

# INTRODUCTION TO DATA ANALYSIS AND REPORTING WITH R

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## COURSE INFORMATION

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- *R is a language ...* so be prepared for it to hurt a bit to learn!



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- We'll focus for now on the console, which is on the left and should look something like this:

```
R version 3.4.0 (2017-06-15) -- "You Stupid Darkness"  
Copyright (C) 2017 The R Foundation for Statistical Computing  
Platform: x86_64-pc-linux-gnu (64-bit)
```

```
[ ... ]
```

```
Type 'demo()' for some demos, 'help()' for on-line help, or  
'help.start()' for an HTML browser interface to help.  
Type 'q()' to quit R.
```

```
>
```

# R IS A BIG GIANT CALCULATOR

- R can do math
- Really, really fancy math
- Try typing `3 + 3` in the console
- After pressing enter, R will return 6
- R understands the order of operations
  - `3 + 3 * 9` is different from `(3 + 3) * 9`

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## ANSWERS

```
7 * 149
```

```
[1] 1043
```

```
(7 * 149) ^ (1 / 2)
```

```
[1] 32.29551
```

## PACKAGES

- At this point, please install a few packages. You'll need an internet connection.
- `install.packages(c("tidyverse", "gapminder"))`
  - If you have already installed some packages, make sure they're up-to-date:
    - `update.packages()`
- **Tip:** just type `ins` then hit TAB for tab-completion
- Don't worry about what is going on here, I'll explain it later.
- Depending on your exact setup, R may ask you a few questions about using a personal library. Do so.
- If you get an error, make sure you can access the internet (<https://cloud.r-project.org> in particular)

- While those packages are installing, let's go ahead and open up an R script.
- Allows you to save code so it doesn't disappear into the ether
- If using Rstudio, File, new file, R script (or Ctrl+shift+n)
- **Tip:** can send a line from R script to console for evaluation using ctrl+enter
- **Strongly recommend** that you type into a script and use a keyboard shortcut to evaluate code
  - Easier to edit & rerun
  - Allows you to save code
  - You may make comments

```
## This adds 3 + 3
```

```
3 + 3
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```
3 * 2 # same
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```
head(gapminder)
```

	country	continent	year	lifeExp	pop	gdpPercap
1	Afghanistan	Asia	1952	28.801	8425333	779.4453
2	Afghanistan	Asia	1957	30.332	9240934	820.8530
3	Afghanistan	Asia	1962	31.997	10267083	853.1007
4	Afghanistan	Asia	1967	34.020	11537966	836.1971

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Algeria : 12	Asia :396	Median :1980	Median :60.71
Angola : 12	Europe :360	Mean :1980	Mean :59.47
Argentina : 12	Oceania : 24	3rd Qu.:1993	3rd Qu.:70.85
Australia : 12		Max. :2007	Max. :82.60
(Other) :1632			

- Let's start making graphs
- This is the fun part!
- We're going to rely on the 'ggplot2' package, which we installed earlier (as a part of the tidyverse package)
- "The Grammar of Graphics"
- load it up with

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library(ggplot2)
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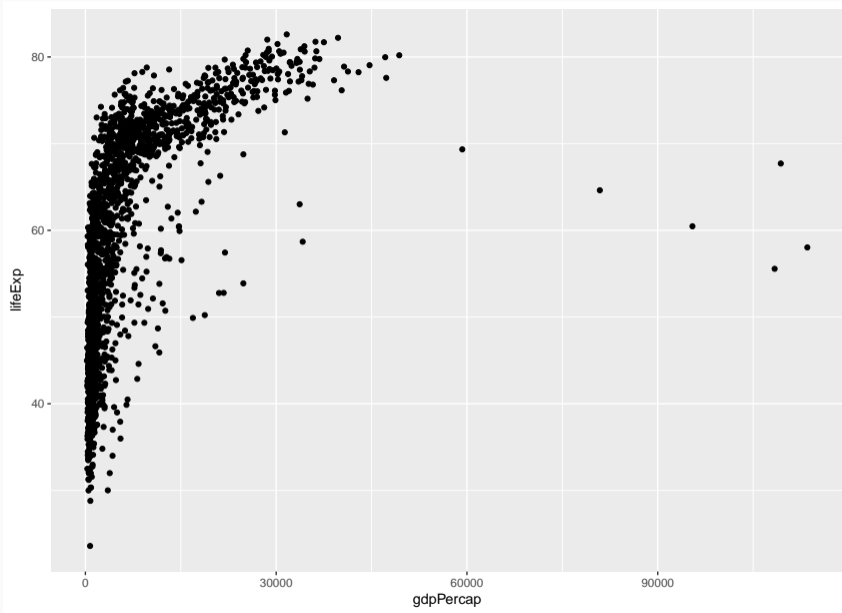
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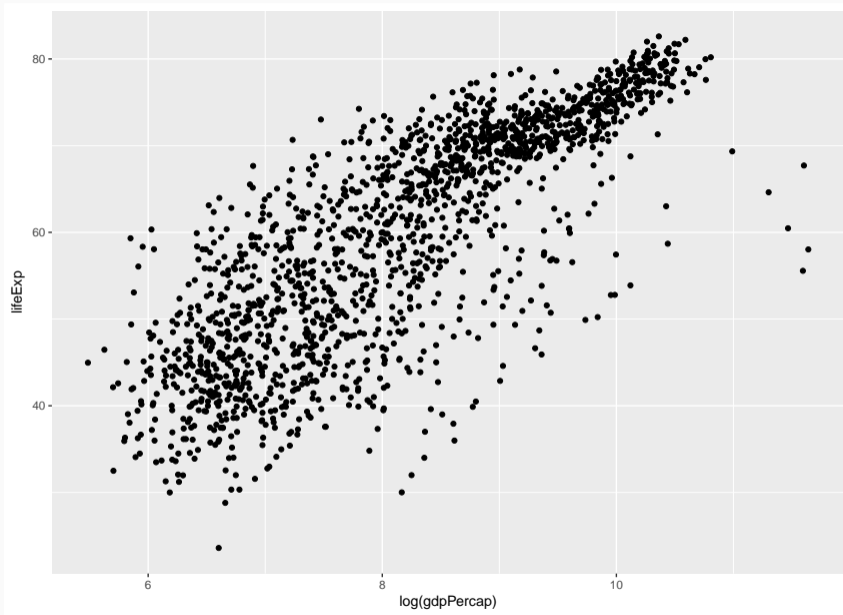
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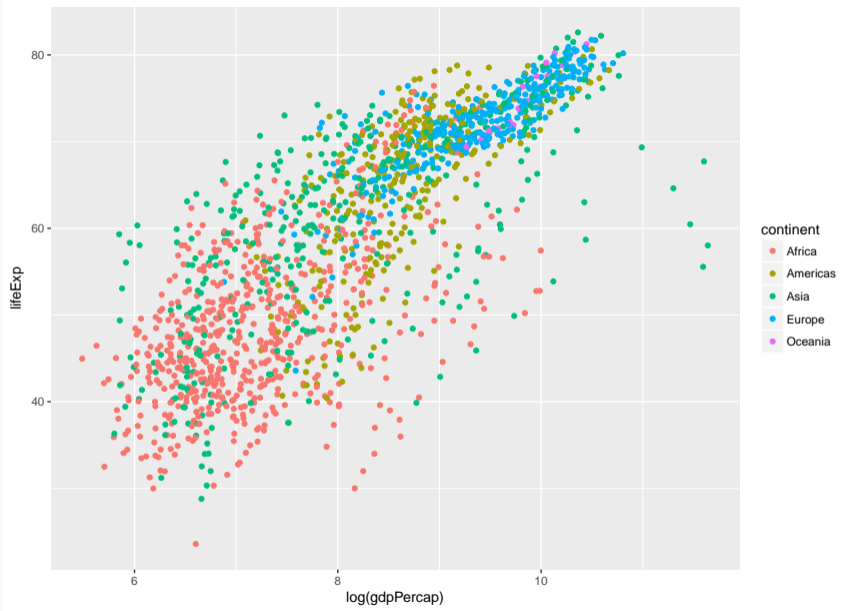
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- One solution: add color by continent

