

# ggplot2 : Introductory course

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## Loading packages

```
library(tidyverse)

## -- Attaching packages ----- tidyverse 1.3.0 --

## v ggplot2 3.3.2    v purrr  0.3.4
## v tibble  3.0.4    v dplyr  1.0.2
## v tidyr   1.1.2    v stringr 1.4.0
## v readr   1.4.0    v forcats 0.5.0

## -- Conflicts ----- tidyverse_conflicts() --
## x dplyr::filter() masks stats::filter()
## x dplyr::lag()    masks stats::lag()

library(ggplot2)
library(plotly)

##
## Attaching package: 'plotly'

## The following object is masked from 'package:ggplot2':
##
##   last_plot

## The following object is masked from 'package:stats':
##
##   filter

## The following object is masked from 'package:graphics':
##
##   layout

library(ggpubr)
```

## Visualizing dataset

```
mpg
```

```
## # A tibble: 234 x 11
##   manufacturer model      displ  year  cyl trans  drv      cty   hwy fl      class
##   <chr>          <chr>    <dbl> <int> <int> <chr>  <chr> <int> <int> <chr> <chr>
## 1 audi          a4         1.8  1999    4 auto(l~ f      18    29 p      comp~
## 2 audi          a4         1.8  1999    4 manual~ f      21    29 p      comp~
## 3 audi          a4         2    2008    4 manual~ f      20    31 p      comp~
## 4 audi          a4         2    2008    4 auto(a~ f      21    30 p      comp~
## 5 audi          a4         2.8  1999    6 auto(l~ f      16    26 p      comp~
## 6 audi          a4         2.8  1999    6 manual~ f      18    26 p      comp~
## 7 audi          a4         3.1  2008    6 auto(a~ f      18    27 p      comp~
## 8 audi          a4 quat~  1.8  1999    4 manual~ 4      18    26 p      comp~
## 9 audi          a4 quat~  1.8  1999    4 auto(l~ 4      16    25 p      comp~
## 10 audi         a4 quat~  2    2008    4 manual~ 4      20    28 p      comp~
## # ... with 224 more rows
```

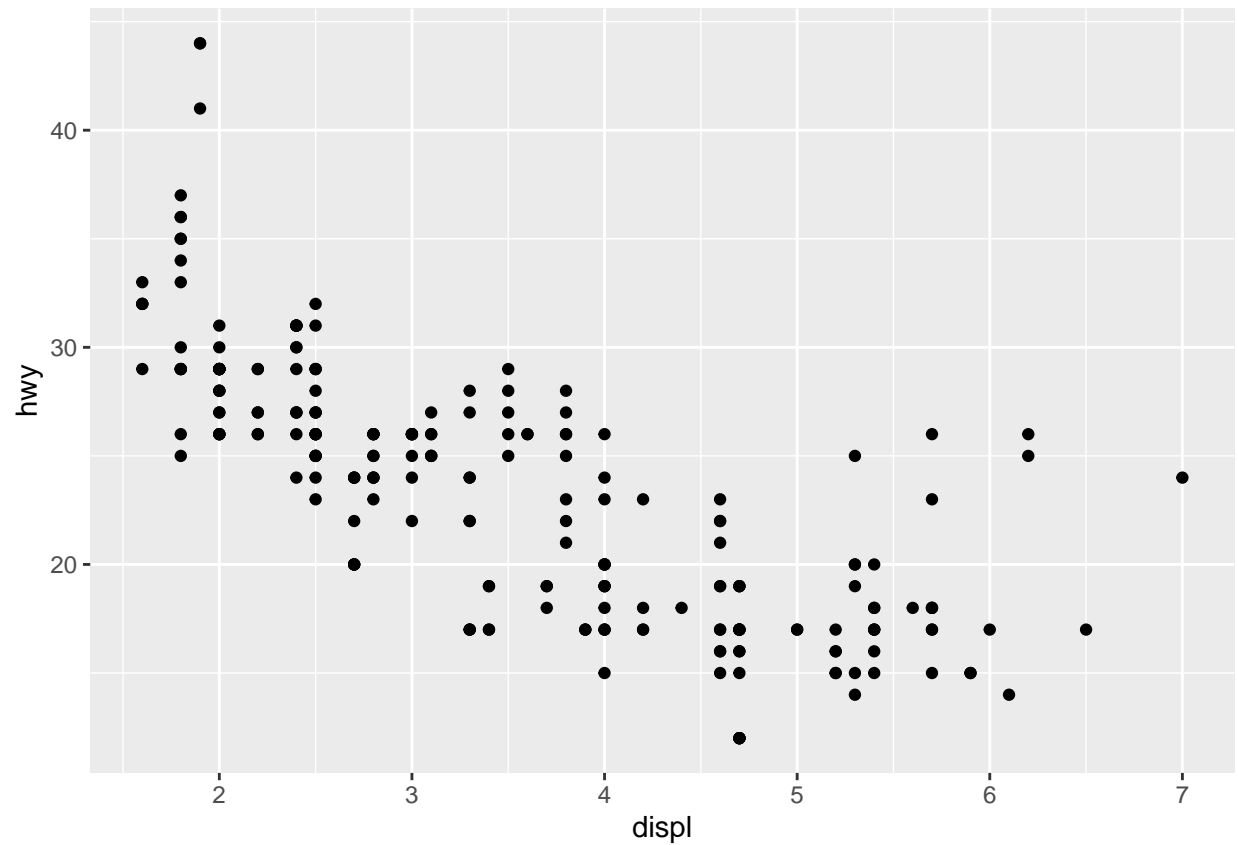
```
summary(mpg)
```

```
## manufacturer      model      displ      year
## Length:234      Length:234      Min.   :1.600      Min.   :1999
## Class :character Class :character  1st Qu.:2.400      1st Qu.:1999
## Mode  :character Mode  :character  Median :3.300      Median :2004
##                                     Mean   :3.472      Mean   :2004
##                                     3rd Qu.:4.600      3rd Qu.:2008
##                                     Max.   :7.000      Max.   :2008
##      cyl      trans      drv      cty
## Min.   :4.000      Length:234      Length:234      Min.   : 9.00
## 1st Qu.:4.000      Class :character  Class :character  1st Qu.:14.00
## Median :6.000      Mode  :character  Mode  :character  Median :17.00
## Mean   :5.889                                     Mean   :16.86
## 3rd Qu.:8.000                                     3rd Qu.:19.00
## Max.   :8.000                                     Max.   :35.00
##      hwy      fl      class
## Min.   :12.00      Length:234      Length:234
## 1st Qu.:18.00      Class :character  Class :character
## Median :24.00      Mode  :character  Mode  :character
## Mean   :23.44
## 3rd Qu.:27.00
## Max.   :44.00
```

