# Data visualization in R

## ggplot2 package

- Most confusing key concept: aesthetic mapping
- Maps data values to visual elements of the plot
- A few examples of aesthetics:



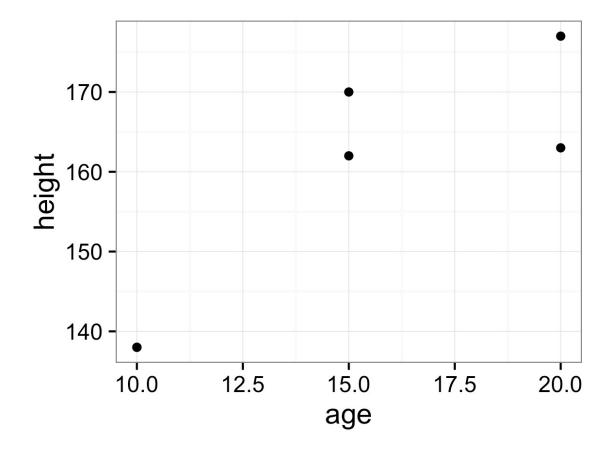
### Let's go over a simple example

• Mean height and weight of boys/girls ages 10–20

age (yrs)	height (cm)	weight (kg)	sex
10	138	32	М
15	170	56	M
20	177	71	M
10	138	33	F
15	162	52	F
20	163	53	F

Map age to x-axis, height to y-axis, and visualize using points

ggplot(data, aes(x=age, y=height)) + geom\_point()



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#### Color the points by sex

```
ggplot(data, aes(x=age, y=height,
                     color=sex)) + geom point()
                  170 -
                                                 sex
               height
- 091
                                                   M
                  150 -
                  140 -
                           12.5
                                 15.0
                                       17.5
                     10.0
                                            20.0
                                age
```

#### Change **point size** based on weight

```
ggplot(data, aes(x=age, y=height,
                    color=sex, size=weight)) + geom point()
                                           sex
             170 -
                                              F
                                              M
           height
             160 -
                                           weight
                                              40
             150 -
                                              50
                                              60
                                             70
             140
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```

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age

#### And connect the points with lines

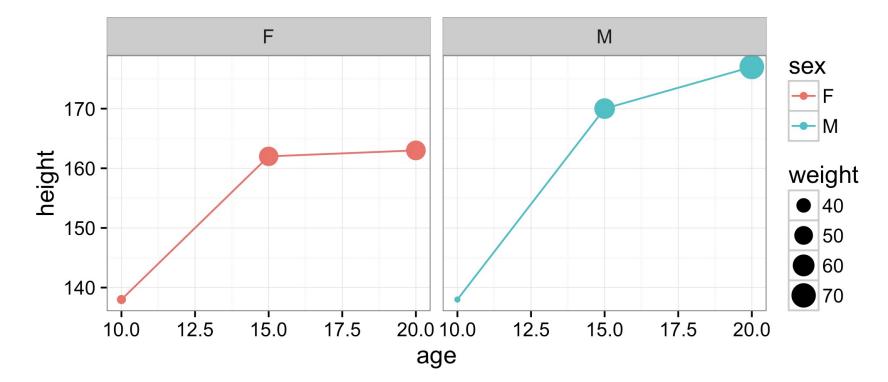
```
ggplot(data, aes(x=age, y=height,
                     color=sex, size=weight)) + geom_point() +
                                                          geom_line()
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```

The weight-to-size mapping should only be applied to points

```
ggplot(data, aes(x=age, y=height,
                    color=sex, size=weight)) +
                    geom point(aes(size=weight) +
                    geom line()
                                           sex
                    170 -
                  height
                    160 -
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```

age

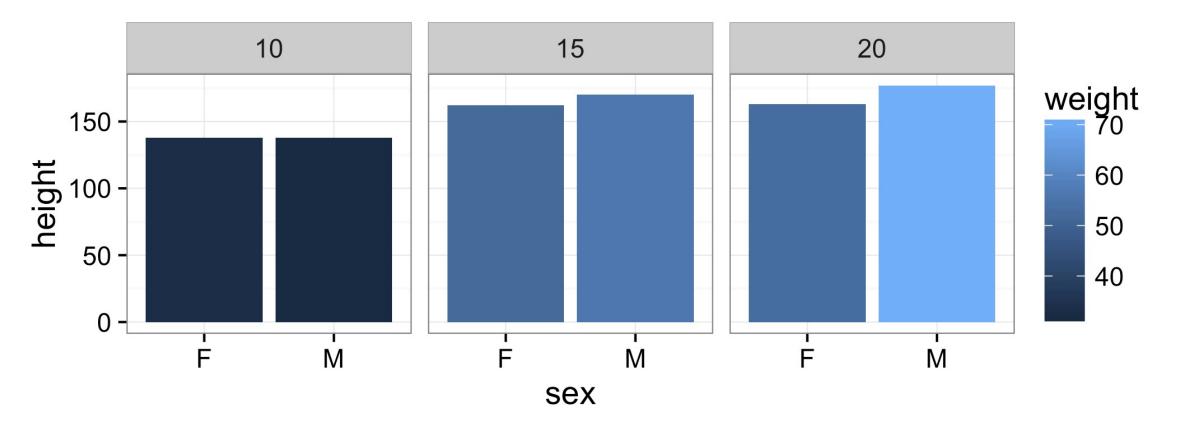
#### We can also make side-by-side plots (called facets)



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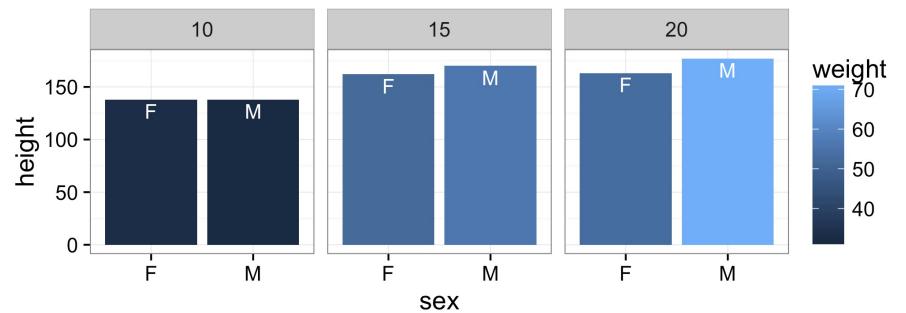
Facet by age, color by weight, and use bars to plot height

ggplot(data, aes(x=age, y=height, fill=weight)) +
 geom\_col() + facet wrap(~age)



#### Also plot the sex at the top of the bars

```
ggplot(data, aes(x=age, y=height, fill=weight)) +
    geom_col() +
    geom_text(aes(label=sex), vjust=1.3, color="white") +
    facet_wrap(~age)
```



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• All geoms are available here: <a href="https://ggplot2.tidyverse.org/reference/">https://ggplot2.tidyverse.org/reference/</a>

### Exercise 1