

Data Visualization (part 2)

Intermediate graphing techniques with ggplot2

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`ggplot2` = a grammar for data visualization



Load the packages



```
install.packages("tidyverse")  
library(tidyverse)
```

Outline



Recap `ggplot2`

Graphing preliminaries

- *Data Wrangling*
- *Tidying*

Variable Distributions

- *Histograms, density plots, violin plots*

Line Graphs

Adding Text

- *Annotations, labeling values*

Reference Lines

Advanced Faceting

- *`facet_wrap()`, `facet_wrap_paginate()`, `facet_geo()`*

Resources

Link to slides

<https://mjfrigaard.github.io/csuc-data-journalism/slides.html>

Link to exercises

<https://mjfrigaard.github.io/csuc-data-journalism/lessons.html>

Recap of `ggplot2`



Recap of `ggplot2`



In the previous lesson, we covered:

1) The grammar of graphics

- `ggplot2` is a language of *layers*, organized linearly
- `ggplot2`'s layers give us a "*linear ordering of phrases*" to build an infinite number of graphs "*which convey a gnarly network of ideas.*"
- **"Infinitely extensible"**

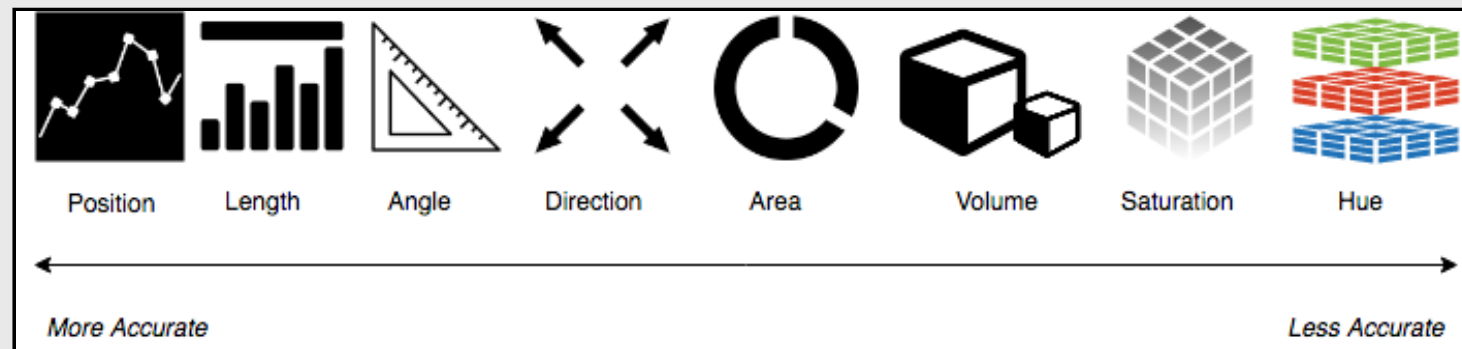
Recap of `ggplot2` (cont)



In the previous lesson, we covered:

2) Identifying graph aesthetics

position (x and y), size, color, shape, etc.



Recap of `ggplot2` (cont)



In the previous lesson, we covered:

3) Recognizing and using `geoms`

- Scatter plot = `geom_point()`
- Box plot = `geom_boxplot()`
- Line graph = `geom_line()`
- Bar graph = `geom_histogram()`, `geom_bar()`, `geom_col()`

Recap of `ggplot2` (cont)



4) Labels and factes (exercises)

- **Build labels first!**
- Facet for subplots of levels in a grouping variable

Before we start...





Things to consider (1)

Recognize the needs of your audience

level of data literacy, subject matter expertise, etc.

Check and communicate data quality with stakeholders

let them know the good and the bad news

Identify the correct data visualization (based on the data)

single variable, bivariate, and multivariate graphs

Things to consider (2)



Incorporate feedback from stakeholders/audience into graphs

ask them to be part of the process

Design visualizations with the appropriate detail and annotations

inform (and do not mislead) the audience



Getting started

1) Clearly define the question or problem

- Start with a general goal, broad question, or novel problem
- Move towards specific tasks

2) Matching the measurements to metrics

- '*Measurements*' are what we care about
- '*Metrics*' are the available data

COVID and Transportation Habits



Example: How has COVID changed our modes of transportation?

What kind of measurements would these be?

how are people traveling (walk, drive, etc.)

What would these data look like?

*what would the **columns** and **rows** look like?*





Apple Mobility Data

Fortunately, these data exist!

Apple released mobility data:

<https://covid19.apple.com/mobility>

Import these data below:

```
AppleMobRaw <- readr::read_csv("https://bit.ly/36tTVpe")
```

*Use **Raw** as a prefix or suffix for data in it's most 'raw' state*

Raw Apple Mobility Data



```
AppleMobRaw %>% View("Apple")
```

Dataset

Variables

	geo_type	region	transportation_type	sub-region	country	2020-01-13	2020-01-14	2020-01-15	2020-01-16	2020-01-17	2020-01-18	2020-01-19	2020-01-20	2020-01-21	2020-01-22	2020-01-23	2020-01-24
1	country/region	Albania	driving	NA	NA	100	95.30	101.43	97.20	103.55	112.67	104.83	94.39	94.07	93.51	92.94	10
2	country/region	Albania	walking	NA	NA	100	100.68	98.93	98.46	100.85	100.13	82.13	95.65	97.78	95.39	94.24	9
3	country/region	Argentina	driving	NA	NA	100	97.07	102.45	111.21	118.45	124.01	95.44	95.13	95.42	97.66	99.42	11
4	country/region	Argentina	walking	NA	NA	100	95.11	101.37	112.67	116.72	114.14	84.54	101.37	106.12	104.91	102.56	10
5	country/region	Australia	driving	NA	NA	100	102.98	104.21	108.63	109.08	89.00	99.35	103.53	106.80	107.40	115.65	10
6	country/region	Australia	transit	NA	NA	100	101.78	100.64	99.58	98.34	86.97	99.87	107.29	109.13	107.03	106.64	10
7	country/region	Australia	walking	NA	NA	100	101.31	101.82	104.52	113.73	100.24	98.57	104.38	108.51	103.88	112.40	11
8	country/region	Austria	driving	NA	NA	100	101.14	104.24	112.21	117.23	117.22	105.17	100.70	102.67	104.33	107.89	12
9	country/region	Austria	walking	NA	NA	100	101.55	105.59	112.24	123.36	131.05	89.93	100.60	103.30	105.28	110.89	13
10	country/region	Belgium	driving	NA	NA	100	101.19	107.49	107.67	117.38	119.32	102.68	103.67	107.83	110.00	108.65	11
11	country/region	Belgium	transit	NA	NA	100	98.67	105.01	105.87	113.55	110.73	100.53	105.62	110.39	114.35	111.03	11
12	country/region	Belgium	walking	NA	NA	100	101.46	110.44	118.86	139.10	174.99	111.72	105.08	113.37	119.64	118.63	14
13	country/region	Brazil	driving	NA	NA	100	99.71	100.90	101.88	113.69	114.38	91.06	97.54	98.14	97.91	98.51	10
14	country/region	Brazil	transit	NA	NA	100	102.45	104.28	100.20	97.06	81.01	69.05	100.37	109.18	106.12	102.51	9
15	country/region	Brazil	walking	NA	NA	100	106.30	104.75	99.05	104.13	101.18	69.84	97.33	105.36	102.28	95.88	10
16	country/region	Bulgaria	driving	NA	NA	100	102.56	104.73	104.35	114.79	118.01	105.42	100.78	99.44	103.52	106.11	11
17	country/region	Bulgaria	walking	NA	NA	100	101.90	99.61	100.06	117.97	128.66	99.64	105.30	98.60	104.38	109.35	13
18	country/region	Cambodia	driving	NA	NA	100	100.75	99.33	96.00	98.78	103.64	99.16	97.65	96.87	95.13	81.87	8
19	country/region	Cambodia	walking	NA	NA	100	98.06	99.70	98.00	106.81	106.84	106.98	102.84	100.70	103.34	100.77	10
20	country/region	Canada	driving	NA	NA	100	102.91	99.74	105.17	122.34	102.50	84.46	102.63	104.31	107.37	110.29	12

Wrangling Apple Mobility Data



Wrangling Apple Mobility Data



What variables do we have?

How are these variables formatted?

How do we need to change them?

...with a focus on answering our question

View Apple Mobility Data (head)



```
AppleMobRaw %>% head()
```

geo_type <chr>	region <chr>	transportation_type <chr>	sub-region <chr>	country <chr>
country/region	Albania	driving	NA	NA
country/region	Albania	walking	NA	NA
country/region	Argentina	driving	NA	NA
country/region	Argentina	walking	NA	NA
country/region	Australia	driving	NA	NA
country/region	Australia	transit	NA	NA

6 rows | 1-5 of 322 columns

View Apple Mobility Data (tail)



```
AppleMobRaw %>% tail()
```

geo_type	region	transportation_type	sub-region
<chr>	<chr>	<chr>	<chr>
county	York County	walking	South Carolina
county	York County	walking	Pennsylvania
county	Young County	driving	Texas
county	Yuba County	driving	California
county	Yuma County	driving	Arizona
county	Yuma County	walking	Arizona

6 rows | 1-4 of 322 columns

Tidying Apple Mobility Data



Tidy dates and mobility into `date` and `dir_request` ('relative usage of directions')

```
AppleMobRaw %>% tidyr::pivot_longer(cols = -c(geo_type:country),  
  names_to = "date", values_to = "dir_request") %>%  
  head(5)
```

geo_type <chr>	region <chr>	transportation_type <chr>	sub-region <chr>	country <chr>
country/region	Albania	driving	NA	NA
country/region	Albania	driving	NA	NA
country/region	Albania	driving	NA	NA
country/region	Albania	driving	NA	NA
country/region	Albania	driving	NA	NA

5 rows | 1-5 of 7 columns

Manipulate Apple Mobility Data



Remove missing values in `country` and `sub-region` and `clean_names()`

```
AppleMobRaw %>%
  tidyr::pivot_longer(cols = -c(geo_type:country),
    names_to = "date", values_to = "dir_request") %>%
  # remove missing country data
  dplyr::filter(!is.na(country) & !is.na(`sub-region`)) %>%
  # clean names
  janitor::clean_names() %>% View("TidyApple")
```


Create a 'TidyApple' Mobility Dataset!



