

Plotting in R

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```
setwd("~/RWork")  
library("dplyr")
```

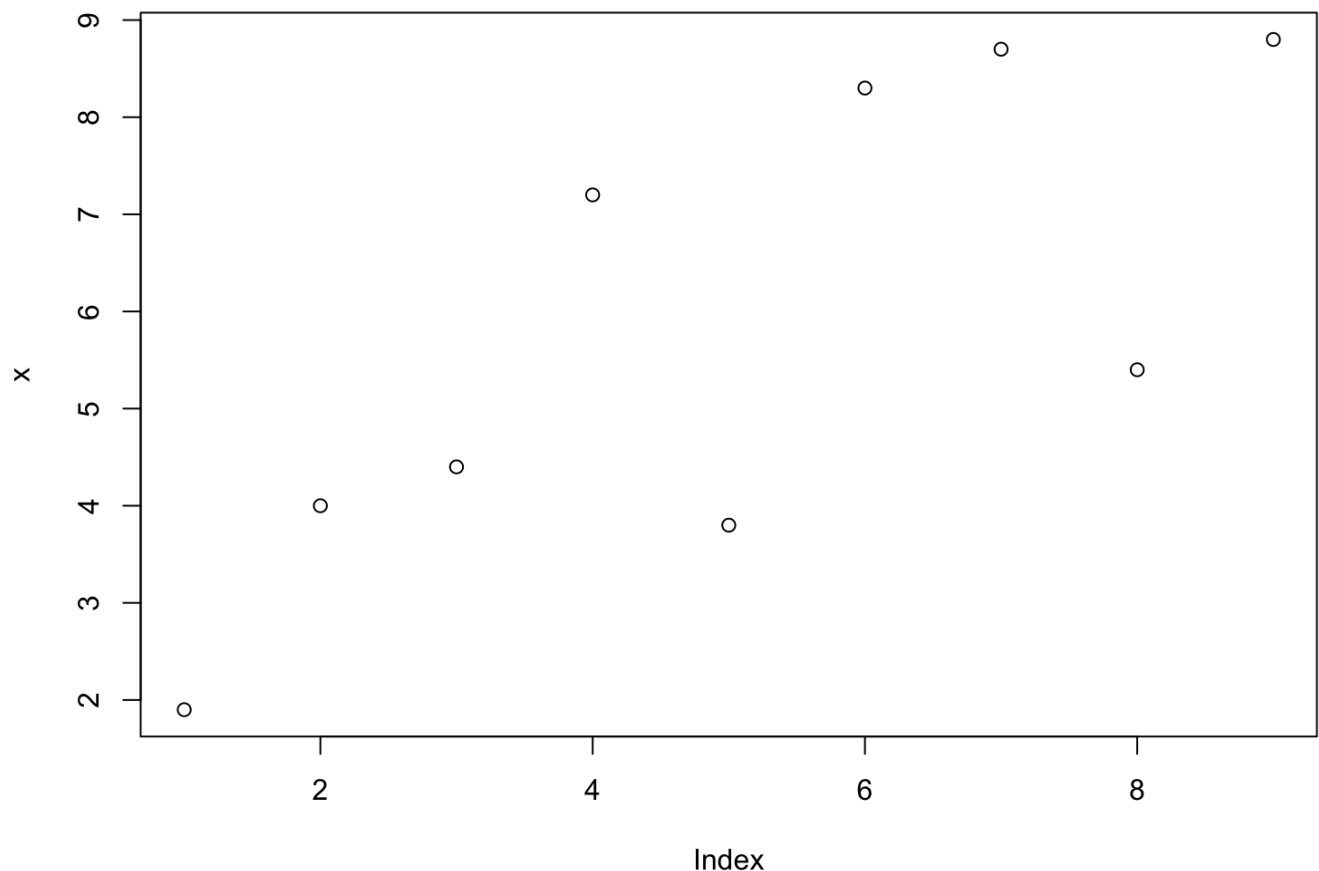
```
##  
## Attaching package: 'dplyr'
```

```
## The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':  
##  
##   filter, lag
```

```
## The following objects are masked from 'package:base':  
##  
##   intersect, setdiff, setequal, union
```

Plotting in base R

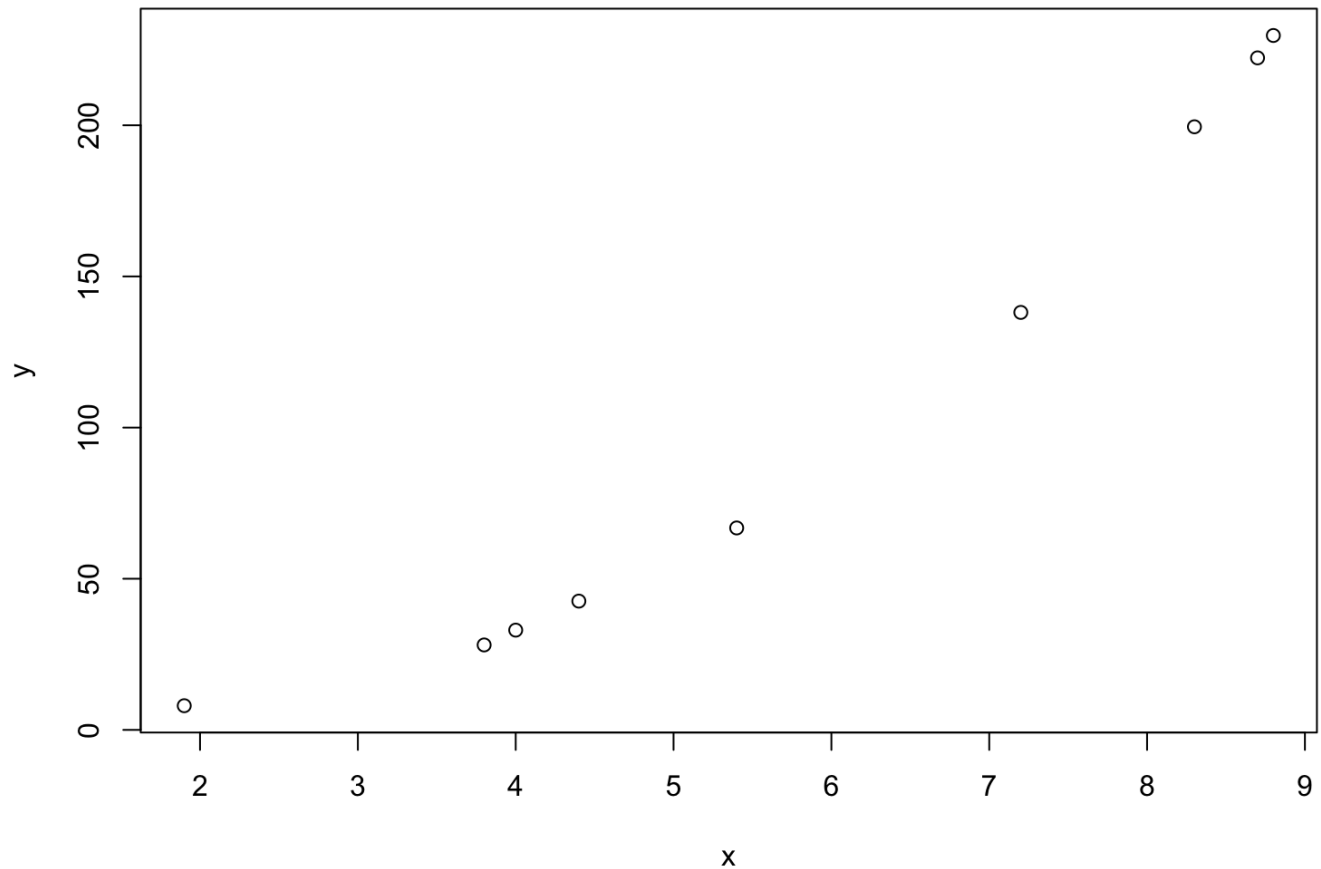
```
x <- c(1.9, 4.0, 4.4, 7.2, 3.8, 8.3, 8.7, 5.4, 8.8)
plot(x)
```



What does this plot?

The index as the horizontal axis and the values on the vertical.

