

## 2.1 Skill Check

Geom\_Raster, Geom\_Tile, Geom\_Contour



# Our dataset for `geom_raster()` and `geom_contour()`

Faithful, a dataset on the waiting time between eruptions and the duration of the eruption of the Old Faithful Geyser.

Continuous, numerical data types

	eruptions	waiting	density
1	1.600000	43.00000	3.216159e-03
2	1.647297	43.00000	3.835375e-03
3	1.694595	43.00000	4.435548e-03
4	1.741892	43.00000	4.977614e-03
5	1.789189	43.00000	5.424238e-03
6	1.836486	43.00000	5.744544e-03
7	1.883784	43.00000	5.918012e-03
8	1.931081	43.00000	5.936762e-03
9	1.978378	43.00000	5.805861e-03
10	2.025676	43.00000	5.541706e-03
11	2.072973	43.00000	5.168979e-03
12	2.120270	43.00000	4.716903e-03
13	2.167568	43.00000	4.215592e-03
14	2.214865	43.00000	3.693071e-03
15	2.262162	43.00000	3.173317e-03
16	2.309459	43.00000	2.675315e-03
17	2.356757	43.00000	2.212951e-03
18	2.404054	43.00000	1.795434e-03
19	2.451351	43.00000	1.427056e-03

Showing 1 to 19 of 5,625 entries, 3 total columns

# Geom\_Raster()

- A way to visualize data in a heat map style that factors in statistics like density in order to construct the plot and determine the “fill”
  - The “Fill” is a way to visualize the data by density
- In our context, the general time between eruptions can be seen
- Similar to Geom\_Tile, but all rectangles are the same size

Our working example:

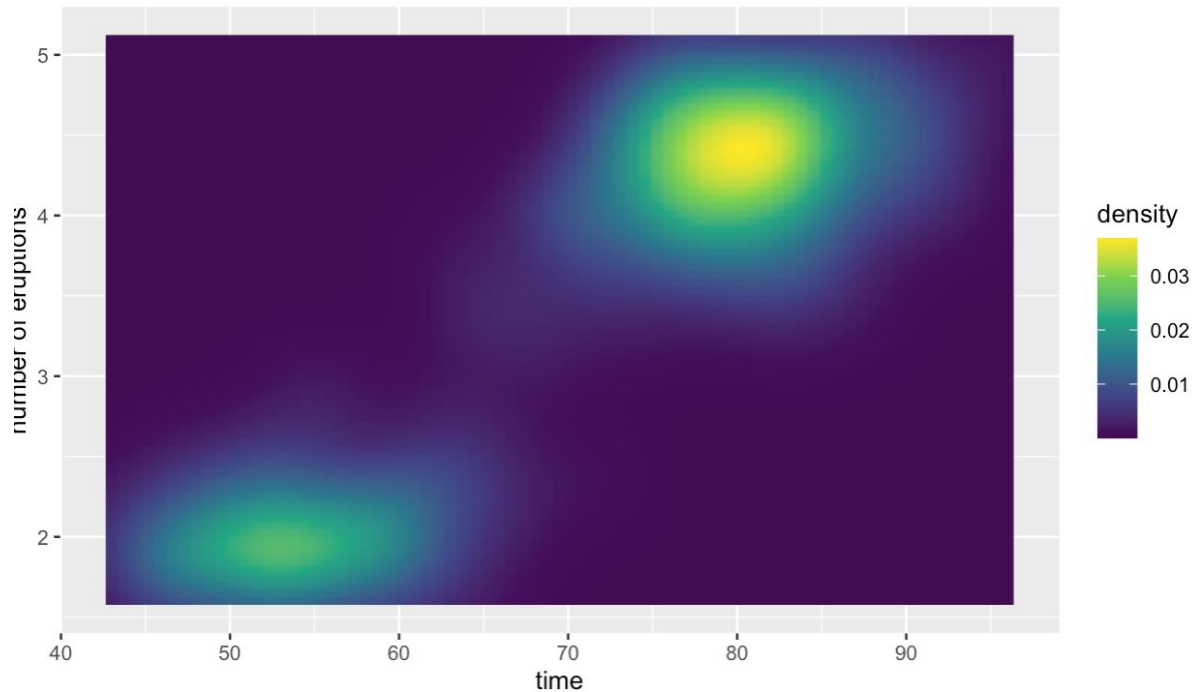
```
ggplot(faithfuld, aes(waiting, eruptions)) +  
  #X and Y values + Data  
  geom_raster(aes(fill = density), interpolate = TRUE) +  
  scale_fill_viridis_c() +  
  #Specific Raster Customization - fill = what to sort by, Interpolate = smoothing  
  labs (x = "time", y = "number of eruptions", title = "distribution of volcano data")
```

