Data visualization and a grammar of graphics



Data visualization

Q: What are some reasons we visualize data rather than just reporting statistics?

Statistical projections which **speak to the senses without fatiguing the mind**, possess the advantage of fixing the attention on a great number of important facts.

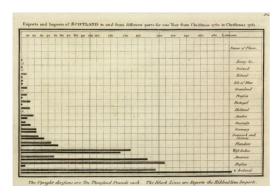
—Alexander von Humboldt, 1811

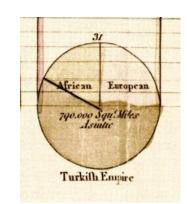


A very very brief history of data visualization

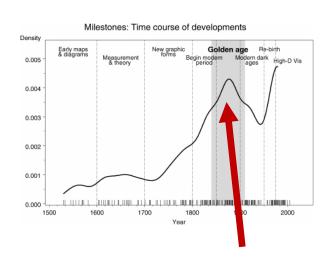
The age of modern statistical graphs began around the beginning of the 19th century

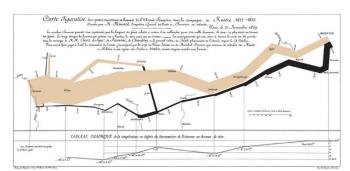
William Playfair (1759-1823)

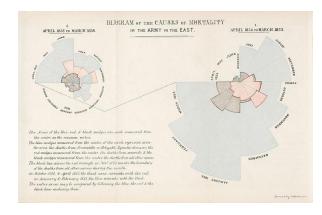


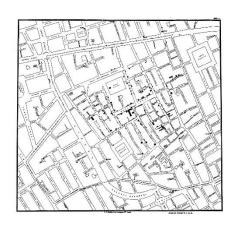


According to Friendly, statistical graphics researched its golden age between 1850-1900

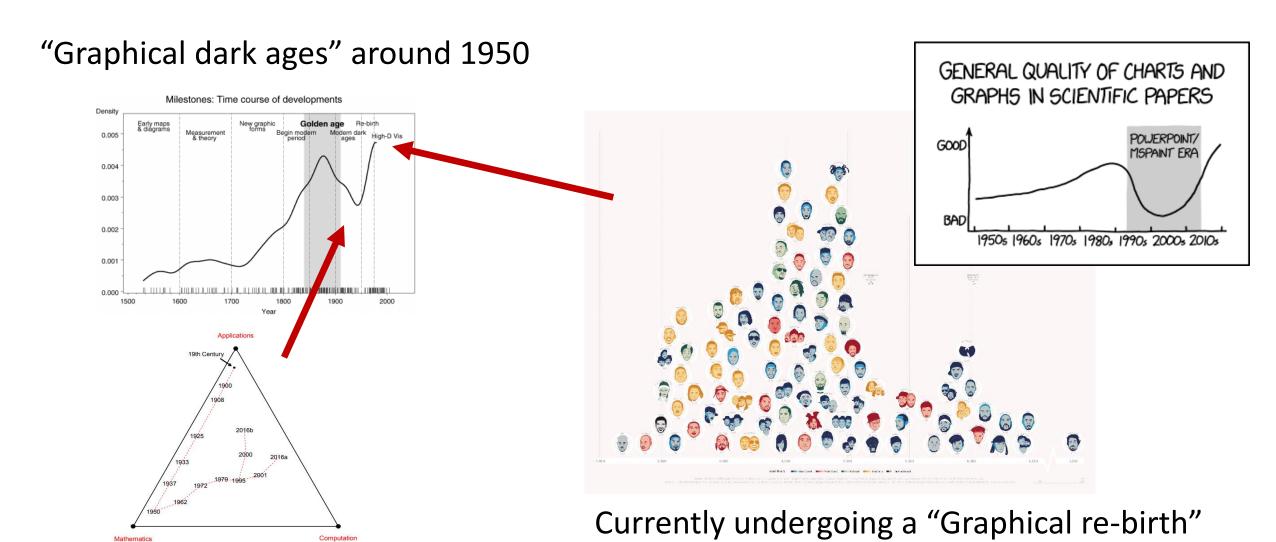








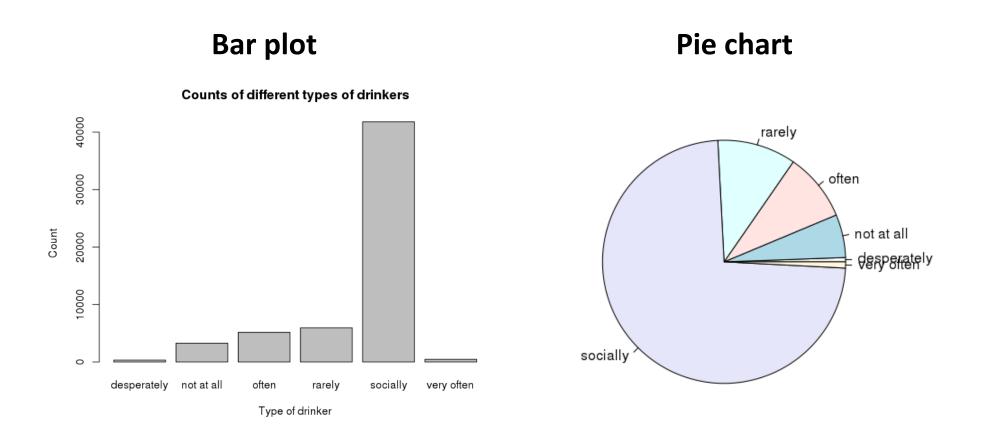
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Computer Age Statistical Inference, Efron and Hastie

