SML201 Chapter 2.4

Graphing with the ${\tt ggplot2}$ package

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R functions covered

- $\bullet\,$ Functions in the ${\tt ggplot2}$ package
- ggpairs() in the GGally package

Introduction

In the last chapter we saw that we can answer very interesting questions about the passengers with plots that compare different groups of the passengers. Unfortunately, for creating more complex graphs R's basic graphic functions become more verbose; also, personally I think graphs produced by the basic graphics functions are not very appealing aesthetically unless you are willing to spending a lot of time on making manual adjustments to the graphs by changing the values of the graphic variables (e.g., we showed you how to make some of these adjustments with cex, cex.main and cex.lab etc. in this week's precept). When it comes to making complex graphs the packages ggplot2 and GGally (an extension of ggplot2) have a lot more advantages over R's basic graphics package.

About the ggplot2 package

The package ggplot2 was built based on the concepts in the *The Grammar of Graphics* by Leland Wilkinson (1999/2005).

The package has a lot of built-in features that make nice graphs and are more suitable for complex large datasets.

Read in the dataset

```
t.ship =
  read.csv(file =
  '/Users/billhaarlow/Desktop/SML201/titanic.csv')
```

We should refresh our memory on the properties of the dataset.

```
class(t.ship) # this tells me what kind of R object this dataset is
[1] "data.frame"
dim(t.ship) # 891 rows by 12 columns
[1] 891 12
```

```
head(t.ship) # look at the first 6 (by default) rows of an object
  PassengerId Survived Pclass
             1
                      0
1
2
             2
                      1
                              1
             3
                              3
3
                      1
4
             4
                      1
                              1
5
             5
                      0
                              3
6
             6
                      0
                              3
                                                     Name
                                                             Sex
```

```
1
                              Braund, Mr. Owen Harris
2 Cumings, Mrs. John Bradley (Florence Briggs Thayer) female
3
                               Heikkinen, Miss. Laina female
4
         Futrelle, Mrs. Jacques Heath (Lily May Peel) female
5
                             Allen, Mr. William Henry
6
                                     Moran, Mr. James
                                                         male
  Age SibSp Parch
                            Ticket
                                      Fare Cabin Embarked
                         A/5 21171 7.2500
1
  22
         1
                0
2
  38
         1
                          PC 17599 71.2833
                                                         C
3
  26
          0
                0 STON/02. 3101282 7.9250
                                                         S
4
  35
          1
                0
                            113803 53.1000 C123
                                                         S
  35
                                                         S
5
          0
                0
                            373450 8.0500
6
  NA
                            330877 8.4583
                                                         Q
```

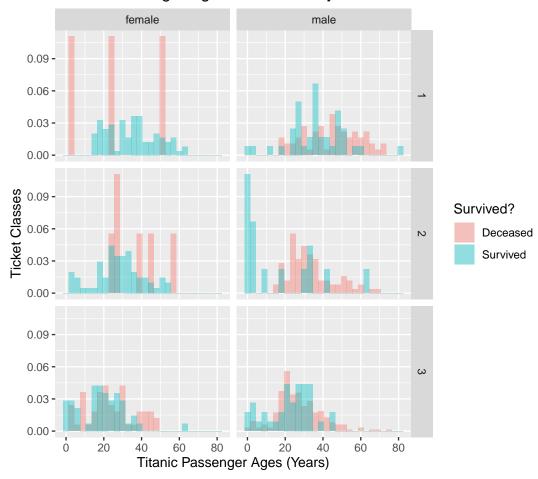
```
str(t.ship, strict.width = "cut")
'data.frame':
               891 obs. of 12 variables:
$ PassengerId: int 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ...
            : int 0 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 1 1 ...
$ Survived
             : int 3 1 3 1 3 3 1 3 3 2 ...
$ Pclass
$ Name
             : Factor w/ 891 levels "Abbing, Mr. Anthony",....
             : Factor w/ 2 levels "female", "male": 2 1 1 1 2...
$ Sex
             : num 22 38 26 35 35 NA 54 2 27 14 ...
$ Age
                    1 1 0 1 0 0 0 3 0 1 ...
$ SibSp
             : int
$ Parch
             : int 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 2 0 ...
$ Ticket
             : Factor w/ 681 levels "110152", "110413", ...: 52...
$ Fare
             : num 7.25 71.28 7.92 53.1 8.05 ...
             : Factor w/ 148 levels "", "A10", "A14", ...: 1 83 ...
$ Cabin
$ Embarked : Factor w/ 4 levels "","C","Q","S": 4 2 4 4 4 ...
```

An example of a graph produced by the ggplot2 package

```
library(ggplot2)
```

Here is a set of histograms that produced by the <code>geom_histogram()</code> function in the <code>ggplot2</code> package. Note that if we had to used the basic graphic functions in R to produce this set of plots, we would have to write the code separately for 6 histograms, not to mention that we would also need to write extra lines of code to give different colors to the data points for the people in the survived and deceased groups.

Titanic Passenger Age Distributions by Ticket Class and Sex



How does the syntax work for functions in the ggplot2 package?

