# Data visualization in R Using ggplot2

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By the end of this lesson, you will be able to:	

- Visualize data using ggplot function from ggplot2 package
- Describe and Analyze date using ggplot functions

# Part 2. (Data vizulization in R using ggplot)

ggplot2 is one of the most used packages for data visualization in R and it builds plots in layers. ggplot2 builds graphs in layers. It divides the plot into three parts:

- Data: It is the dataframe that contains data to be plotted.
- Aesthetics: These are the variables mapping to the visual properties of the plot.
- Geometry: It refers to the type of graph that is used, such as bar graph or histogram
- Optional parts:
  - XY- axex label
  - theme

For more details see the link [http://r-statistics.co/Top50-Ggplot2-Visualizations-MasterList-R-Code.html]

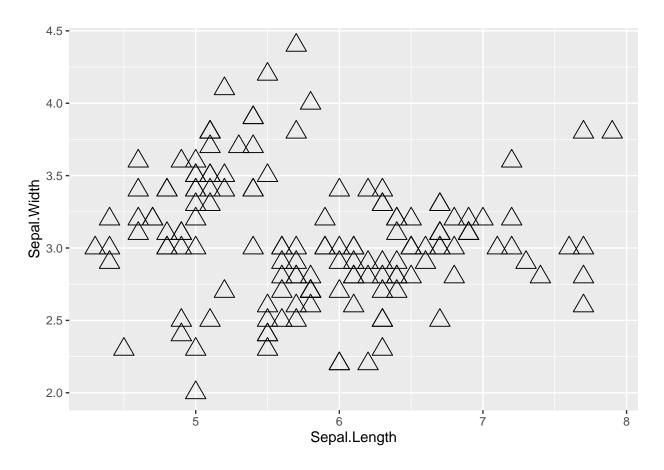
• syntax

```
ggplot(data) +
aes(x, y) +
geom_..() + # geometry type such point, hist, bar
optional_layer # such as theme, xy-labels

-OR- (using dplyr pyping)
data %>%
ggplot() %>%
aes(x, y) +
geom_..()
```

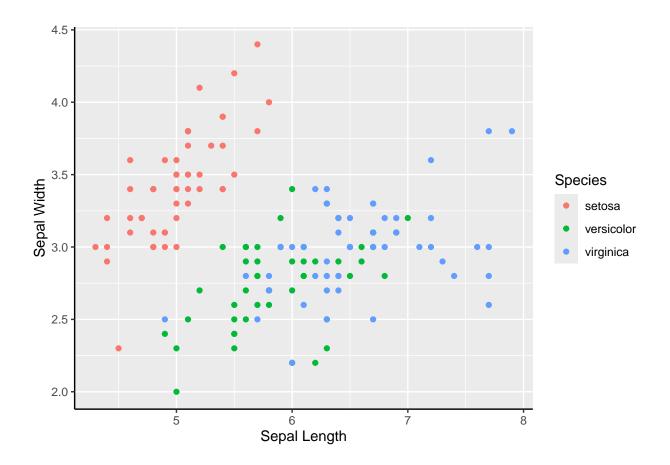
#### 2.1 Scatter plot

```
# install.packages("ggplot2")
library(dplyr)
##
## Attaching package: 'dplyr'
## The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':
##
##
       filter, lag
## The following objects are masked from 'package:base':
##
##
       intersect, setdiff, setequal, union
library(ggplot2)
iris %>%
ggplot() +
  aes(x = Sepal.Length, y = Sepal.Width) +
  #geom_point(aes(size=Sepal.Length)) # size of points varies as values
 geom_point(size=5, shape=2)
```



#### 2.1.1. Label in the scatter plot

```
ggplot(iris, aes(x = Sepal.Length, y = Sepal.Width, color = Species)) + # Points color by Species
geom_point() +
xlab("Sepal Length") +  # X-axis label
ylab("Sepal Width") +  # Y-axis label
theme(axis.line = element_line(colour = "black", # Changes the default theme
linewidth =0.5))
```



#### 2.1.2. Plot Title and Change legend name

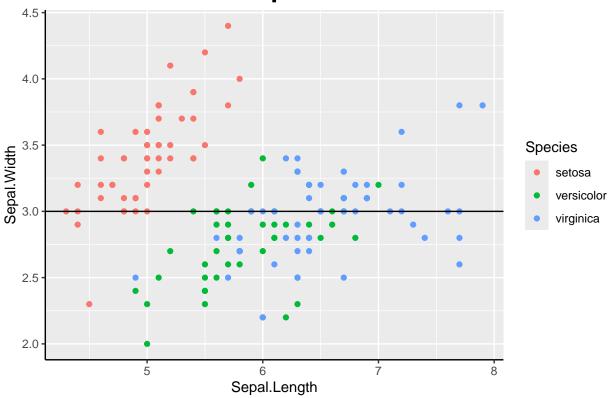
```
library(ggplot2)
ggplot(iris, aes(x = Sepal.Length, y = Sepal.Width, color = Species)) +
 geom_point(size = 2) + # Increased point size for better visibility
  ggtitle("Scatter Plot in R") +
  scale_color_discrete(name = "Iris Species") + # Correct way to rename legend
 xlab("Sepal Length") +
 ylab("Sepal Width") +
  theme(
   axis.line = element_line(colour = "red", size = 0.5), # Keep red xy-axes
   plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5, size = 20, face = "bold"), # Centered and bold title
 )
## Warning: The `size` argument of `element_line()` is deprecated as of ggplot2 3.4.0.
## i Please use the `linewidth` argument instead.
## This warning is displayed once every 8 hours.
## Call `lifecycle::last_lifecycle_warnings()` to see where this warning was
## generated.
```

