

## Recap From Last Time:

- What is R and why should we use it?
- Familiarity with R's basic syntax.
- Familiarity with major R data structures namely **vectors** and **data.frames**.
- Understand the basics of using **functions** (arguments, vectorization and re-cycling).
- Appreciate how you can use R scripts to aid with reproducibility.

[MPA Link]

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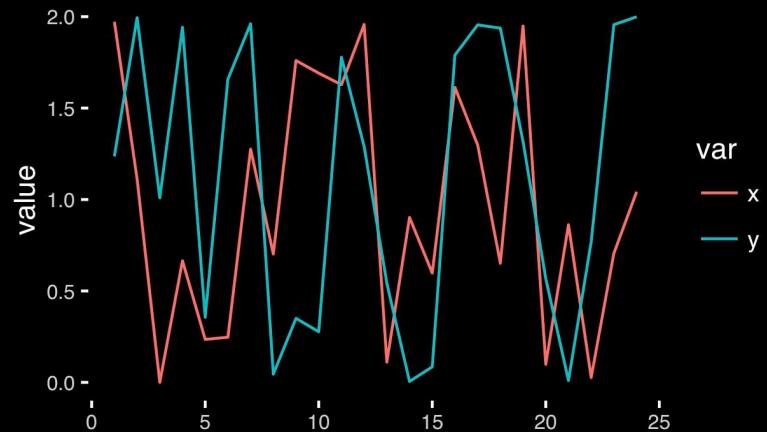
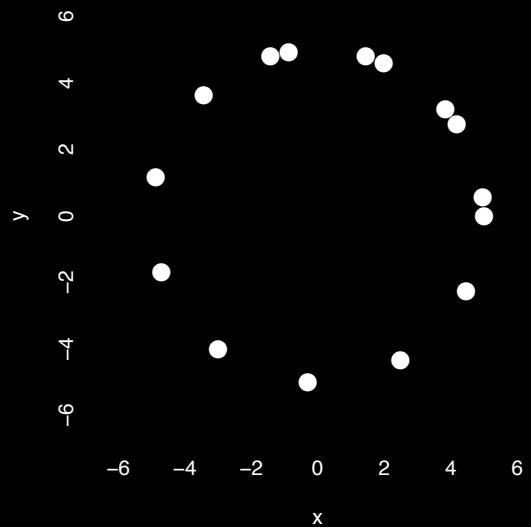
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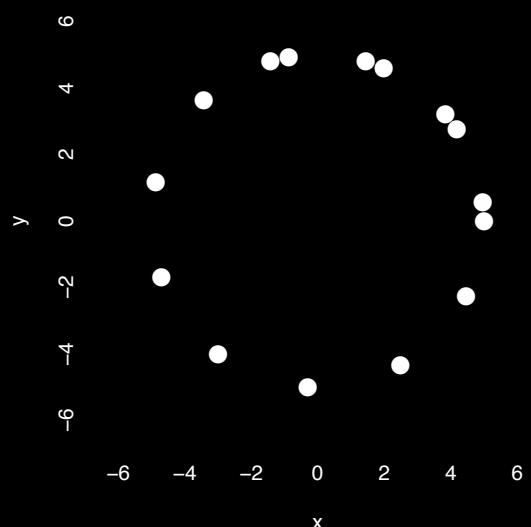
# Why visualize at all?

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<b>3</b>	1.98	4.59
<b>4</b>	-0.86	4.92
<b>5</b>	-3.43	3.64
<b>6</b>	-4.86	1.16
<b>7</b>	-4.70	-1.70
<b>8</b>	-2.99	-4.01
<b>9</b>	-0.30	-4.99
<b>10</b>	2.49	-4.34
<b>11</b>	4.46	-2.25
<b>12</b>	4.97	0.57
<b>13</b>	3.84	3.20
<b>14</b>	1.45	4.79
<b>15</b>	-1.42	4.79

	<b>x</b>	<b>y</b>
<b>Min.</b>	-4.86	-4.99
<b>1st Qu.</b>	-2.21	-1.98
<b>Median</b>	1.45	1.16
<b>Mean</b>	0.65	0.87
<b>3rd Qu.</b>	4.01	4.12
<b>Max.</b>	5.00	4.92



[https://bioboot.github.io/bggns18/class-material/05\\_draw\\_circle\\_points/](https://bioboot.github.io/bggns18/class-material/05_draw_circle_points/)

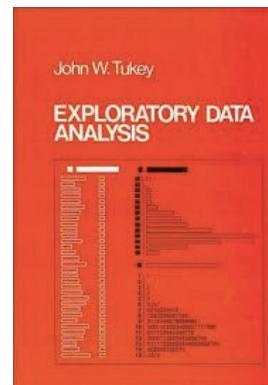


## Exploratory Data Analysis

- ALWAYS look at your data!
- If you can't see it, then don't believe it!
- Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) allows us to:
  1. Visualize distributions and relationships
  2. Detect errors
  3. Assess assumptions for confirmatory analysis
- EDA is the first step of data analysis!

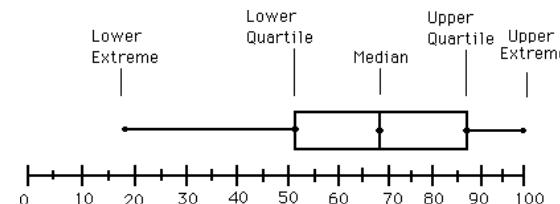
## Exploratory Data Analysis 1977

- Based on insights developed at Bell Labs in the 60's
- Techniques for visualizing and summarizing data
- What can the data tell us? (in contrast to "confirmatory" data analysis)
- Introduced many basic techniques:
  - 5-number summary, box plots, stem and leaf diagrams,...
- 5 Number summary:
  - extremes (min and max)
  - median & quartiles
  - More robust to skewed & longtailed distributions



## Side-note: boxplots

- **Box-and-whisker plot** : a graphical form of 5-number summary (Tukey)



```
boxplot( rnorm(1000,0) )
```

```
summary(); hist()
```

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## The Trouble with Summary Stats

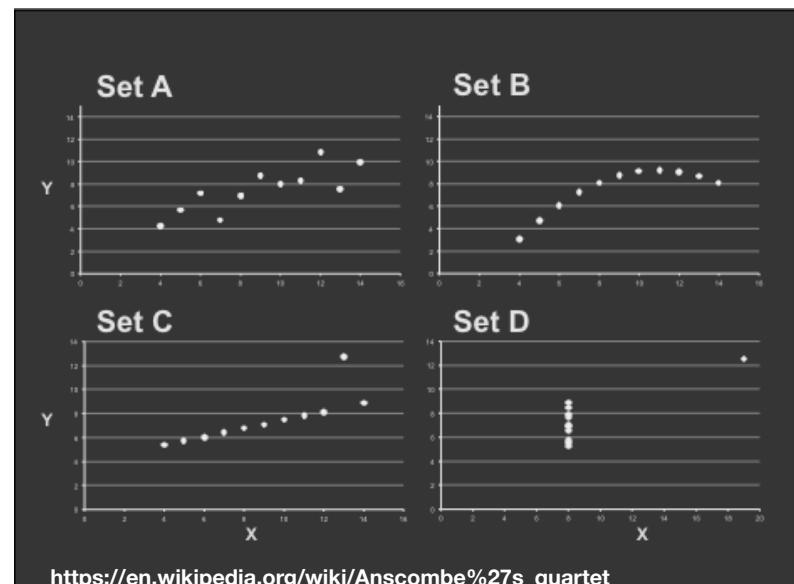
Set A		Set B		Set C		Set D	
X	Y	X	Y	X	Y	X	Y
10	8.04	10	9.14	10	7.46	8	6.58
8	6.95	8	8.14	8	6.77	8	5.76
13	7.58	13	8.74	13	12.74	8	7.71
9	8.81	9	8.77	9	7.11	8	8.84
11	8.33	11	9.26	11	7.81	8	8.47
14	9.96	14	8.1	14	8.84	8	7.04
6	7.24	6	6.13	6	6.08	8	5.25
4	4.26	4	3.1	4	5.39	19	12.5
12	10.84	12	9.11	12	8.15	8	5.56
7	4.82	7	7.26	7	6.42	8	7.91
5	5.68	5	4.74	5	5.73	8	6.89

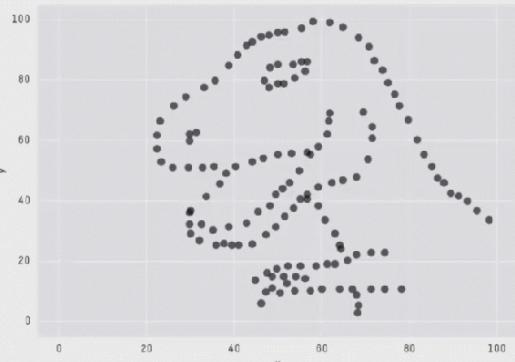
**Summary Statistics Linear Regression**

$u_x = 9.0 \quad \sigma_x = 3.317 \quad Y = 3 + 0.5 X$   
 $u_y = 7.5 \quad \sigma_y = 2.03 \quad R^2 = 0.67$

