Introduction to R: Session 02

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Data preparations

We use the plyrs [Wickham, 2011] ddply function here which we will introduce in a bit more detail in Session 05

1 Store graphics

File format:

- pdf(): 'portable document format'
- jpeg(): 'joint photographic experts group'
- tiff(): 'tagged image file format'
- png(): 'portable network graphics'
- ...

Options:

- width: width (for pdf in inches)
- height: height (forpdf in inches)
- onefile: logical value (should several graphics as separate pages in one file?)
- ...

Usage:

```
pdf(file='<file name>.pdf', height = 6, width = 9)
...
dev.off()
```

2 Generic plot-function plot(x, y, type, ...)

Das type Argument:

type	Plot element
type = "p"	P points (default value), scatter plot
type = "1"	Connecting line
type = "b"	Both (dots and connecting lines), but not on top of each other
type = "o"	On top of each other (Overplotted): Points with connecting lines
type = "n"	Nothing, e.g. if you first create a grid with grid()
type = "s"	Step function
	See also ?plot

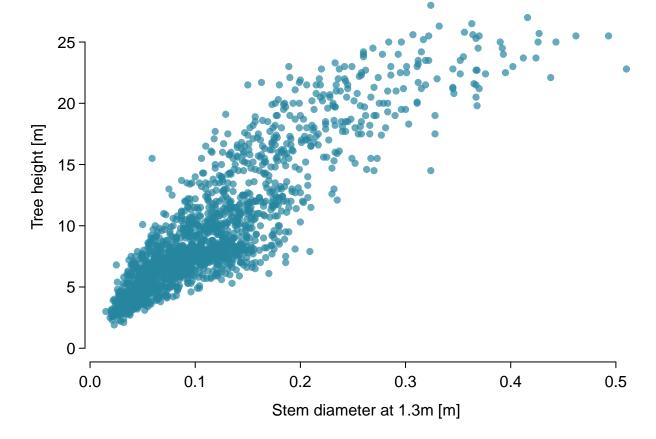
2.1 Frequently used arguments with plot()

Argument	Plot element
axes	Should axes be drawn?

Argument	Plot element
las = 1	All tick labels horizontal?
xlim, ylim	Limit of the axes
xlab, ylab	Labeling of the axes
bty	Type of box around the plot window
cex	Size factor of the plot symbols
cex.axis, cex.lab, cex.main	Size factor of some parts of the plot
col	Color of the displayed data (see section on colors)
lty	Line style (integer)
lwd	Line width (real value, ≥ 0)
main	Main heading
pch	Symbol for points (integer)

2.2 Example plot()

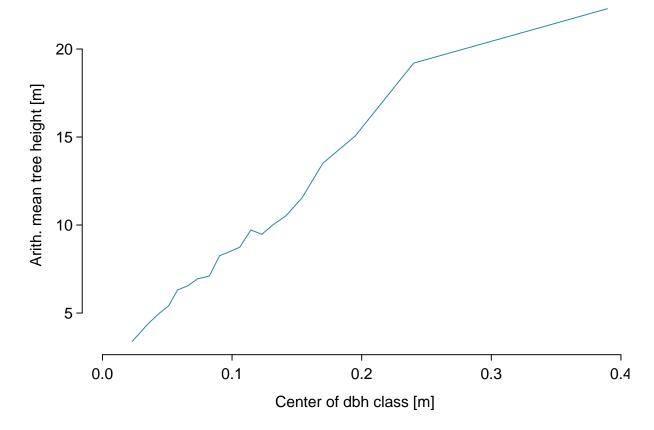
(We use par(...) and colorspace::... here, but don't be distracted, we will treat them later. For the moment: par(...) manipulates the arrangment of the plot on the 'piece of paper' that we have to draw on, and colorspace::... just helps us to find 'good'(!) colors ...)



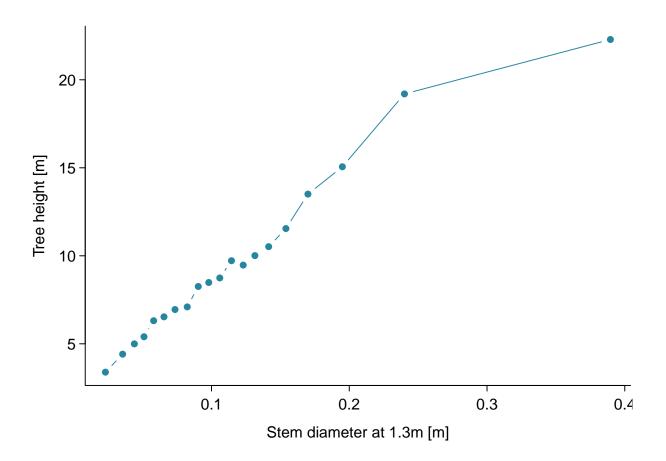
2.3 Example plot(..., type = "l")

```
par(\underline{mar} = c(3, 3, 0, 0) + .1, \underline{mgp} = c(2, .5, 0), \underline{tcl} = -.3, \underline{las} = 1)
paint \leftarrow colorspace::divergingx_hcl(\underline{n} = 3, \underline{pal} = "Earth")[3]
plot(dd$b_mean/100, dd$h_mean, type = "l", \underline{col} = paint,
```

