Lec 09 - Visualization with ggplot2

Statistical Programming

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The Grammar of Graphics

- Visualisation concept created by Leland Wilkinson (1999)
- to define the basic elements of a statistical graphic
- Adapted for R by Hadley Wickham (2009)
- consistent and compact syntax to describe statistical graphics
- highly modular as it breaks up graphs into semantic components
- ggplot2 is not meant as a guide to which graph to use and how to best convey your data (more on that later), but it does have some strong opinions.

Terminology

A statistical graphic is a...

- mapping of data
- which may be statistically transformed (summarized, log-transformed, etc.)
- to **aesthetic attributes** (color, size, xy-position, etc.)
- using geometric objects (points, lines, bars, etc.)
- and mapped onto a specific facet and coordinate system

Anatomy of a ggplot call

```
ggplot(
data = [dataframe],
mapping = aes(
x = [var x], y = [var y],
color = [var color],
shape = [var shape],
. . .
 +
geom_[some geom](
mapping = aes(
color = [var geom color],
. . .
 +
... # other geometries
scale_[some axis]_[some scale]() +
facet_[some facet]([formula]) +
... # other options
```

Data - Palmer Penguins

Measurements for penguin species, island in Palmer Archipelago, size (flipper length, body mass, bill dimensions), and sex.



<pre>library(palmerpenguins) penguins</pre>								
## # A tibble: 344 x 8 ## species island bill length mm bill depth mm flipper length								
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##	5 A	delie	Torge		36.7	19.3	3	193
##	6 A	delie	Torge		39.3	20.	6	190
##	7 A	delie	Torge		38.9	17.3	8	181
##	8 A	delie	Torge		39.2	19.0	6	195
##	9 A	delie	Torge		34.1	18.3	1	193
##	10 A	delie	Torge		42	20.2	2	190
##	#	with 33	34 more	rows, and	3 mor	e variables:	body_mass_g	<int>,</int>
##	# # sex <fct>, year <int></int></fct>							

A basic ggplot

ggplot(

```
data = penguins,
mapping = aes(
  x = bill depth mm,
  y = bill_length_mm
geom point() +
labs(
  title = "Bill depth and length",
  subtitle = paste(
    "Dimensions for Adelie, Chinstrap,",
    "and Gentoo Penguins"
  ),
  x = "Bill depth (mm)",
  y = "Bill length (mm)",
  color = "Species"
```

Warning: Removed 2 rows containing missing values (geo



Text <-> Plot

Start with the penguins data frame

ggplot(data = penguins)



Start with the penguins data frame, map bill depth to the x-axis





Start with the penguins data frame, map bill depth to the x-axis and map bill length to the y-axis.

ggplot(
 data = penguins,
 mapping = aes(
 x = bill_depth_mm,
 y = bill_length_mm
)
)



Start with the penguins data frame, map bill depth to the x-axis and map bill length to the y-axis. **Represent** each observation with a point





Start with the penguins data frame, map bill depth to the x-axis and map bill length to the y-axis. Represent each observation with a point and map species to the color of each point.

```
ggplot(
  data = penguins,
  mapping = aes(
    x = bill_depth_mm,
    y = bill_length_mm
  )
) +
  geom_point(
    mapping = aes(color = species)
  )
```



Start with the penguins data frame, map bill depth to the x-axis and map bill length to the y-axis. Represent each observation with a point and map species to the color of each point. Title the plot "Bill depth and length"

```
ggplot(
   data = penguins,
   mapping = aes(
        x = bill_depth_mm,
        y = bill_length_mm
   )
) +
   geom_point(
        mapping = aes(color = species)
   ) +
   labs(title = "Bill depth and length")
```



Start with the penguins data frame, map bill depth to the x-axis and map bill length to the y-axis. Represent each observation with a point and map species to the color of each point. Title the plot "Bill depth and length", add the subtitle "Dimensions for Adelie, Chinstrap, and Gentoo Penguins"



Start with the **penguins** data frame, map bill depth to the x-axis and map bill length to the y-axis. Represent each observation with a point and map species to the color of each point. Title the plot "Bill depth and length", add the subtitle "Dimensions for Adelie, Chinstrap, and Gentoo Penguins", **label the x and y axes as "Bill depth** (mm)" and "Bill length (mm)", respectively

```
ggplot(
 data = penguins,
 mapping = aes(
    x = bill depth mm,
     = bill length mm
  geom point(
    mapping = aes(color = species)
  labs(
    title = "Bill depth and length",
    subtitle = paste("Dimensions for Adelie,",
                     "Chinstrap, and Gentoo",
                     "Penauins").
    x = "Bill depth
                    (mm)"
    y = "Bill length (mm)"
```



Start with the **penguins** data frame, map bill depth to the x-axis and map bill length to the y-axis. Represent each observation with a point and map species to the color of each point. Title the plot "Bill depth and length", add the subtitle "Dimensions for Adelie, Chinstrap, and Gentoo Penguins", label the x and y axes as "Bill depth (mm)" and "Bill length (mm)", respectively, **label the legend "Species"**

