R Graphics

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R Graphics

Producing high-quality graphics is one of the fundamental parts of any statistical computing. Graphics are often the starting point for statistical analysis. The particular plot function you need will depend on the number of variables you want to plot and the pattern you wish to highlight. One of the most attractive aspects of the R system is its capacity to produce state-of-the -art statistical graphics.

Common Graphs

Sometimes, if the reading doesn't function correctly, the error may stem from the text file itself. Below is a list of some of the most common problems

- plot(x,y) # scatter Plot
- boxplot(y)# Box Plot
- barplot(y)# Bar Plot
- pie(y)# Pie Chart
- hist(y)# Histogram
- stem(y)# Stem and Leaf Plot
- ts.plot(y)# Time Series Plot
- stripchart(y)#Dot Plot

Scatter Plots

The **plot** function draws axes and adds a scatter plot of points. Two extra functions, points and lines, add extra points or lines to an existing plot. There are two ways of specifying plot, points and lines and you should choose whichever you prefer: Customize graphs (line style, symbols, color, etc) can be drawn by specifying graphical parameters.

```
## Default S3 method:
plot(x, y = NULL, type = "p",  xlim = NULL, ylim = NULL,
     log = "", main = NULL, sub = NULL, xlab = NULL, ylab =
     ann = par("ann"), axes = TRUE, frame.plot = axes,
     panel.first = NULL, panel.last = NULL, asp = NA, ...)
```

Plotting a Graph

We can build up a graph in stages by issuing a series of commands

The Coordinate System

We want to establish the dimensions of the figure before plotting anything

The most important point but perhaps is obvious that both variable x and y must be of the same length.

Axes:

It is possible to turn off the axes, to adjust the coordinate space by using the *xlim* and *ylim* options

To create the labels for the axes. **axes=** Allows us to control whether the axes appear in the figure or not.

We may select **axes=F** and then create own labels using **xlim=, ylim=**

xlab="", ylab="" Creates labels for the x- and y-axis

Plot Types in R

We now want to plot these series, but the plot function allows for different types of plots. The different types that one can include within the generic plot function include:

```
"p" for points,
"l" for lines,
"b" for both,
"c" for the lines part alone of "b",
"o" for both overplotted,
"h" for histogram like (or high-density) vertical lines
"s" for stair steps,
"S" for other steps, see ?Details? below,
"n" for no plotting.
```

Styles in R

There are a number of options to adjust the style in the figure, including changes in the line type, line weight, color, point style, and more.

lty= Selects the type of line (solid, dashed, short-long dash, etc.)

lwd= Selects the line width (fat or skinny lines)

pch= Selects the plotting symbol, can either be a numbered symbol (pch=1) or a letter (pch="R")

col= Selects the color of the lines/points in the figure

Examples

lty= Selects the type of line (solid, dashed, short-long dash, etc.)

```
>plot(c(0,1), c(0,0), type="l", axes=FALSE, xlab=NA, ylab=NA, lty=1)
```

lwd= Selects the line width (fat or skinny lines)

```
>plot(c(0,1), c(0,0), type="l", axes=FALSE, xlab=NA, ylab=NA, lwd=2)
```

pch= *Selects the plotting symbol, can either be a numbered symbol (pch=1) or a letter (pch="R")*

```
>plot(c(1,2,3), c(3,5,7), pch=5)
```

```
>plot(c(1,2,3), c(3,5,7), pch="A")
```

col= Selects the color of the lines/points in the figure

bg= 'background' color

col= color of lines and data symbols

col.axis= color of axis tick labels

col.lab= color of axis labels

col.main= color of plot title

col.sub= color of plot sub-title

par(bg=4)
plot(c(1,2,3), c(3,5,7),col=2)

Graphic Parameters, *par()*

The function **par()** is used to set or get graphical parameters. **par** allows us to plot multiple (x, y)'s in a single graphic. This is accomplished by selecting par(new=T) following each call to plot.

```
x<-seq(-5,5,0.1)
y1<-dnorm(x)
y2<-dcauchy(x)
y3<-0.5*dexp(abs(x))
yrange<-range(y1,y2,y3)
plot(x,y1,xlab="x",ylab="f(x)",lty=1, type="l",xlim=c(-5,5),ylim=yrange,col=1)
par(new=TRUE)
plot(x,y2,xlab="",ylab="",lty=3,type="l",xlim=c(-5,5),ylim=yrange,col=2)
par(new=TRUE)
plot(x,y3,xlab="",ylab="",lty=2,type="l",xlim=c(-5,5),ylim=yrange,col=4)
legend(1,.5,legend=c("N(0,1)","C(0,1)","L(0,1)"),lty=c(1,3,2),col=c(1,2,4))
title(cex=1,"probability density functions of standard Normal, standard Cauchy and
\n standard Laplace distributions")
```

Add-on Functions in R Graphics

```
arrows(x1, y1, x2, y2): Create arrows within the plot
text(x1, x2, "text"): Create text within the plot
lines(x, y): Create a plot that connects lines
points(x, y): Create a plot of points
polygon(): Create a polygon of any shape (rectangles, trian
legend(x, y, at = c("", "",), labels=c("", ""))): Create a
mtext( ):  Insert text in the figure and outer margins
title( ): Add figure title or outer title
abline( ): Add horizontal and vertical lines or a single li
box( ): Draw a box around the current plot
rect(): Draw a rectangle
segments( ): Draw line segments
trans3d(): Add 2-D components to a 3-D plot
main= : Overall title for the plot
sub= : A subtitle for the plot
```

Text and Symbol Size

The following options can be used to control text and symbol size in graphs.
cex: Number indicating the amount by which plotting text and symbols should be scaled relative to the default. cex=1 is default, cex=1.5 is 50% larger, cex=0.5 is 50% smaller, etc.
cex.axis magnification of axis annotation relative to cex
cex.lab magnification of x and y labels relative to cex
cex.main magnification of titles relative to cex

Example:

Link below provides the number of Atlantic hurricane from 1870 to 2010
http://people.sc.fsu.edu/~jburkardt/datasets/time_series/hurricanes.txt
We will import the subject data and plot a graph

```
>hurricane<-"http://people.sc.fsu.edu/~jburkardt/datasets/time_s
>data=read.table(hurricane)
>x<-data$V1
>y<-data$V2
```

Example:

The Duncan data frame has 45 rows and 4 columns. Data on the prestige and other characteristics of 45 U. S. occupations in 1950. The data is in the library "car" we will access the data as below

```
>library(car)
>data(Duncan)
>attach(Duncan)
> head(Duncan, n=5)

> plot(education)
> plot(prestige)

>plot(education, prestige)
```

Saving Graphs

Since R runs on so many different operating systems, and supports so many different graphics formats, it's not surprising that there are a variety of ways of saving your plots, depending on what operating system you are using, what you plan to do with the graph, and whether you're connecting locally or remotely.

Format	Driver
JPG	jpeg
PNG	png
WMF	win.metafile
PDF	pdf
Postscript	postscript