

# R Graph: ggplot2 Part 2

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# Part 2: Customize the look and feel

- Setup

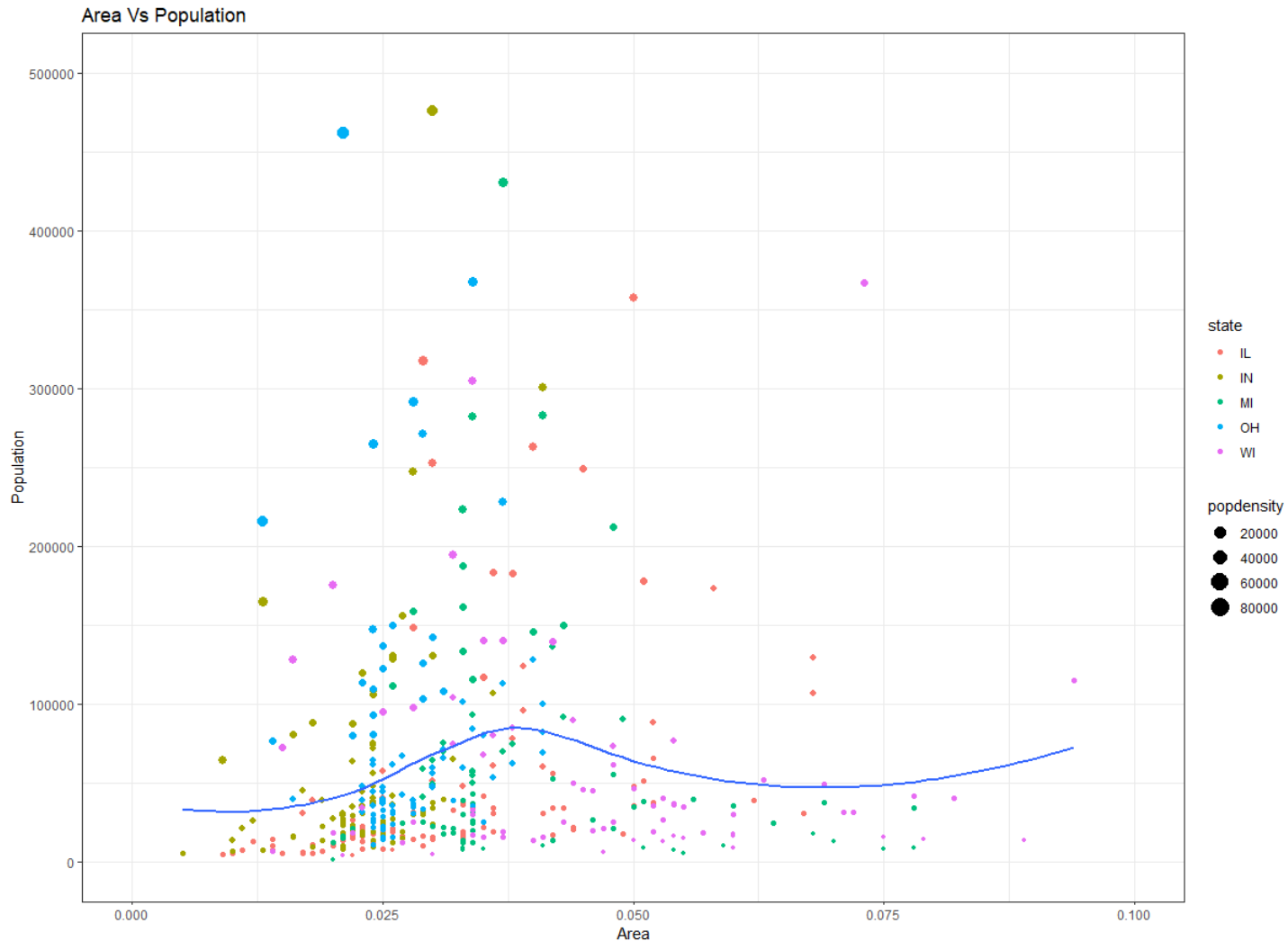
```
# Setup
options(scipen=999)
data("midwest", package = "ggplot2")
theme_set(theme_bw())

# Add plot components -----
gg <- ggplot(midwest, aes(x=area, y=poptotal)) +
  geom_point(aes(col=state, size=popdensity)) +
  geom_smooth(method="loess", se=F) +
  xlim(c(0, 0.1)) + ylim(c(0, 500000)) +
  labs(title="Area Vs Population",
        y="Population", x="Area", caption="Source: midwest")

# Call plot -----
plot(gg)
```

# Part 2: Customize the look and feel

- Setup



Source: midwest

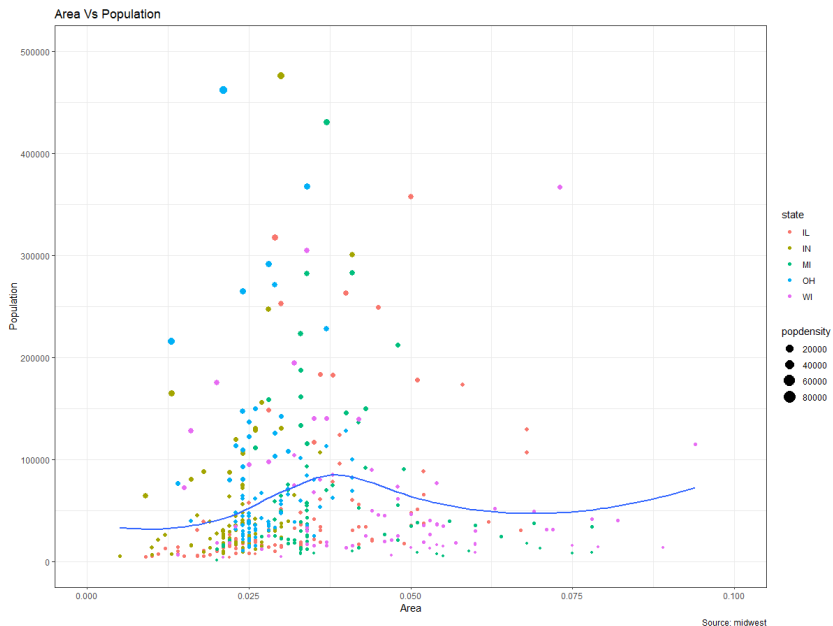
## Part 2: Customize the look and feel

- The arguments passed to `theme()` components require to be set using special `element_type()` functions. They are of 4 major types.
  - ✓ `element_text()`: Since the title, subtitle and captions are textual items, `element_text()` function is used to set it.
  - ✓ `element_line()`: Likewise, `element_line()` is used to modify line-based components such as the axis lines, major and minor grid lines, etc.
  - ✓ `element_rect()`: Modifies rectangle components such as plot and panel background.
  - ✓ `element_blank()`: Turns off displaying the theme item.

# I. Adding plot and axis titles

- `theme()` for modifying plot and axis titles

```
# Base Plot
gg <- ggplot(midwest, aes(x=area, y=poptotal)) +
  geom_point(aes(col=state, size=popdensity)) +
  geom_smooth(method="loess", se=F) +
  xlim(c(0, 0.1)) + ylim(c(0, 500000)) +
  labs(title="Area Vs Population", y="Population", x="Area",
        caption="Source: midwest")
plot(gg)
```



# I. Adding plot and axis titles

- `theme()` for modifying plot and axis titles

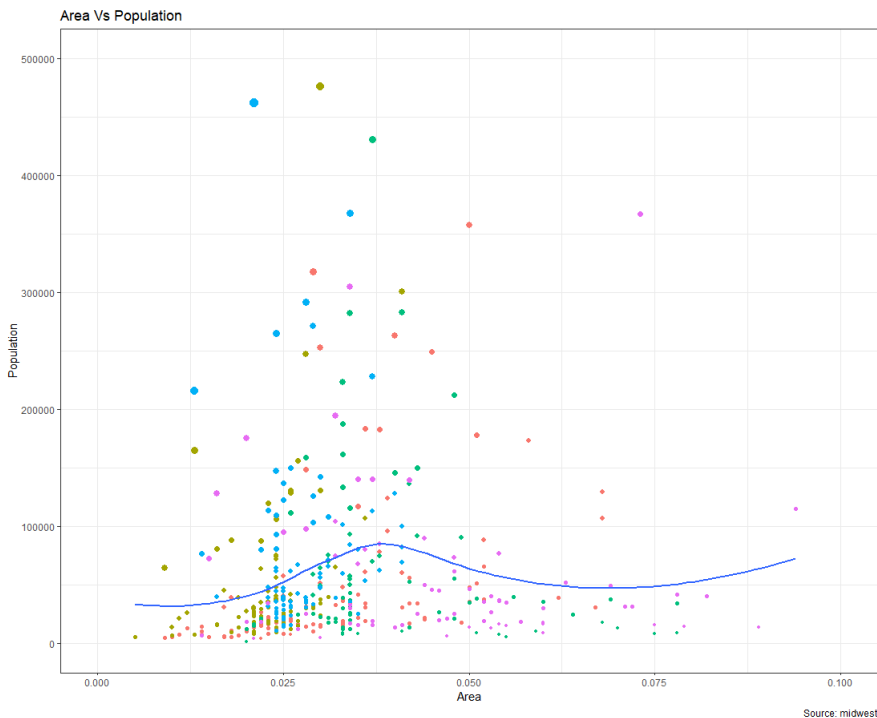
```
# Modify theme components -----  
gg + theme(plot.title=element_text(size=20, face="bold", color="tomato",  
                                     hjust=0.5, lineheight=1.2), # title  
           plot.subtitle=element_text(size=15, face="bold",  
                                       hjust=0.5), # subtitle  
           plot.caption=element_text(size=15), # caption  
           axis.title.x=element_text(vjust=10, size=15), # X axis title  
           axis.title.y=element_text(size=15), # Y axis title  
           axis.text.x=element_text(size=10, angle = 30,  
                                     vjust=.5), # X axis text  
           axis.text.y=element_text(size=10)) # Y axis text
```

- ✓ `vjust`, controls the vertical spacing between title (or label) and plot.
- ✓ `hjust`, controls the horizontal spacing. Setting it to 0.5 centers the title.
- ✓ `family`, is used to set a new font
- ✓ `face`, sets the font face (“plain”, “italic”, “bold”, “bold.italic”)

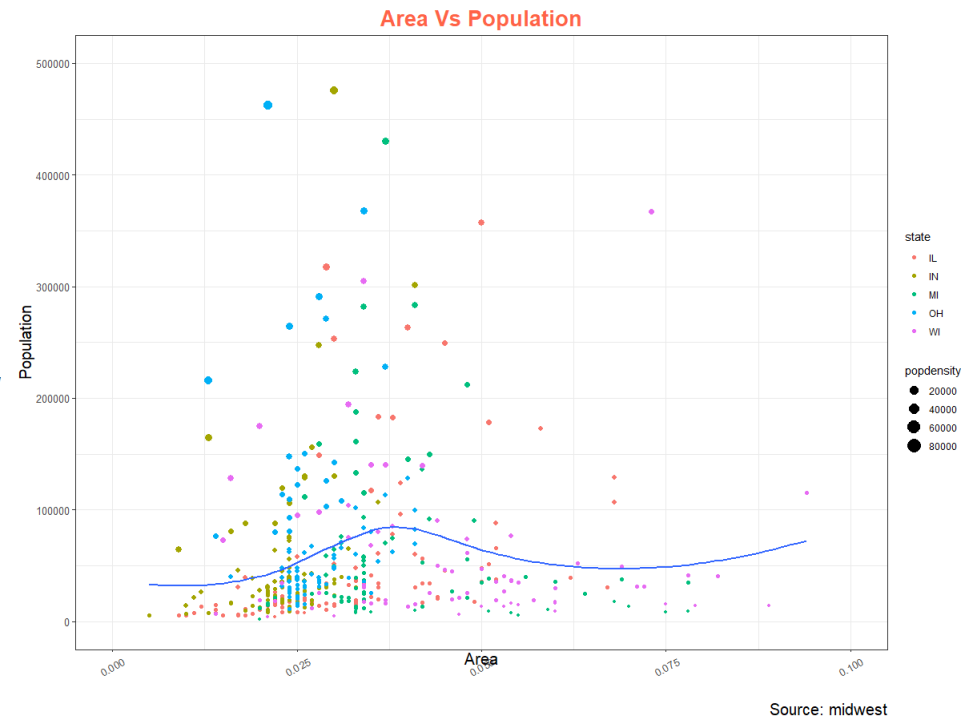
# I. Adding plot and axis titles

- `theme()` for modifying plot and axis titles

Original



Modified



## 2. Modifying Legend

- Whenever your plot's geom (like points, lines, bars, etc) is set to change the aesthetics (fill, size, col, shape, or stroke) based on another column, as in `geom_point(aes(col=state, size=popdensity))`, a legend is automatically drawn.



