Data Visualization

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```
##
## Attaching package: 'dplyr'
##
## The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':
##
## filter, lag
##
## The following objects are masked from 'package:base':
##
## intersect, setdiff, setequal, union
```

We covered some basic plots previously, but we are going to expand the ability to customize these basic graphics first.

Read in Data

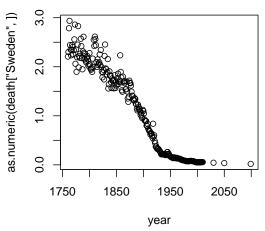
```
X1760 X1761 X1762 X1763 X1764
Afghanistan NA NA NA NA NA
Albania NA NA NA NA NA
```

We see that the column names were years, and R doesn't necessarily like to read in a column name that starts with a number and puts an X there.

We'll just take off that X and get the years.

```
library(stringr)
year = names(death) %>% str_replace("X","") %>% as.integer
head(year)
```

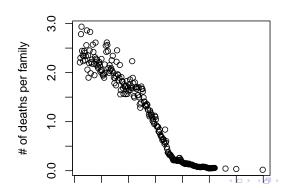
```
> plot(as.numeric(death["Sweden",]) ~ year)
```



The y-axis label isn't informative, and we can change the label of the y-axis using ylab (xlab for x), and main for the main title/label.

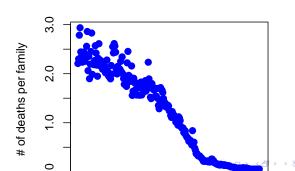
```
> plot(as.numeric(death["Sweden",]) ~ year,
+ ylab = "# of deaths per family", main = "Sweden")
```

Sweden



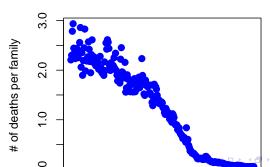
Let's drop any of the projections and keep it to year 2012, and change the points to blue.





You can also use the subset argument in the plot() function, only when using formula notation:

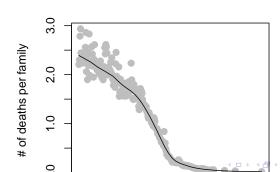




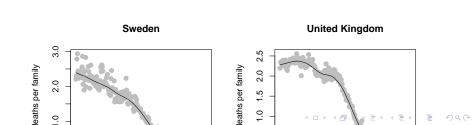
Using scatter.smooth plots the points and runs a loess smoother through the data.

```
> scatter.smooth(as.numeric(death["Sweden",])~year,span=0.3
+ ylab="# of deaths per family", main = "Sweden",lwd=
+ subset = year < 2015, pch = 19, cex=0.9,col="grey")</pre>
```

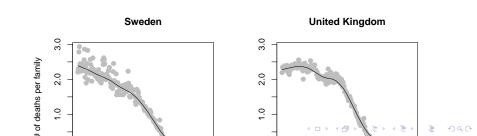
Sweden



par(mfrow=c(1,2)) tells R that we want to set a parameter (par function) named mfrow (number of plots - 1 row, 2 columns) so we can have 2 plots side by side (Sweden and the UK)



We can set the y-axis to be the same.

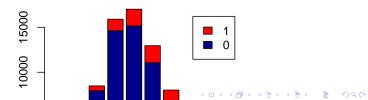


Bar Plots

 Stacked Bar Charts are sometimes wanted to show distributions of data

```
## Stacked Bar Charts
cars = read.csv("http://biostat.jhsph.edu/~ajaffe/files/kag
counts <- table(cars$IsBadBuy, cars$VehicleAge)
barplot(counts, main="Car Distribution by Age and Bad Buy S
    xlab="Vehicle Age", col=c("darkblue","red"),
    legend = rownames(counts))</pre>
```

Car Distribution by Age and Bad Buy Stat

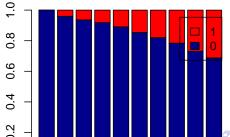


Bar Plots

prop.table allows you to convert a table to proportions (depends on margin - either row percent or column percent)

```
## Use percentages (column percentages)
barplot(prop.table(counts, 2), main="Car Distribution by Ag
    xlab="Vehicle Age", col=c("darkblue", "red"),
    legend = rownames(counts))
```

Car Distribution by Age and Bad Buy Stat

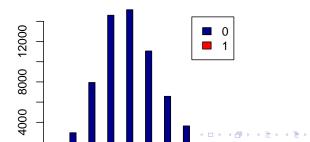


Bar Plots

Using the beside argument in barplot, you can get side-by-side barplots.

