

Lab 1: Barplots, Histograms, Boxplots

Work through the examples and complete the exercises below.

First read in the `penguins` data. I removed the NA values for you.

```
penguins <- read.csv("https://raw.githubusercontent.com/marciero/MAT150/main/class_data/peng
```

This is the penguins data we have seen.

```
head(penguins)
```

```
...1 species      island year bill_length_mm bill_depth_mm flipper_length_mm
1     1 Adelie Torgersen 2007      39.1        18.7           181
2     2 Adelie Torgersen 2007      39.5        17.4           186
3     3 Adelie Torgersen 2007      40.3        18.0           195
4     5 Adelie Torgersen 2007      36.7        19.3           193
5     6 Adelie Torgersen 2007      39.3        20.6           190
6     7 Adelie Torgersen 2007      38.9        17.8           181
body_mass_g above_average_weight   sex
1       3750                  0 male
2       3800                  0 female
3       3250                  0 female
4       3450                  0 female
5       3650                  0 male
6       3625                  0 female
```

We can list the different species. The \$ is how you select columns in the data frame.

```
unique(penguins$species)
```

```
[1] "Adelie"    "Gentoo"    "Chinstrap"
```

We will also load in tidyverse if you havent done that.

```
library(tidyverse)

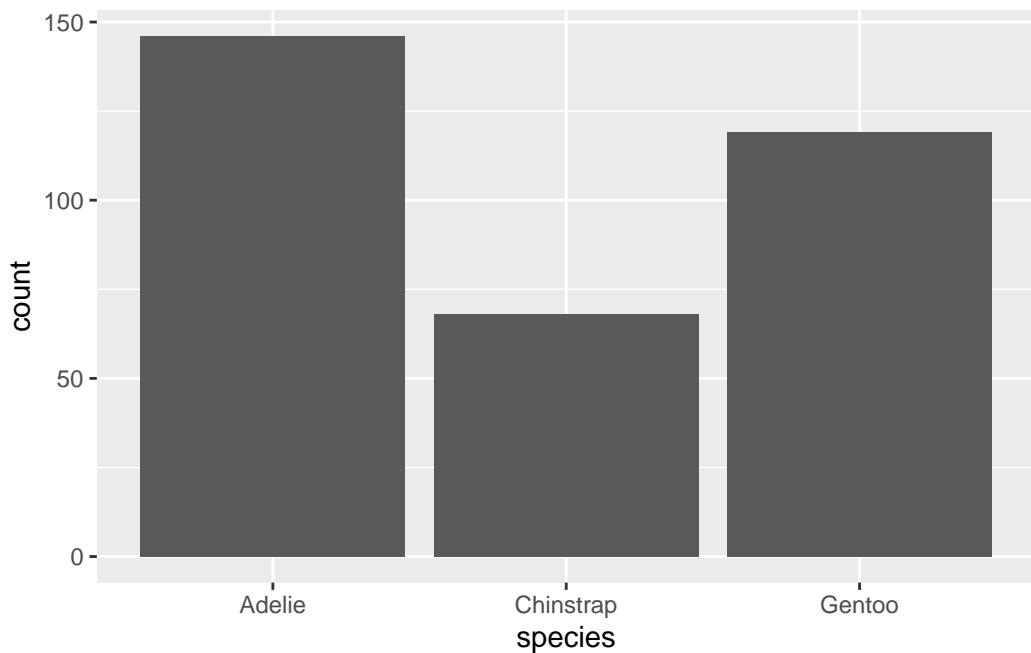
-- Attaching core tidyverse packages ----- tidyverse 2.0.0 --
v dplyr     1.1.2     v readr     2.1.4
v forcats   1.0.0     v stringr   1.5.0
v ggplot2   3.4.2     v tibble    3.2.1
v lubridate 1.9.2     v tidyr    1.3.0
v purrr    1.0.2

-- Conflicts -----
x dplyr::filter() masks stats::filter()
x dplyr::lag()    masks stats::lag()
i Use the conflicted package (<http://conflicted.r-lib.org/>) to force all conflicts to becom
```

We will make extensive use of `ggplot` for visualizations. It is part of the `tidyverse` meta package. To create a bar plot us execute the code below.