## 2. Modifying Legend

- Change the legend title

✓ Method 1: Using labs()

```
# Method 1: using labs()
gg <- ggplot(midwest, aes(x=area, y=poptotal)) +
  geom_point(aes(col=state, size=popdensity)) +
  geom_smooth(method="loess", se=F) +
  xlim(c(0, 0.1)) + ylim(c(0, 500000)) +
  labs(title="Area Vs Population", y="Population", x="Area",
        caption="Source: midwest")

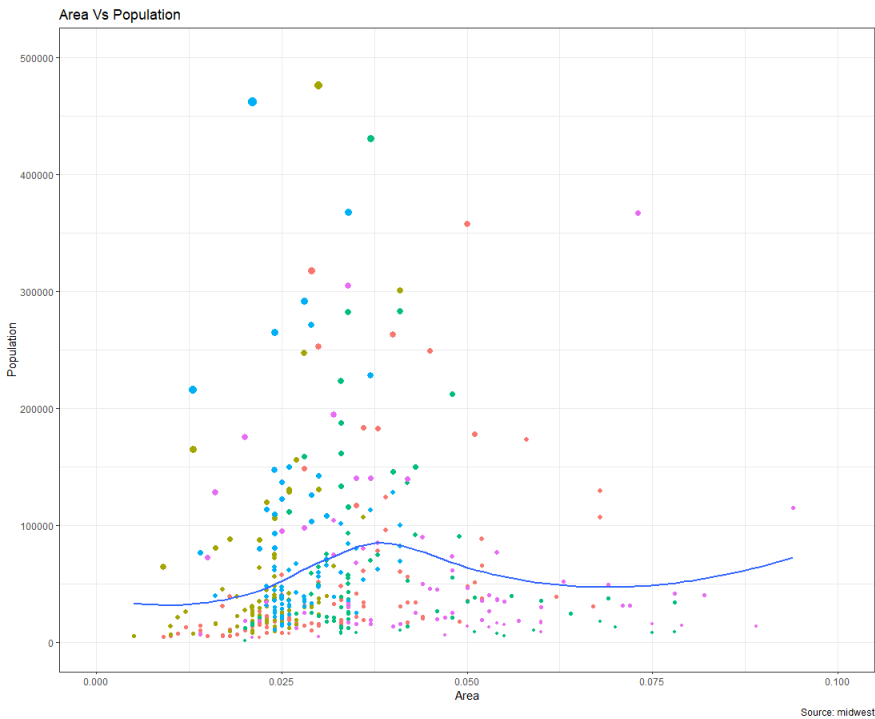
plot(gg)

gg + labs(color="State", size="Density") # modify legend title
```

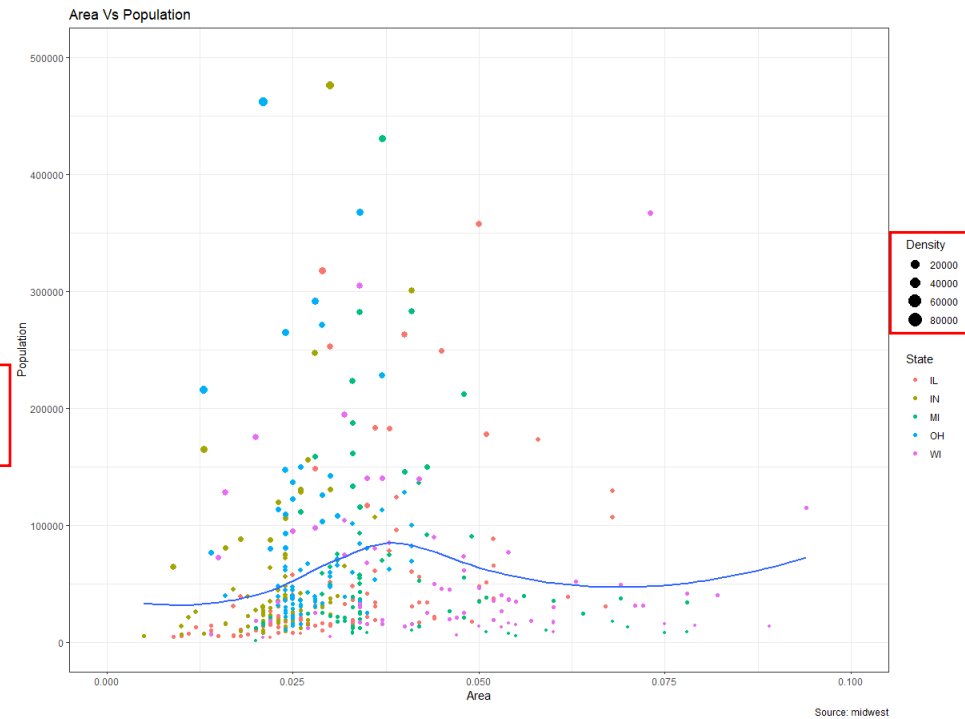
## 2. Modifying Legend

- Change the legend title
  - ✓ Method I: Using labs()

Original



Modified



## 2. Modifying Legend

- Change the legend title

✓ Method 2: Using guides()

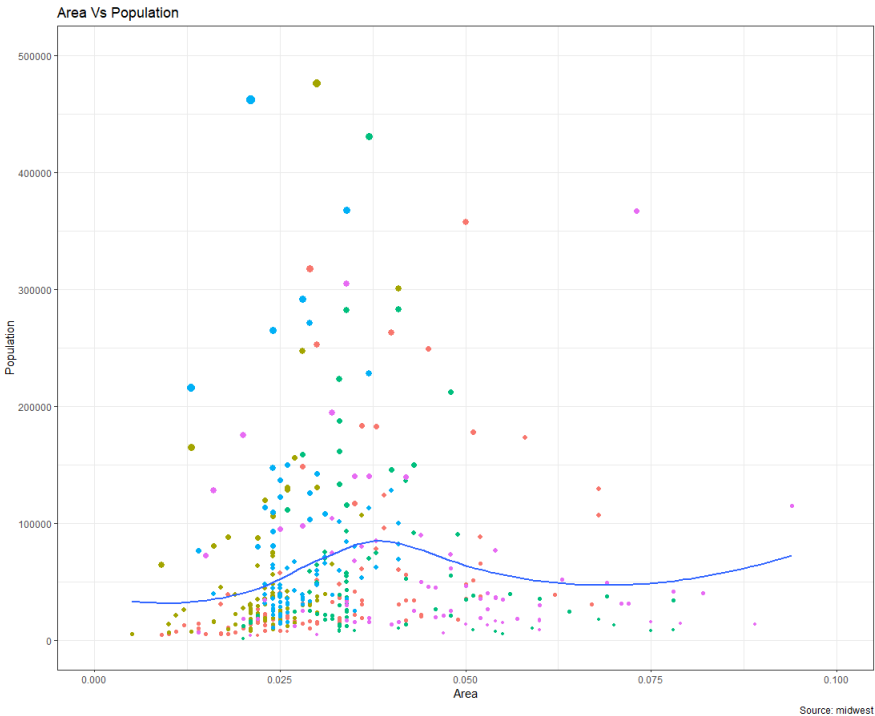
```
# Method 2: using guides()
# Base Plot
gg <- ggplot(midwest, aes(x=area, y=poptotal)) +
  geom_point(aes(col=state, size=popdensity)) +
  geom_smooth(method="loess", se=F) +
  xlim(c(0, 0.1)) + ylim(c(0, 500000)) +
  labs(title="Area Vs Population", y="Population", x="Area",
        caption="Source: midwest")

gg + guides(color=guide_legend("State"), size=guide_legend("Density"))
```

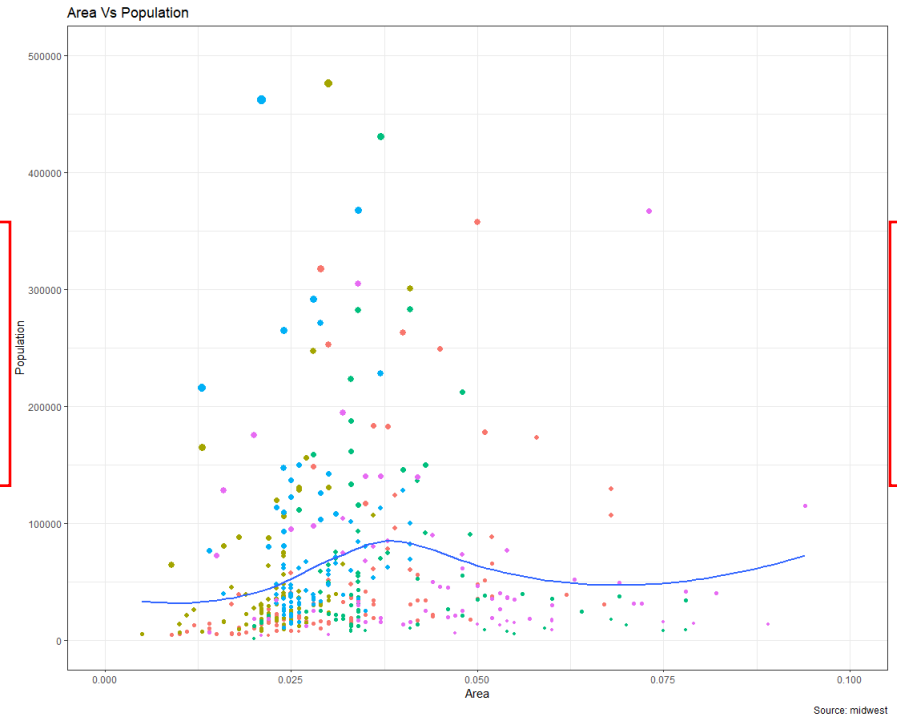
## 2. Modifying Legend

- Change the legend title
  - ✓ Method 2: Using guides()

Original



Modified



## 2. Modifying Legend

- Change the legend title

✓ Method 3: Using `scale_aesthetic_vartype()`

```
# Method 3: Using scale_aesthetic_vartype() format
gg <- ggplot(midwest, aes(x=area, y=poptotal)) +
  geom_point(aes(col=state, size=popdensity)) +
  geom_smooth(method="loess", se=F) +
  xlim(c(0, 0.1)) + ylim(c(0, 500000)) +
  labs(title="Area Vs Population", y="Population", x="Area",
        caption="Source: midwest")

plot(gg)

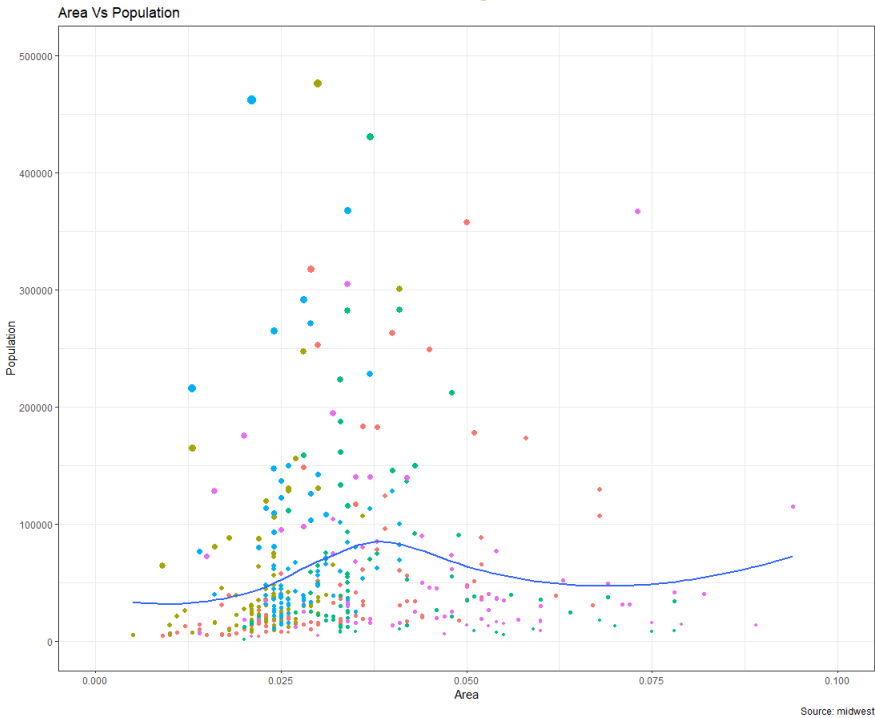
# Modify Legend
gg + scale_color_discrete(name="State") +
  scale_size_continuous(name = "Density", guide = FALSE)
# turn off legend for size
```