```
y <- c(8, 33, 42.6, 138.1, 28.1, 199.5, 222.3, 66.8, 229.7)
plot(x,y)
```



Plot y (y-axis) versus x (x-axis) in a new window

We can make a line instead of points:

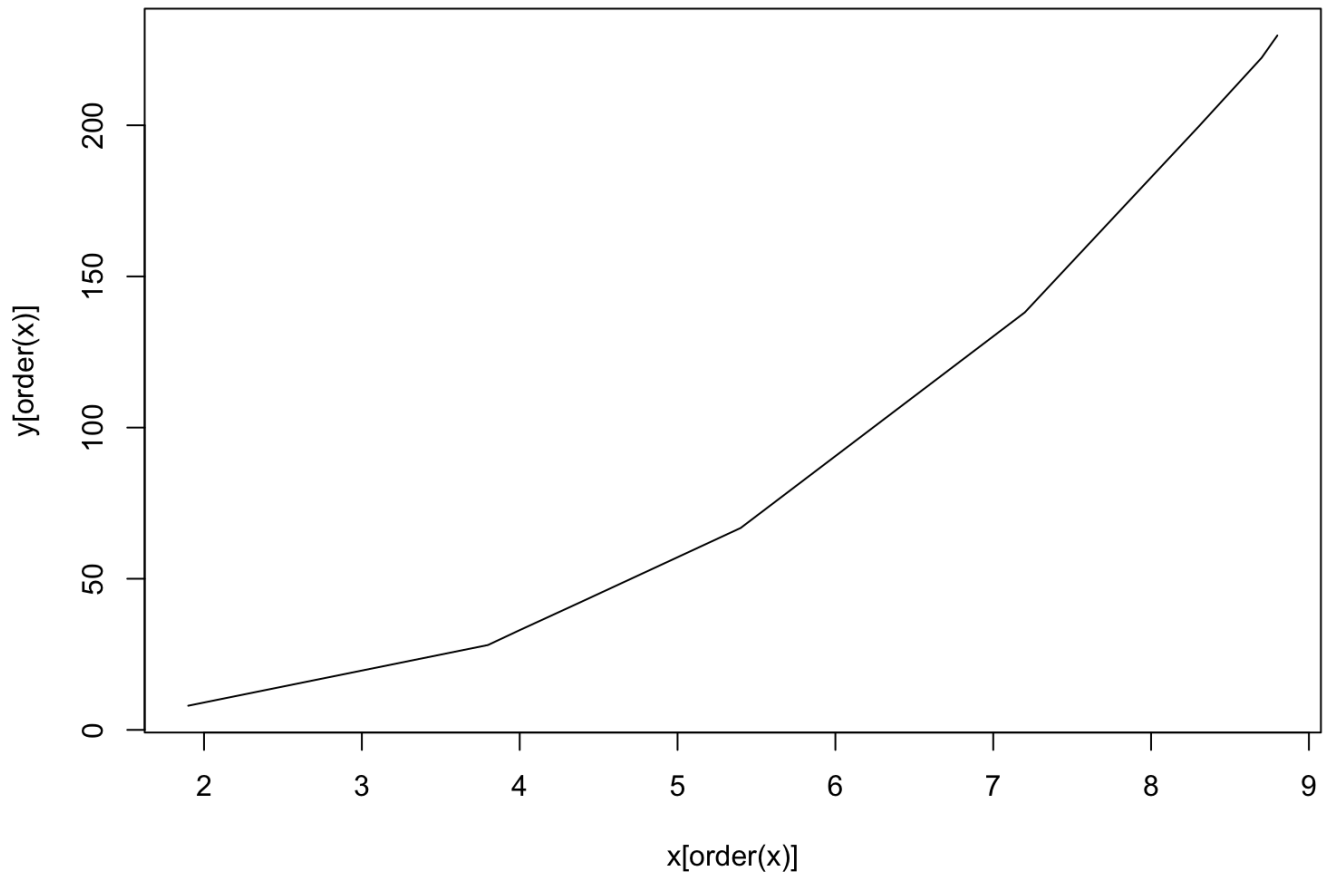
```
x
```

```
## [1] 1.9 4.0 4.4 7.2 3.8 8.3 8.7 5.4 8.8
```

```
order(x)
```

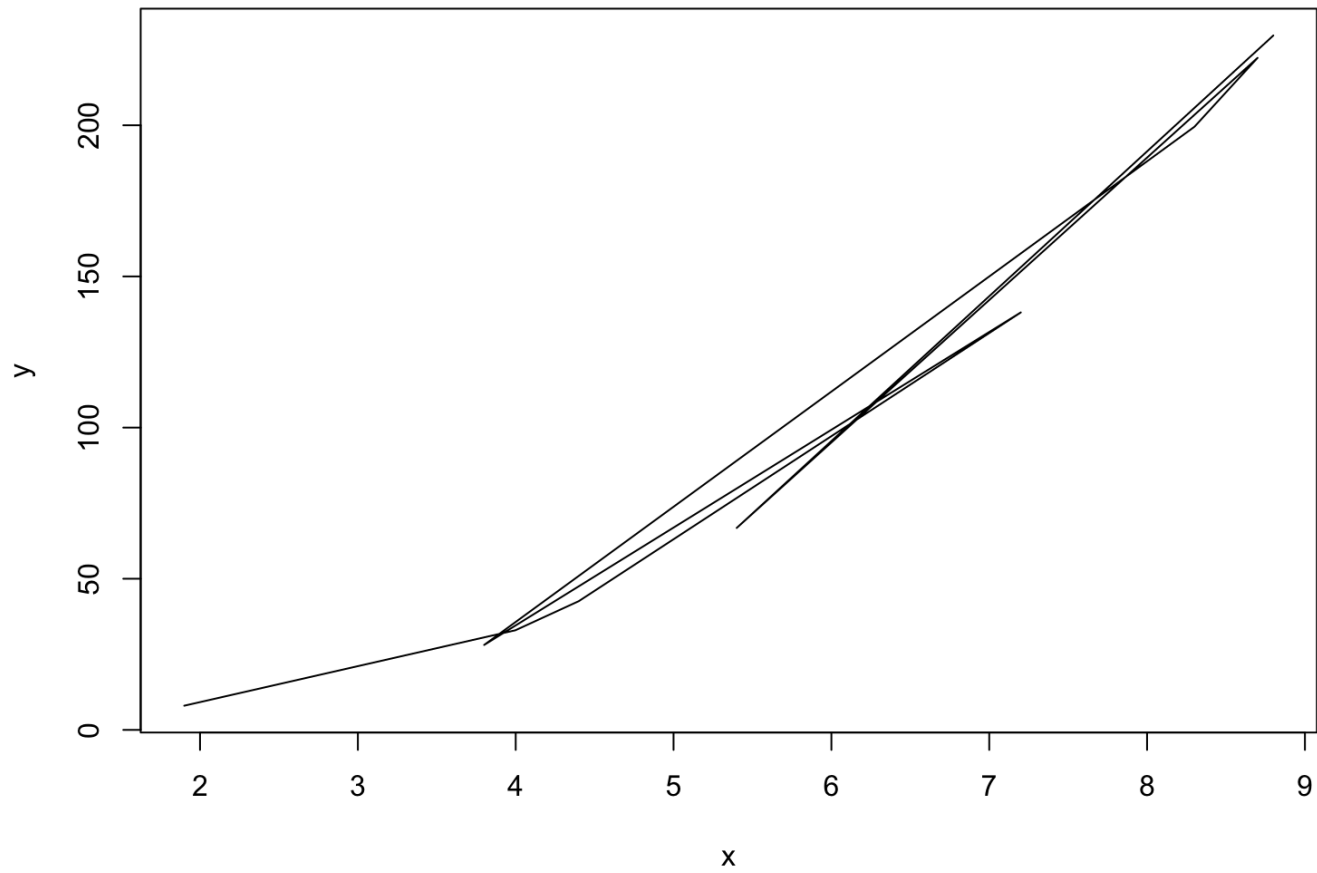
```
## [1] 1 5 2 3 8 4 6 7 9
```