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## Looking at Data





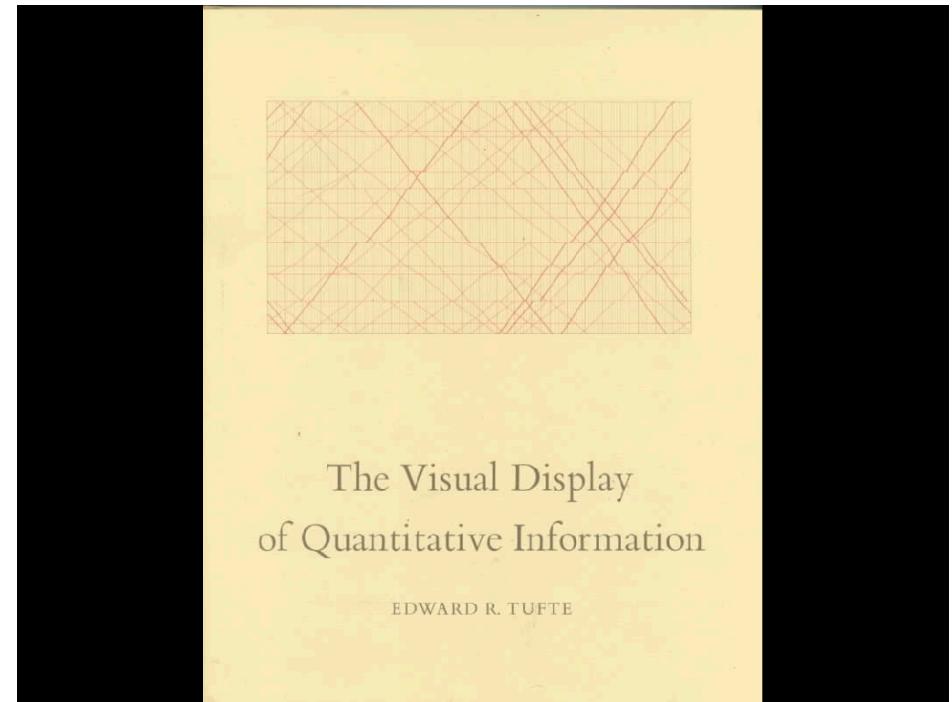
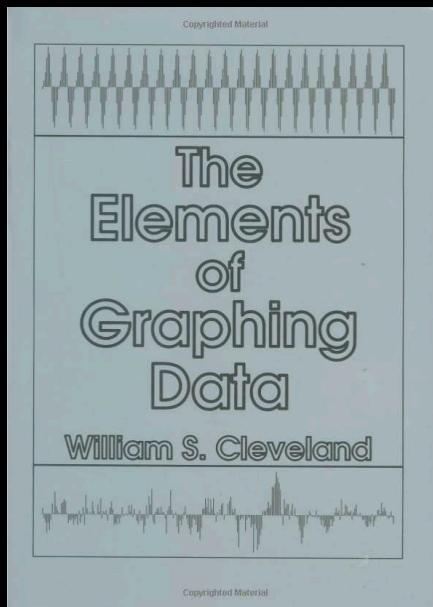
X Mean: 54.2659224  
 Y Mean: 47.8313999  
 X SD : 16.7649829  
 Y SD : 26.9342120  
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**Key point:** You need to visualize your data!