## Geom\_Raster () cont.

- **Syntax:** `ggplot("DataName", aes("X, Y")) +`  
`geom_raster(aes(fill = "ScalarStatistic"), interpolate = TRUE/FALSE) +`  
`scale_fill_"ColorSelection"() +`  
`labs (x = "X title", y = "Y title", title = "Overall Title")`
  - "ScalarStatistic" can include scaling statistics like magnitude, density, etc
    - The colors are determined by the fill
  - Interpolate smooths the graph and reduces the "blockiness"
  - Scale\_fill\_ is a way to color and customize the graph by color
  - Labs labels the graph (similar to other ggplot types)

# Geom\_Raster Example

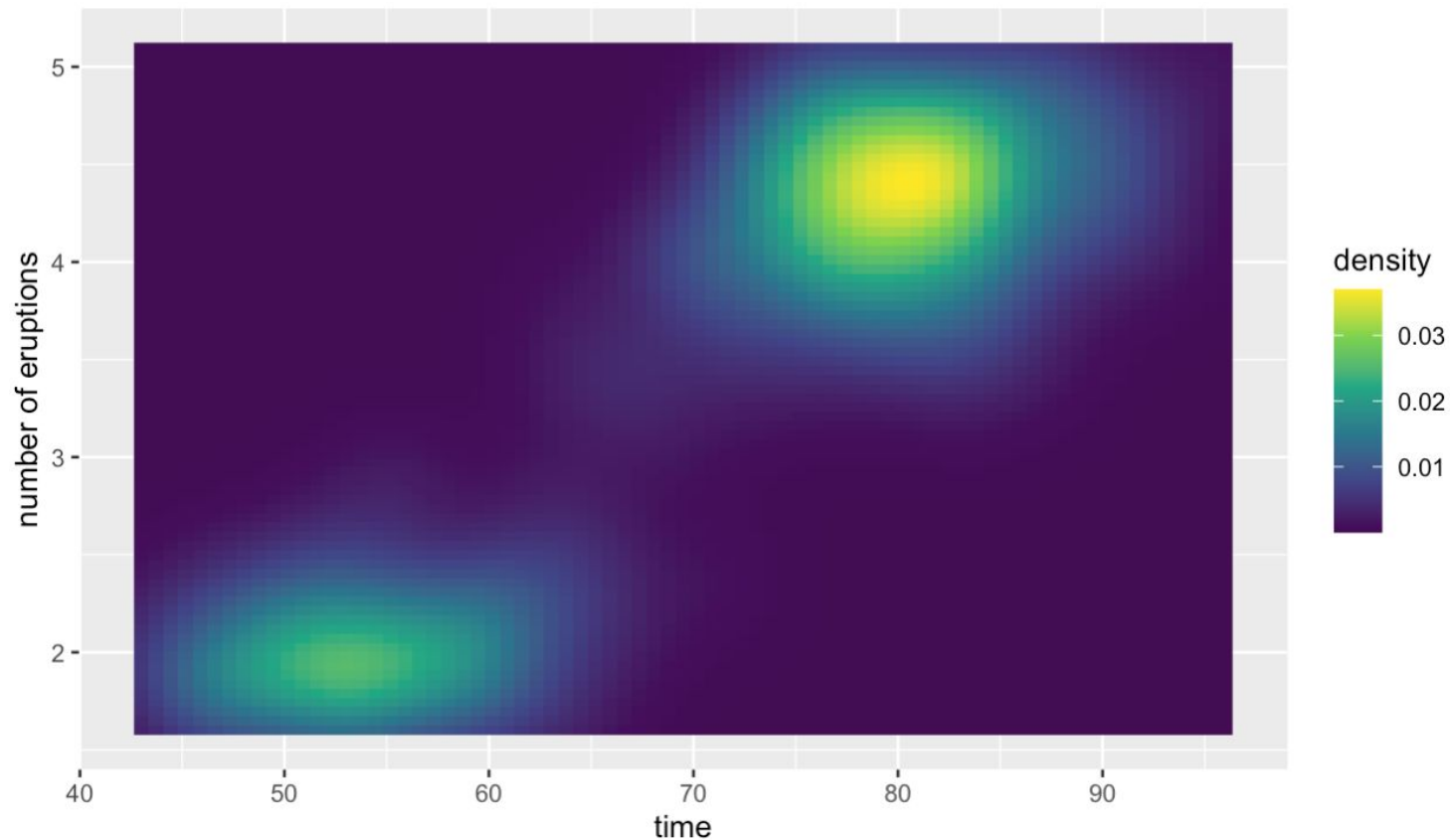
distribution of volcano data



The interpolation = TRUE can be seen in the smoothness of the graph and the color change can be seen indicating the shift in density

