

BIMM 143
Data visualization with R
Lecture 5

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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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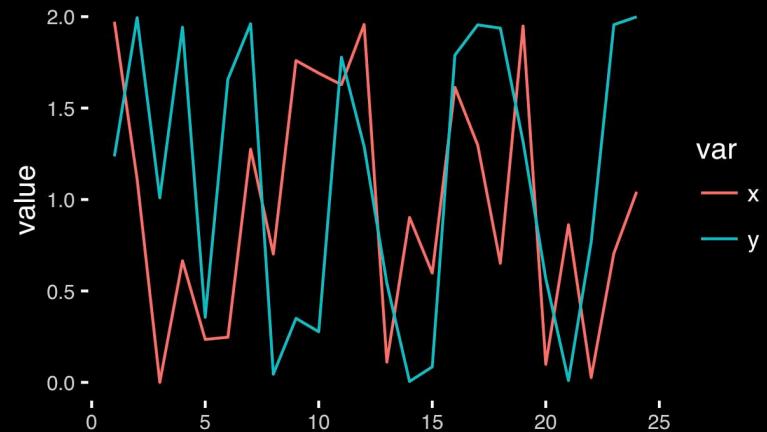
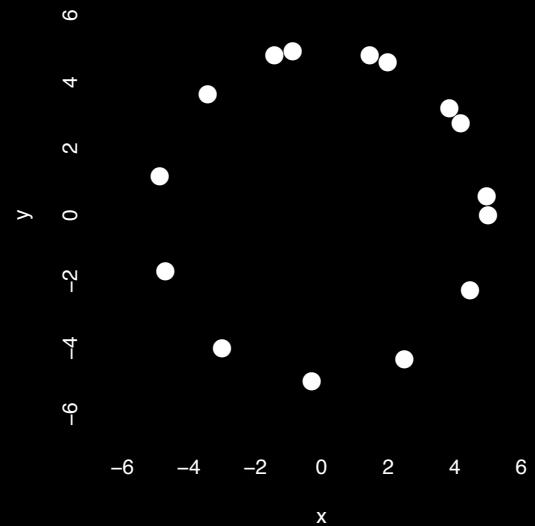
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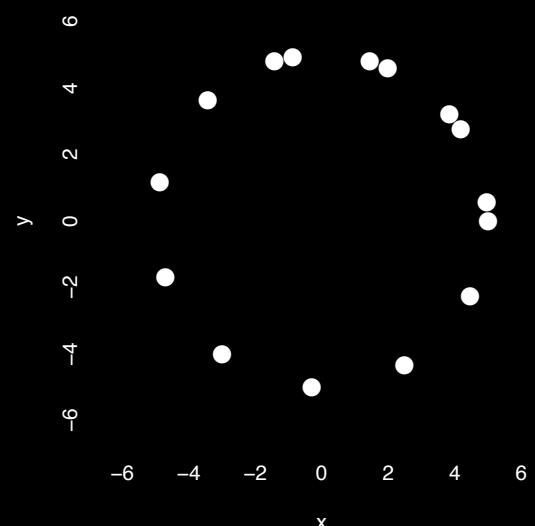
Why visualize at all?

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1	5.00	0.00
2	4.18	2.75
3	1.98	4.59
4	-0.86	4.92
5	-3.43	3.64
6	-4.86	1.16
7	-4.70	-1.70
8	-2.99	-4.01
9	-0.30	-4.99
10	2.49	-4.34
11	4.46	-2.25
12	4.97	0.57
13	3.84	3.20
14	1.45	4.79
15	-1.42	4.79

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



https://bioboot.github.io/bimm143_F18/class-material/05_draw_circle_points/

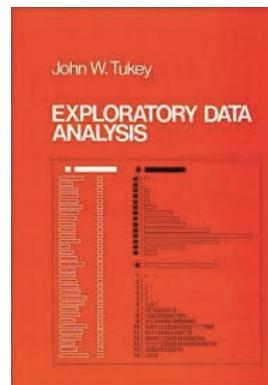


Exploratory Data Analysis

- 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!

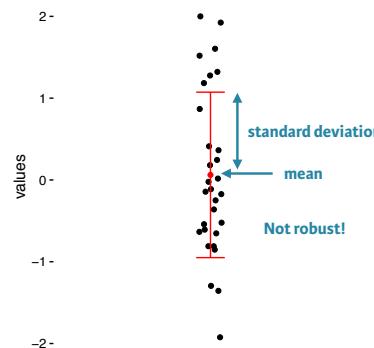
Exploratory Data Analysis 1977

- 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



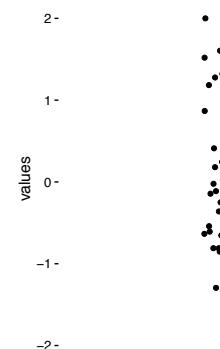
Side-note: Mean & standard deviation

Fine for normally distributed data



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sd(x)
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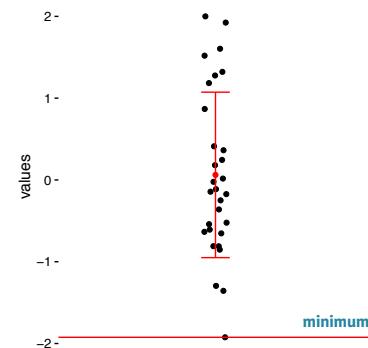
Side-note: How to summarize data?



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Side-note: 5 number summary

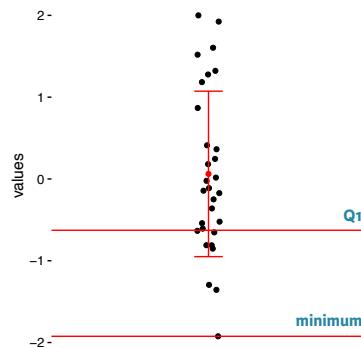
Minimum, Q1, Q2, Q3, and maximum



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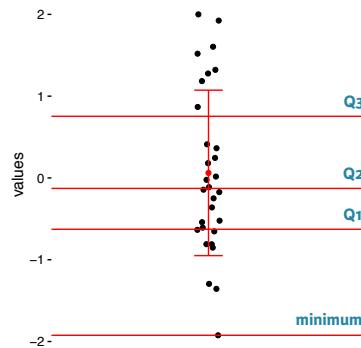
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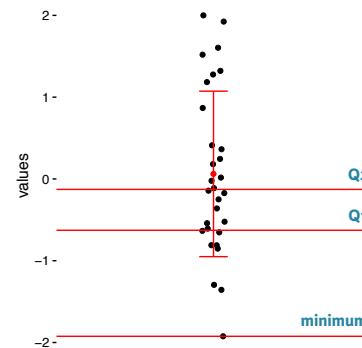
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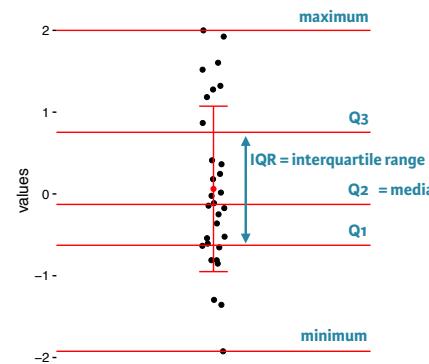
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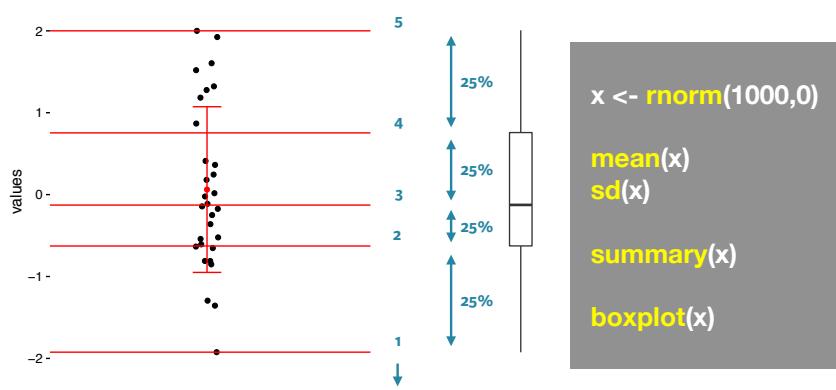
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Side-note: boxplot

Graphical form of the 5 number summary!



Also called box-and-whisker plots;
See also hist(); violin plots etc.

