



BIMM 143
Data visualization with R
Lecture 5
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Recap From Last Time:

- What is R and why should we use it?
- Familiarity with R's basic syntax.
- Familiarity with major R data structures namely **vectors** and **data.frames**.
- Understand the basics of using **functions** (arguments, vectorization and re-cycling).
- Appreciate how you can use R scripts to aid with reproducibility.

[MPA Link]

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Why visualize at all?

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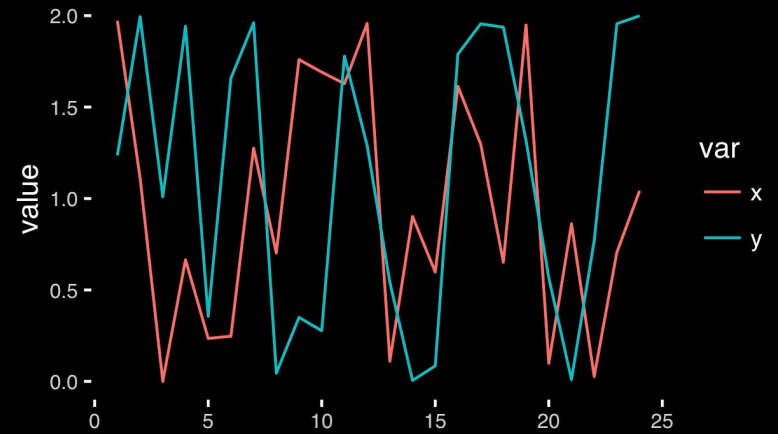
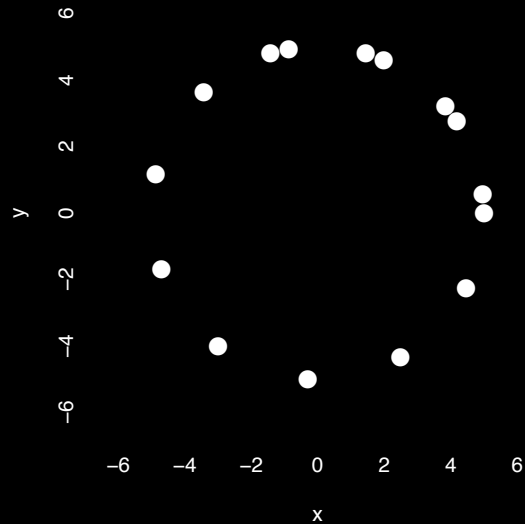
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National Market System

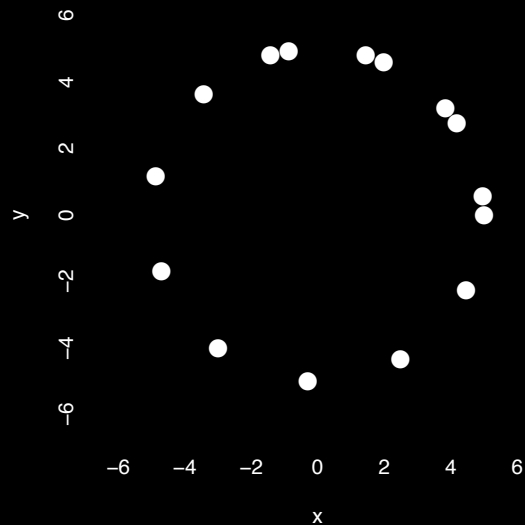
The companies listed below reflect the volume in 2007 of shares on a daily basis, and the rising percentage and change are reflected from the previous day based on trades as reported under the NASD National Market System.

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1	5.00	0.00
2	4.18	2.75
3	1.98	4.59
4	-0.86	4.92
5	-3.43	3.64
6	-4.86	1.16
7	-4.70	-1.70
8	-2.99	-4.01
9	-0.30	-4.99
10	2.49	-4.34
11	4.46	-2.25
12	4.97	0.57
13	3.84	3.20
14	1.45	4.79
15	-1.42	4.79

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Min.	-4.86	-4.99
1st Qu.	-2.21	-1.98
Median	1.45	1.16
Mean	0.65	0.87
3rd Qu.	4.01	4.12
Max.	5.00	4.92



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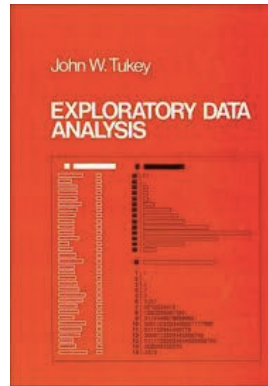


Exploratory Data Analysis

- ALWAYS look at your data!
- If you can't see it, then don't believe it!
- Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) allows us to:
 1. Visualize distributions and relationships
 2. Detect errors
 3. Assess assumptions for confirmatory analysis
- EDA is the first step of data analysis!

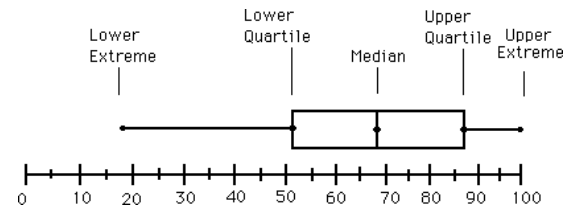
Exploratory Data Analysis 1977

- Based on insights developed at Bell Labs in the 60's
- Techniques for visualizing and summarizing data
- What can the data tell us? (in contrast to "confirmatory" data analysis)
- Introduced many basic techniques:
 - 5-number summary, box plots, stem and leaf diagrams,...
- 5 Number summary:
 - extremes (min and max)
 - median & quartiles
 - More robust to skewed & longtailed distributions



Side-note: boxplots

- **Box-and-whisker plot** : a graphical form of 5-number summary (Tukey)



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boxplot( rnorm(1000,0) )
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summary(); hist()

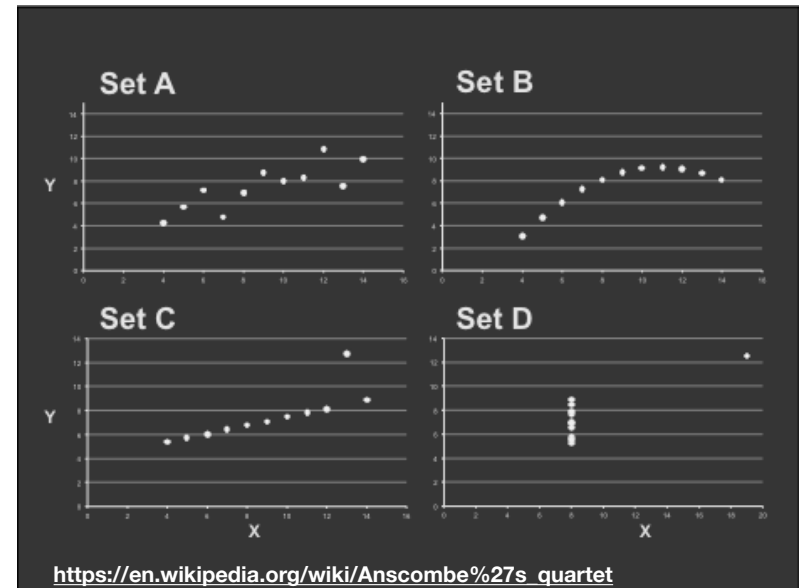
The Trouble with Summary Stats

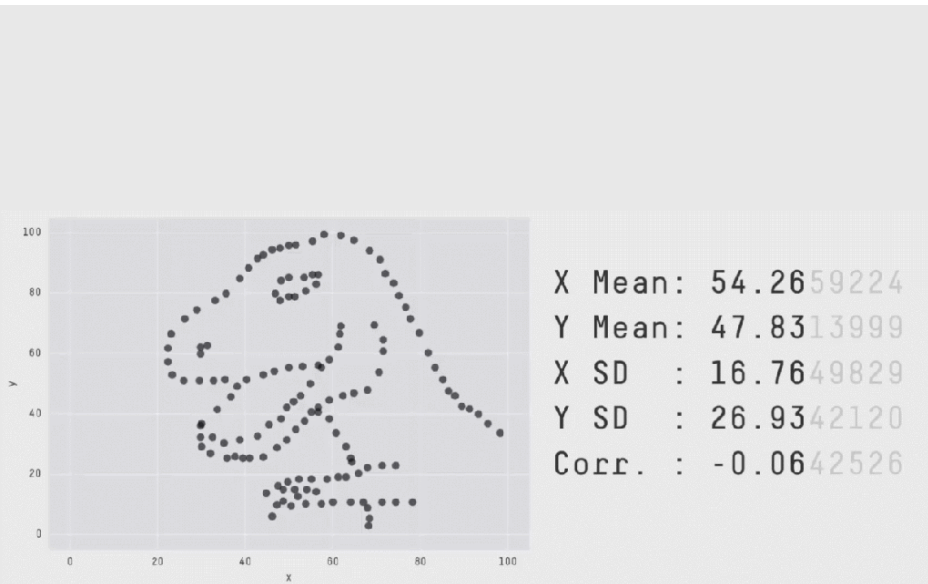
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8	6.95	8	8.14	8	6.77	8	5.76
13	7.58	13	8.74	13	12.74	8	7.71
9	8.81	9	8.77	9	7.11	8	8.84
11	8.33	11	9.26	11	7.81	8	8.47
14	9.96	14	8.1	14	8.84	8	7.04
6	7.24	6	6.13	6	6.08	8	5.25
4	4.26	4	3.1	4	5.39	19	12.5
12	10.84	12	9.11	12	8.15	8	5.56
7	4.82	7	7.26	7	6.42	8	7.91
5	5.68	5	4.74	5	5.73	8	6.89

