

Design

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1 Color

1.1 Color Model

<https://www.nceas.ucsb.edu/~frazier/RSpatialGuides/colorPaletteCheatsheet.pdf>

R can use many different color models, but often uses a #Red, Green, Blue model with the amount of each color indicated in Hexadecimal, 00 to FF, notation.

1.2 Three Types Of Palettes

<http://colorbrewer2.org/>

```
library(RColorBrewer)
```

```
display.brewer.pal(7, "Set1") # qualitative
```

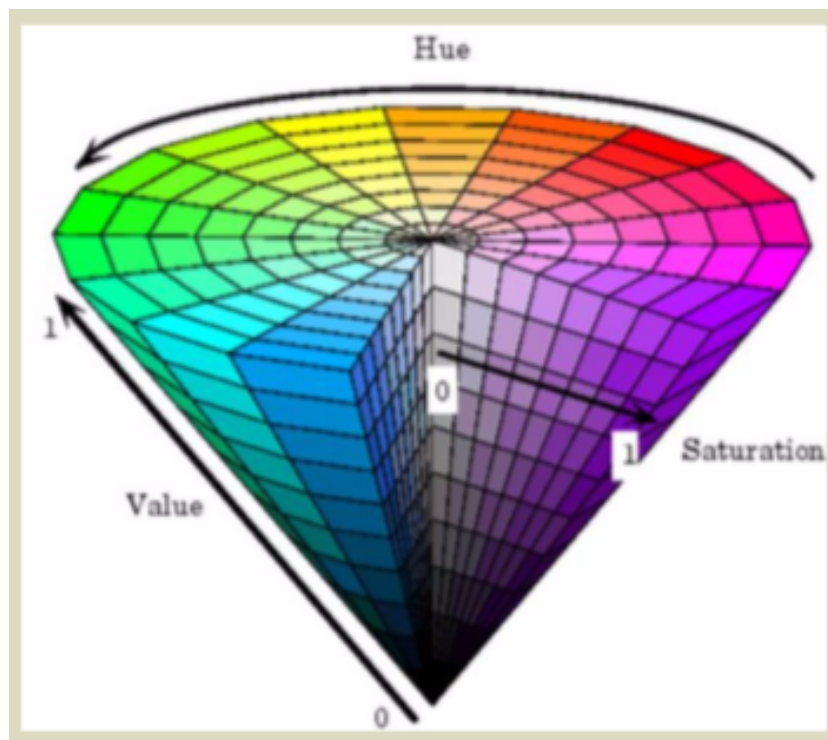


Figure 1: color wheel

```
display.brewer.pal(7, "YlOrRd") # sequential
```

```
display.brewer.pal(7, "Spectral") # diverging
```

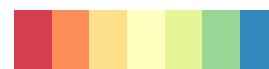
```
display.brewer.all() # all palettes
```



Set1 (qualitative)



YlOrRd (sequential)



Spectral (divergent)

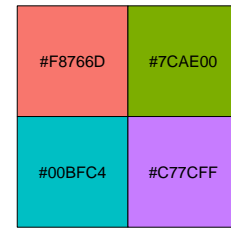


1.3 Where Do The Colors in ggplot Come From?

Equally spaced around the color wheel.

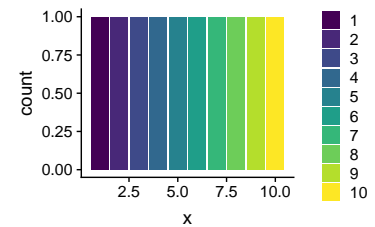
```
library(scales)

show_col(hue_pal()(4))
```



1.4 Many Many Color Options

e.g. Viridis, which is designed to be *perceptually uniform*.



2 Fonts

2.1 Three Major Types of Fonts

- San Serif e.g. Arial, Helvetica
- Serif Fonts e.g. Times New Roman
- Monospaced Fonts e.g. Courier (good for code).

2.2 Font Rules

Don't have too many fonts!

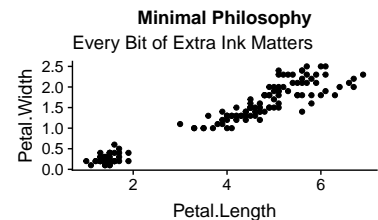
Interesting Font for Heading

Standard San Serif or Serif Fonts for text.

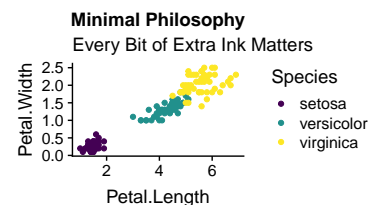
3 Cognition

3.1 Dimensions of Data

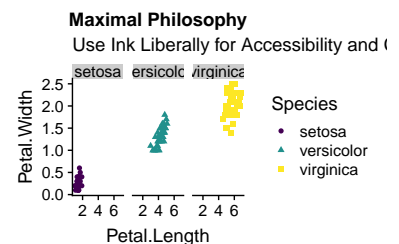
```
## [1] "Sepal.Length" "Sepal.Width"
## [3] "Petal.Length" "Petal.Width"
## [5] "Species"
```



Only two dimensions of data: No use of color.



We only use color because we have 3 dimensions of data.



3.2 Some Geometries Are Easier To Understand Than Others

"The Most Important Thing" via John Rauser

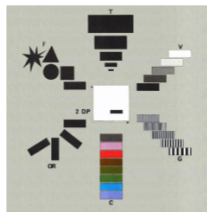
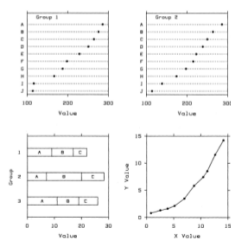


Table 1. Ordering elementary tasks by accuracy, according to theoretical arguments and experimental results. Graphs should exploit tasks as high in the ordering as possible. The tasks are ordered from most accurate to least.

Rank	Aspect judged
1	Position along a common scale
2	Position on identical but nonaligned scales
3	Length
4	Angle
	Slope (with θ not too close to 0, $\pi/2$, or π radians)
5	Area
6	Volume
	Density
	Color saturation
7	Color hue

