

# Grammar of Graphics

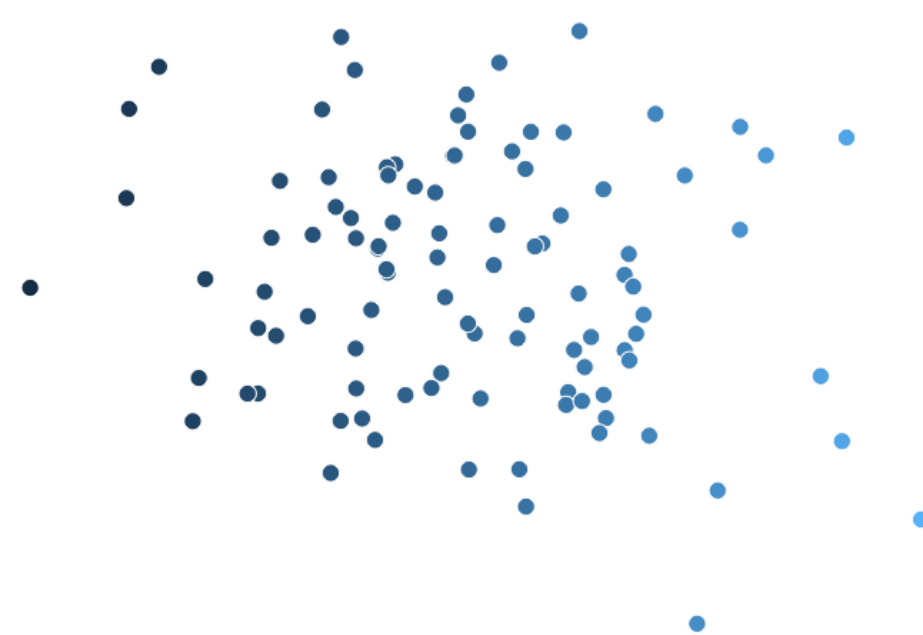
## scales and coordinate systems

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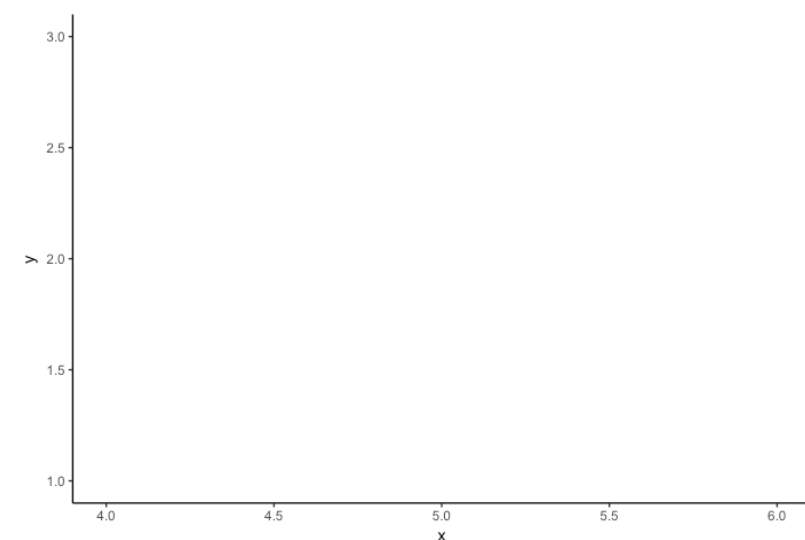
`slides/04_scales.pdf`

# Building blocks

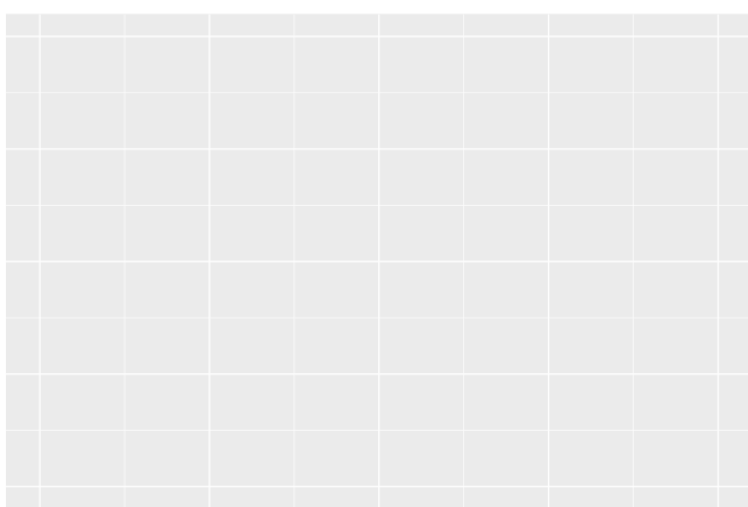
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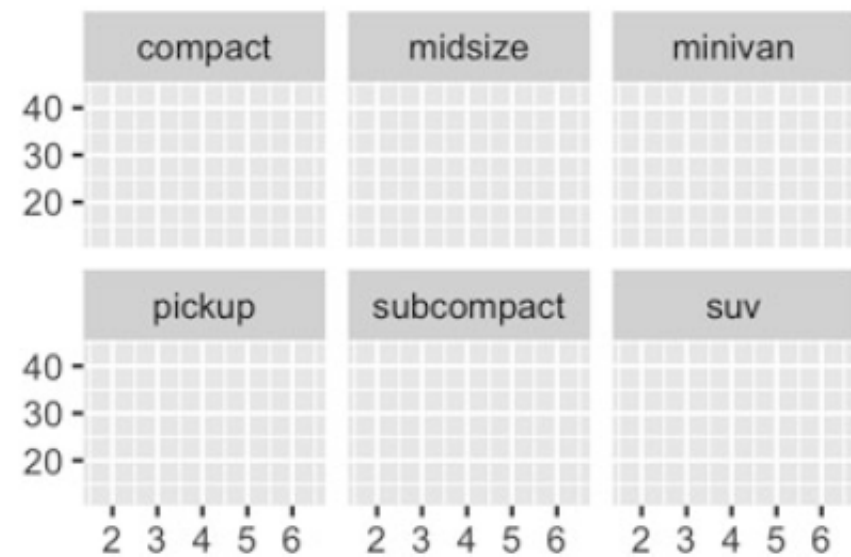
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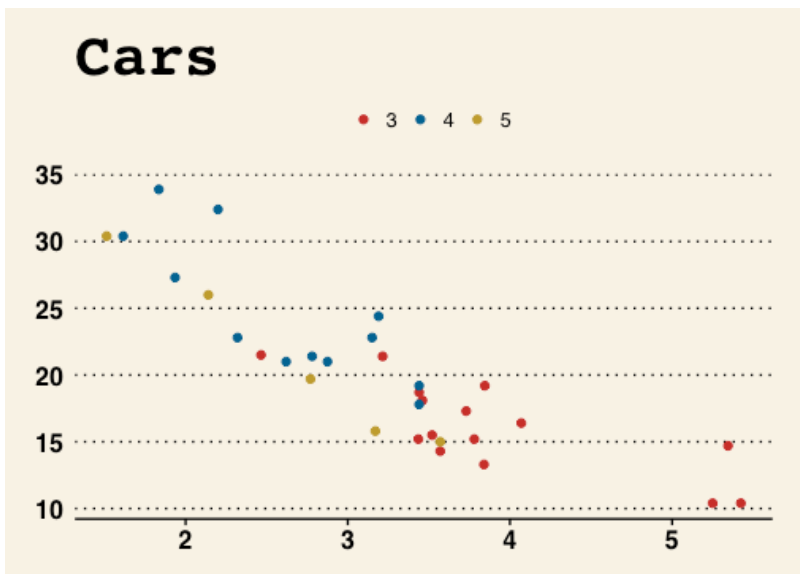
Coord



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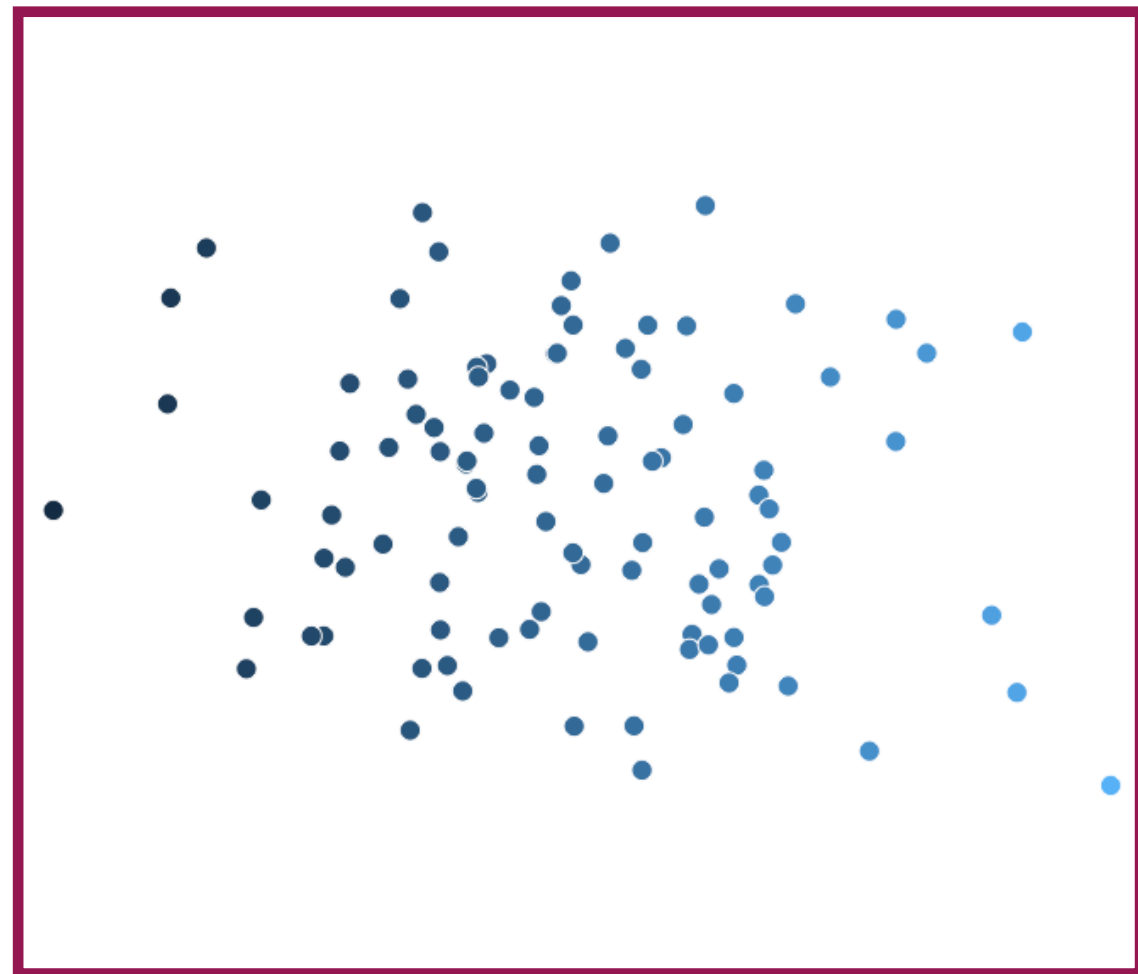
Theme



# Layers

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Each layer consists of:



1. GEOM

2. AESTHETIC  
MAPPING

3. DATA

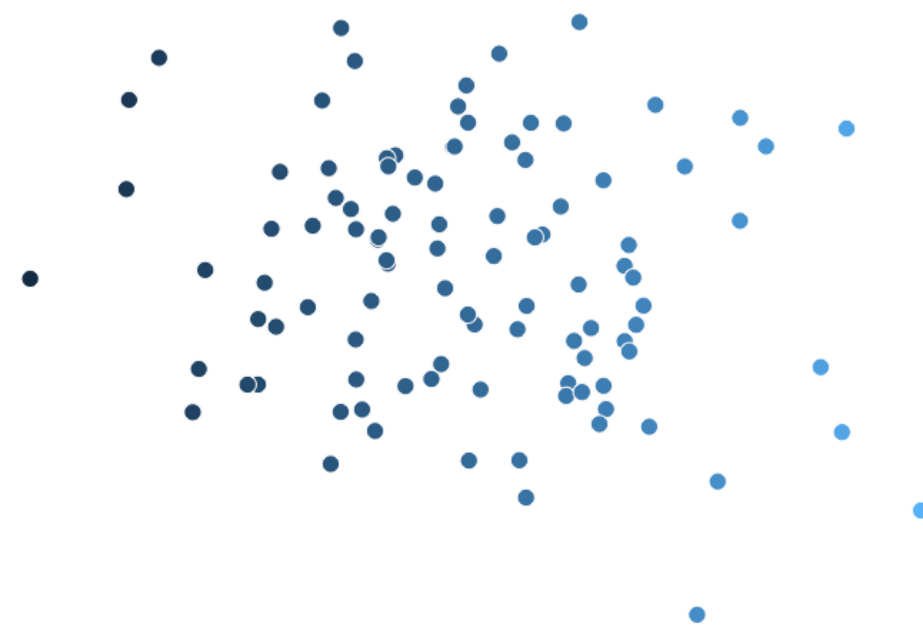
4. STAT

5. POSITION

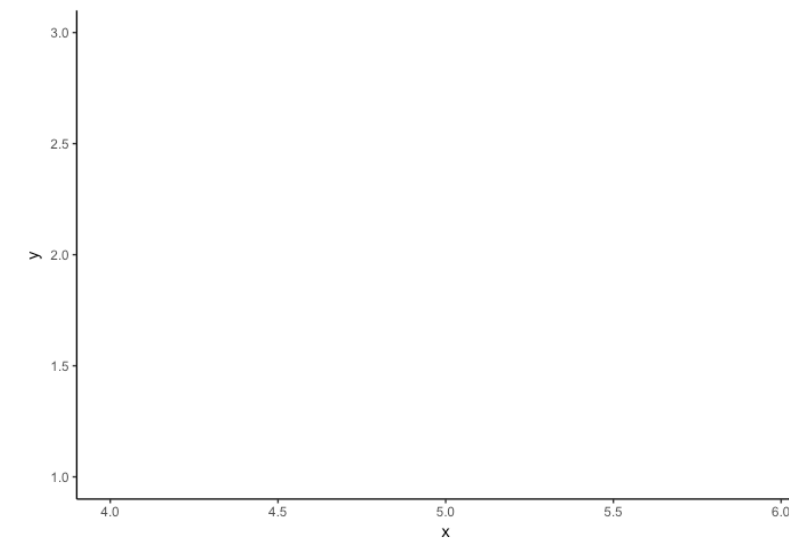
# Building blocks

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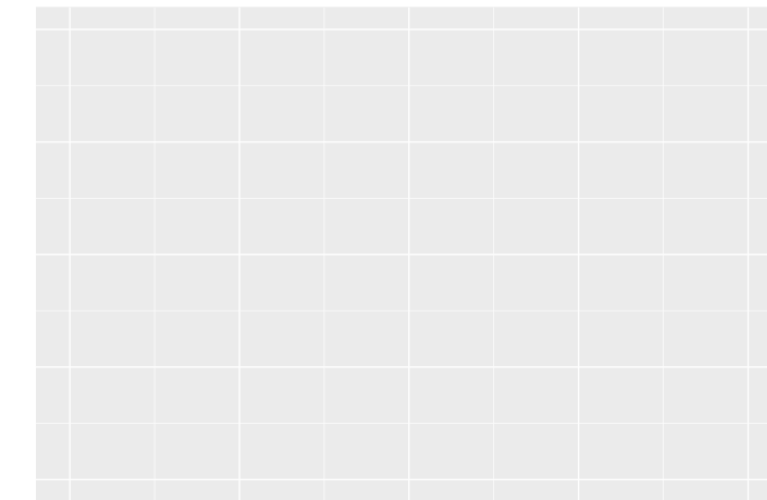
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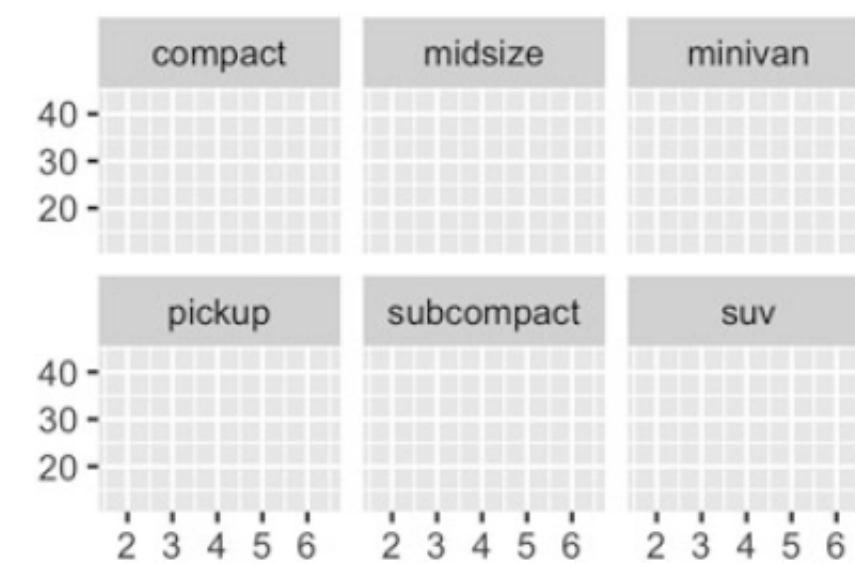
Scale(s)



