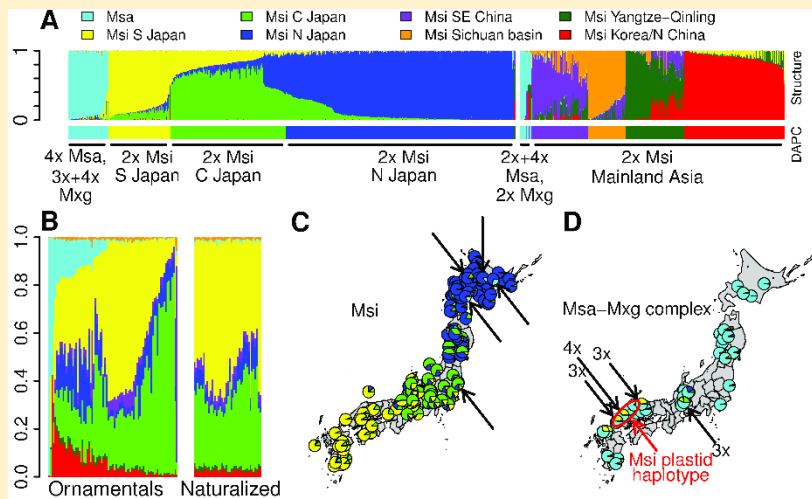


# Graphics in R

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# Packages for making graphics

- **graphics**

- Installed with R
- Very versatile
- Not very user-friendly; tasks like “color points based on a grouping factor” must be done manually

- **lattice**

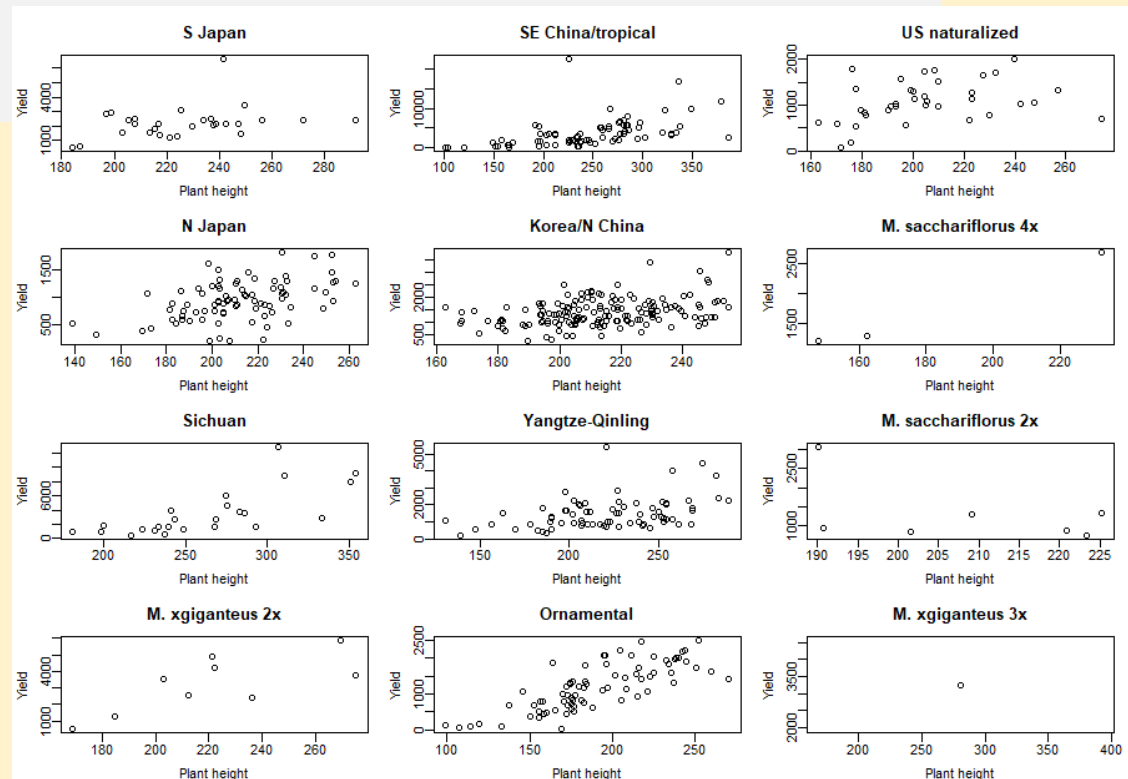
- Useful for making multiple plots based on a grouping factor