## Doplots

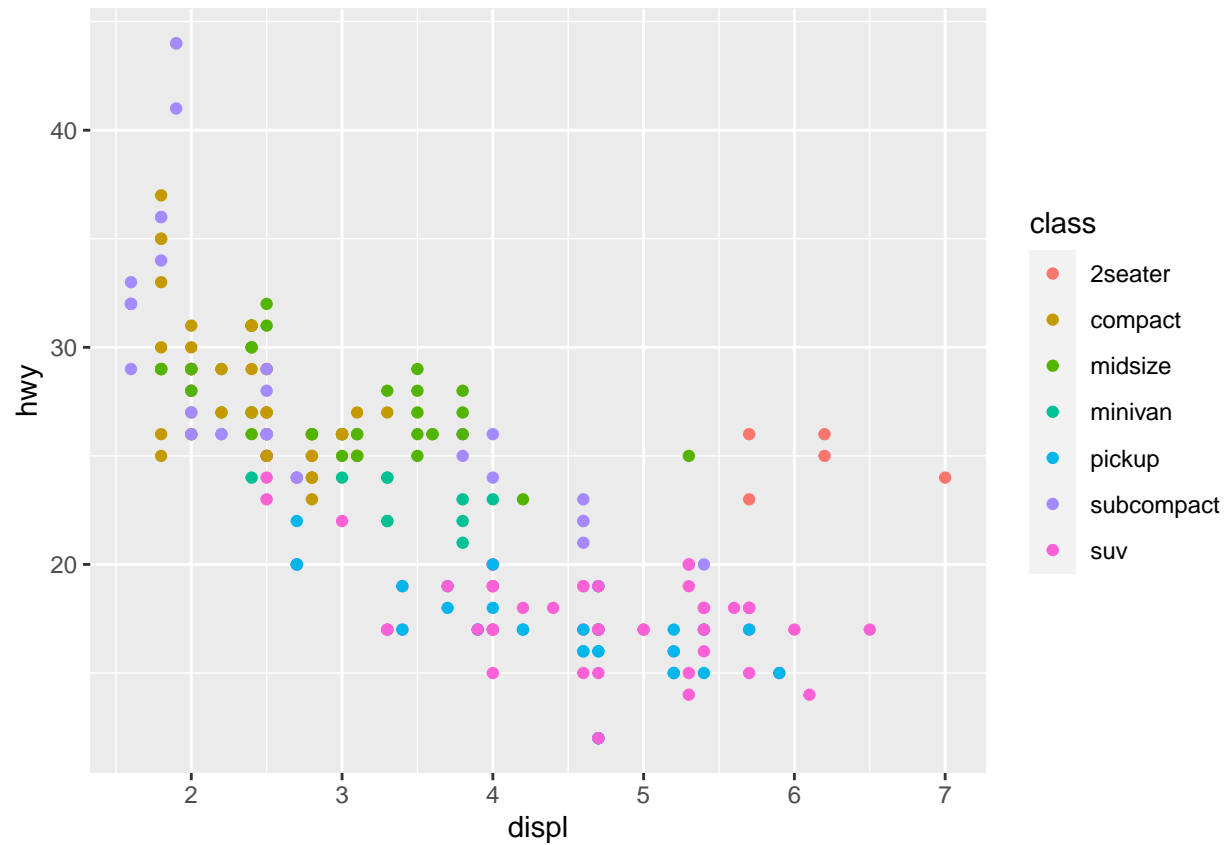
You can create a dot plot using the following function :

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



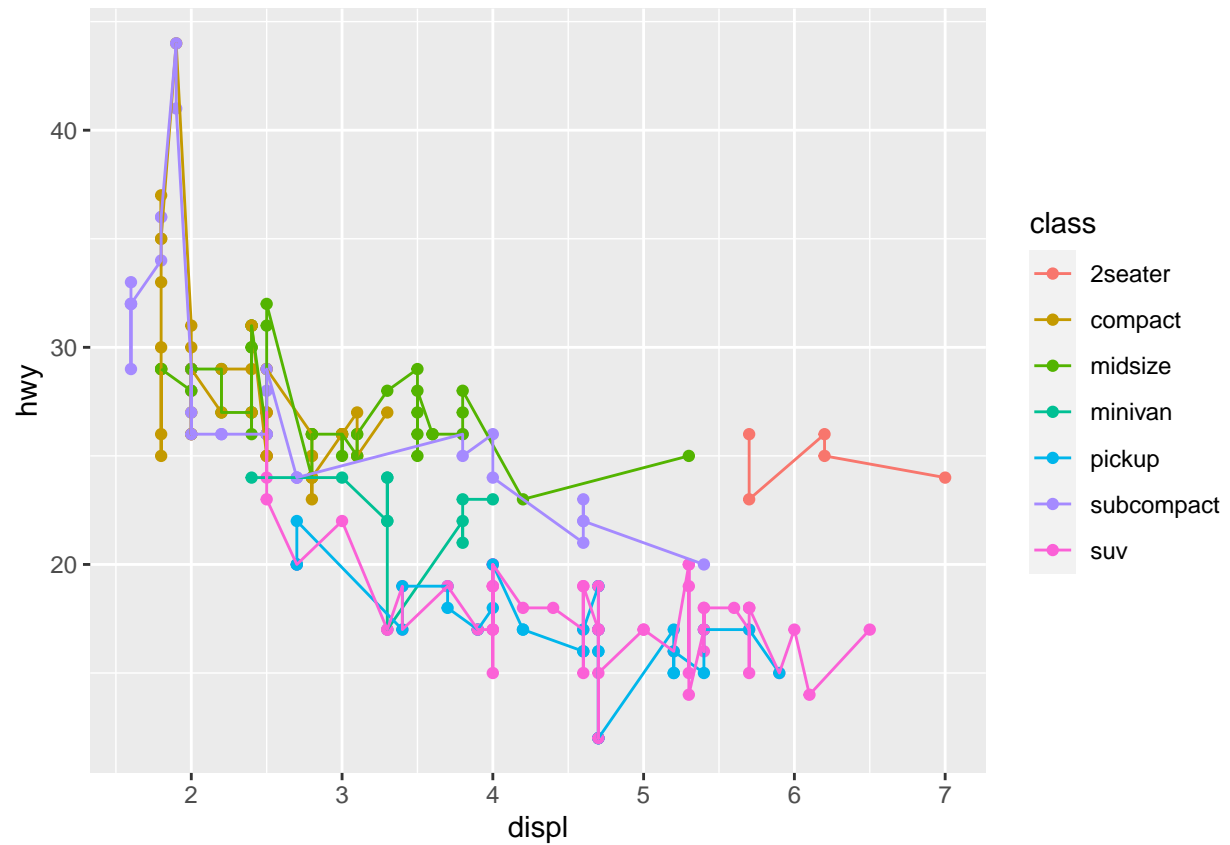
Pretty basic, now let's add some colors :