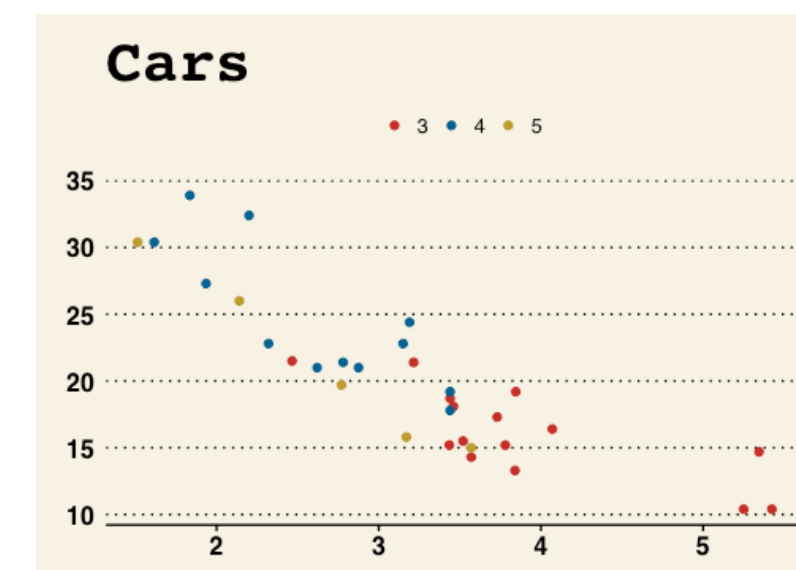
Coord



Facet



Theme



# Scales

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- One per aesthetic mapping
- The scale must match the data type (continuous or discrete)

## MAPPING

x →

y →

color →

fill →

## SCALE

scale\_x\_date()

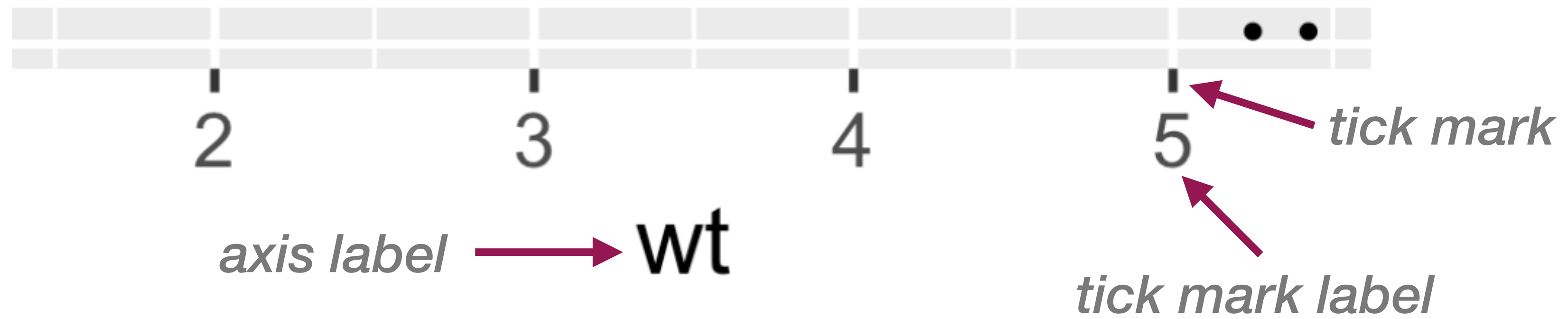
scale\_y\_continuous()

scale\_color\_manual()

scale\_fill\_viridis\_c()

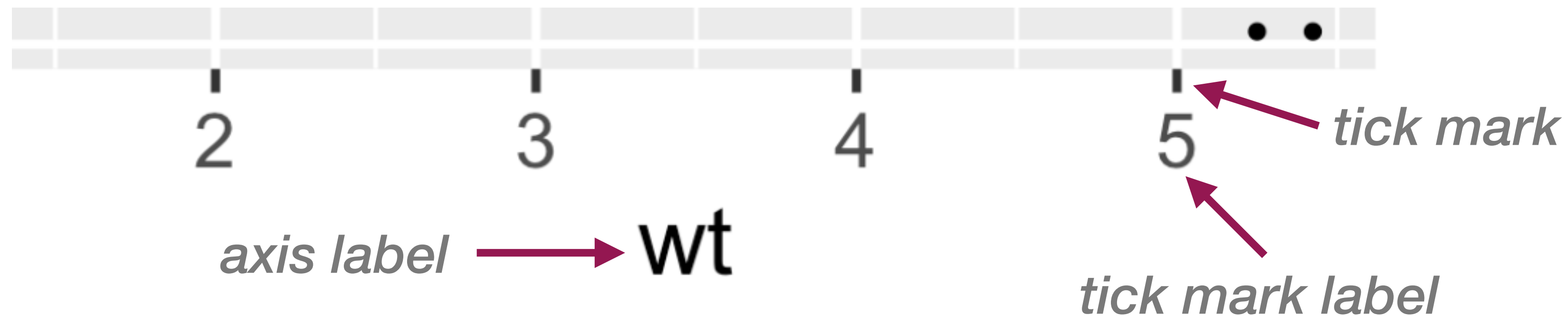
# x and y scales

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# Continuous x and y scales

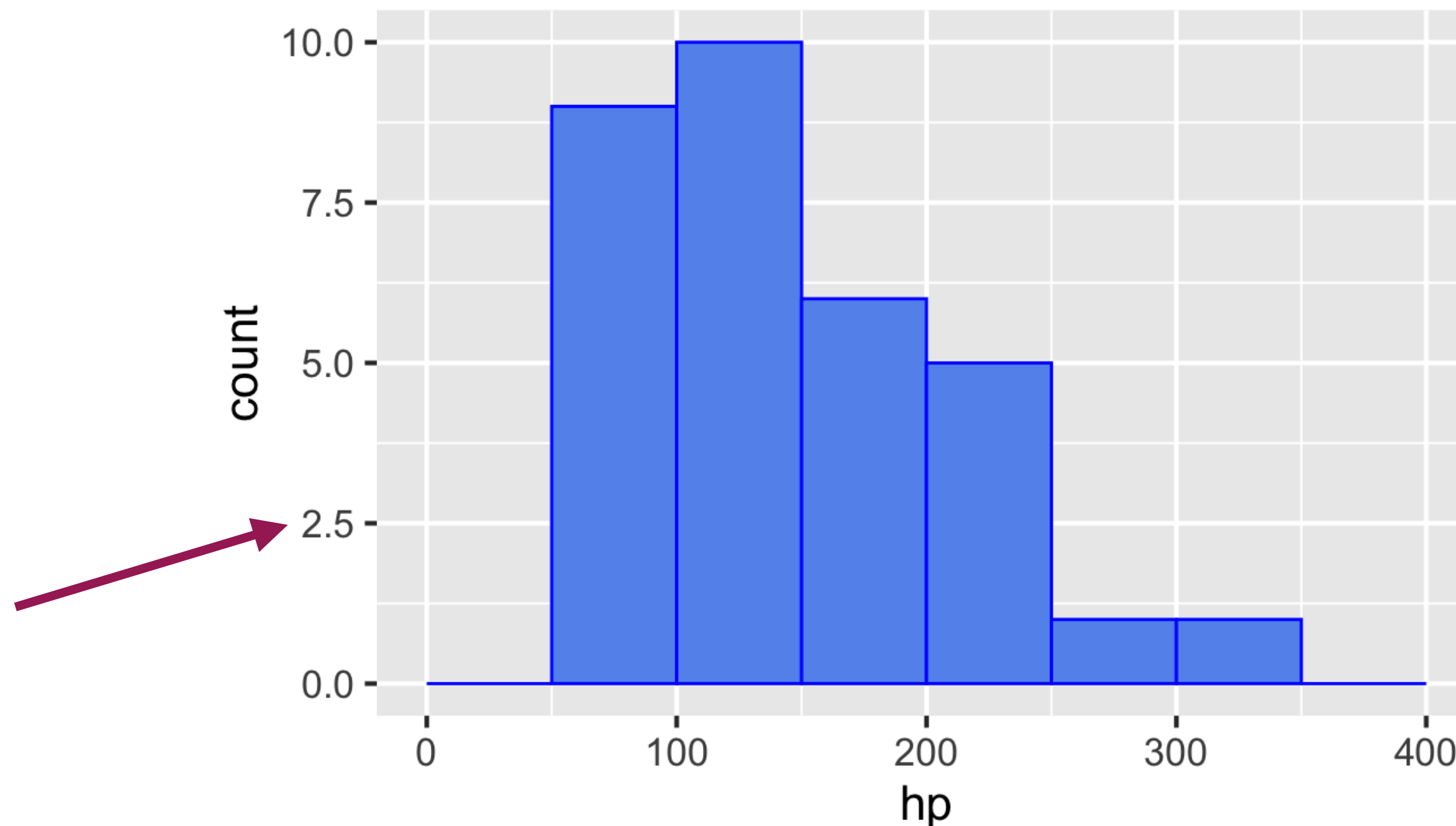
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- + `scale_x_continuous()` or + `scale_y_continuous()`
  - change axis label with `name =` or `labs(x = ...)`
  - set range of axis with `limits =`
  - choose tick mark locations with `breaks =`
  - format tick mark labels `labels =` (rare, often a function)

# Problematic y-axis

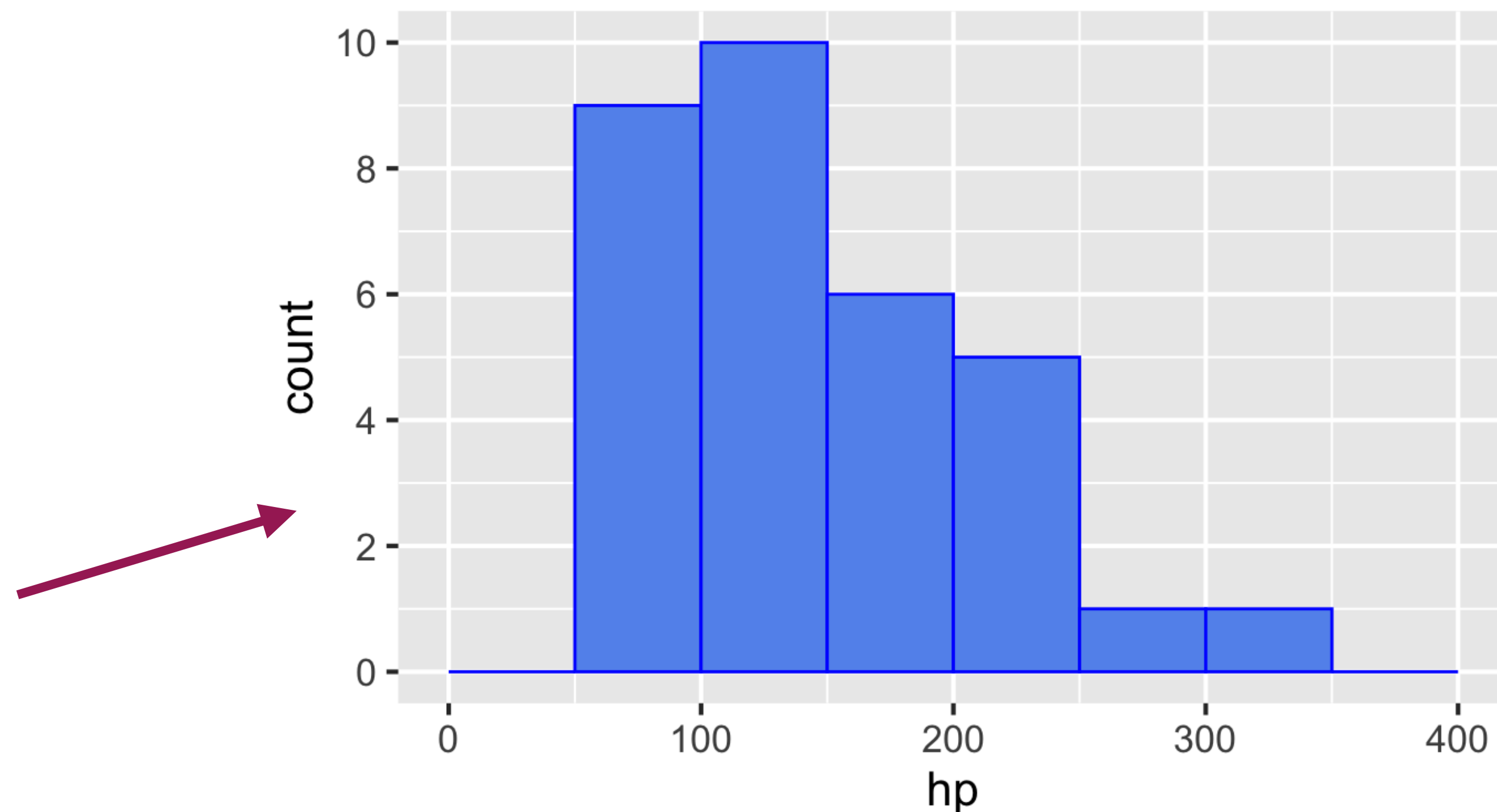
```
ggplot(mtcars, aes(x = hp)) +  
  geom_histogram(breaks = seq(0, 400, 50),  
                 color = "blue", fill = "cornflowerblue")
```





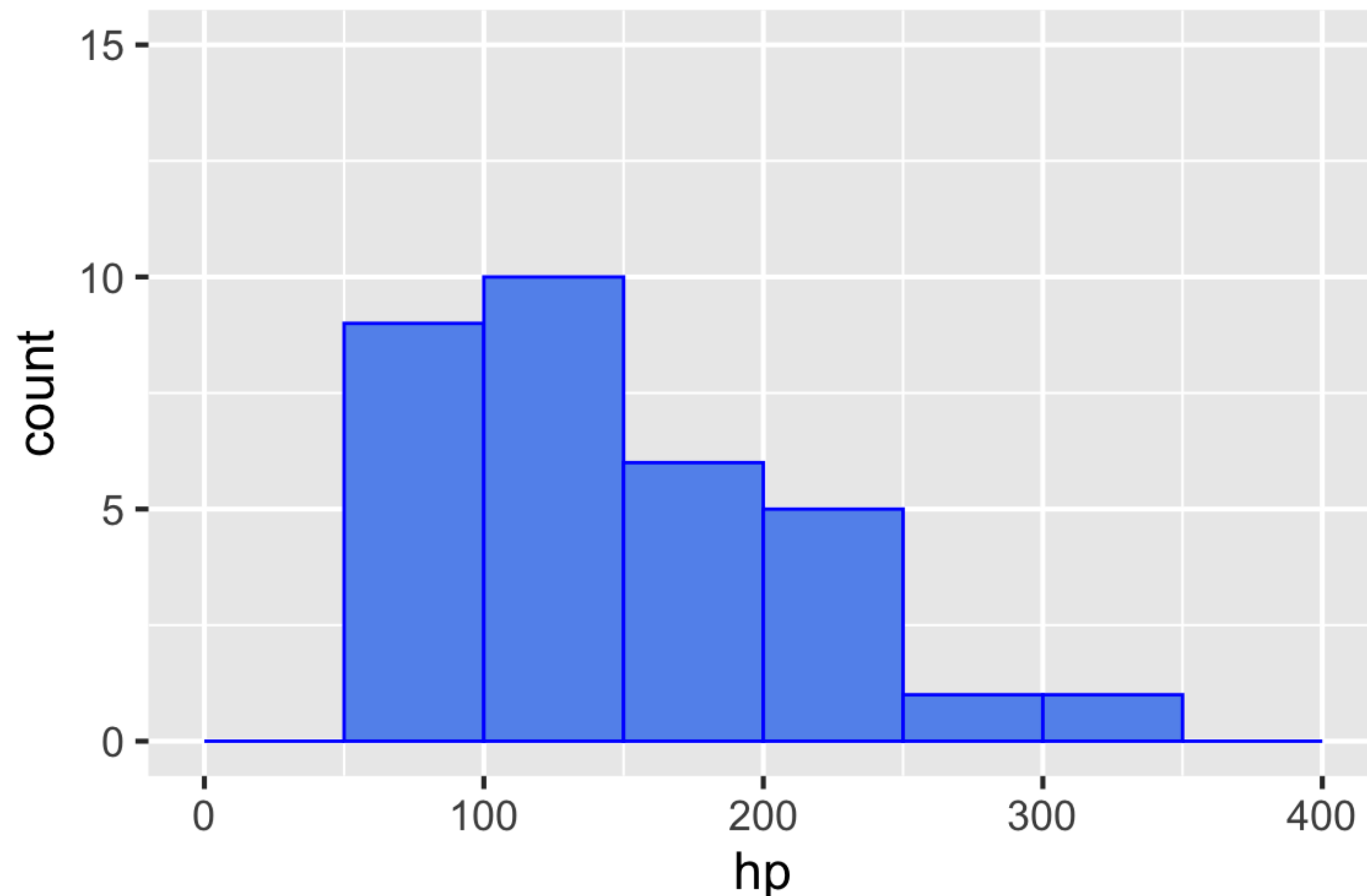
# Change scale breaks

```
ggplot(mtcars, aes(x = hp)) +  
  geom_histogram(breaks = seq(0, 400, 50),  
                 color = "blue", fill = "cornflowerblue") +  
  scale_y_continuous(breaks = seq(0, 10, 2))
```



