gapminder-exploration-phase2

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```
suppressPackageStartupMessages(library(tidyverse)) # The tidyverse contains ggplot2!
suppressPackageStartupMessages(library(gapminder))
knitr::opts_chunk$set(fig.width=8, fig.height=6)
```

Smell test of data

Here are some ways to explore some characteristics of the gapminder dataset.

Using the following functions, I have been able to determine some of the gapminder dataset characteristics.

```
class(gapminder)
## [1] "tbl df"
                    "tbl"
                                 "data.frame"
typeof(gapminder)
## [1] "list"
str(gapminder)
## Classes 'tbl_df', 'tbl' and 'data.frame':
                                                1704 obs. of 6 variables:
   \ country : Factor w/ 142 levels "Afghanistan",..: 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
   \ continent: Factor \ / \ levels "Africa", "Americas",...: 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 ...
              : int 1952 1957 1962 1967 1972 1977 1982 1987 1992 1997 ...
  $ lifeExp : num
                      28.8 30.3 32 34 36.1 ...
                      8425333 9240934 10267083 11537966 13079460 14880372 12881816 13867957 16317921 22
               : int
```

I found the Help documentation very useful to understand better the concept of an object in R coding.

```
?class
?tbl_df
?tbl
?data.frame
?typeof
?str
```

Therefore, I now understand that gapminder is a tibble. It seems like using tibbles over classic data.frame() has several advantages, like avoiding problems such as accidental conversion of string as factor. I read this interesting wiki page on the topic.

The gapminder data set has 3 classes tbl_df tbl

*data.frame

I found class() to be the most informative function for me

\$ gdpPercap: num 779 821 853 836 740 ...

It revealed the specific data type of each variable!

country : Factor continent: Factor

year: int

```
 \begin{array}{l} {\rm lifeExp:num} \\ {\it pop:int} \\ {\rm gdpPercap:num} \end{array}
```

The class function told me that there were 6 variables (columns) and 1704 observations (rows) in gapminder dataset, but I could also use these:

```
ncol(gapminder)
## [1] 6
nrow(gapminder)
## [1] 1704
```

Here are some other useful functions to learn more about the dataset. If you have a specific question about the dataset, you can use more specific functions as well, like dim() which provides the dimension of the data tibble.

```
dim(gapminder)
## [1] 1704 6
```

Explore individual variables

To ensure I address all the requirements of this assignment, I have decided to include the STAT545 homework 2 questions above my answers in bold.

Q? What are possible values (or range, whichever is appropriate) of each variable? I have used the summary() function to know the possible values and range of each variable.

```
overview <- summary(gapminder)
overview</pre>
```

```
##
                           continent
                                                           lifeExp
           country
                                             year
##
    Afghanistan:
                  12
                        Africa:624
                                                :1952
                                                        Min.
                                                                :23.60
                                        Min.
##
    Albania
                   12
                        Americas:300
                                        1st Qu.:1966
                                                        1st Qu.:48.20
                                        Median:1980
                                                        Median :60.71
##
   Algeria
                   12
                        Asia
                                 :396
##
  Angola
                   12
                        Europe :360
                                        Mean
                                               :1980
                                                        Mean
                                                               :59.47
                   12
##
                        Oceania: 24
                                        3rd Qu.:1993
                                                        3rd Qu.:70.85
    Argentina
    Australia
                                        Max.
                                                :2007
                                                                :82.60
##
                   12
                                                        Max.
##
    (Other)
                :1632
                           gdpPercap
##
         pop
##
   Min.
           :6.001e+04
                         Min.
                                :
                                     241.2
    1st Qu.:2.794e+06
##
                         1st Qu.:
                                    1202.1
##
   Median :7.024e+06
                         Median :
                                    3531.8
   Mean
           :2.960e+07
                         Mean
                                    7215.3
                                    9325.5
##
    3rd Qu.:1.959e+07
                         3rd Qu.:
##
    Max.
           :1.319e+09
                         Max.
                                 :113523.1
##
```

Or the prettier version with knitr::kable

```
longtable = TRUE,
padding = 5)
```

Table 1: Summary Stats - Gapminder dataset

country	continent	year	lifeExp	pop	gdpPercap
Afghanistan: 12	Africa:624	Min. :1952	Min. :23.60	Min. $:6.001e+04$	Min.: 241.2
Albania: 12	Americas:300	1st Qu.:1966	1st Qu.:48.20	1st Qu.:2.794e+06	1st Qu.: 1202.1
Algeria: 12	Asia :396	Median :1980	Median:60.71	Median : $7.024e + 06$	Median: 3531.8
Angola: 12	Europe :360	Mean:1980	Mean $:59.47$	Mean $:2.960e+07$	Mean: 7215.3
Argentina: 12	Oceania: 24	3rd Qu.:1993	3rd Qu.:70.85	3rd Qu.:1.959e+07	3rd Qu.: 9325.5
Australia: 12	NA	Max. $:2007$	Max. $:82.60$	Max. $:1.319e+09$	Max. :113523.1
(Other) :1632	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

Another way is to use individual functions to obtain the information. Below, these functions respectively informs on the minimum value, maximum value, range of value (minimum and maximum) and all possible distinct values of specific columns.

