

Exploratory Analysis with R

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Outline: Exploratory Analysis with R

- Descriptive Statistics
 - Numerical summaries
 - Graphical exploration

Based on this Course: [*BIMS 8382, University of Virginia School of Medicine (USA)*]
(<https://bioconnector.github.io/workshops/index.html>).

What packages we will use today?

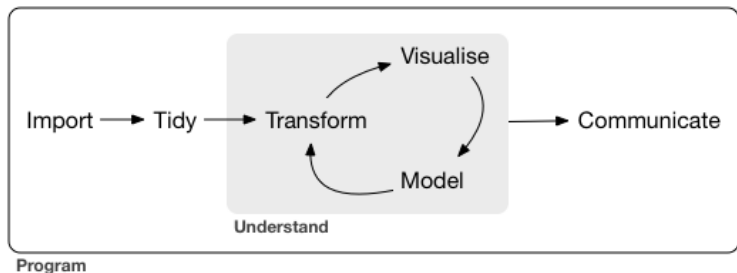
Please be sure you have the following packages installed:

- **dplyr** - subletting, sorting, transforming variables, grouping
- **ggplot2** - system for creating graphics
- **readxl** - reading .xls files

```
# install.packages("dplyr", dependencies = TRUE)  
# install.packages("ggplot2", dependencies = TRUE)  
# install.packages("readxl", dependencies = TRUE)
```

```
library(dplyr)  
library(ggplot2)  
library(readxl)
```

The Data Science Approach in R



Section 1

Getting started

Getting started (I)

- 1 Load the dataset *diabetes*:

```
diab <- read_excel("datasets/diabetes_mod.xls")
```

- 2 Check if we have loaded it correctly:

```
diab[1:4, 1:8]
```

```
## # A tibble: 4 x 8
##   numpacie mort   tempsviu edat   bmi edatdiag tabac      sbp
##   <dbl> <chr>    <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <chr>    <dbl>
## 1      1 Vivo      12.4   44  34.2    41 No fumador  132
## 2      2 Vivo      12.4   49  32.6    48 Fumador     130
## 3      3 Vivo       9.6   49   22    35 Fumador     108
## 4      4 Vivo       7.2   47  37.9    45 No fumador  128
```

Getting started (II): functions to check a dataframe:

- Content
 - `head(name of dataframe)`: shows the first few rows - `tail()`: shows the last few rows
- Size
 - `dim()`: returns the number of rows and the number of columns - `nrow()`: returns the number of rows - `ncol()`: returns the number of columns
- Summary
 - `colnames()` or `names()`: returns the column names - `glimpse()`: returns a glimpse of your data: structure, class, length and content of each column

Getting started (III)

```
head(diab)
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 11
##   numpacie mort   tempsviu   edat   bmi edatdiag tabac      sbp   dbp ecg   chd
##   <dbl> <chr>    <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <chr>    <dbl> <dbl> <chr> <chr>
## 1     1 Vivo      12.4   44  34.2   41 No fuma~  132   96 Normal No
## 2     2 Vivo      12.4   49  32.6   48 Fumador   130   72 Normal No
## 3     3 Vivo       9.6   49   22    35 Fumador   108   58 Normal Si
## 4     4 Vivo       7.2   47  37.9   45 No fuma~  128   76 Front~ Si
## 5     5 Vivo      14.1   43  42.2   42 Fumador   142   80 Normal No
## 6     6 Vivo      14.1   47  33.1   44 No fuma~  156   94 Normal No
```


Getting started (IV)

```
dim(diab)
```

```
## [1] 149  11
```

```
nrow(diab)
```

```
## [1] 149
```

```
colnames(diab)
```

```
## [1] "numpacie" "mort"      "tempsviu" "edat"      "bmi"       "edatdia"
```

```
## [7] "tabac"    "sbp"       "dbp"       "ecg"       "chd"
```

