# Changing plot style and color

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### Why customize?

Reasons to change style:

- Personal preference
- Improve readability
- Guide interpretation

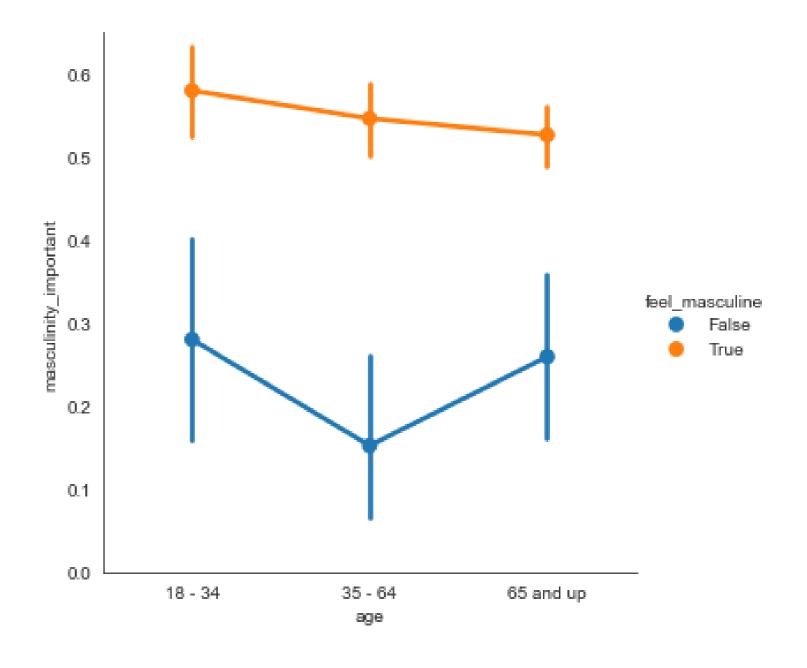


### Changing the figure style

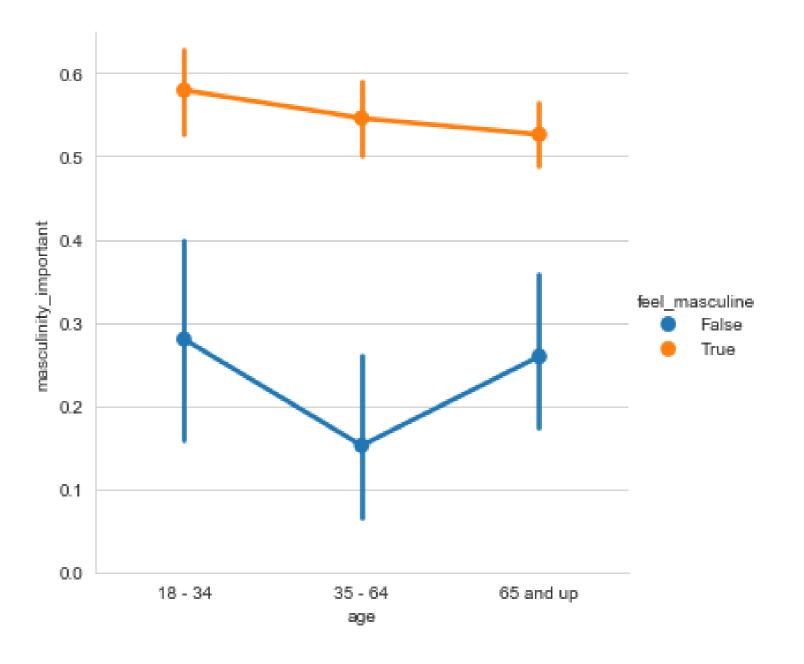
- Figure "style" includes background and axes
- Preset options: "white", "dark", "whitegrid", "darkgrid", "ticks"
- sns.set\_style()



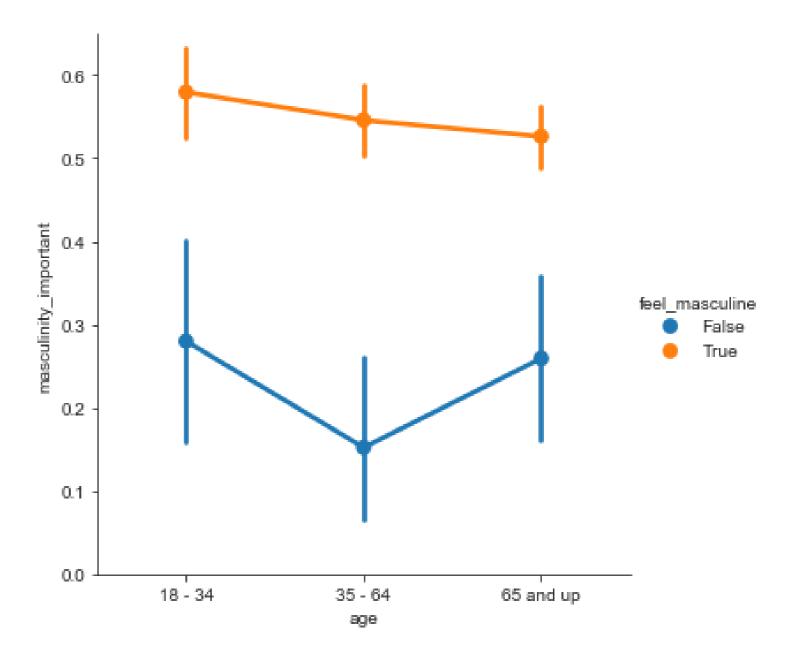
### Default figure style ("white")



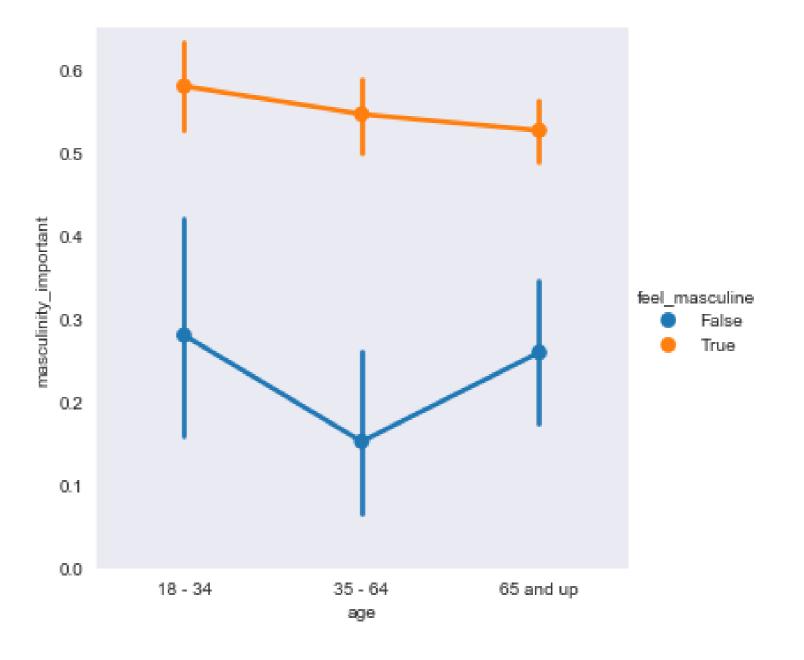
### Figure style: "whitegrid"



