



# Intro to Plotting with Lattice Graphics



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# Introduction

The lattice package is:

- an API built on Trellis graphics which were a part of S and S+
- Independent of R base graphics
  - Not a pen-and-paper model
  - Uses grid graphics under the hood

Benefits of using 'lattice':

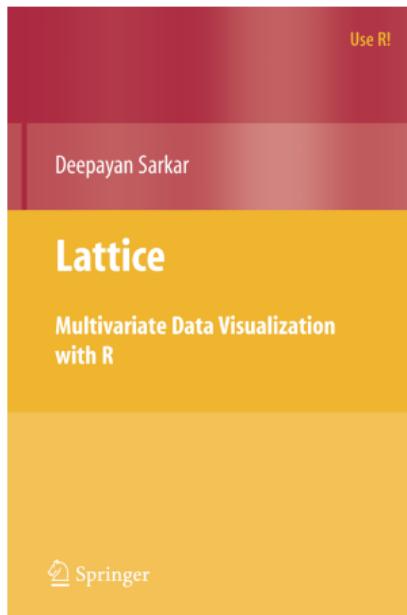
- Excellent for visualizing multivariate data
- Simple to code
- Provides functions for many common statistical graphics
- Provides plots to visualise conditioning on a variable

For more information, see the [lattice website](#).





# Introduction





# Univariate lattice functions

Univariate functions provide easy plotting of a *single* variable

Plot function	Description
barchart	Bar plot
bwplot	Comparative box-and-whisker plots
densityplot	Kernel density plot
dotplot	Cleveland dot plot
histogram	Histogram
qqmath	Theoretical quantile plot





# Bivariate lattice functions

Bivariate functions provide easy plotting of the relationship among two variables (or more, with advanced features)

Plot function	Description
xyplot	Scatter plot





# Multivariate lattice functions

Trivariate and hypervariate functions provide easy plotting of the interaction of *more than two* variables

Plot function	Description
<code>splom</code>	Scatter-plot matrix
<code>cloud</code>	Three-dimensional scatter plot
<code>wireframe</code>	Three-dimensional surface plots





# lattice formulae

The lattice functions make use of formulae to specify statistical models

```
help(formula)
```





# Formula Examples

Formula	Meaning
$y \sim x$	Plot y as a function of x
$y \sim x   z$	denotes conditioning
$y \sim x   z + s + t$	$z, s,$ and $t$ are conditioning variables
$y \sim x   z * s * t$	Conditioning variables may be separated by $+$ or $*$
$\log(y) \sim x * z   s$	Transforms involving more than one column
$\log(y) \sim x   \text{factor}(s)$	Transforms can include other functions
$\sim x$	Valid formula





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# We need data

Let's load some data from the airlines visualization contest.

```
dataPath <- "../data"  
load(file.path(dataPath, "airline.RData"))  
str(airline)  
  
## 'data.frame': 31617 obs. of 19 variables:  
## $ carrier      : Factor w/ 5 levels "American","Delta",...: 3 2 3 3 1 4 3 1 4 3 ...  
## $ year         : num  2008 2008 2008 2008 2008 ...  
## $ month        : Factor w/ 12 levels "January","February",...: 6 1 2 6 2 10 11 6 8 4 ...  
## $ day          : num  16 18 17 2 3 20 3 9 8 4 ...  
## $ weekday       : Factor w/ 7 levels "Monday","Tuesday",...: 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 ...  
## $ departure.time: num  802 1328 1602 1643 959 ...  
...
```

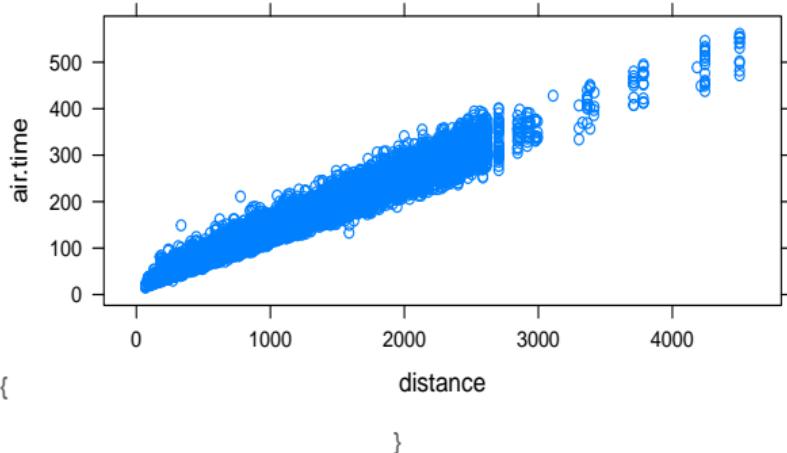




# Creating an xyplot

Create a simple xyplot.

```
xyplot(air.time ~ distance, data = airline)
```

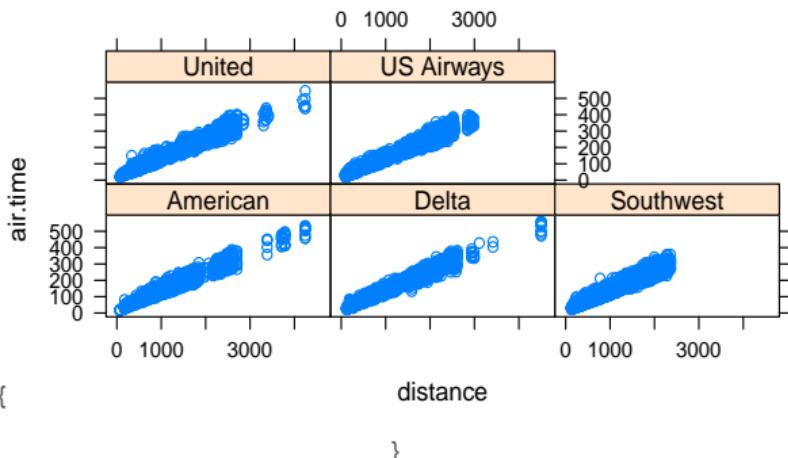




# Add a Conditioning Variable

Easily add multi-panel conditioning

```
xyplot(air.time ~ distance | carrier, data = airline)
```





