



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.

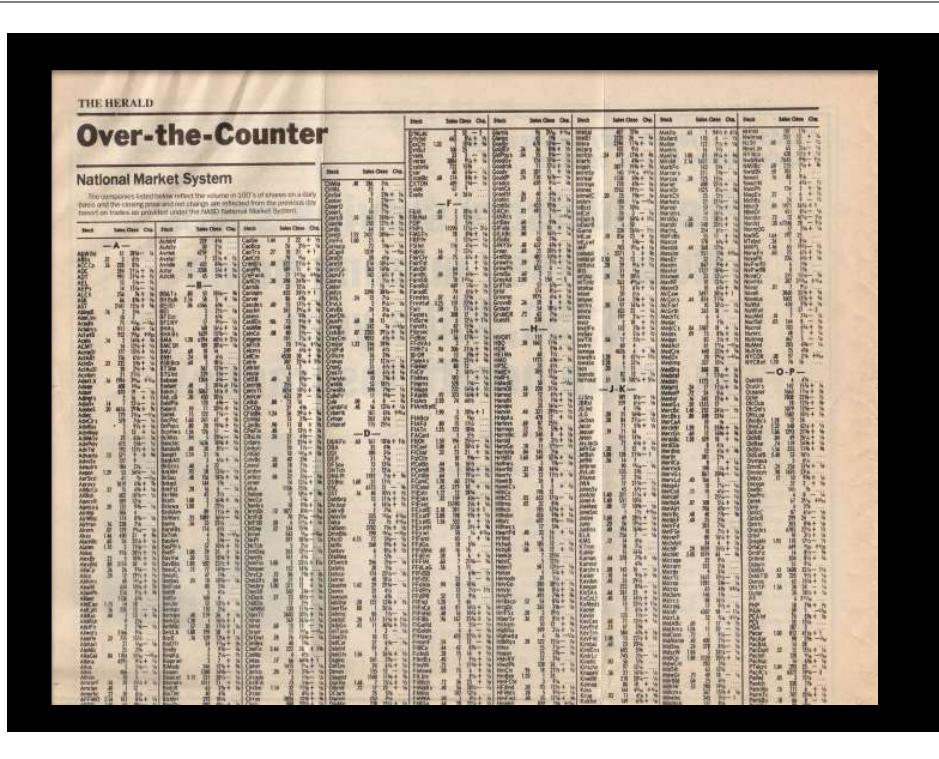
DataCamp Homework Reminder!!

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Today's Learning Goals

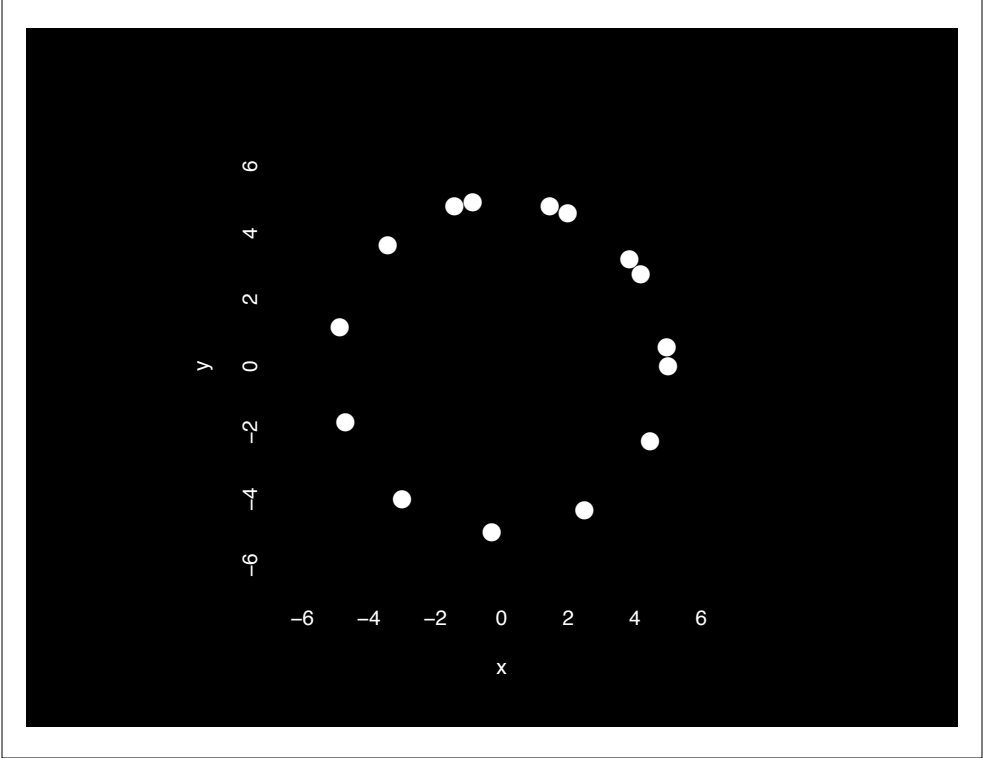
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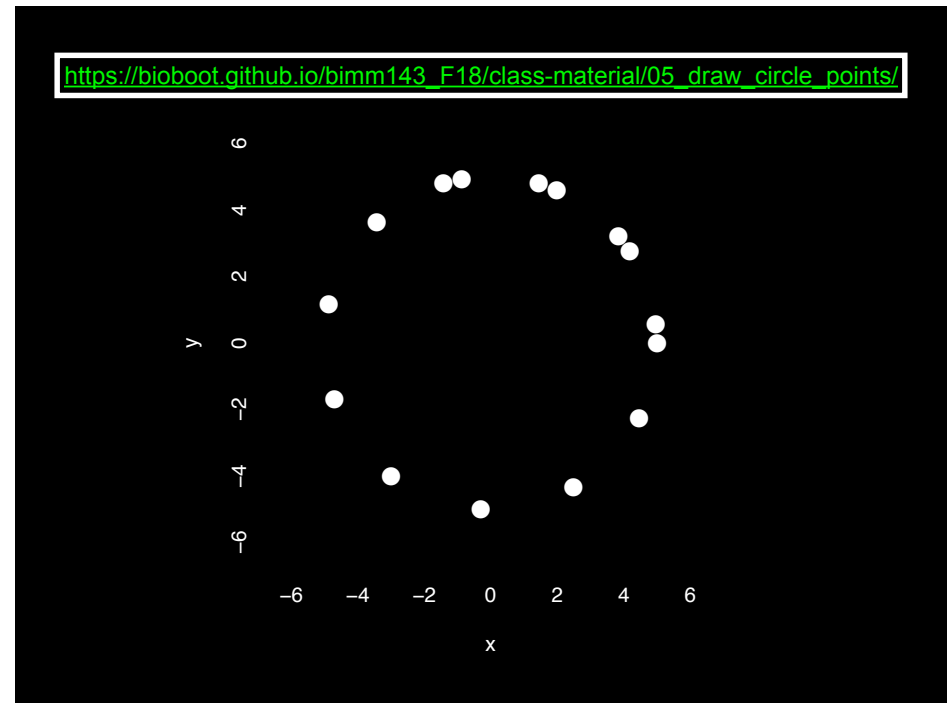
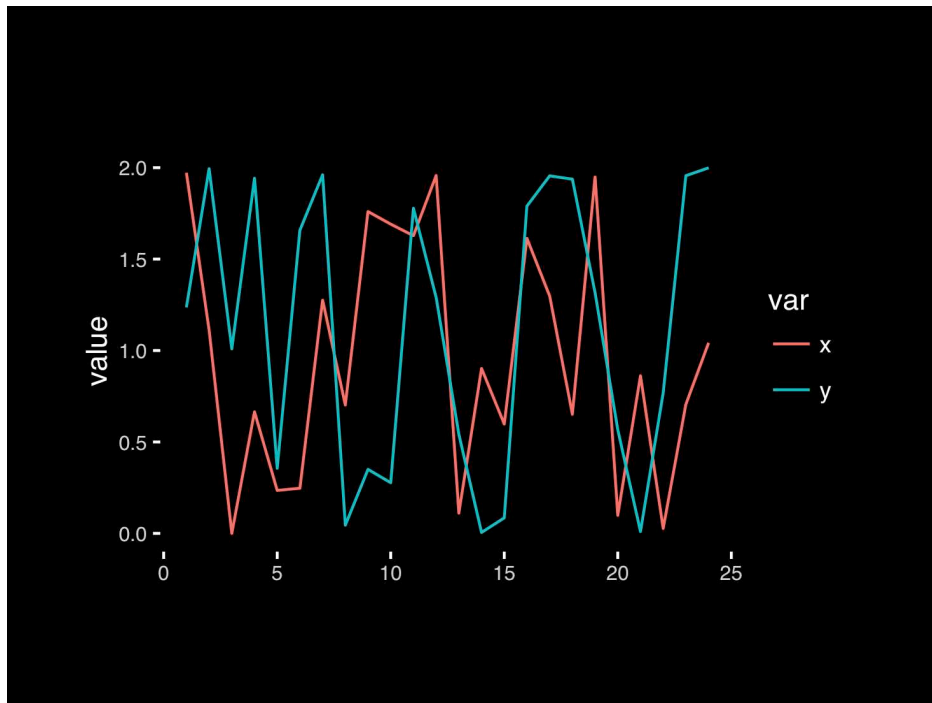
Why visualize at all?



| | x | y |
|----|-------|-------|
| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| Min. | -4.86 | -4.99 |
| 1st Qu. | -2.21 | -1.98 |
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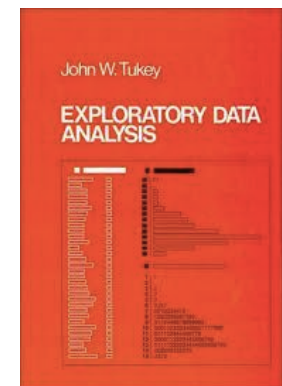


Exploratory Data Analysis

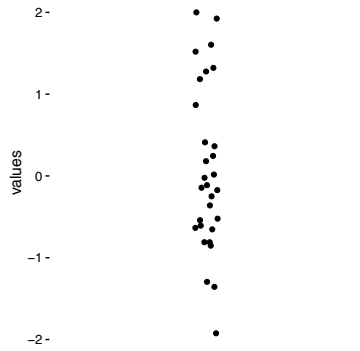
- ALWAYS look at your data!
- If you can't see it, then don't believe it!
- Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) allows us to:
 1. Visualize distributions and relationships
 2. Detect errors
 3. Assess assumptions for confirmatory analysis
- EDA is the first step of data analysis!