Summary Statistics Linear Regression

$\mu_x = 9.0$	$\sigma_x = 3.317$	$Y = 3 + 0.5 X$	[Anscombe 73]
$\mu_y = 7.5$	$\sigma_y = 2.03$	$R^2 = 0.67$	

Looking at Data



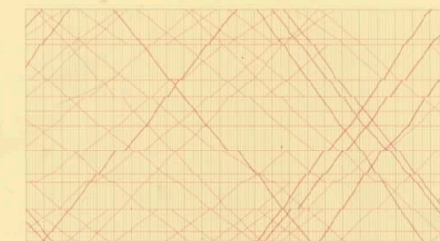
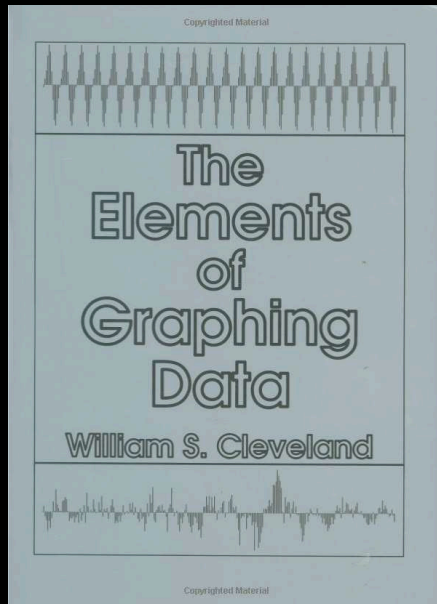


Key point: You need to visualize your data!

<https://github.com/stephlocke/datasauRus>

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The Visual Display
of Quantitative Information

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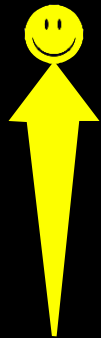
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Good visualizations optimize for the human visual system.

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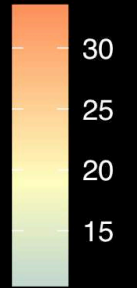


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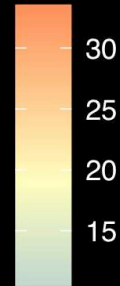
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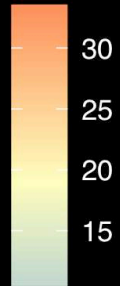
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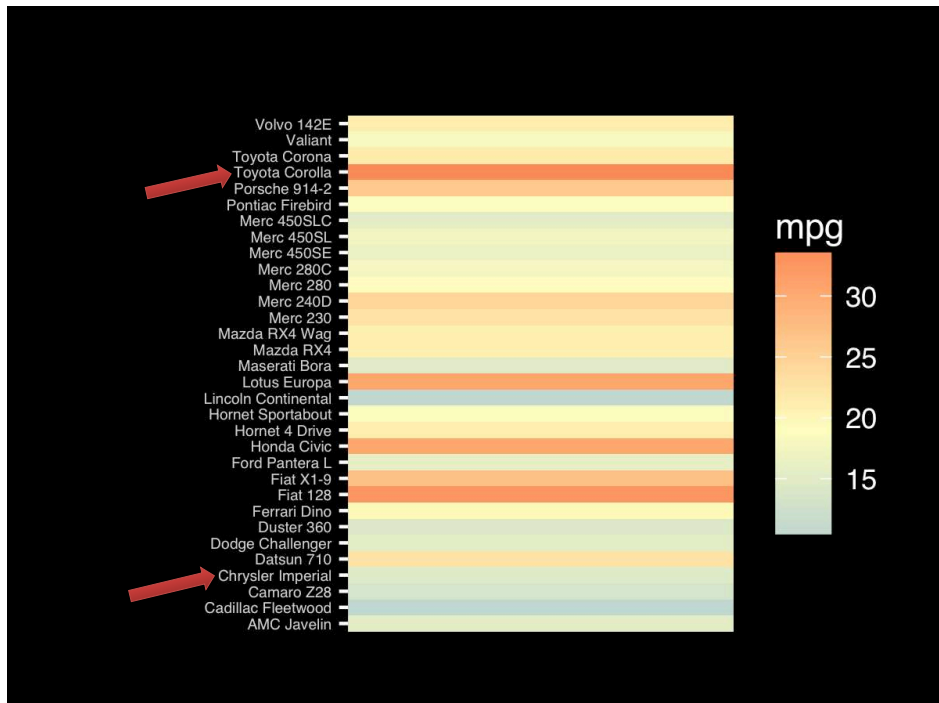


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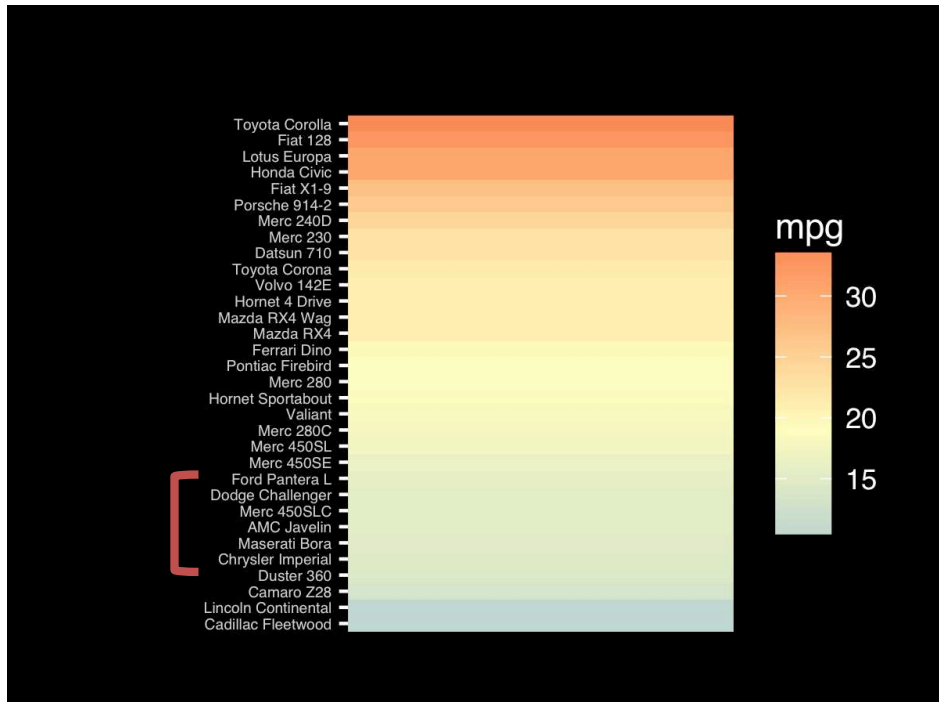
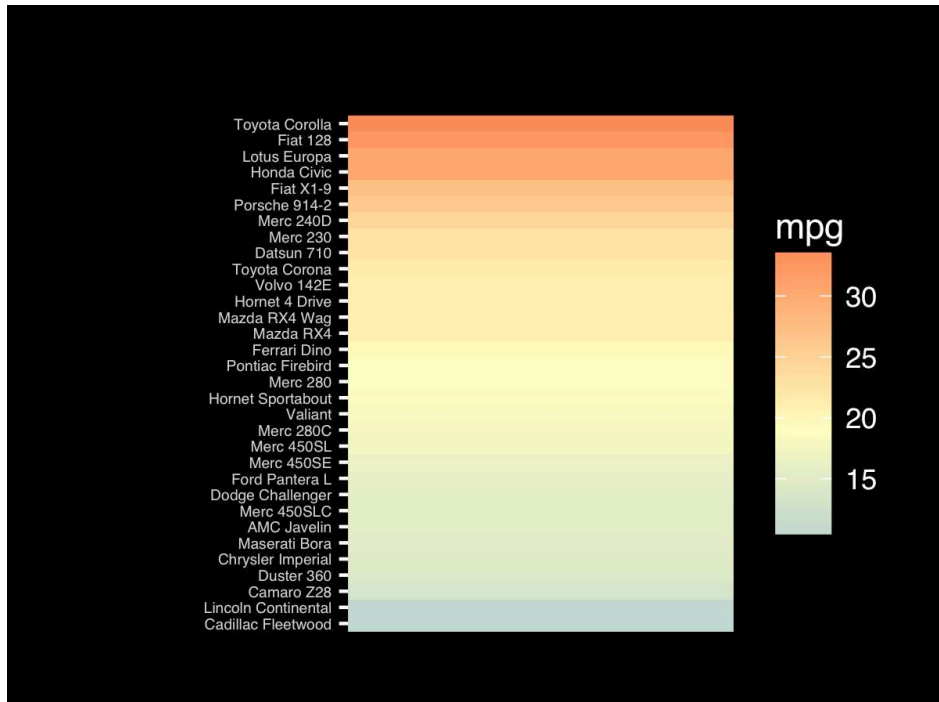
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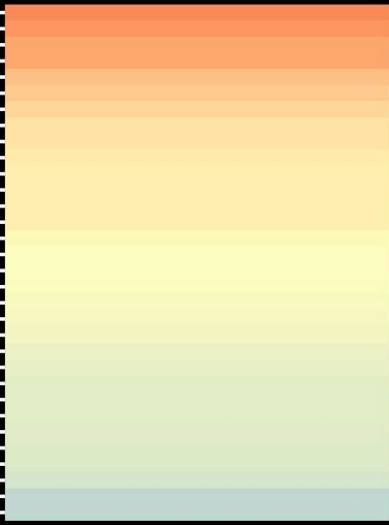
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Observation: Alphabetical is almost never the correct ordering of a categorical variable.

