

Higher dimensions

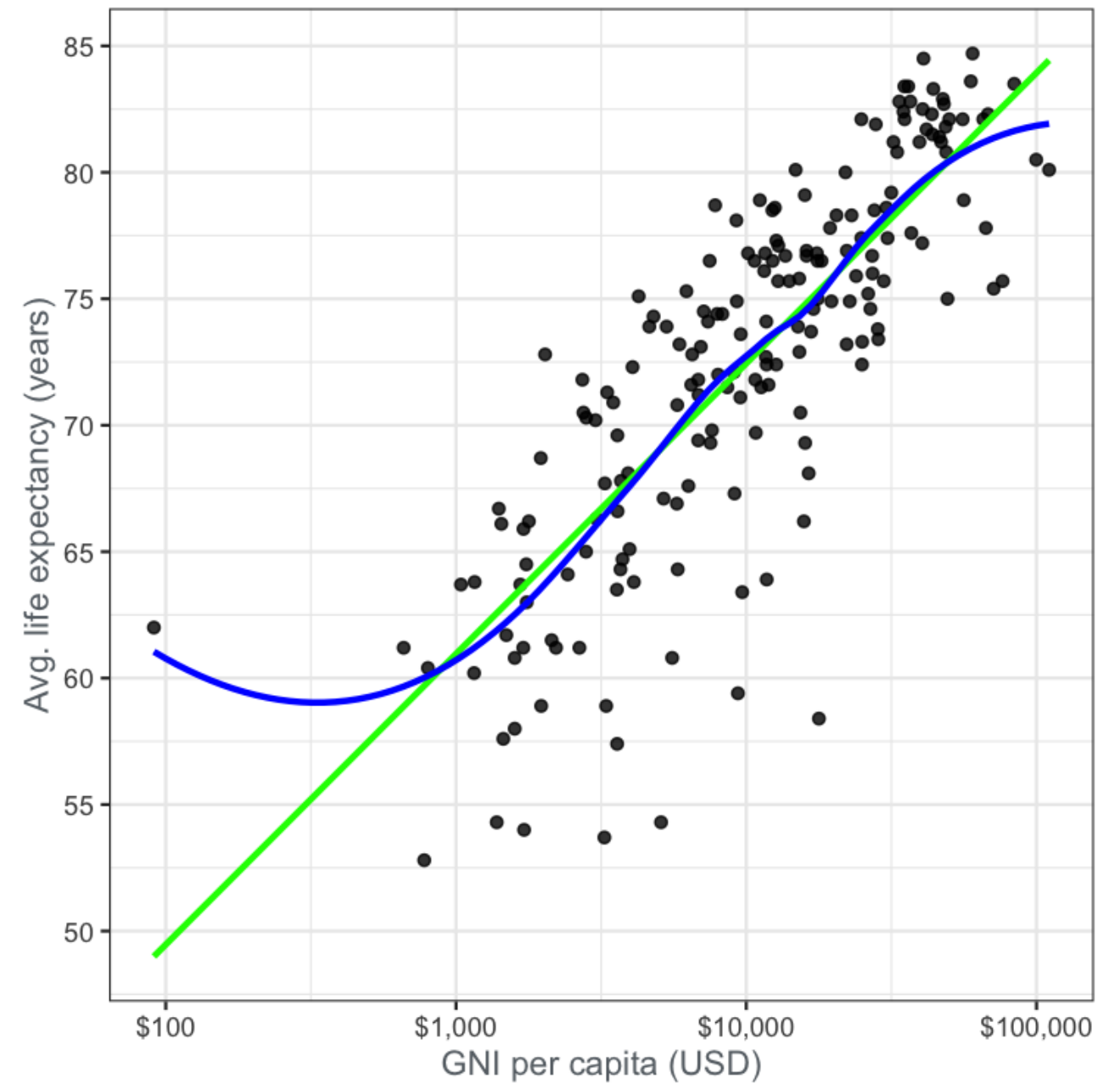
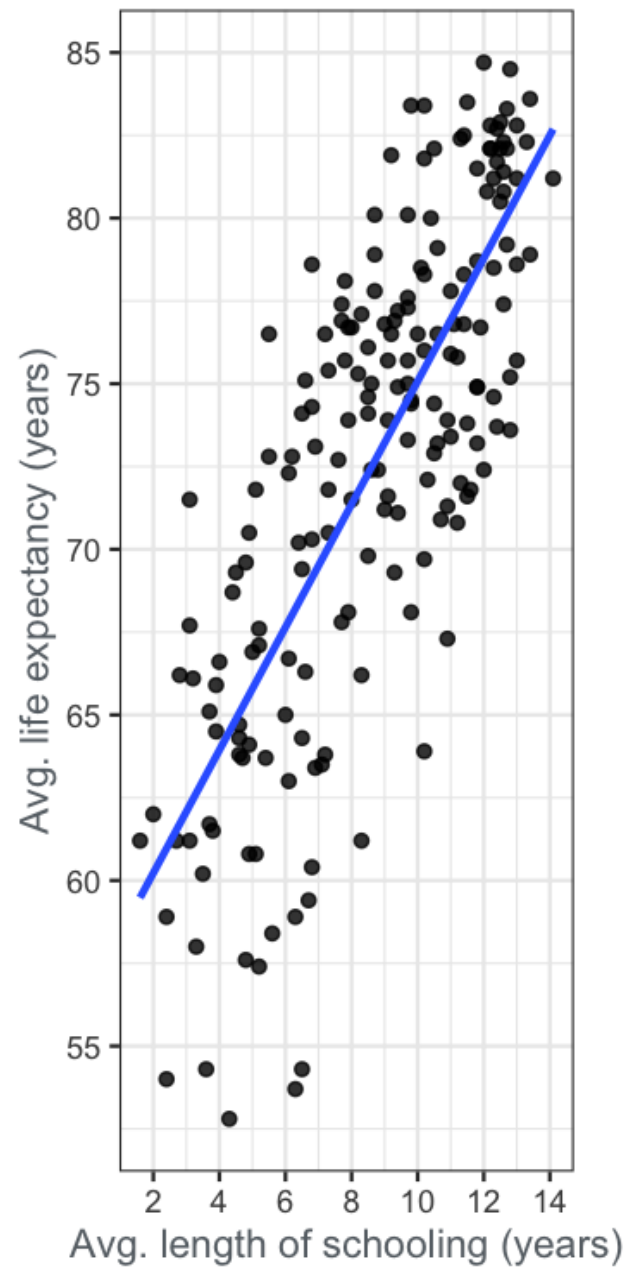
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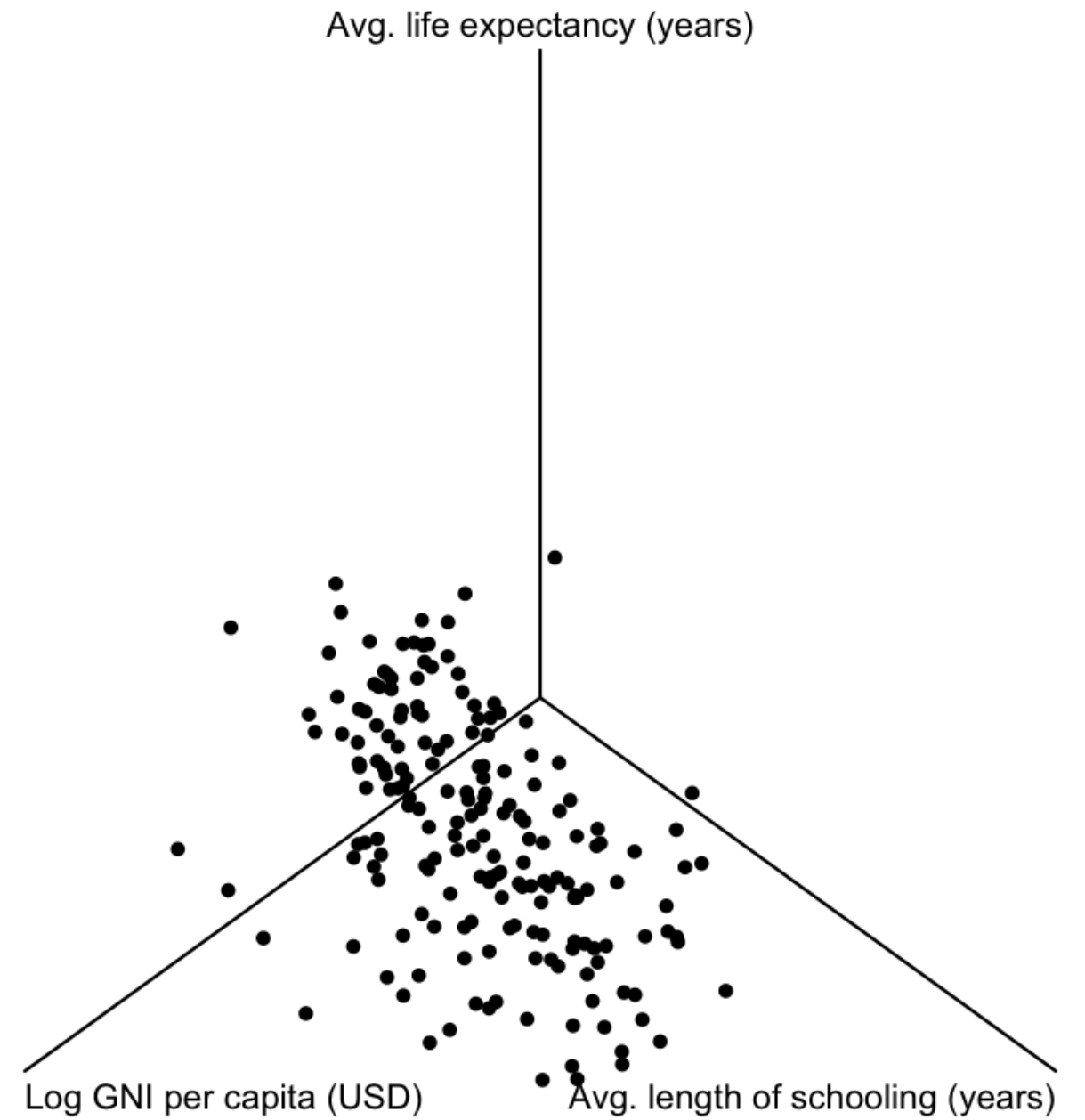
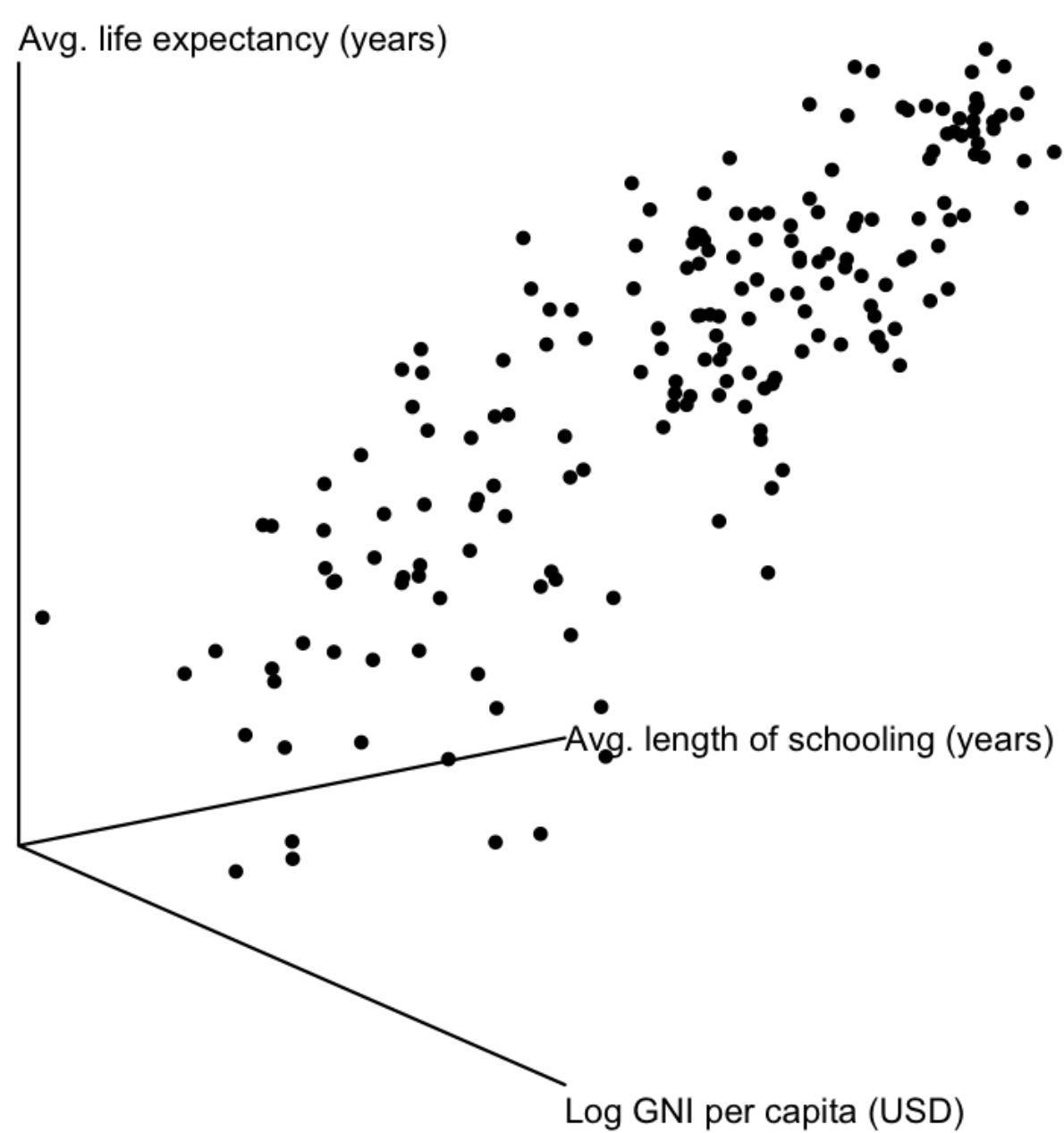
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The UN life expectancy scatter plots



