

1. Three-Dimensional Data Plotting

3D data visualization in R allows you to see complex relationships across three variables on the x, y, and z axes. This is especially useful for exploring multidimensional data and understanding spatial relationships or surfaces.

Key Functions for 3D Plotting

- **persp():** The `persp()` function creates a static 3D perspective plot, commonly used to visualize surfaces, such as mathematical functions or topographic data.

- **Usage:** `persp(x, y, z, theta, phi, expand, col)`
 - x and y define the grid for the x and y axes.
 - z represents the height or value at each (x, y) coordinate.
 - theta and phi set the viewing angles.
 - expand adjusts the scaling.
 - col allows you to set the color of the surface.

- **Example:**

```
# Create grid
x <- seq(-5, 5, length.out = 20)
y <- seq(-5, 5, length.out = 20)

# Calculate z-values as a function of x and y
z <- outer(x, y, function(x, y) x^2 - y^2)

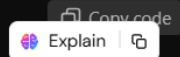
# Plot
persp(x, y, z, col = "lightblue", theta = 30, phi = 30)
```

 Explain 

- `seq(-5, 5, length.out = 20)`:
 - Creates a sequence of 20 equally spaced points between -5 and 5.
 - Used to define the grid for the `x` and `y` axes.
- `outer(x, y, function(x, y) x^2 - y^2)`:
 - Computes a matrix of `z` values based on the function $z = x^2 - y^2$ for all combinations of `x` and `y`.
- `persp(x, y, z, ...)`:
 - `x, y, z`: Input data for the grid and corresponding height values.
 - `col = "lightblue"`: Sets the surface color.
 - `theta = 30`: Rotates the plot around the vertical axis by 30°.
 - `phi = 30`: Sets the viewing angle's elevation to 30°.
- **scatterplot3d()**: From the scatterplot3d package, this function is useful for creating 3D scatter plots. It works well for visualizing clusters or trends in data with three continuous variables.
 - **Usage:** `scatterplot3d(x, y, z, color, pch, grid)`
 - `x, y, and z` are the coordinates of points.
 - `color` and `pch` control point colors and shapes.
 - `grid` toggles grid display.
 - **Example:**

```
library(scatterplot3d)

scatterplot3d(mtcars$wt, mtcars$disp, mtcars$mpg,
              color = "blue",
              pch = 19)
```



Explanation:

1. `mtcars` Dataset:

- This is a built-in dataset in R, containing information about various cars, such as weight (`wt`), engine displacement (`disp`), and miles per gallon (`mpg`).

2. Arguments of `scatterplot3d()`:

- `mtcars$wt`: The x-axis variable (car weight).
- `mtcars$disp`: The y-axis variable (engine displacement).
- `mtcars$mpg`: The z-axis variable (miles per gallon).
- `color = "blue"`: Colors all the points in blue.
- `pch = 19`: Specifies the shape of the points as solid circles.

3. What it does:



Interactive 3D Plotting with `plotly` and `rgl`: For interactive 3D plots, use `plotly` or `rgl`.

- `plotly` offers 3D plotting functions that can be embedded in web applications.
- `rgl` provides interactive rotation and zooming capabilities in RStudio.
- `rgl` is an R package that provides tools for interactive 3D visualizations. It is especially useful for exploring data by allowing users to rotate, zoom, and pan plots directly within an RStudio window or a standalone graphical device.

`plotly` is an R package that provides a powerful interface for creating interactive and visually appealing graphs, including 3D plots. It is built on the open-source JavaScript library Plotly.js, enabling seamless integration of interactive charts into web applications and R-based projects.

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- **Example** using `plotly`:

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```
library(plotly)

# Create an interactive 3D scatter plot
plot_ly(mtcars,
        x = ~wt,
        y = ~disp,
        z = ~mpg,
        type = "scatter3d",
        mode = "markers")
```

Explain

`plot_ly()` : The main function for creating a plotly visualization.

`mtcars` : The dataset used in the plot.

`x = ~wt, y = ~disp, z = ~mpg` :

- Specifies the `x`, `y`, and `z` coordinates for the 3D scatter plot using the `mtcars` dataset.
- The tilde (`~`) tells `plotly` to interpret the variable names directly from the dataset.

`type = "scatter3d"` :

- Creates a 3D scatter plot.

`mode = "markers"` :

- Displays data points as individual markers.

