

# WRITING WITH DATA

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# Writing is important

- You're going to spend a lot of your time communicating in writing
  - With collaborators, a general public, future you
  - About data cleaning, analyses, results
  - In formal reports, brief summaries, replies to questions
- Time to get good

# Tools

- Code is necessary but not sufficient
- Use tools that combine your code and text
- Greatly facilitates reproducibility, which is a big concept
  - In short, someone you don't know or work with should be able to reproduce each step of your analysis
  - As a part of this, they should understand why you did what you did
  - (Again, this someone is often future you)
- We'll use R Markdown to write reproducible reports

# General tips

- Know your audience
  - Are they statistically knowledgeable?
  - How many details do they want / need?
- Say exactly what you did
  - Don't leave any thing important out
  - Not the same as a step-by-step list of what you typed into R

# General structure

- Introduction / overview
  - Data and methods
    - File names
    - Summary statistics
    - Exploratory analysis
    - Formal analysis
  - Results
  - Discussion
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- Some version of these exist in almost everything I write
  - Sometimes these are long, sometimes they're a sentence

# Introduction

- What is the context for this problem?
- What kind of data were gathered?
- What do you hope to learn?

# Data

- Importing, tidying, and editing
  - Loading data
  - Reorganizing into usable form
  - Identifying missing values
  - Recoding and creating variables
- Summary statistics
  - Sample size
  - Means or proportions of major variables

# Methods / “models”

- Exploratory analyses
  - Visualizations
  - Numerical summaries
- Formal analyses
  - Model components
  - Model strategy
  - Formal comparisons of interest, tests, significance levels



# Results

- What did you find in exploratory analyses (any missing values? data distributions? notable features?)
- What happened in your modeling?
- What is your final model, and what are the important quantities?

