

EVRN 745 Assignment 3: gganimate guide

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1) Goals of the package

The main goal of `gganimate` is to extend the `ggplot` syntax and aesthetic scheme to the generation of animated graphs. It does this by adding a few new types of functions dealing with the implementation of different types of animations and rendering the resultant `gganim` objects as GIF files. These functions are appended to the `ggplot` call using the expected `+` operator. Here are some examples of these functions and their uses:

`transition_*()` defines how the data should be spread out and how it relates to itself across time.

`view_*()` defines how the positional scales should change along the animation.

`shadow_*()` defines how data from other points in time should be presented in the given point in time.

`enter_*()/exit_*()` defines how new data should appear and how old data should disappear during the course of the animation.

`ease_aes()` defines how different aesthetics should be eased during transitions.

2) Examples demonstrating the functionality of the package

For this first example, we need to load the `gganimate` package, as well as an ancillary package called `gifski` (this package allows `gganimate` to render gif files; I believe there are other packages you can use that more or less do the same thing). The first example and figure below make use of the `mtcars` data set:

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head(mtcars)
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##	mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat	wt	qsec	vs	am	gear	carb
## Mazda RX4	21.0	6	160	110	3.90	2.620	16.46	0	1	4	4
## Mazda RX4 Wag	21.0	6	160	110	3.90	2.875	17.02	0	1	4	4
## Datsun 710	22.8	4	108	93	3.85	2.320	18.61	1	1	4	1
## Hornet 4 Drive	21.4	6	258	110	3.08	3.215	19.44	1	0	3	1
## Hornet Sportabout	18.7	8	360	175	3.15	3.440	17.02	0	0	3	2
## Valiant	18.1	6	225	105	2.76	3.460	20.22	1	0	3	1

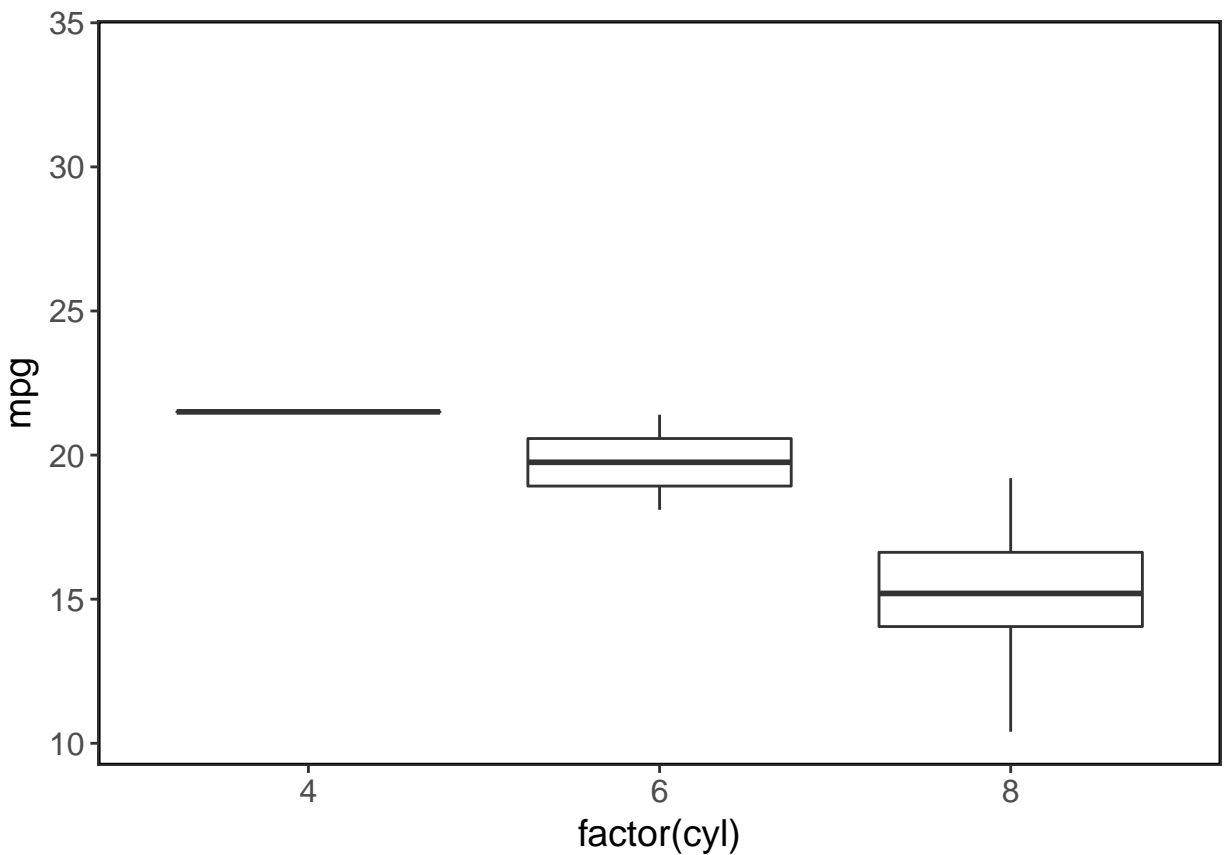
As you can see above, this data set lists attributes of a number of car models. In this graph below, we are taking a base static boxplot showing the mpg distributions for groups of cars with different numbers of cylinders, but then using the number of forward gears (as a factor) to animate.

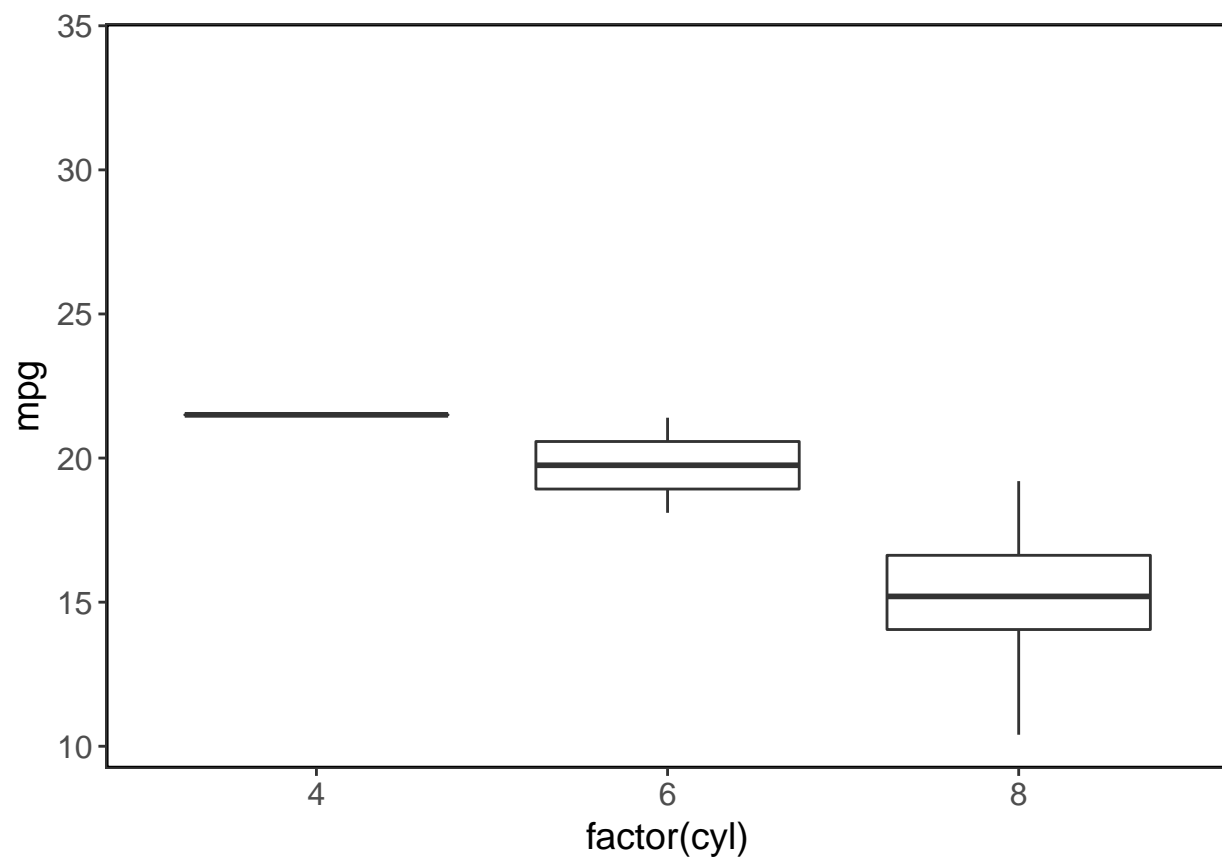
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library(gganimate)
library(gifski)
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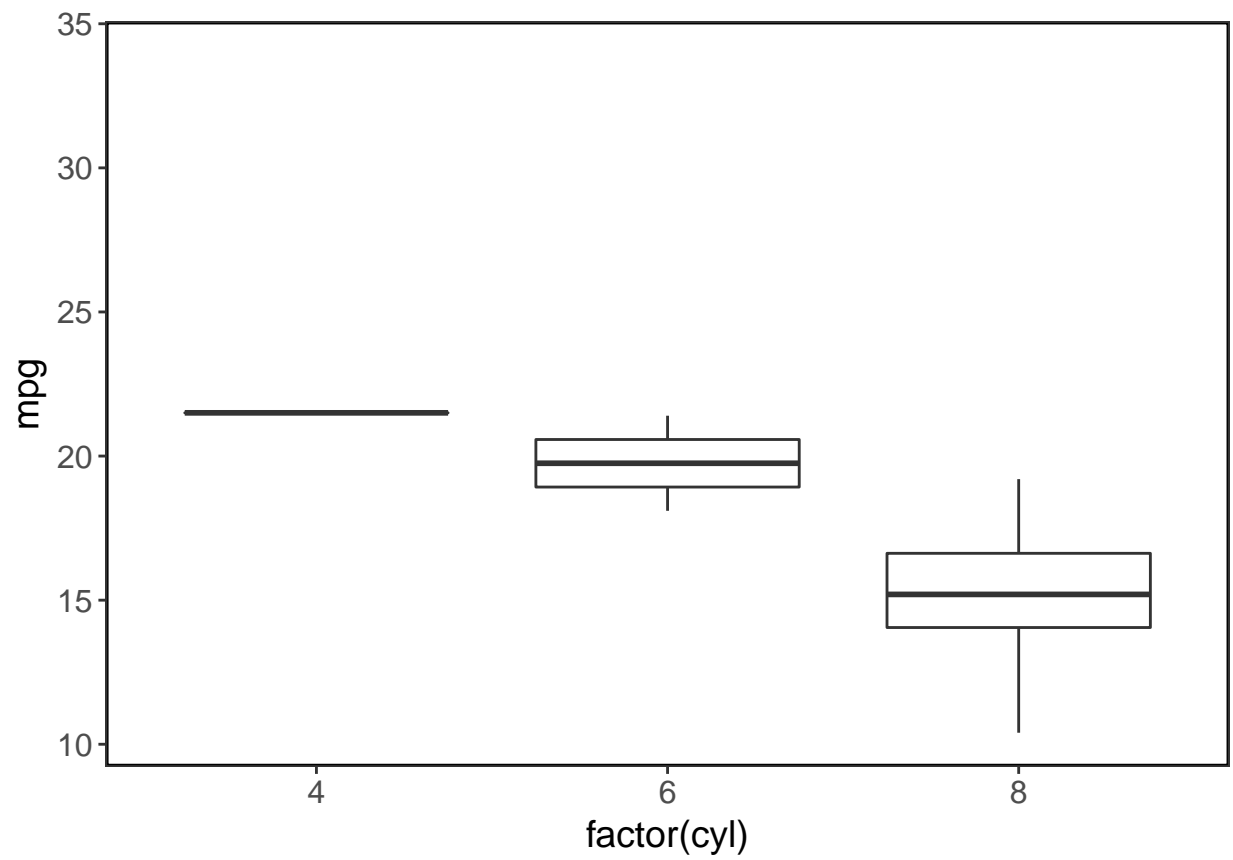
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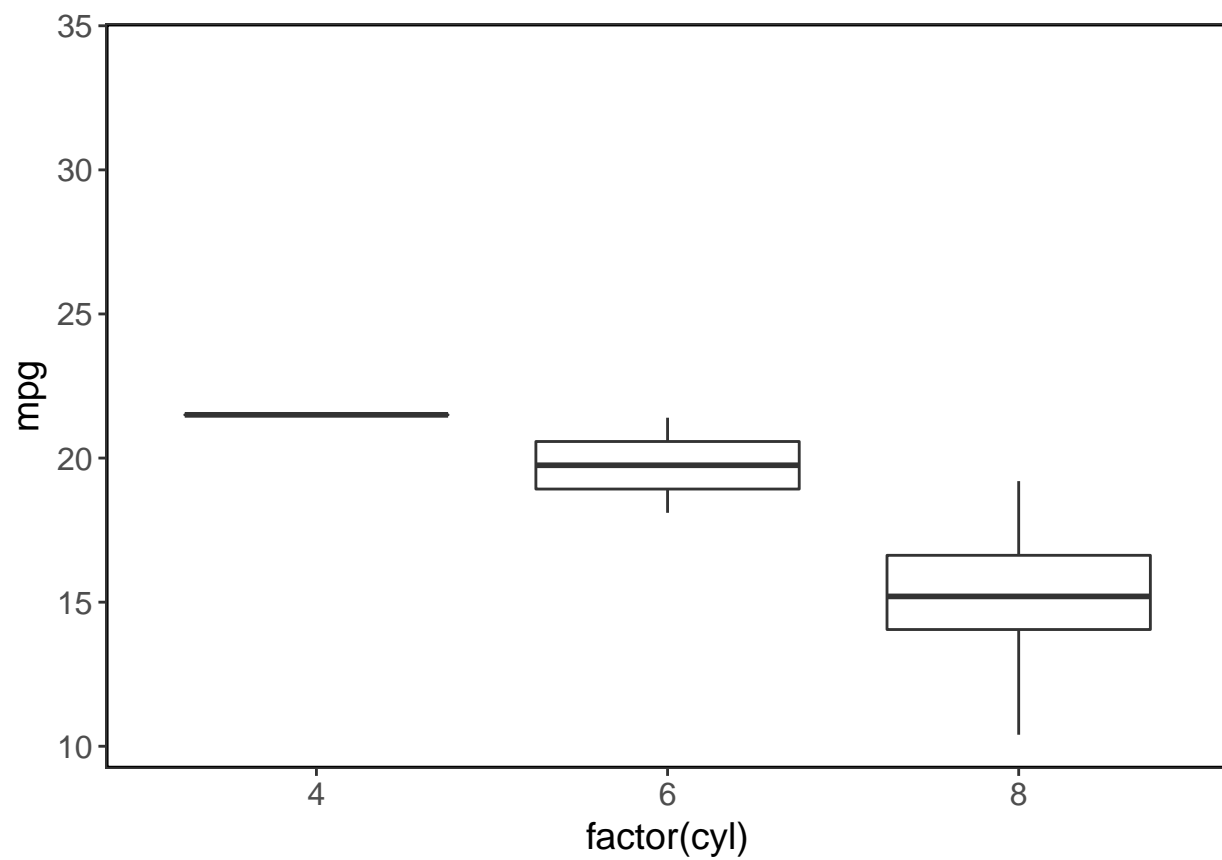
# Here is regular ggplot syntax
ggplot(mtcars, aes(factor(cyl), mpg)) +
  geom_boxplot() +
  # Here is where we start adding ganimate code
  # The transition_states function allows you to choose the variable (states = x) used for animation st
  transition_states(
    # The states input is an unquoted column name
    states = gear,
    # The transition_length input is the relative length of time the image transitions
    transition_length = 2,
    # The state_length input is the relative length of time the image stays in each discrete state
    state_length = 1) +
  # the enter and exit functions define how new data should appear and how old data should disappear
  enter_fade() +
  exit_shrink() +
  # ease_aes() defines the rate of change during transitions between states
  ease_aes('sine-in-out') +
  # this is all theme stuff
  theme_bw() +
  theme(panel.grid.major = element_blank(),
        panel.grid.minor = element_blank(),
        panel.background = element_rect(colour = "black", size = 1)) +
  theme(axis.text = element_text(size = 12),
        axis.title = element_text(size = 14))

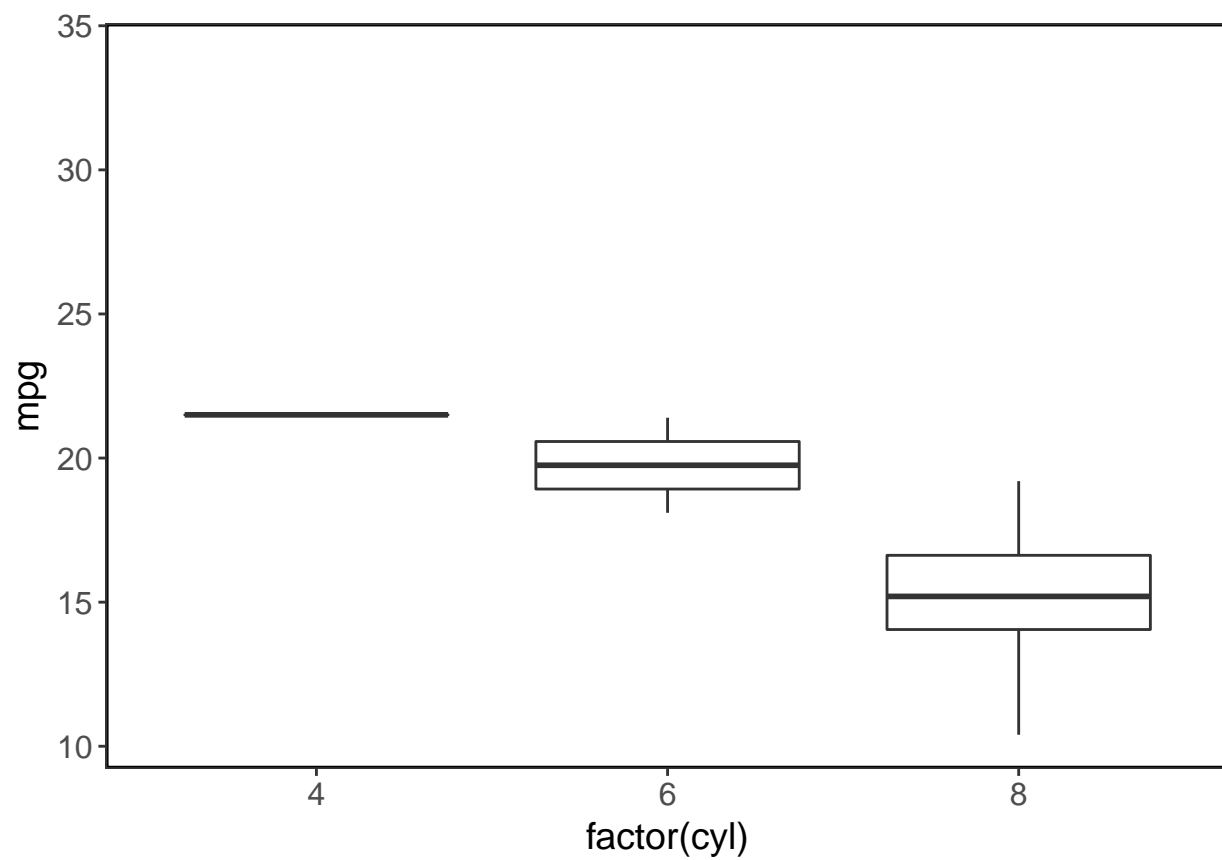
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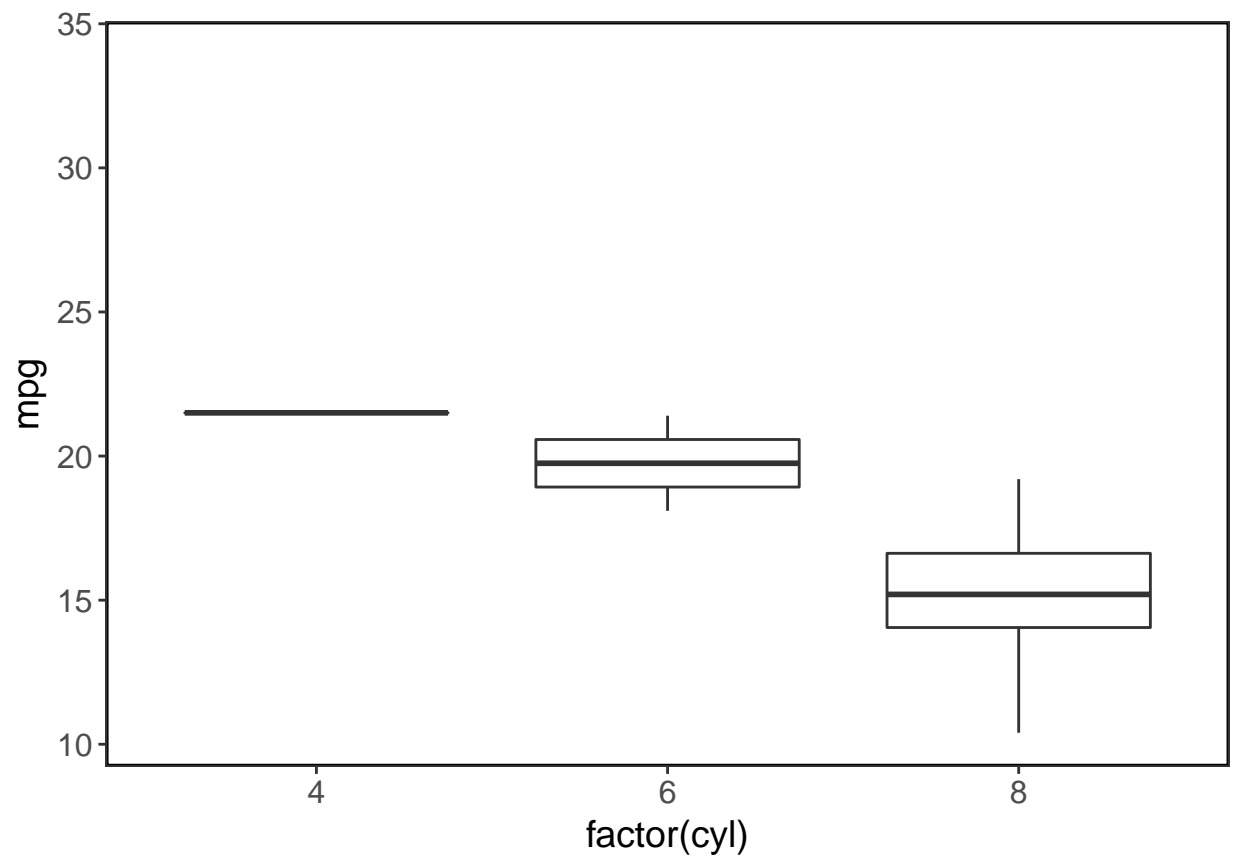


