

bench



A new take on benchmarking

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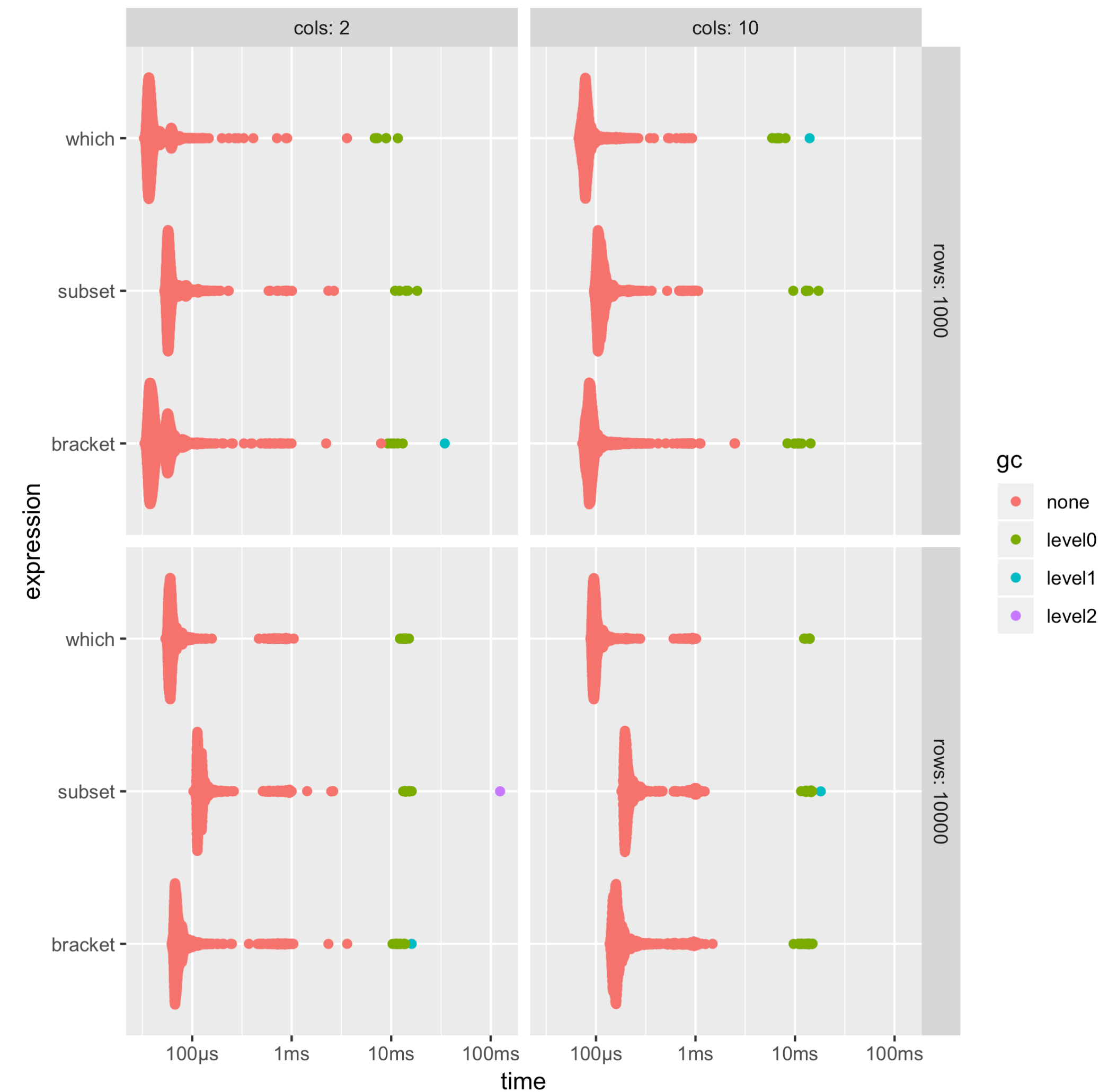
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Why
benchmark?

"premature optimization is the
root of all evil."

- Donald Knuth

"A good programmer... will be wise to look carefully at the critical code; but only after that code has been identified."