```
min(gapminder$lifeExp)

## [1] 23.599

max(gapminder$lifeExp)

## [1] 82.603

range(gapminder$gdpPercap)

## [1] 241.1659 113523.1329

distinct(gapminder, country)
```

```
## # A tibble: 142 x 1
##
           country
##
            <fctr>
##
    1 Afghanistan
##
    2
           Albania
##
    3
           Algeria
    4
##
            Angola
##
    5
        Argentina
##
    6
        Australia
##
    7
           Austria
##
    8
           Bahrain
##
    9
       Bangladesh
## 10
           Belgium
## # ... with 132 more rows
```

I also found this website useful.

Q? What values are typical? What's the spread? What's the distribution? Etc., tailored to the variable at hand. Feel free to use summary stats, tables, figures. We're NOT expecting high production value (yet).

If we group data according to their column, another useful function is summarise() to get some statistics on a variable, but data needs to be grouped before doing so. For example, if we group by continent, we can use the function to know the mean year of entry, lifeExp, pop and gdpPercap for each continent.

```
gapminder %>%
  group_by(continent) %>%
  summarise_if(is.numeric, mean, na.rm=TRUE)
## # A tibble: 5 x 5
##
     continent
                 year
                       lifeExp
                                    pop gdpPercap
##
        <fctr> <dbl>
                         <dbl>
                                  <dbl>
                                             <dbl>
## 1
        Africa 1979.5 48.86533 9916003
                                         2193.755
      Americas 1979.5 64.65874 24504795
## 3
          Asia 1979.5 60.06490 77038722 7902.150
## 4
        Europe 1979.5 71.90369 17169765 14469.476
## 5
       Oceania 1979.5 74.32621 8874672 18621.609
```

Again, I find that the most useful function is summary(), as it provides the range (minimum, maximum), and summary statistics such as 1st quartile, mean and 3rd quartile (see above for data).

```
gapminder %>%
  group_by(country) %>%
  summarise_if(is.numeric, median)
```

```
## # A tibble: 142 x 5
                                              gdpPercap
##
          country
                    year lifeExp
                                         pop
##
           <fctr> <dbl>
                           <dbl>
                                                  <dbl>
##
   1 Afghanistan 1979.5 39.1460 13473708.5
                                               803.4832
   2
          Albania 1979.5 69.6750
##
                                  2644572.5
                                              3253.2384
##
   3
          Algeria 1979.5 59.6910 18593278.5
                                              4853.8559
##
   4
           Angola 1979.5 39.6945
                                  6589529.5
                                              3264.6288
##
   5
        Argentina 1979.5 69.2115 28162601.0
                                              9068.7844
##
   6
        Australia 1979.5 74.1150 14629150.0 18905.6034
##
   7
          Austria 1979.5 72.6750
                                  7571521.5 20673.2530
##
   8
          Bahrain 1979.5 67.3225
                                    337688.5 18779.8016
##
  9
       Bangladesh 1979.5 48.4660 86751356.0
                                               703.7638
## 10
          Belgium 1979.5 73.3650
                                  9839051.5 20048.9102
## # ... with 132 more rows
```

Explore various plot types

NOTE: The main resource used is the stat545 github repository of Jenny Bryan

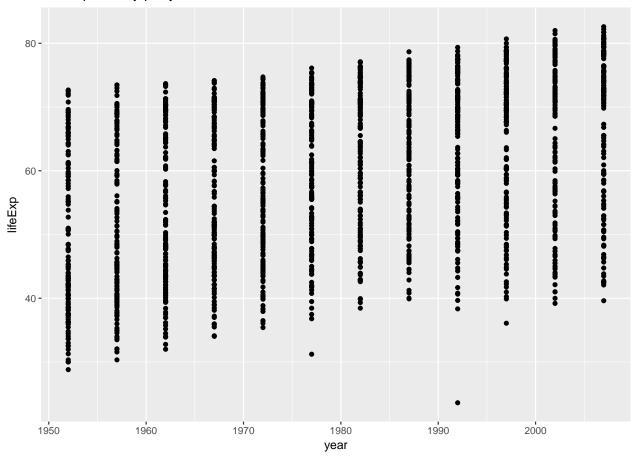
POINT PLOTS

Now, I will explore diverse plot types.

Let's start with a basic data point plot of the life expectancy relative to the year of assessment for each country.

```
p <- gapminder %%
group_by(country) %>%
ggplot(aes(x=year, y=lifeExp))
p + geom_point() + labs(title = "Life expectancy per year")
```

Life expectancy per year



Overall, it seems that life expectancy has improved with years for the majority of countries, but I wonder what are the outliers at the bottom of the plot.

Let us see what is the minimum life expectancy for each year to find out.

10 Burkina Faso

1952

31.975 4469979

```
t <- gapminder %>%
  group_by(country, year, lifeExp, pop, gdpPercap) %>%
  summarise_if(is.numeric, min) %>%
  arrange(lifeExp)
t
##
  # A tibble: 1,704 x 5
## # Groups:
               country, year, lifeExp, pop [1,704]
##
           country
                    year lifeExp
                                       pop gdpPercap
##
            <fctr> <int>
                            <dbl>
                                    <int>
                                               <dbl>
##
    1
            Rwanda
                    1992
                           23.599 7290203
                                            737.0686
##
                    1952
                           28.801 8425333
                                            779.4453
       Afghanistan
##
    3
            Gambia
                     1952
                           30.000
                                   284320
                                            485.2307
##
    4
            Angola
                    1952
                           30.015 4232095 3520.6103
##
    5 Sierra Leone
                           30.331 2143249
                                            879.7877
                     1952
##
    6
       Afghanistan
                     1957
                           30.332 9240934
                                            820.8530
    7
##
          Cambodia
                     1977
                           31.220 6978607
                                            524.9722
##
    8
        Mozambique
                    1952
                           31.286 6446316
                                            468.5260
    9 Sierra Leone
                           31.570 2295678 1004.4844
##
                     1957
```

543.2552

