

\*Near\* publication ready figures

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# ggplot: elegant visualization using grammar of graphics

- Author: Hadley Wickham
- Visualization package based on Lee Wilkinson's **G**rammar of **G**raphics
- Syntax allows one to think of graphs as a set of rules
- Flexible set of commands to create many small pieces of the graph
  - Legend, axes, colors, outline, etc.
- Two ways:
  - qplot
  - **ggplot**

# Let's install ggplot2

```
install.packages("ggplot2")  
install.packages("cowplot")  
theme_set(theme_cowplot(font_size=12))
```

# Fuel economy dataset

```
head(mpg)
```

## manufacturer

<b>model</b>	model name
<b>displ</b>	engine displacement, in litres
<b>year</b>	year of manufacture
<b>cyl</b>	number of cylinders
<b>trans</b>	type of transmission
<b>drv</b>	f = front-wheel drive, r = rear wheel drive, 4 = 4wd
<b>cty</b>	city miles per gallon
<b>hwy</b>	highway miles per gallon
<b>fl</b>	fuel type
<b>class</b>	"type" of car

# Fuel economy dataset

```
head(mpg)
```

<b>manufacturer</b> <chr>	<b>model</b> <chr>	<b>displ</b> <dbl>	<b>year</b> <int>	<b>cyl</b> <fctr>
audi	a4	1.8	1999	4
audi	a4	1.8	1999	4
audi	a4	2.0	2008	4
audi	a4	2.0	2008	4
audi	a4	2.8	1999	6
audi	a4	2.8	1999	6

## manufacturer

**model** model name

**displ** engine displacement, in litres

**year** year of manufacture

**cyl** number of cylinders

**trans** type of transmission

**drv** f = front-wheel drive, r = rear wheel drive, 4 = 4wd

**cty** city miles per gallon

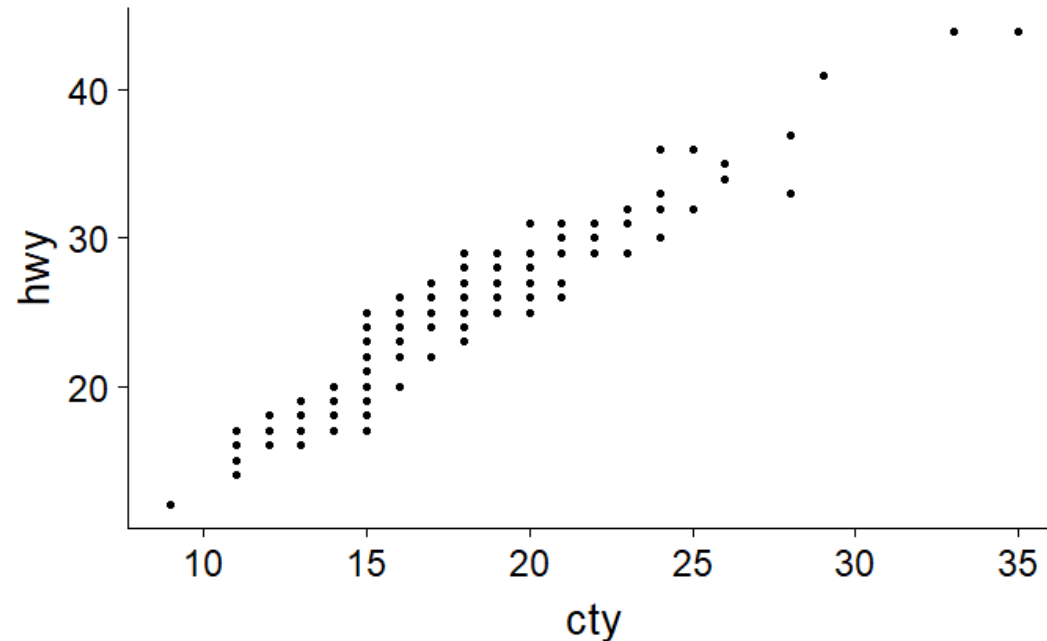
**hwy** highway miles per gallon

**fl** fuel type

**class** "type" of car

# Simple scatter plot

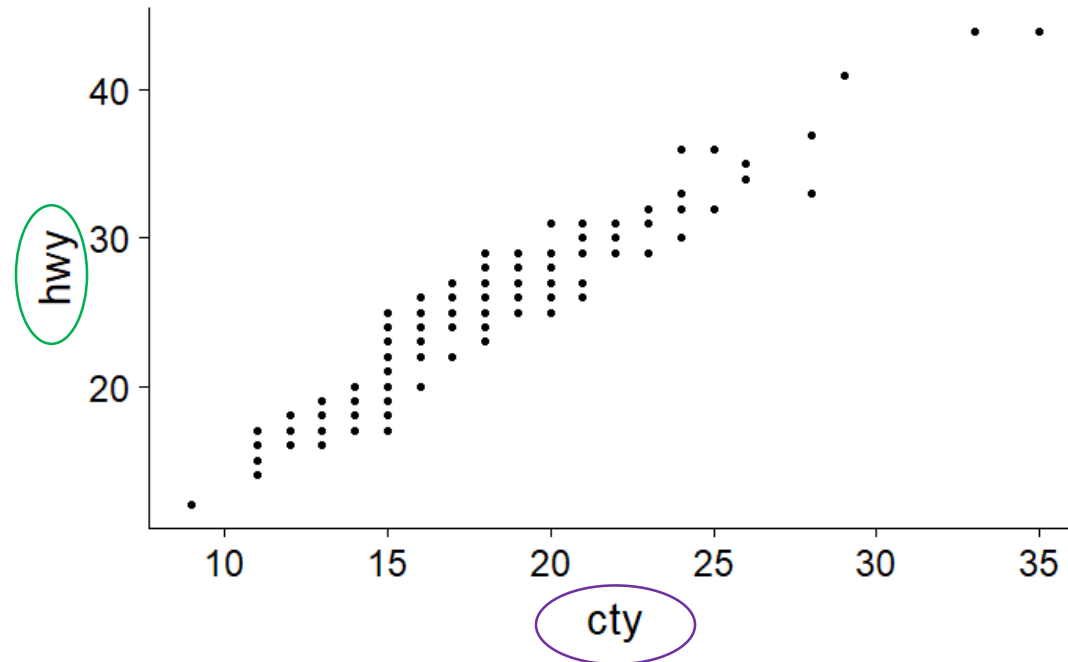
```
plot_a <- ggplot(data = mpg, aes(x = cty, y = hwy)) +  
  geom_point()  
plot(plot_a)
```



