

# IS4 in R: Displaying and Describing Categorical Data (Chapter 2)

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## Introduction and Background

This document is intended to help describe how to undertake analyses introduced as examples in the Fourth Edition of *Intro Stats* (2014) by De Veaux, Velleman, and Bock. More information about the book can be found at [http://wps.aw.com/aw\\_deveaux\\_stats\\_series](http://wps.aw.com/aw_deveaux_stats_series). This file as well as the associated R Markdown reproducible analysis source file used to create it can be found at <http://www.amherst.edu/~nhorton/sdm4>.

This work leverages initiatives undertaken by Project MOSAIC (<http://www.mosaic-web.org>), an NSF-funded effort to improve the teaching of statistics, calculus, science and computing in the undergraduate curriculum. In particular, we utilize the `mosaic` package, which was written to simplify the use of R for introductory statistics courses. A short summary of the R needed to teach introductory statistics can be found in the `mosaic` package vignettes (<http://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/mosaic>). A paper describing the `mosaic` approach was published in the *R Journal*: <https://journal.r-project.org/archive/2017/RJ-2017-024>.

## Chapter 2: Displaying and Describing Categorical Data

### Section 2.1: Summarizing and Displaying a Single Categorical Variable

See displays on page 19-20.

```
library(mosaic); library(readr); library(ggformula)
options(digits=3)
Titanic <- read_delim("http://www.amherst.edu/~nhorton/sdm4/data/Titanic.txt", delim="\t")

## Parsed with column specification:
## cols(
##   Survived = col_character(),
##   Age = col_character(),
##   Sex = col_character(),
##   Class = col_character()
## )

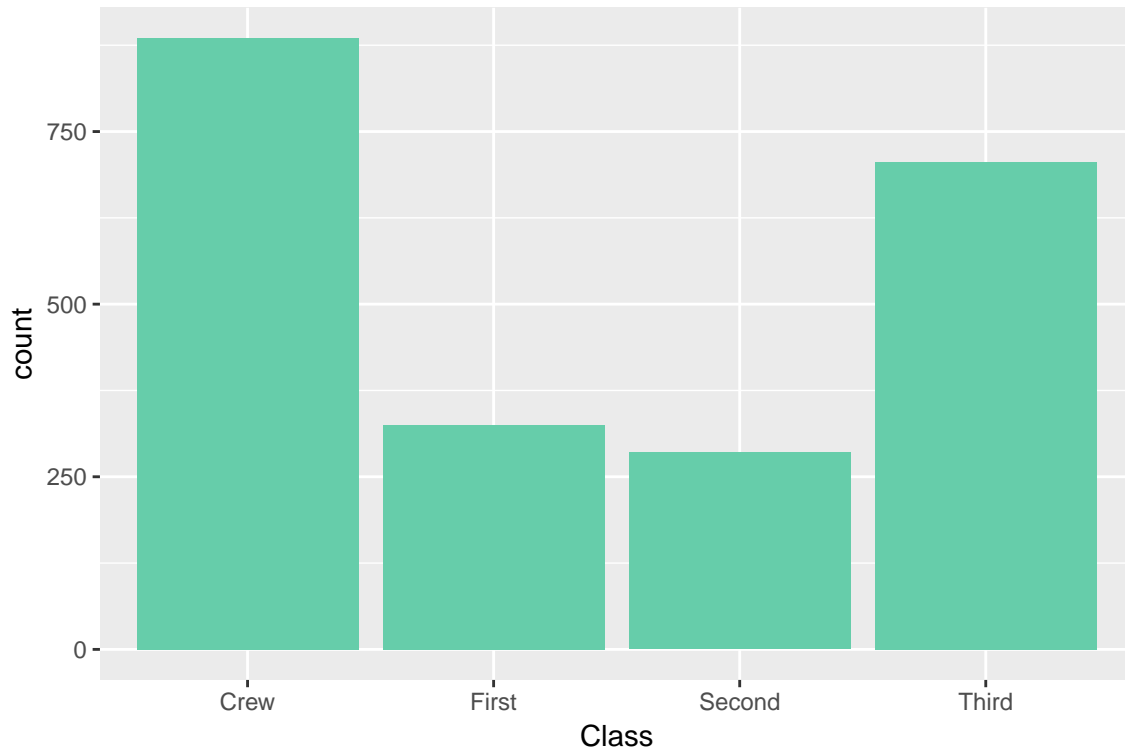
tally(~ Class, data=Titanic)

## Class
##   Crew First Second  Third
##   885   325   285    706

tally(~ Class, format="percent", data=Titanic)

## Class
##   Crew First Second  Third
##   40.2  14.8  12.9   32.1
```

```
gf_bar(~Class, data=Titanic, stat="count", fill="aquamarine3")
```