**Notice the 'blockiness' of the visuals when interpolate = FALSE**

distribution of volcano data



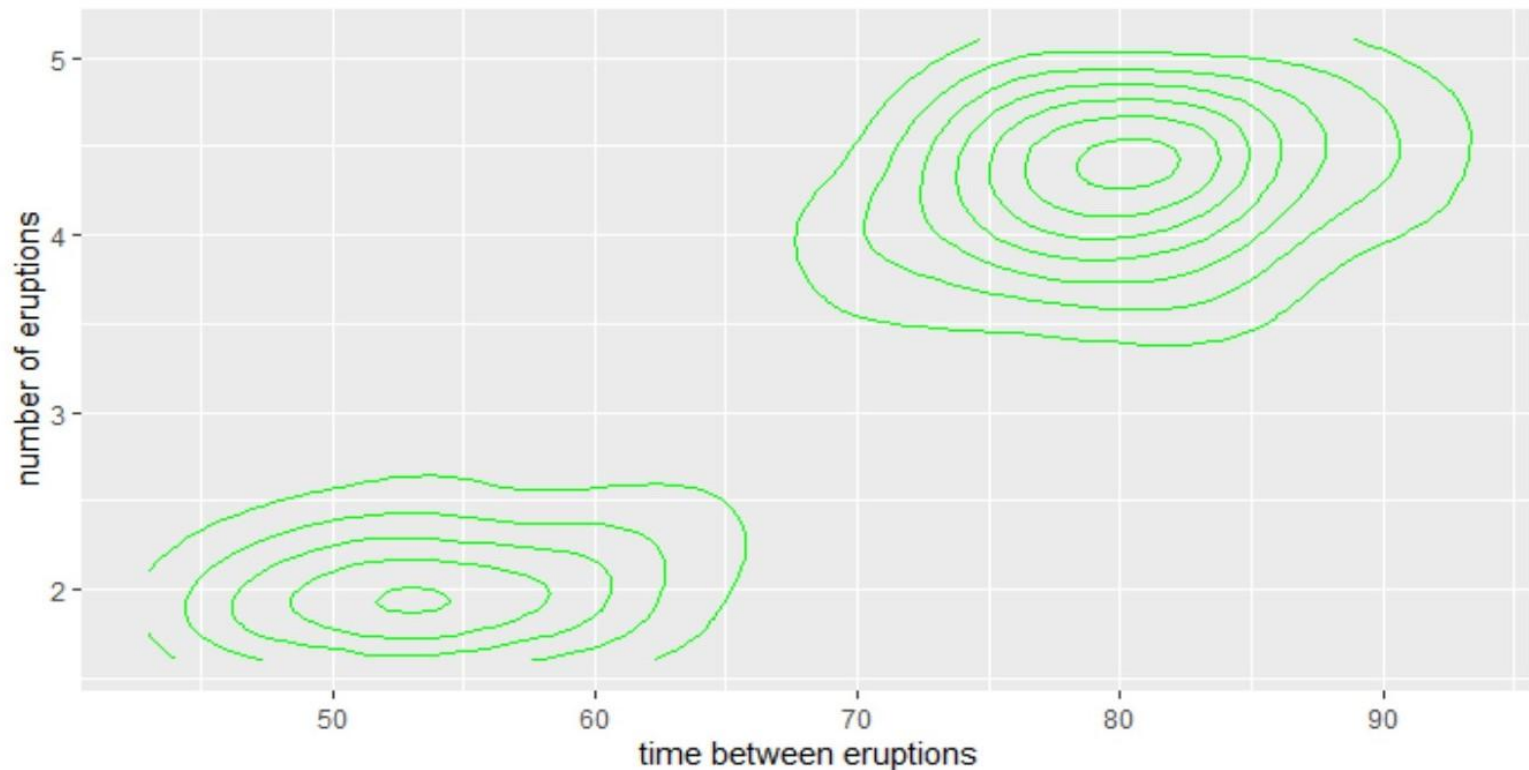
# Geom\_Contour

- Geom\_Contour is similar to Geom\_Raster, but it allows for the addition of levels
  - The levels can block out the data into different bins for better organization
  - It can be used more for more discrete variables
- Geom\_Contour is useful for creating a 2D visualization of a 3D data set
- Can be filled or unfilled
  - For our dataset, filled provides better information that is easier to understand