```
plot(x[order(x)],y[order(x)],type='l')
```



What happens if we do not reorder the points?

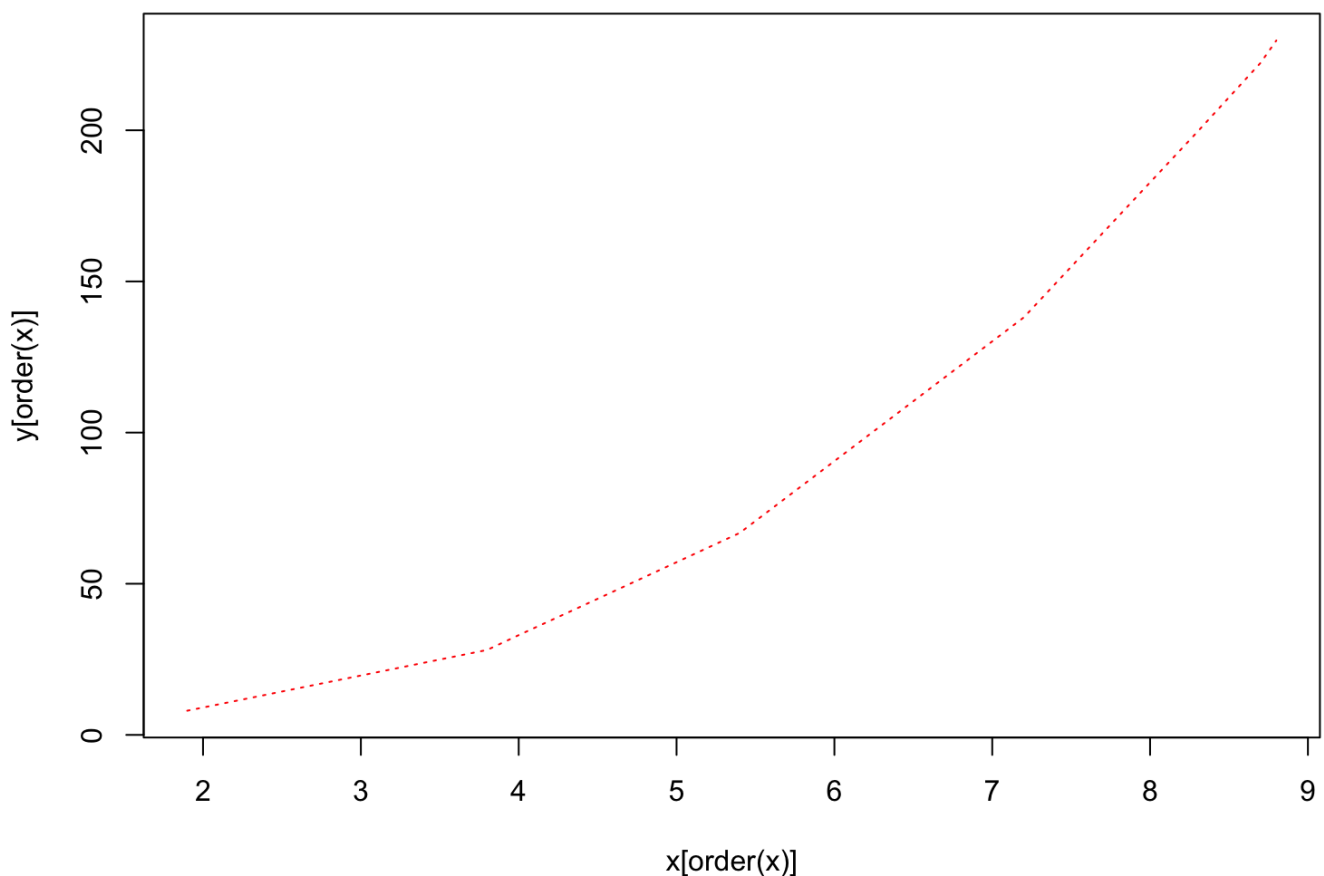
```
plot(x,y,type='l')
```



Extra arguments

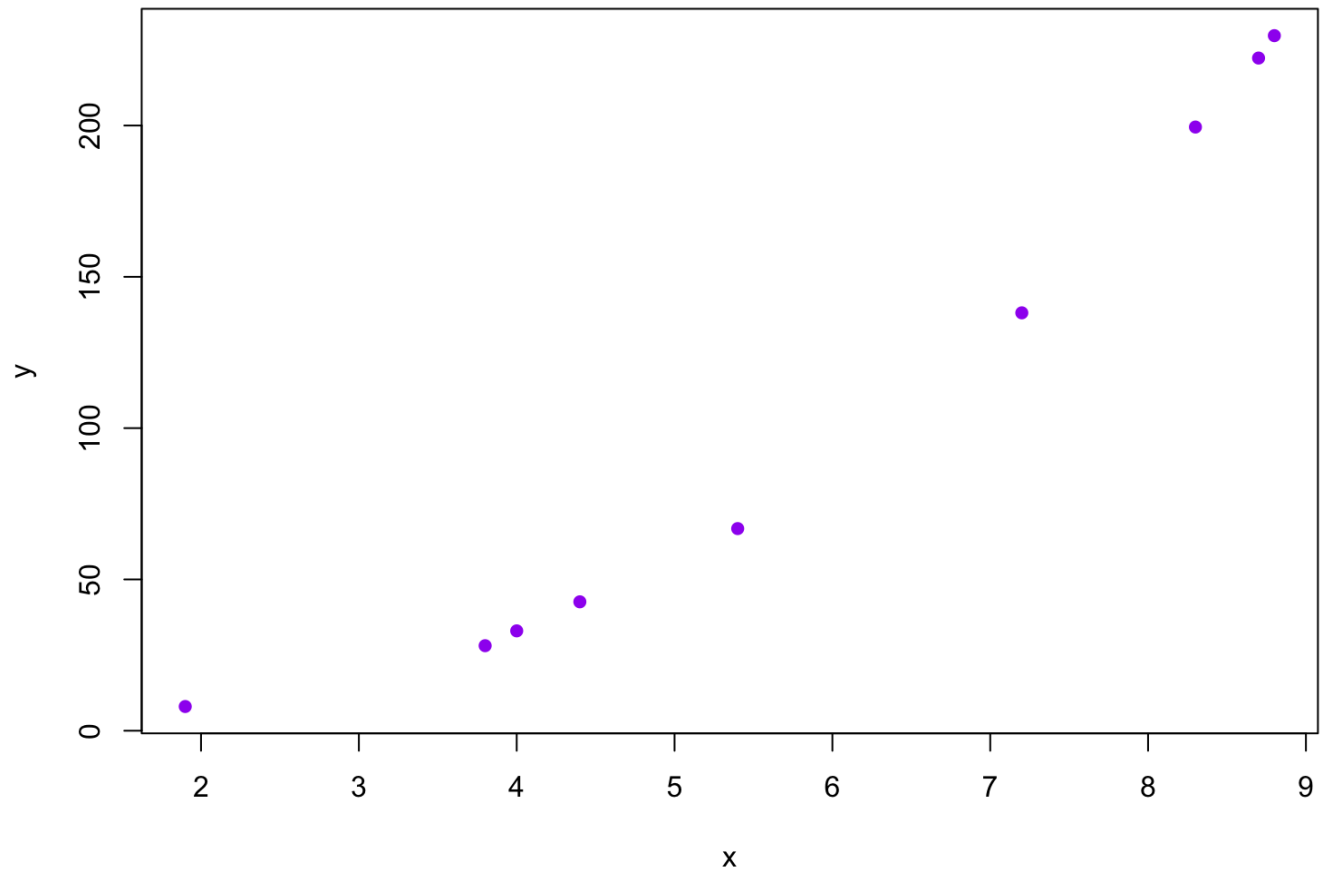
We have extra arguments we can add to plots using:

```
plot(x[order(x)],y[order(x)],type='l',col="red",lty=3)
```

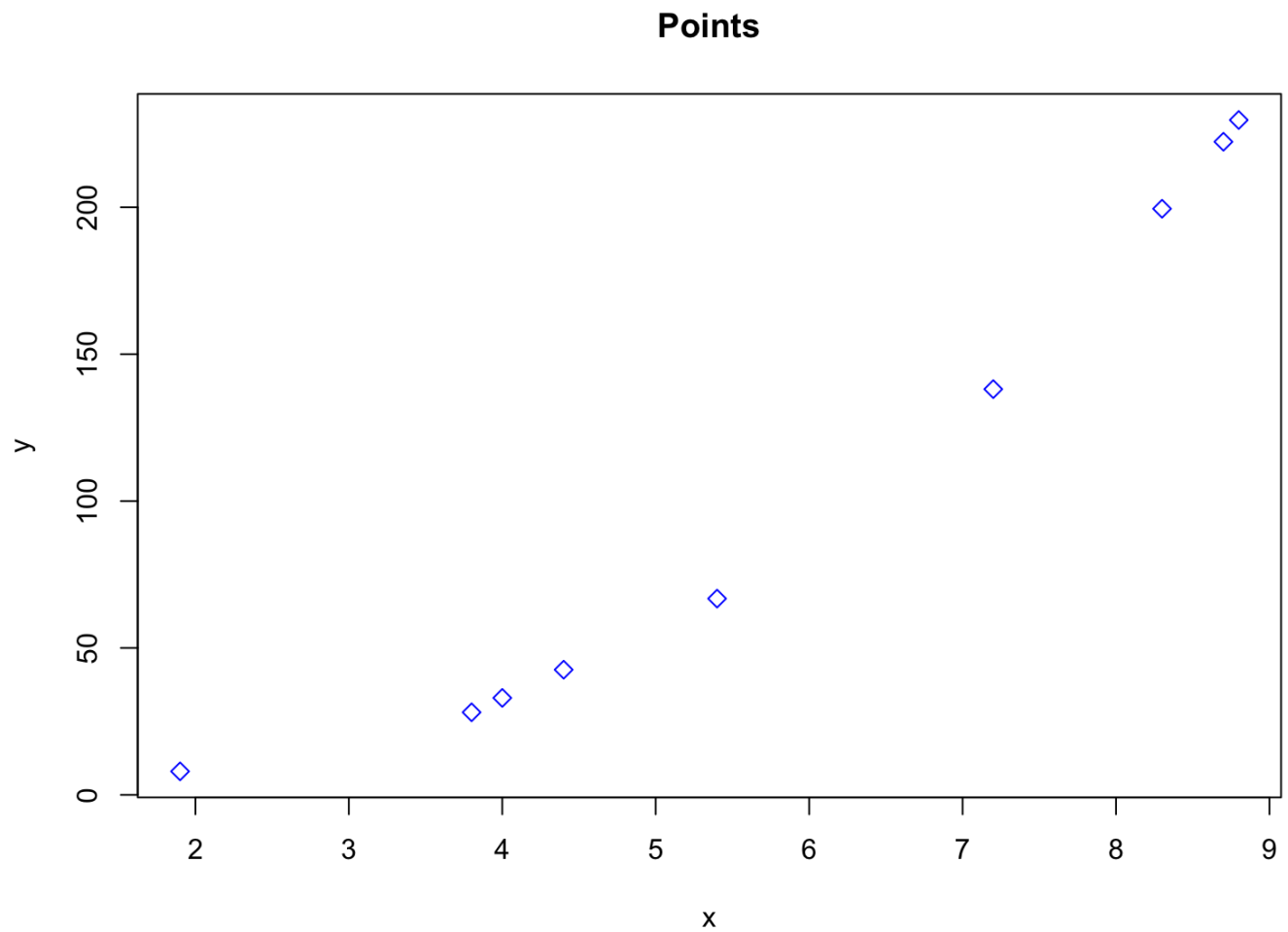


- type: “l”=lines, “p”=points, “n” empty, “b”, etc.
- col: color – “blue”, “red”, etc
- lty: line type – 1=solid, 2=dashed, etc.