```
## # ... with 1,694 more rows
```

The lowest life expectancy recorder in the gapminder dataset is 23.5999 years in Rwanda in 1992, which corresponds to the tragedy of the Rwandan genocide.

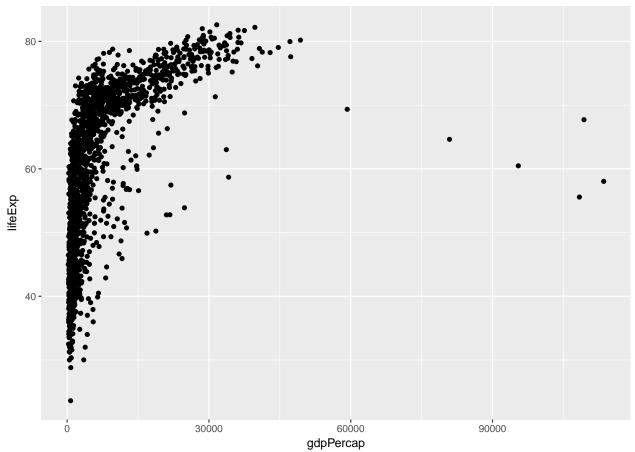
Another way to find this outlier was thought to me by a student of STAT545 (thanks Alistair Barton!):

```
outlier_lifeExp <- filter(gapminder, lifeExp == min(lifeExp))
View(outlier_lifeExp)</pre>
```

Let us carry on in our analysis. Of course, one may suspect there will be a relationship between the lifeExp and gdpPercap variables, so let's plot these.

```
p1 <- gapminder %>%
    group_by(country) %>%
    ggplot(aes(x=gdpPercap, y=lifeExp))+
    labs(title = "Life expectancy according to gdp per capita")
p1 + geom_point()
```

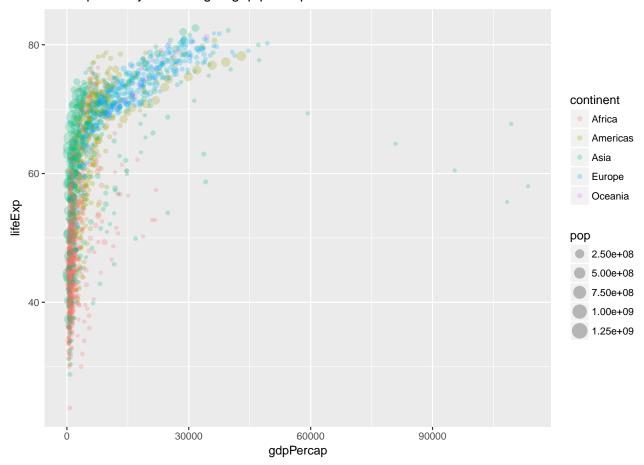
Life expectancy according to gdp per capita



However, since I am still wondering if the size of the population has an effect on the life expectancy, I will plot the size of each dots according to the population, and I would also like to see if some continents segregate from each other, so I will use colours for this. I will also use some transparencies in order to see the dots when they layer on top of each other.

p1 + geom_point(aes(size=pop, colour = continent), alpha=0.25)

Life expectancy according to gdp per capita

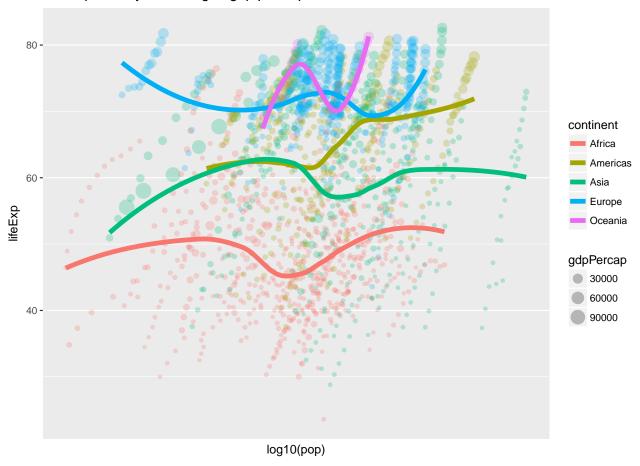


A log scale would be useful to see the lower values better. This ressembles the exercise we completed in class last time, so let me switch up the variables a little to population and life expectancy, so that we don't feel like doing the same thing. I will plot the size of the dot as a function of the gdpPerCap this time and add the geom_smooth() line with a generalized additive model (gam).

