# 100 Years of Social Work Research: A Data Science Perspective

#### Overview of data

The original data were from a search of PsychInfo using Ebsco Host platform (December 23, 2014). The following search operators and limiters were used:

- SO "social work" OR SO "social welfare" OR SO "social casework" OR SO "social services"
- Limiters Document Type: Journal Article
- Search modes Boolean/Phrase Interface EBSCOhost Research Databases
- Search Screen Advanced Search
- Database PsycINFO

The search results were exported in a *generic bibliographic format*, which is an unstructured text (\*.txt) file. The text file was processed using the BibWrangleR function created by the first author.

## Initialize OS-X workspace and functions for data wrangling

This section processes raw data. This section of code is executed only one time to transform raw text data into an analyzable format. When new data are obtained for this study (i.e., updated search results), this section should be re-run by changing echo=FALSE to echo=TRUE in the knitr markdown argument.

```
# Clear workspace
rm(list=ls())

# Read BWR functions for Mac OS
source("/Users/beperron/Git/BibWrangleR/functions/piWrangleR.R")
source("/Users/beperron/Git/BibWrangleR/functions/packages.R")
# Set the path where original raw data are stored
setwd("/Users/beperron/Git/SocialWorkResearch")

# Set the working directory to store files created by BWR functions
my.path <- "/Users/beperron/Git/SocialWorkResearch"

# Wrangle the data with the BWR function suite
#piBWR.f(csv=FALSE, path=my.path)
#save(pi.df, file = "piArticles.R")</pre>
```

# Initialize Windows workspace and functions for data wrangling

# Initialize workspace and functions for analaysis

All the analyses performed involve the data that have been processed with the BibWrangleR functions. This section reads the processed data, loads the required packages, and does a quick quality check to ensure that

the same number of articles (i.e., records) contained in the original search match the number of articles in the transformed data.

```
rm(list=ls())
setwd("/Users/beperron/Git/SocialWorkResearch")
source("/Users/beperron/Git/BibWrangleR/functions/ggsurv.R")
load("piArticles.R")
library(dplyr)
library(ggplot2)
library(gridExtra)
library(survival)
library(grid)
library(png)
# Inspect dimensions of the data file (Rows X Columns)
dim(pi.df)
[1] 495415
                3
# Inspect variable names of the data file
names(pi.df)
[1] "attributes" "articleID" "record"
# How many unique article titles? Ebsco Results of most current search is $n=24,314$. Do not proceed w
length(which(pi.df$attributes == "TI"))
[1] 24314
What is the overall number and names of journal titles?
unique.titles <- filter(pi.df, attributes == "SO")
# Number of unique titles
length(unique(unique.titles$record))
## [1] 89
# Unique titles
unique(unique.titles$record)
  [1] "Journal of Ethnic & Cultural Diversity in Social Work: Innovation in Theory, Research & Practi
##
## [2] "Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare"
## [3] "Social Work & Christianity"
   [4] "Journal of Gerontological Social Work"
##
## [5] "Research on Social Work Practice"
## [6] "Child & Family Social Work"
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## [7] "Australian Social Work"

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## [8] "Social Work with Groups: A Journal of Community and Clinical Practice"
```

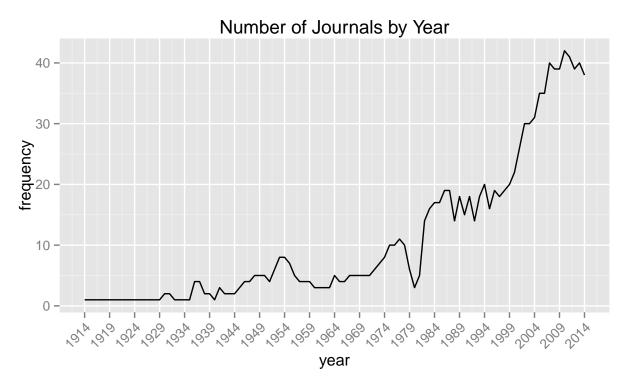
- ## [9] "Practice: Social Work in Action"
- ## [10] "Journal of Gay & Lesbian Social Services: The Quarterly Journal of Community & Clinical Practi
- ## [11] "Smith College Studies in Social Work"
- ## [12] "Journal of Social Work Practice"
- ## [13] "Social Work in Health Care"
- ## [14] "Journal of Social Work Education"
- ## [15] "Children & Schools"
- ## [16] "Social Work"
- ## [17] "Child & Adolescent Social Work Journal"
- ## [18] "Clinical Social Work Journal"
- ## [19] "International Social Work"
- ## [13] International Doctal Work
- ## [20] "Journal of Social Work'
  ## [21] "Social Work Research"
- ## [22] "Social Work Education"
- ## [23] "Journal of Evidence-Based Social Work"
- ## [24] "Health & Social Work"
- ## [25] "Affilia: Journal of Women & Social Work"
- ## [26] "Qualitative Social Work: Research and Practice"
- ## [27] "Families in Society"
- ## [28] "Social Work in Mental Health"
- ## [29] "Ethics and Social Welfare"
- ## [30] "Journal of Religion & Spirituality in Social Work: Social Thought"
- ## [31] "Journal of HIV/AIDS & Social Services"
- ## [32] "Journal of Social Work Practice in the Addictions"
- ## [33] "British Journal of Social Work"
- ## [34] "School Social Work Journal"
- ## [35] "Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research"
- ## [36] "Journal of Social Work in End-of-Life & Palliative Care"
- ## [37] "International Journal of Social Welfare"
- ## [38] "Psychoanalytic Social Work"
- ## [39] "Administration in Social Work"
- ## [40] "The Journal of Baccalaureate Social Work"
- ## [41] "The Scientific Review of Mental Health Practice: Objective Investigations of Controversial and
- ## [42] "Social Work and Social Sciences Review"
- ## [43] "Journal of Gay & Lesbian Social Services: Issues in Practice, Policy & Research"
- ## [44] "Practice"
- ## [45] "Journal of Educational & Psychological Consultation"
- ## [46] "Rural Social Work"
- ## [47] "Journal of Technology in Human Services"
- ## [48] "Journal of Social Service Research"
- ## [49] "Journal of Applied Social Sciences"
- ## [50] "Early Child Development and Care"
- ## [51] "Computers in Human Services"
- ## [52] "The Clinical Supervisor"
- ## [53] "Children and Youth Services Review"
- ## [54] "Journal of Social Work Research and Evaluation"
- ## [55] "General Hospital Psychiatry"
- ## [56] "Canadian Journal on Aging"
- ## [57] "Social Casework"
- ## [58] "Journal of Multicultural Social Work"
- ## [59] "Journal of Analytic Social Work"
- ## [60] "Maatskaplike Werk/Social Work"
- ## [61] "Issues in Social Work Education"