```
plot(x,y,type='p',col="purple",pch=16)
```



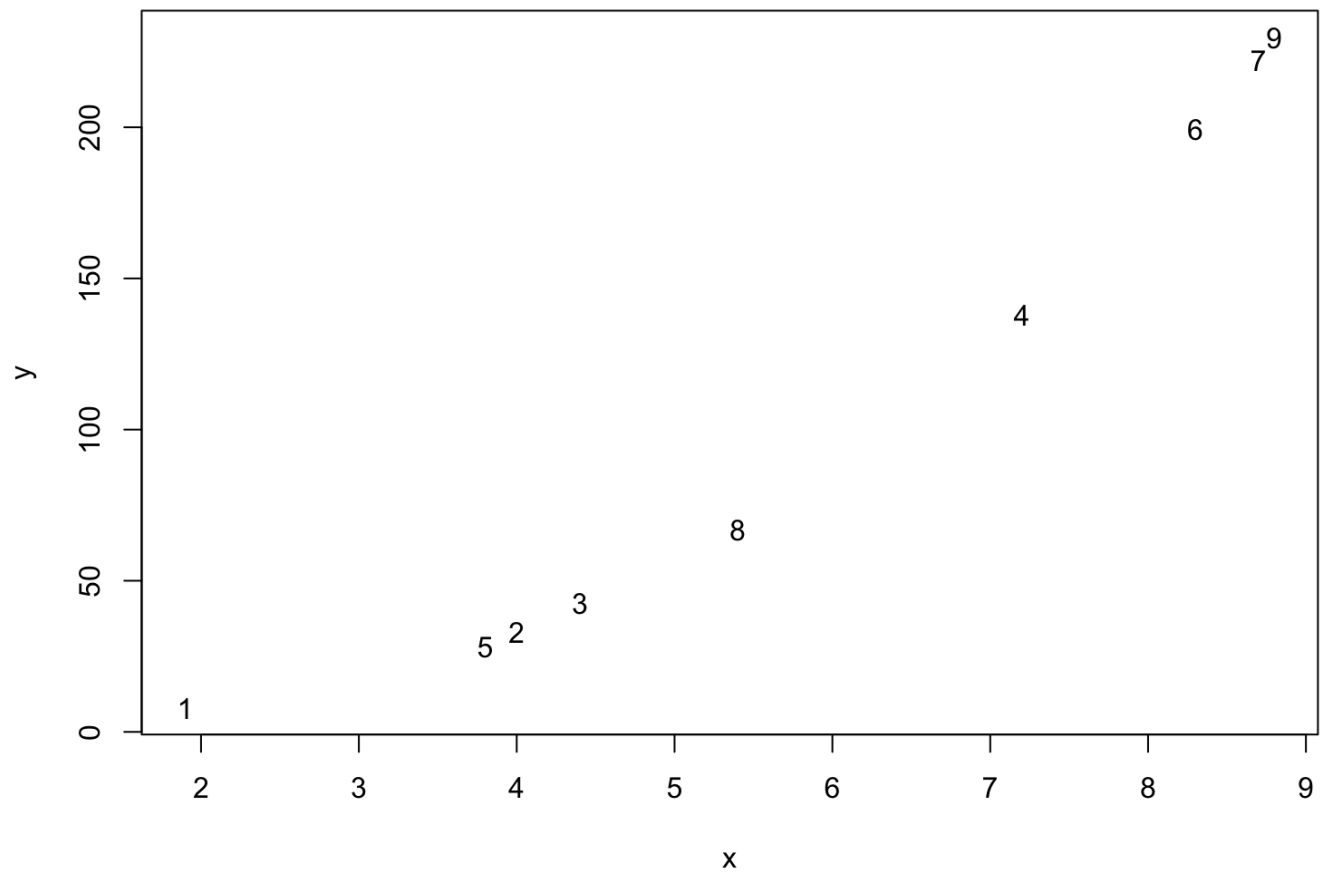
```
plot(x,y,type='p',col="blue",pch=5,main="Points")
```

- pch: point type – 1=circle, 2=triangle, etc.
- main: title - character string
- xlab and ylab: axis labels – character string

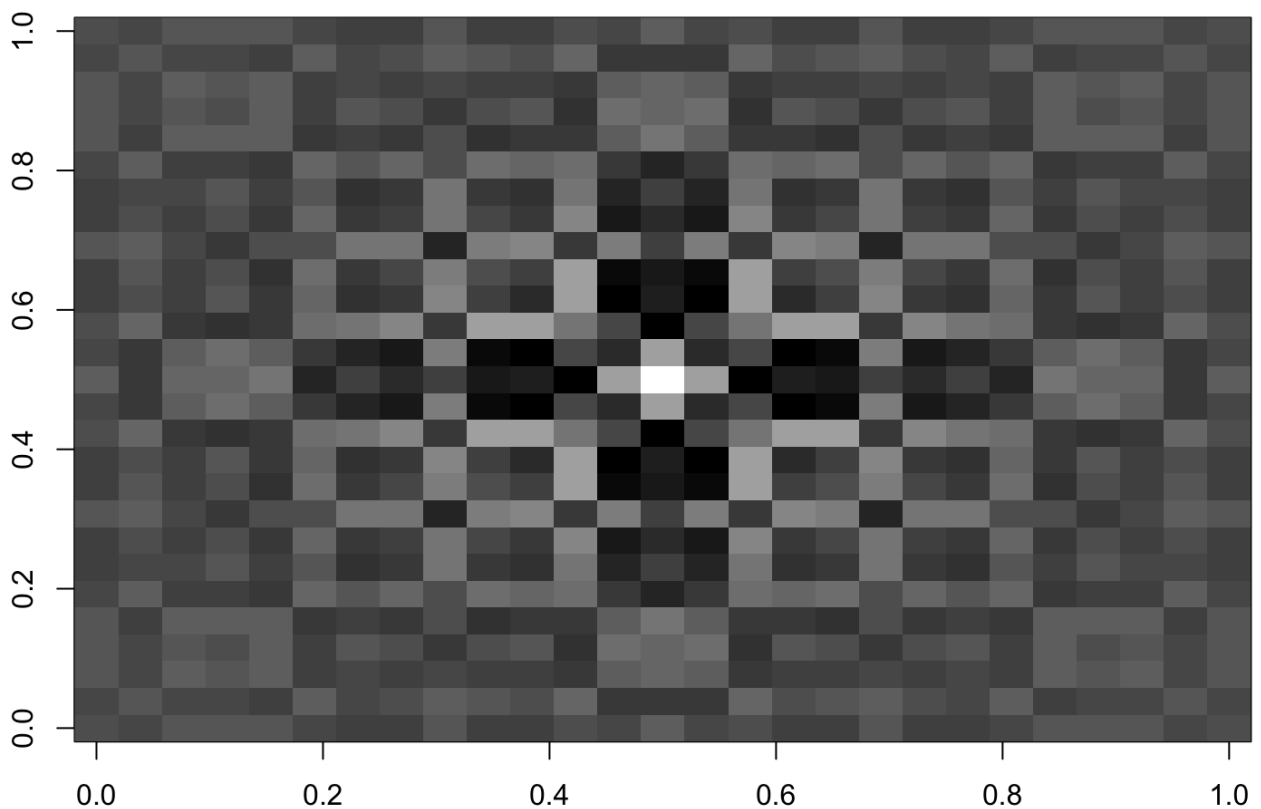
Adding text

```
plot(x,y,type='n')  
text(x,y,1:9)
```



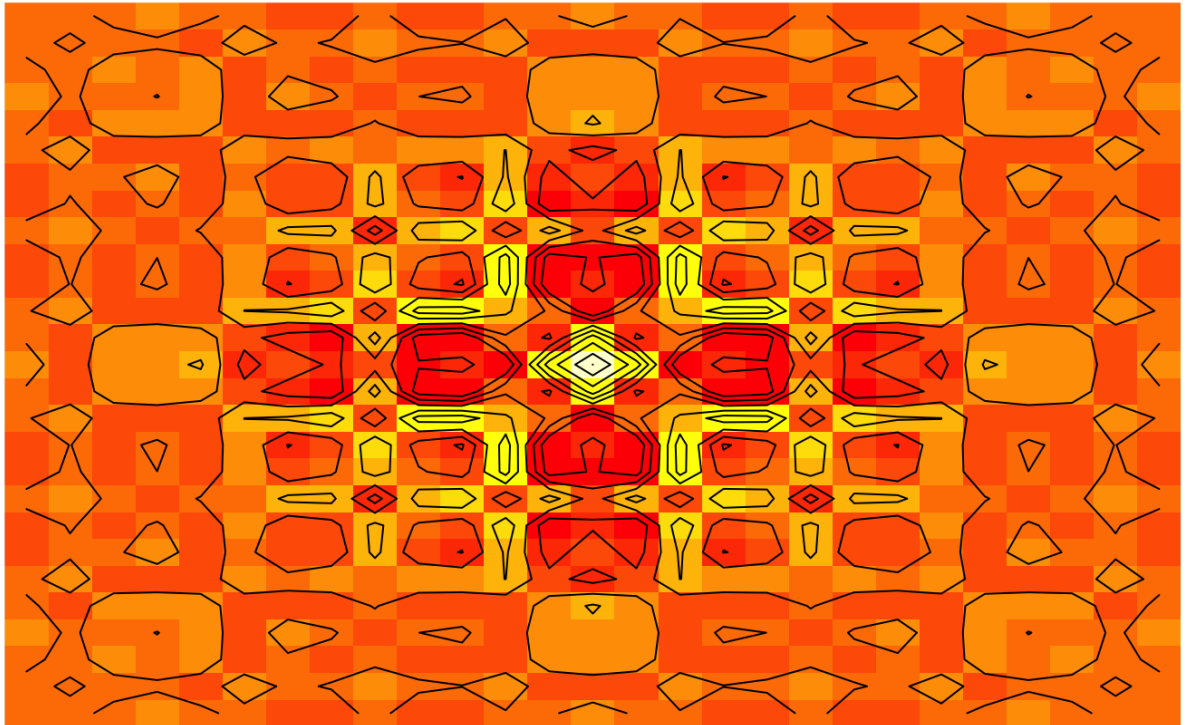
A complicated example for you to decode:

```
require(grDevices) # for colours
x <- y <- seq(-4*pi, 4*pi, len = 27)
r <- sqrt(outer(x^2, y^2, "+"))
image(z = z <- cos(r^2)*exp(-r/6), col = gray((0:32)/32))
```



```
image(z, axes = FALSE, main = "Math quilt",
      xlab = expression(cos(r^2) * e^{-r/6}))
contour(z, add = TRUE, drawlabels = FALSE)
```

Math quilt



$$\cos(r^2)e^{-r/6}$$

We can also add elements to the plot with the functions:

- legend: add legend with given symbols (lty or pch and col) and text (legend) at location (x="topright")
- axis: add axis (arguments: side – 1=bottom, 2=left, 3=top, 4=right)
- mtext: add text on axis (arguments: text (character string) and side)
- grid: add grid
- par: plotting parameters to be specified before the plots. Arguments: e.g. mfrow=c(1,3)): number of figures per page (1 row, 3 columns); new=TRUE: draw plot over previous plot.

Plot is object-oriented

Meaning it adapts to the objects in the argument (between brackets)