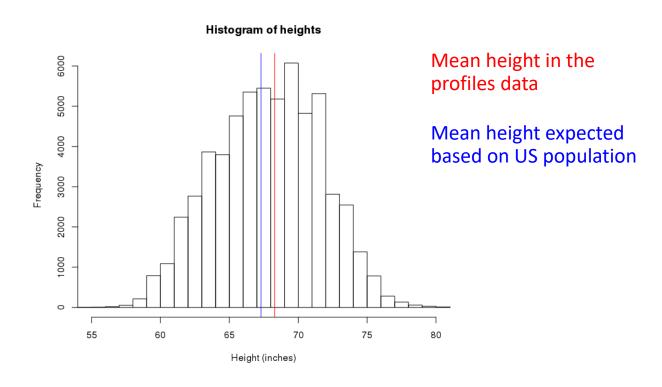
A grammar of graphics and ggplot

How have we plotted a single categorical variable?



How have we plotted a single quantitative variable?

Histograms

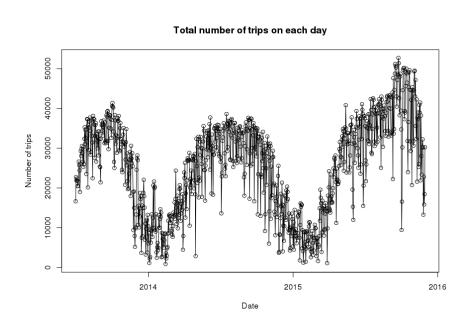


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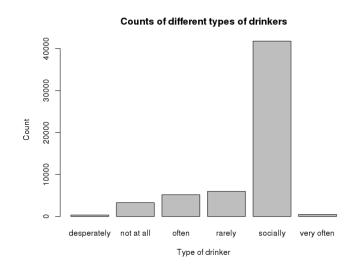
Scatter plots

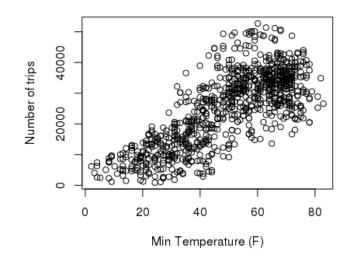
Min Temperature (F)

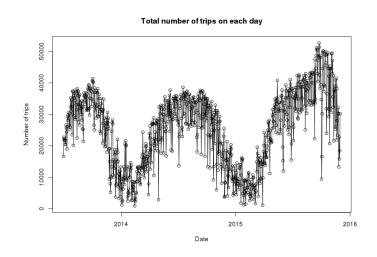
Line chart

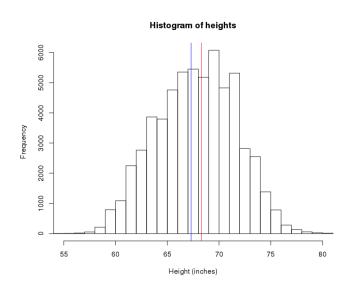


What are some similarities between these graphs?







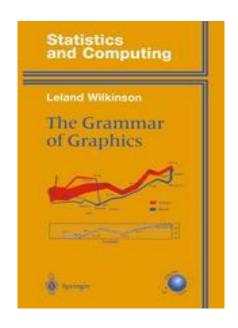


The grammar of graphics

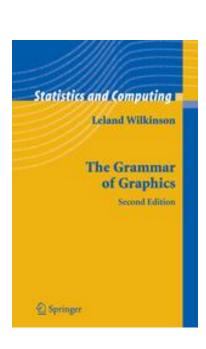
Leland Wilkinson noticed similarities between many graphs and tried to generate a 'grammar' that could be used to express a graph

• i.e., a list elements that can be combined together to create a graph

First edition



Second edition



Graphs are composed of...

A Frame: Coordinate system on which data is placed

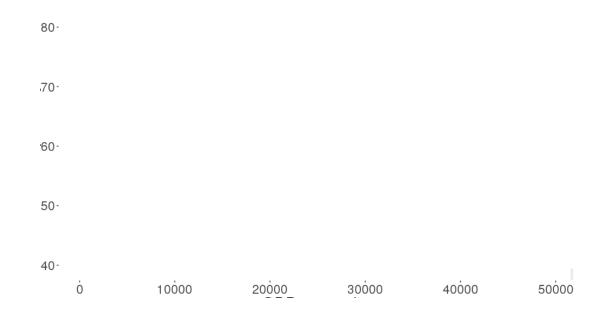
• E.g., Cartesian coordinate system, polar coordinates, etc.

Glyphs: basic graphic unit representing cases or statistics

- Contains visual properties (aesthetics) such as: shape, color, size, etc.
- Need to specify how properties of the data are **mapped** onto these aesthetics

Scales and guides: shows how to interpret axes and other properties of the glyphs

• i.e., gives information about how the data values were mapped into glyph properties



Plots can also contain...

