

## 36-315: Statistical Graphics & Visualization

- course objectives
  - learn useful principles for making appropriate statistical graphics.
  - critique existing graphs and remake better ones.
  - visualize statistical analyses to facilitate communication.
  - pinpoint the statistical claims you can/cannot make from graphics.
  - write and speak publicly about statistical graphics.
  - practice tidy data manipulation in R using the tidyverse
  - practice reproducible workflows with Quarto
- grammar of graphics defined and used in ggplot2
  - see 01lec.pdf
- goal of data visualization: show data, communicate a story
  - induce viewer to think about substance, not graphical methodology
  - make large, complex datasets more coherent
  - encourage comparison of different pieces of data
  - describe, explore, and identify relationships
  - avoid data distortion and data decoration
  - use consistent graph design
  - avoid graphs that lead to misleading conclusions!
- data types
  - quantitative
    - discrete
    - continuous
  - categorical (factor)
    - nominal
      - no order
      - e.g. race, species
    - ordinal
      - ordered!
      - ranking
      - DEFAULT IN R! manually define factor levels, or alpha. default
- area plots
  - pie chart (BAD!!!)
  - bar chart
  - stacked bar/spine chart (for variable comparison)
  - waffle charts????
  - rose diagrams (temporal or directional context can justify usage)
- something something “geom\_bar(stat=identity)” to “take y as is”
- $\alpha$  level CI is  $\hat{x} \pm z_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} \cdot SE(\hat{x})$
- 1d chisq test:  $H_A$  is “at least one category differs”  
`chisq.test(table(penguins$species))`
- CI interpretation
  - If CIs don't overlap → significant difference
  - If CIs overlap → a little ambiguous
  - If CIs overlap → a lot no significant difference

- multiple testing:
  - have multiple pairwise comparisons via CI eyeballing? Type 1 error is now above 5%!!!
  - correct by inflating  $p$  values
  - Bonferroni Correction:
    - making  $K$  comparisons  $\rightarrow$  reject iff  $p \leq \frac{\alpha}{K}$ .
    - easy to impl and popular but inflates  $p$  the most
    - CIs: plot  $(1 - \alpha)\%$  CIs  $\rightarrow$  plot  $(1 - \frac{\alpha}{K})\%$  CIs
- 2d chisq test:  $H_A$  is “ $A, B$  independent”
 

```
chisq.test(table(penguins$species, penguins$island))
```

  - visualize this with mosaic plots
- mosaic plots: can shade by Pearson residuals
  - more positive p.r  $\rightarrow$  more counts than expected, more neg is vice versa
  - we might reject null for the global chisq test but see all white residuals: can't reject null for individual local tests.
- 1d quant
  - boxplots: only summary stats: bad!
  - hist: see dist, bin width matters.
  - density curves: conditional dists
- estimation schools of thought:
  - parametric: assume dist, est params (eg MLE, 3623X)
  - nonparametric: make few assumptions, use whole dataset (density curves, regression lines??)
- kernel density estimation
  - place lil dist on every  $x_i$
  - usually normal, but many exist (fuck it triangle. things can help maintain strict left right dist bounds if needed)
  - bandwidth (higher is more smooth dist): ggplot alr uses Gaussian reference rule of thumb, set to  $1.06 \cdot \sigma_{\text{sample}} \cdot n^{-1/5}$ .
  - adjust bandwidth via `geom_density(adjust = <multiplier>)`
- Kolmogorov-Smirnov (KS) Test
  - $H_A$ : distributions different
  - stat: largest gap
  - 1 sample: compare ECDF to theoretical distribution
 

```
ks.test(
  x = penguins$flipper_length_mm,
  y = "pnorm",
  mean = flipper_length_mean,
  sd = flipper_length_sd
)
```
  - 2 sample: compare two ECDFs
 

```
ks.test(rap_duration, y = rock_duration) # both straight up vec[int]
```
- Power: prob of reject when you're supposed to (null is false) increased by:
  - sample size
  - reduce variance/error
  - increase differences/effects
  - choose right test! i.e. KS is underpowered compared to t.test/Barlett (sensitive to non-normality)

```
t.test(sample_rap_duration, sample_pop_duration) # H_A : mean not all equal
bartlett.test(list(sample_rap_duration, sample_pop_duration)) # H_A: variances not
all equal
```

- $Q \rightarrow Q$  is scatterplot, `geom_point()` and note `scale_color_gradient(low = "darkblue", high = "darkorange")`
- linreg for the like fourth time!!!
  - assumptions:
    1. conditional dist is the normal
    2. linearity (residual vs fit apparently?)
    3. mean 0 (residual vs fit plot)
    4. constant variance (residual vs fit plot)
    5. indep. errors (must make this decision based off of experiment design)