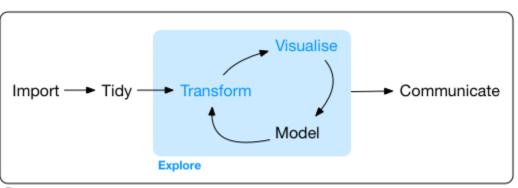
Lecture 5: Exploratory Data Analysis CME/STATS 195

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Program

Data Manipulation

The purr package

Package purrr is part of the tidyverse. Handles tasks similar to ones performed by apply-family functions in base R.

It enhances R's functional programming toolkit by providing a complete and consistent set of tools for working with functions and vectors. Map-functions allow you to replace many for loops with code that is easier to read.

- map(), map_if(), map_at() returns a list
- map lgl() returns a logical vector,
- map_int() returns a integer vector,
- map dbl() returns a double vector,
- map_chr() returns a character vector,
- map_dfr(), map_dfc() returns a data.frame by binding rows or columns respectively.

The map functions

Example: column-wise mean

Focus is on the operation being performed, not the book-keeping:

- purrr functions are implemented in C.
- the second argument, . f, can be a functions, a formula, a character vector, or an integer vector.

```
map(1:3, ~ rnorm(7, .x))

## [[1]]
## [1] -0.1285808   0.1618018   0.8949577   0.8150724   1.5488616   1.5497429
## [7]   0.3249237
##
## [[2]]
## [1] 4.133116   1.110582   2.339961   1.903445   2.048776   2.942722   2.397820
##
## [[3]]
## [1] 3.785463   1.774060   2.096767   2.922758   4.200022   4.570543   3.282496
```

map can pass additional parameters to the function

other inputs/outputs:

```
mtcars %>%
split(.$cyl)
```

```
## $`4`
                   mpg cyl disp
##
                                  hp drat
                                             wt
                                  93 3.85 2.320
                  22.8
                         4 108.0
## Datsun 710
## Merc 240D
                  24.4
                                  62 3.69 3.190
                         4 146.7
## Merc 230
                  22.8
                         4 140.8
                                 95 3.92 3.150
## Fiat 128
                  32.4
                         4 78.7
                                  66 4.08 2.200
                           75.7
## Honda Civic
                  30.4
                                  52 4.93 1.615
## Toyota Corolla 33.9
                        4 71.1
                                  65 4.22 1.835
## Toyota Corona
                  21.5
                         4 120.1
                                 97 3.70 2.465
## Fiat X1-9
                  27.3
                         4 79.0
                                  66 4.08 1.935
## Porsche 914-2
                  26.0
                         4 120.3
                                 91 4.43 2.140
## Lotus Europa
                  30.4
                         4 95.1 113 3.77 1.513
## Volvo 142E
                  21.4
                         4 121.0 109 4.11 2.780
##
## $`6`
                   mpg cyl disp hp drat
##
                  21.0
## Mazda RX4
                         6 160.0 110 3.90 2.620
                  21.0
## Mazda RX4 Waq
                         6 160.0 110 3.90 2.875
## Hornet 4 Drive 21.4
                         6 258.0 110 3.08 3.215
## Valiant
                  18.1
                         6 225.0 105 2.76 3.460
## Merc 280
                  19.2
                         6 167.6 123 3.92 3.440
## Merc 280C
                  17.8
                         6 167.6 123 3.92 3.440
## Ferrari Dino
                  19.7
                         6 145.0 175 3.62 2.770
```

```
mtcars %>%
   split(.$cyl) %>%
   map_df(dim)
```

```
##
## $`8`
##
                        mpg cyl disp hp drat
                       18.7
## Hornet Sportabout
                              8 360.0 175 3.15 3
## Duster 360
                       14.3
                              8 360.0 245 3.21
## Merc 450SE
                       16.4
                              8 275.8 180 3.07 4
## Merc 450SL
                       17.3
                              8 275.8 180 3.07 3
                       15.2
## Merc 450SLC
                              8 275.8 180 3.07 3
## Cadillac Fleetwood
                       10.4
                              8 472.0 205 2.93 !
## Lincoln Continental 10.4
                              8 460.0 215 3.00
## Chrysler Imperial
                              8 440.0 230 3.23 5
                       14.7
## Dodge Challenger
                       15.5
                              8 318.0 150 2.76
## AMC Javelin
                       15.2
                              8 304.0 150 3.15
                       13.3
## Camaro Z28
                              8 350.0 245 3.73 3
                       19.2
## Pontiac Firebird
                              8 400.0 175 3.08
                       15.8
## Ford Pantera L
                              8 351.0 264 4.22 3
                       15.0
                              8 301.0 335 3.54
## Maserati Bora
```

Base-R maps vs. purrr maps

However, purrr is more consistent, so you should learn it.

A quick reference of similar base R functions:

- lapply is basically identical to map
- sapply is a wrapper around lapply and it tries to simplify the output.
 Downside: you never know what you'll get
- vapply: like sapply, but you can supply an additional argument that defines the type

You can learn more about purr here: (http://r4ds.had.co.nz/iteration.html)

Handling missing values

Missing values

Two types of missingness

```
stocks <- tibble(
   year = c(2015, 2015, 2015, 2015, 2016, 2016, 2016),
   qtr = c( 1,  2,  3,  4,  2,  3,  4),
   return = c(1.88, 0.59, 0.35,  NA, 0.92, 0.17, 2.66)
)</pre>
```

The return for the fourth quarter of 2015 is explicitly missing

The return for the first quarter of 2016 is implicitly missing

The way that a dataset is represented can make implicit values explicit.

Gathering missing data

Recall the functions we learned from tidyr package.

You can used spread() and gather() to retain only non-missing recored, i.e. to turn all explicit missing values into implicit ones.

```
stocks %>% spread(year, return) %>%
  gather(year, return, `2015`: 2016`, na.rm = TRUE)
## # A tibble: 6 x 3
       gtr year return
## * <dbl> <chr> <dbl>
        1 2015
                  1.88
     2 2015
                0.59
     3 2015
                  0.35
## 4 2 2016
## 5 3 2016
                  0.92
                  0.17
## 6
     4 2016
                  2.66
```

Completing missing data

complete() takes a set of columns, and finds all unique combinations. It then ensures the original dataset contains all those values, **filling in explicit NAs** where necessary.

```
stocks %>% complete(year, qtr)
## # A tibble: 8 x 3
            qtr return
     vear
     <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
                 1.88
     2015
## 2 2015
                0.59
     2015
              3 0.35
     2015
                 NA
     2016
              1 NA
     2016
                  0.92
     2016
                  0.17
## 8
     2016
                  2.66
```

Different intepretations of NA

Sometimes when a data source has primarily been used for data entry, missing values indicate that the previous value should be carried forward:

You can fill in these missing values with fill()

