

Introduction to the Grammar of Graphics III

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- Discuss Linegraphs, Histograms, Boxplots, and Barplots
- Investigate some options for further customizing graphs

Section 1

Common Graphs using ggplot2

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  read_csv("biketown.csv")
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biketown2 <- count(biketown, StartHour)
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##   StartHour     n
##   <int> <int>
## 1         0  118
## 2         1   69
## 3         2   50
## 4         3   20
## 5         4   35
## 6         5   71
## 7         6  104
## 8         7  270
## 9         8  492
## 10        9  392
## # ... with 14 more rows
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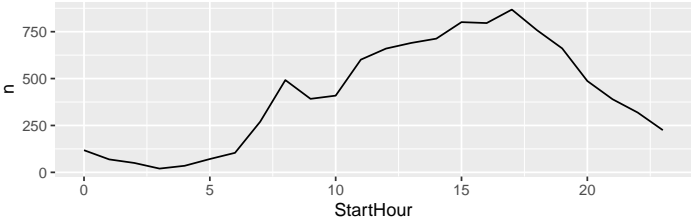
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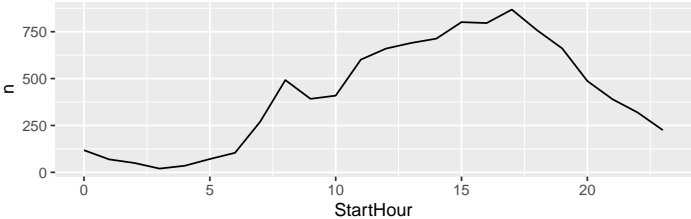
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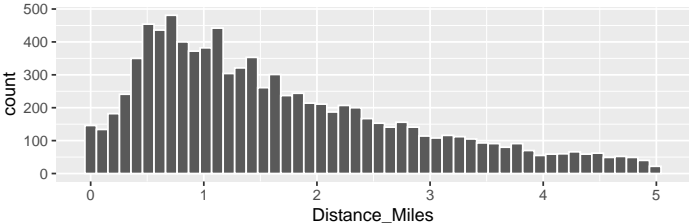
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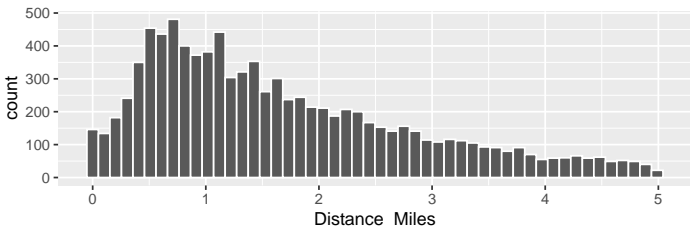
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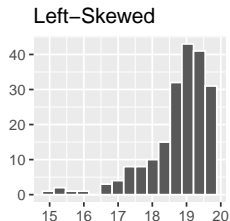
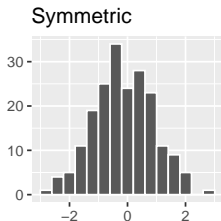
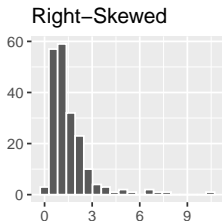
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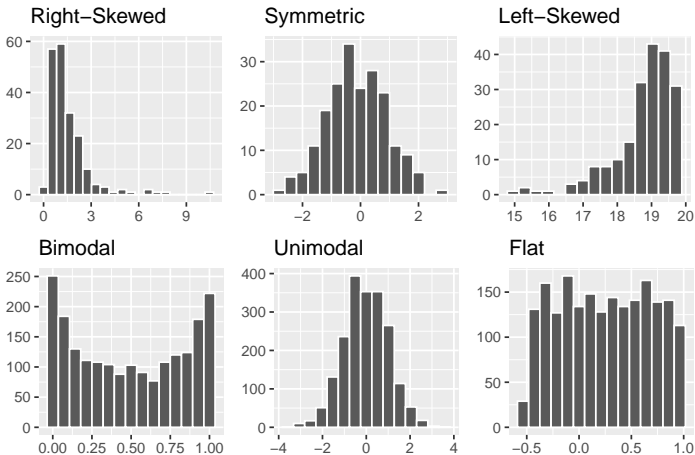
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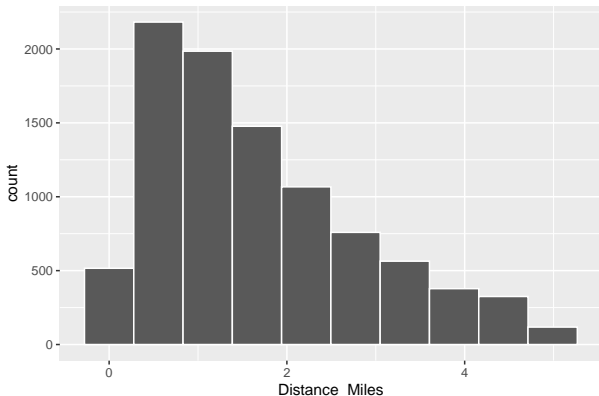
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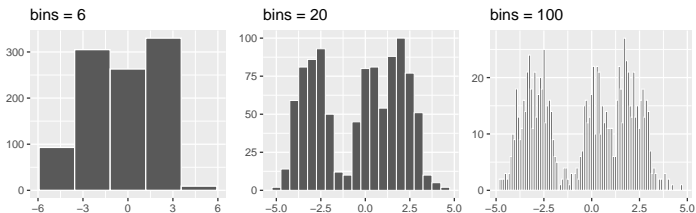


