

BIMM 143
Data visualization with R
Lecture 5
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Recap From Last Time:

- What is R and why should we use it?
- Familiarity with R's basic syntax.
- Familiarity with major R data structures namely **vectors** and **data.frames**.
- Understand the basics of using **functions** (arguments, vectorization and re-cycling).
- Appreciate how you can use R scripts to aid with reproducibility.

[DataCamp Homework Reminder!!](#)

[\[MPA Link\]](#)

Today's Learning Goals

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- Be able to generate informative graphical displays including **scatterplots**, **histograms**, **bar graphs**, **boxplots**, **dendograms** and **heatmaps** and thereby gain exposure to the extensive graphical capabilities of R.
- Appreciate that you can build even more complex charts with **ggplot** and additional R packages such as **rgl**.

Why visualize at all?

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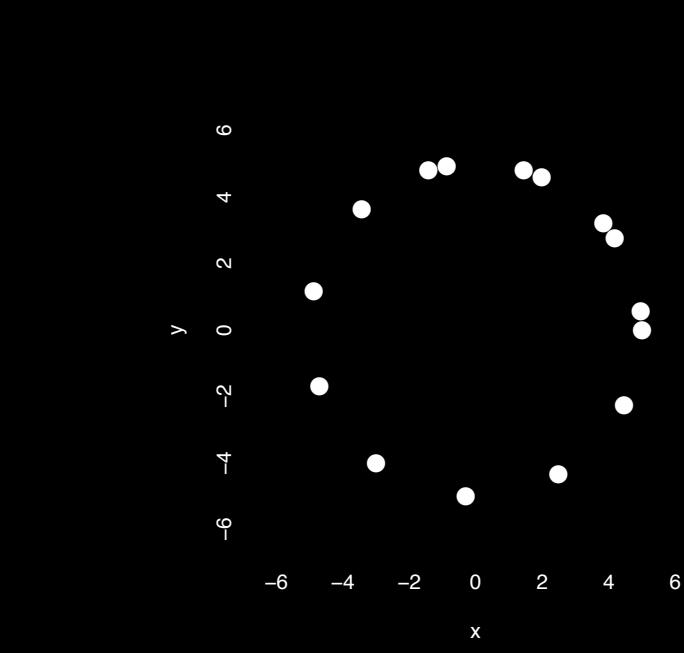
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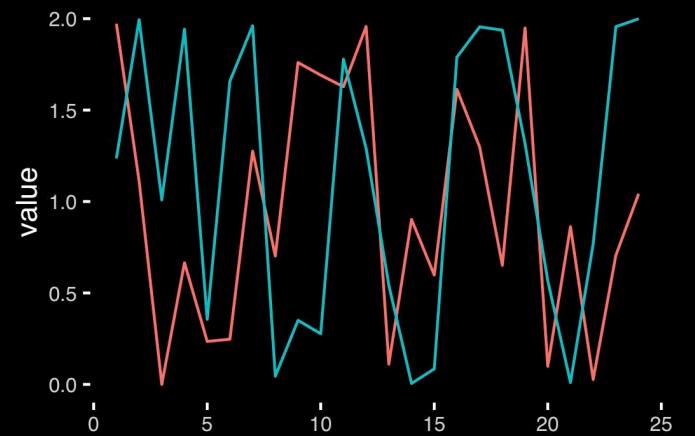
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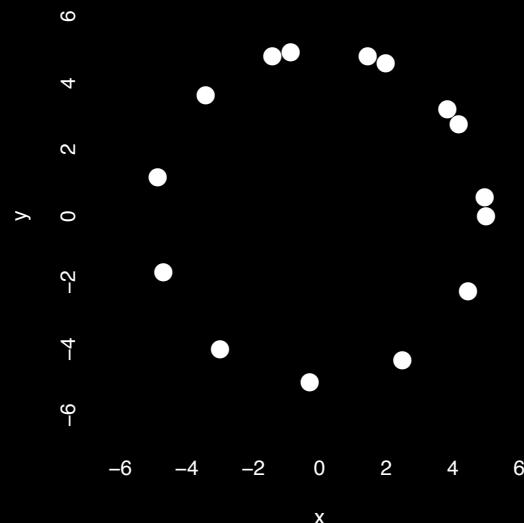
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2	4.18	2.75
3	1.98	4.59
4	-0.86	4.92
5	-3.43	3.64
6	-4.86	1.16
7	-4.70	-1.70
8	-2.99	-4.01
9	-0.30	-4.99
10	2.49	-4.34
11	4.46	-2.25
12	4.97	0.57
13	3.84	3.20
14	1.45	4.79
15	-1.42	4.79

	x	y
Min.	-4.86	-4.99
1st Qu.	-2.21	-1.98
Median	1.45	1.16
Mean	0.65	0.87
3rd Qu.	4.01	4.12
Max.	5.00	4.92





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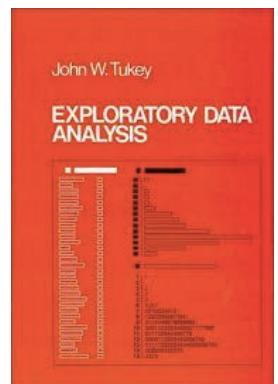


Exploratory Data Analysis

- ALWAYS look at your data!
- If you can't see it, then don't believe it!
- Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) allows us to:
 1. Visualize distributions and relationships
 2. Detect errors
 3. Assess assumptions for confirmatory analysis
- EDA is the first step of data analysis!

Exploratory Data Analysis 1977

- Based on insights developed at Bell Labs in the 60's
- Techniques for visualizing and summarizing data
- What can the data tell us? (in contrast to "confirmatory" data analysis)
- Introduced many basic techniques:
 - 5-number summary, box plots, stem and leaf diagrams,...
- 5 Number summary:
 - extremes (min and max)
 - median & quartiles
 - More robust to skewed & longtailed distributions

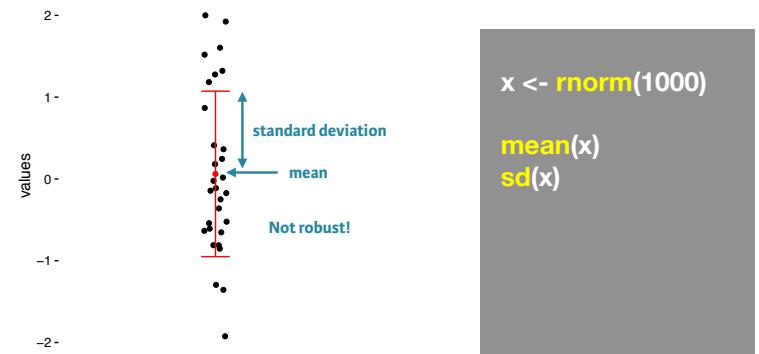


Side-note: How to summarize data?



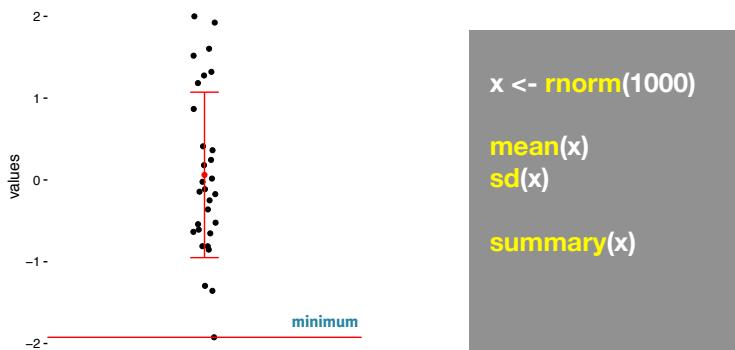
Side-note: Mean & standard deviation

Fine for normally distributed data



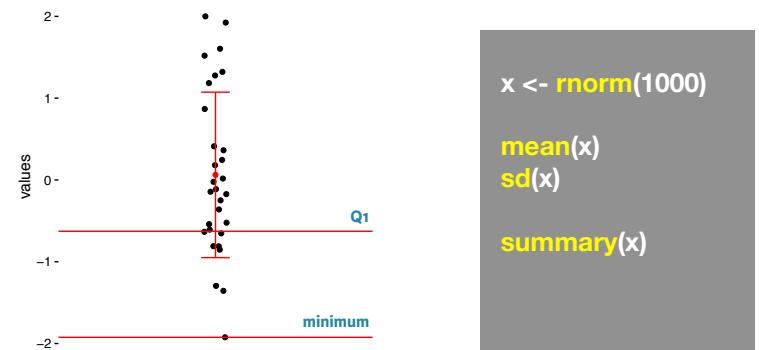
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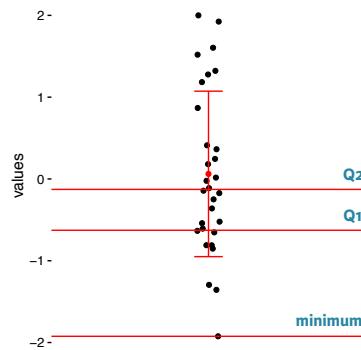
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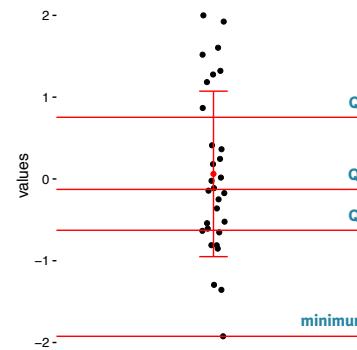
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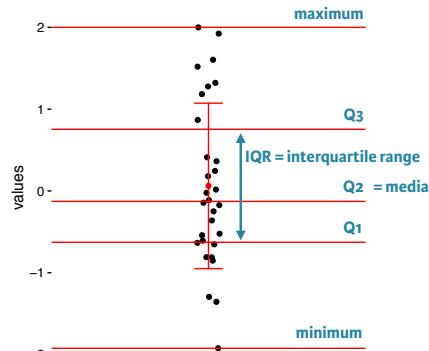
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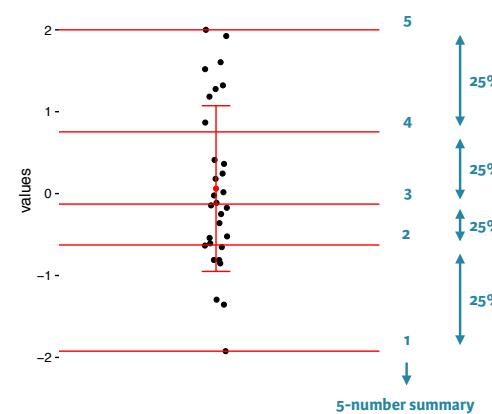
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Side-note: boxplot

Graphical form of the 5 number summary!

