

R

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Despite the fact that R has almost no graphical interface, its capabilities at producing high quality graphical outputs are probably even more than we will ever need. Just to give ourselves an idea of the variety of graphics we can draw:

```
> demo(graphics)
```

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- The graphics facilities can be used in both interactive and batch modes, but in most cases, interactive use is more productive.
- Interactive use is also easy because at startup time R initiates a graphics device driver which opens a special graphics window for the display of interactive graphics.
- Although this is done automatically, it is useful to know that the command used is `X11()` under UNIX, `windows()` under Windows and `quartz()` under Mac OS X.
- Once the device driver is running, R plotting commands can be used to produce a variety of graphical displays and to create entirely new kinds of display.
- Plotting commands are divided into three basic groups:

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- ▶ **High-level plotting functions** create a new plot on the graphics device, possibly with axes, labels, titles and so on.
 - ▶ **Low-level plotting functions** add more information to an existing plot, such as extra points, lines and labels.
 - ▶ **Interactive graphics functions** allow you interactively add information to, or extract information from, an existing plot, using a pointing device such as a mouse.
- In addition, R maintains a list of graphical parameters which can be manipulated to customize your plots.
 - Basic graphical parameters can be changed using the function `par()`, be careful since this parameters are applied for **ALL** graphs.

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- We know already that R uses default graphic devices: `X11()` under UNIX, `windows()` and `quartz()` under Mac OS X.
- To open any of this graphic devices you just have to call `X11()`, and R will open the appropriate device.
- We can open graphic devices pointing to files with the appropriate functions: `postscript()`, `pdf()`, `png()`
- Lets open three independent graphic devices
 - > `x11()`
 - > `x11()`
 - > `pdf()`
- Now list them
 - > `dev.list()`

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- When we open several devices, by default R will modify the last one. So we need to be able to know where we are drawing and change it.

```
> dev.cur()
```

```
> dev.set(3)
```

- Once the graph is done, we need to close the device specially if we are using a file, the pdf will be blank till we close the device

```
> dev.off(2)
```

```
> dev.off()
```

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- The graphic device is like your canvas, and you can change the distribution, and draw more than one graph on it.

```
> x11()  
> split.screen(c(1, 2))
```

- We can select where to draw

```
> screen(1)  
> screen(2)
```

- We can split the window into a matrix.

```
> layout(matrix(1:4, 2, 2))  
> mat <- matrix(1:4, 2, 2)  
> mat  
> layout(mat)
```

- Cool, so far we just believe this is happening

```
> layout.show(4)
```


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- Divide the device in 6 parts, distributed in 2 columns
- Now the 6 parts in 3 columns
- Divide the device in 3, where 2 parts are in one column

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- We haven't used the `byrow` parameter of the `matrix()` function, for this reason the sub-devices are numbered by columns, to change this just specify `matrix(..., byrow=TRUE)`.
- However, you can number the sub-devices as you want `matrix(c(2, 1, 4, 3), 2, 2)`
- By default `layout()` divides the device in regular dimensions, this can be changed modifying parameters `widths` and `heights`

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```
> m <- matrix(1:4, 2, 2)
> layout(m, widths = c(1, 3), heights = c(3,
+      1))
> layout.show(4)
> m <- matrix(1:4, 2, 2)
> layout(m, widths = c(1, 3), heights = c(3,
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> layout.show(4)
```

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- High-level plotting functions are designed to generate a complete plot of the data passed as arguments to the function.
- Where appropriate, axes, labels and titles are automatically generated (unless you request otherwise.)
- High-level plotting commands always start a new plot, erasing the current plot if necessary
- There are several functions available in R, and some packages include their own

<code>plot(x)</code>	graphs values of x (in y axis) ordered on the x axis
<code>plot(x, y)</code>	graphics bivariate data of x (x axis) and y (y axis)
<code>piechart(x)</code>	pie chart
<code>boxplot(x)</code>	box-and-whiskers chart

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Now lets use the `plot()` function, imagine we have the data of the genome size of some phages ¹