# Combining Multiple Elements

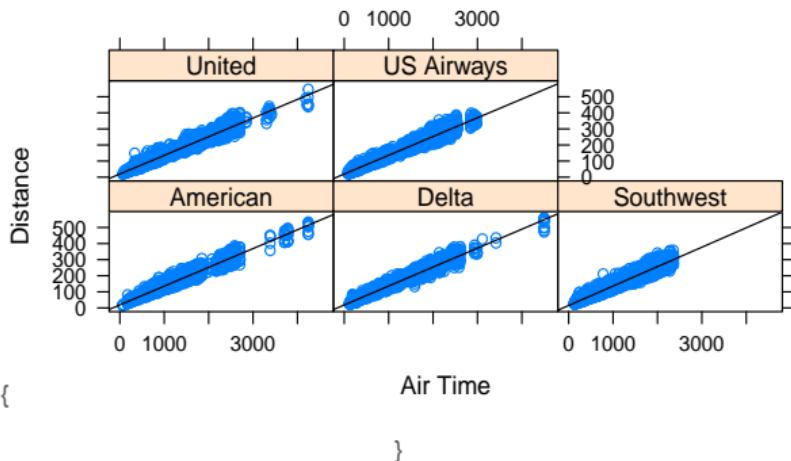
Unlike base graphics, lattice takes all extra graphical elements in the initial plot function in the form of a “panel” function.

```
# Define a panel function to plot xyplot and lmline
panelFun <- function(x, y) {
  panel.xyplot(x, y)
  panel.lmline(x, y)
}
xyplot(air.time ~ distance | carrier, data = airline, panel = panelFun,
       xlab = "Air Time", ylab = "Distance")
```





# Combining Multiple Elements





# Incorrect formula specification

```
densityplot(distance, data = airline) # doesn't work  
densityplot(airline$distance, data = airline) # throws an error
```

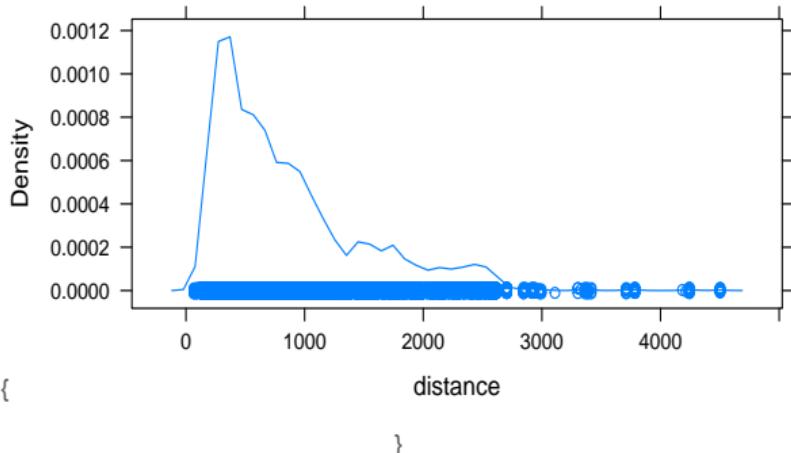
Why not?





# Correct formula specification

```
# Have to use formula for single variable  
densityplot(~distance, data = airline) # proper syntax
```