<https://github.com/stephlocke/datasauRus>

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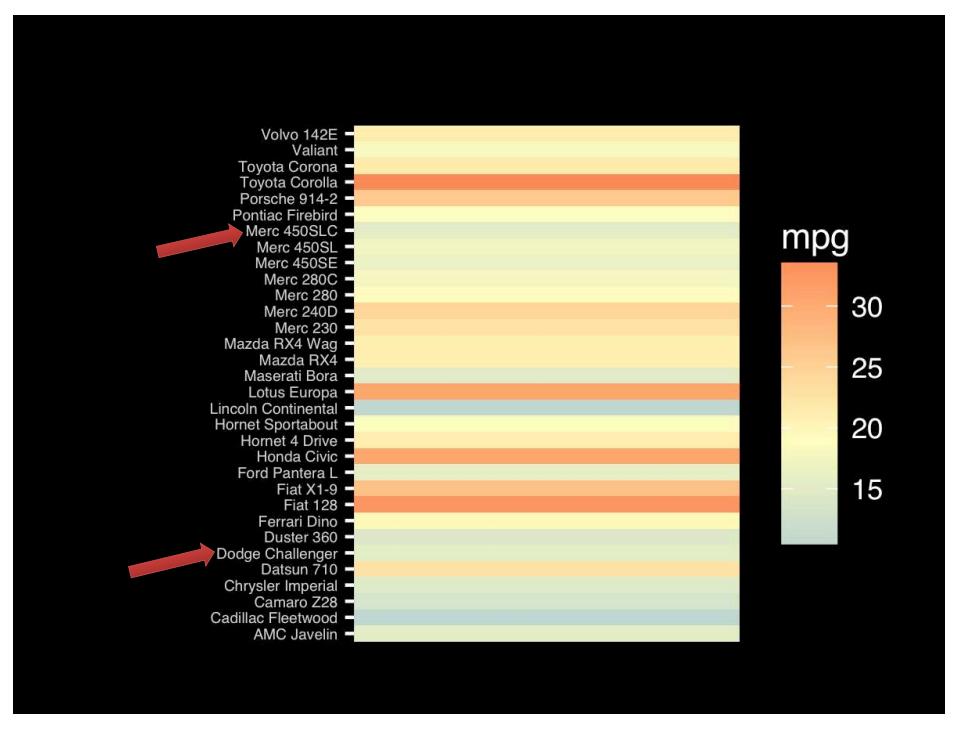
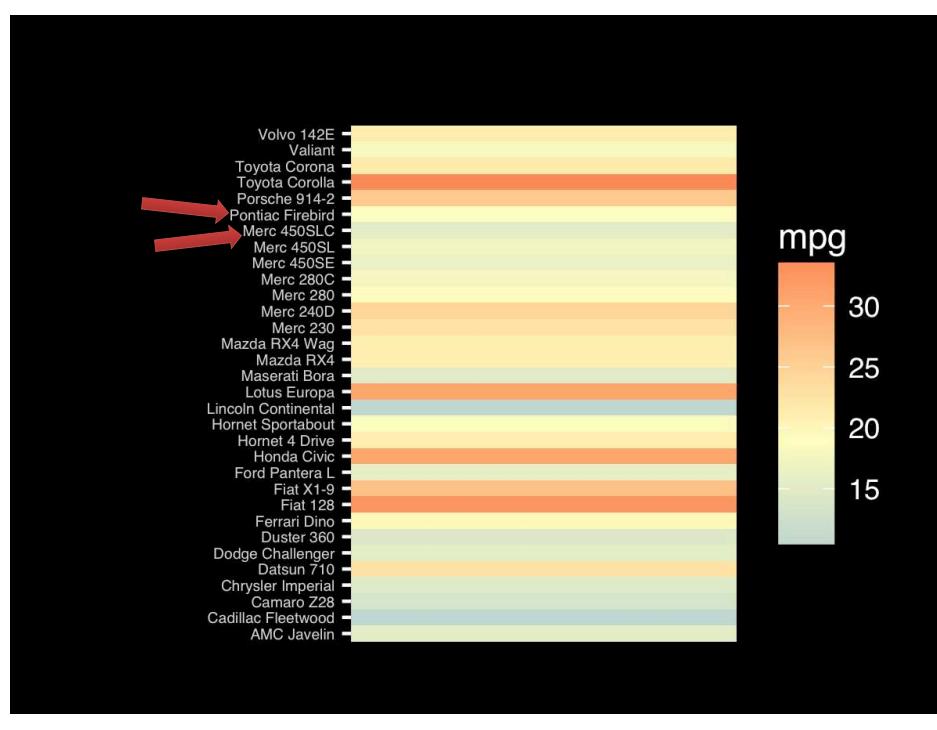
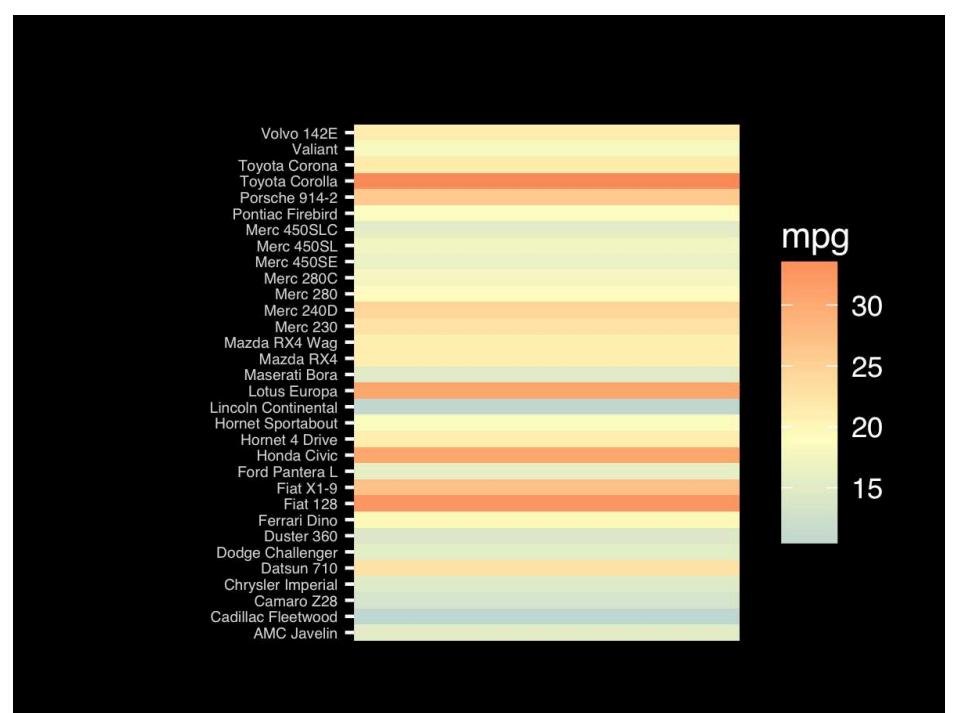
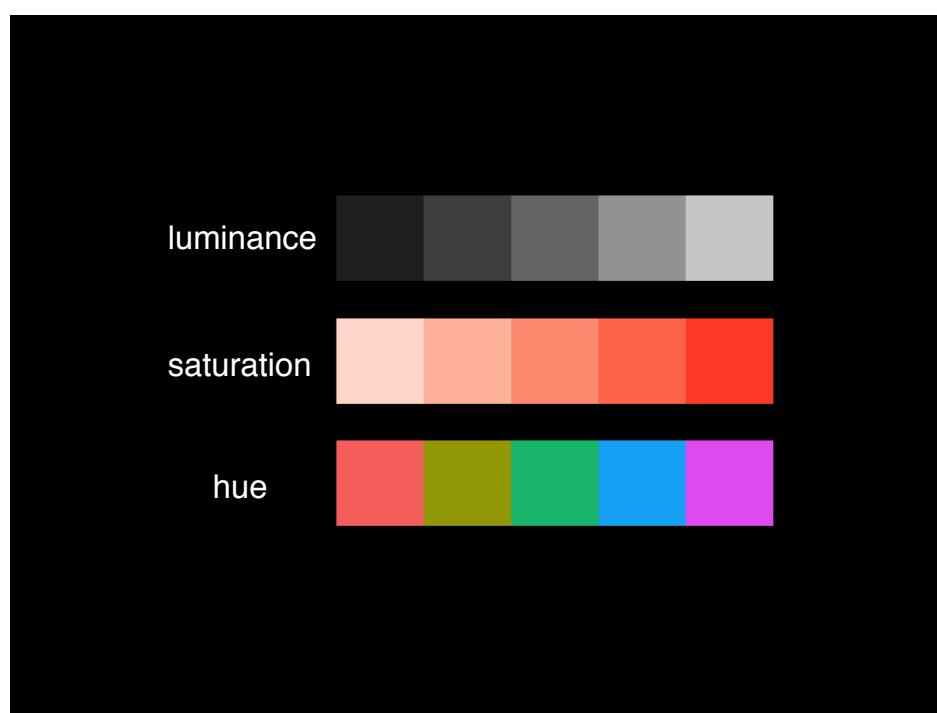
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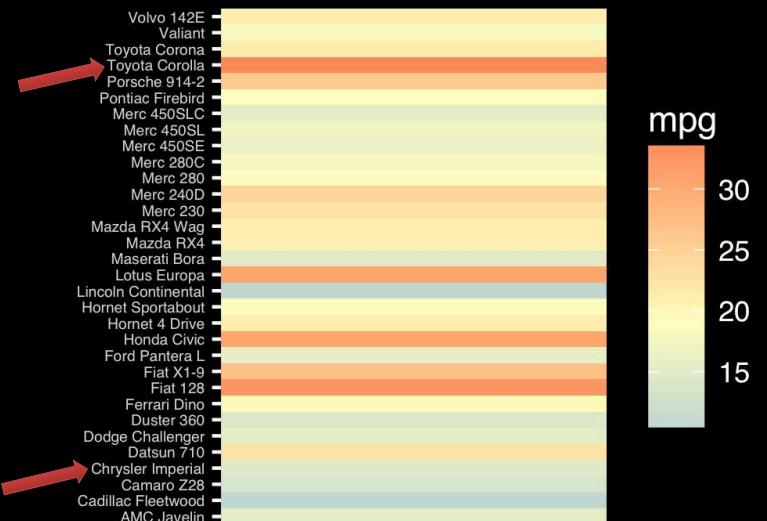
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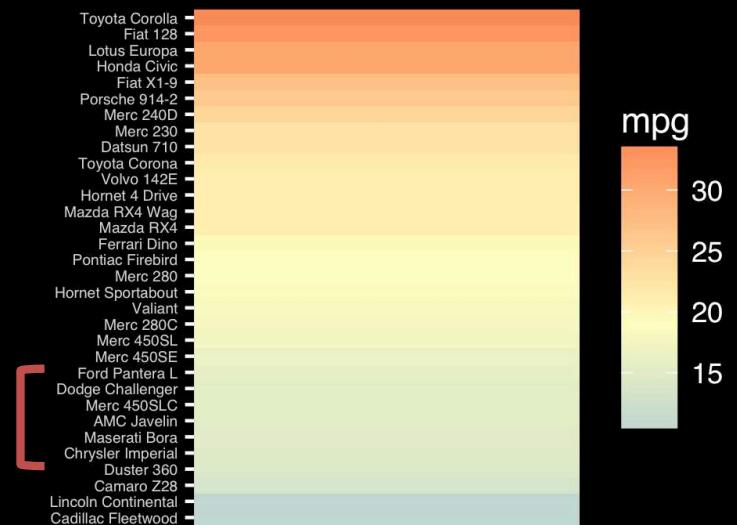
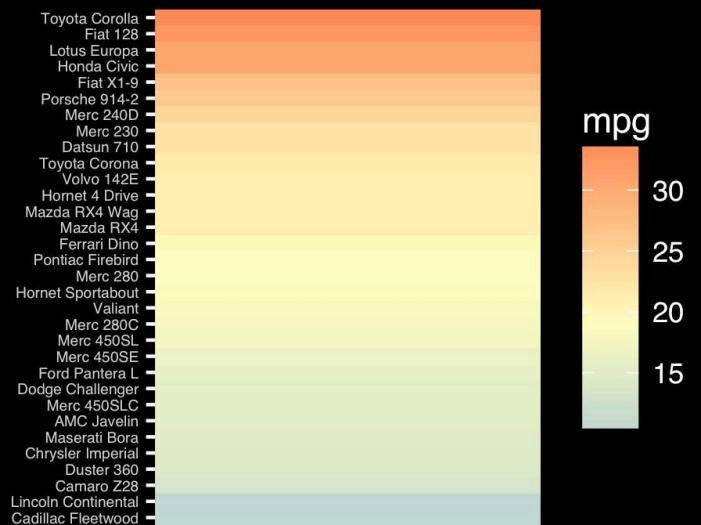
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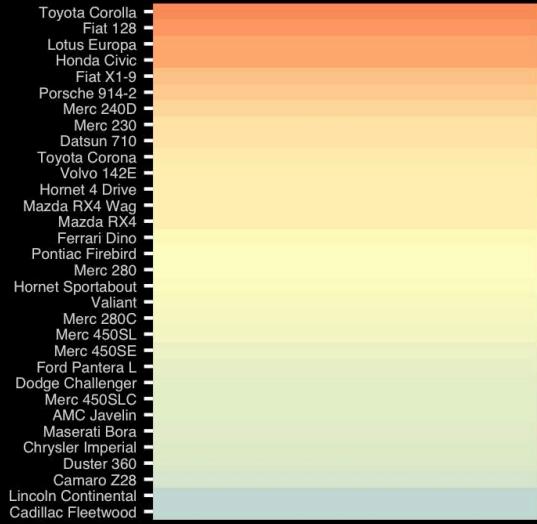
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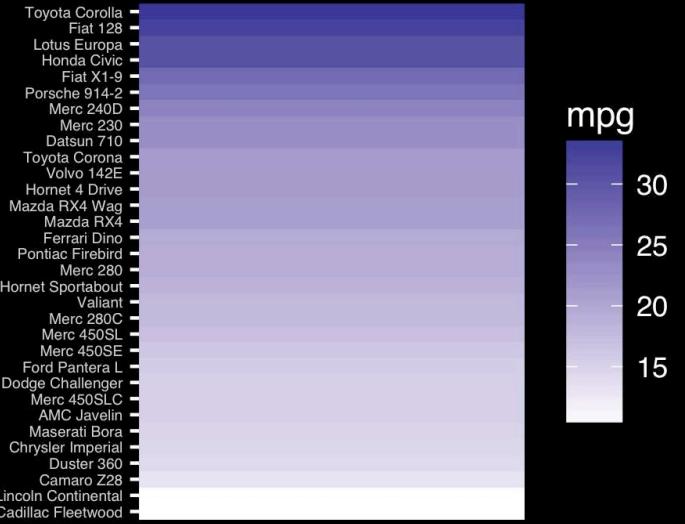