# Aesthetics: visual characteristics to describe data

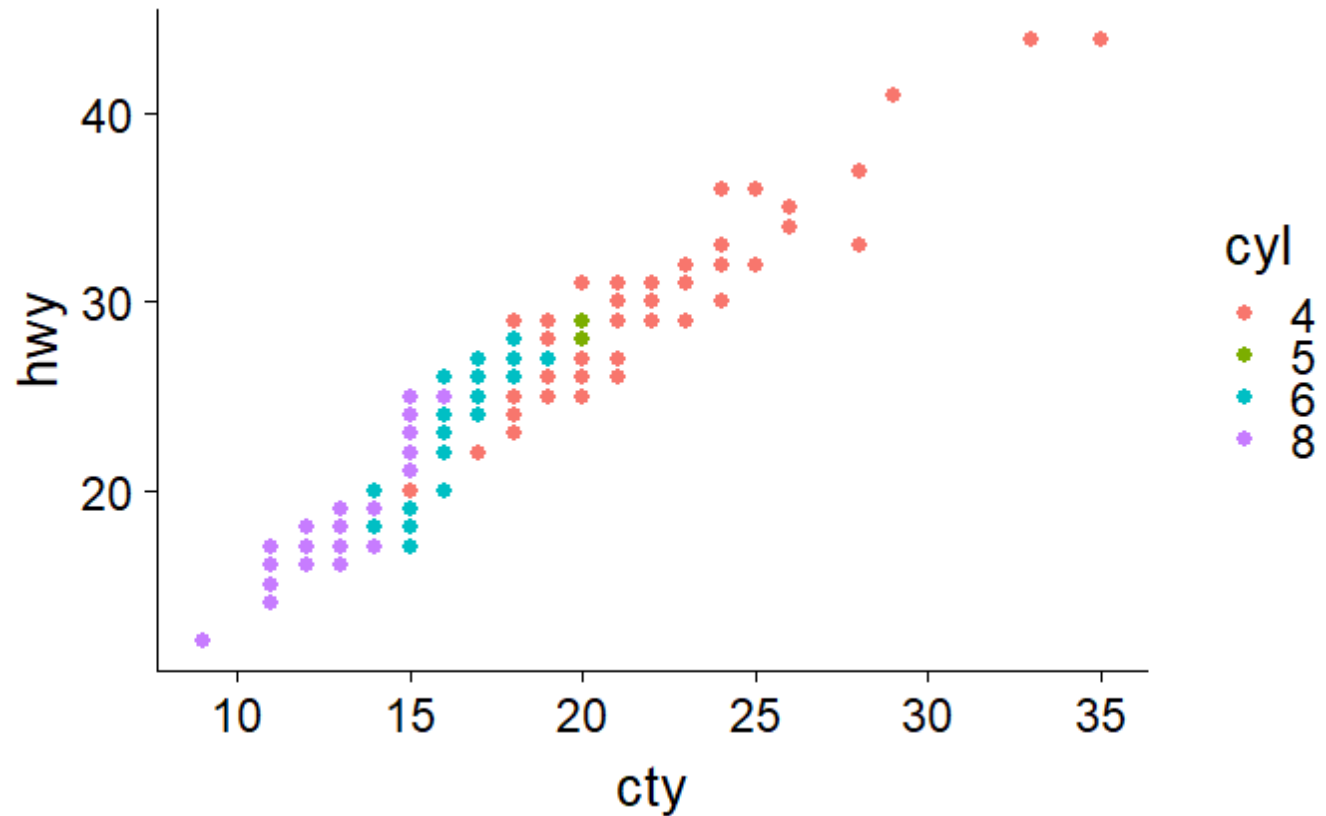
```
plot_a <- ggplot(data = mpg, aes(x = cty, y = hwy)) +  
  geom_point()  
plot(plot_a)
```

X and Y axes



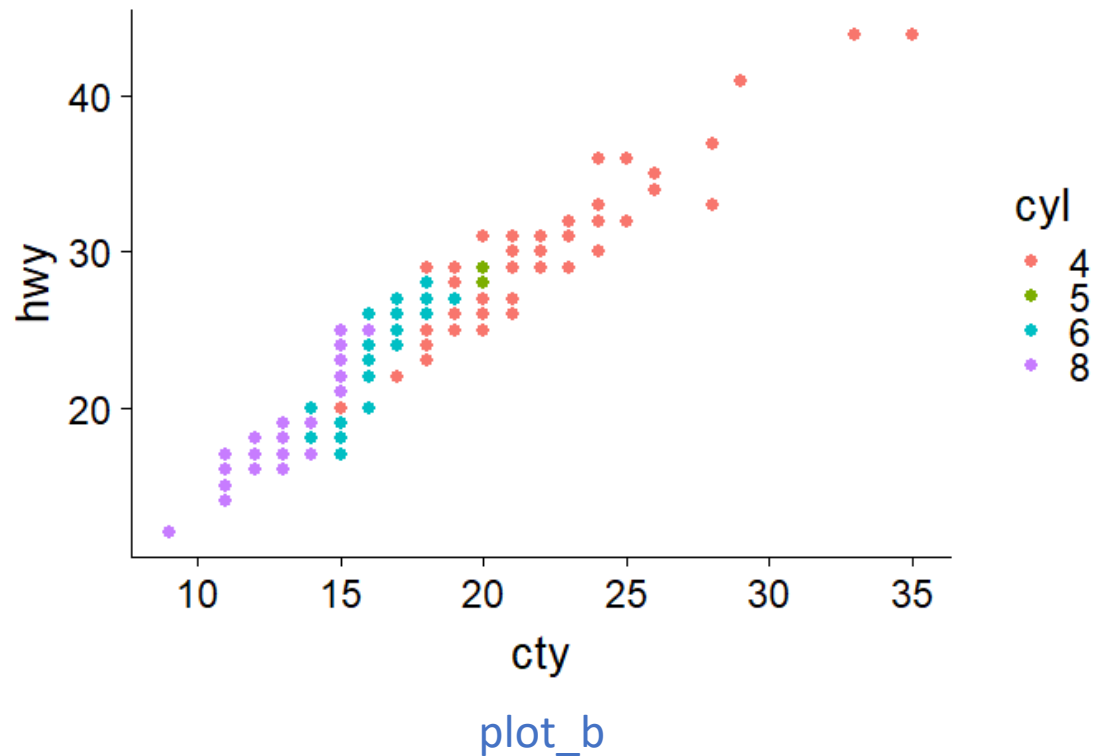
```
plot_b = ggplot(mpg, aes(x = cty, y = hwy, col =  
class)) +  
  geom_point(size = 2.5)  
plot(plot_b)
```