# **Scatter Plot in R**



## 2.1.3. Straigh line using abline()

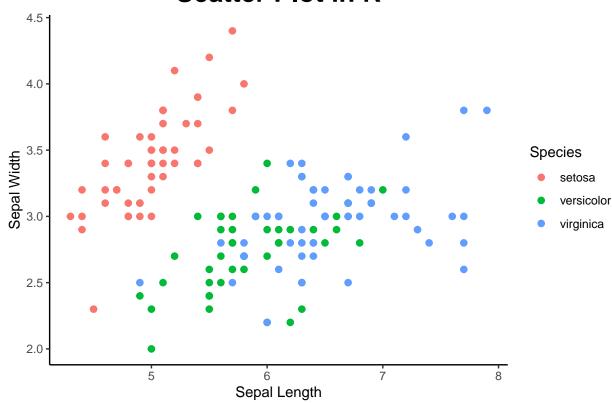
# Scattor plot in R



#### 2.1.4. Remove the grids and change background to white

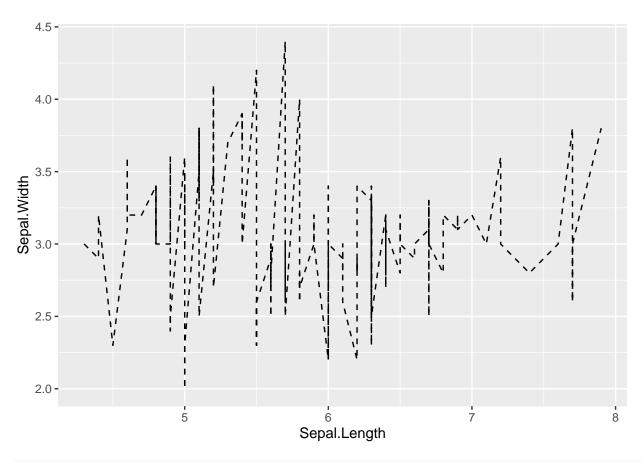
```
ggplot(iris, aes(x = Sepal.Length, y = Sepal.Width, color = Species)) +
  geom_point(size = 2) + # Adds scatter points with color by Species
  ggtitle("Scatter Plot in R") +
  scale_color_discrete(name = "Species") + # Legend title
  xlab("Sepal Length") +
  ylab("Sepal Width") +
  theme(
    axis.line = element_line(colour = "black", size = 0.5), # Make xy-axes black
    plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5, face = "bold", size = 20), # Center title, bold, increase s
    panel.background = element_rect(fill = "white"), # White background
    panel.grid.major = element_blank(), # Remove major grid lines
    panel.grid.minor = element_blank() # Remove minor grid lines
)
```

# **Scatter Plot in R**

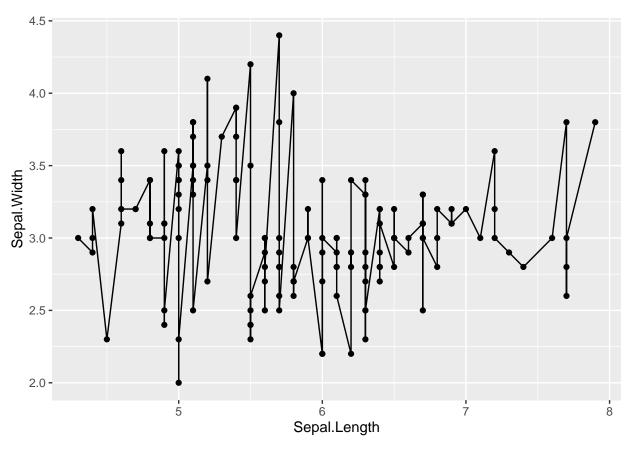


## 2.2. Line plots in R

```
# Change the line type
ggplot(data=iris, aes(x = Sepal.Length, y = Sepal.Width)) +
geom_line(linetype = "dashed")
```

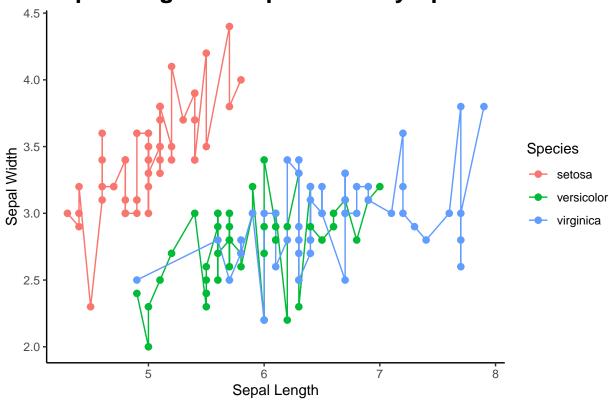


```
# add points
ggplot(data=iris, aes(x = Sepal.Length, y = Sepal.Width)) +
  geom_line(linetype = "solid")+
  geom_point()
```



```
# Line plot grouped by Species
ggplot(data = iris, aes(x = Sepal.Length, y = Sepal.Width, color = Species)) +
 geom_line() + # Line plot grouped by Species
 geom_point(size = 2) + # Scatter points with color by Species
 ggtitle("Sepal Length vs Sepal Width by Species") + # Title
 scale_color_discrete(name = "Species") + # Properly label legend
 xlab("Sepal Length") +
 ylab("Sepal Width") +
 theme(
   axis.line = element_line(colour = "black", size = 0.5), # Make xy-axes black, size is thickness
   plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5, size = 18, face = "bold"), # Centered bold title
   legend.position = "right", # Position legend to the right
   panel.background = element rect(fill = "white"), # White background
   panel.grid.major = element_blank(), # Remove major grid lines
   panel.grid.minor = element_blank() # Remove minor grid lines
 )
```

# Sepal Length vs Sepal Width by Species



#### 2.3. Bar plot in R

```
## 'data.frame': 32 obs. of 11 variables:
## $ mpg : num 21 21 22.8 21.4 18.7 18.1 14.3 24.4 22.8 19.2 ...
```

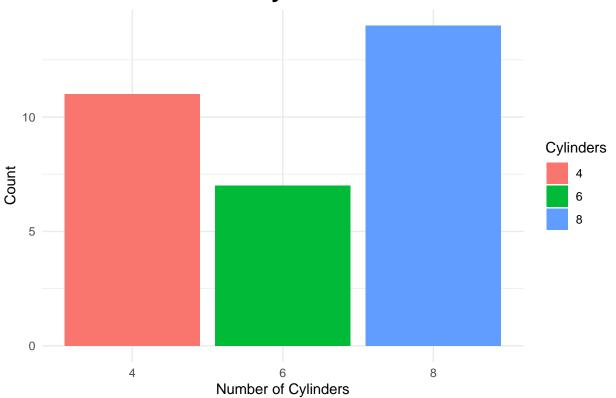
```
$ cyl : num
                6 6 4 6 8 6 8 4 4 6 ...
   $ disp: num
                160 160 108 258 360 ...
                110 110 93 110 175 105 245 62 95 123 ...
##
         : num
                3.9 3.9 3.85 3.08 3.15 2.76 3.21 3.69 3.92 3.92 ...
   $ drat: num
                2.62 2.88 2.32 3.21 3.44 ...
         : num
                16.5 17 18.6 19.4 17 ...
   $ qsec: num
         : num 0 0 1 1 0 1 0 1 1 1 ...
                1 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
   $ am : num
   $ gear: num 4 4 4 3 3 3 3 4 4 4 ...
                4 4 1 1 2 1 4 2 2 4 ...
   $ carb: num
```

