

Hands-On Data Science with R

Miscellaneous Plots in R

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In this chapter we explore a variety of plots generated using R. For an introduction to plots based on `ggplot2` see the specific `GGPlot2` chapter.

The required packages for this module include:

```
library(iplots)
library(ggplot2)
library(tabplot)
library(rattle)
library(dplyr)
```

As we work through this chapter, new R commands will be introduced. Be sure to review the command's documentation and understand what the command does. You can ask for help using the `?` command as in:

```
?read.csv
```

We can obtain documentation on a particular package using the `help=` option of `library()`:

```
library(help=rattle)
```

This chapter is intended to be hands on. To learn effectively, you are encouraged to have R running (e.g., RStudio) and to run all the commands as they appear here. Check that you get the same output, and you understand the output. Try some variations. Explore.

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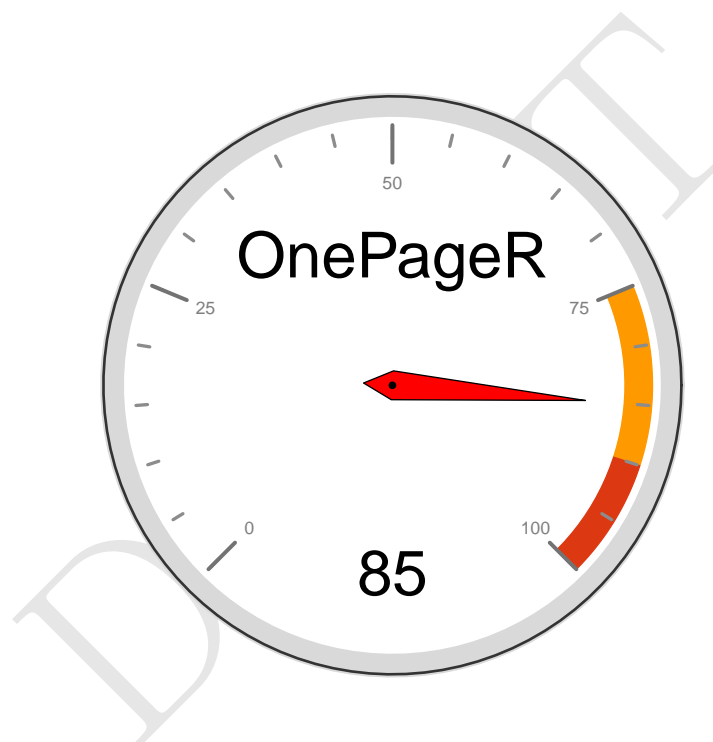


1 Dial Plot

The dial plot is available as the [Google Gauge Plot](#). [Pentaho Business Intelligence](#) provides the dial plot for dashboards. However, [Hadley Wickham](#) suggests we “are trying to understand your data, not driving a racing car or aeroplane.” Hadley points us to the work of [Stephen Few](#) who presents the “powerful and eloquent” arguments and suggests alternatives for the most effective presentation of data.

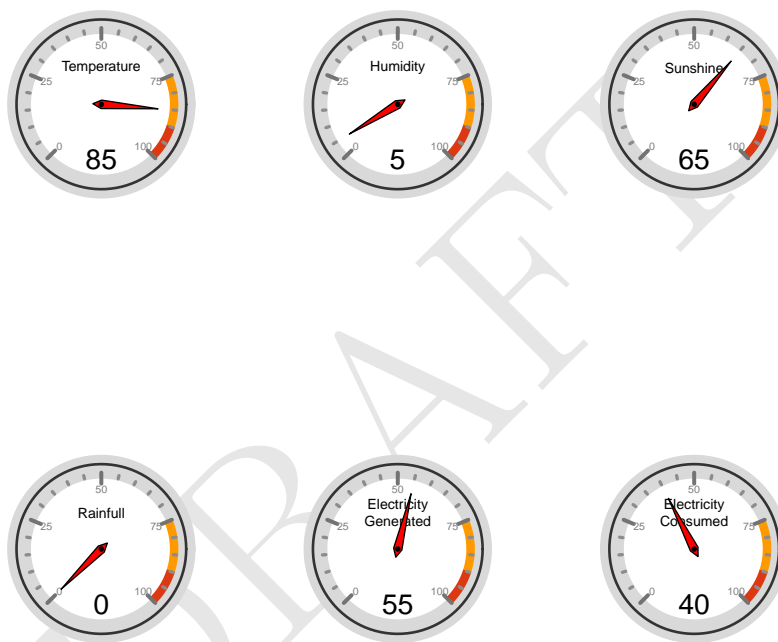
Nonetheless, [Gaston Sanchez](#) wrote and Jeff Hemsley modified a version of `dial.plot()` for R.

```
source("http://onepager.togaware.com/dial.plot.R")  
dial.plot(label="OnePageR", value=85)
```