Color points using  
aesthetic inputs

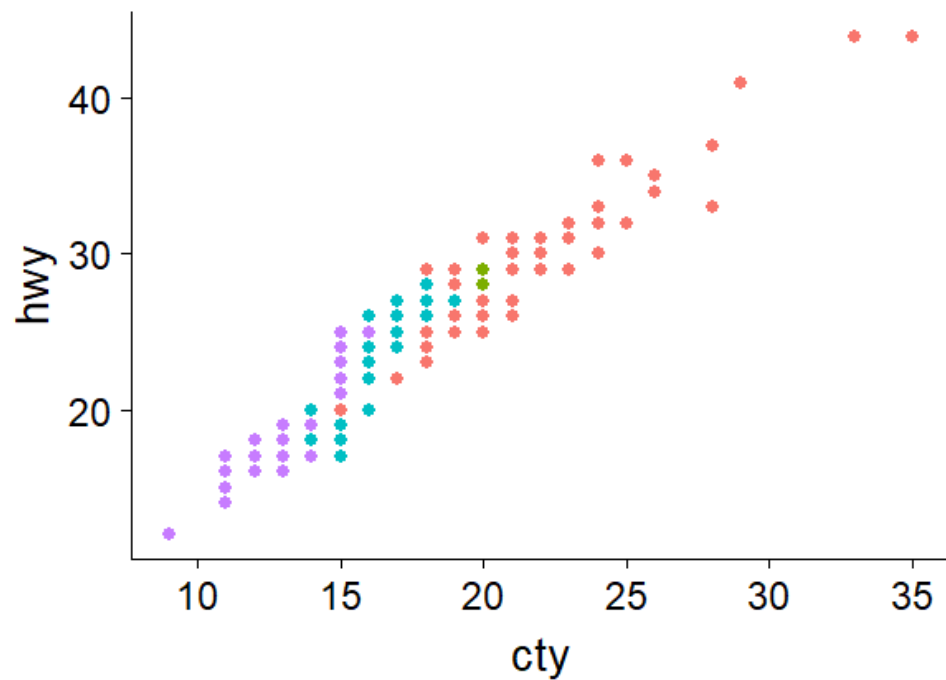




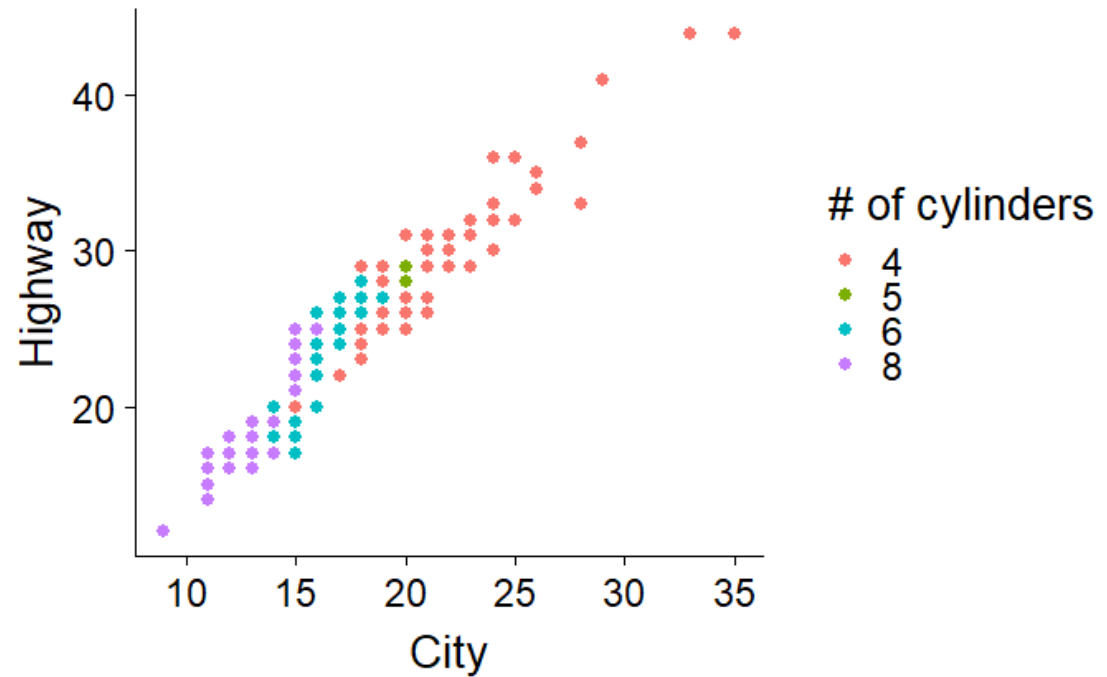
```
plot_c <- ggplot(mpg, aes(x = cty, y = hwy, col = class)) +  
  geom_point(size = 2.5) +  
  labs(color = "# of cylinders", x = "City", y = "Highway")  
plot(plot_c)
```



```
plot_c <- ggplot(mpg, aes(x = cty, y = hwy, col = class)) +  
  geom_point(size = 2.5) +  
  labs(color = "# of cylinders", x = "City", y = "Highway")  
plot(plot_c)
```

