

# Regression and inference

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# Plan for today

The magic of `ggplot()`

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Drawing lines

Lines, Greek, and regression

Multiple regression

# The magic of ggplot()

# Your turn (#1)

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under “Your Turn 1” and run it

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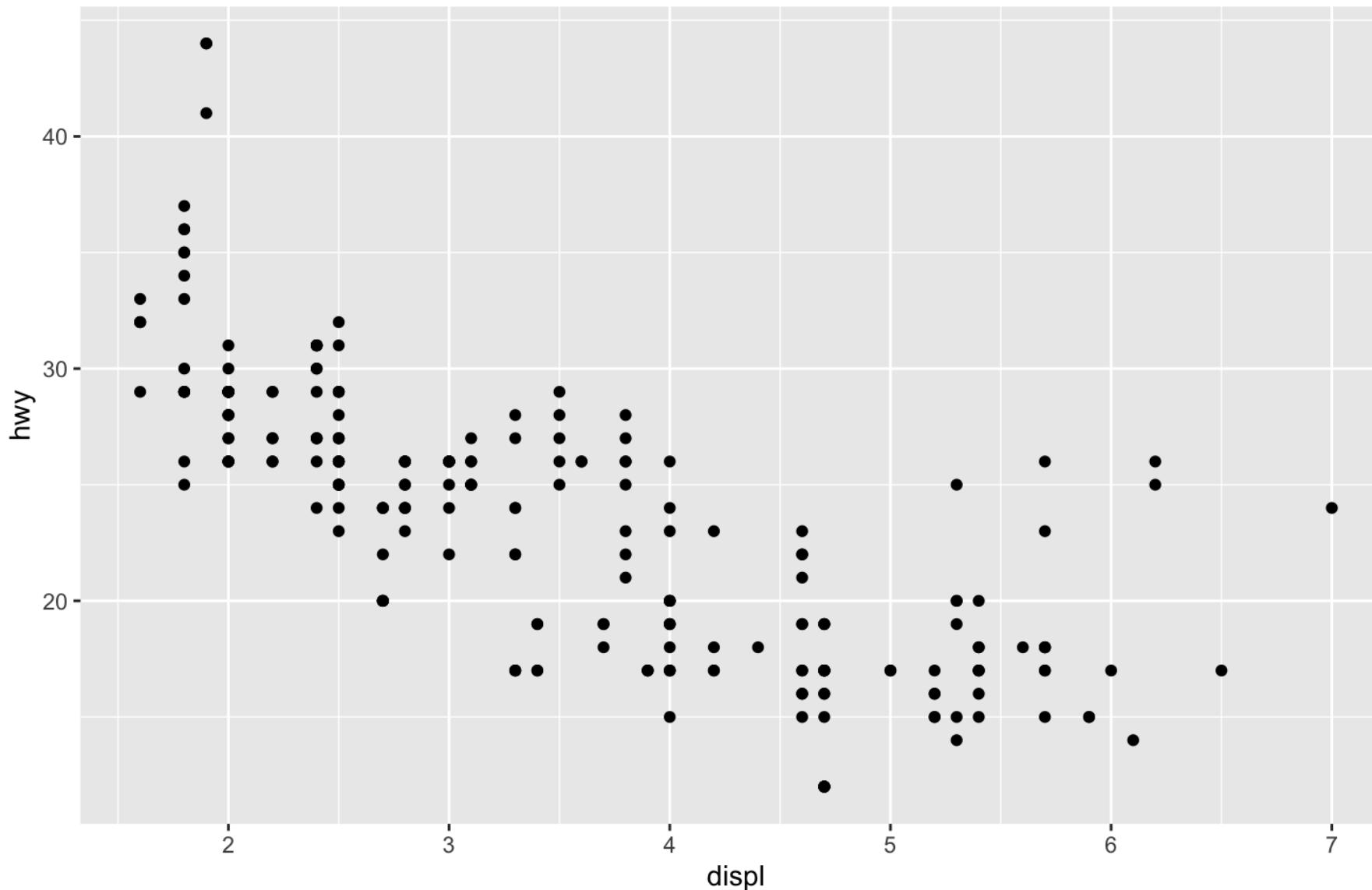
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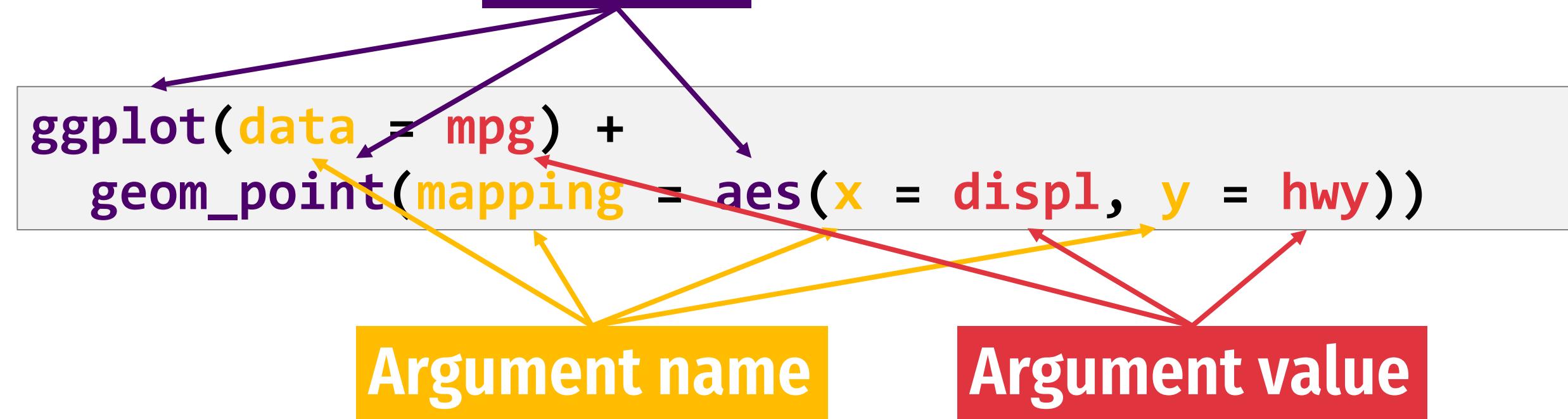
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# Function

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Argument name

Argument value



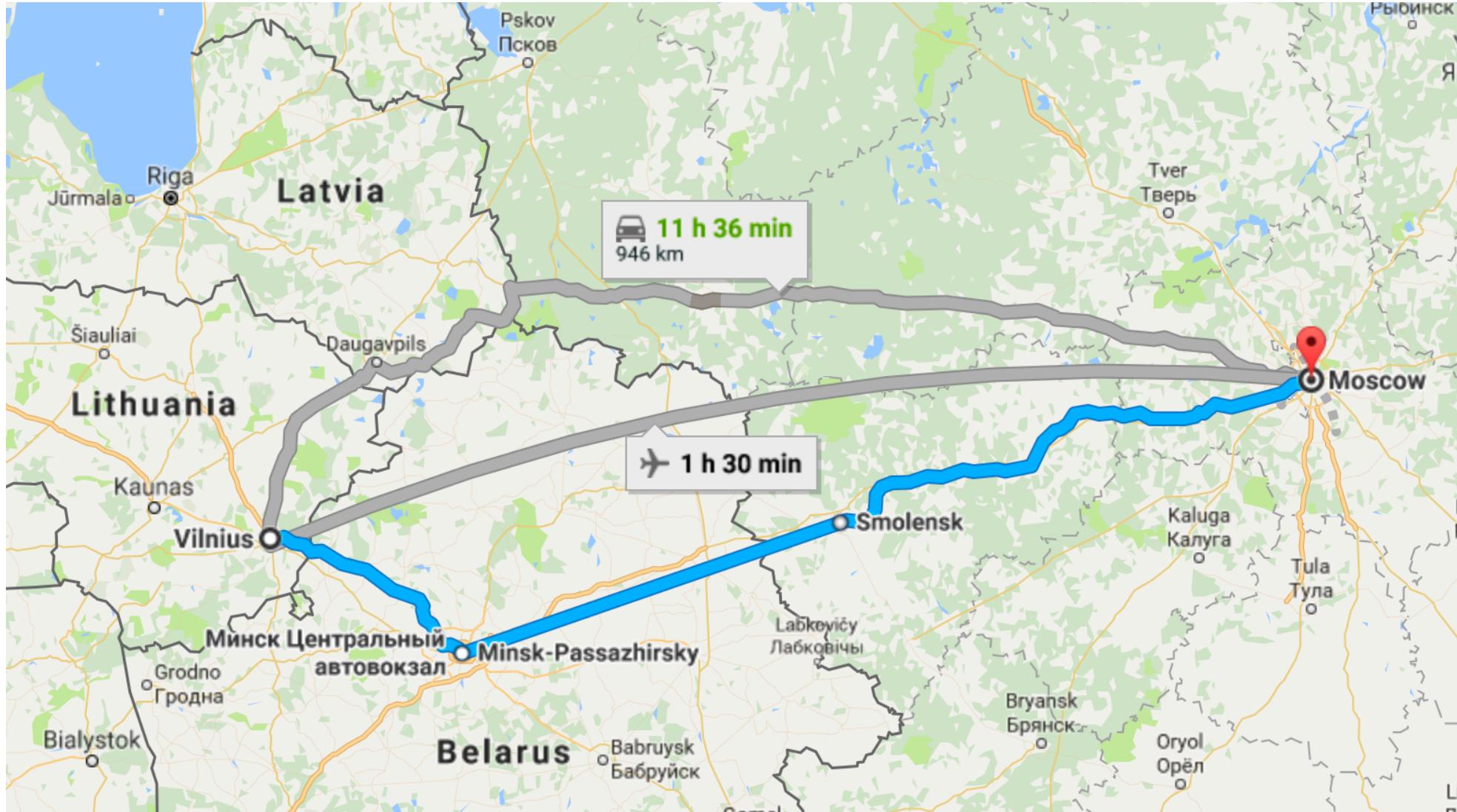
# ggplot template

```
ggplot(data = <DATA>) +  
<GEOM_FUNCTION>(mapping = aes(<MAPPINGS>))
```

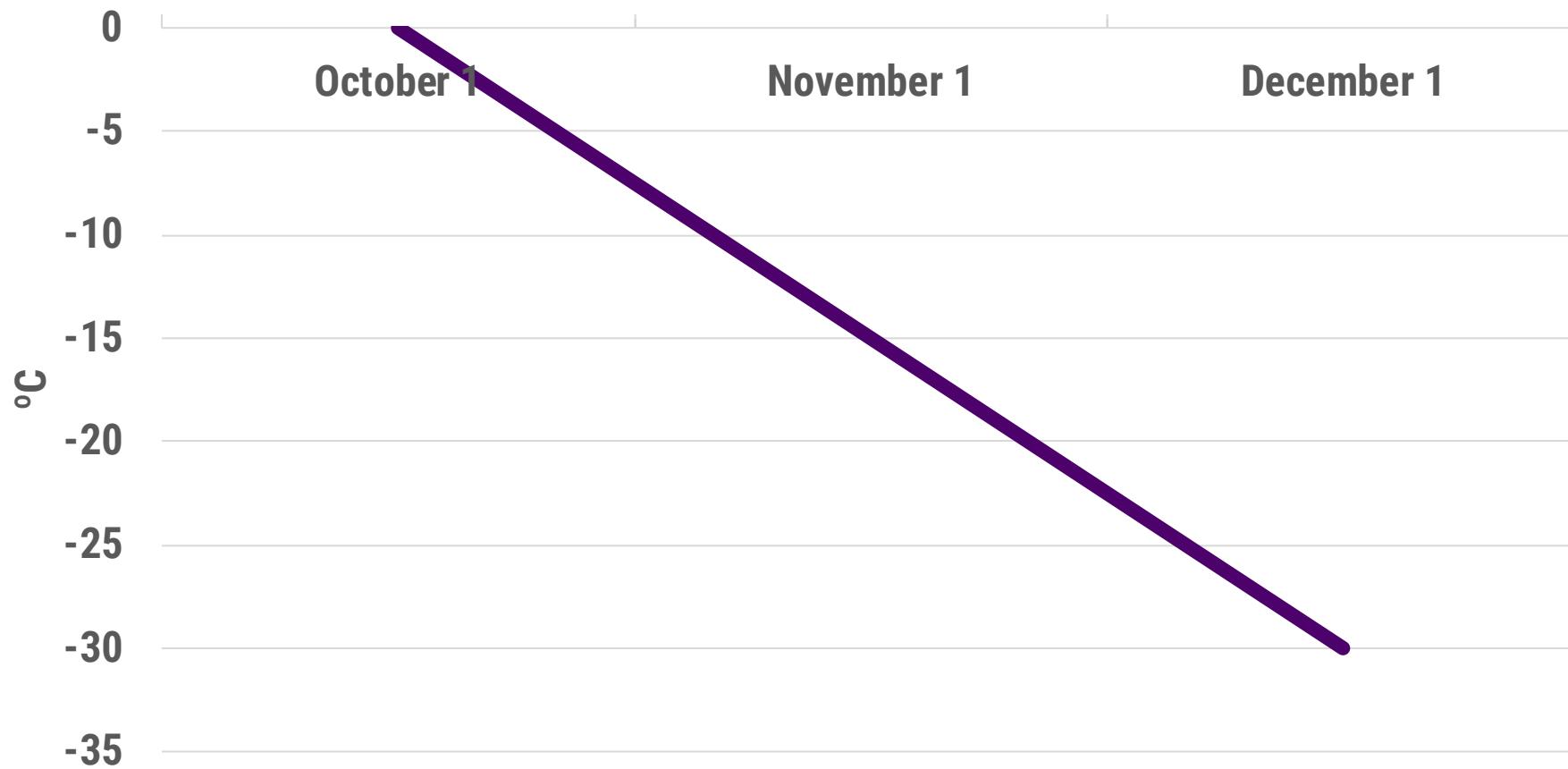
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# Long distance!

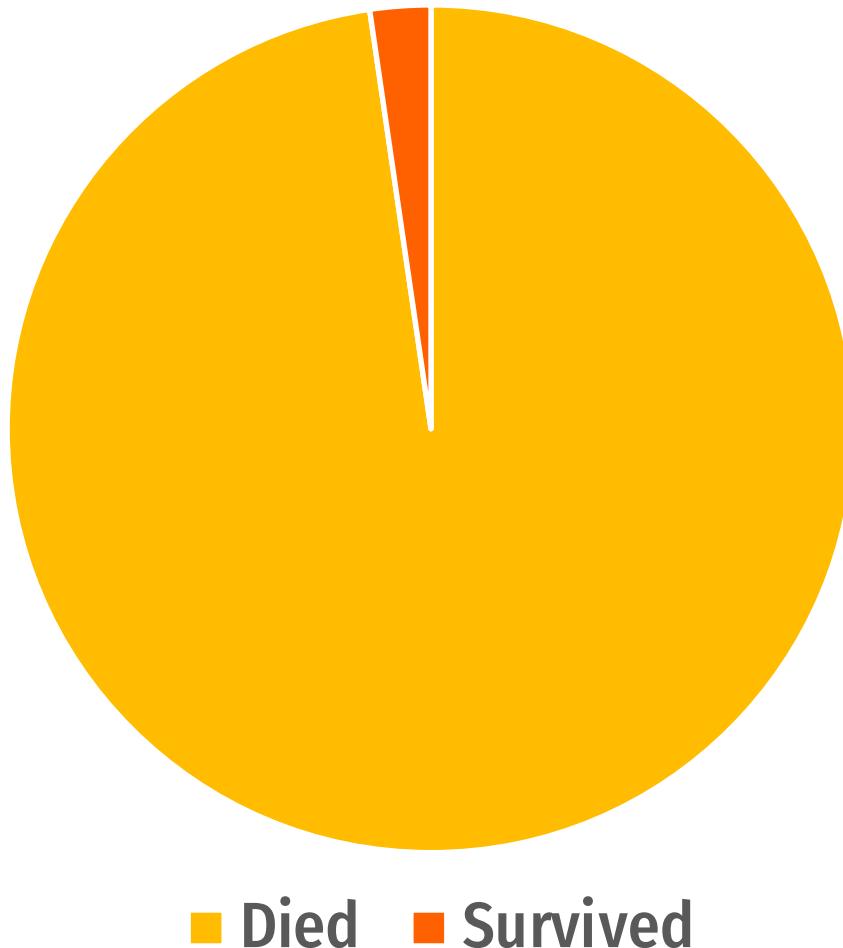


# Very cold!



# Lots of people died!

Napoleon's Grande Armée

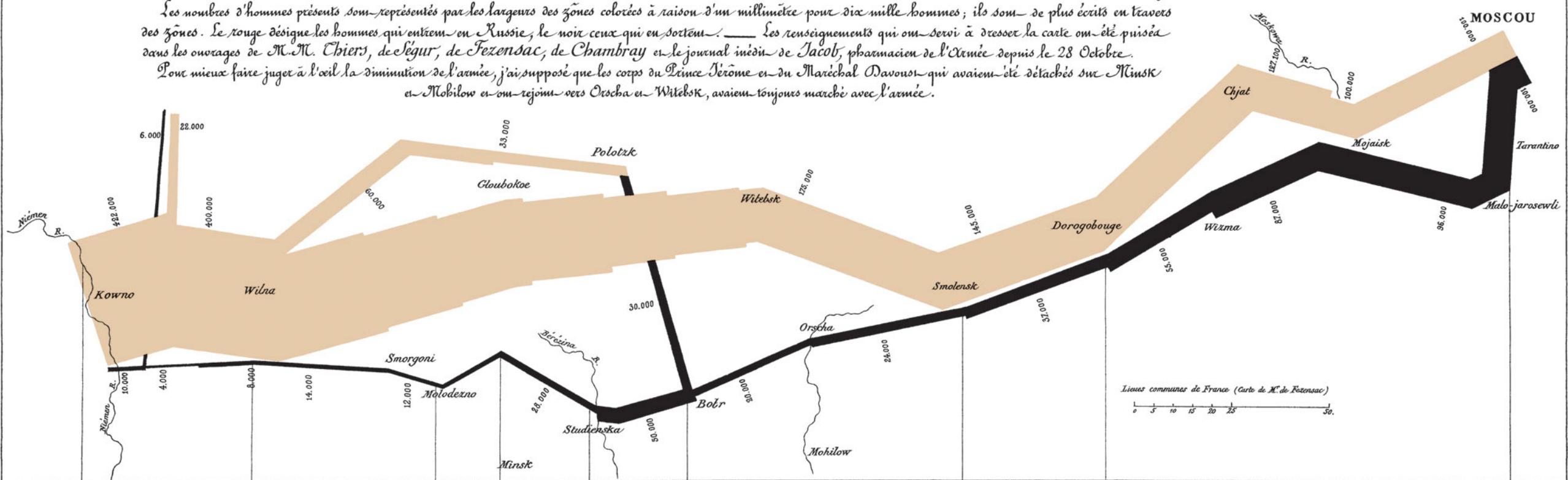


# Carte Figurative des pertes successives en hommes de l'Armée Française dans la Campagne de Russie 1812-1813.

Dressée par M. Minard, Inspecteur Général des Ponts et Chaussees en retraite  
Paris, le 20 Novembre 1869.

Les nombres d'hommes présents sont représentés par les largeurs des zones colorées à raison d'un millimètre pour dix mille hommes; ils sont de plus écrits en travers des zones. Le rouge désigne les hommes qui entrent en Russie; le noir ceux qui en sortent. — Les renseignements qui ont servi à dresser la carte ont été puisés dans les ouvrages de M. M. Chiers, de Séguir, de Fézensac, de Chambray et le journal inédit de Jacob, pharmacien de l'Armée depuis le 28 Octobre.

Pour mieux faire juger à l'œil la diminution de l'armée, j'ai supposé que les corps du Prince Jérôme et du Maréchal Davout qui avaient été détachés sur Minsk en Mohilow et se rejoignaient vers Orscha en Wilebsk, avaient toujours marché avec l'armée.



Lieux communs de France (Carte de M. de Fézensac)

0 5 10 15 20 25 30

## TABLEAU GRAPHIQUE de la température en degrés du thermomètre de Réaumur au dessous de zéro.

Les Cosaques passent au galop  
le Niemen gelé.



# Aesthetics and data

Data	Aesthetic	Graphic
Longitude	x	point
Latitude	y	point
Army size	size	path
Army direction	color	path
Date	x	line and text
Temperature	y	line and text

# Aesthetics and data

**data**

**Longitude**

**Latitude**

**Army size**

**Army direction**

**Date**

**Temperature**

**aes()**

**x**

**y**

**size**

**color**

**x**

**y**

**geom\_**

**point**

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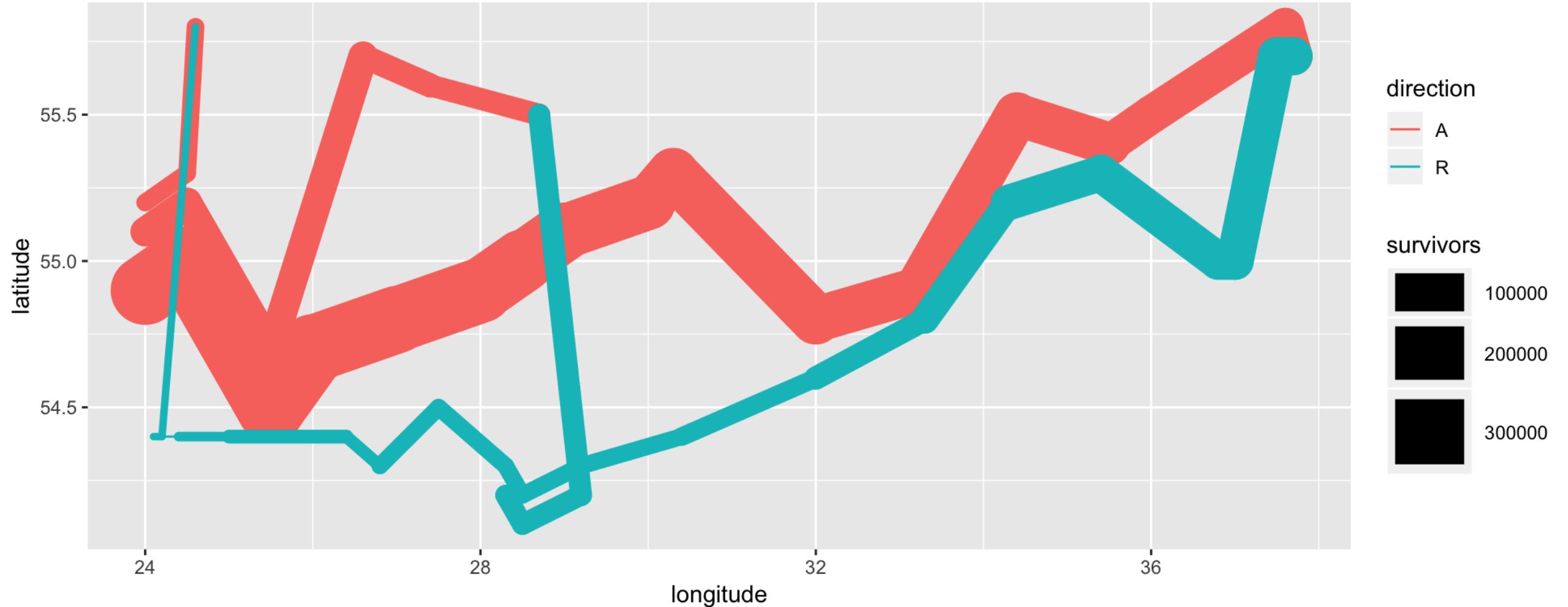
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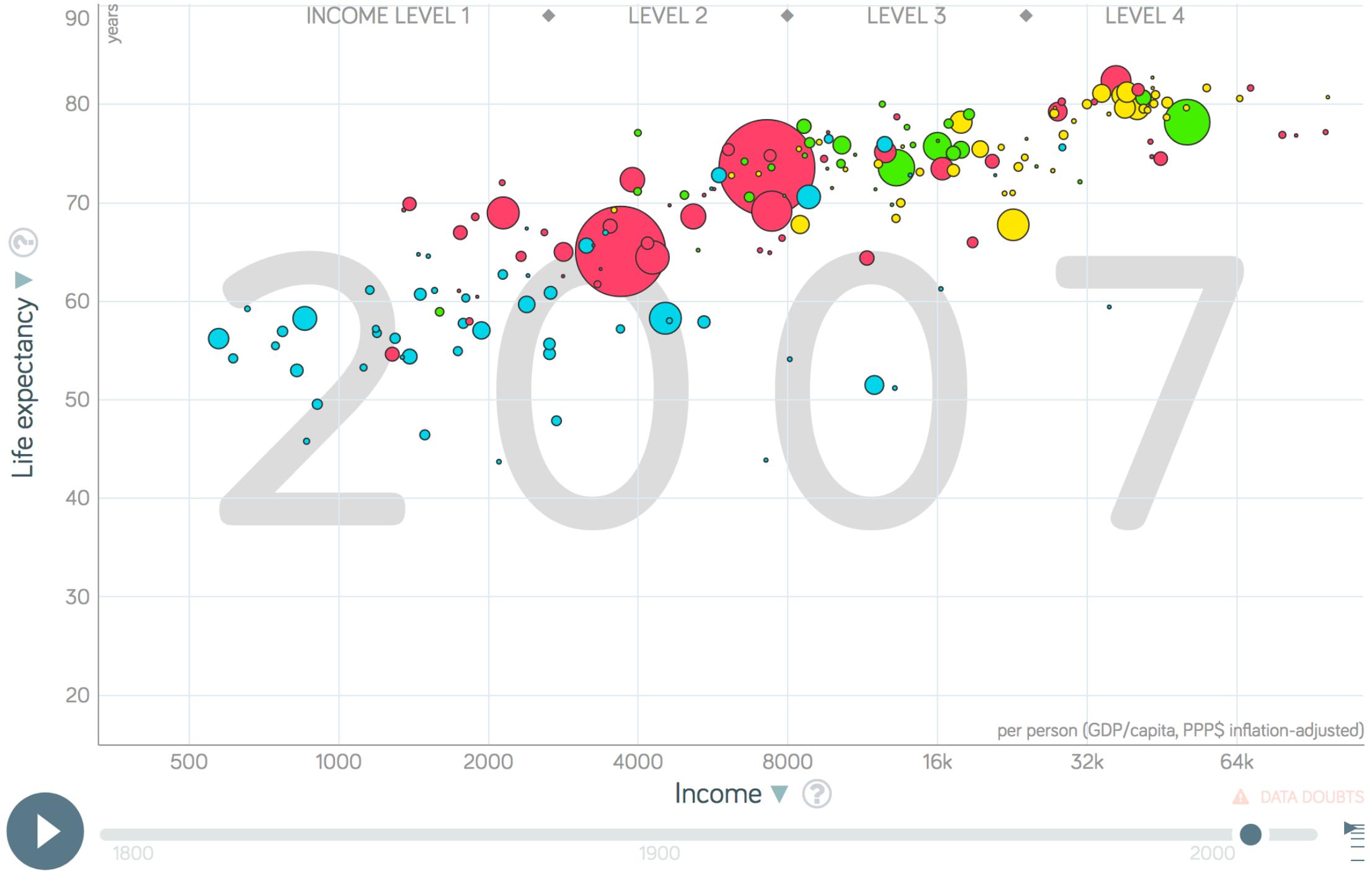
**line and text**

