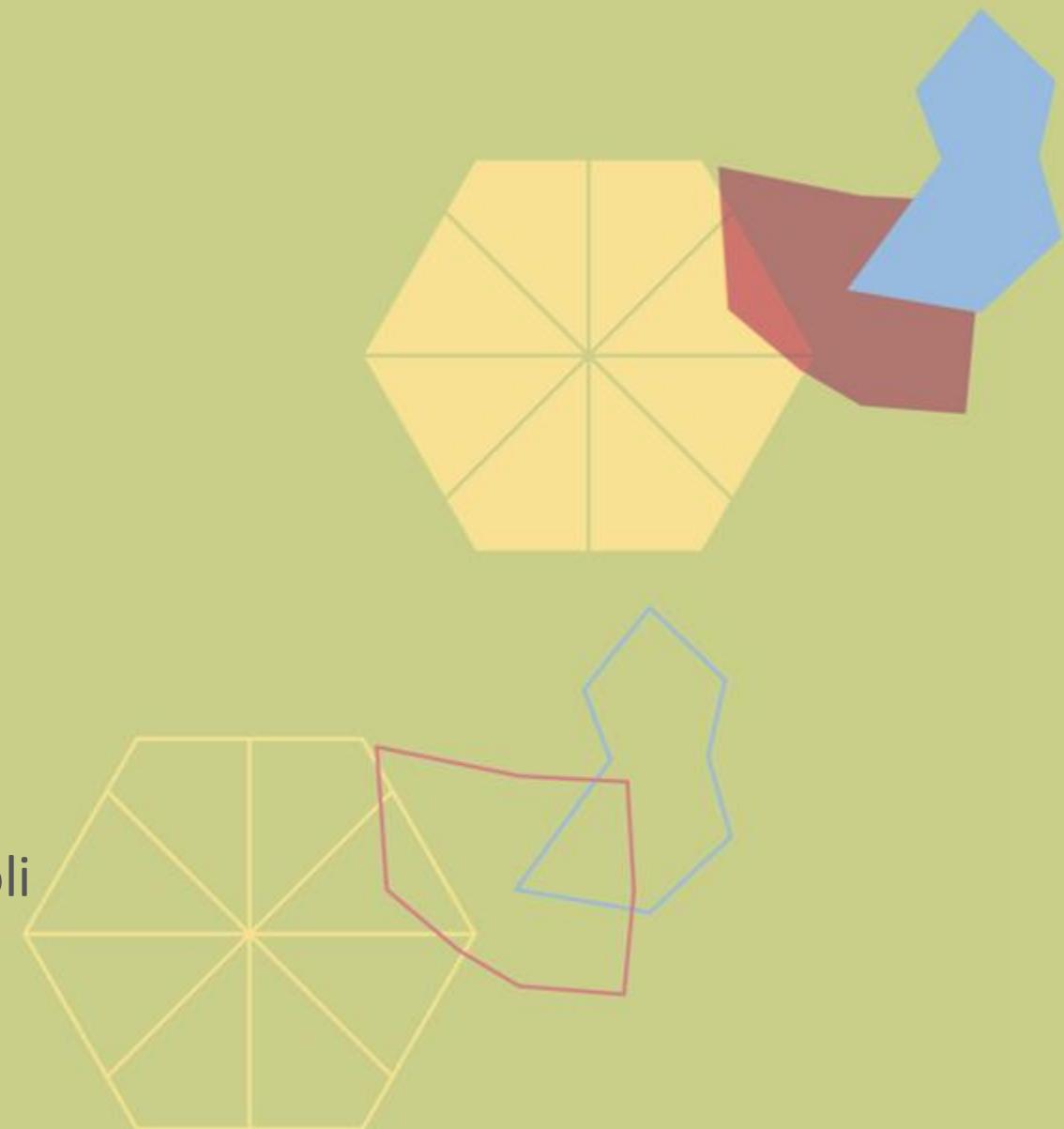
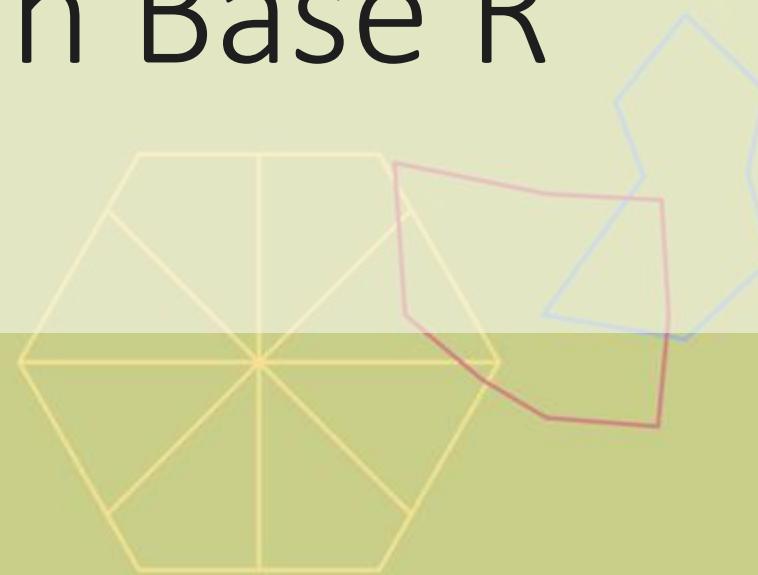


Graphics in R

Maria Christodoulou and Mariagrazia Zottoli

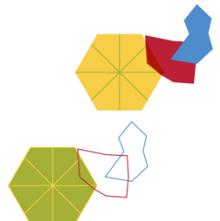


Graphics in Base R



Graphics

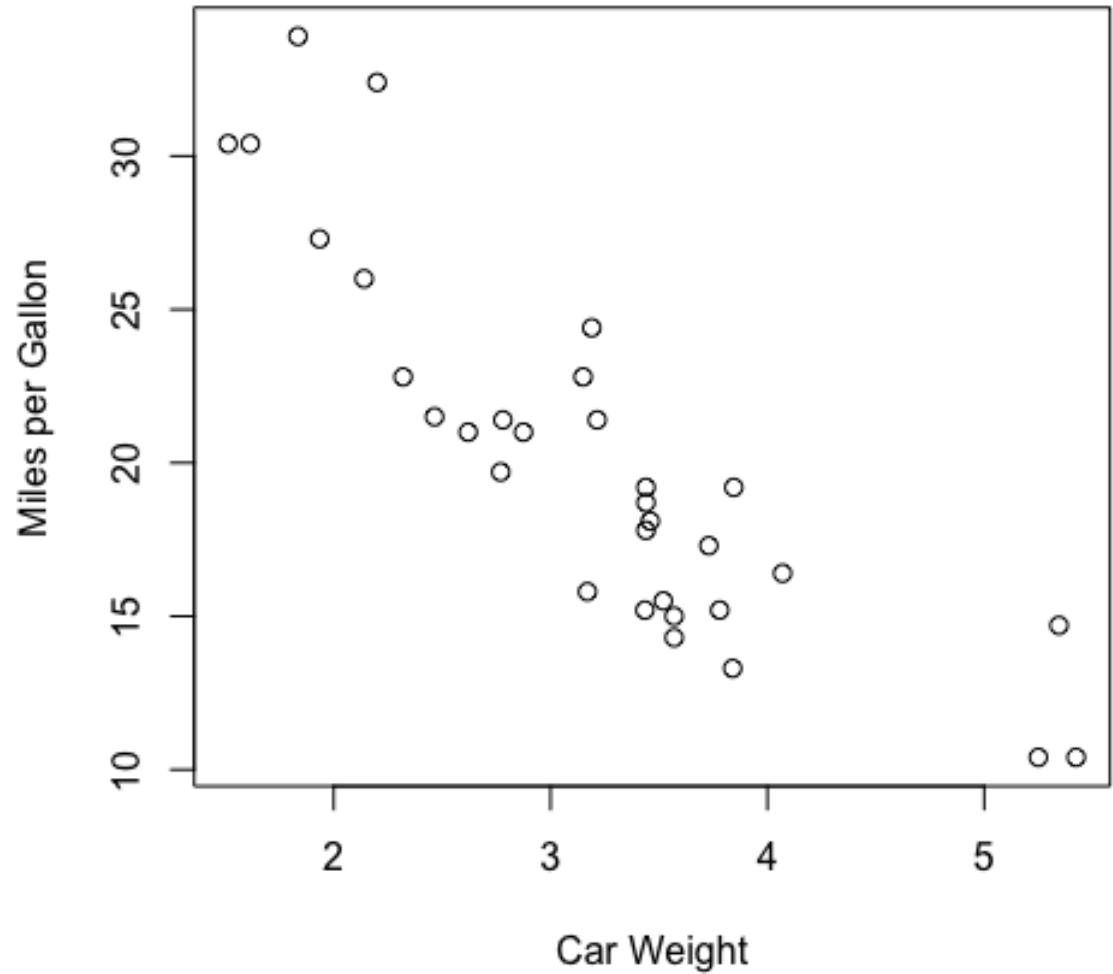
- You can use R to create publication quality graphics
- There are excellent specialised graphics packages available such as ggplot2
- You can use graphics to produce anything from scatterplots, to phylogenies, and distribution maps



Graphics - Scatterplots

- The `plot()` function creates an x-y scatterplot

```
plot(mtcars$wt,  
      mtcars$mpg,  
      xlab="Car Weight",  
      ylab="Miles per Gallon")
```

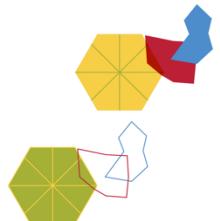


Graphics - Scatterplots

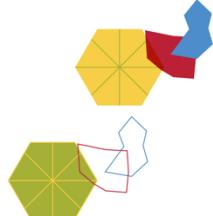
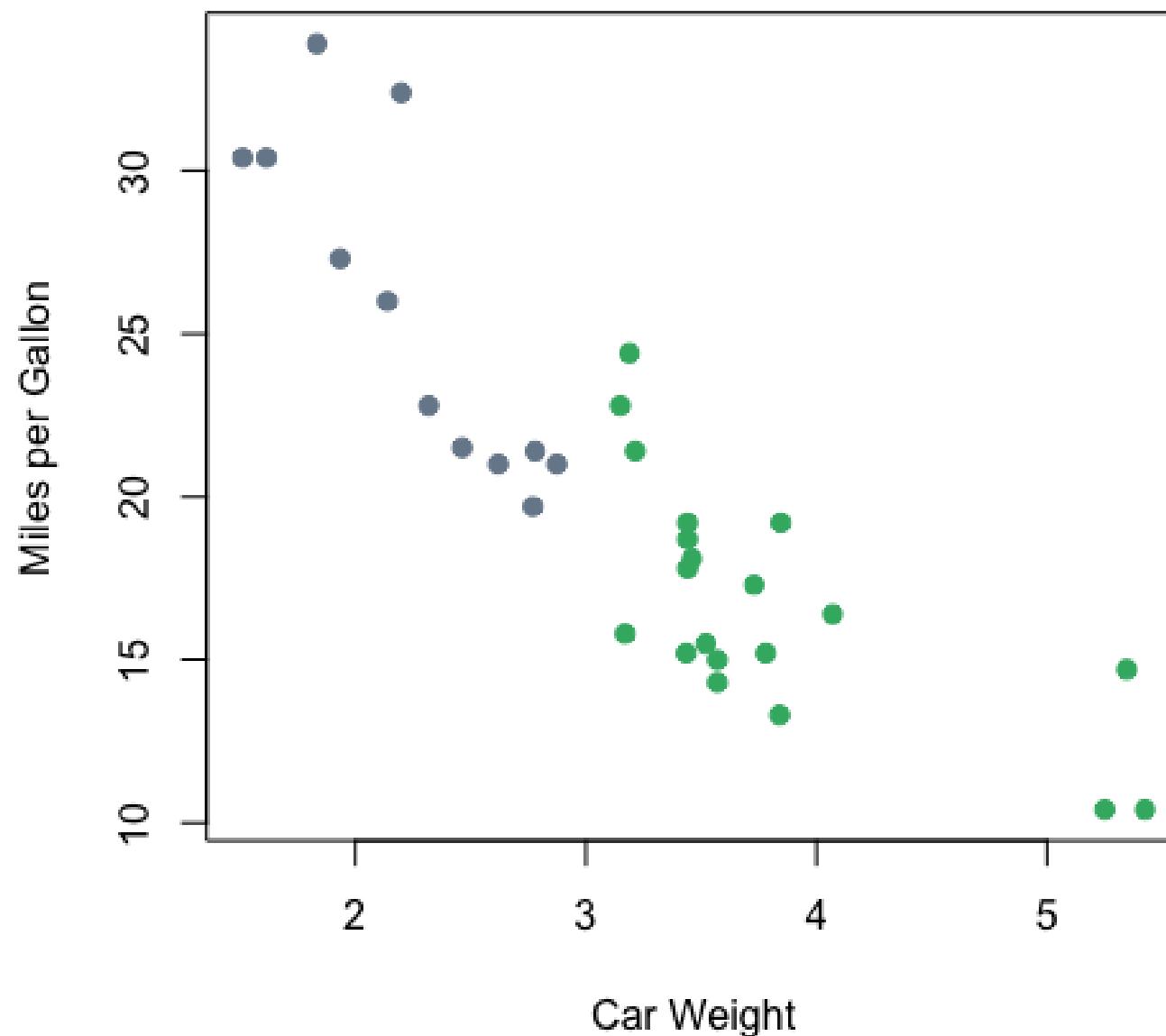
- Change the look of your graphs using par (type ?par in the console for more info)

```
> plot(mtcars$wt, mtcars$mpg, xlab="Car Weight", ylab="Miles per Gallon", main="Car Scatterplot",  
  pch=19, col= ifelse(mtcars$wt>0 & mtcars$wt<=3, "lightslategray", "mediumseagreen"))
```

- Google “colors in R” if you need some colour inspiration



Car Scatterplot



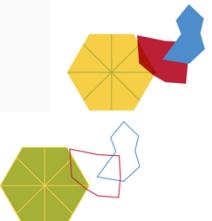
Graphics - Scatterplots

You can add lines to your scatterplots using the abline () function

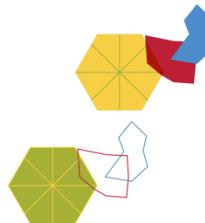
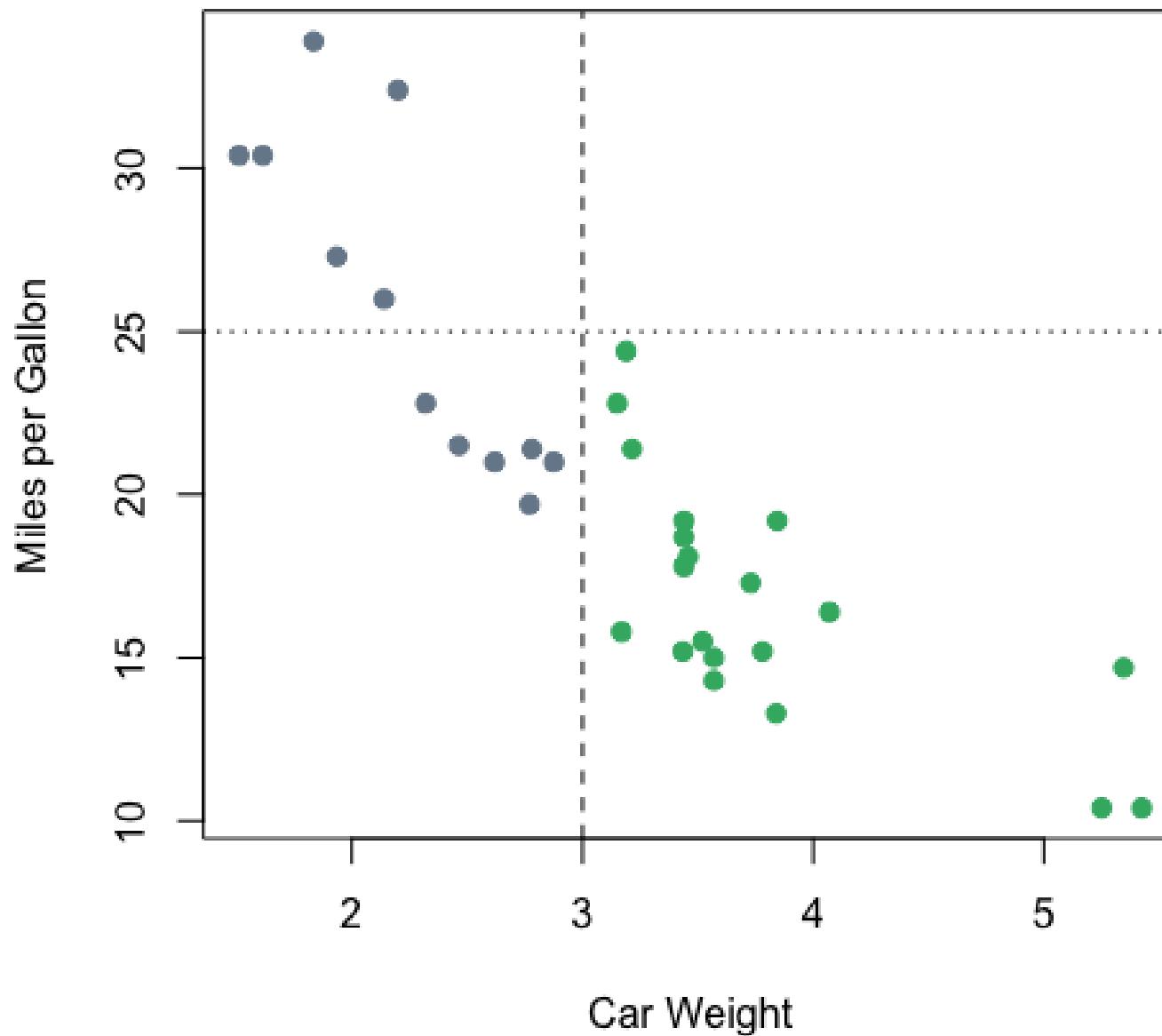
```
plot(mtcars$wt, mtcars$mpg, xlab="Car Weight", ylab="Miles per Gallon",
      main="Car Scatterplot", pch=19, col= ifelse(mtcars$wt>0 & mtcars$wt<=3,
                                                "lightslategray", "mediumseagreen"))

abline(v=3, colour="grey", lty="dashed")

abline(h=25, colour="black", lty="dotted")
```

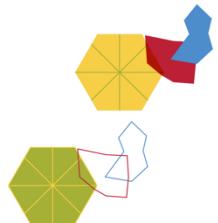
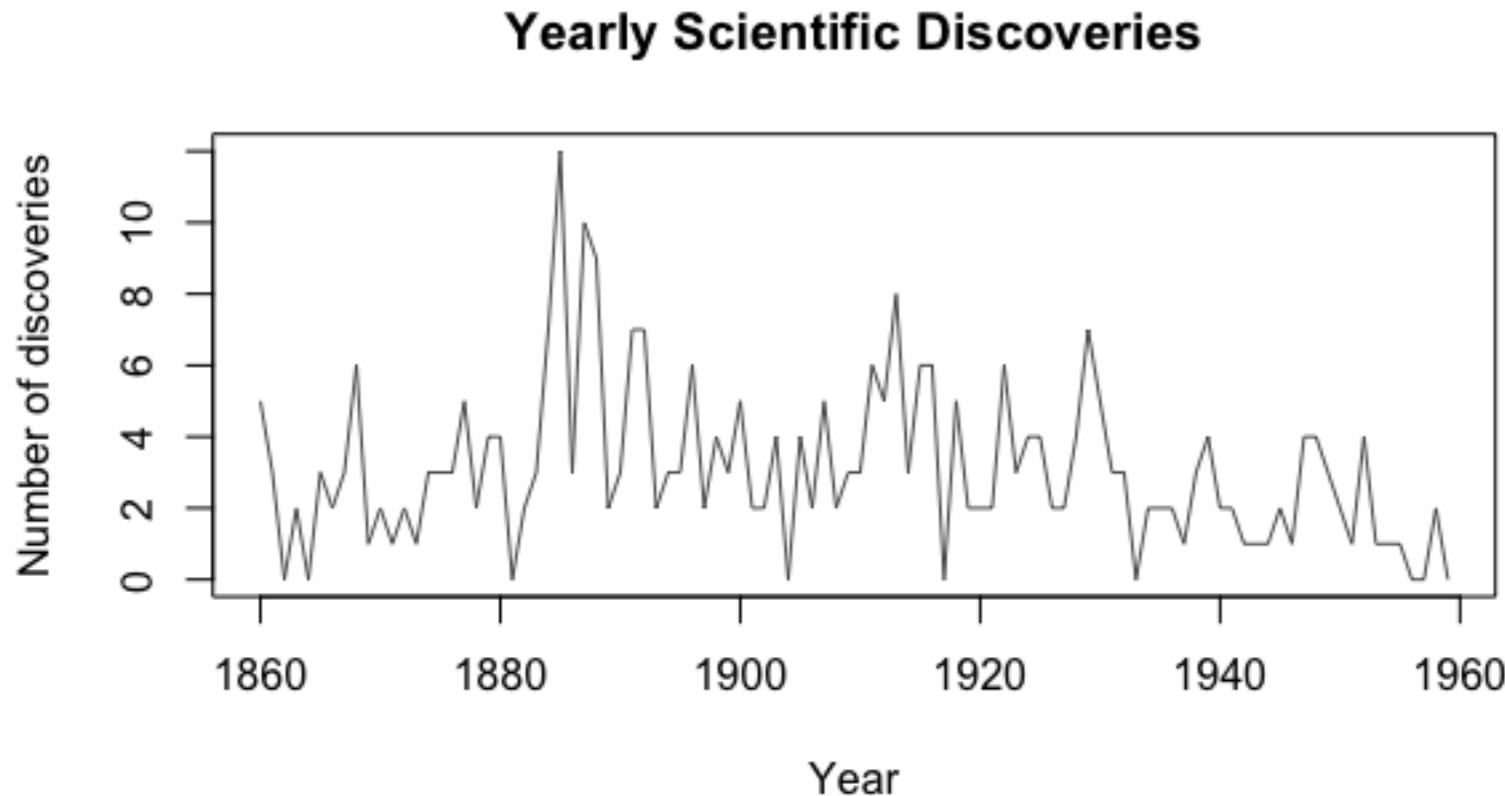


Car Scatterplot



Graphics – Line plots

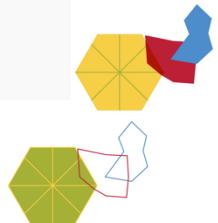
```
> plot(seq(1860,1959,1),discoveries, xlab="Year", ylab="Number of discoveries", type="l",  
main="Yearly Scientific Discoveries", col="gray35")
```



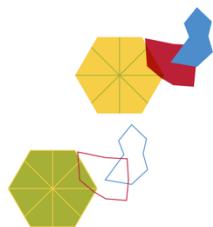
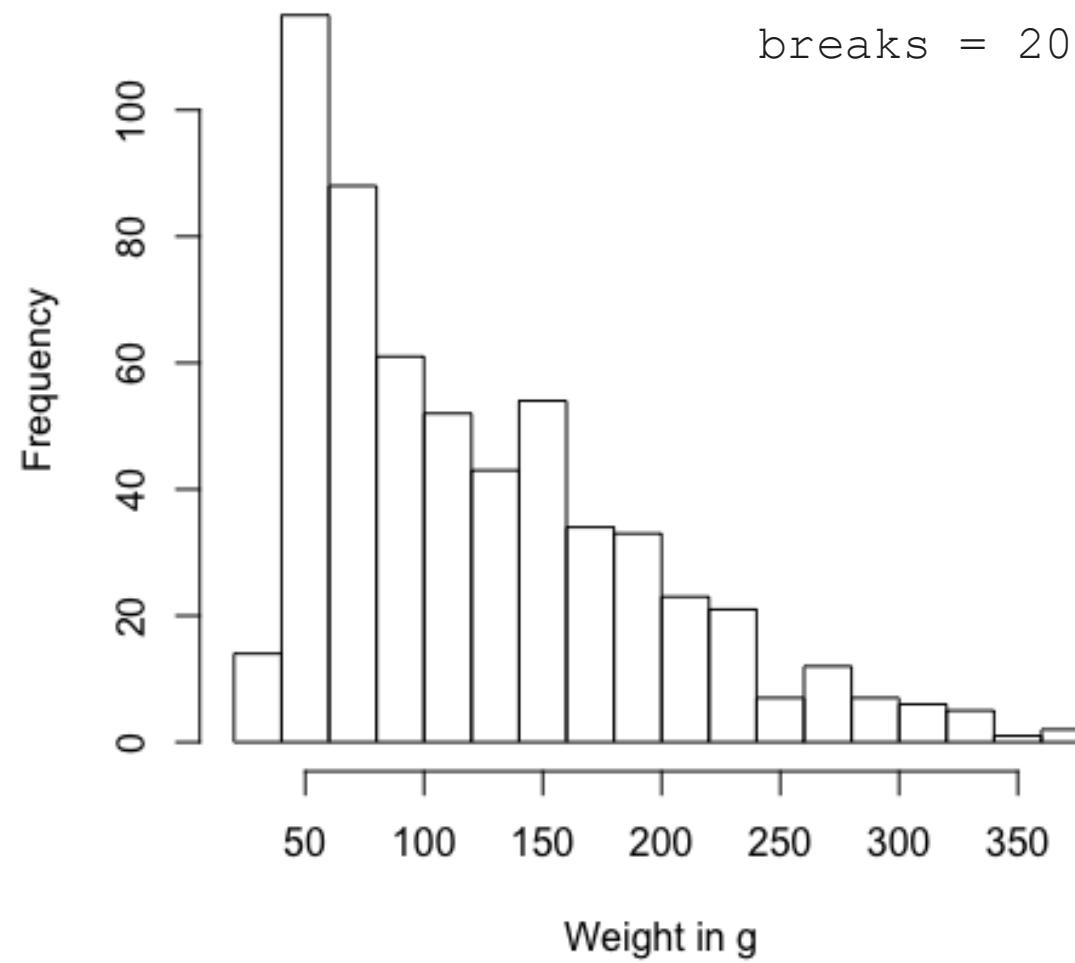
Graphics - Histograms

- Histograms are used for continuous data that have been grouped in “bins”
- For example, using the `ChickWeight()` built-in dataset we can plot the frequency of different weights for chicks

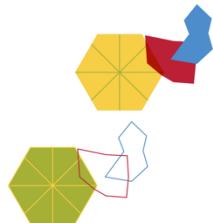
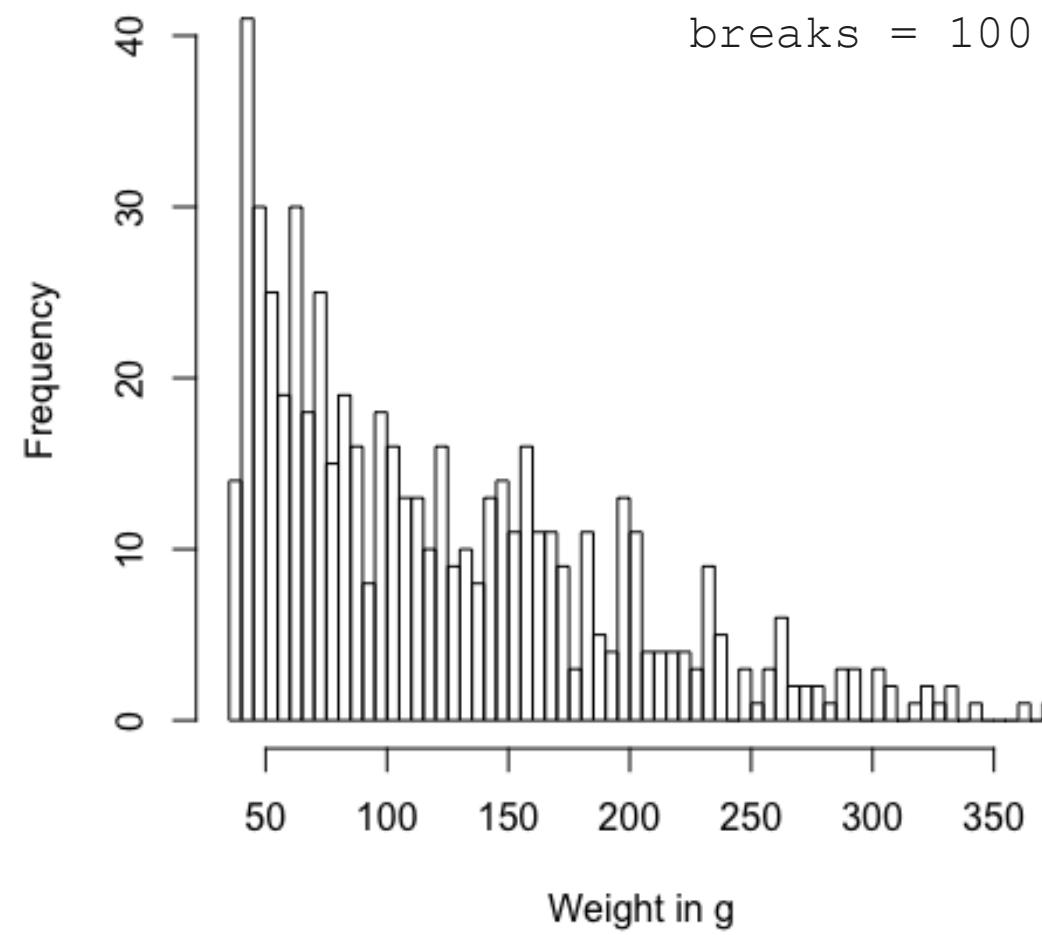
```
> hist(ChickWeight$weight, xlab = "Weight in g", main = "Frequency of Chick weight",
breaks = 20)
>
>
```