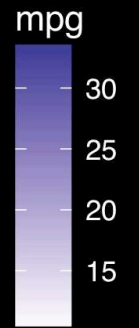
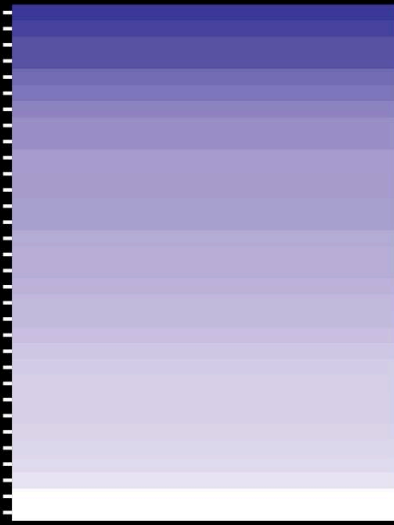


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If we did not have the legend would you know which was low or high mpg?

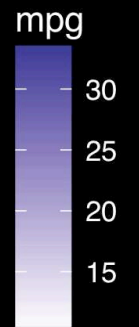
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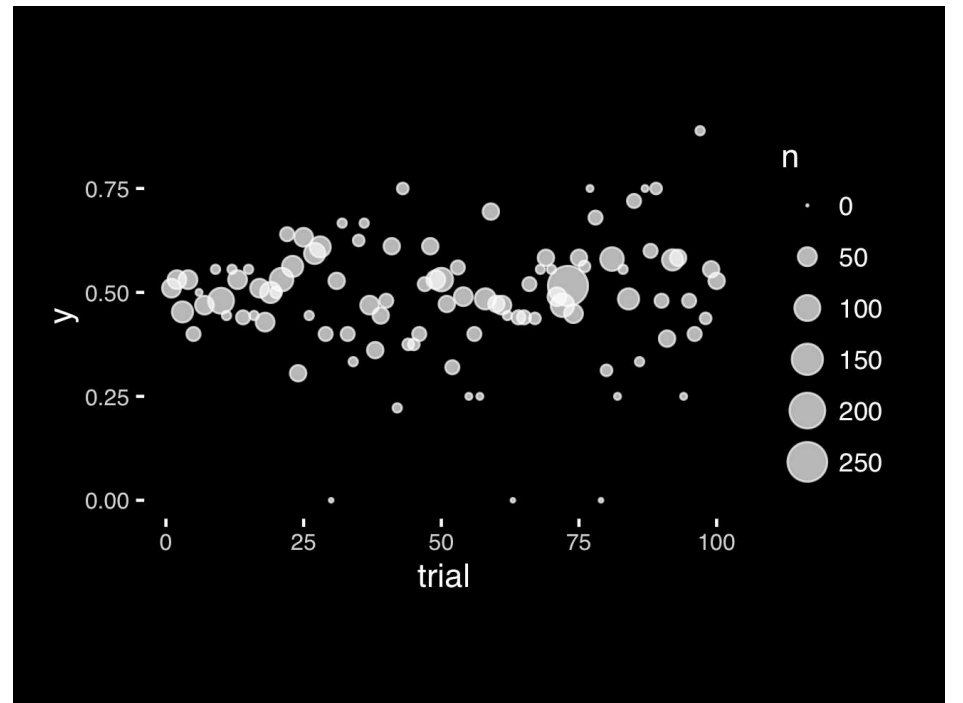