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# Aesthetics and data

**data**

**Wealth** (GDP/capita)

**Health** (Life expectancy)

**Continent**

**Population**

**aes()**

x

y

color

size

**geom\_**

point

point

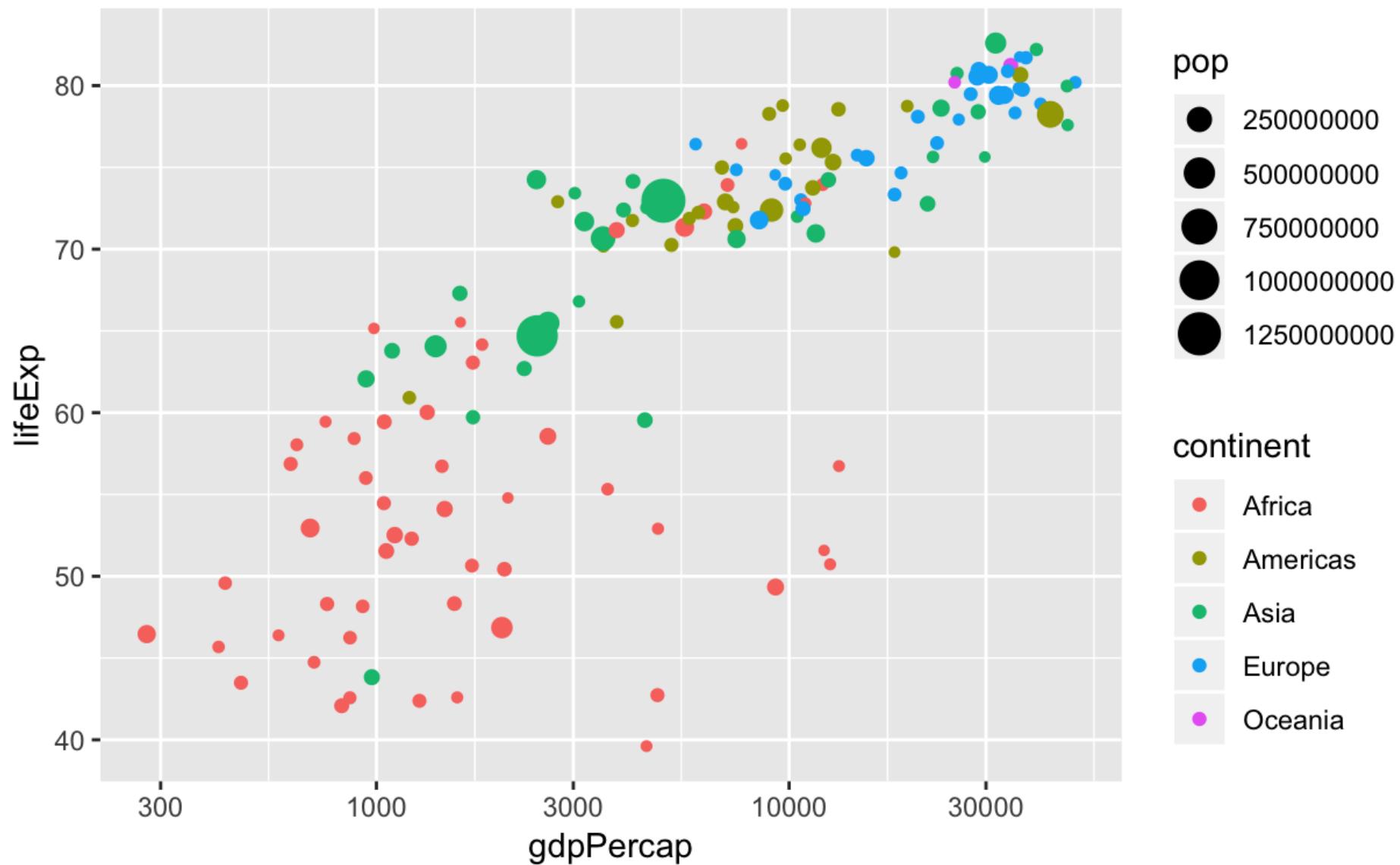
point

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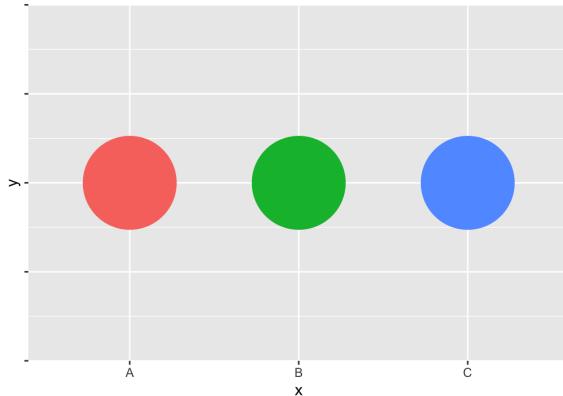
# Health and wealth

```
ggplot(data = gapminder_2007,  
       mapping = aes(x = gdpPercap,  
                      y = lifeExp,  
                      color = continent,  
                      size = pop)) +  
  geom_point() +  
  scale_x_log10()
```

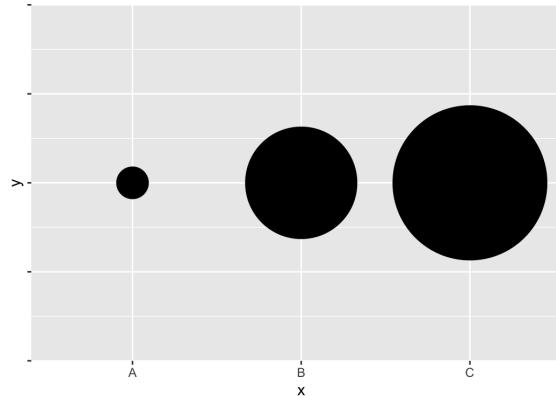
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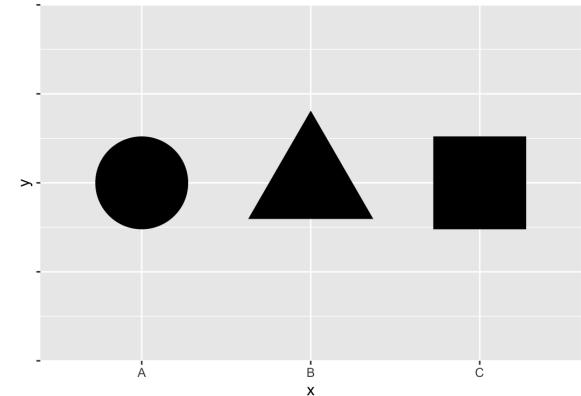
# Possible aesthetics



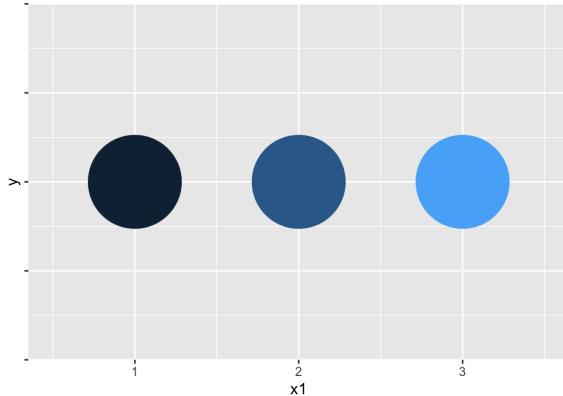
color



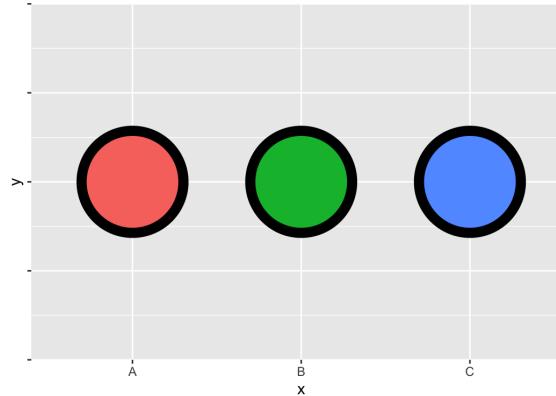
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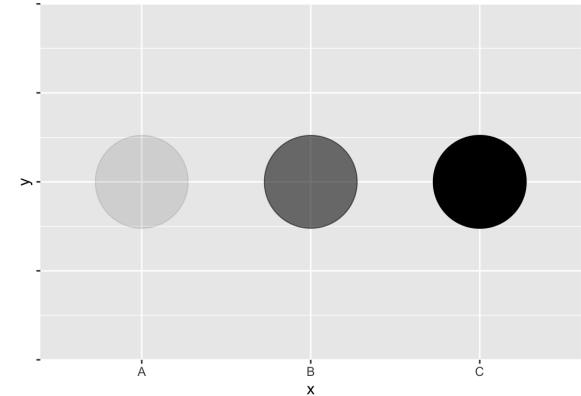
shape



color

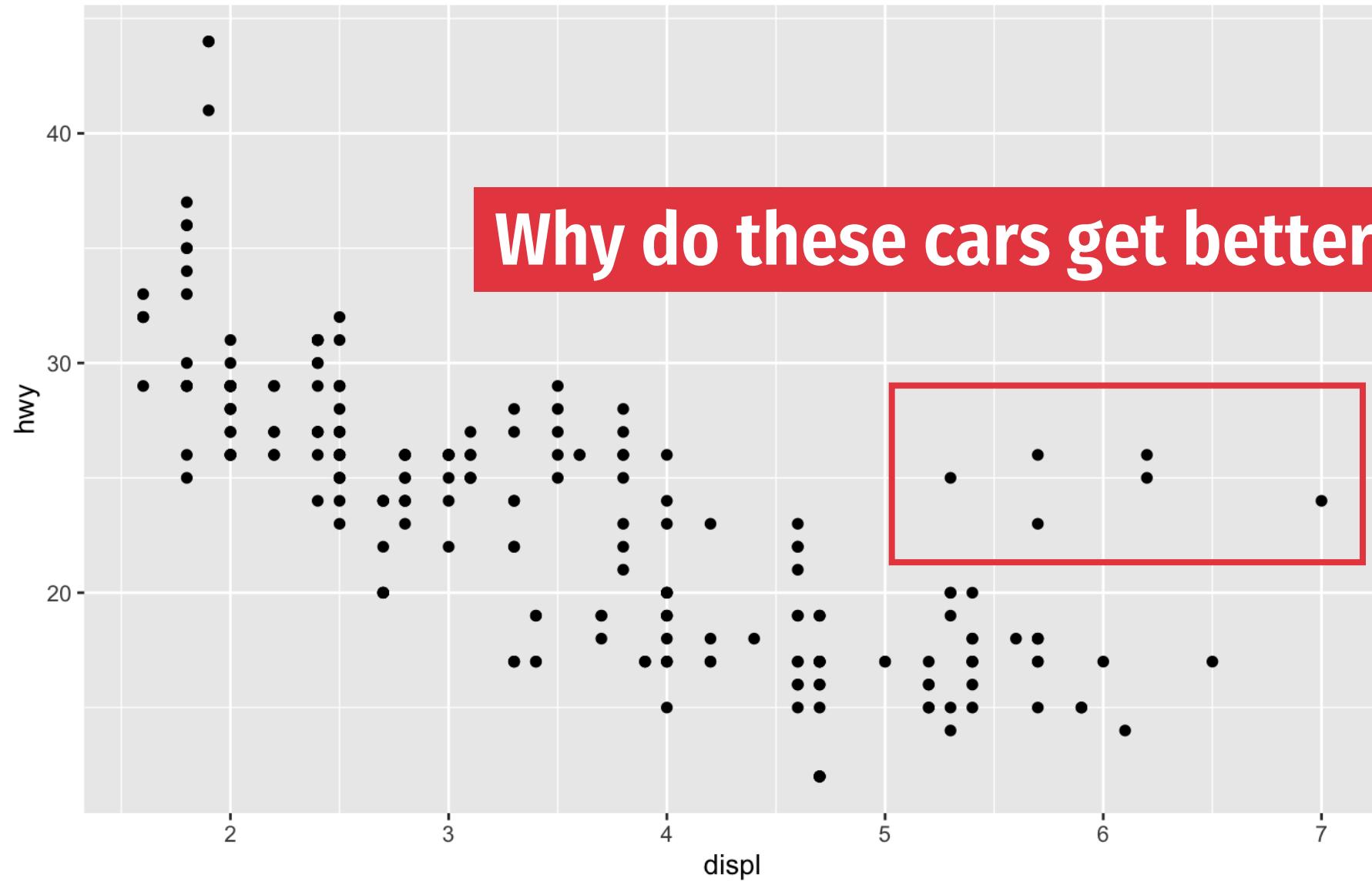


fill

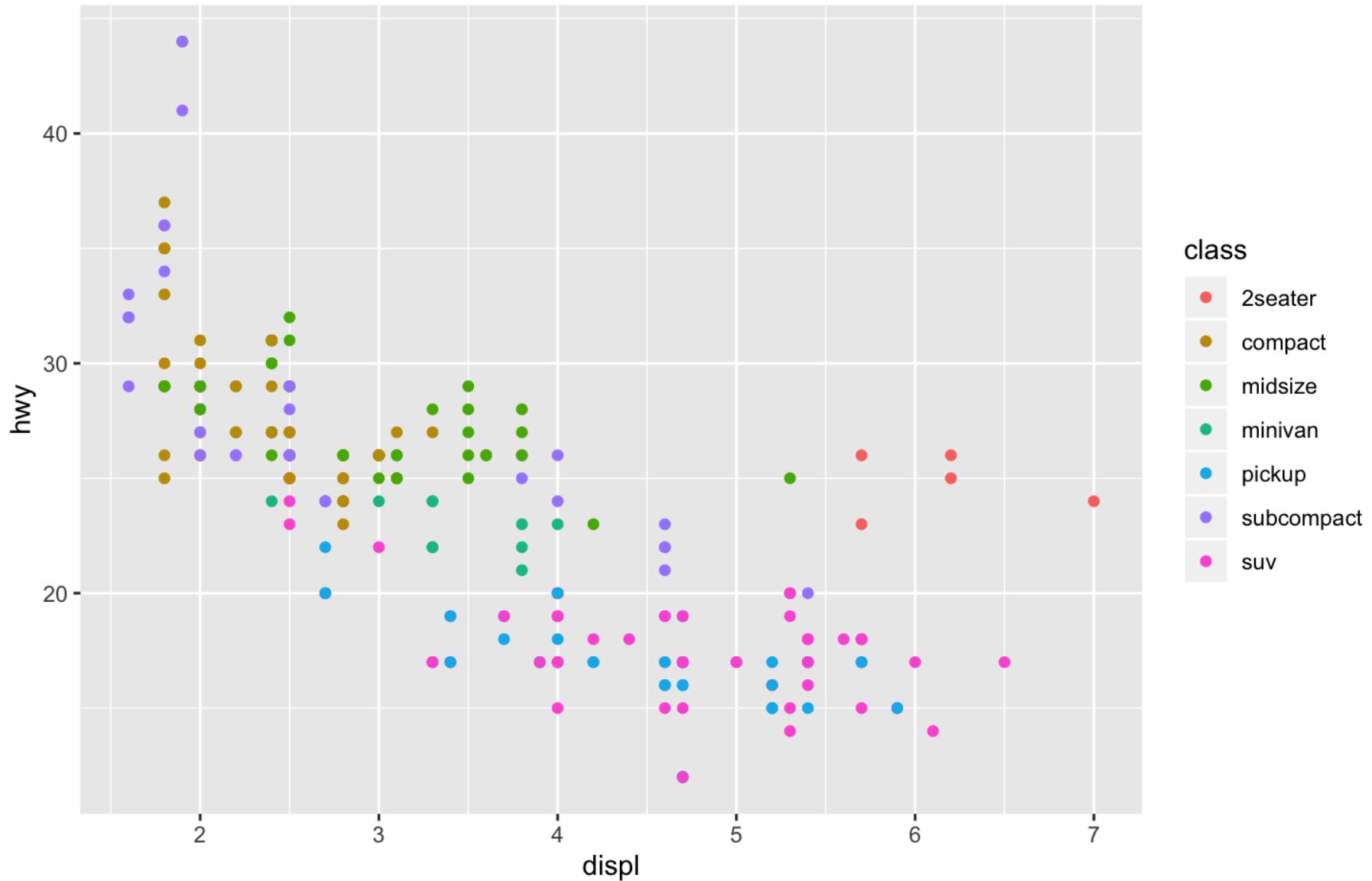


alpha

# Why do these cars get better mileage?



```
ggplot(mpg) + geom_point(aes(x = displ, y = hwy, color = class))
ggplot(mpg) + geom_point(aes(x = displ, y = hwy, size = class))
ggplot(mpg) + geom_point(aes(x = displ, y = hwy, shape = class))
ggplot(mpg) + geom_point(aes(x = displ, y = hwy, alpha = class))
```



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# Your turn (#2)

Add color, size, alpha, and shape aesthetics to your graph. Experiment!

Look at the data to see what columns you can use

Do different things happen when you map aesthetics to discrete and continuous variables?

What happens when you use more than one aesthetic?

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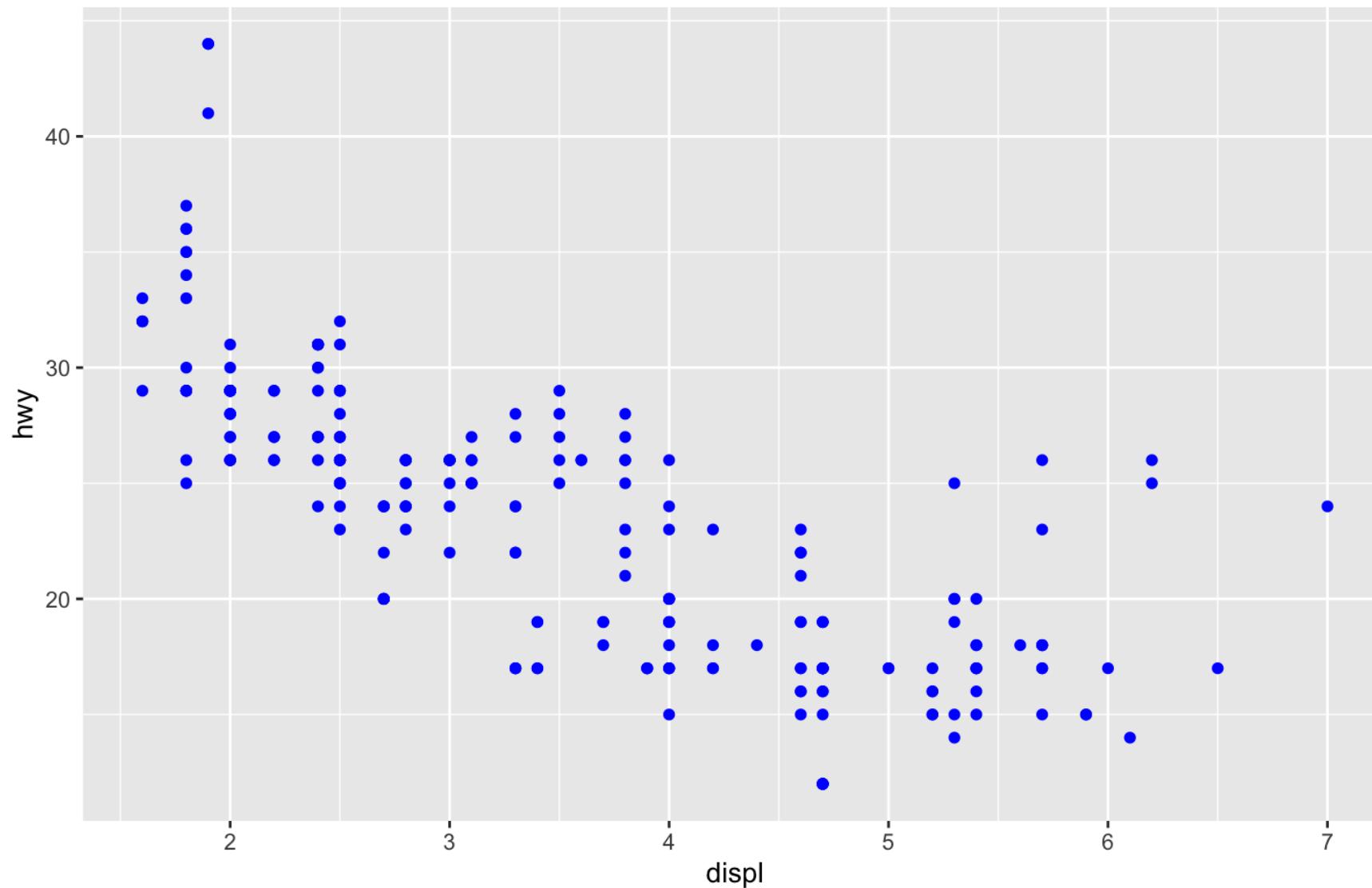
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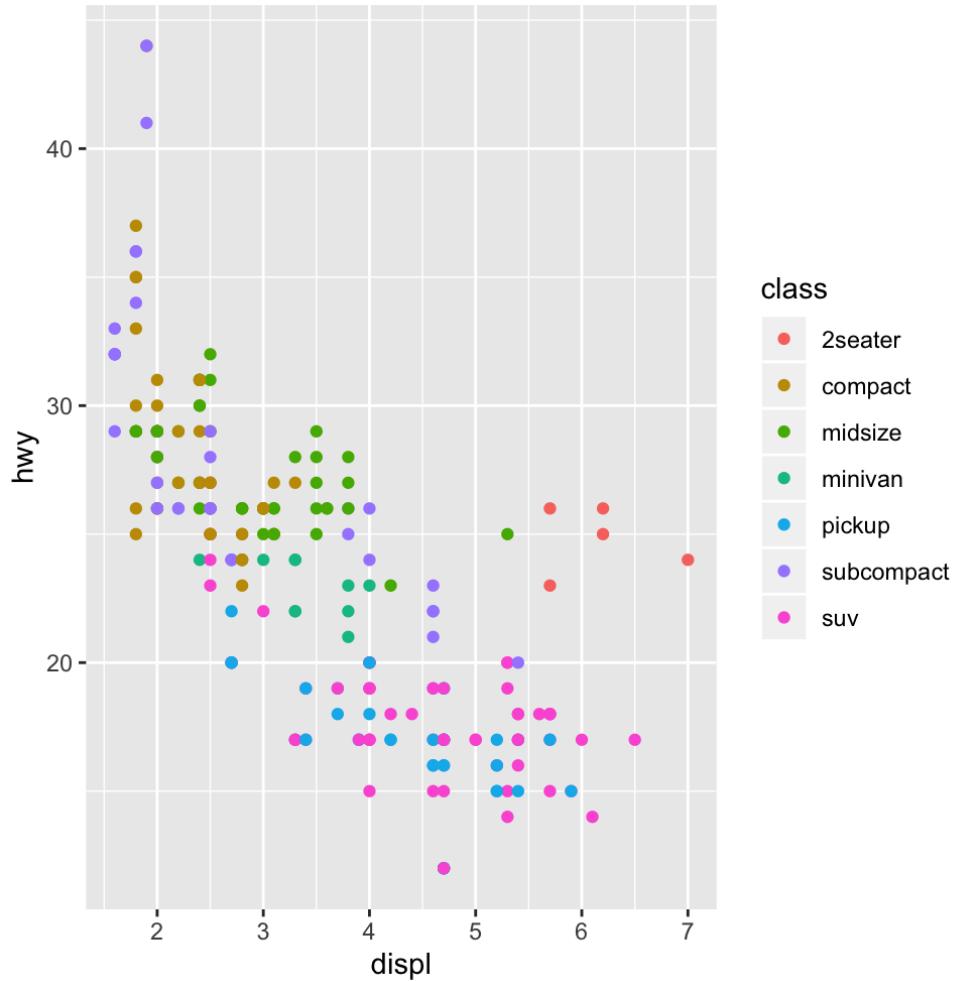
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# How would you make this plot?