## 2. Modifying Legend

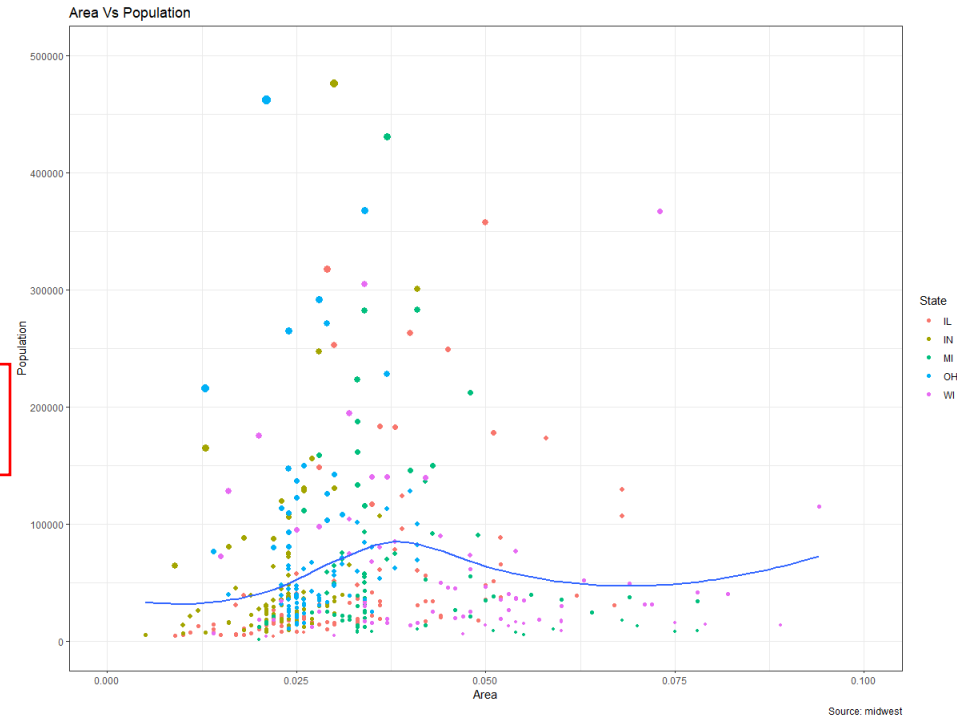
- Change the legend title

✓ Method 3: Using `scale_aesthetic_vartype()`

Original



Modified



## 2. Modifying Legend

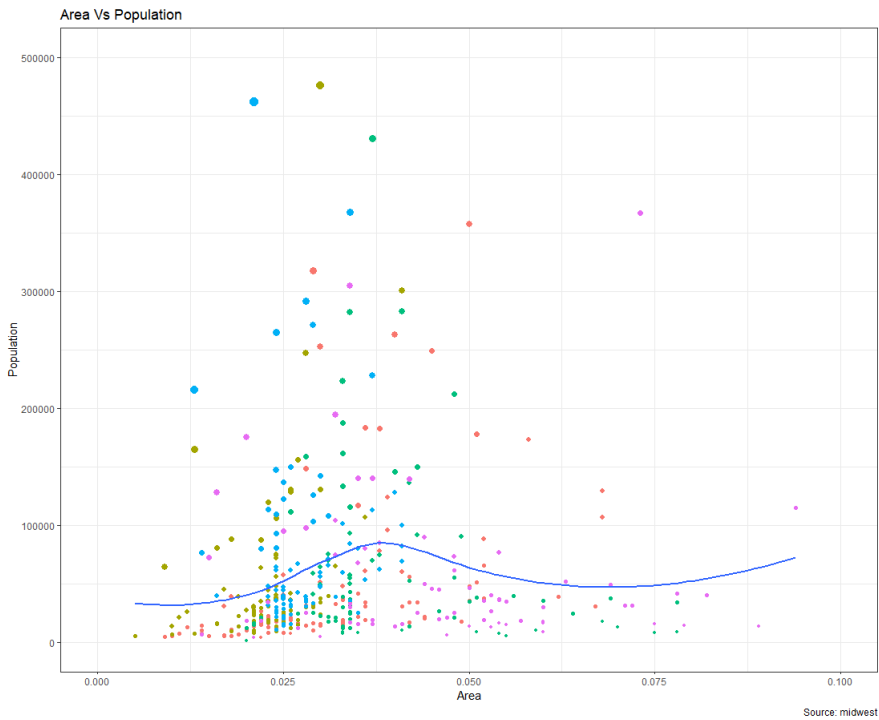
- Change Legend Labels and Point Colors for Categories
  - ✓ Can be done using the respective `scale_aesthetic_manual()` function
  - ✓ The new legend labels are supplied as a character vector to the `labels` argument
  - ✓ If you want to change the color of the categories, it can be assigned to the `values` argument as shown in below example.

```
gg + scale_color_manual(name="State",  
                        labels = c("Illinois", "Indiana", "Michigan",  
                                  "Ohio", "Wisconsin"),  
                        values = c("IL"="blue", "IN"="red", "MI"="green",  
                                   "OH"="brown", "WI"="orange"))
```

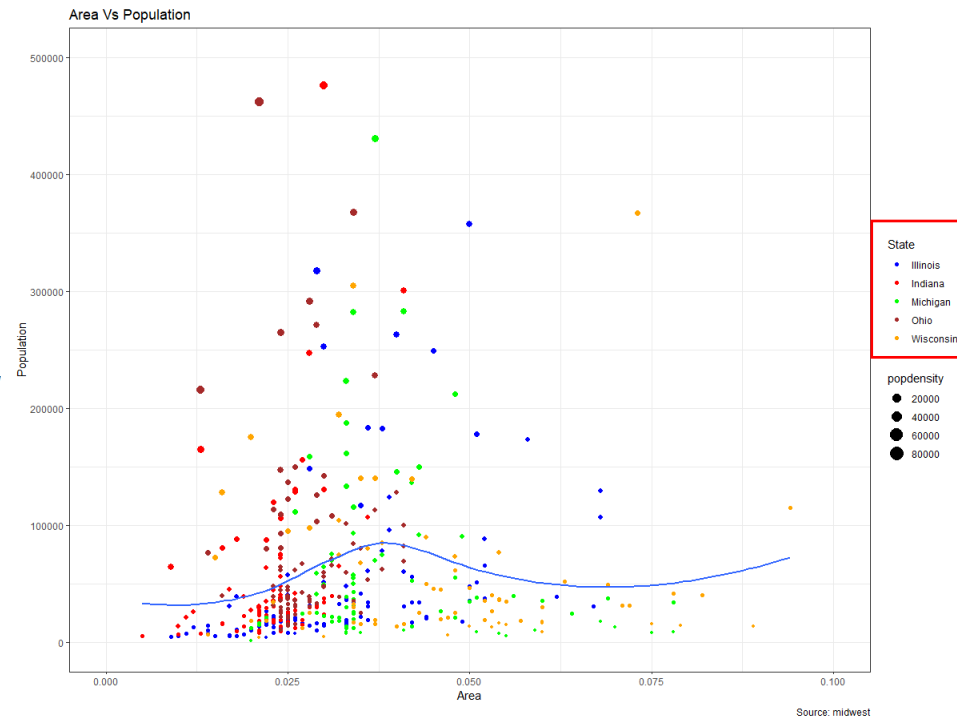
## 2. Modifying Legend

- Change Legend Labels and Point Colors for Categories

Original



Modified





## 2. Modifying Legend

- Change the order of legend

✓ In case you want to show the legend for color (State) before size (Density), it can be done with the `guides()` function: the order of the legend has to be set as desired.

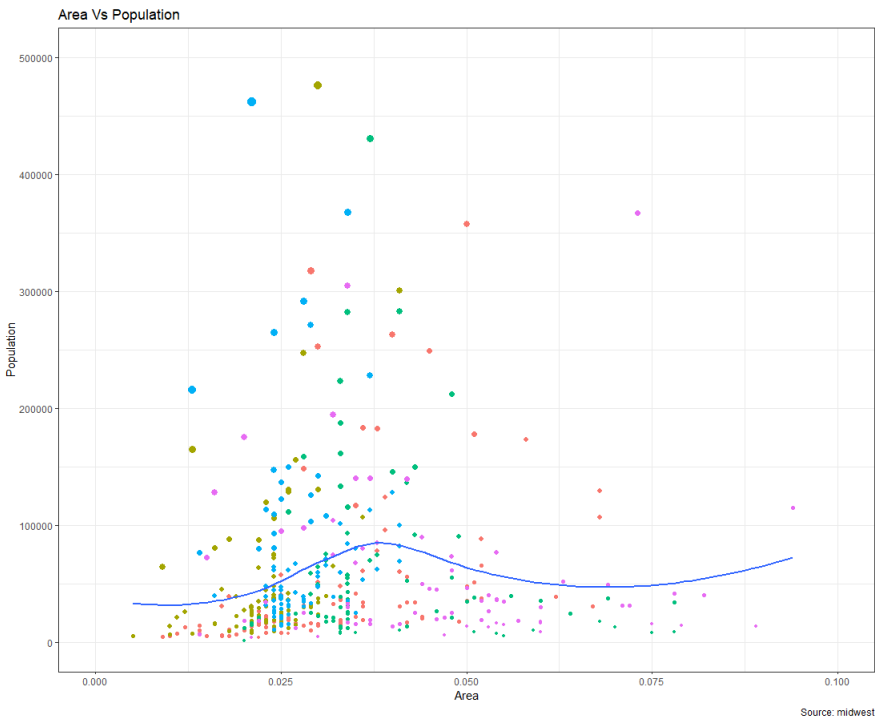
```
# Change the order of legend
# Base Plot
gg <- ggplot(midwest, aes(x=area, y=poptotal)) +
  geom_point(aes(col=state, size=popdensity)) +
  geom_smooth(method="loess", se=F) +
  xlim(c(0, 0.1)) + ylim(c(0, 500000)) +
  labs(title="Area Vs Population", y="Population", x="Area",
  caption="Source: midwest")
plot(gg)

gg + guides(colour = guide_legend(order = 2), size = guide_legend(order = 1))
```

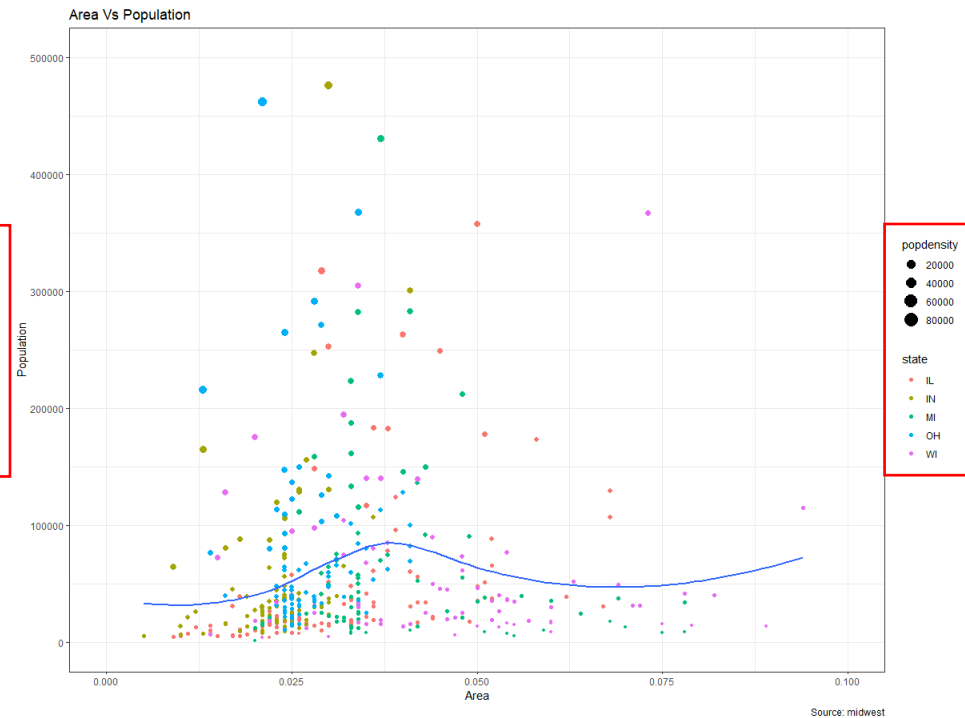
## 2. Modifying Legend

- Change the order of legend

Original



Modified



## 2. Modifying Legend

- Style the legend title, text, and key

- ✓ The styling of legend title, text, key, and the guide can also be adjusted

- ✓ The legend's key is a figure like element, so it has to be set using `element_rect()`