Assign the output from `pivot_longer()`, `filter()`, and `clean_names()` to `TidyApple`

```
TidyApple <- AppleMobRaw %>%
  tidyr::pivot_longer(
    cols = -c(geo_type:country),
    names_to = "date",
    values_to = "dir_request") %>%
  # remove missing country data
  dplyr::filter(!is.na(country) &
    !is.na(`sub-region`)) %>%
  # clean names
  janitor::clean_names()
TidyApple
```

names_to =

values_to =

	geo_type	region	transportation_type	sub_region	country	date	dir_request
1	city	Aachen	driving	North Rhine-Westphalia	Germany	2020-01-13	100.00
2	city	Aachen	driving	North Rhine-Westphalia	Germany	2020-01-14	100.73
3	city	Aachen	driving	North Rhine-Westphalia	Germany	2020-01-15	102.86
4	city	Aachen	driving	North Rhine-Westphalia	Germany	2020-01-16	102.65
5	city	Aachen	driving	North Rhine-Westphalia	Germany	2020-01-17	109.39
6	city	Aachen	driving	North Rhine-Westphalia	Germany	2020-01-18	109.62
7	city	Aachen	driving	North Rhine-Westphalia	Germany	2020-01-19	98.21
8	city	Aachen	driving	North Rhine-Westphalia	Germany	2020-01-20	102.74
9	city	Aachen	driving	North Rhine-Westphalia	Germany	2020-01-21	103.85
10	city	Aachen	driving	North Rhine-Westphalia	Germany	2020-01-22	102.01
11	city	Aachen	driving	North Rhine-Westphalia	Germany	2020-01-23	101.40
12	city	Aachen	driving	North Rhine-Westphalia	Germany	2020-01-24	107.57
13	city	Aachen	driving	North Rhine-Westphalia	Germany	2020-01-25	109.13
14	city	Aachen	driving	North Rhine-Westphalia	Germany	2020-01-26	97.51
15	city	Aachen	driving	North Rhine-Westphalia	Germany	2020-01-27	101.64
16	city	Aachen	driving	North Rhine-Westphalia	Germany	2020-01-28	100.59
17	city	Aachen	driving	North Rhine-Westphalia	Germany	2020-01-29	103.33
18	city	Aachen	driving	North Rhine-Westphalia	Germany	2020-01-30	104.31
19	city	Aachen	driving	North Rhine-Westphalia	Germany	2020-01-31	113.82
20	city	Aachen	driving	North Rhine-Westphalia	Germany	2020-02-01	113.59



TidyApple: Format Variables

- + `date` needs to be formatted as a `date`
- + rename `transportation_type` to `trans_type`

```
TidyApple <- TidyApple %>%  
  mutate(date = lubridate::ymd(date)) %>%  
  rename(trans_type = transportation_type)
```

TidyApple: Check Formatted Variables



Re-check `TidyApple` data.

```
glimpse(TidyApple)
```

```
Rows: 1,055,293
Columns: 7
$ geo_type      <chr> "city", "city", "city", "city", "city", "city", "city", "c...
$ region       <chr> "Aachen", "Aachen", "Aachen", "Aachen", "Aachen", "Aachen"...
$ trans_type   <chr> "driving", "driving", "driving", "driving", "driving", "dr...
$ sub_region   <chr> "North Rhine-Westphalia", "North Rhine-Westphalia", "North...
$ country      <chr> "Germany", "Germany", "Germany", "Germany", "Germany", "Ge...
$ date        <date> 2020-01-13, 2020-01-14, 2020-01-15, 2020-01-16, 2020-01-1...
$ dir_request  <dbl> 100.00, 100.73, 102.86, 102.65, 109.39, 109.62, 98.21, 102...
```

Now we can see `trans_type` and `date` are formatted correctly

TidyApple: Counting



“data science is mostly counting things” - `tabyl` vignette

Count the `trans_type` variable with `dplyr::count()`

Add the `sort = TRUE` argument to arrange the counts descending

```
TidyApple %>%  
  count(trans_type)
```

trans_type	n
<chr>	<int>
driving	743682
transit	106512
walking	205099

3 rows

```
TidyApple %>%  
  count(trans_type, sort = TRUE)
```

trans_type	n
<chr>	<int>
driving	743682
walking	205099
transit	106512

3 rows

Visualizing Variable Distributions



What kinds of question(s) do graphs like these answer?



What does the distribution of direction requests look like?

What is the distribution of `dir_request`? We will explore this with a histogram.

Labels!!

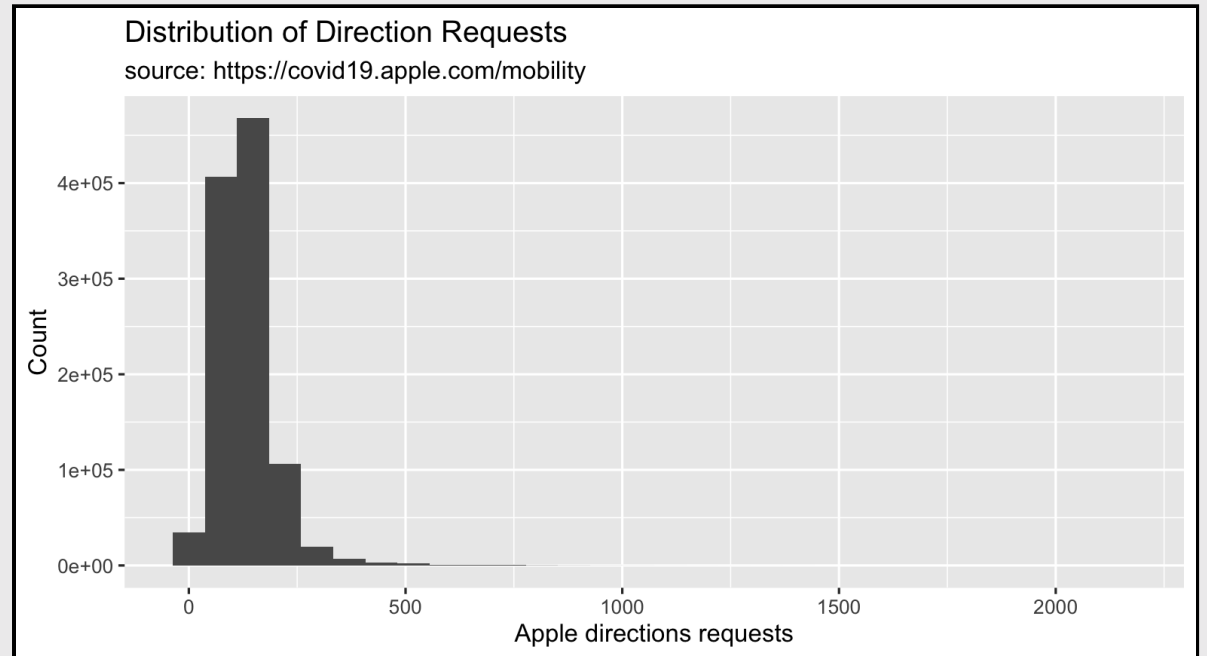
```
lab_hist <- labs(x = "Apple directions requests",  
                y = "Count",  
                title = "Distribution of Direction Requests",  
                subtitle = "source: https://covid19.apple.com/mobility")
```

Histogram = single variable distributions



Create a histogram of `dir_request` with the code below:

```
TidyApple %>% ggplot() +  
  geom_histogram(aes(x = dir_request)) +  
  lab_hist
```

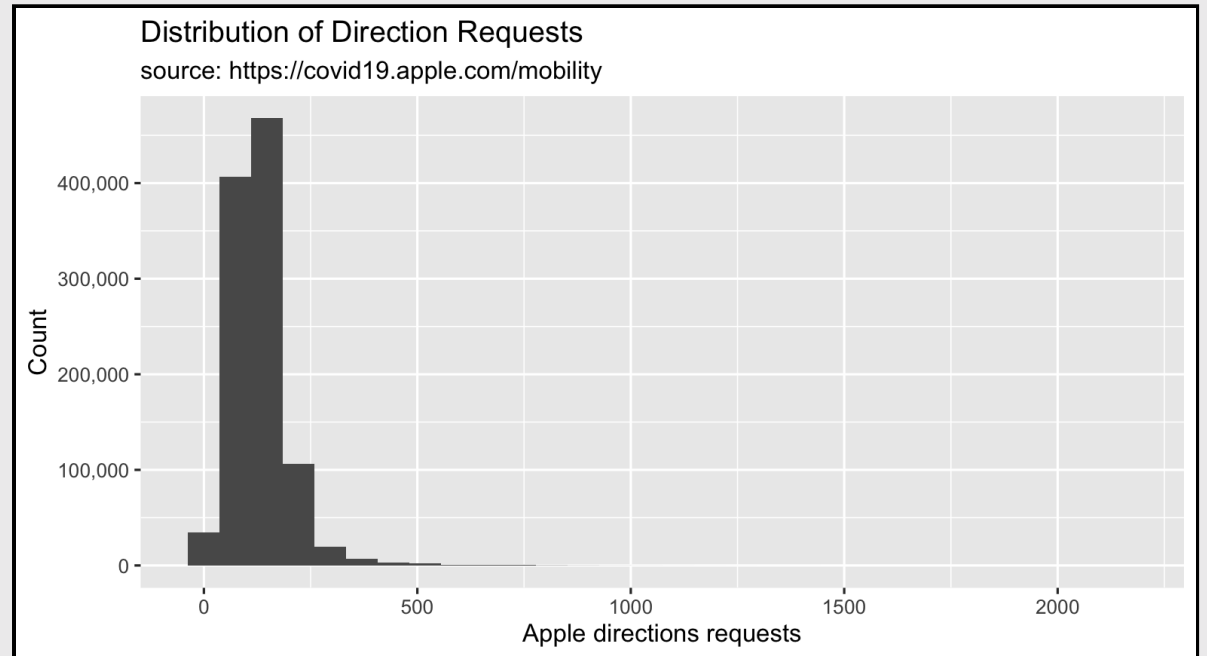


Histograms: Changing the Y Axis



Fix the **y** axis numbers with help from the **scales** package

```
library(scales)
TidyApple %>% ggplot() +
  geom_histogram(aes(x = dir_request)) +
  scale_y_continuous(
    labels = scales::comma) +
  lab_hist
```