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## [62] "Journal of Teaching in Social Work"
## [63] "Social Work Research & Abstracts"
## [64] "Journal of Social Work & Human Sexuality"
## [65] "Journal of Independent Social Work"
## [66] "Employee Assistance Quarterly"
## [67] "Behavior Modification"
## [68] "Indian Journal of Social Work"
## [69] "Indian Journal of Psychiatric Social Work"
## [70] "British Journal of Psychiatric Social Work"
## [71] "Social Work in Education"
## [72] "Pediatric Social Work"
## [73] "Journal of Social Welfare"
## [74] "School Social Work Quarterly"
## [75] "Social Work Today"
## [76] "Journal of Psychiatric Social Work"
## [77] "Medical Social Work"
## [78] "Jewish Social Services Quarterly"
## [79] "Proceedings of the National Conference of Social Work"
## [80] "Journal of Social Casework"
## [81] "Social Work Yearbook"
## [82] "Social Work Technique"
## [83] "Journal of Social Work Process"
## [84] "Pennsylvania Social Work"
## [85] "International Conference of Social Work"
## [86] "Eugenics & Social Welfare Bull."
## [87] "New York State Department of Social Welfare, Division Publication"
## [88] "University of Washington Publications: Social Services"
## [89] "Eugenics and Social Welfare Bulletin"
```

#### Number of unique journal titles by year

```
journals.year <- tbl_df(pi.df)</pre>
year <- journals.year %>%
        filter(attributes == "YR") %>%
        select(id = articleID, year = record)
journals <- journals.year %>%
        filter(attributes == "SO") %>%
        select(id = articleID, journal.title = record)
n.journals.year <- journals %>%
        left_join(year) %>%
        group_by(year) %>%
        distinct(journal.title) %>%
        summarise(n = n())
journal.count <- ggplot(n.journals.year, aes(as.numeric(year), y=n, group=1)) +
    geom_line(colour="black") +
    #geom_point(colour="red") +
    theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 45, hjust = 1)) +
   xlab("year") +
```

```
ylab("frequency") +
    ggtitle("Number of Journals by Year") +
    scale_x_continuous(breaks=seq(1914, 2014, 5))
journal.count
```



#### What journals published the most number of articles

## Joining by: "articleID"

```
# 10 highest number of publications
head(n.so.yr, 10)
```

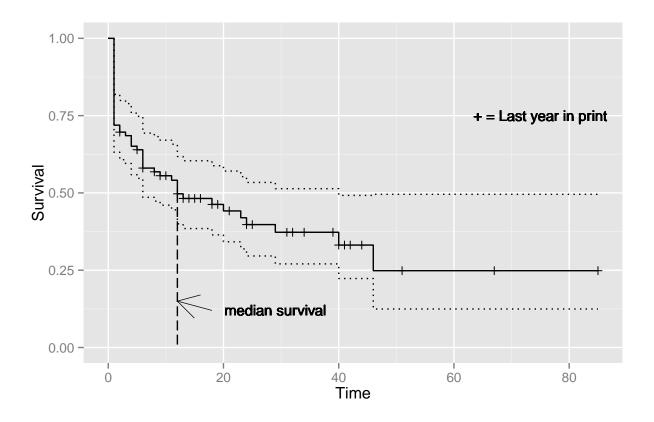
## Source: local data frame [10 x 4]

```
##
##
                                      title first last n.to.date
                                Social Work 1948 2014
## 1
                                                            1866
## 2
             British Journal of Social Work 1971 2014
                                                            1456
## 3
                        Families in Society 1990 2014
                                                            1211
## 4
      Journal of Gerontological Social Work 1981 2014
                                                            1188
## 5
                 Social Work in Health Care 1975 2014
                                                            1171
## 6
                            Social Casework 1950 1989
                                                            1095
## 7
       Smith College Studies in Social Work 1930 2014
                                                            1075
## 8
               Clinical Social Work Journal 1973 2014
                                                            1068
## 9
           Research on Social Work Practice 1991 2014
                                                             986
## 10
                       Health & Social Work 1976 2014
                                                             901
```

#### What is the lifespan of journals?