Merging datasets

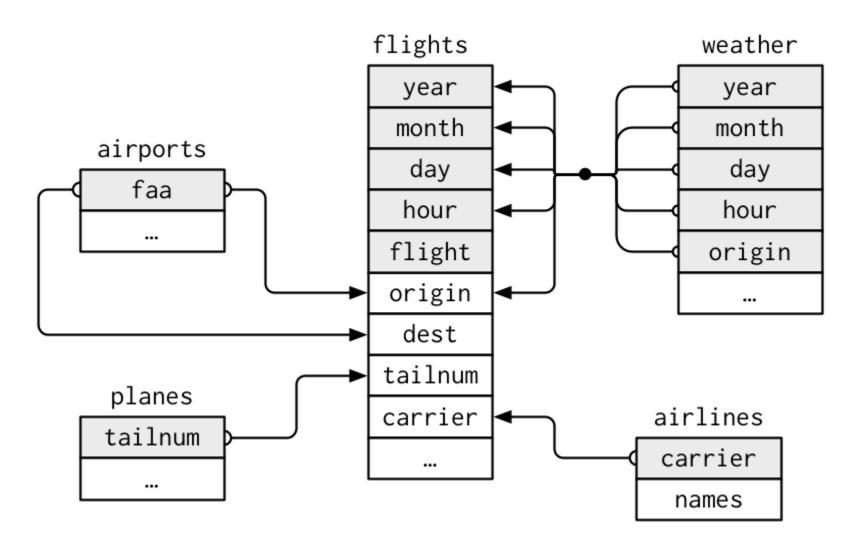
Relational data

- Rarely does a data analysis involve only a single table of data.
- Collectively, multiple tables of data are called **relational data** because the relations, not just the individual datasets, that are important.
- Relations are always defined between a pair of tables.
- All other relations are built up from this simple idea: the relations of three or more tables are always a property of the relations between each pair.

Example

the nycflights13 package contains a collection of related datasets.

library(nycflights13)



Source: (http://r4ds.had.co.nz/relational-data.html)

Keys

A key is a variable (or set of variables) that uniquely identifies an observation.

For example, each plane is uniquely determined by its tailnum, but an observation in 'weather' is identified by five variables: year, month, day, hour, and origin

Keys can be used to connect each pair of tables together.

There are two types of keys:

- **Primary:** identifies an observation in its own table. Example: planes\$tailnum
- Foreign: identifies an observation in another table. Example: flights\$tailnum, this is because tailnum does not enough to identify a record in flights dataset.

A variable can be both a primary key and a foreign key.

Identify primary keys

It's good practice to verify that chosen keys do indeed uniquely identify each observation.

One way to do that is to count () the primary keys and look for entries where n is greater than one:

```
planes %>%
 count(tailnum) %>%
 filter(n > 1)
## # A tibble: 0 x 2
## # ... with 2 variables: tailnum <chr>, n <int>
weather %>%
 count(year, month, day, hour, origin) %>%
 filter(n > 1)
## # A tibble: 3 x 6
     year month day hour origin
                                      n
    <dbl> <dbl> <int> <int> <chr> <int>
## 1 2013
             11 3 1 EWR
             11
                   3 1 JFK
## 2 2013
## 3 2013
             11
                         1 LGA
```

No primary key

Sometimes a table doesn't have an explicit primary key, e.g. in flights dataset each row is an observation, but no combination of variables reliably identifies it, (even the flight numbers).

In this case, you can add an extra identifier column:

```
flights %>%
  count(flight) %>%
  filter(n > 1)
## # A tibble: 3,493 x 2
##
      flight
                 n
       <int> <int>
##
           1
               701
    1
               51
   3
               631
   4
               393
##
    5
               324
               210
               237
   8
               236
               153
## 10
                61
          10
## # ... with 3,483 more rows
```

```
flights %>%
  mutate(flight_id= paste0("F", row_number())) %
  select(flight_id, year:flight)
```

```
## # A tibble: 336,776 x 12
      flight id
                               day dep time sched
##
                 year month
      <chr>
                 <int> <int> <int>
                                       <int>
    1 F1
                  2013
                                         517
    2 F2
                 2013
                                         533
    3 F3
                 2013
                                         542
    4 F4
                  2013
                                         544
    5 F5
                  2013
                                         554
    6 F6
                  2013
                                         554
    7 F7
                  2013
                                         555
    8 F8
                  2013
                                         557
    9 F9
                  2013
                                         557
                  2013
                                         558
## 10 F10
## # ... with 336,766 more rows, and 4 more vari
       arr_delay <dbl>, carrier <chr>, flight <i
## #
```

Merging two tables

There are three families of functions designed to merge relational data:

- **Mutating joins**, which add new variables to one data frame from matching observations in another.
- Filtering joins, which filter observations from one data frame based on whether or not they match an observation in the other table.
- Set operations, which treat observations as if they were set elements.

Mutating joins

A mutating join allows you to combine variables from two tables, by matching observations by their keys, and then copying across variables from one table to the other. e.g.

```
flights %>%
  select(year:day, hour, origin, dest, tailnum, carrier) %>%
  left_join(airlines, by = "carrier")
```

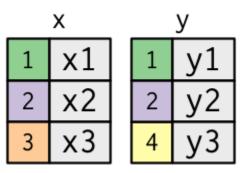
```
## # A tibble: 336,776 x 9
##
                    day hour origin dest tailnum carrier name
       vear month
      <int> <int> <dbl> <chr>
                                      <chr> <chr>
                                                    <chr>
                                                             <chr>
       2013
                             5 EWR
                                      IAH
                                            N14228
                                                             United Air Lines ...
   1
                                                    UA
                                            N24211
       2013
                                                             United Air Lines ...
                             5 LGA
                                      IAH
                                                    UΑ
       2013
                                            N619AA
                                                             American Airlines...
                             5 JFK
                                      MIA
       2013
                                            N804JB
                             5 JFK
                                      BQN
                                                             JetBlue Airways
       2013
                             6 LGA
                                            N668DN
                                                    DL
                                                             Delta Air Lines I...
                                      ATL
                                                             United Air Lines ...
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                             5 EWR
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                                            N39463
                                                    UA
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                                            N516JB
                                                             JetBlue Airways
                             6 EWR
                                      FLL
                                                    B6
       2013
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                                            N829AS
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                                                             ExpressJet Airlin...
       2013
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                                      MCO
                                            N593JB
                                                             JetBlue Airways
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       2013
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                                            N3ALAA
                                                             American Airlines...
## # ... with 336,766 more rows
```

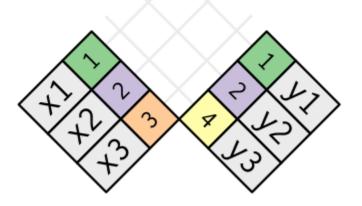
Mutating joins

There are four mutating join functions:

- inner join()
- outer joins;
 - left_join()
 - right_join()
 - full_join()

A simple example

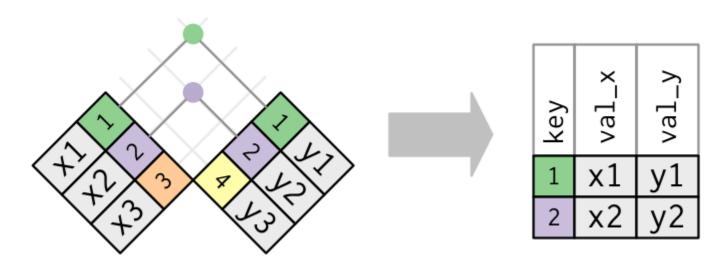




Inner join

```
x %>% inner_join(y, by = "key")

## # A tibble: 2 x 3
## key val_x val_y
## <dbl> <chr> <chr>
## 1  1 x1  y1
## 2  2 x2  y2
```



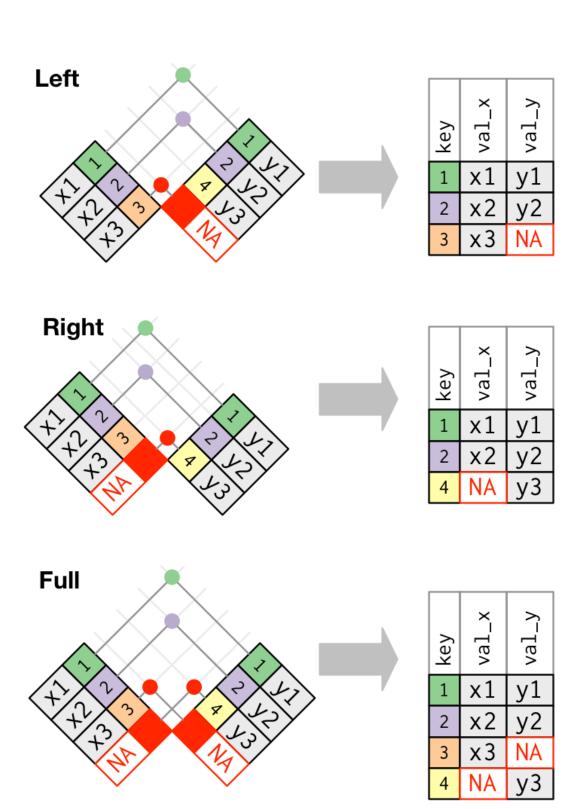
Source: (http://r4ds.had.co.nz/relational-data.html)

Outer join

An outer join keeps observations that appear in at least one of the tables:

- A left_join() keeps all observations in the table on the left
- A right_join() keeps all observations in the table on the right
- A full_join() keeps all observations in both tables

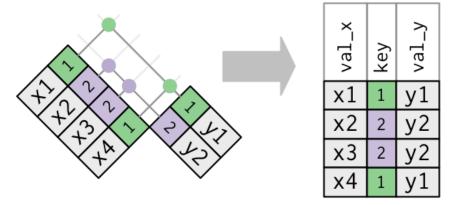
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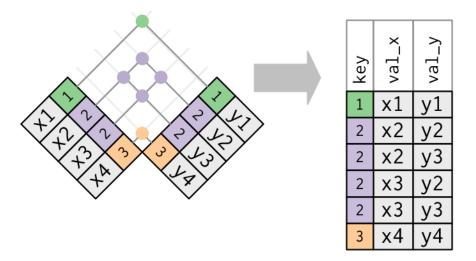
Duplicate keys

What happens when there are duplicate keys?

• One table has duplicate keys. There may be a one-to-many relation.



• Both tables have duplicate keys. When you join duplicated keys, you get all possible combinations:



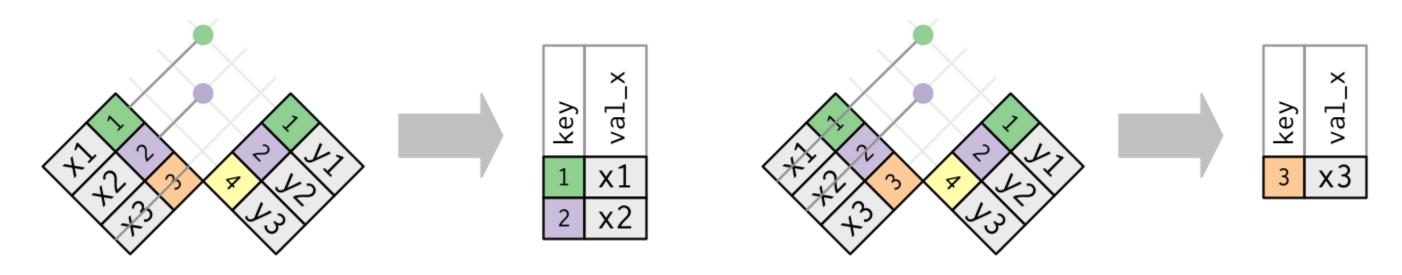
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Filtering joins

Filtering joins match observations in the same way as mutating joins, but affect the observations, not the variables.

There are two types:

- semi join(x, y) keeps all observations in x that have a match in y.
- anti_join(x, y) drops all observations in x that have a match in y.

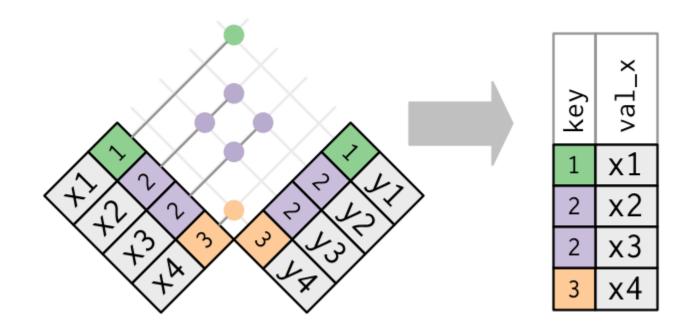


Multiple matches

In filtering joins, only the existence of a match is important.

It doesn't matter which observation is matched.

Filtering joins never duplicate rows like mutating joins do:



Set operations

Set operations apply to rows; they expect the x and y inputs to have the same variables, and treat the observations like sets.

- intersect(x, y): returns only observations in both x and y.
- union(x, y): returns unique observations in x and y.
- setdiff(x, y): returns observations in x, but not in y.

All these operations work with a complete row, comparing the values of every variable.

Example

```
df1 <- tribble(
    ~x, ~y,
    1, 1,
    2, 1
)
df2 <- tribble(
    ~x, ~y,
    1, 1,
    1, 2
)</pre>
```

```
intersect(df1, df2)
```

```
union(df1, df2)
```

```
setdiff(df1, df2)
```

```
setdiff(df2, df1)
```

Data Export

Exporting Data

After working with a dataset and doing all data manipulation, you might want to save your new data table.