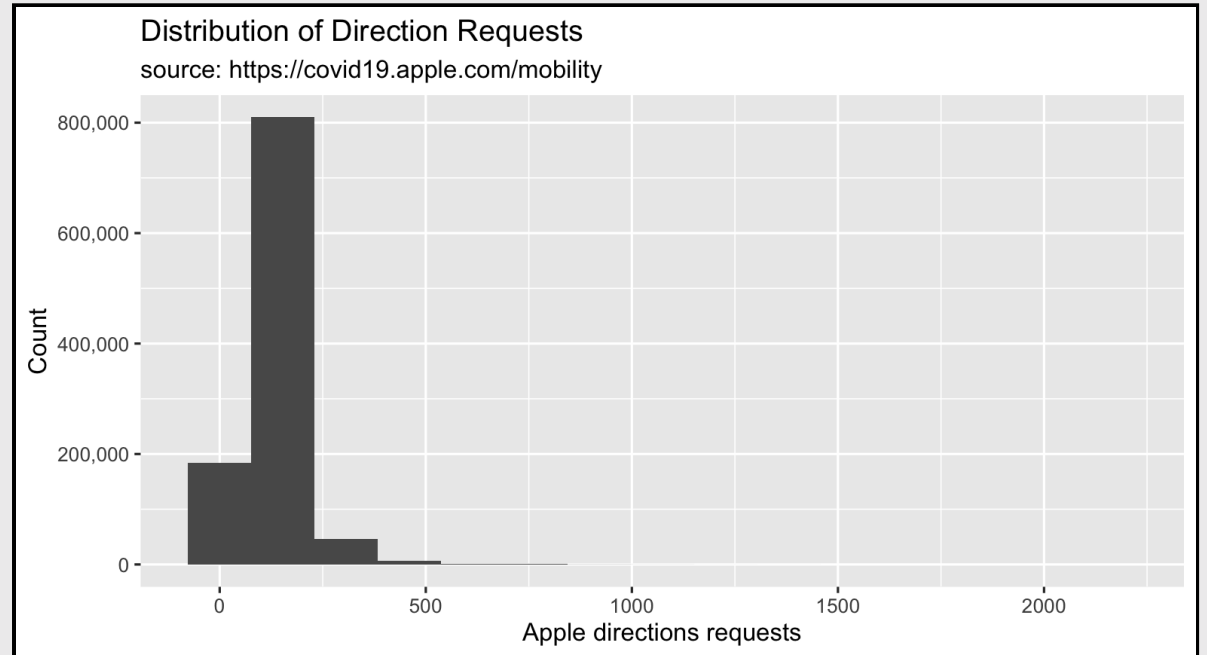


Changing Histogram Shape



Adjust the shape of the histogram with the `bins` argument

```
TidyApple %>% ggplot() +  
  geom_histogram(aes(x = dir_request),  
                 bins = 15) +  
  scale_y_continuous(  
    labels = scales::comma) +  
  lab_hist
```

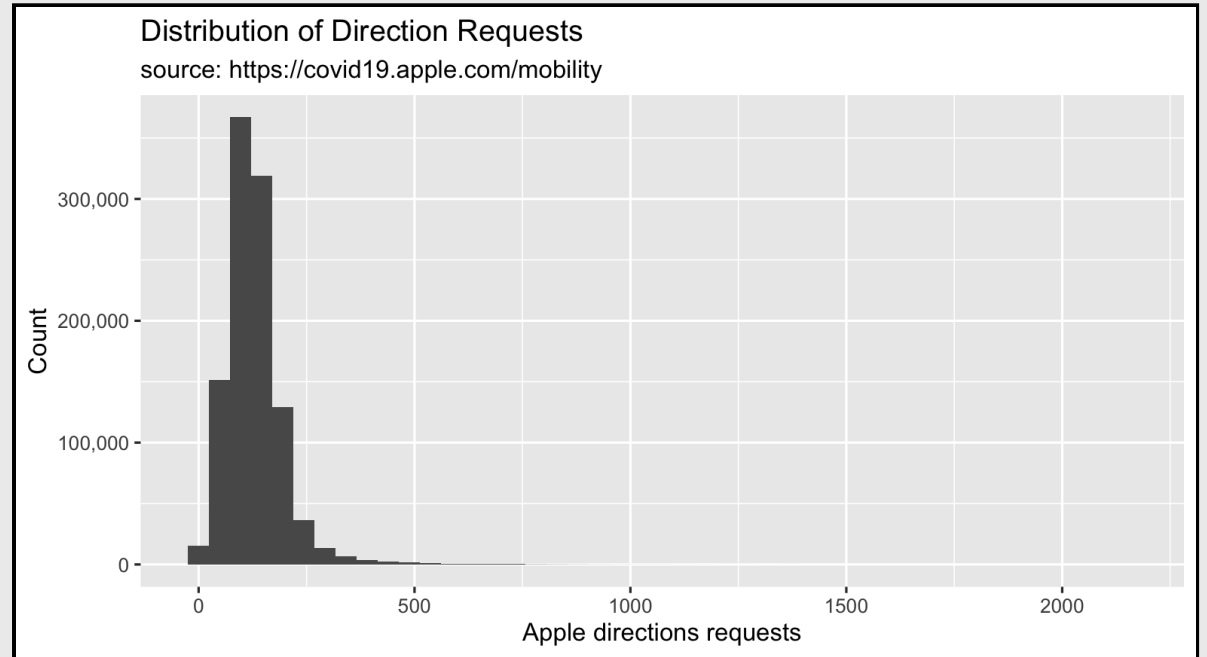


Changing Histogram Shape



Adjust the shape of the histogram with the `bins` argument

```
TidyApple %>% ggplot() +  
  geom_histogram(aes(x = dir_request),  
                 bins = 45) +  
  scale_y_continuous(  
    labels = scales::comma) +  
  lab_hist
```



Visualizing variable distributions across groups

What questions do these graphs answer?

How does the distribution of `dir_request` across `trans_type`?

We can view this with a density plot, violin plot, or ridgeline plot



Density Plots



CREATE LABELS FIRST!!

We need a new set of labels

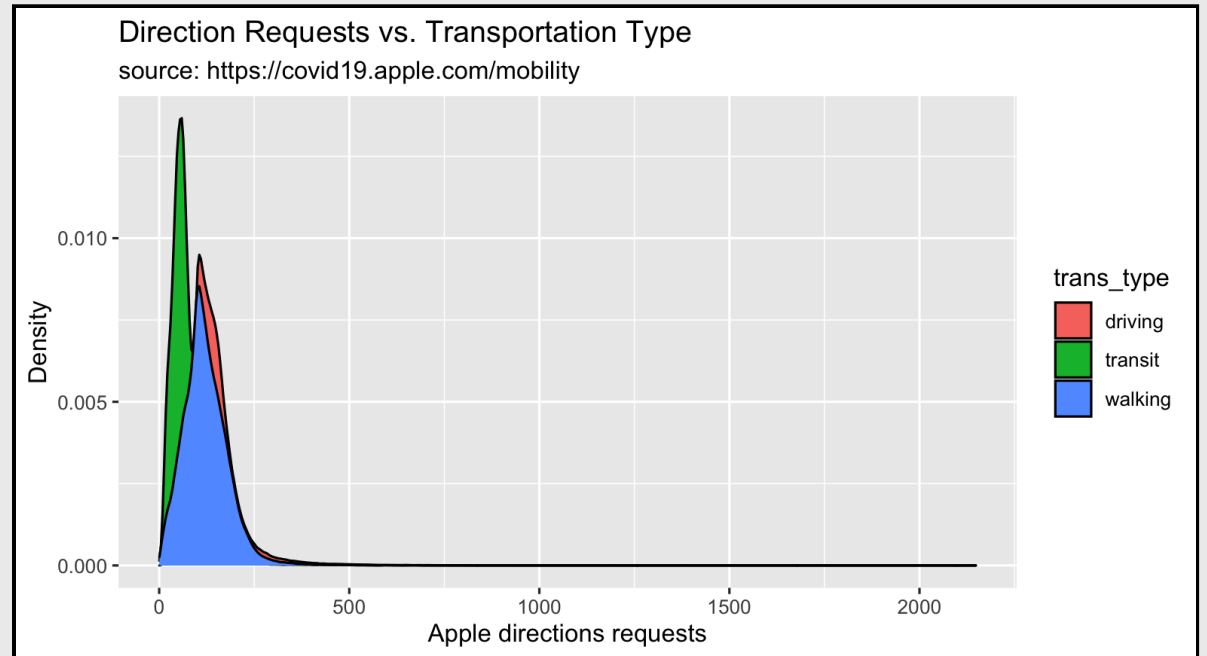
```
lab_density <- labs(x = "Apple directions requests",  
                   y = "Density",  
                   title = "Direction Requests vs. Transportation Type",  
                   subtitle = "source: https://covid19.apple.com/mobility")
```

Density Plots



Visualize the distribution of `dir_request` across `trans_type` with a `geom_density()`

```
TidyApple %>%  
  ggplot() +  
  geom_density(aes(x = dir_request,  
                  fill = trans_type)) +  
  lab_density
```

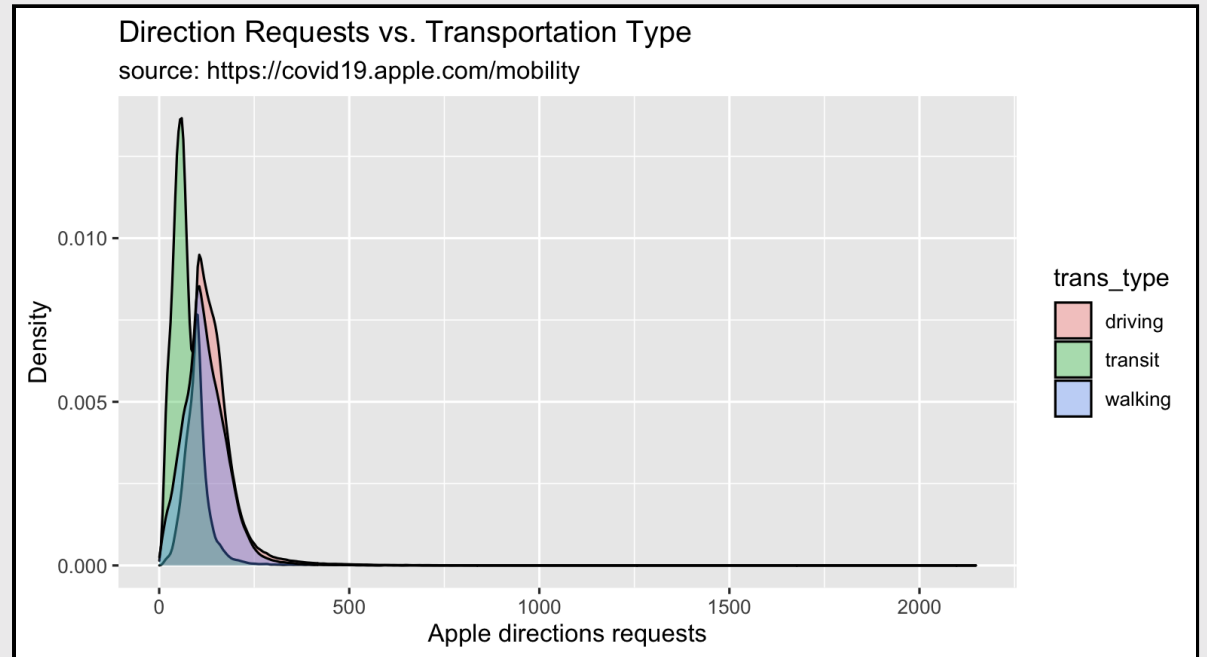


Density Plots (alpha)



Adjust the `alpha` so we can see the overlap

```
TidyApple %>%  
  ggplot() +  
  geom_density(aes(x = dir_request,  
                  fill = trans_type),  
              alpha = 1/3) +  
  lab_density
```



Violin Plots



Violin plots are alternatives to box-plots.