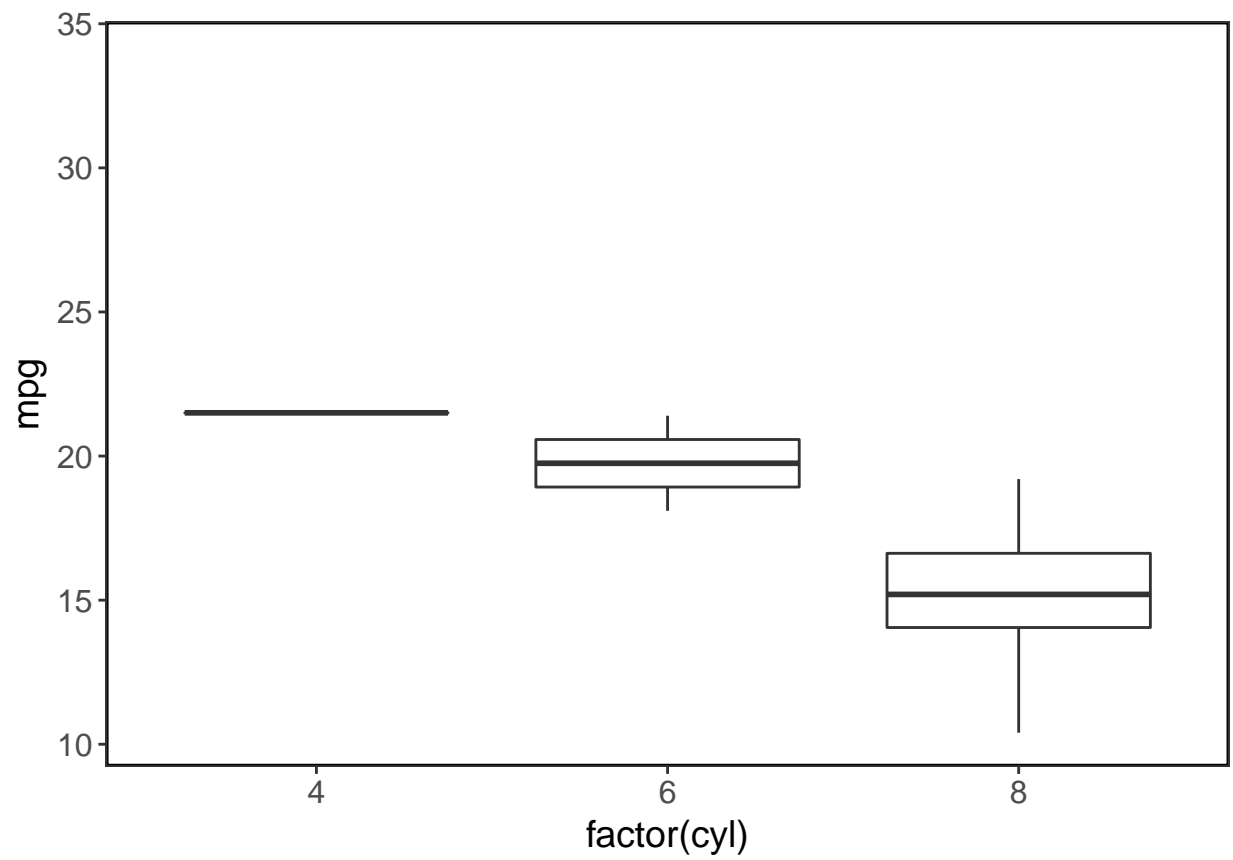


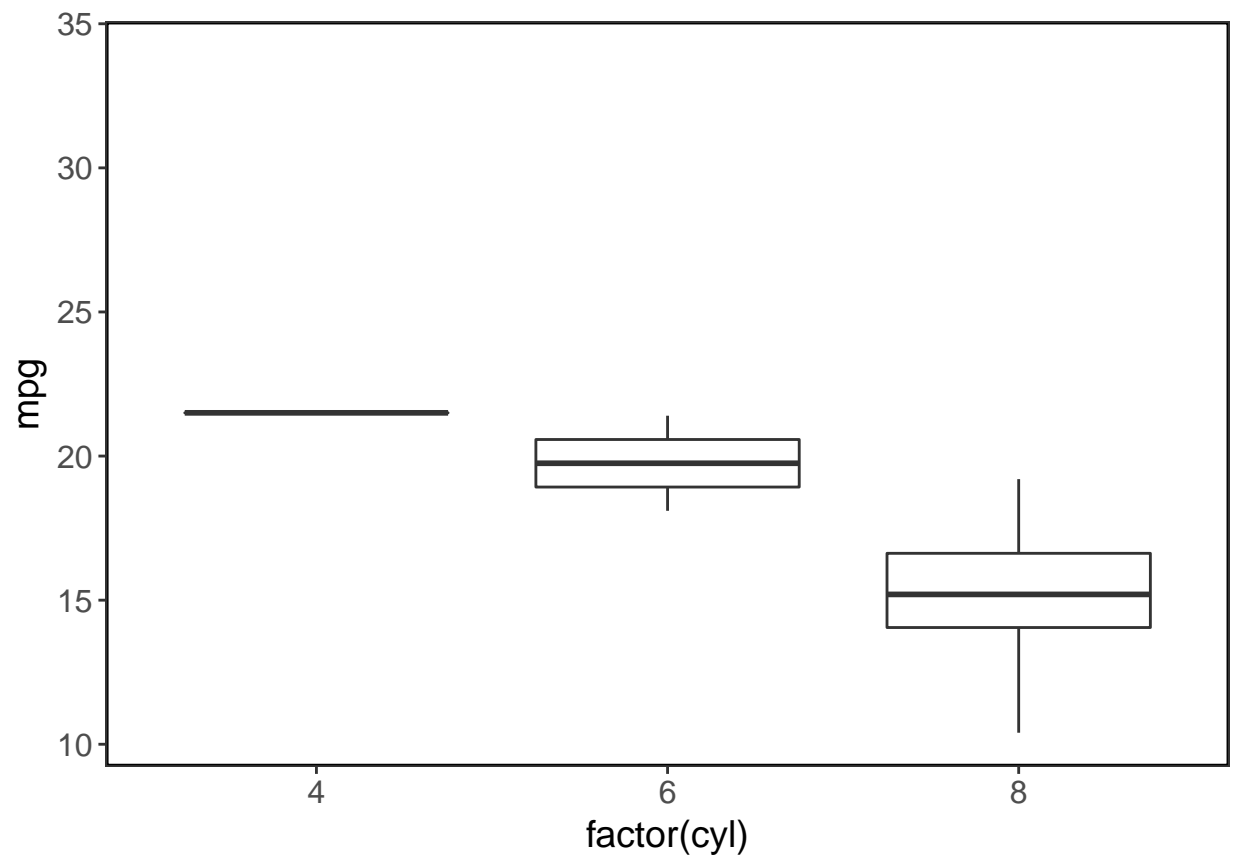


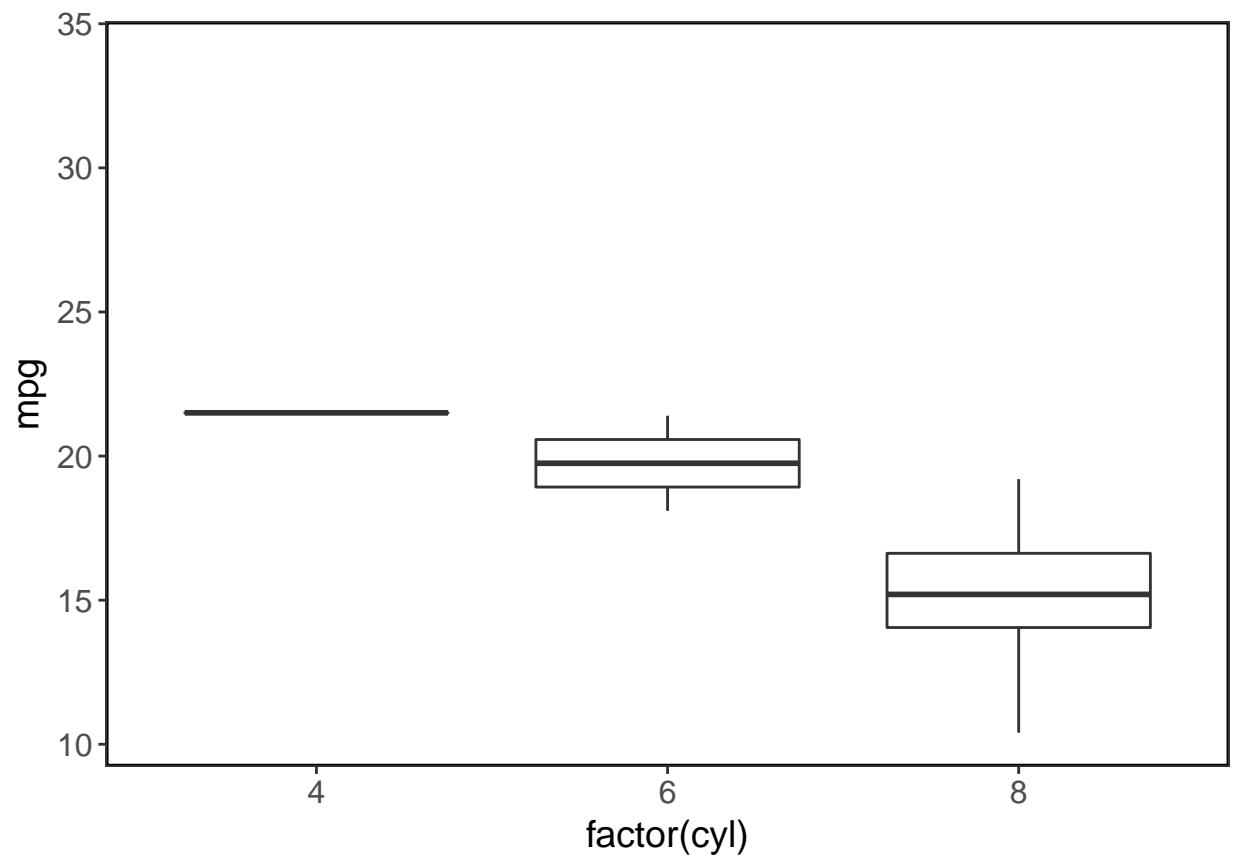


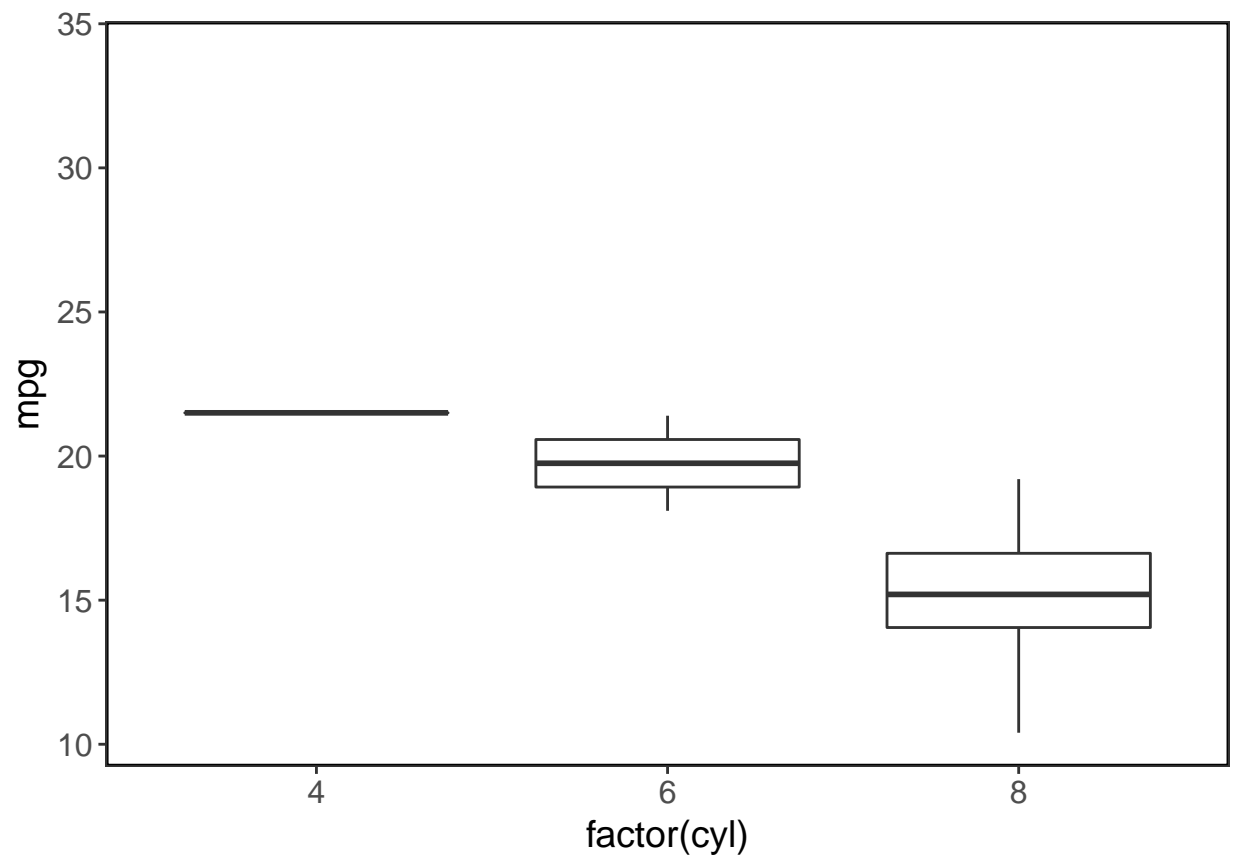


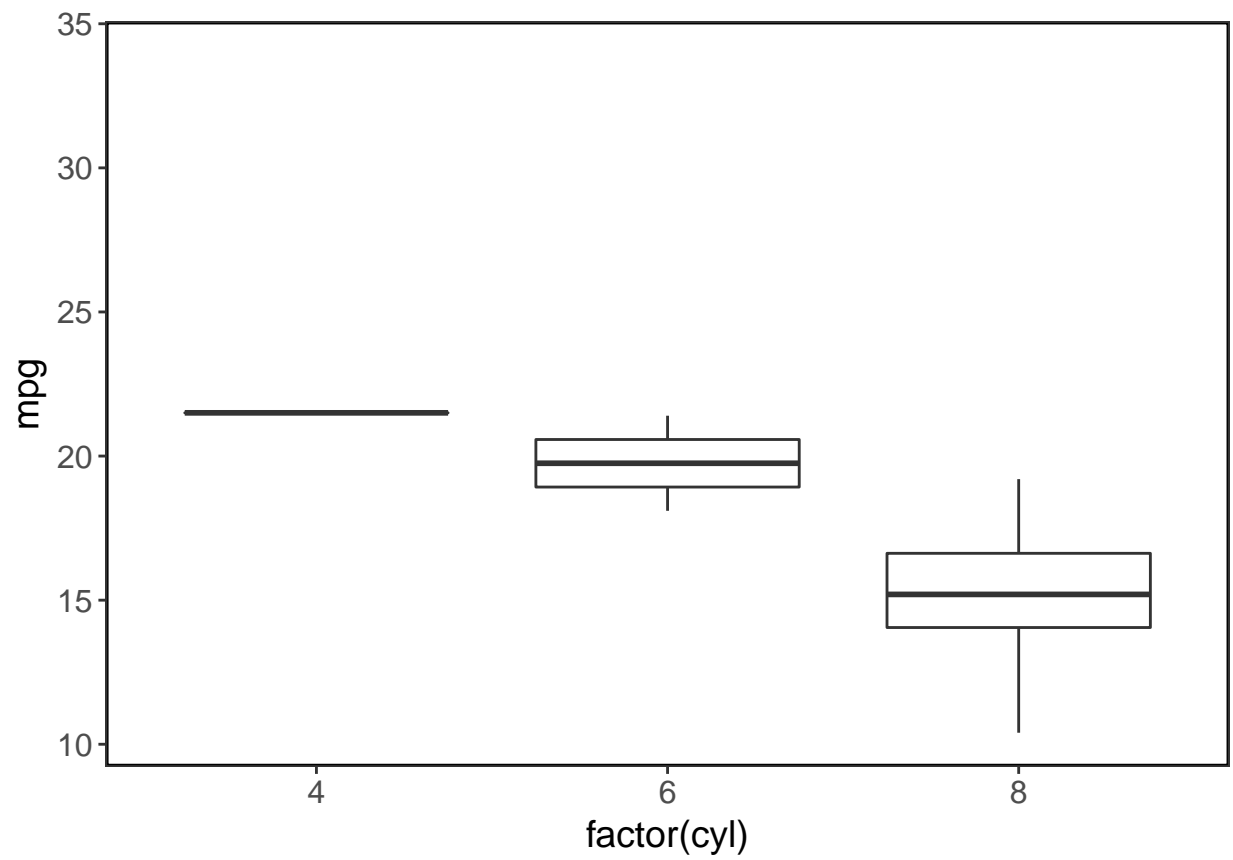


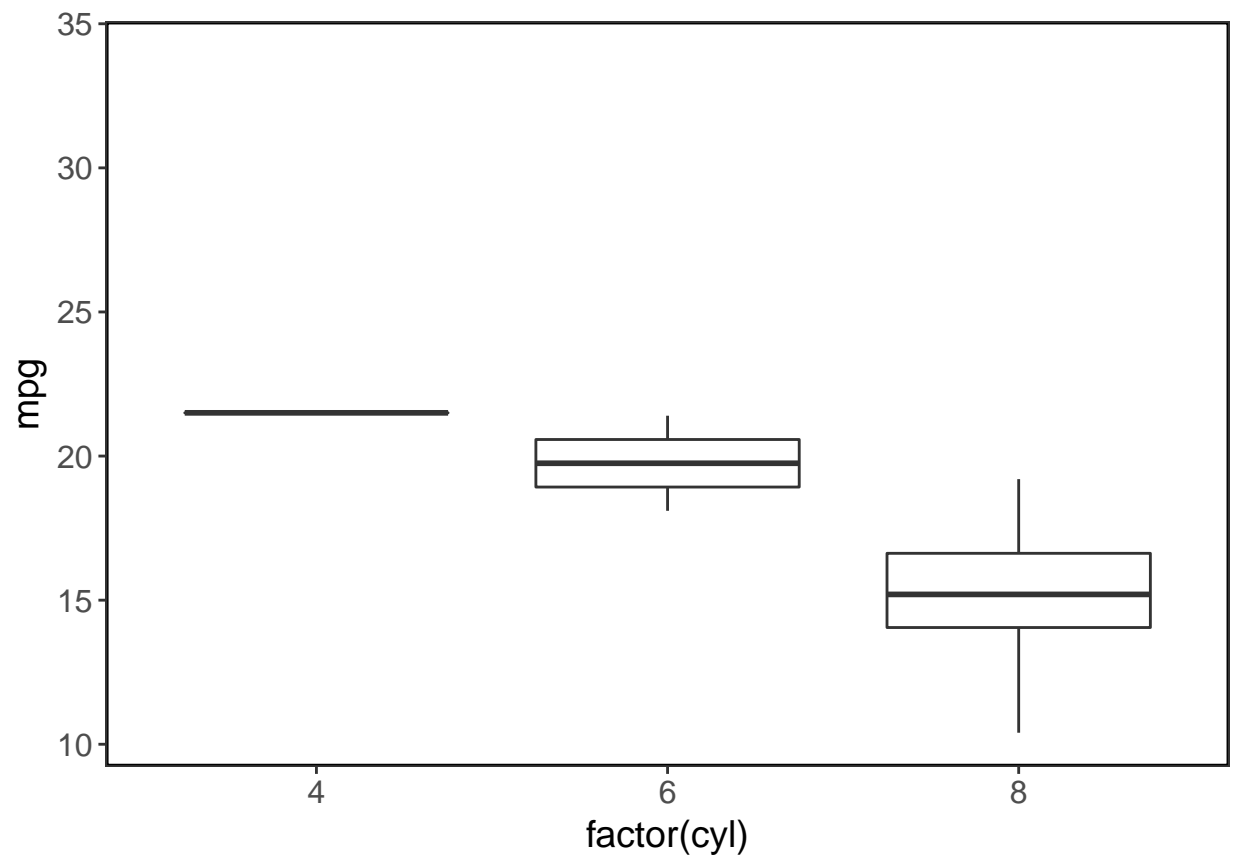


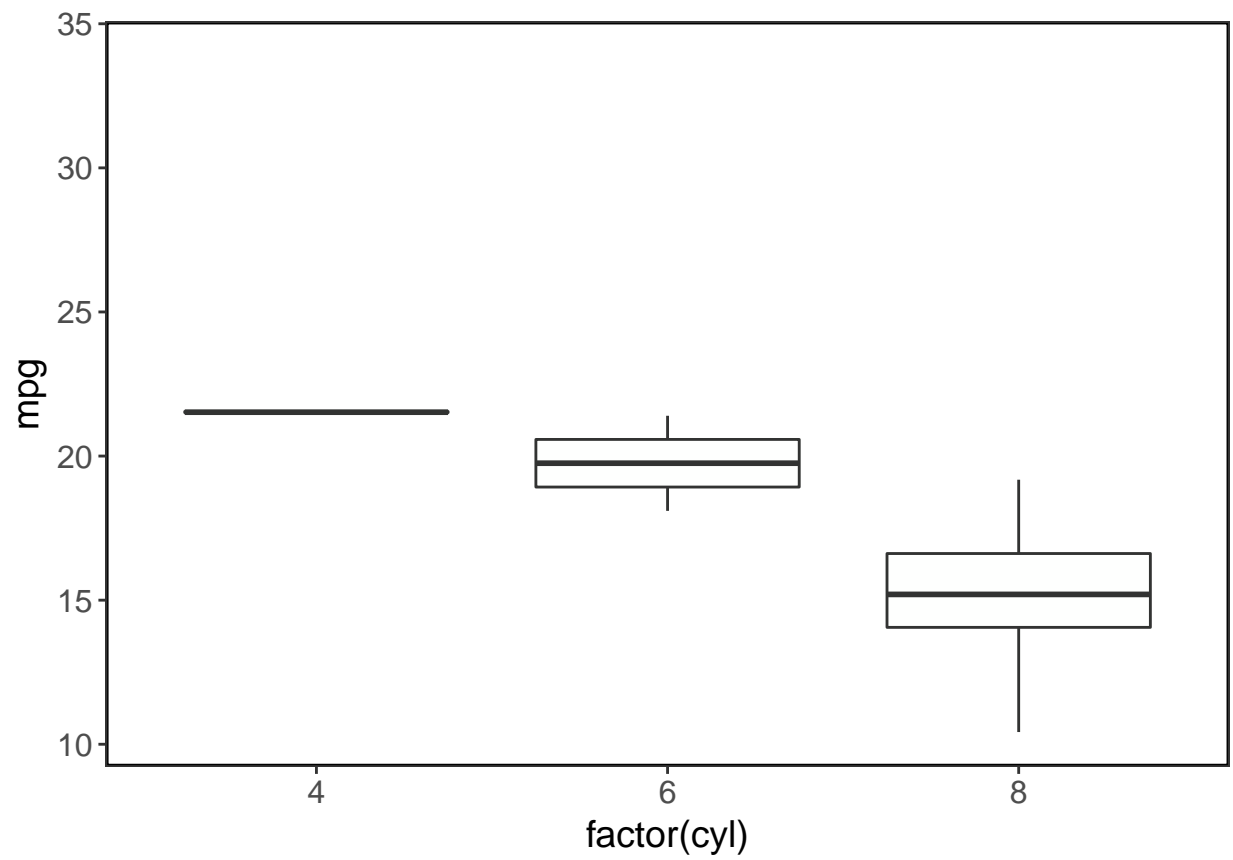


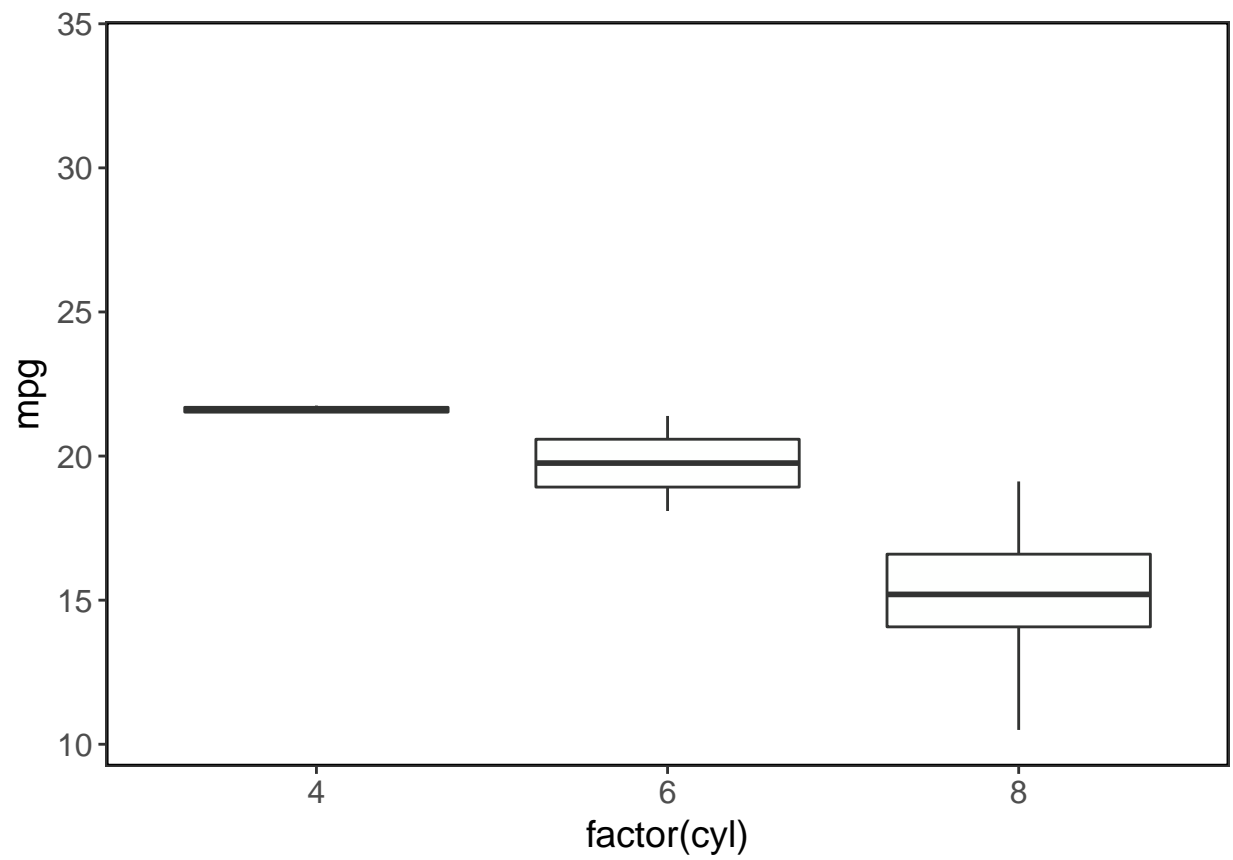


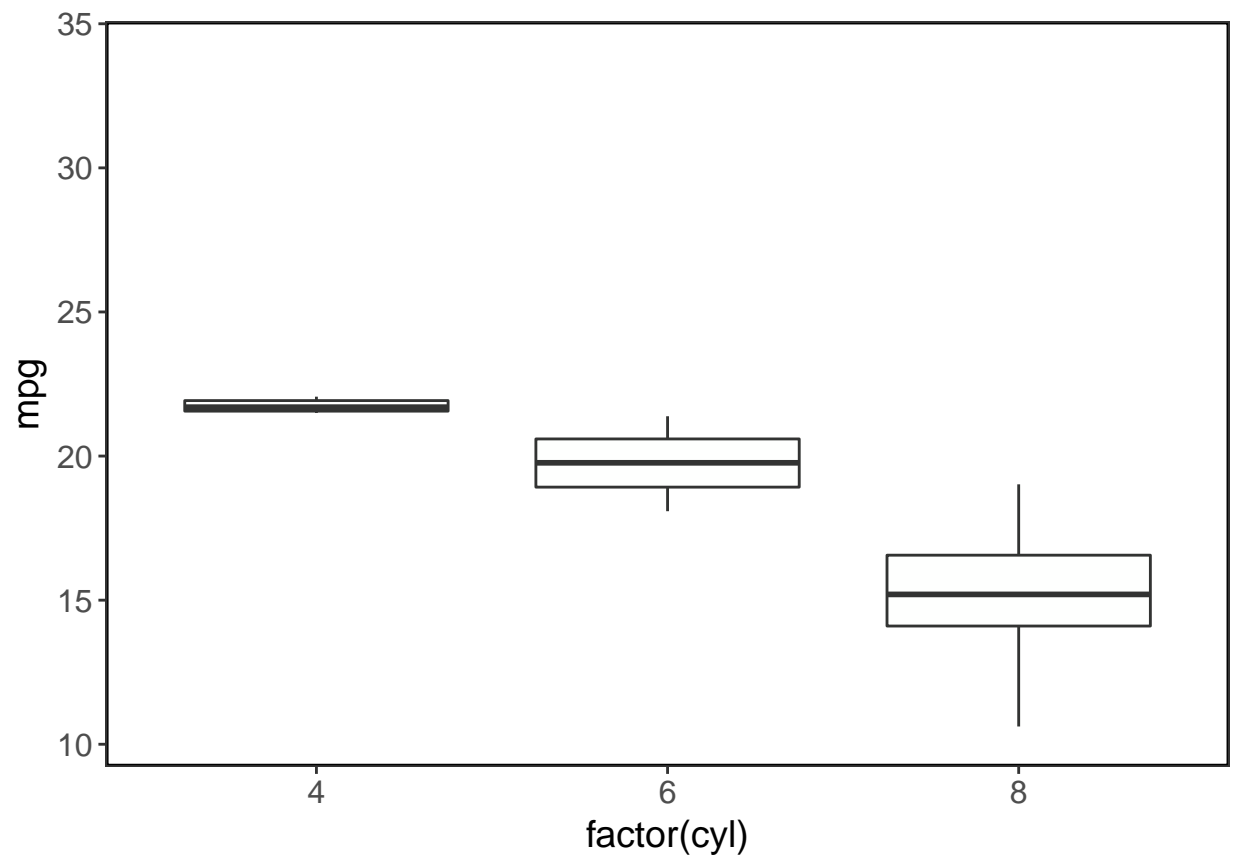


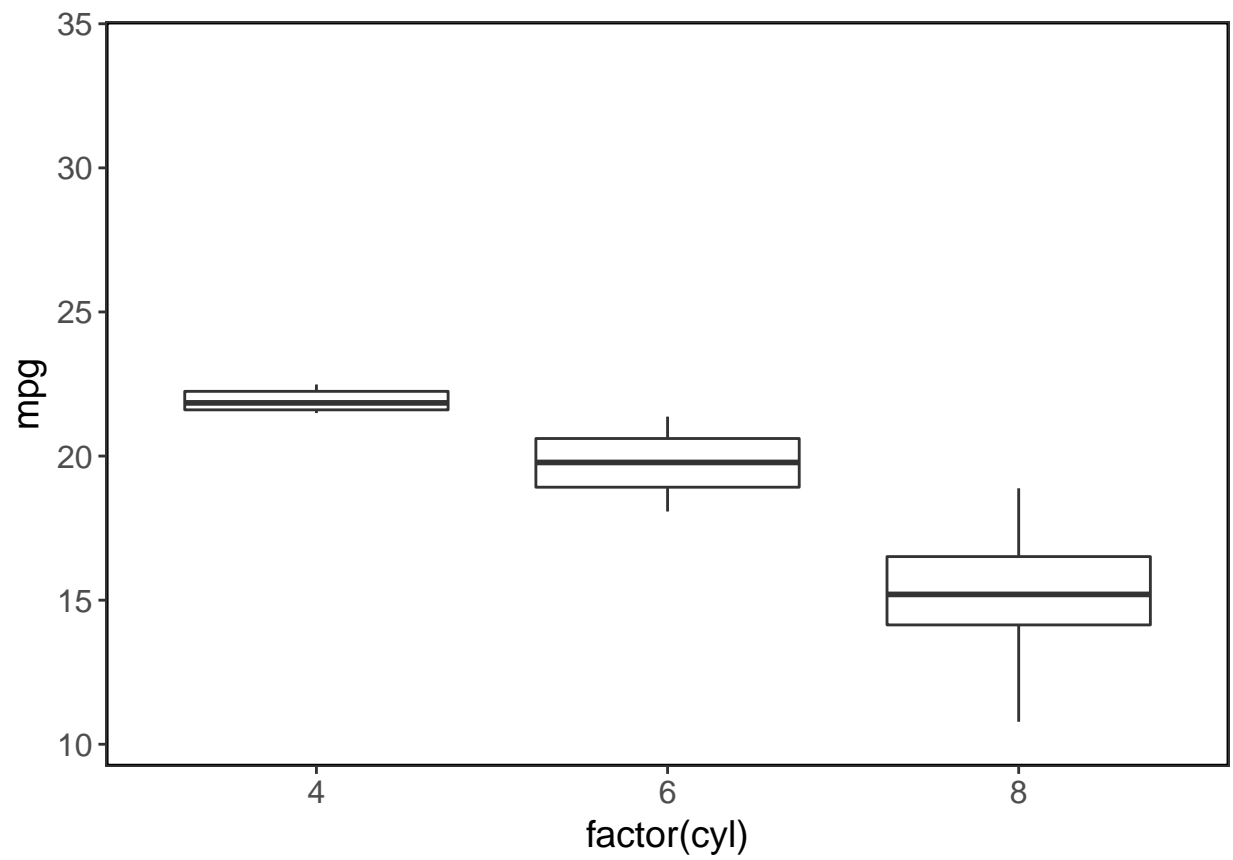


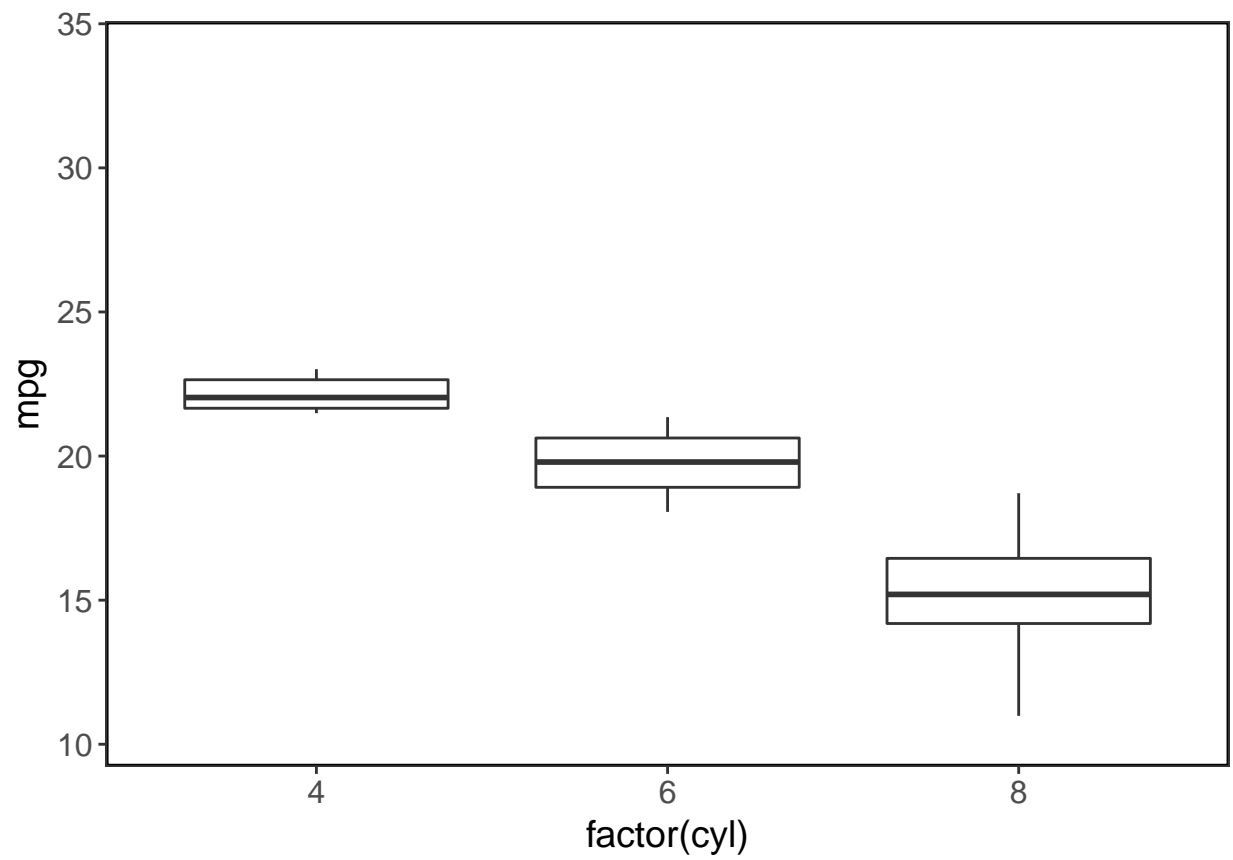


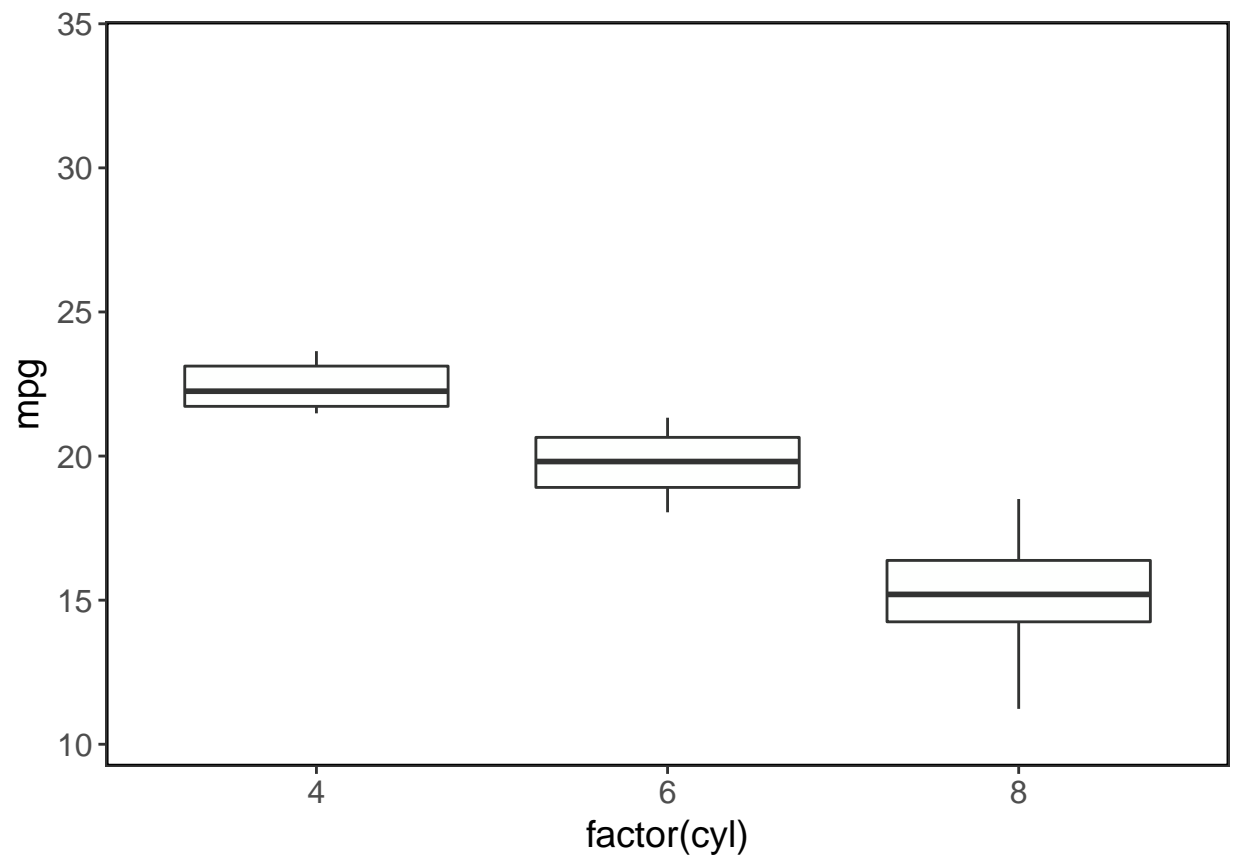


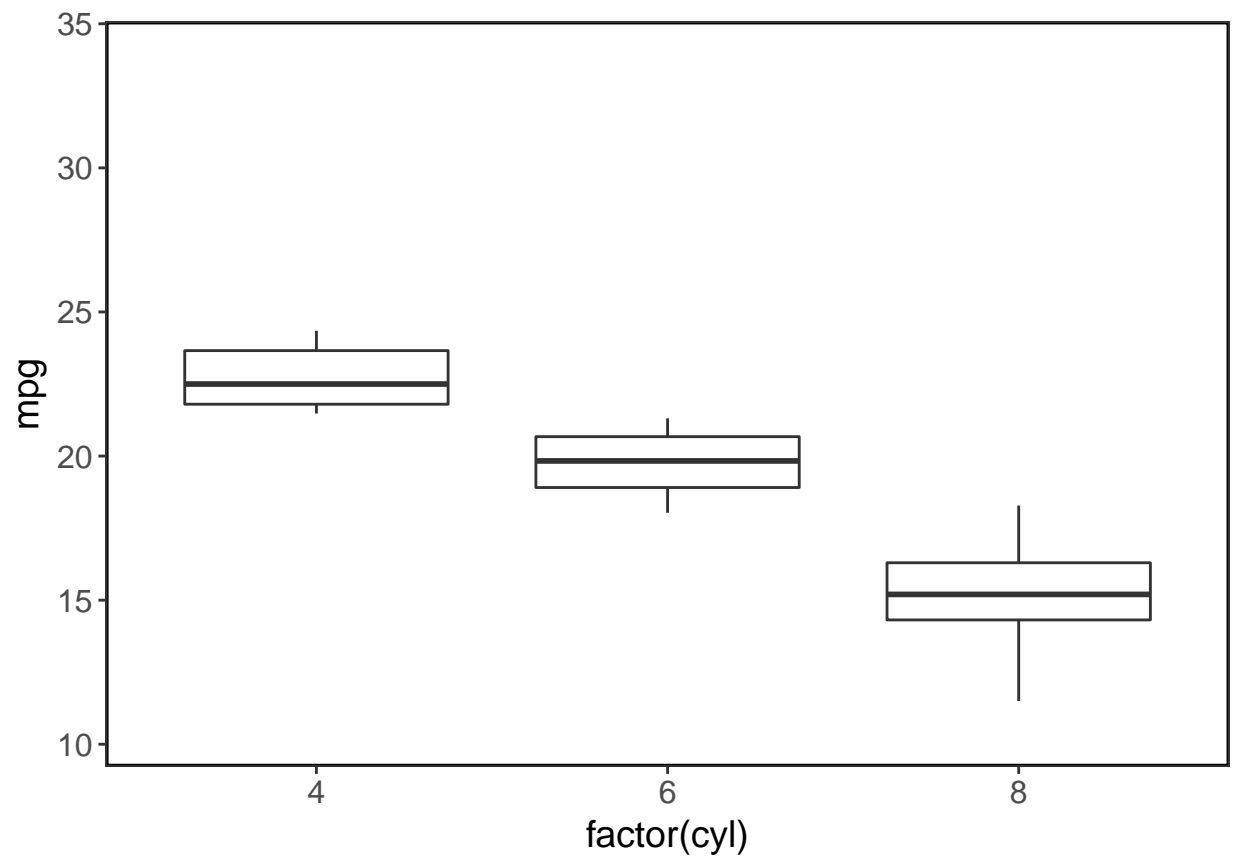


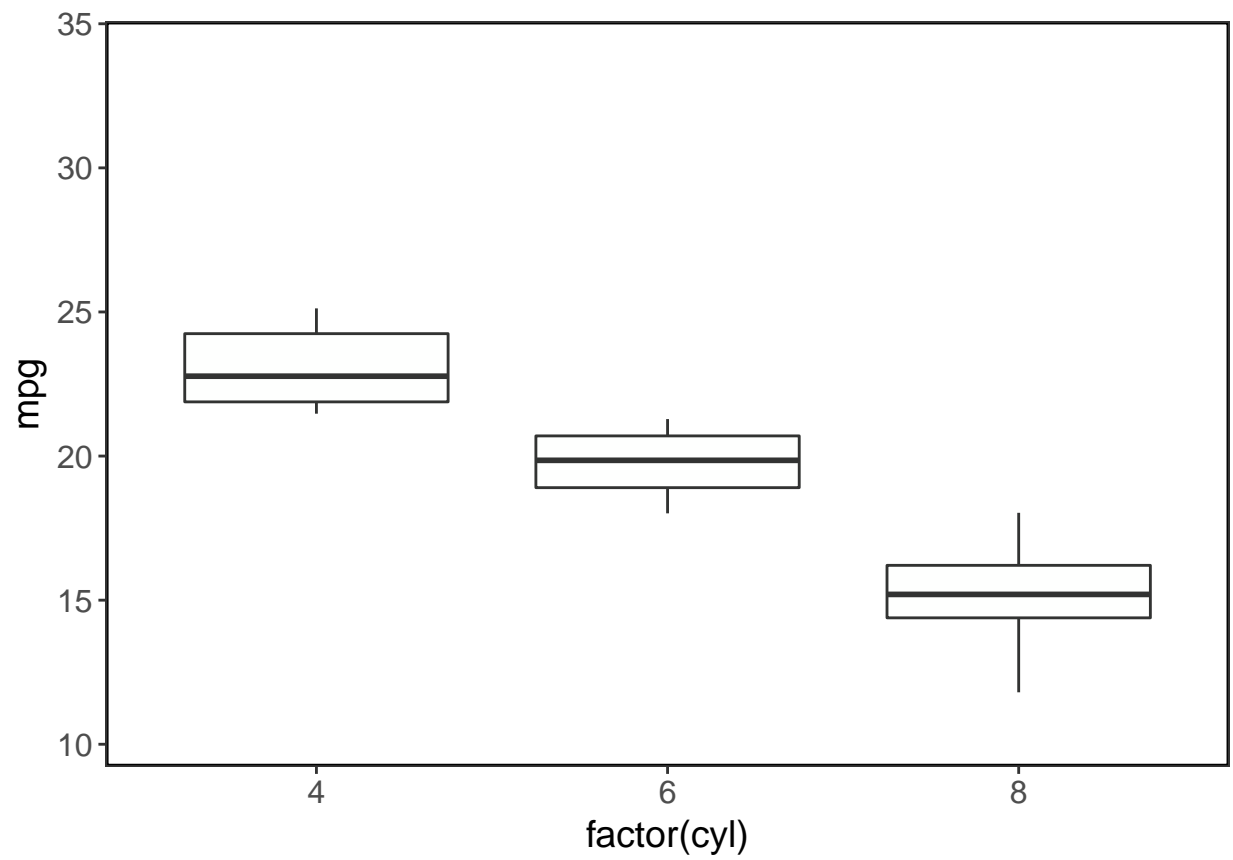


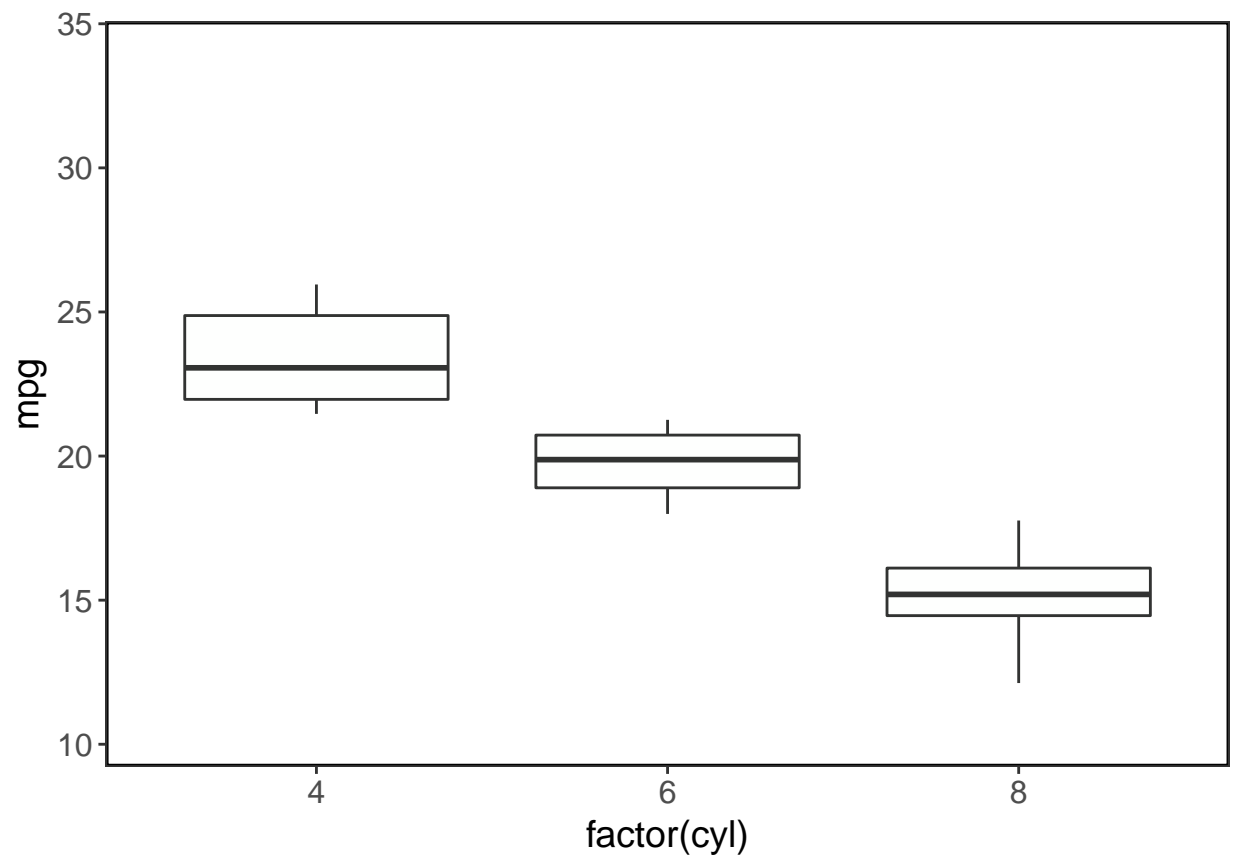


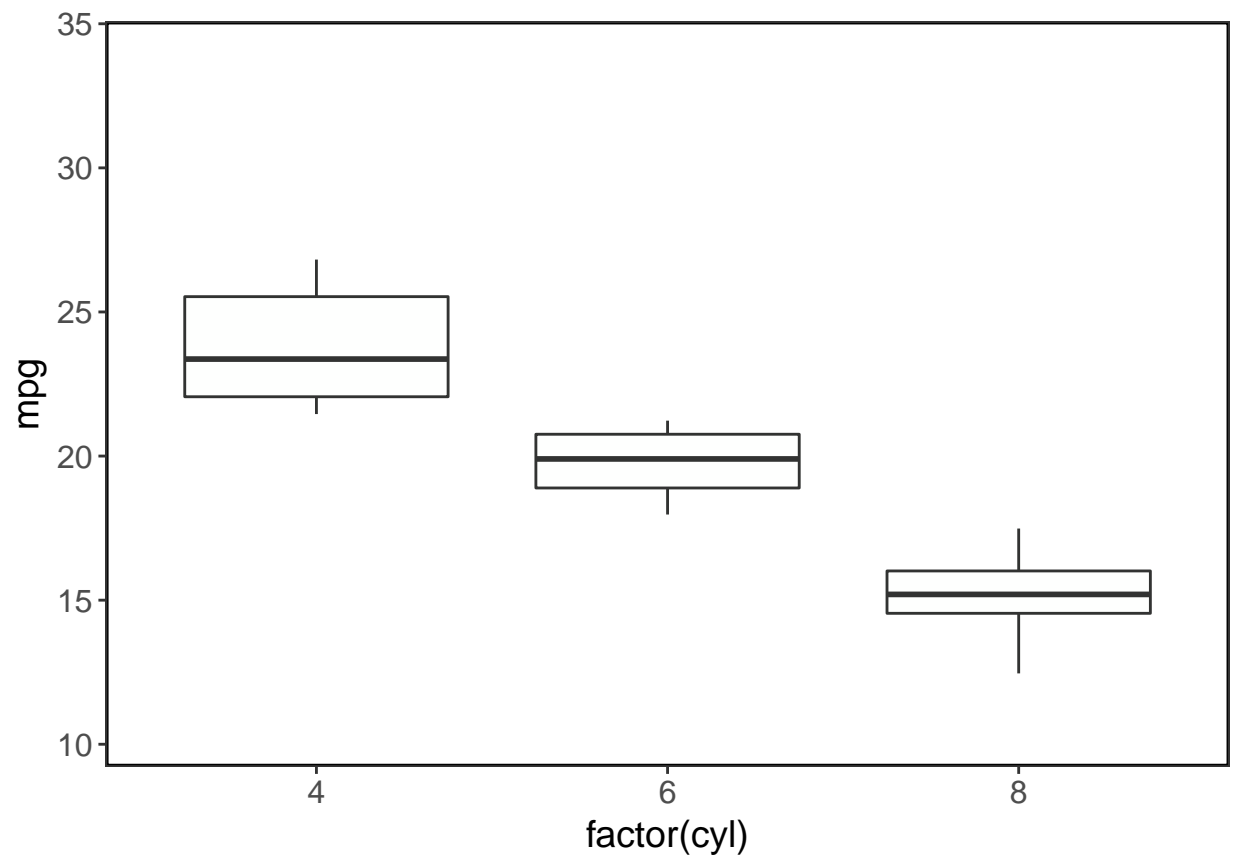


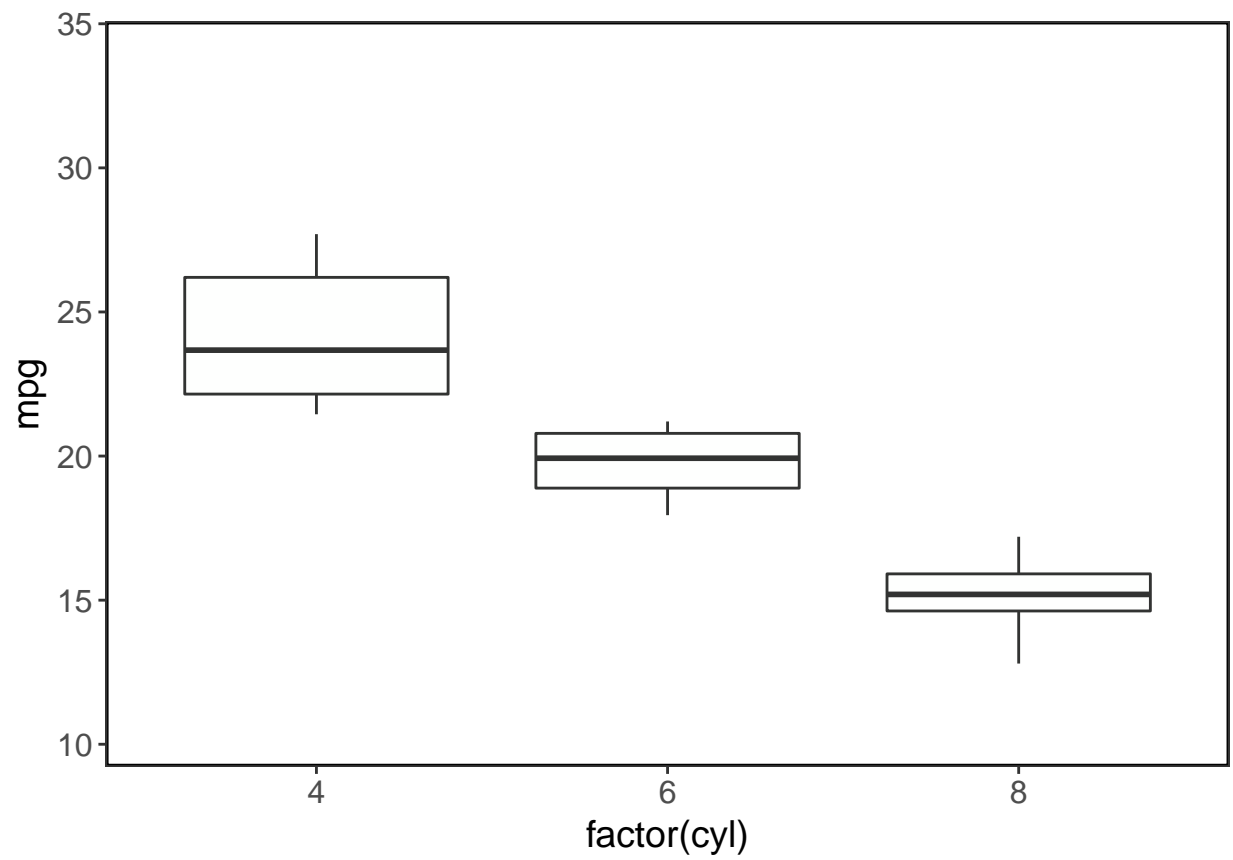


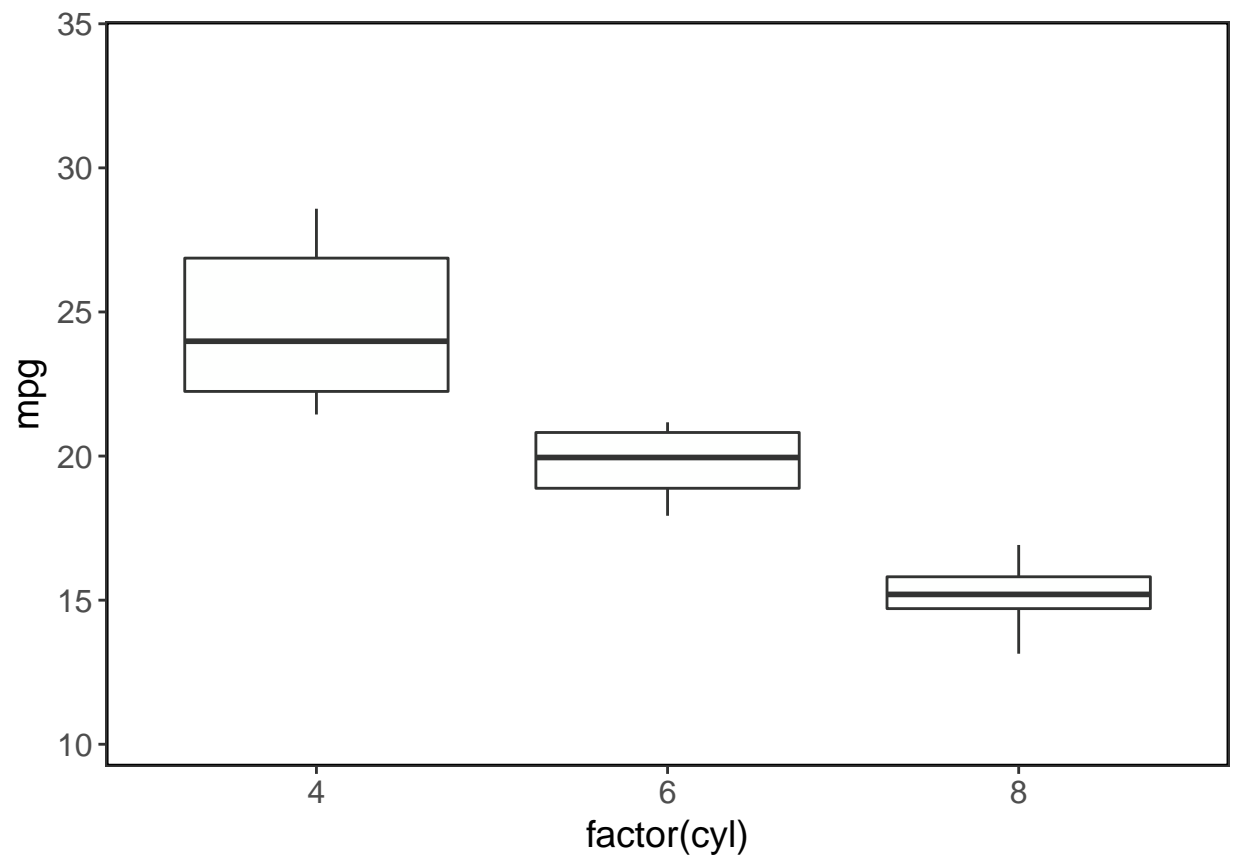


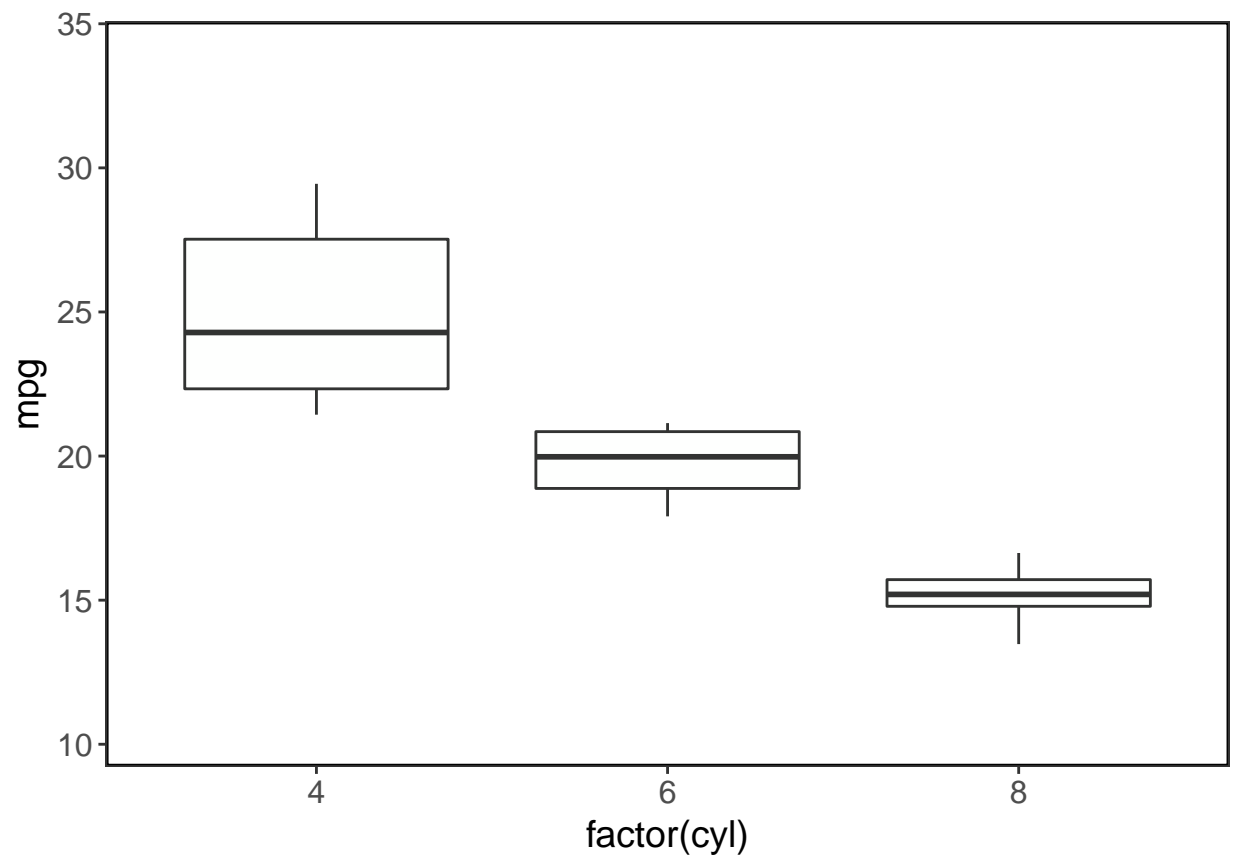


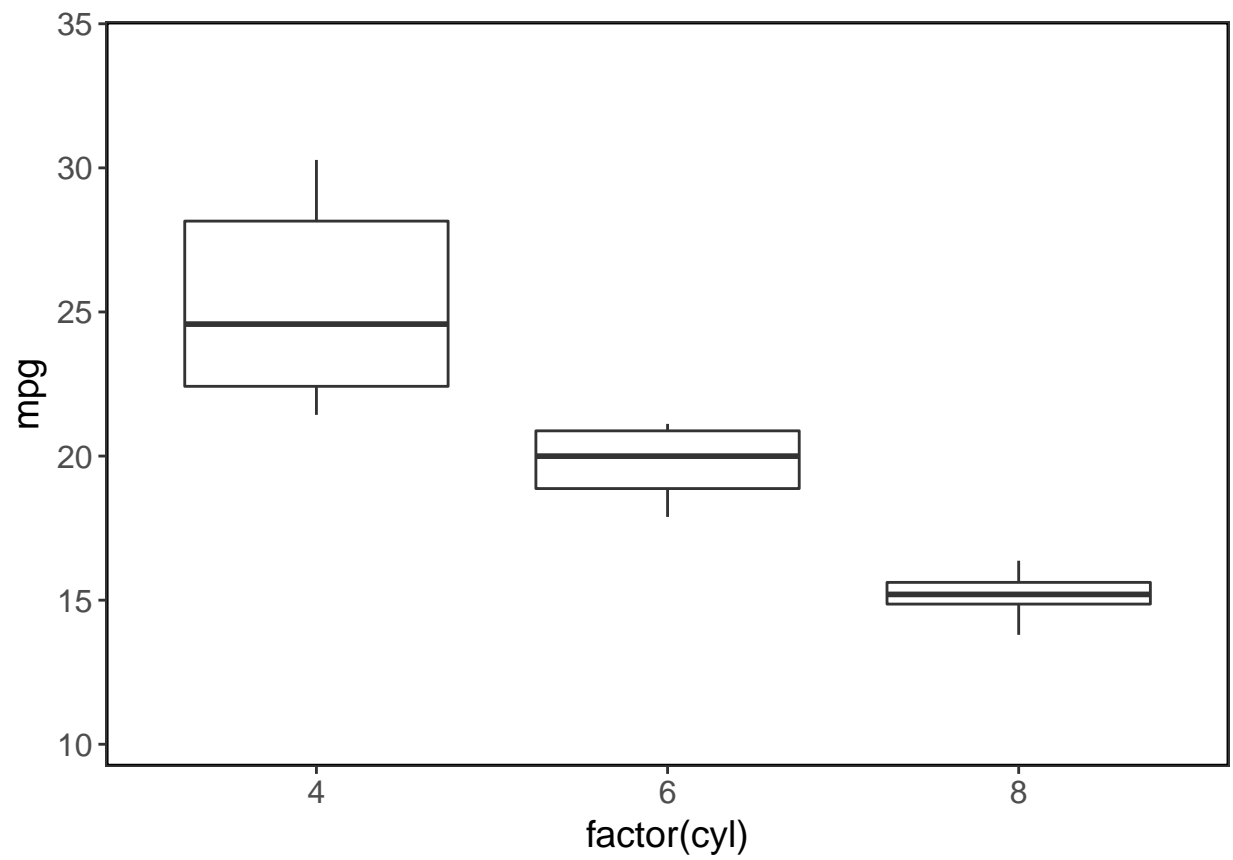


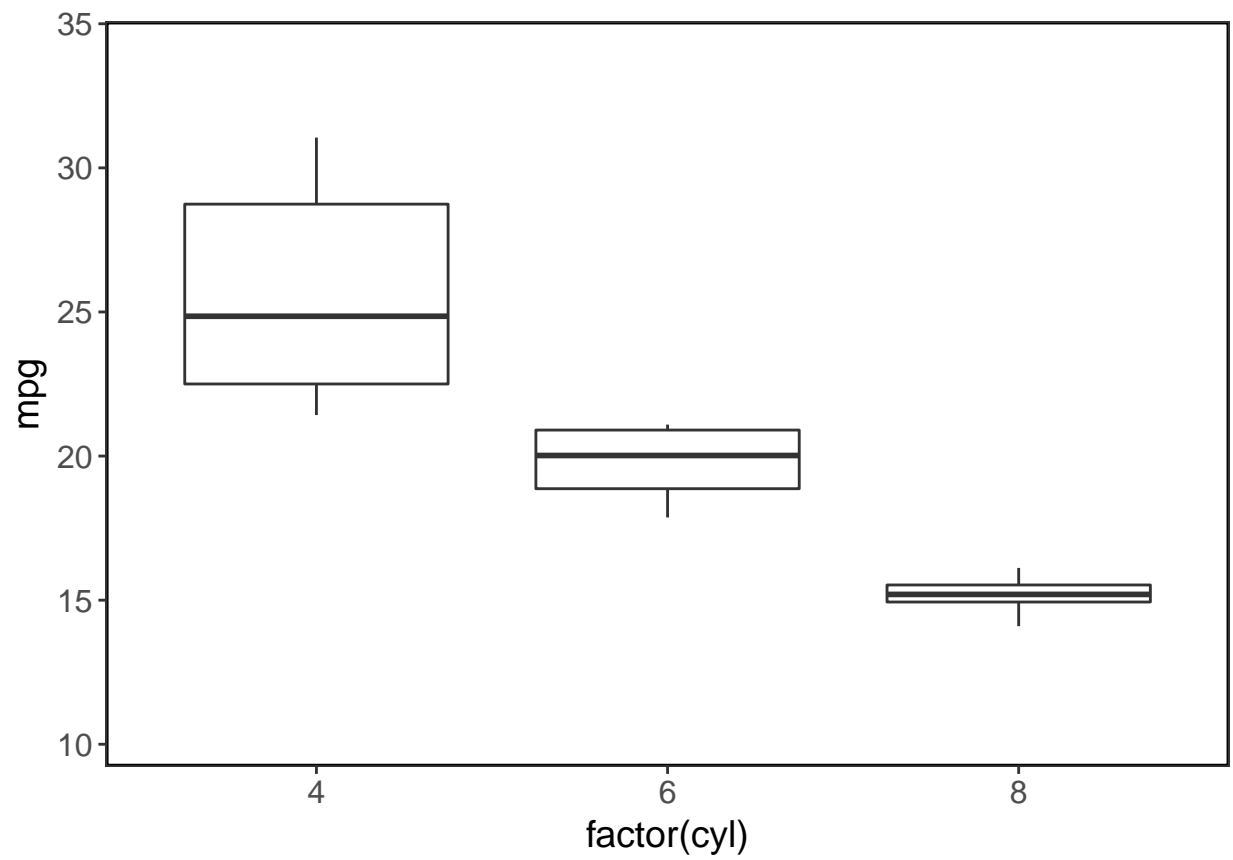


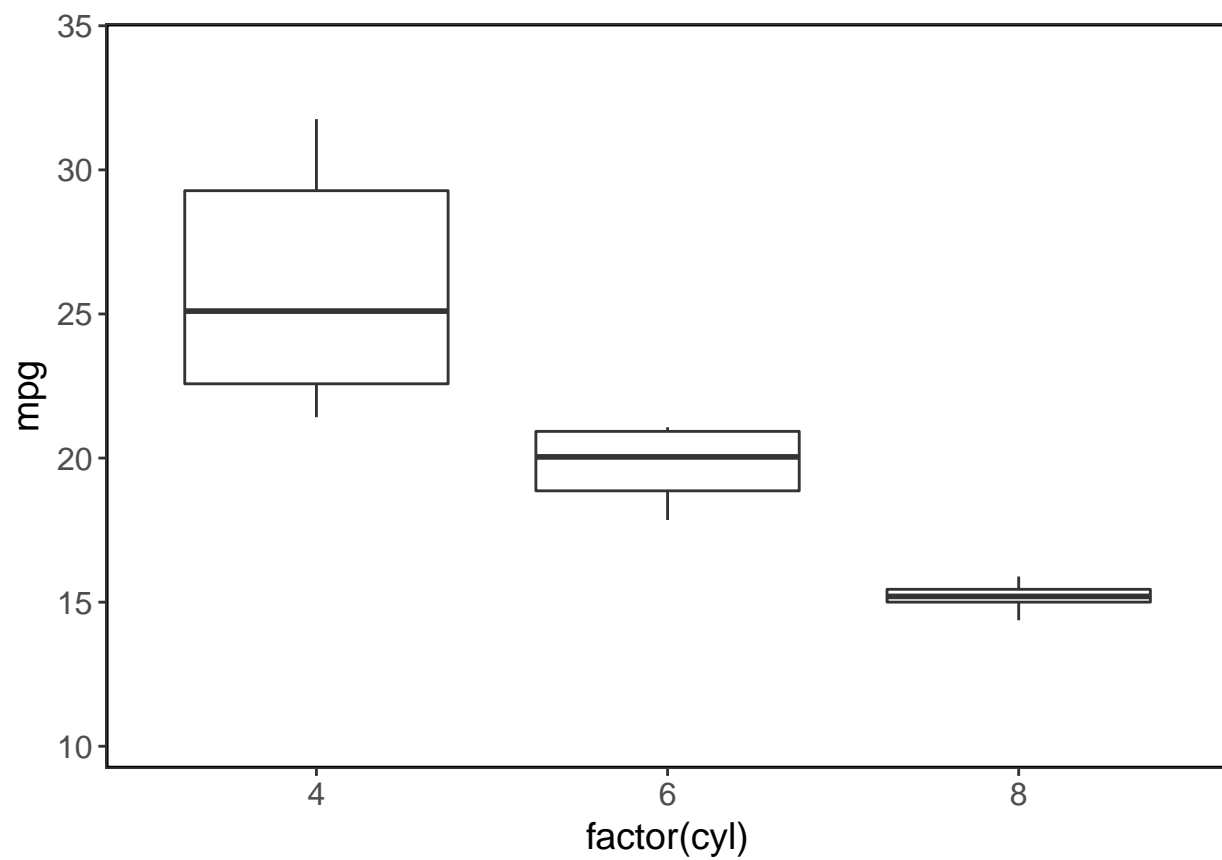


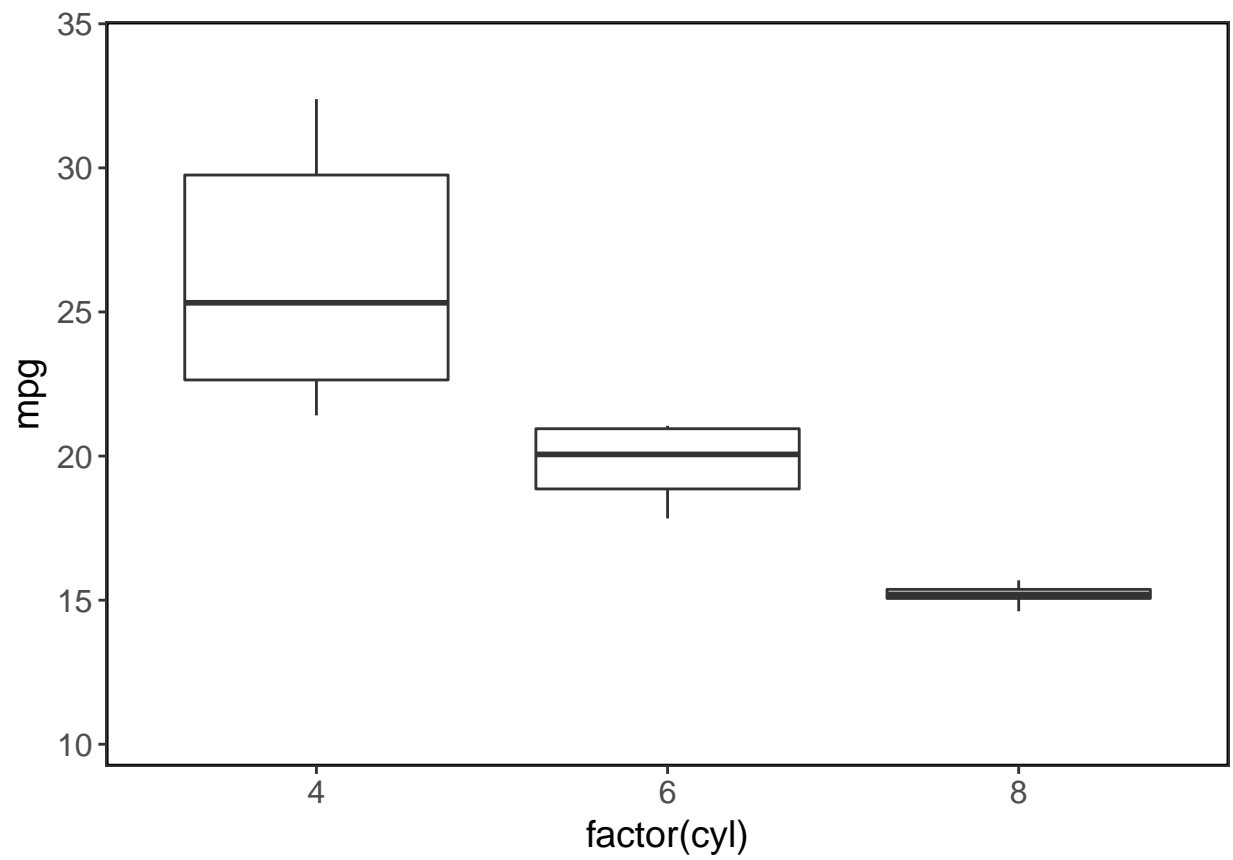


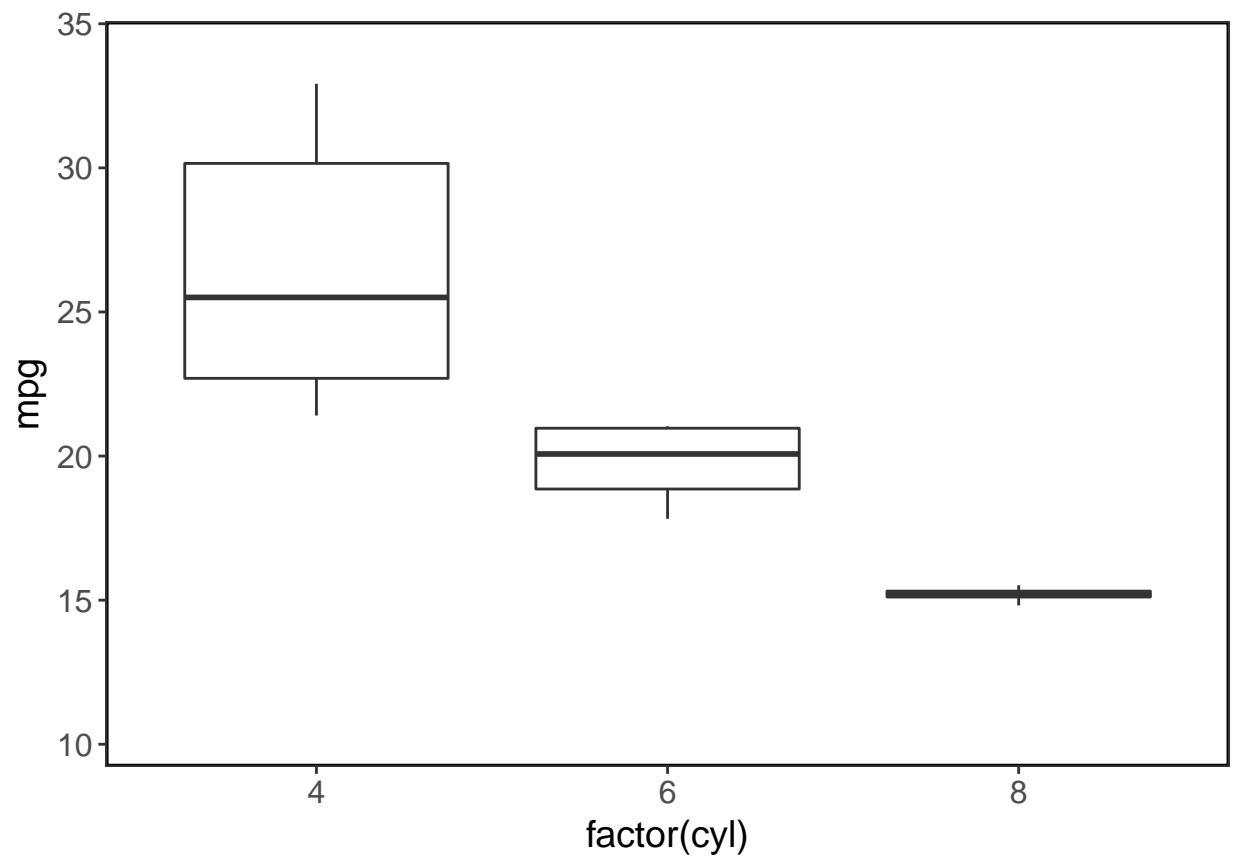


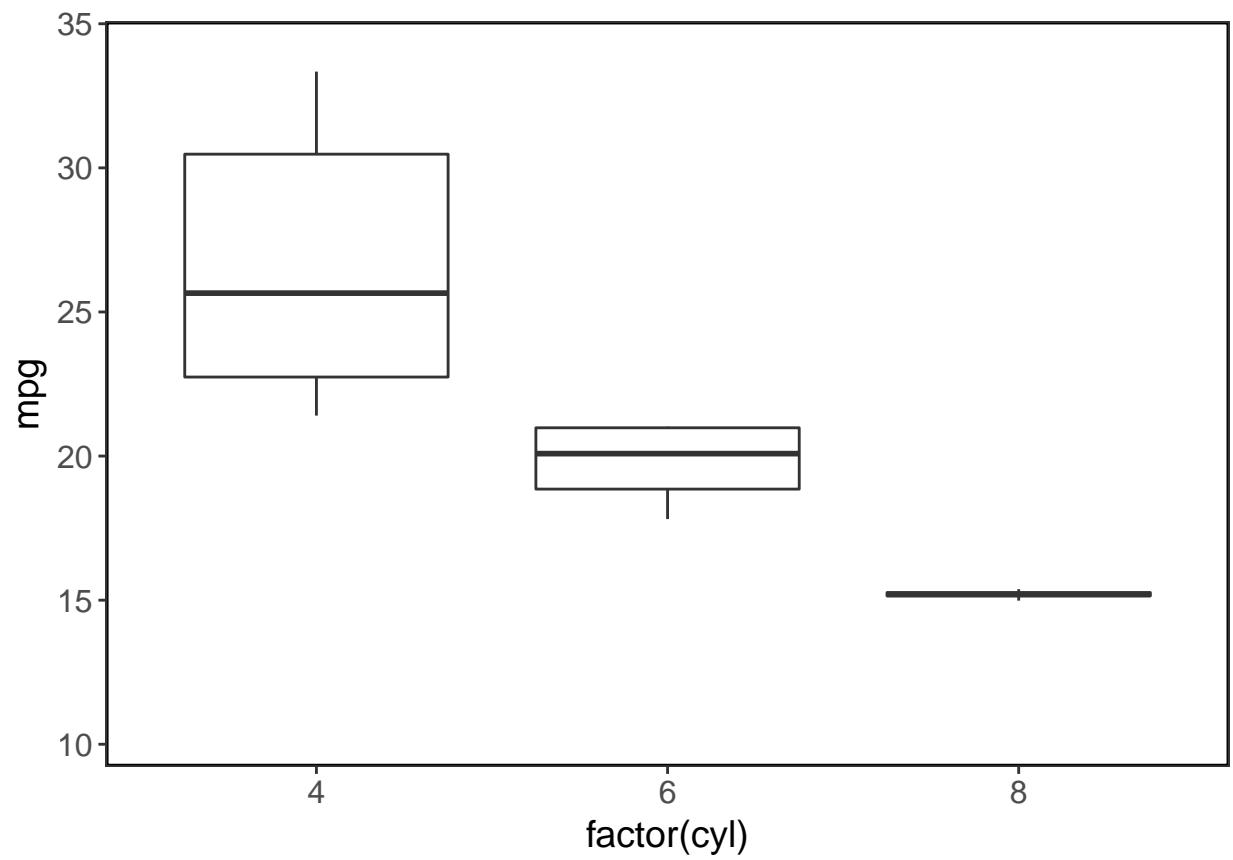


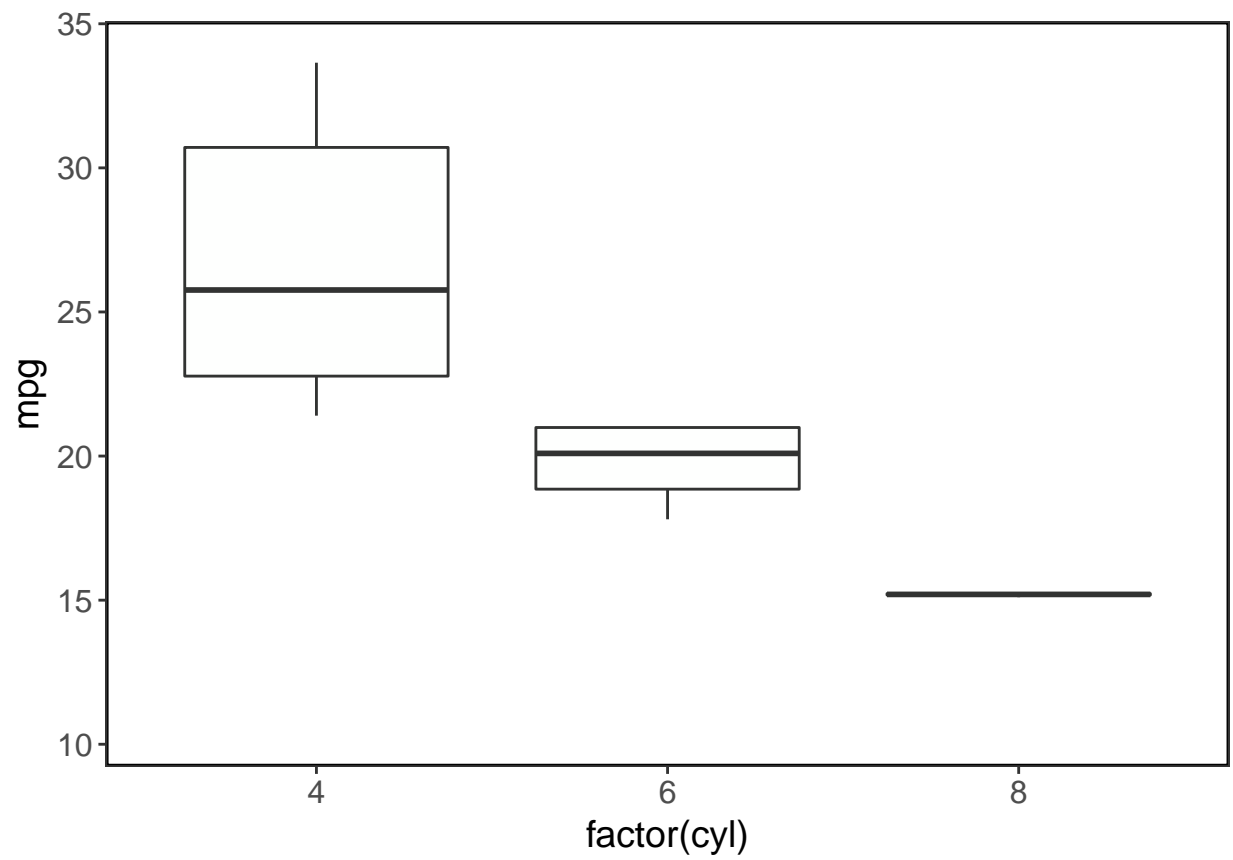


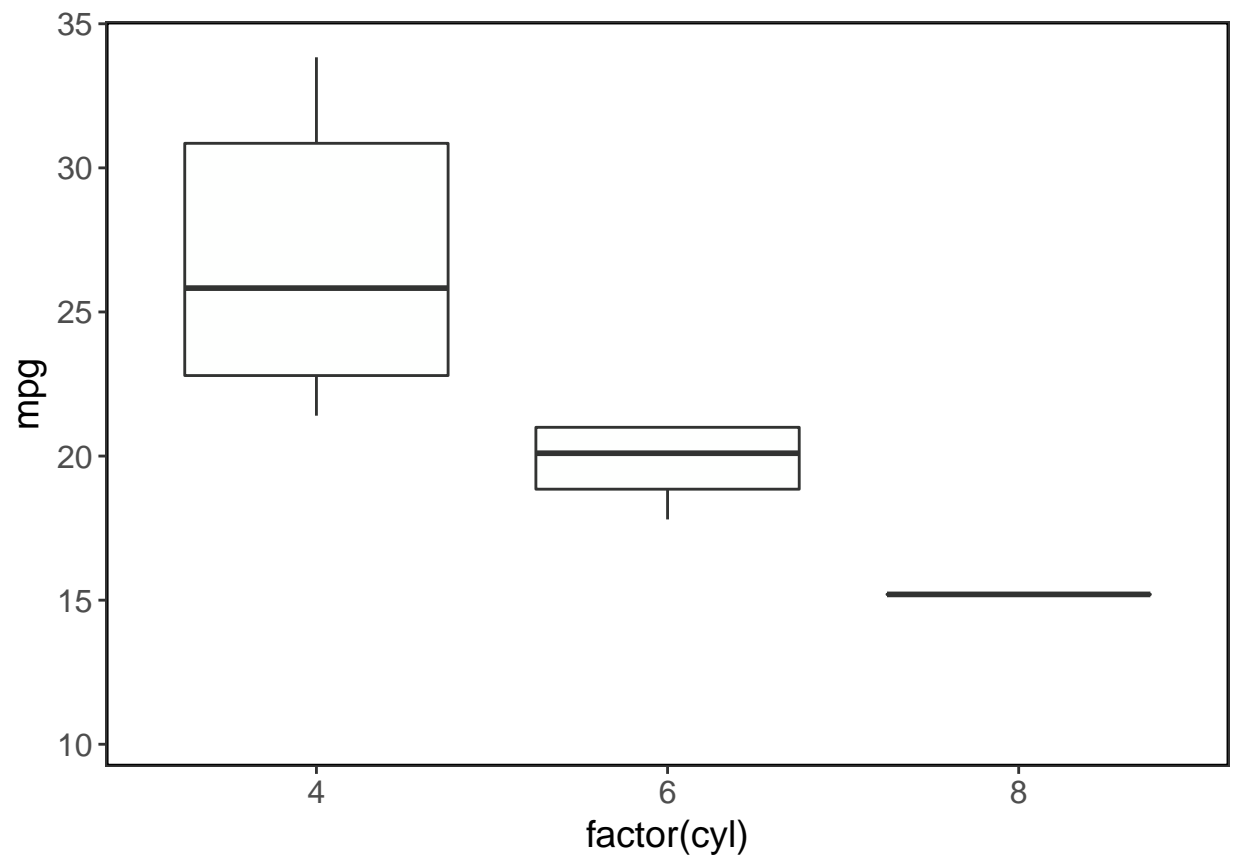


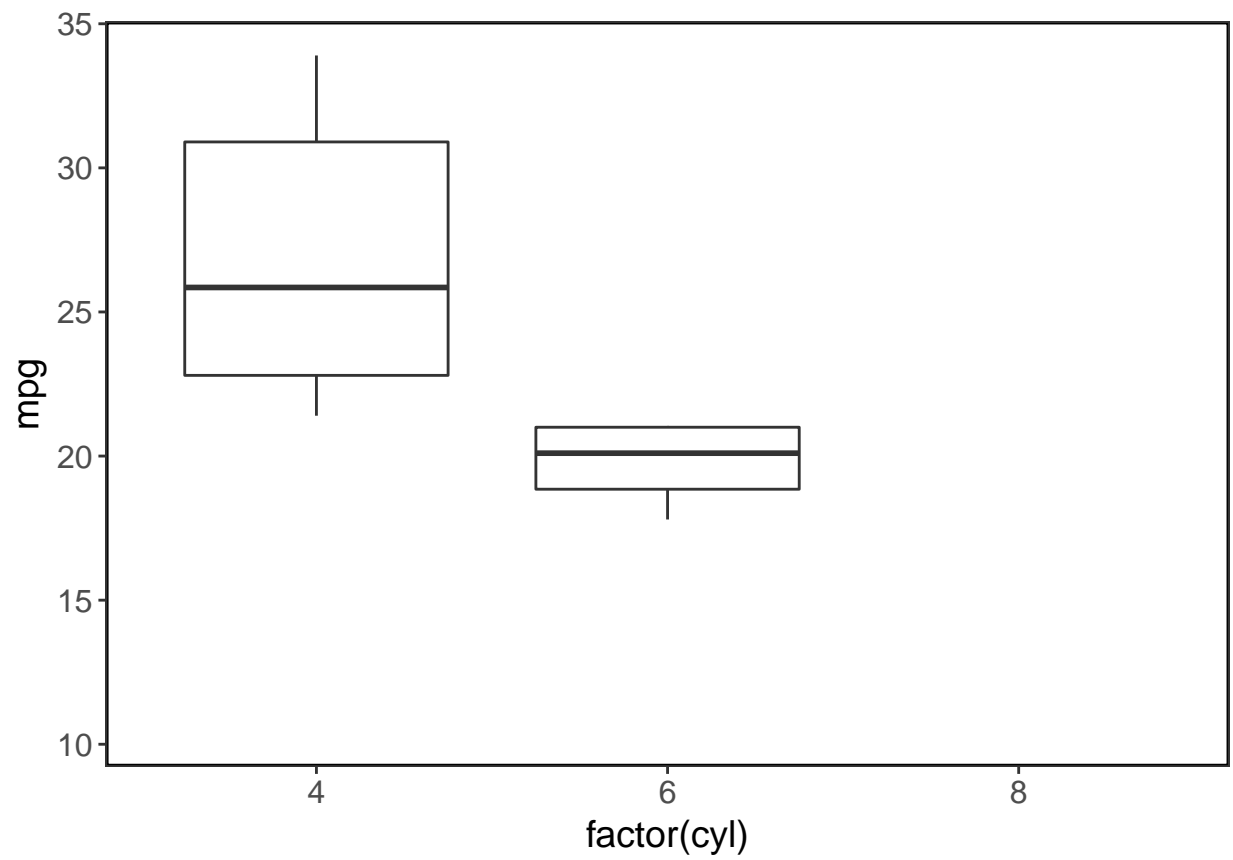


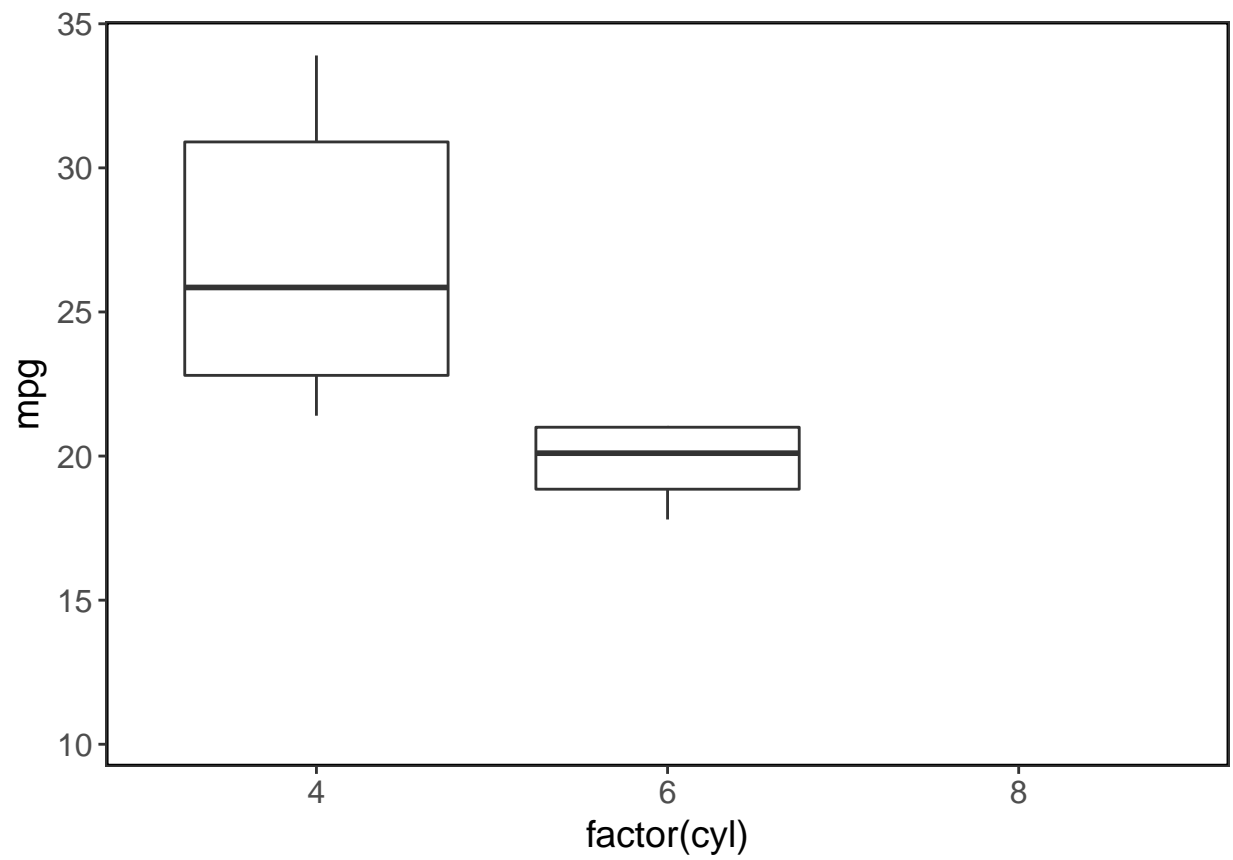


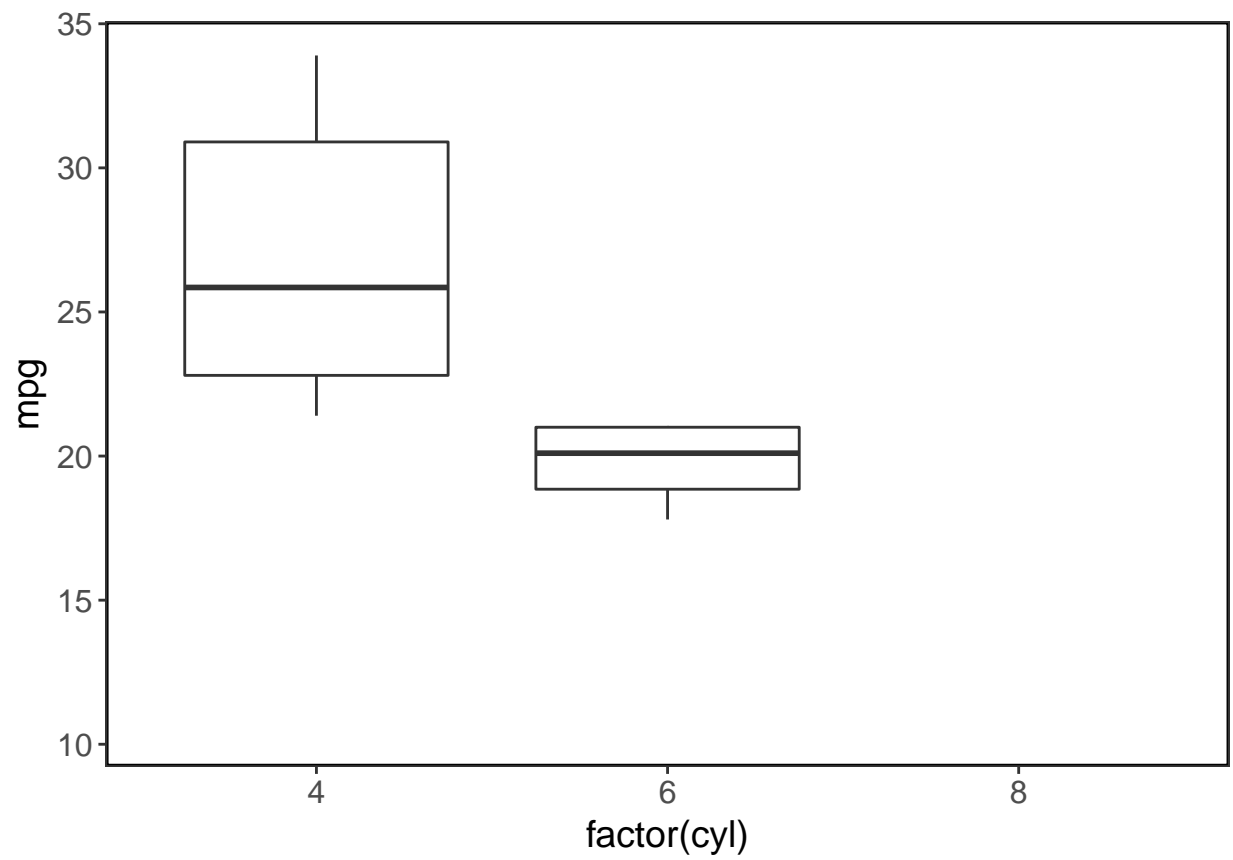


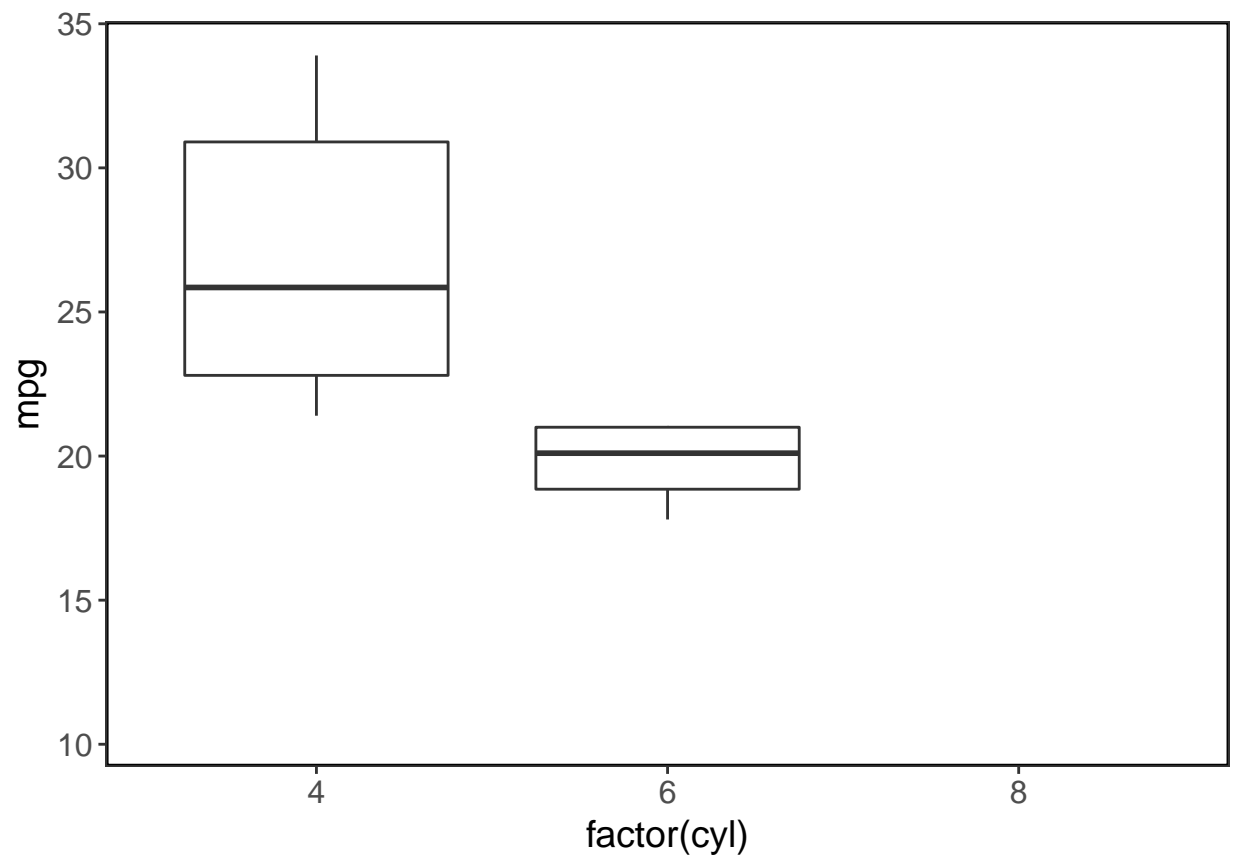


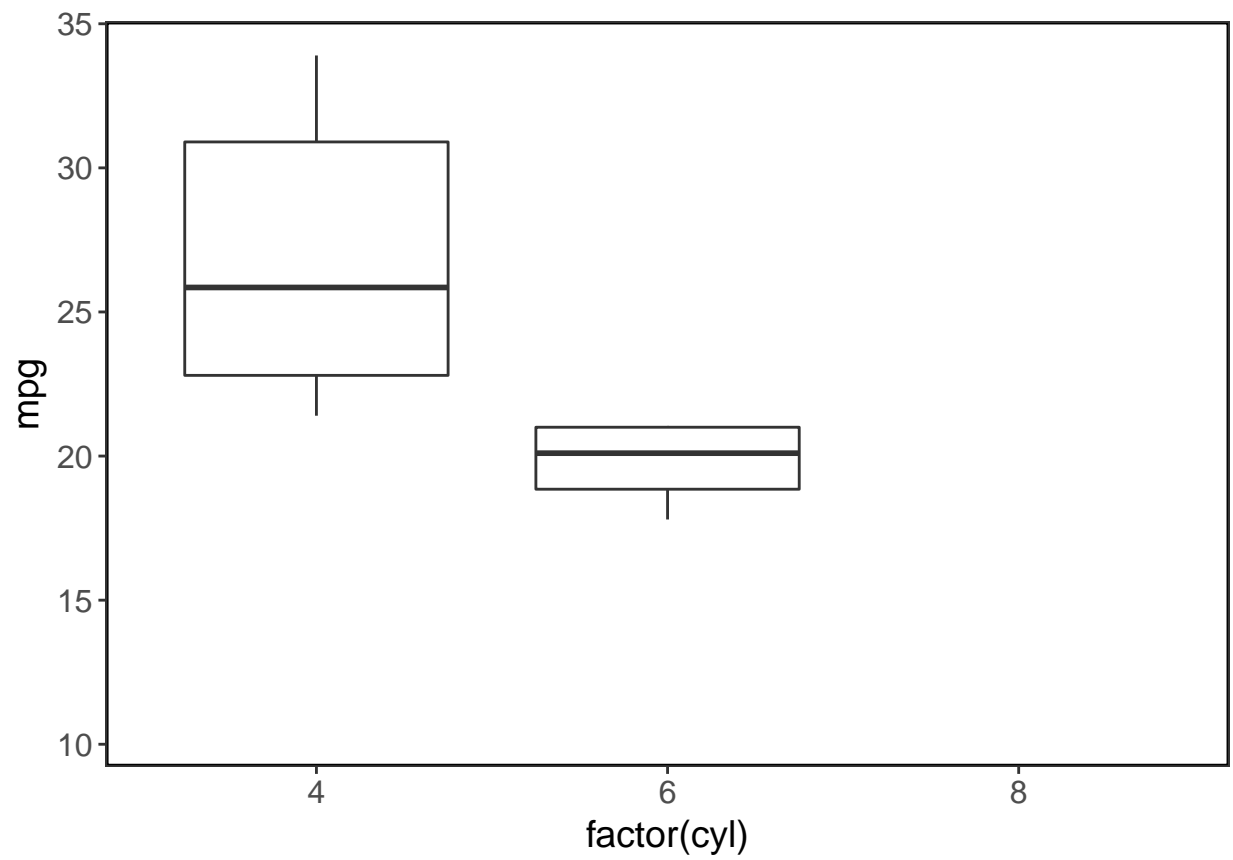


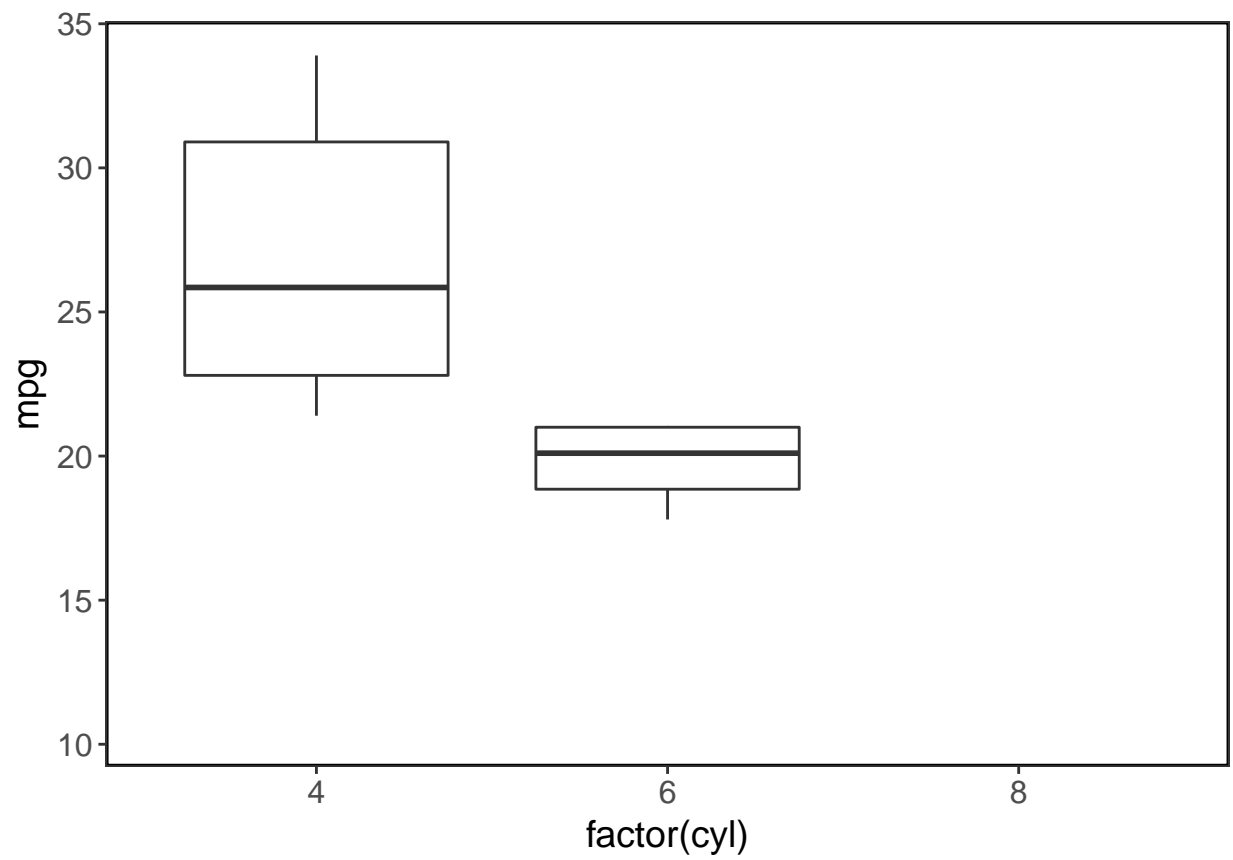


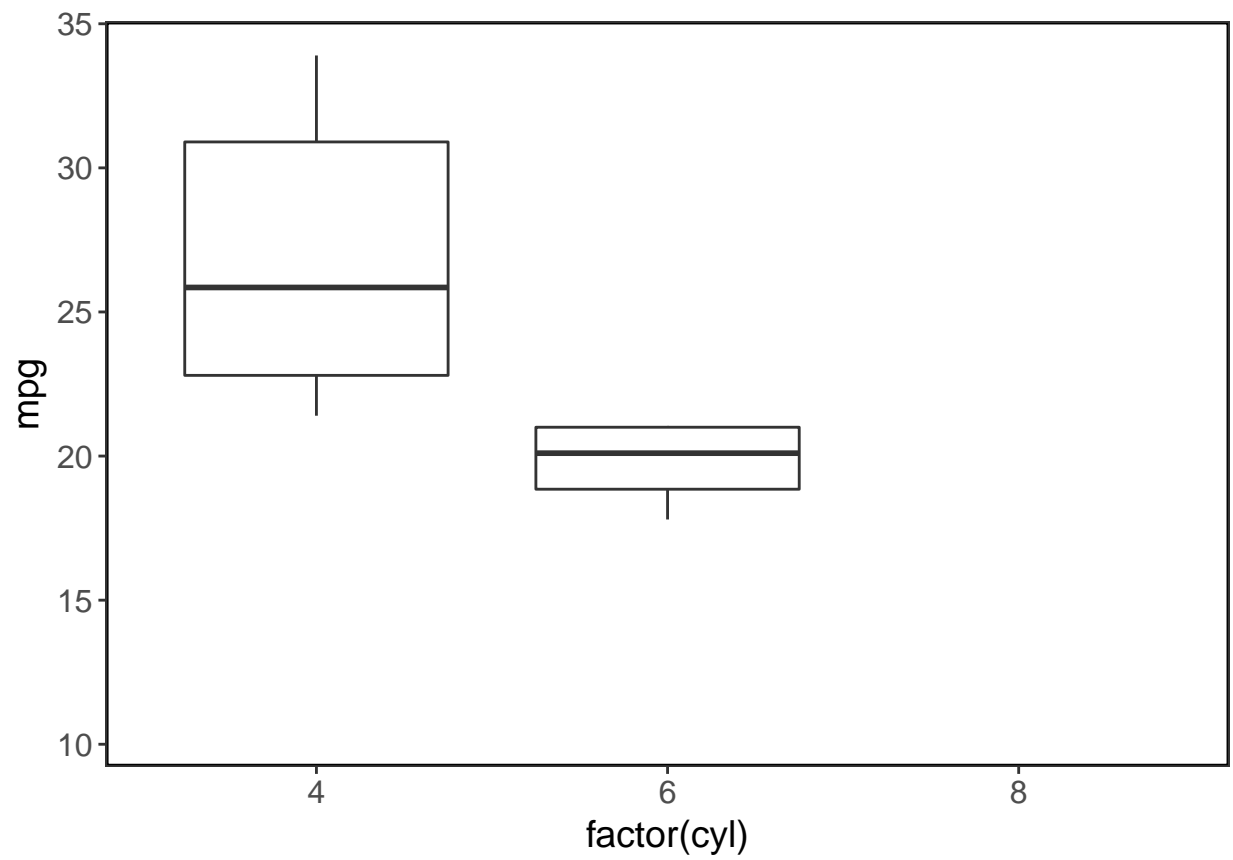


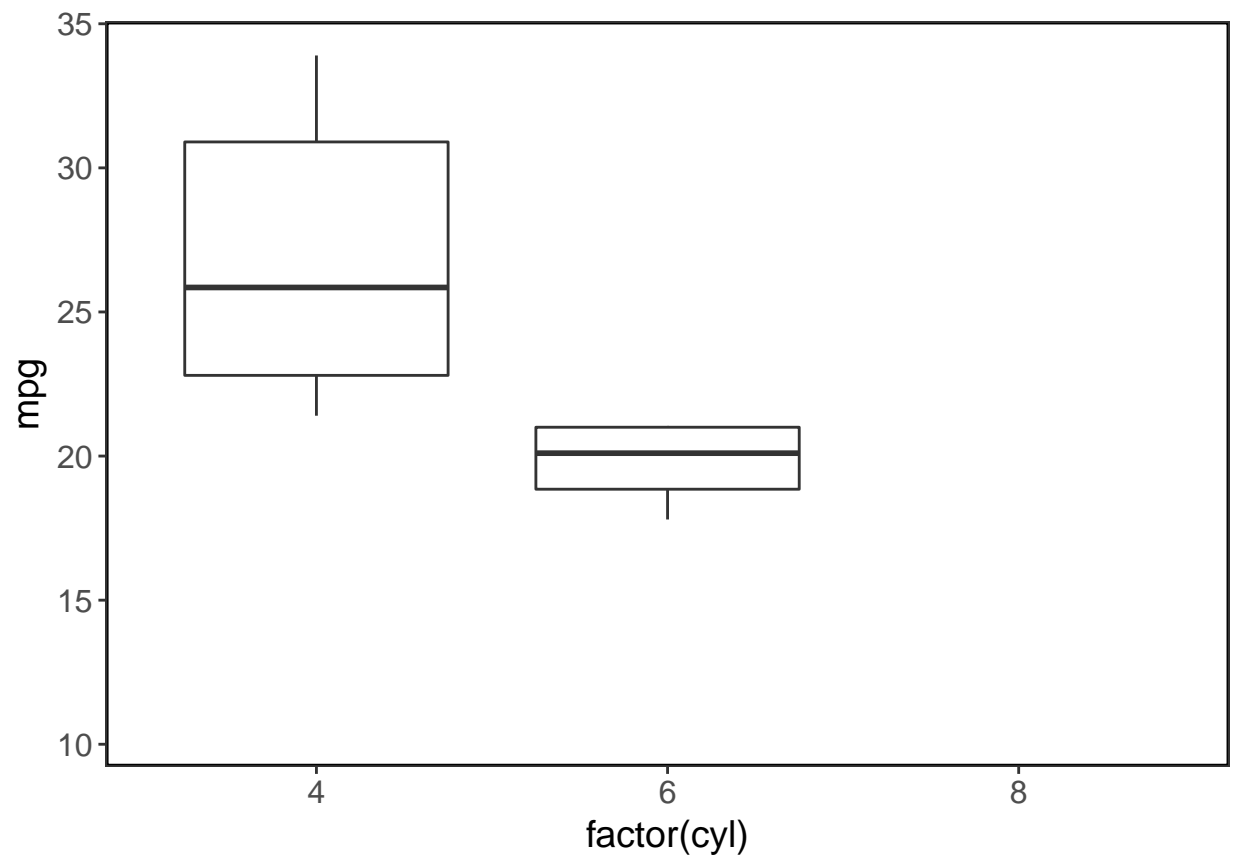