```
library(rgl)

# Create an interactive 3D scatter plot
plot3d(mtcars$wt, mtcars$disp, mtcars$mpg,
       col = "blue",
       size = 5,
       type = "s")
```

Explanation:

- `plot3d()`: The function from the `rgl` package for creating 3D scatter plots.
- `mtcars$wt, mtcars$disp, mtcars$mpg`:
 - Specify the `x`, `y`, and `z` coordinates using variables from the `mtcars` dataset.
- `col = "blue"`:
 - Colors the points blue.
- `size = 5`:
 - Specifies the size of the points.
- `type = "s"`:
 - Sets the point shape to spheres.

2. Plotting Distributions

Distribution plots help in understanding how data values are spread. Common distribution plotting techniques include histograms, density plots, boxplots, and violin plots.

- **Histograms (`hist()`):** Used to display the frequency distribution of continuous data.
 - **Usage:** `hist(x, breaks, col, xlab, main)`
 - `x` is the data vector.
 - `breaks` sets the number of bins.
 - `col` sets the color of the bars.
 - `xlab` and `main` add axis labels and titles.
 - **Example:**

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```
# Load the mtcars dataset (it's already available in R by default)
```

```
data(mtcars)
```

```
hist(mtcars$mpg, breaks = 10, col = "lightgreen", xlab = "Miles per Gallon", main = "Distribution of MPG")
```

? hist(mtcars\$mpg):

- This function generates a histogram for the mpg variable in the mtcars dataset.
- mtcars\$mpg refers to the **miles per gallon** (mpg) column in the mtcars dataset.

? breaks = 10:

- This argument specifies the number of bins (or intervals) the data will be divided into. In this case, 10 bins are used to group the data.

? col = "lightgreen":

- This argument sets the fill color of the bars in the histogram to light green.

? xlab = "Miles per Gallon":

- Adds a label to the x-axis, describing that the values represent "Miles per Gallon."

? main = "Distribution of MPG":

- Adds a title to the plot, "Distribution of MPG," to describe the content of the histogram.

- **Density Plots (density()):** Density plots show a smoothed curve that represents the distribution.

- **Usage:** plot(density(x), col, lwd)
 - density(x) generates the density object.
 - col and lwd control line color and width.

- **Example:**

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
```
# Load the ggplot2 package for dataset
library(ggplot2)

# Create a density plot for the 'mpg' variable in the 'mtcars' dataset
plot(density(mtcars$mpg), col = "blue", lwd = 2, main = "Density Plot of MPG",
```

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? density(mtcars\$mpg):

- **mtcars\$mpg:** Extracts the mpg (miles per gallon) variable from the mtcars dataset, which is a numeric vector.
- The density() function calculates the kernel density estimate for the mpg values, producing a smoothed curve.

 **plot(density(mtcars\$mpg), col = "blue", lwd = 2, main = "Density Plot of MPG"):**

- **col = "blue"**: Sets the color of the density curve to blue.
- **lwd = 2**: Sets the line width to 2, making the curve thicker.
- **main = "Density Plot of MPG"**: Adds a title to the plot.
- **Boxplots (boxplot())**: Boxplots summarize the central tendency, spread, and outliers.
 - **Usage**: `boxplot(x, col, xlab, main)`
 - `x` is a vector or list of data.
 - `col`, `xlab`, and `main` customize appearance.
 - **Example**:

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```
boxplot(mpg ~ cyl, data = mtcars, col = c("orange", "yellow", "green"), main = "MPG by Cylinder Count")
```

A **violin plot** combines aspects of both a **boxplot** and a **density plot**. It shows the distribution of a continuous variable (e.g., `mpg`) across different categories (e.g., `cyl`). The width of the "violin" at different values of the variable indicates the density, similar to a kernel density estimate, and the central boxplot displays summary statistics such as the median and quartiles.

Example Code using `ggplot2`:

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```
library(ggplot2)

# Create a violin plot
ggplot(mtcars, aes(factor(cyl), mpg)) +
  geom_violin(fill = "lightblue") +      # Violin plot with light blue color
  labs(x = "Cylinders", y = "MPG")      # Labels for x and y axes
```

 Explain 

 **ggplot(mtcars, aes(factor(cyl), mpg)):**

- **ggplot()** is the main function in the **ggplot2** package for creating visualizations.
- **mtcars** is the dataset being used (it is a built-in dataset in R that contains various car specifications).
- **aes(factor(cyl), mpg)** defines the mapping of variables:
 - **factor(cyl)**: Converts the `cyl` (number of cylinders) variable into a factor, which allows categorical grouping on the x-axis.