```
#10 longest running journals
longest.running <- n.so.yr %>%
       mutate(last = as.numeric(last), first = as.numeric(first),
              year.diff = last - first) %>%
       arrange(desc(year.diff)) %>%
       select(title, first, last, year.diff) %>%
       mutate(stop = year.diff, event = ifelse(as.numeric(last) != 2014, 1, 0)) %%
       select(title, stop, event, as.numeric(first))
survival.journals <- survfit(Surv(longest.running$stop+1, longest.running$event) ~ 1)</pre>
median.survival \leftarrow data.frame(time = c(12,12), quant = c(.5,0))
head(longest.running)
## Source: local data frame [6 x 4]
##
##
                                    title stop event first
## 1 Smith College Studies in Social Work
                                            84
                                                    0 1930
                                                      1948
## 2
                              Social Work
                                            66
## 3
                   Journal of Social Work
                                           50
                                                    0 1964
## 4
            Indian Journal of Social Work
                                            45
                                                    1 1941
## 5
           British Journal of Social Work
                                            43
                                                    0 1971
## 6
             Clinical Social Work Journal
                                            41
                                                    0 1973
ggsurv(survival.journals) +
    geom_line(data = median.survival, aes(time, quant), linetype="longdash") +
    annotate("segment", x = 18, xend = 12, y = .12, yend = .15, size = .25, arrow = arrow()) +
```

geom\_text(x = 29, y = .12, label = "median survival", size = 4) +
geom\_text(x = 75, y = .75, label = "+ = Last year in print", size = 4)



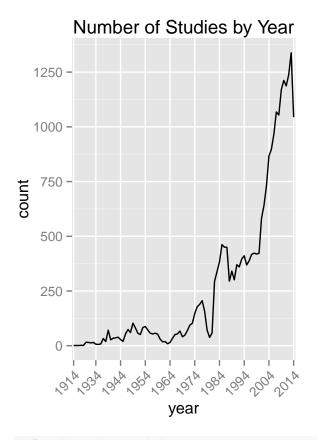
### What is the number of articles published per year

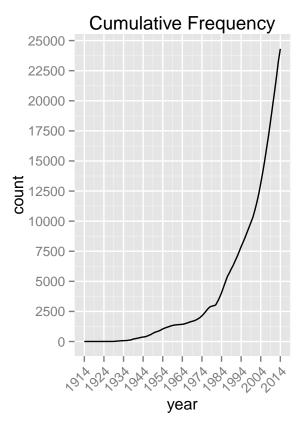
```
n.articles.year <- filter(pi.df, attributes == "YR")</pre>
year.split <- split(n.articles.year, n.articles.year$record)</pre>
year.count <- unlist(lapply(year.split, nrow))</pre>
year.count <- year.count[order(names(year.count))]</pre>
years <- names(year.count)</pre>
df <- data.frame(years, year.count)</pre>
rownames(df) <- NULL</pre>
plot.article.count <- ggplot(df, aes(as.factor(years),</pre>
                     y = year.count, group=1)) +
    geom_line(colour="black") +
    #geom_point(colour="red") +
    theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 45, hjust = 1)) +
    xlab("year") +
    ylab("count") +
    ggtitle("Number of Studies by Year") +
    scale_x_discrete(breaks=c(seq(1914, 2014, 10))) +
    scale_y_continuous(breaks = c(seq(0, 2000, 250)))
df$years <- as.numeric(as.character(df$years))</pre>
plot.article.cumulative <- ggplot(df, aes(x = years, y = cumsum(year.count))) +</pre>
    geom_line() +
    theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle=45, hjust=1)) +
```

```
scale_x_continuous(breaks=pretty(df$years)) +
xlab("year") +
ylab("count") +
scale_x_continuous(breaks = c(seq(1914,2014,10))) +
scale_y_continuous(breaks = c(seq(0, 25000, 2500))) +
ggtitle("Cumulative Frequency")
```

## Scale for 'x' is already present. Adding another scale for 'x', which will replace the existing scal

grid.arrange(plot.article.count, plot.article.cumulative, ncol=2)





# Print most recent ten years
head(df, 10)

```
##
      years year.count
## 1
       1914
       1915
## 2
                       1
## 3
       1918
                       1
                       2
## 4
       1928
## 5
       1929
                       1
## 6
       1930
                      16
## 7
       1931
                      15
                      13
## 8
       1932
## 9
       1933
                      15
## 10 1934
                       7
```

# What are the topic areas (by Subject Terms)?

```
su.df <- filter(pi.df, attributes == "SU")
subject.terms <- stringr::str_split(su.df$record, pattern = ";")
subject.terms <- unlist(lapply(subject.terms, function(x) gsub(" ", "", x)))
subject.terms.total <- length(unlist(lapply(subject.terms, function(x) gsub(" ", "", x))))
subject.terms.unique <- length(unique(subject.terms))
most.frequent <- as.data.frame(table(subject.terms))
most.frequent <- arrange(most.frequent, desc(Freq))

# Print 25 most commmon terms
head(most.frequent, 25)</pre>
```

```
subject.terms Freq
1
               SocialCasework 5794
2
                SocialWorkers 2933
3
         SocialWorkEducation 1696
4
              SocialServices 1139
5
                 ChildWelfare 811
6
                SocialSupport 602
7
           CommunityServices 572
8
                       Family 572
9
                   Caregivers 571
                  ChildAbuse 571
10
11
             MentalDisorders 500
                HumanFemales 493
12
13
                   DrugAbuse 488
14
             FamilyRelations 478
15
                        Aging 474
                          HIV 471
16
17
                  FosterCare 470
18
                      Blacks 445
19
        MentalHealthServices 441
20
          HealthCareServices 440
                 MentalHealth 438
21
22
               CopingBehavior 403
23
                 Intervention
                               400
          GroupPsychotherapy
                               393
25 PsychotherapeuticProcesses
```

What are the topic areas over time (by Subject terms)?

```
decade <- filter(pi.df, attributes == "YR") %>%
    mutate(year = as.numeric(record)) %>% select(-record, -attributes)
```

```
decade$year <- cut(decade$year, breaks = 10, labels = c(1:10))</pre>
keywords <- pi.df %>%
        filter(attributes == "SU") %>%
        select(articleID = articleID, keywords = record)
keywords.decade <- keywords %>%
         left join(decade)
library(plyr)
keywords.data.split <- dlply(keywords.decade, .(year))</pre>
detach(package:plyr)
terms.f <- function(x){</pre>
    split.terms <- stringr::str_split(x[,"keywords"], pattern =";")</pre>
    clean.terms <- lapply(split.terms, function(x) gsub(" ", "", x))</pre>
    }
keywords.decade <- lapply(keywords.data.split, terms.f)</pre>
keywords.decade <- lapply(keywords.decade, unlist)</pre>
temp <- lapply(keywords.decade, function(x) data.frame(table(x)))</pre>
temp <- lapply(temp, function(x) arrange(x, desc(Freq)))</pre>
lapply(temp, function(x) head(x,10))
## $`3`
##
                  x Freq
## 1 ChildGuidance
                       3
                       2
            Agency
##
## $`4`
##
                    x Freq
              Agency
## 2 ChildGuidance
                         7
## 3 SmallBusinesses
##
## $`5`
##
                           x Freq
## 1
                      Agency
## 2 EmotionalDisturbances
## 3
              ChildGuidance
## 4
                     Clients
                                 3
## 5
            FamilyRelations
                                 2
## 6
                                 2
              FamilyTherapy
## 7
                 Infidelity
                                 2
## 8
              SocialWorkers
                                 2
## 9
         AntisocialBehavior
                                1
## 10
                 ChildAbuse
##
## $`6`
##
                          x Freq
## 1
            SocialCasework 244
## 2
         CommunityServices
```