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



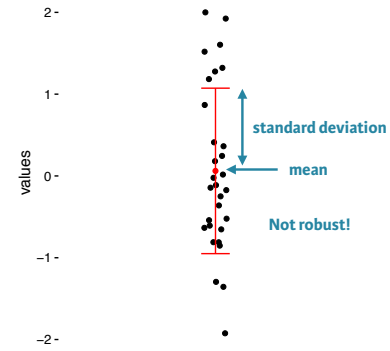
Side-note: How to summarize data?



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Side-note: Mean & standard deviation

Fine for normally distributed data

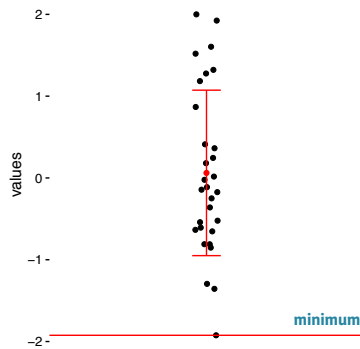


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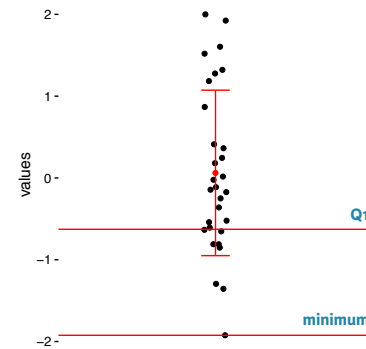


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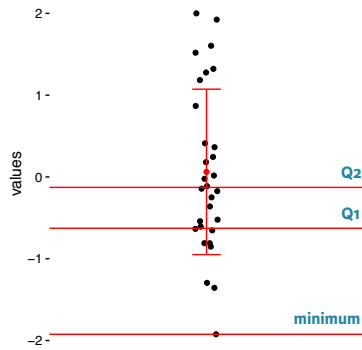


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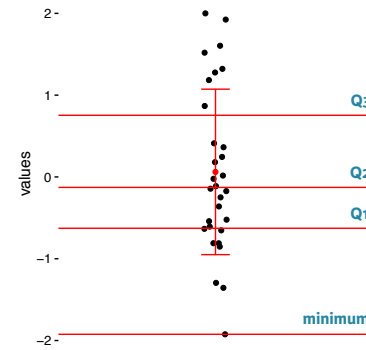
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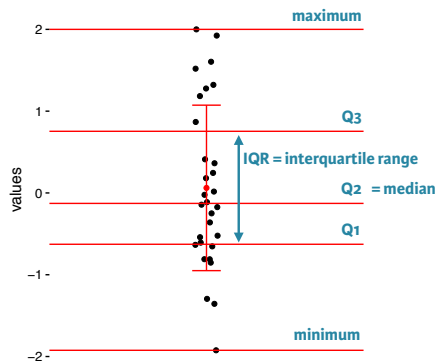
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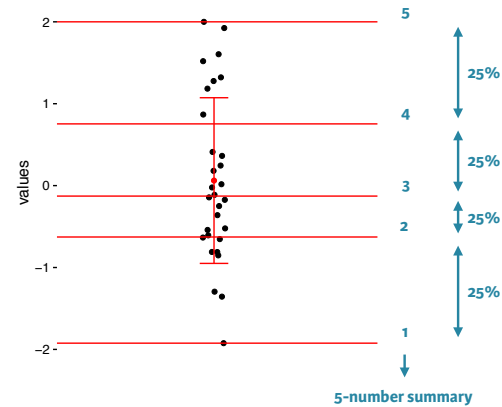
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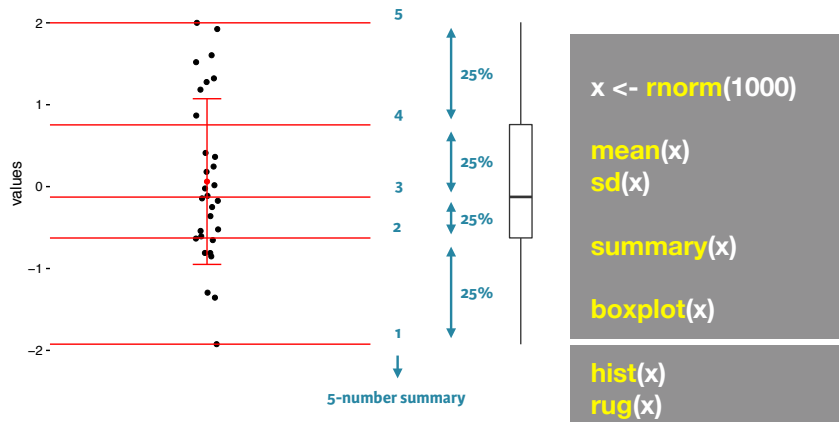
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summary(x)
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boxplot(x)
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The Trouble with Summary Stats

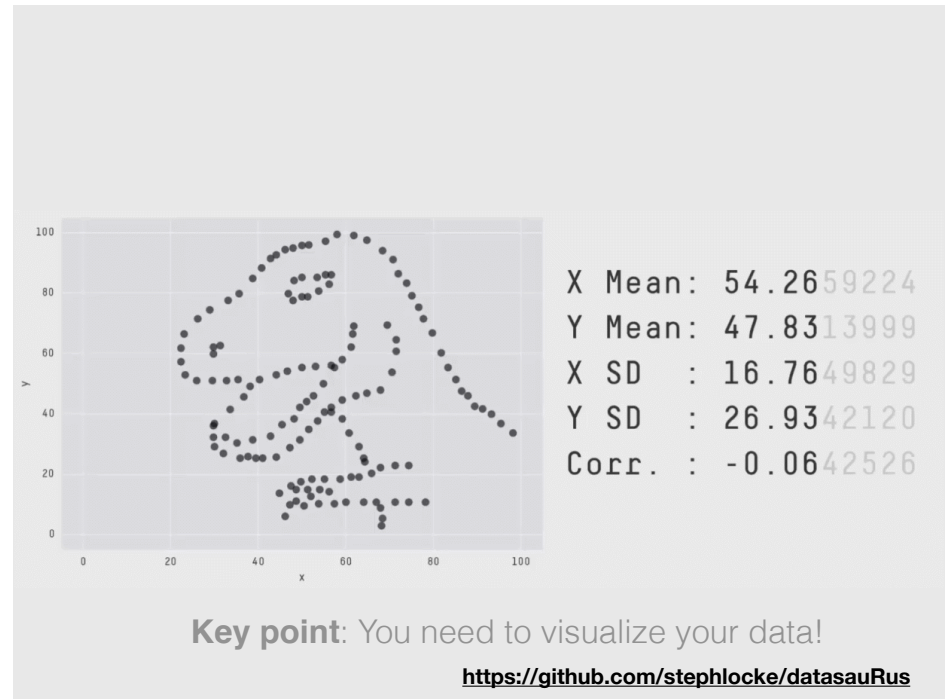
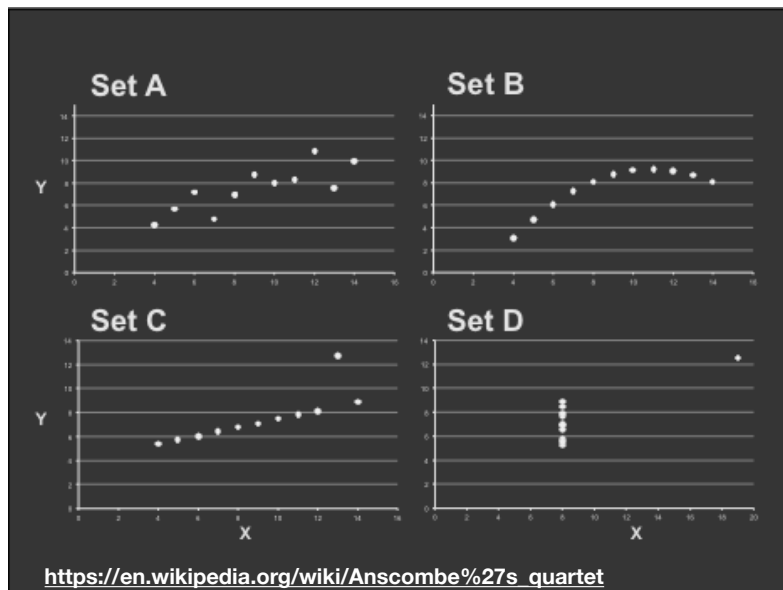
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|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|------|
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| 13 | 7.58 | 13 | 8.74 | 13 | 12.74 | 8 | 7.71 |
| 9 | 8.81 | 9 | 8.77 | 9 | 7.11 | 8 | 8.84 |
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| 4 | 4.26 | 4 | 3.1 | 4 | 5.39 | 19 | 12.5 |
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| 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