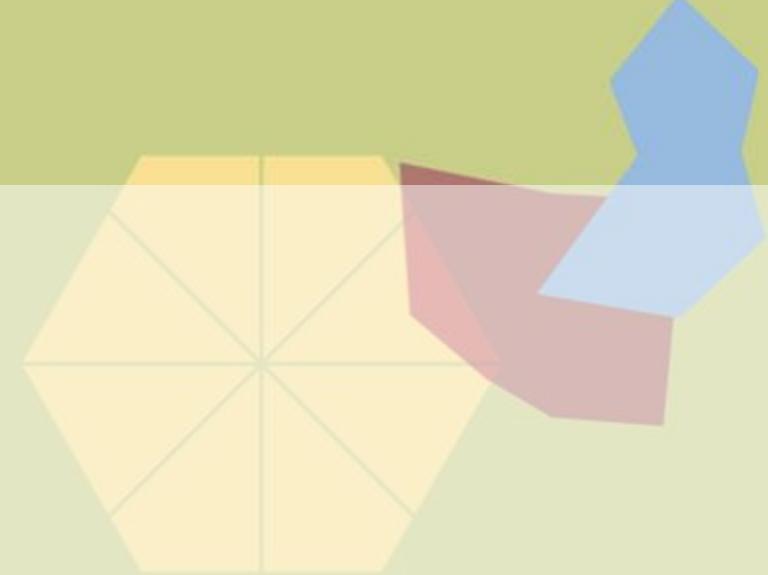
Frequency of Chick weight



Frequency of Chick weight



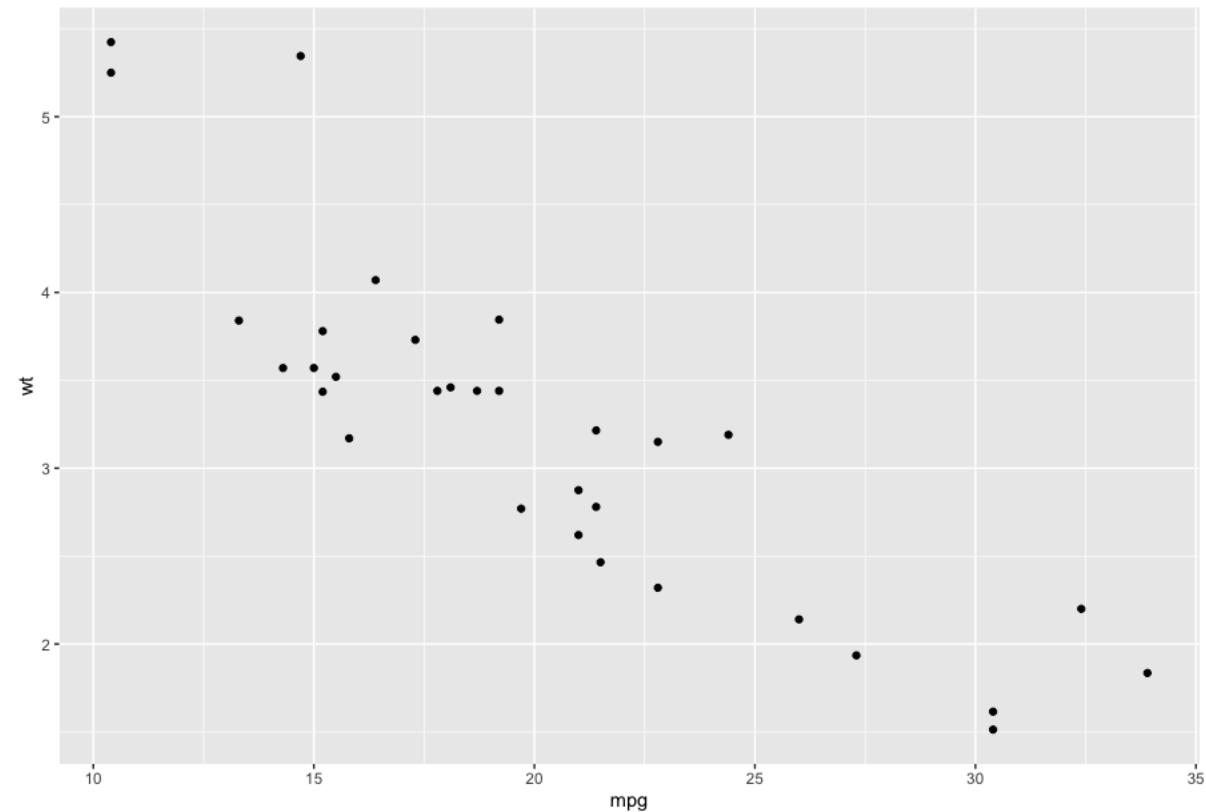
How to use ggplot2



Return to basics – How to use ggplot2

- There are 3 components to a ggplot: data, aesthetics, geometry
- Aesthetics and geometries are the two aspects that will give you control

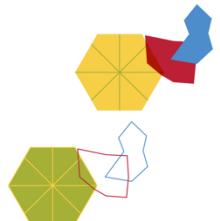
```
1 library(tidyverse)
2 ggplot(mtcars, aes(x=mpg, y=wt)) +
3   geom_point()
```



Graphics – The tidyverse way

Some geometric objects:

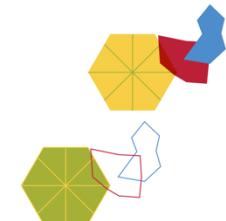
- Geometric points for scatterplots: `geom_point()`
- Geometric lines for line graphs: `geom_line()`
- Geometric histograms: `geom_histogram()`



Graphics – The tidyverse way

- Let's start with a scatterplot, using the dataset diamonds
- Use `?diamonds` to find out what's included

```
Console Terminal x Jobs x
~/
> require(tidyverse)
> require(magrittr)
> diamonds
# A tibble: 53,940 x 10
   carat    cut      color clarity depth table price     x     y     z
   <dbl> <ord>    <ord> <ord>   <dbl> <dbl> <int> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
1 0.23  Ideal     E     SI2     61.5   55   326  3.95  3.98  2.43
2 0.21  Premium   E     SI1     59.8   61   326  3.89  3.84  2.31
3 0.23  Good      E     VS1     56.9   65   327  4.05  4.07  2.31
4 0.290 Premium   I     VS2     62.4   58   334  4.2   4.23  2.63
5 0.31  Good      J     SI2     63.3   58   335  4.34  4.35  2.75
6 0.24  Very Good J     VVS2    62.8   57   336  3.94  3.96  2.48
7 0.24  Very Good I     VVS1    62.3   57   336  3.95  3.98  2.47
8 0.26  Very Good H     SI1     61.9   55   337  4.07  4.11  2.53
9 0.22  Fair       E     VS2     65.1   61   337  3.87  3.78  2.49
10 0.23 Very Good H     VS1     59.4   61   338  4     4.05  2.39
# ... with 53,930 more rows
```



Graphics – The tidyverse way

Screenshot of the R documentation interface showing the `diamonds` dataset from the `ggplot2` package.

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diamonds {ggplot2}

R Documentation

Prices of over 50,000 round cut diamonds

Description

A dataset containing the prices and other attributes of almost 54,000 diamonds. The variables are as follows:

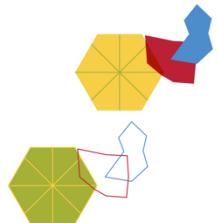
Usage

`diamonds`

Format

A data frame with 53940 rows and 10 variables:

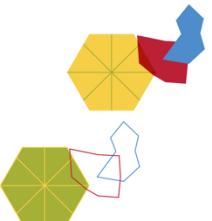
- price**
price in US dollars (\$326–\$18,823)
- carat**
weight of the diamond (0.2–5.01)
- cut**
quality of the cut (Fair, Good, Very Good, Premium, Ideal)
- color**
diamond colour, from D (best) to J (worst)



Graphics – The tidyverse way

- Let's start with a scatterplot, using the dataset diamonds
- First: filter the dataset to only include diamonds of color category "E".

```
diamonds %>% filter(color=="E")
```

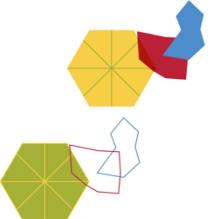


Graphics – The tidyverse way

Then create a ggplot object with the aesthetics you want:

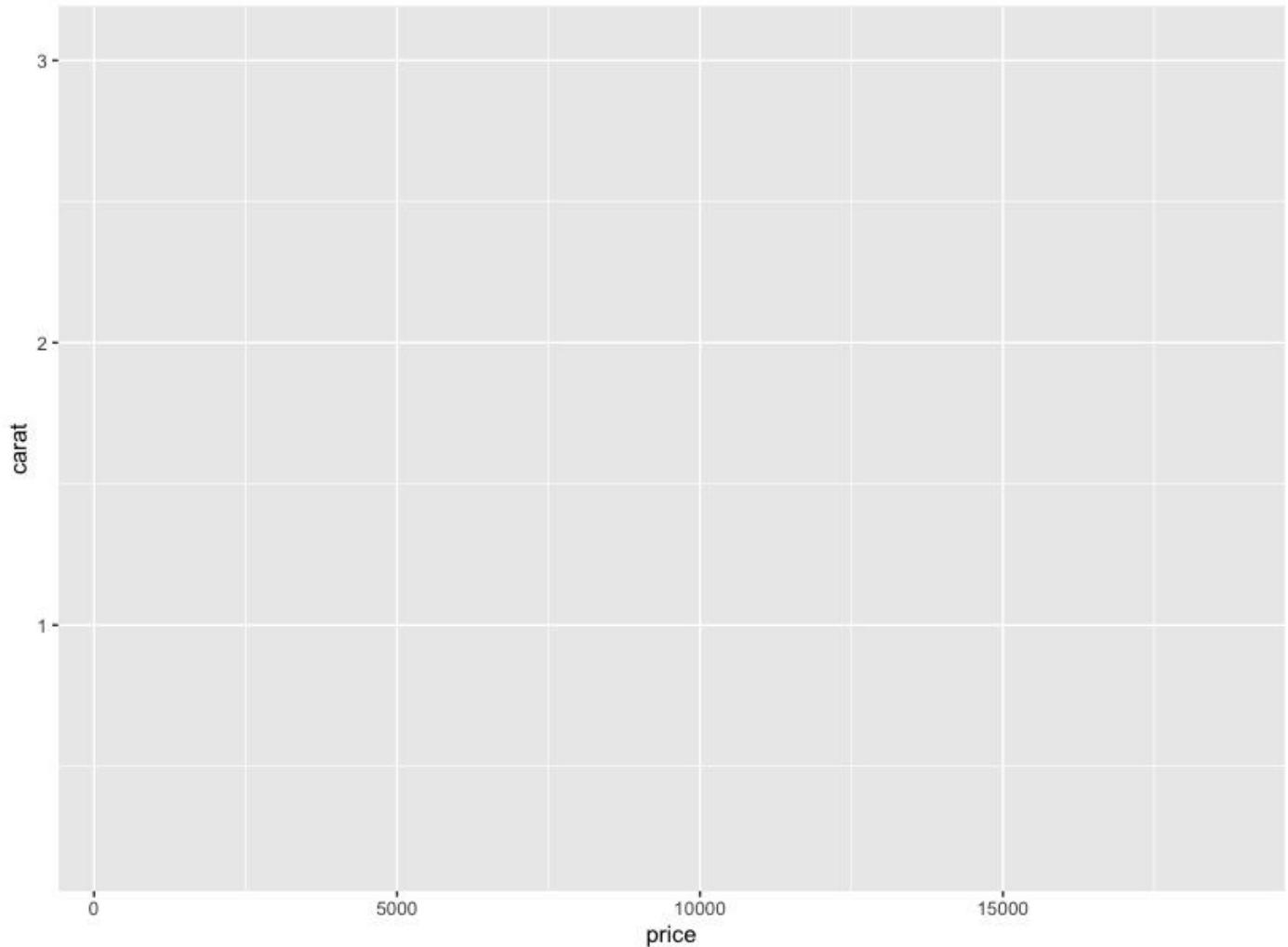
- I would like to create a scatterplot using price as the x-axis and carat as the y-axis, using different cuts as different colours

```
ggplot(diamonds %>% filter(color=="E") ,  
       aes(x=price, y=carat, colour=cut))
```



Graphics – The tidyverse way

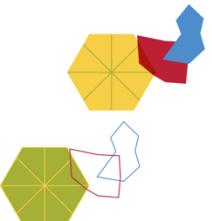
Disappointing...



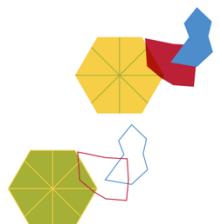
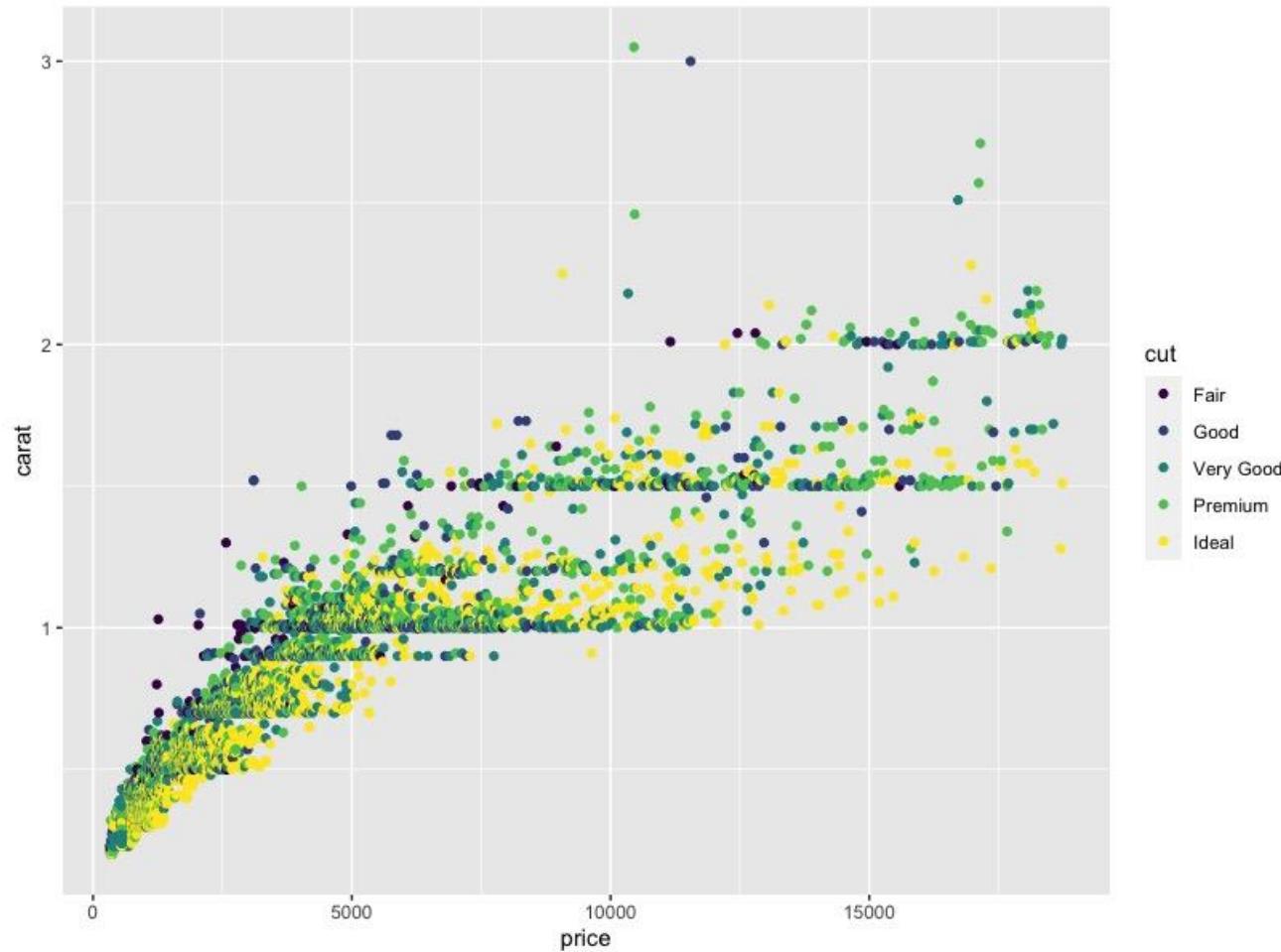
Graphics – The tidyverse way

Let's add the geometric object for scatterplots:

```
ggplot(diamonds %>% filter(color=="E") ,  
       aes(x=price, y=carat, colour=cut)) +  
       geom_point()
```



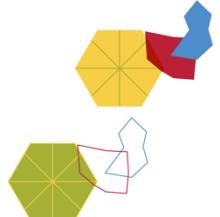
Graphics – The tidyverse way



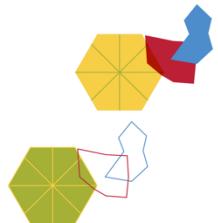
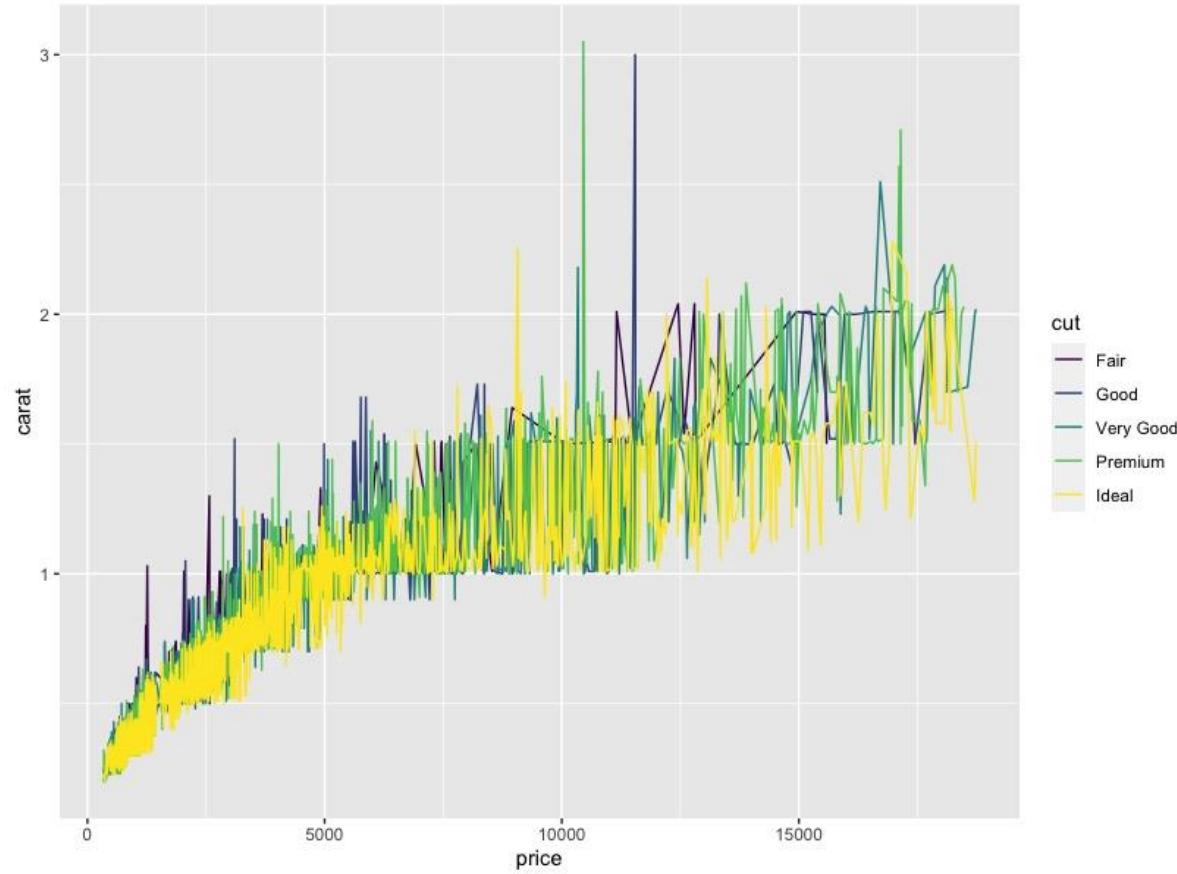
Graphics – The tidyverse way

What happens if instead of `geom_point()` you use `geom_line()`?

```
ggplot(diamonds %>% filter(color=="E") ,  
       aes(x=price, y=carat, colour=cut)) +  
       geom_line()
```



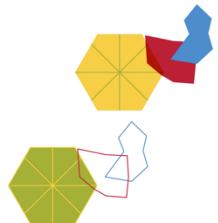
Graphics – The tidyverse way



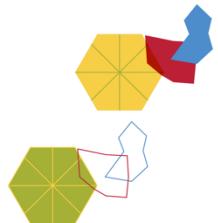
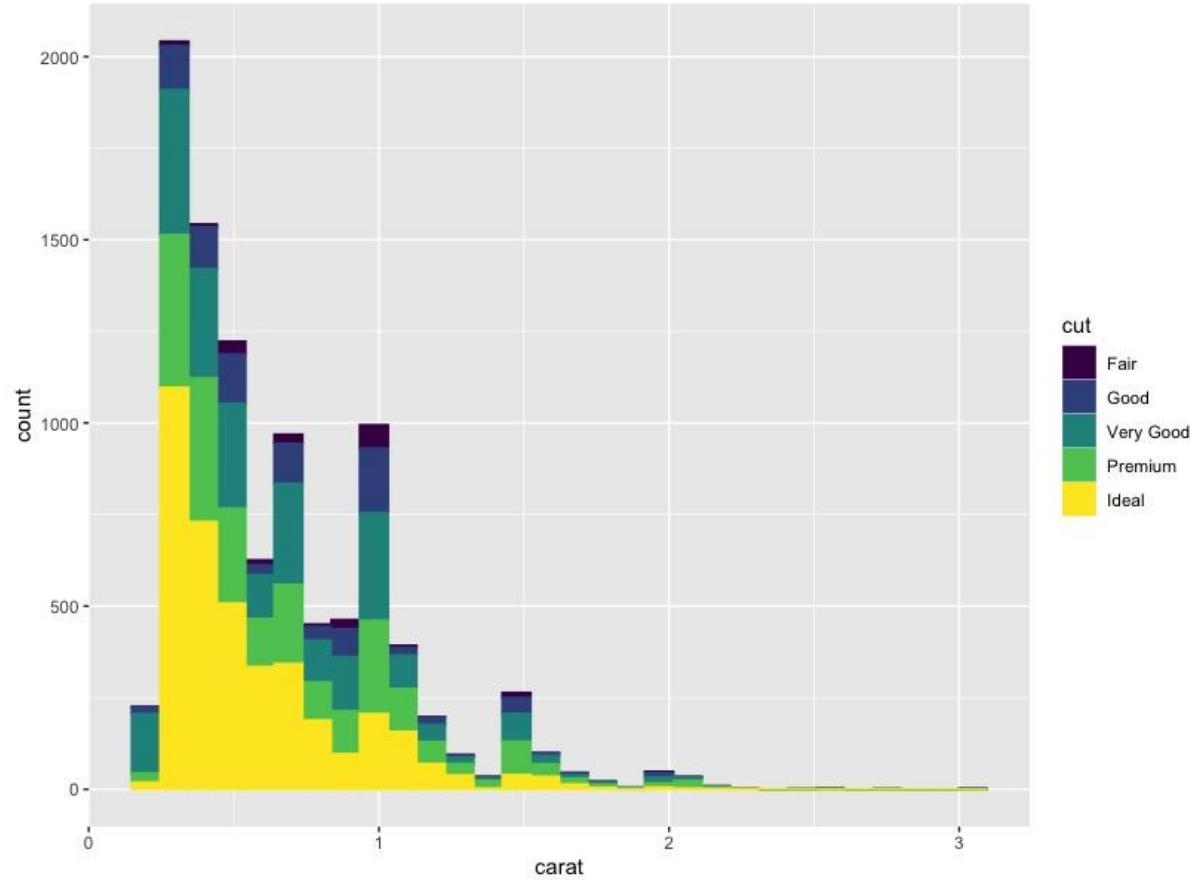
Graphics – The tidyverse way

Let us create a histogram for the carat size in the reduced diamonds dataset using `cut` for colours

```
ggplot(diamonds %>% filter(color=="E") ,  
       aes(x=carat, colour=cut, fill=cut)) +  
       geom_histogram()
```

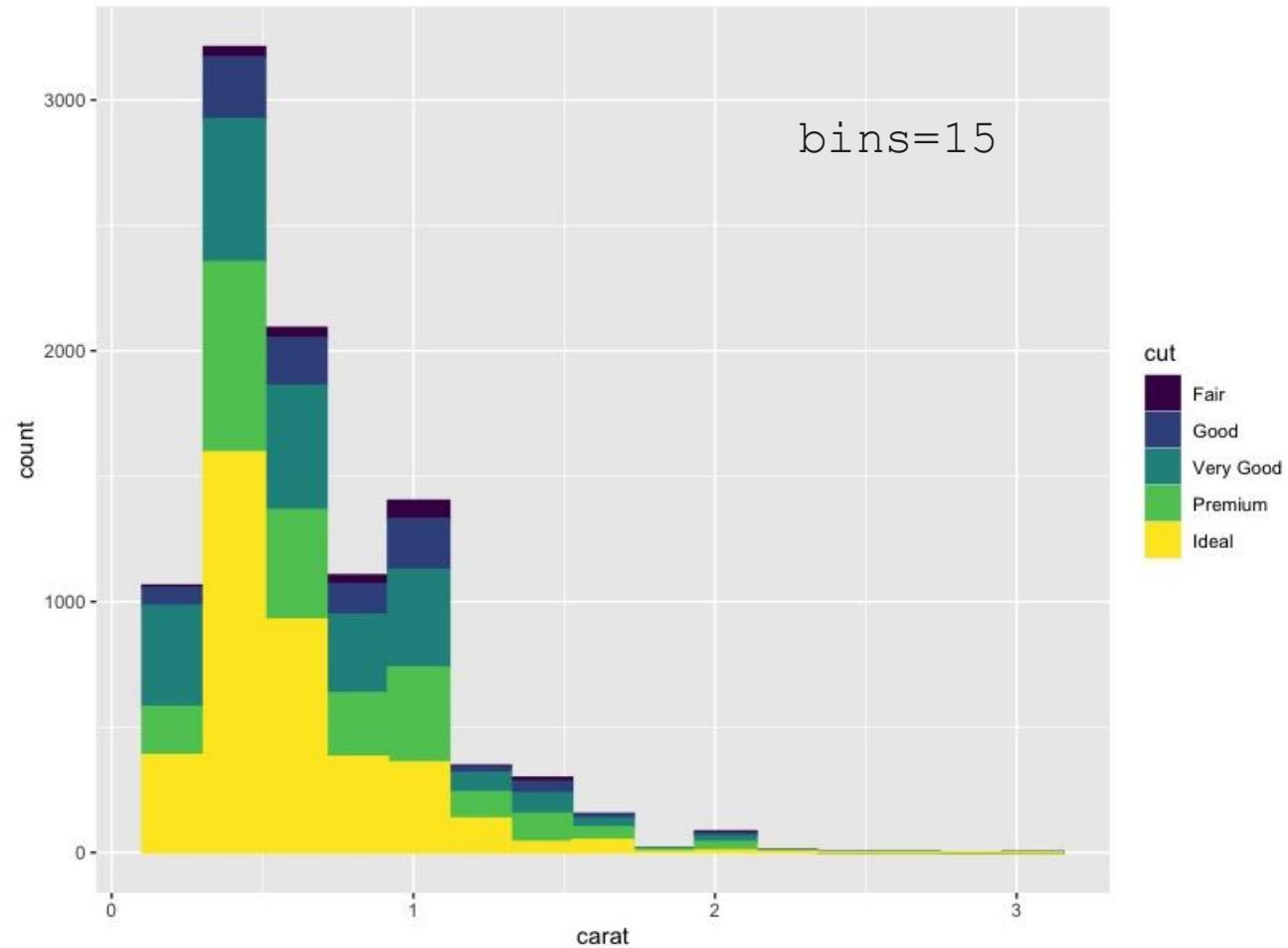


Graphics – The tidyverse way



Graphics – The tidyverse way

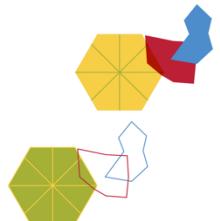
You can change the bin count by adding `bins=` and the number you want in `geom_histogram()`



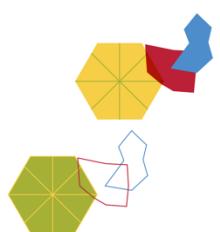
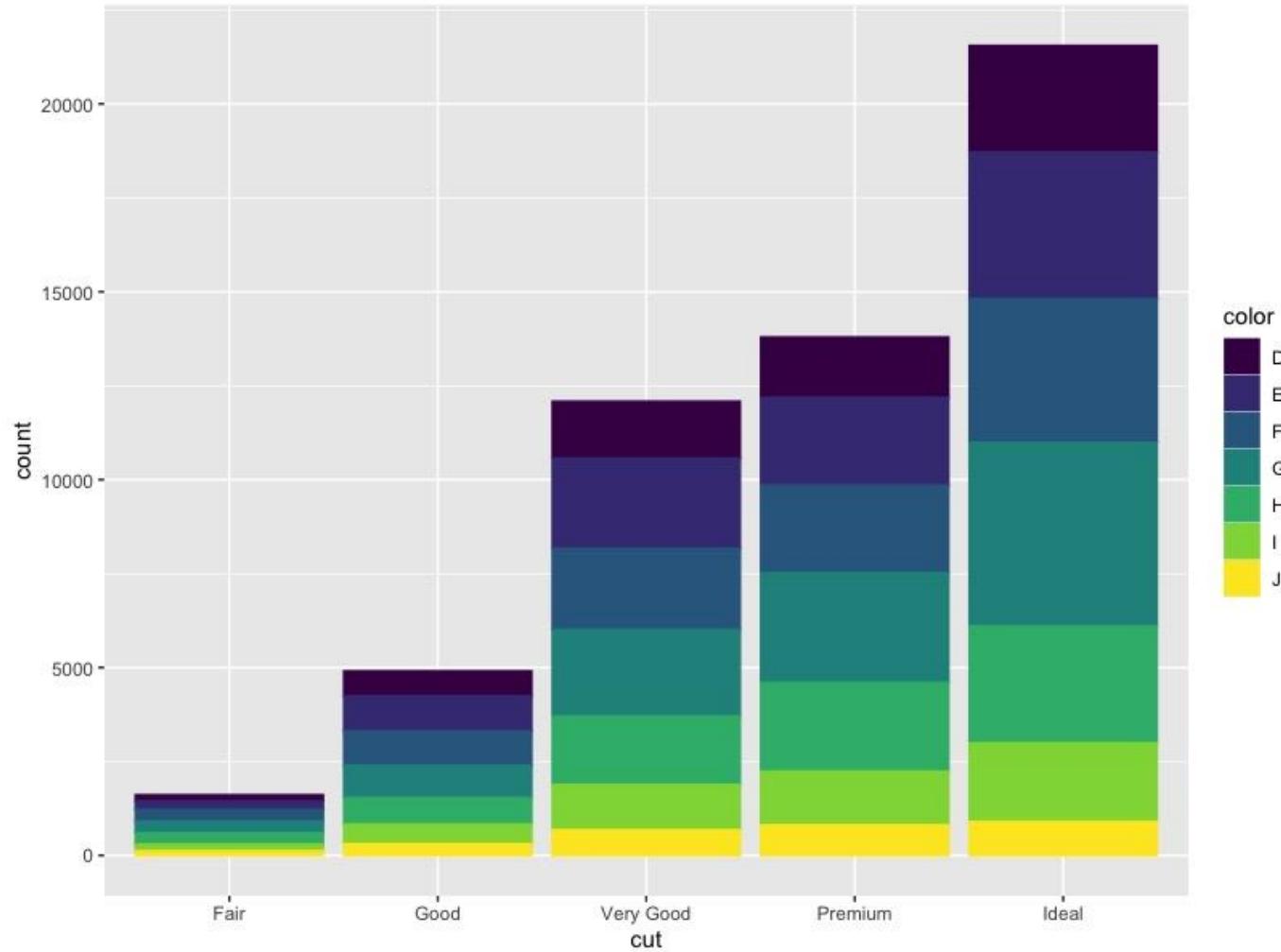
Graphics – The tidyverse way

