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Descriptive Statistics in R

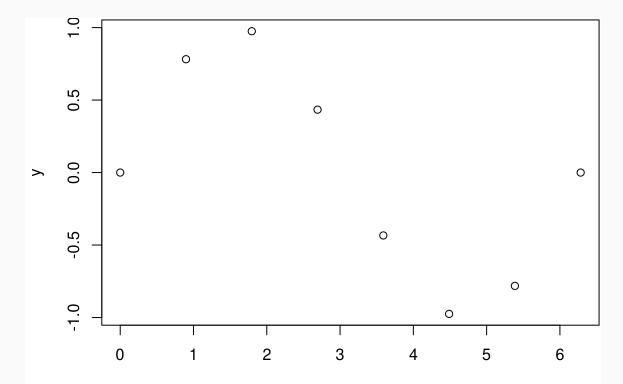
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Graphics in R



R is a powerful tool to generate graphics. The simplest way to produce graphics is to use the plot function:

```
par(mar = c(4,4,0.1,0.1))
x = seq(0, 2*pi, length = 8)
y = sin(x)
plot(x, y)
```



Multiple plots



The plot function starts a new graphic device every time it is executed. For multiple plots in one graphic device, the par() function with the argument mfrow can be used:

```
par(mfrow = c(nrows, ncols))
```

where nrows and ncols control the dimension of the plotting grid.

Note: This will affect all following plots!

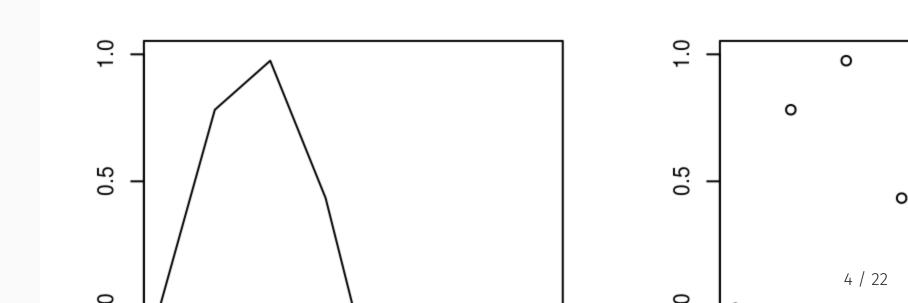
Use par(mfrow = c(1, 1)) to reset this behavior.

Graphical parameters



Plots can be customized by changing **graphical parameters**, e.g., the plot type can be specified using the type argument:

```
par(mfrow = c(1,3)) # multiple plots (1 row and 3 columns)
plot(x, y, type = "l") # for lines
plot(x, y, type = "p") # for points
plot(x, y, type = "b") # for both
```



Some important graphical parameters are for labeling are:

- main specifies the title of the plot
- xlab, ylab changes the label of the horizontal/vertical axis

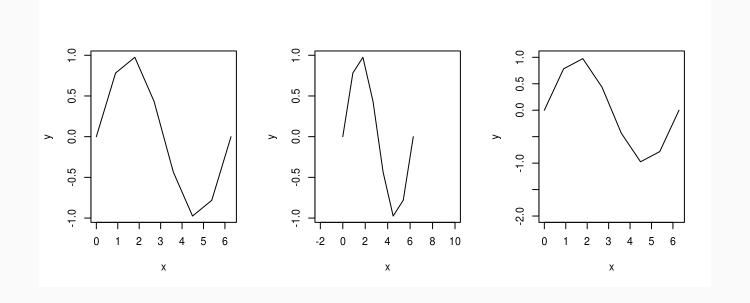
```
par(mfrow = c(1,3)) # multiple plots (1 row and 3 columns)
plot(x, y, main = "sin")
plot(x, y, main = "sin", xlab = "x values")
plot(x, y, main = "sin", xlab = "x values", ylab = "y values")
```



xlim and ylim

The ranges for the x-axis an y-axis coordinates can be changed using xlim and ylim, respectively:

```
par(mfrow = c(1,3)) # multiple plots (1 row and 3 columns) plot(x, y, type = "l") # ranges are chosen automatically plot(x, y, type = "l", xlim = c(-2, 10)) # set ranges for x axis plot(x, y, type = "l", ylim = c(-2, 1)) # set ranges for y axis
```





lty

The line type can be specified using the lty argument:

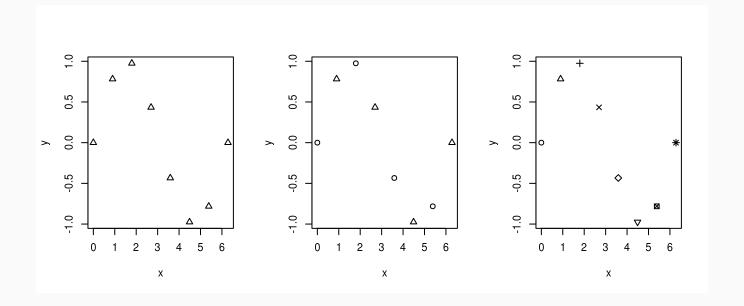
```
par(mfrow = c(1,2)) # multiple plots (1 row and 2 columns)
plot(x, y, type = "l", lty = 1)
plot(x, y, type = "l", lty = 2)
```



pch

The point character can be set globally for all points or for each point separately:

```
par(mfrow = c(1,3)) # multiple plots (1 row and 3 columns)
plot(x, y, pch = 2) # always use the same pch
plot(x, y, pch = 1:2) # alternate the pch for subsequent points
plot(x, y, pch = 1:length(x)) # for each point a different pch
```





col

Colors can be specified

- using RGB color specification, see ?rgb,
- using one of the 657 character values included in colors(), e.g.

head(colors())

• using an integer that refers to the index of the colors defined in palette(), e.g.

palette()

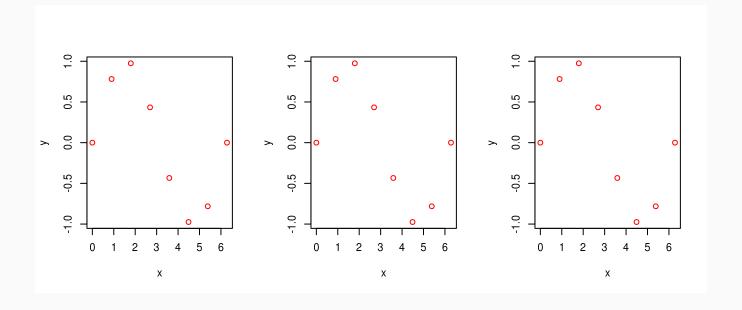
```
## [1] "black" "red" "green3" "blue" "cyan" "magenta" "yellow"
## [8] "gray"
```

- col = 1 is equivalent to col = "black"
- col = 2 is equivalent to col = "red" ...



col

```
par(mfrow = c(1,3)) # multiple plots (1 row and 3 columns)
plot(x, y, col = rgb(1,0,0))
plot(x, y, col = "red")
plot(x, y, col = 2)
```

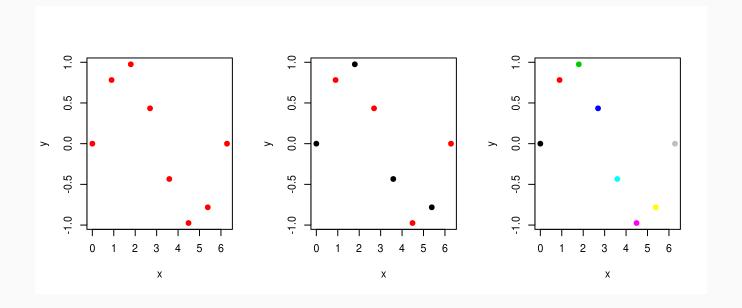




col

The colors can be set globally for all points/lines or for each point/line separately:

```
par(mfrow = c(1,3)) # multiple plots (1 row and 3 columns)
plot(x, y, pch = 19, col = 2) # always use the same col
plot(x, y, pch = 19, col = 1:2) # alternate the col for subsequent points
plot(x, y, pch = 19, col = 1:length(x)) # for each point a different col
```





If all the graphical parameters are specified inside the plot() function, they are valid only for the specific plot.

It is possible, though, to set some graphical parameters globally by using the par() function (such as the mfrow argument for multiple plots).

Summary



- main specifies the title of the plot
- xlab and ylab change the label of the horizontal and vertical axis, respectively.
- xlim and ylim set the range of the horizontal and vertical axis.
- lty specifies the line type for lines.
- pch specifies the point character for points, see ?pch.
- col specifies the color, see also demo("colors") or ?grDevices::colors.

See ?par for the full list of graphical parameters that can be specified.

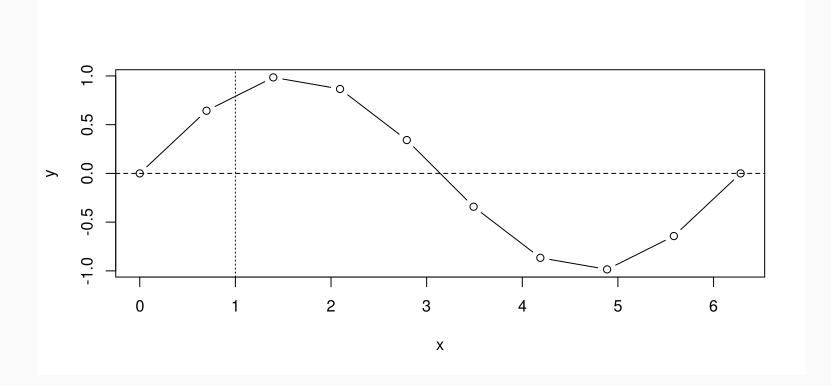
High-level plots and low-level functions