```
# Stacked Bar Plot with Colors and Legend
barplot(counts, main="Car Distribution by Age and Bad Buy S
xlab="Vehicle Age", col=c("darkblue", "red"),
    legend = rownames(counts), beside=TRUE)
```

Car Distribution by Age and Bad Buy Stat



Graphics parameters

Set within most plots in the base 'graphics' package:

- pch = point shape, http://voteview.com/symbols_pch.htm
- ▶ cex = size/scale
- xlab, ylab = labels for x and y axes
- ▶ main = plot title
- ▶ lwd = line density
- ▶ col = color
- cex.axis, cex.lab, cex.main = scaling/sizing for axes marks, axes labels, and title

Devices

By default, R displays plots in a separate panel. From there, you can export the plot to a variety of image file types, or copy it to the clipboard.

However, sometimes its very nice to save many plots made at one time to one pdf file, say, for flipping through. Or being more precise with the plot size in the saved file.

R has 5 additional graphics devices: bmp(), jpeg(), png(), tiff(), and pdf()

The syntax is very similar for all of them:

```
pdf("filename.pdf", width=8, height=8) # inches
plot() # plot 1
plot() # plot 2
# etc
dev.off()
```

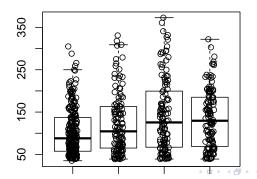
Basically, you are creating a pdf file, and telling R to write any



Boxplots, revisited

These are one of my favorite plots. They are way more informative than the barchart + antenna. . .

- > boxplot(weight ~ Diet, data=ChickWeight, outline=FALSE)
- > points(ChickWeight\$weight ~ jitter(as.numeric(ChickWeight))



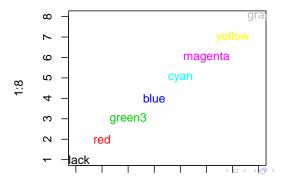
Formulas

Formulas have the format of $y \sim x$ and functions taking formulas have a data argument where you pass the data.frame. You don't need to use \$ or referencing when using formulas:

```
boxplot(weight ~ Diet, data=ChickWeight, outline=FALSE)
```

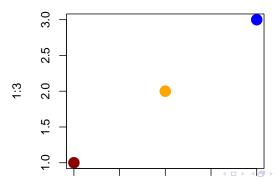
R relies on color 'palettes'.

```
palette("default")
plot(1:8, 1:8, type="n")
text(1:8, 1:8, lab = palette(), col = 1:8)
```



The default color palette is pretty bad, so you can try to make your own.

```
palette(c("darkred","orange","blue"))
plot(1:3,1:3,col=1:3,pch =19,cex=2)
```



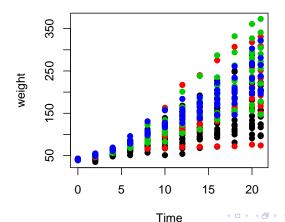
It's actually pretty hard to make a good color palette. Luckily, smart and artistic people have spent a lot more time thinking about this. The result is the 'RColorBrewer' package

RColorBrewer::display.brewer.all() will show you all of the palettes available. You can even print it out and keep it next to your monitor for reference.

The help file for brewer.pal() gives you an idea how to use the package.

You can also get a "sneak peek" of these palettes at: www.colorbrewer2.com . You would provide the number of levels or classes of your data, and then the type of data: sequential, diverging, or qualitative. The names of the RColorBrewer palettes are the string after 'pick a color scheme:'

```
palette("default")
plot(weight ~ Time, data= ChickWeight, pch = 19, col = Diet
```



Adding legends

The legend() command adds a legend to your plot. There are tons of arguments to pass it.

x, y=NULL: this just means you can give (x,y) coordinates, or more commonly just give x, as a character string:

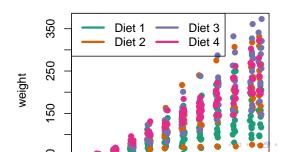
"top", "bottom", "topleft", "bottomleft", "topright", "bottomright".

legend: unique character vector, the levels of a factor

pch, lwd: if you want points in the legend, give a pch value. if you want lines, give a lwd value.

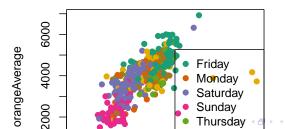
col: give the color for each legend level

Adding legends

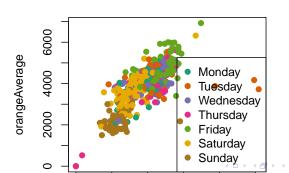


Coloring by variable

