# Exploring the abacus dataset (Barner, et al. 2018)

**Modern Research Methods** 

### **Practice Exercise 1:**

```
## # A tibble: 5 x 3
## family pet_type age
## <chr> <chr> <chr> <dbl>
## 1 Ung cat 10
## 2 Ung dog 4
## 3 Ung cat 2
## 4 Oliver dog 8
## 5 Oliver dog 12
```

### **Practice Exercise 2:**

```
## # A tibble: 5 x 3
## family pet_type age
## <chr> <chr> <chr> <dbl>
## 1 Ung cat 10
## 2 Ung dog 4
## 3 Ung cat 2
## 4 Oliver dog 8
## 5 Oliver dog 12
```

### **Practice Exercise 3:**

```
country_df
## # A tibble: 6 x 4
    country continent population square_miles
##
##
    <chr>
             <chr>
                             <dbl>
                                          <dbl>
                                             10
## 1 Anglia
                                50
## 2 Xeno
                                40
                                            100
## 3 Spatarium X
                                20
                                             30
## 4 Pluti
                                10
                                             40
## 5 Cincroane Z
                                70
                                             20
## 6 Franktum Z
                                             60
                                40
```

```
country_df %>%
  group_by(continent) %>%
  summarize(sum_population = sum(population),
        sum_square_miles = sum(square_miles))
```

### **Practice Exercise 4:**

```
country_df
## # A tibble: 6 x 4
    country continent population square_miles
##
## <chr>
            <chr>
                             <dbl>
                                          <dbl>
## 1 Anglia
                                50
                                             10
## 2 Xeno
                                40
                                            100
## 3 Spatarium X
                                20
                                             30
## 4 Pluti
                                10
                                             40
## 5 Cincroane Z
                                70
                                             20
## 6 Franktum Z
                                             60
                                40
```

```
country_df %>%
  group_by(country) %>%
  summarize(num = n())
```

```
pet_df
## # A tibble: 5 x 3
## family pet_type age
                 <dbl>
## <chr> <chr>
## 1 Ung cat
                       10
## 2 Ung dog
## 3 Ung cat
## 4 Oliver dog
## 5 Oliver dog
                       12
 pet_df %>%
   group_by(pet_type) %>%
   summarize(num = n(),
            mean = mean(age))
## # A tibble: 2 x 3
## pet_type num mean
## <chr> <int> <dbl>
## 1 cat
                 2
                       6
                       8
## 2 dog
```

```
pet_df
## # A tibble: 5 x 3
## family pet_type age
## <chr> <chr>
                 <dbl>
## 1 Ung cat
                      10
## 2 Ung dog
## 3 Ung cat
## 4 Oliver dog
## 5 Oliver dog
                      12
 pet_df %>%
   group_by(pet_type, family) %>%
  summarize(num = n(),
           mean = mean(age))
## # A tibble: 3 x 4
## # Groups: pet_type [2]
## pet_type family num mean
## <chr> <chr> <int> <dbl>
## 1 cat
            Ung
## 2 dog
            Oliver
                          10
## 3 dog
                          4
            Ung
```

```
country_df
## # A tibble: 6 x 4
     country continent population square_miles
##
##
     <chr>
               <chr>
                              <dbl>
                                            <dbl>
                                 50
                                               10
## 1 Anglia
## 2 Xeno
                                 40
                                              100
## 3 Spatarium X
                                 20
                                               30
## 4 Pluti
                                 10
                                               40
## 5 Cincroane Z
                                 70
                                               20
## 6 Franktum Z
                                               60
                                 40
 country_df %>%
   group_by(continent) %>%
   summarize(sum_population = sum(population),
             sum_square_miles = sum(square_miles))
## # A tibble: 3 x 3
     continent sum_population sum_square_miles
##
##
     <chr>
                        <dbl>
                                          <dbl>
## 1 X
                          110
                                            140
## 2 Y
                           10
                                             40
## 3 Z
                          110
                                             80
```

```
country_df
## # A tibble: 6 x 4
    country continent population square_miles
##
## <chr>
             <chr>
                             <dbl>
                                          <dbl>
                                             10
## 1 Anglia
                                 50
## 2 Xeno
                                 40
                                             100
## 3 Spatarium X
                                 20
                                              30
## 4 Pluti
                                 10
                                             40
## 5 Cincroane Z
                                 70
                                              20
## 6 Franktum Z
                                             60
                                 40
 country_df %>%
   group_by(country) %>%
   summarize(num = n())
## # A tibble: 6 x 2
## country
                 num
## <chr>
               <int>
## 1 Anglia
## 2 Cincroane
## 3 Franktum
## 4 Pluti
## 5 Spatarium
## 6 Xeno
```

## abacus dataset

Does training kids to use an abacus help with their math skills?