- Donald Knuth

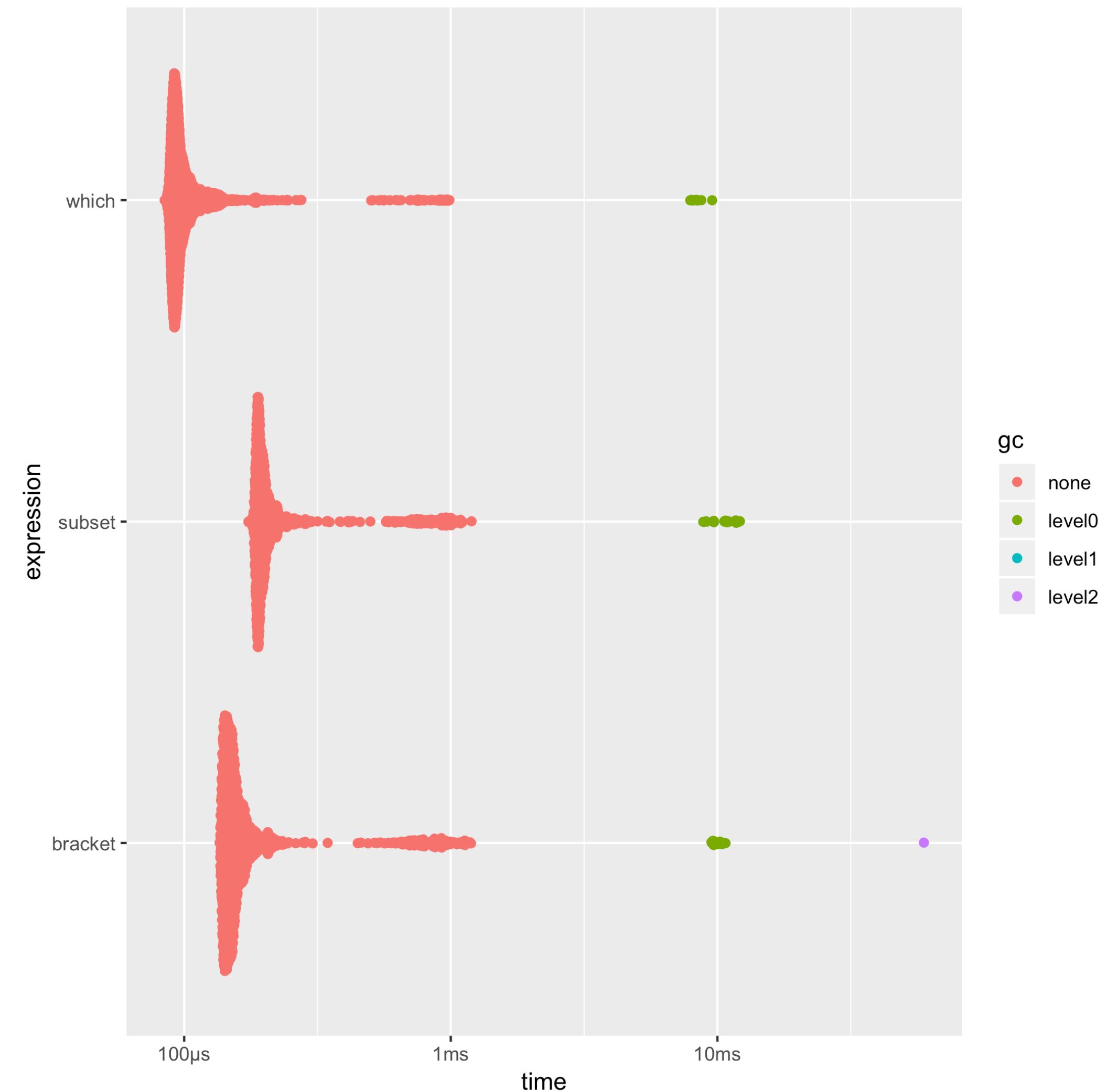
"All (tools) should be designed to
provide (us) with feedback
indicating what parts of (our)
programs are costing the most"

- Donald Knuth

bench::mark()

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1. High precision timers (ns)
2. Memory allocations
3. Number and type of R garbage collections
4. Result equality
5. Adaptive stopping
6. Statistics filter GC effects



bench::mark()

1. Human readable times
2. Human readable memory sizes
3. Full results / timings / GCs in list-cols

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2. R (R)
> bnch <- bench::mark(
+   dat[dat$x > 500, ],
+   dat[which(dat$x > 500), ],
+   subset(dat, x > 500))
> bnch[c("expression", "min", "mem_alloc", "time")]
# A tibble: 3 x 4
  expression          min mem_alloc time
  <bch:expr>    <bch:tm> <bch:byt> <list>
1 dat[dat$x > 500, ]    307µs    493KB <bch:tm>
2 dat[which(dat$x > 500), ] 234µs    260KB <bch:tm>
3 subset(dat, x > 500)   383µs    509KB <bch:tm>
>
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bench::press()

