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# Base Plots in R

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Advanced Graphics: graphical parameters, axes and text, combining plots

### Introduction: generic plot types in R

**plot()** function is the generic function for **plotting** in R. It can be used to create basic **graphs**.

A simplified format of the function is

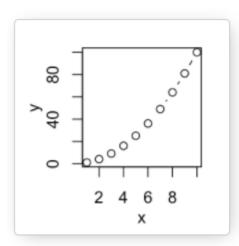
plot(x, y, type="p")

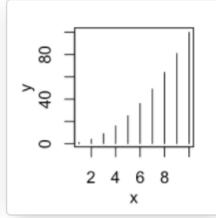
```
x and y: the coordinates of points to plot
type: the type of graph to create; Possible values are
type="p": for points (by default)
type="l": for lines
type="b": for both; points are connected by a line
type="o": for both 'overplotted';
type="h": for 'histogram' like vertical lines
type="s": for stair steps
type="n": for no plotting
```

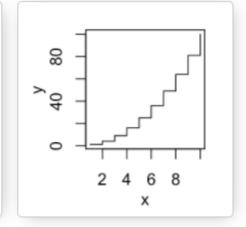
### Introduction: generic plot types in R

#### Examples

```
x<-1:10;
y=x*x
plot(x, y, type="b")
plot(x, y, type="h")
plot(x,y, type="s")</pre>
```







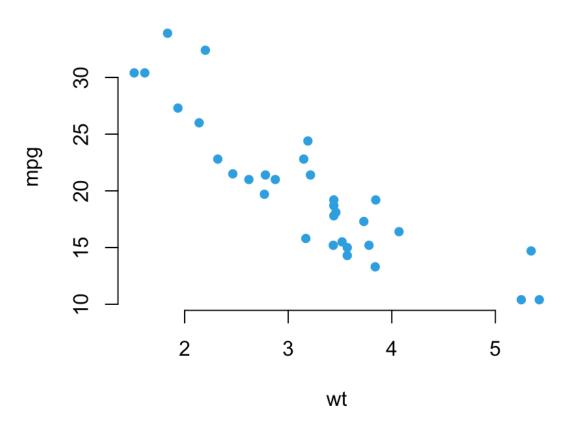
# Creating a Graph

The R base function **plot**() can be used to create graphs.

In R, graphs are typically created interactively.

# Creating a Graph
plot(x = mtcars\$wt, y = mtcars\$mpg,
pch = 16, frame = FALSE, xlab = "wt",
ylab = "mpg", col = "#2E9FDF")

The plot() function opens a graph window and plots weight vs. miles per gallon.

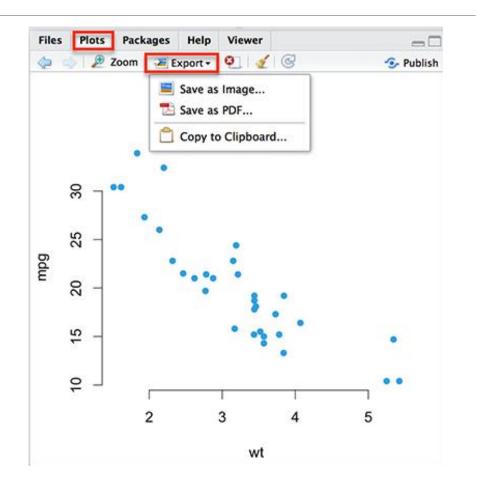


### Saving graphs: RStudio Plots Panel

If you are working with RStudio, the plot can be exported from menu in plot panel (lower right-pannel).

Plots panel -> Export -> Save as Image or Save as PDF

The choose directory and change file name



# Saving graphs: R codes to redirect graphs

It's also possible to save the graph using R codes as follow:

- 1. Specify files to save your image using a function such as **jpeg()**, **png()**, **svg()** or **pdf()**. Additional argument indicating the width and the height of the image can be also used.
- 2. Create the plot
- 3. Close the file with dev.off()

```
Example 1: saving as pdf
# 1. Open a pdf file
pdf("rplot.pdf")
# 2. Create a plot
plot(x = mtcars$wt, y = mtcars$mpg, pch = 16,
frame = FALSE, xlab = "wt", ylab = "mpg", col =
"#2E9FDF")
# 3. Close the pdf file
dev.off()
```

### Saving graphs: R codes to redirect graphs

```
Example 2: saving as jpeg file
# 1. Open jpeg file
jpeg("rplot.jpg", width = 350, height = "350")
# 2. Create the plot
plot(x = mtcars$wt, y = mtcars$mpg, pch = 16, frame = FALSE, xlab = "wt", ylab = "mpg", col = "#2E9FDF")
# 3. Close the file
dev.off()
```

The R codes in the previous 2 slides saves the files in the current working directory.

# Saving graphs: R codes to redirect graphs

To redirect graphic output use one of the following functions. Use **dev.off()** to return output to the terminal.

Function	Output to
pdf("mygraph.pdf")	pdf file
win.metafile("mygraph.wmf")	windows metafile
png("mygraph.png")	png file
<pre>jpeg("mygraph.jpg")</pre>	jpeg file
bmp("mygraph.bmp")	bmp file
postscript("mygraph.ps")	postscript file

# Create histogram plots: hist()

Histograms display the distribution of a continuous variable by dividing up the range of scores into a specified number of bins on the x-axis and displaying the frequency of scores in each bin on the y-axis.

A histogram can be created using the function hist(), which simplified format is as follow:

hist(x, breaks = "Sturges")

Where:

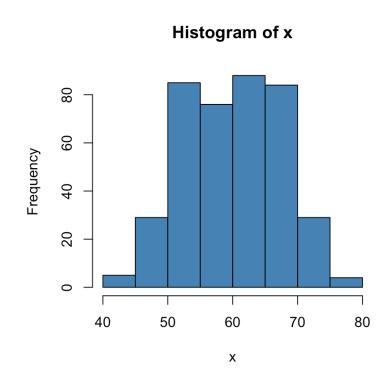
x: a is numeric vector

breaks: breakpoints between histogram cells

Example:

x <- mtcars\$mpg

hist(x, col = "steelblue", frame = FALSE)

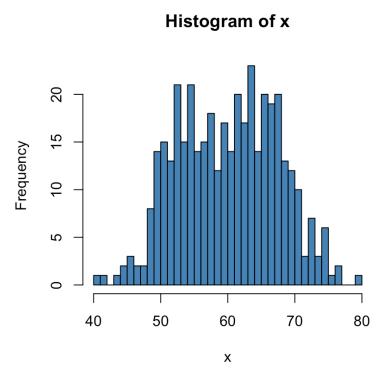


### Create histogram plots: hist()

# Change the number of breaks

hist(x, col = "steelblue", frame = FALSE, breaks = 30)

Histograms can be a poor method for determining the shape of a distribution – they are strongly affected by the number of bins used.