```
## 3
             SocialWorkers
                               45
## 4
           FamilyRelations
                              41
## 5
             FamilyTherapy
                              40
## 6
                  Treatment
                              36
## 7
       PsychiatricPatients
                              30
## 8
        GroupPsychotherapy
                              25
## 9
                     Family
                               23
## 10 ParentChildRelations
                               23
## $`7`
##
                                x Freq
## 1
                   SocialCasework
                                    527
## 2
                    SocialWorkers
                                    228
## 3
                  GroupCounseling
                                     92
## 4
                     HumanFemales
                                     79
## 5
                    FamilyTherapy
                                     72
## 6
                  FamilyRelations
                                     71
## 7
             SocialWorkEducation
                                     67
## 8
      PsychotherapeuticProcesses
                                     65
## 9
                          Parents
                                     63
## 10
              GroupPsychotherapy
                                     62
##
## $`8`
##
                        x Freq
## 1
          SocialCasework
                           977
## 2
           SocialWorkers
                           377
## 3
          SocialServices
                          194
## 4
         GroupCounseling
                           160
           SocialSupport
## 5
                           148
## 6
              ChildAbuse
                           140
## 7
         FamilyRelations
                           135
##
  8
      GroupPsychotherapy
                           119
## 9
           FamilyTherapy
                           118
## 10
         MentalDisorders
                           111
##
## $`9`
##
                         x Freq
## 1
           SocialCasework 1118
## 2
            SocialWorkers 550
## 3
      SocialWorkEducation
                            279
## 4
           SocialServices
                            277
## 5
             ChildWelfare
                            198
## 6
                ChildAbuse
                            172
## 7
            SocialSupport
                            163
## 8
               Caregivers
                            159
## 9
                DrugAbuse
                            145
## 10
        CommunityServices
                            139
##
## $`10`
##
                         x Freq
## 1
           SocialCasework 2927
## 2
            SocialWorkers 1731
## 3
      SocialWorkEducation 1242
## 4
           SocialServices 620
```

```
## 5 ChildWelfare 573
## 6 Aging 369
## 7 Intervention 363
## 8 Family 343
## 9 HIV 321
## 10 Caregivers 317
```

10 CHILDHOODANDADOLESCENCE 236

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HIV 231

What are the most frequent topic areas (by author specified keywords)?

```
kp.df <- filter(pi.df, attributes == "KP")</pre>
subject.terms <- stringr::str_split(kp.df$record, pattern = ";")</pre>
subject.terms <- unlist(lapply(subject.terms, function(x) gsub(" ", "", x)))</pre>
subject.terms.total <- length(unlist(lapply(subject.terms,</pre>
                         function(x) gsub(" ", "", x))))
subject.terms.unique <- length(unique(subject.terms))</pre>
subject.terms.l <- list(subject.terms.total = subject.terms.total,</pre>
                       subject.terms.unique = subject.terms.unique)
most.frequent <- as.data.frame(table(subject.terms))</pre>
most.frequent <- arrange(most.frequent, desc(Freq))</pre>
# Print summary statistics
print(subject.terms.1)
$subject.terms.total
[1] 102493
$subject.terms.unique
[1] 46899
# Print 25 most frequent
head(most.frequent, 25)
             subject.terms Freq
             socialworkers 1766
1
                 socialwork 1757
3
       socialworkeducation 756
4
        socialworkpractice 538
5
             socialservices 340
6
        socialworkstudents 314
7
              mentalhealth 304
8
                   children 283
              childwelfare 255
```

```
12
            socialsupport 226
13
              riskfactors 200
14
             spirituality 199
15
           decisionmaking 188
16
               fostercare 187
17
                    aging 179
18
         domesticviolence 176
            socialjustice 176
19
20
               TECHNIQUES 175
21
             intervention 174
22
              adolescents 173
23
              METHODOLOGY 173
24
               SOCIALWORK 173
25
            CHILDGUIDANCE 167
```

### Most Frequent Author Keywords

```
decade <- filter(pi.df, attributes == "YR") %>%
    mutate(year = as.numeric(record)) %>% select(-record, -attributes)
decade$year <- cut(decade$year, breaks = 10, labels = c(1:10))</pre>
keywords <- pi.df \%>%
        filter(attributes == "KP") %>%
        select(articleID = articleID, keywords = record)
keywords.decade <- keywords %>%
         left_join(decade)
library(plyr)
keywords.data.split <- dlply(keywords.decade, .(year))</pre>
detach(package:plyr)
terms.f <- function(x){</pre>
    split.terms <- stringr::str_split(x[,"keywords"], pattern =";")</pre>
    clean.terms <- lapply(split.terms, function(x) gsub(" ", "", x))</pre>
    }
keywords.decade <- lapply(keywords.data.split, terms.f)</pre>
keywords.decade <- lapply(keywords.decade, unlist)</pre>
temp <- lapply(keywords.decade, function(x) data.frame(table(x)))</pre>
temp <- lapply(temp, function(x) arrange(x, desc(Freq)))</pre>
lapply(temp, function(x) head(x,10))
```

```
## $`2`
##
                                    x Freq
## 1
             CHILDHOODANDADOLESCENCE
                                       38
## 2 SOCIALFUNCTIONSOFTHEINDIVIDUAL
                                       27
## 3
                                       19
                               CHILD
## 4
           NERVOUSANDMENTALDISORDERS
                                       12
## 5
                         DELINQUENCY
                                        8
```

```
## 6
                               FAMILY
## 7
                       CHILDABILITIES
                                          6
## 8
     MOTHERATTITUDEANDBREASTFEEDING
                                          6
## 9
                          PERSONALITY
                                          5
## 10
                           ADJUSTMENT
##
## $`3`
##
                                             x Freq
## 1
                      CHILDHOODANDADOLESCENCE
## 2
      GENERALSOCIALPROCESSES (INCL.ESTHETICS)
## 3
                          FUNCTIONALDISORDERS
## 4
                                                 63
                                         CHILD
## 5
                                      GUIDANCE
                                                 63
## 6
                       CHILD(IV.MALADJUSTMENT
                                                 51
## 7
                                      THERAPY)
                                                 51
              CHILD (MALADJUSTMENTANDTHERAPY)
## 8
                                                 44
## 9
                                          WORK
                                                 35
## 10
                                   ADJUSTMENT
                                                 32
##
## $`4`
##
                      x Freq
## 1
            SOCIALWORK 121
## 2
         CHILDGUIDANCE 116
## 3
        SOCIALCASEWORK
## 4
            TECHNIQUES
## 5
           METHODOLOGY
## 6
      TREATMENTMETHODS
                          80
## 7
                  CASE
## 8
            COUNSELING
                          62
## 9
                SOCIAL
                          56
## 10
              GUIDANCE
                          55
##
## $`5`
##
                       x Freq
             TECHNIQUES
## 1
## 2
            METHODOLOGY
                           79
## 3
          SOCIALWELFARE
## 4
       TREATMENTMETHODS
                           42
                           39
## 5
                 FAMILY
## 6
             SOCIALWORK
                           39
## 7
          CHILDGUIDANCE
          PSYCHOTHERAPY
## 8
                           34
             COUNSELING
                           31
## 10 CRIME&DELINQUENCY
## $`6`
##
                         x Freq
## 1
                     India
                             23
## 2
            socialworkers
## 3
               socialwork
## 4
           social case work
                              9
## 5
                              7
                  clients
## 6
           SOCIALCASEWORK
                              5
## 7
               casereport
```