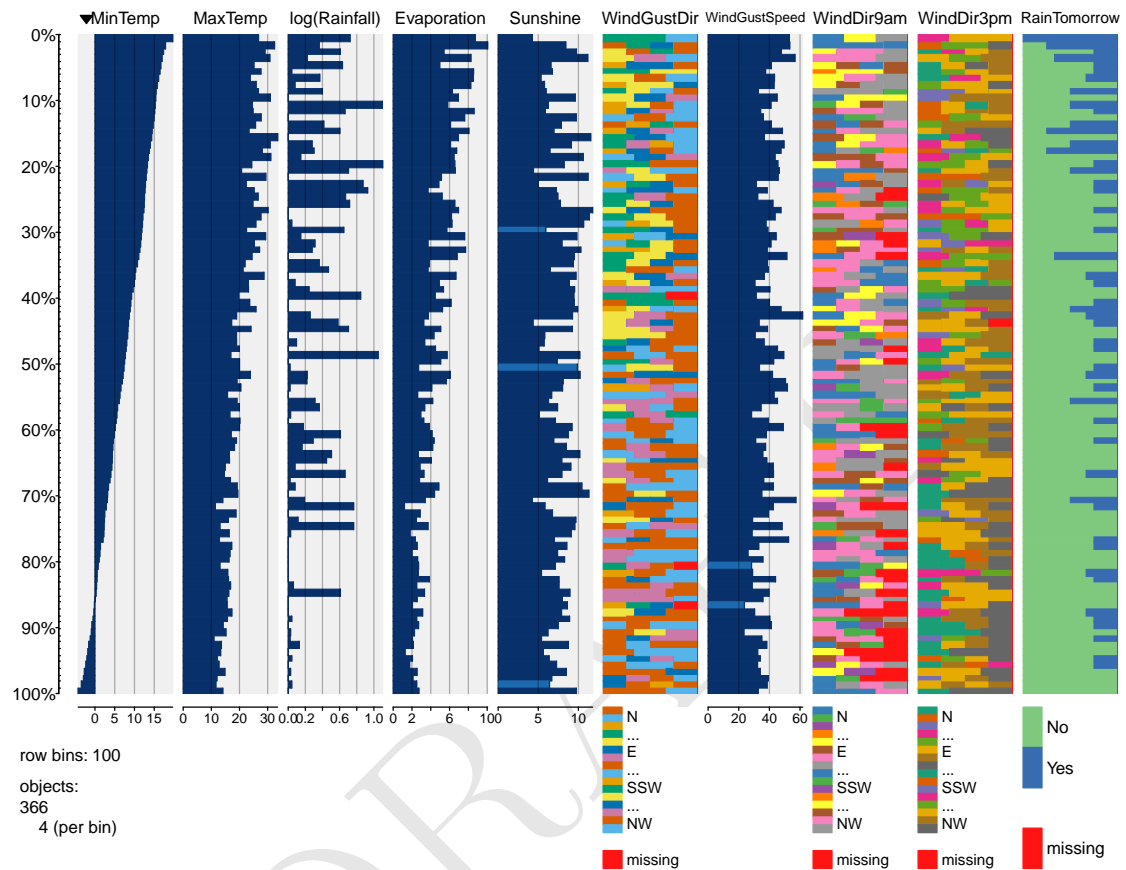
2 Dashboard

```
opar <- par(mfrow=c(2,3))
dial.plot(label="Temperature", label.cex=1, value=85, value.cex=2)
dial.plot(label="Humidity", label.cex=1, value=5, value.cex=2)
dial.plot(label="Sunshine", label.cex=1, value=65, value.cex=2)
dial.plot(label="Rainfull", label.cex=1, value=0, value.cex=2)
dial.plot(label="Electricity\nGenerated", label.cex=1, value=55, value.cex=2)
dial.plot(label="Electricity\nConsumed", label.cex=1, value=40, value.cex=2)
```