Recall the readr package. Besides functions for reading data in, readr has utilities for saving your data to a text file:

```
write_tsv(mydata, "path/to/filename.tsv")  # tab-delimited
write_csv(mydata, "path/to/filename.csv")  # comma-delimited
write_delim(mydata, "path/to/filename.csv", delim = " ")  # general delimiter
```

To save your data in other types of files, you need to install and use other packages:

to export an Excel spreadsheet, use Xlsx package, and follow this guide.

```
# install.packages(xlsx)
library(xlsx)
write.xlsx(mydata, "path/to/filename.xlsx")
```

to export SAS, SPSS and Stata files use the haven package.

```
# install.packages(haven)
library(haven)
read_sas("mtcars.sas7bdat")
write_sas(mtcars, "mtcars.sas7bdat")
```

Saving the workspace

- You can also choose to **save all objects** currently in the workspace (variables, functions, etc.) into a file e.g. filename.rda.
- The file filename.rda can be the easily loaded next time you work with R.
- You can also save a single object or a subset of specified objects currently in the workspace.

```
# save the workspace to file
save.image(file = "path/to/filename.rda")

# save specific objects to a file
save(object_list, file = "path/to/filename.rda")

# save just a single object
saveRDS(object, file = "path/to/filename.rds")
```

Saved objects/workspace can be loaded back in a new R session.

```
# load a workspace into the current session
load("path/to/filename.rda")

# read just the previously saved 1 object
object <- readRDS("path/to/filename.rds")</pre>
```

Exercise 1

- Go to "Lec5_Exercises.Rmd" on the class website.
- Complete Exercise 1.

Exploratory data analysis

What is exploratory data analysis (EDA)?

EDA is an iterative process:

- Generate questions about your data
- Search for answers by visualising, transforming, and modelling data

Use what you learn to refine your questions or generate new ones.

Some comments about EDA:

- It is not a formal process with a strict set of rules.
- Explore many ideas: some will pan out, others will be dead ends.
- Even if questions are predefined, quality of data still needs to be assessed

Asking questions

Your goal during EDA is to develop an understanding of your data.

"There are no routine statistical questions, only questionable statistical routines."

Sir David Cox

EDA is fundamentally a creative process. And like most creative processes, the key to asking quality questions is to generate a large quantity of questions. [^1] [^1]: (http://r4ds.had.co.nz/exploratory-data-analysis.html#questions)

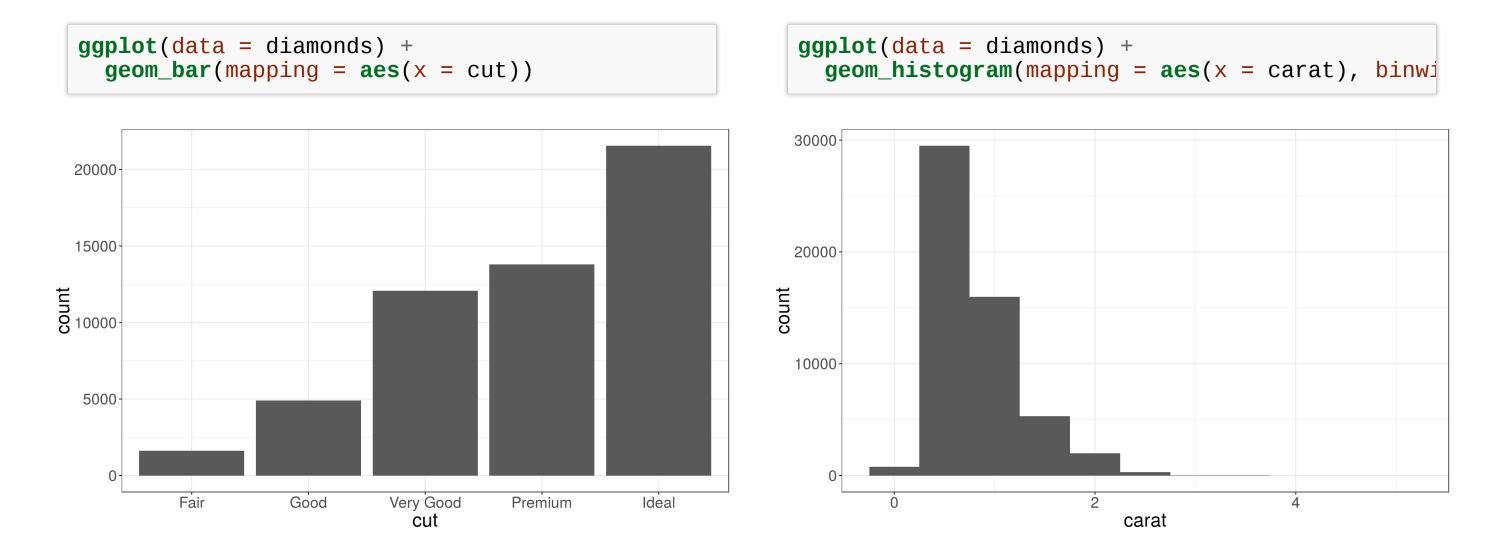
Two types of questions will always be useful for making discoveries within your data:

- 1. What type of variation occurs within my variables?
- 2. What type of covariation occurs between my variables?

Variation

Variation is the tendency of the values of a variable to change from measurement to measurement. Every variable has its own pattern of variation, which can reveal interesting information. ¹

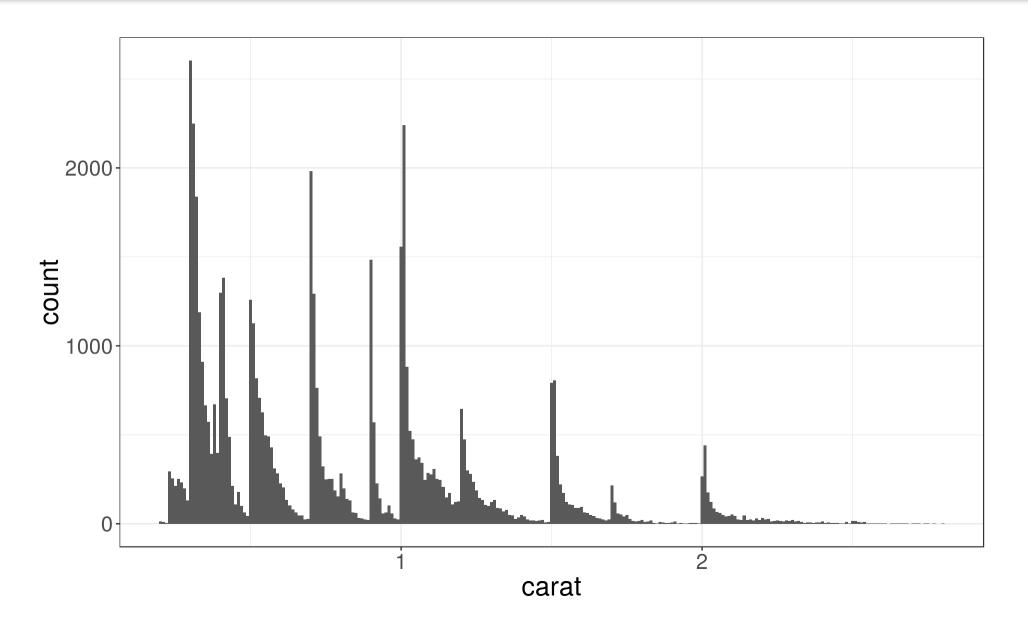
Recall the diamonds dataset. Use a bar chart, to examine the distribution of a categorical variable, and a histogram that of a continuous one.



