Data Visualization

Fundamental Techniques in Data Science



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Outline

Base R Graphics

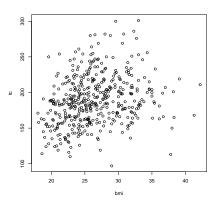
GGPlot



Base R Graphics: Scatterplots

We can create a basic scatterplot using the <code>plot()</code> function.

```
diabetes %$% plot(y = tc, x = bmi)
```



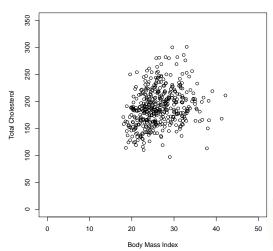


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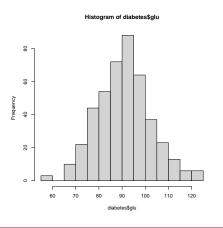
Relation between BMI and Cholesterol



Base R Graphics: Histograms

We can create a simple histogram with the <code>hist()</code> function.

hist(diabetes\$glu)

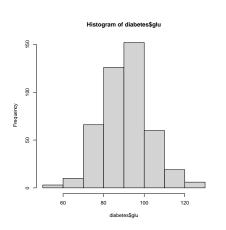


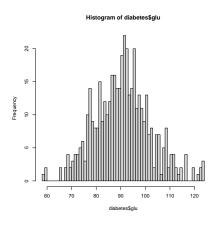


Base R Graphics: Histograms

hist(diabetes\$glu, breaks = 5)

hist(diabetes\$glu, breaks = 50)



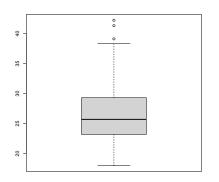


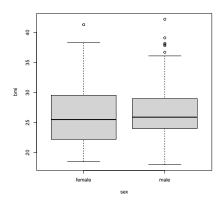
Base R Graphics: Boxplots

We can create simple boxplots via the <code>boxplot()</code> function.

boxplot(diabetes\$bmi)

boxplot(bmi ~ sex, data = diabetes)

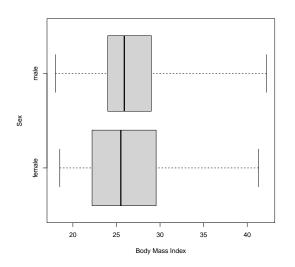




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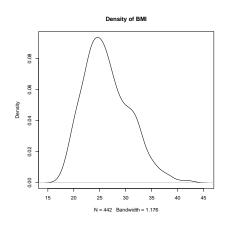


Base R Graphics: Kernel Density Plots

The density() function estimates the density of a variable.

• If we plot a density object, we get a kernel density plot.

```
density(diabetes$bmi) %>%
  plot(main = "Density of BMI")
```



GGPLOT



GGPlot

Base R graphics are fine for quick-and-dirty visualizations, but for publication quality graphics, you should probably use GGPlot.

 GGPlot uses the "grammar of graphics" and "tidy data" to build up a figure from modular components.

Describes all the non-data ink
Plotting space for the data
Statistical models & summaries
Rows and columns of sub-plots
Shapes used to represent the data
Scales onto which data is mapped
The actual variables to be plotted

Theme
Coordinates
Statistics
Facets
Geometries
Aesthetics
Data



GGPlot: Basic Setup

We start by calling the <code>ggplot()</code> function to initialize the object that will define our plot.

- We must specify a data source.
- We must also give some aesthetic via the <code>aes()</code> function.

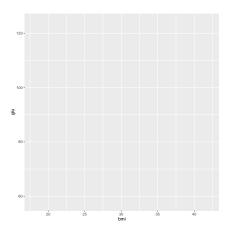
```
library(ggplot2)
p1 <- ggplot(data = diabetes, mapping = aes(x = bmi, y = glu))</pre>
```



GGPlot: Basic Setup

At this point, our plot is pretty boring.

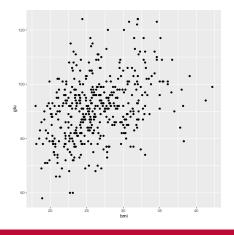
p1





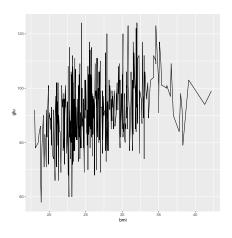
We need to define some geometry via a geom_XXX() function.

p1 + geom_point()



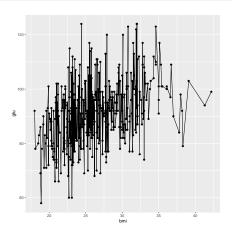


p1 + geom_line()





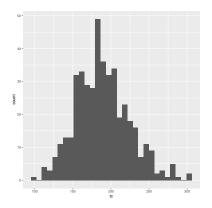
We can also combine different geometries into a single figure





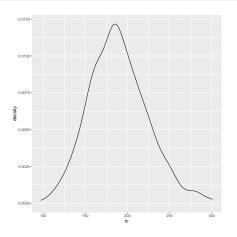
We can use different flavors of geometry for different types of data.

```
p2 <- ggplot(diabetes, aes(tc))
p2 + geom_histogram()</pre>
```



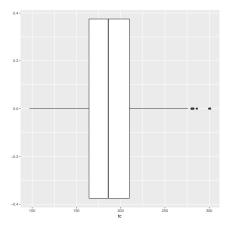


p2 + geom_density()



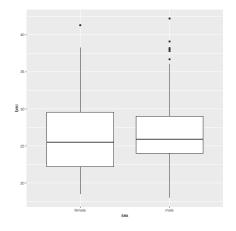


p2 + geom_boxplot()





```
p3 <- ggplot(diabetes, aes(sex, bmi))
p3 + geom_boxplot()</pre>
```

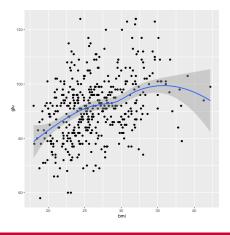




GGPlot: Statistics

We can also add statistical summaries of the data.