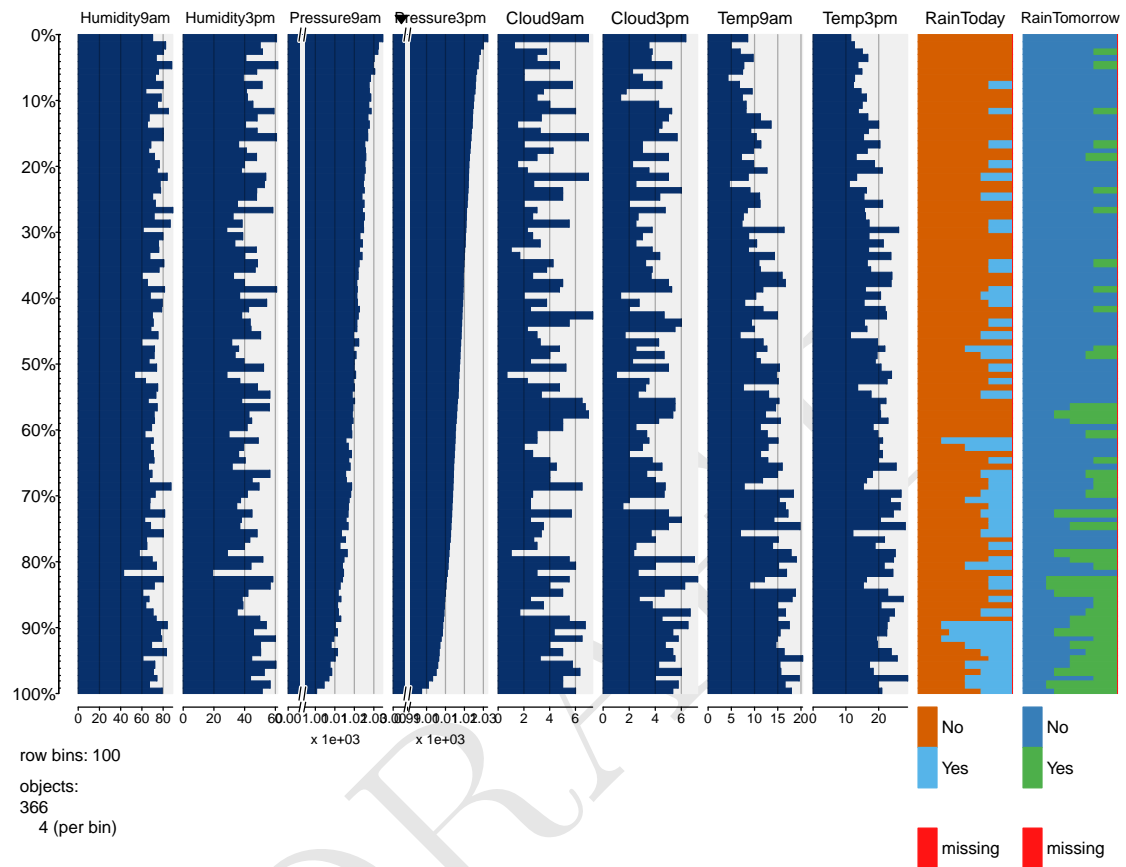
3 Table Plots

```
library(tabplot)
tableplot(weather, select=c(MinTemp:WindDir3pm, RainTomorrow))
```



4 Table Plots

```
library(tabplot)
tableplot(weather, select=c(Humidity9am:RainToday, RainTomorrow), sortCol=Pressure3pm)
```



5 Visually Weighted Regression

From Nirebread www.nicebread.de (and posted on Bloggers on R) by Felix Schoenbrodt 30 August 2012 addressing Solomon Hsiang's proposal of an appealing method for visually displaying the uncertainty in regressions and using shading in response to Gelman's note that traditional statistical summaries such as 95% intervals give too much weight to the edges.

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6 F1: Exploring the Dataset

We can now explore a particular dataset using `ggplot2` graphics to get an understanding of the story behind the data. The data and the original plots (some are now modified) are from [Tony Hirst's](#) blog.

```
(load("data/f1.RData"))
```

```
## [1] "f1"
```

