Plotting predictors

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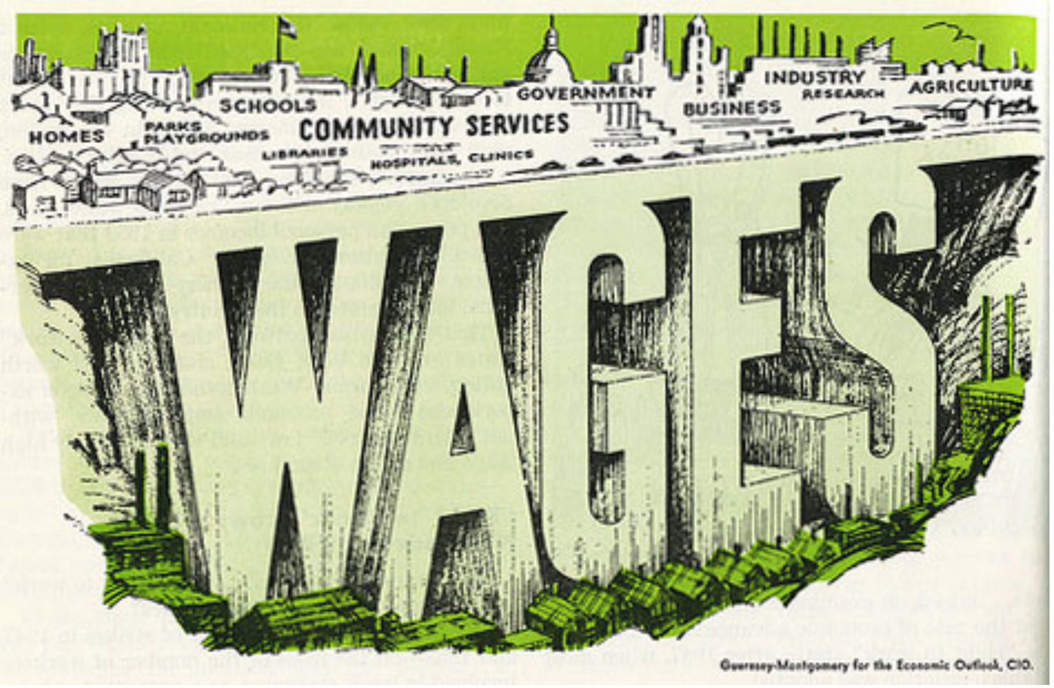
Example: predicting wages



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Data from: ISLR package from the book: Introduction to statistical learning

Example: Wage data

```
library(ISLR); library(ggplot2); library(caret);
data(Wage)
summary(Wage)
```

```
      year           age              sex                    maritl           race     
 Min.   :2003   Min.   :18.0   1. Male  :3000   1. Never Married: 648   1. White:2480  
 1st Qu.:2004   1st Qu.:33.8   2. Female:   0   2. Married      :2074   2. Black: 293  
 Median :2006   Median :42.0                    3. Widowed      :  19   3. Asian: 190  
 Mean   :2006   Mean   :42.4                    4. Divorced     : 204   4. Other:  37  
 3rd Qu.:2008   3rd Qu.:51.0                    5. Separated    :  55                  
 Max.   :2009   Max.   :80.0                                                           

              education                     region               jobclass               health    
 1. < HS Grad        :268   2. Middle Atlantic   :3000   1. Industrial :1544   1. <=Good     : 858  
 2. HS Grad          :971   1. New England       :   0   2. Information:1456   2. >=Very Good:2142  
 3. Some College     :650   3. East North Central:   0                                            
 4. College Grad     :685   4. West North Central:   0                                            
 5. Advanced Degree:426   5. South Atlantic    :   0                                            
                            6. East South Central:   0                                            
```