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

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Looking at Data



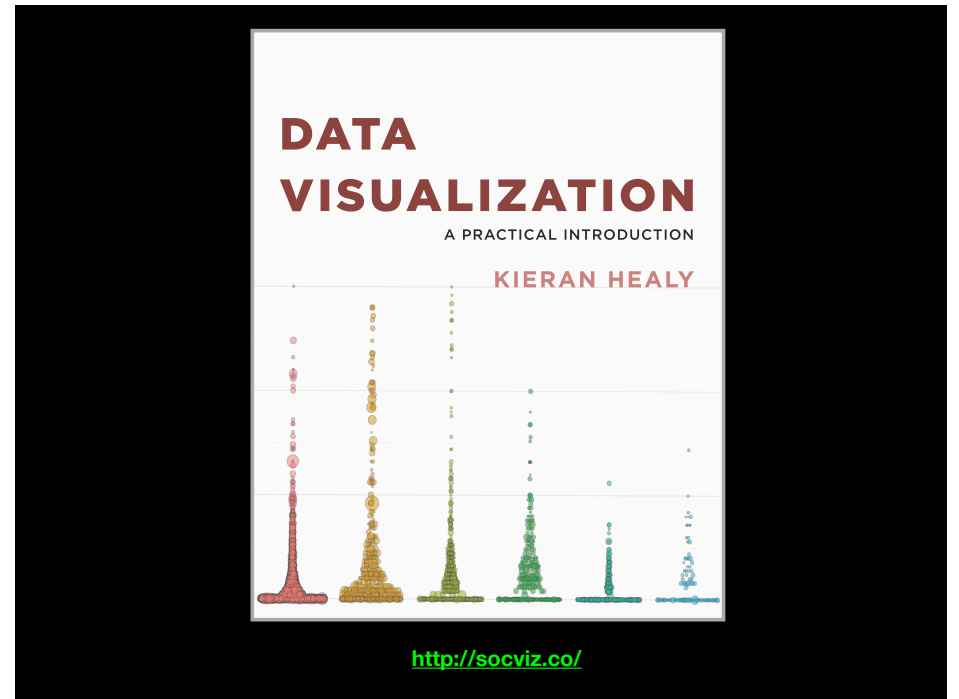
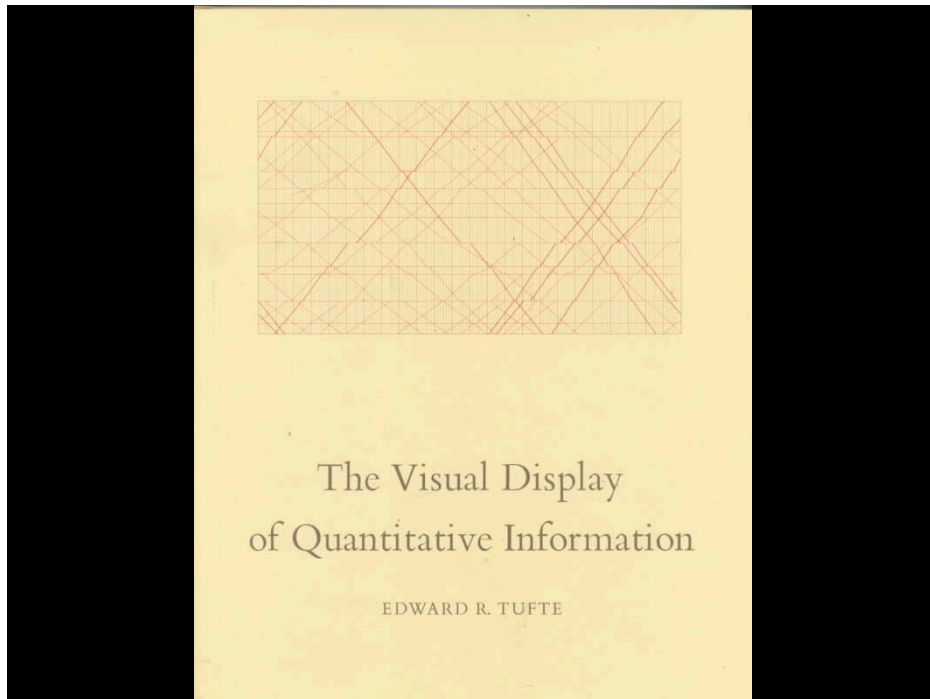
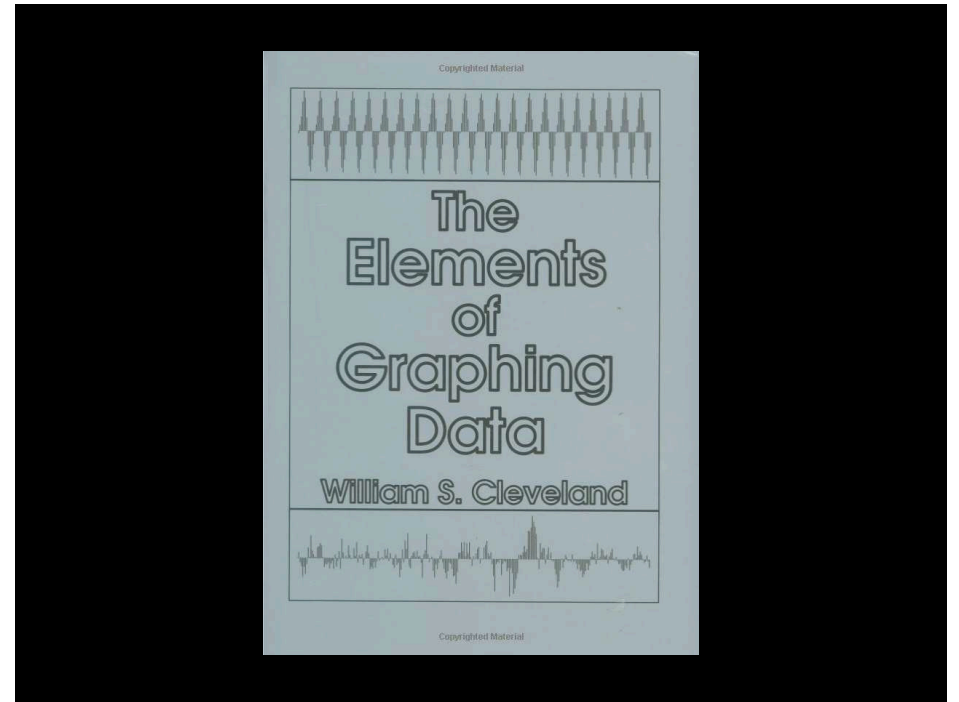
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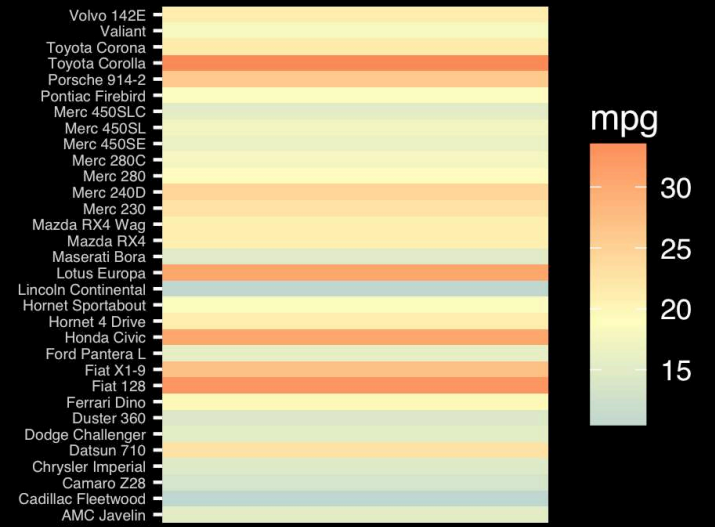
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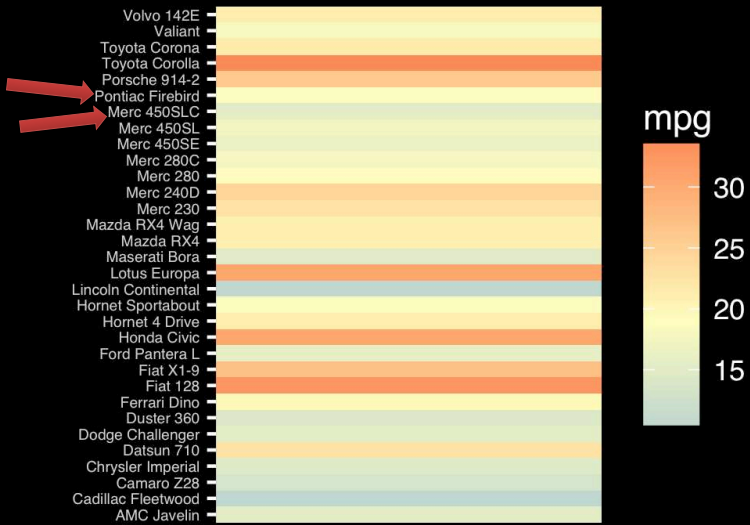
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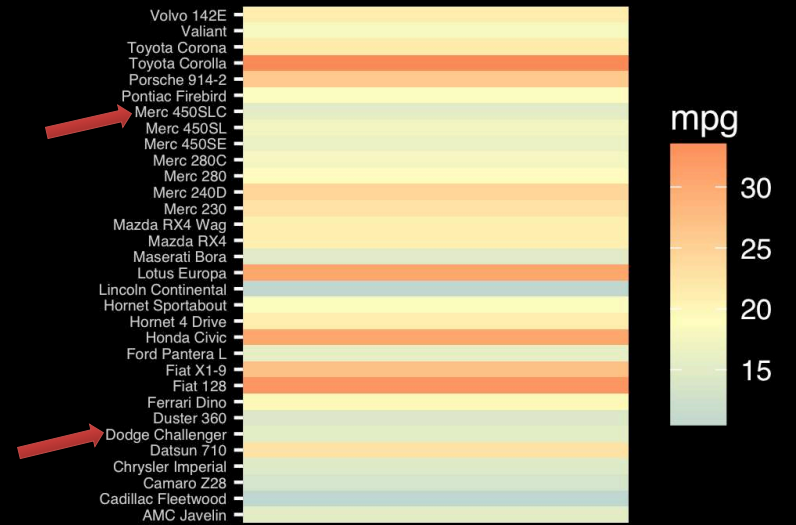
