

Plotting Part I

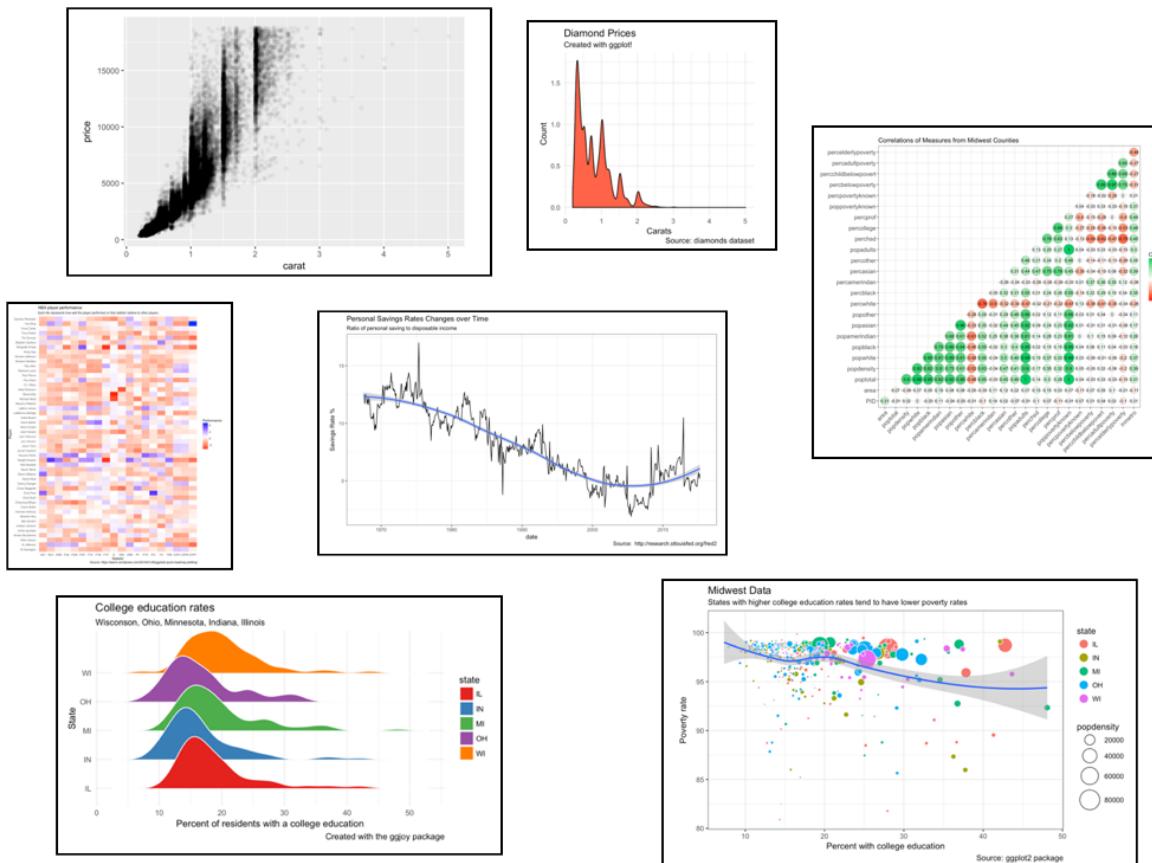
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You can do amazing plots in R!

- As good as R is for statistics, it's as good if not better for plots.



Plotting in R

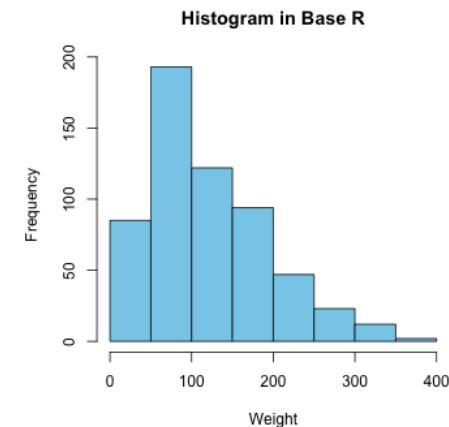
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Bar plot	barplot()
Box plot	boxplot()
Scatterplot	plot()
Pirateplot	pirateplot()

```
# Histogram in base R  
  
hist(x = ChickWeight$weight,  
      xlab = "Weight",  
      ylab = "Frequency",  
      col = "skyblue",  
      main = "Histogram in Base R")
```



Plotting in R

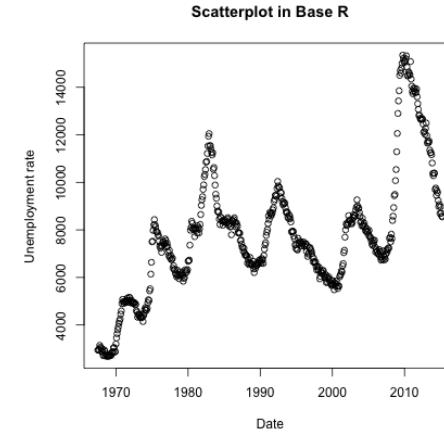
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```
# Scatterplot in base R  
  
plot(x = economics$date,  
      y = economics$unemploy,  
      xlab = "Date",  
      ylab = "Unemployment rate",  
      main = "Scatterplot in Base R"  
    )
```



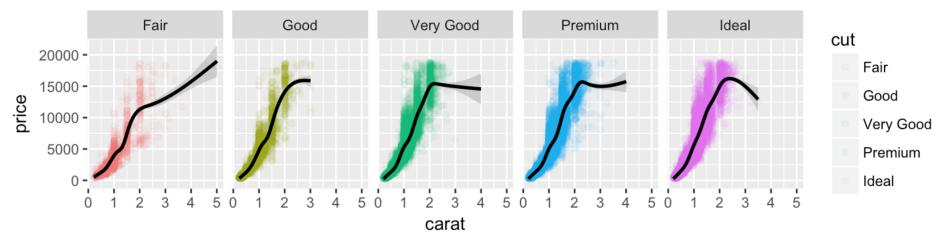
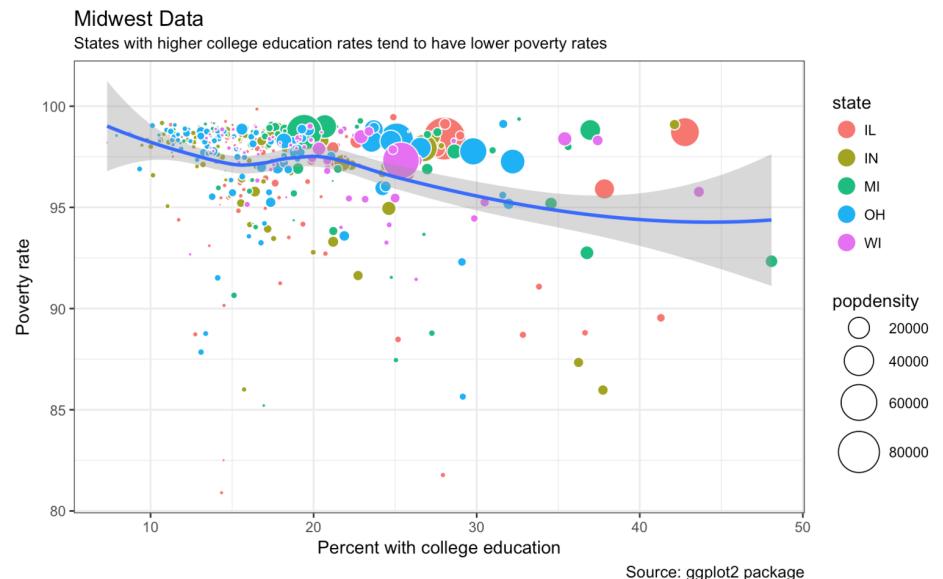
Plotting in R

Problems with base R plotting:

- Complex plots can quickly require a lot of code.
- There is no unifying framework between plots. Every plot is on its own.
- It is difficult to parts of code in different plots.

Solution: Grammar of Graphics with ggplot

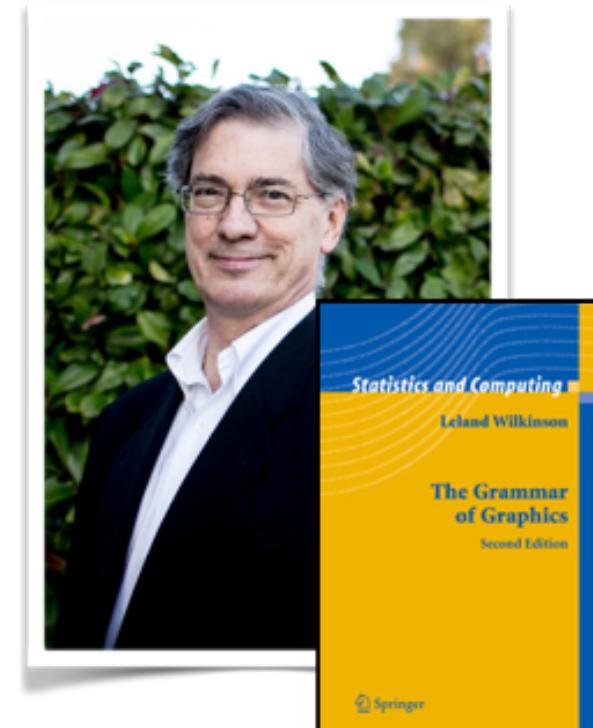
These plots would take a lot of code in base R



Grammar of Graphics

1. A plot is built of simple building blocks
2. By combining different building blocks, plots of any complexity can be created.
3. Plots that look superficially different, can actually be created with very similar code

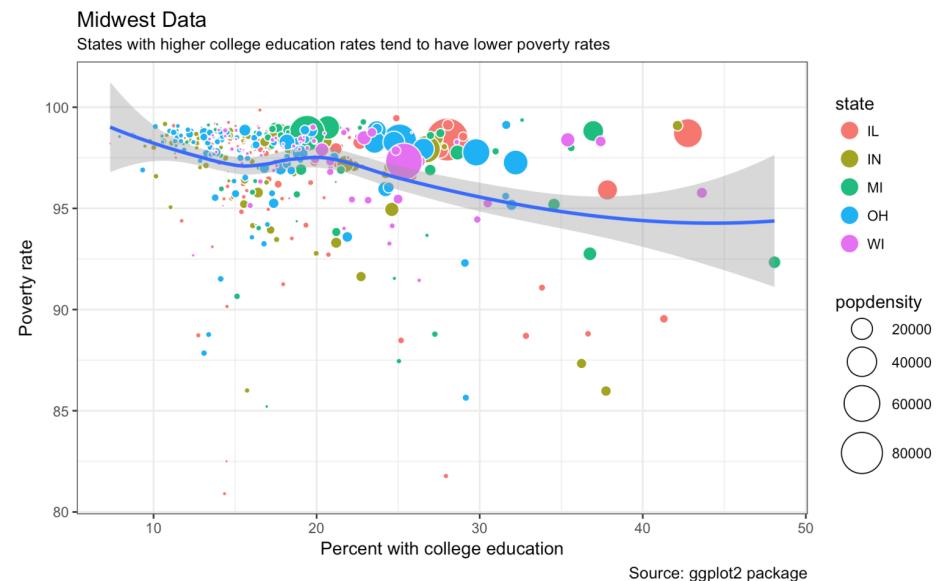
Leland Wilkinson



Grammar of Graphics

The Grammar of graphics breaks down plots into several key pieces:

aesthetics	Description
Data	What dataframe contains the data?
Aesthetics	What does the x-axis, y-axis, color (etc) represent?
Geometries	What kind of geometric object do you want to plot?
Facets	Should there be groups of plots?
Statistics	What statistic summaries / transformations should be done?
Coordinates	What is the scale of the axes?
Theme	What should the overall plot look like?



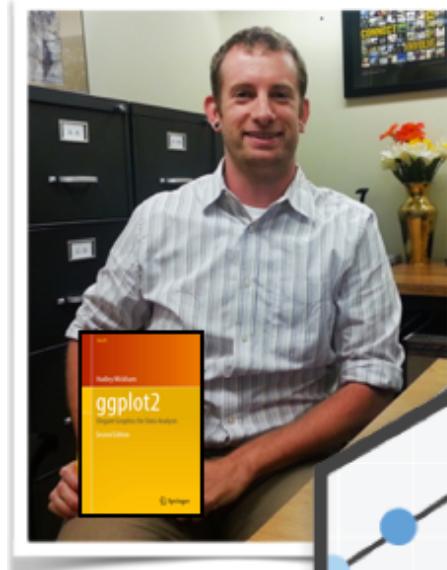
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How do we make elegant, easy to program plots according to the grammar of graphics in R?

Answer: ggplot2

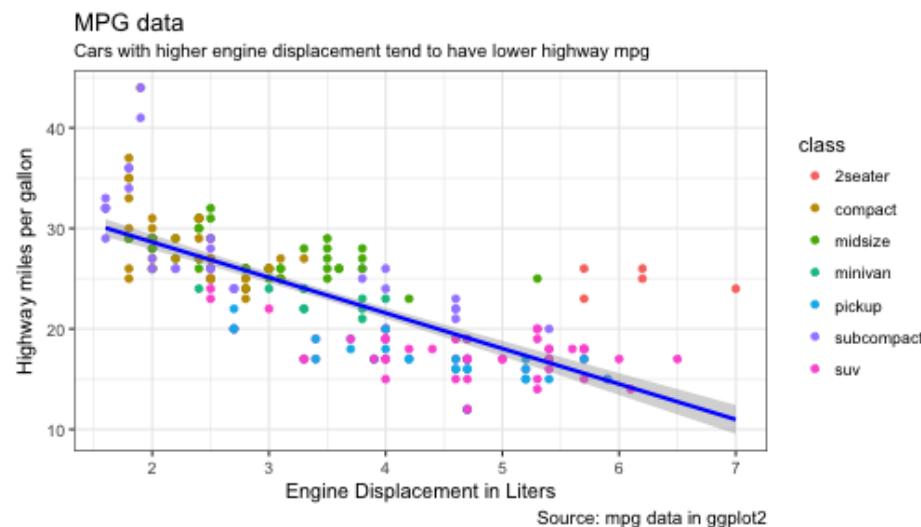
By far one of the most popular R packages, used to generate the vast majority of plots from R.

Hadley Wickham

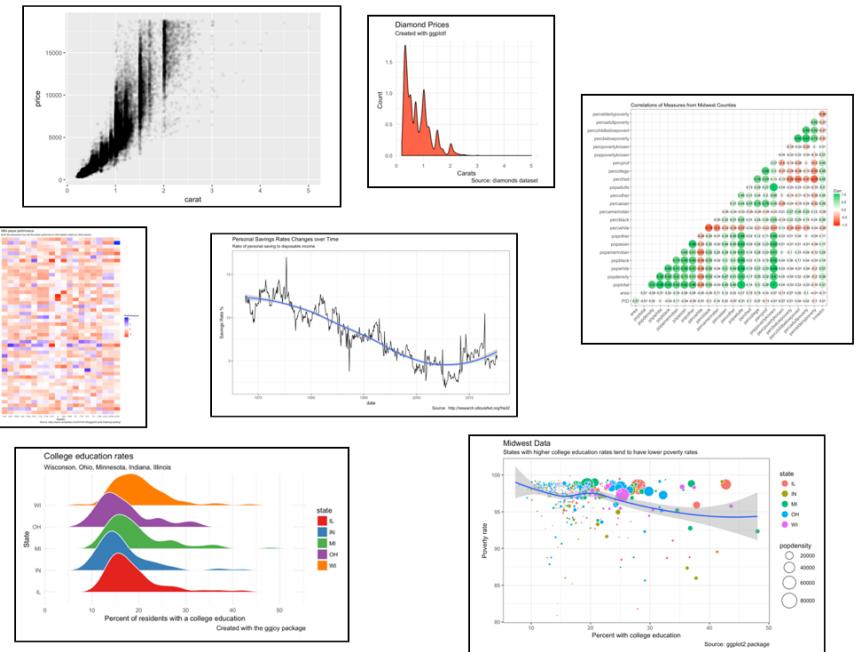


Our goal

- In this introduction, we'll introduce the basic building blocks of creating plots with ggplot2 by creating the following plot from the ground-up:



In the practical, you will create all of these!!



ggplot2



Load the ggplot2 package