#### Let's read in the dataset

```
abacus_data <- read_csv("data/tidy_majic_data.csv")</pre>
```

```
## Parsed with column specification:
## cols(
    subid = col_character(),
##
    class_num = col_character(),
##
    grade = col_character(),
##
    group = col_character(),
   year = col_double(),
##
   time = col_character(),
##
    task = col_character(),
##
    score = col_double()
##
## )
```

## Here's what it looks like

```
abacus_data %>%
  head() %>%
  kable(format = "html")
```

subid	class_num	grade	group	year	time	task	score
S1-02- 02	S1_02	First Grade	Control	2015	Pre	Place Value	0.00
S1-02- 03	S1_02	First Grade	Control	2015	Pre	Place Value	0.00
S1-02- 03	S1_02	First Grade	Control	2016	Post	Place Value	0.36
S1-02- 08	S1_02	First Grade	Control	2015	Pre	Place Value	0.00
S1-02- 08	S1_02	First Grade	Control	2016	Post	Place Value	0.36

## A new tidyverse function: slice()

- slice() is like filter() in that it subsets your dataframe by rows.
- Filter subsets rows through Booleans
- Slice subsets rows through indices
- ♣ For example, the following code selects the 2nd and 3rd row from the data frame.

```
abacus_data %>%
    slice(c(2,3)) %>%
    kable(format = "html")
```

subid	class_num	grade	group	year	time	task	score
S1-02- 03	S1_02	First Grade	Control	2015	Pre	Place Value	0.00
S1-02- 03	S1_02	First Grade	Control	2016	Post	Place Value	0.36

◆ We can also specify a range of indices. The following code uses the ":" symbol to subset to rows 2, 3, and 4.

```
abacus_data %>%
slice(2:4) %>%
kable(format = "html")
```

subid	class_num	grade	group	year	time	task	score
S1-02- 03	S1_02	First Grade	Control	2015	Pre	Place Value	0.00
S1-02- 03	S1_02	First Grade	Control	2016	Post	Place Value	0.36
S1-02- 08	S1_02	First Grade	Control	2015	Pre	Place Value	0.00

How would you produce the same output as head() (default)?

abacus\_data %>%
slice(1:6) %>%
kable(format = "html")

subid	class_num	grade	group	year	time	task	score
S1-02- 02	S1_02	First Grade	Control	2015	Pre	Place Value	0.00
S1-02- 03	S1_02	First Grade	Control	2015	Pre	Place Value	0.00
S1-02- 03	S1_02	First Grade	Control	2016	Post	Place Value	0.36
S1-02- 08	S1_02	First Grade	Control	2015	Pre	Place Value	0.00
S1-02- 08	S1_02	First Grade	Control	2016	Post	Place Value	0.36
S1-02- 15	S1_02	First Grade	Control	2016	Post	Place Value	0.64

## A new tidyverse function: distinct()

- distinct() returns a subset of rows in your data frame (similiar to filter())
- Specifically, distinct returns ONE row in your data frame for each value of a variable you pass it.
- The abacus\_data data frame contains 2,094 rows one row for each subject-task-time combination.