- **Syntax:** `ggplot("DataName", aes("X", "Y", z = "ScalarStatistic"), ) +  
geom_contour_filled(Bins = n)`
  - Changing the number of bins changes the amount of levels that are present on the visualization

```
ggplot(faithfuld, aes(x=waiting, y= eruptions, z=density)) +  
  geom_contour_filled(show.legend = TRUE) +  
  labs( x = "time between eruptions", y= "number of eruptions", title =  
    "Faithfuld Eruption Density")
```

# Geom\_Contour Example

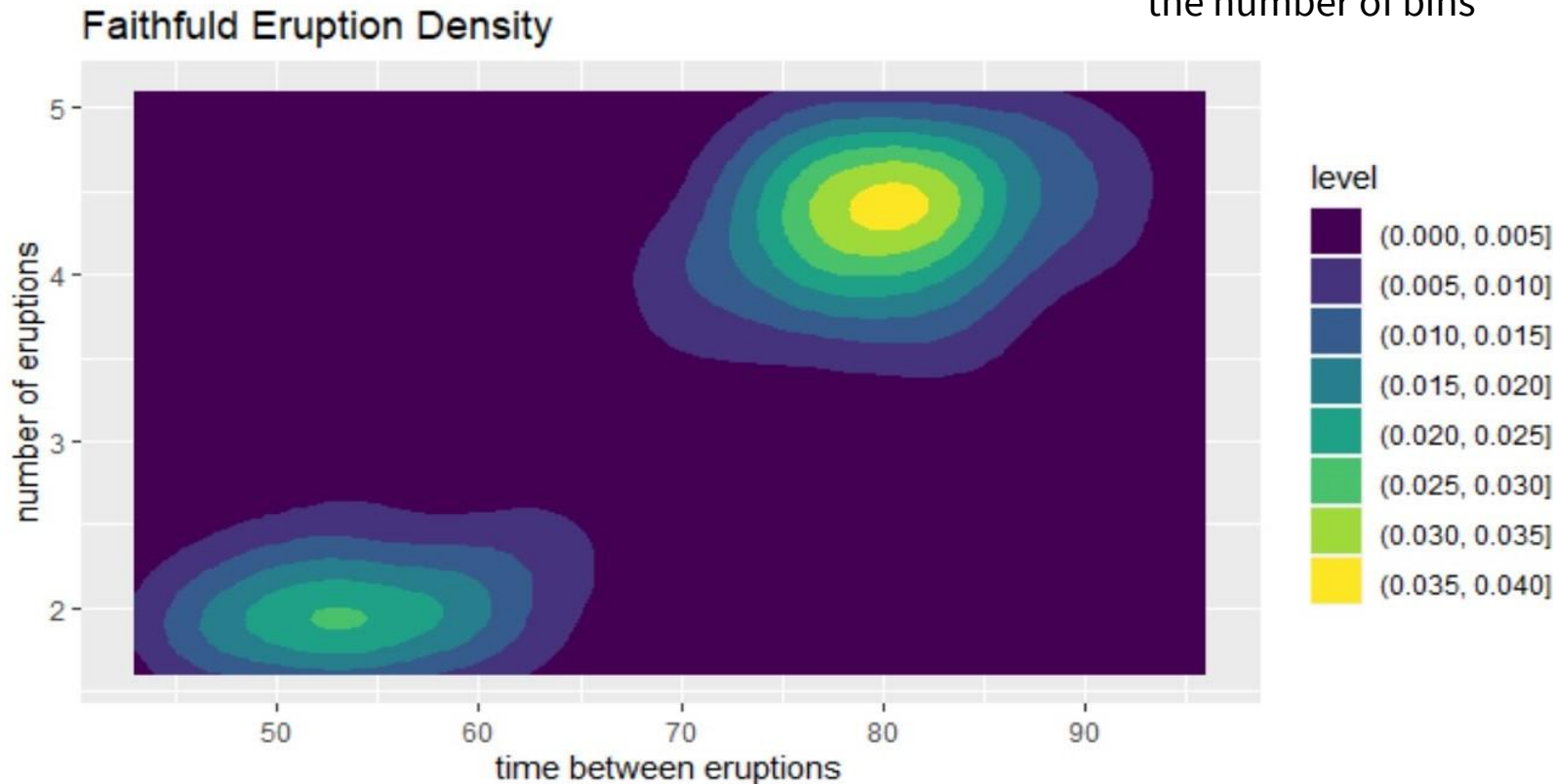
This graph is okay, but it doesn't provide the level of detail a filled version would





