

Statistics with Recitation: TA Session

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Today's agenda

1 R Guides & Tips

- Open a script
- Project
- Folder Organization
- Coding styles

2 Summary Statistics Table

- `table()`
- `addmargins()`

3 Remove everything in the environment

- `rm(list = ls())`

4 Draw Graphs

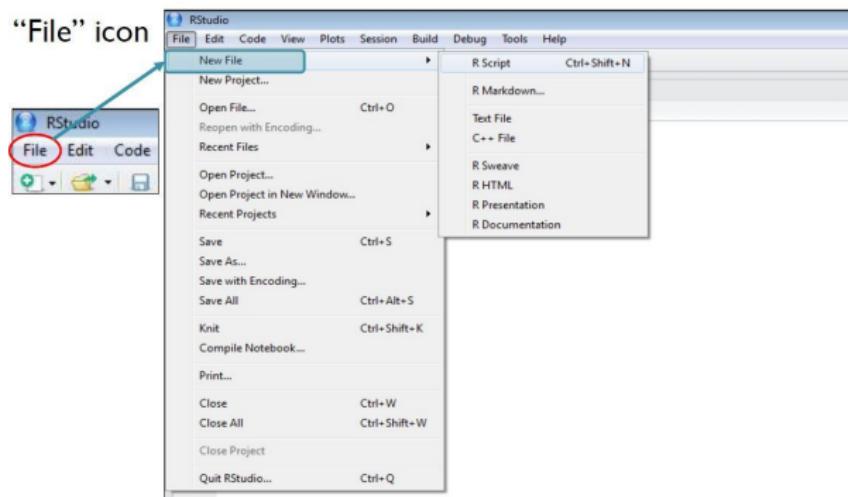
- `geom_bar()`
- `labs()`
- `scale_x_continuous()`, `scale_y_continuous()`

Today's Dataset

- Please download "loan_full_schema.csv" by the link on TA's website. This is a bigger version of "loan50.csv", which we used two weeks ago.
- Please import the following dataset into your RStudio.
 - loan_full_schema.csv
 - county.csv

Script in RStudio

- A **script** is a text file that you can write your code in.



Why should we open a script?

- Main Reason: We open an R script so we can save it!
- Save your code in the script such that it is executable and reproducible.

The screenshot shows the RStudio interface with the following components:

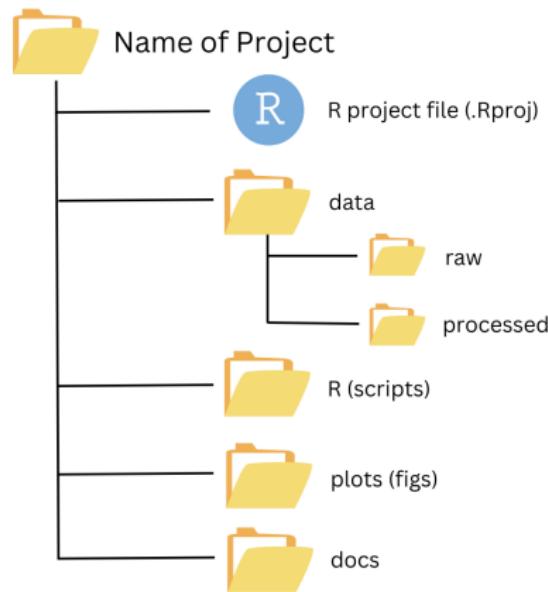
- File Bar:** File, Edit, Code, View, Plots, Session, Build, Debug, Profile, Tools, Help.
- Editor Area:** An R script titled "2025FA_Statistics_TA_session.wkR.R". The code imports data from CSV files, creates a contingency table, and generates a scatter plot. A search bar at the top of the editor is active.
- Environment Tab:** Shows objects like `bar`, `bar_graph`, `bar_graph_withlabel`, `county`, `loan`, `scatter_plot`, `scatter_plot_scale`, `table`, `table_withsum`, `values`, and `table`.
- Plots Tab:** Displays a scatter plot of "loanapplication_type" versus "homeownership".
- Terminal Tab:** Shows the command history for running the script.