# Kernel Density Plots: density()

**Kernel density plots** are usually a much more effective than **histograms** way to view the distribution of a variable.

Kernel density estimation is a nonparametric method for estimating the probability density function of a random variable.

The function **density()** is used to estimate kernel density.

Create the plot using **plot(density(***x***))** where *x* is a numeric vector.

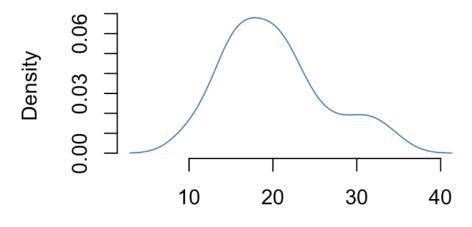
# Compute the density data

dens <- density(mtcars\$mpg)</pre>

# plot density

plot(dens, frame = FALSE, col = "steelblue", main = "Density plot of mpg")

#### **Density plot of mpg**

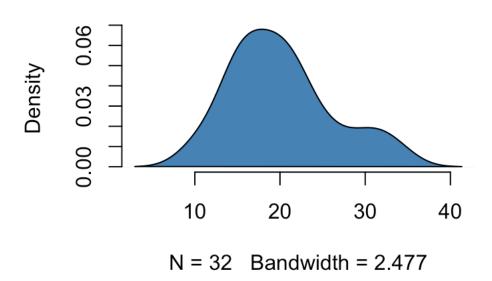


N = 32 Bandwidth = 2.477

### Kernel Density Plots: density()

```
# Fill the density plot using polygon()
plot(dens, frame = FALSE, col = "steelblue",
main = "Density plot of mpg")
polygon(dens, col = "steelblue")
```

#### **Density plot of mpg**



The function **dotchart()** is used to draw a cleveland dot plot.

dotchart(x, labels = NULL, groups = NULL, gcolor = par("fg"), color = par("fg"))

x: numeric vector or matrix

labels: a vector of labels for each point.

**groups**: a grouping variable indicating how the elements of x are grouped.

gcolor: color to be used for group labels and values.

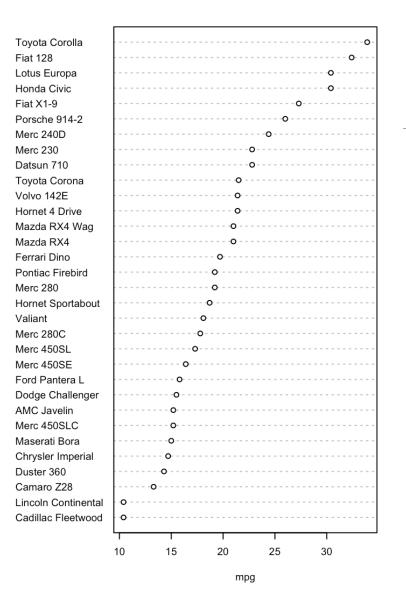
color: the color(s) to be used for points and labels.

**cex:** controls the size of the labels.

#### Dot chart of one numeric vector

# Dot chart of a single numeric vector

dotchart(mtcars\$mpg, labels =
row.names(mtcars), cex = 0.6, xlab = "mpg")



#### Dot chart of one numeric

```
Plot and color by groups cyl
```

```
#Groups
```

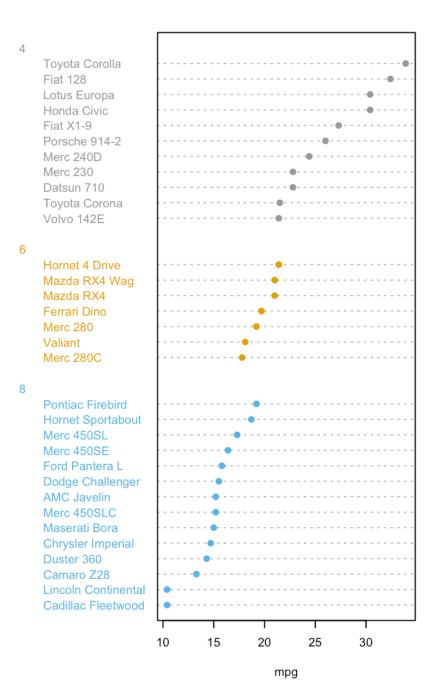
```
grps <- as.factor(mtcars$cyl)</pre>
```

#Colours for each group

```
my_cols <- c("#999999", "#E69F00", "#56B4E9")
```

#Plot

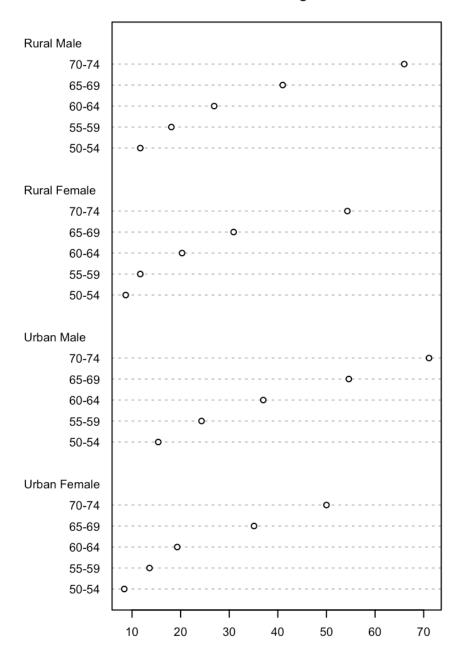
```
dotchart(mtcars$mpg, labels =
row.names(mtcars), groups = grps, gcolor =
my_cols, color = my_cols[grps], cex = 0.6, pch
= 19, xlab = "mpg")
```



#### Dot chart of a matrix

dotchart(VADeaths, cex = 0.6, main = "Death Rates in Virginia - 1940")

#### Death Rates in Virginia - 1940



Create barplots with the **barplot**(height) function

height is a vector or matrix

If height is a vector: the values determine the heights of the bars in the plot.