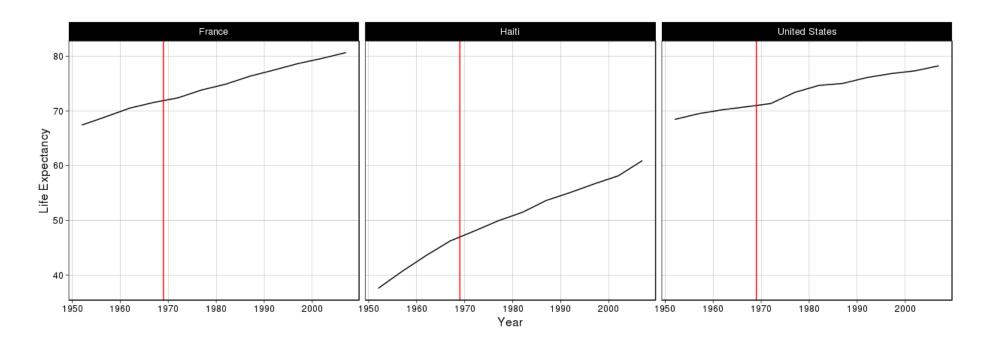
Facets: allows for multiple side-by-side graphs based on a categorical variable

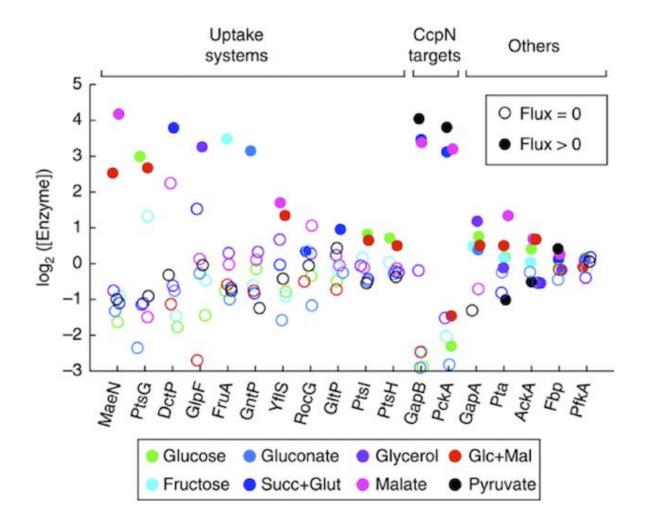
• Makes it easier to compare different conditions

Layers: allows for more than one types of data to be mapped onto the same figure

Theme: contains finer points of display

• E.g., font size, background color, etc.





The variables are:

- 1. Log enzyme concentration
 - -3 to 5
- 2. Gene
 - MaeN, PtsG, ...
- 3. Target
 - CcpN, Uptake,...
- 4. Flux
 - Zero or positive
- 5. Molecule:
 - Glocose, Fructose, ...

What are the mappings between each variable and visual attribute?

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	NYT	538	Cook	Roth.	Sabato	WaPo
Competitive States	Aug 31	Aug 4	Aug 22	Aug 29	Aug 27	Aug 29
New Hampshire	84% Dem.	90% Dem.	Leaning	Likely	Likely	>99% Dem.
Michigan	74% Dem.	65% Dem.	Tossup	Leaning	Likely	99% Dem.
Colorado	57% Dem.	60% Dem.	Tossup	Tossup	Leaning	65% Dem.
lowa	53% Dem.	55% Dem.	Tossup	Tossup	Tossup	63% Rep.
Alaska	52% Dem.	Even	Tossup	Tossup	Tossup	66% Dem.
North Carolina	51% Rep.	Even	Tossup	Tossup	Tossup	91% Dem.
Louisiana	60% Rep.	55% Rep.	Tossup	Tossup	Tossup	51% Dem.
Arkansas	66% Rep.	60% Rep.	Tossup	Tossup	Tossup	65% Rep.
Georgia	82% Rep.	75% Rep.	Tossup	Likely	Leaning	83% Rep.
Kentucky	86% Rep.	80% Rep.	Tossup	Leaning	Likely	94% Rep.



- 1. What variables define the frame?
- 2. What is the glyphs and the mapping from data to glyph?
- 3. What sets the order for the vertical variable?

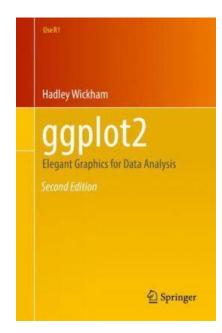
ggplot

ggplot2 is an R package that implements the grammar of graphics

• It builds up graphics by starting with a frame, adding glyphs, etc.

load the ggplot2 library

> library('ggplot2')



