

STAT 6021: Homework Set 2

Question 1

For this question, we will work on the dataset `PoliceKillings.csv`. This dataset was the basis for this article on Police Killings in the year 2015. You may read more about the data and the variable descriptions [here](#).

Prework

```
library(dplyr)
```

```
## Warning: package 'dplyr' was built under R version 4.0.2
```

```
##
```

```
## Attaching package: 'dplyr'
```

```
## The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':
```

```
##
```

```
##      filter, lag
```

```
## The following objects are masked from 'package:base':
```

```
##
```

```
##      intersect, setdiff, setequal, union
```

```
library(tidyverse)
```

```
## Warning: package 'tidyverse' was built under R version 4.0.2
```

```
## -- Attaching packages ----- tidyverse_c
```

```
## v ggplot2 3.3.2      v purrr  0.3.4
```

```
## v tibble  3.0.1      v stringr 1.4.0
```

```
## v tidyr   1.1.2      v forcats 0.5.0
```

```
## v readr   1.4.0
```

```
## Warning: package 'ggplot2' was built under R version 4.0.2
```

```
## Warning: package 'tidyr' was built under R version 4.0.2
```

```
## Warning: package 'readr' was built under R version 4.0.2
```

```
## Warning: package 'stringr' was built under R version 4.0.2
```

```
## Warning: package 'forcats' was built under R version 4.0.2
```

```
## -- Conflicts ----- tidyverse_c
```

```
## x dplyr::filter() masks stats::filter()
```

```
## x dplyr::lag()     masks stats::lag()
```

```
setwd("/Users/maxryoo/Documents/MSDS/STAT6021/hw2")
```

```
data = read.csv("PoliceKillings.csv", header = TRUE)
```

```
head(data)
```

```
##              name age gender  raceethnicity  month day year
## 1 A'donte Washington  16   Male           Black February  23 2015
```

```
## 2      Aaron Rutledge 27      Male      White      April      2 2015
## 3      Aaron Siler 26      Male      White      March      14 2015
## 4      Aaron Valdez 25      Male Hispanic/Latino      March      11 2015
## 5      Adam Jovicic 29      Male      White      March      19 2015
## 6      Adam Reinhart 29      Male      White      March      7 2015
##      streetaddress      city state latitude longitude state_fp
## 1      Clearview Ln      Millbrook      AL 32.52958 -86.36283      1
## 2 300 block Iris Park Dr      Pineville      LA 31.32174 -92.43486      22
## 3 22nd Ave and 56th St      Kenosha      WI 42.58356 -87.83571      55
## 4 3000 Seminole Ave      South Gate      CA 33.93930 -118.21946      6
## 5 364 Hiwood Ave      Munroe Falls      OH 41.14857 -81.42988      39
## 6 18th St and Palm Ln      Phoenix      AZ 33.46938 -112.04332      4
##      county_fp tract_ce      geo_id county_id      namelsad
## 1      51      30902 1051030902      1051      Census Tract 309.02
## 2      79      11700 22079011700      22079      Census Tract 117
## 3      59      1200 55059001200      55059      Census Tract 12
## 4      37      535607 6037535607      6037      Census Tract 5356.07
## 5      153      530800 39153530800      39153      Census Tract 5308
## 6      13      111602 4013111602      4013      Census Tract 1116.02
##      lawenforcementagency      cause      armed      pop      share_white      share_black
## 1      Millbrook Police Department      Gunshot      No 3779      60.5      30.5
## 2 Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office      Gunshot      No 2769      53.8      36.2
## 3      Kenosha Police Department      Gunshot      No 4079      73.8      7.7
## 4      South Gate Police Department      Gunshot      Firearm 4343      1.2      0.6
## 5      Kent Police Department      Gunshot      No 6809      92.5      1.4
## 6      Phoenix Police Department      Gunshot      No 4682      7      7.7
##      share_hispanic p_income h_income county_income comp_income county_bucket
## 1      5.6      28375 51367      54766 0.9379359      3
## 2      0.5      14678 27972      40930 0.6834107      2
## 3      16.8      25286 45365      54930 0.8258693      2
## 4      98.8      17194 48295      55909 0.8638144      3
## 5      1.7      33954 68785      49669 1.3848678      5
## 6      79      15523 20833      53596 0.3887044      1
##      nat_bucket pov      urate      college X
## 1      3 14.1 0.09768638 0.16850951 NA
## 2      1 28.8 0.06572379 0.11140236 NA
## 3      3 14.6 0.16629314 0.14731227 NA
## 4      3 11.7 0.12482727 0.05013293 NA
## 5      4 1.9 0.06354983 0.40395421 NA
## 6      1 58 0.07365145 0.10295519 NA
```

A

Using the raceethnicity variable, create a table and a bar chart that displays the proportions of victims in each race / ethnic level. Also, use your table and bar chart in conjunction with the US Census Bureau July 1 2019 estimates to explain what your data reveal.