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                           y = lifeExp,  
                           ## colour for the Brits  
                           color = continent))
```

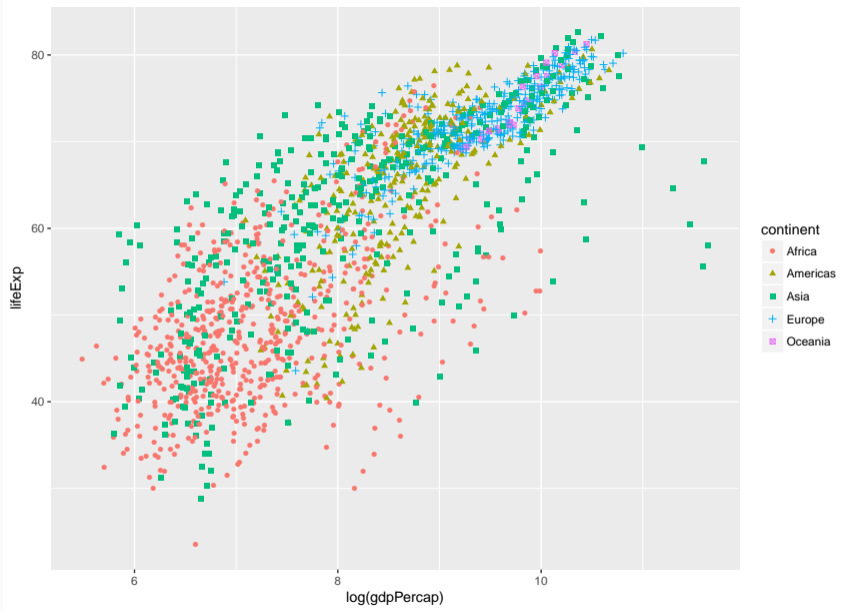




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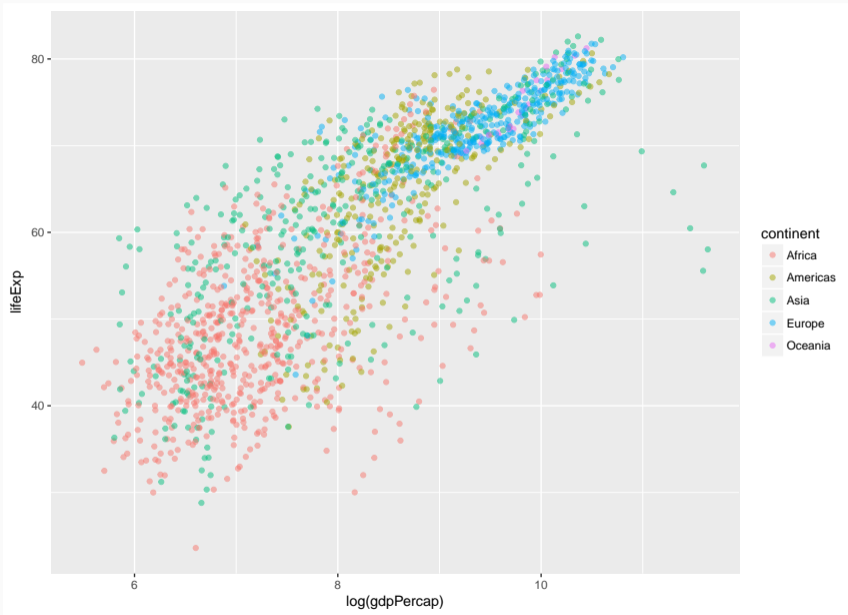
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- You can set aesthetics directly by mapping the aesthetic to a value *outside* the call to `aes()`
- For example, we may want to make the dots slightly transparent to avoid overplotting