If **height is a matrix** and the option **beside=FALSE** then each bar of the plot corresponds to a column of height, with the values in the column giving the heights of stacked "sub-bars". If **height is a matrix** and **beside=TRUE**, the values in each column are juxtaposed rather than stacked

names.arg=(character vector) labels the bars

horiz=TRUE creates a horizontal barplot

#### Bar plot of one variable

#### Bar Plots:basic

```
# Subset
```

```
x <- VADeaths[1:3, "Rural Male"]
```

#### X

```
## 50-54 55-59 60-64
```

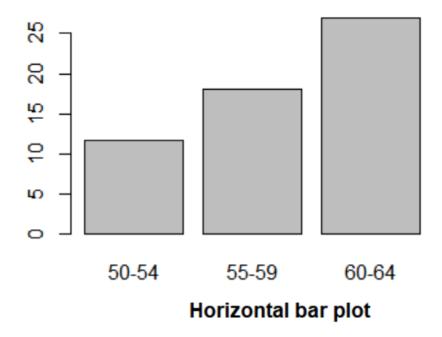
## 11.7 18.1 26.9

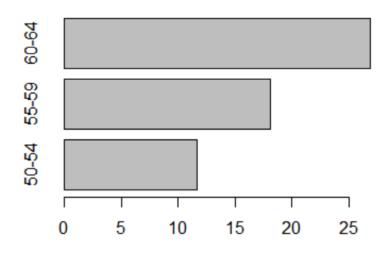
# Bar plot of one variable

#### barplot(x)

# Horizontal bar plot

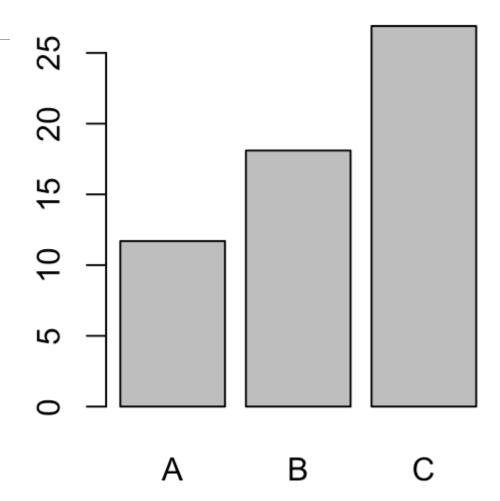
barplot(x, horiz = TRUE)





#### **Change group names**

barplot(x, names.arg = c("A", "B", "C"))



#### **Change color**

# Change border and fill color using one single color

```
barplot(x, col = "white", border = "steelblue")
```

# Use different colors for each group

```
barplot(x, col = "white",
```

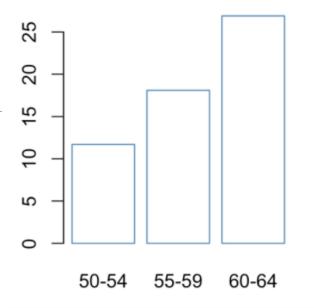
```
border = c("#999999", "#E69F00", "#56B4E9"))
```

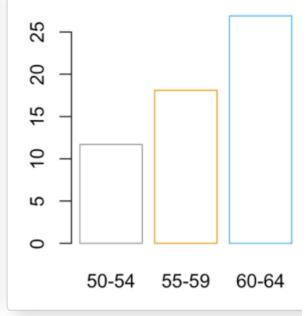
# Change fill color : single color

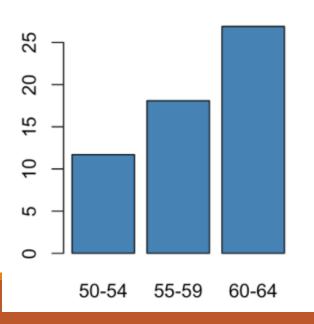
```
barplot(x, col = "steelblue")
```

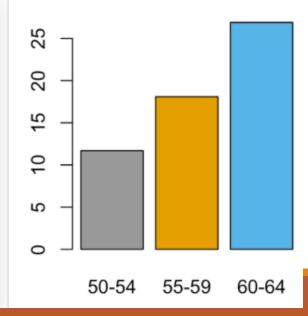
# Change fill color: multiple colors

barplot(x, col = c("#999999", "#E69F00", "#56B4E9"))









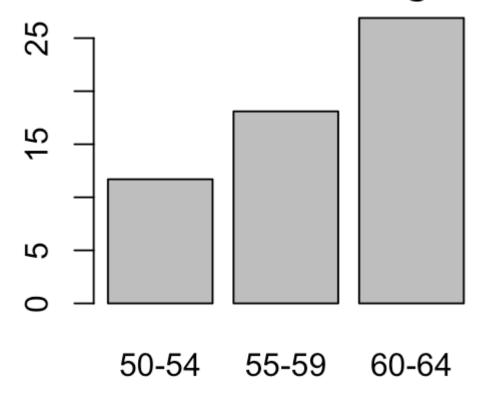
#### **Change main title and axis labels**

```
# Change axis titles
```

# Change color (col = "gray") and remove frame

barplot(x, main = "Death Rates in Virginia", xlab = "Age", ylab = "Rate")

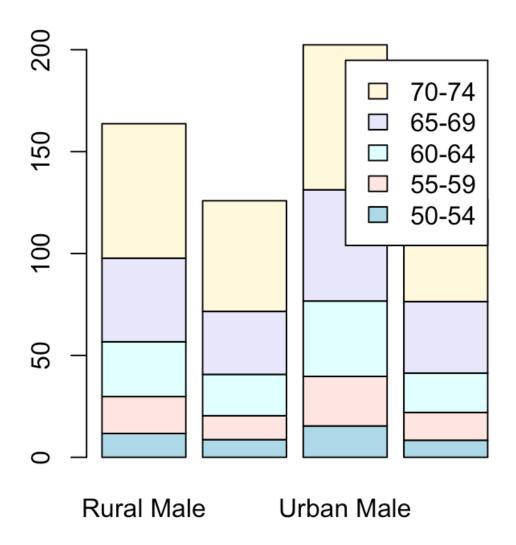
#### **Death Rates in Virginia**



Age

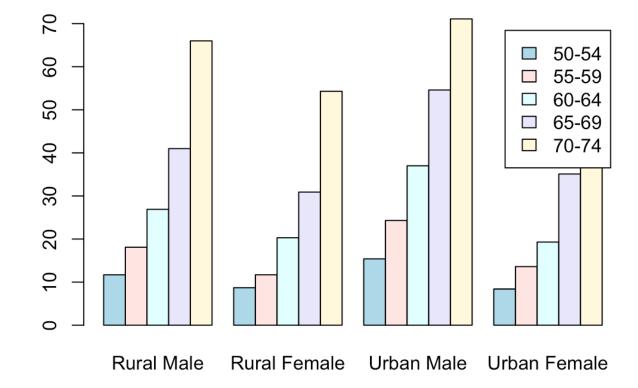
#### **Stacked bar plots**

barplot(VADeaths, col = c("lightblue",
"mistyrose", "lightcyan", "lavender",
"cornsilk"), legend =
rownames(VADeaths))