The Trouble with Summary Stats

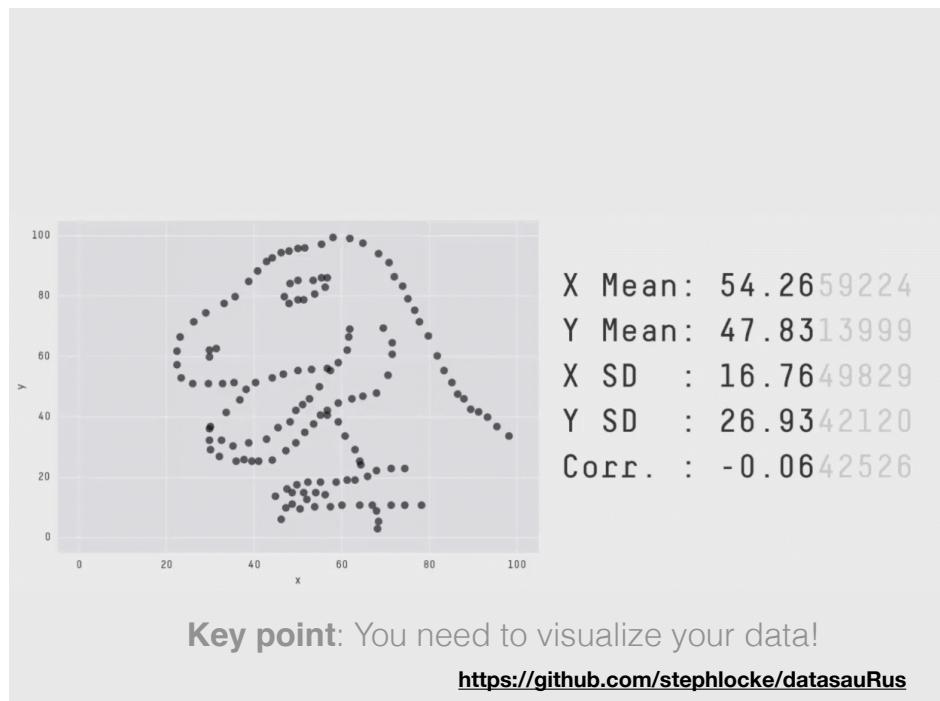
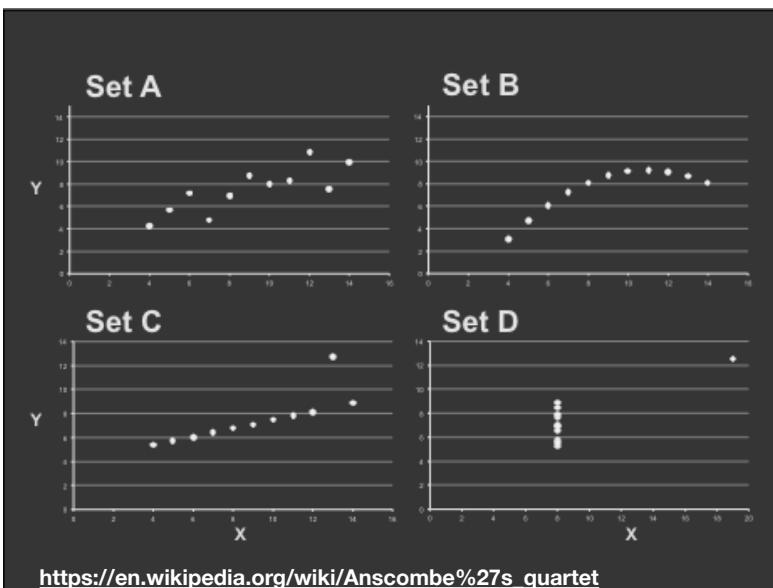
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X	Y	X	Y	X	Y	X	Y
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13	7.58	13	8.74	13	12.74	8	7.71
9	8.81	9	8.77	9	7.11	8	8.84
11	8.33	11	9.26	11	7.81	8	8.47
14	9.96	14	8.1	14	8.84	8	7.04
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7	4.82	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

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

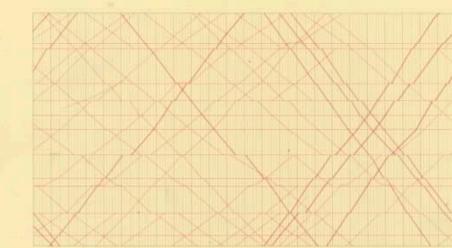
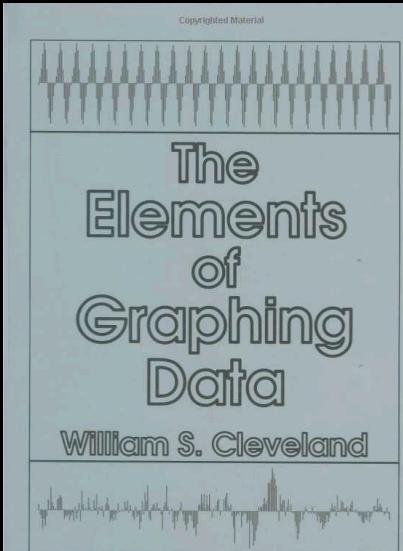
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Looking at Data



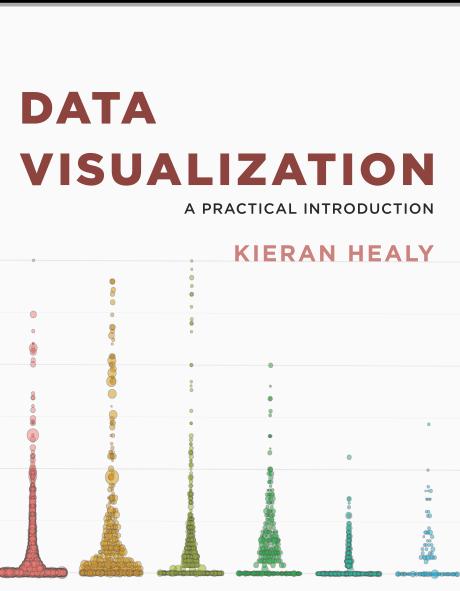
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The Visual Display
of Quantitative Information

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Key Point:
Good visualizations optimize
for the human visual system.