**Observation: Alphabetical is almost never the correct ordering of a categorical variable.**



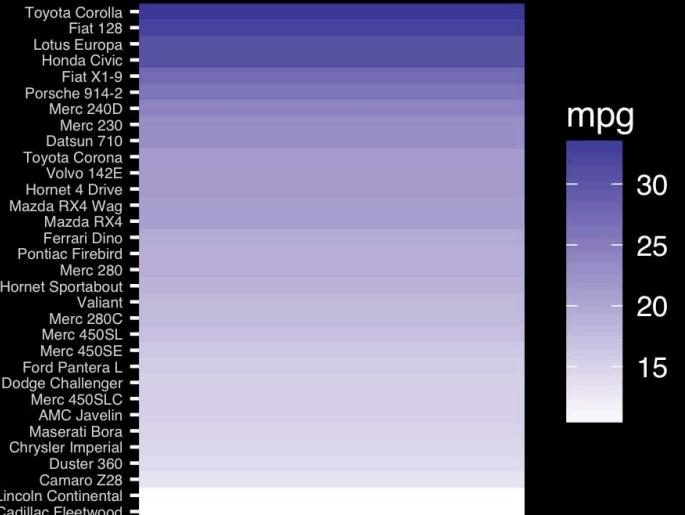


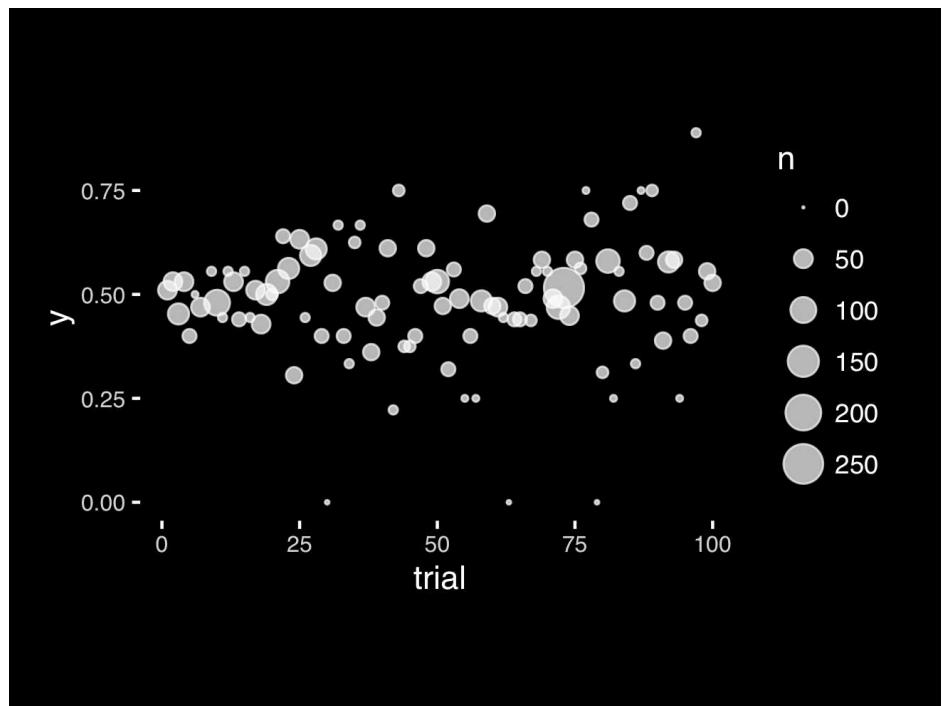
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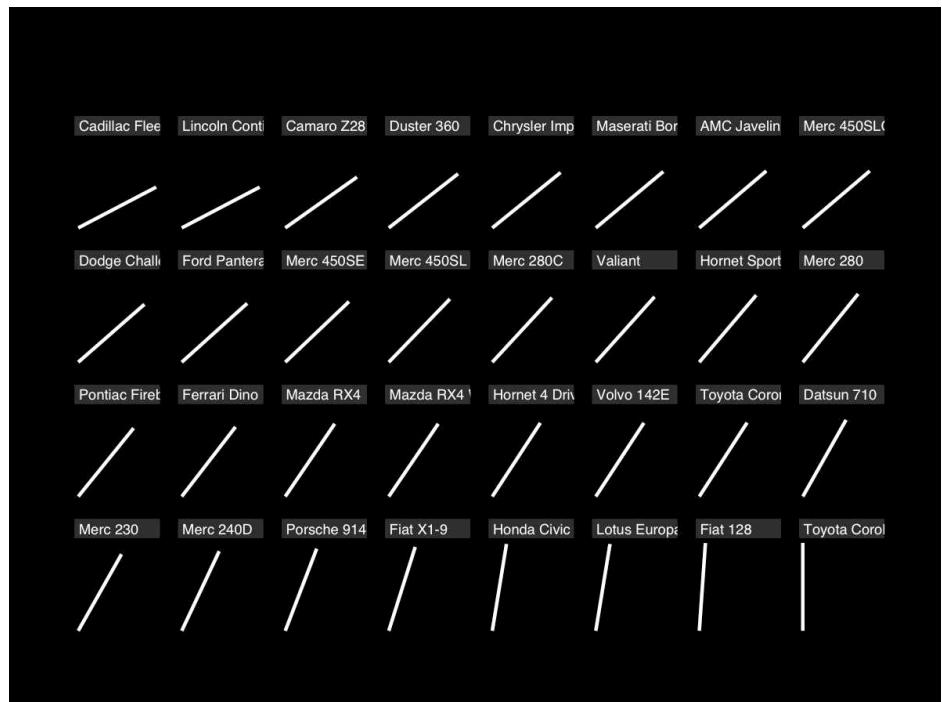
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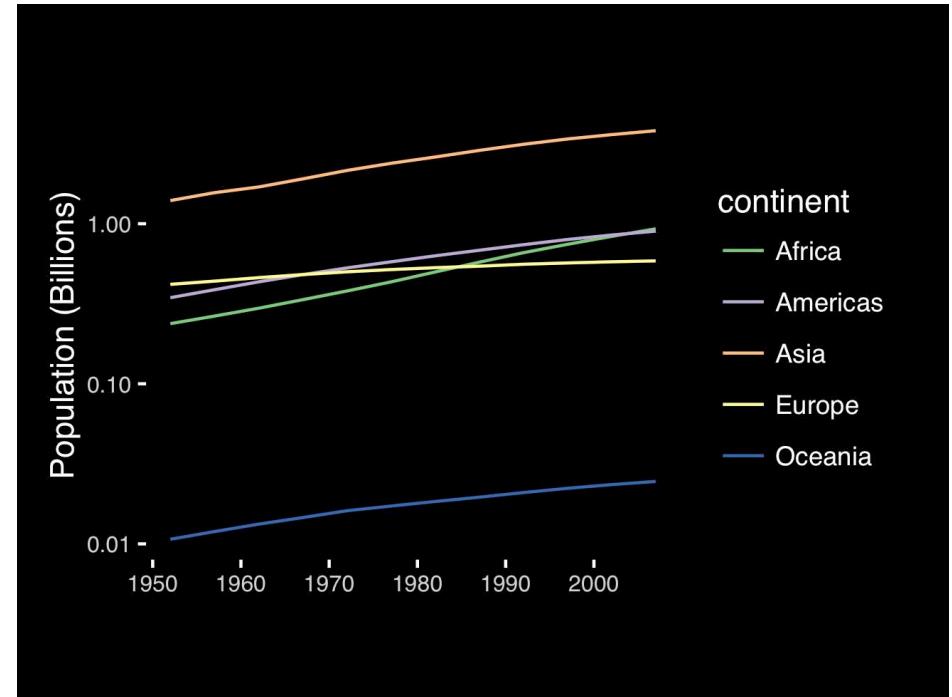
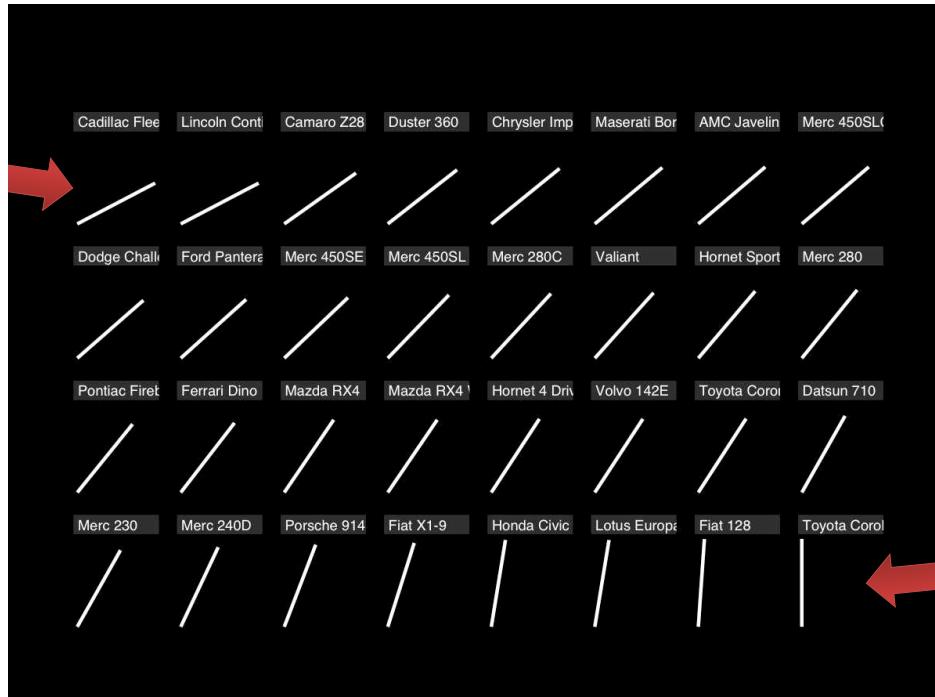




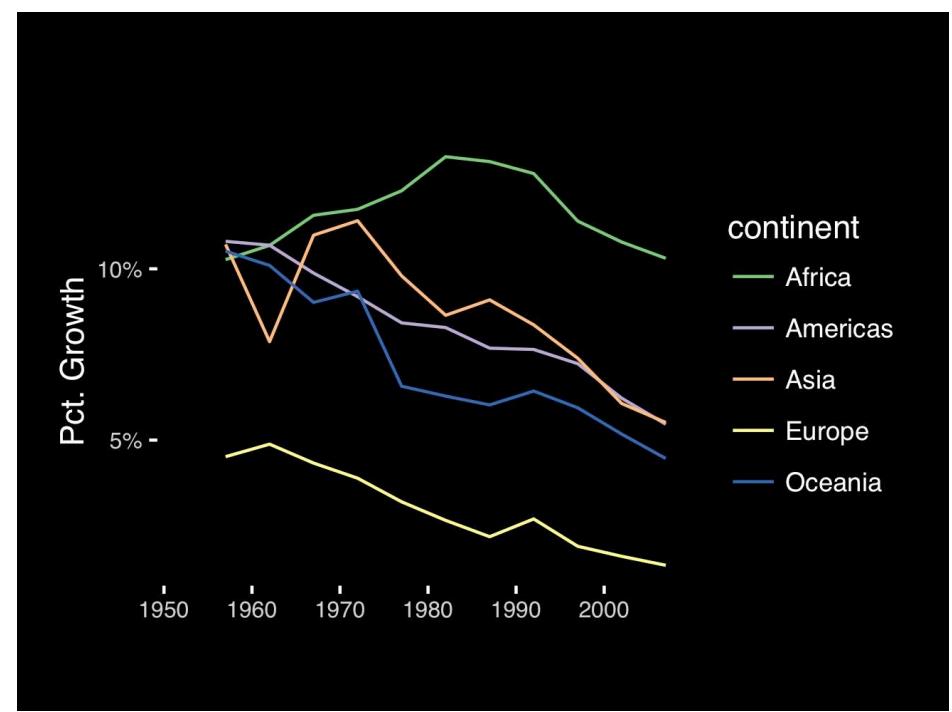
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If growth (slope) is important, plot it directly.