Let us create a barplot for the cuts in the original diamonds dataset using the color variable for colours

```
ggplot(diamonds, aes(x=cut, colour=color,  
fill=color)) + geom_bar()
```



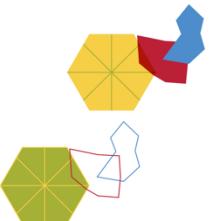
Graphics – The tidyverse way



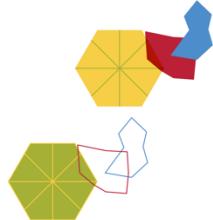
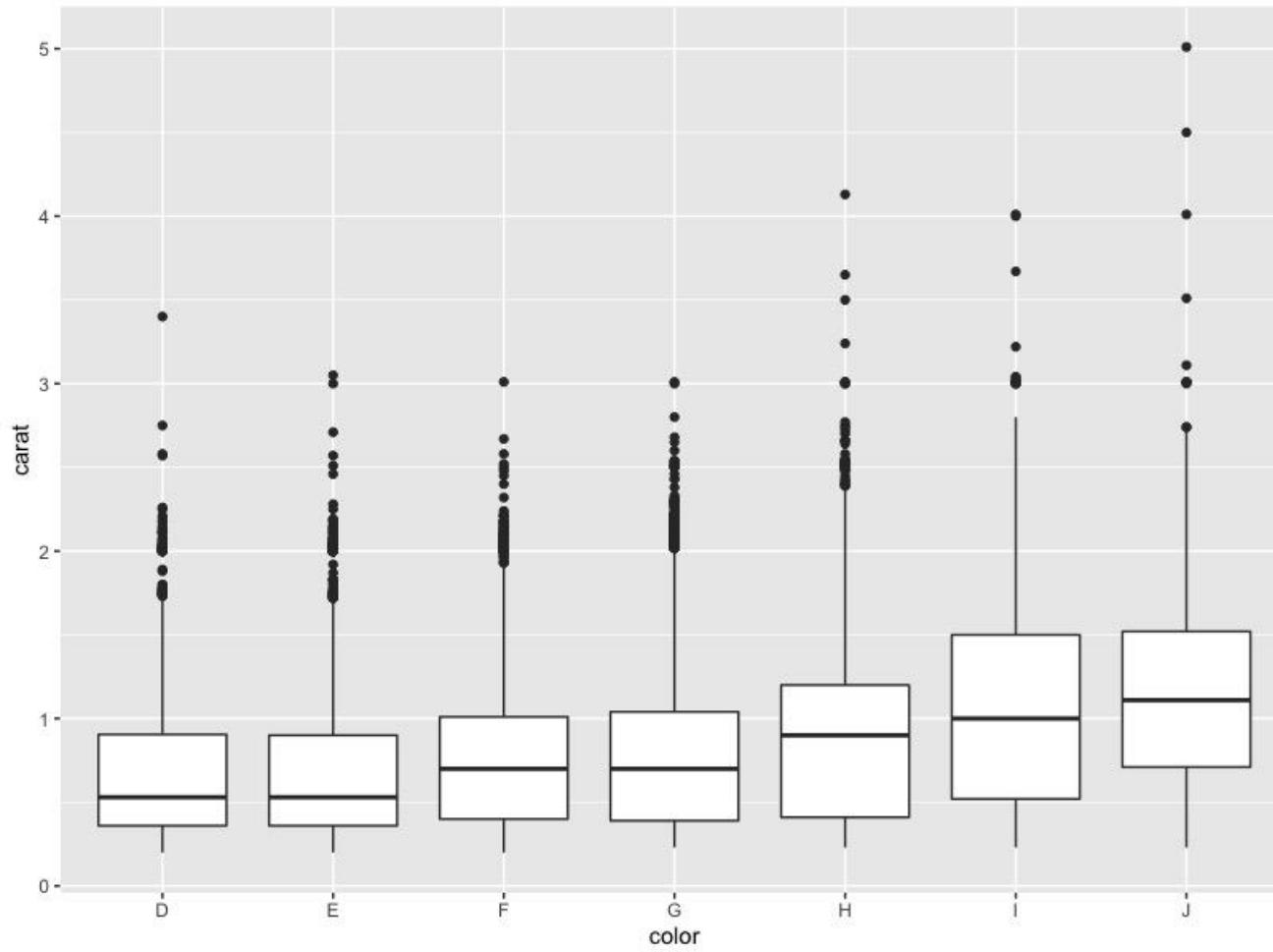
Graphics – The tidyverse way

Let us create a boxplot for the carats by color in the original diamonds dataset

```
ggplot(diamonds, aes(x=color, y=carat)) +  
  geom_boxplot()
```

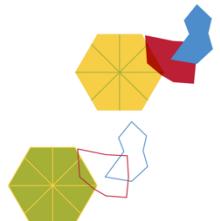


Graphics – The tidyverse way



Aesthetics

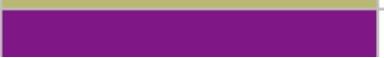
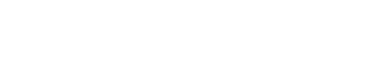
- Colour
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 - Fill of object
- Lines
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 - Shape of the points
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Colours

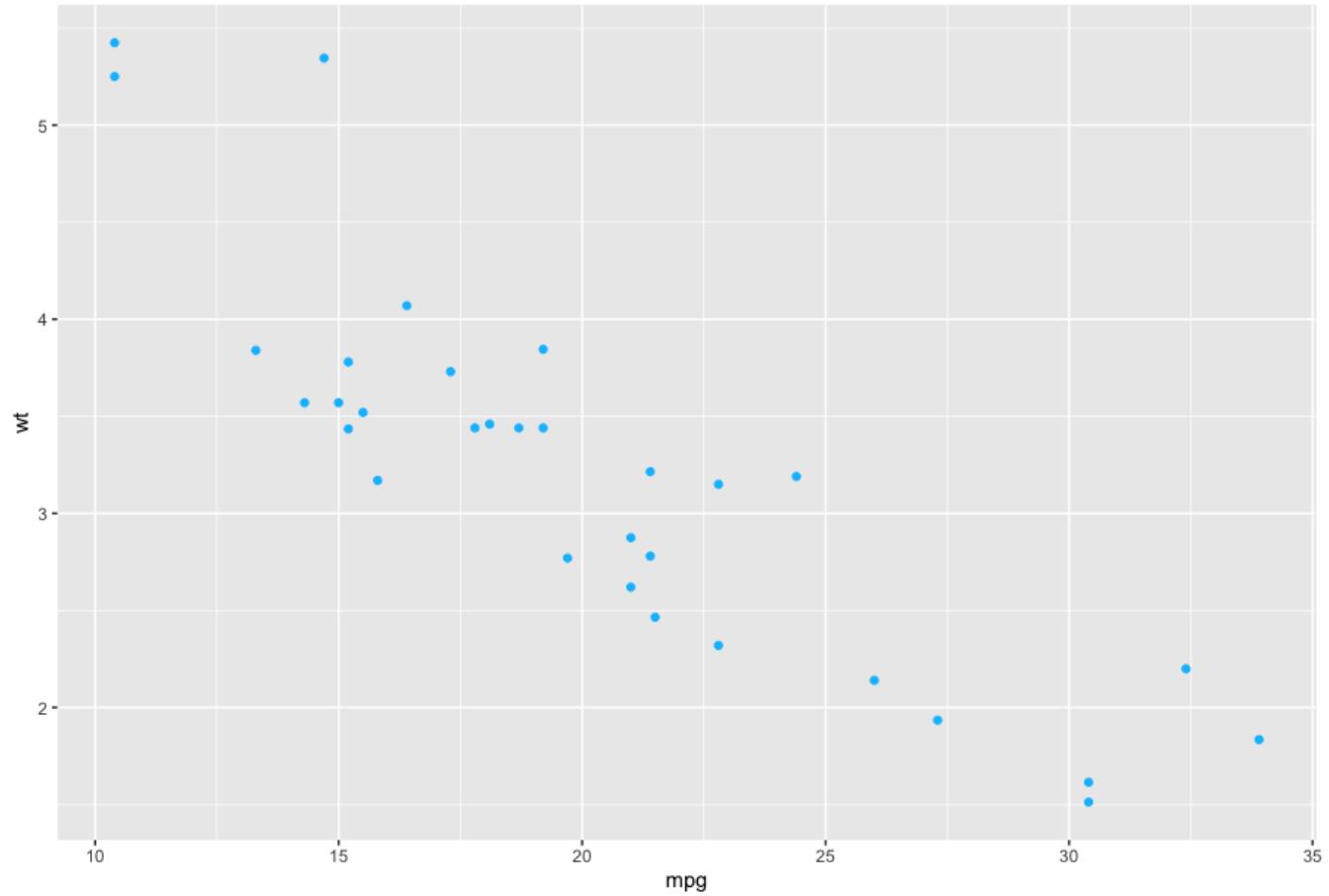
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	gray60
	gray61
	gray62
	gray63
	gray64
	gray65

- Even in base R there are plenty of colours to choose from
- Colours can be specified either through their name (e.g. “deepskyblue1”) or using a hex code (e.g. “#33B2FF”)

color	name	color	name
	darkgreen		deepskyblue
	darkgrey		deepskyblue1
	darkkhaki		deepskyblue2
	darkmagenta		deepskyblue3

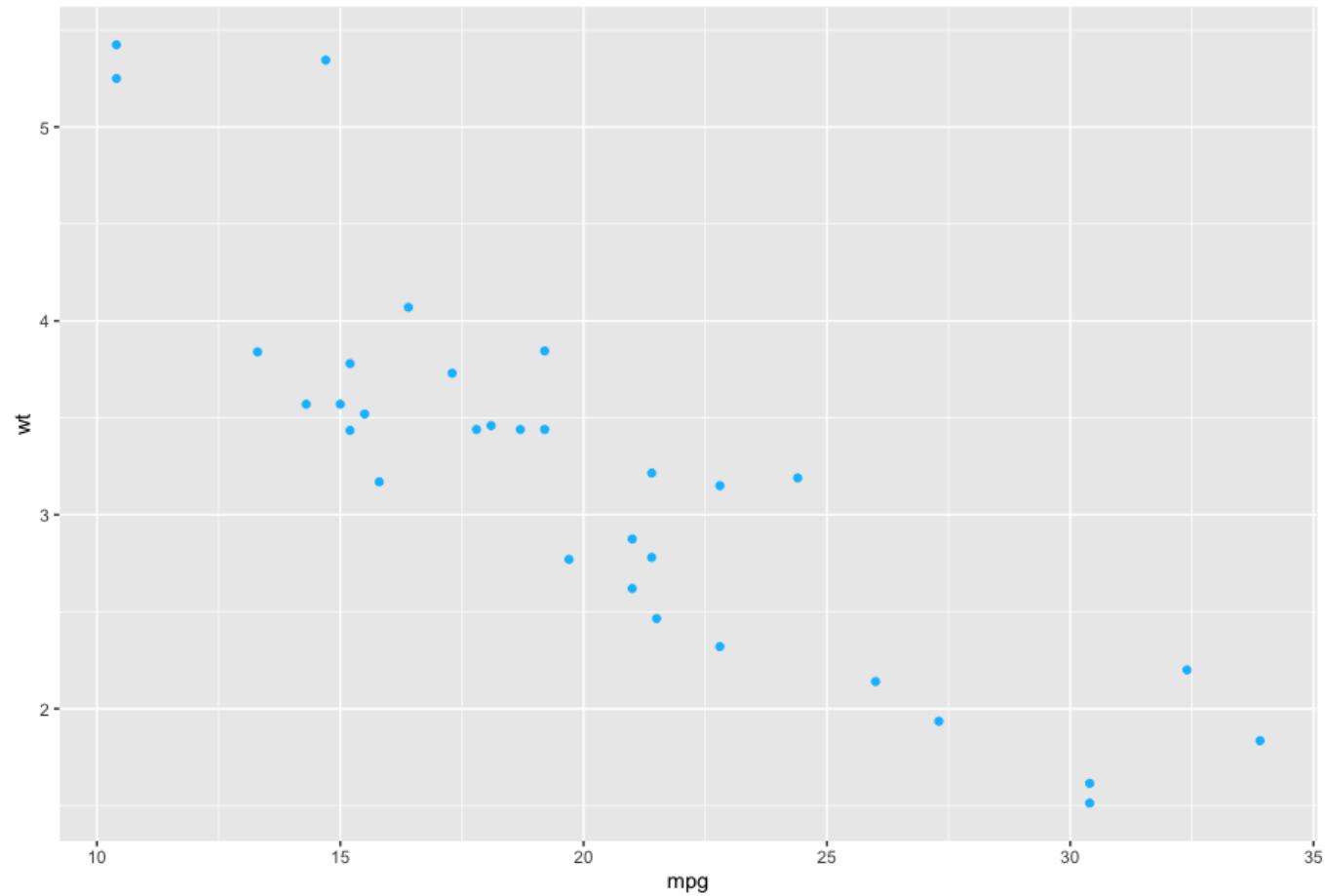
Colours

```
ggplot(mtcars, aes(x=mpg, y=wt)) +  
  geom_point(colour="deepskyblue1")
```



Colours

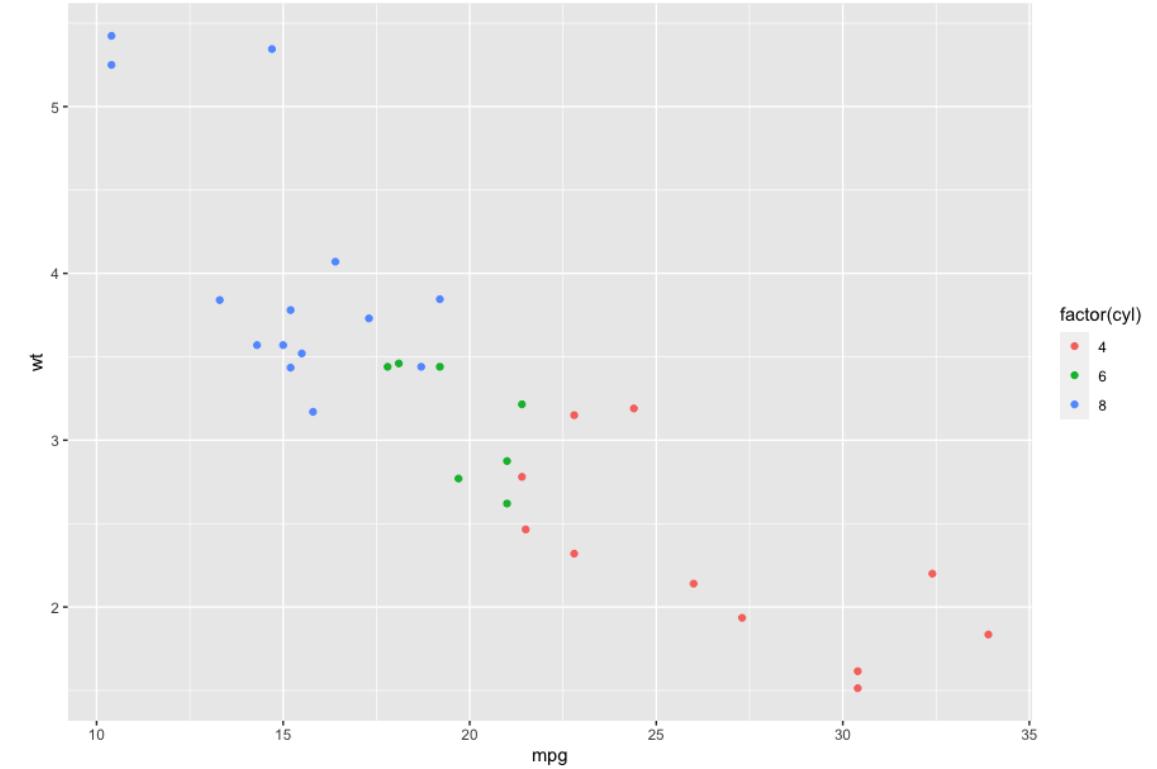
```
ggplot(mtcars, aes(x=mpg, y=wt)) +  
  geom_point(colour="#33B2FF")
```



Colours

- When trying to colour you need to specify which variable you are colouring by or if you are using a single colour for everything

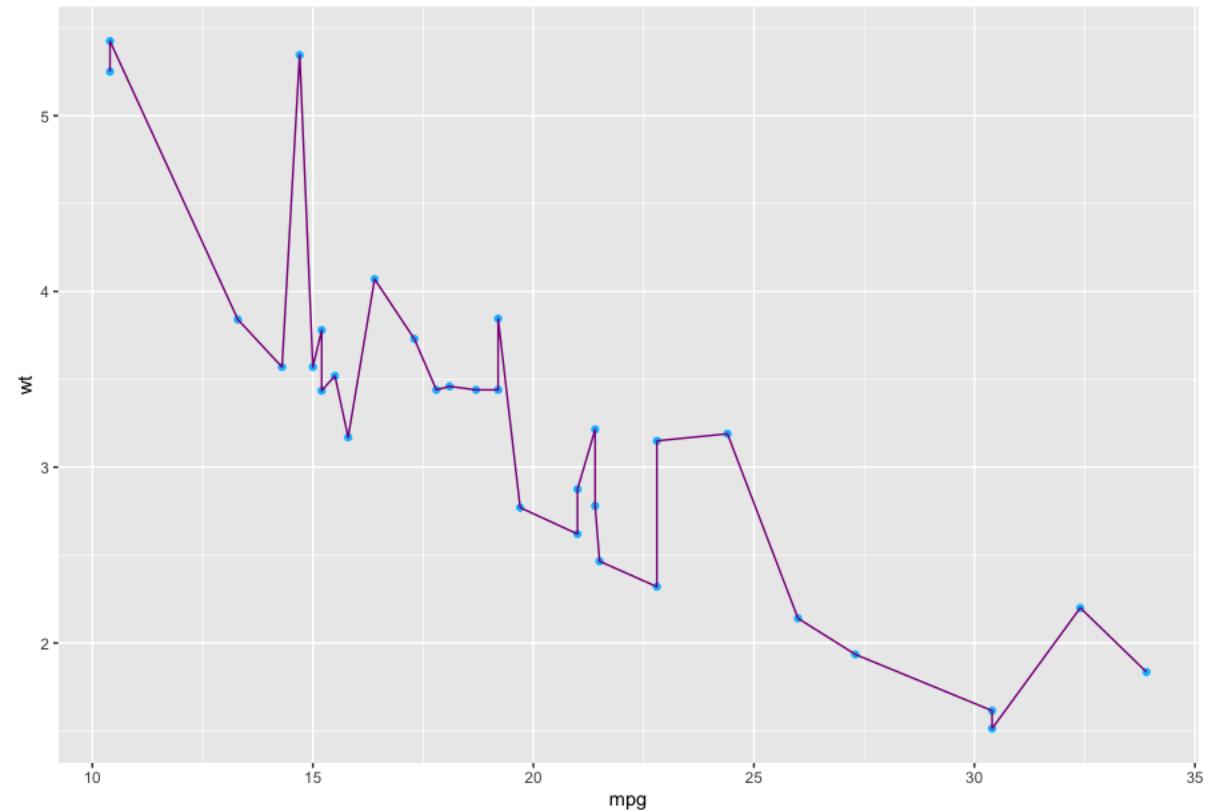
```
ggplot(mtcars, aes(mpg, wt)) +  
  geom_point(aes(colour = factor(cyl)))
```



Colours

- You can also specify different colours for different geometric objects

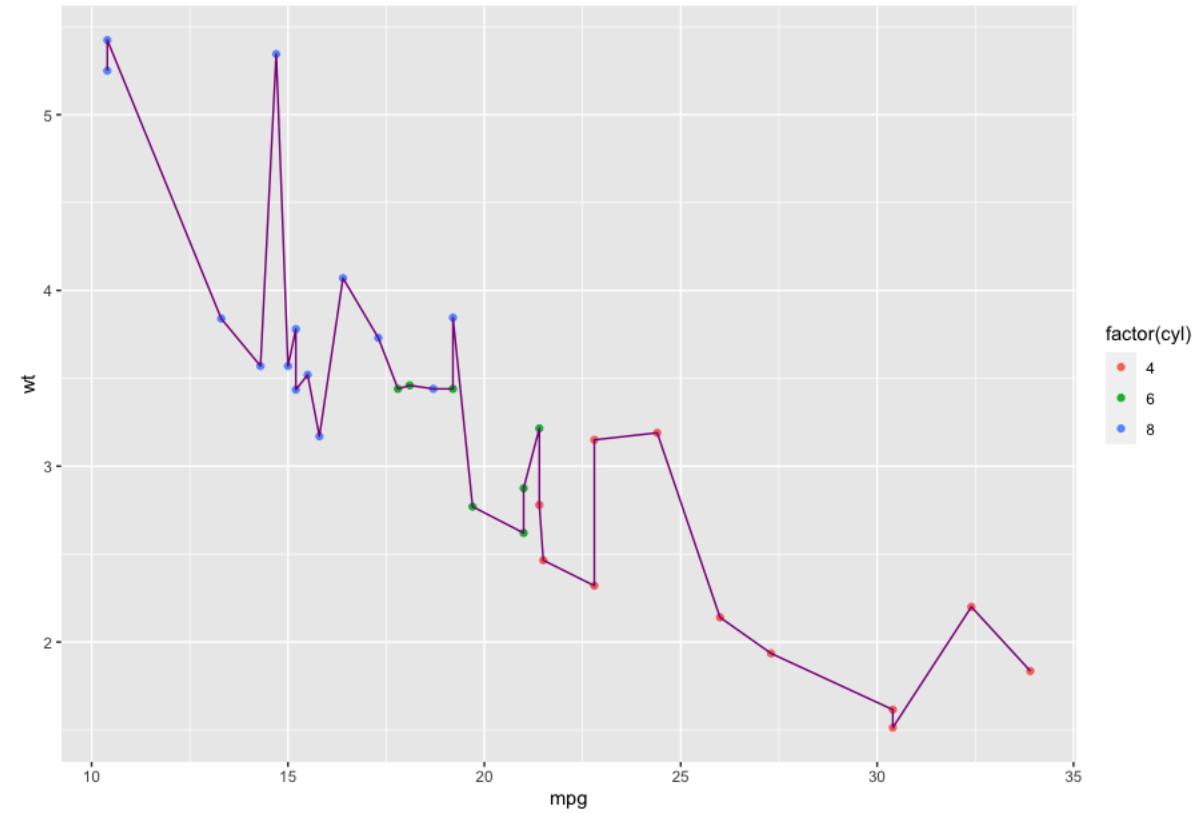
```
ggplot(mtcars, aes(x=mpg, y=wt)) +  
  geom_point(colour="deepskyblue1") +  
  geom_line(colour="darkmagenta")
```



Colours

- You can also specify different colours for different geometric objects

```
ggplot(mtcars, aes(mpg, wt)) +  
  geom_point(aes(colour = factor(cyl)))+  
  geom_line(colour="darkmagenta")
```



Colours

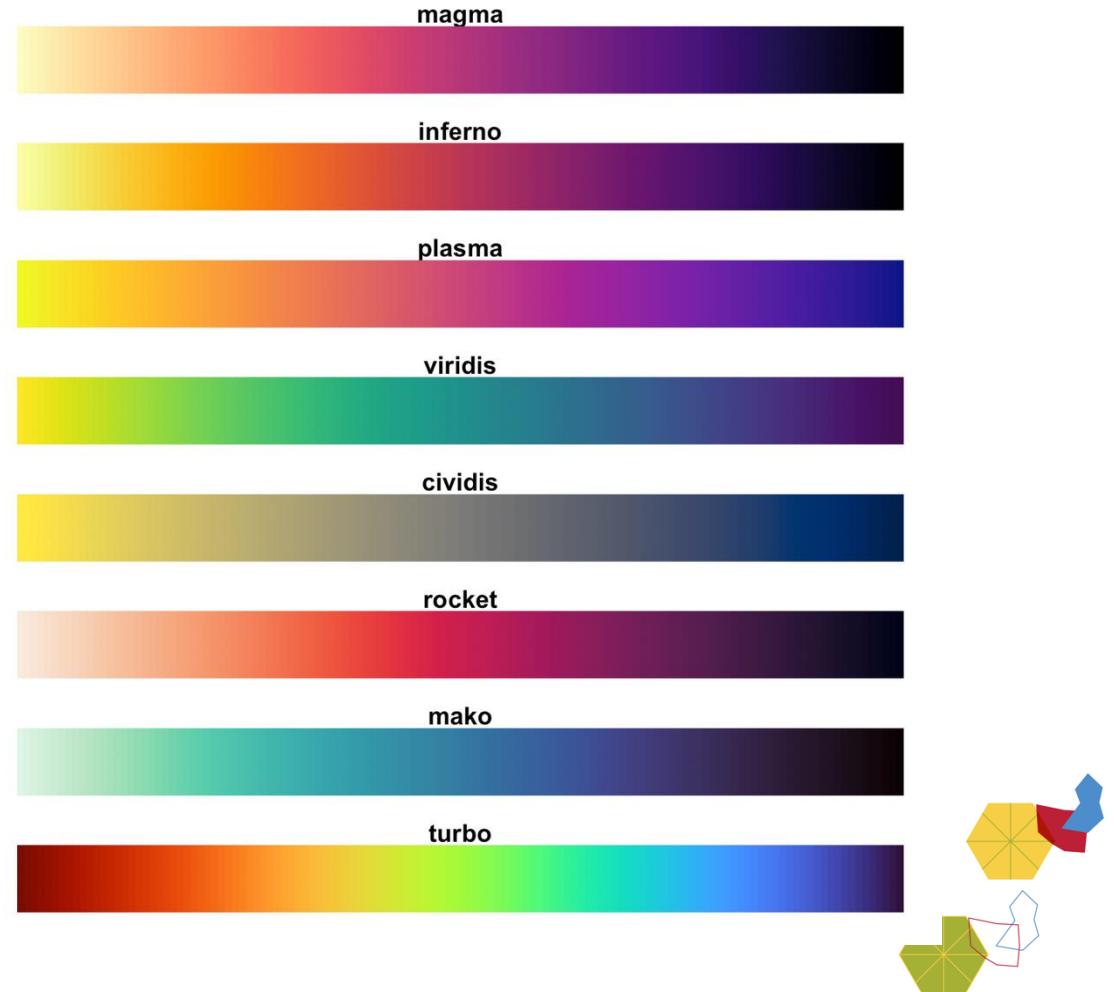
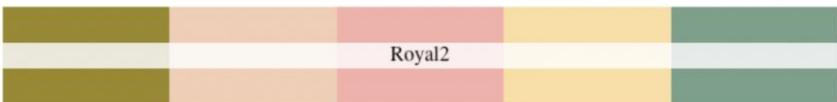
- You can also use a large variety of available colour palettes

The Royal Tenenbaums (2001)

```
wes_palette("Royal1")
```

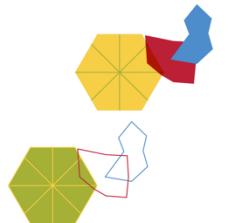
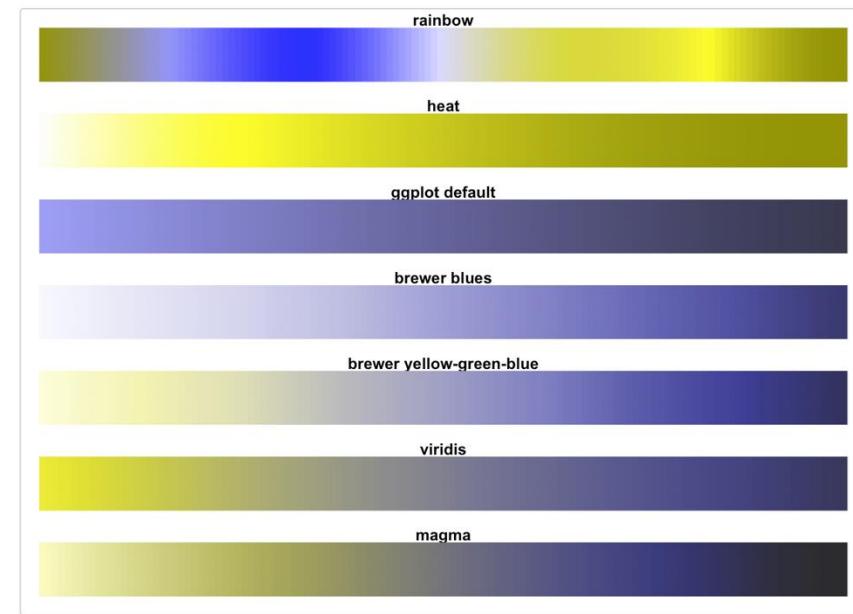


```
wes_palette("Royal2")
```



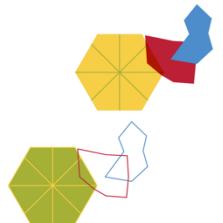
Colours

- Viridis and magma colour palettes are very commonly used
- They perform well against other palettes for colour blindness