```
## 8
                  casework
## 9 COUNSELING&GUIDANCE
## 10
             grouptherapy
##
## $`7`
##
                                  x Freq
## 1
                      socialworkers
                              India
## 2
                                       83
## 3
                   literaturereview
## 4
         implicationsforsocialwork
## 5
                           children
## 6
                               aged
                                       21
## 7
                            elderly
                                       17
## 8
                         socialwork
                                       13
## 9
                 socialworkstudents
                                       13
## 10 implicationsforsocialworkers
##
## $`8`
##
                               x Freq
## 1
                                  178
                   socialworkers
## 2
         conferencepresentation
      implicationsforsocialwork
## 4
                                    62
               literaturereview
## 5
                          Israel
## 6
                      casereport
## 7
                         elderly
## 8
                         England
## 9
         socialworkimplications
## 10
                                    37
                           India
##
## $`9`
##
                            x Freq
## 1
               socialworkers
                               355
## 2
                   socialwork
                               317
## 3
          socialworkpractice
## 4
         socialworkeducation
## 5
                     children
                                79
## 6
                mentalhealth
                                62
## 7
          socialworkstudents
## 8
      conferencepresentation
              socialservices
## 10
                       Israel
                                52
## $`10`
##
                         x Freq
               socialwork 1411
## 1
##
            socialworkers 1124
##
      socialworkeducation
       socialworkpractice
                            401
## 5
           socialservices
                            283
## 6
             mentalhealth
                            236
## 7
       socialworkstudents
                            232
## 8
             childwelfare
                            214
## 9
                       HIV
                           210
```

### **Location of Studies**

```
LO.df <- filter(pi.df, attributes == "LO")
subject.terms <- stringr::str_split(LO.df$record, pattern = ";")</pre>
subject.terms <- unlist(lapply(subject.terms, function(x) gsub(" ", "", x)))</pre>
subject.terms.total <- length(unlist(lapply(subject.terms, function(x) gsub(" ", "", x))))</pre>
subject.terms.unique <- length(unique(subject.terms))</pre>
subject.terms.l <- list(subject.terms.total = subject.terms.total,</pre>
                        subject.terms.unique = subject.terms.unique)
most.frequent <- as.data.frame(table(subject.terms))</pre>
location <- arrange(most.frequent, desc(Freq))</pre>
print(subject.terms.l)
$subject.terms.total
[1] 11076
$subject.terms.unique
Γ17 204
print(location)
```