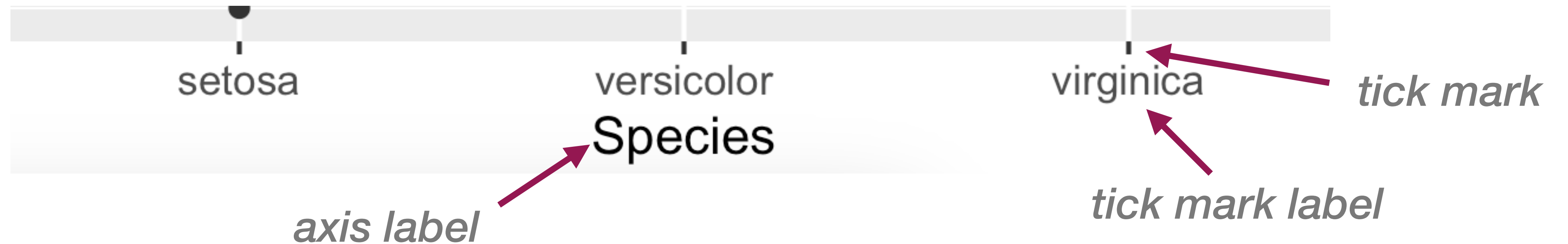
# Change scale breaks

```
ggplot(mtcars, aes(x = hp)) +  
  geom_histogram(breaks = seq(0, 400, 50),  
                 color = "blue", fill = "cornflowerblue") +  
  scale_y_continuous(limits = c(0, 15))
```



# Discrete x and y scales

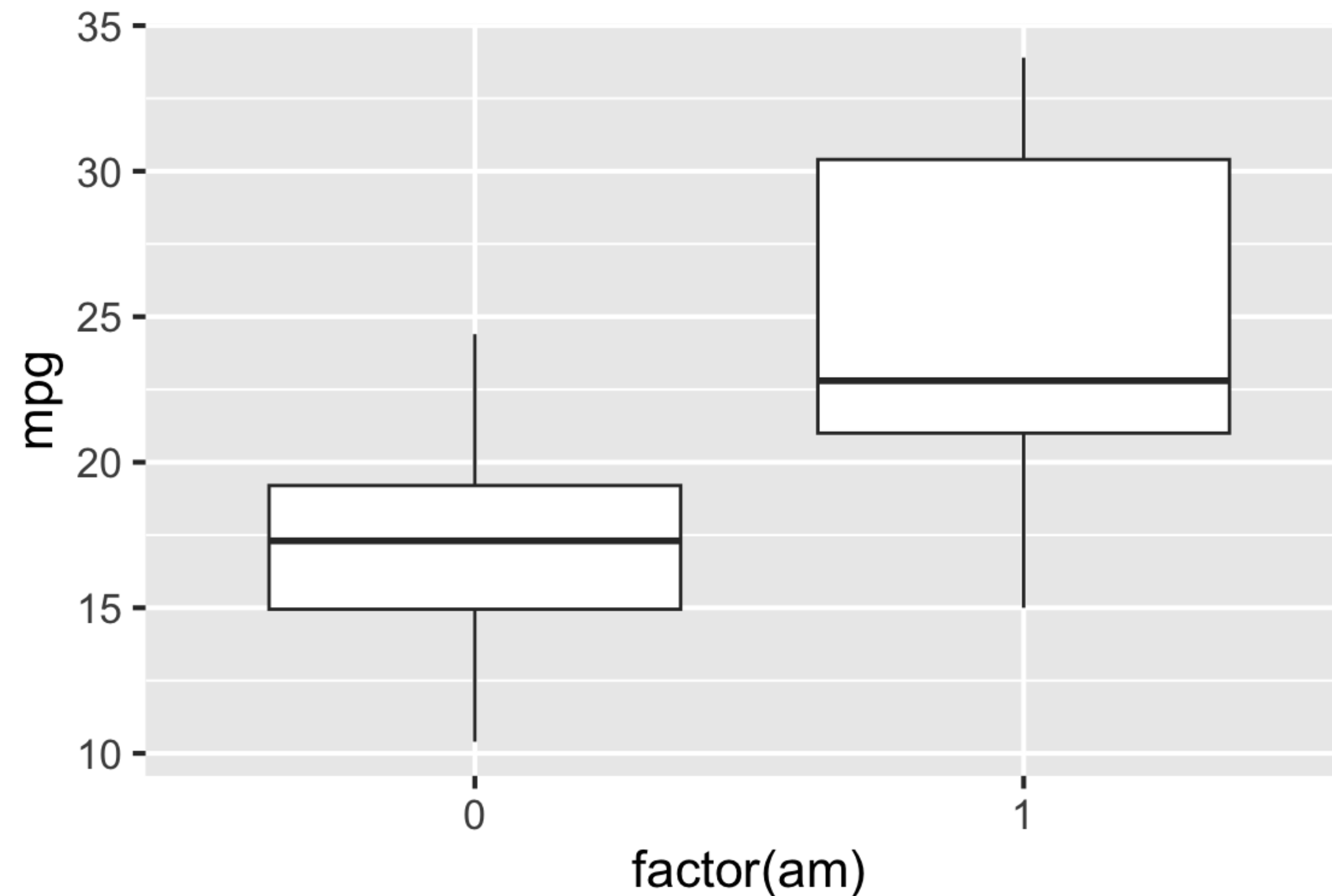
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- + `scale_x_discrete()` or + `scale_y_discrete()`
  - change axis label with `name =` or `labs(x = ...)`
  - change tick mark labels `labels =`

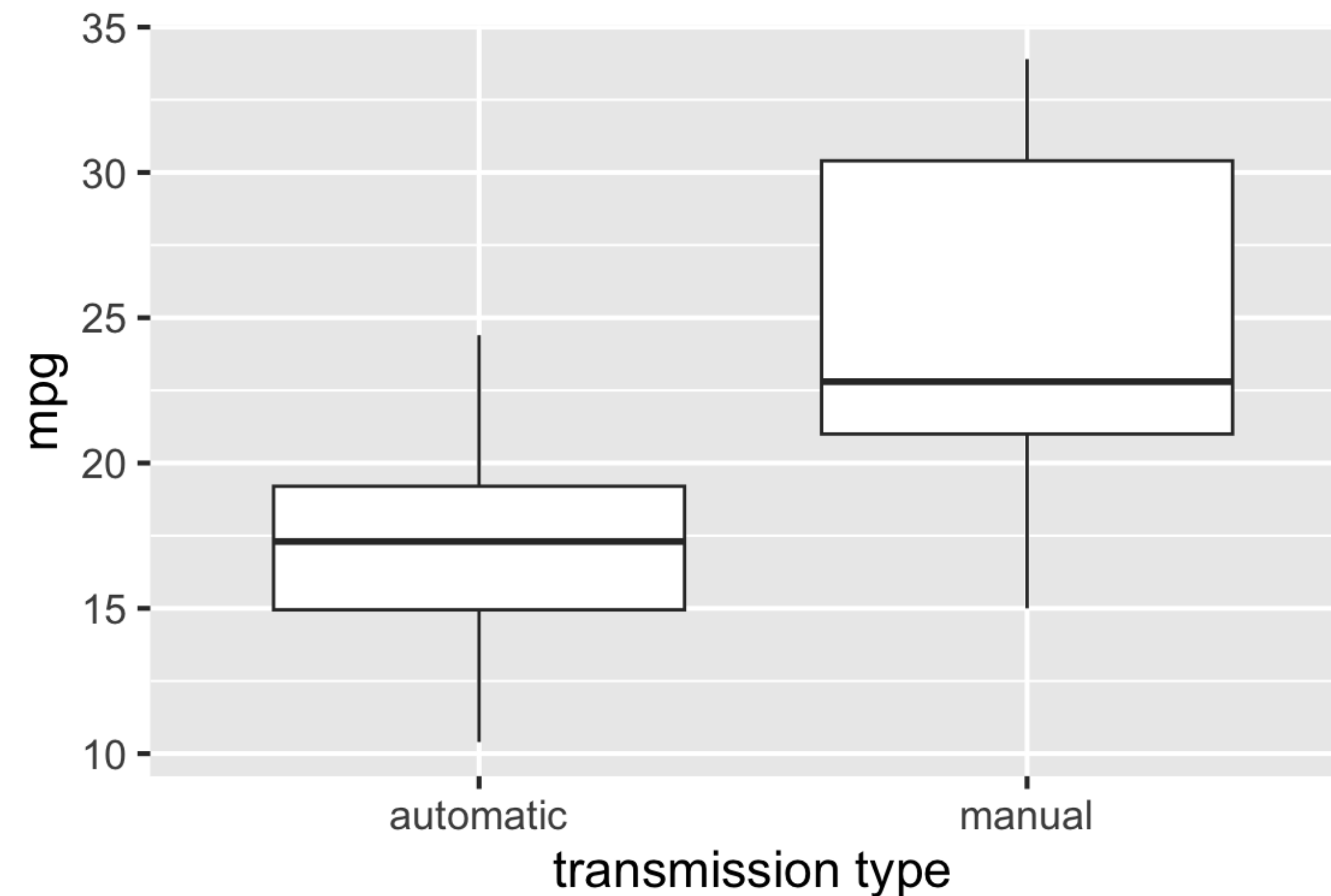
# Unclear tick mark labels

```
ggplot(mtcars, aes(x = factor(am), y = mpg)) +  
  geom_boxplot()
```



# Rename tick mark labels

```
ggplot(mtcars, aes(x = factor(am), y = mpg)) +  
  geom_boxplot() +  
  scale_x_discrete(name = "transmission type",  
                    labels = c("0" = "automatic", "1" = "manual"))
```



# Discrete vs. continuous



```
ggplot(mtcars, aes(x = factor(am), y = mpg)) +  
  geom_boxplot() +  
  scale_x_continuous(name = "transmission type",  
                     labels = c("0" = "automatic", "1" = "manual"))
```

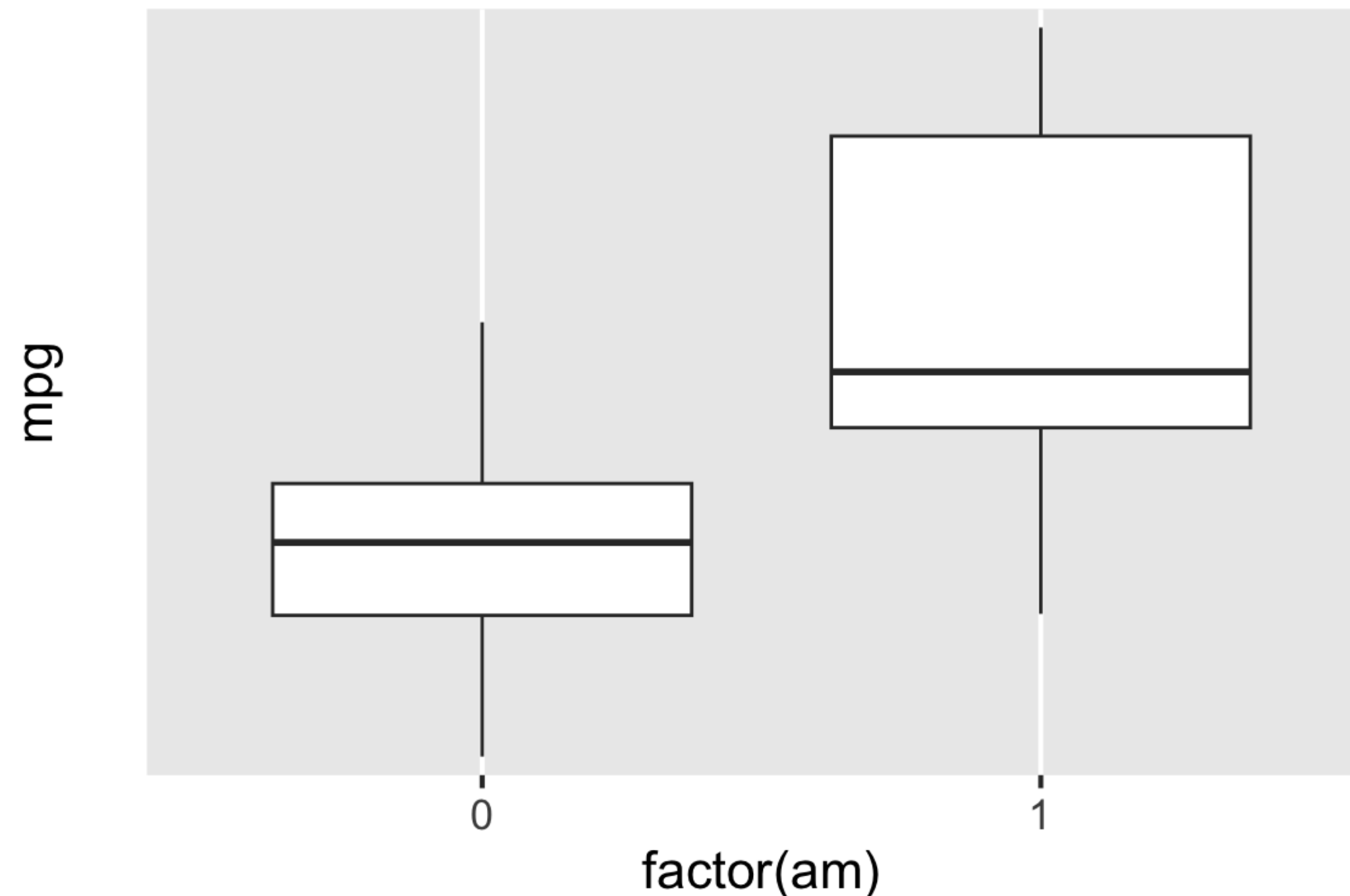
Error in `train\_continuous()`:  
! Discrete value supplied to a continuous scale

# Discrete vs. continuous



```
ggplot(mtcars, aes(x = factor(am), y = mpg)) +  
  geom_boxplot() +  
  scale_y_discrete(limits = c(0, 40))
```

Warning: Continuous limits supplied to discrete scale.  
i Did you mean `limits = factor(...)` or `scale\_\*\_continuous()`?



