

GRAPHING I

Because helicopter flight times are still being recorded (*Ahem!*), here we use **last year's** helicopter data to make boxplots, which compare categories well. We will also use scatter plots for continuous predictors. Next week we catch up to using our data from this year.

PRELIMINARIES:

You will likely want to have these links open in a web browser [click on each link to open]:

- [Charts in R](#)
- [Plot: generic X-Y plotting](#)
- [qplot](#)
- [ggplot2 cheatsheet at RStudio](#)
- [Cowplot intro](#)

Actual commands you type are shown below in **this font**. Mouse-based actions through drop-down windows are indicated with ... (e.g., File...).

Start RStudio – if a prior session was saved, you may need to close the R script and/or data files (click the X on tabs at the top of the upper left, and click on the broom icon under Environment)

Set your working directory – Session... Set Working Directory... Choose Directory
And select the Desktop folder (for today's in-class work)

Import Dataset – Either get the data at <https://sciences.ucf.edu/biology/d4lab/methods-1>
OR

In the Environment tab of the upper right window, click on Import Dataset...Desktop...From Web URL and then copy-paste this link in:
<https://sciences.ucf.edu/biology/d4lab/wp-content/uploads/sites/125/2018/09/copterdatagroups.txt>

Here you can change the name of the input data matrix (for convenience here we call it “data” below). Also ensure that Heading is Yes. Click **Import** (bottom right of window). You should see the data in the upper left window.

Attach data – this tells R to use `data` by default (vs. loading multiple data sets to work with). This is very convenient IF you will work with only one data set. **Type:**

`attach(data) #` and hit Enter. See what we did there with the # ?

NOTE: You have now set the working directory, imported and renamed a data set, and told R to work with that data set. As before, make a script file (File...New File...R Script) that records the commands below that you like, with comments in English flagged with a #. Save that script file, email it to yourself, etc. to start keeping sets of instructions you can re-use.

This will help a lot in the future, because we won't tell you again how to do the steps above.

BOXPLOTS: To compare medians and quartiles of groups
First let's squint at the data by treatment categories using boxplots

Type:

```
boxplot(Time ~ ID) # This specifies one boxplot per each design (or ID code).
```

What do you see in the data? What do the “whiskers” tell you?

Now add axis labels by typing:

```
boxplot(Time ~ ID, xlab='Helicopter Treatments', ylab='Flight Times (sec)') #  
where xlab and ylab specify x- and y-axis labels
```

What can you infer about the helicopter experiment already?

Also try:

```
plot(ID, Time) # for a simple scatter plot
```

This specifies X then Y axes. If design was alphanumeric (A1, etc.), R would automatically make a boxplot based on categories. Instead, Designs are numeric so R made a scatterplot. You can already glimpse how the simple plot command can be quite versatile.

Now let's instead convert designs (numbers) into categories, or factors. **Type:**

```
fID <- factor(ID)
```

This made a new variable called “fID” that converted *continuous* design numbers into *categories*, or factors. ***This will also be helpful in later labs.*** Now watch what happens if you repeat the most recent plot command above but substitute fID for ID. Go ahead – you know how...

Now we'll try **ggplot2** – a graphing package that can get fancy [read "more complex commands"]. Actually ggplot2 has two levels of "fancy": quickplots and full-on fancy. Click the Packages tab in the bottom right window, scroll down and see if ggplot2 is already there. If so, click the box next to ggplot2. You just loaded (i.e., made active) the ggplot2 package. If ggplot2 is not listed, then click on the Install button (just above the list and type **ggplot2** in the pop-up box. Once it is all installed (it may take a minute or 2), click on the box next to ggplot2 in the list.

Lets first try a quick plot (qplot) in the ggplot2 package. **Try this command:**

```
qplot(ID, Time, data=data, group=ID, geom=c("boxplot", "jitter"), main="Copter  
Flight Times", xlab="IDs", ylab="Flight Time (sec)")
```

Not bad, huh? **Play with options** in there to see what happens. For example, take out "jitter". And try some of the qplot tricks at the link listed at the start (above)

Now we go with *full featured ggplot2* – which dominates graphing options in R. *Lotta options* [read lotta command possibilities]. Always look at examples in R Help, and check out the ggplot2 cheatsheet linked near the top here.

Type this command:

```
ggplot(data = data, aes(x=ID, y=Time, group=ID)) + geom_boxplot()  
# where aes specifies basic aesthetics, and geom_boxplot calls for that form (geometry)
```

Here is a more full version, showing all the defaults. Try this, and then change separate options to see what happens:

```
ggplot(data = data, aes(x=ID, y=Time, group=ID)) + geom_boxplot(stat =  
"boxplot", position = "dodge", outlier.colour = "grey", outlier.shape = 19,  
outlier.size = 1.5, outlier.stroke = 0.5, notch = T, notchwidth = 0.5,  
varwidth = FALSE, na.rm = FALSE, show.legend = NA, inherit.aes = TRUE)
```

For example, change notchwidth to 0. Which style do you like best? Play with other options, too – and you get a glimpse of into the depths of ggplot2.

One final approach: **install and load the package cowplot**. Much advice abounds about elegant graphs, but Edward Tufte advises: strive to **maximize the data/ink ratio**. For example, the gray background in ggplot2 does not represent data. Also, axis labels are too small for publishing. Cowplot aims to make it easy to graph well; once you load the cowplot package, it essentially takes over defaults for ggplot2.

So now re-run the above ggplot command and compare.

To turn off cowplot for ggplot2, just click the cowplot box again to remove the X. And cowplot does not affect simple plot commands (used below) – it only modifies ggplot2.

Save your favorite boxplot so far: In the Plots tab (lower right window), **click on Export...** and follow choices to save a graph of your choice on the Desktop. Most journals want TIFF, EPS, or PDF files.

SCATTER PLOTS - use to compare bivariate, continuous data or compare raw values of categorical data.

Type:

```
plot(Time) # This simply graphs Time as a function of row number, which is not as  
informative as
```

```
plot(Group,Time) # This plots groups on the X axis, and flight time on the Y axis, or
plot(Time~Group) # Plots Time "as a function of" Group: Is there a trend?
```

Type:
plot(Time~ID)

or to look more fancy, you could enter

```
ggplot(data = data, aes(x=ID, y=Time, colour = factor(Fold))) +
geom_point(size=1.5)
```

Do you think designs differed in helicopter times? Does a boxplot of the same comparison tell you anything different?

Type:
designtimes <- lm(Time~ID)

This computes a linear regression model (lm = linear model) of time as a function of design, to test to see if designs had different helicopter times. Note that designs here are handled as continuous data. We will later analyze this better.

Type:
summary(designtimes)
to see the results of that regression. Did design significantly affect flight time? How can you tell from the output table? We'll help you read this if you don't know...

Now **arrow up** and **click Enter** to re-run plot(Time~ID)

Then **type:**
abline(designtimes)

You should see the regression line on the basic scatter plot. Abline makes a simple linear regression, based on the designtimes linear model already specified, and superimposes it on a scatterplot also already specified. Abline has to immediately follow a **plot** command to work.

Does the regression line support your conclusion from the output table?

Now let's try this a different way. **Type:**
fdesigntimes <- lm(Time~fID)
summary(fdesigntimes)

Do you get a different answer? Why?
What does this tell you about how we should treat designs?

And Now... A Contest! Make the best looking graph of the *copter data* that you can. We will pick a winner, where the “best” graph most efficiently the most information and is visually-appealing (colors are welcome – use web resources for guides).

Winner gets one free pass to turn in a homework up to 3 days late.