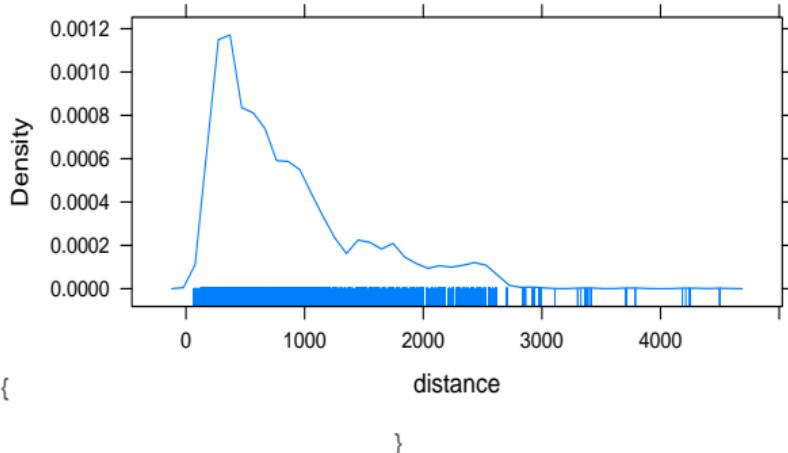




# Density plot with rug in margin

Creating a density plot with a rug and rectangle kernel function

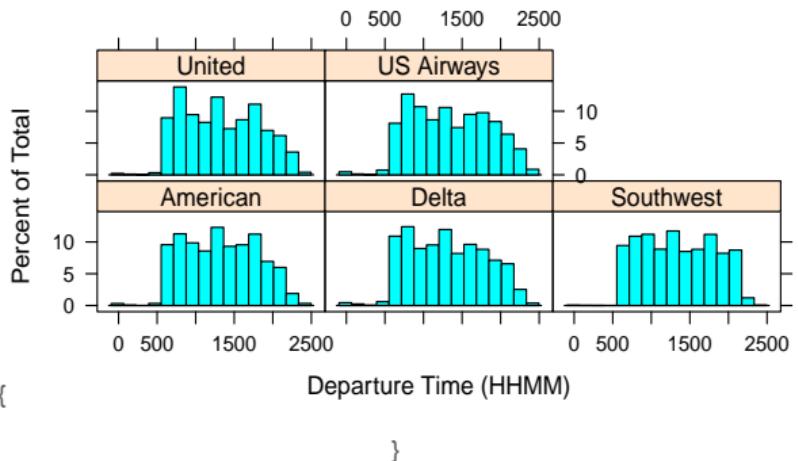
```
densityplot(~distance, data = airline, plot.point = "rug")
```





# Histogram by carrier

```
# Histogram of departure time for each carrier  
histogram(~departure.time | carrier, data = airline, xlab = "Departure Time (HHMM)")
```

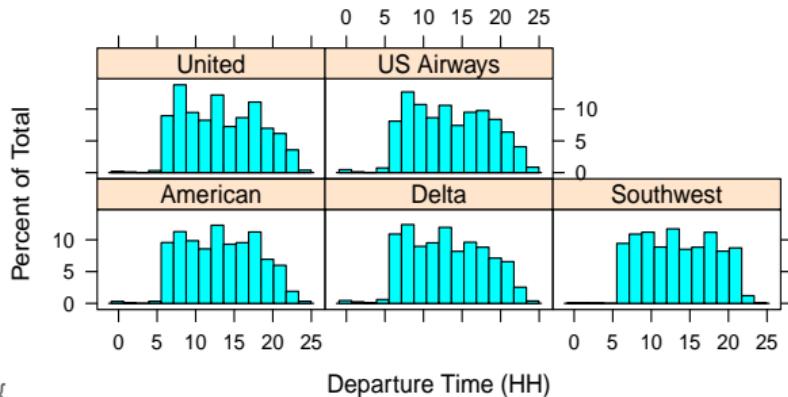




# On-the-Fly Transformations

Histogram of departure time for each carrier with dynamic transformation

```
histogram(~departure.time/100 | carrier, data = airline, xlab = "Departure Time (HH)")
```



{

}

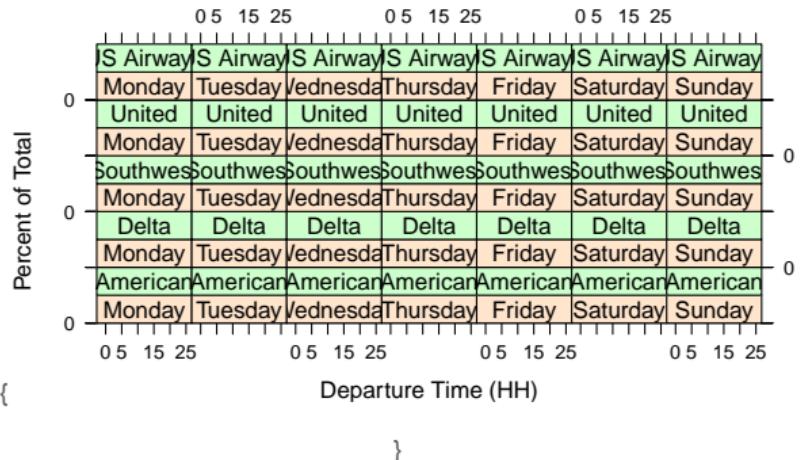


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# Complex Paneling

```
# Histogram of departure time for each carrier and day of the week  
histogram(~departure.time/100 | weekday + carrier, data = airline,  
xlab = "Departure Time (HH)")
```





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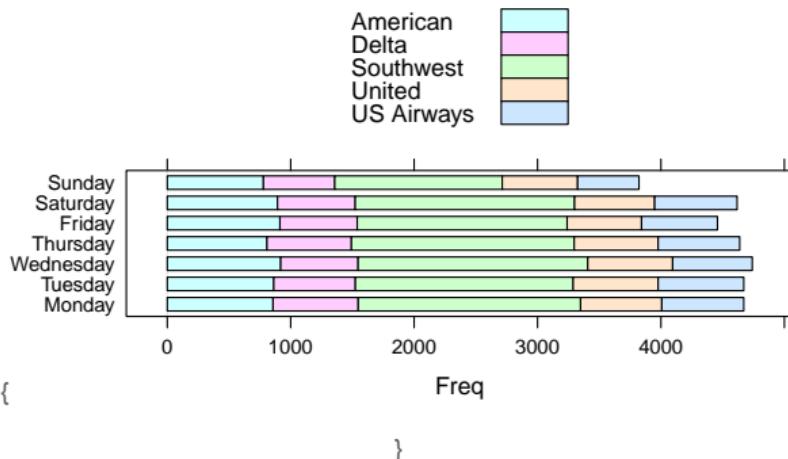
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# Simple barchart