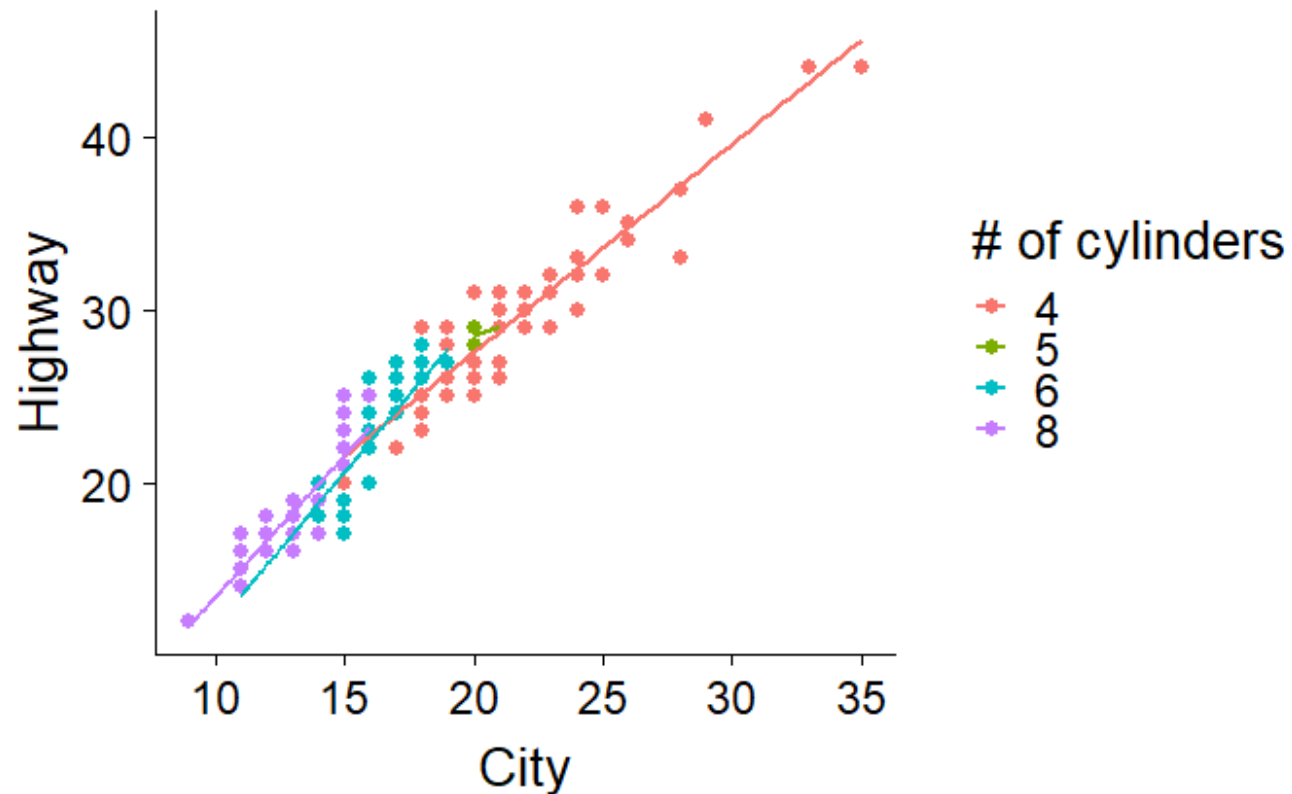


plot\_b

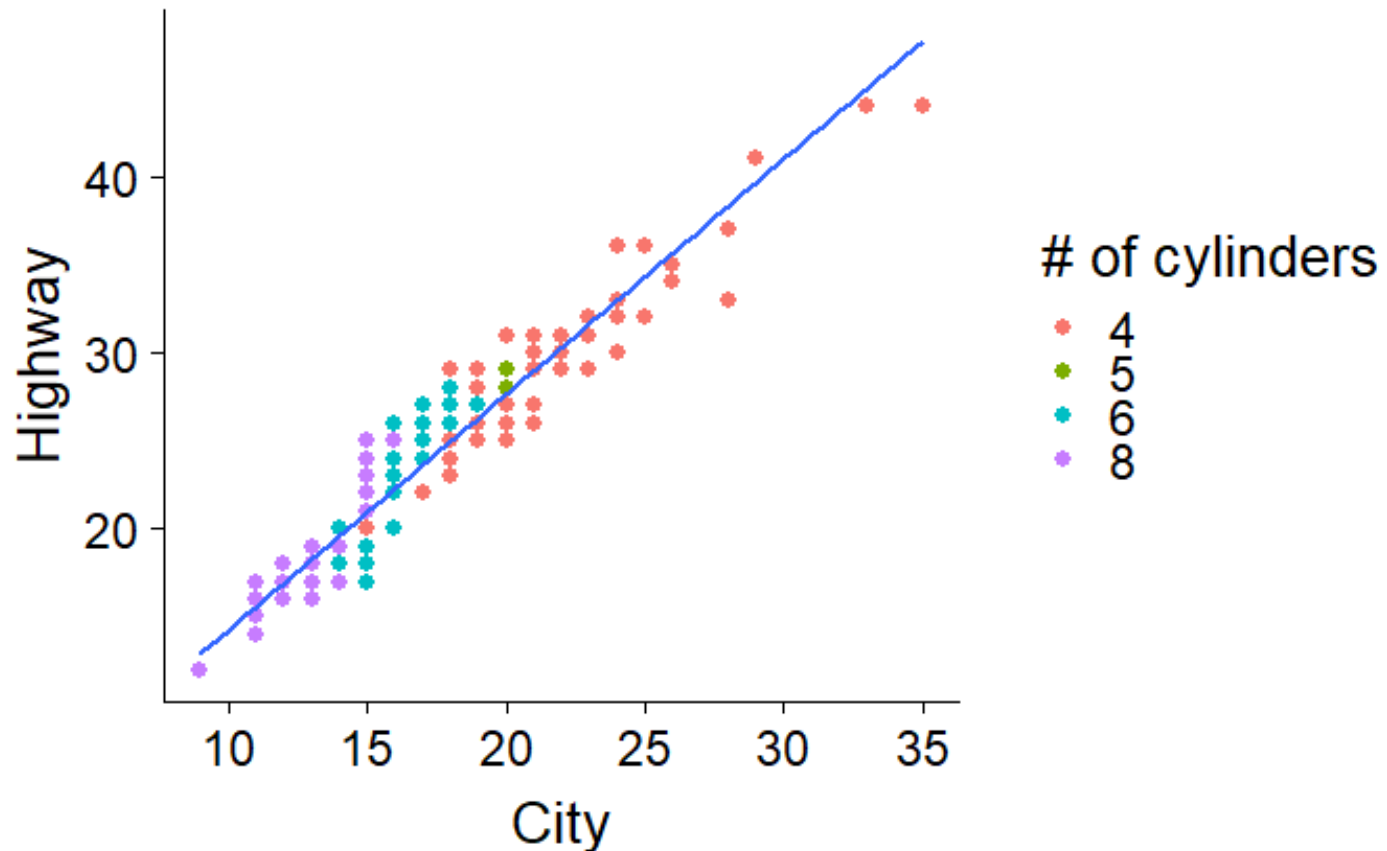


plot\_c

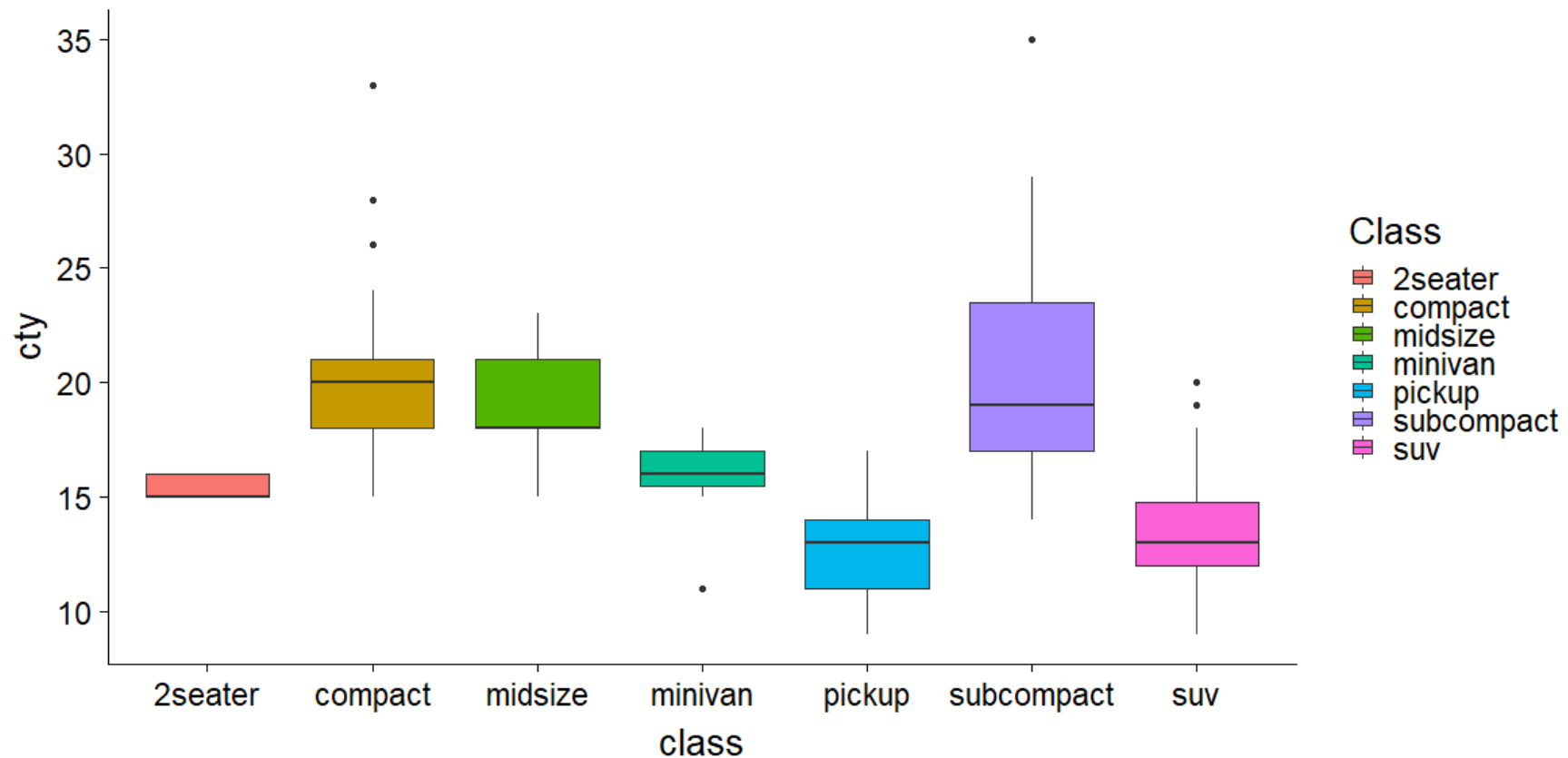
```
plot_d <- ggplot(mpg, aes(x = cty, y = hwy, col = cyl)) +  
  geom_point(size = 2.5) + labs(color = "# of cylinders", x =  
  "City", y = "Highway") +  
  geom_smooth(se = FALSE, method = "lm")  
  
plot(plot_d)
```