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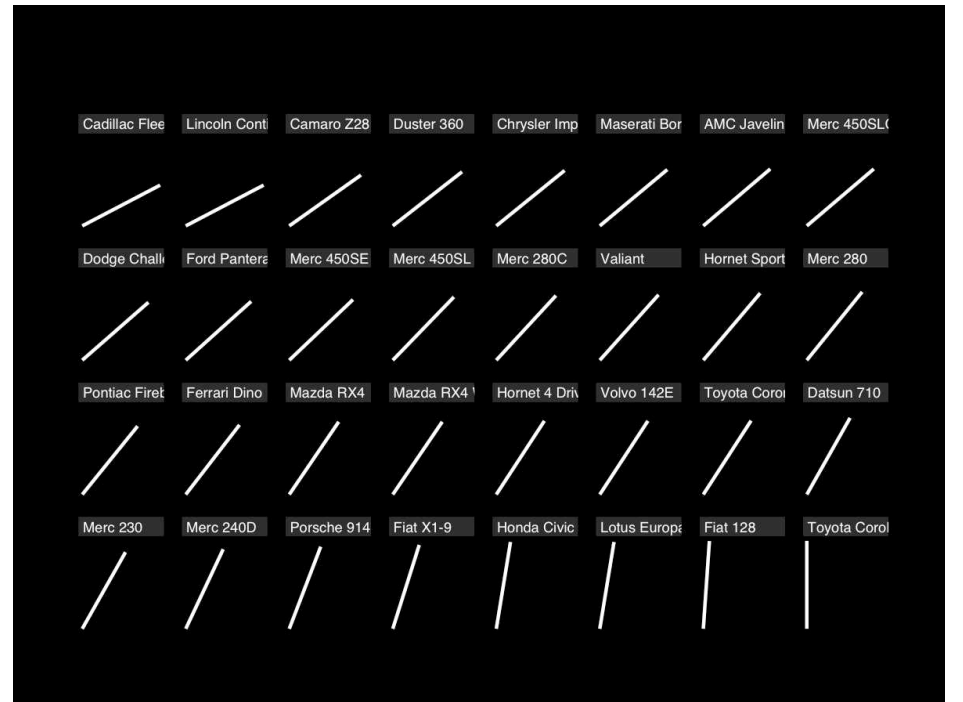
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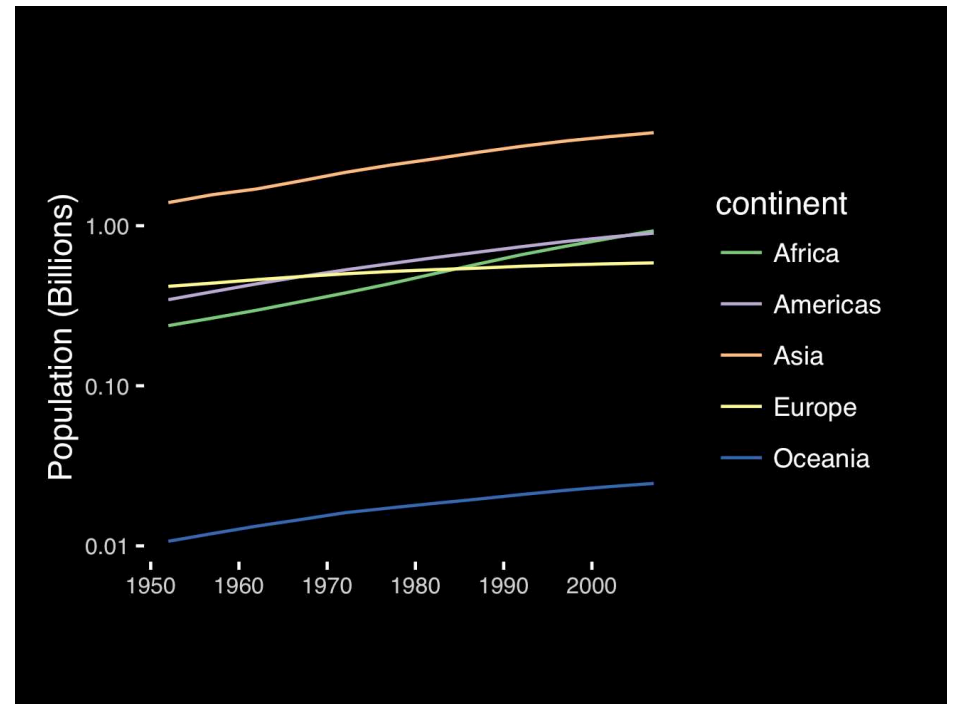
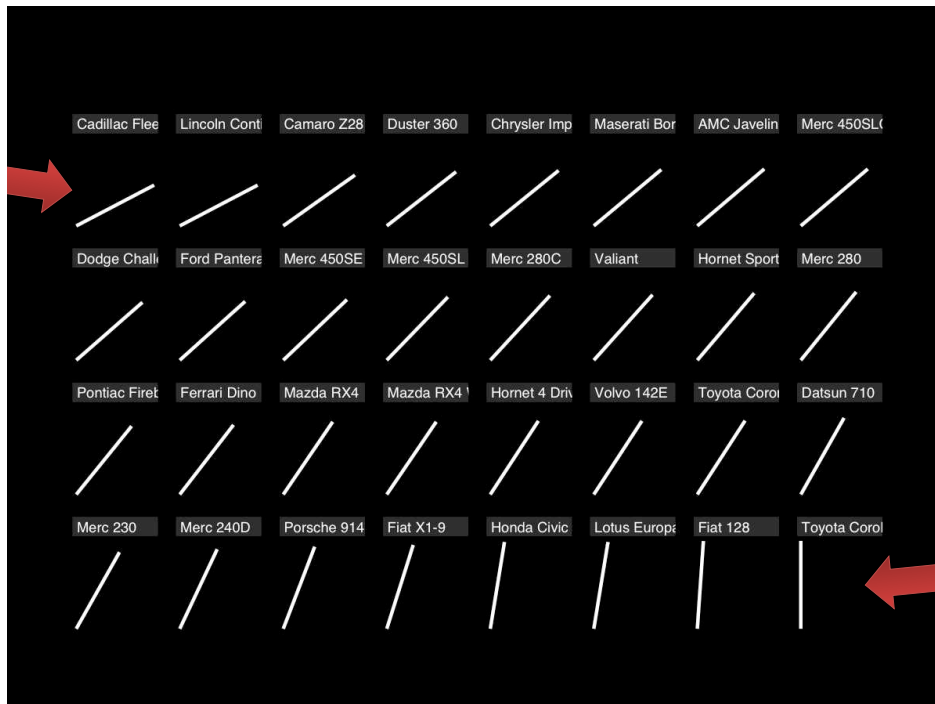




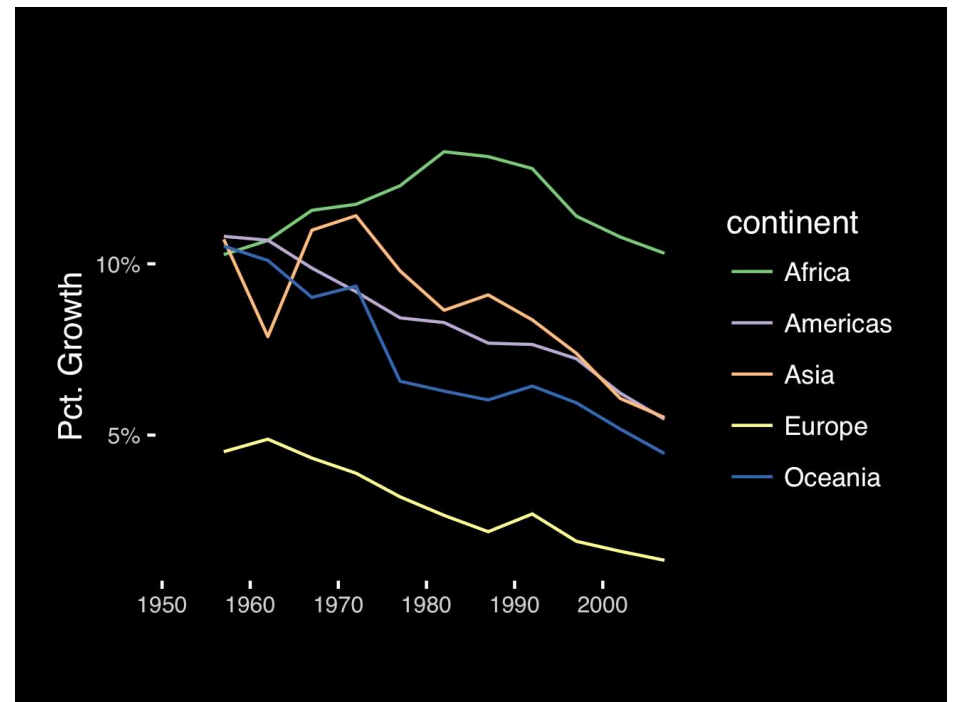
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If growth (slope) is important, plot it directly.



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Apart from MPAs :-)

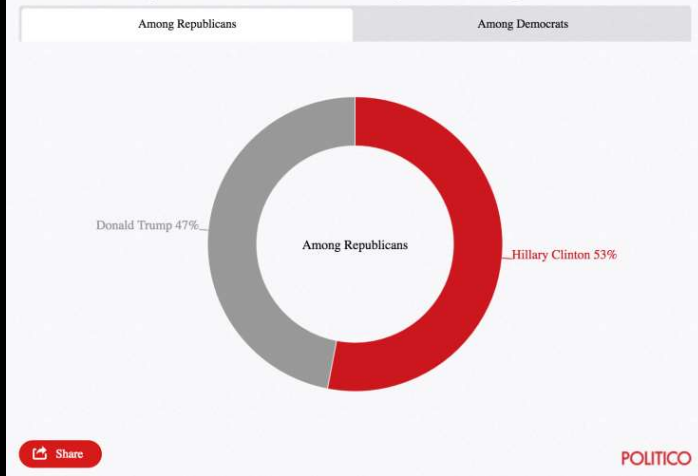
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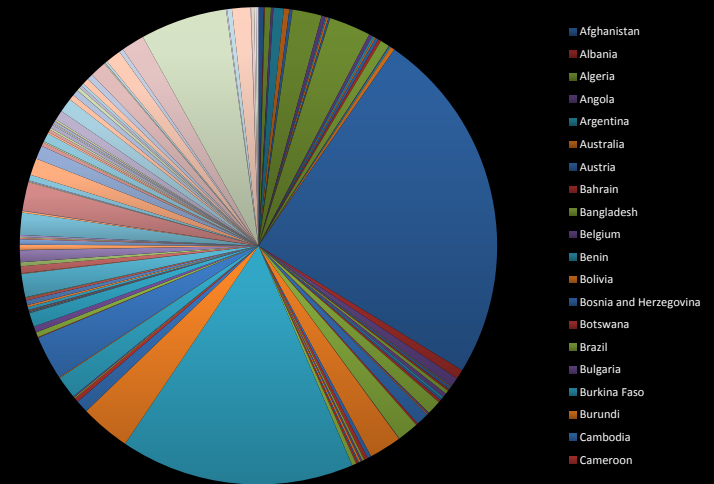
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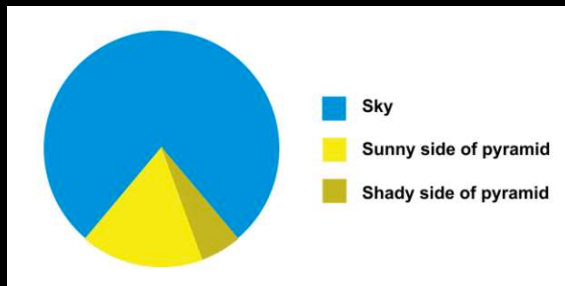
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	Clinton	Trump
Among Democrats	99%	1%
Among Republicans	53%	47%