```
# Load the tidyverse (includes ggplot2)
library(tidyverse)
```

Or

```
# Load ggplot2 directly
library(ggplot2)
```

Cheat Sheet!

<https://www.rstudio.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/ggplot2-cheatsheet.pdf>

Data Visualization with ggplot2 Cheat Sheet

R Studio

Basics

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

To display data values, map variables in the data set to aesthetic properties of the geom like **size**, **color**, and **x** and **y** locations.

Build a graph with **qplot()** or **ggplot()**

ggplot2 is built on top of **grid** and **gridExtra**.
ggplot(x = cty, y = hwy, color = cyl, data = mpg, geom = "point")
Creates a complete plot with given data, geom, and mappings. Supplies many useful defaults.

ggplot(data = mpg, aes(x = cyl, y = hwy))
Begins a plot that you finish by adding layers to. No defaults, but provides more control than qplot().

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

One Variable

Continuous

- a + geom_area(stat = "bin")**
x, y, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size
a + geom_density(kernel = "gaussian")
x, y, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size, weight
- a + geom_dotplot()**
x, y, alpha, color, fill
- a + geom_freqpoly()**
x, y, alpha, color, linetype, size
b + geom_freqpoly(aes(y = ..density..))
- a + geom_histogram(binwidth = 5)**
x, y, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size, weight
b + geom_histogram(aes(y = ..density..))

Discrete

- b + geom_bar()**
x, y, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size, weight

Two Variables

Continuous X, Continuous Y

- f + geom_blank()**
- f + geom_jitter()**
x, y, alpha, color, fill, shape, size
- f + geom_point()**
x, y, alpha, color, fill, shape, size
- f + geom_quantile()**
x, y, alpha, color, linetype, size, weight
- f + geom_rug(sides = "bl")**
alpha, color, linetype, size
- f + geom_smooth(model = lm)**
x, y, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size, weight

Continuous Function

- j < ggplot(economics, aes(date, unemploy))**
- j + geom_area()**
x, y, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size
- j + geom_line()**
x, y, alpha, color, linetype, size
- j + geom_step(direction = "hv")**

Discrete X, Continuous Y

- g < ggplot(mp, aes(lat))**
x, y, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size
- g + geom_polygon(aes(group = group))**
x, y, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size

Discrete X, Discrete Y

- h < ggplot(diamonds, aes(cut, color))**
- h + geom_jitter()**
x, y, alpha, color, fill, shape, size

Graphical Primitives

Continuous

- d < ggplot(economics, aes(date, unemploy))**
- d + geom_path(linend = "butt", linejoin = "round", linentre = 1)**
x, y, alpha, color, linetype, size
- d + geom_ribbon(aes(ymin = unemploy - 900, ymax = unemploy + 900))**
x, ymax, ymin, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size
- e < ggplot(seals, aes(x = long, y = lat))**
- e + geom_segment(aes(xend = long + delta_long, yend = lat + delta_lat))**
x, xend, y, yend, alpha, color, linetype, size
- e + geom_rect(aes(xmin = long, ymin = lat, xmax = long + delta_long, ymax = lat + delta_lat))**
xmax, xmin, ymax, ymin, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size

Discrete

- f + geom_boxplot()**
lower, middle, upper, x, ymax, ymin, alpha, color, fill, linetype, shape, size, weight
- f + geom_dotplot(binaxis = "y", stackdir = "center")**
x, y, alpha, color, fill
- f + geom_violin(scale = "area")**
x, y, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size, weight

Maps

- maps < data.frame(murder = USArrests\$Murder, state = rownames(USArrests))**
- map <- map_data("state")**
- [< ggplot(data, aes(fill = murder))**
- [+ geom_map(aes(map_id = state), map = map) + expand_limits(x = map\$long, y = map\$lat))**
map_id, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size

Three Variables

- m + geom_raster(aes(fill = z), hjust = 0.5, vjust = 0.5, interpolate = FALSE)**
x, y, alpha, fill
- m + geom_contour(aes(z = z))**
x, y, alpha, color, linetype, size, weight
- m + geom_tile(aes(fill = z))**
x, y, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size

mpg data

The mpg data is a tibble of car data contained in the ggplot2 package

manufacturer	model	cty	hwy	class
land rover	range rover	11	15	suv
hyundai	sonata	19	28	midsize
toyota	camry	21	31	midsize
jeep	grand cherokee 4wd	15	20	suv
chevrolet	c1500 suburban 2wd	14	20	suv
ford	mustang	15	23	subcompact
volkswagen	new beetle	29	41	subcompact
ford	expedition 2wd	11	17	suv



Creating this plot

Data

- Use the mpg tibble

Aesthetics

- Show engine displacement (disp) on the x axis
- Show highway miles per gallon (hwy) on the y-axis
- Color plotting elements by the class of car (class)

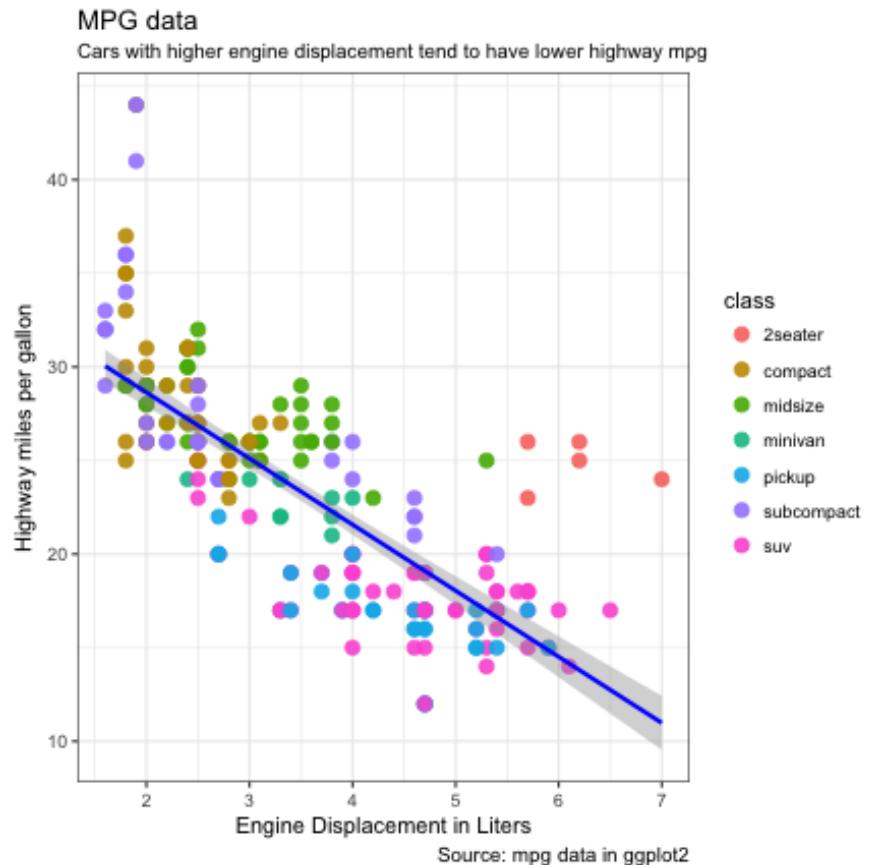
Geometric objects

- Show data as points.
- Add a regression line

Labels and themes

- Add plotting labels
- Use a black and white plotting theme

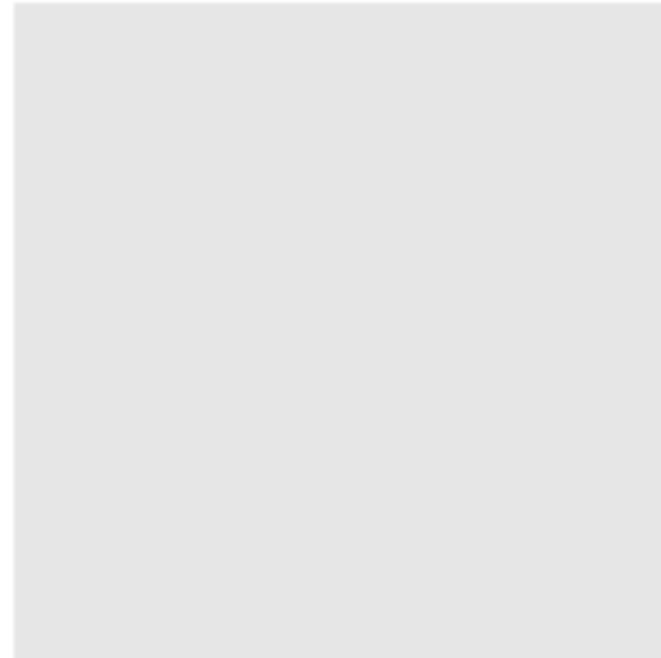
Our goal is to build the following plot step by step:



data

- To create a ggplot2 object, use the `ggplot()` function.
- Start with the `data` argument.
 - `data` should be a dataframe (or Tibble)
- Including only a `data` argument returns a blank plotting space, because we haven't specified any plotting *aesthetics* or *geometric objects*