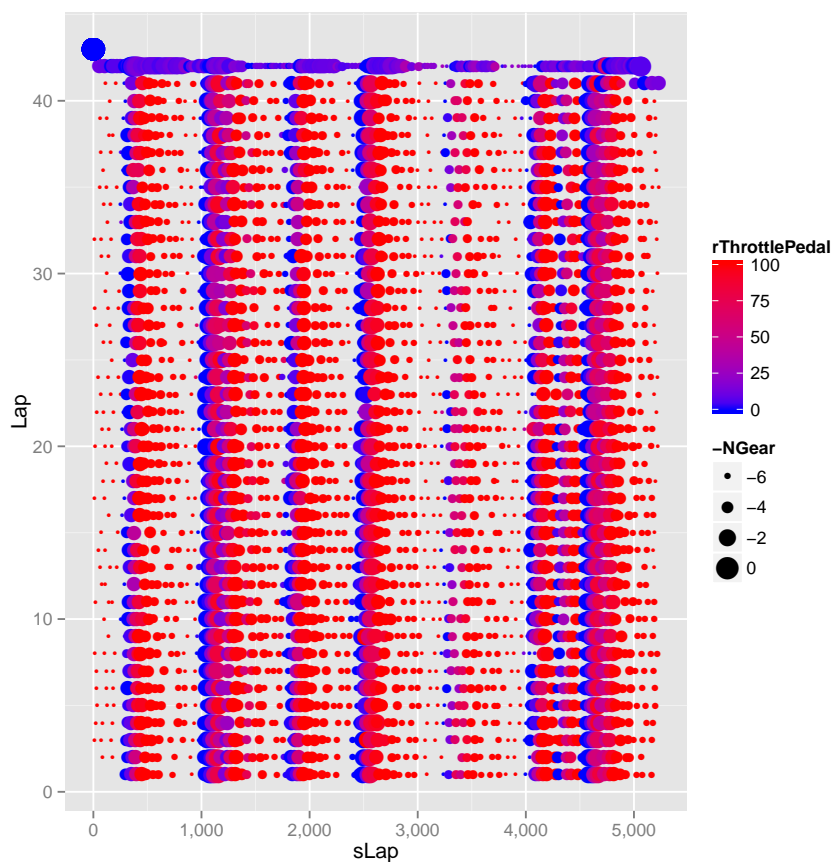
```
head(f1)
```

```
##           file timestamp NGPSLatitude NGPSLongitude NGear nEngine
## 1 1269758114  17:35:10      -37.85           145       4   13422
## 2 1269758115  17:35:11      -37.85           145       3   13383
## 3 1269758116  17:35:12      -37.85           145       3   14145
## .....
```


8 F1: Driver Behaviour

We can explore the driver's behaviour in using low gear and throttle. The distance around the track is plotted on the x-axis and the lap number on y axis. The node size is inversely proportional to gear number (low gear, large point size) and the colour is the relative amount of throttle pedal depression.

```
library(scales)
p <- ggplot(f1, aes(sLap, Lap))
p <- p + geom_point(aes(col=rThrottlePedal, size=-NGear))
p <- p + scale_colour_gradient(low="blue", high="red")
p <- p + scale_x_continuous(labels=comma)
p
```

