Dynamic data visualization with R

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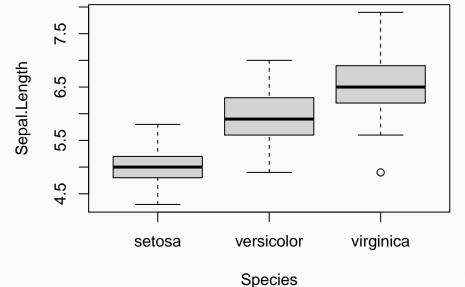
More and more R packages are dedicated to visualization.

Boxplot for the iris dataset

```
> data(iris)
> head(iris)
 Sepal.Length Sepal.Width Petal.Length Petal.Width Species
1
          5.1
                     3.5
                                 1.4
                                            0.2 setosa
          4.9
                     3.0
                                 1.4
                                            0.2 setosa
          4.7
3
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Classical tool

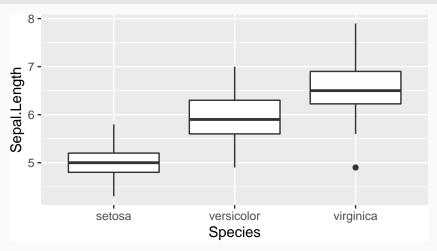
> boxplot(Sepal.Length~Species,data=iris)



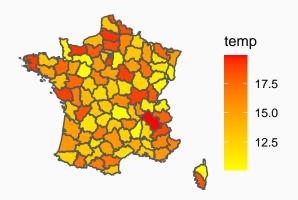
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Ggplot tools

- > library(tidyverse) #ggplot2 in tidyverse
- > ggplot(iris)+aes(x=Species,y=Sepal.Length)+geom_boxplot()



A temperature map



Many informations

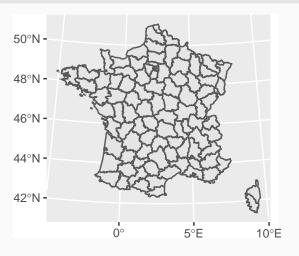
- Background map with boundaries of departments;
- Temperatures in each departments (meteofrance website).

Mapping with sf

```
> library(sf)
> dpt <- read sf("./DATA/dpt")</pre>
> dpt %>% select(NOM_DEPT,geometry) %>% head()
Simple feature collection with 6 features and 1 field
geometry type: MULTIPOLYGON
dimension: XY
bbox:
        xmin: 644570 ymin: 6272482 xmax: 1077507 ymax: 6997000
             2154
CRS:
# A tibble: 6 x 2
 NOM DEPT
                                                             geometry
 <chr>
                                                   <MULTIPOLYGON [m]>
1 ATN
                   (((919195 6541470, 918932 6541203, 918628 6540523~
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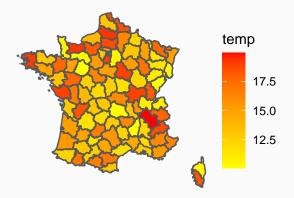
Background map

> ggplot(dpt)+geom_sf()



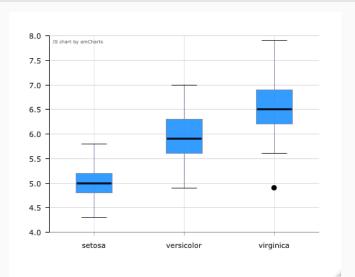
Temperature map

```
> ggplot(dpt) + geom_sf(aes(fill=temp)) +
+ scale_fill_continuous(low="yellow",high="red")+
+ theme_void()
```



Interactive charts with rAmCharts

- > library(rAmCharts)
- > amBoxplot(Sepal.Length~Species,data=iris)



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- Example: https://lrouviere.shinyapps.io/dashboard/

Interactive web apps with shiny

Shiny is a R package that makes it easy to build interactive web apps straight from R.

Examples:

- understand overfitting in machine learning: https://lrouviere.shinyapps.io/overfitting_app/
- bike stations in Rennes: https://lrouviere.shinyapps.io/velib/

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- You need to work alone between the sessions.
- Everyone can develop at its own pace (the goal is to progress), and ask questions during the sessions.
- I'm here to (try) to answer.

Outline

1. Data visualization with ggplot2

Conventional graphical functions (a reminder)

ggplot2 grammar

2. Mapping

ggmap

Shapefile contours with sf

Interactive maps with leaflet

3. Some Dynamic visualization tools

Data visualization with ggplot2

- Graphs are often the starting point for statistical analysis.
- One of the main advantages of R is how easy it is for the user to create many different kinds of graphs.
- We begin by a (short) review on conventional graphs,
- followed by an examination of some more complex representations, especially with ggplot2 package.

