R Dataframe Categorical Variables with forcats

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Factor Label and Combine

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Factor, Label, Cross and Graph Generate a Scatter plot with different colors representing different categories. There are multiple underlying factor/categorical variables, for example two binary variables. Generate scatter plot with colors for the combinations of these two binary variables.

We combine here the *vs* and *am* variables from the *mtcars* dataset. *vs* is engine shape, *am* is auto or manual shift. We will generate a scatter plot of *mpg* and *qsec* over four categories with different colors.

- *am*: Transmission (0 = automatic, 1 = manual)
- *vs*: Engine (0 = V-shaped, 1 = straight)
- *mpg*: miles per galon
- *qsec*: 1/4 mile time

```
# First make sure these are factors
tb_mtcars <- as_tibble(mtcars) %>%
  mutate(vs = as_factor(vs), am = as_factor(am))

# Second Label the Factors
am_levels <- c(auto_shift = "0", manual_shift = "1")
vs_levels <- c(vshaped_engine = "0", straight_engine = "1")
tb_mtcars <- tb_mtcars %>%
  mutate(vs = fct_recode(vs, !!!vs_levels),
         am = fct_recode(am, !!!am_levels))

# Third Combine Factors
tb_mtcars_selected <- tb_mtcars %>%
  mutate(vs_am = fct_cross(vs, am, sep='_', keep_empty = FALSE)) %>%
  select(mpg, qsec, vs_am)
print(tb_mtcars_selected)
```

```
## # A tibble: 32 x 3
##      mpg  qsec vs_am
##    <dbl> <dbl> <fct>
##  1  21    16.5 vshaped_engine_manual_shift
##  2  21    17.0 vshaped_engine_manual_shift
##  3  22.8  18.6 straight_engine_manual_shift
##  4  21.4  19.4 straight_engine_auto_shift
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##  5  18.7  17.0 vshaped_engine_auto_shift
##  6  18.1  20.2 straight_engine_auto_shift
##  7  14.3  15.8 vshaped_engine_auto_shift
##  8  24.4  20   straight_engine_auto_shift
##  9  22.8  22.9 straight_engine_auto_shift
## 10  19.2  18.3 straight_engine_auto_shift
## # ... with 22 more rows
```

Now we generate scatter plot based on the combined factors

```
# Labeling
st_title <- paste0('Distribution of MPG and QSEC from mtcars')
st_subtitle <- paste0('https://fanwangecon.github.io/',
                      'R4Econ/amto/tibble/htmlpdfr/fs_tib_factors.html')
st_caption <- paste0('mtcars dataset, ',
                     'https://fanwangecon.github.io/R4Econ/')
st_x_label <- 'MPG = Miles per Gallon'
st_y_label <- 'QSEC = time for 1/4 Miles'

# Graphing
plt_mtcars_scatter <-
  ggplot(tb_mtcars_selected,
         aes(x=mpg, y=qsec, colour=vs_am, shape=vs_am)) +
  geom_jitter(size=3, width = 0.15) +
  labs(title = st_title, subtitle = st_subtitle,
       x = st_x_label, y = st_y_label, caption = st_caption) +
  theme_bw()

# show
print(plt_mtcars_scatter)
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