*1 Create a table that displays the proportions of victimis in each race/ethnic level.

```
prop.table(table(data$raceethnicity))
```

```
##
## Asian/Pacific Islander      Black      Hispanic/Latino
##      0.02141328      0.28907923      0.14346895
##      Native American      Unknown      White
```

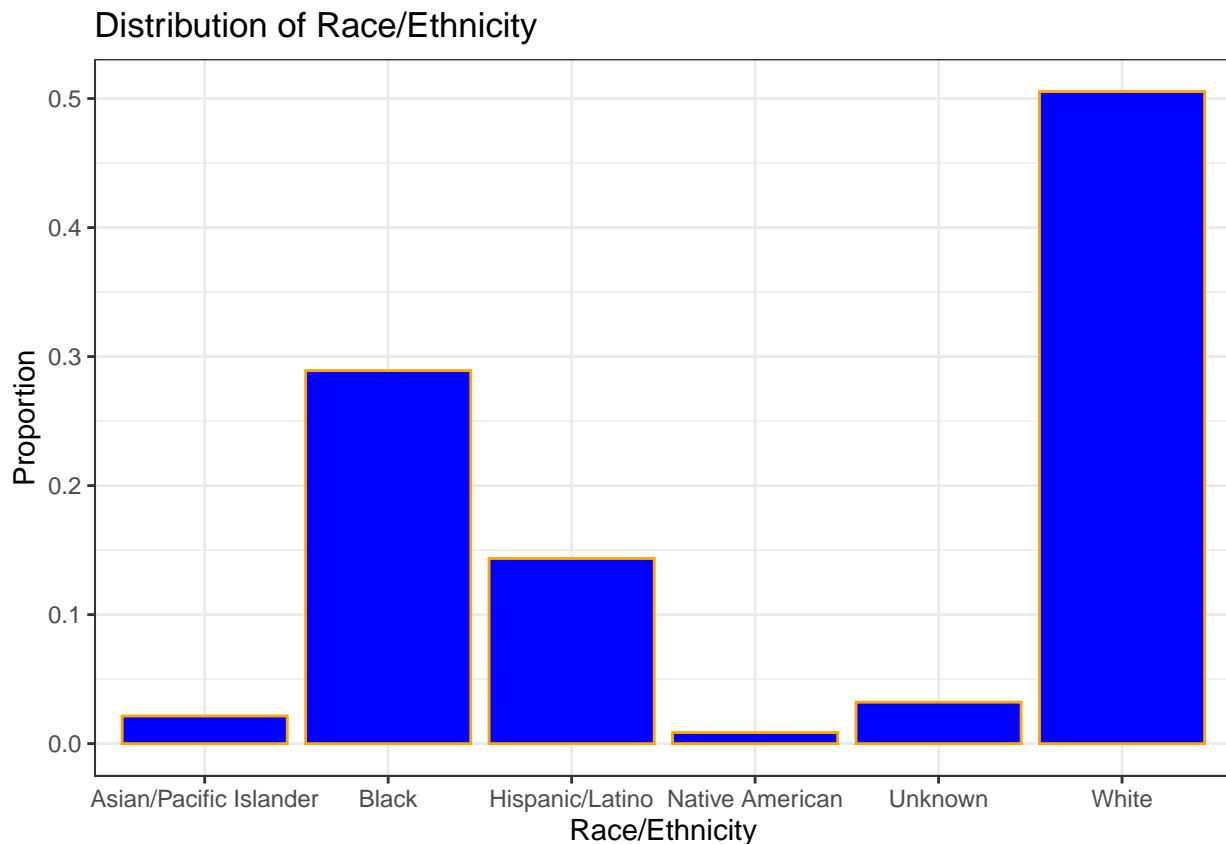
```
##           0.00856531           0.03211991           0.50535332
```

*2 Create a bar chart that displays the proportions of victims in each race/ethnic level.

```
byRace = data %>%
  group_by(raceethnicity) %>%
  summarize(Counts=n()) %>%
  mutate(Proportion = Counts/nrow(data))
```

```
## `summarise()` ungrouping output (override with `.groups` argument)
```

```
ggplot(byRace, aes(x=raceethnicity, y=Proportion)) +
  geom_bar(stat="identity", fill="blue", color="orange") +
  labs(x="Race/Ethnicity", y="Proportion", title="Distribution of Race/Ethnicity") +
  theme_bw()
```



Looking at the graphical representation/table above approximately we can see the trend of census data to see if this graph/data follows the same trend. The following is how the data compares to the census data.

```
prop.table(table(data$raceethnicity))
```

```
##
## Asian/Pacific Islander           Black           Hispanic/Latino
##           0.02141328           0.28907923           0.14346895
##           Native American           Unknown           White
##           0.00856531           0.03211991           0.50535332
```

```
race=c("White", "Black", "Hispanic/Latino","Unknown","Asian/Pacific Islander","Native American")
props = c(0.50535332,0.28907923,0.14346895,0.03211991,0.02141328,0.00856531)
census = c(60.1, 13.4, 1.8, NA, 5.9+0.2, 1.3)/100
```

```
difference = props - census
data.frame(race, props, census, difference)
```

```
##           race      props census difference
## 1         White 0.50535332  0.601 -0.09564668
## 2         Black 0.28907923  0.134  0.15507923
## 3 Hispanic/Latino 0.14346895  0.018  0.12546895
## 4         Unknown 0.03211991    NA          NA
## 5 Asian/Pacific Islander 0.02141328  0.061 -0.03958672
## 6   Native American 0.00856531  0.013 -0.00443469
```

The census bureau does not include information about unknown race, therefore in regards to all other races, the trend for police killings and race distribution of the population seems to be similar with White and Black race/ethnicities being the highest proportion for both datasets. However, it was interesting to see that in the difference between the observed population and police killing distribution, Black and Hispanics had an opposite trend. Based on data it might seem that the Black and Hispanic/Latino community should have a lower proportion of police killings in respect to the relative population of the ethnicity, but their police killing distribution was a bit higher. This might be something that could be investigated further.