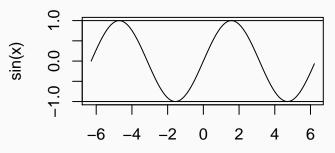
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Conventional graphical functions (a reminder)

The plot function

- It is a generic function to represent all kind of data.
- For a scatter plot, we have to specify a vector for the x-axis and a vector for the y-axis.

```
> x <- seq(-2*pi,2*pi,by=0.1)
> plot(x,sin(x),type="l",xlab="x",ylab="sin(x)")
> abline(h=c(-1,1))
```



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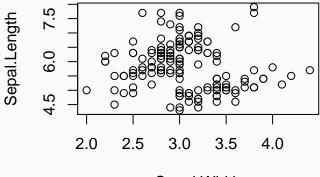
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Fortunately

There is a R function for all representations.

Scatterplot with dataset

> plot(Sepal.Length~Sepal.Width,data=iris)



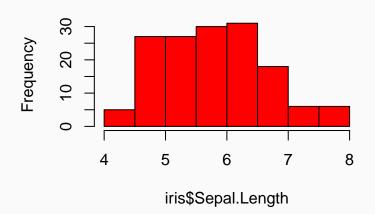
Sepal.Width

- > #same as
- > plot(iris\$Sepal.Width,iris\$Sepal.Length)

Histogram for continous variable

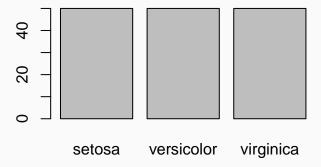
> hist(iris\$Sepal.Length,col="red")

Histogram of iris\$Sepal.Length



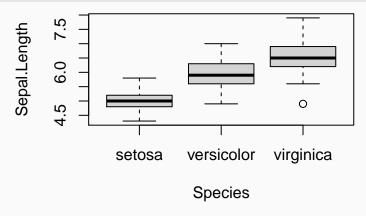
Barplot for categorical variables

> barplot(table(iris\$Species))



Boxplot

> boxplot(Sepal.Length~Species,data=iris)



Data visualization with ggplot2

ggplot2 grammar

- ggplot2 is a plotting system for R based on the grammar of graphics (as dplyr to manipulate data).
- The goal is to provide a clear syntax for an efficient visualization.
- Ggplot provides "elegant" graphs (nor always the case for conventional R graphs).
- Documentation: tutorial, book

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- the data with ggplot
- the variables with aes (aesthetics)
- the kind of representation with geom_...

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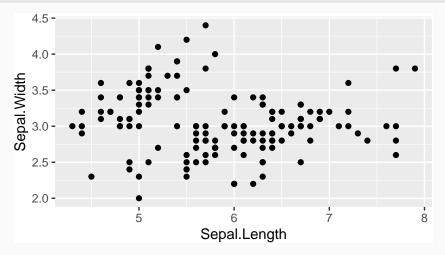
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All these elements are gathered with the operator +.

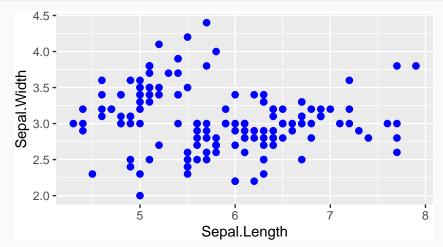
An example

> ggplot(iris)+aes(x=Sepal.Length,y=Sepal.Width)+geom_point()



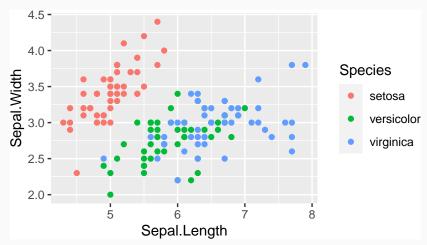
Color and size

> ggplot(iris)+aes(x=Sepal.Length,y=Sepal.Width)+
+ geom_point(color="blue",size=2)



