Datenvisualisierung 4

Multi-part plots and customisations

Daniela Palleschi

2024-06-20

Inhaltsverzeichnis

Lesungen

For further reading and practice on this topic, I suggest reading Section 11.5 (Communication: Themes) in Wickham et al. (2023), and Chapter 4 (Representing summary statistics) in Nordmann et al. (2022).

Learning objectives

In this section we will learn to

- build multi-part plots
- adjust the position of geoms
- customise our plots for better data communicate

Set-up

Packages

Today, we're loading our relevant `tidyverse` packages directly: `dplyr` and `ggplot`. These are the only To aid us in loading in our data, we're also loading the `here` package, and the `janitor` package which is useful for tidying up our data (e.g., the `clean_names()` function). To customise our plots we're also using the `ggthemes` and `patchwork` packages. The former helps us produce plots that are colour-blind friendly, while the latter allows us to print multiple plots together. We also need a new package: `gghalves`.

```
pacman::p_load(tidyverse,
               here,
               janitor,
               ggthemes,
               patchwork,
               gghalves
               )
```

Data

We're again working with our slightly altered version of the `english` dataset from the `languageR` package.

```
df_eng <- read_csv(
  here(
    "daten",
    "languageR_english.csv"
  )
) |>
  clean_names() |>
  rename(
    rt_lexdec = r_tlexdec,
    rt_naming = r_tnaming
  )
```

1 Dodged density plots

We can produce density plots mapped along a catgorical variable by using `geom_half_violin()` from the `gghalves` package.

```
df_eng %>%
  ggplot() +
  aes(x = age_subject, y = rt_lexdec) +
  geom_half_violin(alpha = .8)
```

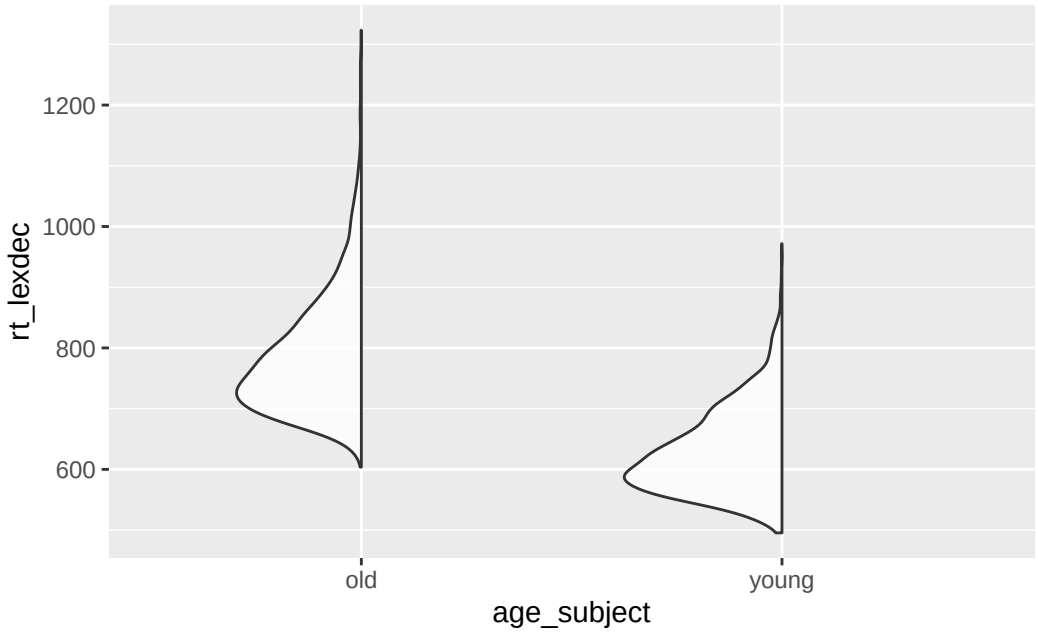

Abbildung 1: Dodged density plots with `gghalves::geom_half_violin()`

1.1 Adding a boxplot

We can also add another geom to add more information to the plot. Let's add a boxplot.

```
df_eng %>%
  ggplot() +
  aes(x = age_subject, y = rt_lexdec) +
  geom_half_violin(alpha = .8) +
  geom_boxplot()
```