RStudio project

- **RStudio project:** A tool to organize all files related to a task.
 - Sets the directory as the wd for all R sessions within the project.
 - No more `setwd()`!
 - Keep history, options ... etc.
 - More advantages. e.g. portable path: `here()` function.
- Open a project by (File → New Project) at the top left corner of RStudio.
- When should I open a RStudio project?
 - If the task lasts for multiple periods, or with multiple files.
- Recommend to open a RStudio project for the TA Session Practices!

Folder Organization

- After opening a project, it is important to have well-organized folders.
- Different types of things (scripts, data, output, etc.) should be saved in different folders!



Coding styles: Spacing

- Only lowercase letters, numbers, and `_` within a name.
- The name should be readable!¹

```
# Good
lesson_one
lesson_1
```

```
# Bad
LessonOne
lessonone
one
a <- 1
```

¹See [this website](#) for more on coding styles.

Coding styles: Naming

- Always put a space after a comma, never before.
- Do not put spaces inside or outside parentheses.

```
# Good
x[, 1]
mean(x, na.rm = TRUE)

# Bad
x[,1]
x[ ,1]
x[ , 1]
mean (x, na.rm = TRUE)
mean( x, na.rm = TRUE )
```

Coding styles: Function Indents

- Indent the argument name with a single indent (two spaces).
- Don't put + or , in a new line!

```
# Good
long_function_name <- function(
  a = "a long argument",
  b = "another argument",
  c = "another long argument"
) {
}

# Bad
long_function_name <- function(a = "a long argument",
  b = "another argument",
  c = "another long argument"
) {
}

long_function_name <- function(a = "a long argument", b = "ano
```

Create Contingency Table: table()

application_type	homeownership		
	Rent	Mortgage	Own
individual	3496	3839	1170
joint	362	950	183

Table: Homeownership by application type

Create Contingency Table: table()

- **Syntax:**

```
# dnn = dimension names  
A <- table(..., dnn = ...)
```

- **Example:**

```
loan <- read.csv("loans_full_schema.csv")  
table <- table(loan$application_type,  
                loan$homeownership,  
                dnn = c("application type",  
                       "home ownership"  
                      ))  
                )
```

Add Sum Row and Sum Column:: addmargins()

application_type	homeownership				Total
	Rent	Mortgage	Own		
individual	3496	3839	1170		8505
joint	362	950	183		1495
Total	3858	4789	1353		10 000

Table: Homeownership by application type, with sum row and sum column

Add Sum Row and Sum Column: addmargins()

- **Syntax:**

```
A <- addmargins(table)
```

- **Example:**

```
table_withsum <- addmargins(table)
```

Remove Everything: rm(list = ls())

- `rm(list = ls())` removes everything inside the global environment.
 - Useful when you want to re-run the whole code.
- `ls()` returns a character vector of object names in the current environment.

```
x <- 1
y <- "hi"
ls()
# [1] "x" "y"
```

Barplot: geom_bar()

