

Data Visualization in R

customizing ggplot2

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Scales

position scales

`scale_x_continuous()`

`scale_y_date()`

`scale_x_log10()`

Scales

aesthetic scales

`scale_color_hue()`

`scale_fill_brewer()`

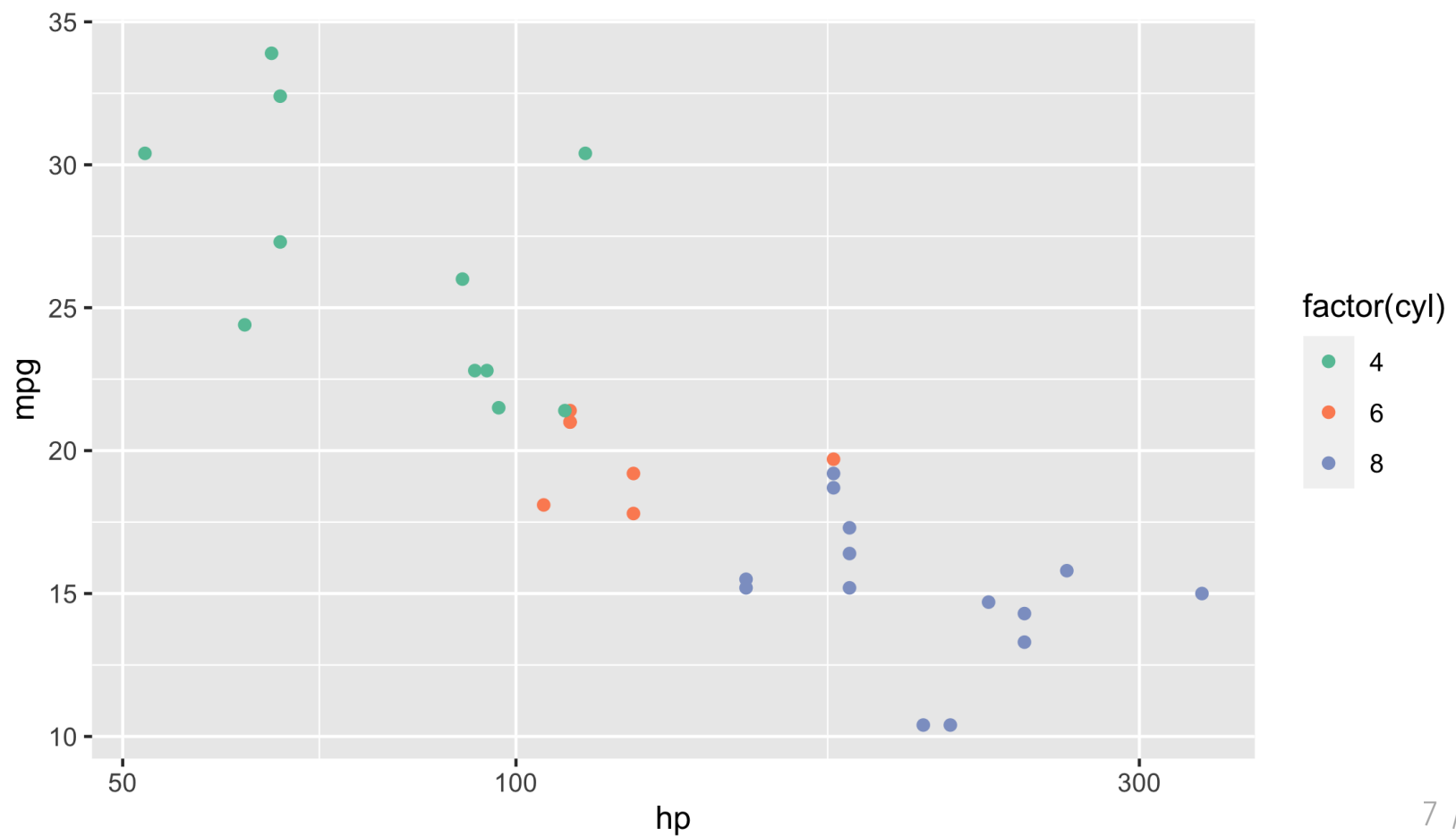
`scale_shape_manual()`

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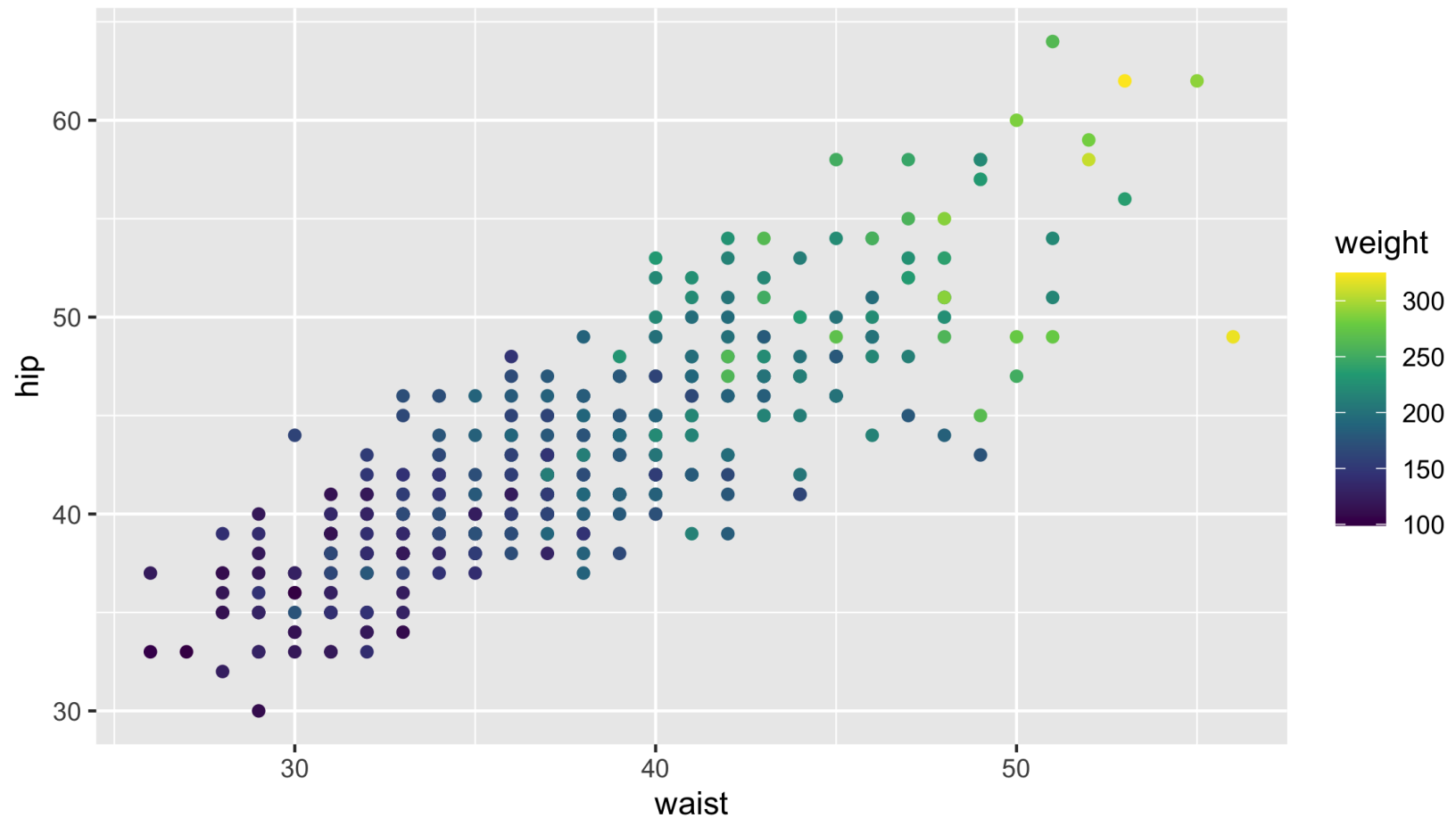
Your Turn 10

- 1. Change the color scale by adding a scale layer. Experiment with `scale_color_distiller()` and `scale_color_viridis_c()`. Check the help pages for different palette options.**
- 2. Set the color aesthetic to gender. Try `scale_color_brewer()`.**
- 3. Set the colors manually with `scale_color_manual()`. Use `values = c("#E69F00", "#56B4E9")` in the function call.**
- 4. Change the legend title for the color legend. Use the `name` argument in whatever scale function you're using.**