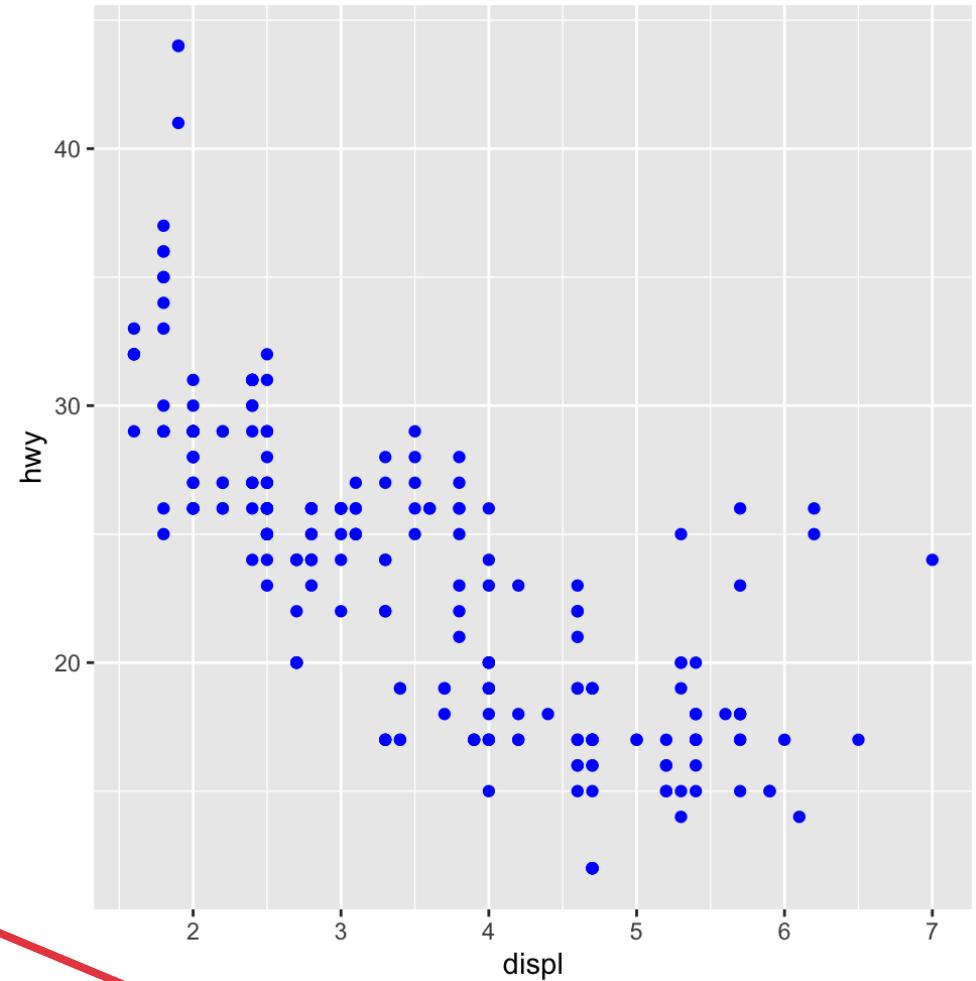


Inside of aes(): sets an aesthetic to a variable

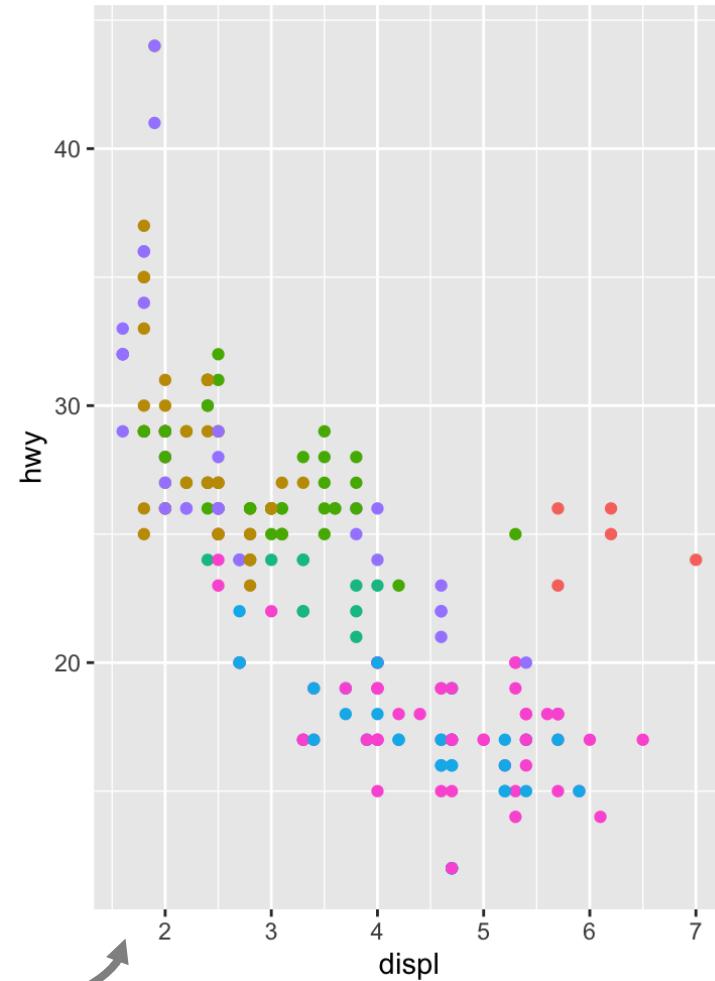


```
ggplot(mpg) + geom_point(aes(x = displ, y = hwy, color = class))
```

**Outside of aes():** sets  
an aesthetic to a value

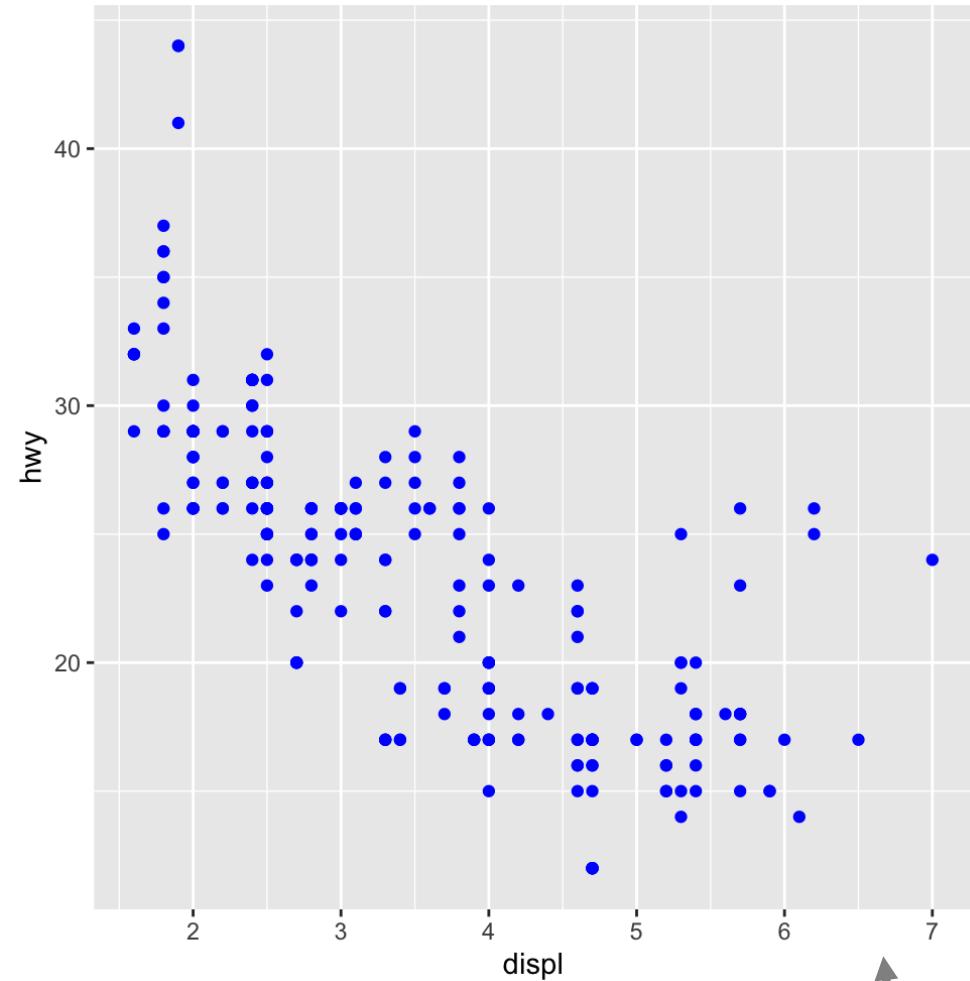


```
ggplot(mpg) + geom_point(aes(x = displ, y = hwy), color = "blue")
```



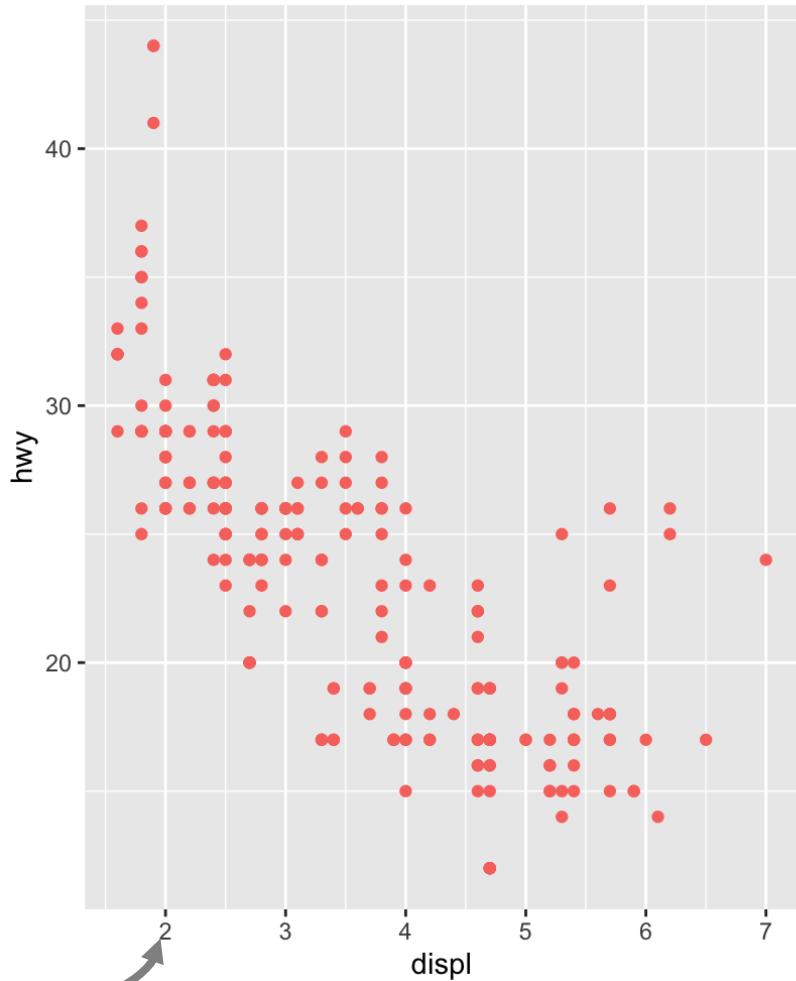
class

- 2seater
- compact
- midsize
- minivan
- pickup
- subcompact
- suv

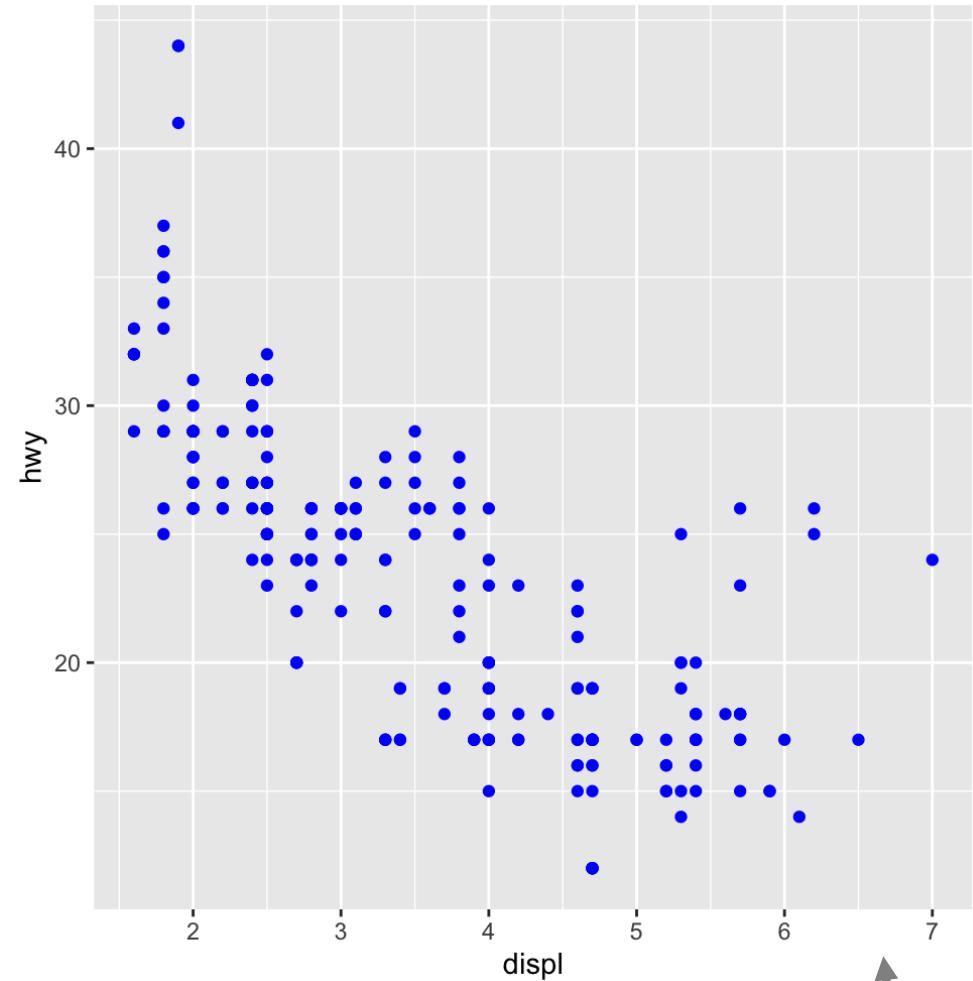


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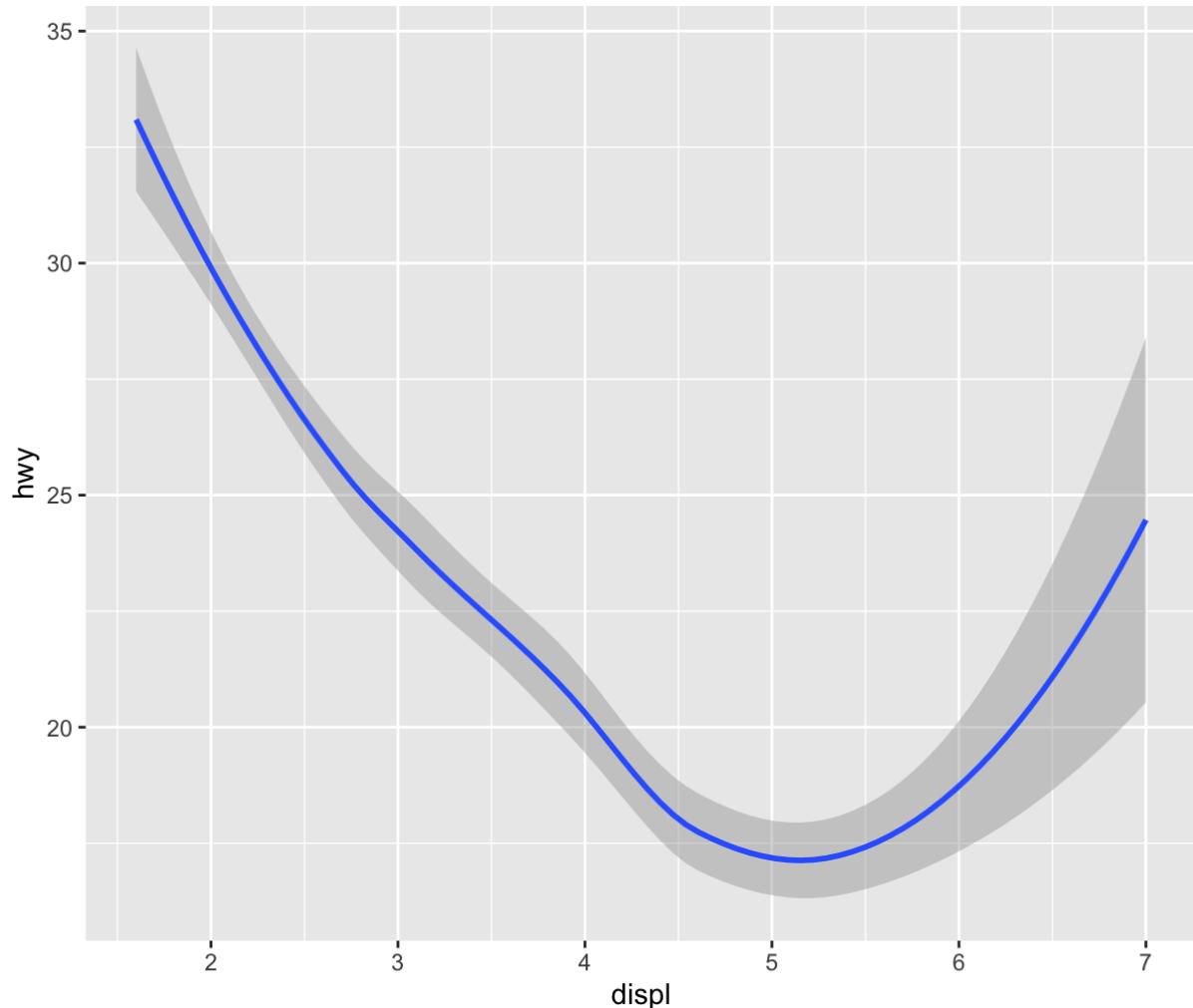
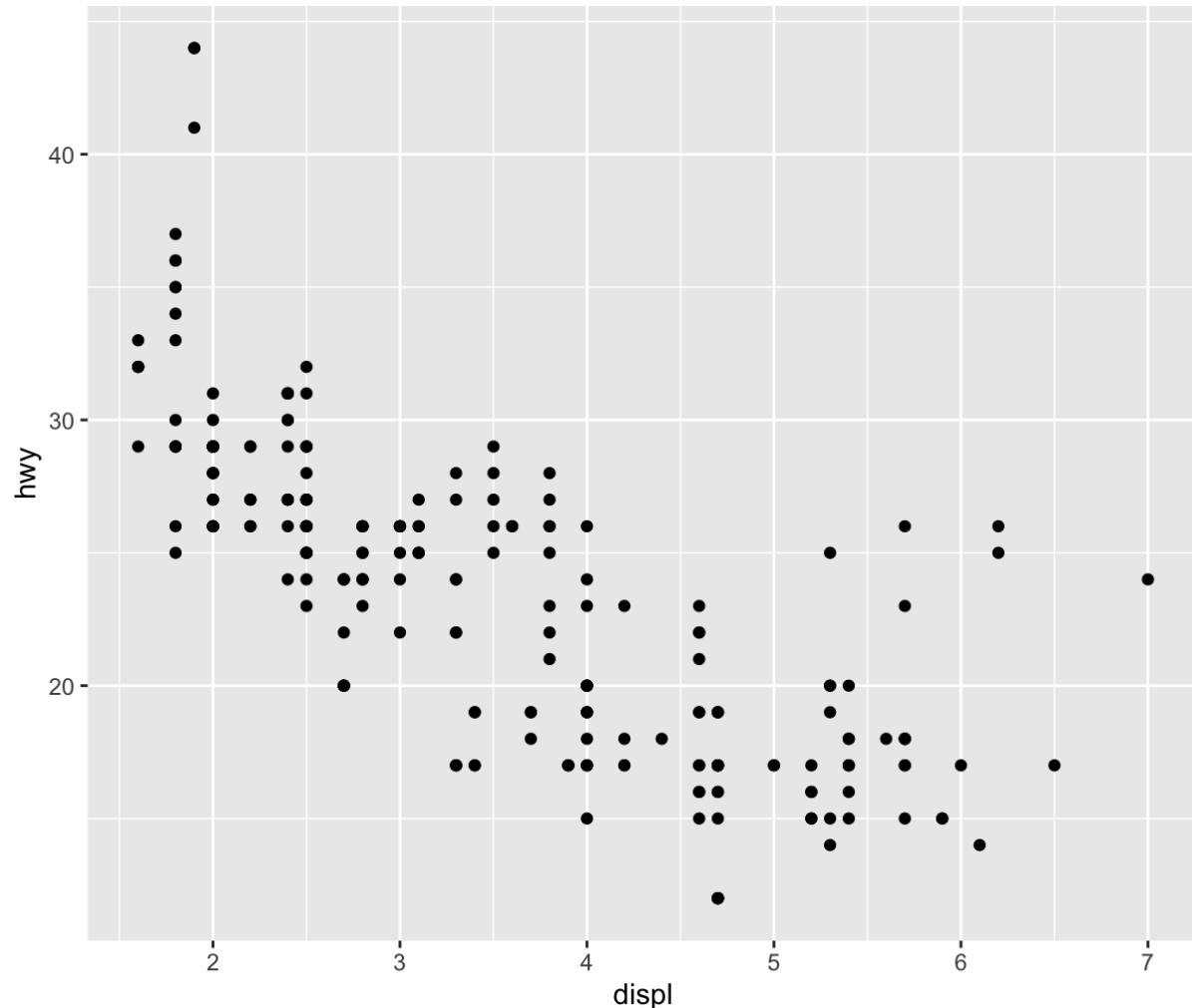
colour  
● blue



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# What's the same? What's different?



# geoms

```
ggplot(data = <DATA>) +  
<GEOM_FUNCTION>(mapping = aes(<MAPPINGS>))
```

# geom\_\*( ) functions

## Data Visualization with ggplot2 :: CHEAT SHEET

### Basics

ggplot2 is based on the **grammar of graphics**, the idea that you can build every graph from the same components: a **data set**, a **coordinate system**, and **geoms**—visual marks that represent data points.



To display values, map variables in the data to visual properties of the geom (**aesthetics**) like **size**, **color**, and **x** and **y** locations.



Complete the template below to build a graph.

```
ggplot(data = <DATA>) +
  <GEOM_FUNCTIONS>(mapping = aes(<POSITIONS>,
  stat = <STAT>, position = <POSITION>) +
  <COORDINATE_FUNCTIONS>+
  <FACET_FUNCTIONS>+
  <SCALE_FUNCTIONS>+
  <THEME_FUNCTIONS>)
```

ggplot(data = mpg, aes(x = cyl, y = hwy)) Begins a plot that you finish by adding layers to. Add one geom function per layer.

