Package ‘gglinedensity’

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Description

`stat_line_density()` is a 'ggplot2' statistic implementing the DenseLines algorithm described by Moritz and Fisher (2018). `stat_path_density()` is to `stat_line_density()` as `geom_path()` is to `geom_line()`.

Usage

```
stat_line_density(
  mapping = NULL,
  data = NULL,
  geom = "raster",
  position = "identity",
  ...,
  bins = 30,
  binwidth = NULL,
  drop = TRUE,
  orientation = NA,
  na.rm = FALSE,
  show.legend = NA,
  inherit.aes = TRUE
)

stat_path_density(
  mapping = NULL,
  data = NULL,
  geom = "raster",
  position = "identity",
  ...,
  bins = 30,
  binwidth = NULL,
  drop = TRUE,
  orientation = NA,
  na.rm = FALSE,
  show.legend = NA,
  inherit.aes = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

`mapping`
Set of aesthetic mappings created by `aes()`. If specified and `inherit.aes = TRUE` (the default), it is combined with the default mapping at the top level of the plot. You must supply `mapping` if there is no plot mapping.

`data`
The data to be displayed in this layer. There are three options:

If `NULL`, the default, the data is inherited from the plot data as specified in the call to `ggplot()`.

A `data.frame`, or other object, will override the plot data. All objects will be fortified to produce a data frame. See `fortify()` for which variables will be created.

A `function` will be called with a single argument, the plot data. The return value must be a `data.frame`, and will be used as the layer data. A `function` can be created from a `formula` (e.g. `~ head(.x, 10)`).

`geom`
The geometric object to use to display the data for this layer. When using a `stat_*()` function to construct a layer, the `geom` argument can be used to override the default coupling between stats and geoms. The `geom` argument accepts the following:

- A `Geom` ggproto subclass, for example `GeomPoint`.
- A string naming the geom. To give the geom as a string, strip the function name of the `geom_` prefix. For example, to use `geom_point()`, give the geom as `"point"`.
- For more information and other ways to specify the geom, see the layer geom documentation.

`position`
A position adjustment to use on the data for this layer. This can be used in various ways, including to prevent overplotting and improving the display. The `position` argument accepts the following:

- The result of calling a position function, such as `position_jitter()`. This method allows for passing extra arguments to the position.
- A string naming the position adjustment. To give the position as a string, strip the function name of the `position_` prefix. For example, to use `position_jitter()`, give the position as `"jitter"`.
- For more information and other ways to specify the position, see the layer position documentation.

`...`
Other arguments passed on to `layer()`'s `params` argument. These arguments broadly fall into one of 4 categories below. Notably, further arguments to the `position` argument, or aesthetics that are required can *not* be passed through `...`. Unknown arguments that are not part of the 4 categories below are ignored.

- Static aesthetics that are not mapped to a scale, but are at a fixed value and apply to the layer as a whole. For example, `colour = "red"` or `linewidth = 3`. The geom's documentation has an **Aesthetics** section that lists the available options. The 'required' aesthetics cannot be passed on to the `params`. Please note that while passing unmapped aesthetics as vectors is technically possible, the order and required length is not guaranteed to be parallel to the input data.

- When constructing a layer using a `stat_*()` function, the `...` argument can be used to pass on parameters to the `geom` part of the layer. An example of this is `stat_density(geom = "area", outline.type = "both")`. The geom's documentation lists which parameters it can accept.
- Inversely, when constructing a layer using a `geom_*()` function, the `...` argument can be used to pass on parameters to the `stat` part of the layer. An example of this is `geom_area(stat = "density", adjust = 0.5)`. The stat's documentation lists which parameters it can accept.
- The `key_glyph` argument of `layer()` may also be passed on through `...`. This can be one of the functions described as key glyphs, to change the display of the layer in the legend.

`bins` numeric vector giving number of bins in both vertical and horizontal directions. Set to 30 by default.

`binwidth` Numeric vector giving bin width in both vertical and horizontal directions. Overrides `bins` if both set.

`drop` if `TRUE` removes all cells with 0 counts.

`orientation` The orientation of the layer. The default (`NA`) automatically determines the orientation from the aesthetic mapping. In the rare event that this fails it can be given explicitly by setting `orientation` to either `"x"` or `"y"`. See the *Orientation* section for more detail.

`na.rm` If `FALSE`, the default, missing values are removed with a warning. If `TRUE`, missing values are silently removed.

`show.legend` logical. Should this layer be included in the legends? `NA`, the default, includes if any aesthetics are mapped. `FALSE` never includes, and `TRUE` always includes. It can also be a named logical vector to finely select the aesthetics to display.

`inherit.aes` If `FALSE`, overrides the default aesthetics, rather than combining with them. This is most useful for helper functions that define both data and aesthetics and shouldn't inherit behaviour from the default plot specification, e.g. `borders()`.

Details

`stat_line_density()` provides the `density` variable, which normalises `count` by its sum in each column of bins with the same value of the variable on the `orientation` axis. This is also provided by `stat_path_density()`, but should be used with caution as the DenseLines algorithm assumes lines are connected in order of the variable on the `orientation` axis. `stat_path_density()` therefore defaults to `aes(fill = after_stat(count))` rather than `after_stat(density)`.

Aesthetics

`stat_line_density()` understands the following aesthetics (required aesthetics are in bold):

- `x`
- `y`
- `group`

Computed variables

These are calculated by the 'stat' part of layers and can be accessed with delayed evaluation.

- `after_stat(count)`
  number of lines in bin.
- `after_stat(density)`
  density of lines in bin. The result of the DenseLines algorithm.
- `after_stat(ncount)`
  count, scaled to maximum of 1.
- `after_stat(ndensity)`
  density, scaled to a maximum of 1.

Orientation

This geom treats each axis differently and, thus, can thus have two orientations. Often the orientation is easy to deduce from a combination of the given mappings and the types of positional scales in use. Thus, ggplot2 will by default try to guess which orientation the layer should have. Under rare circumstances, the orientation is ambiguous and guessing may fail. In that case the orientation can be specified directly using the `orientation` parameter, which can be either `"x"` or `"y"`. The value gives the axis that the geom should run along, `"x"` being the default orientation you would expect for the geom.

References

Moritz, D. & Fisher, D. (2018). Visualizing a Million Time Series with the Density Line Chart. arXiv preprint arXiv:1409.0473. doi:10.48550/arxiv.1808.06019.

See Also

`ggplot2::stat_bin_2d()`, `ggplot2::geom_line()`, `ggplot2::geom_raster()`.

Examples

```
library(ggplot2)

p <- ggplot(txhousing, aes(date, median, group = city))

p +
  stat_line_density(drop = FALSE, na.rm = TRUE)

p +
  aes(fill = after_stat(count)) +
  stat_line_density(
    aes(colour = after_stat(count)),
    geom = "point", size = 10, bins = 15, na.rm = TRUE
  ) +
  stat_line_density(
    aes(label = after_stat(ifelse(count > 25, count, NA))),
    geom = "label", size = 6, bins = 15, na.rm = TRUE
  )
```

```
ggplot(txhousing, aes(median, date, group = city)) +
  stat_line_density(
    aes(fill = after_stat(ndensity)),
    bins = 50, orientation = "y", na.rm = TRUE
  )

m <- ggplot(economics, aes(unemploy/pop, psavert, group = date < as.Date("2000-01-01")))
m + geom_path(aes(colour = after_stat(group)))
m + stat_path_density()
```

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