- Besides the plot function, there are other high-level plots that always **produce** a new graphic device, e.g.
 - barplot(x): bar plot of values in x
 hist(x): histogram for the values in x
 pie(x): pie chart of values in x
 boxplot(x, y, ...): box plot of vectors x, y, ...
- Low-level graphical functions add elements to an already existing graphic device, such
 as
 - abline: add straight lines (e.g., horizontal, vertical).
 - \circ lines(x, y): add lines to a plot, using coordinates (x,y).
 - \circ points(x, y): add points to a plot at coordinates (x,y).
 - text(x, y, labels): add text labels at (x, y).
 - o polygon(x, y): draws polygon with vertices at (x,y).
 - \circ legend(x, y, legend): add a legend labels at (x,y).

Low-level functions: straight lines Münchner R Kurse

The abline function adds straight horizontal or vertical lines:

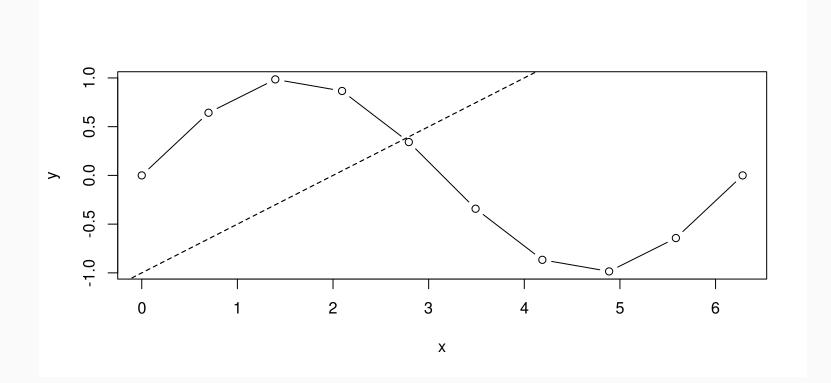
```
plot(x, y, type = "b")
abline(h = 0, lty = 2) # adds a horizontal line
abline(v = 1, lty = 3) # adds a vertical line
```



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It is also possible to add straight lines with a given intercept and slope using the coef or the a and b arguments:

```
plot(x, y, type = "b")
abline(coef = c(-1, 0.5), lty = 2) # adds a straight line
abline(a = -1, b = 0.5, lty = 2) # this is equivalent
```

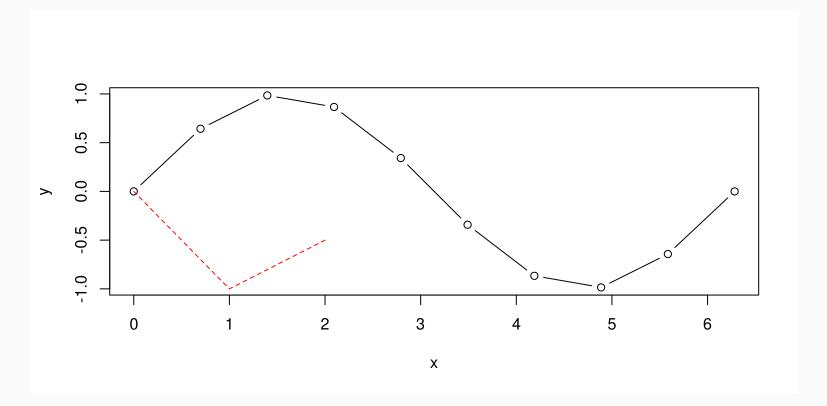


Low-level functions: lines



The lines function connects points at given coordinates:

```
plot(x, y, type = "b") lines(x = c(0, 1, 2), y = c(0, -1, -0.5), lty = 2, col = 2)
```

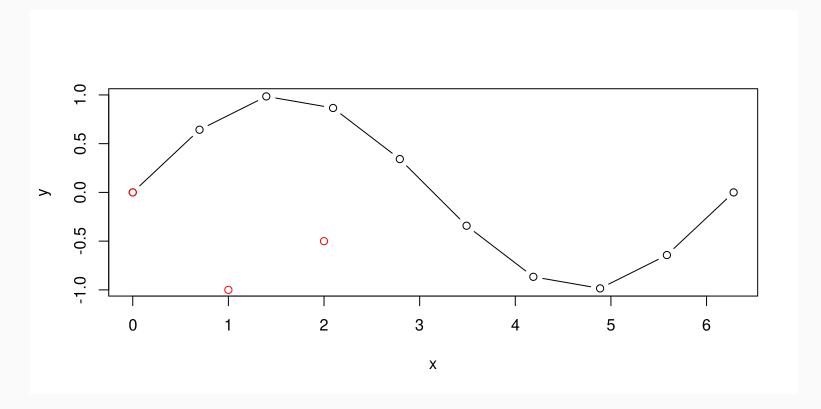


Low-level functions: points



The points function adds points at given coordinates:

```
plot(x, y, type = "b")
points(x = c(0, 1, 2), y = c(0, -1, -0.5), col = 2)
```