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Apart from MPAs :-)

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Donald Trump 47%  
Hillary Clinton 53%

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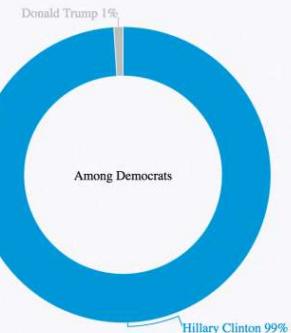
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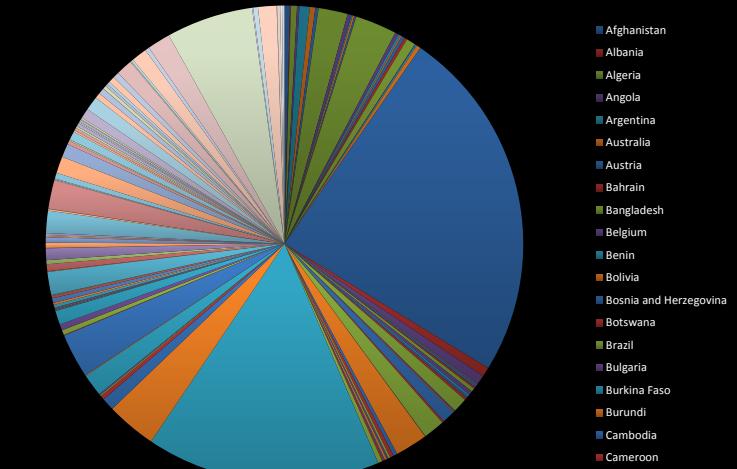
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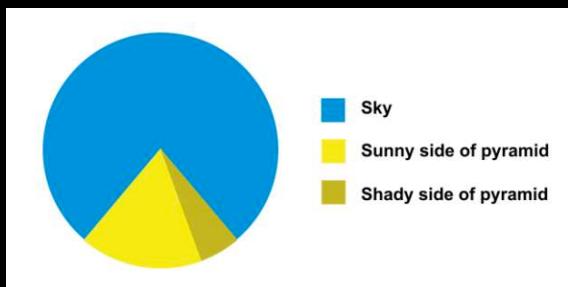
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	Clinton	Trump
Among Democrats	99%	1%
Among Republicans	53%	47%



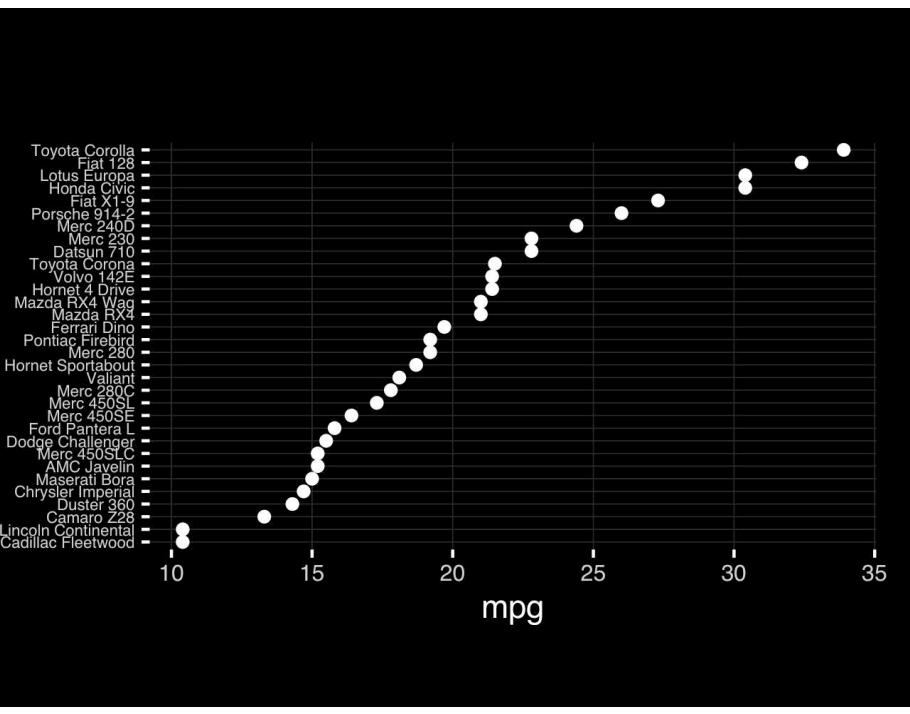
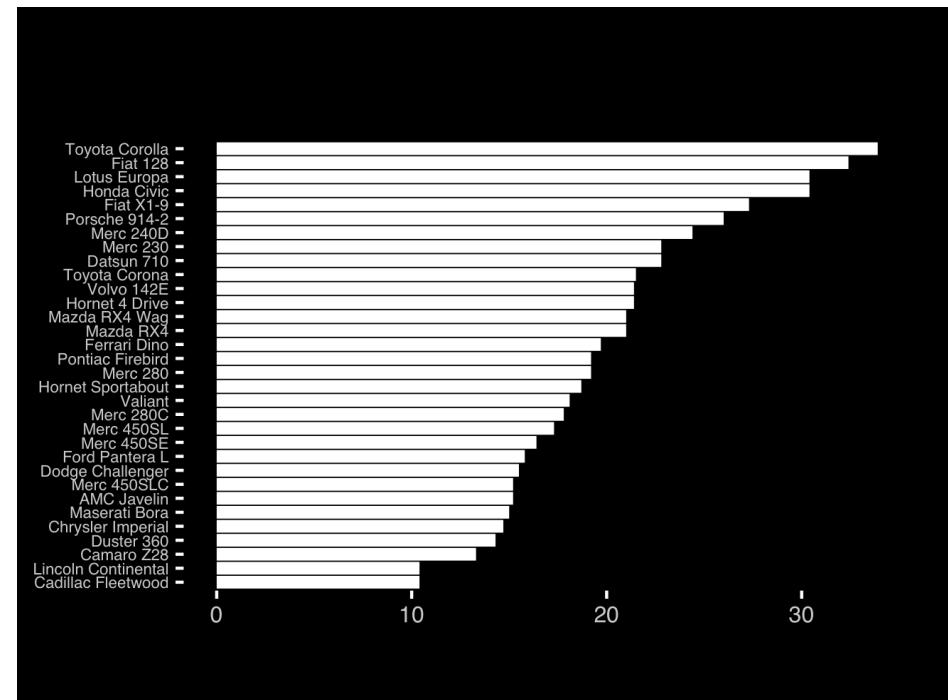
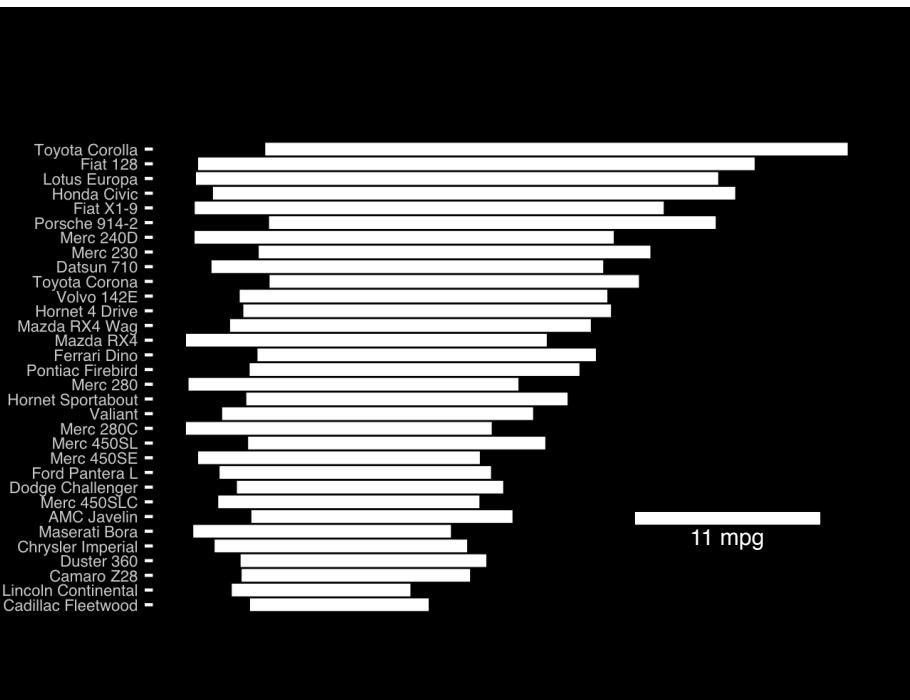
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All good pie charts are jokes...