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



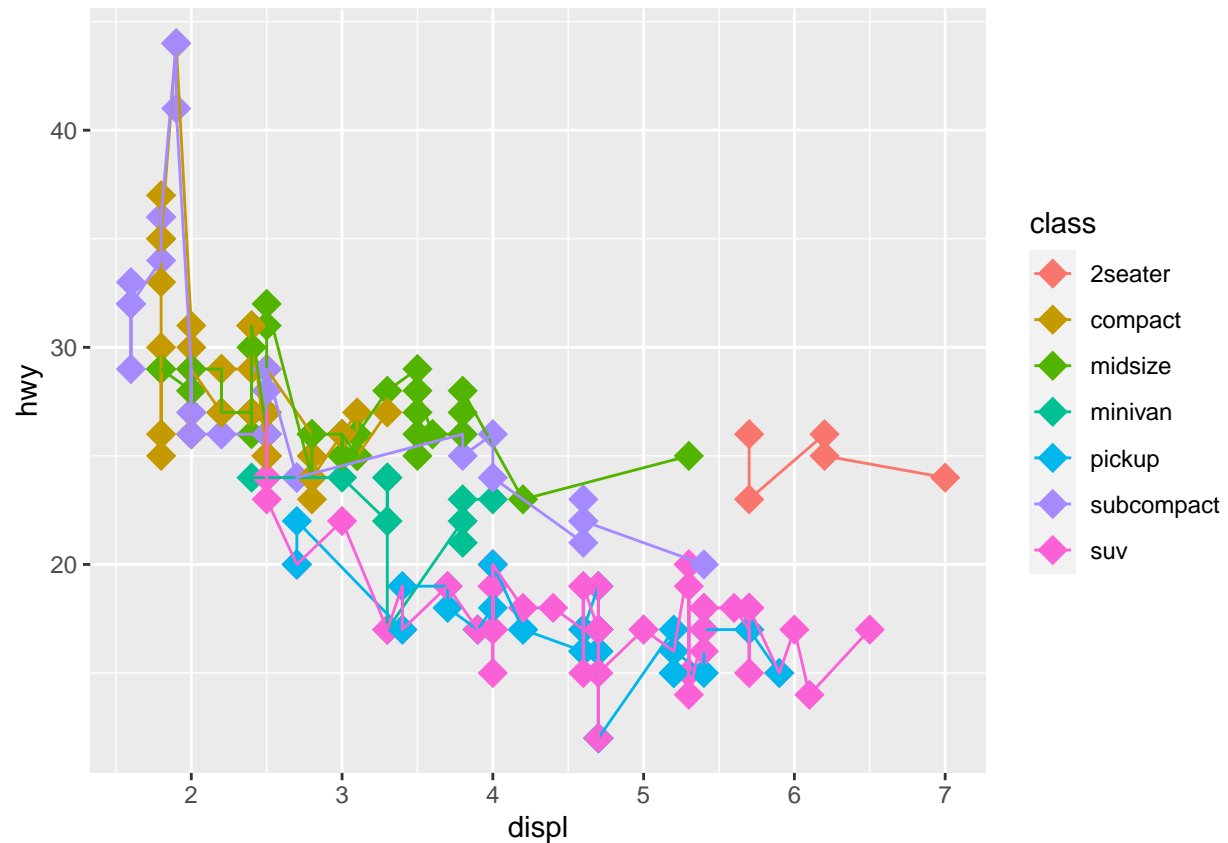
We can also add another layer as :

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



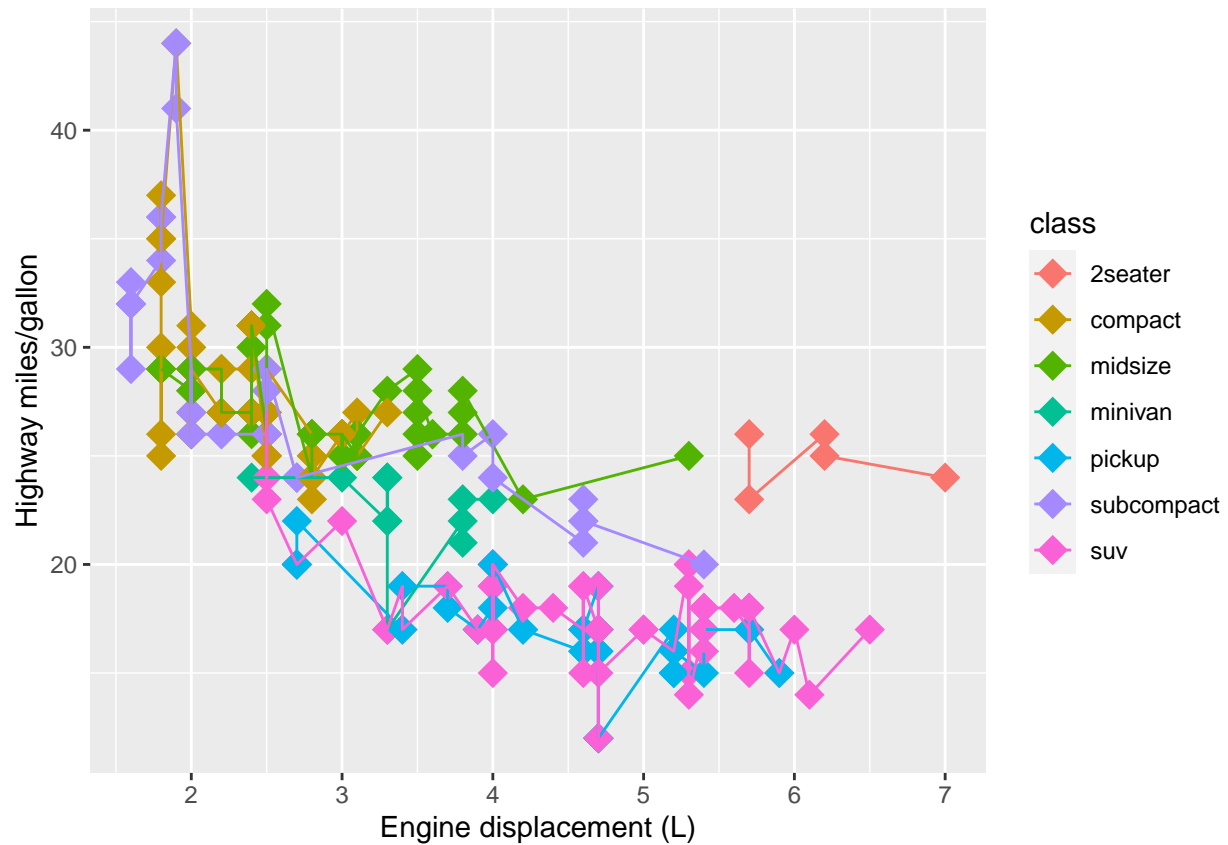
Let's now play with the shape and size !

```
ggplot(mpg)+
  geom_point(aes(x=displ, y=hwy, color=class), shape="diamond", size=5)+
  geom_line(aes(x=displ, y=hwy, color=class))
```



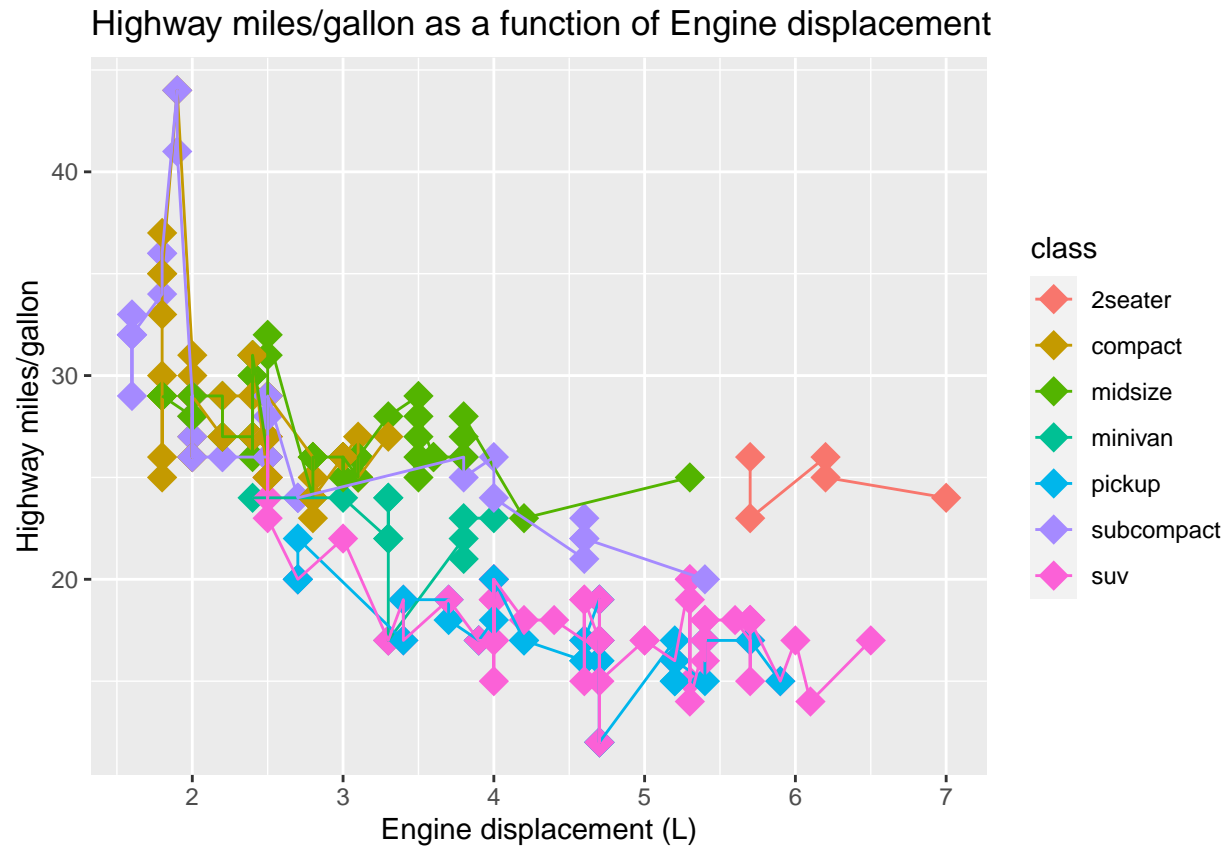
Now that we have the plot we wanted, let's arrange it to make it prettier and easier to read. First, let's change the names of the axes to make it clearer.

```
ggplot(mpg)+
  geom_point(aes(x=displ, y=hwy, color=class), shape="diamond", size=5)+
  geom_line(aes(x=displ, y=hwy, color=class))+
  xlab("Engine displacement (L)")+
  ylab("Highway miles/gallon")
```