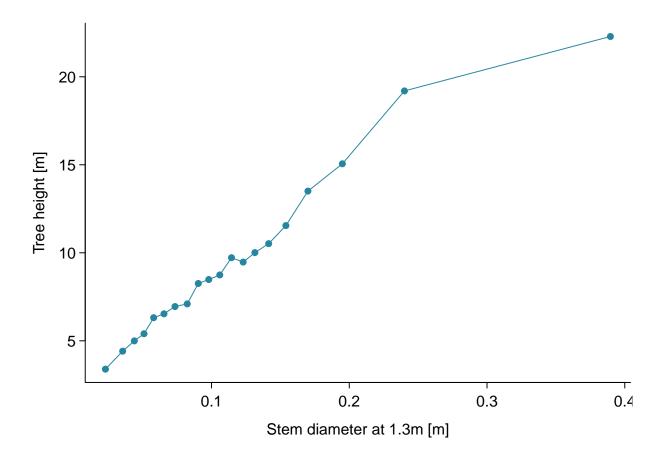
```
\frac{\text{bty = "n", las = 1, xlab = "Center of dbh class [m]",}}{\text{ylab = "Arith. mean tree height [m]", }} \frac{\text{tim = c(0, max(dd$b_mean/100)))}}{\text{total conditions}}
```



2.4 Example plot(..., type = "b")



2.5 Example plot(..., type = "o")



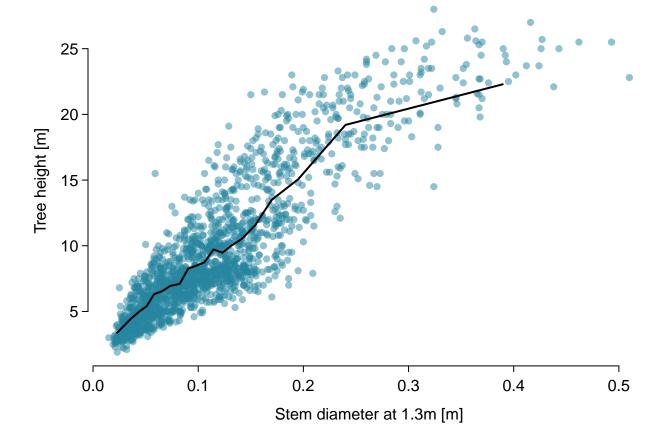
3 Graphic-'modules'

The remaining examples for type = "n" and type = "s" follow in next examples ...

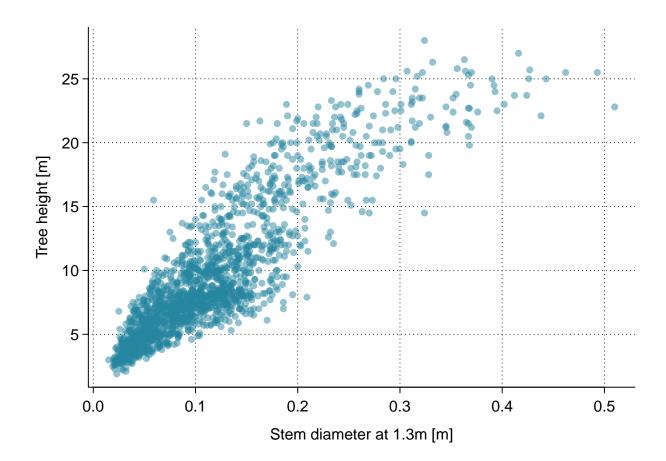
First: Functions that help us add something to a graphic

Function	Plot element
axis ()	Adds an axis
lines ()	Adds a line between points
points ()	Adds points
curve ()	Connects points with a smooth curve
abline ()	Adds a straight line (horizontal, vertical, slope and y-intercept)
grid ()	Adds a grid (defined by tickmarks)
legend ()	Adds a legend (example on the next slide)
polygon ()	Adds a filled polygon
text ()	Adds text
mtext ()	Adds text in the plot margins