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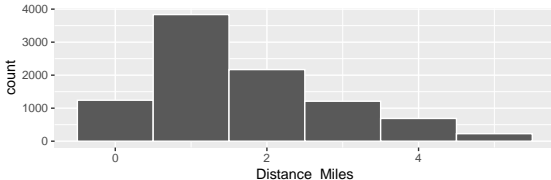
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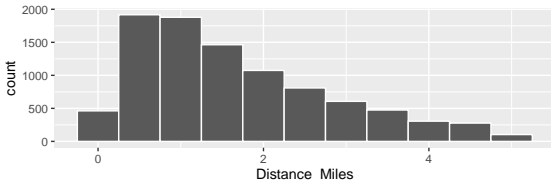
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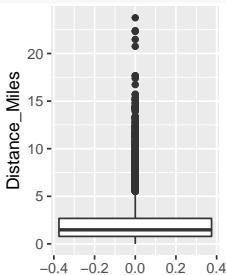
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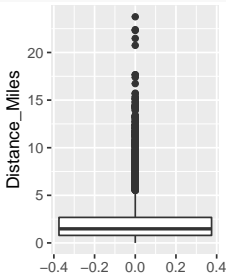


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- The Top / Bottom of box correspond to Q3 / Q1, while center line is median.
- The “whiskers” extend $1.5 \times \text{IQR}$ in either direction from box edge.
- **Outliers** are any observations outside this range, and are plotted as points.