```
> fagos <- c(33.2, 180.5, 280.3, 244.8,  
+           252.4, 178.2, 211.2, 196.2, 176.8,  
+           185.7)  
  
> plot(fagos)
```

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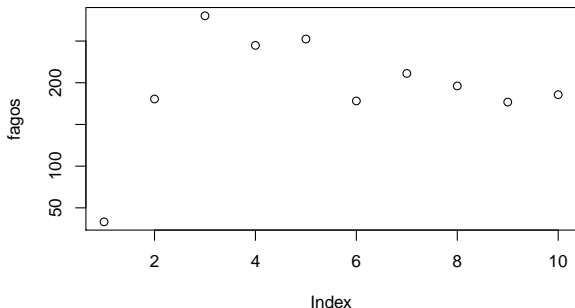
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What happen if we sort the vector?

```
> plot(sort(fagos))
```

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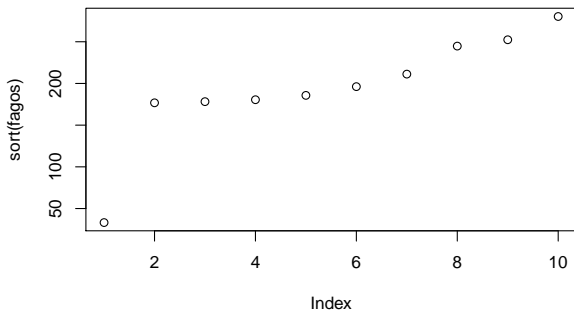
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¹Example from Leonardo Collado.

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Check out the help for `plot()`, what parameters can help you to pimp your graph?