3D scatter plots

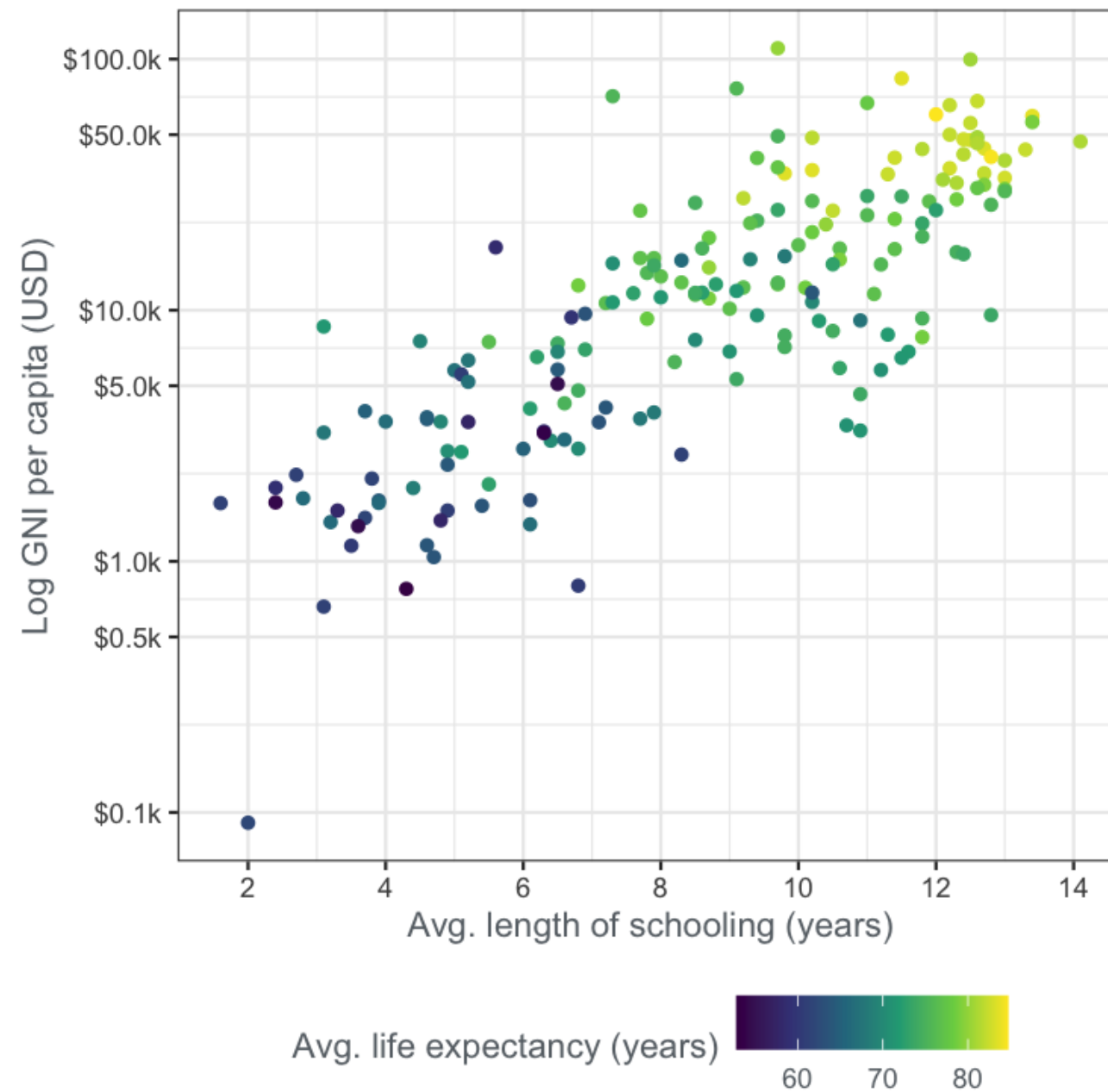


x and y are not the only dimensions

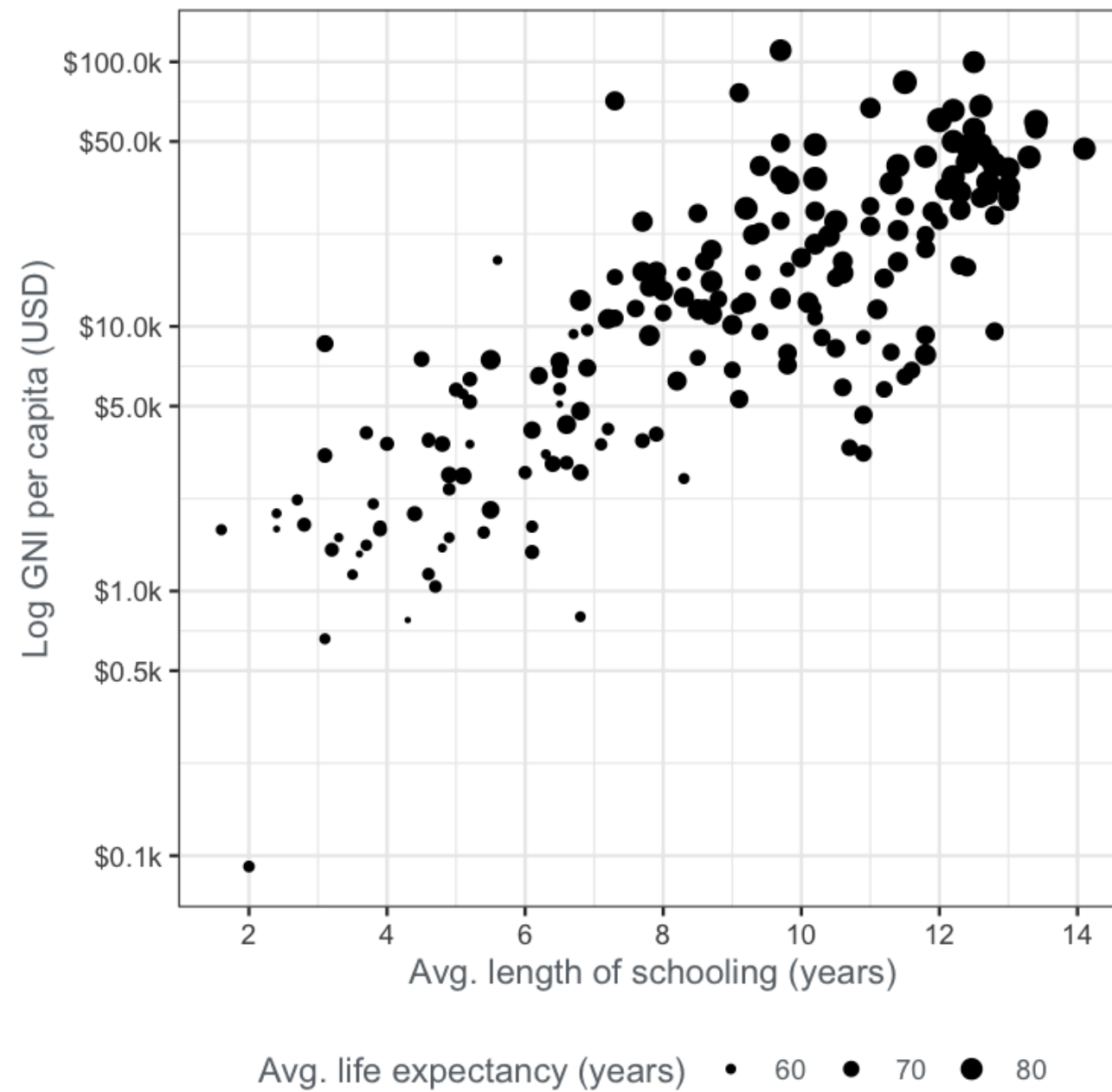
Points also have these dimensions

- color
- size
- transparency
- shape

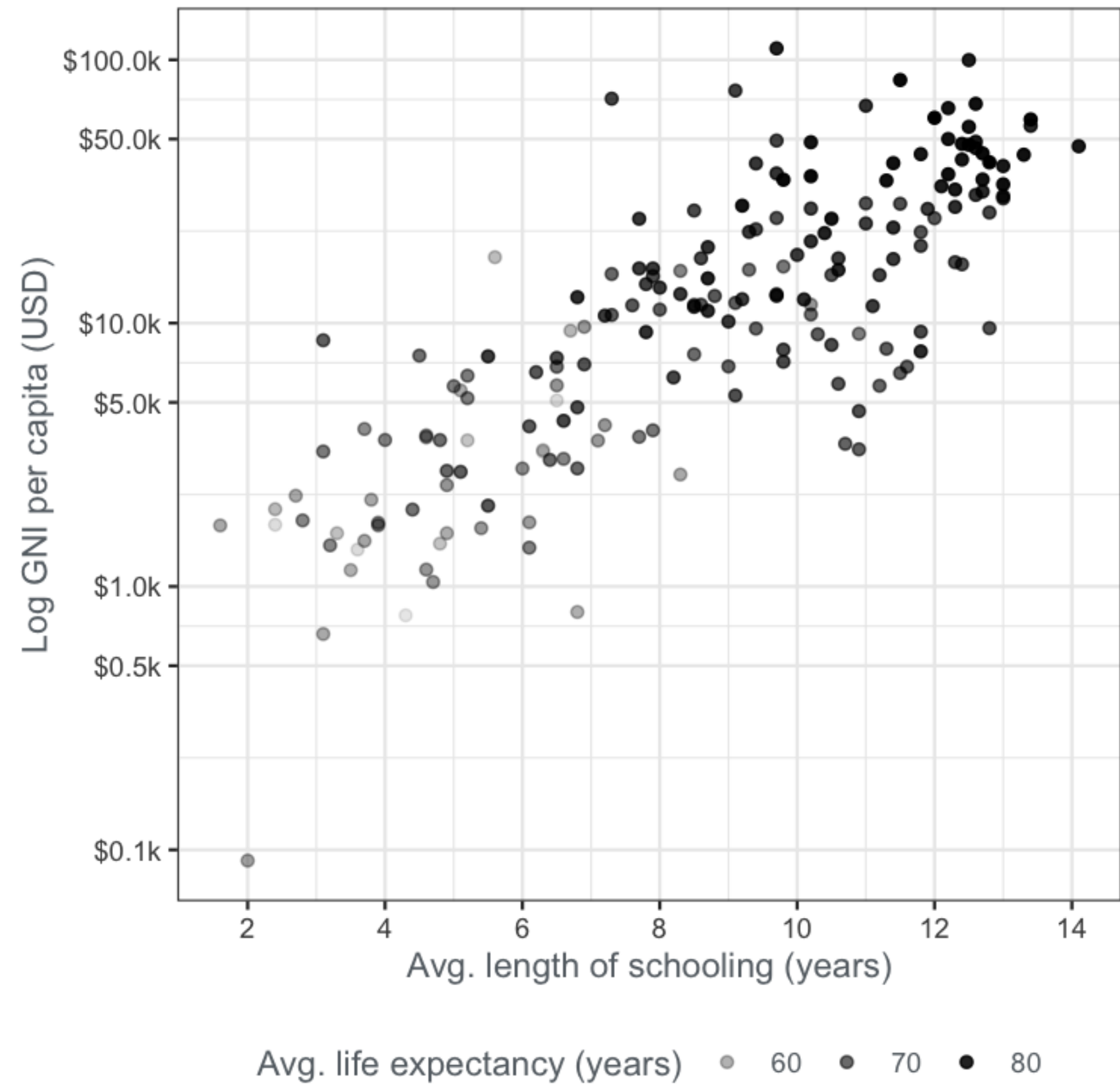
Color



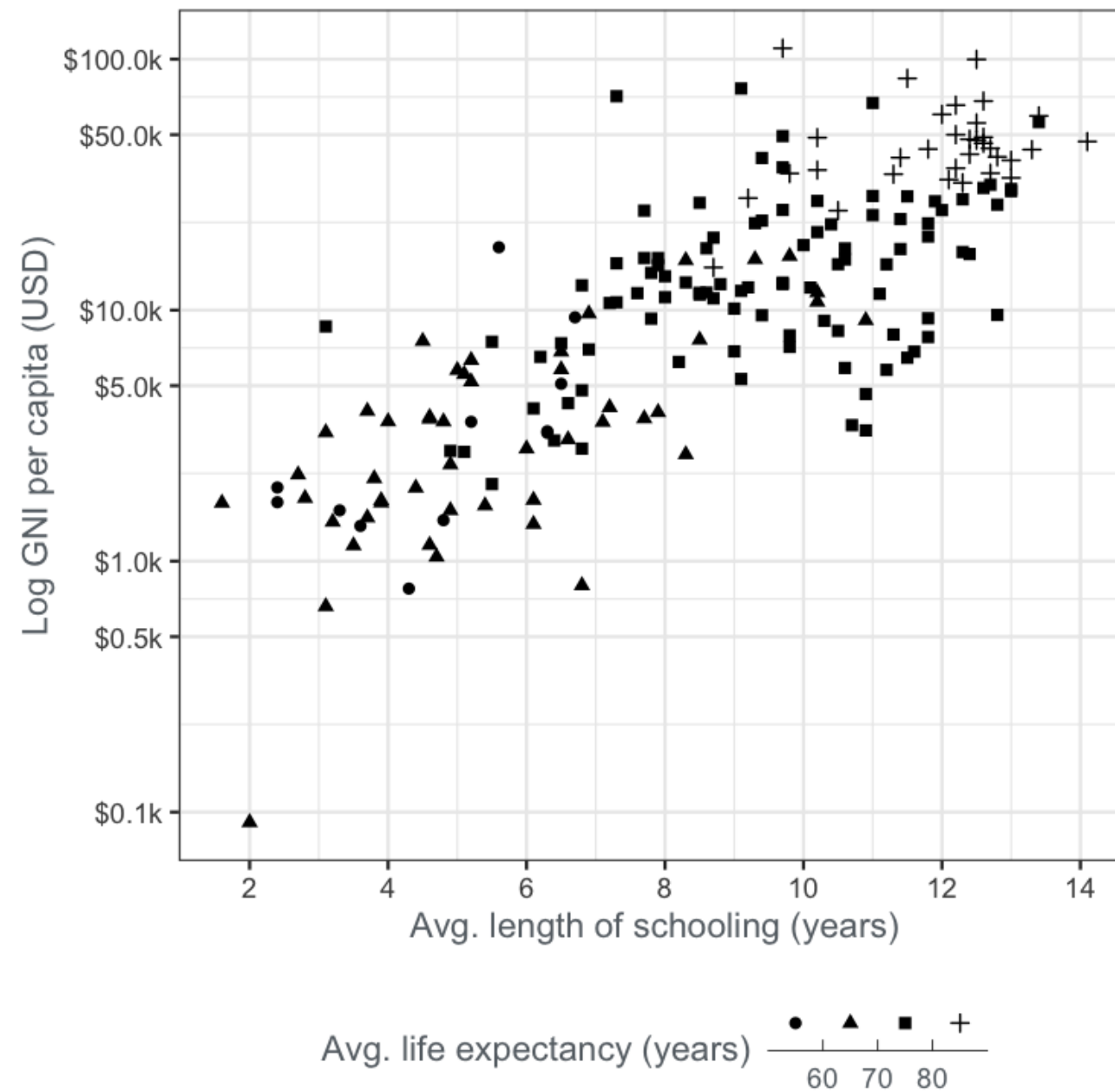
Size



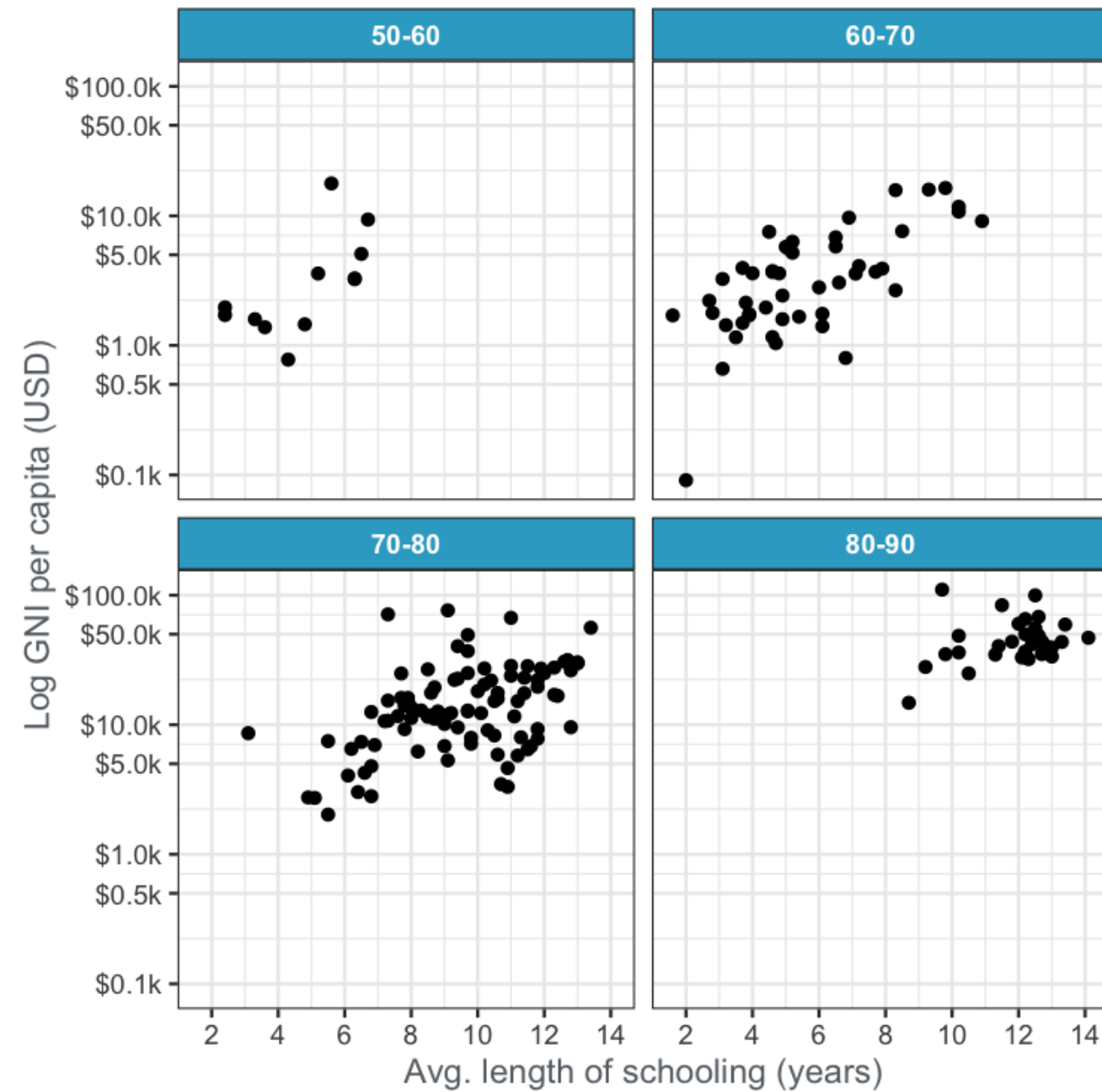
Transparency



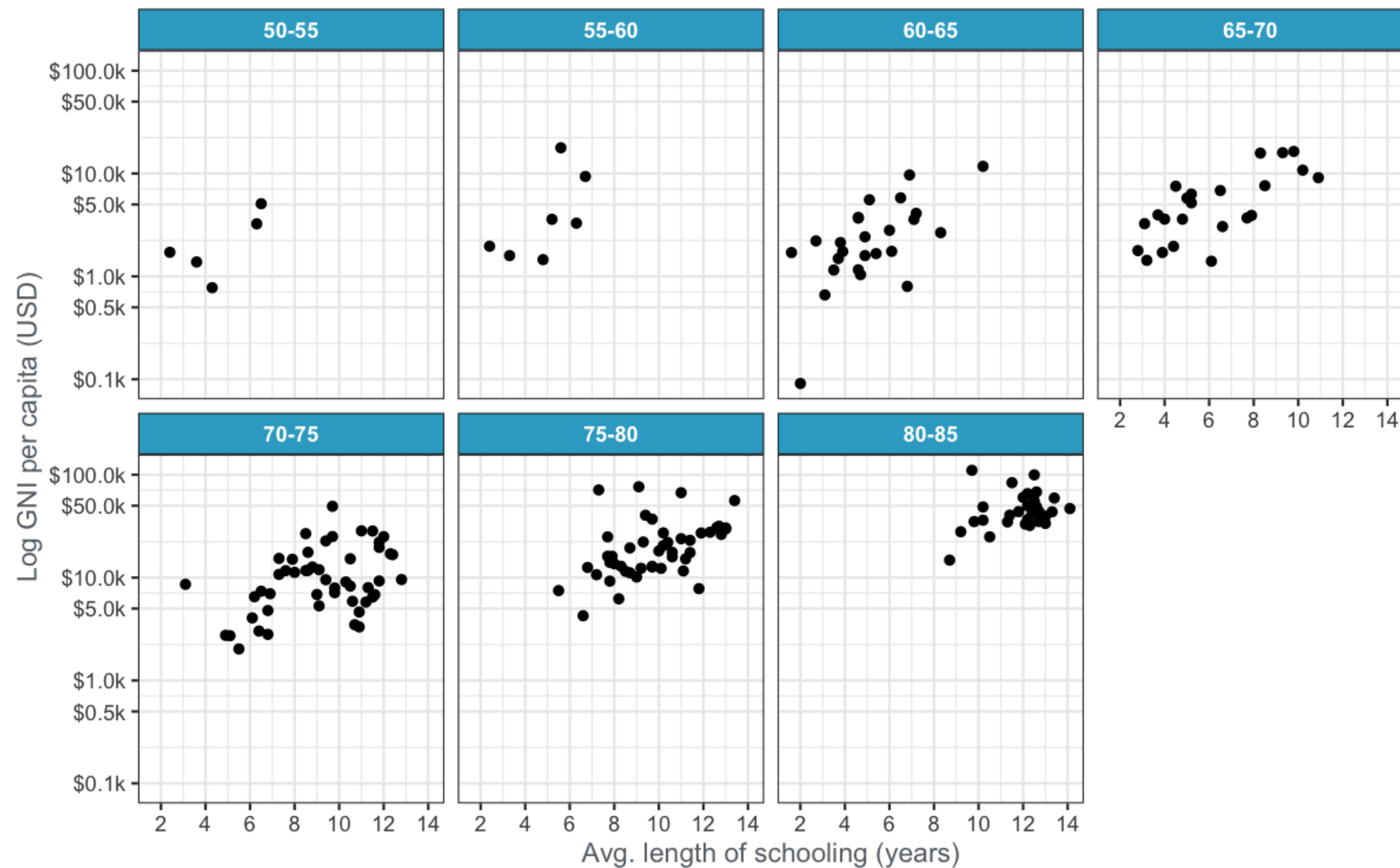
Shape



Lots of panels



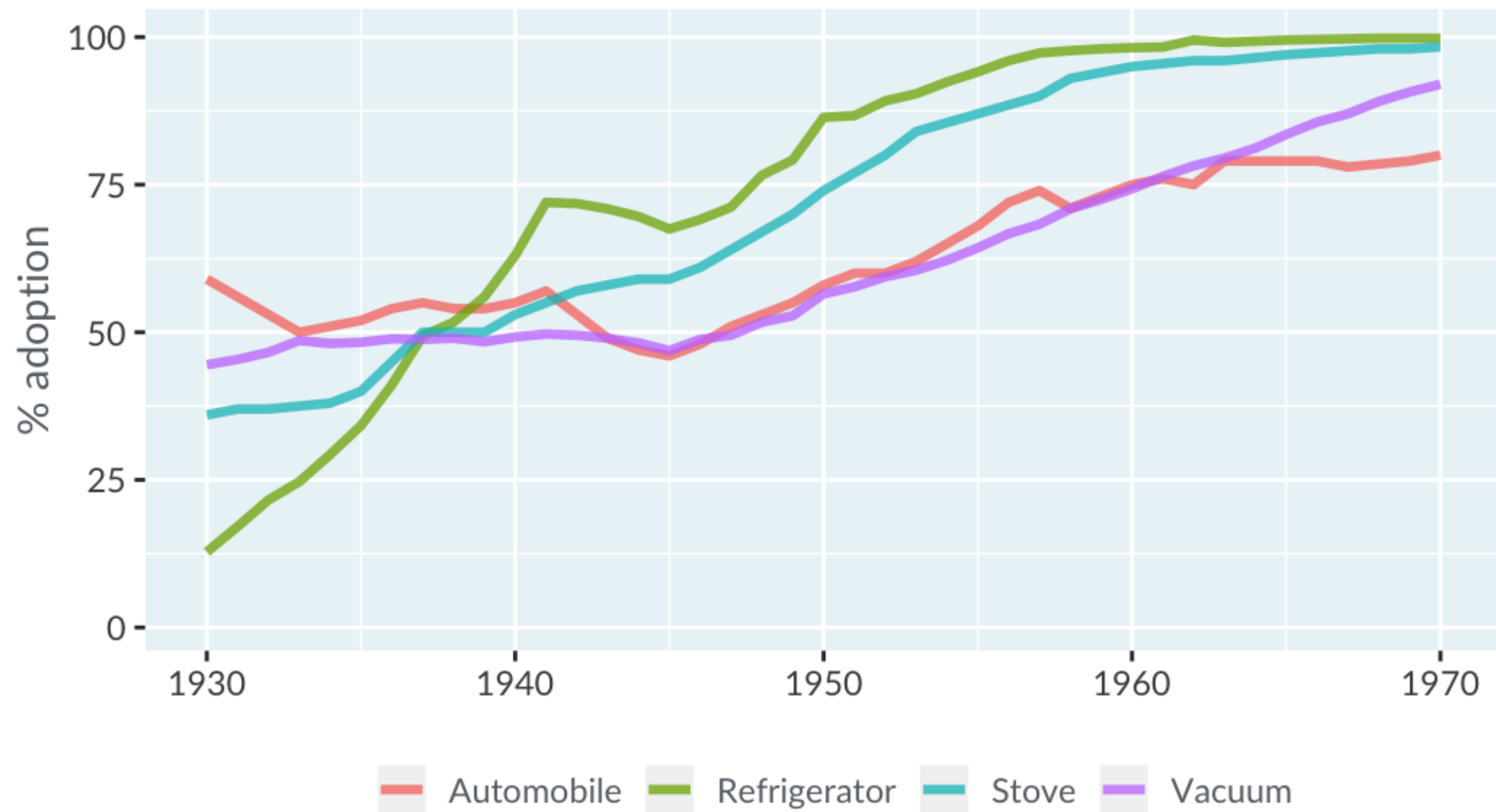
