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Horror Picture Show





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– A – B – C



Why graphics?

- 1. To explore data (interactive)
- 2. To communicate data & preliminary insights with collaborators
- 3. To publish results

Goals of this lecture

- Review the basics of *base* R plotting
- Understand the logic behind the *grammar of graphics* concept
- Introduce ggplot2's qplot function
- Show how to build complex plots from the ground up using ggplot2's ggplot function
- See how to plot 1D, 2D, 3-5D data, and understand faceting
- Become good at rapidly exploring data sets by visualization



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DNase concentration (ng/ml)

```
of instructions that
sequentially fill the
plotting canvas
```

head(DNase)

##		Run	conc	density
##	1	1	0.0488	0.017
##	2	1	0.0488	0.018
##	3	1	0.1953	0.121
##	4	1	0.1953	0.124
##	5	1	0.3906	0.206
##	6	1	0.3906	0.215

```
plot(DNase$conc, DNase$density,
ylab = attr(DNase, "labels")$y,
xlab = paste(attr(DNase, "labels")$x, attr(DNase, "units")$x),
pch = 3, col = "blue")
```

The grammar of graphics

The components of ggplot2's grammar of graphics are

- 1. a dataset
- 2. a choice of geometric object that serves as the visual representations of the data for instance, points, lines, rectangles, contours
- 3. a description of how the variables in the data are mapped to visual properties (aesthetics) of the geometric objects, and an associated scale, (e. g., linear, logarithmic, rank)
- 4. a statistical summarisation rule
- 5. a coordinate system
- 6. a facet specification, i.e. the use of several plots to look at the same data

```
qplot(x = names(groupSize),
    y = as.vector(groupSize),
    geom = "bar", stat = "identity",
    xlab = "Groups", ylab = "Number of Samples",
    fill = names(groupSize)) +
    scale_fill_manual(values = groupColour, name="Colour code")
```





ggplot(dftx, aes(x = X1426642_at, y = X1418765_at)) +
geom_point(aes(colour = sampleColour), shape = 19) +
geom_smooth(method = "loess") +
scale_colour_discrete(guide = FALSE)



geom and summary often imp (by default)



Figure 4.11: Two different ways of creating the same histogram using the grammar of graphics.





A more complex exa

pb <- ggplot(data.frame(</pre>

name = names(groupSize), size = as.vector(groupSize)), aes(x = name, y = size))

No geom defined yet!

```
pb <- pb + geom_bar(stat = "identity") +
    aes(fill = name) +
    scale_fill_manual(values = groupColour, name = "Colour code")
    theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 90, hjust = 1)) +
    xlab("Groups") + ylab("Number of Samples")</pre>
```

```
pb.polar <- pb + coord_polar() +
    theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 0, hjust = 1),
        axis.text.y = element_blank(),
        axis.ticks = element_blank()) +
    xlab("") + ylab("")
pb.polar</pre>
```



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Showing 1D data











Discussion of 1D plot types

Boxplot makes sense for unimodal distributions

- Histogram requires definition of bins (width, positions) and can create visual artifacts esp. if the number of data points is not large
- Density requires the choice of bandwidth; plot tends to obscure the sample size (i.e. the uncertainty of the estimate)
- ecdf does not have these problems; but is more abstract and interpretation requires some training. Good for reading off quantiles and shifts in location in comparative plots; OK for detecting differences in scale; less good for detecting multimodality.
- Up to a few dozens of points just show the data! (beeswarm)

Impact of non-linear transformation on the shape of a density



y: sample from a mixture of two log-normal distributions kernel density estimates

Showing 2D data

SCD



+ geom_point(alpha = 0.1)

scp + geom_point()







Showing 2D data



scp + stat_binhex(binwidth = c(0.2, 0.2)) + colourscale +
 coord_fixed()



package **splots**

Yearly sunspot numbers 1849-1924

Plot shape, banking





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geom_point offers these aesthetics (beyond x and y):

- fill
- colour
- shape
- size
- alpha



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X1426642_at

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Data from an agricultural field trial to study the crop barley.

- At 6 sites in Minnesota, 10 varieties of barley were grown in each of two years.
- Data: yield, for all combinations of site, variety, and year (6 x 10 x 2 = 120 observations)
- Note the data for Morris reanalysis in the 1990s using Trellis revealed that the years had been flipped!



1932

1931

demo plotly

pheatmap



many reasonable defaults

easy to add column and row 'metadata' at the sides



RGB color space

Motivated by computer screen hardware



HSV color space

Hue-Saturation-Value (Smith 1978)



HSV color space

GIMP colour selector



linear or circular hue chooser

and

a two-dimensional area (usually a square or a triangle) to choose saturation and value/lightness for the selected hue

(almost) 1:1 mapping between RGB and HSV space

Conversion from RGB to HSL or HSV

Let *r*, *g*, $b \in [0,1]$ be the red, green, and blue coordinates, respectively, of a color in RGB space.