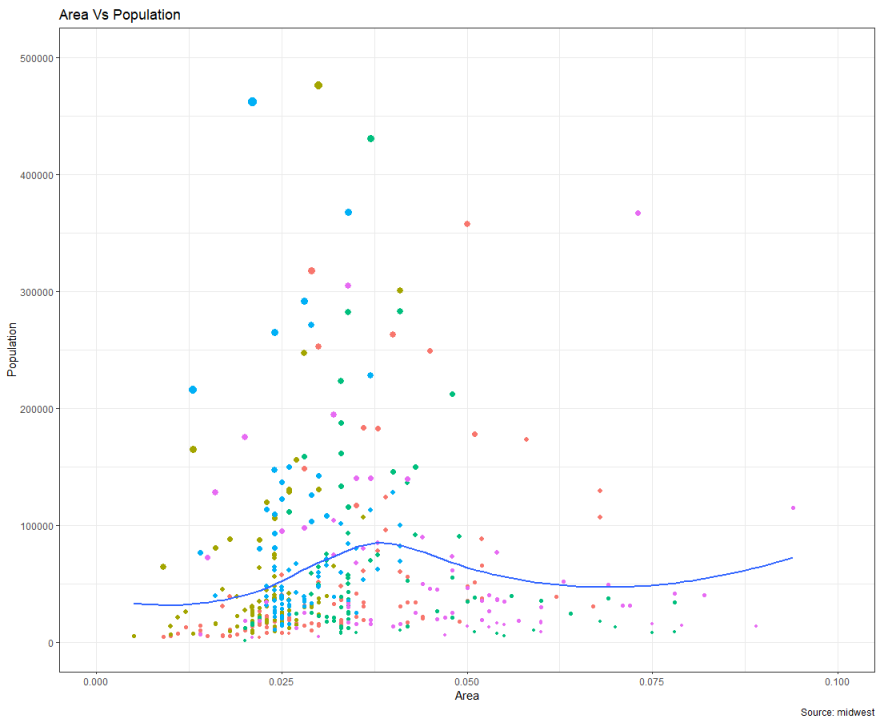
```
# Style the legend title, text, and key
gg <- ggplot(midwest, aes(x=area, y=poptotal)) +
  geom_point(aes(col=state, size=popdensity)) +
  geom_smooth(method="loess", se=F) +
  xlim(c(0, 0.1)) + ylim(c(0, 500000)) +
  labs(title="Area Vs Population", y="Population", x="Area",
        caption="Source: midwest")
plot(gg)

gg + theme(legend.title = element_text(size=12, color = "firebrick"),
           legend.text = element_text(size=10),
           legend.key=element_rect(fill='springgreen')) +
  guides(colour = guide_legend(override.aes = list(size=2, stroke=1.5)))
```

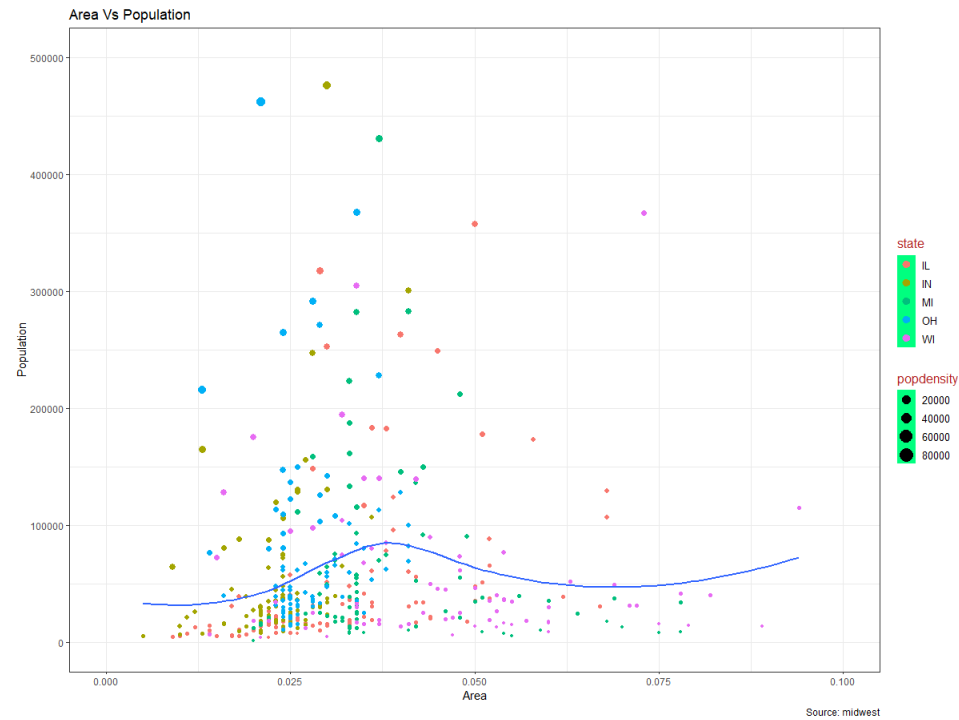
## 2. Modifying Legend

- Style the legend title, text, and key

Original



Modified



## 2. Modifying Legend

- Remove the Legend and Change Legend Positions
  - ✓ The legend's position inside the plot is an aspect of the theme. So it can be modified using the `theme()` function. If you want to place the legend inside the plot, you can additionally control the hinge point of the legend using `legend.justification`.
  - ✓ The `legend.position` is the x and y axis position in chart area, where  $(0,0)$  is bottom left of the chart and  $(1,1)$  is top right. Likewise, `legend.justification` refers to the hinge point inside the legend.

## 2. Modifying Legend

- Remove the Legend and Change Legend Positions

```
# No legend -----
gg + theme(legend.position="None") + labs(subtitle="No Legend")

# Legend to the left -----
gg + theme(legend.position="left") + labs(subtitle="Legend on the Left")

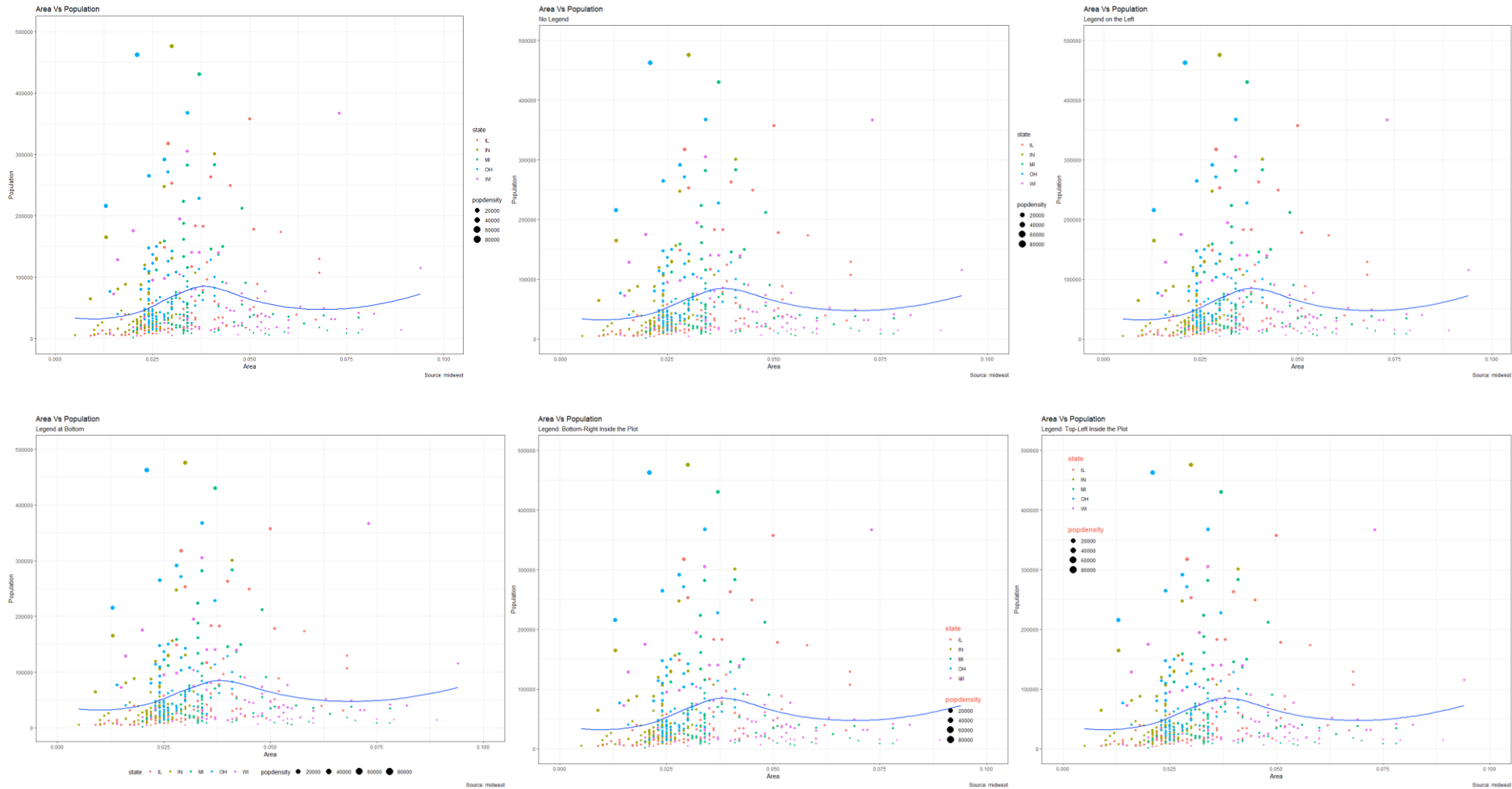
# legend at the bottom and horizontal -----
gg + theme(legend.position="bottom", legend.box = "horizontal") +
  labs(subtitle="Legend at Bottom")

# legend at bottom-right, inside the plot -----
gg + theme(legend.title = element_text(size=12, color = "salmon", face="bold"),
  legend.justification=c(1,0),
  legend.position=c(0.95, 0.05),
  legend.background = element_blank(),
  legend.key = element_blank()) +
  labs(subtitle="Legend: Bottom-Right Inside the Plot")

# legend at top-left, inside the plot -----
gg + theme(legend.title = element_text(size=12, color = "salmon", face="bold"),
  legend.justification=c(0,1),
  legend.position=c(0.05, 0.95),
  legend.background = element_blank(),
  legend.key = element_blank()) +
  labs(subtitle="Legend: Top-Left Inside the Plot")
```

## 2. Modifying Legend

- Remove the Legend and Change Legend Positions



# 3. Adding text, label, and annotation

- Add text and label around the points
  - ✓ Use `geom_text` and `geom_label`

```
# Add text and label around the points
# Filter required rows.
midwest_sub <- midwest[midwest$poptotal > 300000, ]
midwest_sub$large_county <- ifelse(midwest_sub$poptotal > 300000,
                                   midwest_sub$county, "")

# Base Plot
gg <- ggplot(midwest, aes(x=area, y=poptotal)) +
  geom_point(aes(col=state, size=popdensity)) +
  geom_smooth(method="loess", se=F) +
  xlim(c(0, 0.1)) + ylim(c(0, 500000)) +
  labs(title="Area Vs Population", y="Population", x="Area",
       caption="Source: midwest")

plot(gg)

# Plot text and label -----
gg + geom_text(aes(label=large_county), size=3, data=midwest_sub) +
  labs(subtitle="With ggplot2::geom_text") +
  theme(legend.position = "None")

gg + geom_label(aes(label=large_county), size=3, data=midwest_sub, alpha=0.25) +
  labs(subtitle="With ggplot2::geom_label") +
  theme(legend.position = "None")
```