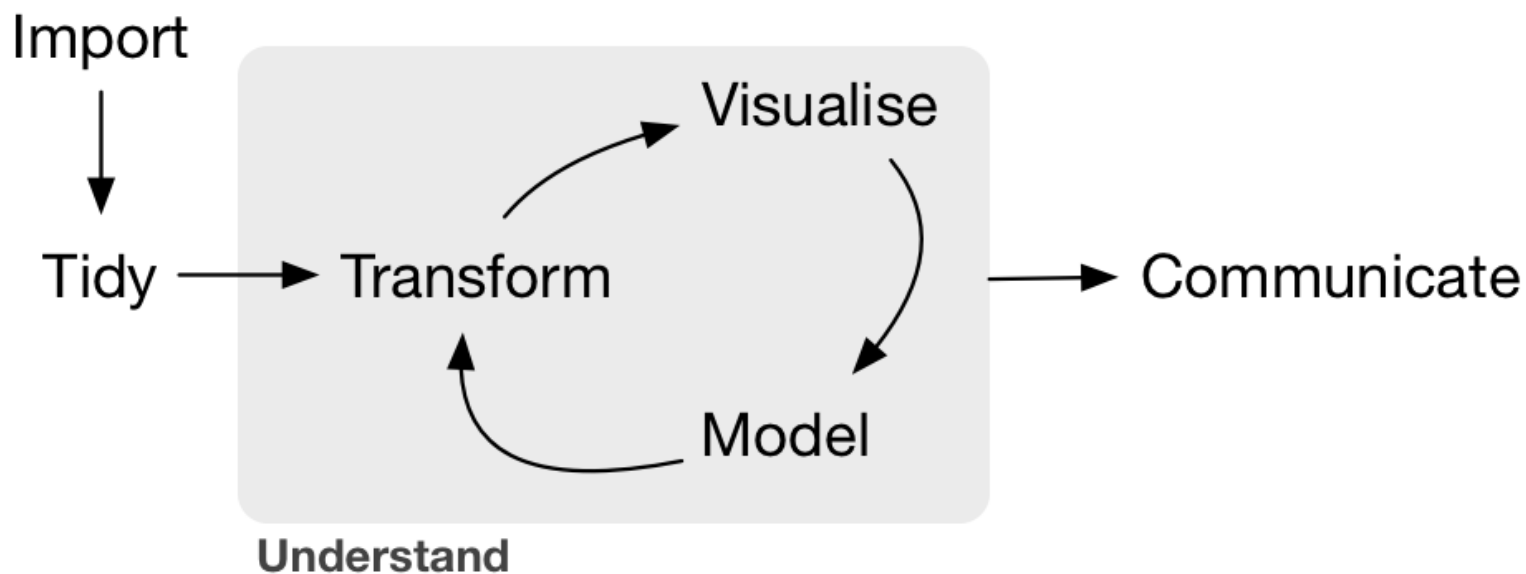
# Discussion

- What do your results say about the question you hoped to answer?
- What were the limitations of your data or your analysis?
- What open questions remain? Are any of these solvable with the current data?
- What are your next steps?

# Some true stuff about writing

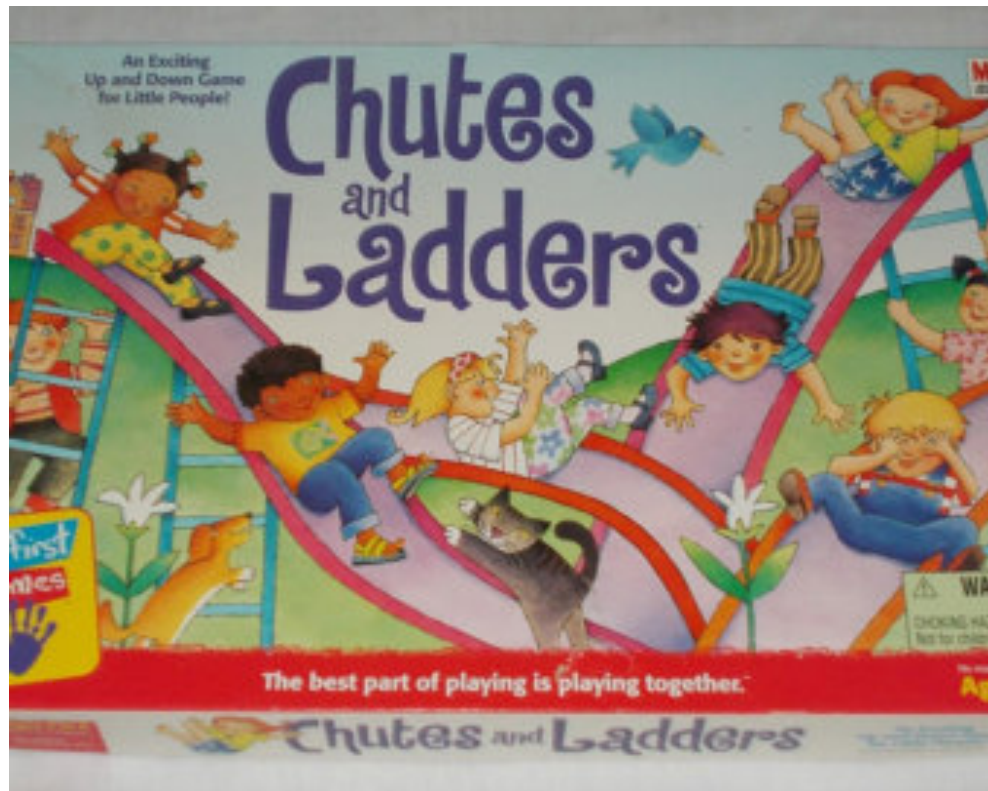
- It is not easy
- It takes practice
- It is critical to do well

# Recall ...



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# How analyses are in reality



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# How analyses are presented