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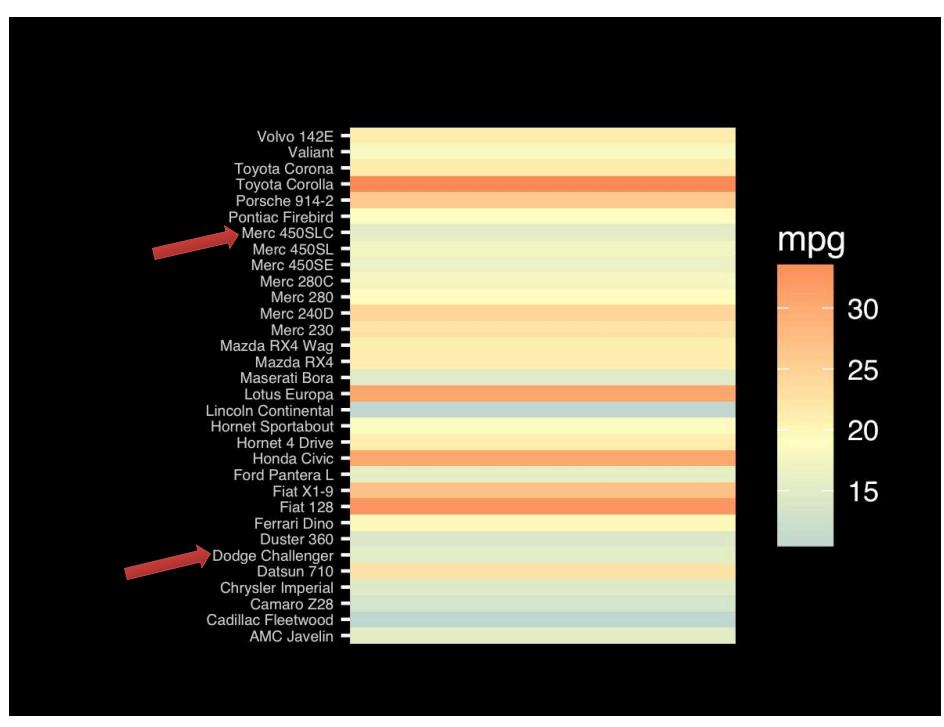
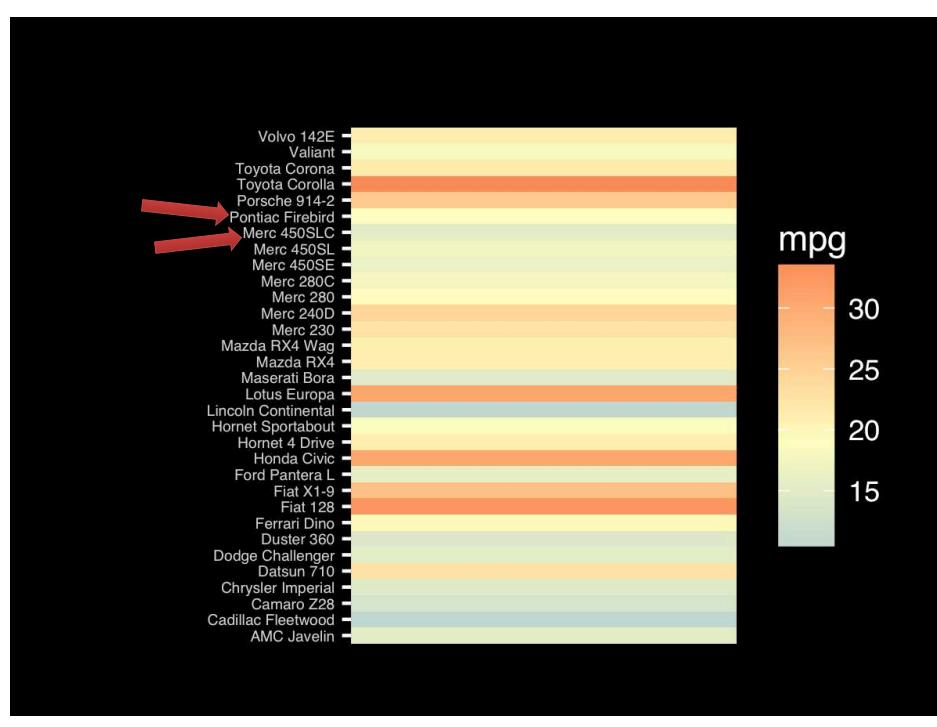
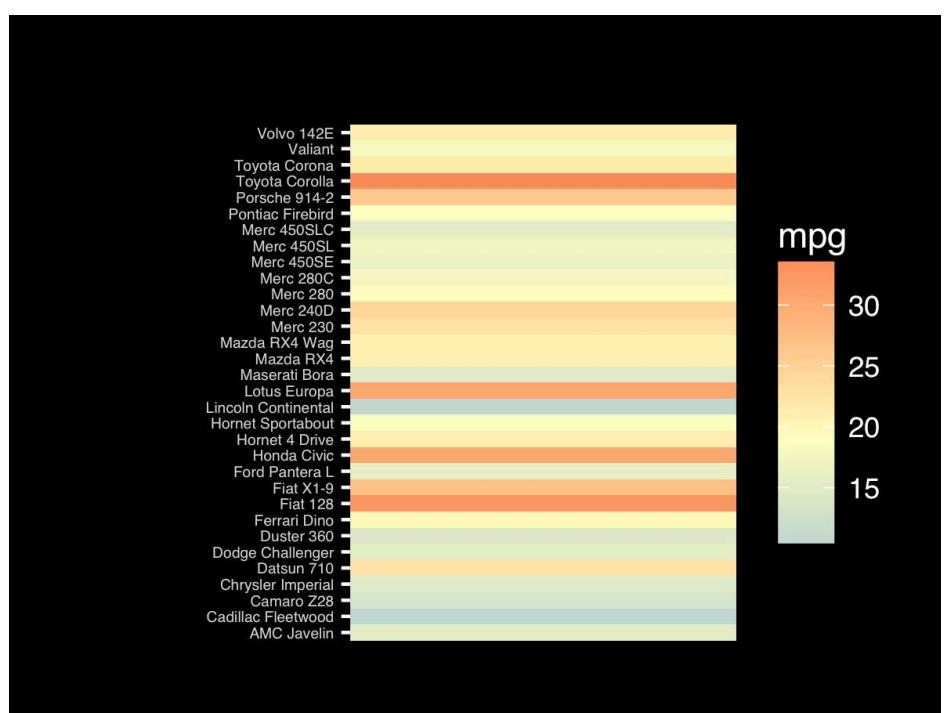
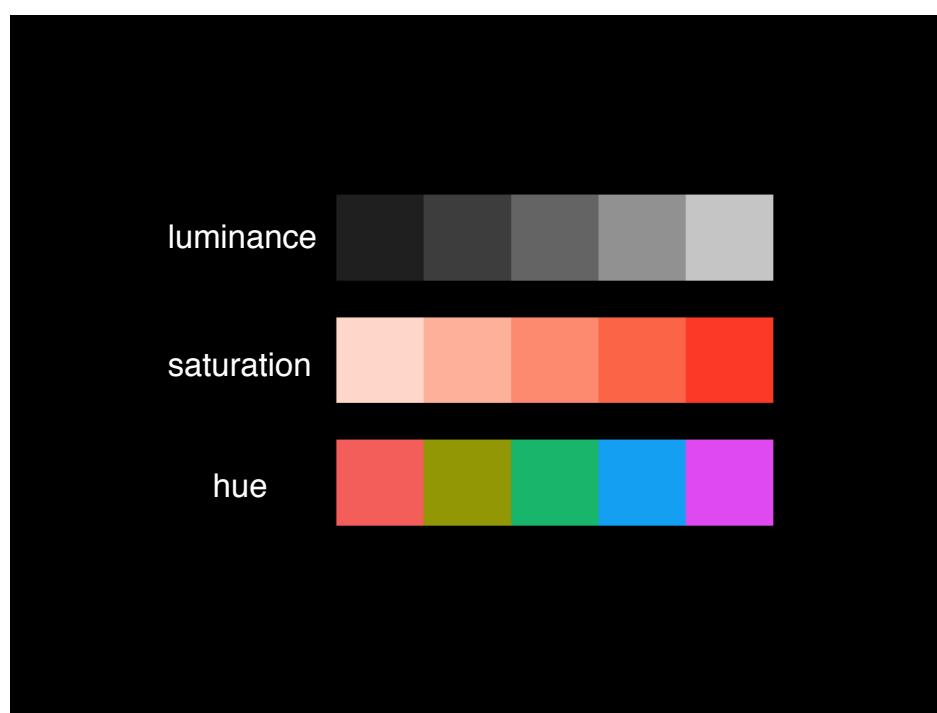
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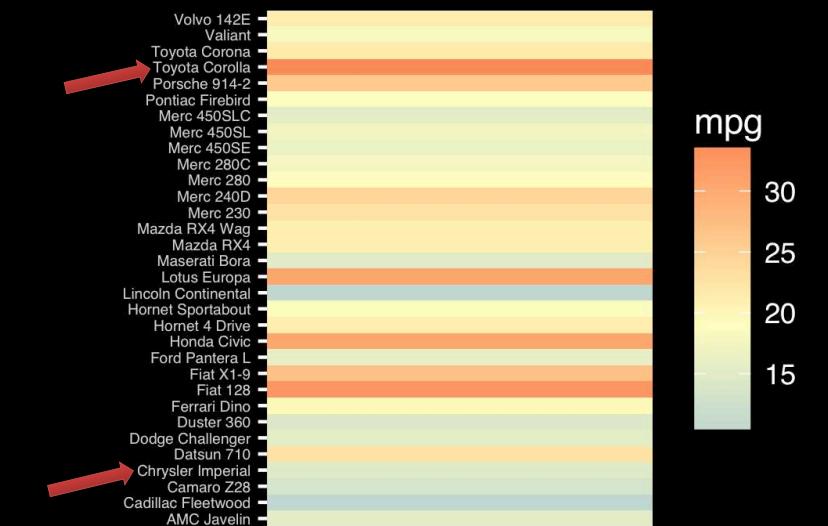
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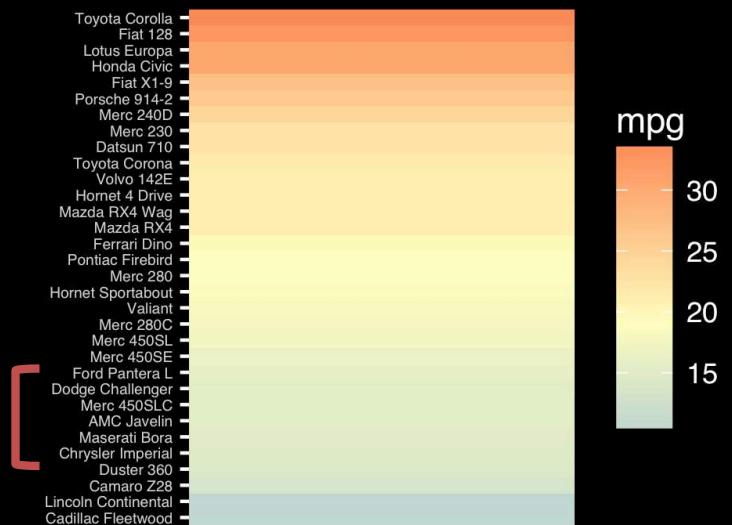
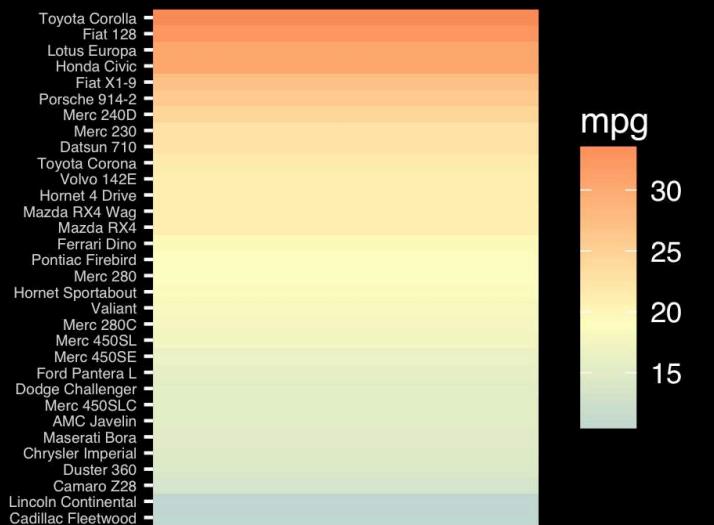
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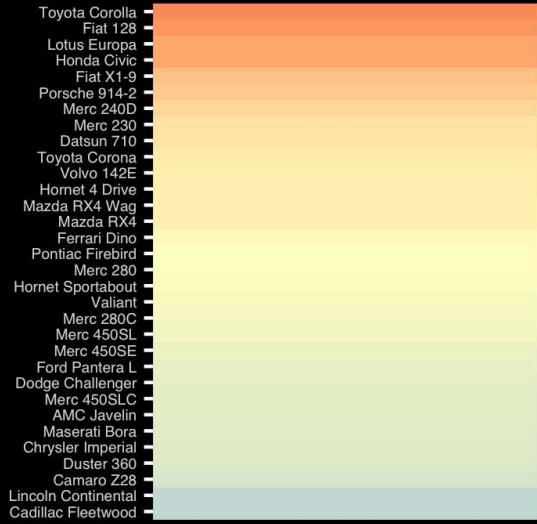
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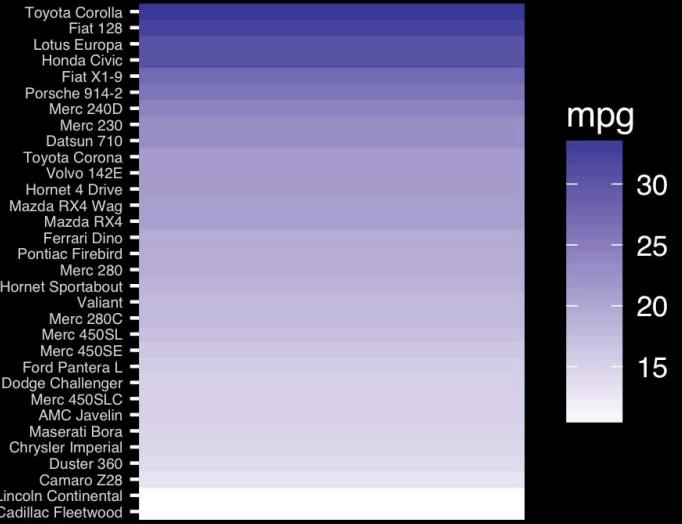