Get the book on GitHub

Example data: mtcars



PERFORMANCE	CADILLAC	LINCOLN	IMPERIAL
Acceleration 0-30 mph	4.30	3.97	4.2
0-50 mph	8.49	- 8.00	9.15
0-60 mph	12.00	9.50	12.1
Standing Start 1/4-mile	12.00	9.50	12.1
Mph	77.05	77.65	80.28
Elapsed time	17.98	17.82	17.42
Passing speeds			
40-60 mph	6.58	5.9	7.1
50-70 mph	7.00	6.8	6.8
Stopping distance			
From 30 mph	32'1"	31'4"	27'5"
From 60 mph	182'7"	153'10"	129'3"
Gas mileage range	10.43	10.42	14.7
Width – in.	79.8	80.0	79.7
Front Track-in.	63.5	64.3	64
Rear Track – in.	63.3	64.3	63.7
Wheelbase - in	133.0	127.0	124.0
Overall length – in.	233.7	232.6	231.1
Height – in.	55.6	55.4	54.7
Curb Weight - lbs.	5,250	5,425	5.345 25
Fuel Capacity – gals.			
Oil Capacity – qts.	4(1)	4 (1)	4(1)
Storage Capacity – cu. ft.	19.27	20.9	20+
Base Price Price as tested	\$9,312	\$7,637	\$7,062
CANADA AND AND AND AND AND AND AND AND AN	\$11,435 OHV V-8	\$9,452 OHV V-8	\$8,737
Engine: Bore & Stroke – ins.	4.3x4.06	4.36x3.85	OHV V-8 4.32x3.75
Displacement – cu. in.	4.3x4.06 472	4.30x3.63	4.32x3.75
HP @ RPM	205 @ 3600	215 @ 4000	230 @ 4000
Torque: lbsft. @ rpm	365 @ 2000	350 @ 2600	350 @ 3200
Compression Ratio	8.25:1	NA 2600	8.2:1
Carburetion	4V	4V	4V
Transmission	Auto.	Auto	Auto.
MANAGE 1	Turbo Hydra-Matic	Select Shift	Torqueflite
Final Drive Ratio	2.93	3.00	3.23 (?)
Steering Type	Recirculating Ball & Nut Power	Recirculating Ball & Nut With Integral Power Unit	Recirculating Ba Power
Steering Ratio	17.8-9.0	21.6 To 1	18.9:1
Turning Diameter (curb-to-curb-ft.)	(Wall To Wall) 24.54'	46.7'	44.69'
Wheel Turns	202	200	9.5
(lock-to-lock) Tire Size	2.83 LB78X15	3.99 LB78X15	3.5 LR78X15
110 3120	Steel Belted Radials	Steel Belted Radials	Steel Belted Radial Ply
Brakes	Power Disc/Drum	Power Disc/Drum	Power Disc/Disc
Front Suspension	Coils/Shocks Front Diagonal Tie Struts Stabilizer	Coils/Shocks Axial Strut Stabilizer	Torsion Bar Shocks Stabilizer
Rear Suspension	4 Link, Coils/ Shocks	Three Link, Rubber Cushioned Pivots Coils/Shocks	Leaf Springs Shocks
Body/Frame Construction	Perimeter Frame	Body On Perimeter Frame	Unitized Construction



mtcars data frame

How can you determine what variables are in a data frame?

```
> View(mtcars) # only works in Rstudio, not in Markdown
```

- > glimpse(mtcars)
- > ? mtcars # this data frame as a code book

```
[, 1] mpg Miles/(US) gallon
[, 2] cyl Number of cylinders
[, 4] hp Gross horsepower
[, 6] wt Weight (1000 lbs)
[, 9] am Transmission (0 = automatic, 1 = manual)
```

Do cars that weigh more use more fuel?

Question: do cars that weigh more use more fuel?

What variables in the mtcars data frame are of interest?

- mpg
- wt

We can create a scatter plot using base graphics...

> plot(mtcars\$wt, mtcars\$mpg)

Creating a scatter plot in ggplot

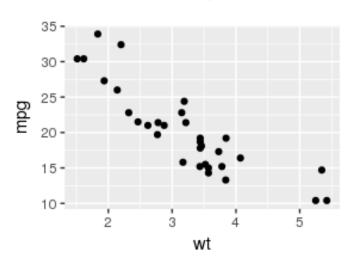
Data frame to be used

Aesthetic mapping

> ggplot(data = mtcars, mapping = aes(x = wt, y = mpg)) +

geom_point()

Adds a layer with glyphs



_	wt [‡]	cyl [‡]	hp [‡]	mpg [‡]	disp [‡]
Mazda RX4	2.620	6	110	21.0	160.0
Mazda RX4 Wag	2.875	6	110	21.0	160.0
Datsun 710	2.320	4	93	22.8	108.0
Hornet 4 Drive	3.215	6	110	21.4	258.0
Hornet Sportabout	3.440	8	175	18.7	360.0

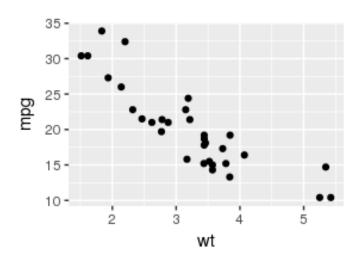
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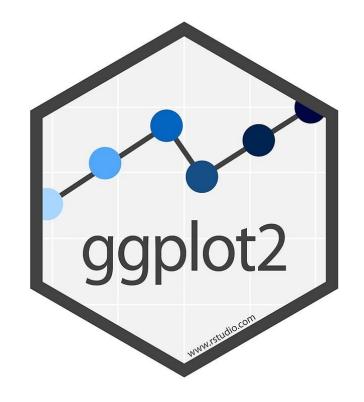
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A lot more that ggplot can do!

- More aesthetic mapping
- Multiple glyphs/layers
- Axis labels
- Facets
- Visual themes
- Different coordinate systems
- Etc.



The R Graph Gallery

Let's try the rest in R!