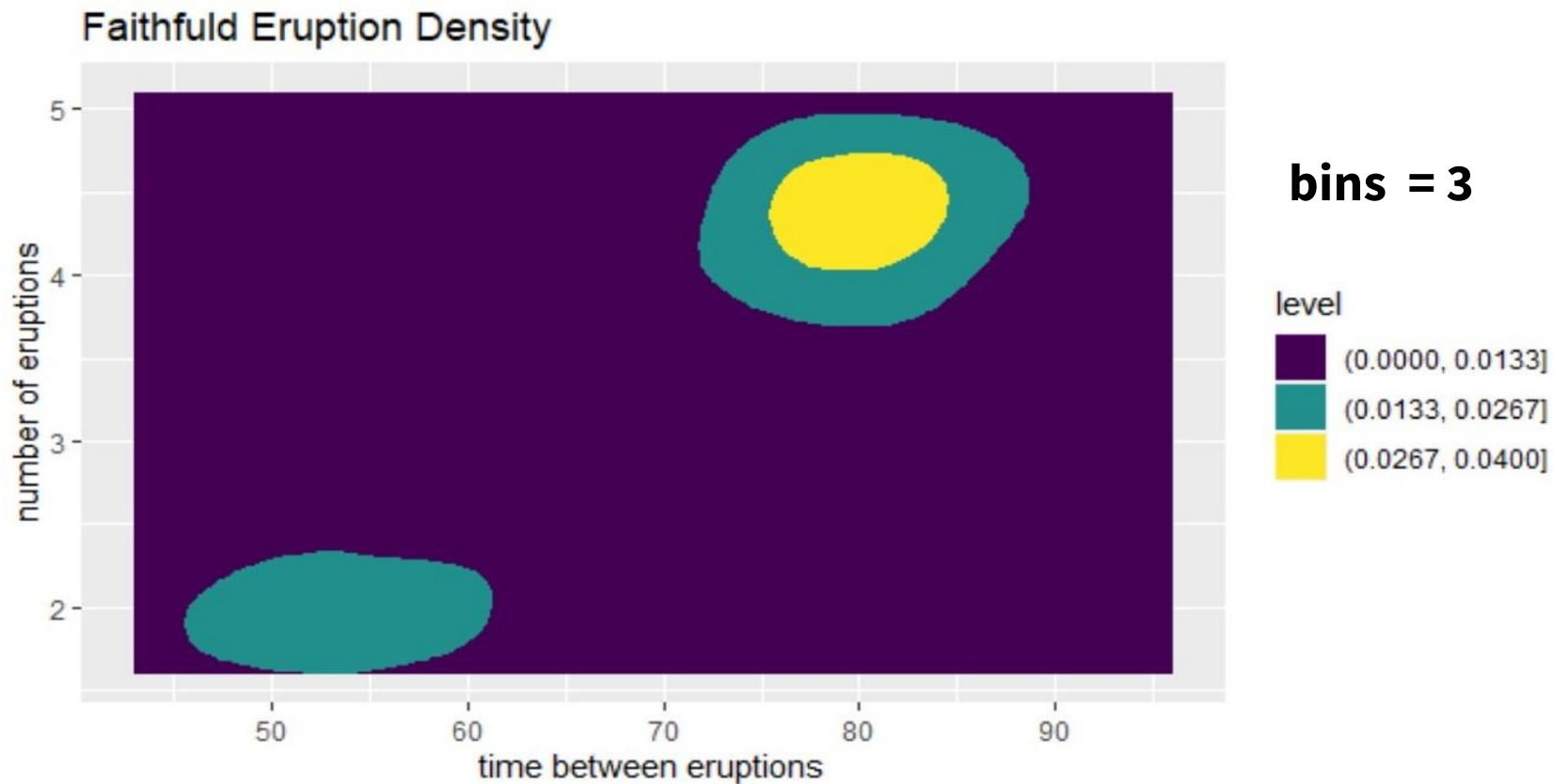
# Geom\_Contour\_Filled Example

This is the geom\_contour\_filled graph generated **without** specifying the number of bins