**aesthetic mappings** `data` `geom`

plot(x = cyl, y = hwy, data = mpg, geom = "point") Creates a complete plot with given data, geom, and mappings. Supplies many useful defaults.

last\_plot() Returns the last plot

ggsave("plot.png", width = 5, height = 5) Saves last plot as 5" x 5" file named "plot.png" in working directory. Matches file type to file extension.

### Geoms

Use a geom function to represent data points, use the geom's aesthetic properties to represent variables. Each return a layer.

#### GRAPHICAL PRIMITIVES

```
a <- ggplot(economics, aes(date, unemploy))
b <- ggplot(seals, aes(x = long, y = lat))

a + geom_blank() (Useful for expanding limits)
b + geom_curve(aes(yend = lat + 1, xend = long + 1), curvature = 1) x, y, end, alpha, angle, color, curvature, linetype, size, weight
a + geom_path(linewidth = "butt", linejoin = "round", x, y, alpha, color, group, linetype, size, stroke
a + geom_polygon(aes(group = group)) x, y, alpha, color, fill, group, linetype, size
b + geom_rect(aes(xmin = long, ymin = lat, xmax = long + 1, ymax = lat + 1)) x-min, y-min, x-max, y-max, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size
a + geom_ribbon(aes(ymin = unemploy - 900, ymax = unemploy + 900)) x, y-min, y-max, alpha, color, fill, group, linetype, size
```

#### LINE SEGMENTS

common aesthetics: x, y, alpha, color, linetype, size

```
b + geom_abline(aes(intercept = 0, slope = 1))
b + geom_hline(aes(intercept = 0))
b + geom_vline(aes(intercept = long))
```

```
b + geom_segment(aes(yend = lat + 1, xend = long + 1))
b + geom_spoke(aes(angle = 1:1155, radius = 1))
```

#### ONE VARIABLE continuous

```
c <- ggplot(mpg, aes(hwy)); c2 <- ggplot(mpg)

c + geom_area(stat = "bin")
c + geom_boxplot()
c + geom_density(kernel = "gaussian")
c + geom_dotplot()
c + geom_freqpoly()
c + geom_histogram(binwidth = 5)
c2 + geom_qq(aes(sample = hwy))
```

#### discrete x, discrete y

```
g <- ggplot(diamonds, aes(cut, color))

g + geom_count()
g + geom_freqpoly()
g + geom_histogram(binwidth = 5)
g + geom_qq(aes(sample = hwy))
```

#### discrete

```
d <- ggplot(mpg, aes(f))
```

```
d + geom_bar()
x, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size, weight
```

#### TWO VARIABLES

```
continuous x, continuous y
e <- ggplot(mpg, aes(cty, hwy))

e + geom_label(aes(label = cyl), nudge_x = 1, nudge_y = 1, check_overlap = TRUE) x, y, label, alpha, angle, color, family, fontface, hjust, lineheight, size, vjust
e + geom_linerer() x, y, alpha, color, fill, shape, size, stroke
e + geom_point() x, y, alpha, color, fill, shape, size, stroke
e + geom_quantile() x, y, alpha, color, group, linetype, size, weight
```

#### discrete x, continuous y

```
f <- ggplot(mpg, aes(class, hwy))

f + geom_col() x, y, alpha, color, fill, group, linetype, size
f + geom_boxplot() x, y, lower, middle, upper, ymax, ymin, alpha, color, fill, group, linetype, shape, size, weight
```

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g + geom_count() x, y, alpha, color, fill, shape, size, stroke
g + geom_freqpoly() x, y, alpha, color, group, linetype, size, weight
```

#### THREE VARIABLES

```
seals$z <- with(seals, sqrt(delta_long^2 + delta_lat^2)); l <- ggplot(seals, aes(long, lat))

l + geom_contour(aes(z = z))
x, y, z, alpha, color, group, linetype, size, weight
```



Reference

### Layer: geoms

A layer combines data, aesthetic mapping, a geom (geometric object), a stat (statistical transformation), and a position adjustment. Typically, you will create layers using a **geom\_** function, overriding the default position and stat if needed.

**geom\_abline()** **geom\_hline()**

Reference lines: horizontal, vertical, and diagonal

**geom\_vline()**

Bar charts

**geom\_bar()** **geom\_col()**

stat\_count()

**geom\_bin2d()** **stat\_bin\_2d()**

Heatmap of 2d bin counts

**geom\_blank()**

Draw nothing

**geom\_boxplot()** **stat\_boxplot()**

A box and whiskers plot (in the style of Tukey)

**geom\_contour()** **stat\_contour()**

2d contours of a 3d surface

**geom\_count()** **stat\_sum()**

Count overlapping points

**geom\_density()** **stat\_density()**

Smoothed density estimates

**geom\_density\_2d()**

Contours of a 2d density estimate

**stat\_density\_2d()**

**geom\_dotplot()**

Dot plot

**geom\_errorbarh()**

Horizontal error bars

**geom\_hex()** **stat\_bin\_hex()**

Hexagonal heatmap of 2d bin counts

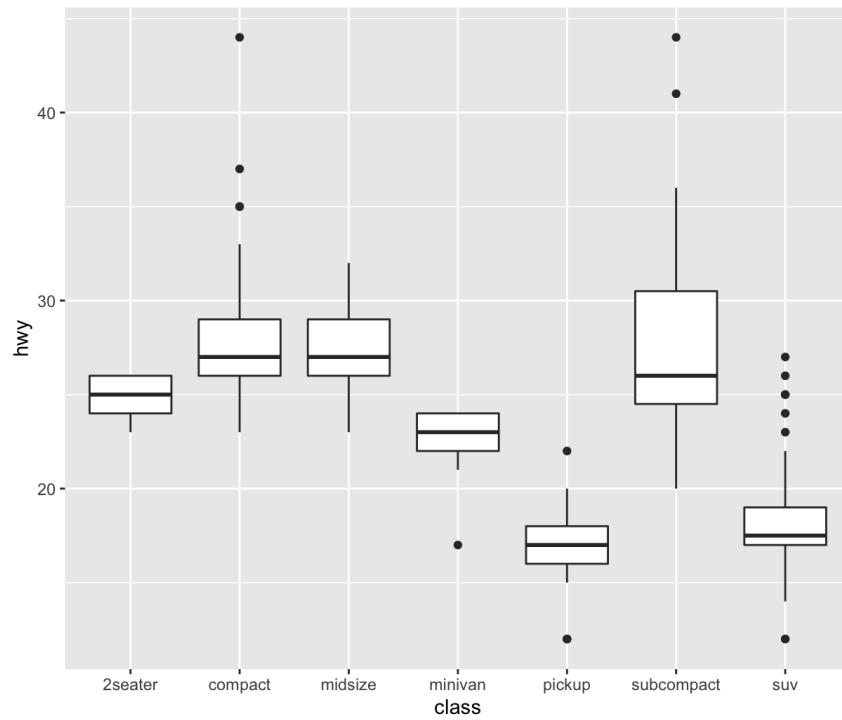
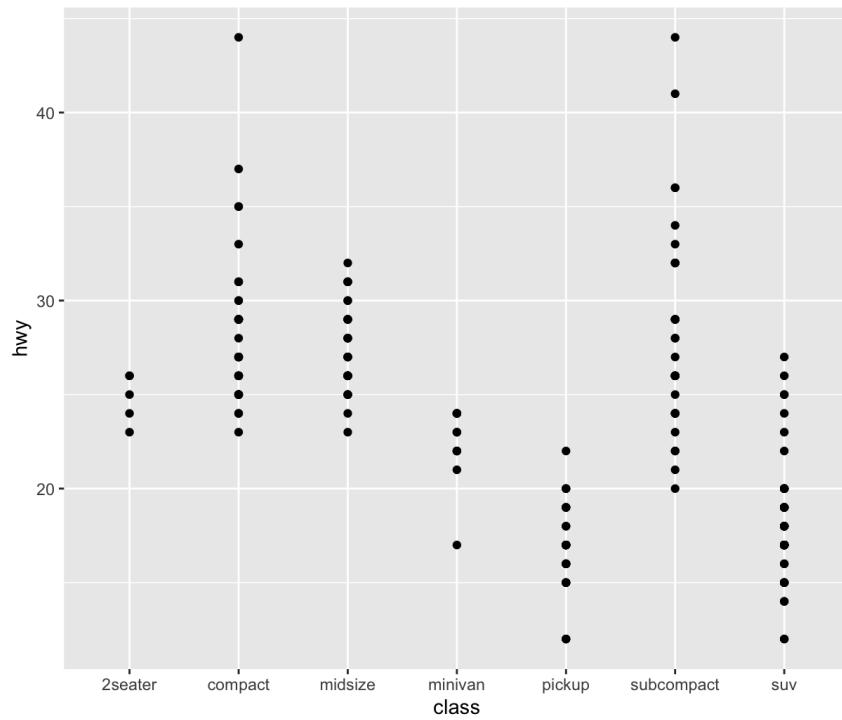
**geom\_freqpoly()** **geom\_histogram()**

Histograms and frequency polygons

**stat\_bin()**

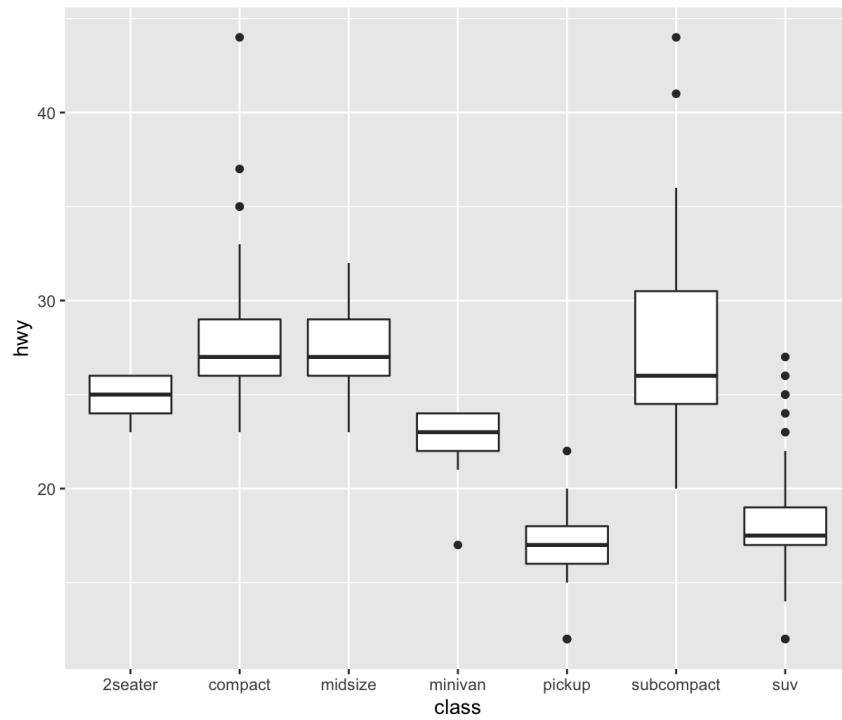
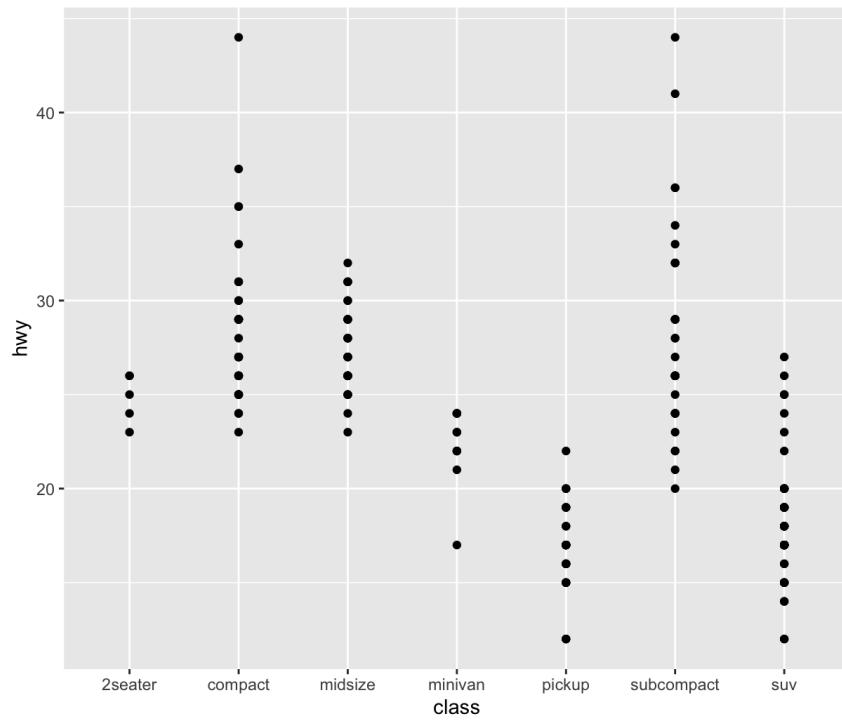
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With a partner, decide how to replace this scatterplot with boxplots. Use the cheatsheet.

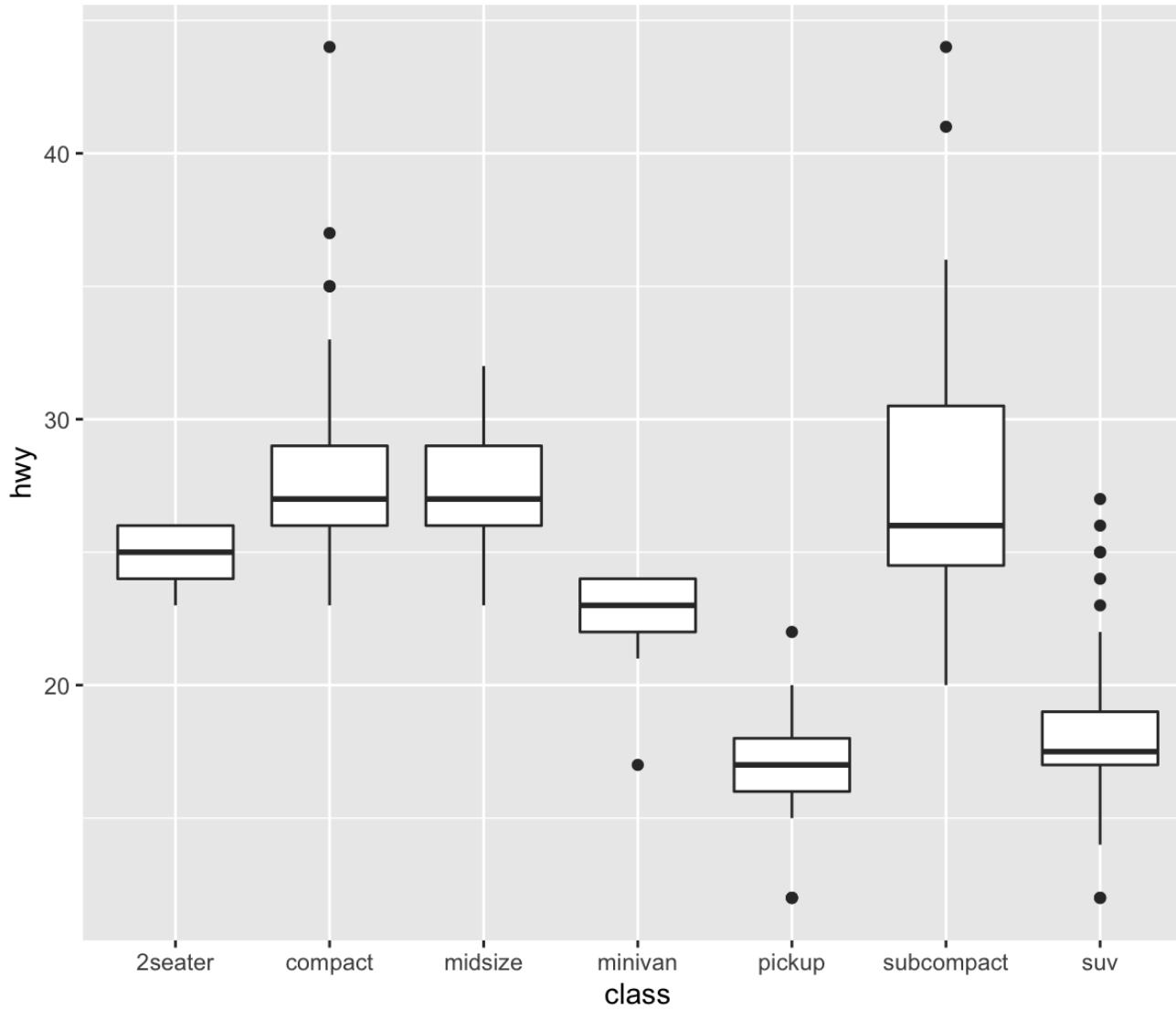


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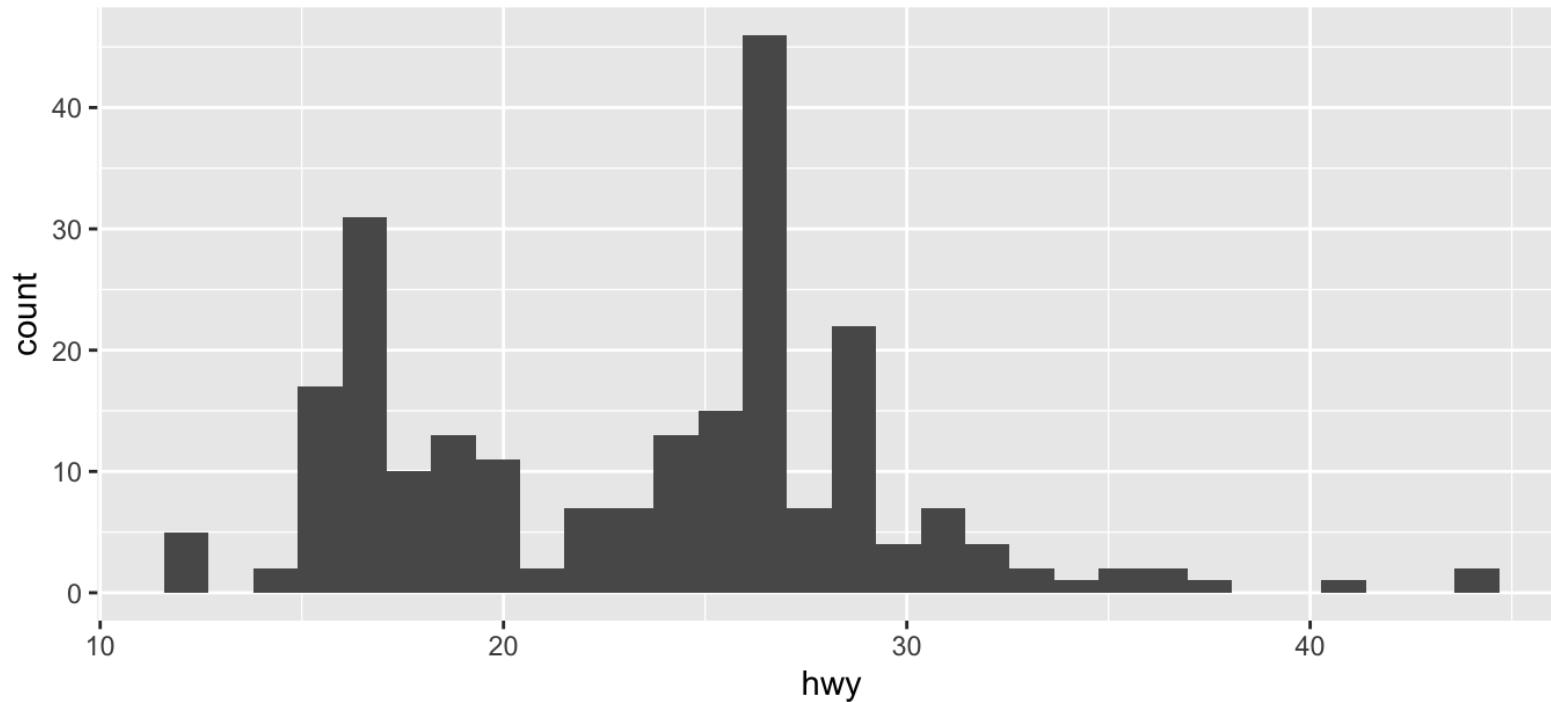
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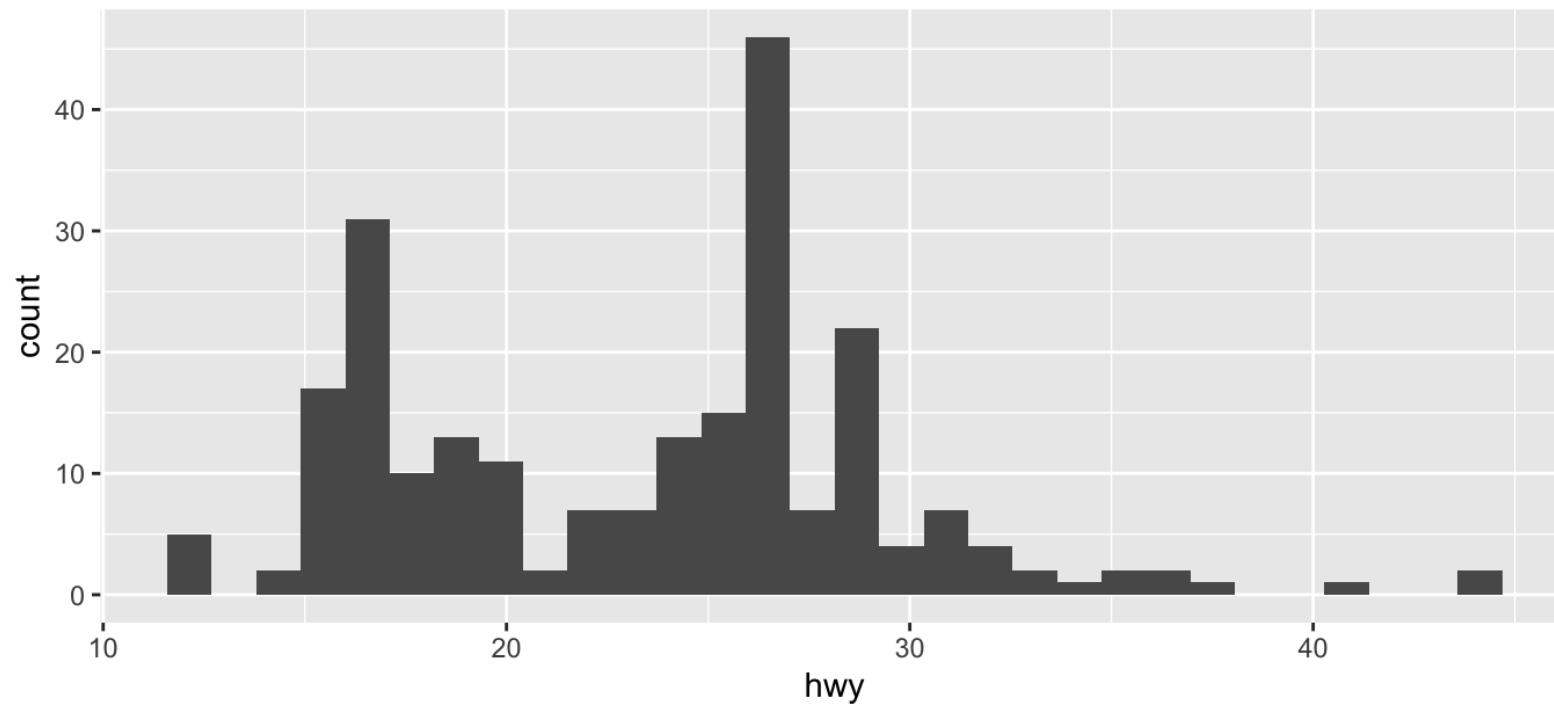
# Your turn (#4)

With a partner, make the histogram of hwy. Use the cheatsheet. Hint: don't supply a y variable.

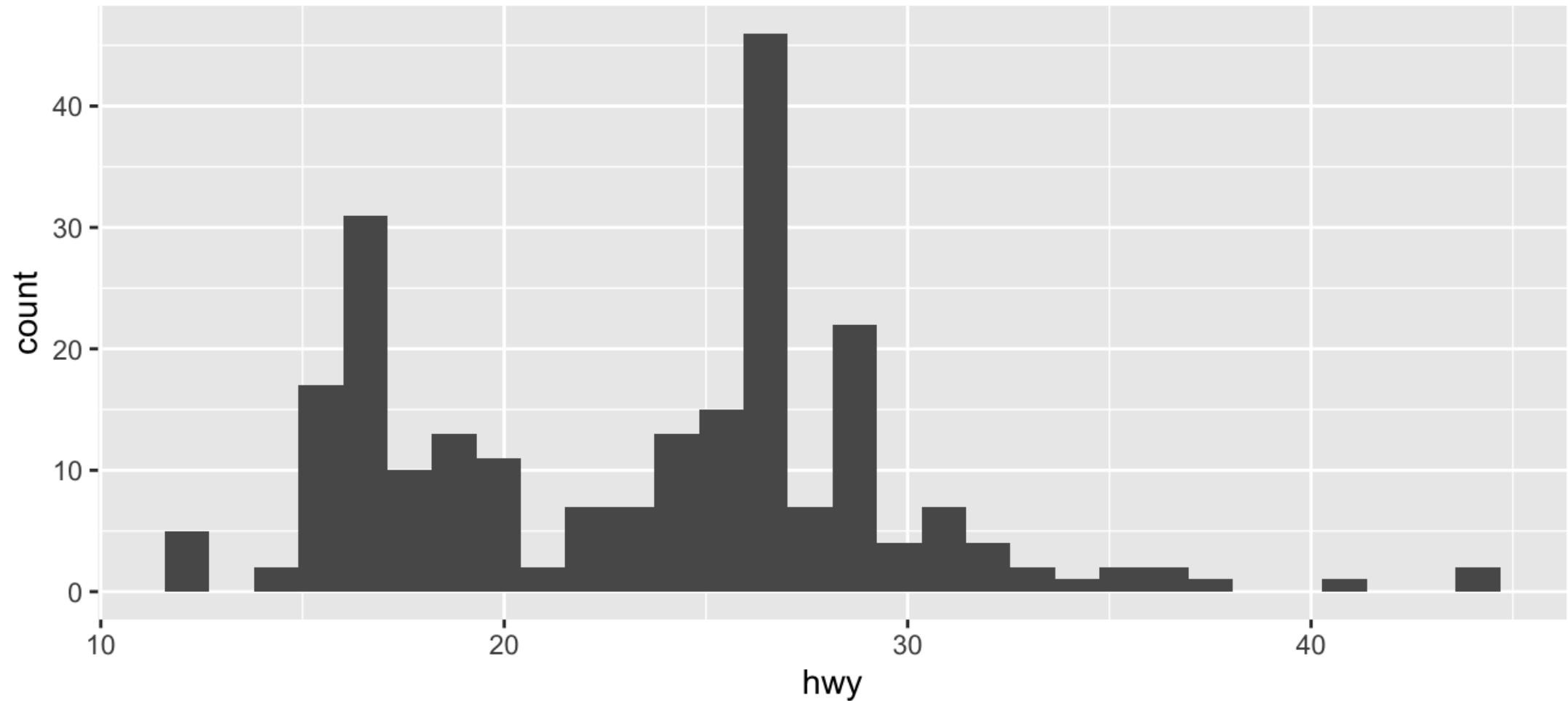


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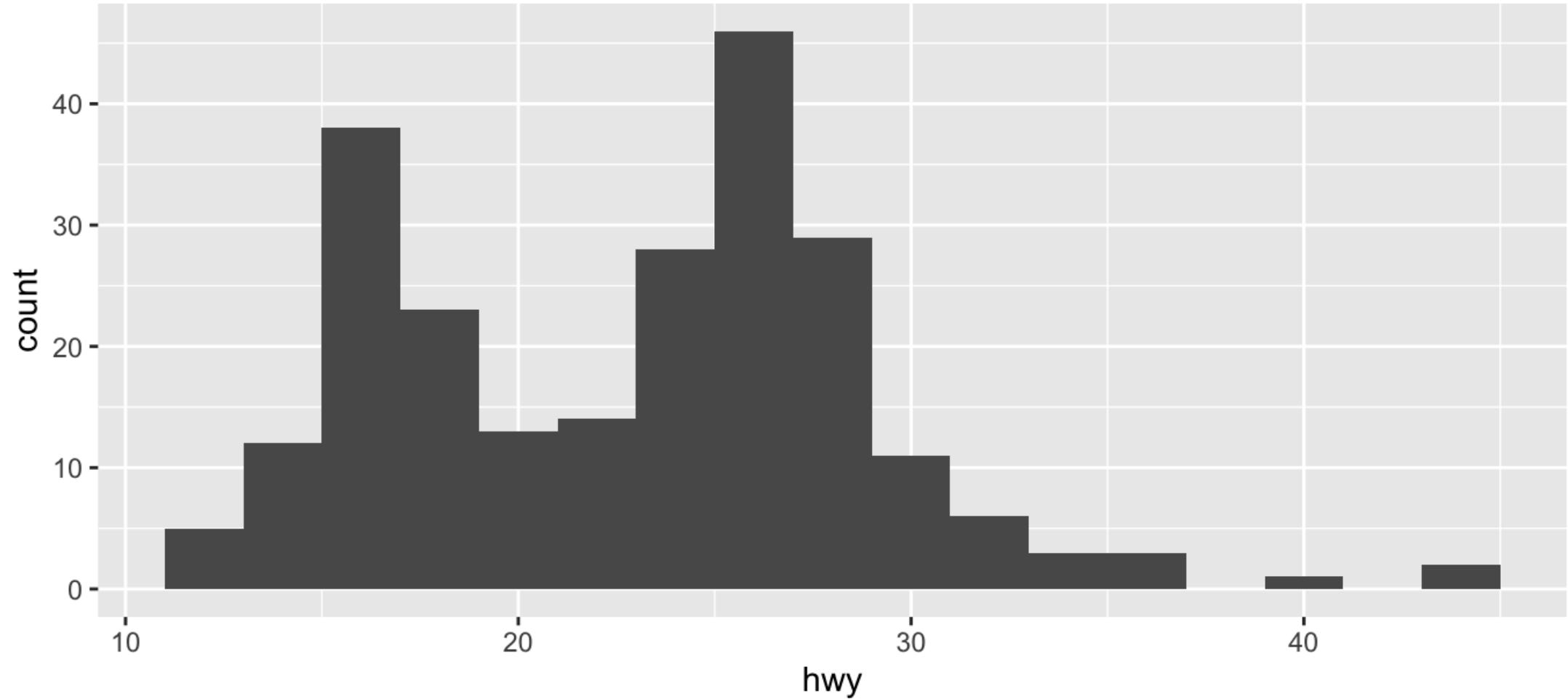
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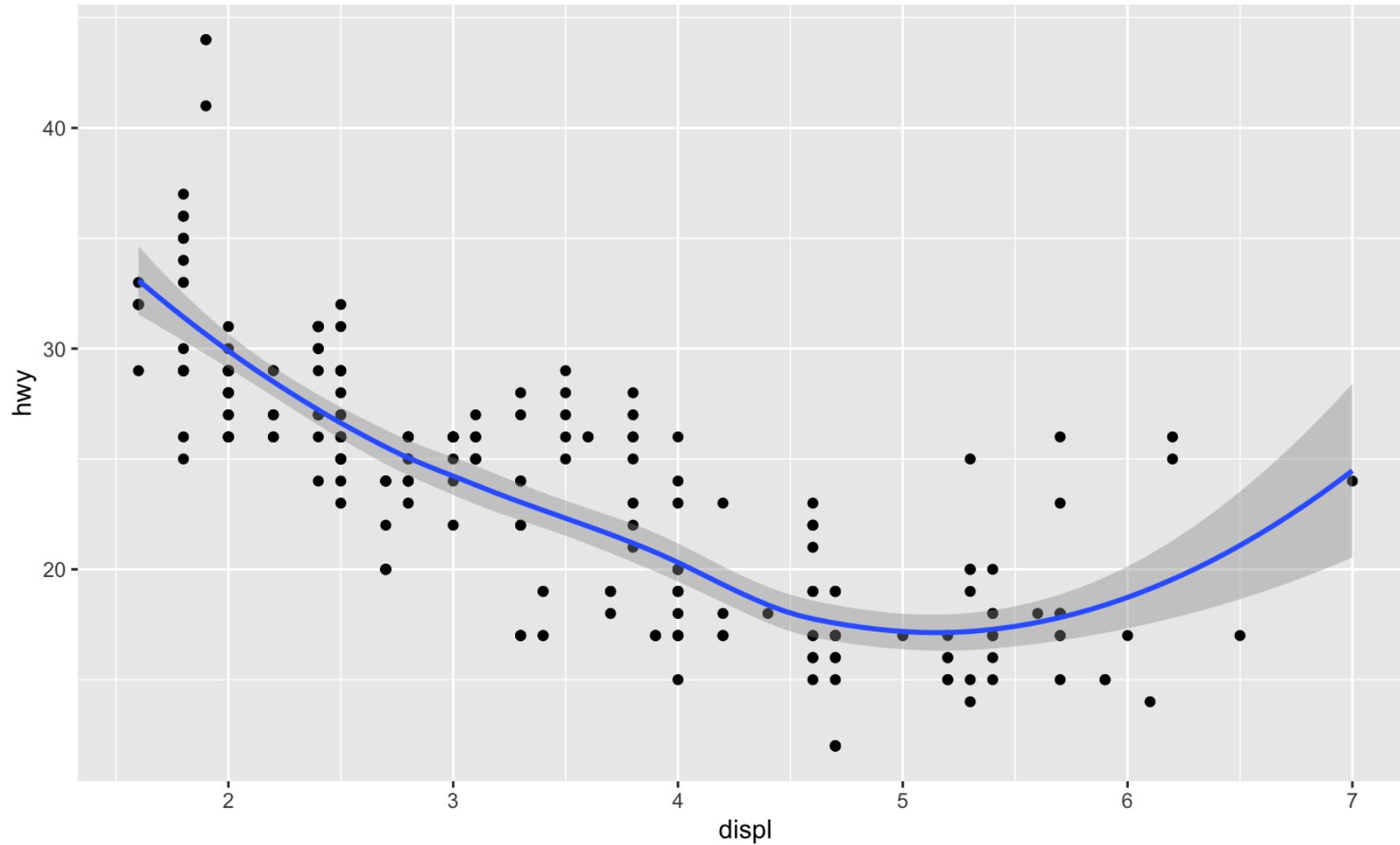