Adding labels to plots – version 1

We can add labels to the plots using the xlab("label1") and ylab("label2") functions

Add labels to your last plot

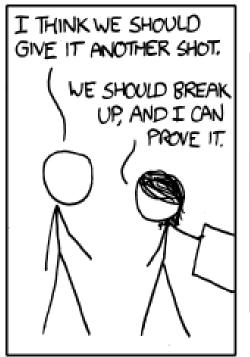
```
> ggplot(mtcars, aes(x = wt, y = mpg)) +
        geom_point() +
        xlab("Weight") +
        ylab("Miles per Gallon")
```

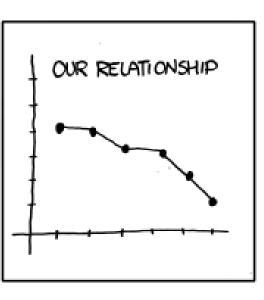
Adding labels to plots – version 2

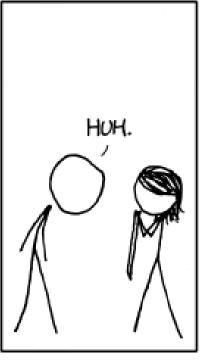
We can add labels to the plots using the lab() functions

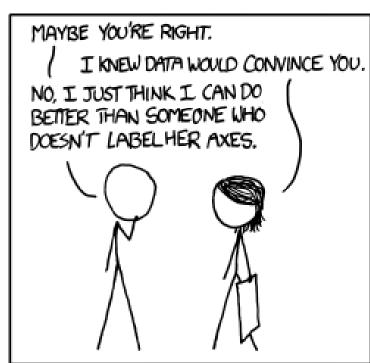
Adding text annotations

We can text annotations using the annotate("text", x = , y = , label =) function









If you don't want an ex, label you axes!

More aesthetic mappings

Let's look at the relationship between weight, miles per gallon and transmission type on the same graph by plotting... (?)

It is better if we make am a categorical variable

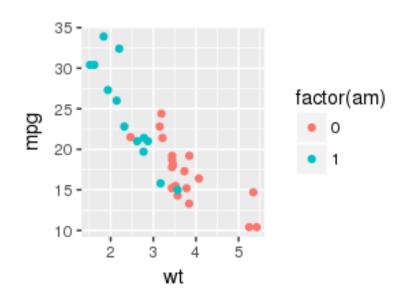
```
> ggplot(mtcars, aes(x = wt, y = mpg, col = factor(am))) + geom_point()
```

Notice the guides!!!

Try mapping am on to shape using:

- 1. shape = am
- 2. size using: size = am

Which is better to use color or shape or size?



Attributes vs. Aesthetics

Setting aesthetics map a variable to a glyph property

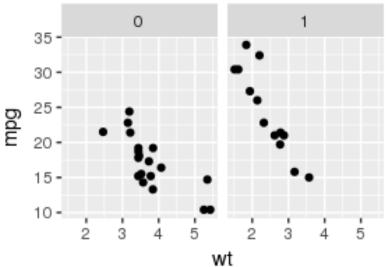
Setting attributes set a glyph property to a fixed value

Facets

Beyond comparing variables based on aesthetics you can compare categorical variables by splitting a plot into subplots (called facets) using facet_wrap

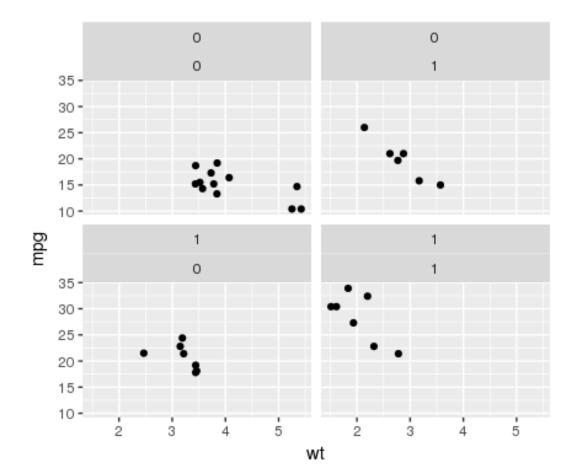
> ggplot(mtcars, aes(x = wt, y = mpg)) + geom_point() + facet_wrap(~am)

What do facets make it easy to see on this graph?



Facets along two dimensions

One can also do facets in two dimensions

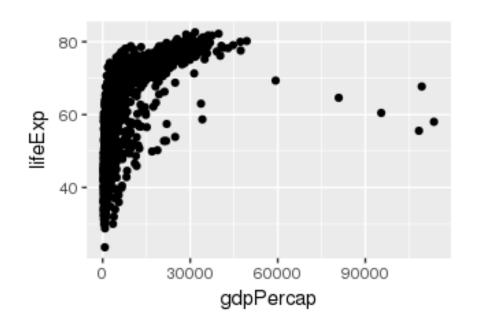


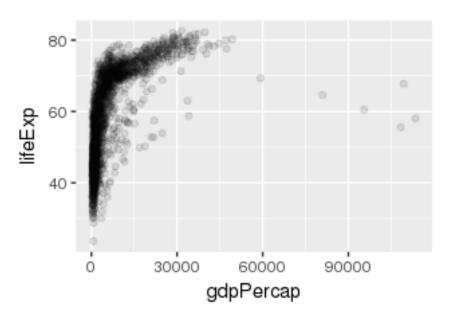
Overplotting

Sometimes points overlap making it hard to estimate the number of points at a particular range of values