```
ggplot(data = mpg)
```



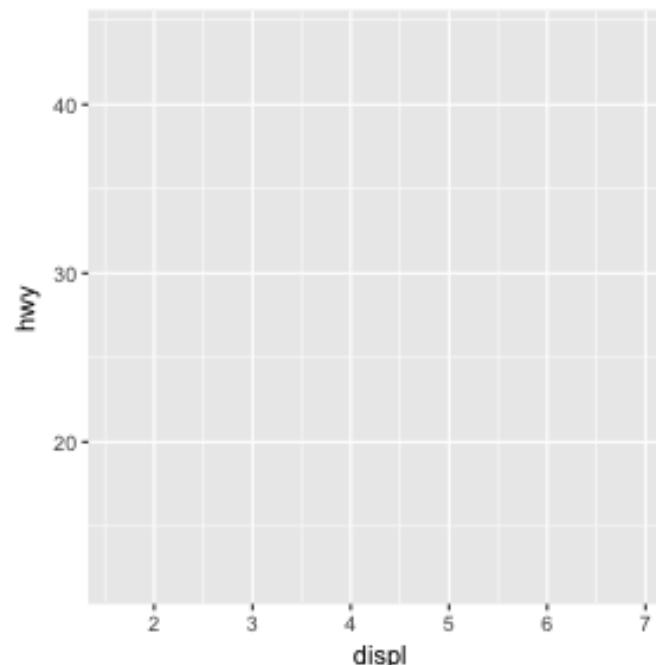
Aesthetics

- An **aesthetic** is a visual property of the objects in your plot.

Common aesthetics

aesthetics	Description
x	Data mapped to x-coordinate
y	Data mapped to y-coordinate
color, fill	Color and filling
alpha	Transparency
shape	Overall shape
size	Size

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



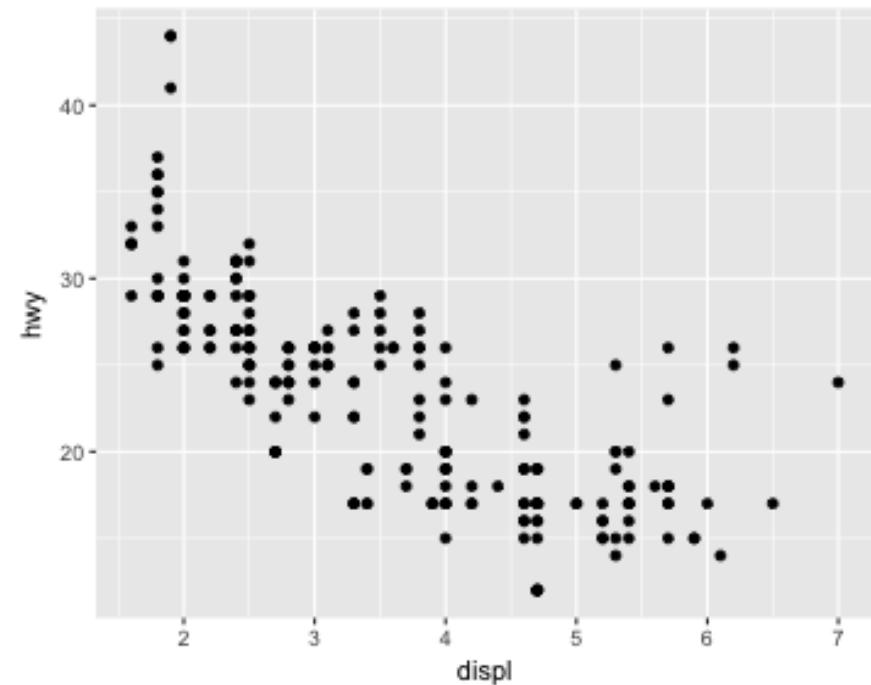
- Add plotting aesthetics with the `aes()` function

Adding elements to plots with '+'

- Once you have specified data with `data` argument, and global aesthetics with `mapping = aes()`, you can add additional elements to the plot with `+`
- The `+` sign works just like the pipe `%>%` in `dplyr`. It just means "and then..."

```
ggplot(data = mpg,  
       mapping = aes(x = displ, y = hwy  
       # MORE      + (and then...)  
       # MORE      + (and then...))
```

ggplot uses `+` to add additional elements to a plot



Geometric objects (geoms)

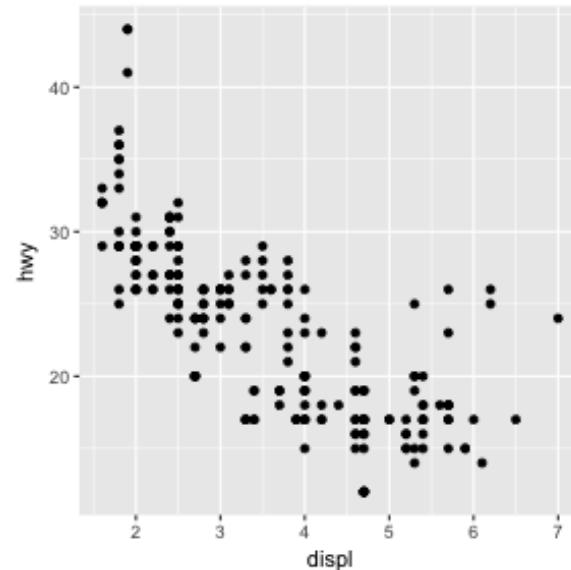
- A **geom** is a geometric object in a plot that represents data
- To add a geom to a plot, just include + `geom_X()` where X is the type of geom.

Common geoms

geom	plot type
<code>geom_point()</code>	Scatterplot
<code>geom_bar()</code>	barplot
<code>geom_boxplot()</code>	A boxplot
<code>geom_count()</code>	Points representing counts
<code>geom_smooth()</code>	Regression line

Add a point geom with `geom_point()`

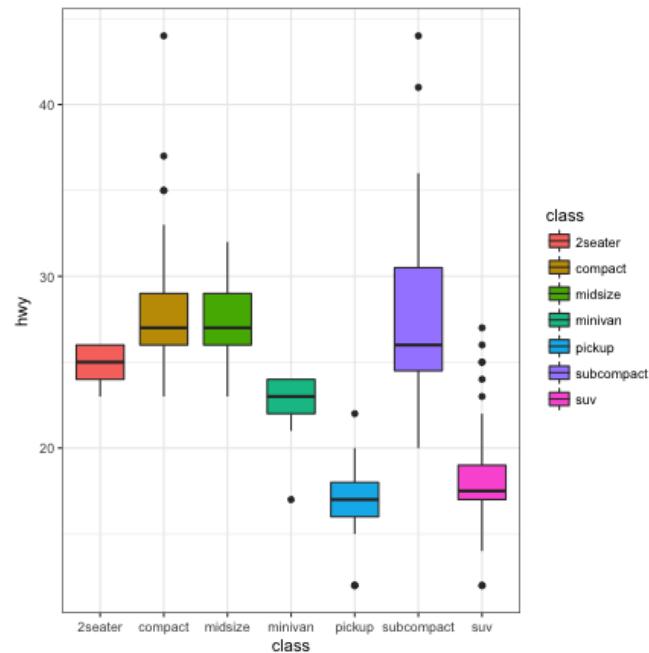
```
ggplot(data = mpg,  
       mapping = aes(x = displ, y = hwy)) +  
  geom_point()
```



Additional geoms

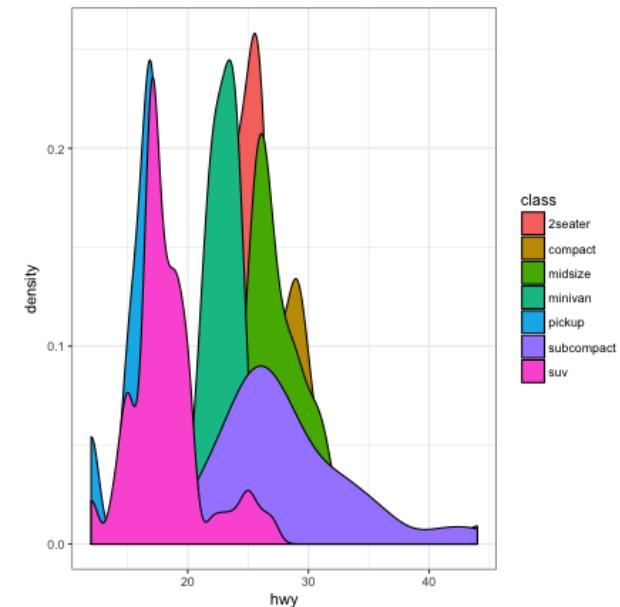
geom_boxplot()