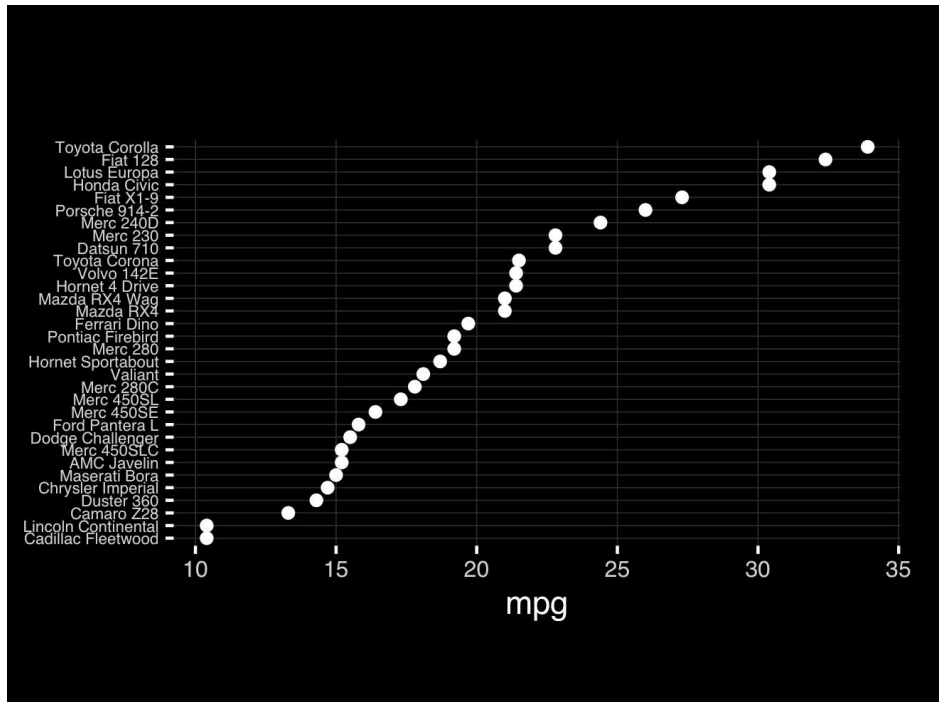
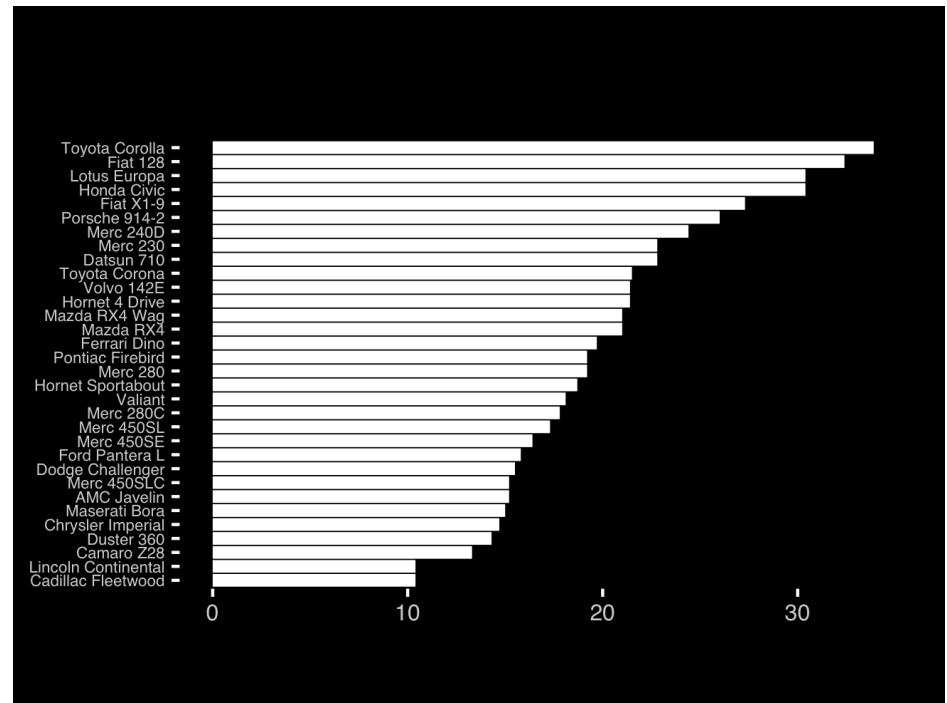
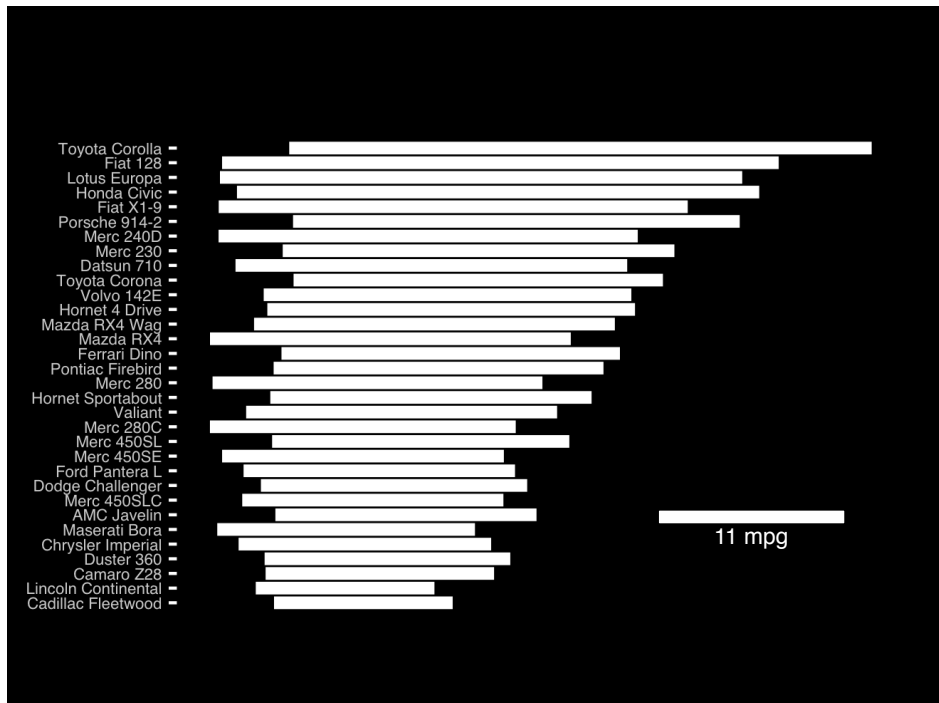


All good pie charts are jokes...



