

Lecture 20: Interactive plots with ggvis

STAT598z: Intro. to computing for statistics

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ggvis is a simple way to get interactive plots

- provides a simpler interface to shiny
- is still experimental

Like ggplot this expects a dataframe/tibble as an input

Some differences:

- add layers using `%>%` instead of `+`
- instead of `aes (color=group)`, write `color = ~group`
- we still write `color:=clr_val`
- aesthetics have different names:
 - `color` becomes `stroke`
 - `alpha` becomes `opacity`

```
In [3]: library('tidyverse')  
library('shiny')  
library('ggvis')  
load('~/.RSRCH/DATA/EconData/data/HomeValues.RData')  
HomeValues$qtr <- as.double(HomeValues$qtr)
```

```
In [ ]: plt<- ggvis(HomeValues,x=~qtr,y=~Home.Value,stroke=~State) %>%  
  layer_lines()
```

```
In [ ]: plt <- plt %>% hide_legend('stroke')
```

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In [ ]: plt %>% layer_points()
```

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In [ ]: plt %>% layer_points(size=1, fillOpacity=.1) # Bug!
```

ggvis uses both = and := for assignments

Use = to map a variable to a property

- Then use ~ to refer to a column of a dataframe

Use := when we set a property based on a *value*

```
In [ ]: plt %>% layer_points(size:=1, fillOpacity:=.1)
```

In the end, set properties using = ~column or := value

So why use ggvis instead of ggplot?

- Interactive plots!

```
In [ ]: plt %>% layer_points(size:=input_slider(.1,50,1),  
                             fill =~ State, fillOpacity:=.5) %>%  
         hide_legend('fill')
```

```
In [ ]: plt %>% add_tooltip(function(x)
                                {paste(x$State, ":", x$Home.Value)}, 'hover')
```

`add_tooltip` needs a function to read value and return a string

- we used an *anonymous function* to print State, Value

For lines, `add_tooltip` only prints first value

(<http://stackoverflow.com/questions/28540504/mouse-hover-in-layer-lines-ggvis-r>) (<http://stackoverflow.com/questions/28540504/mouse-hover-in-layer-lines-ggvis-r>)

- `add_layer_points()` for all values

```
In [ ]: plt <- plt %>% layer_points(size:=input_slider(0,5))
```

```
In [ ]: plt %>% add_tooltip(function(x)
                                {paste(x$State, ":", x$Home.Value)}, 'hover')
```

```
In [ ]: plt <- ggvis(HomeValues x=~qtr,y=~Home.Value,stroke=~State) %>%  
  layer_smooths(span:=input_slider(0,5)) %>%  
  hide_legend('stroke')
```

Error because ggvis doesn't do grouping for you (unlike ggplot)

```
In [ ]: plt <- HomeValues %>% group_by(State) %>%  
  ggvis(x=~qtr,y=~Home.Value, stroke=~State) %>%  
  layer_smooths(span=input_slider(0,2,step=.1)) %>%  
  hide_legend('stroke')
```



```
In [ ]: plt<- ggvis(HomeValues,x=~qtr,y=~Home.Value,stroke=~State) %>%  
          layer_lines(stroke.hover:='black') %>%  
          hide_legend('stroke')  
plt %>% add_tooltip(function(x)  
                {paste(x$State,":",x$Home.Value)}, 'hover')
```

tidyverse commands can be overloaded for use with ggvis:

<https://rdr.io/cran/ggvis/man/dplyr-ggvis.html>
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```
In [ ]: plt <- HomeValues %>% group_by(State) %>%  
  ggvis(x=~qtr,y=~Home.Value, stroke=~State) %>%  
  filter(State %in% eval(input_select(choices =  
    unique(as.character(HomeValues$State))),  
    multiple=TRUE, label='States list')) %>%  
  layer_lines(strokeWidth:=2)
```

Note the eval, this is because of we are calling input_select inside filter

<http://stackoverflow.com/questions/25891020/dynamic-filtering-with-input-select-using-ggvis-in-r>
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```
In [5]: library('ggplot2');library('maps')
my_state_map <- map_data('state');
my_state_map$region <- tolower(my_state_map$region)
get_ab <- function(x) state.abb[x == tolower(state.name)]

get_house_pr <- function(st,yr) {
  HomeValues[HomeValues$State==st & HomeValues$qtr==yr,2] }

state.name[51]<-"district of columbia"; state.abb[51]<-"DC"
# apply get_ab to each row of my_state_map
my_state_map$region <- purrr::map_chr(my_state_map$region,
                                     get_ab)
get_yr_pr <- function(yr) { # Function to get vector of prices
  pr <- my_state_map$pr      # of yr
  for(st in state.abb)
    pr[my_state_map$region == st] <- get_house_pr(st,floor(yr))
  return(pr)
}
```

Attaching package: 'maps'

The following object is masked from 'package:purrr':

map

```
In [7]: my_state_map %>% ggvis(~long, ~lat) %>%  
  mutate(pr = eval(input_slider(1976,2013,  
    map= function(x) get_yr_pr(x)))) %>%  
  group_by(region) %>% layer_paths(fill=~pr) %>%  
  hide_axis("x") %>% hide_axis("y") %>%  
  set_options(duration=0,width=960,height=600,keep_aspect=TRUE) %>%  
  hide_legend('fill') %>% hide_legend('stroke') %>%  
  add_tooltip(function(x) {  
    paste(isolate(yr$curr),":",x$region,":",x$pr)},'hover') %>%  
  scale_numeric("fill", range = c("yellow","red"))
```

ggvis is also compatible with *reactive programming*

This is a programming paradigm imported from shiny
(<https://shiny.rstudio.com/articles/reactivity-overview.html>)
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At a high level a reactive source feeds inputs to reactive end-points

- whenever the source changes, the end point is automatically updated

ggvis automatically updates when a reactive input changes

```
In [ ]: #https://r2014-mtp.sciencesconf.org/file/92631
#library(shiny)
dat <- data.frame(time=1:10, value=runif(10))

# Create a reactive that returns a data frame, adding a new
# row every 2 seconds
ddat <- reactive({
  invalidateLater(2000, NULL) # wait of 2 seconds
  dat$time <- c(dat$time[-1], dat$time[length(dat$time)] + 1)
  dat$value <- c(dat$value[-1], runif(1))
  dat
})

ddat %>% ggvis(x = ~time, y = ~value, key := ~time) %>%
  layer_points() %>% layer_paths()
```