The basic idea

You can combine/layer several graphical components in ggplot2 to build and customize your graph. Some of the graphical components include:

• data in data.frame format

- aesthetic mapping: e.g., x- and y- variables, color, size and shape related to the variables
- geometric object: what kind of plot you would like to make?
- statistical transformations
- position adjustments
- faceting: for conditional plots

Main structure of the grammar

```
The main structure of the grammar has the form of ggplot(data.frame, ...) + geom\_FunctionType()
```

Some commonly used geom_ functions are

- geom_boxplot()
- geom histogram()
- geom_line()
- geom_point()
- geom_smooth()
- geom_hex()

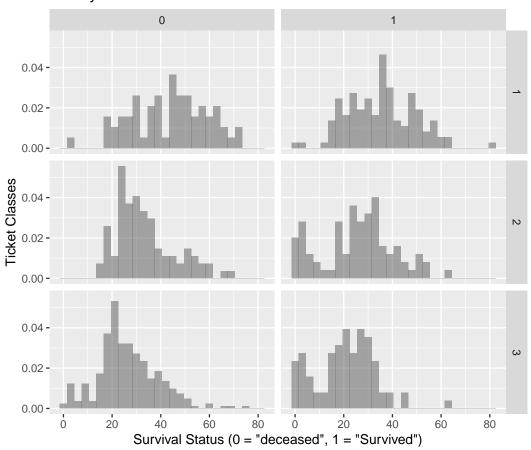
Steps

Creating a plot using the ggplot2 package follows the following steps:

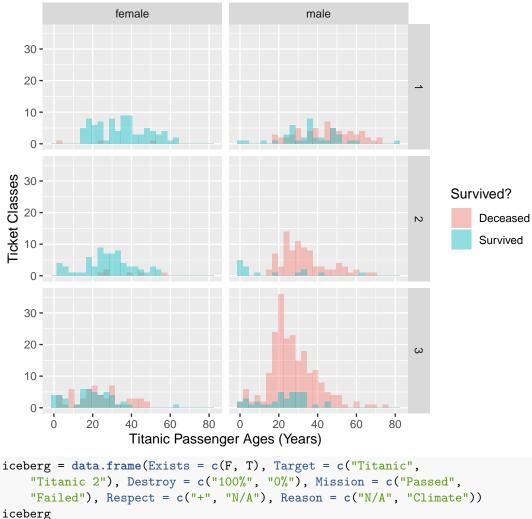
- 1. Dataset use the function ggplot() to specify what dataset we will work with to create the plot; the dataset needs to be a data frame.
- 2. Type of graph to make use geom_FunctionTpye() to specify what kinds of graphs (such as scatterplots, histograms, or boxplots) we want to make.
- 3. Aesthetic mappings specify the variables to use for the plot(s) and how they appear on the plot.
- 4. Appearance using the various parameters to change the display of the plot, such as specifying the labels, colors or showing the data by groups.

```
ggplot(t.ship) + geom_histogram(mapping = aes(x = Age, y = ..density..),
  binwidth = 3, alpha = 0.5) + facet_grid(as.factor(Pclass) ~
  as.factor(Survived)) + labs(x = "Survival Status (0 = \"deceased\", 1 = \"Survived\")",
  y = "Ticket Classes", title = "Titanic Passenger Age Distributions
  by Ticket Class and Survival Status")
```

Titanic Passenger Age Distributions by Ticket Class and Survival Status



Titanic Passenger Age Distributions by Ticket Class and Sex



```
iceberg
 Exists
           Target Destroy Mission Respect
1 FALSE
                     100% Passed
          Titanic
   TRUE Titanic 2
                       0% Failed
                                      N/A Climate
```

Examples

A simple example

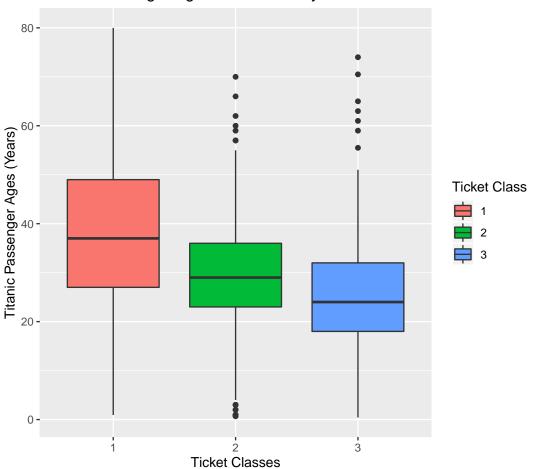
Suppose that we would like to use a side-by-side boxplot to compare the age distributions of the passengers by ticket class.

```
class(t.ship)
[1] "data.frame"
```

```
# the dataset `t.ship` is already in data.frame format

ggplot(t.ship) + geom_boxplot(mapping = aes(x = as.factor(Pclass),
    y = Age, fill = as.factor(Pclass))) + labs(y = "Titanic Passenger Ages (Years)",
    x = "Ticket Classes", title = "Titanic Passenger Age Distributions by Ticket Class",
    fill = "Ticket Class")
```

