



Data Science (CDA) Creating plots with ggplot2

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- ggplot2
 - Ggplot2 is an R library based on a grammar for graphics from Leland Wilkinson.
 - Implemented by Hadley Wickham.
 - It adds up to other graphical systems in R (base and lattice).
 - It is available on CRAN with the instruction install.packages().
 - install.packages('ggplot2')
 - library('ggplot2')







- Within ggplot2, there are two basic methods to create plots:
 - o qplot() comes from "quick plotting":
 - Shortcut designed to be familiar if you're used to base plot().
 - It makes a number of assumptions that speed most cases.
 - Allows the mapping of aesthetic variables in a simple way.
 - Allows for facets.

o ggplot()

• Based on layers:

Data + geoms + stats + scales + coords + facets +...

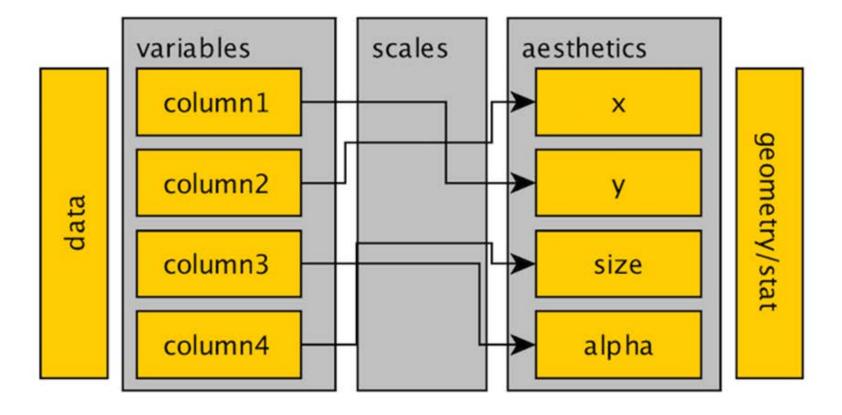
More advanced features. Much more flexible.

Note: qplot() can also use all the grammar in ggplot(), such as "+".





 $qplot(\mathbf{x} = c_1, \mathbf{y} = c_2, \mathbf{data}, \mathbf{color} = c_3, \mathbf{geom} = "points", ...)$ $ggplot(\mathbf{data}, aes(\mathbf{x} = c_1, \mathbf{y} = c_2, \mathbf{color} = c_3) + \mathbf{geom_point}()$





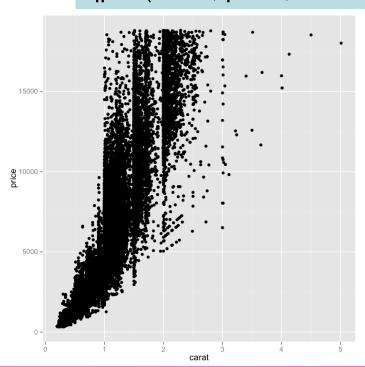
Basic syntax for qplot() & ggplot():

qplot

qplot(x_coord, y_coord, data=data_frame)

qplot(carat, price, data=diamonds)





ggplot2

ggplot(data=data_frame, aes(x_coord, y_coord)) + geom_XXX()

ggplot(diamonds, aes(carat, price)) +
geom_point()

The **diamonds** dataset is in the ggplot package: diamonds (vars: *carat*, *cut*, *color*, *clarity*, *depth*, *table*, *price*, *x*, *y*, *z*)

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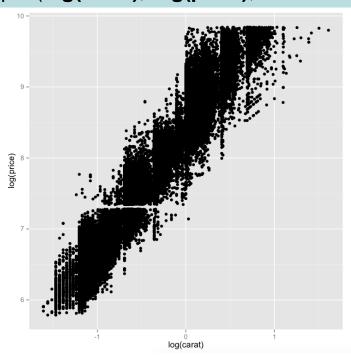
The arguments in qplot()/ggplot() can also combine variables:

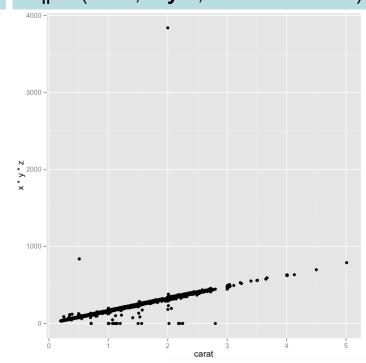
qplot

qplot(log(carat), log(price), data = diamonds)

qplot

qplot(carat, x*y*z, data=diamonds)





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ggplot(diamonds, aes(log(price), log(carat)) + geom_point() ggplot(diamonds, aes(carat, **x*y*z**)) + geom_point()



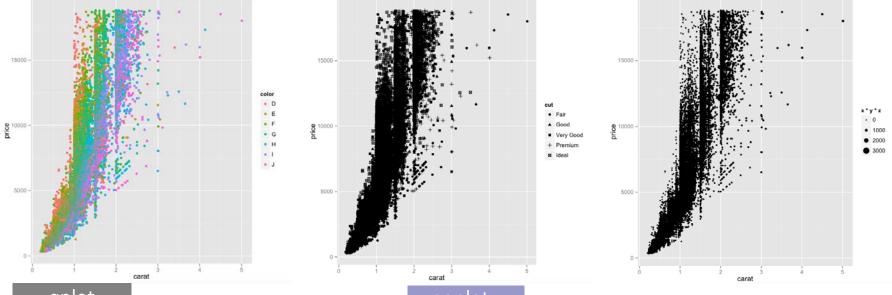






ggplot2: aesthetic attributes.