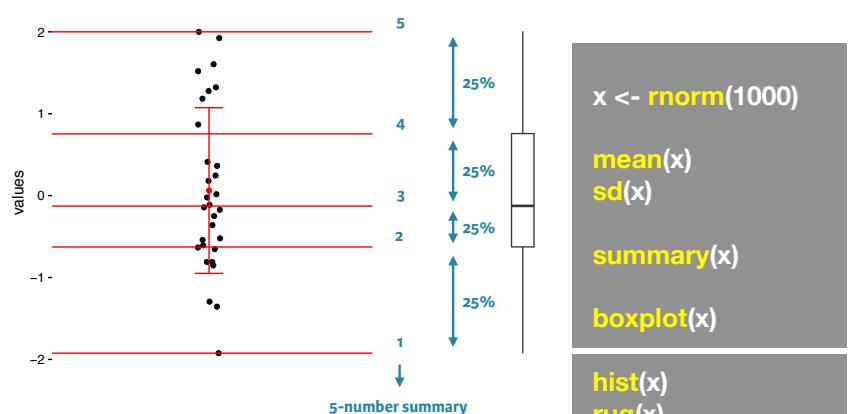


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The Trouble with Summary Stats

Set A		Set B		Set C		Set D	
X	Y	X	Y	X	Y	X	Y
10	8.04	10	9.14	10	7.46	8	6.58
8	6.95	8	8.14	8	6.77	8	5.76
13	7.58	13	8.74	13	12.74	8	7.71
9	8.81	9	8.77	9	7.11	8	8.84
11	8.33	11	9.26	11	7.81	8	8.47
14	9.96	14	8.1	14	8.84	8	7.04
6	7.24	6	6.13	6	6.08	8	5.25
4	4.26	4	3.1	4	5.39	19	12.5
12	10.84	12	9.11	12	8.15	8	5.56
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5	5.68	5	4.74	5	5.73	8	6.89

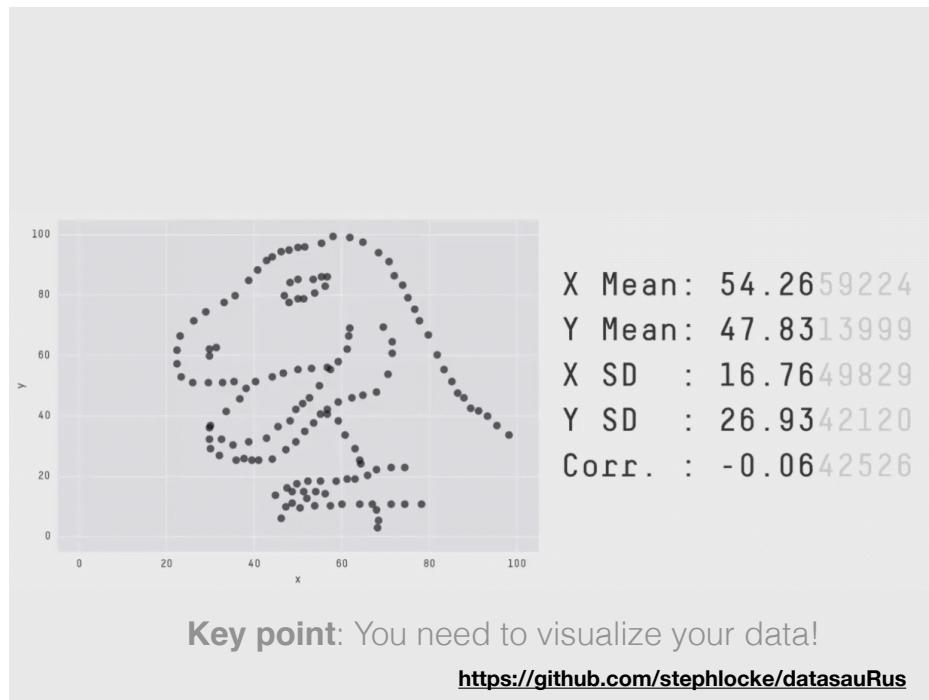
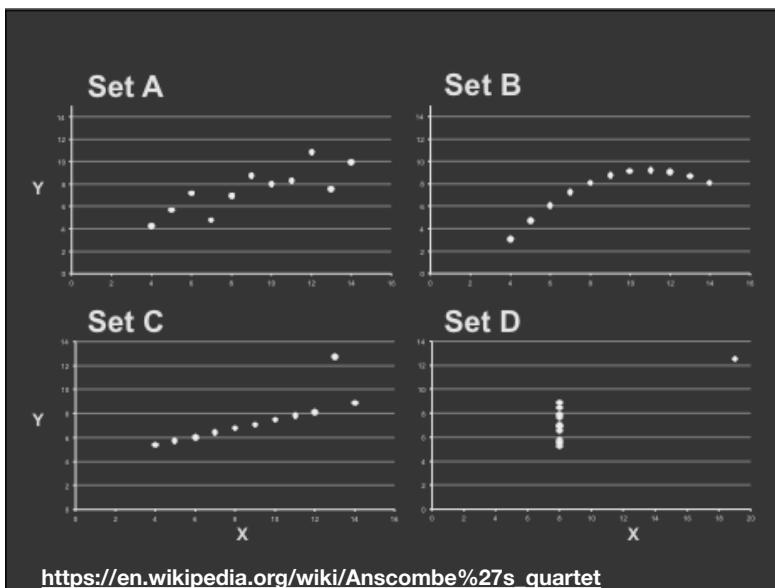
Summary Statistics Linear Regression

$$\mu_X = 9.0 \quad \sigma_X = 3.317 \quad Y = 3 + 0.5 X$$

$$\mu_Y = 7.5 \quad \sigma_Y = 2.03 \quad R^2 = 0.67$$

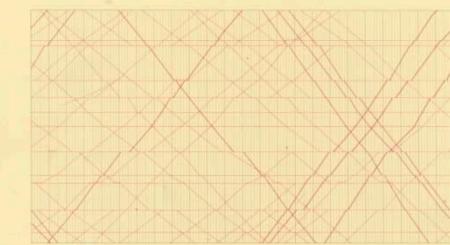
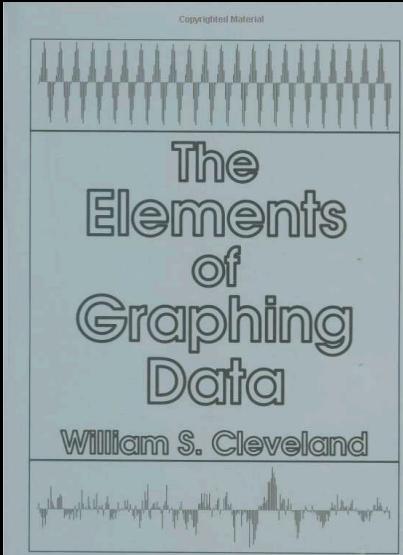
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Looking at Data



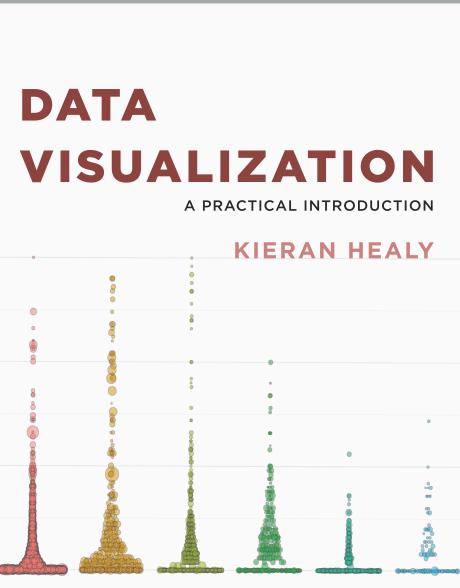
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The Visual Display
of Quantitative Information