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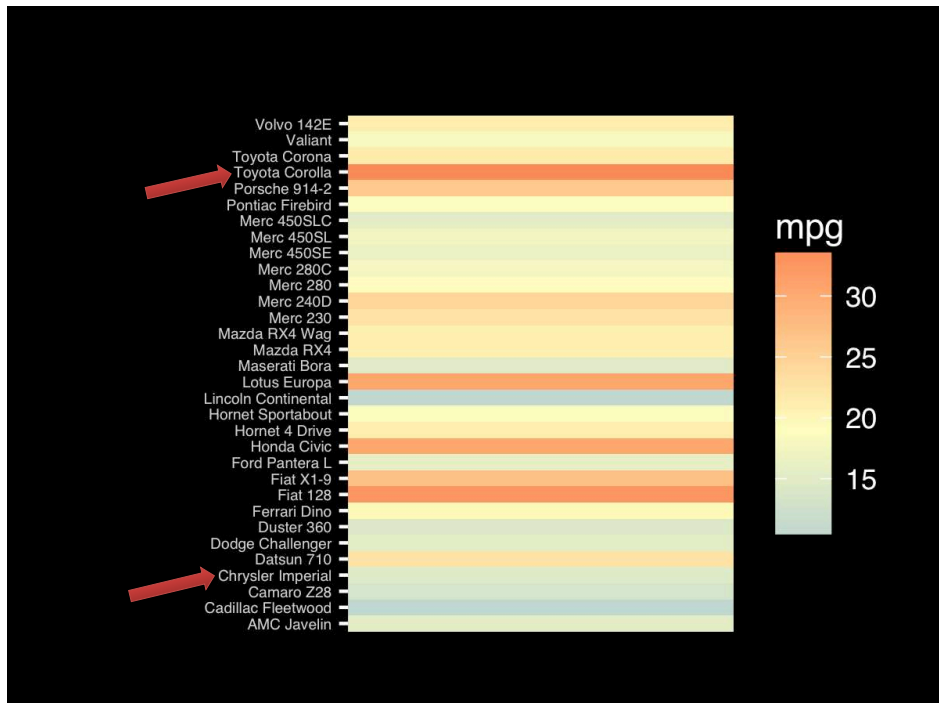
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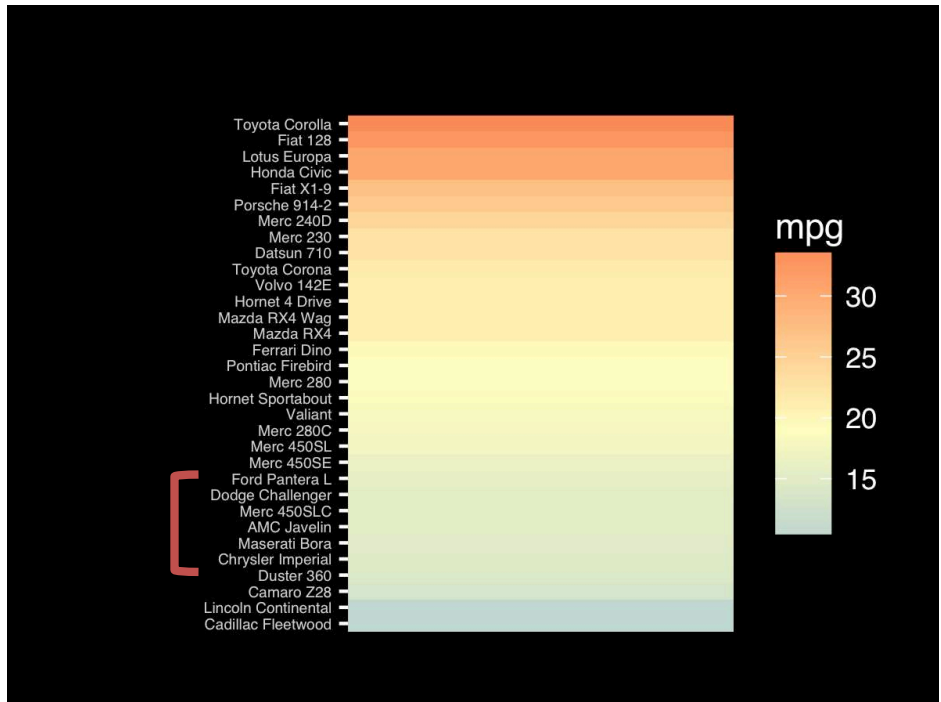
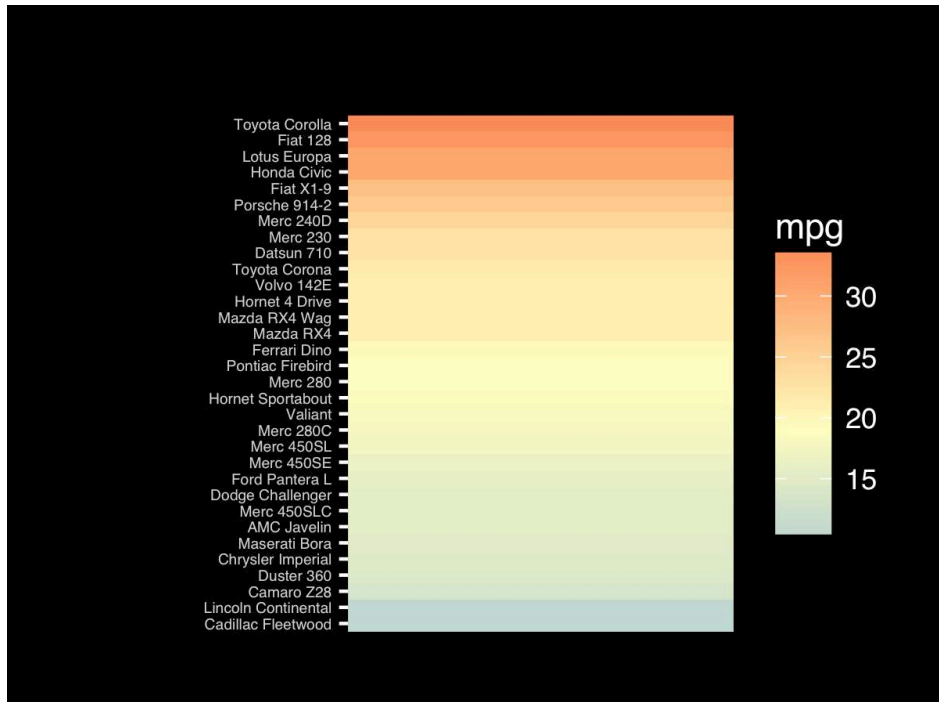
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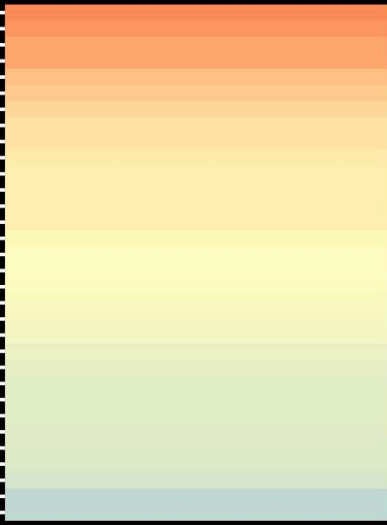
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Observation: Alphabetical is almost never the correct ordering of a categorical variable.