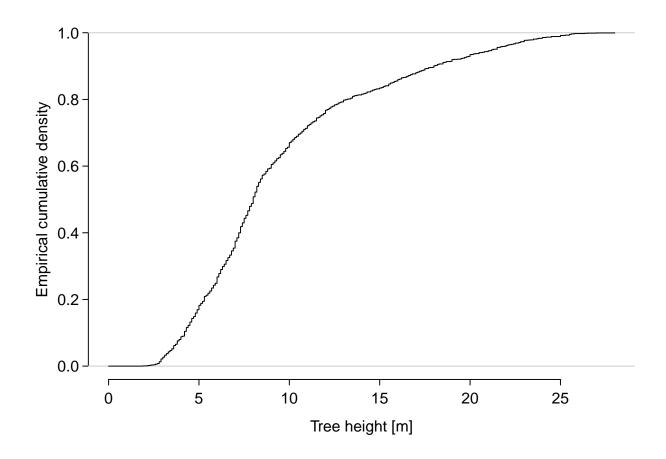
3.1 Example lines()



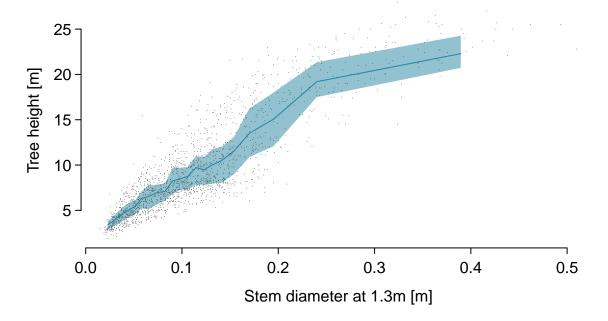
3.2 Example plot(..., type = "n"), grid() and points()



3.3 Example lines(), abline() and lines(..., type = "s")



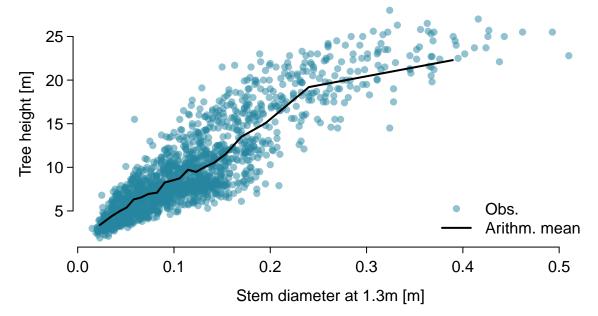
3.4 Example polygon()



4 legend()

- Adds explanation for plot elements.
- Position either by x- and y-coordinates, or by specifying "topleft", "bottomleft", "topright" or "bottomright"
- Optional with boundary box.
- Argument legend: vector with explanations.
- Further arguments define colors, plot symbols, line widths, . . .

4.1 Example legend()



5 Further plot types

5.1 boxplot()

A **box plot** shows:

- The median as a thick horizontal line,
- the first (Q_1) and third quartile (Q_3) as upper and lower box limits,
- 'fences' calculated by:

upper fence limit =
$$\min (\max(x), Q_3 + 1.5 \cdot IQA)$$
,

other

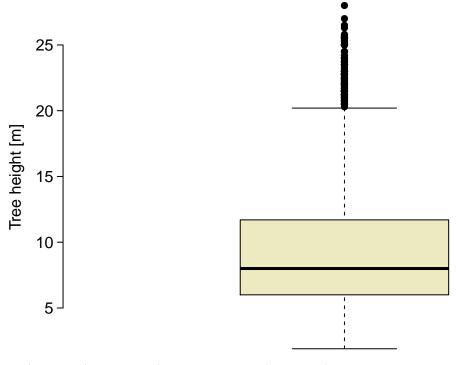
lower fence edge =
$$\max(\min(x), Q_1 - 1.5 \cdot \mathsf{IQA})$$
,

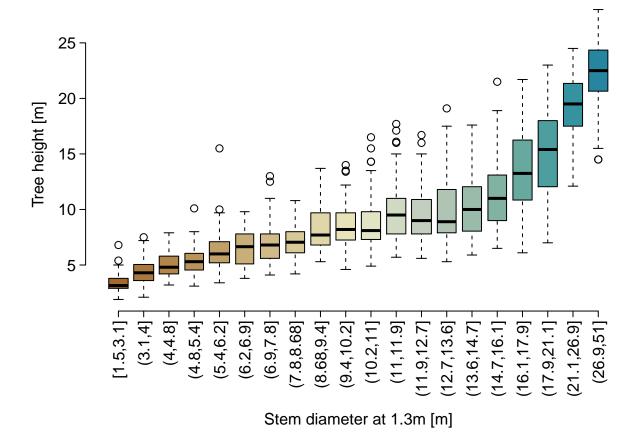
with interquartile range $IQA = |Q_3 - Q_1|$, as well as

Points outside the fences.