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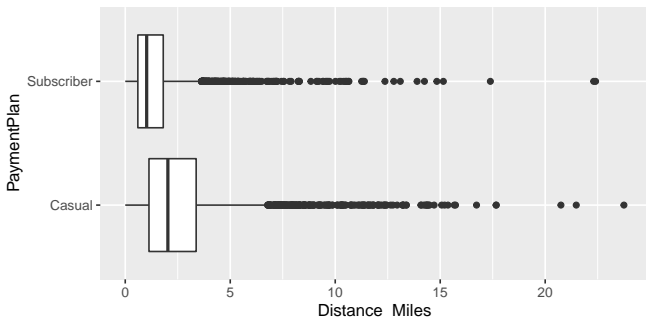
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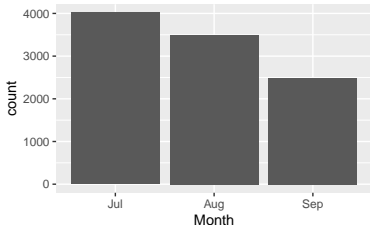
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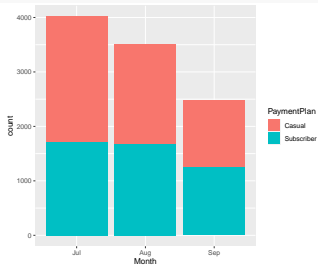
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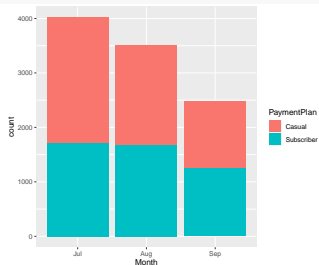
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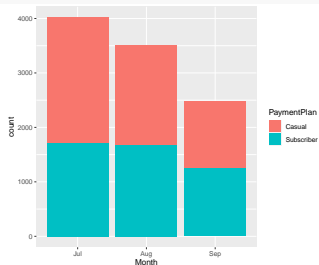


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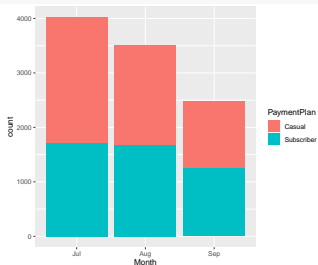


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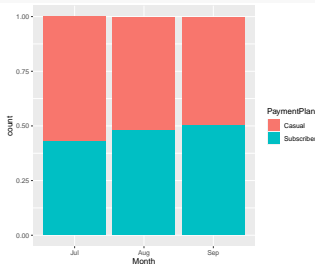
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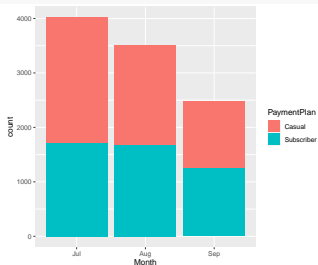


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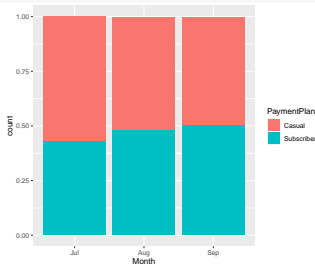
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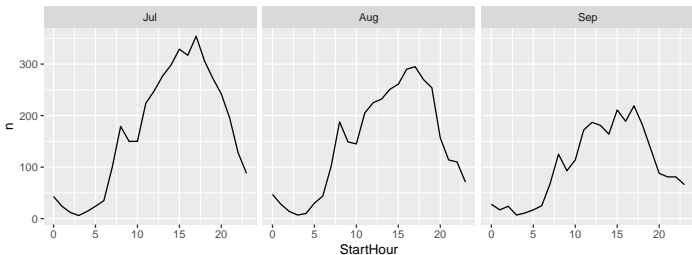
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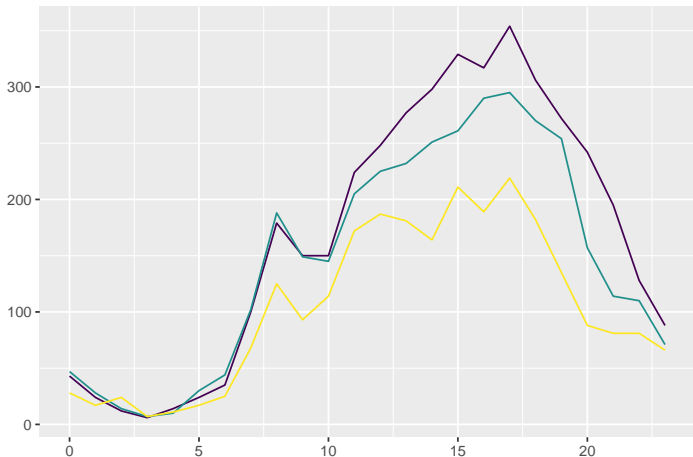


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       caption = "Data from www.biketownpdx.com/system-data")
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