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 mapping = aes(
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  geom point(
    mapping = aes(color = species)
  labs(
    title = "Bill depth and length",
    subtitle = paste("Dimensions for Adelie,",
                     "Chinstrap, and Gentoo",
                     "Penguins"),
    x = "Bill depth (mm)",
    y = "Bill length (mm)",
    color = "Species"
```



Start with the **penguins** data frame, map bill depth to the x-axis and map bill length to the y-axis. Represent each observation with a point and map species to the color of each point. Title the plot "Bill depth and length", add the subtitle "Dimensions for Adelie, Chinstrap, and Gentoo Penguins", label the x and y axes as "Bill depth (mm)" and "Bill length (mm)", respectively, label the legend "Species", **and add a caption for the data source.**

```
ggplot(
 data = penguins,
 mapping = aes(
    x = bill depth mm,
    v = bill length mm
  geom point(
    mapping = aes(color = species)
  labs(
    title = "Bill depth and length",
    subtitle = paste("Dimensions for Adelie,",
                     "Chinstrap, and Gentoo",
                     "Penguins"),
    x = "Bill depth (mm)",
    y = "Bill length (mm)",
    color = "Species",
    caption = "Source: palmerpenguins package"
```



Start with the **penguins** data frame, map bill depth to the x-axis and map bill length to the y-axis. Represent each observation with a point and map species to the color of each point. Title the plot "Bill depth and length", add the subtitle "Dimensions for Adelie, Chinstrap, and Gentoo Penguins", label the x and y axes as "Bill depth (mm)" and "Bill length (mm)", respectively, label the legend "Species", and add a caption for the data source. **Finally, use the viridis color palete for all points.**

```
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  data = penquins,
 mapping = aes(
    x = bill depth mm,
    v = bill length mm
  geom point(
    mapping = aes(color = species)
  labs(
    title = "Bill depth and length",
    subtitle = paste("Dimensions for Adelie,",
                     "Chinstrap, and Gentoo",
                     "Penguins").
    x = "Bill depth (mm)",
    y = "Bill length (mm)",
    color = "Species",
    caption = "Source: palmerpenguins package"
  scale_color_viridis_d()
```



Argument names

Often we omit the names of first two arguments when building plots with ggplot().

```
ggplot(
   data = penguins,
   mapping = aes(
        x = bill_depth_mm,
        y = bill_length_mm
   )
) +
   geom_point(
        mapping = aes(color = species)
   ) +
   scale_color_viridis_d()
```

```
ggplot(
   penguins,
   aes(
        x = bill_depth_mm,
        y = bill_length_mm
   )
) +
   geom_point(
        aes(color = species)
   ) +
   scale_color_viridis_d()
```

Note that ggplot and geom_* swap the order of the data and mapping arguments.

Aesthetics

Aesthetics options

Commonly used characteristics of plotting characters that can be **mapped to a specific variable** in the data are

- color
- shape
- size
- alpha (transparency)

Different geometries have different aesthetics that can be used - see the ggplot2 geoms help files for listings.

- Aesthetics given in ggplot apply to all geoms.
- Aesthetics for a specific geom can be overridden with the geom_*'s aesthetics.

color





Shape

Mapped to a different variable than color





Shape

Mapped to same variable as color





Size

Using a fixed value (note this value is outside of the aes call)





Size

Mapped to a variable

```
ggplot(
   penguins,
   aes(
        x = bill_depth_mm,
        y = bill_length_mm
   )
) +
   geom_point(
        aes(
           color = species,
           shape = species,
           size = body_mass_g
        ),
   )
```



Alpha

```
ggplot(
   penguins,
   aes(
        x = bill_depth_mm,
        y = bill_length_mm
   )
) +
   geom_point(
        aes(
            color = species,
            shape = species,
            alpha = body_mass_g
        ),
        size = 3
)
```



Mapping vs. setting

- Mapping: Determine an aesthetic (the size, alpha, etc.) of a geom based on the values of a variable in the data
- goes into aes() as an argument which is then an argument of ggplot2 or geom_*().
- Setting: Determine an aesthetic (the size, alpha, etc.) of a geom not based on the values of a variable in the data
- goes directly into geom_*() as an argument.

Faceting

Faceting

- Smaller plots that display different subsets of the data
- Useful for exploring conditional relationships and large data
- Sometimes referred to as "small multiples"

facet_grid





Compare with ...