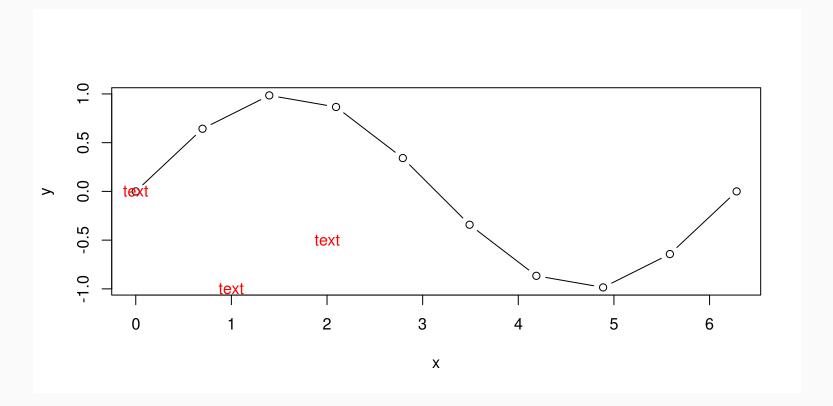


Low-level functions: text



The text function adds a text at given coordinates:

```
plot(x, y, type = "b")
text(x = c(0, 1, 2), y = c(0, -1, -0.5), col = 2, labels = "text")
```

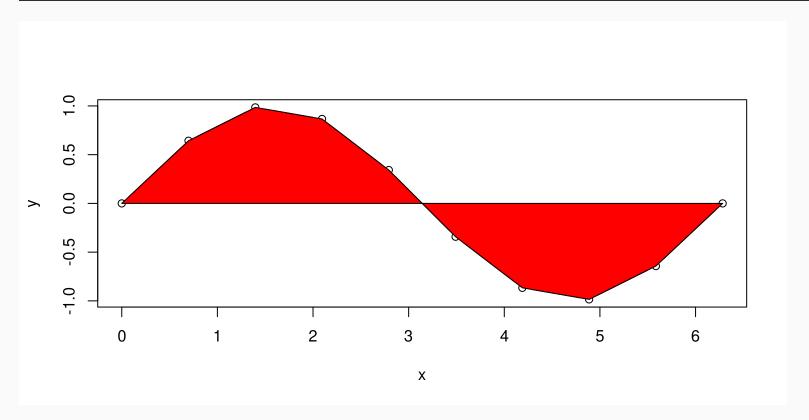


Low-level functions: polygon



The polygon function draws a closed geometric shape which can be filled with a color:

```
plot(x, y, type = "b")
polygon(x, y, col = 2)
```

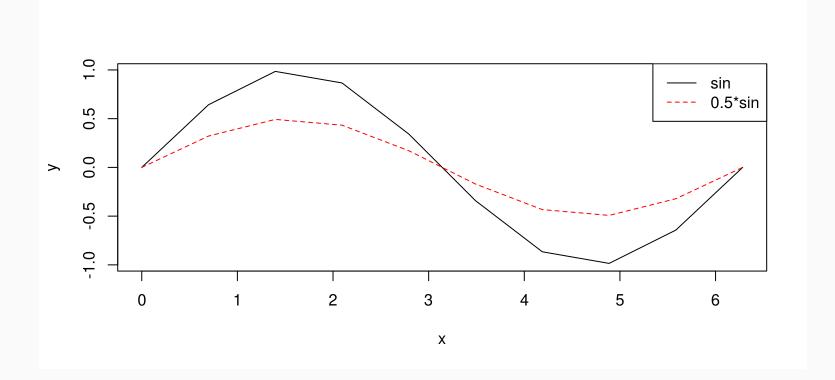


Low-level functions: legend



The legend function adds a legend to the plot:

```
plot(x, y, type = "l")
lines(x, y*0.5, lty = 2, col = 2)
legend("topright", legend = c("sin", "0.5*sin"),
   col = c(1, 2), lty = c(1, 2))
```



Low-level functions: legend



Different line and point types can be used in the legend:

```
plot(x, y, type = "b")
lines(x, y*0.5, lty = 2, col = 2)
points(x, y*0.25, pch = 4, col = 3)
legend("topright", legend = c("sin", "0.5*sin", "0.25*sin"),
    col = c(1, 2, 3), pch = c(1, NA, 4), lty = c(1, 2, NA))
```