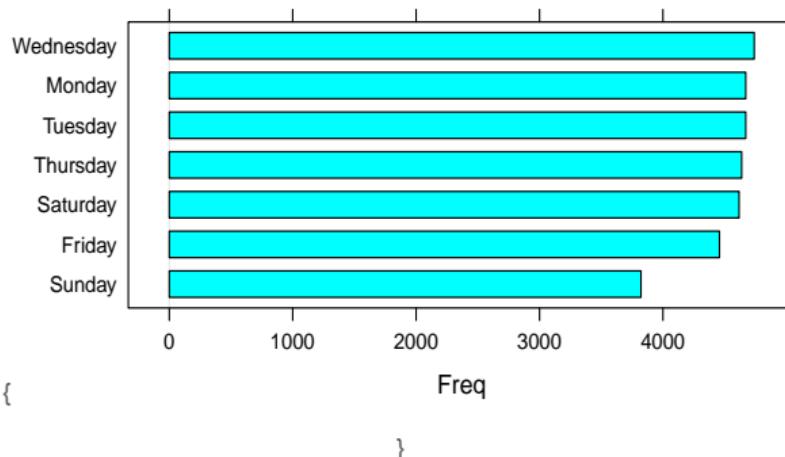
```
# Barchart using tabulated values we created previously  
table <- table(airline$weekday, airline$carrier)  
barchart(table, auto.key = TRUE)
```





# Simple sorted barchart

```
airline$weekday = factor(airline$weekday, levels(airline$weekday) [c(4,  
 2, 6, 7, 5, 1, 3)])  
table <- table(airline$weekday)  
barchart(sort(table), auto.key = TRUE)
```

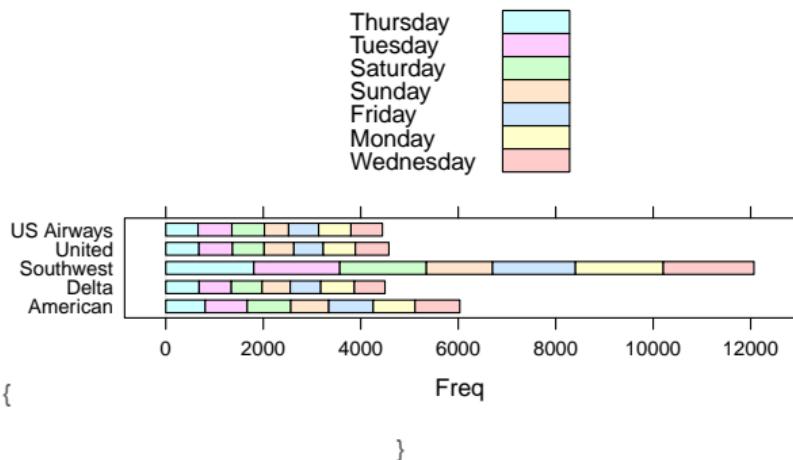




# Bar chart

# Bar chart using new tabulated values

```
barchart(table(airline$carrier, airline$weekday), auto.key = TRUE)
```





# Exercise

Your turn:

- Recreate the previous plot with Airways ordered by ascending total Freq.

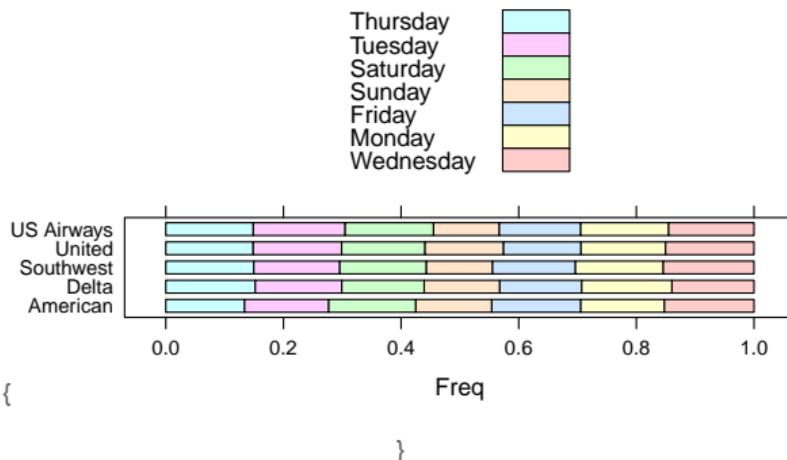
Hint: use functions `order()` and `rowSums()`.





# Barchart with proportions

```
# Barchart using new tablulated values and showing proportions
tabdata <- with(airline, prop.table(table(carrier, weekday), margin = 1))
barchart(tabdata, auto.key = TRUE)
```





# Bar chart with binned groups

Back to some more data shaping. Our goal is to shape our data to visualize the amount of time each airline carrier spends in the air.

```
# Create a new cross table with binned air time using quantile(),
# cut() and table()
cbreaks <- quantile(airline$air.time, na.rm = TRUE)
airline$time.cut <- cut(airline$air.time, breaks = cbreaks)
(tabldata <- with(airline, table(time.cut, carrier)))
```

	carrier					
time.cut	American	Delta	Southwest	United	US	Airways
(15,60]	732	826	4512	511	1195	
(60,96]	805	1361	3378	1040	1159	
(96,151]	2118	969	2407	1331	954	
(151,561]	2201	1248	1609	1561	1059	