```
ggplot(data = mpg,  
       mapping = aes(x = class, y = hwy, fill =  
                     geom_boxplot() +  
                     theme_bw())
```



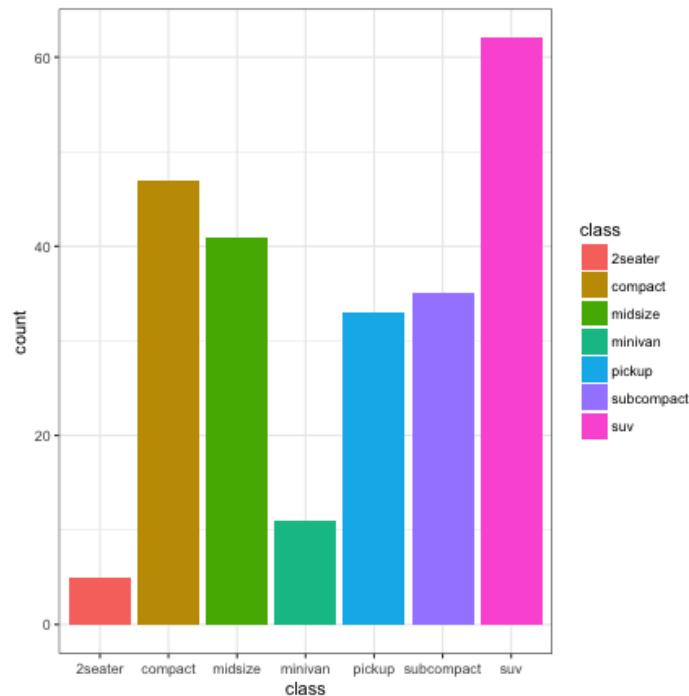
geom_density()

```
ggplot(data = mpg,  
       mapping = aes(x = hwy, fill = class)) +  
       geom_density() +  
       theme_bw()
```



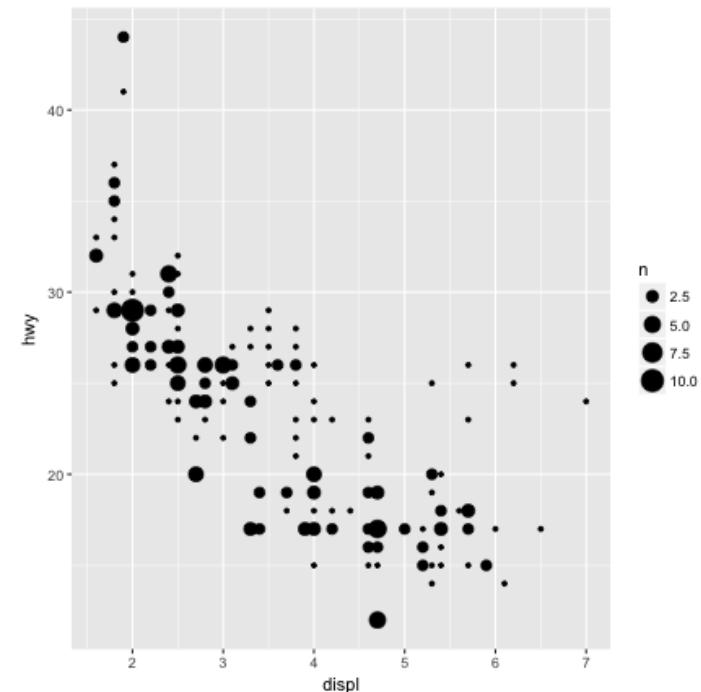
geom_bar()

```
ggplot(data = mpg,  
       mapping = aes(x = class, fill = class)) +  
  geom_bar() +  
  theme_bw()
```



geom_count()

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

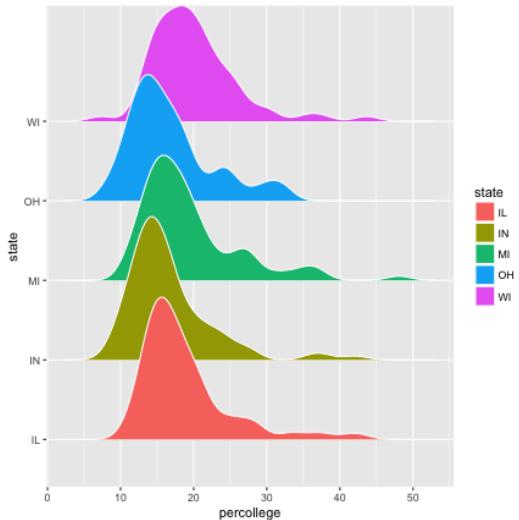


geom_joy()

| From the ggjoy package

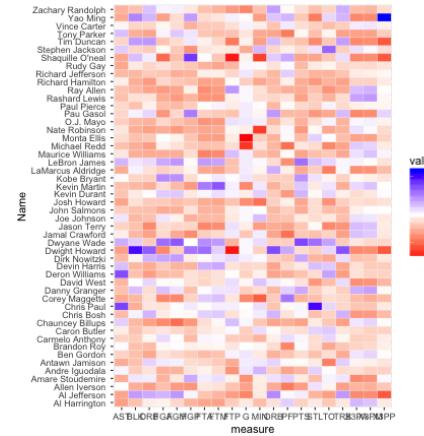
```
library(ggjoy) # Load the ggjoy package

ggplot(data = midwest,
       mapping = aes(percollege,
                     y = state,
                     fill = state)) +
  geom_joy(col = "white")
```



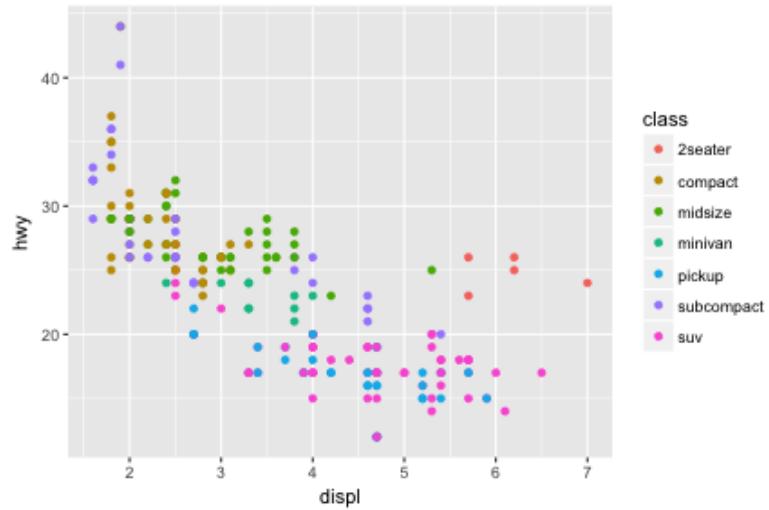
geom_tile()