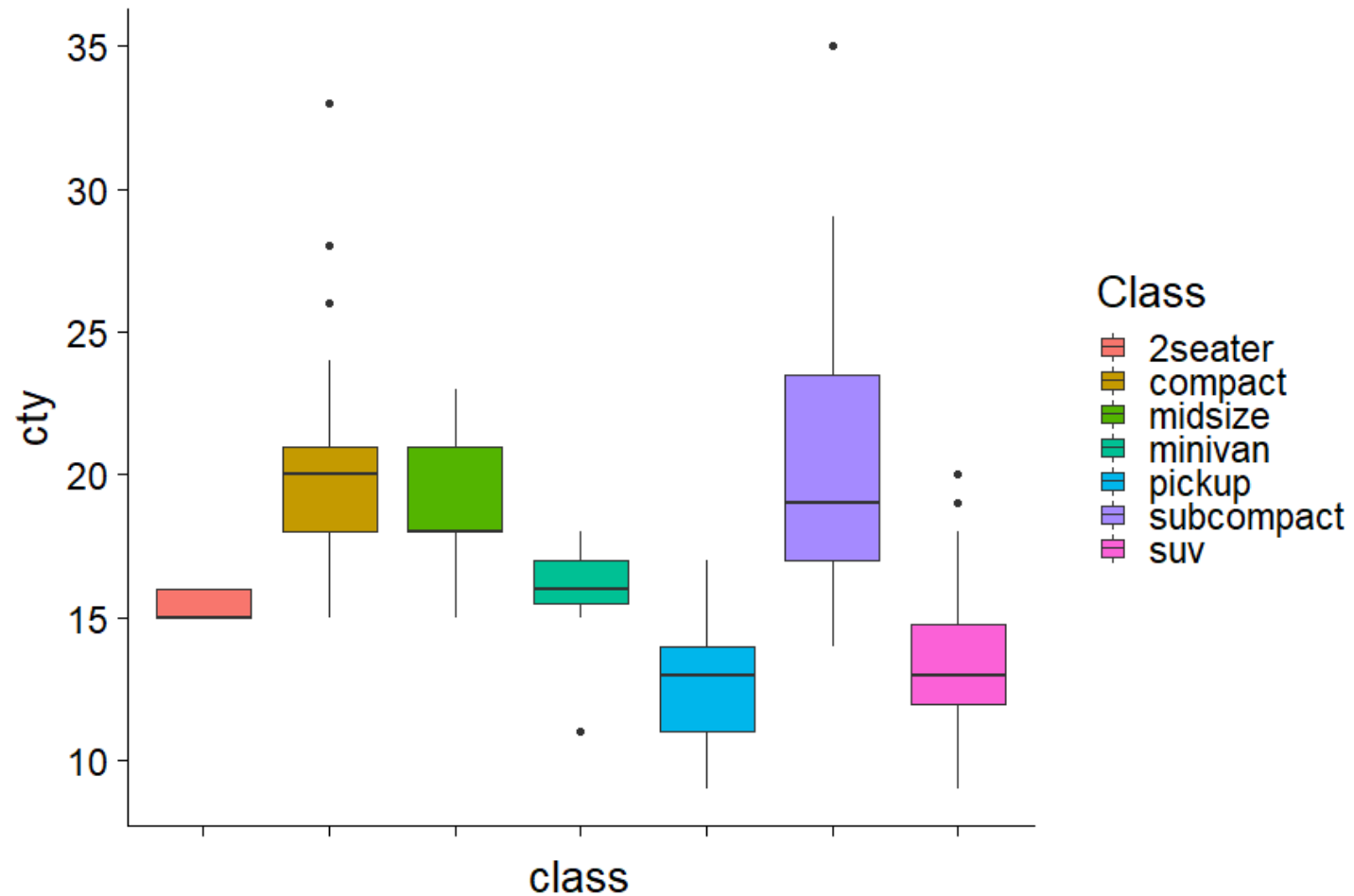
```
plot_e <- ggplot(mpg, aes(x = cty, y = hwy)) +  
  geom_point(aes(col = class), size = 2.5) + labs(color = "Car  
Type", x = "City", y = "Highway") +  
  geom_smooth(se = FALSE, method = "lm")  
  
plot(plot_e)
```



```
plot_f <- ggplot(mpg, aes(x = class, y = cty, fill = class))+  
  geom_boxplot() +  
  labs(fill = "Class")  
plot(plot_f)
```