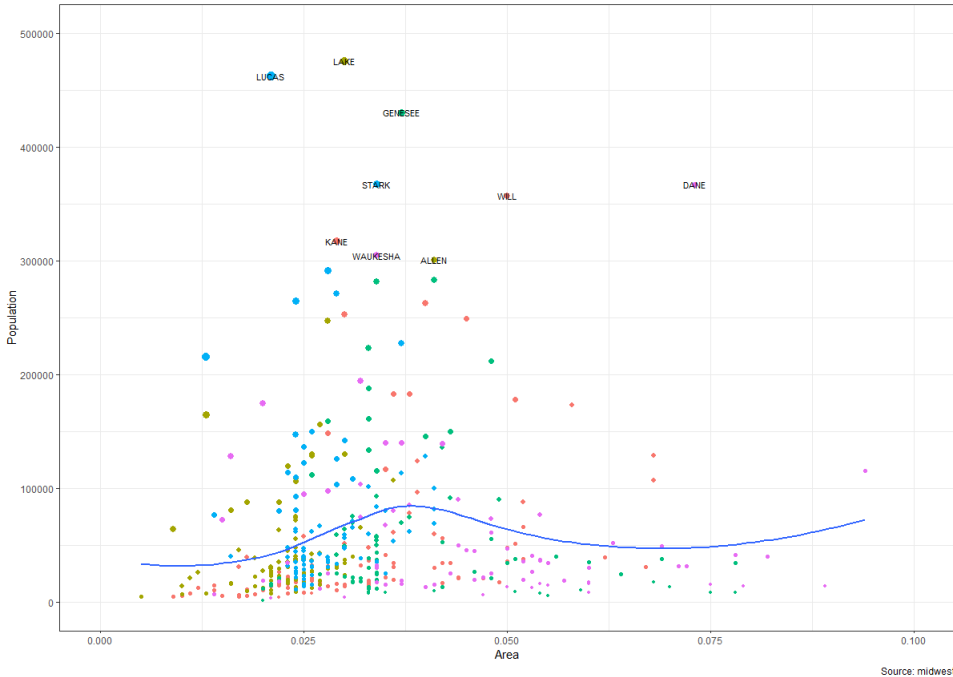


# 3. Adding text, label, and annotation

- Add text and label around the points
  - ✓ Use `geom_text` and `geom_label`

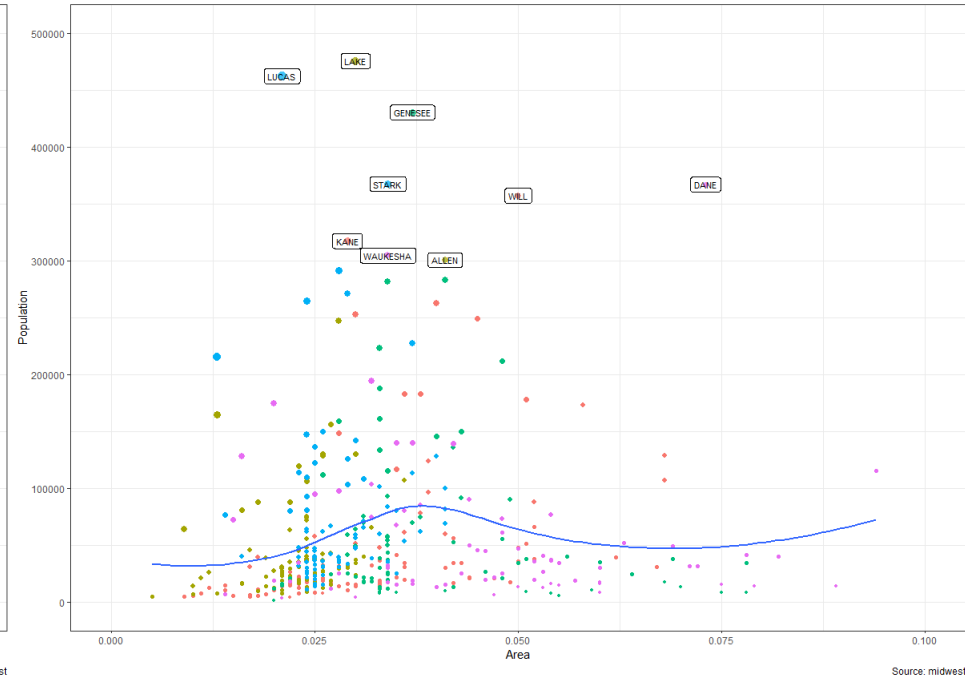
`geom_text`

Area Vs Population  
With ggplot2: geom\_text



`geom_label`

Area Vs Population  
With ggplot2: geom\_label



# 3. Adding text, label, and annotation

- Add text and label around the points
  - ✓ With "ggrepel" package

```
# Plot text and label that REPELS eachother (using ggrepel pkg) -----
install.packages("ggrepel")
library(ggrepel)

gg + geom_text_repel(aes(label=large_county), size=3, data=midwest_sub) +
  labs(subtitle="With ggrepel::geom_text_repel") +
  theme(legend.position = "None")

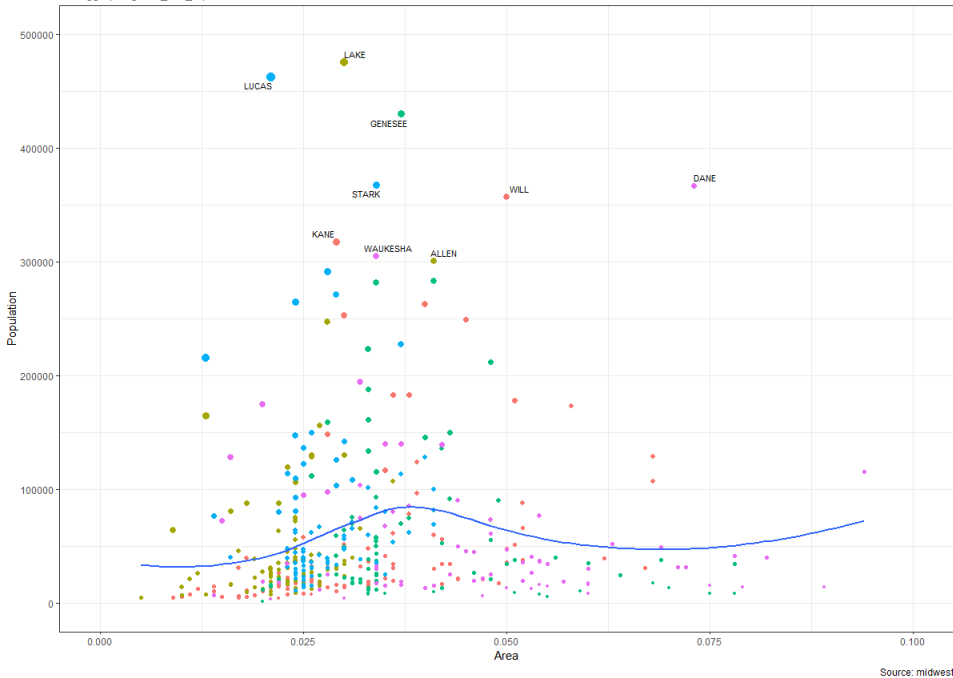
gg + geom_label_repel(aes(label=large_county), size=3, data=midwest_sub) +
  labs(subtitle="With ggrepel::geom_label_repel") +
  theme(legend.position = "None")
```

# 3. Adding text, label, and annotation

- Add text and label around the points
  - ✓ With "ggrepel" package

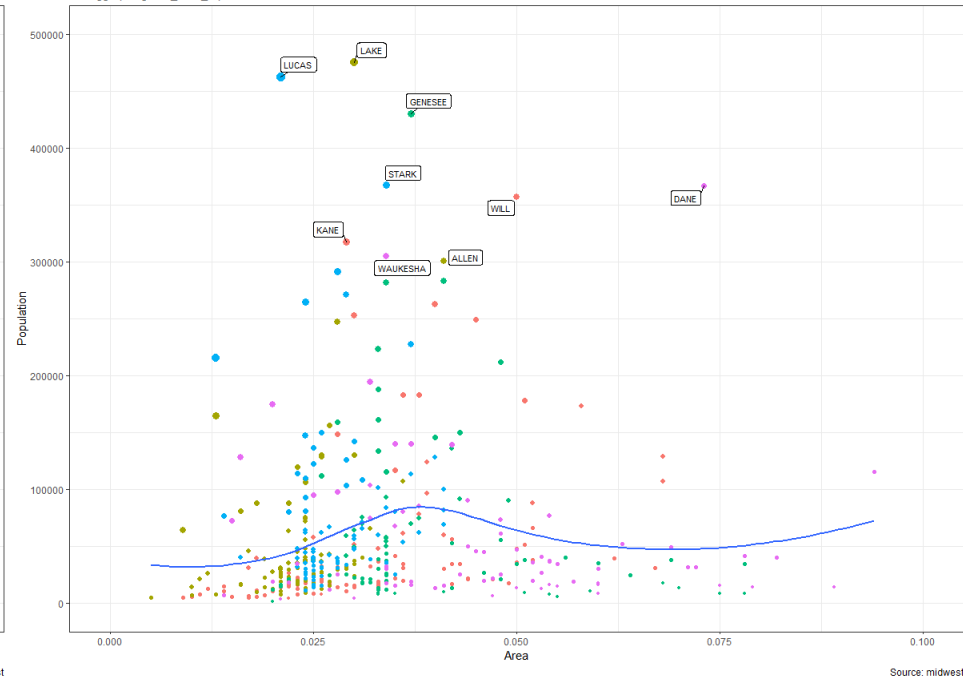
geom\_text\_repel

Area Vs Population  
With ggrepel: geom\_text\_repel



geom\_label\_repel

Area Vs Population  
With ggrepel: geom\_label\_repel



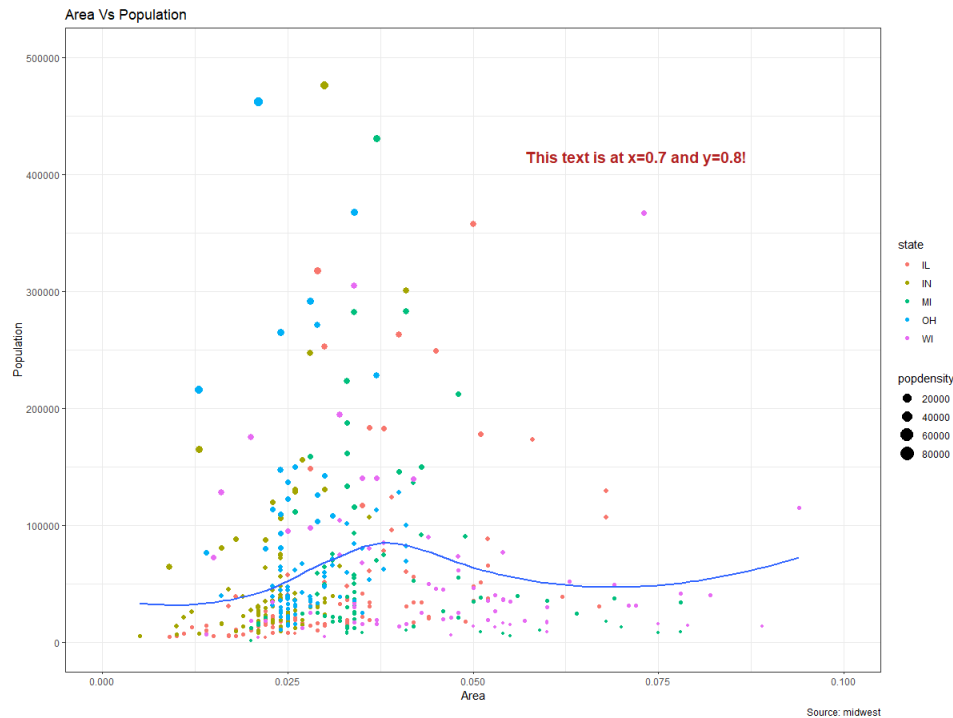
# 3. Adding text, label, and annotation

- Add annotations anywhere inside plot
  - ✓ Use `annotation_custom()` with `grob` as the argument

```
# Define and add annotation -----  
library(grid)  
my_text <- "This text is at x=0.7 and y=0.8!"  
my_grob = grid.text(my_text, x=0.7, y=0.8,  
                    gp=gpar(col="firebrick", fontsize=14, fontface="bold"))  
  
gg + annotation_custom(my_grob)
```

# 3. Adding text, label, and annotation

- Add annotations anywhere inside plot
  - ✓ Use `annotation_custom()` with `grob` as the argument



