

3 Adv Data Viz

1 Data Visualization

1. ggplot2 = Grammar of Graphics
 - ggplot2 builds plots by layering components
2. Aesthetics = Visual Mappings
 - inside aes(), you map variables to features of the plot
 - if it varies by data, it goes inside aes(); if it's fixed, it goes outside
3. Common Geoms
 - scatterplot: geom_point()
 - line plot: geom_line()
 - bar chart (counts): geom_bar()
 - bar chart (values): geom_col()
 - histogram: geom_histogram()
 - boxplot: geom_boxplot()
 - smooth/regression: geom_smooth()
4. Facetting = Small Multiples
 - show subsets of data in separate panels
5. Scales Control How Data Maps to Aesthetics
 - scales modify axes, colors, transformations, limits
6. Labels and Titles
 - use labs()
7. Themes Control the Overall Look
 - themes change backgrounds, grids, fonts, spacing
8. The ggplot2 Workflow
 - start with ggplot() and a geom
 - add aesthetics
 - add more layers (points, lines, smoothing)
 - use facetting to compare groups
 - adjust scales if needed
 - add labels
 - apply a theme
9. Typical Mistakes to Avoid
 - forgetting aes()
 - putting fixed aesthetics inside aes()
 - missing + at the end of lines
 - using wrong geoms for data type