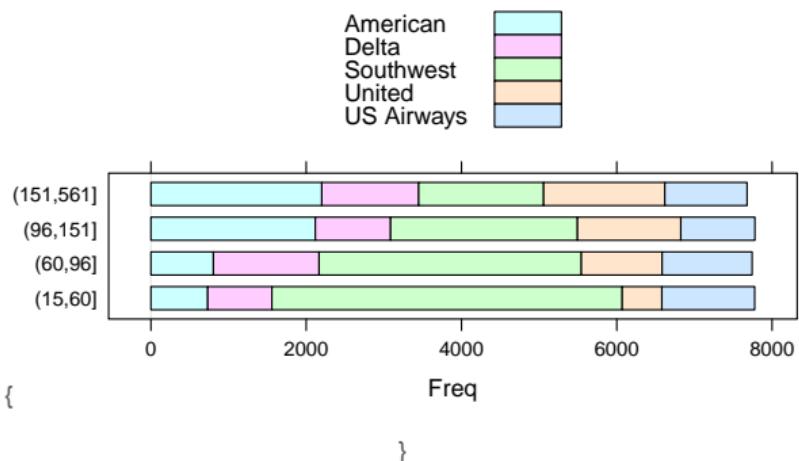




# Bar chart with binned groups

Plotting barchart using the table we just created

```
barchart(tabdata, auto.key = TRUE)
```

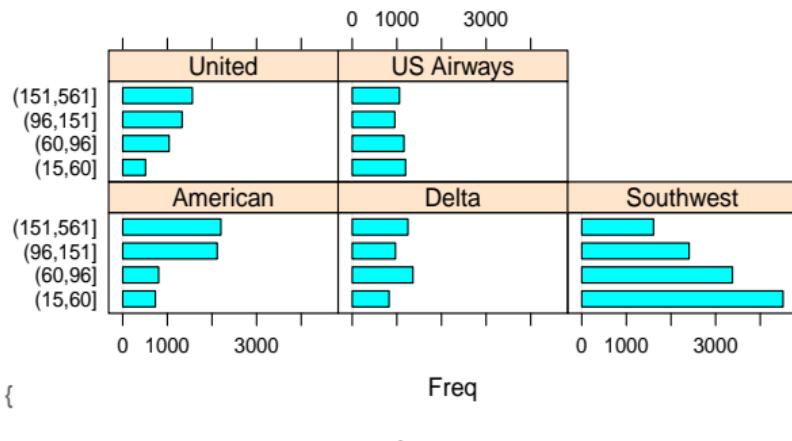




# Bar chart with separated groups

Plotting barchart using the table we just created, this time with groups separated

```
barchart(tabdata, groups = FALSE)
```





# Changing layout

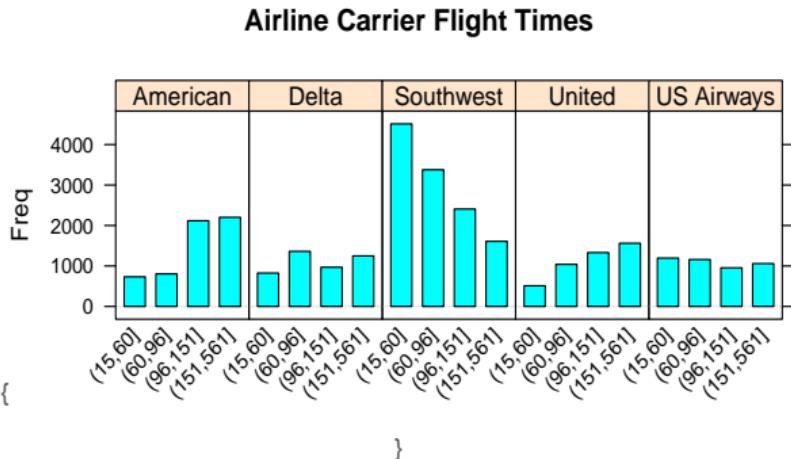
Change the direction of the bars, and adjust the axis labels via the scales argument.

```
# Plot previous barchart but stack them with layout and add title  
barchart(tabdata, auto.key = TRUE, groups = FALSE, layout = c(5, 1),  
         horizontal = FALSE, main = "Airline Carrier Flight Times", scales = list(x = list(rot = 45)))
```





# Changing layout





# Exercise

Your turn:

- Shape and plot the data showing early arrival barcharts for each airline carrier.
- You will need to subset the data for arrival delays less than 0.





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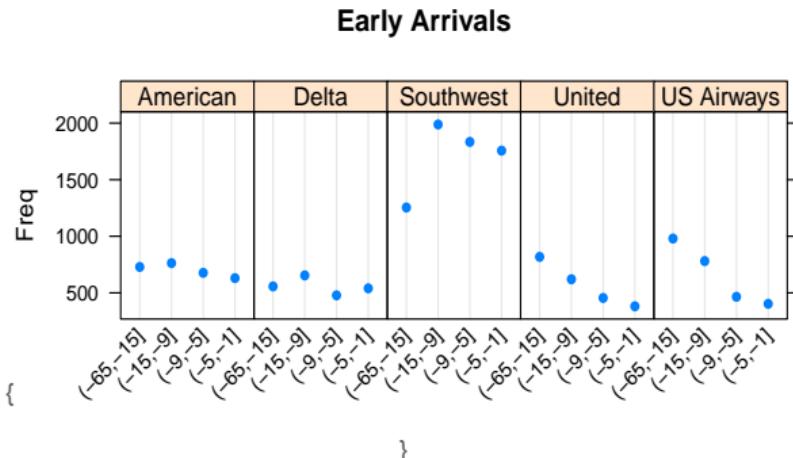
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# Creating a dot plot

```
# Dotplot showing early arrivals  
dotplot(tabdata, layout = c(5, 1), auto.key = TRUE, groups = FALSE,  
        horizontal = FALSE, scales = list(x = list(rot = 45)), main = "Early Arrivals")
```