B

Convert the variable age, the age of the victim, to be numeric, and call this new variable age.num. Use the `is.numeric()` function to confirm that the newly created variable is numeric (and output the result), and add this new variable to your data frame.

```
data$age.num = as.numeric(data$age)
```

```
## Warning: NAs introduced by coercion
```

```
is.numeric(data$age.num)
```

```
## [1] TRUE
```

```
data$age.num
```

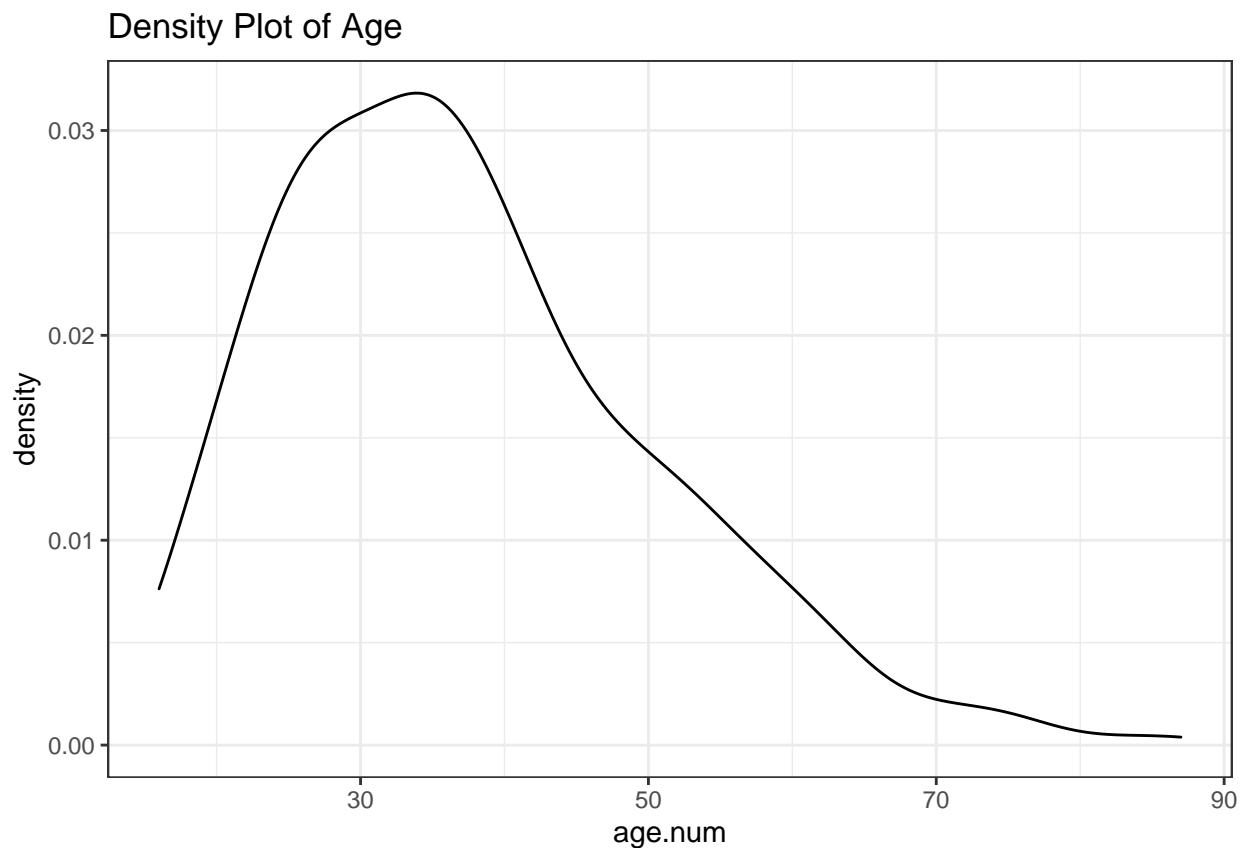
```
## [1] 16 27 26 25 29 29 22 35 44 31 76 40 NA 31 23 39 25 54 24 57 21 42 21 36 26
## [26] 49 54 26 48 33 21 41 48 36 41 29 27 45 32 35 36 35 40 18 34 39 21 62 43 44
## [51] 29 35 50 18 25 31 29 49 23 45 26 35 34 46 29 39 28 51 67 53 25 30 24 35 43
## [76] 24 29 38 31 36 23 38 53 24 26 28 34 28 40 51 44 25 56 37 58 39 37 35 26 47
## [101] 31 60 32 45 42 17 22 33 18 39 59 33 58 58 47 41 64 45 53 24 48 29 40 34 21
## [126] 26 45 25 17 24 42 29 42 30 29 39 63 49 41 27 30 60 77 19 37 54 29 30 24 21
## [151] 44 40 32 22 43 52 27 34 20 25 24 20 46 42 43 41 59 25 42 64 22 24 63 56 60
## [176] 54 37 22 39 45 57 42 41 19 26 34 69 64 35 40 19 27 37 17 39 74 42 47 43 46
## [201] 44 31 47 41 43 40 32 31 20 20 33 22 41 41 32 16 29 42 29 47 53 18 47 34 36
## [226] 63 36 27 28 33 32 42 31 17 28 24 71 51 28 53 54 45 33 48 34 23 35 33 32 52
## [251] 30 23 35 42 37 56 36 27 30 31 46 51 72 28 63 28 33 24 27 24 28 28 17 46 52
## [276] 39 49 30 51 16 18 22 40 61 52 51 36 36 59 17 18 41 33 25 23 47 58 47 34 28
## [301] 37 87 39 27 35 36 24 26 34 51 49 41 54 36 26 35 22 27 42 32 32 25 26 53 26
## [326] 40 55 29 31 19 57 40 35 35 39 37 36 62 43 32 34 37 37 33 35 40 21 30 23 26
## [351] 39 33 34 37 26 24 25 31 49 59 50 37 28 26 23 32 24 42 34 68 31 83 35 29 50
## [376] 56 43 38 63 27 36 55 36 68 61 46 47 26 37 22 18 39 49 23 47 32 45 51 31 54
## [401] 31 23 29 28 31 24 27 57 39 38 34 39 20 35 36 38 33 57 38 72 37 47 43 37 75
## [426] 21 20 29 37 41 22 23 64 34 49 32 25 39 53 27 36 20 39 19 34 36 34 31 45 34
## [451] NA NA NA 31 28 57 29 50 40 35 53 59 18 28 52 38 48
```

