Introduction to grid Graphics

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• Why do we **not** draw statistical plots by hand with a drawing program like Inkscape or Gimp?





- A plot is just a bunch of shapes, but the **arrangement** of those shapes is critical.
- grid provides tools to draw basic shapes plus tools that assist in the arrangement of basic shapes.
- Plus it provides a way to produce graphical scenes **programmatically**.

- Viewports create a context for drawing.
- > library(grid)

```
> plotvp <- viewport(x=unit(5, "lines"),</pre>
                      y=unit(5, "lines"),
                      width=unit(1, "npc") -
                            unit(8, "lines"),
                      height=unit(1, "npc") -
                             unit(8, "lines"),
                      just=c("left", "bottom"),
                      xscale=c(0, 4).
                      yscale=c(0, 4),
                      name="plotRegion")
```

> pushViewport(plotvp)





- Graphical shapes are drawn within that context.
- > grid.points(1:3, 1:3, default.units="native")
- > grid.rect(x=0.5, y=0.5, width=1, height=1)
- > grid.xaxis(at=0:4)
- > grid.yaxis(at=0:4)

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• This is what **lattice** is doing ...

- > library(lattice)
- > xyplot(1:3 ~ 1:3 | 1)





• ... creating viewports ...



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• ... and drawing shapes in the viewports.





Review

- Drawing with **grid** involves defining contexts for drawing (viewports) and drawing basic shapes in those contexts.
- We need to know what shapes **grid** can draw and how to position and size those shapes.
- We need to know how to create viewports.

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The following basic shapes can be drawn using grid:

circles grid.circle(x, y, r)
lines grid.lines(x, y)
grid.segments(x0, y0, x1, y1)
grid.polylines(x, y, id)
rectangles grid.rect(x, y, width, height)
grid.roundrect(x, y, width, height, r)
text grid.text(label, x, y)

The following basic shapes can be drawn using grid:

polygons grid.polygon(x, y, id)
grid.path(x, y, id)

curves grid.xspline(x, y, shape)
grid.curve(x1, y1, x2, y2)

raster images grid.raster(image, x, y, width, height)

data symbols grid.points(x, y, pch)



Locations and dimensions are vectors so multiple shapes can be drawn at once.

> grid.circle(x, y, r=1:4/30)



Some shapes require multiple locations to describe a single shape.

```
> grid.lines(x, y)
```

Basic Shapes



Any line or curve shape can have arrows at either end.



Some functions have an id argument to allow multiple shapes from a single call.



Rectangles are "justified" relative to the x and y locations.

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Only one rounded rect can be drawn at a time.

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Text can also be justified relative to x and y.

- > LETTERS[1:4]
- [1] "A" "B" "C" "D"



Polygons are automatically "closed".

> grid.polygon(x, y)



Paths describe a single shape from multiple disjoint pieces.



Xsplines describe a smooth curve relative to control points.

> grid.xspline(x, y, shape=1)



Curves describe a smooth curve between two end points.

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Raster images can be vectors or matrices or (with help from an extension package) external files.



A predefined set of data symbols is available.

> grid.points(x, y, pch=1:4)





grid also provides functions for drawing basic axes.

```
> grid.xaxis()
```

> grid.yaxis()





EXERCISE

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• The ultimate goal of the exercises in the first half of this course is to produce a complete plot with a novel style.





- We will develop the plot in separate stages that will allow us to experiment with the various **grid** concepts that we encounter.
- At each stage, a code skeleton is provided to perform ancillary tasks such as data preparation, so that you just have to add code to do the drawing.

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• The goal of this exercise is to draw a series of line segments as shown below.



EXERCISES

• The raw data consist of two vectors of values.

```
> y1 <- 1:10
```

- > y2 <- 10:1
- A function is provided to generate cumulative proportions from a vector.

```
> cprop <- function(x) {
    prop <- x/sum(x)
    cumsum(prop)
}</pre>
```

• Each vector is converted into a set of cumulative proportions, which provide the start and end y-values for the line segments.

```
> cp1 <- cprop(y1)
```

> cp2 <- cprop(y2)
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Units and Coordinate Systems

- The locations and dimensions of shapes are **units**, which consist of a **value** plus a **coordinate system**.
- The main coordinate systems are:

"npc"	Normalised Parent Coordinates
"native"	Relative to the current x-scale/y-scale
"in" or "cm"	Inches or centimetres
"lines"	Lines of text

Units and Coordinate Systems

• The unit() function is used to create unit objects.

```
> unit(1, "in")
```

[1] 1in

> unit(.2, "npc")

[1] 0.2npc



Units and Coordinate Systems

• Simple operations on units are possible, including basic arithmetic.