Observation: Alphabetical is almost never the correct ordering of a categorical variable.



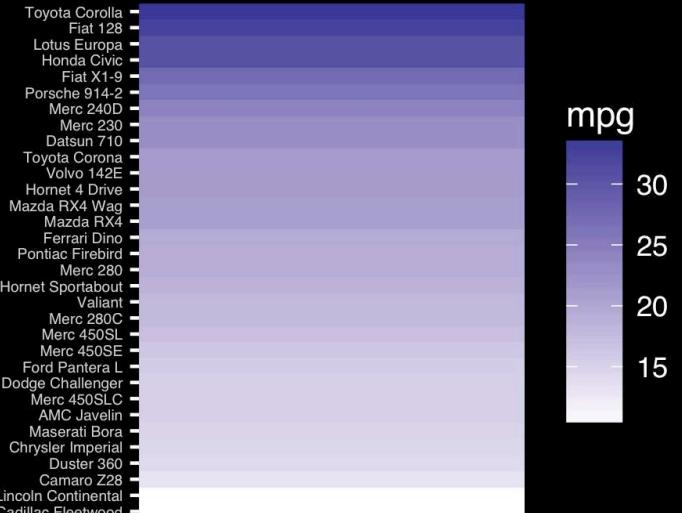


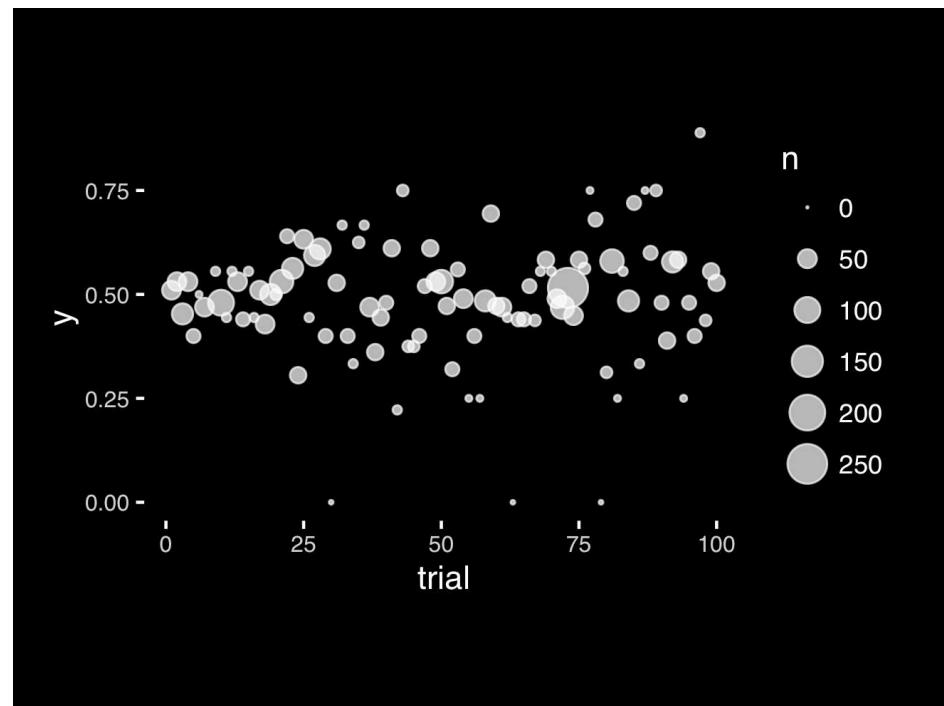
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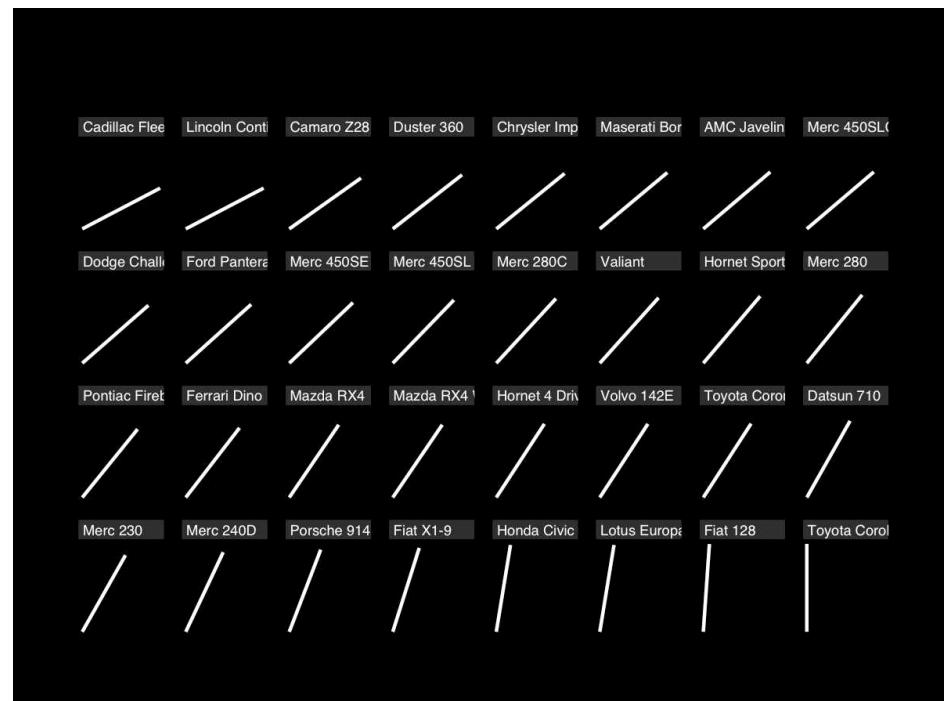
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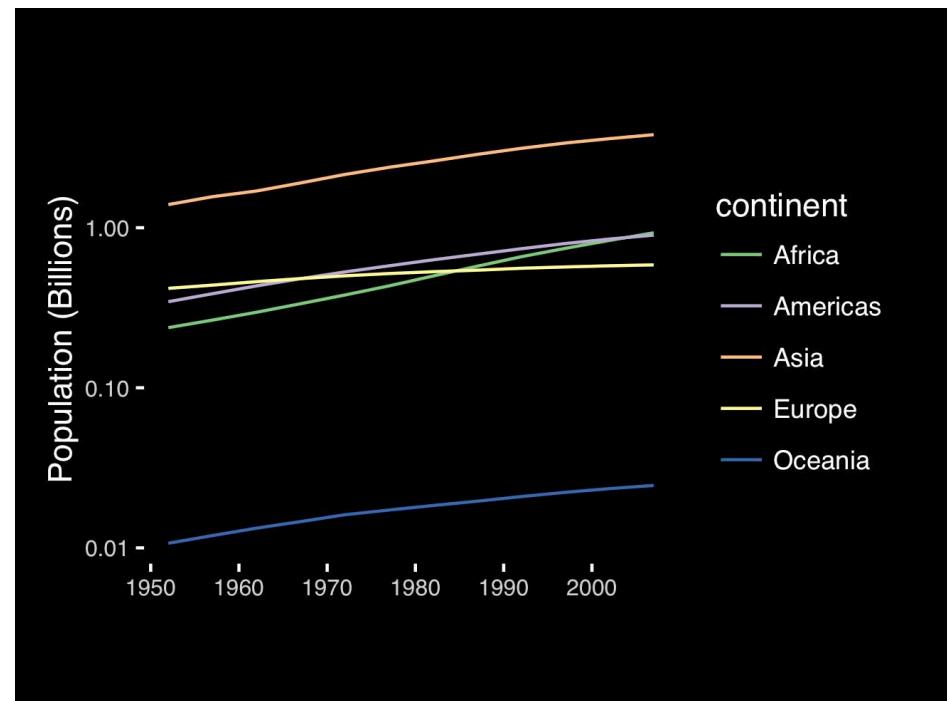
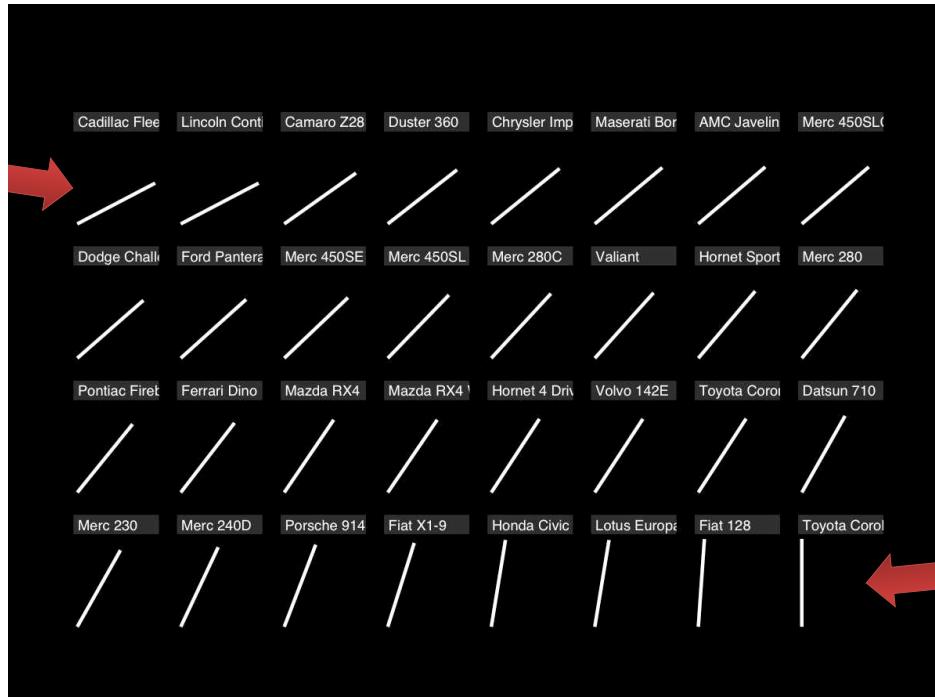