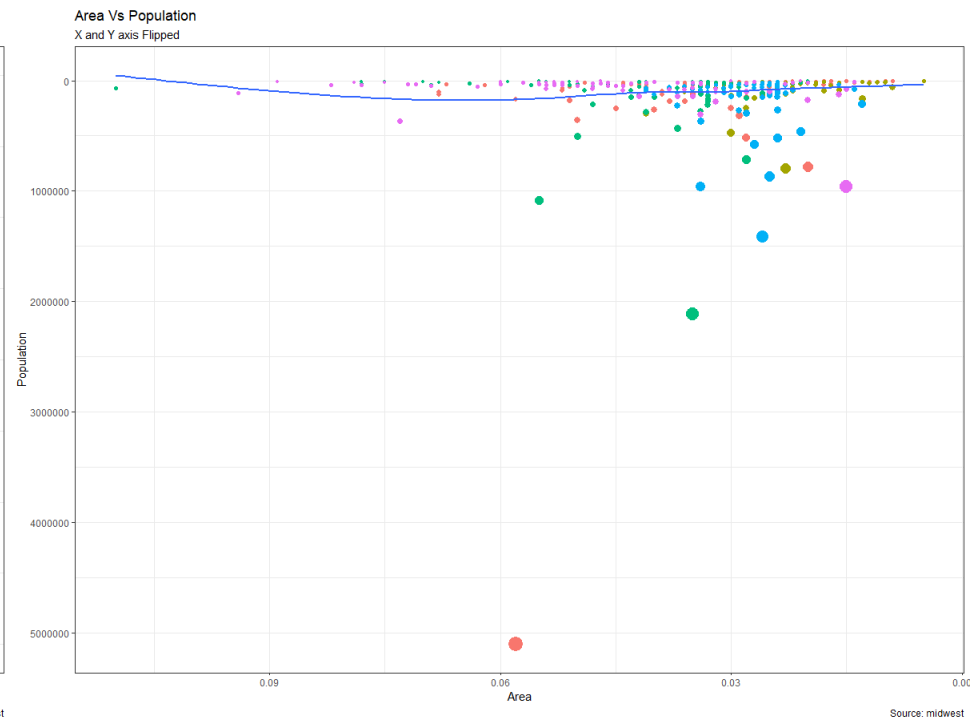
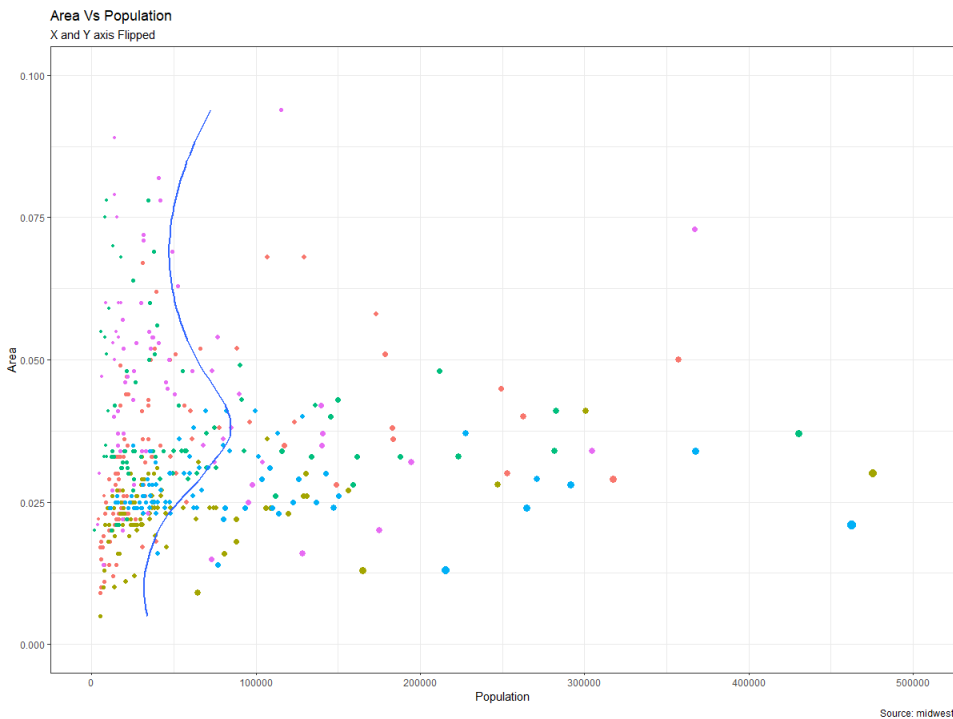
## 4. Flipping and Reversing X and Y Axis

- How to flip the X and Y axis?
  - ✓ Just add `coord_flip()`
- How to reverse the scale of an axis?
  - ✓ Use `scale_x_reverse()` for X axis and `scale_y_reverse()` for Y axis

```
# Flip the X and Y axis -----  
gg + coord_flip()  
  
# Reverse the X and Y Axis -----  
gg + scale_x_reverse() + scale_y_reverse()
```

## 4. Flipping and Reversing X and Y Axis

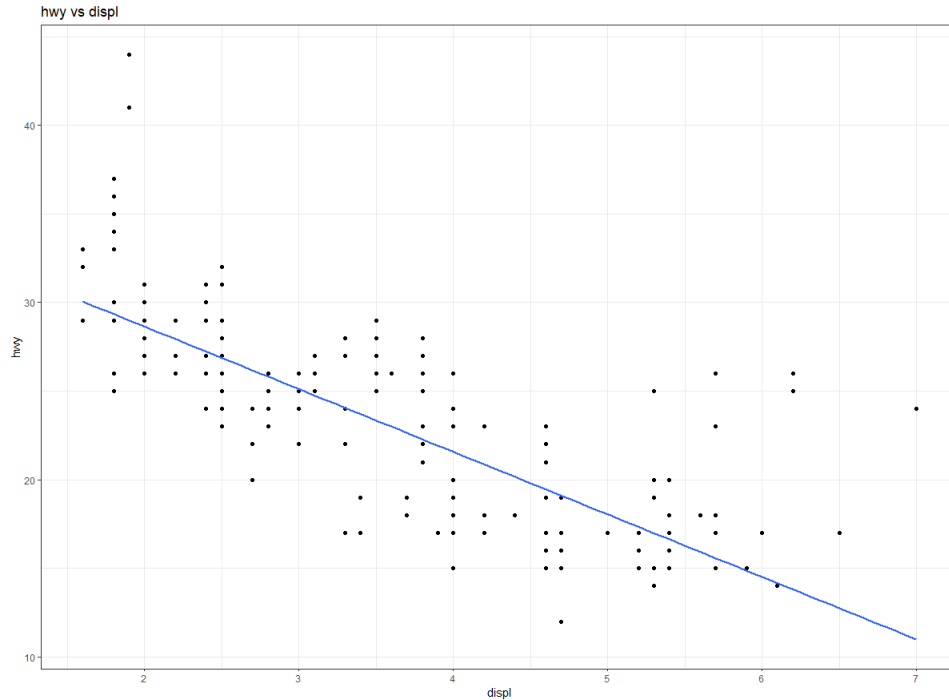
- How to flip the X and Y axis?
  - ✓ Just add `coord_flip()`
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# 5. Faceting: Draw Multiple Plots within One Figure

- Dataset: mpg

```
data(mpg, package="ggplot2")  
# load data # mpg <- read.csv("http://goo.gl/uEeRGU") # alt data source  
  
g <- ggplot(mpg, aes(x=displ, y=hwy)) + geom_point() +  
  labs(title="hwy vs displ", caption = "Source: mpg") +  
  geom_smooth(method="lm", se=FALSE) + theme_bw() # apply bw theme  
  
plot(g)
```





# 5. Faceting: Draw Multiple Plots within One Figure

- Facet\_wrap()

✓ Break down a large plot into multiple small plots for individual categories

```
# Facet wrap with common scales
g + facet_wrap( ~ class, nrow=3) +
  labs(title="hwy vs displ", caption = "Source: mpg",
        subtitle="Ggplot2 - Faceting - Multiple plots in one figure")
# Shared scales

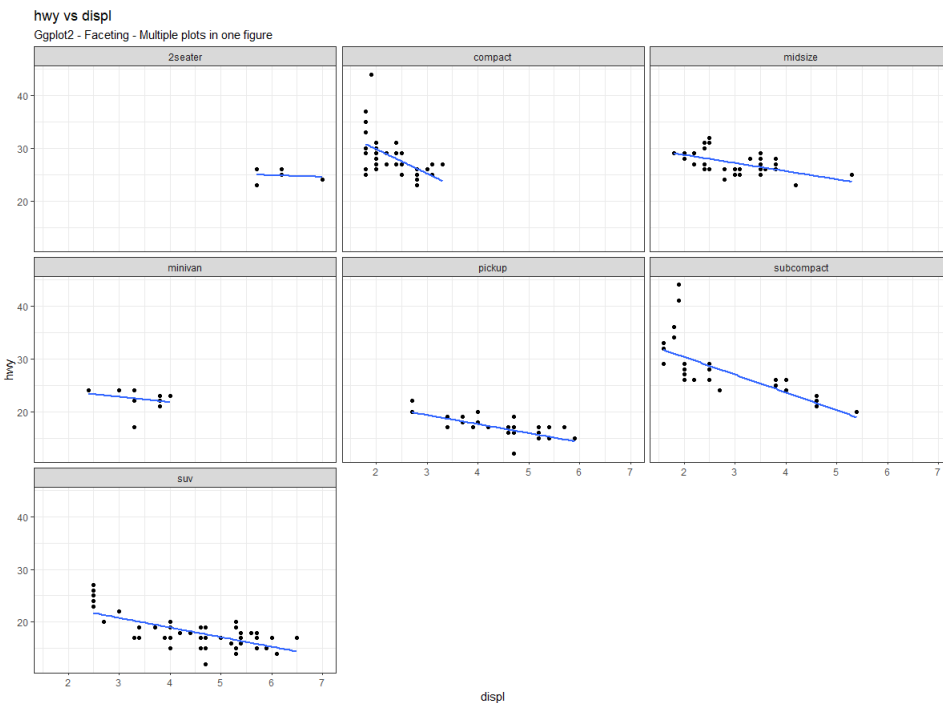
# Facet wrap with free scales
g + facet_wrap( ~ class, scales = "free") +
  labs(title="hwy vs displ", caption = "Source: mpg",
        subtitle="Ggplot2 - Faceting - Multiple plots in one figure with free
                  scales") # Scales free
```