```
> help(plot)
```

Now lets change the color of the points

```
> plot(fagos, col = "blue")
```


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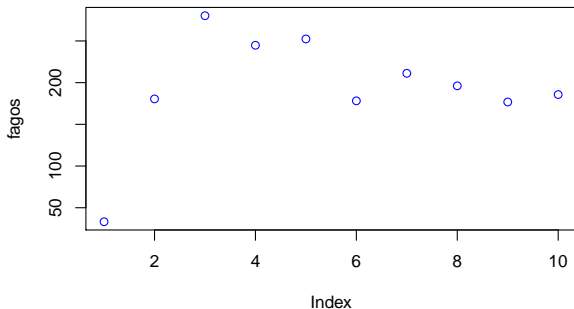
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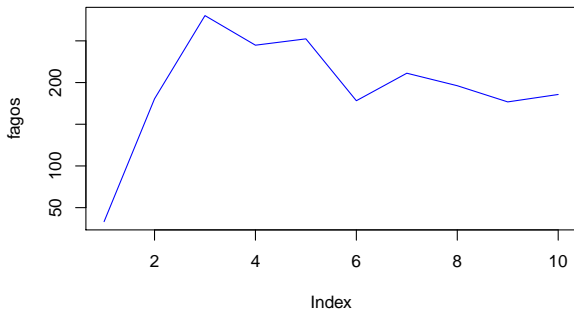


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And if we don't want points?

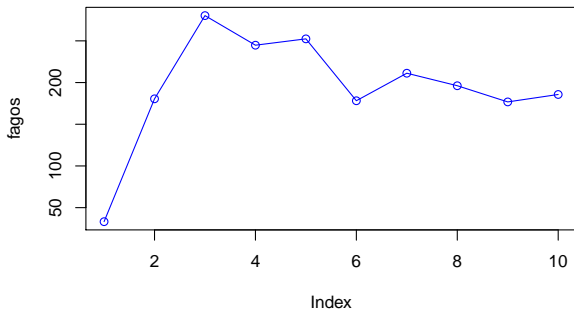
```
> plot(fagos, col = "blue", type = "l")
```



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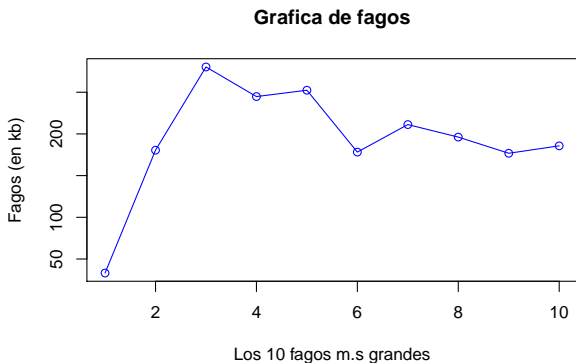
May be we want points connected with the line
> `plot(fagos, col = "blue", type = "o")`



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How can we add the labels and title?



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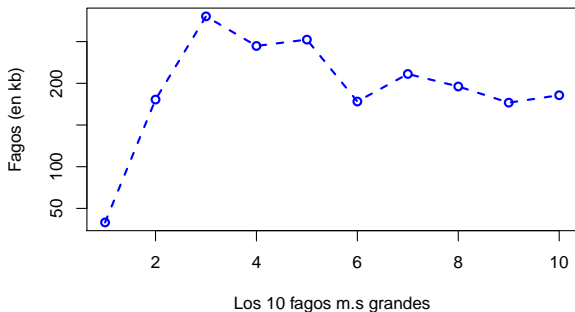
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You can also change the type of line and the width of it, how?

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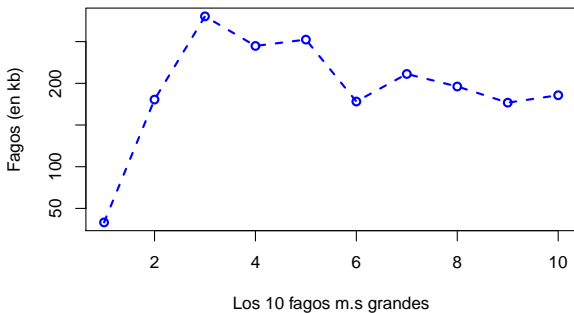


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Use `col.main` and change the color of the title

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- Sometimes the high-level plotting functions don't produce exactly the kind of plot you desire.
- In this case, low-level plotting commands can be used to add extra information (such as points, lines or text) to the current plot.
- Low-level command won't open the graphical device, so you might have to use a simple high-level command first.
- Some of the more useful low-level plotting functions are:

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<code>points(x, y)</code>	<code>lines(x, y)</code>	Adds points or connected lines to the current plot. ²
<code>text(x, y, labels, ...)</code>		Add text to a plot at points given by x, y.
<code>abline(a, b)</code>	<code>abline(h=y)</code>	Adds a line of slope b and intercept a to the current plot
<code>abline(v=x)</code>		
<code>legend(x, y, legend, ...)</code>		Adds a legend to the current plot at the specified position
<code>title(main, sub)</code>		Adds a title main to the top of the current plot in a large font and (optionally) a sub-title sub at the bottom in a smaller font.
<code>axis(side, ...)</code>		Adds an axis to the current plot on the side given by the first argument (1 to 4, counting clockwise from the bottom.)

Remember we already know how to use this

```
> x <- seq(0, 1, 0.05)
> plot(x, x, ylab = "y", type = "l")
> for (j in 2:8) {
+   lines(x, x^j)
+ }
```


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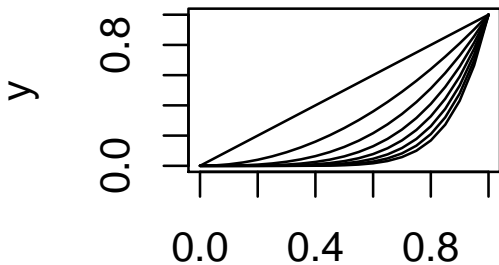
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Lets take our phages graph and improve it with low-level commands.

Imagine we want to know if there is a lineal tendency of genome size between the phages.