Even more panels



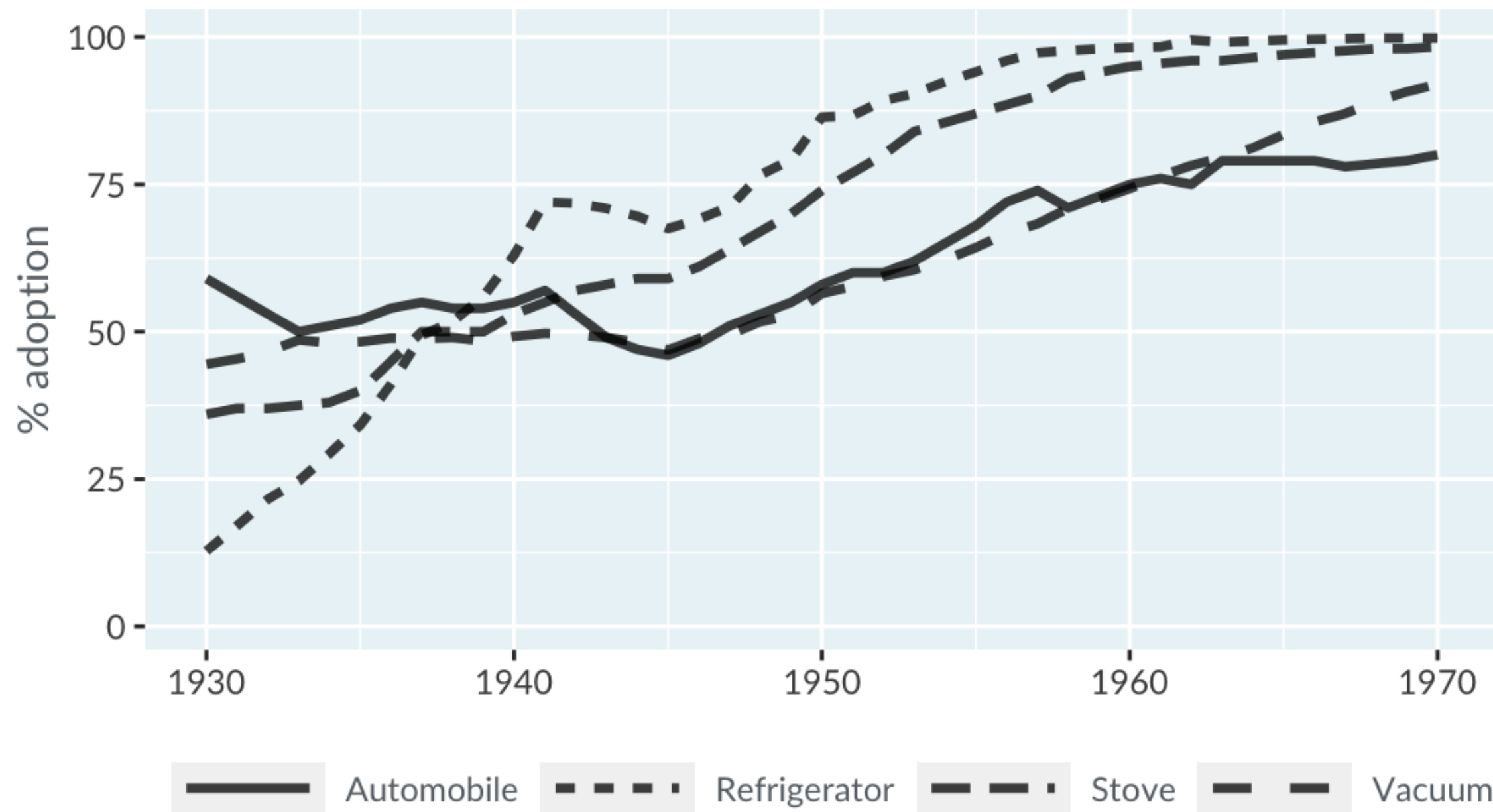
Other dimensions for line plots

- color
- thickness
- transparency
- line type (solid, dashes, dots)

Color



Linetype



Let's practice!

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Using color

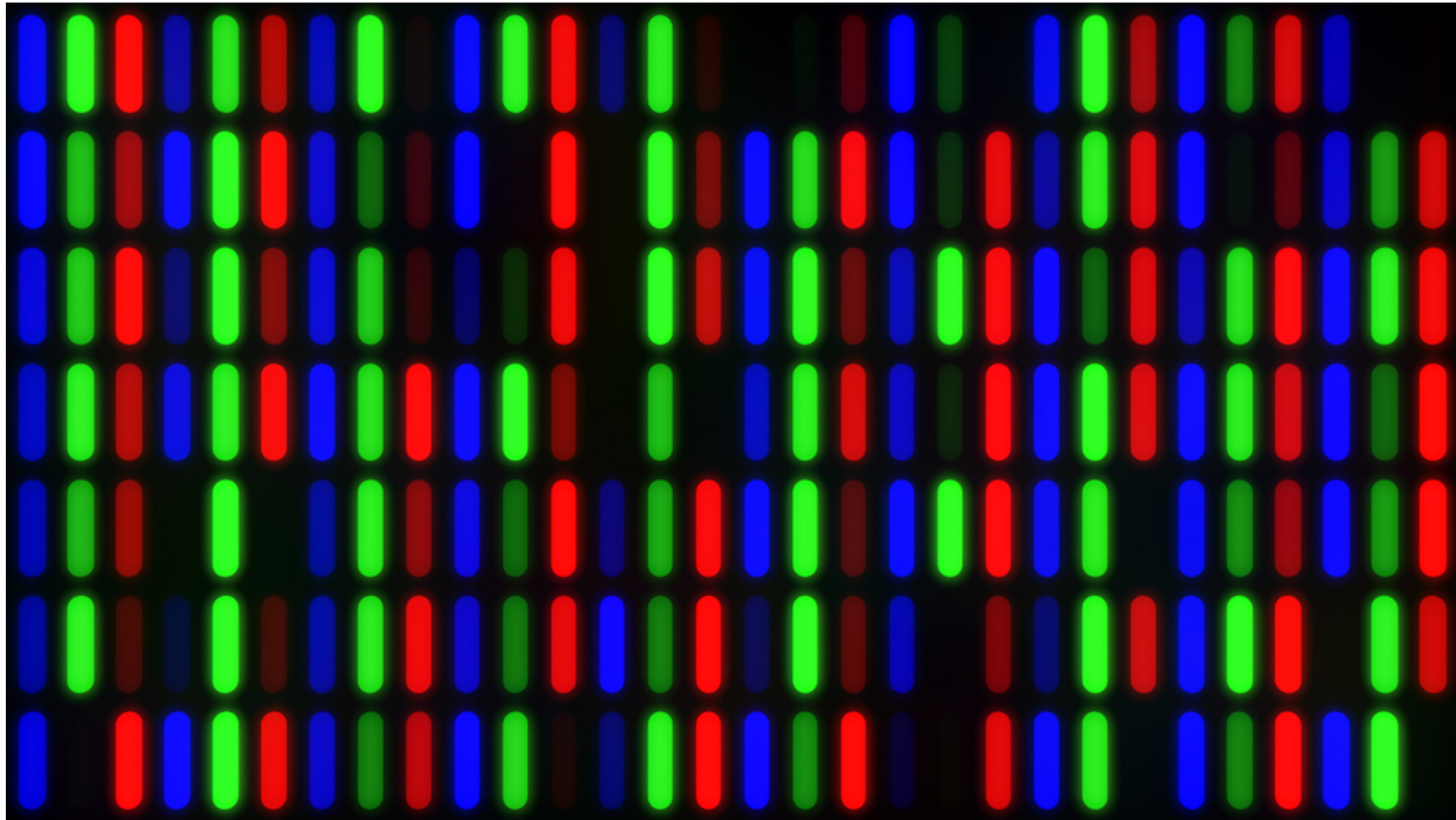
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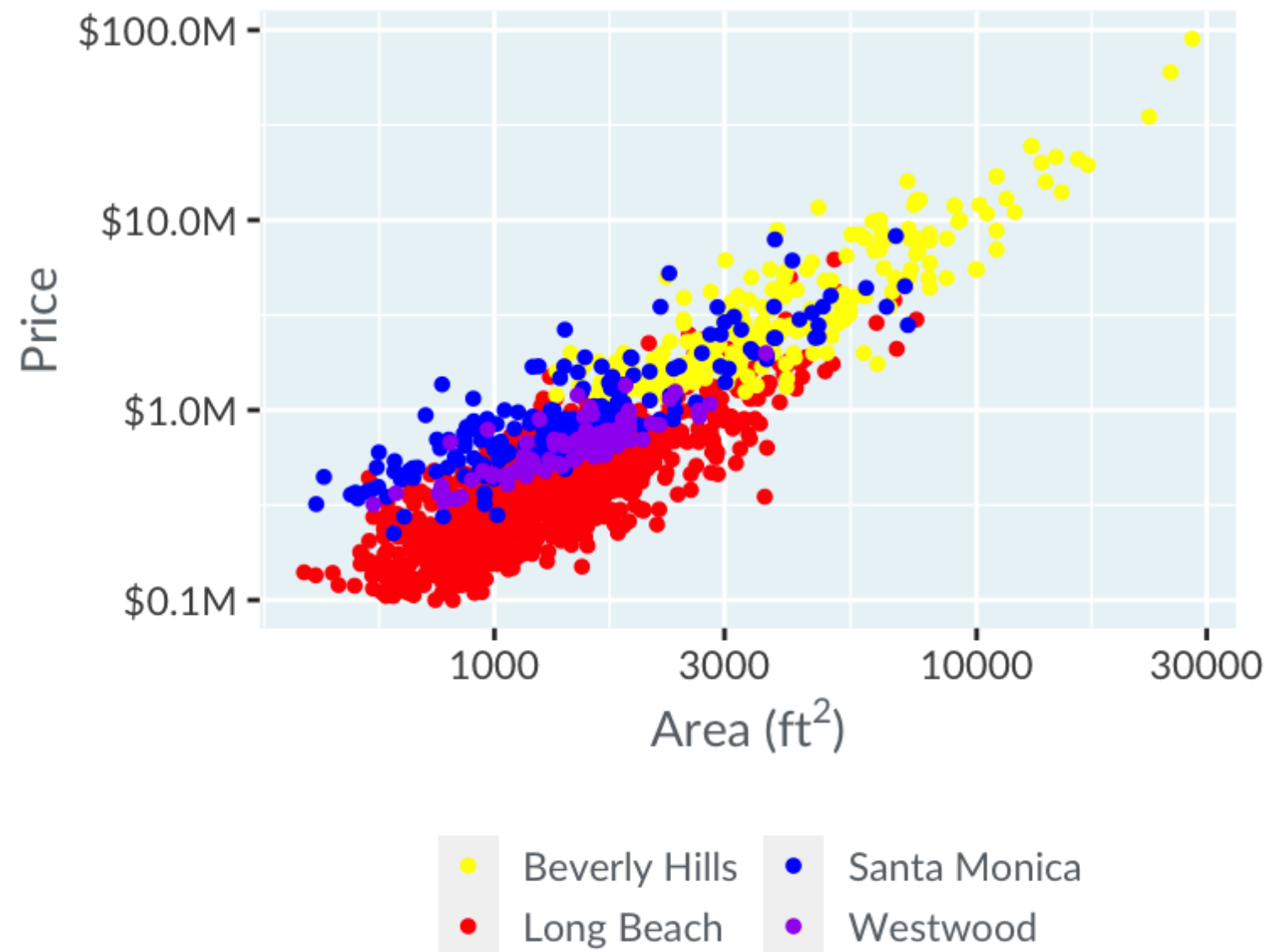
Colorspaces: Red-Green-Blue



Colorspaces: Cyan-Magenta-Yellow-black



Choosing a plotting palette