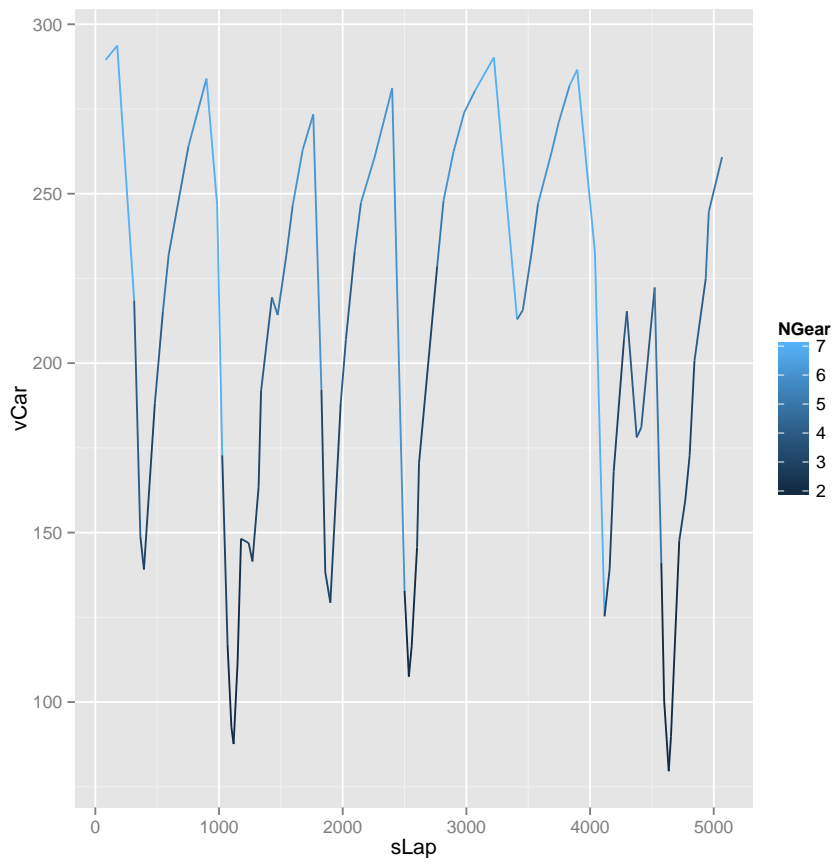


Based on Tony Hirst's Blog Post, March 2012

10 F1: Trace a Single Lap

We can trace a single lap to display the speed (y-axis) coloured by gear as the vehicle travels around the circuit:

```
ggplot(subset(f1, Lap==2), aes(sLap, vCar)) +  
  geom_line(aes(colour=NGear))
```

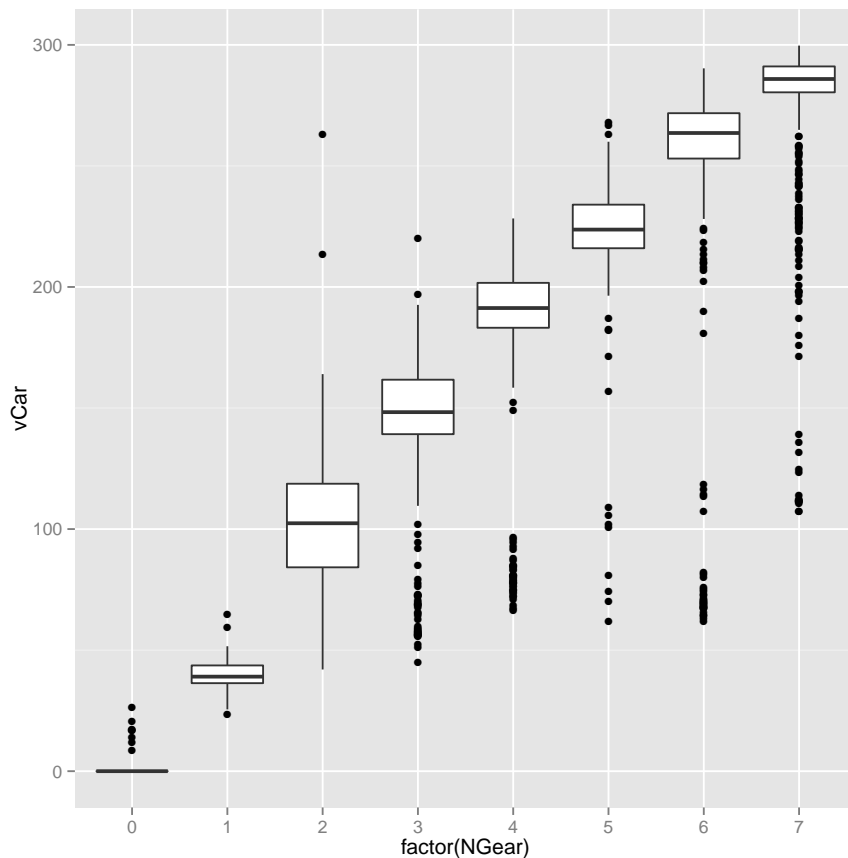


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11 F1: Box Plot of Speed by Gear

Statistical graphics provide important insights. The box plot here makes sense, in that higher gears correspond to higher speeds.

```
ggplot(f1, aes(factor(NGear), vCar)) +  
  geom_boxplot()
```