```
> fagos2 <- seq(25, 250, by = 25)
> plot(fagos, ylab = "Fagos (en kb)",
+       main = "Grafica de fagos", xlab = "Los 10 fagos",
+       col = "blue", type = "o", lty = 2,
+       lwd = 2, col.main = "red")
> lines(fagos2, col = "forest green",
+       type = "o", lty = 2, lwd = 1.5,
+       pch = 18)
```

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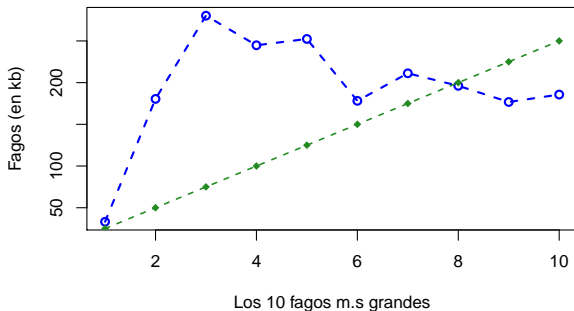
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Now, we want to highlight the values higher than 200kbs

```
> plot(fagos, ylab = "Fagos (en kb)",  
+      main = "Grafica de fagos", xlab = "Los 10 fagos",  
+      col = "blue", type = "o", lty = 2,  
+      lwd = 2, col.main = "red")  
> lines(fagos2, col = "forest green",  
+      type = "o", lty = 2, lwd = 1.5,  
+      pch = 18)  
> abline(a = 200, b = 0, col = "red")
```

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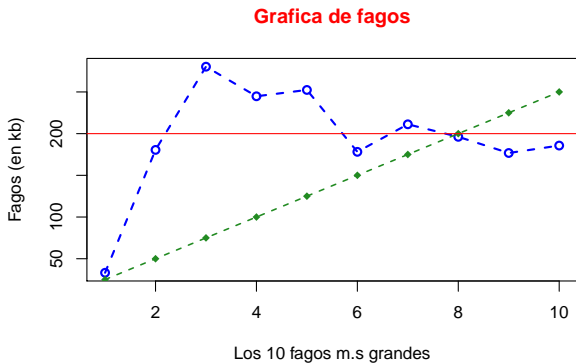
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There are more parameters that affect directly the graphic environment and to tune this parameters you have to use the function `par()`