We can control the transparency of points by changing their alpha values

Overplotting





Scales

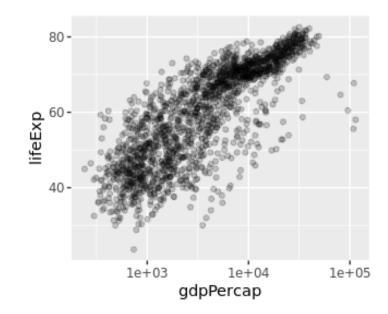
We can change the scale underlying each aesthetic visual feature

We use functions that start with scale_ to do this

For example, we can change the x scale from linear to logarithmic using:

scale_x_continuous(trans='log10')

```
> ggplot(gapminder, aes(x = gdpPercap, y = lifeExp)) + geom_point(alpha = .2) + scale_x_continuous(trans='log10')
```



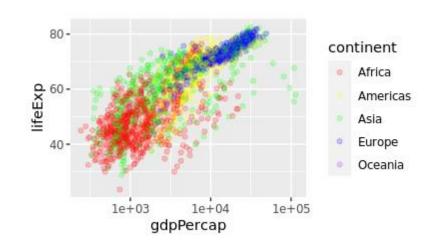
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We can change the color scale using:

```
scale_color_manual()
```

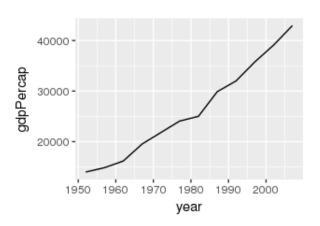


Geometries: line plot

So far we've only created scatter plots, but we can use different geoms to create other types of plots

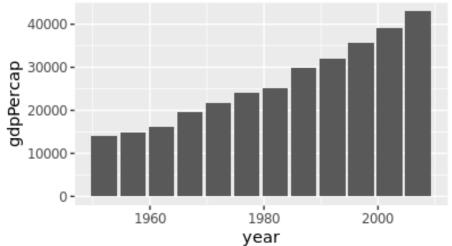
Create a plot that shows the GDP in the United States as a function of the year using the geom geom_line()

• Hint: filter the gapminder data first...



Geometries: columns

Create a plot that shows the GDP in the United States as a function of the year as columns geom geom_col()

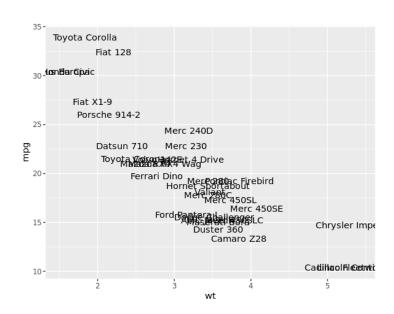


Geometries: text

Create can also use text as a geom using geom_text(aes(label =))

We will first add the row names as a column to our data frame using tibble::rownames_to_column()

```
> mtcars %>%
    tibble::rownames_to_column() %>%
    ggplot(aes(x = wt, y = mpg)) +
        geom_text(aes(label = rowname))
```



Geometries: histograms

We can also make histograms using the geom_histogram() function.

Plot a histogram of the weights of cars

```
> ggplot(mtcars, aes(x = wt)) + geom_histogram()
```

Note the histogram geom only has an x aesthetic, and does not have a y aesthetic value.

Geometries: boxplot

There are many other geom as well, including geom_boxplot()

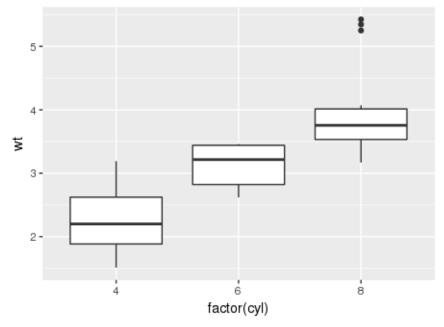
Plot a boxplot of the weights of cars

```
> ggplot(mtcars, aes(x = "", y = wt)) + geom_boxplot()
```

Side-by-side boxplots

Often it is useful to compare boxplots across different groups

> ggplot(mtcars, aes(x = factor(cyl), y = wt)) + geom_boxplot()

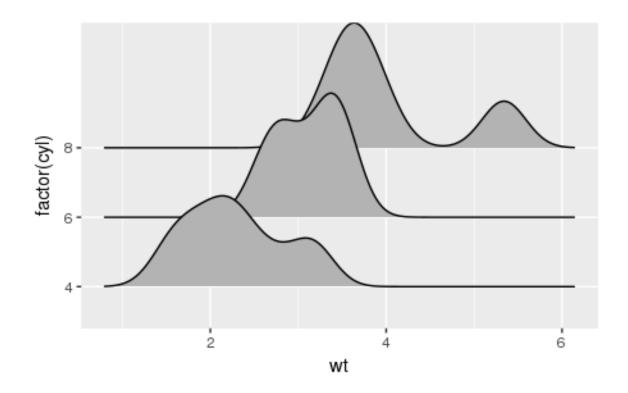


Violin and Joy plots

Violin and Joy plots are other ways to view distributions of data

Violin and Joy plots

Any ideas why they are called joy plots?