```
ggplot(data = gapminder) +  
  geom_point(mapping = aes(x = log(gdpPercap),  
                           y = lifeExp,  
                           color = continent),  
            alpha = 0.5)
```

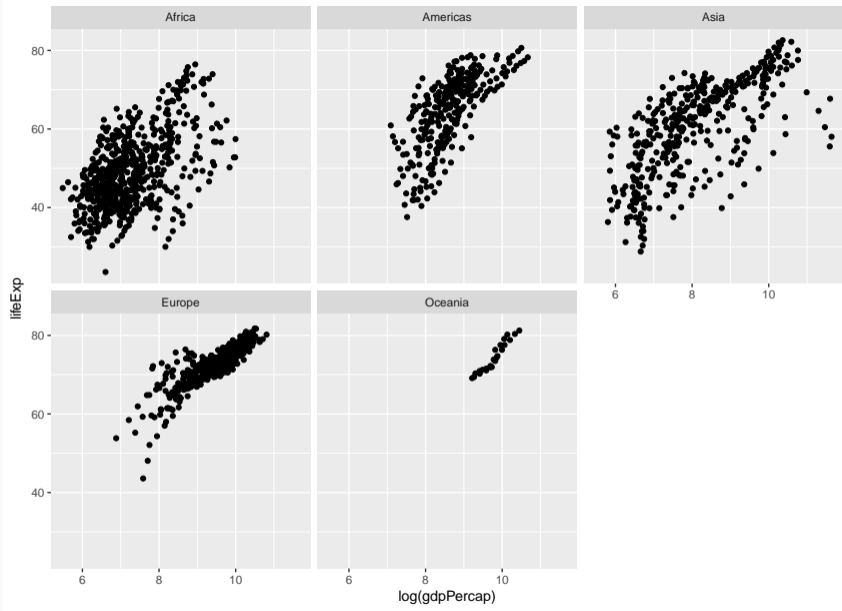


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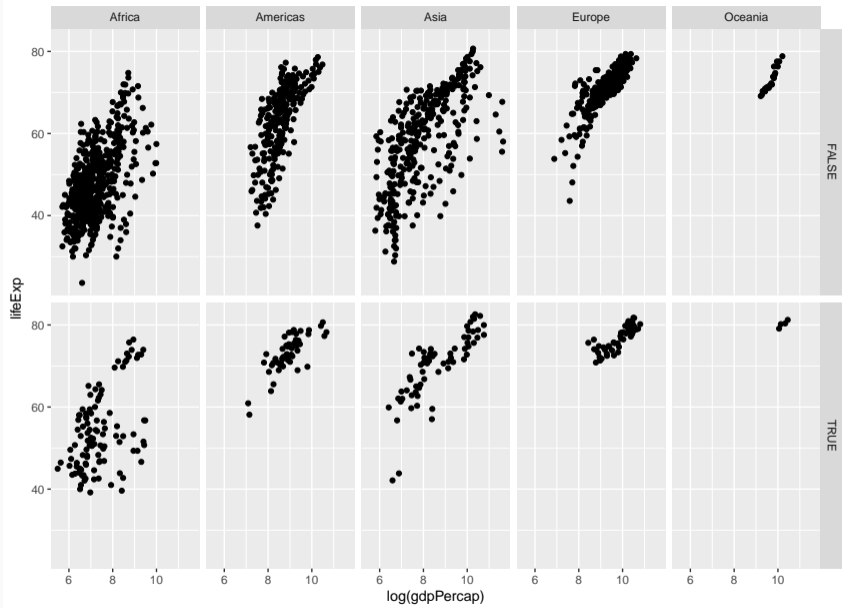
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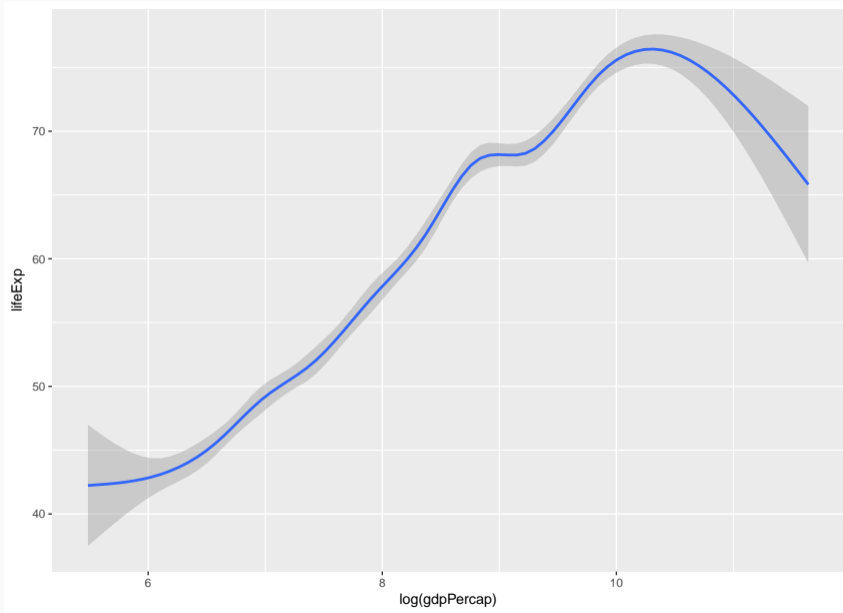
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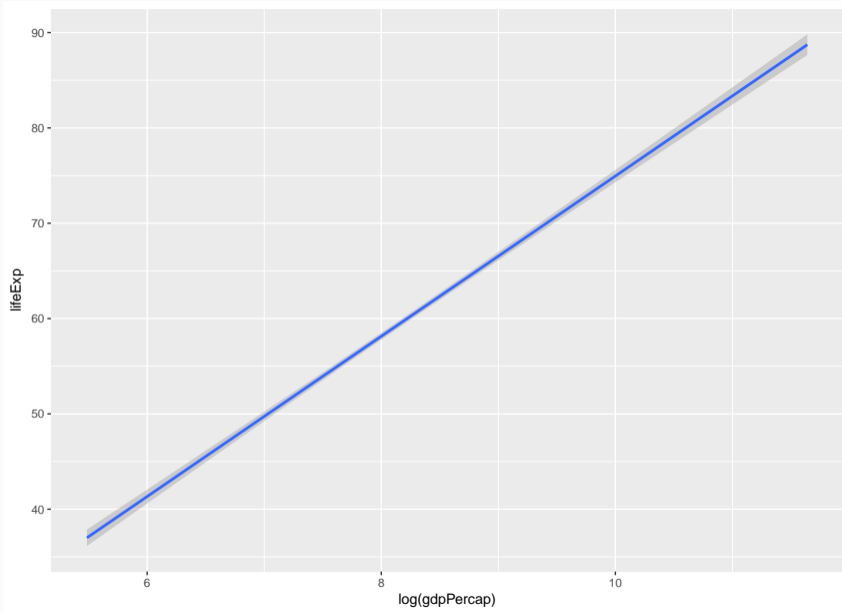