Colours

- Using palettes is done through the scales helper functions
- We will focus on two main flavours of the scales functions “discrete” and “continuous”
- Discrete is when we associate a single colour for a range of values and continuous is when we create a gradient of colour from one value to the next

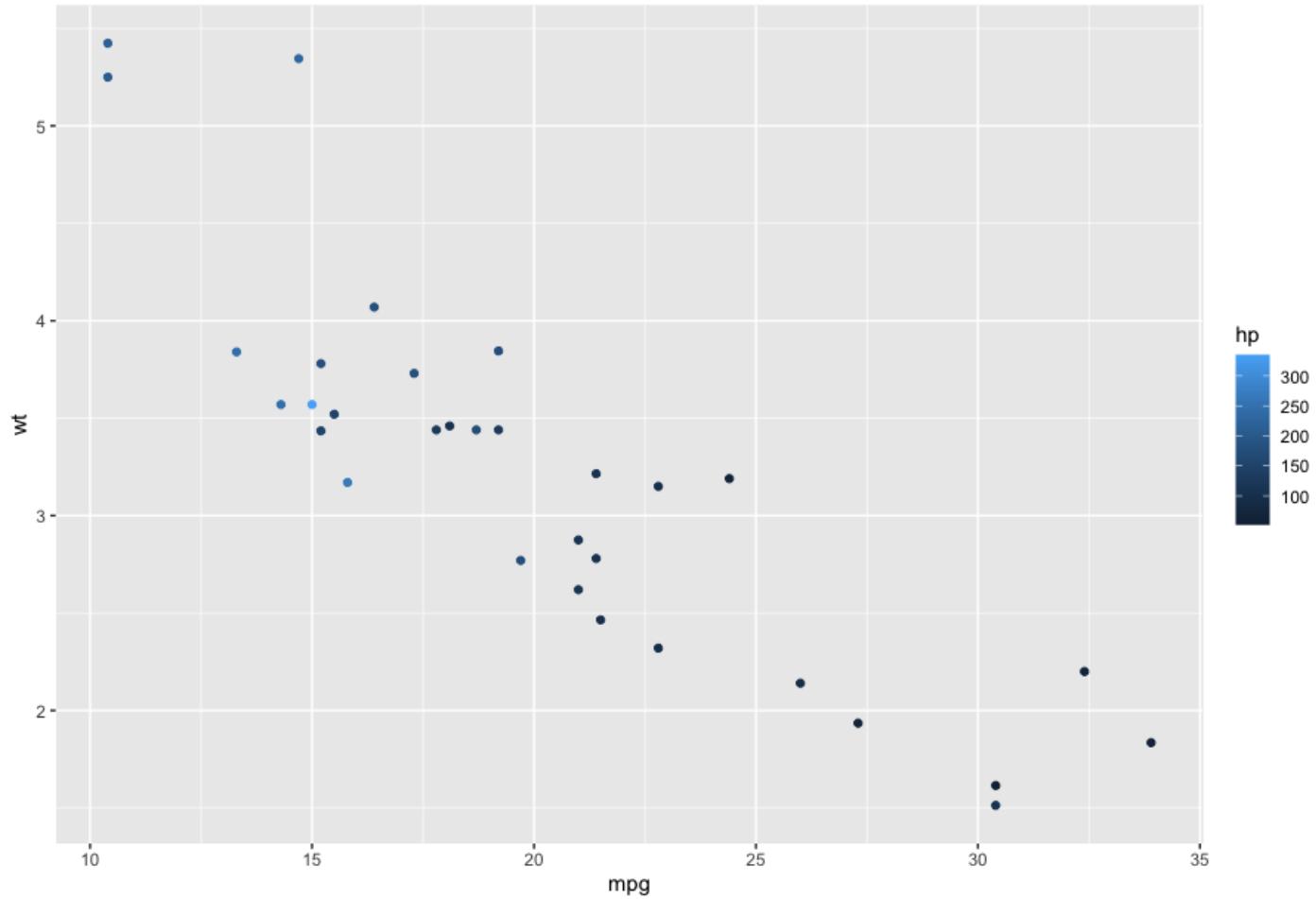


Colours

```
ggplot(mtcars, aes(mpg, wt)) +  
  geom_point(aes(colour = factor(cyl)))+  
  scale_colour_discrete(type=c("#E69F00", "#56B4E9", "#009E73", "#F0E442", "#0072B2", "#D55E00", "#CC79A7"))
```

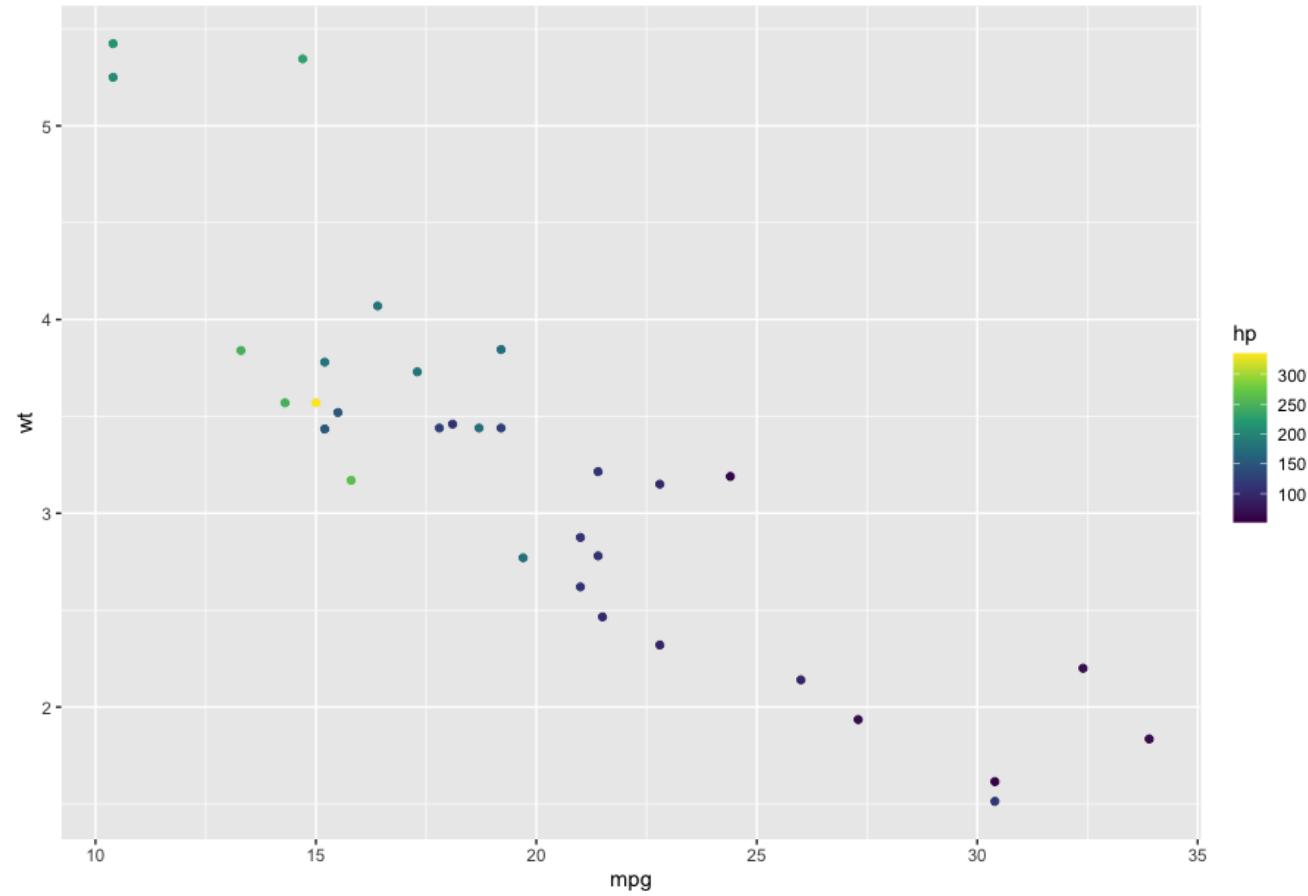
Colours

```
ggplot(mtcars, aes(mpg, wt)) +  
  geom_point(aes(colour = hp))+  
  scale_colour_continuous()
```



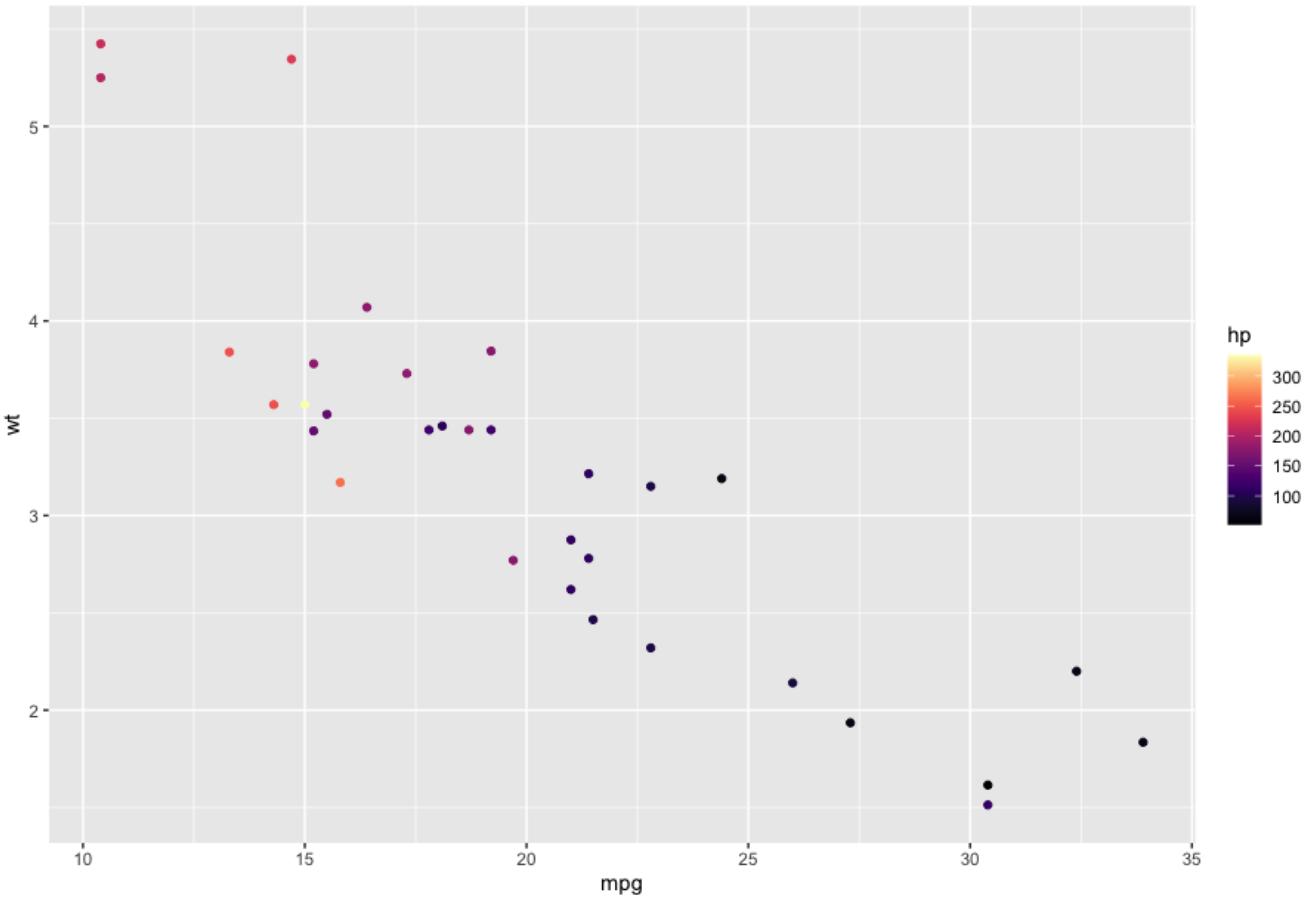
Colours

```
ggplot(mtcars, aes(mpg, wt)) +  
  geom_point(aes(colour = hp))+  
  scale_colour_continuous(type="viridis")
```



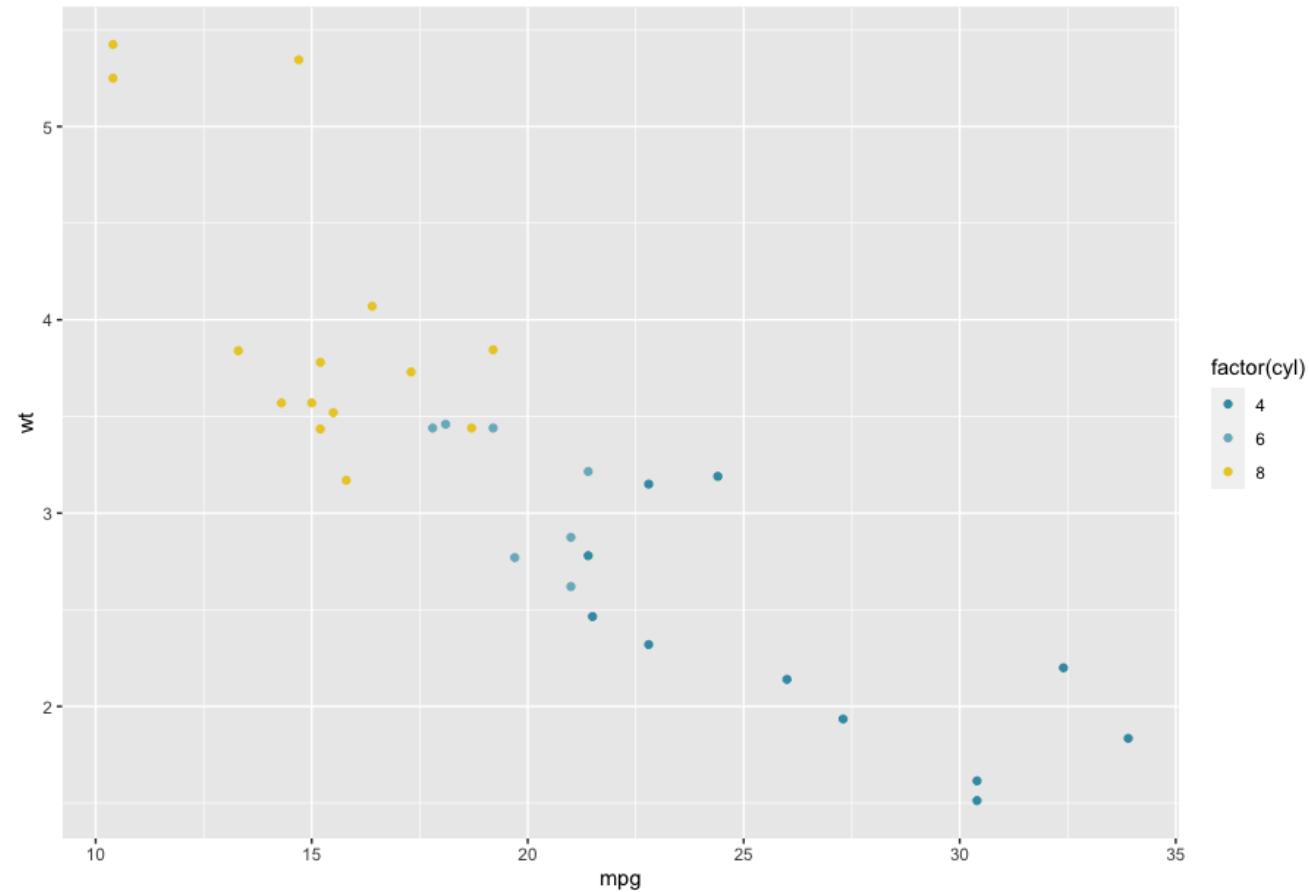
Colours

```
library(viridis)
ggplot(mtcars, aes(mpg, wt)) +
  geom_point(aes(colour = hp))+
  scale_colour_viridis(discrete =FALSE, option="magma")
```



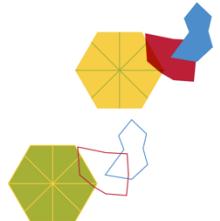
Colours

```
library(wesanderson)
ggplot(mtcars, aes(mpg, wt)) +
  geom_point(aes(colour=factor(cyl)))+
  scale_colour_manual(values = wes_palette("Zissou1"))
```



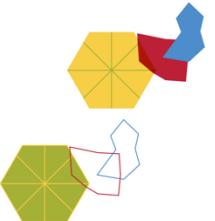
Lines

- There is a variety of line-types that you can use to specify the exact look of your lines
- You can specify them either by name (e.g. `linetype="solid"`) or by an integer (e.g. `linetype=1`)



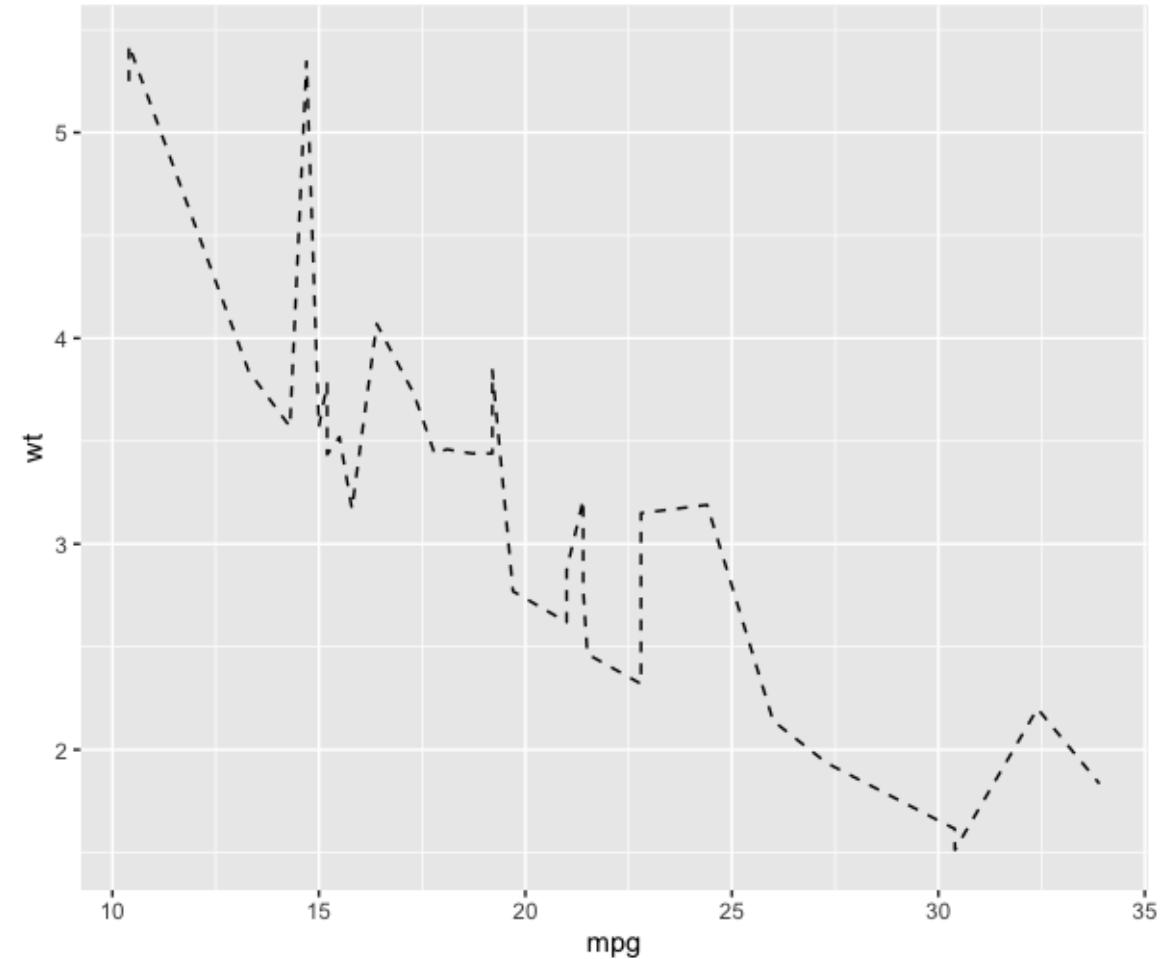
Lines

- Integers:
- 0 – blank
- 1 – solid
- 2 – dashed
- 3 – dotted
- 4 – dotdash
- 5 – longdash
- 6 – twodash



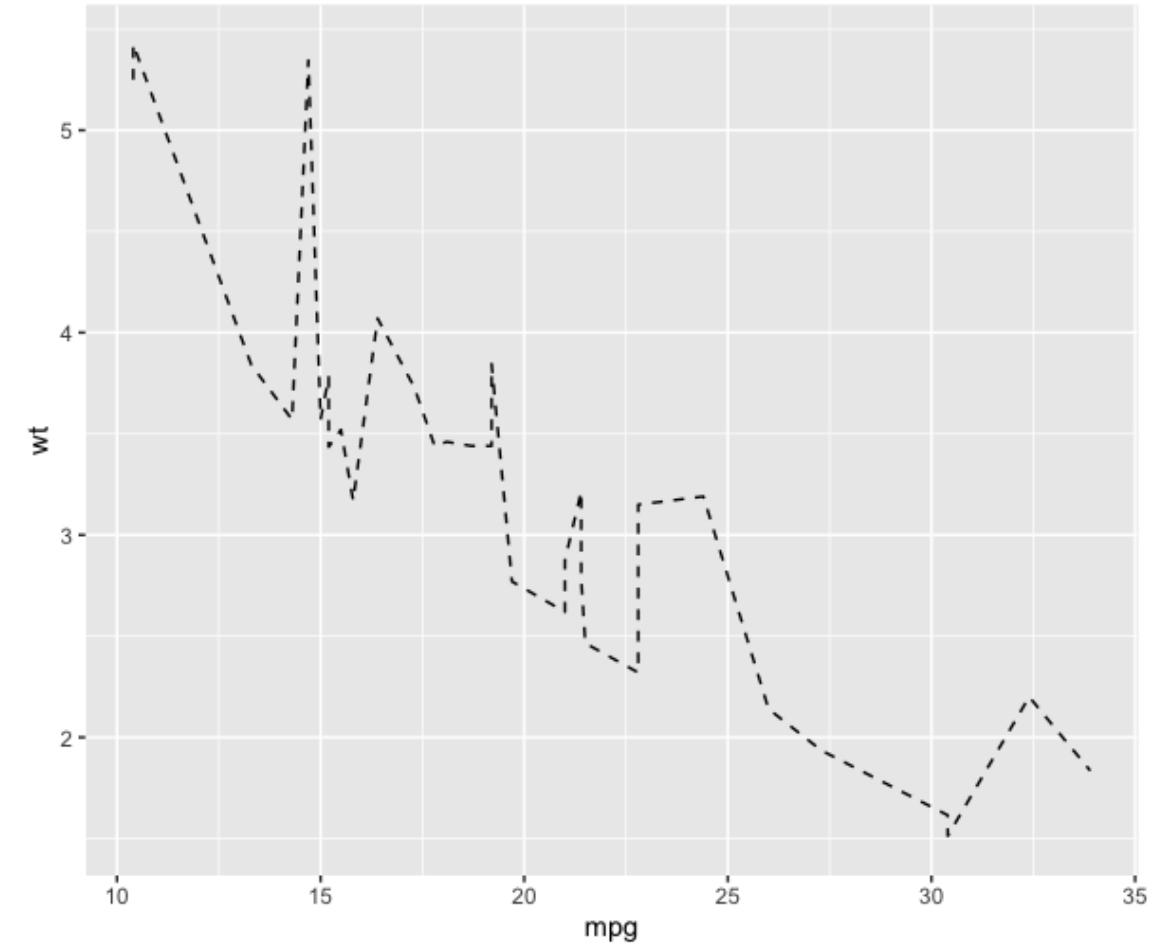
Lines

```
ggplot(mtcars, aes(mpg, wt)) +  
  geom_line(linetype="dashed")
```



Lines

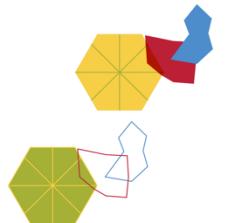
```
ggplot(mtcars, aes(mpg, wt)) +  
  geom_line(linetype=2)
```



Shape

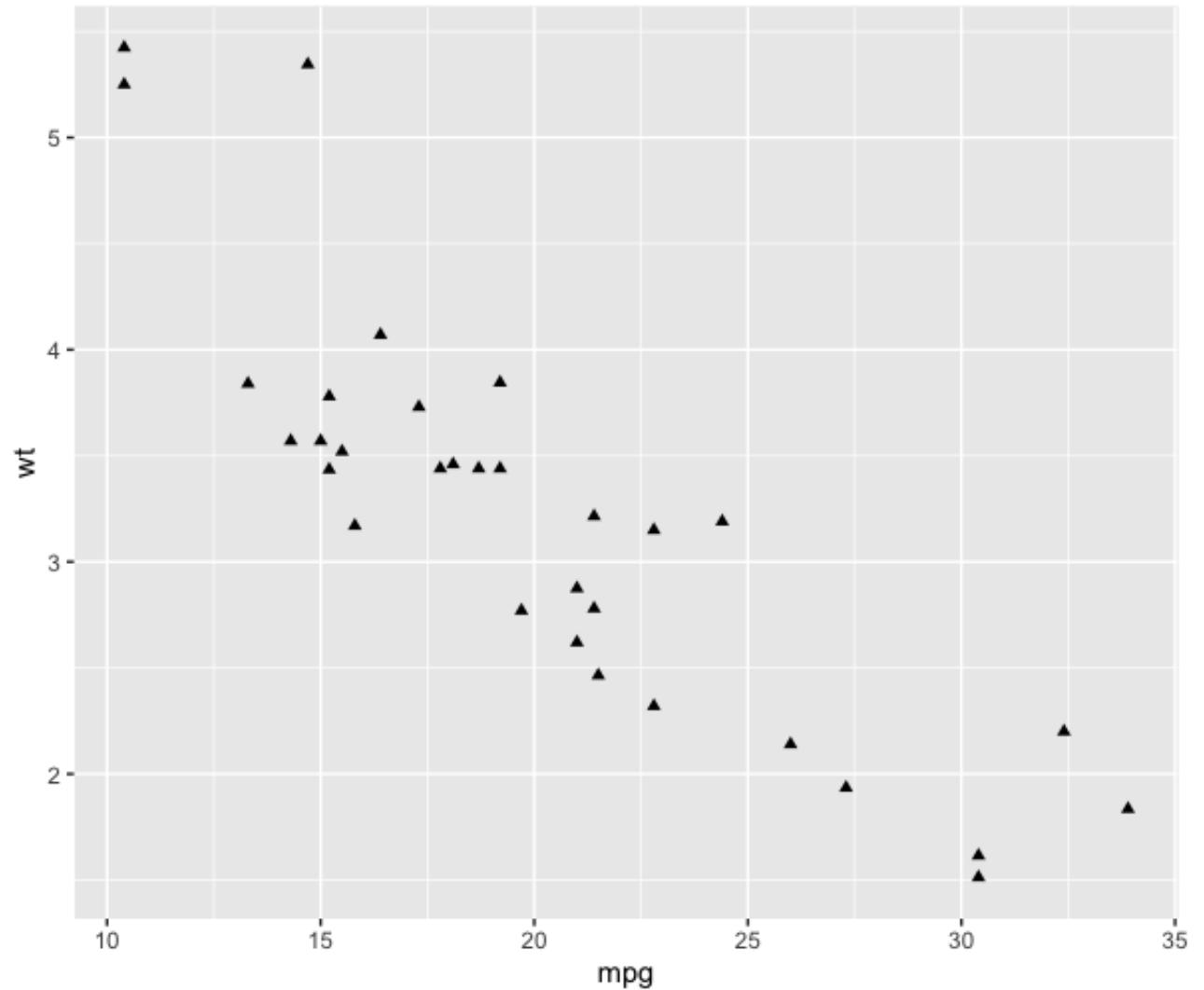
- Similar to lines, you can specify point shapes either through name or integer
- E.g. `shape="triangle"` or
`shape= 17`

□ 0	◇ 5	⊕ 10	■ 15	■ 22
○ 1	▽ 6	⊗ 11	● 16	● 21
△ 2	⊗ 7	田 12	▲ 17	▲ 24
+ 3	* 8	⊗ 13	◆ 18	◆ 23
× 4	◊ 9	□ 14	● 19	● 20



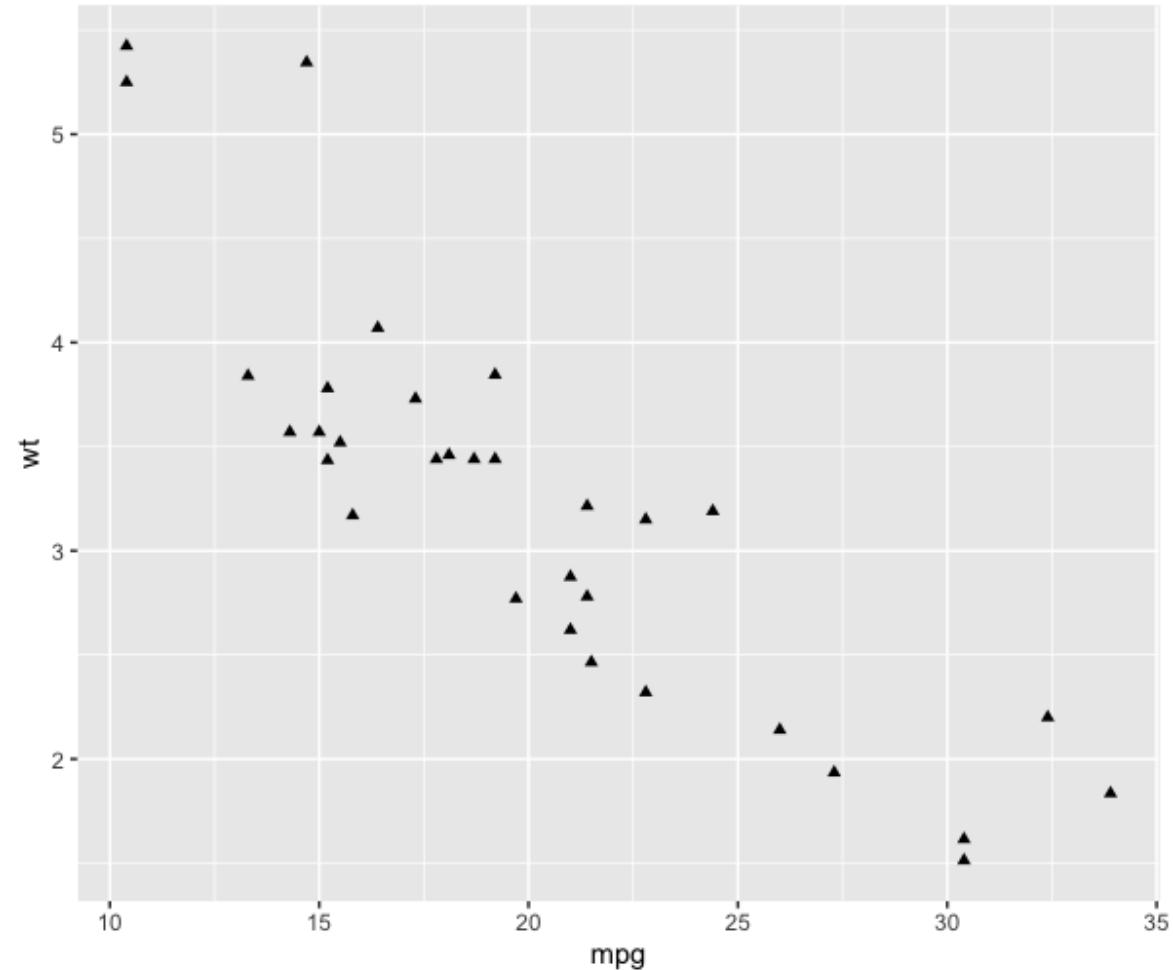
Shape

```
ggplot(mtcars, aes(mpg, wt)) +  
  geom_point(shape="triangle")
```