#### 2.3.1. Creating a Bar Plot with Factor Variables in

```
mtcars %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = factor(cyl), fill = factor(cyl))) + # x varaible must be factor, y is not required wi
  geom_bar() +
```

```
scale_fill_discrete(name = "Cylinders") + # Change Legend title
ggtitle("Bar Plot of Cylinder Counts") +
xlab("Number of Cylinders") +
ylab("Count") +
theme_minimal()+
theme(
    #axis.line = element_line(colour = "black", size = 0.5), # Make xy-axes black, size is thickness
plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5, size = 18, face = "bold"), # Centered bold title
)
```

# **Bar Plot of Cylinder Counts**



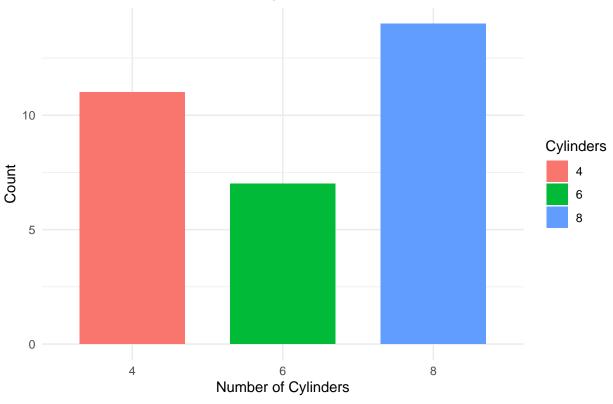
#### 2.3.2. Creating a Bar Plot when we know the frequency (counts) of the labels

```
df = mtcars %>%
  group_by(cyl)%>%
  summarise(count = n())
df
## # A tibble: 3 x 2
##
       cyl count
##
     <dbl> <int>
         4
## 1
              11
## 2
         6
               7
## 3
         8
              14
```

- In ggplot2, the geom\_bar() function has a default statistical transformation (stat = "count"), which automatically counts occurrences of categories when no y variable is specified.
- However, if we already have pre-computed values (such as exact counts or aggregated data) and want to use them directly, we set stat = "identity" to ensure the bars represent the actual y values provided.

```
# Basic barplot
df$cyl = factor(df$cyl) # changing to factor is important here, otherwise R will consider the values ar
# Create the bar plot
ggp <- ggplot(data = df, aes(x = cyl, y = count, fill = cyl)) +
    geom_bar(stat = "identity", width = 0.7) + # Identity means use precomputed counts
    scale_fill_discrete(name = "Cylinders") + # Update legend title
    ggtitle("Bar Plot of Cylinder Counts") +
    xlab("Number of Cylinders") +
    ylab("Count") +
    theme_minimal() + # White background
    theme(
        plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5, size = 18, face = "bold") # Centered bold title
)
# Display the plot
print(ggp)</pre>
```





#### 2.3.4 Horizontal Barplot

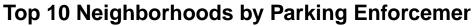
```
# for the summary x variable need to be a factor variable
ggp <- ggplot(data = df, aes(y = reorder(cyl,count), x = count, fill = cyl)) +
    geom_bar(stat="identity", width=0.8) +
    scale_fill_discrete(name = "Cylinders") + # Update legend title
    ggtitle("Bar Plot of Cylinder Counts") +
    ylab("Number of Cylinders") +
    xlab("Count") +
    theme_minimal() + # White background
    theme(
        plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5, size = 18, face = "bold") # Centered bold title
)</pre>
```

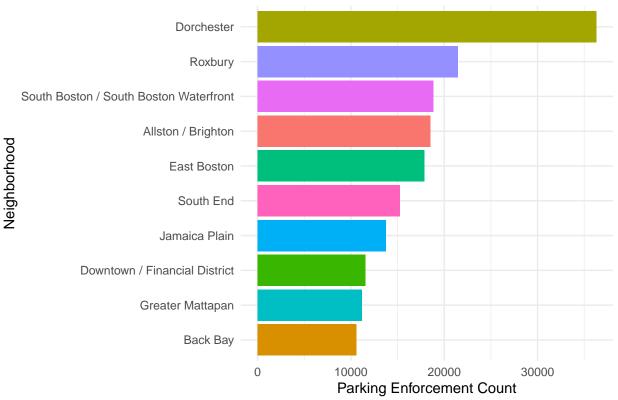
# Bar Plot of Cylinder Counts Cylinders 4 6 8 8

Count

#### 2.3.5. Application to the Boston-311 Service Data

```
Parking_Enforcement_by_nbd <- Boston311_2023_data %>%
  group_by(neighborhood) %>%
  summarise(nbd_count_Parking_Enforcement = n()) %>%
  arrange(desc(nbd count Parking Enforcement))
head(Parking_Enforcement_by_nbd, 10)
## # A tibble: 10 x 2
                                             nbd_count_Parking_Enforcement
##
     neighborhood
##
      <chr>>
                                                                     <int>
## 1 Dorchester
                                                                     36272
## 2 Roxbury
                                                                     21426
## 3 South Boston / South Boston Waterfront
                                                                     18835
## 4 Allston / Brighton
                                                                     18490
## 5 East Boston
                                                                     17862
## 6 South End
                                                                     15265
## 7 Jamaica Plain
                                                                     13728
## 8 Downtown / Financial District
                                                                     11526
## 9 Greater Mattapan
                                                                     11191
## 10 Back Bay
                                                                     10559
top_10_nbd = Parking_Enforcement_by_nbd[1:10, ]
top_10_nbd
## # A tibble: 10 x 2
##
     neighborhood
                                             nbd count Parking Enforcement
##
      <chr>>
                                                                     <int>
## 1 Dorchester
                                                                     36272
## 2 Roxbury
                                                                     21426
## 3 South Boston / South Boston Waterfront
                                                                     18835
## 4 Allston / Brighton
                                                                     18490
## 5 East Boston
                                                                     17862
## 6 South End
                                                                     15265
## 7 Jamaica Plain
                                                                     13728
## 8 Downtown / Financial District
                                                                     11526
## 9 Greater Mattapan
                                                                     11191
## 10 Back Bay
                                                                     10559
ggp_311 <- ggplot(top_10_nbd, aes(y = reorder(neighborhood, nbd_count_Parking_Enforcement),
                              x = nbd_count_Parking_Enforcement,
                              fill = neighborhood)) +
  geom_bar(stat = "identity") +
  scale_fill_discrete(name = "Neighborhood") + # Corrected legend title
  ggtitle("Top 10 Neighborhoods by Parking Enforcement Count") + # Added title
  xlab("Parking Enforcement Count") +
  ylab("Neighborhood") +
  theme_minimal() + # Clean background instead of theme_void()
    plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5, size = 16, face = "bold"), # Centered, bold title
    legend.position = "none" # Removes the legend
  )
ggp_311
```