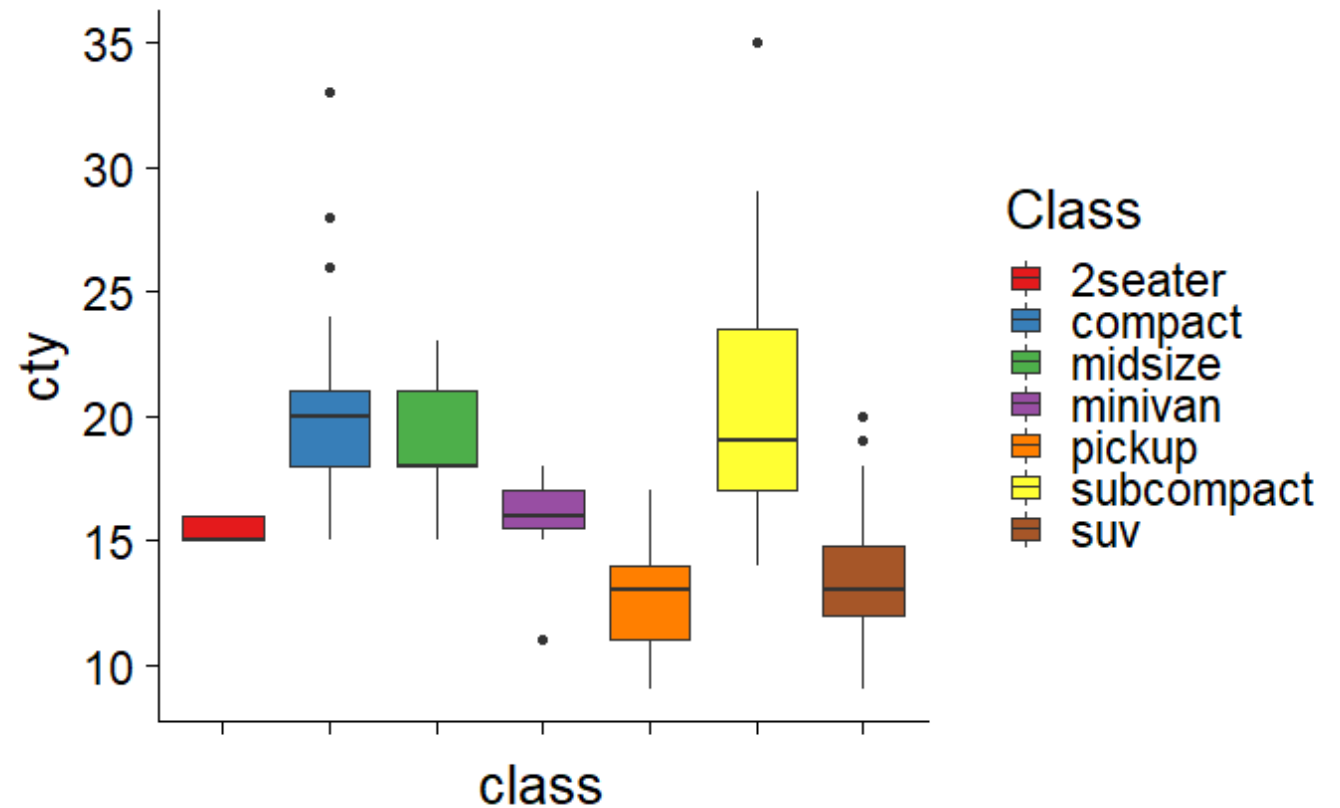


```
plot_g <- ggplot(mpg, aes(x = class, y = cty, fill = class))+  
  geom_boxplot() +  
  labs(fill = "Class") + theme(axis.text.x = element_blank())  
plot(plot_g)
```

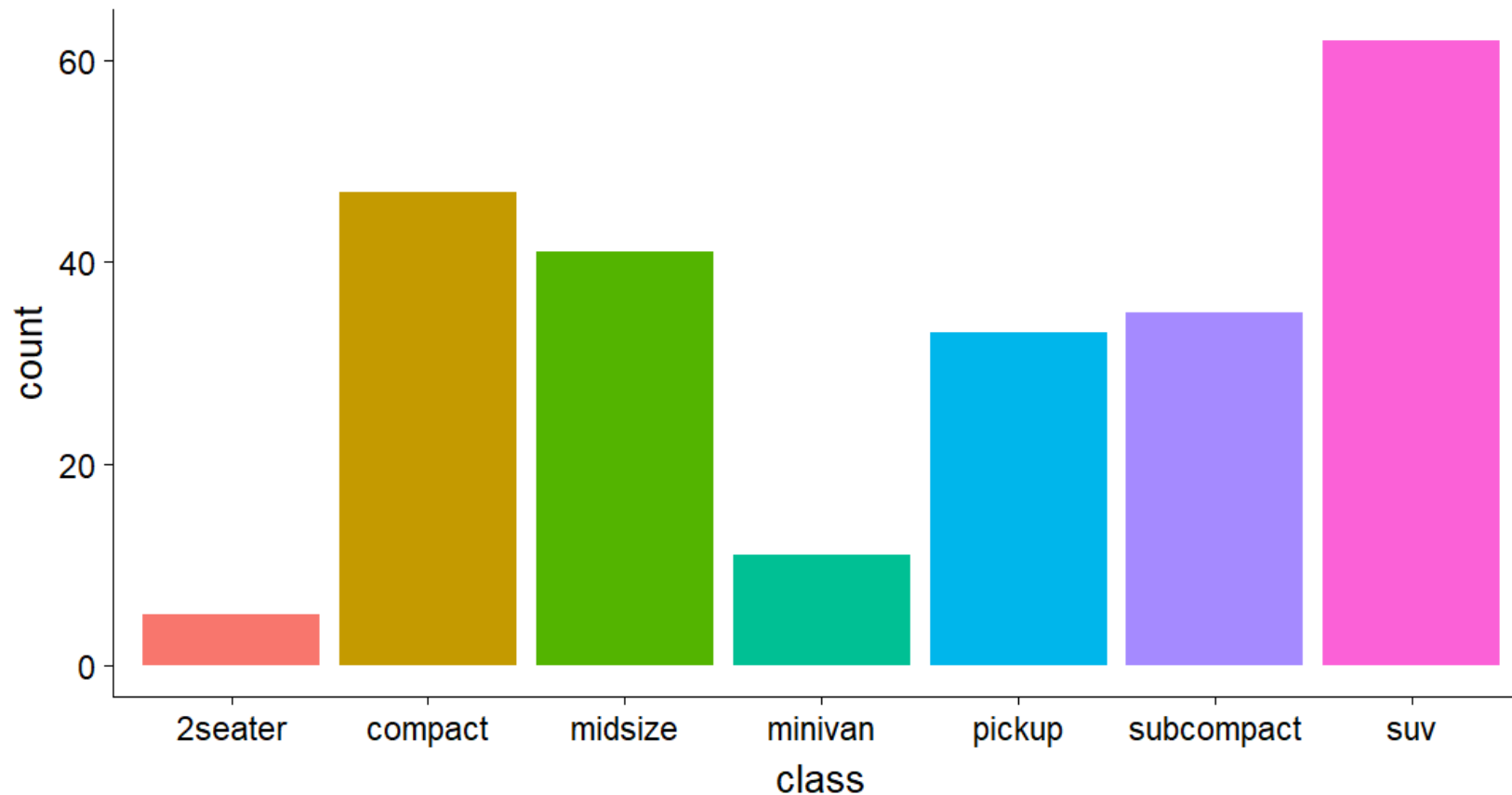


```
plot_h <- ggplot(mpg, aes(x = class, y = cty, fill = class))+  
  geom_boxplot() + labs(fill = "Class") +  
  scale_fill_brewer(palette="Set1") +  
  theme(axis.text.x = element_blank())  
plot(plot_h)
```