```
ggplot(nba_long,
       mapping = aes(x = Name,
                     y = measure,
                     fill = value)) +
  geom_tile(col = "white") +
  scale_fill_gradientn(colors = c("red",
                                  "white",
                                  "blue"))
  coord_flip()
```



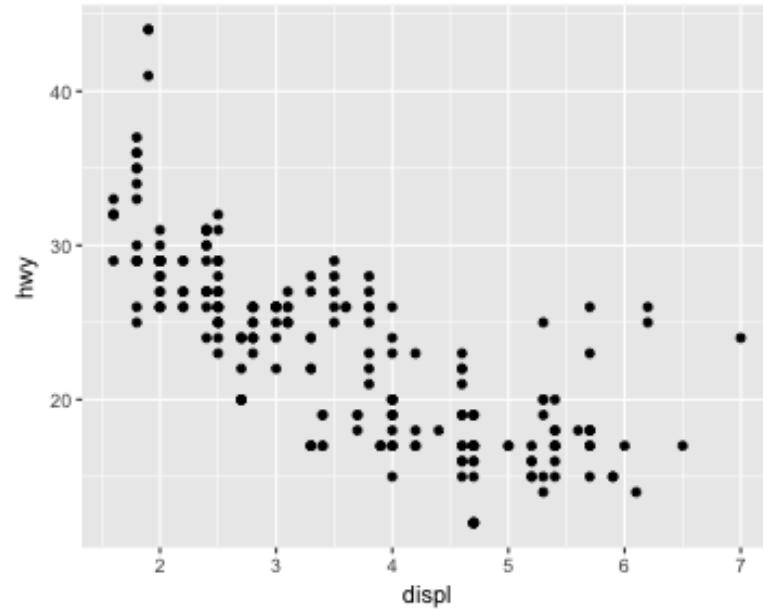
Geometric objects (geoms)

How do we get points to be shown in different colors like the plot below?



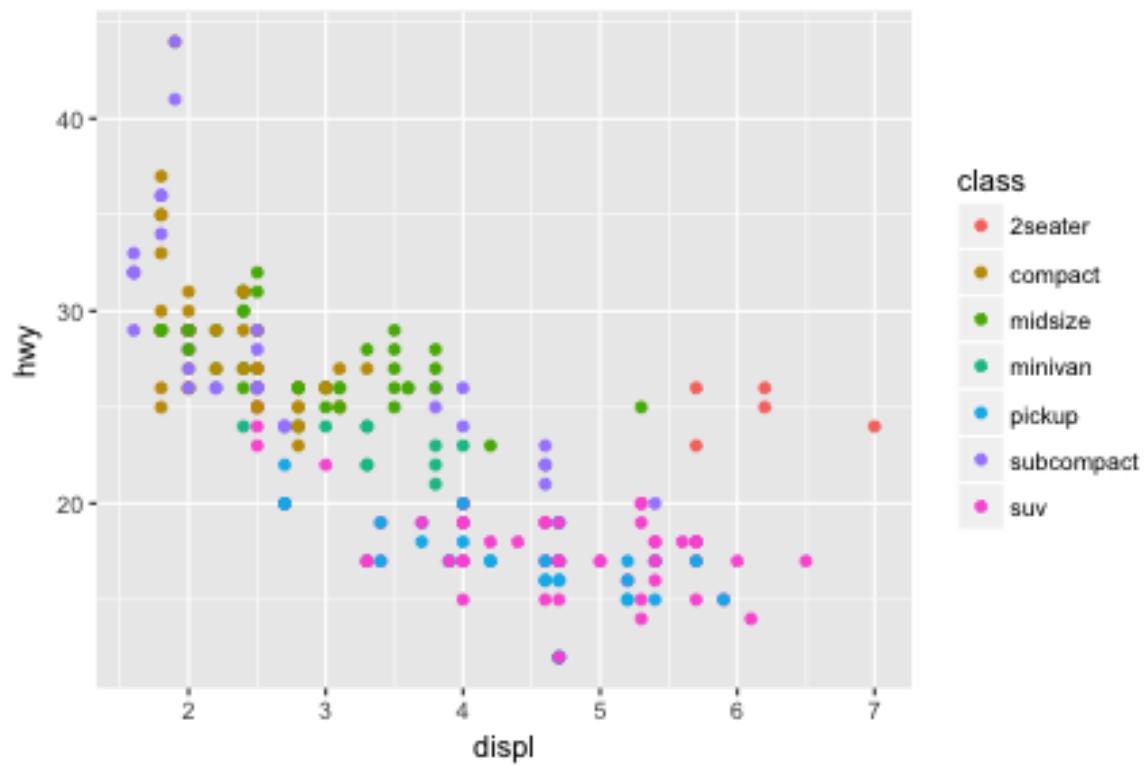
What plotting aesthetic is missing from this code below to make our plot on the left?

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



Color aesthetic

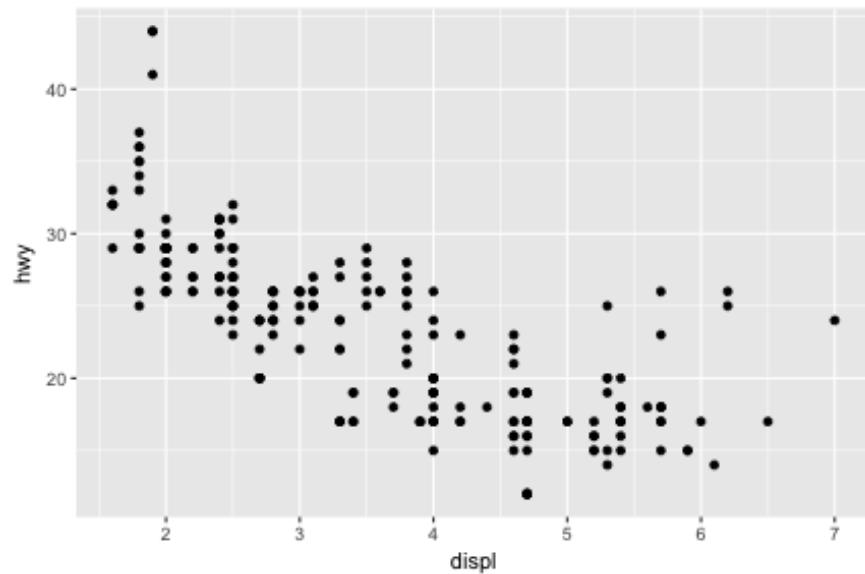
```
ggplot(data = mpg,  
       mapping = aes(x = displ, y = hwy, col = class)) + # Map mpg$class to color aes  
geom_point()   # Add points that respect the aesthetics
```



Geometric objects (geoms)

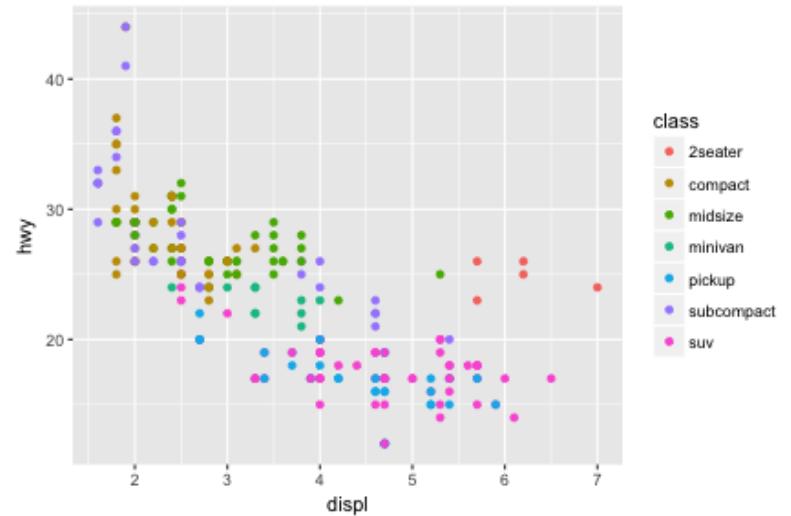
Code WITHOUT color aesthetic

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



Code WITH color aesthetic

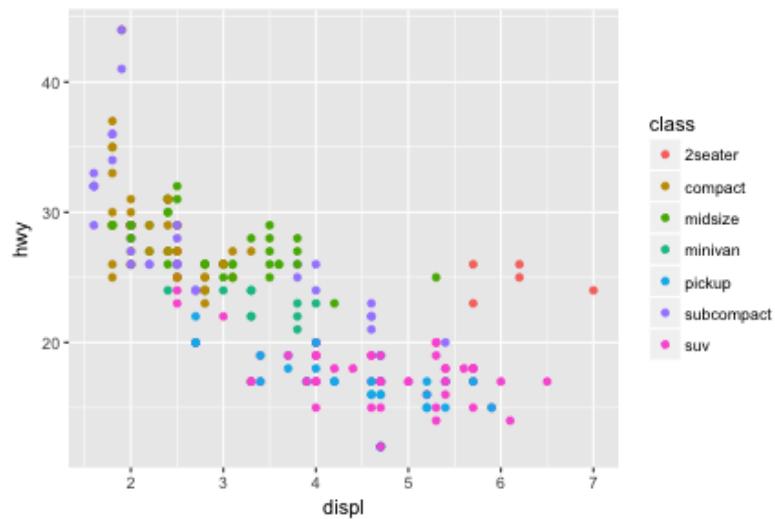
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                      y = hwy,  
                      col = class)) +  
  geom_point()
```



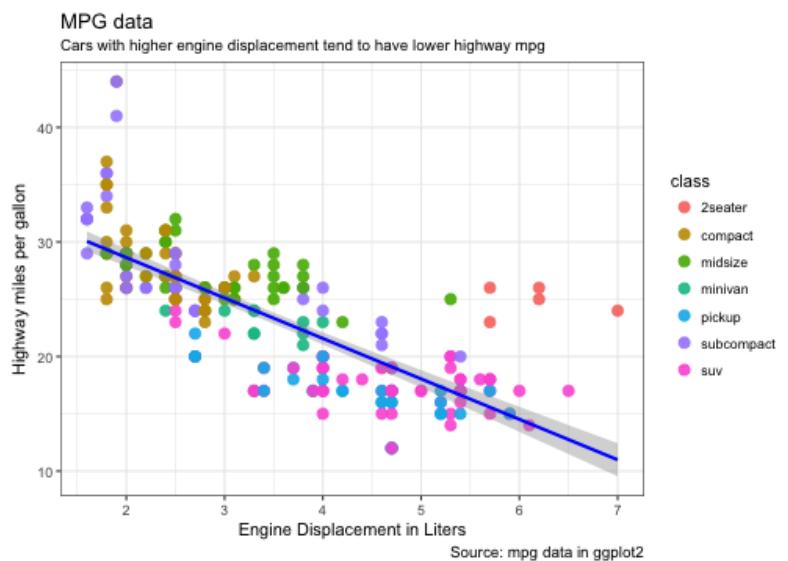
What's next?

Where are we at

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



Our goal



Smoothed lines with geom_smooth()

To add a smoothed line to a plot, use
geom_smooth()

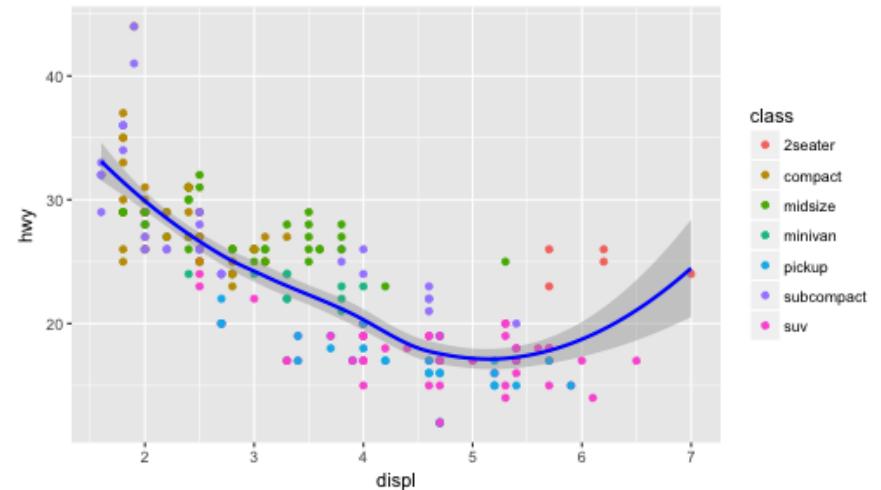
geom_smooth() arguments

Arguments	Description
method	How should the line be generated?
level	Confidence
col, size, ...	Other plotting aesthetics

- If you add additional plotting aesthetics, they will *override* the general plotting aesthetics

Add a blue smoothed line

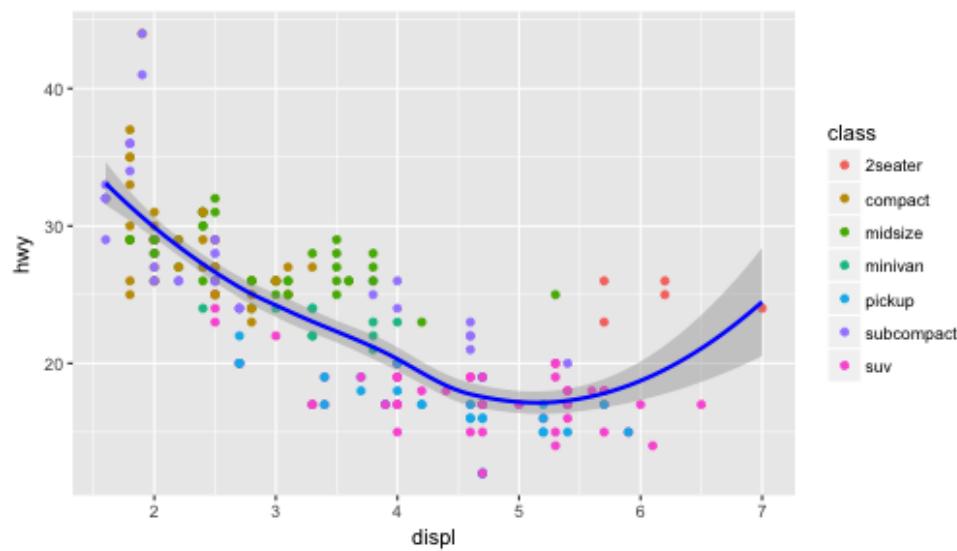
```
ggplot(data = mpg,  
       mapping = aes(x = displ, y = hwy, co  
geom_point() +  
geom_smooth(col = "blue")
```