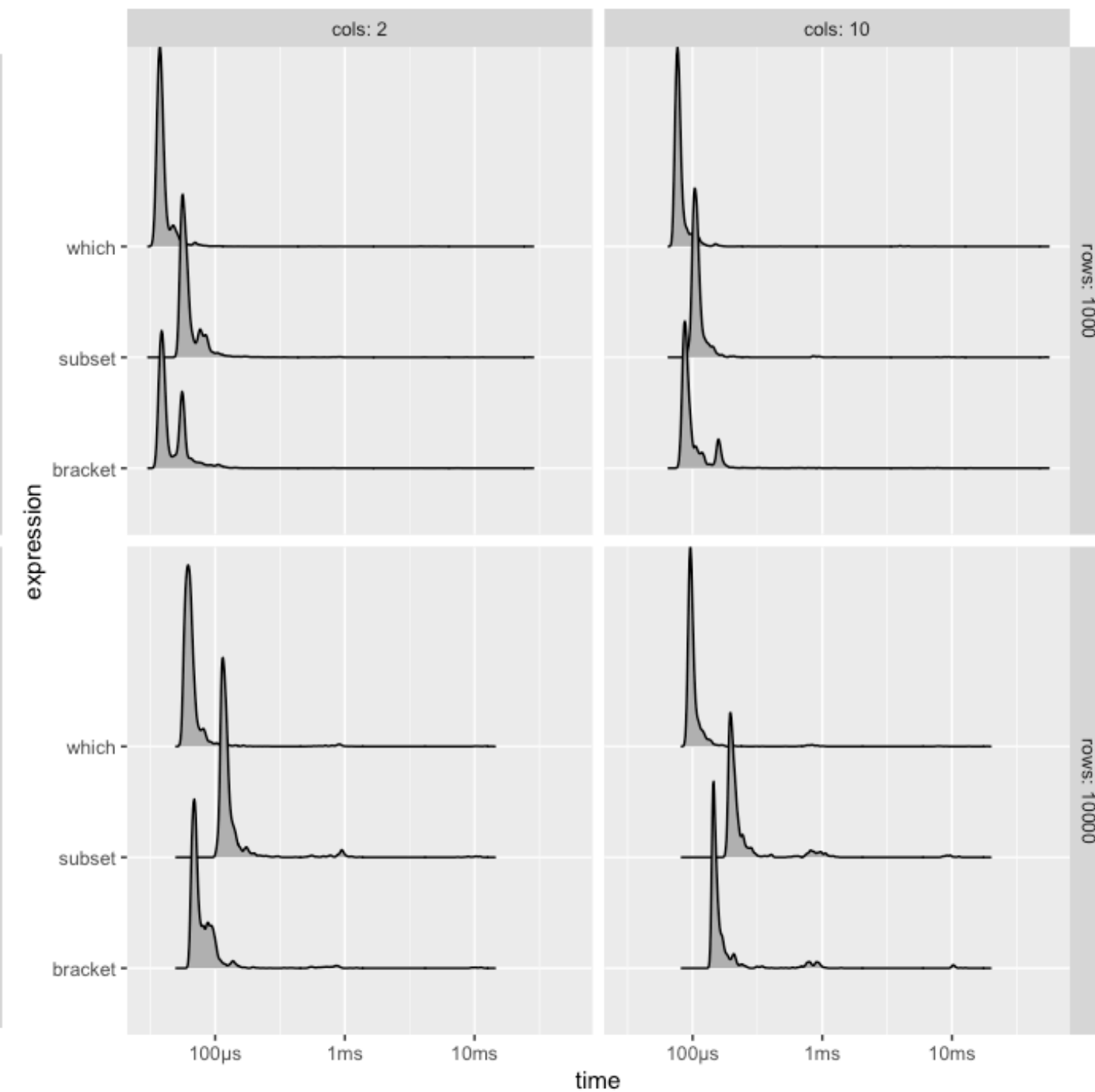
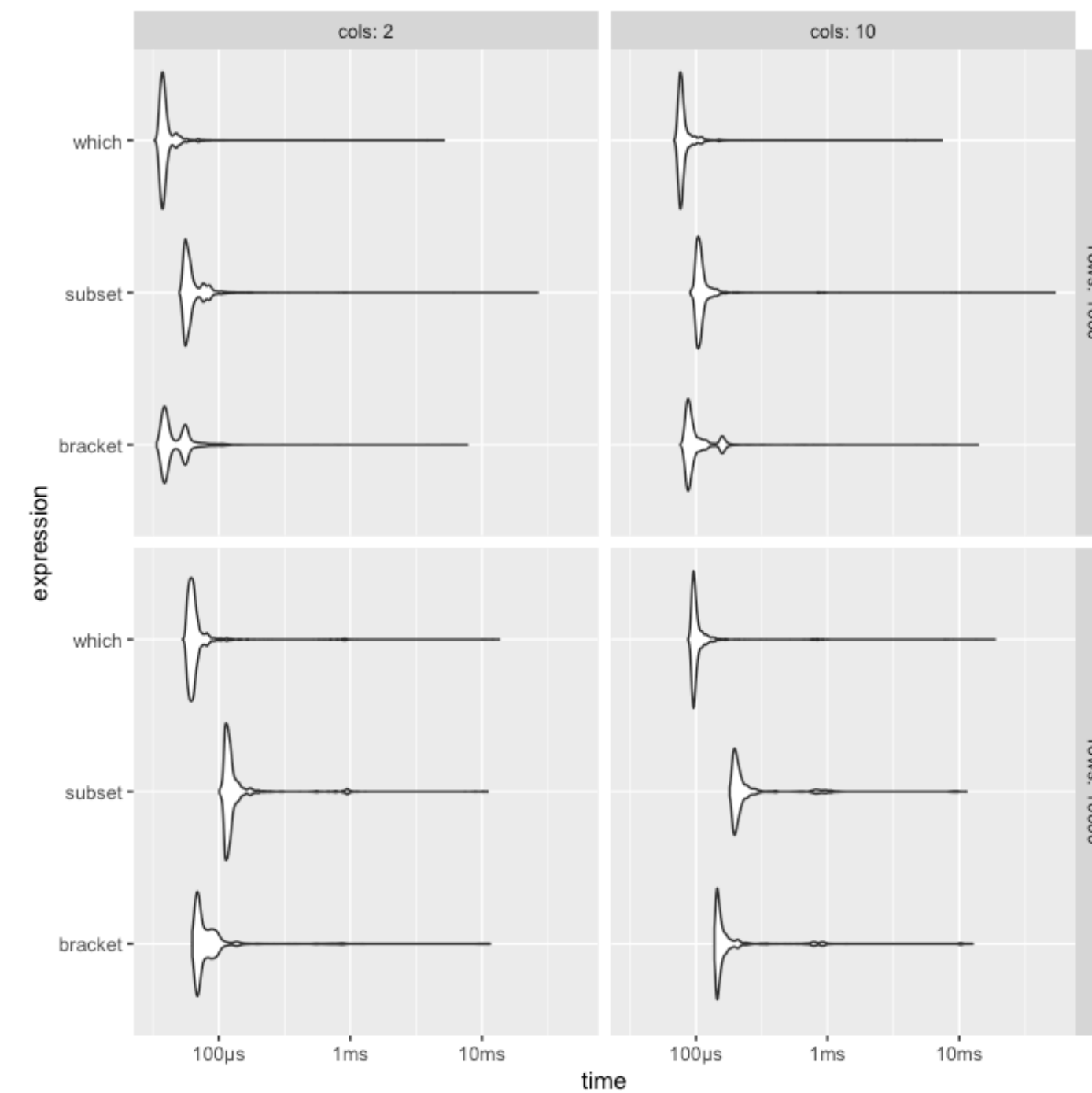
bench::press()