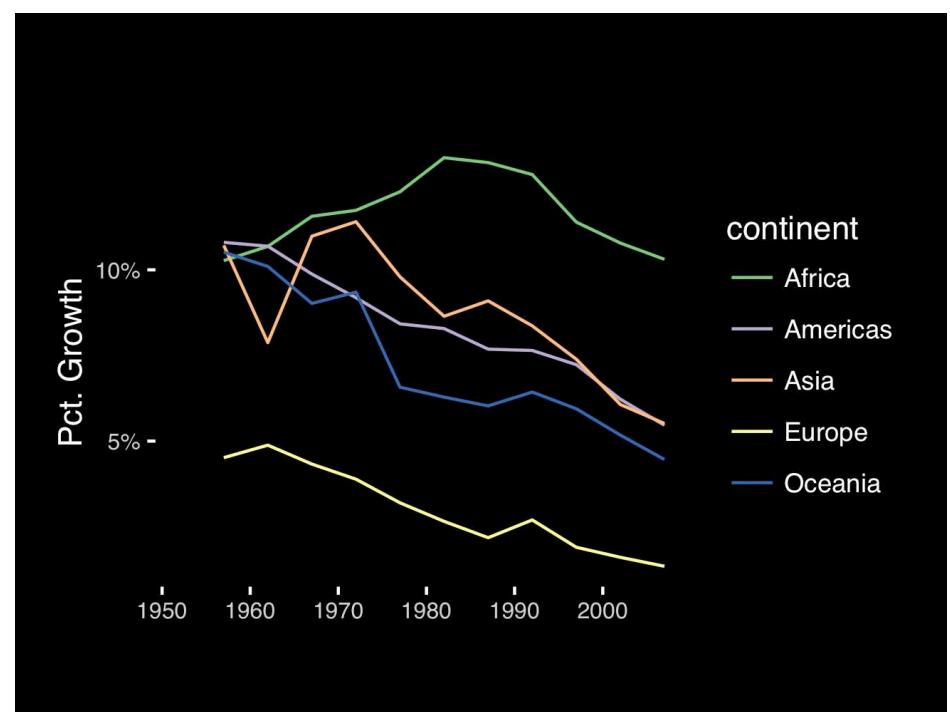
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If growth (slope) is important, plot it directly.



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Apart from MPAs :-)

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Among Democrats

Donald Trump 47%
Hillary Clinton 53%

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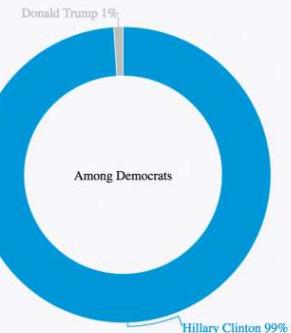
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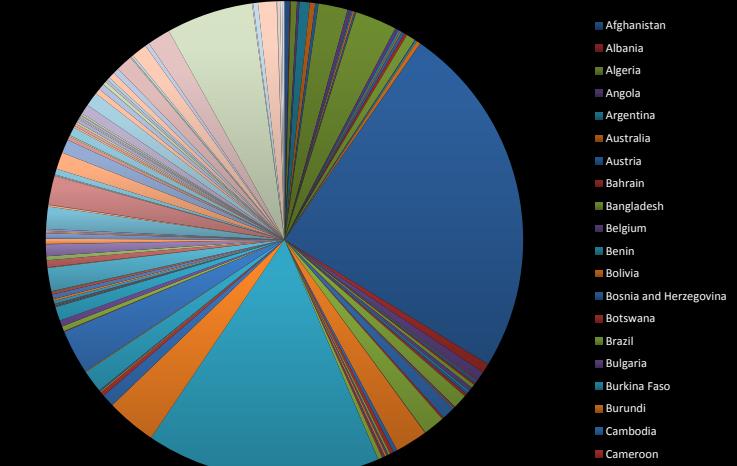
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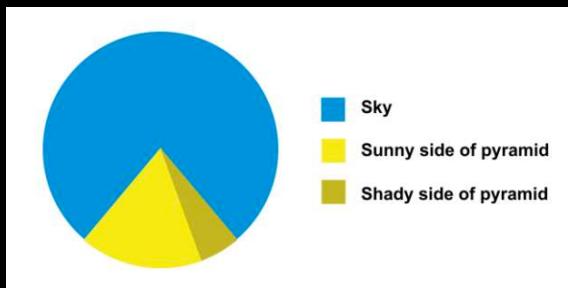
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	Clinton	Trump
Among Democrats	99%	1%
Among Republicans	53%	47%