```
> circ = read.csv("http://www.aejaffe.com/winterR_2016/data
+ header=TRUE, as.is=TRUE)
> palette(brewer.pal(7,"Dark2"))
> dd = factor(circ$day)
> plot(orangeAverage ~ greenAverage, data=circ,
+ pch=19, col = as.numeric(dd))
> legend("bottomright", levels(dd), col=1:length(dd), pch =
```



Coloring by variable



ggplot2 is a package of plotting that is very popular and powerful. qplot is a short hand for "quick plot". Let's try this out on the childhood mortality data used above. However, let's do some manipulation first, by using gather on the data to convert to long.

```
library(tidyr)
long = death
long$state = rownames(long)
long = long %>% gather(year, deaths, -state)
head(long, 2)
```

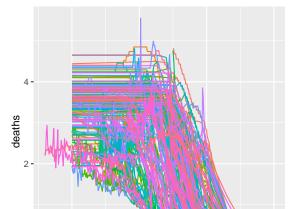
```
state year deaths
1 Afghanistan X1760 NA
2 Albania X1760 NA
```

Let's also make the year numeric, as we did above in the stand-alone year variable.

```
library(stringr)
library(dplyr)
long$year = long$year %>% str_replace("^X", "") %>% as.numelong = long %>% filter(!is.na(deaths))
```

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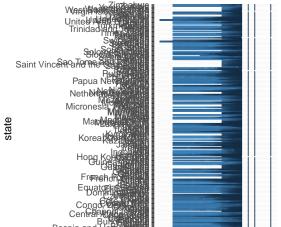
```
> library(ggplot2)
> qplot(x = year, y = deaths, colour = state,
+ data = long, geom = "line") + guides(colour = FALSE)
```





Let's try to make it different like base R, a bit. We use tile for the geometric unit:

```
qplot(x = year, y = state, colour = deaths,
    data = long, geom = "tile") + guides(colour = FALSE)
```

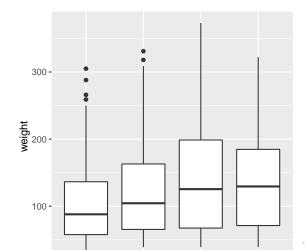


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ggplot2 boxplot

We can simply do a boxplot:

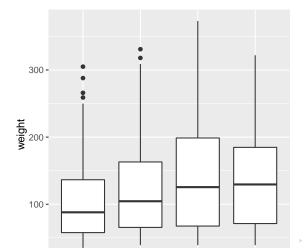
```
> qplot(factor(Diet), y = weight,
+ data = ChickWeight, geom = "boxplot")
```





The generic plotting function is ggplot:

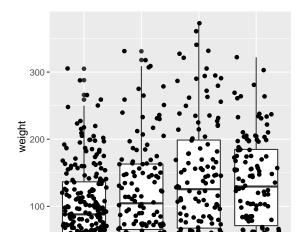
```
> g = ggplot(aes(x = Diet, y = weight), data = ChickWeight)
> g + geom_boxplot()
```



Boxplots revisited again

We can do the same plot, by just saying we want a boxplot and points (and jitter the points)

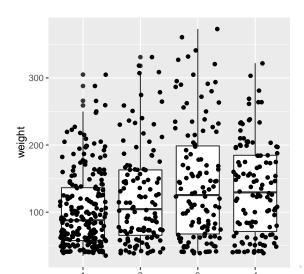
```
> qplot( factor(Diet), y = weight, data = ChickWeight,
+ geom = c("boxplot", "jitter"))
```



ggplot2: Adding 2 geoms together

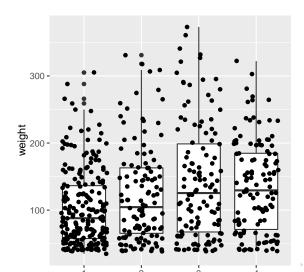
To have multiple geometrics, just "add" them

```
> g + geom_boxplot() + geom_point(position = "jitter")
```



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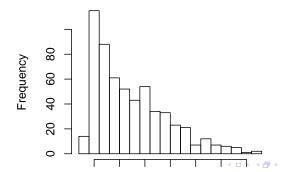


Histograms again

We can do histograms again using hist. Let's do histograms of weight at all time points for the chick's weights. We reiterate how useful these are to show your data.

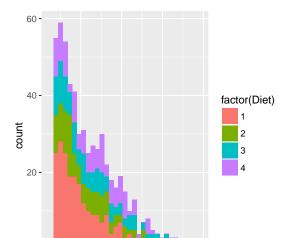
```
> hist(ChickWeight$weight, breaks = 20)
```

Histogram of ChickWeight\$weight



Multiple Histograms