Use with argument x as a variable or formula:

5.1.1 Examples





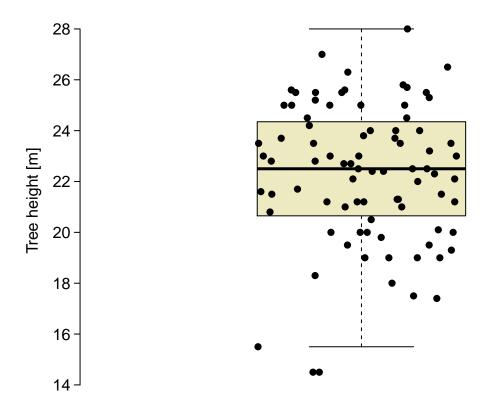
5.2 stripchart()

stripcharts can be helpful additions to box plots, especially with small samples:

"stripchart produces one dimensional scatter plots [...] of the given data. These plots are a good alternative to boxplots when sample sizes are small." (Quote taken from ?stripchart)

The argument method specifies by which method superimposed points should be made distinguishable, in particular method = "jitter" or method = "stack".

5.2.1 Example



5.3 hist()

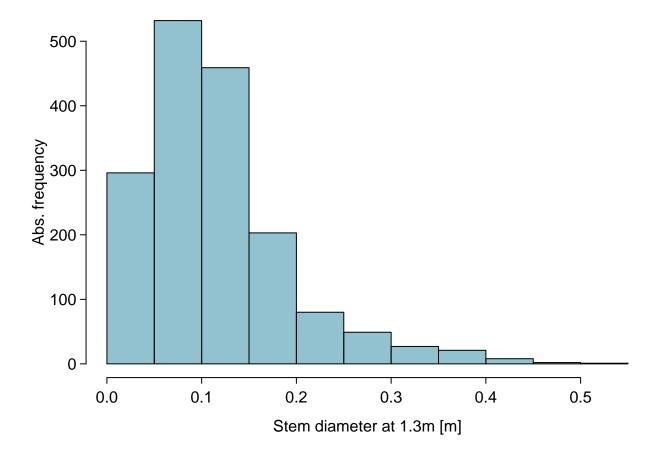
A histogram divides the value range of the sample into (preset equidistant) intervals and then shows the absolute frequency of the observations within these intervals through the heights of areas. The histogram thus provides a rough estimate for the probability density function.

• The argument breaks defines the values of the interval limits or the number of intervals.

Usage:

```
hist(x, ..., breaks, freq = NULL, main, xlim, xlab, ylab, axes = TRUE, bty, col)
```

5.3.1 Example



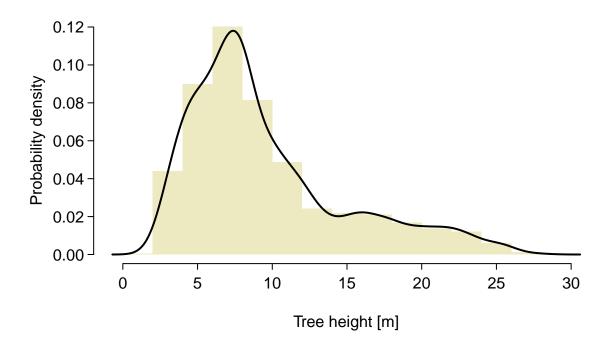
5.4 density()

- density () provides a continuous estimate of the probability density function.
- A kernel function is defined at each observation point, the weights of these functions are estimated, and the sum of the kernel functions multiplied by the weights is then returned at each point as an estimator.
- Overlapping a kernel function with areas for which the underlying size is not defined, positive density estimates can arise as artifacts that would be correctly equal to 0.
- density () only returns information about the calculated estimate, the plot then works separately.
- A kernel density estimate is a statistical model with a few assumptions, but pretends to be just a simple descriptive graphic.

Usage:

```
obj <- density(x, ..., n, from, to, na.rm)
plot(obj)</pre>
```

5.4.1 Example hist() and density()



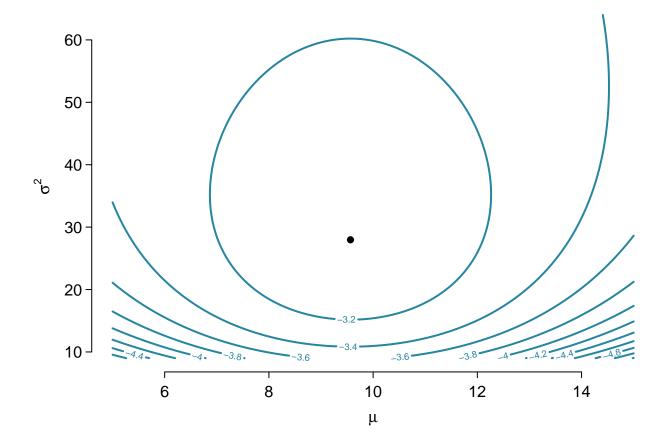
5.5 contour() und filled.contour()

Three-dimensional information can be represented by contour lines with contour().