C

Create a density plot of the variable age.num. Comment on this density plot.

```
ggplot(data, aes(x=age.num)) +  
  geom_density() +  
  labs(title="Density Plot of Age") +  
  theme_bw()
```

Warning: Removed 4 rows containing non-finite values (stat_density).



Based on this density plot, it seems that the majority of the data for police killings occurred between the range of the age 20-50 years of age. This is interesting since 21 is when you are a full adult with the introduction of alcohol and all responsibilities and as age increases it could be that people commit less crime that could lead to police killings.

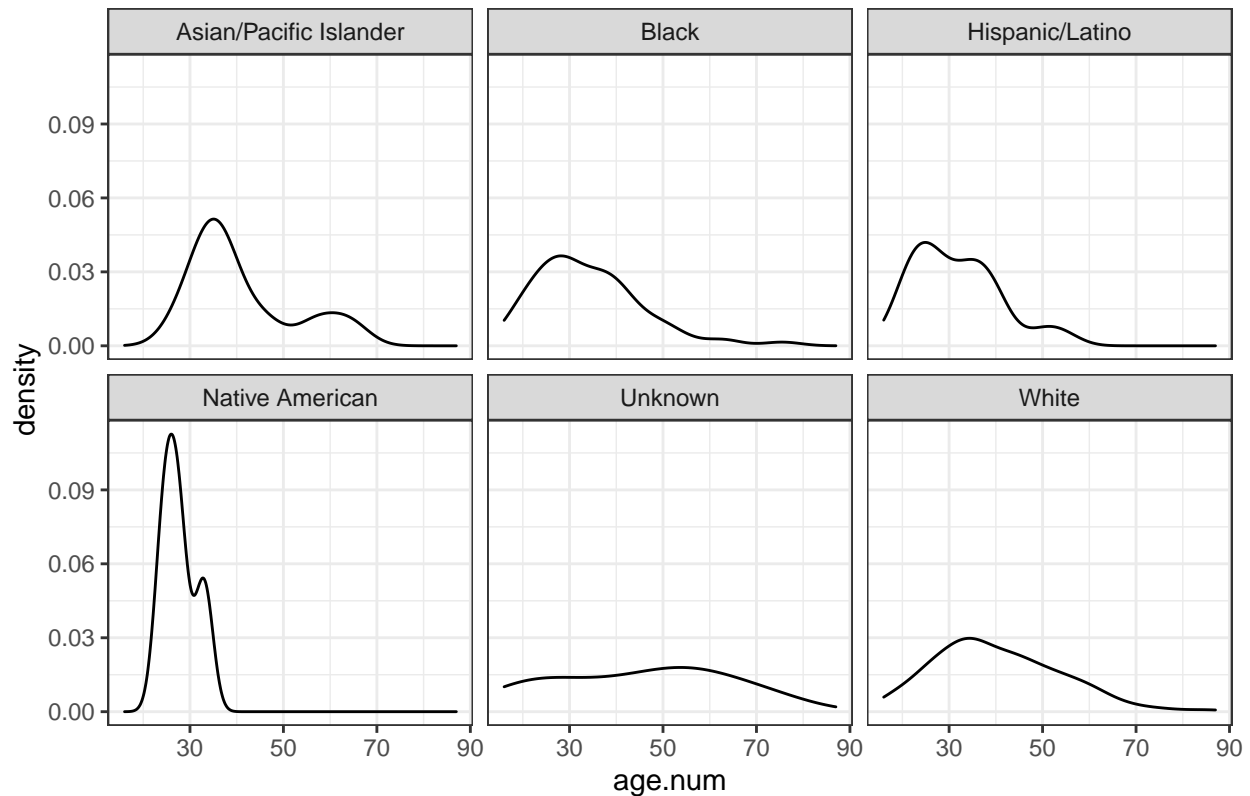
D

Create a visualization to compare the ages of victims across the different race / ethnicity levels. Comment on the visualization.