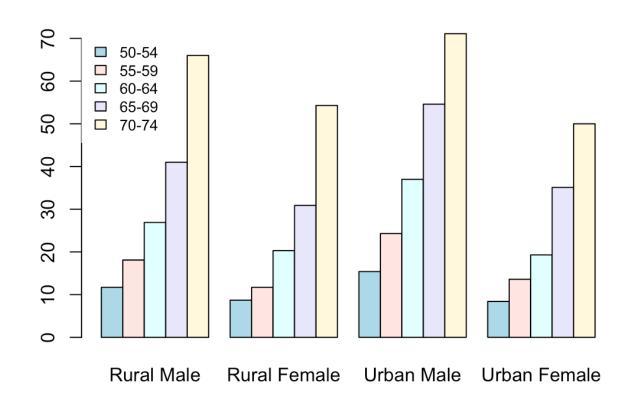
#### **Grouped bar plots**

```
barplot(VADeaths, col =
c("lightblue", "mistyrose", "lightcyan",
"lavender", "cornsilk"), legend =
rownames(VADeaths), beside = TRUE)
```



cex = 0.8: legend text size

```
It's also possible to add legends to a plot using the
function legend() as follow.
# Define a set of colors
my_colors <- c("lightblue", "mistyrose", "lightcyan",
         "lavender", "cornsilk")
# Bar plot
barplot(VADeaths, col = my_colors, beside = TRUE)
# Add legend
legend("topleft", legend = rownames(VADeaths),
    fill = my colors, box.lty = 0, cex = 0.8)
Notes:
box.lty = 0: Remove the box around the legend
```



# Line Plots: plot() and lines()

The simplified format of plot() and lines() is as follow.

```
plot(x, y, type = "l", lty = 1)
```

lines(x, y, type = "
$$I$$
", lty = 1)

x, y: coordinate vectors of points to join

**type**: character indicating the type of plotting. Allowed values are:

- "p" for points
- "I" for lines
- "b" for both points and lines
- "c" for empty points joined by lines
- "o" for overplotted points and lines
- "s" and "S" for stair steps
- "n" does not produce any points or lines

Ity: line types.

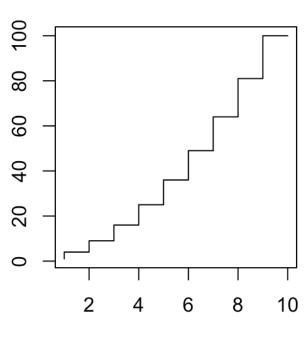
Line types can **either** be specified as **an integer** (0=blank, 1=solid (default), 2=dashed, 3=dotted, 4=dotdash, 5=longdash, 6=twodash)

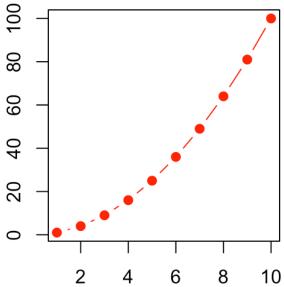
or as one of the **character strings** "blank", "solid", "dashed", "dotted", "dotdash", "longdash", or "twodash", where "blank" uses 'invisible lines' (i.e., does not draw them).

# Line Plots: plot() and lines()

# Create some variables

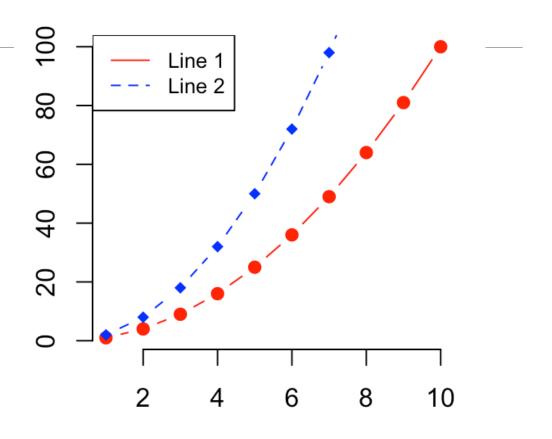
```
x <- 1:10
y1 <- x*x
y2 <- 2*y1
# Create a basic stair steps plot
plot(x, y1, type = "S")
# Show both points and line
plot(x, y1, type = "b", pch = 19, col = "red", xlab = "x", ylab = "y")</pre>
```





# Line Plots: plot() and lines()

```
# Create a first line
plot(x, y1, type = "b", frame = FALSE, pch = 19,
col = "red", xlab = "x", ylab = "y")
# Add a second line
lines(x, y2, pch = 18, col = "blue", type = "b",
Ity = 2
# Add a legend to the plot
legend("topleft", legend=c("Line 1", "Line 2"),
col=c("red", "blue"), lty = 1:2, cex=0.8)
```



#### Pie Charts

Pie charts are not recommended: their features are somewhat limited.

Bar or dot plots recommended over pie charts because people are able to judge **length** more accurately than **volume**.

Pie charts are created with the function **pie(x, labels=)** 

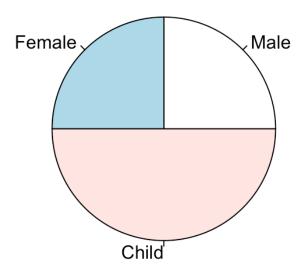
**x** is a non-negative numeric vector indicating the area of each slice

labels = notes a character vector of names for the slices.

radius: radius of the pie circle. If the character strings labeling the slices are long it may be necessary to use a smaller radius.

#### Pie Charts: basic pie chart

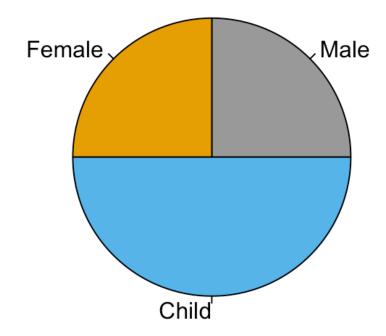
```
Create some data
df <- data.frame(</pre>
 group = c("Male", "Female", "Child"),
value = c(25, 25, 50)
df
pie(df$value, labels = df$group, radius = 1)
```



#### Pie Charts

# Change colors

pie(df\$value, labels = df\$group, radius = 1, col = c("#999999", "#E69F00", "#56B4E9"))



# Pie Charts: Create 3D pie charts: plotix::pie3D()

The function **pie3D**()[in **plotrix** package] can be used to draw a 3D pie chart.