- Usually, each color should stand out as much as other colors.
- The perceptual distance from one color in the plot to the next should be constant.

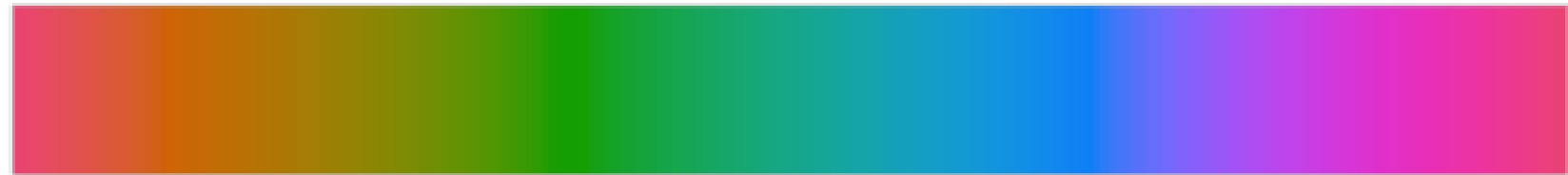
Colorspaces: Hue-Chroma-Luminance

Hue



Colorspaces: Hue-Chroma-Luminance

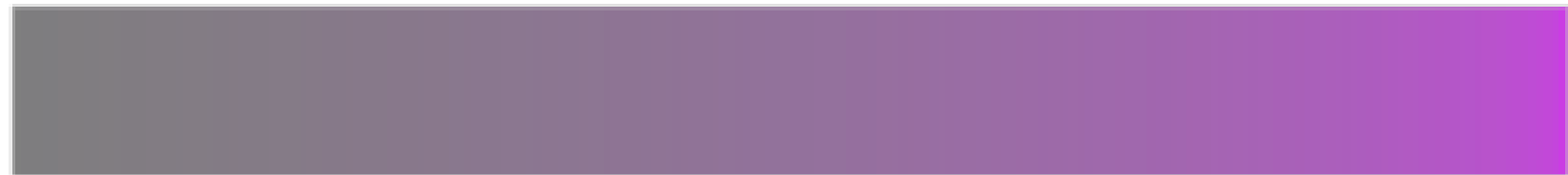
Hue



Chroma (green)



Chroma (magenta)



Colorspaces: Hue-Chroma-Luminance

Hue



Chroma (green)



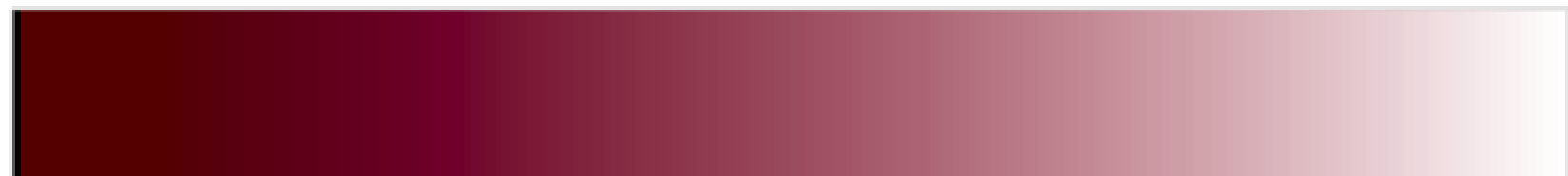
Chroma (magenta)