Getting started (IV)

```
glimpse(diab)
```

```
## Rows: 149
## Columns: 11
## $ numpacie <dbl> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18~
## $ mort <chr> "Vivo", "Vivo", "Vivo", "Vivo", "Vivo", "Vivo", "Vivo", "Vivo~
## $ tempsviu <dbl> 12.4, 12.4, 9.6, 7.2, 14.1, 14.1, 12.4, 14.2, 12.4, 14.5, 12.~
## $ edat <dbl> 44, 49, 49, 47, 43, 47, 50, 36, 50, 49, 50, 54, 42, 44, 40, 4~
## $ bmi <dbl> 34.2, 32.6, 22.0, 37.9, 42.2, 33.1, 36.5, 38.5, 41.5, 34.1, 3~
## $ edatdiag <dbl> 41, 48, 35, 45, 42, 44, 48, NA, 47, 45, 48, 43, 36, 43, 26, 4~
## $ tabac <chr> "No fumador", "Fumador", "Fumador", "No fumador", "Fumador", ~
## $ sbp <dbl> 132, 130, 108, 128, 142, 156, 140, 144, 134, 102, 142, 128, 1~
## $ dbp <dbl> 96, 72, 58, 76, 80, 94, 86, 88, 78, 68, 84, 74, 86, 58, 98, 6~
## $ ecg <chr> "Normal", "Normal", "Normal", "Frontera", "Normal", "Normal", ~
## $ chd <chr> "No", "No", "Si", "Si", "No", "No", "Si", "No", "Si", "No", "~
```

Variables and data types

- Data managed in R ...
 - is stored as *variables*
- Variables can be of distinct types
 - Numerical
 - numeric (13.7)
 - int (3)
 - Character
 - "R is cute"
 - Factors
 - A,B,C,D
 - WT, Mut
 - Logical

Exercise I

- Load the osteoporosis dataset
- Proceed similarly as to what we have done above and obtain information on
 - How many variables and observations
 - How are them

More about factors

- Each data type is what it seems to be, but factors require more explanation.
- Factors are intended to describe categories such as “sex”, “blood group”, but also “risk” or “stage”.
- Factors are useful to describe groups without having to use numeric codes.
- Factors may be created while reading the file or later using the `factor` and `as.factor` commands.

Create factor while reading

- Import the diabetes dataset from the diabetes.csv file using the Rstudio dialog.

Import Dataset

Name:

Encoding:

Heading: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Row names:

Separator:

Decimal:

Quote:

Comment:

na.strings:

☒ Strings as factors

Input File

```
numpacie,mort,tempsvui,edat,bmi,edatdiag,tabc,dbp,ecg,cbd
1,Vivo,12.4,44,34.2,41,No fumador,132,96,Normal,No
2,Vivo,12.4,49,32.6,48,Fumador,130,72,Normal,No
3,Vivo,9.6,49,22.0,35,Fumador,108,58,Normal,Si
4,Vivo,7.2,47,37.9,45,No fumador,128,76,Frontera,Si
5,Vivo,14.1,43,42.2,42,Fumador,142,80,Normal,No
6,Vivo,14.1,47,33.1,44,No fumador,156,94,Normal,No
7,Vivo,12.4,50,36.5,48,No fumador,140,86,Frontera,Si
8,Vivo,14.2,36,38.5,33,Fumador,144,88,Normal,No
9,Vivo,12.4,50,41.5,47,Ex fumador,134,78,Normal,Si
10,Vivo,14.5,49,34.1,45,No fumador,102,68,Normal,No
11,Vivo,12.4,50,39.5,48,Fumador,142,84,Normal,No
12,Vivo,10.8,54,42.9,43,No fumador,128,74,Normal,No
13,Muerto,10.9,42,29.8,36,Fumador,156,86,Normal,No
14,Vivo,10.3,44,33.2,43,Fumador,102,58,Normal,No
15,Muerto,13.6,40,27.5,26,Fumador,146,98,Normal,No
16,Vivo,11.9,48,25.3,48,No fumador,120,68,Frontera,Si
17,Vivo,12.5,50,31.6,44,Ex fumador,142,76,Normal,No
18,Vivo,9.9,47,26.3,38,Ex fumador,144,82,Normal,No
```