```
apropos("plot")
```

```
## [1] ".__C__recordedplot" "assocplot" "barplot"
## [4] "barplot.default" "biplot" "boxplot"
## [7] "boxplot.default" "boxplot.matrix" "boxplot.stats"
## [10] "cdplot" "coplot" "fourfoldplot"
## [13] "interaction.plot" "lag.plot" "matplot"
## [16] "monthplot" "mosaicplot" "plot"
## [19] "plot.default" "plot.design" "plot.ecdf"
## [22] "plot.function" "plot.new" "plot.spec.coherency"
## [25] "plot.spec.phase" "plot.stepfun" "plot.ts"
## [28] "plot.window" "plot.xy" "preplot"
## [31] "qqplot" "recordPlot" "replayPlot"
## [34] "savePlot" "screepplot" "spineplot"
## [37] "sunflowerplot" "termplot" "ts.plot"
```

Other visual summaries

- boxplot
- hist: plot histogram of the numbers in a vector
- barplot: bar plot of vector or data frame

birthn data

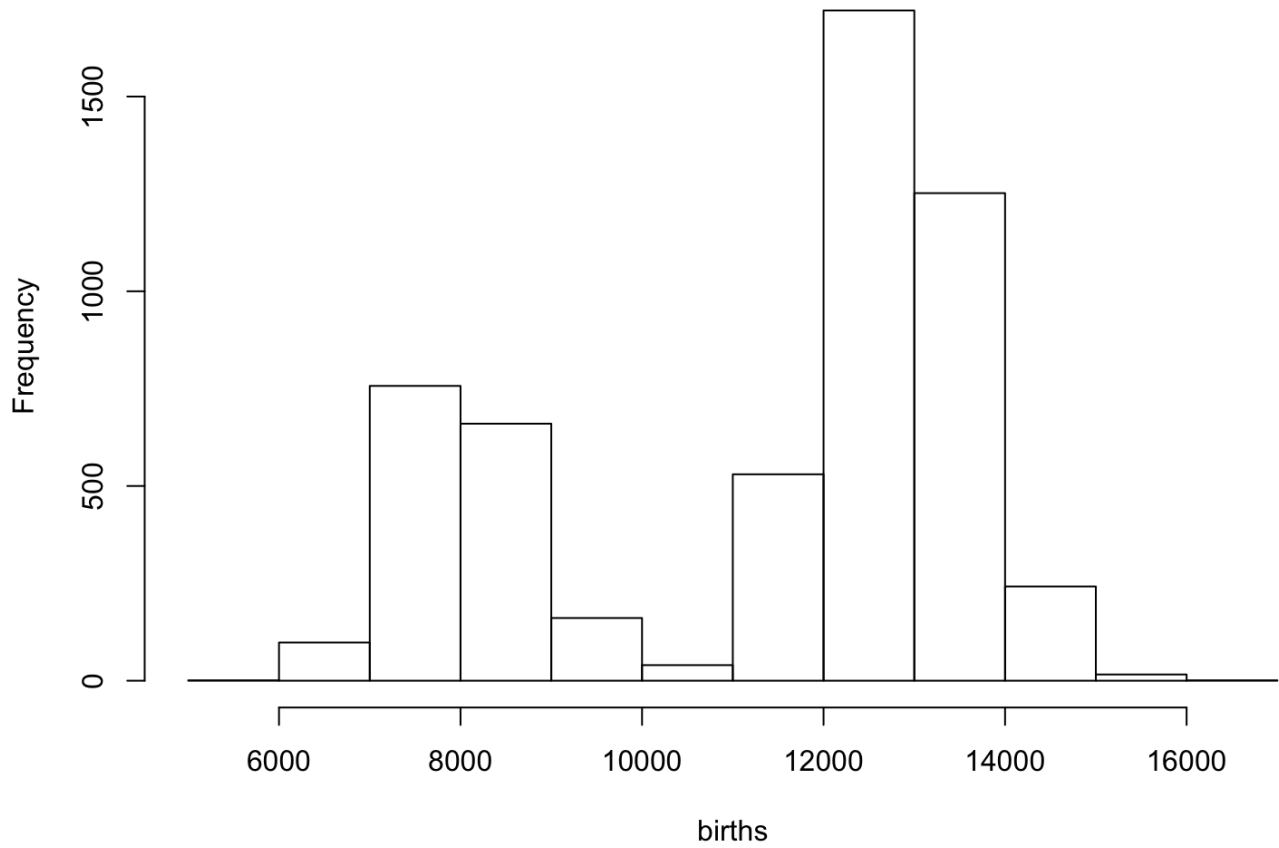
```
load("birthn.RData")  
attach(birthn)  
summary(births)
```

##	Min.	1st Qu.	Median	Mean	3rd Qu.	Max.
##	5728	8740	12340	11350	13080	16080

Histogram

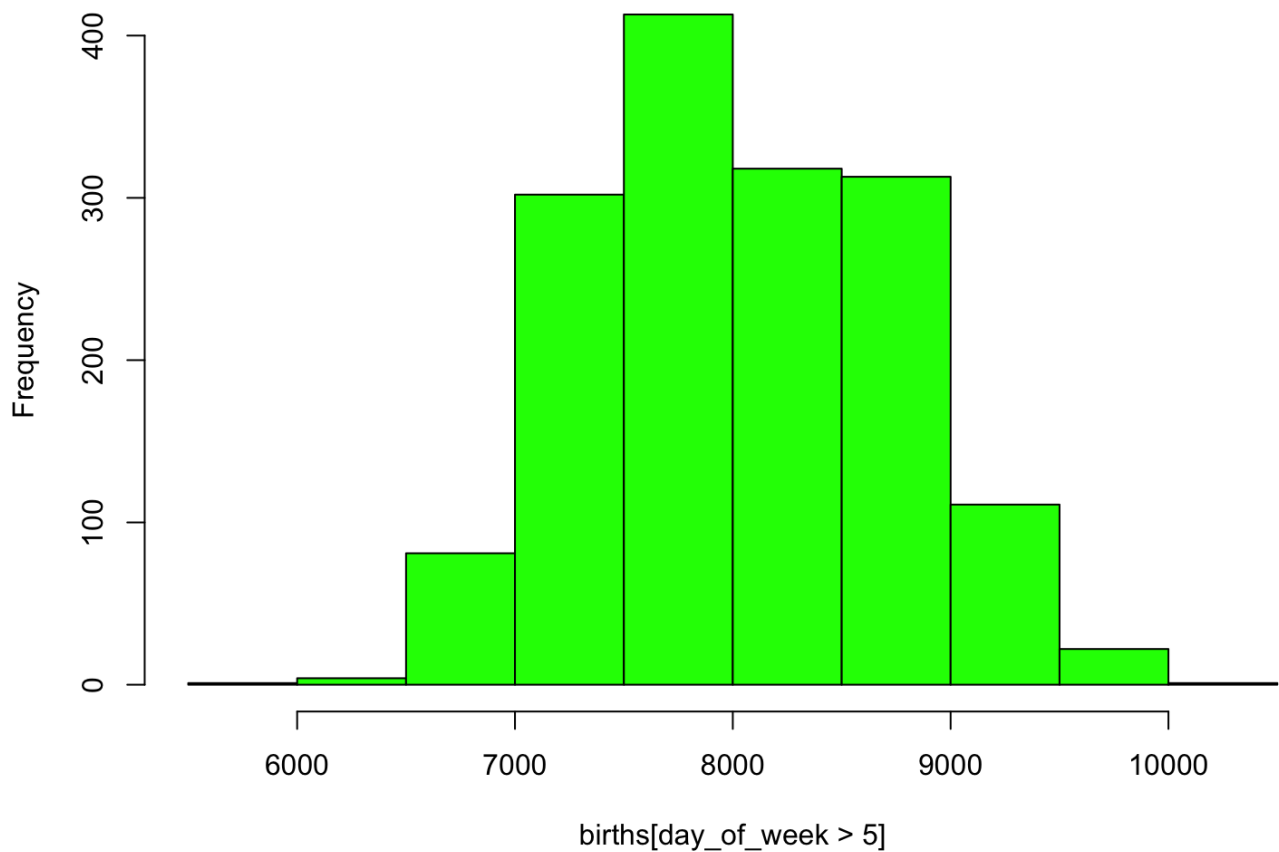
```
hist(birthn$births)
```

Histogram of births