# Color / fill scales

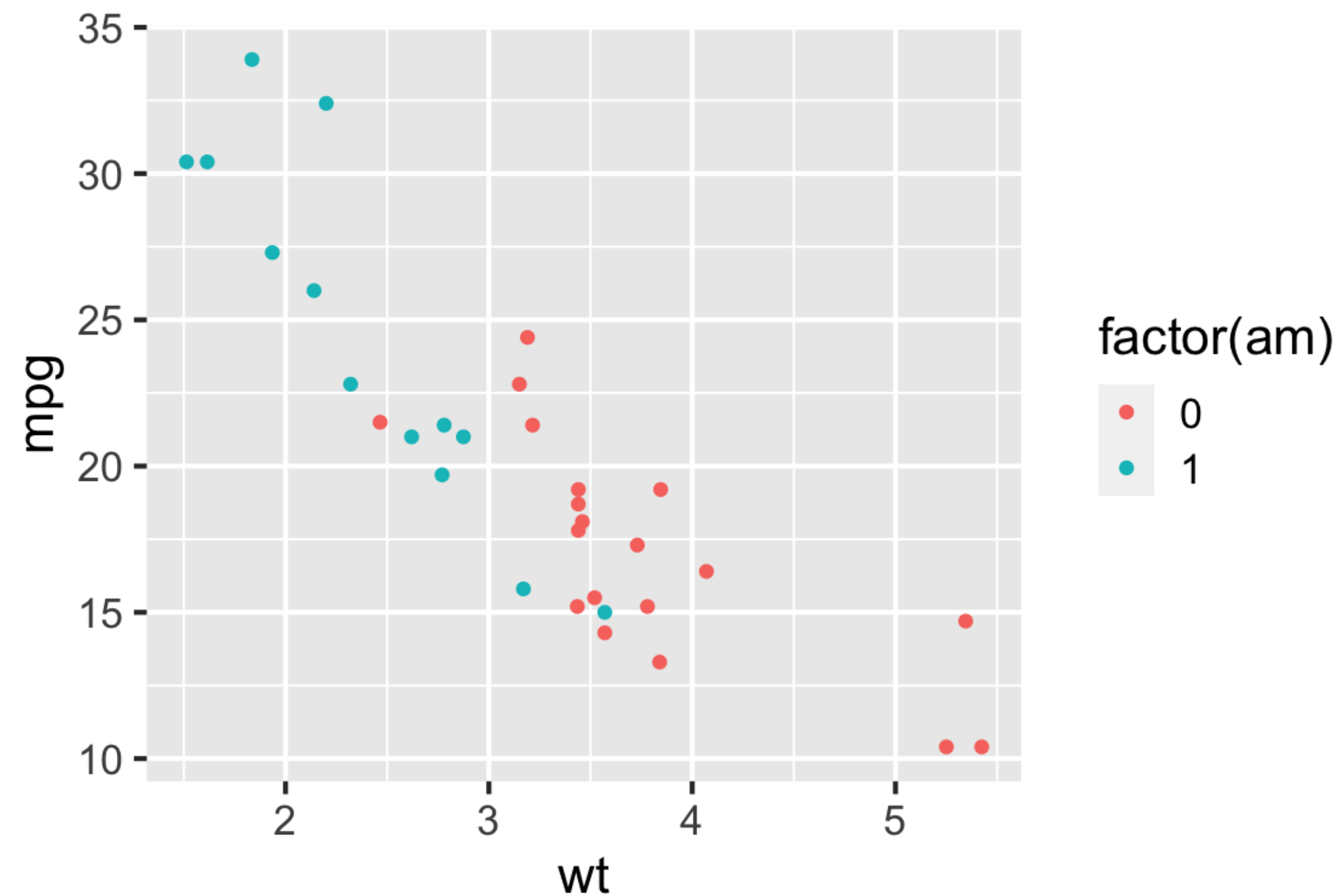
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- continuous data --> continuous color / fill scale
- discrete data --> discrete color / fill scale
- color / fill scales only apply to aesthetic mappings
- for "constant" colors, use `color =` or `fill =`



# Default discrete colors

```
ggplot(mtcars, aes(x = wt, y = mpg, color = factor(am))) +  
  geom_point()
```



# Change discrete color / fill scales

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```
+ scale_color_manual(values = )
```

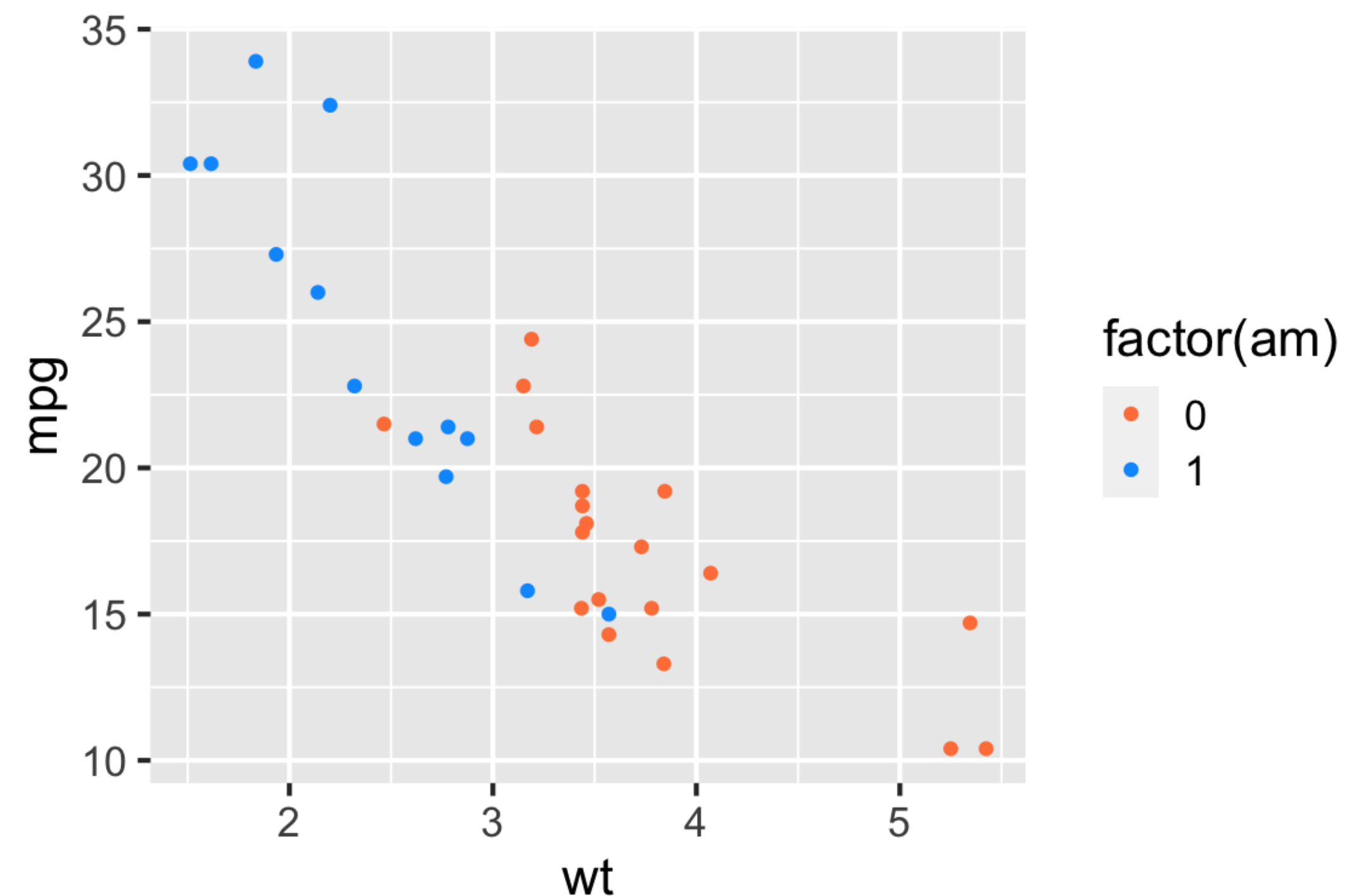
prebuilt scales

```
+ scale_color_viridis_d()
```

prebuilt scales

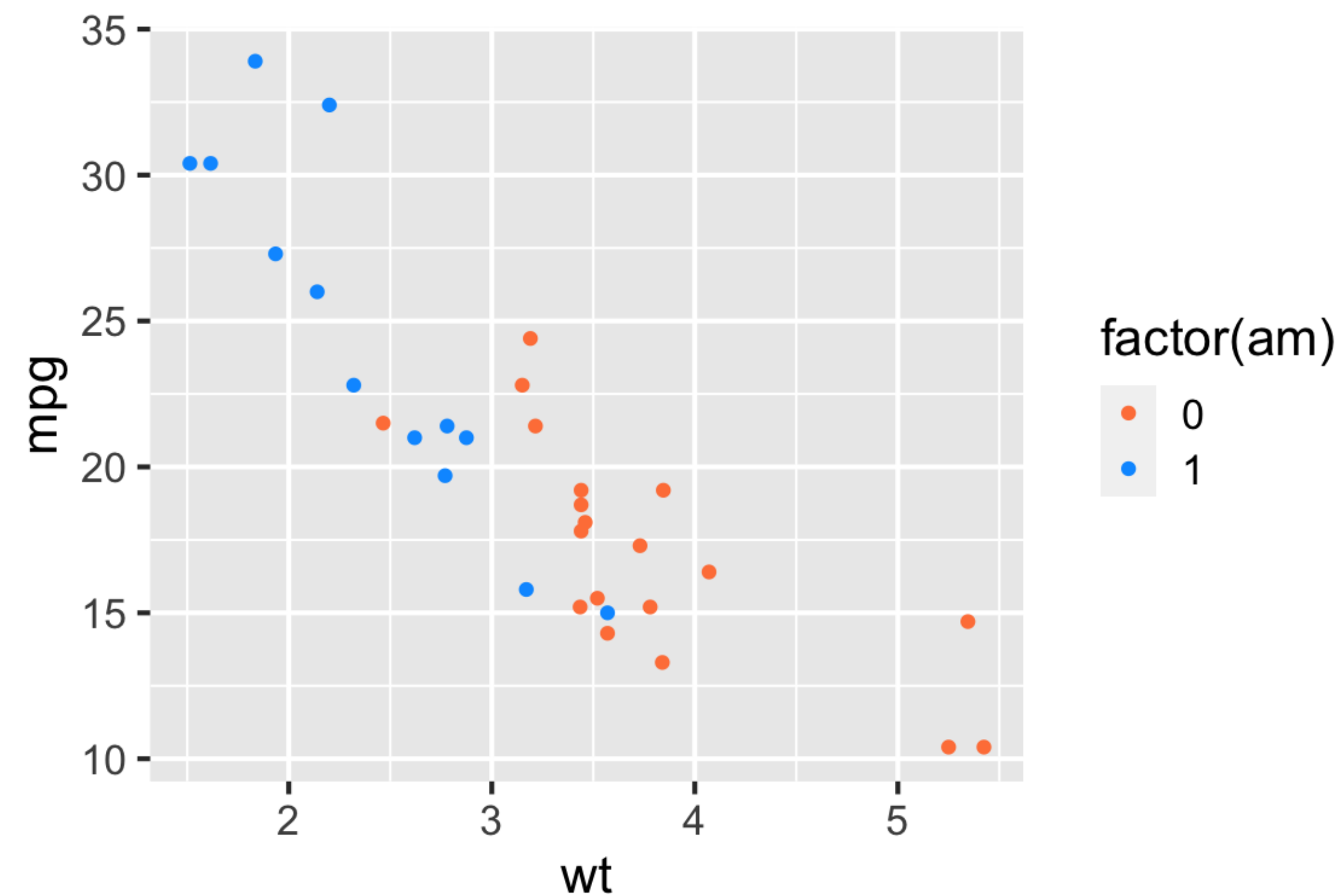
# Change discrete colors (manual)

```
ggplot(mtcars, aes(x = wt, y = mpg, color = factor(am))) +  
  geom_point() +  
  scale_color_manual(values = c("#FF8146", "#009BFF"))
```



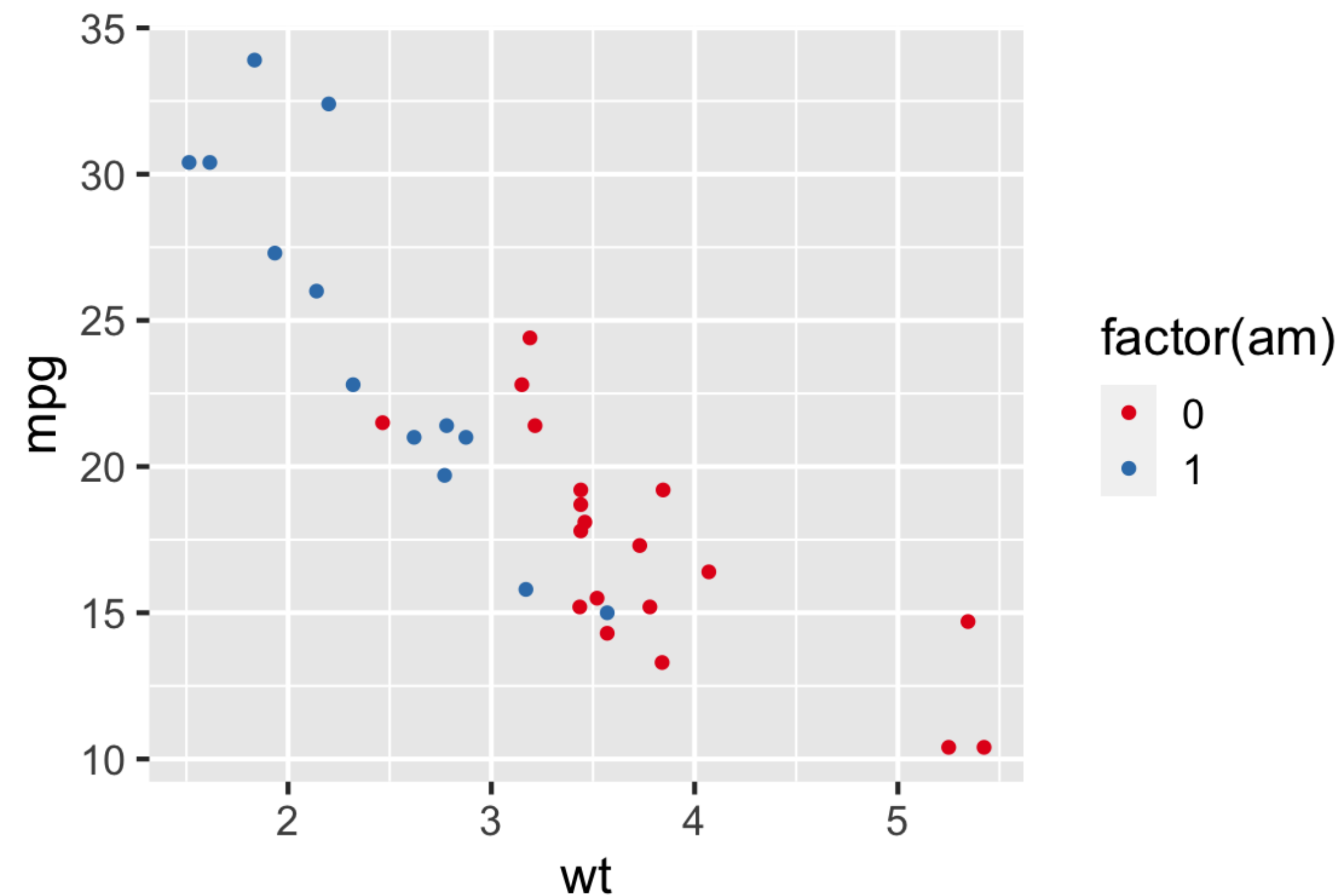
# RStudio view