Graphical Parameters

- Every basic shape has a gp argument that allows graphical parameters to be specified.
- The main graphical parameters are:
 - col colour (for borders)
 - fill colour (for interiors)
 - lwd line width
 - lty line type
 - cex text size multiplier

Graphical Parameters

• The gpar() function creates a list of graphical parameter settings.



Graphical Parameters

• When drawing multiple shapes with a single function call, graphical parameter settings can be vectors so that different shapes can have different appearances.





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- The goal of this exercise is to draw a vertical stack of rectangles as shown below.
- The rectangles are exactly one inch wide and each rectangle has a specific colour.



- The raw data come from the first vector from the previous exercise (y1).
- A function is provided to generate proportions from a vector.

• The proportions, p1, provide the heights of the rectangles in the stack and the cumulative proportions, cp1, provide the locations of the tops of the rectangles.

> p1 <- prop(y1)

• The colours for the rectangle fills are also provided.

> fills <- hcl(240, 60, seq(10, 100, 10))

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- A viewport is a description of a rectangular region on the page.
- The viewport() function creates viewports.
- Viewports have a location and size, both of which can be specified in any coordinate system.
- The viewport can be justified relative to its location.

- The pushViewport() function creates a rectangular region on the page.
- All drawing occurs within the current viewport.
- > pushViewport(vp)
- > grid.rect(gp=gpar(fill="grey"))



- Pushing of viewports also occurs within the current viewport.
- > pushViewport(vp)
- > grid.rect(gp=gpar(fill="black"))



- The popViewport() function removes the rectangular region from the page.
- > popViewport(2)
- > pushViewport(viewport(width=.5, height=.5,

```
just=c("right", "top")))
```

> grid.rect(gp=gpar(fill="grey"))



- A viewport has an x-scale and a y-scale and these provide context for the "native" coordinate system.
- The grid.newpage() function starts a fresh page.
- > grid.newpage()

0 0

- A viewport has a gp argument for setting graphical parameters.
- These settings provide default values for all drawing within the viewport.



- There are two convenience functions that create viewports for a simple plot.
 - The plotViewport() function creates a viewport with margins around the outside.
 - The dataViewport() function creates a viewport with the x-scale and y-scale based on data values.
- > x <- 1:10
- > y <- 1:10
- > grid.newpage()
- > grid.points(x, y)
- > grid.xaxis()
- > grid.yaxis()
- > grid.rect()





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• The goal of this exercise is to draw two vertical stacks of rectangles, with a set of line segments in between, as below.



EXERCISES

- The raw data are the two vectors from the previous exercises.
- Two functions are provided: spine() to generate a stack of rectangles and connector() to generate a set of line segments.

```
> spine <- function(x) {
    px <- prop(x)
    cpx <- cprop(x)
    grid.rect(y=cpx, height=px, just="top")
}
> connector <- function(x1, x2) {
    cp1 <- cprop(x1)
    cp2 <- cprop(x2)
    grid.segments(0, cp1, 1, cp2)
}</pre>
```



- You need to create three viewports: one occupying the left third of the page, one occupying the central third, and one occupying the right third.
- Draw a stack of rectangles based on the data in y1 in the left viewport, a stack of rectangles based on y2 in the right viewport, and a set of line segments in the central viewport.

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Layouts

- A layout divides a viewport into rows and columns.
- The height of each row in a layout can be specified in any coordinate system, **plus** the special "null" coordinate system, which is just for layouts. Column widths are similar.



Layouts

- Viewports can be located and sized using a layout (rather than via an explicit location and size).
- A parent viewport can have a layout and then any viewports pushed within that parent can occupy particular rows/columns of the layout.
 - > pushViewport(viewport(layout=lyt))
 - > pushViewport(viewport(layout.pos.col=3))
 - > grid.rect(gp=gpar(fill="grey"))





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• The goal of this exercise is to produce the same result as the previous exercise, except using a **layout** to position the components of the picture.





- The raw data are the same two vectors from the previous exercise.
- The spine() and connector() functions to draw the stack of rectangles and the line segments are the same as in the previous exercise.



Review

grid provides the following tools to facilitate drawing statistical plots (among other things):

- basic shapes
- units (coordinate systems) for locating and sizing shapes
- graphical parameters for controlling the appearance of shapes
- · viewports and layouts for creating local drawing contexts



EXERCISE

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• The goal of this exercise is to produce a plot composed of stacks of rectangles and sets of line segments.



