High-level - functions such as `plot`, `hist`, `boxplot`, or `pairs` that produce an entire plot or initialize a plot.

low-level - functions that add to an existing plot created with a high-level plotting function. Examples are `points`, `lines`, `text`, `axis`, ...

Trellis functions - functions such as `xyplot`, `bwplot`, or `histogram` that can produce an entire multipanel display in a single call.