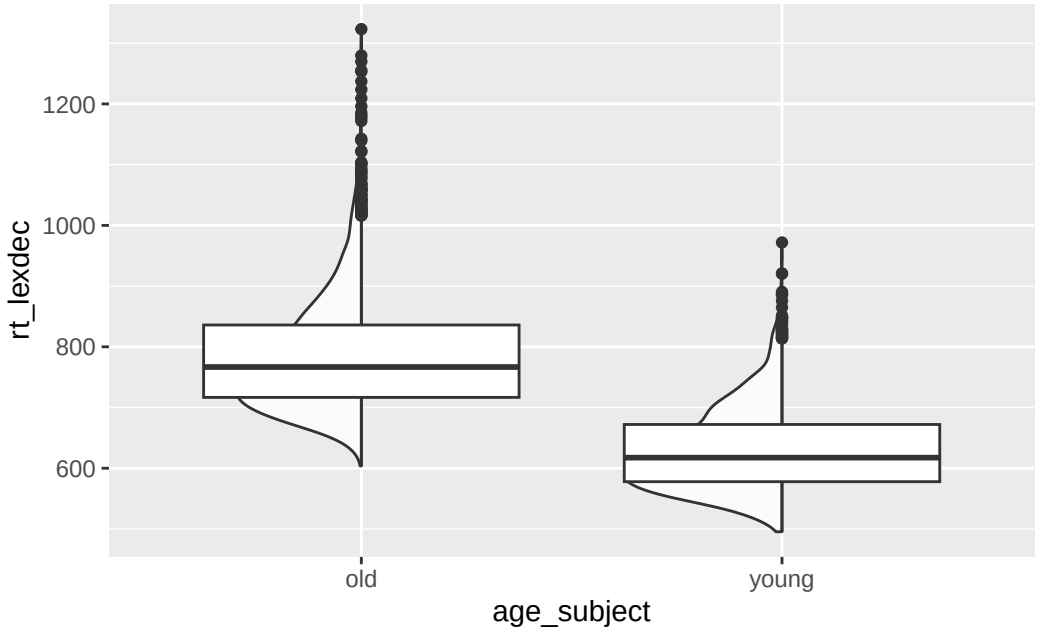

Abbildung 2: Boxplot on top of our dodged density plot

1.2 `position_nudge()`

Maybe we want to move the boxplot so that it's not overtop of the density plots, and so that it's not quite as wide. We can do this by setting `position` to `position_nudge()`, and `width` to some value smaller than `.75`, which is the default width.

```
df_eng %>%
  ggplot() +
  aes(x = age_subject, y = rt_lexdec) +
  geom_half_violin(alpha = .8) +
  geom_boxplot(width = .3, # make less wide
               position = position_nudge(x=0.2)
               )
```

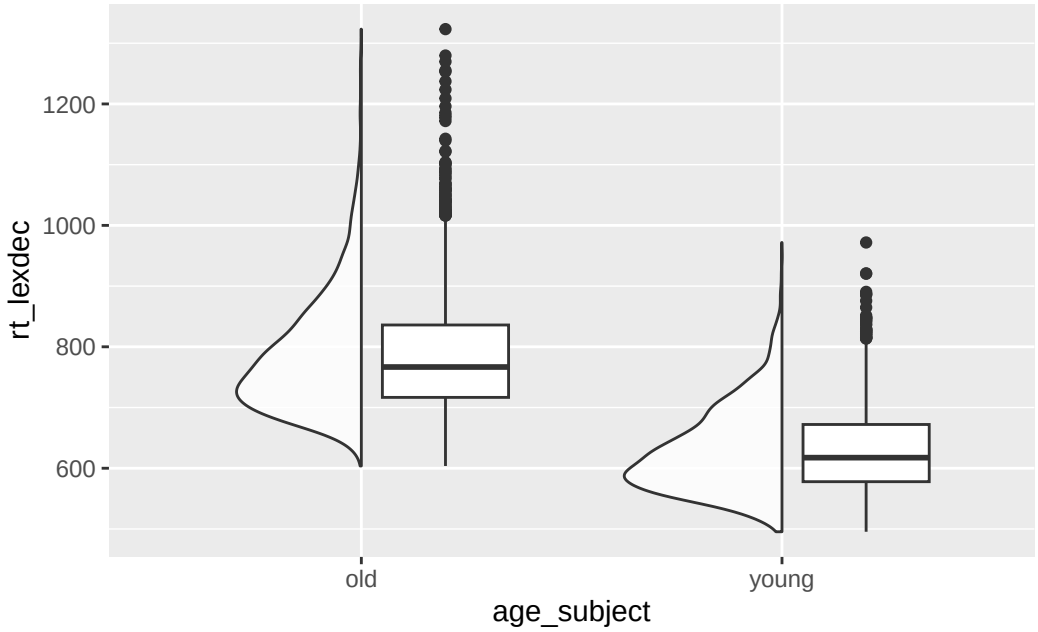

Abbildung 3: Boxplot on top of our dodged density plot

1.3 `position_jitter()` for scatterplots

This is from a family of options that allow us to alter the position of geoms. For example, Abbildung 4 A and B both show the exact same data, but Abbildung 4 B includes `position = position_jitter(0.2)` to move overlapping points. This way we get a good idea of how many observations there were across reaction times (y-axis).

```
df_eng |>
  ggplot() +
  aes(x = age_subject, y = rt_lexdec) +
  geom_point() +
  labs(title = "geom_point()") +
df_eng |>
  ggplot() +
  aes(x = age_subject, y = rt_lexdec) +
  geom_point(position = position_jitter(0.2),
             alpha = 0.2)+
  labs(title = "geom_point(position = position_jitter(0.2))") +

  plot_annotation(tag_levels = "A")
```