- **ggplot2**

- Integrated with Tidyverse
- Very user-friendly exploration of datasets
- Not as good when you need to add something custom to a plot

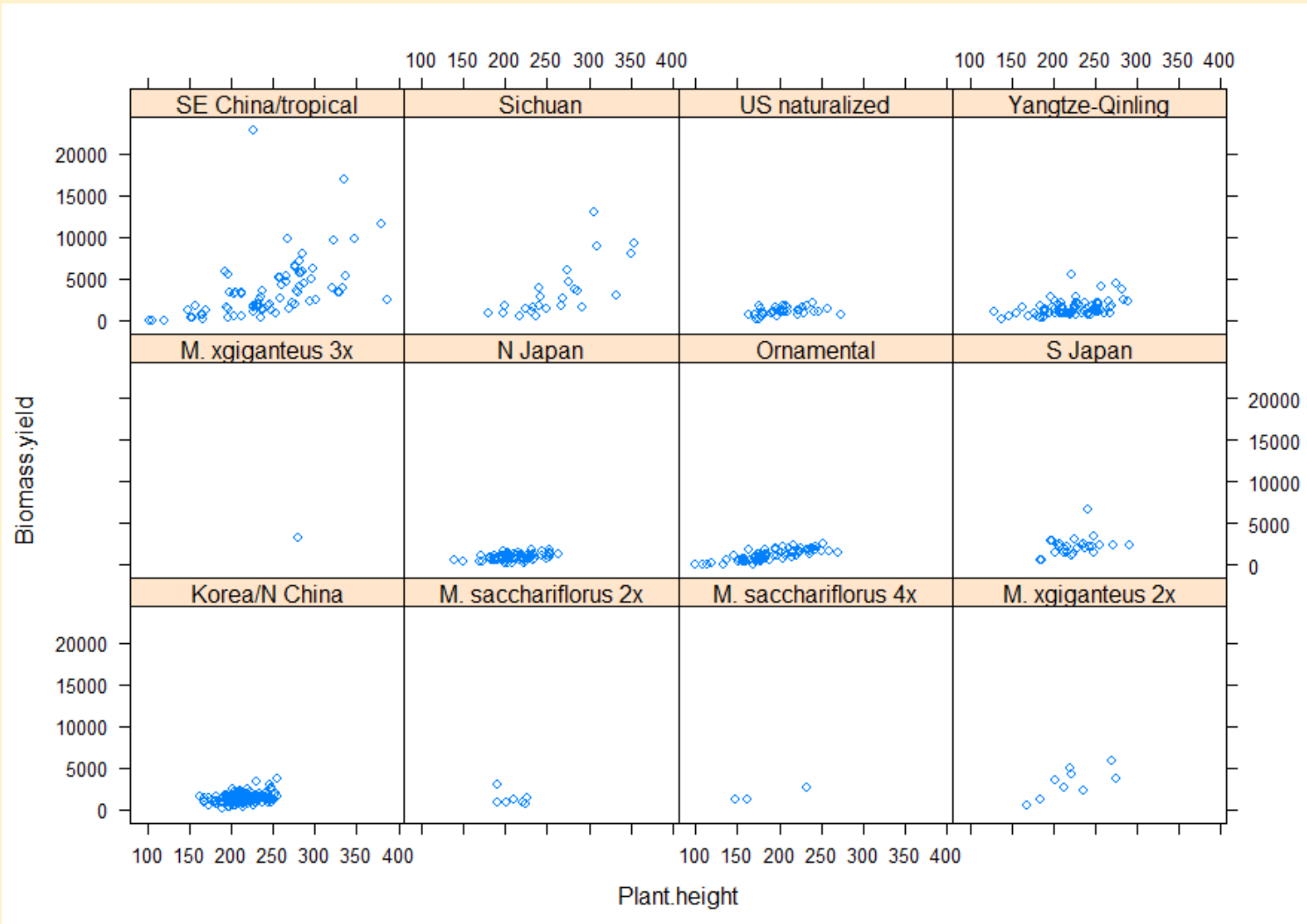
# Yield vs. height by group with graphics

```
par(mfrow = c(4, 3), mar = c(3.1, 3.1, 3.1, 1.1),  
    mgp = c(2, 0.5, 0))  
mygrp <- unique(mydata$Genetic.group)  
for(g in mygrp){  
  gsubset <- which(mydata$Genetic.group == g)  
  plot(mydata$Plant.height[gsubset],  
        mydata$Biomass.yield[gsubset],  
        xlab = "Plant height", ylab = "Yield",  
        main = g)  
}
```