♣ For example, the following code returns a data fram with ONE row for each subject id.

```
abacus_data %>%
  distinct(subid)
## # A tibble: 188 x 1
      subid
##
      <chr>
##
## 1 S1-02-02
## 2 S1-02-03
## 3 S1-02-08
## 4 S1-02-15
## 5 S1-02-17
## 6 S1-03-04
## 7 S1-03-05
## 8 S1-03-06
## 9 S1-03-09
## 10 S1-03-14
## # ... with 178 more rows
```

→ The following code returns a data frame with ONE row for each subject id and time.

```
abacus_data %>%
  distinct(subid, time)
## # A tibble: 349 x 2
     subid
              time
##
     <chr>
              <chr>
##
## 1 S1-02-02 Pre
## 2 S1-02-03 Pre
## 3 S1-02-03 Post
## 4 S1-02-08 Pre
## 5 S1-02-08 Post
## 6 S1-02-15 Post
## 7 S1-02-17 Pre
## 8 S1-02-17 Post
## 9 S1-03-04 Post
## 10 S1-03-05 Post
## # ... with 339 more rows
```

→ You can keep the other variables in the data frame by adding the argument .keep\_all = T to distinct().

```
abacus_data %>%
distinct(subid, time, .keep_all = T)
## # A tibble: 349 x 8
##
     subid
              class_num grade
                                    group
                                                   vear time task
                                                                          score
##
     <chr>
              <chr>
                        <chr>
                                    <chr>
                                                  <dbl> <chr> <chr>
                                                                         <dbl>
##
   1 S1-02-02 S1_02
                        First Grade Control
                                                   2015 Pre Place Value
                                                                          0
                     First Grade Control
   2 S1-02-03 S1_02
                                                   2015 Pre Place Value
##
##
   3 S1-02-03 S1_02
                        First Grade Control
                                                   2016 Post Place Value
                                                                          0.36
##
   4 S1-02-08 S1_02
                        First Grade Control
                                                   2015 Pre Place Value
   5 S1-02-08 S1_02
                        First Grade Control
                                                   2016 Post Place Value
                                                                          0.36
##
##
   6 S1-02-15 S1_02
                        First Grade Control
                                                   2016 Post Place Value
                                                                         0.64
##
   7 S1-02-17 S1_02
                        First Grade Control
                                                   2015 Pre Place Value
                                                                          0.09
                                                   2016 Post Place Value NA
## 8 S1-02-17 S1_02
                       First Grade Control
## 9 S1-03-04 S1_03
                       First Grade Mental Abacus 2016 Post Place Value
                                                                          0.55
## 10 S1-03-05 S1_03
                        First Grade Mental Abacus 2016 Post Place Value
                                                                          0.91
## # ... with 339 more rows
```

## Let's get started with exploring these data.

- Let's look at the scores in this datasets.
- What kind of variable is scores?
- What kind of geoms could we use to look at scores?
- Let's try visualizing the scores with a histogram
- The geom for histograms is geom\_histogram()

#### How do we start? What aesthetics does geom\_histogram() take?

subid	class_num	grade	group	year	time	task	score
S1-02- 02	S1_02	First Grade	Control	2015	Pre	Place Value	0.00
S1-02- 03	S1_02	First Grade	Control	2015	Pre	Place Value	0.00
S1-02- 03	S1_02	First Grade	Control	2016	Post	Place Value	0.36
S1-02- 08	S1_02	First Grade	Control	2015	Pre	Place Value	0.00
S1-02- 08	S1_02	First Grade	Control	2016	Post	Place Value	0.36
S1-02- 15	S1_02	First Grade	Control	2016	Post	Place Value	0.64

## A basic ggplot

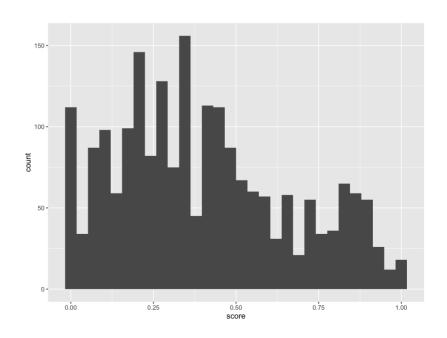
```
ggplot(data = abacus_data, aes(x = score)) +
  geom_histogram()
```

```
ggplot(abacus_data, aes(x = score)) +
  geom_histogram()
```

Note that you don't have to name the arguments, though it's usually a good idea to.

This is great, except we can't see the different tasks.

What can we do about this?