## Section 2.2: Exploring the Relationship Between Two Categorical Variables

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```
tally(~ Survived + Class, margin=TRUE, data=Titanic)
```

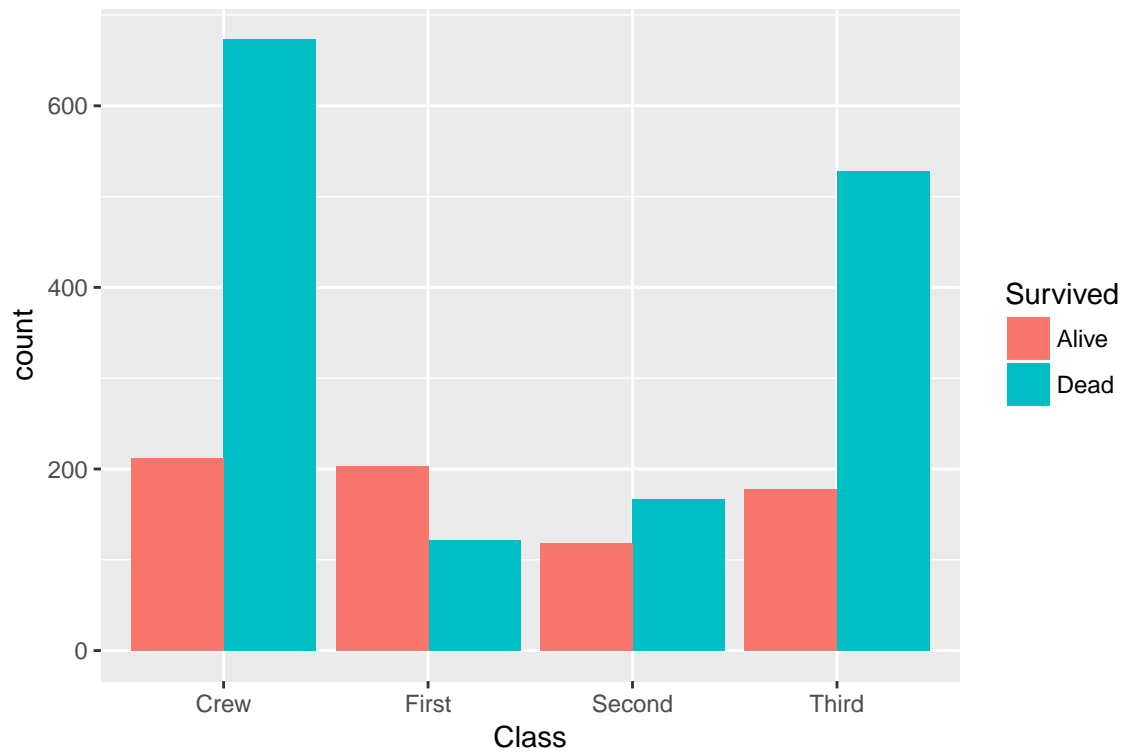
```
##           Class
## Survived Crew First Second Third Total
##   Alive  212   203   118   178   711
##   Dead   673   122   167   528  1490
##   Total   885   325   285   706  2201
```

```
tally(~ Survived | Class, format="percent", data=Titanic)
```

```
##           Class
## Survived Crew First Second Third
##   Alive  24.0  62.5  41.4  25.2
##   Dead   76.0  37.5  58.6  74.8
```

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```
gf_bar( ~ Class, fill= ~Survived, data=Titanic, position = position_dodge(),
        main = "")
```



```
mosaicplot(tally(~ Survived + Class, data=Titanic),
            main="Mosaic plot of Class by Survival",
            col= c("lightskyblue", "lightslateblue", "lightskyblue3", "lightseagreen"))
```

**Mosaic plot of Class by Survival**