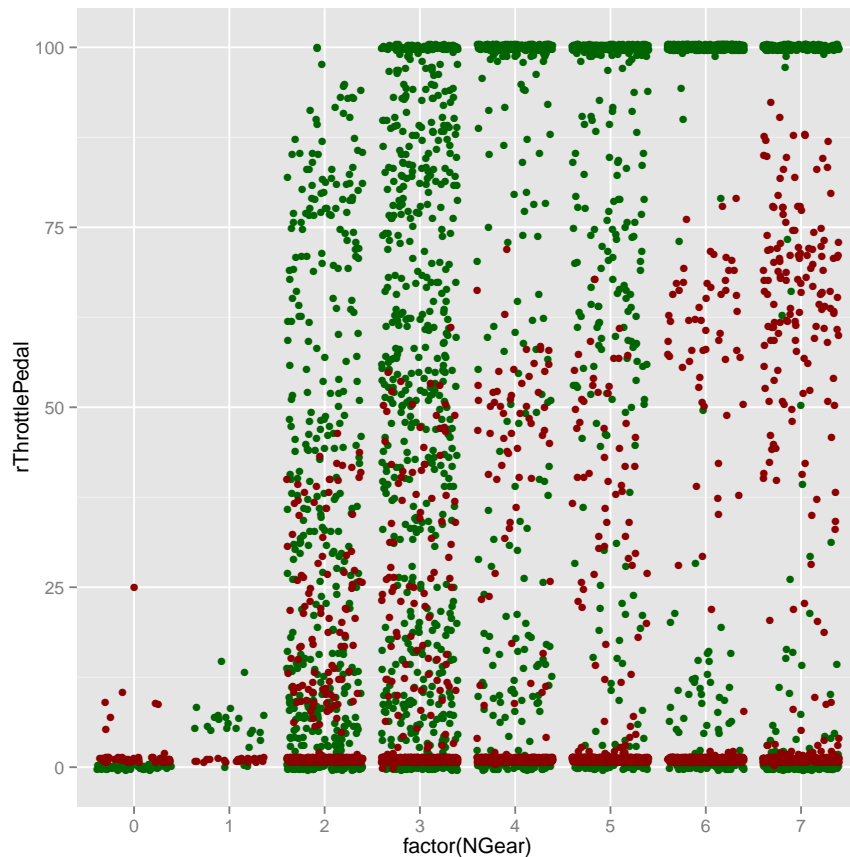


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12 F1: Footwork

How busy are the feet? We can summarise the brake (red) and throttle (green) depression based on gear.

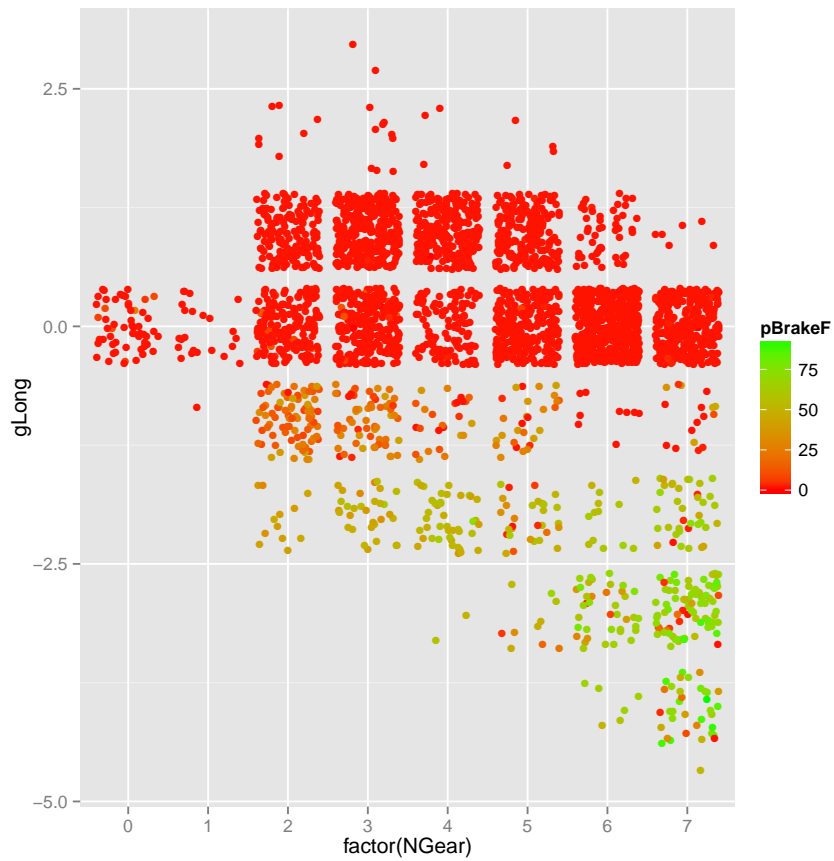
```
ggplot(f1, aes(factor(NGear))) +  
  geom_jitter(aes(y=rThrottlePedal), colour='darkgreen') +  
  geom_jitter(aes(y=pBrakeF), colour='darkred')
```