# 5. Faceting: Draw Multiple Plots within One Figure

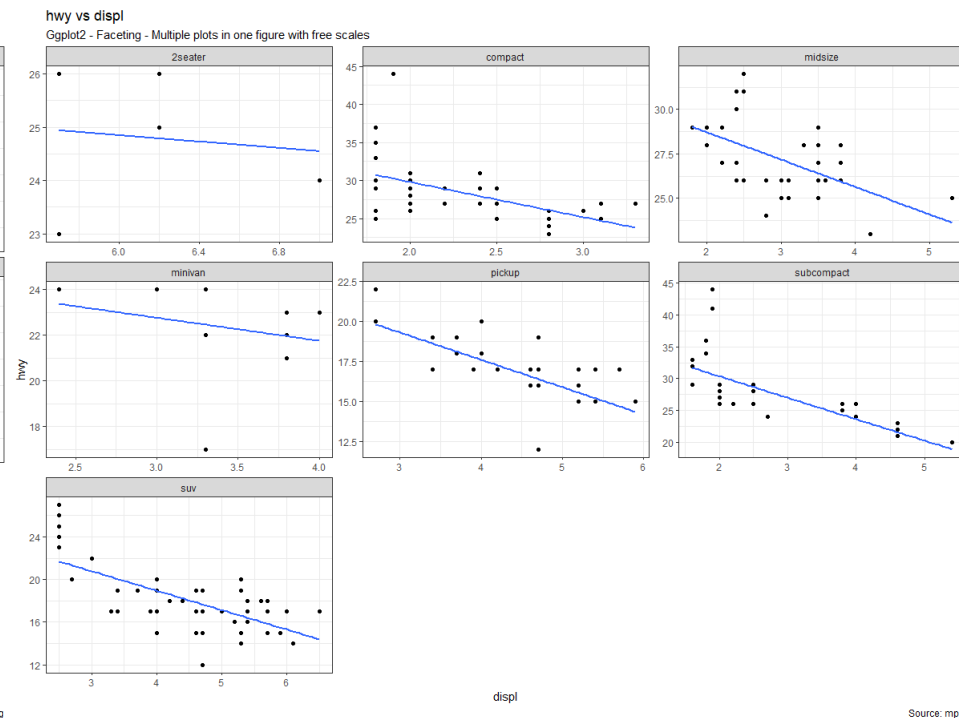
- `Facet_wrap()`

✓ Break down a large plot into multiple small plots for individual categories

## Shared scale



## Different scale



# 5. Faceting: Draw Multiple Plots within One Figure

- `Facet_grid()`

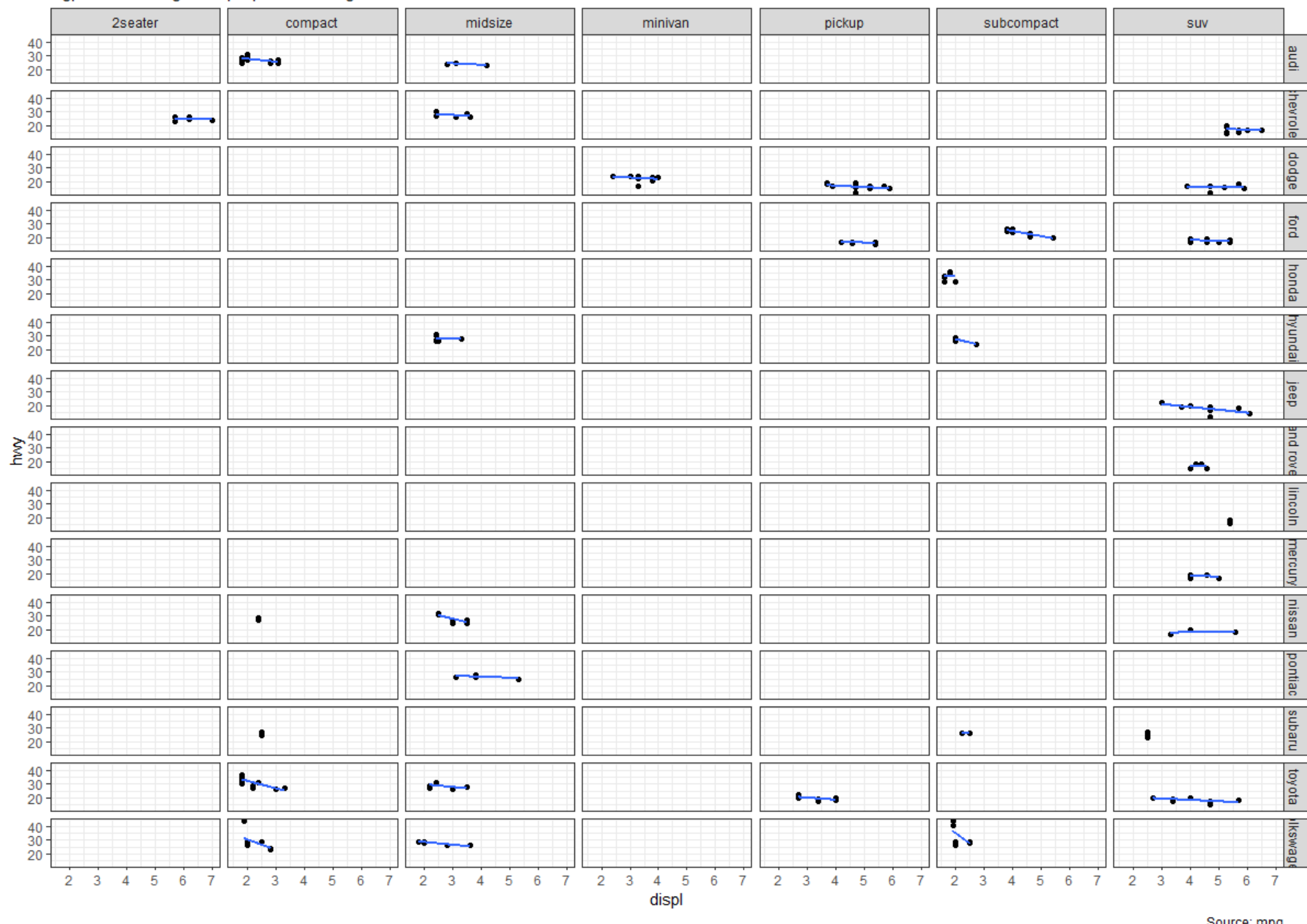
- ✓ The headings of the middle and bottom rows take up significant space.
- ✓ The `facet_grid()` would get rid of it and give more area to the charts.
- ✓ The main difference with `facet_grid` is that it is not possible to choose the number of rows and columns in the grid.

```
# Facet_grid()
# Base Plot
g <- ggplot(mpg, aes(x=displ, y=hwy)) + geom_point() +
  labs(title="hwy vs displ",
        caption = "Source: mpg",
        subtitle="Ggplot2 - Faceting - Multiple plots in one figure") +
  geom_smooth(method="lm", se=FALSE) + theme_bw() # apply bw theme
plot(g)

# Add Facet Grid
g1 <- g + facet_grid(manufacturer ~ class)
# manufacturer in rows and class in columns
plot(g1)
```

# hwy vs displ

Ggplot2 - Faceting - Multiple plots in one figure



# 5. Faceting: Draw Multiple Plots within One Figure

- Facet\_grid()

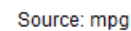
✓ One more figure by varying cylinder

```
# Base Plot
g <- ggplot(mpg, aes(x=displ, y=hwy)) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_smooth(method="lm", se=FALSE) +
  labs(title="hwy vs displ", caption = "Source: mpg",
        subtitle="Ggplot2 - Facet Grid - Multiple plots in one figure") +
  theme_bw() # apply bw theme

# Add Facet Grid
g2 <- g + facet_grid(cyl ~ class) # cyl in rows and class in columns.
plot(g2)

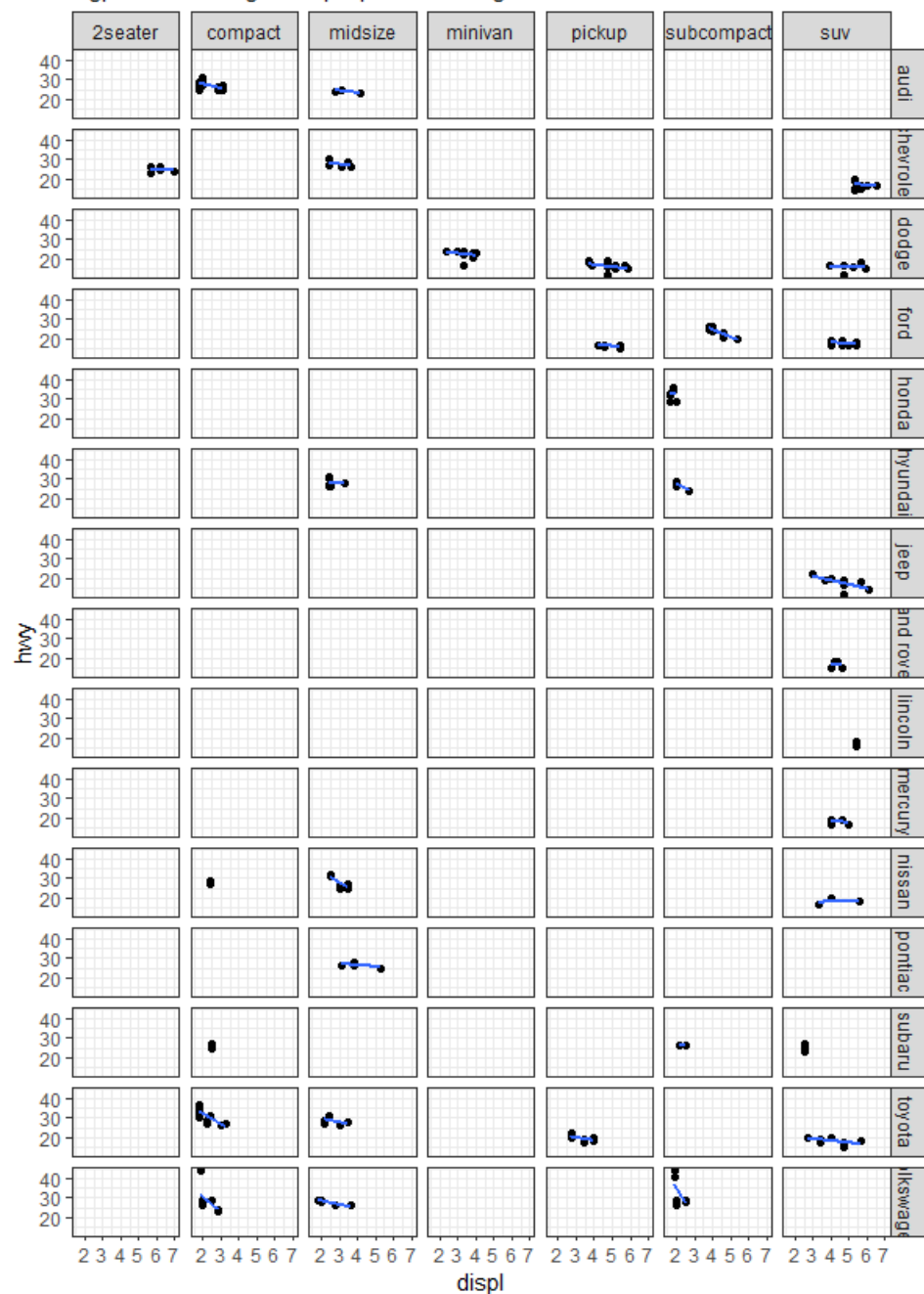
# Draw Multiple plots in same figure.
install.packages("gridExtra")
library(gridExtra)
gridExtra::grid.arrange(g1, g2, ncol=2)
```

## Ggplot2 - Facet Grid - Multiple plots in one figure



# hwy vs displ

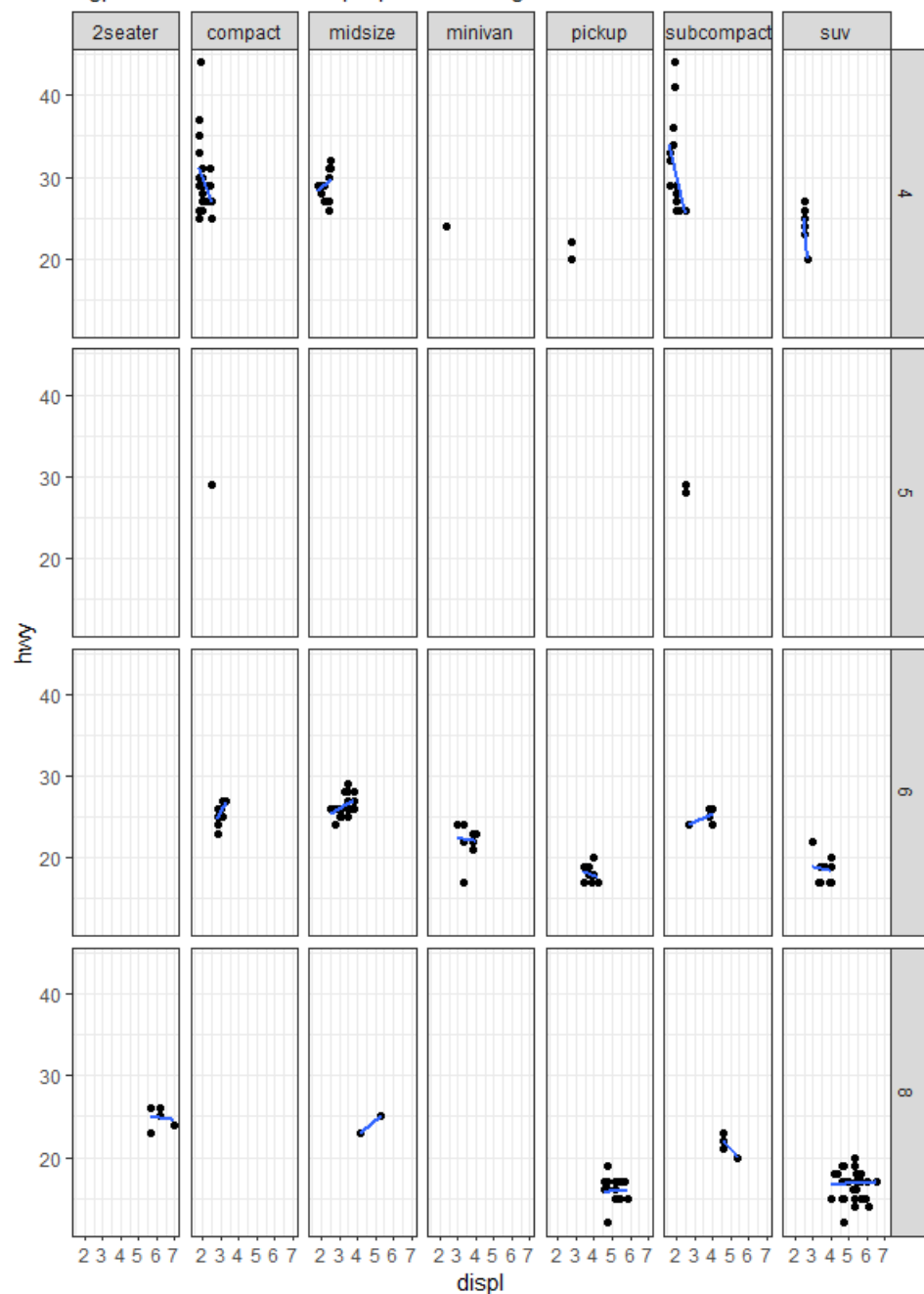
Ggplot2 - Faceting - Multiple plots in one figure