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<http://socviz.co/>

Key Point:
Good visualizations optimize
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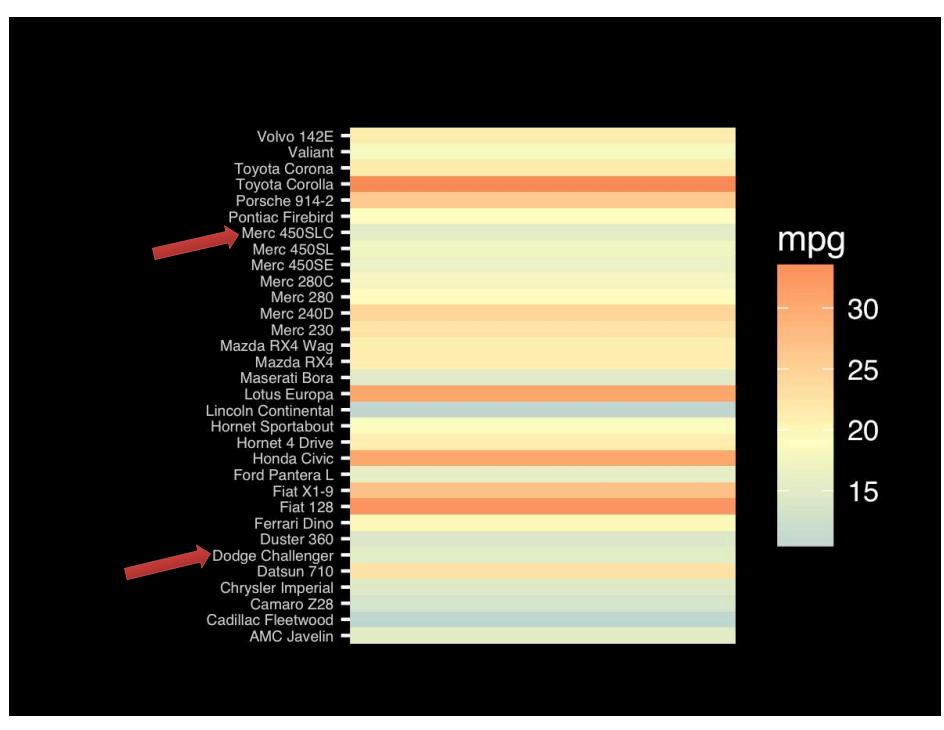
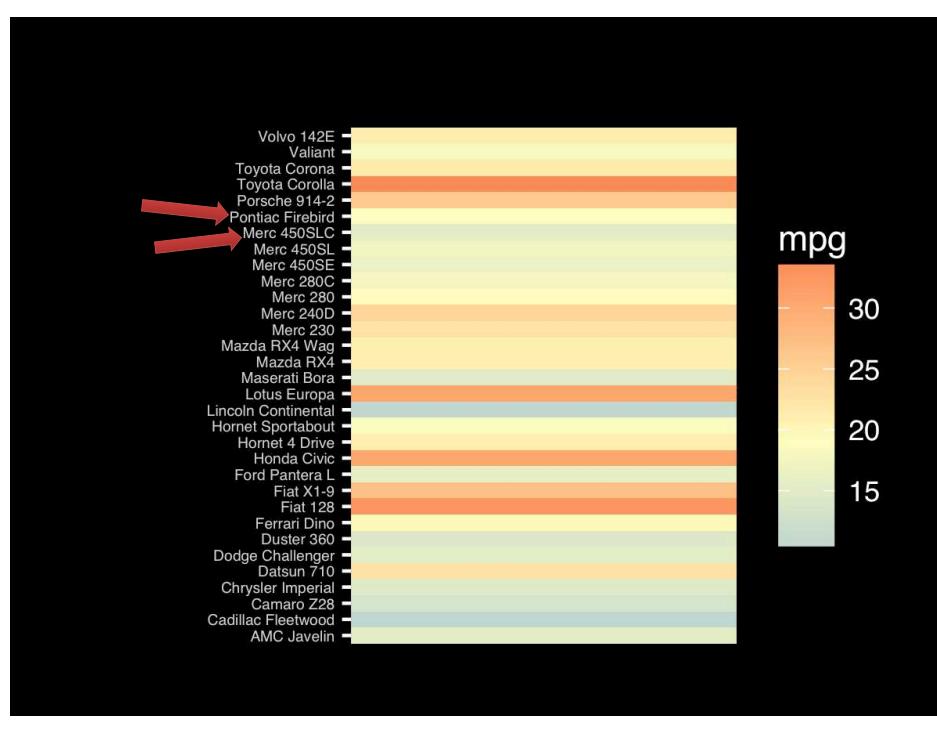
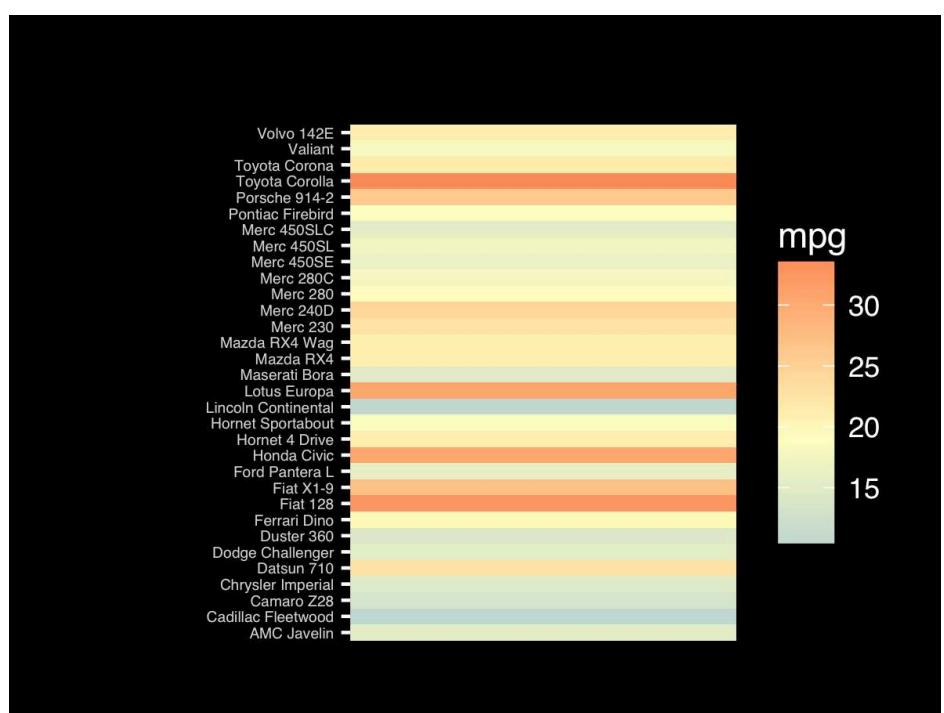
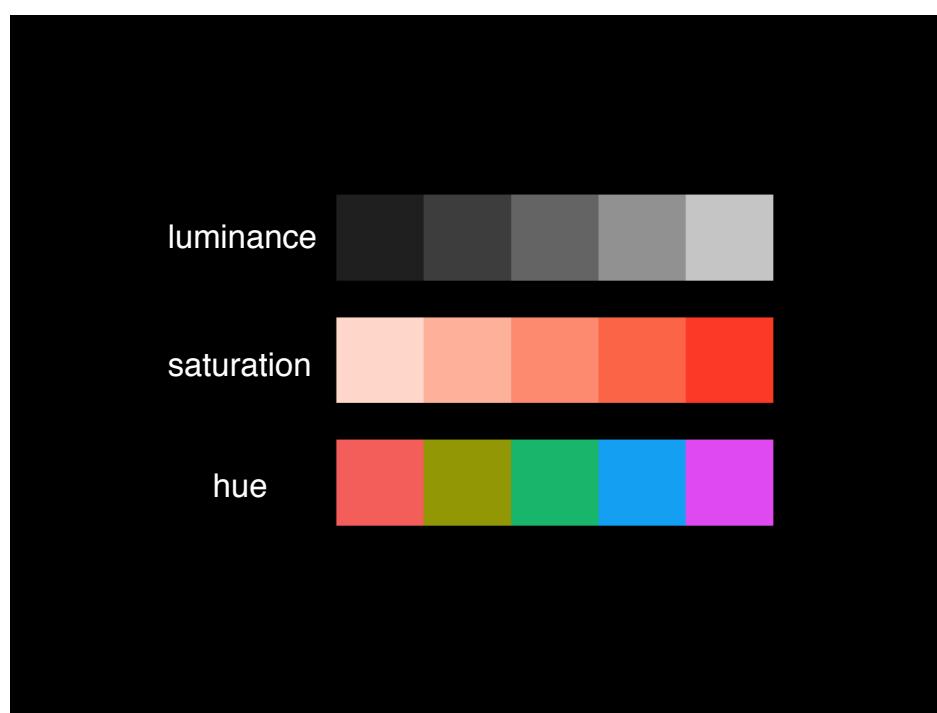