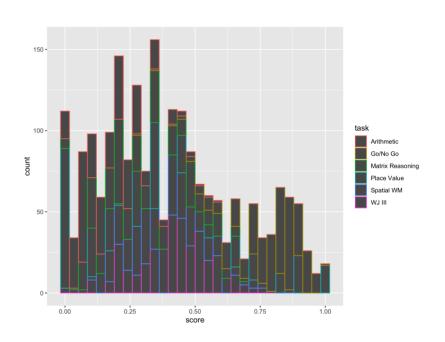


We could try coloring the different task differently.

```
ggplot(abacus_data, aes(x = score, color = task)) +
  geom_histogram()
```

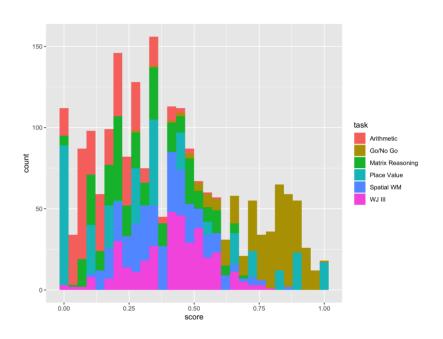
That's not quite want we wanted. We wanted the **fill** aesthetic.

The **color** aesthetic determines the hue of the border; the **fill** aesthetic determines the hue of the inside of the bar.



```
ggplot(abacus_data, aes(x = score, fill = task)) +
  geom_histogram()
```

This is looking better. But it's still a lot of information.



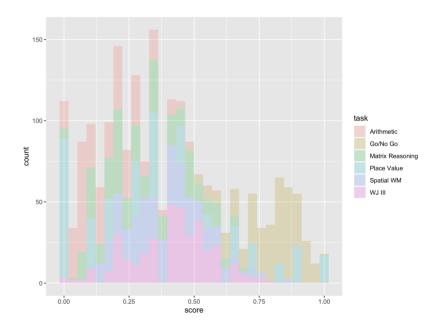
## A new channel: alpha

Alpha controls how "transparent" the geom is.

It ranges from zero to one. One is most transparent.

```
ggplot(abacus_data, aes(x = score, fill = task)) +
  geom_histogram(alpha = .2)
```

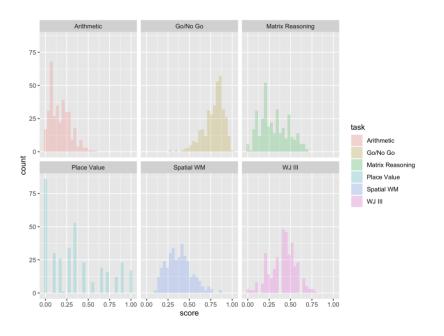
This is still a lot of information. What could we do?



## Facet!

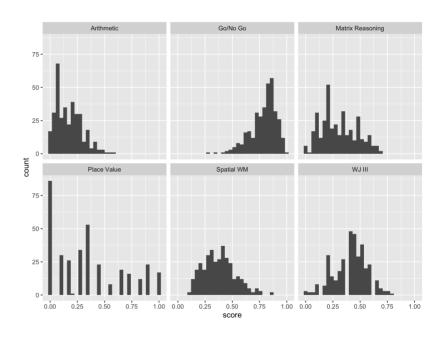
Let's use facet\_wrap() to facet by task.

```
ggplot(abacus_data, aes(x = score, fill = task)) +
  geom_histogram(alpha = .2) +
  facet_wrap(~task)
```



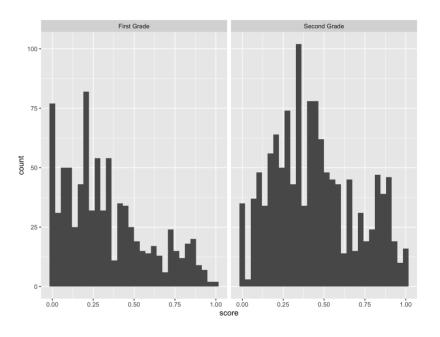
#### The fill and alpha aesthetics aren't really doing anything for us here. Let's get rid of them

```
ggplot(abacus_data, aes(x = score)) +
  geom_histogram() +
  facet_wrap(~task)
```