- qplot()/ ggplot() make it easy to assign colours and shapes to the points.
- The attributes are: size = var, colour = var, shape = var



qplot

qplot(carat, price, data=diamonds, colour=color)
qplot(carat, price, data=diamonds, shape=cut)
qplot(carat, price, data=diamonds, size=x*y*z)

ggplot2

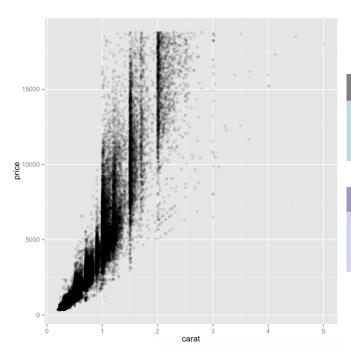
ggplot(diamonds, aes(carat, price, **colour** = color) + geom_point() ggplot(diamonds, aes(carat, price, **shape** = cut) + geom_point() ggplot(diamonds, aes(carat, price, **size** = x*y*z) + geom_point()





ggplot2: aesthetic attributes.

- With many points, semi-transparent points can be helpful.
- The attribute for semi-transparent points is:
 - o alpha= value
- Taking values between o and 1.



aplot

qplot(carat, price, data=diamonds,
alpha=0.1)

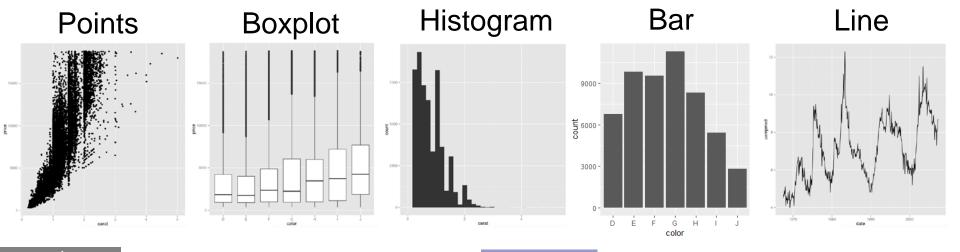
ggplot2

ggplot(diamonds, aes(carat, price, alpha=0.1)) +
geom_point()



ggplot2: geometries

- Different "geometries" can be specified with:
 - o geom
- Leading to the following 1D/2D things:



qplot

qplot(carat, price, data=diamonds, geom="point")
qplot(color, price, data=diamonds, geom="boxplot")
qplot(carat, data=diamonds, geom="histogram",binwidth=0.1)
qplot(color, data= diamonds, geom="bar")
qplot(date, uempmed, data=economics, geom="line")

ggplot2

ggplot(diamonds, aes(carat, price)) + **geom_point**()
ggplot(diamonds, aes(color, price)) + **geom_boxplot**()
ggplot(diamonds, aes(carat)) + **geom_histogram**(binwidth=0.1)
ggplot(diamonds, aes(color)) + **geom_bar()**ggplot(economics, aes(date, uempmed)) + **geom_line**()











ggplot2: geometries

- Smoothers:
 - o geom = "smooth".
- Examples:

qplot

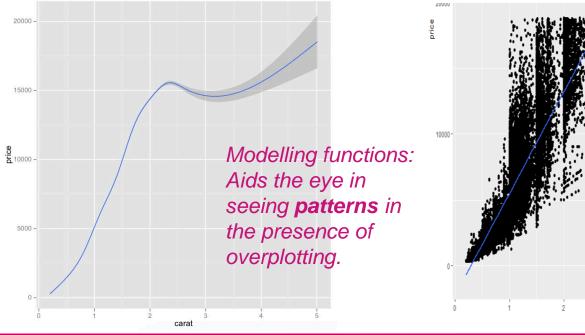
qplot(carat, price, data=diamonds, geom="smooth"))

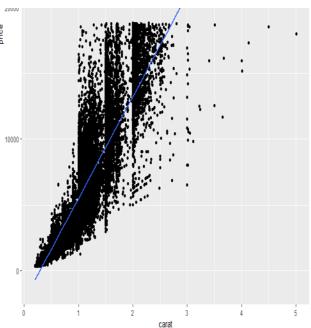
qplot(carat, price, data=diamonds, geom=c("point", "smooth"),
method="Im", se= FALSE)

ggplot2

ggplot(diamonds, aes(carat, price)) + geom_smooth()

ggplot(diamonds, aes(carat, price)) + geom_point() +
geom_smooth(se=FALSE, method = "Im")