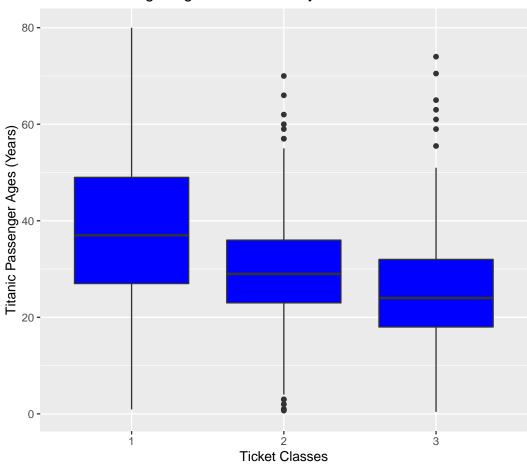
Titanic Passenger Age Distributions by Ticket Class



Notice that the argument fill = as.factor(Pclass) was placed inside of the aes() function. If we use a particular color for fill the argument should be placed outside of the aes() function.

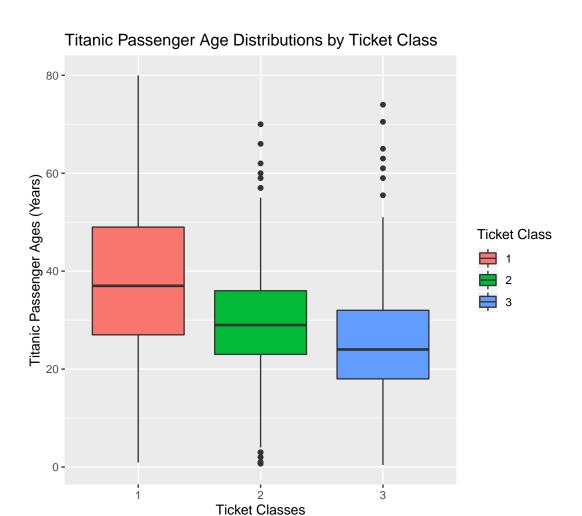
```
ggplot(t.ship) + geom_boxplot(mapping = aes(x = as.factor(Pclass),
    y = Age), fill = "blue") + labs(y = "Titanic Passenger Ages (Years)",
    x = "Ticket Classes", title = "Titanic Passenger Age Distributions by Ticket Class",
    fill = "Ticket Class")
```





Also, notice that you can also place the mapping argument in the ggplot() function. Can you think of a situation where it will be good to do this?

```
ggplot(t.ship, mapping = aes(x = as.factor(Pclass), y = Age,
    fill = as.factor(Pclass))) + geom_boxplot() + labs(y = "Titanic Passenger Ages (Years)",
    x = "Ticket Classes", title = "Titanic Passenger Age Distributions by Ticket Class",
    fill = "Ticket Class")
```

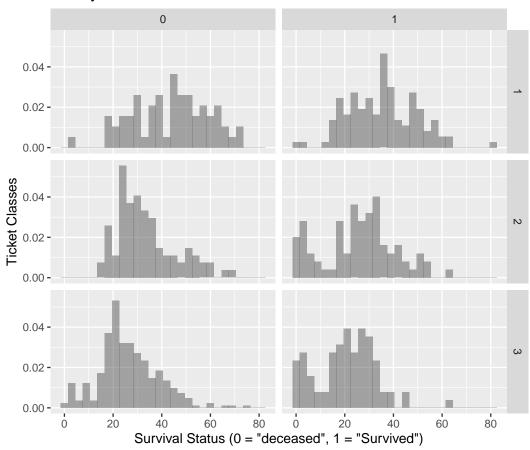


A more complex graph

Eventually we will make the graph shown at the beginning of the chapter but let's start with something simpler first.

```
y = "Ticket Classes", title = "Titanic Passenger Age Distributions
by Ticket Class and Survival Status")
```

Titanic Passenger Age Distributions by Ticket Class and Survival Status

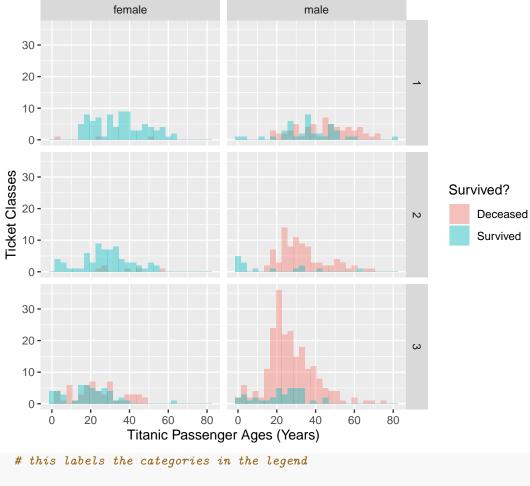


Now, let's produce the graph shown at the beginning of the chapter!