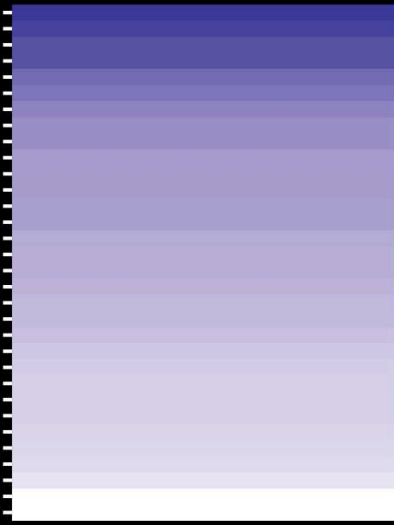


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If we did not have the legend would you know which was low or high mpg?

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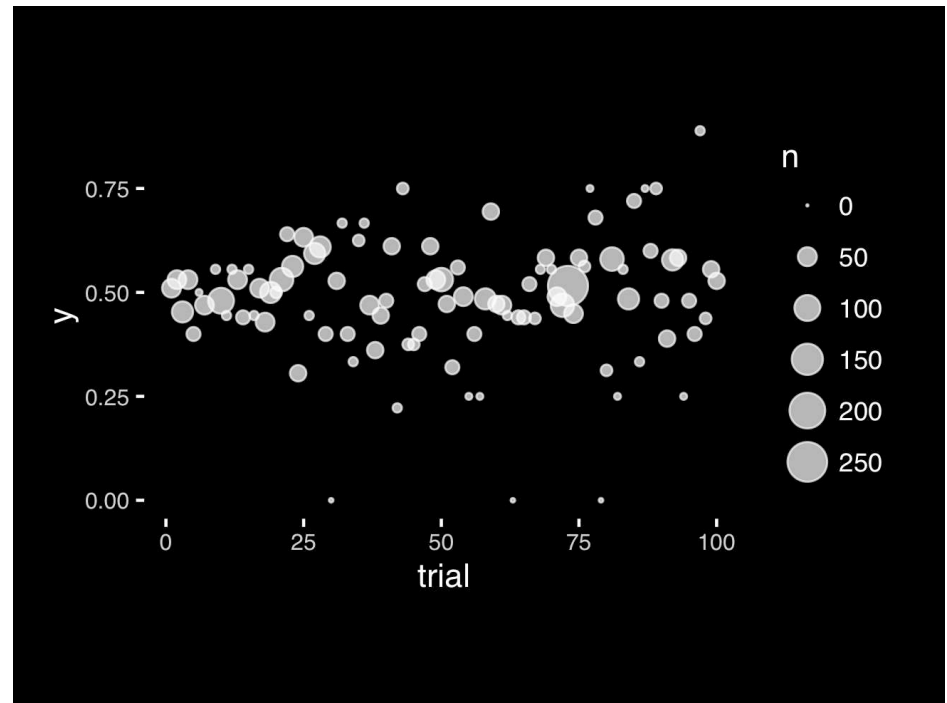
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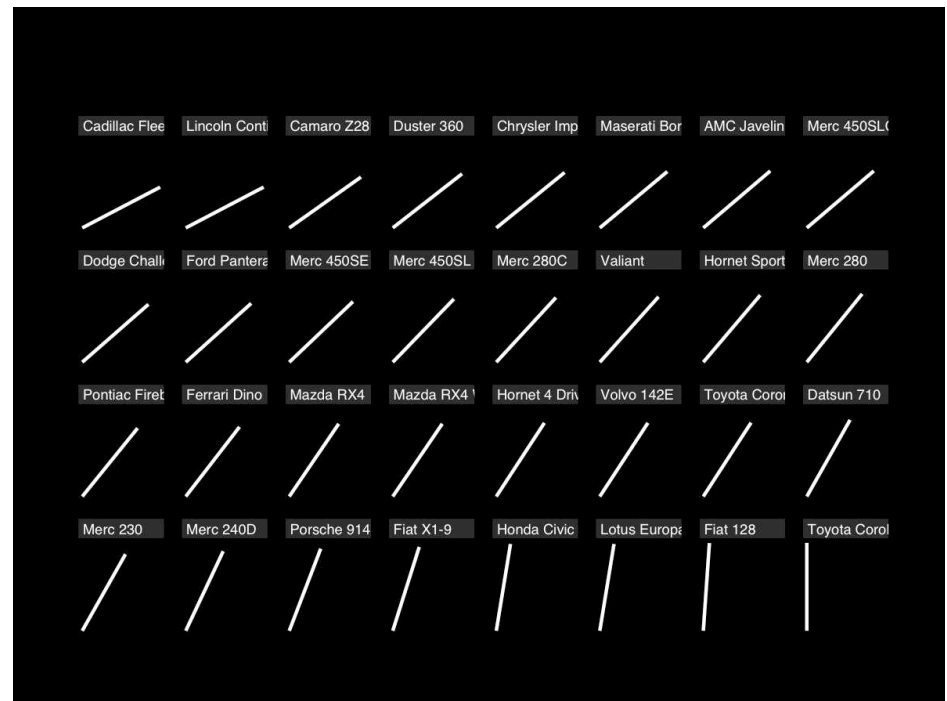
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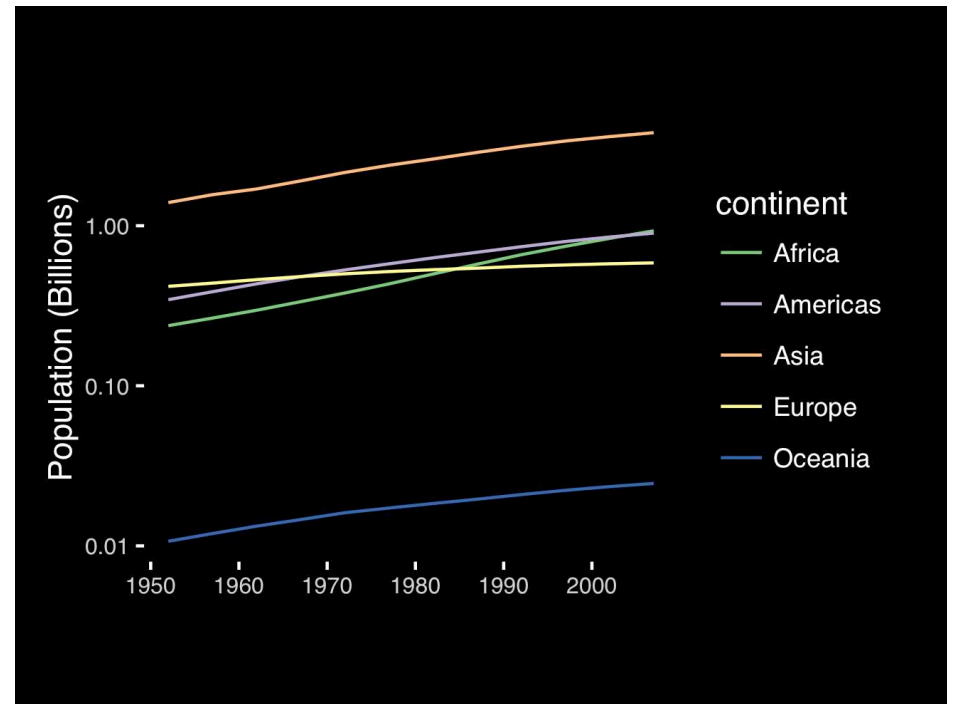
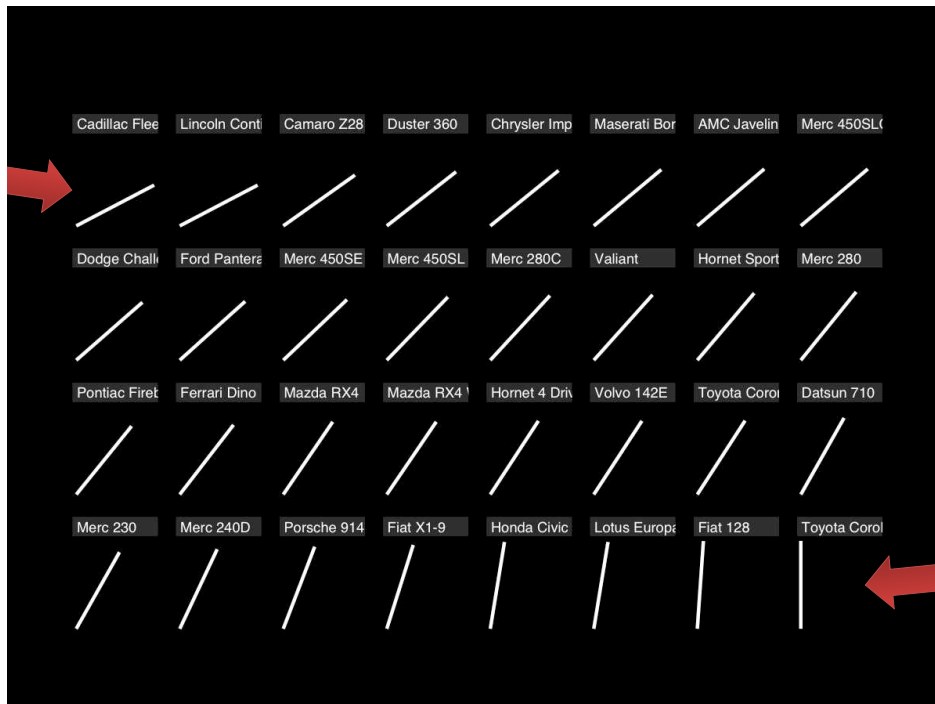
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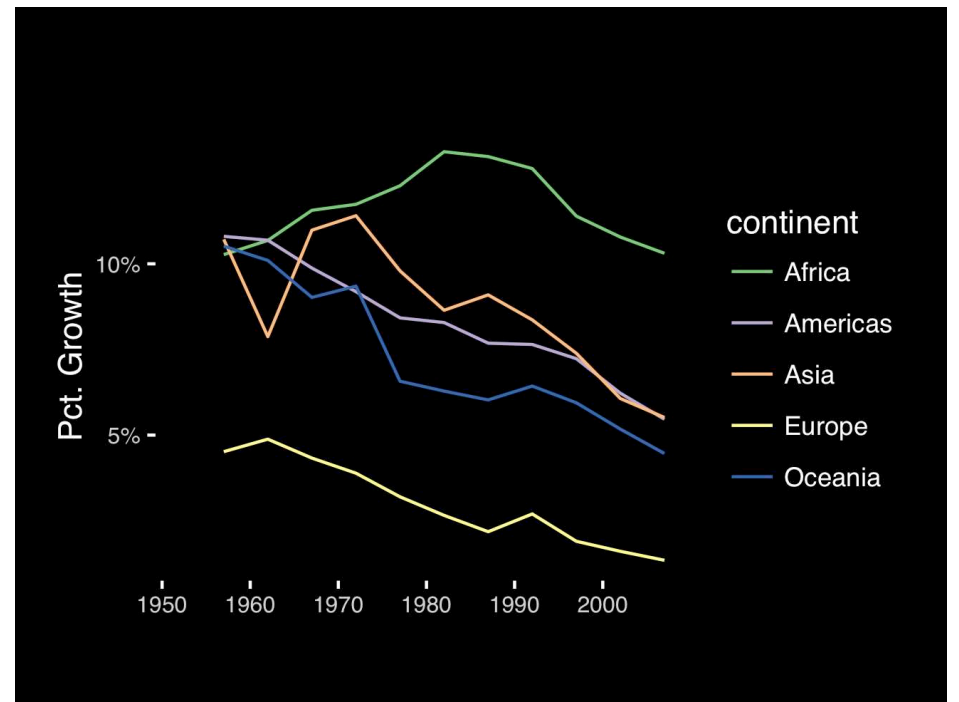
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If growth (slope) is important, plot it directly.