```
p2 <- ggplot(gapminder, aes(x=log10(pop), y=lifeExp)) +
  geom_point(aes(colour=continent, size=gdpPercap), alpha=0.25) +
  labs(title = "Life expectancy according to gdp per capita") +
  scale_x_log10() +
  geom_smooth(aes(colour = continent), lwd=2, se=FALSE)
p2</pre>
```

`geom_smooth()` using method = 'loess'

Life expectancy according to gdp per capita



We can immediately take note of obvious discrepancies when looking at this plot. For example, the red dots are at the lower part of the graph, telling us that countries of Africa have lower life expectancy, and the dots are smaller, revealing lower gdpPercap.

LINE PLOTS

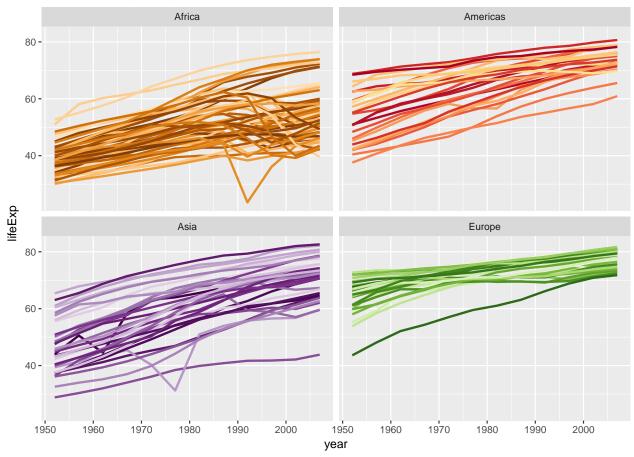
Let's plot some lines tracking the life expectancy per year, but use the facet_wrap() function to divide the data by continent into 4 plots (omitting Oceania, given very little data).

```
p3 <- ggplot(subset(gapminder, continent != "Oceania"), aes(x=year, y=lifeExp, group = country, color = p3 + geom_line(lwd=1, show_guide = FALSE) + facet_wrap(~continent) + scale_color_manual(values = country_colors) + labs(title = "Life expectancy per year and continent")

### Warmings `show guide` has been depresed and Places was `show largerd`
```

Warning: `show_guide` has been deprecated. Please use `show.legend`
instead.

Life expectancy per year and continent



This is very pretty, but I don't know if it is very informative since this plots in a stepwise fashion the data, which collapses the values at each measurement year into a vertical line. I still kept is, for interest.

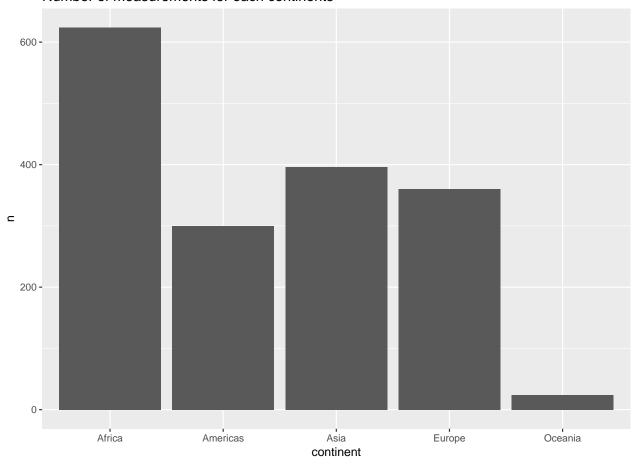
BAR PLOTS

Let's go back to a plot of the life expectancy and gdp per capita to show a bar plot example.

```
my_gap <- gapminder
continent_freq <- gapminder %>% count(continent)
p4 <- continent_freq %>%
    ggplot(aes(x=continent, y=n))
p4 + geom_bar(stat="identity", na.rm=TRUE) +
    labs(title = "Number of measurements for each continents")
```

^{*}I found the reference manual on the tidyverse website very useful.

Number of measurements for each continents

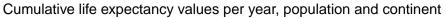


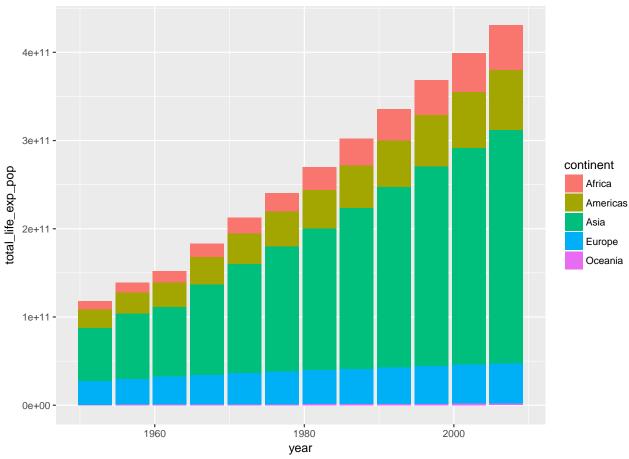
After doing the dataset manipulation exercises (see below), I decided to go back at my plots and change them for presenting more relevant information.

Here is an histogram of the "stacked up" life expectancies of all the countries (population x life expectancy) in each continent, plotted according to the year.