#### What if we wanted to facet by grade rather than score?

```
ggplot(abacus_data, aes(x = score)) +
  geom_histogram() +
  facet_wrap(~grade)
```



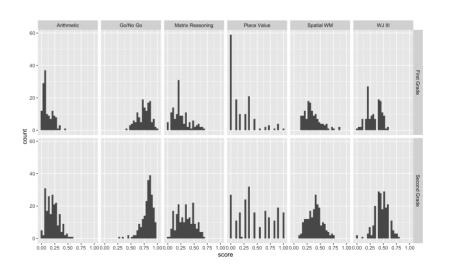
How would we facet by BOTH grade and score?

```
facet_grid()
```

How would we put the different task facets on horizontally, and the grade facets vertically?

The general syntax is "vertical variable" ~ "horizontal variable"

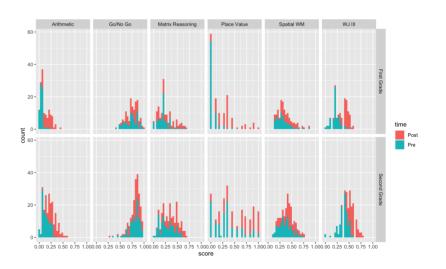
```
ggplot(abacus_data, aes(x = score)) +
  geom_histogram() +
  facet_grid(grade~task)
```



What we're really interested in here, though, is whether or not students got better at these tasks after over time.

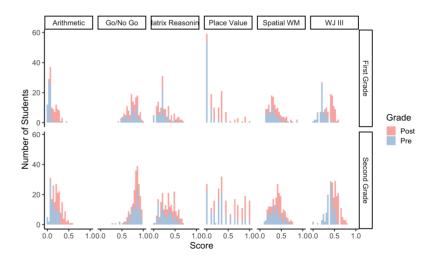
Let's use fill to show the pre and post distributions.

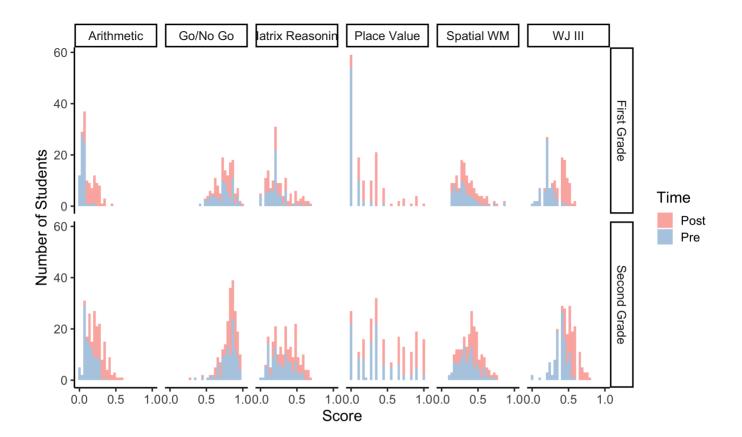
```
ggplot(abacus_data, aes(x = score, fill = time)) +
  geom_histogram() +
  facet_grid(grade~task)
```



Let's do a few more things to make our plot more attractive.

```
ggplot(abacus_data, aes(x = score, fill = time)) +
  geom_histogram(bindwidth = .1) +
  facet_grid(grade~task) +
  scale_fill_brewer(name = "Grade", palette = "Pastel1") +
  ylab("Number of Students") +
  xlab("Score") +
  scale_x_continuous(breaks = c(0, .5, 1)) +
  theme_classic(base_size = 16)
```





Do scores get better over time?

Let's add a vertical line to each distribution that shows the mean.

How do we calculate the mean of each distribution?

We want the mean by task, grade, and time.

