

Class 5: Data Viz with ggplot

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Background

There are many graphics systems available in R. These include “base” R and tons of add on packages like **ggplot2**.

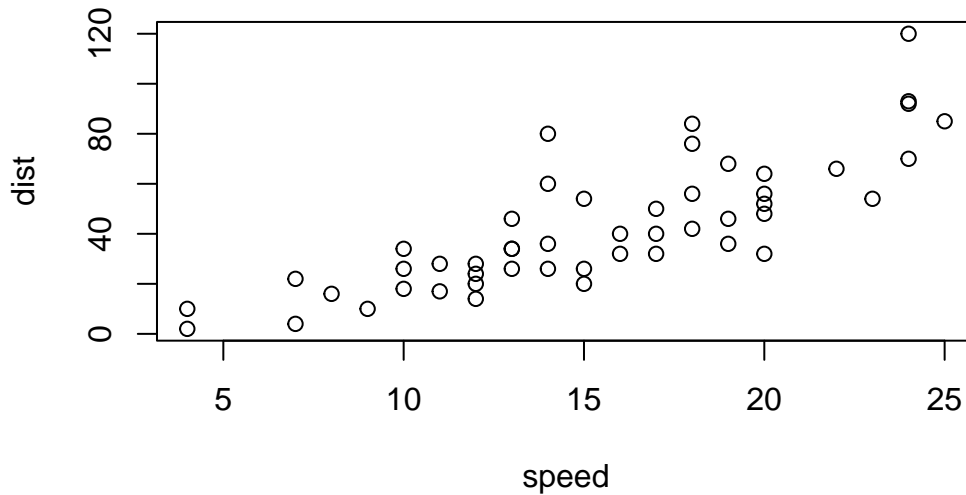
Let’s compare “base” and **ggplot2** briefly. We can use some example data that is built-in with R called `cars`:

```
head(cars)
```

```
  speed dist
1     4    2
2     4   10
3     7    4
4     7   22
5     8   16
6     9   10
```

In base R, I can just call `plot()`

```
plot(cars)
```



How can we do this with **ggplot2**

First we need to install the package. We do this `install.packages("ggplot2")`. I only need to do this once and then it will be available on my computer from then on.

Key point: I only install packages in the R console, not within quarto docs or Rscripts.