Overriding aesthetics

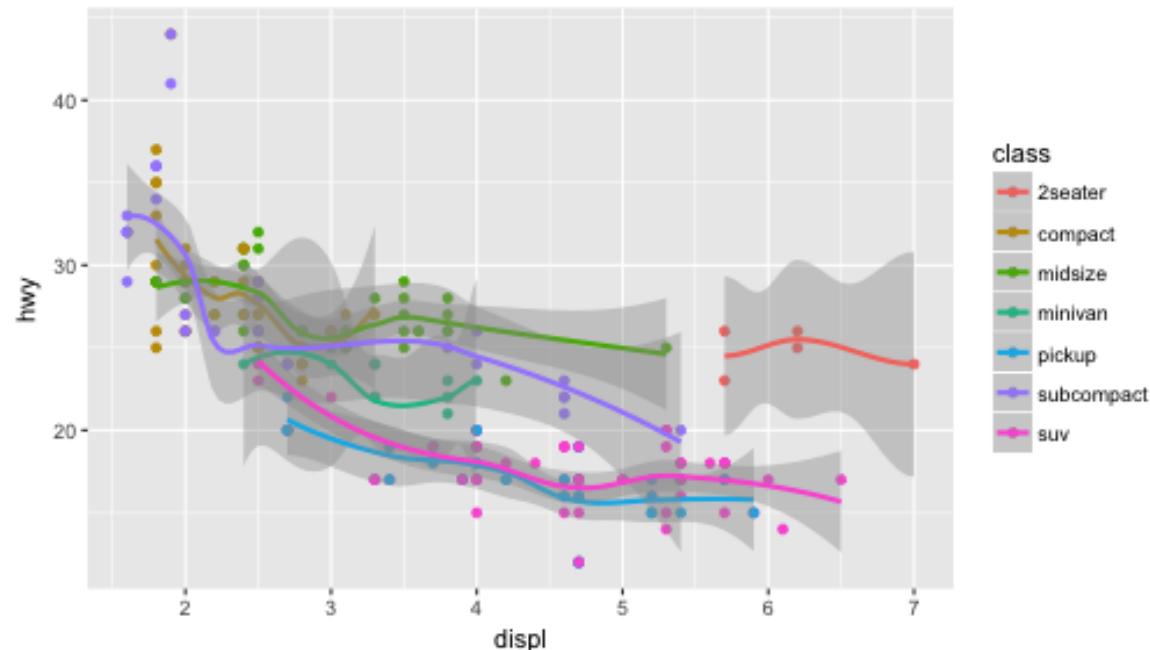
- You can include additional aesthetics, like color, shape, and size, in *any* geom.
- This will override the *global* aesthetics

```
ggplot(data = mpg,  
       mapping = aes(x = displ, y = hwy, col = class)) +  
  geom_point() +  
  geom_smooth(col = "blue") # geom_smooth IGNORES global col aesthetic
```



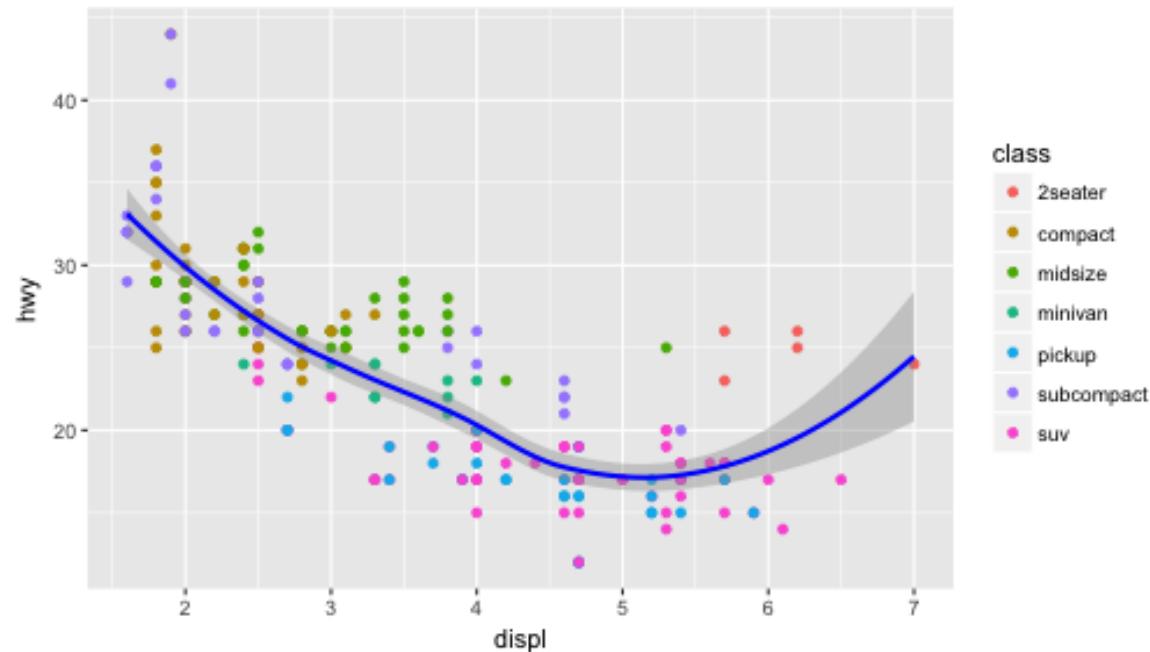
Example A: No overriding

```
ggplot(data = mpg,  
       mapping = aes(x = displ, y = hwy, col = class)) +  
  geom_point() # geom_point RESPECTS global col aesthetic (class)  
  geom_smooth() # geom_smooth RESPECTS global col aesthetic (class)
```



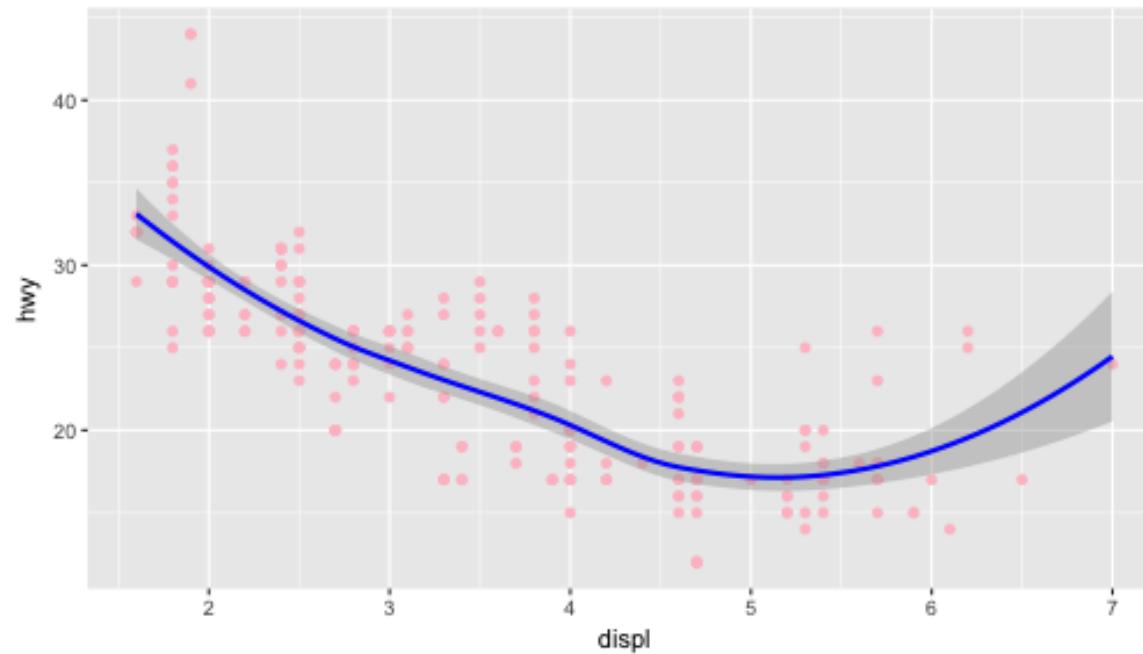
Example B: Override col aesthetic in geom_smooth()

```
ggplot(data = mpg,  
       mapping = aes(x = displ, y = hwy, col = class)) +  
  geom_point() +  
  geom_smooth(col = "blue") # Overrides global col aesthetic (class)
```



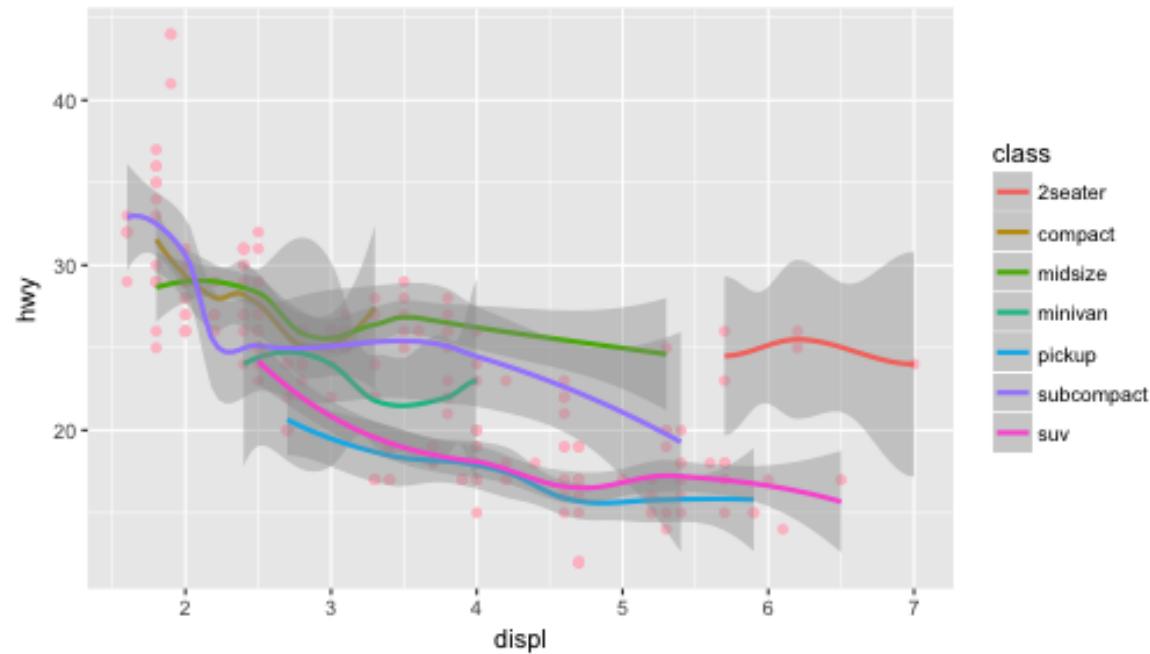
Example C: Override col aesthetic in geom_smooth() & geom_point()

```
ggplot(data = mpg,  
       mapping = aes(x = displ, y = hwy, col = class)) +  
  geom_point(col = "pink") # Overrides global col aesthetic (class)  
  geom_smooth(col = "blue") # Overrides global col aesthetic (class)
```