Based on [Tony Hirst's Blog Post](#), March 2012

13 F1: Forces on the Driver

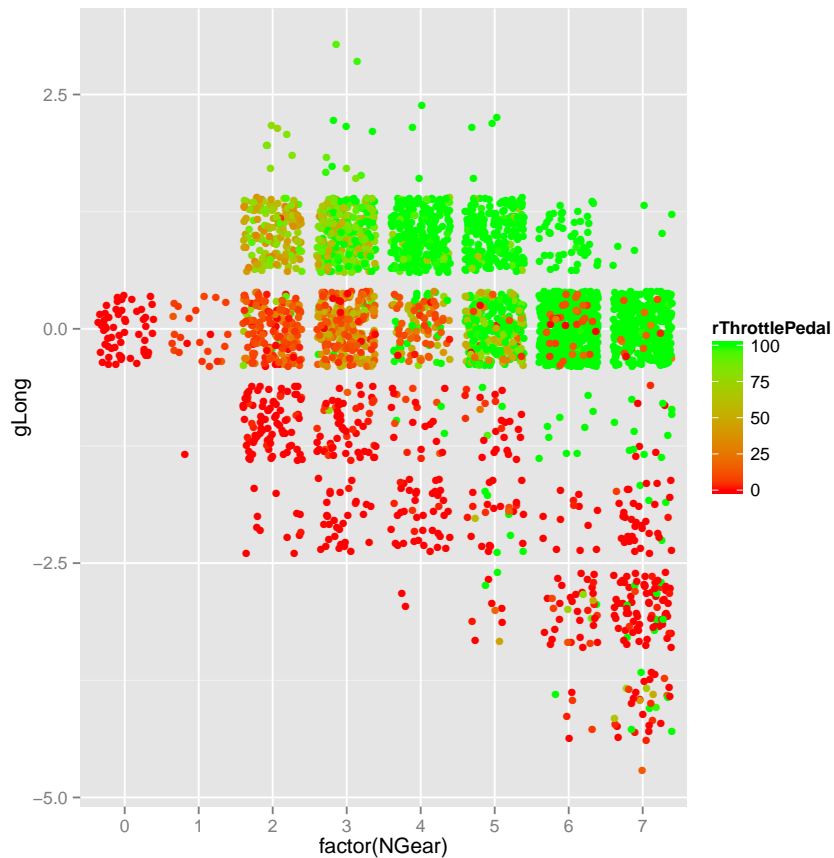
```
ggplot(f1, aes(factor(NGear), gLong)) +  
  geom_jitter(aes(col=pBrakeF)) +  
  scale_colour_gradient(low='red', high='green')
```



Based on [Tony Hirst's Blog Post](#), March 2012

14 F1: More Forces

```
ggplot(f1, aes(factor(NGear), gLong)) +  
  geom_jitter(aes(col=rThrottlePedal)) +  
  scale_colour_gradient(low='red', high="green")
```

