Thinking about Graphics

Scales in Stata

Level of measurement

- Categorical versus continuous
- Categorical data may be represented as
 - Position along a categorical axis
 - Aesthetics such as color, marker type
 - Paneling
- Continuous data may be represented as
 - Position along a continuous axis
 - Aesthetics such as color, marker size

Categories as axes



Categories as aesthetics



Bivariate category axes & aesthetics



Bivariate category paneling



Univariate continuous axis



Bivariate continuous axes



Summary (continuous) by category



Scatter by category



Coordinates

- Dimension
 - 2 to 4
- Order
 - Category order
 - Continuous order
- Measurement units
 - Linear
 - Log