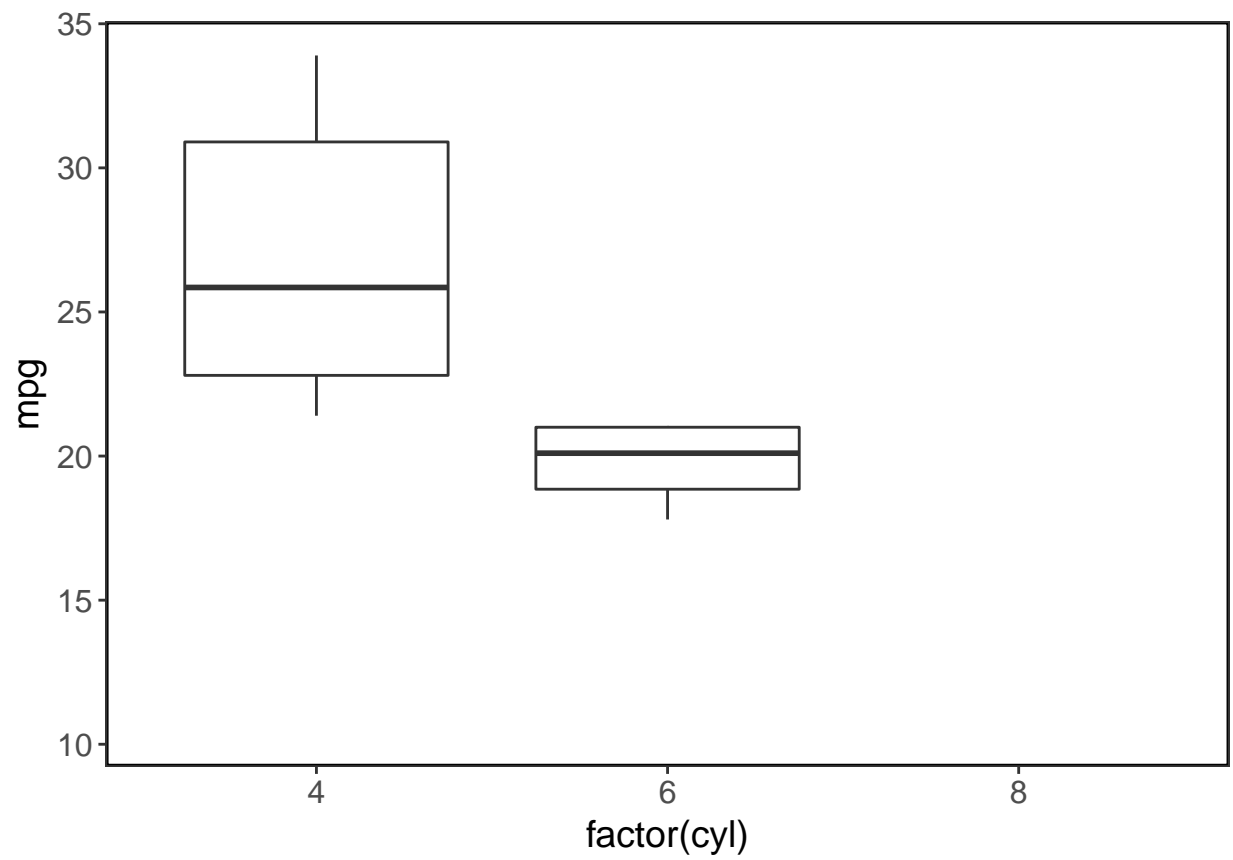


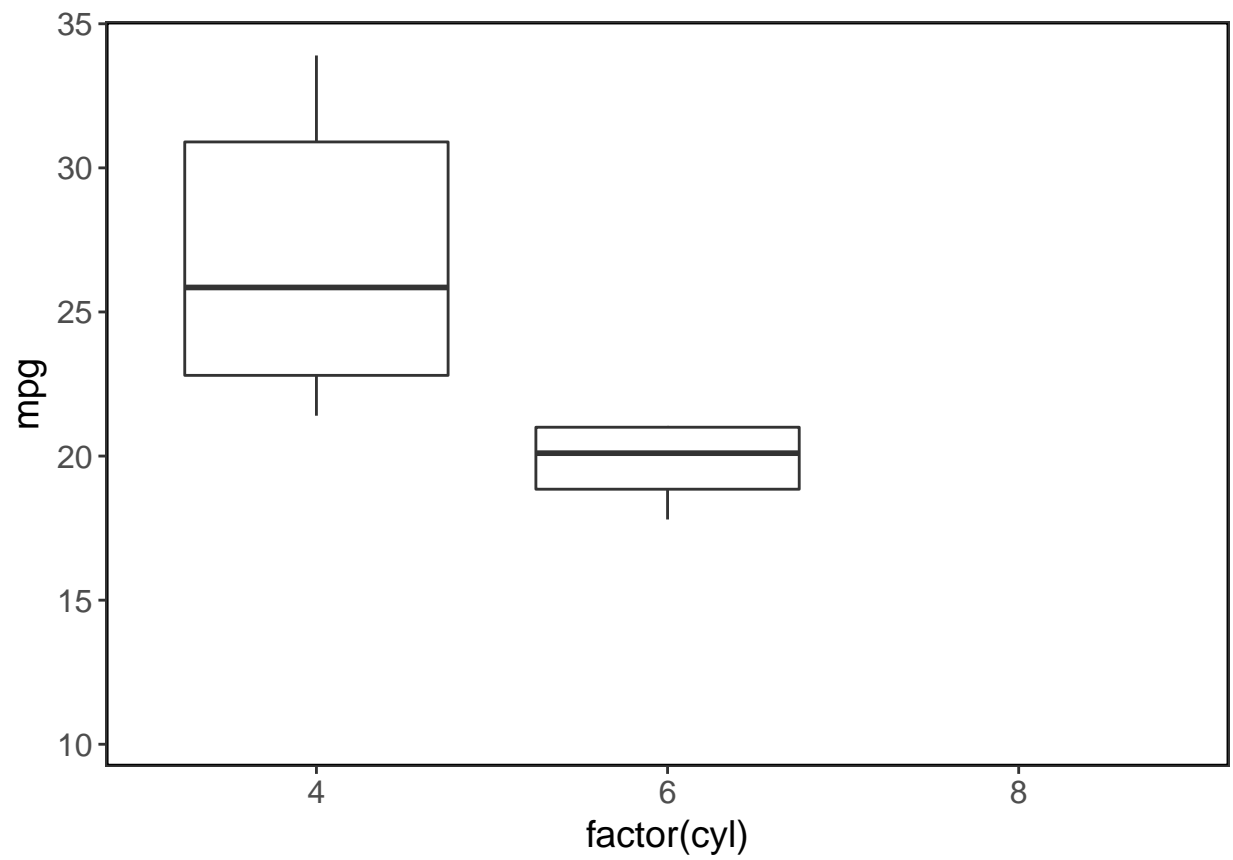


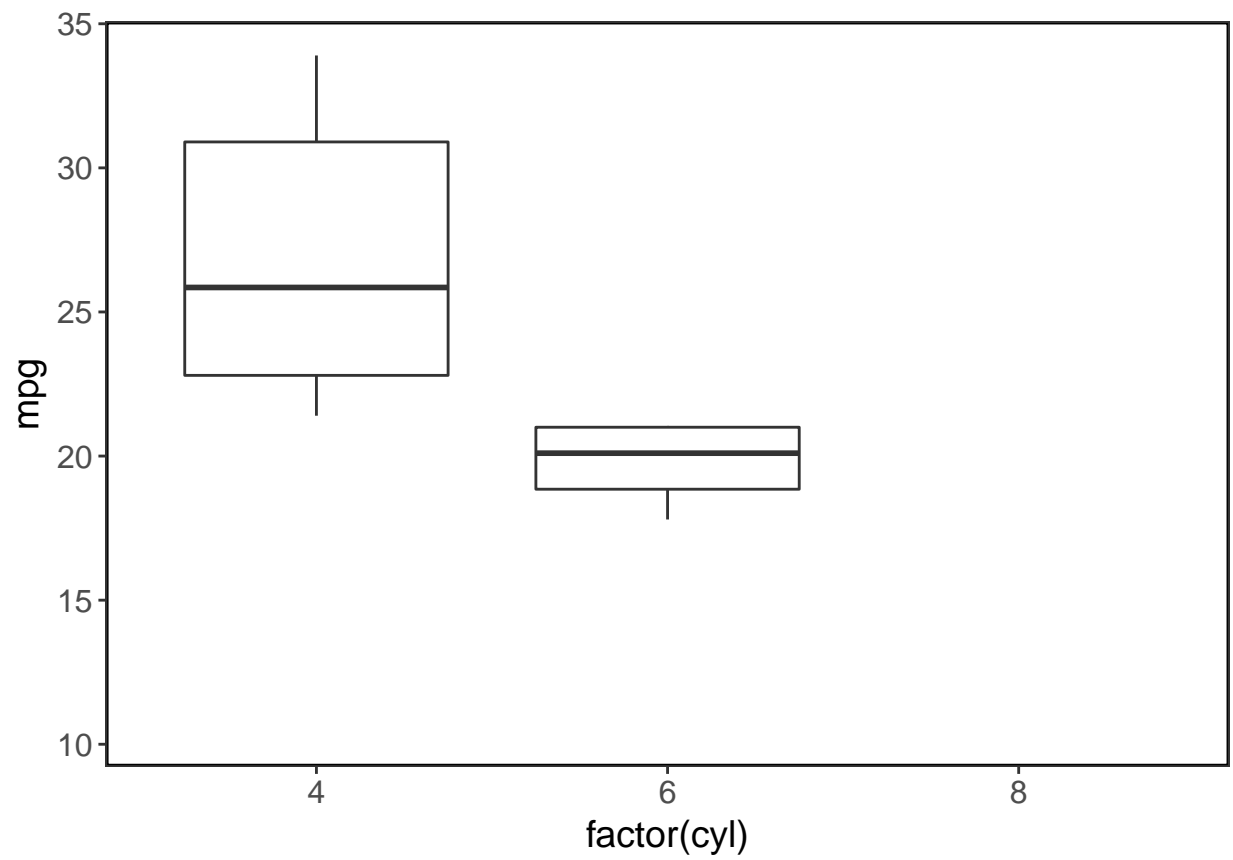


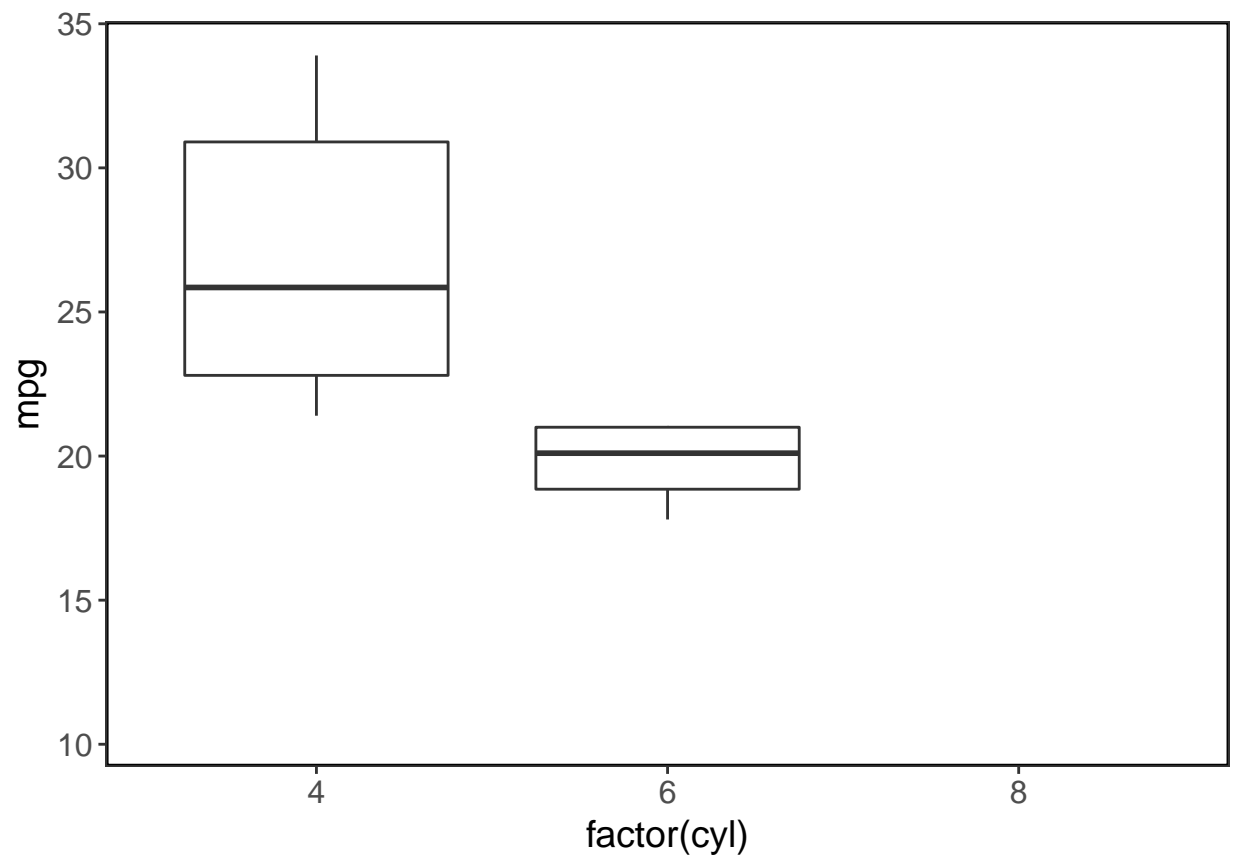


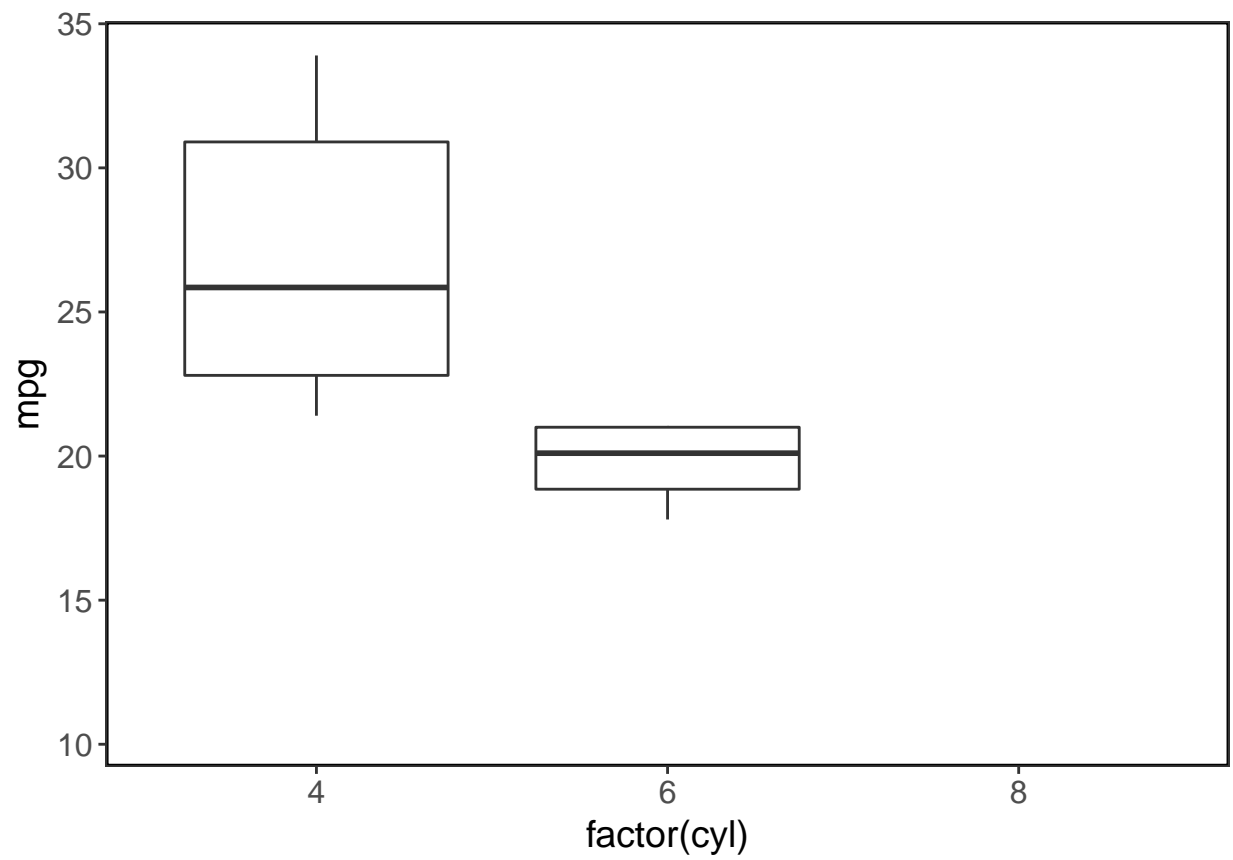


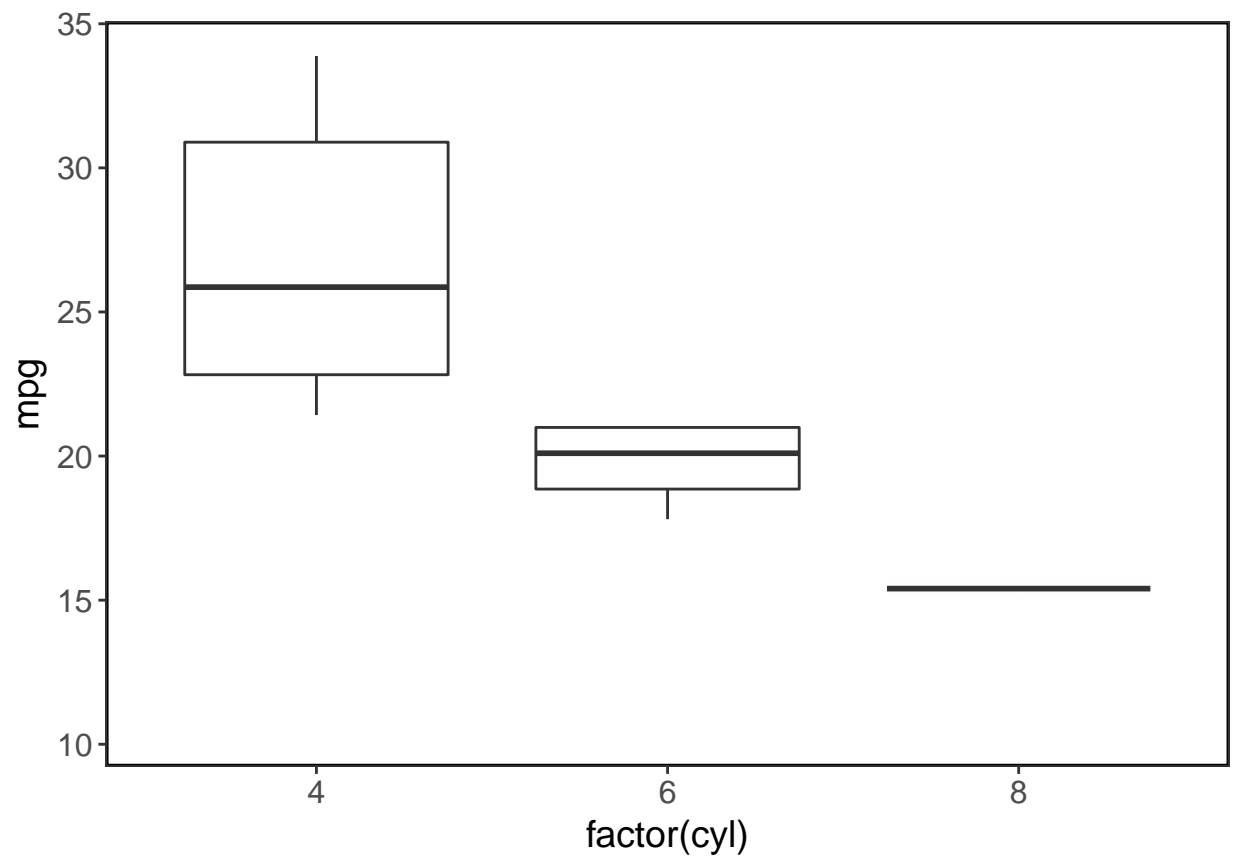


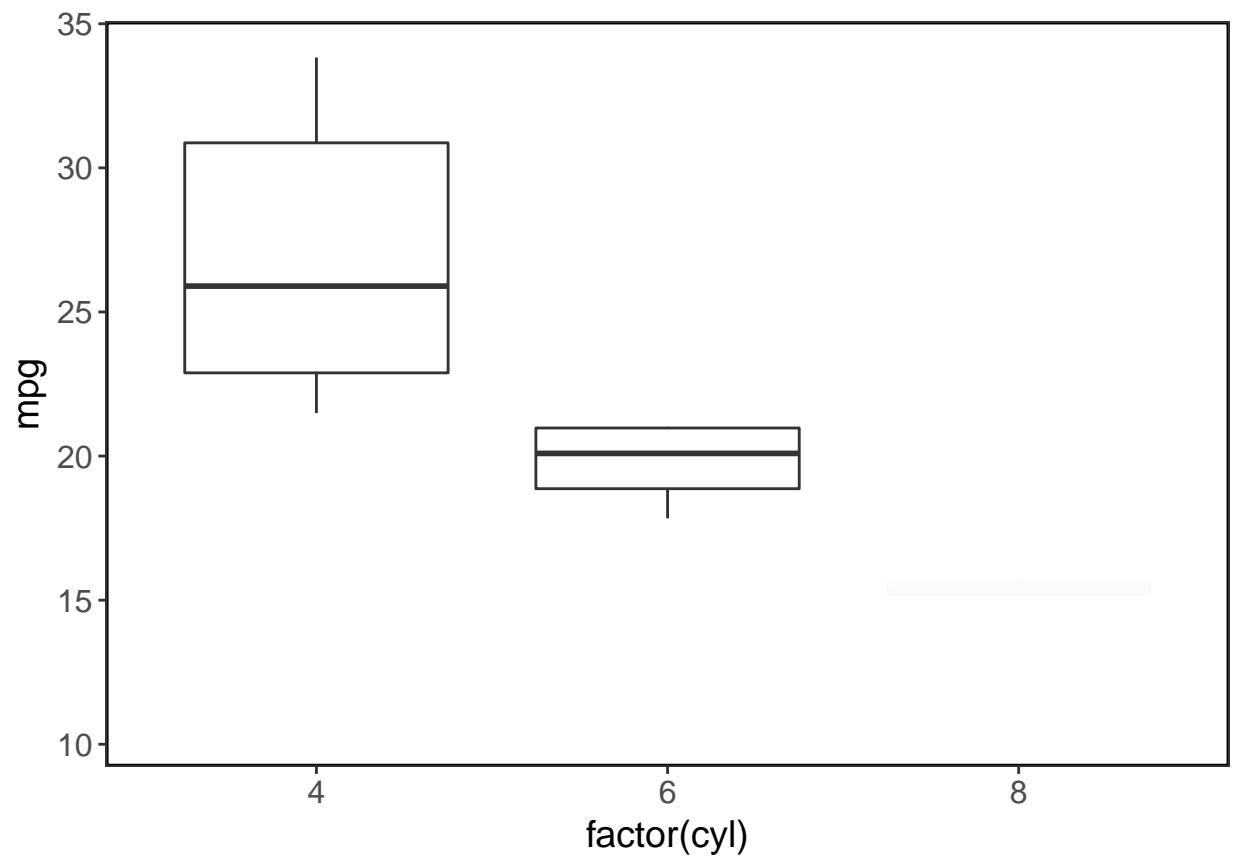


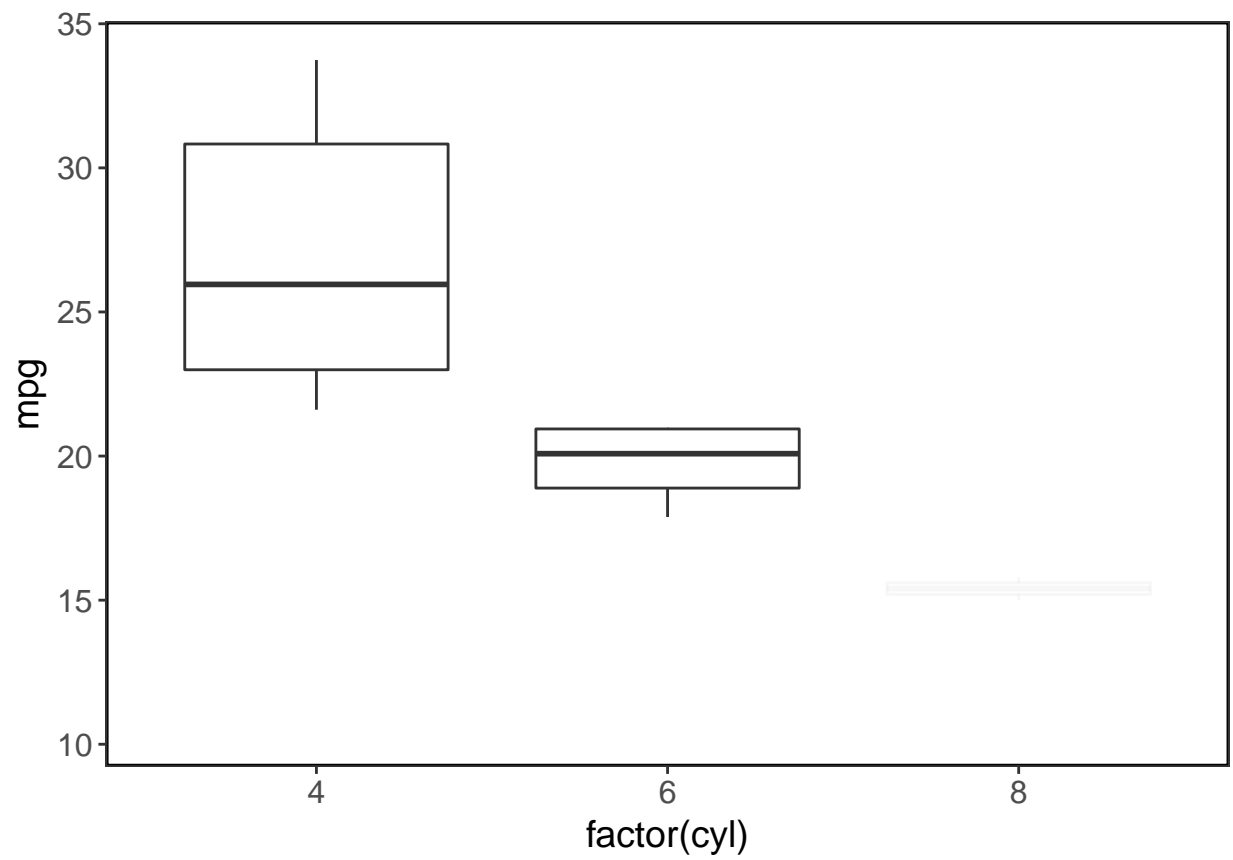


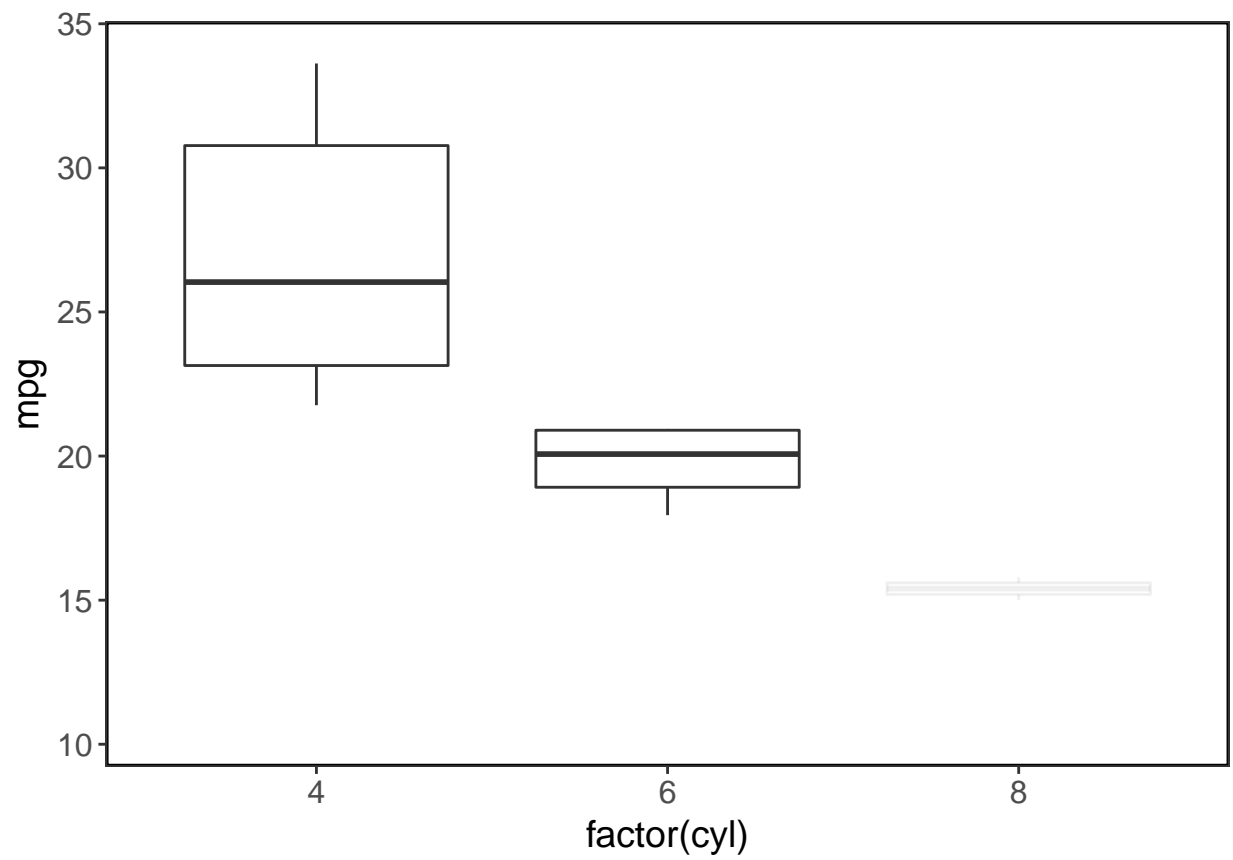


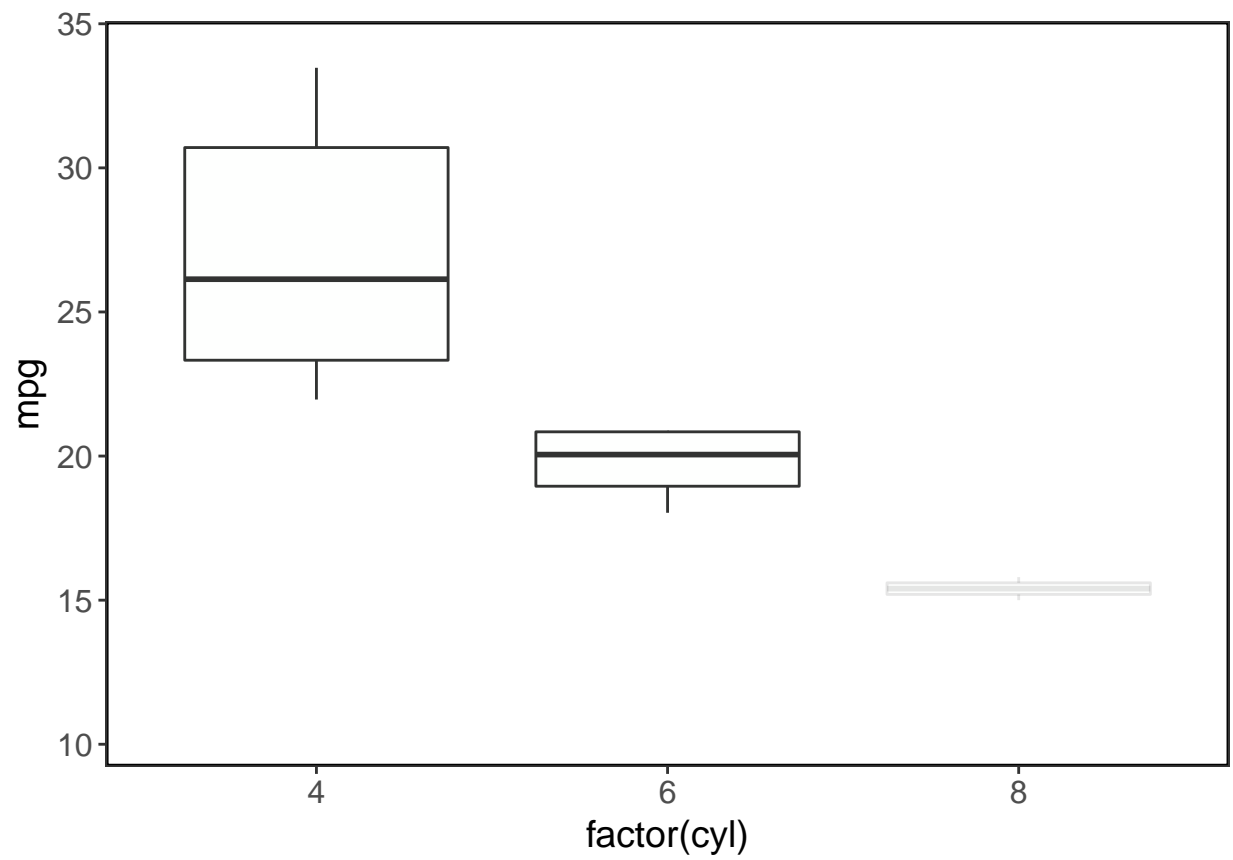


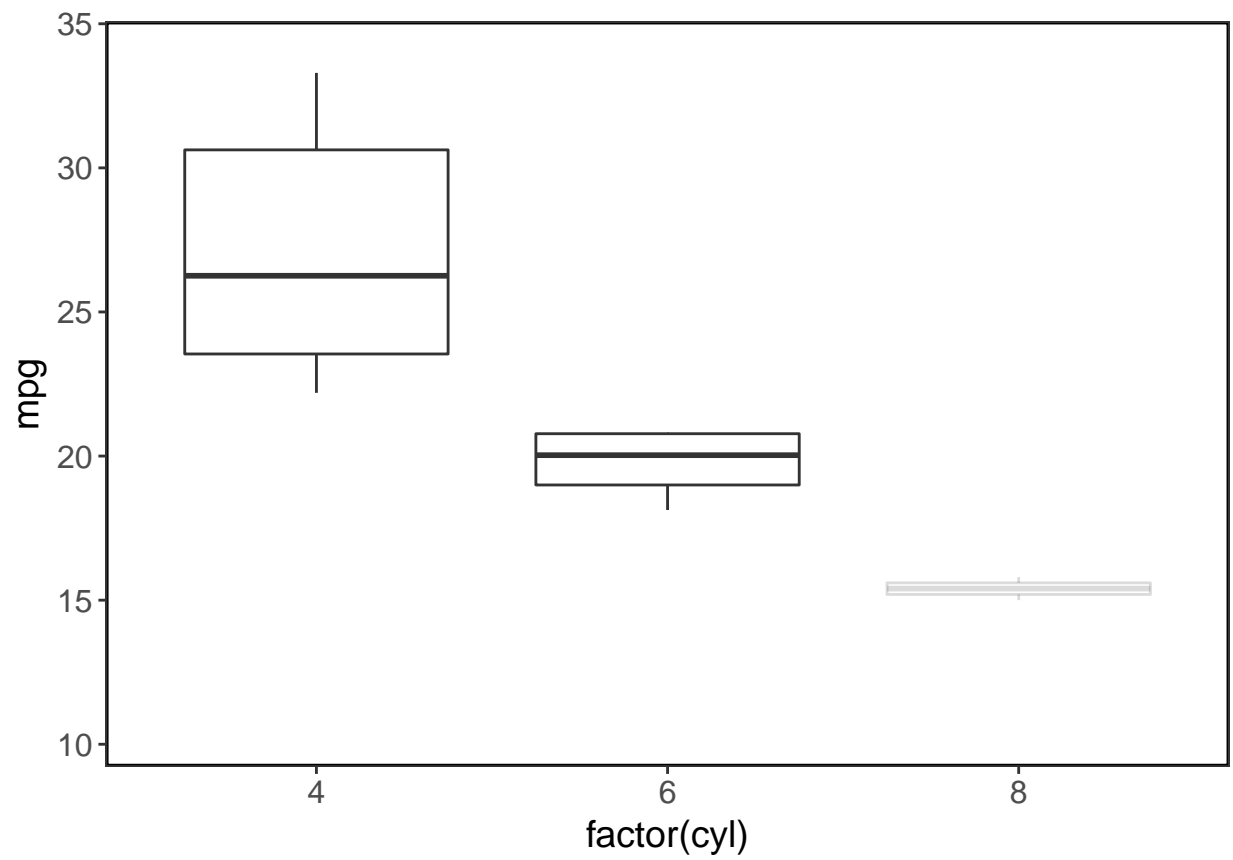


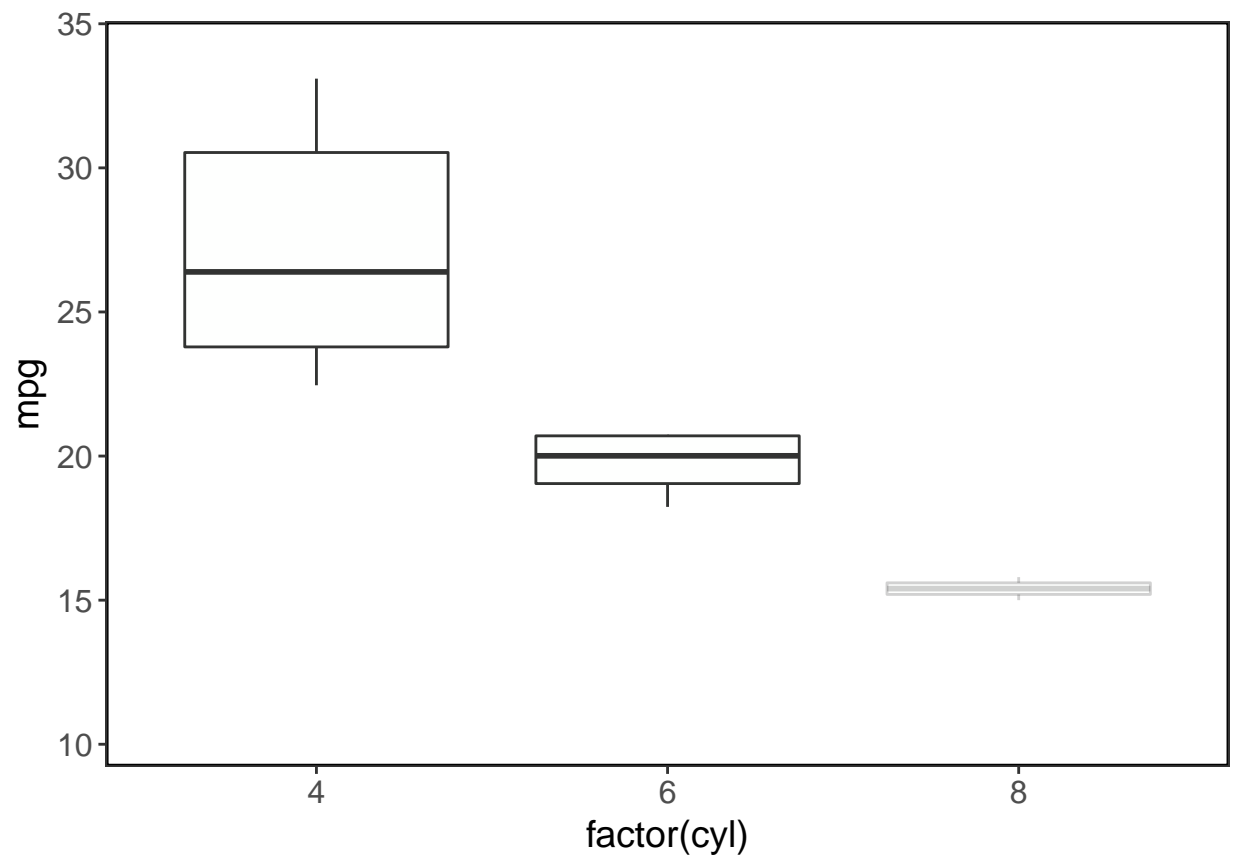


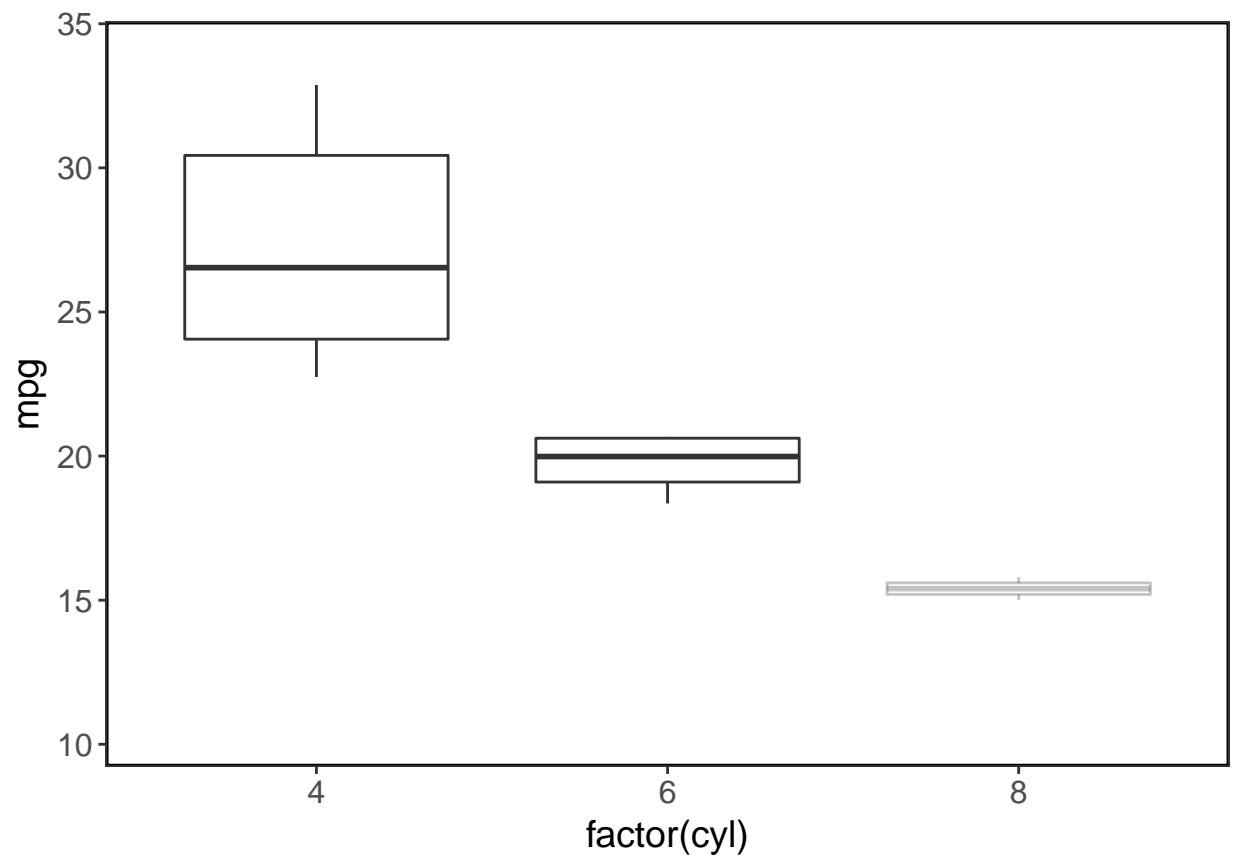


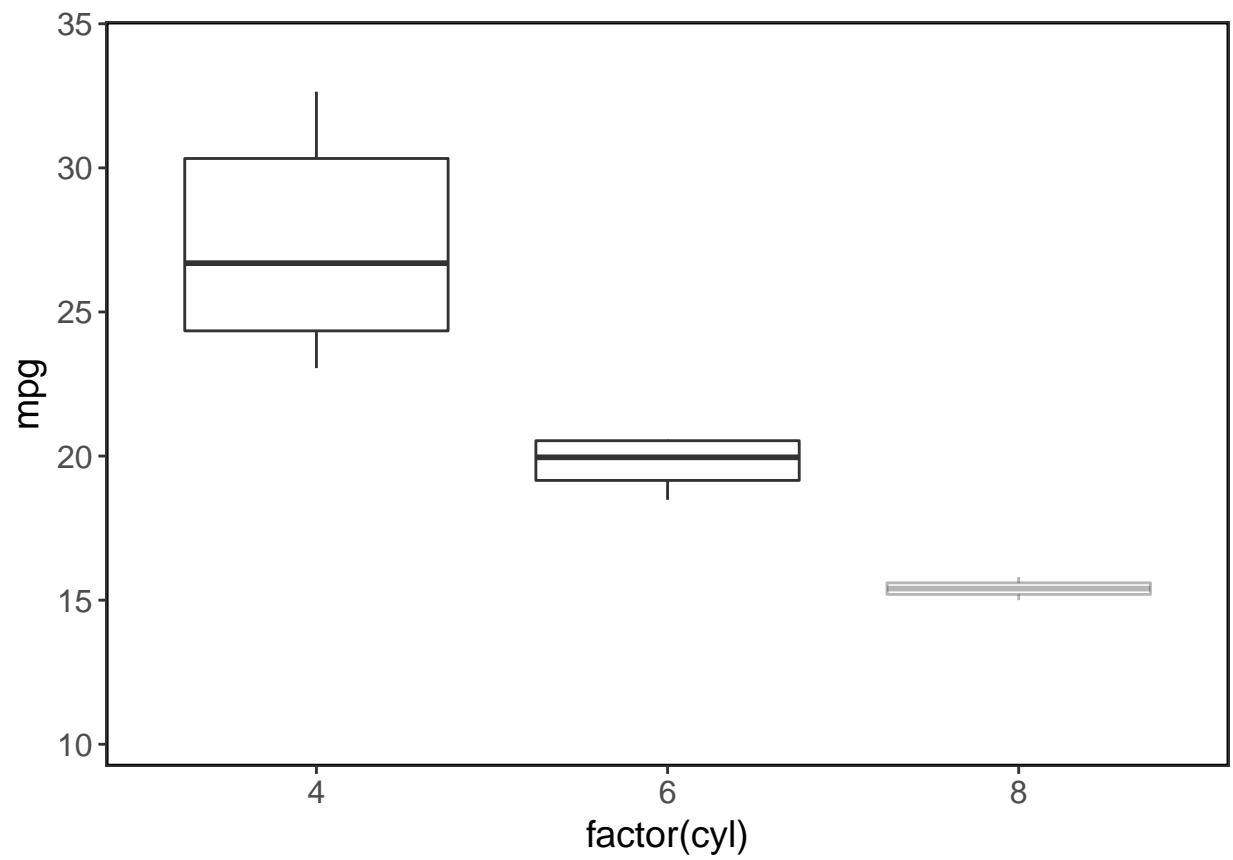


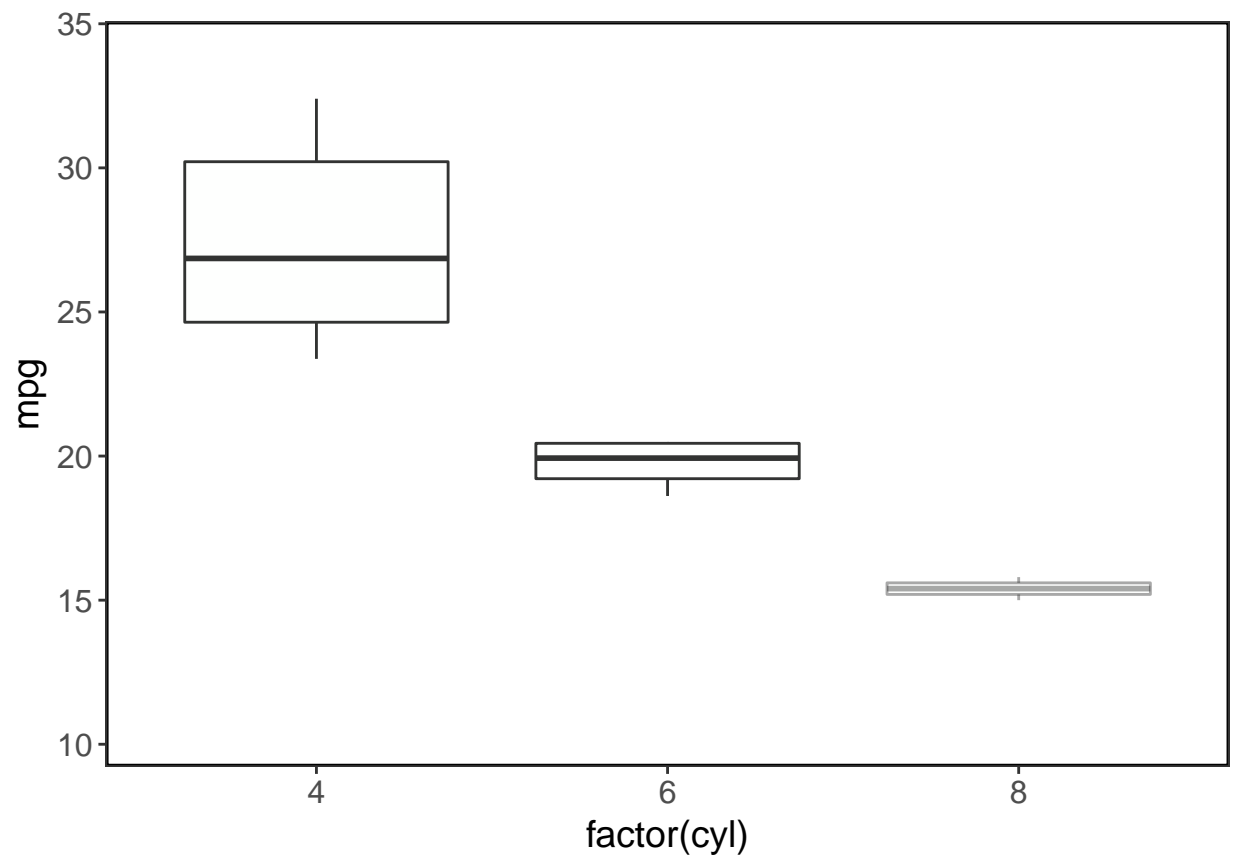


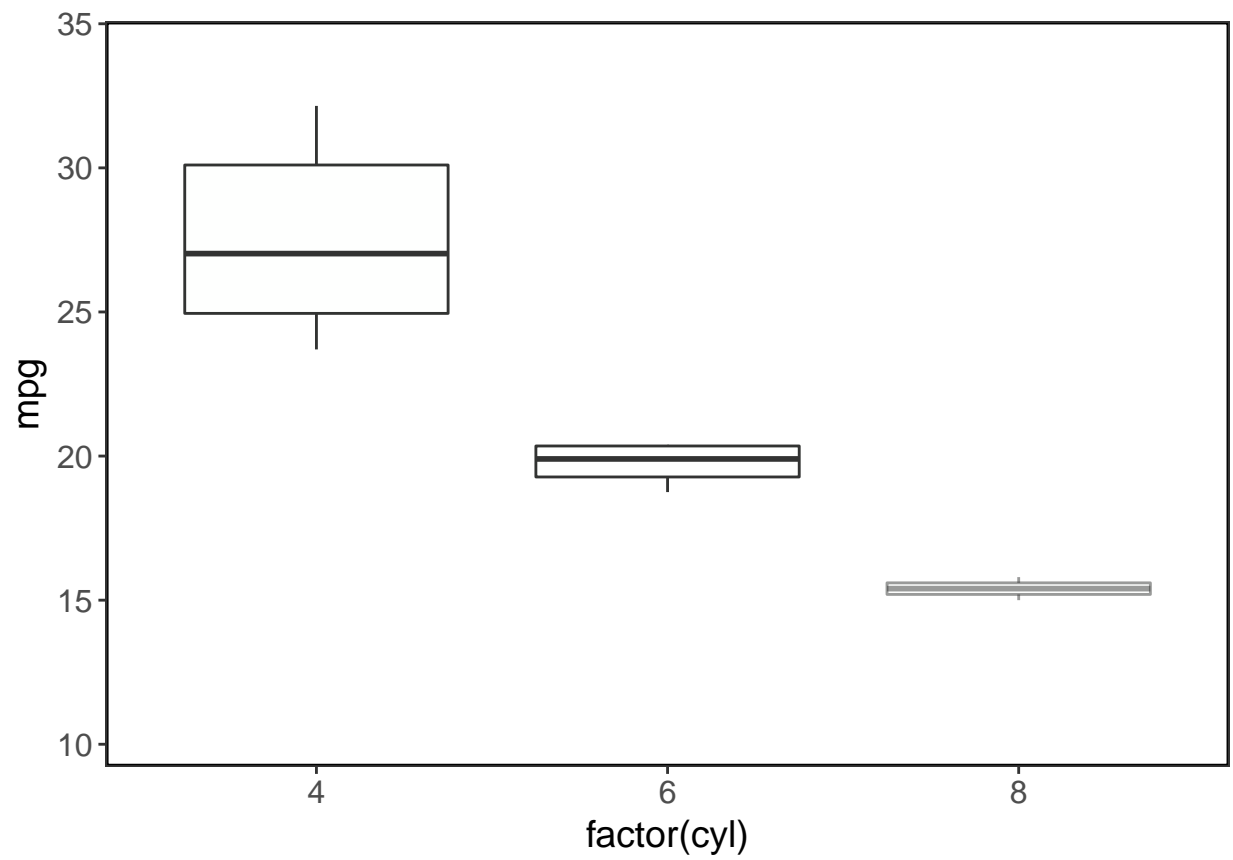


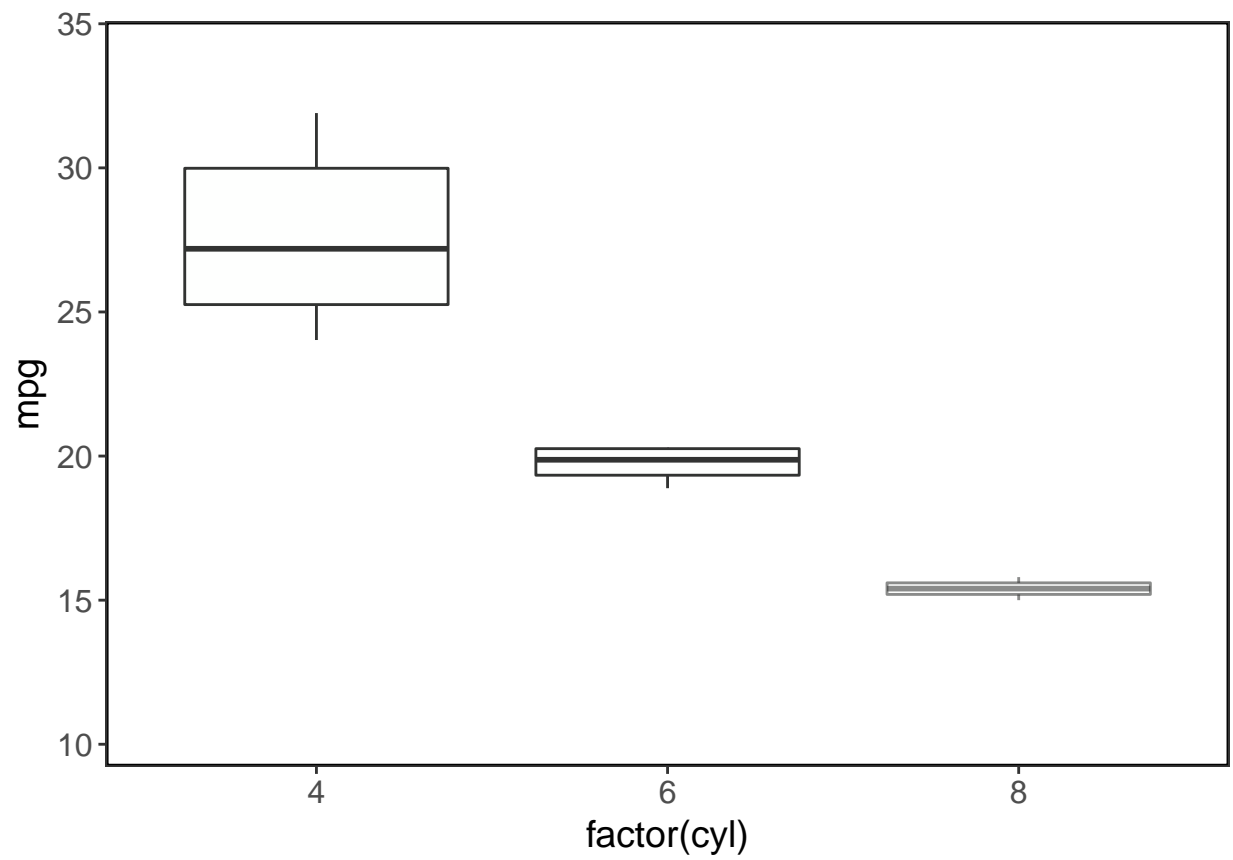


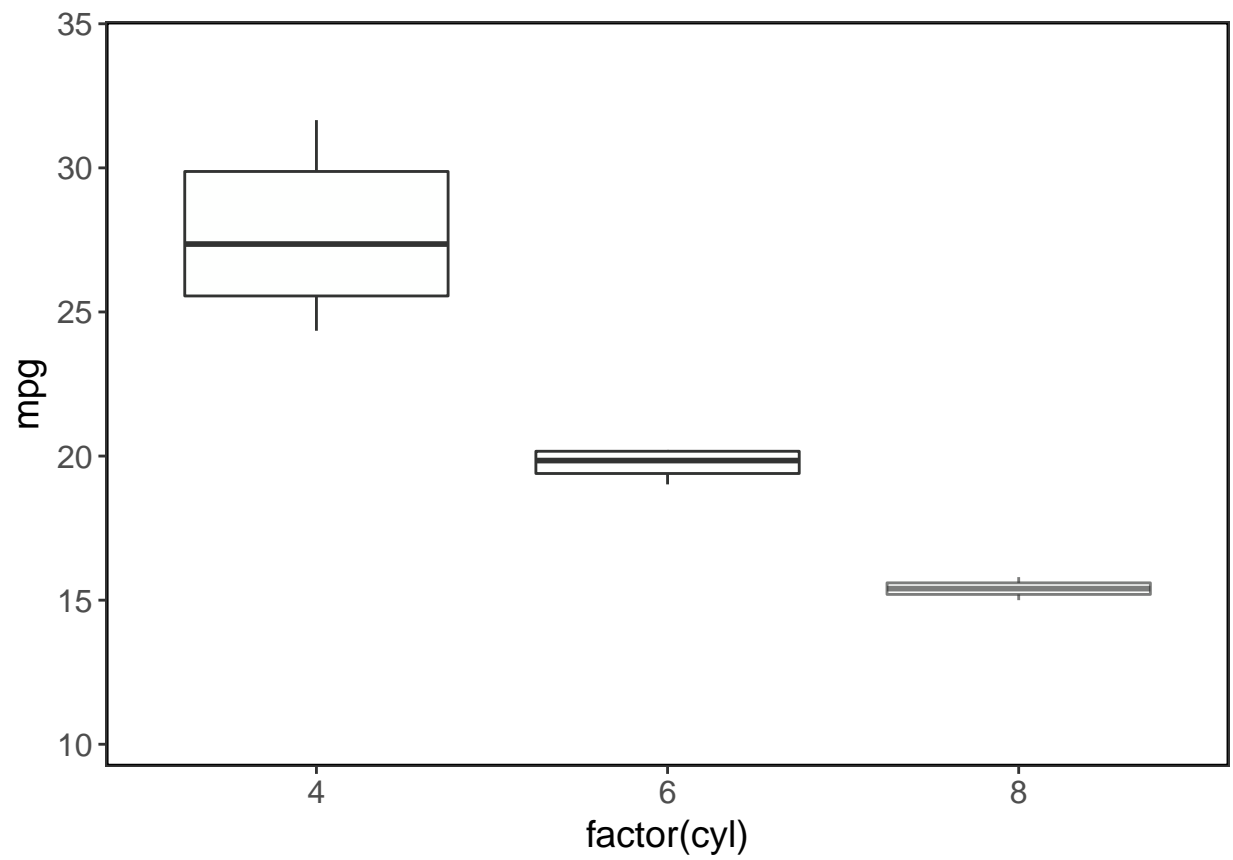


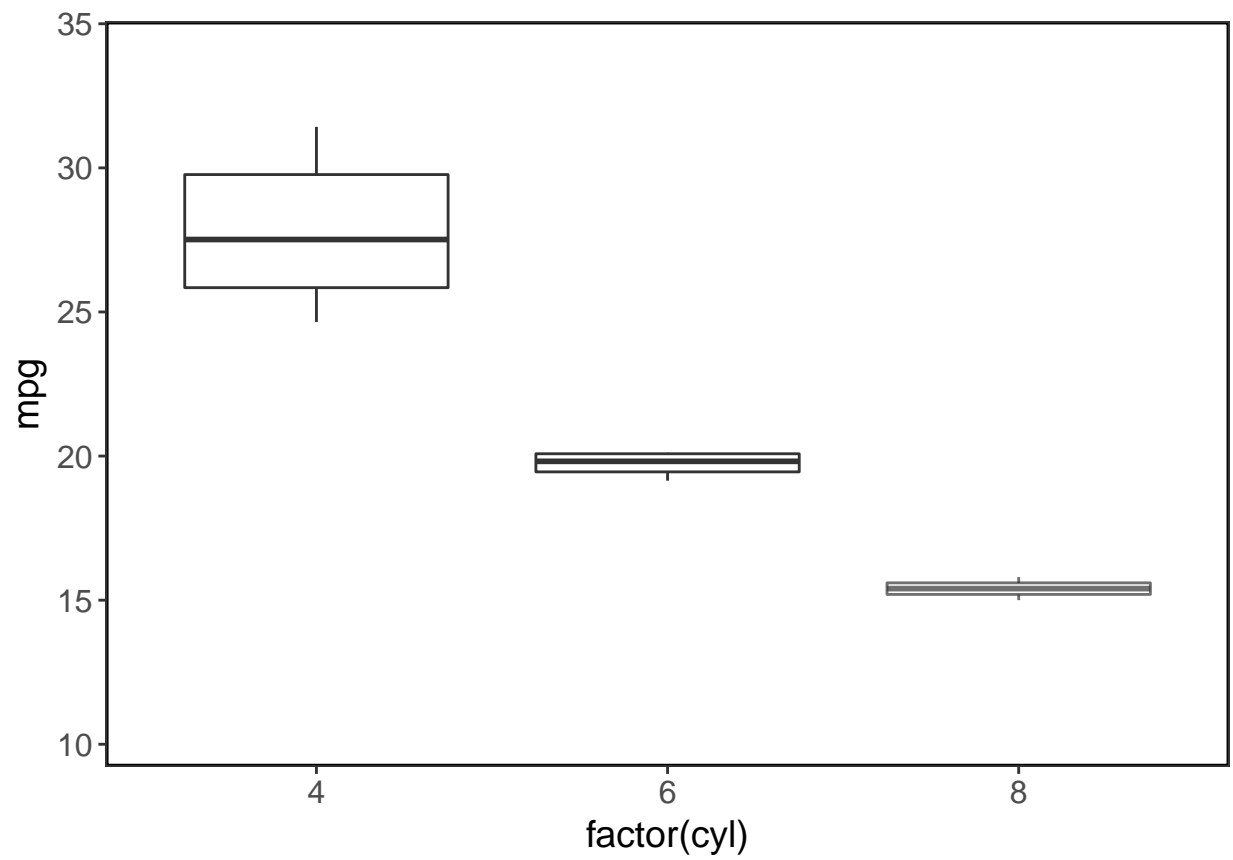


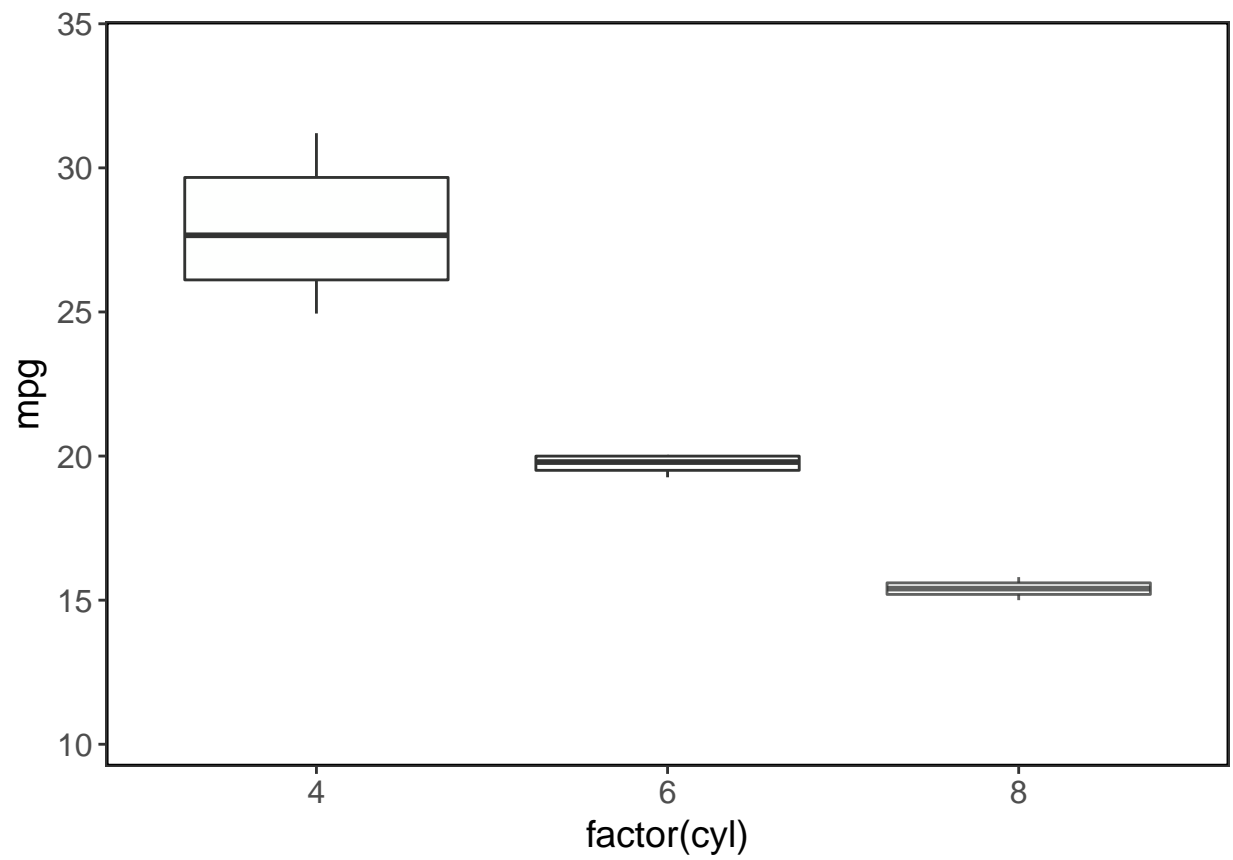


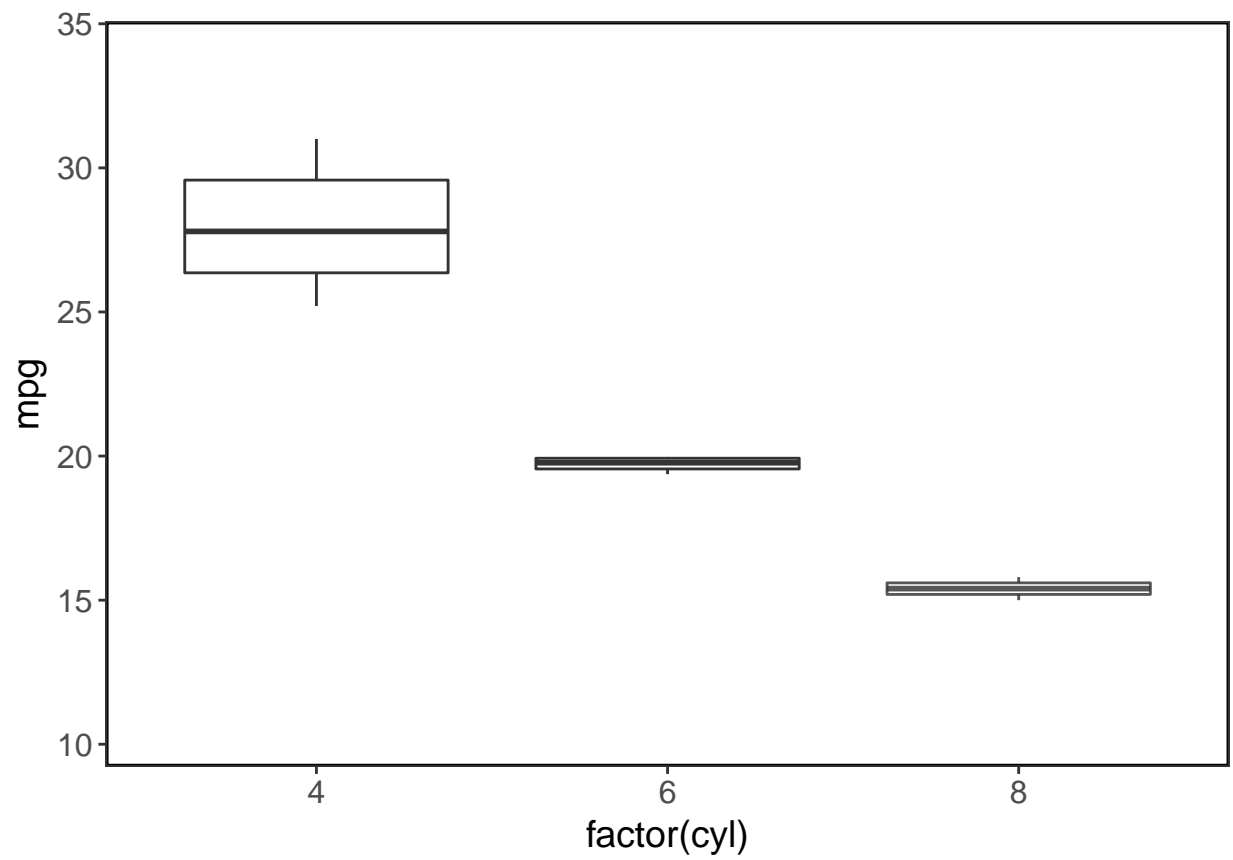


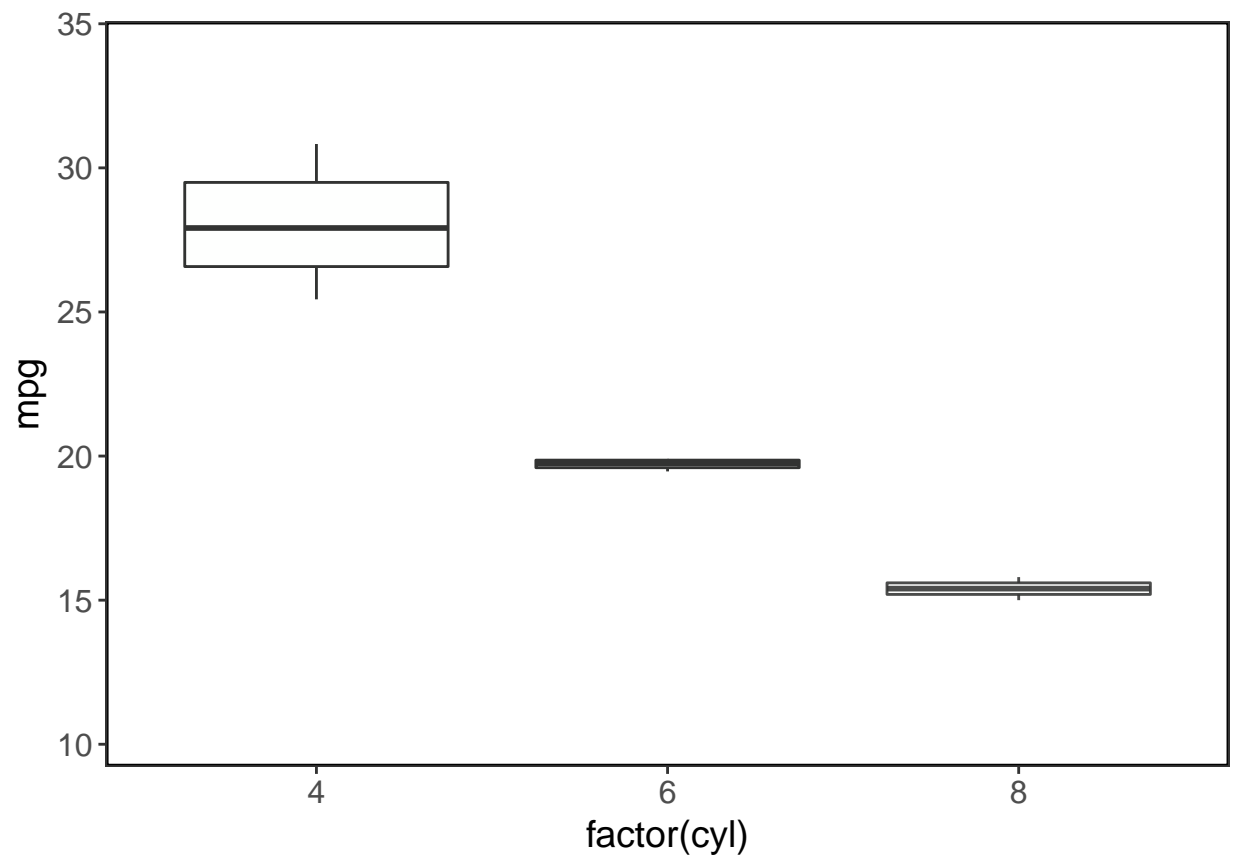


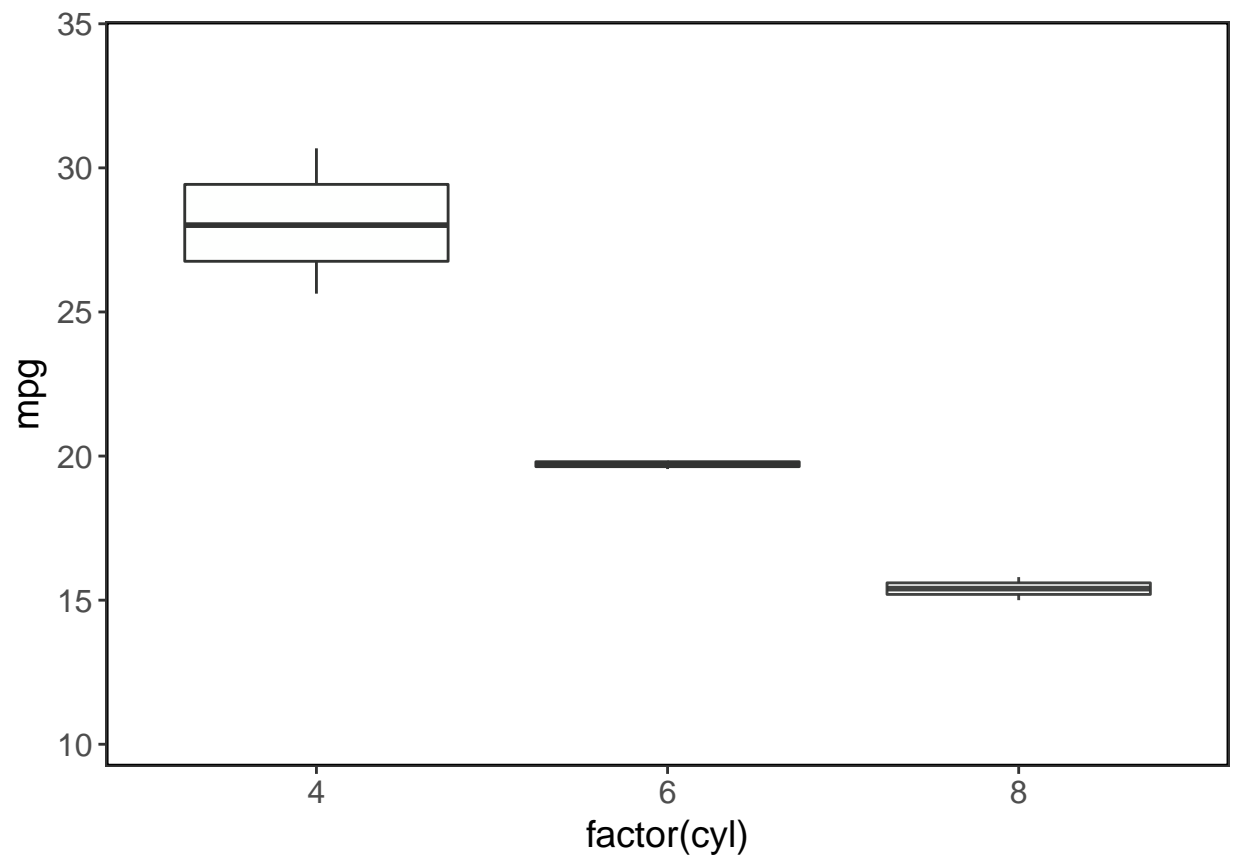


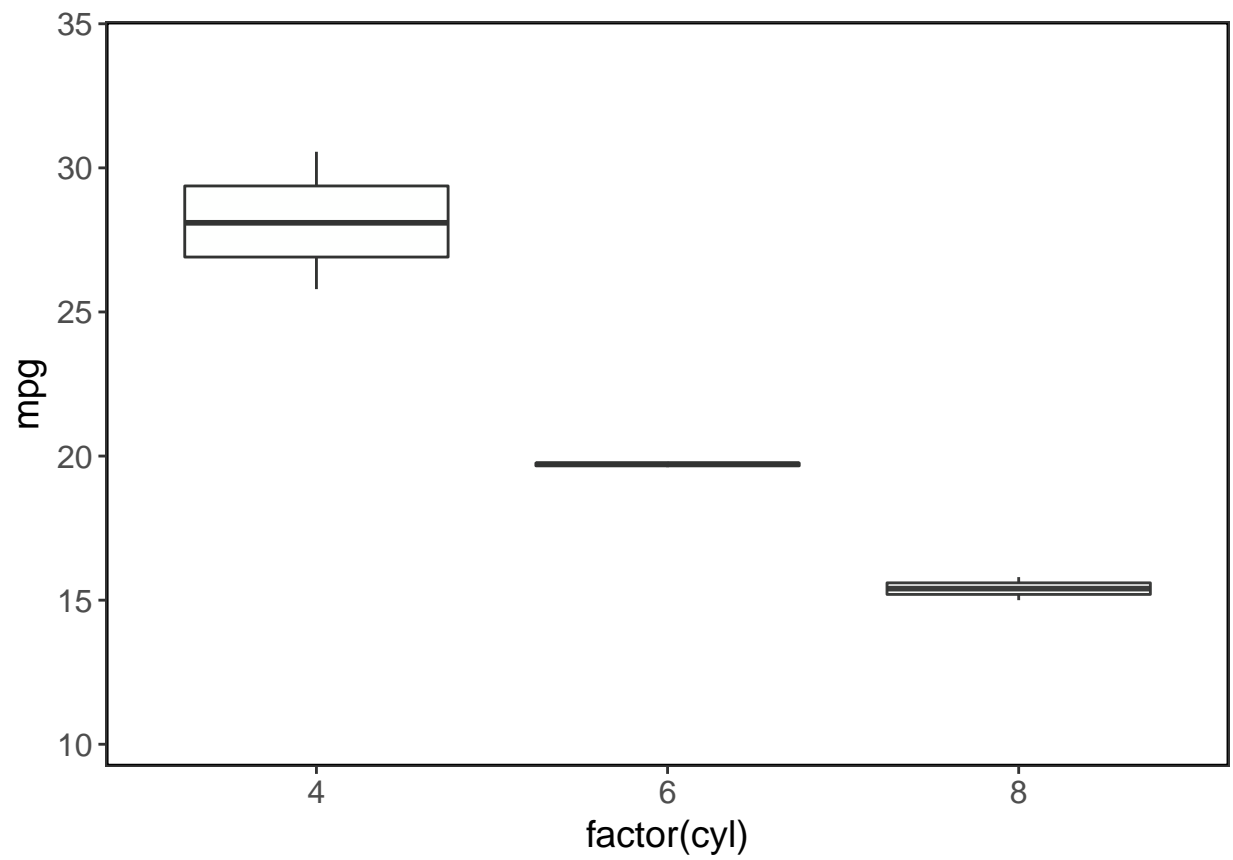


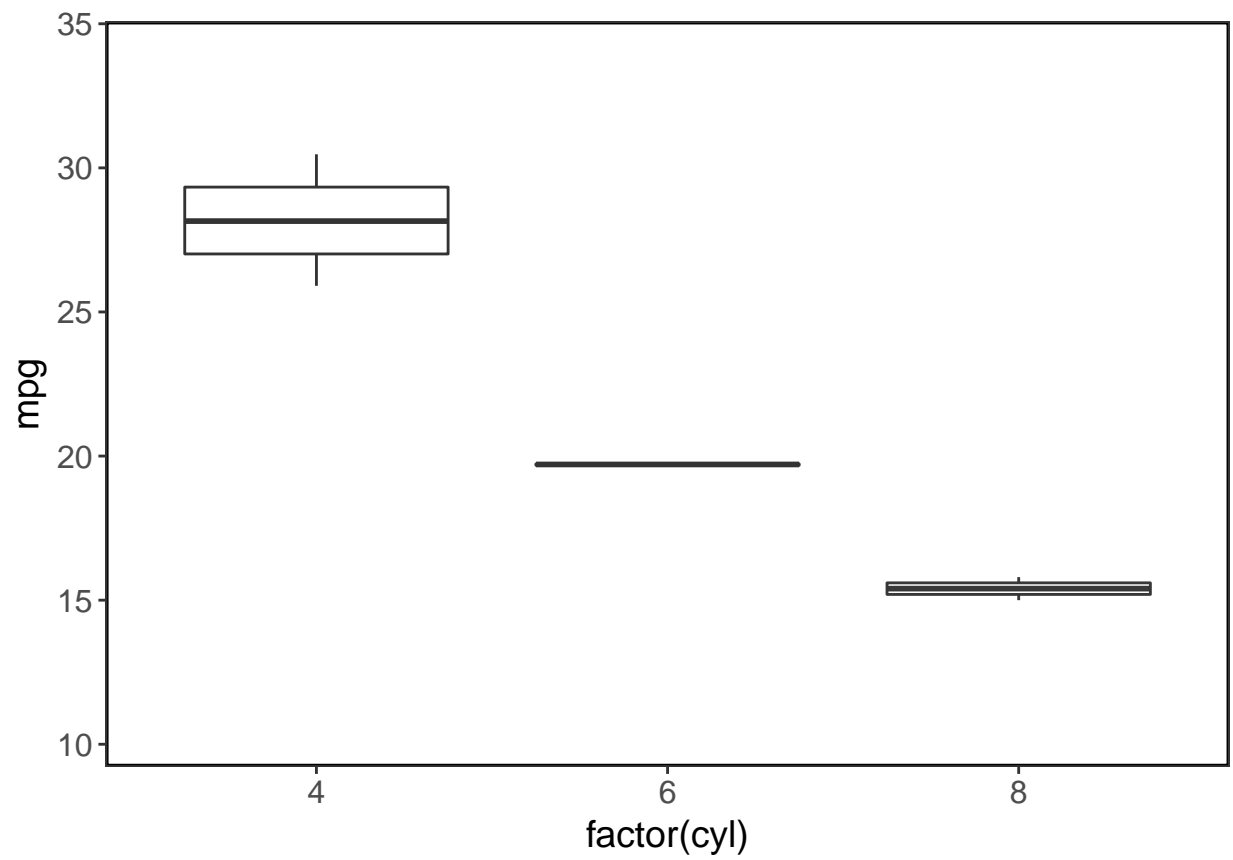


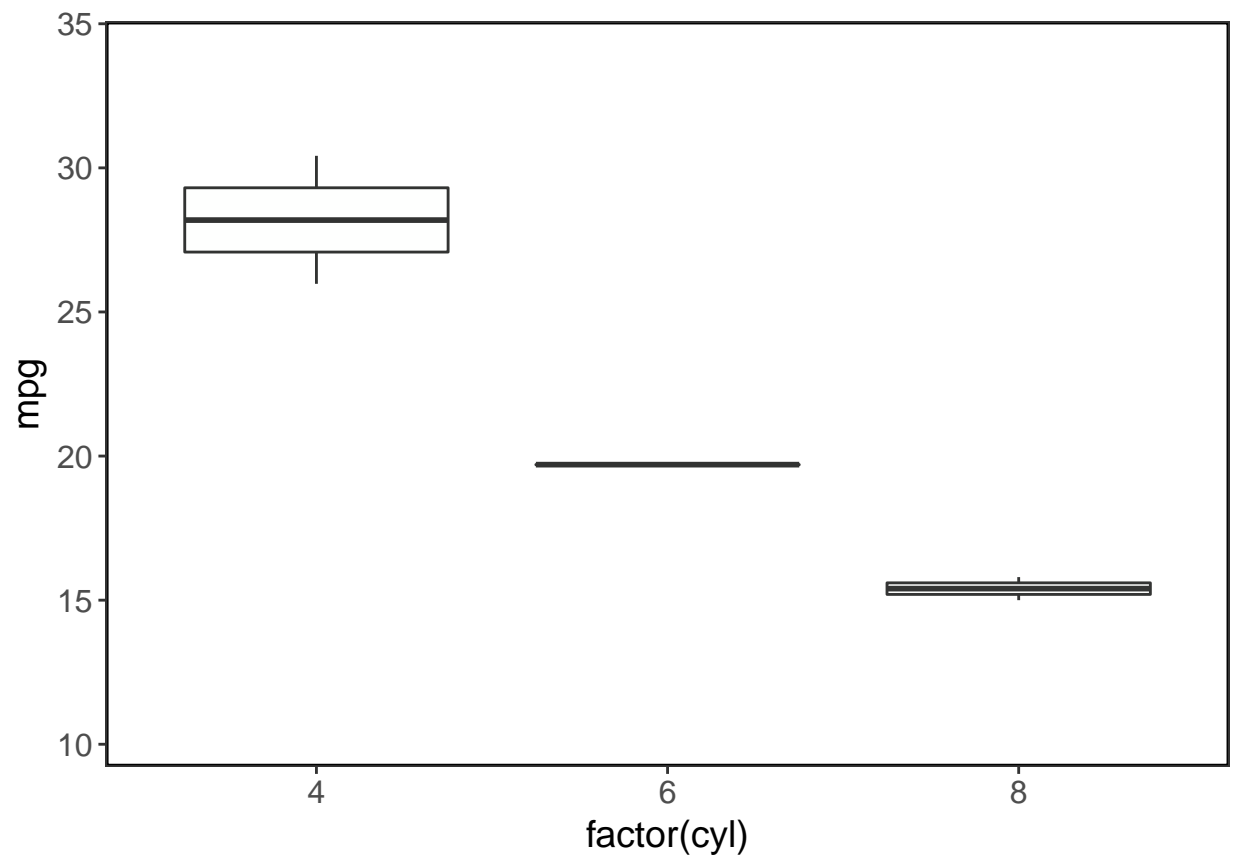


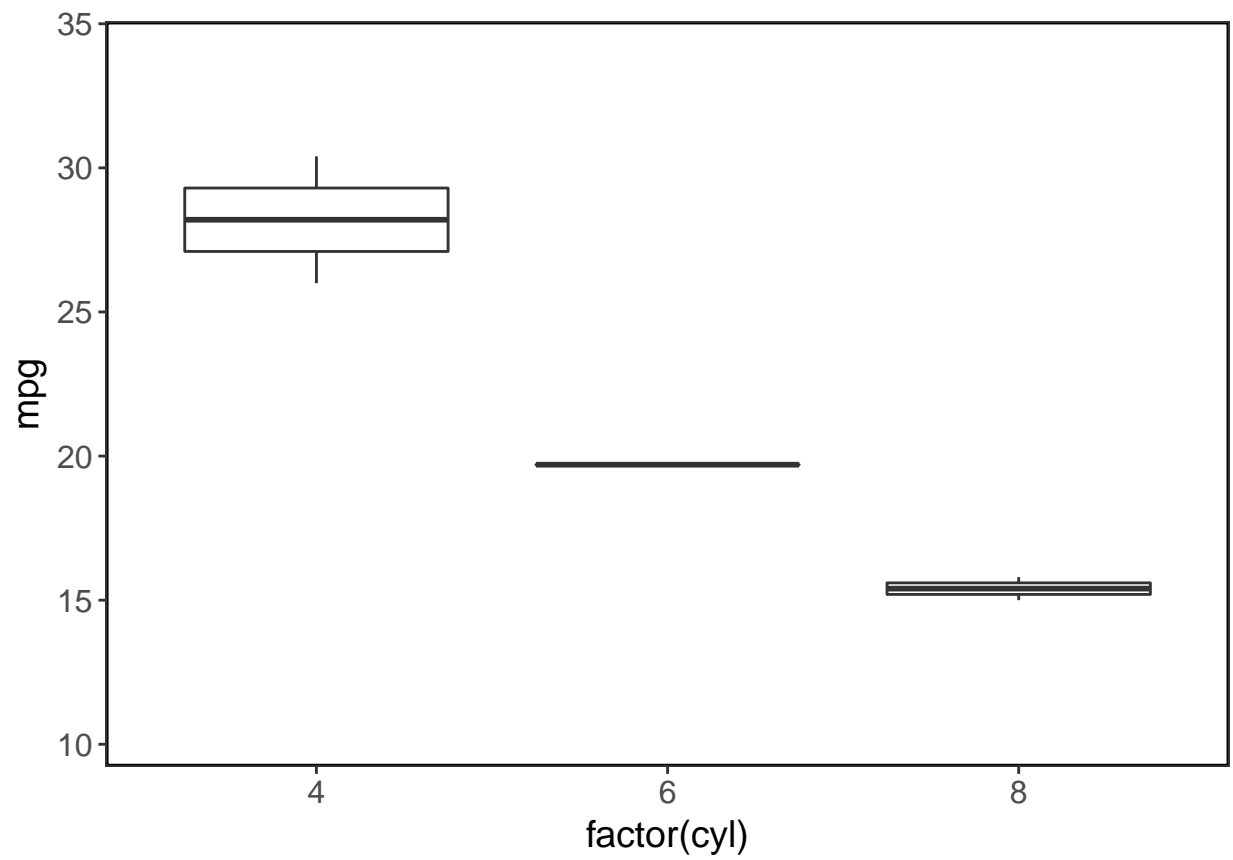


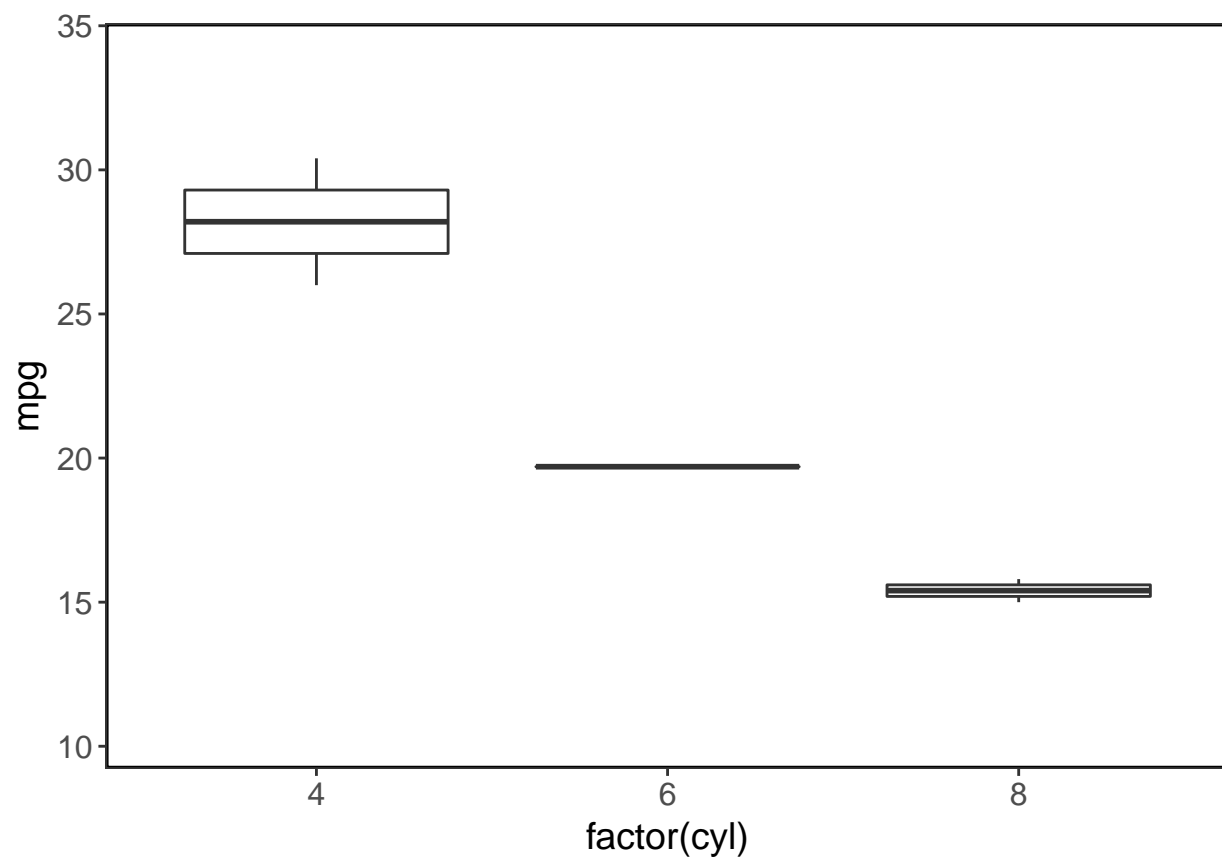


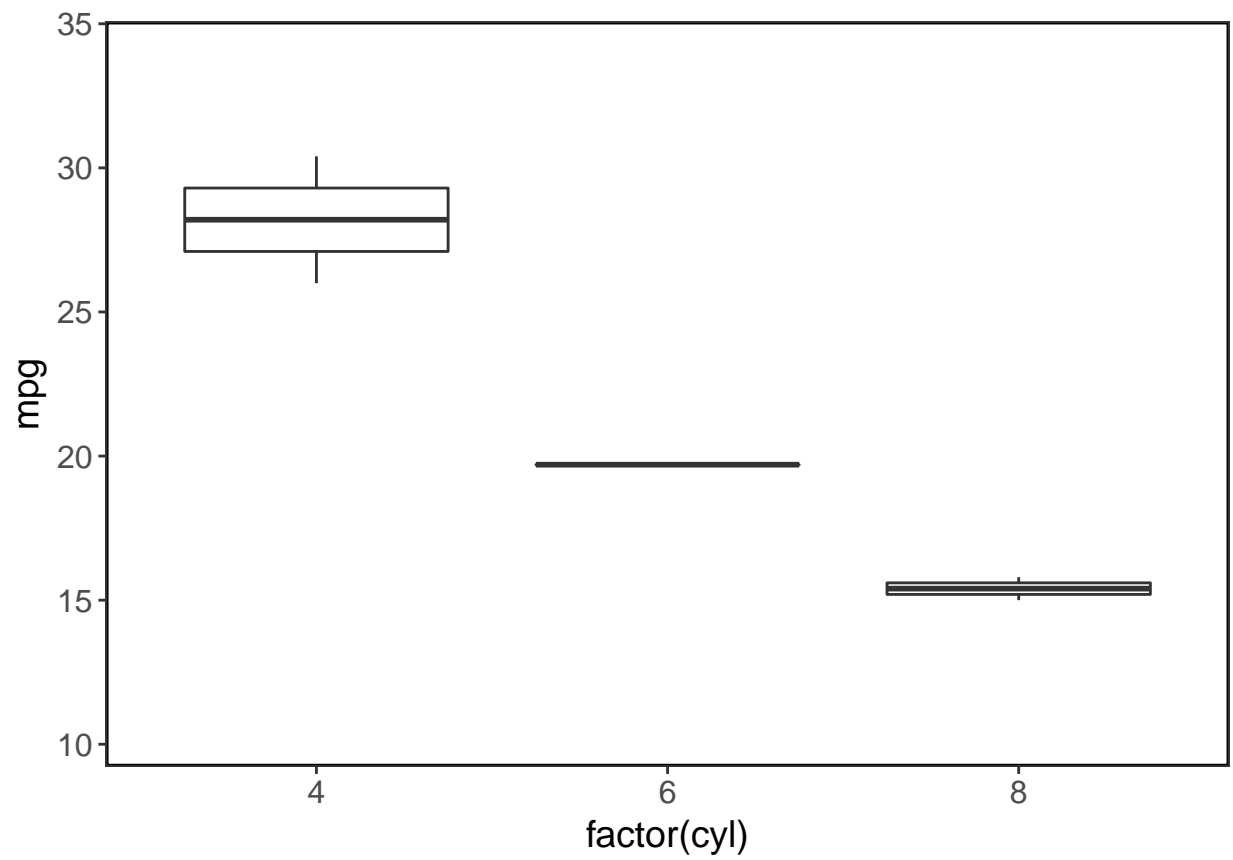


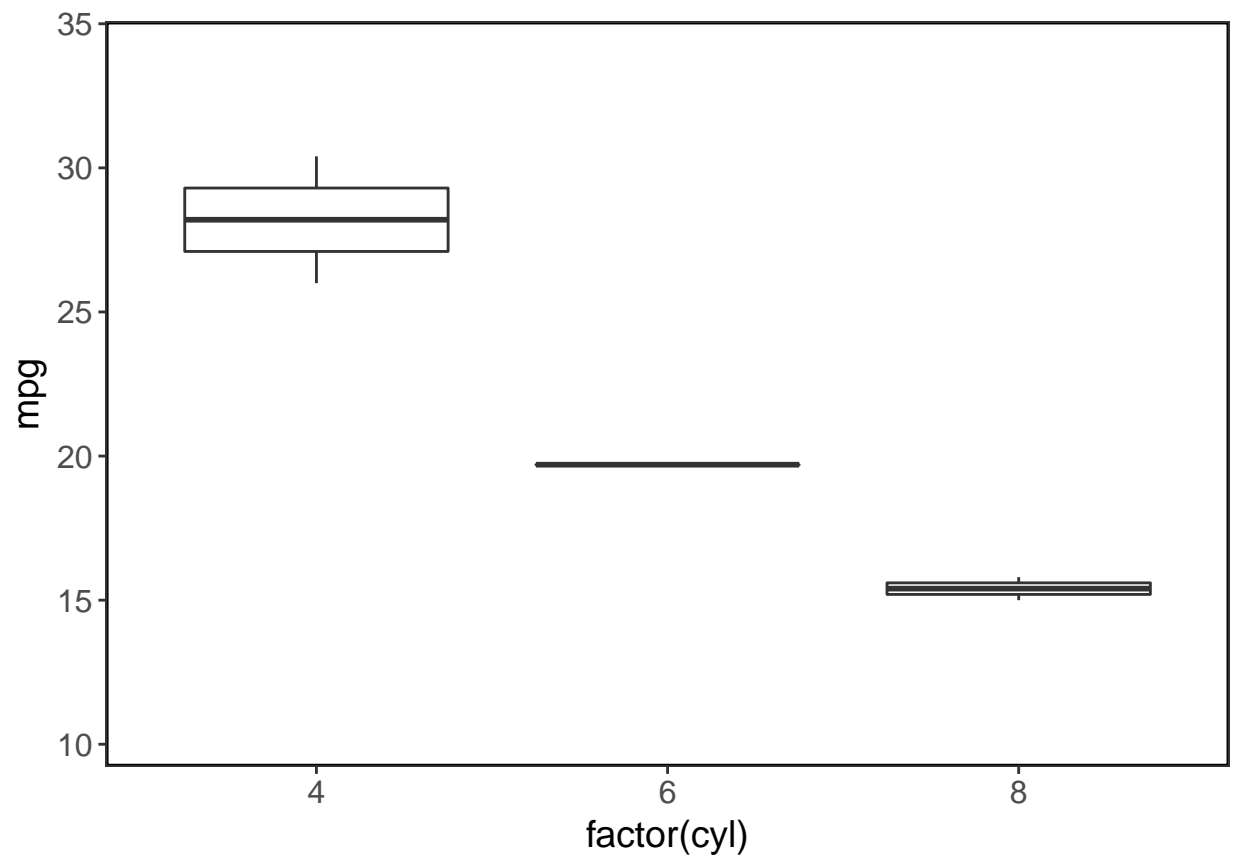


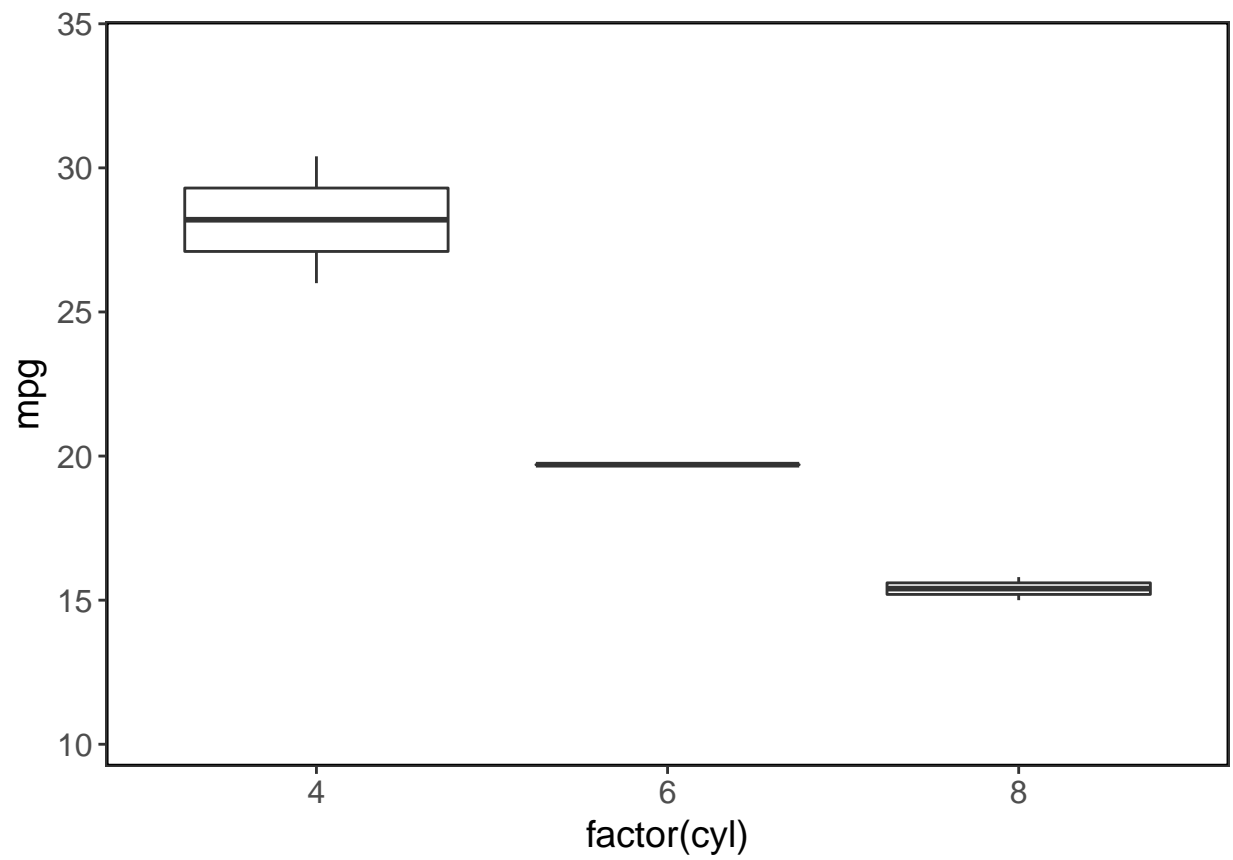


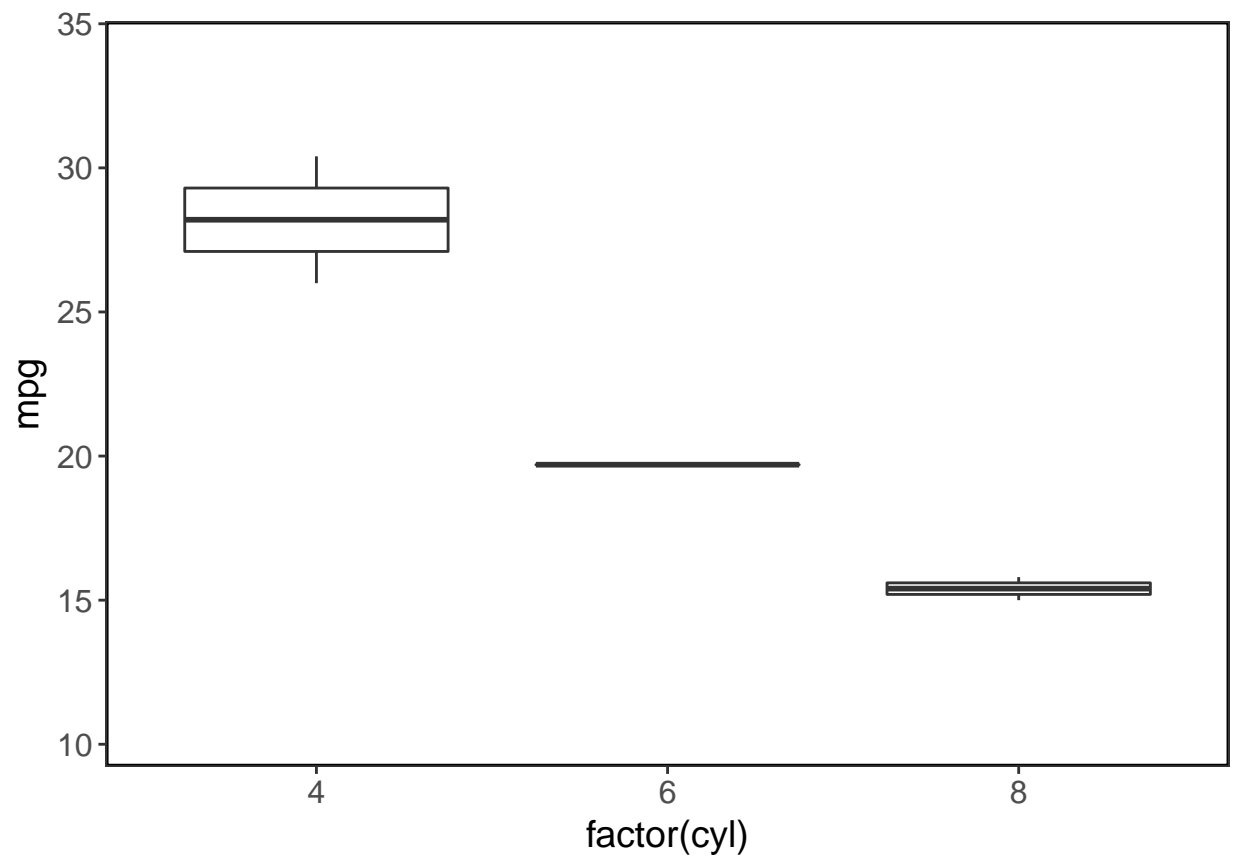


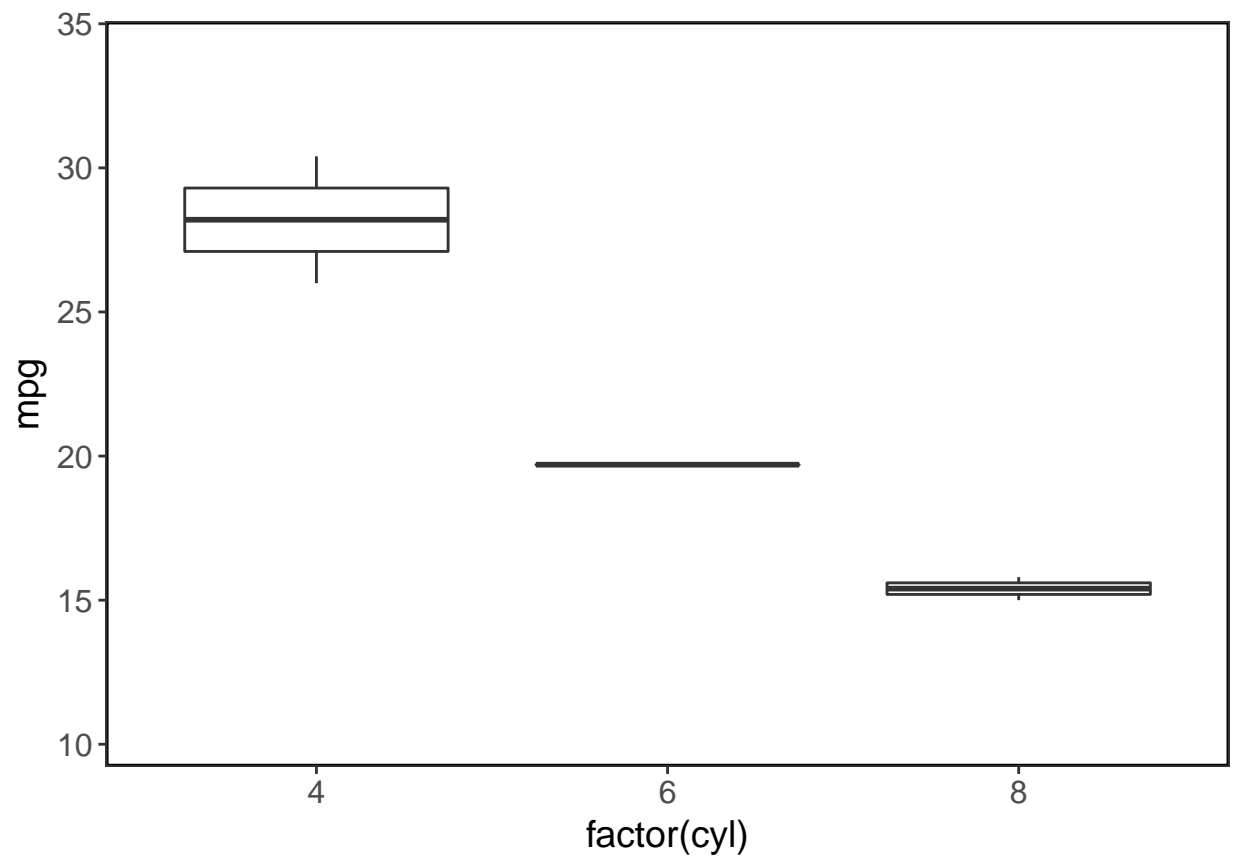


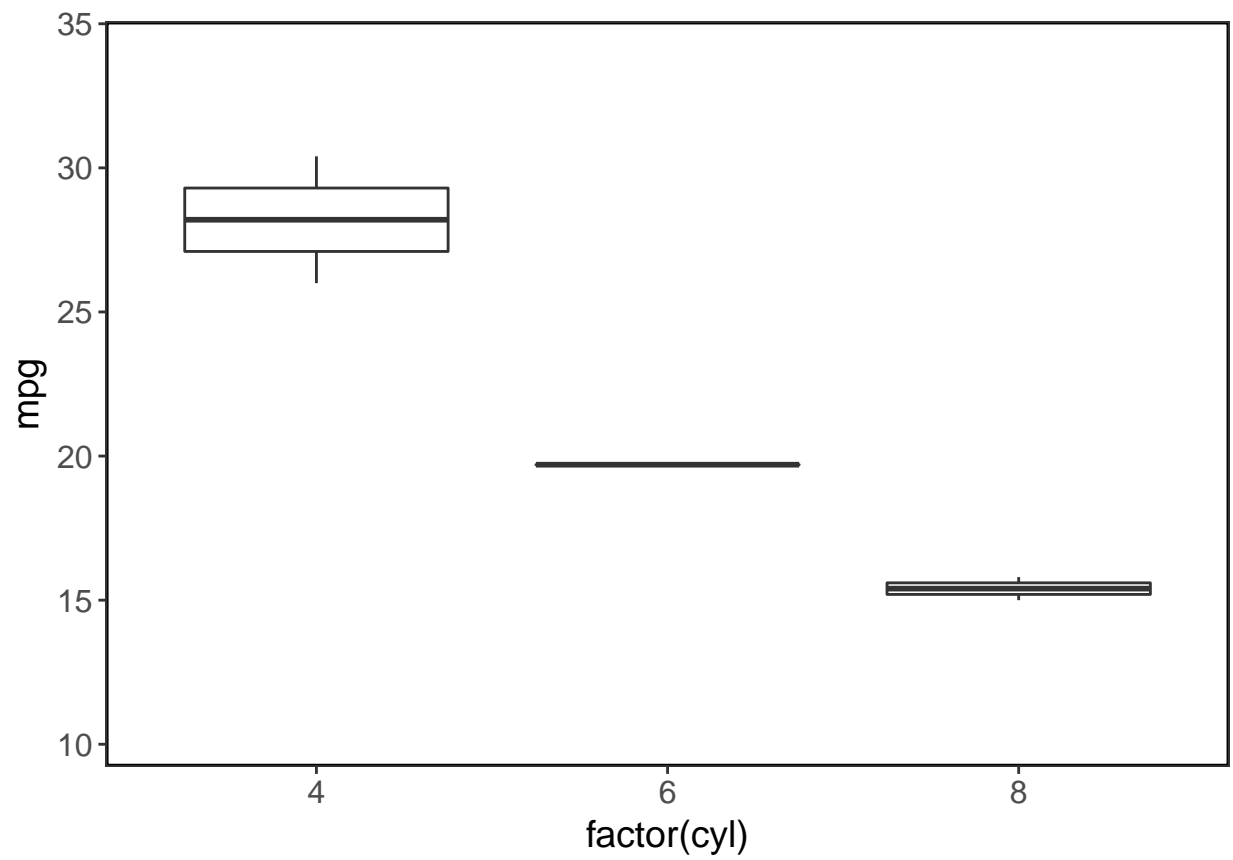


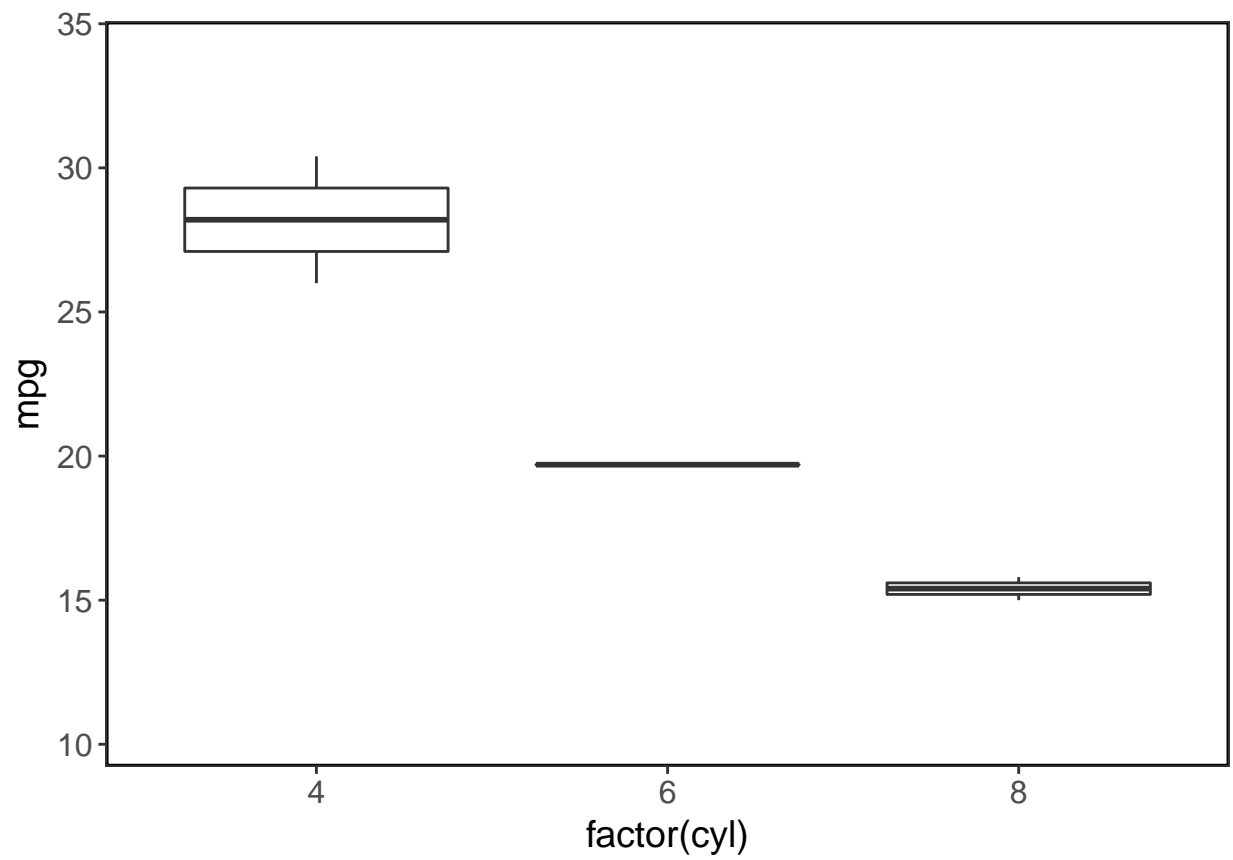


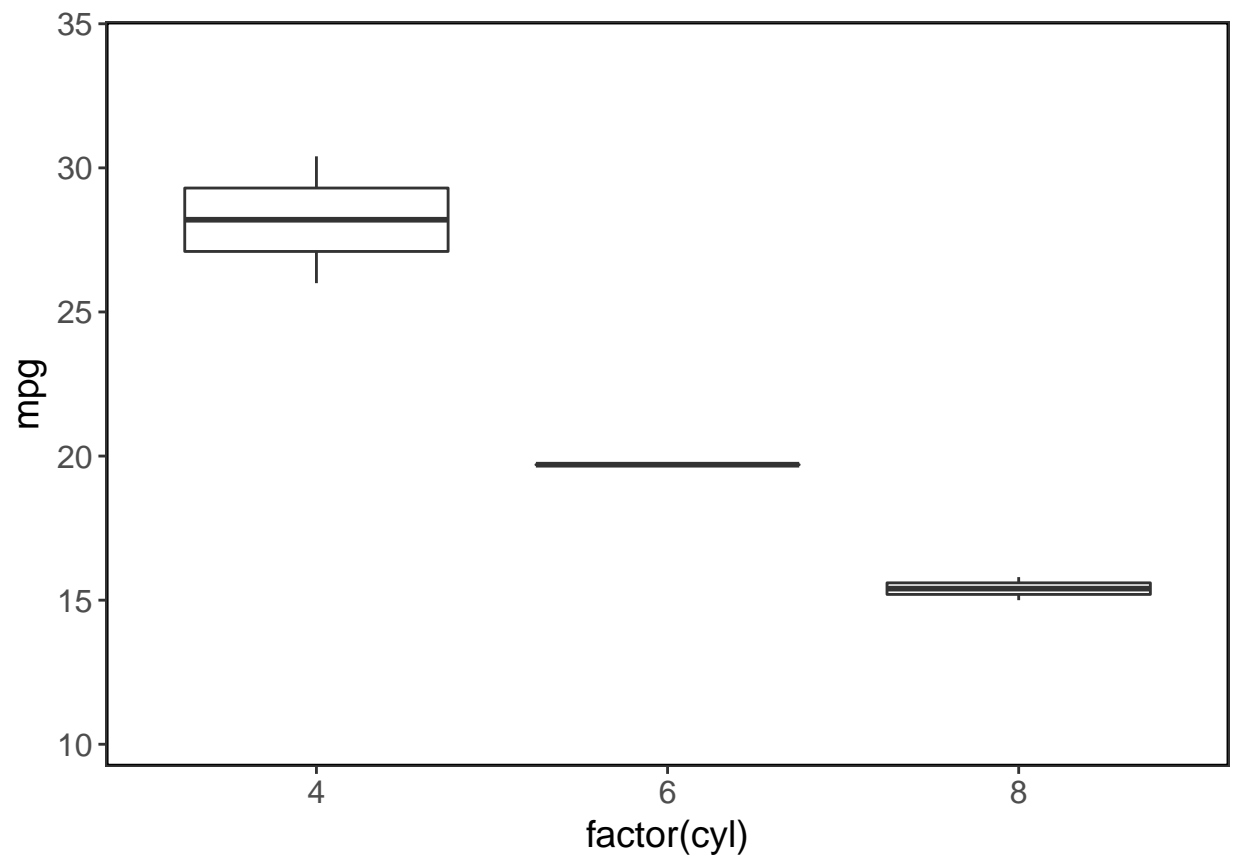