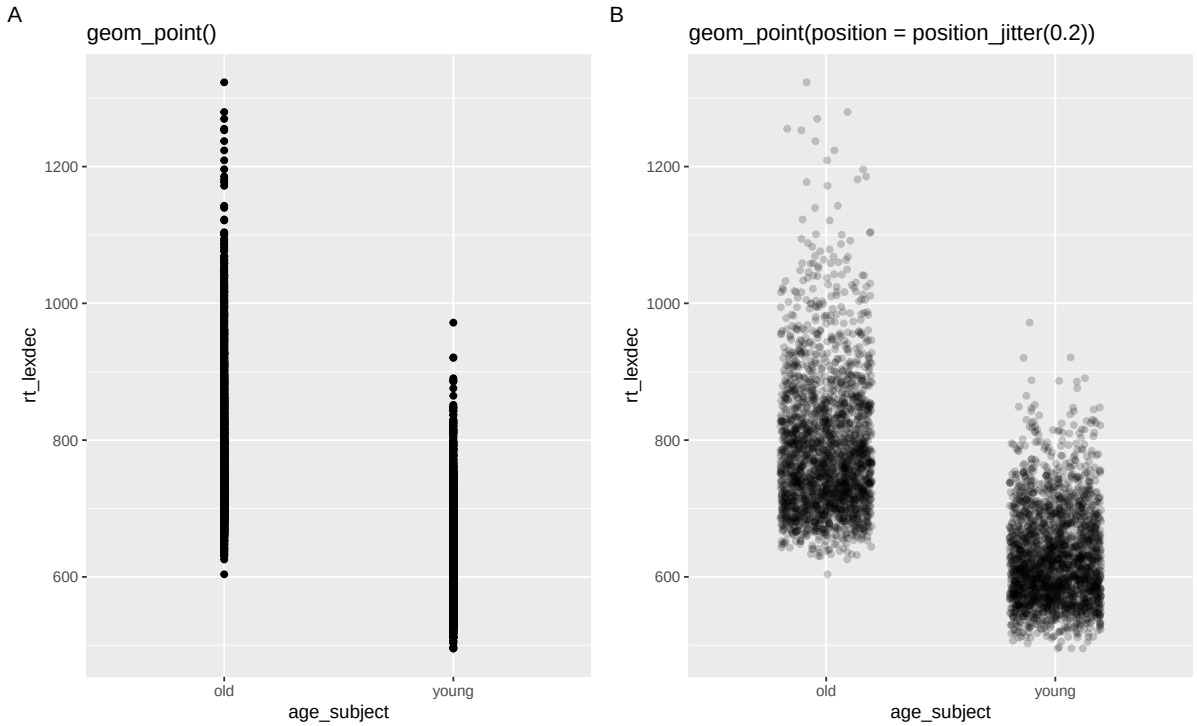

Abbildung 4: Plotting points along a categorical variable without (A) and with (B) position = position_jitter(0.2). Plot B also includes alpha = 0.2

1.4 Combining all three

If we put all of these plots together, we get a Abbildung 5.

```
fig_no_colour <-
  df_eng %>%
  ggplot() +
  aes(x = age_subject, y = rt_lexdec) +
  geom_point(position = position_jitter(0.2),
             alpha = 0.2) +
  geom_half_violin() +
  geom_boxplot(
    outlier.shape = NA,
              width = .3,
              position = position_nudge(x=0.2))
```

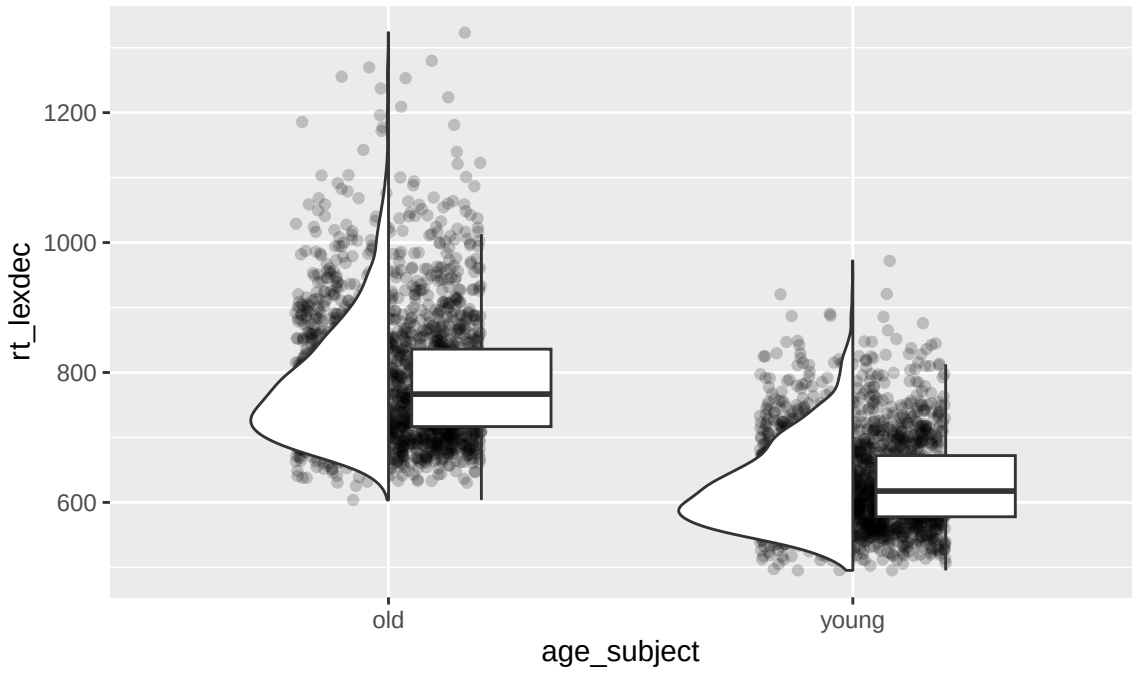

Abbildung 5: Density, boxplot, scatterplot

2 Positioning errorbar plots

In the second report, you produced errorbar plots, but the errorbars were overlapping.