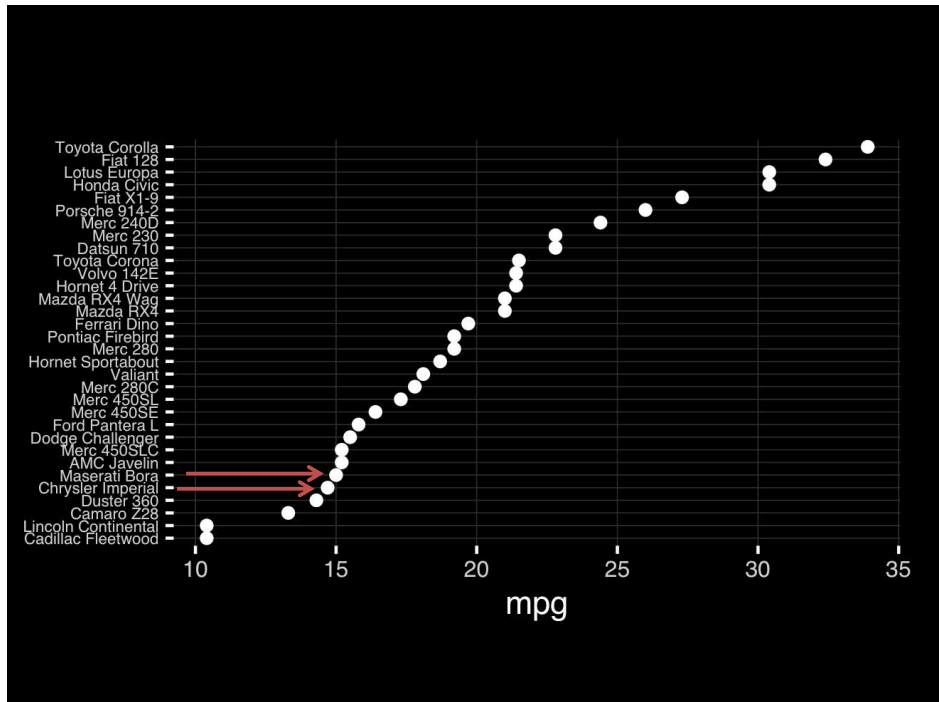
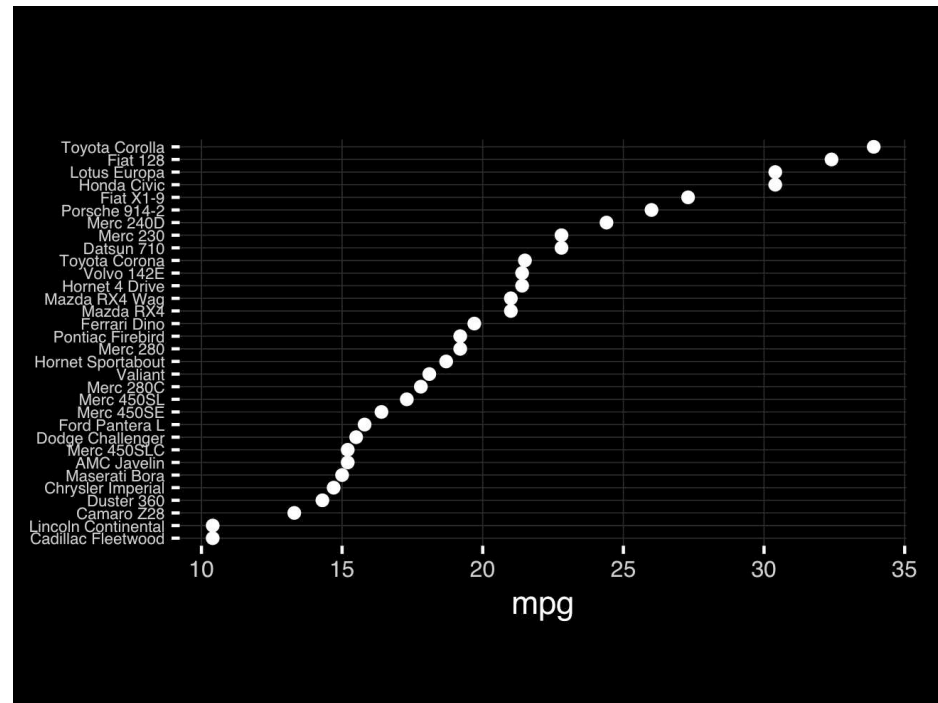
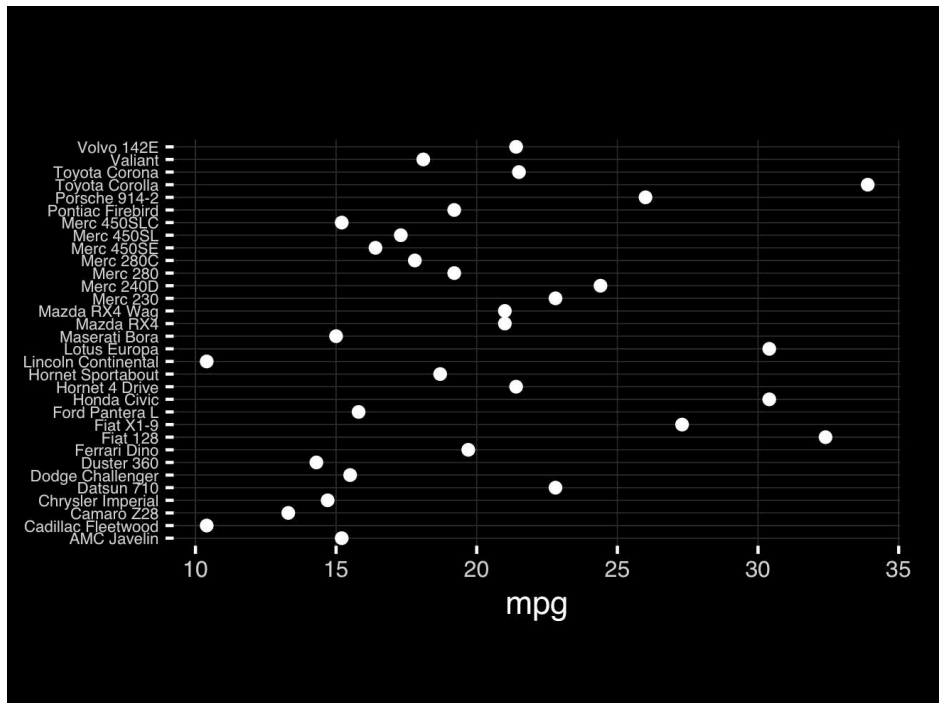
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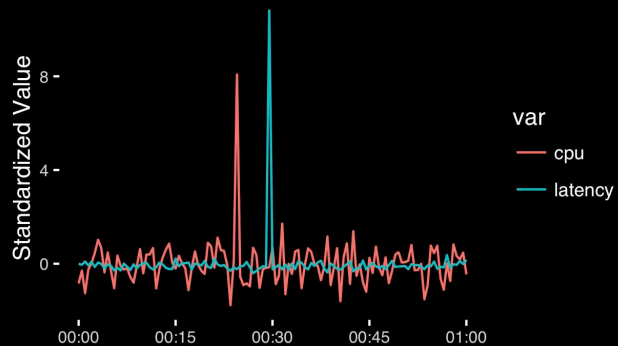
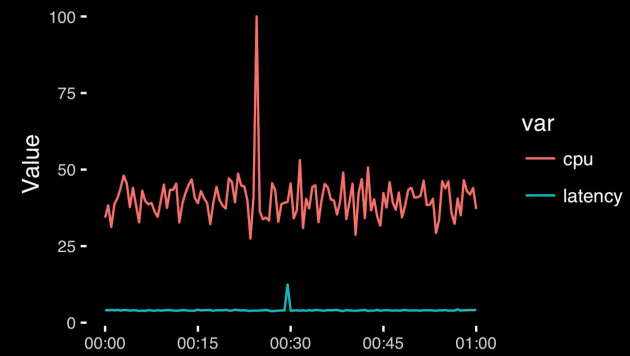
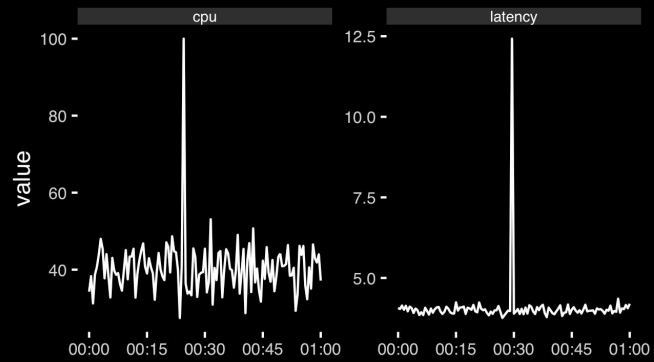


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Observation: Comparison is trivial on a common scale.