We neet to group\_by task, grade, and time, and then summarize.

```
distribution_means <- abacus_data %>%
  group_by(task, time, grade) %>%
  summarize(dist_mean = mean(score, na.rm=TRUE))
```

```
## # A tibble: 24 x 4
## # Groups: task, time [12]
##
     task
                      time grade
                                        dist_mean
     <chr>
                      <chr> <chr>
                                            <dbl>
##
## 1 Arithmetic
                      Post First Grade
                                           0.179
                      Post Second Grade
## 2 Arithmetic
                                           0.279
## 3 Arithmetic
                      Pre First Grade
                                           0.0448
## 4 Arithmetic
                      Pre Second Grade
                                           0.137
## 5 Go/No Go
                      Post First Grade
                                           0.762
  6 Go/No Go
                      Post Second Grade
                                           0.820
##
##
  7 Go/No Go
                      Pre First Grade
                                           0.730
## 8 Go/No Go
                      Pre Second Grade
                                           0.806
## 9 Matrix Reasoning Post First Grade
                                           0.305
## 10 Matrix Reasoning Post Second Grade
                                           0.392
## # ... with 14 more rows
```

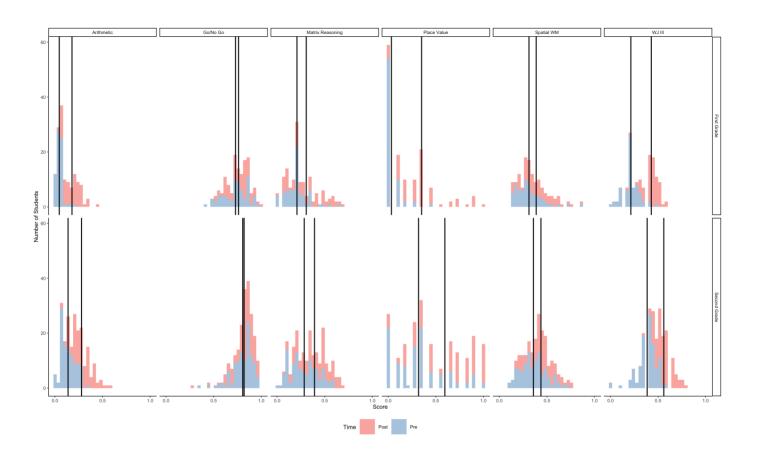
## Now we have a new data frame with the means of each distribution.

How can we add them to our plot?

The geom for adding vertical lines is called geom\_vline()

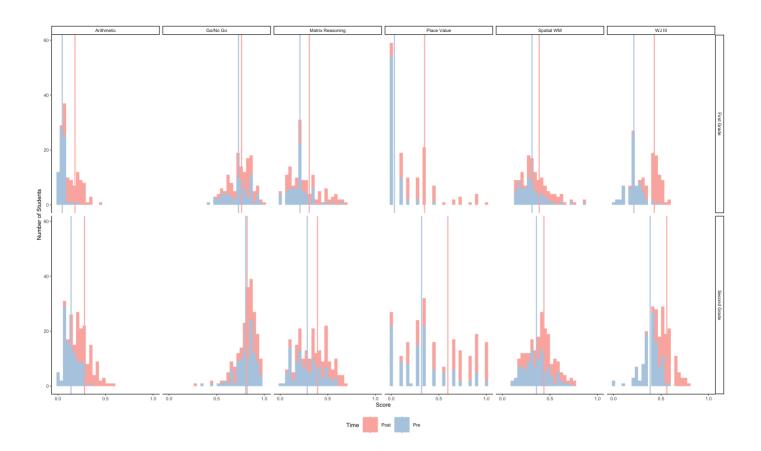
geom\_vline() requires an aesthetic that tells it where to intersect the x-axis called **xintercept**.

```
ggplot(abacus_data, aes(x = score, fill = time)) +
  geom_histogram(bindwidth = .1) +
  geom_vline(data = distribution_means, aes(xintercept = dist_mean)) +
  facet_grid(grade~task) +
  scale_fill_brewer(name = "Time", palette = "Pastel1") +
  ylab("Number of Students") +
  xlab("Score") +
  scale_x_continuous(breaks = c(0, .5, 1)) +
  theme_classic(base_size = 6)
```



Let's color the lines to correspond to the distribution.

```
ggplot(abacus_data, aes(x = score, fill = time)) +
  geom_histogram(bindwidth = .1) +
  geom_vline(data = distribution_means, aes(xintercept = dist_mean, color = timestant facet_grid(grade~task) +
  scale_color_brewer(name = "Time", palette = "Pastell", guide = F) +
  scale_fill_brewer(name = "Time", palette = "Pastell") +
  ylab("Number of Students") +
  xlab("Score") +
  scale_x_continuous(breaks = c(0, .5, 1)) +
    theme_classic(base_size = 6) +
  theme(legend.position = "bottom")
```



Okay, but the key question is: Did kids get better more when they got the abacus training?

