

ODSC: ggplot2 Graph Gallery

Hierarchies/proportions: part-to-whole relationships

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Resources :



The graphs

- **The ggplot2 book** by Hadley Wickham, Danielle Navarro, and Thomas Lin Pedersen
- **Data Visualization: A Practical Introduction** by Kieran Healy (2018)
- **R Graphics Cookbook, 2nd edition** by Winston Chang (2022)

Graph Categories

- **Fundamentals of Data Visualization** by Claus O. Wilke (2019)
- **Data Visualisation: A Handbook for Data Driven Design** by Andy Kirk (2019)
- **Data Points** by Nathan Yau (2013)

Graph Categories: *The 'CHRTS' Families of Chart Types*



From *"Data Visualisation: A Handbook for Data Driven Design"*, Andy Kirk (2019)

Comparing categories and distributions

Hierarchies/proportions

Correlations and connections

Trends and intervals over time

Maps, overlays, and/or distortions

Graph Categories: Directory of Visualizations



From *"Fundamentals of Data Visualization"*, Claus O. Wilke (2019)

Amounts

Distributions

Proportions

X-Y relationships

Geospatial Data

Uncertainty

Comprehensive Graph Gallery



Comparing categories and values

- Amounts
- Distributions

Hierarchies and proportions

- *Part-to-whole relationships*

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Maps, overlays, and distortions

- Geospatial Data

Statistical measures

- Uncertainty

Data



Data come from the following packages:

- **palmerpenguins**
- **fivethirtyeight**
- **ggplot2movies**

Or created using **tribble()**

```
tribble(  
  ~`variable 1`, ~`variable 2`,  
    "a",          1,  
    "b",          2,  
    "c",          3)
```

| variable 1 | variable 2 |
|------------|------------|
| <chr> | <dbl> |
| a | 1 |
| b | 2 |
| c | 3 |
| 3 rows | |

Load data packages



```
library(palmerpenguins)  
library(fivethirtyeight)  
library(ggplot2movies)
```

palmerpenguins



palmerpenguins package website

```
palmerpenguins::penguins -> penguins
```

| species | island | bill_length_mm | bill_depth_mm | flipper_length_mm | body_mass_g | sex | year |
|---------|-----------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------|--------|-------|
| <fct> | <fct> | <dbl> | <dbl> | <int> | <int> | <fct> | <int> |
| Adelie | Torgersen | 39.1 | 18.7 | 181 | 3750 | male | 2007 |
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| Adelie | Torgersen | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | 2007 |
| Adelie | Torgersen | 36.7 | 19.3 | 193 | 3450 | female | 2007 |
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| Adelie | Torgersen | 39.2 | 19.6 | 195 | 4675 | male | 2007 |
| Adelie | Torgersen | 34.1 | 18.1 | 193 | 3475 | NA | 2007 |
| Adelie | Torgersen | 42.0 | 20.2 | 190 | 4250 | NA | 2007 |

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fivethirtyeight



fivethirtyeight package website

All datasets are listed below with descriptions

```
datasets("fivethirtyeight")
```

dataset

<chr>

US_births_1994_2003

US_births_2000_2014

ahca_polls

airline_safety

antiquities_act

august_senate_polls

avengers

bachelorette

bad_drivers

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ggplot2movies



ggplot2movies package website

We're using `movies_data` (derived version of the `ggplot2movies::movies`)

movies_data

| title | year | length | budget | rating | mpaa | |
|-------------------------|-------|--------|----------|--------|-------|--|
| <chr> | <int> | <int> | <int> | <dbl> | <fct> | |
| 100 Mile Rule | 2002 | 98 | 1100000 | 5.6 | R | |
| 13 Going On 30 | 2004 | 98 | 37000000 | 6.4 | PG-13 | |
| 15 Minutes | 2001 | 120 | 42000000 | 6.1 | R | |
| 2 Fast 2 Furious | 2003 | 107 | 76000000 | 5.1 | PG-13 | |
| 2046 | 2004 | 129 | 12000000 | 7.6 | R | |
| 21 Grams | 2003 | 124 | 20000000 | 8.0 | R | |
| 25th Hour | 2002 | 135 | 15000000 | 7.8 | R | |
| 3000 Miles to Graceland | 2001 | 125 | 62000000 | 5.4 | R | |
| 40 Days and 40 Nights | 2002 | 96 | 17000000 | 5.4 | R | |
| 50 First Dates | 2004 | 99 | 75000000 | 6.8 | PG-13 | |

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Hierarchies/proportions



Part-to-whole relationships:

Part-to-whole relationships: *Pie charts*



Pie-charts (`ggpubr::ggpie`) are ideal for comparing the proportions of categorical variable values.