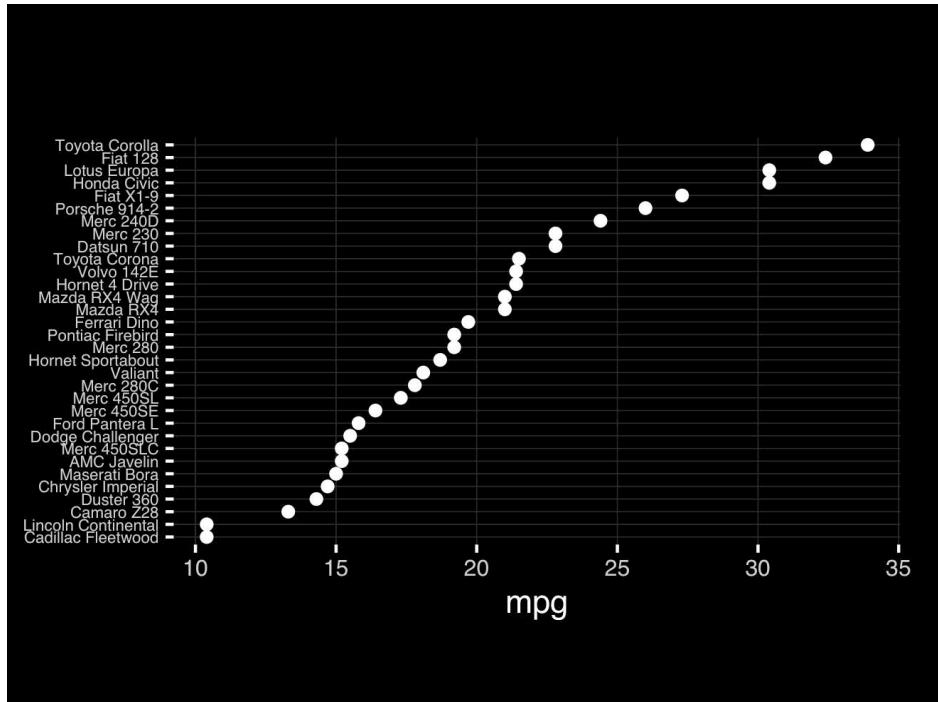
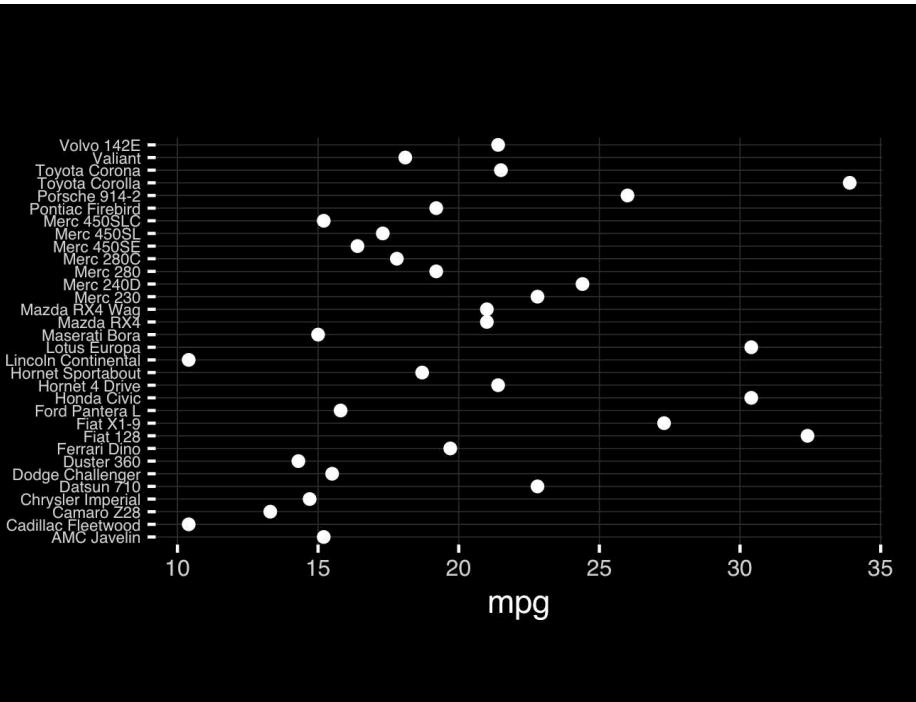


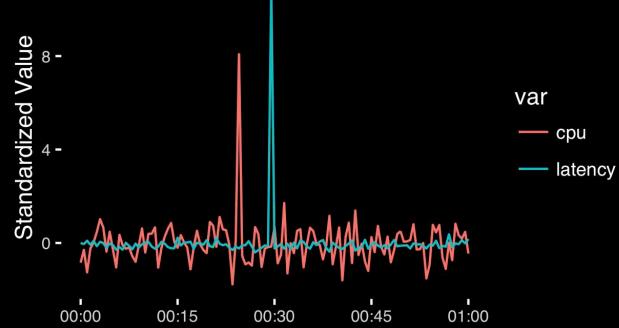
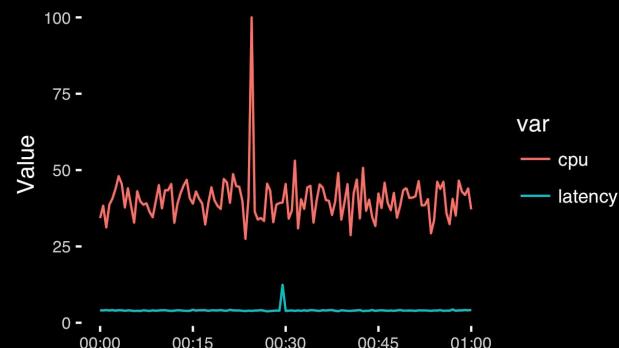
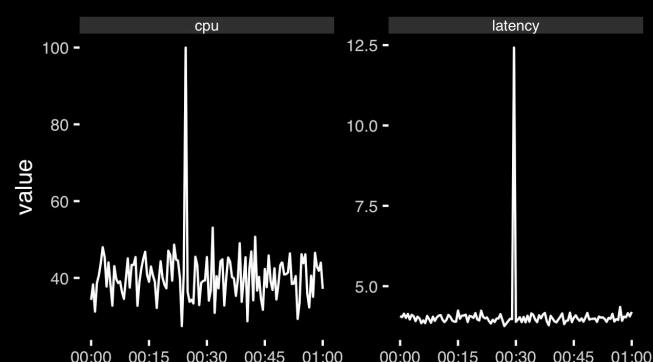
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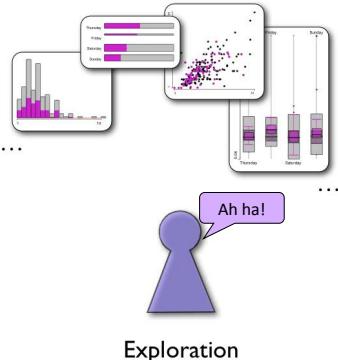
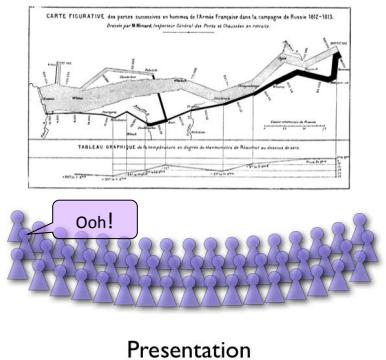
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# Different graphs for different purposes

**Exploratory graphs:** many images for a narrow audience (you!)

**Presentation graphs:** single image for a large audience



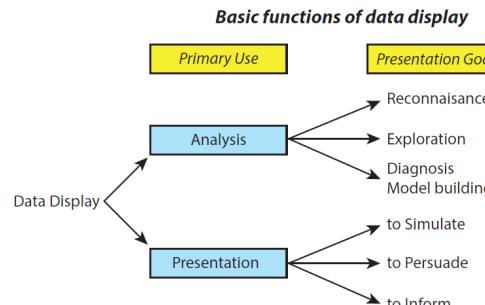
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# Roles of graphics in data analysis

- Graphs (& tables) are forms of communication:
  - What is the audience?
  - What is the message?

**Analysis graphs:** design to see patterns, trends, aid the process of data description, interpretation

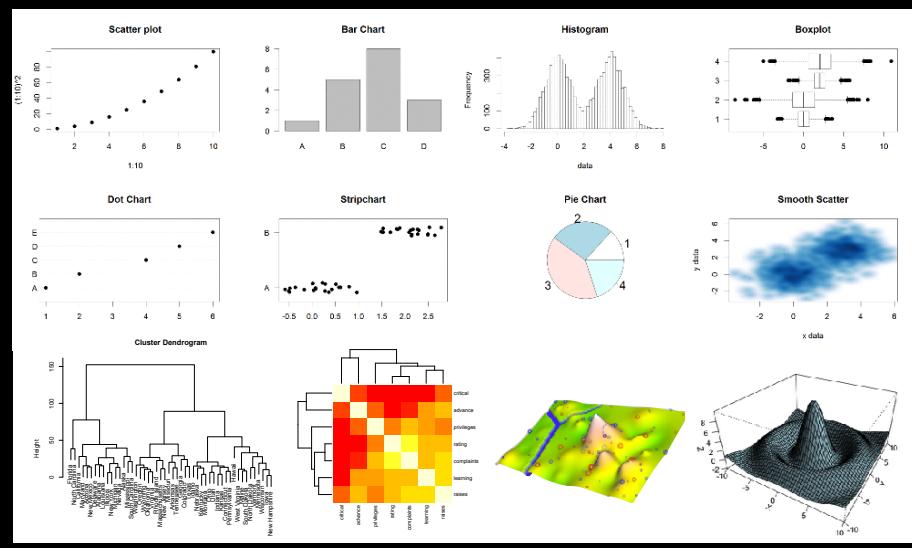
**Presentation graphs:** design to attract attention, make a point, illustrate a conclusion



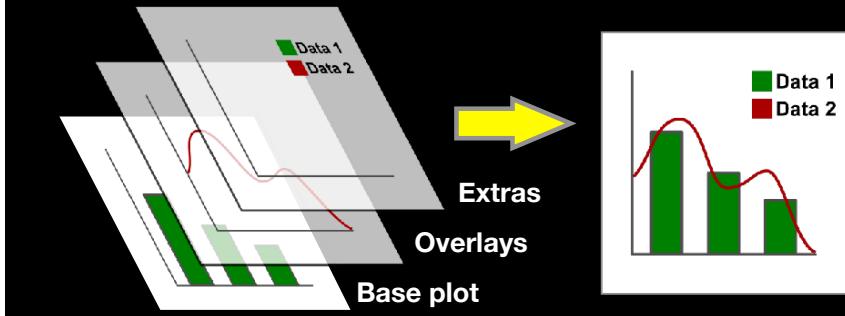
Exploratory (for you!)

Info for others,  
publications &  
sharing etc.