# Yield vs. height by group with `lattice`

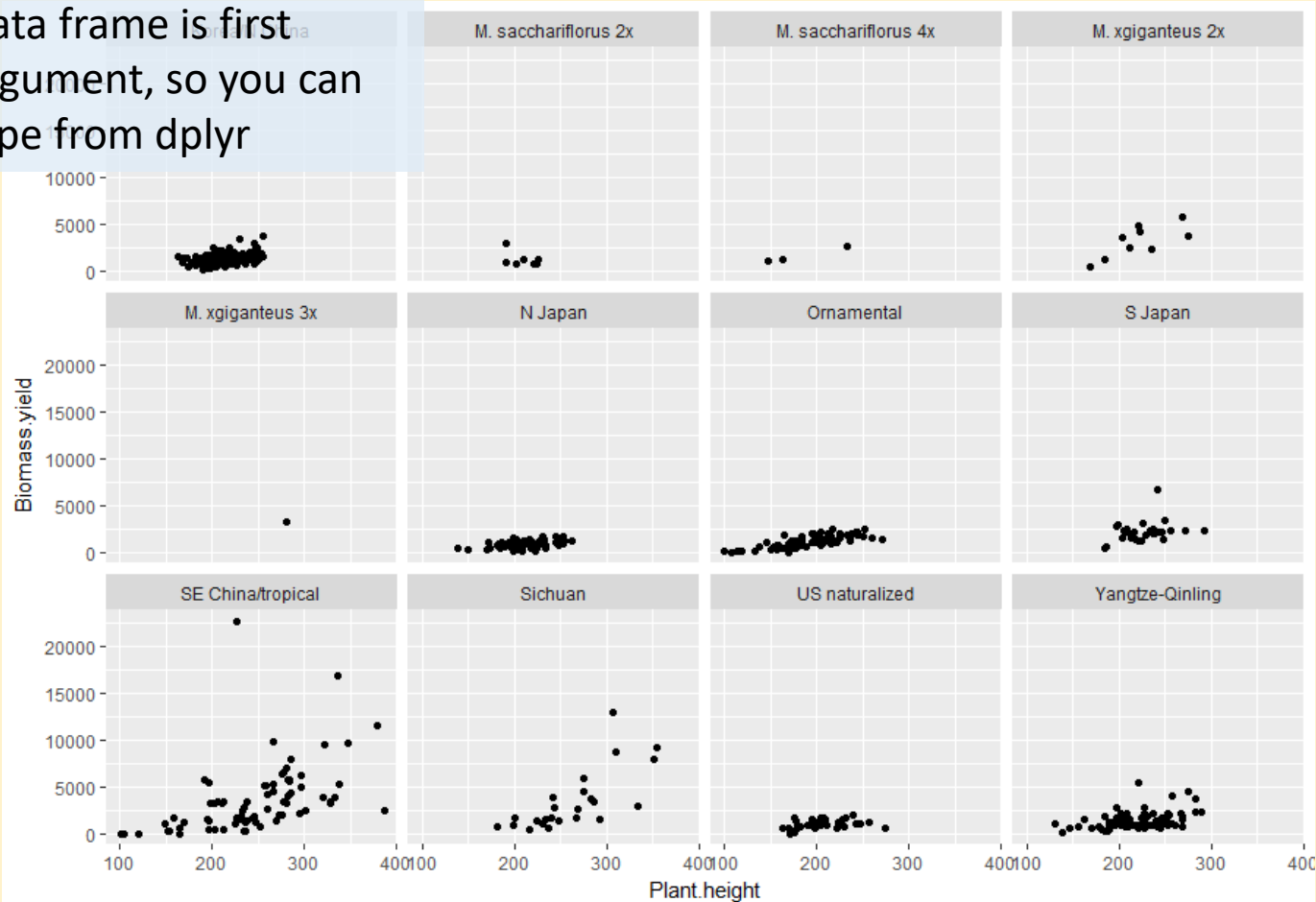
```
xyplot(Biomass.yield ~ Plant.height | Genetic.group, mydata)
```