Luminance (cyan)



Luminance (red)

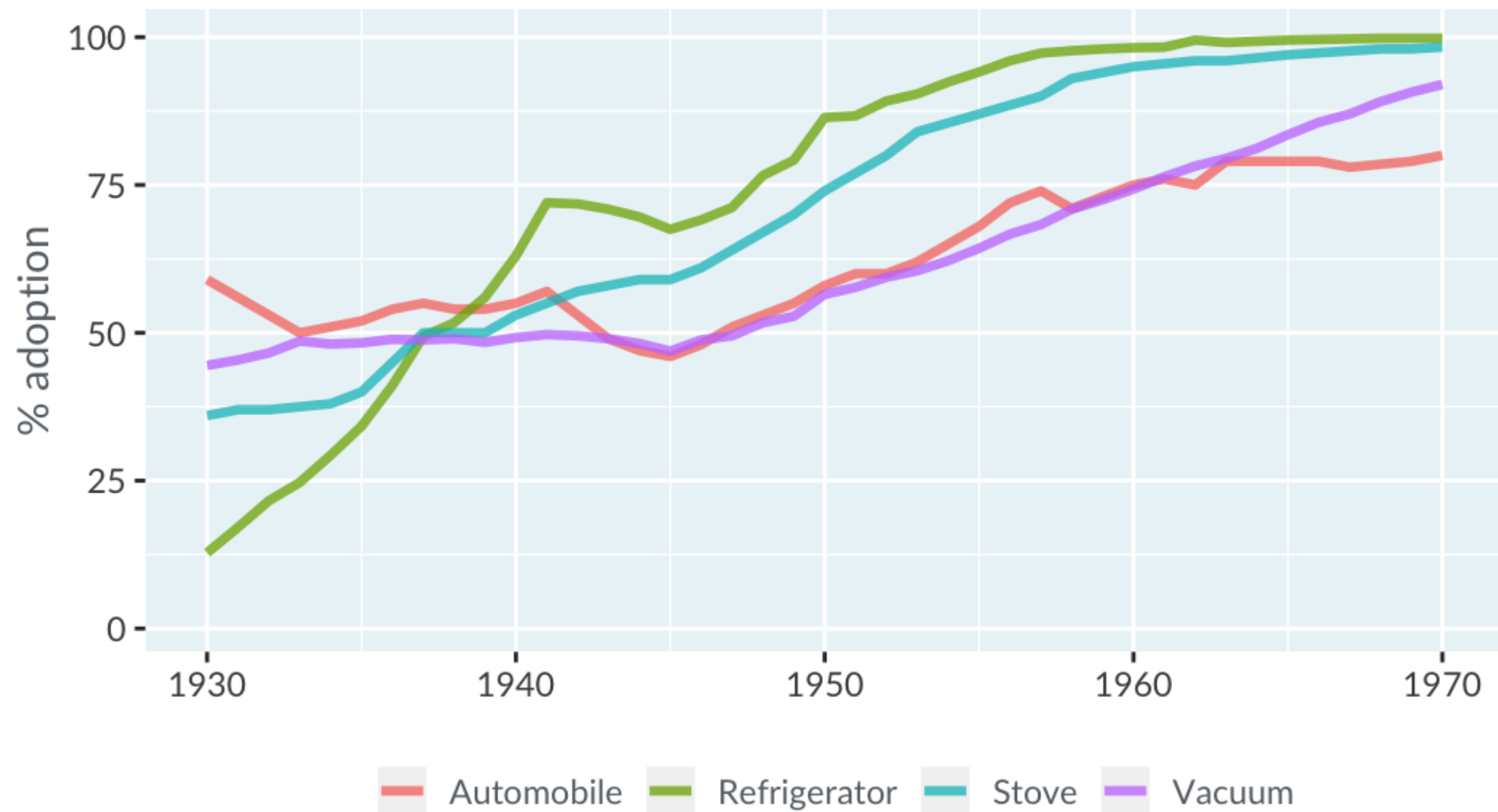


Three types of color scale: qualitative

Type	Purpose	What to vary
qualitative	Distinguish unordered categories	hue

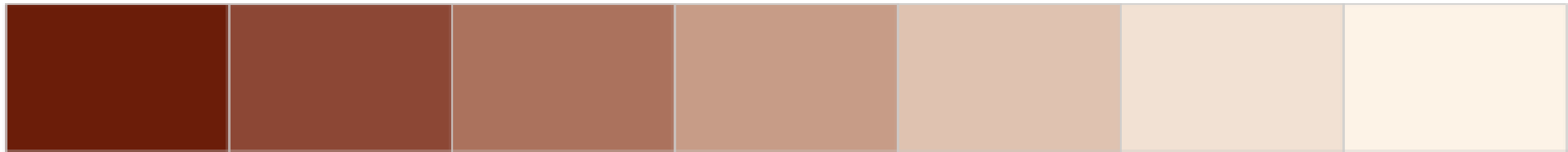


Qualitative palette example

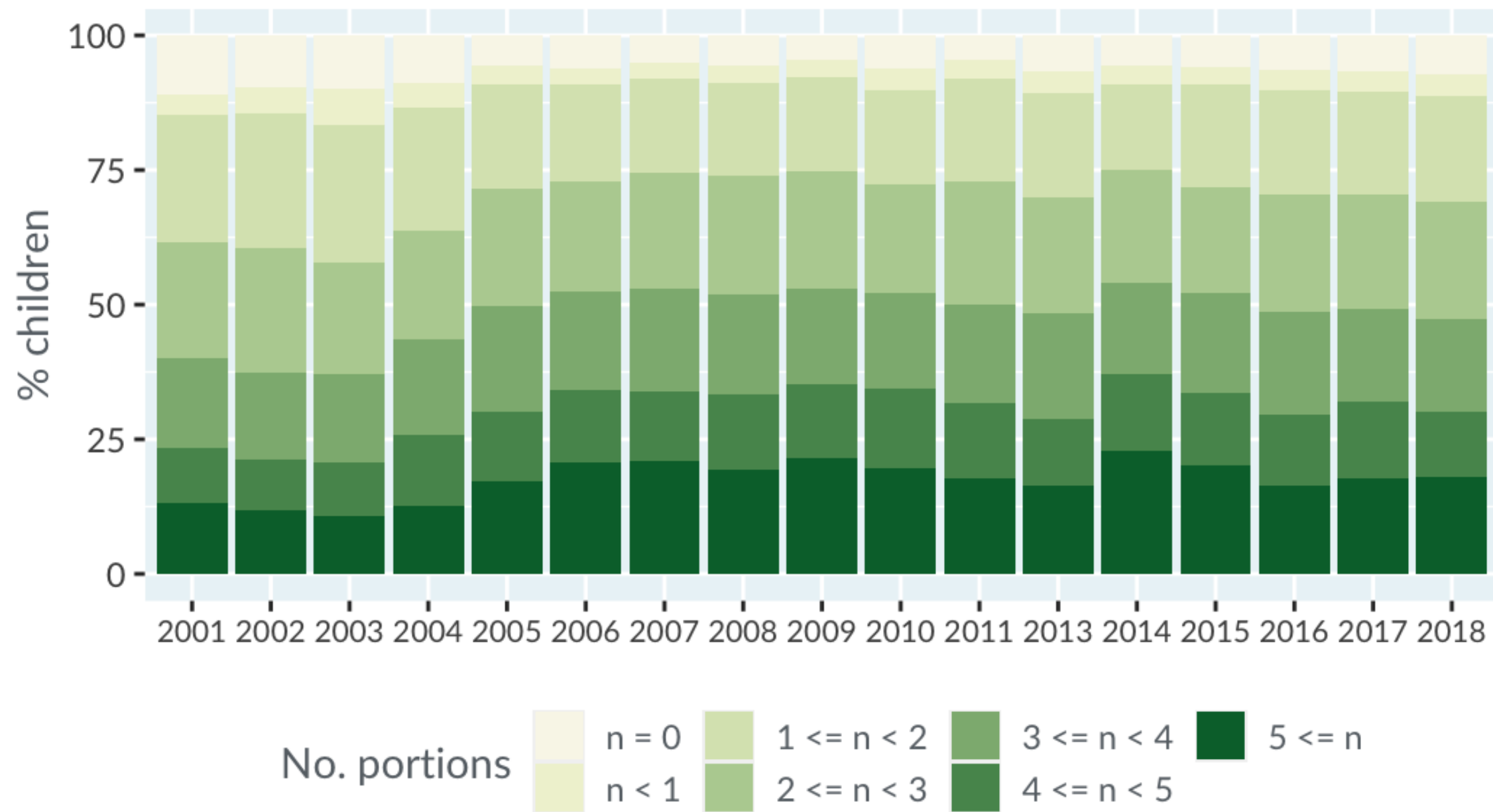


Three types of color scale: sequential

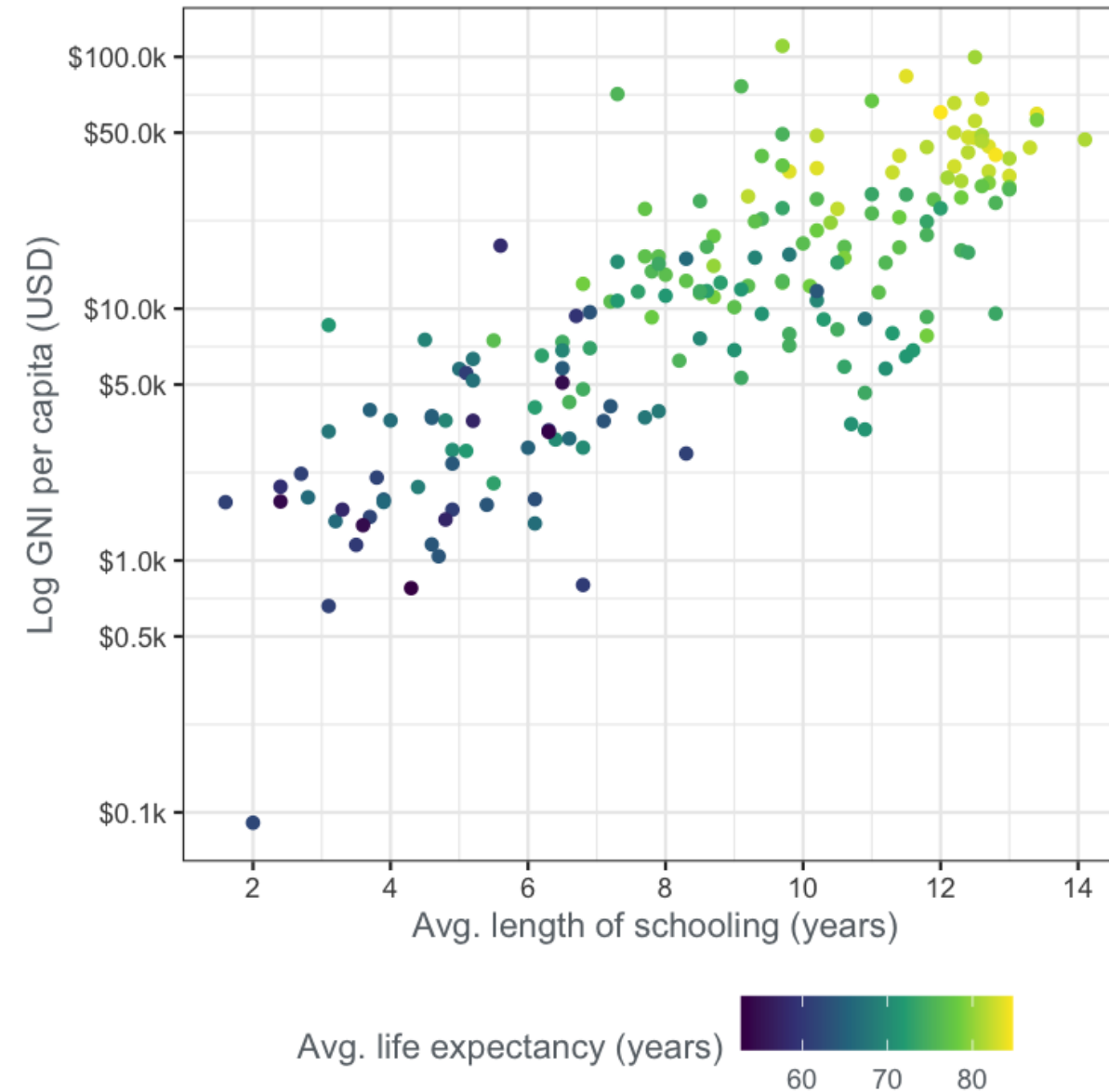
Type	Purpose	What to vary
sequential	Show ordering	chroma or luminance



Sequential palette example



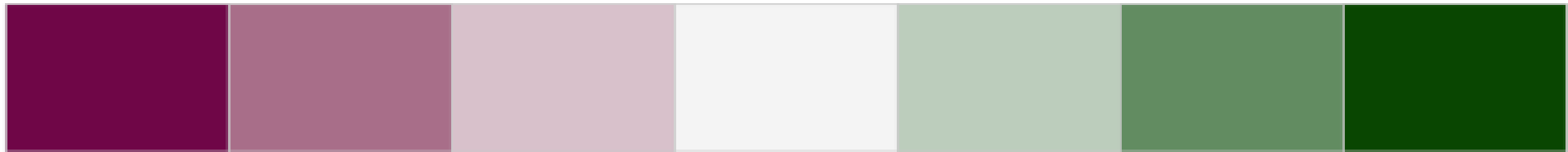
Another sequential palette example



¹ Viridis color scale: <https://bids.github.io/colormap>

Three types of color scale: diverging

Type	Purpose	What to vary
diverging	Show above or below a midpoint	chroma or luminance, with 2 hues