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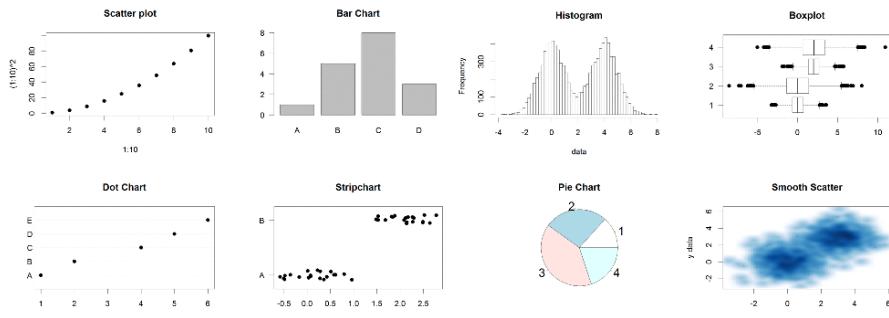


## The R Painters Model



Side-Note: "Red and green should never be seen"

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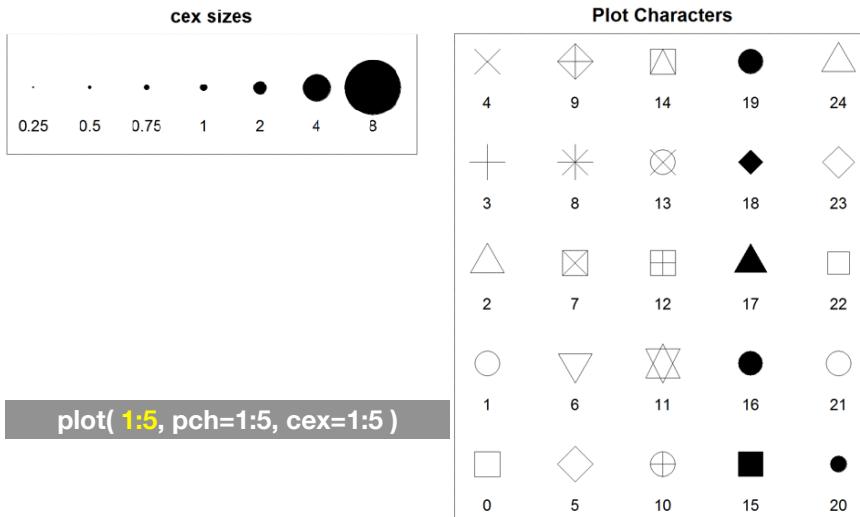
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# Common Options

- Axis scales
  - `xlim c(min,max)`
  - `ylim c(min,max)`
- Axis labels
  - `xlab(text)`
  - `ylab(text)`
- Plot titles
  - `main(text)`
  - `sub(text)`
- Plot characters
  - `pch(number)`
  - `cex(number)`

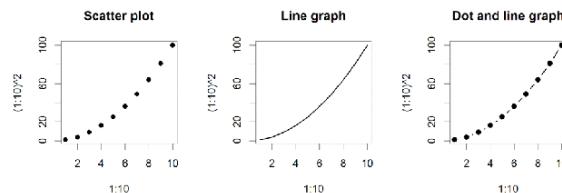
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# Plot Characters



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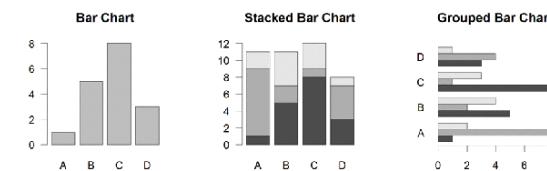
## Plot (scatterplots and line graphs)



- Input: Almost anything. 2 x Vectors
- Output: Nothing
- Options:
  - type l=line, p=point, b=line+point
  - lwd line width (thickness)
  - lty line type (1=solid,2=dashed,3=dotted etc.)

```
plot( c(1:10)^2, typ="b", lwd=4, lty=3 )
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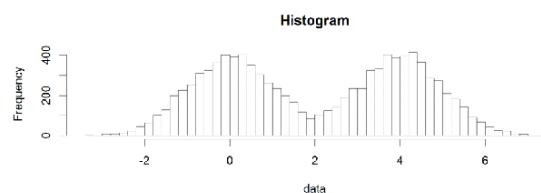
## Barplot (bar graphs)



- Input: Vector (single) or Matrix (stack or group)
- Output: Bar centre positions
- Options:
  - names.arg Bar labels (if not from data)
  - horiz=TRUE Plot horizontally
  - beside=TRUE Plot multiple series as a group not stacked

```
barplot(VADeaths, beside = TRUE)
```

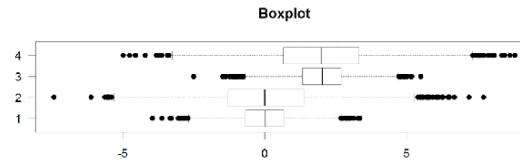
## Hist (histograms)



- Input: Vector
- Output: Summary of binned data
- Options:
  - breaks Number or limits of bins
  - probability Y axis is probability, not freq
  - labels Per bin text labels

```
hist( c( rnorm(1000,0), rnorm(1000,4) ), breaks=20 )
```

## Boxplot



- Input: Vector, List or formula (data~factor)
- Output: Summary of the boxplot parameters
- Options:
  - range Sensitivity of whiskers
  - varwidth Width represents total observations
  - horizontal Plot horizontally

```
boxplot( cbind( rnorm(1000,0), rnorm(1000,4) ) )
```

## Controlling plot area options with `par`

## Par

- The `par` function controls global parameters affecting all plots in the current plot area
- Changes affect all subsequent plots
- Many `par` options can also be passed to individual plots

`?par`

## Par examples

- Reading current value
  - `par()$cex`
- Setting a value
  - `par(cex=1.5) -> old.par`
- Restoring a value
  - `par(old.par)`
  - `dev.off()`

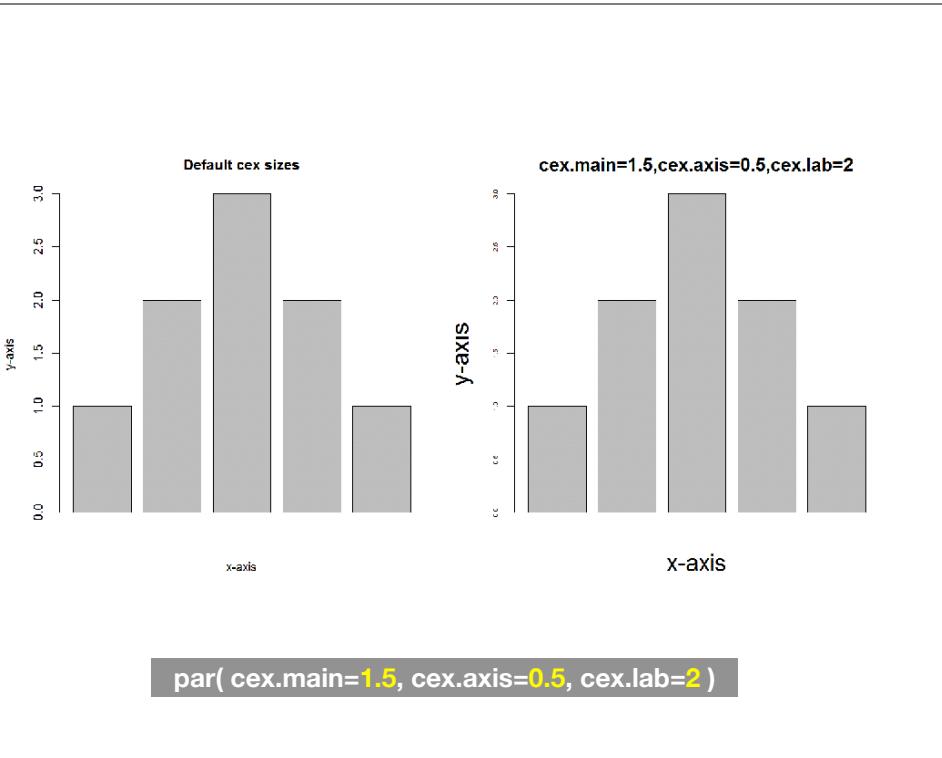
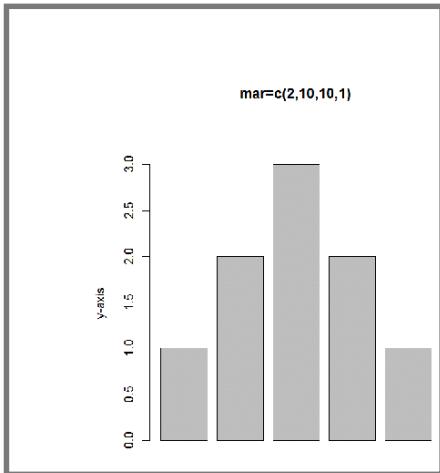
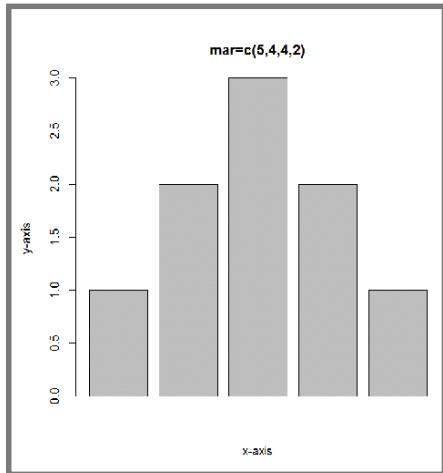
## Par options

- Margins
  - `mai` (set margins in inches)
  - `mar` (set margins in number of lines)
  - `mex` (set lines per inch)
  - 4 element vector (bottom, left, top, right)
- Warning
  - Error in `plot.new()` : figure margins too large

`par( mar=c(2, 10, 1, 1) )`

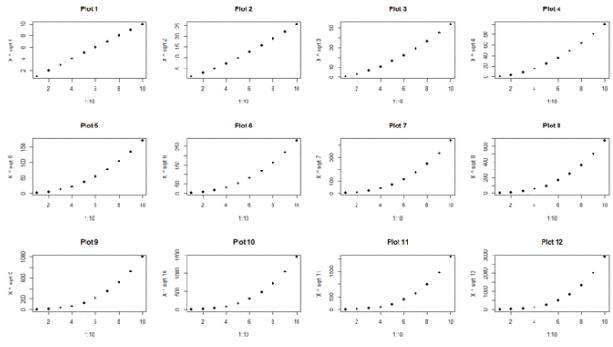
## Par options

- Fonts and labels
  - cex - global char expansion
    - cex.axis
    - cex.lab
    - cex.main
    - cex.sub



## Par options

- Multi-panel
  - par( mfrow(rows,cols) )



## Exercise 1

## Using Color

### Specifying colors

- Hexadecimal strings
  - #FF0000 (red)
  - #0000FF (blue)
  - #CC00CC (purple)
- Controlled names
  - “red” “green” etc.
  - colors()

### Built in color schemes

- Functions to generate colors
- Pass in number of colors to make
- Functions:
  - rainbow()
  - heat.colors()
  - cm.colors()
  - terrain.colors()
  - topo.colors()

rainbow( 7 )



## Color Packages

- **Color Brewer**
  - Set of pre-defined, optimized palettes
  - `library(RColorBrewer)`
  - `brewer.pal(n_colours, palette)`
- **ColorRamps**
  - Create smooth palettes for ramped color
  - Generates a function to make actual color vectors
  - `colorRampPalette(c("red","white","blue"))`
  - `colorRampPalette(c("red","white","blue"))(5)`

## Applying Color to Plots

- Vector of numbers or specified colors passed to the `col` parameter of a plot function
- Vector of factors used to divide the data
  - Colors will be taken from the set color palette
  - Can read or set using `pallete` function
    - `palette()`
    - `palette(brewer.pal(9, "Set1"))`