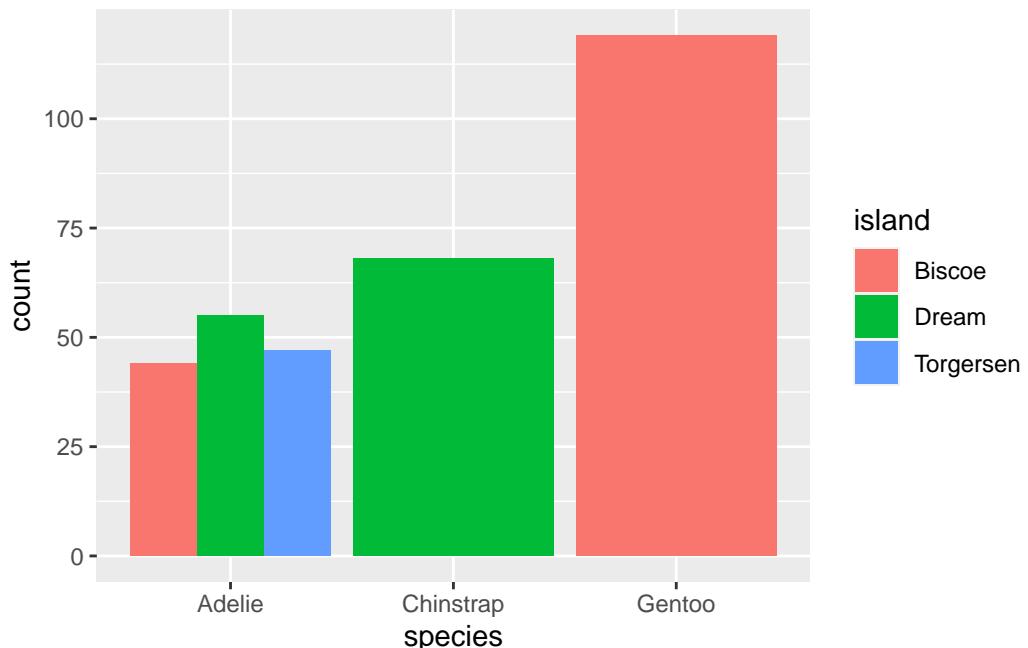
Here is how the commands work: `ggplot()` creates the plot. `aes` is for “aesthetic mapping”. This is where you tell R what the x and y are, if any. Then you tell R what the data set is. Then, you add layers to the plot with the “+” sign. Every type of plot has its own “geom”. Bar charts are `geom_bar`. We can add more arguments/options inside `geom_bar()`, as we will see soon.

```
ggplot(aes(x = species), data = penguins) +
  geom_bar()
```



Nice. If we want separate bars, we can use the `position = "dodge"` argument. Note that it is not an aesthetic, so it sits outside the `aes()`

```
ggplot(aes(x = species), data = penguins) +
  geom_bar(aes(fill = island), position = "dodge")
```



The mpg data is a built-in data set with tidyverse- we dont have to load it. Take a look at the data set using `head()`. You can type that right in the console rather than in your script file. Which data are categorical and which are numerical?

```
head(mpg)
```

```
# A tibble: 6 x 11
  manufacturer model displ year cyl trans     drv     cty   hwy fl class
  <chr>        <chr>  <dbl> <int> <int> <chr>    <chr> <int> <int> <chr> <chr>
1 audi         a4      1.8  1999     4 auto(15) f        18     29 p     compa-
2 audi         a4      1.8  1999     4 manual(m5) f       21     29 p     compa-
3 audi         a4      2     2008     4 manual(m6) f       20     31 p     compa-
4 audi         a4      2     2008     4 auto(av)   f       21     30 p     compa-
5 audi         a4      2.8  1999     6 auto(15) f       16     26 p     compa-
6 audi         a4      2.8  1999     6 manual(m5) f       18     26 p     compa-
```