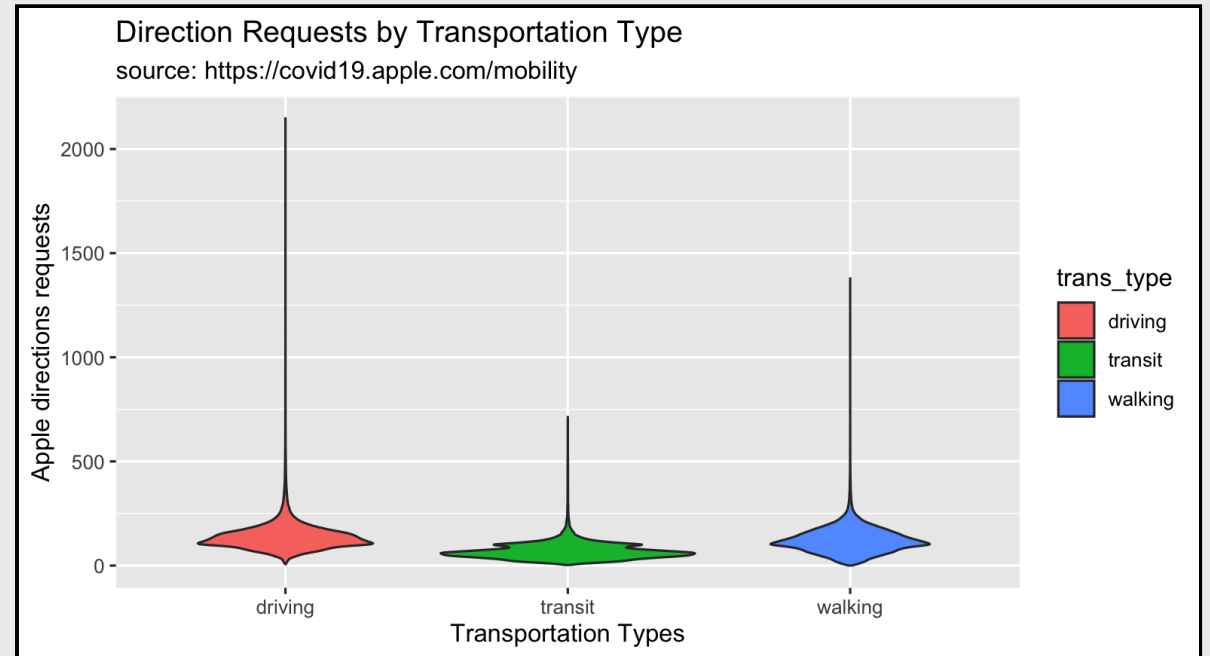
```
lab_violin <- labs(y = "Apple directions requests",  
                  x = "Transportation Types",  
                  title = "Direction Requests by Transportation Type",  
                  subtitle = "source: https://covid19.apple.com/mobility")
```

Violin Plots



Violin plots allow us to add a categorical variable to the `x` axis.

```
TidyApple %>%  
  ggplot() +  
  geom_violin(aes(y = dir_request,  
                  x = trans_type,  
                  fill = trans_type)) +  
  lab_violin
```



Violin Plots: *confused?*



Add a boxplot layer!

```
TidyApple %>%  
  ggplot() +  
  geom_violin(aes(y = dir_request,  
                 x = trans_type,  
                 fill = trans_type),  
             alpha = 1/5) +  
  geom_boxplot(aes(y = dir_request,  
                  x = trans_type,  
                  color = trans_type)) +  
  lab_violin
```



Violin Plots *and* Boxpots



We map the same variables to the `x` and `y`, but swap `fill` for `color` in the `geom_boxplot()`.

```
TidyApple %>%  
  ggplot() +  
  geom_violin(aes(y = dir_request,  
                 x = trans_type,  
                 fill = trans_type),  
             alpha = 1/5) +  
  geom_boxplot(aes(y = dir_request,  
                  x = trans_type,  
                  color = trans_type)) +  
  lab_violin
```



Rideline Plots



Another option is a ridgeline plot (from the [ggridges](#) package). These display multiple densities.

Labs first!

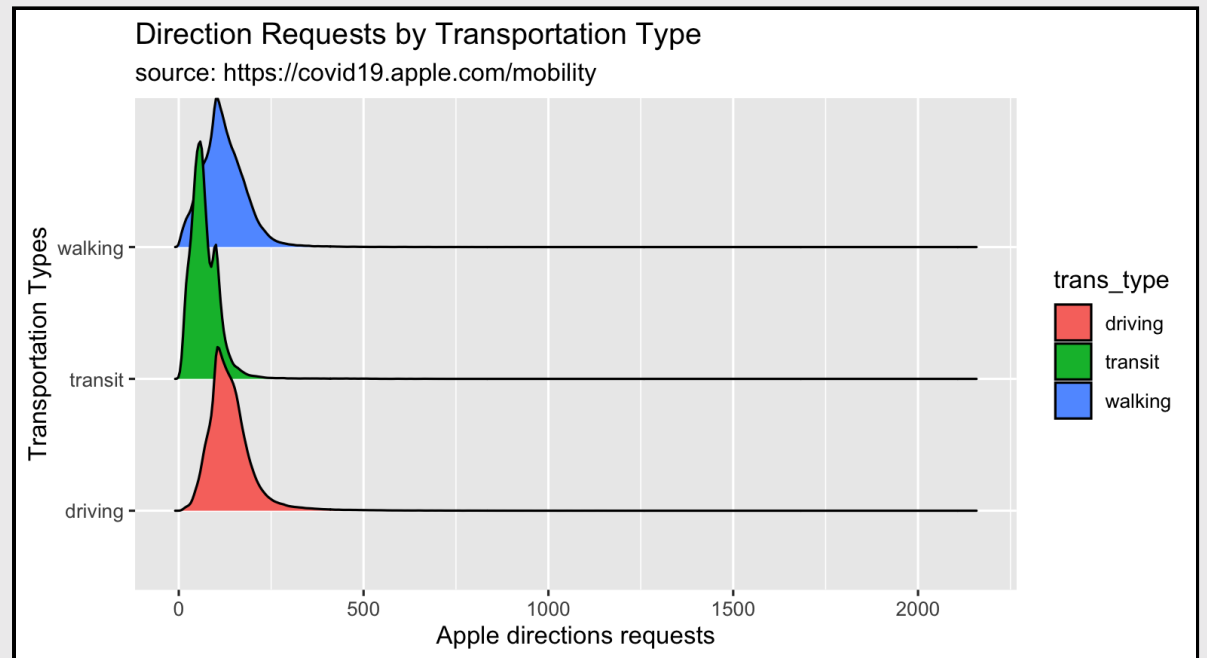
```
lab_ridges <- labs(x = "Apple directions requests",  
                  y = "Transportation Types",  
                  title = "Direction Requests by Transportation Type",  
                  subtitle = "source: https://covid19.apple.com/mobility")
```

Rideline Plots



The `geom_density_ridges()` function works just like the `geom_density()`, except we can supply a `y` variable.

```
library(ggribes)
TidyApple %>%
  ggplot() +
  geom_density_ridges(
    aes(x = dir_request,
        y = trans_type,
        fill = trans_type)) +
  lab_ridges
```

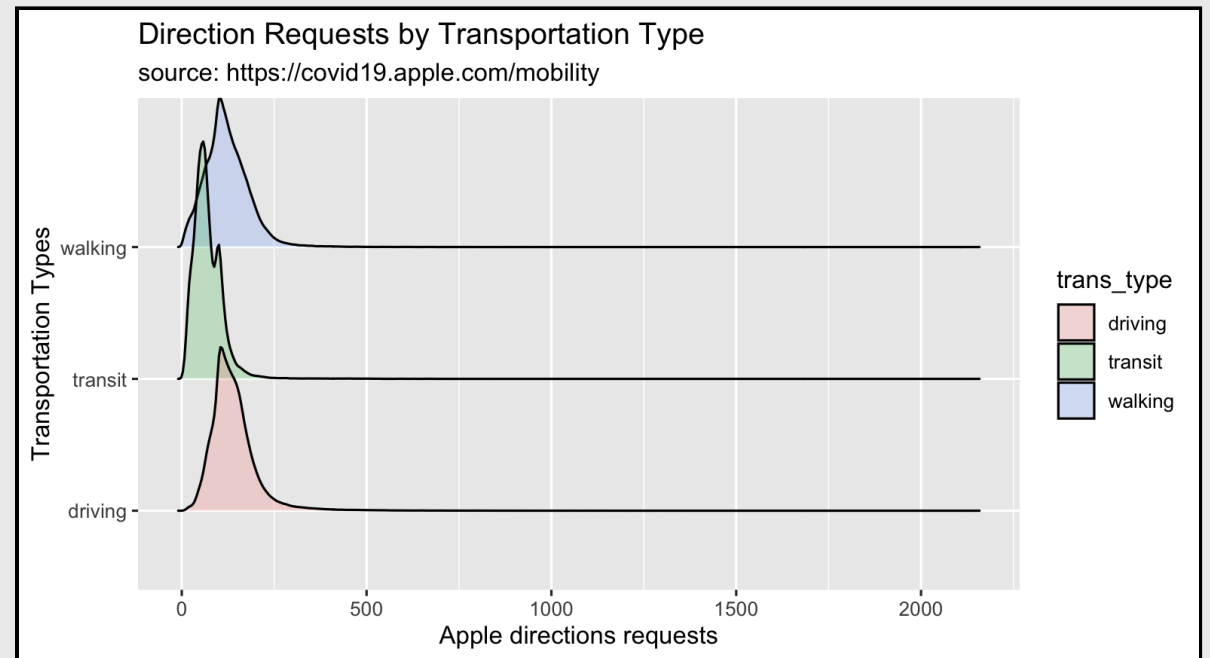


Rideline Plots



We can adjust the `alpha` on these just like the density plots.

```
library(ggribes)
TidyApple %>%
  ggplot() +
  geom_density_ridges(
    aes(x = dir_request,
        y = trans_type,
        fill = trans_type),
    alpha = 1/5) +
  lab_ridges
```



Line Graphs





Narrowing date ranges

Filter the data to only us cities between `2020-02-01` and `2020-08-01`. Use `skimr::skim()` to make sure it works!

```
TidyApple %>%  
  # us cities  
  filter(geo_type == "city" &  
         country == "United States",  
         # feb - aug  
         date >= lubridate::as_date("2020-02-01") &  
         date <= lubridate::as_date("2020-08-01")) %>%  
  # check work!  
  skimr::skim(date)
```

Check with `skimr` output



These are helpful if we're checking a filter on a numerical certain condition (`min`, `max`, `mean`, etc.)

```
— Data Summary —————
Name                Values
Number of rows      57462
Number of columns    7

-----
Column type frequency:
Date                1

-----
Group variables      None

— Variable type: Date —————
skim_variable  n_missing complete_rate min      max      median  n_unique
1 date          0              1 2020-02-01 2020-08-01 2020-05-02 183
```


Narrow to US Cities (Feb-Jul)