```
> par(bg = "yellow")  
> `?`(par)
```

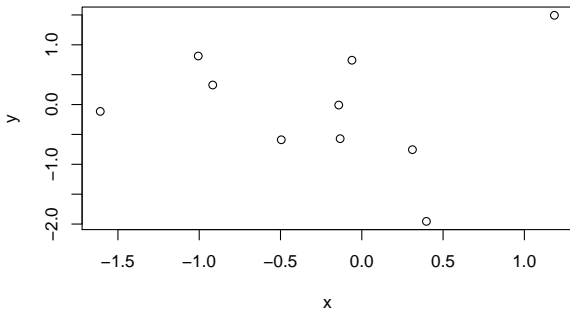
Remember all editing of the function `par()` will affect all future plots, so if you actually setted the background to yellow, all your graphs will be yellow from now on. Now let's Practice

- Create two vectors with 10 random numbers each from the normal distribution

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- Plot them using one vector for x axis and the other one for the y axis



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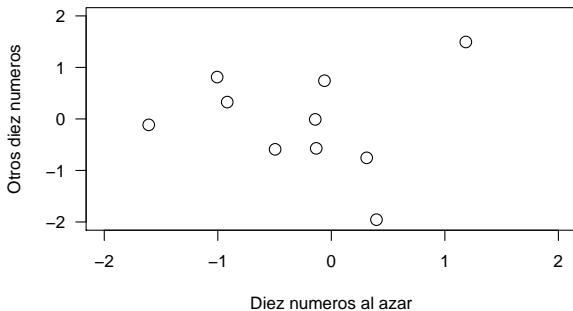
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- Now move the x and y limits, and set them between -2 and 2

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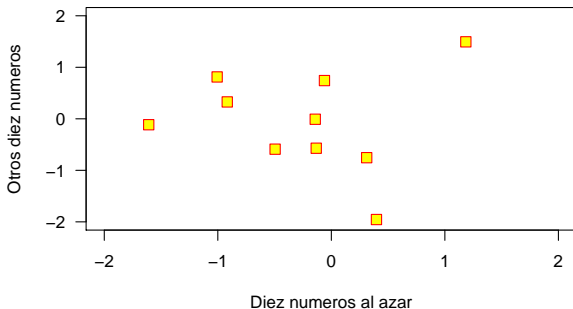


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- Now instead of boring circles lets use yellow with red squares, use parameters `pch` and `bg`

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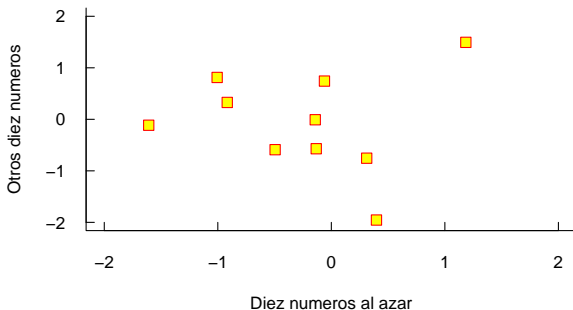


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- To edit the square drawn around the plot use `bty` and `tc1`. What are these two parameters doing?

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- We have been using for the last graphs the parameters `las` and `cex`, What for?

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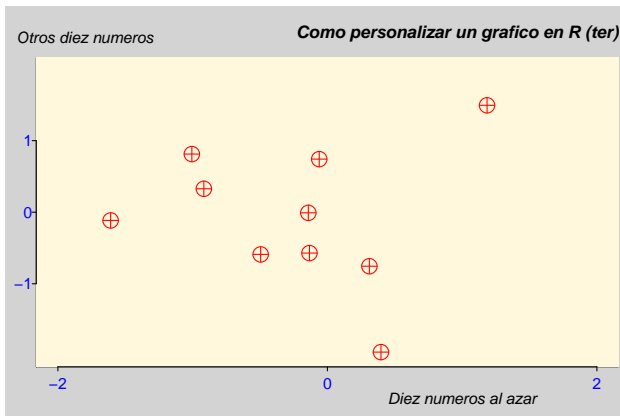
Now using parameters on command `par()` and low-level commands, re-do the graph

- with a light gray background color
- Use function `mar()` to move the margins 2.5, 1.5, 2.5, 0.25, this is South, West, North, East.
- With none black axis
- The title must be added with the lower command `title()`, so you can use a nice font color
- With `rect()` draw a square of 3x3 surrounding the background of the central area of the graph.
- Use `points()` to draw the x,y points.
- Use `axis()` to draw the axis y from -2 to 2 and the axis x from -1 and 1.

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- Use `mtext()` to put the labels on the axis.



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We have data of how much the leaves of a plant have grown with high CO₂

```
> workingDir <- "/Users/amedina/Documents/PHD/Sem7/Cu
> w1 <- read.csv(file = paste(sep = "",
+   workingDir, "/w1.dat"), sep = ",",
+   head = TRUE)
> names(w1)

[1] "vals"