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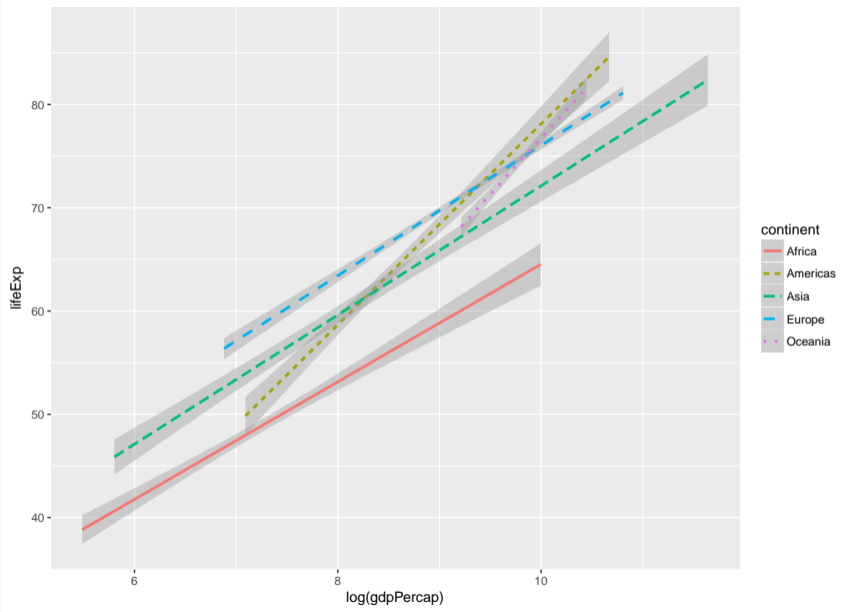


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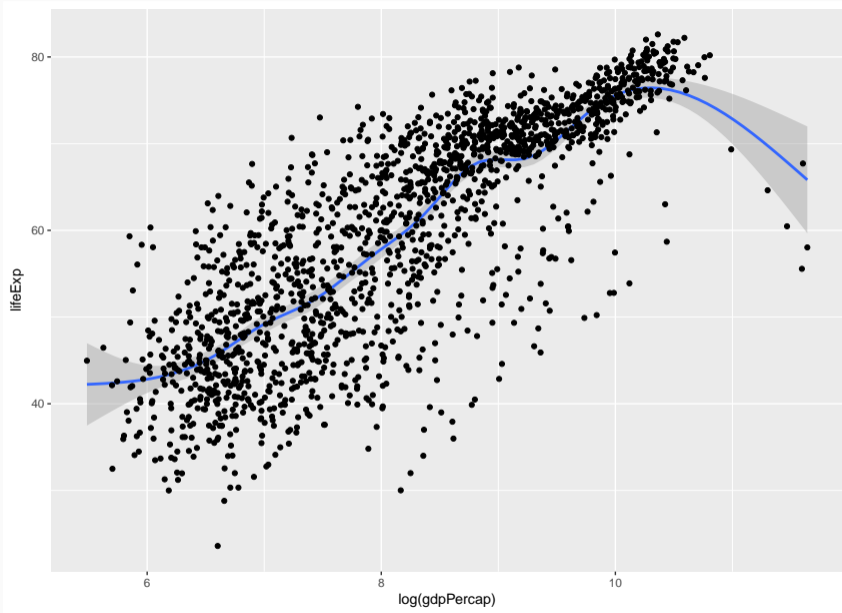


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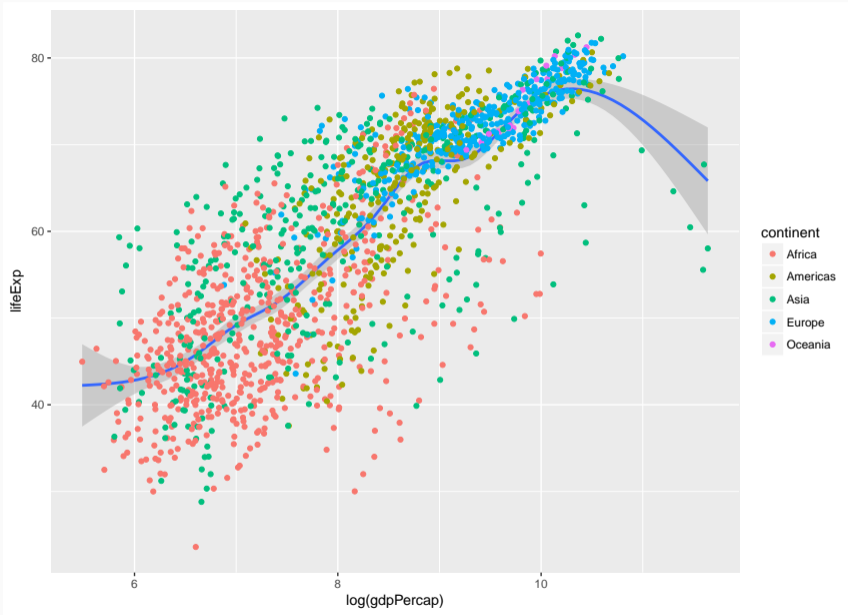




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- Here, type `my_` then hit tab to have autocompletion

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```

