

Class05: Data Visualization with ggplot

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Today we are playing with plotting and graphics in R.

There are lots of ways to make cool figures in R. There is “base” R graphics (`plot()`, `hist()`, `boxplot()`, etc.)

There is also add-on packages, like **ggplot**.

```
# View the top 6 rows of 'cars' dataset  
head(cars)
```

	speed	dist
1	4	2
2	4	10
3	7	4
4	7	22
5	8	16
6	9	10

Let's plot this with “base” R:

```
# Plot 'cars' with base R  
plot(cars)
```

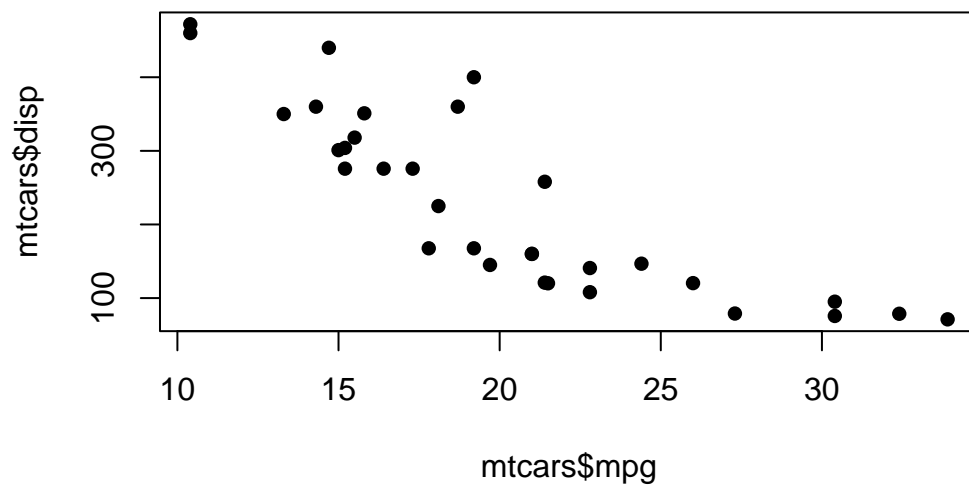


```
# View top 6 rows of 'mtcars' dataset
head(mtcars)
```

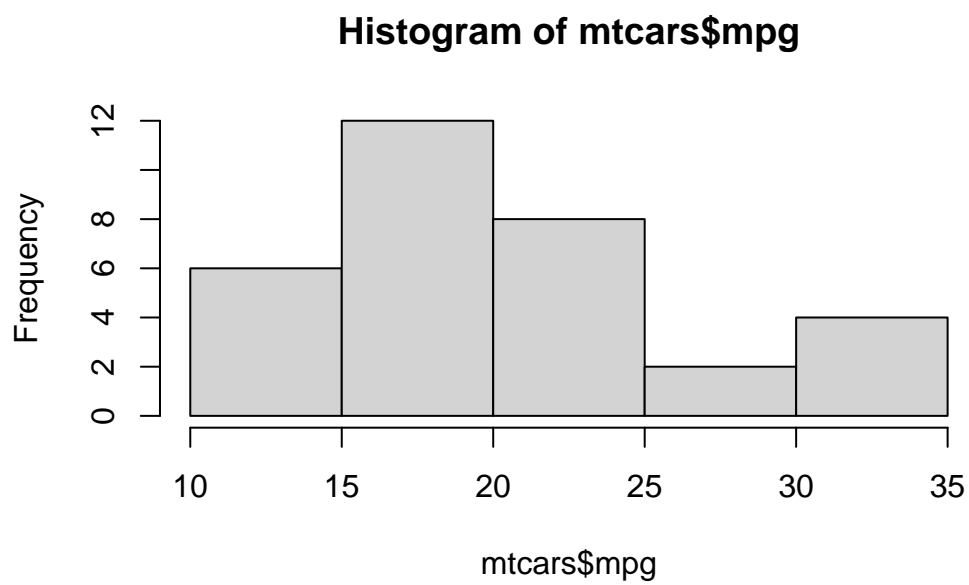
	mpg	cyl	disp	hp	drat	wt	qsec	vs	am	gear	carb
Mazda RX4	21.0	6	160	110	3.90	2.620	16.46	0	1	4	4
Mazda RX4 Wag	21.0	6	160	110	3.90	2.875	17.02	0	1	4	4
Datsun 710	22.8	4	108	93	3.85	2.320	18.61	1	1	4	1
Hornet 4 Drive	21.4	6	258	110	3.08	3.215	19.44	1	0	3	1
Hornet Sportabout	18.7	8	360	175	3.15	3.440	17.02	0	0	3	2
Valiant	18.1	6	225	105	2.76	3.460	20.22	1	0	3	1