**Install** plotrix package:

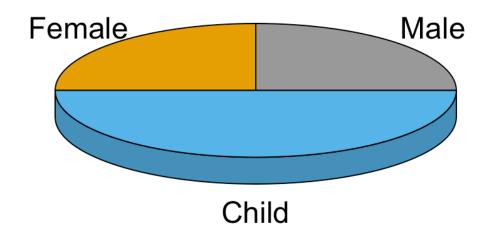
install.packages("plotrix")

Use pie3D():

#3D pie chart

library("plotrix")

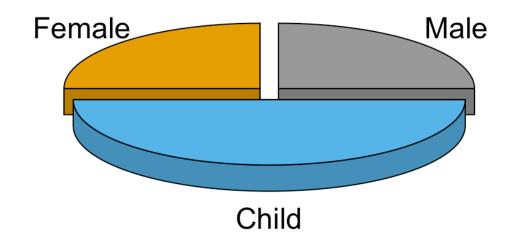
pie3D(df\$value, labels = df\$group, radius = 1.5, col = c("#999999", "#E69F00", "#56B4E9"))



# Pie Charts: Create 3D pie charts: plotix::pie3D()

# 3D Exploded Pie Chart

```
pie3D(df$value, labels = df$group, radius = 1.5,
col = c("#999999", "#E69F00", "#56B4E9"),
explode = 0.1)
```



### Boxplots

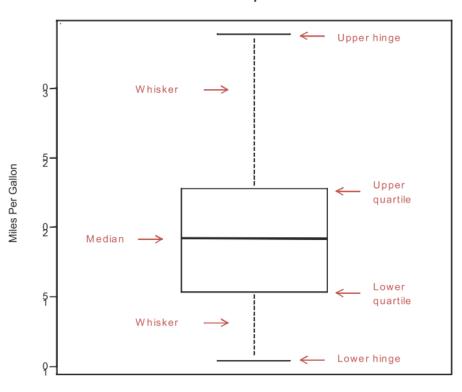
A "box-and-whiskers" plot describes the distribution of a continuous variable by plotting its five-number summary: the minimum, lower quartile (25th percentile), median (50th percentile), upper quartile (75th percentile), and maximum.

It can also display observations that may be **outliers** (values outside the range of ± 1.5\*IQR,

#### where

IQR is the **interquartile range** defined as the **upper quartile minus the lower quartile**).

#### Box plot



Box plot with annotations added by hand

#### Boxplots

Boxplots can be created for individual variables or for variables by group.

The format is:

boxplot(x, data=),

where **x** is a formula

data= denotes the data frame providing the data.

Example formula is y~group - a separate boxplot for numeric variable **y** is generated for each value of **group**.

varwidth=TRUE: boxplot widths are made proportional to the square root of the samples sizes.

horizontal=TRUE reverses the axis orientation.

#### Boxplots

Here, we'll use the R built-in ToothGrowth data set.

# Box plot of one variable

boxplot(ToothGrowth\$len)

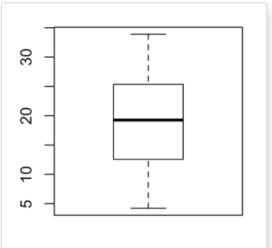
# Box plots by groups (dose) removing frame

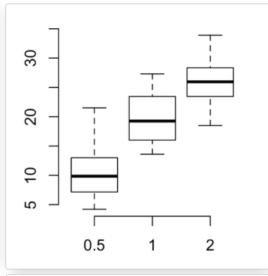
boxplot(len ~ dose, data = ToothGrowth, frame = FALSE)

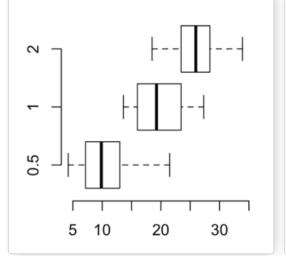
# Horizontal box plots

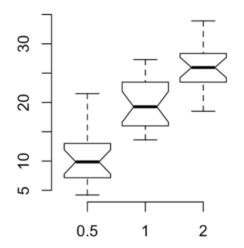
boxplot(len ~ dose, data = ToothGrowth, frame = FALSE, horizontal = TRUE)

# Notched box plots



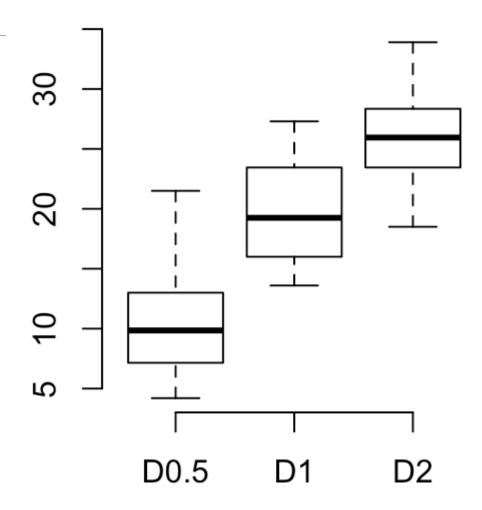






#### **Change group names**

boxplot(len ~ dose, data = ToothGrowth, frame = FALSE, names = c("D0.5", "D1", "D2"))



#### **Change color**

# Change the color of border using one single color

```
boxplot(len ~ dose, data = ToothGrowth, frame = FALSE,
border = "steelblue")
```

# Use different border colors for each group

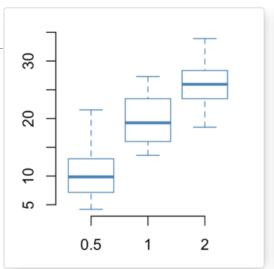
```
boxplot(len ~ dose, data = ToothGrowth, frame = FALSE,
border = c("#999999", "#E69F00", "#56B4E9"))
```