# Yield vs. height by group with `ggplot2`

```
ggplot(mydata, aes(x = Plant.height, y = Biomass.yield)) +  
  geom_point() +  
  facet_wrap(~ Genetic.group)
```

Data frame is first  
argument, so you can  
pipe from dplyr



# Syntax of `ggplot2`: the `aes` function

- Something specific to `ggplot2` called *aesthetic mappings*
- Shows which aspects of the plot correspond to which variables
- Also can set things to a single value, e.g. make all points red, if you set them outside the `aes` function
- Some common arguments:
  - `x`, `y`
  - `color`
  - `shape`
  - `size`

# Syntax of `ggplot2`: `ggplot` function

- First argument is a data frame with the data you want to plot
- Second argument (optional) is a call to `aes` indicating mappings that will be universal across all layers
- This function is mandatory, but by itself will not create a plot
- One of several function calls that should be connected with `+` signs

# Syntax of `ggplot2`: `geom` functions

- These tell `ggplot` what kind of plot to make
- You can call several of them to put layers on top of each other, like a scatter plot and a trend line
- First argument is a call to `aes` indicating any mappings specific to that layer
- All start with `geom_`
- Type `?geom` to get a list



## Syntax of `ggplot2`: `facet` functions

- For making multiple plots based on one or more grouping variables
- `facet_wrap`: If you have one grouping variable
  - Pass it a formula like `~ var1`
- `facet_grid`: If you have two grouping variables
  - Pass it a formula like `var2 ~ var1`

# Syntax of `ggplot2`: `coord` functions

- For changing the coordinate system of the plot
- `coord_flip`: move x to y and y to x (useful for box plots and violin plots)
- `coord_trans`: e.g. if you need to log-transform an axis
- Others for more obscure situations (pie charts, world maps)

# Mini-exercise

- Create a new call to `ggplot(mydata)`
- Try out `geom_boxplot`, with `x = Genetic.group` and `y = Number.of.stems`
- Use `coord_flip` to rotate the plot
- Look at the Aesthetics section of `?geom_boxplot`
- Try `fill = Genetic.group`

## Syntax of `ggplot2`: `scale` functions

- For when you want more control over aesthetic mappings
- E.g. you need each genetic group to be a specific color or shape
- Or you just want to use a specific, pre-made scheme (more on these later)

# The R base graphics system

(with some aspects that also apply to ggplot2)

# Colors in R

- Many are named and can be specified using the corresponding character string.
- Arguments `col`, `fg`, `bg`, `fill`, accept these
- See <http://www.stat.columbia.edu/~tzheng/files/Rcolor.pdf>

color	name	color	name
	darkgreen		deepskyblue
	darkgrey		deepskyblue1
	darkkhaki		deepskyblue2
	darkmagenta		deepskyblue3
	darkolivegreen		deepskyblue4
	darkolivegreen1		dimgray
	darkolivegreen2		dimgray
	darkolivegreen3		dodgerblue
	darkolivegreen4		dodgerblue1
	darkorange		dodgerblue2
	darkorange1		dodgerblue3
	darkorange2		dodgerblue4
	darkorange3		firebrick
	darkorange4		firebrick1
	darkorchid		firebrick2

# Colors in R

- If you know what RGB values you want (for example to match colors from other software) use the `rgb` function.
- Generates a string like: "#14C896" (hexadecimal)
- You can use the `alpha` argument to set transparency
- The `col2rgb` function can take a named color and give you the RGB values for it

```
> col2rgb("darkolivegreen3")  
      [,1]  
red      162  
green    205  
blue      90
```

```
> rgb(162, 205, 90, maxColorValue = 255)  
[1] "#A2CD5A"
```