#### 2.3.5. Saving Plots

```
ggsave("~/Desktop/NBD_complaint.png") # save in desktop with file name "NBD_complaint"
```

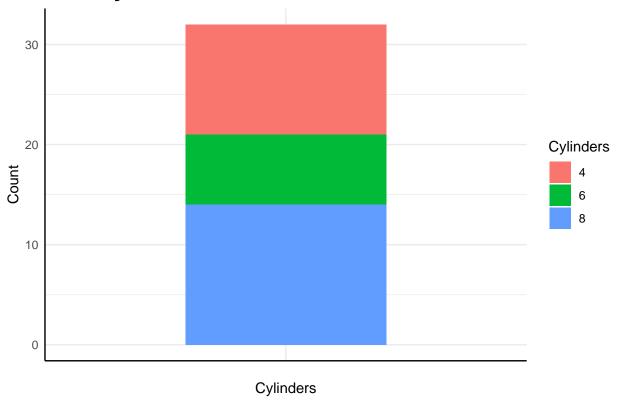
## Saving 6.5 x 4.5 in image

#### 2.4. Stacked bar plot

a. Creating Single Stacked bar plot is exactly similar as bar-graph, but we leave x as x = "" (empty).

```
# Create bar plot
ggp <- ggplot(data = mtcars, aes(x = '', fill = factor(cyl))) +
    geom_bar(stat = "count", width = 0.5) +
    scale_fill_discrete(name = "Cylinders") + # Corrected legend title
    ggtitle("Cylinder Count in mtcars Dataset") +
    xlab("Cylinders") +
    ylab("Count") +
    theme_minimal()+
    theme(
    axis.line = element_line(colour = "black", size = 0.5), # Make xy-axes black, size is thickness
    plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5, size = 18, face = "bold") # Centered bold title
)
ggp</pre>
```

# **Cylinder Count in mtcars Dataset**

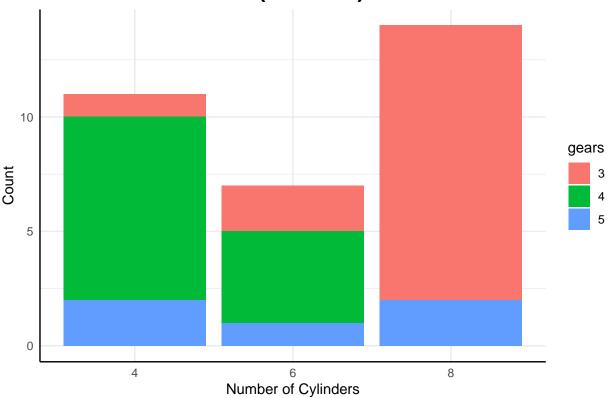


b. Multiple stacked bar plot based on cylinder and gears

```
library(ggplot2)

ggplot(mtcars, aes(x = factor(cyl), fill = factor(gear))) +
    geom_bar() +
    scale_fill_discrete(name = "gears") + # Corrected legend title
    ggtitle("Subdivided (Stacked) Bar Plot") +
    xlab("Number of Cylinders") +
    ylab("Count") +
    theme_minimal()+
    theme(
    axis.line = element_line(colour = "black", size = 0.5), # Make xy-axes black, size is thickness
    plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5, size = 18, face = "bold") # Centered bold title
)
```



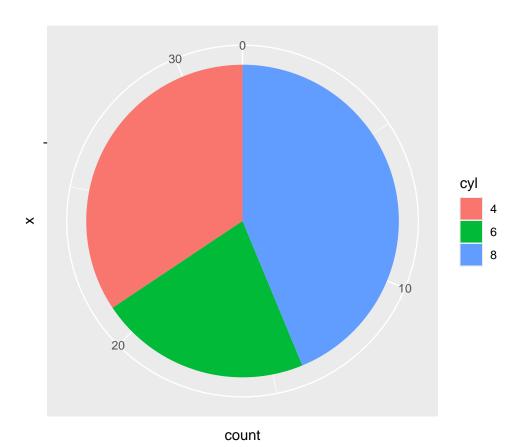


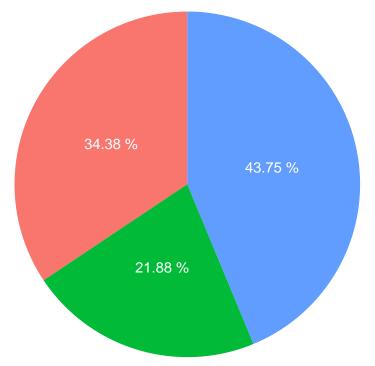
#### 2.5. Pie chart

ggp

Creating a Pie Chart in ggplot2 is similar to a subdivided bar chart (stacked bar chart), but we need to add an additional layer using coord\_polar(theta = "y") to transform it into a circular shape.

```
df <- mtcars %>%
    group_by(cyl) %>%
    summarize(count = n()) %>% # count the number of cars basedd on cylinders
    mutate(cyl = factor(cyl)) # convert to factor varaible
df
## # A tibble: 3 x 2
     cyl
           count
     <fct> <int>
## 1 4
              11
## 2 6
               7
## 3 8
              14
ggp <- ggplot(data=df, aes(x = '', y = count, fill = cyl)) +</pre>
  geom_bar(stat="identity", width=0.7) +
  coord_polar("y", start=0)
```





Cylinders

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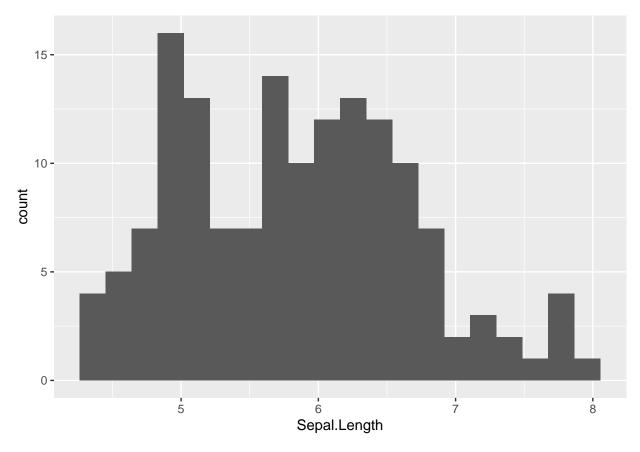
Let's add the percentage in each sector