```
ggplot(data = mpg) +  
  geom_histogram(mapping = aes(x = hwy))
```



```
ggplot(data = mpg) +  
  geom_histogram(mapping = aes(x = hwy), binwidth = 2)
```

# Complex graphs!



# Your turn (#5)

**With a partner, predict what this code will do.  
Then run it.**

```
ggplot(data = mpg) +  
  geom_point(mapping = aes(x = displ, y = hwy)) +  
  geom_smooth(mapping = aes(x = displ, y = hwy))
```

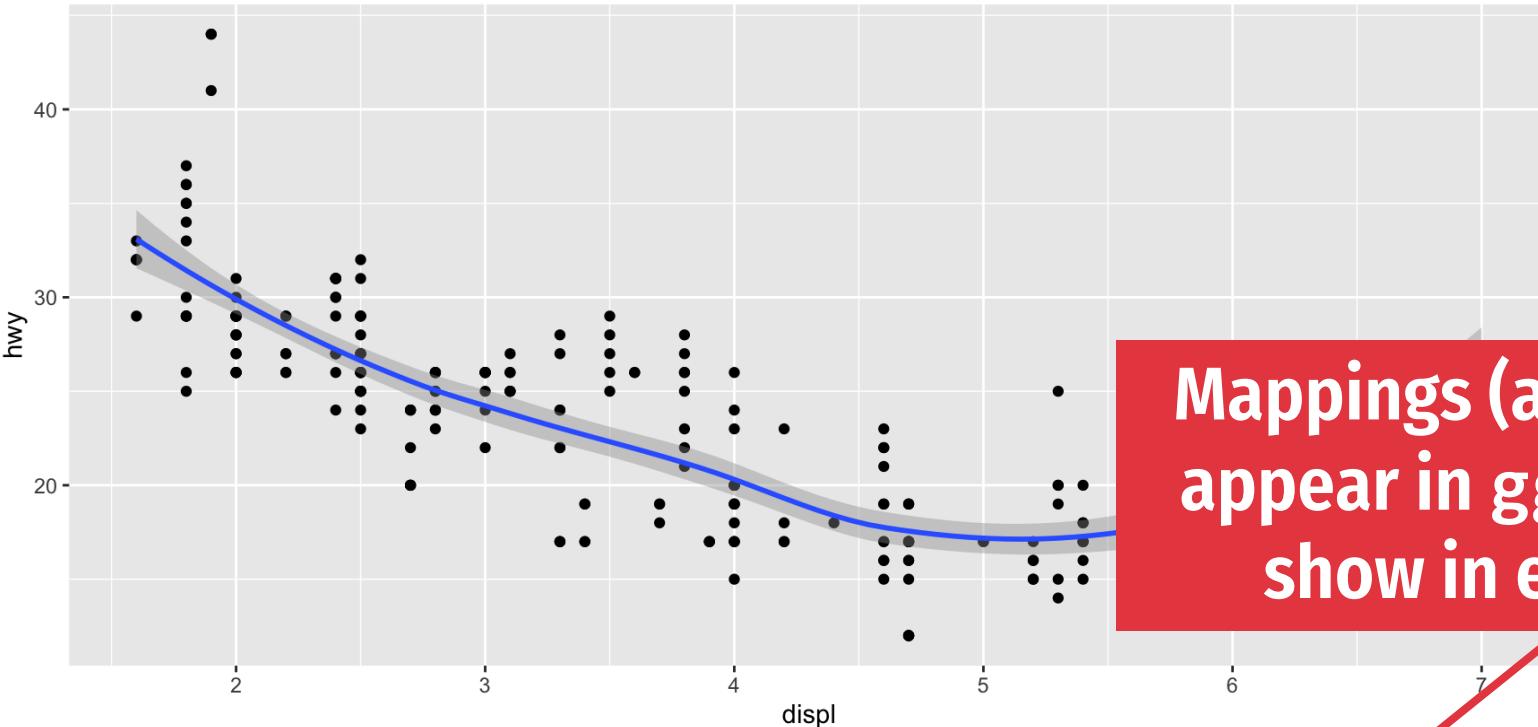
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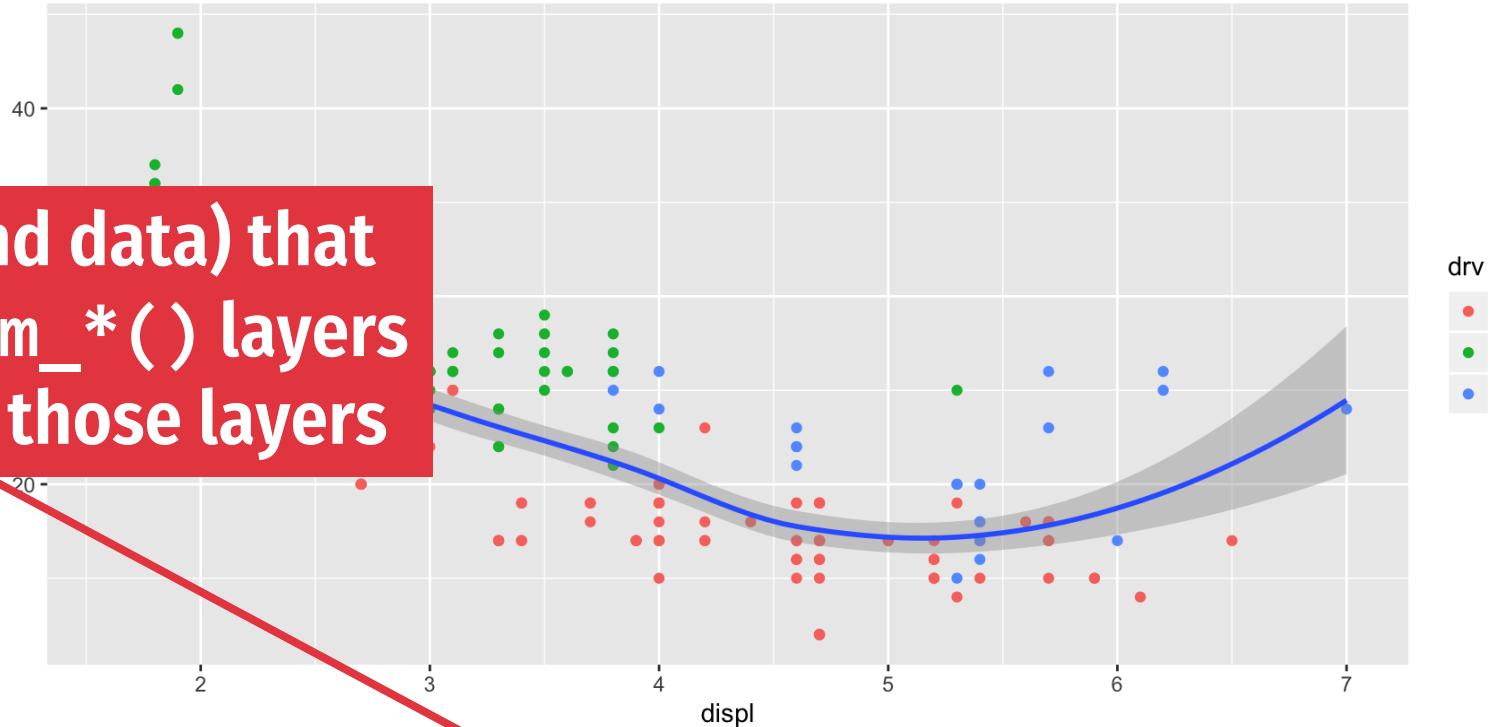
# Global vs. local



```
ggplot(data = mpg, mapping = aes(x = displ, y = hwy)) +  
  geom_point() +  
  geom_smooth()
```

# Global vs. local

Mappings (and data) that appear in `geom_*`() layers only apply to those layers