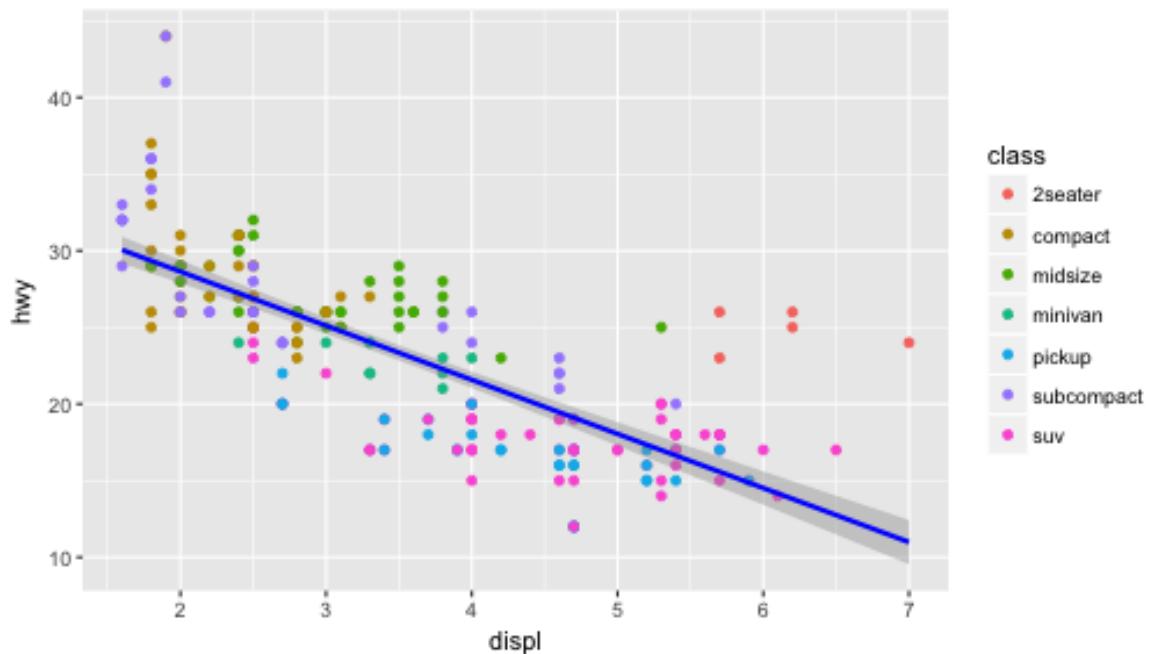
Example D: Override col aesthetic in geom_point()

```
ggplot(data = mpg,  
       mapping = aes(x = displ, y = hwy, col = class)) +  
  geom_point(col = "pink") + # Overrides global col aesthetic (class)  
  geom_smooth()  
#
```



What we want

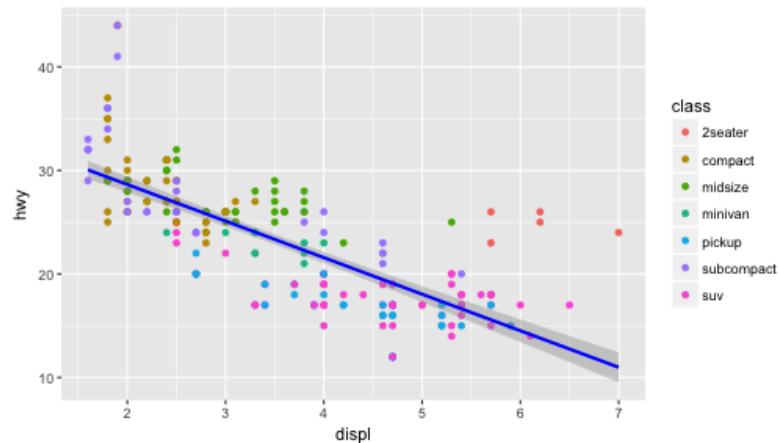
```
ggplot(data = mpg,  
       mapping = aes(x = displ, y = hwy, col = class)) +  
  geom_point() +  
  geom_smooth(col = "blue", # Overrides global col aesthetic (class)  
              method = "lm") # Use lm (linear model) smoothing line
```



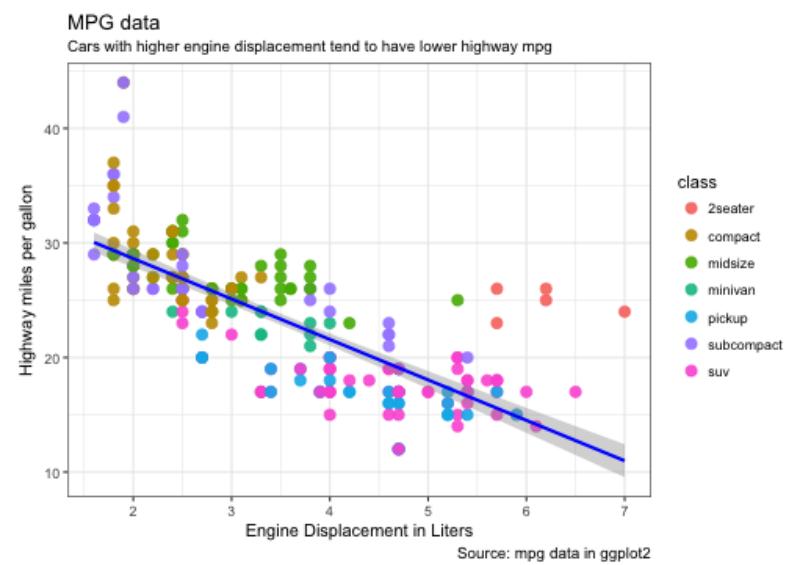
What's next?

Where we are at.

```
ggplot(data = mpg,
       mapping = aes(x = displ,
                      y = hwy,
                      col = class)) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_smooth(col = "blue", method = "lm")
```



Our goal



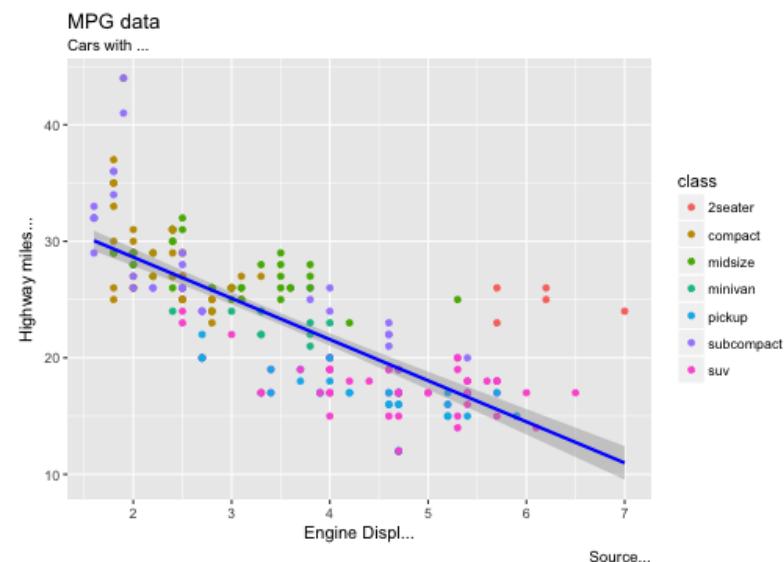
Add labels with labs()

You can add labels to a plot with the `labs()` function

labs() arguments

Arguments	Description
<code>title</code>	How should the line be generated?
<code>subtitle</code>	Confidence
<code>caption</code>	Caption
<code>col, size, ...</code>	Other plotting aesthetics

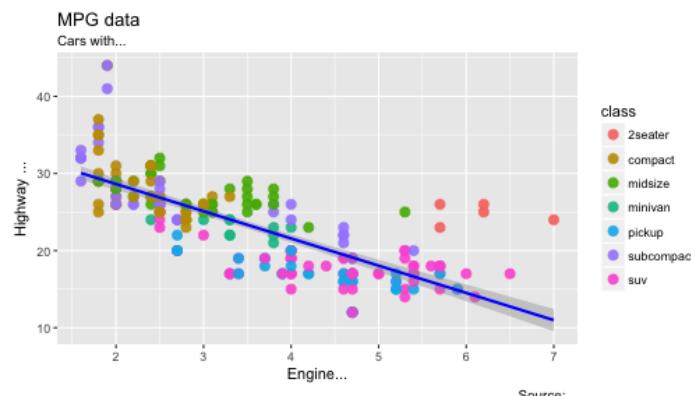
```
ggplot(data = mpg +  
# Past code +  
  labs(x = "Engine Displ...",  
    y = "Highway miles...",  
    title = "MPG data",  
    subtitle = "Cars with ...",  
    caption = "Source..."))
```



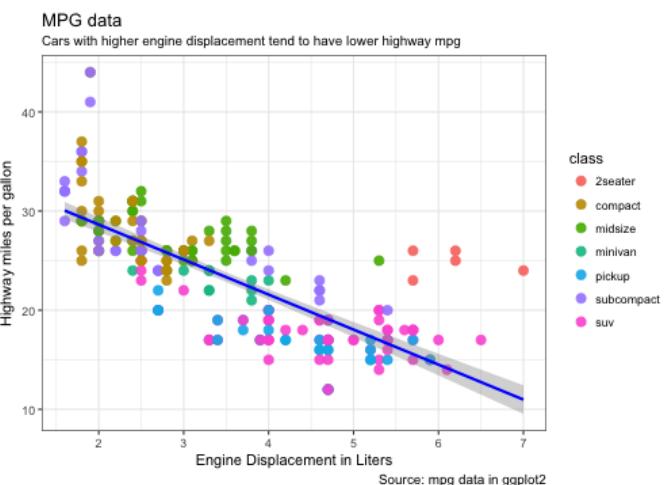
What's next?

Where are are at

```
ggplot(data = mpg,
       mapping = aes(x = displ, y = hwy, col = class)) +
  geom_point(size = 3, alpha = .9) +
  geom_smooth(col = "blue", method = "lm") +
  labs(x = "Engine...",
       y = "Highway ...",
       title = "MPG data",
       subtitle = "Cars with...",
       caption = "Source:...")
```



Our goal



Themes with theme_XX()

A plotting *theme* controls many aspects of its overall look, from the background, to the grid lines, to the label font to the spacing between plot labels and the plotting space.