```
my_gap <- gapminder
my_gap_life <- my_gap %>%
  mutate(total_life_exp_pop = pop*lifeExp)
p5 <- my_gap_life %>%
  ggplot(aes(x=year, y=total_life_exp_pop))
p5 + geom_histogram(aes(fill = continent), stat="identity", na.rm=TRUE) +
  labs(title = "Cumulative life expectancy values per year, population and continent")
```

Warning: Ignoring unknown parameters: binwidth, bins, pad



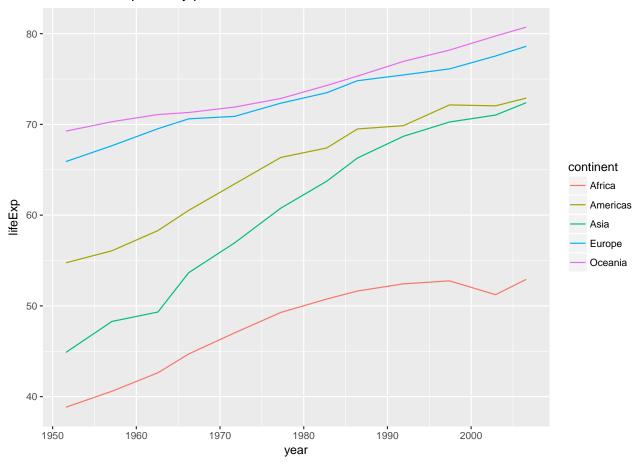


SUMMARY STATISTICS PLOTS

Here is a way to plot some summary statistics for each continent. Below, you can see the median life expectancy for each continent according to the year.

```
p6 <- gapminder %>%
    ggplot(aes(x=year, y=lifeExp))
p6 + stat_summary_bin(mapping = aes(group = continent, colour=continent), fun.y = "median", geom="line"
    labs(title = "Median life expectancy per continent")
```

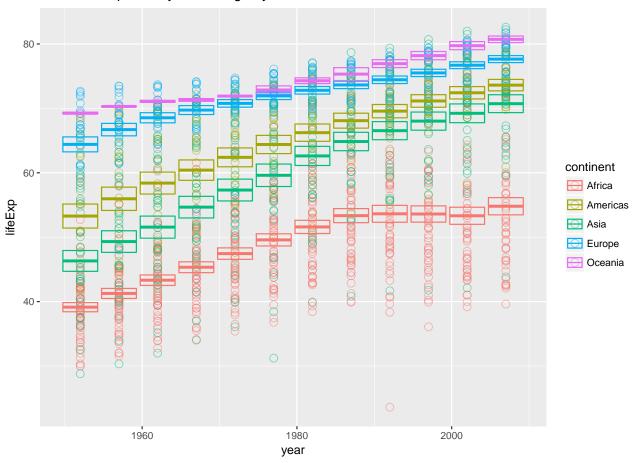
Median life expectancy per continent



You can do the same thing with other parameters, like below showing the mean in a b

```
p7 <- gapminder %>%
    ggplot(aes(x=year, y=lifeExp))
p7 +
    geom_point(mapping = aes(colour = continent), alpha=0.5, size=3, shape=21) +
    stat_summary(fun.data = "mean_se", mapping = aes(colour=continent), geom = "crossbar", na.rm=TRUE) +
    labs(title = "Mean life expectancy according to year")
```

Mean life expectancy according to year

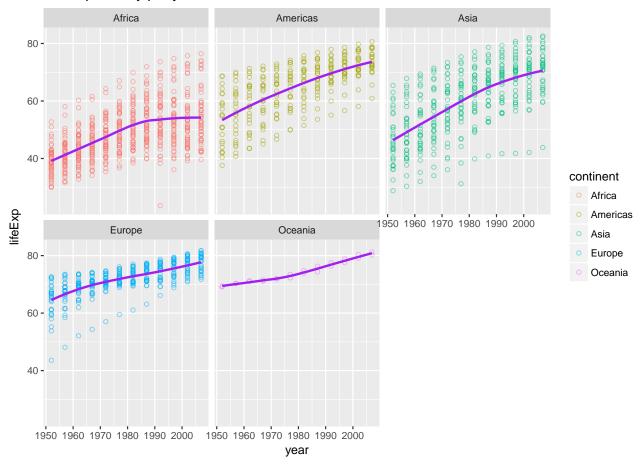


This plot is a bit crowed, we should subdivide it by continent and add a linear regression function to it.

```
p8 <- gapminder %>%
    ggplot(aes(x=year, y=lifeExp)) +
    geom_point(mapping = aes(colour = continent), alpha=0.5, shape=21)
p8 + facet_wrap(~continent) + geom_smooth(se=FALSE, colour = "purple", lwd = 1, alpha = 0.8)+
    labs(title = "Life expectancy per year")
```

`geom_smooth()` using method = 'loess'

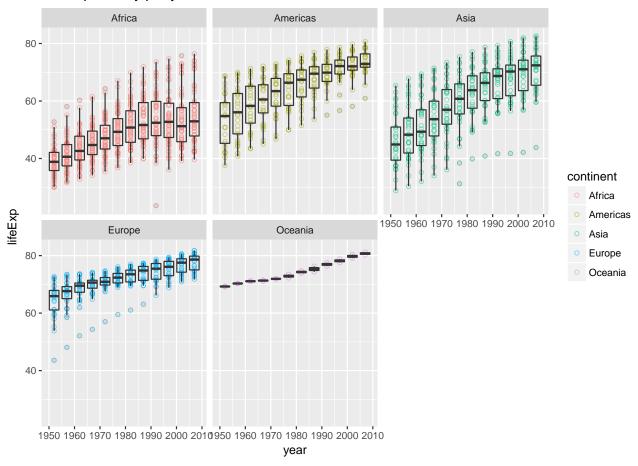
Life expectancy per year



Or we can show the same plot and plot the mean life expectancy (and standard deviation) with $geom_boxplot()$ function:

```
p8 + facet_wrap(~continent) + geom_boxplot(aes(group=year), alpha=0.1) +
    labs(title = "Life expectancy per year")
```

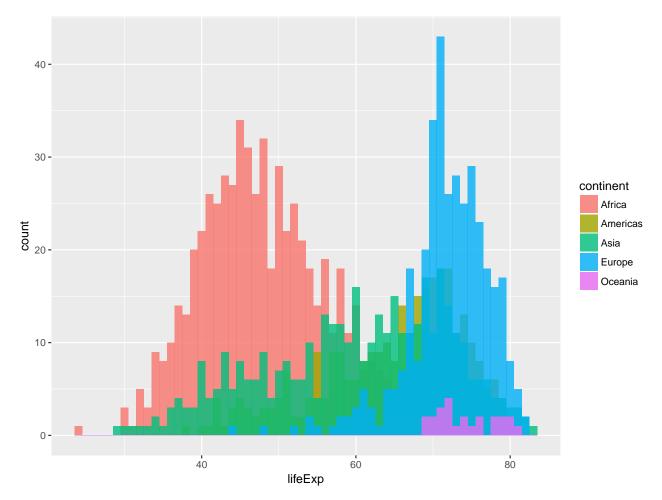
Life expectancy per year



DISTRIBUTION PLOTS

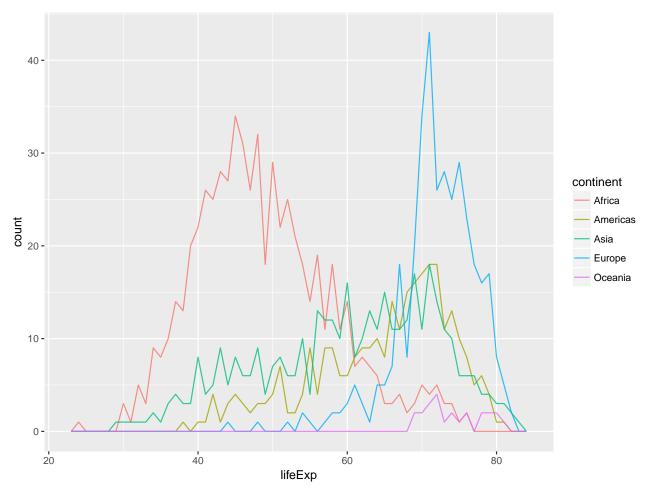
Let us explore a histogram to see the life expectancy measures distribution according to the continent.

```
p9 <- gapminder %>%
    ggplot()
p9 + geom_histogram(binwidth = 1, alpha = 0.8, position = "identity", aes(x=lifeExp, fill = continent))
```



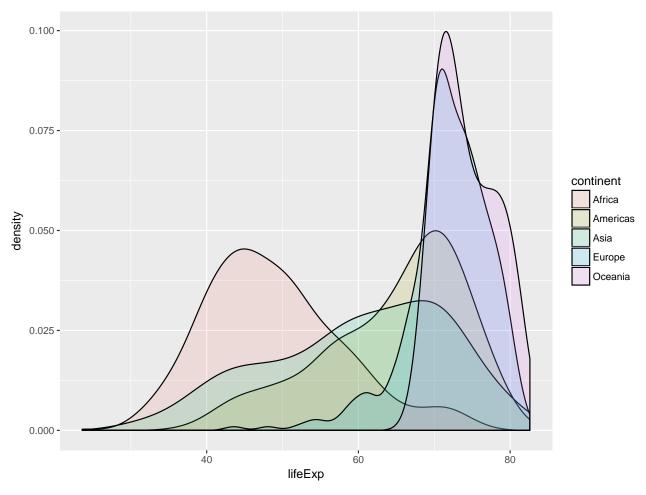
Now, let's use a frequency polygon to show the same information (but let's use a binwidth of 1 year).

```
p10 <- gapminder %>%
    ggplot()
p10 + geom_freqpoly(binwidth = 1, alpha = 0.8, position = "identity", aes(x=lifeExp, color = continent)
```



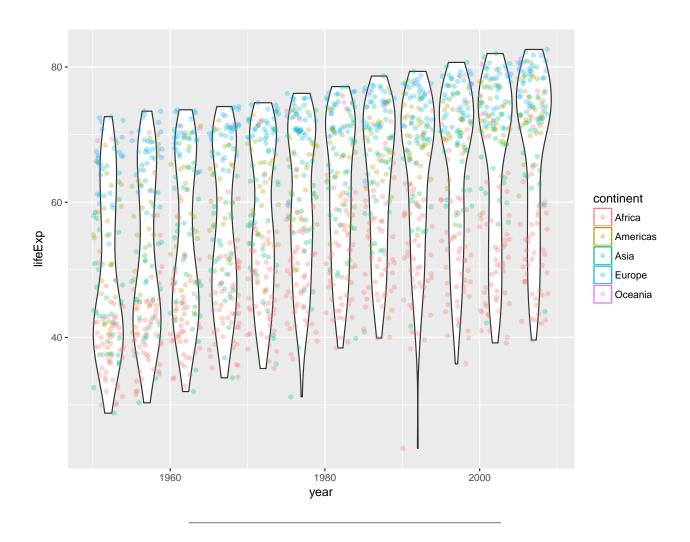
Now, let's look at a smoother plot, which $\operatorname{geom_density}()$ can help with.

