

Plotting predictors

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Example: predicting wages

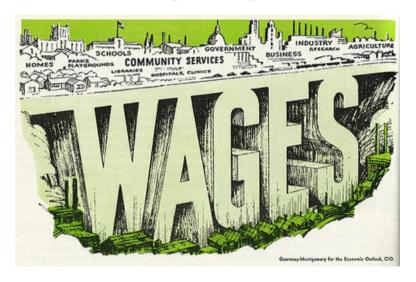


Image Credit http://www.cahs-media.org/the-high-cost-of-low-wages

Data from: ISLR package from the book: Introduction to statistical learning

Example: Wage data

```
library(ISLR); library(ggplot2); library(caret);
data(Wage)
summary(Wage)
```

```
marit.l
    vear
                   age
                                   sex
                                                                          race
Min.
      :2003
              Min. :18.0
                            1. Male :3000
                                             1. Never Married: 648
                                                                    1. White: 2480
1st Qu.:2004
              1st Qu.:33.8
                             2. Female:
                                             2. Married :2074
                                                                    2. Black: 293
Median: 2006 Median: 42.0
                                                                    3. Asian: 190
                                             3. Widowed
                                                            : 19
      :2006
                   : 42.4
                                             4. Divorced : 204
                                                                    4. Other: 37
Mean
              Mean
3rd Ou.:2008
              3rd Qu.:51.0
                                             5. Separated
                                                             : 55
      :2009
                   :80.0
Max.
              Max.
            education
                                         region
                                                             jobclass
                                                                                   health
                 :268
                        2. Middle Atlantic :3000
                                                    1. Industrial :1544 1. <=Good
1. < HS Grad
                                                                                       : 858
2. HS Grad
                 :971

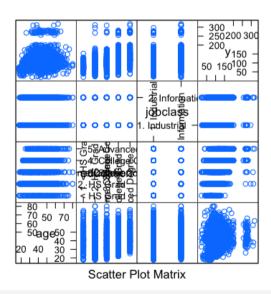
    New England

                                            : 0
                                                    2. Information: 1456
                                                                         2. >=Very Good:2142
3. Some College
                 :650
                        3. East North Central:
4. College Grad
                 :685
                       4. West North Central:
5. Advanced Degree: 426
                        5. South Atlantic
                        6. East South Central:
                                                                                         3/14
                        (Other)
```

Get training/test sets

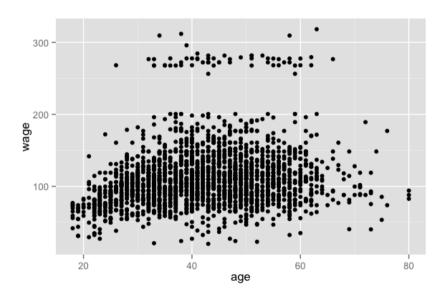
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[1] 898 12
```

Feature plot (caret package)



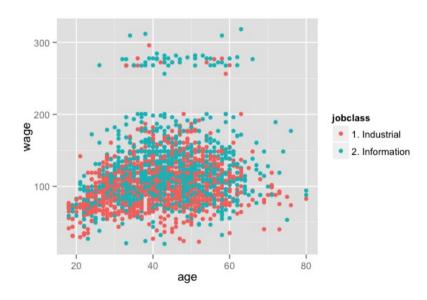
Qplot (*ggplot2* package)

qplot(age, wage, data=training)



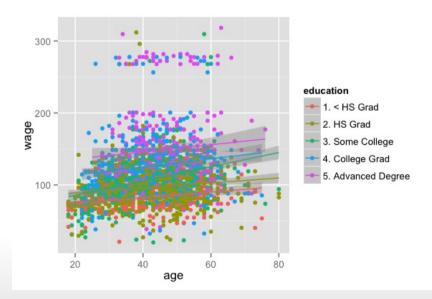
Qplot with color (*ggplot2* package)

qplot(age,wage,colour=jobclass,data=training)



Add regression smoothers (*ggplot2* package)

```
qq <- qplot(age,wage,colour=education,data=training)
qq + geom_smooth(method='lm',formula=y~x)</pre>
```

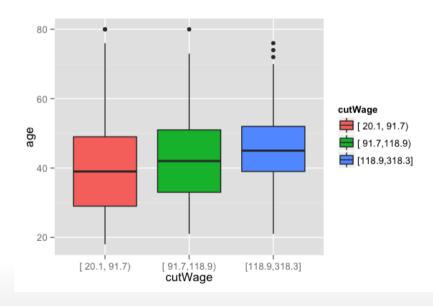


cut2, making factors (*Hmisc* package)

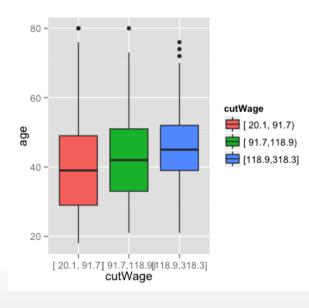
```
cutWage <- cut2(training$wage,g=3)
table(cutWage)</pre>
```

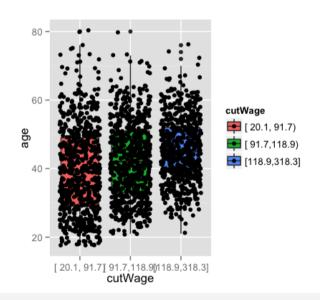
```
cutWage
[ 20.1, 91.7) [ 91.7,118.9) [118.9,318.3]
704 725 673
```

Boxplots with cut2



Boxplots with points overlayed





Tables

```
t1 <- table(cutWage,training$jobclass)
t1
```

```
      cutWage
      1. Industrial 2. Information

      [ 20.1, 91.7)
      437
      267

      [ 91.7,118.9)
      365
      360

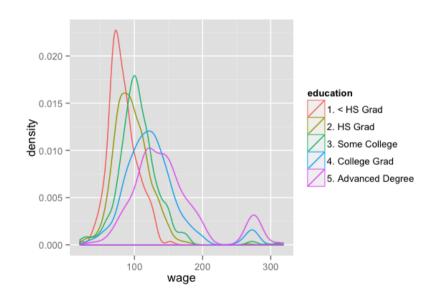
      [118.9,318.3]
      263
      410
```

```
prop.table(t1,1)
```

```
cutWage 1. Industrial 2. Information [ 20.1, 91.7) 0.6207 0.3793 [ 91.7,118.9) 0.5034 0.4966 [118.9,318.3] 0.3908 0.6092
```

Density plots

qplot(wage,colour=education,data=training,geom="density")



Notes and further reading

- · Make your plots only in the training set
 - Don't use the test set for exploration!
- · Things you should be looking for
 - Imbalance in outcomes/predictors
 - Outliers
 - Groups of points not explained by a predictor
 - Skewed variables
- ggplot2 tutorial
- caret visualizations