"In general, pie charts work well when the goal is to emphasize *simple fractions, such as one-half, one-third, or one-quarter.*"

"They also work well when we have *very small datasets.*" - Claus O. Wilke, Fundamentals of Data Visualization (2019)

Part-to-whole relationships: *Pie charts*



```
movies_mpaa_avg_rating <- tibble::tribble(  
  ~mpaa,      ~avg,  
  "PG", 5.72621359223301,  
  "PG-13", 5.95468164794007,  
  "R", 6.04015748031496  
)  
movies_mpaa_avg_rating <- mutate(movies_mpaa_avg_rating,  
  mpaa = factor(mpaa, levels = c("PG", "PG-13", "R")))
```

| mpaa <fct> | avg <dbl> |
|---------------|--------------|
| PG | 5.726214 |
| PG-13 | 5.954682 |
| R | 6.040157 |
| 3 rows | |

Part-to-whole relationships: *Pie charts*

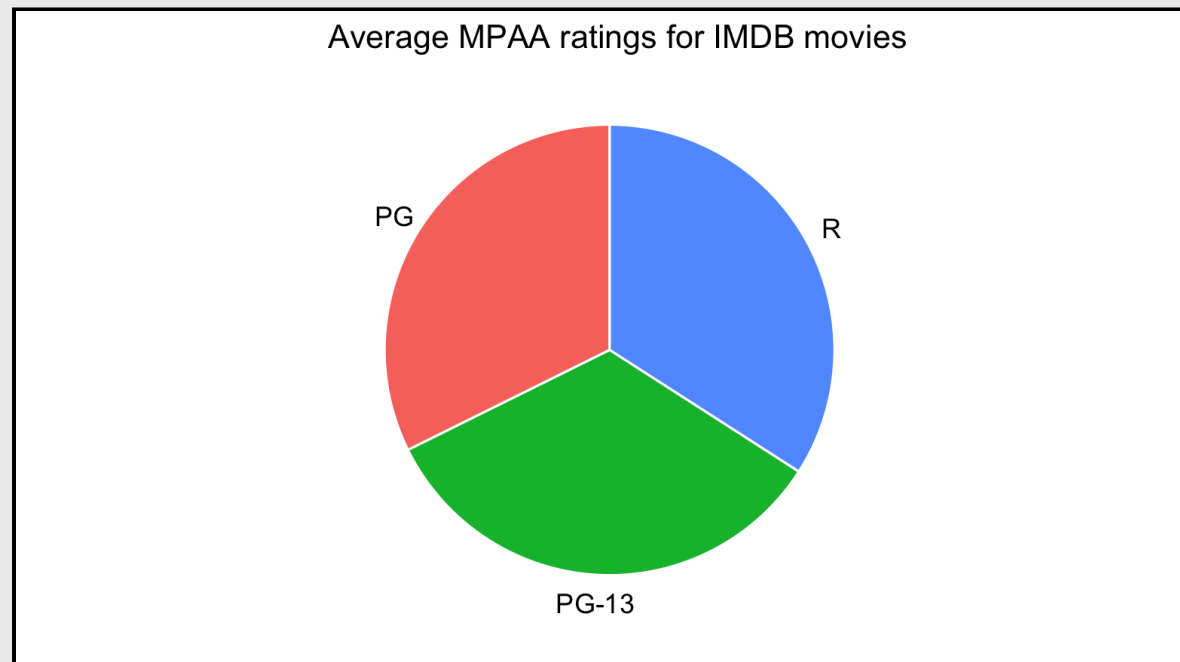


Map *avg* to the *x* axis, *mpaa* to *label* and *fill*, "white" to *color*, remove the legend and add the labels.

```
labs_pie <- labs(  
  x = "Average MPAA rating",  
  title = "Average MPAA ratings for IMDB movies")
```

Note that we do not add a geom inside the *ggpie()* function.

```
ggpubr::ggpie(data = movies_mpaa_avg_rating,  
              x = "avg",  
              label = "mpaa",  
              fill = "mpaa",  
              color = "white") +  
  # remove legend  
  theme(legend.position = "none") +  
  labs_pie
```



Part-to-whole relationships: *Stacked-density*



We previously used density graphs to visualize the distribution of a single variable, but stacked density graphs are great for visualizing how proportions vary across numeric (continuous) variables.