Create `USCitiesFebJul` data by filtering to US cities between Feb 1, 2020 and July 31, 2020.

```
TidyApple %>%  
  filter(geo_type == "city" &  
         country == "United States",  
         date >= lubridate::as_date("2020-02-01") &  
         date <= lubridate::as_date("2020-08-01")) -> USCitiesFebJul
```

Line Graph: Labels (1)



Ideally, our labels update whenever the data changes.

```
paste0(min(USCitiesFebJul$date),  
       " through ",  
       max(USCitiesFebJul$date))
```

```
[1] "2020-02-01 through 2020-08-01"
```

We can do this by using `paste0()` in our `subtitle`:

```
subtitle =  
  paste0(min(USCitiesFebJul$date), # first date  
        " through ", # plain text  
        max(USCitiesFebJul$date)), # last date
```

Line Graph: Labels (2)



We can then supply the `subtitle` to `labs`

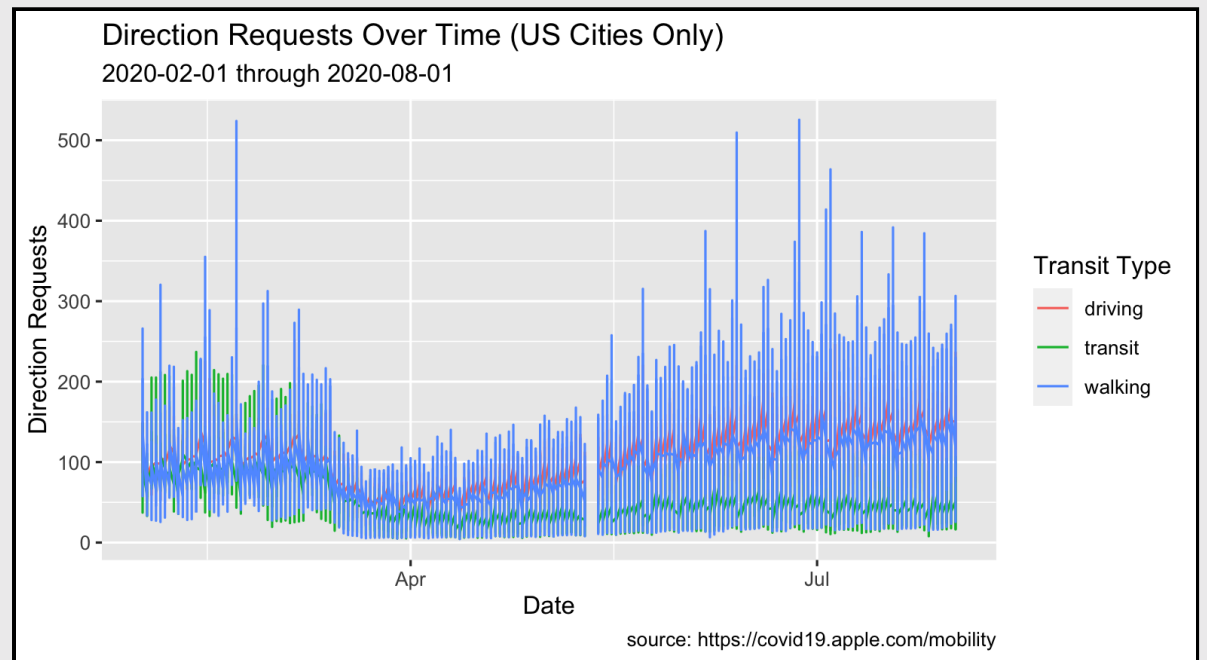
```
labs(x = "Date",  
     y = "Direction Requests",  
     title = "Direction Requests Over Time (US Cities Only)",  
     subtitle = paste0(min(USCitiesFebJul$date),  
                        " through ",  
                        max(USCitiesFebJul$date)),  
     caption = "source: https://covid19.apple.com/mobility",  
     color = "Transit Type") -> lab_line_graph
```

Line Graph: Labels (3)



We will add `group` and `color` aesthetics to our graph of `dir_request` over time (`date`).

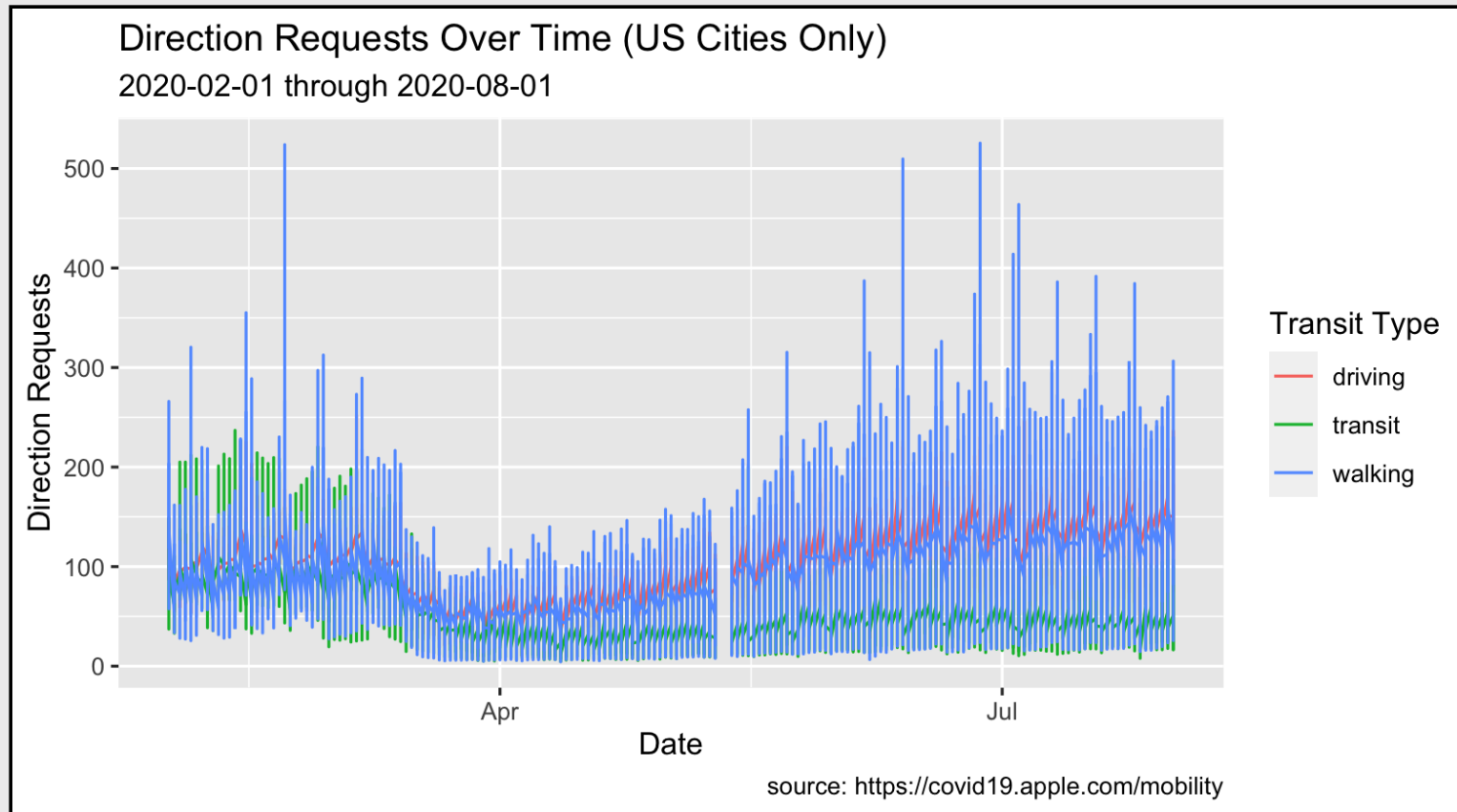
```
USCitiesFebJul %>%  
  ggplot() +  
  geom_line(aes(x = date,  
                y = dir_request,  
                group = trans_type,  
                color = trans_type)) +  
  lab_line_graph
```



Line Graphs: Overlapping Lines



Consider our previous line graph--the lines overlap a bit.



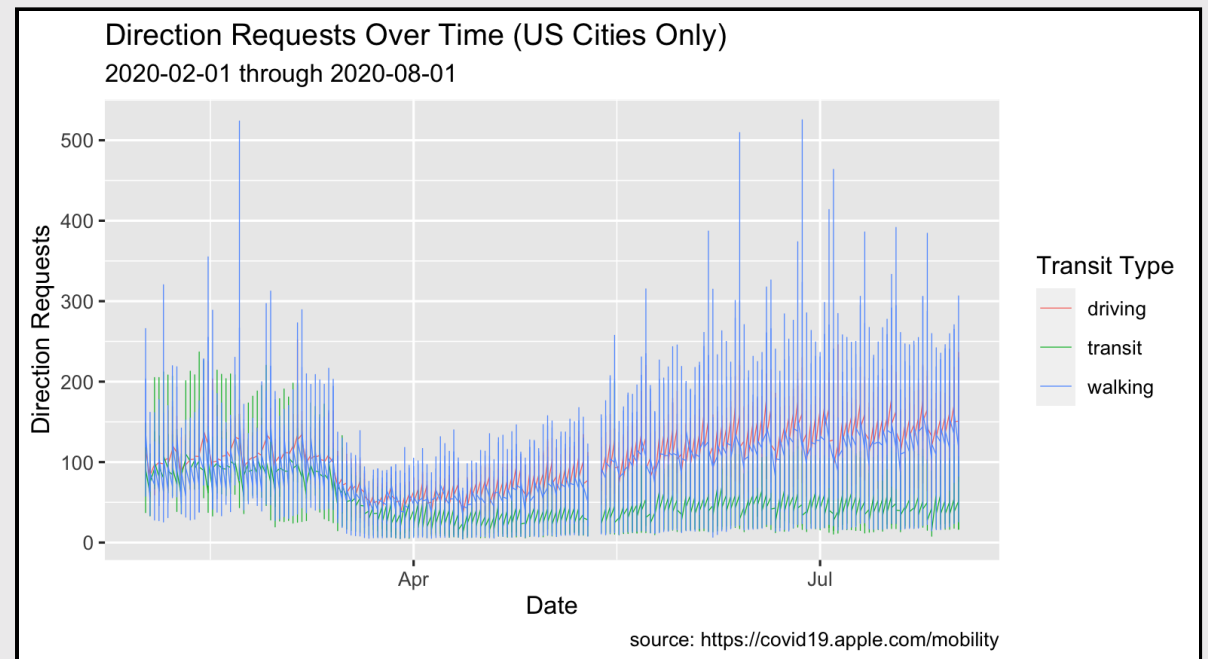
Line Graph: Line Size



We can minimize the size of the line with the `size` aesthetic.

```
USCitiesFebJul %>%  
  ggplot() +  
  geom_line(aes(x = date,  
                y = dir_request,  
                group = trans_type,  
                color = trans_type),  
            # make these slightly smaller  
            size = 0.20) +  
  lab_line_graph
```

This makes the trends easier to see.