```
subject.terms Freq
                                US 5308
1
2
                      UnitedKingdom 696
3
                          Australia 558
4
                            Canada 542
5
                            Israel 448
                            England 388
6
7
                             India 232
                             Sweden 227
8
9
                           HongKong 216
                             China 158
10
11
                        SouthAfrica 115
12
                            Norway 101
13
                        NewZealand 97
                          Scotland 85
14
15
                             Wales 84
                            Ireland 83
16
17
                            Germany
                                     72
18
                            Finland
                                     70
                       Netherlands
19
                                     61
20
                            Denmark
                                     52
```

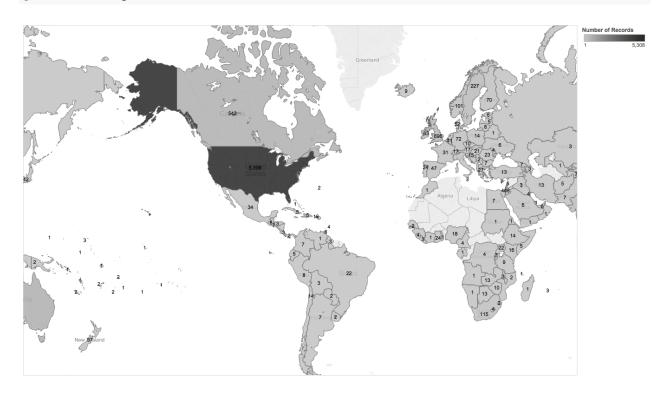
21	NorthernIreland	52
22	Spain	47
23	GreatBritain	45
24	Italy	44
25	Japan	42
26	Belgium	41
27	Singapore	41
28	Taiwan	41
29	Africa	38
30	Mexico	34
31	Europe	31
32	France	31
33	Greece	27
34	Russia	27
35	Ghana	24
36	Korea	24
37	Portugal	24
38	Romania	23
39	Brazil	22
40	Thailand	22
41	Uganda	22
42	Hungary	21
43	Asia	18
44	Nigeria	18
45	PuertoRico	18
46	SouthKorea	18
47	Vietnam	18
48	Austria	17
49	Switzerland	17
50	Kenya	16
51	Croatia	15
52	Chile	14
53	Ethiopia	14
54	NorthAmerica	14
55	Poland	14
56	Botswana	13
57	Iran	13
58	Turkey	13
59	Zambia	13
60	Malaysia	12
61	Slovenia	11
62	CzechRepublic	10
63	Zimbabwe	10
64	Bangladesh	9
65	Iceland	9
66	Tanzania	9
67	Guatemala	8
68	Lithuania	8
69	Luxembourg	8
70	Nepal	8
71	Peru	8
72	Philippines	8
73	Argentina	7
74	Bulgaria	7
		•

75	Caribbean	7
76	Colombia	7
77	Cyprus	7
78	Egypt	7
79	ElSalvador	7
80	Georgia	7
81	Jordan	7
82	Pakistan	7
83	Palestine	7
84	Rwanda	7
85	USSR	7
86	Albania	6
87	Estonia	6
88	SaudiArabia	6
89	SriLanka	6
90	${\tt TrinidadandTobago}$	6
91	Ukraine	6
92	${\tt UnitedArabEmirates}$	6
93	Afghanistan	5
94	Cambodia	5
95	Cuba	5
96	DominicanRepublic	5
97	Ecuador	5
98	Indonesia	5
99	Latvia	5
100	Lebanon	5
101	Mongolia	5
102	Slovakia	5
103	Somalia	5
104	Barbados	4
105	Cameroon	4
106	DemocraticRepublicofCongo	4
107	Kuwait	4
108	Lesotho	4
109	Moldova	4
110	Nicaragua	4
111	Oceania/PacificIslands	4
112	SierraLeone	4
113	SouthAmerica	4
114	Azerbaijan	3
115	Bolivia	3
116	Bosnia-Herzegovina	3
117	Central America	3
118	CostaRica	3
119	Czechoslovakia	3
120	Guyana	3
121	Haiti	3
122	Honduras	3
123	Iraq	3
123	Jamaica	3
124	Jamaica Kazakhstan	3
126	kazakhstan Liberia	3
126	Malawi	3
128	Malawi Malta	3
ı∠ŏ	Malta	3

129	MarshallIslands	3
130	Mauritius	3
131	Tajikistan	3
132	Yugoslavia	3
133	Appalachia	2
134	Bermuda	2
135	Bhutan	2
136	EasternEurope	2
137	Fiji	2
138	Gambia	2
139	Kyrgyzstan	2
140	MiddleEast	2
141	Mozambique	2
142	Myanmar	2
143	NewCaledonia	2
144	Palau	2
145	Panama	2
146	PapuaNewGuinea	2
147	Paraguay	2
148	RepublicofSerbia	2
149	Samoa	2
150	Scandinavia	2
151	Swaziland	2
152	Tonga	2
153	Uruguay	2
154	WesternEurope	2
155	Angola	1
156	Armenia	1
157	Bahamas	1
158	Bahrain	1
159	BalticStates	1
160	Belarus	1
161	Brunei	1
162	Burundi	1
163	ChannelIslands	1
164	CommonwealthofIndependentStates	1
165	Comoros	1
166	ConkIslands	1
167	Eritrea	1
168		1
169	FrenchPolynesia Gabon	1
170	Grenada	1
171	Guinea	1
172	IvoryCoast Kiribati	1
173		1
174	Laos	1
175	LatinAmerica	1
176	Liechtenstein	1
177	Macau	1
178	Macedonia	1
179	Madagascar	1
180	Maldives	1
181	Micronesia (FederatedStatesof)	1
182	Morocco	1

183	Namibia	1
184	Nauru	1
185	Niue	1
186	NorthKorea	1
187	Oman	1
188	Qatar	1
189	RepublicofCongo	1
190	Senegal	1
191	${\tt Serbia}$ and ${\tt Montenegro}$	1
192	SlovakRepublic	1
193	SolomonIslands	1
194	StKitts	1
195	Sudan	1
196	Togo	1
197	Tuvalu	1
198	USVirginIslands	1
199	Uzbekistan	1
200	Vanuatu	1
201	Venezuela	1
202	WestBank	1
203	WestIndies	1
204	Yemen	1

img2 <- readPNG("/Users/beperron/Git/SocialWorkResearch/Chloro.png")
grid.raster(img2)</pre>



Location of studies over time

```
top.10.countries <- head(location, 10)</pre>
top.10.countries <- top.10.countries$subject.terms</pre>
top.10.countries <- levels(droplevels(top.10.countries))</pre>
year <- filter(pi.df, attributes == "YR") %>%
    mutate(year = as.numeric(record)) %% select(-record, -attributes)
location <- pi.df %>%
        filter(attributes == "LO") %>%
        select(articleID = articleID, keywords = record) %>%
        filter(keywords %in% top.10.countries)
location.year <- location %>%
         left_join(year)
plot.article.cumulative <- ggplot(df, aes(x = years, y = cumsum(year.count))) +</pre>
    geom_line() +
    theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle=45, hjust=1)) +
    scale x continuous(breaks=pretty(df$years)) +
    xlab("year") +
    ylab("count") +
    scale_x_continuous(breaks = c(seq(1914,2014,10))) +
    scale_y_continuous(breaks = c(seq(0, 25000, 2500))) +
    ggtitle("Cumulative Frequency")
```

# Methodology

It is easy to explore some of the different fields within the PsychInfo data frame. For example, each record has one or more subject terms (from the article keywords). The total number, unique number, and most frequently occurring key words can be easily computed.

```
print(subject.terms.l)

$subject.terms.total
[1] 25380

$subject.terms.unique
[1] 21

print(most.frequent.t)
```

```
subject.terms Freq
                   EmpiricalStudy 11741
1
2
                QuantitativeStudy 4296
3
                 QualitativeStudy 3455
4
                         Interview 2300
5
                 LiteratureReview
                                     879
6
                LongitudinalStudy
                                     584
7
                        FocusGroup
                                     469
8
                ClinicalCaseStudy
                                     423
9
             NonclinicalCaseStudy
                                     319
                    FollowupStudy
                                     288
10
11
                        FieldStudy
                                     133
12
                 SystematicReview
                                     109
13
               RetrospectiveStudy
                                     100
14 TreatmentOutcome/ClinicalTrial
                                      84
15
                 ProspectiveStudy
                                      69
16
                                      63
                      MetaAnalysis
17
                MathematicalModel
                                      34
                                      27
18
          ExperimentalReplication
19
             {\tt ScientificSimulation}
                                       5
20
                      BrainImaging
                                       1
21
                         TwinStudy
```

### Methodology