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- Viewports can have **names** and a record is kept of all viewports on the page.
- The upViewport() function reverts to the parent viewport context, but leaves the current viewport on the page.
- The current.viewport() function shows the current viewport.
- The current.vpTree() function shows all viewports on a page.
- The downViewport() function can be used to return to an existing viewport on the page.

Reusing Viewports

- > pushViewport(vp)
- > grid.rect(gp=gpar(fill="grey"))


Reusing Viewports

- > upViewport()
- > grid.rect(gp=gpar(col="red", lwd=3))



> current.viewport()

viewport[ROOT]

> current.vpTree()

viewport[ROOT]->(viewport[top-right-vp])

- > downViewport("top-right-vp")
- > grid.text("back again", gp=gpar(col="red"))





- The goal of this exercise is to modify a **lattice** plot by reusing viewports.
- The modification involves adding the x-axes on the top strips.



• The data are based on the mtcars data frame.

• The original plot is produced by the following code.

> print(useOuterStrips(plot))

• The viewports that **lattice** created to draw the top two strips on this plot are called "plot_01.strip.2.2.off.vp" and "plot_01.strip.1.2.off.vp".

	plot_01.strip.1.2.off.vp	plot_01.strip.2.2.off.vp

- You need to downViewport() to the appropriate viewport and call grid.xaxis() to add the x-axis (the strip viewports have an appropriate x-scale).
- The grid.xaxis() function has an argument main; set that to FALSE to draw the axis at the top of the viewport rather than the bottom.
- Use upViewport() to navigate back to the ROOT viewport; downViewport() returns the number of viewports that it went down.

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- Drawing a basic shape with grid is a two-step process.
 - First, a graphical object, or **grob**, is created, which contains a description of the shape.
 - Second, the shape is drawn on the page.
- Grobs can have **names** and a record is kept of all grobs on the page.
- The grid.ls() function lists the grobs that have been drawn on the current page.
- The grid.edit() function can be used to access a grob, by name, and modify it.

Grobs

> pushViewport(vp)

> grid.rect(gp=gpar(fill="grey"), name="top-right-rect")



> grid.ls()

top-right-rect



- > upViewport()
- > grid.edit("top-right-rect", gp=gpar(col="red", lwd=3, fill="pink"))



Viewports

• The grid.ls() function can also lists viewports.

- > pushViewport(vp)
- > grid.rect(gp=gpar(fill="grey"), name="top-right-rect")



> grid.ls(viewports=TRUE, fullNames=TRUE)

```
viewport[ROOT]
viewport[top-right-vp]
rect[top-right-rect]
```

In addition to grid.ls() ...

- The showViewport() function draws semitransparent rectangles and labels to represent the locations of viewports on the page.
- > showViewport()



In addition to grid.ls() ...

- The showGrob() function draws semitransparent rectangles and labels to represent the locations of grobs on the page.
- > showGrob()





- The goal of this exercise is to modify a **lattice** plot by editing grobs.
- The modification involves changing the background colour of a single strip.



- The original plot is produced by the following code.
- Use grid.ls() and/or showGrob() to inspect the grobs that **lattice** has created to find the one that corresponds to the bottom strip region.
- You need to grid.edit() the appropriate grob and set its fill to be "pink".



Review

- A record is kept of the viewports and grobs that are drawn on a page.
- Viewports and grobs can have names.
- If other people name their viewports and grobs, it is easier for you to make modifications.
- If you name your viewports and grobs, it is easier for others to make modifications.



Dessert

- Do NOT assume that you have the whole page to draw into.
- Name any viewports that you create.
- Use upViewport() so that the viewports remain available for others.
- Always end up in the viewport where you started.

- A connector() function that draws line segments.
- > connector <- function(x1, x2, gp=gpar(), name=NULL) { cp1 <- cprop(x1) cp2 <- cprop(x2) grid.segments(0, cp1, 1, cp2,

gp=gp, name=name)

}

> connector(1:10, 10:1, gp=gpar(col=grey(1:10/11), lwd=3), name="connectorDemo")



• A spine() function that draws rectangles.

```
> spine <- function(x,
            gp=gpar(),
            name=NULL) {
            px <- prop(x)
            cpx <- cprop(x)
            grid.rect(y=cpx, height=px, just="top",
                gp=gp, name=name)
      }
```