Data Frame

numpacie	mort	tempsvui	edat	bmi	edatdiag	tabc	dbp
1	Vivo	12.4	44	34.2	41	No fumador	132
2	Vivo	12.4	49	32.6	48	Fumador	130
3	Vivo	9.6	49	22.0	35	Fumador	108
4	Vivo	7.2	47	37.9	45	No fumador	128
5	Vivo	14.1	43	42.2	42	Fumador	142
6	Vivo	14.1	47	33.1	44	No fumador	156
7	Vivo	12.4	50	36.5	48	No fumador	140
8	Vivo	14.2	36	38.5	33	Fumador	144
9	Vivo	12.4	50	41.5	47	Ex fumador	134
10	Vivo	14.5	49	34.1	45	No fumador	102

Check variable type

```
diabetes <- read.csv("datasets/diabetes.csv", stringsAsFactors=TRUE)  
class(diabetes$mort)
```

```
## [1] "factor"
```

```
sapply(diabetes, class)
```

```
##  numpacie      mort  tempsviu      edat      bmi  edatdiag      taba  
## "integer"  "factor" "numeric" "integer" "numeric" "integer"  "factor"  
##      dbp      ecg      chd  
## "integer"  "factor"  "factor"
```

Repeat

- Re-read the file from excel or without setting the “stringsAsFactors” to TRUE

Check the levels of a factor

Usually when humans fill the database... a plenty of errors could be found :(

- An answer like "SI", could be entered like:
"SI", "Si", "si", "SI ", "SÍ",

All this possible answers **will be different levels for the same variable**

How to correct it?

We can use: `recode_factor`:

```
diab$mort <- recode_factor(diab$mort, "Muerto" = "muerto")  
levels(diab$mort)
```

```
## [1] "muerto" "Vivo"
```

Return to the original version:

```
diab$mort <- recode_factor(diab$mort, "muerto" = "Muerto")  
levels(diab$mort)
```

```
## [1] "Muerto" "Vivo"
```

Changing *characters (chr)* to *factors (Factor)*

Use dplyr function `mutate_if` can do it easily:

```
diab <- diab %>% mutate_if(is.character, as.factor)
```

```
glimpse(diab)
```

```
## Rows: 149
## Columns: 11
## $ numpacie <dbl> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18~
## $ mort <fct> Vivo, Vivo, Vivo, Vivo, Vivo, Vivo, Vivo, Vivo, Vivo, Vivo, V~
## $ tempsviu <dbl> 12.4, 12.4, 9.6, 7.2, 14.1, 14.1, 12.4, 14.2, 12.4, 14.5, 12.~
## $ edat <dbl> 44, 49, 49, 47, 43, 47, 50, 36, 50, 49, 50, 54, 42, 44, 40, 4~
## $ bmi <dbl> 34.2, 32.6, 22.0, 37.9, 42.2, 33.1, 36.5, 38.5, 41.5, 34.1, 3~
## $ edatdiag <dbl> 41, 48, 35, 45, 42, 44, 48, NA, 47, 45, 48, 43, 36, 43, 26, 4~
## $ tabac <fct> No fumador, Fumador, Fumador, No fumador, Fumador, No fumador~
## $ sbp <dbl> 132, 130, 108, 128, 142, 156, 140, 144, 134, 102, 142, 128, 1~
## $ dbp <dbl> 96, 72, 58, 76, 80, 94, 86, 88, 78, 68, 84, 74, 86, 58, 98, 6~
## $ ecg <fct> Normal, Normal, Normal, Frontera, Normal, Normal, Frontera, N~
## $ chd <fct> No, No, Si, Si, No, No, Si, No, Si, No, No, No, No, No, No, S~
```