Common themes

Themes

theme_bw()

theme_minimal()

theme_classic()

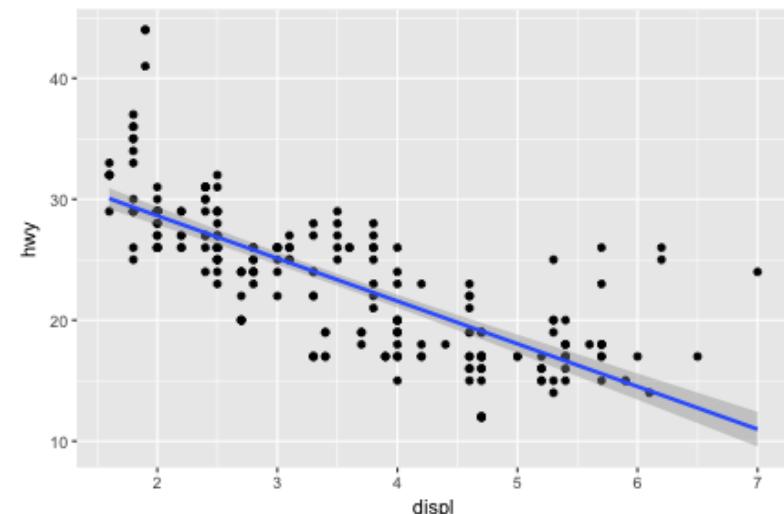
theme_light()

theme_dark()

- You can easily add a theme to a plot by including + theme_XX()

No theme specified

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



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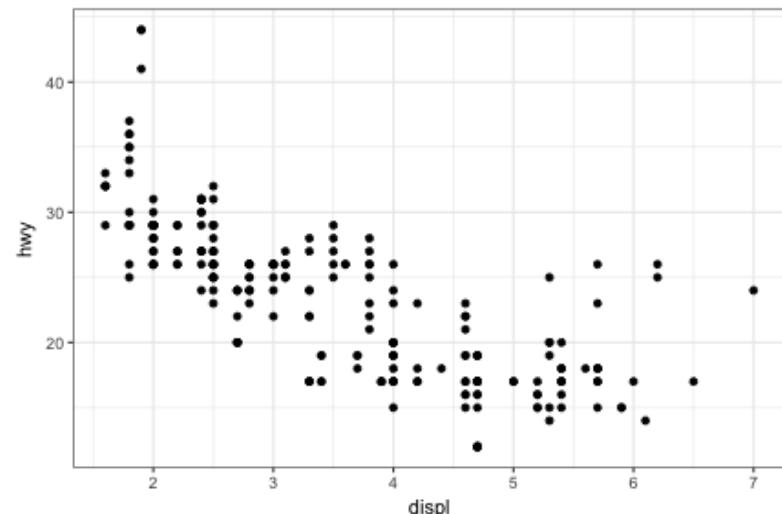
theme_light()

theme_dark()

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+ theme_bw()

```
ggplot(data = mpg,  
       mapping = aes(x = displ, y = hwy)) +  
  geom_point() +  
  theme_bw()  # Use the black and white th
```



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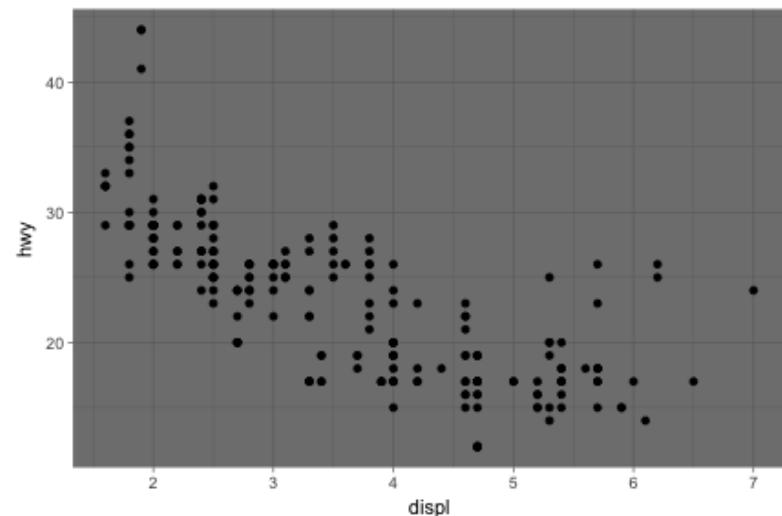
theme_classic()

theme_light()

theme_dark()

+ theme_dark()

```
ggplot(data = mpg,  
       mapping = aes(x = displ, y = hwy)) +  
  geom_point() +  
  theme_dark()  # Use the dark theme
```



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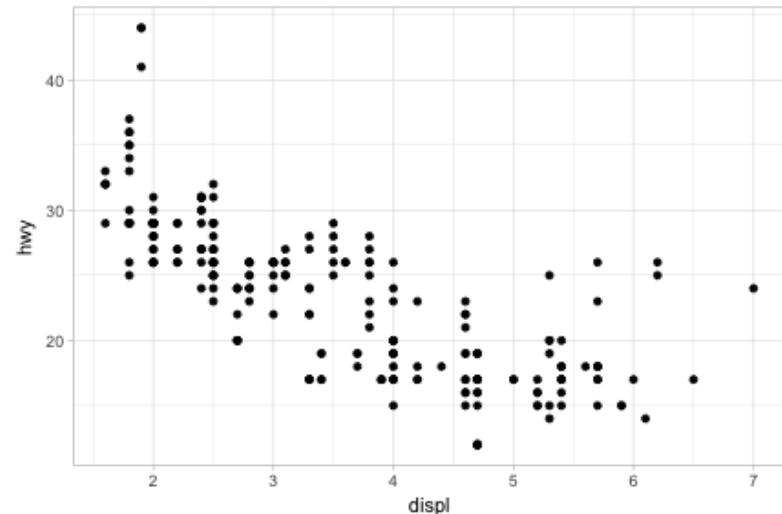
theme_classic()

theme_light()

theme_dark()

+ theme_light()

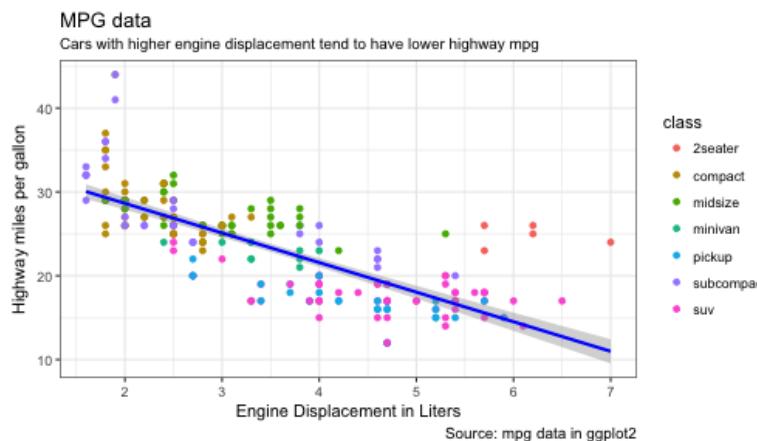
```
ggplot(data = mpg,  
       mapping = aes(x = displ, y = hwy)) +  
  geom_point() +  
  theme_light()  # Use the light theme
```



- You can easily add a theme to a plot by including + theme_XX()

Final result!

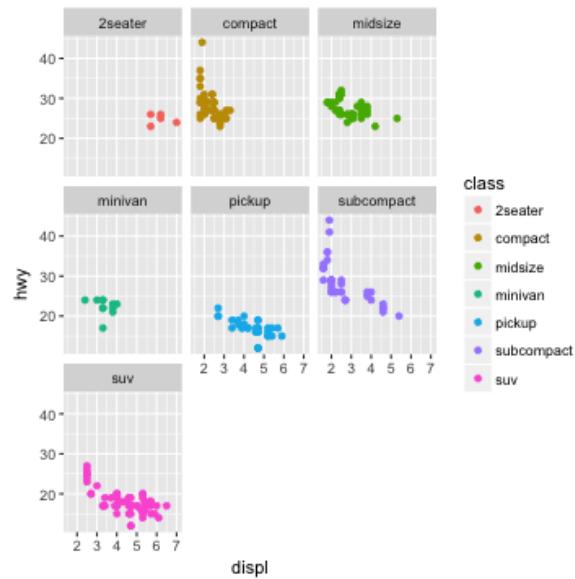
```
ggplot(data = mpg,
       mapping = aes(x = displ, y = hwy, col = class)) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_smooth(col = "blue", method = "lm") +
  labs(x = "Engine Displacement in Liters",
       y = "Highway miles per gallon",
       title = "MPG data",
       subtitle = "Cars with higher engine displacement tend to have lower highway mpg",
       caption = "Source: mpg data in ggplot2") +
  theme_bw()
```



Facetting with facet_wrap()

- *Facetting* = Create different plots for different groups
- To facet plots, use `facet_wrap()`

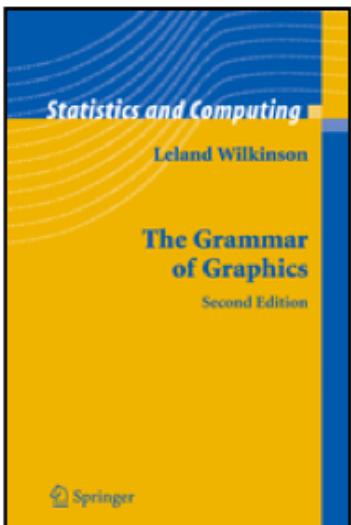
```
ggplot(data = mpg,  
       mapping = aes(x = displ, y = hwy, color = class)) +  
  geom_point() +  
  facet_wrap(~ class)
```



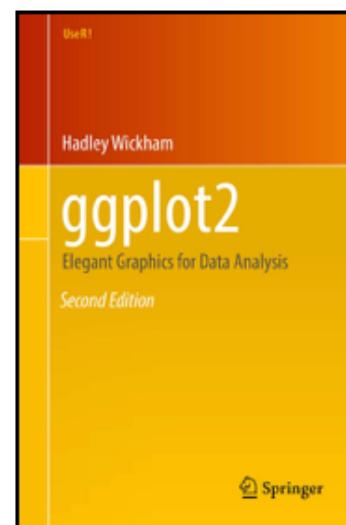
So much more

- We have only touched the surface of what you can do with ggplot
- <http://ggplot2.tidyverse.org/index.html>
- <http://r4ds.had.co.nz/data-visualization.html>

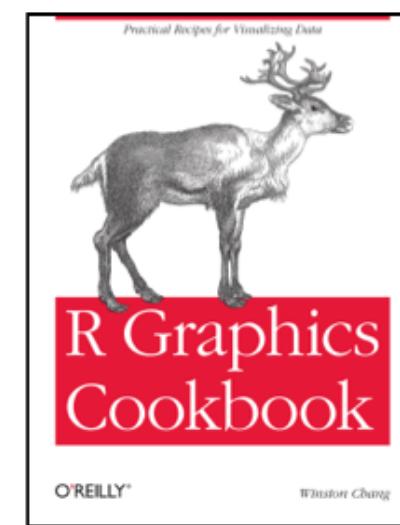
The Grammar of Graphics
Wilkinson



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