```
hist(birthn$births[day_of_week>5],col ="green")
```

Histogram of births[day_of_week > 5]

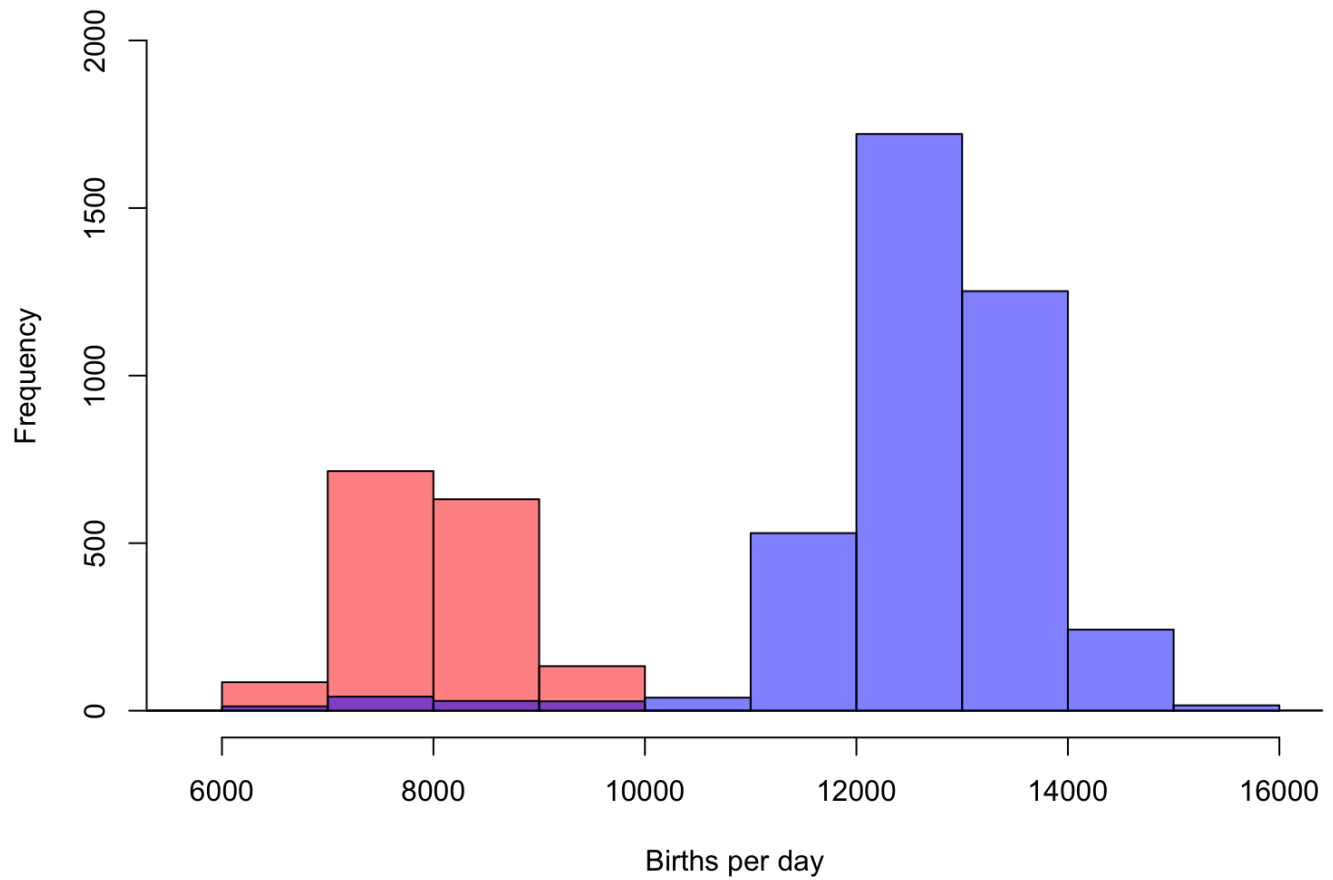


```
summary(births)
```

##	Min.	1st Qu.	Median	Mean	3rd Qu.	Max.
##	5728	8740	12340	11350	13080	16080

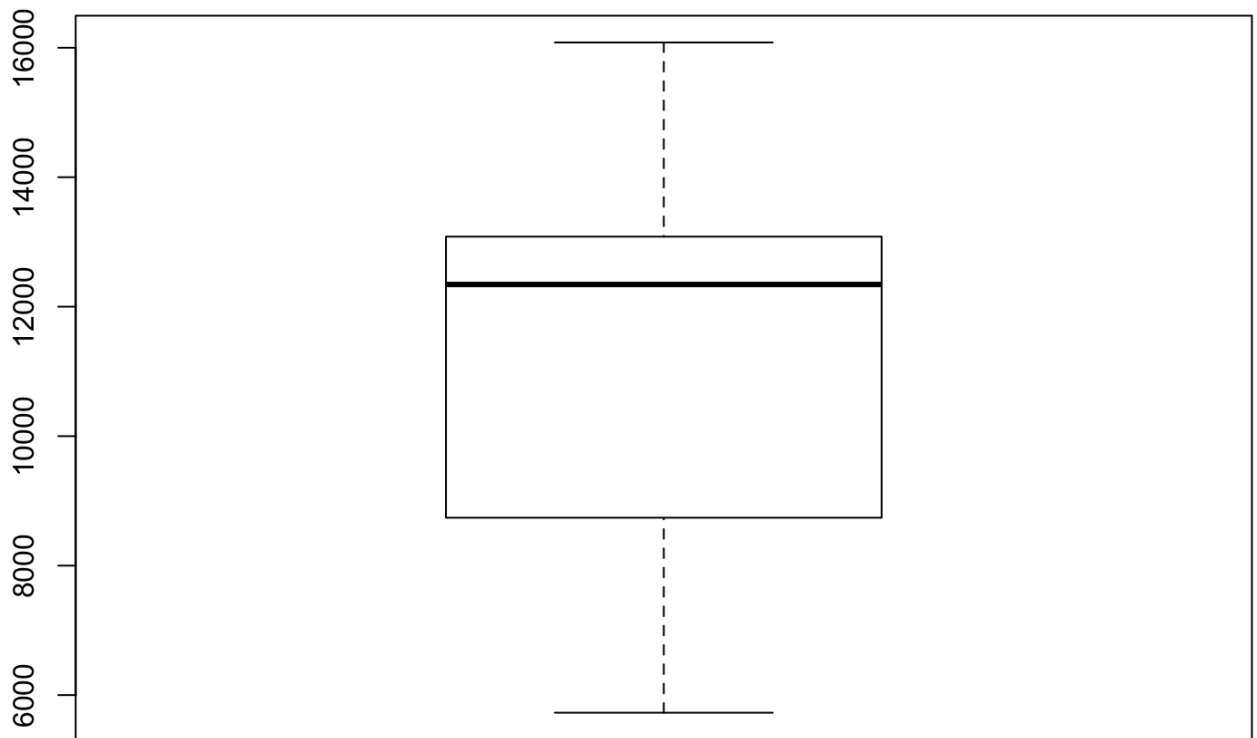
```
hist(birthn$births[day_of_week>5],breaks=seq(5000,16000,by=1000),  
col=rgb(1,0,0,0.5),xlim=c(5700,16000))
```


Overlapping Histograms

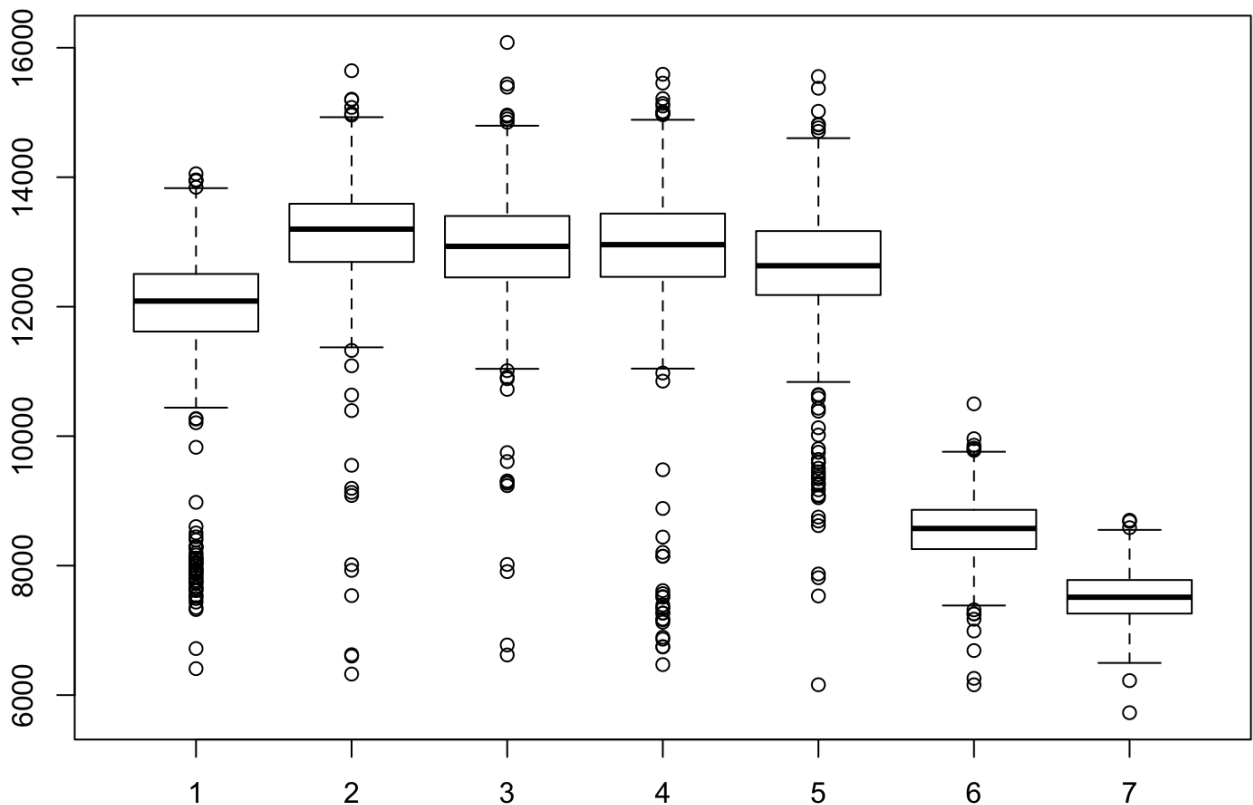


Boxplot

