

# Basic Plotting in R

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**Install the following package if you don't have it.**

```
install.packages("grDevices");
```

# R graphics preview

- R has strong graphic capabilities. `plot()` is a generic function for plotting of R objects.
- There are many plot functions which are specific to some tasks.
- Titles, legends and annotations.
  - ▶ `main` gives the main title, `sub` the subtitle.
  - ▶ `legend()`. The position can be “bottomleft”, “bottomright”, “topleft”, “topright” or exact coordinates.
  - ▶ `xlab` specifies the X-axis label; `ylab` specifies the Y-axis label.
  - ▶ `xlim` specifies the range of the X-axis; `ylim` specifies the range of the Y-axis.
  - ▶ `mtext()` puts some texts in the margin. The margin can be at the bottom (1), the left (2), the top (3) or the right (4).
  - ▶ `text()` puts Text in the graph.
  - ▶ We can add mathematical symbols using `expression()`.
  - ▶ The type of a plot can be : `n`(none), `p`(points), `l`(lines) etc.
  - ▶ For more information, type `?title` and `?text` in R console.

# Bar chart

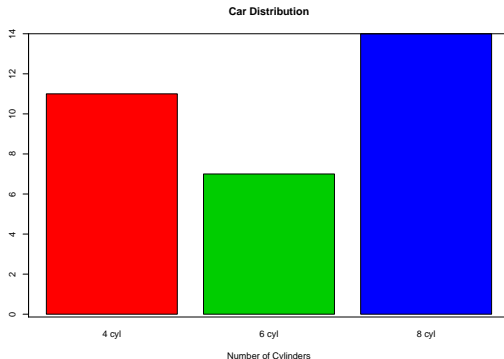
- Bar chart is for categorical data.
- `barplot()` specifies the height of each bar and (optionally) a vector of labels for each bar.

```
counts= table(mtcars$cyl);  
counts;  #get the count of 4, 6 & 8 cylinder cars
```

```
##  
##    4    6    8  
## 11    7   14
```

# Bar chart

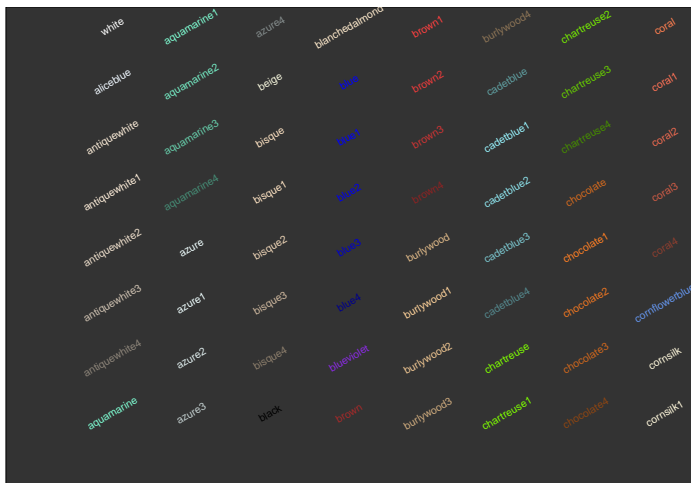
```
barplot(counts,main="Car Distribution", xlab="Number of Cylinders",  
        col=c(2,3,4),names.arg=c("4 cyl", "6 cyl", "8 cyl"));  
# col is used to specified colors  
box(); #draw a box around the plot
```



# Colors in R

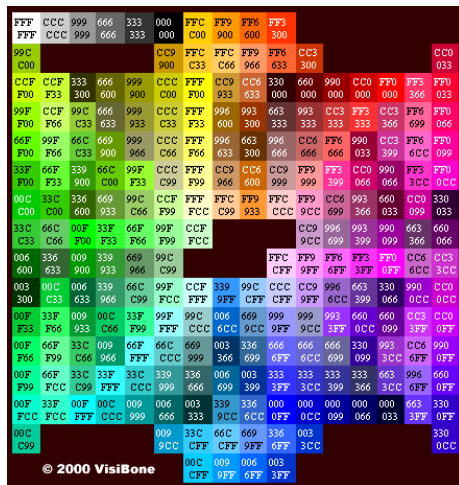
- In R, colors can be specified either by name (e.g. `col = "red"`), integers or hexadecimal colors (`#rrggbb`). The following shows the first sixty-four color names.