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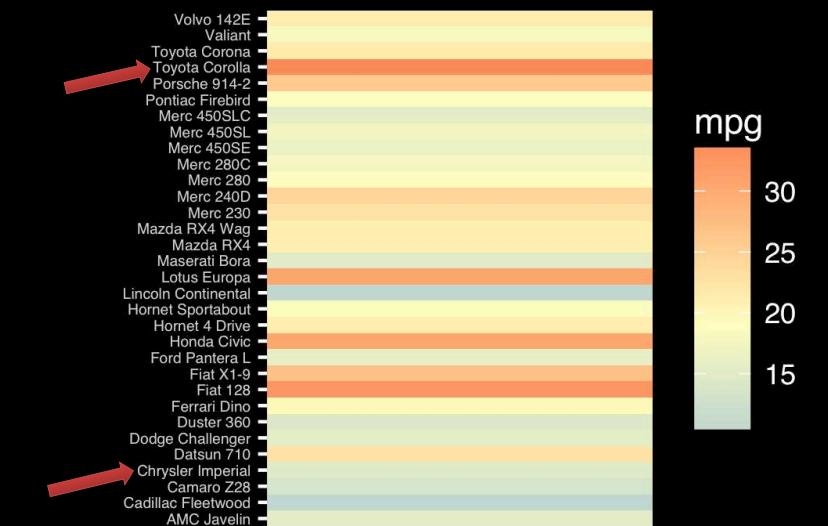
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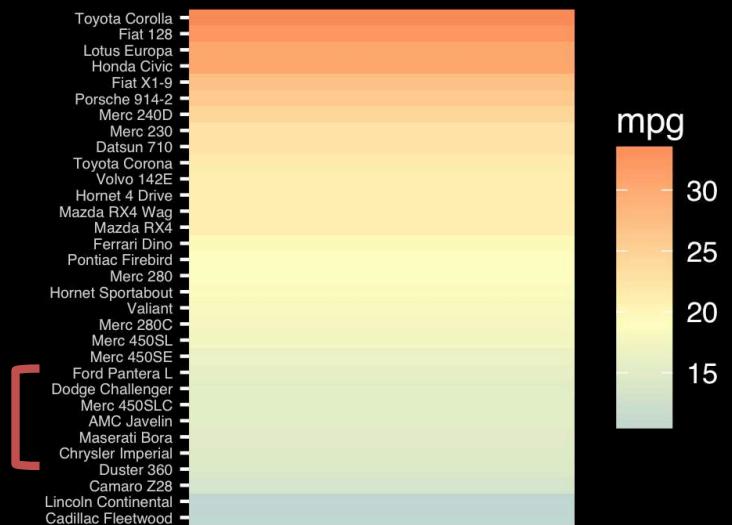
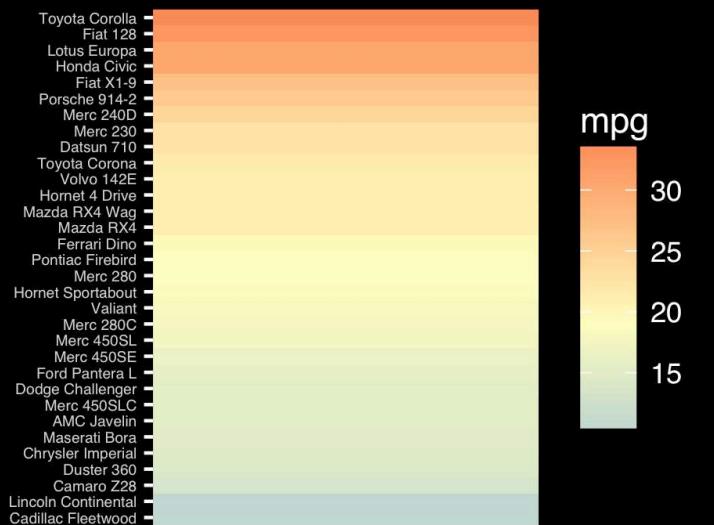
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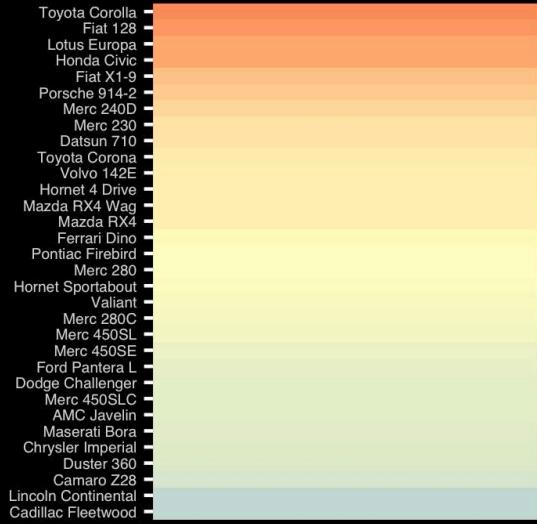
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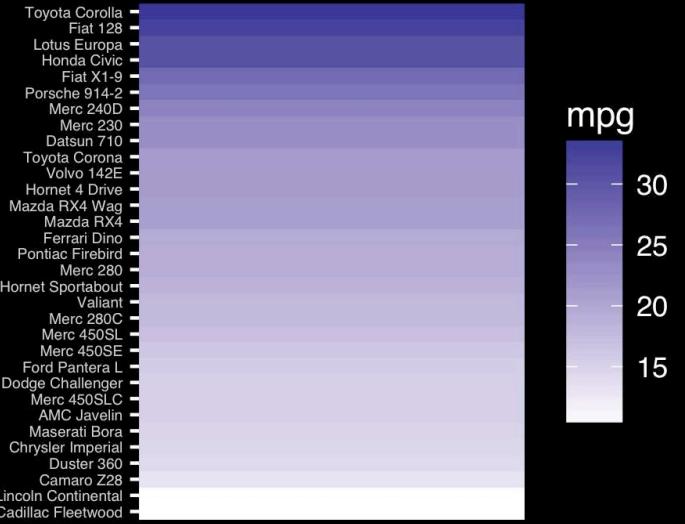