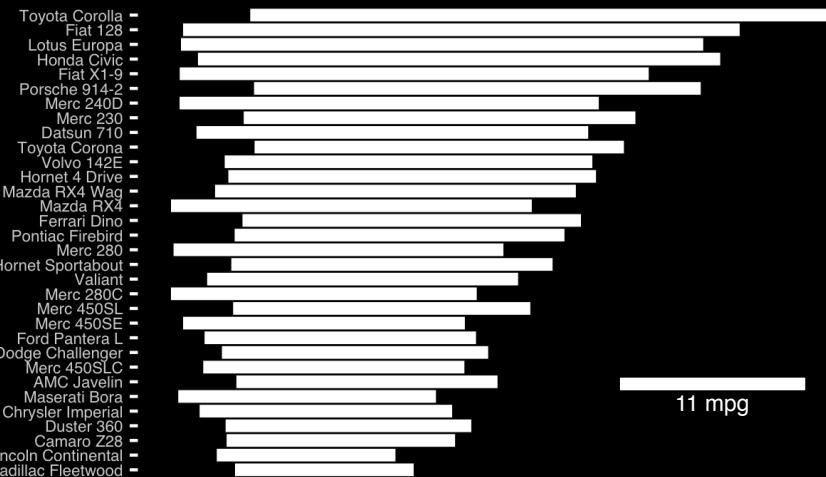


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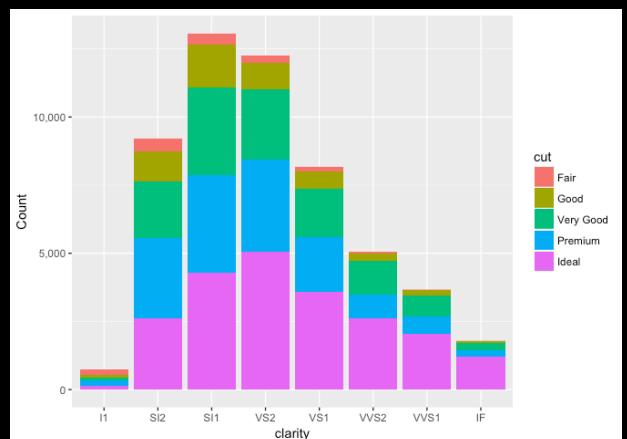


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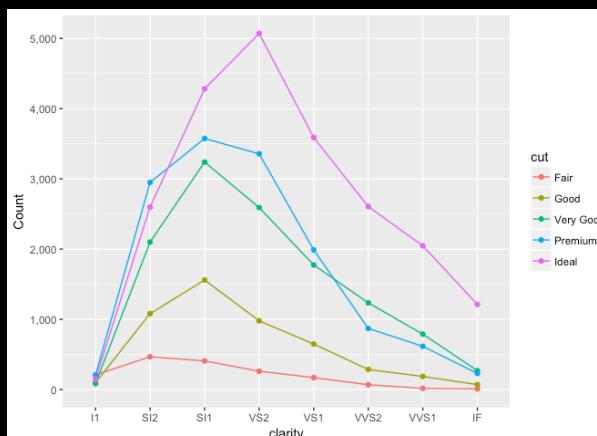
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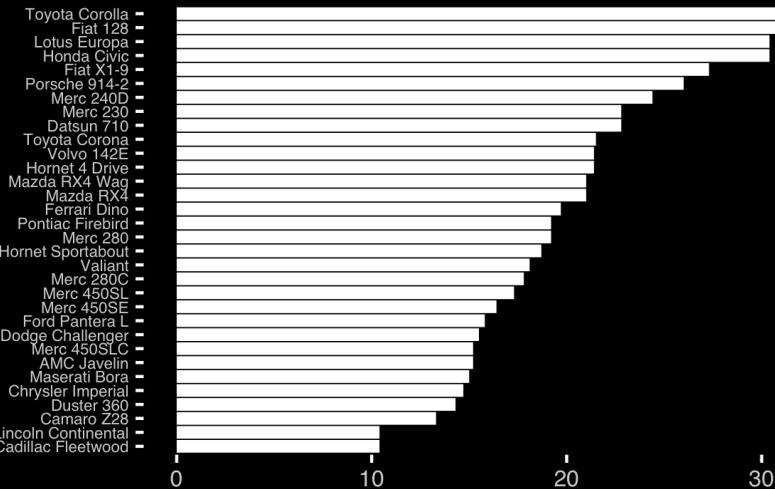
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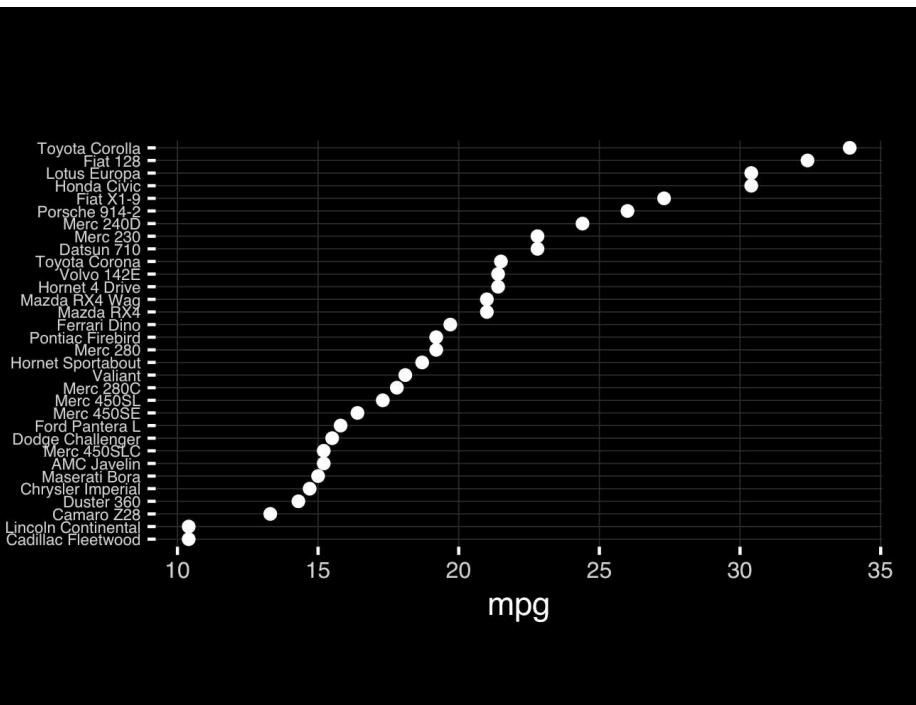


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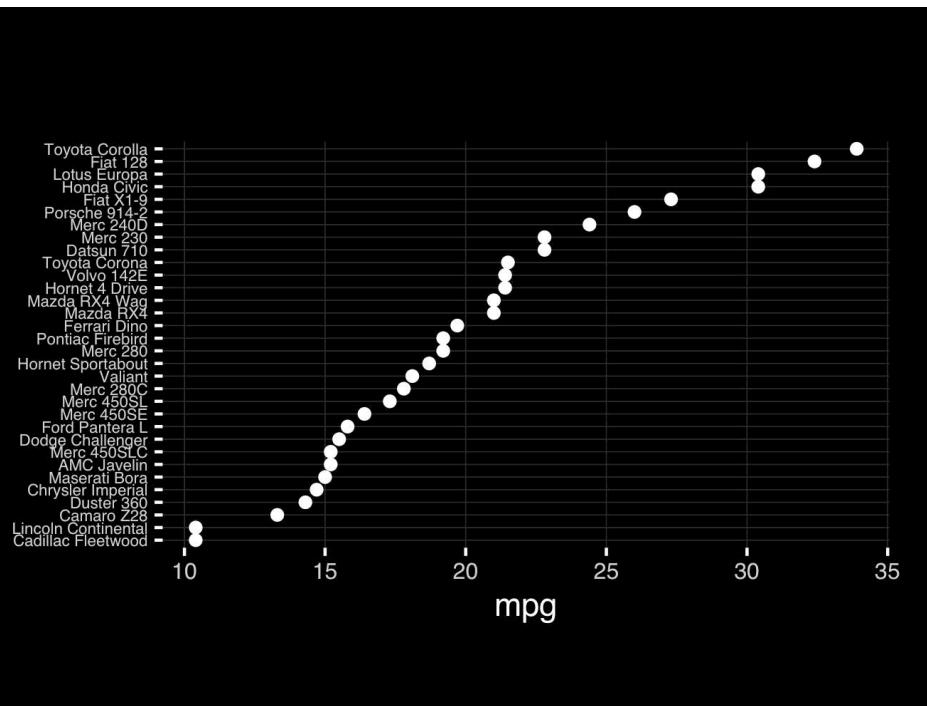
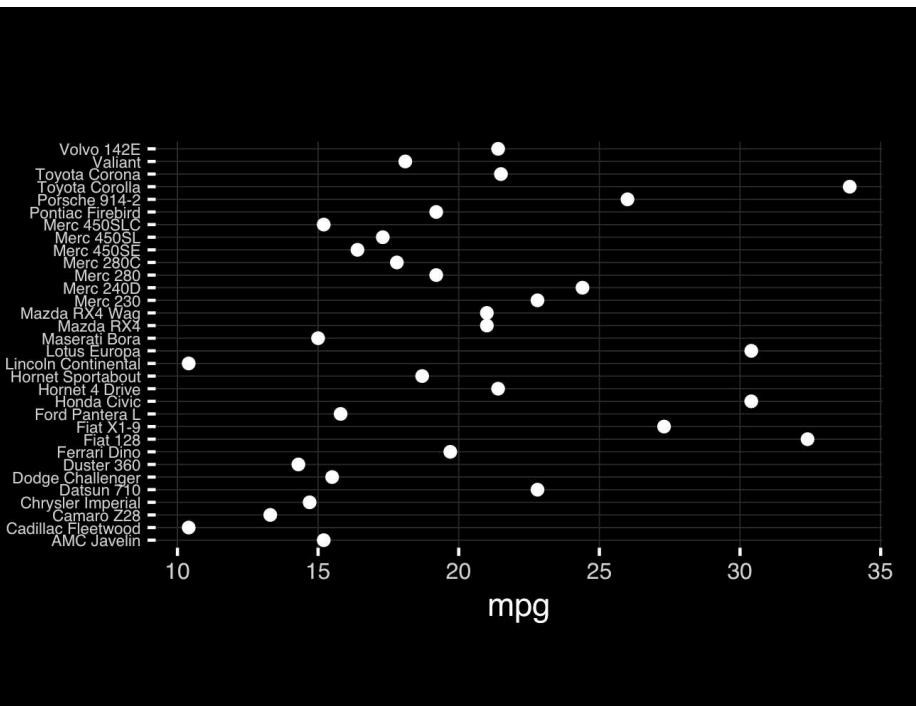
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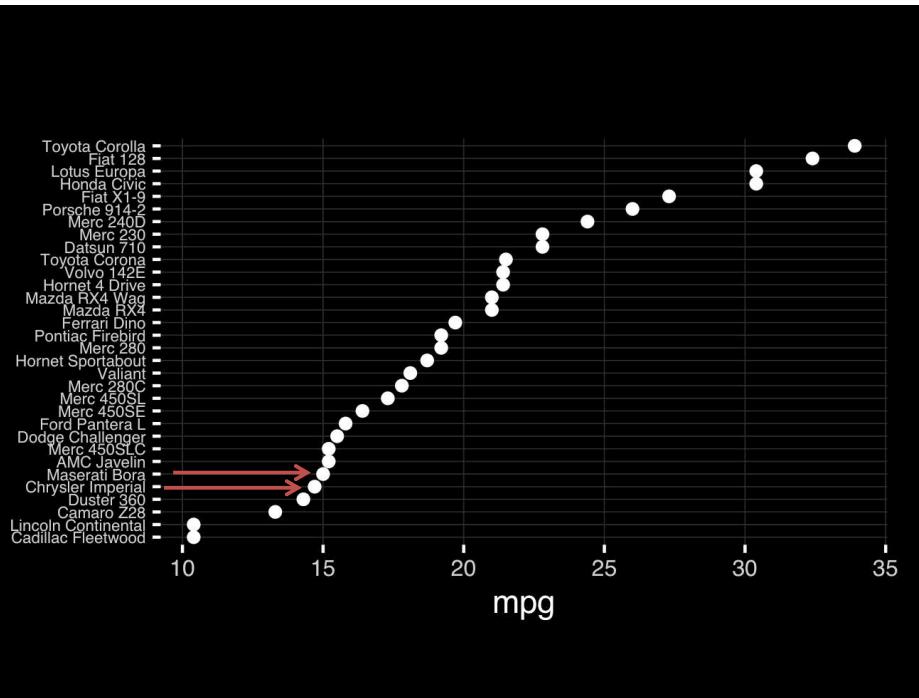