> len <- length(as.vector(w1[, 1]))
> barplot(as.vector(w1[, 1]), main = "Leaves",
+   ylab = "Grow", col = rainbow(len))
```

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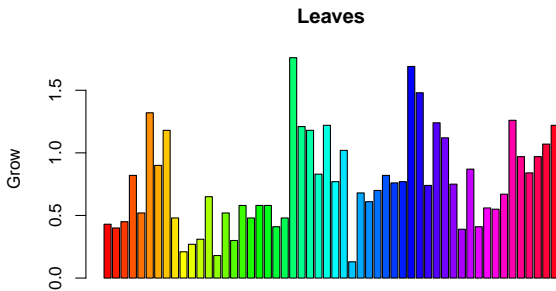
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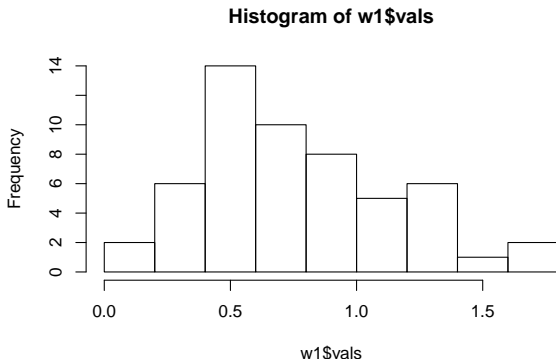
Why did we have to transform the data?

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- There is an specific function for drawing histograms, remember that on histograms data is grouped.

```
> hist(w1$vals)
```

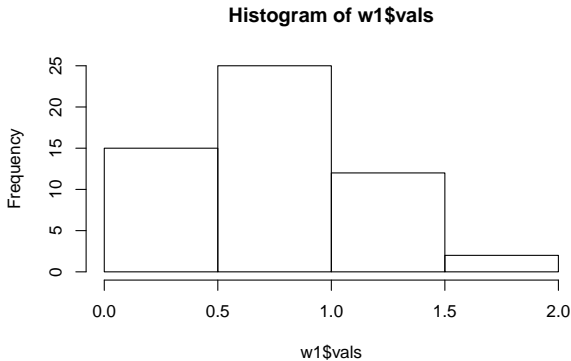


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- Automatically R sets the groups, but we can specify them

```
> hist(w1$vals, breaks = 4)
```



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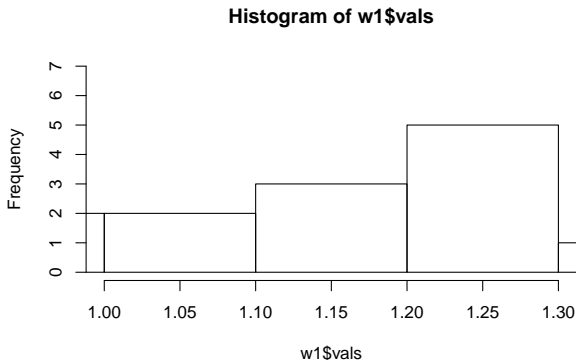
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```
> hist(w1$vals, breaks = 12, xlim = c(1,  
+ 1.3))
```



- Why is the last graph incomplete?

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The box plot of an observation variable is a graphical representation based on its quartiles, as well as its smallest and largest values. It attempts to provide a visual shape of the data distribution. We will draw a box plot using the leaves data.

```
> boxplot(w1)
```

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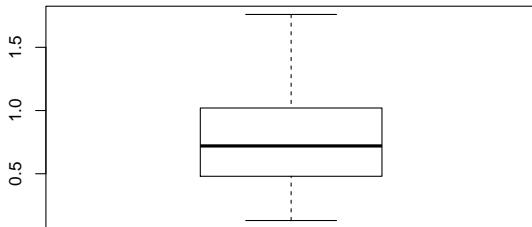
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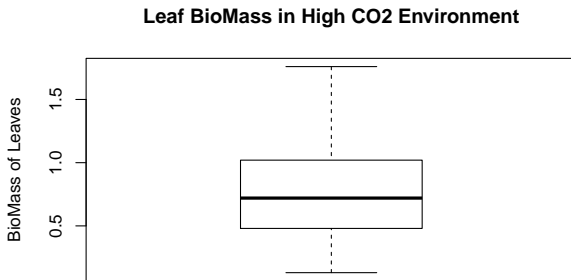


- Add a title for the plot

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- Add a legend to the y axis

