Data Visualization with ggplot2:: CHEAT SHEET

Basics

ggplot2 is based on the grammar of graphics, the idea that you can build every graph from the same components: a data set, a coordinate system, and **geoms**—visual marks that represent data points.



To display values, map variables in the data to visual properties of the geom (aesthetics) like size, color, and x and y locations.



Complete the template below to build a graph.

required ggplot (data = <DATA>) + <GEOM_FUNCTION> (mapping = aes(<MAPPINGS>) stat = <STAT>, position = <POSITION>) + required, <COORDINATE_FUNCTION>+ sensible defaults <FACET FUNCTION> supplied <<SCALE FUNCTION>)+ <THEME FUNCTION>

ggplot(data = mpg, **aes**(x = cty, y = hwy)) Begins a plot that you finish by adding layers to. Add one geom function per layer.

aesthetic mappings I data I geom

qplot(x = cty, y = hwy, data = mpg, geom = "point") Creates a complete plot with given data, geom, and mappings. Supplies many useful defaults.

last_plot() Returns the last plot.

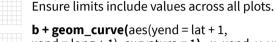
ggsave("plot.png", width = 5, height = 5) Saves last plot as 5' x 5' file named "plot.png" in working directory. Matches file type to file extension.

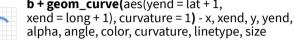
Geoms

Use a geom function to represent data points, use the geom's aesthetic properties to represent variables. Each function returns a laver.

GRAPHICAL PRIMITIVES

a <- ggplot(economics, aes(date, unemploy)) b <- ggplot(seals, aes(x = long, y = lat))

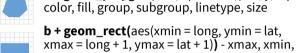


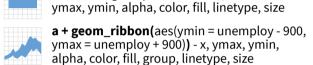


a + geom_polygon(aes(alpha = 50)) - x, y, alpha,

a + geom blank() and a + expand limits()







LINE SEGMENTS

common aesthetics: x, y, alpha, color, linetype, size



b + geom_segment(aes(yend = lat + 1, xend = long + 1)) **b + geom_spoke(**aes(angle = 1:1155, radius = 1))

ONE VARIABLE continuous

c <- ggplot(mpg, aes(hwy)); c2 <- ggplot(mpg)



c + geom_area(stat = "bin") x, y, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size



c + geom_density(kernel = "gaussian") x, y, alpha, color, fill, group, linetype, size, weight



c + geom_dotplot() x, y, alpha, color, fill



c + geom_freqpoly() x, y, alpha, color, group, linetype, size



c + geom histogram(binwidth = 5) x, y, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size, weight



c2 + geom_qq(aes(sample = hwy)) x, y, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size, weight

discrete

d <- ggplot(mpg, aes(fl))



d + geom_bar() x, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size, weight

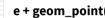
TWO VARIABLES

continuous x . continuous v

e <- ggplot(mpg, aes(cty, hwy))



e + geom_label(aes(label = cty), nudge_x = 1, nudge_y = 1) - x, y, label, alpha, angle, color,



x, y, alpha, color, fill, shape, size, stroke



e + geom_quantile()

x, y, alpha, color, group, linetype, size, weight



e + geom smooth(method = lm)

x, y, alpha, color, fill, group, linetype, size, weight



nudge_y = 1) - x, y, label, alpha, angle, color, family, fontface, hjust, lineheight, size, vjust

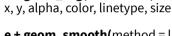


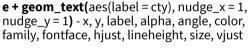
family, fontface, hjust, lineheight, size, vjust

e + geom_point()



e + geom_rug(sides = "bl")





discrete x, continuous y

f <- ggplot(mpg, aes(class, hwy))



f + geom_col()

x, y, alpha, color, fill, group, linetype, size



f + geom_boxplot()

x, y, lower, middle, upper, ymax, ymin, alpha, color, fill, group, linetype, shape, size, weight



f + geom dotplot(binaxis = "y", stackdir = "center") x, y, alpha, color, fill, group



f + geom_violin(scale = "area")

x, y, alpha, color, fill, group, linetype, size, weight

discrete x, discrete y

g <- ggplot(diamonds, aes(cut, color))



g + geom_count()

x, y, alpha, color, fill, shape, size, stroke



e + geom_jitter(height = 2, width = 2)

x, y, alpha, color, fill, shape, size

continuous bivariate distribution

h <- ggplot(diamonds, aes(carat, price))



h + geom bin2d(binwidth = c(0.25, 500))x, y, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size, weight



h + geom density 2d() x, y, alpha, color, group, linetype, size



h + geom_hex() x, y, alpha, color, fill, size

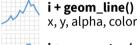
continuous function

i <- ggplot(economics, aes(date, unemploy))



i + geom_area()

x, y, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size



x, y, alpha, color, group, linetype, size

i + geom_step(direction = "hv") x, y, alpha, color, group, linetype, size

visualizing error

df < - data.frame(grp = c("A", "B"), fit = 4:5, se = 1:2)j <- ggplot(df, aes(grp, fit, ymin = fit - se, ymax = fit + se))



j + geom_crossbar(fatten = 2) - x, y, ymax, ymin, alpha, color, fill, group, linetype, size



j + geom_errorbar() - x, ymax, ymin, alpha, color, group, linetype, size, width Also **geom_errorbarh()**.