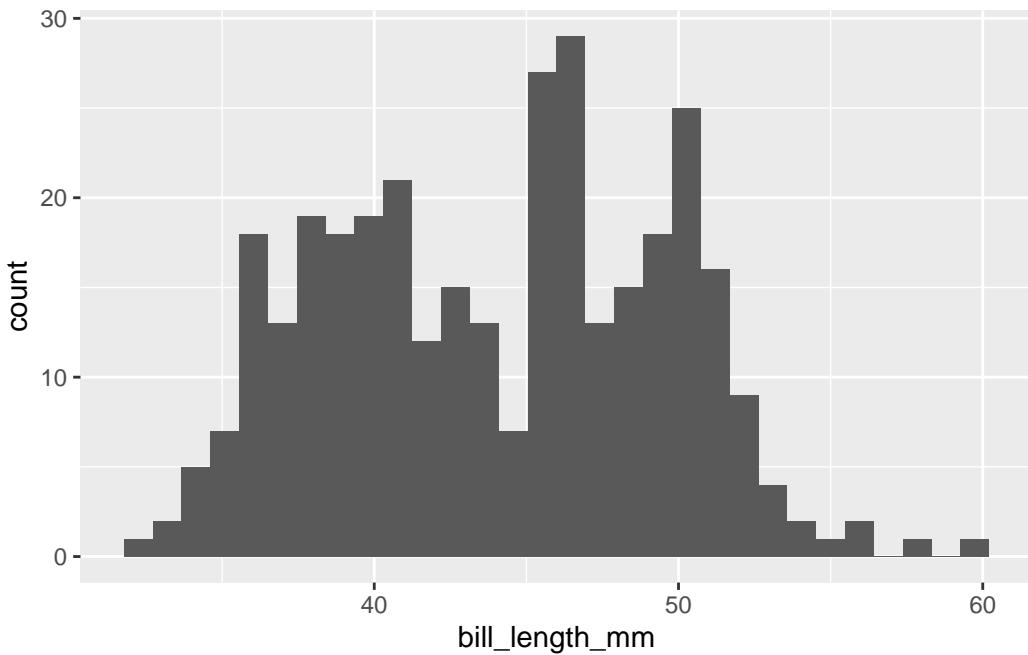
Exercise: For the mpg data 1. Make a bar plot of the class data. 2. Make a bar plot that also displays `drv` data to your bar plot using `fill = drv` (`drv` is the type of drive train the vehicle has) 3. Try the above with `position = "dodge"` 4. Try creating the graph the other way around - with heights for `drv` and `fill` indicating the class.

Remark: If our data is tabulated with count data, or if we simply want to plot the actual y values rather than counts, we will use `geom_col()`. As an example, we might do

Histograms

We make a “histogram” of bill lengths. This is a way to visualize the distribution of this numerical variable.

```
ggplot(aes(x = bill_length_mm), data = penguins) +
  geom_histogram()
`stat_bin()` using `bins = 30`. Pick better value with `binwidth`.
```