Observation: Alphabetical is almost never the correct ordering of a categorical variable.



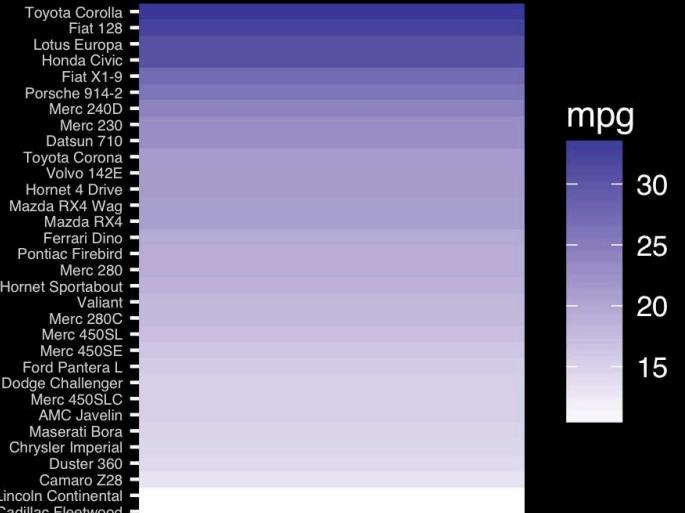


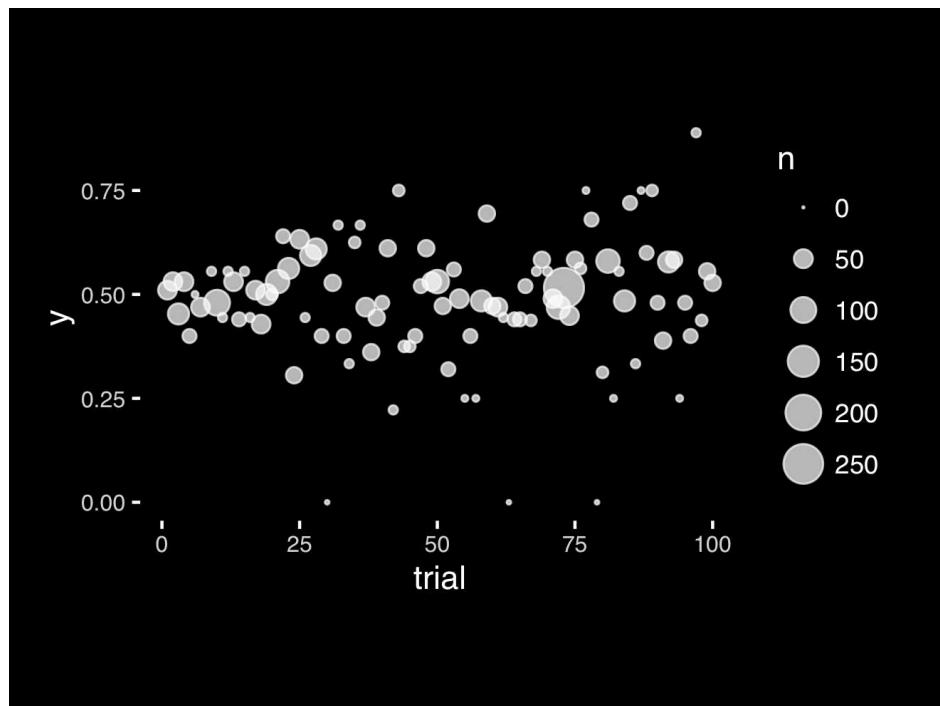
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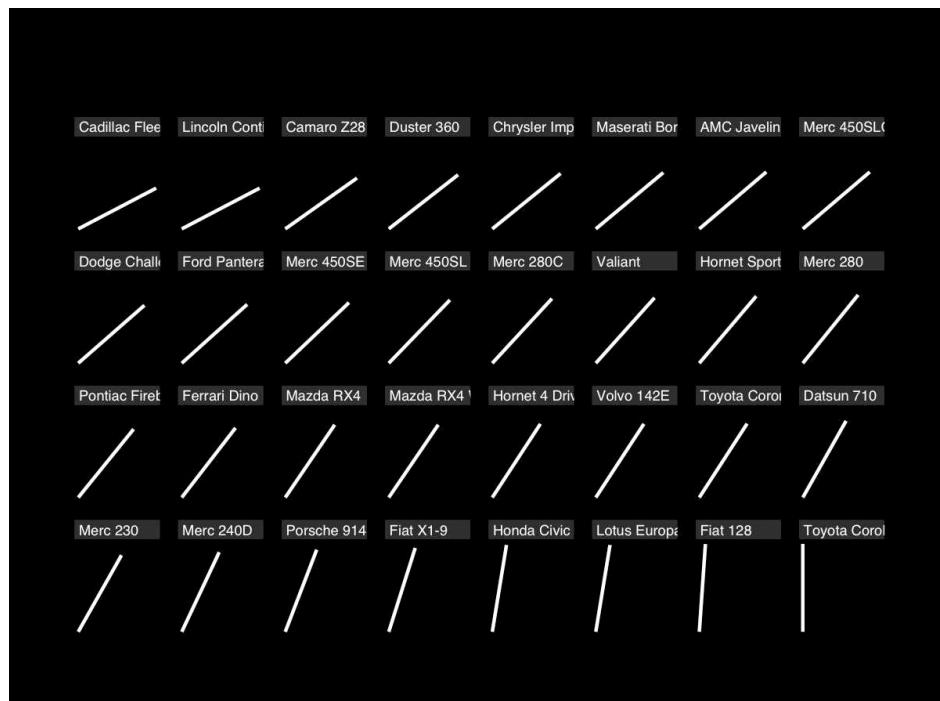
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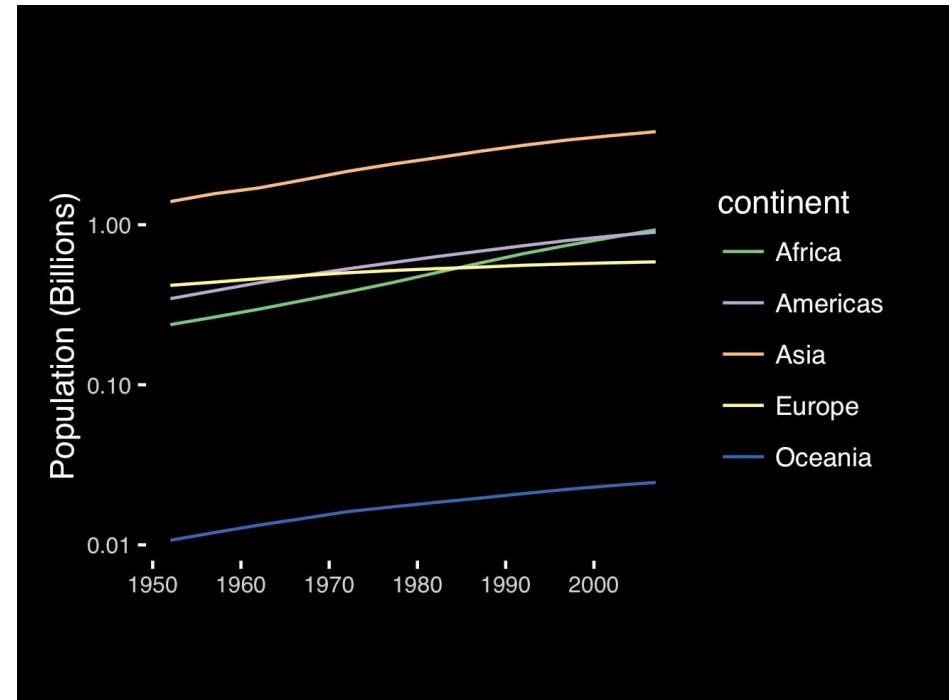
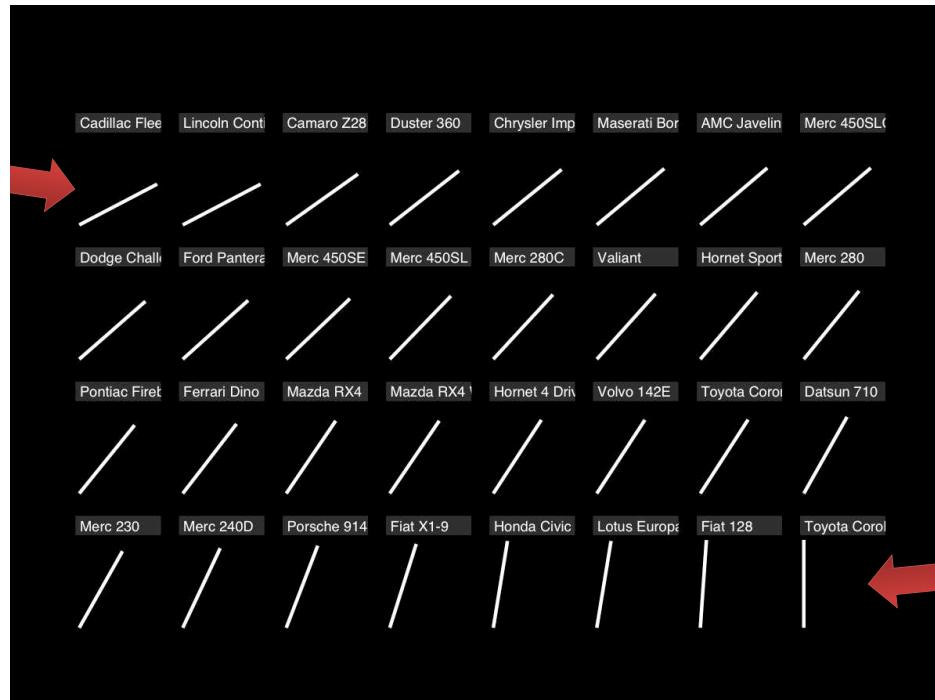




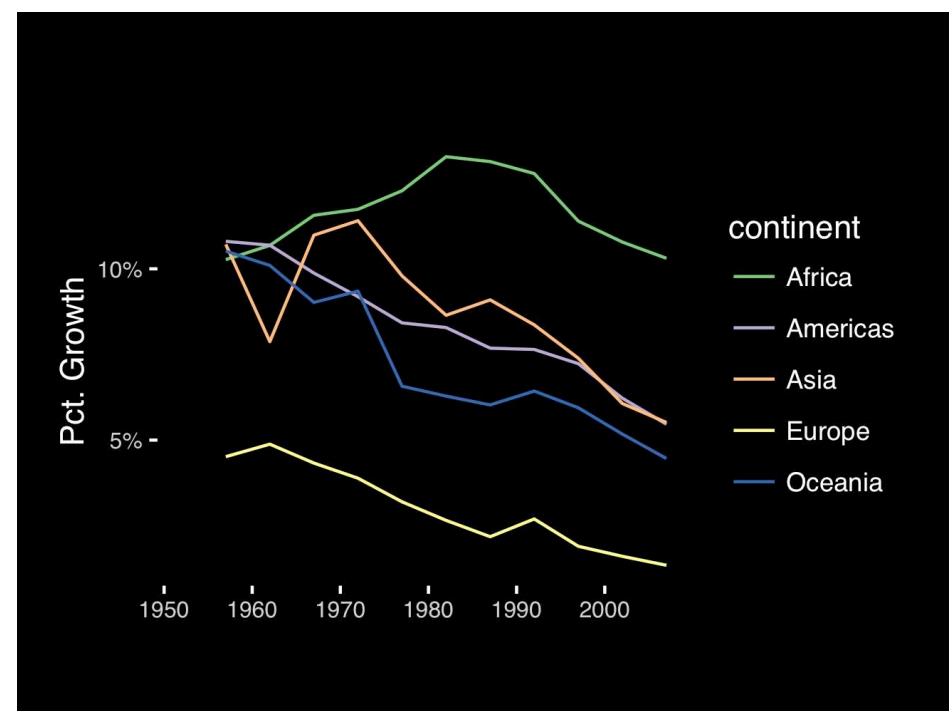
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If growth (slope) is important, plot it directly.