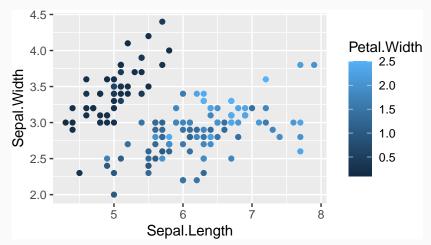
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> ggplot(iris)+aes(x=Sepal.Length,y=Sepal.Width,
+ color=Species)+geom_point()
```



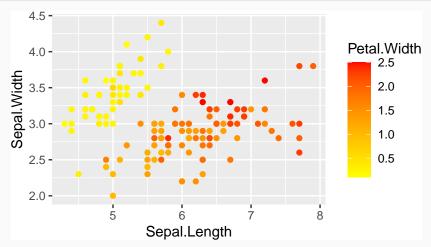
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+ color=Petal.Width)+geom_point()
```



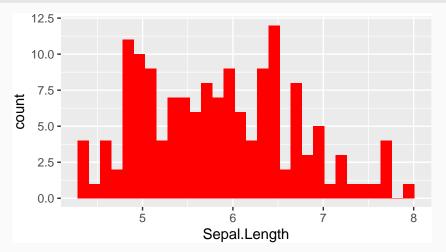
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+ color=Petal.Width)+geom_point()+
+ scale_color_continuous(low="yellow",high="red")
```

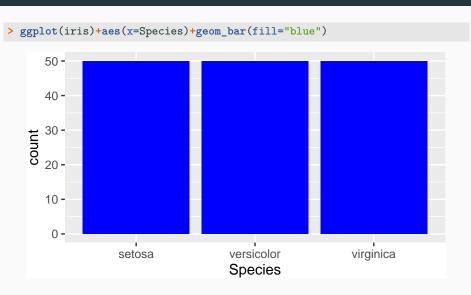


Histogram

> ggplot(iris)+aes(x=Sepal.Length)+geom_histogram(fill="red")

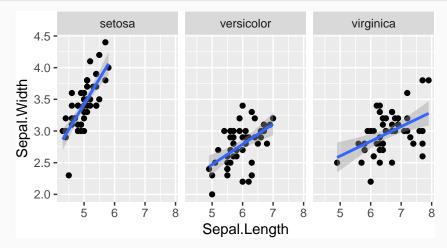


Barplot



Facetting (more complex)

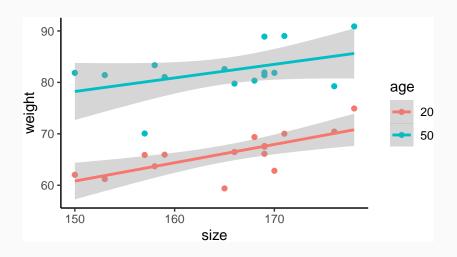
```
> ggplot(iris)+aes(x=Sepal.Length,y=Sepal.Width)+geom_point()+
+ geom_smooth(method="lm")+facet_wrap(~Species)
```



Combining ggplot with dplyr

- We often have to work on the dataframe to obtain an efficient ggplot syntax.
- For instance

```
> head(df)
# A tibble: 6 x 3
   size weight.20 weight.50
  <dbl>
            <dbl>
                       <dbl>
    153
             61.2
                       81.4
2
   169
             67.5
                       81.4
3
   168
             69.4
                        80.3
    169
             66.1
                        81.9
5
    176
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6
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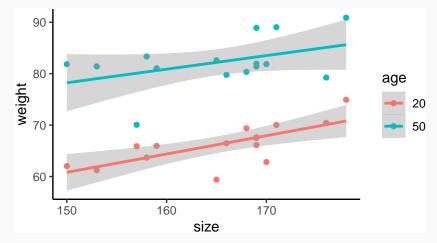
dplyr step

• Gather column weight.M and weight.W into one column weight with pivot_longer:

```
> df1 <- df %% pivot_longer(-size,names_to="age",values_to="weight")
> df1 %>% head()
# A tibble: 6 x 3
  size age weight
 <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
 153 weight.20 61.2
  153 weight.50 81.4
3
 169 weight.20 67.5
 169 weight.50 81.4
4
 168 weight.20 69.4
5
   168 weight.50
                 80.3
6
> df1 <- df1 %>%
   mutate(age=recode(age, "weight.20"="20", "weight.50"="50"))
```

ggplot step

```
> ggplot(df1)+aes(x=size,y=weight,color=age)+
+ geom_point()+geom_smooth(method="lm")+theme_classic()
```



