

Statistics with Recitation: TA Session

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Today's Dataset

- Please download the following dataset:
 - `ames.csv`from the TA Session's Website or the OpenIntro website.
- The dataset includes the housing prices in Ames, Iowa, from 2006 to 2010.
- Please import the following datasets into RStudio.

```
housing <- read.csv("data/ames.csv")
```

Paste strings together: paste()

- **Syntax:**

```
paste(vec_1, vec_2, sep = ..., collapse = ..., )
```

- **Example:**

```
paste("test", 1:5, sep = "_") # default = " "  
[1] "test_1" "test_2" "test_3" "test_4" "test_5"
```

```
paste(c("A","B","C"), collapse = ", ")  
[1] "A, B, C"
```

```
paste("test", 1:5, sep = "^", collapse = "+")  
[1] "test^1+test^2+test^3+test^4+test^5"
```

Paste strings together: paste()

- `paste()` works pairwise across inputs; shorter vectors recycle:

```
paste(c("A", "B", "C", "D"), 1:2, sep = "_")  
[1] "A_1" "B_2" "C_1" "D_2"
```

- You can combine more than two vectors or strings.

```
paste("ID", 1:3, "Section", c("A", "B"), sep = "_")  
[1] "ID_1_Section_A" "ID_2_Section_B" "ID_3_Section_A"
```

Paste strings together: paste0()

- `paste0()` is a shorthand for `paste(..., sep = "")`.
 - So no need to assign `sep = ...`!

- **Syntax:**

```
paste0(vec_1, vec_2, collapse = ..., )
```

- **Example:**

```
paste0("test", 1:5)
[1] "test1" "test2" "test3" "test4" "test5"

paste0(c("A","B","C"), collapse = ", ")
[1] "A, B, C"

paste0("test", 1:5, collapse = "+")
[1] "test1+test2+test3+test4+test5"
```

Turn strings into date type: as.Date()

- Sometimes we hope date data can keep the “numeric” properties instead of being a character.
 - as.Date() will turn a specific type of string into Date data.
 - It might show `unknown` when you view in the dataframe though ...
- **Syntax:**

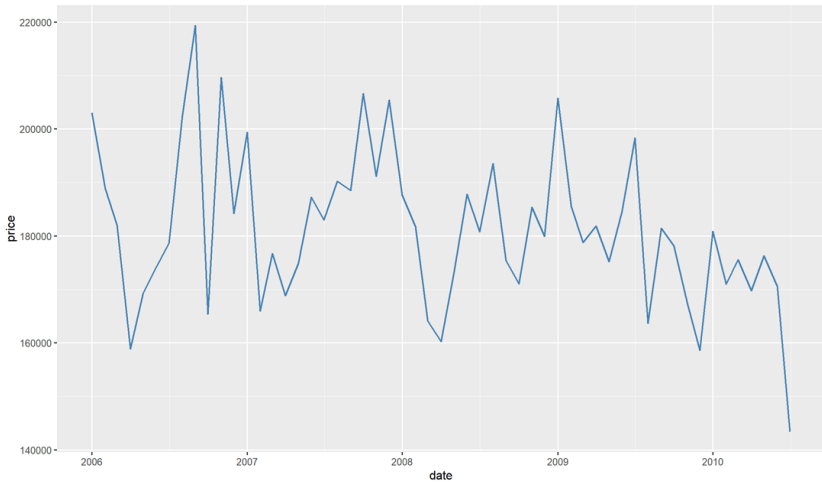
```
as.Date(string)
as.Date(string, format = "%m-%d-%Y") #default %Y-%m-%d
```

- **Example:**

```
as.Date("2025-01-02")
[1] "2025-01-02"

as.Date("01-02-2025", format = "%m-%d-%Y")
[1] "2025-01-02"
```

Draw Line Graph: `geom_line()`



Draw Line Graph: geom_line()

- **Syntax:**

```
ggplot(data, aes(x = ..., y = ...)) +  
  geom_line(linewidth = ..., color = ...)
```