## 2.6. Histogram in R

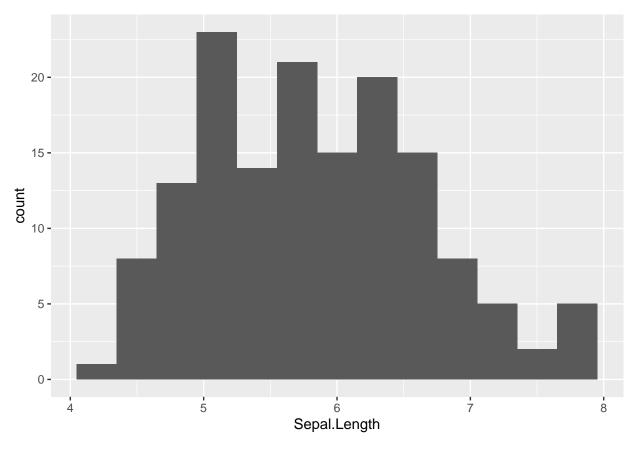
```
#?geom_histogram()
```

## 2.6.1. Basic histogram

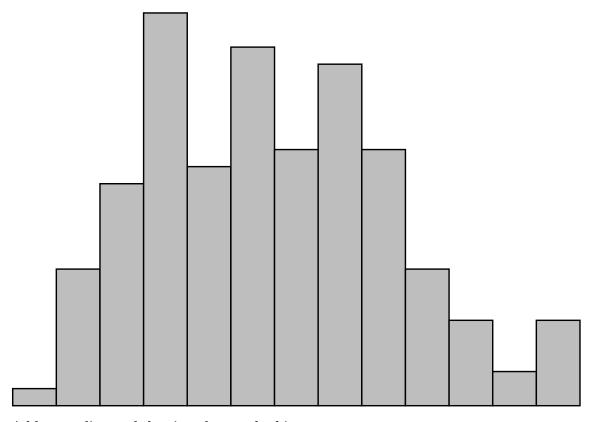
```
ggplot(iris, aes(x=Sepal.Length)) +
geom_histogram(bins = 20) # number of bins 20, you can change this
```



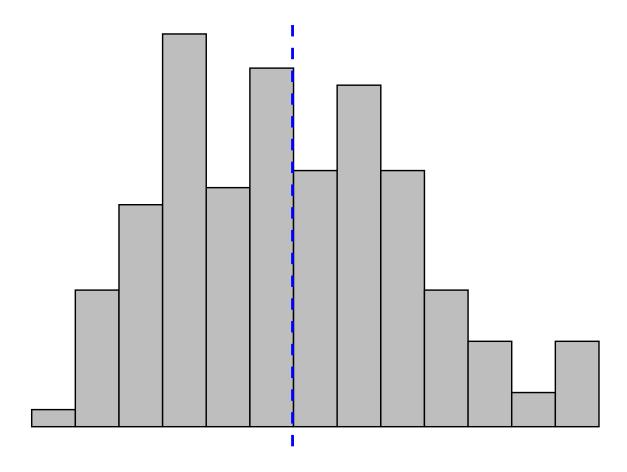
```
# Change the width of bins
ggplot(iris, aes(x=Sepal.Length)) +
  geom_histogram(binwidth=0.3,bins = 20)
```



```
# Change colors
#` color means boundary color
#` fill means color fill inside the geometrical object
p <-ggplot(iris, aes(x=Sepal.Length)) +
   geom_histogram(binwidth=0.3,bins = 20, color="black", fill="gray")+
   theme_void()
p</pre>
```

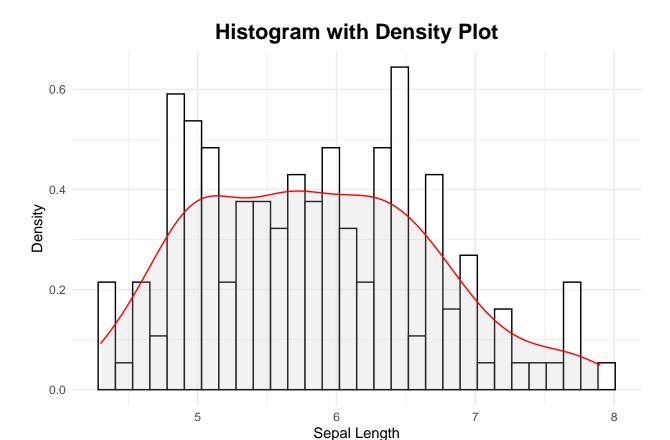


Add mean line and density plot on the histogram



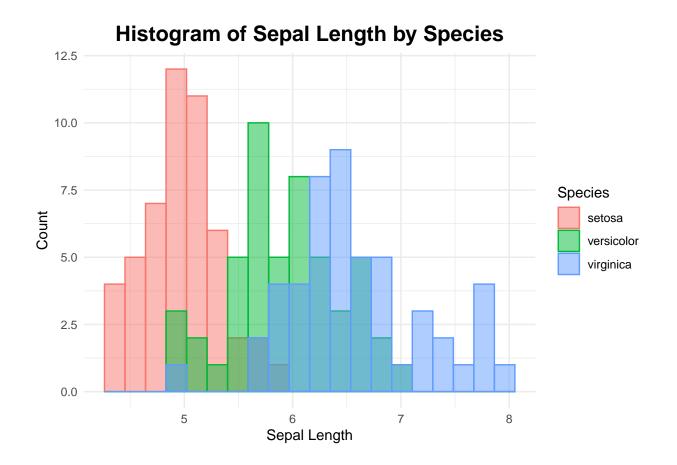
#### 2.6.2. Histogram with density plot

```
ggplot(iris, aes(Sepal.Length)) +
  geom_histogram(aes(y = ..density..),
                 color = "black", fill = "white", alpha = 0.5, bins = 30) + # Adjust transparency and
  geom_density(color = "red", fill = "grey", alpha = 0.2) + # Density curve with transparency
  ggtitle("Histogram with Density Plot") +
  xlab("Sepal Length") +
  ylab("Density") +
  theme_minimal() +
  theme(
    plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5, size = 16, face = "bold") # Centered title
  )
## Warning: The dot-dot notation (`..density..`) was deprecated in ggplot2 3.4.0.
## i Please use `after_stat(density)` instead.
## This warning is displayed once every 8 hours.
## Call `lifecycle::last_lifecycle_warnings()` to see where this warning was
## generated.
```



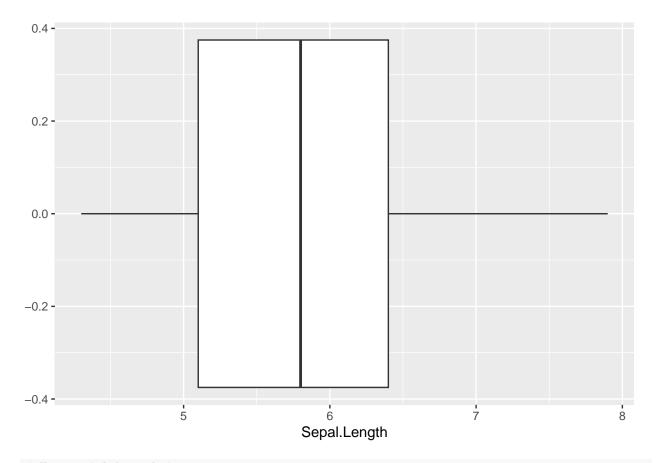
## ${\bf 2.6.3.}$ Histogram of a variable with multiple groups

```
# Change histogram plot line colors by groups
ggplot(iris, aes(x = Sepal.Length, color = Species, fill = Species)) +
  geom_histogram(alpha = 0.5, position = "identity", bins = 20) + # Adjust transparency & bins
  ggtitle("Histogram of Sepal Length by Species") +
    xlab("Sepal Length") +
    ylab("Count") +
    theme_minimal() +
    theme(
        plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5, size = 16, face = "bold") # Centered title
    )
```