`## Loading required package: grid`



# Colors in R

- Colors can be specified using hexadecimal color code, #rrggbb, where rr, gg, and bb refer to color intensity in the red, green, and blue channels, respectively. For more information, see [http://stat545.com/block018\\_colors.html](http://stat545.com/block018_colors.html).





# Colors in R

- In R you can call colors by their numbers. The `palette()` function within the `grDevices` library allows a table of colors to be referenced by a numeric index. The default color palette is

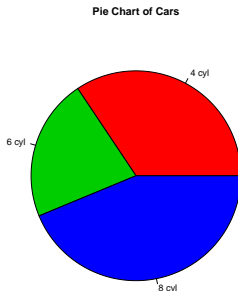
```
1 = "black"
2 = "red"
3 = "green"
4 = "blue"
5 = "cyan"
6 = "magenta"
7 = "yellow"
8 = "gray"
```

- To set these colors as parameters, simply use the index.

# Pie charts

- Pie charts are for categorical data.
- A pie chart presents each category as a slice of a circle so that each slice has a size that is proportional to the whole in each category.
- Pie charts are not recommended since people are able to judge height more accurately than area.

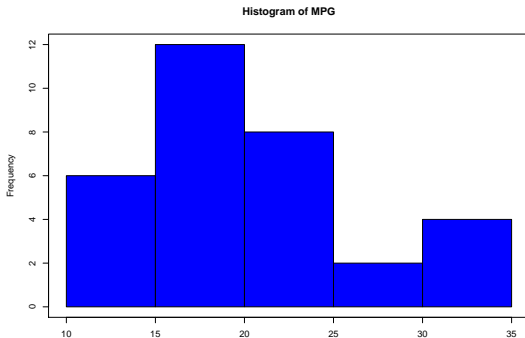
```
counts= table(mtcars$cyl); #create a frequency table  
pie(counts,main="Pie Chart of Cars",  
     col=c(2,3,4), labels=c("4 cyl", "6 cyl", "8 cyl"));
```



# Histogram

- Histogram is for numerical data.
- A histogram shows a partition of a data set and the number of observations in each class.

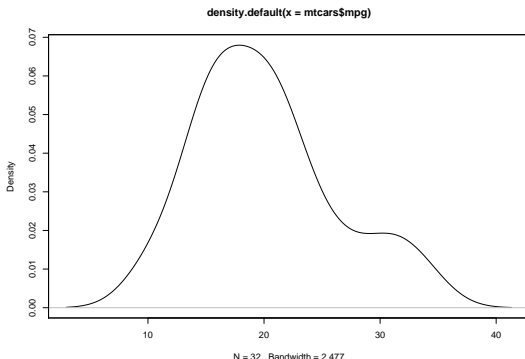
```
hist(mtcars$mpg, col="blue", xlab="Miles Per Gallon", #breaks = 10,  
     main="Histogram of MPG");  
#we can use breaks argument to determine the number of bins  
box();
```



# Kernel density plot

- In general, we assume that a data set is from a larger population.
- Kernel density is an **estimate** of the distribution of the variable.

```
d = density(mtcars$mpg); # returns the density data  
plot(d); # plots the results  
box();
```

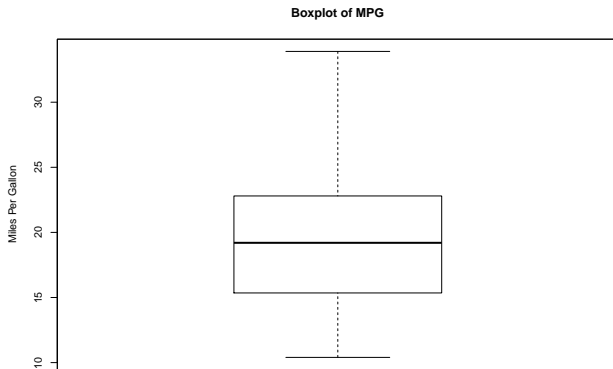


# Box plot

- A box plot (or box and whisker plot) shows the five number summary: Min,  $Q_1$ , Median,  $Q_3$ , Max and outliers
  - ▶ Min is the minimum value in the data.
  - ▶ 25% observations in the sorted data are less than  $Q_1$ .
  - ▶ Median is the absolute center.
  - ▶ 75% observations in the sorted data are less than  $Q_3$ .
  - ▶  $Q_3 - Q_1$  is called IQR (Interquartile Range).
  - ▶ Max is the maximum value in the data.
  - ▶ Outliers are data points far away from other data values.
  - ▶ Any values less than  $Q_1 - 1.5 \times IQR$  or greater than  $Q_3 + 1.5 \times IQR$  are defined as outliers.
  - ▶ The whiskers extend only as far as the minimum data value that is not an outlier and the maximum data value that is not an outlier.
- Boxplots can be created for individual variables or for variables by group using the function `boxplot`.