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2. R (R)
> results <- bench::press(
+   rows = c(1000, 10000),
+   cols = c(2, 10),
+   {
+     dat <- create_df(rows, cols)
+     bench::mark(
+       bracket = dat[dat$x > 500, ],
+       which = dat[which(dat$x > 500), ],
+       subset = subset(dat, x > 500)
+     )
+   }
+ )
Running with:
  rows cols
1  1000    2
2 10000    2
3  1000   10
4 10000   10
>
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2. R (R)
*> results[c(1:4, 8, 9)]
# A tibble: 12 x 6
  expression rows cols min `itr/sec` mem_alloc
  <bch:expr> <dbl> <dbl> <bch:tm>    <dbl>    <bch:byt>
1 bracket    1000    2 32.5µs  24059.    15.84KB
2 which      1000    2 32.4µs  25233.     7.91KB
3 subset      1000    2 49.8µs  15361.    27.7KB
4 bracket   10000    2  62µs  10851.   156.46KB
5 which     10000    2 52.9µs  13041.    78.23KB
6 subset     10000    2 101.5µs   6262.   273.79KB
7 bracket      1000   10 68.8µs  10572.    47.52KB
8 which        1000   10 64.9µs  12023.     7.91KB
9 subset        1000   10  90µs   8580.    59.38KB
10 bracket    10000   10 136.9µs   4587.   469.4KB
11 which      10000   10 85.3µs   8631.    78.23KB
12 subset     10000   10 178.1µs   3603.   586.73KB
>
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bench::plot()