Before I use any add-on package, I must load it up with a call to `library()`

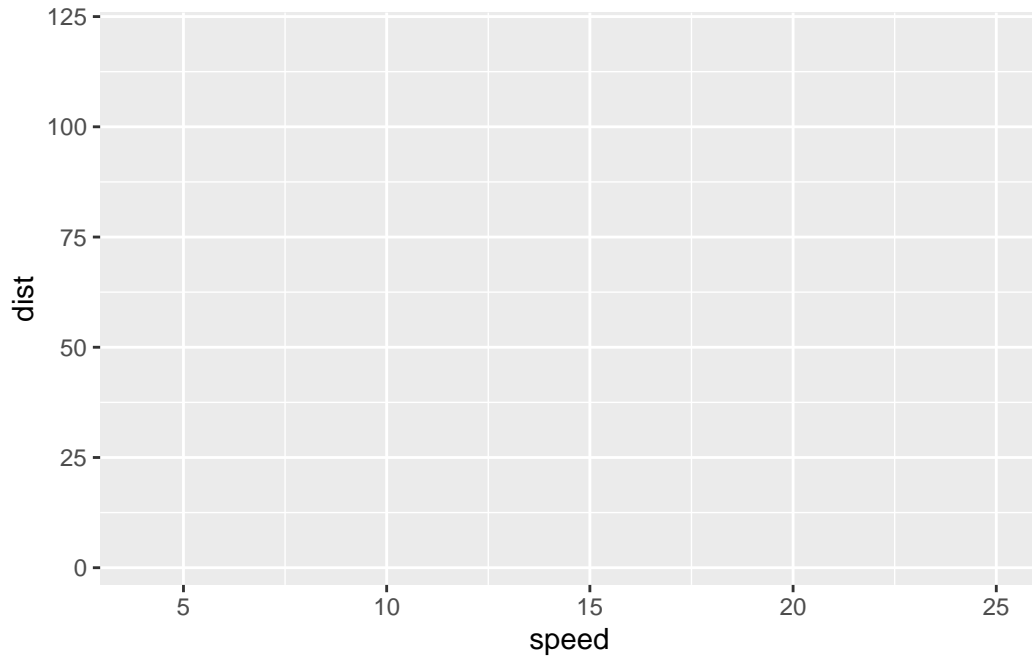
```
library(ggplot2)
ggplot(cars)
```



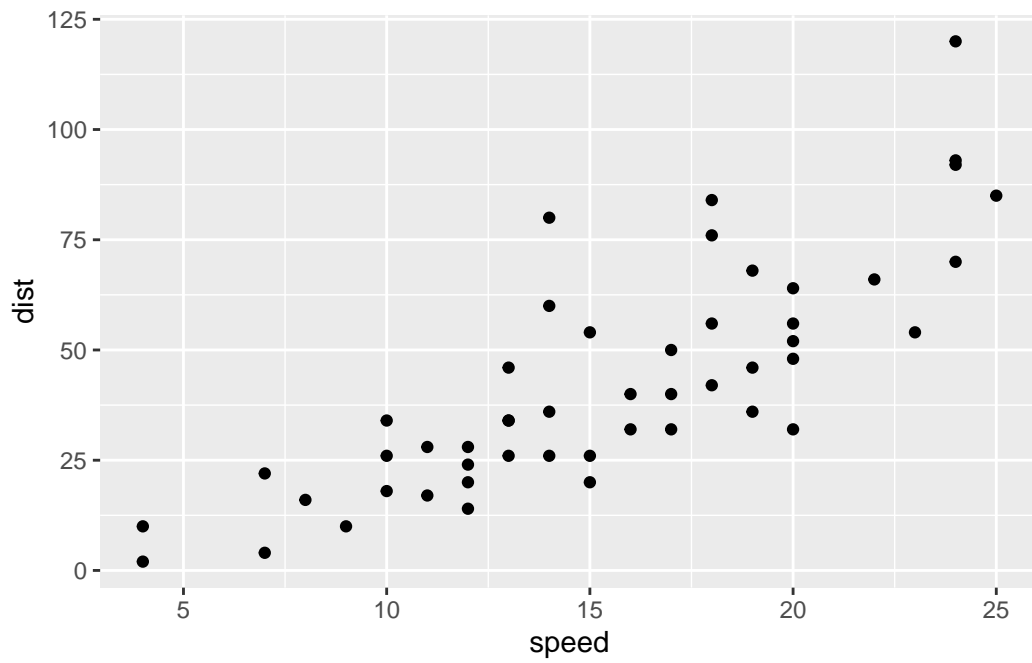
Every ggplot has at least 3 things:

- the **data** (in our case **cars**)
- the **aesthetics** (how the data maps to the plot)
- the **geoms** that determine how the plot is drawn (lines, points, columns, etc.)

```
ggplot(cars) +  
  aes(x=speed, y=dist)
```



```
ggplot(cars) +  
  aes(x=speed, y=dist) +  
  geom_point()
```



For “simple” plots ggplot is much more verbose than base R but the defaults are nicer and and for complicated plots it becomes much more efficient and structured.