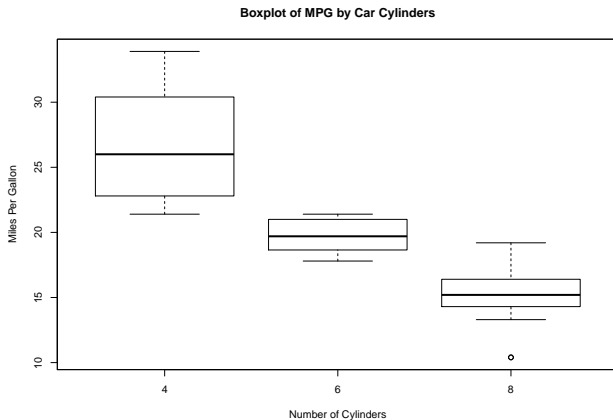
# Box plot

```
boxplot(mtcars$mpg, main="Boxplot of MPG",  
        ylab="Miles Per Gallon"); # Boxplot of MPG  
box();
```



# Box plot

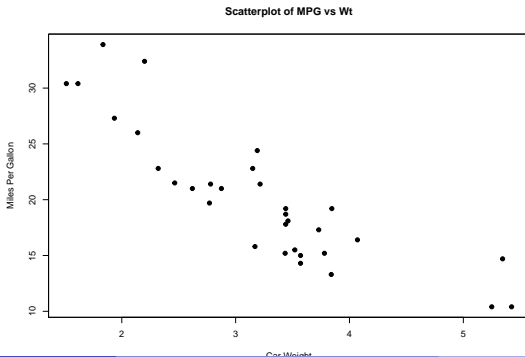
```
boxplot(mpg~cyl,data=mtcars,main="Boxplot of MPG by Car Cylinders",  
        xlab="Number of Cylinders", ylab="Miles Per Gallon");  
box();
```



# Scatter plot

- A scatter plot is used to show the relationship between two variables.
- Each data point with two measurements is plotted on the Cartesian (x,y) plane.

```
plot(mtcars$wt, mtcars$mpg, main="Scatterplot of MPG vs Wt",  
     xlab="Car Weight", ylab="Miles Per Gallon", pch=19);  
#pch is used to specify symbols to use;  
#type ?pch for more information  
box();
```





# Scatter plot

- Points shapes available in R:

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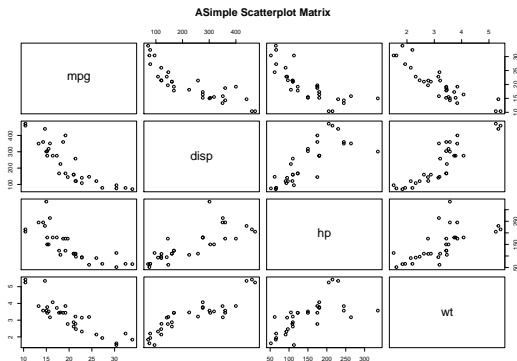

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# Scatter plot matrix

- To see the relationship between any two variables, it is useful to look at the scatter plot matrix.
- `pairs()` function creates beautiful scatter plot matrix.

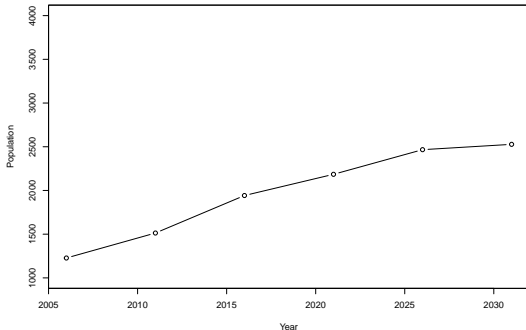
```
pairs(~mpg+disp+hp+wt,data=mtcars,  
      main="ASimple Scatterplot Matrix");
```