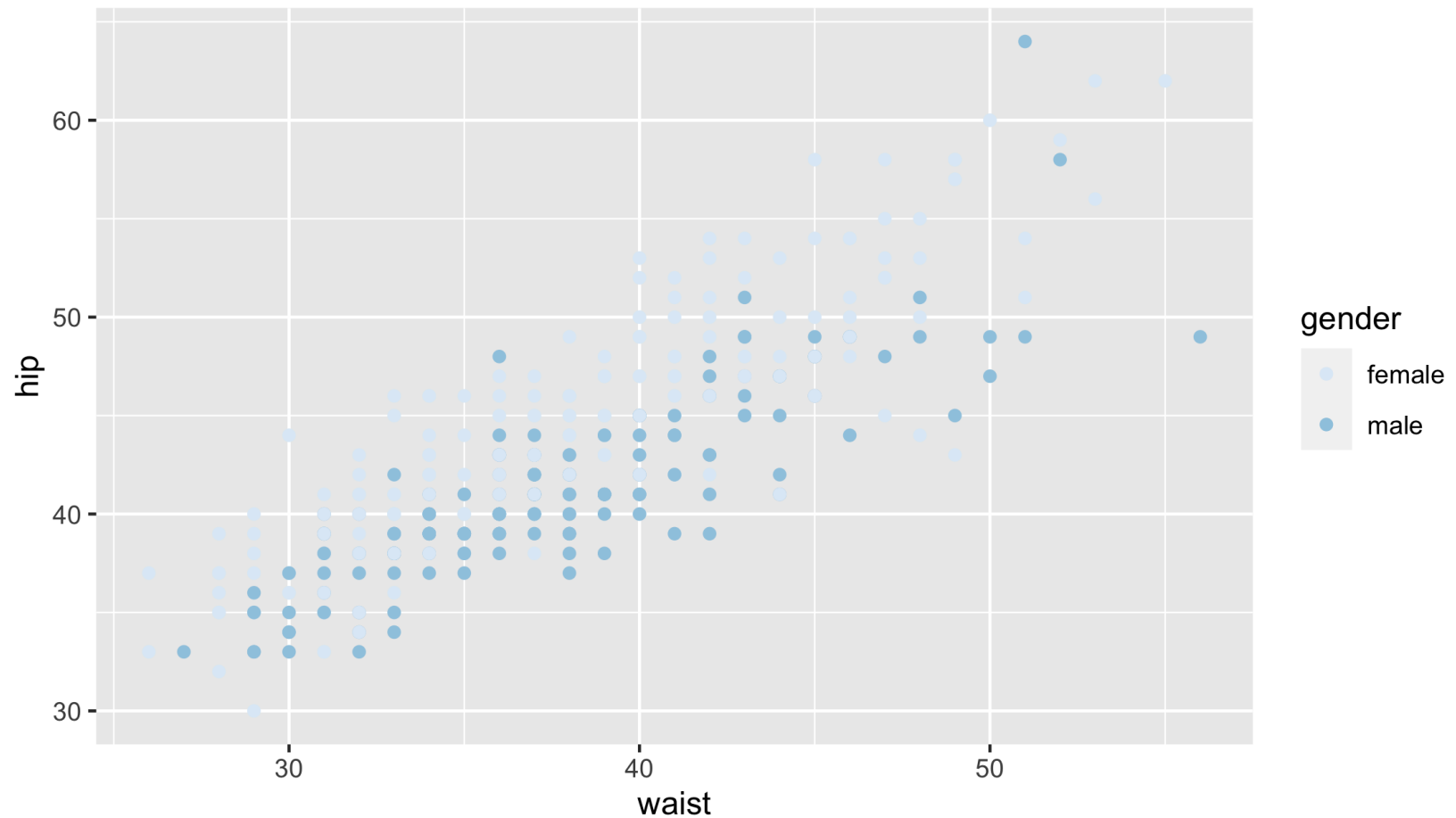
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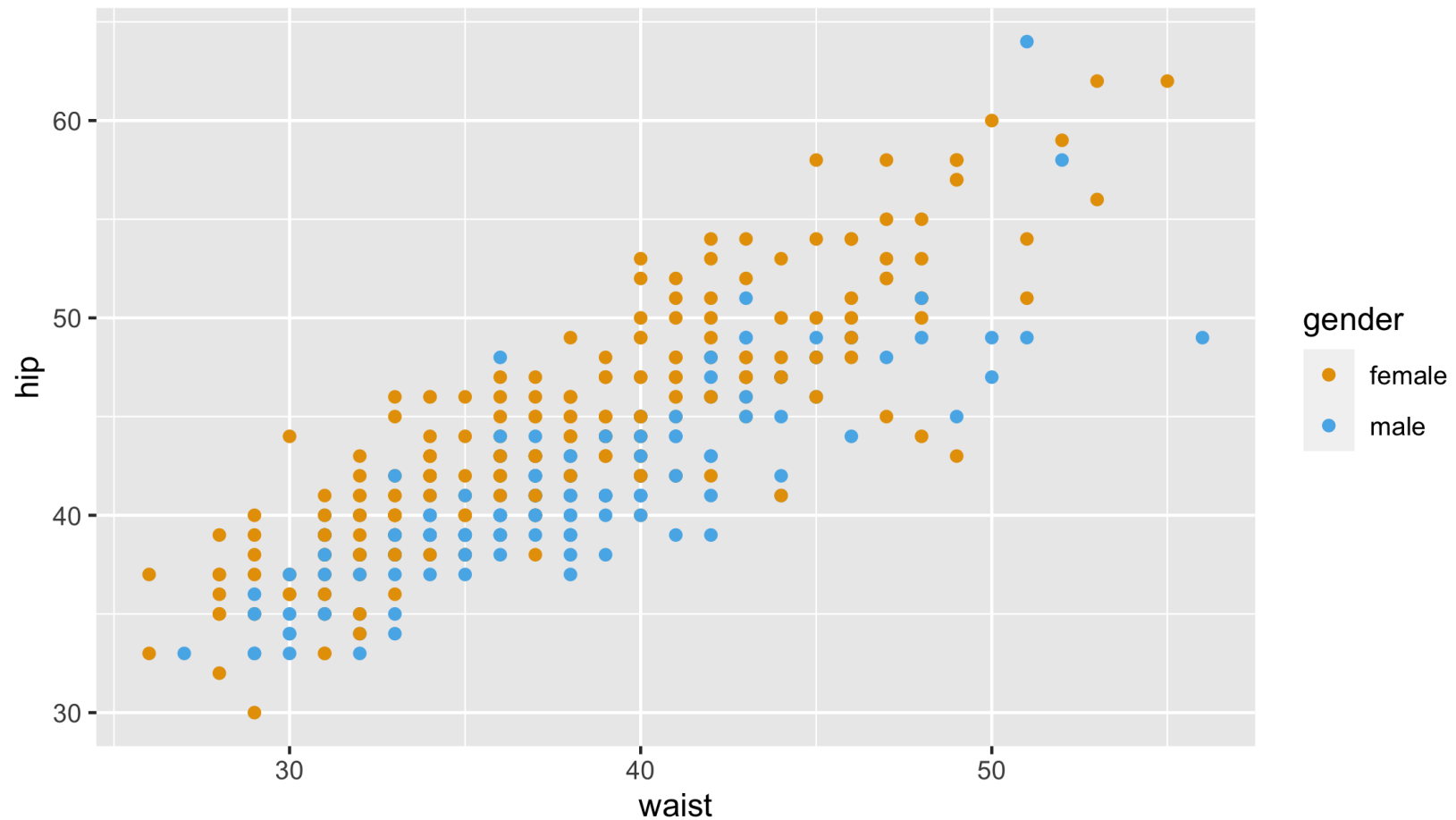
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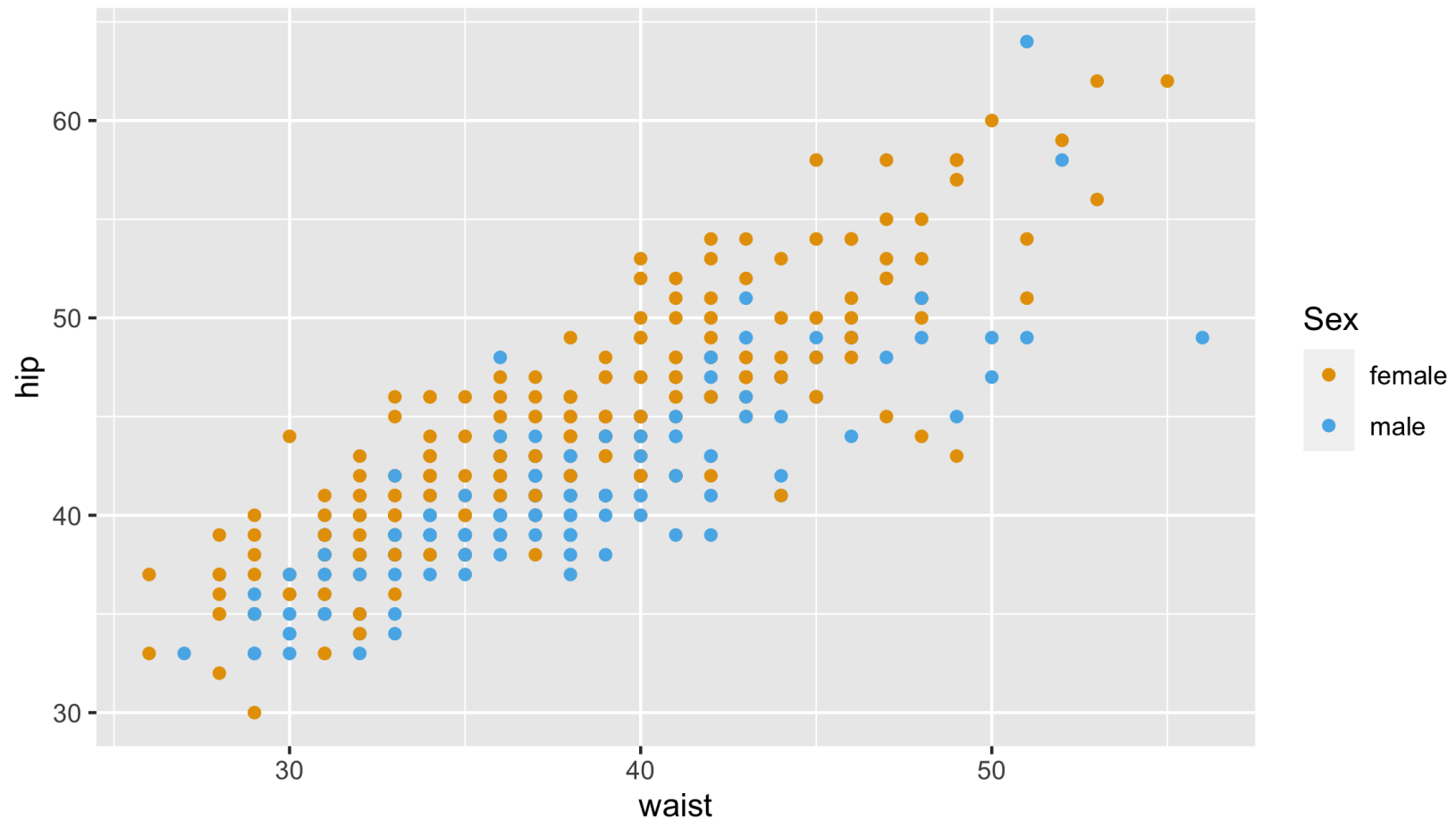
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Color Palettes