Identifying typical values

- Which values are the most common? Why?
- Which values are rare? Why? Does that match your expectations?
- Can you see any unusual patterns? What might explain them?

```
diamonds %>% filter(carat < 3) %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = carat)) + geom_histogram(binwidth = 0.01)
```

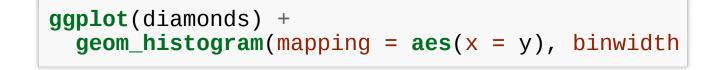


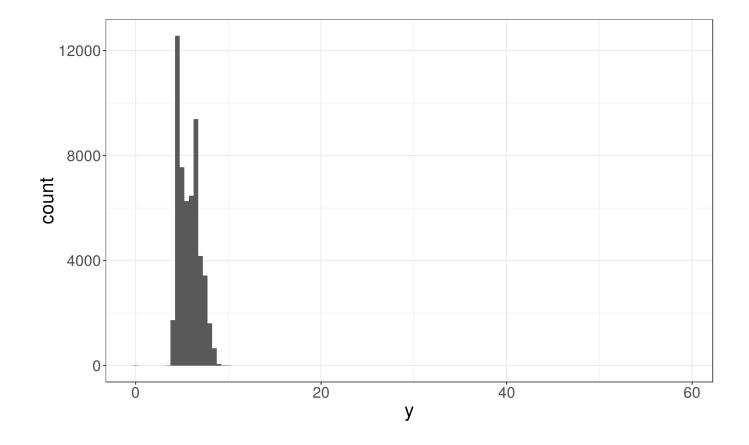
Look for anything unexpected!

Identify outliers

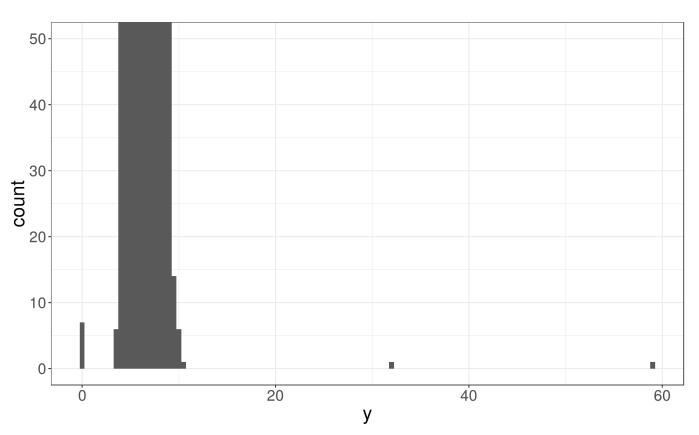
Outliers are observations that are unusual – data points that don't seem to fit the general pattern.

Sometimes outliers are data entry errors; other times outliers suggest important new science.





```
ggplot(diamonds) +
  geom_histogram(mapping = aes(x = y), binwidth
  coord_cartesian(ylim = c(0, 50))
```



Identifying outliers

Now that we have seen the usual values, we can try to understand them.

```
diamonds %>% filter(y < 3 | y > 20) %>%
 select(price, carat, x, y, z) %>% arrange(y)
## # A tibble: 9 x 5
## price carat
## <int> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
## 1 5139 1
## 2 6381 1.14 0
## 3 12800 1.56 0
## 4 15686 1.2
## 5 18034 2.25 0
## 6 2130 0.71 0
## 7 2130 0.71 0
## 8 2075 0.51 5.15 31.8
                           5.12
## 9 12210 2
                8.09 58.9 8.06
```

The y variable measures the length (in mm) of one of the three dimensions of a diamond.

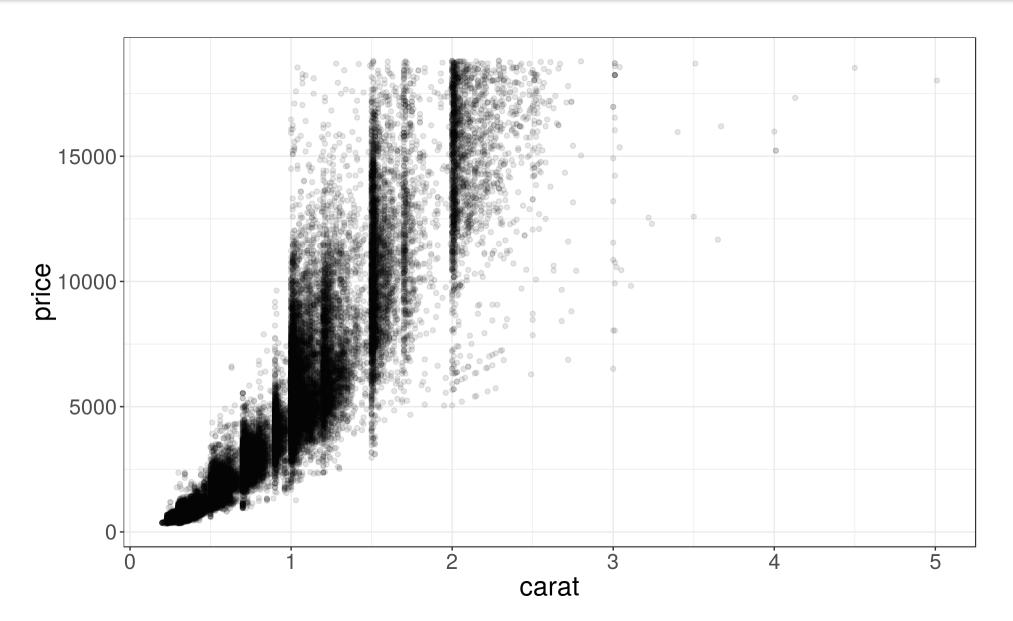
Therefore, these must be entry errors! Why?

It's good practice to repeat your analysis with and without the outliers.

Covariation

Covariation is the tendency for the values of two or more variables to vary together in a related way.