Let's plot mpg vs disp

```
plot(mtcars$mpg, mtcars$disp, pch=16)
```



```
hist(mtcars$mpg)
```

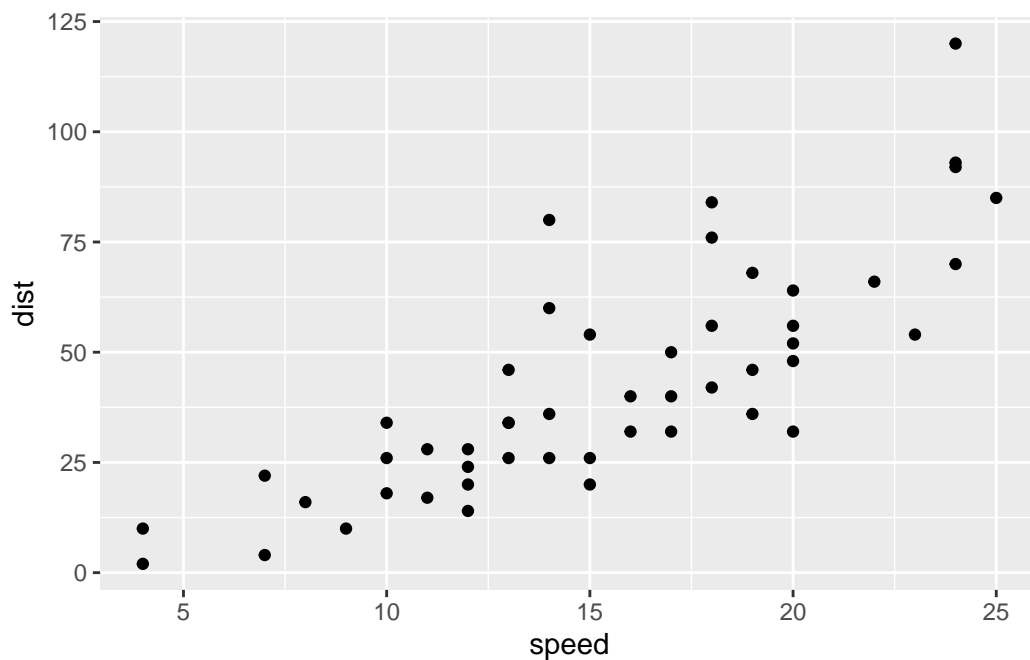


GGPLOT

The main function in the ggplot2 package is `ggplot()`. First, I need to install the **ggplot2** package. I can install any package with the function `install.packages()`