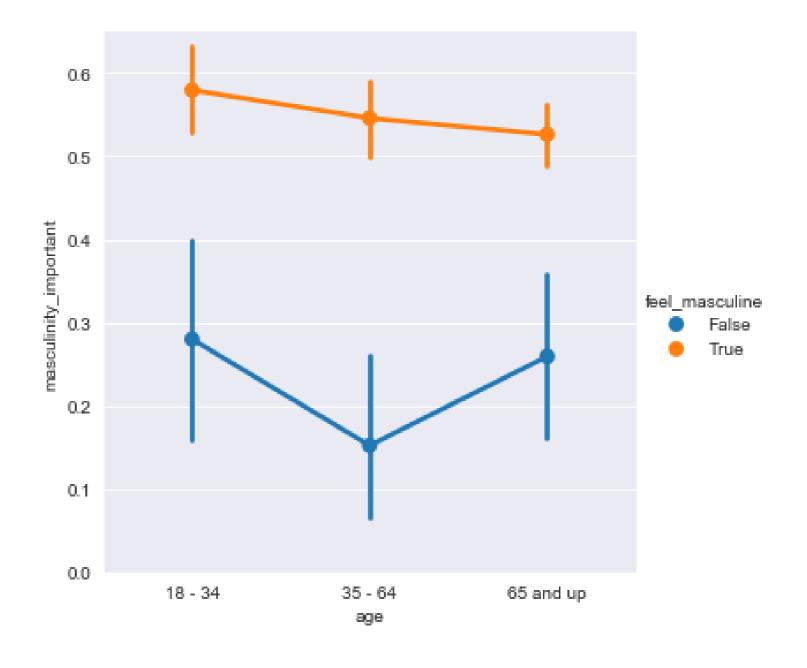
### Other styles



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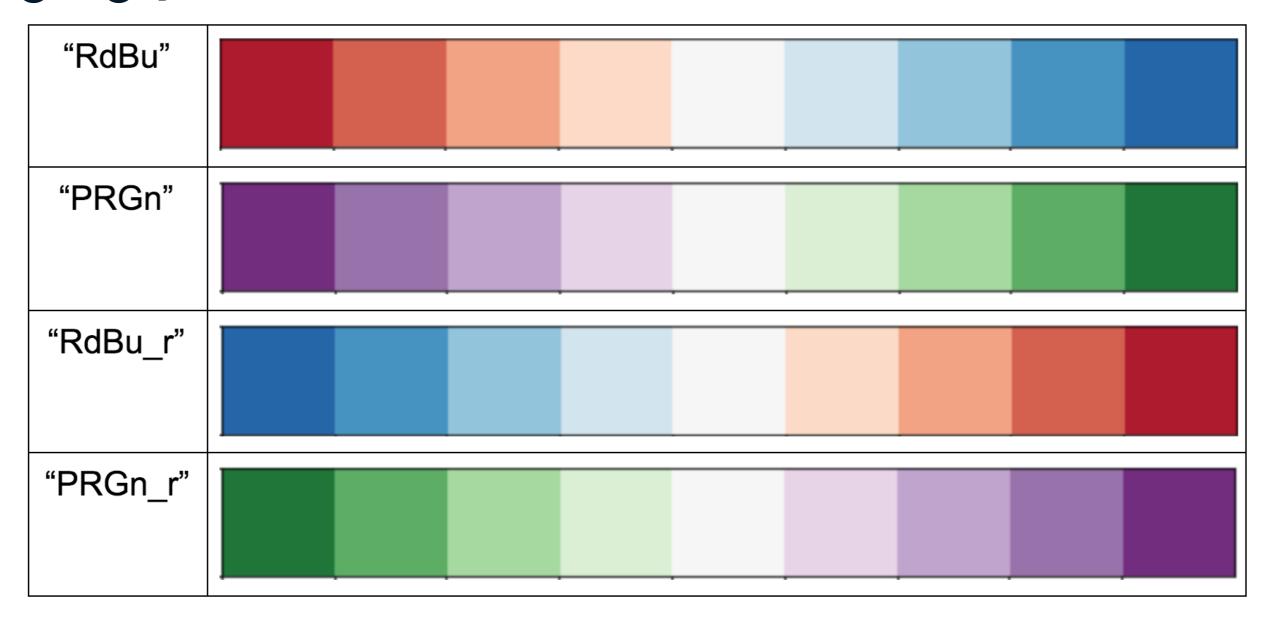
### Other styles



### Changing the palette

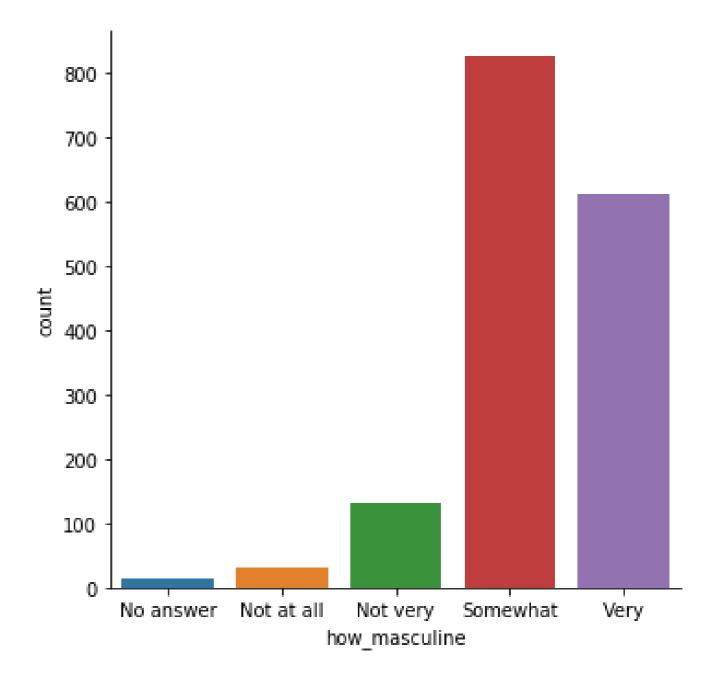
- Figure "palette" changes the color of the main elements of the plot
- sns.set\_palette()
- Use preset palettes or create a custom palette