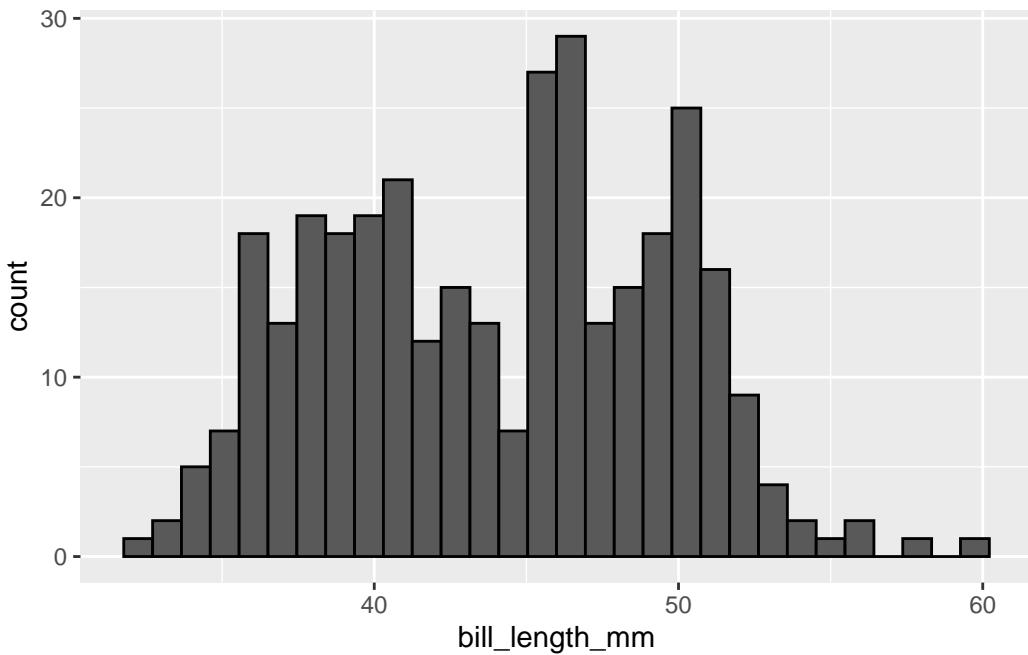


Note the command has the same format as for bar plots. This time with `geom_histogram`. We can specify the binwidth with `binwidth = 30` for example. The idea is to use a binwidth that gives you a sense of the shape of the data; that is the “distribution”. If we use too small a binwidth, many data points will get their own bin. The other extreme would be with a very large width, you might get just one bin. Try it!

To make our histogram look a little nicer we can use the following to outline each bin. Note that color is not an aesthetic- it does not appear inside `aes()`. That is because it is not mapping variables in the data to colors. It is simply making part to the graph a different color.

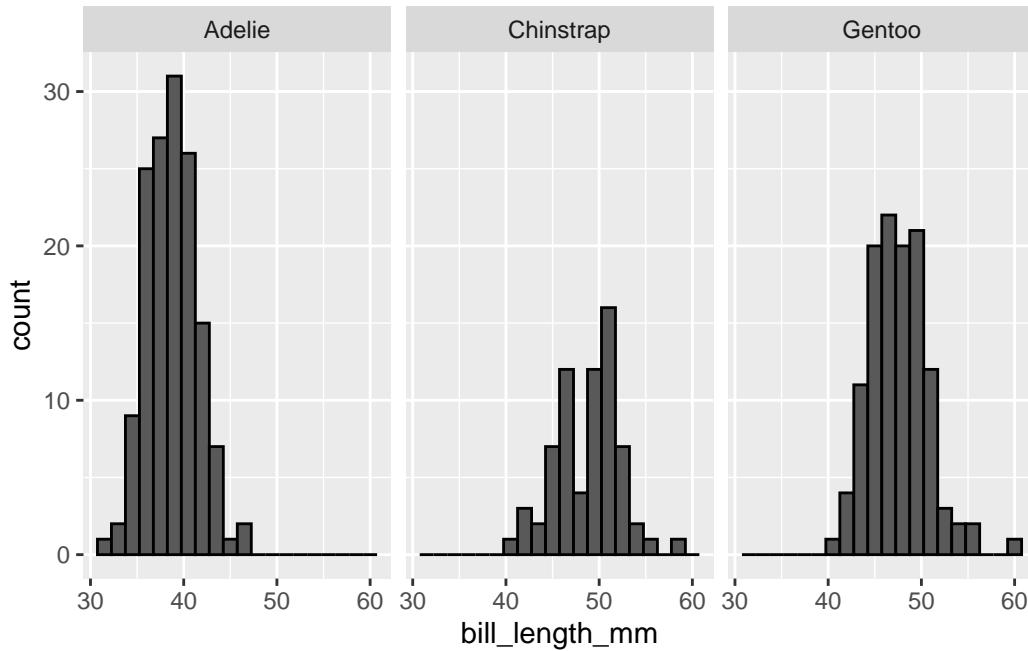
```
ggplot(aes(x = bill_length_mm), data = penguins) +
  geom_histogram(color = "black")    ## "white" works too!
```

``stat_bin()` using `bins = 30``. Pick better value with ``binwidth``.