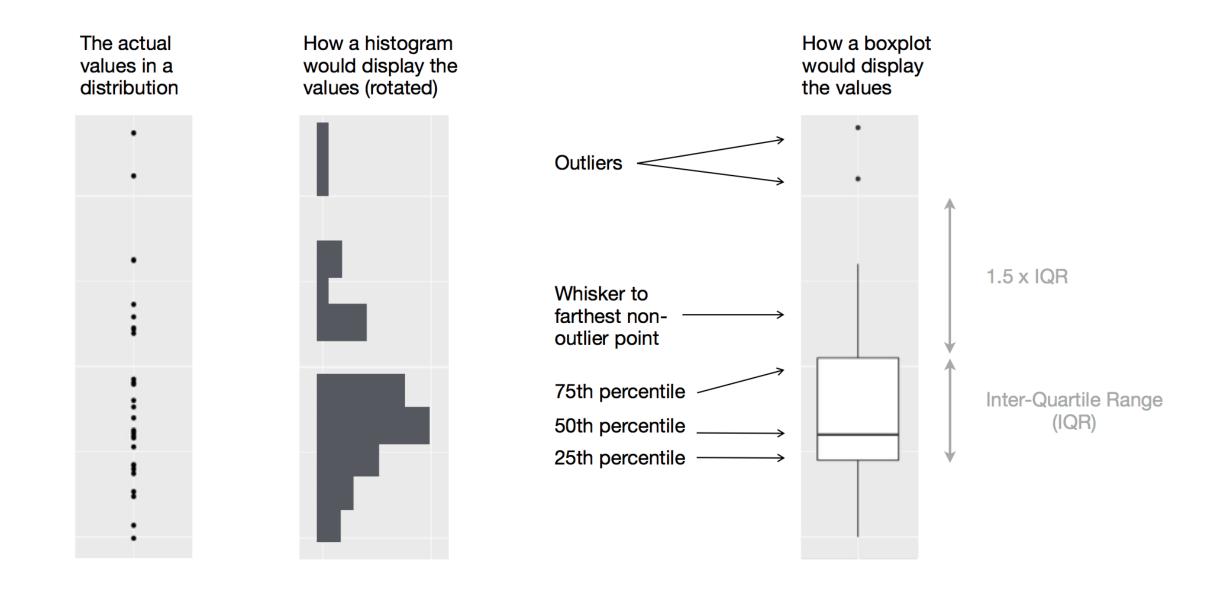
```
ggplot(data = diamonds) +
  geom_point(aes(x=carat, y=price), alpha=0.1)
```



Boxplots

Boxplot are used to display visual shorthand for a distribution of a continuous variable broken down by categories.

They mark the distribution's quartiles.



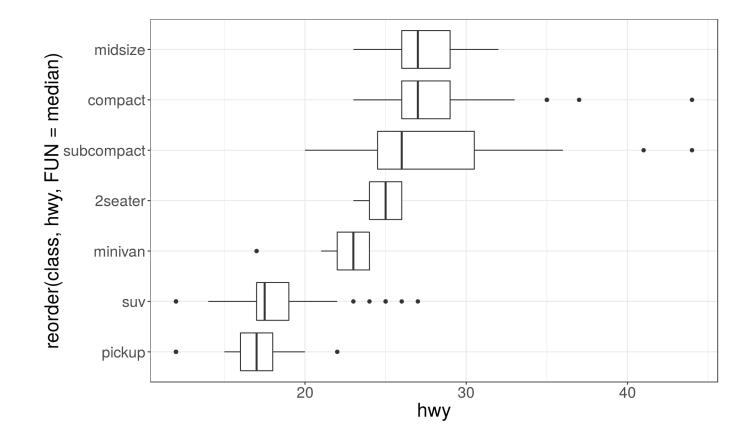
A categorical and a continuous variable

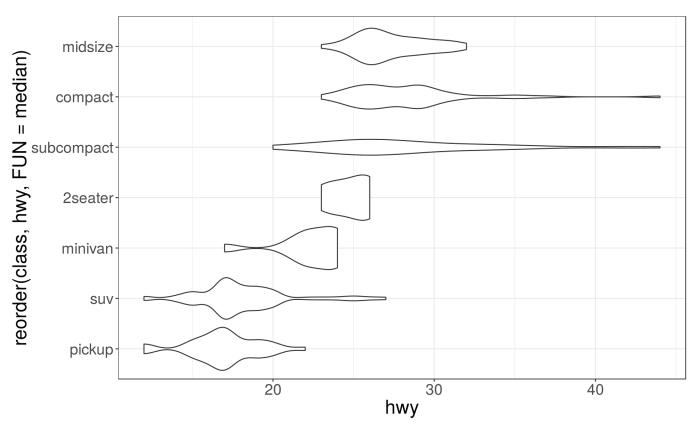
Use a boxplot or a violin plot to display the covariation between a categorical and a continuous variable.

Violin plots give more information, as they show the entrire estimated distribution.

```
ggplot(mpg, aes(
  x = reorder(class, hwy, FUN = median), y = hwy
  geom_boxplot() + coord_flip()
```