2.1 `pivot_longer() |> summarise()`

Let's reproduce something similar using the `english` dataset. First, we'll use `pivot_longer()` to lengthen our data, then we'll create a summary of reaction times for the lexical decision task and naming task per age group.

```
sum_eng <-
  df_eng |>
  pivot_longer(
    cols = c(rt_lexdec, rt_naming),
    names_to = "task",
    values_to = "rt"
  ) |>
  summarise(
    mean = mean(rt, na.rm = T),
    sd = sd(rt, na.rm = T),
```

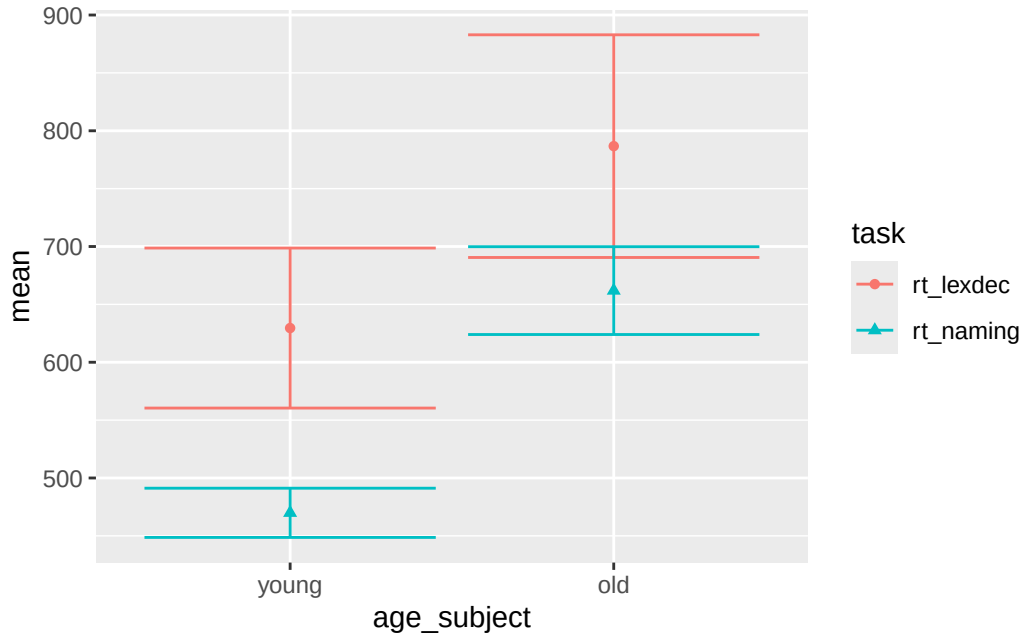

Abbildung 6: Overlapping errorbars

```
    .by = c(age_subject, task)
  ) |>
  mutate(age_subject = factor(age_subject, levels = c("young", "old")))
```

2.2 Overlapping errorbars

If we create an errorbar plot of this data, we get Abbildung 7.

```
sum_eng |>
  ggplot() +
  aes(x = age_subject, y = mean, colour = task, shape = task) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_errorbar(aes(ymin = mean-sd, ymax = mean+sd))
```

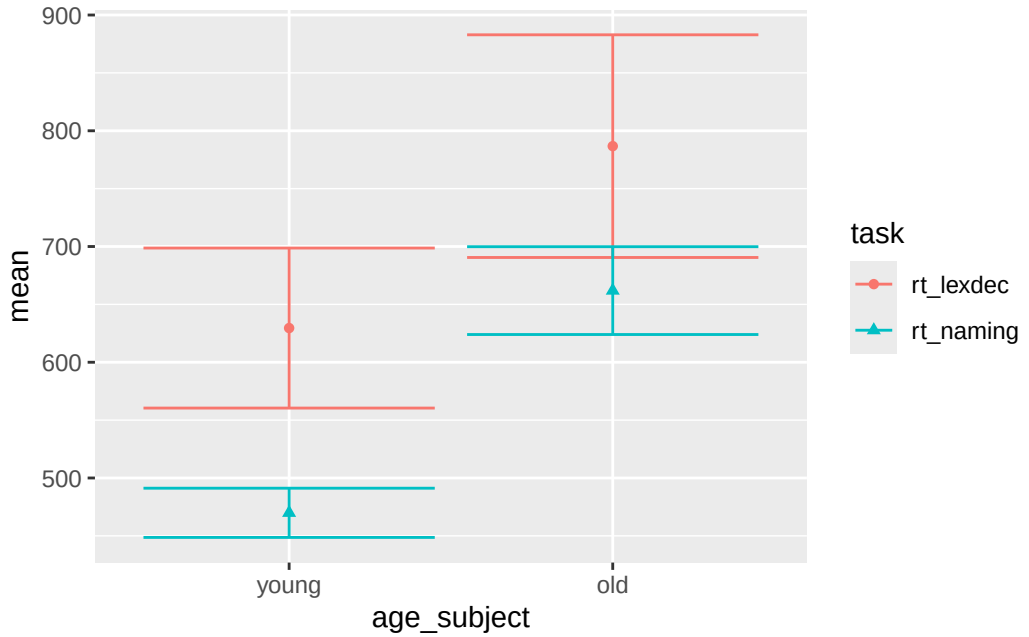

Abbildung 7: Overlapping errorbar plot

2.3 `position_dodge()`

We can add `position = position_dodge(0.2)` to force the errorbars to not overlap. We'll also adjust their `width` so they're not so wide (any value lower than 0.75).

```
sum_eng |>
  ggplot() +
  aes(x = age_subject, y = mean, colour = task, shape = task) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_errorbar(aes(ymin = mean-sd, ymax = mean+sd),
                position = position_dodge(0.2),
                width = 0.2)
```