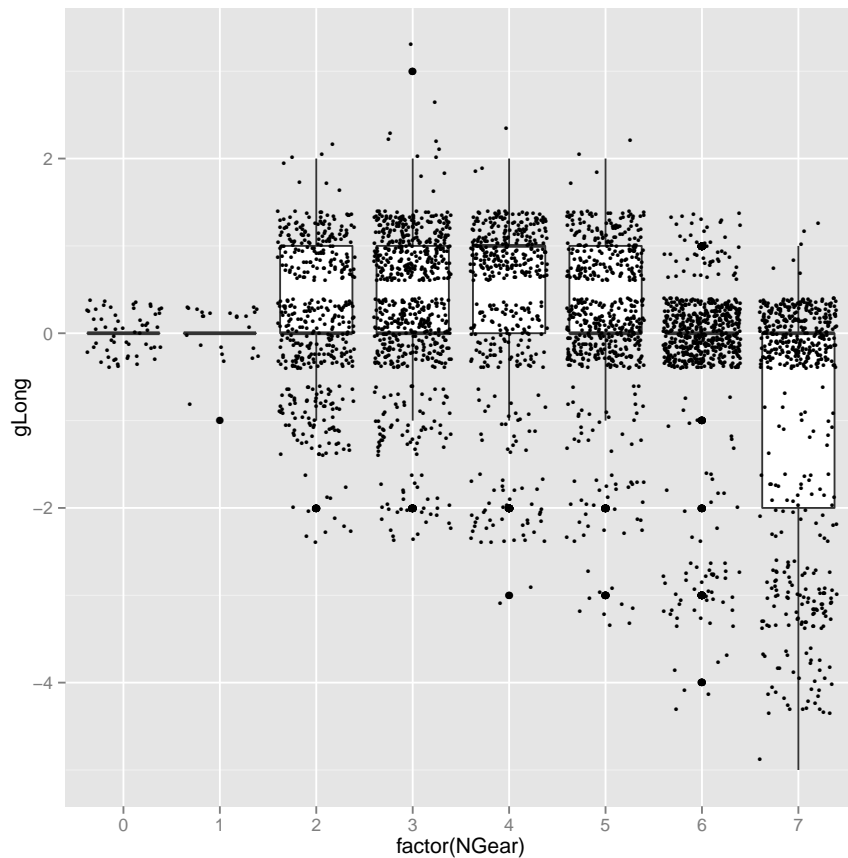


Based on [Tony Hirst's Blog Post, March 2012](#)

15 F1: Box Plot of Forces

We can use a box plot to investigate the longitudinal g-force's relationship with acceleration or braking by gear. Note that a random jitter is used to scatter points around their actual integer values.

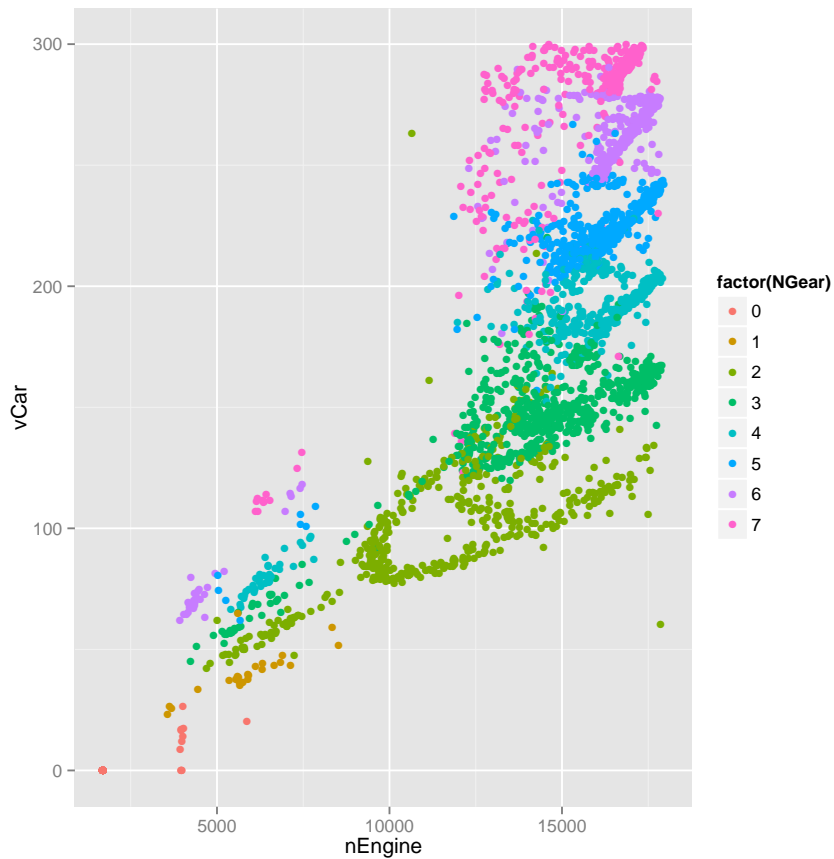
```
ggplot(f1, aes(factor(NGear), gLong)) +  
  geom_boxplot() +  
  geom_jitter(size=1)
```



Based on [Tony Hirst's Blog Post](#), March 2012

16 F1: RPM and Speed in Relation to Gear

```
ggplot(f1, aes(nEngine, vCar)) +  
  geom_point(aes(col=factor(NGear)))
```



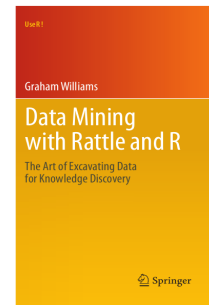
Based on [Tony Hirst's Blog Post](#), March 2012

17 Further Reading and Acknowledgements

The [Rattle Book](#), published by Springer, provides a comprehensive introduction to data mining and analytics using Rattle and R. It is available from [Amazon](#). Other documentation on a broader selection of R topics of relevance to the data scientist is freely available from <http://datamining.togaware.com>, including the [Datamining Desktop Survival Guide](#).

This chapter is one of many chapters available from <http://HandsOnDataScience.com>. In particular follow the links on the website with a * which indicates the generally more developed chapters.

Other resources include:



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