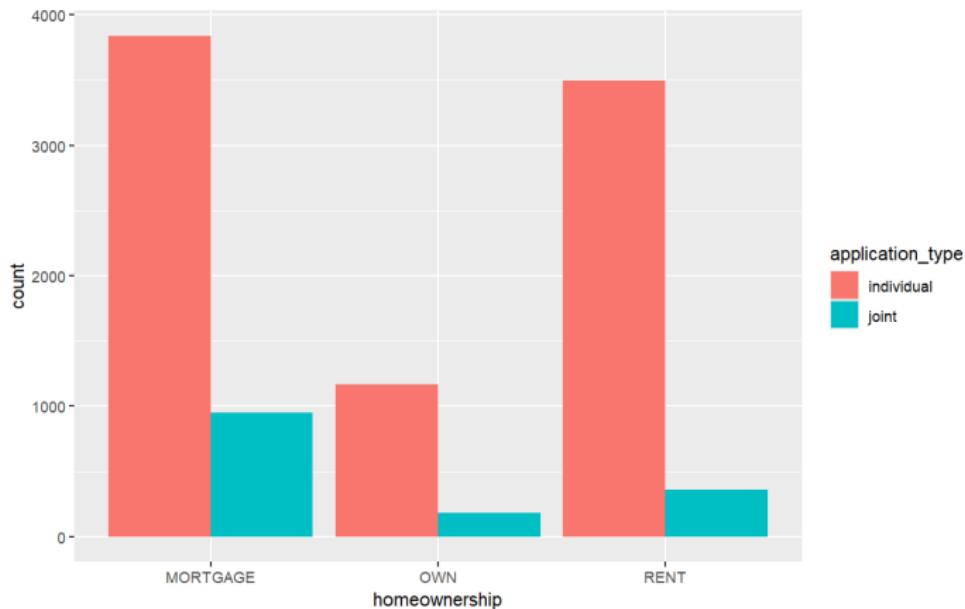


Figure: Bar plot of homeownership by application type.

Barplot: geom_bar()

- **Syntax:**

```
ggplot(loan, aes(x = ..., fill = ...)) +  
  geom_bar(position = ...)
```

- **Example:**

```
ggplot(loan, aes(x = homeownership, fill = application_type)) +  
  geom_bar(position = "dodge")
```

Add Title and Axis Labels: labs()

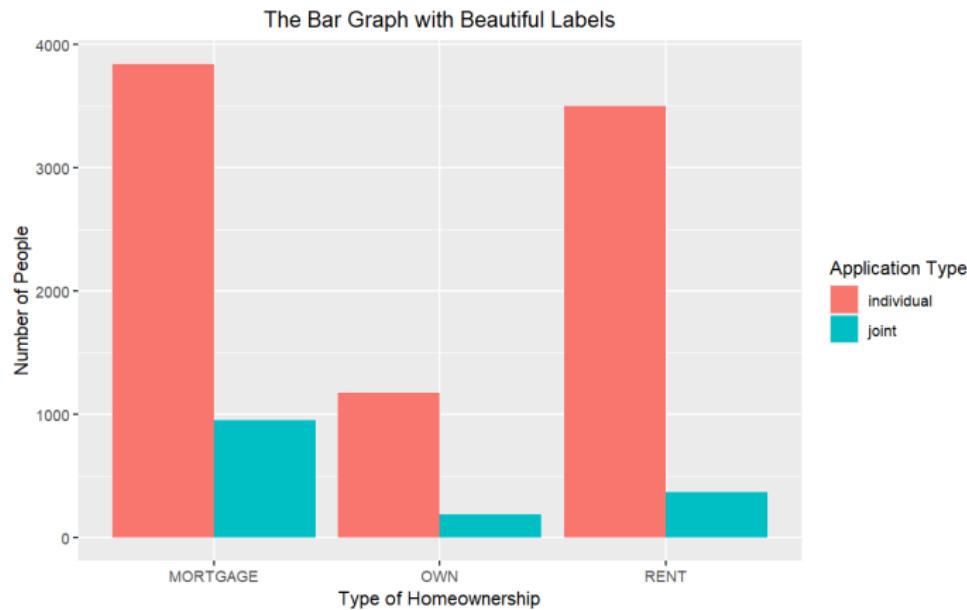


Figure: Same bar plot, **but with title and labels.**

Add Title and Axis Labels: labs()

- **Syntax:**

```
Your_Plot +  
  labs(x = ..., y = ..., title = ...) +  
  theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5))
```

- **Example:**

```
ggplot(loan, aes(x = homeownership, fill = application_type)) +  
  geom_bar(position = "dodge") +  
  labs(  
    x = "Type of Homeownership",  
    y = "Number of People",  
    title = "The Bar Graph with Beautiful Labels",  
    fill = "Application Type"  
  ) +  
  theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5))
```

Adjust Scale of x, y Axes: scale_x_continuous()