```
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- If you forgot the closing " — `my_name <- "Alex Branham`
- The R prompt will change from `>` to `+`
- This indicates that R is waiting for you.
- Cancel by mashing `ESC`



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```
mean(c(1, 2, NA))
```

```
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```

## MISSINGNESS QUIZ

- What will be the result?
- We'll learn more about logical statements in a bit, this asks "Is 3 equal to NA"?

`3 == NA`

`NA == NA`

## MISSINGNESS QUIZ ANSWER

```
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```

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mean(x = my_vector, na.rm = TRUE)
```

```
[1] 2
```

- You don't have to specify argument names if you type them in order.
- Since `x` is the first argument of `mean()`, no need to type `mean(x = my_vector)`
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  - Logical
  - Character
  - Factor
- We'll also cover **NA**

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```

```
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```

- Characters represent text
- Sometimes these are called “strings”

```
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c("How about this one?")
```

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head(gapminder$continent)
```

```
[1] Asia Asia Asia Asia Asia Asia
```

```
Levels: Africa Americas Asia Europe Oceania
```

What type of data are the following?

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`c("My name is Alex")`

`"TRUE"`

`FALSE`

`c(1, 2, 3)`

`c(1, "Alex", TRUE)`

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gapminder[1, ] # get the first row (all)  
gapminder[, 1] # get the first col (all)  
gapminder[, "country"] # select by name  
gapminder$country # slightly different
```

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```
library(rio)
csv_data <- import("file.csv")
stata_data <- import("file.dta")
```

- R has the concept of a “working directory”
- You can see where this is by typing `getwd()` into the console
- I like to store data and code in separate folders:
- **Tip:** Rstudio can manage “projects” that take care of a lot of this

## SIMPLE PROJECT STRUCTURE

```
my-paper-project/  
|--- code/  
|   |--- my-script.R  
|   |--- my-alt-script.R  
|--- data/  
|   |--- awesome-data.csv  
|--- output/  
|   |--- figure1.eps  
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- `filter()` uses logical statements (that are TRUE) to return rows:

```
filter(gapminder, continent == "Asia")  
filter(gapminder, continent == "Asia" & year >= 2000)  
filter(gapminder, continent == "Asia" & year != 2000)  
filter(gapminder, continent == "Asia" | year == 2000)
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```

# select

- The `select` function selects one or more columns:

```
select(gapminder, country)
```

```
select(gapminder, country, year, continent)
```

```
select(gapminder, -continent)
```

- several helper functions (e.g. `starts_with`), see `?select` for examples

## mutate

- Mutate creates new variables:

```
mutate(gapminder, gdp = pop * gdpPercap)
```

```
# A tibble: 1,704 x 7
```

	country	continent	year	lifeExp	pop	gdpPercap	
	<fctr>	<fctr>	<int>	<dbl>	<int>	<dbl>	<
1	Afghanistan	Asia	1952	28.801	8425333	779.4453	656708
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3	Afghanistan	Asia	1962	31.997	10267083	853.1007	875885
4	Afghanistan	Asia	1967	34.020	11537966	836.1971	964801
5	Afghanistan	Asia	1972	36.088	13079460	739.9811	967855
6	Afghanistan	Asia	1977	38.438	14880372	786.1134	1169765
7	Afghanistan	Asia	1982	39.854	12881816	978.0114	1259856

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```
summarize(gapminder, mean_life = mean(lifeExp))
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summarize(group_by(gapminder, year), mean_life = mean(lifeExp))  
## Or, to add it to the data:  
mutate(group_by(gapminder, year), year_mean_life = mean(lifeExp))
```

```
# A tibble: 12 x 2  
  year mean_life  
  <int>   <dbl>  
1  1952  49.05762  
2  1957  51.50740  
3  1962  53.60925
```

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```
mutate(group_by(gapminder, country),  
       life_change = lifeExp - lag(lifeExp))
```

```
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```

```
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- You can group by multiple variables

```
summarize(group_by(gapminder, continent, year),  
           mean_life = mean(lifeExp))
```

```
# A tibble: 60 x 3
```

```
# Groups:   continent [?]
```

```
  continent  year mean_life  
  <fctr> <int>    <dbl>  
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- Or we could assign to objects along the way

```
just_africa <- filter(gapminder, continent == "Africa"),  
africa_by_year <- group_by(just_africa, year)  
summarize(africa_by_year, mean_life = mean(lifeExp))
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```

- Create a data.frame containing the continent, year, avg life expectancy, and change in avg life expectancy



## QUIZ ANSWERS

```
gapminder %>%  
  group_by(continent, year) %>%  
  summarize(avg_life = mean(lifeExp)) %>%  
  mutate(change_life = avg_life - lag(avg_life))
```

```
# A tibble: 60 x 4
```

```
# Groups:   continent [5]
```

	continent	year	avg_life	change_life
	<fctr>	<int>	<dbl>	<dbl>
1	Africa	1952	39.13550	NA
2	Africa	1957	41.26635	2.13084615
3	Africa	1962	43.31944	2.05309615
4	Africa	1967	45.33454	2.01509615
5	Africa	1972	47.45094	2.11640385

- Note that our answer had “continent” as a group
- It’s easy to forget about this, so if you’re saving the object for use later, you may want to run `ungroup()` to undo the grouping on the data.frame.

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- We learned how to use some of the most common `dplyr` functions to manipulate data (filter, select, mutate, summarize)
- `group_by` makes doing this by groups super easy
- Piping can make it easier to read code

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## REPORTING FROM R

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- We've learned most of what you need to do data analysis!
- Now let's do a new analysis on how to report, so we'll learn
  - How to report
  - Review much of what we learned
  - Learn a few more tricks and tips
- Right now is a good time to “restart” R and to make a project
- I put mine in `~/research/awesome-paper/` but you can put yours wherever!

- Let's change the dataset we're using, just for something new:
- We'll use the `midwest` dataset from `ggplot2`, which has info on some U.S. midwest counties:

```
library(tidyverse)
midwest
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- An `if` statement allows us to conditionally execute code

```
my_name <- "Alex"
if (my_name == "Alex"){
  print("I'm Alex!!!")
} else{
  print("You aren't Alex!!!")
}
```

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- **Solution:** Use an if statement! But we gotta let the user tell us whether to remove NA...

```
my_mean <- function(x, na.rm = FALSE){  
  if(na.rm){ x <- x[!is.na(x)]}  
  sum(x) / length(x)  
}
```

Always test a function to make sure it works!

```
my_mean(c(NA, 0, 1), TRUE)
```

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```

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- But what if we want to show that in our paper?





- There are several packages that let you easily make  $\text{\LaTeX}$  tables, let's use `stargazer`:

```
library(stargazer)
```

- Can handle Word too, need to do an html dance. See package docs.