Adding Text

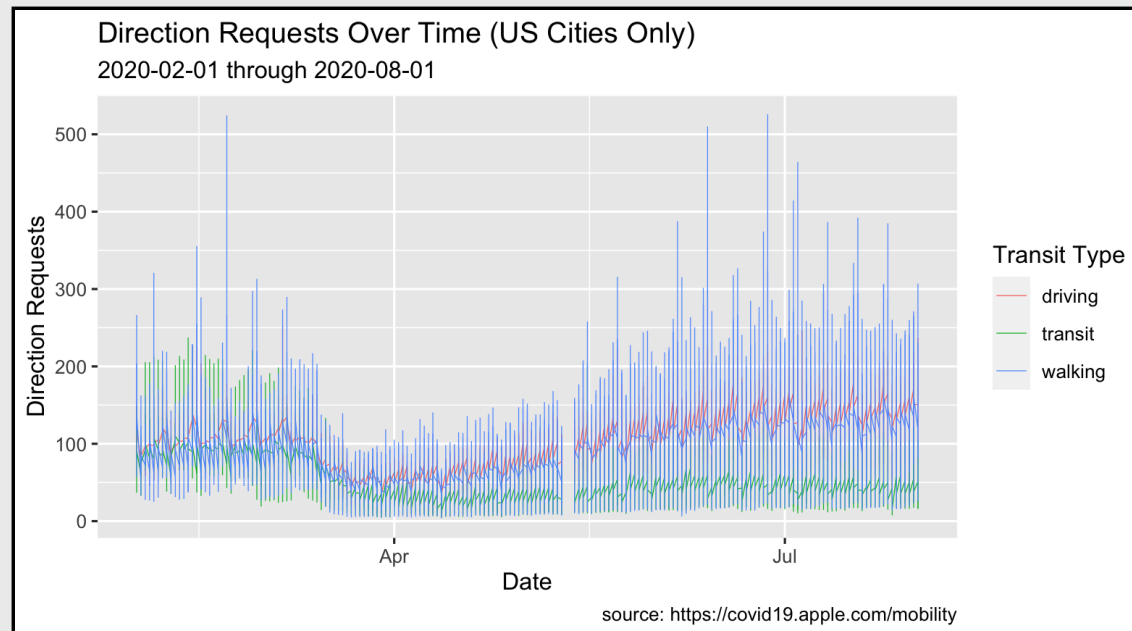


Labeling Missing Data



There is a gap in the direct request data (this is [documented in the data source](#)).

"Data for May 11-12 is not available and will appear as blank columns in the data set."



Create Annotate Data



These data are **filtered** to US cities between March 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020.

```
USCitiesMarJun <- TidyApple %>%  
  filter(geo_type == "city" & country == "United States",  
         date >= lubridate::as_date("2020-03-01") &  
         date <= lubridate::as_date("2020-07-01"))
```

Create Annotate Data



USCitiesMarJun

geo_type	region	trans_type	sub_region	country	date	dir_request
<chr>	<chr>	<chr>	<chr>	<chr>	<date>	<dbl>
city	Akron	driving	Ohio	United States	2020-03-01	91.46
city	Akron	driving	Ohio	United States	2020-03-02	107.46
city	Akron	driving	Ohio	United States	2020-03-03	111.38
city	Akron	driving	Ohio	United States	2020-03-04	111.55
city	Akron	driving	Ohio	United States	2020-03-05	119.94
city	Akron	driving	Ohio	United States	2020-03-06	133.31
city	Akron	driving	Ohio	United States	2020-03-07	134.39
city	Akron	driving	Ohio	United States	2020-03-08	98.89
city	Akron	driving	Ohio	United States	2020-03-09	109.00
city	Akron	driving	Ohio	United States	2020-03-10	107.88

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annotate: Build Labels



Build our labels first!

```
lab_annotation <- labs(x = "Date",  
  y = "Direction Requests",  
  title = "Spring Direction Requests (Mar-Jun) in US Cities",  
  subtitle = paste0(min(USCitiesMarJun$date),  
    " through ",  
    max(USCitiesMarJun$date)),  
  caption = "source: https://covid19.apple.com/mobility",  
  color = "Transit Type")
```

annotate: Build Line Graph



Build a line graph layer (`gg_line_annotate`)

```
gg_line_annotate <- USCitiesMarJun %>%  
  ggplot() +  
  geom_line(aes(x = date, y = dir_request,  
               group = trans_type, color = trans_type),  
           size = 0.20)
```

annotate: build coordinate system



Add a coordinate system layer (`gg_coord_system`)

```
gg_coord_system <- coord_cartesian(  
  xlim = c(min(USCitiesMarJun$date),  
           max(USCitiesMarJun$date)),  
  ylim = c(min(USCitiesMarJun$dir_request, na.rm = TRUE),  
           max(USCitiesMarJun$dir_request, na.rm = TRUE)))
```

annotate: build line segment



Build vertical line segment (`gg_line_segment`)

```
gg_line_segment <- annotate(geom = "segment",  
  size = 1,  
  color = "firebrick3",  
  x = lubridate::as_date("2020-05-11"),  
  xend = lubridate::as_date("2020-05-11"),  
  y = 270,  
  yend = 100)
```

annotate: Build Text Annotation



Build text annotation (`gg_text_annotation`)

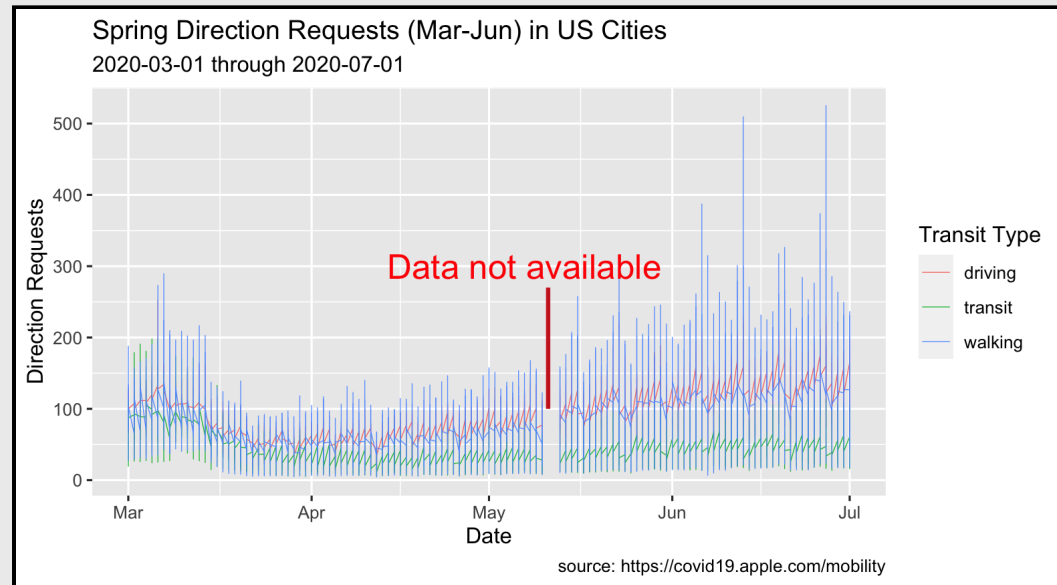
```
gg_text_annotation <- annotate(geom = "text",  
  color = "red",  
  hjust = 0.5,  
  size = 6,  
  x = lubridate::as_date("2020-05-07"),  
  y = 300,  
  label = "Data not available")
```

annotate: Combine Layers



Now we can use the `ggplot2` syntax to combine these layers...

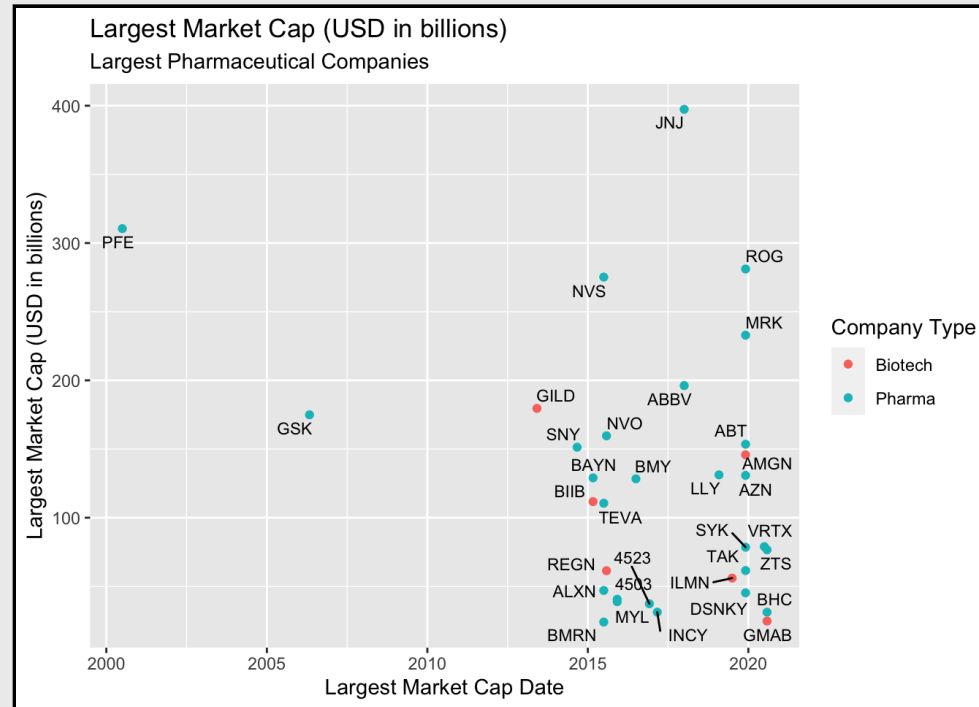
```
gg_line_annotate + # line graph
gg_coord_system + # coordinate system
gg_line_segment + # line annotation
gg_text_annotation + # text annotation
lab_annotation # labels
```



Labeling Values (Review)



In the previous slides, we learned about labeling values with `ggrepel`.



Now we're going to extend this to plotting text and values on our graphs!

