

Linear Regression Models

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Lecture 03

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Today's Lecture

- `ggplot2`
- R Markdown

Graphics

- Plotting is one of the most important things you're going to do
- Always (always, always) look at your data
- A *good* picture is worth 1,000 words; a bad picture is worth much less

Graphics in R

- base graphics are a thing – see e.g. `plot`
- `lattice` is also a thing
- We'll just focus on the `ggplot` system

ggplot2

- Development lead by Hadley Wickham
 - ▶ Plays nicely with the dataframe-centric `dplyr` framework
- `gg` = “Grammar of Graphics”
 - ▶ Think verbs that perform actions on data

Before we get started

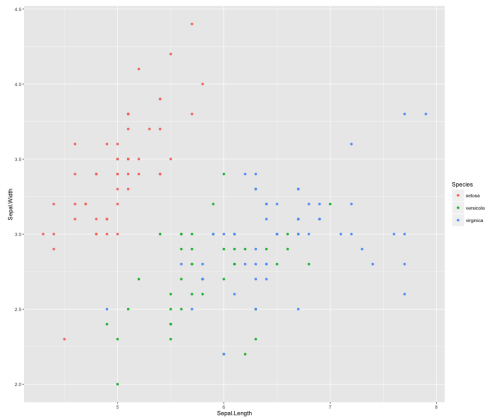
- Time spent thinking about and organizing the data results in better graphs
- Graphs should be clear – useful legends, axis titles, informative (not superfluous) coloring / sizing / shading

Constructing a ggplot figure

- **data:** the dataframe you're using to construct your plot
- **aesthetic mappings:** connections between data and visual components (x and y, first; size, color, group, shape, etc)
- **layers:** how the data are actually shown (points, lines, boxplots, densities, smooths)

Example

```
> ggplot(iris, aes(x = Sepal.Length, y = Sepal.Width, color = Species)) +  
  geom_point()
```



Some notes

- You can add multiple `geom`'s
- Each will inherit the global data and aesthetics unless you tell it to do something different
- Aesthetic mappings have reasonable default scales (e.g. colors); you can override these if you want
- Facetting can be a useful way to visualize data across factors

Live coding

Cheat Sheet

Data Visualization with ggplot2 Cheat Sheet



Basics

ggplot2 is based on the **grammar of graphics**, the idea that you can build every graph from the same few components: a **data set**, a set of **geoms** - visual marks that represent data points, and a **coordinate system**.



To display data values, map variables in the data set to aesthetic properties of the geom like **size**, **color**, and **x** and **y** locations.



Build a graph with **qplot()** or **ggplot()**

aesthetics map variables in the data to visual properties of the geom. **geom** is the visual mark that represents the data. **coord** is the coordinate system. **facet** is used to create multiple plots from the same data.

geom_point() - Create a complete plot with given data, geom, and mappings. Supplies many useful defaults.

geom_line() - Create a complete plot with given data, geom, and mappings. Supplies many useful defaults.

geom_bar() - Create a complete plot with given data, geom, and mappings. Supplies many useful defaults.

geom_histogram() - Create a complete plot with given data, geom, and mappings. Supplies many useful defaults.

geom_density() - Create a complete plot with given data, geom, and mappings. Supplies many useful defaults.

geom_smooth() - Create a complete plot with given data, geom, and mappings. Supplies many useful defaults.

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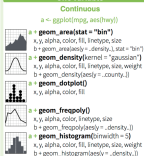
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Geoms - Use a geom to represent data points, use the geom's aesthetic properties to represent variables. Each function returns a layer.

One Variable



Discrete



Graphical Primitives



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Two Variables



Discrete X, Continuous Y



Discrete X, Discrete Y



Continuous Bivariate Distribution



Continuous Function



Visualizing error



Maps



Three Variables



R Markdown

- How you present your results is important
- Reproducibility matters – both to ensure reasonable results and to make your life easier
- R Markdown helps you package both your analysis (code) and presentation (text) in a single document

R Markdown

- A “Markdown” language is a lightweight syntax that can be easily converted to HTML or another format
- R Markdown lets you combine formatted text with code chunks
- Having text and code in the same place, and having the combined output be user-friendly, is huge for your workflow

R Markdown Example

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title: "A First R Markdown Document"  
output: html_document  
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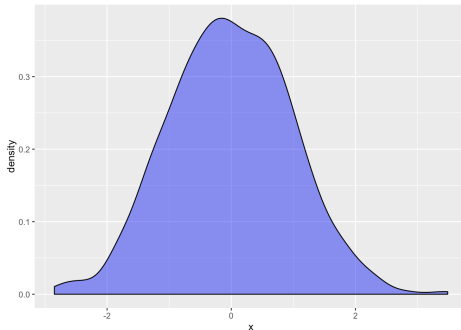
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R Markdown Tips

- You can control what is shown in code chunk options
 - Generally, you should show only what you need to
- You can control some important behaviors using code chunk options
- You can access objects created in a code chunk later – in another code chunk or inline.
- You can export directly to PDF
- You can include nicely-formatted equations in a

Live coding

Today's big ideas

- Intro to `ggplot2`
- Intro to R Markdown

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- [google.com](https://www.google.com); [stackoverflow](https://stackoverflow.com)
 - `ggplot2` Cheat Sheet
 - The `ggplot2` book on GitHub by Hadley
 - STAT 545 “Intro to `ggplot2`”, “R Markdown”
 - Exploratory Data Analysis with R (The `ggplot2` Plotting System)