```
> qplot(x = weight,
+ fill = factor(Diet),
+ data = ChickWeight,
+ geom = c("histogram"))
```

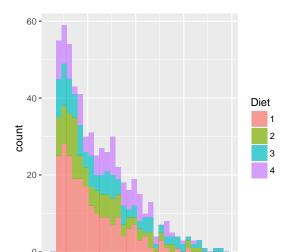




Multiple Histograms

Alpha refers tot he opacity of the color, less is

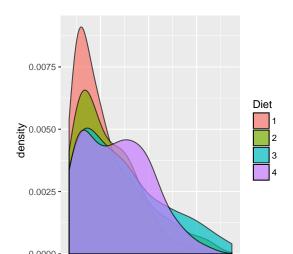
```
> qplot(x = weight, fill = Diet, data = ChickWeight,
+ geom = c("histogram"), alpha=I(.7))
```



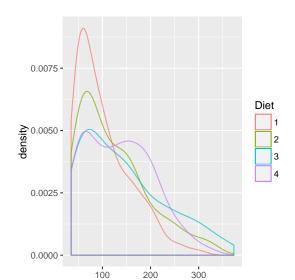


We cold also do densities

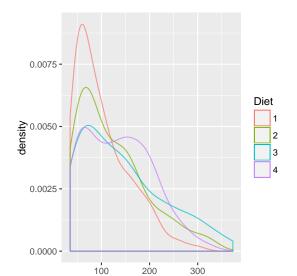
```
> qplot(x= weight, fill = Diet, data = ChickWeight,
+ geom = c("density"), alpha=I(.7))
```





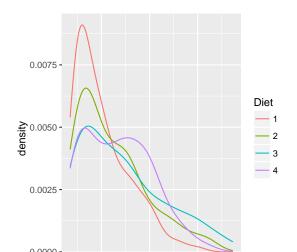


```
> ggplot(aes(x= weight, colour = Diet),
+ data = ChickWeight) + geom_density(alpha=I(.7))
```



You can take off the lines of the bottom like this

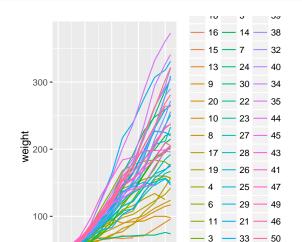
```
> ggplot(aes(x = weight, colour = Diet), data = ChickWeight
+ geom_line(stat = "density")
```



Spaghetti plot

We can make a spaghetti plot by telling ggplot we want a "line", and each line is colored by Chick.

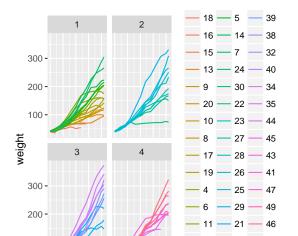
```
> qplot(x=Time, y=weight, colour = Chick,
+ data = ChickWeight, geom = "line")
```



Spaghetti plot: Facets

In ggplot2, if you want separate plots for something, these are referred to as facets.

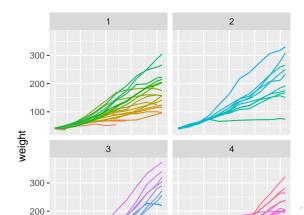
```
> qplot(x = Time, y = weight, colour = Chick,
+ facets = ~Diet, data = ChickWeight, geom = "line")
```



Spaghetti plot: Facets

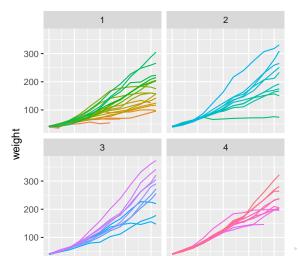
We can turn off the legend (referred to a "guide" in ggplot2). (Note - there is different syntax with the +)

```
> qplot(x=Time, y=weight, colour = Chick,
+ facets = ~ Diet, data = ChickWeight,
+ geom = "line") + guides(colour=FALSE)
```



Spaghetti plot: Facets

```
> ggplot(aes(x = Time, y = weight, colour = Chick),
+ data = ChickWeight) + geom_line() +
+ facet_wrap(facets = ~Diet) + guides(colour = FALSE)
```



Useful links:

- http://docs.ggplot2.org/0.9.3/index.html
- http://www.cookbook-r.com/Graphs/