j + geom linerange() x, ymin, ymax, alpha, color, group, linetype, size



j + geom_pointrange() - x, y, ymin, ymax, alpha, color, fill, group, linetype, shape, size

maps

data <- data.frame(murder = USArrests\$Murder, state = tolower(rownames(USArrests))) map <- map_data("state")</pre> k <- ggplot(data, aes(fill = murder))



k + geom_map(aes(map_id = state), map = map) + expand_limits(x = map\$long, y = map\$lat) map id, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size

THREE VARIABLES

seals\$z <- with(seals, sqrt(delta_long^2 + delta_lat^2)); l <- ggplot(seals, aes(long, lat)) l + geom_contour(aes(z = z))



x, y, z, alpha, color, group, linetype, size, weight l + geom_contour_filled(aes(fill = z))



l + geom_raster(aes(fill = z), hjust = 0.5, viust = 0.5, interpolate = FALSE) x, y, alpha, fill



l + geom_tile(aes(fill = z)) x, y, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size, width

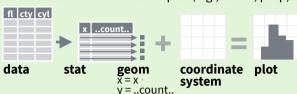




x, y, alpha, color, fill, group, linetype, size, subgroup

Stats An alternative way to build a layer.

A stat builds new variables to plot (e.g., count, prop).



Visualize a stat by changing the default stat of a geom function, **geom_bar(stat="count")** or by using a stat function, stat_count(geom="bar"), which calls a default geom to make a layer (equivalent to a geom function). Use ..name.. syntax to map stat variables to aesthetics.



geom to use 🗶 stat function 🗶 geommappings

i + stat_density_2d(aes(fill = ..level..), geom = "polygon")

variable created by stat

c + stat bin(binwidth = 1, boundary = 10) **x, y** | ..count.., ..ncount.., ..density.., ..ndensity..

c + stat_count(width = 1) x, y | ...count.., ..prop..

c + stat density(adjust = 1, kernel = "gaussian") **x, y** | ...count.., ..density.., ..scaled..

e + stat_bin_2d(bins = 30, drop = T) x, y, fill | ..count.., ..density..

e + stat_bin_hex(bins = 30) x, y, fill | ..count.., ..density..

e + stat_density_2d(contour = TRUE, n = 100) x, y, color, size | ..level..

e + stat_ellipse(level = 0.95, segments = 51, type = "t")

 $l + stat_contour(aes(z = z)) x, y, z, order | ...level...$

l + stat_summary_hex(aes(z = z), bins = 30, fun = max) x, y, z, fill | ..value..

l + stat_summary_2d(aes(z = z), bins = 30, fun = mean) x, y, z, fill | ..value..

f + stat_boxplot(coef = 1.5)

x, y | ..lower.., ..middle.., ..upper.., ..width.. , ..ymin.., ..ymax..

f + stat_ydensity(kernel = "gaussian", scale = "area") x, y ..density.., ..scaled.., ..count.., ..n.., ..violinwidth.., ..width...

e + stat_ecdf(n = 40) x, y | ..x.., ..y..

e + stat_quantile(quantiles = c(0.1, 0.9), formula = $y \sim log(x)$, method = "rq") x, y | ...quantile...

e + stat_smooth(method = "lm", formula = y ~ x, se = T, level = 0.95) **x, y** | ..se.., ..x.., ..y.., ..ymin.., ..ymax..

ggplot() + xlim(-5, 5) + stat_function(fun = dnorm, n = 20, geom = "point") $x \mid ...x.., ..y..$

ggplot() + stat_qq(aes(sample = 1:100)) x, y, sample | ...sample.., ..theoretical..

e + stat_sum() x, y, size | ..n.., ..prop..

e + stat summary(fun.data = "mean cl boot")

h + stat summary bin(fun = "mean", geom = "bar")

e + stat_identity()

e + stat_unique()

Scales Override defaults with scales package.

Scales map data values to the visual values of an aesthetic. To change a mapping, add a new scale.



GENERAL PURPOSE SCALES

Use with most aesthetics

scale_*_continuous() - Map cont' values to visual ones.

scale * discrete() - Map discrete values to visual ones.

scale * binned() - Map continuous values to discrete bins.

scale_*_identity() - Use data values as visual ones.

scale_*_manual(values = c()) - Map discrete values to manually chosen visual ones.

scale_*_date(date_labels = "%m/%d"), date_breaks = "2 weeks") - Treat data values as dates.

scale_*_datetime() - Treat data values as date times. Same as scale_*_date(). See ?strptime for label formats.

X & Y LOCATION SCALES

Use with x or y aesthetics (x shown here)

scale_x_log10() - Plot x on log10 scale.

scale_x_reverse() - Reverse the direction of the x axis.

scale_x_sqrt() - Plot x on square root scale.