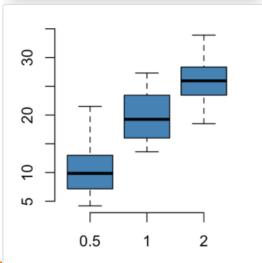
# Change fill color : single color

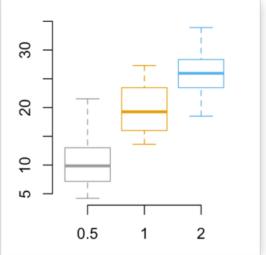
```
boxplot(len ~ dose, data = ToothGrowth, frame = FALSE, col = "steelblue")
```

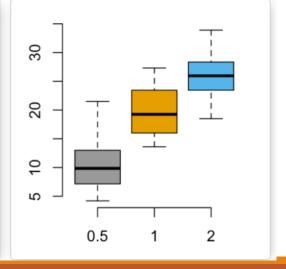
# Change fill color: multiple colors

boxplot(len  $\sim$  dose, data = ToothGrowth, frame = FALSE, col = c("#999999", "#E69F00", "#56B4E9"))







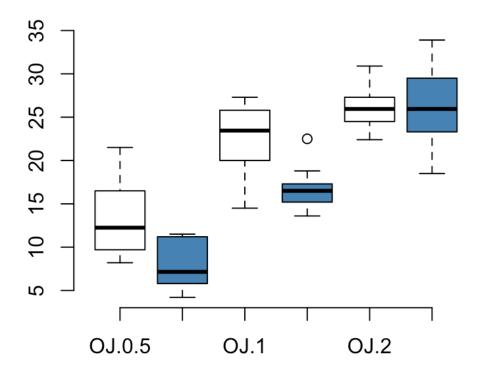


```
Box plot with multiple groups

boxplot(len ~ supp*dose, data = ToothGrowth,

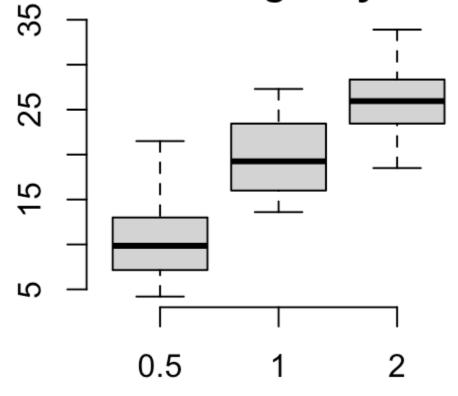
col = c("white", "steelblue"), frame =

FALSE)
```



```
Change main title and axis labels
# Change axis titles
# Change color (col = "gray") and remove
frame
# Create notched box plot
boxplot(len ~ dose, data = ToothGrowth,
    main = "Plot of length by dose",
    xlab = "Dose (mg)", ylab = "Length",
    col = "lightgray", frame = FALSE)
```

#### Plot of length by dose



Length

Dose (mg)

#### Scatterplots

A convenient method of plotting a bivariate relationship- relationships between two variables (more statistical details to be covered in a later session)

Scatter plots can be created using the function plot(x, y).

The function lm() will be used to fit linear models between y and x.

A regression line will be added on the plot using the function abline(), which takes the output of lm() as an argument.

Smoothing lines can be added using the function loess().

#### Scatterplots: basic

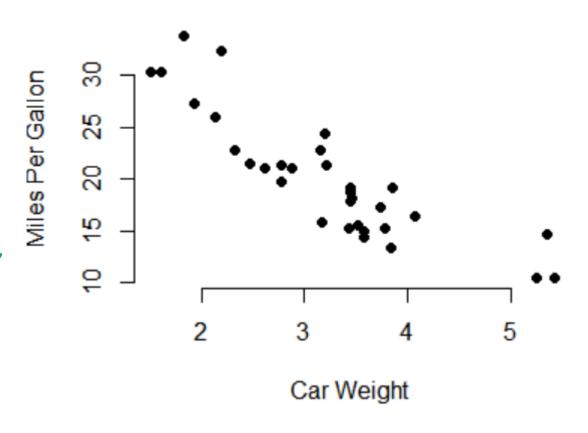
#### attach(mtcars)

# Plot with main and axis titles

# Change point shape (pch = 19) and remove frame.

plot(wt, mpg, main="Scatterplot Example", xlab="Car Weight ", ylab="Miles Per Gallon ", pch=19, frame=FALSE)

#### Scatterplot Example



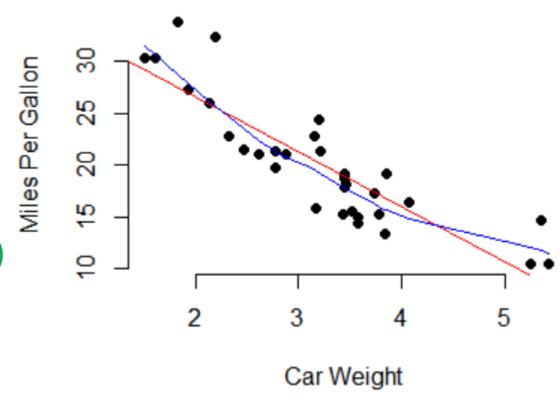
#### Scatterplots

# Add regression line

```
plot(wt, mpg, main="Scatterplot Example",
    xlab="Car Weight ", ylab="Miles Per Gallon ",
    pch=19, frame=FALSE)
```

# Add fit lines abline(lm(mpg~wt), col="red") # regression line (y~x) lines(lowess(wt,mpg), col="blue") # lowess line (x,y)

#### Scatterplot Example



### Enhanced scatter plots: car::scatterplot()

The function scatterplot() [in car package] makes enhanced scatter plots, with box plots in the margins, a non-parametric regression smooth, smoothed conditional spread, outlier identification, and a regression line, ...