Part-to-whole relationships: *Stacked-density*



```
penguins <- palmerpenguins::penguins
penguins_stacked_density <- filter(penguins, !is.na(species))
```

| species | island | bill_length_mm | bill_depth_mm | flipper_length_mm | body_mass_g | sex | year |
|---------|-----------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------|--------|-------|
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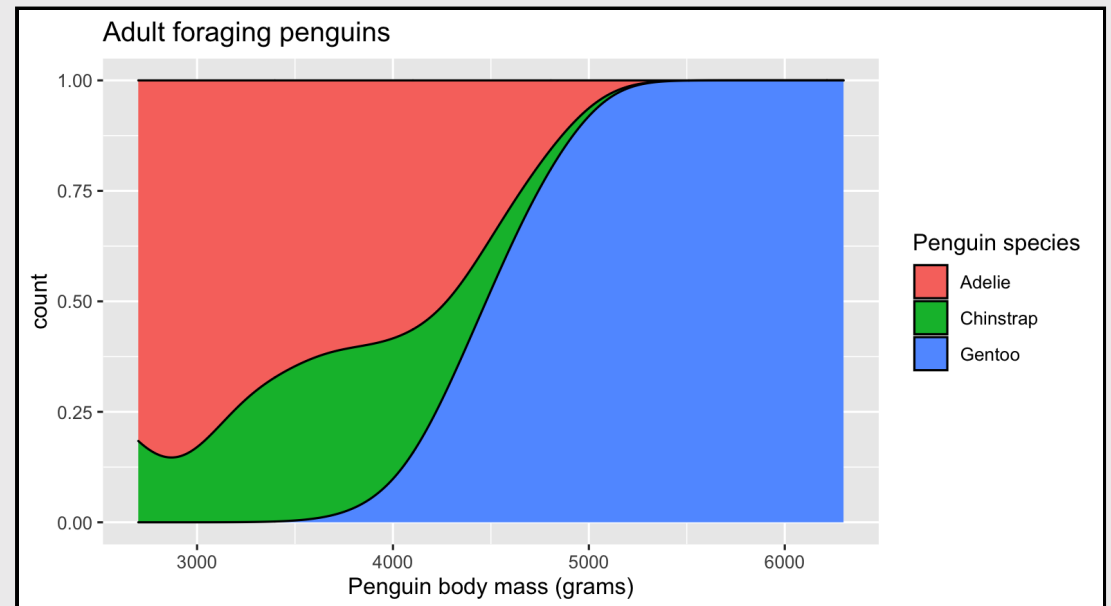
Part-to-whole relationships: *Stacked-density*



To create a stacked-density graph, map the continuous variable to the *x* variable, and the categorical variable to both the *group* and *fill* aesthetic. We also map *y* to *..count..* to see each relative distributions across a scale of 0.00 to 1.00, and add the *adjust* and *position* arguments to the *geom_density()*

```
labs_stacked_density <- labs(  
  x = "Penguin body mass (grams)",  
  title = "Adult foraging penguins",  
  fill = "Penguin species")
```

```
ggplot(data = penguins_stacked_density,  
  aes(x = body_mass_g,  
    y = ..count..,  
    group = species,  
    fill = species)) +  
  geom_density(adjust = 1.5,  
    position = "fill") +  
  labs_stacked_density
```



Part-to-whole relationships: *Waffle chart*



Waffle charts use color to display the levels that make up the values in a categorical variable. The counts for each level are divided into separate colors into a square or grid display.