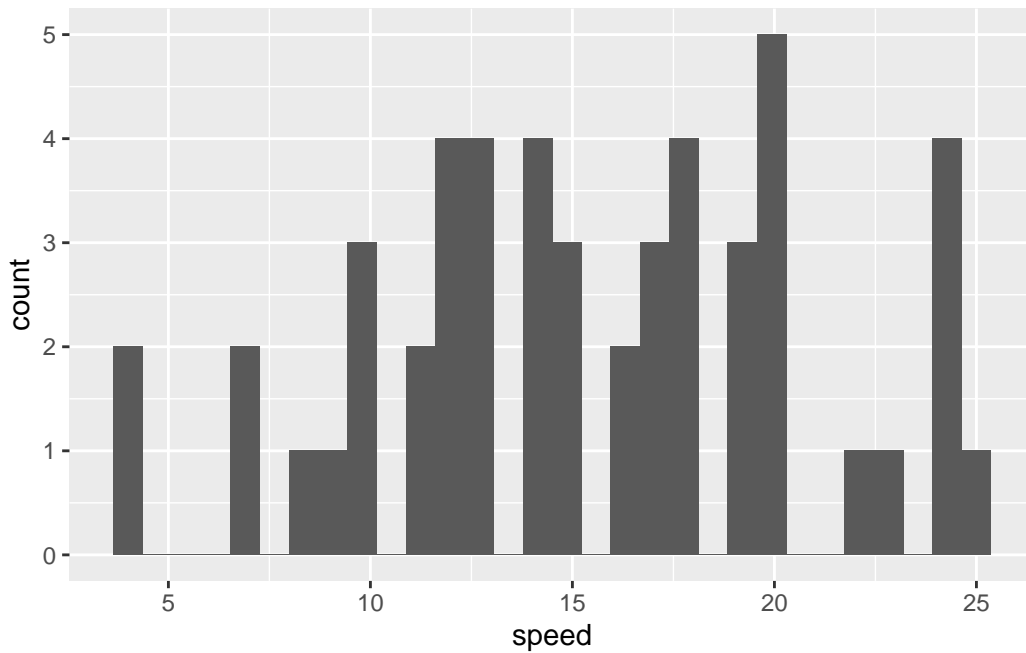
N.B. I never want to run `install.packages()` in my quarto source document!!

```
# In the console, run install.packages("ggplot2"). This only needs to be done once!  
# Load ggplot2  
library(ggplot2)  
  
# Plot cars dataset with ggplot and add geom_point() to generate scatterplot  
ggplot(cars) +  
  aes(x=speed, y=dist) +  
  geom_point()
```



```
ggplot(cars) +  
  aes(speed) +  
  geom_histogram()
```

``stat_bin()`` using ``bins = 30``. Pick better value ``binwidth``.



Every ggplot needs at least 3 things:

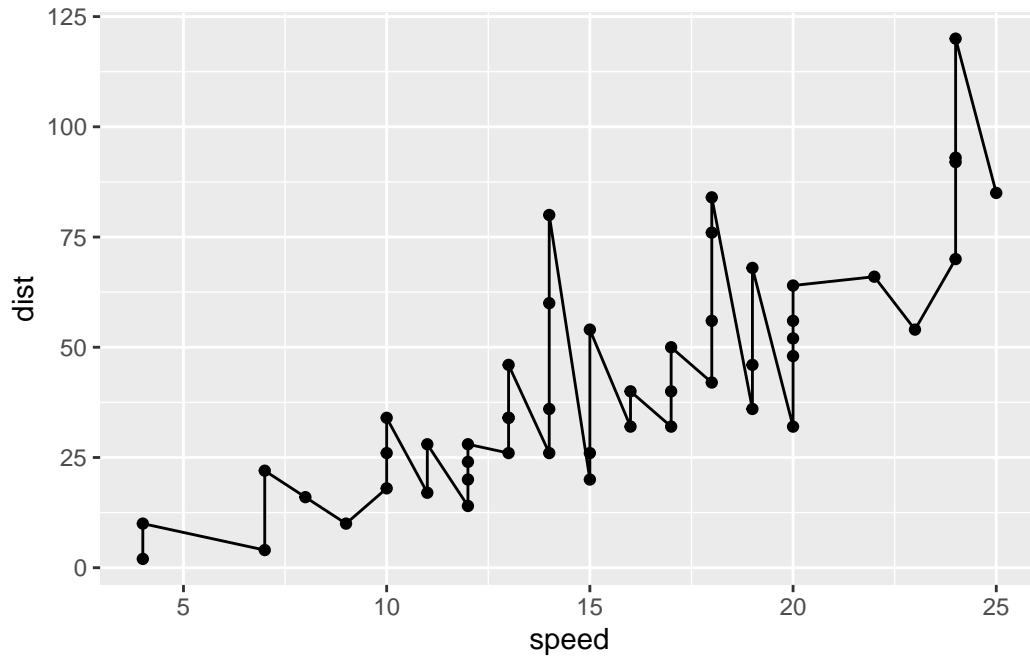
- The **data** (given with `ggplot(cars)`)
- The **aesthetic** mapping (given with `aes()`)
- The **geom** (given by `geom_point()`)