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Apart from MPAs :-)

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Hillary Clinton 53%

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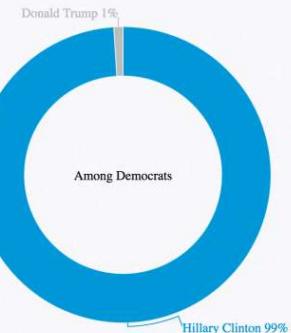
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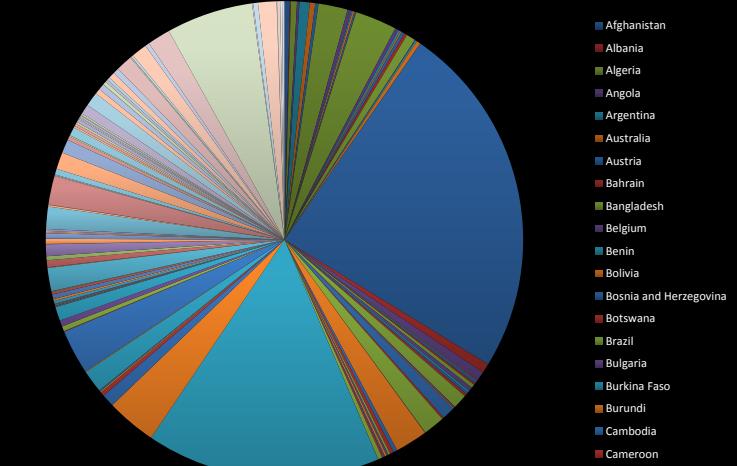
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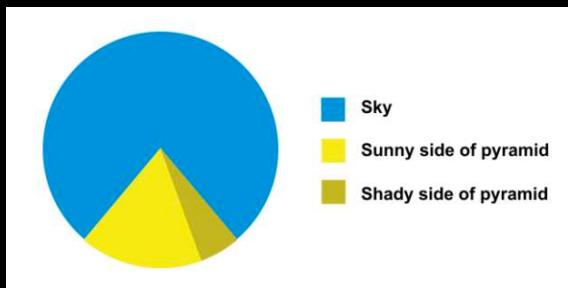
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	Clinton	Trump
Among Democrats	99%	1%
Among Republicans	53%	47%

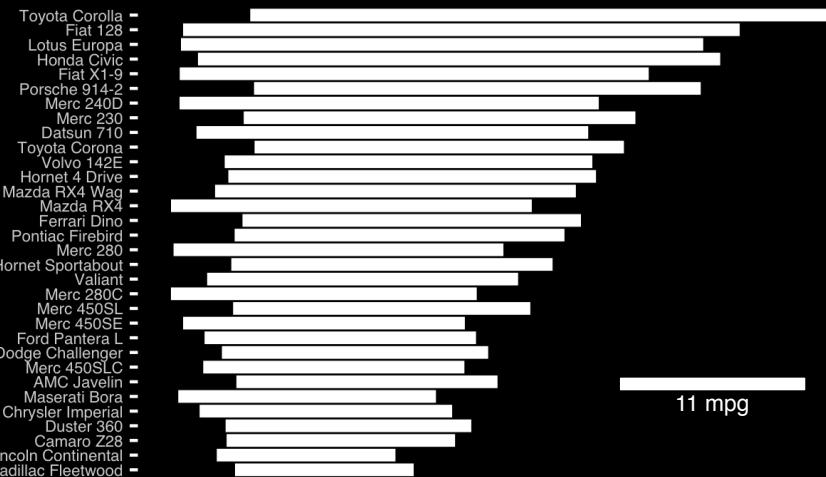


All good pie charts are jokes...

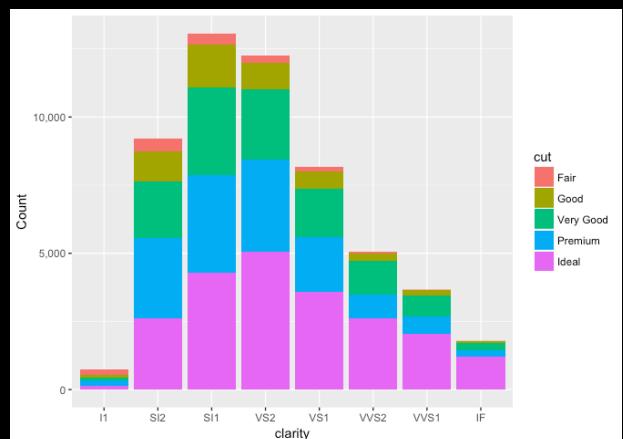


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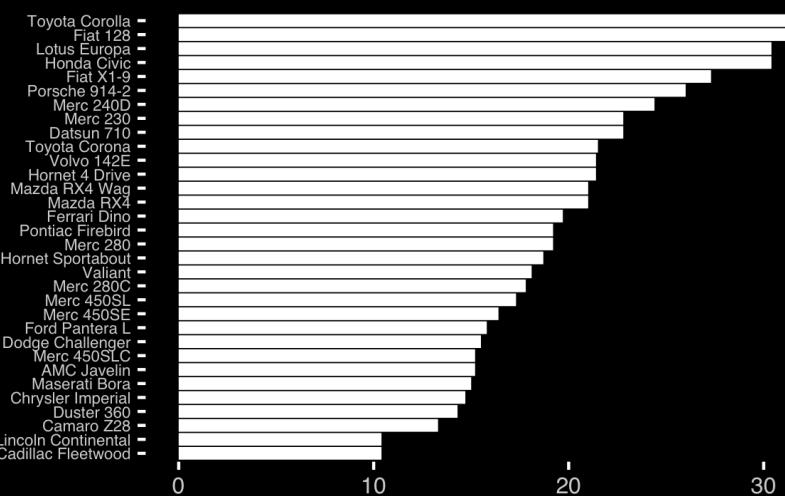
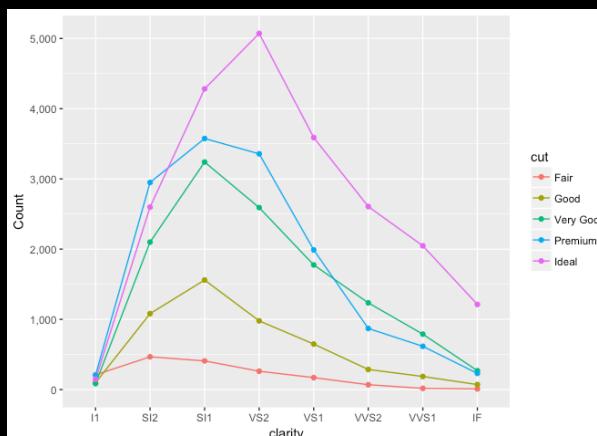
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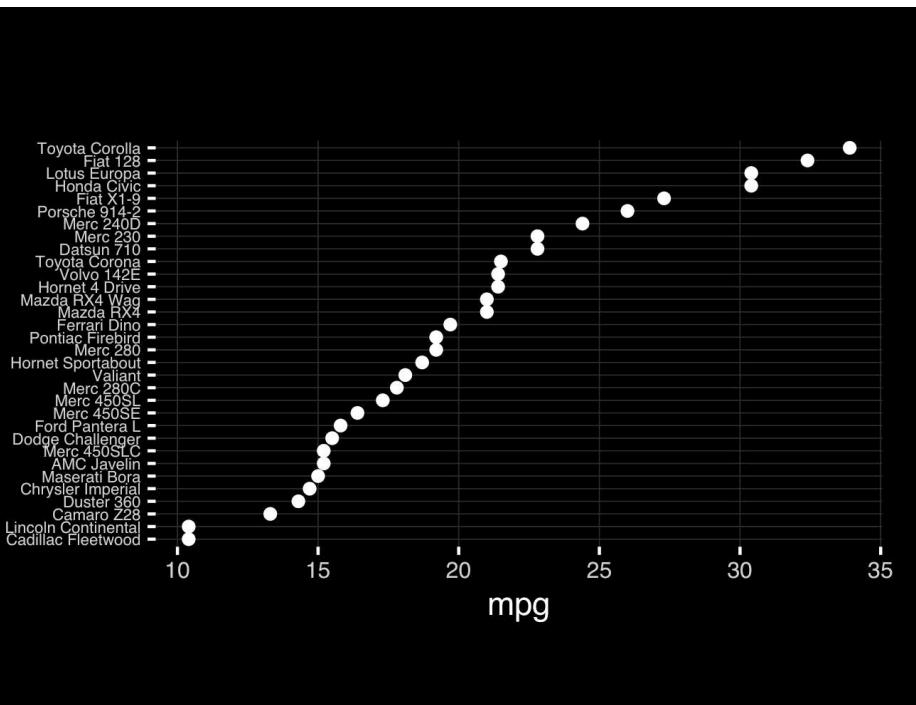