```
plot( 1:5, col=1:5, pch=15, cex=2)
```

## Dynamic use of color

- **Coloring by density**
  - Pass data and palette to `densCols()`
  - Vector of colors returned
- **Coloring by value**
  - Need function to map values to colors

<https://www.rdocumentation.org/packages/grDevices/versions/3.4.3/topics/densCols>

## Exercise 2

Q: 2B. `stringsAsFactors = TRUE` vs `stringsAsFactors = FALSE`

### (POOR!) Color Mapping Function

```
map.colors <- function(value,high.low,palette) {  
  proportion <- ((value-high.low[1])/(high.low[2]-high.low[1]))  
  index <- round ((length(palette)-1)*proportion)+1  
  return (palette[index])  
}
```

#### Talking point:

- Can you figure out what this function it is supposed to do?
- What format should the inputs be in order to work?
- How could we improve this function?

## Exercise 2C Revisited

- Open your previous Lecture5 RStudio **project** (and your saved **R script**)
- Locate and open in RStudio the downloaded file `color_to_value_map.r`
- This is an example of a poorly written function typical of something you might get from a lab mate that knows some R...

### 1. What are the function inputs?

```
map.colors2 <- function(x, high.low, palette) {  
  proportion <- ((x - high.low[1])/(high.low[2] - high.low[1]))  
  index <- round( (length(palette)-1) * proportion )+1  
  return(palette[index])  
}
```

Let's first space things out so it is easier for us to read and then change to use `x` as our numeric input vector.

## 1. What are the function inputs?

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map.colors2 <- function(x, high.low, palette) {  
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  index <- round( (length(palette)-1) * proportion )+1  
  return(palette[index])  
}
```

Let's first space things out so it is easier for us to read and then change to use `x` as our numeric input vector.

We can guess that `high.low` is a two element numeric vector and `palette` is probably a vector of colors

## 2. What is the function doing?

```
map.colors2 <- function(x, high.low, palette) {  
  # Determine percent values of the 'high.low' range  
  proportion <- ((x - high.low[1])/(high.low[2] - high.low[1]))  
  index <- round( (length(palette)-1) * proportion )+1  
  return(palette[index])  
}
```

Let's add a **comment** to explain the logic of the first line

## 2. What is the function doing?

```
map.colors2 <- function(x, high.low, palette) {  
  # Determine percent values of the 'high.low' range  
  precent <- ((x - high.low[1])/(high.low[2] - high.low[1]))  
  index <- round( (length(palette)-1) * precent )+1  
  return(palette[index])  
}
```

Let's change the object name from `proportion` to `precent` so it is more meaningful for us. Remember to change it everywhere ;-)

## 2. What is the function doing?

```
map.colors2 <- function(x, high.low, palette) {  
  # Determine percent values of the 'high.low' range  
  precent <- ((x - high.low[1])/(high.low[2] - high.low[1]))  
  #index <- round( (length(palette)-1) * precent )+1  
  index <- round( length(palette) * precent )  
  return(palette[index])  
}
```

Perhaps we can simplify the next line, which determines the corresponding index position in the color 'palette' vector?

## 2. What is the function doing?

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map.colors2 <- function(x, high.low, palette) {  
  
  # Determine precent values of the 'high.low' range  
  precent <- ((x - high.low[1])/(high.low[2] - high.low[1]))  
  
  #index <- round( (length(palette)-1) * precent )+1  
  index <- round( length(palette) * precent )  
  
  return(palette[index])  
}
```

Doh! What happens if our precent value is zero or very small?

We will get an `index` value of zero, will cause a problem when accessing `palette[index]` in the last line

## 2. What is the function doing?

```
map.colors2 <- function(x, high.low, palette) {  
  
  # Determine precent values of the 'high.low' range  
  precent <- ((x - high.low[1])/(high.low[2] - high.low[1]))  
  
  # Find correspoding index position in the color 'palette'  
  # note catch for 0 precent values to 1  
  index <- round( (length(palette)-1) * precent )+1  
  
  return(palette[index])  
}
```

Add a comment again to describe the logic of what our code is doing

## 3. How could we improve this function?

```
map.colors2 <- function(x, high.low, palette) {  
  
  ## Description: Map the values of the input vector 'x'  
  ## to the input colors vector 'palette'  
  
  # Determine precent values of the 'high.low' range  
  precent <- ((x - high.low[1])/(high.low[2] - high.low[1]))  
  
  # Find correspoding index position in the color 'palette'  
  # note catch for 0 precent values to 1  
  index <- round( (length(palette)-1) * precent )+1  
  
  return(palette[index])  
}
```

Make more user friendly in lots of ways including adding more description, input argument defaults, error checking of inputs etc.

## 3. How could we improve this function?

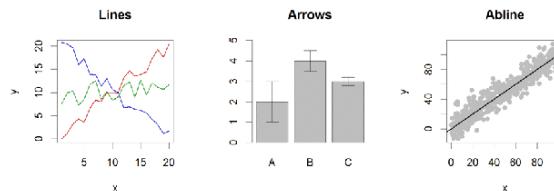
```
map.colors3 <- function(x,  
                      low.high = range(x),  
                      palette = cm.colors(100)) {  
  
  ## Description: Map the values of the input vector 'x'  
  ## to the input colors vector 'palette'  
  
  # Determine precent values of the 'high.low' range  
  precent <- ((x - low.high[2])/(low.high[1] - low.high[2]))  
  
  # Find correspoding index position in the color 'palette'  
  # note catch for 0 precent values to 1  
  index <- round( (length(palette)-1) * precent )+1  
  
  return(palette[index])  
}
```

Make more user friendly in lots of ways including adding more description, input argument defaults, error checking of inputs etc.

## Plot Overlays

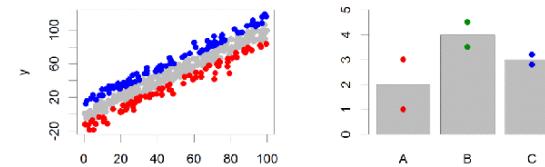
### Exercise 3

#### Lines / Arrows / Abline



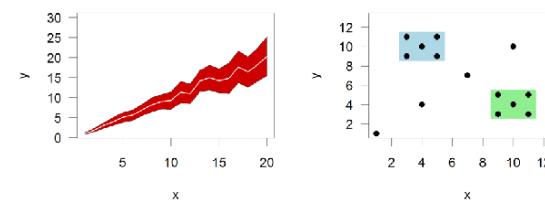
- Input:
  - Lines 2 vectors (x and y)
  - Arrows 4 vectors ( $x_0, x_1, y_0, y_1$ )
  - Abline Intercept and slope (or correlation object)
- Options:
  - lwd
  - angle (arrows)

#### Points



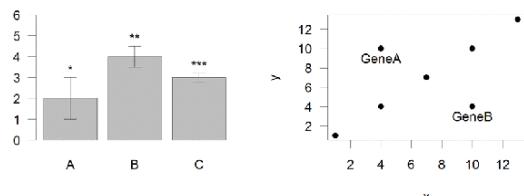
- Input: 2 Vectors (x and y positions)
- Options:
  - pch
  - cex

#### Polygon (shaded areas)



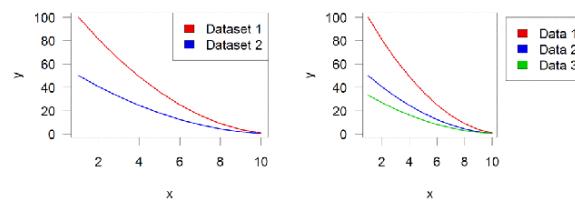
- Input:
  - 2 vectors (x and y) for bounding region
- Options:
  - col

## Text (in plot text)



- Input:
  - Text, x, y
- Options:
  - adj (x and y offsets)
  - pos (auto offset 1=below,2=left,3=above, 4=right)

## Legend



- Input:
  - Position (x,y or “topright”, “bottomleft” etc)
  - Text labels
- Options:
  - fill (colours for shaded boxes)
  - xpd=NA (draw outside plot area)

## Exercise 3

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## Homework!

New [DataCamp](#) Assignments

- Introduction to R Markdown
- Functions
- Loops

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