```
boxplot(birthn$births)
```



```
boxplot(birthn$births~day_of_week)
```



Notice the ~ sign this is useful for plotting with a formula.

Barplot

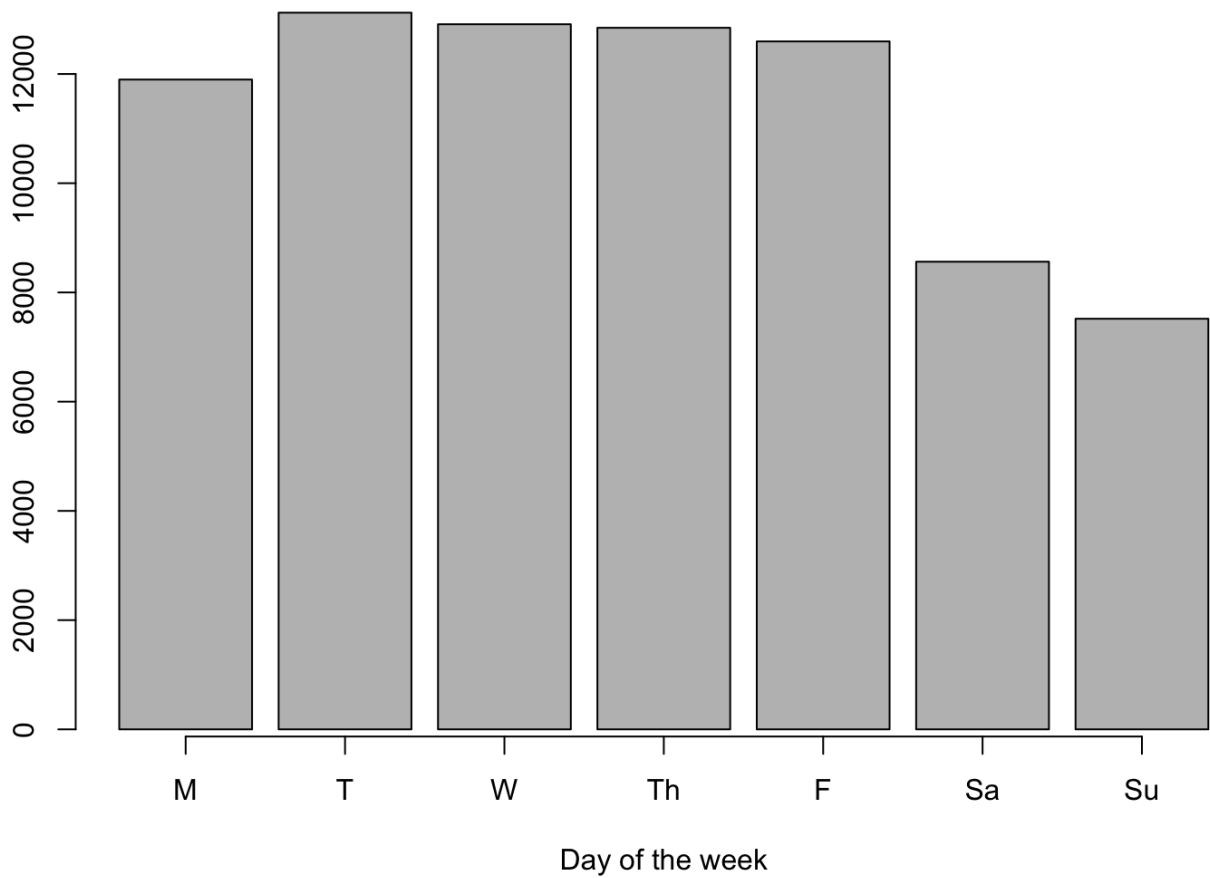
```
meansperday<- birthn %>%
  group_by(day_of_week) %>%
  summarise(ave=mean(births)) %>%
  arrange()
vectormeans <- meansperday%>%.$ave
```

```
barplot(vectormeans,xlab="Day of the week")
bp<- barplot(vectormeans,xlab="Day of the week")
bp
```

```
##      [,1]
## [1,]  0.7
```

```
## [2,] 1.9
## [3,] 3.1
## [4,] 4.3
## [5,] 5.5
## [6,] 6.7
## [7,] 7.9
```

```
axis(at=bp,labels=c("M","T","W","Th","F","Sa","Su"),side=1)
```



Summary of this Session:

- The `plot` function understands many different types of objects and plots accordingly.
- Simple scatterplots are achieved by having two vectors of the same length and eventually a plotting character `pch`.
- Other internal arguments such as color and line type can be added inside the function.
- Text can be added to the plot with `text()`.
- Many extra elements may be added through extra functions like `axis()`, `legend()`, `lines()`...
- Special plots for frequency or distribution visualization include histograms, boxplots and barplots.

Base R These plots are usually simple and not of publication quality. Better plots can be achieved using the `ggplot2` package which makes the plots by layers of graphical components.