Statistics 120 Multipanel Conditioning II



Trellis Graphics

- The Trellis graphics system in R is written by Deepayan Sarkar of the University of Wisconsin, using the "Grid" graphics system written by Paul Murrell of Auckland.
- The system is a reimplementation of the the original Bell Labs Trellis system created by Bill Cleveland and Rick Becker.
- These class notes should show you all you need to know about producing simple Trellis displays.
- More extensive documentation is available on the class web site.

Choice of Colour Scheme

- The default colour scheme used by Trellis uses light colours on a medium-gray background.
- This is a bad choice of colour scheme because there is less contrast between foreground colours and the background than there might be.
- It is a good idea to use an alternative colour scheme which uses a dark colours on a white background.
 - > lset(col.whitebg())
 - > xyplot(lat ~ long | Depth, data = quakes)

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Titles and Axis Annotation

- As with all graphics it is possible to add a title and axis annotation using main=, lab= and ylab= arguments.
 - > xyplot(lat ~ long | Depth, data = quakes, main = "Tonga Trench Earthquake Locations", xlab = "Longtitude", ylab = "Lattitude")

Using Trellis Graphics in R

- The trellis graphics system exists in parallel with the normal R graphics system.
- You cannot mix commands from the two systems, but Trellis provides equivalents to most of the normal graphics system commands.
- In order to produce Trellis plots you must load the "Lattice" library.
 - > library(lattice)

A Trellis Example

- This example shows a series of scatter plots of earthquake foci corresponding to various depth intervals.
- This is a minimal Trellis plot example, with no customisation.

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> xyplot(lat ~ long | Depth, data = quakes)
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Layout Control

- By default, Trellis usually chooses a good plot layout, but sometimes it is useful to override the choice using the layout argument.
- The layout argument should be a vector of three values giving the number of rows, number of columns and number of pages desired for the display.
- For example, we can rearrange the earthquake plot as follows:



Aspect Ratio Control

- The panels in the previous plot are rather too tall relative to their widths.
- By default, plots are sized so that they they occupy the full surface of the output window.
- This can changed by specifying the aspect ratio for the plots.



Trellis Examples

- For the rest of the lecture we will look at a variety of examples of Trellis plots.
- This is really just scratching the surface of what can be done with trellis.

Death Rates by Gender and Location

- In this example we'll look at the Virginia death rate data.
- The data values are death rates per 1000 of population cross-classified by age and population group.
- We are intested in how death rate changes with age and how the death rates in the different population groups compare.

Data Manipulation

- The data values are stored by R as a matrix.
- We first have to turn the death rates into a vector and create the cross-classifying factors.
 - > data(VADeaths)
 - > rate = as.vector(VADeaths)
 - > age = row(VADeaths, as.factor=TRUE)
 - > group = col(VADeaths, as.factor=TRUE)

Display 1

- We start by displaying deaths against age, conditional on population group.
- The command below uses layout to force the panels to be stacked above each other to make comparisons easy.



- The second display is better than the first, but can improve it with a different ordering of the panels.
- We'll arange the panels in a 2×2 array.
- This will allow us to make direct male/female and urban/rural comparisons.



Display 2

- The first display is hard to read because the variantion within each age group is "noisy."
- We could try to get around this by ordering the population categories differently.
- Alternatively we can interchange the roles of the cross-classifying variables.



Display 4

- The previous displays presented the data in "dotchart" displays.
- There are other alternatives, barcharts for example.





Heights of Singers

- In this example we'll examine the heights of the members of a large choral society.
- The values are in a data set called singer which is in the Lattice data library. They can be loaded with the data command once the Lattice library is loaded.
- The variables are named height (inches) and voice.part.





Measurement of Exhaust from Burning Ethanol

- The ethanol data frame records 88 measurements (rows) for three variables (columns) NOx , C , and E from an experiment in which ethanol was burned in a single cylinder automobile test engine.
- NOx gives the concentration of nitric oxide (NO) and nitrogen dioxide (NO2) in engine exhaust, normalised by the work done by the engine.
- C gives the compression ratio of the engine.
- E gives the equivalence ratio at which the engine was run a measure of the richness of the air/ethanol mix.

We can get a basic idea of the form of the relatioship between the variables using a simple conditioning plot. > data(ethanol) > EE = equal.count(ethanol\$E, number=9, overlap=1/4) > xyplot(NOx ~ C | EE, data = ethanol)

Exploring the Relationship



A More Complex Plot

- We can enhance the previous plot by adding a smooth line through the points in each panel.
- This is done using the lowess smoother.