- A cplot() function that draws a series of line segments and rectangles based on the columns of a data frame.
- The width argument controls the widths of the spines.

```
> cplot <- function(df, gp=gpar(), name="cplot") {</pre>
      for (i in 1:length(df)) {
          spineName <- paste(name, "spine", i, sep="-")</pre>
          pushViewport(viewport(x=unit(i, "native"),
                                 width=unit(0.5, "native"),
                                 name=spineName))
          spine(df[[i]], gp=gp, name=spineName)
          upViewport()
          if (i > 1) {
              conName <- paste(name, "con", i, sep="-")</pre>
              pushViewport(viewport(x=unit(i - 0.5, "native"),
                                      width=unit(0.5, "native"),
                                      name=conName))
              connector(df[[i - 1]], df[[i]], gp=gp, name=conName)
              upViewport()
          }
     }
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```

Some data preparation ...

```
> grid.newpage()
> pushViewport(plotViewport(c(5, 4, 2, 2),
                             xscale=c(0, 11).
                             vscale=0:1),
               viewport(clip=TRUE,
                         xscale=c(0, 11),
                         vscale=0:1))
> df <- as.data.frame(split(barley1931$yield,</pre>
                             barley1931$variety))
> cplot(df, gp=gpar(col=col, fill=fill))
> popViewport()
> grid.text(colnames(df),
            x=unit(1:10, "native"),
            y=unit(-0.5 ,"lines"),
            rot=30, just="right")
> grid.yaxis()
> grid.rect()
> popViewport()
```



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> grid.ls(viewports=TRUE, fullNames=TRUE)

viewport[ROOT] viewport[GRID.VP.114] viewport[GRID.VP.115] viewport[cplot-spine-1] rect[cplot-spine-1] upViewport[1] viewport[cplot-spine-2] rect[cplot-spine-2] upViewport[1] viewport[cplot-con-2] segments[cplot-con-2] upViewport[1] viewport[cplot-spine-3] rect[cplot-spine-3] upViewport[1] viewport[cplot-con-3] segments[cplot-con-3] upViewport[1] viewport[cplot-spine-4] rect[cplot-spine-4] upViewport[1] viewport[cplot-con-4] segments[cplot-con-4] upViewport[1] viewport[cplot-spine-5] rect[cplot-spine-5] upViewport[1] viewport[cplot-con-5] segments[cplot-con-5] upViewport[1] viewport[cplot-spine-6]

> grid.edit("con", grep=TRUE, global=TRUE, gp=gpar(lwd=3))





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- **ggplot2** creates viewports and grobs when it draws a plot, BUT ...
- ... the viewport for the plot region has a 0-to-1 scale AND ...
- ... the grobs that it creates a more complex, hierarchical objects SO ...
- ... some grid changes are not as easy to make compared to editing lattice.

Editing ggplot2

- > library(ggplot2)
- > qplot(disp, mpg, data=mtcars)
- > downViewport("panel-3-3")
- > grid.text("n=32",

```
x=unit(1, "npc") - unit(2, "mm"),
y=unit(1, "npc") - unit(2, "mm"),
just=c("right", "top"))
```




- It is possible to set a rectangular clipping region so that drawing can only occur inside that region.
- Viewports have a clip argument to indicate whether drawing should be clipped to the viewport.
- The grid.clip() function sets the clipping region within a viewport.

Clipping

- > grid.text("Clipping")
- > pushViewport(viewport(width=0.5, clip=TRUE))
- > grid.rect(gp=gpar(fill="black"))
- > grid.text("Clipping", gp=gpar(col="white"))
- > grid.clip(width=0.5)
- > grid.rect(gp=gpar(fill="grey80"))
- > grid.text("Clipping", gp=gpar(col="grey60"))



- It is possible to ask a grob about its location and size.
- The grobWidth() function returns the width of a grob. There is also grobHeight().
- The grobX() function returns an x-location on the boundary of a grob. There is also grobY().

Querying Grobs

```
> ggplot(aes(x=disp, y=mpg), data=mtcars) +
      geom_point() +
      geom_smooth(method="lm")
> downViewport("panel-3-3")
> sline <- grid.get(gPath("smooths", "polyline"),</pre>
                    grep=TRUE)
> grid.segments(.7, .8,
                grobX(sline, 45), grobY(sline, 45),
                arrow=arrow(angle=10, type="closed"),
                gp=gpar(fill="black"))
> grid.text("line of best fit",
            x=unit(.7, "npc") + unit(2, "mm"),
            v=unit(.8, "npc") + unit(2, "mm"),
            just=c("left", "bottom"))
```

Querying Grobs





Finis!