Complement: some demos

```
> demo(image)
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> example(wireframe)
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Mapping

Introduction

- Many applications require maps to visualize data or results of a model;
- Many R packages: ggmap, RgoogleMaps, maps. . .
- In this part: ggmap, sf (static mapping) leaflet (interactive mapping).

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ggmap

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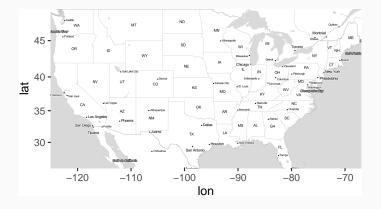
```
> ggplot(data)+...
```

use

```
> ggmap(backgroundmap)+...
```

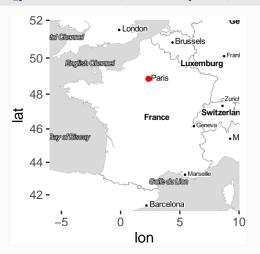
Background map

```
> library(ggmap)
> us <- c(left = -125, bottom = 25.75, right = -67, top = 49)
> map <- get_stamenmap(us, zoom = 5, maptype = "toner-lite")
> ggmap(map)
```



Adding informations with ggplot

- > fr <- c(left = -6, bottom = 41, right = 10, top = 52)
 > fond <- get_stamenmap(fr, zoom = 5,"toner-lite")
 > Paris <- data.frame(lon=2.351499,lat=48.85661)</pre>
- > ggmap(fond)+geom_point(data=Paris,aes(x=lon,y=lat),color="red")



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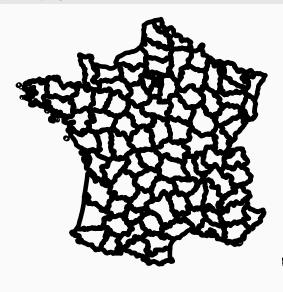
- https://statnmap.com/fr/2018-07-14-initiation-a-la-cartographieavec-sf-et-compagnie/
- Vignettes on the cran :

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Visualize with plot

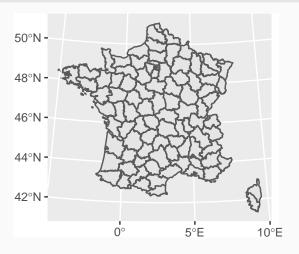
> plot(st_geometry(dpt))





Visualize with ggplot

> ggplot(dpt)+geom_sf()



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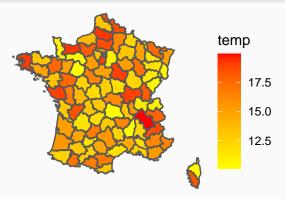
Specify the coordinate system (4326 for lat-lon)

ggplot step

```
> ggplot(dpt) + geom_sf(fill="white")+
+ geom_sf(data=point,color="red",size=4)+theme_void()
```



Coloring polygons



 \implies Work on this part of the tutorial.

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Interactive maps with leaflet

Background map

- Leaflet is one of the most popular open-source JavaScript libraries for interactive maps.
- Documentation: here
 - > library(leaflet)
 - > leaflet() %>% addTiles()



Many background styles

> Paris <- c(2.35222,48.856614)
> leaflet() %>% addTiles() %>%
+ setView(lng = Paris[1], lat = Paris[2],zoom=12)



```
> leaflet() %>% addProviderTiles("Stamen.Toner") %>%
+ setView(lng = Paris[1], lat = Paris[2], zoom = 12)
```

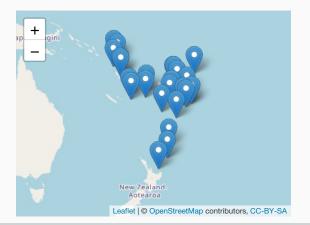


Leaflet with data

Location of 1000 seismic events near Fiji

Visualize seismics with magnitude more then 5.5

> quakes1 <- quakes %>% filter(mag>5.5)
> leaflet(data = quakes1) %>% addTiles() %>%
+ addMarkers(~long, ~lat, popup = ~as.character(mag))

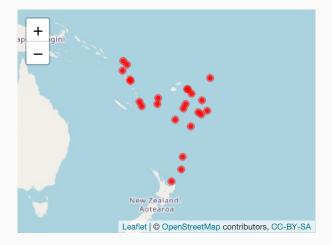


Remark

When you click on a marker, the magnitude appears.

addCircleMarkers

```
> leaflet(data = quakes1) %>% addTiles() %>%
+ addCircleMarkers(~long, ~lat, popup=~as.character(mag),
+ radius=3,fillOpacity = 0.8,color="red")
```



Some Dynamic visualization tools

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Tutorial

Everything is here:

 $https://Irouviere.github.io/TUTO_DATAVIZ/dynamic.html$