```
p11 <- gapminder %>%
    ggplot(aes(x = lifeExp, fill = continent))
p11 + geom_density(alpha=0.15)
```



Another option is the geom_violin and geom_violin functions, to present our data in the most readible way.

```
p12 <- gapminder %>%
    ggplot(aes(x=year, y =lifeExp, colour = continent))
p12 + geom_violin(aes(group=year)) +
    geom_jitter(alpha=0.3)
```



Let's explore filter(), select() and piping (%>%), and others

filter() exploration

Filter ther data to only keep information related to Ireland and France before 2000.

```
my_gap <- gapminder
my_trip <- my_gap %>%
  filter(country %in% c("Ireland", "France"), year<= 2000)
View(my_trip)</pre>
```

select() and arrange() exploration

Then we can retrieve specific columns using select, for example, the country, year, gdpPercap and lifeExp variables. Then we can arrange the data according to the gpdPercap for example.

```
my_gap %>%
filter(country %in% c("Ireland", "France"), year<= 2000) %>%
select(country, year, gdpPercap, lifeExp) %>%
arrange(gdpPercap)
```

A tibble: 20 x 4

```
##
      country year gdpPercap lifeExp
##
                          <dbl>
       <fctr> <int>
                                  <dbl>
                      5210.280
##
    1 Ireland
                1952
                                 66.910
                      5599.078
                                 68.900
##
    2 Ireland
                1957
##
    3 Ireland
                1962
                      6631.597
                                 70.290
##
                1952
                      7029.809
                                 67.410
       France
##
    5 Ireland
                1967
                      7655.569
                                 71.080
##
    6
       France
                1957
                      8662.835
                                 68.930
##
    7 Ireland
                1972
                      9530.773
                                 71.280
##
       France
                1962 10560.486
                                 70.510
    9 Ireland
               1977 11150.981
                                 72.030
## 10 Ireland
                1982 12618.321
                                 73.100
       France
                1967 12999.918
                                 71.550
  11
## 12 Ireland
                1987 13872.867
                                 74.360
                                 72.380
## 13
       France
                1972 16107.192
## 14 Ireland
                1992 17558.816
                                 75.467
## 15
       France
                1977 18292.635
                                 73.830
##
  16
                1982 20293.897
                                 74.890
       France
##
  17
                1987 22066.442
                                 76.340
       France
   18 Ireland
##
                1997 24521.947
                                 76.122
##
  19
       France
                1992 24703.796
                                 77.460
## 20
                1997 25889.785
       France
```

mutate() exploration

The cumulative gdp per country can be added to the my_gap dataset using the mutate function.

```
my_gap %>%
mutate(gdp = pop*gdpPercap)
```

```
##
  # A tibble: 1,704 x 7
##
          country continent
                              year lifeExp
                                                 pop
                                                      gdpPercap
                                                                         gdp
##
           <fctr>
                      <fctr> <int>
                                      <dbl>
                                                <int>
                                                          <dbl>
                                                                       <dbl>
##
    1 Afghanistan
                        Asia
                              1952
                                     28.801
                                             8425333
                                                       779.4453
                                                                  6567086330
##
    2 Afghanistan
                              1957
                                     30.332
                                             9240934
                                                       820.8530
                        Asia
                                                                  7585448670
##
    3 Afghanistan
                        Asia
                               1962
                                     31.997 10267083
                                                       853.1007
                                                                  8758855797
                              1967
##
    4 Afghanistan
                        Asia
                                     34.020 11537966
                                                       836.1971
                                                                  9648014150
##
    5 Afghanistan
                               1972
                                     36.088 13079460
                                                       739.9811
                                                                  9678553274
                        Asia
##
    6 Afghanistan
                              1977
                                     38.438 14880372
                                                       786.1134 11697659231
                        Asia
    7 Afghanistan
                               1982
                                     39.854 12881816
                                                       978.0114 12598563401
##
                        Asia
##
    8 Afghanistan
                        Asia
                               1987
                                     40.822 13867957
                                                       852.3959 11820990309
    9 Afghanistan
                               1992
                                     41.674 16317921
                                                       649.3414 10595901589
                        Asia
## 10 Afghanistan
                              1997
                                     41.763 22227415
                                                       635.3414 14121995875
                        Asia
## # ... with 1,694 more rows
```

group_by() and summarize() exploration

Considering only year 2000 and before, if we group by continent, year and country, we can use the summarize_each() function to obtain the mean and median for the lifeExp and gdpPercap variables. Then, we can arrange according to the lifeExp_mean variable to see which continents, years and countries had the lowest lifeExp_mean values.