<https://github.com/EmilHvitfeldt/r-color-palettes>

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  theme_minimal() +  
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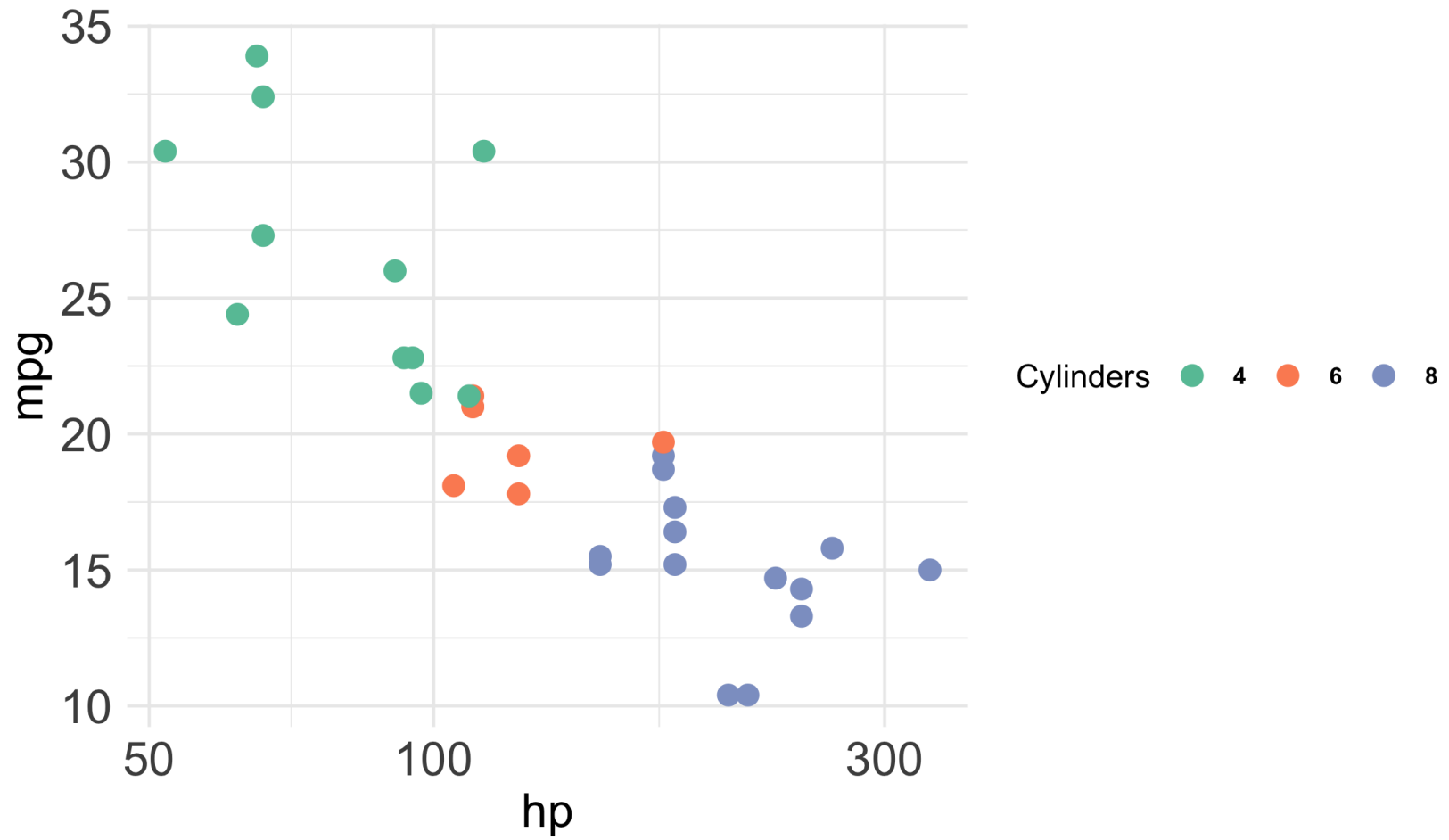
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theme elements