COLOR AND FILL SCALES (DISCRETE)



n + scale_fill_brewer(palette = "Blues") For palette choices:

RColorBrewer::display.brewer.all()

n + scale_fill_grey(start = 0.2, end = 0.8, na.value = "red")

COLOR AND FILL SCALES (CONTINUOUS)



o <- c + geom_dotplot(aes(fill = ..x..))

o + scale_fill_distiller(palette = "Blues")

o + scale fill gradient(low="red", high="yellow")

o + scale_fill_gradient2(low = "red", high = "blue", mid = "white", midpoint = 25)

o + scale_fill_gradientn(colors = topo.colors(6)) Also: rainbow(), heat.colors(), terrain.colors(), cm.colors(), RColorBrewer::brewer.pal()

SHAPE AND SIZE SCALES

p <- e + geom_point(aes(shape = fl, size = cyl))



p + scale_shape() + scale_size() p + scale_shape_manual(values = c(3:7))

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25



 $p + scale_radius(range = c(1,6))$

p + scale_size_area(max_size = 6)

Coordinate Systems

 $r < -d + geom_bar()$



r + coord cartesian(xlim = c(0, 5)) - xlim, vlim The default cartesian coordinate system.

r + coord fixed(ratio = 1/2) ratio, xlim, ylim - Cartesian coordinates with fixed aspect ratio between x and y units.

> ggplot(mpg, aes(y = fl)) + geom_bar() Flip cartesian coordinates by switching x and y aesthetic mappings.

r + coord_polar(theta = "x", direction=1)



theta, start, direction - Polar coordinates. r + coord_trans(y = "sqrt") - x, y, xlim, ylim



Transformed cartesian coordinates. Set xtrans and ytrans to the name of a window function.

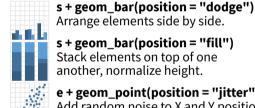


 $\pi + coord_quickmap()$ π + coord_map(projection = "ortho", orientation \emptyset = c(41, -74, 0)) - projection, xlim, ylim Map projections from the mapproj package (mercator (default), azequalarea, lagrange, etc.).

Position Adjustments

Position adjustments determine how to arrange geoms that would otherwise occupy the same space.

s <- ggplot(mpg, aes(fl, fill = drv))



Arrange elements side by side. s + geom_bar(position = "fill") Stack elements on top of one another, normalize height.



e + geom_point(position = "jitter") Add random noise to X and Y position of each element to avoid overplotting.

e + geom_label(position = "nudge") Nudge labels away from points. s + geom_bar(position = "stack")



Stack elements on top of one another.

Each position adjustment can be recast as a function with manual width and height arguments: s + geom_bar(position = position_dodge(width = 1))

Themes



r + theme bw() White background with grid lines.

r + theme_gray() Grey background (default theme). r + theme_dark()

r + theme light() r + theme_linedraw() r + theme_minimal() Minimal theme. r + theme_void() Empty theme.

r + theme classic()

Dark for contrast. r + theme() Customize aspects of the theme such as axis, legend, panel, and facet properties.

r + ggtitle("Title") + theme(plot.title.postion = "plot" r + theme(panel.background = element_rect(fill = "blue"))

Faceting

Facets divide a plot into subplots based on the values of one or more discrete variables.



t <- ggplot(mpg, aes(cty, hwy)) + geom_point()

t + facet_grid(cols = vars(fl))

Facet into columns based on fl.

t + facet_grid(rows = vars(year)) Facet into rows based on year. t + facet_grid(rows = vars(year), cols = vars(fl))

Facet into both rows and columns. t + facet wrap(vars(fl)) Wrap facets into a rectangular layout.

Set **scales** to let axis limits vary across facets.

t + facet_grid(rows = vars(drv), cols = vars(fl), scales = "free")

x and y axis limits adjust to individual facets: "free x" - x axis limits adjust "free_y" - y axis limits adjust

Set labeller to adjust facet label:

t + facet grid(cols = vars(fl), labeller = label both)

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	fl: c	fl: d	fl: e	fl: p	fl: r	
t + facet_grid(rows = vars(fl), labeller = label_bquote(alpha ^ .(fl)))						
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	α^c	$lpha^d$	α^e	α^p	α^r	

Labels and Legends

Use **labs()** to label the elements of your plot.

t + labs(x = "New x axis label", y = "New y axis label", title ="Add a title above the plot", subtitle = "Add a subtitle below title", caption = "Add a caption below plot", alt = "Add alt text to the plot", <AES> = "New <AES> legend title")

t + annotate(geom = "text", x = 8, y = 9, label = "A") Places a geom with manually selected aesthetics.

p + guides(x = guide_axis(n.dodge = 2)) Avoid crowded or overlapping labels with guide_axis(n.dodge or angle).

n + guides(fill = "none") Set legend type for each aesthetic: colorbar, legend, or none (no legend).

n + theme(legend.position = "bottom")
Place legend at "bottom", "top", "left", or "right".

n + scale_fill_discrete(name = "Title",
labels = c("A", "B", "C", "D", "E"))
Set legend title and labels with a scale function.

Zooming



Without clipping (preferred):

 $t + coord_cartesian(xlim = c(0, 100), ylim = c(10, 20))$