Some preliminary work for the examples on the next two slides:

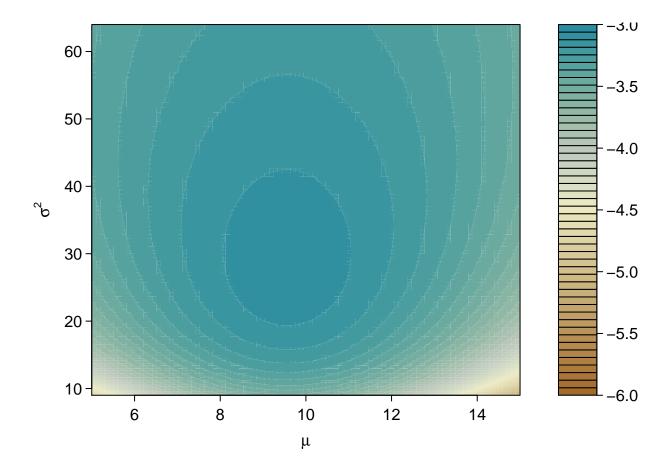
5.5.1 Example contour()

```
\begin{array}{lll} & \operatorname{par}(\underline{\operatorname{mar}} = \operatorname{c}(3,\ 3,\ 0,\ 0) \ + \ .1,\ \underline{\operatorname{mgp}} = \operatorname{c}(2,\ .5,\ 0),\ \underline{\operatorname{tcl}} = -.3,\ \underline{\operatorname{las}} = 1) \\ & \operatorname{paint} < -\operatorname{colorspace}::\operatorname{divergingx\_hcl}(\underline{\operatorname{n}} = 3,\ \underline{\operatorname{pal}} = \operatorname{"Earth"})[3] \\ & \operatorname{contour}(\underline{x} = \operatorname{mu\_seq},\ \underline{y} = \operatorname{sd\_seq}^2,\ \underline{z} = \underline{z},\ \underline{\operatorname{las}} = 1,\ \underline{\operatorname{bty}} = \operatorname{"n"},\\ & \underline{\operatorname{xlab}} = \operatorname{expression}(\operatorname{paste}(\operatorname{mu})),\ \underline{ylab} = \operatorname{expression}(\operatorname{paste}(\operatorname{sigma}^2)),\\ & \underline{\operatorname{col}} = \operatorname{paint},\ \underline{\operatorname{lwd}} = 2) \\ & \operatorname{points}(\operatorname{mean}(\operatorname{df} \$ h),\ \operatorname{var}(\operatorname{df} \$ h),\ \operatorname{pch} = 16) \end{array}
```



5.5.2 Example filled.contour()

```
\begin{array}{llll} & \text{par}(\underline{\text{mar}} = \text{c}(3,\ 3,\ 0,\ 0) + .1,\ \underline{\text{mgp}} = \text{c}(2,\ .5,\ 0),\ \underline{\text{tcl}} = -.3,\ \underline{\text{las}} = 1) \\ & \text{paint} <- \ \text{colorspace}:: & \text{divergingx\_hcl}(\underline{n} = 50,\ \underline{\text{pal}} = \text{"Earth"}) \\ & \text{filled.contour}(\underline{x} = \text{mu\_seq},\ \underline{y} = \text{sd\_seq}^2,\ \underline{z} = \underline{z},\ \underline{\text{col}} = \text{paint}, \\ & \underline{\text{levels}} = \text{seq}(\text{floor}(\text{min}(z)),\ \text{ceiling}(\text{max}(z)),\ \underline{\text{length}} = 50),\ \underline{\text{las}} = 1, \\ & \underline{\text{xlab}} = \text{expression}(\text{paste}(\text{mu})),\ \text{ylab} = \text{expression}(\text{paste}(\text{sigma}^2))) \\ \end{array}
```

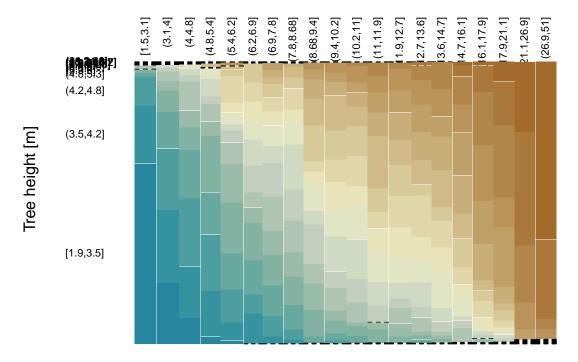


5.6 mosaicplot()

 $Two-dimensional\ frequency\ tables\ can\ be\ displayed\ with\ {\tt mosaicplot()}.$

Some preliminary work for the following example:

5.6.1 Example



Stem diameter at 1.3m [m]

5.7 Quantile-quantile plot

- Compares two samples (one sample and one distribution) by their quantiles.
- Each observation defines a quantile.
- Similar distributions should result in straight diagonal.

