Dimensions of penguins

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Introduction

This is a first project fully executed in R with support from RStudio and Quarto.

Here, we'll look into analyzing the dimensions of Adelie, Chinstrap and Gentoo penguins from the original data set.



Figure 1: Penguins ahoy!

Let's get the party started!

We should start with importing all necessary packages for the code, which should include tidyverse and palmerpenguins .

library(tidyverse)

```
-- Attaching core tidyverse packages ----- tidyverse 2.0.0 --
v dplyr
           1.1.4
                    v readr
                                2.1.5
v forcats
           1.0.0
                     v stringr
                                1.5.1
                     v tibble
                                3.2.1
v ggplot2
           3.5.1
v lubridate 1.9.3
                     v tidyr
                                1.3.1
v purrr
           1.0.2
-- Conflicts -----
                                        x dplyr::filter() masks stats::filter()
x dplyr::lag()
                 masks stats::lag()
i Use the conflicted package (<a href="http://conflicted.r-lib.org/">http://conflicted.r-lib.org/</a>) to force all conflicts to become
```

library(palmerpenguins)

We will use the penguins dataset from the palmerpenguins package.

Species

To plot the species, load the dataset and configure ggplot:

penguins

```
# A tibble: 344 x 8
  species island
                     bill_length_mm bill_depth_mm flipper_length_mm body_mass_g
  <fct>
           <fct>
                              <dbl>
                                             <dbl>
                                                               <int>
                                                                           <int>
                               39.1
                                              18.7
1 Adelie Torgersen
                                                                 181
                                                                            3750
                               39.5
                                             17.4
2 Adelie Torgersen
                                                                 186
                                                                            3800
3 Adelie Torgersen
                               40.3
                                                                 195
                                                                            3250
                                              18
4 Adelie Torgersen
                               NA
                                             NΑ
                                                                  NA
                                                                              NA
5 Adelie Torgersen
                               36.7
                                             19.3
                                                                 193
                                                                            3450
6 Adelie Torgersen
                               39.3
                                             20.6
                                                                 190
                                                                            3650
7 Adelie Torgersen
                               38.9
                                             17.8
                                                                 181
                                                                            3625
                               39.2
                                              19.6
                                                                 195
                                                                            4675
8 Adelie Torgersen
9 Adelie Torgersen
                               34.1
                                             18.1
                                                                 193
                                                                            3475
10 Adelie Torgersen
                               42
                                             20.2
                                                                 190
                                                                            4250
# i 334 more rows
# i 2 more variables: sex <fct>, year <int>
```

Type in the glimpse command to list the available columns:

glimpse(penguins)

```
Rows: 344
Columns: 8
$ species
                    <fct> Adelie, Adelie, Adelie, Adelie, Adelie, Adelie, Adela-
                    <fct> Torgersen, Torgersen, Torgersen, Torgersen, Torgerse~
$ island
$ bill_length_mm
                    <dbl> 39.1, 39.5, 40.3, NA, 36.7, 39.3, 38.9, 39.2, 34.1, ~
                    <dbl> 18.7, 17.4, 18.0, NA, 19.3, 20.6, 17.8, 19.6, 18.1, ~
$ bill_depth_mm
$ flipper_length_mm <int> 181, 186, 195, NA, 193, 190, 181, 195, 193, 190, 186~
                    <int> 3750, 3800, 3250, NA, 3450, 3650, 3625, 4675, 3475, ~
$ body_mass_g
$ sex
                    <fct> male, female, female, NA, female, male, female, male~
                    <int> 2007, 2007, 2007, 2007, 2007, 2007, 2007, 2007, 2007
$ year
```

It seems that the columns

- species
- flipper_length_mm
- body_mass_g

are exactly what we need for the visualisation!

First plot in R!

Now that we know what we want, customise the ggplot command to visualize the scatter plot (Figure 2):

```
ggplot(
  data = penguins,
  mapping = aes(x = flipper_length_mm, y = body_mass_g)
) +
  geom_point(aes(color = species, shape = species)) +
  geom_smooth(method = "lm") +
  labs(
    title = "Body mass and flipper length",
    subtitle = "Dimensions for Adelie, Chinstrap, and Gentoo Penguins",
    x = "Flipper length (mm)", y = "Body mass (g)",
    color = "Species", shape = "Species"
)
```

[`]geom_smooth()` using formula = 'y ~ x'

Warning: Removed 2 rows containing non-finite outside the scale range (`stat_smooth()`).

Warning: Removed 2 rows containing missing values or values outside the scale range (`geom_point()`).

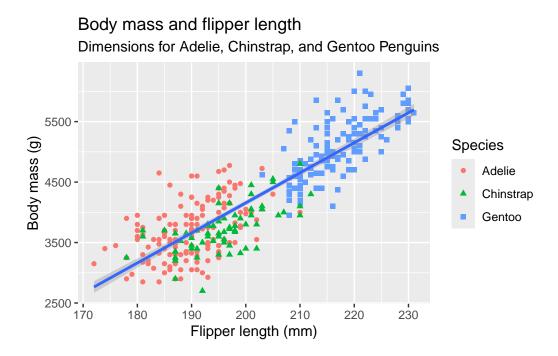


Figure 2: Scatter plot of the relationship between the body mass and the flipper length

Summary

From here, we can summarise that the Gentoo penguins are heavier and bigger, therefore their flippers are longer, whereas the Adelie penguins are smaller with short flippers.

Very cute!