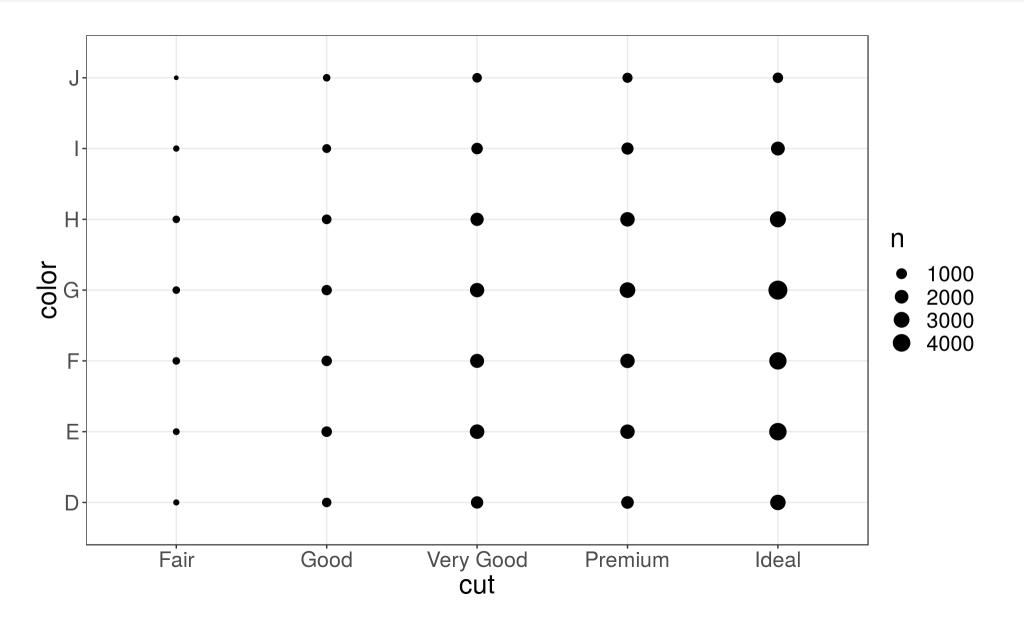




Two categorical variables

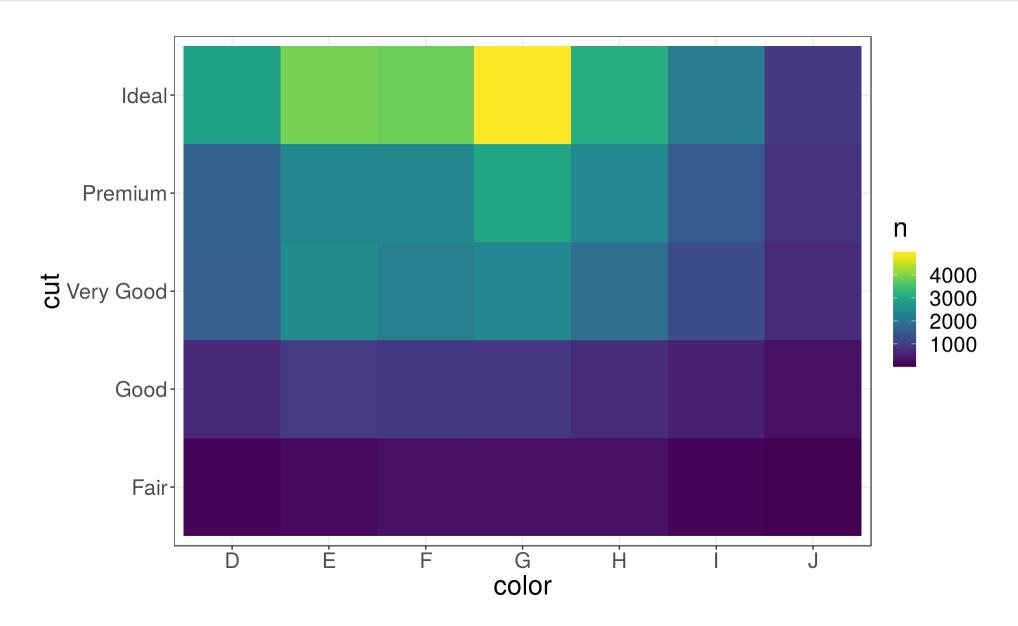
To visualise the **covariation between categorical variables**, you need to count the number of observations for each combination, e.g. using geom_count():

```
ggplot(data = diamonds) +
  geom_count(mapping = aes(x = cut, y = color))
```



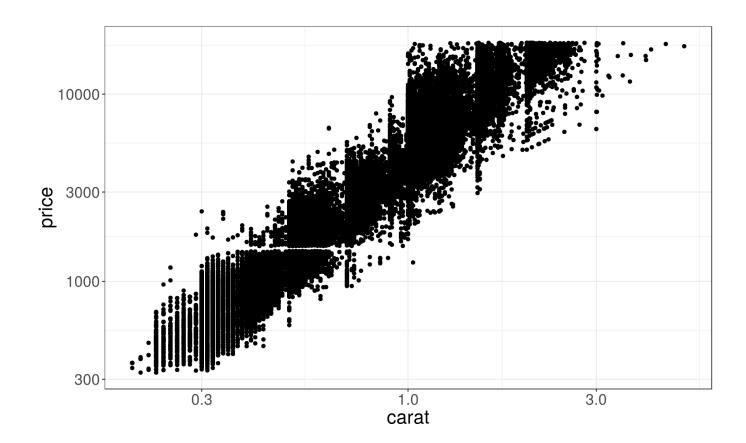
Another approach is to first, compute the count and then visualise it by coloring with geom tile() and the fill aesthetic:

```
diamonds %>%
  count(color, cut) %>%
  ggplot(mapping = aes(x = color, y = cut)) +
    geom_tile(mapping = aes(fill = n)) +
  scale_fill_viridis()
```

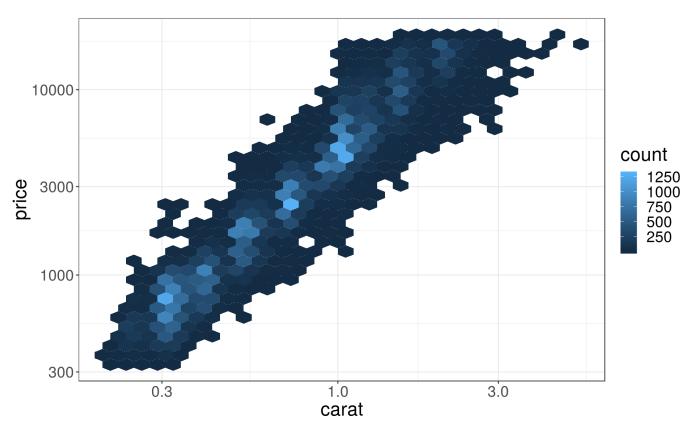


Two continuous variables

```
ggplot(data = diamonds) +
  geom_point(mapping = aes(x = carat, y = price)
  scale_y_log10() + scale_x_log10()
```



```
# install.packages("hexbin")
ggplot(data = diamonds) +
  geom_hex(mapping = aes(x = carat, y = price))
  scale_y_log10() + scale_x_log10()
```



Exercise 2

- Go to "Lec5_Exercises.Rmd" on the class website.
- Complete Exercise 2.