You might notice that the distribution is somewhat “bimodal”. What do you think causes that? We can actually create separate histograms using `facet_wrap`. Notice we add a new layer

```
ggplot(aes(x = bill_length_mm), data = penguins) +  
  geom_histogram(binwidth = 1.5, color = "black") +  
  facet_wrap(~ species)
```



The `diamonds` data set comes with tidyverse, so again we dont have to load it. It is a data set of diamond prices. and other variables. Inspect the data by executing `glimpse(diamonds)` in the console. Also try `View(diamonds)` to see the data in a spreadsheet format. Now try adding an R code chunk below with `glimpse`, so that it will render in your finished document. (You can use the green C button with the plus sign in the top right of the editor window to add a new chunk.)

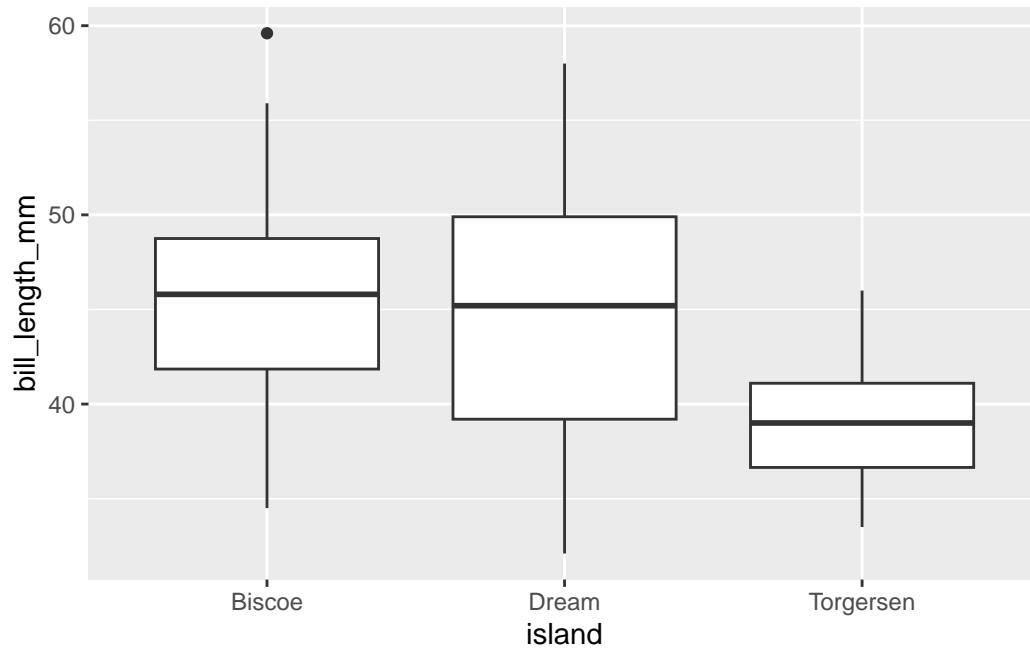
Exercise: For the diamonds data, insert code chunks to do the following

- Plot a histogram of price. Find a reasonable binwidth that illustrates the shape of the distribution
- Try `geom_density()` instead of `geom_histogram` and see what you get. (Dont use a binwidth-it does not make sense for this plot.)
- What other “categorical” variables may influence price? Try `facet_wrap` on one of them.
- Now try `aes(fill =)` on one of the categorical variables. (With no `facet_wrap`)

Boxplots.

These are created using the `geom_boxplot()`. We can specify a categorical variable as the x-variable to create side-by-side boxplots

```
penguins %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = island, y = bill_length_mm)) +
  geom_boxplot()
```



Exercise: For the mpg data, create a boxplot of hwy mileage by class.