While coloring is flexible, it's a bit confusing



```
plot_i <- ggplot(mpg, aes(x = class, fill = class)) +  
  geom_bar() +  
  theme(legend.position = "none")  
  
plot(plot_i)
```



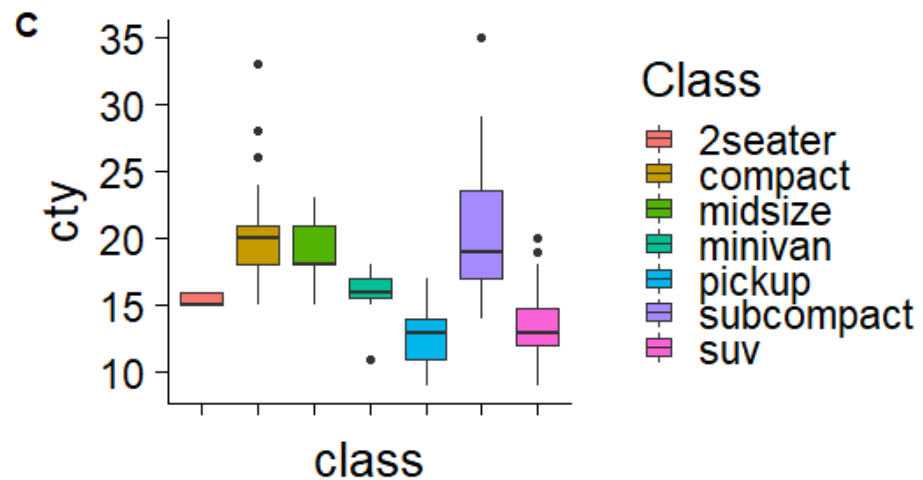
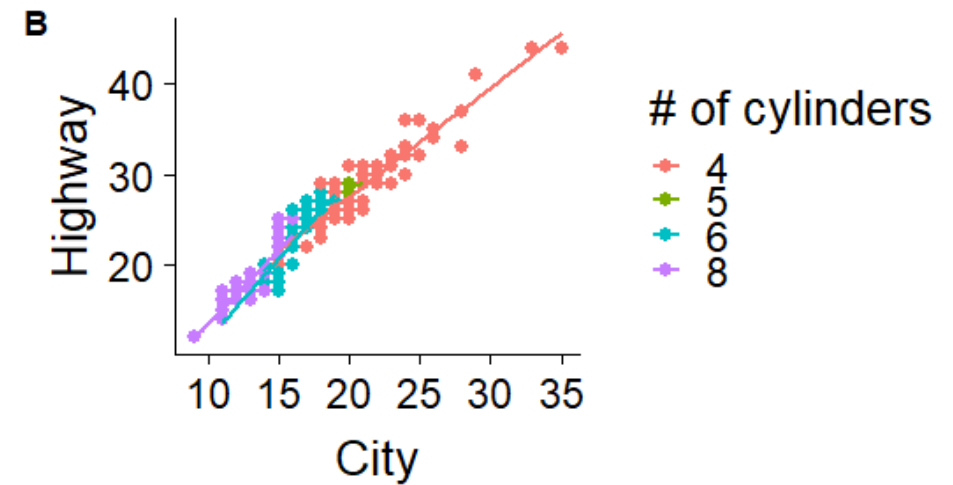
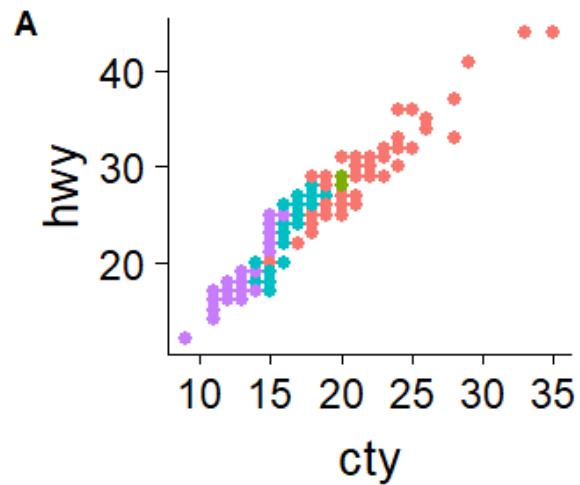


