My Internship

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Why did I apply for the internship

- To gain a better understanding in statistics
- To gain knowledge and understanding in using statistical programs such as R studio
- To understand and experience the role a biometrician plays in experimental design
- To do something different and something out of my comfort zone to gain new skills

First Week Monday

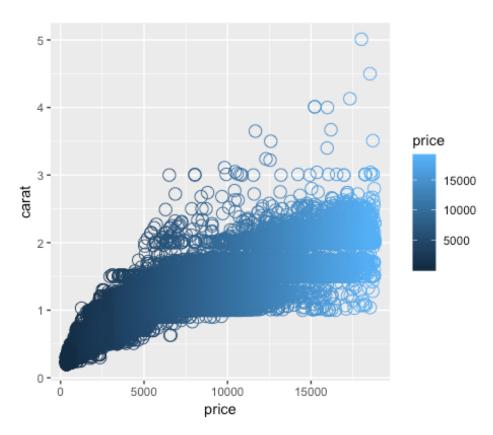
- Had the opportunity to participate in Sam's 'Introduction to R' workshop.
- Learnt the basics of R and how to use it efficiently
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- Learnt how to use R for:
 - Data Management
 - Creating Functions and Vectors
 - Statistical tests
 - Basic Graphics

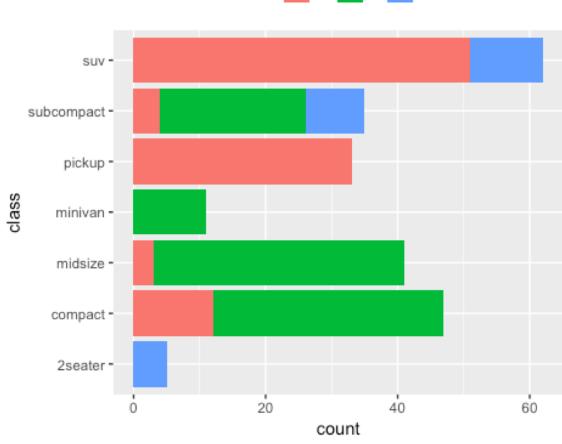
First Week Tuesday

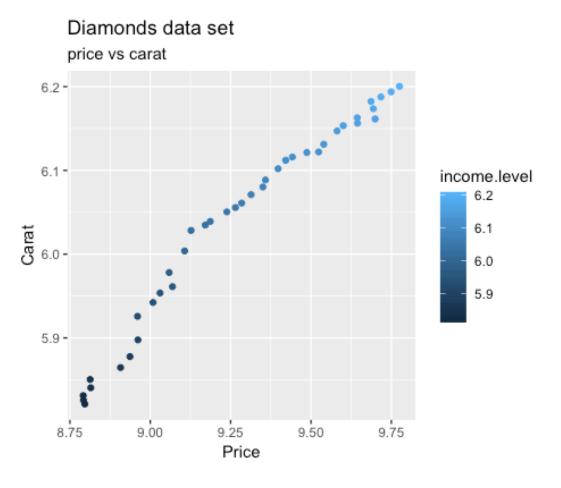
- Had the opportunity to participate in Sharon's 'Planning and designing an agronomic experiment workshop'.
- Learnt how to set up an agronomic experiment correctly
- Learnt how to use R to generate:
- Completely randomised designs
- Randomised complete block design
- Latin square designs
- Split-plot designs

First Week Wednesday

- Learnt how to use ggplot
- Used an online tutorial
- Got to practice and improve skills using ggplot on different data sets and creating different graphs







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First Week Thursday

- Continued practicing with ggplot
- Used R to analyse our group project data set and see if they produced the same results as genestat (which they did)
- Continued improving skills with R

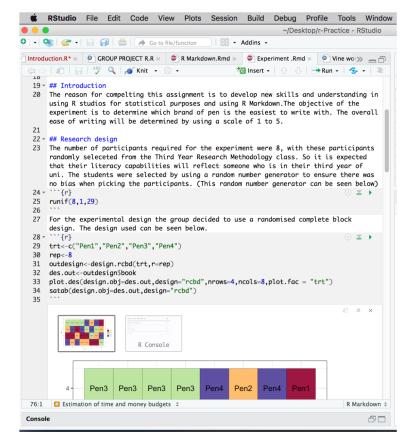
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First Week Friday

- Continued using R and improving skills
- Had a talk with Sam about R markdown and how to use it



Second Week Friday

• Used R markdown to rewrite our group project

• Continued using R to improve skills

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Introduction

The reason for compelting this assignment is to develop new skills and understanding in using R studios for statistical purposes and using R Markdown. The objective of the experiment is to determine which brand of pen is the easiest to write with. The overall ease of writing will be determined by using a scale of 1 to 5.

Research design

The number of participants required for the experiment were 8, with these participants randomly selected from the Third Year Research Methodology class. So it is expected that their literacy capabilities will reflect someone who is in their third year of uni. The students were selected by using a random number generator to ensure there was no bias when picking the participants. (This random number generator can be seen below)

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For the experimental design the group decided to use a randomised complete block design. The design used can be seen below.

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rep<-8
outdesign<-design.rcbd(trt,r=rep)
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summary(aov1)</pre>

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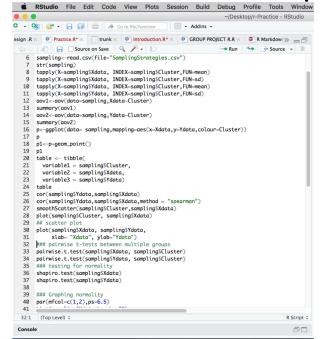
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Third Week Monday

- Continued practicing in R to improve skills
- Had a talk with Richard about the principles of statistical inference in practical applications.
- Received new data sets from Peter to play around with.

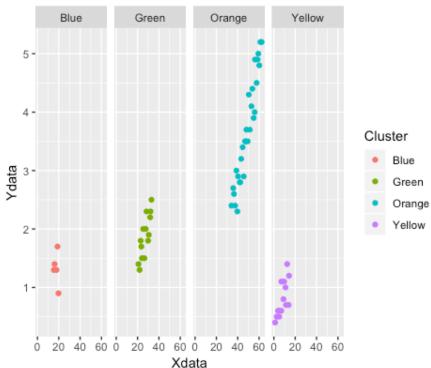


Third Week Tuesday

- Continued using the new data set to improve skills in R
- Had the opportunity to sit in and listen to Chris's PHD talk
- Had a talk with Peter about Sampling and the math's/ formulas behind it.
- Had a talk with Beata about how statistics can be used in the workforce and how she uses statistics for genetics.
- Had the opportunity to visit the plant accelerator and speak to Chris about the importance of experimental design

Third Week Wednesday

- Continued improving skills in R
- Had the opportunity to sit in on a consultancy meeting
- Had a talk with Helena about the principles of experimental deign



Third Week Thursday

Reflection

- The internship has given me the opportunity to improve my skills in using statistical programs and allowed me to improve my understanding of statistical knowledge.
- It has also showed me the important role biometricians play in experiments and setting the experiments up correctly to get valid results.
- The internship experience will help me in the future as I look to pursue a career in research work.