Data Visualization



Data Visualization Resources

Datacamp

- Introduction to Data Visualization with ggplot2 •
- Intermediate Data Visualization with ggplot2 •
- Visualization Best Practices in R ۲

Claus Wilke Data Visualization in R Course (U Texas)

R for Data Science



Claus O. Wilke

Scientific Communication and Professionalism



- Clear, accurate, and complete representation of your data
- Efficient, reproducible, and automated methods
- Clean, professional, and aesthetically pleasing appearance

The Right Tools for the Job

A few examples

• R and ggplot

• <u>Circos</u>

Processing

Adobe Illustrator







Making Figures with Code



ggplot(cnld) + geom_point(aes(x=CumPos, y=r2, size=0.75, colour=as.factor(ChromPrint), alpha =
1/8)) + scale_size_identity() + theme_bw(base_size=15) +
scale_color_manual(values=c(rep(c('black', 'dark gray'),11), 'black', 'red')) +
scale_x_continuous(expand = c(0.015, 0.015),labels=c(as.character(1:chrNum), "X"),
breaks=bpMidVec) + theme(plot.margin = unit(c(0.03,0.03,0.03,0.03), "in"),
legend.position='none', axis.text.x = element_text(size=6), axis.text.y = element_text(size=7),
axis.title.x = element_text(size=8), axis.title.y = element_text(size=8)) + xlab('Chromosome
Position') + ylab(expression(paste("Mitonuclear LD (",r^2, ")")))

https://dbsloan.github.io/TS2022/exercises/r_markdown.html

The Grammar of Graphics

- aes: Aesthetic mapping of data to plot elements
 - position (X or Y coordinates), shapes, sizes, color, line weight/type, transparency, etc.
- **geoms**: Layers visually representing your mapped data
 - points, lines, bars, density curves, etc.
- themes: Non-data plot elements
 - axis labels, grid lines, titles, etc.



Image: Thomas de Beus

A Few Principles of Data Visualization

- The Demise of the Bar Plot
- Choosing a Scale: Log vs. Linear
- Accessibility for a Diverse Audience

The Demise of the Bar Plot

PLOS BIOLOGY

Beyond Bar and Line Graphs: Time for a New Data Presentation Paradigm

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When Possible... Show All the Data!

Use point size, jitter, and/or transparency to mitigate the effects of overlapping points.



Better Ways of Comparing and Summarizing Distributions







Examples from Claus Wilke: https://wilkelab.org/SDS375/slides/visualizing-distributions-2.html#1

Linear vs. Log Scales



- Use linear scales to emphasize absolute differences.
- Use log scales to emphasize proportional differences.

Accessibility

Color is a powerful tool for visualizations, but it will not be perceived in the same way by everyone in your audience. Tips for making your visualizations accessible to color bind individuals....



- Use <u>palettes consisting of colors that are more distinguishable</u> for individuals with common forms of color blindness.
- Use color and shape of points redundantly to distinguish among groups in plot.

> ggplot(MouseData, aes(x=age, y=weight, color=genotype, shape=genotype))
+ geom_point()

 Make use of figure labeling and legend descriptions to make the plot accessible even if colors are difficult to distinguish.

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Circular Data Representations



https://dbsloan.github.io/TS2022/exercises/circos.html