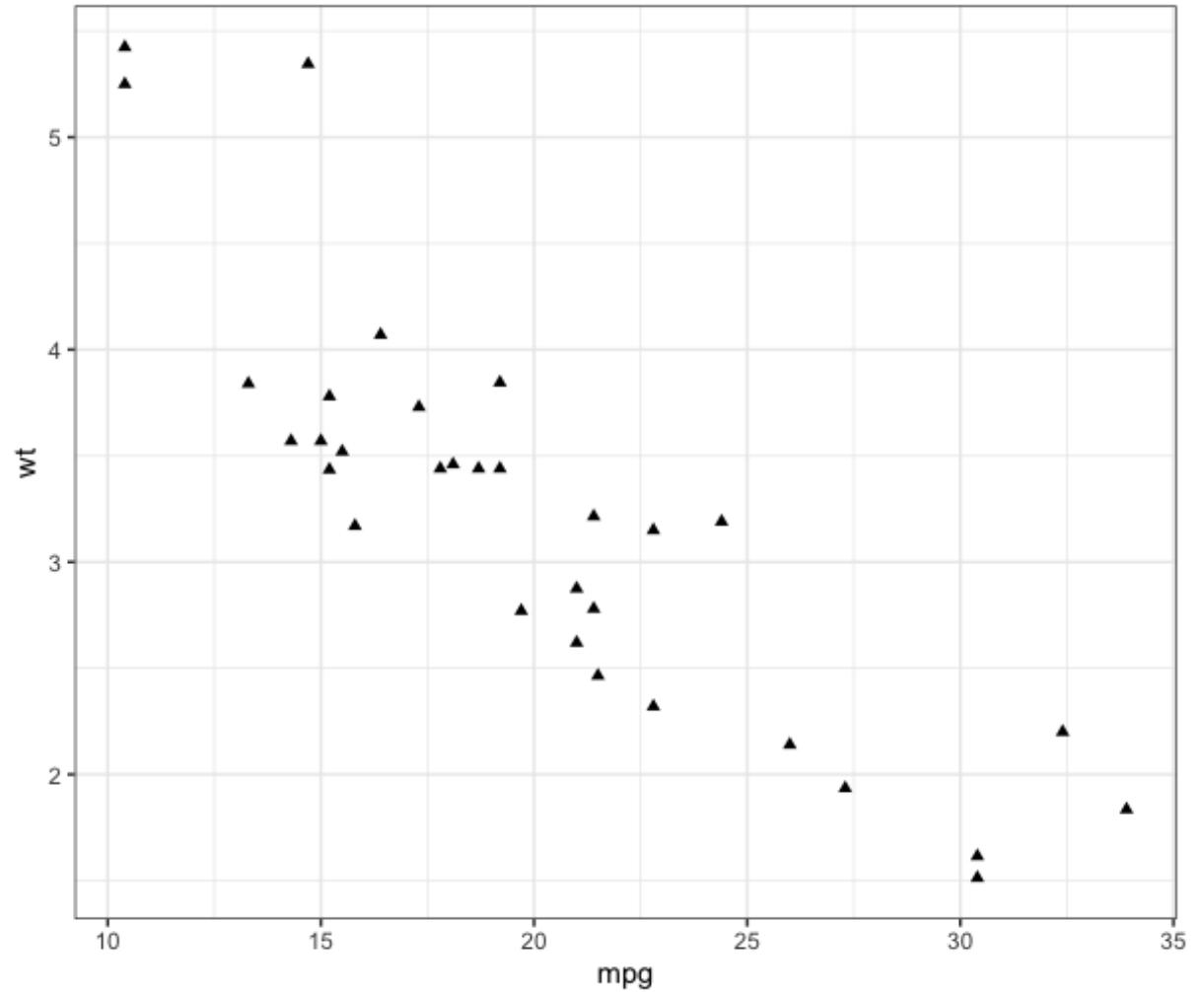
Themes

- A variety of themes exist that alter basic aspects of the visualization
- The one we have been seeing is the default, “theme_grey” (or “theme_gray”, both spellings accepted)



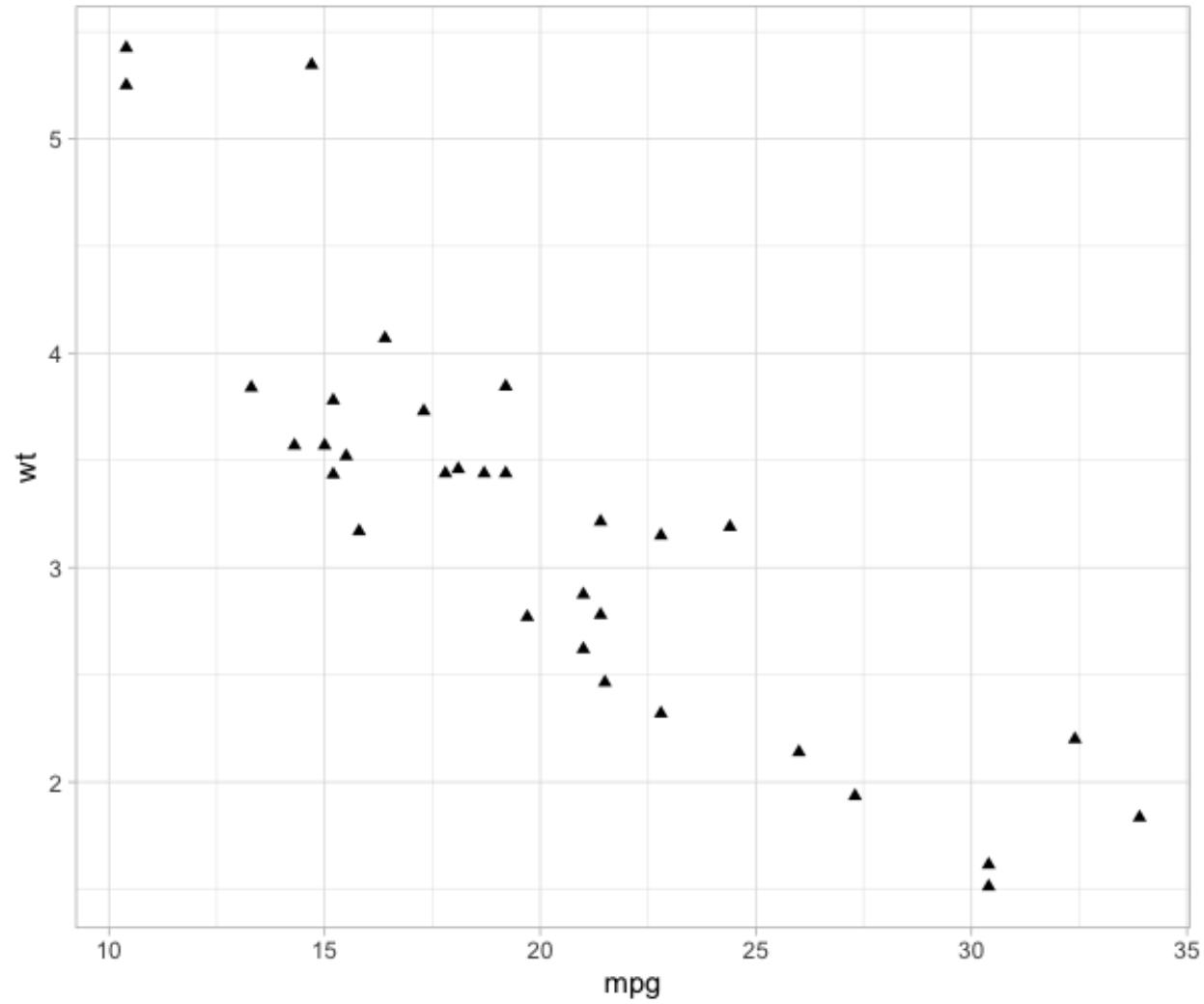
Themes

```
ggplot(mtcars, aes(mpg, wt)) +  
  geom_point(shape=17) +  
  theme_bw()
```



Themes

```
ggplot(mtcars, aes(mpg, wt)) +  
  geom_point(shape=17)+  
  theme_light()
```

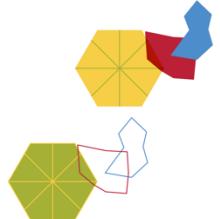


Themes

```
ggplot(mtcars, aes(mpg, wt)) +  
  geom_point(shape=17)+  
  theme_minimal()
```

Facets

- Facets allow you to plot multiple plots in separate panels in one go
- For this to work you need to have a grouping variable
- The strength of this approach over more classic ones is there is no need for loop use AND the axes are consistent
- This ensures comparability



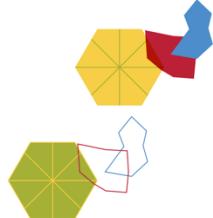
The datasaurus dozen

```
install.packages("datasauRus")
library(datasauRus)
datasaurus_dozen
```

```
> datasaurus_dozen
# A tibble: 1,846 × 3
  dataset      x      y
  <chr>    <dbl> <dbl>
1 dino      55.4  97.2
2 dino      51.5  96.0
3 dino      46.2  94.5
4 dino      42.8  91.4
5 dino      40.8  88.3
6 dino      38.7  84.9
7 dino      35.6  79.9
8 dino      33.1  77.6
9 dino      29.0  74.5
10 dino     26.2  71.4
# ... with 1,836 more rows
# i Use `print(n = ...)` to see more rows
```

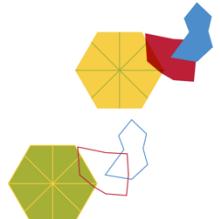
The datasaurus dozen

##	dataset	mean_x	mean_y	std_dev_x	std_dev_y	corr_x_y
##	<chr>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>
## 1	away	54.3	47.8	16.8	26.9	-0.0641
## 2	bullseye	54.3	47.8	16.8	26.9	-0.0686
## 3	circle	54.3	47.8	16.8	26.9	-0.0683
## 4	dino	54.3	47.8	16.8	26.9	-0.0645
## 5	dots	54.3	47.8	16.8	26.9	-0.0603
## 6	h_lines	54.3	47.8	16.8	26.9	-0.0617
## 7	high_lines	54.3	47.8	16.8	26.9	-0.0685
## 8	slant_down	54.3	47.8	16.8	26.9	-0.0690
## 9	slant_up	54.3	47.8	16.8	26.9	-0.0686
## 10	star	54.3	47.8	16.8	26.9	-0.0630
## 11	v_lines	54.3	47.8	16.8	26.9	-0.0694
## 12	wide_lines	54.3	47.8	16.8	26.9	-0.0666
## 13	x_shape	54.3	47.8	16.8	26.9	-0.0656

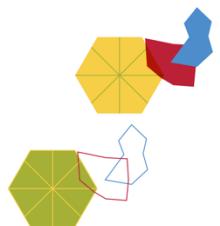
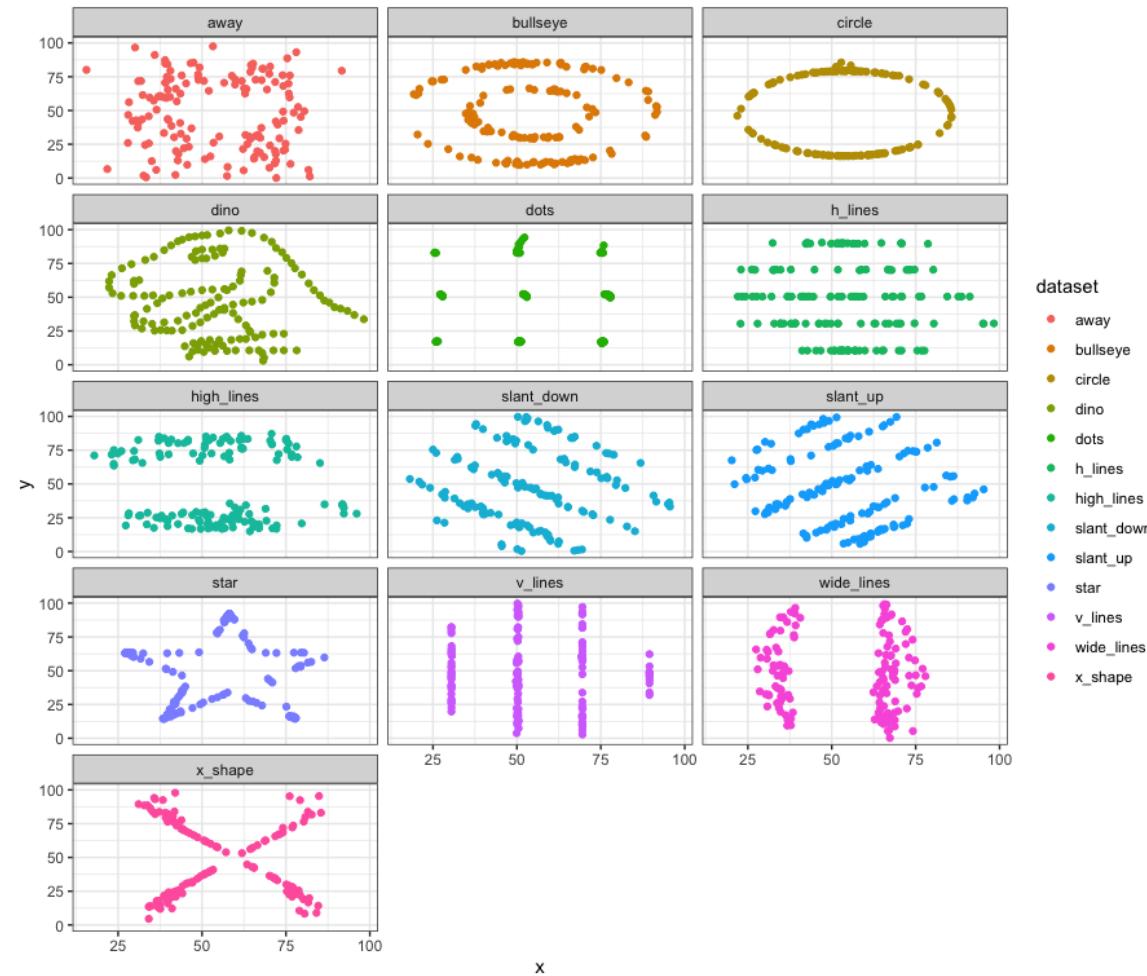


The datasaurus dozen

```
ggplot(datasaurus_dozen, aes(x = x, y = y, colour = dataset))+  
  geom_point()  
  theme_bw()  
  facet_wrap(~dataset, ncol = 3)
```



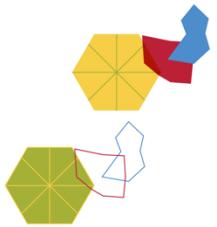
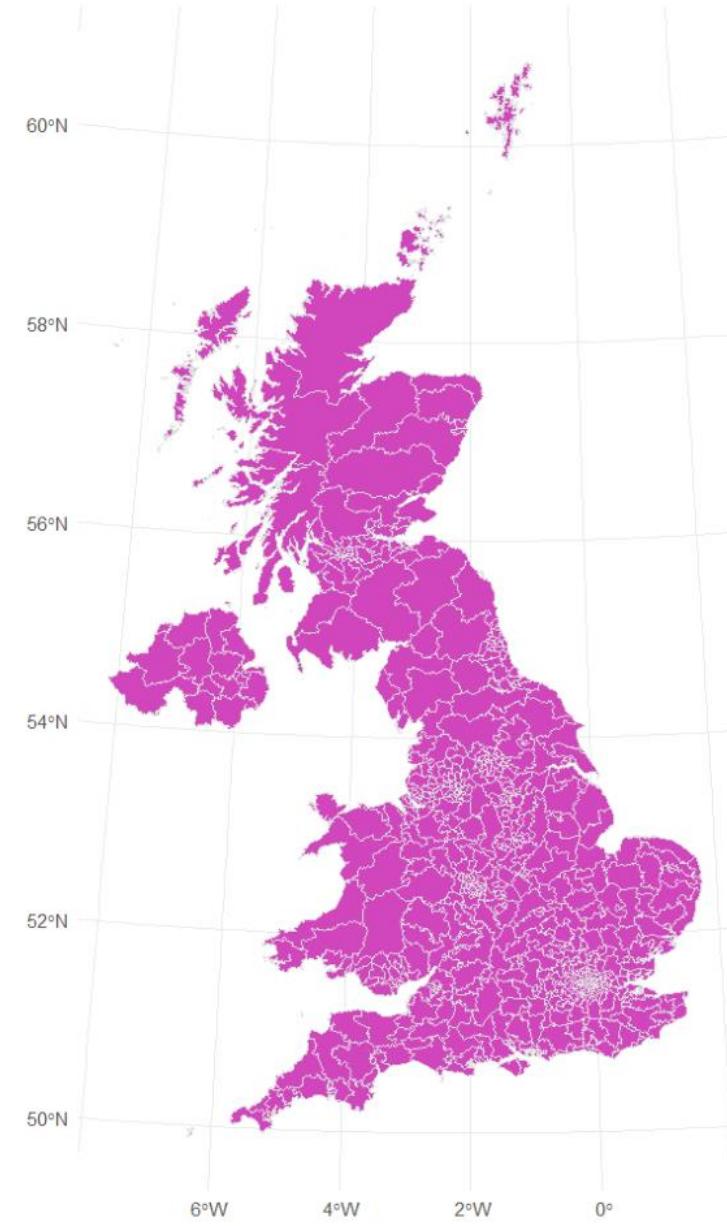
The datasaurus dozen



Principles of mapping

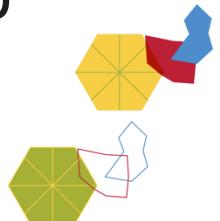


A simple map



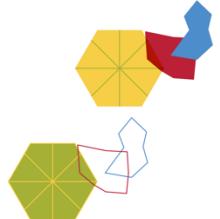
From 3D to 2D...

- Moving from the three-dimensional entity that is planet Earth on to a flat map is very difficult!
- Consider concepts such as distances from A to B: on the flat map they are straight lines, but on a globe they are arcs
- This means that in order for maps to be accurate, we need to consider how we intend to move the 3D object into 2D
- This would involve a degree of object distortion, which is what map projections essentially do



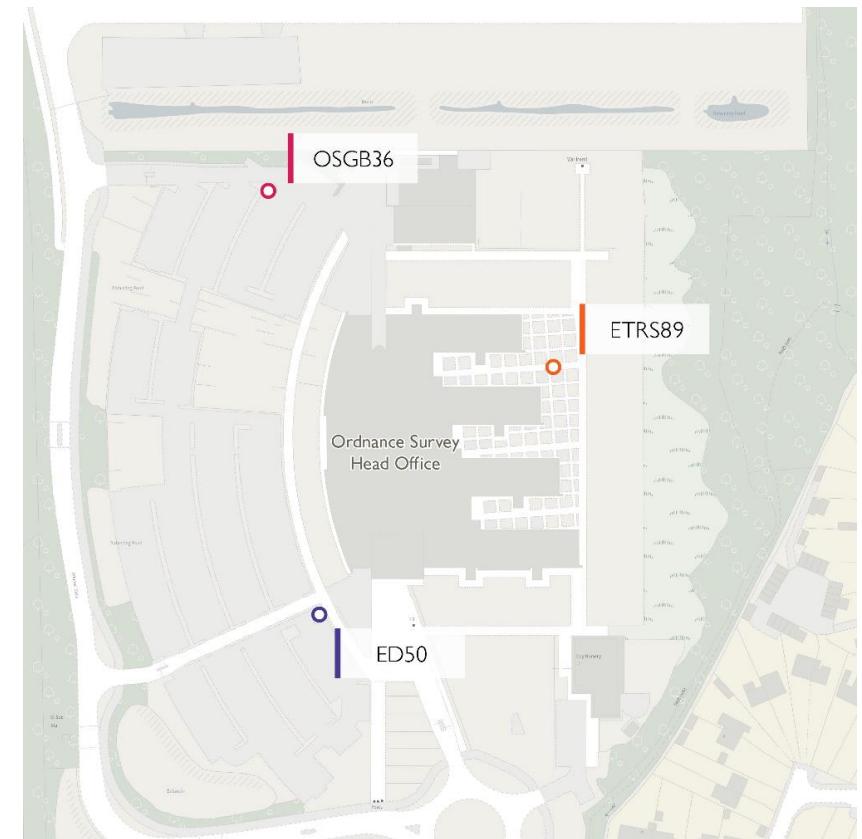
Projected coordinate reference systems

- Map projections have been delighting cartographers for centuries
- This has led to a myriad of map projections as they fundamentally serve different purposes
- In each situation, the projection prioritises accuracy for specific conditions (e.g., distance, or local shape)
- When a map projection (this “distortion”) and geographic coordinates (like longitude and latitude) are combined, we get a projected coordinate reference system



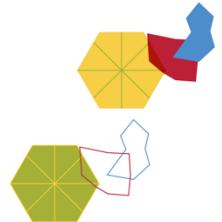
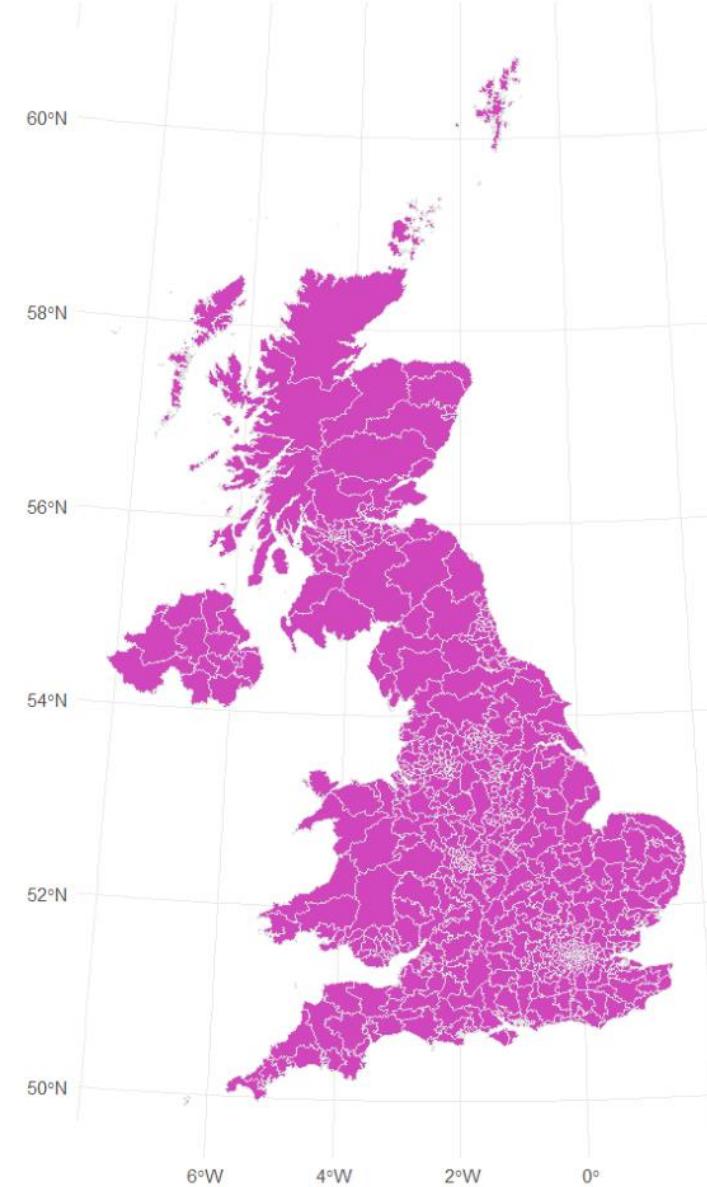
Why do you need to know this?

- The coordinates we use for our maps would depend heavily on the Projection CRS that gave rise to them
- If we use coordinates from different systems on the same map then we will inadvertently introduce errors as these coordinates may not be directly comparable
- To shift from one coordinate system to another we need to perform a mathematical transformation



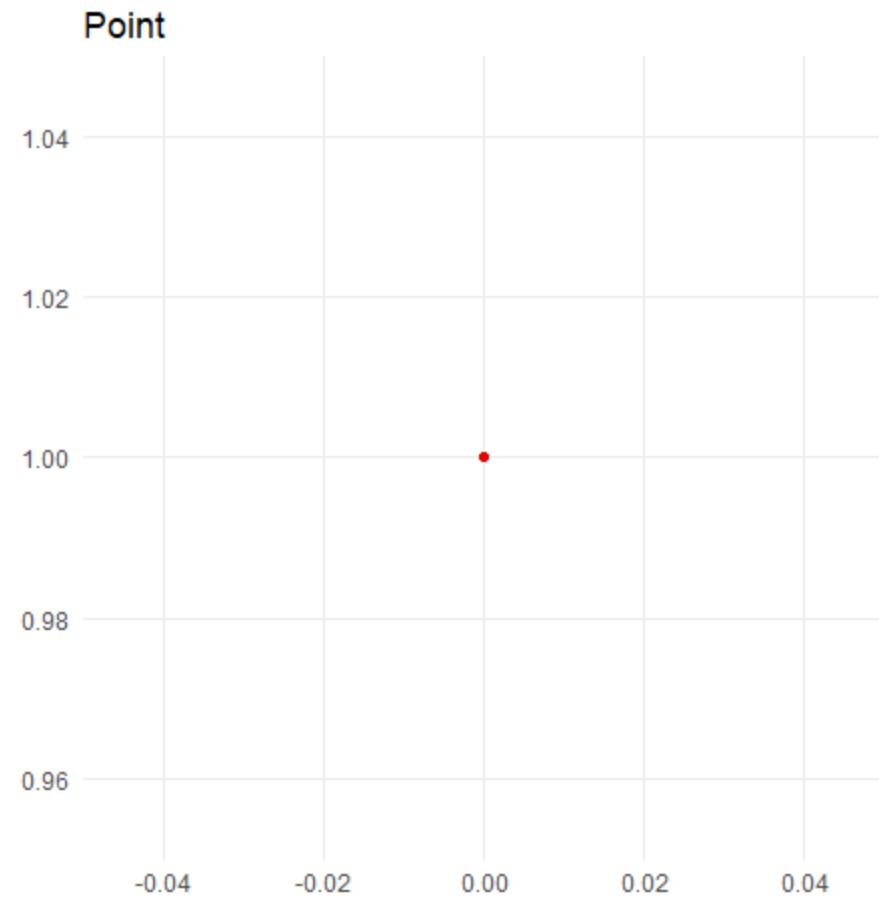
UK constituencies

- This map has some basic components:
 - Polygons (with a grey border) – this is known as geometry
 - Longitude and latitude
 - Grid of the coordinate system



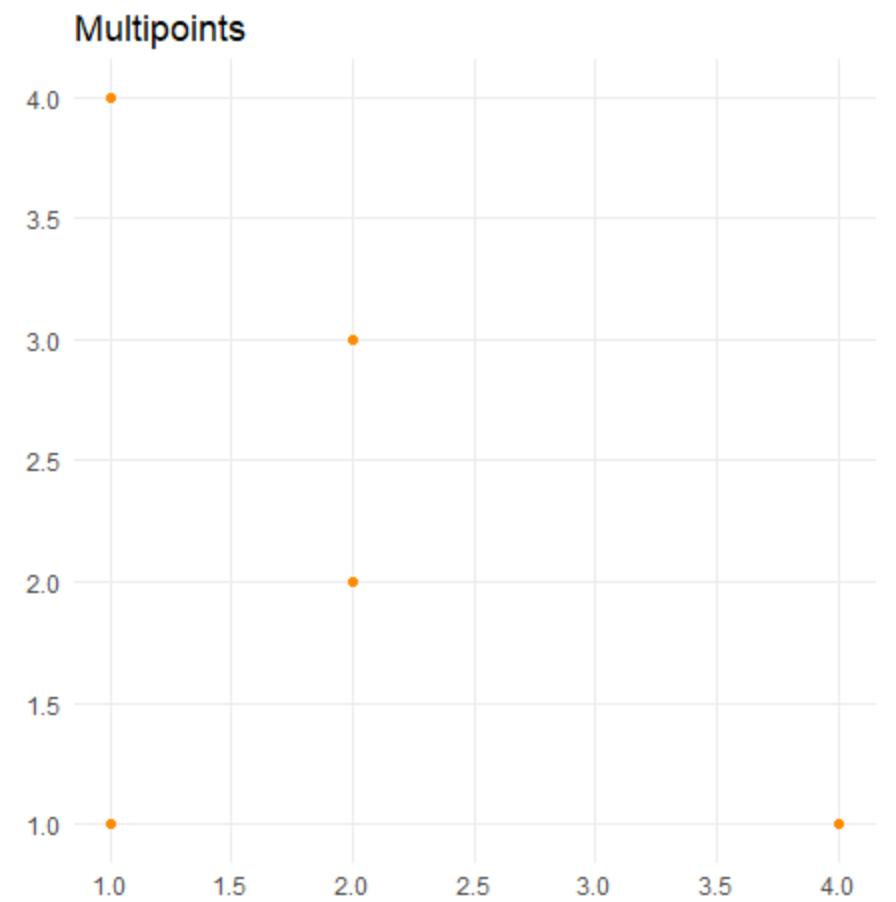
Geometries

- There are 7 types of geometries for spatial illustrations:
 - Points



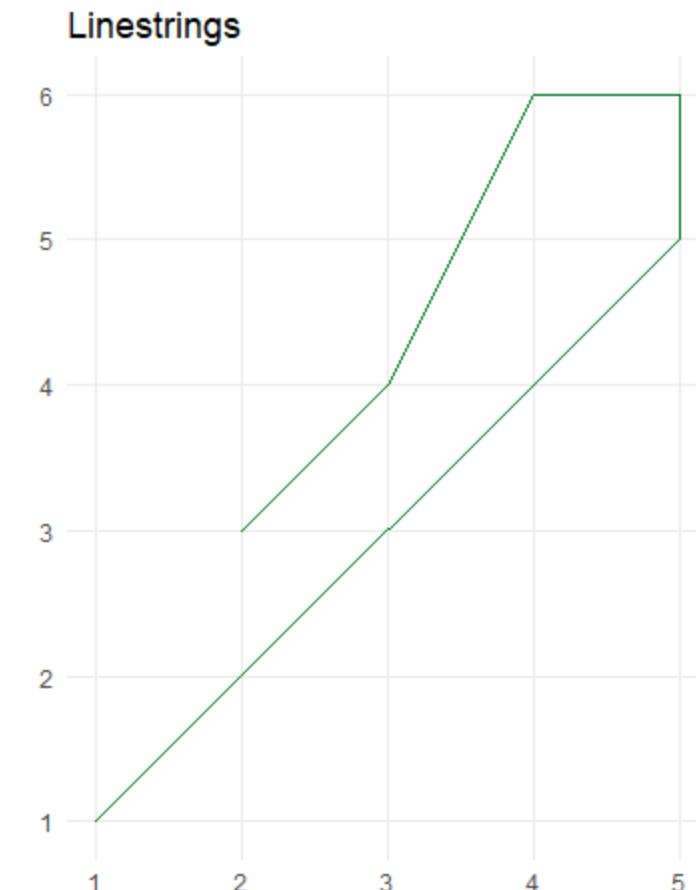
Geometries

- There are 7 types of geometries for spatial illustrations:
 - Points
 - Multipoints