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Apart from MPAs :-)

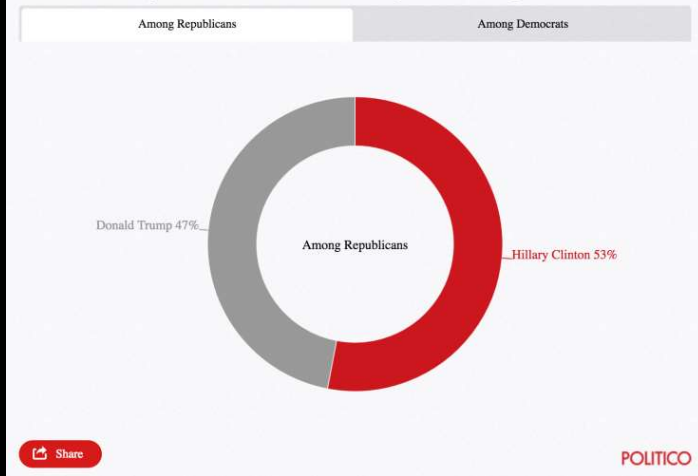
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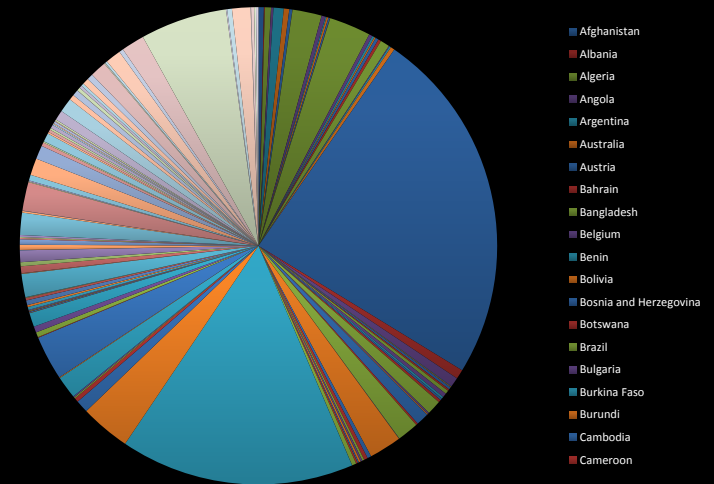
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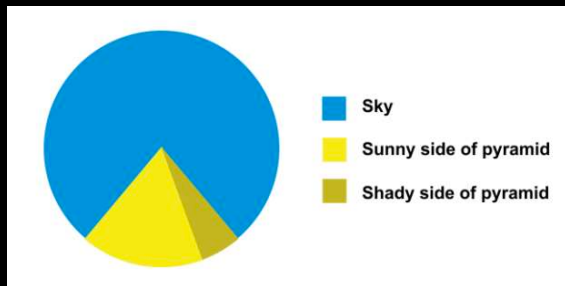
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| Among Democrats | 99% | 1% |
| Among Republicans | 53% | 47% |



All good pie charts are jokes...

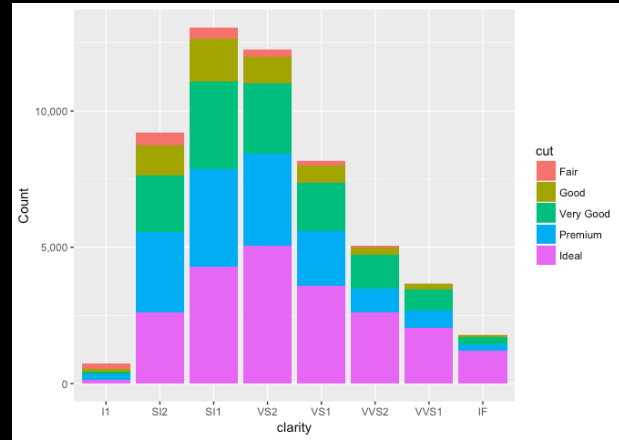


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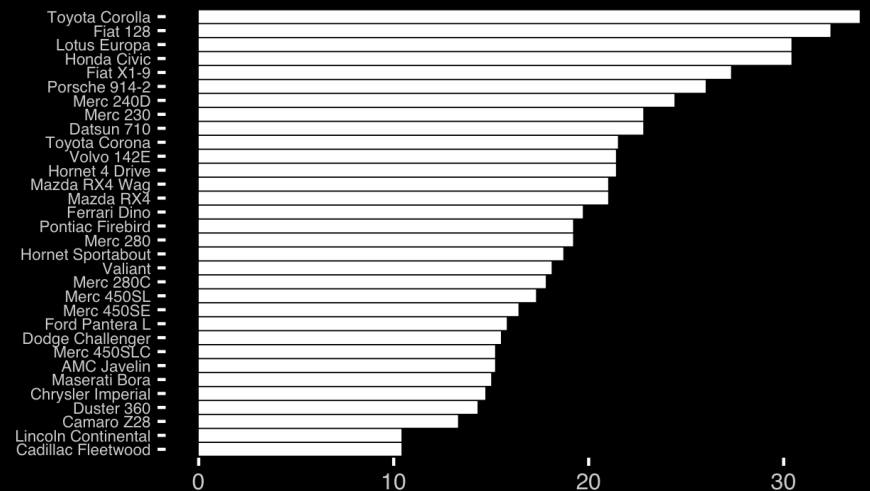
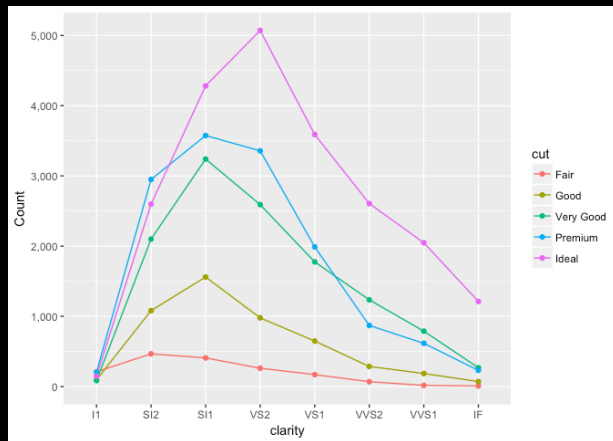
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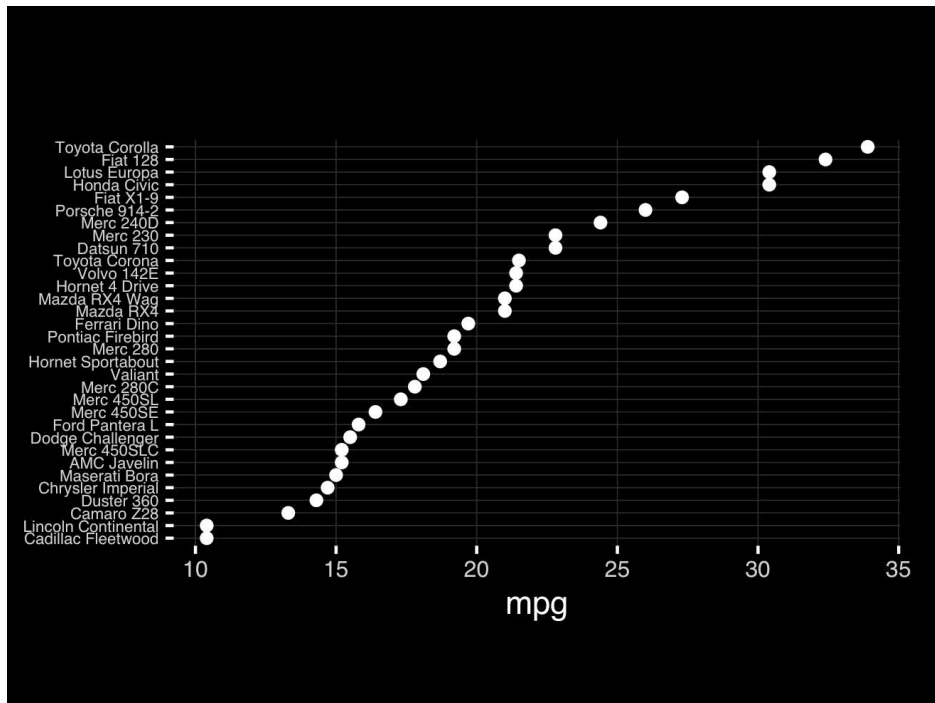