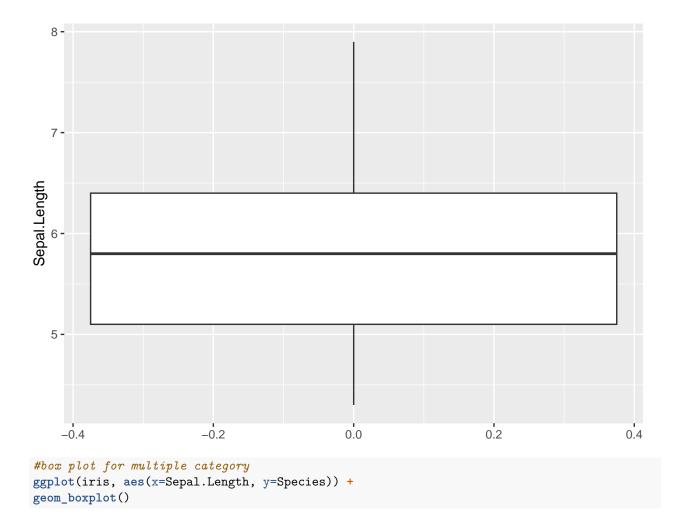


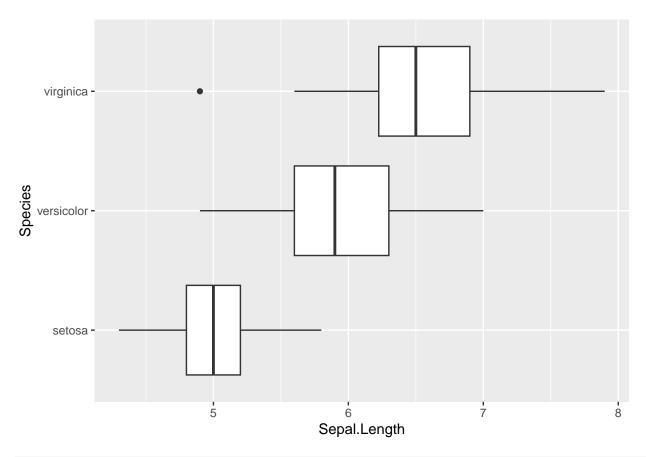
## 2.7. Box plot

```
# Basic box plot
p <- ggplot(iris, aes(Sepal.Length)) +
   geom_boxplot()
p</pre>
```

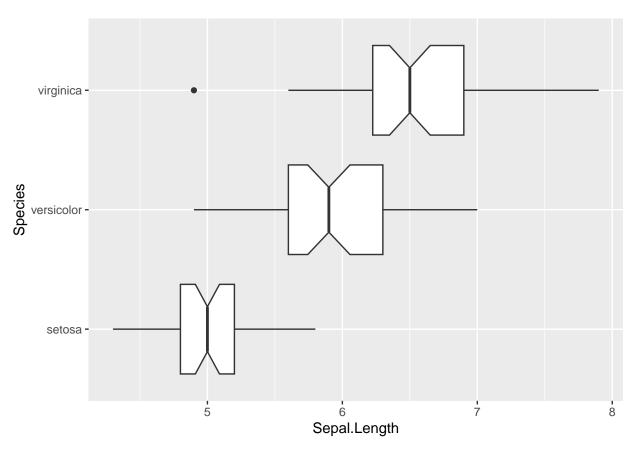


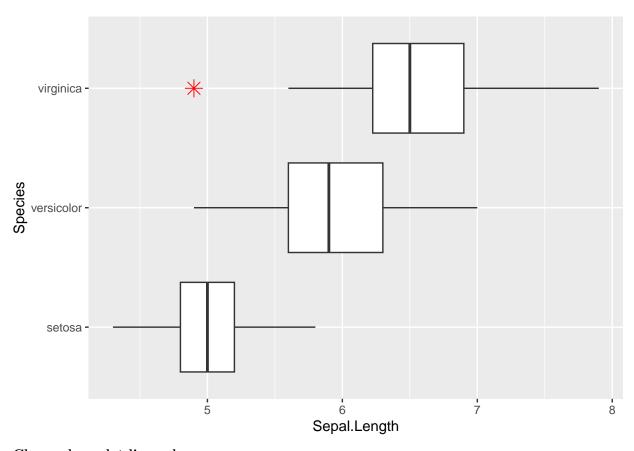
# Horizontal box plot
p + coord\_flip()





```
# Notched box plot
ggplot(iris, aes(x=Sepal.Length, y=Species)) +
  geom_boxplot(notch=TRUE)
```

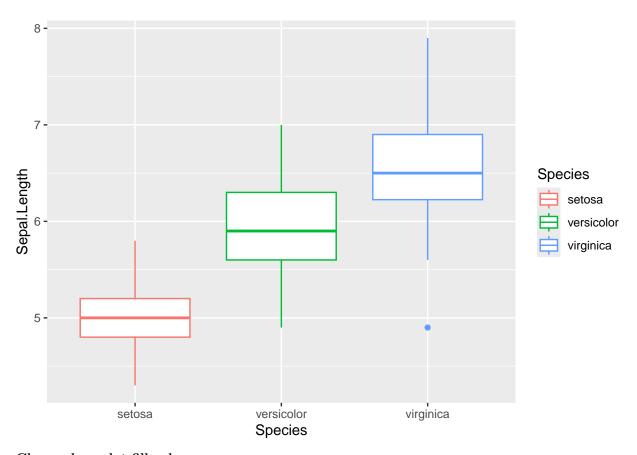




#### Change box plot line colors

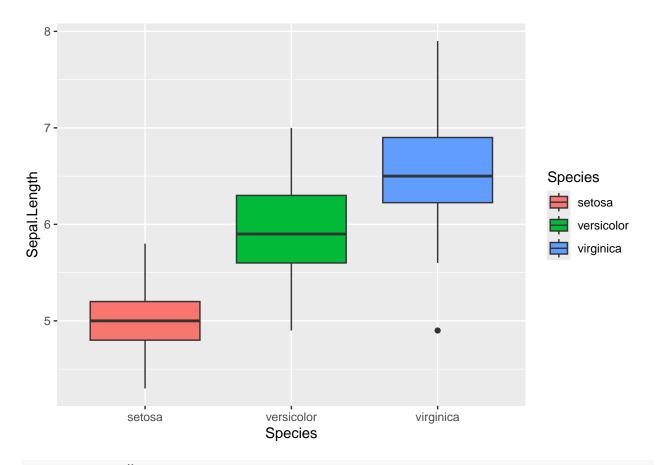
Box plot line colors can be automatically controlled by the level variable :

```
# Change box plot line colors by groups
p<-ggplot(iris, aes(y=Sepal.Length, x=Species, color = Species)) +
   geom_boxplot()
p</pre>
```