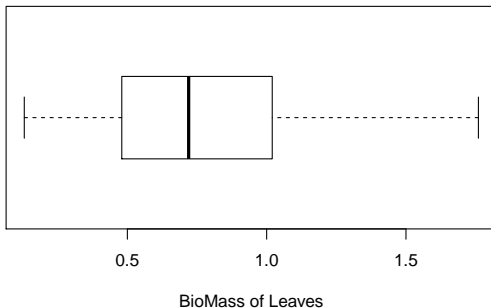


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- Draw the box-plot in an horizontal way

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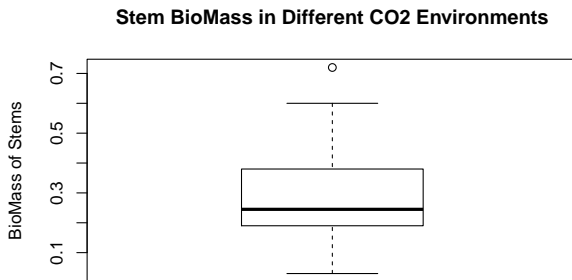
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- Now load the tree data and draw a box-plot with the STMB data



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- Before describing the library, let's install it, we will also install a package for the example.

```
> install.packages("lattice")  
> install.packages("mlmRev")
```
- Lattice is an add-on library for the R statistical computing environment.
- Provides a set of **high-level** graphic functions as alternatives to the R base graphics functions such as `plot()`, `text()`, `points()`, etc for the construction of statistical graphics (plots).

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- High-level lattice functions like `xypplot()` are different from traditional R graphics functions in that they do not perform any plotting themselves. Instead, they return an object, of class "trellis", which has to be then print-ed or plot-ted to create the actual plot.
- It is usually not necessary to explicitly carry out the printing step, and lattice functions appear to behave like their traditional counterparts.
- The automatic plotting is suppressed when the high-level functions are called inside another function (most often `source()`) or in other contexts where automatic printing is suppressed (e.g., for or while loops). In such situations, an explicit call to `print()` or `plot()` is required.

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- The `lattice` package is based on the Grid graphics engine and requires the `grid` add-on package. One consequence of this is that it is not (readily) compatible with traditional R graphics tools.
- **In particular, changing `par()` settings usually has no effect on Lattice plots**; `lattice` provides its own interface for querying and modifying an extensive set of graphical and non-graphical settings.
- `lattice()` uses the formula syntax

Example

Formula syntax

$$y \sim x^{16} \quad (1)$$

$$y \sim x|z \quad (2)$$

- First formula means we will graph y according to the value in x to the 16th
- Second formula means, we will graph y according to the values in x , in different graphs depending on the values of Z .
- Z should be here a factor. Why?

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- Now lets load the library

```
> library(lattice)
```
- We will now load the following data and follow the BioC2008 lattice lab ³.

```
> data(Chem97, package = "mlmRev")
```
- Which is the class of Chem97?
- Chem97 data contains variables: score, gcscscore and gender
- Lets compare the usual histogram function with the lattice histogram function using the variable gcscscore

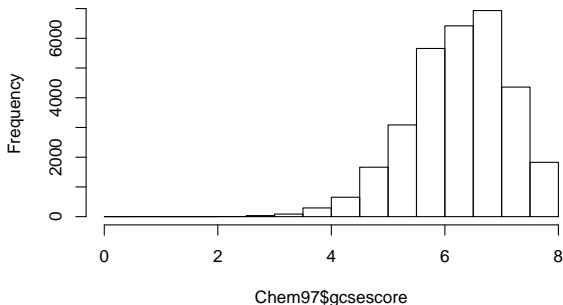
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```
> hist(Chem97$gcsescore)
```

Histogram of Chem97\$gcsescore