```
```\r\nggplot(mtcars, aes(x = wt, y = mpg, color = factor(am))) +  
  geom_point() +  
  scale_color_manual(values = c("#FF8146", "#009BFF"))  
```\r\`
```



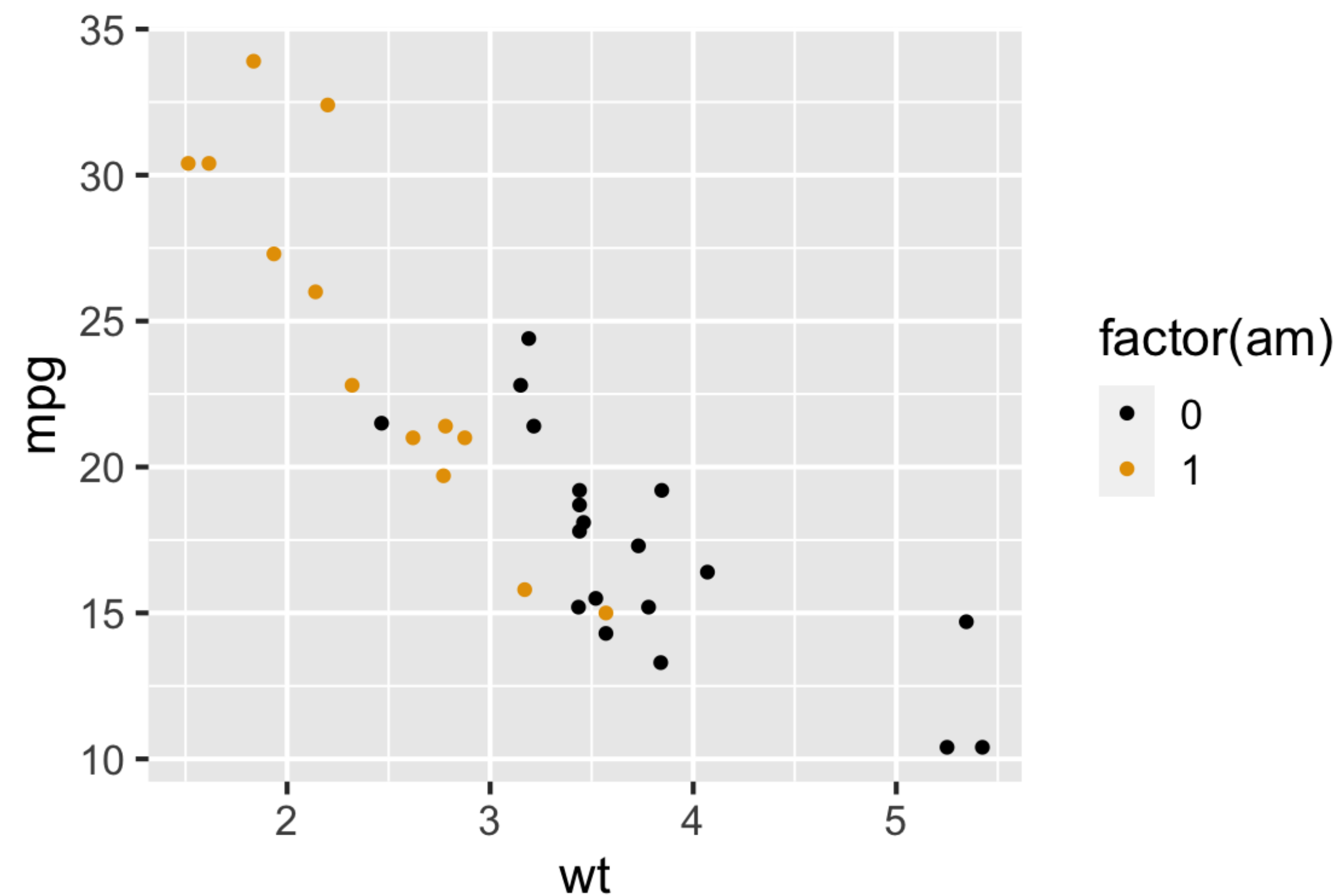
# Change discrete colors (prebuilt)

```
ggplot(mtcars, aes(x = wt, y = mpg, color = factor(am))) +  
  geom_point() +  
  scale_color_brewer(palette = "Set1")
```



# Change discrete colors (prebuilt)

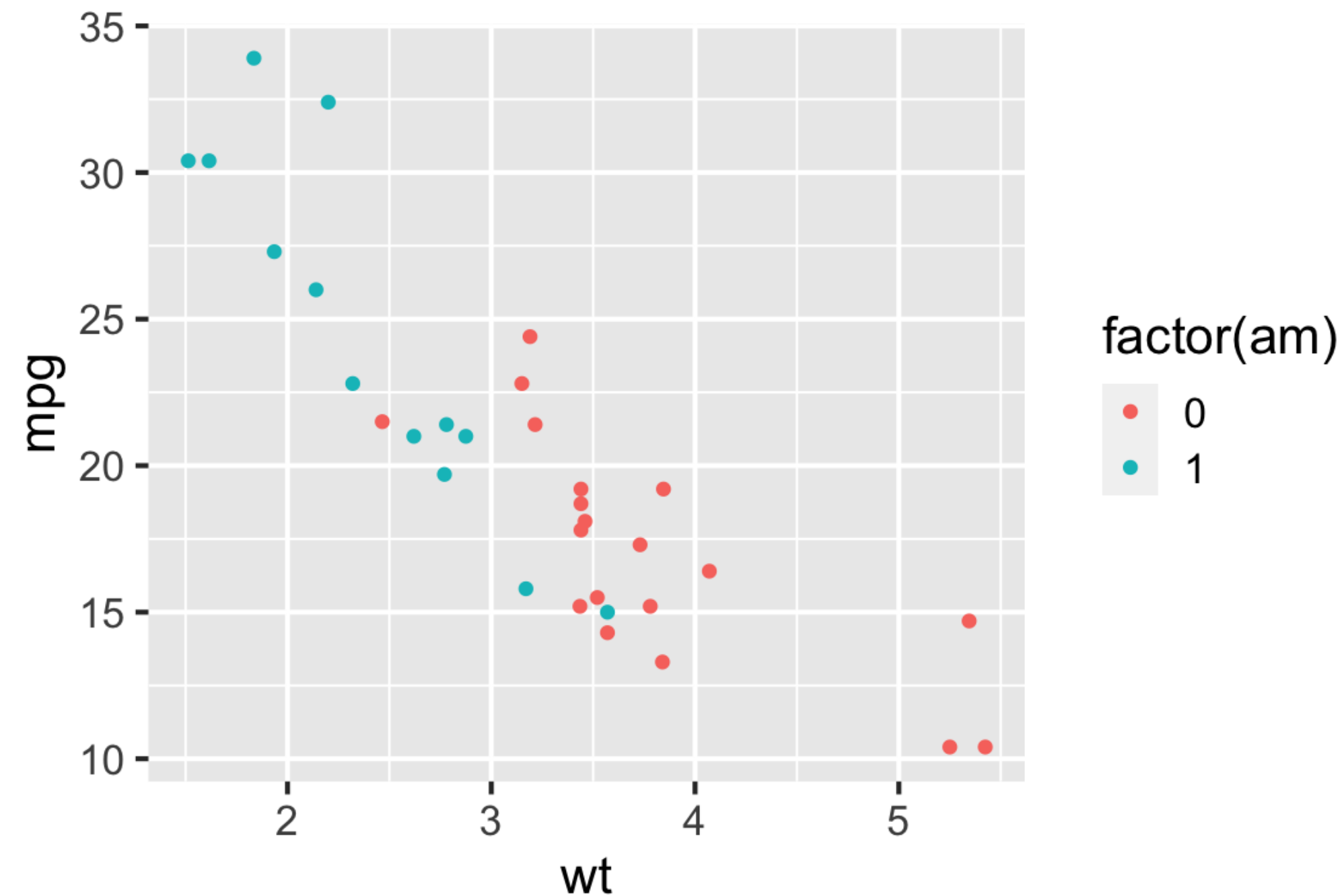
```
library(ggthemes)
ggplot(mtcars, aes(x = wt, y = mpg, color = factor(am))) +
  geom_point() +
  scale_color_colorblind()
```



# Mixing up color and fill



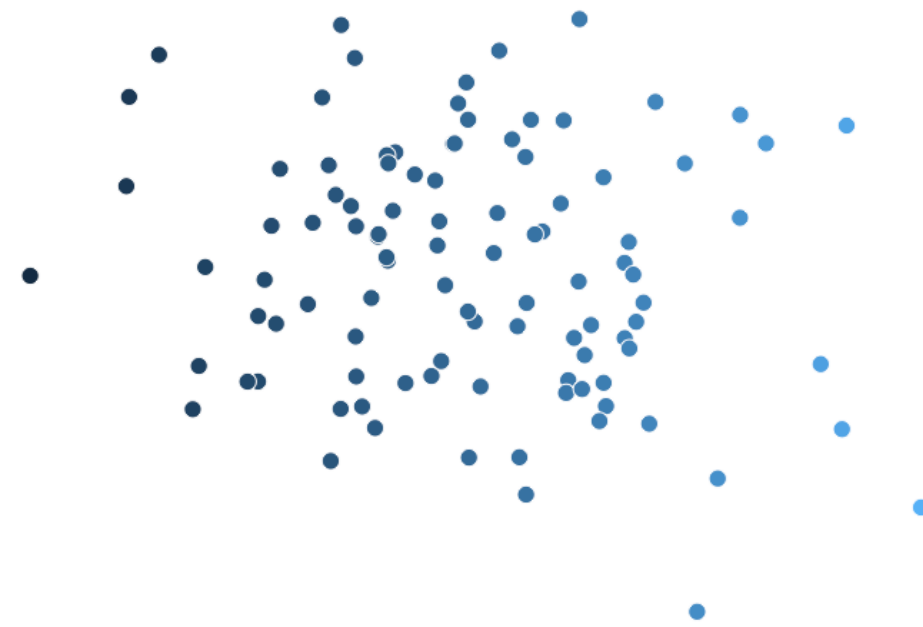
```
ggplot(mtcars, aes(x = wt, y = mpg,  
                  color = factor(am))) +  
  geom_point() +  
  scale_fill_manual(values = c("orange", "black"))
```



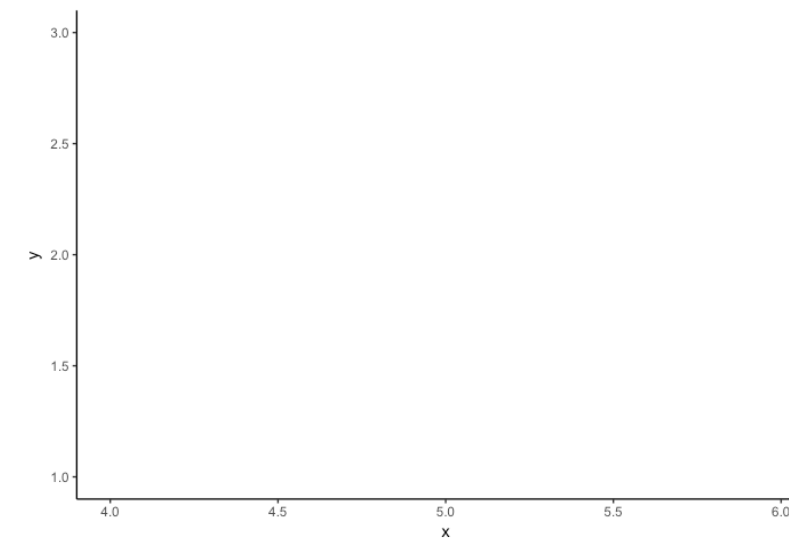
# Building blocks

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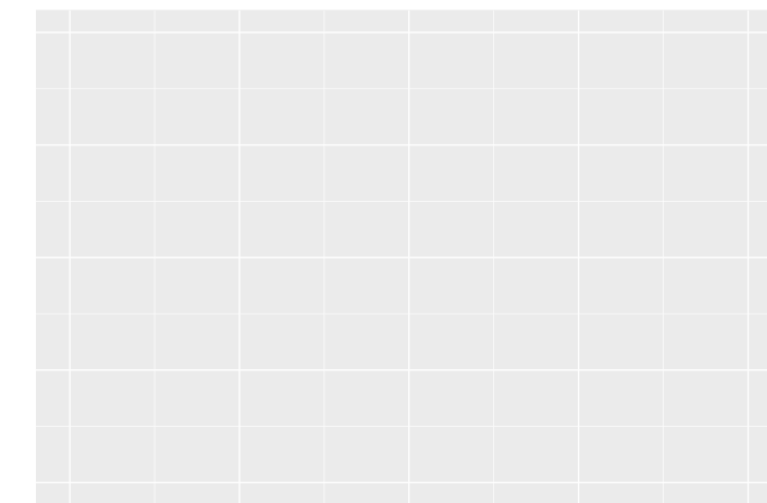
Layer(s)



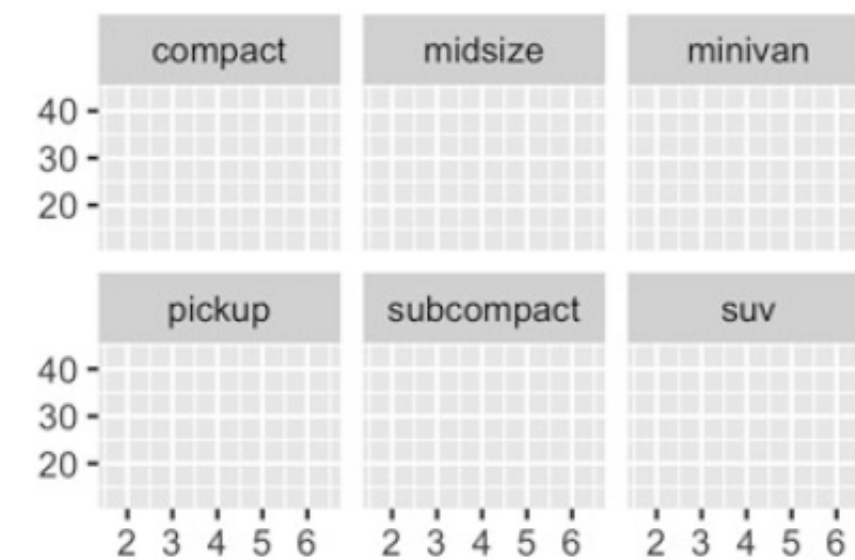
Scale(s)



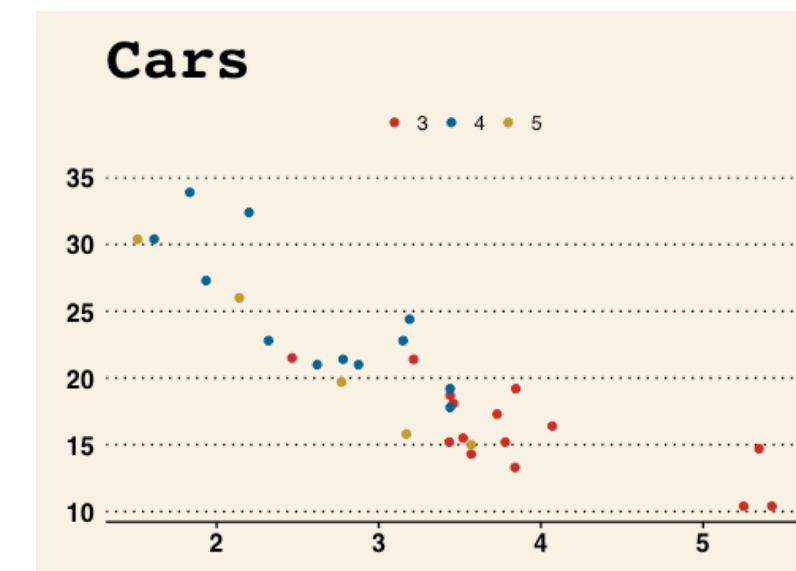
Coord



Facet



Theme





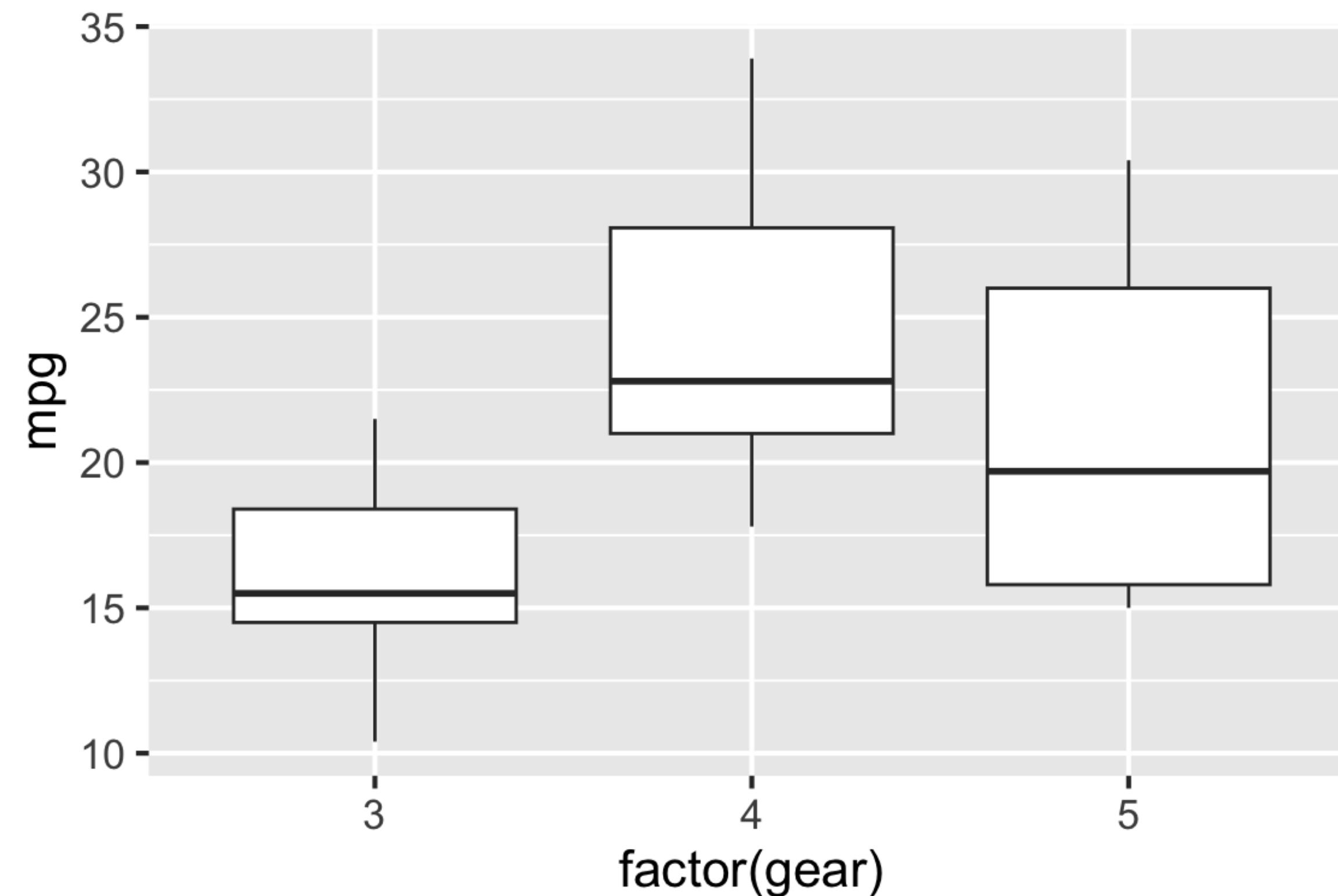
# Coordinate systems

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- The default coordinate system is `coord_cartesian()`.
- It is rare to need to change it.
- `coord_flip()` is a common option that keeps the Cartesian system but switches x and y. Note that the x and y scales do not change, which is confusing.
- It is preferable to switch the x and y aesthetics if possible rather than use `coord_flip()`.

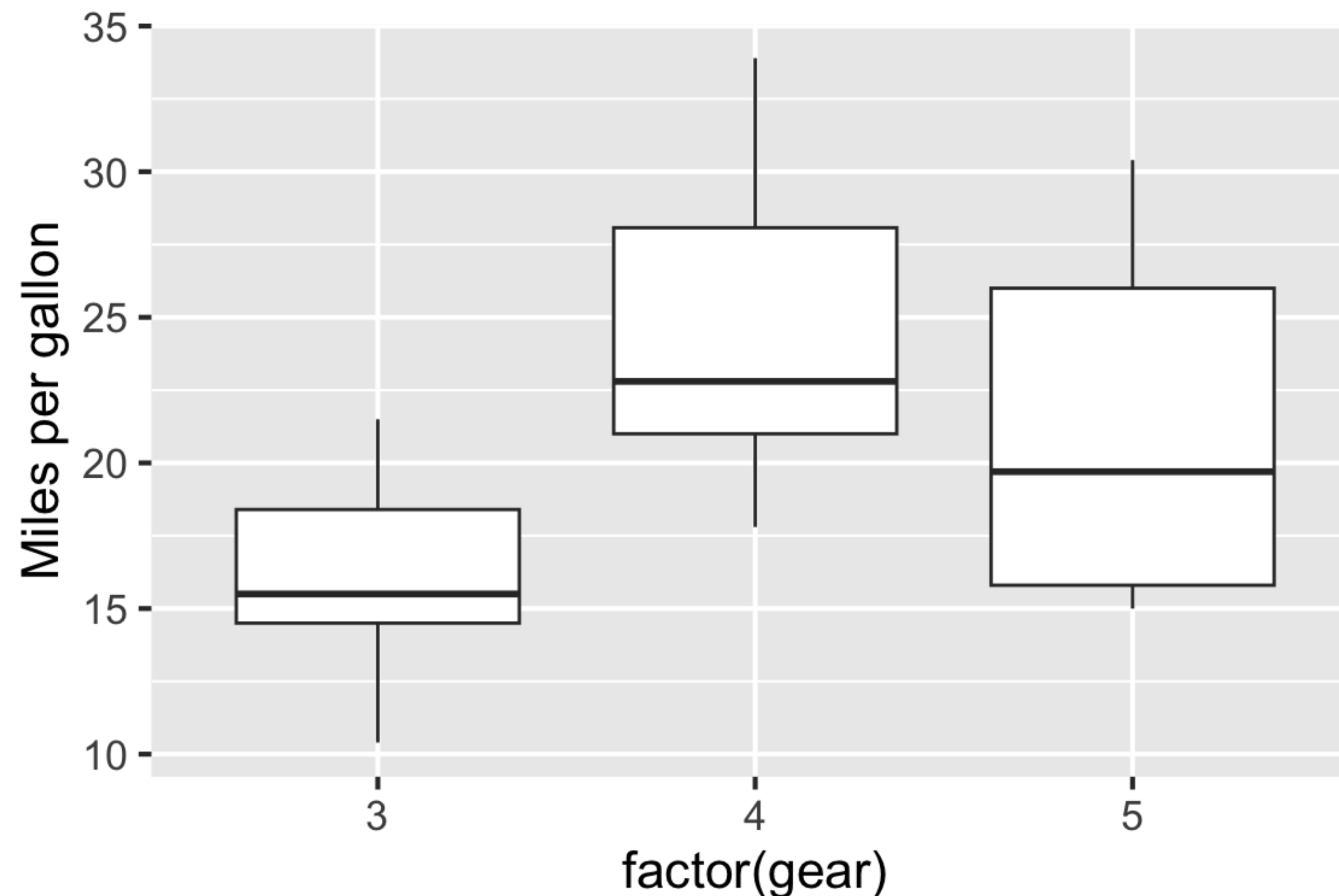
# Flipping x and y axes