# Creating a dot plot

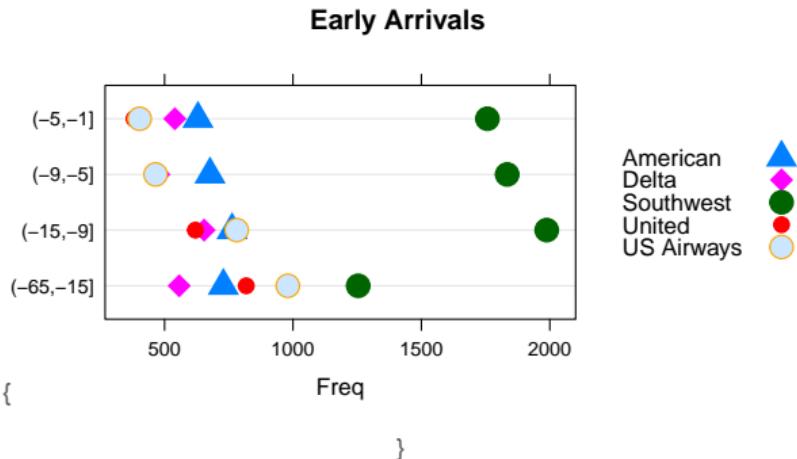
We can modify the appearance of any trellis graphic by changing its parameters using `trellis.par.set()`.

```
# Dotplot showing early arrivals
pars <- trellis.par.get("superpose.symbol")
pars$cex <- 2
pars$pch <- 17:23
trellis.par.set(superpose.symbol = pars)
dotplot(tabdata, auto.key = list(space = "right"), main = "Early Arrivals")
```





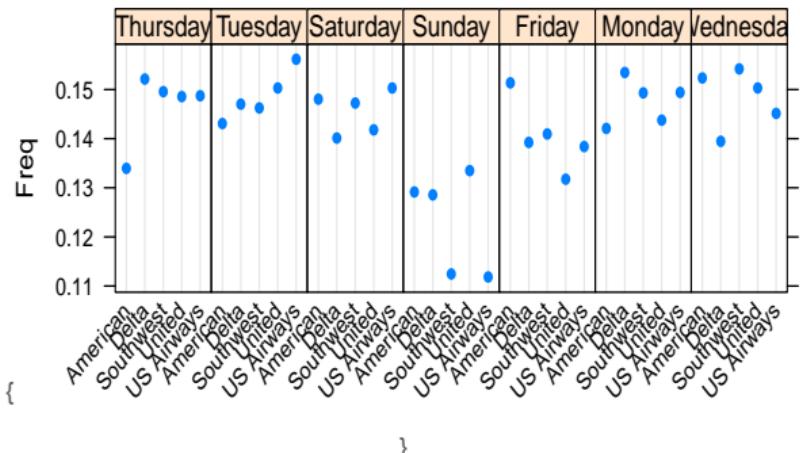
# Creating a dot plot





# Creating a dot plot with proportion table

```
tabdata <- with(airline, table(carrier, weekday))
tabdata <- prop.table(tabdata, margin = 1)
dotplot(tabdata, layout = c(7, 1), horizontal = FALSE, scales = list(x = list(rot = 45)),
        auto.key = TRUE, groups = FALSE)
```





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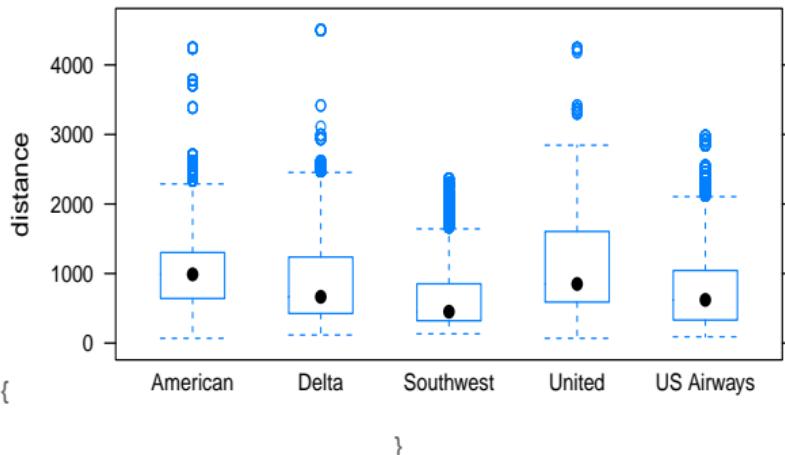
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# Box and whisker plot

```
# Box and whiskers plot showing each airline carrier's distance  
bwplot(distance ~ carrier, data = airline)
```