Part-to-whole relationships: *Waffle chart*



Waffle charts require a special data transformation with `ggwaffle::waffle_iron()`. Set the `group` argument in `aes_d()` as the categorical variable you want to see the relative counts for.

```
penguins <- palmerpenguins::penguins
penguins <- mutate(penguins, species =
  as.character(species))
waffle_penguins <- waffle_iron(penguins,
  aes_d(group = species))
```

| | y | x | group |
|----|-------|-------|--------|
| | <int> | <int> | <chr> |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | Adelie |
| 2 | 2 | 1 | Adelie |
| 3 | 3 | 1 | Adelie |
| 4 | 4 | 1 | Adelie |
| 5 | 5 | 1 | Adelie |
| 6 | 6 | 1 | Adelie |
| 7 | 7 | 1 | Adelie |
| 8 | 8 | 1 | Adelie |
| 9 | 1 | 2 | Adelie |
| 10 | 2 | 2 | Adelie |

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Part-to-whole relationships: *Waffle chart*

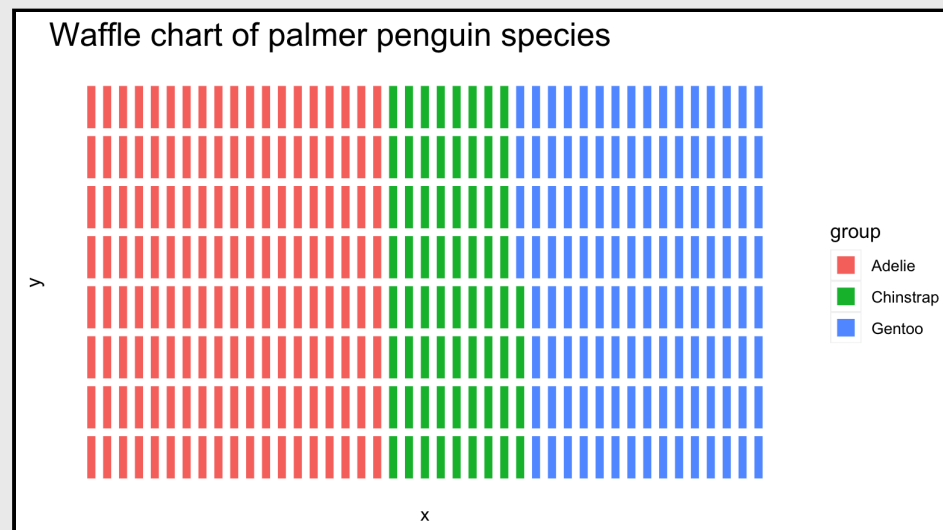


Map the *x* and *y* to the *x* and *y* axes, *group* to *fill*, and the labels

We'll also add the `ggwaffle::theme_waffle()` to our plot to remove some of the axis text and ticks.

```
labs_waffle <- labs(  
  title = "Waffle chart of palmer penguin species")
```

```
ggplot(waffle_penguins,  
  aes(x = x,  
      y = y,  
      fill = group)) +  
  geom_waffle() +  
  labs_waffle +  
  # 'flavour your waffles with a standard theme'  
  ggwaffle::theme_waffle()
```



Part-to-whole relationships: *Mosaic plot*



A mosaic plot is similar to a stacked bar-graph, but instead of only relying on height and color to display the relative amount for each value, mosaic plots also use width.

Part-to-whole relationships: *Mosaic plot*



```
flying <- fivethirtyeight::flying
# remove missing from baby
# and unruly_child
flying_mosaic <- filter(flying,
                        !is.na(baby) &
                        !is.na(unruly_child))
```

| respondent_id | gender | age | height | children_under_18 | household_income | |
|---------------|--------|-------|--------|-------------------|-----------------------|--|
| <dbl> | <chr> | <ord> | <ord> | <lgl> | <ord> | |
| 3434278696 | Male | 30-44 | 6'3" | TRUE | NA | |
| 3434275578 | Male | 30-44 | 5'8" | FALSE | \$100,000 - \$149,999 | |
| 3434268208 | Male | 30-44 | 5'11" | FALSE | \$0 - \$24,999 | |
| 3434250245 | Male | 30-44 | 5'7" | FALSE | \$50,000 - \$99,999 | |
| 3434245875 | Male | 30-44 | 5'9" | TRUE | \$25,000 - \$49,999 | |
| 3434235351 | Male | 30-44 | 6'2" | TRUE | NA | |
| 3434218031 | Male | 30-44 | 6'0" | TRUE | \$0 - \$24,999 | |
| 3434172894 | Male | 30-44 | 5'6" | FALSE | \$0 - \$24,999 | |
| 3434165659 | Male | 30-44 | 6'0" | FALSE | \$50,000 - \$99,999 | |
| 3434131535 | Male | 18-29 | 6'0" | FALSE | NA | |