Exercise 1.: Produce a set of histograms for the passenger ages by ticket classes (rows) and gender (columns).

```
position="identity",
                # the default is position="stack" which
                # stacks the bins
               binwidth = 3, alpha = .4) +
                # alpha controls the transparency of the bins
facet_grid(as.factor(Pclass)~Sex) +
# this tells R to create panels for the unique combinations of
# the `Pclass` values and the `Sex` values:
# the `Pclass` values correspond to the rows and
# the `Sex` value correspond to the columns
labs(x='Titanic Passenger Ages (Years)',
     y='Ticket Classes',
     title = 'Titanic Passenger Age Distributions
     by Ticket Class and Sex',
     fill = "Survived?" ) +
     # fill = "Survived?" is the header for the legend
scale_fill_discrete(labels = c("Deceased", "Survived"))
```

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```
# this labels the categories in the legend

# Warning message:
# Removed 177 rows containing non-finite values (stat_bin).
# This Warning is due to the fact that there are 177 missing
# values in `Age`
```

How to read the plots

In the set of the histograms above the area of a bin (relative to the total area of all the bins) represents the proportion of the passengers in a particular category relative to *all the Titanic passengers*. This is because R plots the absolute counts in the set of the histograms above. You can check this with the data:

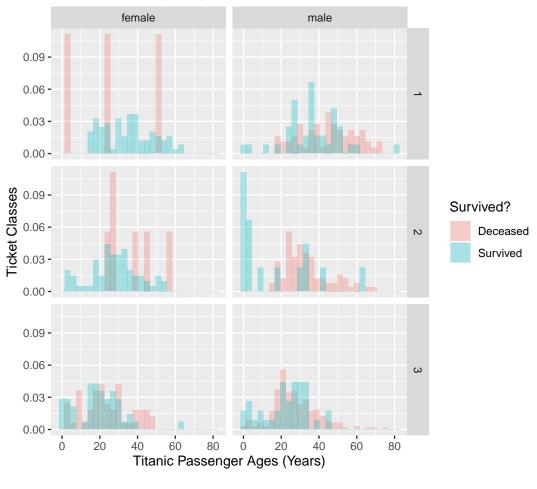
```
with(t.ship, table(Pclass[Survived == 0], Sex[Survived == 0]))
female male
```

```
1
        3
            77
        6
            91
 3
       72 300
# this is the equivalent to
# table(t.ship$Pclass[t.ship$Survived == 0], t.ship$Sex[t.ship$Survived == 0]).
# the `with()` function allows you to tell R that all the data that you
# are using are from the dataset `t.ship`.
with(t.ship, table(Pclass[Survived == 1], Sex[Survived == 1]))
    female male
 1
       91
            45
       70
            17
    72
            47
 3
```

Note that if we add in the y = ..density.. argument the graph will give a different interpretation of the data:

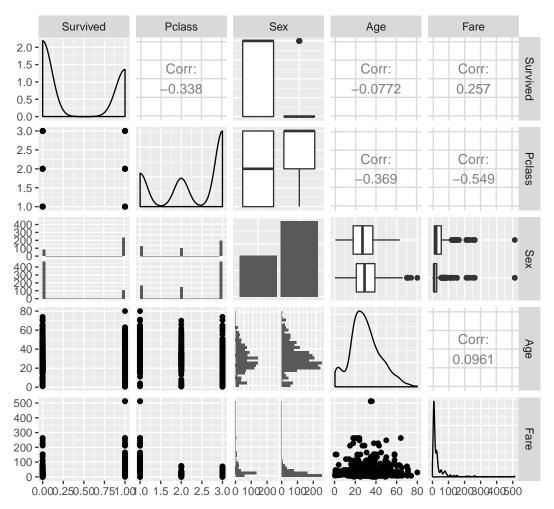
In this case the area of a bin represents the proportion of the passengers in a particular category relative to all the passengers that fall on a particular grid with a particular color.





ggpairs(): investigating the overall pairwise relationship between variables.

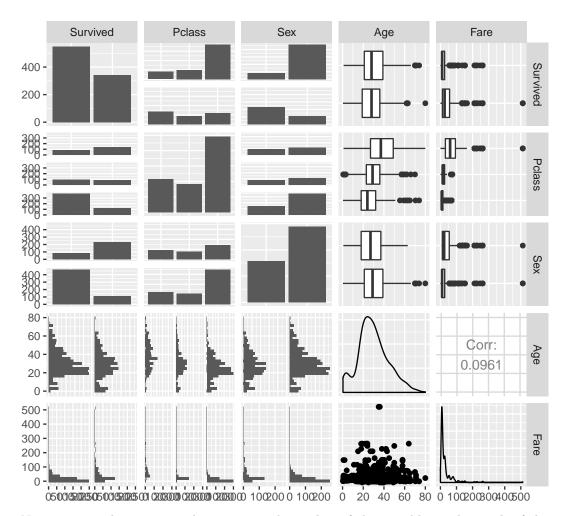
We will first extract out the variables that we need for the graph.



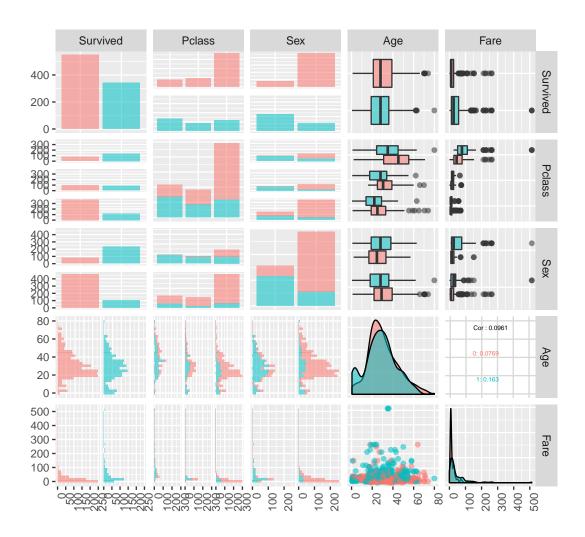
This is called a matrix plot.

Some of the graphs on the matrix plot don't look right because they are not in the correct data types.