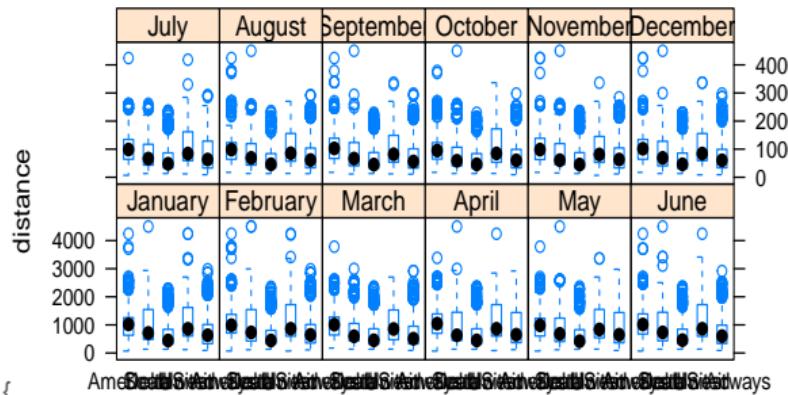




# Box and whisker plot (conditioned)

Creating a box and whisker plot showing each airline carrier's distance by each month

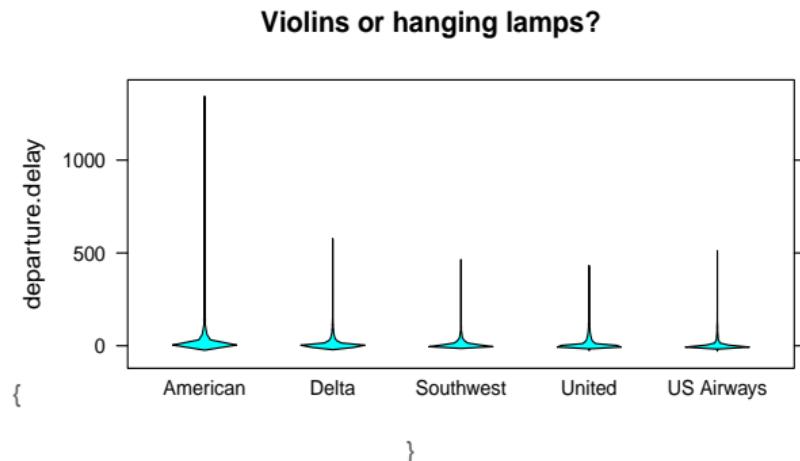
```
bwplot(distance ~ carrier | month, data = airline)
```





# Violin plot using bwplot()

```
# Violin plot using panel.violin  
bwplot(departure.delay ~ carrier, data = airline, panel = panel.violin,  
       main = "Violins or hanging lamps?")
```



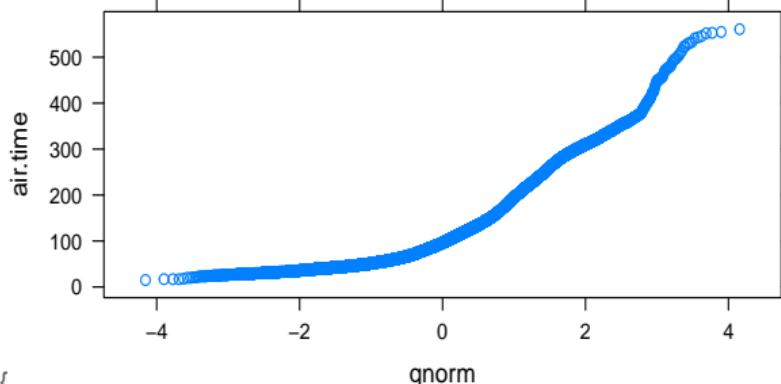


# Creating a qqplot

A quantile plot enables visual inspection of the distribution of data, compared to a theoretical distribution

- Creating a qqplot with `air.time`

```
qqmath(~air.time, data = airline)
```

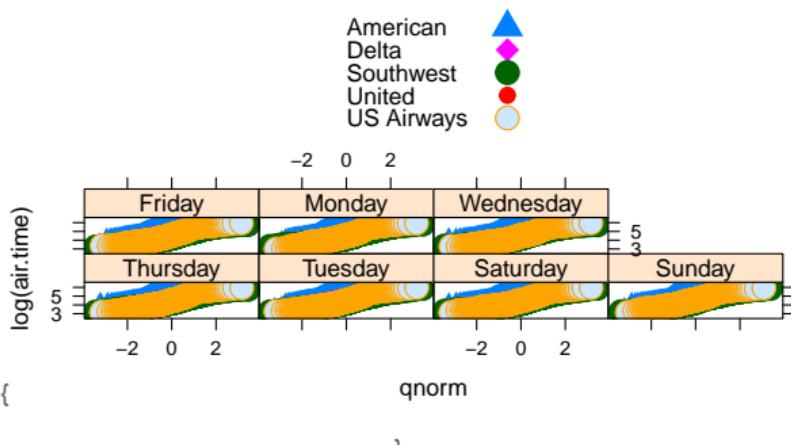




# Using a transform with qqplot

QQ plot with log transform of air.time, airline carrier groups, and weekday panels

```
qqmath(~log(air.time) | weekday, groups = carrier, data = airline,  
      auto.key = TRUE)
```

