

# Introduction to Information Environment Science



#### **Data Visualization**

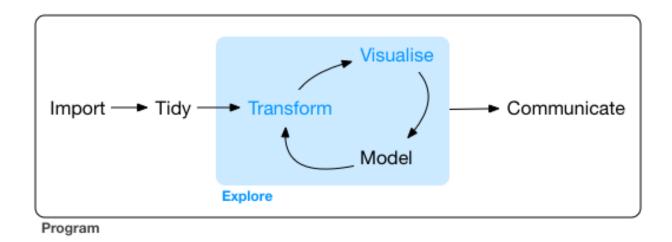
Become able to build a basic data visualization

- Topics
  - What is data visualization?
  - Building plots with ggplot2
    - Creating a plot in major visualization types
    - Exporting a plot to a file

- Environment
  - Programming Language:
    - R language
  - Platform: Jupyter Hub
  - Form : Coding for Exercise
     Tasks on Jupyter Hub



# Exploratory data analysis





## **Exploratory Data Analysis Checklist**

- 1. Formulate your question
- 2. Read in your data
- 3. Check the packaging
- 4. Run str()
- 5. Look at the top and the bottom of your data
- 6. Check your "n"s
- 7. Validate with at least on external data source
- 8. Try the easy solution first
- 9. Challenge your solution
- 10. Follow up



## 1. Formulate your question

- A sharper question or hypothesis is easier
  - Eliminate variables that are not relevant to the question
- Q. Are air pollution levels higher on the east coast than on the west coast?
  - <= all pollutants across entire east and west</li>
- Q. Are hourly ozone levels on average higher in New York City than they are in Los Angeles?
  - <= single pollutant in two cities</p>



## 2. Read in your data

- Data is sometimes/always messy
- Cleaning up a dataset
- "Tidy data"



### 3-5. Check data

- Check the packaging
  - Find warnings or errors when reading
  - Check the number of rows and columns after reading
    - nrow(data), ncol(data)
- Check the content briefly
  - str(data)
- Look at the top and the bottom
  - head(data), tail(data)



#### 6-7. Check data

- Check your "n"s
  - Identify some landmarks that can be used to check
  - "Does it include expected Date and Time properly?"
  - "Does it cover all of states?"
- Validate with at least one external data source
  - Measurements: summary()
  - Distributions: quantile()
  - Units



## 8. Try the easy solution first

- Use simple measurements
- Use a portion of data
  - Top 10, Bottom 10, ...
- Use a group of data
  - By month, By year, By country
  - filter()



## 9. Challenge your solution

- The easy solution is nice, but...
- You should always think of ways to challenge results
- A result by year was great
  - By month? Is there enough data?



## 10. Follow up questions

- Do you have the right data?
- Do you need other data?
- Do you have the right question?



## Principles of Analytic Graphics

- Show comparisons
- Show causality, mechanism, explanation, systematic structure
- Show multivariate data
- Integrate evidence
- Describe and document the evidence
- Content, content, ...



## Materials

• <a href="https://github.com/fumi/IES2019\_DV">https://github.com/fumi/IES2019\_DV</a>