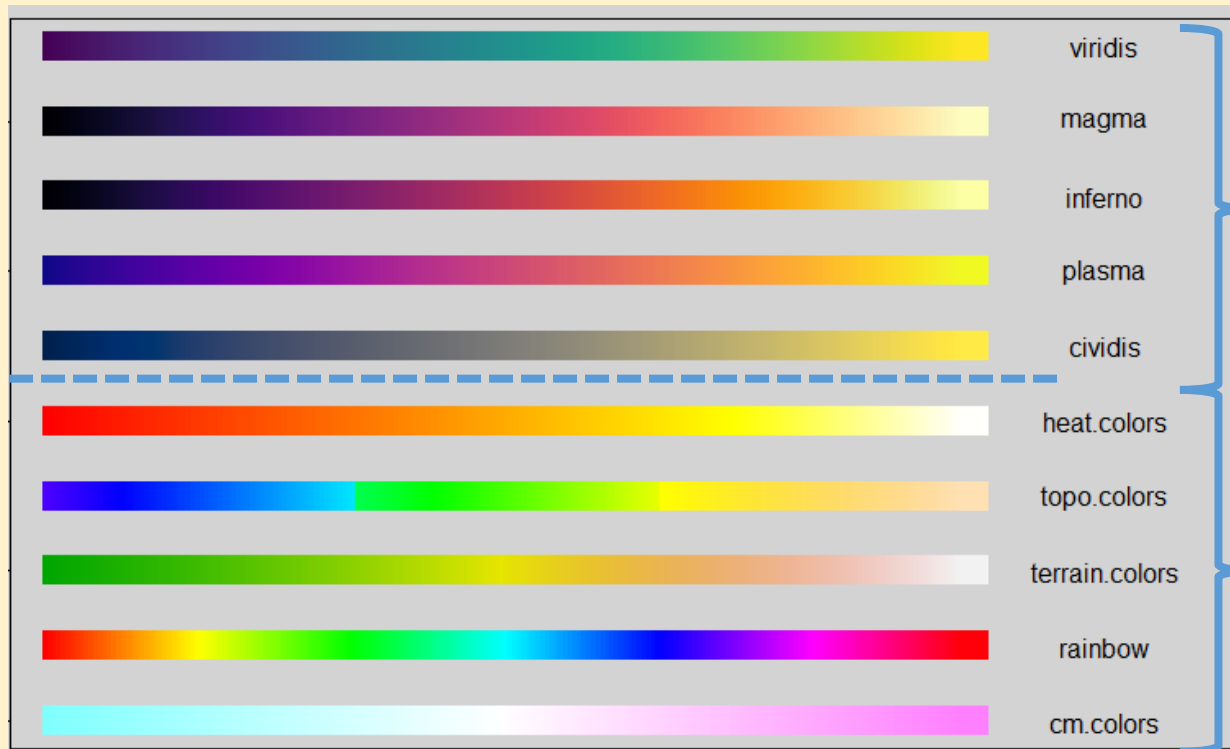
# Mini-exercise

- On a scale of 0-255:
  - Illini Blue = Red 19, Green 41, Blue 75
  - Illini Orange = Red 232, Green 74, Blue 39
- Use `rgb` to make strings representing these two colors
- Pass them to the `col` argument in a scatter plot to color points using them



# Color palettes

- If you need to generate a series of colors
- E.g. `rainbow(100)` makes a vector of 100 colors
- See `scale_color_viridis` for ggplot2