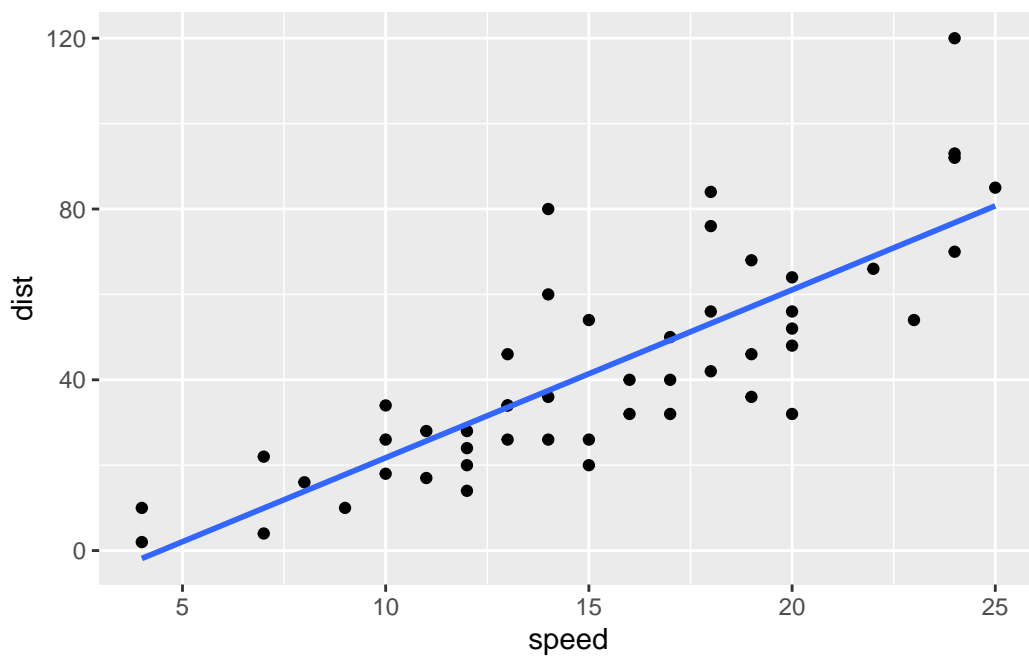
Q. Add a line to show the relationship of speed to stopping distance (i.e. add another “layer”)

```
p <- ggplot(cars) +  
  aes(x=speed, y=dist) +  
  geom_point() +  
  geom_smooth(se=FALSE, method="lm")
```

I can always save any ggplot object (i.e. plot) and then use it later for adding more layers.

p

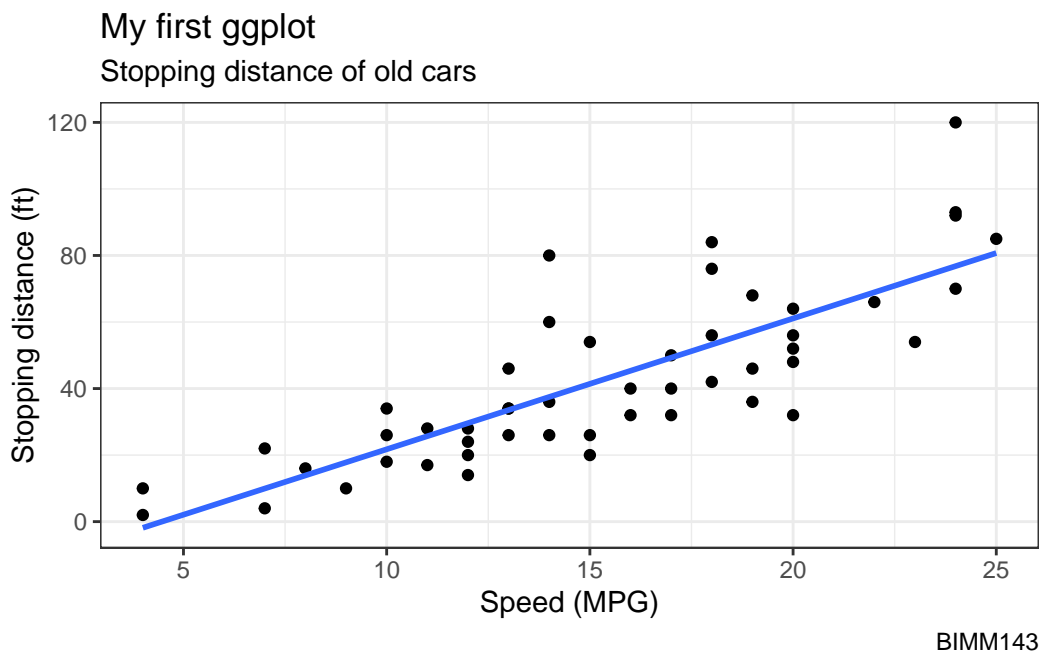
`geom_smooth()` using formula = 'y ~ x'



Q. Add a title and subtitle to the plot

```
p + labs(title="My first ggplot",
         subtitle="Stopping distance of old cars",
         caption="BIMM143",
         x="Speed (MPG)",
         y="Stopping distance (ft)") +
theme_bw()
```

`geom_smooth()` using formula = 'y ~ x'