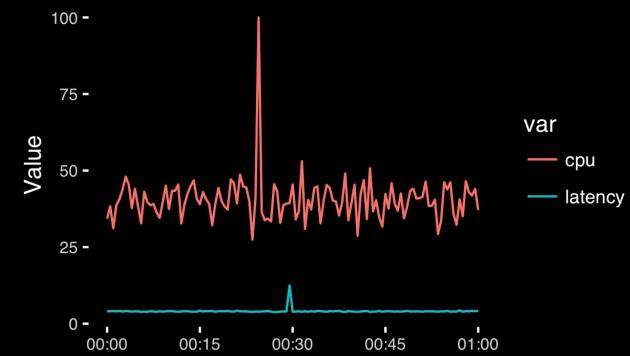
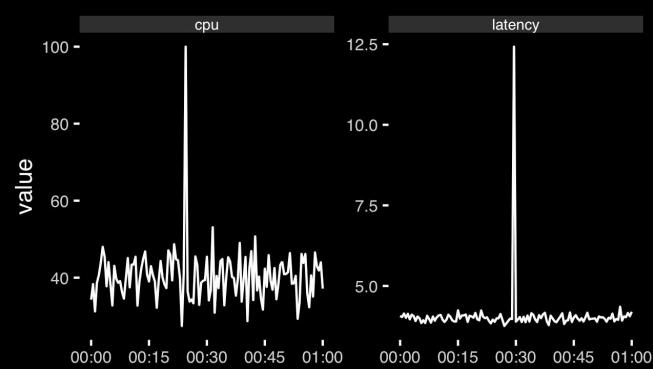
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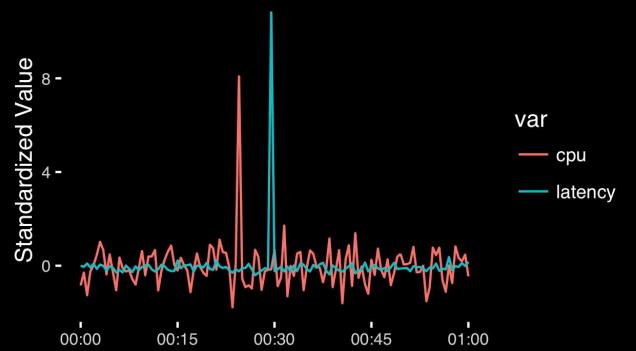
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Observation: Comparison is trivial on a common scale.





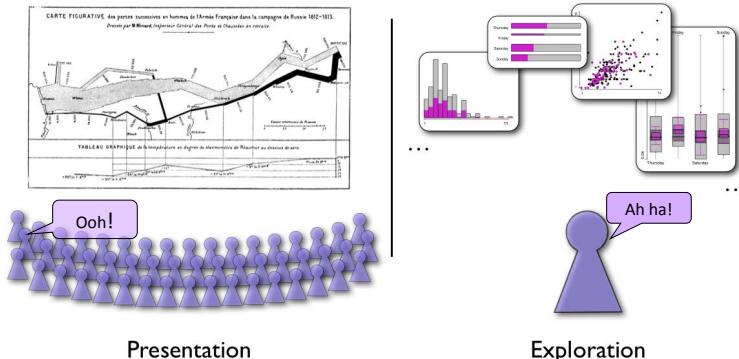
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Different graphs for different purposes

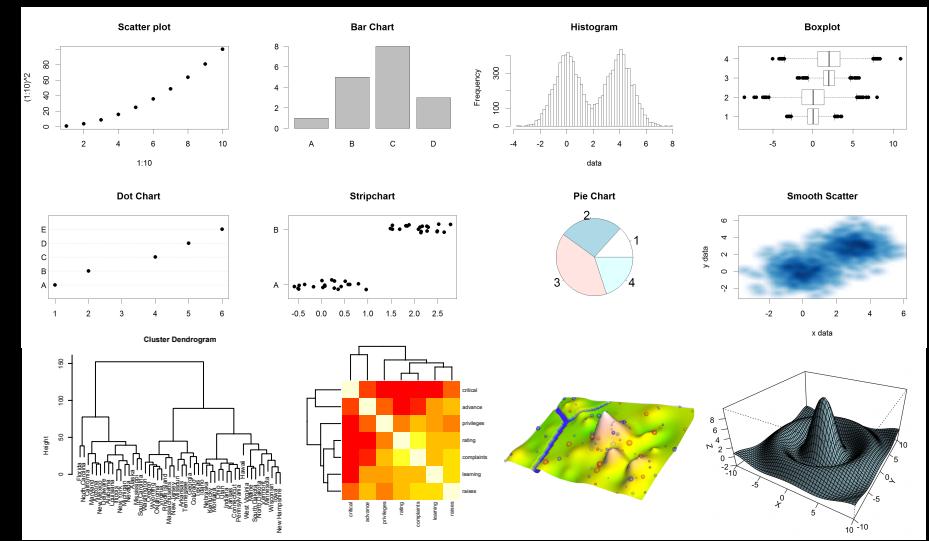
Exploratory graphs: many images for a narrow audience (you!)

Presentation graphs: single image for a large audience

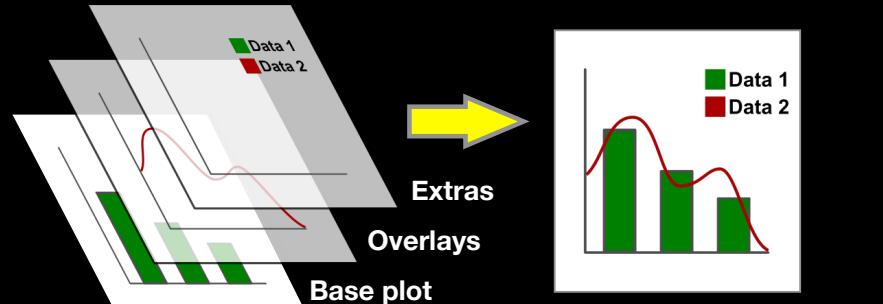


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Core R Graph Types



The R Painters Model



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

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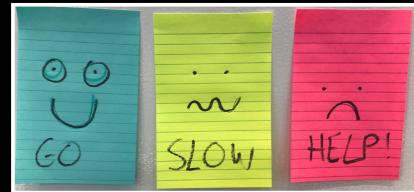
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Hands-on Section 2 Notes

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- ▶ See notes on the following slides...