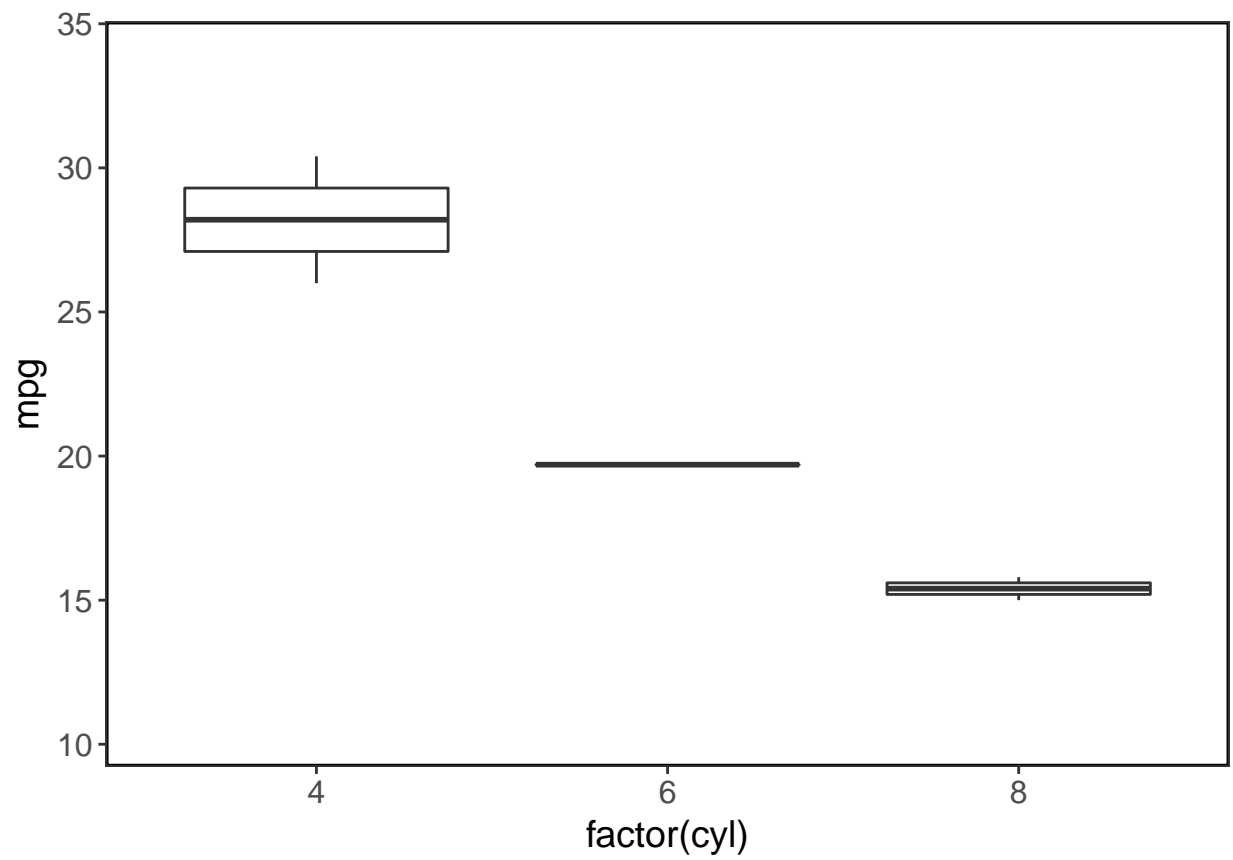


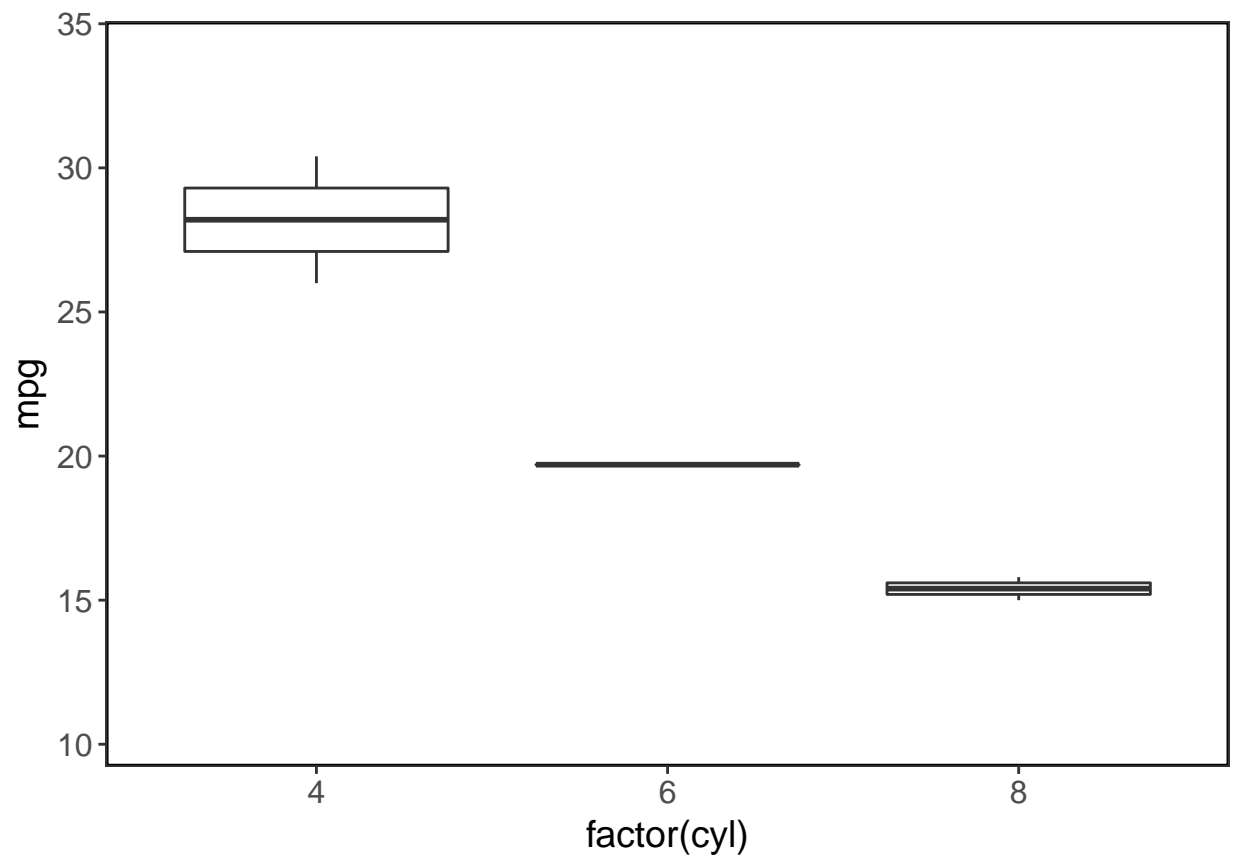


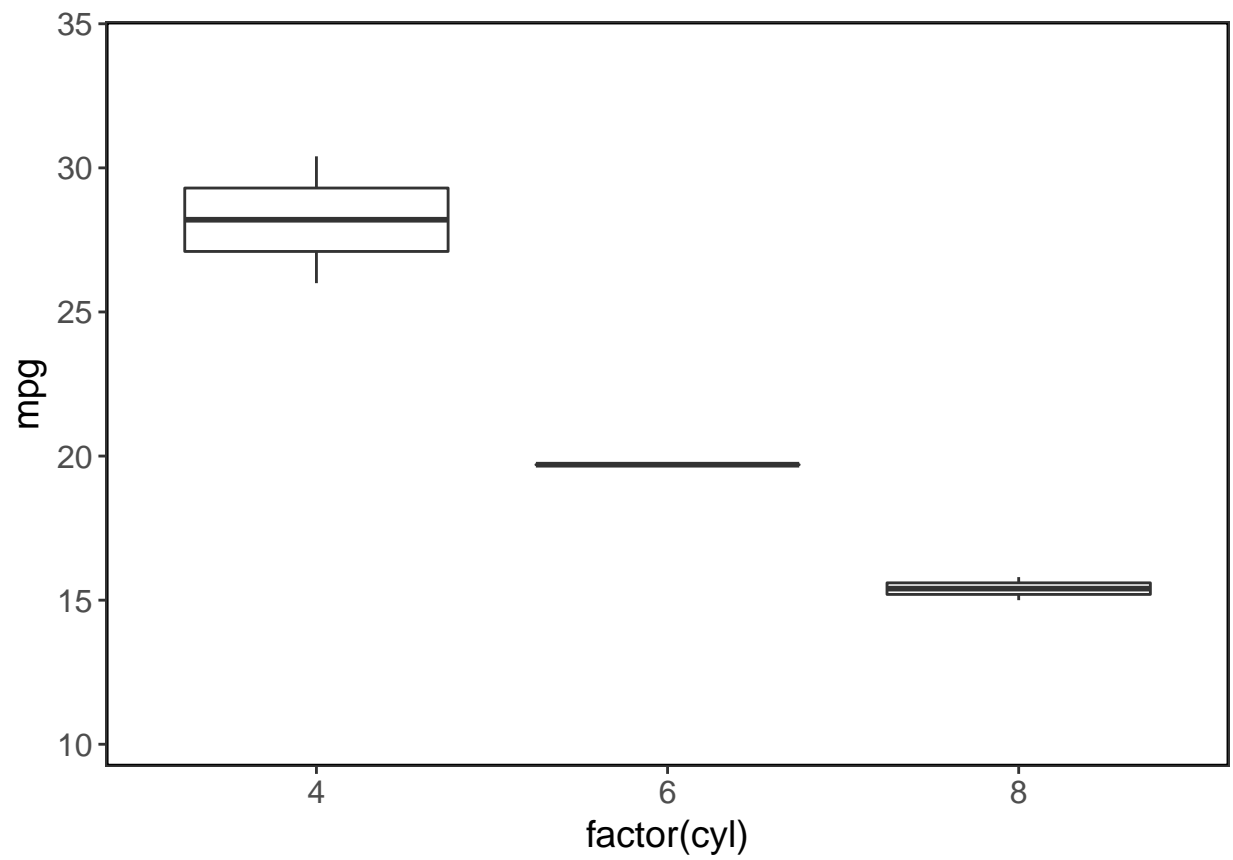


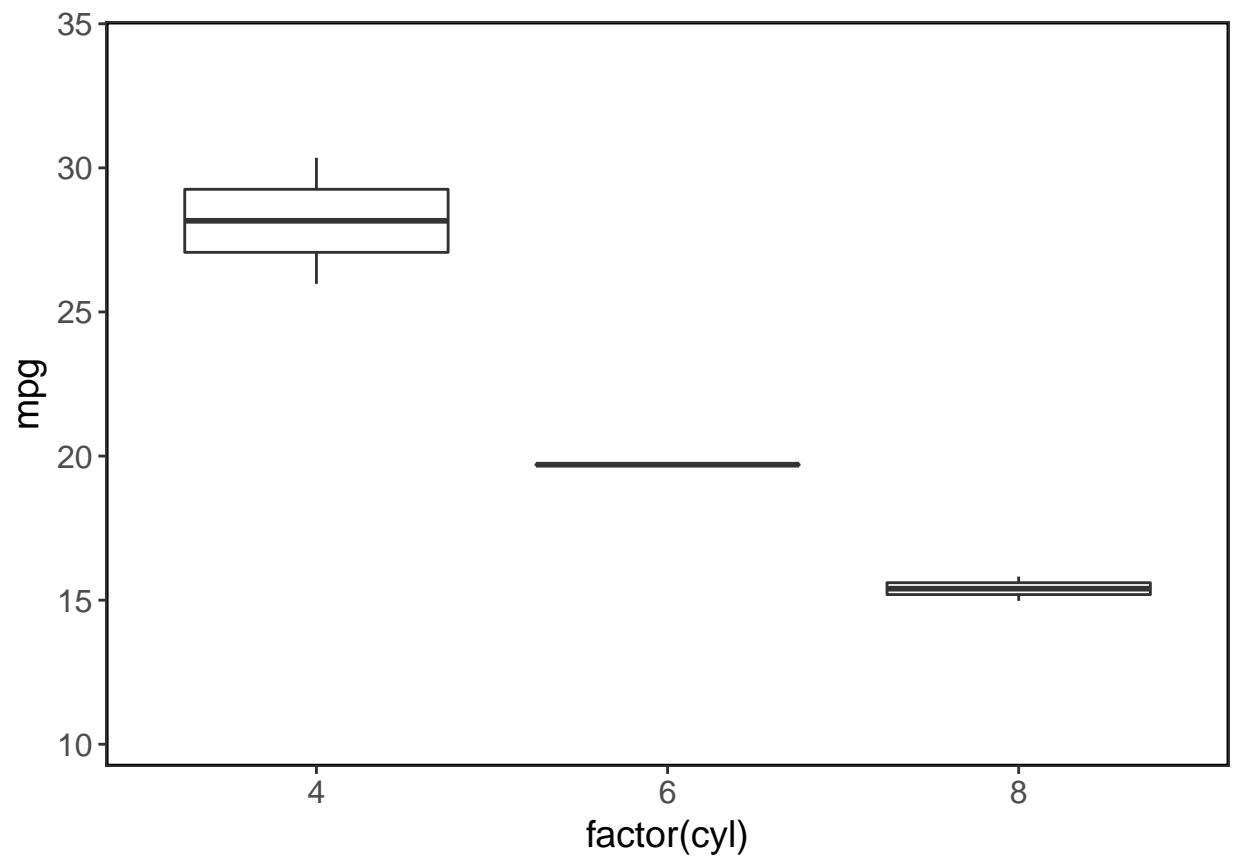


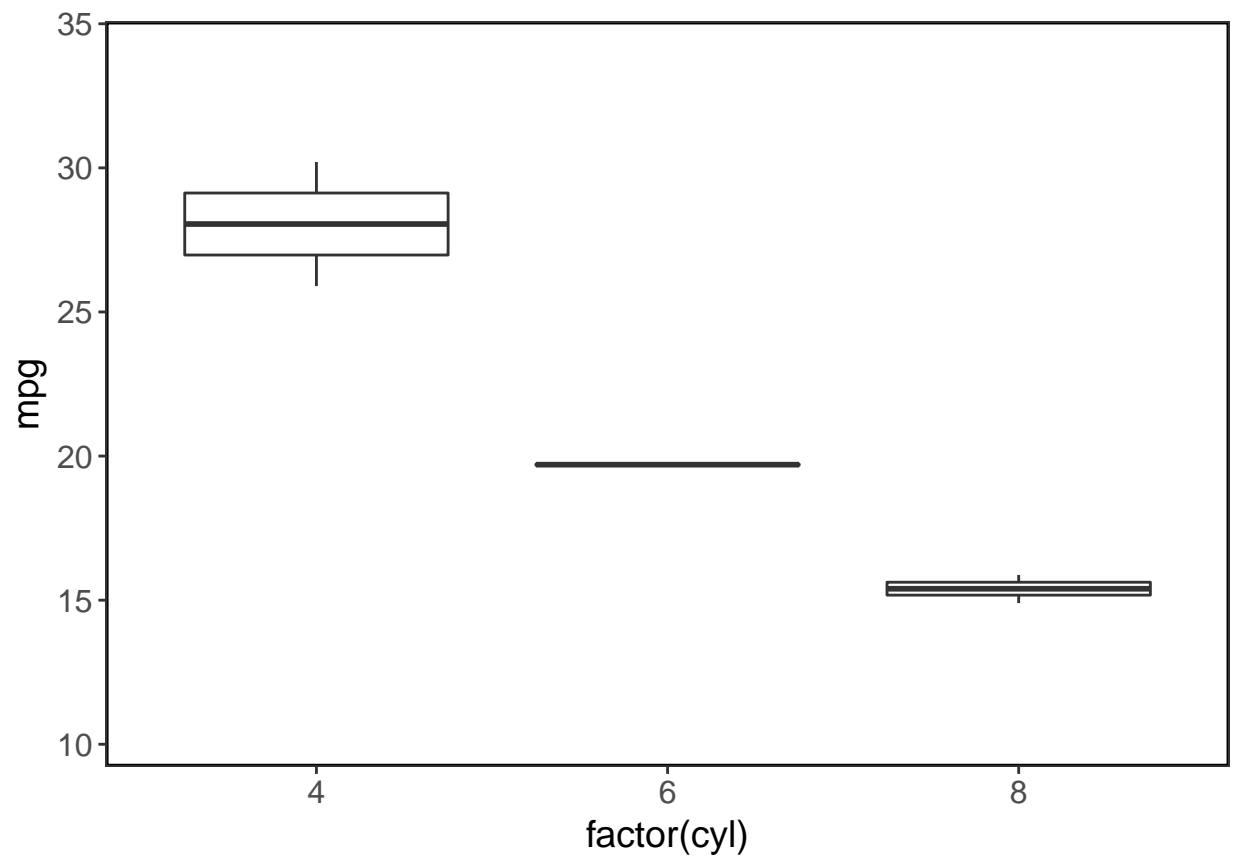


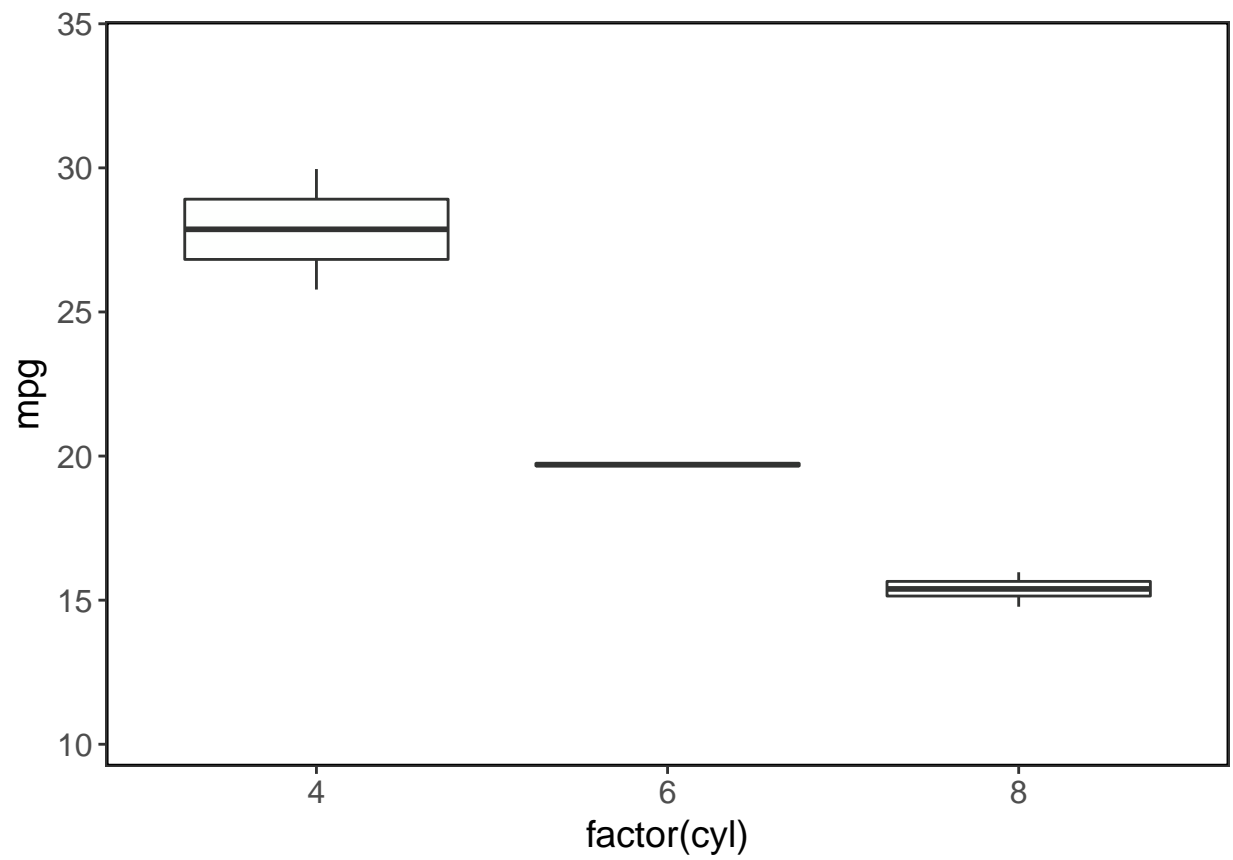


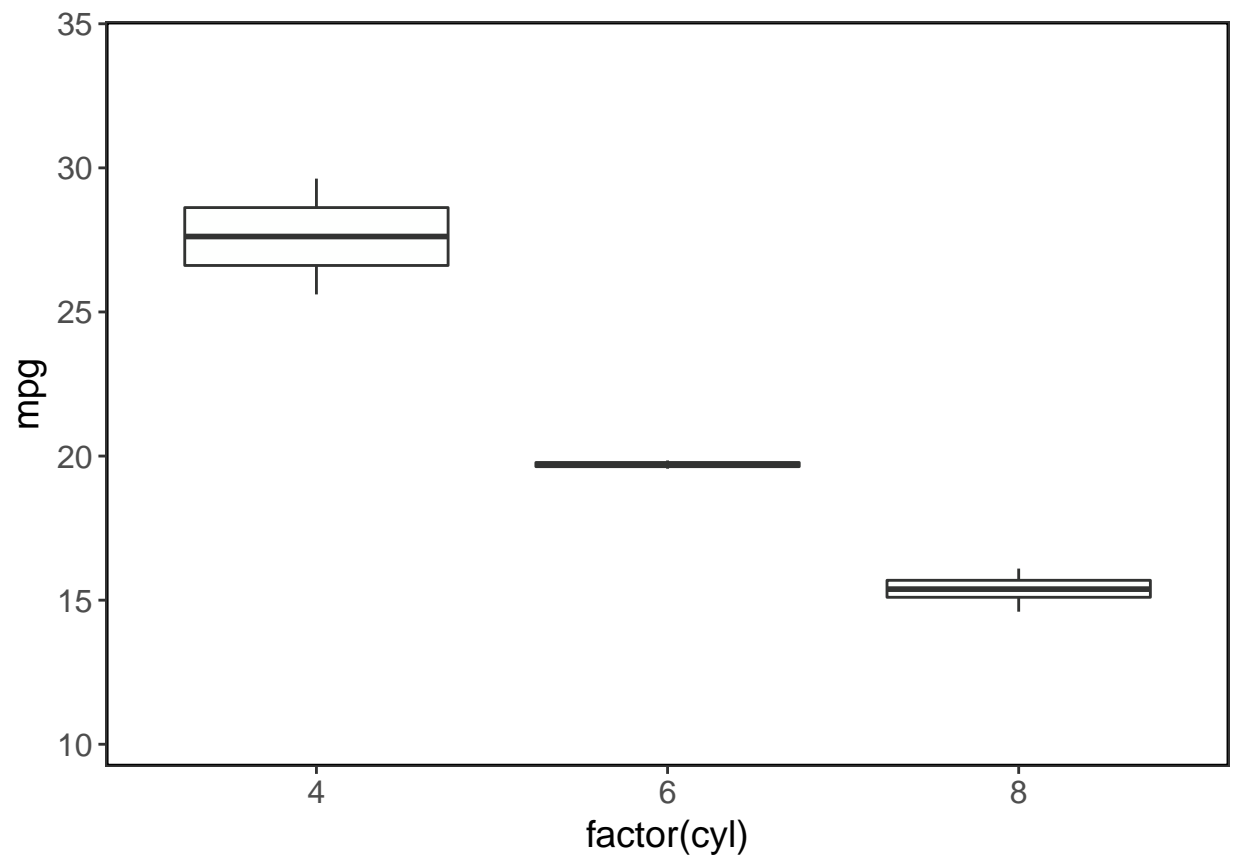


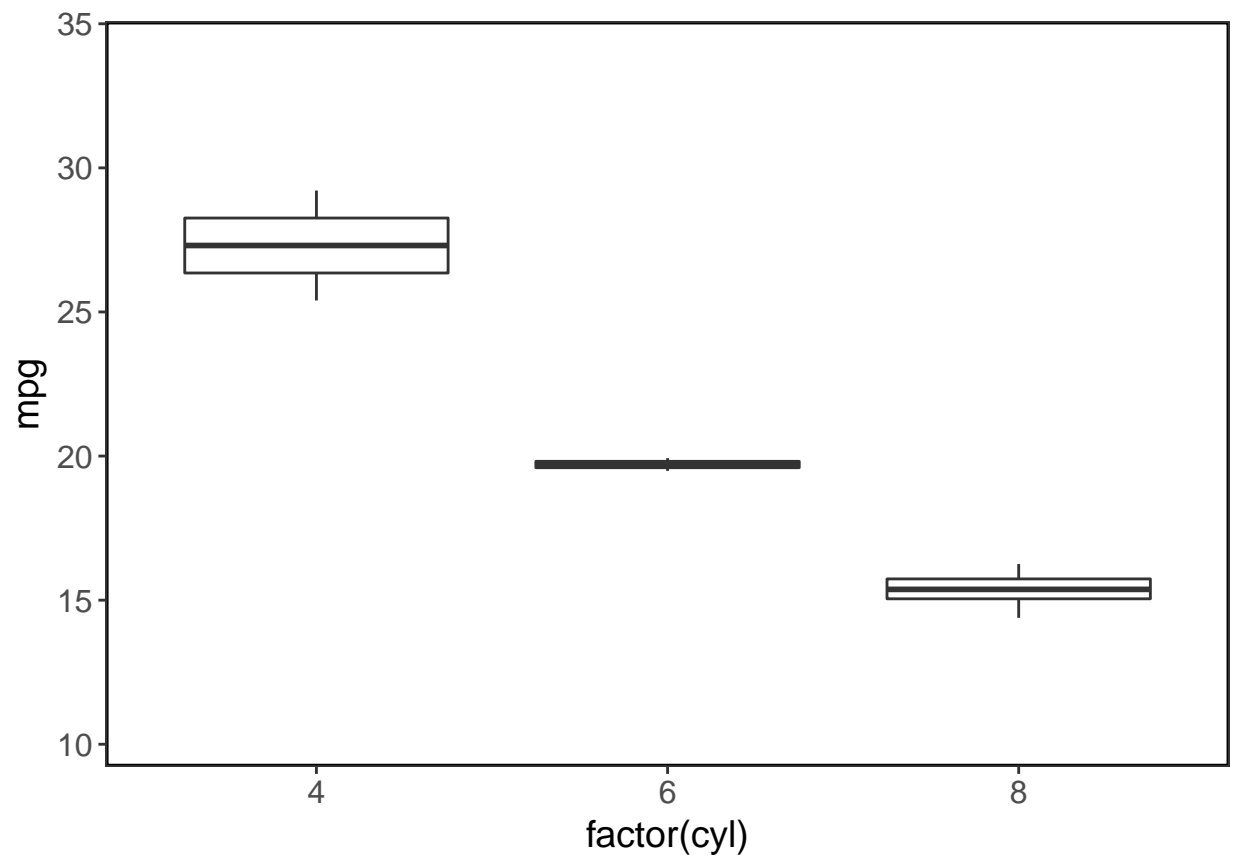


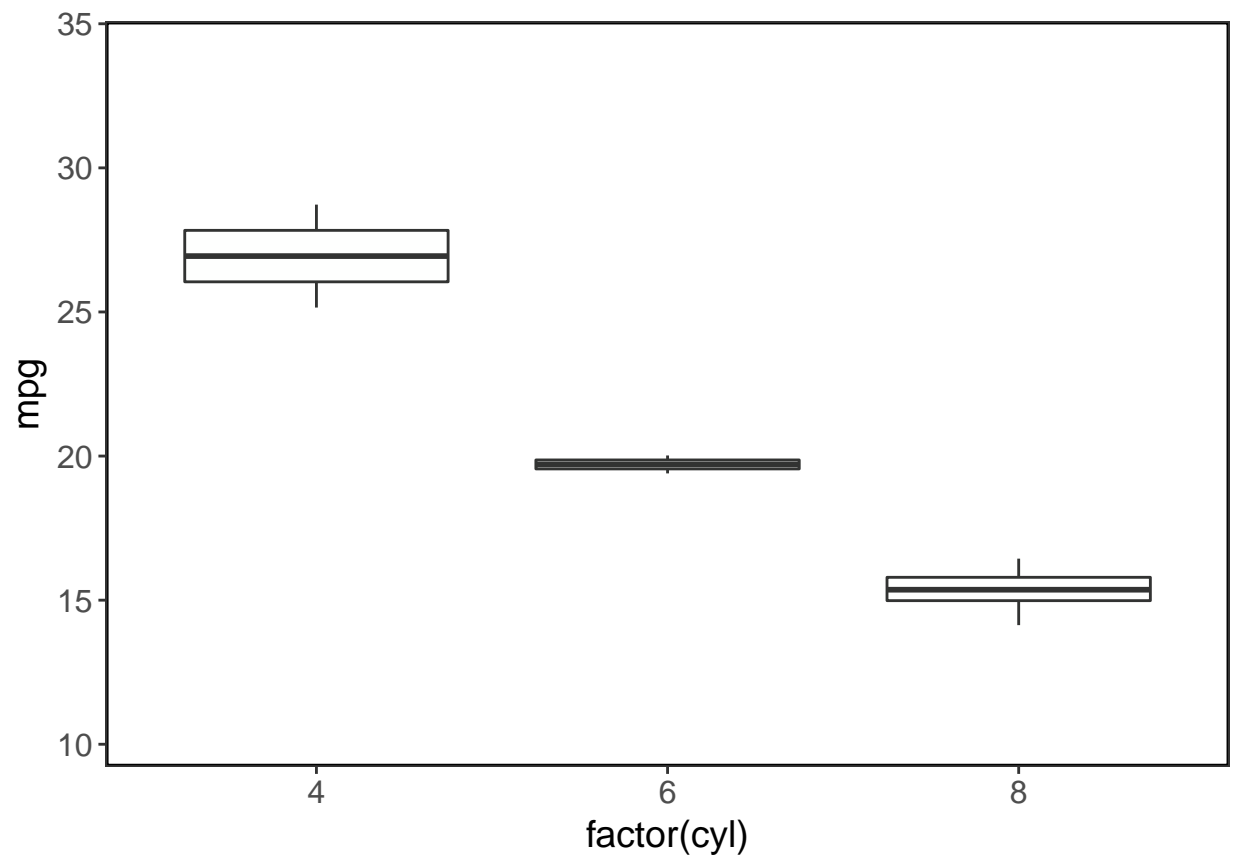


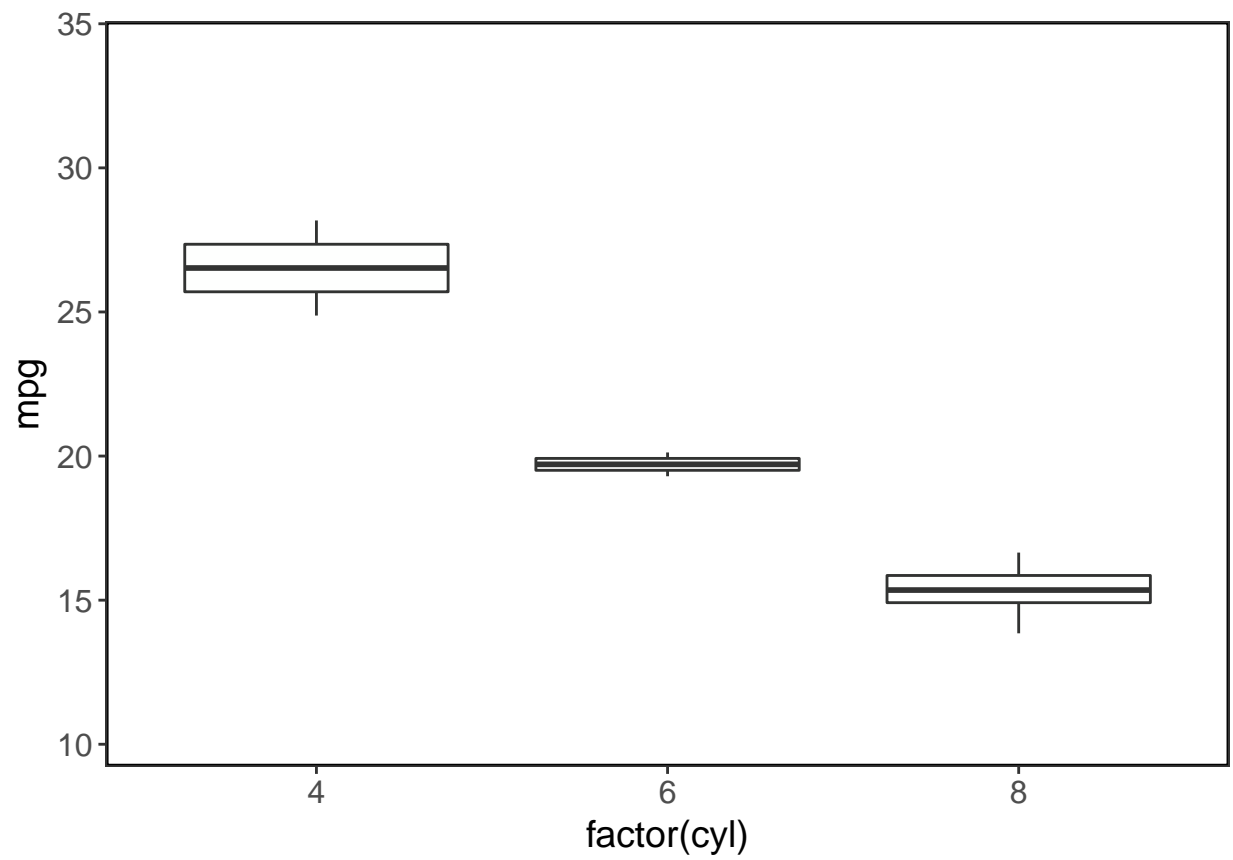


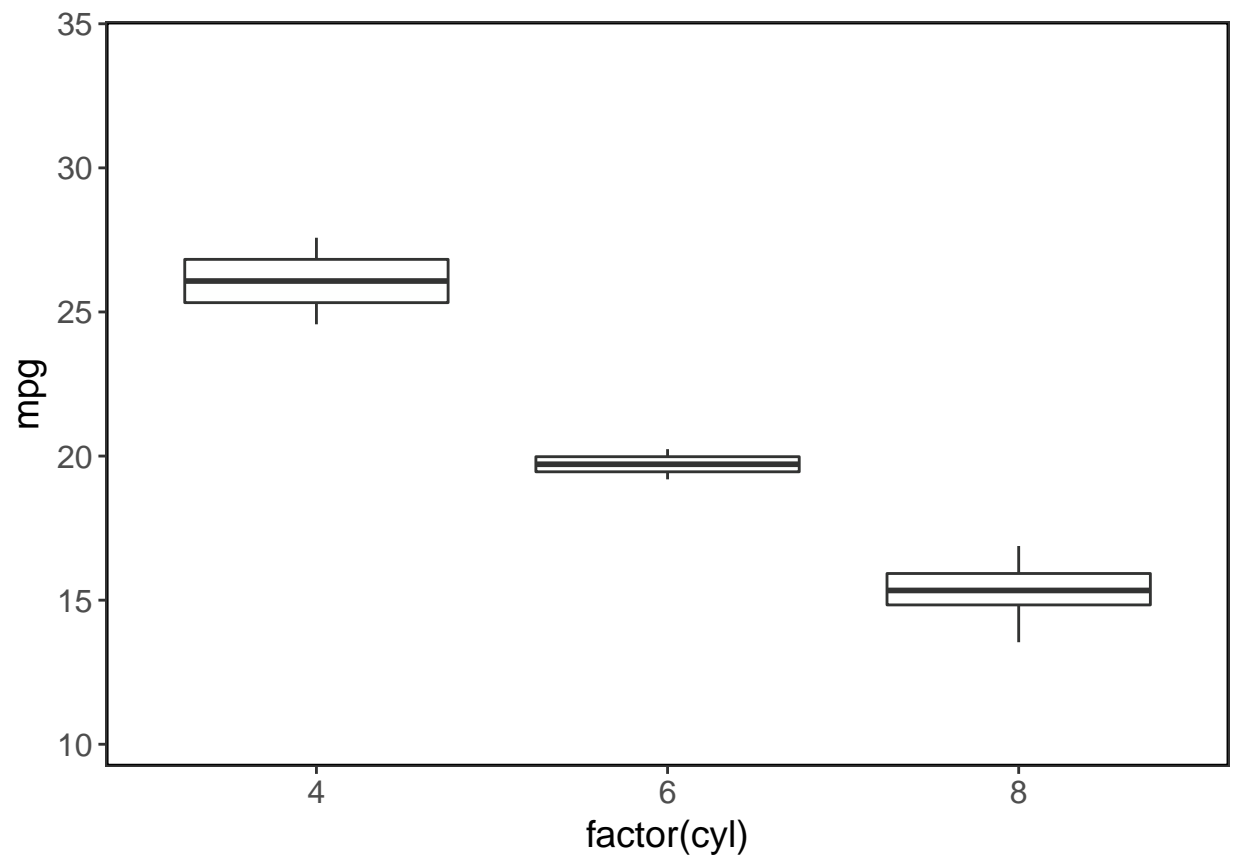


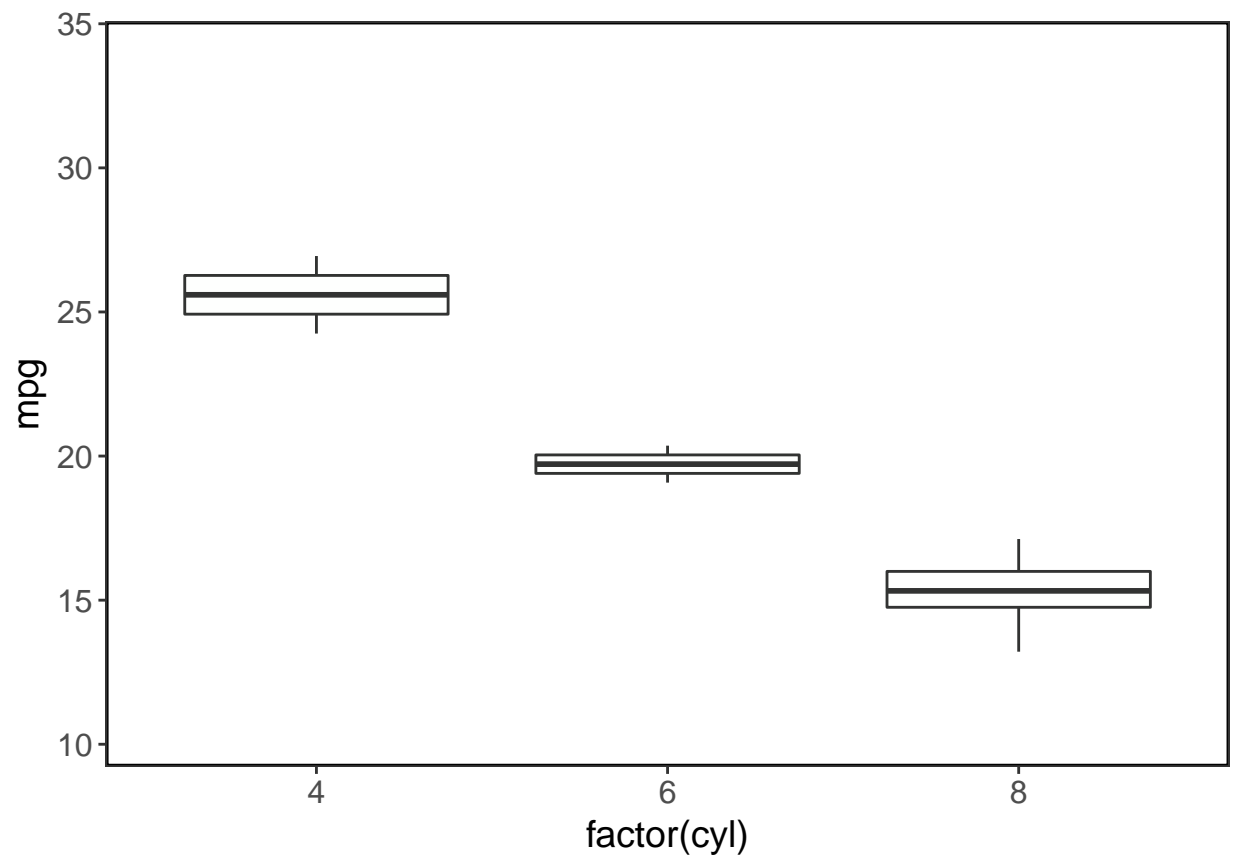


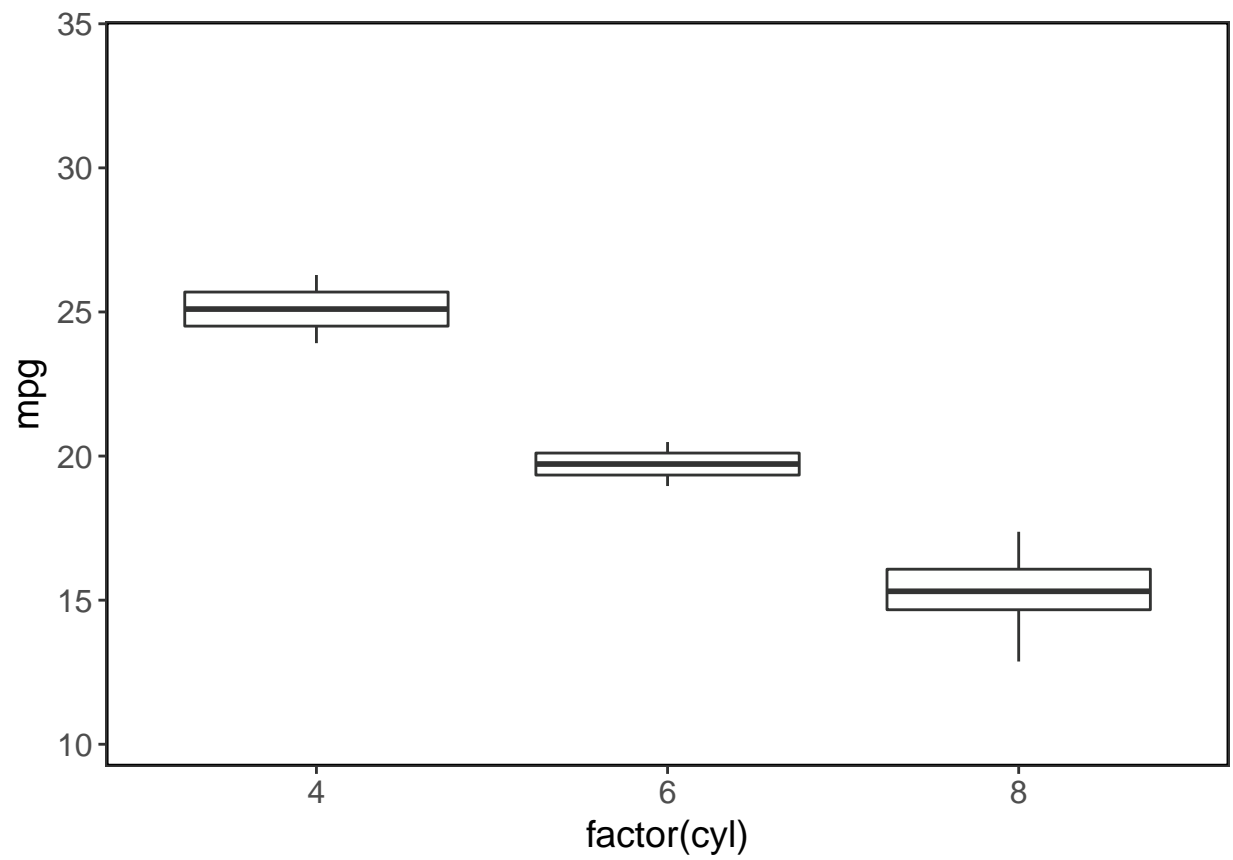


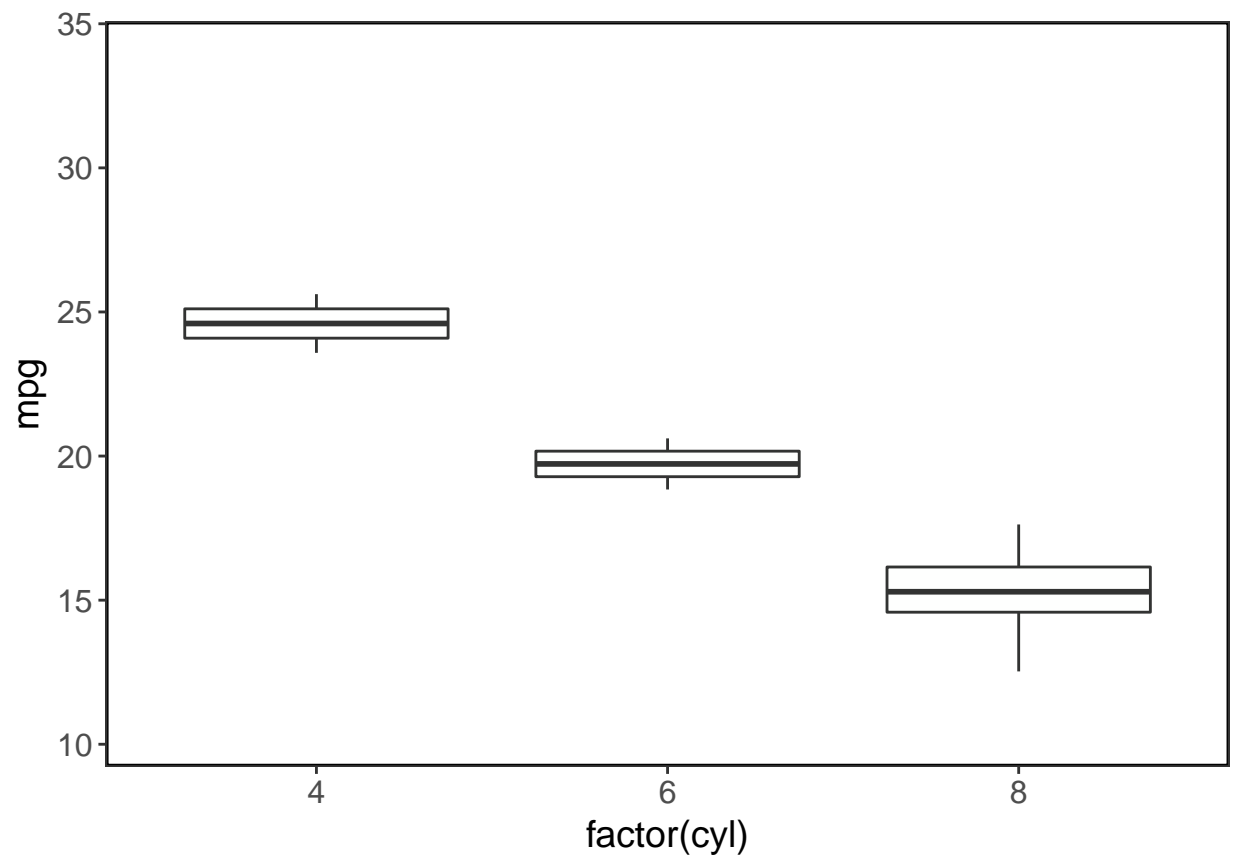


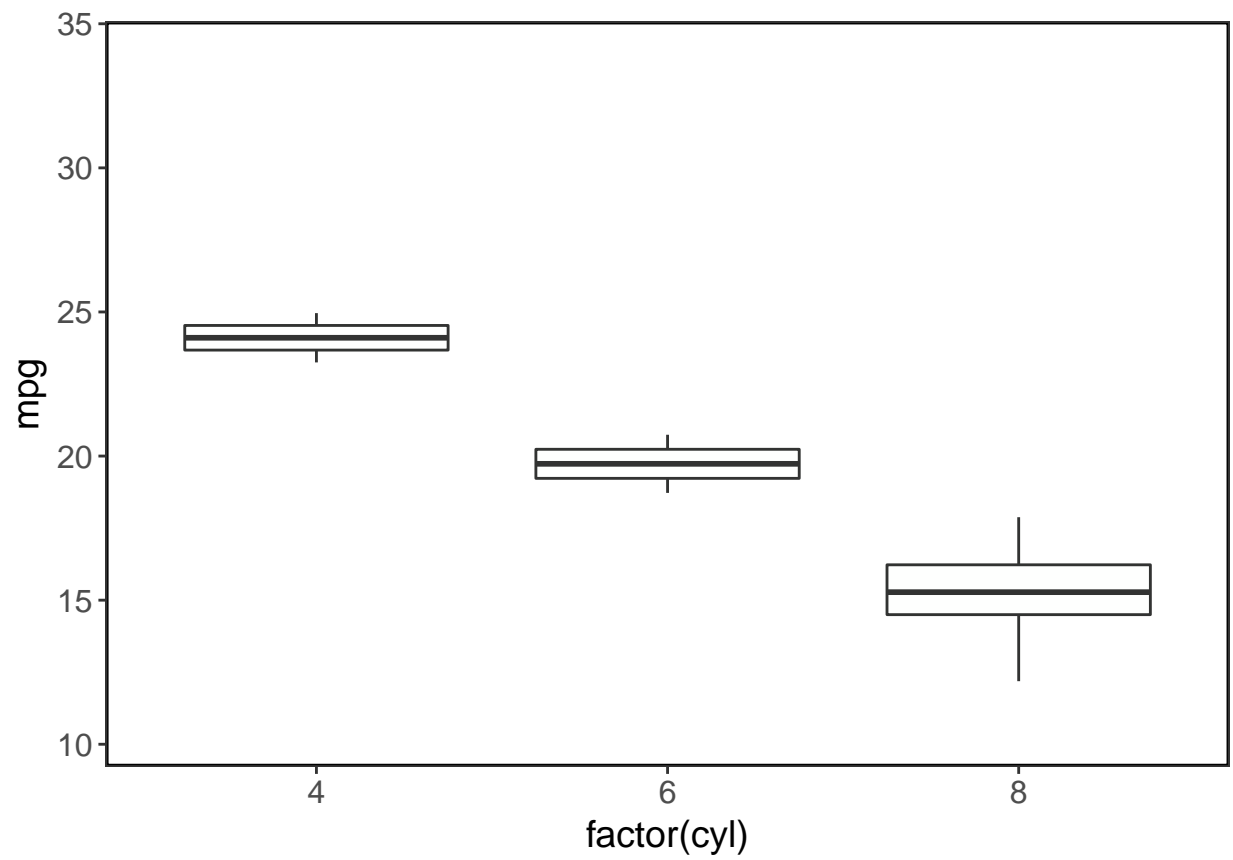


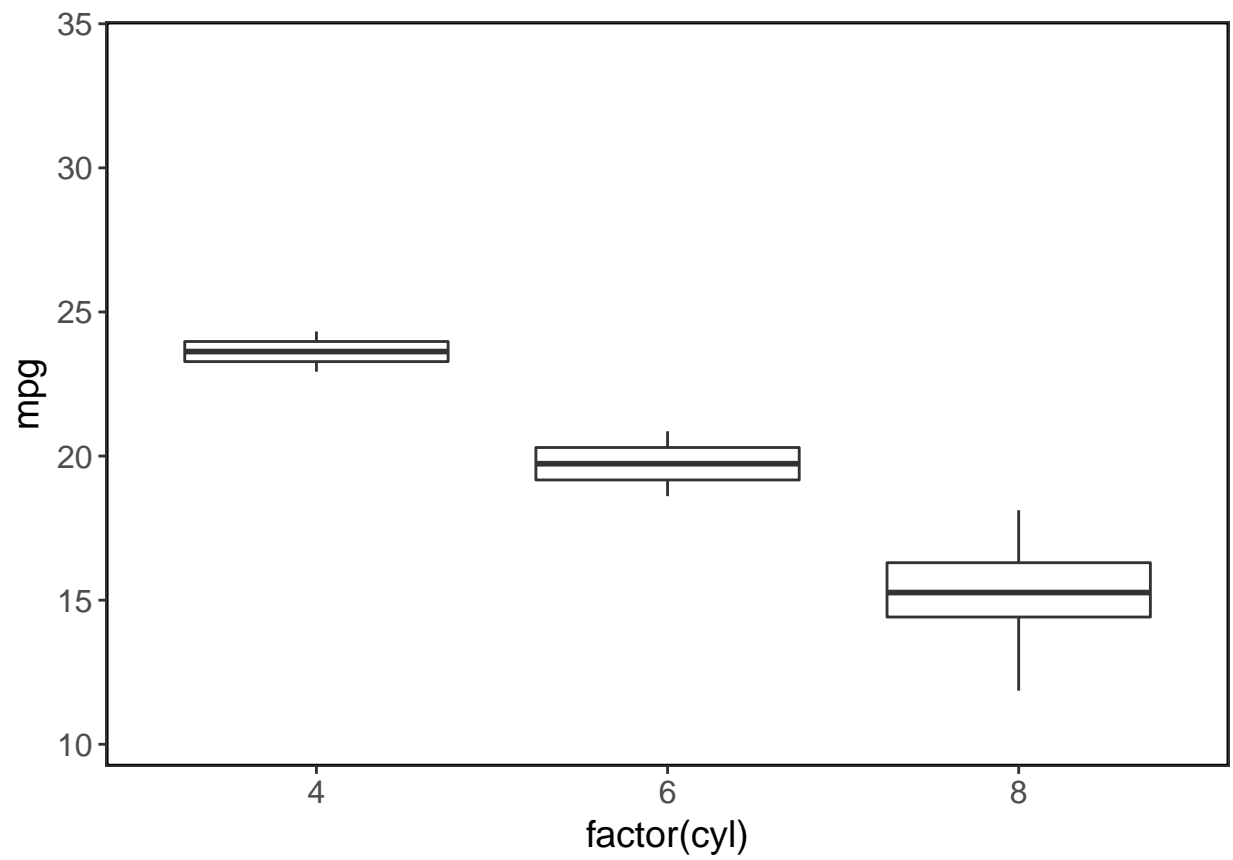


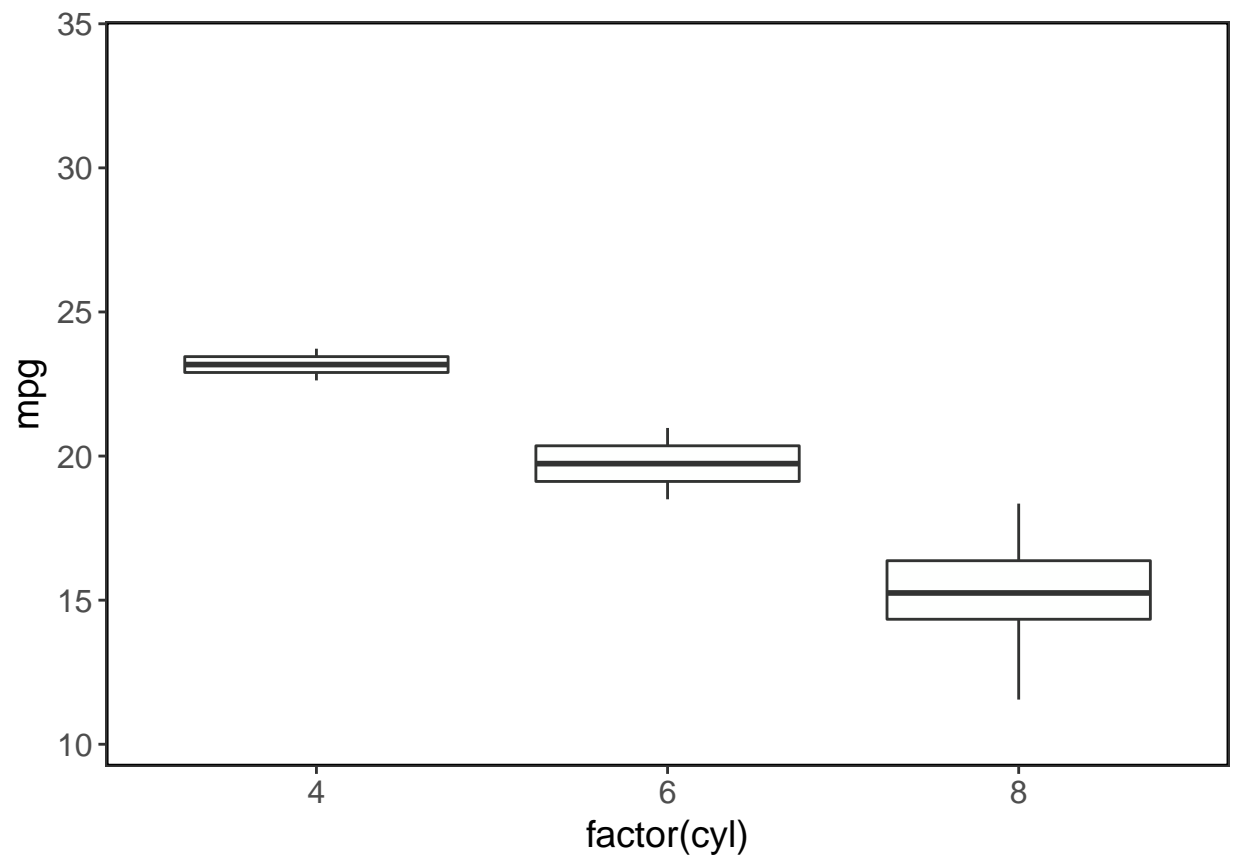


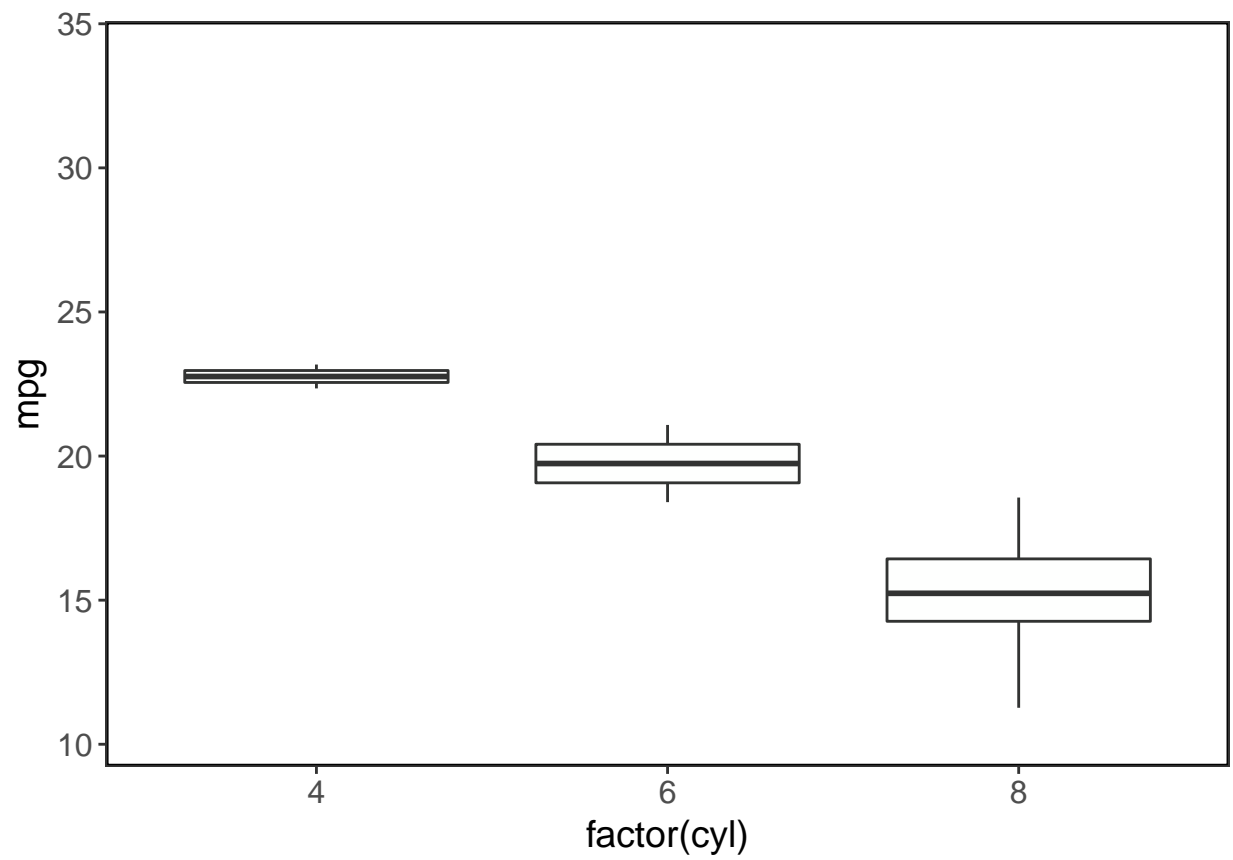


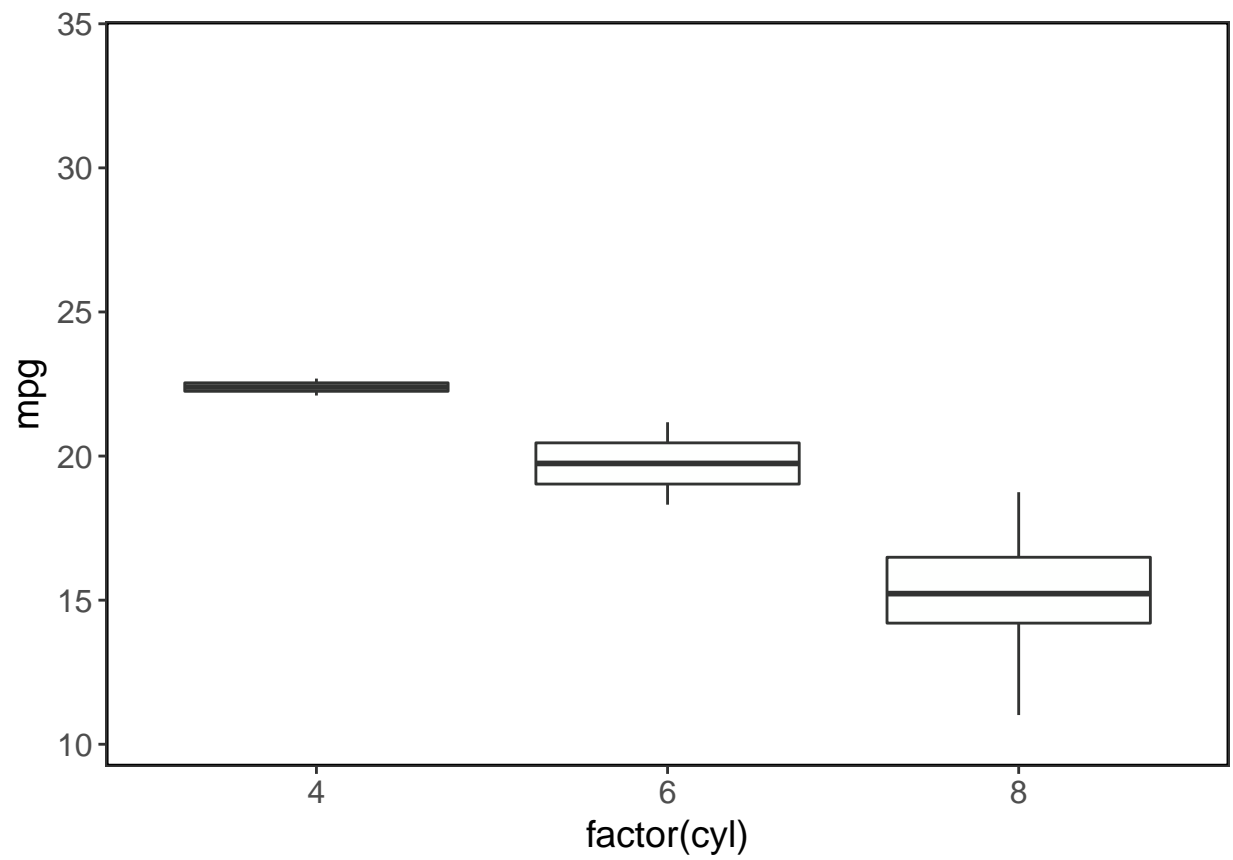


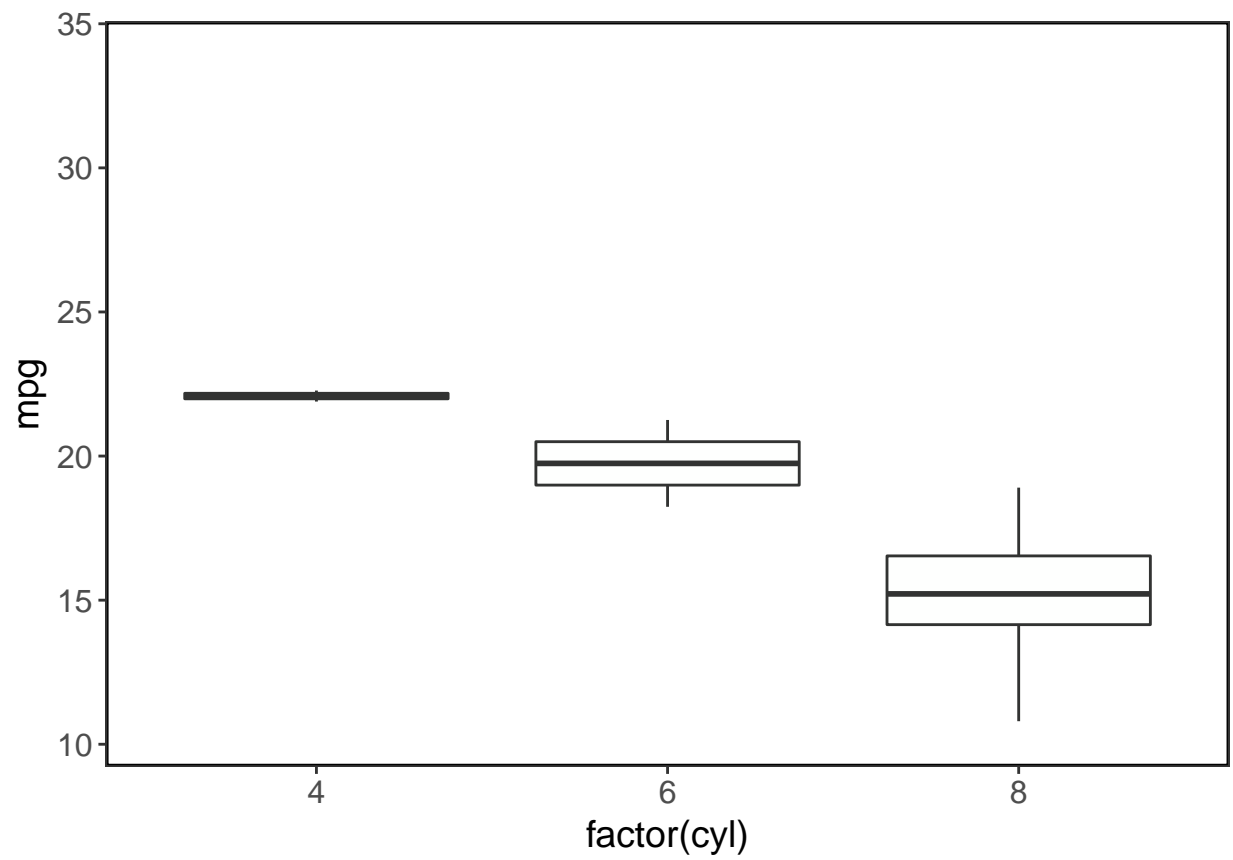


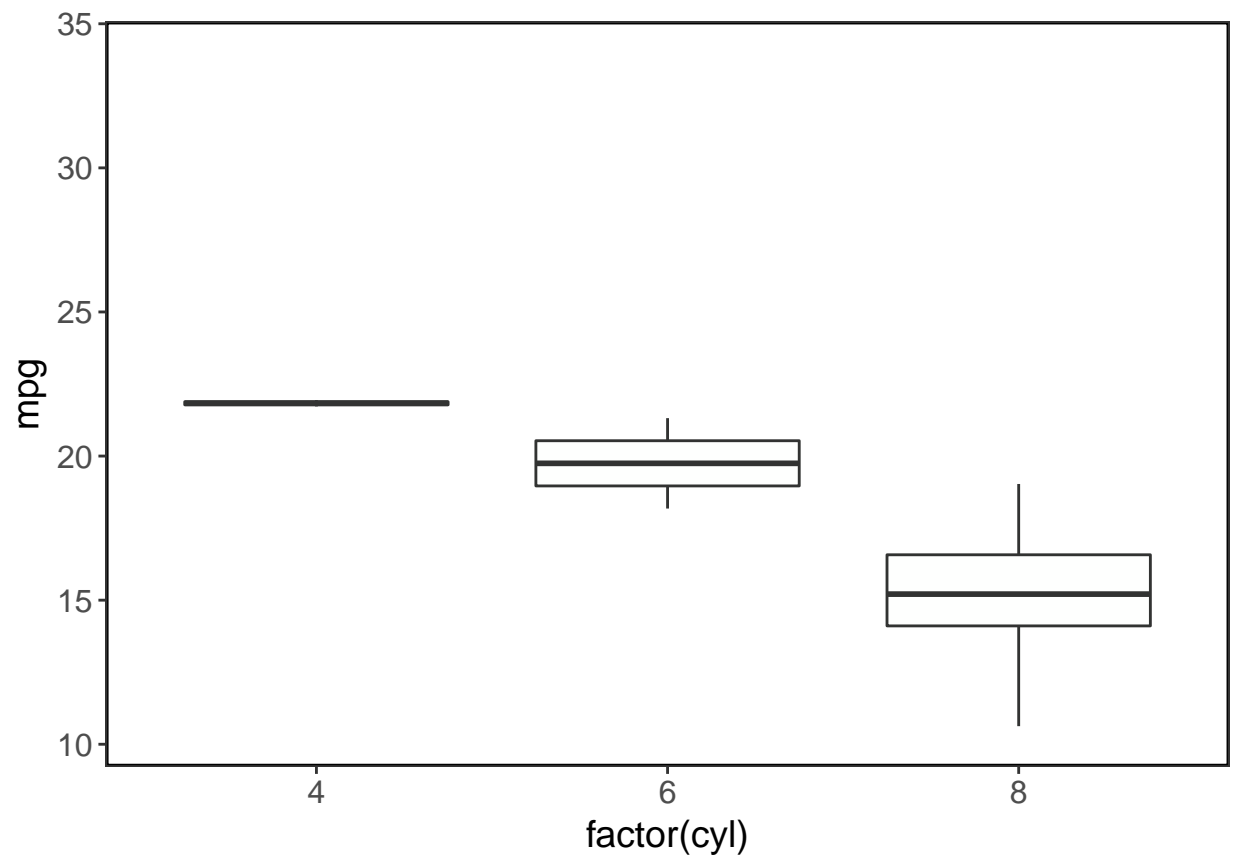


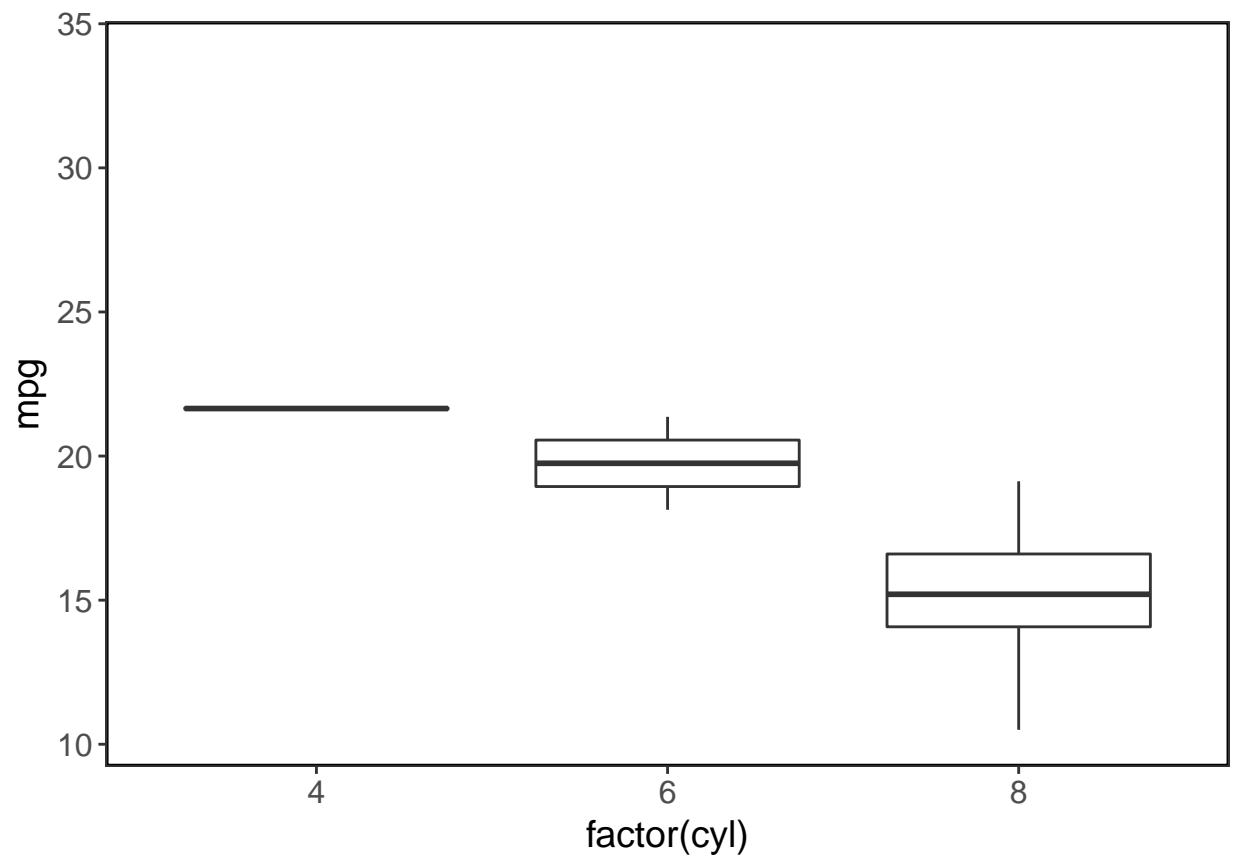


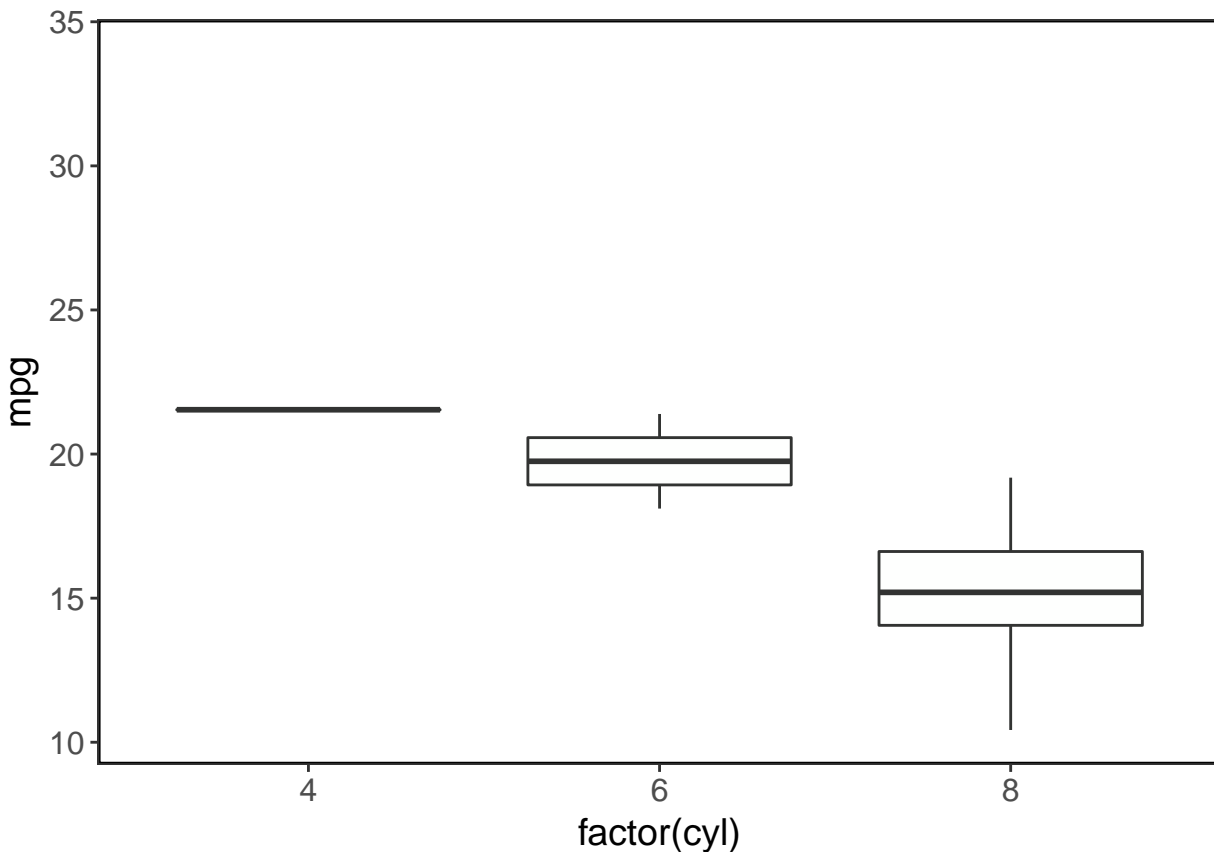












3) An example figure

This next example uses the `gapminder` data set, which lists demographic statistics for multiple countries and how they change yearly through the 20th century. This graph uses time as its transition variable, and plots life expectancy versus GDP of a country as points, faceted by continent. Additionally, population for each country is mapped to the size of the point on the plot (i.e., the dot getting larger through time indicates increasing population).

```
library(gapminder)
head(gapminder)
```