Gene expression plot

Read input data into R

```
url <- "https://bioboot.github.io/bimm143_S20/class-material/up_down_expression.txt"
genes <- read.delim(url)
head(genes)
```

	Gene	Condition1	Condition2	State
1	A4GNT	-3.6808610	-3.4401355	unchanging
2	AAAS	4.5479580	4.3864126	unchanging

```

3      AASDH  3.7190695  3.4787276  unchanging
4      AATF   5.0784720  5.0151916  unchanging
5      AATK   0.4711421  0.5598642  unchanging
6 AB015752.4 -3.6808610 -3.5921390  unchanging

```

Q. How many genes are in this wee dataset

```
nrow(genes)
```

```
[1] 5196
```

Q. How many columns are there?

```
ncol(genes)
```

```
[1] 4
```

Q. What are the column names?

```
colnames(genes)
```

```
[1] "Gene"      "Condition1" "Condition2" "State"
```

Q. How many “up” and “down” regulated genes are there?

```
table(genes$State)
```

```

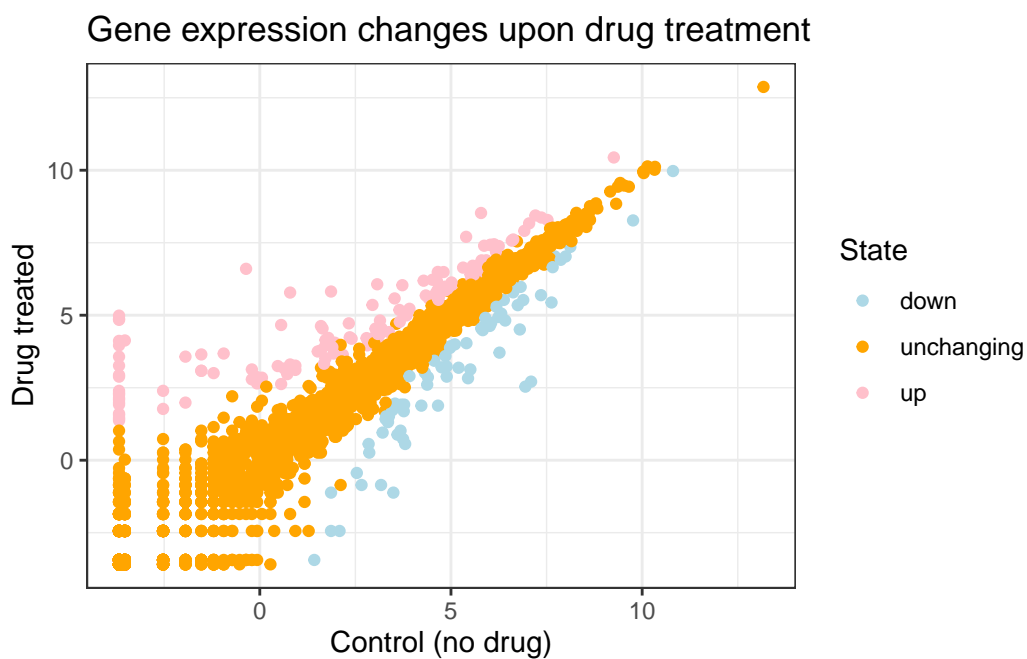
down  unchanging      up
   72      4997     127

```

Custom color plot

Q. Make a first plot of this data

```
ggplot(genes) +  
  aes(x=Condition1, y=Condition2, col=State) +  
  scale_color_manual(values=c("light blue", "orange", "pink")) +  
  geom_point() +  
  labs(title="Gene expression changes upon drug treatment",  
        x="Control (no drug)",  
        y="Drug treated") +  
  theme_bw()
```



Using different geoms

Let's plot some aspects of the in-built `mtcars` dataset.