Stacked anything is nearly always a mistake



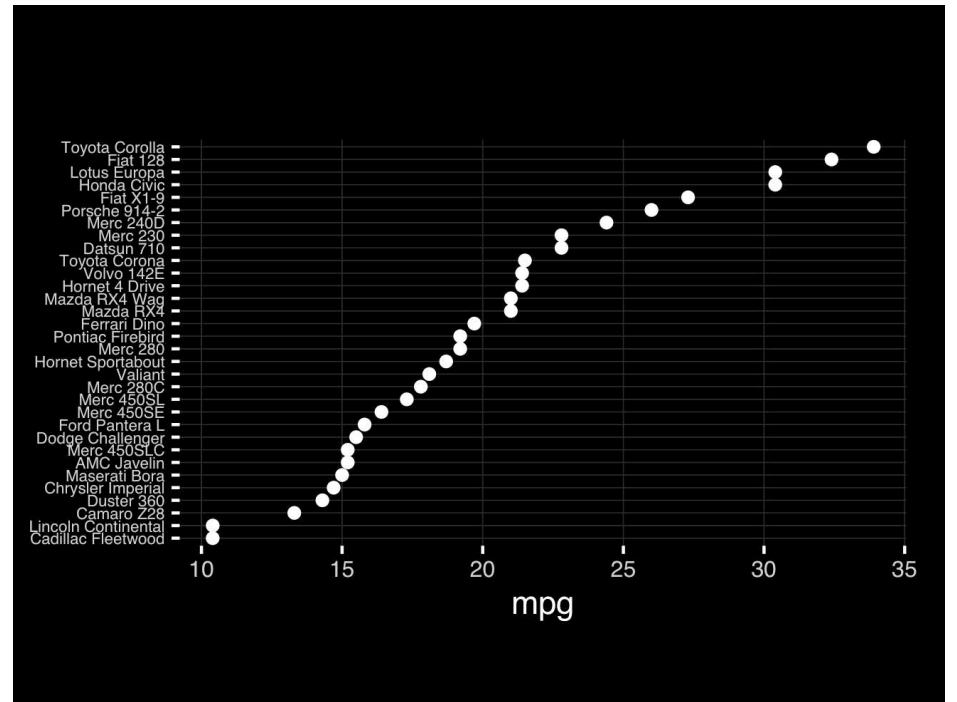
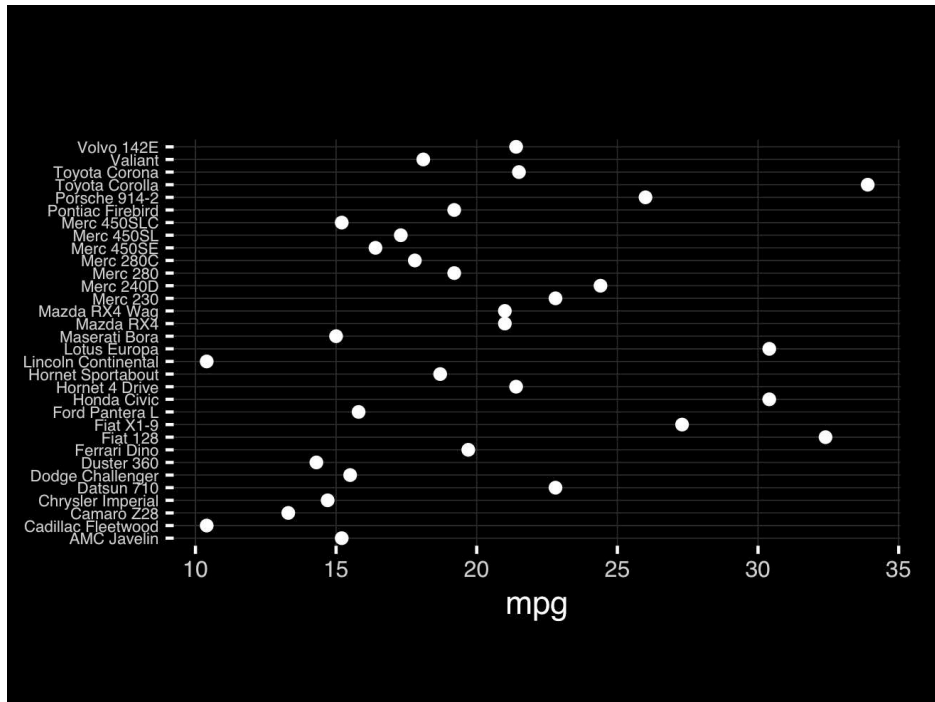
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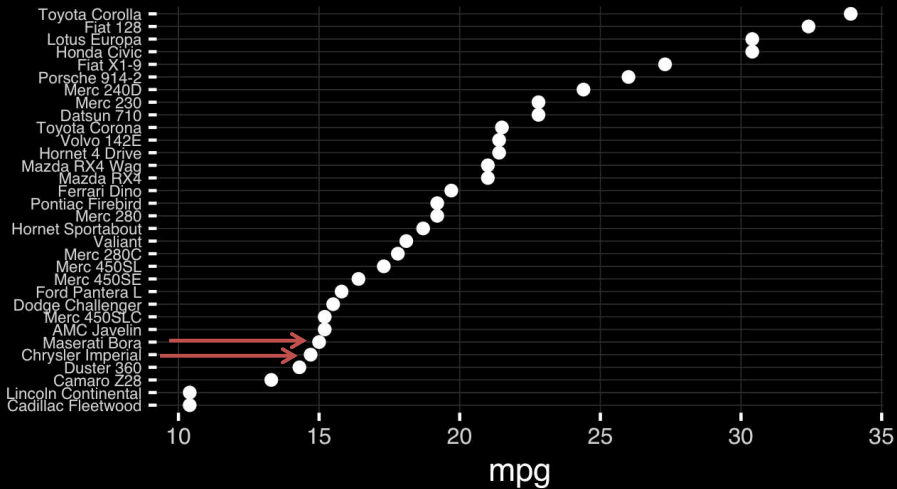




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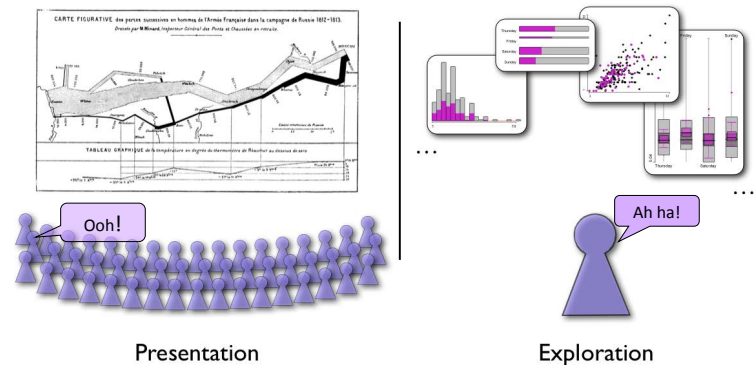
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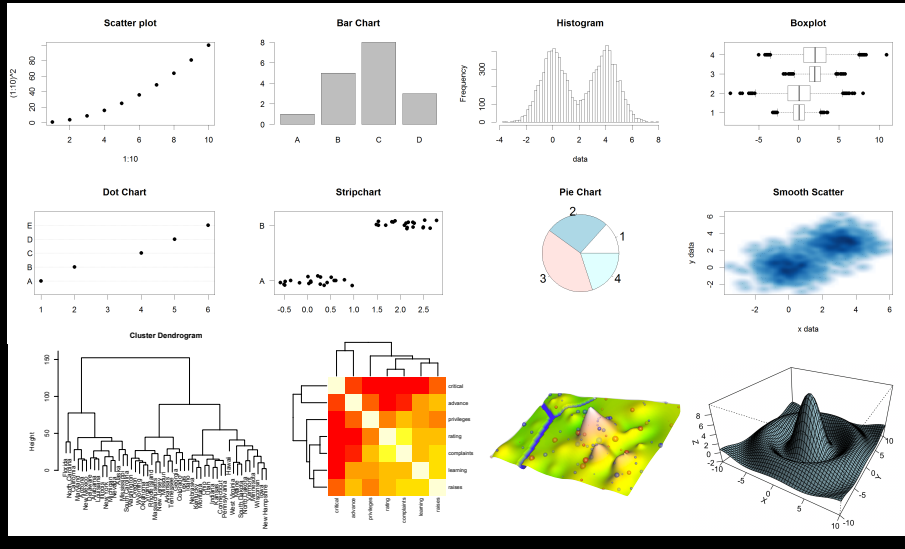
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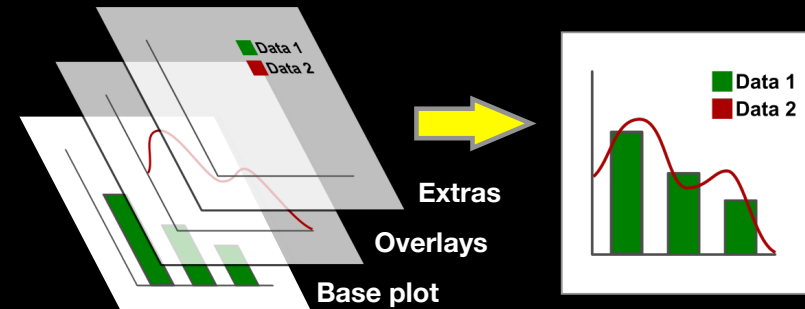
- Exploratory graphs:** many images for a narrow audience (you!)
- Presentation graphs:** single image for a large audience