Highlighting Large US Cities



Filter `TidyApple` to the 5 largest US cities (by `population`).

```
TopUSCities <- TidyApple %>%  
  filter(country == "United States" &  
         region %in% c("New York City", "Los Angeles",  
                       "Chicago", "Houston", "Phoenix"))
```

View TopUSCities



TopUSCities

geo_type	region	trans_type	sub_region	country	date	dir_request
<chr>	<chr>	<chr>	<chr>	<chr>	<date>	<dbl>
city	Chicago	driving	Illinois	United States	2020-01-13	100.00
city	Chicago	driving	Illinois	United States	2020-01-14	103.68
city	Chicago	driving	Illinois	United States	2020-01-15	104.45
city	Chicago	driving	Illinois	United States	2020-01-16	108.72
city	Chicago	driving	Illinois	United States	2020-01-17	132.80
city	Chicago	driving	Illinois	United States	2020-01-18	113.44
city	Chicago	driving	Illinois	United States	2020-01-19	87.48
city	Chicago	driving	Illinois	United States	2020-01-20	100.24
city	Chicago	driving	Illinois	United States	2020-01-21	101.30
city	Chicago	driving	Illinois	United States	2020-01-22	100.51

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Highlighting Peak Driving



Create a dataset with only the maximum direction request values for "driving" per region.

```
MaxUSCitiesDriving <- TopUSCities %>%  
  filter(trans_type == "driving") %>%  
  group_by(region) %>%  
  slice_max(dir_request) %>%  
  ungroup()  
MaxUSCitiesDriving
```

geo_type	region	trans_type	sub_region	country	date	dir_request
<chr>	<chr>	<chr>	<chr>	<chr>	<date>	<dbl>
city	Chicago	driving	Illinois	United States	2020-07-17	166.11
city	Houston	driving	Texas	United States	2020-02-14	146.20
city	Los Angeles	driving	California	United States	2020-02-14	152.08
city	New York City	driving	New York	United States	2020-09-04	152.09
city	Phoenix	driving	Arizona	United States	2020-02-29	142.68

5 rows

Create graph labels



We know we want to see the max direction requests labeled, so we will update the labels for the graph.

```
lab_line_max_drivers <- labs(  
  x = "Date",  
  y = "Direction Requests",  
  title = "Peak Driving Direction Requests in Largest US Cities",  
  subtitle = paste0(min(TopUSCities$date),  
                    " through ",  
                    max(TopUSCities$date)),  
  caption = "source: https://covid19.apple.com/mobility",  
  color = "Transit Type")
```

Create Value Labels



We will also use `paste0()` here to create a variable for the labels that combines the city and date.

Take a look at the labels we've created

```
MaxUSCitiesDriving <- MaxUSCitiesDriving
%>%
  mutate(max_driving_labels =
    paste0(region, ", ", date))
```

```
MaxUSCitiesDriving %>%
  select(max_driving_labels)
```

max_driving_labels

<chr>

Chicago, 2020-07-17
Houston, 2020-02-14
Los Angeles, 2020-02-14
New York City, 2020-09-04
Phoenix, 2020-02-29

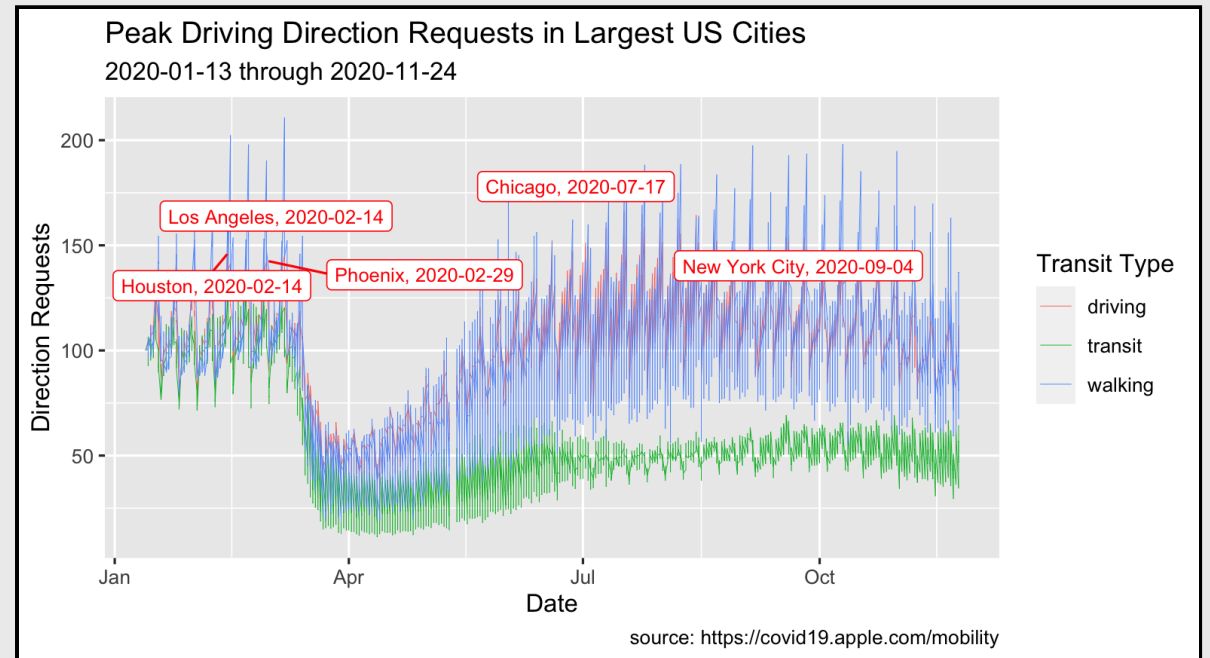
5 rows

Create Line Layer + Label Layer



Now we combine the `geom_line()` layer, the `geom_label_repel()` layer, and the `lab_line_max_drivers`.

```
library(ggrepel)
TopUSCities %>%
  ggplot() +
  geom_line(aes(
    x = date,
    y = dir_request,
    group = trans_type,
    color = trans_type),
  # make these slightly smaller again...
    size = 0.15) +
  geom_label_repel(
    data = MaxUSCitiesDriving,
    aes(x = date,
        y = dir_request,
        label = max_driving_labels),
  # set color and size...
    color = "red",
    size = 3) +
  lab_line_max_drivers
```



Adding Reference Lines



Reference Line Data



TopUSCities

geo_type	region	trans_type	sub_region	country	date
<chr>	<chr>	<chr>	<chr>	<chr>	<date>
city	Chicago	driving	Illinois	United States	2020-01-13
city	Chicago	driving	Illinois	United States	2020-01-14
city	Chicago	driving	Illinois	United States	2020-01-15
city	Chicago	driving	Illinois	United States	2020-01-16
city	Chicago	driving	Illinois	United States	2020-01-17
city	Chicago	driving	Illinois	United States	2020-01-18
city	Chicago	driving	Illinois	United States	2020-01-19
city	Chicago	driving	Illinois	United States	2020-01-20
city	Chicago	driving	Illinois	United States	2020-01-21
city	Chicago	driving	Illinois	United States	2020-01-22

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Reference Line Labels



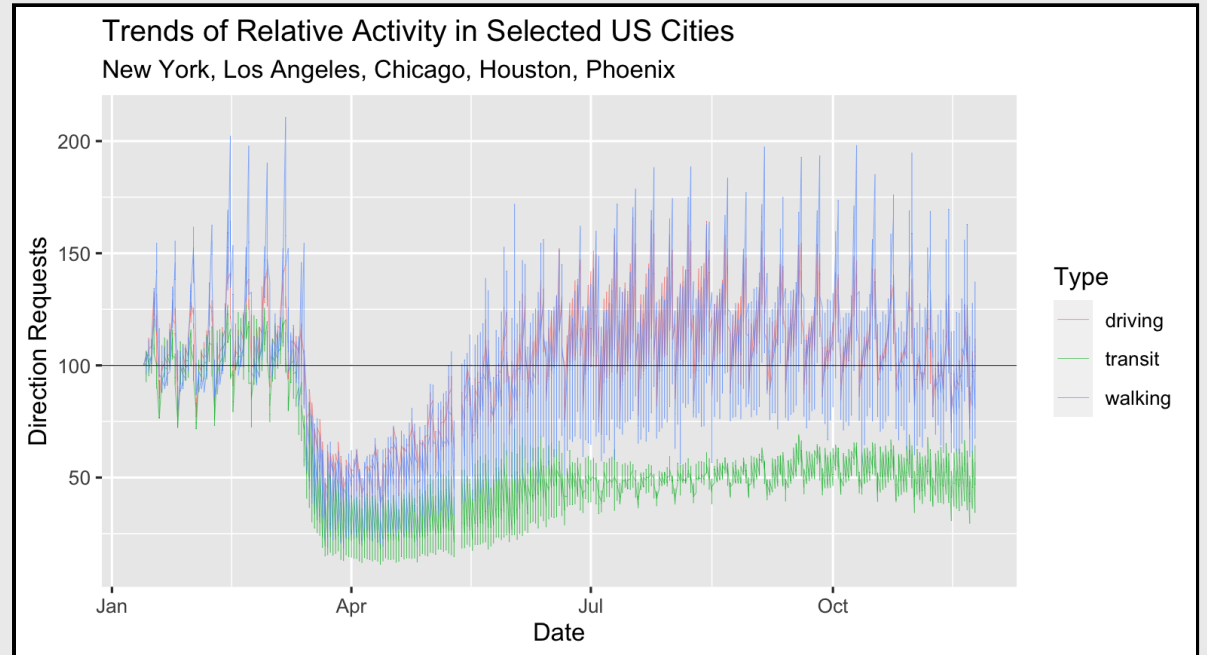
```
labs(x = "Date",  
     y = "Direction Requests",  
     title = "Trends of Relative Activity in Selected US Cities",  
     subtitle = "New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Houston, Phoenix",  
     color = "Type") -> lab_ref_lines
```

Horizontal Reference Lines



Add the `geom_hline()` for a horizontal reference line (at 100)

```
TopUSCities %>%  
  ggplot(aes(x = date,  
             y = dir_request,  
             group = trans_type,  
             color = trans_type)) +  
  geom_line(size = 0.1) +  
  geom_hline(yintercept = 100,  
            size = 0.2,  
            color = "gray20") +  
  lab_ref_lines
```