Source: mpg

# hwy vs displ

Ggplot2 - Facet Grid - Multiple plots in one figure



Source: mpg

# 6. Modifying Plot Background, Major and Minor Axis

- Change plot background

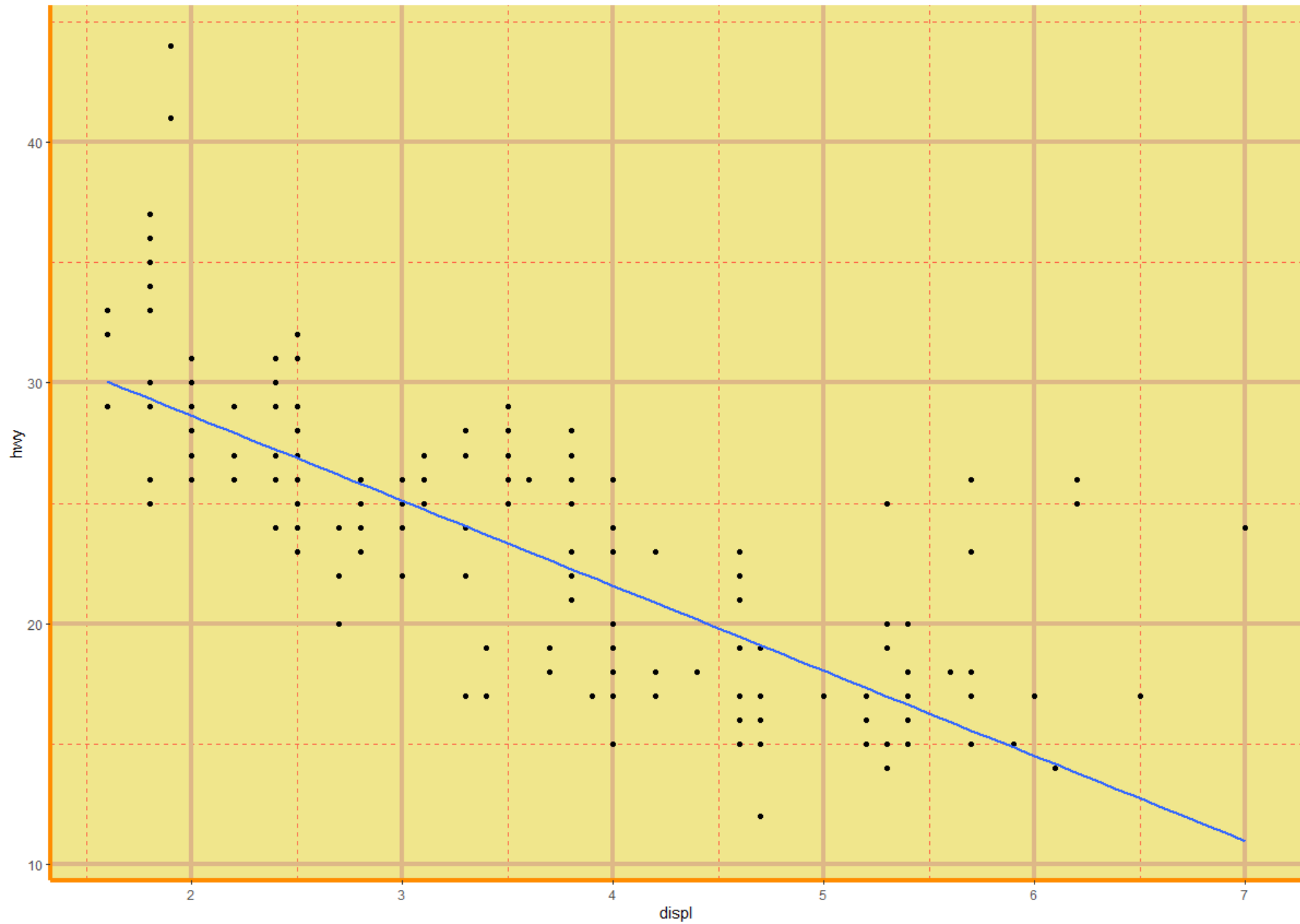
```
# Change Plot Background elements -----
g + theme(panel.background = element_rect(fill = 'khaki'),
  panel.grid.major = element_line(colour = "burlywood", size=1.5),
  panel.grid.minor = element_line(colour = "tomato", size=.25,
    linetype = "dashed"),
  panel.border = element_blank(),
  axis.line.x = element_line(colour = "darkorange", size=1.5,
    lineend = "butt"),
  axis.line.y = element_line(colour = "darkorange", size=1.5)) +
  labs(title="Modified Background",
    subtitle="How to Change Major and Minor grid, Axis Lines, No Border")

# Change Plot Margins -----
g + theme(plot.background=element_rect(fill="salmon"),
  plot.margin = unit(c(2, 2, 1, 1), "cm")) + # top, right, bottom, left
  labs(title="Modified Background", subtitle="How to Change Plot Margin")
```

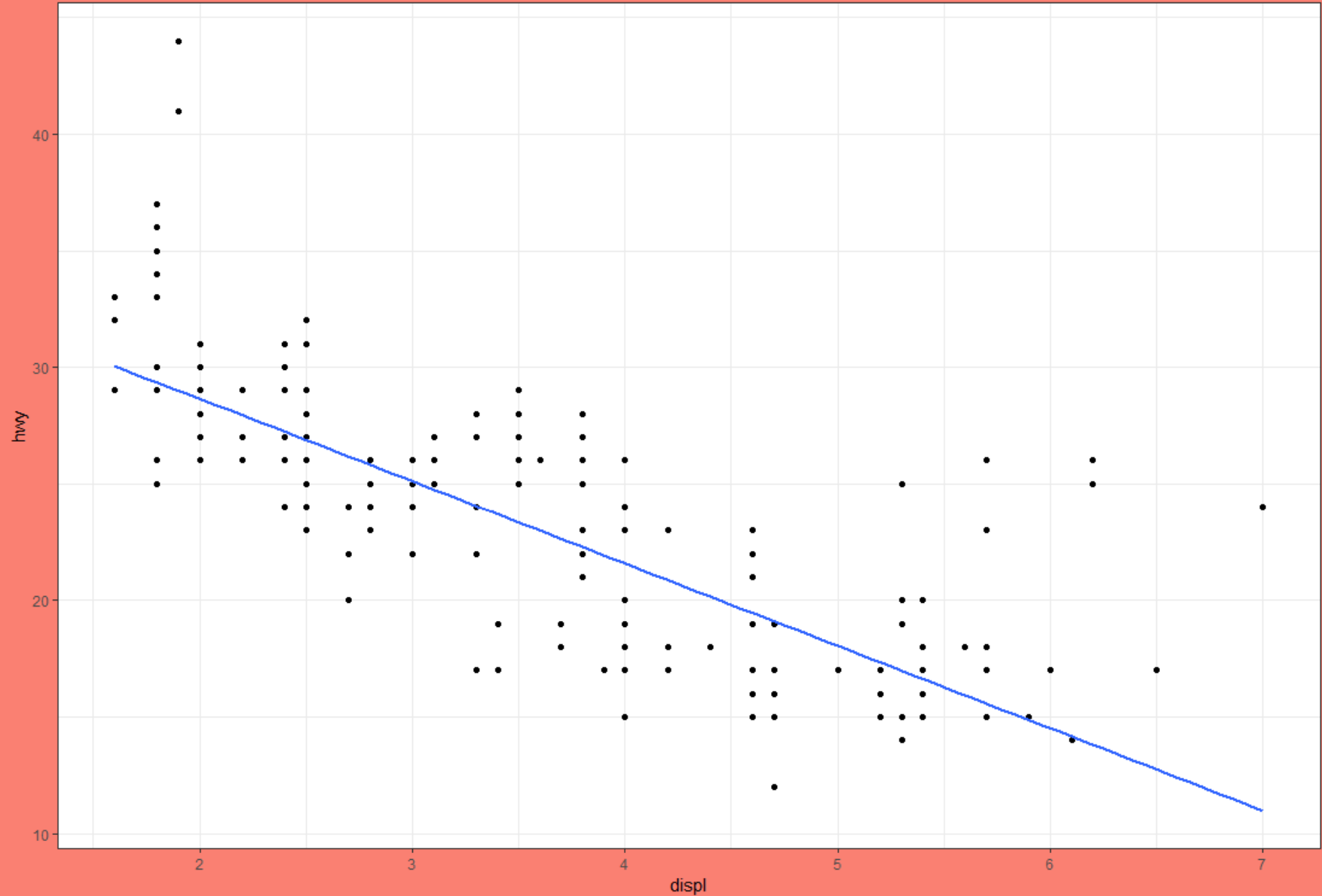


## Modified Background

How to Change Major and Minor grid, Axis Lines, No Border



Modified Background  
How to Change Plot Margin



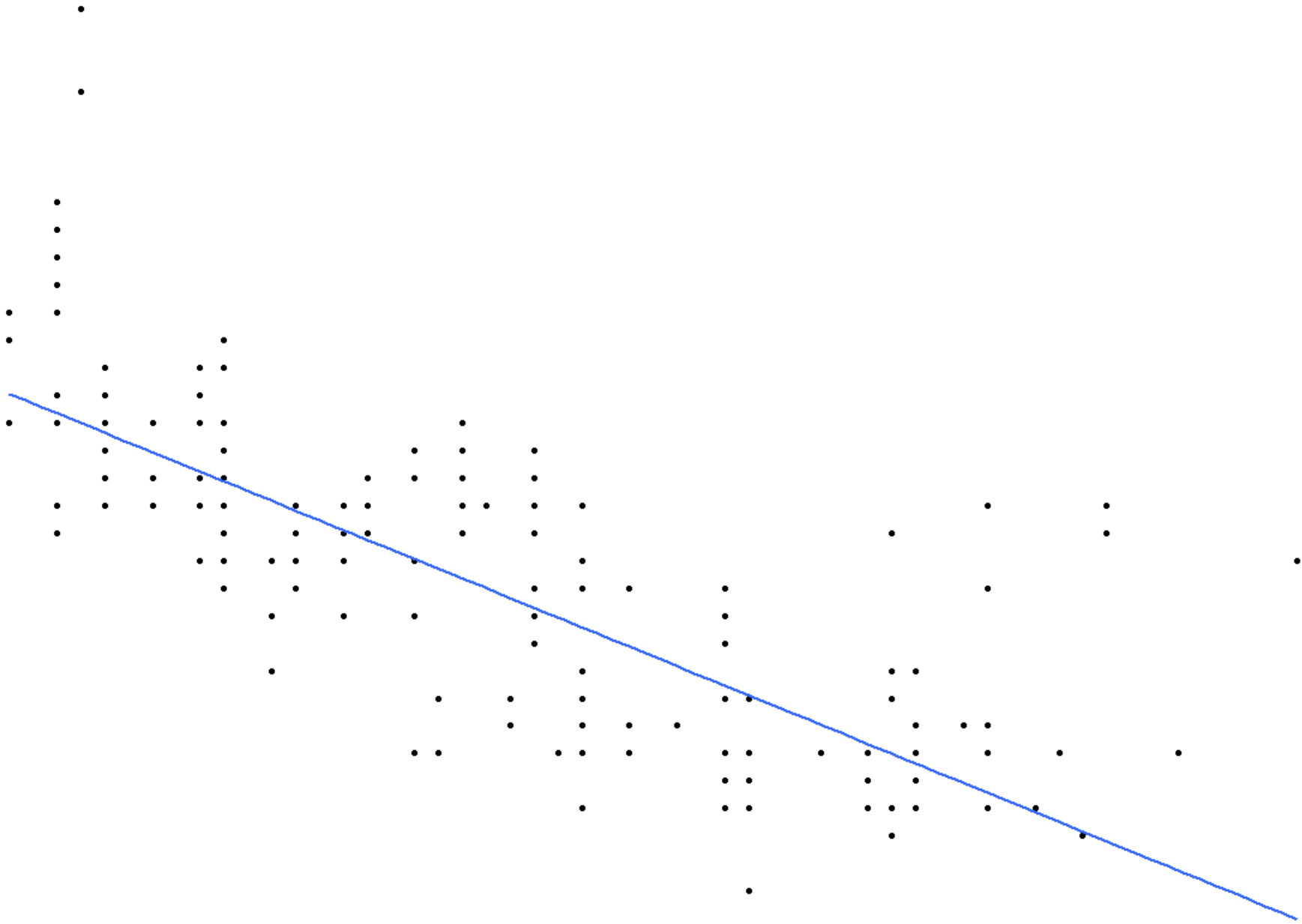
# 6. Modifying Plot Background, Major and Minor Axis

- Remove major and minor grid, change border, axis title, text, and ticks

```
# How to Remove Major and Minor Grid, Change Border, Axis Title, Text and Ticks
g + theme(panel.grid.major = element_blank(),
          panel.grid.minor = element_blank(),
          panel.border = element_blank(),
          axis.title = element_blank(),
          axis.text = element_blank(),
          axis.ticks = element_blank()) +
  labs(title="Modified Background",
        subtitle="How to remove major and minor axis grid, border,
                  axis title, text and ticks")
```

Modified Background

How to remove major and minor axis grid, border, axis title, text and ticks



# 6. Modifying Plot Background, Major and Minor Axis

- Add an image in background

```
# Add an image in background
install.packages("grid")
library(grid)
install.packages("magick")
library(magick)

image_url <- "https://www.r-project.org/Rlogo.png"
pic <- image_read(image_url)
print(pic)
g_pic <- rasterGrob(pic, interpolate=TRUE)

# Base Plot
...

g + theme(panel.grid.major = element_blank(),
          panel.grid.minor = element_blank(),
          plot.title = element_text(size = rel(1.5), face = "bold"),
          axis.ticks = element_blank()) +
  annotation_custom(g_pic, xmin=5, xmax=7, ymin=30, ymax=45)
```