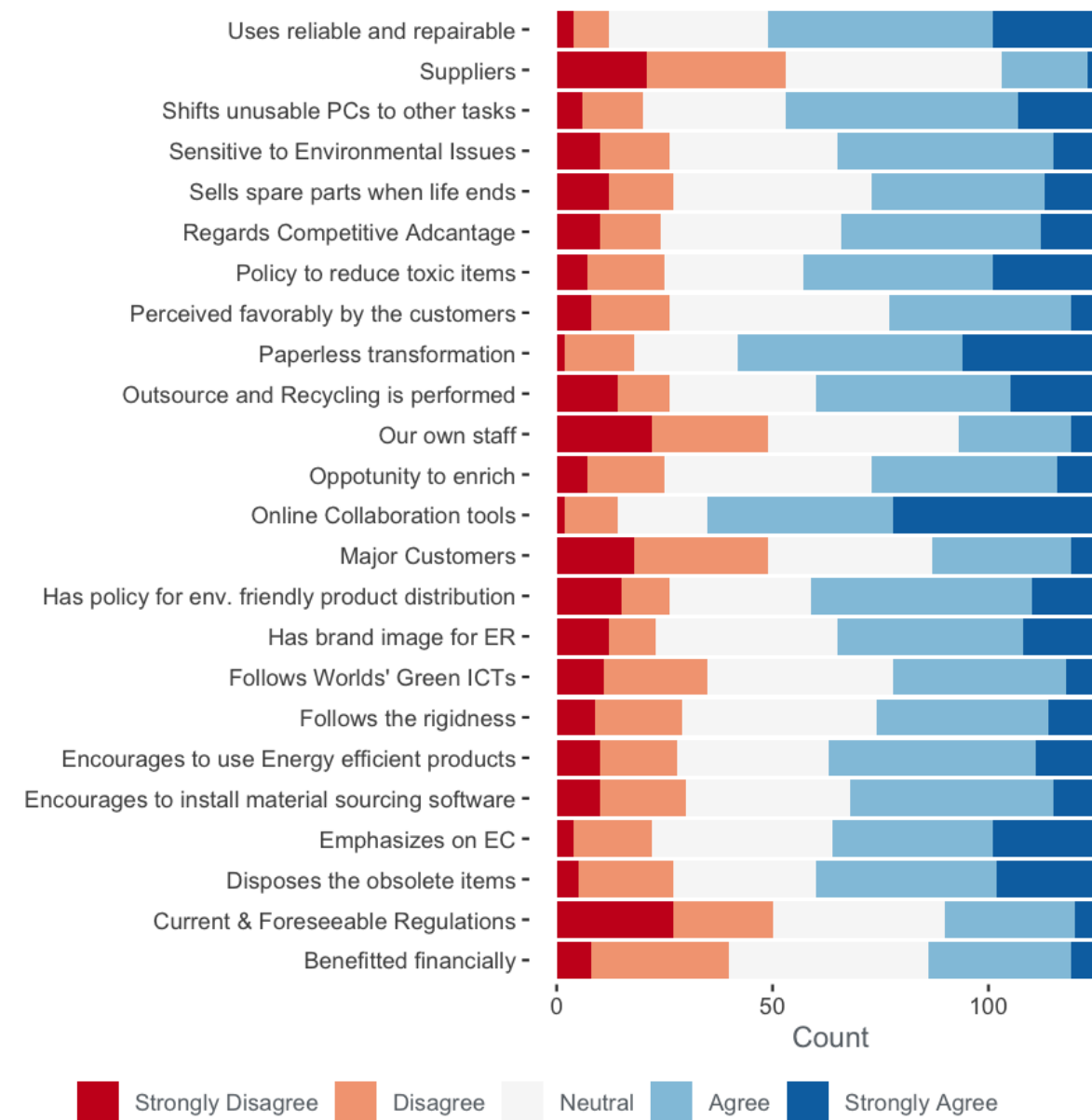


Green Tech in Malaysia survey dataset

question	response	n
Uses reliable and repairable	Strongly Disagree	4
Uses reliable and repairable	Disagree	8
Uses reliable and repairable	Neutral	37
Uses reliable and repairable	Agree	52
Uses reliable and repairable	Strongly Agree	26
...

¹ Islam et al. (2019) <http://dx.doi.org/10.17632/wggvryfhsk.1>

Diverging palette example



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Plotting many variables at once

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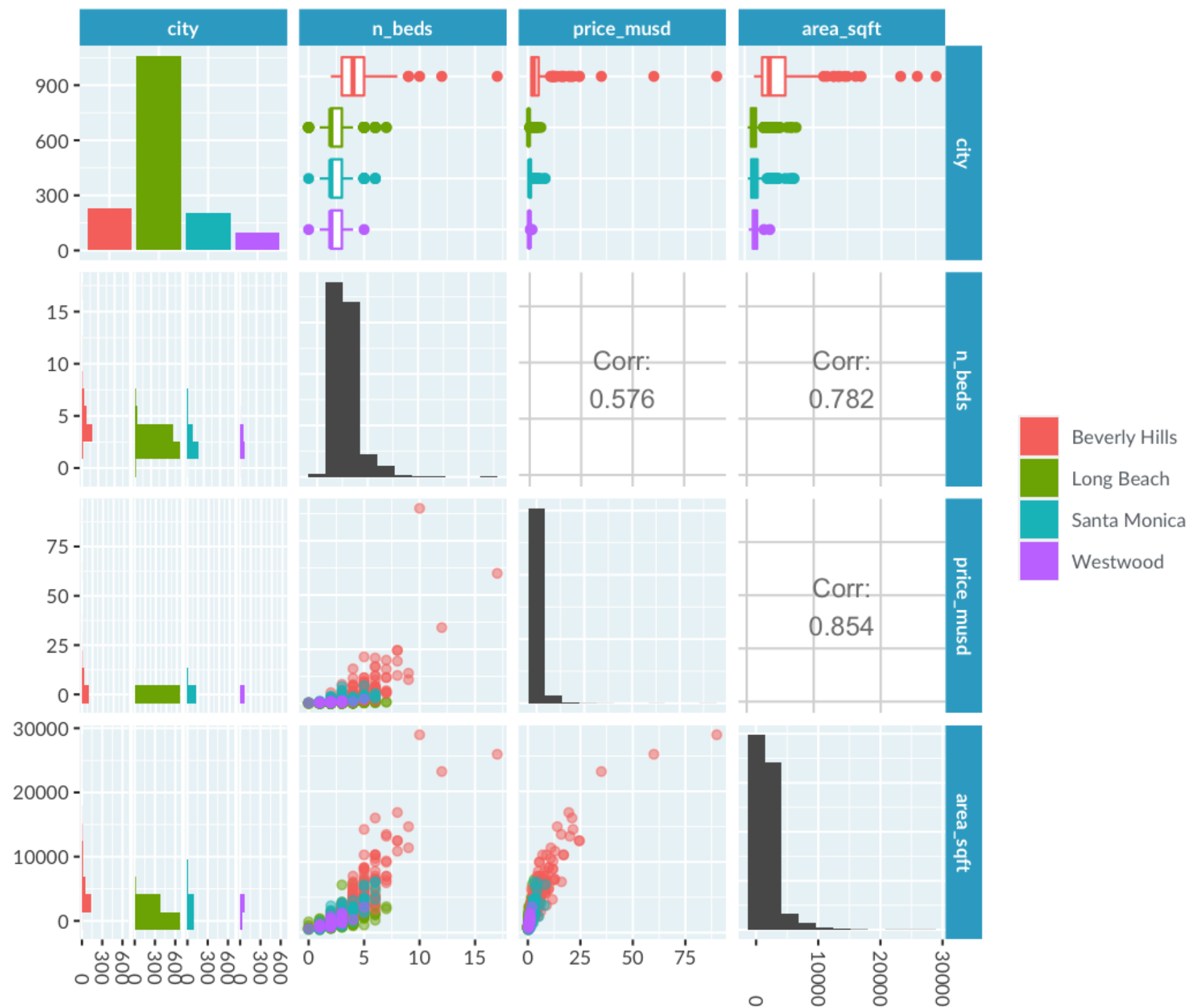


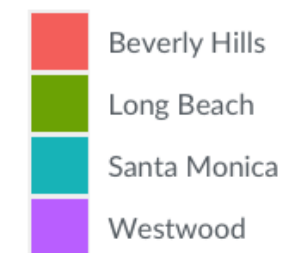
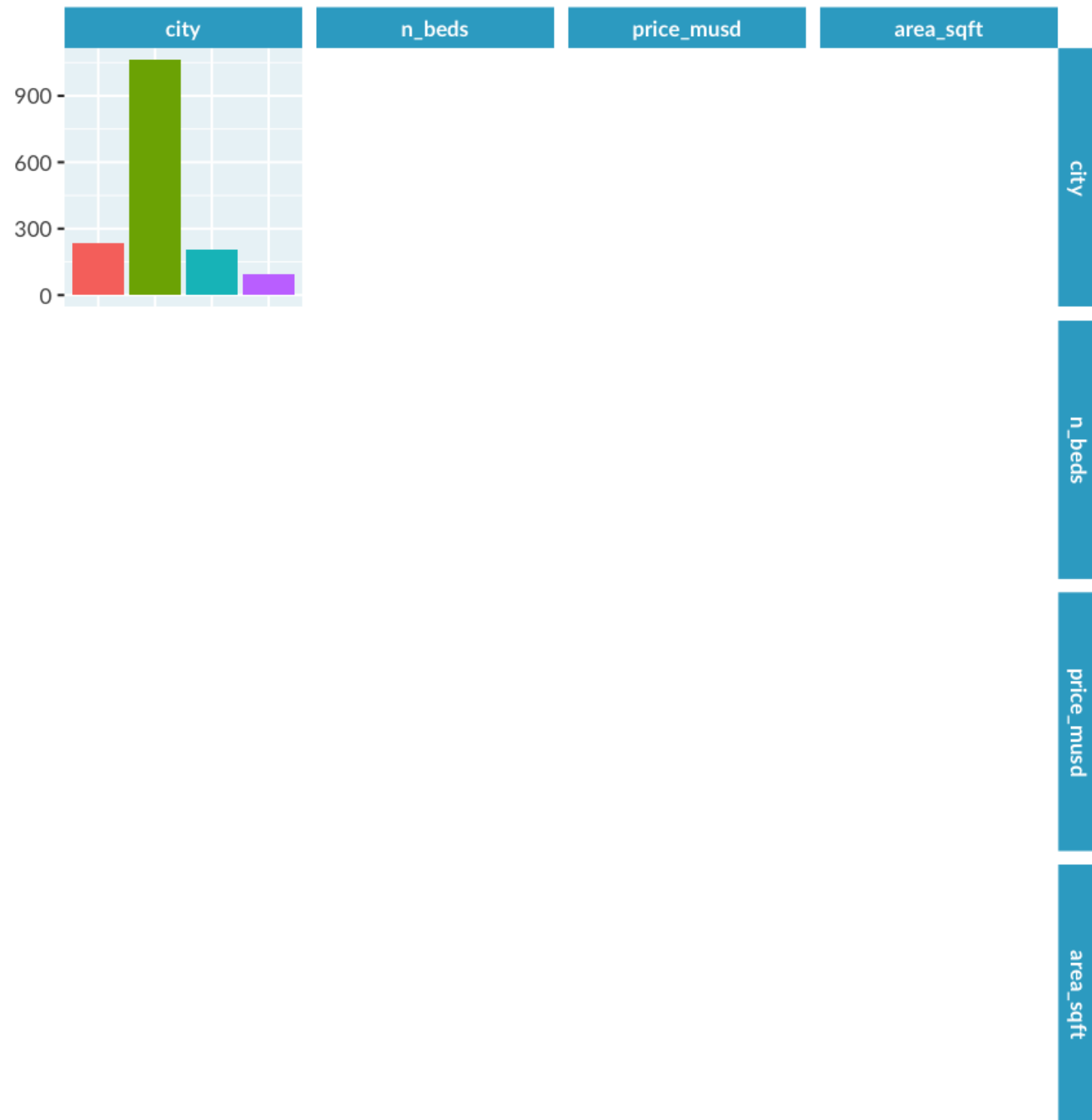
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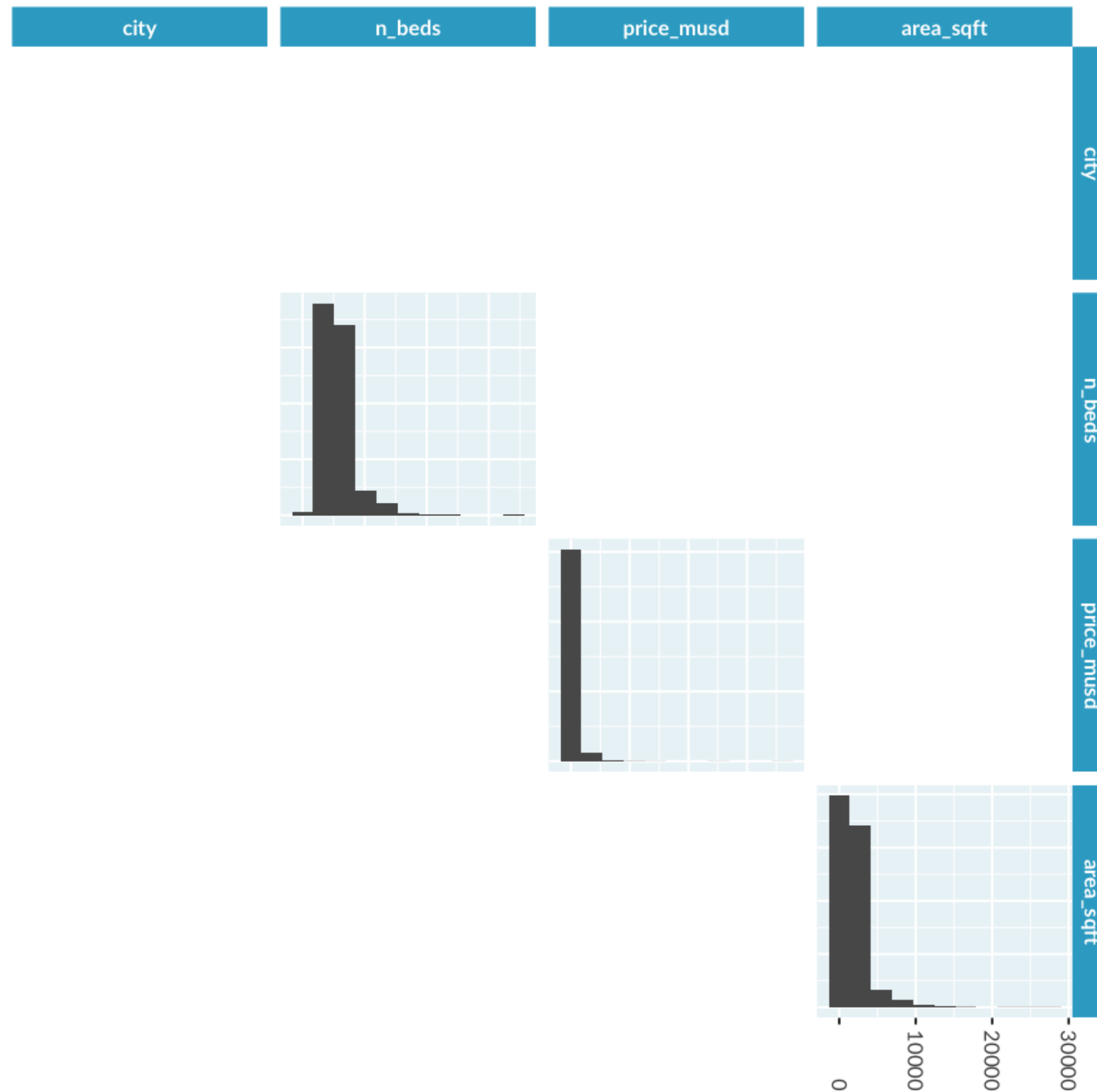
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When should you use a pair plot?