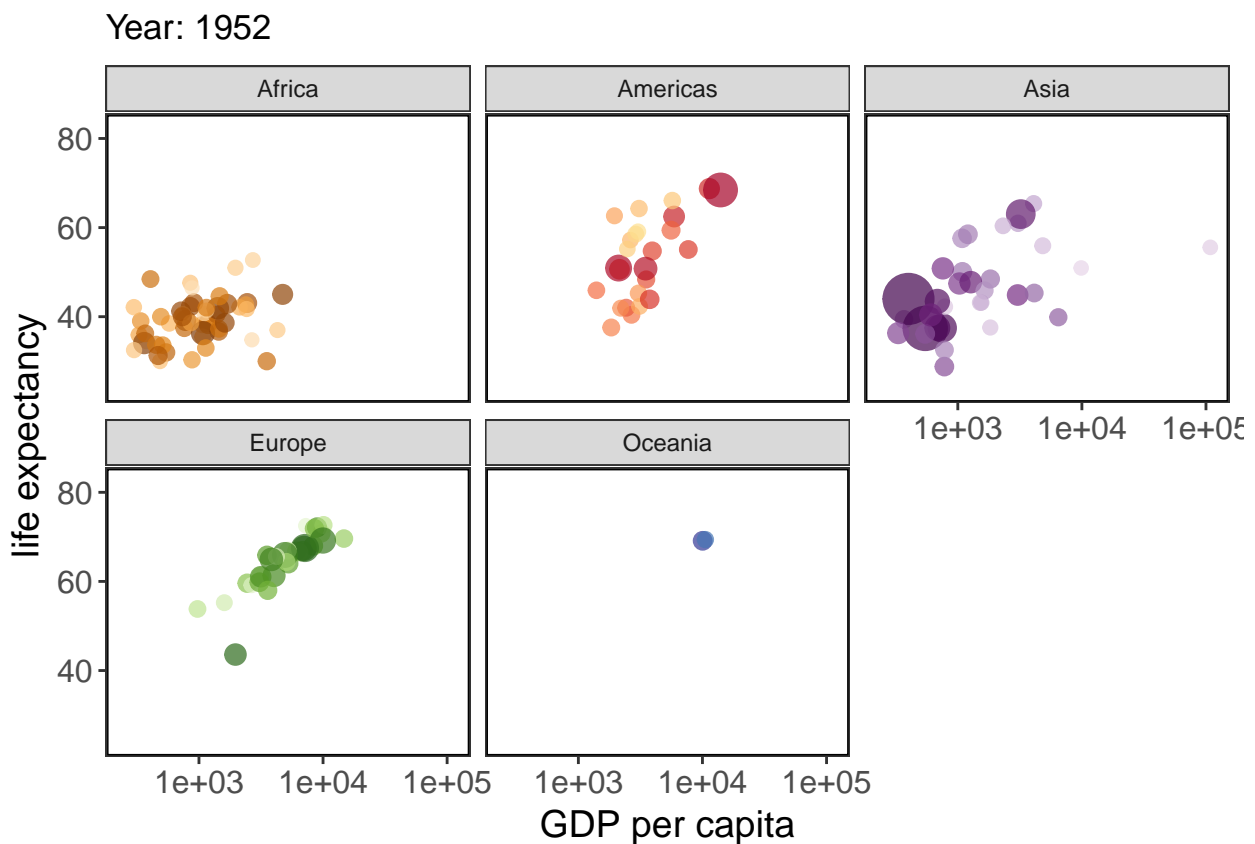
```
## # A tibble: 6 x 6
##   country    continent  year lifeExp      pop gdpPercap
##   <fct>      <fct>    <int>  <dbl>   <int>    <dbl>
## 1 Afghanistan Asia      1952   28.8  8425333    779.
## 2 Afghanistan Asia      1957   30.3  9240934    821.
## 3 Afghanistan Asia      1962   32.0 10267083    853.
## 4 Afghanistan Asia      1967   34.0 11537966    836.
## 5 Afghanistan Asia      1972   36.1 13079460    740.
## 6 Afghanistan Asia      1977   38.4 14880372    786.
```

```
# Here is regular ggplot syntax
ggplot(gapminder, aes(gdpPercap, lifeExp, size = pop, colour = country)) +
  geom_point(alpha = 0.7, show.legend = FALSE) +
```

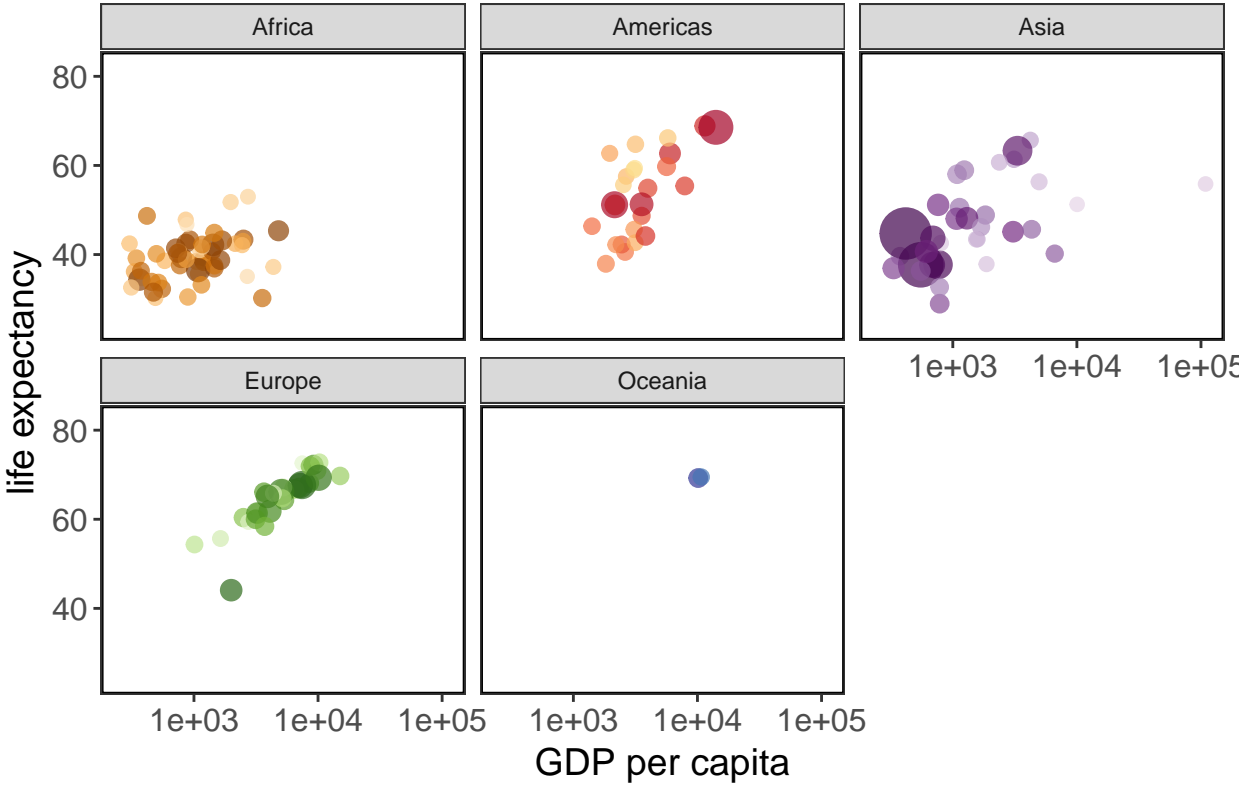
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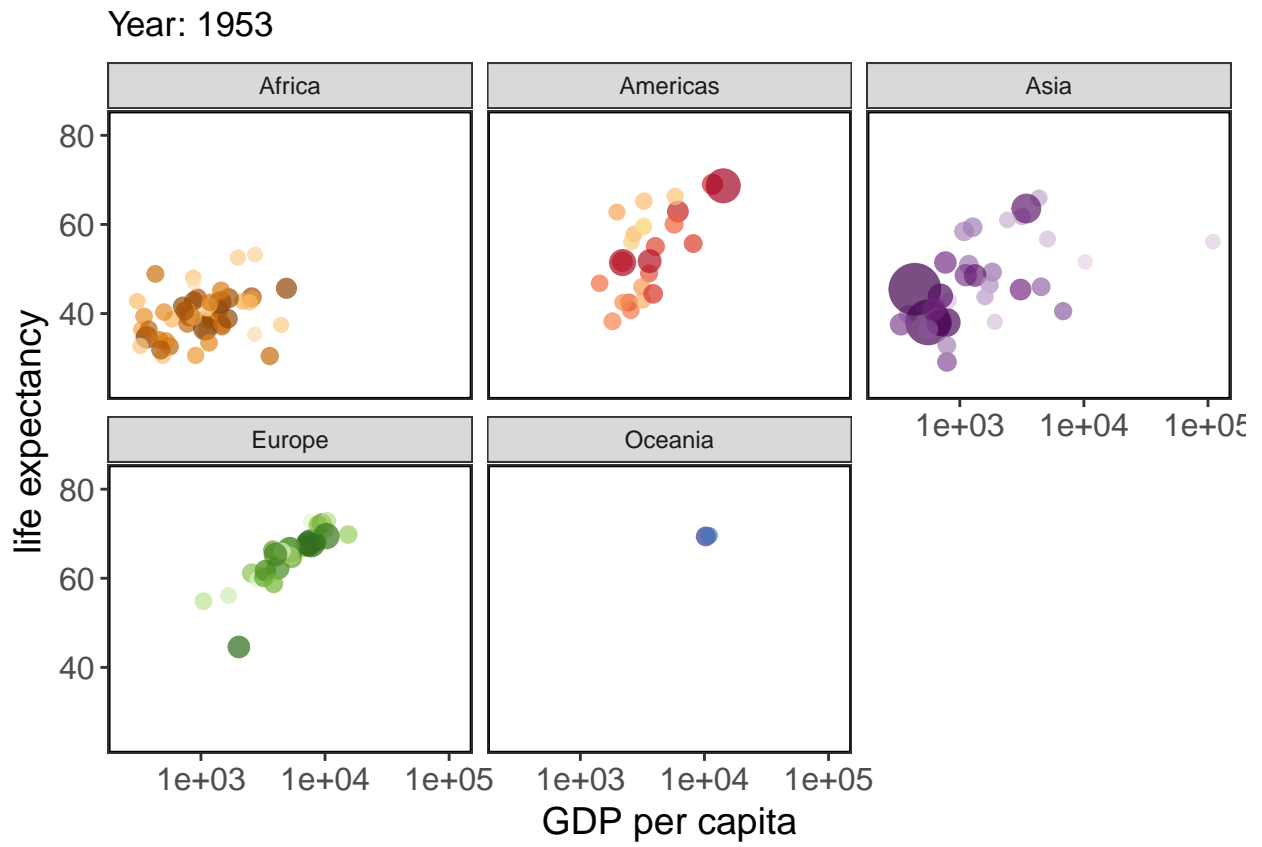
scale_colour_manual(values = country_colors) +
scale_size(range = c(2, 12)) +
scale_x_log10() +
facet_wrap(~continent) +
# Here is the gganimate code
# the labs function creates a label of the transition states as it changes, as well as the x and y axes
labs(title = 'Year: {frame_time}', x = 'GDP per capita', y = 'life expectancy') +
# the transition_time function accepts the an unquoted column name as the time series transition state
# it is the time series version of the transition_states function above
transition_time(year) +
# ease_aes() defines the rate of change during transitions between states, as above
ease_aes('linear') +
# this is all theme stuff
theme_bw() +
theme(panel.grid.major = element_blank(),
      panel.grid.minor = element_blank(),
      panel.background = element_rect(colour = "black", size = 1)) +
theme(axis.text = element_text(size = 12),
      axis.title = element_text(size = 14))

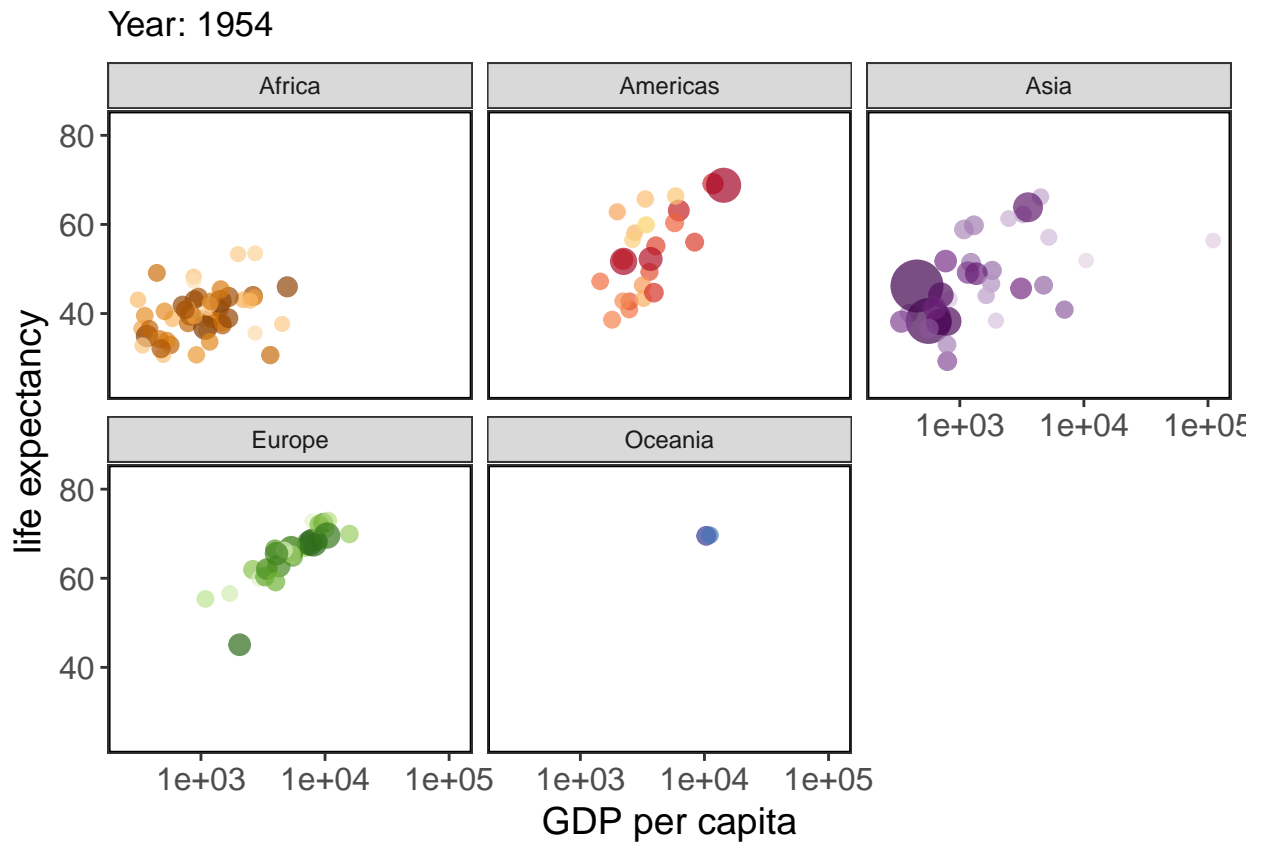
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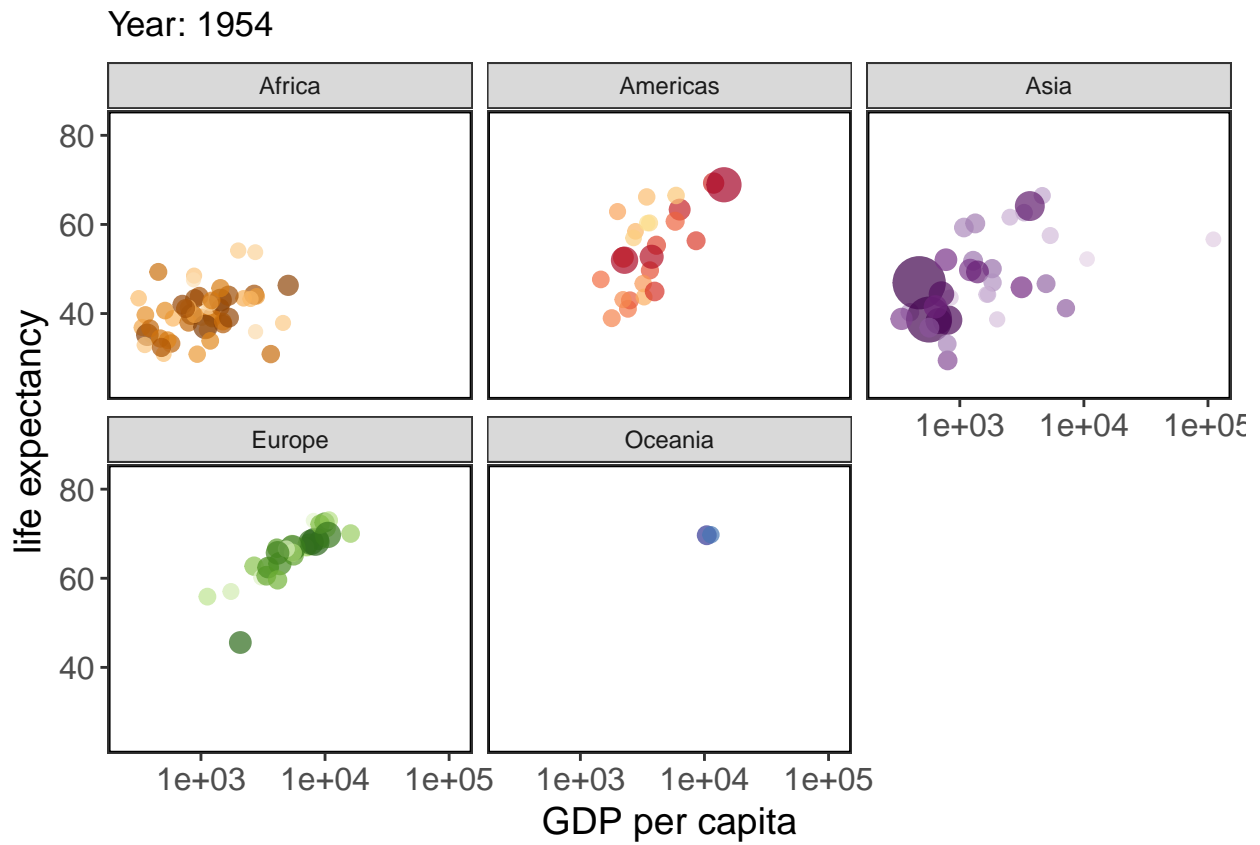


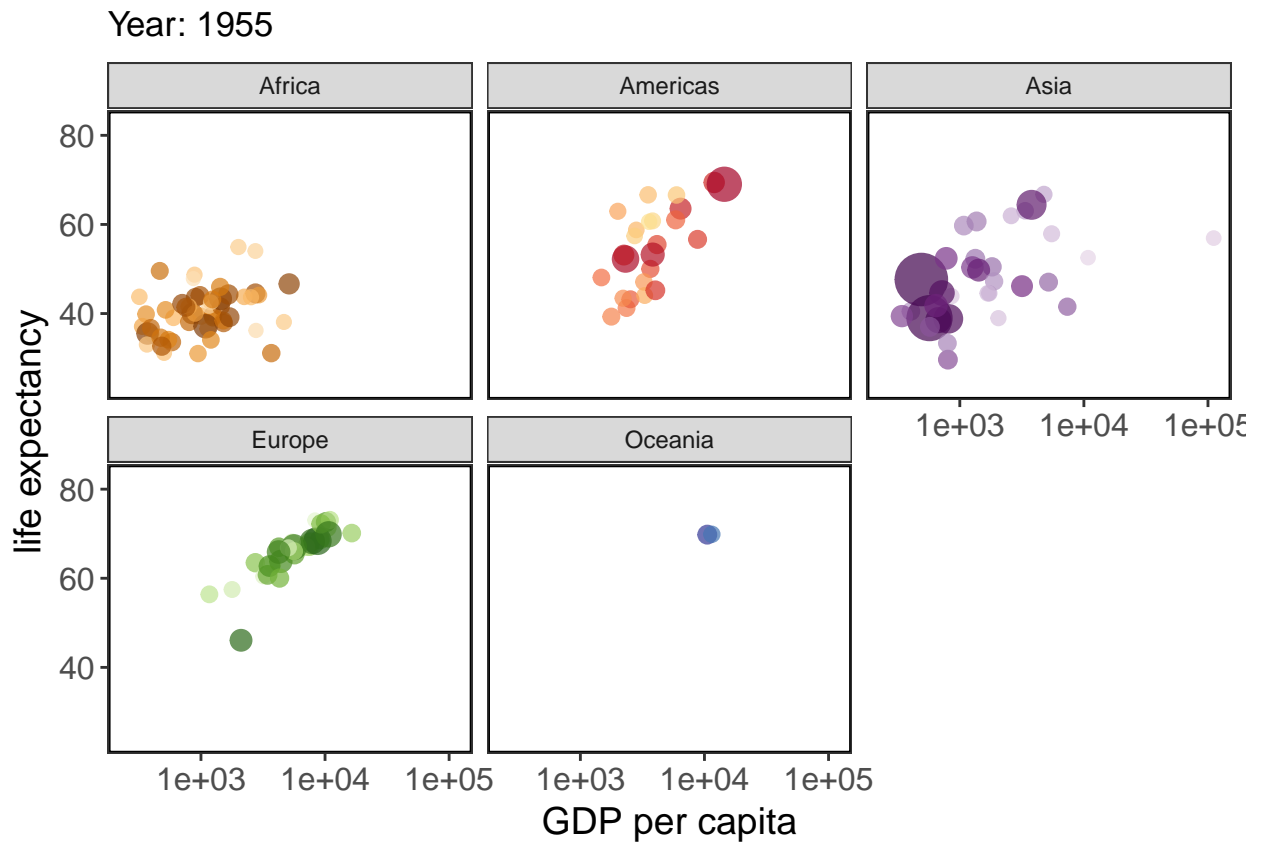
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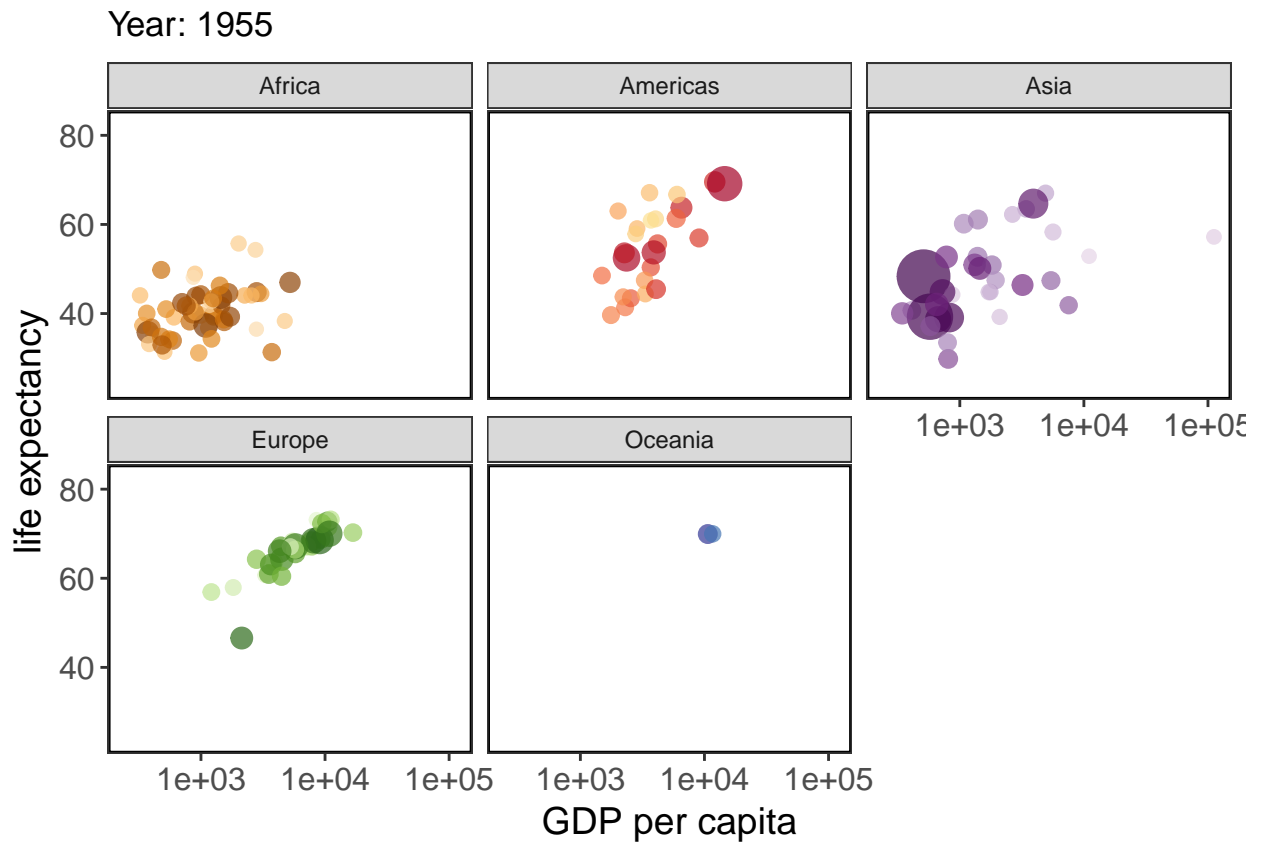


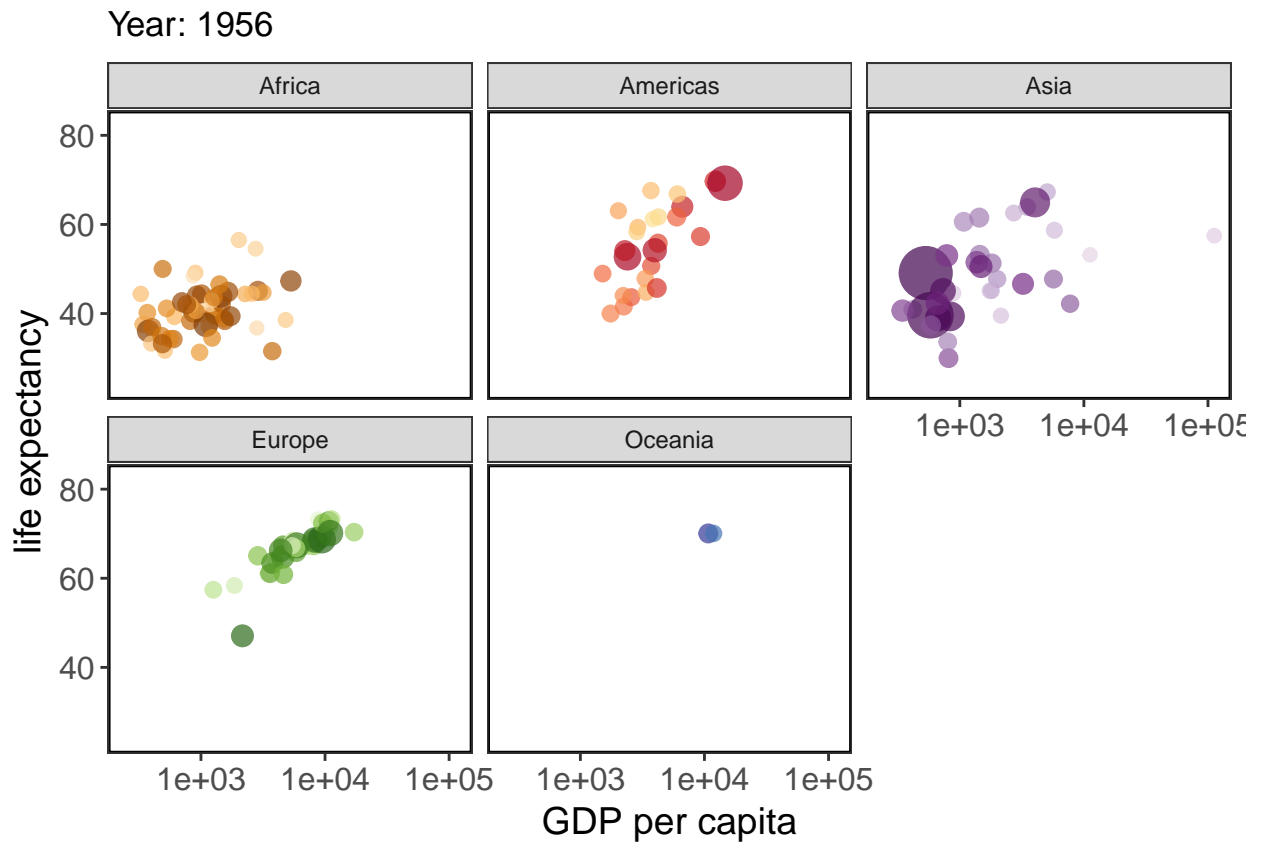


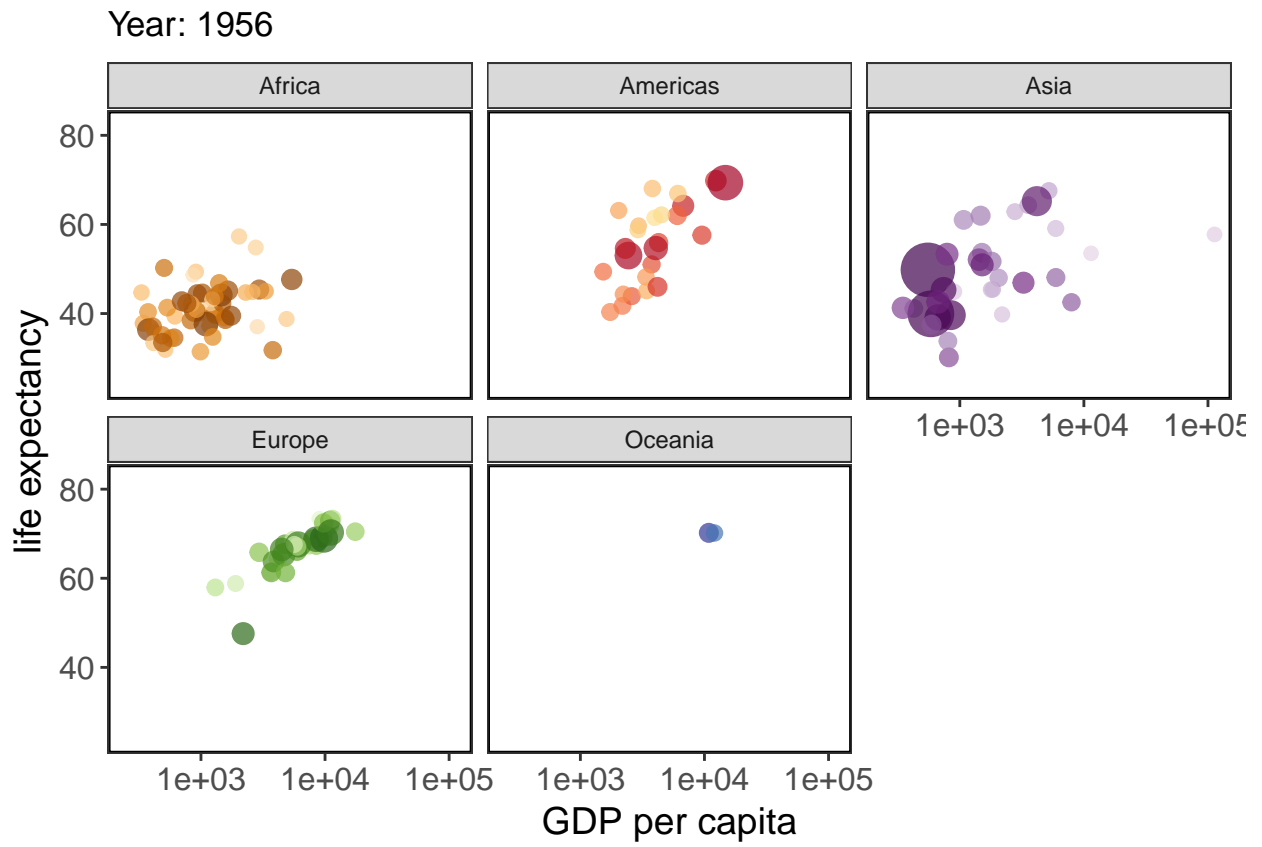


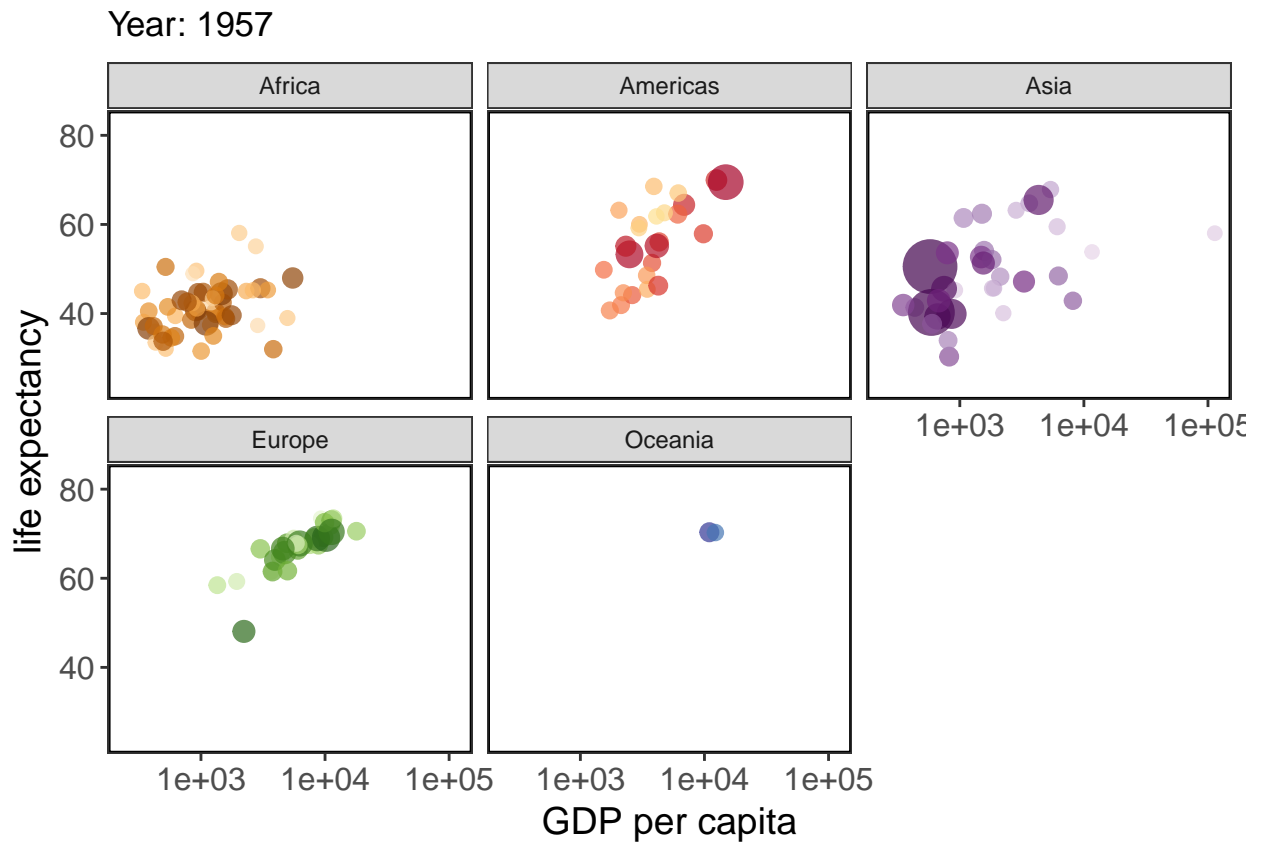


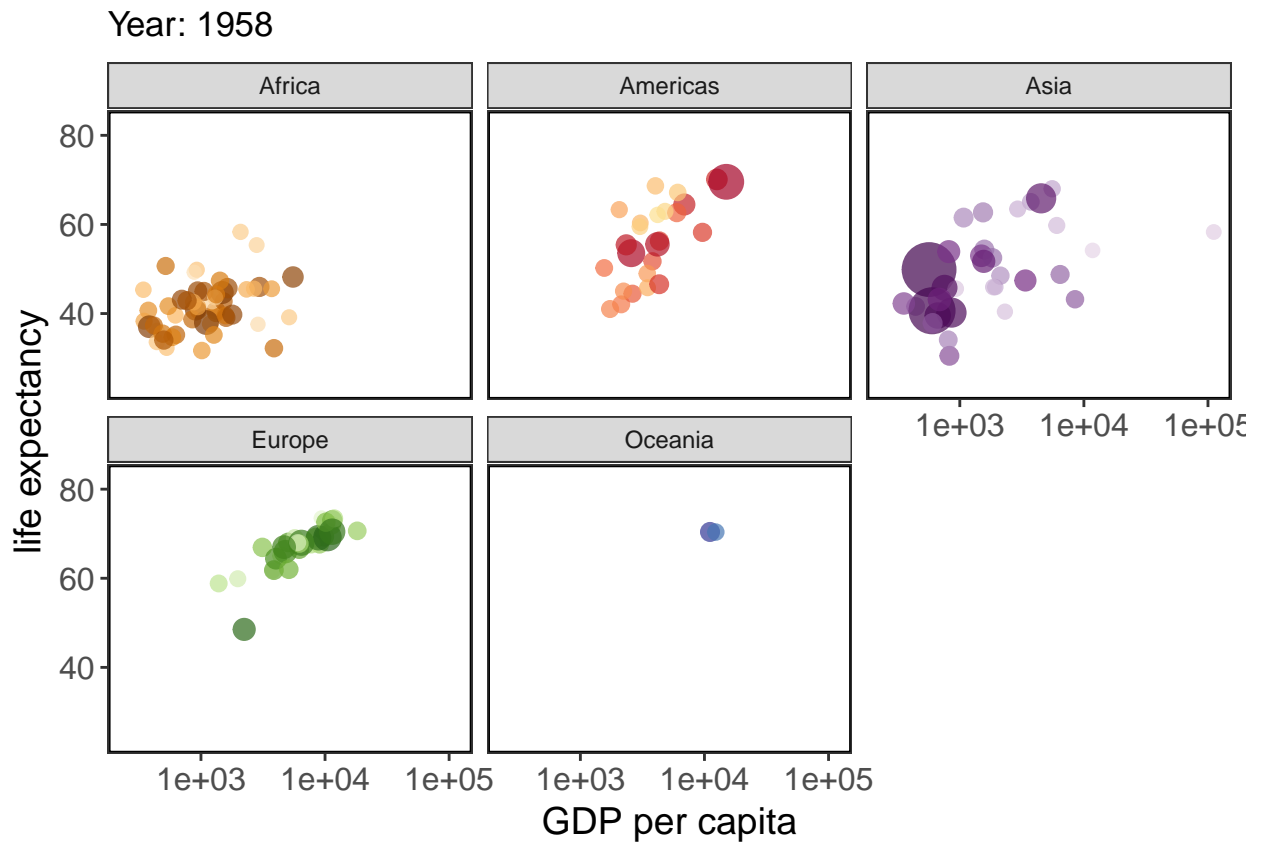


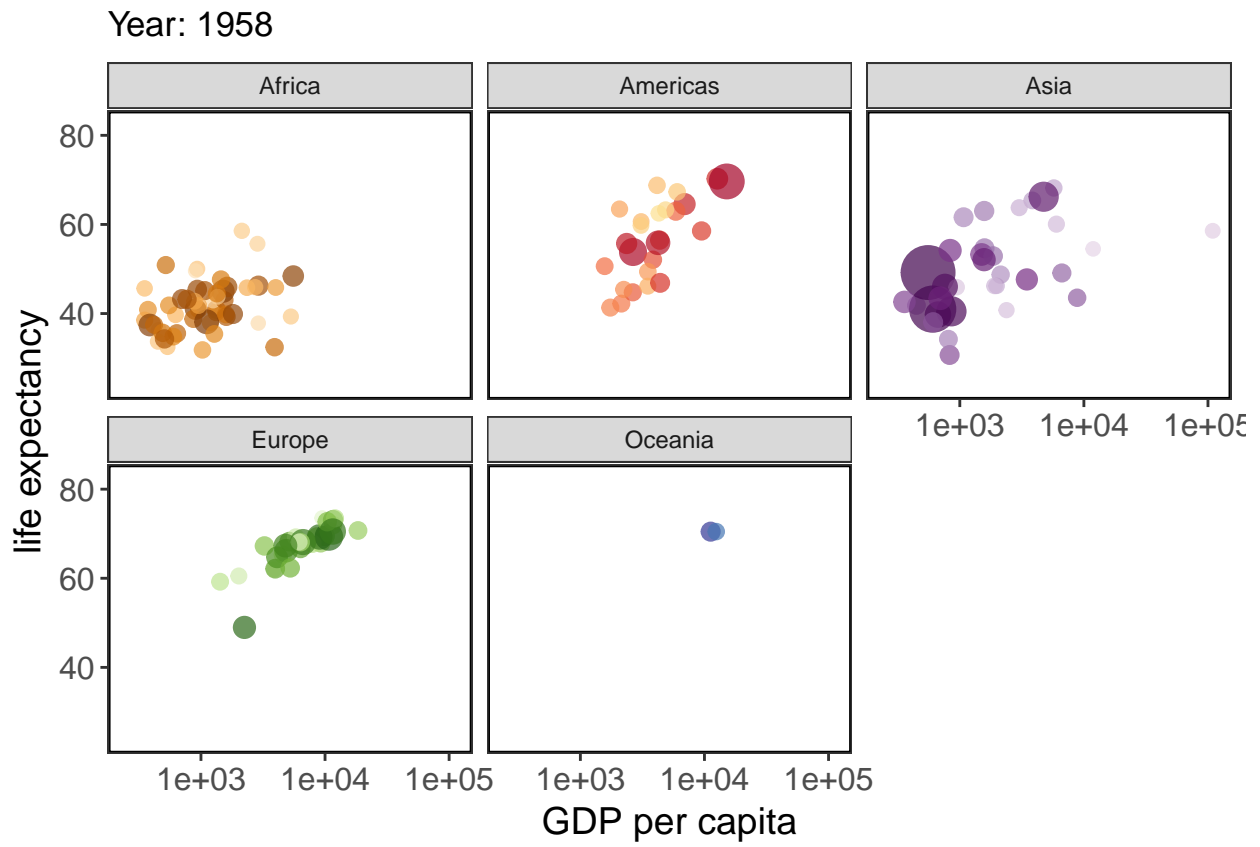


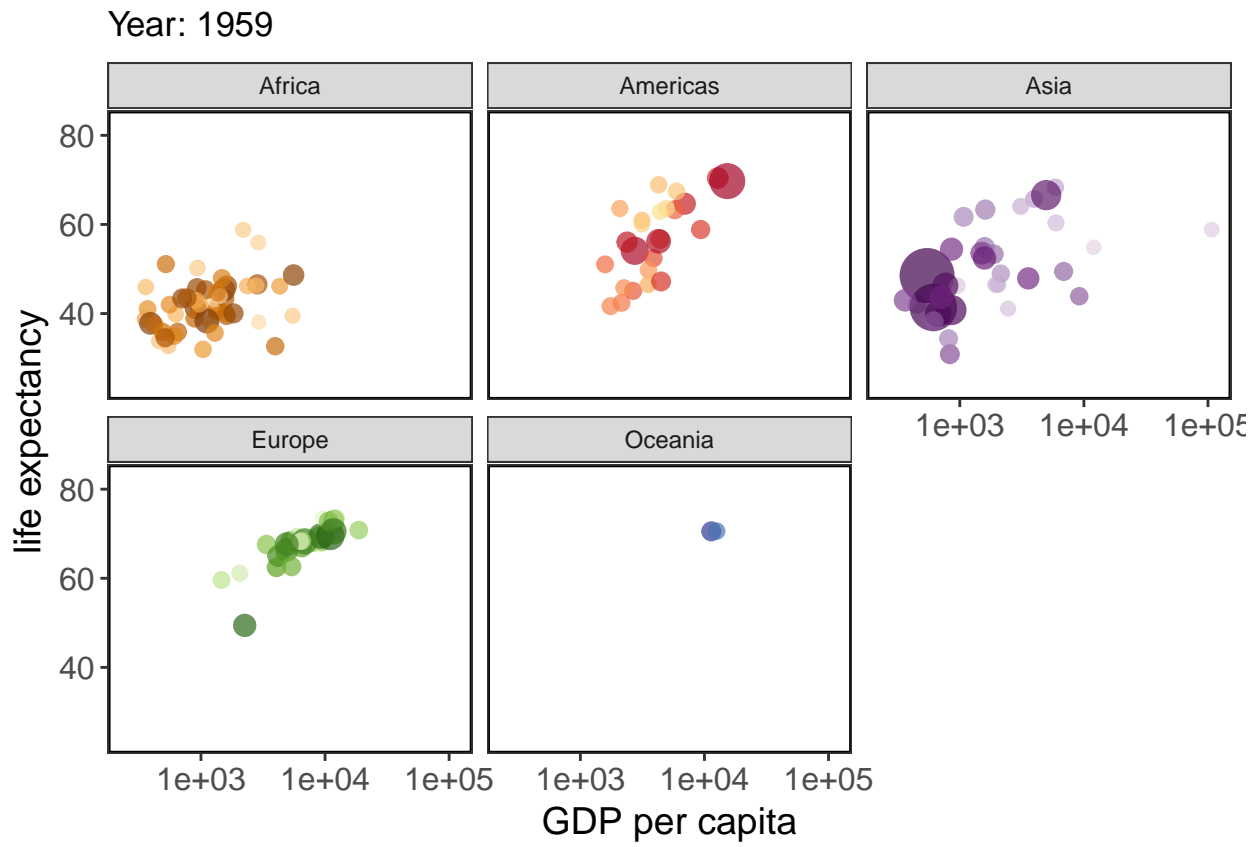


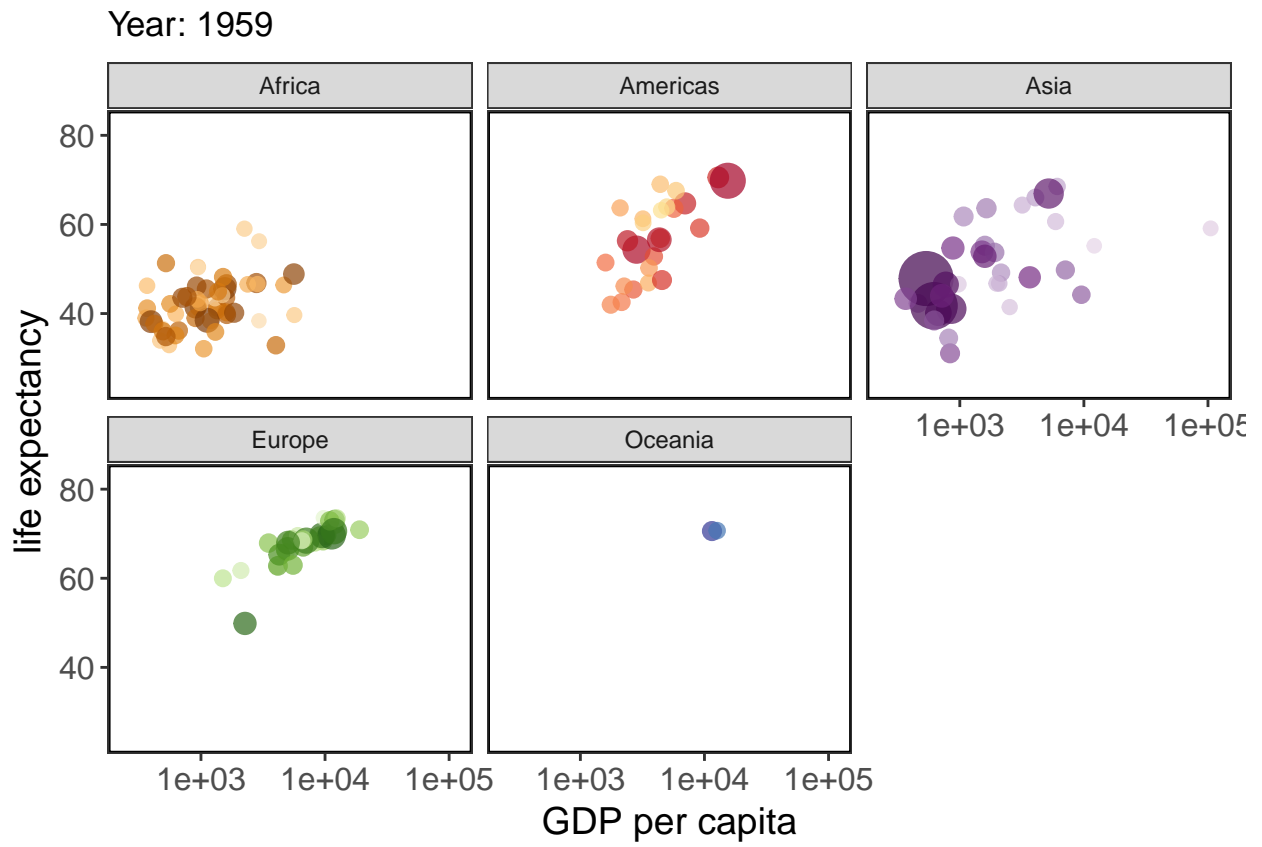


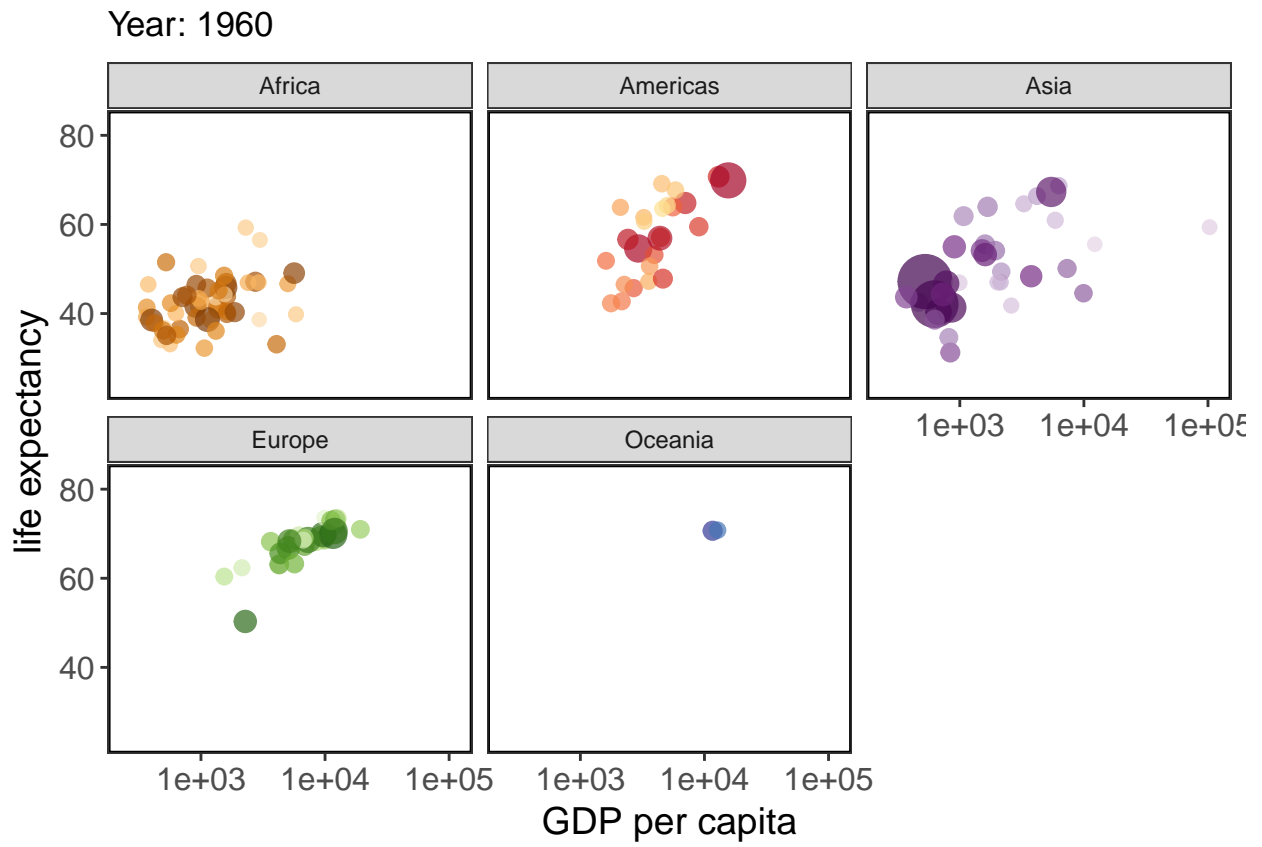


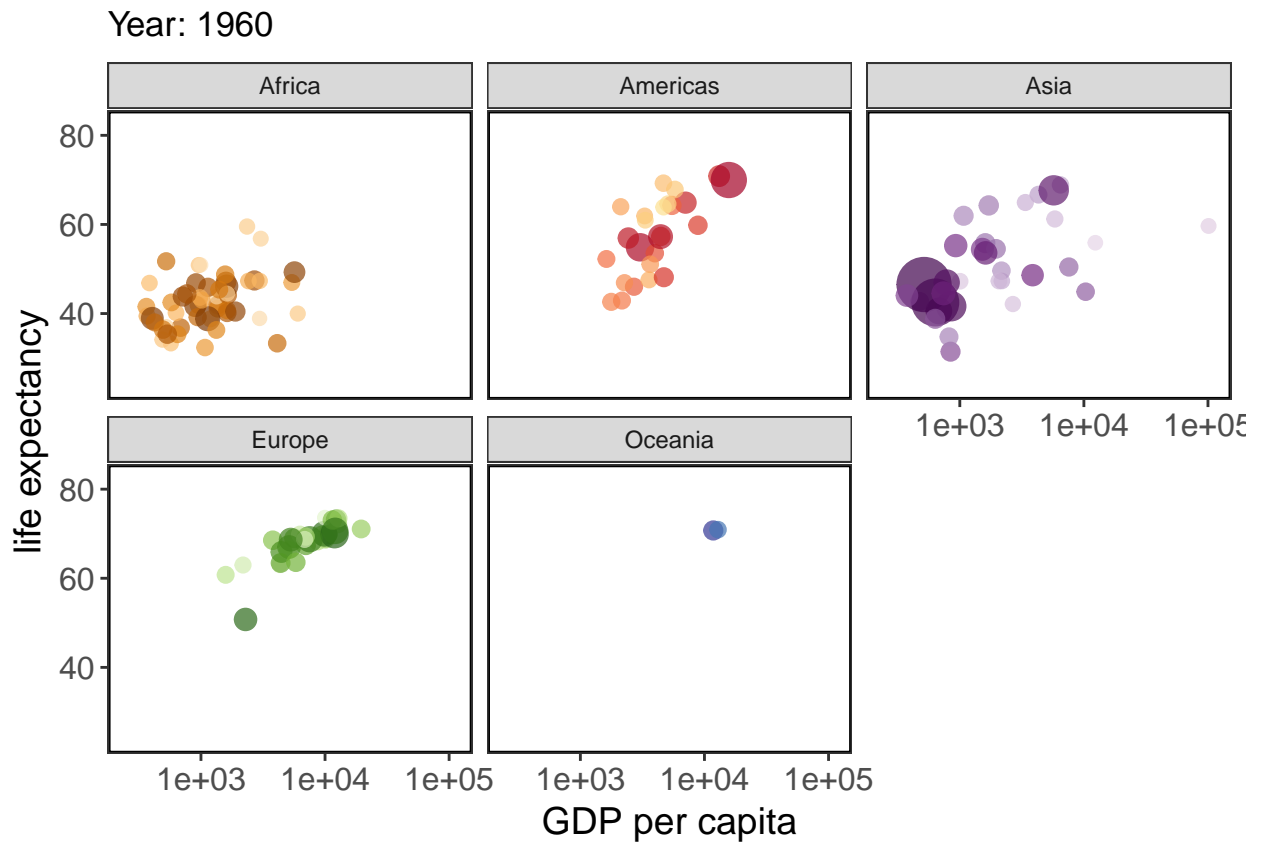


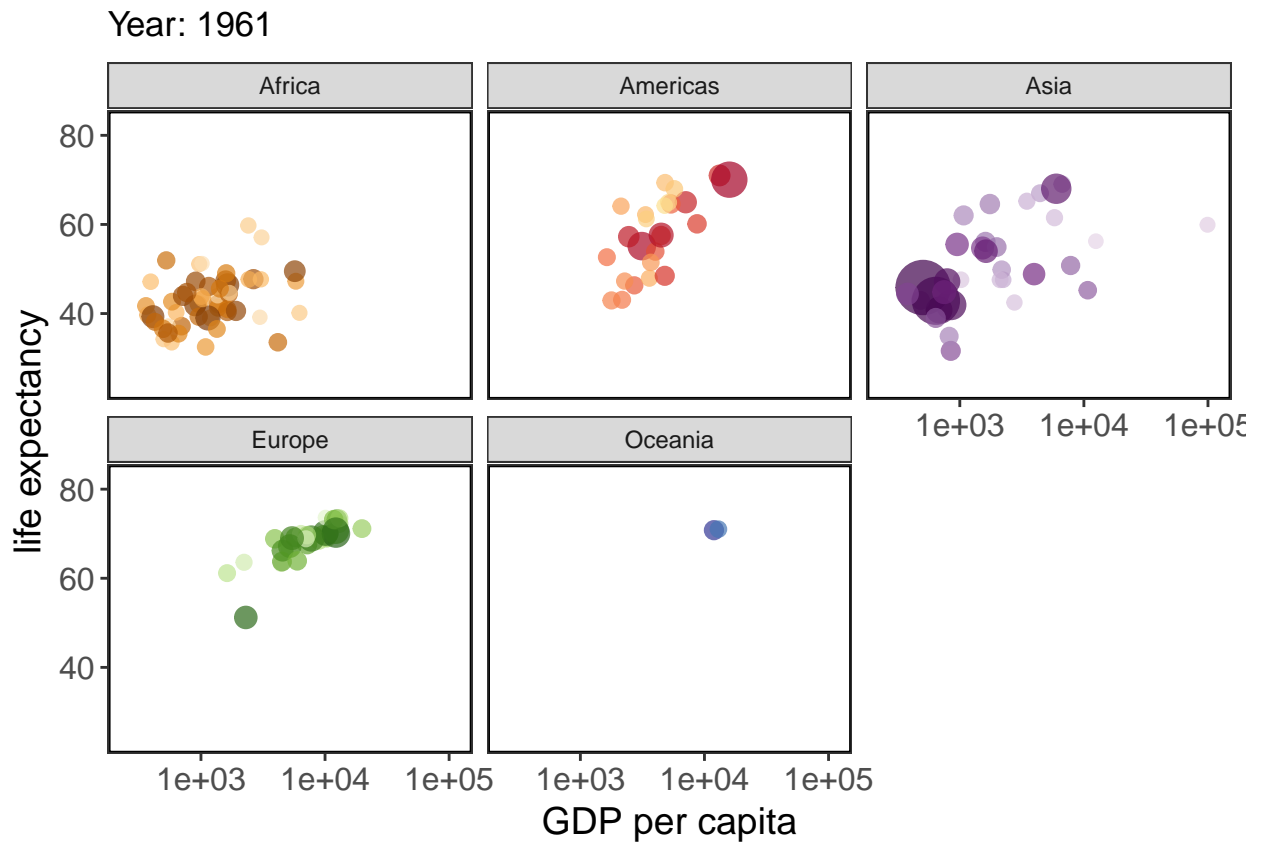


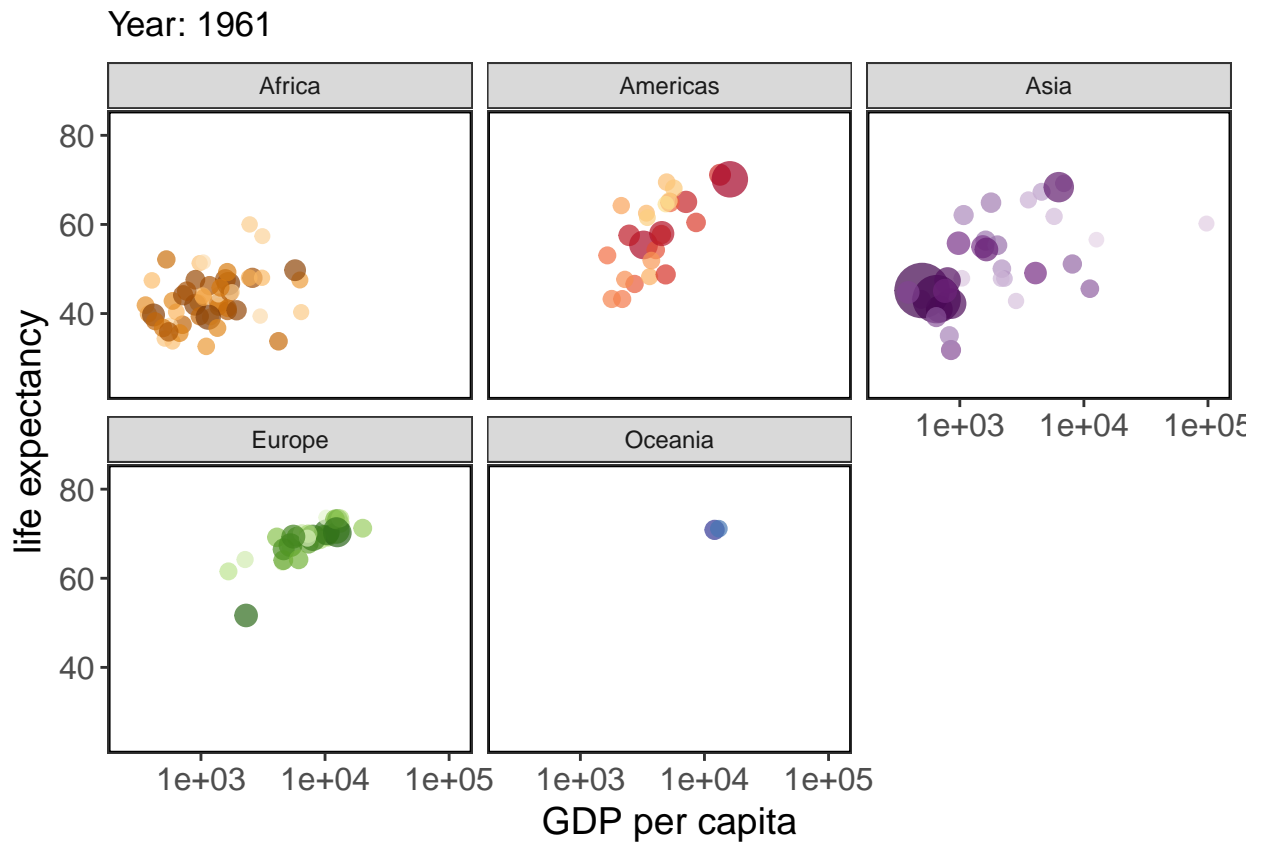


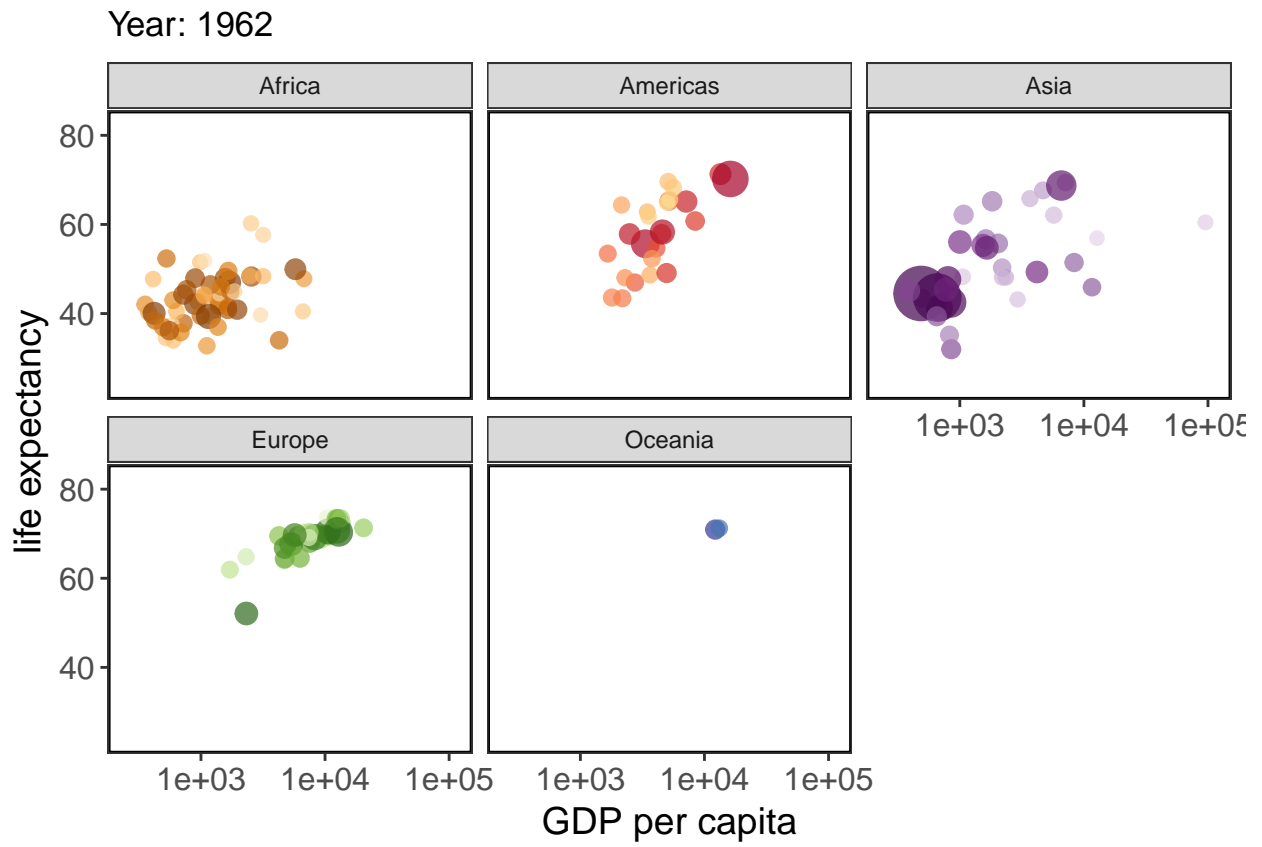


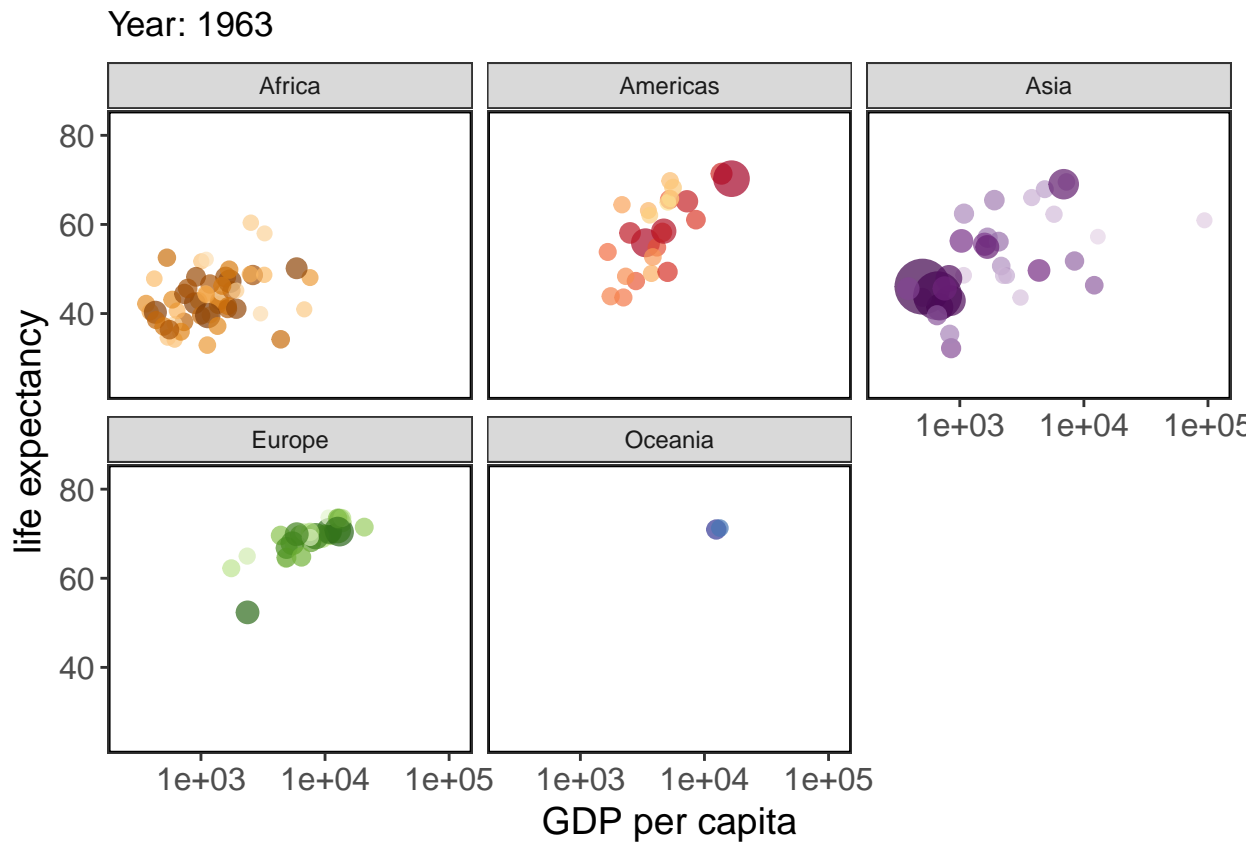


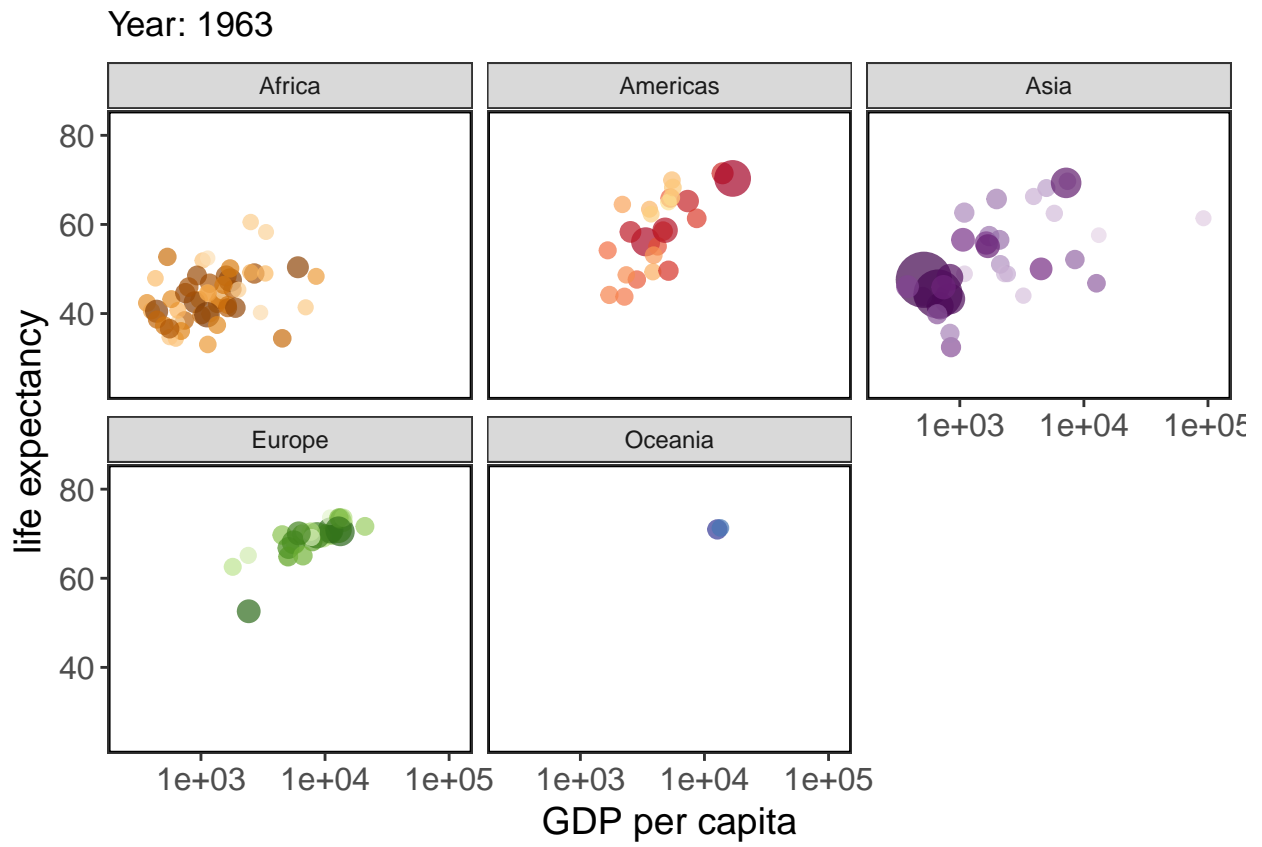




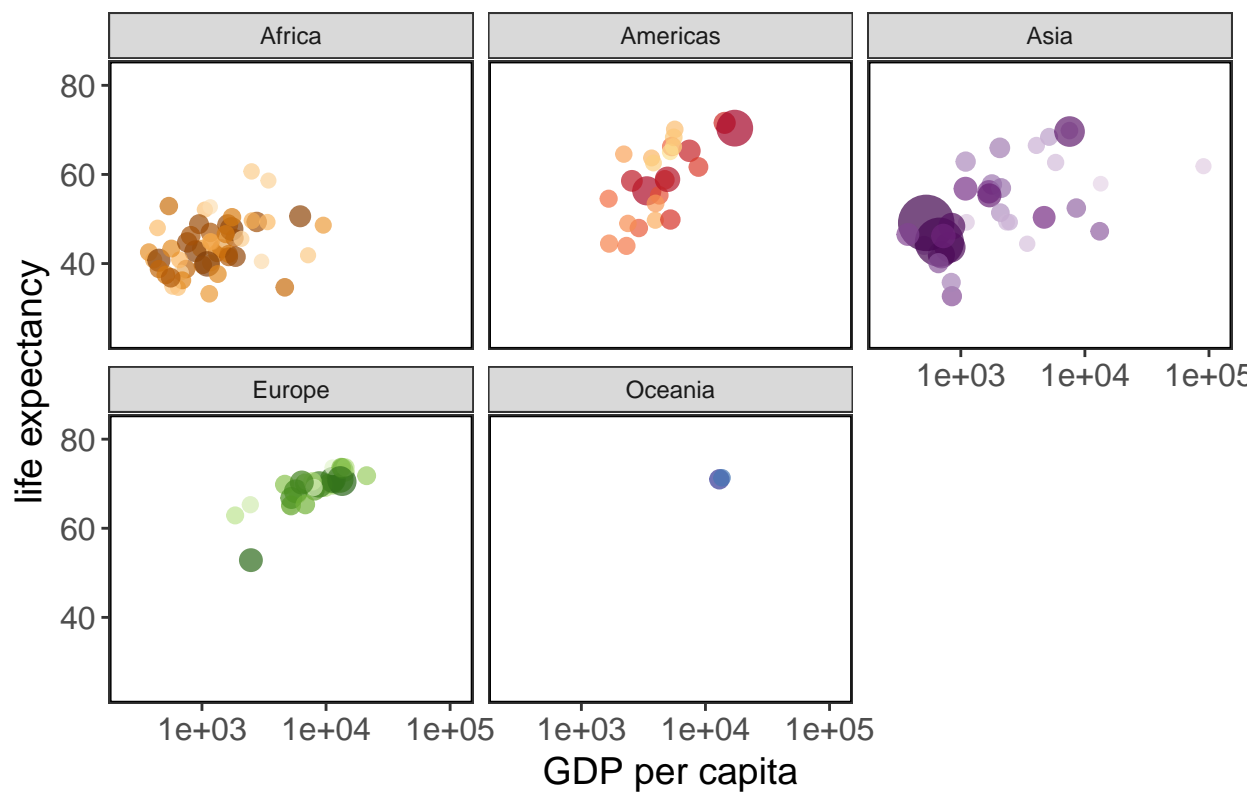


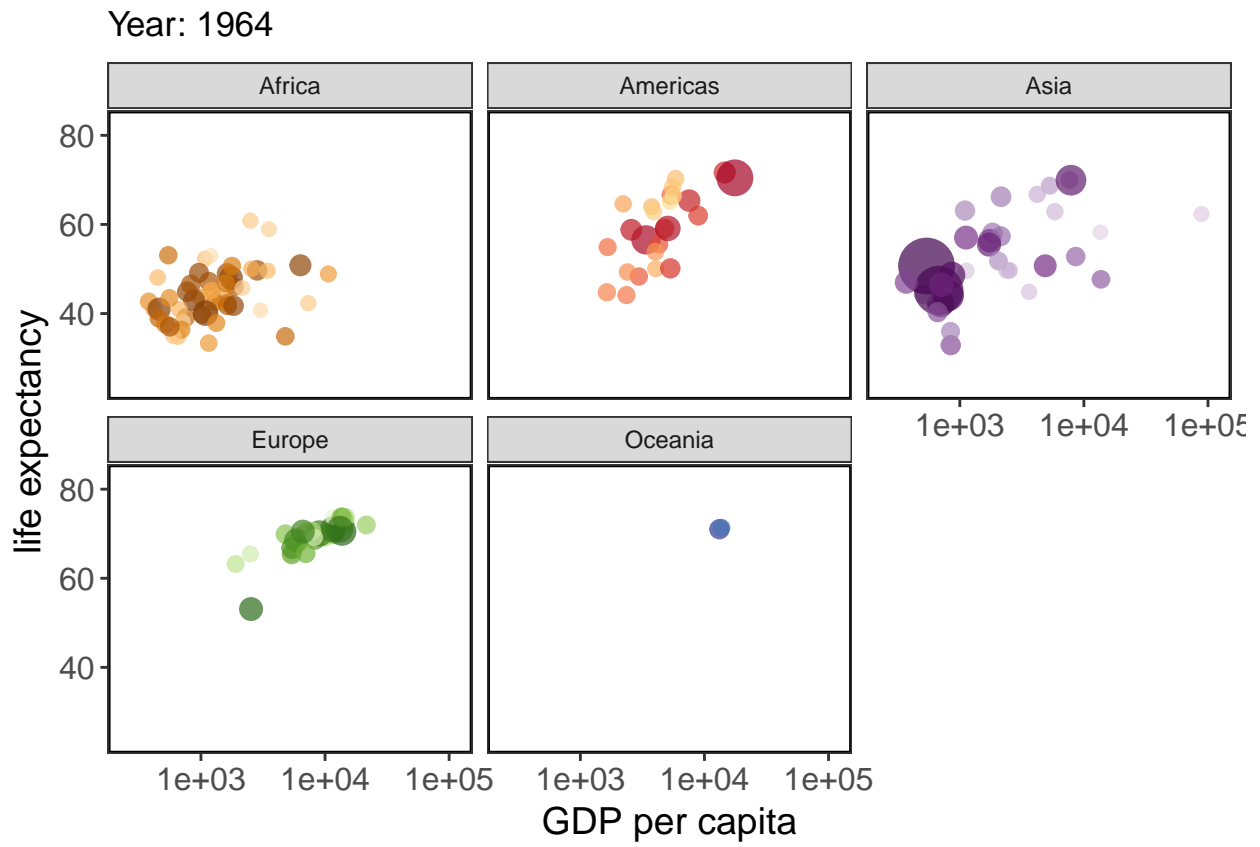




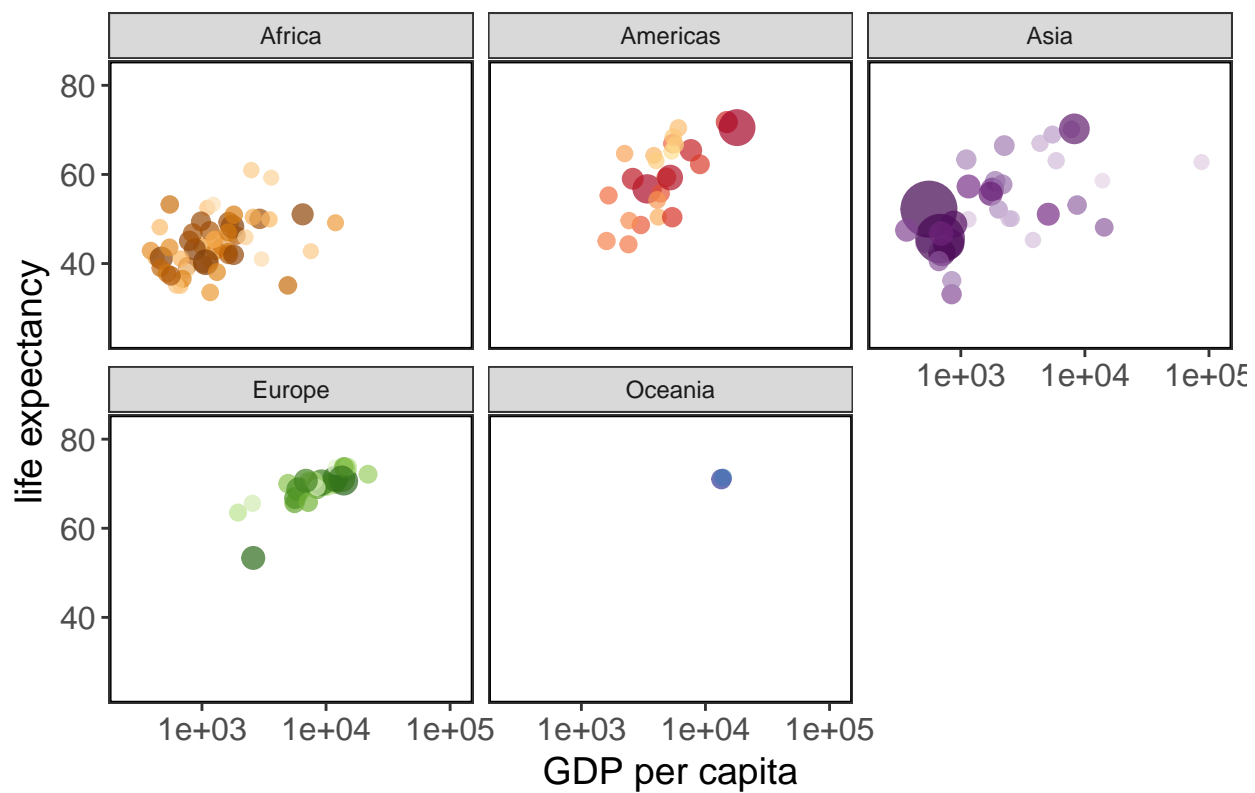


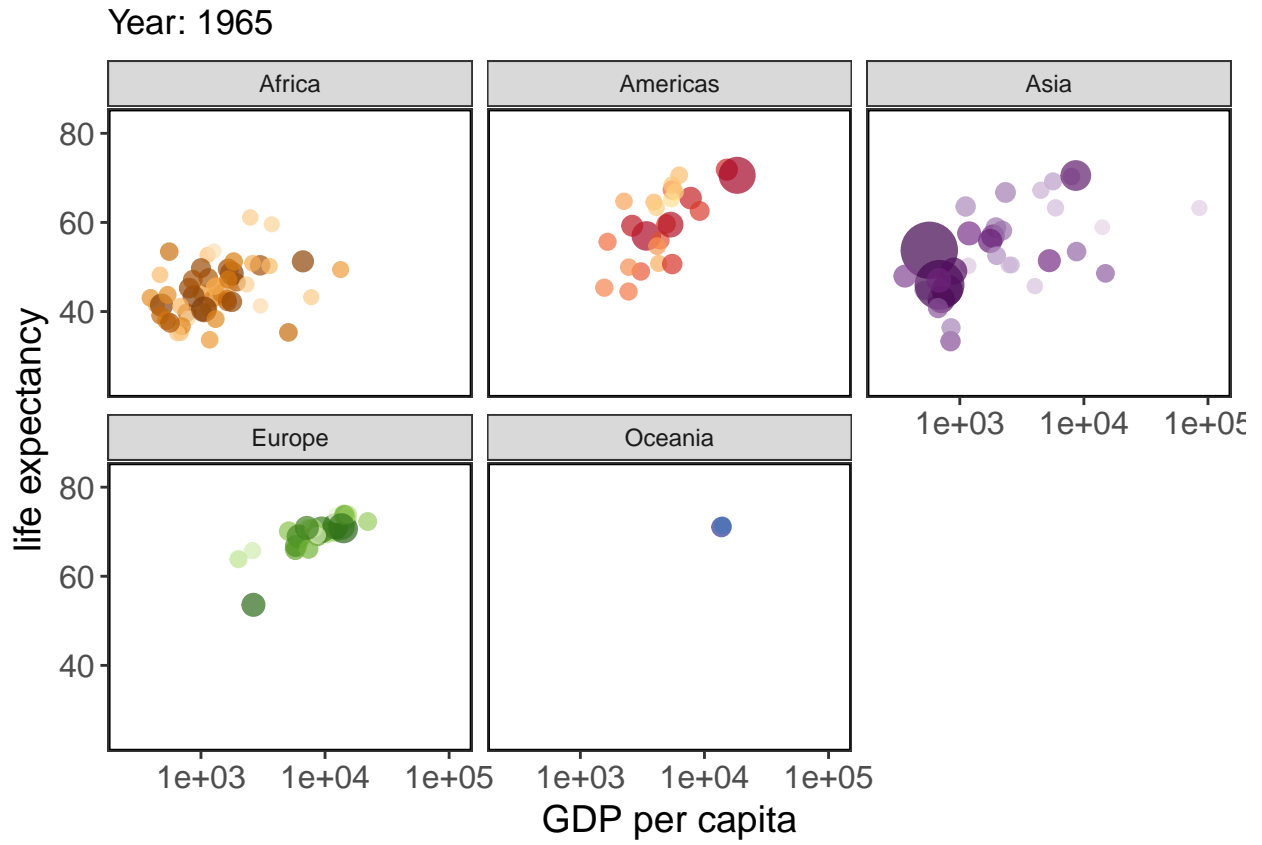
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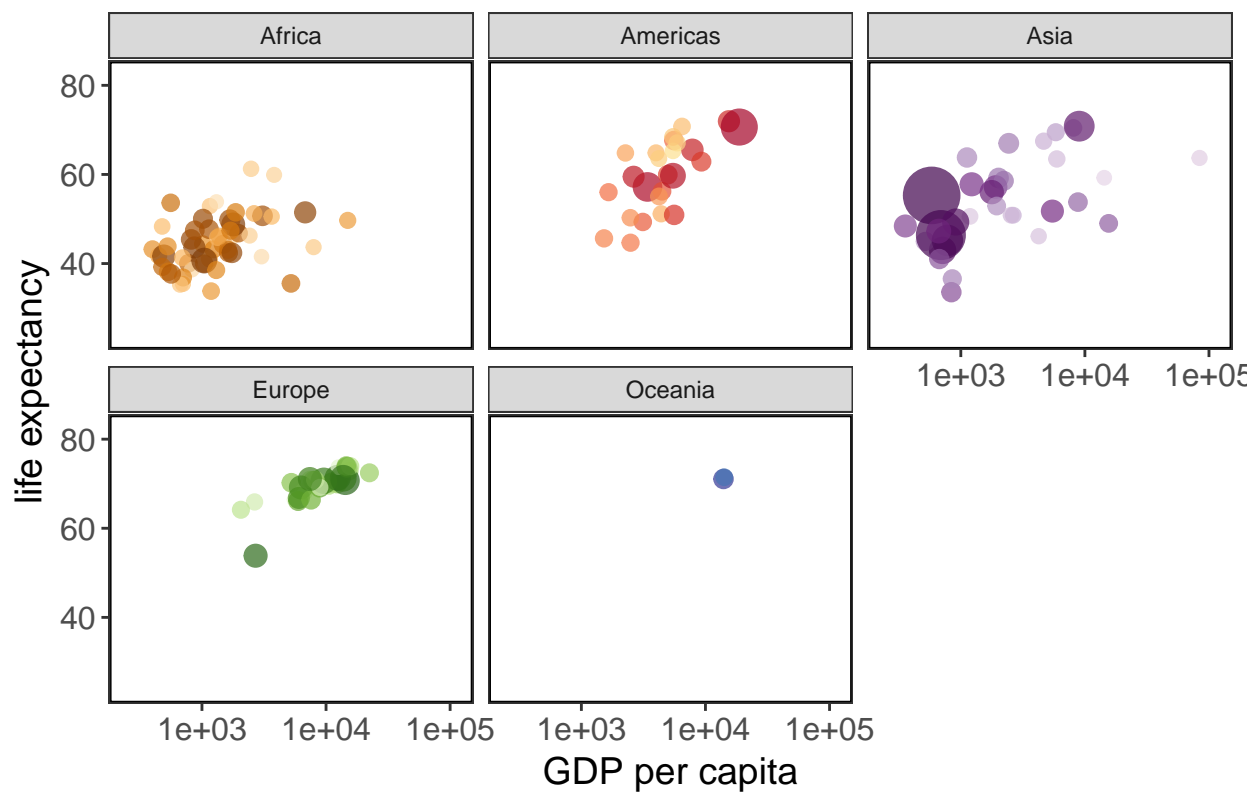