Advanced Facetting

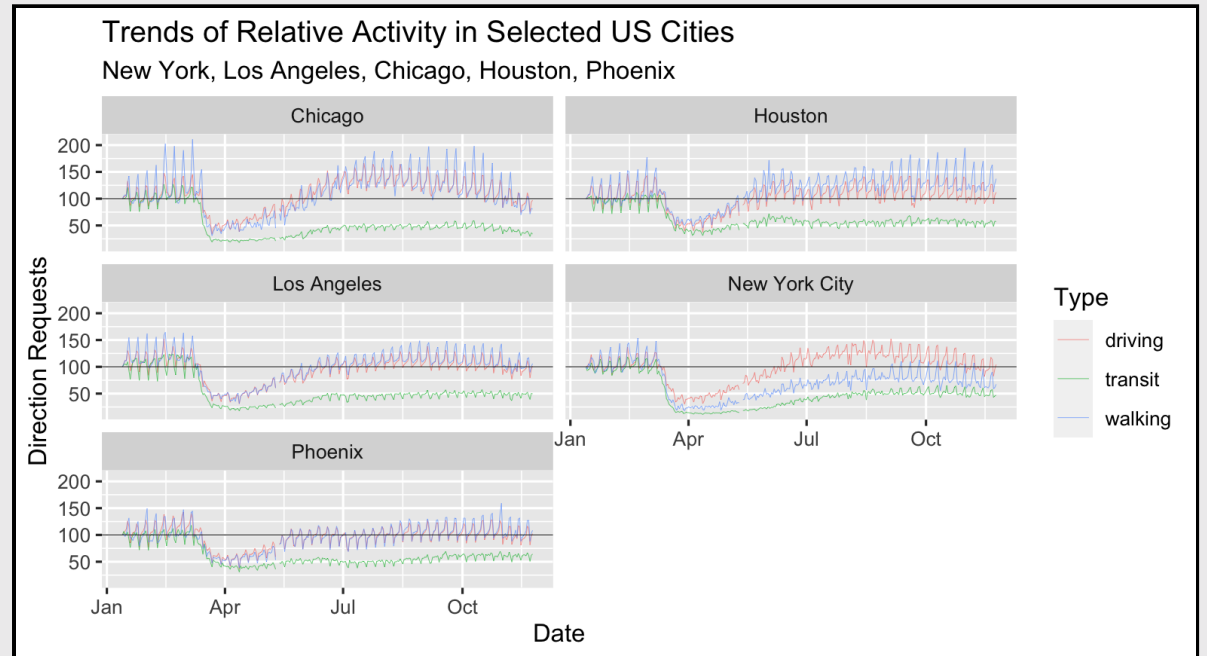


Faceting basics



Facets create subplots across levels of a categorical variable.

```
TopUSCities %>%  
  ggplot(aes(x = date, y = dir_request,  
            group = trans_type,  
            color = trans_type)) +  
  geom_line(size = 0.1) +  
  geom_hline(yintercept = 100,  
            size = 0.2,  
            color = "gray20") +  
  facet_wrap(~ region, ncol = 2) +  
  lab_ref_lines
```

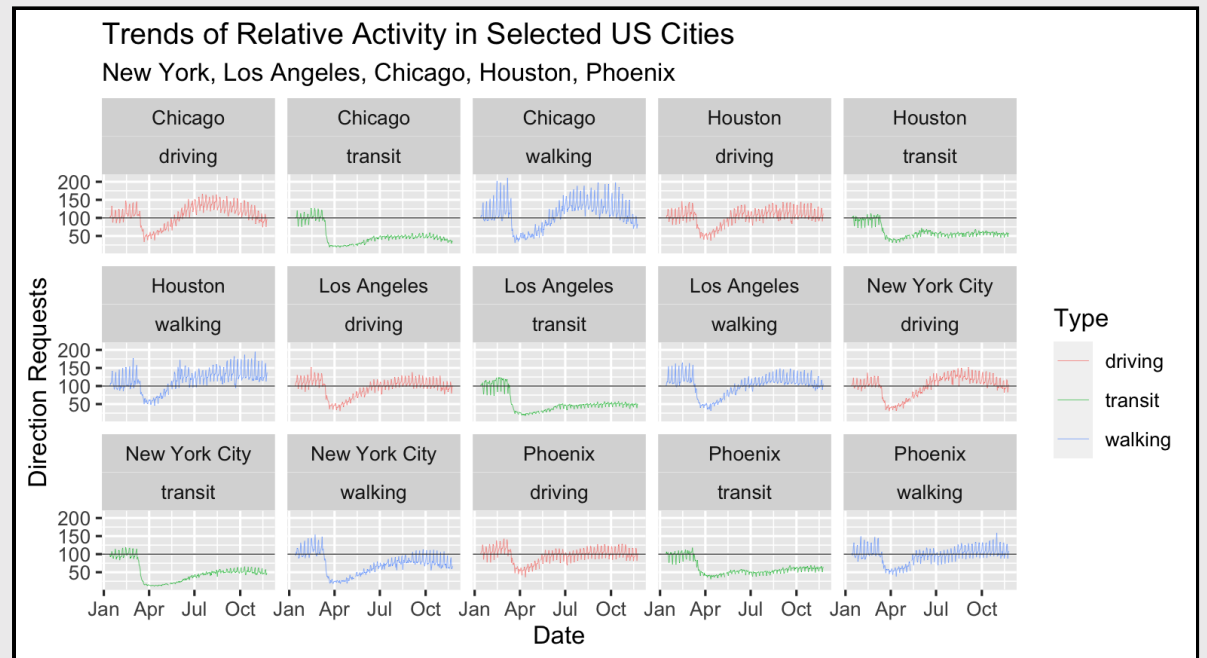


Multiple Variable Facets



Add the `ncol = 5` to specify the number of columns (or rows with `nrow =`)

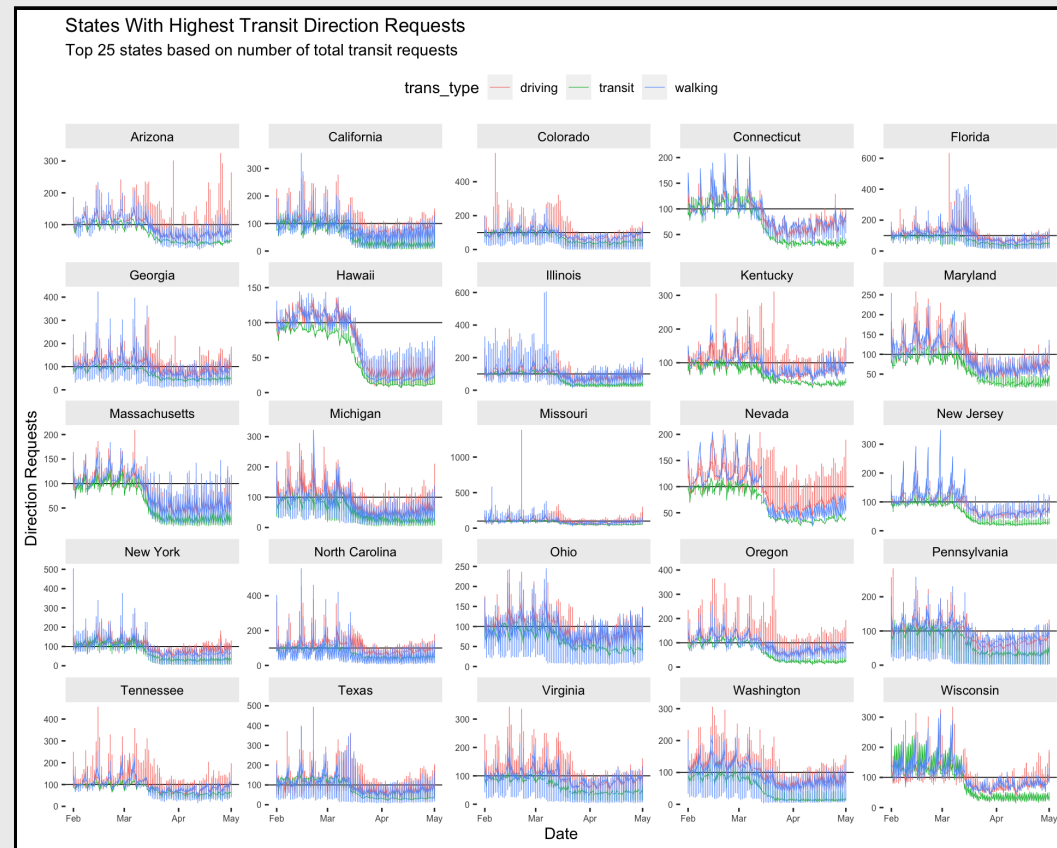
```
TopUSCities %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = date,
            y = dir_request,
            group = region,
            color = trans_type)) +
  geom_line(size = 0.1) +
  geom_hline(yintercept = 100,
            size = 0.2,
            color = "gray20") +
  facet_wrap(region ~ trans_type,
            ncol = 5) +
  lab_ref_lines
```



Advanced Faceting (`facet_wrap_paginate()`)



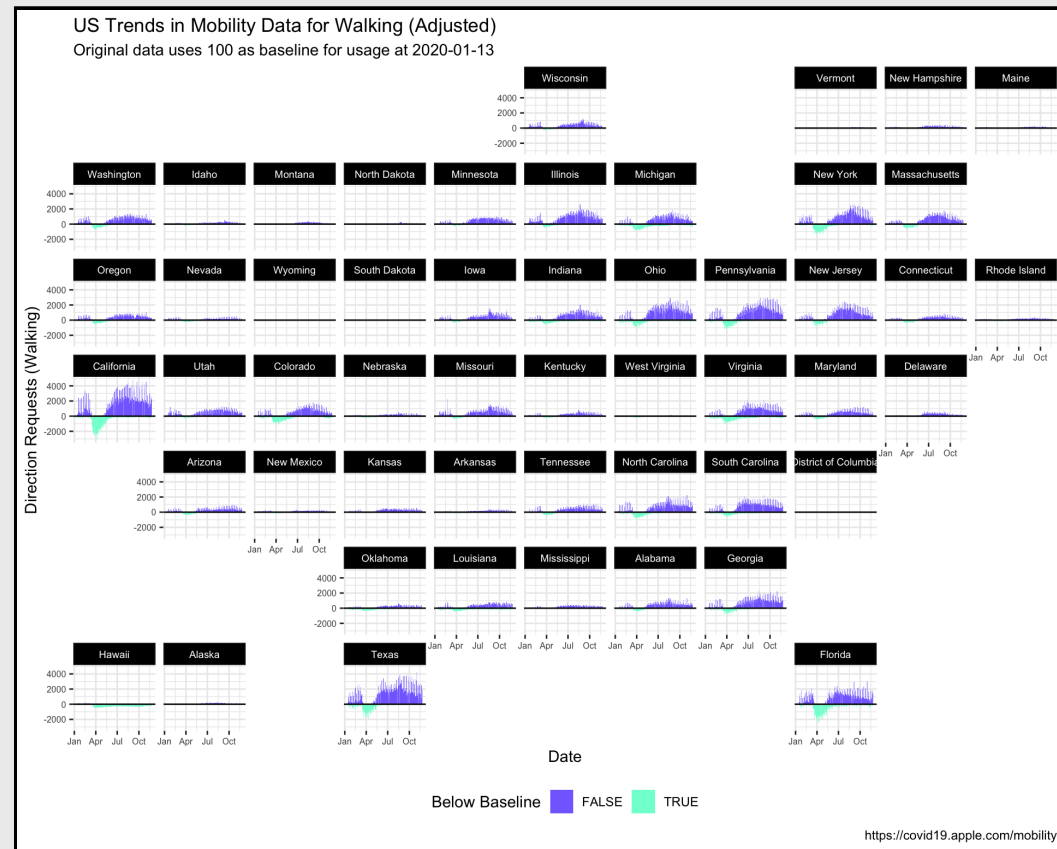
Check out the exercises for more advanced faceting with `facet_wrap_paginate()` from the `ggforce` package.



Advanced Faceting (`facet_geo`)



Check out the exercises for more advanced faceting with `facet_geo()` from the `geofacet` package.



More Resources



[Fundamentals of Data Visualization](#)

[ggplot2 extensions gallery](#)

[R Graphics Cookbook](#)