```
decade <- filter(pi.df, attributes == "YR") %>%
    mutate(year = as.numeric(record)) %>% select(-record, -attributes)

decade$year <- cut(decade$year, breaks = 20, labels = c(1:20))

keywords <- pi.df %>%
    filter(attributes == "MD") %>%
    select(articleID = articleID, keywords = record)

keywords.decade <- keywords %>%
    left_join(decade)
```

## Joining by: "articleID"

# library(plyr) ## You have loaded plyr after dplyr - this is likely to cause problems. ## If you need functions from both plyr and dplyr, please load plyr first, then dplyr: ## library(plyr); library(dplyr) ## ## Attaching package: 'plyr' ## The following objects are masked from 'package:dplyr': ## ## arrange, count, desc, failwith, id, mutate, rename, summarise, ## summarize keywords.data.split <- dlply(keywords.decade, .(year))</pre> detach(package:plyr) terms.f <- function(x){</pre> split.terms <- stringr::str\_split(x[,"keywords"], pattern =";")</pre> clean.terms <- lapply(split.terms, function(x) gsub(" ", "", x))</pre> } keywords.decade <- lapply(keywords.data.split, terms.f)</pre> keywords.decade <- lapply(keywords.decade, unlist)</pre> lapply(keywords.decade, function(x) length(unique(x))) ## \$`4` ## [1] 1 ## ## \$`5` ## [1] 1 ## \$`6` ## [1] 1 ## ## \$`7` ## [1] 1 ## \$`8` ## [1] 1 ## ## \$`9` ## [1] 1 ## ## \$`10` ## [1] 5 ## \$`11`

## [1] 6 ## ## \$`12`

```
## [1] 6
##
## $`13`
## [1] 5
## $`14`
## [1] 8
##
## $`15`
## [1] 10
## $`16`
## [1] 8
##
## $`17`
## [1] 16
##
## $`18`
## [1] 16
## $`19`
## [1] 18
##
## $`20`
## [1] 21
temp <- lapply(keywords.decade, function(x) data.frame(table(x)))</pre>
temp <- lapply(temp, function(x) arrange(x, desc(Freq)))</pre>
lapply(temp, function(x) head(x,10))
## $`4`
##
             x Freq
## 1 Interview
## $`5`
             x Freq
## 1 Interview
## $`6`
             x Freq
## 1 Interview
## $`7`
##
             x Freq
## 1 Interview
##
## $`8`
##
             x Freq
## 1 Interview
##
## $`9`
##
             x Freq
## 1 Interview
##
```

```
## $`10`
##
                     x Freq
## 1
        EmpiricalStudy
## 2
             Interview
                           5
## 3 QuantitativeStudy
## 4 LiteratureReview
                           1
## 5 QualitativeStudy
##
## $\11\
##
                      x Freq
        EmpiricalStudy
                          20
## 2 QuantitativeStudy
                           8
## 3 ClinicalCaseStudy
## 4
                           5
             Interview
## 5
         FollowupStudy
                           3
## 6 LiteratureReview
##
## $`12`
##
                     x Freq
## 1 ClinicalCaseStudy
## 2 LiteratureReview
## 3
             Interview
## 4
        EmpiricalStudy
                           2
## 5
         FollowupStudy
## 6 LongitudinalStudy
## $`13`
                      x Freq
## 1 LiteratureReview
                          19
## 2 ClinicalCaseStudy
                           7
## 3
        EmpiricalStudy
## 4
         FollowupStudy
                           7
## 5
             Interview
                           2
##
## $\14\
                     x Freq
##
## 1
        EmpiricalStudy
## 2 LiteratureReview
## 3 ClinicalCaseStudy
## 4
                           6
         FollowupStudy
## 5
             Interview
## 6 LongitudinalStudy
                           1
## 7
          MetaAnalysis
                           1
## 8 SystematicReview
                           1
##
## $`15`
##
                                    x Freq
## 1
                       EmpiricalStudy
                                       960
## 2
                    ClinicalCaseStudy
                                        47
## 3
                    LiteratureReview
                                        30
## 4
                        FollowupStudy
                                        17
## 5
                            Interview
                                        10
## 6
                   LongitudinalStudy
                                         7
## 7
             ExperimentalReplication
```

```
## 8
                         MetaAnalysis
      TreatmentOutcome/ClinicalTrial
                                          2
## 10
                 NonclinicalCaseStudy
##
##
  $`16`
##
                            x Freq
## 1
              EmpiricalStudy 1052
## 2
            LiteratureReview
##
                FollowupStudy
                                 24
## 4
           ClinicalCaseStudy
                                 21
## 5
           LongitudinalStudy
                                 20
## 6
                                  9
                    Interview
##
                 MetaAnalysis
                                  3
## 8 ExperimentalReplication
## $`17`
##
                                     x Freq
                       EmpiricalStudy 1114
## 1
## 2
                     LiteratureReview
                                         70
## 3
                    LongitudinalStudy
                                         56
## 4
                    ClinicalCaseStudy
                                         42
## 5
                        FollowupStudy
                                         29
                 NonclinicalCaseStudy
## 6
                                         26
      TreatmentOutcome/ClinicalTrial
                                         15
## 8
                                         10
                            Interview
## 9
             ExperimentalReplication
                                          5
## 10
                     QualitativeStudy
                                          5
## $`18`
##
                                     x Freq
## 1
                       EmpiricalStudy 1757
##
                    QuantitativeStudy
                                        487
## 3
                     QualitativeStudy
                                        372
## 4
                     LiteratureReview
                                        184
## 5
                 NonclinicalCaseStudy
                                         81
## 6
                    ClinicalCaseStudy
                                         72
                    LongitudinalStudy
## 7
                                         72
## 8
                        FollowupStudy
                                         40
## 9
                             Interview
                                         28
## 10 TreatmentOutcome/ClinicalTrial
                                         20
## $`19`
##
                          x Freq
## 1
            EmpiricalStudy 2682
## 2
         QuantitativeStudy 1671
## 3
          QualitativeStudy 1220
## 4
          LiteratureReview
                            176
## 5
                  Interview
                             158
## 6
         LongitudinalStudy
                             154
## 7
         ClinicalCaseStudy
## 8
      NonclinicalCaseStudy
                              89
## 9
             FollowupStudy
                               61
## 10
                 FocusGroup
                               30
##
```

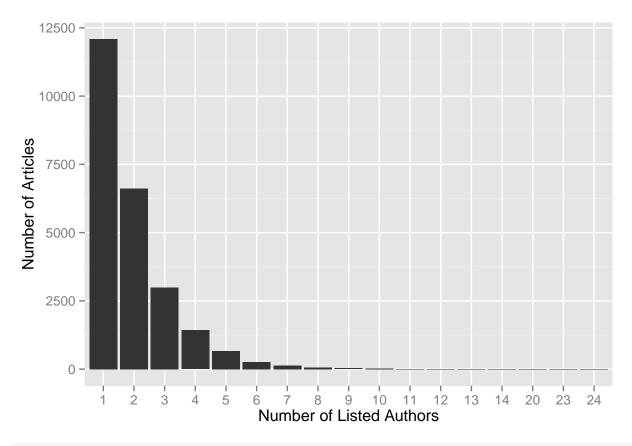
```
## $`20`
##
                        x Freq
## 1
           EmpiricalStudy 3603
        QuantitativeStudy 2122
## 2
## 3
                Interview 2028
## 4
         QualitativeStudy 1857
## 5
               FocusGroup 428
         LiteratureReview 300
## 6
## 7
        LongitudinalStudy 273
## 8 NonclinicalCaseStudy 122
               FieldStudy 116
## 10
        ClinicalCaseStudy 101
```

### Number of authors

