

Intro to R - the Stats

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Basic statistics in R

Reading in some data

- ▶ Let's read in some data from the internet:

```
# Data is available on this course's github page:  
# github.com/jabranham/math-camp  
# Data from Herrera et al (forthcoming, AJPS)  
library(foreign)  
my_data <- read.dta("data/herrera-data.dta")  
my_data$fptp <- as.logical(my_data$fptp)
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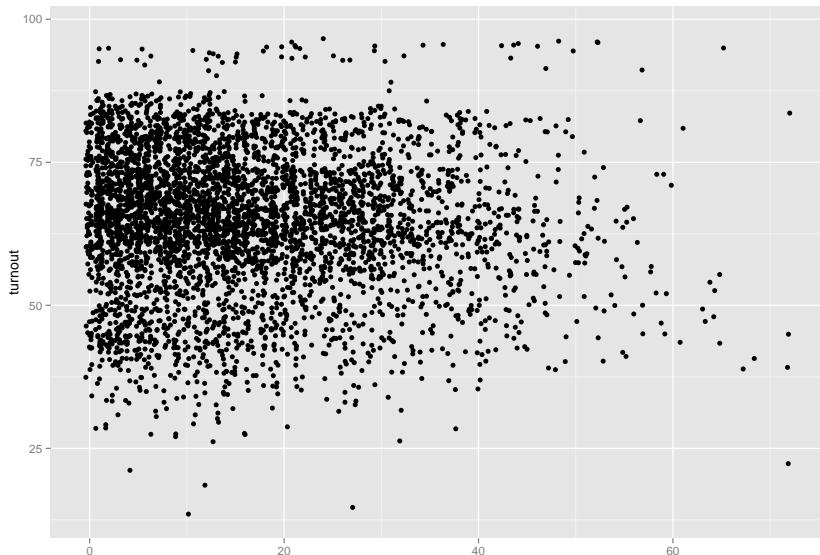
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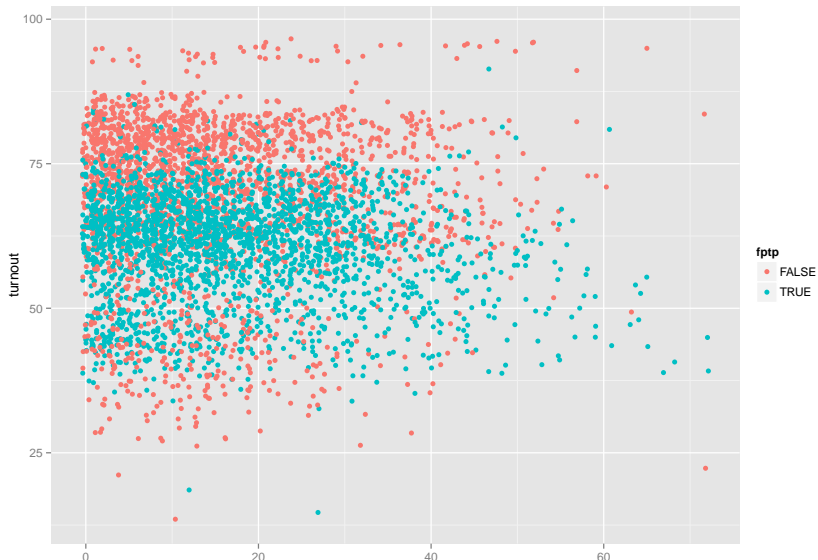
First step: Plot your data!

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library(ggplot2)  
ggplot(my_data, aes(margin, turnout)) + geom_jitter()
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Maybe it looks different in FPTP systems?

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ggplot(my_data, aes(margin, turnout, color=fptp)) +  
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c(mean_fptp, mean_notfptp)
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Maybe we want uncertainty too...

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sd_fptp <- sd(my_data$turnout[my_data$fptp==TRUE])  
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