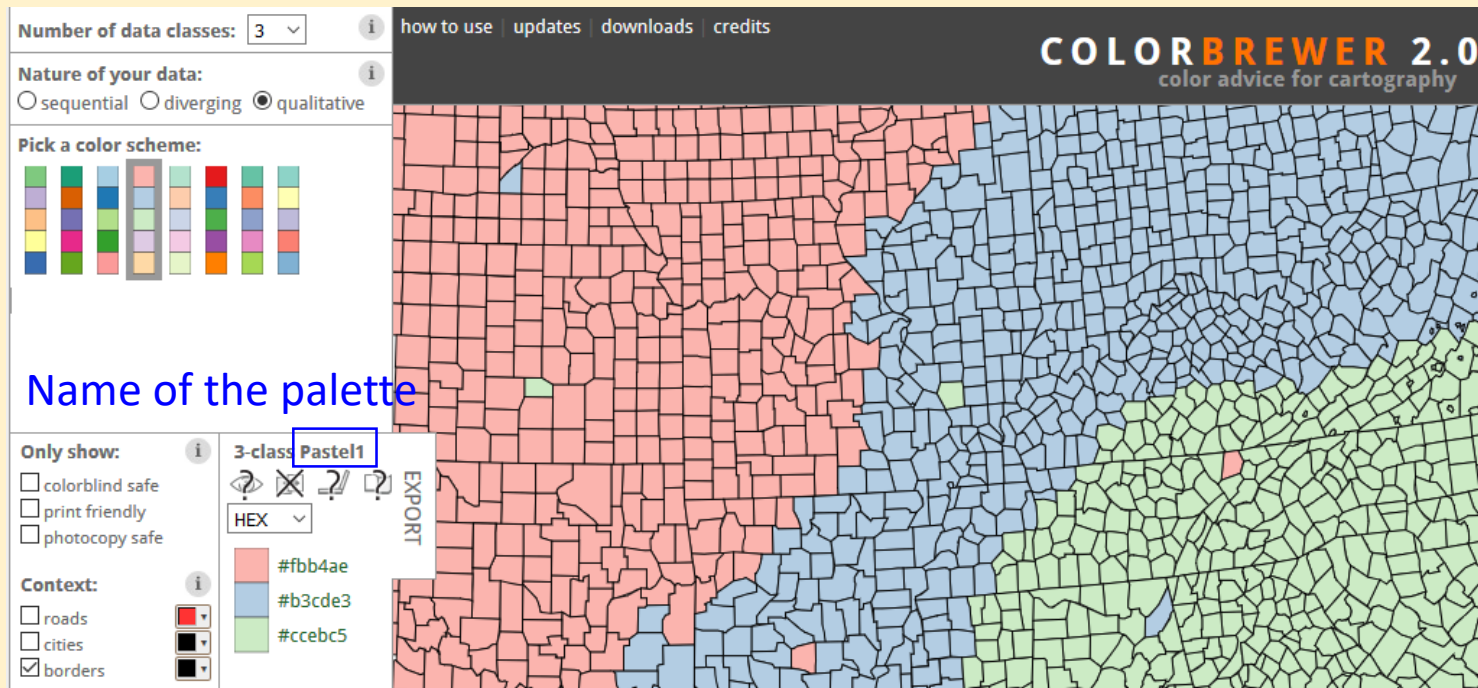


Available in `viridis` package.  
R-G color blind friendly.  
Print well in greyscale.