Stacked anything is nearly always a mistake



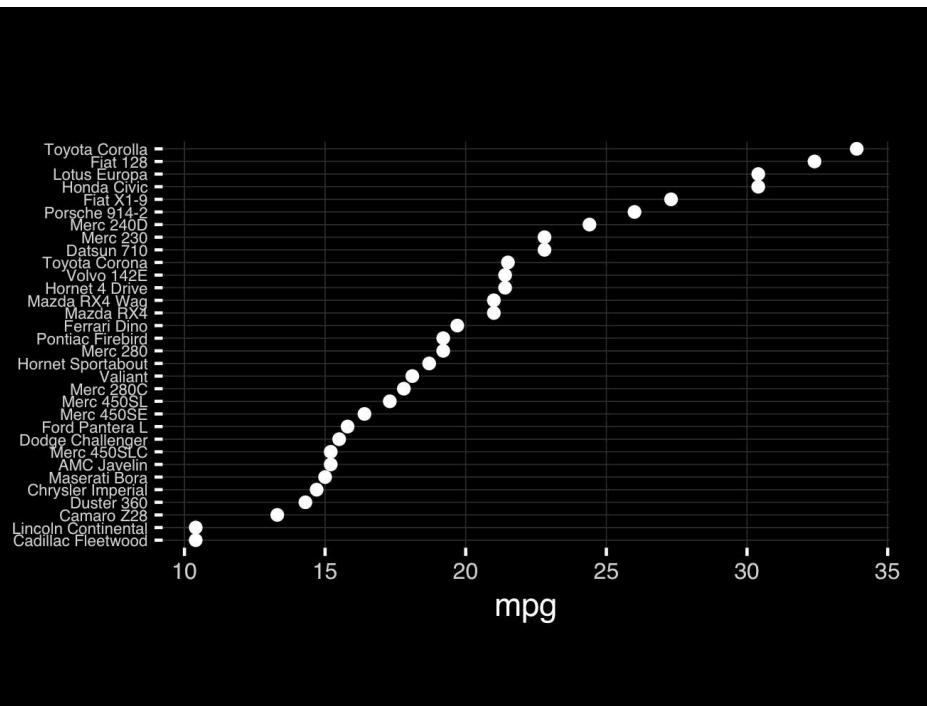
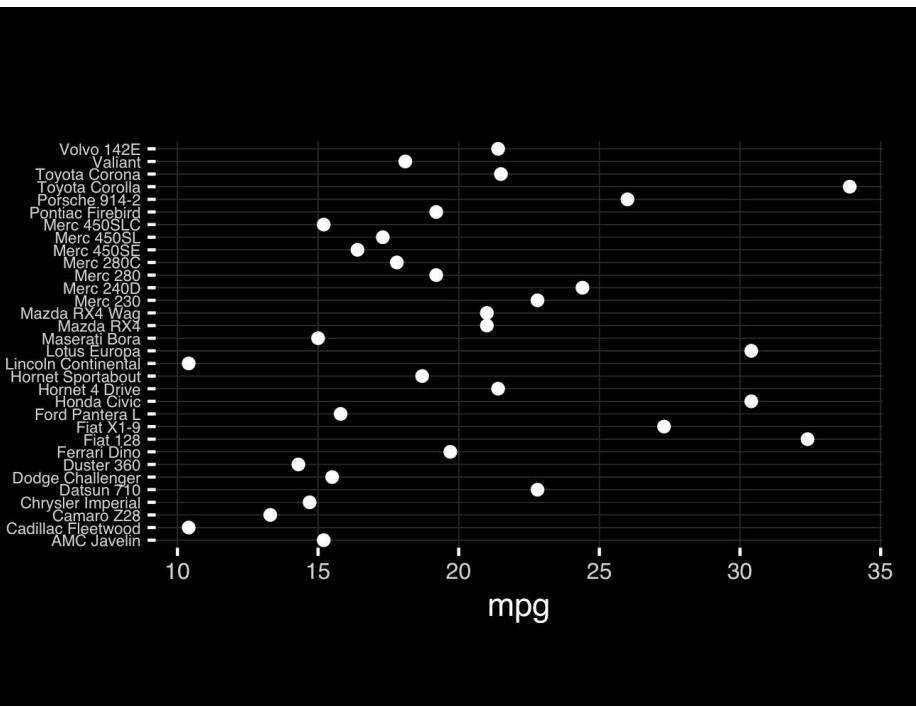
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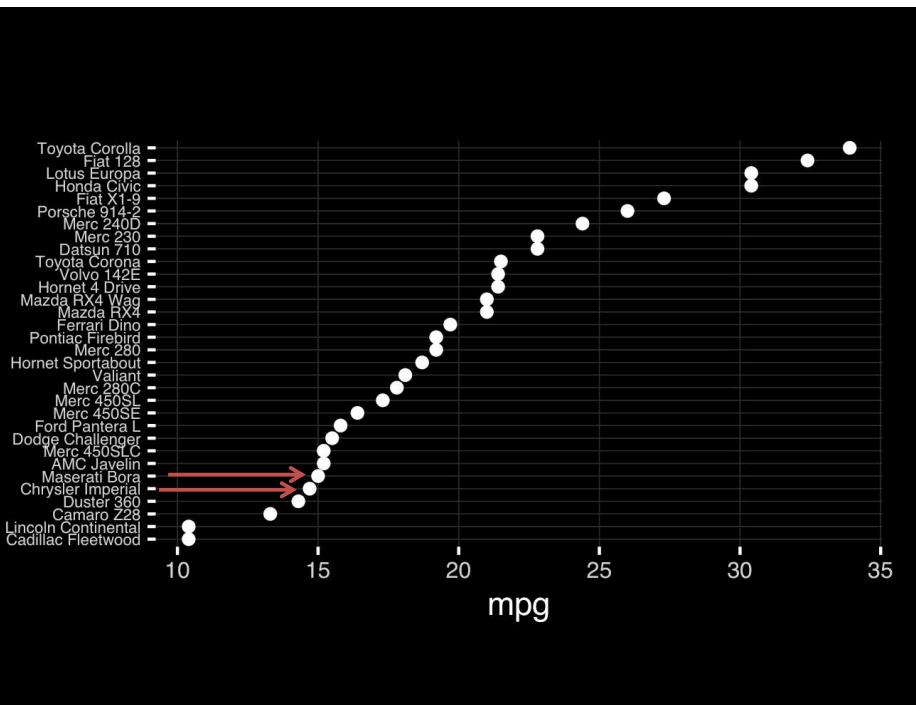




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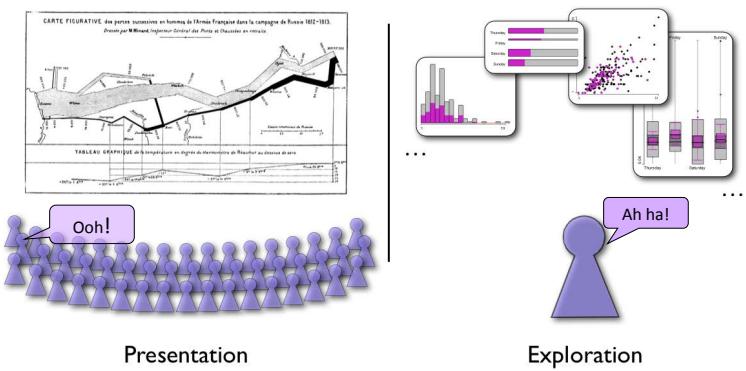
Observation: Comparison is trivial on a common scale.

Today's Learning Goals

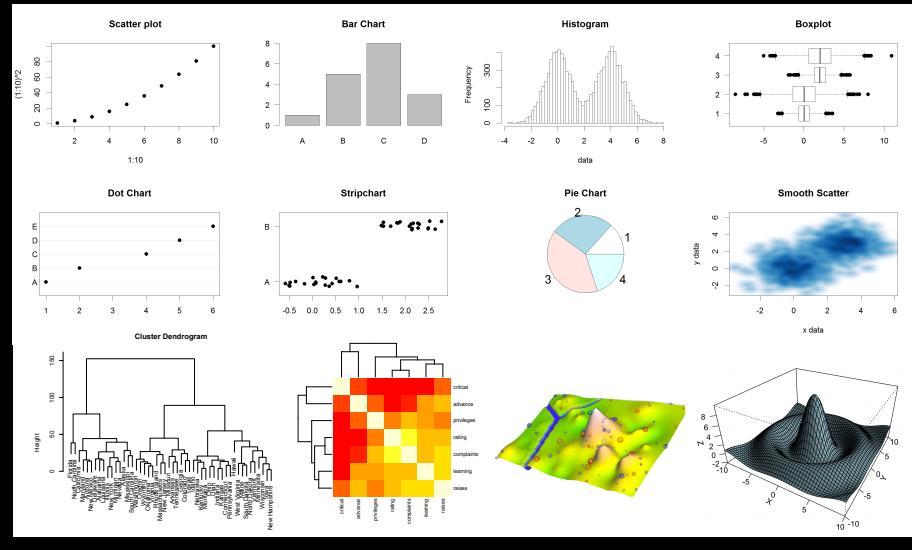
- Appreciate the major elements of **exploratory data analysis** and why it is important to visualize data.
- Be conversant with **data visualization best practices** and understand how good visualizations optimize for the human visual system.
- Be able to generate informative graphical displays including **scatterplots, histograms, bar graphs, boxplots, dendograms** and **heatmaps** and thereby gain exposure to the extensive graphical capabilities of R.
- Appreciate that you can build even more complex charts with **ggplot** and additional R packages such as **rgl**.

Different graphs for different purposes

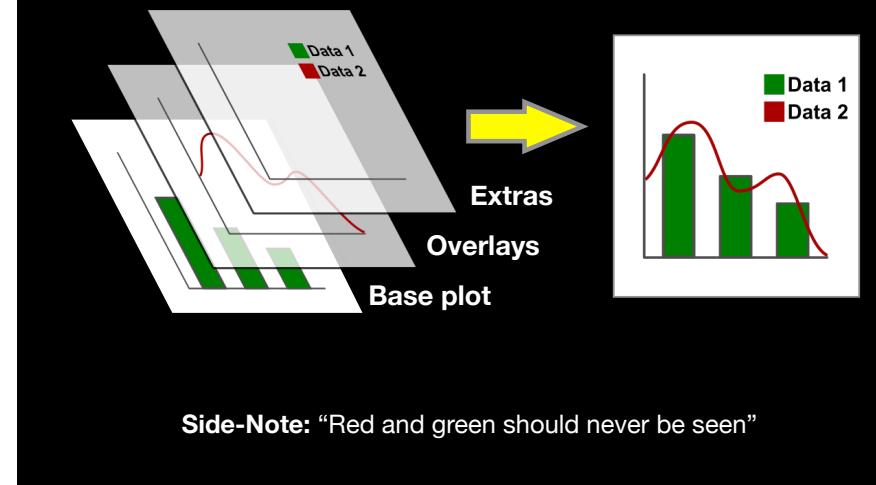
Exploratory graphs: many images for a narrow audience (you!)
Presentation graphs: single image for a large audience



Core R Graph Types



The R Painters Model



Hands-on
Section 1 only please

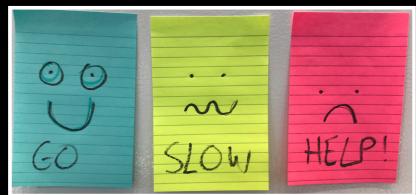
- Create a new **RStudio Project** for this class,
► **Download** the example data files and move them to your project directory,
► Focus on **Sections 1A & 1B** in the **handout**.