Section 2

Descriptive Statistics: Numerical summaries

Numerical Summaries (I)

We can access individual variables within a data frame using the \$ operator. Let's print out all the *edad* values in the data. Let's then see what are unique values of each. Then let's calculate the mean , median and range for the *edad* variable:

```
#display all the values  
diab$edad
```

```
## [1] 44 49 49 47 43 47 50 36 50 49 50 54 42 44 40 48 50 47 38 35 51 40 54 53 45  
## [26] 41 34 38 43 45 40 44 48 51 36 52 41 49 44 37 51 47 45 38 35 50 53 48 40 43  
## [51] 54 52 69 38 50 64 44 38 62 47 78 49 63 71 51 59 50 66 42 40 67 86 52 42 60  
## [76] 75 81 60 60 63 62 57 71 58 42 45 66 61 48 82 35 57 56 49 50 53 71 55 69 59  
## [101] 47 75 80 57 52 48 57 58 51 33 52 52 64 31 69 59 38 49 49 68 40 36 60 74 61  
## [126] 54 35 46 40 53 66 61 41 41 41 46 80 63 72 41 52 53 61 53 75 40 61 62 49
```

Numerical Summaries (II)

```
# Get the unique values of edat
```

```
diab$edat %>% unique()
```

```
## [1] 44 49 47 43 50 36 54 42 40 48 38 35 51 53 45 41 34 52 37 69 64 62 78 63 71
```

```
## [26] 59 66 67 86 60 75 81 57 58 61 82 56 55 80 33 31 68 74 46 72
```

```
diab$edat %>% unique() %>% length()
```

```
## [1] 45
```

Numerical Summaries (III)

```
#Mean, median and rang
```

```
mean(diab$edat)
```

```
## [1] 52.16779
```

```
median(diab$edat)
```

```
## [1] 50
```

```
sd(diab$edat)
```

```
## [1] 11.77285
```

```
var(diab$edat)
```

```
## [1] 138.6
```

```
range(diab$edat)
```

```
## [1] 31 86
```

Numerical Summaries (IV)

If we want to group the descriptive summaries by other variables we can use `group_by` function:

```
diab %>%
  group_by(tabac, ecg) %>%
  summarize(mean(edat))
```

``summarise()`` has grouped output by 'tabac'. You can override using the ``.groups`` argument.

```
## # A tibble: 9 x 3
## # Groups:   tabac [3]
##   tabac    ecg    `mean(edat)`
##   <fct>    <fct>    <dbl>
## 1 Ex fumador Anormal    68.5
## 2 Ex fumador Frontera    59.8
## 3 Ex fumador Normal     51.1
## 4 Fumador    Anormal     58
## 5 Fumador    Frontera    44.8
## 6 Fumador    Normal     44.7
## 7 No fumador Anormal    66.5
## 8 No fumador Frontera    53.8
## 9 No fumador Normal     56.0
```

Numerical Summaries (V)

A general summary of all variables:

```
summary(diab[, 2:11])
```

```
##      mort      tempsviu      edat      bmi      edatdiag
## Muerto: 25   Min.    : 0.00   Min.    :31.00   Min.    :18.20   Min.    :26.00
## Vivo  :124   1st Qu.: 7.30   1st Qu.:43.00   1st Qu.:26.60   1st Qu.:38.00
##              Median :11.60   Median :50.00   Median :31.20   Median :45.00
##              Mean   :10.52   Mean   :52.17   Mean   :31.78   Mean   :46.01
##              3rd Qu.:13.90   3rd Qu.:60.00   3rd Qu.:35.20   3rd Qu.:53.25
##              Max.    :16.90   Max.    :86.00   Max.    :59.70   Max.    :81.00
##                                     NA's    :5
##
##      tabac      sbp      dbp      ecg      chd
## Ex fumador:41   Min.    : 98.0   Min.    : 58.00   Anormal : 11   No:99
## Fumador      :51   1st Qu.:124.5   1st Qu.: 74.00   Frontera: 27   Si:50
## No fumador:57   Median :138.0   Median : 80.00   Normal  :111
##              Mean   :139.3   Mean   : 90.04
##              3rd Qu.:152.0   3rd Qu.: 88.00
##              Max.    :222.0   Max.    :862.00
##              NA's    :3
```