5.7.1 Examples

```
x <- rnorm(100)
boxplot(x, horizontal = T)
hist(x)
d <- density(x)
plot(d)
d3 <- density(x, kernel = "tri", bw = 1)
lines(d3, col = "blue")</pre>
```

6 Organization of the graphics window with par() and layout()

- The function par() holds based on a list all relevant parameters for the graphics window.
- Overview through ?par
- dev.off() restores the original values.

The following combination ('multiple frames' and changing the 'margin specifications') is often used:

```
par(\underline{mar} = c(4.1, 4.1, 1, 1), \underline{mfrow} = c(1, 2))
```

layout() is a further helpful too in order to organise severel graphics in one device.

6.1 Example layout()

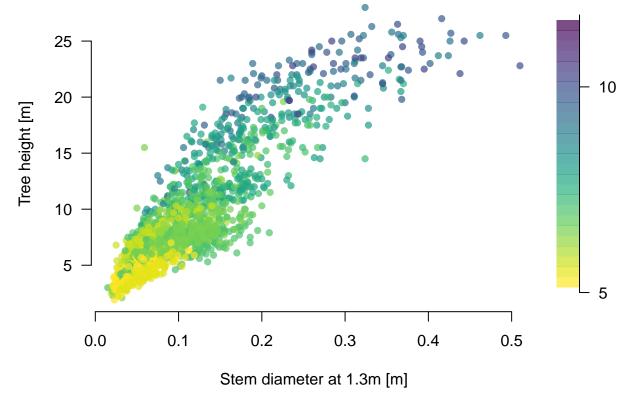
```
par(\underline{mar} = c(3, 3, 0, 0) + .1, mgp = c(2, .5, 0), \underline{tcl} = -.3, \underline{las} = 1)
paint <- colorspace::divergingx_hcl(n = 3, pal = "Earth")[3]</pre>
paint_a <- colorspace::divergingx_hcl(n = 3, pal = "Earth", alpha = .5)[3]
\#par(mar = c(4.1, 4.1, 0.5, 1.1))
layout(matrix(\underline{nrow} = 2, \underline{ncol} = 2, c(1, 3, 2, 3)), heights = c(0.4, 0.6))
hist(df$d/100, main = "", xlab = "Stem diameter at 1.3m [m]", ylab = "Abs. frequency",
      col = paint_a, border = paint)
hist(df$h, xlab = "Tree height [m]", main = "", ylab = "Abs. frequency",
      col = paint_a, border = paint)
plot(df$d/100, df$h, pch = 16, bty = "1", col = paint_a,
      xlab = "Stem diameter at 1.3m [m]", ylab = "Tree height [m]")
                                                     400
  500
Abs. frequency
                                                     300
                                                     200
                                                     100
     0
                                                       0
       0.0
              0.1
                     0.2
                            0.3
                                    0.4
                                           0.5
                                                           0
                                                                 5
                                                                        10
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                                                                                      20
                                                                                             25
               Stem diameter at 1.3m [m]
                                                                        Tree height [m]
   25
Free height [m]
   20
   15
   10
    5
                        0.1
                                         0.2
                                                          0.3
                                                                            0.4
                                                                                             0.5
      0.0
                                         Stem diameter at 1.3m [m]
```

7 Colours

- Colors are changed by the argument col = "name".
- The function colors() contains already defined standard colors.
- The function palette() contains the color palette that is used when col is specified by a numeric value.
- rgb generates colors by mixing red, green and blue components (with the possibility of **alpha** shading through the argument alpha), but mixing several colors for usage in one graphic by hand is not recommended [Zeileis et al., 2009].
- Therefore, I mostly use the very powerful colorspace [Zeileis et al., 2020] and viridis [Garnier, 2018] packages.
- viridis supports the search for optimal colors in terms of taking into account most types of color blindness, as well as the maximum contrast in gray-scale printing of colored graphics.