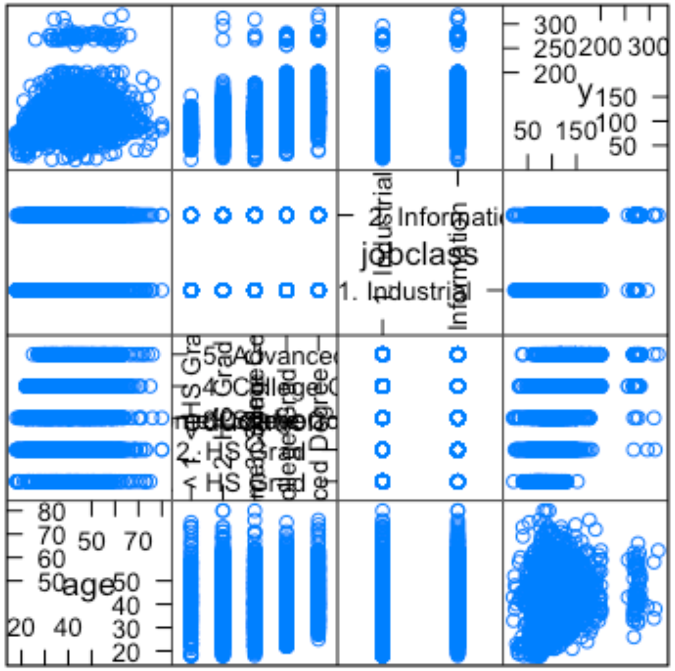
Get training/test sets

```
inTrain <- createDataPartition(y=Wage$wage,
                              p=0.7, list=FALSE)
training <- Wage[inTrain,]
testing <- Wage[-inTrain,]
dim(training); dim(testing)
```

```
[1] 898  12
```

Feature plot (*caret* package)

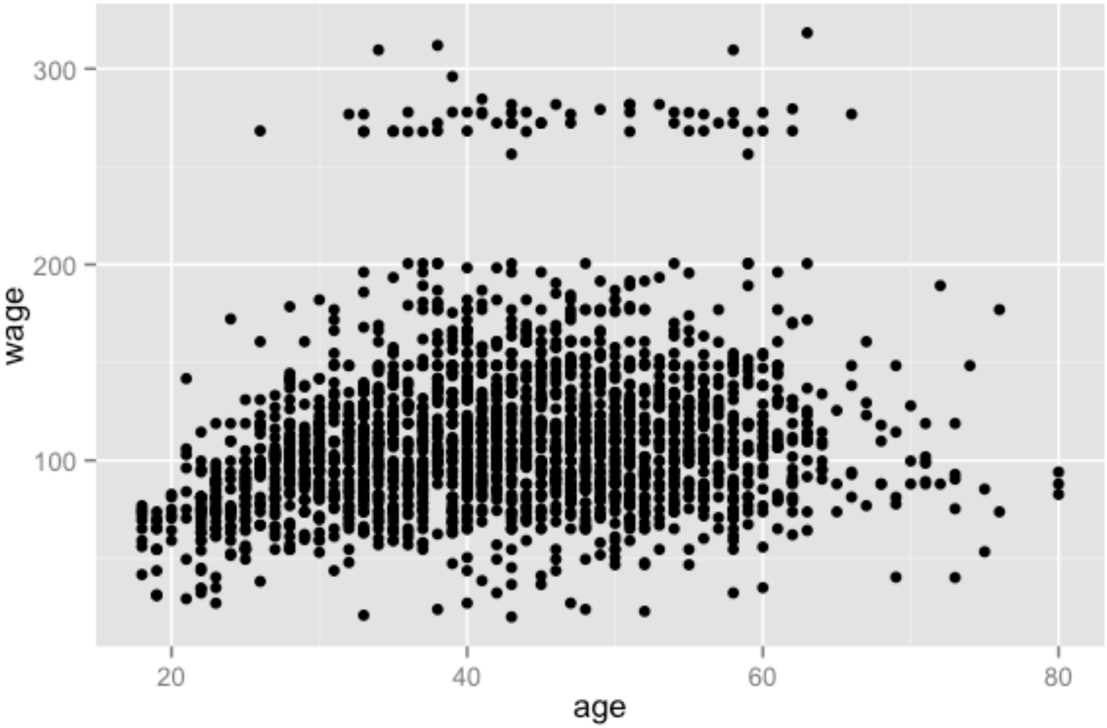
```
featurePlot(x=training[,c("age","education","jobclass")],
            y = training$wage,
            plot="pairs")
```