```
str(small.t.ship)
               891 obs. of 5 variables:
'data.frame':
$ Survived: int 0 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 1 1 ...
                 3 1 3 1 3 3 1 3 3 2 ...
$ Pclass : int
$ Sex
           : Factor w/ 2 levels "female", "male": 2 1 1 1 2 2 2 2 1 1 ...
$ Age
                  22 38 26 35 35 NA 54 2 27 14 ...
                7.25 71.28 7.92 53.1 8.05 ...
$ Fare
           : num
# change the categorical variables to factors
small.t.ship$Survived = as.factor(t.ship$Survived)
small.t.ship$Pclass = as.factor(t.ship$Pclass)
ggpairs(small.t.ship)
```

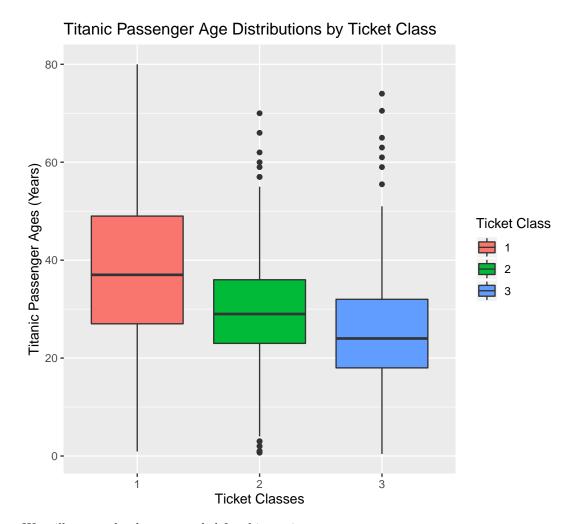


Now, we can also compare the pairwise relationship of the variables within each of the survived and deceased groups.



Technical details related to concepts and functions covered in this chapter

```
ggplot(t.ship) + geom_boxplot(mapping = aes(x = as.factor(Pclass),
    y = Age, fill = as.factor(Pclass))) + labs(y = "Titanic Passenger Ages (Years)",
    x = "Ticket Classes", title = "Titanic Passenger Age Distributions by Ticket Class",
    fill = "Ticket Class")
```



We will create the dataset needed for this section.

```
compl.air = na.omit(airquality)
# remove NAs to prepare a dataset for the demo

g = ggplot(data = compl.air)
# tells R that we are going to use the dataset `compl.air` to
# make plots
```

Tidy data format

A dataset is in **tidy data** format[^1] if the observations are arranged as the rows and the variables are arranged as the columns of the dataset. For each row/observation the values of the variables are measured on the same object.

Question: Is the dataset t.ship in the tidy data format? How about the airquality dataset?