```
ggplot(mtcars, aes(x = mpg, y = factor(gear))) +  
  geom_boxplot() +  
  coord_flip()
```



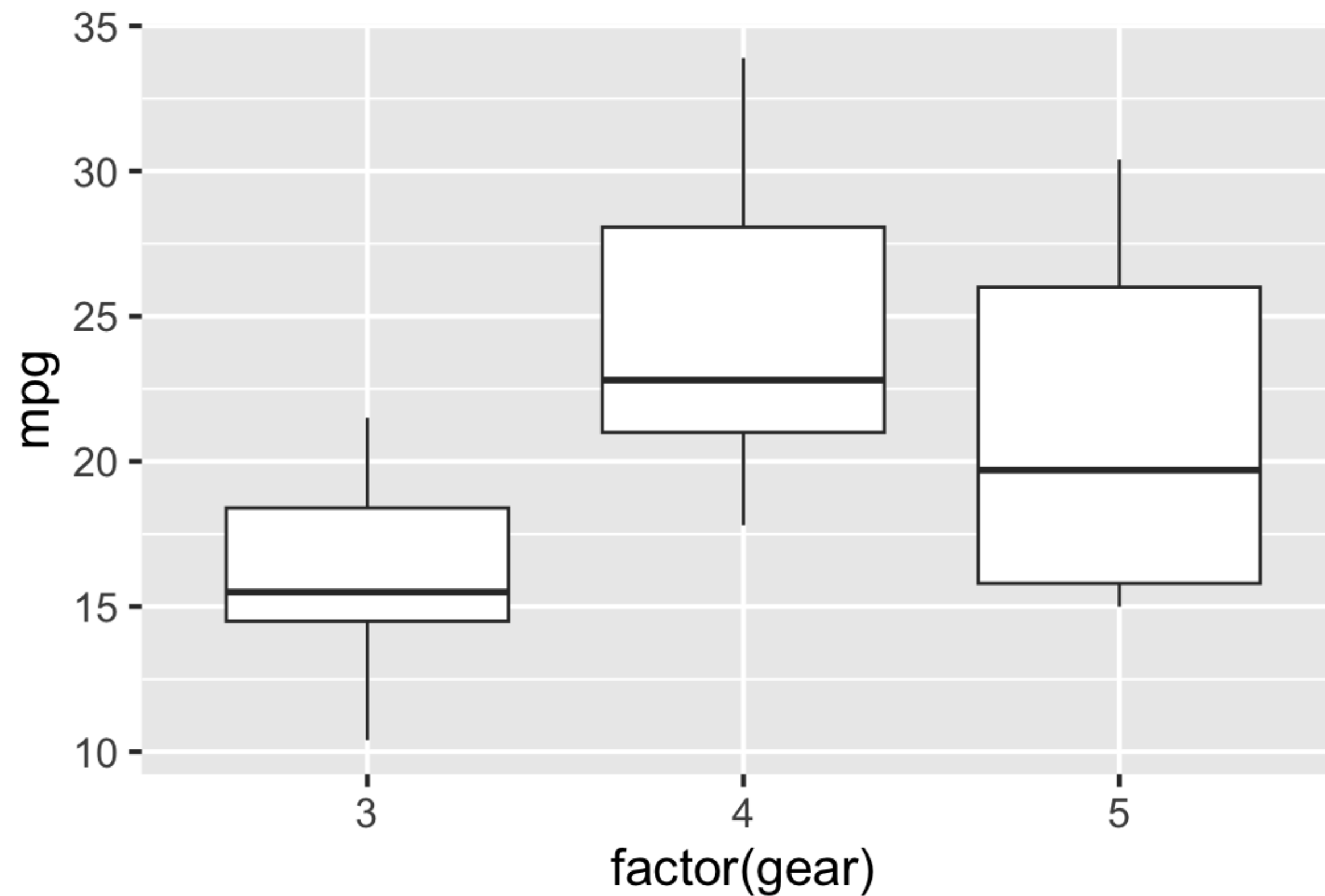
## ... but scales stay with original mappings

```
ggplot(mtcars, aes(x = mpg, y = factor(gear))) + geom_boxplot() +  
  scale_x_continuous(name = "Miles per gallon") +  
  coord_flip()
```



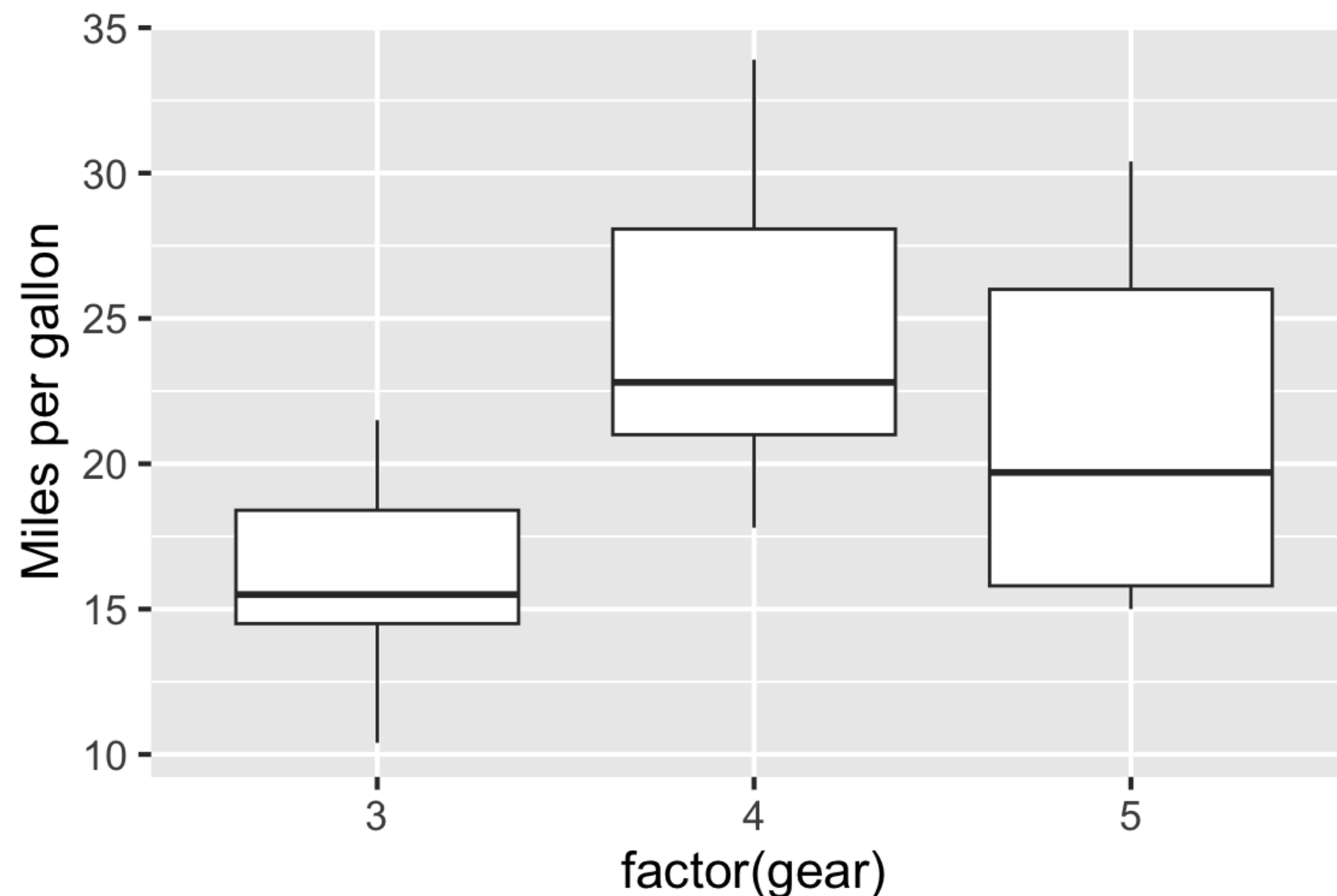
# A better approach

```
ggplot(mtcars, aes(x = factor(gear), y = mpg)) +  
  geom_boxplot()
```



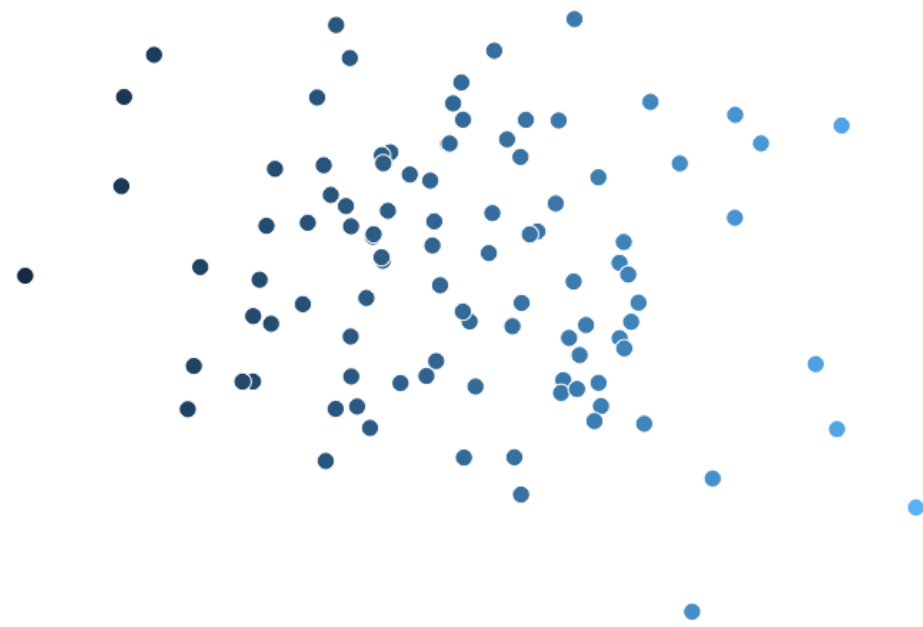
# A better approach

