

What are functions?

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Examples of functions

- `mean()`
- `plot()`
- `ncol()`

Elements of a function

- Arguments
 - Input / data
 - Options
- Body
 - Code execution
- Return
 - Stable and predicable output

Function documentation

?matrix

RDocumentation

Search all packages and functions



base (version 3.6.2)

matrix: Matrices

Description

`matrix` creates a matrix from the given set of values.

`as.matrix` attempts to turn its argument into a matrix.

`is.matrix` tests if its argument is a (strict) matrix.

Usage

```
matrix(data = NA, nrow = 1, ncol = 1, byrow = FALSE,
        dimnames = NULL)

as.matrix(x, ...)
# S3 method for data.frame
as.matrix(x, rownames.force = NA, ...)

is.matrix(x)
```

Function arguments

- Required
 - Error thrown without it
 - Normally data / object
- Optional
 - Default values are set
 - Normally sets extra options

Function arguments example

```
returns <- c(.023, .044, .034, NA)
mean()
```

```
Error in mean.default() : argument "x" is missing, with no default
```

```
mean(returns)
```

```
NA
```

```
?mean
```

na.rm a logical value indicating whether `NA` values should be stripped before the computation proceeds.

```
mean(returns, na.rm = TRUE)
```

```
0.03366667
```

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Writing functions

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Function structure

```
func_name <- function(arguments) {  
  body  
}
```

Add one

```
add_one <- function(x) {  
  x_plus_one <- x + 1  
  return(x_plus_one)  
}  
add_one(7)
```

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```
add_one <- function(x) {  
  x + 1  
}  
add_one(7)
```

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Using an optional argument

```
add <- function(x, value = 1) {  
  x + value  
}  
add(7)
```

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```
add(7, value = 3)
```

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Calculating arithmetic returns

$$\frac{S_t - S_{t-1}}{S_{t-1}}$$

```
prices <- c(23.4, 23.8, 22.3)
# S_(t) - S(t-1) vector
diff(prices)
```

```
0.4 -1.5
```

```
# S_(t-1) vector
prices[-length(prices)]
```

```
23.4 23.8
```

```
# Arithmetic returns
diff(prices) / prices[-length(prices)]
```

```
0.01709402 -0.06302521
```

Calculating arithmetic returns

```
prices <- c(23.4, 23.8, 22.3)
arith_returns <- function(x) {
  diff(x) / x[-length(x)]
}
arith_returns(prices)
```

```
0.01709402 -0.06302521
```