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Part-to-whole relationships: *Mosaic plot*

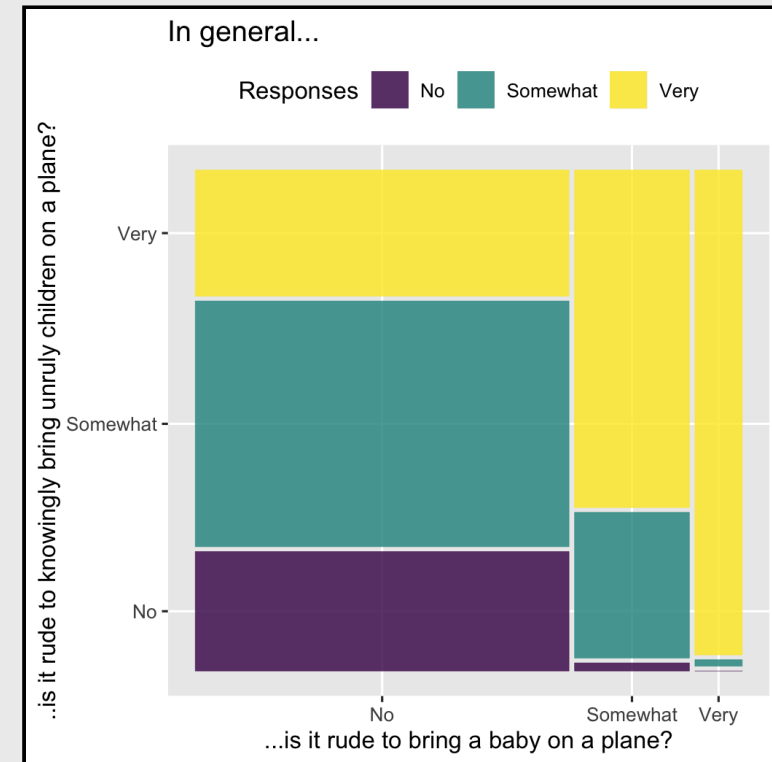


Map the `product()` of `unruly_child` and `baby` to the `x` axis, `unruly_child` to `fill`, and add the labels.

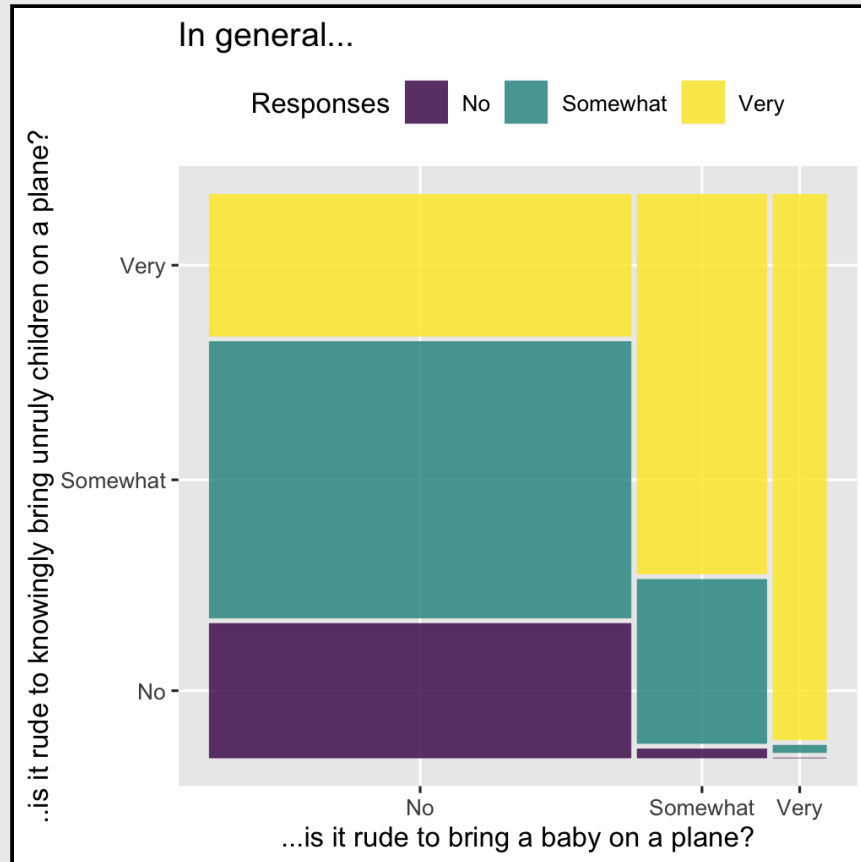
```
mosaic_labs <- labs(  
  title = "In general...",  
  x = "...is it rude to bring a baby on a plane?",  
  y = "...is it rude to knowingly bring unruly children on a plane?",  
  fill = "Responses")
```