```
midwest %>%  
  select(percbelowpoverty, percollege, inmetro) %>%  
  ## stargazer is picky about tibbles vs data.frames  
  as.data.frame %>%  
  stargazer(out = "../output/desc-stats.tex",  
            title = "Descriptive Statistics")
```

- use `\input{output/desc-stats.tex}` to import the table into your paper

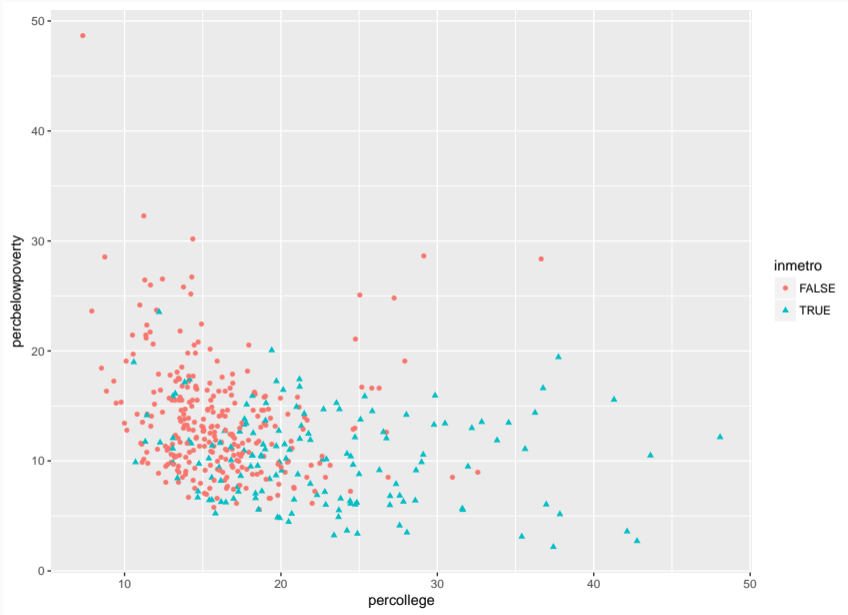
**Table 1:** Descriptive Statistics

Statistic	N	Mean	St. Dev.	Min	Max
percbelowpoverty	437	12.511	5.150	2.180	48.691
percollege	437	18.273	6.262	7.336	48.079
inmetro	437	0.343	0.475	0	1

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- Make a scatterplot with `percbelowpoverty` on the y-axis and include info on `percollege` and `inmetro`

```
g <- midwest %>%  
  ## inmetro is a number but needs to be discrete.  
  ## as.logical will convert so that a 0 is FALSE  
  mutate(inmetro = as.logical(inmetro)) %>%  
  ggplot(aes(percollege, percbelowpoverty,  
            color = inmetro,  
            shape = inmetro)) +  
  geom_point()
```



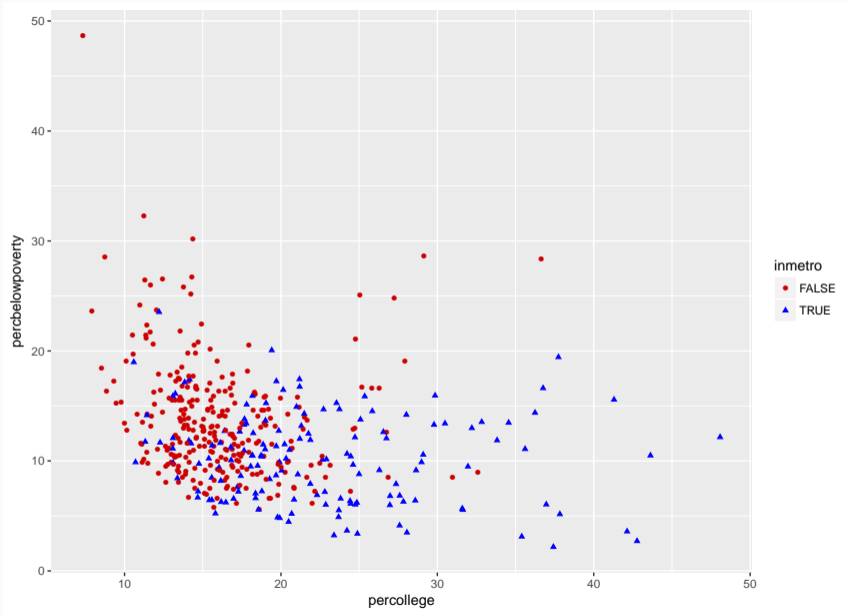
- Note that I assigned the plot to an object **g**
- We might want to change some more stuff about the graph (legends, assign colors, etc)
- This way I don't have to re-run the same code



## ADJUST THE SCALE

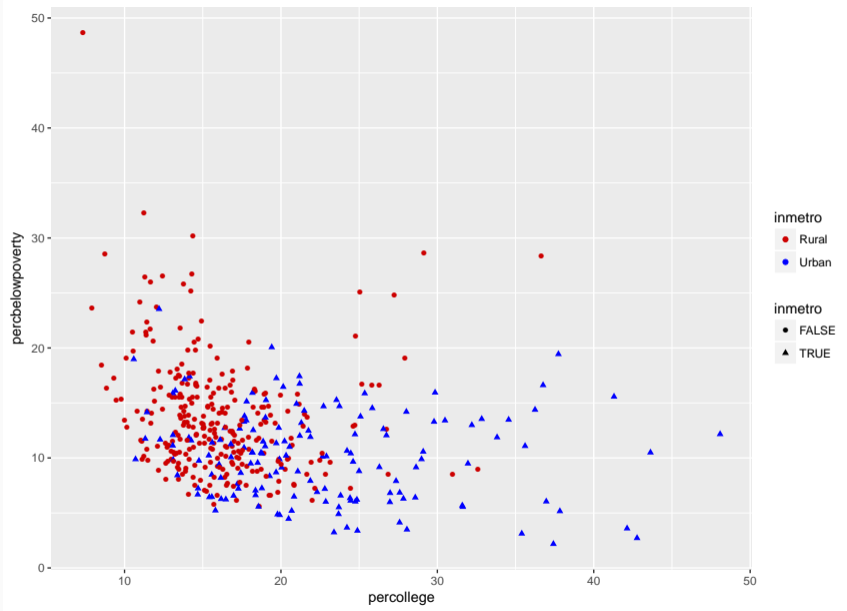
- You may want to change the color, label legends, etc
- use `scale_aes_type` to do so
- So, for example, we can do `scale_color_manual` to change the properties of the color scale.
- Let's change it so that metro areas are blue and rural areas are red:

```
## Plain red is super harsh, let's scale it back a bit:  
g + scale_color_manual(values = c("red3", "blue"))
```



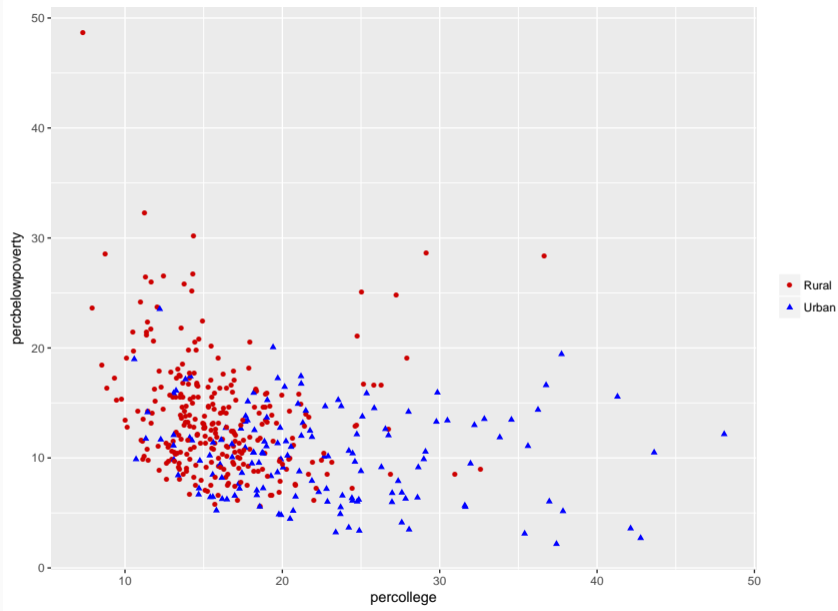
- Of course, `FALSE` and `TRUE` are not good legend labels. We can change those too with the `scale_color_manual` command:

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g + scale_color_manual(values = c("red3", "blue"),  
                       labels = c("Rural", "Urban"))
```



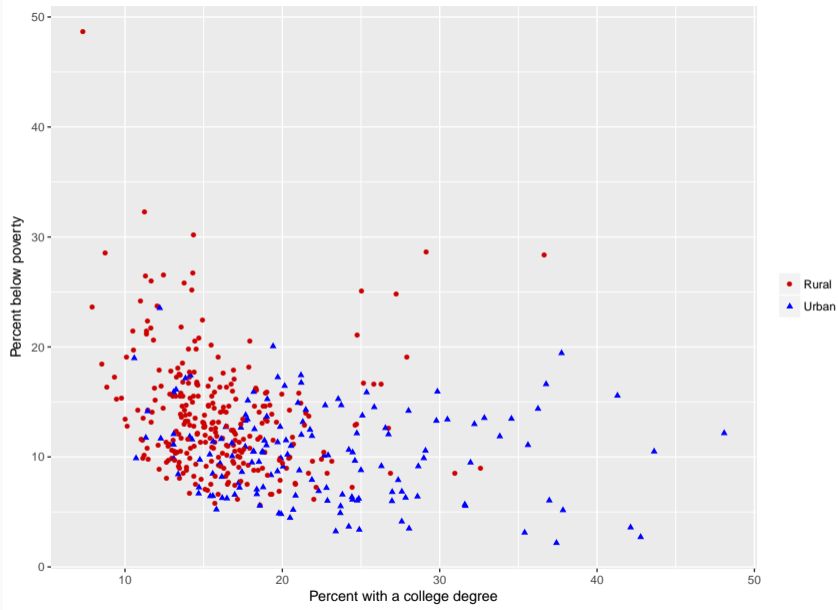
- Now the legends are separate, though. Need to tell the shape aesthetic to use the same labels!
- While we're at it, let's remove the legend title (name):
- Since we're done changing the scales, let's reassign `g`

```
g <- g + scale_color_manual(values = c("red3", "blue"),
                             labels = c("Rural", "Urban"),
                             name = "") +
  scale_shape_discrete(labels = c("Rural", "Urban"),
                       name = "")
```



- We should probably fix up our axis labels
- Note that if you want to give the plot a title, subtitle, or caption, you may do so here

```
g <- g + labs(y = "Percent below poverty",  
             x = "Percent with a college degree")
```