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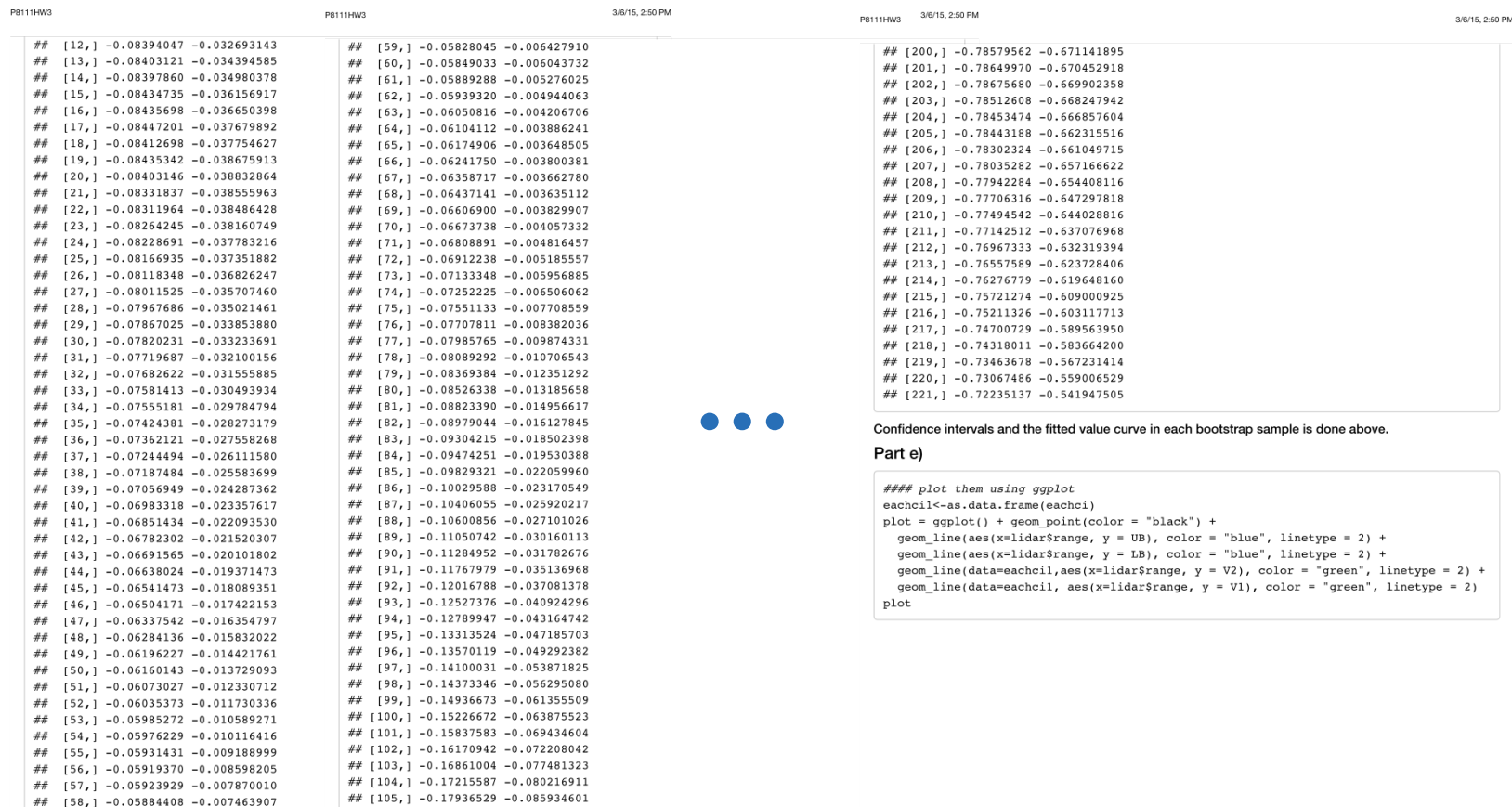
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Confidence intervals and the fitted value curve in each bootstrap sample is done above.

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#### plot them using ggplot
eachcil<-as.data.frame(eachci)
plot = ggplot() + geom_point(color = "black") +
  geom_line(aes(x=lidar$range, y = UB), color = "blue", linetype = 2) +
  geom_line(aes(x=lidar$range, y = LB), color = "blue", linetype = 2) +
  geom_line(data=eachcil, aes(x=lidar$range, y = V2), color = "green", linetype = 2) +
  geom_line(data=eachcil, aes(x=lidar$range, y = V1), color = "green", linetype = 2)
plot
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# Striking a balance

- This is where practice comes in

# R Markdown?

- A “Markdown” language is a lightweight syntax that can be easily converted to HTML or another format (PDF, Word)
- R Markdown lets you combine formatted text with code chunks and the results of those chunks



R for Data Science

- Having text and code in the same place, and having the combined output be user-friendly, is huge for your workflow