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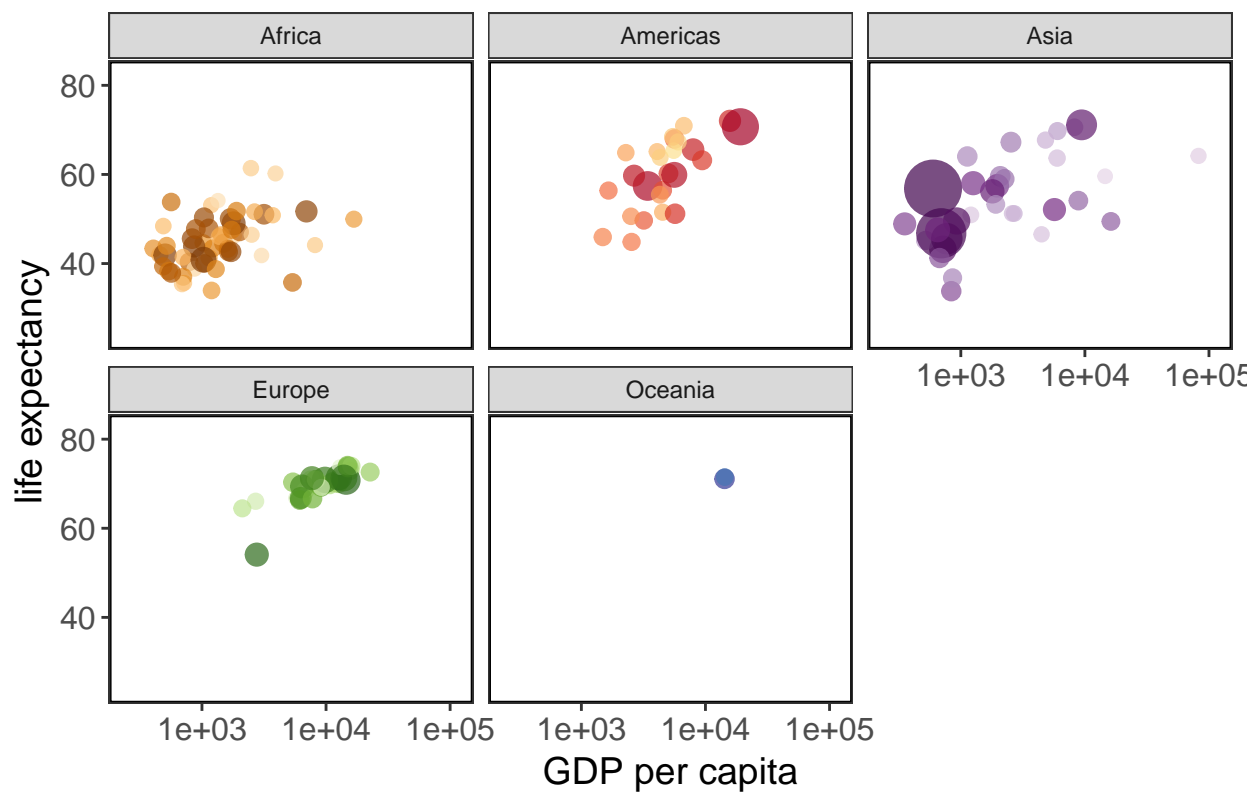


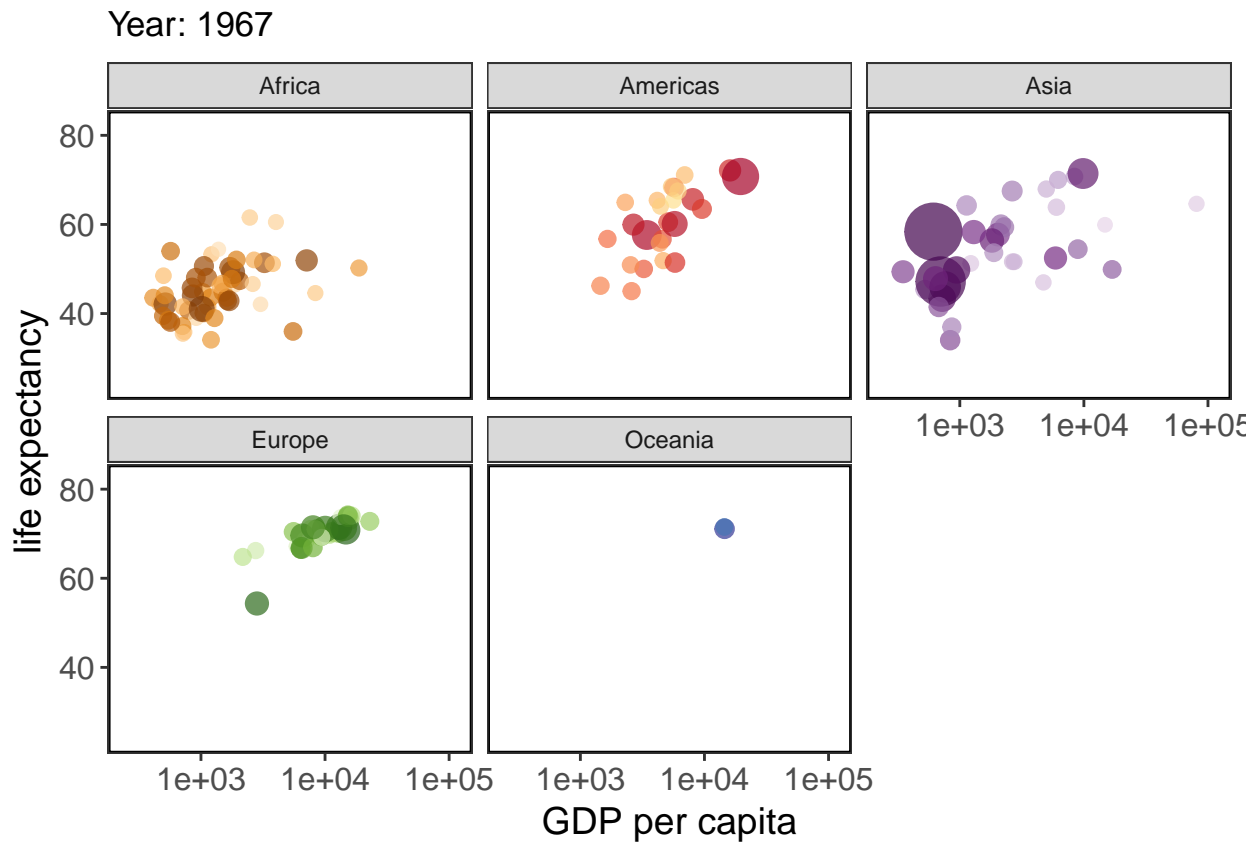


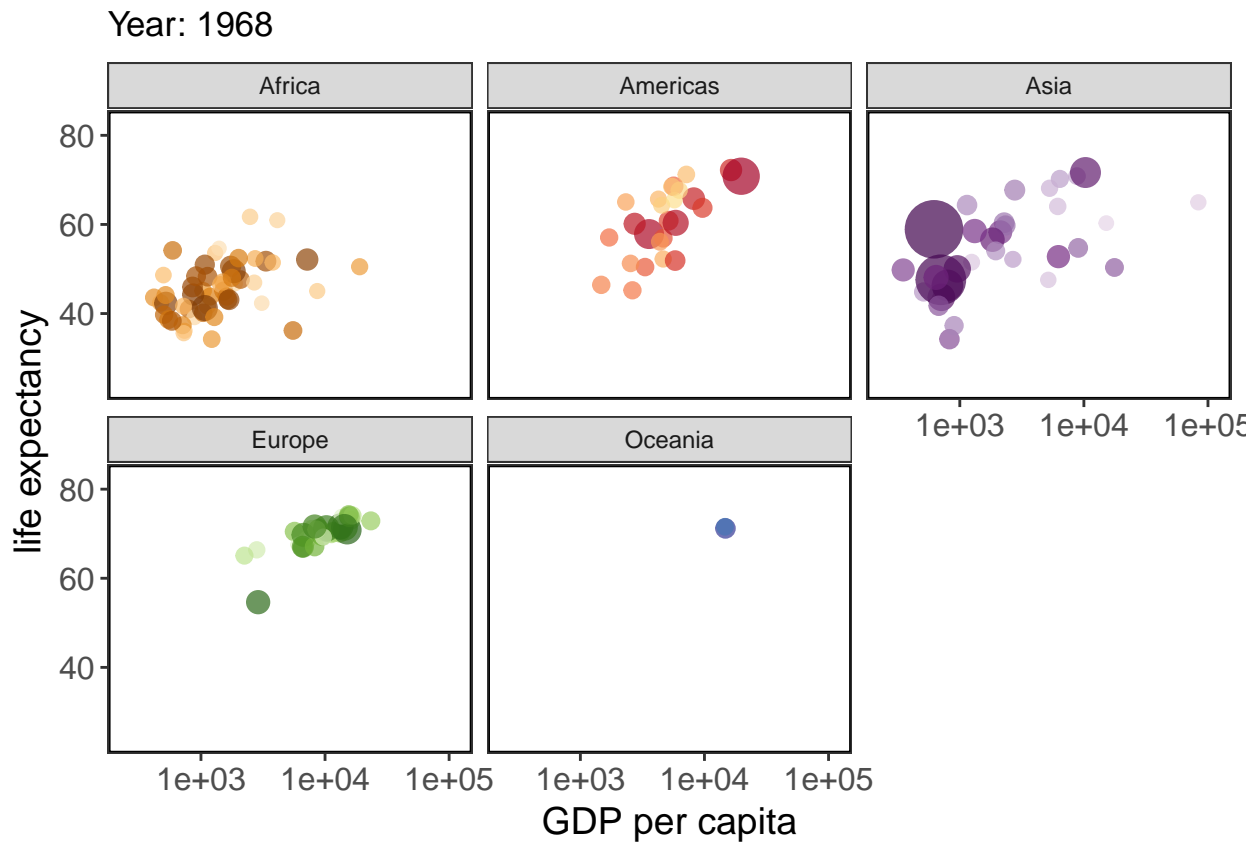
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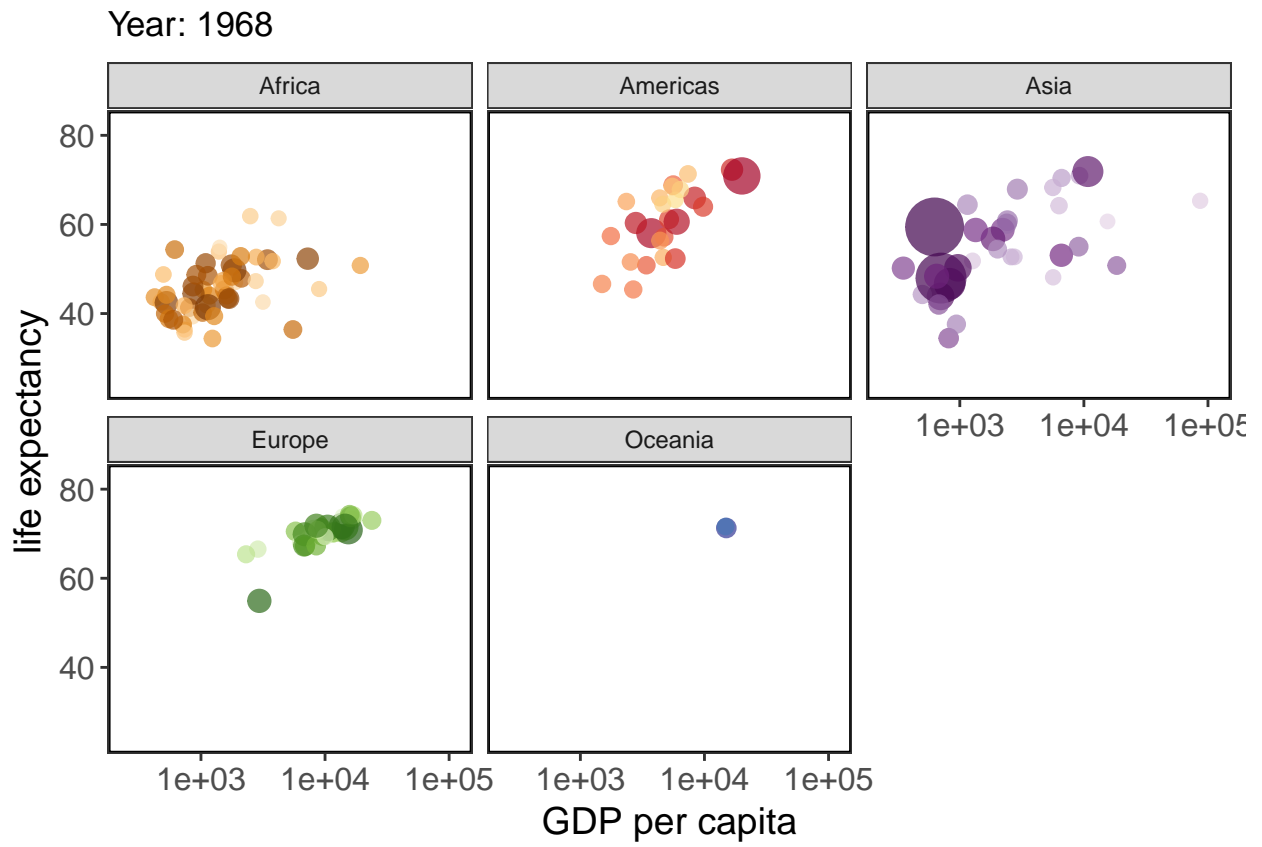


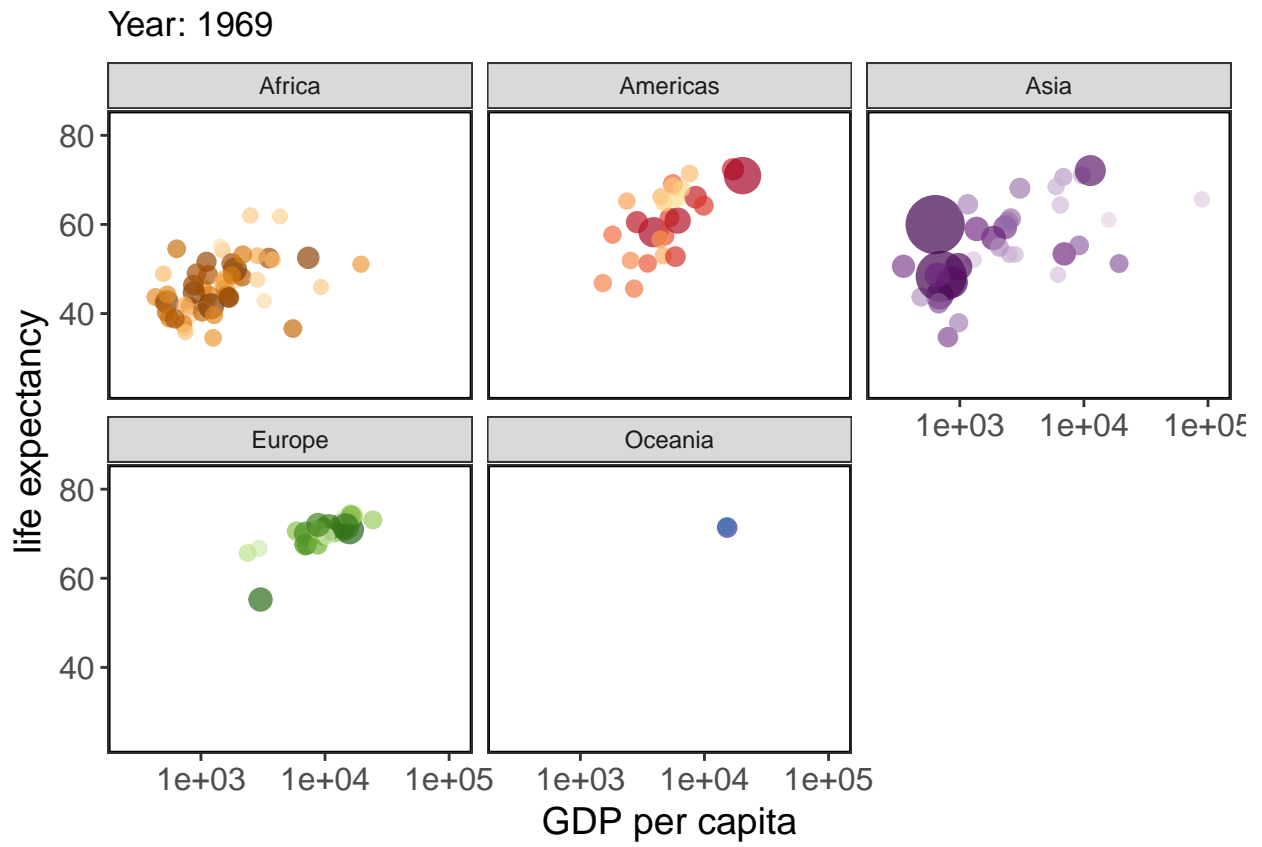
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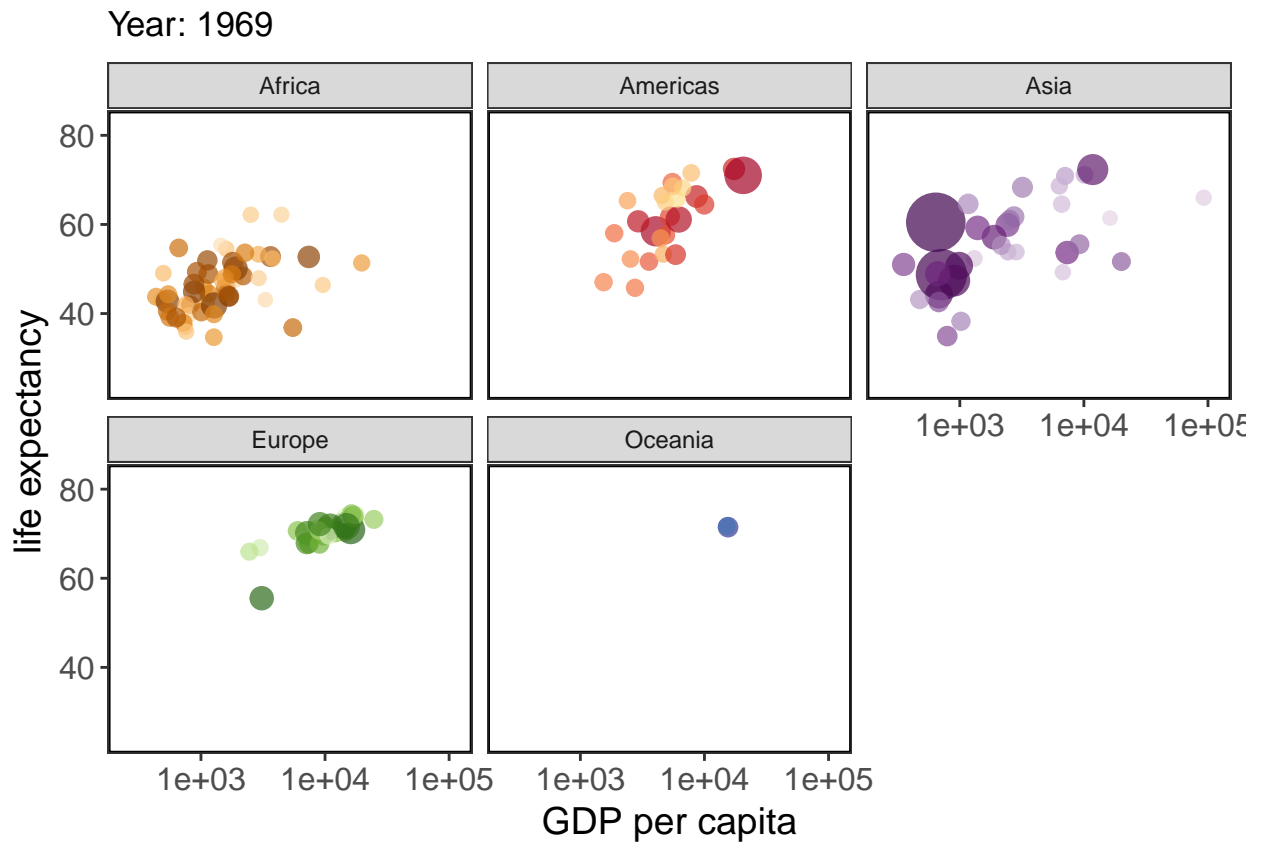