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Packages

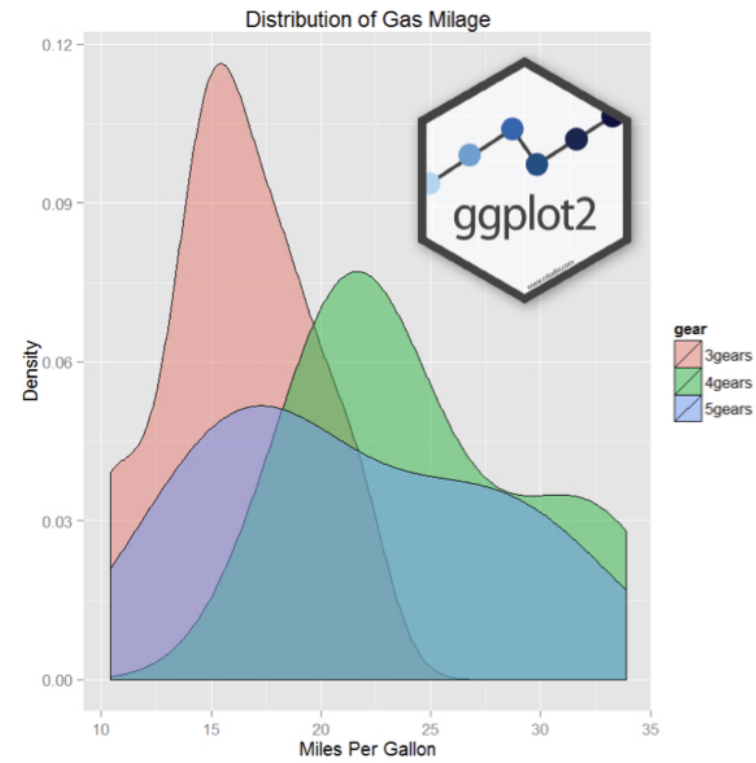
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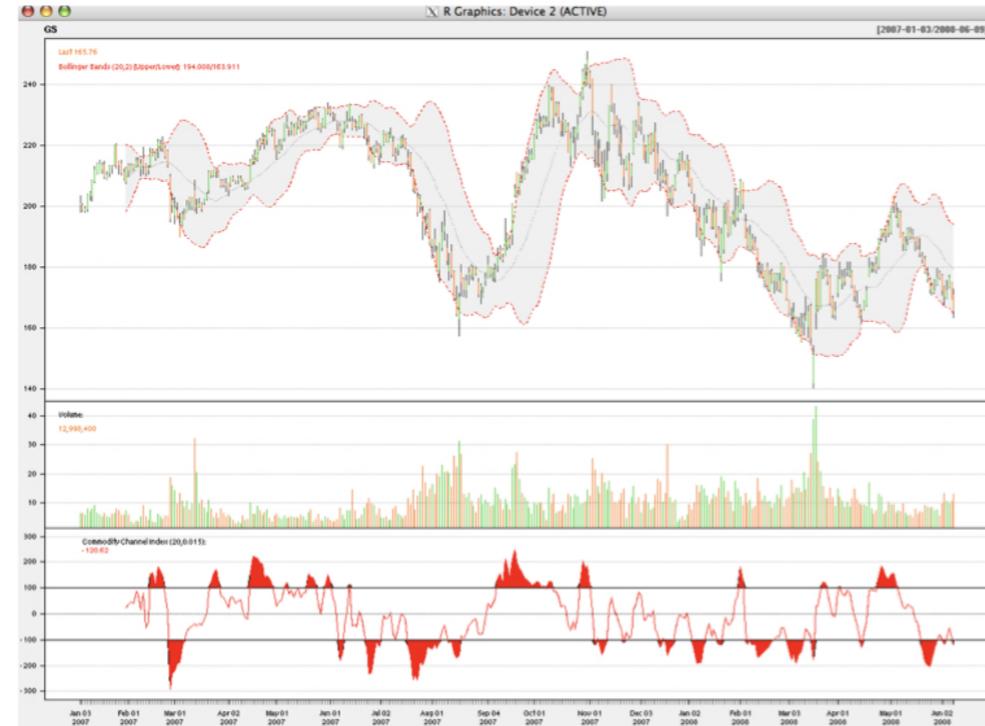
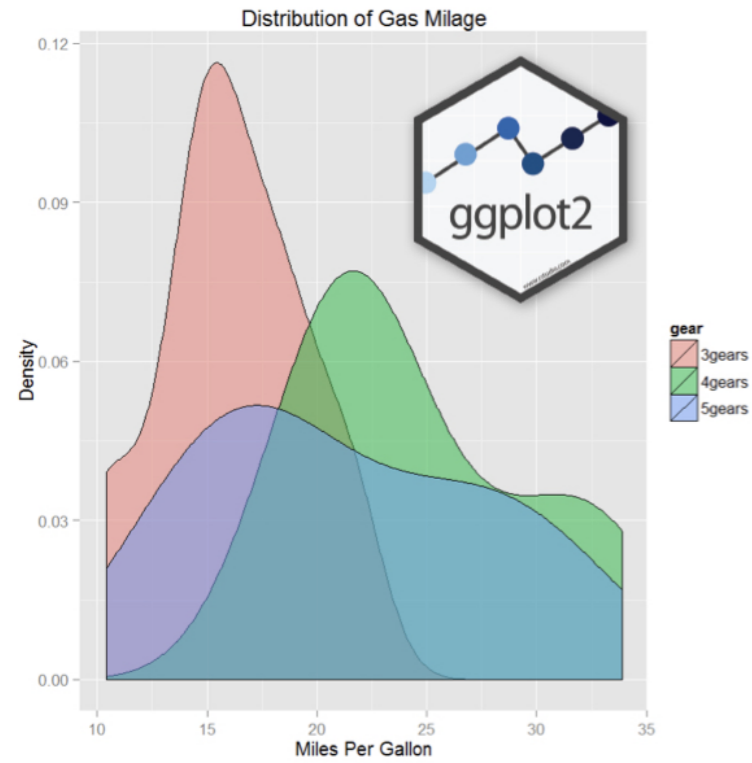
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Packages



Packages



CRAN

- Comprehensive R Archive Network
- More than 10000 packages

Installing packages

```
# Download from CRAN  
install.packages("quantmod")
```

```
# Load into your current R session  
library(quantmod)
```

quantmod functionality

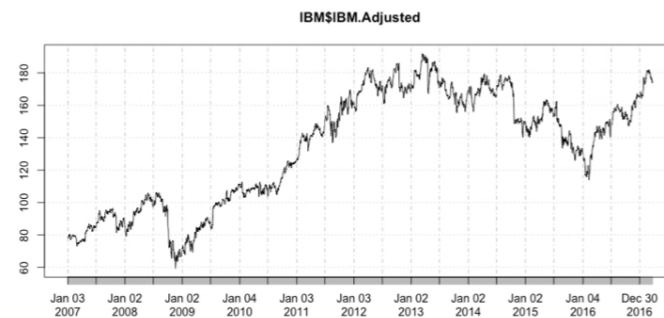
```
library(quantmod)  
getSymbols("IBM")
```

```
"IBM"
```

```
head(IBM, n = 3)
```

	IBM.Open	IBM.High	IBM.Low	IBM.Close	IBM.Volume	IBM.Adjusted
2007-01-03	97.18	98.40	96.26	97.27	9196800	77.73997
2007-01-04	97.25	98.79	96.88	98.31	10524500	78.57116
2007-01-05	97.60	97.95	96.91	97.42	7221300	77.85985

```
plot(IBM$IBM.Adjusted)
```



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