill_manual(values = c("gold", "lightblue", "lightpink"),
                    name = "Cylinders") +
  geom_boxplot(width = 0.2,
               fill = "white") + # A box plot with specified width, color
 coord_flip() + # Flip the coordinates to create horizontal plots
 labs(title = "Violin, Box Plot of Mileage (mpg) by cyl and am",
       y = "Miles Per Gallon (mpg)", # Label for the y-axis
       x = "Cylinders") + # Label for the x-axis
 facet_grid(am ~ .,
             scales = "free_y",
             space = "free_y",
             # Create facets for 'am' (Transmission), scales and spacing
             labeller = labeller(
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am = function(x) ifelse(x == 0, "Automatic", "Manual")
)) +
theme_minimal() # Use a minimal theme for the plot
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• Alternately, We can embed boxplots within the above Violin plots, as follows.

Violin, Box Plot of Mileage (mpg) by cyl and am