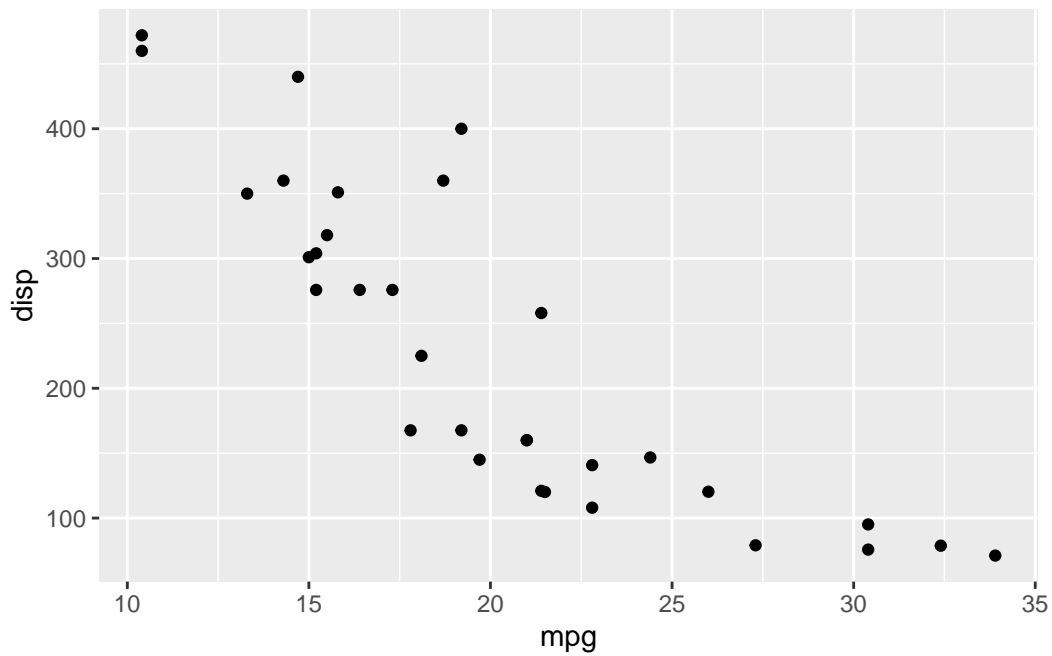
```
head(mtcars)
```

	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

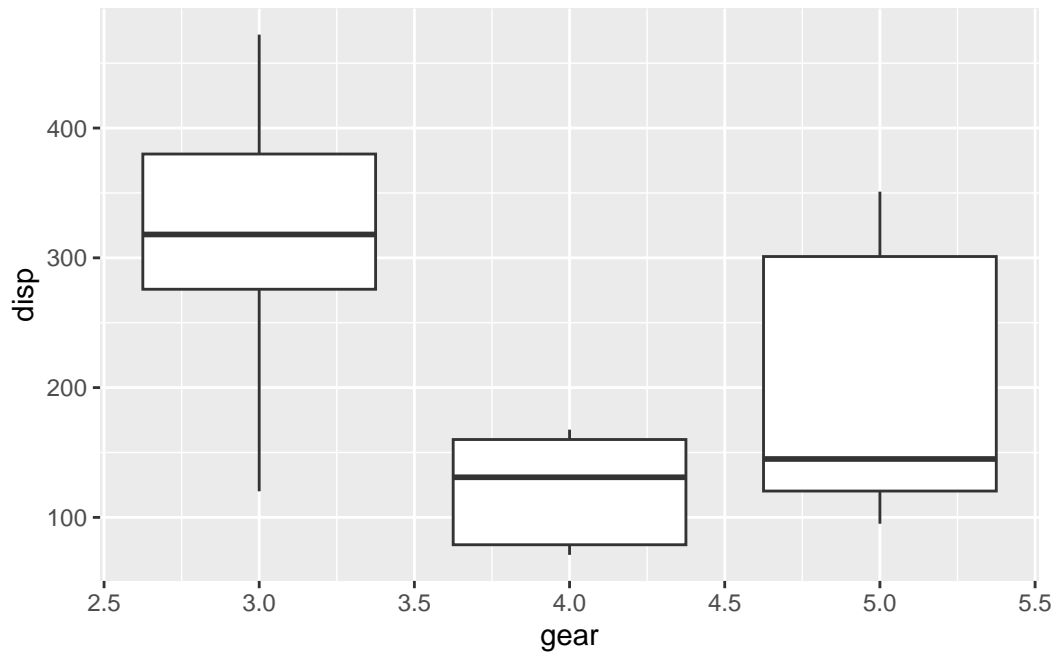
Q. Scatter plot of mpg vs disp

```
g1 <- ggplot(mtcars) +
  aes(x=mpg, y=disp) +
  geom_point()
g1
```