7.1 Example viridis() [Garnier, 2018]

```
library("viridis")
df$dmean_rounded <- round(df$dmean)</pre>
cols \leftarrow viridis(\underline{n} = 1 + max(df$dmean_rounded) - min(df$dmean_rounded), alpha = 0.7)
cols <- rev(cols)</pre>
layout(widths = c(0.9, 0.1), mat = matrix(mrow = 1, mcol = 2, 1:2))
par(mar = c(5, 5, 1, 1))
plot(df$d/100, df$h, pch = 16, bty = "n", <u>las = 1</u>,
     xlab = "Stem diameter at 1.3m [m]", ylab = "Tree height [m]",
     col = cols[as.numeric(as.factor(df$dmean_rounded))])
par(mar = c(6, 0, 2, 2))
plot(rep(0, length(cols)), 1:length(cols), type = "n", main = "",
     <u>bty = "n", xlab = "", ylab = "", yaxt = "n", xaxt = "n")</u>
axis(4, 1as = 2, at = c(0, 20, 40, 60, 80, 100),
     seq(min(df$dmean_rounded), max(df$dmean_rounded), length = 6))
for (i in 1:length(cols)) {
  polygon(c(-1, -1, 1, 1), i + c(-0.5, 0.5, 0.5, -0.5), border = NA,
           col = cols[i]
}
```



8 Mathematical notation in graphics

- R offers limited possibilities for mathematical notation in graphics.
- Syntax similar to LaTeX
- The formulation is passed as an argument to the expression() function.
- For an overview of the (im) possibilities see ?plotmath

Command	Meaning
frac(a,b) [i] alpha, beta	Fraction Subscript Greek letters

Command	Meaning
sqrt(a)	Squarerootfunction
	See ?plotmath

8.1 Example

Quadratic mean Stem diameter:
$$\sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} d_i^2}{n}}$$
 [cm²]

9 lattice Graphics for grouped / clustered data

- library("lattice") [Sarkar, 2008]
- Plotting functions for grouped data.
- Lattice offers a much more convenient segmentation of the graphic device compared to 'by hand' par(mfrow = c(i, j)), or layout().

Function	Graphic type
xyplot	Scatter plot
bwplot	Box plot
barchart	Bar plot
contourplot	Contour lines ('3D')
levelplot	Filled contour lines
histogram	Histogram
densityplot	kernel density estimation

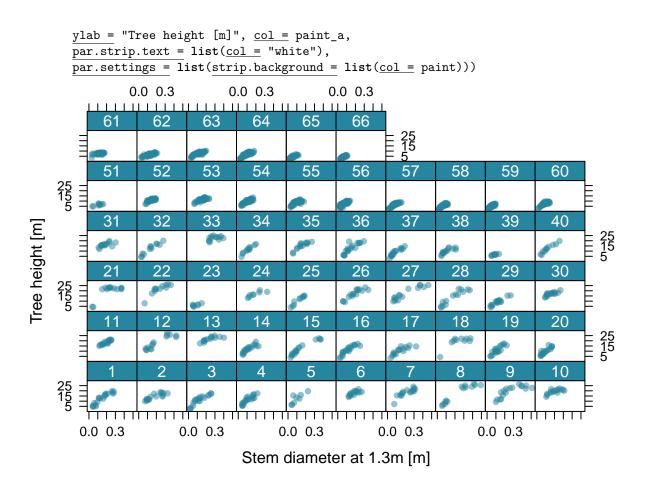
Usage:

 ${\tt function}({\tt y} \ {\tt ~ x \ | \ g, \ data, \ parameters, \ldots})$

- Plot of x againsty,
- Grouped (individual plot windows) by g,
- Returns trellis object (nobase plot),
- no 'target variable' y fordensityplot, bwplot andhistogram.

9.1 Example:

```
library("lattice")
df$plot <- factor(df$plot)
paint <- colorspace::divergingx_hcl(n = 3, pal = "Earth")[3]
paint_a <- colorspace::divergingx_hcl(n = 3, pal = "Earth", alpha = .5)[3]
xyplot(h ~ d/100 | plot, data = df, pch = 16, xlab = "Stem diameter at 1.3m [m]",</pre>
```



10 ggplot2

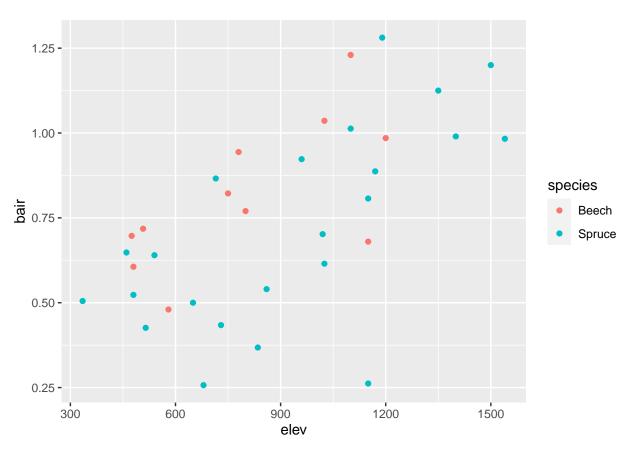
In the last couple of years, creating graphics with ggplot2 [Wickham, 2016] instead of base R commands has steadily increased among R users. I still have the impression base R allows me to have more flexibility in what my resulting plot may look, but by it's modularity, and clear structure, and intuitiveness, command chains for making a graphic with ggplot2 often come naturelly and less labour intensive in comparison to base R. \rightarrow so it might be recommendanle to feel home in both worlds?!