Numerical Summaries (VI)

What happens if we have missing data in our dataset?

```
mean(diab$sbp)
```

```
## [1] NA
```

NA indicates *missing data* in the variable

Let's look the sbp variable:

```
diab$sbp
```

```
## [1] 132 130 108 128 142 156 140 144 134 102 142 128 156 102 146 120 142 144
## [19] NA 134 130 122 132 150 134 142 124 102 134 118 192 122 122 112 142 152
## [37] 112 118 152 136 134 130 108 126 132 144 126 128 NA 128 142 132 148 170
## [55] 140 138 112 140 138 130 178 158 168 146 128 132 154 154 122 144 178 162
## [73] 142 120 124 174 142 160 122 162 132 116 152 144 98 138 138 184 158 176
## [91] 118 172 182 144 142 154 122 222 150 142 128 122 162 172 132 112 138 128
## [109] 132 120 140 140 172 136 152 126 104 142 128 122 122 122 122 168 162 NA
## [127] 126 180 132 150 106 154 122 120 120 144 134 148 170 160 154 124 130 156
## [145] 162 132 120 160 146
```

Numerical Summaries (VII)

How to work with *missing data*:

```
?mean
mean(diab$sbp, na.rm = TRUE)
```

```
## [1] 139.2603
is.na(diab$sbp)
```

```
## [1] FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE
## [13] FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE
## [25] FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE
## [37] FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE
## [49] TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE
## [61] FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE
## [73] FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE
## [85] FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE
## [97] FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE
## [109] FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE
## [121] FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE
## [133] FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE
## [145] FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE FALSE
```

Numerical Summaries (VIII)

How to work with *missing data*:

```
sum(is.na(diab$sbp))
```

```
## [1] 3
```

```
sum(is.na(diab$dbp))
```

```
## [1] 0
```

EXERCISE

- 1 With the `diab` dataset
 - Show only the rows from 35 to 98 and columns 5, 7, and from 9 to 11
 - Change the level of the variable `tabac`, from **No Fumador** to **No_Fumador**
 - Display the unique values for the variable `bmi`. Count how many exist.
 - Display the mean of `edatdiag`, grouped by `ecg`

Section 3

Descriptive Statistics: Graphical summaries

Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

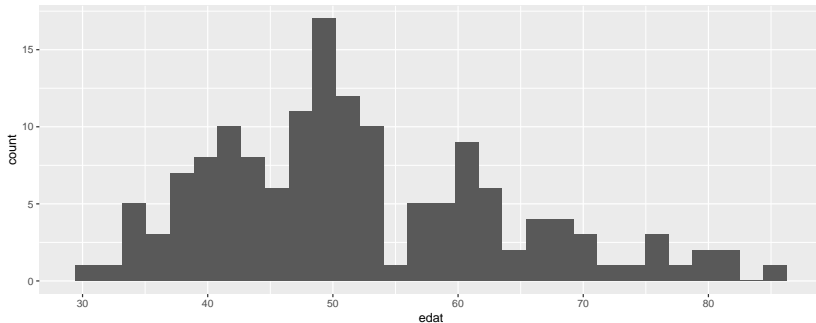
We could dedicate half of the course only to EDA. Here we will only see the most common approaches to visualize data:

- Histograms
- Scatterplots
- Boxplots

Histograms

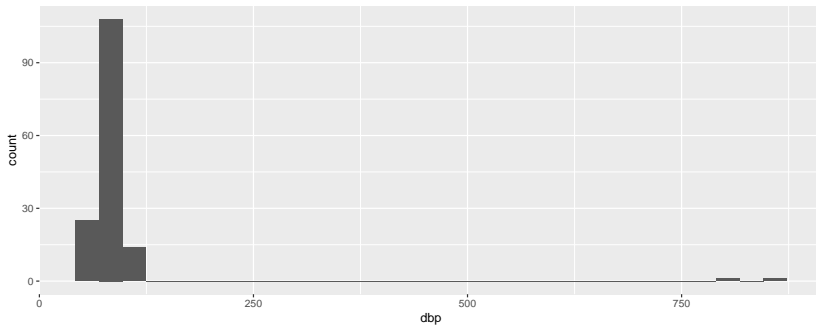
We will use histograms to plot the frequencies of each level of variables. This is the way to see the data distribution of particular variables.

```
ggplot(diab, aes(edat)) +  
  geom_histogram(bins = 30)
```



Histograms (II)

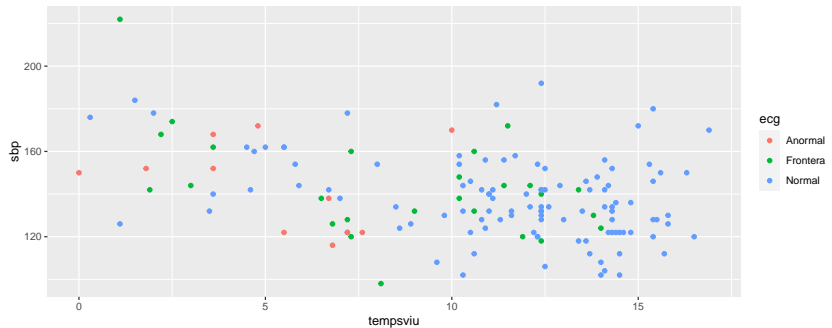
```
ggplot(diab, aes(dbp)) +  
  geom_histogram(bins = 30)
```



Scatterplots. Two Continuous variables

This is the graphical way to check the relation between two variables:

```
ggplot(diab, aes(tempsviu, sbp, col = ecg)) +  
  geom_point()
```

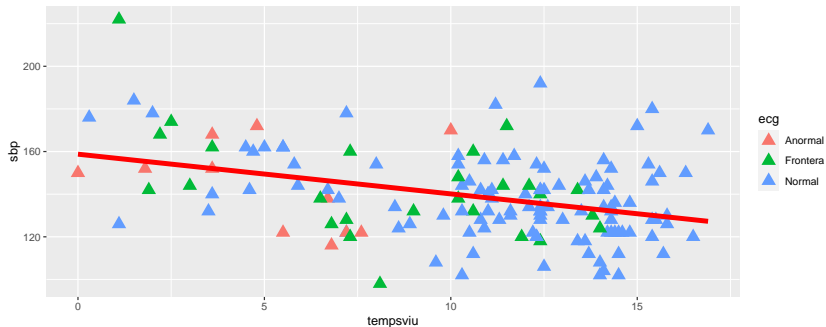


Scatterplots (II)

```
ggplot(diab, aes(tempsviu, sbp, col = ecg)) +  
  geom_point(size = 4, pch = 17) +  
  geom_smooth(lwd=2, se=FALSE, method="lm", col="red")
```