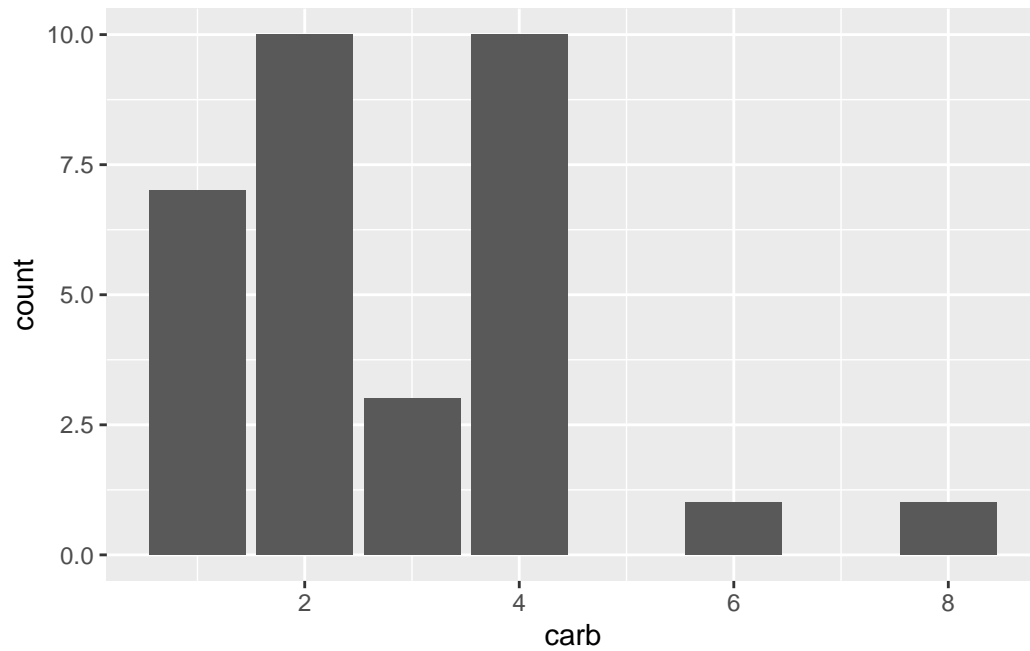
Q. Boxplot of gear vs disp

```
g2 <- ggplot(mtcars) +
  aes(x=gear, y=disp, group=gear) +
  geom_boxplot()
g2
```



Q. Barplot of carb

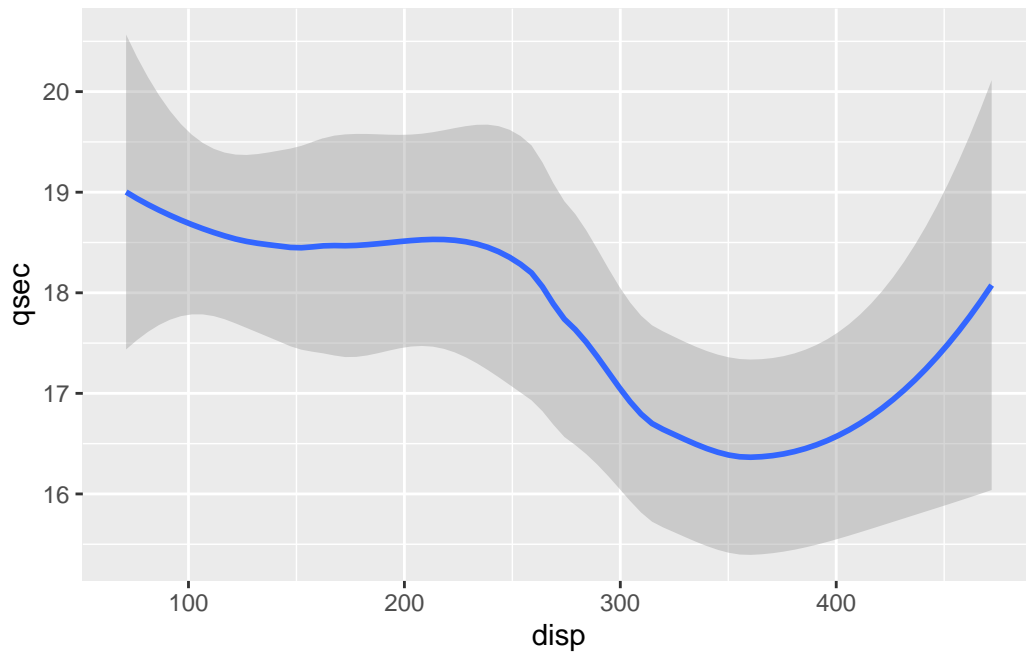
```
g3 <- ggplot(mtcars) +  
  aes(x=carb) +  
  geom_bar()  
g3
```



