What's in a Graph? (Daily Warm-up)

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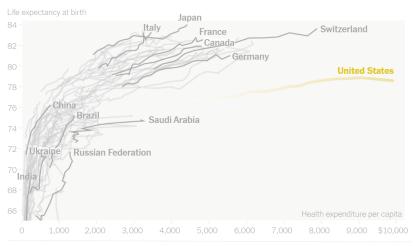
Introduction

Two important goals of the Midterm Project in Math-156:

- 1) Develop an ability to identify and interpret patterns via data visualization
- Develop an ability to communicate these findings using the proper statistical terms

For the first couple of weeks we will begin class (on most days) with brief warm-up that addresses these goals by analyzing and discussing a different data visualization.

Graph #1 (Monday 1/10)



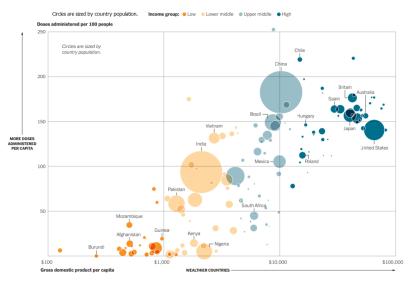
Note: Current health expenditure per capita, purchasing power parity, reflects current international dollars. Both measures span 2000-2017. Source: World Bank

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Graph #1 (Questions)

- 1. What are the *variables* depicted on this graph? What are the subjects/units that are being considered?
- 2. What is the strongest predictor of greater improvements in a country's life expectancy (at birth)?
- 3. What do you think was the message that graph's creator wanted convey? Do you have any criticisms or concerns regarding the evidence this graph provides?

Graph #2 (Friday 1/14)



Sources: Vaccination data from local governments via Our World in Data; income classifications and gross domestic product data from the World Bank. | Note: Data is as of Dec. 8.

Glossary: G.D.P. per capita is the Gross Domestic Product, or wealth of a country divided by its population size.



[Graph #2 (Questions)]

- Visualize or sketch what a spreadsheet of these data would look like. To do so, you need to determine the *cases* and the variables that are depicted in the graph.
- 2. Of the variables depicted in the graph, which are *categorical* and which are *quantitative*? Additionally, which variables seem most closely related?