```
ggplot(
   penguins,
   aes(
        x = bill_depth_mm,
        y = bill_length_mm
   )
) +
   geom_point(
        aes(
           color = species,
           shape = island
        ),
        size = 3
)
```



facet_grid (cols)





facet_grid (rows)





facet_wrap

ggplot(
 penguins,
 aes(
 x = bill_depth_mm,
 y = bill_length_mm
)
) +
 geom_point() +
 facet_wrap(~ species)



facet_wrap





Faceting and color

```
ggplot(
   penguins,
   aes(
        x = bill_depth_mm,
        y = bill_length_mm,
        color = species
   )
) +
   geom_point() +
   facet_grid(species ~ sex)
```



Hiding redundancy

```
ggplot(
   penguins,
   aes(
        x = bill_depth_mm,
        y = bill_length_mm,
        color = species
   )
) +
   geom_point() +
   facet_grid(species ~ sex) +
   guides(color = FALSE)
```



A brief plot Tour of ggplot2

Histograms

```
ggplot(
   penguins,
   aes(
        x = body_mass_g,
   )
) +
   geom_histogram()
```

`stat_bin()` using `bins = 30`. Pick better value with
`binwidth`.



Histograms - bins

```
ggplot(
    penguins,
    aes(
```

```
x = body_mass_g,
```

```
) +
```

```
geom_histogram(bins = 50)
```



Histograms - binwidth

```
ggplot(
   penguins,
   aes(
        x = body_mass_g,
   )
) +
   geom_histogram(binwidth = 250)
```



Histograms - color

```
ggplot(
   penguins,
   aes(
        x = body_mass_g,
        color = species
   )
) +
```

geom_histogram(bins = 20)



Histograms - fill

```
ggplot(
  penguins,
  aes(
    x = body_mass_g,
```

```
fill = species
```

```
+
geom_histogram(bins = 20)
```



Histograms - position

```
ggplot(
   penguins,
   aes(
        x = body_mass_g,
        fill = species
   )
) +
   geom_histogram(
        bins = 20,
        position = "identity",
        alpha = 0.5
```



Histograms - facets

```
ggplot(
    penguins,
```

```
aes(
    x = body_mass_g,
    fill = species
)
+
geom_histogram(bins = 20) +
```

geom_nistogram(bins = 20)
facet_grid(species ~ .) +
guides(fill = FALSE)



Density plot

ggplot(penguins,

```
aes(
    x = body_mass_g
)
+
```

geom_density()



Density plot - fill

```
ggplot(
    penguins,
    aes(
        x = body_mass_g,
```

```
fill = species
```

```
+
geom_density(alpha = 0.25)
```



Density plot - adjust

```
ggplot(
   penguins,
   aes(
        x = body_mass_g,
        fill = species
   )
) +
   geom_density(
        adjust = 0.5,
        alpha = 0.25
)
```



Violin plot

```
ggplot(
   penguins,
   aes(
        x = species,
        y = body_mass_g,
        fill = species
   )
) +
   geom_violin()
```



Ridge plot

```
ggplot(
   penguins,
   aes(
        x = body_mass_g,
        y = species,
        fill = species
   )
) +
   ggridges::geom_density_ridges(alpha = 0.5)
```

Picking joint bandwidth of 153



Ridge plot - more categories + dplyr

```
penguins %>%
  mutate(
    species_sex = paste0(species, " (", sex, ")")
    %>%
  ggplot(
    aes(
        x = body_mass_g,
        y = species_sex,
        fill = species
    )
    ) +
    ggridges::geom_density_ridges(alpha = 0.5)
```

Picking joint bandwidth of 127



Box plot

ggplot(penguins, aes(x = body_mass_g, y = species)) + geom_boxplot()



Box plot - coord_flip

```
ggplot(
   penguins,
   aes(
        x = body_mass_g,
        y = species
   )
) +
   geom_boxplot() +
   coord_flip()
```



Box plot - swap coords





Scatter plot

```
ggplot(
   penguins,
   aes(
        x = bill_depth_mm,
        y = bill_length_mm,
        color = species
   )
) +
   geom_point()
```



Scatter plot - geom_smooth

```
ggplot(
   penguins,
   aes(
        x = bill_depth_mm,
        y = bill_length_mm,
        color = species
   )
) +
   geom_point() +
   geom_smooth(
        fullrange = TRUE
   )
```

`geom_smooth()` using method = 'loess' and formula 'y



Scatter plot - geom_smooth w/ lm

```
ggplot(
   penguins,
   aes(
        x = bill_depth_mm,
        y = bill_length_mm,
        color = species
   )
) +
   geom_point() +
   geom_smooth(
        method = "lm",
        se = FALSE,
        fullrange = TRUE
)
```

`geom_smooth()` using formula 'y \sim x'



Line plot

```
penguins %>%
  count(species, year) %>%
  ggplot(
    aes(
        x = year,
        y = n,
        color = species,
        group = species
    )
    ) +
    geom_line()
```



Line plot - with points



Bar plot

ggplot(penguins, aes(x = species)) + geom_bar()



Stacked bar plot

ggplot(penguins, aes(x = species, fill = island +geom_bar()



Stacked relative frequency bar plot





Dodged bar plot

```
ggplot(
   penguins,
   aes(
        x = species,
        fill = sex
   )
) +
```

geom_bar(position = "dodge")



Exercises

Exercise 1

Recreate, as faithfully as possible, the following plot using ggplot2 and the penguins data.



Exercise 2

Recreate, as faithfully as possible, the following plot from the palmerpenguin package readme in ggplot2.



palmerpenguins pkgdown site