We could also add a title.

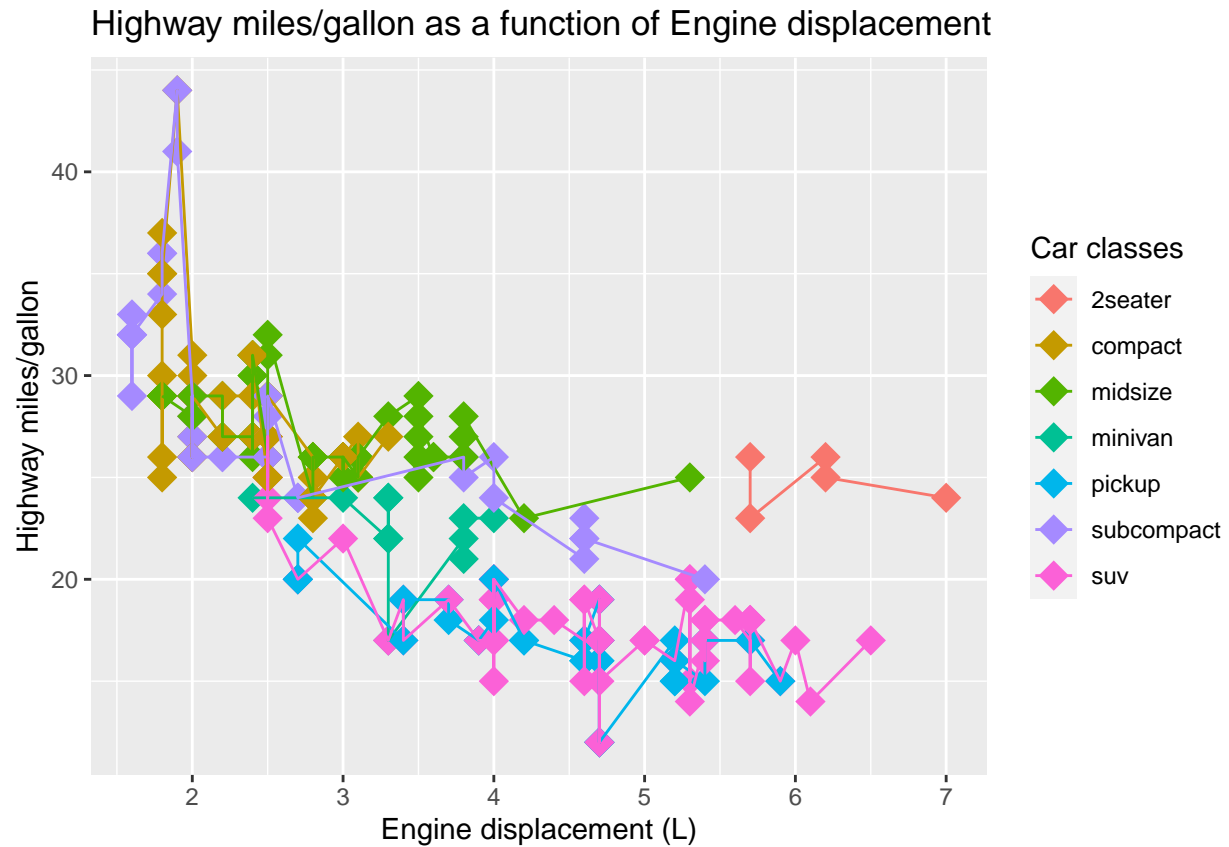
```
ggplot(mpg)+
  geom_point(aes(x=displ, y=hwy, color=class), shape="diamond", size=5)+
  geom_line(aes(x=displ, y=hwy, color=class))+
  xlab("Engine displacement (L)")+
  ylab("Highway miles/gallon")+
  ggtitle("Highway miles/gallon as a function of Engine displacement")
```



But that's a lot of functions to add to our ggplot object. We could also use the function `labs()`.

```
ggplot(mpg)+
  geom_point(aes(x=displ, y=hwy, color=class), shape="diamond", size=5)+
  geom_line(aes(x=displ, y=hwy, color=class))+
  labs(x="Engine displacement (L)",
       y="Highway miles/gallon",
       title="Highway miles/gallon as a function of Engine displacement",
       color="Car classes")
```