```
ggplot(data, aes(x=age.num)) +  
  geom_density() +  
  labs(title="Density Plot of Age by Each Race") +  
  theme_bw() +  
  facet_wrap(~raceethnicity)
```

Warning: Removed 4 rows containing non-finite values (stat_density).

Density Plot of Age by Each Race

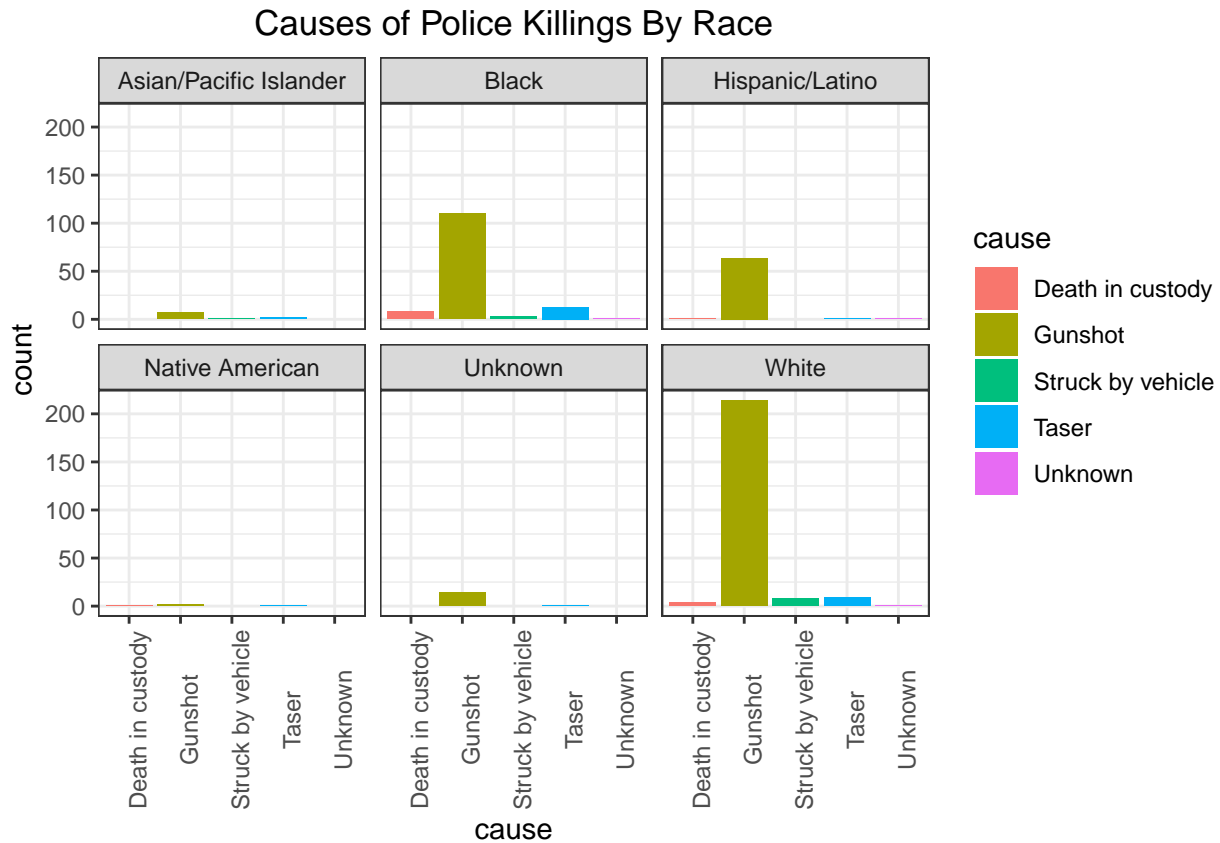


With the exception of unknown race in the data, we can see that all races follow a similar pattern of the most police killings being taken place between the age of ~20 - ~50. The Native American Race/Ethnicity has a slightly higher proportion happening in the lower 20's and 30's when compared to the other race/ethnicity groups, but the general trend seems to be similar.