```
ggplot(data = mpg, mapping = aes(x = displ, y = hwy)) +  
  geom_point(mapping = aes(color = drv)) +  
  geom_smooth()
```

# Drawing lines

# Essential parts of regression

Y

~

X

(or lots of Xs)

Outcome variable

Explanatory variable

Response variable

Predictor variable

Dependent variable

Independent variable

Thing you want to  
explain or predict

Thing you use to  
explain changes in Y

# Identify variables

A study examines the effect of smoking on lung cancer

You want to see if students taking more AP classes in high school improves their college grades

Researchers predict genocides by looking at negative media coverage, revolutions in neighboring countries, and economic growth

Netflix uses your past viewing history, the day of the week, and the time of the day to guess which show you want to watch next

# Two purposes of regression

## Prediction

**Forecast the future**

**Focus is on Y**

Netflix trying to  
guess your next show

Predicting who will  
escape poverty

## Explanation

**Explain effect of X on Y**

**Focus is on X**

Netflix looking at the effect of  
time of day on show selection

Looking at the effect of food  
stamps on poverty reduction

# How?

Plot X and Y

Draw a line that approximates  
the relationship

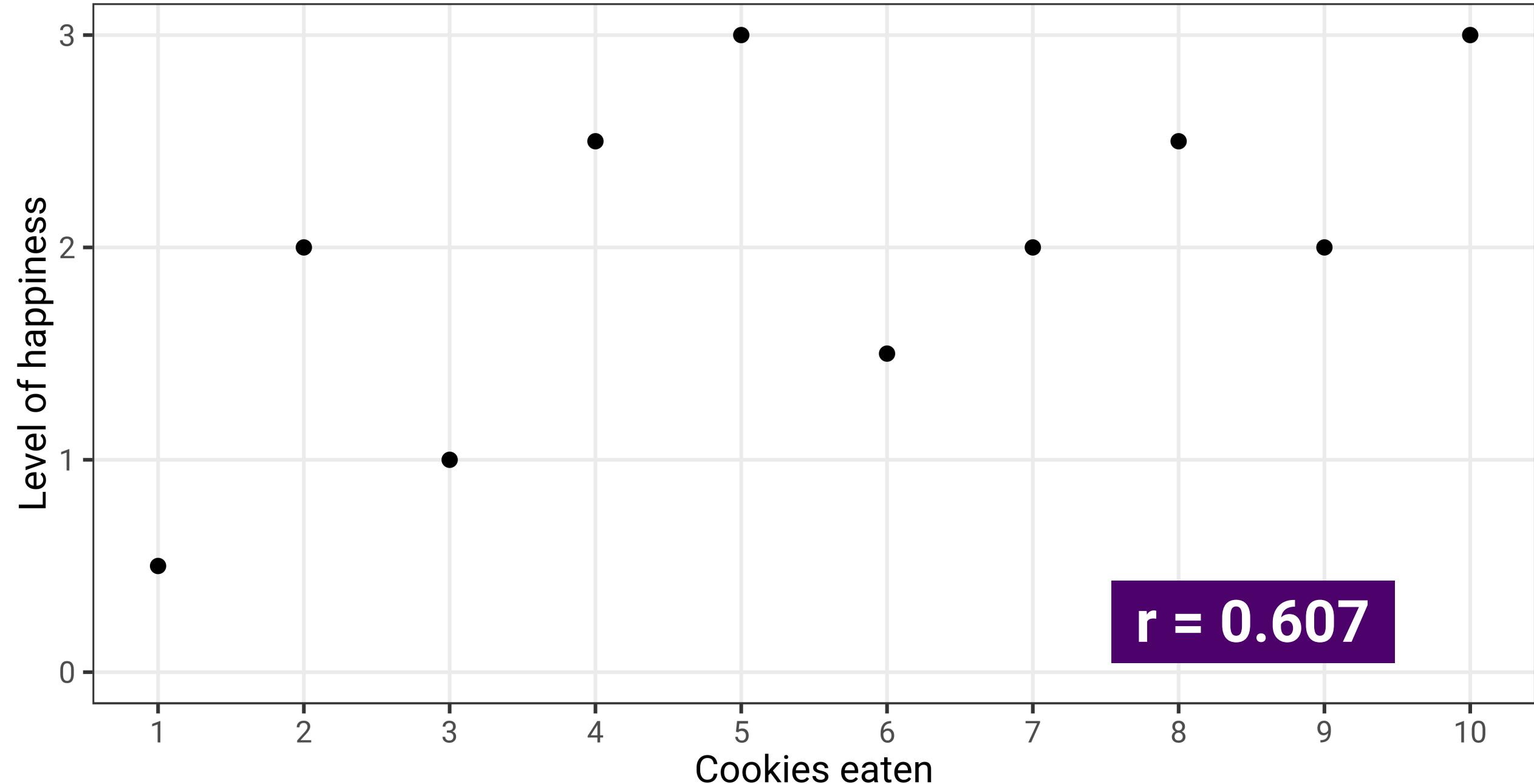
Find mathy parts of the line

Interpret the math

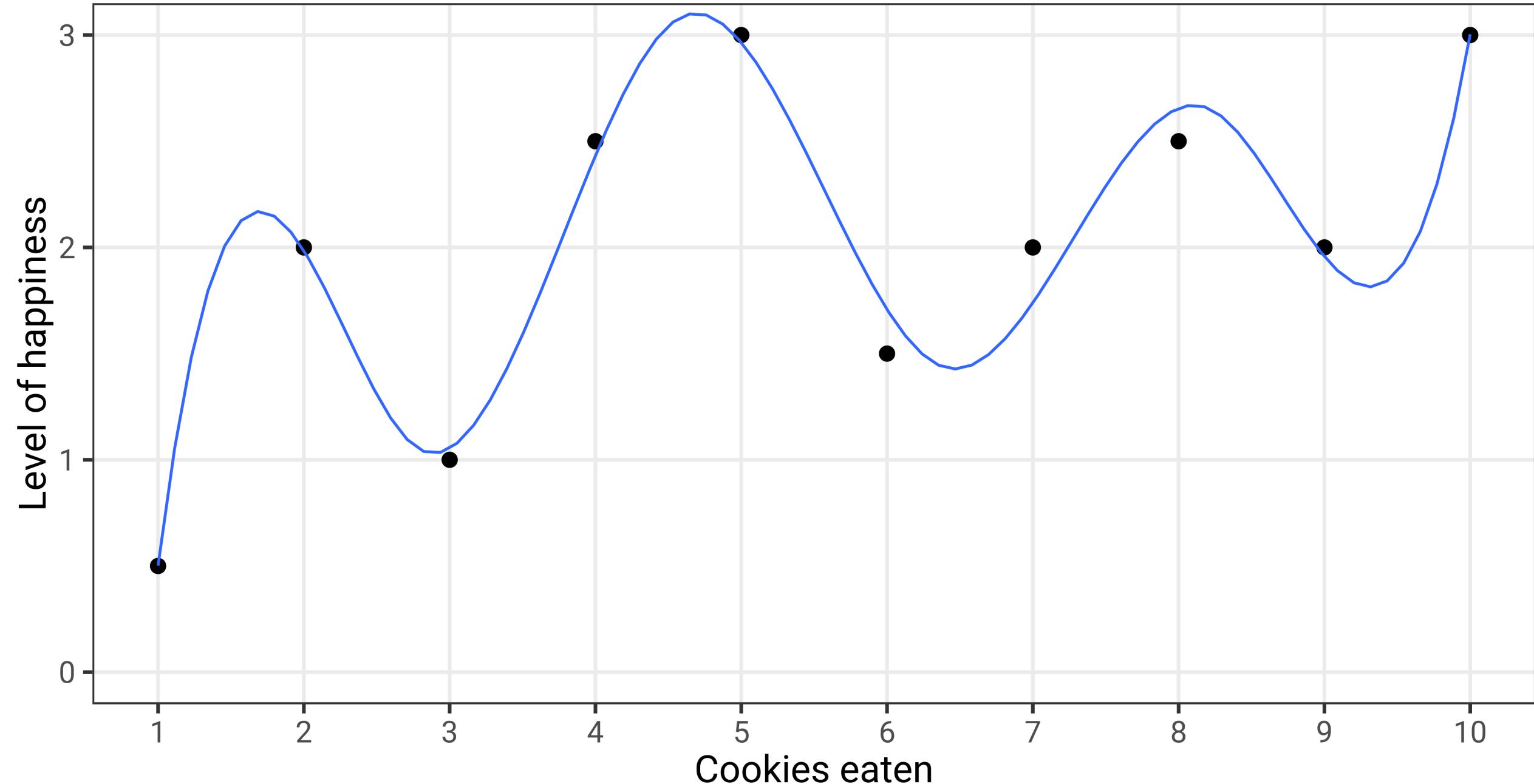
# Cookies and happiness

	<b>happiness</b>	<b>cookies</b>
<b>1</b>	0.5	1
<b>2</b>	2.0	2
<b>3</b>	1.0	3
<b>4</b>	2.5	4
<b>5</b>	3.0	5
<b>6</b>	1.5	6
<b>7</b>	2.0	7
<b>8</b>	2.5	8
<b>9</b>	2.0	9
<b>10</b>	3.0	10

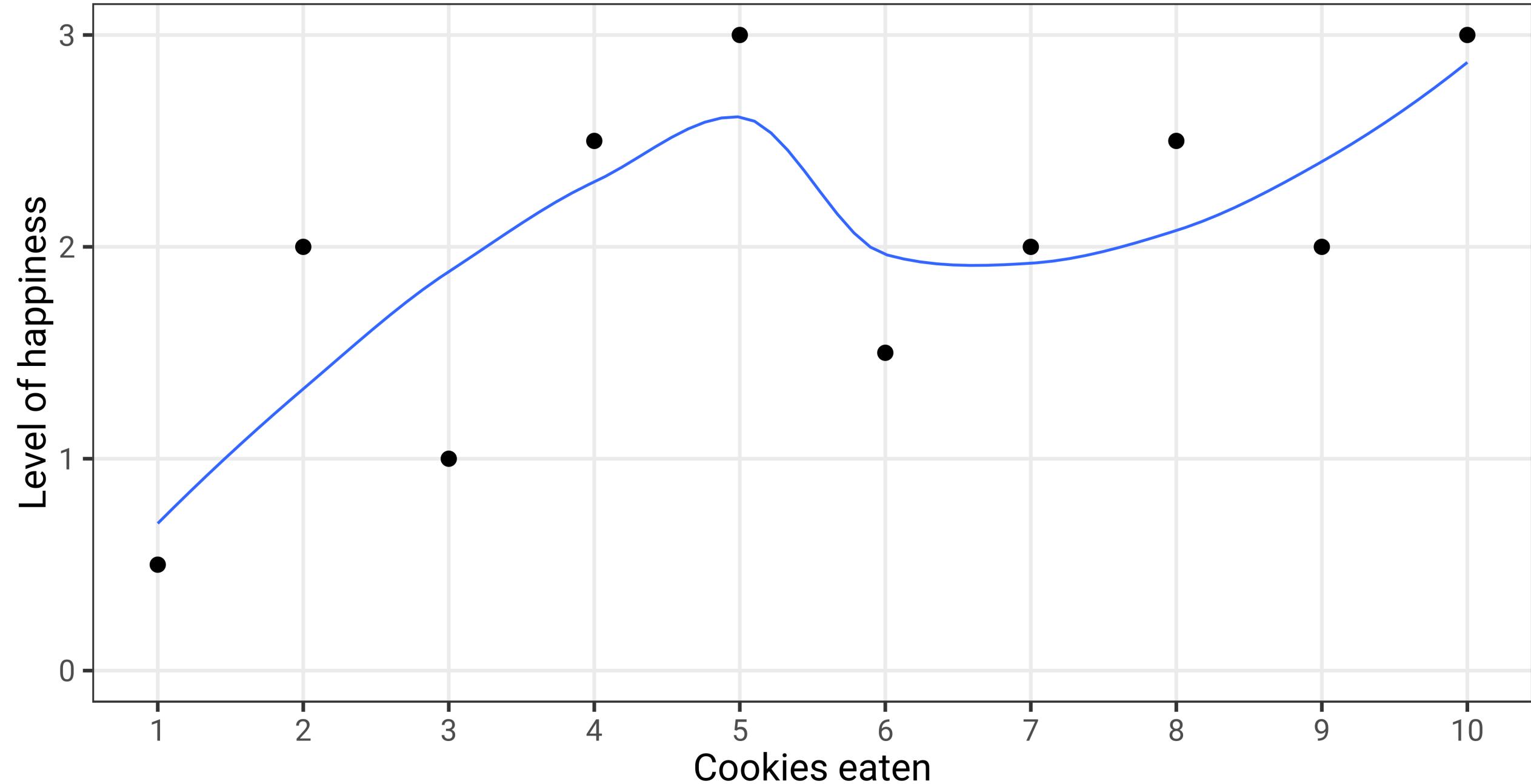
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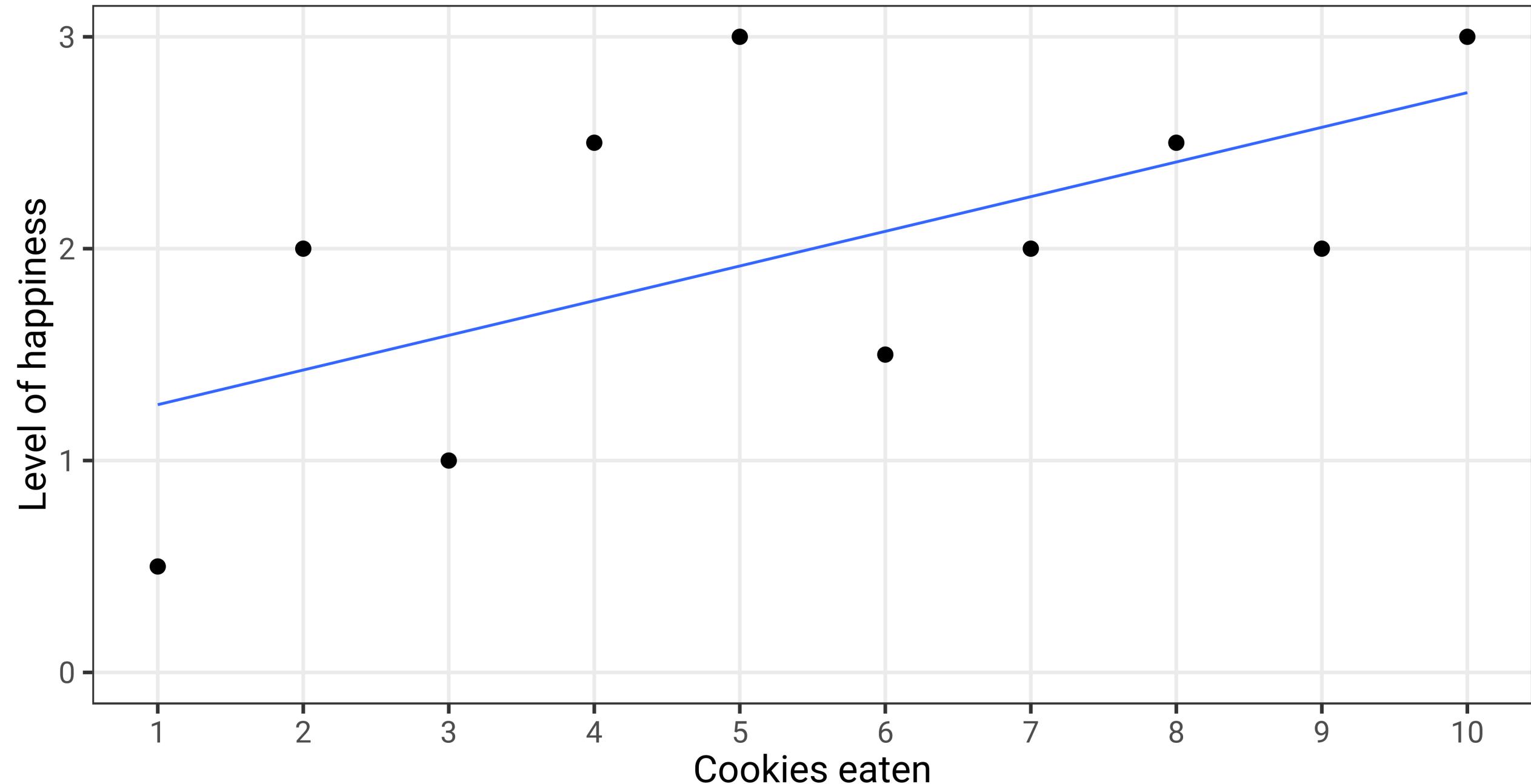
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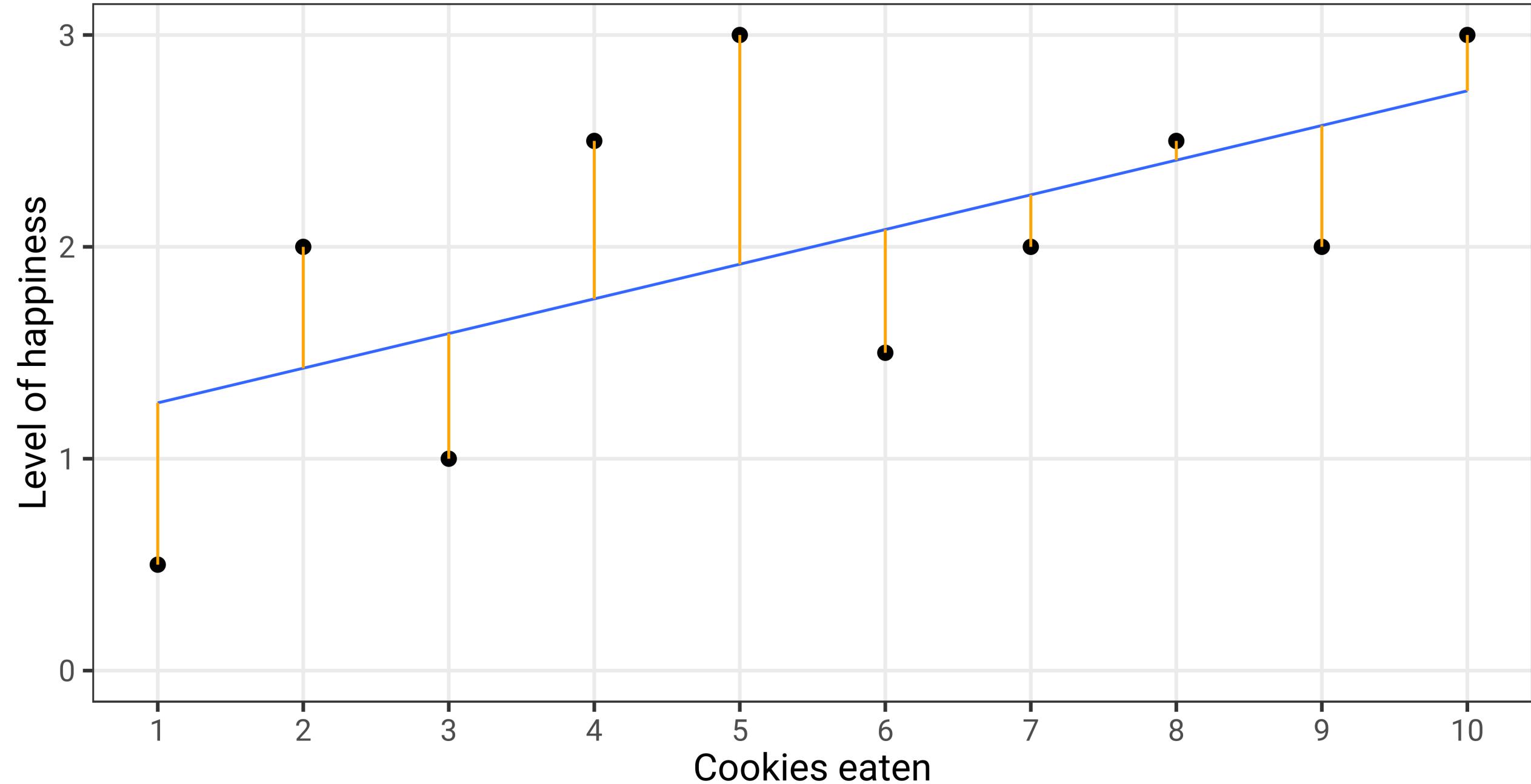
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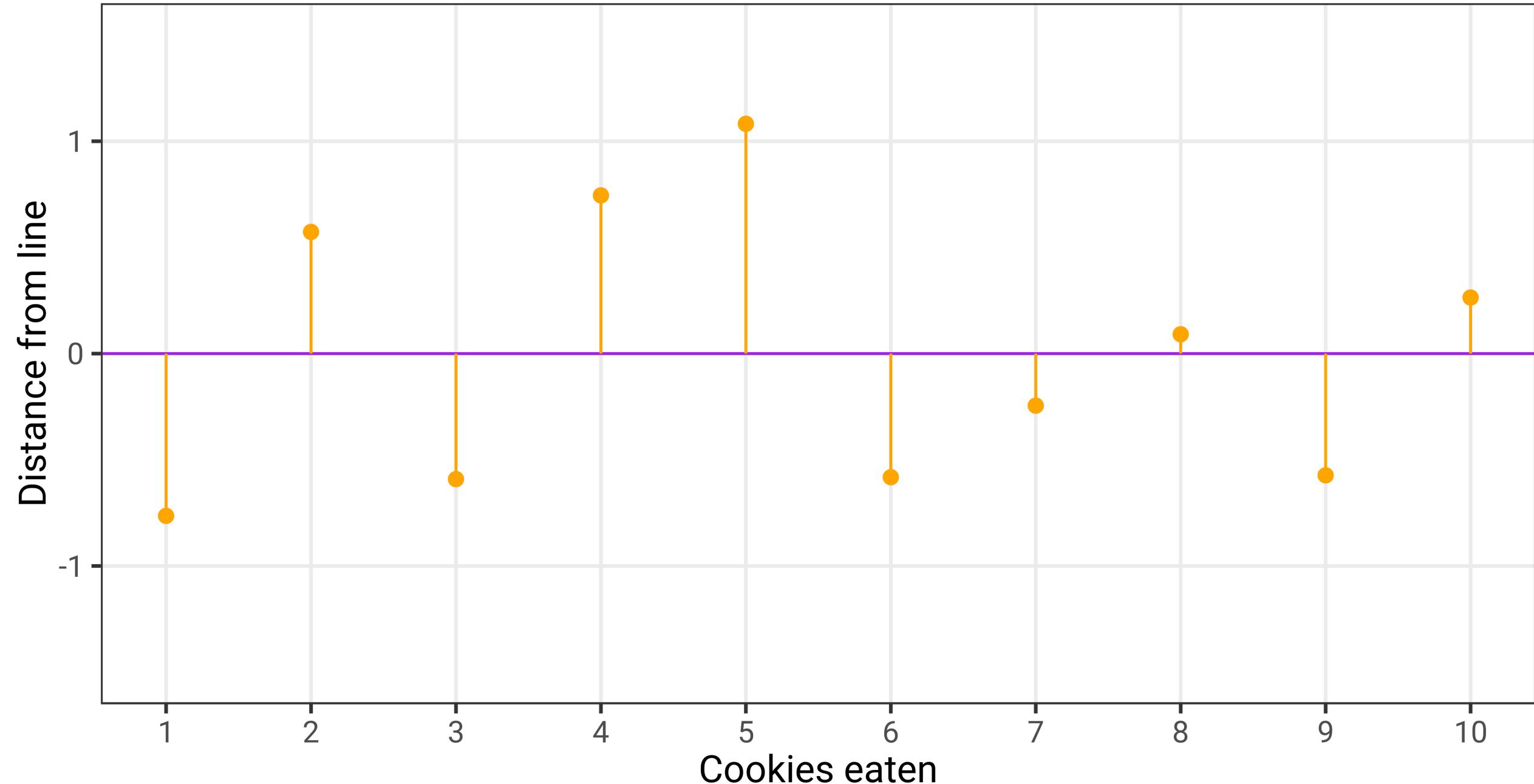
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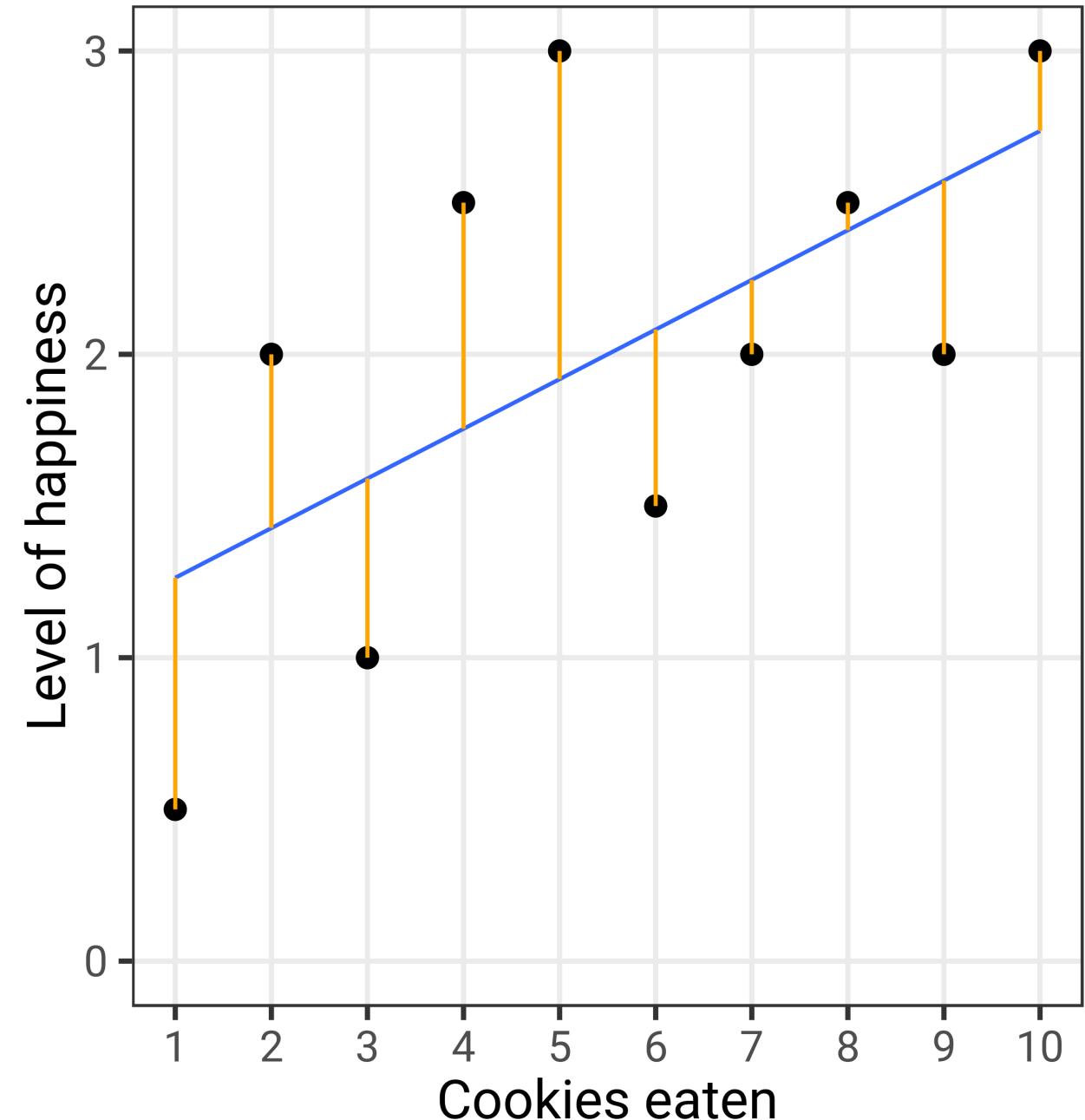
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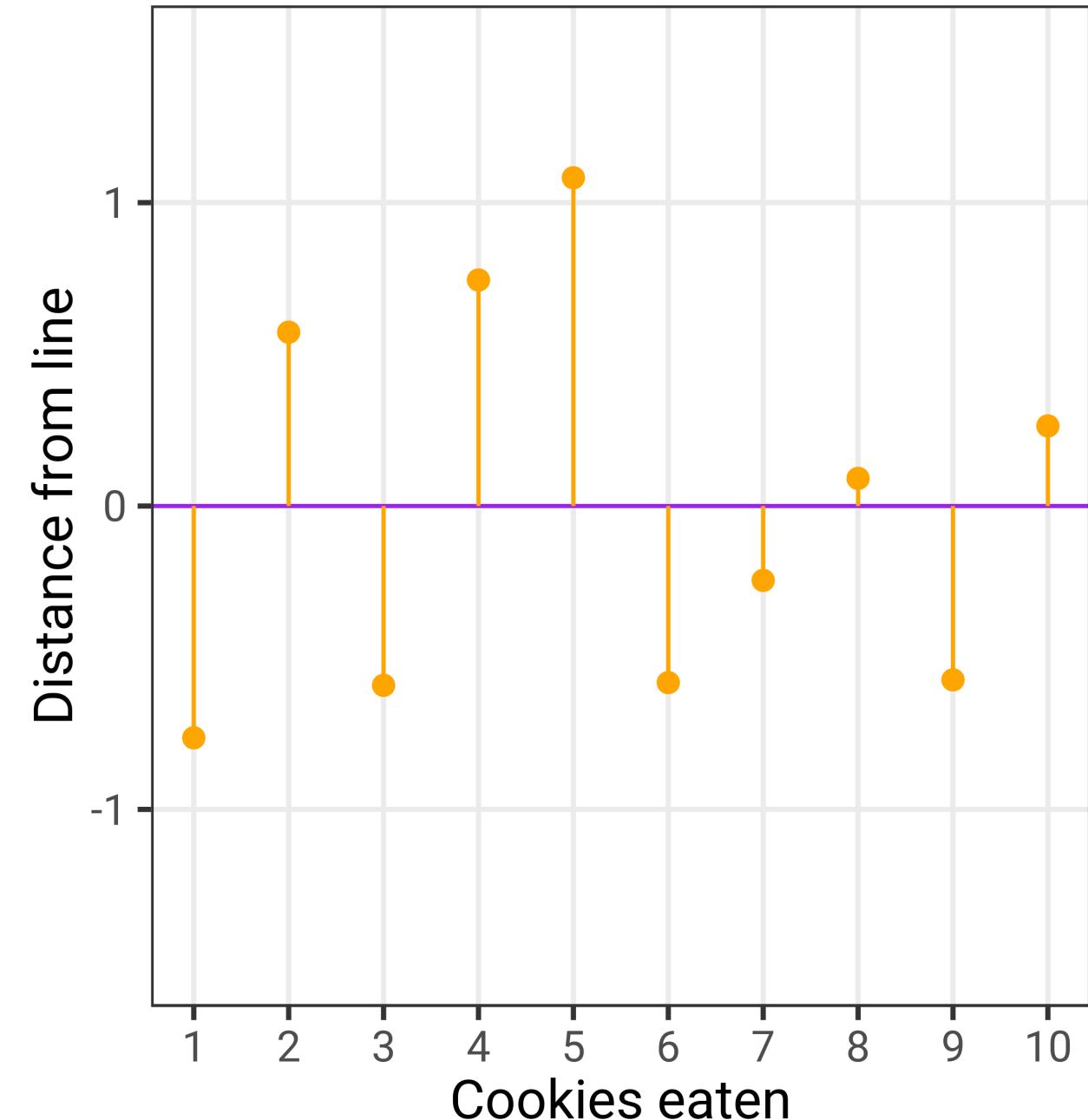
# Residual errors (distance from line)



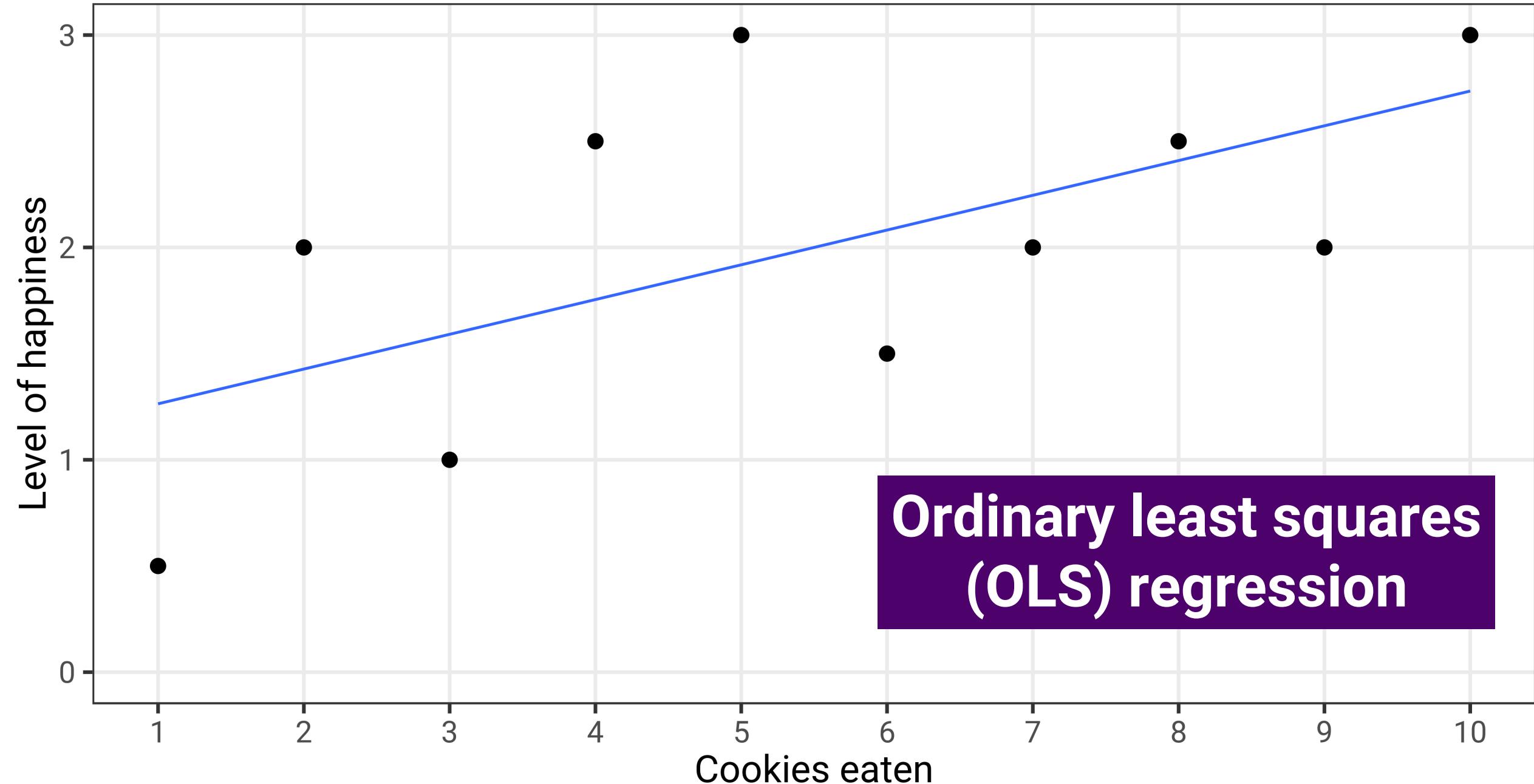
# Cookies and happiness



# Residual errors



# Relationship between cookies and happiness



Lines, Greek,  
and regression

# Drawing lines with math

$$y = mx + b$$

y

A number

x

A number

m

Slope

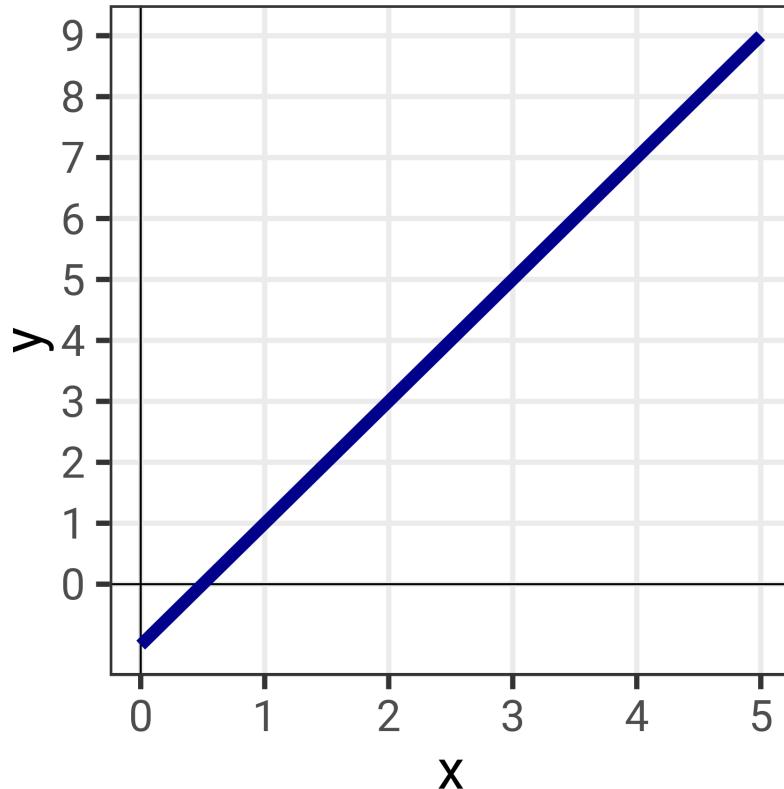
$\frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}}$

b

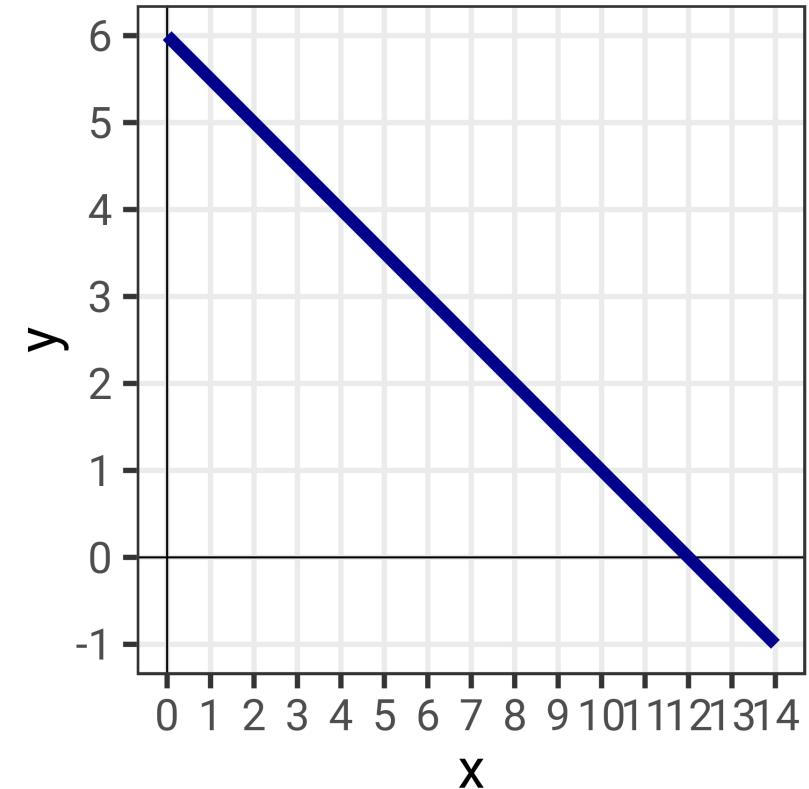
y intercept

# Slopes and intercepts

$$y = 2x - 1$$



$$y = -0.5x + 6$$



# Graph these

$$y = 5x + 2$$

$$y = 1 - x$$

$$y = -2x + 11$$

$$y = 6 - 2x$$

$$y = -1 + 0.33x$$

$$y = 0.75x - 3$$

# Drawing lines with stats

$$y = mx + b$$

$$\hat{y} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \varepsilon$$

y

$\hat{y}$

Outcome variable

x

$x_1$

Explanatory variable

m

$\beta_1$

Slope

b

$\beta_0$  ( $\alpha$ )

y-intercept

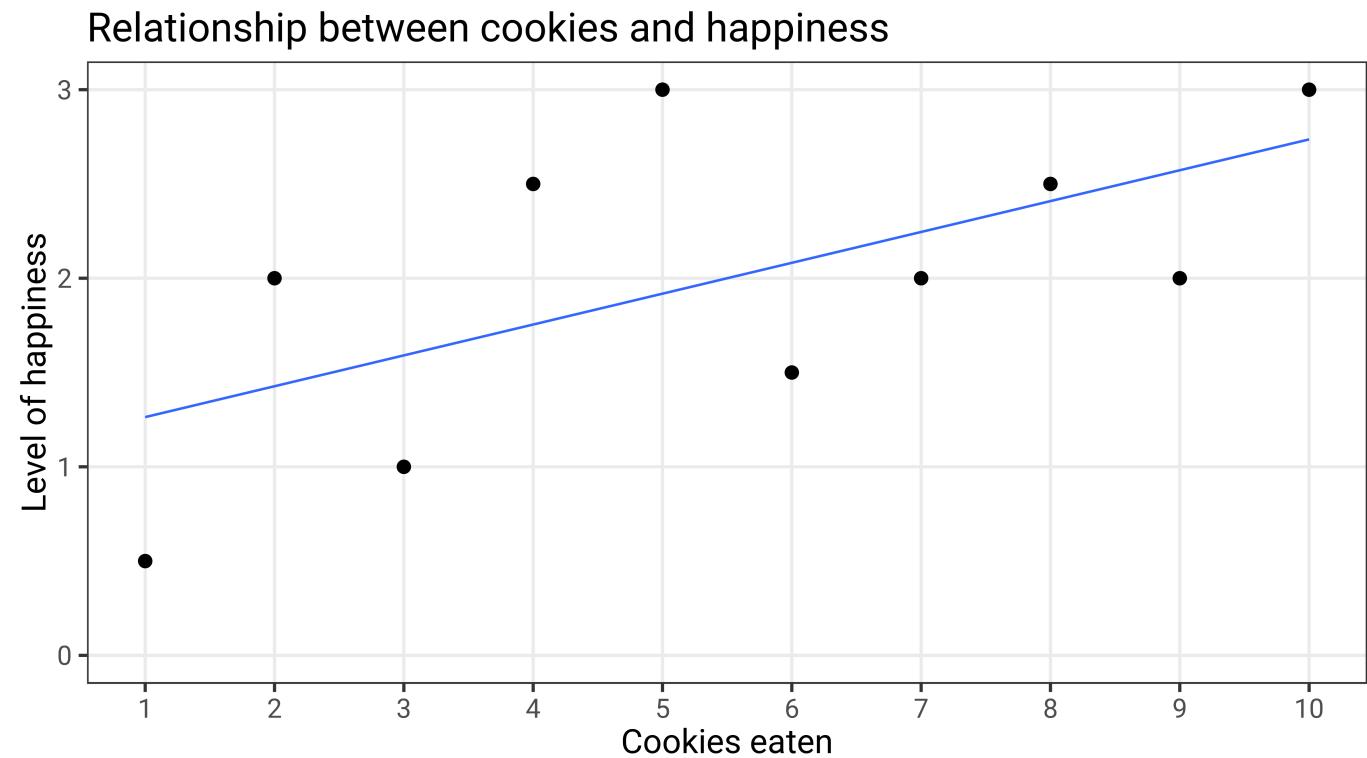
$\varepsilon$

Error (residuals)

# Modeling cookies and happiness

$$\hat{y} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \epsilon$$

$$\text{happiness} = \hat{y} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{cookies} + \epsilon$$



# OLS in R