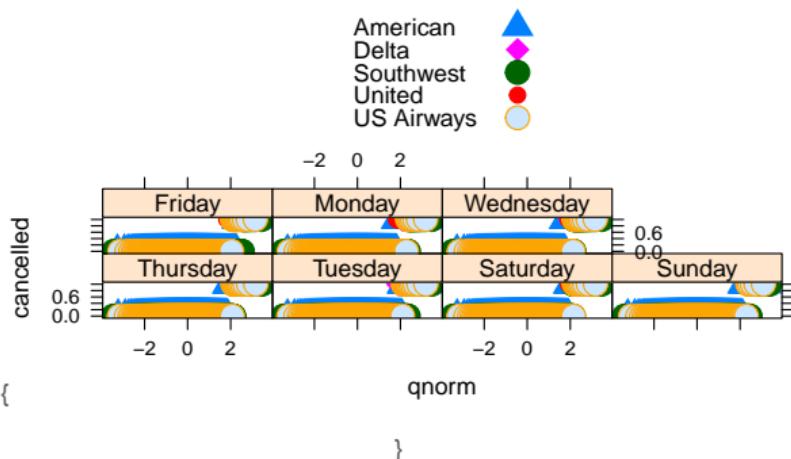




# Plot functions

QQ plot with binary cancellation.code - sigmoidal logistic

```
qqmath(~cancelled | weekday, groups = carrier, data = airline, auto.key = TRUE)
```





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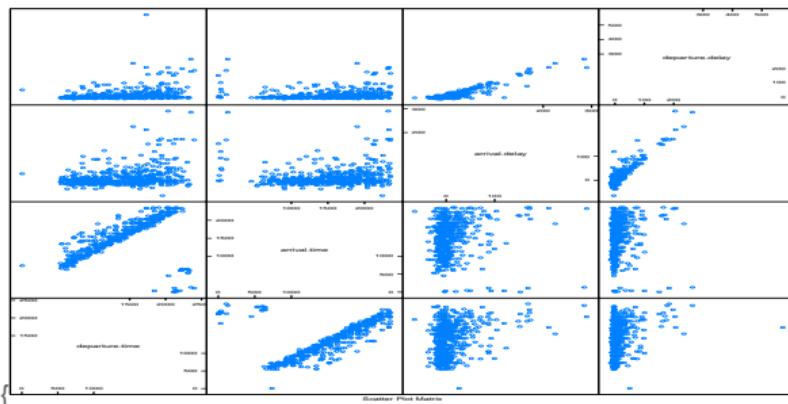
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# Scatterplot matrix

```
# Scatterplot matrix using sample data
set.seed(42)
airSample <- airline[sample.int(nrow(airline), 500), ]
airSample <- airSample[c("departure.time", "arrival.time", "arrival.delay",
  "departure.delay")]
splom(airSample)
```

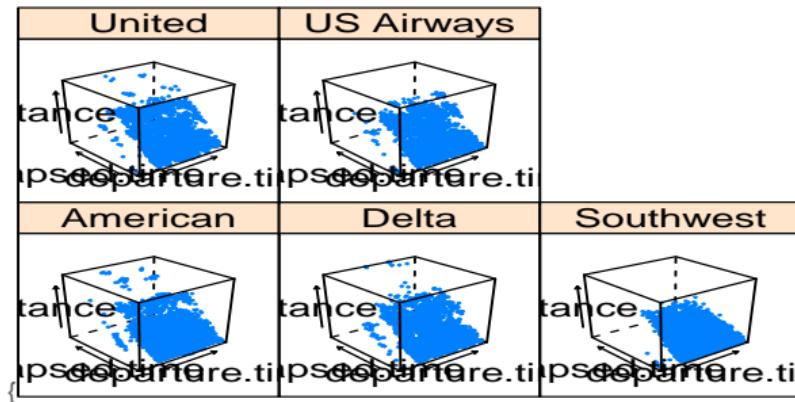




# Cloud plot

Cloud plot (3D Scatter) using formula  $z \sim x * y$

```
cloud(distance ~ departure.time * elapsed.time | carrier, data = airline)
```



}

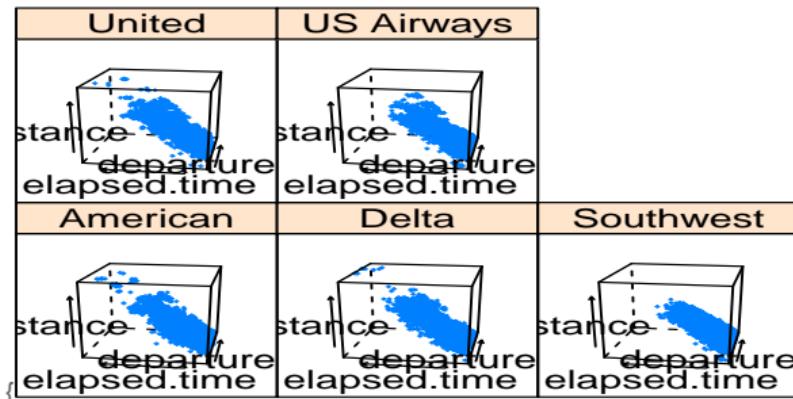


# Cloud plot

Creating a cloud plot with rotation and zoom out. Note that the default rotation is screen = list(z = 40, x = -60)

For more information, see ?(panel.cloud)

```
cloud(distance ~ departure.time * elapsed.time | carrier, data = airline,  
      screen = list(z = 80, x = -70), zoom = 0.7)
```





# Summary

Lattice provides a lot of additional utility for quickly generating some pretty sophisticated graphics.

- Scatter plots (with conditioning variables)
- Bar and dot charts
- Box-and-Whisker Plots
- Histograms and density plots
- Scatter plot matrices and cloud plots





# Questions?





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