Move the legend to the top of the graph with
`theme(legend.position = "top")`

```
ggplot(data = flying_mosaic) +  
  geom_mosaic(  
    aes(x = product(unruly_child, baby),  
        fill = unruly_child)  
  ) +  
  mosaic_labs +  
  theme(legend.position = "top")
```



Part-to-whole relationships: *Mosaic plot*



*As we can see, the widths of each rectangle are proportional to the responses to the **x** axis survey item*

*and the heights are proportional to the responses to the **y** axis survey item.*

Part-to-whole relationships: *Treemaps*



*Treemaps display how numerical hierarchical values make up a whole in a rectangular layout, often referred to as 'squarified', which represents of the 100% total values. We can guild treemaps in ggplot2 with the *treemapify* package*

Part-to-whole relationships: *Treemaps*



```
treemap_penguins <- filter(penguins, !is.na(sex))
treemap_penguins_grouped <- group_by(treemap_penguins,
                                     species, island, sex)
treemap_penguins_counts <- ungroup(
  count(treemap_penguins_grouped,
        species, island))
```

| species | island | sex | n |
|-----------|-----------|--------|-------|
| <chr> | <fct> | <fct> | <int> |
| Adelie | Biscoe | female | 22 |
| Adelie | Biscoe | male | 22 |
| Adelie | Dream | female | 27 |
| Adelie | Dream | male | 28 |
| Adelie | Torgersen | female | 24 |
| Adelie | Torgersen | male | 23 |
| Chinstrap | Dream | female | 34 |
| Chinstrap | Dream | male | 34 |
| Gentoo | Biscoe | female | 58 |
| Gentoo | Biscoe | male | 61 |

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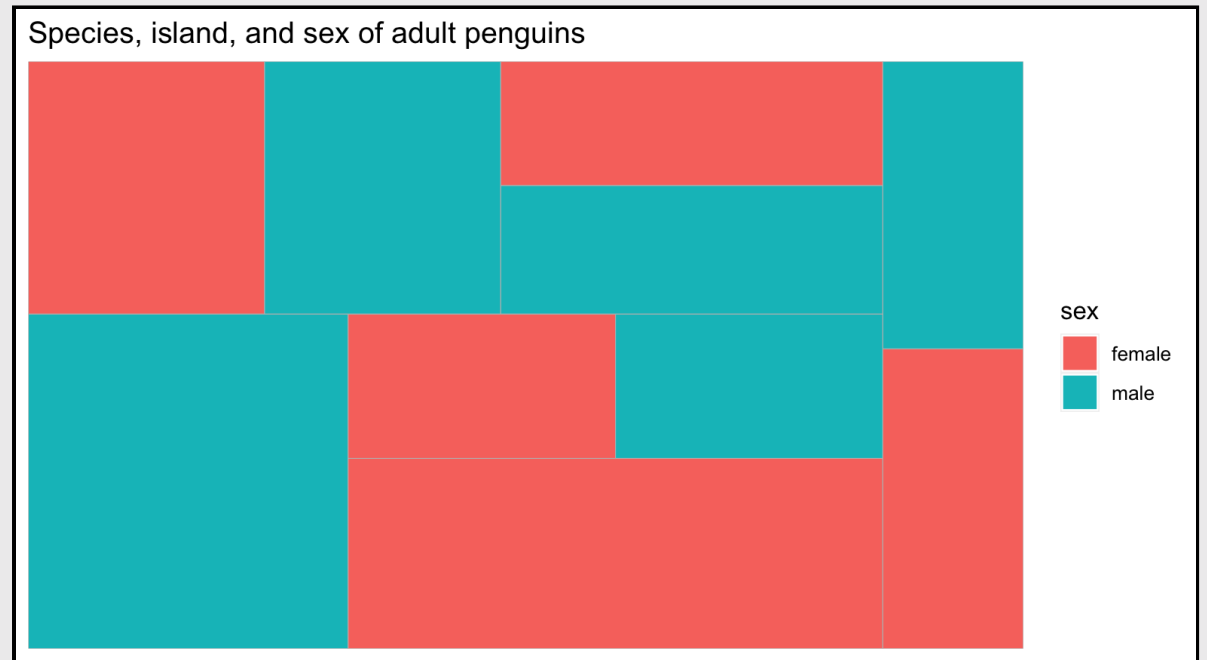
Part-to-whole relationships: *Treemaps*