Smooth of disp vs qsec

```
g4 <- ggplot(mtcars) +  
  aes(x=disp, y=qsec) +  
  geom_smooth()  
g4
```

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



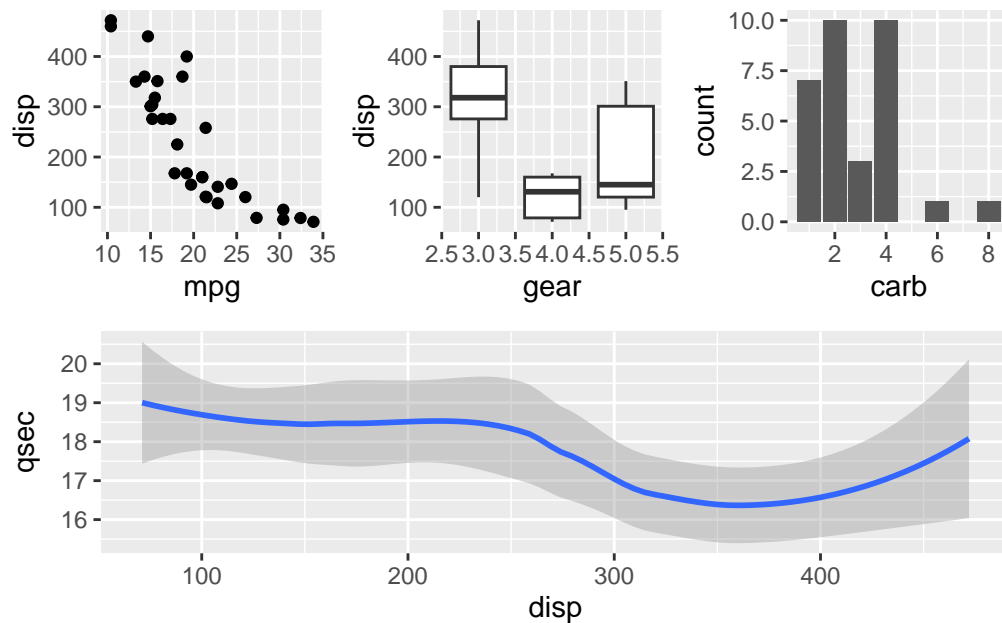
I want to combine all these plots into one figure with multiple panels.

We can use the **patchwork** package to do this.

```
library(patchwork)

((g1 | g2 | g3) / g4)
```

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



```
ggsave(filename="myplot.png", width=5, height=3)
```

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

Faceting

```
#File location online
url <- "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/jennybc/gapminder/master/inst/extdata/gapminder.tsv"

gapminder <- read.delim(url)
```

And a peek

```
head(gapminder)
```

	country	continent	year	lifeExp	pop	gdpPercap
1	Afghanistan	Asia	1952	28.801	8425333	779.4453
2	Afghanistan	Asia	1957	30.332	9240934	820.8530
3	Afghanistan	Asia	1962	31.997	10267083	853.1007

4	Afghanistan	Asia	1967	34.020	11537966	836.1971
5	Afghanistan	Asia	1972	36.088	13079460	739.9811
6	Afghanistan	Asia	1977	38.438	14880372	786.1134

Q. How many countries are in this dataset

```
length(table(gapminder$country))
```

```
[1] 142
```

```
#nrow() works too
```

Q. Plot GDP vs Life Expectancy colored by continent

```
ggplot(gapminder) +
  aes(x=gdpPercap, y=lifeExp, col=continent) +
  geom_point(alpha=0.3) +
  facet_wrap(~continent) +
  theme_bw()
```