```
head(t.ship)
  PassengerId Survived Pclass
1
            1
                      0
2
            2
                      1
                             1
            3
3
                      1
                             3
            4
4
                      1
                             1
5
            5
                      0
                             3
6
            6
                      0
                             3
                                                    Name
                                                            Sex
1
                                Braund, Mr. Owen Harris
                                                           male
2 Cumings, Mrs. John Bradley (Florence Briggs Thayer) female
3
                                 Heikkinen, Miss. Laina female
4
         Futrelle, Mrs. Jacques Heath (Lily May Peel) female
5
                               Allen, Mr. William Henry
                                                           male
                                       Moran, Mr. James
6
                                                           male
  Age SibSp Parch
                                        Fare Cabin Embarked
                             Ticket
                          A/5 21171 7.2500
   22
          1
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1
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          1
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   26
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                                     7.9250
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   35
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4
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                 0
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5
   35
          0
                 0
                             373450 8.0500
6
  NA
          0
                 0
                             330877 8.4583
                                                           Q
head(airquality)
  Ozone Solar.R Wind Temp Month Day
     41
            190 7.4
                        67
                               5
                                    1
1
2
                                5
                                    2
     36
            118 8.0
                        72
3
     12
            149 12.6
                        74
                               5
                                    3
4
     18
            313 11.5
                        62
                                5
                                    4
5
             NA 14.3
                                5
                                    5
     NA
                        56
                               5
                                    6
     28
             NA 14.9
                        66
```

From: H. Wickham (2014), Tidy Data, Journal of Statistical Software

Restructure a dataset for ggplot

The tidy format is not necessarily the correct form for making a plot with ggplot function. Here we will show you how to prepare the data to be used for making ggplot graphs.

We will first create a dataset for the example. This dataset consisting of historical average scores for 5 students when they were at different grade levels.

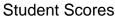
```
# take a look at the dataset:
grade
        scores.grade1 scores.grade2 scores.grade3
             75.61129
                           75.82484
                                         78.41237
student1
student2
             88.97910
                           94.10457
                                         88.61161
                                         86.58292
student3
             88.73358
                           81.27816
student4
             96.68129
                           93.14097
                                         97.83177
student5
                           87.05681
                                         87.70862
             88.74068
        scores.grade4 scores.grade5
student1
             80.32333
                           81.07747
student2
             91.21141
                           90.61836
student3
             85.52735
                           83.89072
student4
                           91.98019
             97.57671
student5
             85.83057
                           82.45199
```

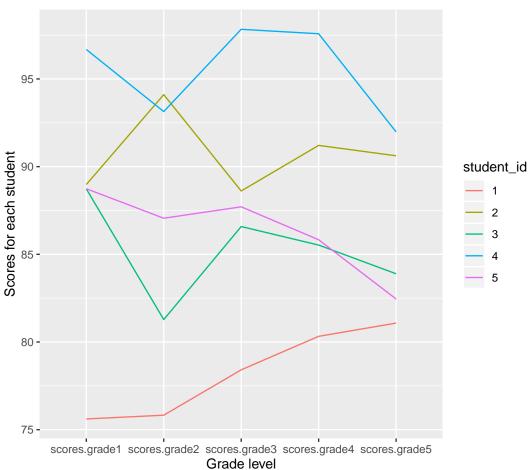
We would like to make a line plot for each student's scores.

As it is now the dataset is not in the suitable object type or structure for ggplot().

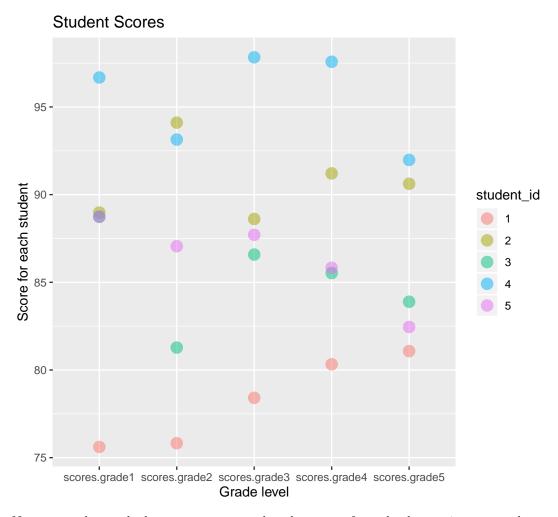
We want to restructure the data and the resulting data frame should have 3 variables: scores, student_id and grade_levels; this way we can supply the data frame to ggplot(). We will first show you how to do this manually since doing so will help you understand the structure of the data frame needed for ggplot functions better.

```
per.student = data.frame(score = as.vector(grade),
                        student_id = as.factor(rep(1:nrow(grade), times = ncol(grade))),
                        grade_level = rep(colnames(grade), each = nrow(grade))
head(per.student, n=10)
     score student id
                        grade_level
1 75.61129 1 scores.grade1
2 88.97910
                   2 scores.grade1
3 88.73358
                  3 scores.grade1
4 96.68129
                   4 scores.grade1
5 88.74068
                   5 scores.grade1
6 75.82484
                   1 scores.grade2
7 94.10457
                    2 scores.grade2
8 81.27816
                    3 scores.grade2
9 93.14097
                    4 scores.grade2
10 87.05681
                    5 scores.grade2
ggplot(per.student) + geom_line(mapping = aes(x = grade_level,
y = score, color = student_id, group = student_id)) +
labs(x = "Grade level", y = "Scores for each student", title='Student Scores')
```





```
# If there were no temporal relationship between the x-values
# (e.g., if the scores were for different subjects), you can
# also display the scores with dots
ggplot(per.student) + geom_point(mapping = aes(x = grade_level,
y = score, color = student_id), alpha=.5, size=4) +
labs(x = "Grade level", y = "Score for each student", title='Student Scores')
```



Now you understand what you are supposed to do to transform the dataset into a new data frame that is suitable for ggplot() we will show you how to use the function in the reshape package to do this automatically:

```
library(reshape2)
long.grade <- melt(grade)</pre>
head(long.grade, n = 10)
       Var1
                     Var2
                              value
1
  student1 scores.grade1 75.61129
2
  student2 scores.grade1 88.97910
  student3 scores.grade1 88.73358
4
  student4 scores.grade1 96.68129
5
  student5 scores.grade1 88.74068
  student1 scores.grade2 75.82484
7
  student2 scores.grade2 94.10457
  student3 scores.grade2 81.27816
8
  student4 scores.grade2 93.14097
```

```
10 student5 scores.grade2 87.05681

class(long.grade)

[1] "data.frame"

names(long.grade) = c("student_id", "grade_level", "score")

head(long.grade) # same as the data frame that we created manually

student_id grade_level score

1 student1 scores.grade1 75.61129

2 student2 scores.grade1 88.97910

3 student3 scores.grade1 88.73358

4 student4 scores.grade1 96.68129

5 student5 scores.grade1 88.74068

6 student1 scores.grade2 75.82484
```

To put the data back to the original tidy format we can use the function dcast() in the reshape package.