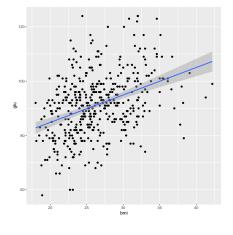
p1 + geom_point() + geom_smooth()





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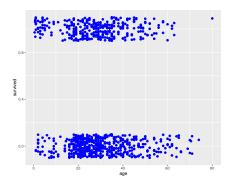
```
p1 + geom_point() + geom_smooth(method = "lm")
```





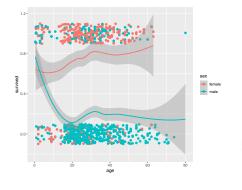
Changing style options outside of the <code>aes()</code> function applies the styling to the entire plot.

```
p5 <- ggplot(titanic, aes(age, survived))
p5 + geom_jitter(color = "blue", size = 2, height = 0.1)</pre>
```

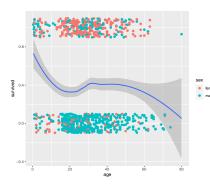


We can also apply styles as a function of variables by defining the style within the aes() function.

```
p6.1 <- ggplot(titanic, aes(age, survived, color = sex))
p6.1 + geom_jitter(size = 2, height = 0.1) + geom_smooth()</pre>
```



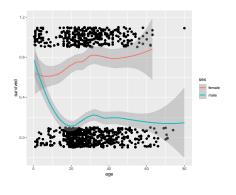
```
p6.2 <- ggplot(titanic, aes(age, survived))
p6.2 + geom_jitter(aes(color = sex), size = 2, height = 0.1) +
    geom_smooth()</pre>
```



geom_smooth inherits from ggplot, not from jitter, that is why only one line is plotted here

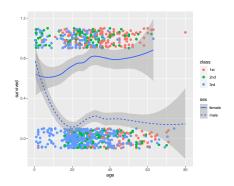


```
p6.2 + geom_jitter(size = 2, height = 0.1) +
    geom_smooth(aes(color = sex))
```



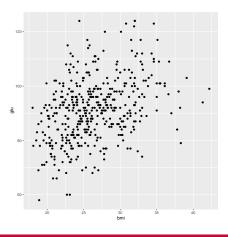


```
p6.2 + geom_jitter(aes(color = class), size = 2, height = 0.1) +
  geom_smooth(aes(linetype = sex))
```

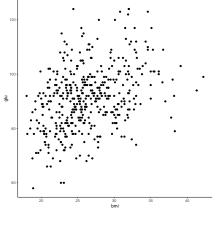




We can apply canned themes to adjust a plot's overall appearance.

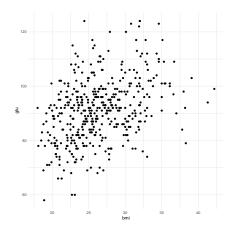


p1.1 + theme_classic()



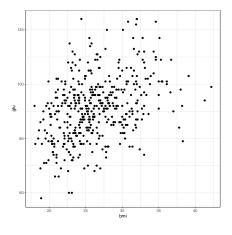


p1.1 + theme_minimal()





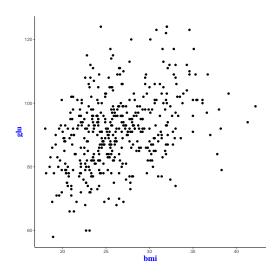
p1.1 + theme_bw()





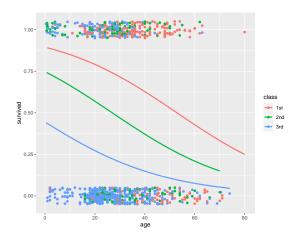
We can also modify individual theme elements.



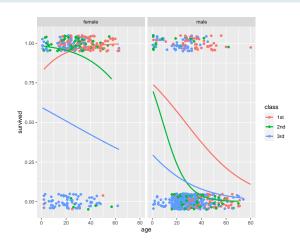


Faceting allow us to make arrays of conditional plots.

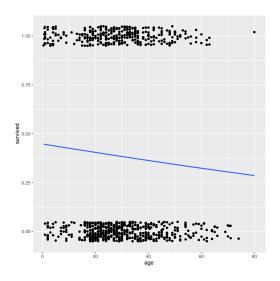




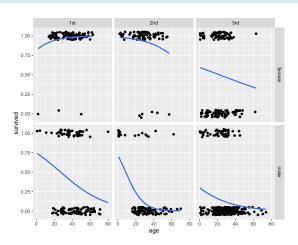
p7 + facet_wrap(vars(sex))







p8 + facet_grid(vars(sex), vars(class))



GGPlot: Joining Multiple Figures

If we want to paste several different plots into a single figure (without faceting), we can use the utilities in the **gridExtra** package.

GGPlot: Joining Multiple Figures