E

Create a visualization to compare the different causes of death (variable cause) across the different race / ethnicity levels. Comment on this visualization, specifically on whether the cause of death appears to be independent of the victim's race / ethnicity.

```
ggplot(data, aes(x=cause, fill=cause)) +
  geom_bar() +
  labs(title="Causes of Police Killings By Race") +
  facet_wrap(~raceethnicity) +
  theme_bw() +
  theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 90), plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5))
```



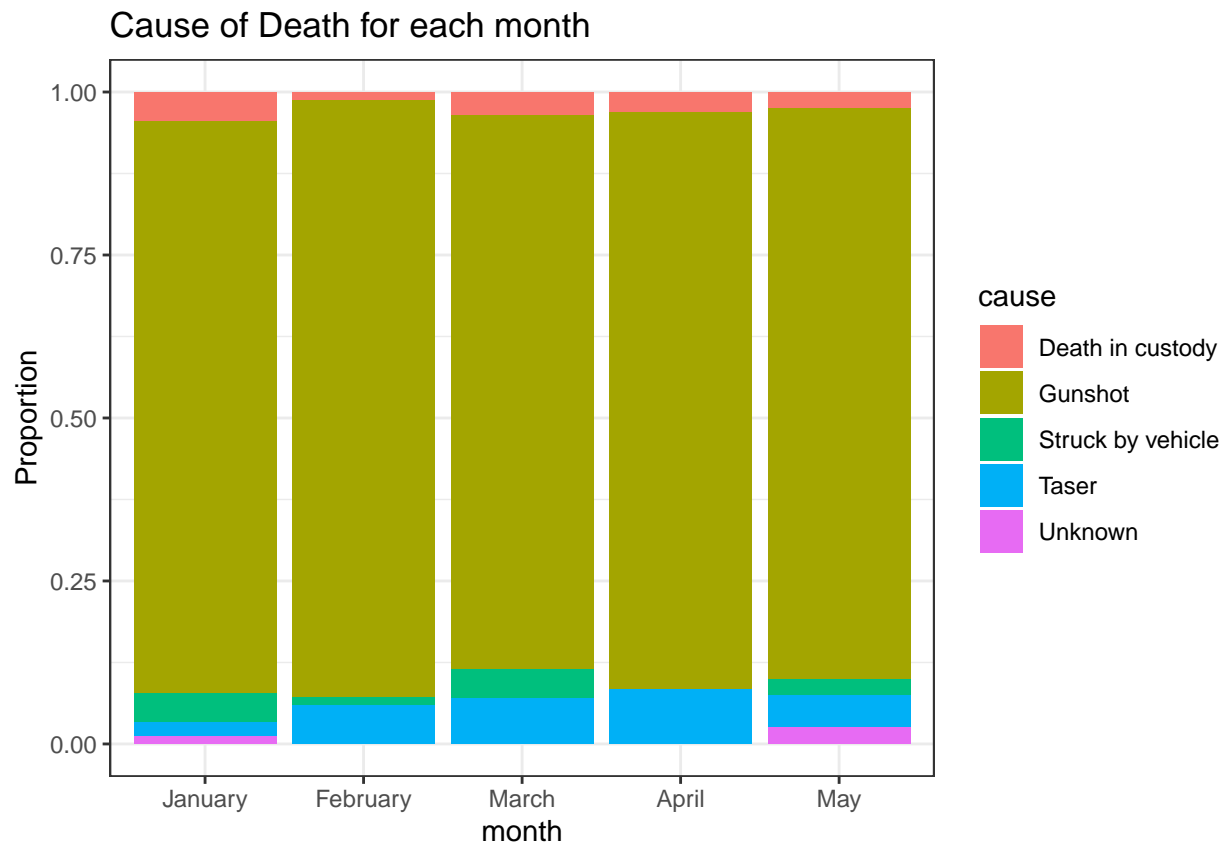
Looking at the causes of death for each race, it was shown for White, Black, and Hispanic/Latino communities Gunshot was the biggest cause of death while for the other communities all causes were similar. All other causes except gunshot seems to be independent of race/ethnicity except for gunshot.

F

Pick at least two variables from the dataset and create a suitable visualization of the variables. Comment on what the visualization reveals. You may create new variables based on existing variables, and describe how you created the new variables.