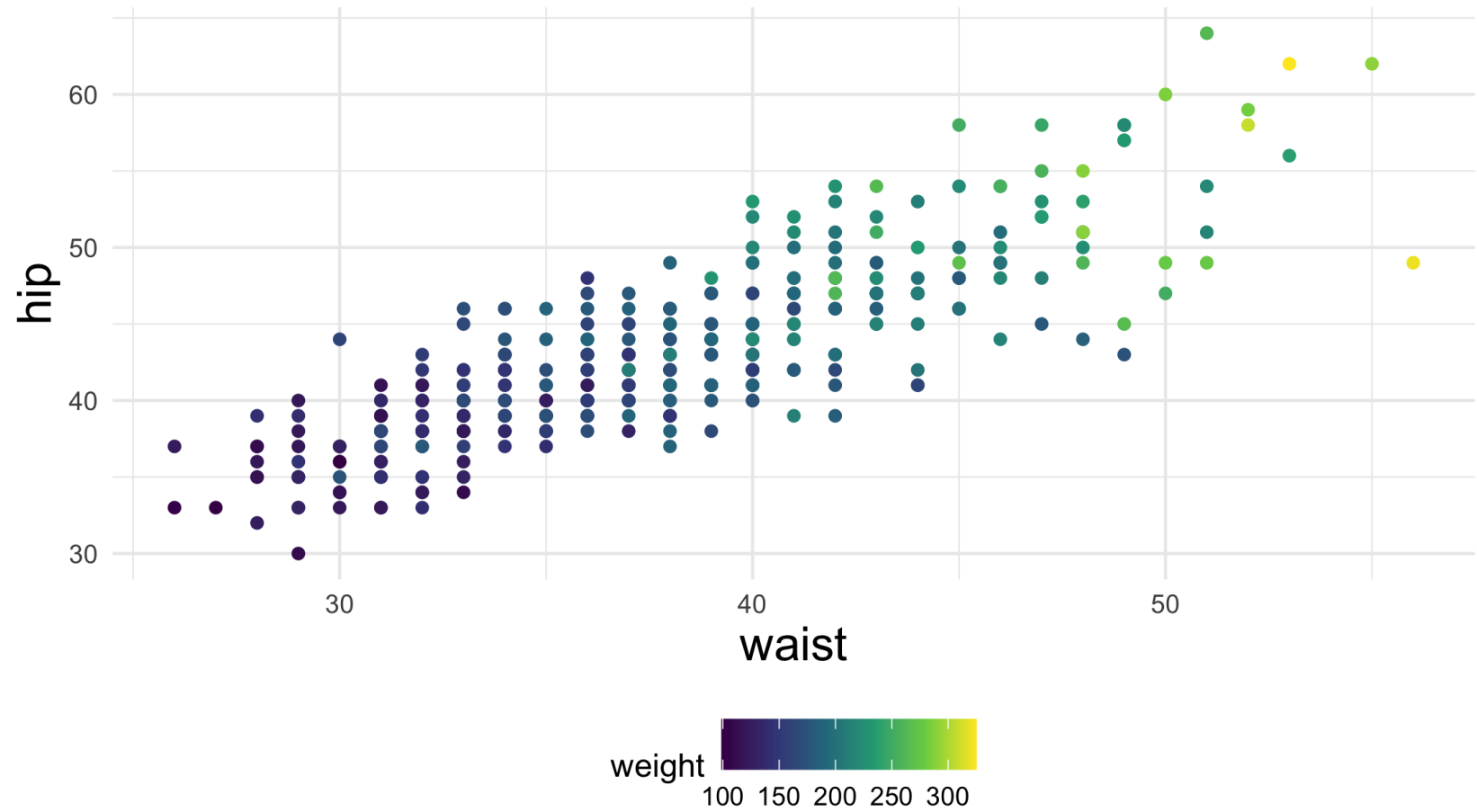
element	draws
element_blank()	nothing (remove element)
element_line()	lines
element_rect()	borders and backgrounds
element_text()	text

Your Turn 11

1. **Change the theme using one of the built-in theme functions.**
2. **Use `theme()` to change the legend to the bottom with `legend.position = "bottom"`.**
3. **Remove the axis ticks by setting the `axis.ticks` argument to `element_blank()`**
4. **Change the font size for the axis titles. Use `element_text()`. Check the help page if you don't know what option to change.**

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High-density plots

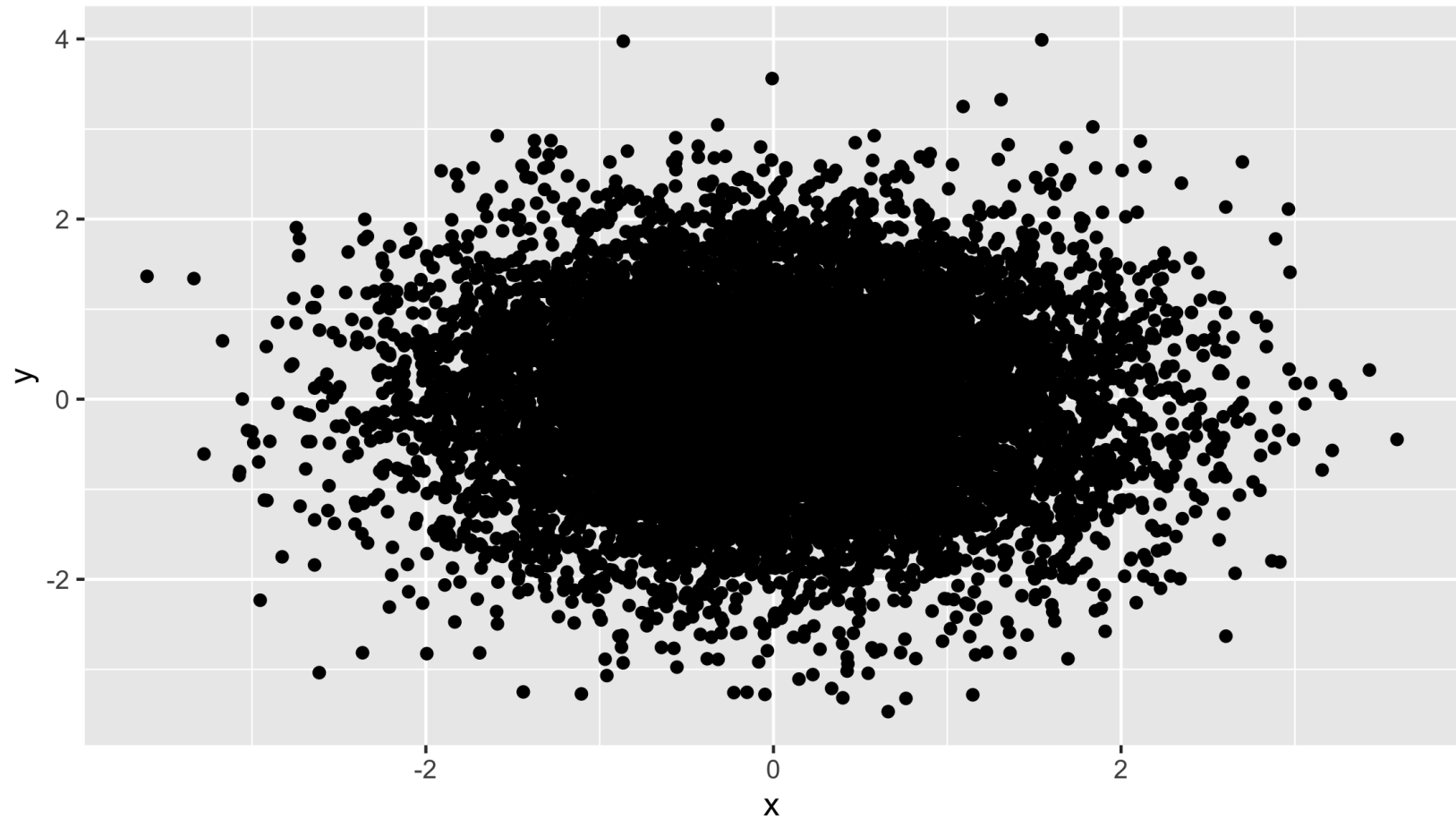
?rnorm, ?Distributions

```
big_data <- tibble(x = rnorm(10000), y = rnorm(10000))
```