Scatterplots (II)

```
## `geom_smooth()` using formula 'y ~ x'
```

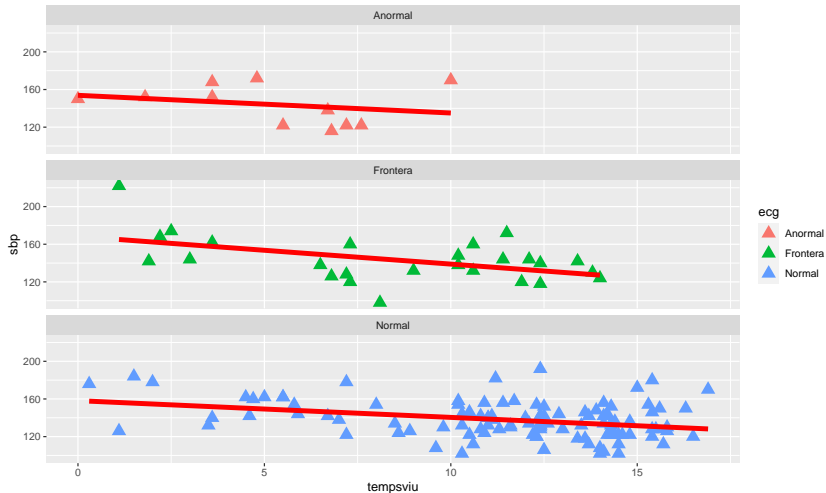


Faceting

```
ggplot(diab, aes(tempsviu, sbp, col = ecg)) +  
  geom_point(size = 4, pch = 17) +  
  geom_smooth(lwd = 2, se=FALSE, method="lm", col="red") +  
  facet_wrap(~ ecg, ncol = 1)
```

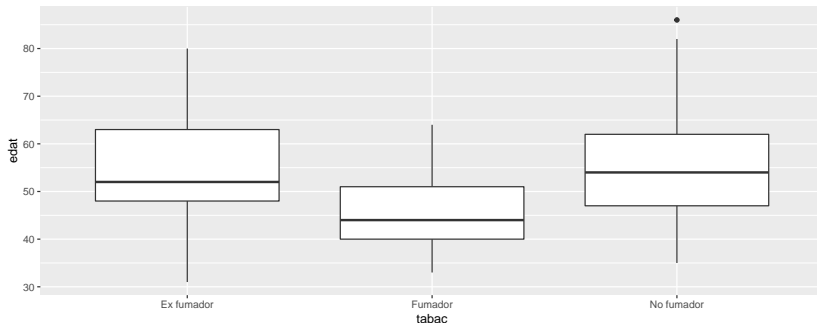
Faceting

```
## `geom_smooth()` using formula 'y ~ x'
```



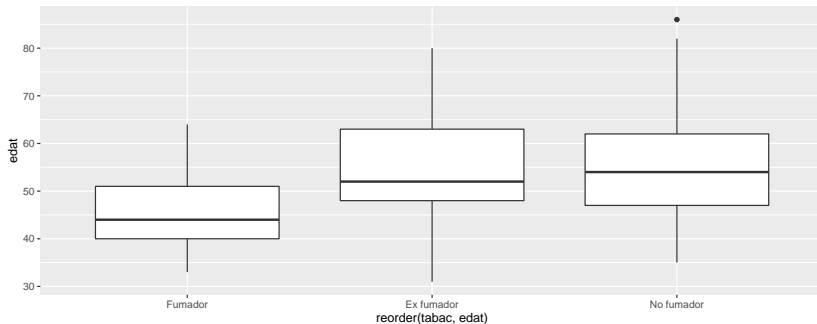
Boxplot. Continuous versus categorical

```
ggplot(diab, aes(tabac, edat)) +  
  geom_boxplot()
```



Boxplot (II)

```
ggplot(diab, aes(x= reorder(tabac, edat), y = edat)) +  
  geom_boxplot()
```



EXERCISE

- ② With the *diab* dataset
 - Use the best graphic type to plot the relation between *sbp* and *dbp*
 - Show graphically the relation between *edat* and *ecg*
 - Plot the *sbp* frequencies
 - Improve the first graphic (add linear regression, avoid strange data in *dbp*, ...)

EXERCISE

④ Using the *osteoporosis.csv* dataset

- Load the dataset and check if it is correctly loaded
- Calculate the mean and standard deviation of imc grouped by clasific
- Plot the distribution of edat
- Plot the relationship between talla and peso