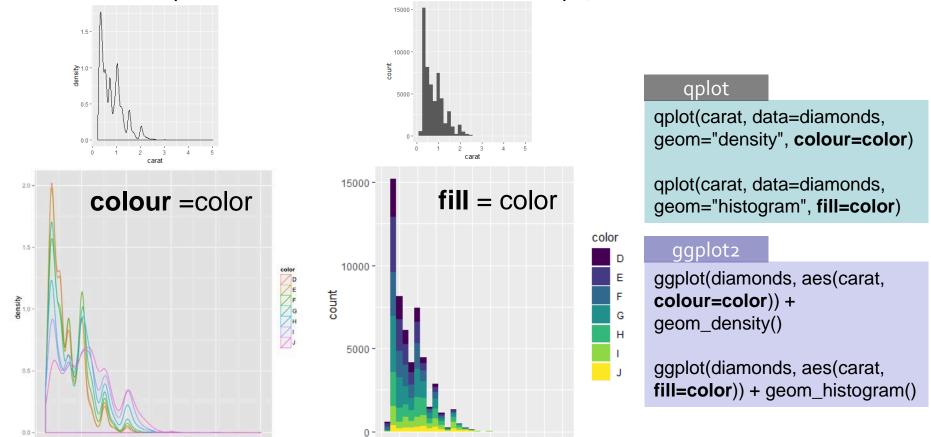






ggplot2: geometries

- Histograms and density functions:
 - To compare distributions for different groups, we can add aesthetics:





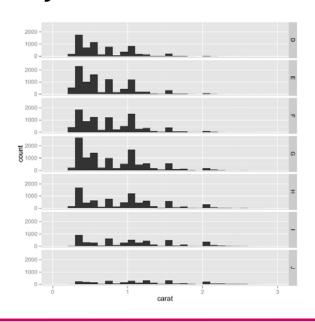


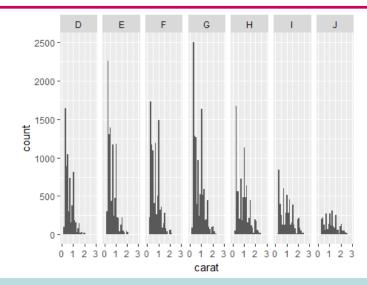




ggplot2: facets

- Facets: split up your data by one or more variables and plot the subsets of data together.
 - o facet = variable1~variable2 : grid
 - o facet = variable1~.: a column.
 - o facet = .~variable₂ : a row





qplot

qplot(carat, data=diamonds, **facets=.~color**, geom="histogram", binwidth=0.1, xlim=c(0,3))

ggplot2

ggplot(diamonds, aes(carat)) + geom_histogram(bindwidth=0.1) + facet_grid(.~color)+xlim(0,3)

qplot

qplot(carat, data=diamonds, **facets=color~.**, geom="histogram", binwidth=0.1, xlim=c(0,3))

ggplot2

ggplot(diamonds, aes(carat)) + geom_histogram(bindwidth=0.1) +
facet_grid(color~.)+xlim(0,3)









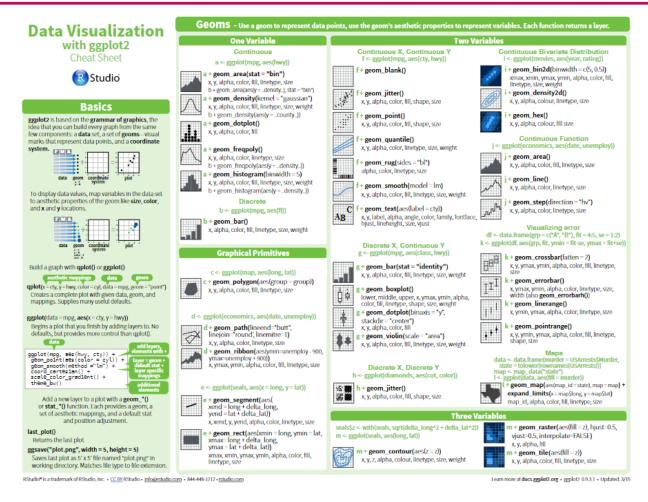
ggplot2: other options

- Other attributes in qplot/ggplot (many just like plot):
 - o xlim: limits the values of the x-axis (e.g., xlim=c(0,3)).
 - o ylim: limits the values of the y-axis (e.g., ylim=c(0,3)).
 - o main: title of the plot (e.g., main="mytitle").
 - o xlab: label of x.
 - o ylab: label of y.





ggplot2: Cheat Sheet



https://www.rstudio.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/ggplot2-cheatsheet.pdf

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