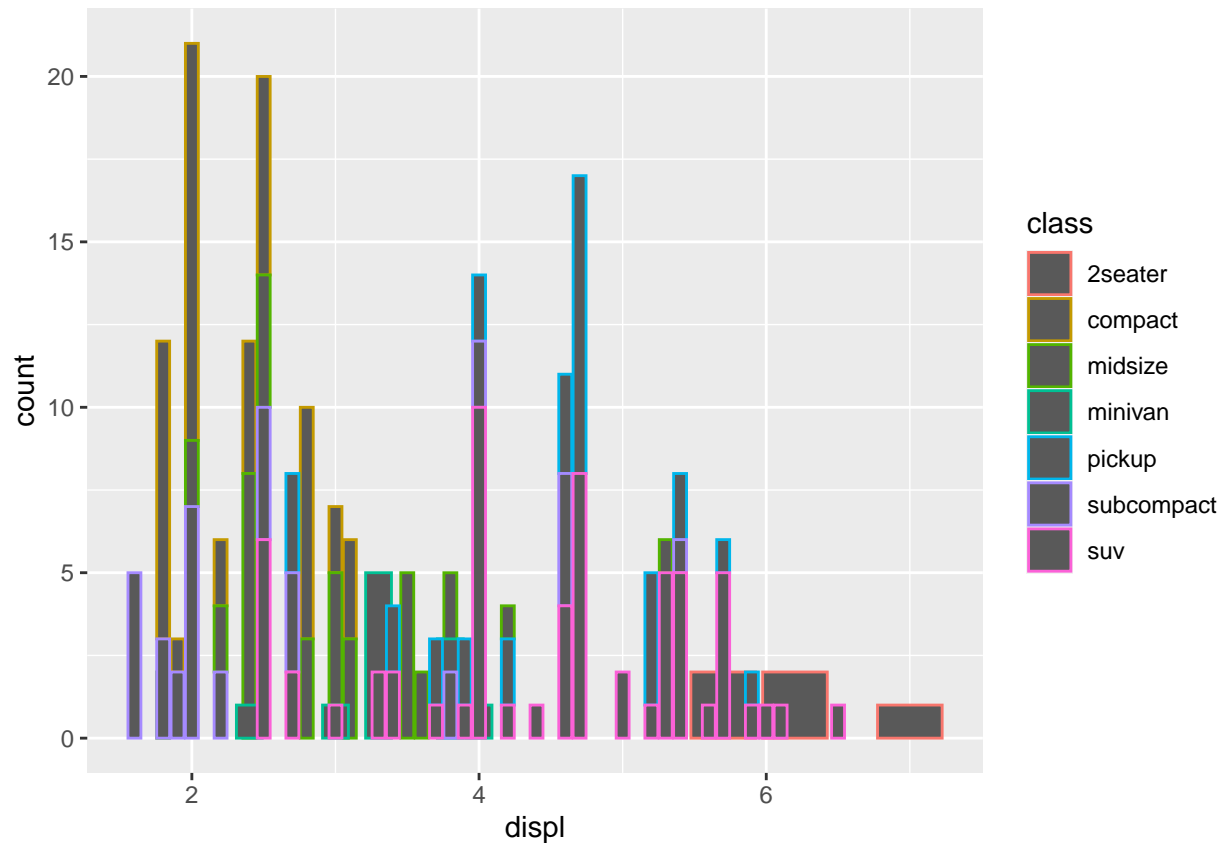


With this function we can also replace the name of the aesthetics, color, shape, size, fill, group, etc.

## Barplots

```
ggplot(mpg) +
  geom_bar(aes(x=displ, color=class))
```

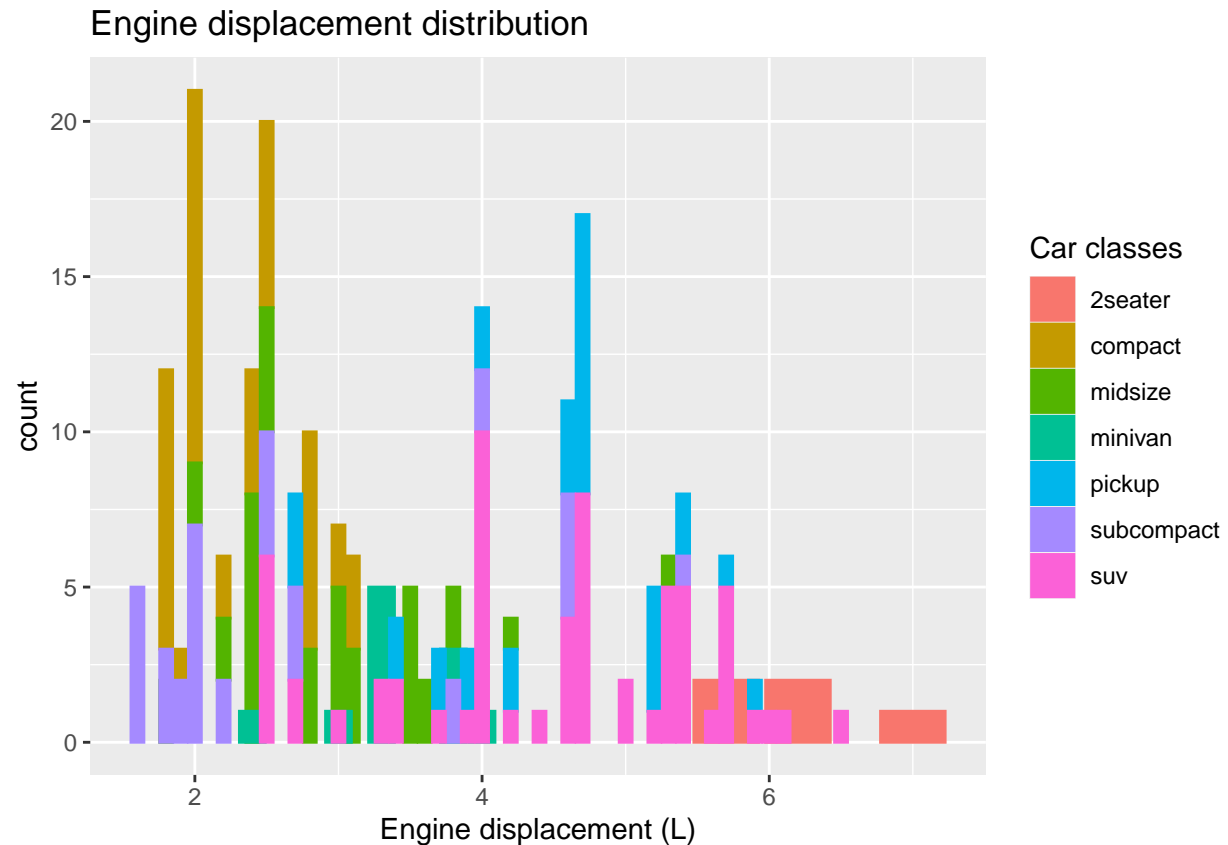
```
## Warning: position_stack requires non-overlapping x intervals
```



As you can see, by filling only the color aesthetics, we only color the contour of the bars. To fill the bars with a color, we can use the fill aesthetic as follow :

```
ggplot(mpg)+
  geom_bar(aes(x=displ, color=class, fill=class))+
  labs(x="Engine displacement (L)",
       color="Car classes",
       fill="Car classes",
       title="Engine displacement distribution")
```