### Diverging palettes



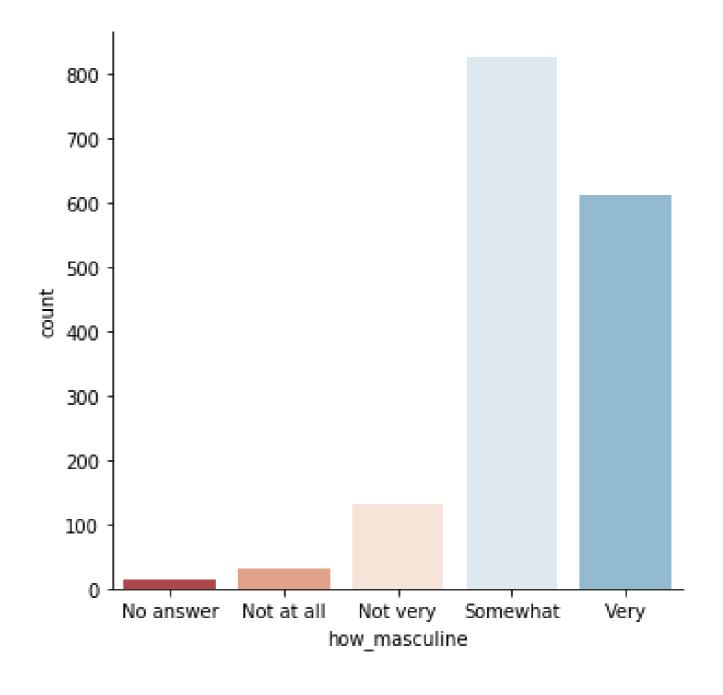
### Example (default palette)

```
category_order = ["No answer",
                  "Not at all",
                  "Not very",
                  "Somewhat",
                  "Very"]
sns.catplot(x="how_masculine",
            data=masculinity_data,
            kind="count",
            order=category_order)
plt.show()
```

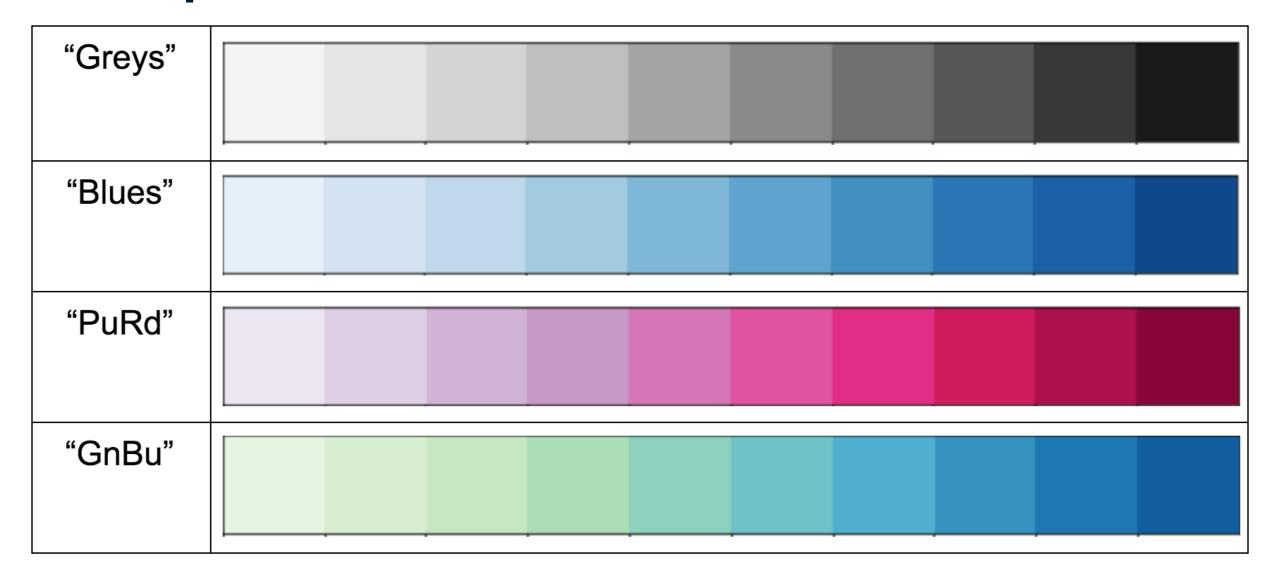


### Example (diverging palette)

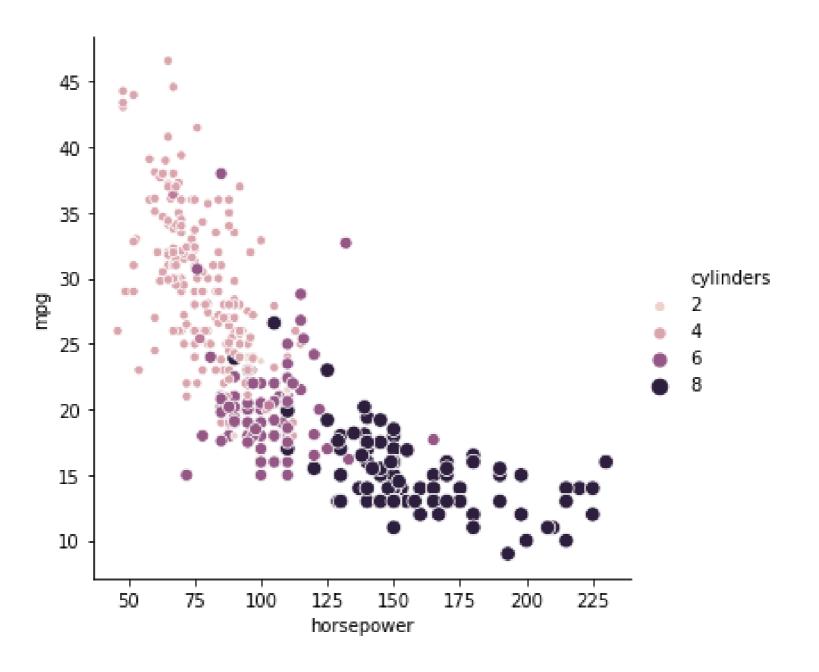
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sns.set_palette("RdBu")
category_order = ["No answer",
                  "Not at all",
                  "Not very",
                  "Somewhat",
                  "Very"]
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```