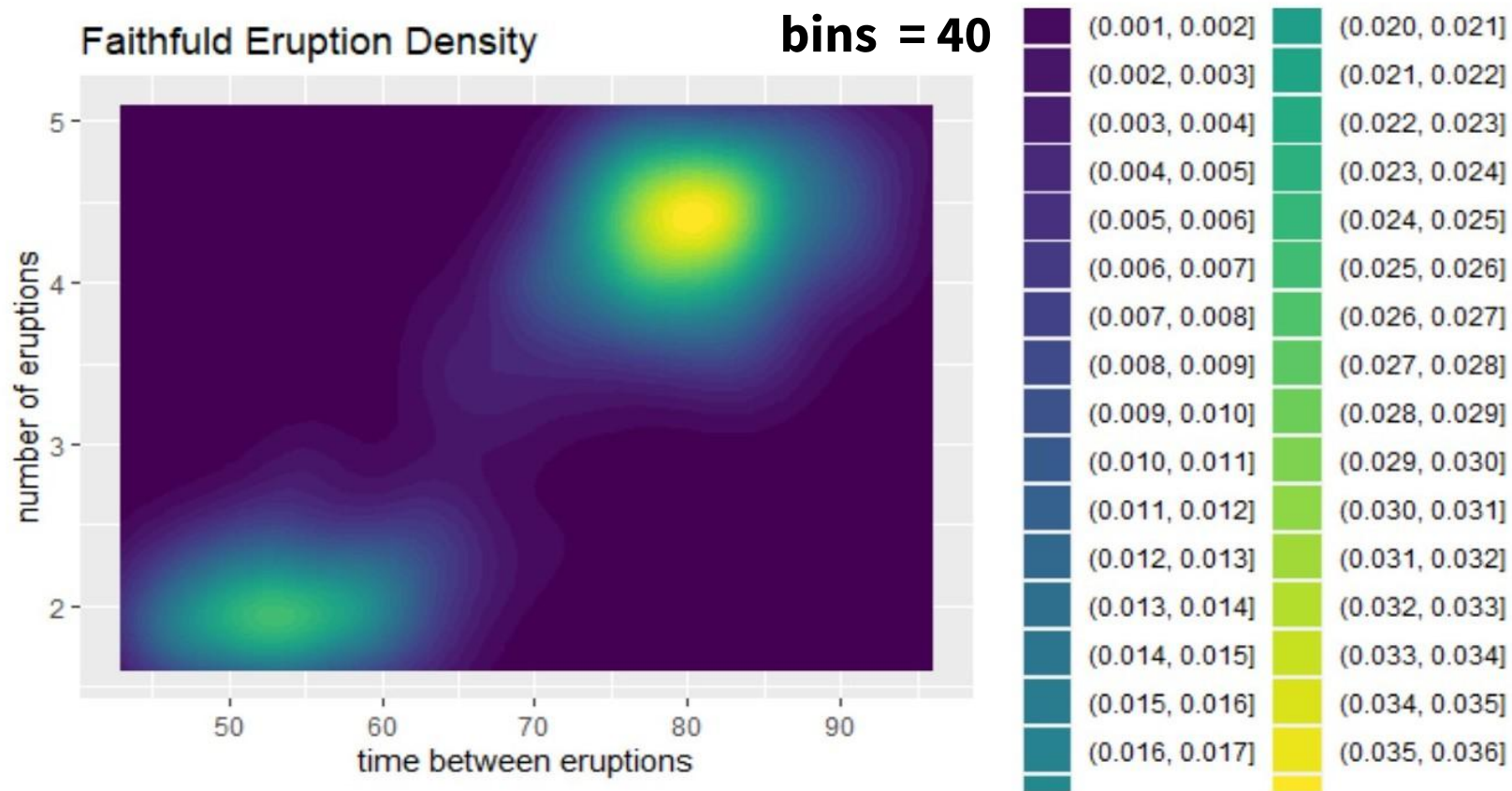


**What happens when we change the levels?**

# Too few bins does not show enough data to be useful



# Too many bins blurs data and defeats the purpose of `geom_countour`



# Geom\_tile()

- Can be viewed as a primitive/manual version of the geom\_raster and geom\_contour plot styles.
- Assigning a (x,y) coordinate as a “z” colored rectangle
- Takes numeric/integer inputs from a data frame
  - All lengths of the vectors must be the same for ‘z’ to assign its color to each respective (x,y) coordinate
  - length(vector.x) = 10
  - length(vector.y) = 10
  - length(vector.z) should be 10!