Scatter Plot Matrix

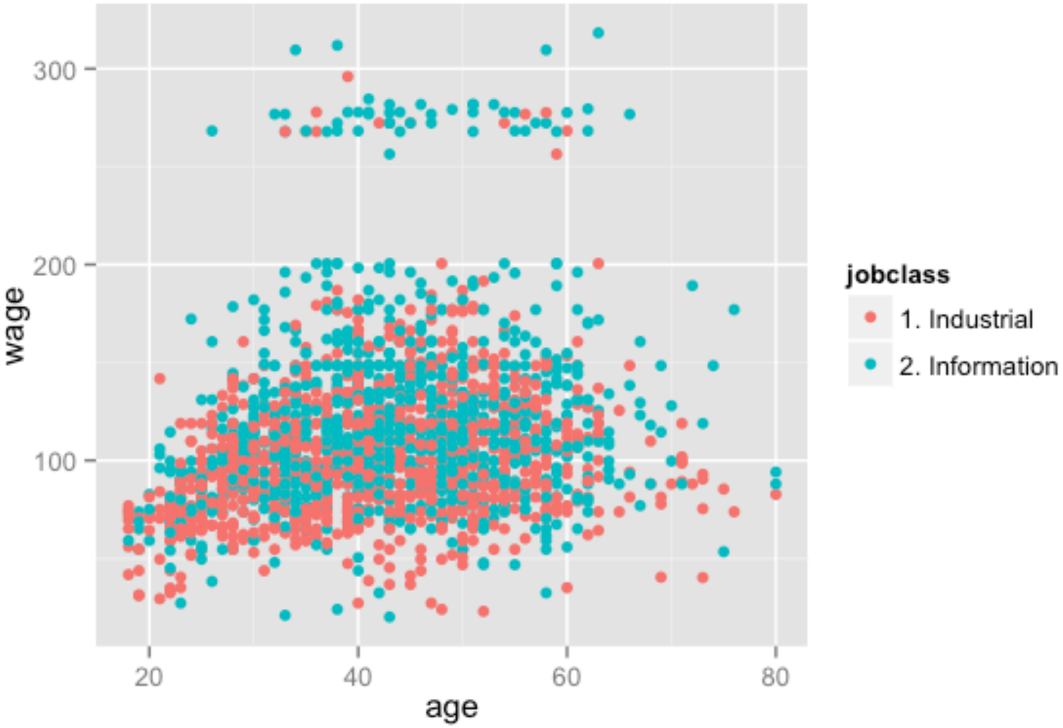
Qplot (*ggplot2* package)

```
qplot(age,wage,data=training)
```