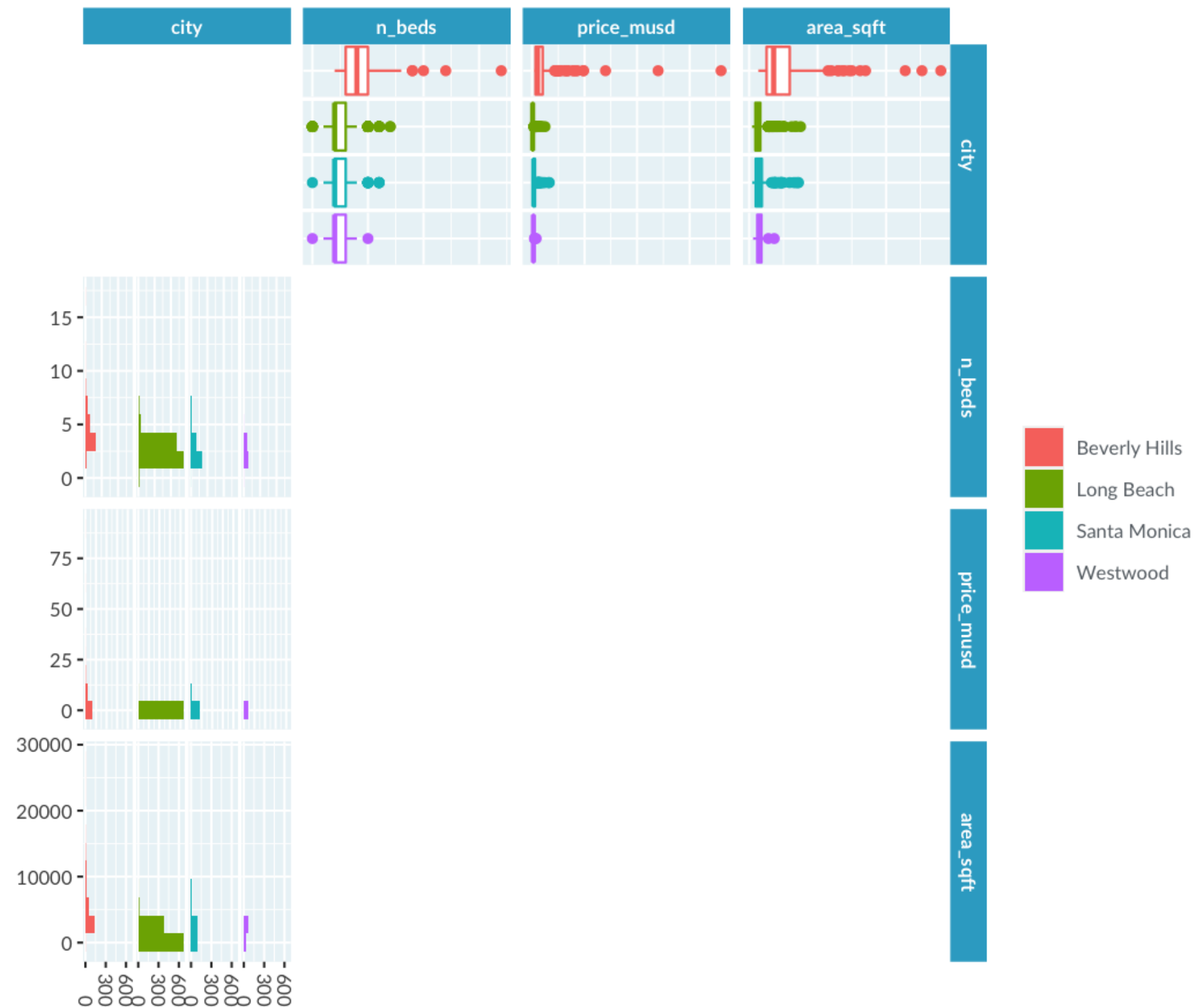
- You have up to ten variables (either continuous, categorical, or a mix).
- You want to see the distribution for each variable.
- You want to see the relationship between each pair of variables.