Our working example :

```
{r}
library(ggplot2)

x <- rep(c(2, 5, 7, 9, 12), 2)
y <- rep(c(1, 2), each = 5)
z <- factor(rep(1:5, each = 2))
df <- data.frame(x, y, z)

ggplot(df, aes(x,y)) + geom_tile(aes(fill = z), colour = "grey50")
```

# Geom\_tile()

Syntax:

```
ggplot("data.name", aes("variable",  
"variable2")) + geom_tile(aes(fill =  
"variable3"), colour = "color.name")
```

- aes = aesthetic mapping for ggplot...  
your arguments/variables turn mapped  
as a visual
- fill = the variable that controls the color  
of your rectangles from (x,y)
- colour = what color you want the  
rectangle outline to be

# My simple data for geom\_tile()...

```
library(ggplot2)

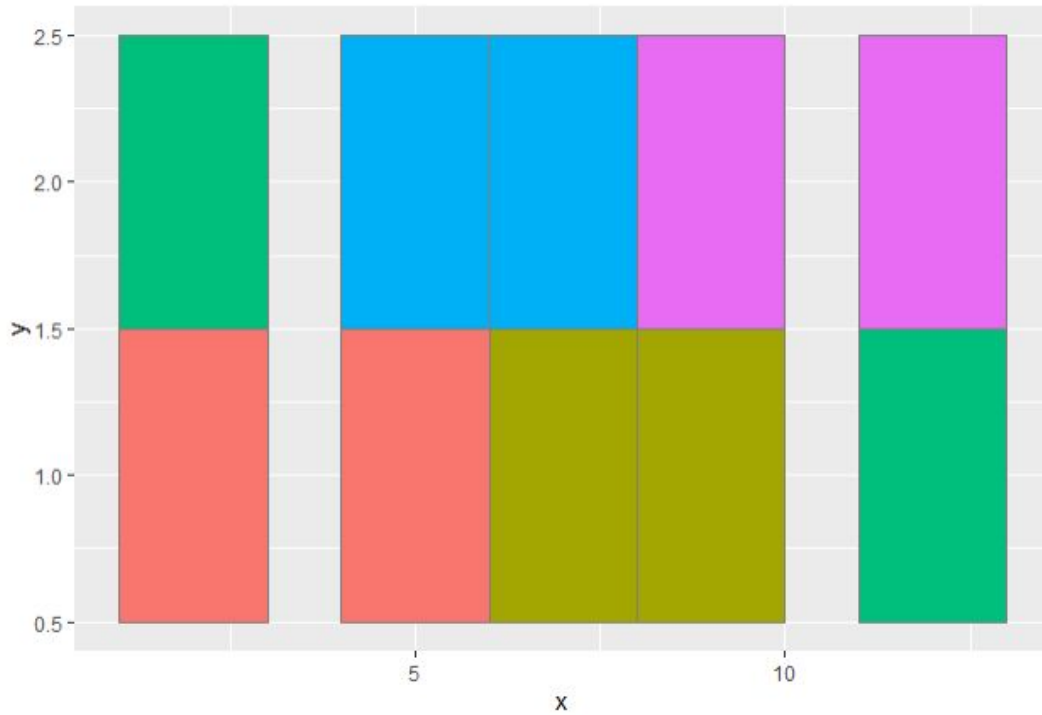
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y <- rep(c(1, 2), each = 5)
z <- factor(rep(1:5, each = 2))
df <- data.frame(x, y, z)

ggplot(df, aes(x, y)) + geom_tile(aes(fill = z), colour = "grey50")
```

x, y, and z vectors expanded.. This will come in handy later!

```
> x
[1] 2 5 7 9 12 2 5 7 9 12
> y
[1] 1 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 2 2
> z
[1] 1 1 2 2 3 3 4 4 5 5
Levels: 1 2 3 4 5
> |
```