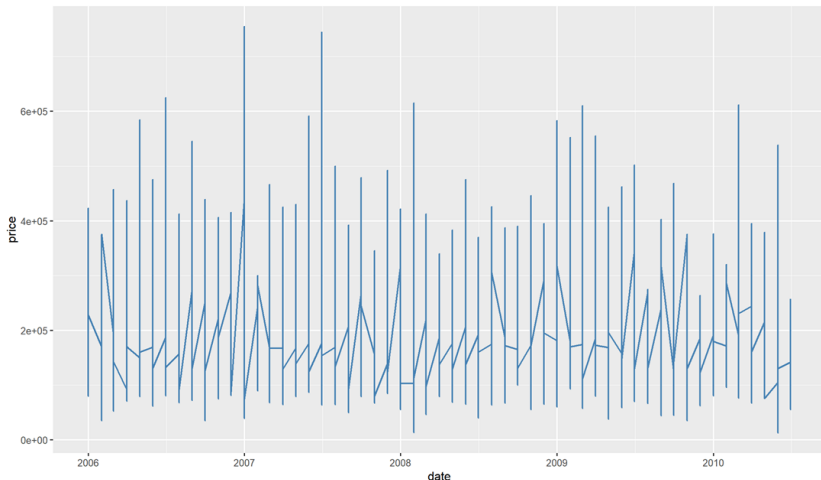
- **Example:**

```
# add "01" to date so it is of the form 2025-06-01  
housing$date <- as.Date(paste(housing$`Yr.Sold`,  
                              housing$`Mo.Sold`,  
                              "01",  
                              sep = "-"))  
  
ggplot(yearly_birth, aes(x = date, y = price)) +  
  geom_line(linewidth = 0.7, color = "steelblue")
```

- **Is this enough?**

Draw Line Graph: `geom_line()`

- What do we miss here?



Draw Line Graph: geom_line()

- Each vertical line shows the max and min within that date!
 - What if we want to show the mean of the housing price?
 - Use `stat = "summary", fun = "mean"` in `geom_line()`
- `stat: "summary"` means to reduce to one *y* per *x*.
 - Different type of `stat`: `= "count", = "density", ...`
- `fun`: determines how *y* will be collapsed into a single point.
 - By default, it uses the `"mean"`. Also have: `"median", "sum" ...`
 - `"fun"` has be used together with `stat = "summary"`.
- **Syntax:**

```
ggplot(housing, aes(x = date, y = price)) +  
  geom_line(stat = "summary",  
            fun = "mean",  
            linewidth = 0.7,  
            color = "steelblue")
```

About the R Quiz (Quiz 3)

- Quiz 3 will be held on October 14.
- The R Quiz will cover Week 1-6 materials in the TA Session (supplement included).
- All of the problems will be multiple-choice questions.
 - 15 questions, 2 points each.
- The Quiz is a written exam, so no laptop is needed.
- There will be no TA session in the midterm week. Instead, I will extend the office hours to 16:30 - 19:00 on 10/21.
 - You can check your Quiz 3 scores during the office hours.

Example Questions: Easy

- (2 points) Which functions should you use if you want to adjust the axes scales for the plots?
 - (a) `rm()`
 - (b) `addmargins()`
 - (c) `labs()`
 - (d) `scale_x_continuous()`

Example Questions: Normal

- (2 points) Which of the following statements is FALSE?
 - (a) We may use `dotsize = 3` in `geom_point()` to change the size of the points shown in the plot.
 - (b) The output of `seq_along(rnorm(5))` is 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.
 - (c) The output from `replicate()` may not be a matrix.
 - (d) `dnn` is an assignment in `table()` to customize the dimension names.

Example Questions: Hard

- (2 points) Suppose the output of `as.Date("01-02-0304")` is `XXXX-ab-cd`. What is `ab-cd`?
 - (a) 01-02
 - (b) 02-01
 - (c) 02-03
 - (d) 03-04