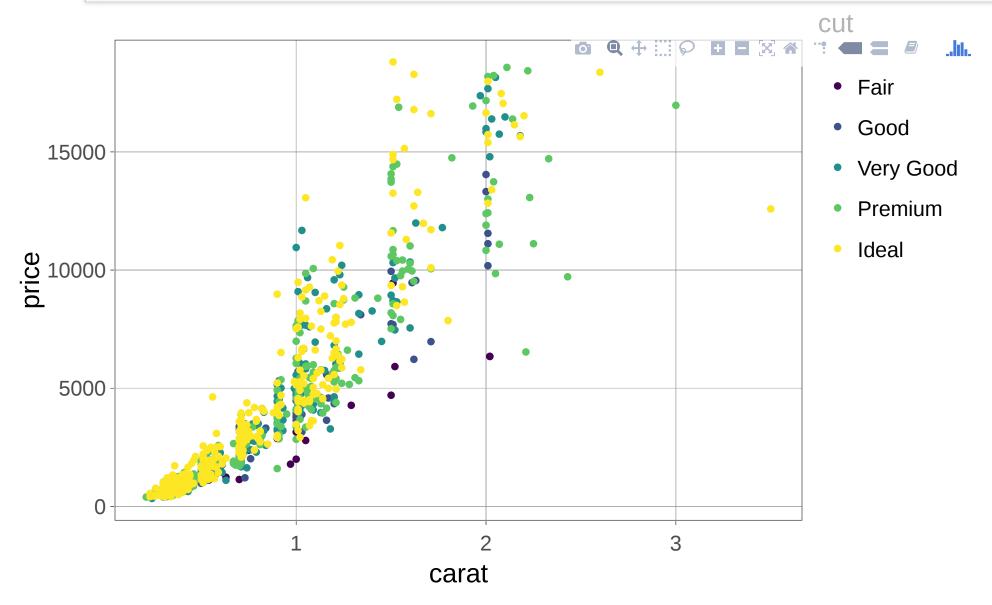
Interactive graphics

The plotly package

- plotly is a package for visualization and a collaboration platform for data science
- Available in R, python, MATLAB, scala.
- You can produce **interactive graphics including 3D plots** (with zooming and rotating).
- You can open a 'plotly' account to upload 'plotly' graphs and view or modify them in a web browser.
- Resources: cheatsheet, book

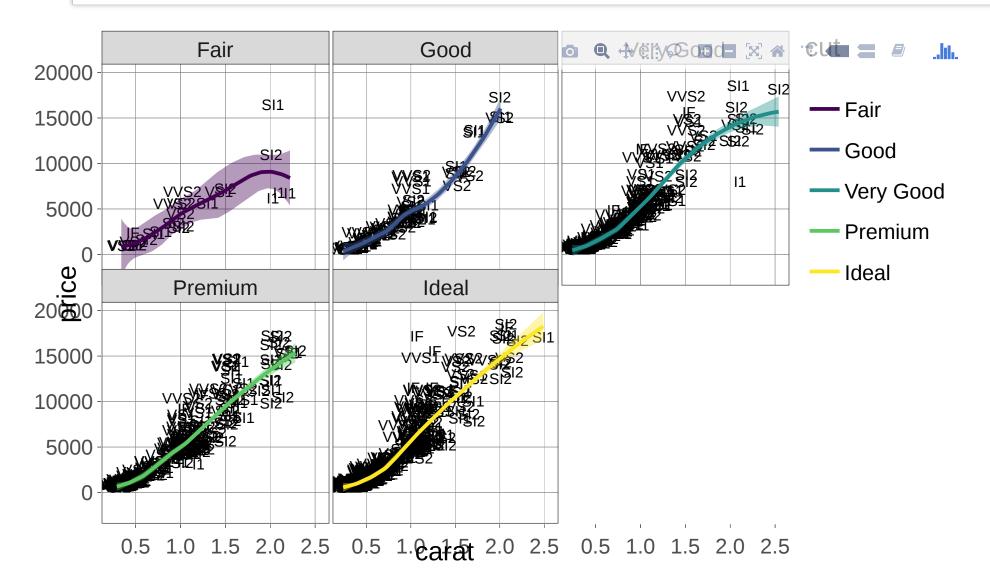
plotly integration with ggplot2

```
library(plotly); library(tidyverse) # or library(ggplot2); library(dplyr)
plt <- ggplot(diamonds %>% sample_n(1000), aes(x = carat, y = price)) +
    geom_point(aes(color = cut))
ggplotly(plt)
```



```
plt <- ggplot(diamonds %>% sample_n(1000), aes(x = carat, y = price)) +
   geom_text(aes(label = clarity), size = 4) +
   geom_smooth(aes(color = cut, fill = cut)) +
   facet_wrap(~cut)
ggplotly(plt)
```

```
\#\# `geom_smooth()` using method = 'loess' and formula 'y ~ x'
```



3D Scatter plots





Adding layers



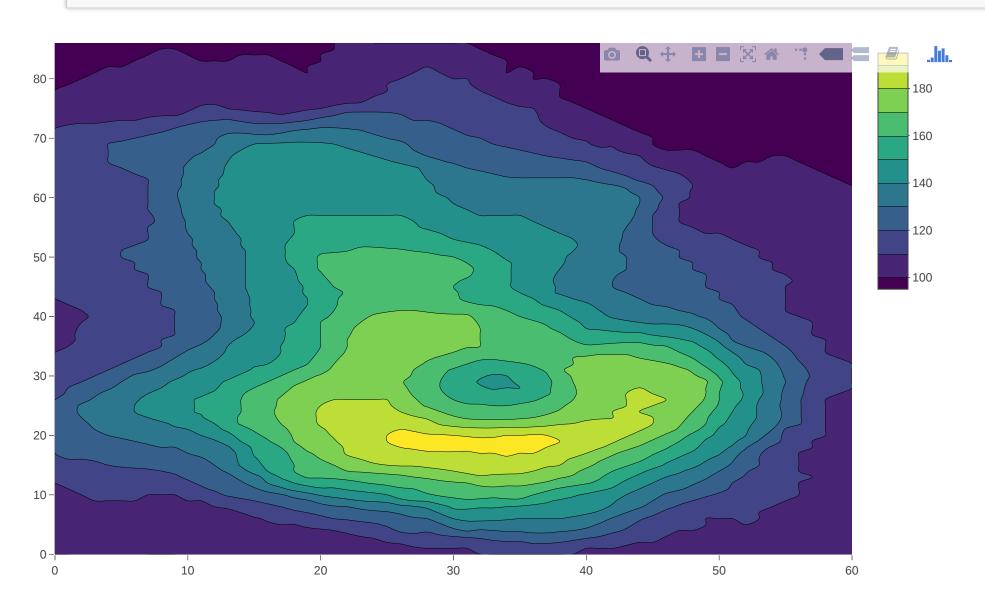
Volcano dataset

- **volcano** a built-in dataset storing topographic information for Maunga Whau (Mt Eden), one of 50 volcanos in Auckland, New Zealand.
- It consist of a 87 x 61 matrix with entries corresponding to the mountain's atlitutes [m] on a 10m by 10m grid.
- rows run east to west, and columns south to north

```
dim(volcano)
## [1] 87 61
volcano[1:5, 1:5]
              100
         100
                   101
                        101
                             101
              101
                        102
## [2,]
         101
                  102
                             102
              102 103
## [3,]
         102
                        103
                             103
              103
         103
                  104
                        104
                             104
              104
## [5,]
         104
                   105
                        105
                             105
```

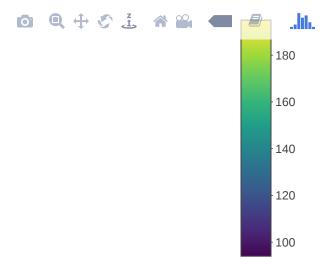
2D contour plots

```
plot_ly(z = volcano) %>% add_contour()
```



3D surface plots

```
plot_ly(z = volcano) %>% add_surface()
```



Exercise 3

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- Complete Exercise 3.