## Warning: position\_stack requires non-overlapping x intervals

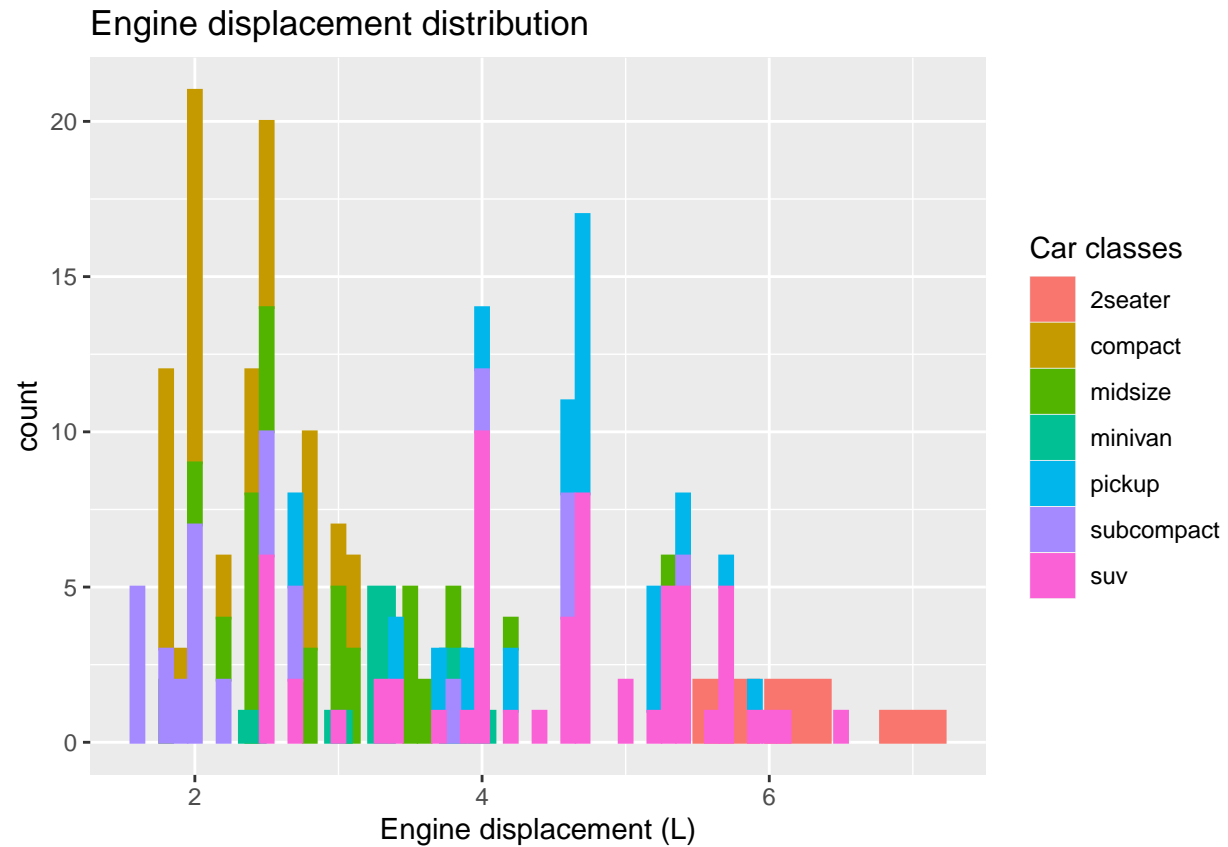


The  $x$  axis can be treated either as a continuous variable or a discrete variable. To treat the  $x$  axis as a continuous variable, use the `as.numeric()` function as follow :

```
mpg$displ<-as.numeric(mpg$displ)

ggplot(mpg)+
  geom_bar(aes(x=displ, color=class, fill=class))+
  labs(x="Engine displacement (L)",
       color="Car classes",
       fill="Car classes",
       title="Engine displacement distribution")
```

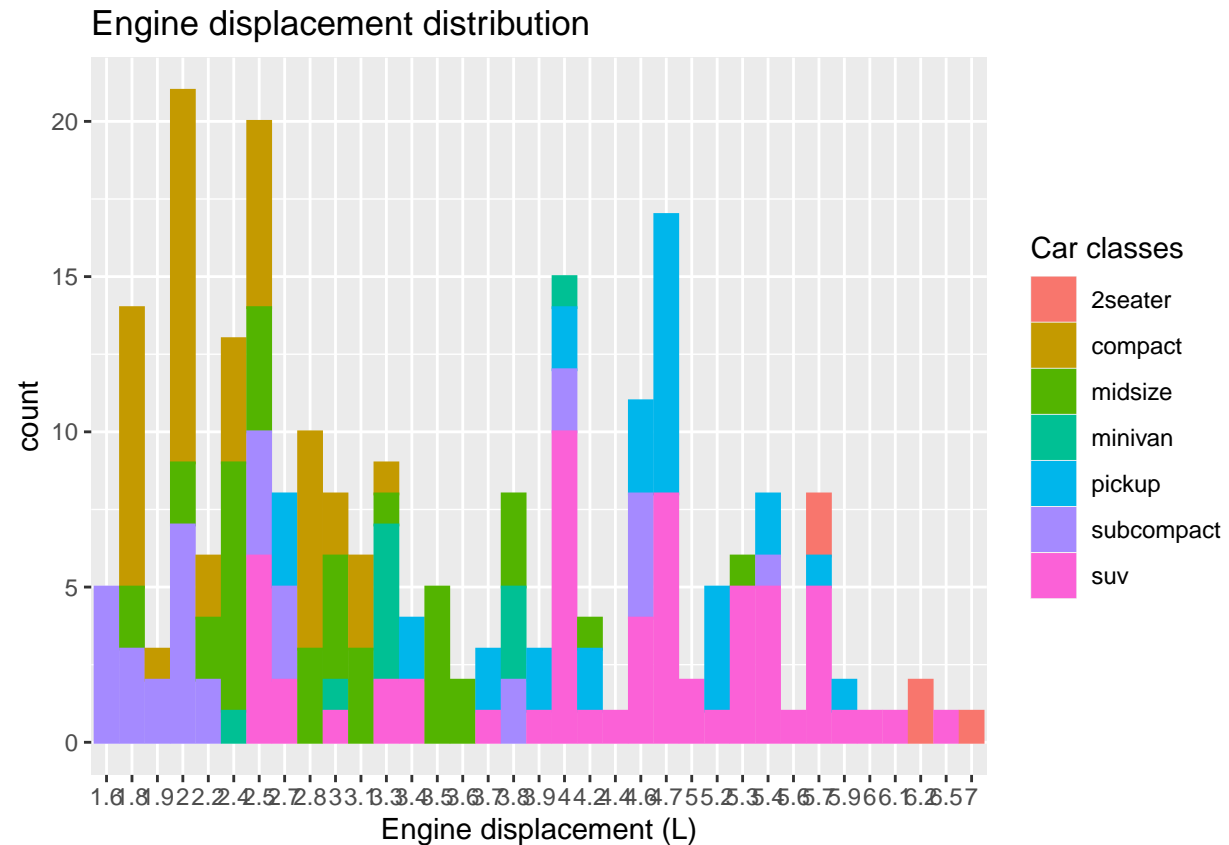
```
## Warning: position_stack requires non-overlapping x intervals
```



If you consider that your variable should be discrete, then use `as.factor()` function as follow :

```
mpg$displ<-as.factor(mpg$displ)

ggplot(mpg)+
  geom_bar(aes(x=displ, color=class, fill=class))+
  labs(x="Engine displacement (L)",
       color="Car classes",
       fill="Car classes",
       title="Engine displacement distribution")
```