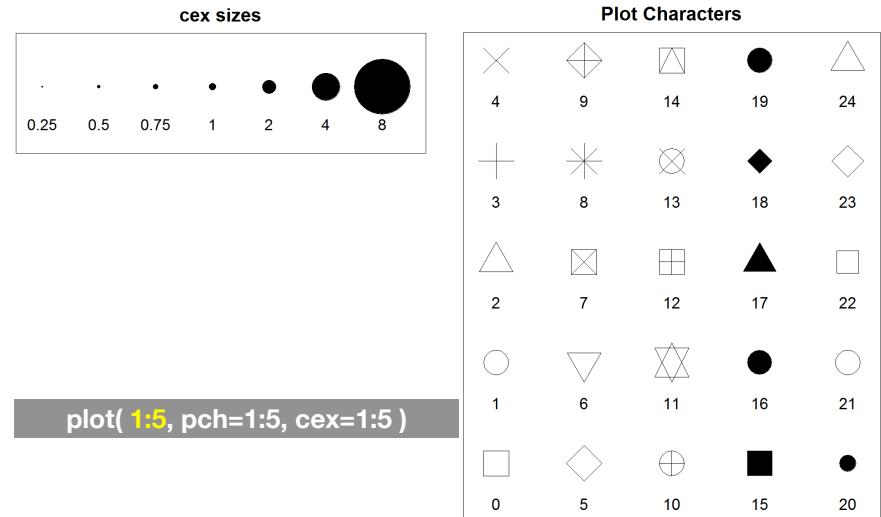


Common Options

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 - `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)`

- Local options to change a specific plot
- Global options to affect all graphs

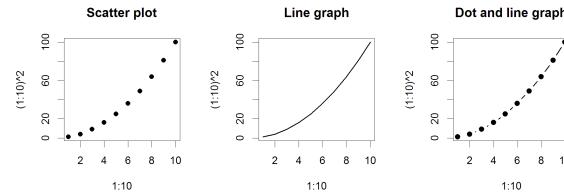
Plot Characters



```
plot( 1:5, pch=1:5, cex=1:5 )
```

Plot Type Specific Options

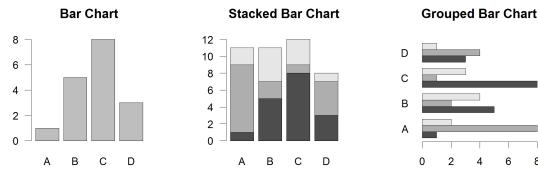
Plot (scatterplots and line graphs)



- 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 )
```

Section 2B: Barplot (a.k.a. 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)
```

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
```

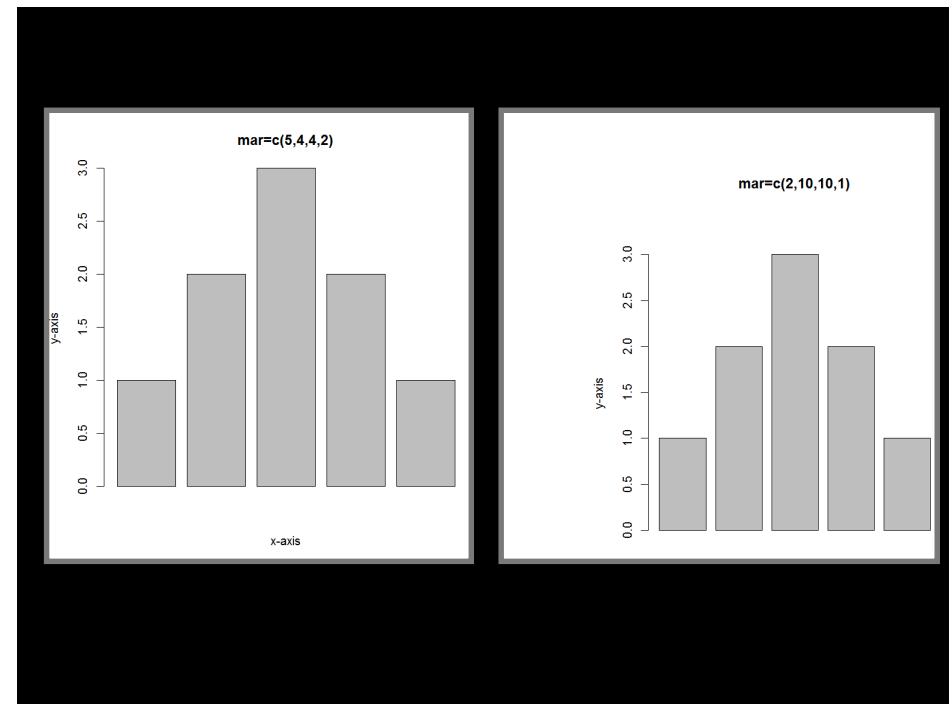
Par examples

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

Par options

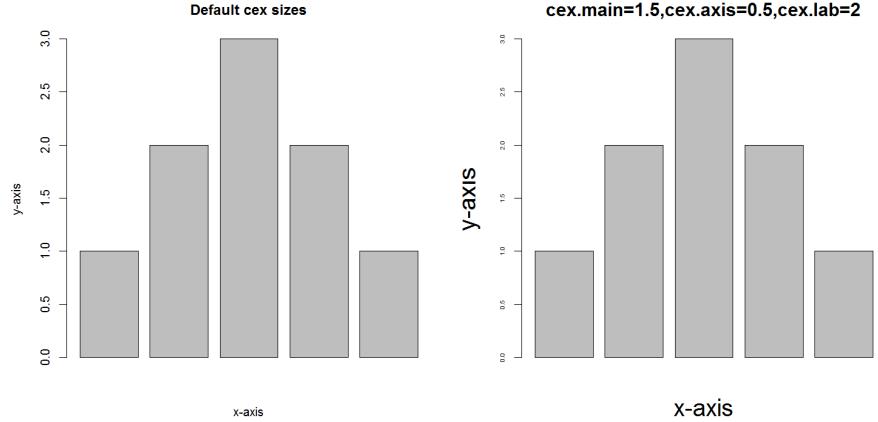
- Margins
 - mai (set margins in inches)
 - mar (set margins in number of lines)
 - mex (set lines per inch)
 - 4 element vector (bottom, left, top, right)
- Warning
 - Error in plot.new() : figure margins too large

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



Par options

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

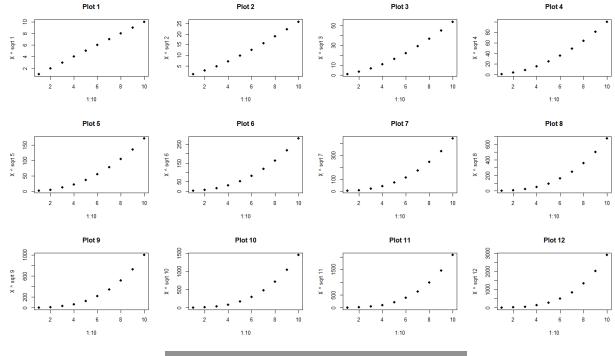


```
par( cex.main=1.5, cex.axis=0.5, cex.lab=2 )
```

Par options

- Multi-panel

- `par(mfrow=c(rows, cols))`



`par(mfrow=c(3 , 4))`

Using Color

Hands-on Section 3 only please



Do it Yourself!

Specifying colors

- Color by number
 - `col=c(1, 2, 3)`
 - Will give black, red, green etc.
- Hexadecimal strings
 - `#FF0000` (red)
 - `#0000FF` (blue)
 - `#CC00CC` (purple)
- Controlled names
 - `col=c("red", "green")` etc.
 - see `colors()`
- Also RGB values, HCL values, etc.

Built in color schemes

- Functions to generate colors
- Pass in number of colors you want
- E.G. the functions:
 - `rainbow()`
 - `heat.colors()`
 - `cm.colors()`
 - `terrain.colors()`
 - `topo.colors()`

```
rainbow( 7 )
```



```
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 `pallette()` function
 - `pallette()`
 - `pallette(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
- See **Lab Supplement (online):**
 - [Plotting with color in R](#)

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

Make a lab report!

- Open your previous `class05` RStudio **project** (and your saved **R script**)

- Can you **source** your `class05.R` file to re-generate all your plots without error?



- If so you can now generate a nice **HTML report** of your work to date...

[Take 2-3 minutes]

Homework!

New [DataCamp](#) Assignments

- [RStudio IDE \(Pt 1\)](#)
- [Intermediate R](#)
 - Conditionals and Control Flow
 - Functions
 - Loops

Muddy Point Assessment Form Link

Useful new website: <https://www.data-to-viz.com/>