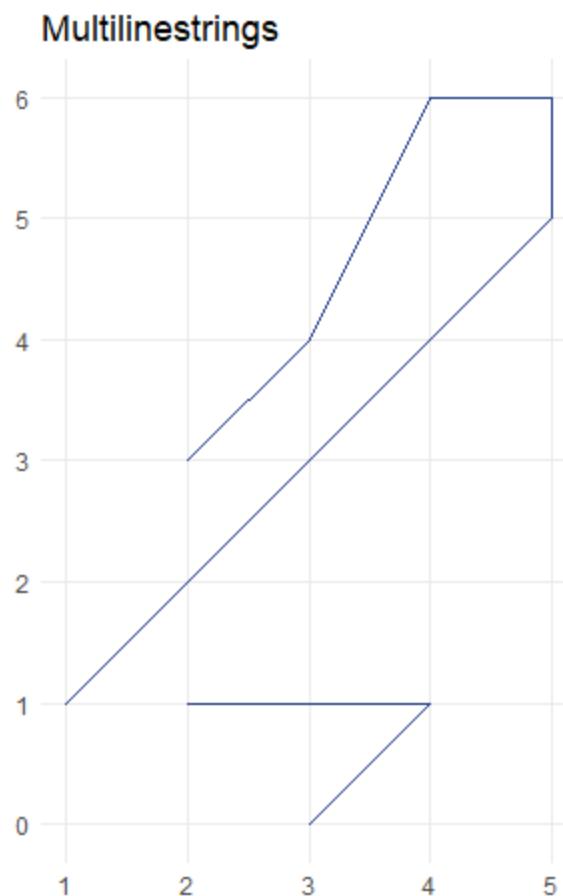
Geometries

- There are 7 types of geometries for spatial illustrations:
 - Points
 - Multipoints
 - Linestrings



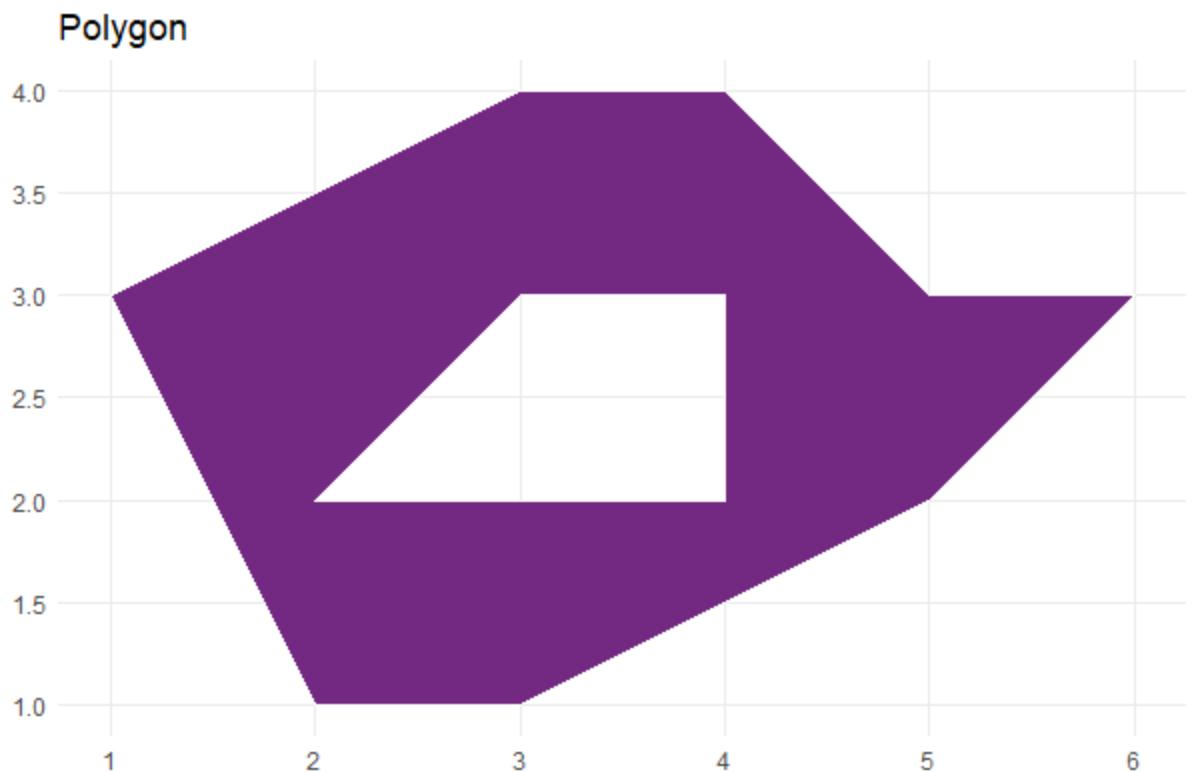
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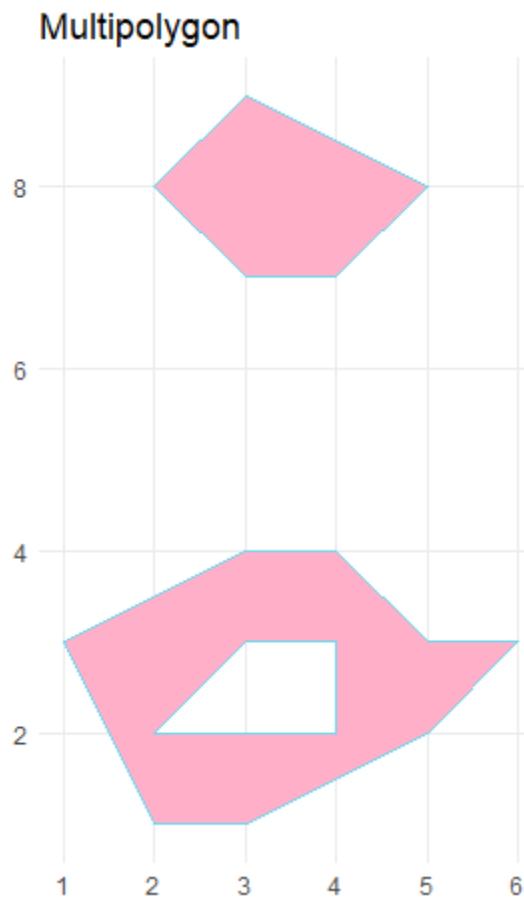
Geometries

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 - Linestrings
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 - Polygons



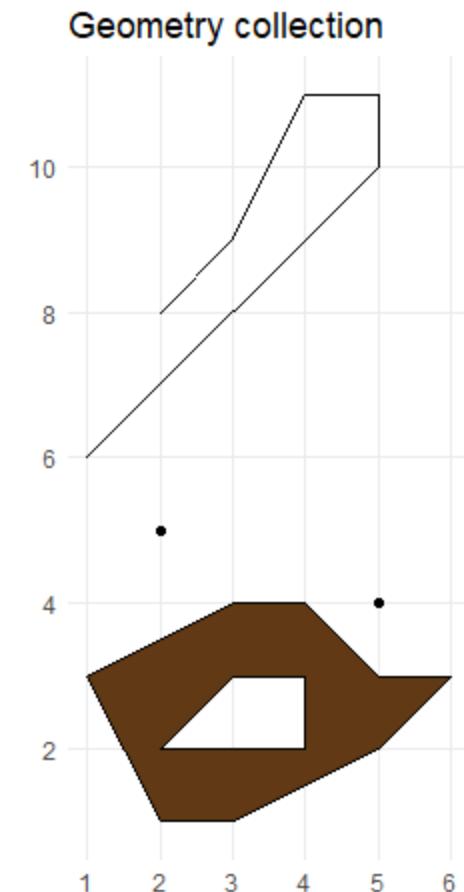
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 - Multilinestrings
 - Polygons
 - Multipolygons



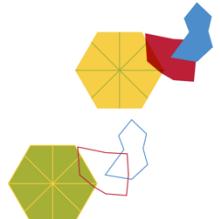
Geometries

- There are 7 types of geometries for spatial illustrations:
 - Points
 - Multipoints
 - Linestrings
 - Multilinestrings
 - Polygons
 - Multipolygons
 - Geometry collections



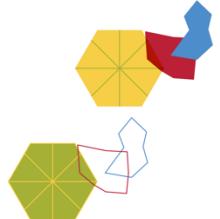
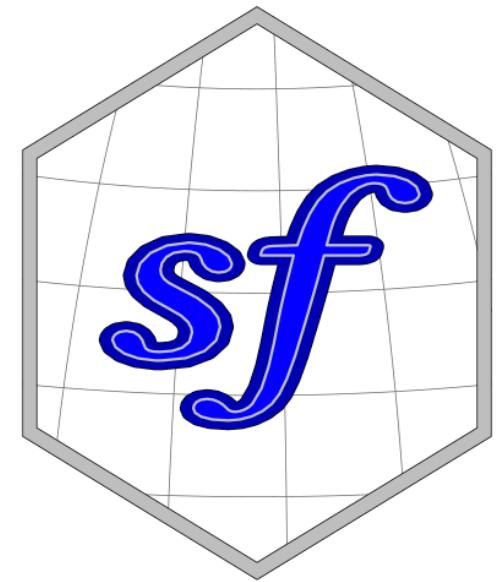
Shape files

- A shape file is a collection of files that store geometry, location, and other associated information for geographic features
- For you to be able to work with shape files you need a minimum of three things:
 - .shp file: this has information on the shape and location of each feature
 - .shx file: the shape index file, it has information that allows software that reads a .shp file to quickly access a specific component in there. Think of it like a reference file
 - .dbf file: this is a database containing all the non-spatial data that are associated with each feature. Each feature has one row associated to it

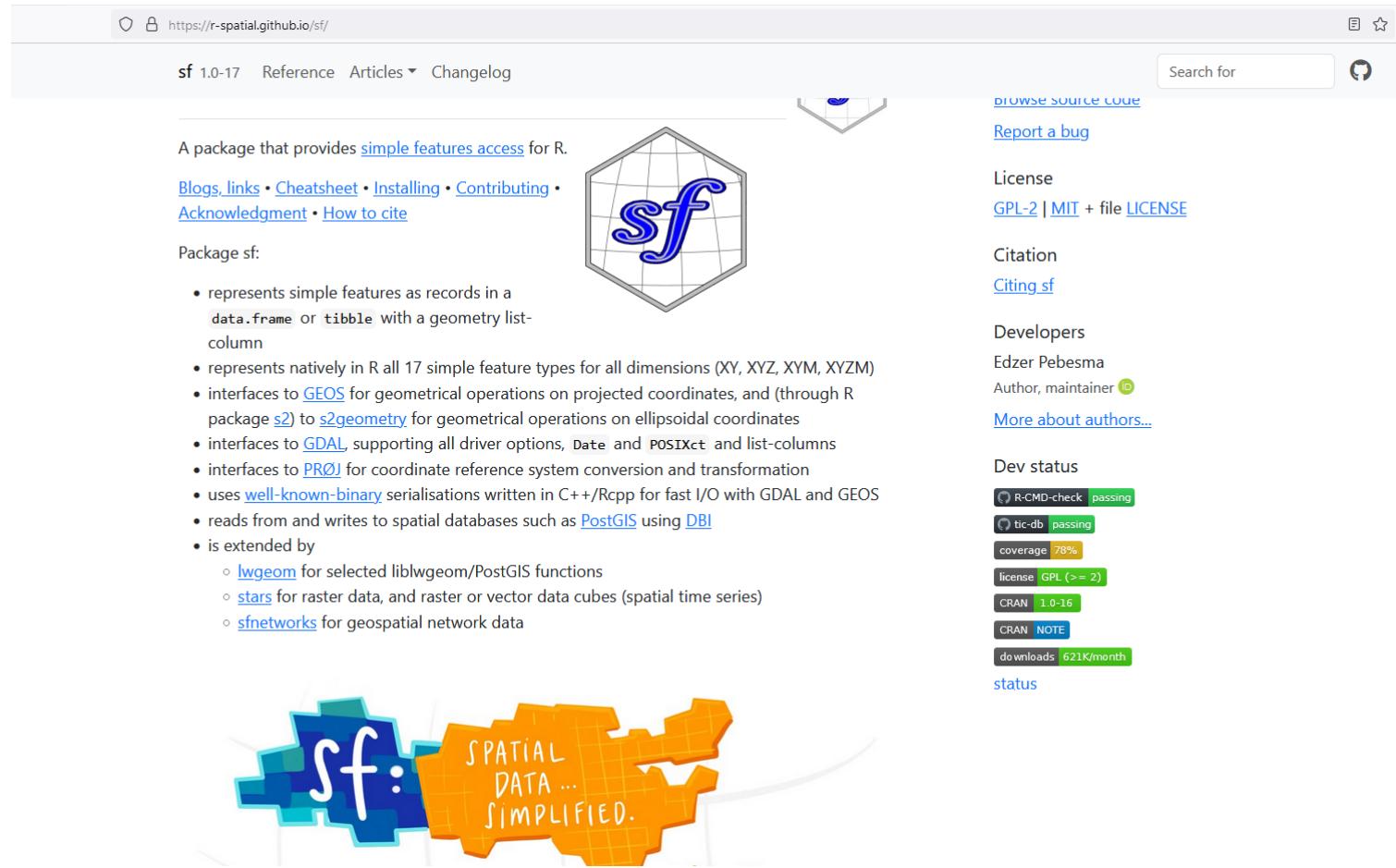


Handling shape files in R: the sf package

- The package was developed to ensure simple feature access in R
- Essentially this means you can import, edit, and manipulate shape files
- It's fully integrated with ggplot2, ensure graphics follow consistent rules
- It is well documented with plenty of resources online
- It is extended further by other packages such as stars (for spatial time series for example)



Where to find help: the sf package



The screenshot shows the GitHub page for the `sf` package. The URL is <https://r-spatial.github.io/sf/>. The page title is "sf 1.0-17". The main content area includes a brief description of the package, a list of links (Blogs, links, Cheatsheet, Installing, Contributing, Acknowledgment, How to cite), and a detailed list of features for the `sf` package. To the right, there are sections for browse source code, Report a bug, License (GPL-2 | MIT + file LICENSE), Citation (Citing sf), Developers (Edzer Pebesma, Author, maintainer), Dev status (R-CMD-check passing, tic-db passing, coverage 78%, license GPL (>= 2), CRAN 1.0-16, CRAN NOTE, downloads 621K/month), and status. A large graphic at the bottom left features the letters "Sf:" in blue and orange, with the text "SPATIAL DATA ... SIMPLIFIED." next to it. Another graphic of colored hexagons is visible on the right side.

A package that provides [simple features access](#) for R.

[Blogs, links](#) • [Cheatsheet](#) • [Installing](#) • [Contributing](#) • [Acknowledgment](#) • [How to cite](#)

Package `sf`:

- represents simple features as records in a `data.frame` or `tibble` with a geometry list-column
- represents natively in R all 17 simple feature types for all dimensions (XY, XYZ, XYM, XYZM)
- interfaces to [GEOS](#) for geometrical operations on projected coordinates, and (through R package [s2](#)) to [s2geometry](#) for geometrical operations on ellipsoidal coordinates
- interfaces to [GDAL](#), supporting all driver options, `Date` and `POSIXct` and list-columns
- interfaces to [PROJ](#) for coordinate reference system conversion and transformation
- uses [well-known-binary](#) serialisations written in C++/Rcpp for fast I/O with GDAL and GEOS
- reads from and writes to spatial databases such as [PostGIS](#) using [DBI](#)
- is extended by
 - [lwgeom](#) for selected liblwgeom/PostGIS functions
 - [stars](#) for raster data, and raster or vector data cubes (spatial time series)
 - [sfnetworks](#) for geospatial network data

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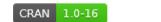
Dev status

 R-CMD-check passing

 tic-db passing

 coverage 78%

 license GPL (>= 2)

 CRAN 1.0-16

 CRAN NOTE

 downloads 621K/month

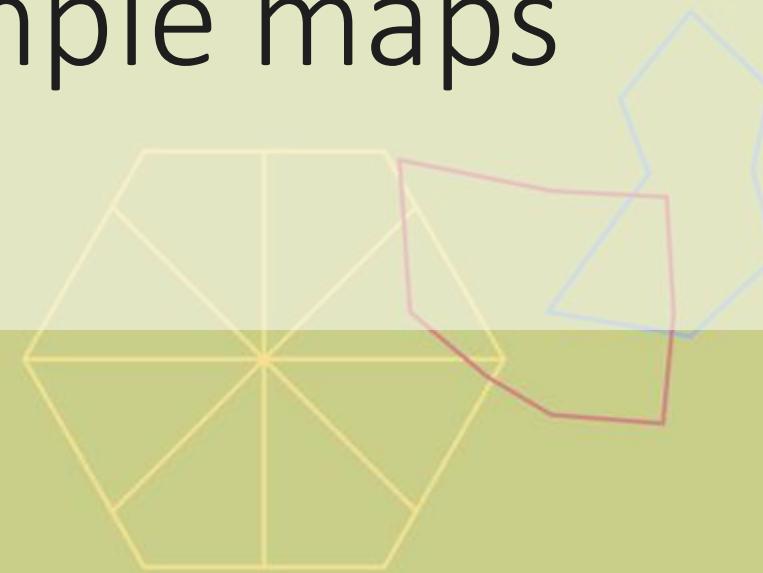
[status](#)

Sf: SPATIAL DATA ... SIMPLIFIED.

What's in an sf object

```
> cons_sf
Simple feature collection with 650 features and 8 fields
Geometry type: MULTIPOLYGON
Dimension: XY
Bounding box: xmin: -116.1487 ymin: 7054.1 xmax: 655653.8 ymax: 1220310
Projected CRS: OSGB36 / British National Grid
# A tibble: 650 × 9
   PCON24CD PCON24NM      PCON24NMW BNG_E BNG_N    LONG    LAT GlobalID
   <chr>     <chr>       <chr>    <dbl> <dbl>    <dbl>    <dbl> <chr>
 1 E14001063 Aldershot      NA     484716 155270 -0.786  51.3 b6eea658-887c-43bd-81a6-e879c... (((485406.9 159918.6, 48...
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Making simple maps

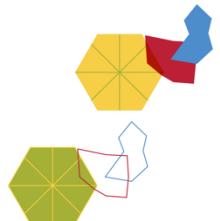


Let's get some data

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://geoportal.statistics.gov.uk>. The page header includes the Office for National Statistics logo, a search bar, and links for 'ONS Linked Data Portal', 'ONS Release Calendar', 'ONS Methodology', 'Media', and 'About ONS'. A navigation menu at the top has items like 'Boundaries', 'Documents', 'Lookups', 'Maps', 'Names and Codes', 'Postcodes', 'Products', 'UPRNs', 'Video', and 'All Data'. Below the menu, a main text area states: 'The Open Geography portal from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) provides free and open access to the definitive source of geographic products, web applications, story maps, services and APIs from our Linked Data offering. All content is available under the Open Government Licence v3.0, except where otherwise stated.' There is also a search bar labeled 'Search the Open Geography portal'.

Search the Open Geography portal

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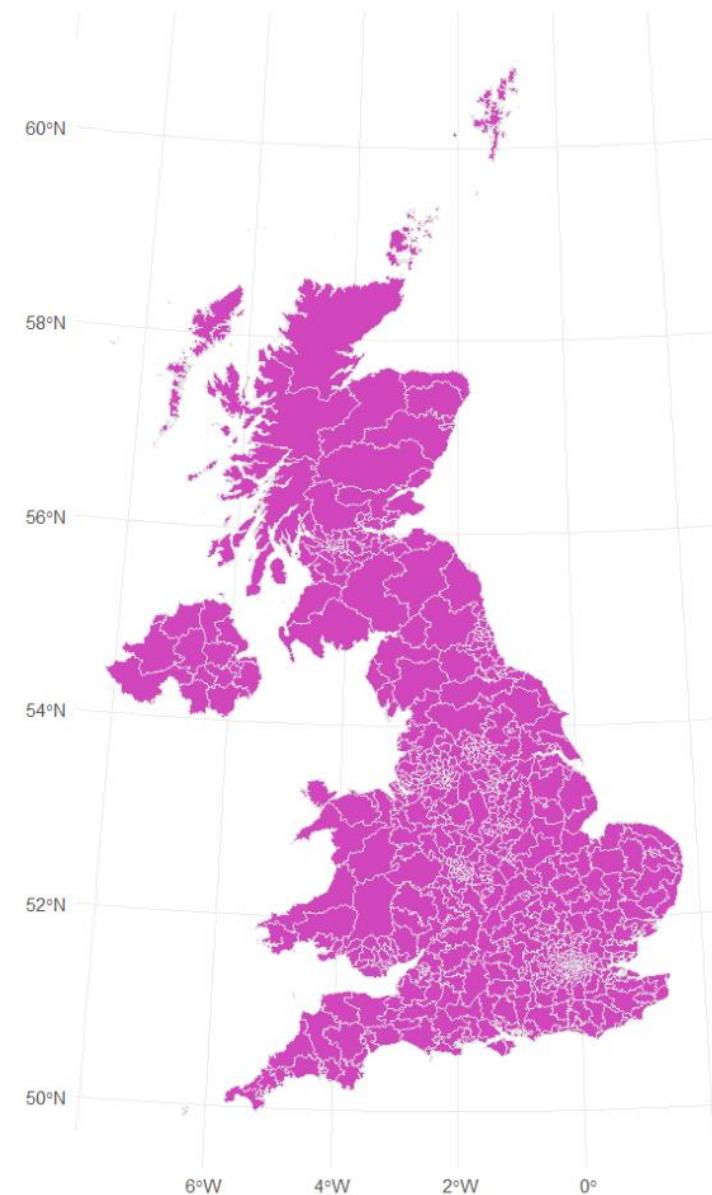


Importing data into R

```
> library(sf)
> cons_sf <- read_sf("Data/Westminster_Parliamentary_Constituencies_July_2024_Boundaries_UK_BUC/PCON_JULY_2024_UK_BUC.shp")
> cons_sf
Simple feature collection with 650 features and 8 fields
Geometry type: MULTIPOLYGON
Dimension:     XY
Bounding box:  xmin: -116.1487 ymin: 7054.1 xmax: 655653.8 ymax: 1220310
Projected CRS: OSGB36 / British National Grid
# A tibble: 650 × 9
   PCON24CD PCON24NM          PCON24NMW    BNG_E    BNG_N    LONG    LAT GlobalID
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# i 640 more rows
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```

Let us start plotting

```
ggplot(cons_sf) +  
  geom_sf(fill = "#d946bb", color = "grey88") +  
  theme_minimal()
```



Focusing on Berkshire

```
cons_sf %>%
  filter(PCON24NM %in% c("Bracknell", "Maidenhead", "Newbury",
  "Reading West and Mid Berkshire",
  "Windsor", "Wokingham", "Bracknell", "Maidenhead",
  "Reading Central", "Earley and Woodley"))->berkshire_sf
```

Simple feature collection with 8 features and 8 fields

Geometry type: MULTIPOLYGON

Dimension: XY

Bounding box: xmin: 428908.2 ymin: 159037.9 xmax: 504919.2 ymax: 187236.2

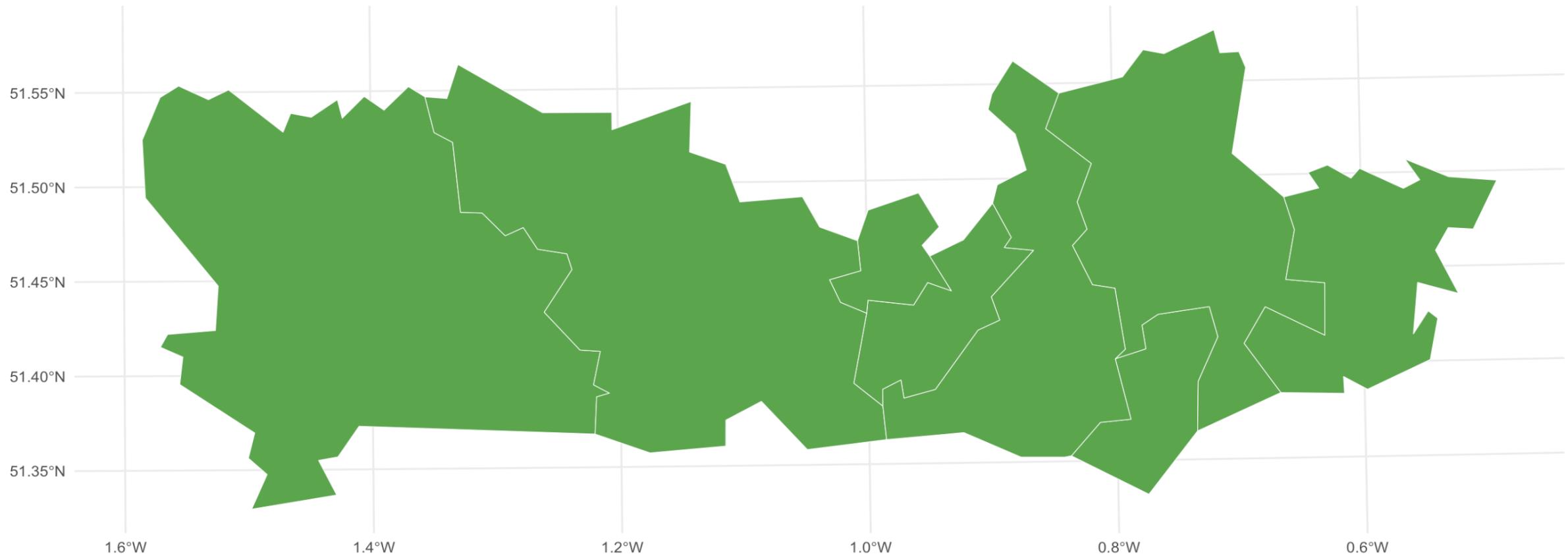
Projected CRS: OSGB36 / British National Grid

A tibble: 8 × 9

	PCON24CD	PCON24NM	PCON24NMW	BNG_E	BNG_N	LONG	LAT	GlobalID	geometry
*	<chr>	<chr>	<chr>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<chr>	<MULTIPOLYGON [m]>
1	E14001117	Bracknell	NA	485168	164319	-0.778	51.4	0cedda70-1085-4b97-a3fe-...	((488139.3 163641.5, 48...
2	E14001210	Earley and Woodley	NA	473892	169821	-0.939	51.4	a1e7bf67-92e9-4ef0-818a-...	((470474.7 165097.6, 46...
3	E14001348	Maidenhead	NA	487442	178744	-0.742	51.5	13b67738-4d88-4681-b1bc-...	((492975.3 177400.9, 49...
4	E14001376	Newbury	NA	441905	173263	-1.40	51.5	5d192482-9900-4c04-848a-...	((444774.3 183291.8, 44...
5	E14001438	Reading Central	NA	471018	173955	-0.979	51.5	367a3b3f-7579-49cb-ab75-...	((473102.2 173916.3, 47...
6	E14001439	Reading West and Mid Berkshire	NA	457864	172341	-1.17	51.4	e5c3976a-498e-4d1a-812b-...	((459709.4 183018, 4596...
7	E14001588	Windsor	NA	497834	172353	-0.594	51.4	e486c083-786c-44c9-a6a9-...	((502226 178595.4, 5049...
8	E14001593	Wokingham	NA	477342	167203	-0.890	51.4	83b16614-5cd7-4a55-b838-...	((480348.5 183509.3, 47...