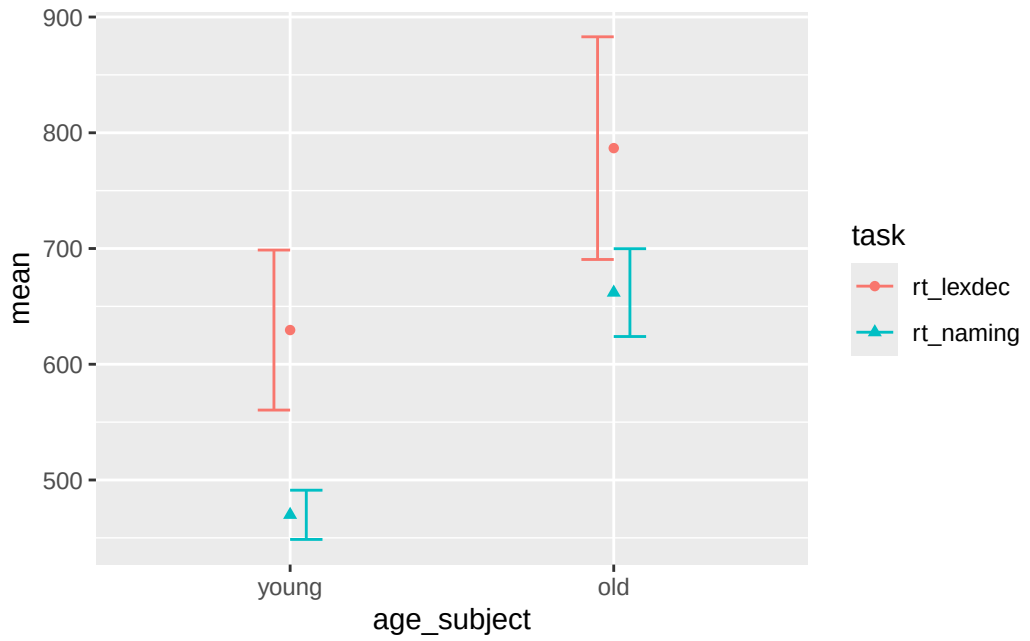

Abbildung 8: Overlapping errorbar plot

2.4 dodging all relevant geoms

But now we've left the points behind. We need to also dodge the points, so we add `position_dodge()` to `geom_point()`, making sure to use the same value as we did with `geom_errorbar()`.

```
sum_eng |>
  ggplot() +
  aes(x = age_subject, y = mean, colour = task, shape = task) +
  geom_point(position = position_dodge(0.2)) +
  geom_errorbar(aes(ymin = mean-sd, ymax = mean+sd),
                position = position_dodge(0.2),
                width = 0.2)
```