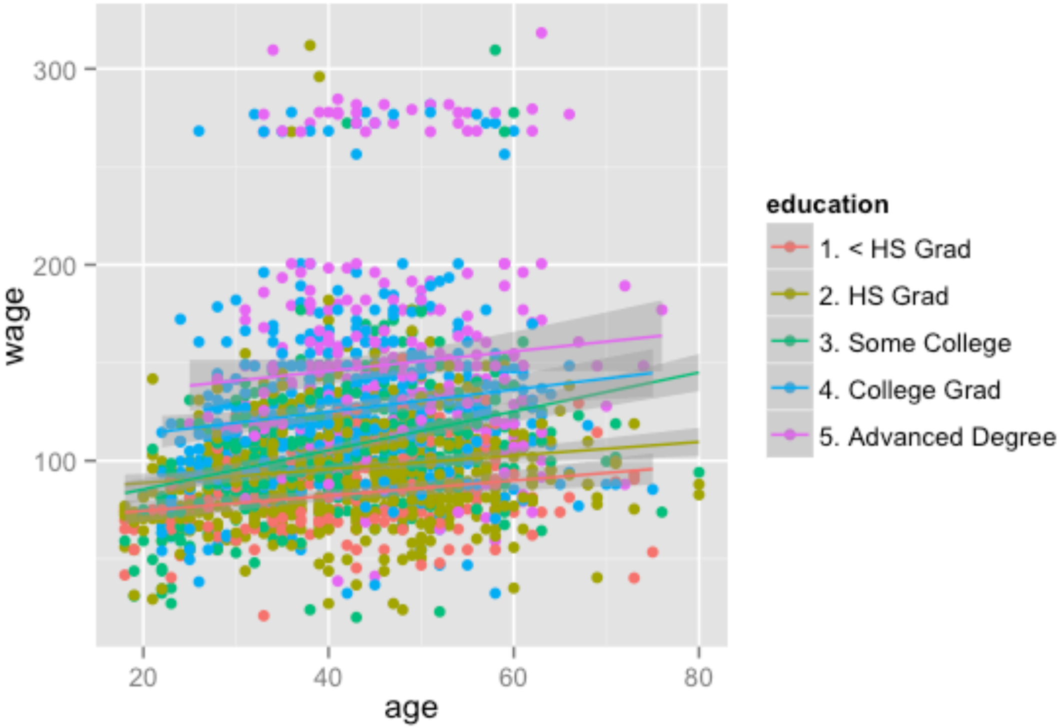
Qplot with color (*ggplot2* package)

```
qplot(age,wage,colour=jobclass,data=training)
```



Add regression smoothers (*ggplot2* package)

```
qq <- qplot(age,wage,colour=education,data=training)
qq +  geom_smooth(method='lm',formula=y~x)
```



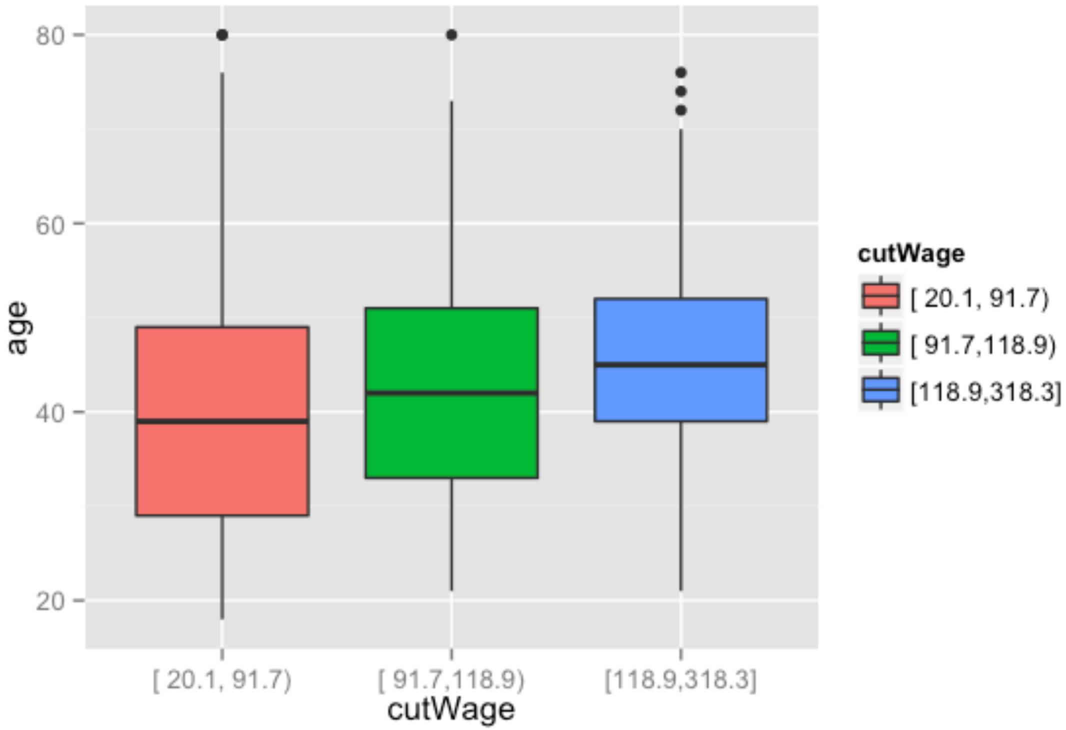
cut2, making factors (*Hmisc* package)

```
cutWage <- cut2(training$wage,g=3)
table(cutWage)
```

```
cutWage
[ 20.1, 91.7) [ 91.7,118.9) [118.9,318.3]
          704           725           673
```