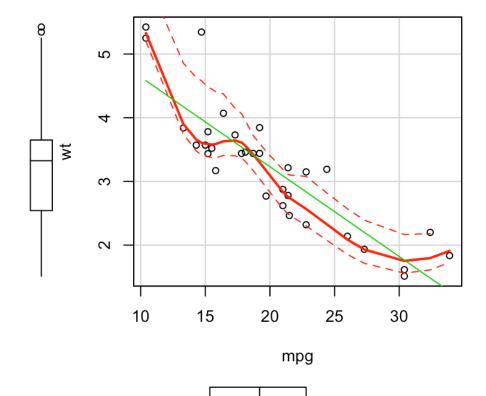
Install car package:

install.packages("car")

Use scatterplot() function:

library("car")

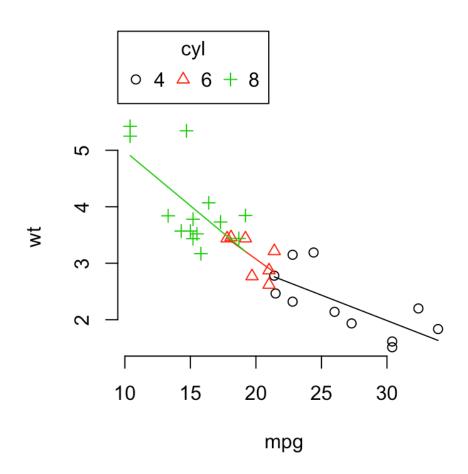
scatterplot(wt ~ mpg, data = mtcars)



### Scatterplots: grouped

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# Scatter plot by groups ("cyl")

scatterplot(wt ~ mpg | cyl, data = mtcars,
smoother = FALSE, grid = FALSE, frame =
FALSE)
```



#### Scatterplots: 3D

Function scatterplot3D [in scatterplot3D package can be used].

The following R code plots a 3D scatter plot using iris data set.

# Prepare the data set

x <- iris\$Sepal.Length

y <- iris\$Sepal.Width

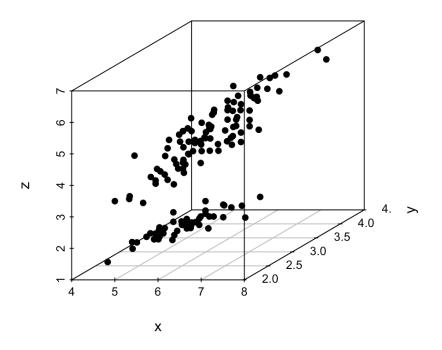
z <- iris\$Petal.Length

grps <- as.factor(iris\$Species)</pre>

# Plot

library(scatterplot3d)

scatterplot3d(x, y, z, pch = 16)



#### Scatterplots: 3D

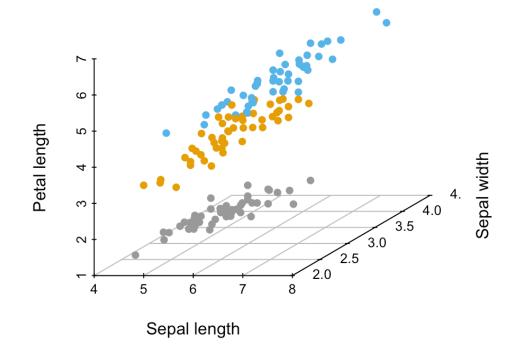
Change color by groups

Add grids and remove the box around the plot

Change axis labels: xlab, ylab and zlab

colors <- c("#999999", "#E69F00", "#56B4E9")

scatterplot3d(x, y, z, pch = 16, color =
colors[grps], grid = TRUE, box =
FALSE, xlab = "Sepal length", ylab =
"Sepal width", zlab = "Petal length")



### Advanced Graphics

- Graphical parameters
- Axes and text
- Combining plots

- You can customize many features of your graphs (fonts, colors, axes, titles) through graphic options.
- The par() function: parameter values set here are in effect for the rest of the session or until you change them again.
- The format is par(optionname=value, optionname=value, ...)
- # Set a graphical parameter using par()

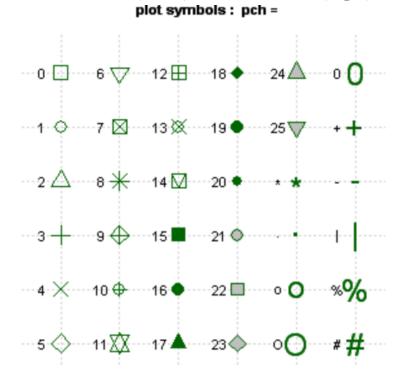
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par() # view current settings
opar <- par() # make a copy of current settings
par(col.lab="red") # red x and y labels
hist(mtcars$mpg) # create a plot with these new settings
par(opar) # restore original settings</pre>
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- A second way to specify graphical parameters is by providing the optionname=value pairs directly to a high-level plotting function. In this case, the options are only in effect for that specific graph.
- # Set a graphical parameter within the plotting function hist(mtcars\$mpg, col.lab="red")
- See the help for a specific high level plotting function (e.g. plot, hist, boxplot) to determine which graphical parameters can be set this way.
- The remainder of this section describes some of the more important graphical parameters that you can set.

- Text and Symbol Size
- The following options can be used to control text and symbol size in graphs.

option	description
cex	number indicating the amount by which plotting text and symbols should be scaled relative to the default. 1=default, 1.5 is 50% larger, 0.5 is 50% smaller, etc.
cex.axis	magnification of axis annotation relative to cex
cex.lab	magnification of x and y labels relative to cex
cex.main	magnification of titles relative to cex
cex.sub	magnification of subtitles relative to cex

- PLOTTING SYMBOLS
- Use the pch= option to specify symbols to use when plotting points. For symbols 21 through 25, specify border color (col=) and fill color (bg=).



- LINES
- You can change lines using the following options. This is particularly useful for reference lines, axes, and fit lines.

option	description
lty	line type. see the chart below.
lwd	line width relative to the default (default=1). 2 is twice as wide.
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- COLORS
- Options that specify colors include the following.

option	description
col	Default plotting color. Some functions (e.g. lines) accept a vector of values that are recycled.
col.axis	color for axis annotation
col.lab	color for x and y labels
col.main	color for titles
col.sub	color for subtitles
fg	plot foreground color (axes, boxes - also sets col= to same)
bg	plot background color

- You can specify colors in R by index, name, hexadecimal, or RGB.
   For example col=1, col="white", and col="#FFFFFF" are equivalent.
- The following slide presents a chart was produced with code developed by Earl F. Glynn.
- You can also create a vector of n contiguous colors using the functions rainbow(n), heat.colors(n), terrain.colors(n), topo.co lors(n), and cm.colors(n).
- colors() returns all available color names.

### Graphical Parameters: color code chart

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- fonts
- You can easily set font size and style, but font family is a bit more complicated.

option	description
font	Integer specifying font to use for text. 1=plain, 2=bold, 3=italic, 4=bold italic, 5=symbol
font.axis	font for axis annotation
font.lab	font for x and y labels
font.main	font for titles
font.sub	font for subtitles
ps	font point size (roughly 1/72 inch) text size=ps*cex
family	font family for drawing text. Standard values are "serif", "sans", "mono", "symbol". Mapping is device dependent.

- Axes and Text
- Many high-level plotting functions (plot, hist, boxplot, etc.) allow you to include axis and text options (as well as other graphical paramters). For example
- # Specify axis options within plot()
   plot(x, y, main="title", sub="subtitle",
   xlab="X-axis label", ylab="y-axix label",
   xlim=c(xmin, xmax), ylim=c(ymin, ymax))
- For finer control or for modularization, you can use the functions described below.

- Titles
- Use the title() function to add labels to a plot.
- title(main="main title", sub="sub-title", xlab="x-axis label", ylab="y-axis label")
- Many other graphical parameters (such as text size, font, rotation, and color) can also be specified in the title() function.
- # Add a red title and a blue subtitle. Make x and y
  # labels 25% smaller than the default and green.
  title(main="My Title", col.main="red",
  sub="My Sub-title", col.sub="blue",
  xlab="My X label", ylab="My Y label",
  col.lab="green", cex.lab=0.75)

If you are going to create a custom axis, you should suppress the axis automatically generated by your high level plotting function.

The option axes=FALSE suppresses both x and y axes. xaxt="n" and yaxt="n" suppress the x and y axis respectively.

#### **Axes**

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You can create custom axes using the axis() function. axis(side, at=, labels=, pos=, lty=, col=, las=, tck=, ...) where
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option	description
side	an integer indicating the side of the graph to draw the axis (1=bottom, 2=left, 3=top, 4=right)
at	a numeric vector indicating where tic marks should be drawn
labels	a character vector of labels to be placed at the tickmarks (if NULL, the <i>at</i> values will be used)
pos	the coordinate at which the axis line is to be drawn. (i.e., the value on the other axis where it crosses)
lty	line type
col	the line and tick mark color
las	labels are parallel (=0) or perpendicular(=2) to axis
tck	length of tick mark as fraction of plotting region (negative number is outside graph, positive number is inside, 0 suppresses ticks, 1 creates gridlines) default is -0.01
()	other graphical parameters

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# An Axis Example
# specify the data
x <- c(1:10); y <- x; z <- 10/x
# create extra margin room on the right for an axis
par(mar=c(5, 4, 4, 8) + 0.1)
# plot x vs. y
plot(x, y,type="b", pch=21, col="red", yaxt="n", lty=3, xlab="", ylab="")
\# add x vs. 1/x
lines(x, z, type="b", pch=22, col="blue", lty=2)
# draw an axis on the left
axis(2, at=x,labels=x, col.axis="red", las=2)
# draw an axis on the right, with smaller text and ticks
axis(4, at=z,labels=round(z,digits=2),col.axis="blue", las=2, cex.axis=0.7, tck=-.01)
# add a title for the right axis
mtext("y=1/x", side=4, line=3, cex.lab=1,las=2, col="blue")
# add a main title and bottom and left axis labels
title("An Example of Creative Axes", xlab="X values", ylab="Y=X")
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Reference Lines
Add reference lines to a graph using the abline() function.
abline(h=yvalues, v=xvalues)
Other graphical parameters (such as line type, color, and width)
  can also be specified in the abline () function.
# add solid horizontal lines at y=1,5,7
  abline(h=c(1,5,7))
  # add dashed blue verical lines at x = 1,3,5,7,9
  abline(v=seq(1,10,2),lty=2,col="blue")
Note: You can also use the grid() function to add reference lines.
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- Legend
- Add a legend with the legend() function.
- legend(location, title, legend, ...)
- Common options are described below.

option	description
location	There are several ways to indicate the location of the legend. You can give an <b>x,y coordinate</b> for the upper left hand corner of the legend. You can use <b>locator(1)</b> , in which case you use the mouse to indicate the location of the legend. You can also use the <b>keywords</b> "bottom", "bottomleft", "left", "topleft", "top", "topright", "right", "bottomright", or "center". If you use a keyword, you may want to use <b>inset</b> = to specify an amount to move the legend into the graph (as fraction of plot region).
title	A character string for the legend title (optional)
legend	A character vector with the labels
	Other options. If the legend labels colored lines, specify <b>col</b> = and a vector of colors. If the legend labels point symbols, specify <b>pch</b> = and a vector of point symbols. If the legend labels line width or line style, use <b>lwd</b> = or <b>lty</b> = and a vector of widths or styles. To create colored boxes for the legend (common in bar, box, or pie charts), use <b>fill</b> = and a vector of colors.