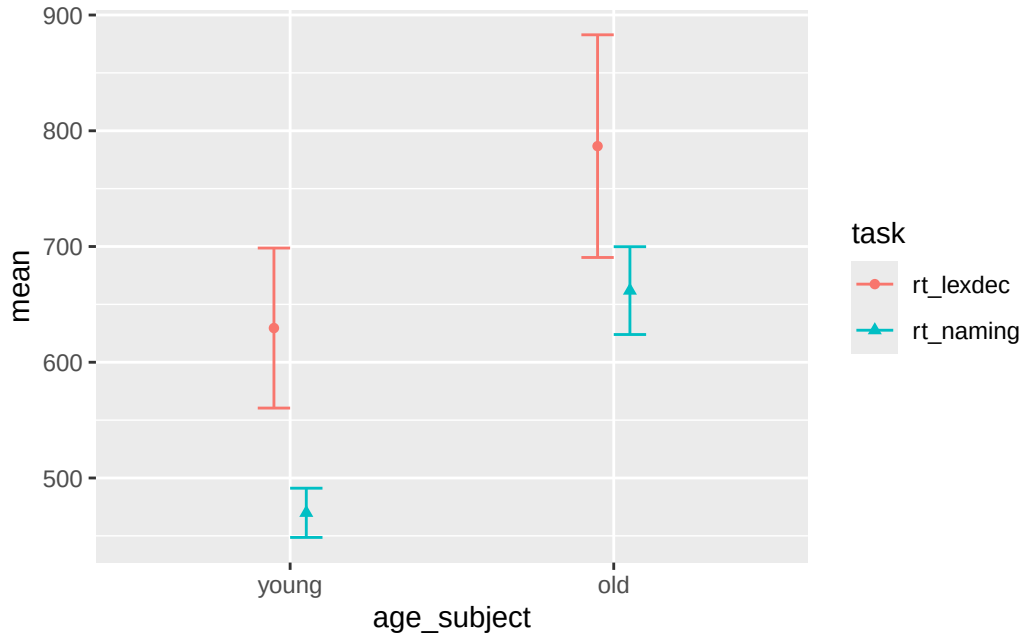

Abbildung 9: Overlapping errorbar plot

3 Customisations

What customisations do you see in the plots in Abbildung 10?

```
fig_dens_colour <-
  df_eng %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = age_subject, y = rt_lexdec, )) +
  geom_point(
    color = "grey",
    position = position_jitter(0.2),
                alpha = 0.2) +
  geom_half_violin(
    aes(fill = age_subject)) +
  geom_boxplot(
    outlier.shape = NA,
    aes(color = age_subject),
              width = .3,
              position = position_nudge(x=0.2)) +
  labs(title = "Distribution of reaction times",
       x = "Age group",
       y = "LDT reaction time (ms)",
```

```
    fill = "Age group") +
  scale_color_colorblind() +
  scale_fill_colorblind() +
  theme_minimal() +
  theme(legend.position = "none")

fig_point_colour <-
  df_eng %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = age_subject, y = rt_lexdec, )) +
  geom_point(
    aes(color = age_subject),
    position = position_jitter(0.2),
                alpha = 0.2) +
  geom_half_violin() +
  geom_boxplot(
    outlier.shape = NA,
    # aes(color = age_subject),
               width = .3,
               position = position_nudge(x=0.2)) +
  labs(title = "Distribution of reaction times",
       x = "Age group",
       y = "LDT reaction time (ms)",
    fill = "Age group") +
  scale_color_colorblind() +
  scale_fill_colorblind() +
  theme_minimal() +
  theme(legend.position = "none")

fig_default <-
  sum_eng %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = age_subject, y = mean,
             colour = task, shape = task)) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_errorbar(aes(ymin=mean-sd,ymax=mean+sd))

fig_custom <-
sum_eng %>%
  mutate(task = fct_recode(task,
                           "LDT" = "rt_lexdec",
                           "Naming" = "rt_naming"),
  age_subject = fct_recode(age_subject,
                           "Young" = "young",
```

```
                            "Old" = "old")) |>
ggplot(aes(x = age_subject, y = mean,
           colour = task, shape = task)) +
geom_point(position = position_dodge(0.3),
           size = 3) +
geom_errorbar(aes(ymin=mean-sd,ymax=mean+sd),
              position = position_dodge(0.3),
              width = .3) +
geom_line(aes(group = task,
              linetype = task),
              position = position_dodge(0.3)) +
theme_minimal() +
labs(
  title = "Reaction times per group and task",
  x = "Age group",
  y = "Reaction time (ms)",
  colour = "Task",
  shape = "Task",
  linetype = "Task"
) +
theme(axis.title = element_text(size = 12,
                                face = "bold"),
      plot.title = element_text(size = 14),
      legend.title = element_text(face = "bold"))
```

3.1 Default themes

Firstly, `theme_minimal()` was added to each plot to customise the general look. There are a variety of custom themes to try, like `theme_bw()` or `theme_classic()`. Try them out.

3.2 theme()

We can also control individual components of theme by adding customisations with `theme()`. For example we see in Abbildung 10 A the axis titles are bolded. This was achieved by adding `theme(axis.title = element_text(face = "bold"))`, where `axis.title =` indicates we want to make a change to the axis titles, `element_text()` indicates it's their text that we want to change, and `face = "bold"` indicates we want to make the text bold. The same was done for `legend.title =` to make the legend title bold.