For simple canned graphs “base” R is nearly always faster (in both writing the code and executing it)

Adding more layers

Let’s add a line and a title, subtitle and caption as well as custom axis labels

```
ggplot(cars) +  
  aes(x=speed, y=dist) +  
  geom_point() +  
  geom_line()
```

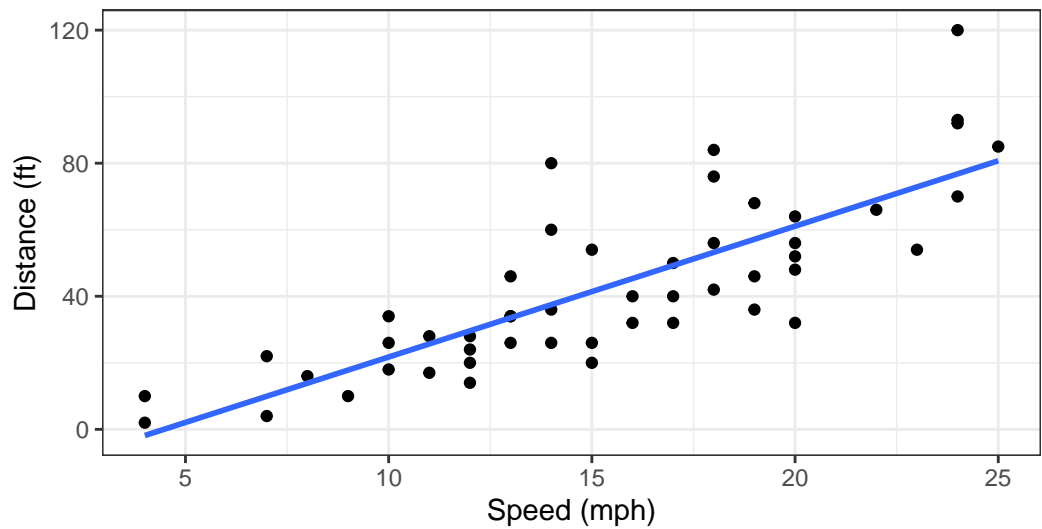


```
ggplot(cars) +  
  aes(x=speed, y=dist) +  
  geom_point() +  
  geom_smooth(method="lm", se=FALSE) +  
  labs(title = "GGPLOT PRACTICE",  
        subtitle = "Wed Oct 15, 2025",  
        x = "Speed (mph)",  
        y = "Distance (ft)",  
        caption = "BGGN213") +  
  theme_bw()
```

`geom_smooth()` using formula = 'y ~ x'

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Plot some expression data

Read data file from online URL

```
url <- "https://bioboot.github.io/bimm143_S20/class-material/up_down_expression.txt"
genes <- read.delim(url)
head(genes)
```

	Gene	Condition1	Condition2	State
1	A4GNT	-3.6808610	-3.4401355	unchanging
2	AAAS	4.5479580	4.3864126	unchanging
3	AASDH	3.7190695	3.4787276	unchanging
4	AATF	5.0784720	5.0151916	unchanging
5	AATK	0.4711421	0.5598642	unchanging
6	AB015752.4	-3.6808610	-3.5921390	unchanging

Q1. How many genes are in this dataset?