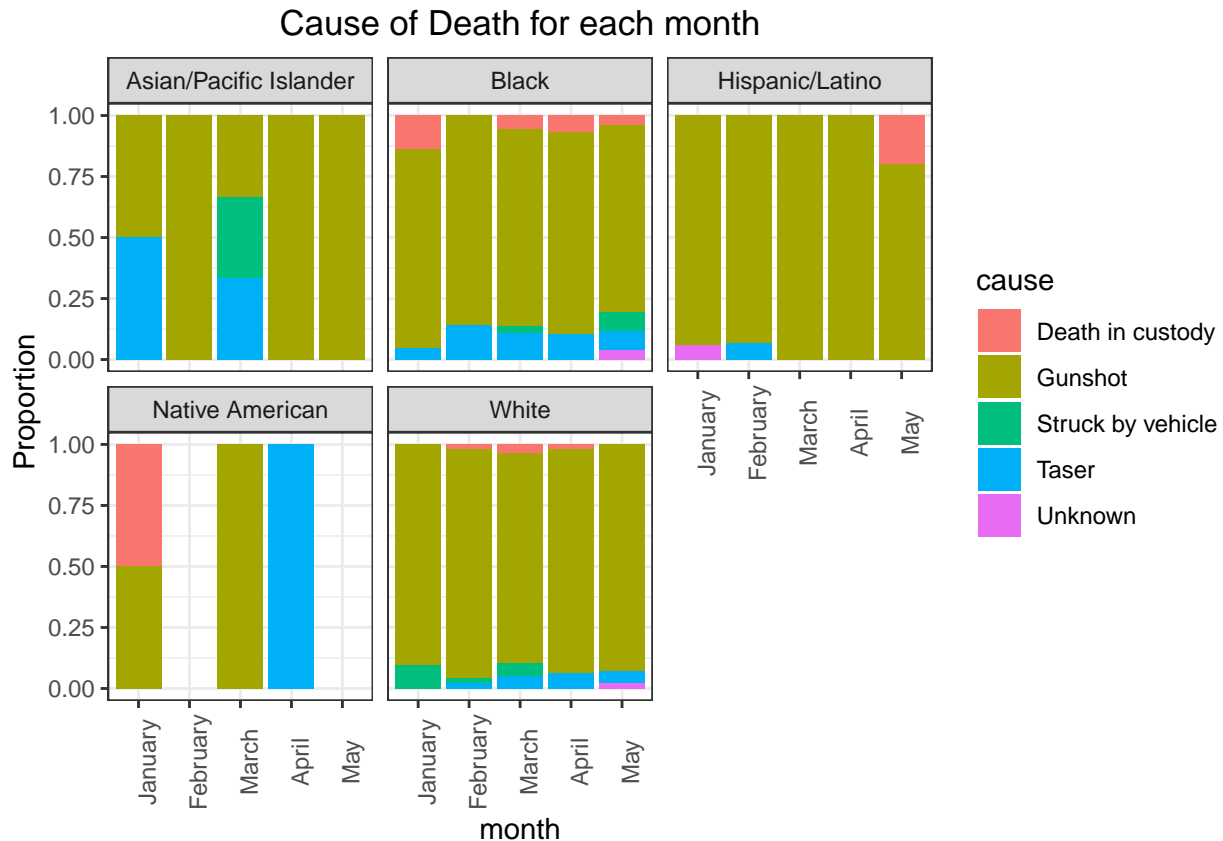
I thought it will be interesting to see whether the month (time of year) had a play in the cause of death for police killings.

```
data$month <- factor(data$month, levels=c("January", "February", "March", "April", "May"))
data %>%
  filter(!is.na(month)) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x=month, fill=cause)) +
  geom_bar(position = "fill") +
  labs(title="Cause of Death for each month", y="Proportion") +
  theme_bw()
```



From the visualization above there wasn't that much difference of causes of death for each month. The Gunshot category was the dominating factor. However, we saw that for the white, black, hispanic/latino communities gunshot was the dominating factor. Therefore, we could also look at this plot by race/ethnicity.

```
data %>%
  filter(!is.na(month)) %>%
  filter(raceethnicity != "Unknown") %>%
  ggplot(aes(x=month, fill=cause)) +
  geom_bar(position = "fill") +
  facet_wrap(~raceethnicity) +
  labs(title="Cause of Death for each month", y="Proportion") +
  theme_bw() +
  theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 90), plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5))
```

This visualization is much more interesting but based on how similar the causes were for the race/ethnicity groups that are not White, Black or hispanic/latino it is still unclear to make a decisive hypothesis.

Question 2

For this question, use the .csv data file that you created at the end of the previous homework set, stateCovid.csv. The dataset should contain 4 columns:

- the name of the state (55 “states”, the 50 states, plus DC, Puerto Rico, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, and the Virgin Islands)
- the number of cases
- the number of deaths
- the death rate, defined as the number of deaths divided by the number of cases

You may realize that when you exported the data file as a .csv file, an extra column was added to the dataframe. Remove this column.

Prework

```
setwd("/Users/maxryoo/Documents/MSDS/STAT6021/hw2")
stateCovid = read.csv("stateCovid.csv", header = TRUE)
dim(stateCovid)
```

```
## [1] 55 4
```

```
head(stateCovid)
```

```
##      state   cases deaths state.rate
## 1  Alabama 545028  11188      2.05
## 2   Alaska  69826    352      0.50
## 3  Arizona 882691 17653      2.00
## 4 Arkansas 341889  5842      1.71
## 5 California 3793055 63345      1.67
## 6  Colorado 547961  6746      1.23
```

A

There is a dataset on Collab, called `State_pop_election.csv`. The data contain the population of the states from the 2020 census (50 states plus DC and Puerto Rico), as well as whether the state voted for Biden or Trump in the 2020 presidential elections. Merge these two datasets, `stateCovid.csv` and `State_pop_election.csv`. Use the `head()` function to display the first 6 rows after merging these two datasets.