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  ggplot(aes(x, y)) +  
  geom_point()
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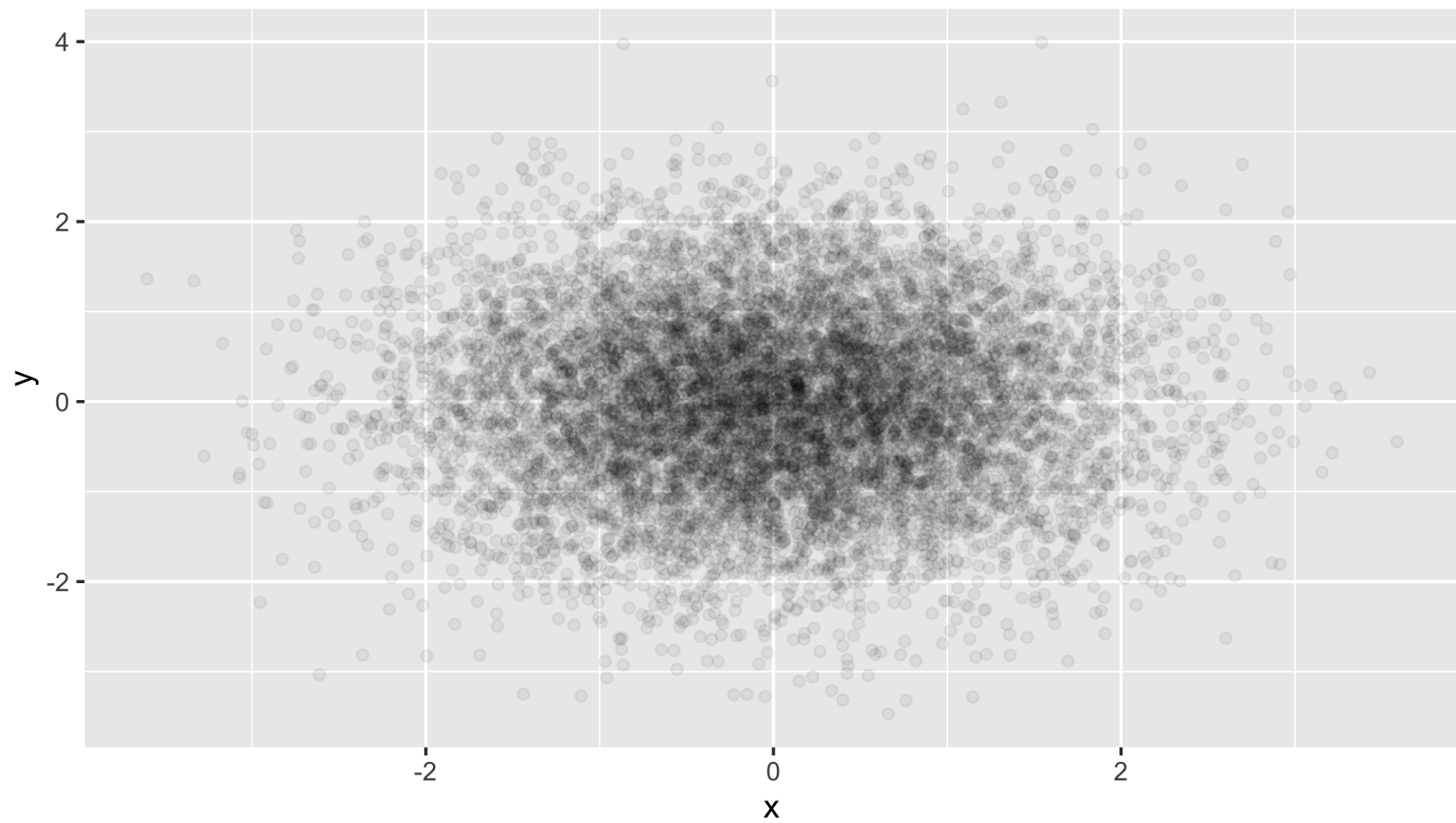


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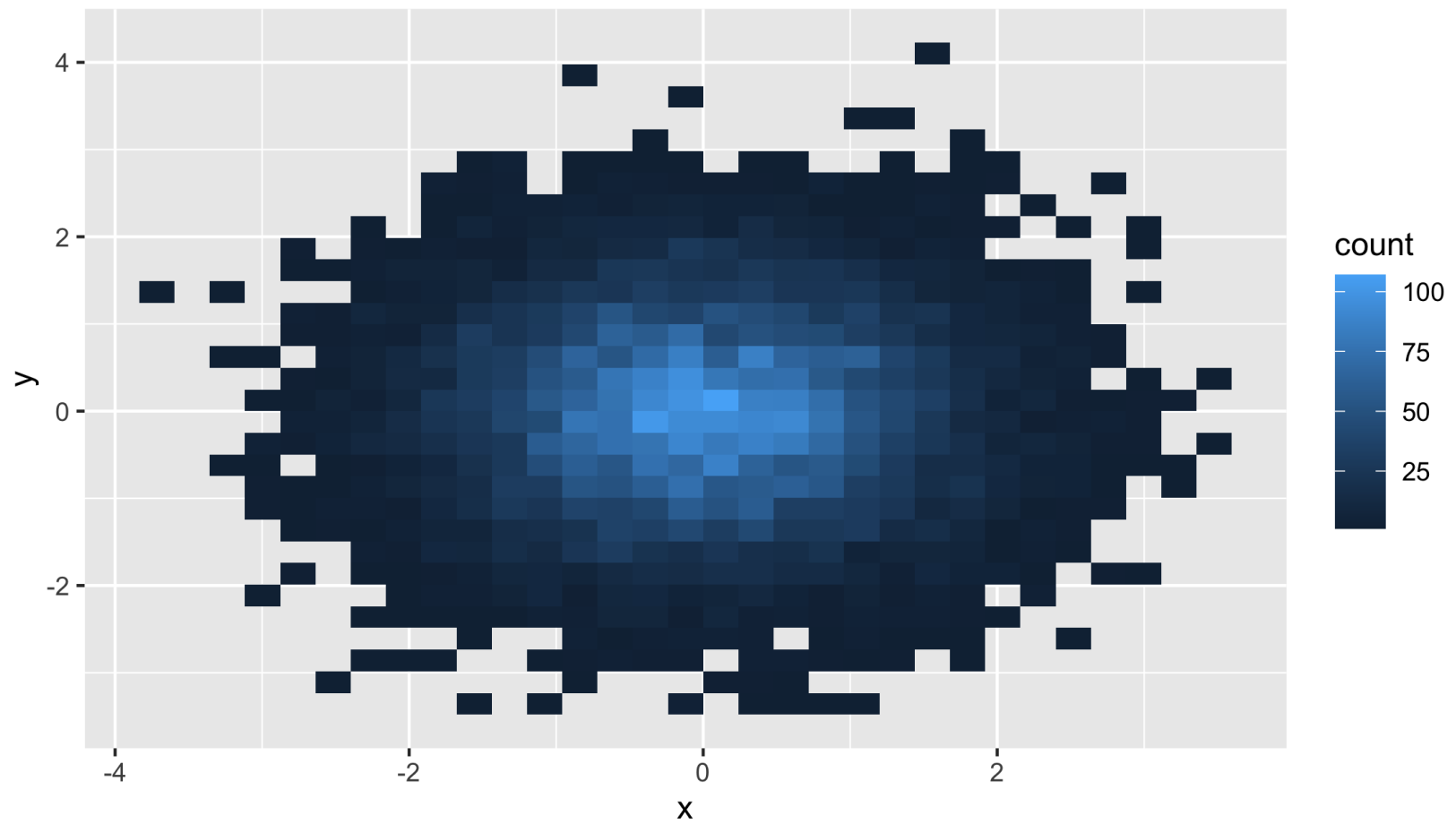
1 Transparency