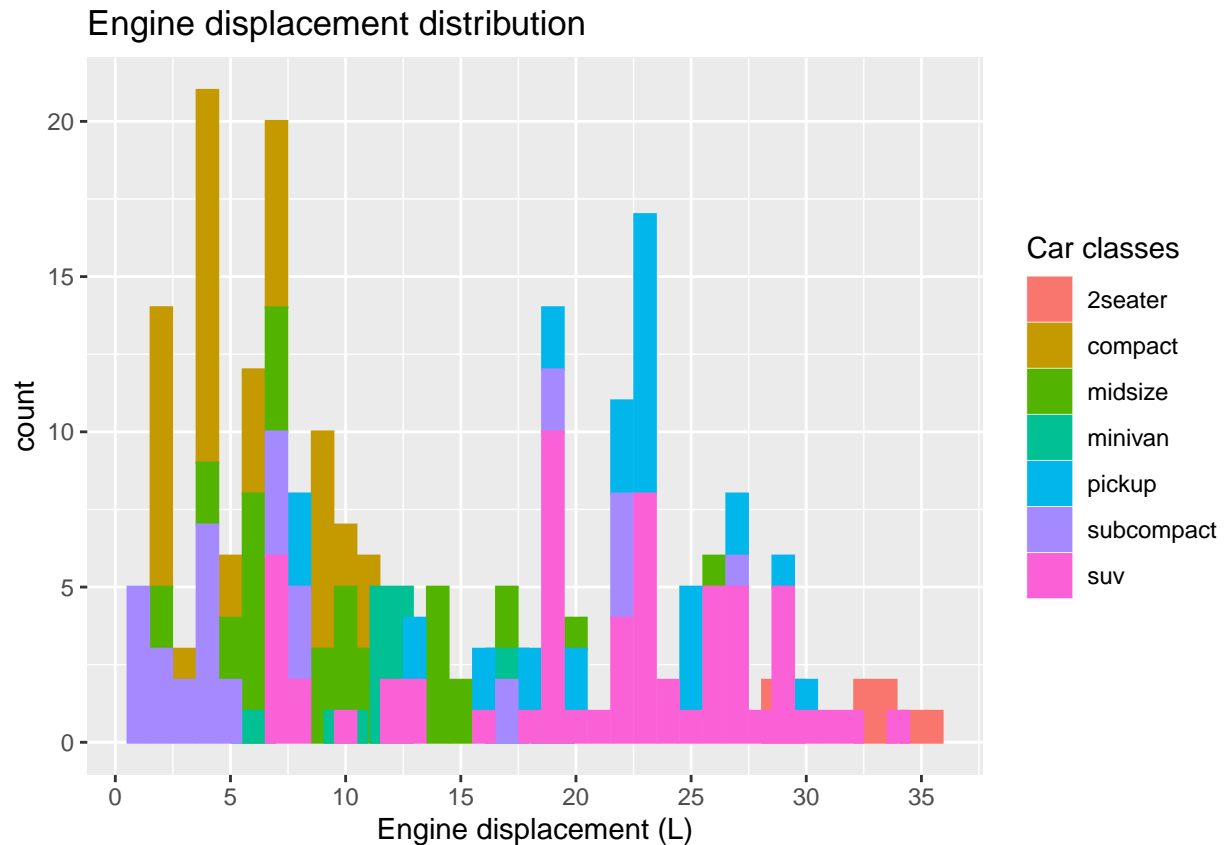


In such cases, the  $x$  axis can be blurry and sometimes, the labels are not clear. To make it clearer, one could use the functions `scale_x_continuous()` or `scale_x_discrete()` as :

```
mpg$displ<-as.numeric(mpg$displ)

ggplot(mpg)+
  geom_bar(aes(x=displ, color=class, fill=class))+
  labs(x="Engine displacement (L)",
       color="Car classes",
       fill="Car classes",
       title="Engine displacement distribution")+
  scale_x_continuous(breaks=seq(0, max(mpg$displ), 5))
```

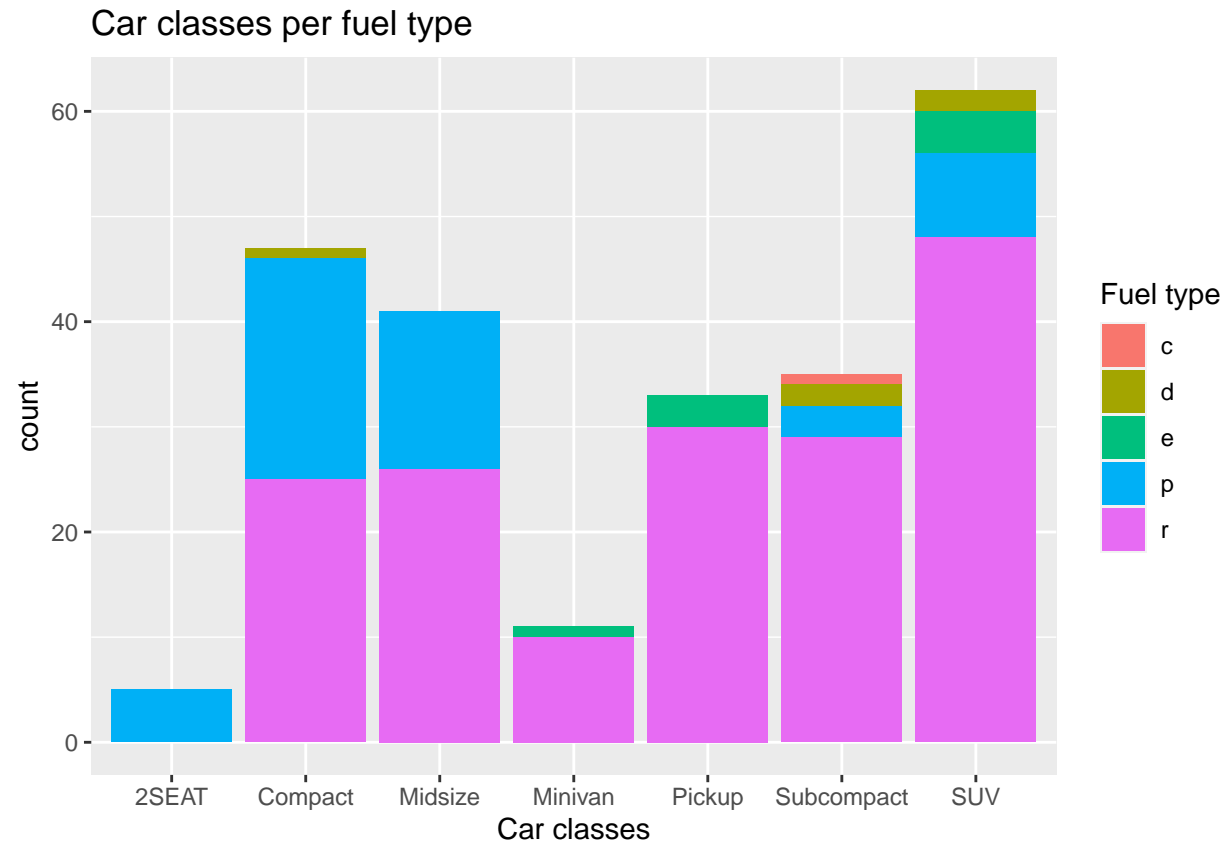
```
## Warning: position_stack requires non-overlapping x intervals
```



NB : Here, I call the max function to get the maximum value displayed on the  $x$  axis. By doing so, we suppose that the maximum value can change from a dataset to another, so it's better to never use a maximum value chosen by hand.

Of course, here it doesn't make sense to convert the engine displacement values as factors. So we will try with another variable which is more suitable for this kind of work. We will use the class variable for our discrete variable. With `scale_x_discrete()` we can assign another name to each label as follow :

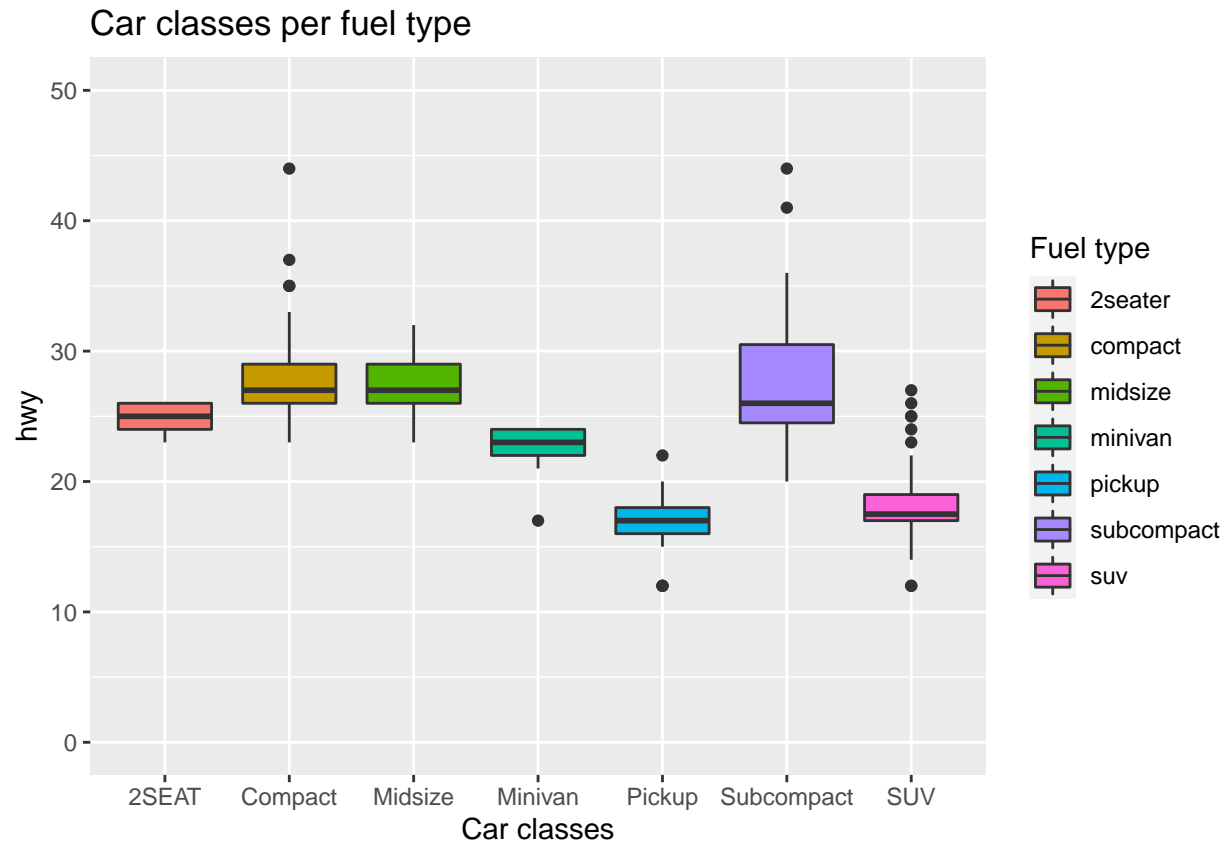
```
ggplot(mpg)+
  geom_bar(aes(x=class, fill=f1))+
  labs(x="Car classes",
       color="Fuel type",
       fill="Fuel type",
       title="Car classes per fuel type")+
  scale_x_discrete(labels=c("2seater"="2SEAT",
                           "compact"="Compact",
                           "midsize"="Midsize",
                           "minivan"="Minivan",
                           "pickup"="Pickup",
                           "subcompact"="Subcompact",
                           "suv"="SUV"))
```