- **mpg:** The mpg variable (miles per gallon) is the continuous variable, plotted on the y-axis.

❓ **geom_violin(fill = "lightblue"):**

- This function adds the violin plot layer.
- **fill = "lightblue":** Fills the violins with a light blue color.

❓ **labs(x = "Cylinders", y = "MPG"):**

- **labs()** is used to add labels to the plot.
- **x = "Cylinders":** Adds a label for the x-axis.
- **y = "MPG":** Adds a label for the y-axis.

3. Customizing Charts

Customizing charts is essential for clarity and aesthetics. R provides numerous options to modify axes, colors, labels, and legends to make charts more informative.

Key Customization Options

- **Axes Customization:** xlim and ylim set axis ranges; xlab and ylab label the axes.
 - **Example:**

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```
plot(mtcars$wt, mtcars$mpg, xlim = c(1, 6), ylim = c(10, 35), xlab = "Weight", ylab = "MPG")
```

- **Titles and Labels:** main adds the main title, sub adds a subtitle, and mtext() can add text in the margins.
 - **Example:**

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```
plot(mtcars$wt, mtcars$mpg, main = "Weight vs. MPG", sub = "Source: mtcars dataset", xlab = "Weight", ylab = "MPG")
```

- **Colors:** col controls plot colors, col.axis sets axis color, and col.lab sets label color. You can use specific colors or R's built-in color names.
 - **Example:**

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```
plot(mtcars$wt, mtcars$mpg, col = "darkred", col.axis = "blue", col.lab = "green")
```

- **Legends:** The legend() function adds a legend, essential for distinguishing data groups.

- **Example:**

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```
plot(mtcars$wt, mtcars$mpg, col = mtcars$cyl, pch = 16)

legend("topright", legend = unique(mtcars$cyl), col = unique(mtcars$cyl), pch = 16)
```

- **Themes (ggplot2):** Themes in ggplot2 (e.g., `theme_minimal()`, `theme_classic()`) control chart appearance and style, impacting font sizes, backgrounds, and spacing.

- **Example:**

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```
library(ggplot2)

ggplot(mtcars, aes(wt, mpg)) + geom_point() + theme_minimal()
```

4. Basic Graphic Functions

R's basic graphic functions provide essential tools for creating visualizations, from scatter plots to boxplots.

- **plot():** This versatile function is the foundation for many plot types, including scatter plots and line charts. Its output depends on the data provided.

- **Example (Scatter Plot):**

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```
plot(mtcars$wt, mtcars$mpg, pch = 19, col = "blue", xlab = "Weight", ylab = "MPG")
```

- **barplot():** Best for categorical data, showing the frequency or values for each category.

- **Example:**

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```
barplot(table(mtcars$cyl), col = c("lightblue", "pink", "lightgreen"), xlab = "Cylinders", ylab = "Count")
```

- **boxplot():** Visualizes summary statistics and is useful for comparing distributions.

- **Example:**

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```
boxplot(mtcars$mpg ~ mtcars$cyl, col = "lightblue", main = "MPG by Cylinder")
```

- **hist():** A histogram for continuous data.

- **Example:**

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```
hist(mtcars$mpg, col = "purple", breaks = 12, xlab = "Miles per Gallon", main = "Histogram of MPG")
```

- **Q-Q Plots:** qqnorm() and qqplot() create quantile-quantile plots to assess data normality.

- **Example:**

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```
qqnorm(mtcars$mpg)
qqline(mtcars$mpg, col = "red")
```

5. Common Arguments for Chart Functions

Many R chart functions use shared arguments to streamline customization.

- **Data Arguments:**
 - x and y: Set the data values on the x and y axes (e.g., plot(x, y)).
- **Aesthetic Arguments:**
 - col: Defines colors for points, lines, or bars.
 - pch: Point shapes, useful in scatter plots (pch = 1 is a circle, pch = 19 is a filled circle).
 - lty and lwd: Control line types (lty = 1 for solid lines) and widths.
- **Title and Label Arguments:**
 - main: Adds the main title.
 - xlab and ylab: Set x and y axis labels.
 - sub: Adds a subtitle below the main title.
- **Range and Limit Arguments:**
 - xlim and ylim: Define the range of values for x and y axes (e.g., xlim = c(0, 10)).
- **Grid and Axes Options:**
 - grid(): Adds a background grid to the plot.
 - axes: Toggles axes on/off.