2 Binning

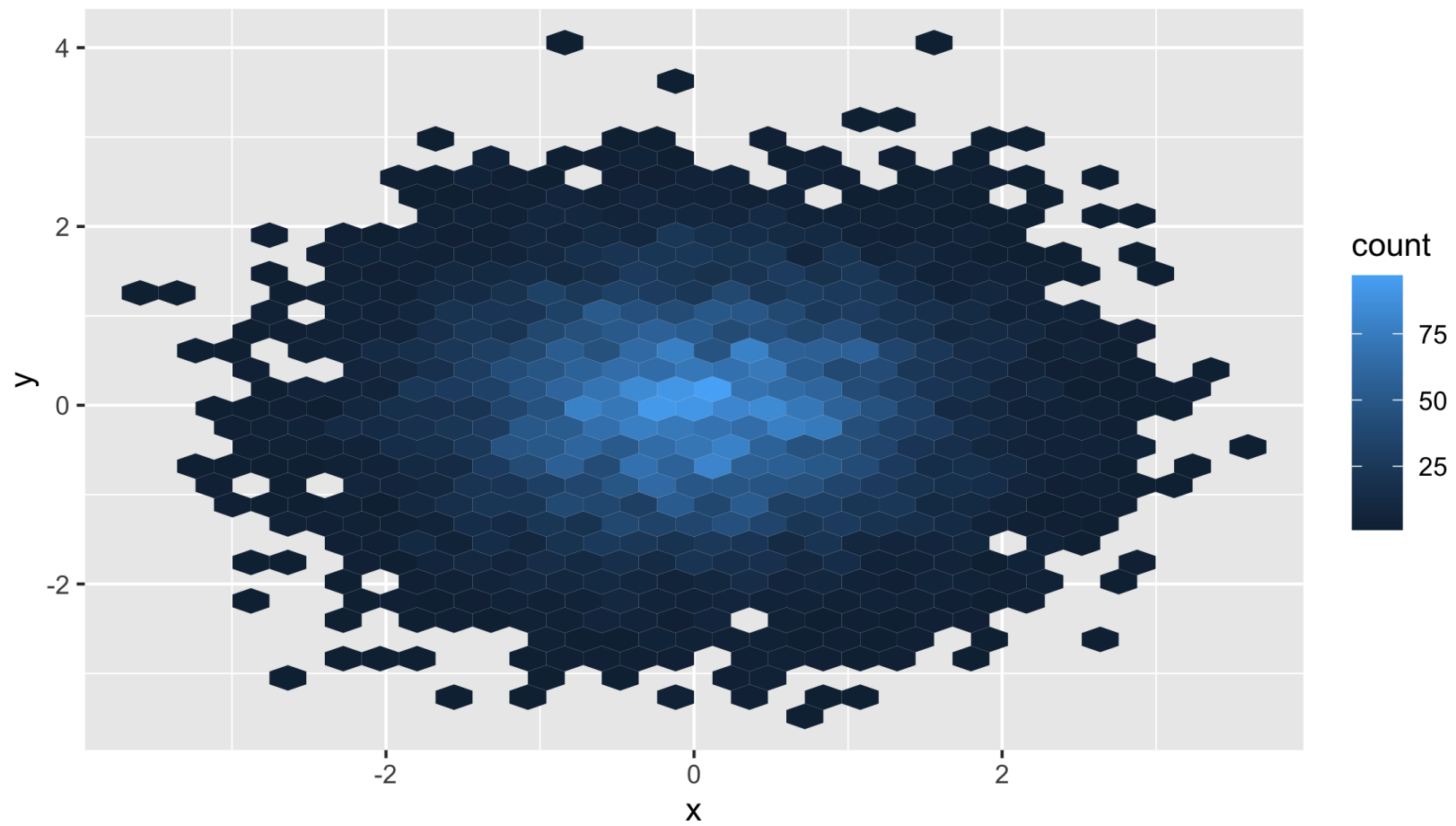
```
big_data %>%  
  ggplot(aes(x, y)) +  
  geom_point(alpha = .05)
```




```
big_data %>%  
  ggplot(aes(x, y)) +  
  geom_bin2d()
```



```
big_data %>%  
  ggplot(aes(x, y)) +  
  geom_hex()
```



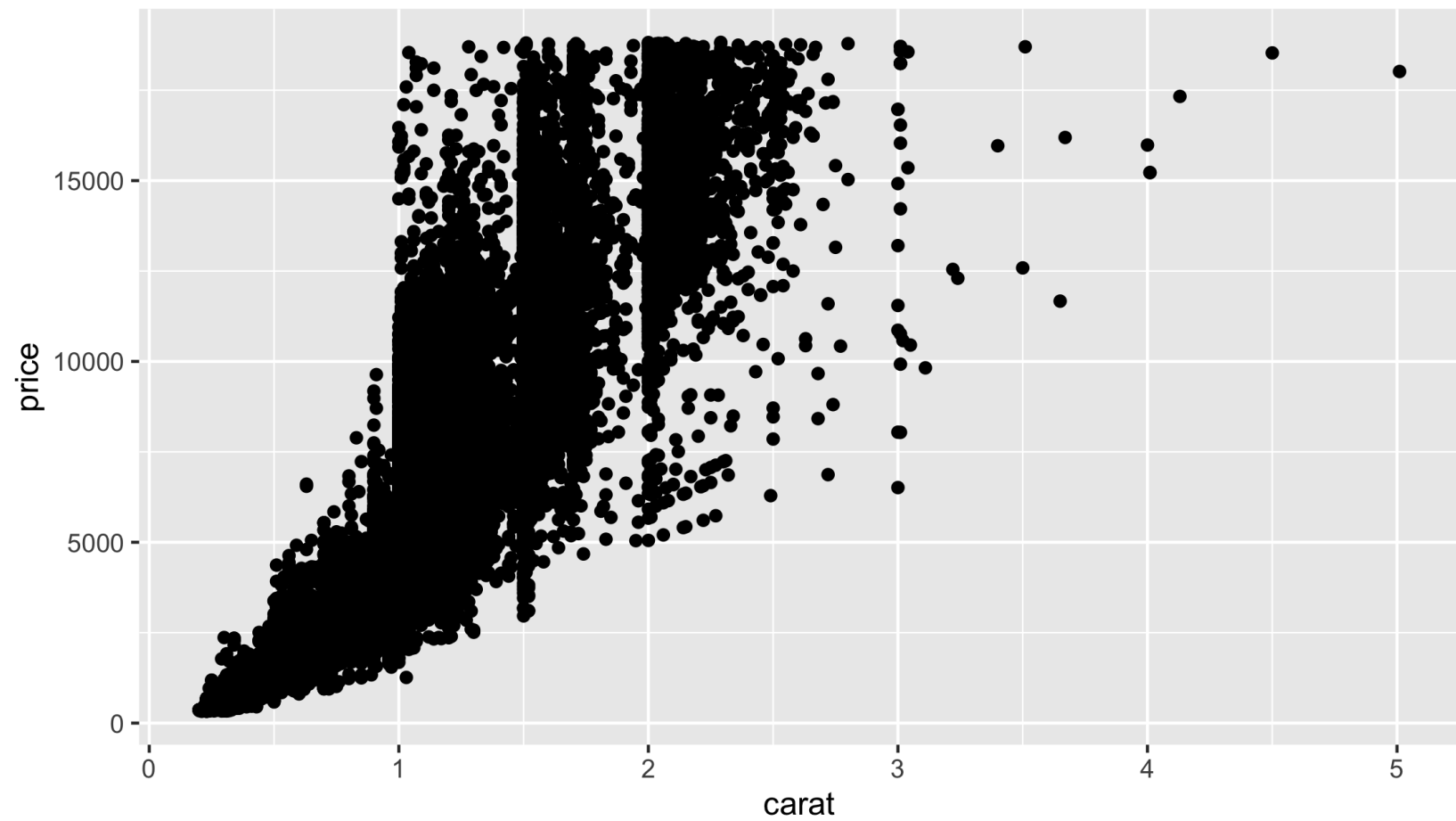
Your Turn 12

Take a look at the diamonds data set from ggplot2. How many rows does it have?