Let max be the greatest of r, g, and b, and min the least.

To find the hue angle $h \in [0, 360]$ for either HSL or HSV space, compute:

$$h = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if max} = \min \\ (60^{\circ} \times \frac{g-b}{\max - \min} + 0^{\circ}) \mod 360^{\circ}, & \text{if max} = r \\ 60^{\circ} \times \frac{b-r}{\max - \min} + 120^{\circ}, & \text{if max} = g \\ 60^{\circ} \times \frac{r-g}{\max - \min} + 240^{\circ}, & \text{if max} = b \end{cases}$$

To find saturation and lightness *s*, $I \in [0,1]$ for HSL space, compute:

$$s = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if max} = \min \\ \frac{\max - \min}{\max + \min} = \frac{\max - \min}{2l}, & \text{if } l \le \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{\max - \min}{2 - (\max + \min)} = \frac{\max - \min}{2 - 2l}, & \text{if } l > \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$
$$l = \frac{1}{2}(\max + \min)$$

The value of *h* is generally normalized to lie between 0 and 360°, and h = 0 is used when max = min (that is, for grays) though the hue has no geometric meaning there, where the saturation *s* is zero. Similarly, the choice of 0 as the value for *s* when *l* is equal to 0 or 1 is arbitrary.

HSL and HSV have the same definition of hue, but the other components differ. The values for *s* and *v* of an HSV color are defined as follows:

$$s = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if max} = 0\\ \frac{\max - \min}{\max} = 1 - \frac{\min}{\max}, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
$$v = \max$$

The range of HSV and HSL vectors is a cube in the cartesian coordinate system; but since hue is really a cyclic property, with a cut at red, visualizations of these spaces invariably involve hue circles;^[4] cylindrical and conical (bi-conical for HSL) depictions are most popular; Spherical depictions are also possible.

wikipedia

perceptual colour spaces

- Human perception of colour corresponds neither to RGB nor HSV coordinates, and neither to the physiological axes lightdark, yellow-blue, red-green
- Rather to polar coordinates in the colour plane (yellow/blue vs. green/red) plus a third light/dark axis. Perceptually-based colour spaces try to capture these perceptual axes:
 - 1. hue (dominant wavelength)
 - 2. chroma (colourfulness, intensity of coulor as compared to grey)
 - 3. Iuminance (brightness, amount of grey)

CIELUV and HCL

Commission Internationale de l' Éclairage (CIE) in 1931, on the basis of extensive colour matching experiments with people, defined a "standard observer" who represents a typical human colour response (response of the three light cones + their processing in the brain) to a triplet (x,y,z) of primary light sources (in principle, this could be monochromatic R, G, B; but CIE choose something a bit more subtle)

1976: CIELUV and CIELAB are perceptually based coordinates of colour space.

CIELUV (L, u, v)-coordinates is prefered by those who work with emissive colour technologies (such as computer displays) and CIELAB by those working with dyes and pigments (such as in the printing and textile industries)

HCL colours

(u,v) = chroma * (cos h, sin h)

- L the same as in CIELUV, (C, H) are simply polar coordinates for (u,v)
- 1. hue (dominant wavelength)
- 2. chroma (colorfulness, intensity of color as compared to gray)
- 3. luminance (brightness, amount of gray)





Figure 2: Circles in HCL colorspace. a: circles in HCL space at constant L = 75, with the angular coordinate H varying from 0 to 360 and the radial coordinate $C = 0, 10, \ldots, 60$. b: constant C = 50, and $L = 10, 20, \ldots, 90$.

RColorBrewer

sequential

qualitative

diverging

MOrRd						
YIOrBr						
YIGnBu						
YIGn						
Reds						
RdPu						
Purples						
PuRd						
PuBuGn						
PuBu						
OrRd						
Oranges						
Grevs						
Greens						
GnBu						
BuPu						
BuGn						
Blues						
21400						
Set3						
Set2						
Set1						
Pastel2						
Pastel1						
Paired						
Dark2						
Accent						
Spectral						
RdYlGn						
RdYlBu						
RdGy						
RdBu						
PuOr						
PRGn						
PiYG						
BrBG						

Pick your favourite





From A. Zeileis, Reisensburg 2007

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A BALANCED COLOR SPHERE

Colour Harmony



Figure 3: The principal Munsell 5/5 colours. From the top these are R 5/5, Y 5/5, G 5/5, B 5/5 and P 5/5. This figure is redrawn from Birren (1969).











Figure 4: The same images as Figure 3, but drawn with full saturation HSV colours.

Balance

The intensity of colour which should be used is dependent on the area that that colour is to occupy. Small areas need to be much more colourful than larger ones.

- Choose colours centered on a mid-range or neutral value, or;
- Choose colours at equally spaced points along smooth paths through (perceptually uniform) colour space: equal luminance and chroma and correspond to set of evenly spaced hues.