Map the *n* to *area*, *sex* to *fill*, *species* to *label*, *island* to *subgroup* and add the labels

```
labs_treemap <- labs(  
  title = "Species, island, and sex of adult penguins")
```

```
ggplot(treemap_penguins_counts,  
  aes(area = n,  
    fill = sex,  
    label = species,  
    subgroup = island)) +  
  geom_treemap() +  
  labs_treemap
```

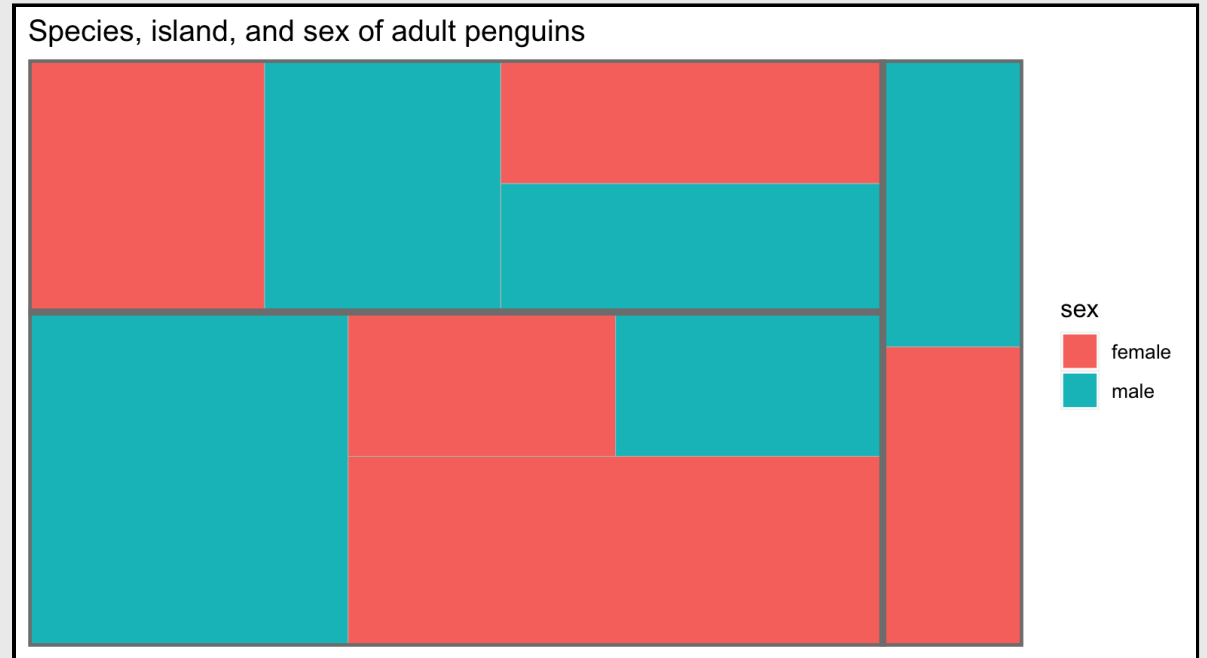


Part-to-whole relationships: *Treemaps*



Add the borders with `geom_treemap_subgroup_border()`

```
ggplot(treemap_penguins_counts,  
  aes(area = n,  
    fill = sex,  
    label = species,  
    subgroup = island)) +  
  geom_treemap() +  
  geom_treemap_subgroup_border() +  
  labs_treemap
```