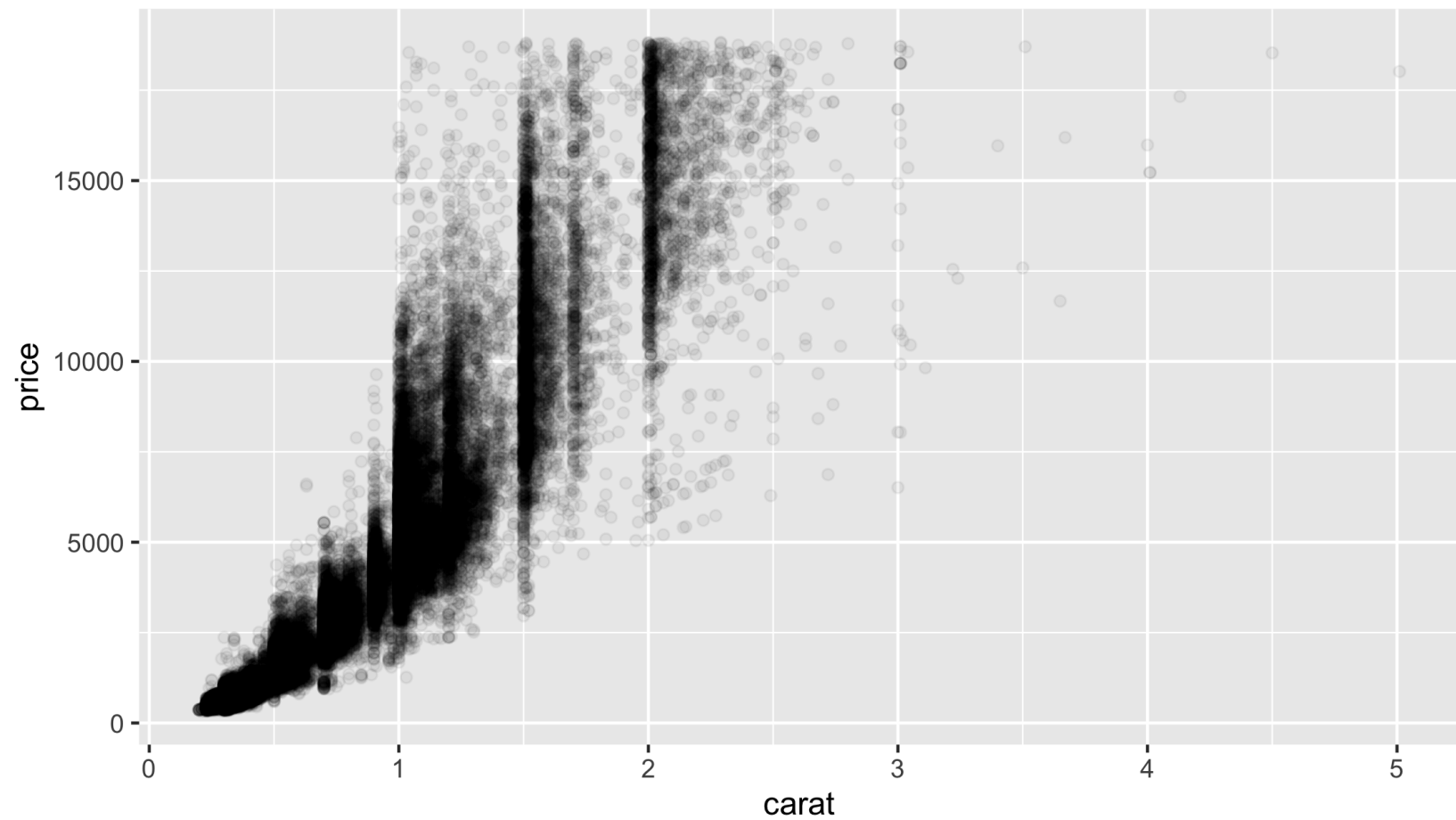
```
diamonds
```

- 1. Make a scatterplot of carat vs. price. How's it look?**
- 2. Try adjusting the transparency.**
- 3. Replace `geom_point()` with 2d bins.**
- 4. Try hex bins.**

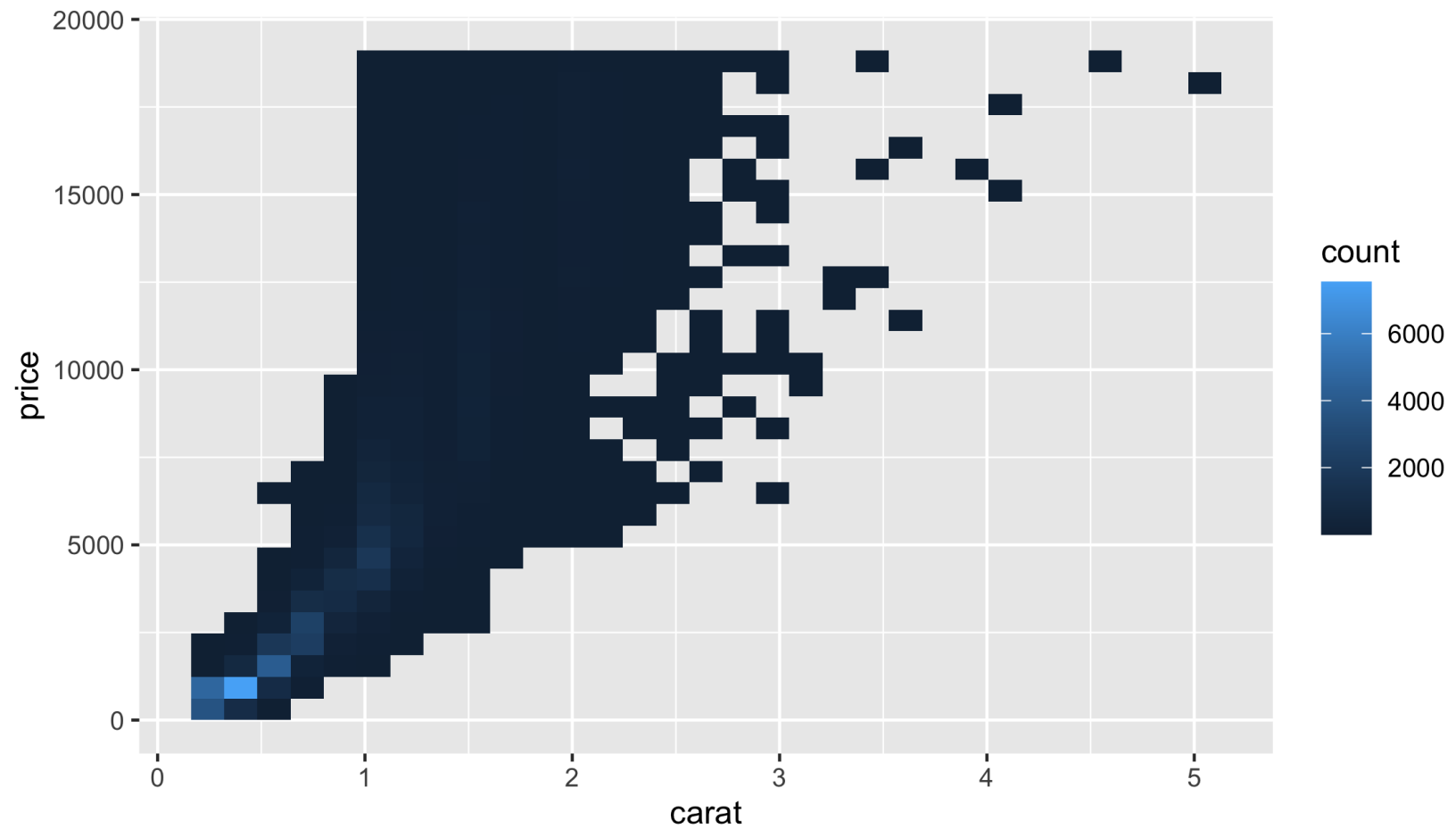
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diamonds %>%  
  ggplot(aes(x = carat, price)) +  
  geom_point()
```



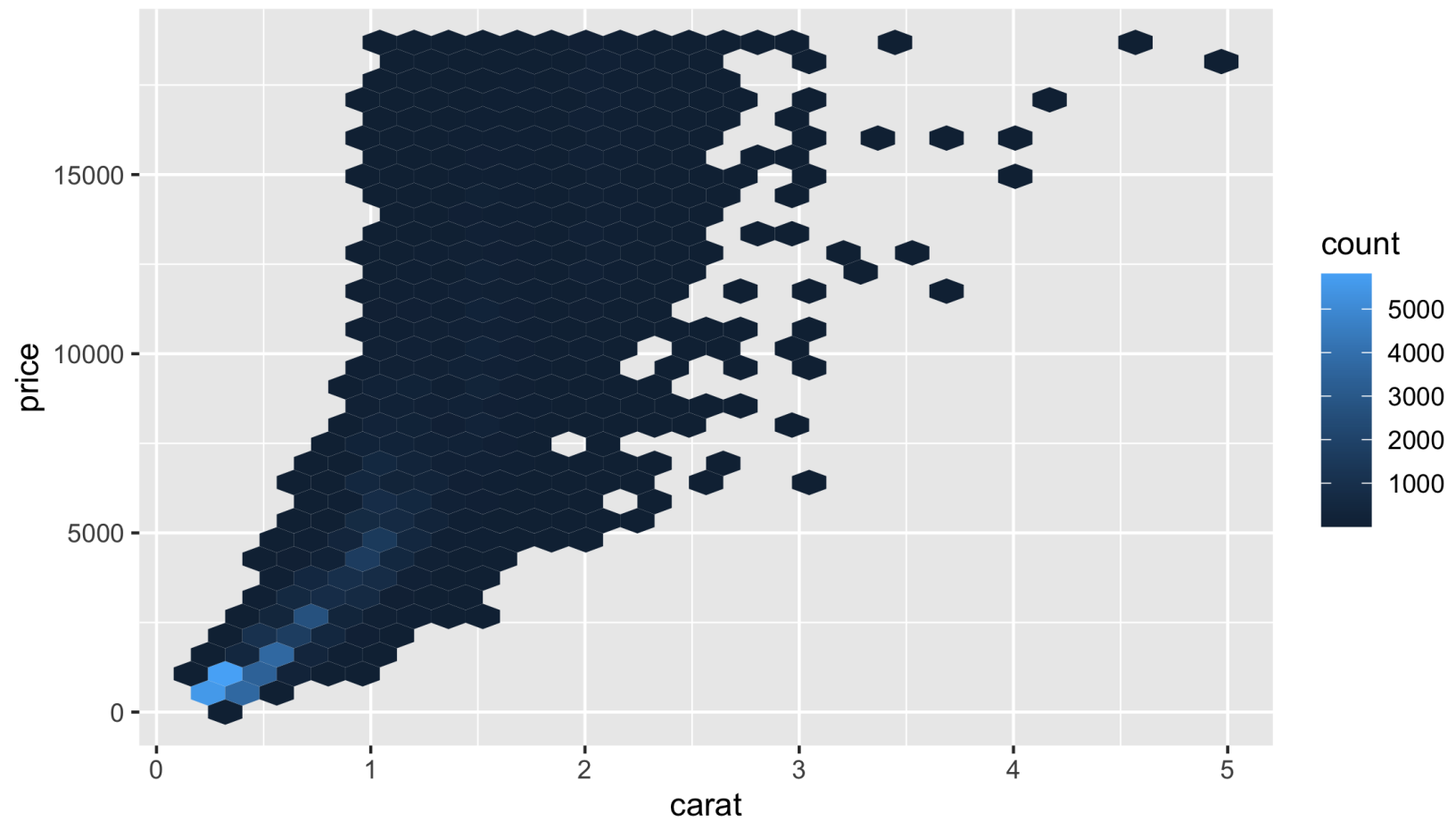
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  geom_bin2d()
```



```
diamonds %>%  
  ggplot(aes(x = carat, price)) +  
  geom_hex()
```