# Cowplots – interface to put these together as figure

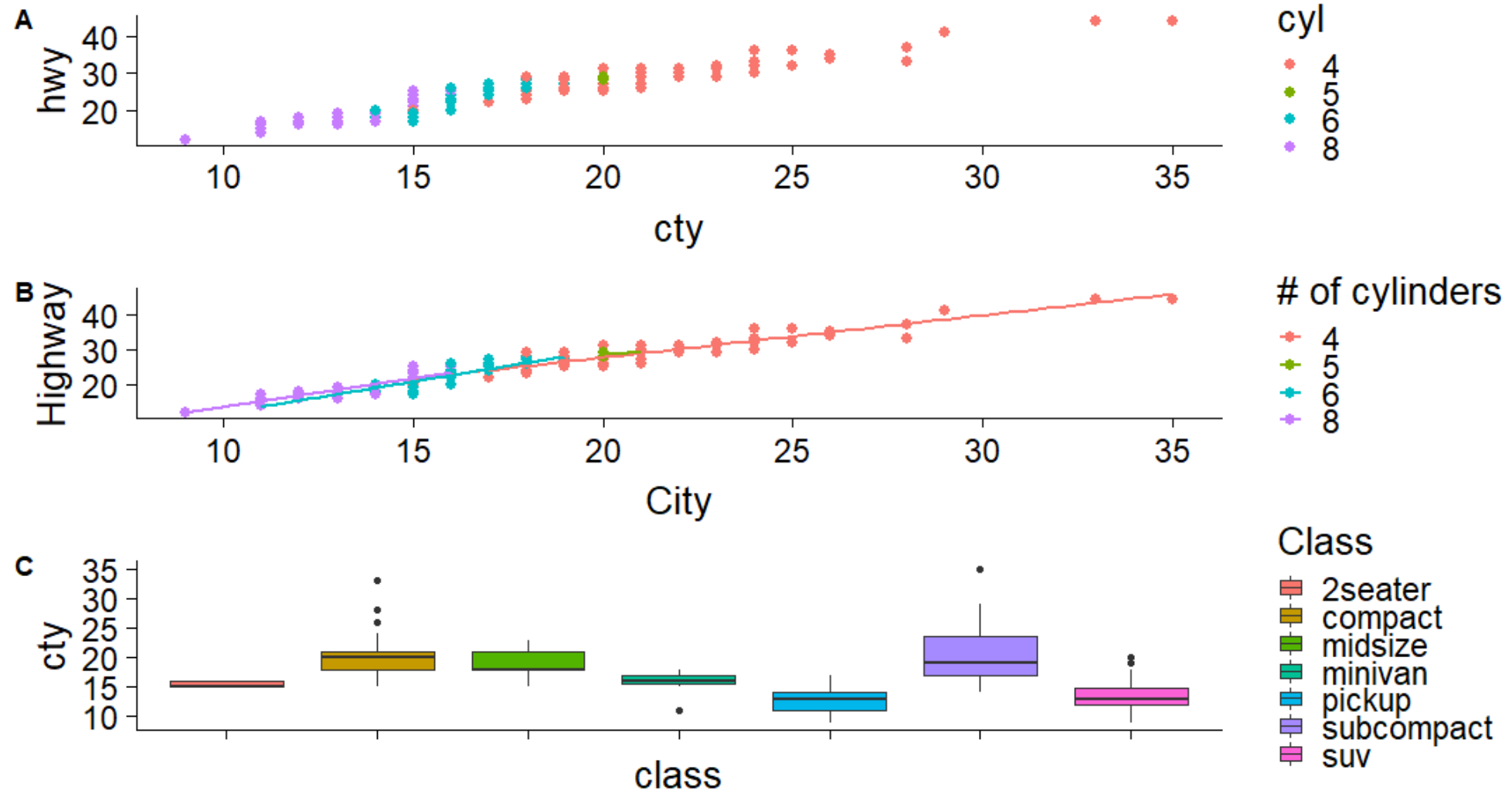
So much easier than what we think!

Continue to learn

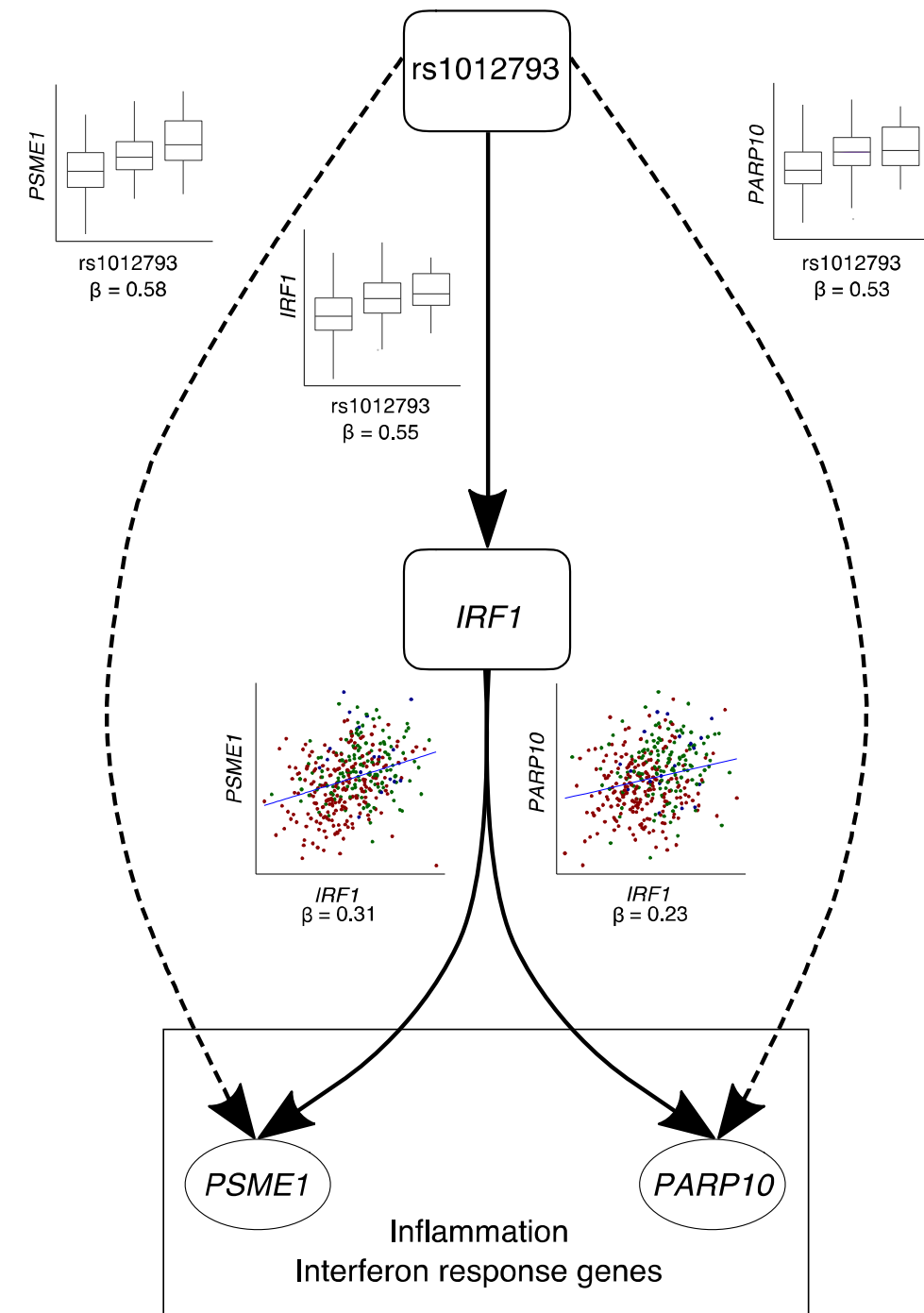
```
figure1 <- plot_grid(plot_b, plot_d, plot_g, labels = c("A", "B",  
"C"), align = "v")  
plot(figure1)
```



```
figure2 <- plot_grid(plot_b, plot_d, plot_g,
  labels = c("A", "B", "C"), align = "v", nrow = 3)
plot(figure2)
```



My motivations to  
automate plotting and  
figures!



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# References

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