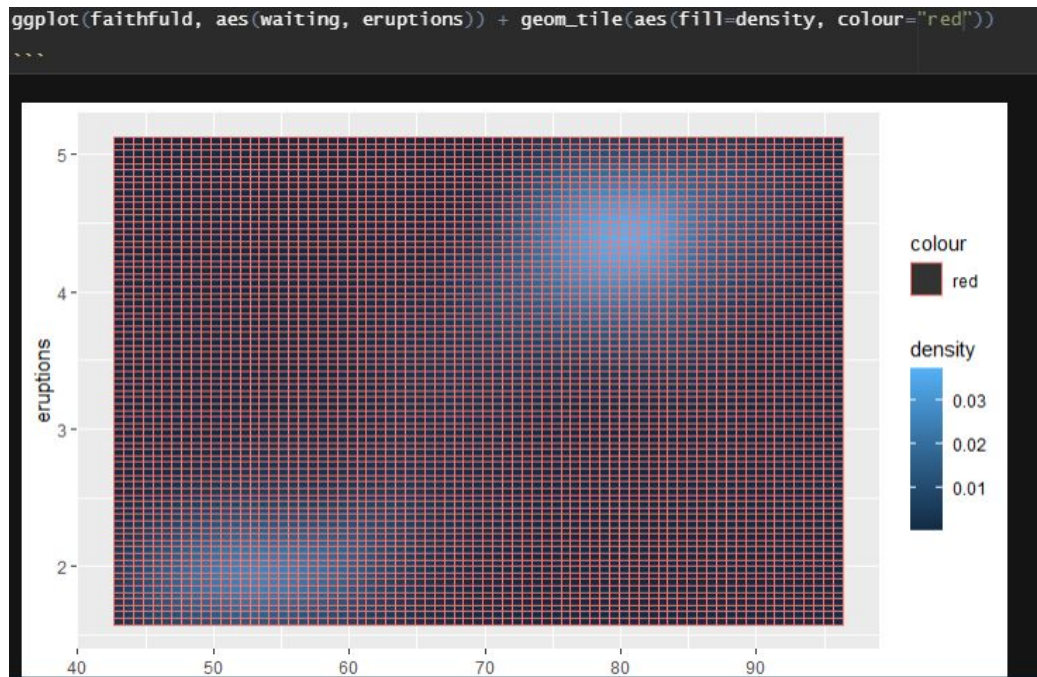
# My simple data frame visualized!



```
> x
[1] 2 5 7 9 12 2 5 7 9 12
> y
[1] 1 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 2 2
> z
[1] 1 1 2 2 3 3 4 4 5 5
Levels: 1 2 3 4 5
>
```

- Read as (x,y, z(color))
- Each coordinate gets a rectangle with a corresponding 'z' color
- For example, (2, 1, 1(red)) is the bottom left rectangle

# Visualizing data frame “faithfuld” with geom\_tile()

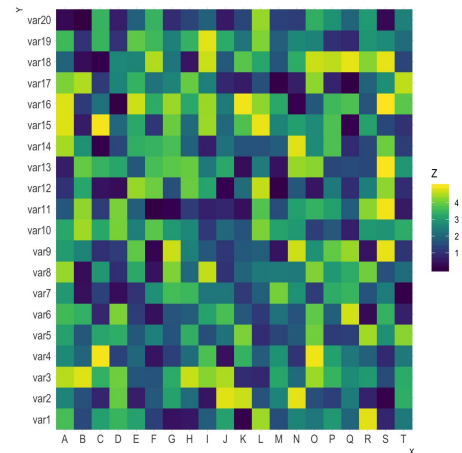
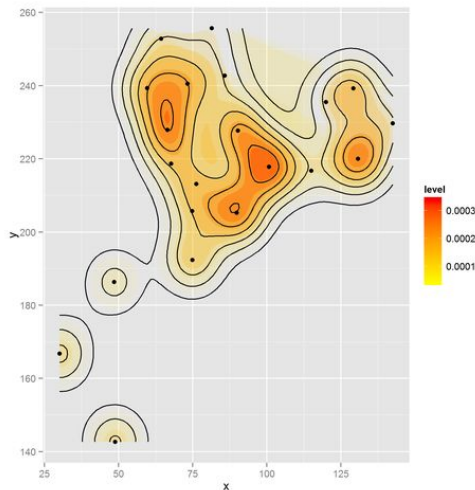
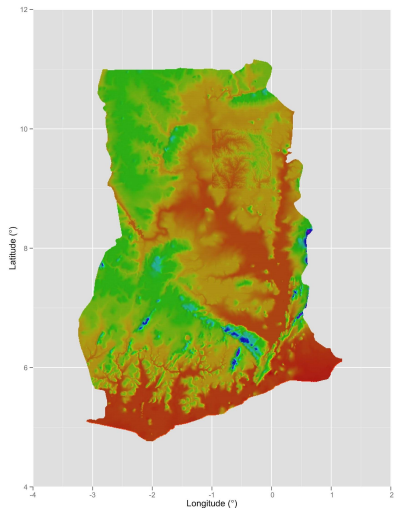


- x = waiting
- y = eruptions
- color (z) based off of our density
- Thousands of individual blocks can work together into a complex heat map!



# Summary

- These three plotting styles are most useful for creating heat-map esque visuals
- `Geom_raster`, `geom_contour`, `geom_tile` are very similar to each other in their own ways and can be combined in some cases to make more clear graphs
- Unique and appropriate applications for each style



# References

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