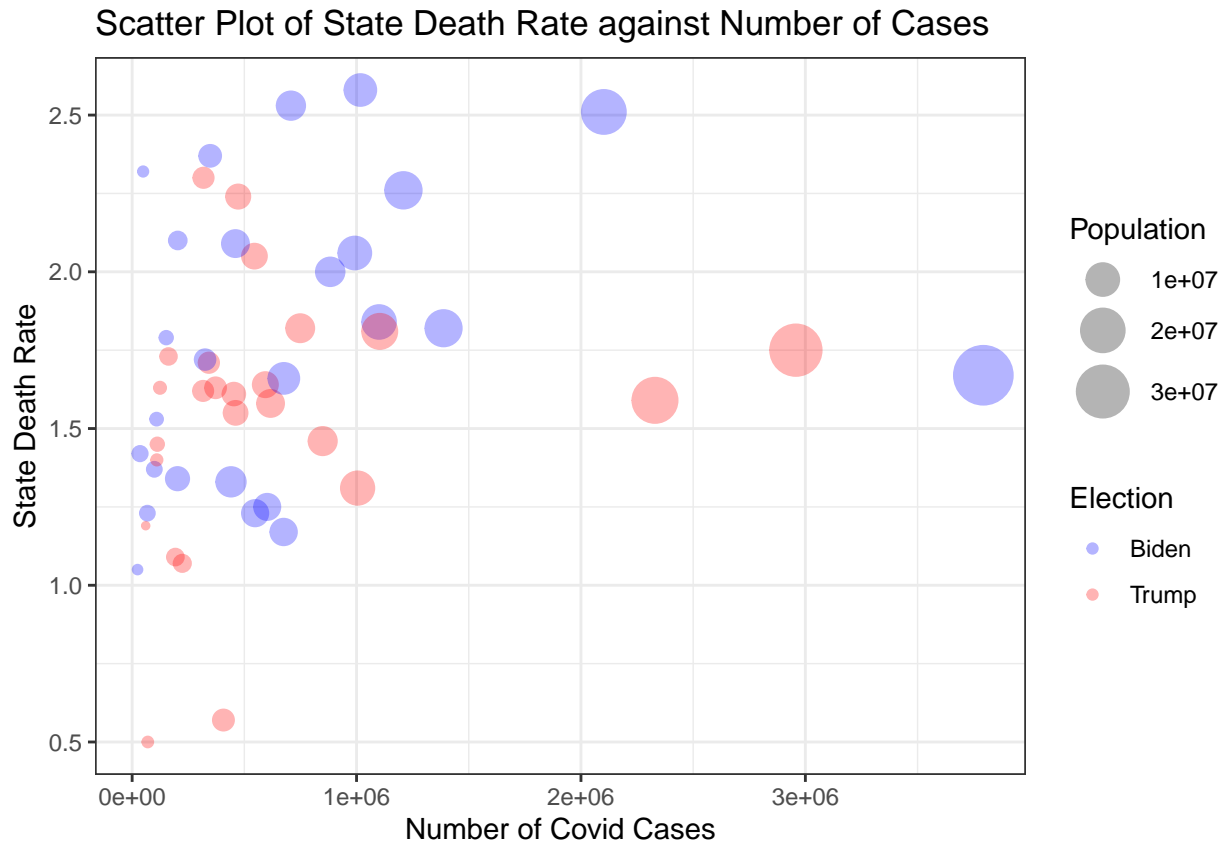
```
stateElection = read.csv("State_pop_election.csv", header=TRUE)
stateMerged = merge(stateCovid, stateElection, by.x="state", by.y="State")
head(stateMerged)
```

```
##      state   cases deaths state.rate Population Election
## 1  Alabama 545028  11188      2.05   5024279    Trump
## 2   Alaska  69826    352      0.50    733391    Trump
## 3  Arizona 882691 17653      2.00   7151502    Biden
## 4 Arkansas 341889  5842      1.71   3011524    Trump
## 5 California 3793055 63345      1.67  39538223    Biden
## 6  Colorado 547961  6746      1.23   5773714    Biden
```

B

Pick at least two variables from the dataset and create a suitable visualization of the variables. Comment on what the visualization reveals. You may create new variables based on existing variables, and describe how you created the new variables.

```
stateMerged %>%
  filter(!is.na(Election)) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x=cases, y=state.rate, size=Population, color=Election)) +
  scale_color_manual(values=c("blue", "red")) +
  geom_point(alpha=0.3) +
  scale_size(range = c(1,10)) +
  labs(title="Scatter Plot of State Death Rate against Number of Cases",
       y="State Death Rate",
       x="Number of Covid Cases") +
  theme_bw()
```



This was a very interesting visual to see considering our nations covid status. Interestingly enough in my personal point of view we can see that the higher death rates voted for Biden. The states with the lowest state death rates tend to have voted for Trump. However, in the middle range for state death rate (1.0-2.0) we could see that they are quite evenly mixed together so it might be hard to make a hard definitive statement. Also the trend the scatter plot is hard to decipher it doesn't seem like the more number of cases the higher the death rate given that there were many states with a lower number of covid cases and high death rates. And of these lower number of covid cases and high death rates there wasn't a definitive winner for the trend of whether that state voted for Trump or Biden. The variables selected were selected based on the thought that maybe there was a trend between death rates and presidential election result, but much more analysis and testing must be made to make a decision since the visual is not a clear visual in the trend.