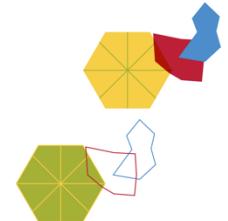
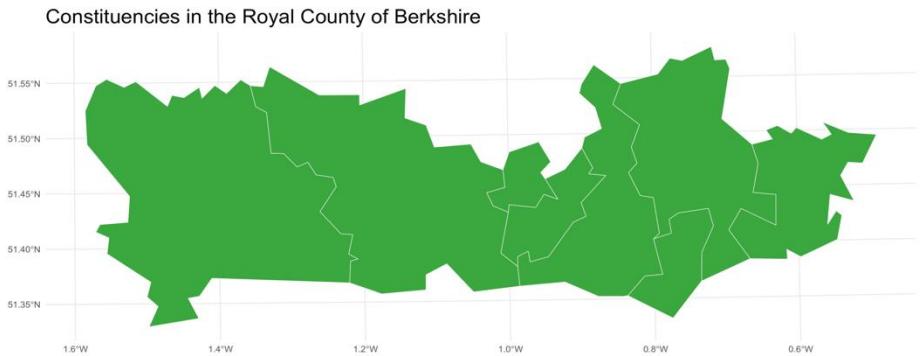
```
ggplot(berkshire_sf) +  
  geom_sf(fill = "#3BA740", color = "white") +  
  labs(title="Constituencies in the Royal County of Berkshire") +  
  theme_minimal() +  
  theme(plot.title=element_text(size=20))
```

Constituencies in the Royal County of Berkshire



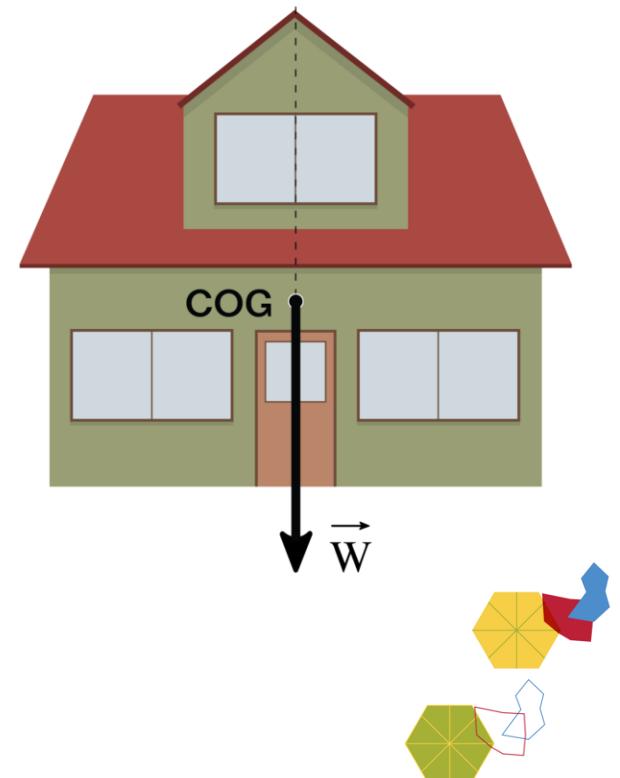
Adding labels

- As useful as a base map is, without labels it is difficult to communicate clearly what the reader should be gaining out of it
- In this map, we could label what each constituency is called
- This brings us into the next difficulty: Where do you position each label?



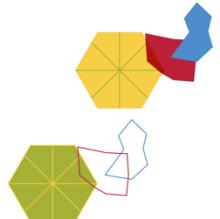
Finding a middle ground..

- It's easy to find the geometric centre in a regularly shaped object, but with irregular objects it gets trickier
- Enter the concept of “centroid”
- It is essentially what in physics would be the centre of gravity, and the calculation is rather involved
- Thankfully, there are R functions to do this on our behalf



Finding a middle ground...

```
> berkshire_sf$centroid <- st_centroid(berkshire_sf$geometry)
> berkshire_sf$centroid
Geometry set for 8 features
Geometry type: POINT
Dimension: XY
Bounding box: xmin: 440821.6 ymin: 165424 xmax: 497511 ymax: 176484.4
Projected CRS: OSGB36 / British National Grid
First 5 geometries:
POINT (485770.9 165424)
POINT (473563 170495)
POINT (487381.4 176484.4)
POINT (440821.6 172200.6)
POINT (471000.5 173894.2)
> centroids <- st_coordinates(berkshire_sf$centroid)
> centroids
      X       Y
[1,] 485770.9 165424.0
[2,] 473563.0 170495.0
[3,] 487381.4 176484.4
[4,] 440821.6 172200.6
[5,] 471000.5 173894.2
[6,] 458476.2 172982.4
[7,] 497511.0 172718.5
[8,] 478811.3 170604.2
> berkshire_sf <- cbind(berkshire_sf, centroids)
```



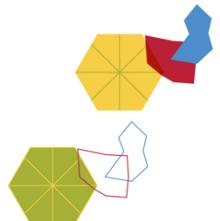
Finding a middle ground..

```
> berkshire_st
Simple feature collection with 8 features and 10 fields
Active geometry column: geometry
Geometry type: MULTIPOLYGON
Dimension: XY
Bounding box: xmin: 428908.2 ymin: 159037.9 xmax: 504919.2 ymax: 187236.2
Projected CRS: OSGB36 / British National Grid
  PCON24CD          PCON24NM PCON24NMW   BNG_E   BNG_N      LONG      LAT GlobalID
1 E14001117          Bracknell <NA> 485168 164319 -0.77784 51.3716 0cedda70-1085-4b97-a3fe-0f634dfd688a
2 E14001210        Earley and Woodley <NA> 473892 169821 -0.93865 51.4226 a1e7bf67-92e9-4ef0-818a-132aecb94778
3 E14001348         Maidenhead <NA> 487442 178744 -0.74162 51.5009 13b67738-4d88-4681-b1bc-ff5ecea8a91b
4 E14001376           Newbury <NA> 441905 173263 -1.39825 51.4568 5d192482-9900-4c04-848a-af390ec00918
5 E14001438       Reading Central <NA> 471018 173955 -0.97915 51.4601 367a3b3f-7579-49cb-ab75-e539e243d939
6 E14001439 Reading West and Mid Berkshire <NA> 457864 172341 -1.16872 51.4471 e5c3976a-498e-4d1a-812b-d9380b9a3198
7 E14001588            Windsor <NA> 497834 172353 -0.59372 51.4417 e486c083-786c-44c9-a6a9-759eb52e0ed5
8 E14001593        Wokingham <NA> 477342 167203 -0.88961 51.3986 83b16614-5cd7-4a55-b838-f7c308733746
  X          Y          geometry          centroid
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2 473563.0 170495.0 MULTIPOLYGON (((470474.7 16...
3 487381.4 176484.4 MULTIPOLYGON (((492975.3 17...
4 440821.6 172200.6 MULTIPOLYGON (((444774.3 18...
5 471000.5 173894.2 MULTIPOLYGON (((473102.2 17...
6 458476.2 172982.4 MULTIPOLYGON (((459709.4 18...
7 497511.0 172718.5 MULTIPOLYGON (((502226.1 17...
8 478811.3 170604.2 MULTIPOLYGON (((480348.5 18...
```

Adding labels

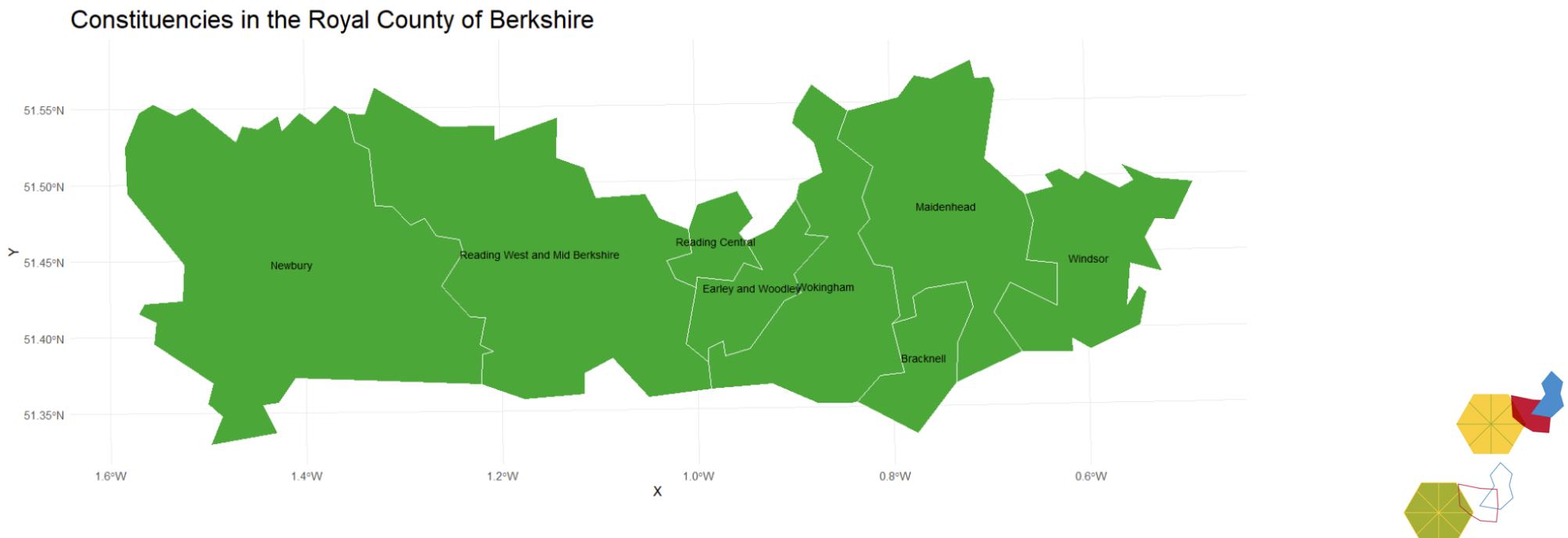
- We now have the location for each point, and we can get the name of each constituency from the tibble

```
ggplot(berkshire_sf) +  
  geom_sf(fill = "#3BA740", color = "white") +  
  labs(title="Constituencies in the Royal County of Berkshire") +  
  geom_text(aes(x = X, y = Y, label = PCON24NM), size = 3, color = "black") +  
  theme_minimal() +  
  theme(plot.title=element_text(size=20))
```



Adding labels

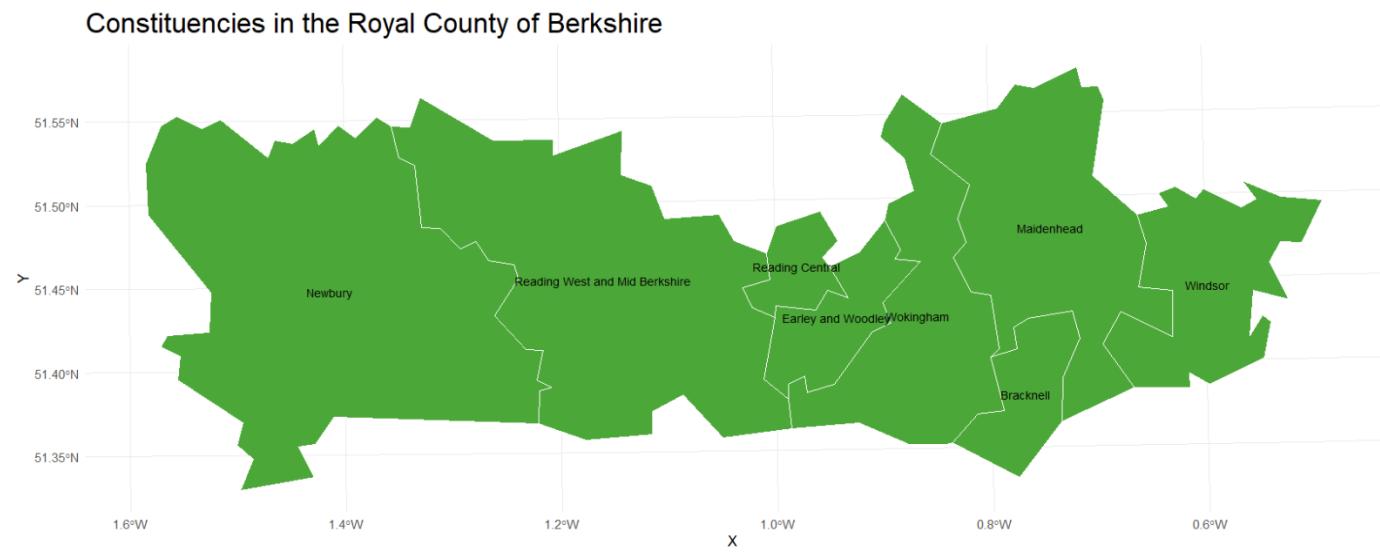
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  theme_minimal() +  
  theme(plot.title = element_text(size = 20))
```



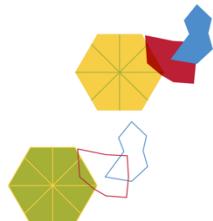
A little bit of data handling...

```
berkshire_sf %<%>
  mutate(name = case_when(PCON24NM=="Reading West and Mid Berkshire"~"Reading West\nand\nMid Berkshire",
                          PCON24NM=="Reading Central"~"Reading C",
                          PCON24NM=="Earley and Woodley"~"Earley\nand\nwoodley",
                          TRUE~PCON24NM))
```

```
berkshire_sf %>% select(name)

Simple feature collection with 8 features and 1 field
Geometry type: MULTIPOLYGON
Dimension:     XY
Bounding box:  xmin: 428908.2 ymin: 159037.9 xmax: 504919.2 ymax: 187236.2
Projected CRS: OSGB36 / British National Grid
```

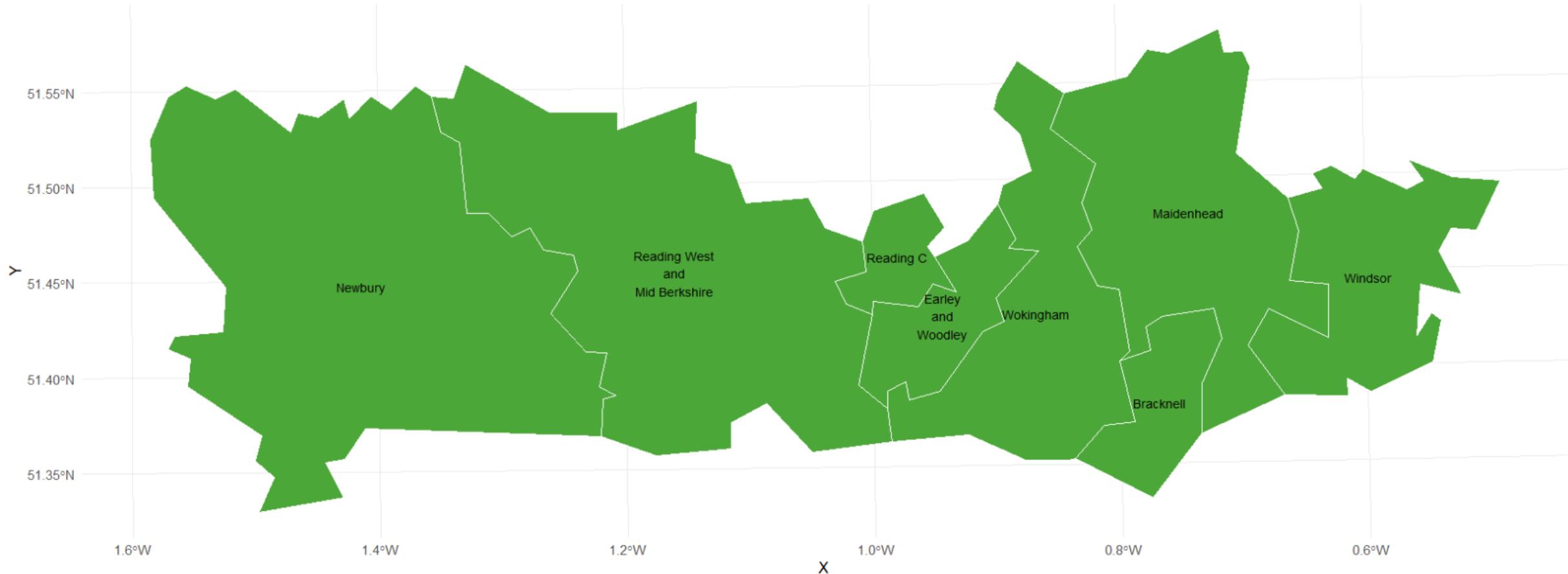
	name	geometry
1	Bracknell	MULTIPOLYGON (((488139.3 16...
2	Earley\nand\nWoodley	MULTIPOLYGON (((470474.7 16...
3	Maidenhead	MULTIPOLYGON (((492975.3 17...
4	Newbury	MULTIPOLYGON (((444774.3 18...
5	Reading C	MULTIPOLYGON (((473102.2 17...
6	Reading West\nand\nMid Berkshire	MULTIPOLYGON (((459709.4 18...
7	Windsor	MULTIPOLYGON (((502226 1785...
8	Wokingham	MULTIPOLYGON (((480348.5 18...



Adding labels

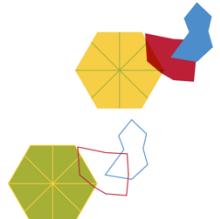
```
ggplot(berkshire_sf) +  
  geom_sf(fill = "#3BA740", color = "white") +  
  labs(title="Constituencies in the Royal County of Berkshire") +  
  geom_text(aes(x = X, y = Y, label = name), size = 3, color = "black") +  
  theme_minimal() +  
  theme(plot.title=element_text(size=20))
```

Constituencies in the Royal County of Berkshire



Layering over some colour

- Often we may want to represent different characteristics for each polygon using colour
- The two options available are to use discrete colours or continuous
 - Discrete colours are for variables that are categorical
 - Continuous ones are for variables that can take any values within an interval



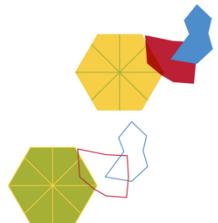
Layering over some colour

- In our constituencies in Berkshire map we can create a variable that describes whether the constituency is completely new, remained unchanged in the latest re-organisation or had some changes

```
Boundaries<-c("Major changes", "New constituency", "Major changes",
             "Minor changes", "New constituency", "New constituency",
             "Major changes", "Major changes")

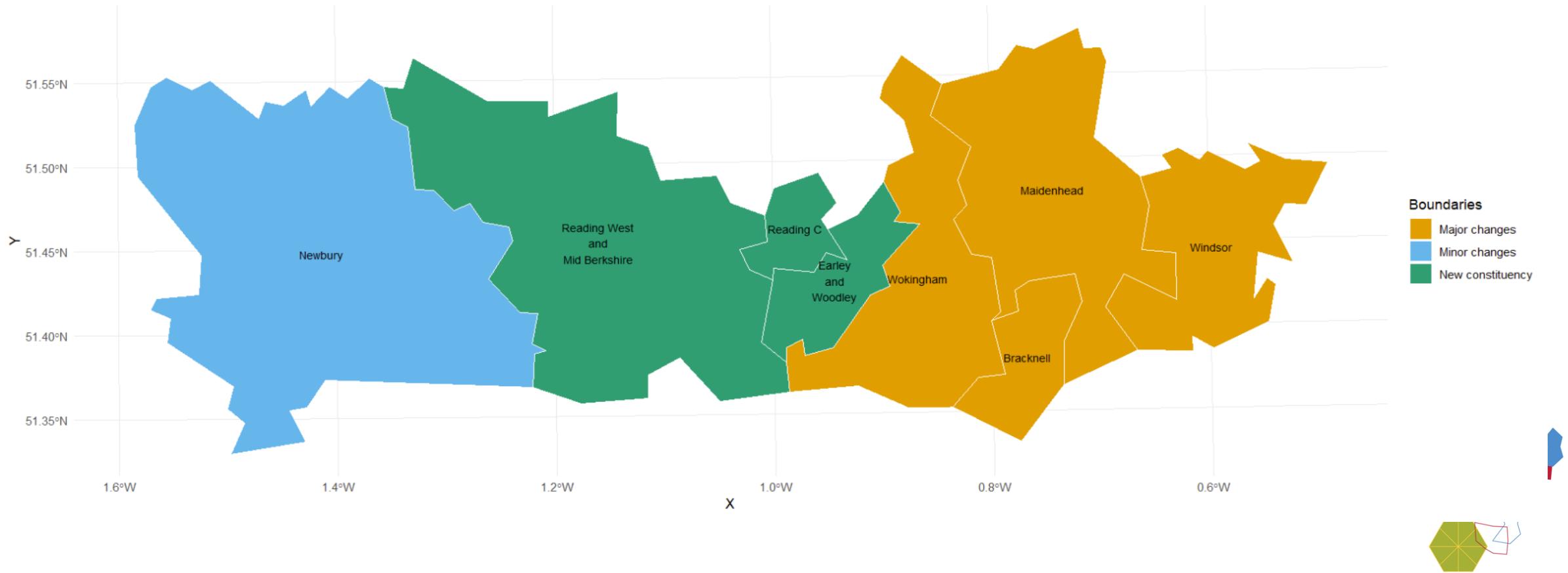
berkshire_sf<- cbind(berkshire_sf, Boundaries)

ggplot(berkshire_sf) +
  geom_sf(aes(fill = Boundaries), color = "white")+
  scale_fill_manual(values=c("#E69F00", "#56B4E9", "#009E73"))+
  labs(title="Constituencies in the Royal County of Berkshire")+
  geom_text(aes(x = X, y = Y, label = name), size = 3, color = "black") +
  theme_minimal()+
  theme(plot.title=element_text(size=20))
```



Layering over some colour

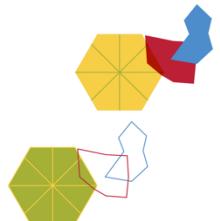
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Layering over some colour

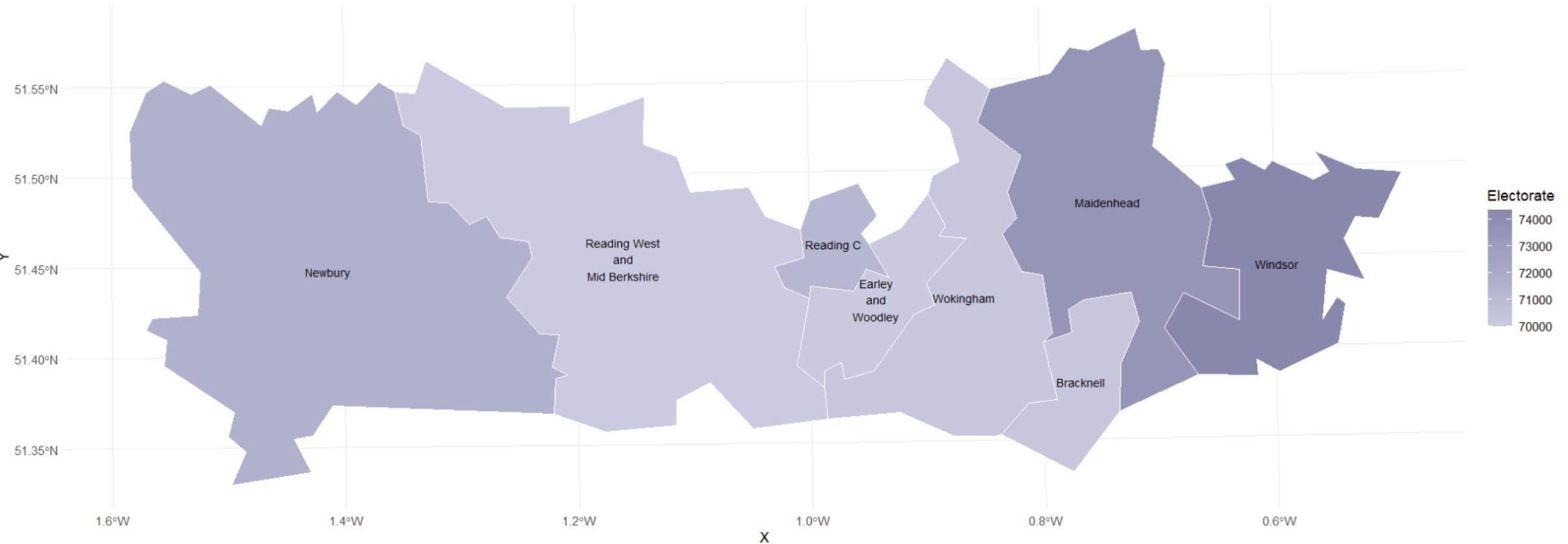
- For a continuous variable we can include the electorate size of each constituency

```
Electorate<-c(70247,70083,73463,71631,71283,69999,74338,70235)  
berkshire_sf<- cbind(berkshire_sf, Electorate)  
  
ggplot(berkshire_sf) +  
  geom_sf(aes(fill = Electorate), color = "white") +  
  scale_fill_continuous(name = "Electorate", high = "#8788ab", low = "#cacbdf") +  
  geom_text(aes(x = X, y = Y, label = name), size = 3, color = "black") +  
  labs(title = "Constituencies in the Royal County of Berkshire") +  
  theme_minimal() +  
  theme(plot.title = element_text(size = 20))
```



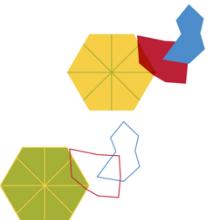
Layering over some colour

Constituencies in the Royal County of Berkshire



Adding points

- We can also add specific points of interest on our maps
- The important aspect is to ensure that we have translated our new points to the coordinate system of our base map
- Let us say that we want:
 - To include the 8 largest settlements in those constituencies
 - Using the longitude and latitudes in degrees for the centre of each of these
- How do we do that?



Adding points

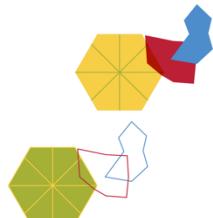
- Step 1: Create a dataframe of longitude and latitudes

```
Settlements <- data.frame(  
  Town =c("Reading", "Bracknell", "Maidenhead", "Wokingham", "Newbury",  
         "Woodley", "Thatcham", "Sandhurst" ),  
  lat = c(51.4551, 51.4141, 51.5218, 51.410, 51.4014, 51.4517, 51.4058, 51.3462),  
  lon = c(-0.9787, -0.7526, -0.7242, -0.8339, -1.3231, -0.9029, -1.2665, -0.8043)  
)
```

Description: df [8 x 3]

Town <chr>	lat <dbl>	lon <dbl>
Reading	51.4551	-0.9787
Bracknell	51.4141	-0.7526
Maidenhead	51.5218	-0.7242
Wokingham	51.4100	-0.8339
Newbury	51.4014	-1.3231
Woodley	51.4517	-0.9029
Thatcham	51.4058	-1.2665
Sandhurst	51.3462	-0.8043

8 rows

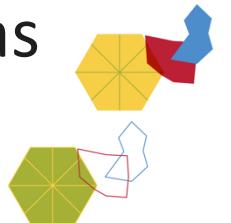


Adding points

- Step 2: Turn it into an sf object

```
> Settlements_sf <- st_as_sf(Settlements, coords = c("lon", "lat"), crs = 4326)
> Settlements_sf
Simple feature collection with 8 features and 1 field
Geometry type: POINT
Dimension:     XY
Bounding box:  xmin: -1.3231 ymin: 51.3462 xmax: -0.7242 ymax: 51.5218
Geodetic CRS:  WGS 84
  Town                      geometry
1  Reading POINT (-0.9787 51.4551)
2 Bracknell POINT (-0.7526 51.4141)
3 Maidenhead POINT (-0.7242 51.5218)
4 Wokingham POINT (-0.8339 51.41)
5 Newbury POINT (-1.3231 51.4014)
6 Woodley POINT (-0.9029 51.4517)
7 Thatcham POINT (-1.2665 51.4058)
8 Sandhurst POINT (-0.8043 51.3462)
```

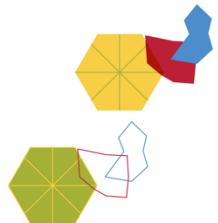
- “crs 4326” essentially states that these are coordinates presented as longitude and latitude on the surface of the Earth



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- Step 3: Convert them to the same crs as our base map

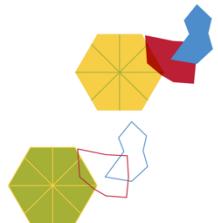
```
> Settlements_sf <- st_transform(Settlements_sf, st_crs(berkshire_sf))
> Settlements_sf
Simple feature collection with 8 features and 1 field
Geometry type: POINT
Dimension: XY
Bounding box: xmin: 447184.5 ymin: 161469.2 xmax: 488612.1 ymax: 181091.5
Projected CRS: OSGB36 / British National Grid
  Town      geometry
1  Reading POINT (471058.7 173396.6)
2 Bracknell POINT (486845.7 169080.2)
3 Maidenhead POINT (488612.1 181091.5)
4 Wokingham POINT (481199.3 168531.2)
5 Newbury POINT (447184.5 167147.1)
6 Woodley POINT (476331 173094.6)
7 Thatcham POINT (451116.9 167674.3)
8 Sandhurst POINT (483373.6 161469.2)
```



Adding points

- Step 4: For ease of use, create a coordinates table

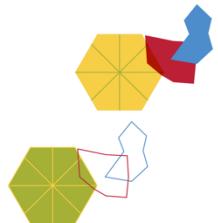
```
> settlements_coords <- st_coordinates(Settlements_sf)
>
> settlements_coords
      X         Y
[1,] 471058.7 173396.6
[2,] 486845.7 169080.2
[3,] 488612.1 181091.5
[4,] 481199.3 168531.2
[5,] 447184.5 167147.1
[6,] 476331.0 173094.6
[7,] 451116.9 167674.3
[8,] 483373.6 161469.2
```



Adding points

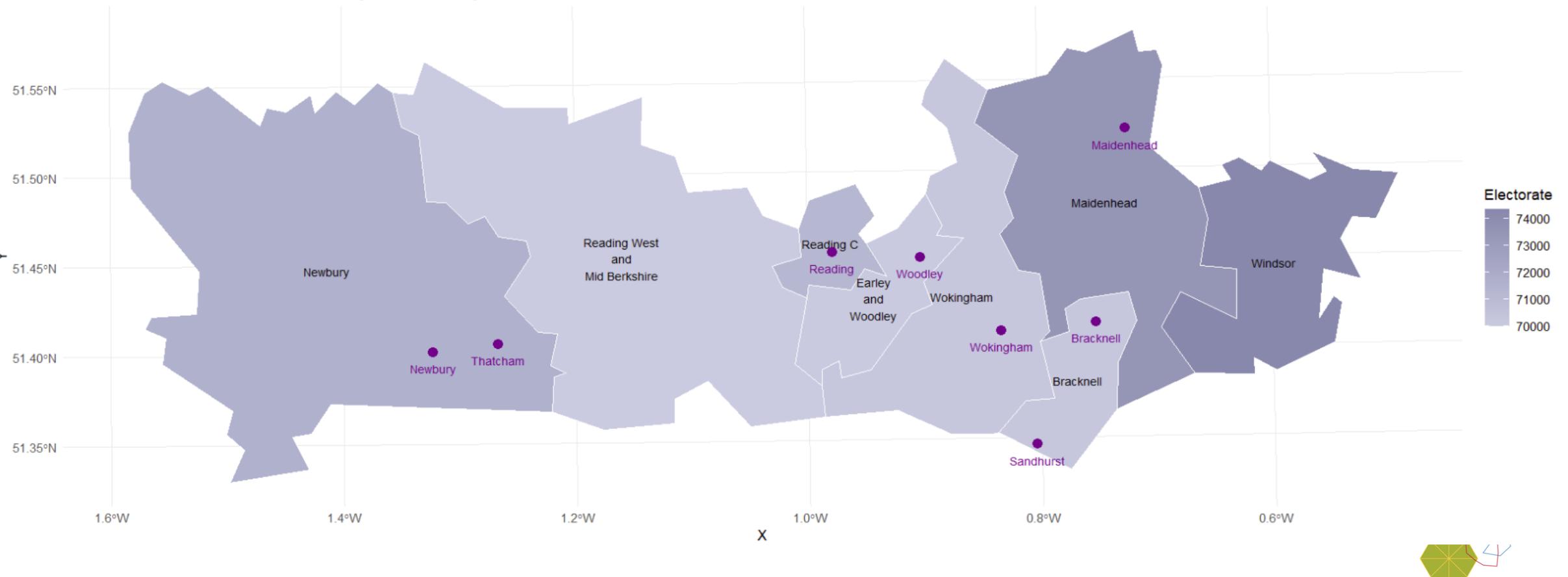
- Step 5: Use `geom_point` and `geom_text` on `ggplot` to add your points

