

autoplotly: An R package for automatic generation of interactive visualizations for statistical results

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Summary

Often times users only want to quickly iterate the process of exploring data, building statistical models, and visualizing the model results, especially the models that focus on common tasks such as clustering and time series analysis. Some of these packages provide default base plot visualizations for the data and models they generate. However, they look out-of-fashion and these components require additional transformation and clean-up before using them in ggplot2 and each of those transformation steps must be replicated by others when they wish to produce similar charts in their analyses. Creating a central repository for common/popular transformations and default plotting idioms would reduce the amount of effort needed by all to create compelling, consistent and informative charts. The ggfortify package provides a unified ggplot2 plotting interface to many statistics and machine learning packages and functions in order to help these users achieve reproducibility goals with minimal effort. ggfortify package has a very easy-to-use and uniform programming interface that enables users to use one line of code to visualize statistical results of many popular R packages using ggplot2 as building blocks. This helps statisticians, data scientists, and researchers avoid both repetitive work and the need to identify the correct ggplot2 syntax to achieve what they need. Users are able to generate beautiful visualizations of their statistical results produced by popular packages with minimal effort. plotly is an R package built on top of Javascript visualization framework plotly. js that become popular building blocks for creating interactive visualizations in

The autoplotly package is an extension built on top of R packages ggplot2, plotly, and ggfortify to provide functionalities to automatically generate interactive visualizations for many popular statistical results supported by ggfortify package, such as time series, PCA, clustering and survival analysis, with plotly and ggplot2 style. The generated visualizations can also be easily extended using ggplot2 and plotly syntax while staying interactive.

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