```
n.authors.article <- pi.df %>%
    filter(attributes == "AU") %>%
    select(id = articleID, author= record) %>%
    mutate(id = as.numeric(id))

n_authors <- n.authors.article %>%
        group_by(id) %>%
        summarise(n = n())

ggplot(n_authors, aes(x = factor(n))) +
    geom_bar() +
    stat_bin(binwidth=1) +
    xlab("Number of Listed Authors") +
    ylab("Number of Articles")
```



### summary(n\_authors\$n)

```
Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max. 1.00 1.00 2.00 1.94 2.00 24.00
```

### Number of authors over time

This figure shows the average number of authors, along with the standard deviation as the ribbon around the average. Note that there is a possible problem in these data, with a single article listing a huge number. That can be corrected at a later time.

```
group_by(year) %>%
       summarise(median.n = median(n),
                average.n = mean(n),
                min.n = min(n),
                \max.n = \max(n),
                std.dev = sd(n))
plot.author.count2 <- ggplot(n_authors, aes(as.numeric(year), y=average.n, group=1)) +</pre>
   geom_line(colour="black") +
   geom_ribbon(aes(ymin = average.n-std.dev, ymax=average.n+std.dev), alpha=.2)
head(n_authors, 20)
Source: local data frame [20 x 6]
  year median.n average.n min.n max.n std.dev
1 1914
             1
                   1.000
                            1
                                 1
2 1915
                   1.000
                                        NA
             1
                            1
                                 1
3 1918
                  1.000
                                        NA
             1
                            1
                                1
4 1928
                  1.000
                                 1 0.0000
             1
                            1
                  1.000
5 1929
             1
                            1
                                1
                                        NA
6 1930
                                1 0.0000
             1
                  1.000
                          1
7 1931
             1
                  1.267
                            1
                                2 0.4577
8 1932
                                2 0.2774
             1
                  1.077
                            1
9 1933
             1
                 2.600
                            1
                                23 5.6543
10 1934
             1
                 1.143
                           1
                                2 0.3780
                                2 0.4082
11 1935
             1
                  1.167
                            1
12 1936
             2
                  1.750
                            1
                                 3 0.7071
13 1937
             1
                  1.152
                            1
                                 4 0.5658
14 1938
             1
                 1.632
                          1
                                6 1.3000
15 1939
                                3 0.3082
                  1.070
             1
                            1
16 1940
                  1.111
                            1
                                 3 0.4237
             1
17 1941
             1
                 1.118
                            1
                                3 0.4093
18 1942
             1
                  1.139
                            1
                                5 0.6825
                                4 0.4804
19 1943
             1
                   1.077
                            1
20 1944
             1
                   1.000
                            1
                                1 0.0000
```

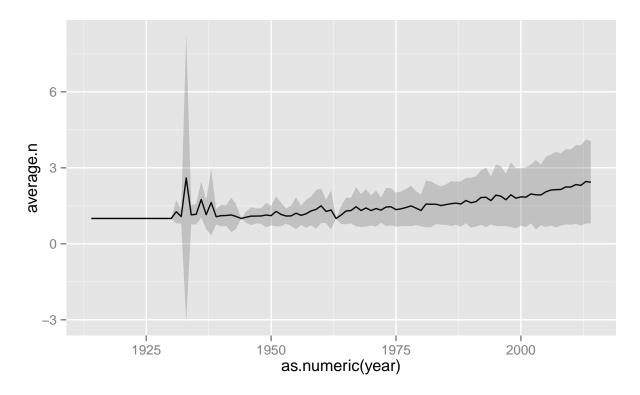
Source: local data frame [20 x 6]

tail(n\_authors, 20)

year median.n average.n min.n max.n std.dev 1 1995 2 1.921 1 8 1.214 2 1.185 2 1996 1.879 1 3 1997 1.739 6 1.038 1 1 4 1998 2 1.934 1 9 1.271 5 1999 1.800 9 1.185 1 1 6 2000 2 1.853 1 8 1.138 7 2001 1 1.842 8 1.179 1 8 2002 2 1.966 1 7 1.155 9 2003 2 1.936 20 1.371 1 10 2004 2 1.928 1 8 1.201 11 2005 11 1.388 2 2.053 1

```
12 2006
                2
                       2.122
                                        12
                                              1.402
13 2007
                2
                       2.138
                                        14
                                              1.488
                                   1
                2
                                              1.429
14 2008
                       2.145
                                   1
                                        12
                2
                                              1.486
15 2009
                       2.246
                                        12
                                   1
16 2010
                 2
                       2.241
                                   1
                                        12
                                              1.488
                2
                                        13
                                              1.555
17 2011
                       2.340
                                   1
18 2012
                 2
                                   1
                                        24
                                              1.583
                       2.305
                 2
                                              1.660
19 2013
                       2.459
                                   1
                                        14
20 2014
                 2
                       2.430
                                        12
                                              1.618
```

plot.author.count2



# How Many International Contributors?

This section shows a proof of concept – that is, we can potentially extract all the countries from the author affiliation AF tag in the data set. This involves using a set of regular expressions for the extraction. Here I have hard-coded a few countries, but I can obtain a file of all countries and use that to automate the process. We will need to look at the raw data to ensure that the author affiliations have remained in a consistent format throughtout the entirety of the study.

```
affiliations <- data.frame(cbind(df.affiliations,us.aff))
ggplot(data=df.affiliations, aes(x = factor(us.aff))) + geom_bar()</pre>
```