Labels, titles, and legends

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Add a title:

`ggtitle()`

`labs(title = "My Awesome Plot")`

Labels, titles, and legends

Change a label:

`xlab()`, `ylab()`

`labs(x = "X Label", y = "Y Label")`

Labels, titles, and legends

Change a legend:

`scale_*()` functions

```
labs(color = "Wow, labs does  
everything", fill = "Yup")
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Remove the legend:

`theme(legend.position = "none")`

Your Turn 13

1. Add a title.

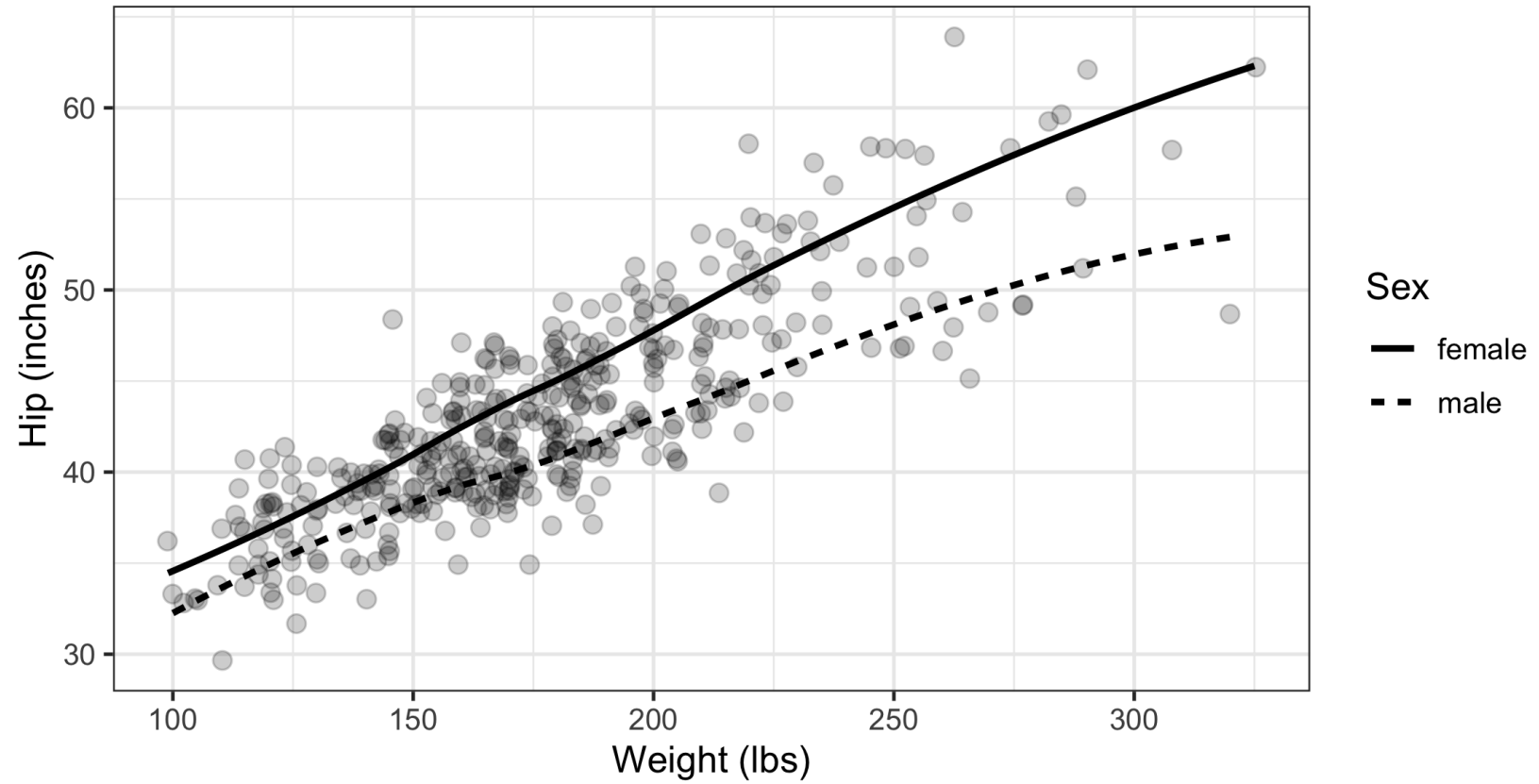
2. Change the x and y axis labels to include the units (inches for hip and pounds for weight). You can use either `labs()` or `xlab()` and `ylab()`

3. Add `scale_linetype()` and set the name argument to "Sex".

```
ggplot(diabetes, aes(weight, hip, linetype = gender)) +  
  geom_jitter(alpha = .2, size = 2.5) +  
  geom_smooth(color = "black", se = FALSE) +  
  theme_bw(base_size = 12)
```

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  theme_bw(base_size = 12) +  
  labs(x = "Weight (lbs)", y = "Hip (inches)") +  
  ggtitle("Hip and Weight by Sex") +  
  scale_linetype(name = "Sex")
```

Hip and Weight by Sex



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  labs(  
    title = "Hip and Weight by Sex",  
    x = "Weight (lbs)",  
    y = "Hip (inches)",  
    linetype = "Sex"  
  )
```


Saving plots

```
ggsave(filename = "figure_name.png",  
plot = last_plot(), dpi = 320)
```

Your Turn 14

Save the last plot and then locate it in the files pane.

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```
ggsave("diabetes_weight_hip.png", dpi = 320)
```

Take aways:

You can use this code template to make thousands of graphs with ggplot2.

```
ggplot(data = <DATA>, mapping = aes(<MAPPINGS>)) +  
  <GEOM_FUNCTION>() +  
  <SCALE_FUNCTION>() +  
  <THEME_FUNCTION>()
```



Resources

R for Data Science: A comprehensive but friendly introduction to the tidyverse.
Free online.

RStudio Primers: Free interactive courses in the Tidyverse

Data Visualization: A Practical Introduction: Mostly free online; great ggplot2 intro