Core R Graph Types



The R Painters Model



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

Hands-on

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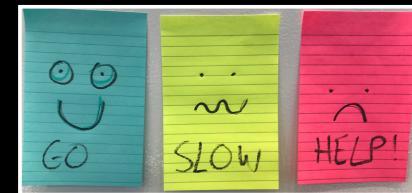
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Hands-on Section 2 Notes

- ➔ Focus on **Sections 2A & 2B** (scatterplots & barplots) in the lab **handout**.
- ➔ Try **Section 2C** (histograms) if you have time.
- ➔ See notes on the following slides...

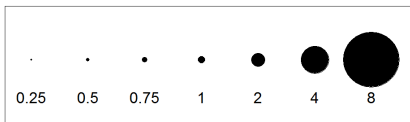
Common Options

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

- Local options to change a specific plot
- Global options to affect all graphs

Plot Characters

cex sizes



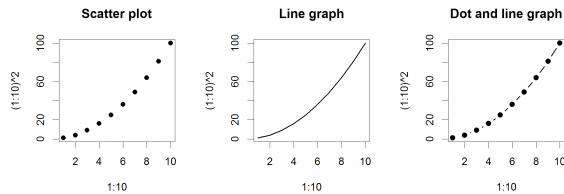
Plot Characters

| | | | | |
|---|---|----|----|----|
| × | ◇ | ◻ | ● | △ |
| 4 | 9 | 14 | 19 | 24 |
| + | * | ⊗ | ◆ | ◇ |
| 3 | 8 | 13 | 18 | 23 |
| △ | ⊠ | ⊞ | ▲ | □ |
| 2 | 7 | 12 | 17 | 22 |
| ○ | ▽ | ⊛ | ● | ○ |
| 1 | 6 | 11 | 16 | 21 |
| □ | ◇ | ⊕ | ■ | ● |
| 0 | 5 | 10 | 15 | 20 |

`plot(1:5, pch=1:5, cex=1:5)`

Plot Type Specific Options

Plot (scatterplots and line graphs)

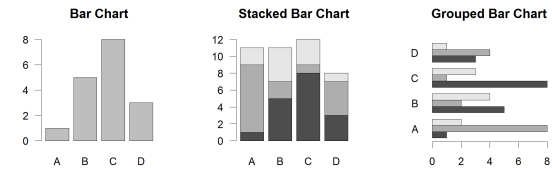


- Input: Almost anything. 2 x Vectors
- Output: Nothing
- Options:
 - ▶ `type` `l=`line, `p=`point, `b=`line+point
 - ▶ `lwd` line width (thickness)
 - ▶ `lty` line type (1=solid,2=dashed,3=dotted etc.)

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

Controlling plot area options with `par`

Section 2B: Barplot (a.k.a. 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)
```

Par

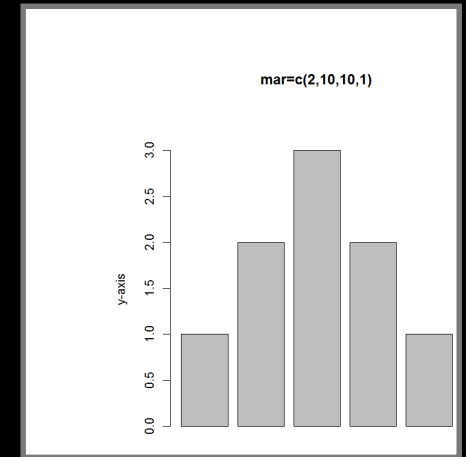
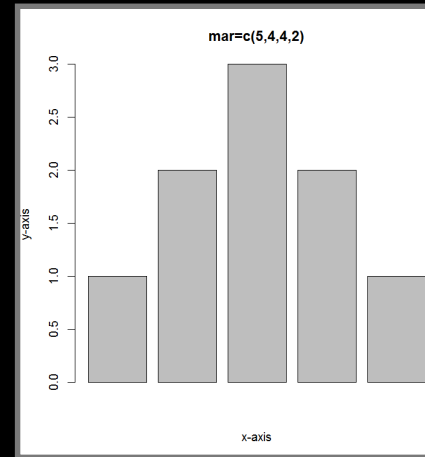
- The `par()` function controls global parameters affecting all plots in the current plot area
- Changes affect all subsequent plots
- Many `par` options can also be passed to individual plots

```
?par
```

Par examples

- Reading current value
 - ▶ `old.par <- par()$mar`
- Setting a new value
 - ▶ `par(mar=c(4,11,2,1)) # Do plot`
- Restoring old value after you are done
 - ▶ `par(mar=old.par)`

Margin values are set with a 4 element vector (bottom, left, top, right)

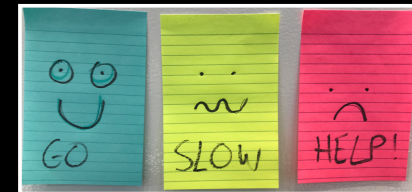


```
par(mar=c(2, 10, 10, 1))  
barplot(x)
```

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))
```



Hands-on

Section 3 using color:

- ➔ 3A. Providing color vectors
- ➔ 3B. Coloring by value
- ➔ 3C. Dynamic use of color

Finally we will make a **lab report!**

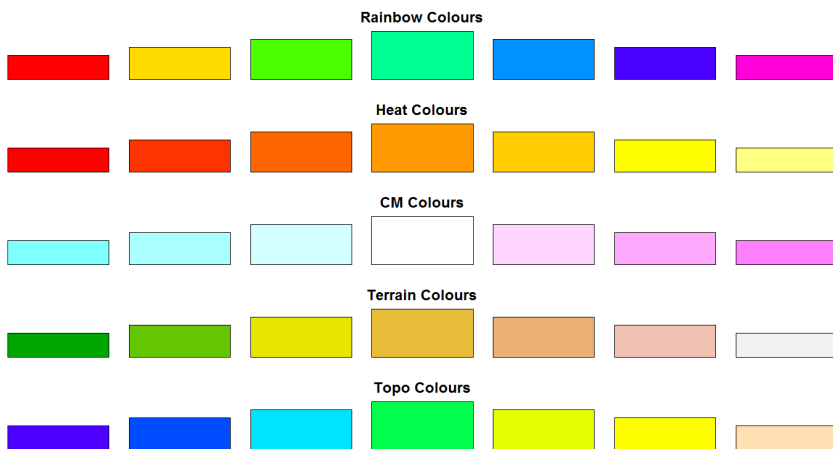
Specifying colors

- **Controlled names**
 - ▶ `col=c("red", "green")` etc.
 - ▶ `see colors()`
- **Color by number**
 - ▶ `col=c(1, 2, 3)`
 - ▶ Will give black, red, green etc.
- **Hexadecimal strings string**
 - ▶ Of the form "#RRGGBB" where each of the pairs RR, GG, BB consists of two hexadecimal digits giving a value in the range 00 to FF:
 - ▶ #FF0000 (red)
 - ▶ #0000FF (blue)

Built in color schemes

- Functions to generate colors
- Pass in the number of colors you want, e.g. to get 7 different colors:
 - ▶ `rainbow(7)`
 - ▶ `heat.colors(7)`
 - ▶ `cm.colors(7)`
 - ▶ `terrain.colors(7)`
 - ▶ `topo.colors(7)`
 - ▶ Etc.

```
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
- See **Lab Supplement** (online):
 - [Plotting with color in R](#)

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

Make a lab report!

- Open your previous **class05** RStudio **project** (and your saved **R script**)
- Can you **source** your **class05.R** file to re-generate all your plots without error?



- If so you can now generate a nice **HTML report** of your work to date...

[Take 2-3 minutes]

Homework!

New **DataCamp** Assignments

- **RStudio IDE (Pt 1)**
- **Intermediate R**
 - Conditionals and Control Flow
 - Functions
 - Loops

Muddy Point Assessment Form Link

Useful new website: <https://www.data-to-viz.com/>