# Line chart

- Line chart is just a scatter plot by specifying `type = "b"` for points joined line or `type = "l"` for line.

```
y = c(1227.3, 1513.1, 1942.1, 2184.7, 2466.6, 2527.6);  
x = c(2006, 2011, 2016, 2021, 2026, 2031);  
plot(x,y, type="b", xlab="Year", ylab="Population",  
      xlim=c(2006, 2031), ylim=c(1000, 4000));  
box();
```



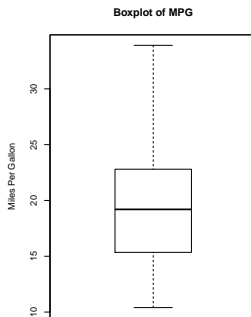
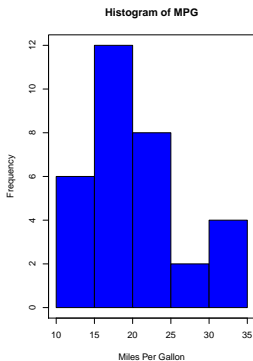
## par() function

- `par()` defines the default settings for plots such as fonts, colors, axes, titles.
- The format is `par(optionname=value, optionname=value, ...)`
- If you set parameter values using `par()`, the changes will be in effect for the rest of the session or until you change them again.
- type `?par` in R console to see more information.
- Especially, `par()` can be used to put multiple graphs in a single plot. The syntax to set the plotting area into a  $m \times n$  matrix is

**`par(mfrow=c(m,n))`**

## par() function

```
par(mfrow=c(1,2));  
hist(mtcars$mpg, col="blue", xlab="Miles Per Gallon", #breaks = 10,  
     main="Histogram of MPG");  
box();  
boxplot(mtcars$mpg, main="Boxplot of MPG",  
        ylab="Miles Per Gallon"); # Boxplot of MPG  
box();
```



# Saving a plot

- All graphs we plot in R programming are displayed on the screen by default.
- The graphs can be saved manually using the R menu “File->Save as...”. But a lot of times it is not convenient.
- We can save plots as a file on disk with the help of built-in functions.
- We need to call the function `dev.off()` after all the plotting, to save the file and return control to the screen.

# Saving a plot

- To save a plot as jpeg image we need the `jpeg()` function.

```
#setwd("F:/DataCamp/Day1"); #set/change the working directory  
jpeg(file="scatterplot1.jpeg")  
plot(mtcars$wt, mtcars$mpg, main="Scatterplot of MPG vs Wt",  
      xlab="Car Weight", ylab="Miles Per Gallon", pch=19);  
box();  
dev.off();
```

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## pdf
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```

# Saving a plot

- To save a plot as png image we need the `png()` function.

```
png(file="scatterplot2.png")
plot(mtcars$wt, mtcars$mpg, main="Scatterplot of MPG vs Wt",
     xlab="Car Weight", ylab="Miles Per Gallon", pch=19);
box();
dev.off();
```

```
## pdf
```

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## 2
```



# Saving a plot

- To save a plot as bmp image we need the `bmp()` function.

```
bmp(file="scatterplot3.bmp")
plot(mtcars$wt, mtcars$mpg, main="Scatterplot of MPG vs Wt",
      xlab="Car Weight", ylab="Miles Per Gallon", pch=19);
box();
dev.off();
```

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## pdf
```

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## 2
```

# Saving a plot

- To save a plot as tiff format we need the `tiff()` function.

```
tiff(file="scatterplot4.tiff")
plot(mtcars$wt, mtcars$mpg, main="Scatterplot of MPG vs Wt",
      xlab="Car Weight", ylab="Miles Per Gallon", pch=19);
box();
dev.off();
```

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## pdf
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# Saving a plot

- We can save our plots as **vector image** in pdf or postscript formats.
- The beauty of vector image is that it is easily resizable. Zooming on the image will not compromise its quality.
- To save a plot as pdf format we need the `pdf()` function.

```
pdf(file="scatterplot5.pdf")
plot(mtcars$wt, mtcars$mpg, main="Scatterplot of MPG vs Wt",
     xlab="Car Weight", ylab="Miles Per Gallon", pch=19);
box();
dev.off();
```

```
## pdf
## 2
```

# Saving a plot

- To save a plot as ps(postscript) or eps(encapsulated postscript) format we need the `postscript()` function.

```
postscript(file="scatterplot6.eps")
plot(mtcars$wt, mtcars$mpg, main="Scatterplot of MPG vs Wt",
      xlab="Car Weight", ylab="Miles Per Gallon", pch=19);
box();
dev.off();
```

```
## pdf
```

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# Questions?