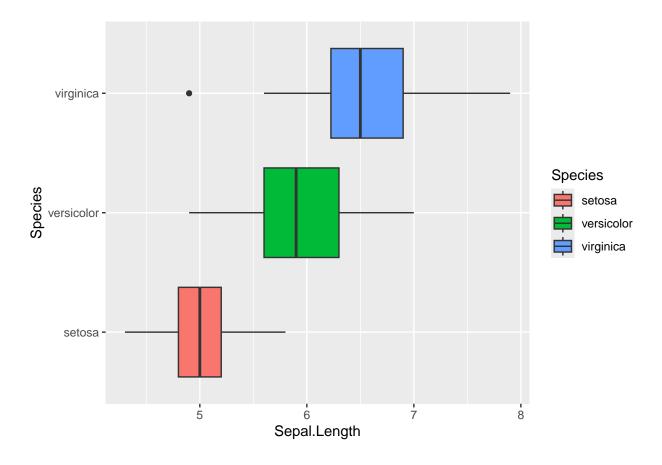


## Change box plot fill colors

```
# Change box plot colors by groups
p<- ggplot(iris, aes(y=Sepal.Length, x=Species, fill= Species)) +
   geom_boxplot()
p</pre>
```



p + coord\_flip() # horizontal box plot



#### 2.8. Facet Plots in ggplot2

Faceting in ggplot2 allows for visual comparisons across categories. Below are several insightful facet grid examples, demonstrating different types of visualizations that can benefit from faceting.

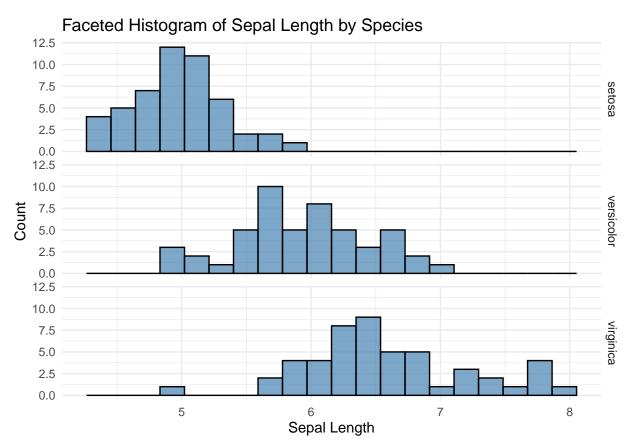
- Best for understanding distribution differences across categories.
- Faceted by Species for clearer separation of groups.
- 1. A Categorical Variable for Faceting Faceting is used to create multiple subplots based on levels of a categorical variable. The variable should be discrete (categorical) or grouped continuous data.
- 2. Facet Functions:
  - facet wrap(~ variable): Creates small multiples in a wrapped format.
  - facet\_grid(rows ~ cols): Creates a grid of plots based on row and column factors.
- 3. Data & Aesthetic Mappings (aes()) A dataset that contains the categorical variable for faceting. The x and y variables should be mapped inside aes().

#### 2.8.1. Faceted Histogram (Comparing Distributions Across Categories)

Question: How does the distribution of Sepal.Length vary across Species?

```
ggplot(iris, aes(x = Sepal.Length)) +
  geom_histogram(color = "black", fill = "steelblue", bins = 20, alpha = 0.7) +
  facet_grid(Species ~ .) + # Facet by Species
```

```
ggtitle("Faceted Histogram of Sepal Length by Species") +
xlab("Sepal Length") +
ylab("Count") +
theme_minimal()
```



Plot like this helps us to compare the distribution as follows:

- Shape: Iris setosa exhibits a symmetric distribution, while versicolor and virginica show slight right skewness.
- Measure of Center: Iris setosa has the shortest average sepal length, followed by versicolor, with virginica having the longest.
- Measure of Dispersion: Iris virginica displays the greatest variability in sepal length, whereas setosa shows the least.

#### 2.8.2. Faceted Scatter Plot (Relationships Across Categories)

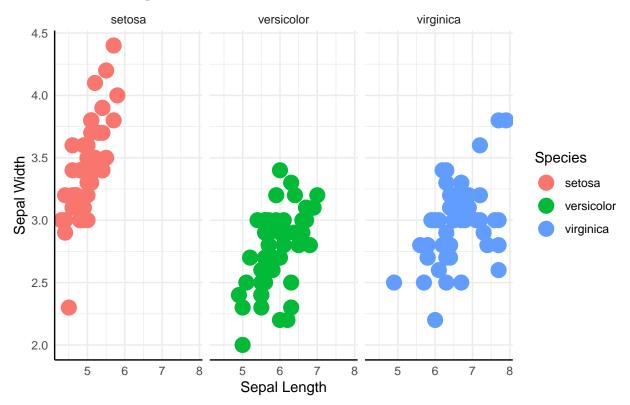
- Best for visualizing category-wise correlations.
- $\bullet\,$  Helps detect trends, clusters, or outliers within groups.

Question: How does the relationship between Sepal.Length and Sepal.Width differ across Species?

```
ggplot(iris, aes(x = Sepal.Length, y = Sepal.Width, color = Species)) +
geom_point(size = 5) +
facet_wrap(~ Species) + # Creates separate scatter plots per Species
```

```
ggtitle("Sepal Length vs Sepal Width Across Species") +
    xlab("Sepal Length") +
    ylab("Sepal Width") +
    theme_minimal()+
        theme(
        axis.line = element_line(colour = "black", size = 0.5), # Make xy-axes black, size is thickness
        plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5, size = 18, face = "bold") # Centered bold title
)
```

# Sepal Length vs Sepal Width Across Species



#### 2.8.3. Faceted Line Chart (Time Series Data Across Groups)

• Best for visualizing trends in different groups over a continuous variable.