## Boxplot

To create a boxplot with ggplot2, we use the `geom_boxplot()` function as follow :

```
ggplot(mpg, aes(x=class, y=hwy))+
  geom_boxplot(aes(fill=class))+
  labs(x="Car classes",
       color="Fuel type",
       fill="Fuel type",
       title="Car classes per fuel type")+
  ylim(0, 50)+
  scale_x_discrete(labels=c("2seater"="2SEAT",
                           "compact"="Compact",
                           "midsize"="Midsize",
                           "minivan"="Minivan",
                           "pickup"="Pickup",
                           "subcompact"="Subcompact",
                           "suv"="SUV"))
```

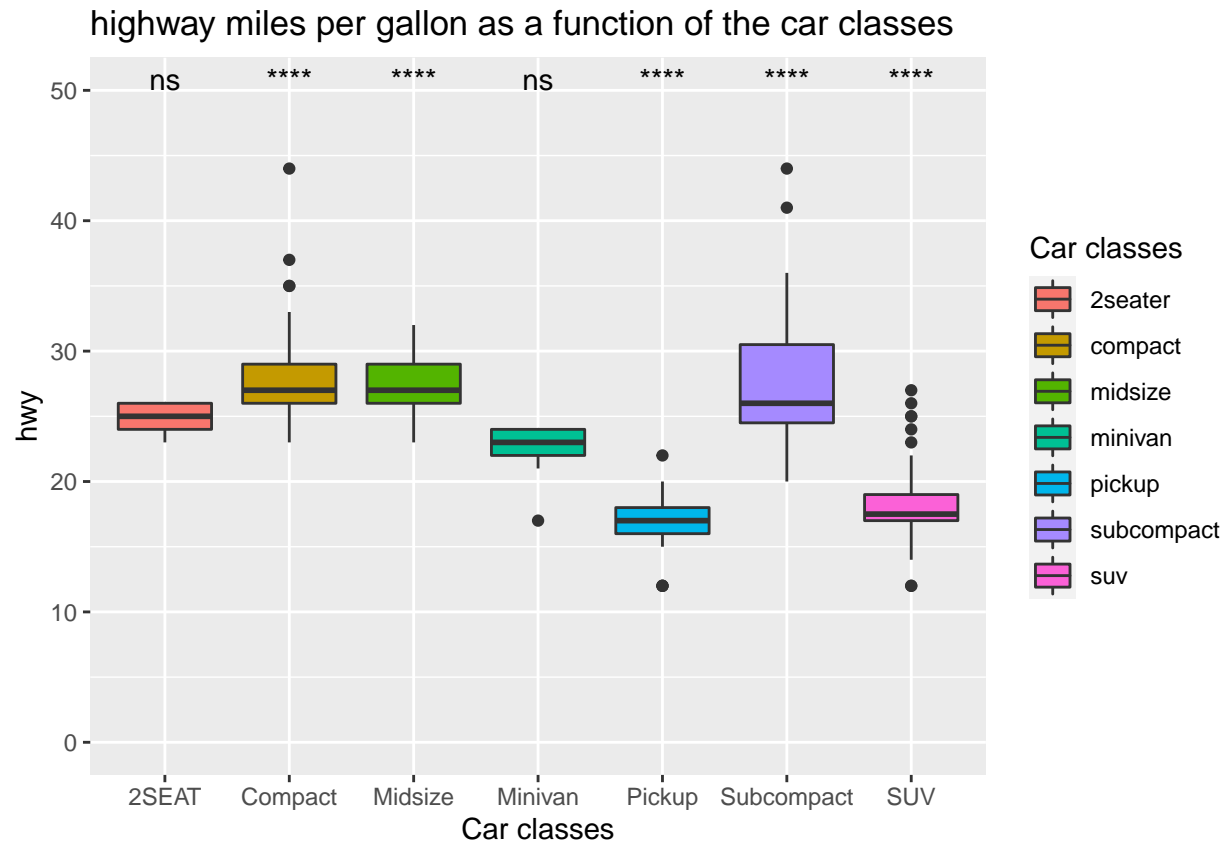


If we want the significance level between each group, we can use the `stat_compare_means()` function as follow :

```
box<-ggplot(mpg, aes(x=class, y=hwy))+
  geom_boxplot(aes(fill=class))+
  stat_compare_means(aes(label = ..p.signif..),
    method="wilcox.test",
    label.x = 1.5,
    label.y = 50,
    ref.group = ".all.")+
  labs(x="Car classes",
    color="Car classes",
    fill="Car classes",
    title="highway miles per gallon as a function of the car classes")+
  ylim(0, 50)+
  scale_x_discrete(labels=c("2seater"="2SEAT",
    "compact"="Compact",
    "midsize"="Midsize",
    "minivan"="Minivan",
    "pickup"="Pickup",
    "subcompact"="Subcompact",
    "suv"="SUV"))
```

box





## Theme creation

There exist several themes in ggplot2, black and white, gray, void, minimal, classic, light and so on. But what if we want our own theme, with the colors we want, a grid or not, and a specific font? We must create our own theme to do that. Here we will use the black and white theme as a base theme and the function `\textit{{\%+replace\%}}` which replaces the entire element in a theme and if any element of a theme is not specified in the new theme, it will not be present in the resulting theme.

```
my_theme<-function(){
  theme_bw() %+replace%
  theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5), #centers the title
        panel.border=element_blank(),
        panel.grid.major = element_blank(), #to remove the grid
        panel.grid.minor = element_blank(), #to remove the grid
        panel.background = element_rect(fill="white"), #to fill the background with a white color
        axis.line = element_blank(),
        legend.justification = c(0, 1))
}
```

To apply the theme to your own plot, just add the newly created theme as if you were adding a new layer.

```
box+my_theme()
```