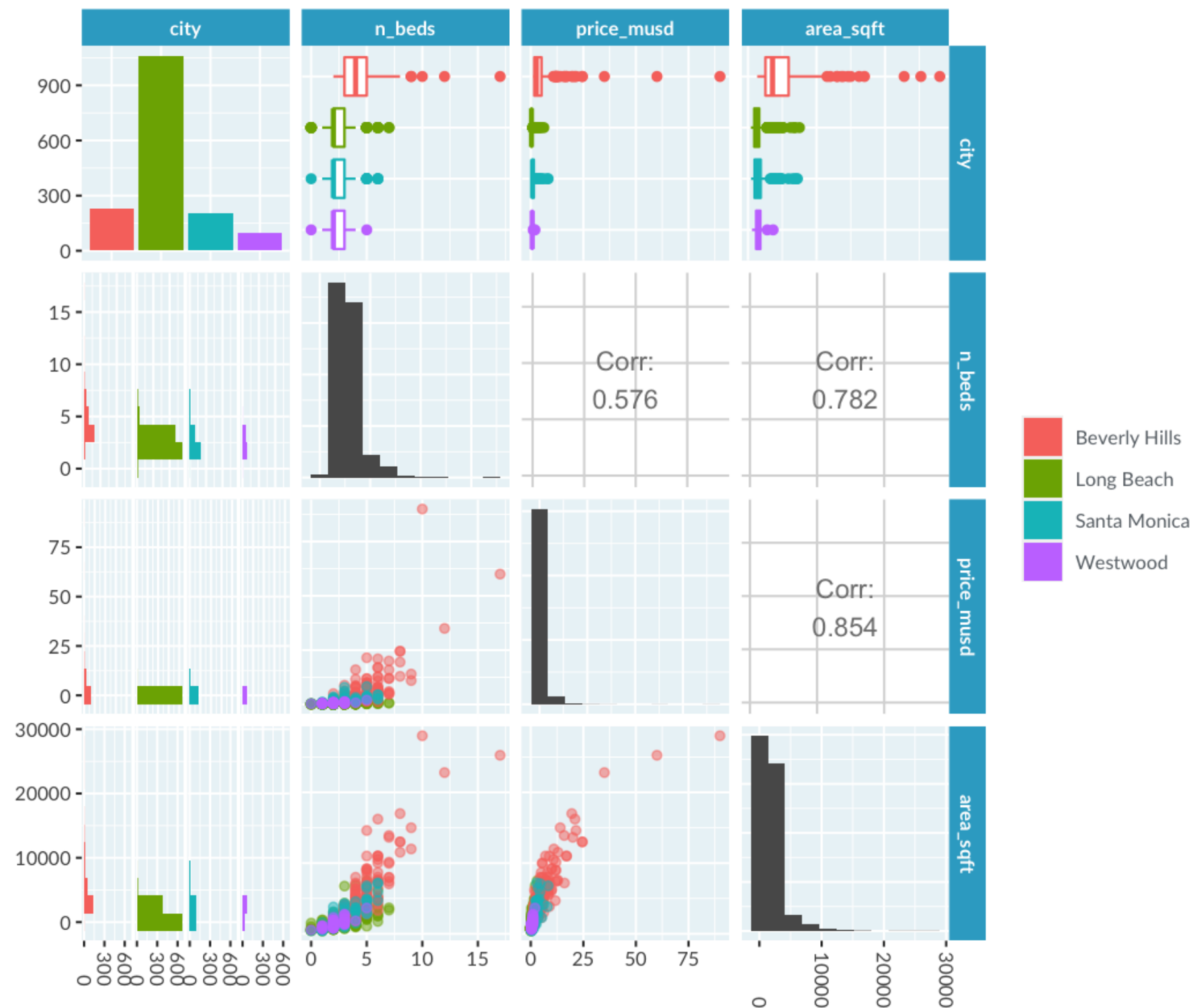


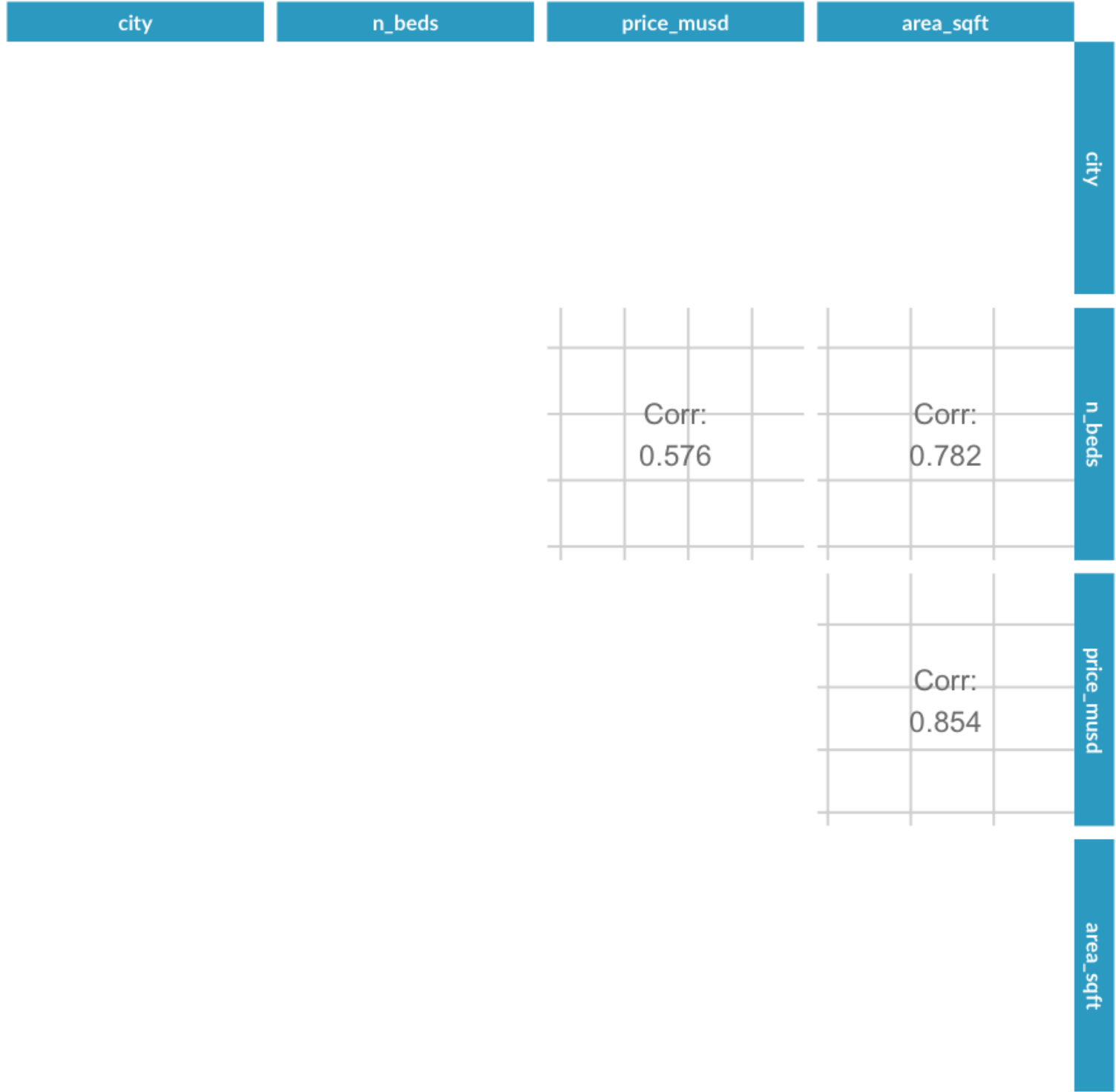






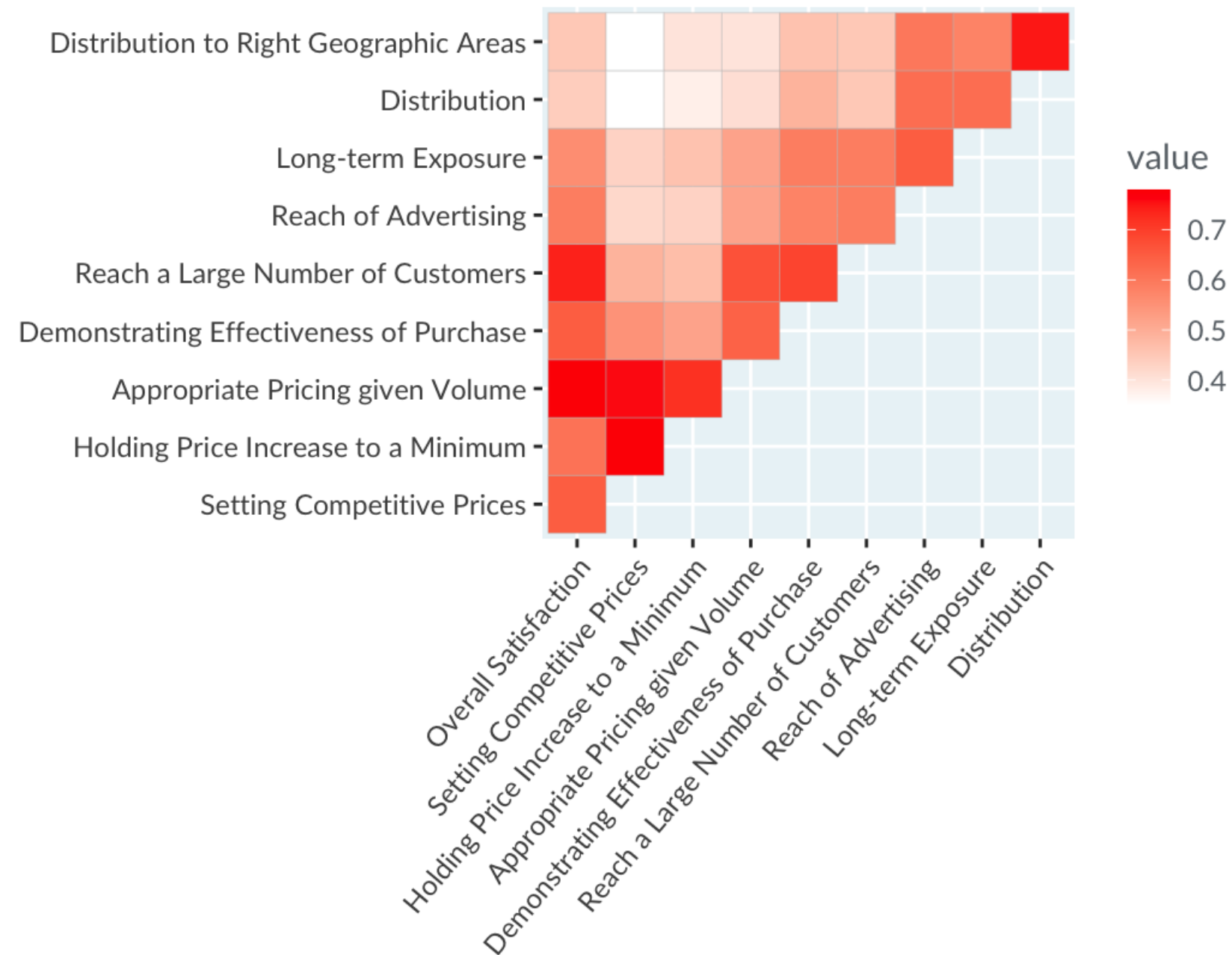






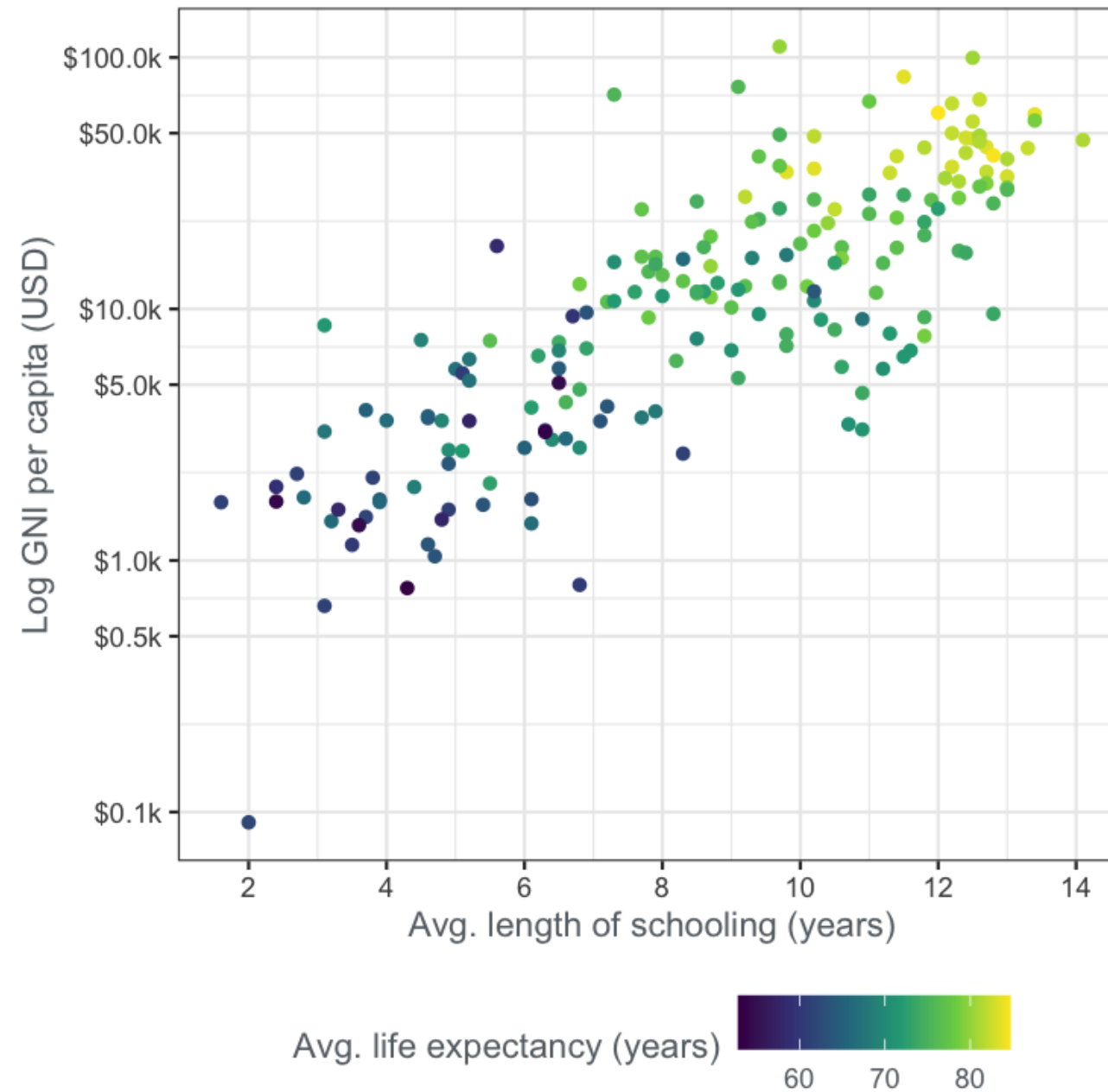
When should you use a correlation heatmap?

- You have lots of continuous variables.
- You want to a simple overview of how each pair of variables is related.



¹ Rossi, Allenby, and McCulloch (2005). Bayesian Statistics & Marketing

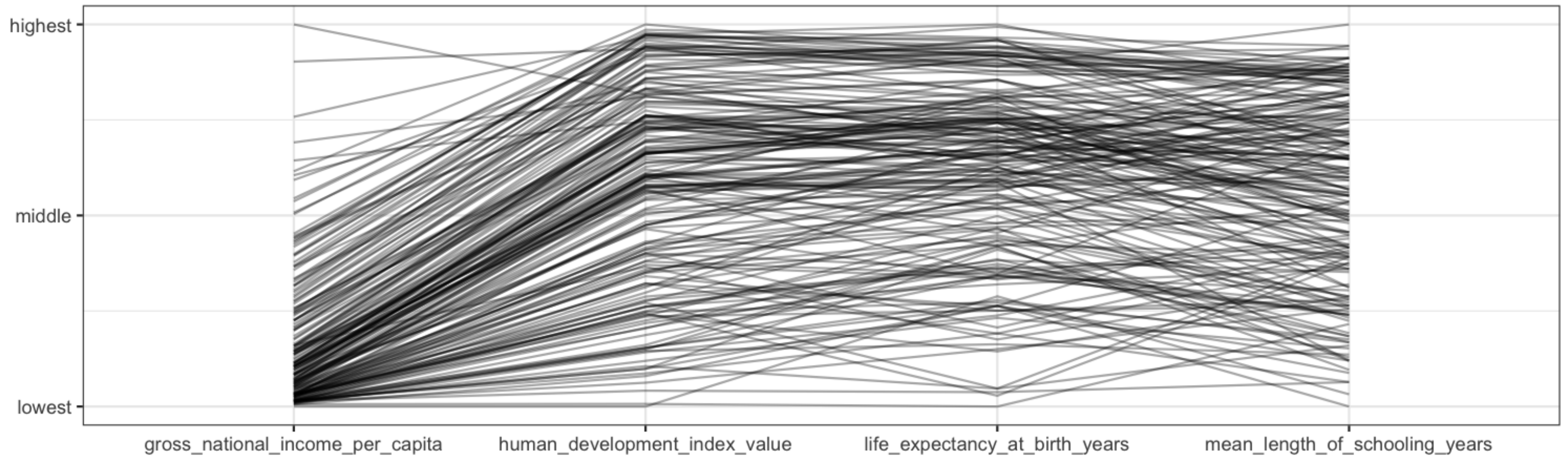
The United Nations dataset again

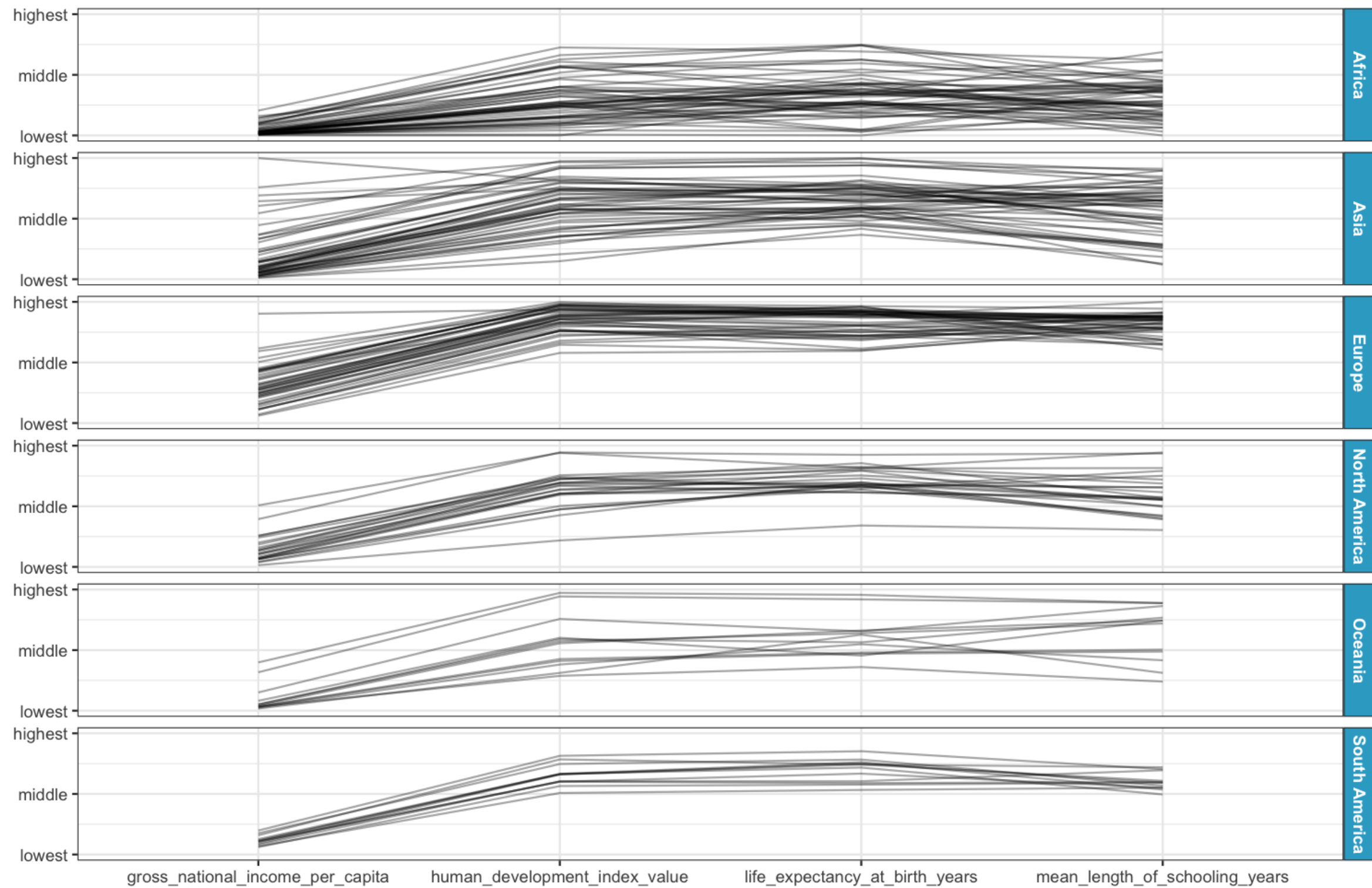


When should you use a parallel coordinates plot?

- You have lots of continuous variables.
- You want to find patterns across these variables, or
- You want to visualize clusters of observations.

A parallel coordinates plot





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