```
# This displays the values of one variable for the dataset
# and the info from the other two variables are shown in the
# row and column names
wide.grade <- dcast(long.grade, student_id ~ grade_level)</pre>
head(wide.grade)
  student_id scores.grade1 scores.grade2 scores.grade3
1 student1 75.61129 75.82484 78.41237
88.61161

Student3 88.73358 81.27816 86.58292

4 student4 96.68129 93.14097 97.83177

5 student5 88.74068 87.05681
1
      80.32333 81.07747
      91.21141
                    90.61836
2
3
       85.52735
                    83.89072
                    91.98019
       97.57671
4
                 82.45199
5
       85.83057
# note that the output of `dcast()` is still a data frame
class(wide.grade)
[1] "data.frame"
```

Setting the x- and y- variables for your graphs globally

```
ggplot(data = compl.air) + geom_boxplot(mapping = aes(x = factor(Month),
    y = Ozone, fill = factor(Month))) + geom_point(mapping = aes(x = factor(Month),
    y = Ozone)) + labs(title = "Ozone Level by Month for N.Y. State, May-Sept., 1973",
    x = "Month", y = "Ozone Level")

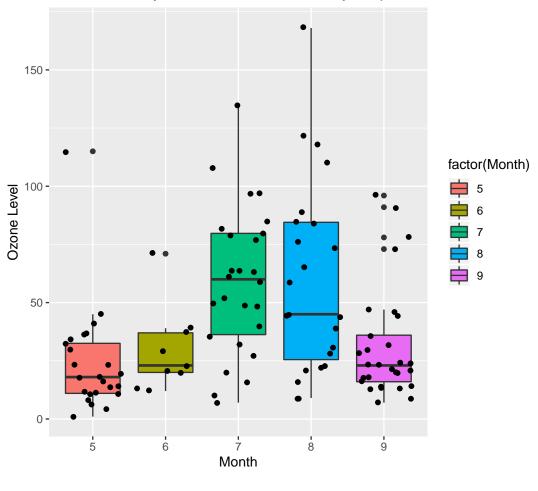
# The following line returns the same result as the line
```

```
# above
ggplot(data = compl.air, mapping = aes(x = factor(Month), y = Ozone)) +
    geom_boxplot(mapping = aes(fill = factor(Month))) + geom_point() +
    labs(title = "Ozone Level by Month for N.Y. State, May-Sept., 1973",
    x = "Month", y = "Ozone Level")
```

Using the jitter function

```
g + geom_boxplot(mapping = aes(x = factor(Month), y = Ozone,
    fill = factor(Month))) + geom_jitter(mapping = aes(x = factor(Month),
    y = Ozone)) + labs(title = "Ozone Level by Month for N.Y. State, May-Sept., 1973",
    x = "Month", y = "Ozone Level")
```

Ozone Level by Month for N.Y. State, May-Sept., 1973

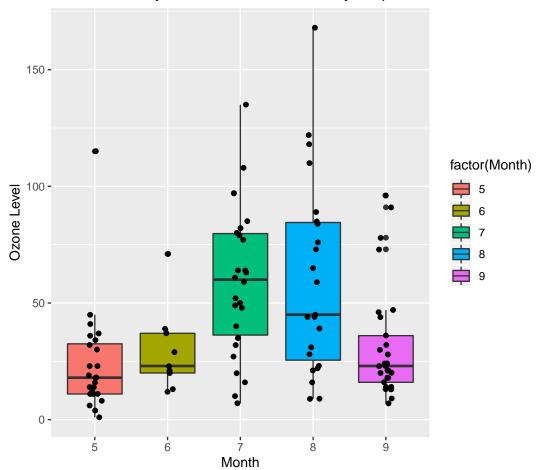


We use jitter() to distinguish overlapping points; however, the spread for jittered data in

the previous graph is too big.

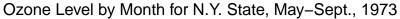
```
g + geom_boxplot(mapping = aes(x = factor(Month), y = Ozone,
    fill = factor(Month))) + geom_jitter(mapping = aes(x = factor(Month),
    y = Ozone), width = 0.1, height = 0.1) + labs(title = "Ozone Level by Month for N.Y. State, I
    x = "Month", y = "Ozone Level")
```

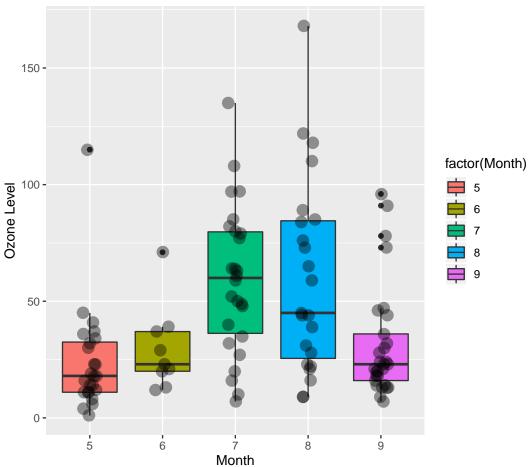
Ozone Level by Month for N.Y. State, May-Sept., 1973



width and height adjust the amount of jitter.