```
ggplot(mtcars, aes(x = factor(gear), y = mpg)) +  
  geom_boxplot() +  
  scale_y_continuous(name = "Miles per gallon")
```

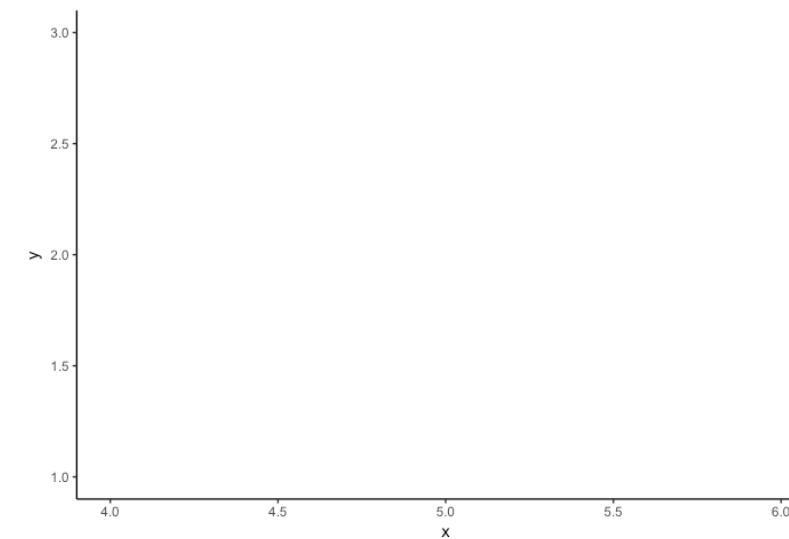


# Building blocks

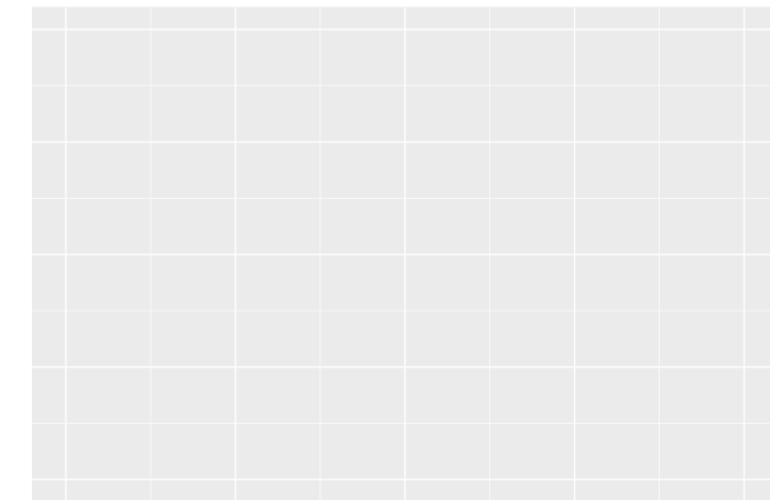
Layer(s)



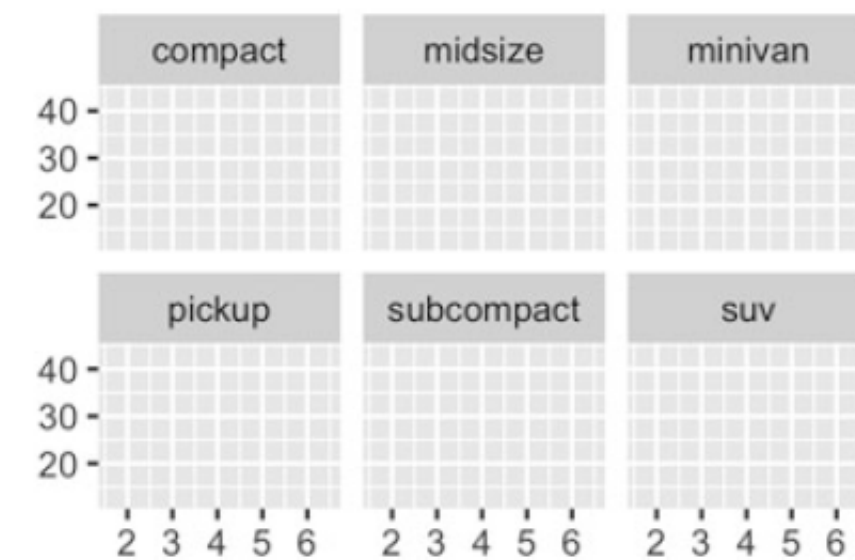
Scale(s)



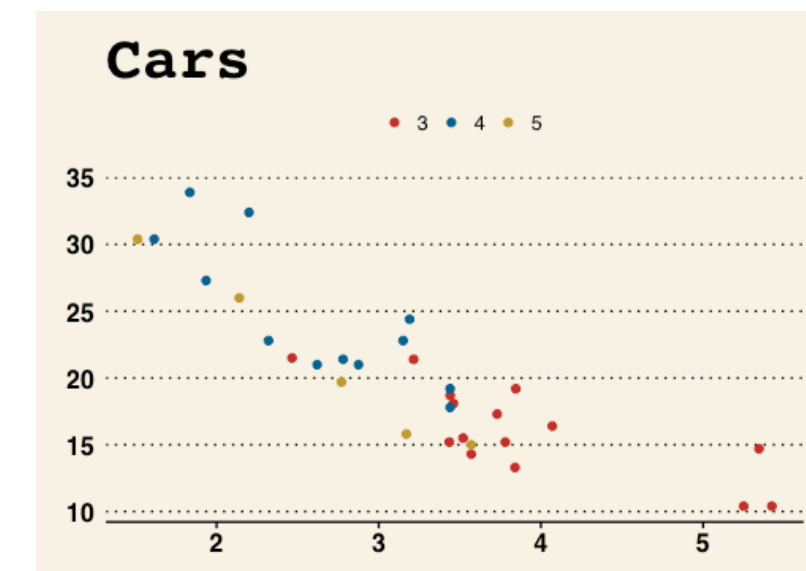
Coord



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Theme



# Themes

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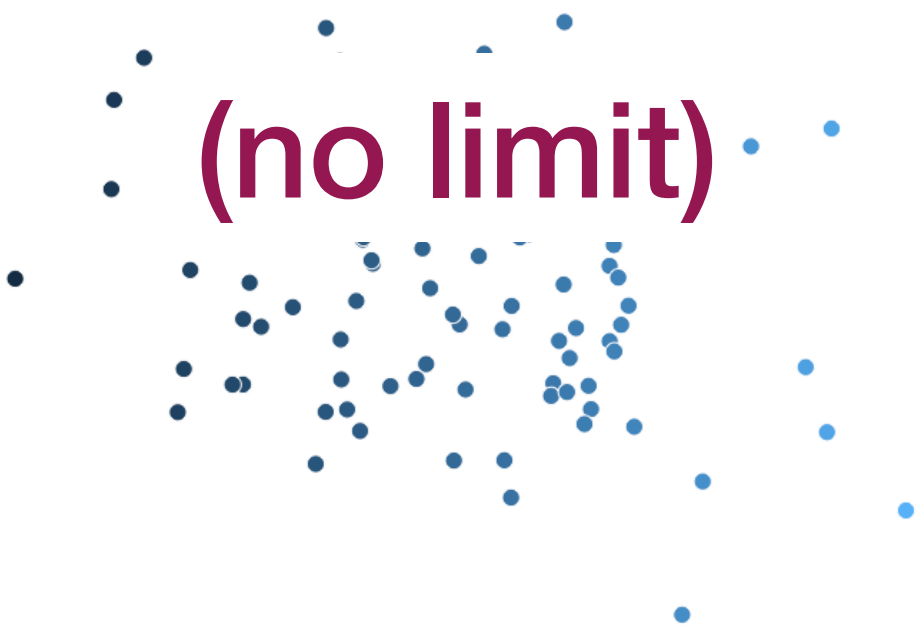
- The default theme is `theme_grey(base_size = 11)`
- To increase the font size of all text elements, increase the base font size: `+ theme_grey(14)`
- Other common built-in themes:  

<code>theme_bw()</code>	<code>theme_linedraw()</code>
<code>theme_classic()</code>	<code>theme_void()</code>
- There are lots of other themes in the **ggthemes** package

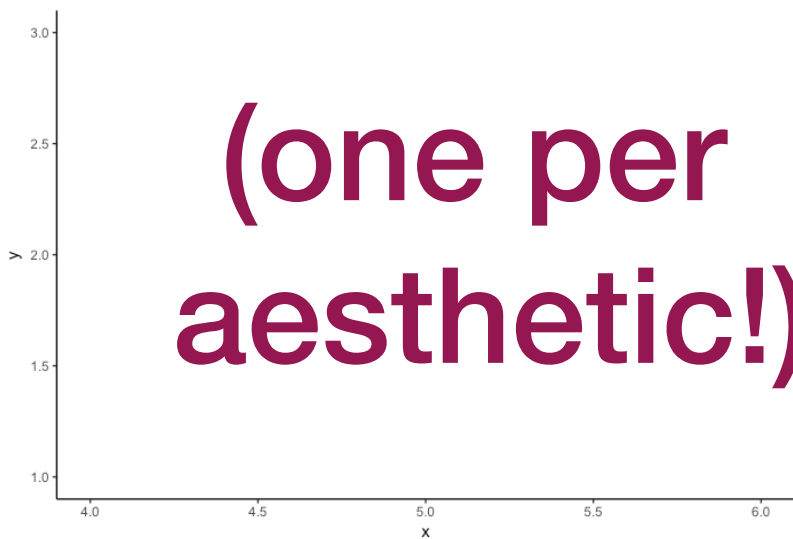
# How many?



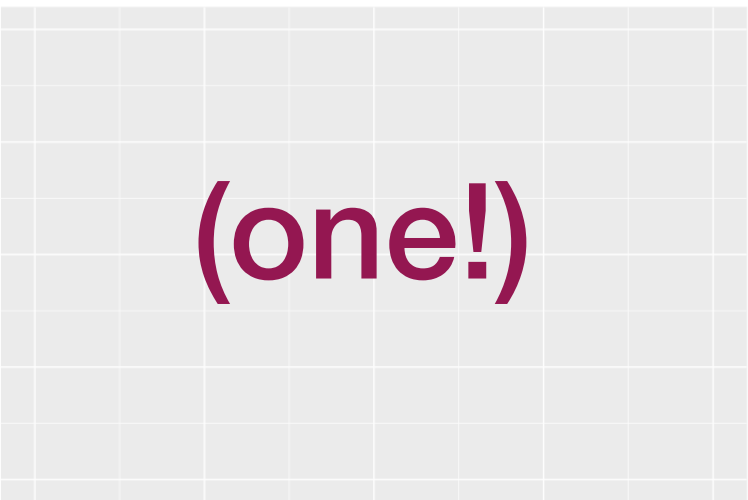
Layer(s)



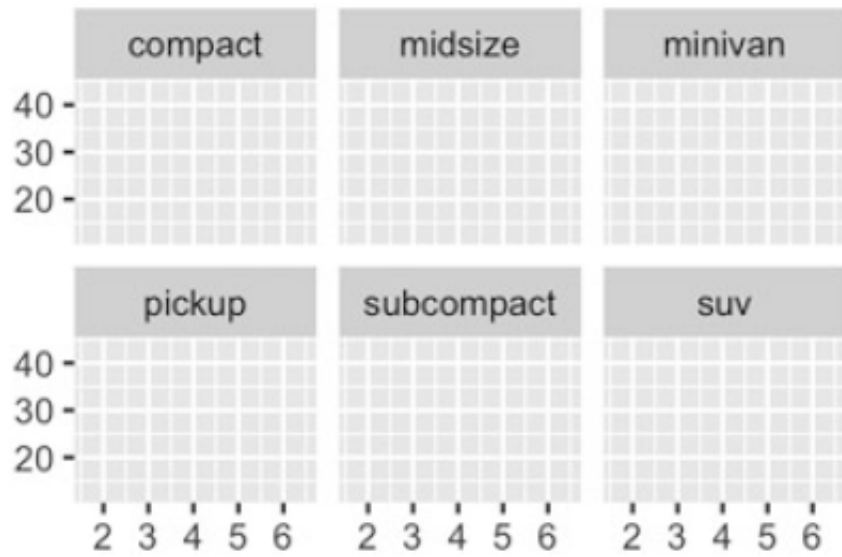
Scale(s)



Coord

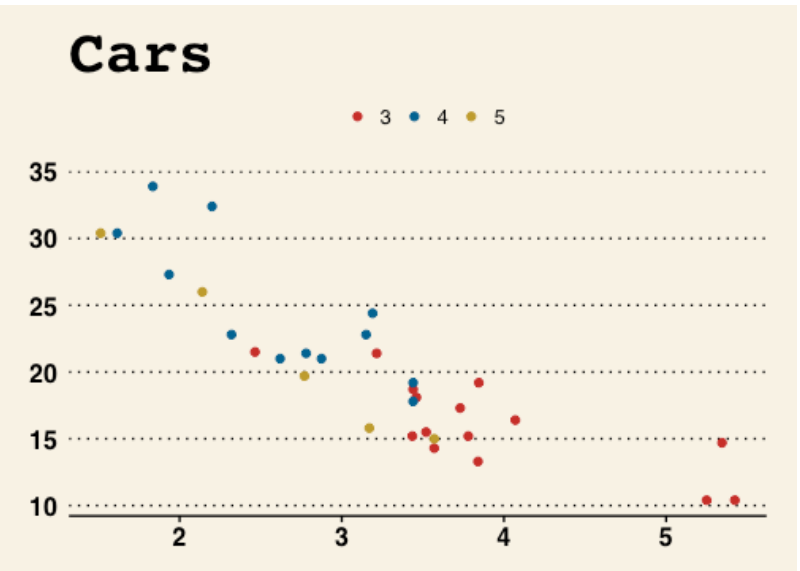


Facet



(one!)

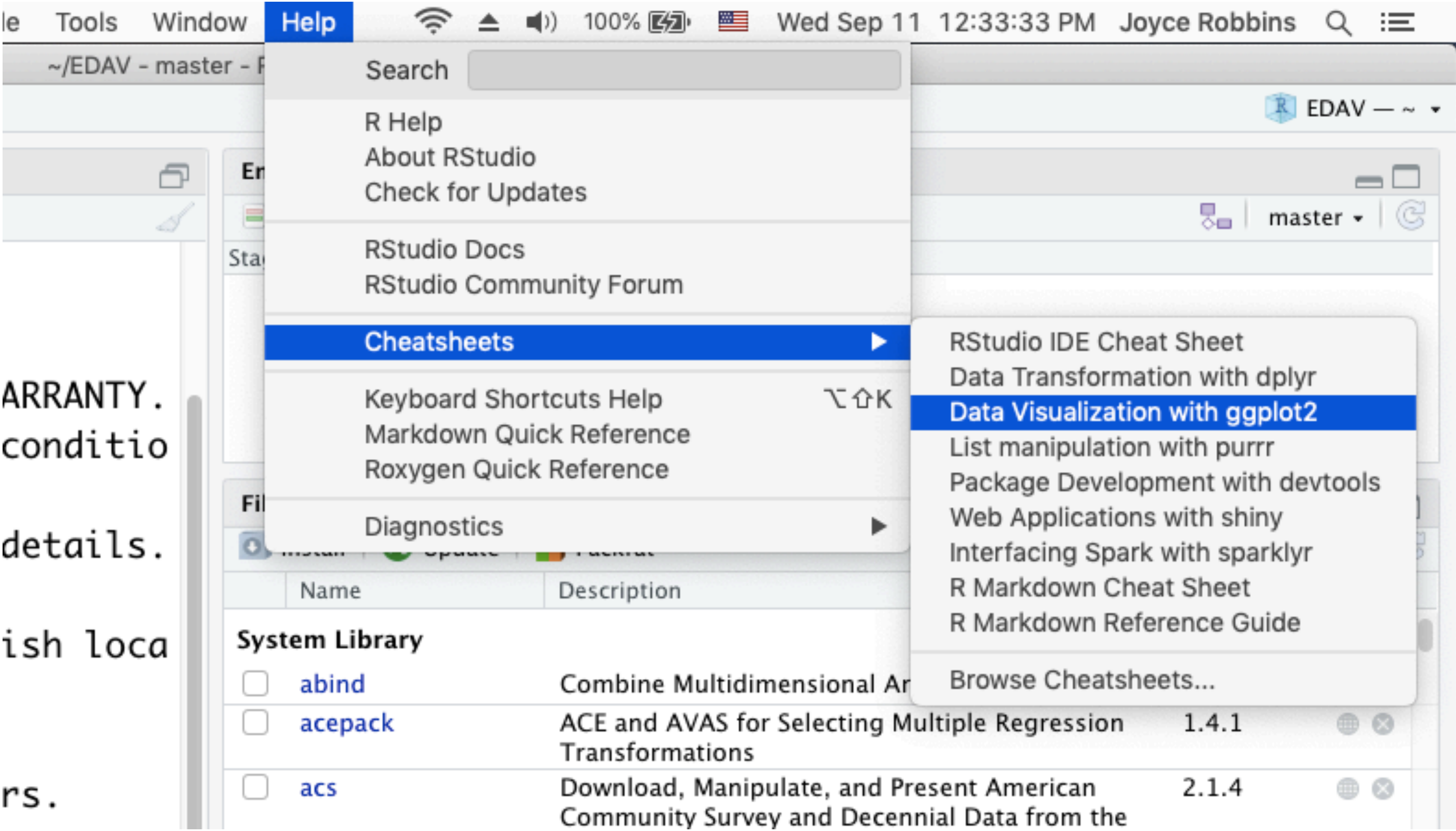
Theme



(one, sort of)



# Cheatsheet

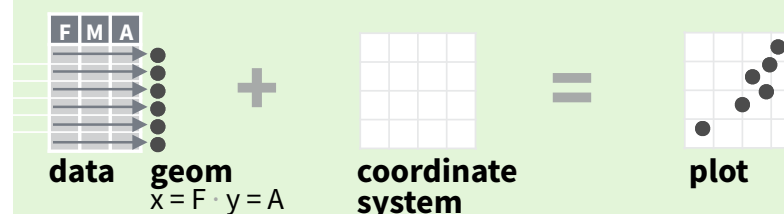


# Data Visualization with ggplot2 : : CHEAT SHEET

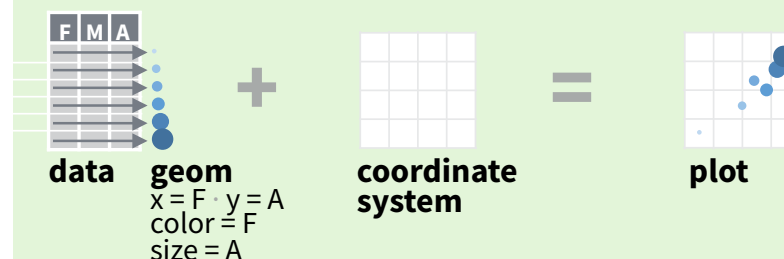


## Basics

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



To display values, map variables in the data to visual properties of the geom (**aesthetics**) like **size**, **color**, and **x** and **y** locations.



Complete the template below to build a graph.

**ggplot** (**data** = **<DATA>**) +  
**<GEOM\_FUNCTION>** (**mapping** = **aes** (**<MAPPINGS>**),  
**stat** = **<STAT>**, **position** = **<POSITION>**) +  
**<COORDINATE\_FUNCTION>** +  
**<FACET\_FUNCTION>** +  
**<SCALE\_FUNCTION>** +  
**<THEME\_FUNCTION>**

required

Not required, sensible defaults supplied

**ggplot**(**data** = **mpg**, **aes**(**x** = **cty**, **y** = **hwy**)) Begins a plot that you finish by adding layers to. Add one geom function per layer.

**qplot**(**x** = **cty**, **y** = **hwy**, **data** = **mpg**, **geom** = "point")  
Creates a complete plot with given data, geom, and mappings. Supplies many useful defaults.

**last\_plot()** Returns the last plot

**ggsave**("plot.png", **width** = 5, **height** = 5) Saves last plot as 5' x 5' file named "plot.png" in working directory. Matches file type to file extension.

## Geoms

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

### GRAPHICAL PRIMITIVES

**a** <- ggplot(economics, aes(date, unemployment))  
**b** <- ggplot(seals, aes(x = long, y = lat))

**a + geom\_blank()**  
(Useful for expanding limits)

**b + geom\_curve**(aes(yend = lat + 1, xend=long+1, curvature=z)) - x, yend, y, yend, alpha, angle, color, curvature, linetype, size

**a + geom\_path**(lineend="butt", linejoin="round", linemitre=1)  
x, y, alpha, color, group, linetype, size

**a + geom\_polygon**(aes(group = group))  
x, y, alpha, color, fill, group, linetype, size

**b + geom\_rect**(aes(xmin = long, ymin=lat, xmax=long + 1, ymax = lat + 1)) - xmax, xmin, ymax, ymin, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size

**a + geom\_ribbon**(aes(ymin=unemploy - 900, ymax=unemploy + 900)) - x, ymax, ymin, alpha, color, fill, group, linetype, size

### LINE SEGMENTS

common aesthetics: x, y, alpha, color, linetype, size

**b + geom\_abline**(aes(intercept=0, slope=1))  
**b + geom\_hline**(aes(yintercept = lat))  
**b + geom\_vline**(aes(xintercept = long))

**b + geom\_segment**(aes(yend=lat+1, xend=long+1))  
**b + geom\_spoke**(aes(angle = 1:1155, radius = 1))

### ONE VARIABLE continuous

**c** <- ggplot(mpg, aes(hwy)); **c2** <- ggplot(mpg)

**c + geom\_area**(stat = "bin")  
x, y, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size

**c + geom\_density**(kernel = "gaussian")  
x, y, alpha, color, fill, group, linetype, size, weight

**c + geom\_dotplot()**  
x, y, alpha, color, fill

**c + geom\_freqpoly()** x, y, alpha, color, group, linetype, size

**c + geom\_histogram**(binwidth = 5) x, y, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size, weight

**c2 + geom\_qq**(aes(sample = hwy)) x, y, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size, weight

### discrete

**d** <- ggplot(mpg, aes(fl))

**d + geom\_bar()**  
x, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size, weight

### TWO VARIABLES

#### continuous x , continuous y

**e** <- ggplot(mpg, aes(cty, hwy))

**e + geom\_label**(aes(label = cty), nudge\_x = 1, nudge\_y = 1, check\_overlap = TRUE) x, y, label, alpha, angle, color, family, fontface, hjust, lineheight, size, vjust

**e + geom\_jitter**(height = 2, width = 2)  
x, y, alpha, color, fill, shape, size

**e + geom\_point()**, x, y, alpha, color, fill, shape, size, stroke

**e + geom\_quantile()**, x, y, alpha, color, group, linetype, size, weight

**e + geom\_rug**(sides = "bl"), x, y, alpha, color, linetype, size

**e + geom\_smooth**(method = lm), x, y, alpha, color, fill, group, linetype, size, weight

**e + geom\_text**(aes(label = cty), nudge\_x = 1, nudge\_y = 1, check\_overlap = TRUE) x, y, label, alpha, angle, color, family, fontface, hjust, lineheight, size, vjust

#### discrete x , continuous y

**f** <- ggplot(mpg, aes(class, hwy))

**f + geom\_col()**, x, y, alpha, color, fill, group, linetype, size

**f + geom\_boxplot()**, x, y, lower, middle, upper, ymax, ymin, alpha, color, fill, group, linetype, shape, size, weight

**f + geom\_dotplot**(binaxis = "y", stackdir = "center"), x, y, alpha, color, fill, group

**f + geom\_violin**(scale = "area"), x, y, alpha, color, fill, group, linetype, size, weight

#### discrete x , discrete y

**g** <- ggplot(diamonds, aes(cut, color))

**g + geom\_count()**, x, y, alpha, color, fill, shape, size, stroke

### THREE VARIABLES

**sealsSz** <- with(seals, sqrt(delta\_long^2 + delta\_lat^2)); **l** <- ggplot(seals, aes(long, lat))

**l + geom\_contour**(aes(z = z))  
x, y, z, alpha, colour, group, linetype, size, weight

#### continuous bivariate distribution

**h** <- ggplot(diamonds, aes(carat, price))

**h + geom\_bin2d**(binwidth = c(0.25, 500))  
x, y, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size, weight

**h + geom\_density2d()**  
x, y, alpha, colour, group, linetype, size

**h + geom\_hex()**  
x, y, alpha, colour, fill, size

#### continuous function

**i** <- ggplot(economics, aes(date, unemploy))

**i + geom\_area()**  
x, y, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size

**i + geom\_line()**  
x, y, alpha, color, group, linetype, size

**i + geom\_step**(direction = "hv")  
x, y, alpha, color, group, linetype, size

#### visualizing error

**df** <- data.frame(grp = c("A", "B"), fit = 4:5, se = 1:2)  
**j** <- ggplot(df, aes(grp, fit, ymin = fit-se, ymax = fit+se))

**j + geom\_crossbar**(fatten = 2)  
x, y, ymax, ymin, alpha, color, fill, group, linetype, size

**j + geom\_errorbar()**, x, ymax, ymin, alpha, color, group, linetype, size, width (also **geom\_errorbarh()**)

**j + geom\_linerange()**  
x, ymin, ymax, alpha, color, group, linetype, size

**j + geom\_pointrange()**  
x, y, ymin, ymax, alpha, color, fill, group, linetype, shape, size

#### maps

**data** <- data.frame(murder = USArrests\$Murder, state = tolower(rownames(USArrests)))  
**map** <- map\_data("state")  
**k** <- ggplot(data, aes(fill = murder))

**k + geom\_map**(aes(map\_id = state), map = map) + **expand\_limits**(x = map\$long, y = map\$lat), map\_id, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size



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# Code style

Complete the template below to build a graph.

**ggplot (data = <DATA> ) +**

**<GEOM\_FUNCTION> (mapping = aes( <MAPPINGS> ),**

**stat = <STAT> , position = <POSITION> ) +**

**<COORDINATE\_FUNCTION> +**

**<FACET\_FUNCTION> +**

**<SCALE\_FUNCTION> +**

**<THEME\_FUNCTION>**

**↑ required**

**Not  
required,  
sensible  
defaults  
supplied**

# Code style

Complete the template below to build a graph.