```
> print(histogram(~gcsescore, data = Chem97))
```

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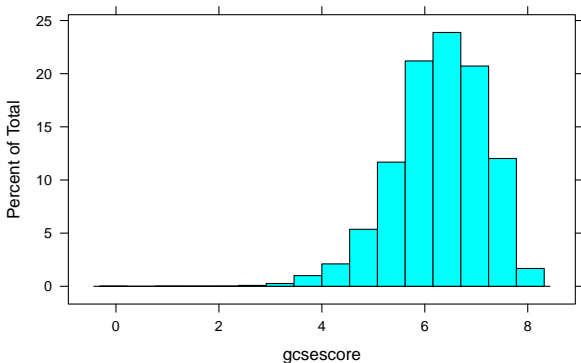
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- Since the variable score only contains values 0,2,4,6,8 and 10 we can use it as a factor

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- So changing the score variable data type to factor we can plot the formula

$$\sim gcsescore|score \quad (3)$$

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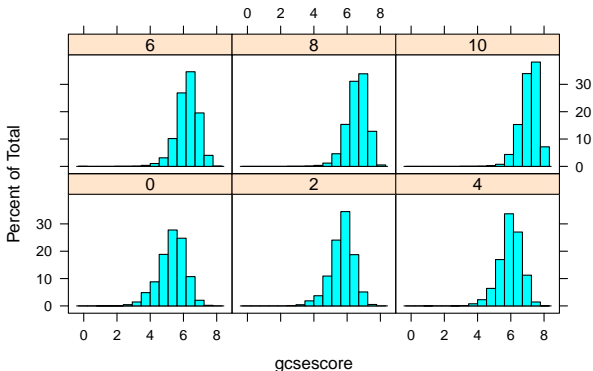
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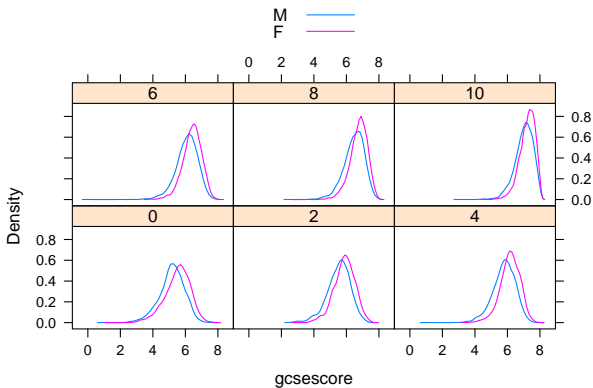


- Now we want to add the gender variable, but to plot two histograms on the same graph is not trivial.
- So now we use density lines !

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```
> print(densityplot(~gcsescore | factor(score),  
+ Chem97, groups = gender, plot.points = FALSE,  
+ auto.key = TRUE))
```



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- An other graph that is widely used to compare distributions is the Q-Q graph.
- In statistics, a Q-Q plot ("Q" stands for quantile) is a probability plot, which is a graphical method for comparing two probability distributions by plotting their quantiles against each other.
- Now lets draw a q-q plot for our data.

```
> print(qq(gender ~ gcsescore | factor(score),  
+         Chem97, f.value = ppoints(100),  
+         type = c("p", "g"), aspect = 1))
```

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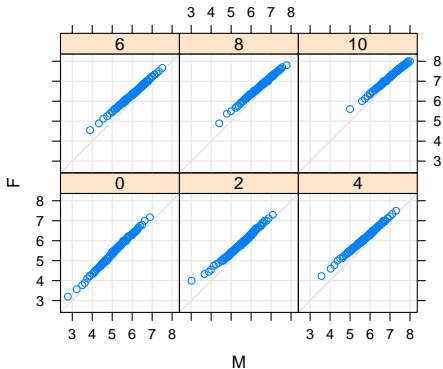
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- `lattice` provides a wide gallery of plot functions, we won't see them all, we have so far checked out the very basic ones.
- If you are more interested on `lattice` graphs the book *Lattice: Multivariate Data Visualization* by Deepayan Sarkar can help you, there are several copies on the CCG library
- In the future you'll discover that this presentation is not enough help to draw the final figure for your paper, but you can find a lot of help in the [R Graph Gallery](#) , where you will find graphs you never imagin.