```
ggplot(data = compl.air, mapping = aes(x = factor(Month), y = Ozone)) +
   geom_boxplot(mapping = aes(fill = factor(Month))) + geom_jitter(width = 0.1,
   height = 0.1, alpha = 0.4, size = 4) + labs(title = "Ozone Level by Month for N.Y. State, Max = "Month", y = "Ozone Level")
```





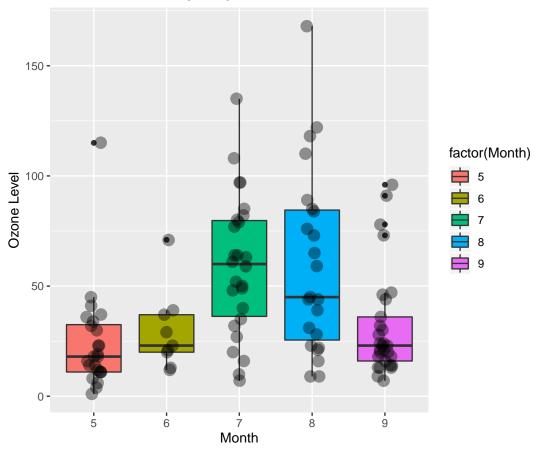
 ${\tt alpha}$ controls transparency; ${\tt size}$ controls the size of the dots.

Adjust the variables for the theme

We can also make the title bold faced, change its color and adjust the height of the line between the two lines in the title. Note that we use \n to break the line of the title into two lines.

```
ggplot(data = compl.air, mapping = aes(x = factor(Month), y = Ozone)) +
    geom_boxplot(mapping = aes(fill = factor(Month))) + geom_jitter(width = 0.1,
    height = 0.1, alpha = 0.4, size = 4) + labs(title = "Ozone Level by Month \n for N.Y. State,
    x = "Month", y = "Ozone Level") + theme(plot.title = element_text(face = "bold",
    color = "steelblue", lineheight = 1.2))
```

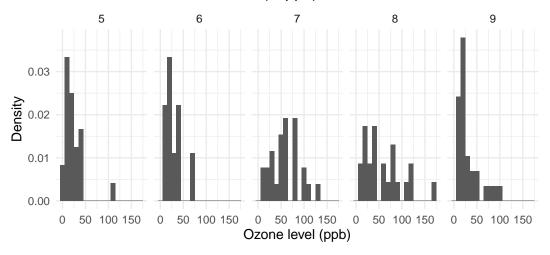
Ozone Level by Month for N.Y. State, May-Sept., 1973



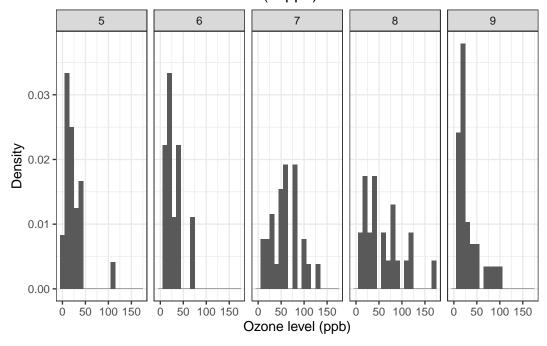
Set theme locally

You can set the theme for your graph locally by adding a layer for the theme

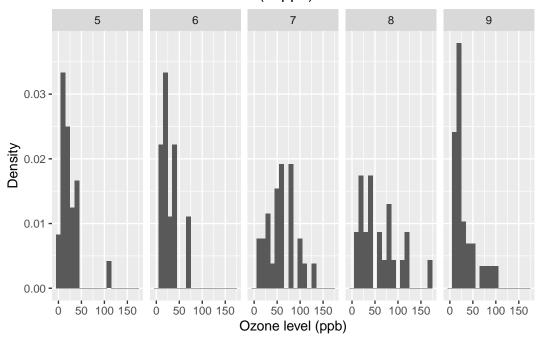
Distribution of Ozone Levels (in ppb)



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Set theme globally

You can also set the theme globally by using the theme_set() function

```
theme_set(theme_bw())
theme_set(theme_grey())
theme_set(theme_minimal())
```

```
theme_set(theme_grey())
g + geom_histogram(mapping = aes(x = Ozone, ..density..), binwidth = 15) +
    labs(x = "Ozone level (ppb)", y = "Density", title = "Distribution of Ozone Levels (in ppb)";
    facet_grid(. ~ Month)
```

Distribution of Ozone Levels (in ppb)