### Sequential palettes



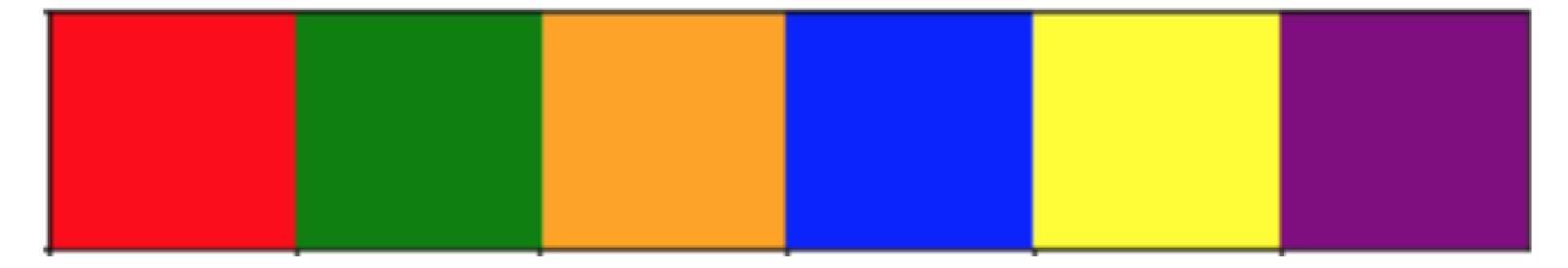
### Sequential palette example



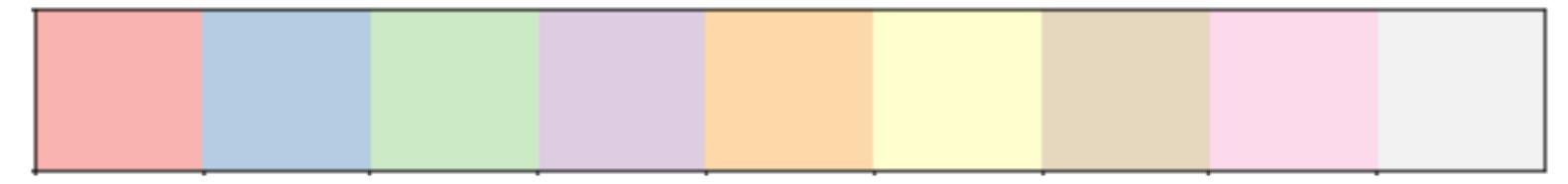
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### **Custom palettes**



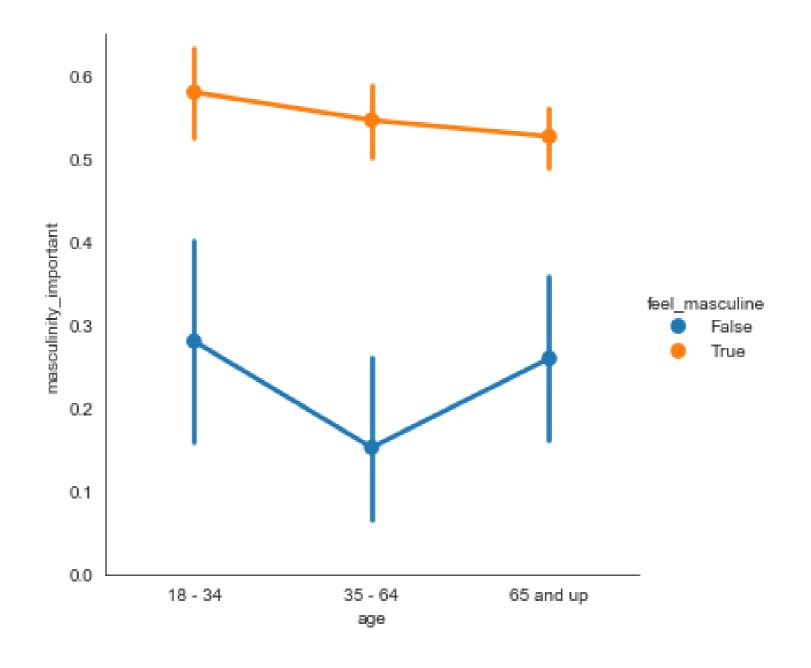
#### **Custom palettes**



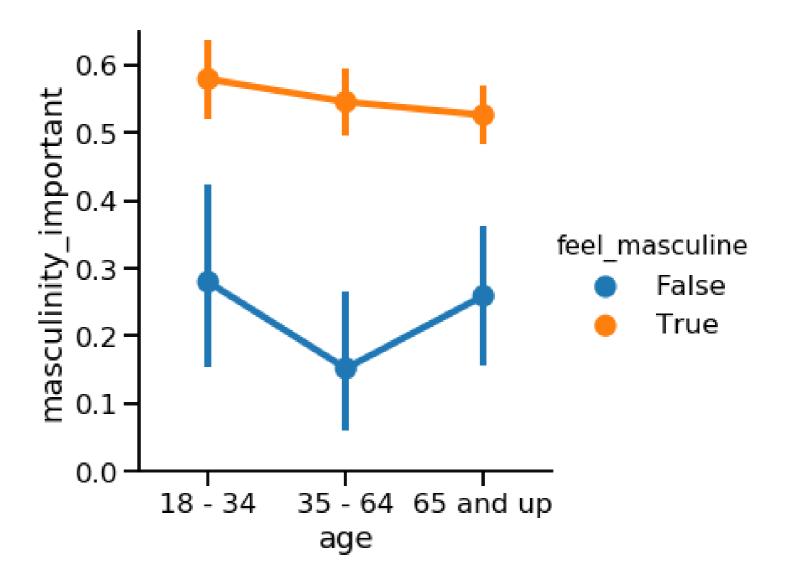
### Changing the scale

- Figure "context" changes the scale of the plot elements and labels
- sns.set\_context()
- Smallest to largest: "paper", "notebook", "talk", "poster"

### Default context: "paper"



### Larger context: "talk"



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# Adding titles and labels: Part 1