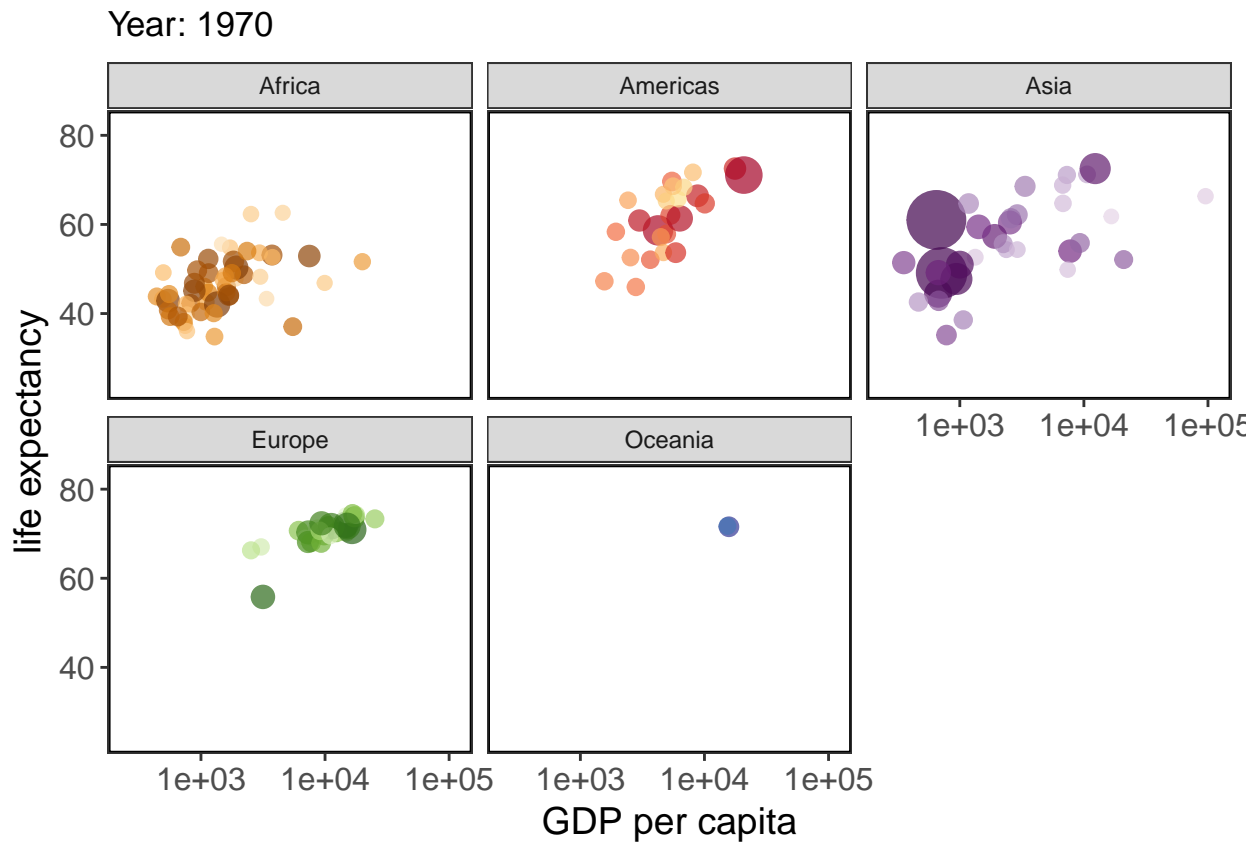


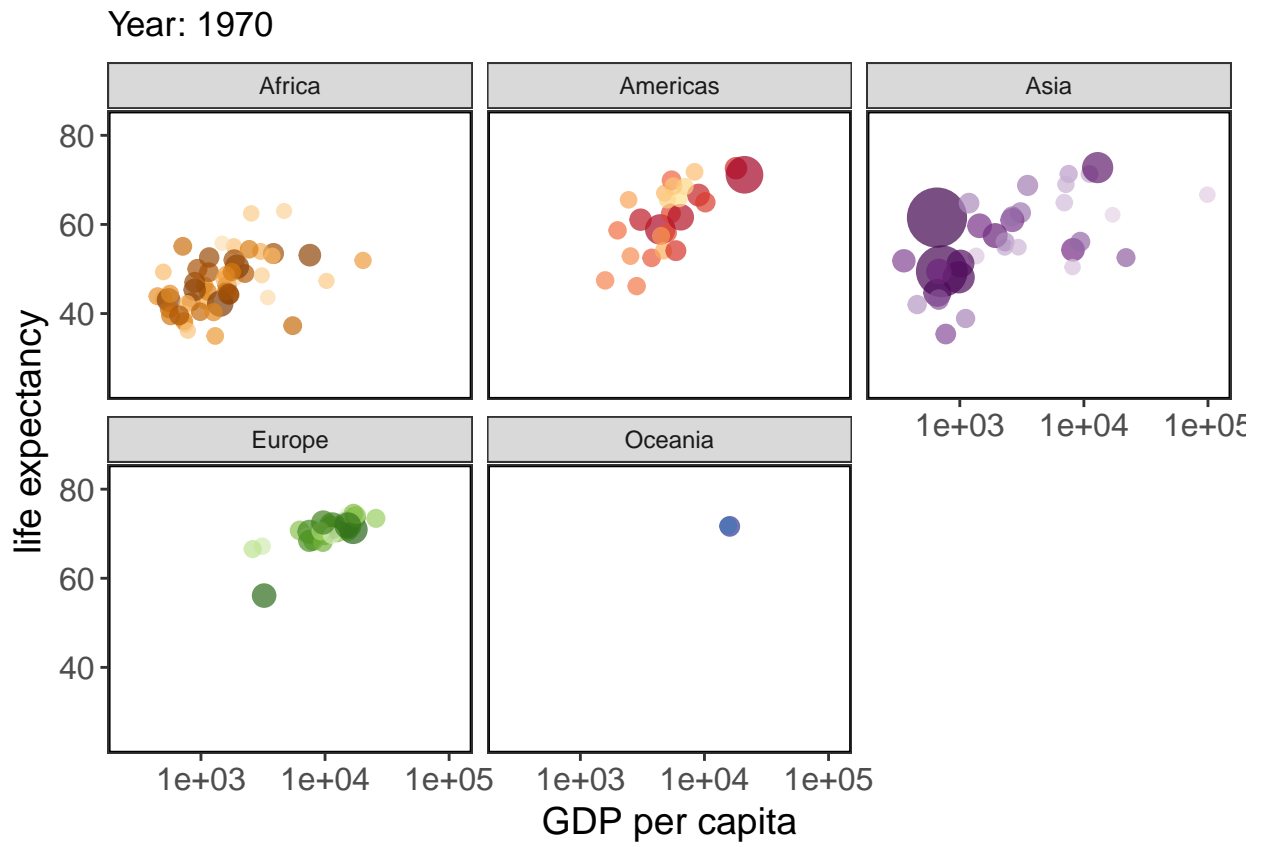


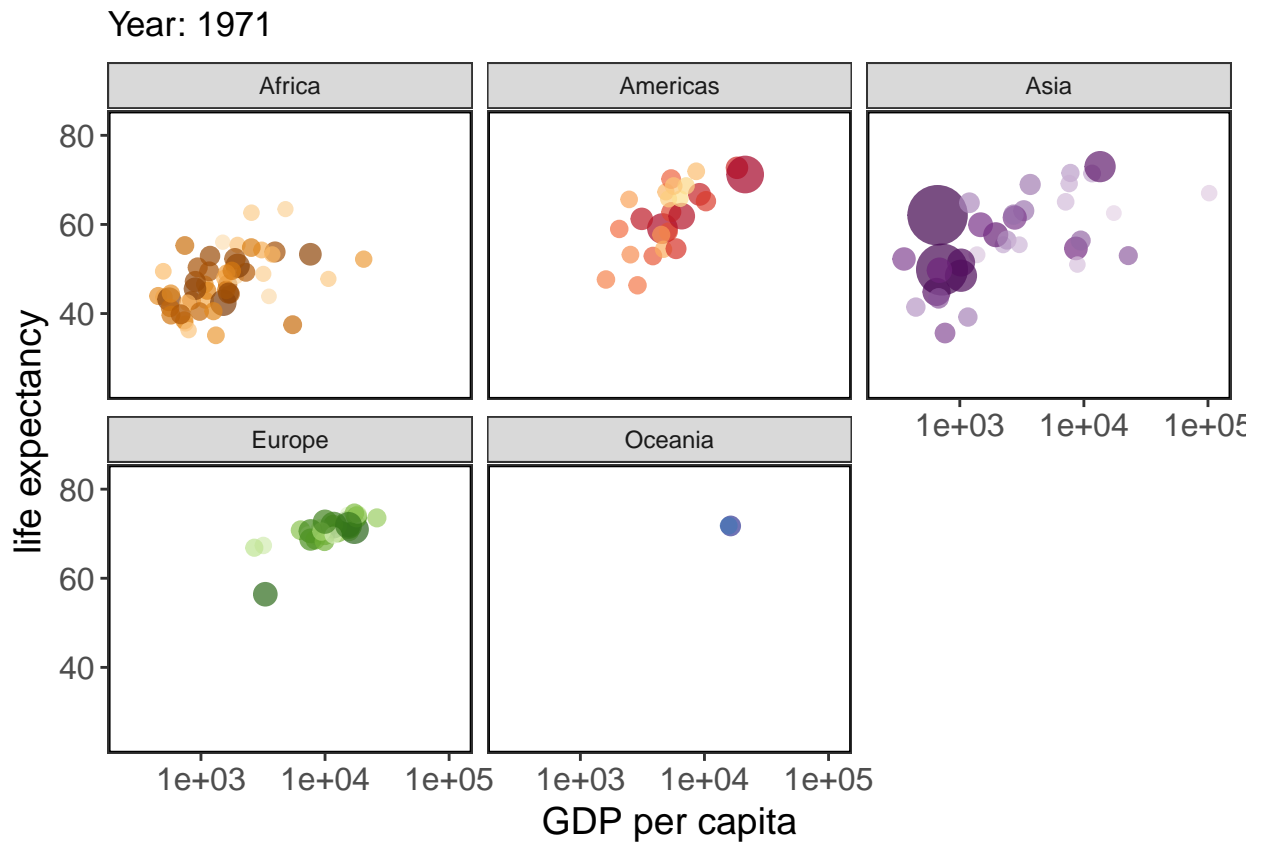


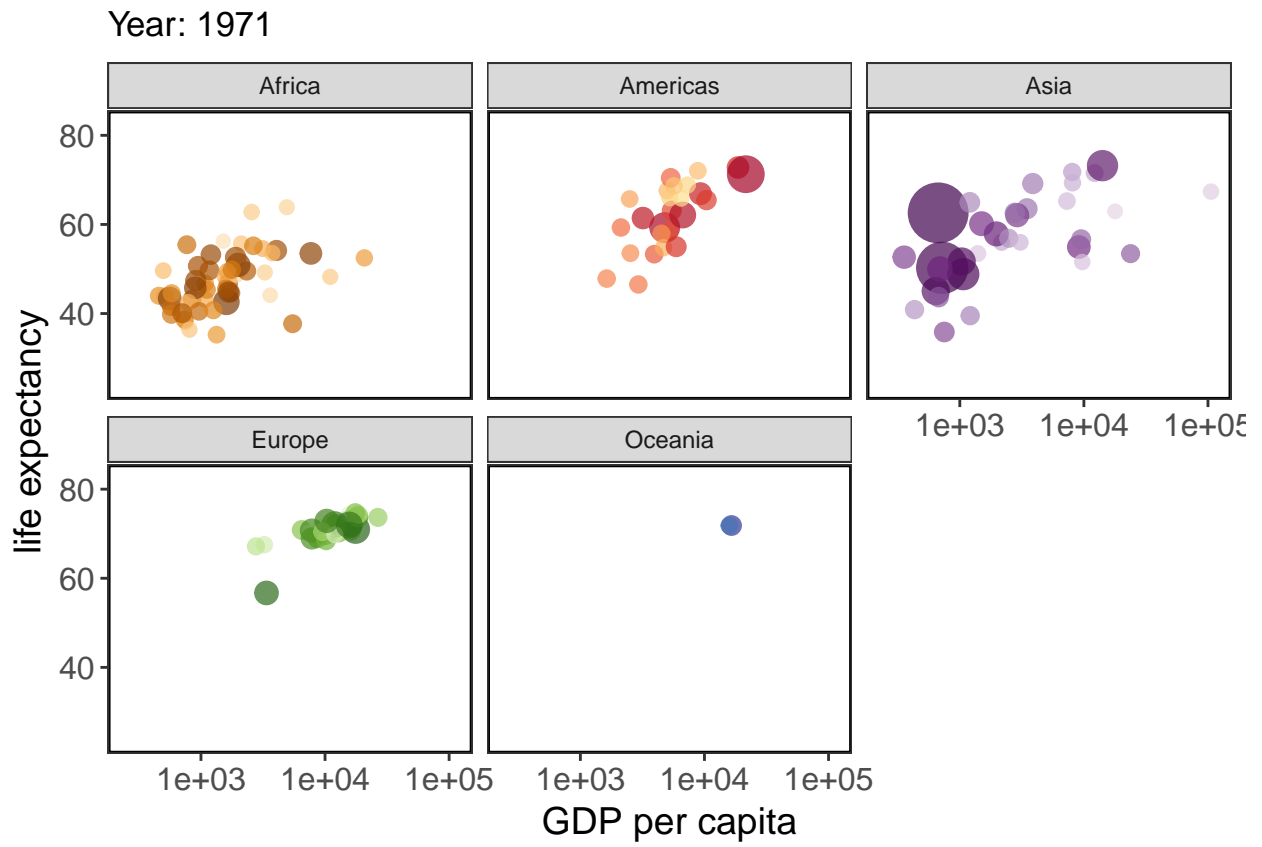


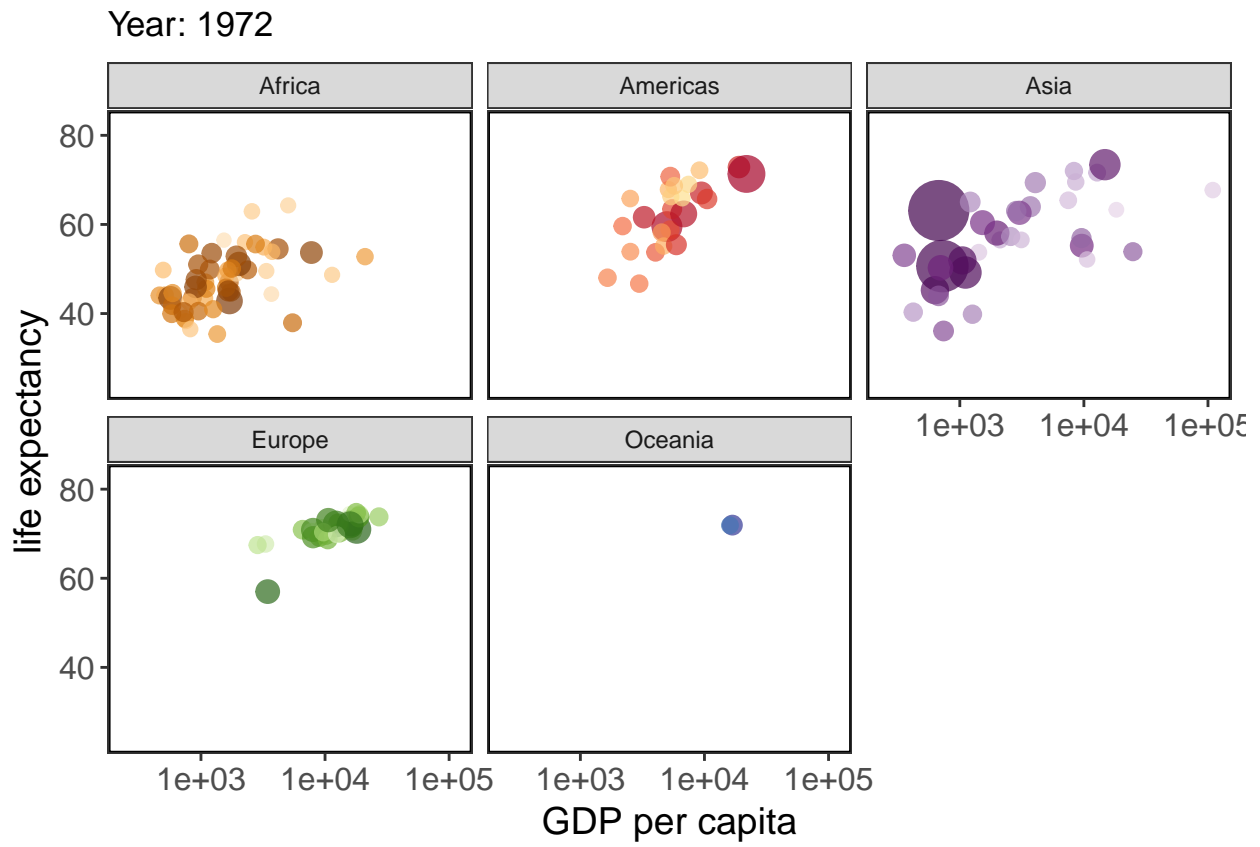


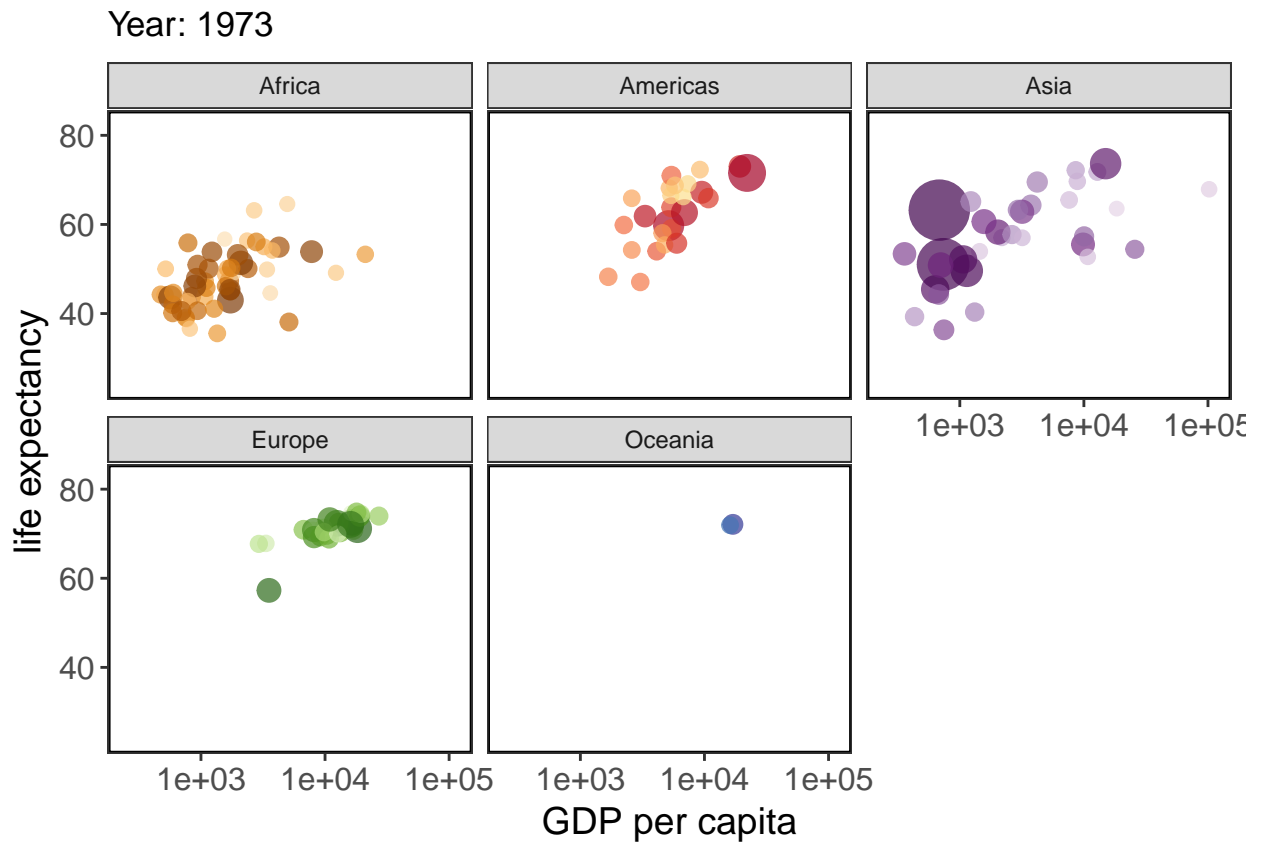


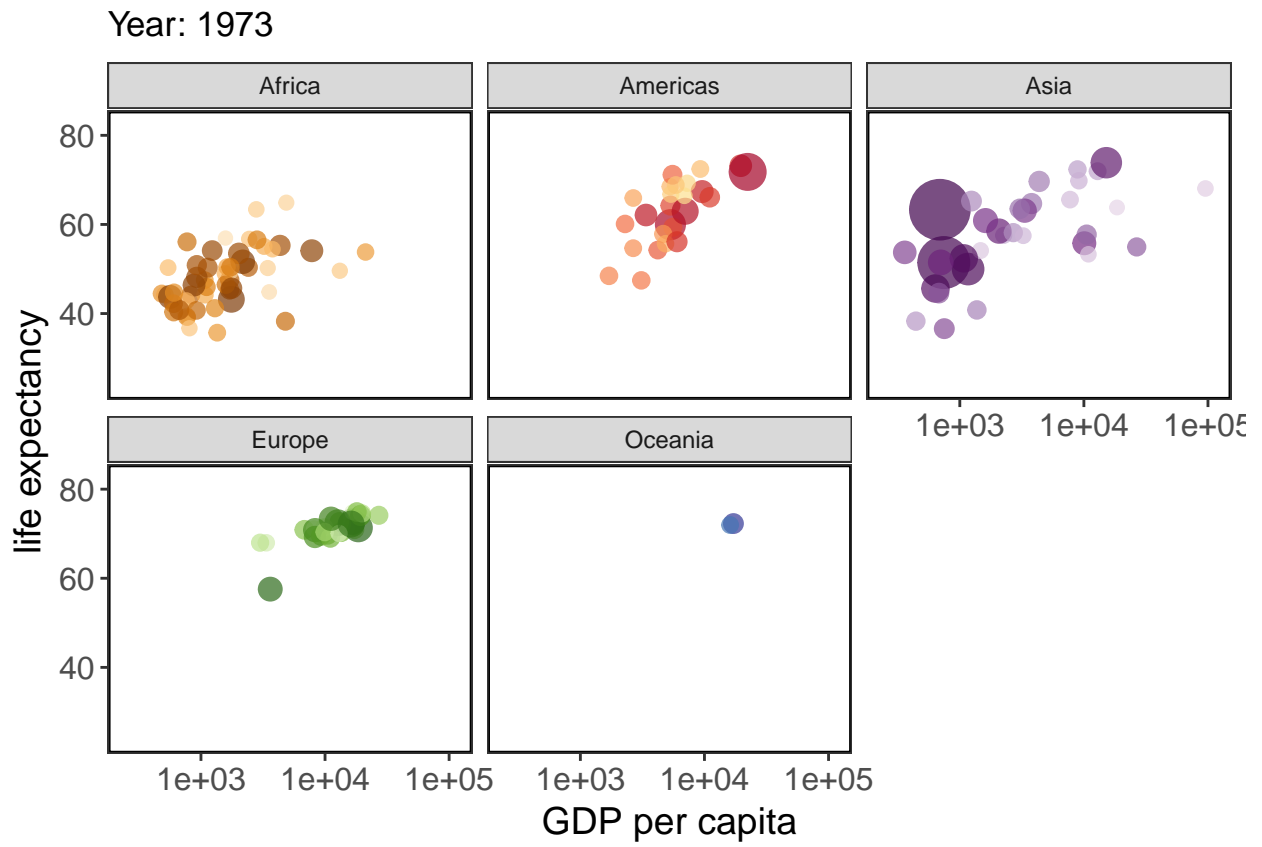


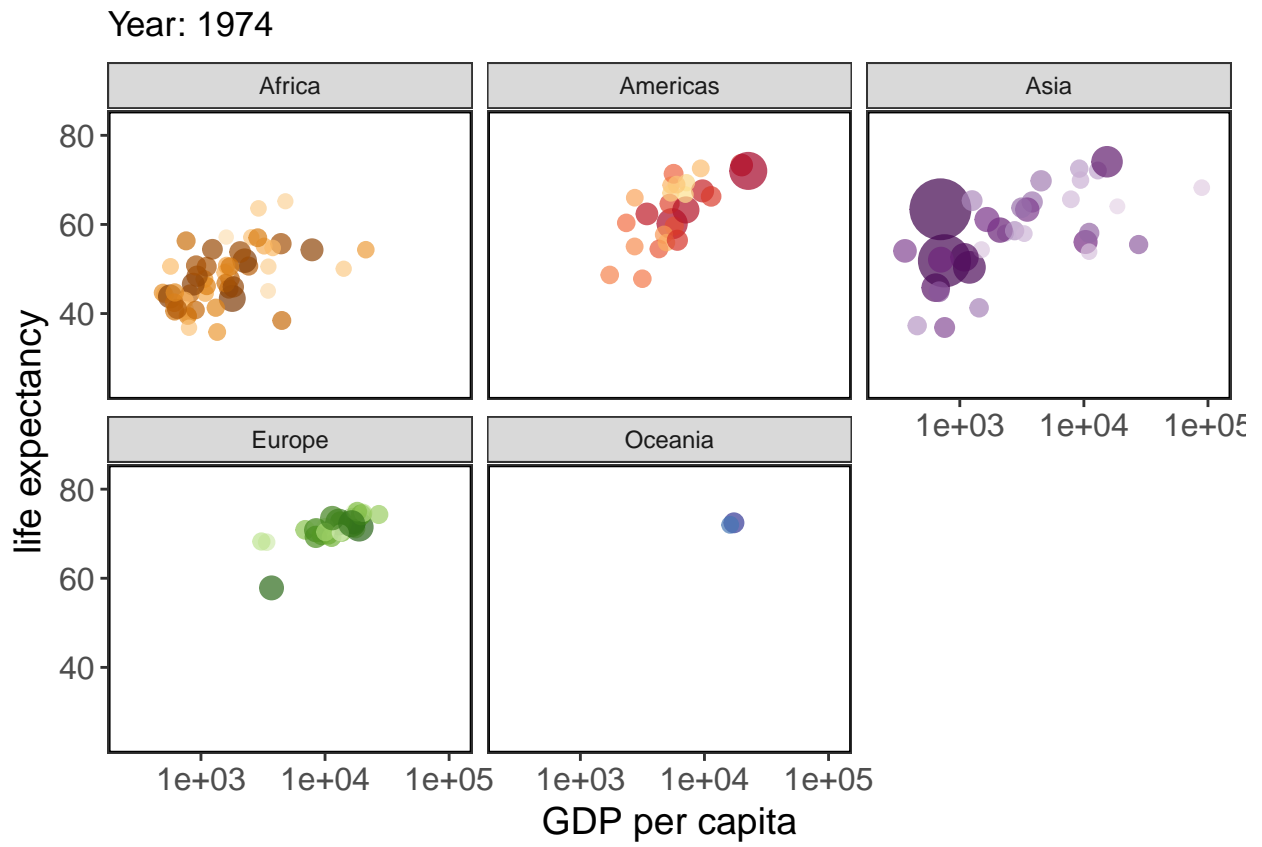


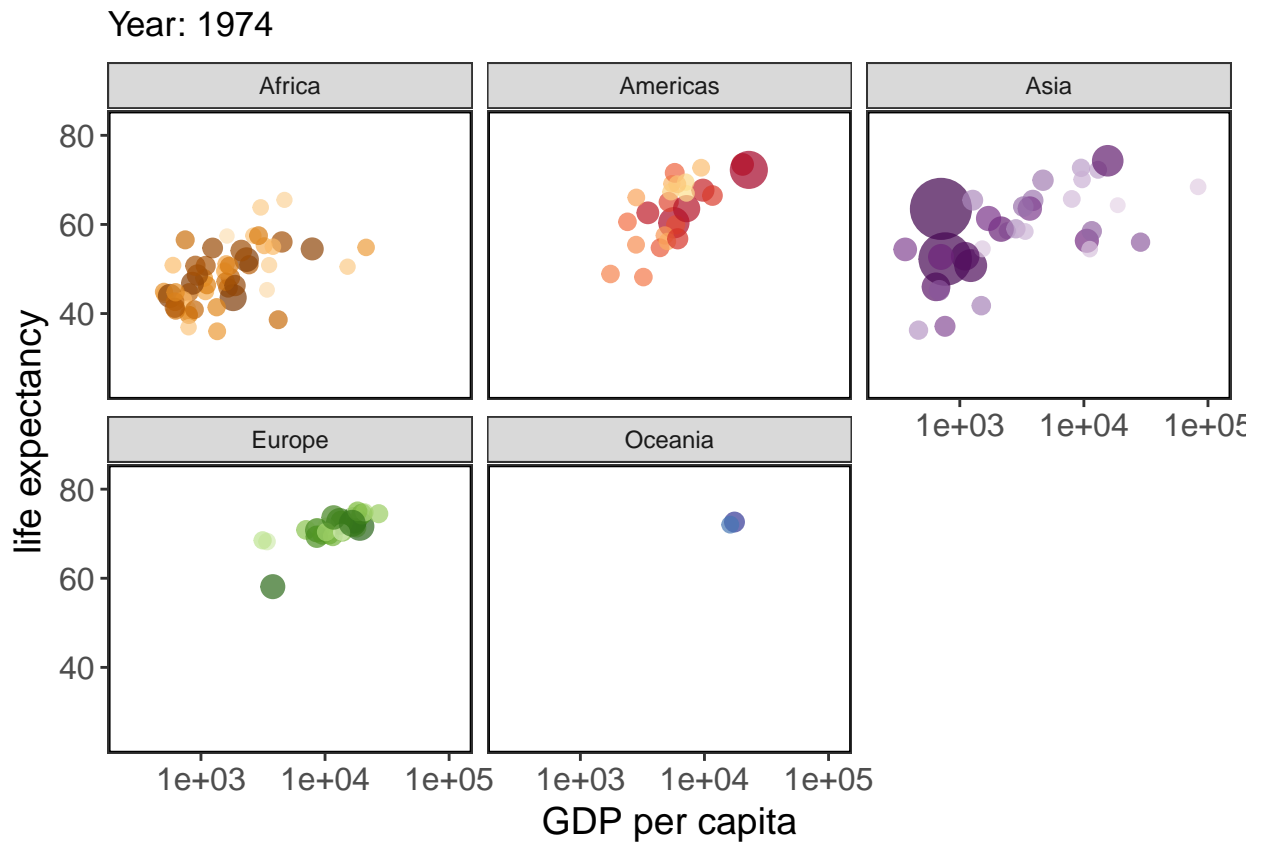


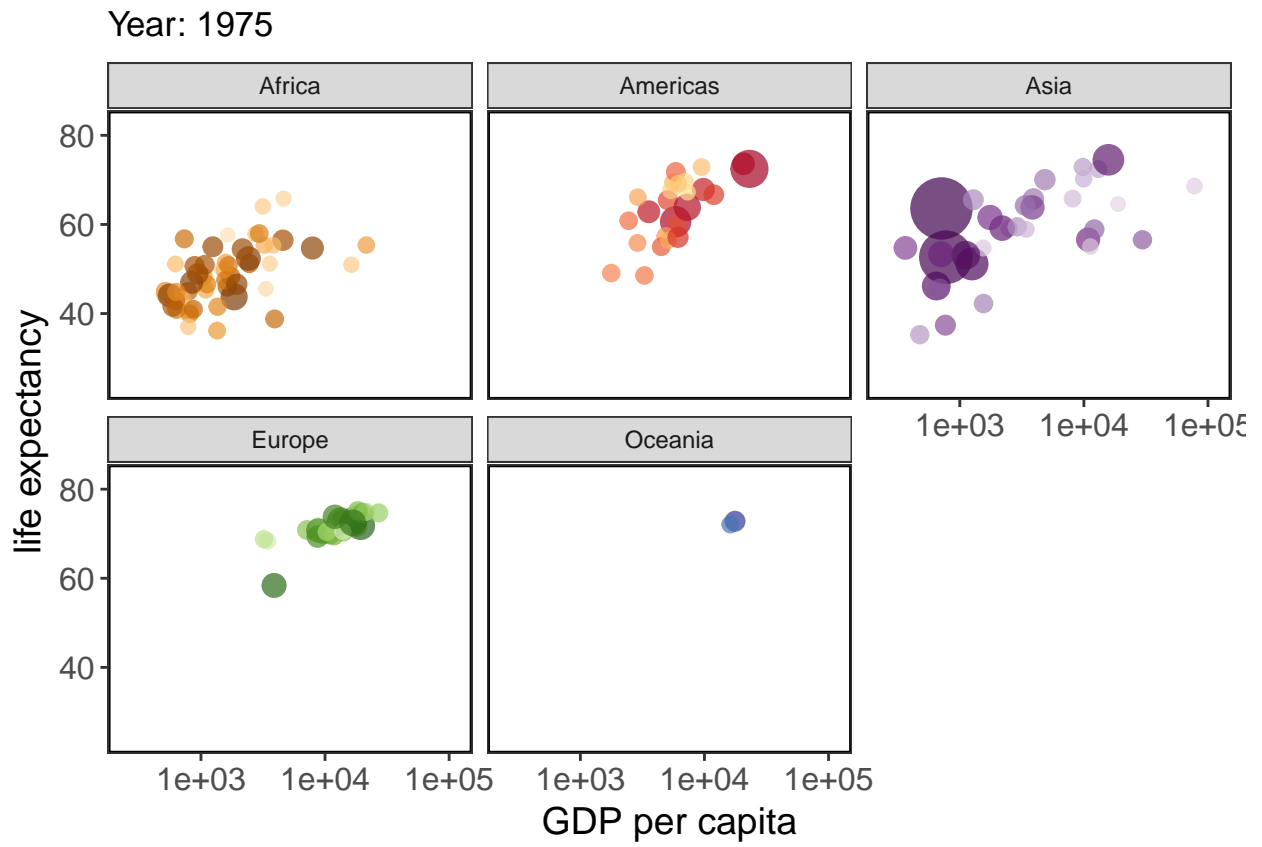


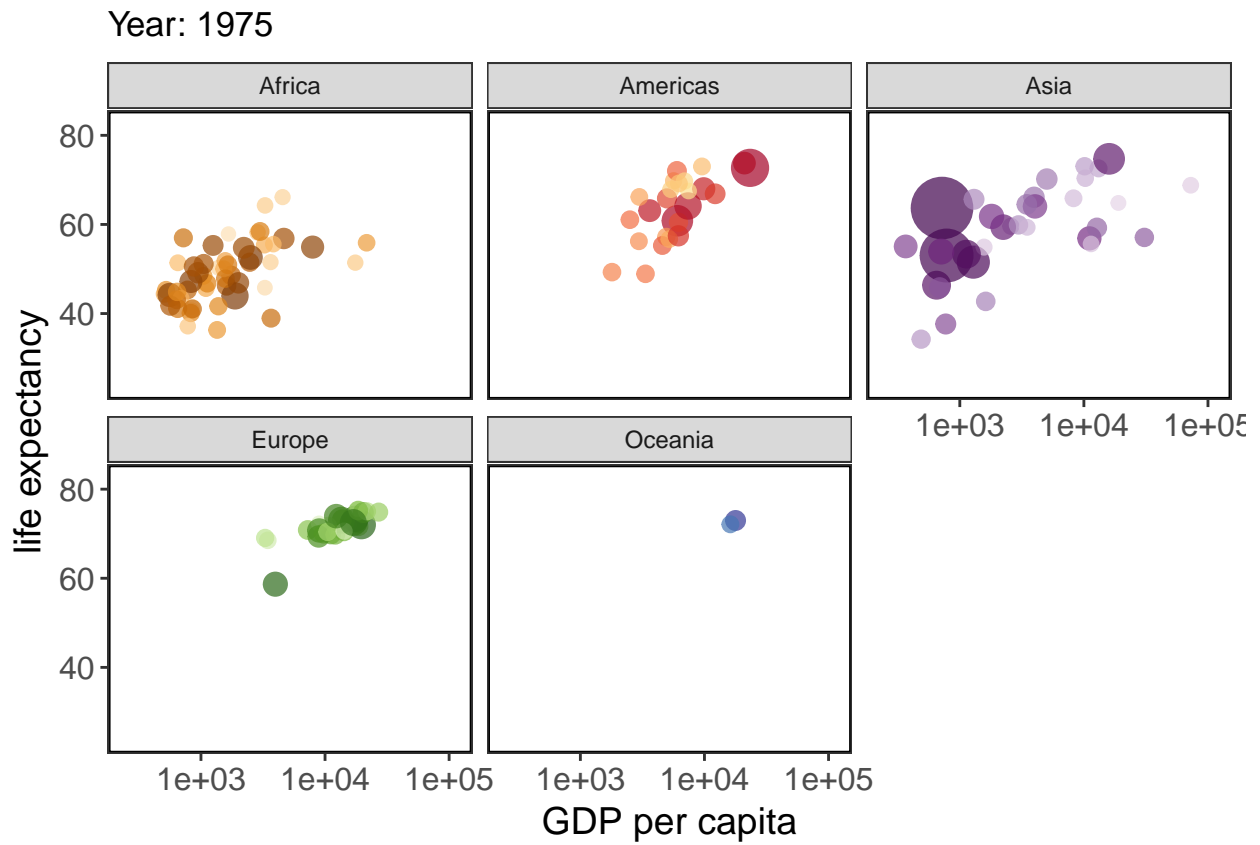


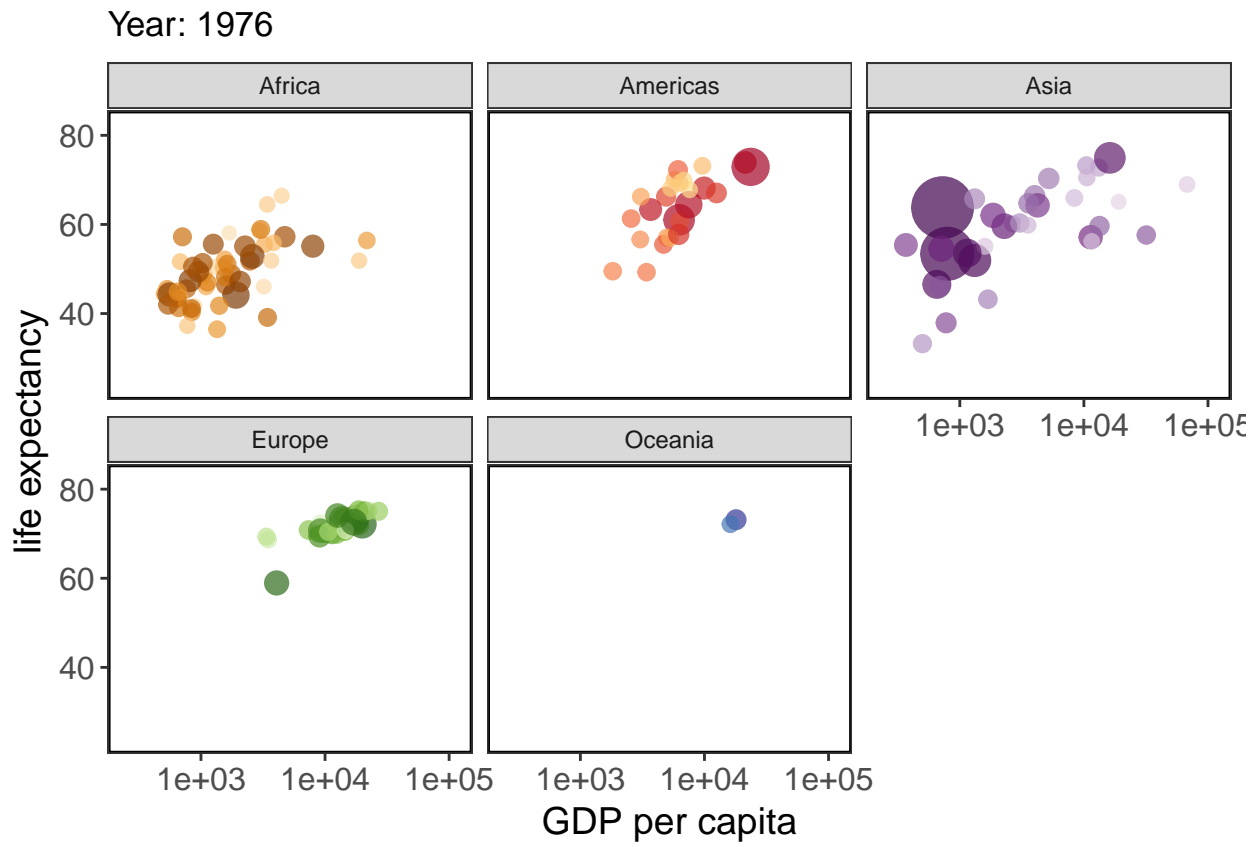


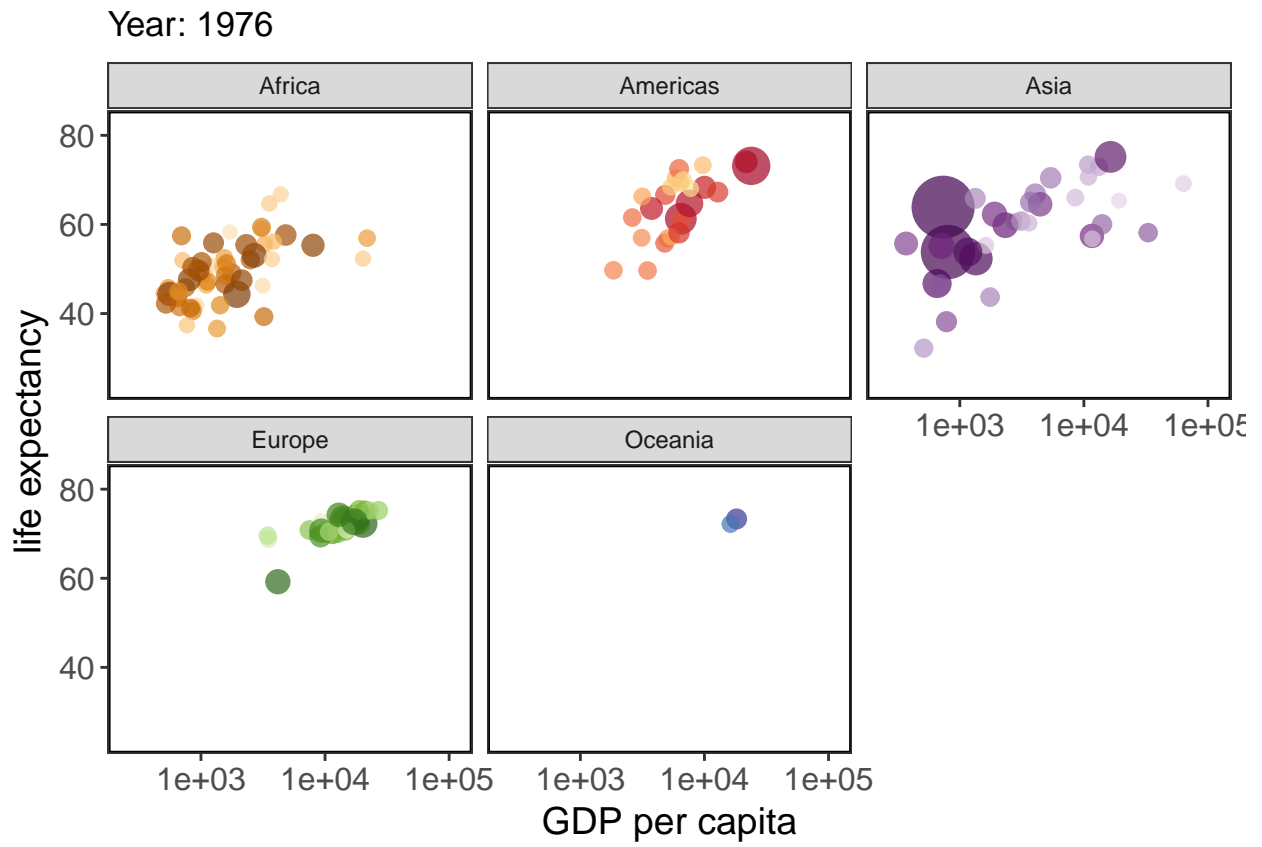


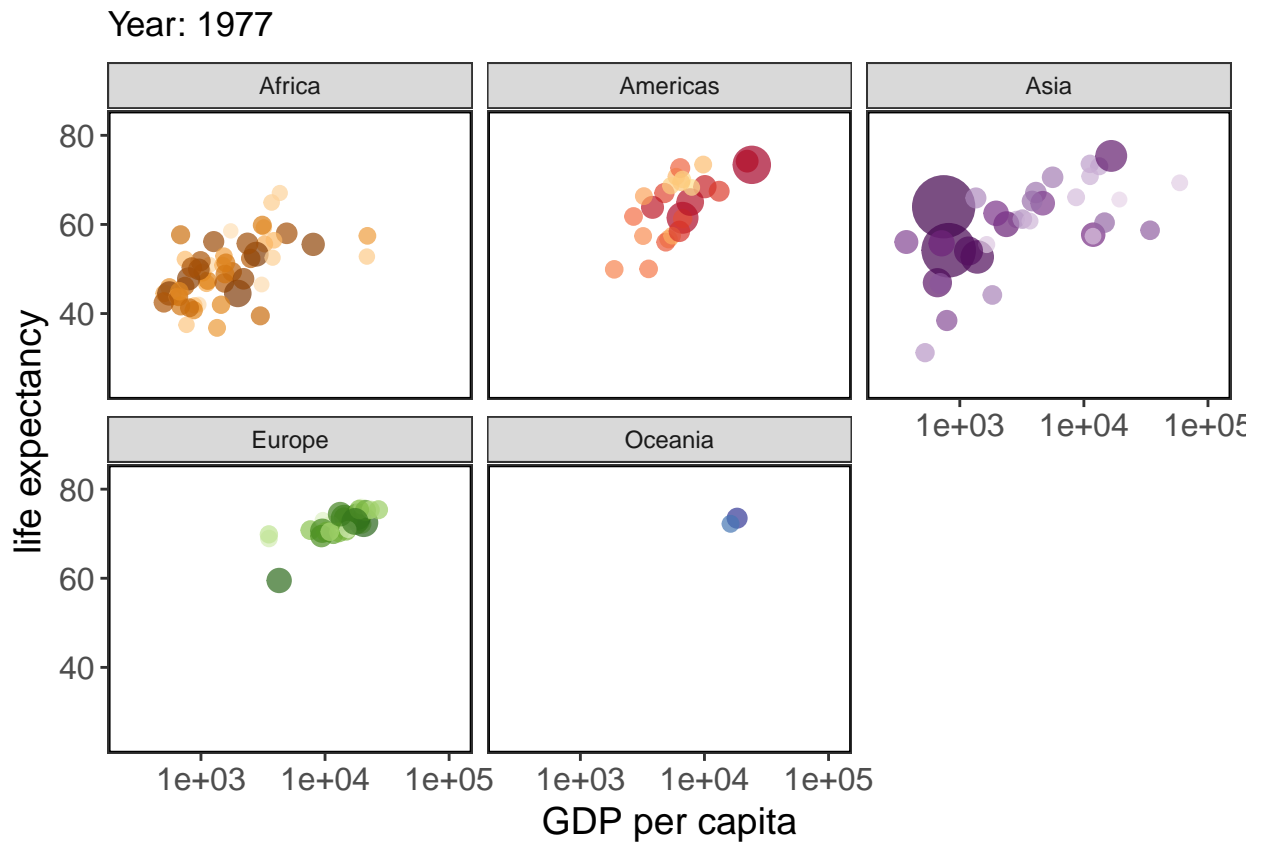


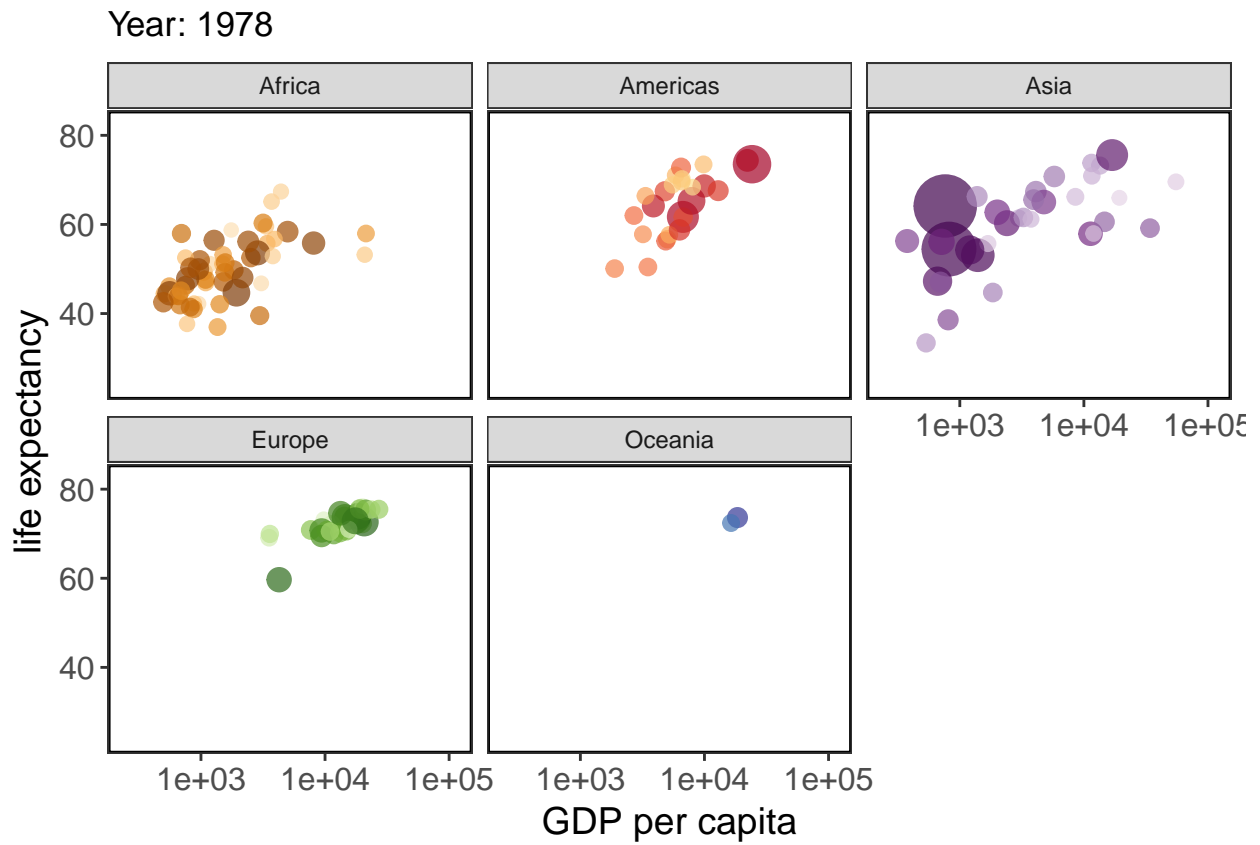


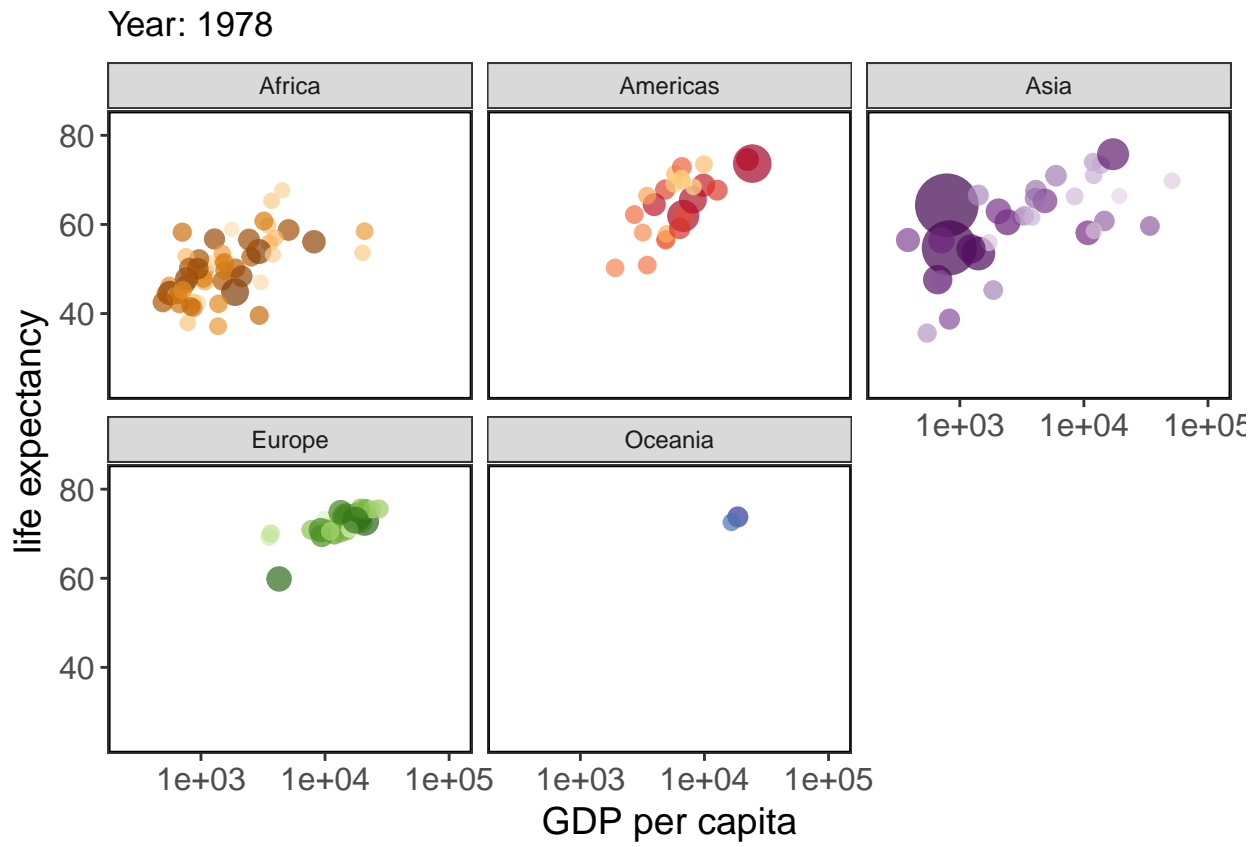


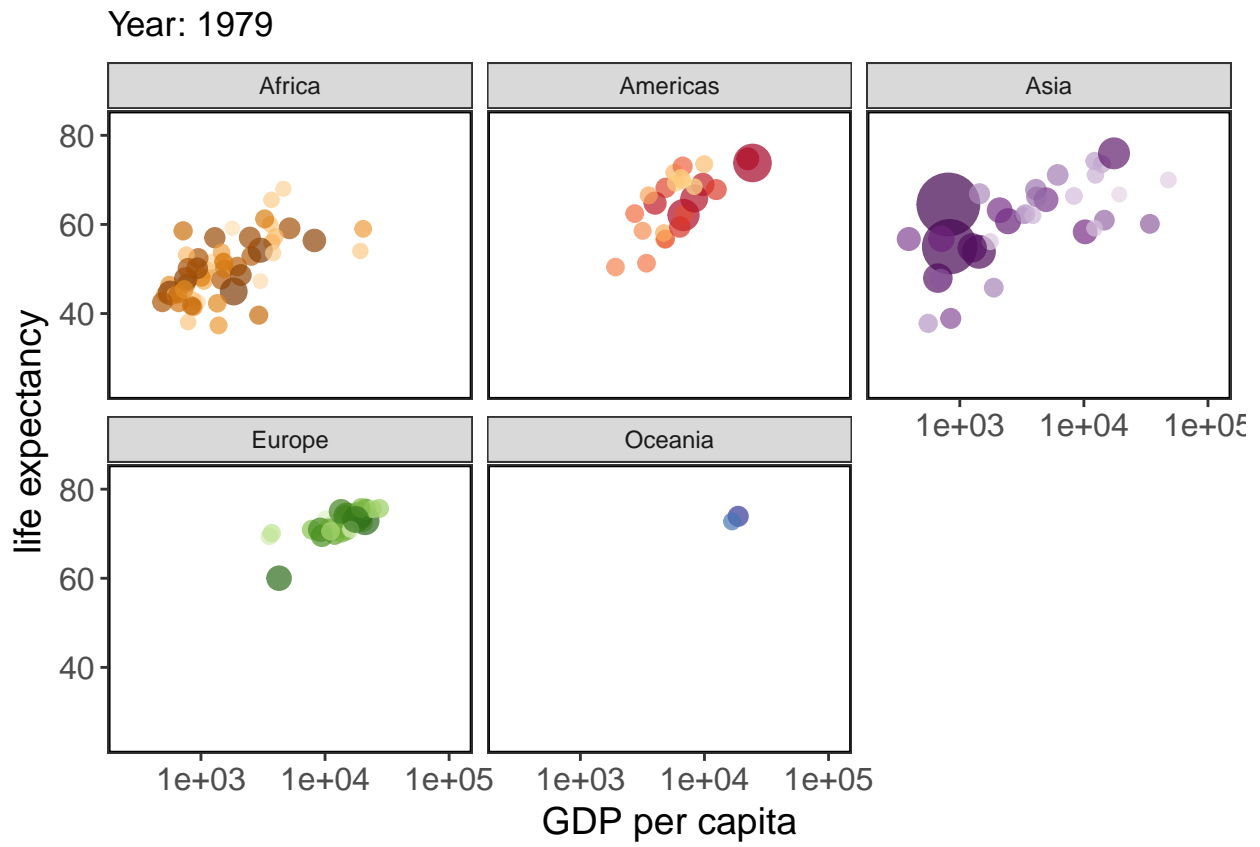




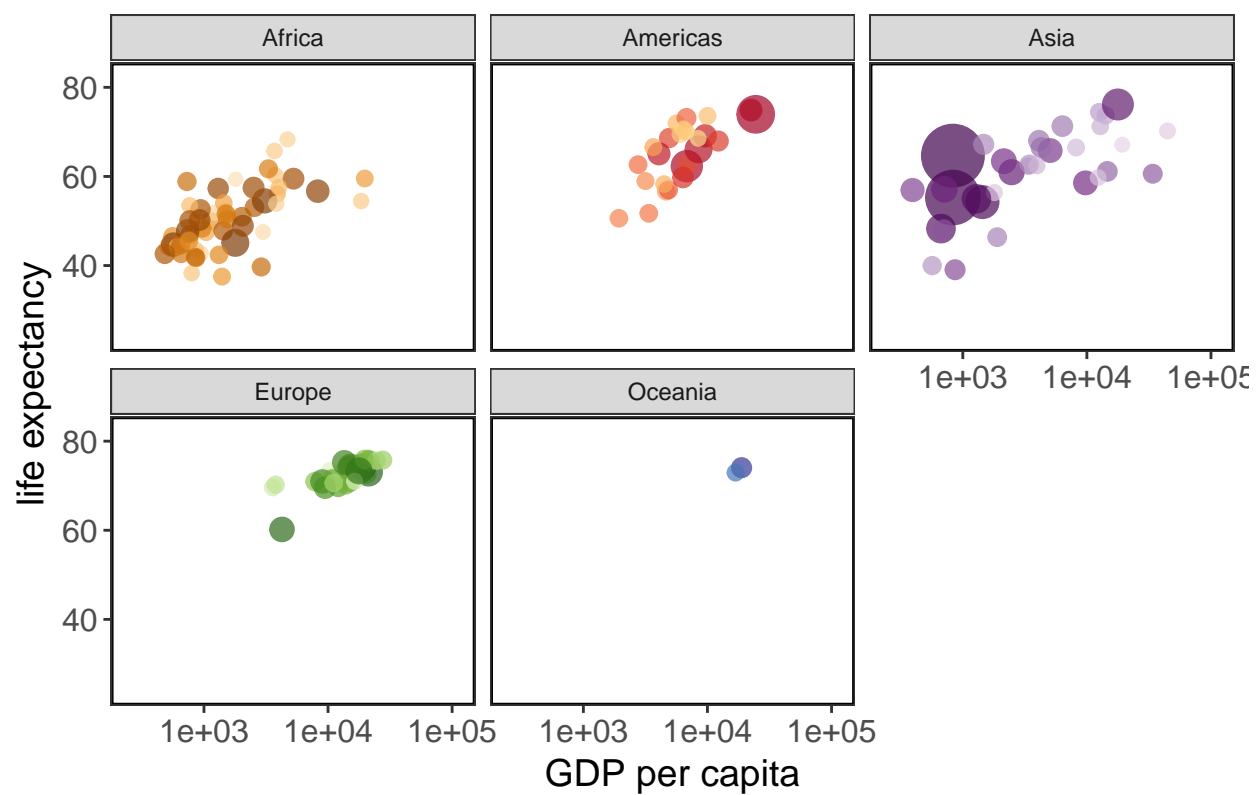


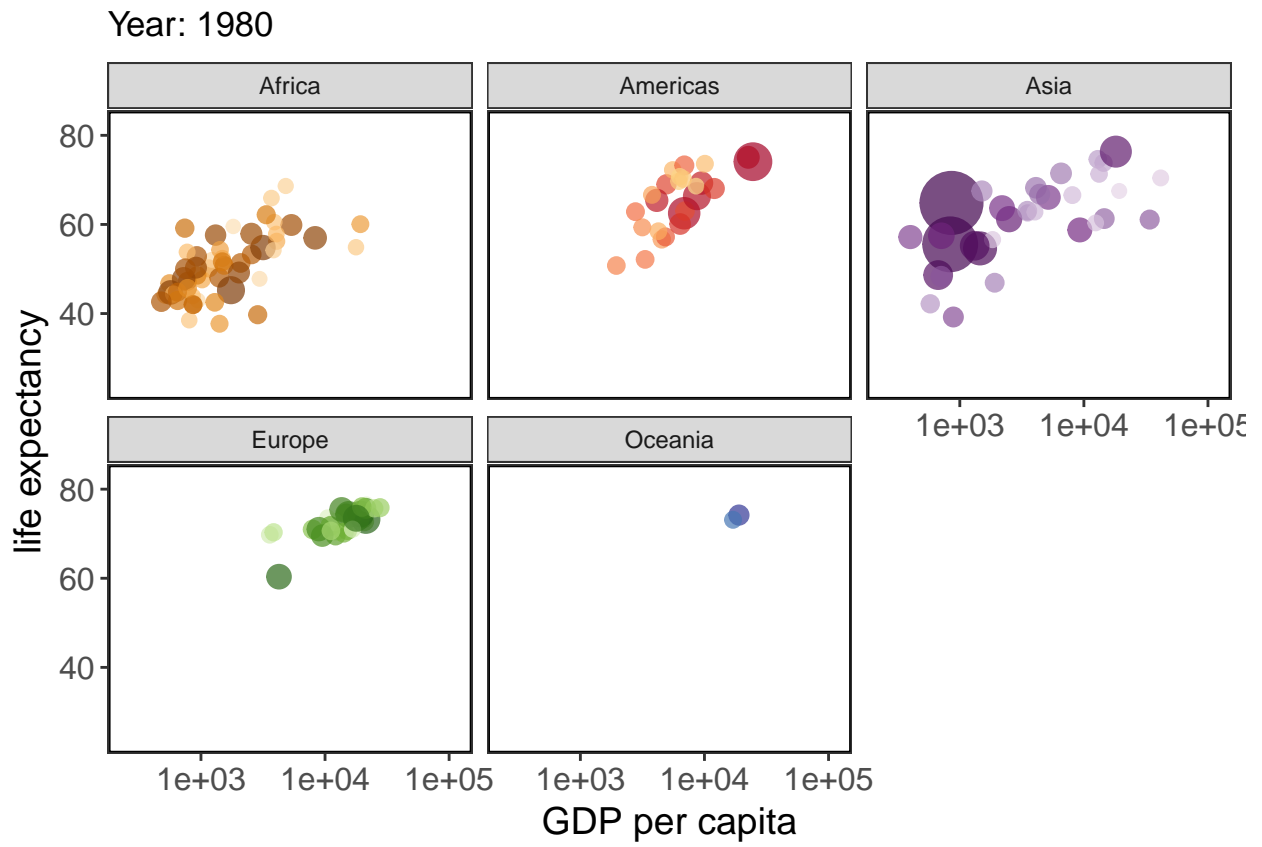


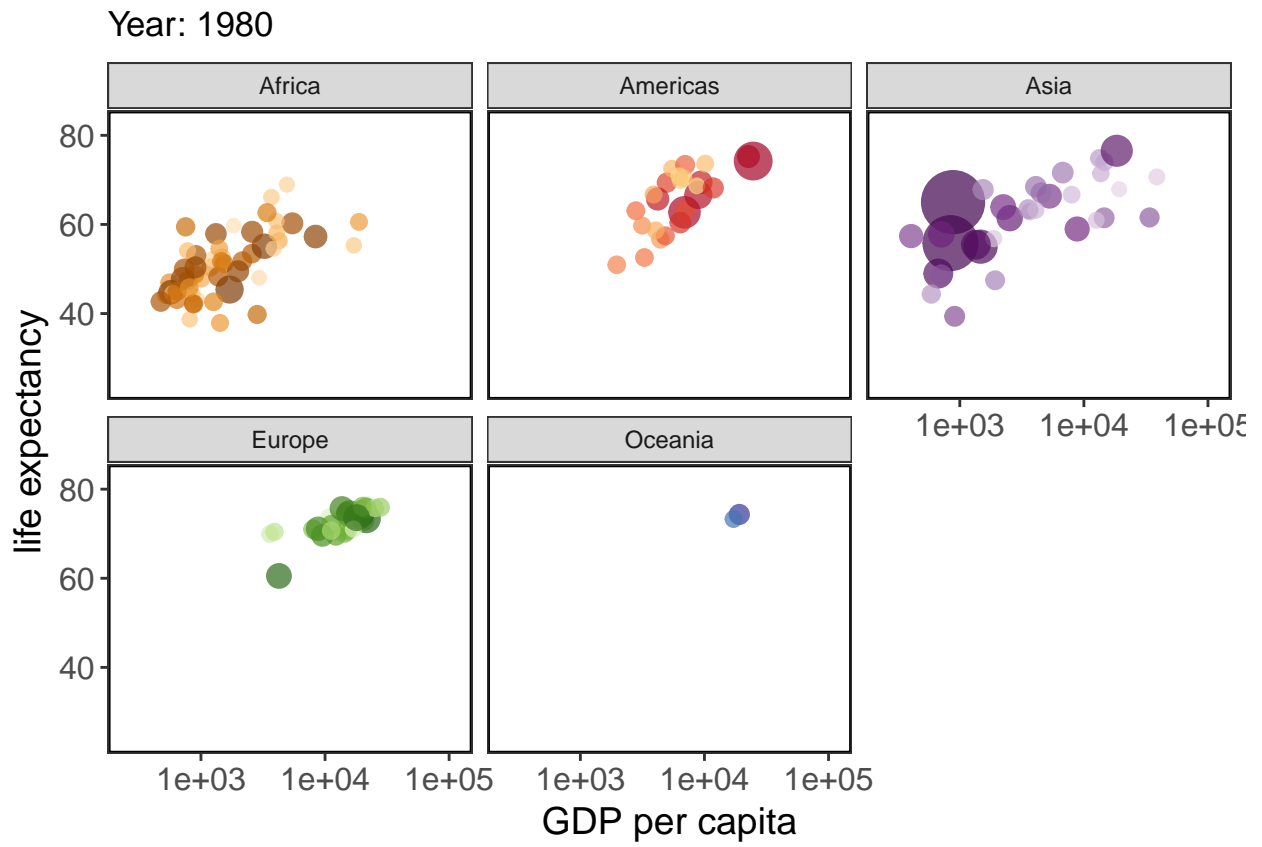




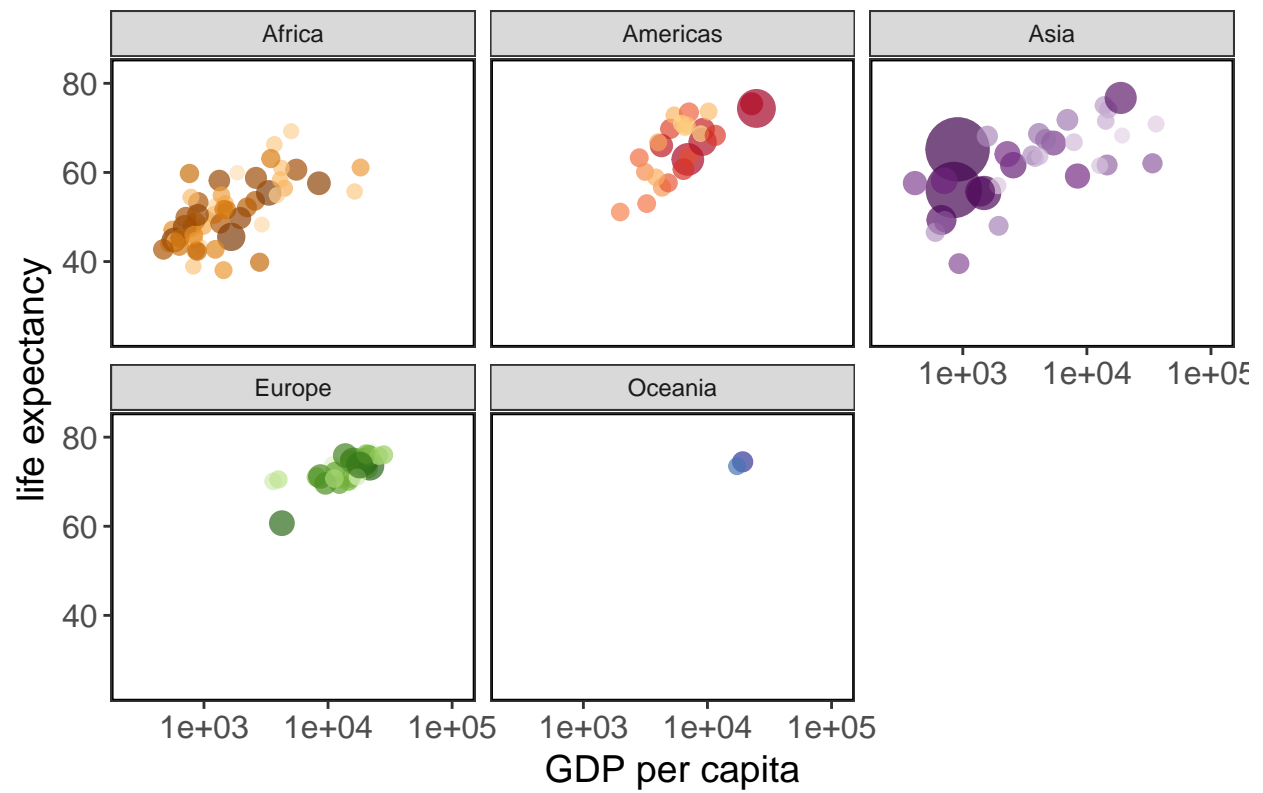
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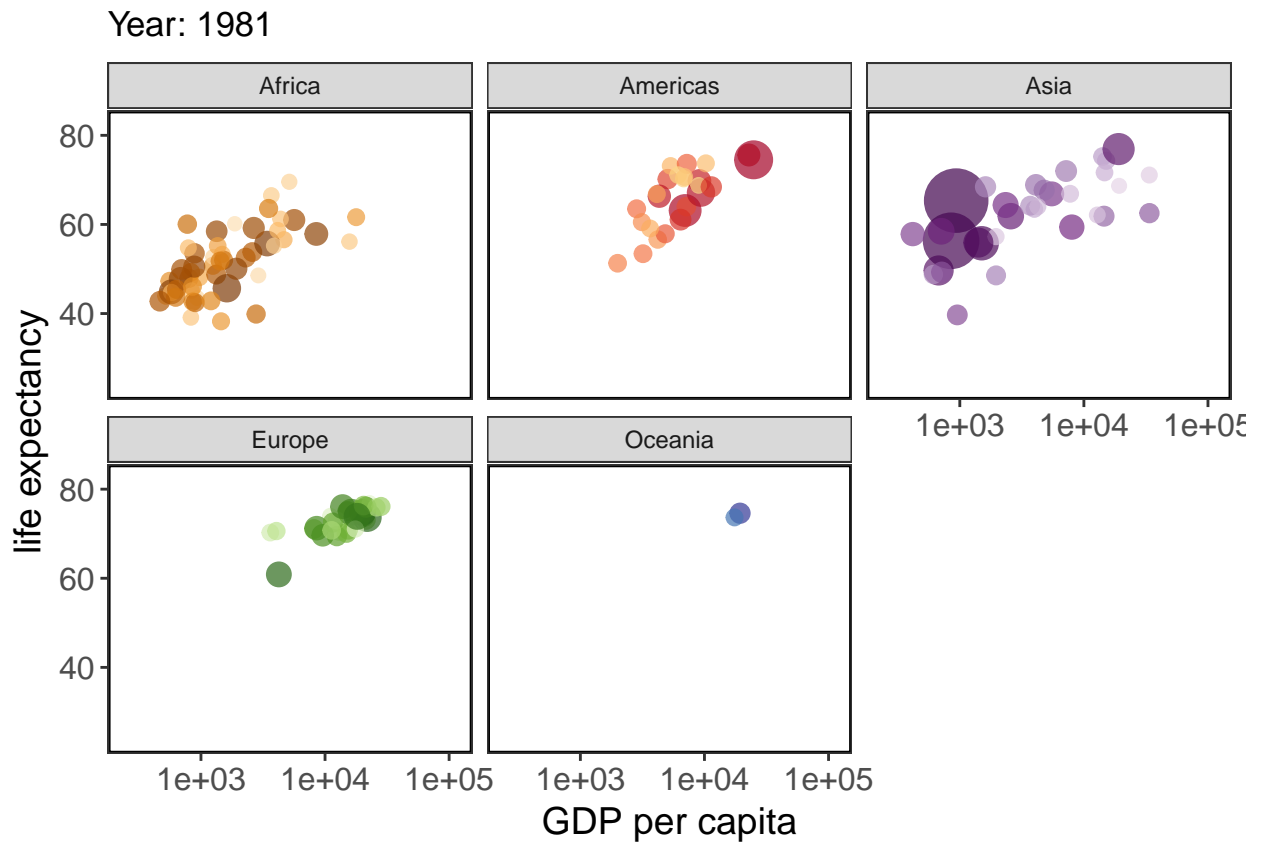




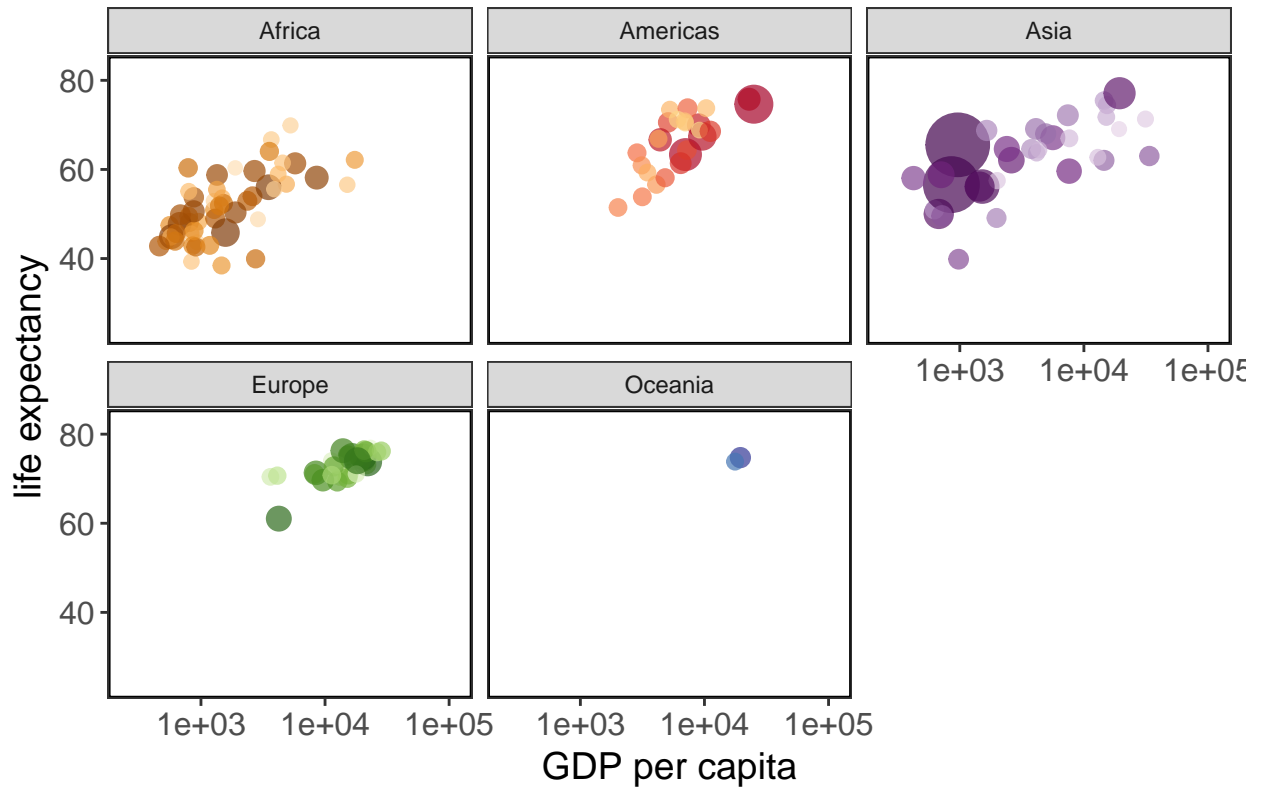


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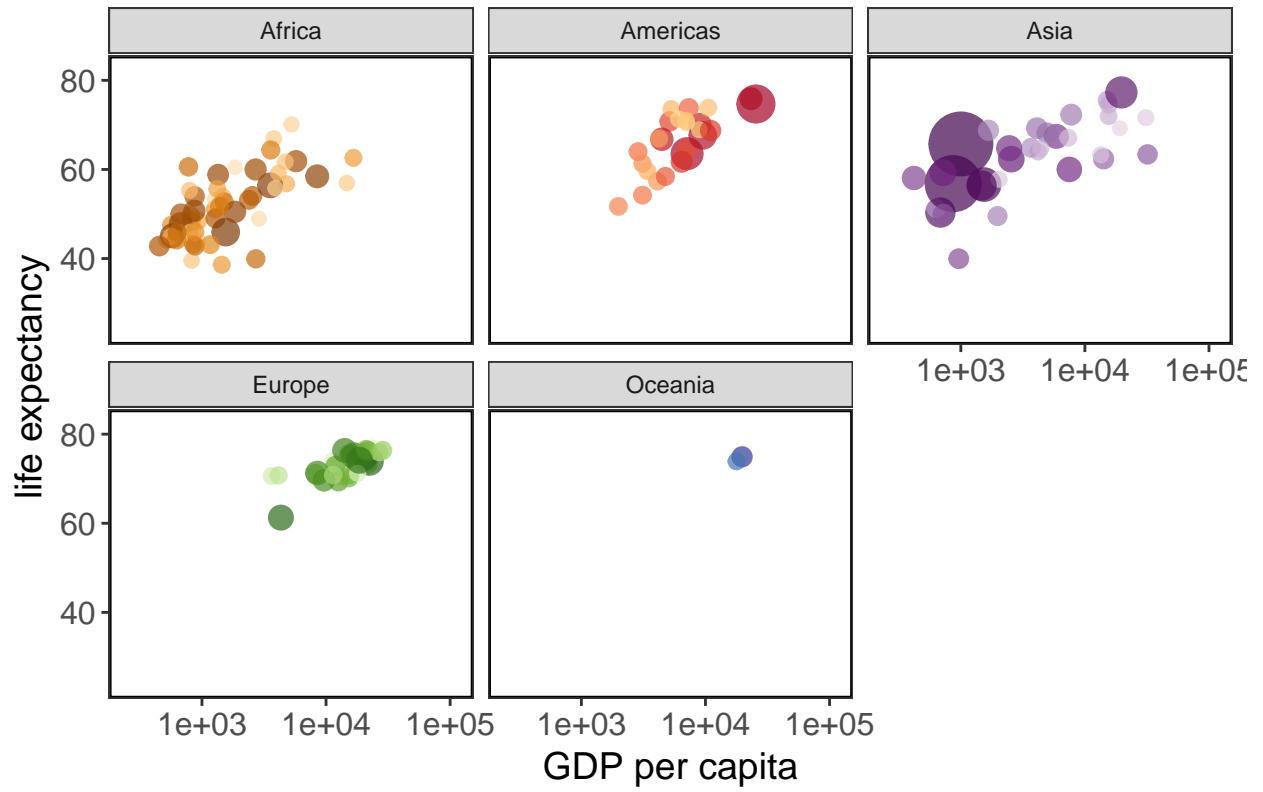




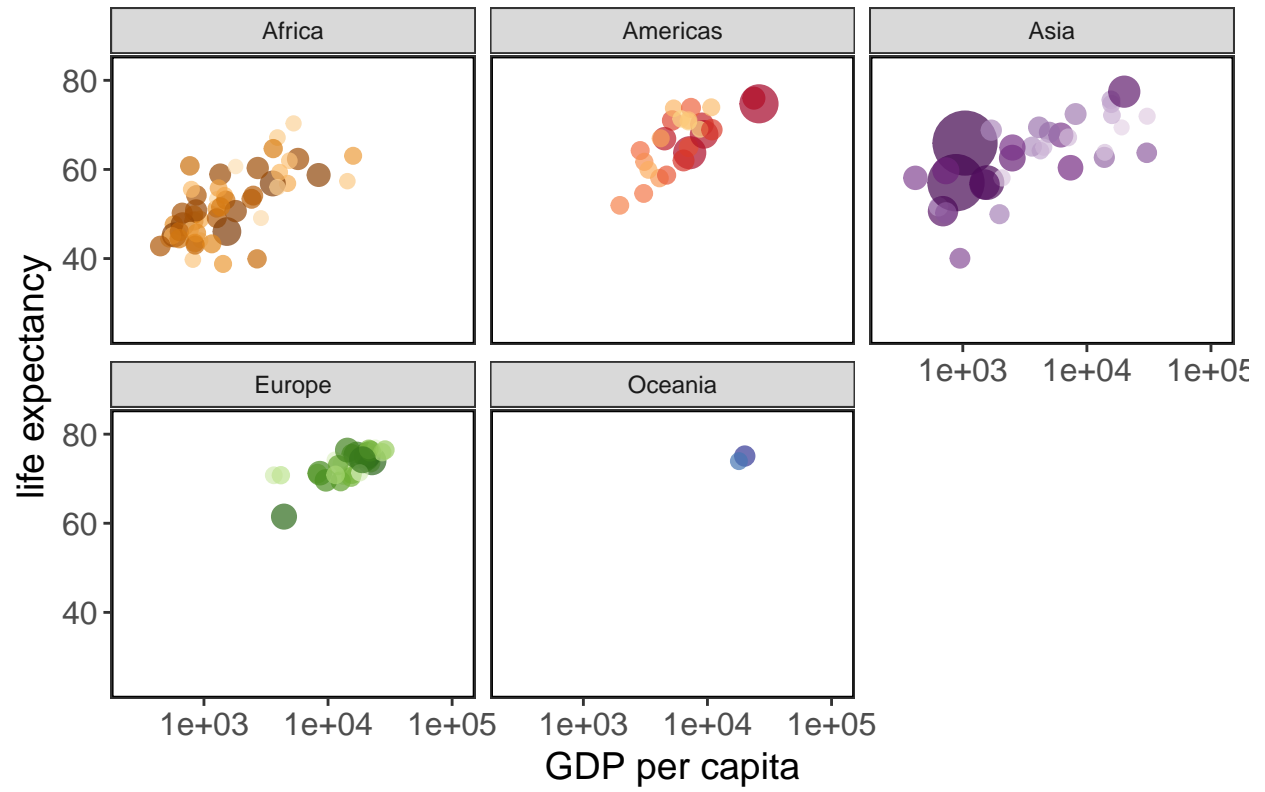
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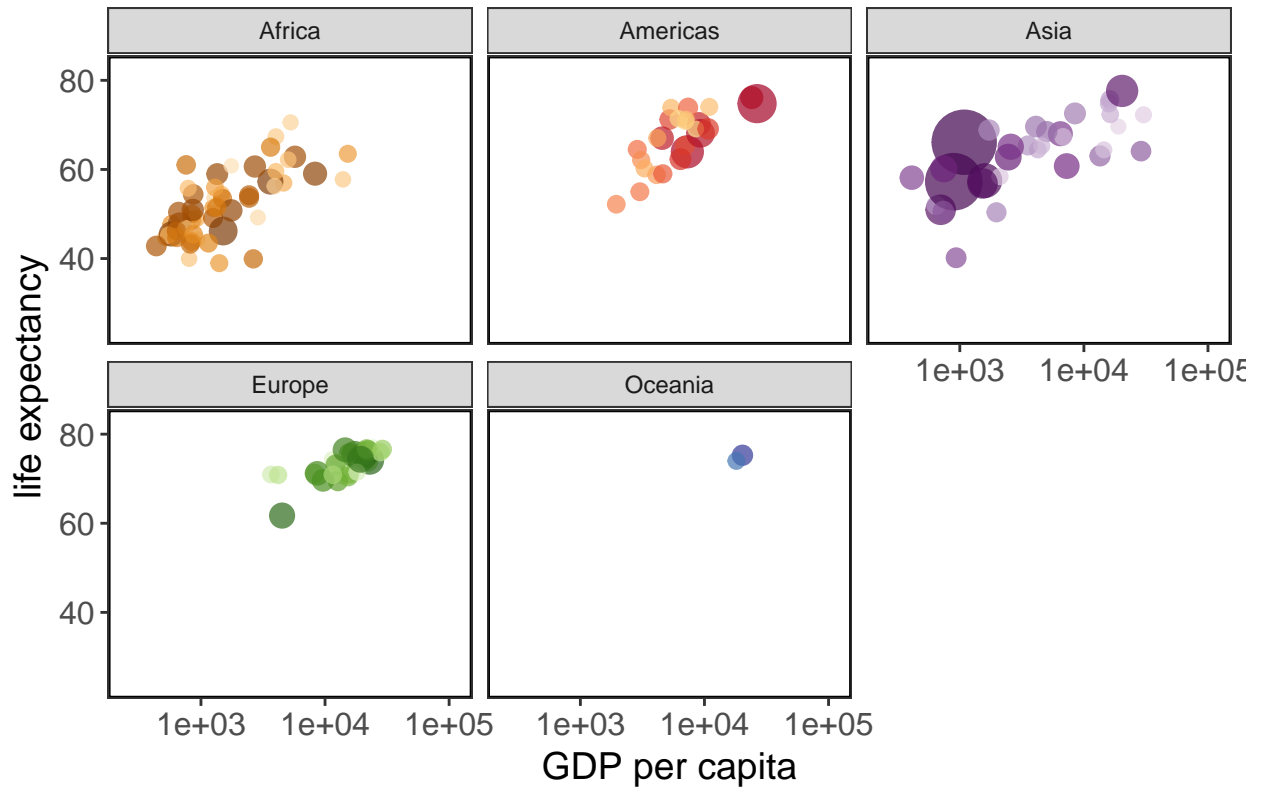
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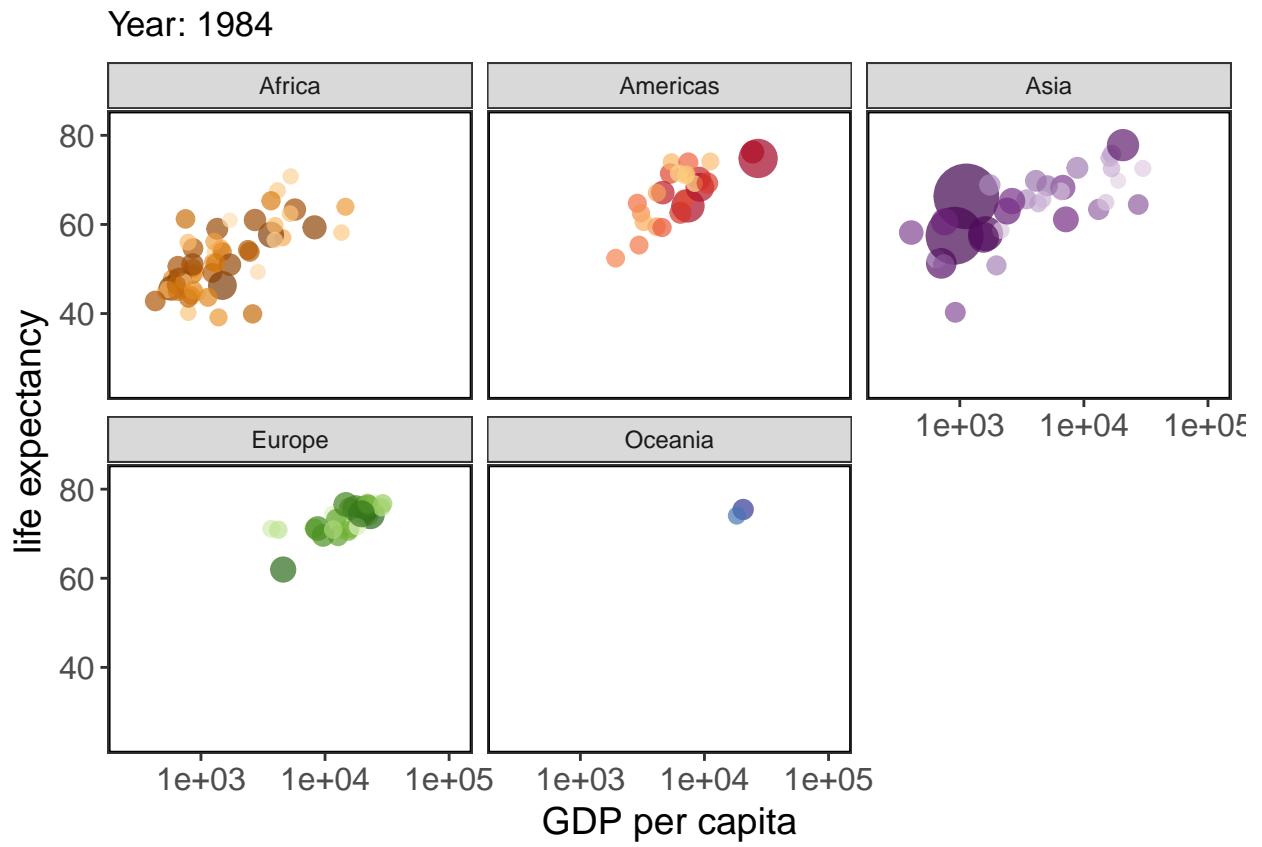


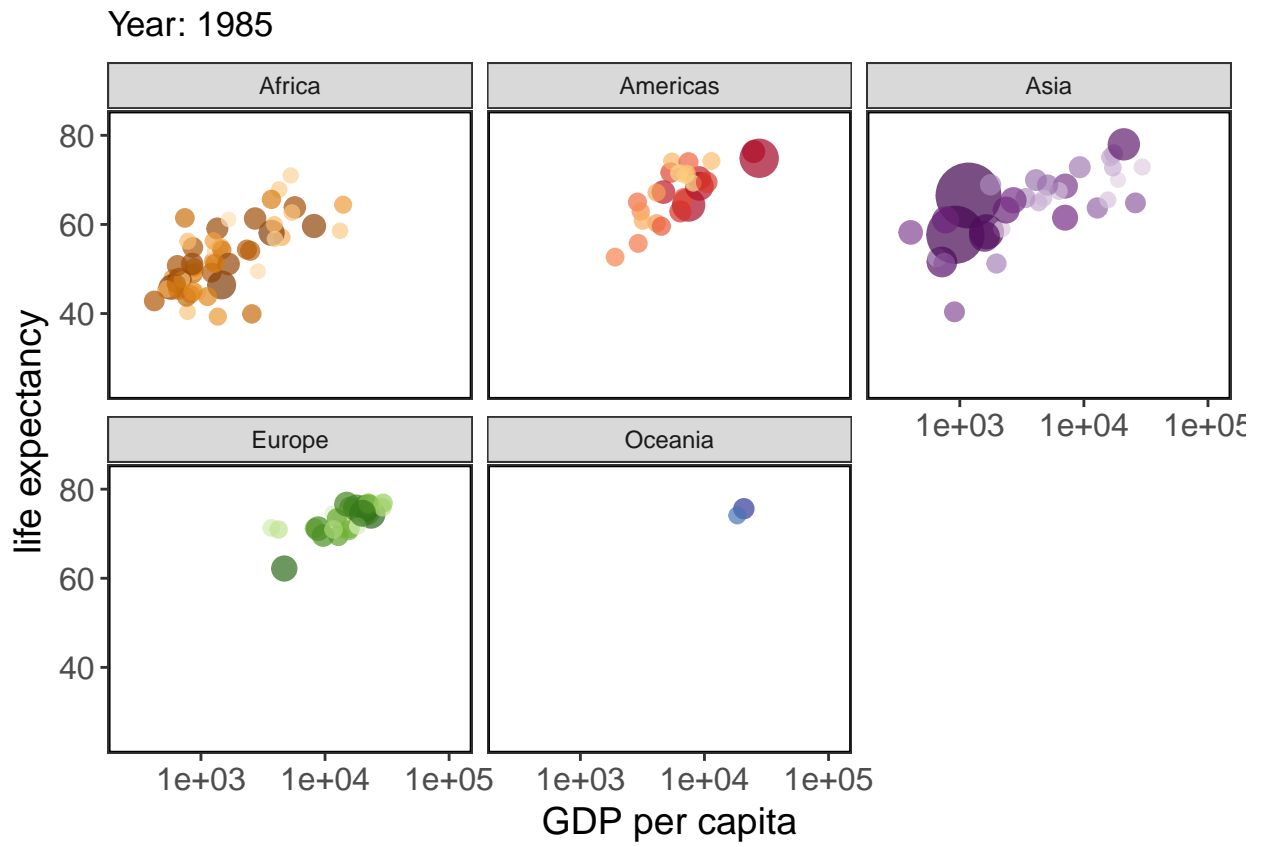
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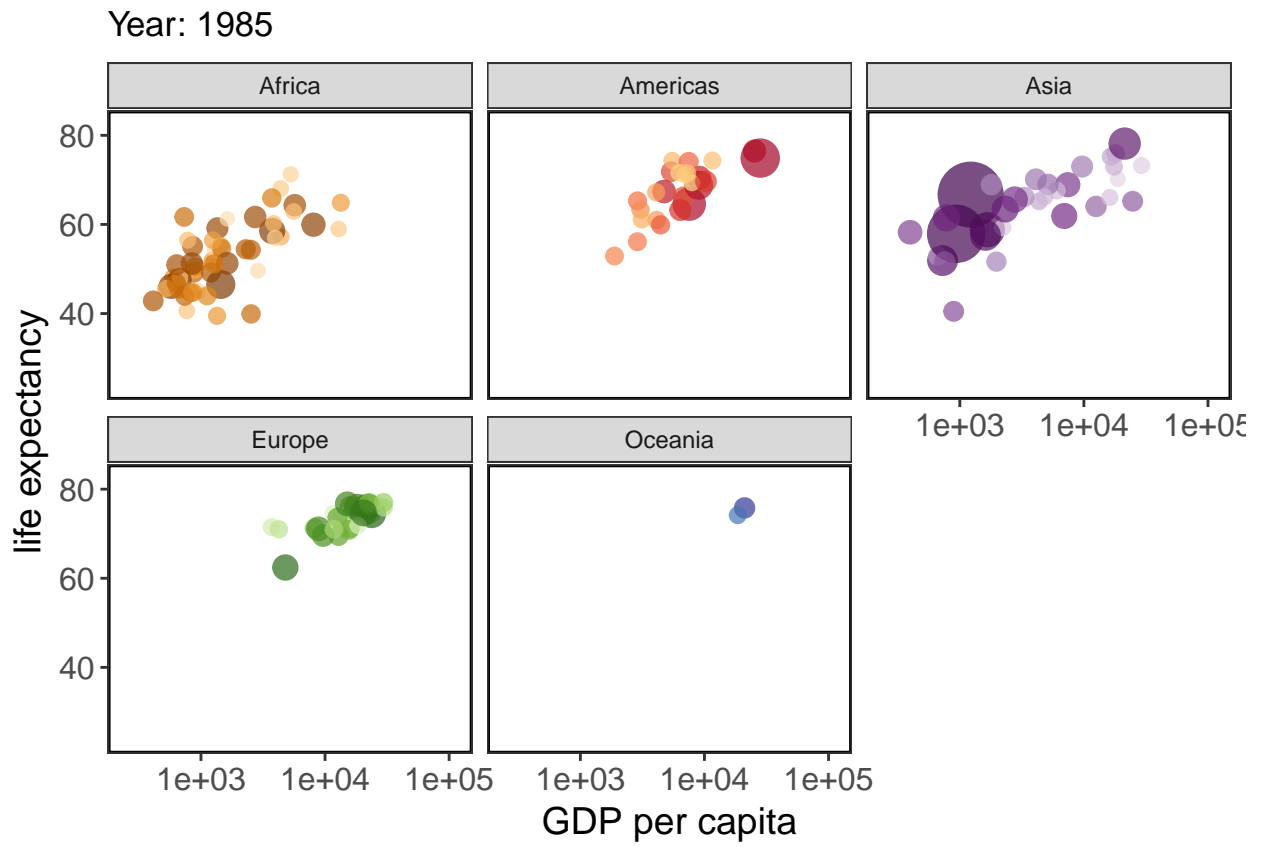


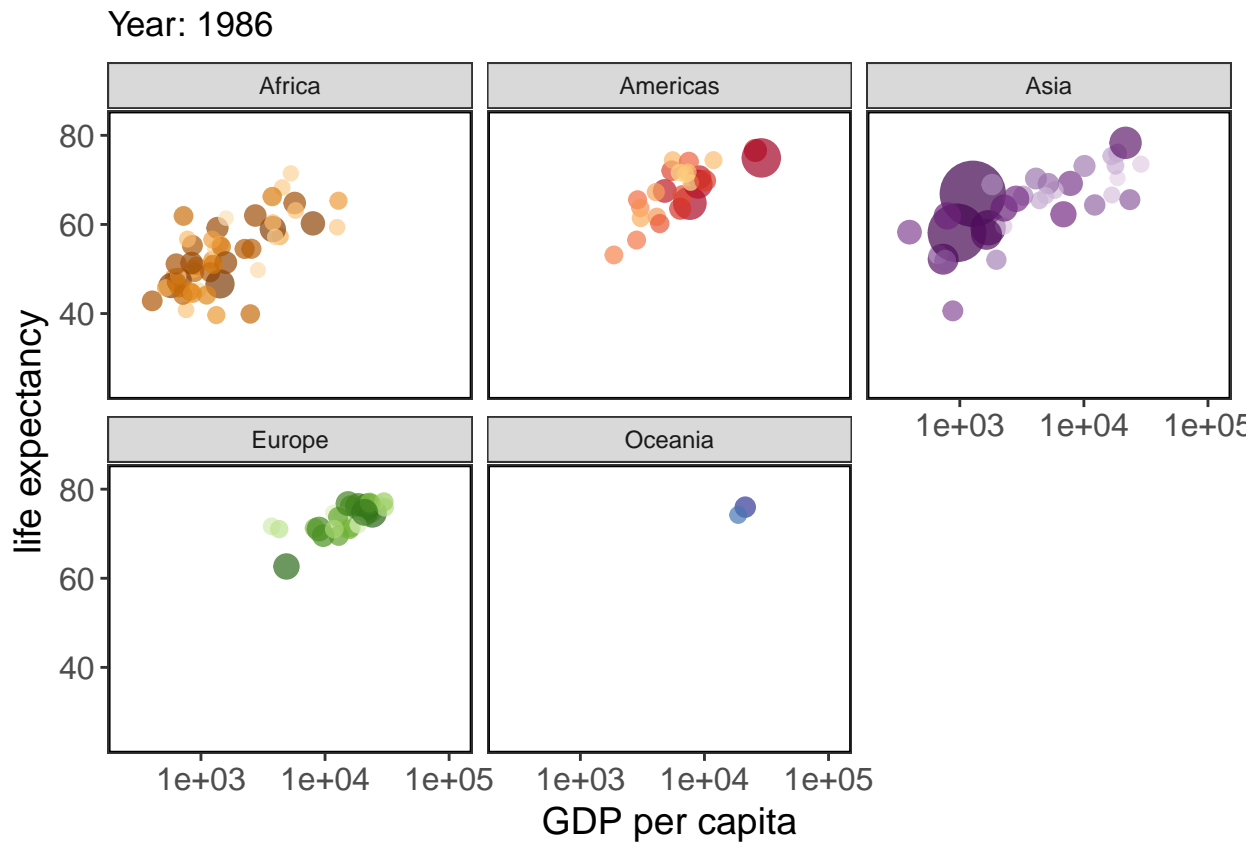
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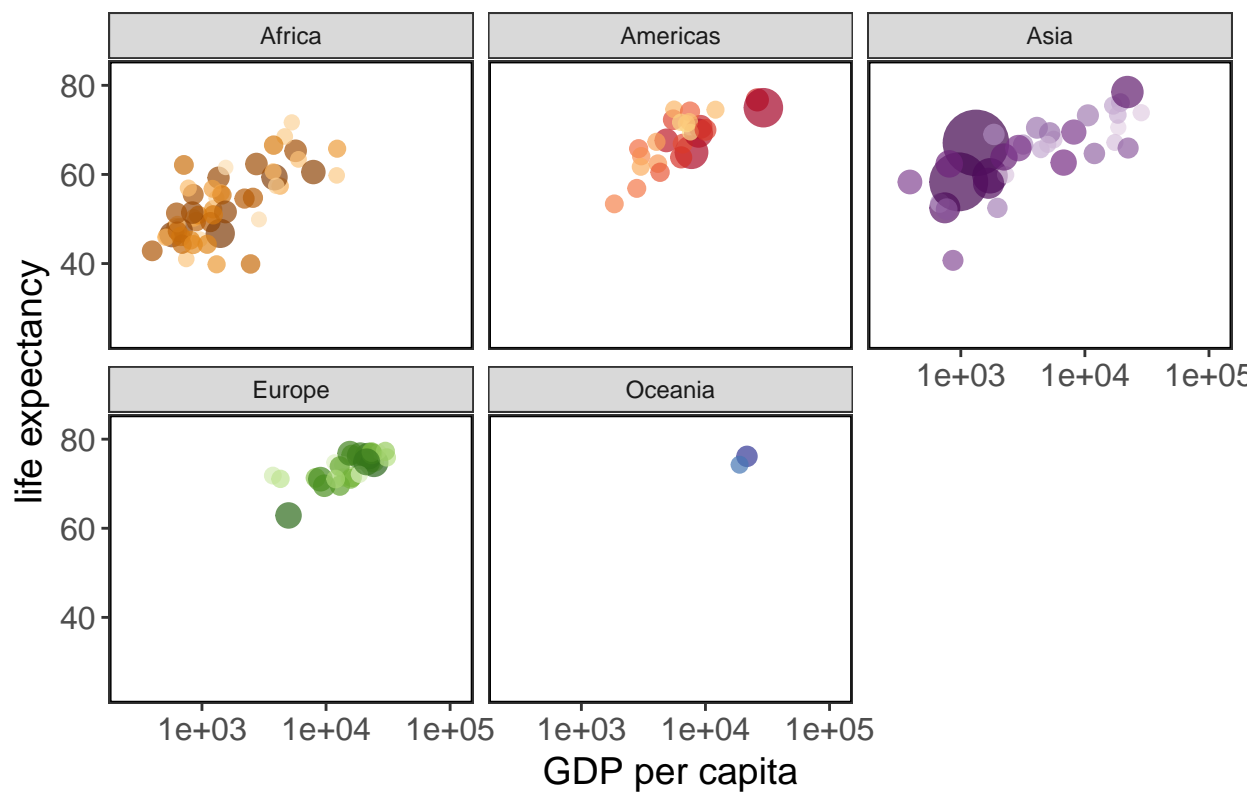


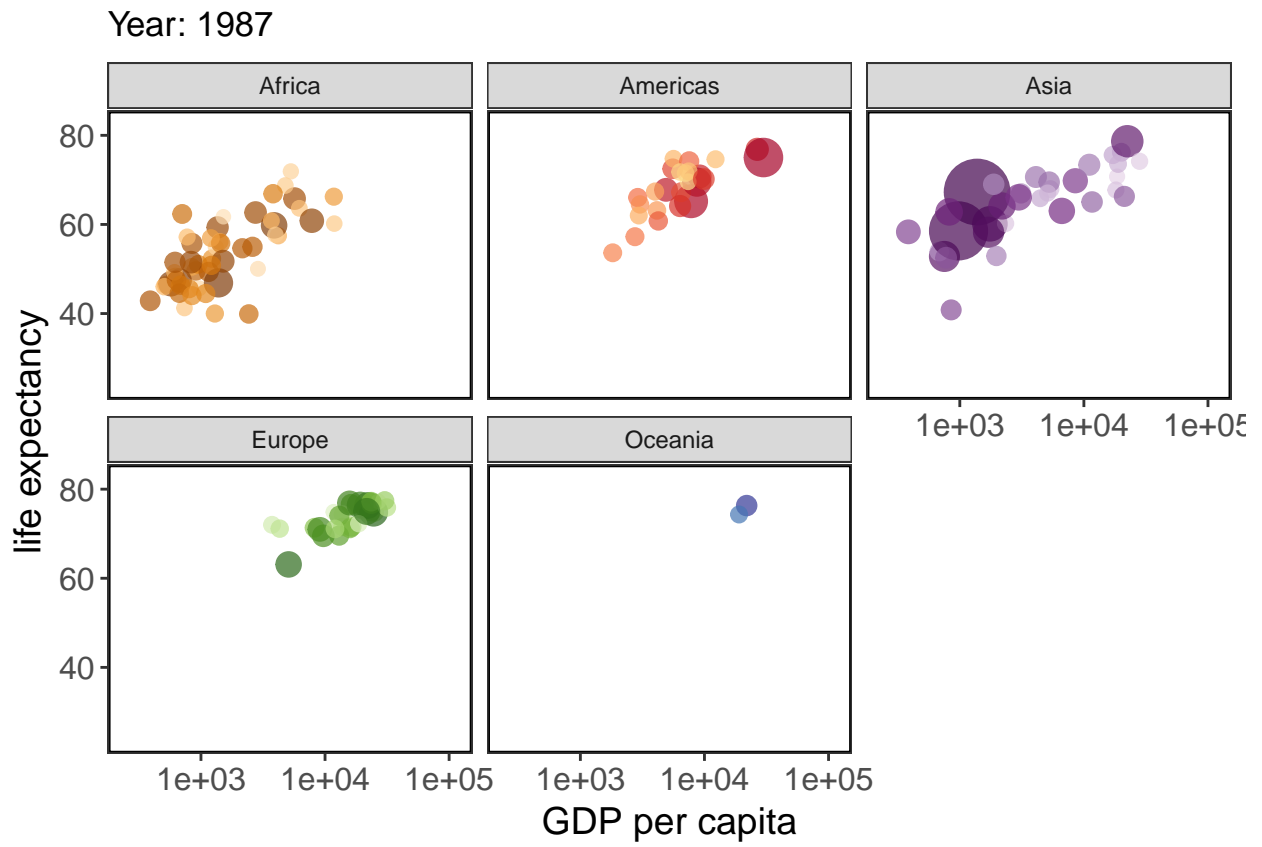




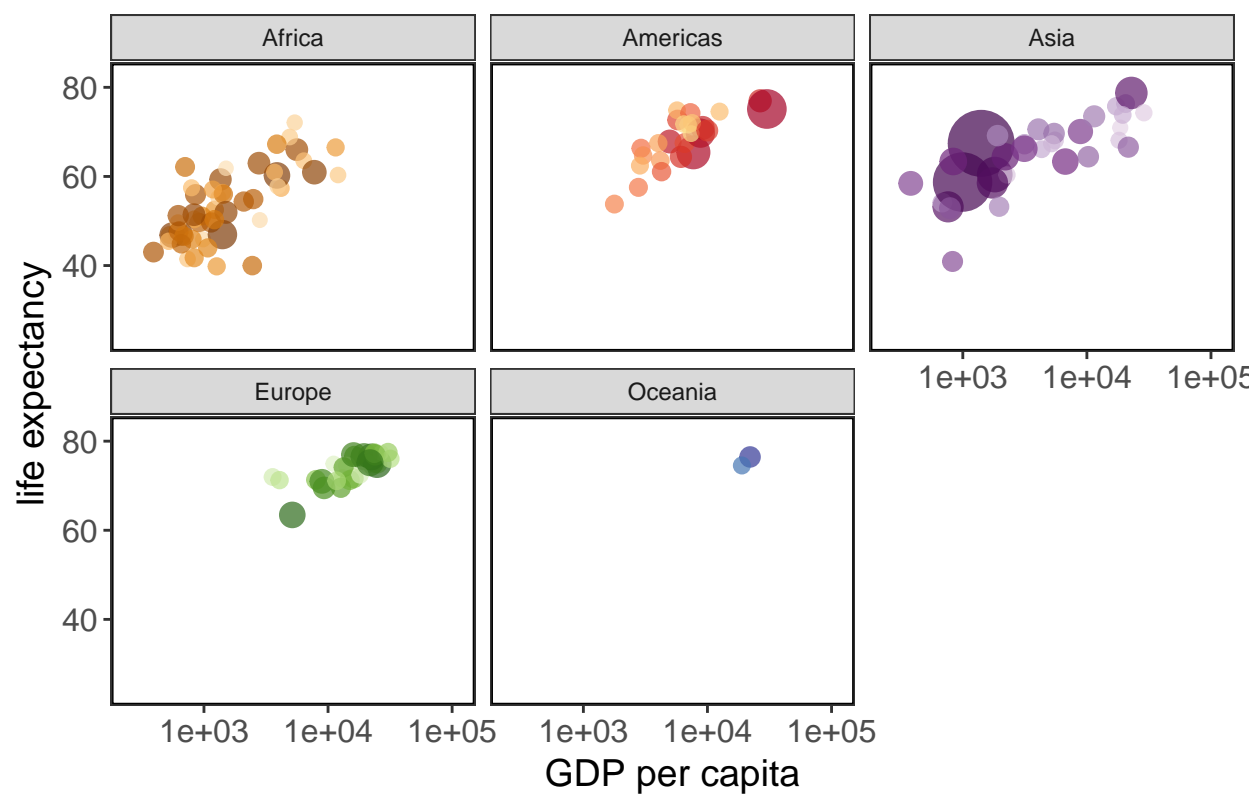


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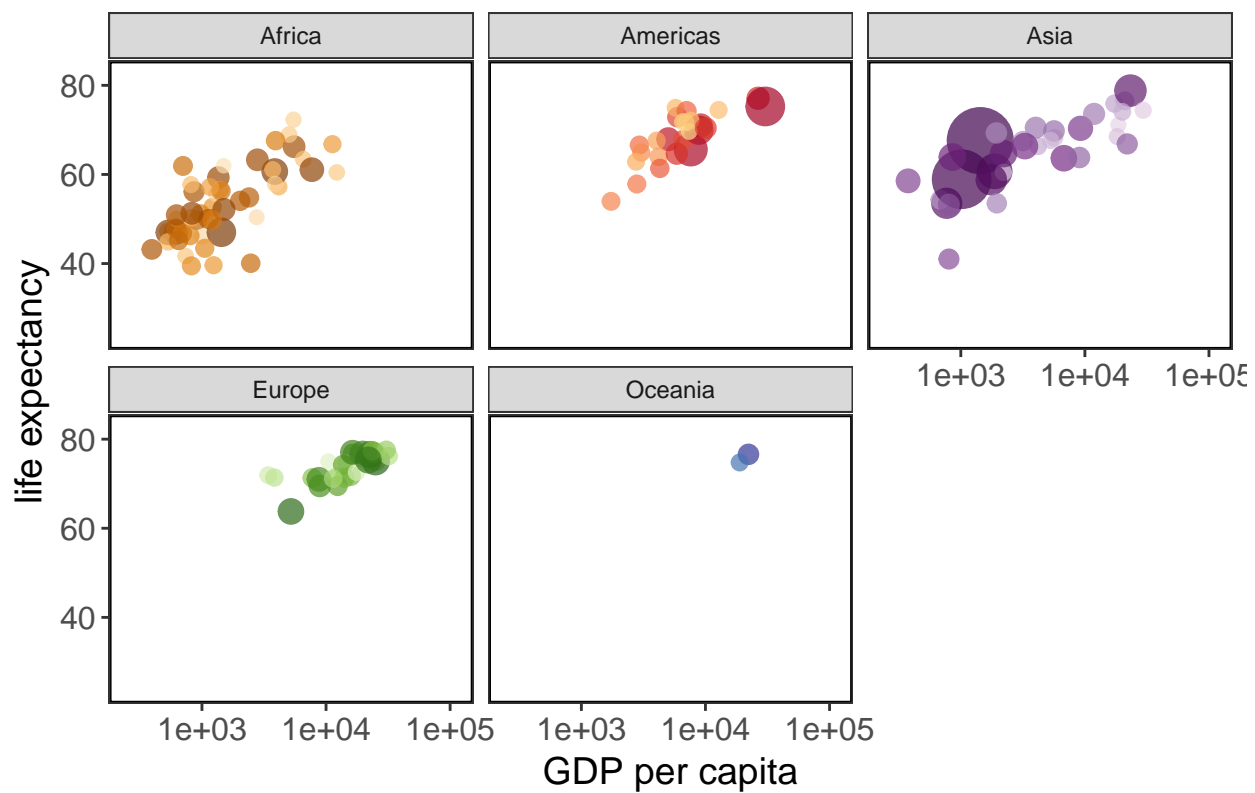




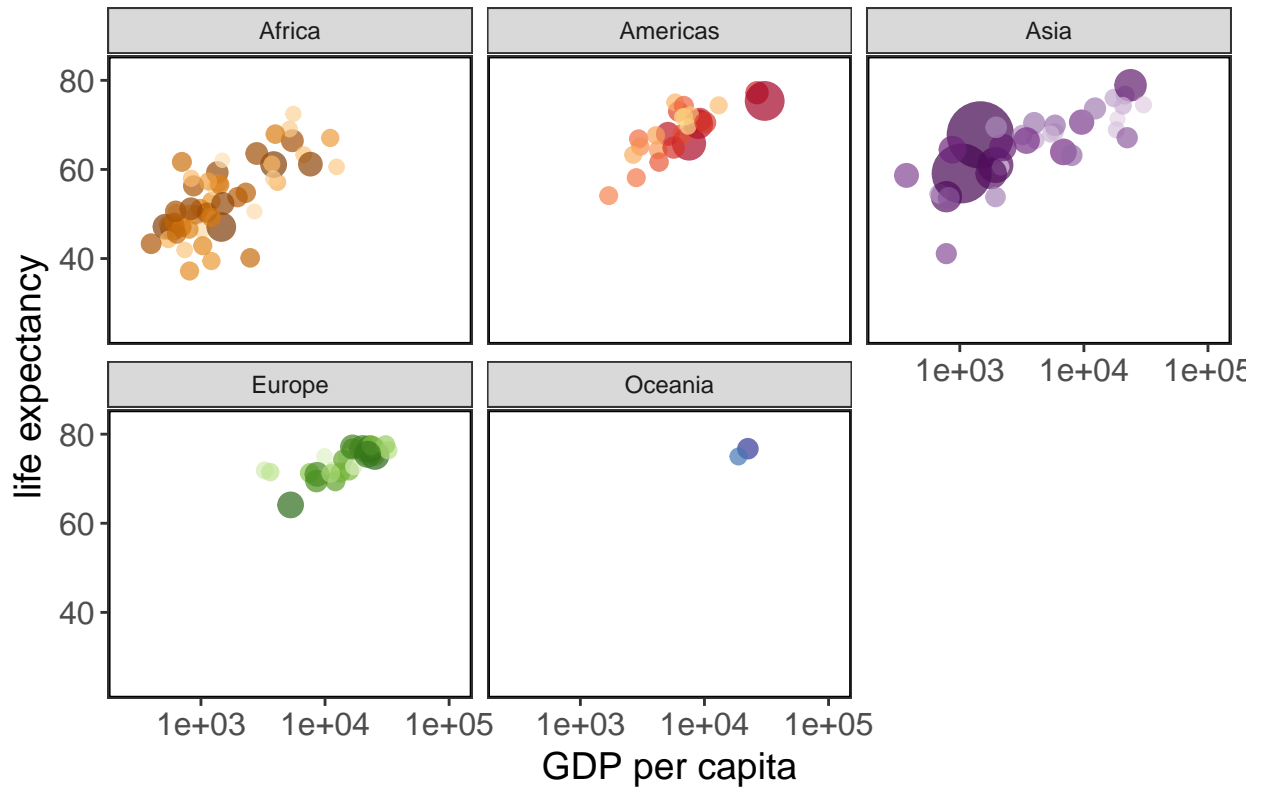
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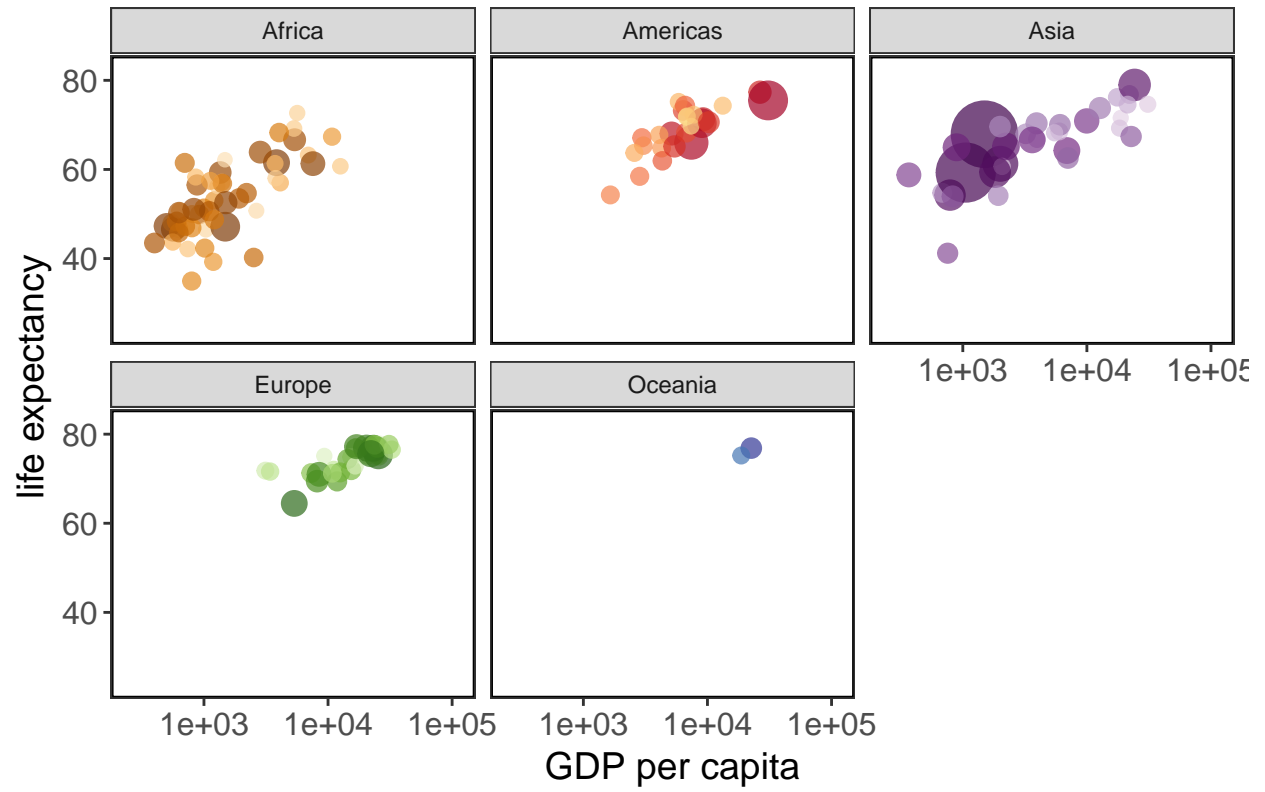
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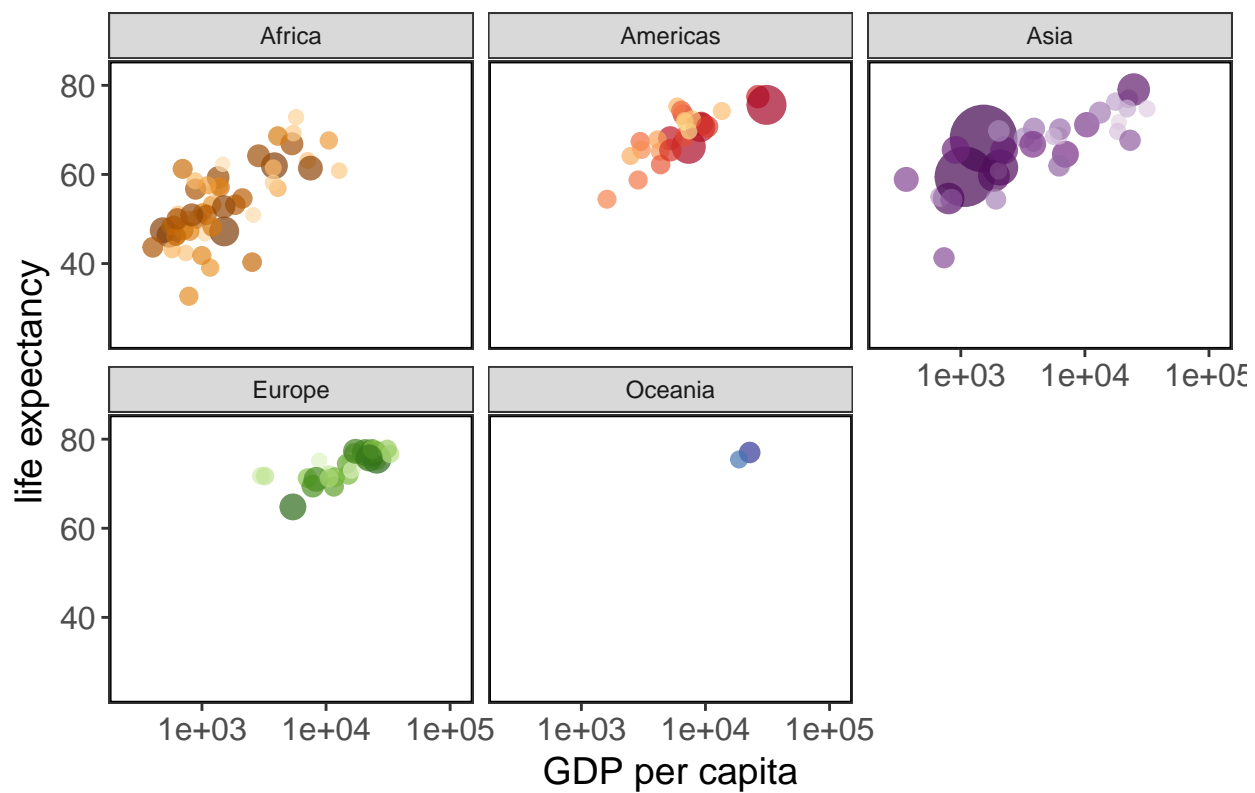
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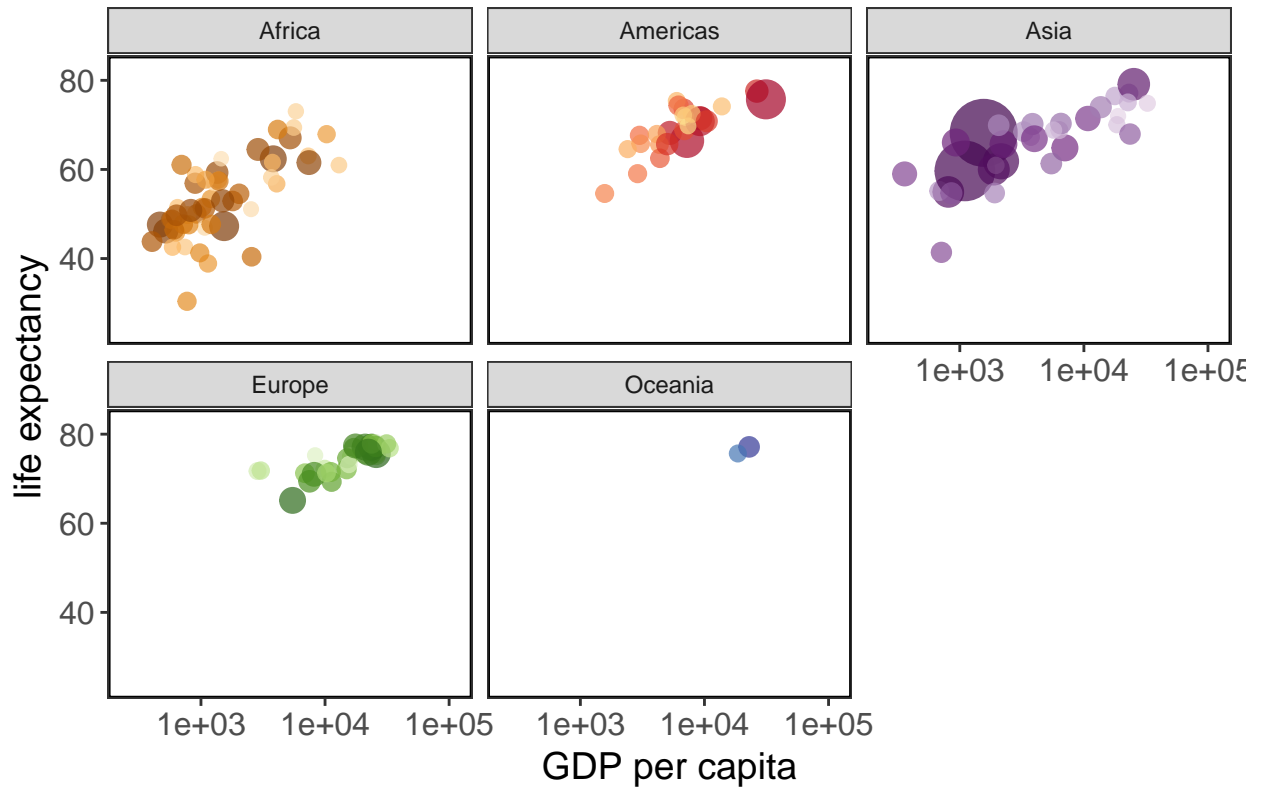
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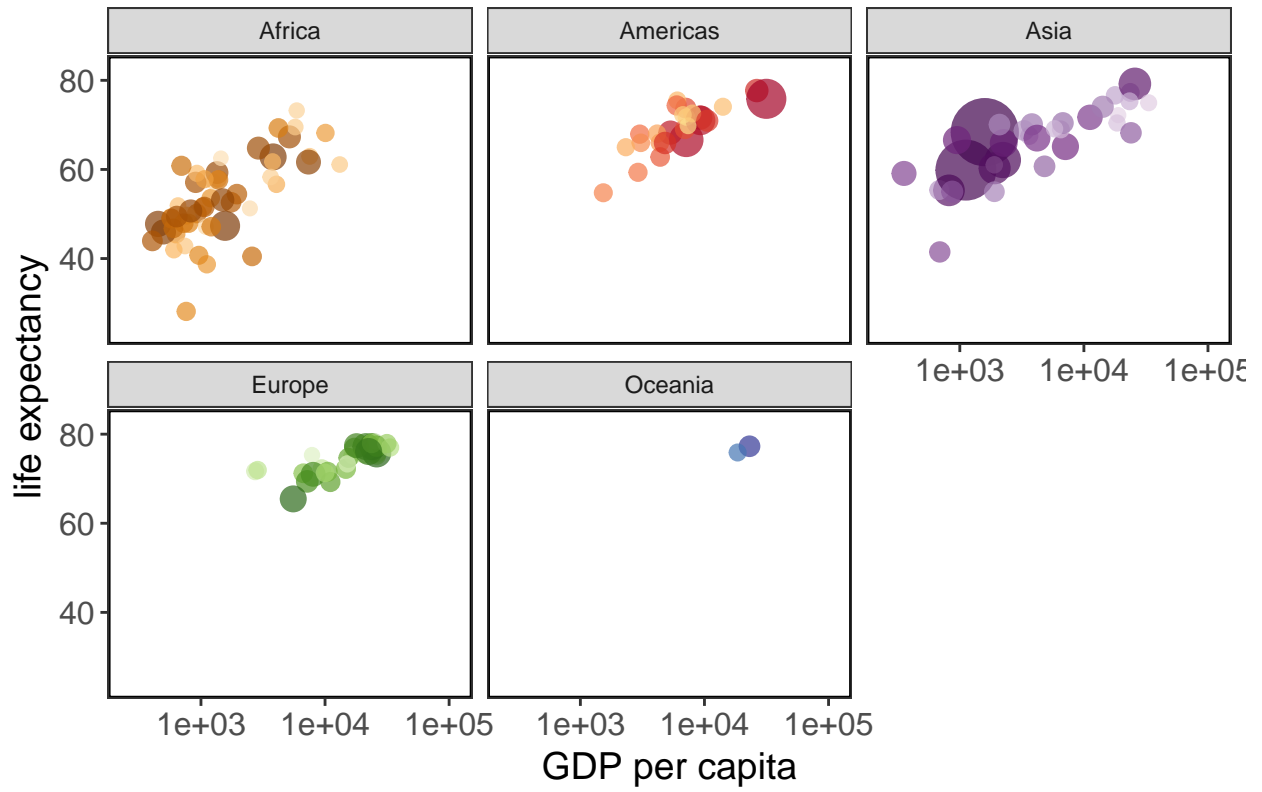
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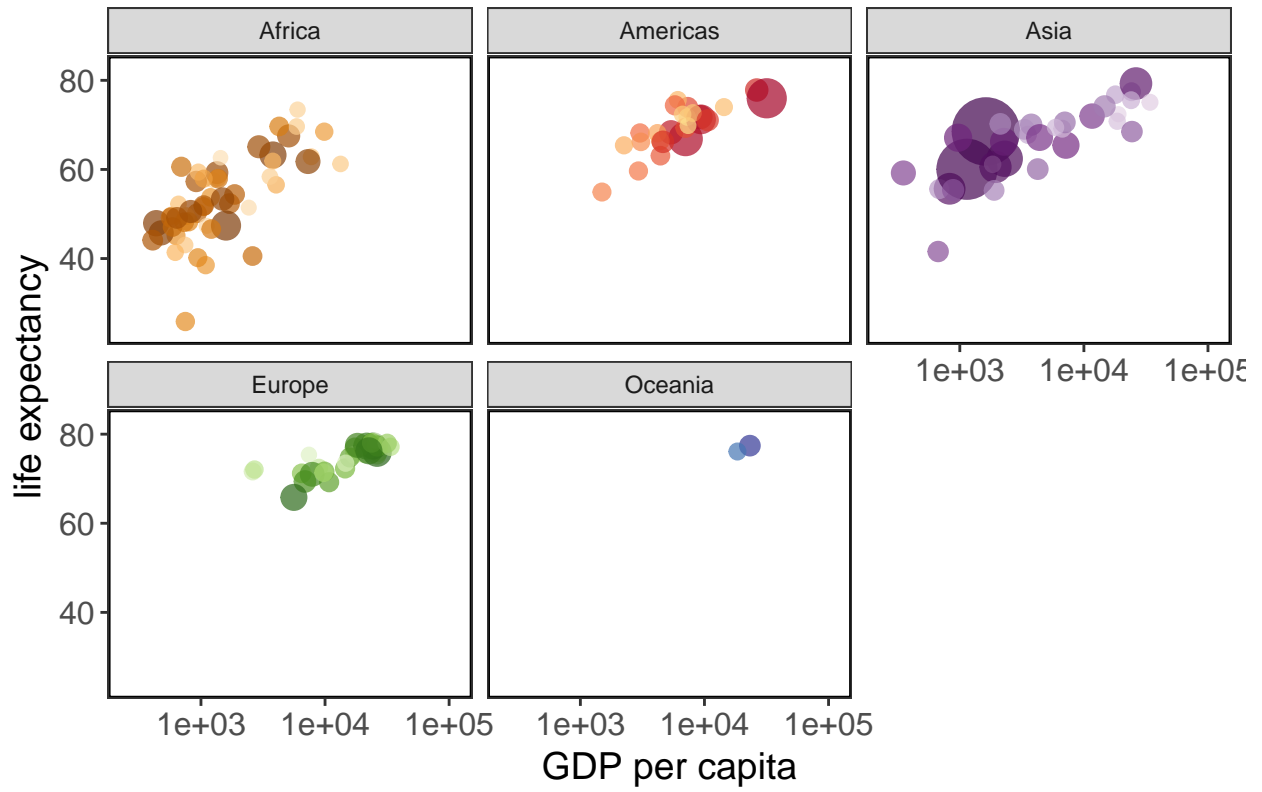
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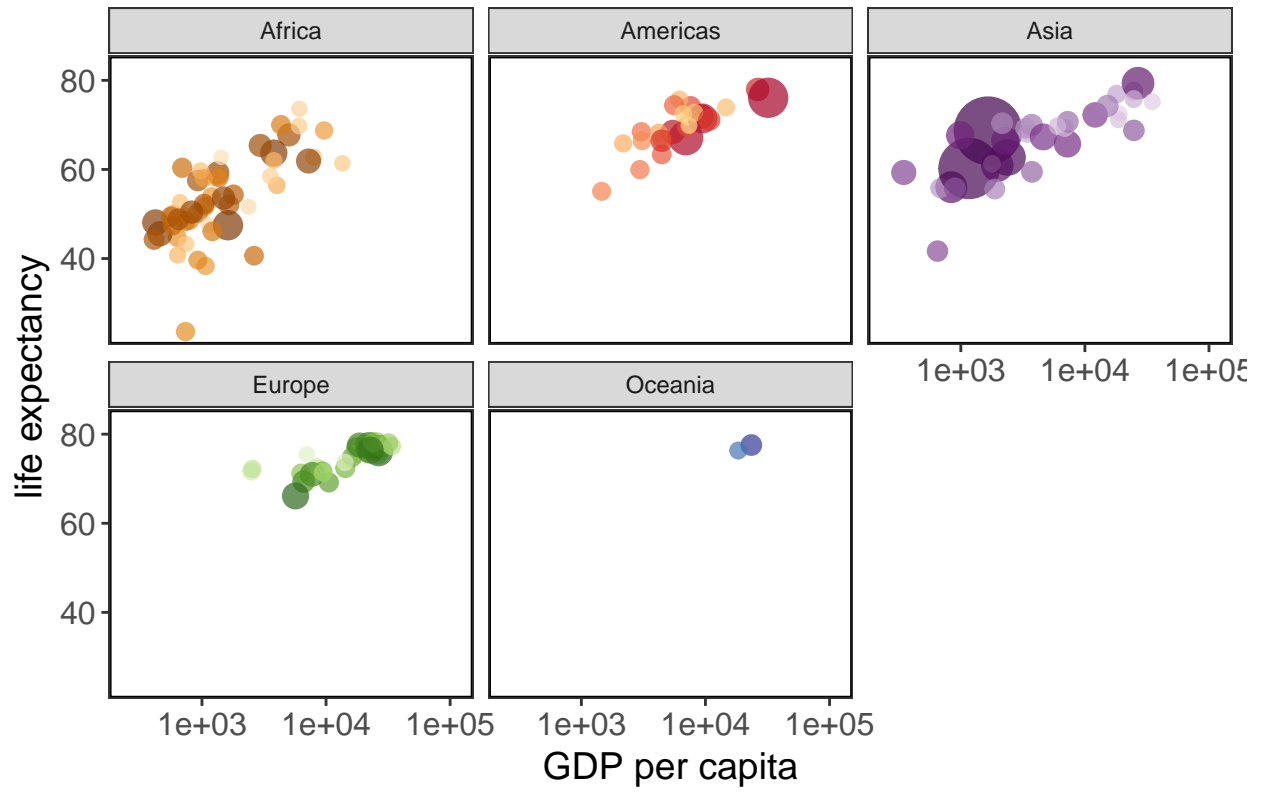
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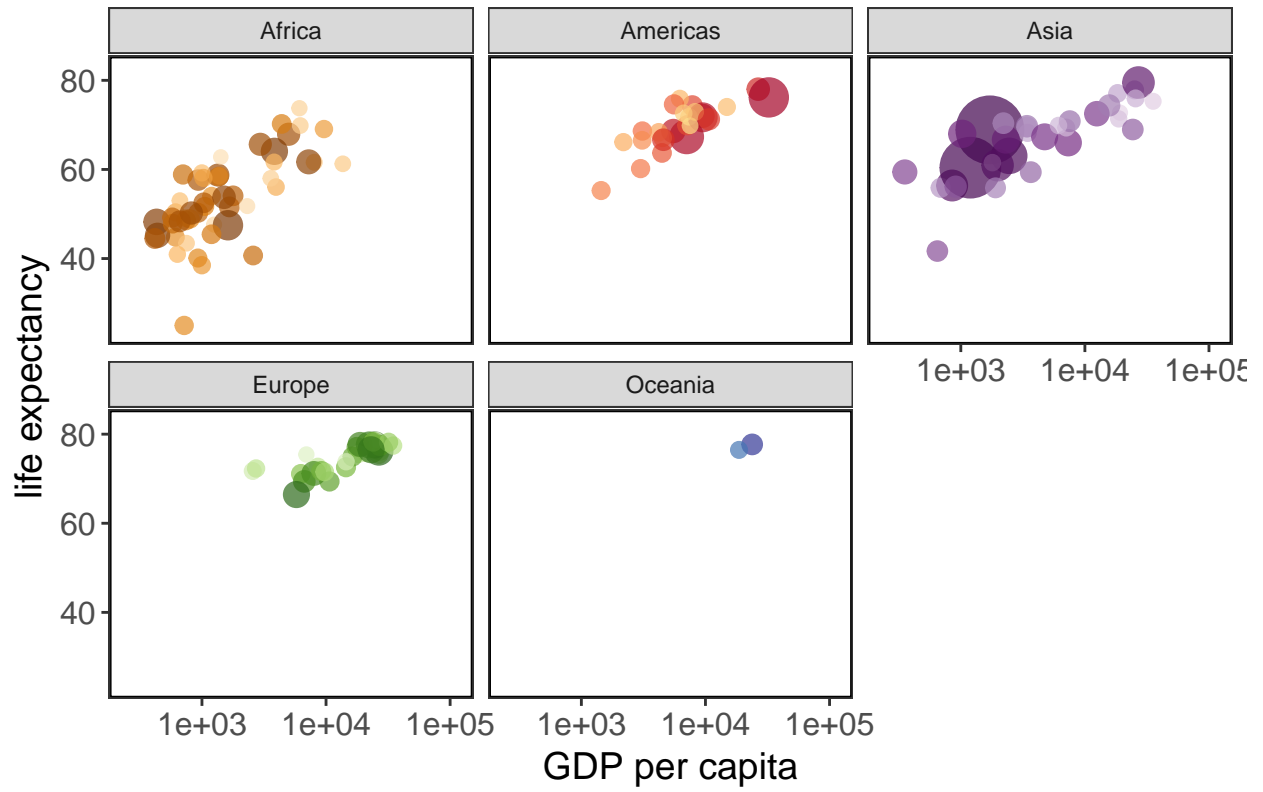
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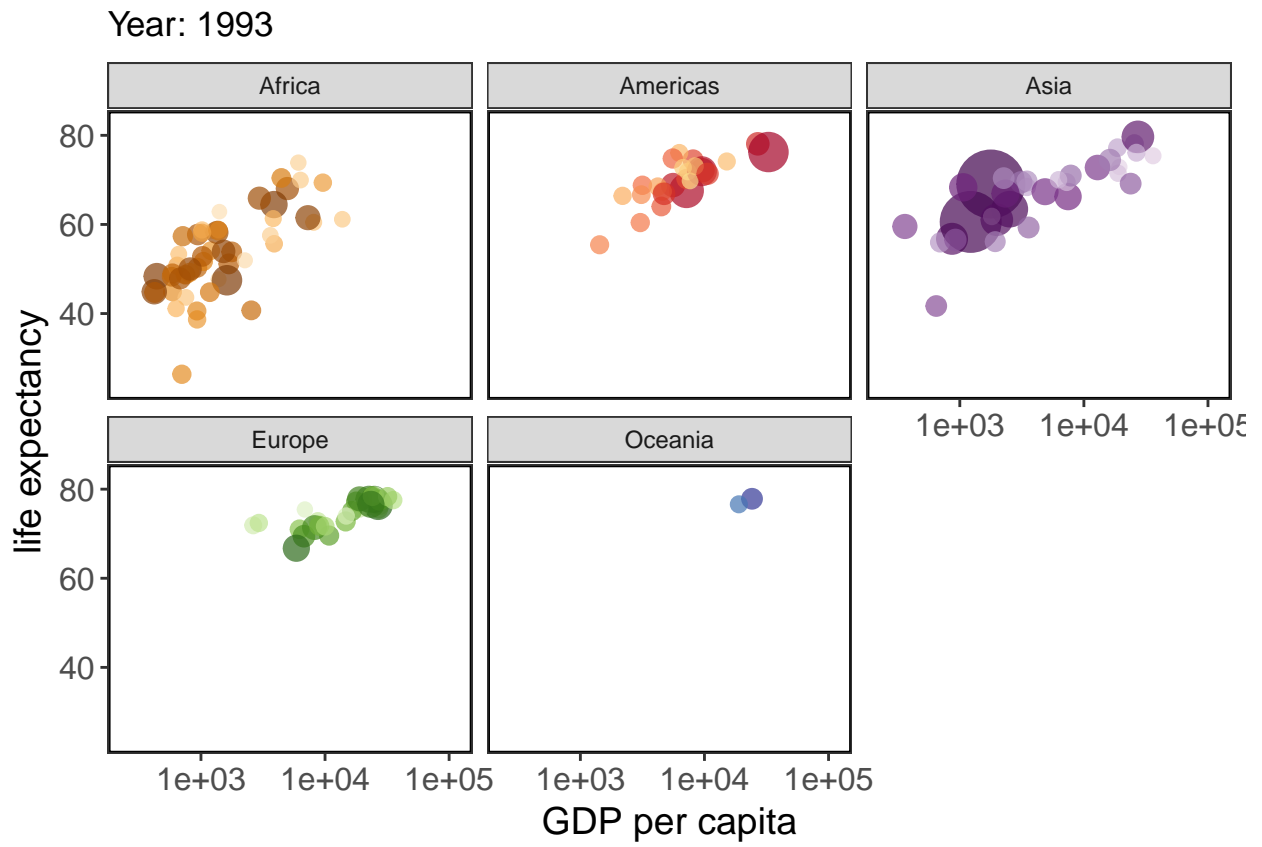