```
name_of_model <- lm(<Y> ~ <X>, data = <DATA>)

summary(name_of_model)
tidy(name_of_model)
glance(name_of_model)
```

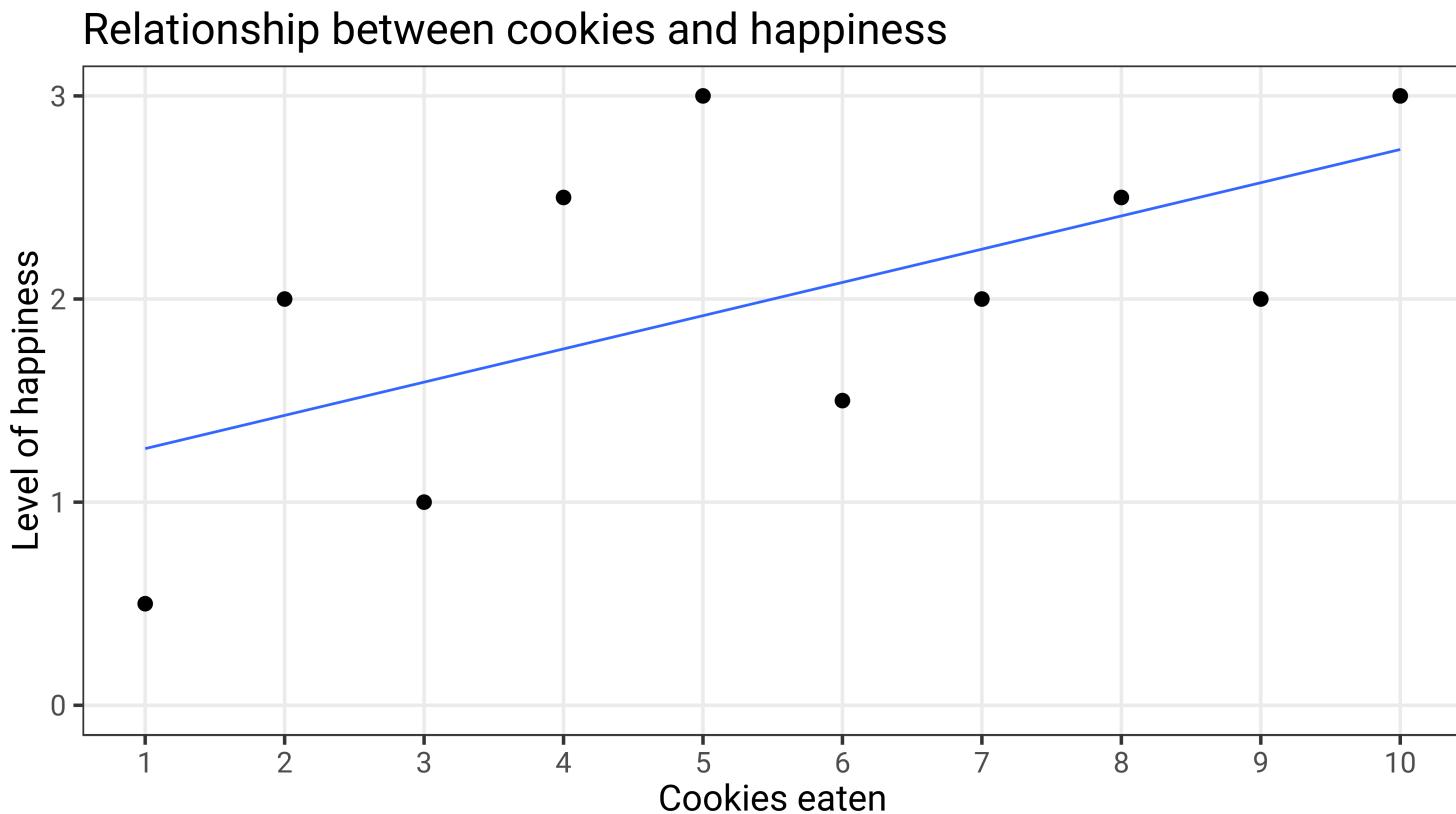
# Modeling cookies and happiness

```
cookies_model <- lm(happiness ~ cookies,  
                      data = cookies_data)  
  
tidy(cookies_model, conf.int = TRUE)
```

```
# A tibble: 2 x 7  
  term      estimate std_error statistic p_value lower_ci upper_ci  
  <chr>     <dbl>     <dbl>     <dbl>    <dbl>    <dbl>    <dbl>  
1 intercept  1.1       0.47      2.34    0.047    0.016   2.18  
2 cookies    0.164     0.076     2.16    0.063   -0.011   0.338
```

$$\hat{\text{happiness}} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{cookies} + \epsilon$$

$$\hat{\text{happiness}} = 1.1 + (0.164 \times \text{cookies}) + \epsilon$$



term	estimate	std_error	statistic	p_value	lower_ci	upper_ci
intercept	1.1	0.47	2.339	0.047	0.016	2.184
cookies	0.164	0.076	2.159	0.063	-0.011	0.338

# Template for continuous variables

A one unit increase in X is  
*associated* with a  $\beta_1$  increase  
(or decrease) in Y, on average

$$\text{happiness} = 1.1 + (0.164 \times \text{cookies}) + \epsilon$$

# Econometric equations

$$\ln Y_i = \alpha + \beta P_i + \gamma A_i + \delta_1 SAT_i + \delta_2 PI_i + \varepsilon_i$$

$Y$ : Income

$\beta$ : Treatment

$\gamma$ : Identification

$\alpha$ : Intercept

$P$ : Private school

$A$ : Group A

$\delta_1$  and  $\delta_2$ :  
Coefficients for  
control variables

$PI$ : Parental income

$\varepsilon$ : Error

$SAT$ : SAT score

# These are all the same!

$$\ln Y_i = \alpha + \beta P_i + \gamma A_i + \delta_1 SAT_i + \delta_2 PI_i + \varepsilon_i$$

$$\ln Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 P + \beta_2 A + \beta_3 SAT + \beta_4 PI + \varepsilon$$

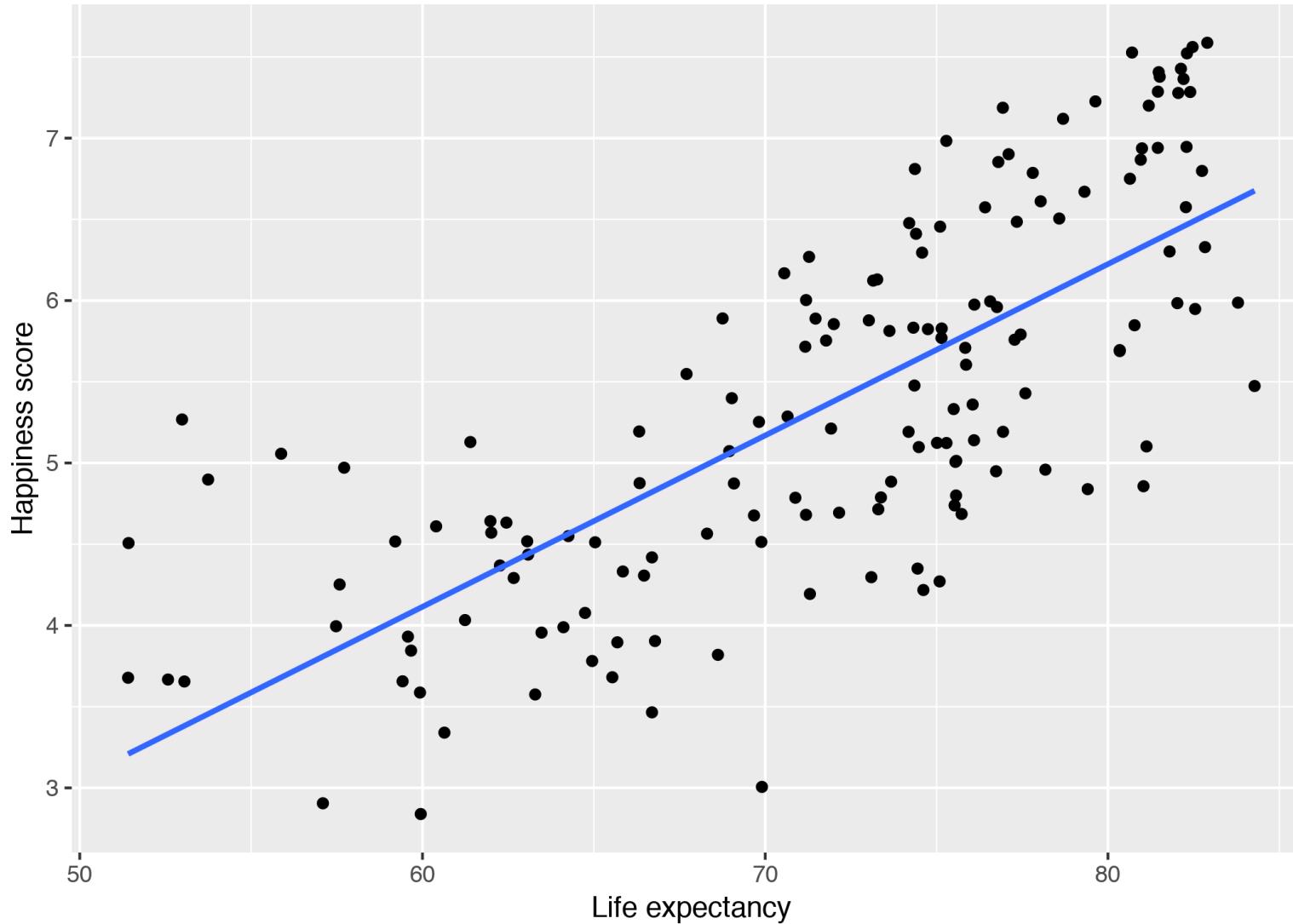
$$\ln Y = \alpha + \beta_1 P + \beta_2 A + \beta_3 SAT + \beta_4 PI + \varepsilon$$

$$\ln \text{Income} = \alpha + \beta_1 \text{Private} + \beta_2 \text{Group A} + \beta_3 \text{SAT score} + \beta_4 \text{Parental income} + \varepsilon$$

```
lm(log(income) ~ private + group_a + sat +  
parental_income, data = income_data)
```

# Multiple regression

# World happiness



```

model1 <- lm(happiness_score ~ life_expectancy,
              data = world_happiness)
tidy(model1)