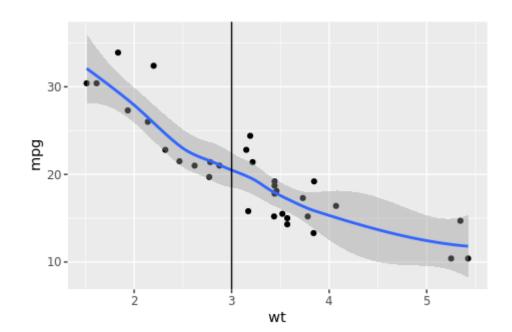
Multiple layers

We can also have multiple geom layers on a single graph by using the + symbol

E.g ggplot(...) + geom_type1() + geom_type2()

Create a scatter plot of miles per gallon as a function of weight and then add:

- a smoothed line using geom_smooth()
- a vertical line using geom_vline()



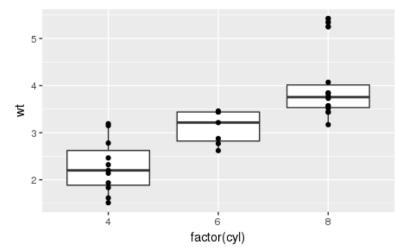
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Recreate a boxplot of weight (wt) grouped by the factor of cylinders (cyl), and then add points using geom_point()

```
> ggplot(mtcars, aes(x = factor(cyl), y = wt)) +
        geom_boxplot() +
        geom_point()
```



Themes

We can also use different types to change the appearance of our plot

```
Add theme_classic() to your plot
```

```
> ggplot(mtcars, aes(x = wt, y = mpg)) +
        geom_point() +
        xlab("Weigth") +
        ylab("Miles per Gallon") +
        theme_classic()
```

Also see the theme_fivethirtyeight() from the ggthemes package

Themes

We can also create a customized theme using theme()

```
> ggplot(mtcars, aes(x = wt, y = mpg)) +
      geom point() +
      theme_classic() +
      theme(
               axis.text.y = element blank(),
               plot.background = element_rect(fill = "red")
```

Data visualization with ggplot2:: cheat sheet



Basics

ggplot2 is based on the grammar of graphics, the idea that you can build every graph from the same components: a data set, a coordinate system, and geoms-visual marks that represent data points.



To display values, map variables in the data to visual properties of the geom (aesthetics) like size, color, and x and y locations.



Complete the template below to build a graph.

ggplot (data = <DATA>) + <GEOM_FUNCTION> (mapping = aes (<MAP stat = <STAT>, position = <POSITION>) + <COORDINATE_FUNCTION> + <FACET_FUNCTION> <SCALE_FUNCTION> <THEME_FUNCTION>

ggplot(data = mpg, aes(x = cty, y = hwy)) Begins a plot that you finish by adding layers to. Add one geom function per layer.

last_plot() Returns the last plot.

ggsave("plot.png", width = 5, height = 5) Saves last plot as 5' x 5' file named "plot.png" in working directory. Matches file type to file extension

Aes Common aesthetic values.

color and fill - string ("red", "#RRGGBB")

linetype - integer or string (0 = "blank", 1 = "solid". 2 = "dashed", 3 = "dotted", 4 = "dotdash", 5 = "longdash", 6 = "twodash")

lineend - string ("round", "butt", or "square")

linejoin - string ("round", "mitre", or "bevel")

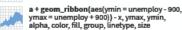
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d + geom_bar()

Geoms Use a geom runction to tape. Use a geom function to represent data points, use the geom's aesthetic properties to represent variables.

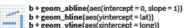
GRAPHICAL PRIMITIVES

- a <- ggplot(economics, aes(date, unemploy))
- b <- ggplot(seals, aes(x = long, y = lat))
 - a + geom_blank() and a + expand_limits() Ensure limits include values across all plots.
- b + geom_curve(aes(yend = lat + 1, xend = long + 1), curvature = 1) - x, xend, y, yend, alpha, angle, color, curvature, linetype, size
- a + geom_path(lineend = "butt". linejoin = "round", linemitre = 1) x, y, alpha, color, group, linetype, size
- a + geom_polygon(aes(alpha = 50)) x, y, alpha, color, fill, group, subgroup, linetype, size
- b + geom_rect(aes(xmin = long, ymin = lat, xmax = long + 1, ymax = lat + 1)) - xmax, xmin, ymax, ymin, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size



LINE SEGMENTS

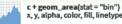
common aesthetics: x, y, alpha, color, linetype, size



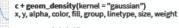
b + geom_segment(aes(yend = lat + 1, xend = long + 1)) b + geom_spoke(aes(angle = 1:1155, radius = 1))

ONE VARIABLE continuous

c <- ggplot(mpg, aes(hwy)); c2 <- ggplot(mpg)



x, y, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size



- c + geom_dotplot() x, y, alpha, color, fill
- c + geom_freqpoly() x, y, alpha, color, group, linetype, size
- c + geom_histogram(binwidth = 5) x, y, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size, weight
- c2 + geom_qq(aes(sample = hwy))



discrete d <- ggplot(mpg, aes(fl))</pre>



TWO VARIABLES

both continuous e <- ggplot(mpg, aes(cty, hwy))