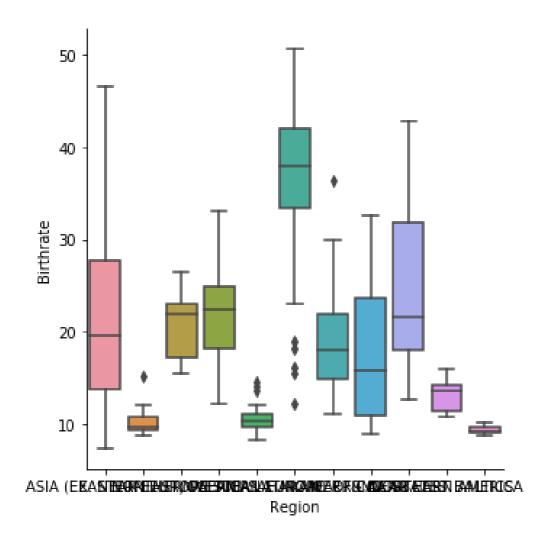
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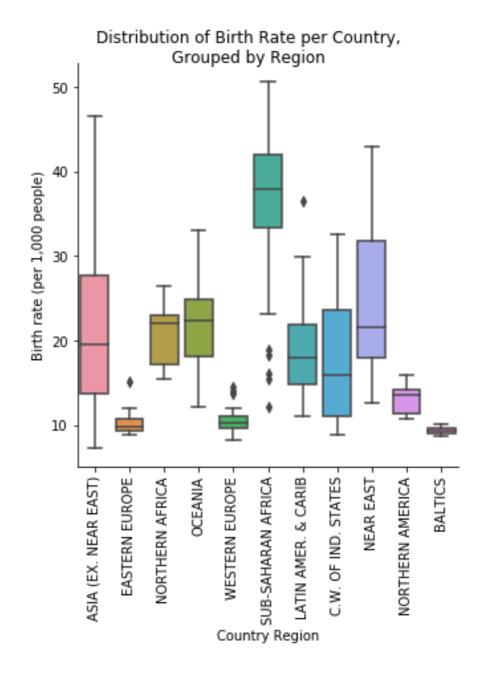


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### Creating informative visualizations





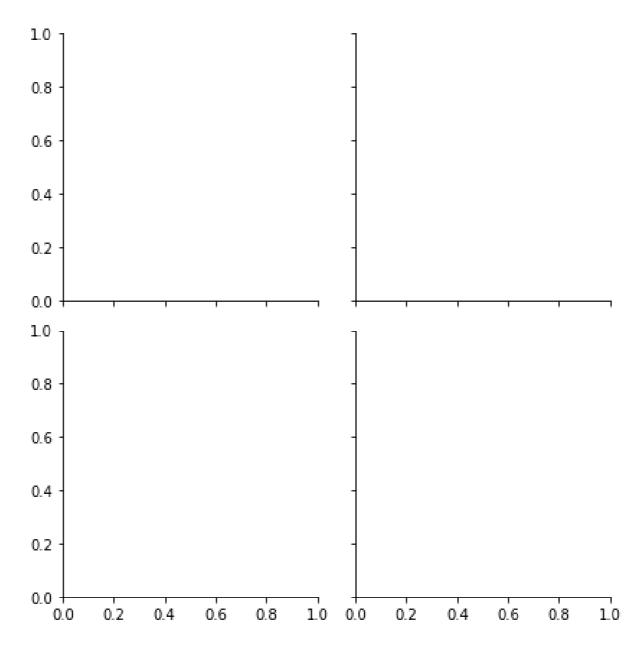
### FacetGrid vs. AxesSubplot objects

Seaborn plots create two different types of objects: FacetGrid and AxesSubplot

```
g = sns.scatterplot(x="height", y="weight", data=df)
type(g)
```

> matplotlib.axes.\_subplots.AxesSubplot

### An Empty FacetGrid





### FacetGrid vs. AxesSubplot objects

	Object Type	Plot Types	Characteristics	
)	FacetGrid	<pre>relplot(), catplot()</pre>	Can create subplots	
	AxesSubplot	<pre>scatterplot() , countplot() , etc.</pre>	Only creates a single plot	
\	→ Seaborn-specific object			

Matplotlib object (also used by Seaborn)

FacetGrid: Can create multiple subplots (facets) automatically AxesSubplot: Only one plot per call

### Adding a title to FacetGrid

```
New Title
g = sns.catplot(x="Region",
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g.fig.suptitle("New Title")
plt.show()
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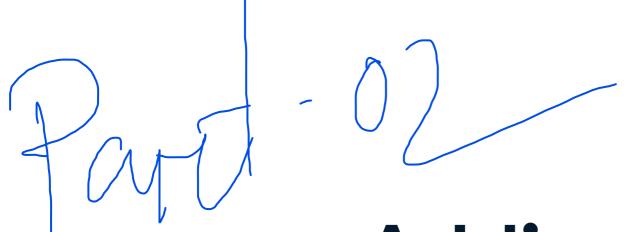
### Adjusting height of title in FacetGrid