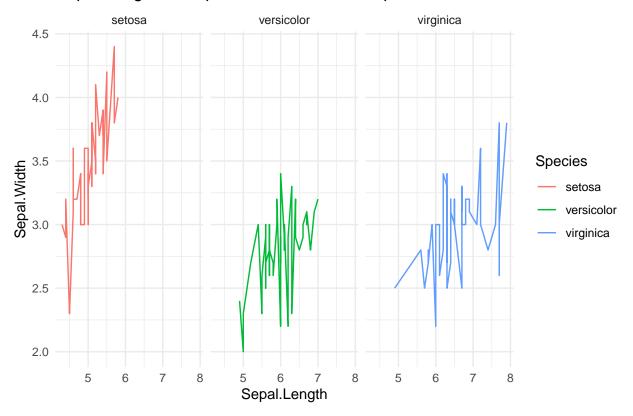
Question: How does Sepal. Width trend with Sepal. Length across Iris-Species?

```
str(iris)
```

```
## 'data.frame': 150 obs. of 5 variables:
## $ Sepal.Length: num 5.1 4.9 4.7 4.6 5 5.4 4.6 5 4.4 4.9 ...
## $ Sepal.Width : num 3.5 3 3.2 3.1 3.6 3.9 3.4 3.4 2.9 3.1 ...
## $ Petal.Length: num 1.4 1.4 1.3 1.5 1.4 1.7 1.4 1.5 1.4 1.5 ...
## $ Petal.Width : num 0.2 0.2 0.2 0.2 0.2 0.4 0.3 0.2 0.2 0.1 ...
## $ Species : Factor w/ 3 levels "setosa", "versicolor", ..: 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
```

```
ggplot(iris, aes(x = Sepal.Length, y = Sepal.Width, color = Species)) +
  geom_line() +
  facet_wrap(~ Species) + # One line chart per Species
  ggtitle("Sepal.Length vs Sepal.Width across Iris-Species") +
  xlab("Sepal.Length") +
  ylab("Sepal.Width") +
  theme_minimal()
```

## Sepal.Length vs Sepal.Width across Iris-Species



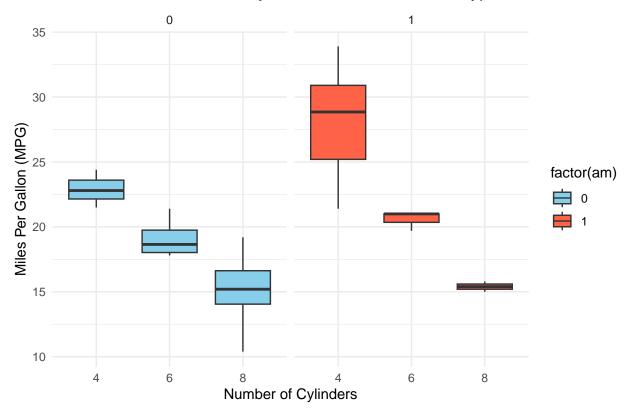
#### 2.8.4. Faceted Box Plot (Comparing Distributions Side-by-Side)

• Best for comparing distributions across two categorical variables.

Question: How does mpg vary across transmission types and cylinders?

```
ggplot(mtcars, aes(x = factor(cyl), y = mpg, fill = factor(am))) +
  geom_boxplot() +
  facet_grid(. ~ am) + # Faceted by transmission (am: 0 = Automatic, 1 = Manual)
  scale_fill_manual(values = c("skyblue", "tomato")) + # Custom colors
  ggtitle("MPG Distribution Across Cylinders and Transmission Types") +
  xlab("Number of Cylinders") +
  ylab("Miles Per Gallon (MPG)") +
  theme_minimal()
```

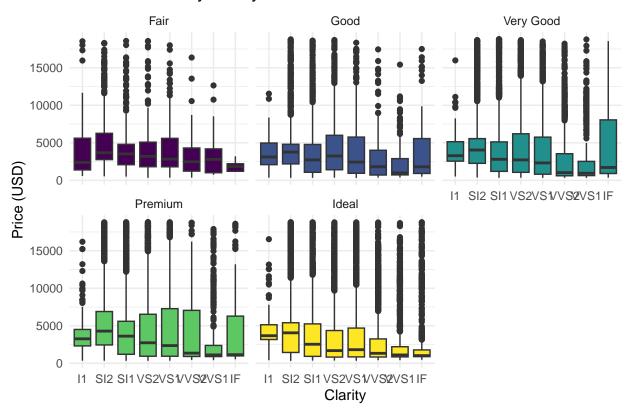
# MPG Distribution Across Cylinders and Transmission Types



#### data("diamonds")

```
ggplot(diamonds, aes(x = clarity, y = price, fill = cut)) +
  geom_boxplot() +
  facet_wrap(~ cut) +
  ggtitle("Diamond Price by Clarity Across Cut Levels") +
  xlab("Clarity") +
  ylab("Price (USD)") +
  theme_minimal() +
  theme(legend.position = "none")
```

## Diamond Price by Clarity Across Cut Levels



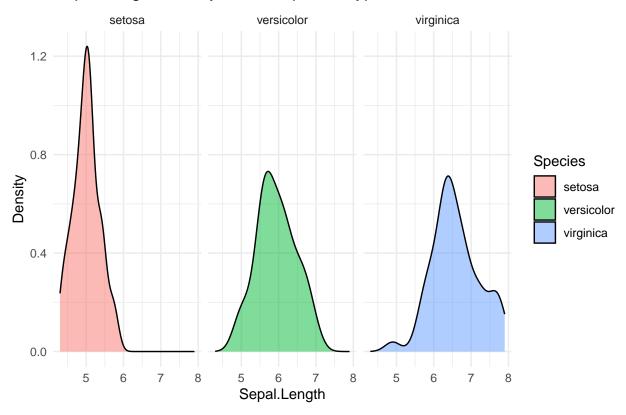
#### 2.8.5. Faceted Density Plot (Comparing Density Distributions)

• Best for comparing smooth distributions instead of histograms.

Question: How does the density of Sepal.Length vary across different Species?

```
ggplot(iris, aes(x = Sepal.Length, fill = Species)) +
  geom_density(alpha = 0.5) +
  facet_wrap(~ Species) + # Separate density plots for each transmission type
  ggtitle("Sepal.Length Density Across Species Types") +
  xlab("Sepal.Length") +
  ylab("Density") +
  theme_minimal()
```

## Sepal.Length Density Across Species Types



#### 2.8.6. Faceted Bar Chart (Comparing Categorical Counts)

- $\bullet\,$  Best for visualizing frequency differences across categories.
- Faceted by cyl to separate comparisons.

Question: How do gear counts vary across different cylinder types?

```
ggplot(mtcars, aes(x = factor(gear), fill = factor(cyl))) +
geom_bar(position = "dodge") +
facet_wrap(~ cyl) + # Separate bar charts per cylinder type
ggtitle("Gear Count Across Cylinders") +
xlab("Number of Gears") +
ylab("Count") +
theme_minimal()
```

# Gear Count Across Cylinders