Installed with R

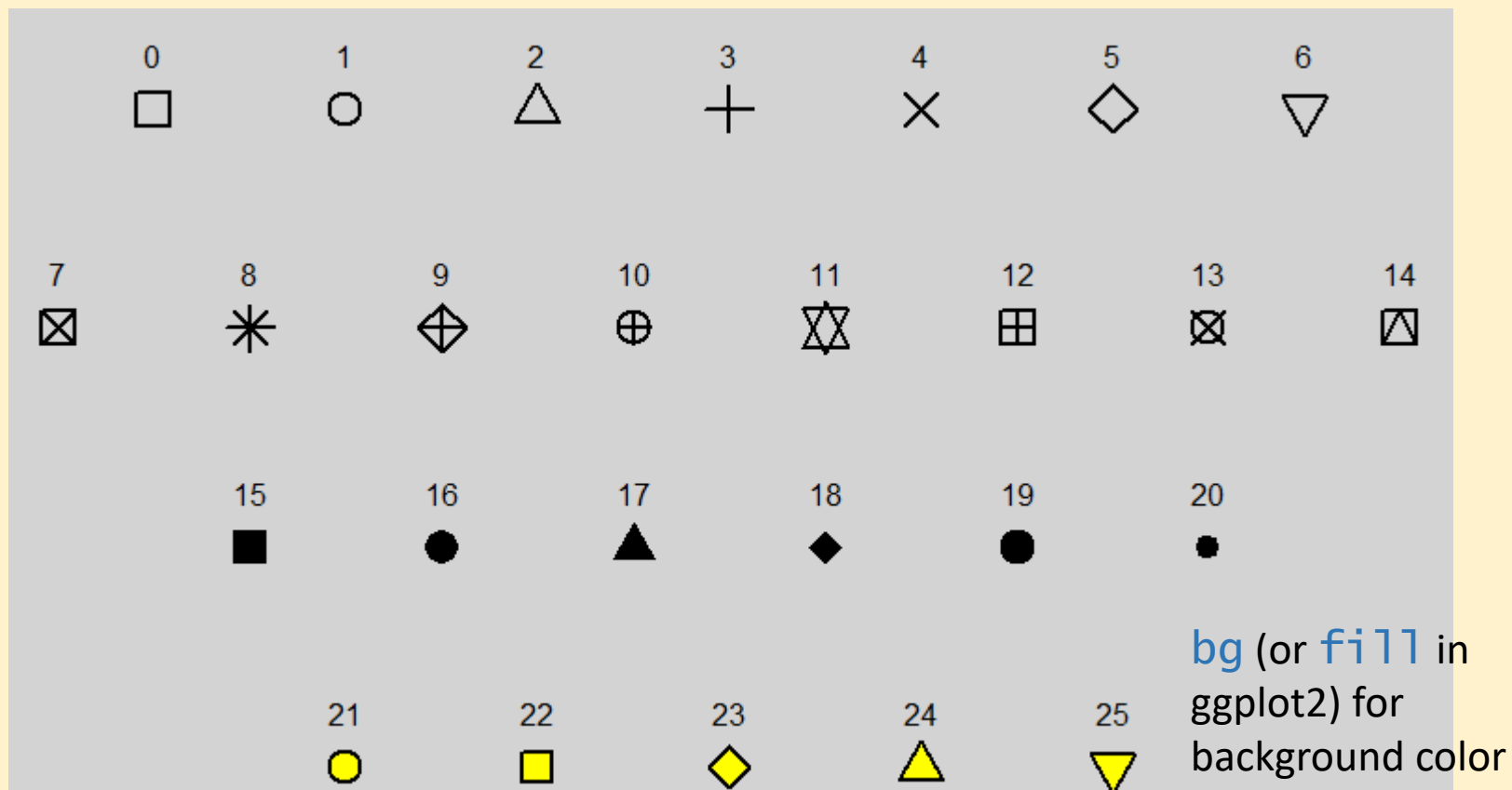
# Color Brewer: qualitative sets of colors

- <http://colorbrewer2.org/>
- Good for categorical data
- Available in `RColorBrewer` package
- See `scale_color_brewer` for ggplot2