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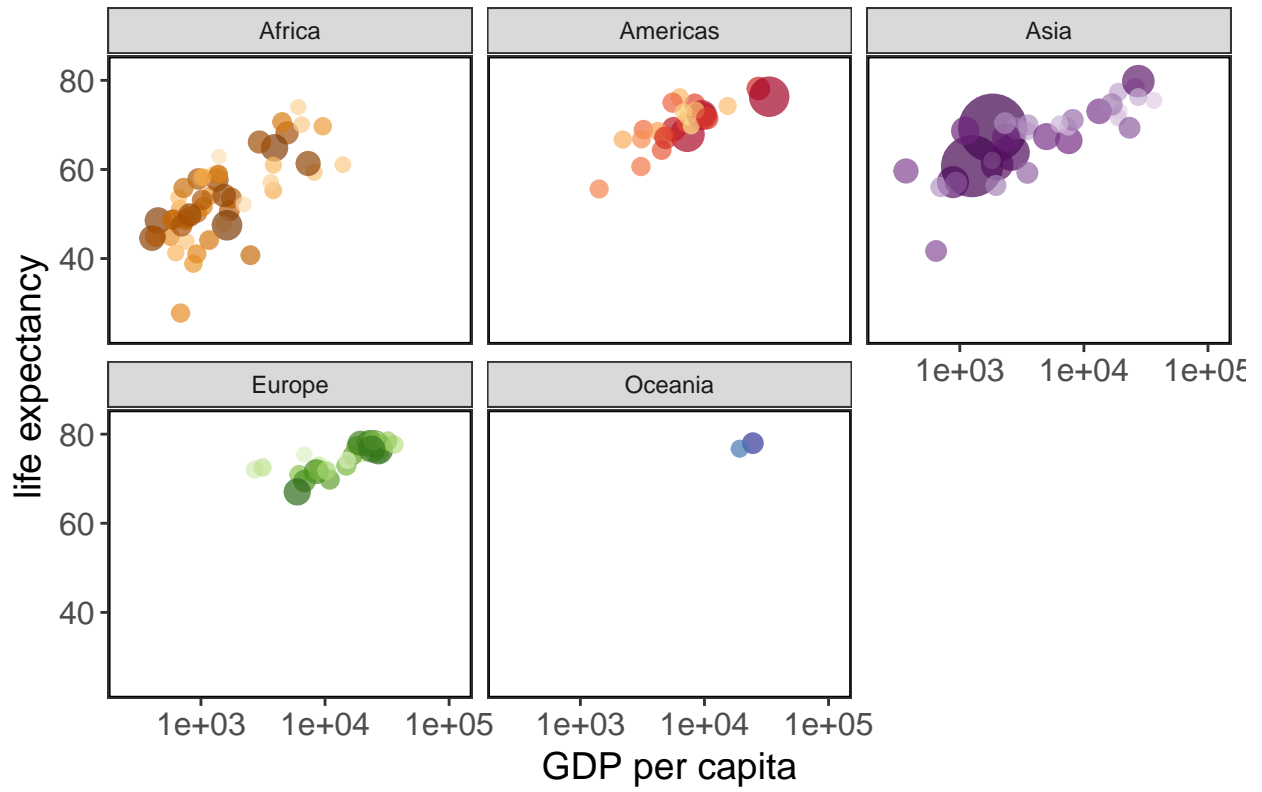


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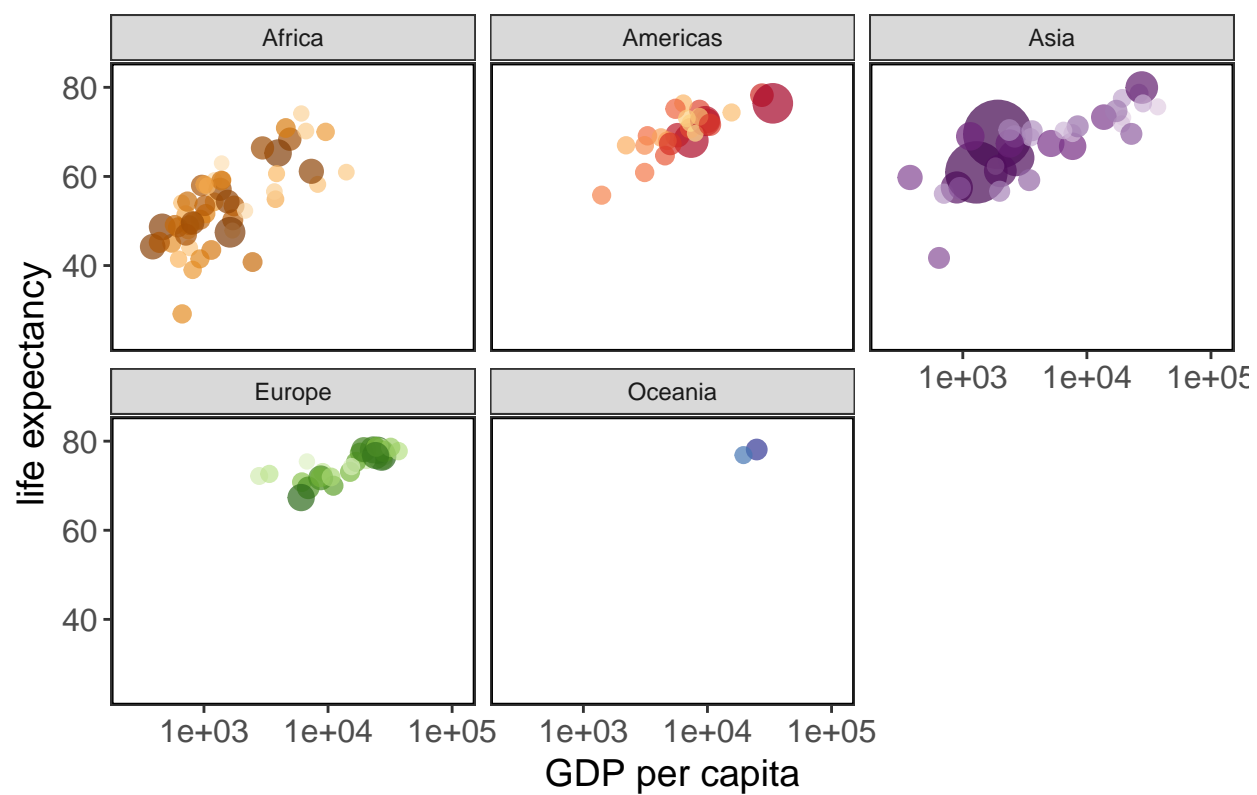




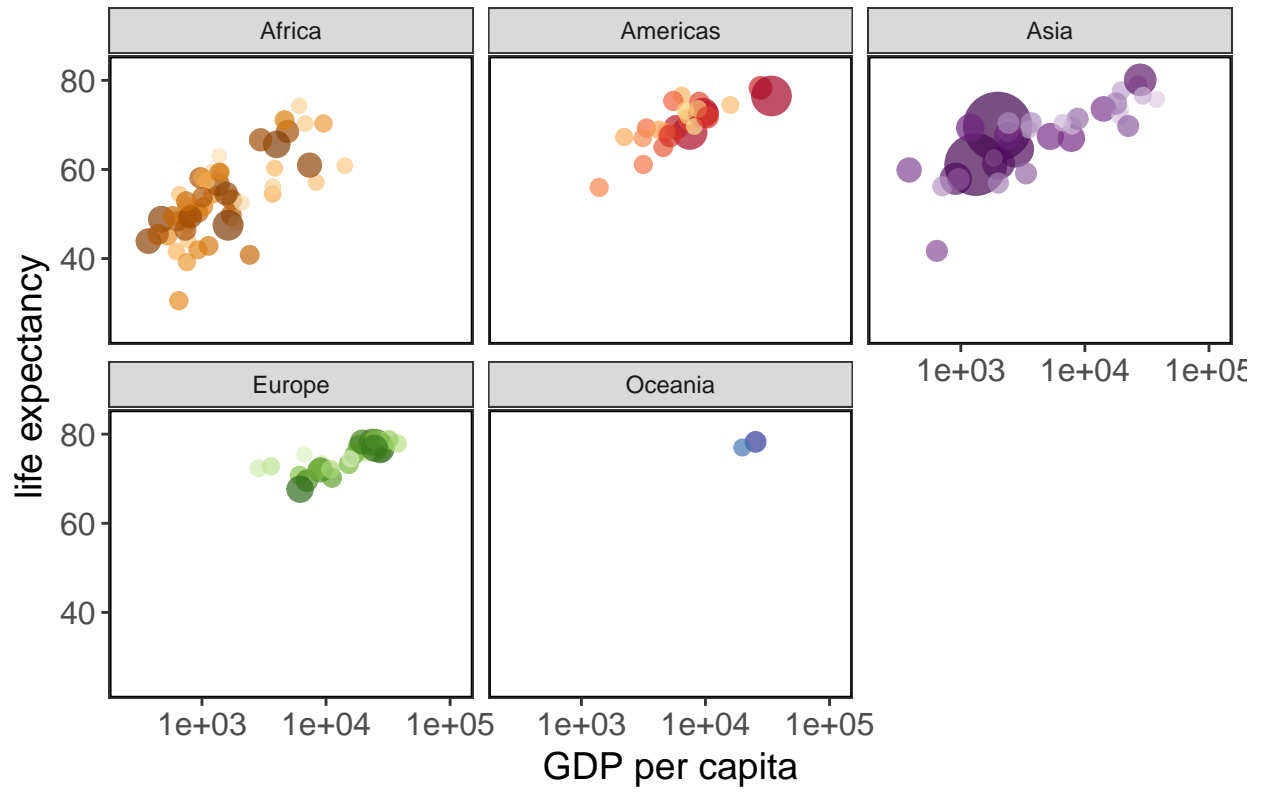
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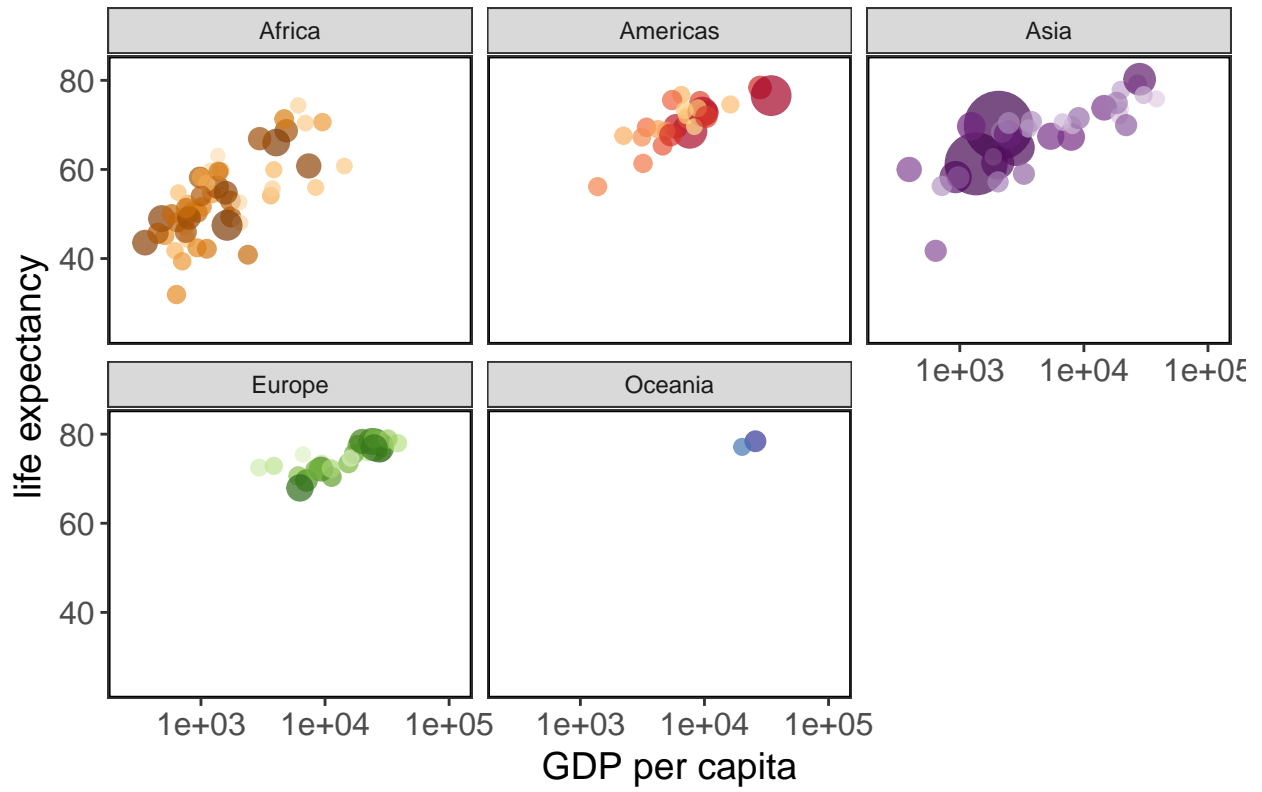
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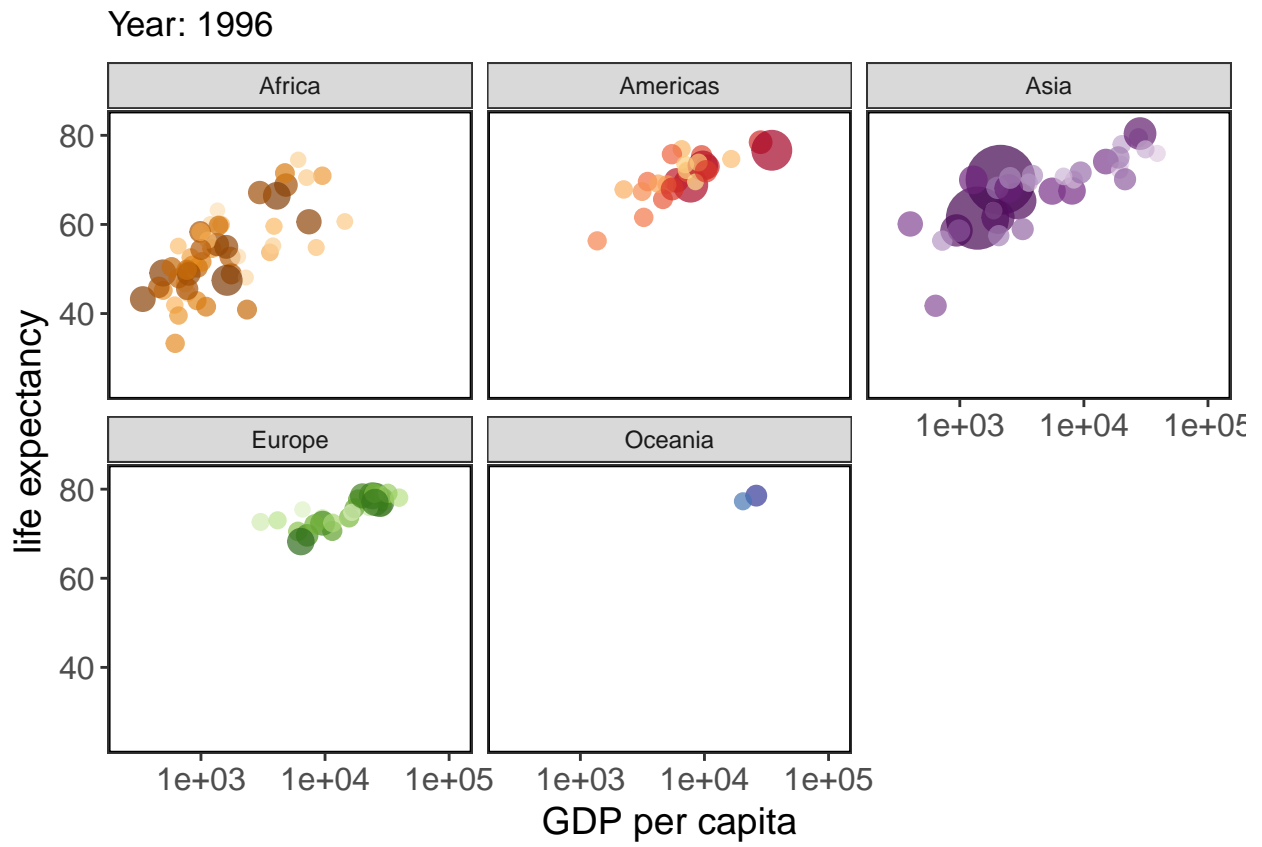


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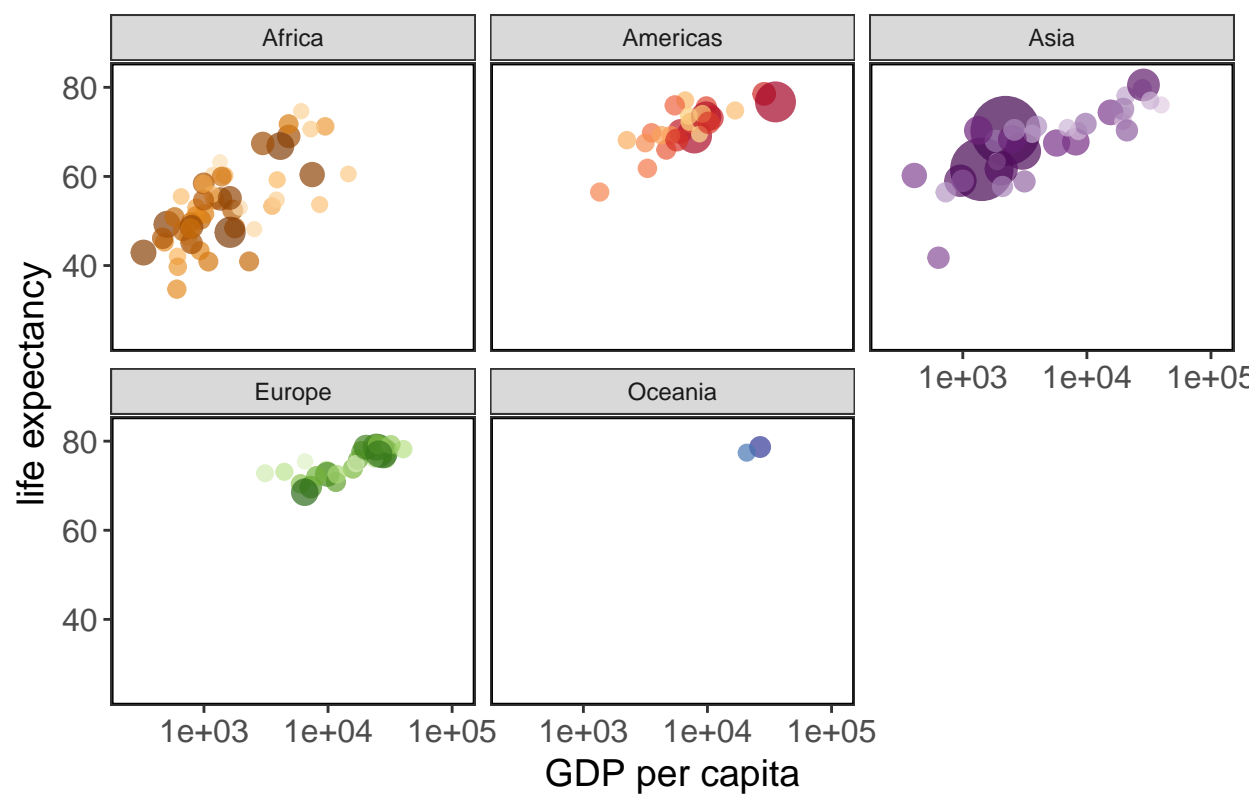


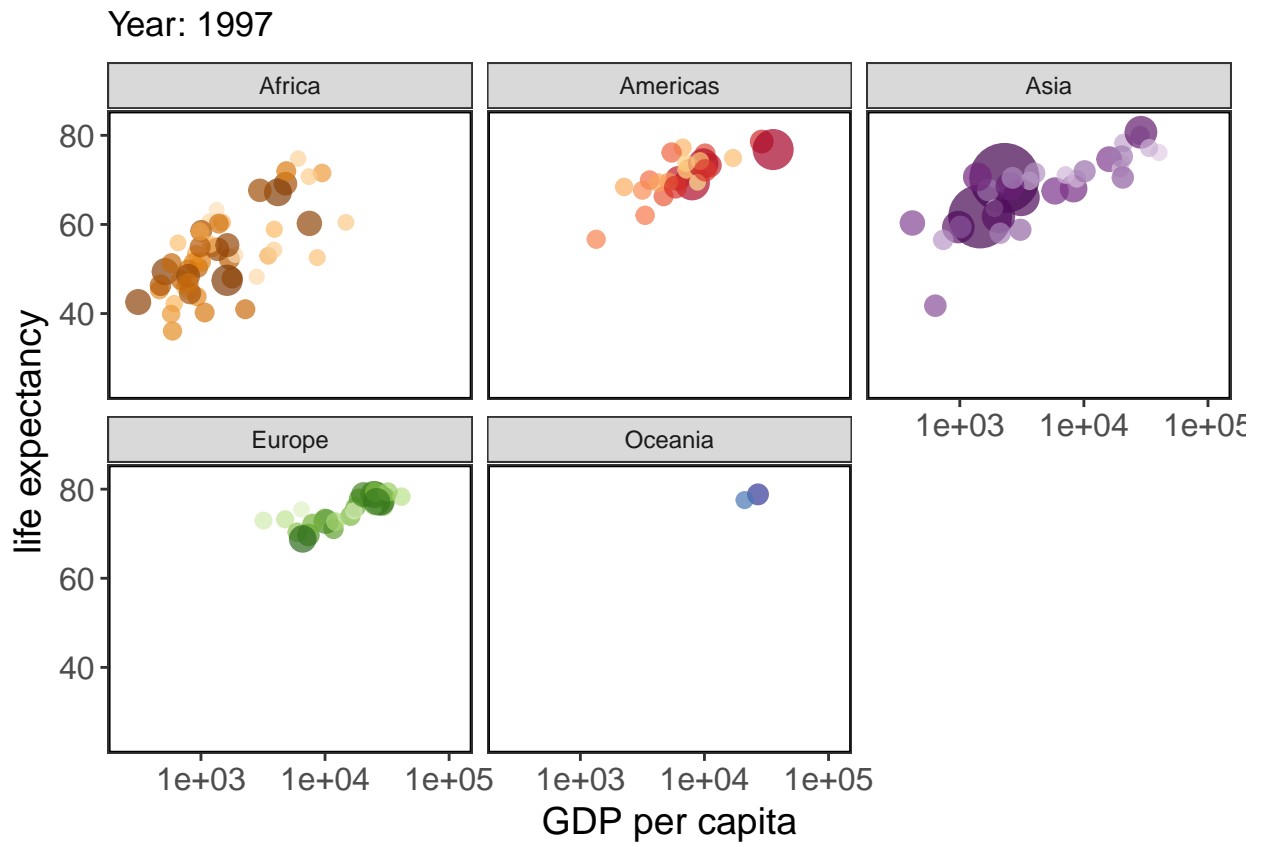
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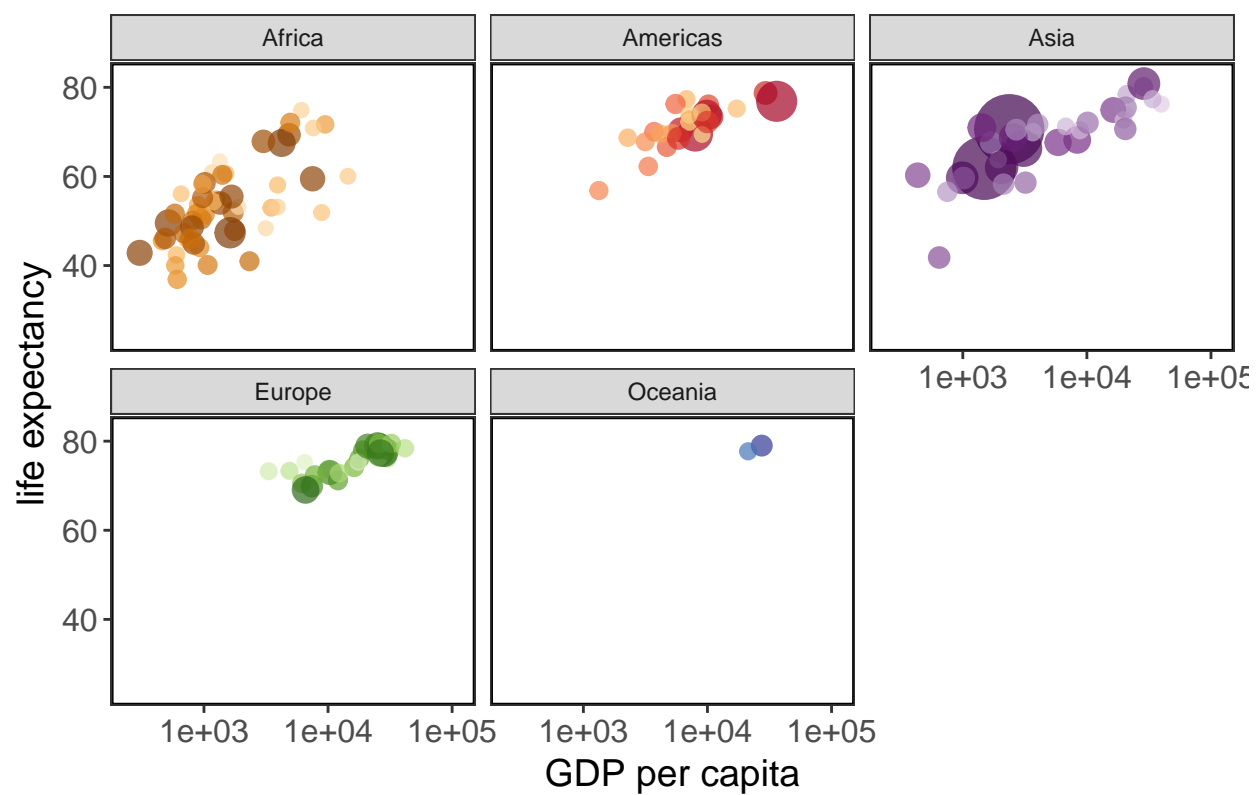


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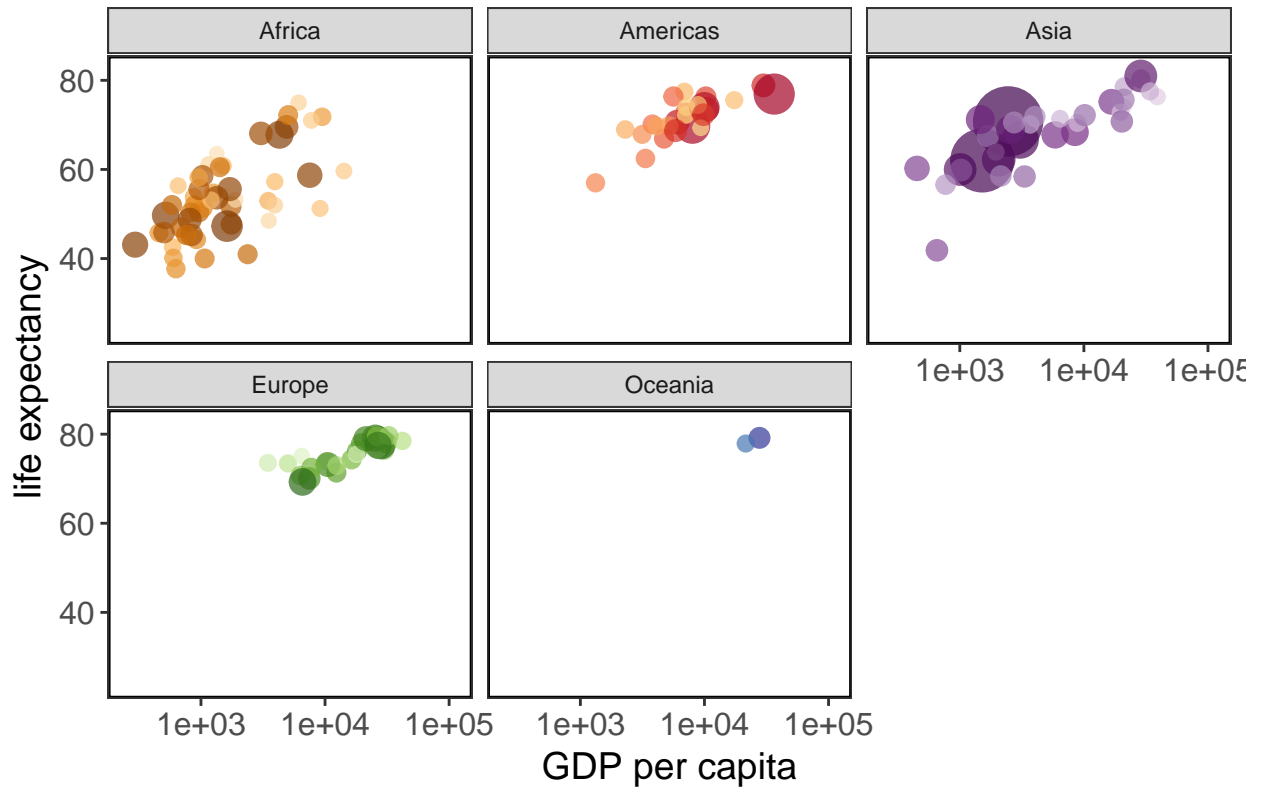




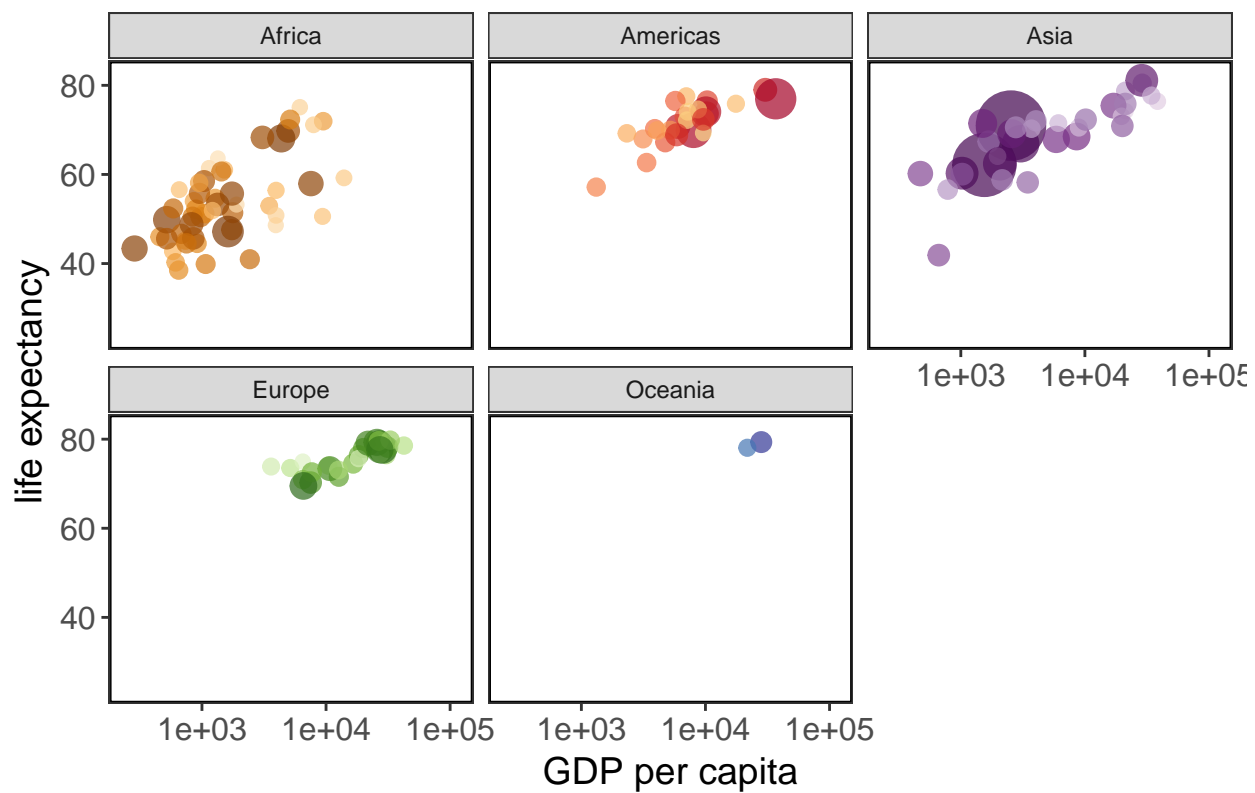
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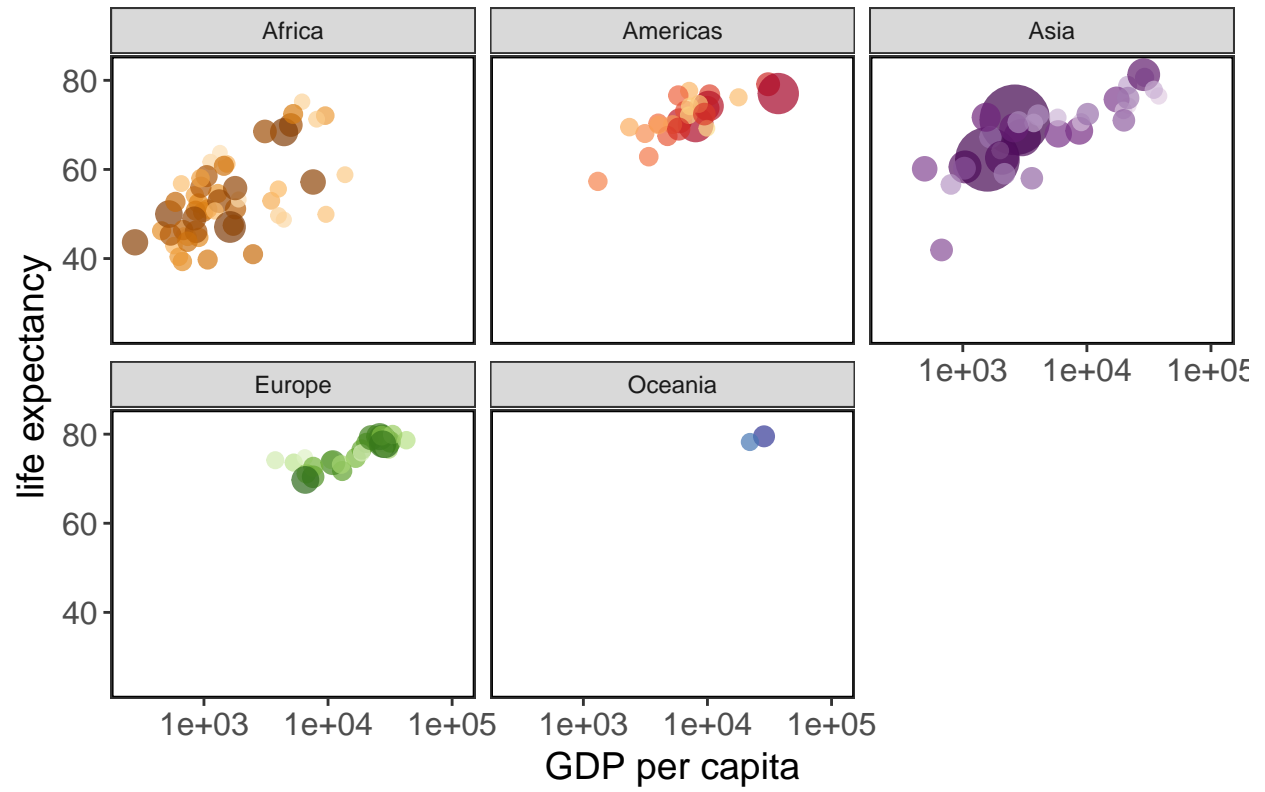
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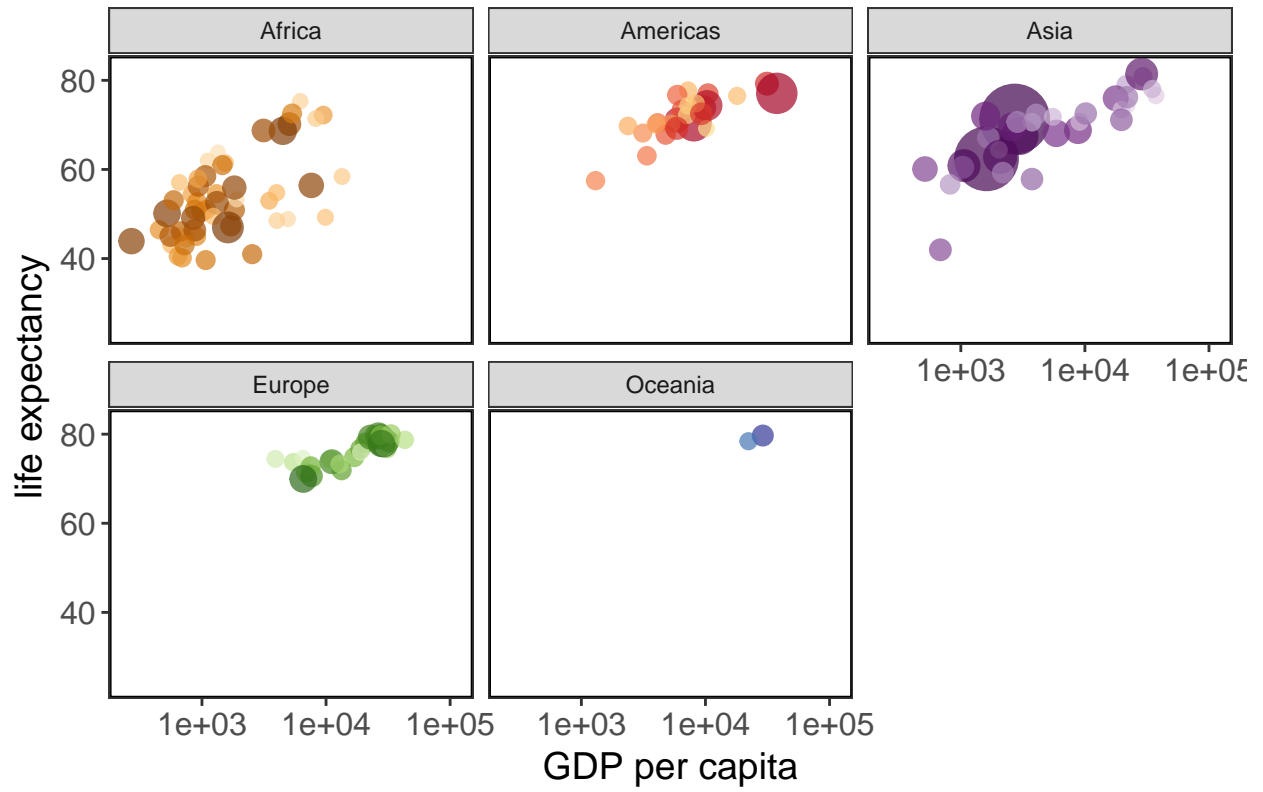
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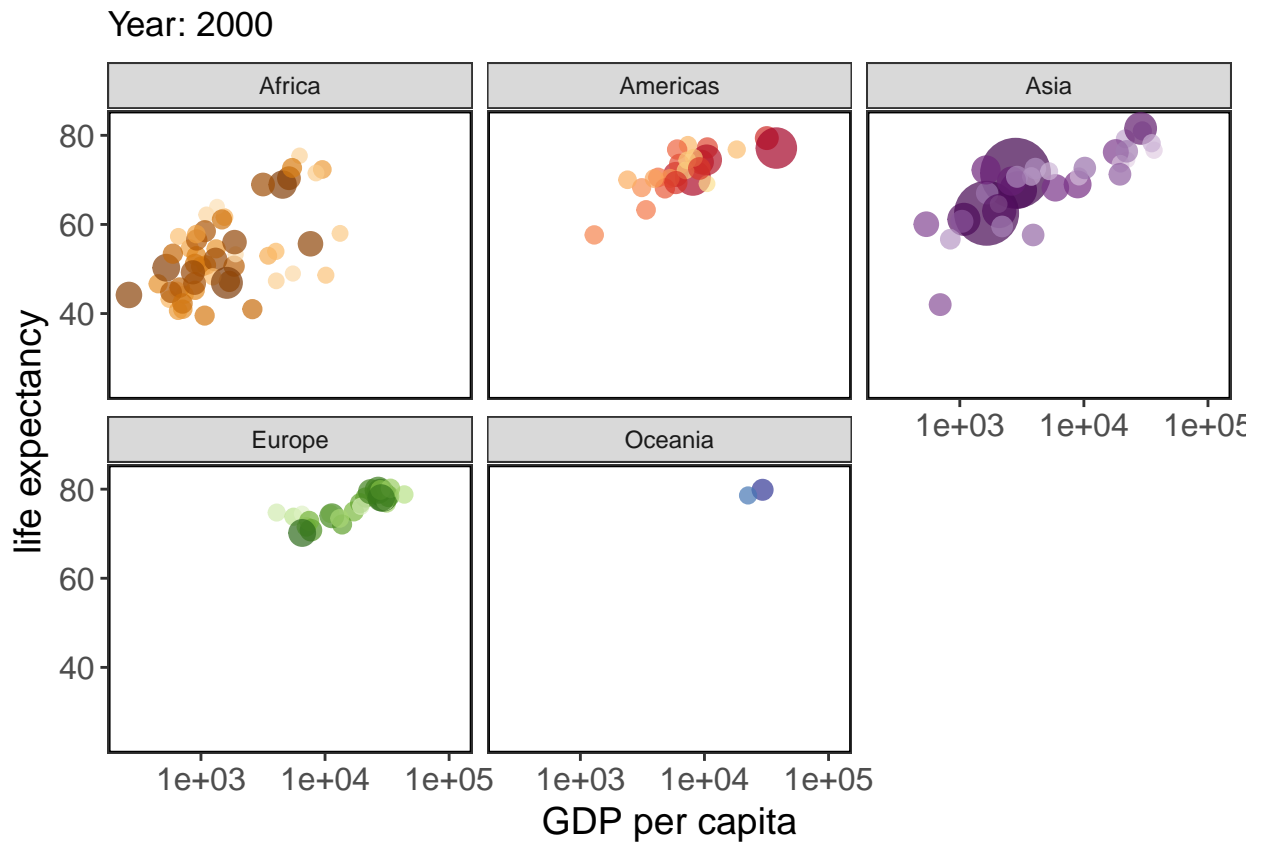


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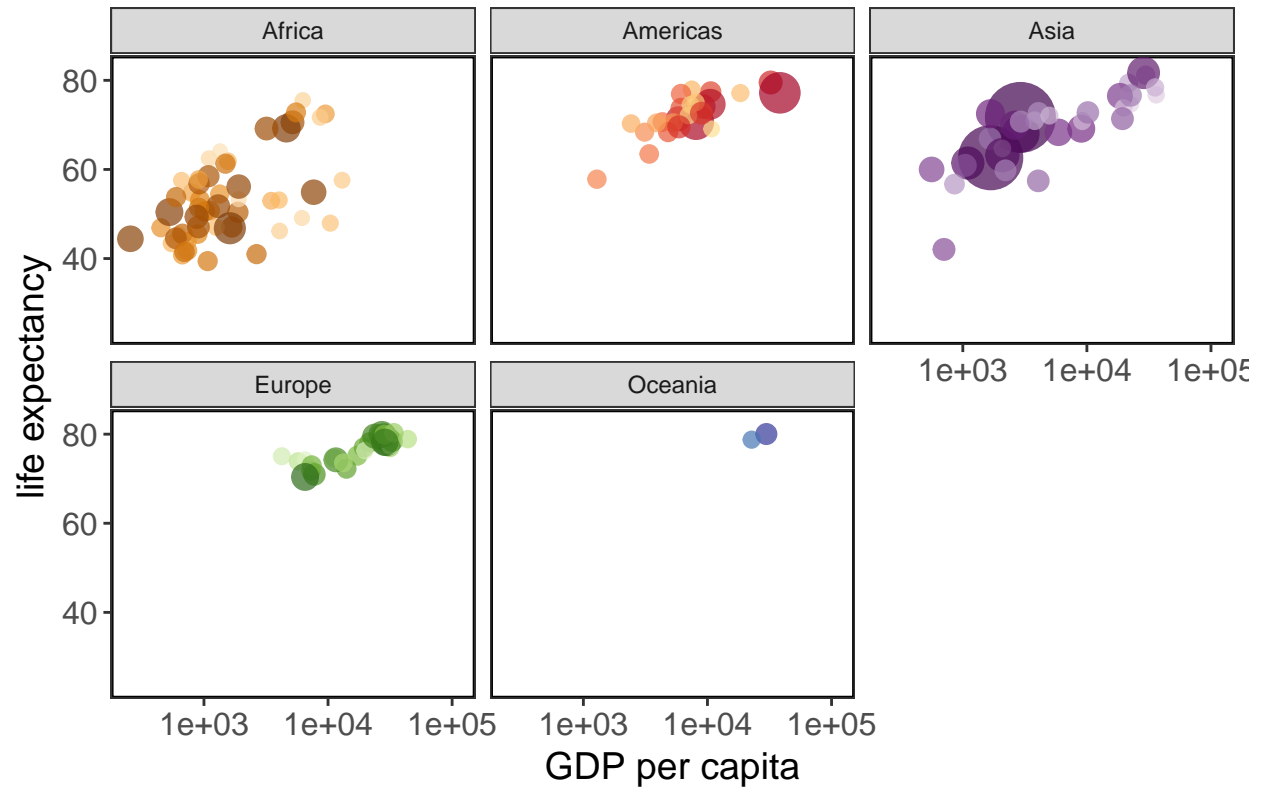


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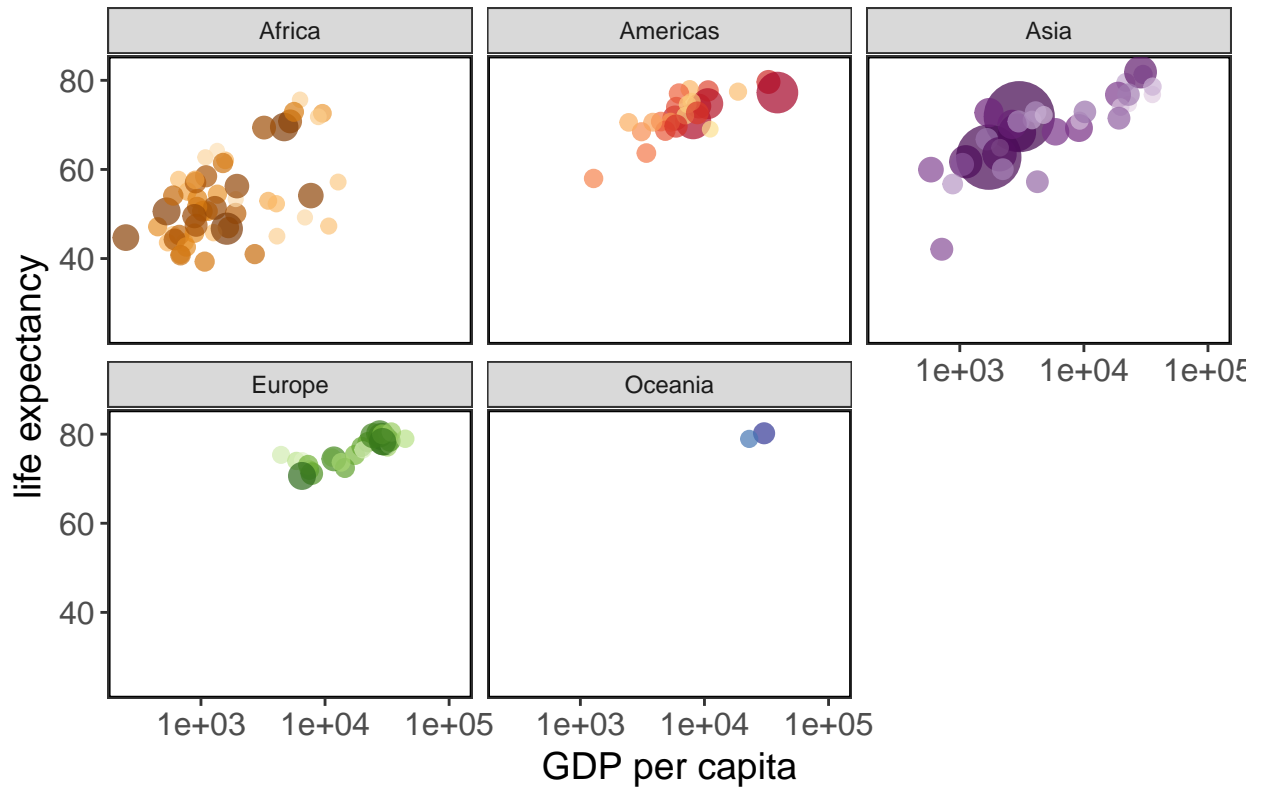




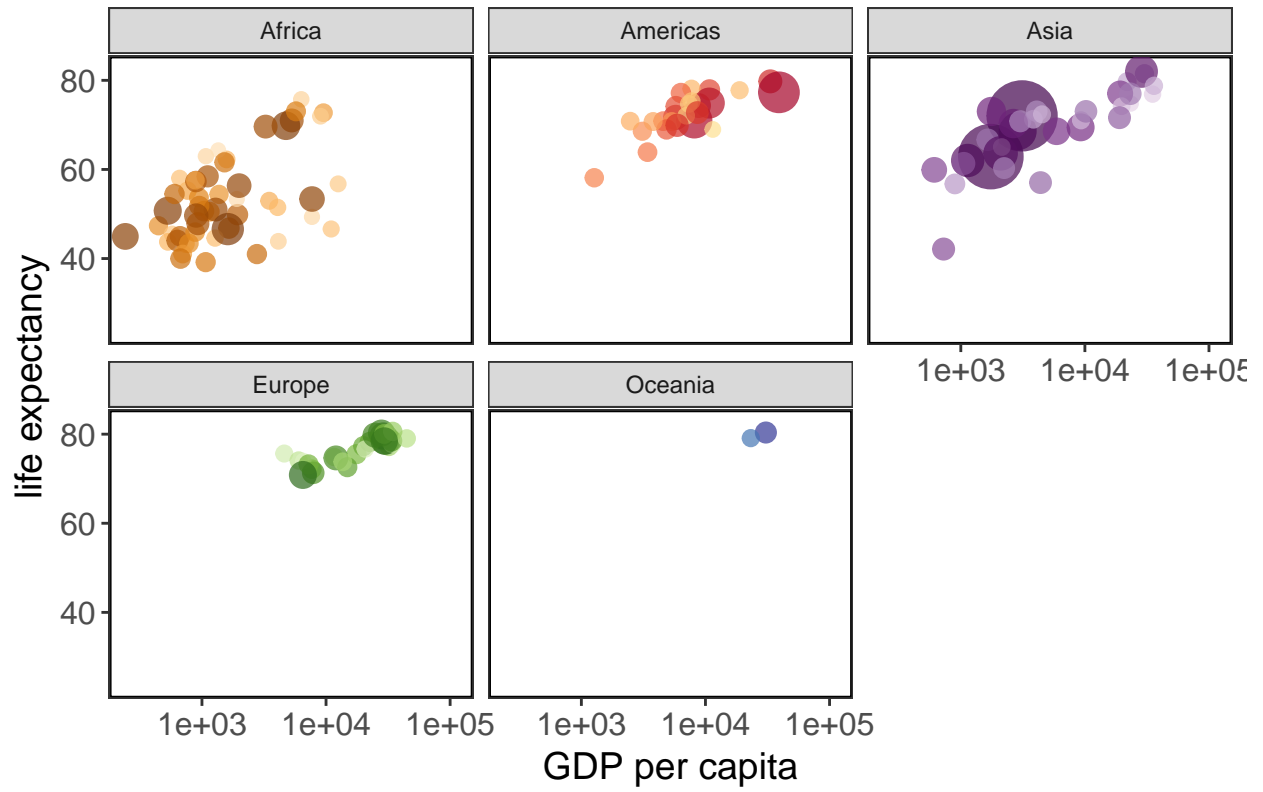
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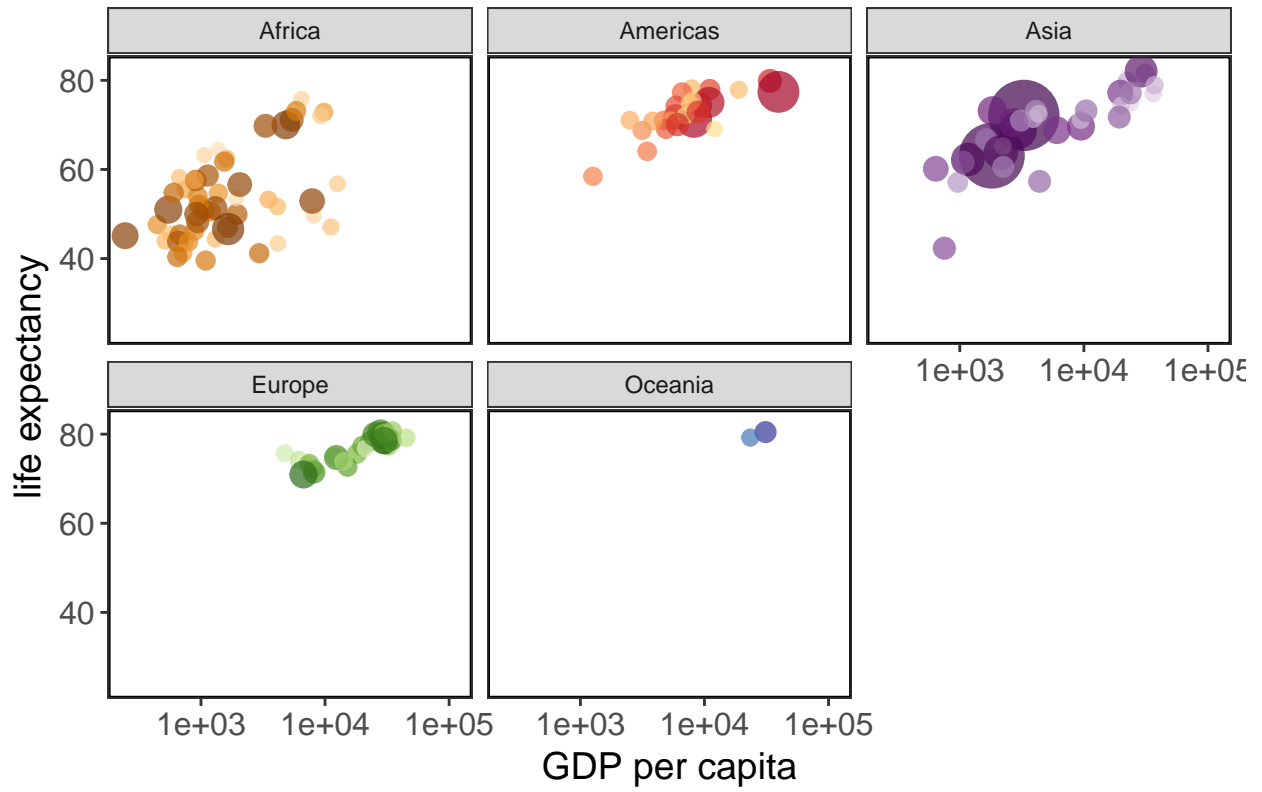
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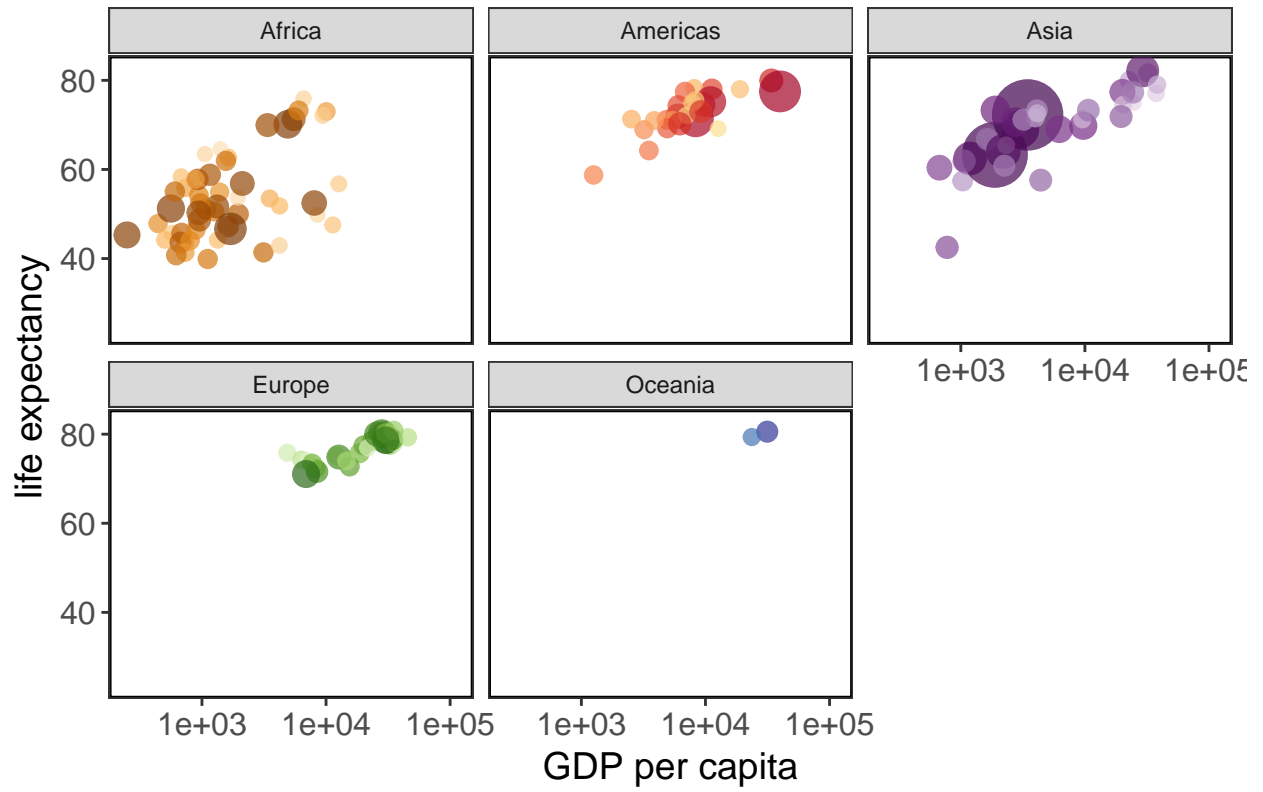
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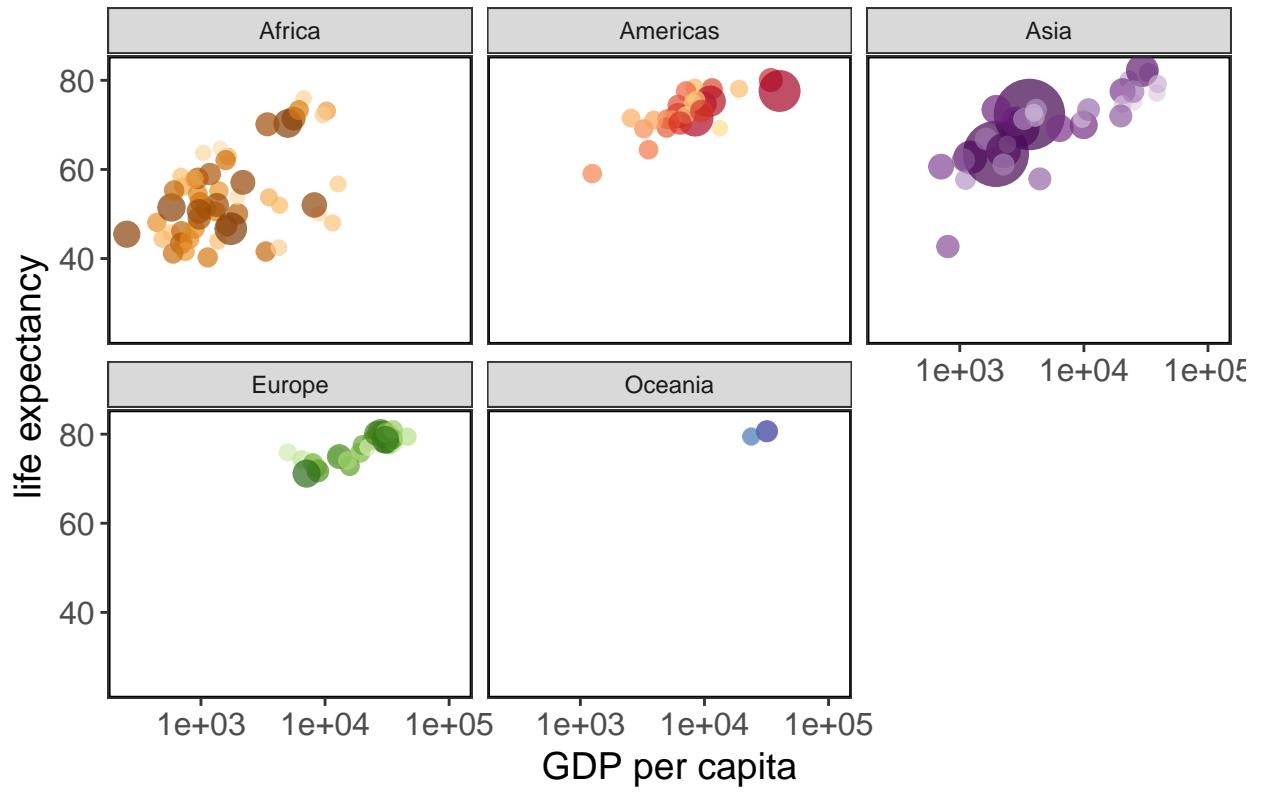
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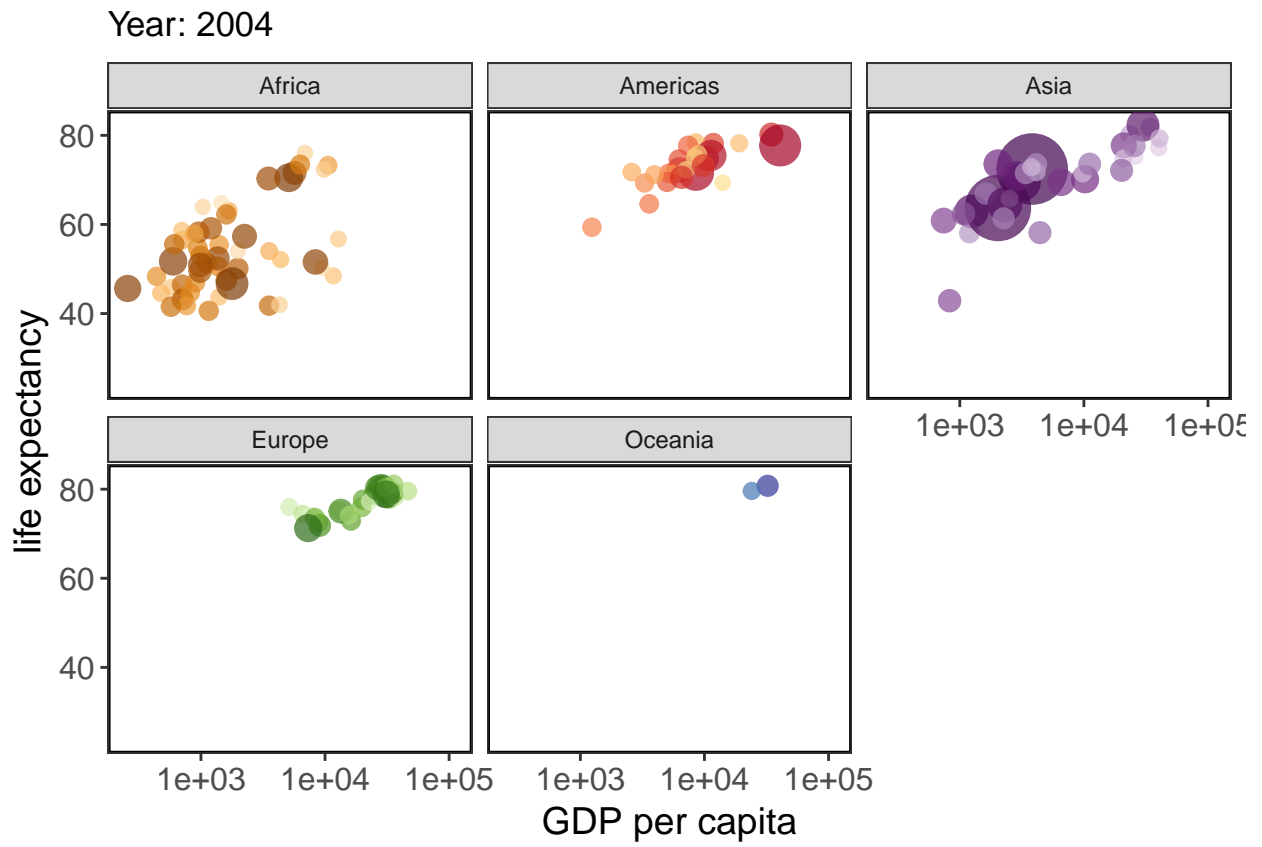


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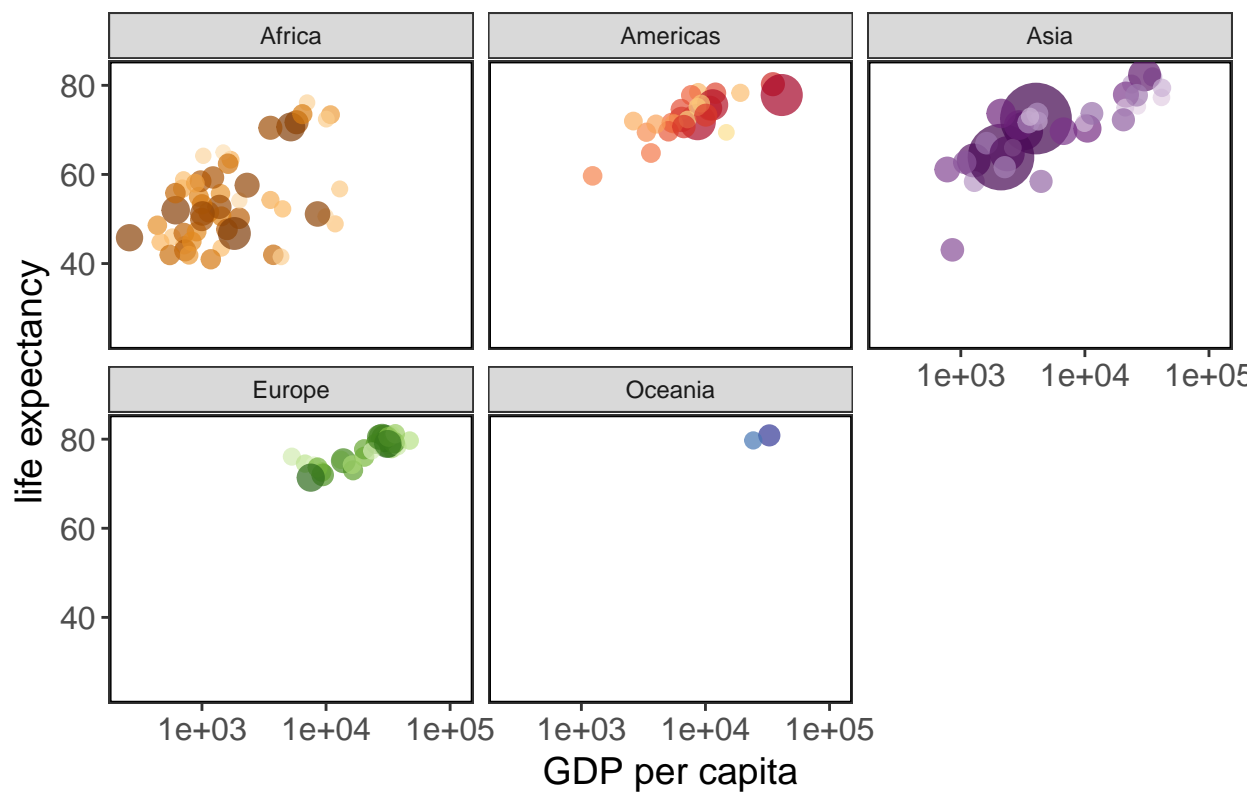


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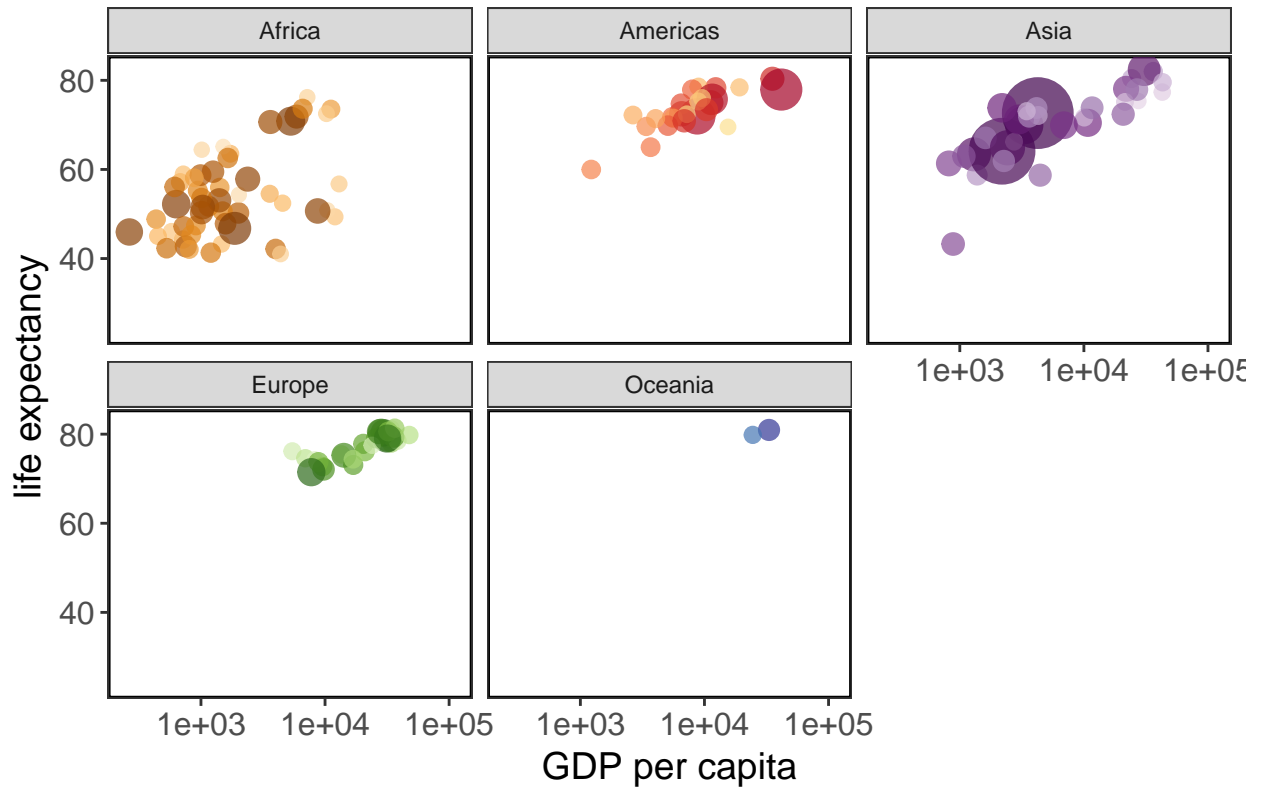




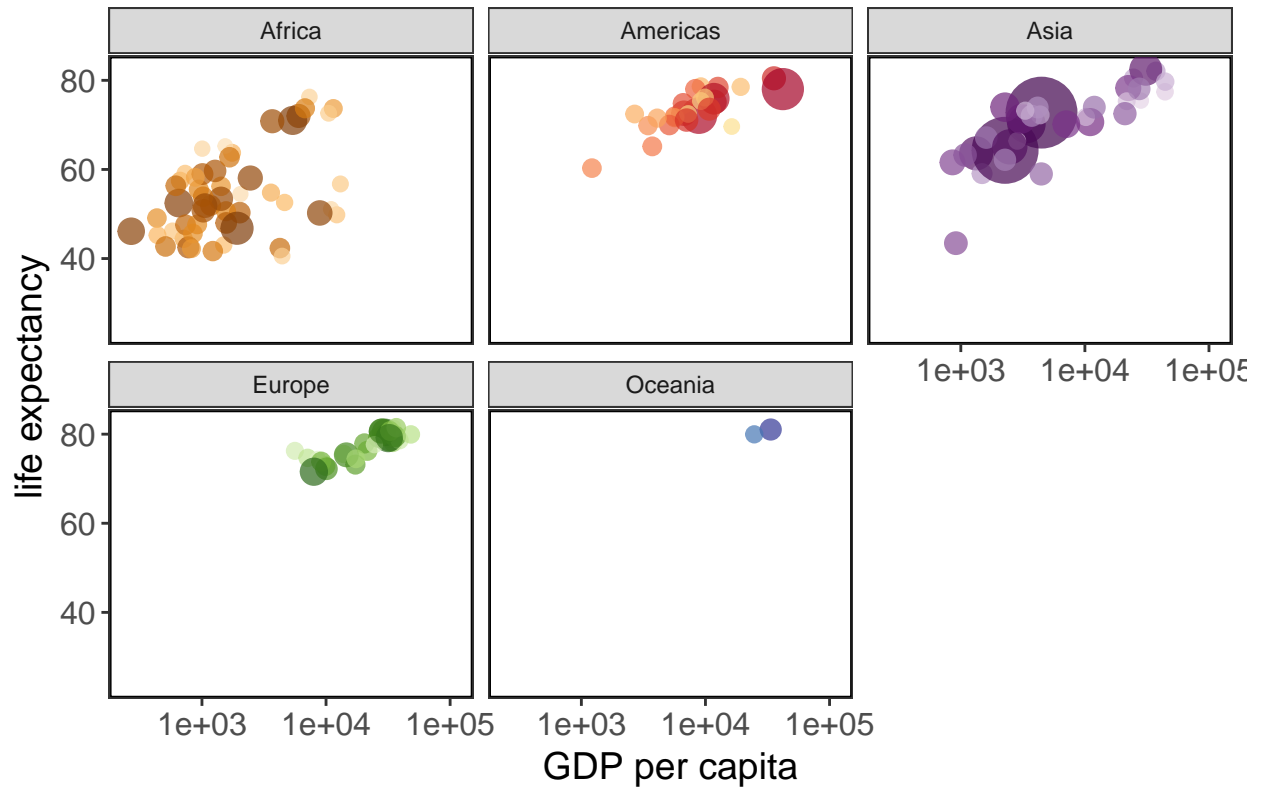
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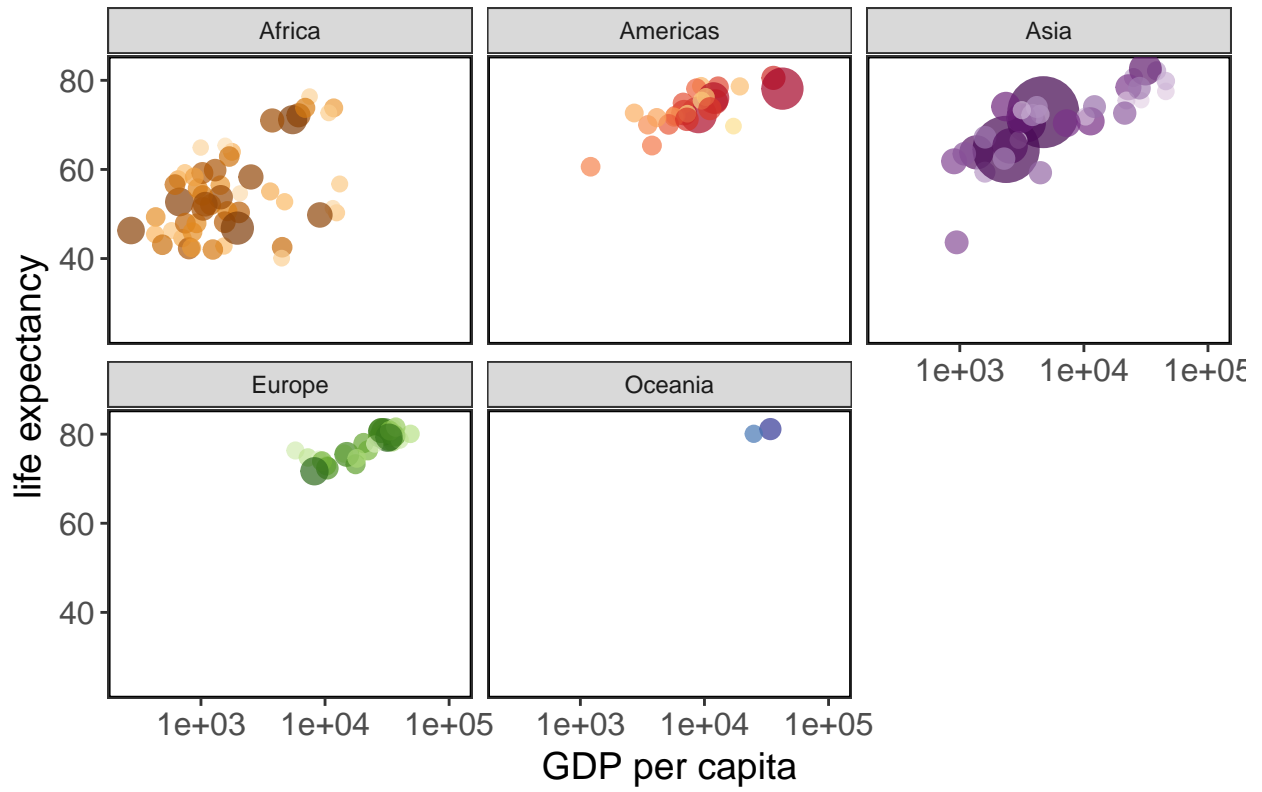
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