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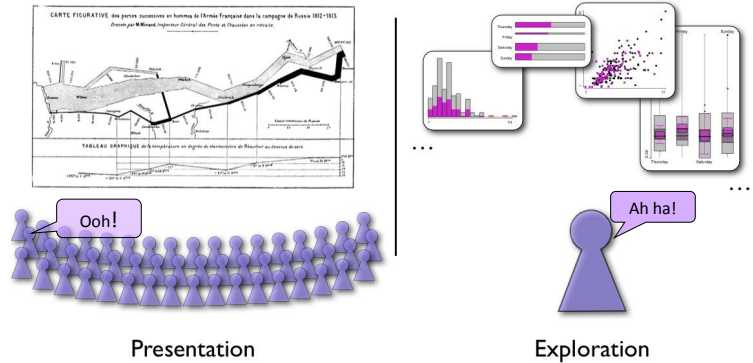
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Do it Yourself!

Hands-on Section 1 only please

Different graphs for different purposes

Exploratory graphs: many images for a narrow audience (you!)
Presentation graphs: single image for a large audience

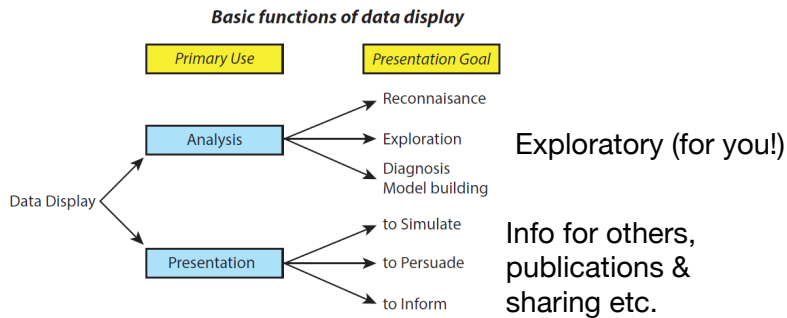


Roles of graphics in data analysis

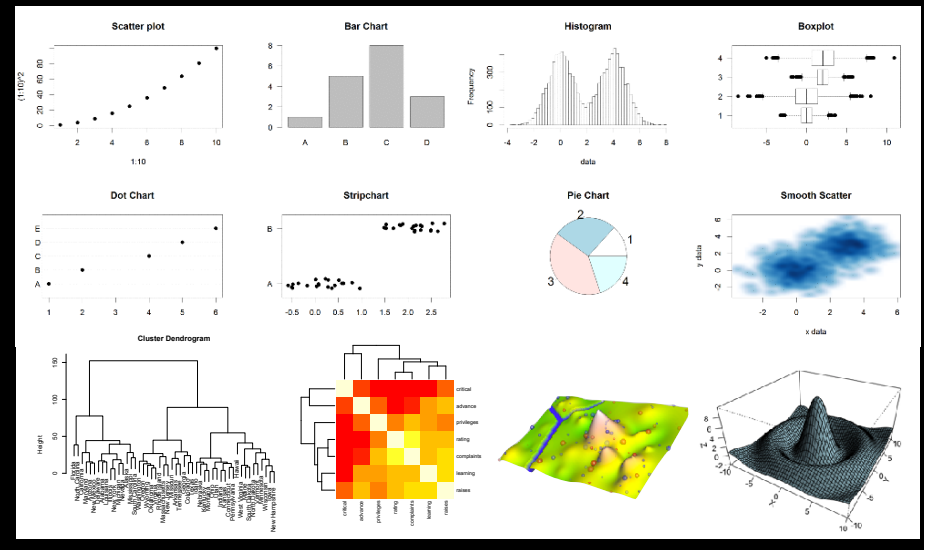
- Graphs (& tables) are forms of communication:
 - What is the audience?
 - What is the message?

Analysis graphs: design to see patterns, trends, aid the process of data description, interpretation

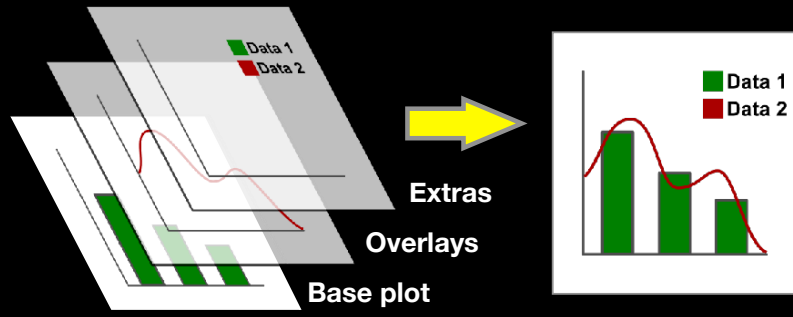
Presentation graphs: design to attract attention, make a point, illustrate a conclusion



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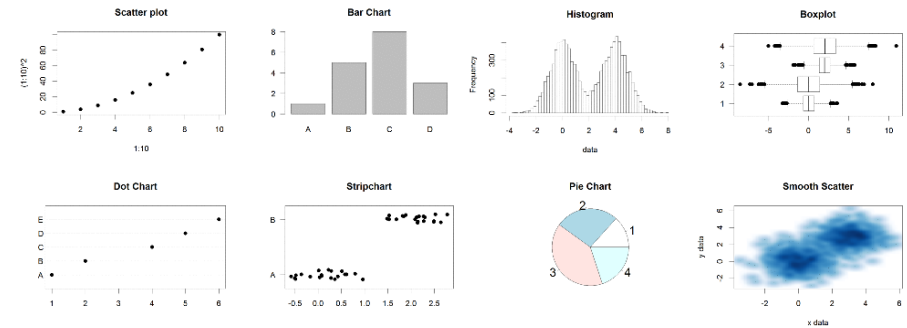


The R Painters Model



Side-Note: "Red and green should never be seen"

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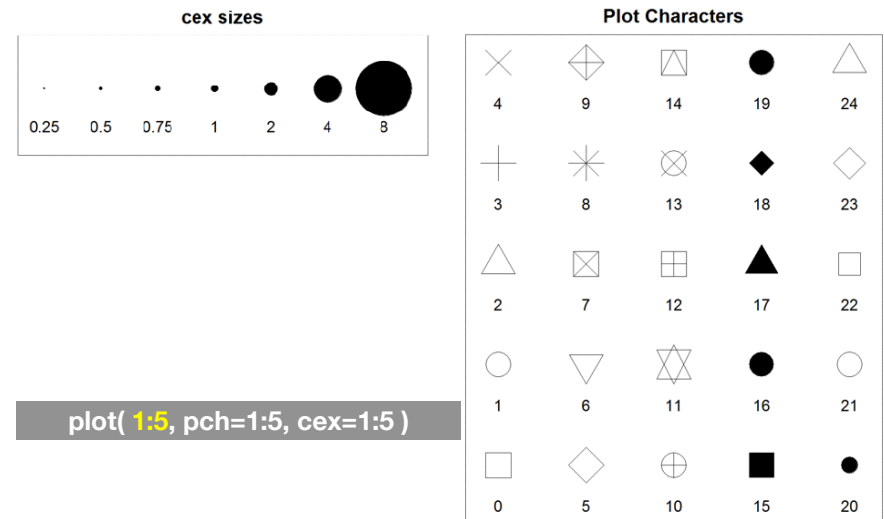
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Common Options

- Axis scales
 - `xlim c(min,max)`
 - `ylim c(min,max)`
- Axis labels
 - `xlab(text)`
 - `ylab(text)`
- Plot titles
 - `main(text)`
 - `sub(text)`
- Plot characters
 - `pch(number)`
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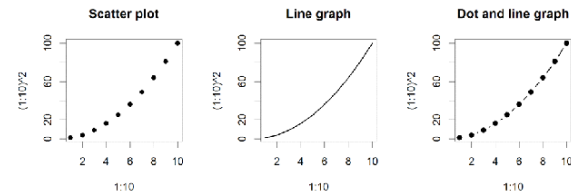
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Plot Characters



Plot Type Specific Options

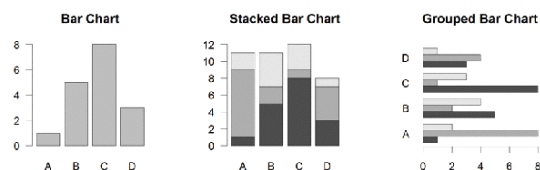
Plot (scatterplots and line graphs)



- Input: Almost anything. 2 x Vectors
- Output: Nothing
- Options:
 - `type` l=line, p=point, b=line+point
 - `lwd` line width (thickness)
 - `lty` line type (1=solid,2=dashed,3=dotted etc.)

```
plot( c(1:10)^2, typ="b", lwd=4, lty=3 )
```