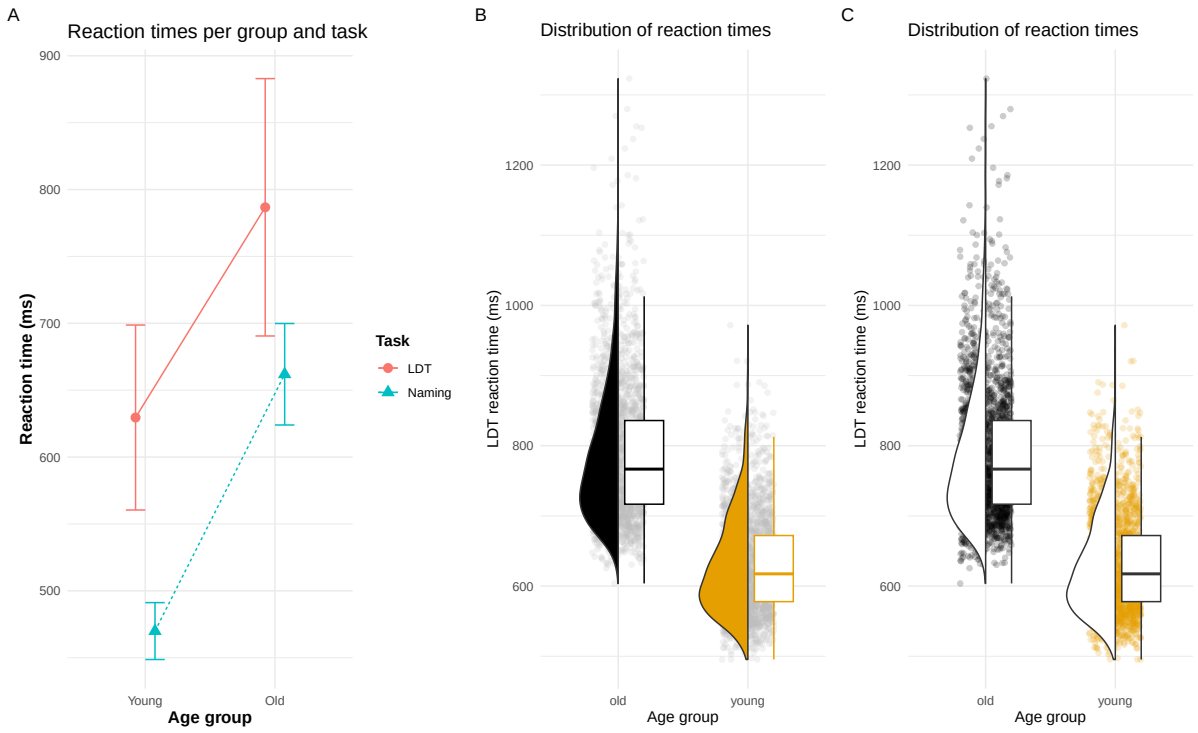

Abbildung 10: Customised plots to facilitation data communication.

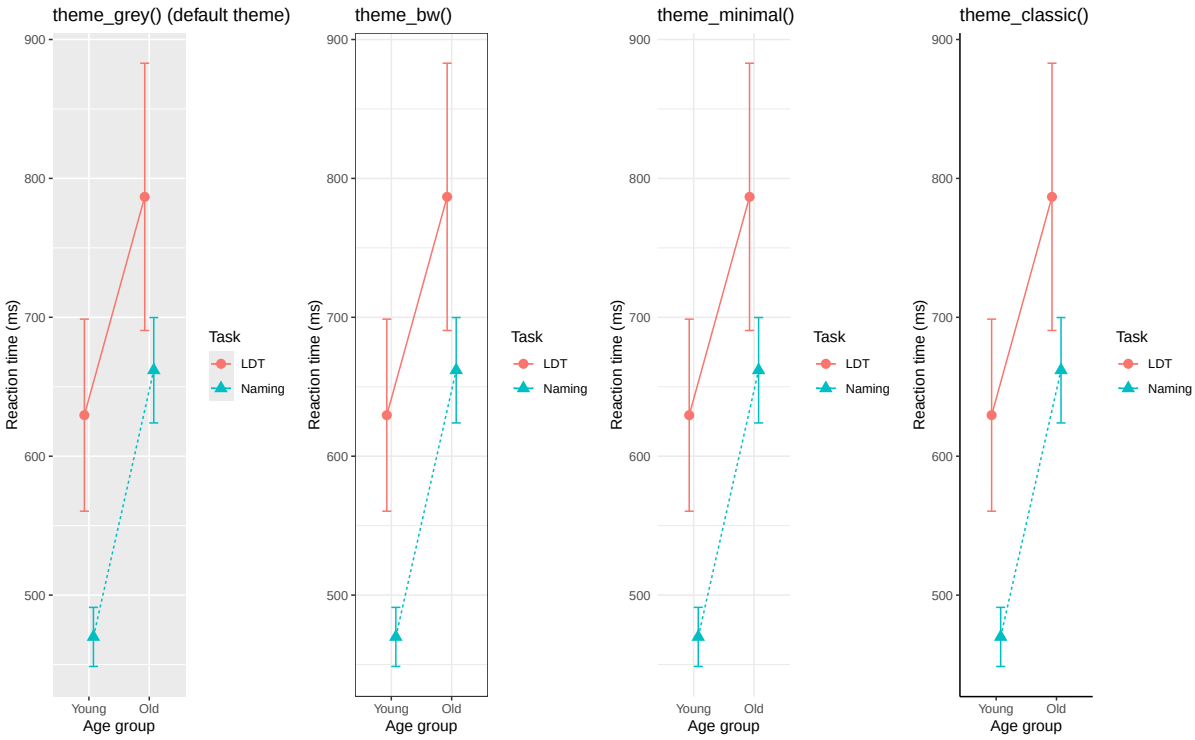

Abbildung 11: Preset themes

```r
fig_no_colour + theme_minimal() +
  theme(
    axis.title = element_text(face = "italic")
    )
```