```
* # Legend Example
attach(mtcars)
boxplot(mpg~cyl, main="Milage by Car Weight",
    yaxt="n", xlab="Milage", horizontal=TRUE,
    col=terrain.colors(3))
legend("topright", inset=.05, title="Number of
Cylinders",
    c("4","6","8"), fill=terrain.colors(3), horiz=TRUE)
```

- Combining Plots
- R makes it easy to combine multiple plots into one overall graph, using either the par() or layout() function.
- With the par() function, you can include the option mfrow=c(nrows, ncols) to create a matrix of nrows x ncols plots that are filled in by row. mfcol=c(nrows, ncols) fills in the matrix by columns.

```
# 4 figures arranged in 2 rows and 2 columns
    attach(mtcars)
    par(mfrow=c(2,2))
    plot(wt,mpg, main="Scatterplot of wt vs. mpg")
    plot(wt,disp, main="Scatterplot of wt vs disp")
    hist(wt, main="Histogram of wt")
    boxplot(wt, main="Boxplot of wt")
```

Three figures arranged in 3 rows and 1 column

```
attach(mtcars)
par(mfrow=c(3,1))
hist(wt)
hist(mpg)
hist(disp)
```

- The layout() function has the form layout(mat) where mat is a matrix object specifying the location of the N figures to plot.
- # One figure in row 1 and two figures in row 2
  attach(mtcars)
  layout(matrix(c(1,1,2,3), 2, 2, byrow = TRUE))
  hist(wt)
  hist(mpg)
  hist(disp)

- Optionally, you can include widths= and heights= options in the layout() function to control the size of each figure more precisely. These options have the form widths= a vector of values for the widths of columns heights= a vector of values for the heights of rows.
- Relative widths are specified with numeric values. Absolute widths (in centimetres) are specified with the <a href="mailto:lcm">lcm</a>() function.

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    # One figure in row 1 and two figures in row 2
    # row 1 is 1/3 the height of row 2
    # column 2 is 1/4 the width of the column 1

attach(mtcars)

layout(matrix(c(1,1,2,3), 2, 2, byrow = TRUE),
    widths=c(3,1), heights=c(1,2))

hist(wt)
hist(mpg)
hist(disp)
```

# Thank You