Do it Yourself!



Hands-on
Section 1 only please

- Create a new **RStudio Project** for this class,
► **Download** the example data files and move them to your project directory,
► Create and save an R Script called **class05.R** in your project directory



Hands-on

Section 2 Notes

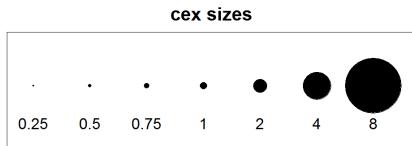
- Focus on **Sections 2A & 2B** (scatterplots & barplots) in the lab **handout**.
- Try **Section 2C** (histograms) if you have time.
- See notes on the following slides...

Common Options

- Axis scales
 - ▶ `xlim c(min,max)`
 - ▶ `ylim c(min,max)`
- Axis labels
 - ▶ `xlab(text)`
 - ▶ `ylab(text)`
- Plot titles
 - ▶ `main(text)`
 - ▶ `sub(text)`
- Plot characters
 - ▶ `pch(number)`
 - ▶ `cex(number)`

- Local options to change a specific plot
- Global options to affect all graphs

Plot Characters



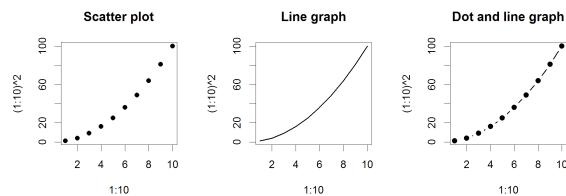
Plot Characters

×	◇	□	●	△
4	9	14	19	24
+	*	⊗	◆	◇
3	8	13	18	23
△	◻	□	▲	□
2	7	12	17	22
○	▽	★	●	○
1	6	11	16	21
□	◇	○	■	●
0	5	10	15	20

```
plot(1:5, pch=1:5, cex=1:5)
```

Plot Type Specific Options

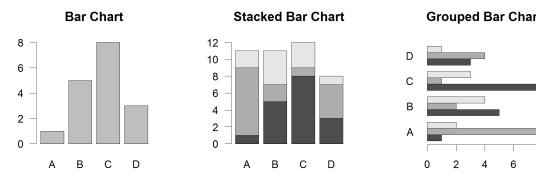
Plot (scatterplots and line graphs)



- Input: Almost anything. 2 x Vectors
- Output: Nothing
- Options:
 - type l=line, p=point, b=line+point
 - lwd line width (thickness)
 - lty line type (1=solid,2=dashed,3=dotted etc.)

```
plot(c(1:10)^2, typ="b", lwd=4, lty=3 )
```

Section 2B: Barplot (a.k.a. bar graphs)



- Input: Vector (single) or Matrix (stack or group)
- Output: Bar centre positions
- Options:
 - names.arg Bar labels (if not from data)
 - horiz=TRUE Plot horizontally
 - beside=TRUE Plot multiple series as a group not stacked

```
barplot(VADeaths, beside = TRUE)
```

Controlling plot area options with par

Par

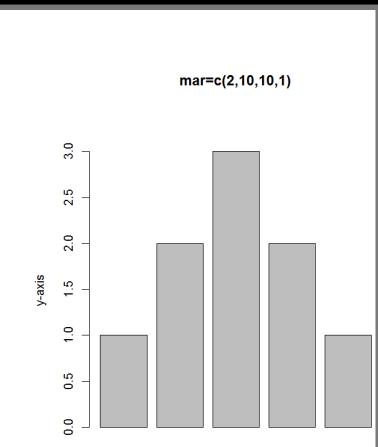
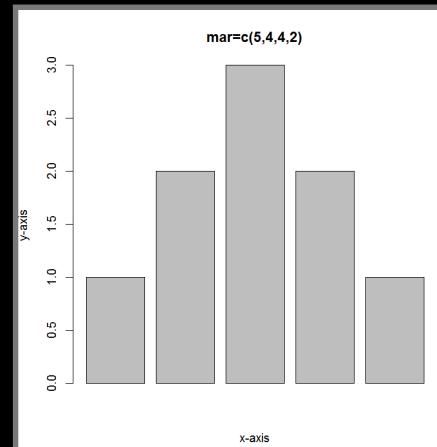
- The `par()` function controls global parameters affecting all plots in the current plot area
- Changes affect all subsequent plots
- Many `par` options can also be passed to individual plots

```
?par
```

Par examples

- Reading current value
 - ▶ `old.par <- par()$mar`
- Setting a new value
 - ▶ `par(mar=c(4,11,2,1)) # Do plot`
- Restoring old value after you are done
 - ▶ `par(mar=old.par)`

Margin values are set with a 4 element vector (bottom, left, top, right)

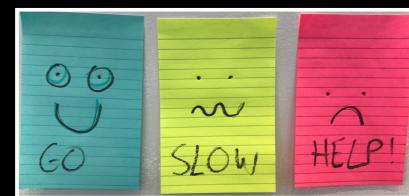


`par(mar=c(2, 10, 10, 1))
barplot(x)`

Par options

- Margins
 - `mai` (set margins in inches)
 - `mar` (set margins in number of lines)
 - `mex` (set lines per inch)
 - 4 element vector (bottom, left, top, right)
- Warning
 - Error in `plot.new()` : figure margins too large

`par(mar=c(2, 10, 1, 1))`



Do it Yourself!

Hands-on Section 3 using color:

- ▶ 3A. Providing color vectors
- ▶ 3B. Coloring by value
- ▶ 3C. Dynamic use of color

Finally we will make a lab report!

Specifying colors

- Controlled names

- `col=c("red", "green")` etc.
- `see colors()`

- Color by number

- `col=c(1, 2, 3)`
- Will give black, red, green etc.

- Hexadecimal strings string

- Of the form "#RRGGBB" where each of the pairs RR, GG, BB consists of two hexadecimal digits giving a value in the range 00 to FF:

- `#FF0000` (red)
- `#0000FF` (blue)

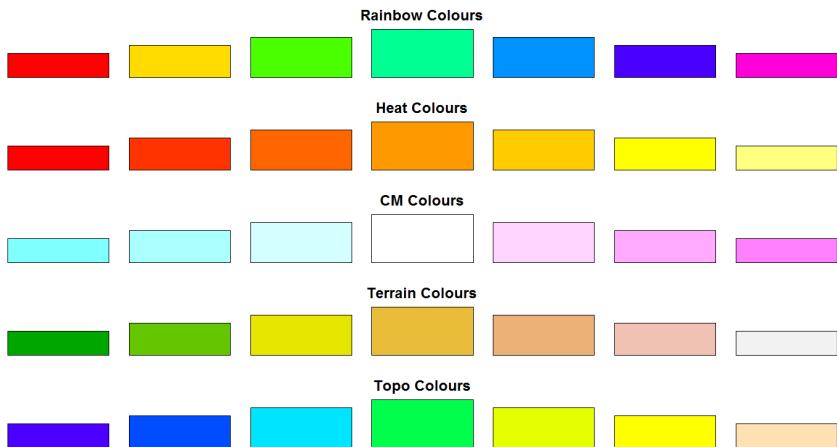
Built in color schemes

- Functions to generate colors

- Pass in the number of colors you want, e.g. to get 7 different colors:

- `rainbow(7)`
- `heat.colors(7)`
- `cm.colors(7)`
- `terrain.colors(7)`
- `topo.colors(7)`
- Etc.

```
rainbow(7)
```



```
rainbow(7)
```

Color Packages

- Color Brewer

- Set of pre-defined, optimized palettes
- `library(RColorBrewer)`
- `brewer.pal(n_colours, palette)`

- ColorRamps

- Create smooth palettes for ramped color
- Generates a function to make actual color vectors
- `colorRampPalette(c("red","white","blue"))`
- `colorRampPalette(c("red","white","blue"))(5)`

Applying Color to Plots

- Vector of numbers or specified colors passed to the `col` parameter of a plot function
- Vector of factors used to divide the data
 - Colors will be taken from the set color palette
 - Can read or set using `palatte()` function
 - `palette()`
 - `palette(brewer.pal(9, "Set1"))`

```
plot(1:5, col=1:5, pch=15, cex=2)
```

Make a lab report!

- Open your previous `class05` RStudio **project** (and your saved **R script**)
- Can you `source` your `class05.R` file to re-generate all your plots without error?



- If so you can now generate a nice **HTML** report of your work to date...

[Take 2-3 minutes]

Dynamic use of color

- Coloring by density
 - Pass data and palette to `densCols()`
 - Vector of colors returned
- See **Lab Supplement (online):**
 - [Plotting with color in R](#)

<https://www.rdocumentation.org/packages/grDevices/versions/3.4.3/topics/densCols>

Homework!

New **DataCamp** Assignments

- [RStudio IDE \(Pt 1\)](#)
- [Intermediate R](#)
 - Conditionals and Control Flow
 - Functions
 - Loops

Muddy Point Assessment Form Link

Useful new website: <https://www.data-to-viz.com/>