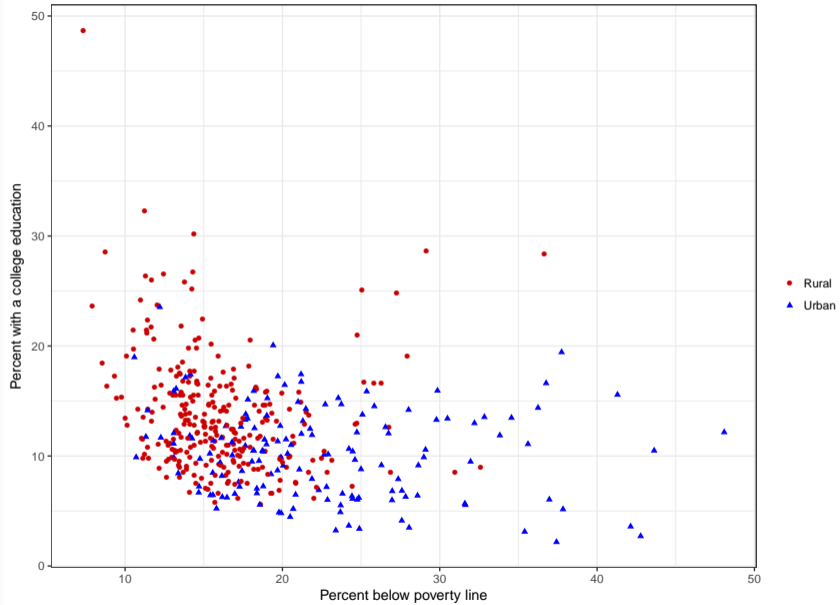




- I'm not a fan of the default grey background.
- You can adjust everything yourself, but there are several themes that come built-in
- The package `ggthemes` has many other themes
- You can make it look like you're graphing for the economist. Or from Stata

```
g + theme_grey()  
g + theme_gray()  
g + theme_bw()  
g + theme_linedraw()  
g + theme_light()  
g + theme_dark()  
g + theme_minimal()  
g + theme_classic()  
g + theme_void()
```

```
midwest %>%
  mutate(inmetro = as.logical(inmetro)) %>%
  ggplot(aes(percollege, percbelowpoverty,
            color = inmetro,
            shape = inmetro)) +
  geom_point() +
  scale_color_manual(values = c("red3", "blue"), labels = c("Rural",
                                                            "Urban"),
                    name = "") +
  scale_shape_discrete(labels = c("Rural", "Urban"), name = "") +
  labs(x = "Percent below poverty line",
       y = "Percent with a college education") +
  theme_bw()
```



- The `ggsave` function saves a plot (by default, the last one you plotted)
- It's important to specify the width and height

```
ggsave("../output/my-scatterplot.eps",  
        ## Important to specify!!!  
        width = 9, height = 6.5)
```

- Let's run a linear predicting poverty with education and include an interaction term for inmetro
  - Yes, I'm ignoring all kinds of issues with this particular model

```
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             data = midwest)  
summary(my_reg)
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- Use `\input{output/my-reg.tex}` in your  $\text{\LaTeX}$  document to import the table!



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- Look at the difference:

```
c(3, TRUE, "Nancy")
```

```
[1] "3"      "TRUE"   "Nancy"
```

```
list(3, TRUE, "Nancy")
```

```
[[1]]
```

```
[1] 3
```

```
[[2]]
```

```
[1] TRUE
```

```
[[3]]
```

```
[1] "Nancy"
```

- Subsetting lists can be a little weird
- We use `[[` or `[` to subset
- First, create a list:

```
x <- list(c(1:10),  
          c(TRUE, NA, TRUE),  
          c("Bob", "Alice", "Nancy", "Drew"))
```

- What is the difference:

```
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```

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- The double bracket contains the thing at the position,
- Single bracket returns a list of the thing at the position
- Elements of a list can have names:

```
names(x) <- c("nums", "logs", "chars")  
## Can also specify at creation time e.g. list(nums = 1:10) etc
```

## NAMED LISTS, CONTINUED

x

\$nums

```
[1] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
```

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- We can now access elements of the list by name instead of by position:

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- **Idea!** let's use the list to make life easier!



```
my_formulae <- list(model1 = percbelowpoverty ~ percollege,  
                    model2 = percbelowpoverty ~ inmetro,  
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```

## RUN THE MODELS!

- Base R provides `lapply` which iterates over lists

```
my_regs <- lapply(my_formulae,  
                 function(l_ele){lm(l_ele, data = midwest)})
```

- First argument is a list, second is a function to apply to each element of the list
- We use an *anonymous function* - one that we create on the fly. You could've created a named function too like we did with `my_mean` previously

- I don't really like that syntax though so I use `map` from the `purrr` package.
- This will do the same thing; the tilde magically creates an anonymous function in the background

```
my_regs <- map(my_formulae, ~ lm(.x, data = midwest))
```

```
map(my_regs, summary)
```

```
map(my_regs, predict)
```

```
map(my_regs, residuals)
```

The broom package has three functions that turns models into data.frames:

1. `glance()` returns a row with model quality/complexity
2. `tidy()` returns a row for each coefficient
3. `augment()` returns a row for every row in the data, adding some values (usually residuals and the like)

```
map(my_regs, broom::glance)
```



```
map(my_regs, broom::tidy)
```

```
map(my_regs, broom::augment)
```

- The stargazer function is smart enough to figure out multiple models:

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stargazer(my_regs,  
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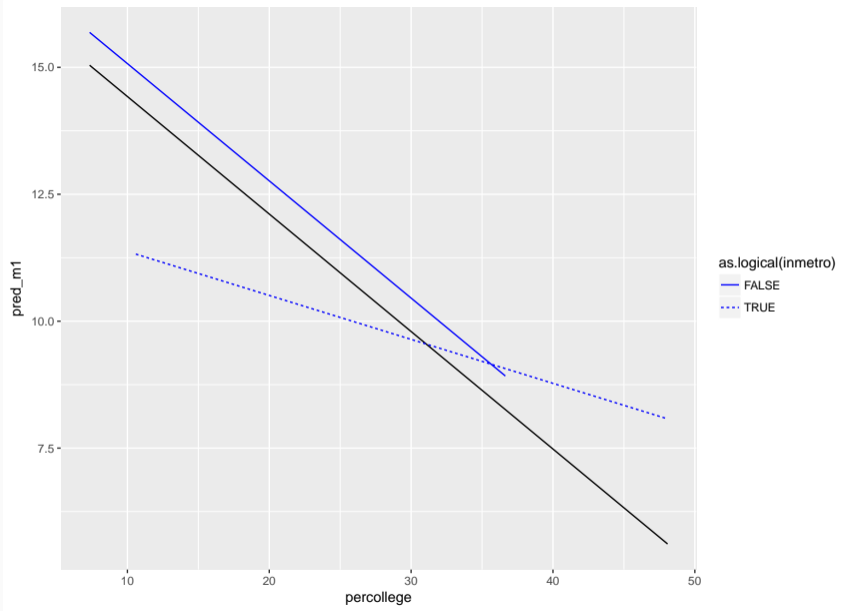
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```
my_midwest <- midwest  
my_midwest$pred_m1 <- predict(my_regs$model1)  
my_midwest$pred_m3 <- predict(my_regs$model3)
```

```
ggplot(my_midwest,  
       aes(percollege)) +  
  geom_line(aes(y = pred_m1)) +  
  geom_line(aes(y = pred_m3,  
               linetype = as.logical(inmetro)),  
           color = "blue")
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