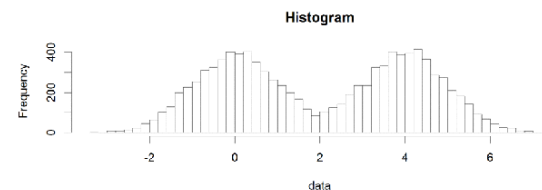
Barplot (bar graphs)



- Input: Vector (single) or Matrix (stack or group)
- Output: Bar centre positions
- Options:
 - `names.arg` Bar labels (if not from data)
 - `horiz=TRUE` Plot horizontally
 - `beside=TRUE` Plot multiple series as a group not stacked

```
barplot(VADeaths, beside = TRUE)
```

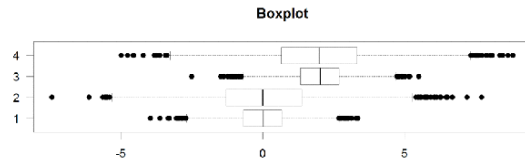
Hist (histograms)



- Input: Vector
- Output: Summary of binned data
- Options:
 - `breaks` Number or limits of bins
 - `probability` Y axis is probability, not freq
 - `labels` Per bin text labels

```
hist( c( rnorm(1000,0), rnorm(1000,4) ), breaks=20 )
```

Boxplot



- Input: Vector, List or formula (`data~factor`)
- Output: Summary of the boxplot parameters
- Options:
 - `range` Sensitivity of whiskers
 - `varwidth` Width represents total observations
 - `horizontal` Plot horizontally

```
boxplot( cbind( rnorm(1000,0), rnorm(1000,4) ) )
```

Controlling plot area options with `par`

Par

- The `par` function controls global parameters affecting all plots in the current plot area
- Changes affect all subsequent plots
- Many `par` options can also be passed to individual plots

```
?par
```

Par examples

- Reading current value
 - `par()$cex`
- Setting a value
 - `par(cex=1.5) -> old.par`
- Restoring a value
 - `par(old.par)`
 - `dev.off()`

Par options

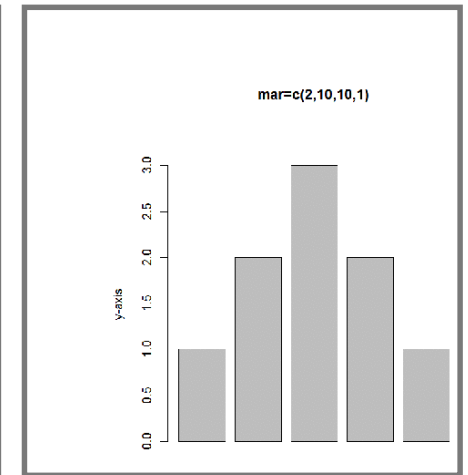
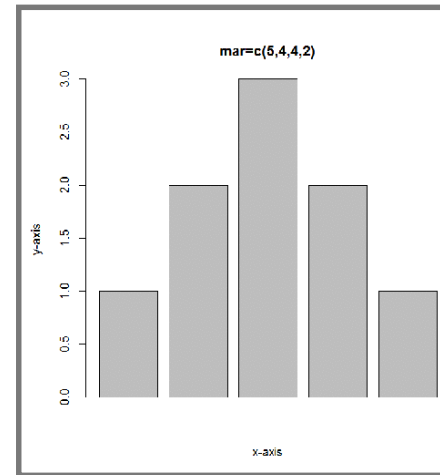
- Margins

- `mai` (set margins in inches)
- `mar` (set margins in number of lines)
- `mex` (set lines per inch)
- 4 element vector (bottom, left, top, right)

- Warning

- Error in `plot.new()` : figure margins too large

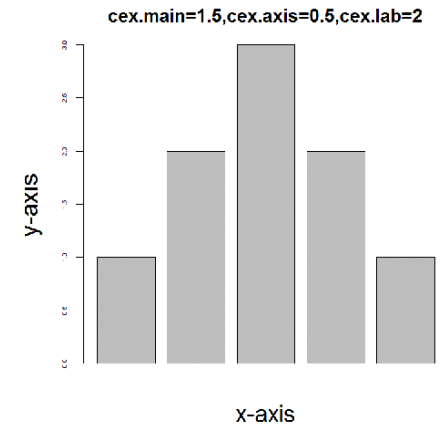
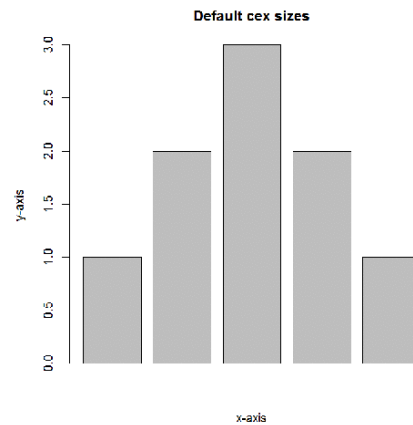
```
par( mar=c(2, 10, 1, 1) )
```



Par options

- Fonts and labels

- `cex` - global char expansion
 - `cex.axis`
 - `cex.lab`
 - `cex.main`
 - `cex.sub`

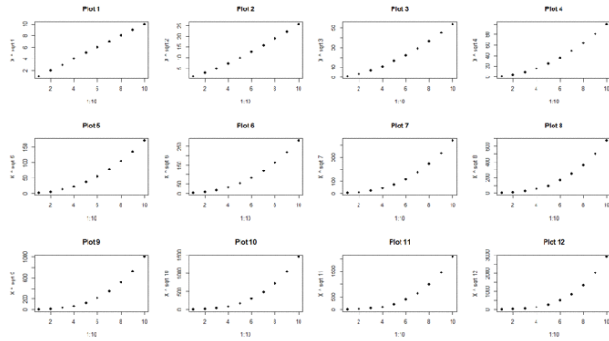


```
par( cex.main=1.5, cex.axis=0.5, cex.lab=2 )
```


Par options

- Multi-panel

- `par(mfrow(rows, cols))`



`par(mfrow(3 , 4))`

Using Color

Specifying colors

- Hexadecimal strings
 - `#FF0000` (red)
 - `#0000FF` (blue)
 - `#CC00CC` (purple)
- Controlled names
 - `"red"` `"green"` etc.
 - `colors()`

Do it Yourself!

Hands-on
Section 2 only please

Built in color schemes

- Functions to generate colors
- Pass in number of colors to make
- Functions:
 - `rainbow()`
 - `heat.colors()`
 - `cm.colors()`
 - `terrain.colors()`
 - `topo.colors()`

```
rainbow(7)
```



```
rainbow(7)
```

Color Packages

- Color Brewer
 - Set of pre-defined, optimized palettes
 - `library(RColorBrewer)`
 - `brewer.pal(n_colours, palette)`
- ColorRamps
 - Create smooth palettes for ramped color
 - Generates a function to make actual color vectors
 - `colorRampPalette(c("red", "white", "blue"))`
 - `colorRampPalette(c("red", "white", "blue"))(5)`

Applying Color to Plots

- Vector of numbers or specified colors passed to the `col` parameter of a plot function
- Vector of **factors** used to divide the data
 - Colors will be taken from the set color palette
 - Can read or set using **palette** function
 - `palette()`
 - `palette(brewer.pal(9, "Set1"))`

```
plot(1:5, col=1:5, pch=15, cex=2)
```

Dynamic use of color

- Coloring by density
 - Pass data and palette to `densCols()`
 - Vector of colors returned
- Coloring by value
 - Need function to map values to colors

<https://www.rdocumentation.org/packages/grDevices/versions/3.4.3/topics/densCols>

Do it Yourself!

Hands-on Section 3 only please

For next day: Section 4 Revisited

- Open your previous Lecture5 RStudio **project** (and your saved **R script**)
- Locate and open in RStudio the downloaded file [color_to_value_map.r](#)
- This is an example of a poorly written function typical of something you might get from a lab mate that knows some R...

(POOR!) Color Mapping Function

```
map.colors <- function (value,high.low,palette) {  
  proportion <- ((value-high.low[1])/(high.low[2]-high.low[1]))  
  index <- round ((length(palette)-1)*proportion)+1  
  return (palette[index])  
}
```

Talking point:

- Can you figure out what this function it is supposed to do?
- What format should the inputs be in order to work?
- How could we improve this function?

Homework!

New **DataCamp** Assignments

- Introduction to R Markdown
- Functions
- Loops

[Muddy Point Assessment Form Link](#)