Let's look at this just for the first grade group, and only the arithmetic task and spatial working memory tasks.

How could subset to these rows?

```
abacus data
## # A tibble: 2,094 x 8
     subid
              class_num grade
##
                                                   vear time task
                                    group
                                                                          score
##
     <chr>
              <chr>
                        <chr>
                                    <chr>
                                                  <dbl> <chr> <chr>
                                                                          <dbl>
                                                   2015 Pre Place Value
   1 S1-02-02 S1 02
                        First Grade Control
##
                                                                           0
   2 S1-02-03 S1_02
                       First Grade Control
                                                   2015 Pre Place Value
##
   3 S1-02-03 S1_02
                       First Grade Control
                                                   2016 Post Place Value
                                                                           0.36
##
   4 S1-02-08 S1_02
                        First Grade Control
                                                   2015 Pre Place Value
##
                                                                          0.36
##
   5 S1-02-08 S1_02
                        First Grade Control
                                                   2016 Post Place Value
   6 S1-02-15 S1_02
                        First Grade Control
                                                   2016 Post Place Value
                                                                           0.64
##
   7 S1-02-17 S1_02
                        First Grade Control
                                                   2015 Pre Place Value
                                                                           0.09
##
   8 S1-02-17 S1_02
                        First Grade Control
                                                   2016 Post Place Value NA
##
   9 S1-03-04 S1_03
                       First Grade Mental Abacus 2016 Post Place Value
##
                                                                           0.55
## 10 S1-03-05 S1_03
                        First Grade Mental Abacus 2016 Post Place Value
                                                                           0.91
## # ... with 2,084 more rows
```

#### first\_grade\_abacus\_data

```
## # A tibble: 278 x 8
            class_num grade
     subid
                                                 vear time task
##
                               group
                                                                      score
##
     <chr>
              <chr>
                       <chr>
                                   <chr>
                                                <dbl> <chr> <chr>
                                                                      <dbl>
   1 S1-02-02 S1 02
                       First Grade Control
                                                 2015 Pre
                                                          Arithmetic
##
                                                                       0
   2 S1-02-03 S1_02
                    First Grade Control
                                                 2015 Pre Arithmetic
                    First Grade Control
##
   3 S1-02-03 S1_02
                                                 2016 Post Arithmetic
                                                                       0.25
##
  4 S1-02-08 S1_02
                    First Grade Control
                                                 2015 Pre Arithmetic
                                                                       0
##
   5 S1-02-08 S1_02
                      First Grade Control
                                                 2016 Post Arithmetic
                                                                       0.08
##
   6 S1-02-15 S1_02
                       First Grade Control
                                                 2016 Post Arithmetic
                                                                       0.1
## 7 S1-02-17 S1_02
                      First Grade Control
                                                 2015 Pre Arithmetic
                                                                      0.17
                    First Grade Control
## 8 S1-02-17 S1_02
                                                 2016 Post Arithmetic NA
##
  9 S1-03-04 S1_03
                      First Grade Mental Abacus 2016 Post Arithmetic 0.17
## 10 S1-03-05 S1_03
                       First Grade Mental Abacus 2016 Post Arithmetic 0.33
## # ... with 268 more rows
```

```
ms <- first_grade_abacus_data %>%
    group_by(group, task, time) %>%
    summarize(mean_score = mean(score, na.rm = T))

ggplot(first_grade_abacus_data, aes(x = score, fill = time)) +
    geom_histogram() +
    geom_vline(data = ms, aes(xintercept = mean_score, color = time), linetype =
    facet_grid(group~task) +
    scale_color_brewer(guide = "none", palette = "Pastell") +

    scale_fill_brewer(name = "Time", palette = "Pastell") +
    ylab("Number of Students") +
    xlab("Score") +
    scale_x_continuous(breaks = c(0, .5, 1)) +
    theme_classic(base_size = 12)
```

#### Does abacus training help?