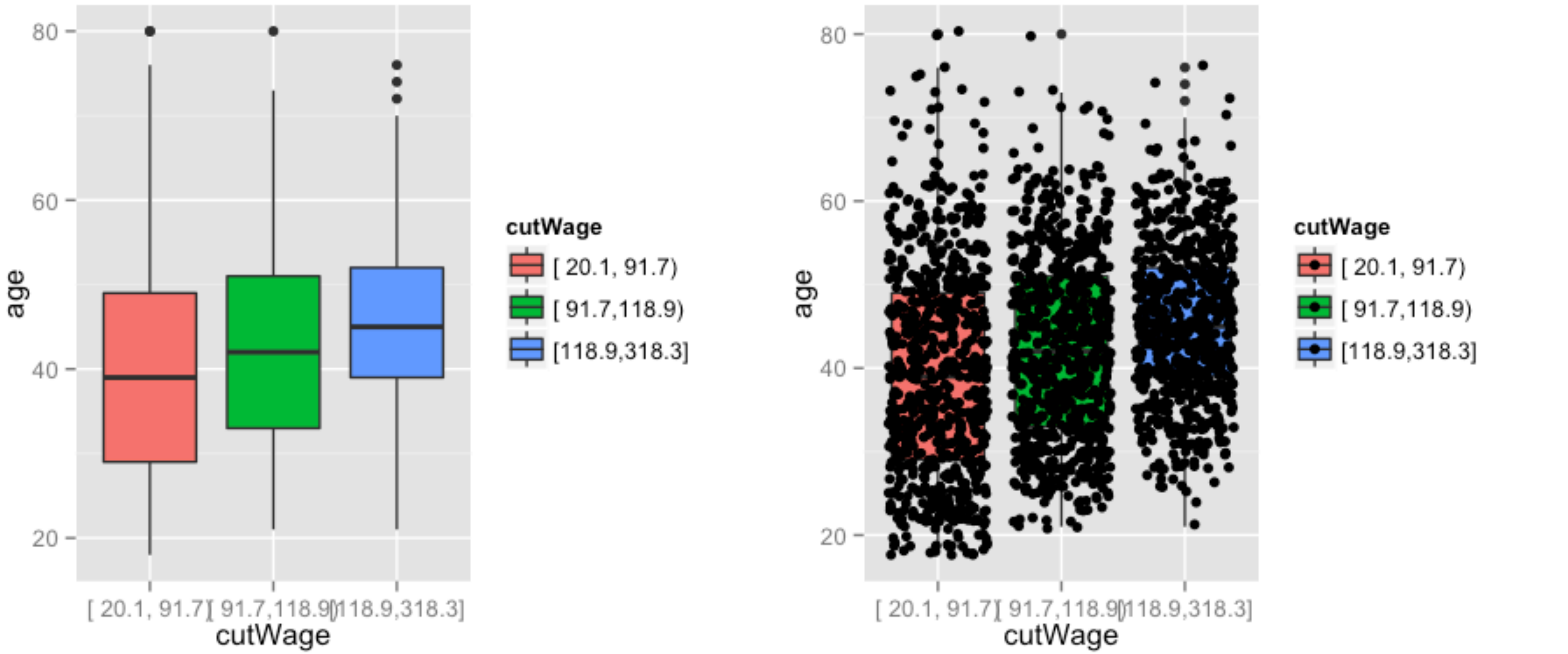
Boxplots with cut2

```
p1 <- qplot(cutWage,age, data=training,fill=cutWage,
      geom=c("boxplot"))
p1
```