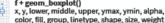


- e + geom_label(aes(label = cty), nudge_x = 1, nudge_y = 1) - x, y, label, alpha, angle, color, family, fontface, hjust, lineheight, size, vjust
- e + geom_point() x, y, alpha, color, fill, shape, size, stroke
 - e + geom_quantile() x, y, alpha, color, group, linetype, size, weight
- e + geom_rug(sides = "bl") x, y, alpha, color, linetype, size
 - e + geom_smooth(method = lm) x, y, alpha, color, fill, group, linetype, size, weight
- e + geom_text(aes(label = cty), nudge_x = 1, nudge_y = 1) - x, y, label, alpha, angle, color, family, fontface, hjust, lineheight, size, vjust

one discrete, one continuous f <- ggplot(mpg, aes(class, hwy))



x, y, alpha, color, fill, group, linetype, size



f + geom_dotplot(binaxis = "y", stackdir = "center")

x, y, alpha, color, fill, group

f + geom_violin(scale = "area") x, y, alpha, color, fill, group, linetype, size, weight

both discrete

g <- ggplot(diamonds, aes(cut, color))



g + geom_count() x, y, alpha, color, fill, shape, size, stroke

e + geom_jitter(height = 2, width = 2)

x, y, alpha, color, fill, shape, size

continuous bivariate distribution h <- ggplot(diamonds, aes(carat, price))



- h + geom_bin2d(binwidth = c(0.25, 500)) x, y, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size, weight
- h + geom_density_2d() x, y, alpha, color, group, linetype, size
- h + geom_hex() x, y, alpha, color, fill, size

continuous function

i <- ggplot(economics, aes(date, unemploy))



i + geom_area() x, y, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size



- i + geom_line() x, y, alpha, color, group, linetype, size
- i + geom_step(direction = "hv") x, y, alpha, color, group, linetype, size

visualizing error

df <- data.frame(grp = c("A", "B"), fit = 4:5, se = 1:2) i <- ggplot(df, aes(grp, fit, ymin = fit - se, ymax = fit + se))</p>



j + geom_crossbar(fatten = 2) - x, y, ymax, ymin, alpha, color, fill, group, linetype, size



j + geom_errorbar() - x, ymax, ymin, alpha, color, group, linetype, size, width Also geom_errorbarh().



j + geom_linerange() x, ymin, ymax, alpha, color, group, linetype, size



j + geom_pointrange() - x, y, ymin, ymax, alpha, color, fill, group, linetype, shape, size

data <- data.frame(murder = USArrests\$Murder, state = tolower(rownames(USArrests))) map <- map data("state") k <- ggplot(data, aes(fill = murder))



k + geom_map(aes(map_id = state), map = map) + expand_limits(x = map\$long, y = map\$lat) map_id, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size

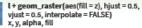
THREE VARIABLES

seals\$z <- with(seals, sqrt(delta_long^2 + delta_lat^2)); l <- ggplot(seals, aes(long, lat))



l + geom_contour(aes(z = z)) x, y, z, alpha, color, group, linetype, size, weight

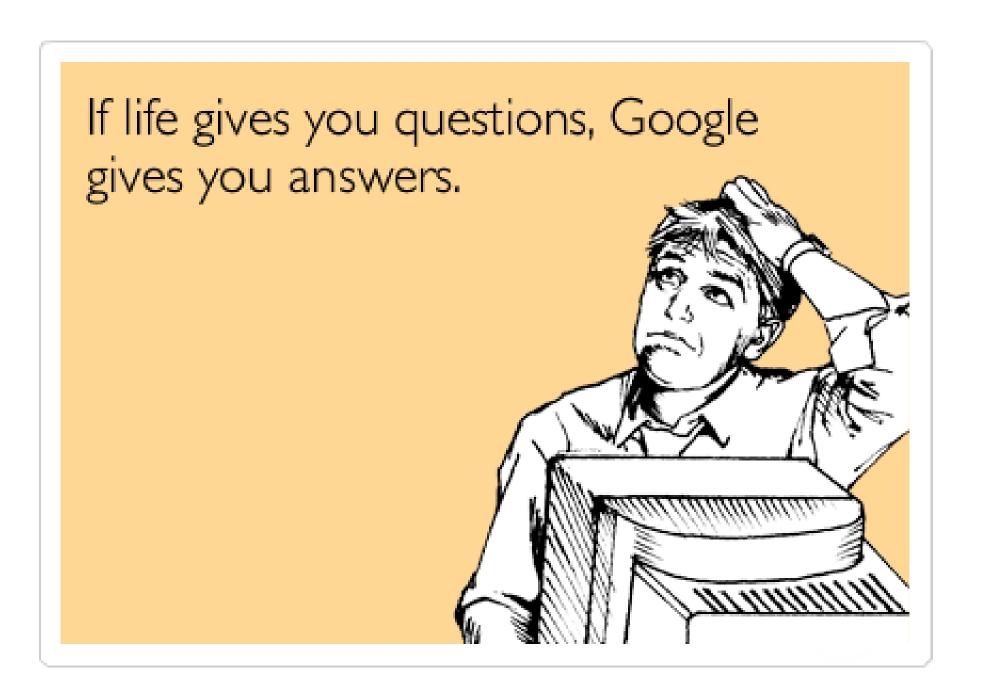






l + geom_tile(aes(fill = z)) x, y, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size, width





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