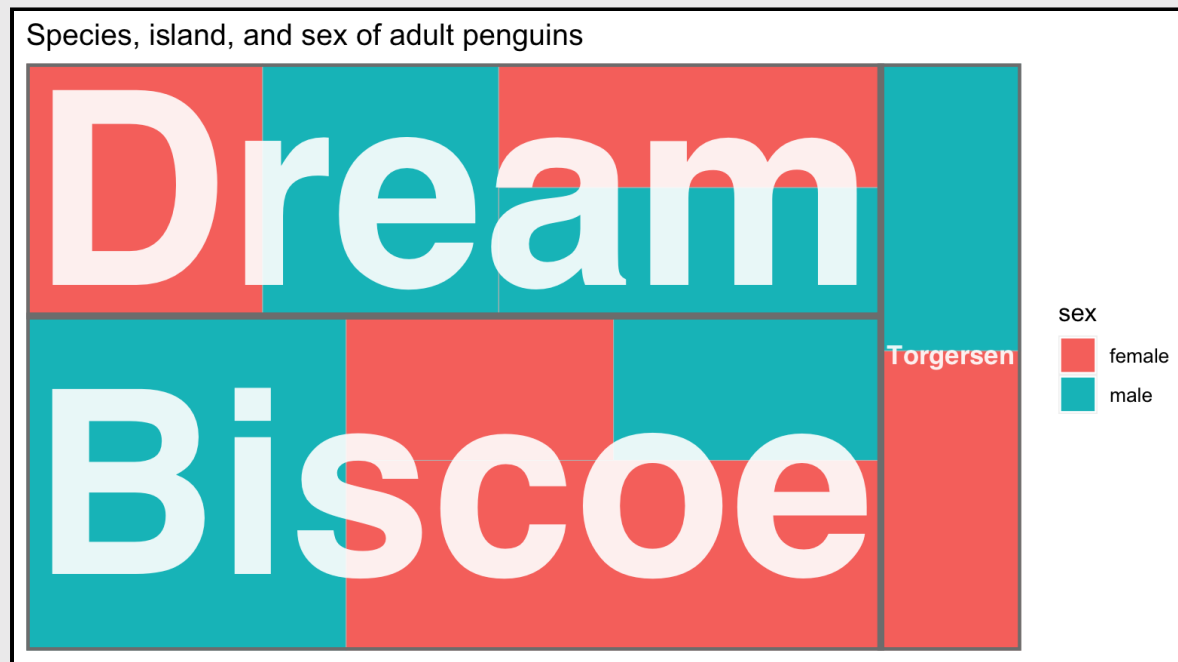


Part-to-whole relationships: *Treemaps*



Include labels for subgroup with `geom_treemap_subgroup_text()` (see full list of arguments [here](#))

```
ggplot(treemap_penguins_counts,  
  aes(area = n,  
    fill = sex,  
    label = species,  
    subgroup = island)) +  
  geom_treemap() +  
  geom_treemap_subgroup_border() +  
  geom_treemap_subgroup_text(  
    place = "center",  
    grow = TRUE,  
    alpha = 0.9,  
    color = "white",  
    fontface = "bold",  
    family = "sans",  
    min.size = 0) +  
  labs_treemap
```



Part-to-whole relationships: *Treemaps*



Include labels for additional subgroup with `geom_treemap_text()` (see full list of arguments [here](#))

```
ggplot(treemap_penguins_counts,  
  aes(area = n,  
    fill = sex,  
    label = species,  
    subgroup = island)) +  
  geom_treemap() +  
  geom_treemap_subgroup_border() +  
  geom_treemap_subgroup_text(  
    place = "center",  
    grow = TRUE,  
    alpha = 0.9,  
    color = "white",  
    fontface = "bold",  
    family = "sans",  
    min.size = 0) +  
  geom_treemap_text(  
    colour = "gray90",  
    place = "center",  
    alpha = 0.85,  
    family = "mono",  
    fontface = "italic",  
    reflow = TRUE) +  
  labs_treemap
```