```
my_gap %>%
filter(year <=2000) %>%
group_by(continent, year, country) %>%
```

```
summarize_each(funs(mean, median), lifeExp, gdpPercap) %>%
  arrange(lifeExp_mean)
## `summarise_each()` is deprecated.
## Use `summarise_all()`, `summarise_at()` or `summarise_if()` instead.
## To map `funs` over a selection of variables, use `summarise_at()`
## # A tibble: 1,420 x 7
## # Groups:
               continent, year [50]
##
      continent year
                           country lifeExp_mean gdpPercap_mean lifeExp_median
         <fctr> <int>
                                           <dbl>
##
                            <fctr>
                                                          <dbl>
                                                                          <dbl>
##
         Africa 1992
                            Rwanda
                                          23.599
                                                       737.0686
                                                                        23.599
   1
##
   2
           Asia 1952 Afghanistan
                                          28.801
                                                       779.4453
                                                                        28.801
##
   3
         Africa 1952
                            Gambia
                                          30.000
                                                       485.2307
                                                                        30.000
##
   4
         Africa 1952
                            Angola
                                          30.015
                                                      3520.6103
                                                                        30.015
##
  5
                                                                        30.331
         Africa 1952 Sierra Leone
                                          30.331
                                                       879.7877
                                                       820.8530
##
  6
           Asia 1957
                                          30.332
                                                                        30.332
                       Afghanistan
   7
##
           Asia 1977
                          Cambodia
                                          31.220
                                                       524.9722
                                                                        31.220
##
  8
         Africa 1952
                        Mozambique
                                          31.286
                                                       468.5260
                                                                        31.286
##
  9
         Africa 1957 Sierra Leone
                                          31.570
                                                      1004.4844
                                                                        31.570
## 10
         Africa 1952 Burkina Faso
                                          31.975
                                                       543.2552
                                                                        31.975
## # ... with 1,410 more rows, and 1 more variables: gdpPercap_median <dbl>
```

Let us explore the outlier values of life expectancy in Europe. I have used this stat545 tutorial to learn more about these functions.

```
my_gap %>%
  filter(continent == "Europe") %>%
  select(year, country, lifeExp) %>%
  group_by(year) %>%
  filter(min_rank(desc(lifeExp)) <2 | min_rank(lifeExp) <2) %>%
  arrange(year, lifeExp) %>%
  print(n = Inf)
```

```
## # A tibble: 24 x 3
## # Groups:
              year [12]
##
      year
               country lifeExp
##
      <int>
                <fctr>
                         <dbl>
##
   1 1952
                Turkey
                        43.585
   2 1952
##
                Norway
                        72.670
##
   3 1957
                Turkey
                        48.079
##
  4 1957
               Iceland 73.470
##
  5 1962
                Turkey 52.098
   6 1962
##
               Iceland
                        73.680
##
   7 1967
                Turkey 54.336
##
  8 1967
                Sweden 74.160
##
  9 1972
                        57.005
                Turkey
## 10 1972
                Sweden 74.720
## 11 1977
                Turkey 59.507
## 12 1977
               Iceland 76.110
## 13 1982
                Turkey
                        61.036
## 14 1982
               Iceland 76.990
## 15 1987
                Turkey
                        63.108
## 16 1987 Switzerland
                        77.410
## 17 1992
                Turkey
                        66.146
```

```
## 18 1992
               Iceland 78.770
## 19 1997
                        68.835
                Turkey
## 20 1997
                Sweden 79.390
## 21 2002
                Turkey
                        70.845
## 22
      2002 Switzerland
                        80.620
## 23 2007
                Turkey
                        71.777
## 24 2007
               Iceland 81.757
```

Let's re-initialize my European dataset and then perform some further analyses and may be even plotting. Let's start with looking at the worst European life expectancy every year.

```
rm(my_europe)
## Warning in rm(my_europe): object 'my_europe' not found
my_europe <- my_gap %>%
 filter(continent == "Europe") %>%
 select(year, country, lifeExp) %>%
 group by(year) %>%
 top_n(1, wt=desc(lifeExp))
my_europe
## # A tibble: 12 x 3
## # Groups:
              year [12]
##
      year country lifeExp
##
     <int> <fctr>
                     <dbl>
                    43.585
##
   1 1952 Turkey
   2 1957 Turkey 48.079
  3 1962 Turkey 52.098
##
##
  4 1967 Turkey 54.336
##
  5 1972 Turkey 57.005
  6 1977 Turkey 59.507
##
##
  7 1982 Turkey
                   61.036
##
  8 1987 Turkey
                   63.108
  9 1992 Turkey
                    66.146
## 10 1997
                    68.835
            Turkey
## 11
      2002 Turkey
                    70.845
## 12 2007 Turkey 71.777
```

Wow, Turkey has not been doing well for a long time ...

Using the knitr library to make prettier tables

Table 2: Gapminder (head)

country	continent	year	lifeExp	pop	gdpPercap
Afghanistan	Asia	1952	28.80	8425333	779.45

country	continent	year	life Exp	pop	gdpPercap
Afghanistan	Asia	1957	30.33	9240934	820.85
Afghanistan	Asia	1962	32.00	10267083	853.10
Afghanistan	Asia	1967	34.02	11537966	836.20
Afghanistan	Asia	1972	36.09	13079460	739.98
Afghanistan	Asia	1977	38.44	14880372	786.11

Oh, I just understood that you have to "knit" this document in order to see the nice table made with knitr::kable !

I will re-make some of the tables above with knitr::kable to compare the regular RMarkdown output to the "more readable" kable output.

I have used this website as well to install some complementary packages

Now I feel like I have a good grasp on how to use these new tools.