In order to set up a graphic with ggplot2, you usually start with calling ggplot() where you supply a dataframe (Note that ggplot is very much centered on having everything organized in dataframe, which is good, of course!) and an aesthetic mapping using aes():

```
library("ggplot2")
p <- ggplot(drought, aes(elev, bair, colour = species))</pre>
```

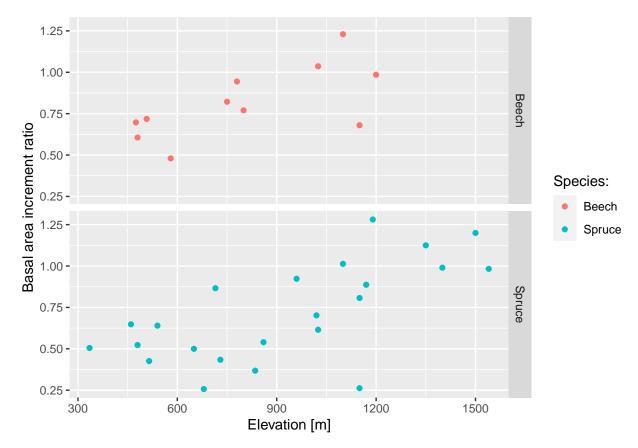
From here on, you add modules – layers, scales, faceting specifications, coordinate systems, \dots (a great overview is given in the official cheat sheet)– using +:

```
p + geom_point()
```

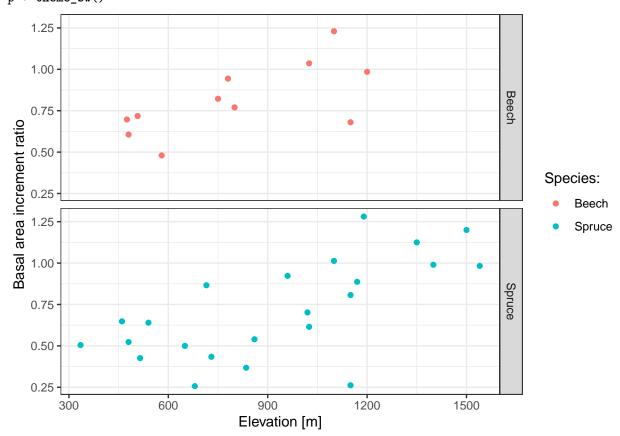


... and you keep going, module by module:

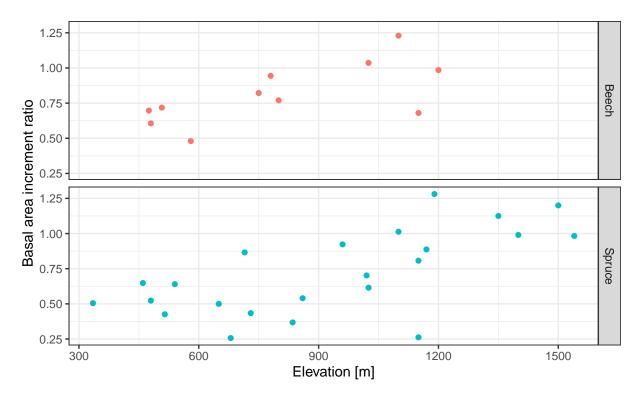
```
p <- p + geom_point() +
   xlab(<u>label</u> = "Elevation [m]") +
   ylab(<u>label</u> = "Basal area increment ratio") +
   labs(<u>colour</u> = "Species:")
p + facet_grid(<u>rows</u> = vars(species))
```



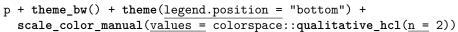
p <- p + facet_grid(<u>rows =</u> vars(species))
p + theme_bw()

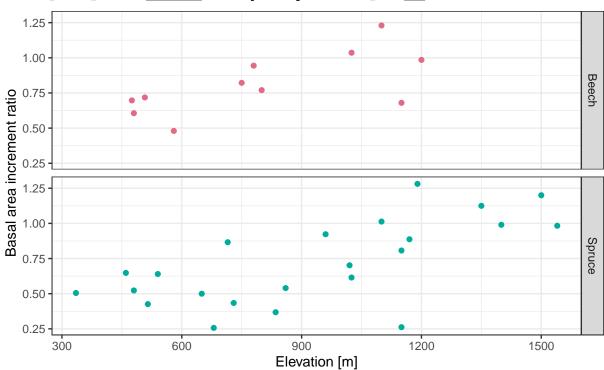


p + theme_bw() + theme(legend.position = "bottom")



Species: • Beech • Spruce





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