```
New Title
    sns.catplot(x="Region",
                                                           50
                   y="Birthrate",
                   data=gdp_data,
                                                           40
                   kind="box")
                                                         Birthrate
g.fig.suptitle("New Title", title for the whole plot
                  y=1.03)
                              default y=1
                                                           20
plt.show()
                                                                            Region
```

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# Adding titles and labels: Part 2

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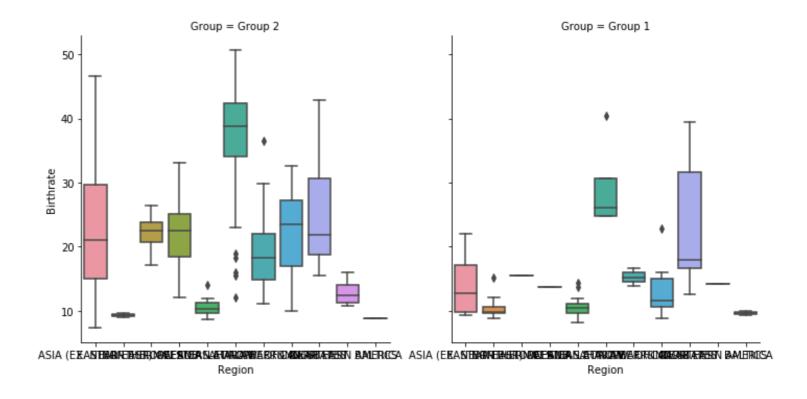
### Adding a title to AxesSubplot

#### **FacetGrid**

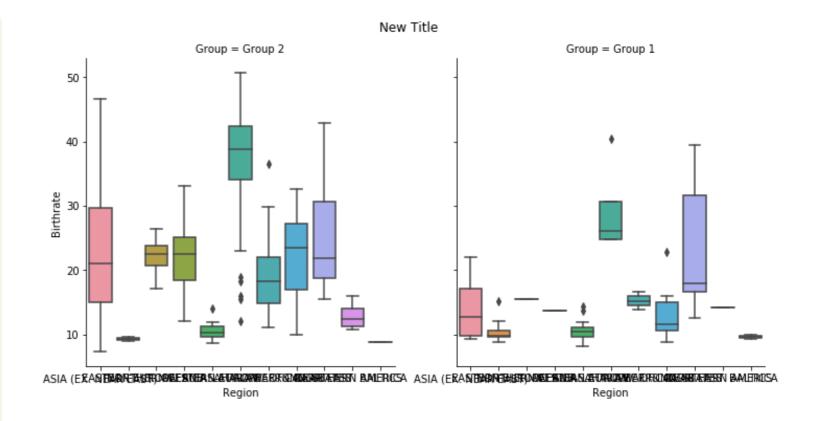
#### **AxesSubplot**

The y=1.03 parameter controls how high the title is placed vertically:

### Titles for subplots

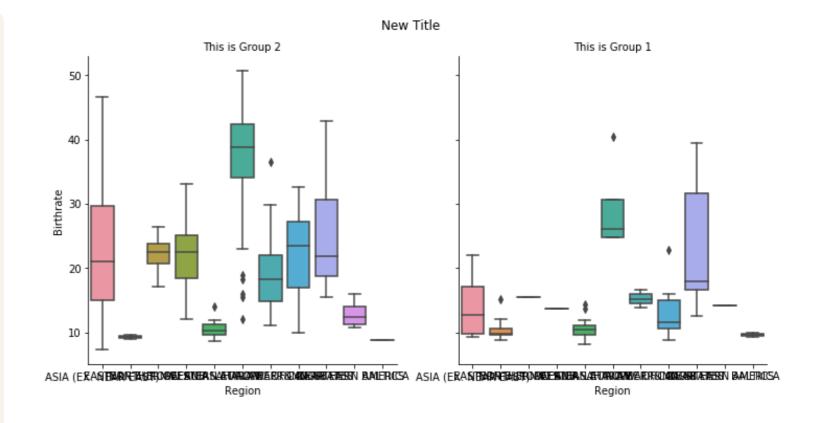


### Titles for subplots



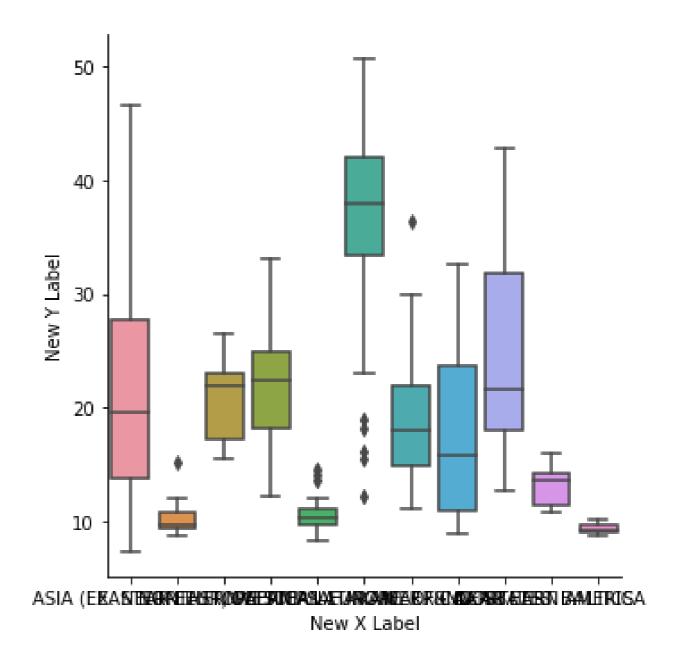
### Titles for subplots

```
= sns.catplot(x="Region",
                 y="Birthrate",
                 data=gdp_data,
                 kind="box",
                 col="Group")
      title for entire plot
g.fig.suptitle("New Title",
                y=1.03)
    title for each subplot
g.set_titles("This is {col_name}")
```

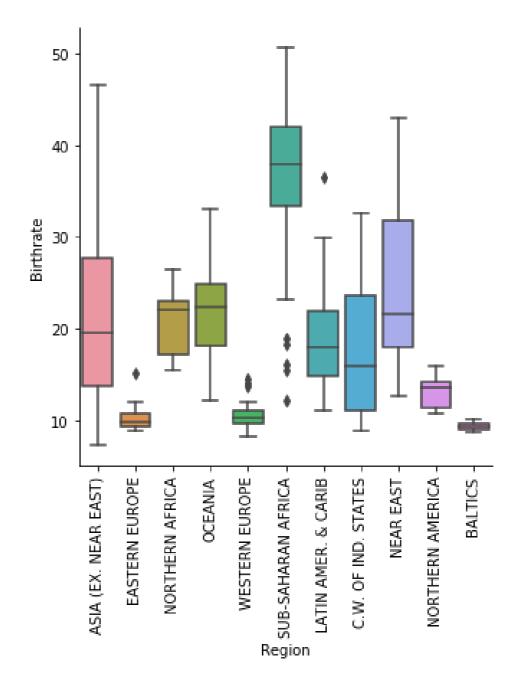


### Adding axis labels

```
= sns.catplot(x="Region",
                y="Birthrate",
                data=gdp_data,
                kind="box")
g.set(xlabel="New X Label",
      ylabel="New Y Label")
plt.show()
```



### Rotating x-axis tick labels



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# Putting it all together

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# Getting started

To import Seaborn:

```
import seaborn as sns
```

To import Matplotlib:

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

To show a plot:

```
plt.show()
```



# Relational plots

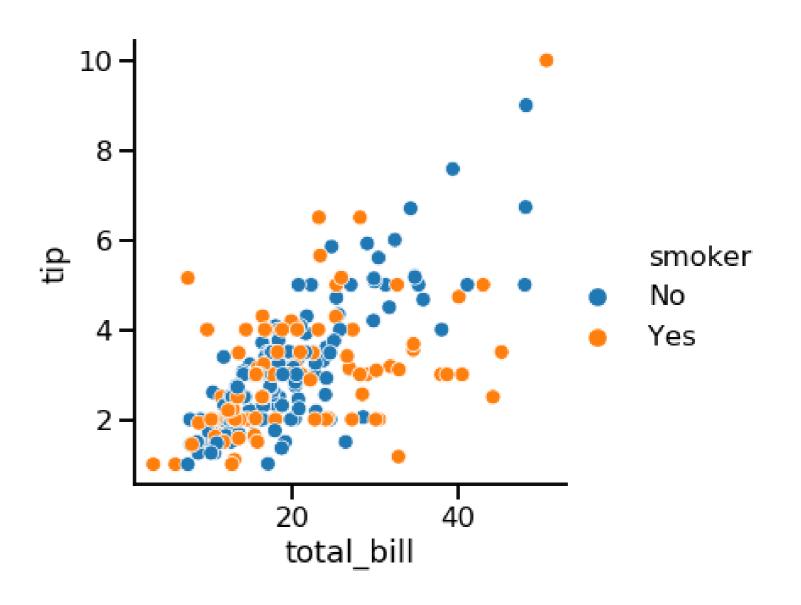
- Show the relationship between two quantitative variables
- Examples: scatter plots, line plots

# Categorical plots

- Show the distribution of a quantitative variable within categories defined by a categorical variable
- Examples: bar plots, count plots, box plots, point plots

# Adding a third variable (hue)

Setting hue will create subgroups that are displayed as different colors on a single plot.

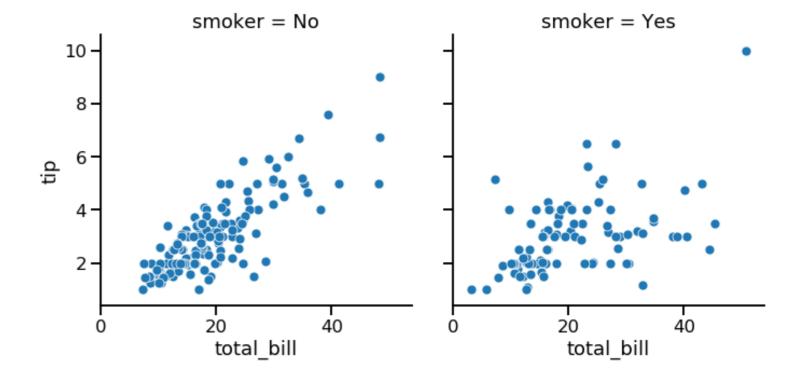


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# Adding a third variable (row/col)

Setting row and/or col in relplot() or catplot() will create subgroups that are displayed on separate subplots.



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#### Customization

- Change the background: sns.set\_style()
- Change the main element colors: sns.set\_palette()
- Change the scale: sns.set\_context()

# Adding a title

Object Type	Plot Types	How to Add Title
FacetGrid	relplot(), catplot()	<pre>g.fig.suptitle()</pre>
AxesSubplot	<pre>scatterplot() , countplot() , etc.</pre>	<pre>g.set_title()</pre>

adding title to the whole plot

### Final touches

Add x- and y-axis labels:

```
g.set(xlabel="new x-axis label",
   ylabel="new y-axis label")
```

Rotate x-tick labels:

```
plt.xticks(rotation=90)
```

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# Well done! What's next?

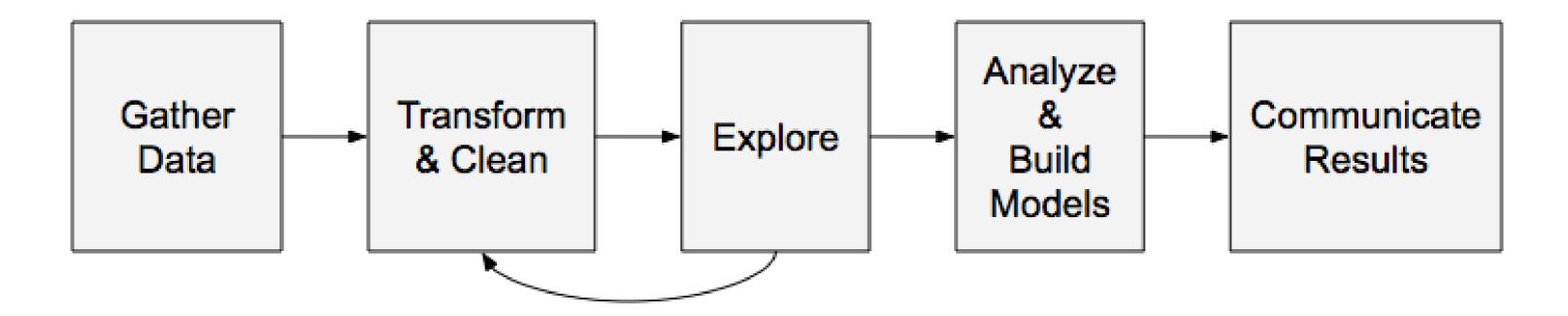
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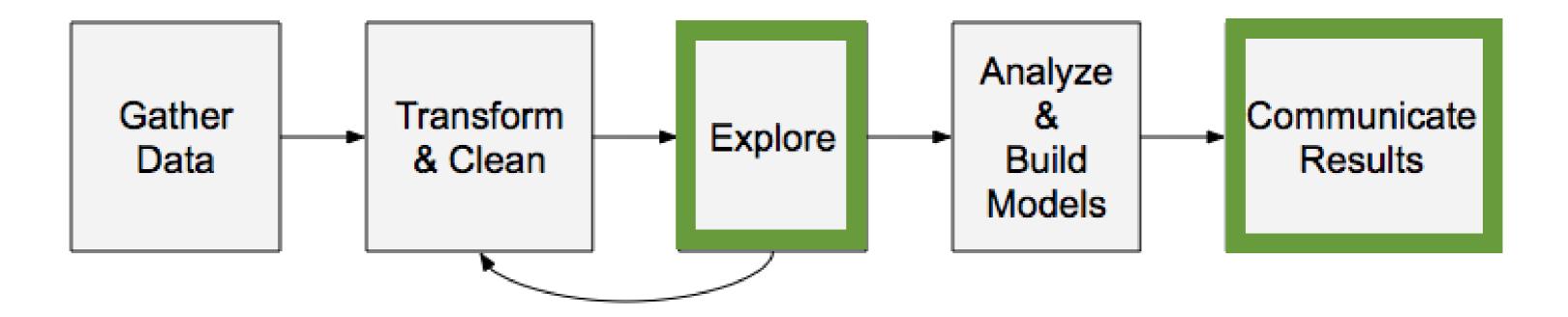
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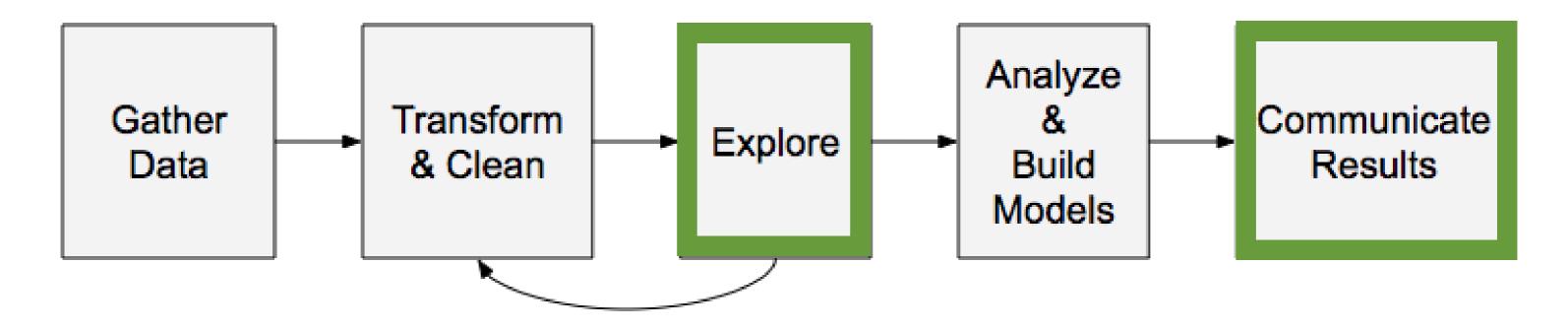
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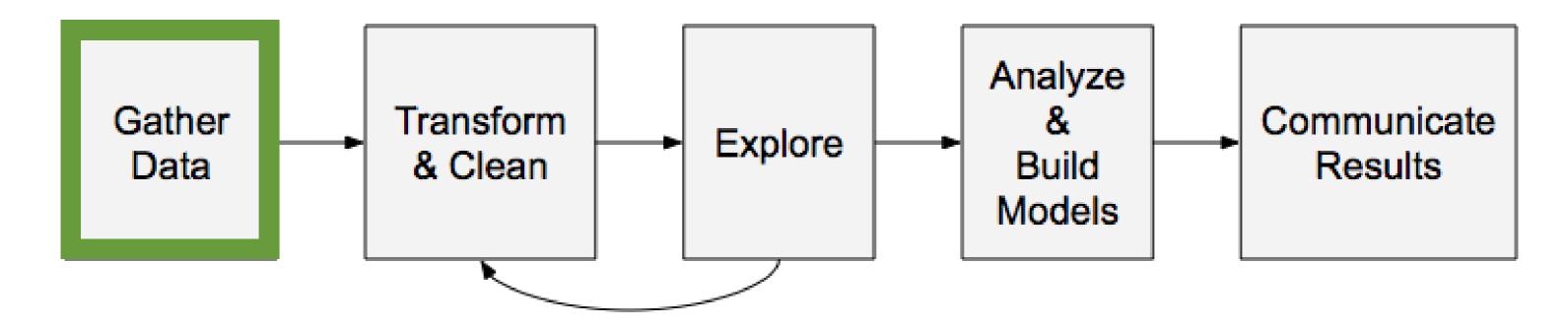


## Next Steps: Explore and communicate results



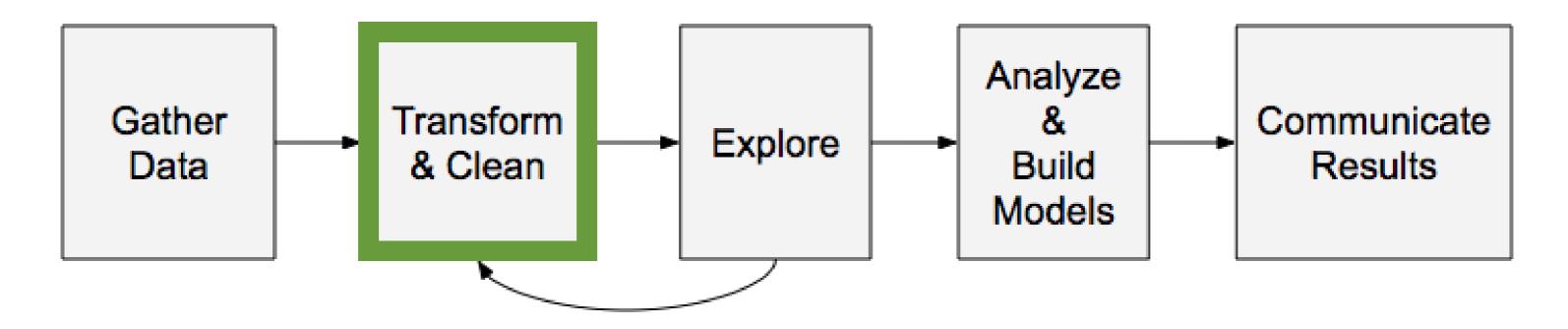
- Seaborn advanced visualizations
- Matplotlib advanced customizations

# Next steps: Gather data



- Python
- SQL

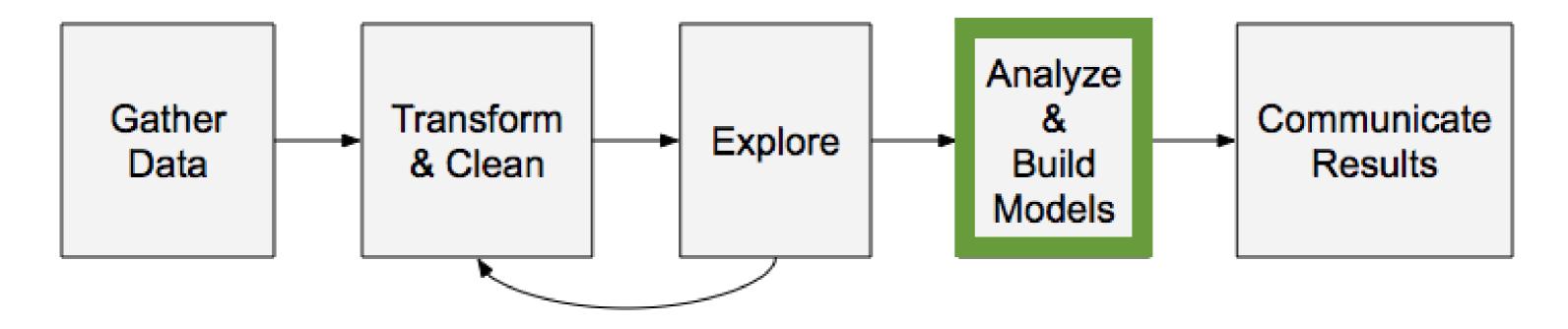
### Next steps: Transform and clean



- Getting data into pandas DataFrames
- Cleaning data
- Transforming into tidy format



# Next steps: Analyze and build models



- Statistical analysis
- Calculating and interpreting confidence intervals

# Congratulations!

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