STA 326 2.0 Programming and Data Analysis with R * Exploring iris dataset with qplot

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Stage 1: Planning your analysis

Step 1: Dataset overview and description

Before we get started let's look at the data and plan the analysis.

Load iris dataset

data(iris)

Here is a glimpse of the dataset

head(iris)

	Sepal.Length	Sepal.Width	Petal.Length	${\tt Petal.Width}$	Species
1	5.1	3.5	1.4	0.2	setosa
2	4.9	3.0	1.4	0.2	setosa
3	4.7	3.2	1.3	0.2	setosa
4	4.6	3.1	1.5	0.2	setosa
5	5.0	3.6	1.4	0.2	setosa
6	5.4	3.9	1.7	0.4	setosa

We have four qunatitative variables: Sepal.Length, Sepal.Width, Petal.Length, Petal.Width and one qualitative variable Species

Step 2: Let's look at the graphs we could use to explore variables one by one.

Plots that could be used to to summarize quantitative variables

- Box and whisker plot
- Histograms
- Dotplots
- Density plot
- Stem and leaf displays

Note: Stem and leaf displays are best-suited for small to moderate datasets, whereas others such as histograms and Box and whisker plots are best-suited for large datasets. Graph types such as Box and whisker plots are good at depicting differences between distributions and identyfying outliers.

Plotss that could be used to to summarize qualitative variables

- Bar chart
- Pie chart

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Step 3: Next we will look at two variables at a time.

- Quantitative and Quantitative: Scatter plots
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