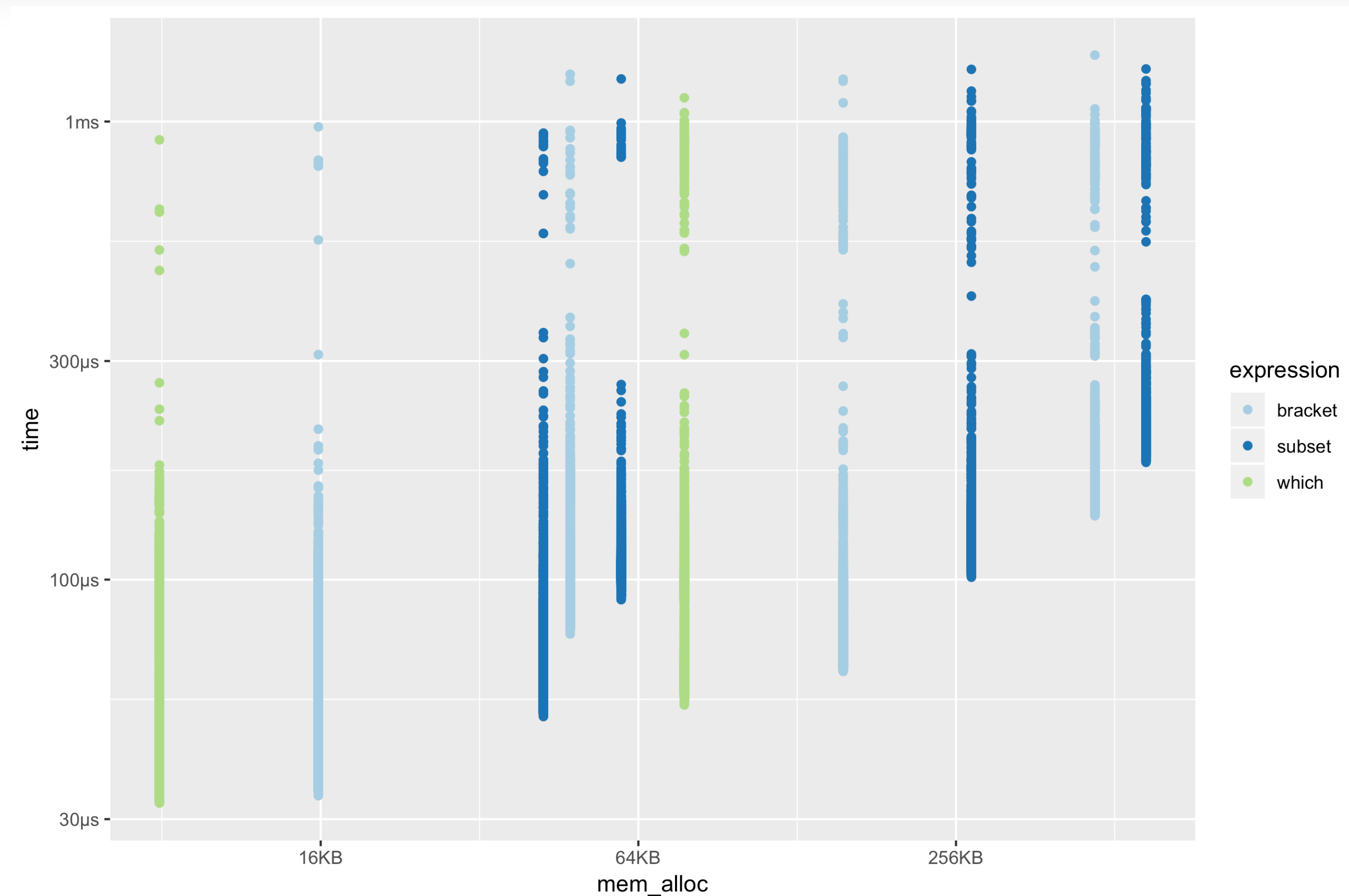
ggplot2::autoplot(results)



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> results %>%
+   unnest() %>%
+   filter(gc == "none") %>%
+   ggplot(aes(x = mem_alloc, y = time, color = expression)) +
+     geom_point() +
+     scale_color_bench_expr(brewer_pal(type = "qual", palette = 3))
>

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```
install.packages("bench")
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