# Point shapes in R

- `pch` argument in the base plotting system
- `shape` argument in `ggplot2`

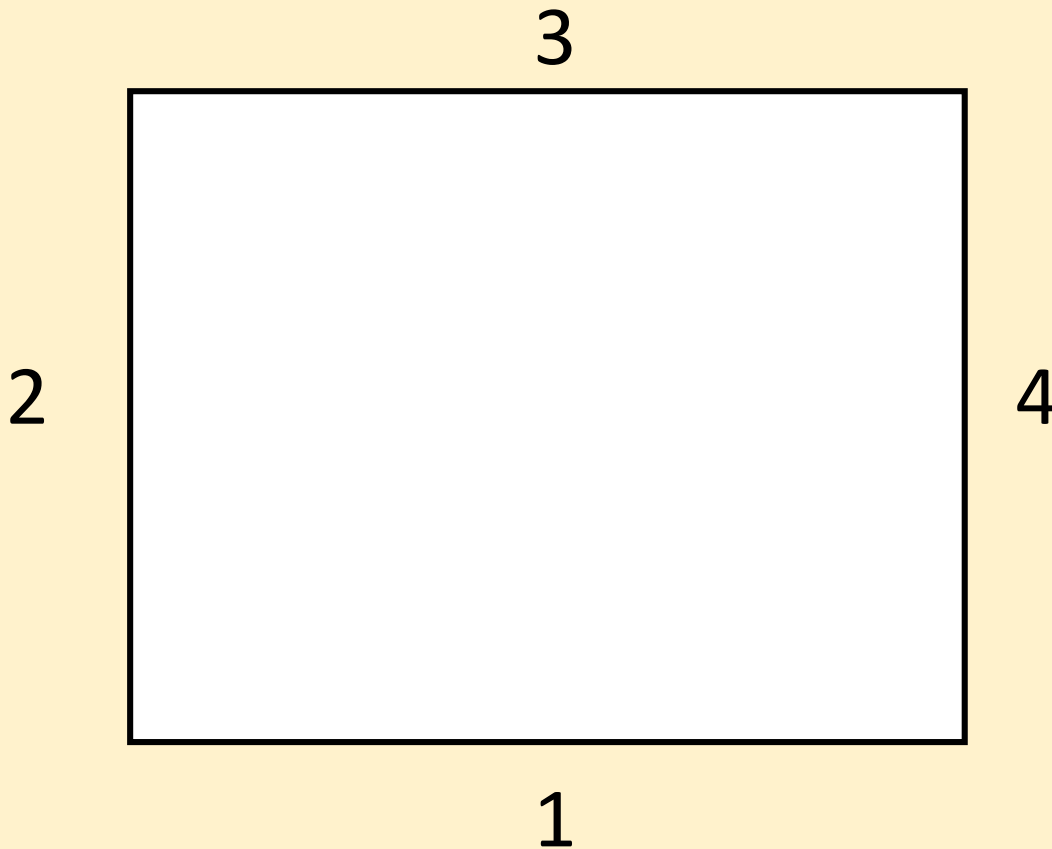


# Exploring other graphical parameters: the `par` function

- See `?par` for a very long list
- Call `par` to set parameters universally, e.g. `par(lwd = 2)` (set line width to 2)
- Many can also be used as arguments to `plot`, `points`, `text`, and other plotting functions
- `par("lwd")` would give current value

<code>mar</code>	Plot margin	<code>las</code>	Axis label rotation
<code>mgp</code>	Label distance from axis	<code>lty</code>	Dotted or dashed lines
<code>cex</code>	Character magnification	<code>xlog</code>	Log transform x-axis
<code>family</code>	Font name	<code>mfrow</code>	Put multiple plots in one graphics device
<code>font</code>	Bold, italic	<code>mfcol</code>	

# Plot sides are identified by number



- Set margin sizes with `par(mar)` in this order
- Set `axes = FALSE` and then use the `axis` function to manually add custom axes; first argument is this number

# Adding legends with the `legend` function

- Unlike with `ggplot2`, you build legend manually and decide what goes in it
- First two arguments are xy coords on plot
- Third argument is vector of names of categories that should show up
- Points, lines, or boxes will show up next to names
- Arguments specify things like color, shape, fill color, line type

# Adding a trendline: `abline`

- Can specify `a` and `b` for intercept and slope
- Or give values to `v` or `h` for vertical or horizontal lines
- Or, make a linear regression model with `lm` and pass that to `abline`

```
plot(var1, var2)  
abline(lm(var2 ~ var1))
```

# Drawing on a plot

- `rect` to draw a rectangle
- `segments` to draw line segments
- `arrows` to draw arrows
- `points` to add points to a plot
- `text` to add text to particular xy coordinates
- `locator` to click on a plot and get the coordinates



# Mini exercise

- Use the arrow and locator functions to create a new function:
- After the function is called, it lets you click on two points and then draws an arrow between them
- (Hint: the function does not need to have any arguments)

More handy functions: **plotrix**  
package

- **draw.circle** and **draw.ellipse**
- **floating.pie** – put a pie chart at any x-y coordinate
- many others

# Formatting text: `expression`

- Italics, subscripts, etc.
- Mathematical symbols
- `?plotmath` to see your options
- Intended for writing mathematical expressions; can be hacked for other purposes but you may have to experiment

# Adding other special characters

- Unicode – put “\u” plus four digits in a text string
- E.g. “jalape\u00F1o” = jalapeño
- (Google “Unicode tables” to look up others)
- **emoji font** package on CRAN
- Use **windowsFonts** function to get access to your system fonts on Windows

# Plotting directly to a file

- Generally want to test out in RStudio first
- Functions to open file connection:
  - `pdf`, `postscript`
  - `cairo_pdf`, `cairo_ps`, `svg` – better for unusual fonts and characters
  - `tiff`, `bmp`, `jpeg`, `png`
    - arguments for size, resolution, font
- Then do all commands to create your plot
- `dev.off()` to close the file connection (finish the plot)

# Mini exercise

- Use `pdf` to open a file for writing plots
- Run the plot command several times to make several plots
- Use `dev.off` to finish the file
- What does the file look like?