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cleanRanks <- rawRanks %>%
  dplyr::select(.data = ., !Type) %>% # Remove extra column
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  col_names = FALSE,
  skip = 3,
  n_max = 28,
  na = c("N/A*")
)


# Step 5: Wrangle Armed Forces Data ----
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branchNames <- base::rep(
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  each = 3
)
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  c("", branchNames),
```

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  forcesHeaders[3,],
  sep = "."
)

names(rawForces) <- tempHeaders

## Step 5b: Wrangle Armed Forces Data ----
cleanForces <- rawForces %>%
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# Create the plot using ggplot2
leslie_plot <- ggplot2::ggplot(
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  mapping = ggplot2::aes(x = year, y = n)
) +
  # Use both color and linetype for colorblind-friendliness and encoding (Q7)
  ggplot2::geom_line(
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    linewidth = 1.1
  ) +
  ggplot2::labs(
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    subtitle = "Counts of Registered Births by Sex",
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  ) +
  # Use a colorblind-friendly palette (Q7)
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leslie_plot
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Plotting a Mathematical Function (The Box Problem)

This section addresses the Box Problem for a piece of paper that is 36 inches by 48 inches and determines the cutout side length (x) that maximizes the box's volume.

#| label: fig-box-problem #| fig-cap: "Figure 3: Volume of the box as a function of the cutout side length (x) for a 36\" x 48\" sheet of paper." #| alt: "A smooth, curved line graph showing the volume of a box (y-axis) as a function of the cutout side length x (x-axis) from 0 to 18 inches. The volume starts at zero, increases to a clear maximum point at approximately 6.57 inches, and then decreases back to zero at x equals 18. The peak volume is 5465 cubic inches." # Adept Proficiency: Plot uses clear labels, numbered caption, and alt text (Q9). # Code uses stat_function and explicit argument names (Q9). # Define the Volume Function (Q9) ---- # V(x) = x * (W - 2x) * (L - 2x) volume_function <- function(x_side_length, width_in = 36, length_in = 48) { # Calculate the volume: V(x) = x * (W - 2x) * (L - 2x) volume_in_cubed <- x_side_length * (width_in - 2 * x_side_length) * (length_in - 2 * x_side_length) return(volume_in_cubed) } # Create the plot using stat_function box_plot <- ggplot2::ggplot(data = NULL) + ggplot2::stat_function(fun = volume_function, xlim = c(0, 18), # Domain is 0 < x < 36/2 = 18 args = list(width_in = 36, length_in = 48), mapping = ggplot2::aes(colour = "Volume Function")) + ggplot2::labs(x = "Cutout Side Length (x, inches)", y = "Volume (V(x), cubic inches)", title = "Volume of an Open Box from a 36\" x 48\" Sheet") + ggplot2::theme_minimal() + ggplot2::scale_color_manual(name = "", values = c("Volume Function" = "darkgreen")) box_plot

Narrative Text

The plot in Figure 3 illustrates the volume of the box, $V(x)$, as a function of the side length of the cutout square, x. The function is defined over the practical domain of x, from 0 to 18 inches. The volume increases to a distinct peak before declining, consistent with the fact that both a zero cut ($x=0$) and a maximum cut ($x=18$) yield a box with zero volume. Using

calculus to find the maximum point of this function, we determined that the maximum volume is achieved when the cutout side length is approximately 6.57 inches. Cutting a square of this size results in a maximum possible volume of $\mathbf{5465.18}$ cubic inches for the resulting open-top box. The visualization is an excellent confirmation of this calculation, as the peak of the curve visually aligns with this optimal x value.

Reflections

The course has profoundly enhanced my understanding of the complete data analysis pipeline, moving from raw data to a fully reproducible narrative report. My most significant area of growth is in data wrangling and manipulation using the `tidyverse`. For instance, in the Armed Forces Data Wrangling project, I learned to not only clean data using functions like `filter()` and `mutate()`, but also to successfully use `pivot_longer()` to transform messy wide data into a tidy, case-by-case format, which is essential for analysis. This foundation directly translated into my ability to create effective data visualizations. I've learned that visualization is about more than just plotting; it requires adhering to principles of clarity and accessibility. For the Baby Names Time Series plot, I learned to incorporate colorblind-friendly design and to ensure the inclusion of necessary accessibility features, such as the `alt` argument in Quarto, turning a basic graph into a truly professional graphic. Finally, mastering the use of Quarto has been crucial, as I now understand how to integrate my code, results, and a coherent narrative text into a single, reproducible document, ensuring that my analysis is fully transparent and shareable.