Boxplots with points overlayed

```
p2 <- qplot(cutWage,age, data=training,fill=cutWage,
      geom=c("boxplot","jitter"))
grid.arrange(p1,p2,ncol=2)
```



Tables

```
t1 <- table(cutWage,training$jobclass)
t1
```

```

cutWage          1. Industrial 2. Information
  [ 20.1, 91.7)            437            267
  [ 91.7,118.9)            365            360
  [118.9,318.3]            263            410
```

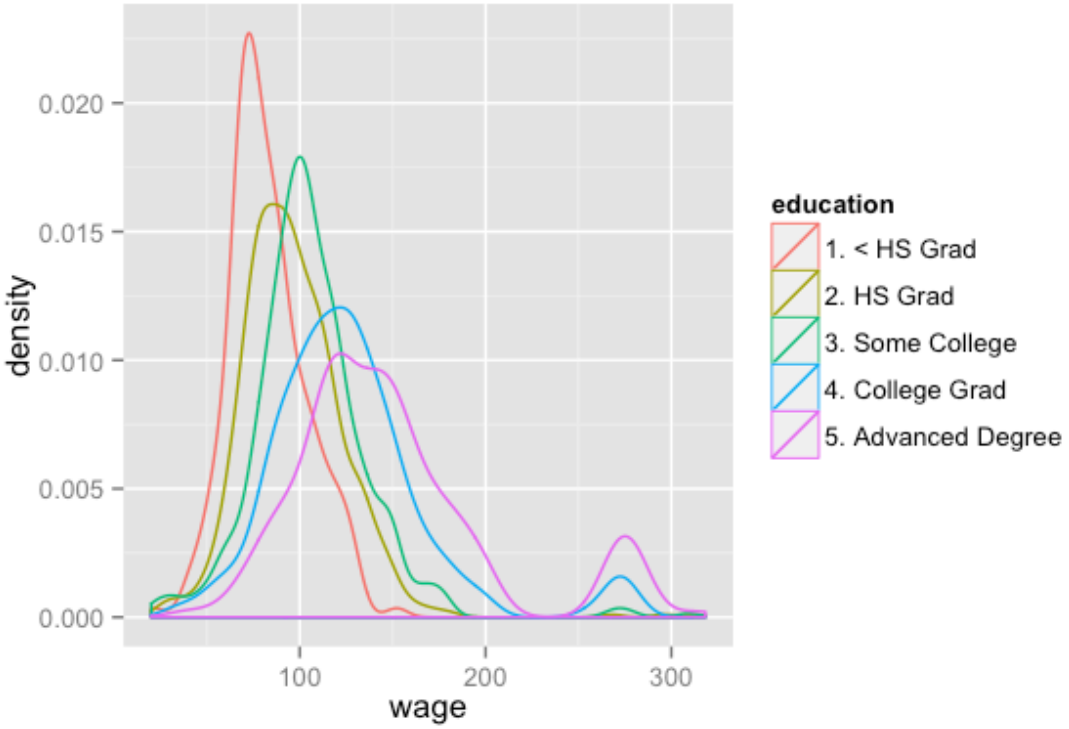
```
prop.table(t1,1)
```

```

cutWage          1. Industrial 2. Information
  [ 20.1, 91.7)         0.6207         0.3793
  [ 91.7,118.9)         0.5034         0.4966
  [118.9,318.3]         0.3908         0.6092
```

Density plots

```
qplot(wage,colour=education,data=training,geom="density")
```



Notes and further reading

- Make your plots only in the training set
  - Don't use the test set for exploration!
- Things you should be looking for
  - Imbalance in outcomes/predictors
  - Outliers
  - Groups of points not explained by a predictor
  - Skewed variables
- ggplot2 tutorial
- caret visualizations