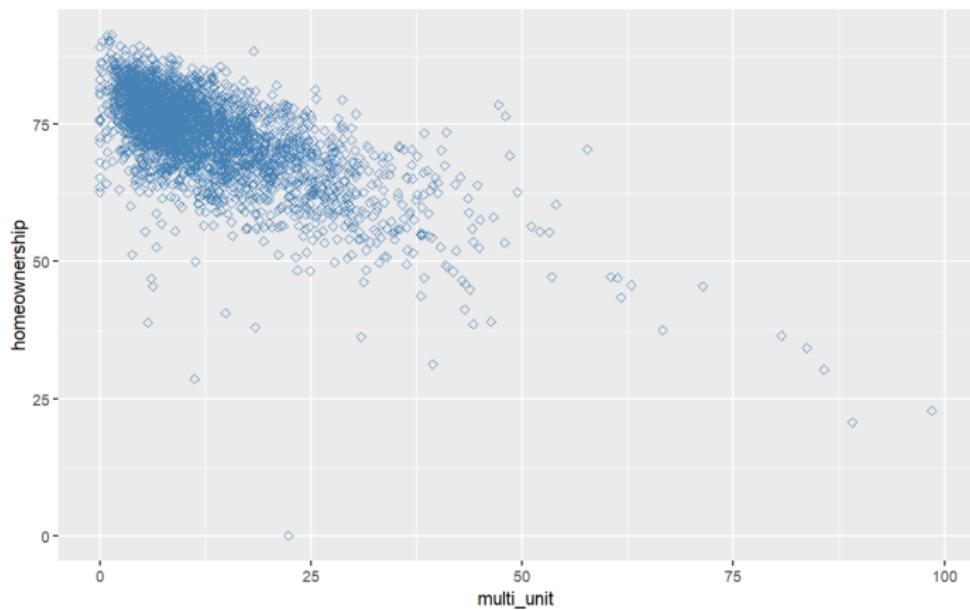


Figure: Scatter plot last week

Adjust Scale of x, y Axes: scale_x_continuous()

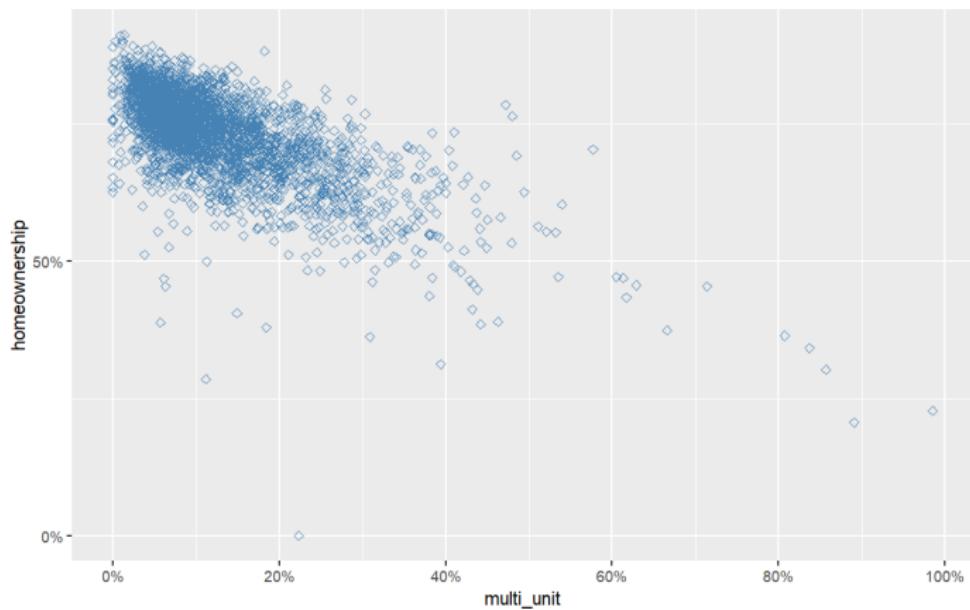


Figure: Scatter plot last week, with adjusted scale.

Add Title and Axis Labels: labs()

- **Syntax:**

```
Your_Plot +  
  scale_x_continuous(breaks = ..., labels = ...) +  
  scale_y_continuous(breaks = ..., labels = ...)
```

- **Example:**

```
... +  
  scale_x_continuous(  
    breaks = c(0, 20, 40, 60, 80, 100),  
    labels = c("0%", "20%", "40%", "60%", "80%", "100%")  
  ) +  
  scale_y_continuous(  
    breaks = c(0, 50, 100),  
    labels = c("0%", "50%", "100%")  
  )
```