```
ggplot(berkshire_sf) +  
  geom_sf(aes(fill = Electorate), color = "white") +  
  scale_fill_continuous(name = "Electorate", high = "#8788ab", low = "#cacbdf") +  
  geom_text(aes(x = X, y = Y, label = name), size = 3, color = "black") +  
  geom_point(data = Settlements_sf,  
             aes(x = settlements_coords[,1], y = settlements_coords[,2]),  
             color = "#770088", size = 3, pch=19) +  
  geom_text(data = Settlements_sf,  
            aes(x = settlements_coords[,1], y = settlements_coords[,2], label=Town),  
            size = 3, nudge_y = -1000, color = "#770088") +  
  labs(title = "Constituencies in the Royal County of Berkshire") +  
  theme_minimal() +  
  theme(plot.title = element_text(size = 20))
```

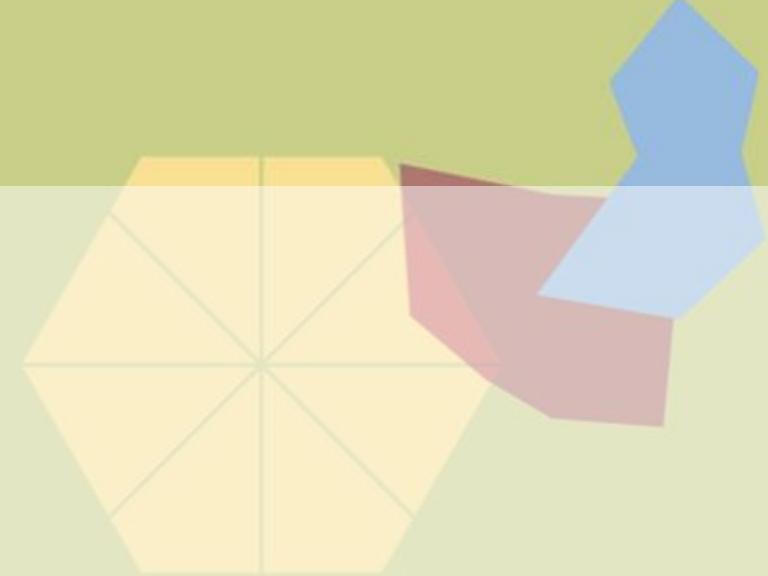
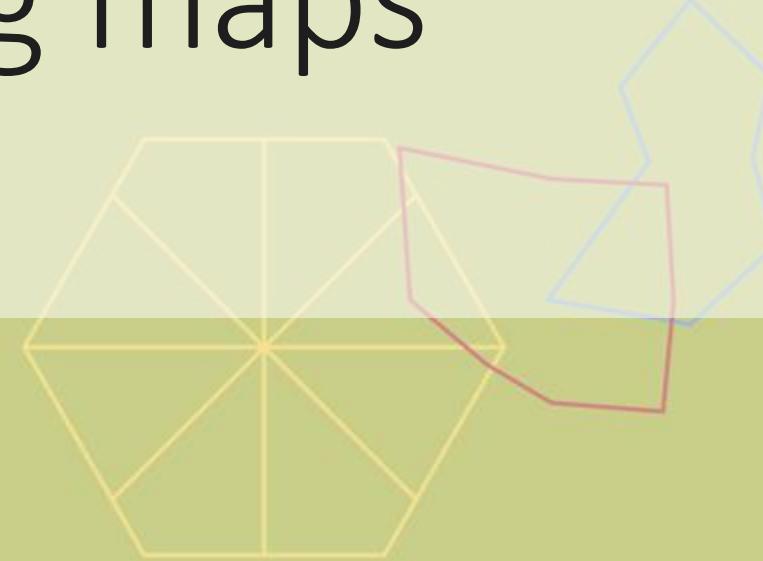


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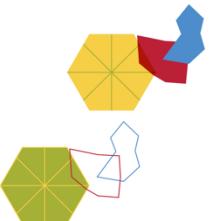


Layering maps



What about layering maps?

- In the same way as adding points to our map, we may want to add polygons
- This can be useful if we want to, for example, indicate the distribution of a particular species or a specific habitat
- Within the `ggplot` setup, this is actually rather straightforward



Let us use an example

The screenshot shows the header of a website. At the top left is a lock icon and the URL <https://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/4918342350798848>. To the right is the Natural England logo. The main menu includes "Access to Evidence", "Home", "Map", "Additional information", and "Feedback". On the right is a search bar with a magnifying glass icon.

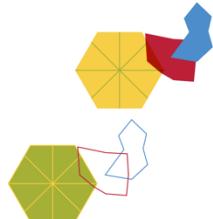
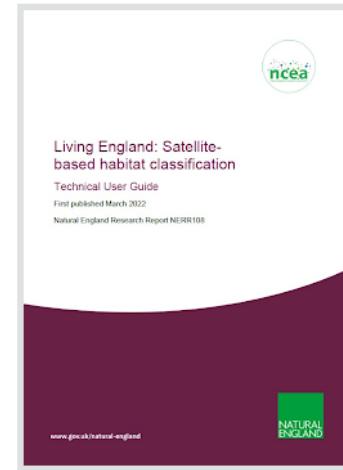
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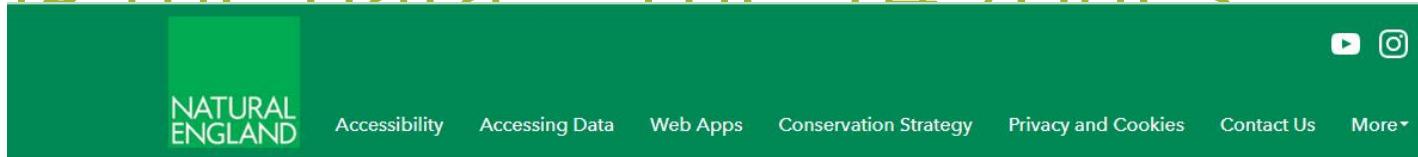
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Biogeographic Zones Living England (2021) - This is a spatial dataset which defines the regions for the Living England Phase IV habitat classification.

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14 regions were created in England to balance resource requirements and scalability. The regions are based on National Character Areas which are grouped such that each region is covered by a single European Space Agency Sentinel-2 satellite orbit (with the exception of Zone 10 in the SE which is covered by two orbits), and such that the regions are approximately similar in size.

For more information about the Living England Habitat Map see the Living England Satellite-based habitat classification - Technical User Guide (NERR108): publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/4918342350798848

Details

 Dataset
Feature Layer

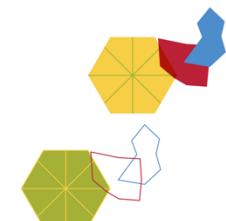
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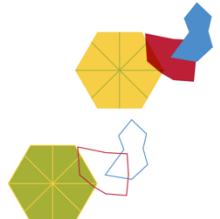
 Records: 14
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First let us make a map of England...

- In this example we want to layer the zones over a base map
 - In theory the data from Natural England do not require a base map but for illustration purposes we are going to layer the zones over a map of England
- We can easily make a map of England from our constituency dataset by excluding Scottish, Welsh, and Northern Irish constituencies
- Our dataset, helpfully, has a constituency code under variable PCON24CD
- English constituencies start with E

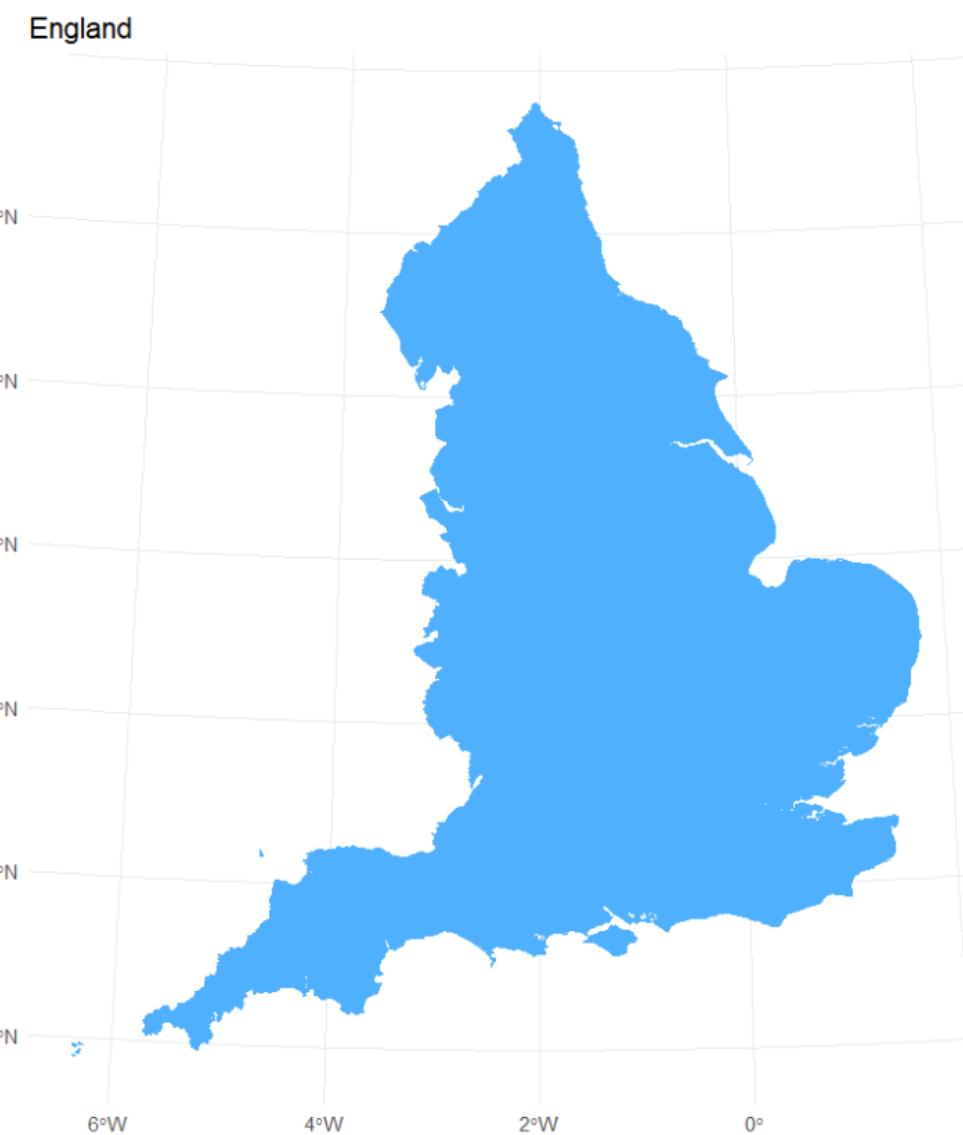


A map of England

```
> cons_sf %>% filter(str_detect(PCON24CD, "E"))->england_sf
>
> england_sf
Simple feature collection with 543 features and 8 fields
Geometry type: MULTIPOLYGON
Dimension:     XY
Bounding box:  xmin: 87323.11 ymin: 7054.1 xmax: 655653.8 ymax: 657549.7
Projected CRS: OSGB36 / British National Grid
# A tibble: 543 × 9
   PCON24CD  PCON24NM      PCON24NMW    BNG_E    BNG_N    LONG    LAT GlobalID
   <chr>     <chr>       <chr>      <dbl>    <dbl>    <dbl>    <dbl> <chr>    
 1 E14001063 Aldershot     NA        484716  155270 -0.786  51.3 b6eea658-887c-43bd-81a6-e87...
 2 E14001064 Aldridge-Brownhills NA        404720  301030 -1.93   52.6 d1f29811-2c62-4dcb-b0dc-06d...
 3 E14001065 Altrincham and Sale West NA        374132  389051 -2.39   53.4 5345726c-b6b4-4d12-a310-8b2...
 4 E14001066 Amber Valley     NA        440478  349674 -1.40   53.0 4c232f33-f30b-4526-bfec-d5a...
 5 E14001067 Arundel and South Downs NA        497309  118530 -0.616  51.0 9eb29363-b47b-463a-9698-bc8...
 6 E14001068 Ashfield        NA        450035  356564 -1.25   53.1 c6664362-7ca9-43cf-9920-222...
 7 E14001069 Ashford         NA        611218  142572  1.02   51.1 d251384e-d248-457f-89da-a0b...
 8 E14001070 Ashton-under-Lyne NA        392654  398807 -2.11   53.5 aac16076-67e4-4ab4-aae2-a41...
 9 E14001071 Aylesbury       NA        495172  216598 -0.620  51.8 975e6733-c9b0-4936-96b2-869...
10 E14001072 Banbury         NA        438918  232636 -1.43   52.0 36a7bbd3-7140-406a-854d-aa1...
# i 533 more rows
# i Use `print(n = ...)` to see more rows
```

A map of England

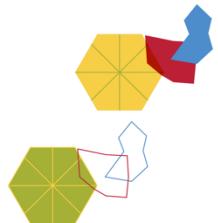
```
ggplot(england_sf) +  
  geom_sf(fill = "#33afff", color = "#33afff") +  
  theme_minimal() +  
  labs(title = "England")
```



Preparing the 14 zones

- For this step, we want to import the 14 zones, and also find their centroids so we can label them appropriately on our map

```
living_zones<-read_sf("Data/Biogeographic_Zones_Living_England_(2021)___Natural_England.shp")
living_zones$centroid <- st_centroid(living_zones$geometry)
centroids_living <- st_coordinates(living_zones$centroid)
living_zones <- cbind(living_zones, centroids_living)
```



Preparing the 14 zones

```
> living_zones
```

```
Simple feature collection with 14 features and 6 fields
```

```
Active geometry column: geometry
```

```
Geometry type: MULTIPOLYGON
```

```
Dimension: XY
```

```
Bounding box: xmin: 77134.07 ymin: 2099.38 xmax: 658653.8 ymax: 660601.5
```

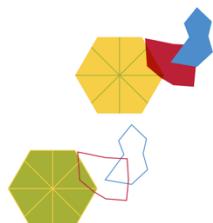
```
Projected CRS: OSGB36 / British National Grid
```

```
First 10 features:
```

	Zone	Area	Perimeter	GlobalID	X	Y	geometry
1	1	9010	528	014d9600-1716-43c4-a6fd-1503df3d3666	345880.9	520419.4	MULTIPOLYGON (((344099.1 57...
2	2	8070	581	3d8840c4-ce11-420d-b30b-c938917eadd7	409708.9	576996.3	MULTIPOLYGON (((399683.7 66...
3	3	9945	588	a9e176d4-5dd4-40d0-b6c3-82557f73c739	375967.8	440478.6	MULTIPOLYGON (((406364.3 52...
4	4	9024	582	acd264e8-b12b-459e-883f-2ea0fb49241d	467808.6	451417.1	MULTIPOLYGON (((468803.3 52...
5	5	9069	711	c09ba998-28d0-4374-8dda-59076abb20bf	378079.4	319643.7	MULTIPOLYGON (((330130.3 29...
6	6	9821	749	218eeeab-6f74-413c-921c-d73ad10bbdd0	444255.7	353423.7	MULTIPOLYGON (((437243.3 44...
7	7	10504	673	ae3b0a4c-ea07-4767-9dae-9316612781fd	526762.0	359629.9	MULTIPOLYGON (((518868.1 46...
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9	9	7989	565	c5a04597-77e6-4c91-b28e-abcf5b8fd57b	488243.0	249312.3	MULTIPOLYGON (((549504.6 26...
10	10	15154	741	74200f43-ccd0-45e4-b366-46e648aee64d	552299.9	160919.4	MULTIPOLYGON (((615364.6 23...

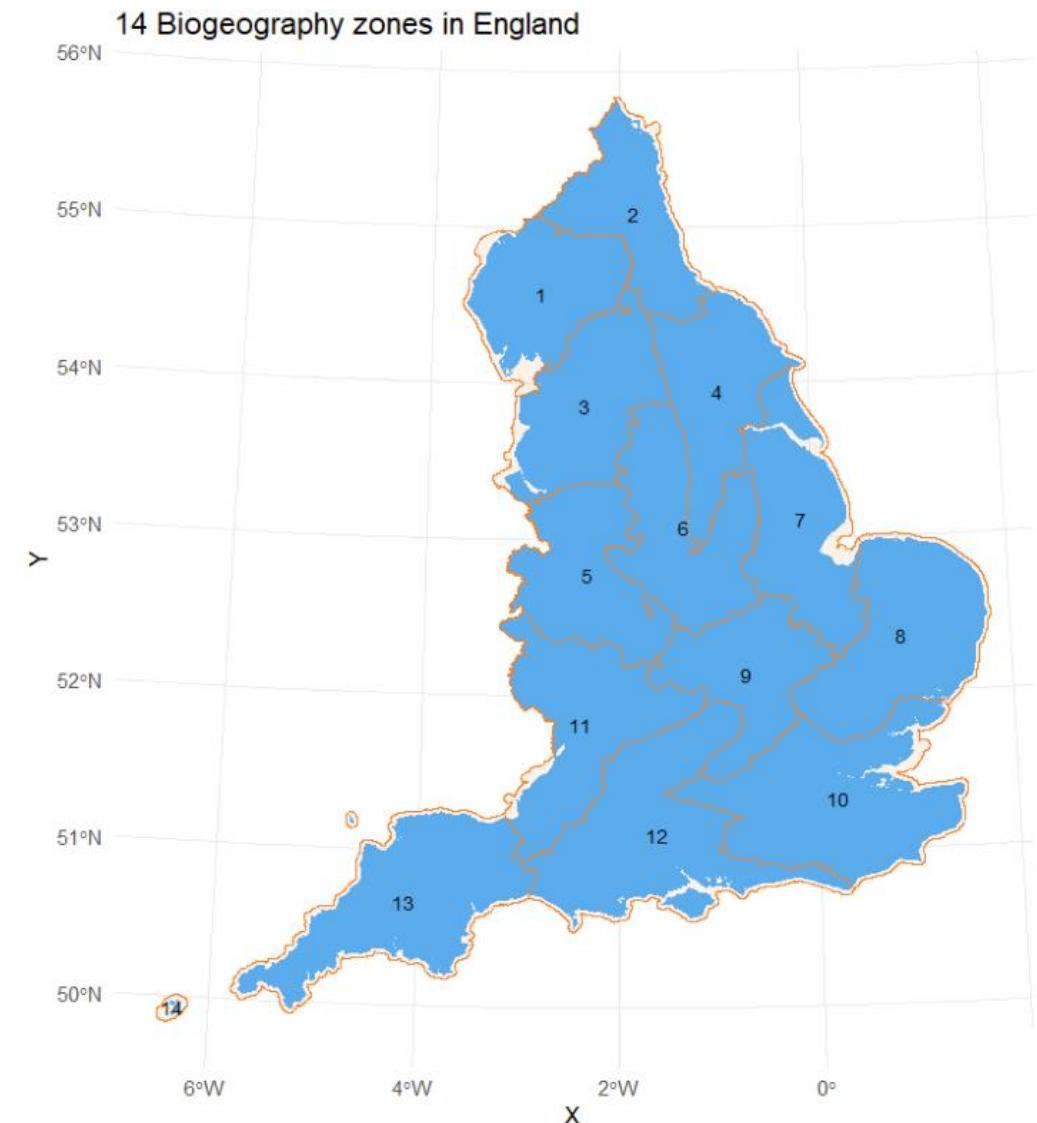
```
centroid
```

- 1 POINT (345880.9 520419.4)
- 2 POINT (409708.9 576996.3)
- 3 POINT (375967.8 440478.6)
- 4 POINT (467808.6 451417.1)
- 5 POINT (378079.4 319643.7)
- 6 POINT (444255.7 353423.7)
- 7 POINT (526762 359629.9)
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- 9 POINT (488243 249312.3)
- 10 POINT (552299.9 160919.4)



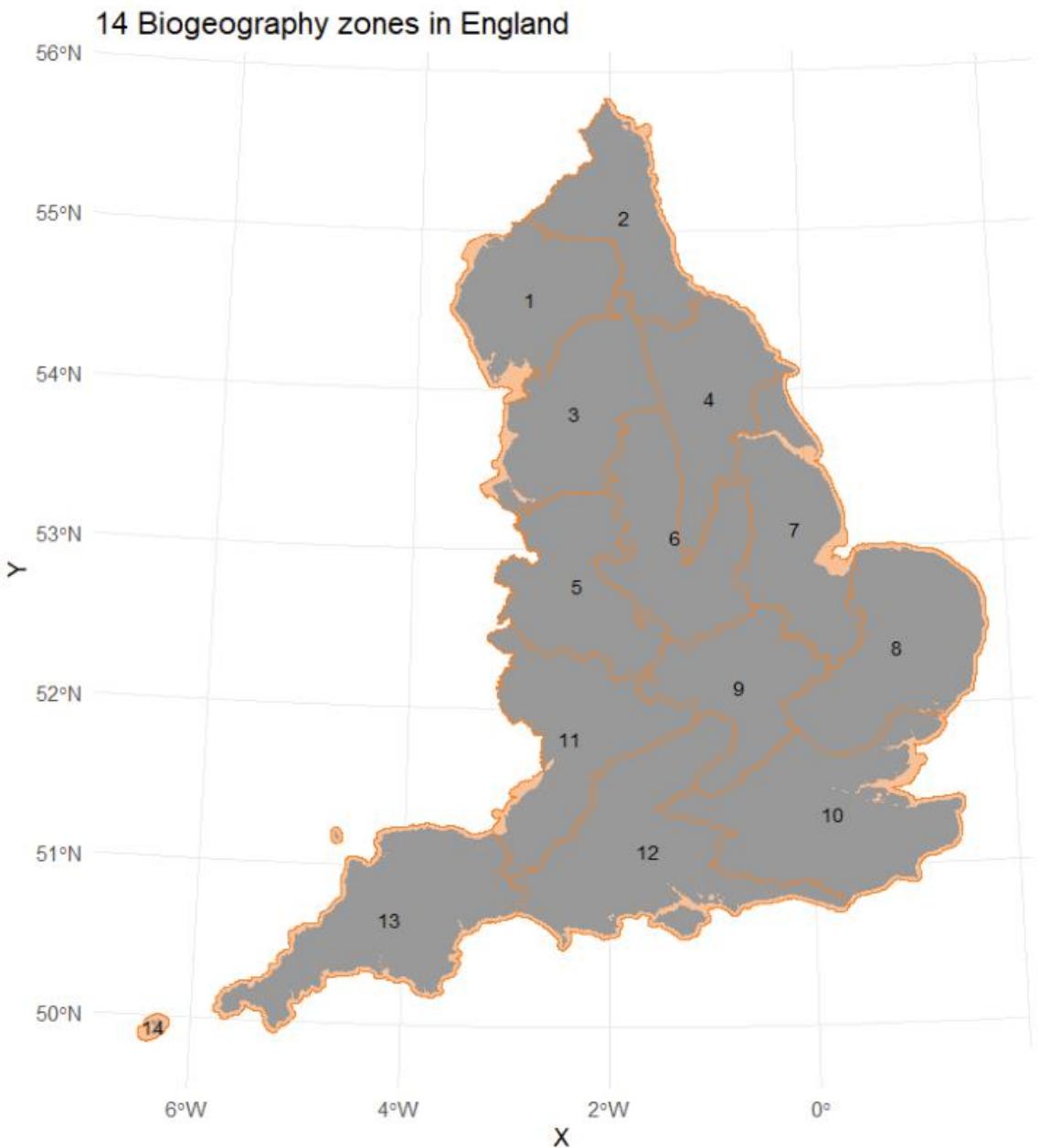
Adding the new layer

```
ggplot(england_sf) +  
  geom_sf(fill = "#33afff", color = "#33afff") +  
  geom_sf(data=living_zones, color="#ff8333", fill="#ff8333",alpha=0.1)+  
  geom_text(data=living_zones,aes(x = X, y = Y, label = Zone),  
            size = 3, color = "black")+  
  labs(title = "14 Biogeography zones in England") +  
  theme_minimal()
```



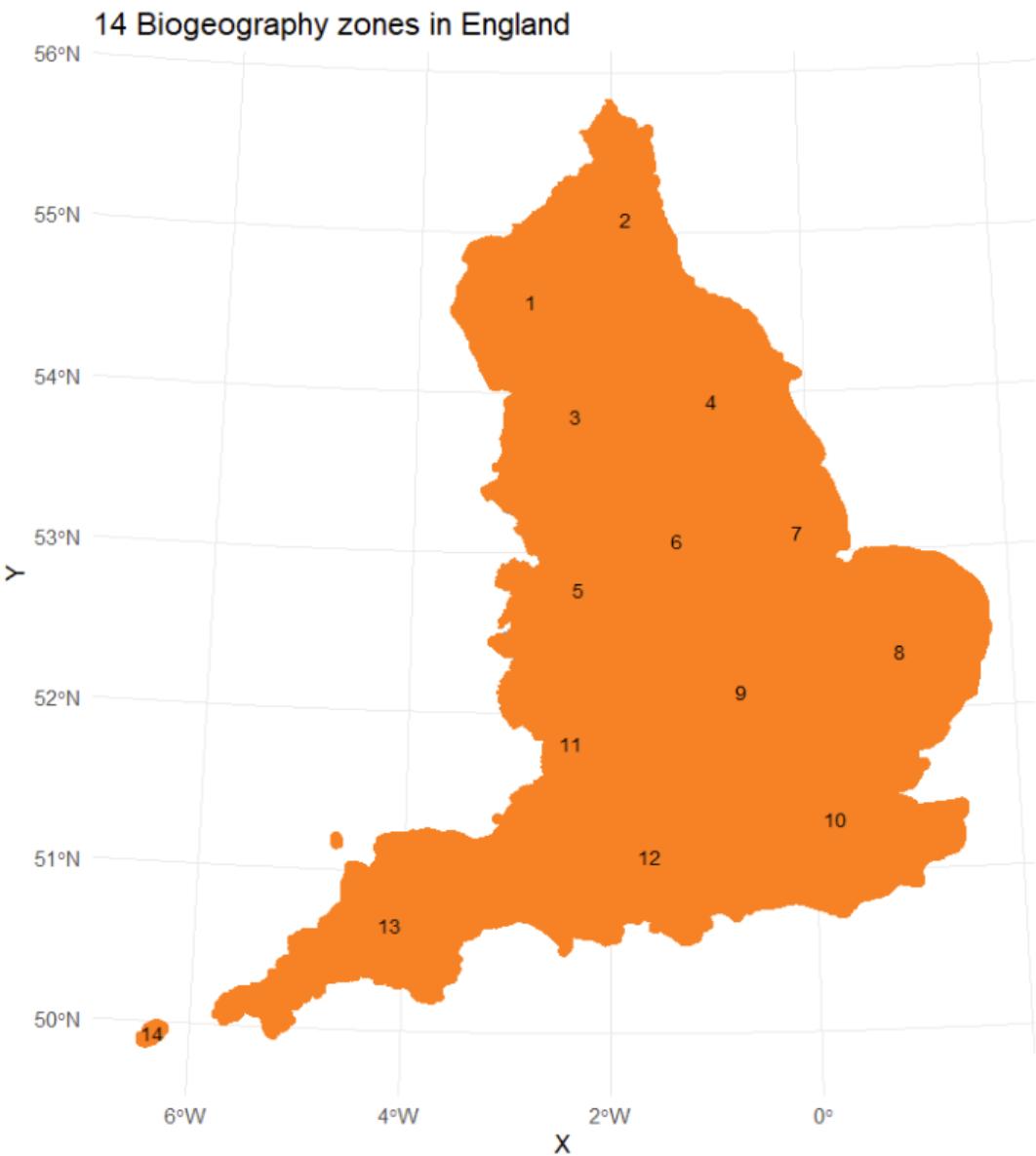
Playing with alpha

```
ggplot(england_sf) +  
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  geom_sf(data=living_zones, color="#ff8333", fill="#ff8333",alpha=0.5)+  
  geom_text(data=living_zones,aes(x = X, y = Y, label = Zone),  
            size = 3, color = "black") +  
  labs(title = "14 Biogeography zones in England") +  
  theme_minimal()
```



Playing with alpha

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ggplot(england_sf) +  
  geom_sf(fill = "#33afff", color = "#33afff") +  
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  geom_text(data=living_zones,aes(x = X, y = Y, label = Zone),  
            size = 3, color = "black")+  
  labs(title = "14 Biogeography zones in England") +  
  theme_minimal()
```



Adding some context

- Let us add Scotland and Wales back on our illustration to make the zones stand out more

```
cons_sf %>%
  filter(str_detect(PCON24CD, "^E") |
         str_detect(PCON24CD, "^S") |
         str_detect(PCON24CD, "^W"))->engScotWal_sf

ggplot(engScotWal_sf) +
  geom_sf(fill = "#33afff", color = "#33afff") +
  geom_sf(data=living_zones, color="#ff8333", fill="#ff8333", alpha=0.1) +
  geom_text(data=living_zones,aes(x = X, y = Y, label = Zone),
            size = 3, color = "black")+
  labs(title = "14 Biogeography zones in England")+
  theme_minimal()
```