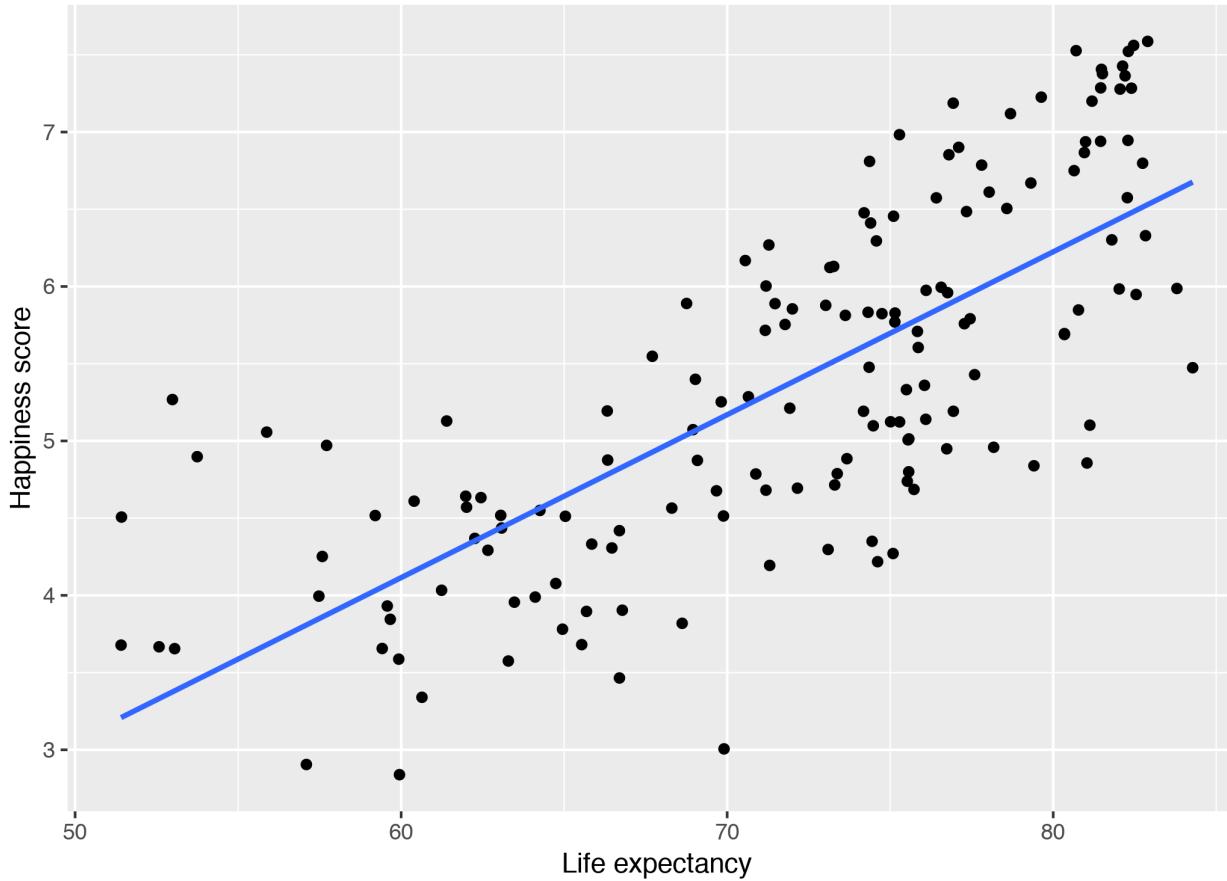
```

term	estimate	std_error	statistic	p_value	lower_ci	upper_ci
intercept	-2.215	0.556	-3.983	0	-3.313	-1.116
life_expectancy	0.105	0.008	13.73	0	0.09	0.121

$$\hat{\text{happiness}} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{life expectancy} + \epsilon$$

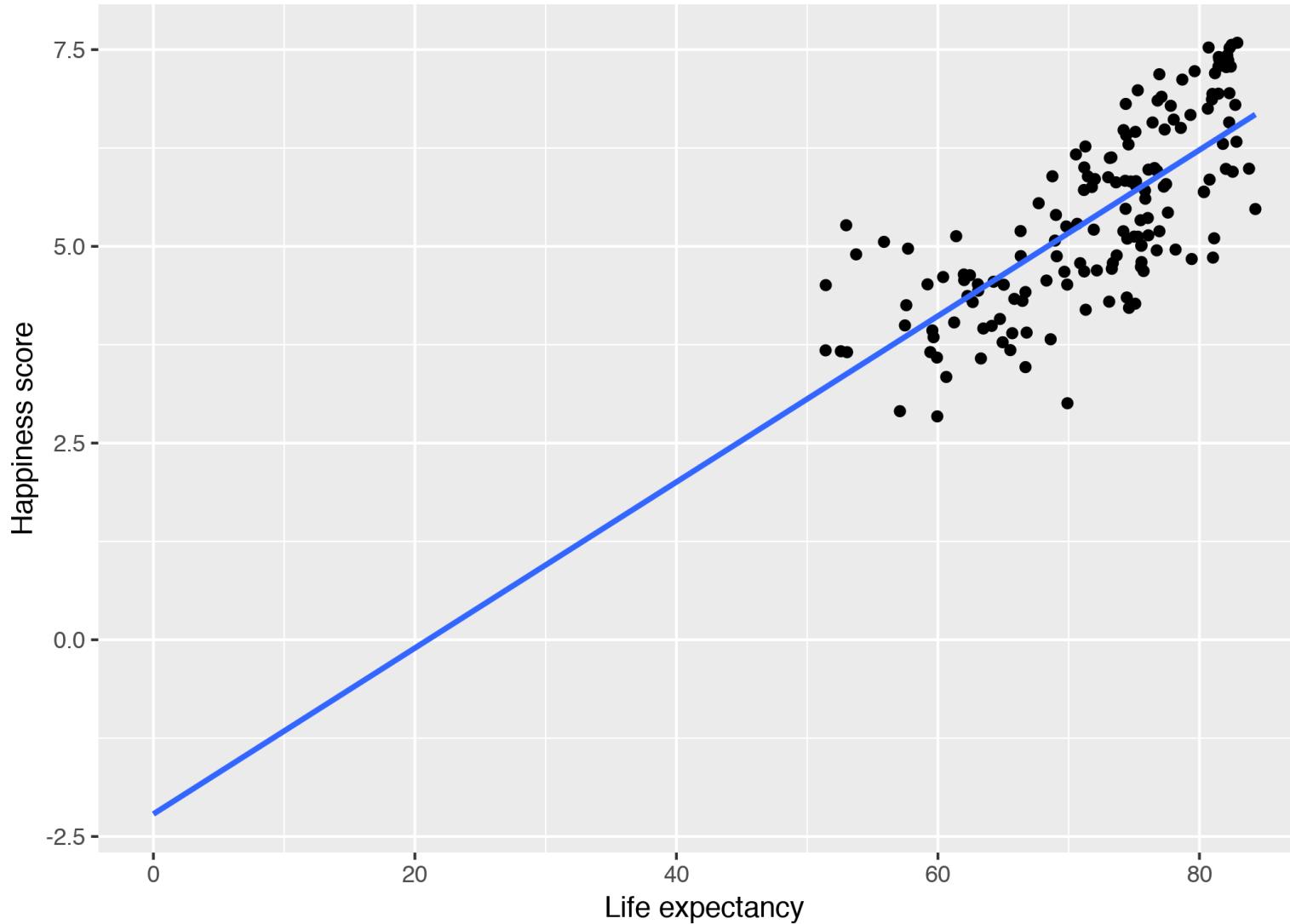
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# World happiness



# Variable types

**Numeric variables**

(Continuous)

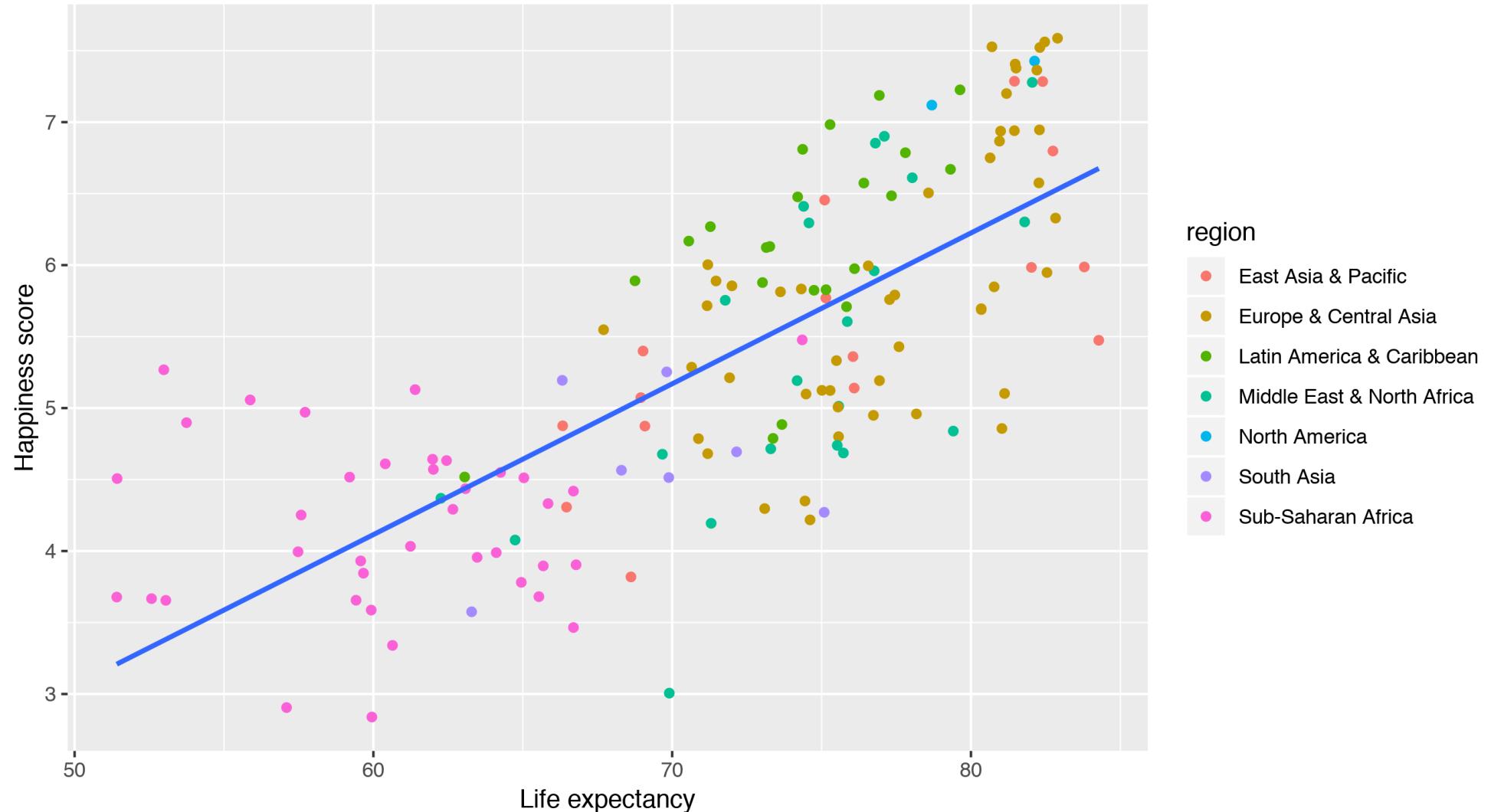
**Numbers**

**Categorical variables**

(Factors)

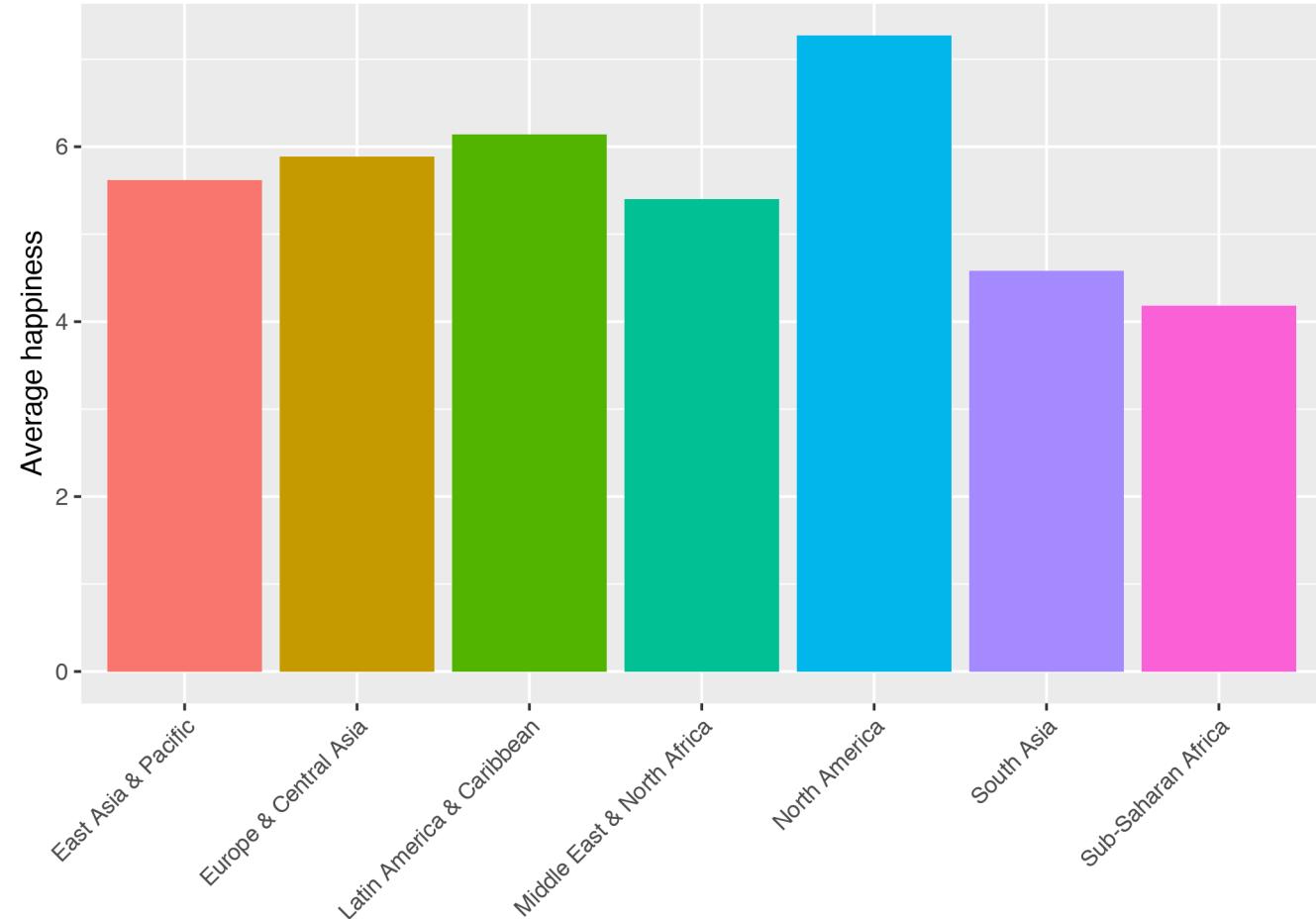
**Not numbers**

# Life expectancy isn't the full story



# Regional differences

region	avg
East Asia & Pacific	5.618
Europe & Central Asia	5.889
Latin America & Caribbean	6.145
Middle East & North Africa	5.404
North America	7.273
South Asia	4.581
Sub-Saharan Africa	4.181



```
model2 <- lm(happiness_score ~ region, data = world_happiness)
```

term	estimate	std_error	statistic	p_value
intercept	5.618	0.217	25.84	0
regionEurope & Central Asia	0.271	0.25	1.084	0.28
regionLatin America & Caribbean	0.527	0.286	1.844	0.067
regionMiddle East & North Africa	-0.214	0.289	-0.742	0.459
regionNorth America	1.655	0.652	2.538	0.012
regionSouth Asia	-1.037	0.394	-2.631	0.009
regionSub-Saharan Africa	-1.437	0.259	-5.544	0

$$\hat{\text{happiness}} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{Europe} + \beta_2 \text{Latin America} + \beta_3 \text{MENA} + \beta_4 \text{North America} + \beta_5 \text{South Asia} + \beta_6 \text{Sub-Saharan Africa} + \epsilon$$

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# Happiness in East Asia

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$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\text{happiness}} = & 5.618 + (0.271 \times 0) + (0.527 \times 0) + \\& (-0.214 \times 0) + (1.655 \times 0) + \\& (-1.037 \times 0) + (-1.437 \times 0) + \epsilon\end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{\text{happiness}} = 5.618$$

# Happiness in Europe

$$\hat{\text{happiness}} = 5.618 + (0.271 \times \text{Europe}) + (0.527 \times \text{Latin America}) + \\ (-0.214 \times \text{MENA}) + (1.655 \times \text{North America}) + \\ (-1.037 \times \text{South Asia}) + (-1.437 \times \text{Sub-Saharan Africa}) + \epsilon$$

$$\hat{\text{happiness}} = 5.618 + (0.271 \times 1) + (0.527 \times 0) + \\ (-0.214 \times 0) + (1.655 \times 0) + \\ (-1.037 \times 0) + (-1.437 \times 0) + \epsilon$$

$$\hat{\text{happiness}} = 5.618 + (0.271 \times 1) \\ = 5.889$$

# Regression coefficients

term	estimate
intercept	5.618
regionEurope & Central Asia	0.271
regionLatin America & Caribbean	0.527
regionMiddle East & North Africa	-0.214
regionNorth America	1.655
regionSouth Asia	-1.037
regionSub-Saharan Africa	-1.437

# Averages

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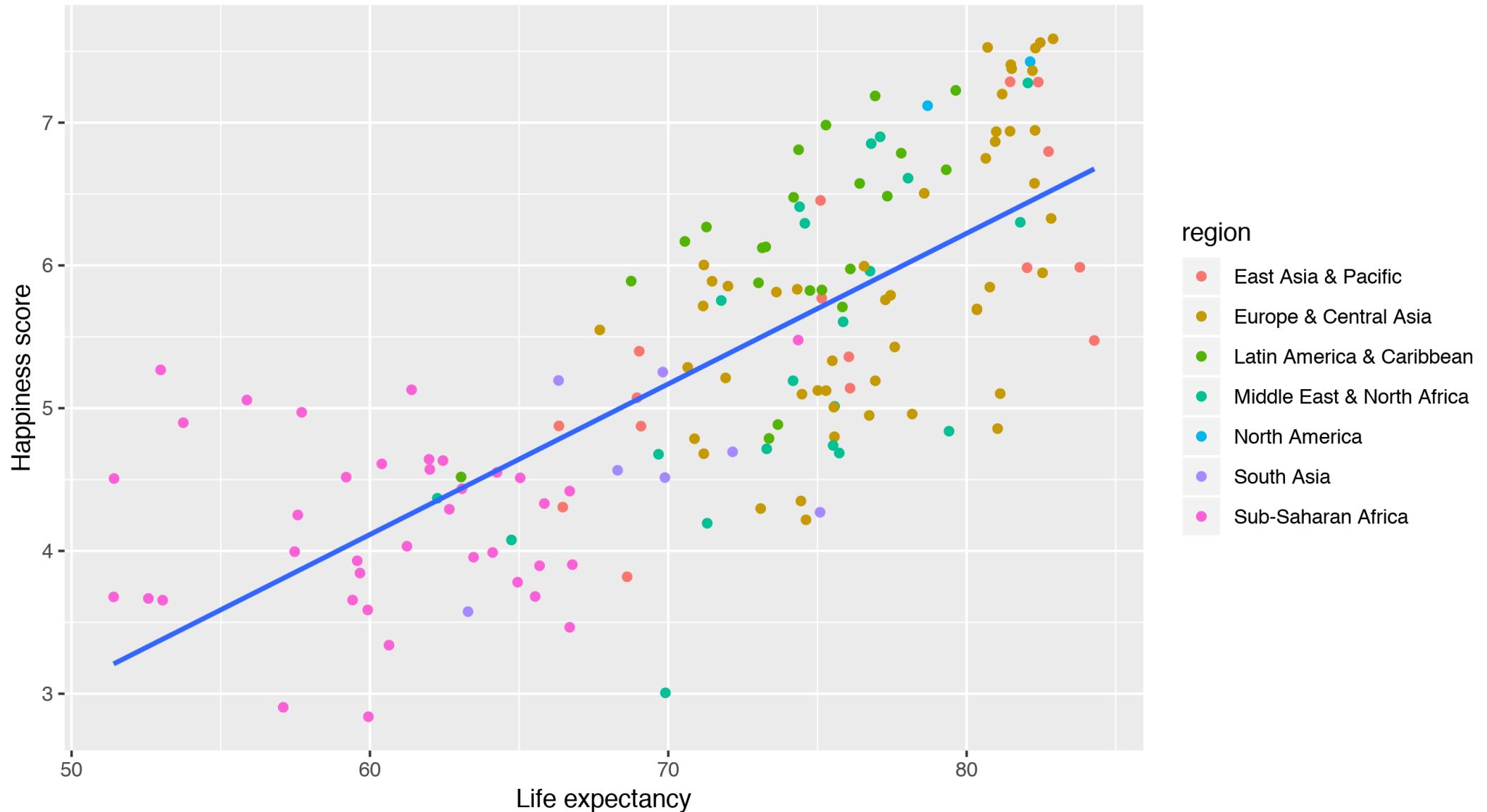
# Template for indicator variables

**On average,  $y$  is  $\beta_n$  units larger (or smaller) in  $x_n$ , compared to  $x_0$**

On average, national happiness is 1.65 points higher in North America than in East Asia

On average, compared to East Asia, national happiness is 1.44 points lower in Sub Saharan Africa

# Getting closer



# Sliders and switches



$$\hat{\text{happiness}} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{life expectancy} + \epsilon$$



$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\text{happiness}} = & \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{Europe} + \beta_2 \text{Latin America} + \\& \beta_3 \text{MENA} + \beta_4 \text{North America} + \\& \beta_5 \text{South Asia} + \beta_6 \text{Sub-Saharan Africa} + \epsilon\end{aligned}$$

# All at once!



$$\hat{\text{happiness}} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{life expectancy} + \beta_2 \text{school enrollment} + \\ \beta_3 \text{Europe} + \beta_4 \text{Latin America} + \beta_5 \text{MENA} + \\ \beta_6 \text{North America} + \beta_7 \text{South Asia} + \beta_8 \text{SSA} + \epsilon$$

```
model_life_school <- lm(happiness_score ~ life_expectancy +
                         school_enrollment,
                         data = world_happiness)
```

term	estimate	std_error	statistic	p_value	lower_ci
intercept	-2.111	0.835	-2.529	0.013	-3.767
life_expectancy	0.101	0.014	7.447	0	0.074
school_enrollment	0.003	0.01	0.331	0.741	-0.016

$$\hat{\text{happiness}} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{life expectancy} + \beta_2 \text{school enrollment} + \epsilon$$

$$\hat{\text{happiness}} = -2.11 + (0.101 \times \text{life expectancy}) + (0.003 \times \text{school enrollment}) + \epsilon$$

# Filtering out variation

Each x in the model explains some portion of the variation in y

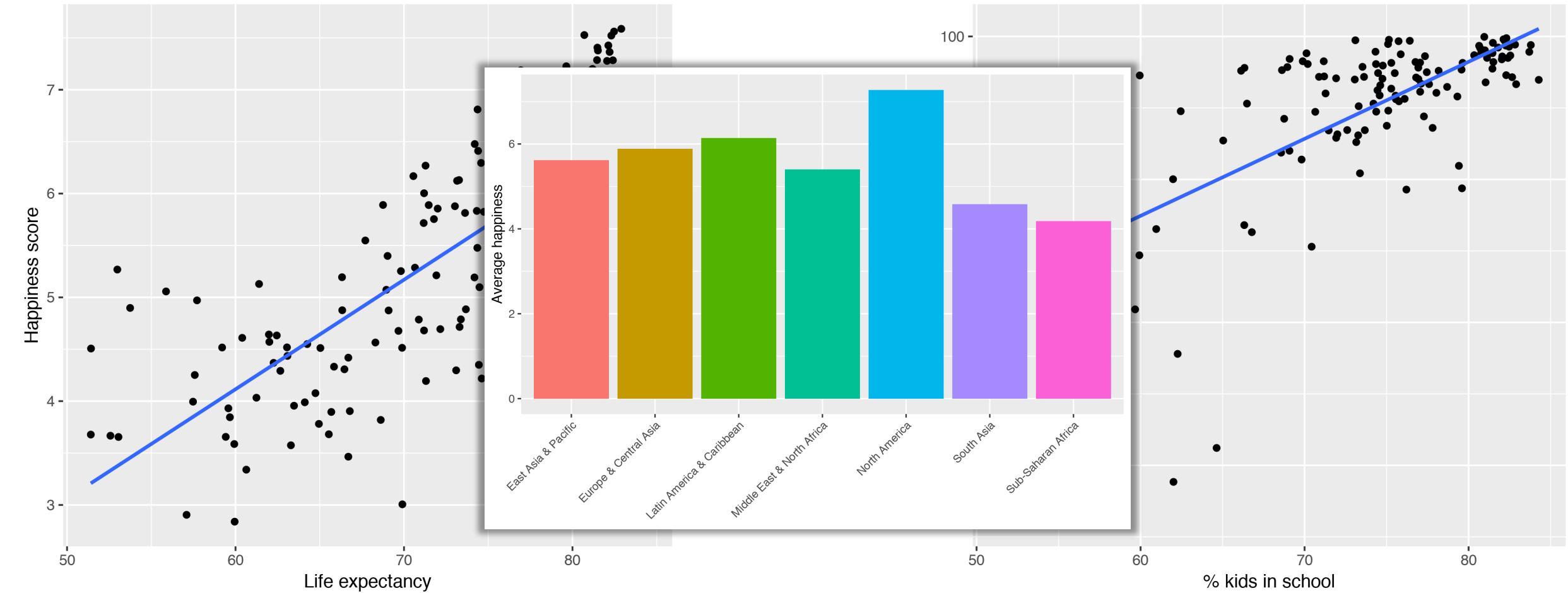
Interpretation is a little trickier, since you can only ever move **one** switch or slider (or variable)

# Template for multiple regression

Taking all other variables in the model into account, a one unit increase in  $x_n$  is associated with a  $\beta_n$  increase (or decrease) in  $y$ , on average

Controlling for school enrollment, a 1 year increase in life expectancy is associated with a 0.1 point increase in national happiness, on average

# Happiness ~ Life + School + Region



```
model_life_school_region <-
  lm(happiness_score ~ life_expectancy + school_enrollment + region,
  data = world_happiness)
```

term	estimate	std_error	statistic	p_value
intercept	-2.821	1.355	-2.083	0.04
life_expectancy	0.102	0.017	5.894	0
school_enrollment	0.008	0.01	0.785	0.435
regionEurope & Central Asia	0.031	0.255	0.123	0.902
regionLatin America & Caribbean	0.732	0.294	2.489	0.015
regionMiddle East & North Africa	0.189	0.317	0.597	0.552
regionNorth America	1.114	0.581	1.917	0.058
regionSouth Asia	-0.249	0.45	-0.553	0.582
regionSub-Saharan Africa	0.326	0.407	0.802	0.425

$$\hat{\text{happiness}} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{life expectancy} + \beta_2 \text{school enrollment} + \\ \beta_3 \text{Europe} + \beta_4 \text{Latin America} + \beta_5 \text{MENA} + \\ \beta_6 \text{North America} + \beta_7 \text{South Asia} + \beta_8 \text{SSA} + \epsilon$$