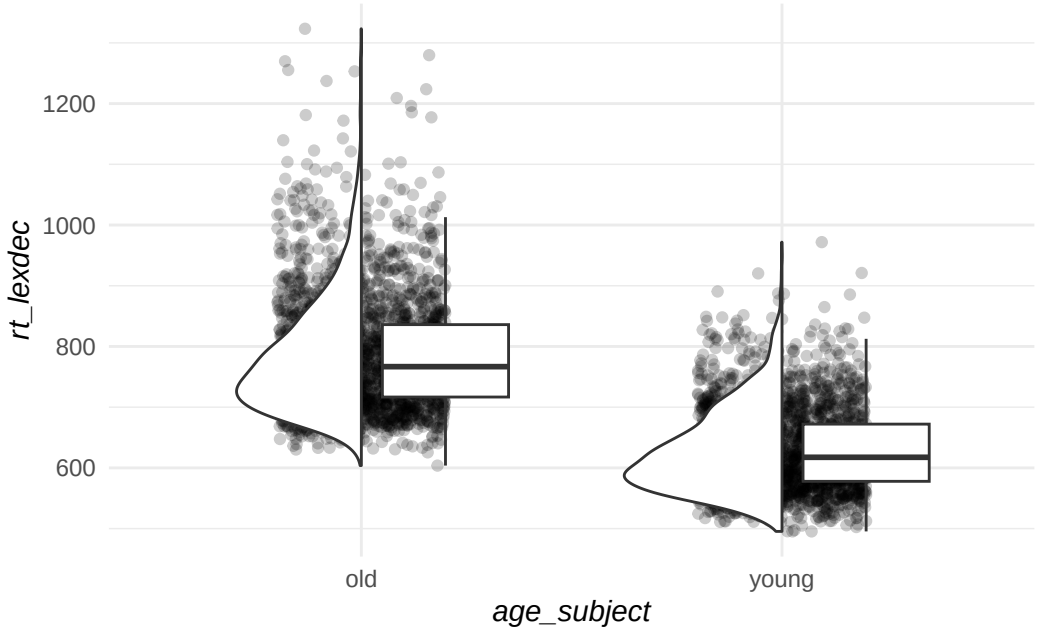

Abbildung 12: Using theme()

Heutige Ziele

Heute haben wir gelernt, wie man…

- build multi-part plots
- adjust the position of geoms
- customise our plots for better data communicate

4 Aufgaben

1. Multi-part plot. Produce Abbildung 9 and Abbildung 5 for `rt_naming` (instead of `rt_lexdec`). Print the plots side-by-side using `patchwork`.

2. Labels. Use `labs()` to add labels for the title, x- and y-axes, and for any aesthetics you used (shape, colour, etc.) that result in a legend. This should end with your legend title also having a custom name.

3. Customisations. Add customisations to the two plots by choosing a default theme, followed by `theme()` with adjustments for the axis titles, legend title, and plot title. You can change `face`, `size`, `family` (i.e., font). You can type `?theme` in the Console or try Googling to get some ideas. If you aren't feeling creative, just try to replicate one of the customisations you see in Abbildung 10

Session Info

Hergestellt mit R version 4.4.0 (2024-04-24) (Puppy Cup) und RStudioversion 2023.3.0.386 (Cherry Blossom).

```
print(sessionInfo(),locale = F)
```

```
R version 4.4.0 (2024-04-24)
Platform: aarch64-apple-darwin20
Running under: macOS Ventura 13.2.1

Matrix products: default
BLAS:   /Library/Frameworks/R.framework/Versions/4.4-arm64/Resources/lib/libRblas.0.dylib
LAPACK: /Library/Frameworks/R.framework/Versions/4.4-arm64/Resources/lib/libRlapack.dylib;  L

attached base packages:
[1] stats     graphics  grDevices datasets  utils     methods   base

other attached packages:
 [1] magick_2.8.3    gghalves_0.1.4  patchwork_1.2.0 ggthemes_5.1.0
 [5] janitor_2.2.0   here_1.0.1      lubridate_1.9.3 forcats_1.0.0
 [9] stringr_1.5.1   dplyr_1.1.4     purrr_1.0.2     readr_2.1.5
[13] tidyr_1.3.1     tibble_3.2.1    ggplot2_3.5.1   tidyverse_2.0.0

loaded via a namespace (and not attached):
 [1] utf8_1.2.4        generics_0.1.3    renv_1.0.7        stringi_1.8.3
 [5] hms_1.1.3         digest_0.6.35     magrittr_2.0.3    evaluate_0.23
 [9] grid_4.4.0        timechange_0.3.0  fastmap_1.1.1     rprojroot_2.0.4
[13] jsonlite_1.8.8    tinytex_0.50      fansi_1.0.6       scales_1.3.0
[17] cli_3.6.2         crayon_1.5.2      rlang_1.1.3       bit64_4.0.5
[21] munsell_0.5.1     withr_3.0.0       yaml_2.3.8        parallel_4.4.0
```

```
[25] tools_4.4.0       tzdb_0.4.0        colorspace_2.1-0  pacman_0.5.1
[29] vctrs_0.6.5       R6_2.5.1          lifecycle_1.0.4   snakecase_0.11.1
[33] bit_4.0.5         vroom_1.6.5       pkgconfig_2.0.3   pillar_1.9.0
[37] gtable_0.3.5      glue_1.7.0        Rcpp_1.0.12       xfun_0.43
[41] tidyselect_1.2.1  rstudioapi_0.16.0 knitr_1.46        farver_2.1.1
[45] htmltools_0.5.8.1 labeling_0.4.3    rmarkdown_2.26    compiler_4.4.0
```

Literaturverzeichnis

Nordmann, E., McAleer, P., Toivo, W., Paterson, H., & DeBruine, L. M. (2022). Data Visualization Using R for Researchers Who Do Not Use R. *Advances in Methods and Practices in Psychological Science*, *5*(2), 251524592210746. https://doi.org/10.1177/25152459221074654

Wickham, H., Çetinkaya-Rundel, M., & Grolemund, G. (2023). *R for Data Science* (2. Aufl.).