```
ggplot (data = <DATA>) +  
  <GEOM_FUNCTION> (mapping = aes(<MAPPINGS>),  
    stat = <STAT>, position = <POSITION> ) +  
  <COORDINATE_FUNCTION> +  
  <FACET_FUNCTION> +  
  <SCALE_FUNCTION> + <LABELS> +  
  <THEME_FUNCTION>
```

↑ required

Not required, sensible defaults supplied

```
ggtitle()  
labs()  
xlab()  
ylab()  
annotate()  
...
```

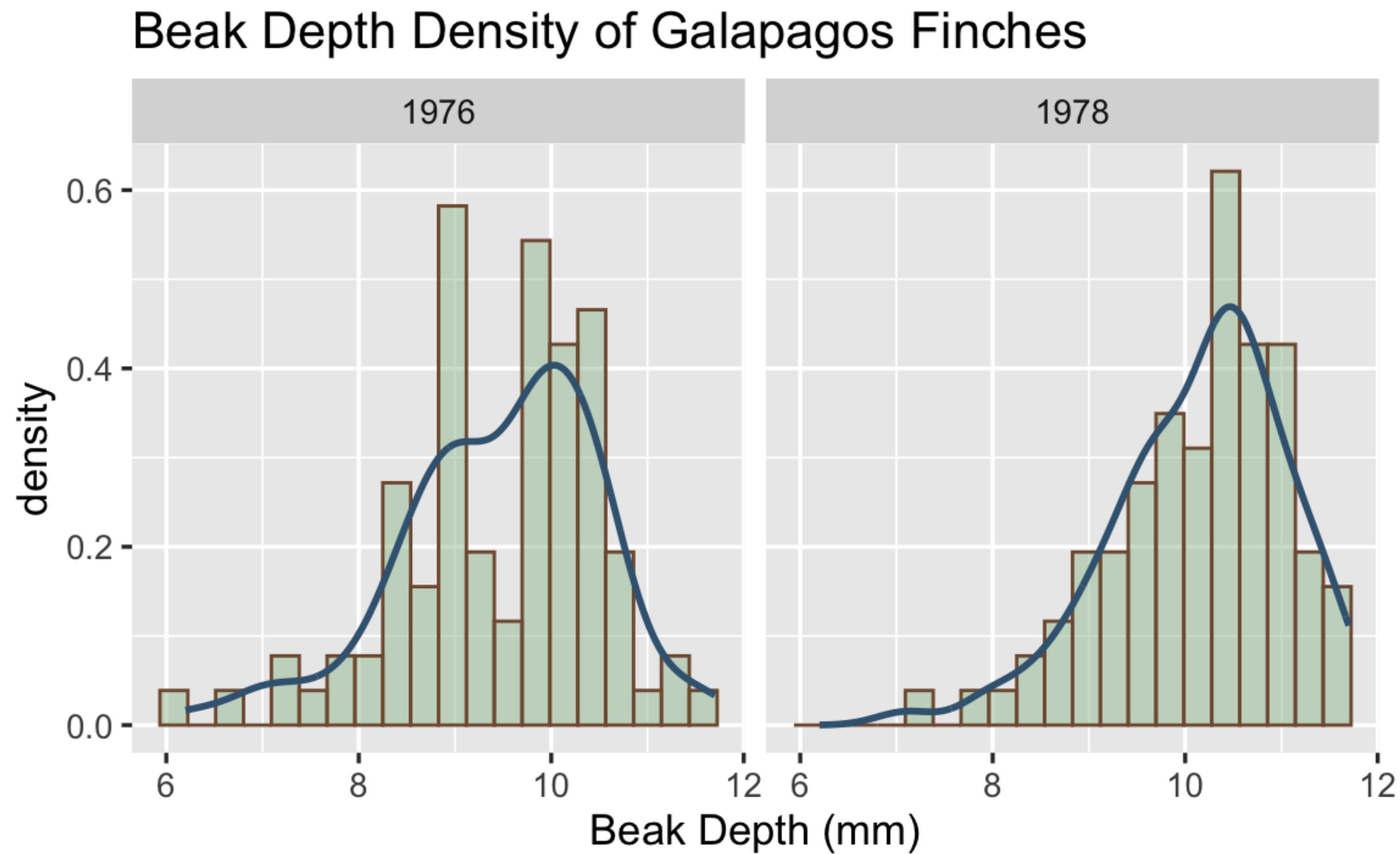


# Code style

Complete the template below to build a graph.

	<b>ggplot (data = &lt;DATA&gt; ) +</b>	↑ required
<b>G+</b>	<b>&lt;GEOM_FUNCTION&gt; (mapping = aes(&lt;MAPPINGS&gt; ),</b>	
	<b>stat = &lt;STAT&gt; , position = &lt;POSITION&gt; ) +</b>	Not required, sensible defaults supplied
<b>C</b>	<b>&lt;COORDINATE_FUNCTION&gt; +</b>	
<b>F</b>	<b>&lt;FACET_FUNCTION&gt; +</b>	
<b>S+</b>	<b>&lt;SCALE_FUNCTION&gt; +</b>	
<b>L+</b>	<b>&lt;LABELS&gt; +</b>	
<b>T+</b>	<b>&lt;THEME_FUNCTION&gt;</b>	↓

# Example



Source: Sleuth3::case0201

# Code style

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order: geoms, [coord], facets, [scales], labels, theme

```
finches <- Sleuth3::case0201
ggplot(finches, aes(x = Depth, y = after_stat(density))) +
  geom_histogram(bins = 20, color = "#80593D",
                 fill = "#9FC29F", alpha = .5) +
  geom_density(color = "#3D6480", lwd = 1) +
  facet_wrap(~Year) +
  labs(title = "Beak Depth Density of Galapagos Finches",
       x = "Beak Depth (mm)",
       caption = "Source: Sleuth3::case0201") +
  theme_grey(13)
```



# Code style: ggformat

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<https://github.com/jtr13/ggformat>

# BEFORE

```
mtcars |> group_by(cyl) |> summarize(mean_mpg = mean(mpg)) |>  
  ggplot(aes(factor(cyl), mean_mpg)) + theme_bw(14) + geom_col() +  
  labs(title = "mtcars", x = "number of cylinders", y = "average miles per gallon")
```

# AFTER

```
mtcars |>  
  group_by(cyl) |>  
  summarize(mean_mpg = mean(mpg)) |>  
  ggplot(aes(factor(cyl), mean_mpg)) +  
  geom_col() +  
  labs(title = "mtcars", x = "number of cylinders", y = "average miles per gallon") +  
  theme_bw(14)
```