There are 5196 in this dataset

Q2. How many “up” regulated genes are there?

```
sum(genes$State == "up")
```

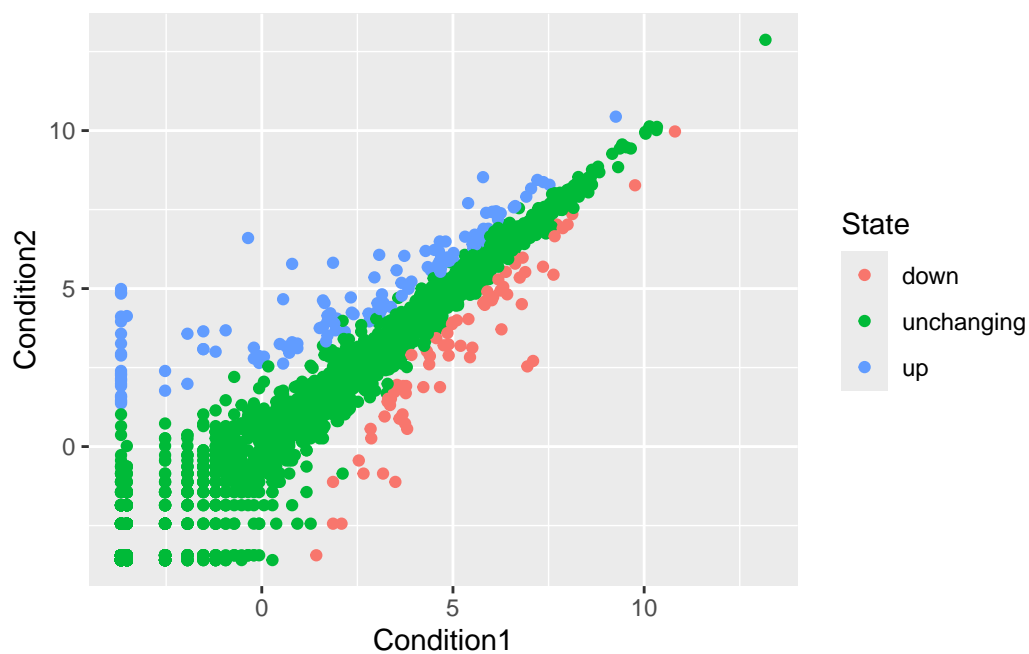
```
[1] 127
```

There are 127 UP genes

```
table(genes$State)
```

down	unchanging	up
72	4997	127

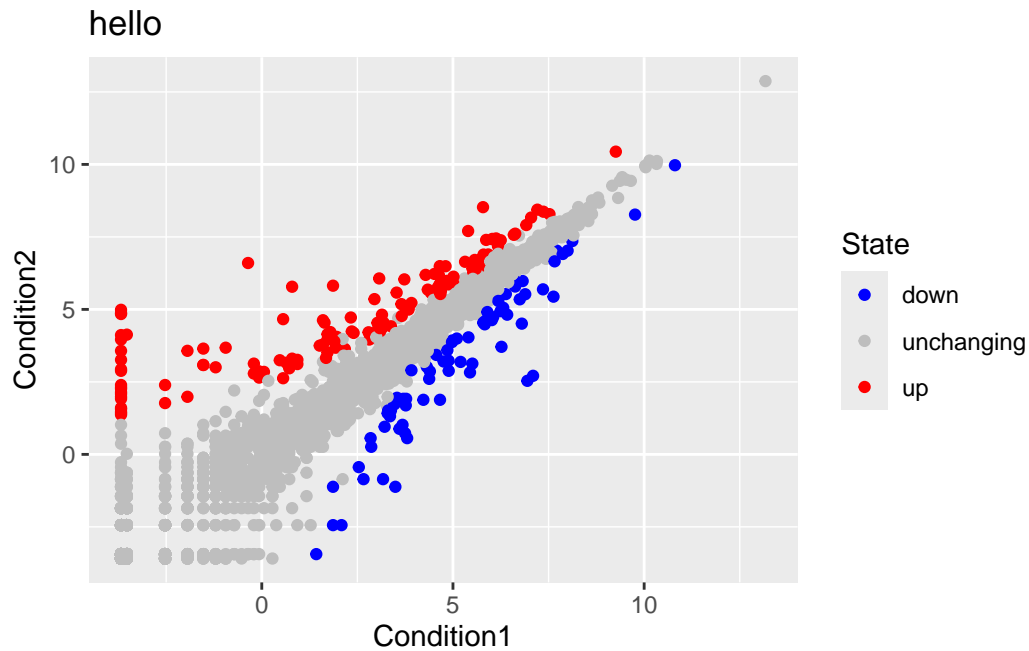
```
ggplot(genes) +  
  aes(x=Condition1, y=Condition2, col=State) +  
  geom_point()
```



```
p <- ggplot(genes) +  
  aes(x=Condition1, y=Condition2, col=State) +  
  geom_point() +  
  scale_color_manual(values=c("blue", "grey", "red"))
```



```
p + labs(title="hello")
```



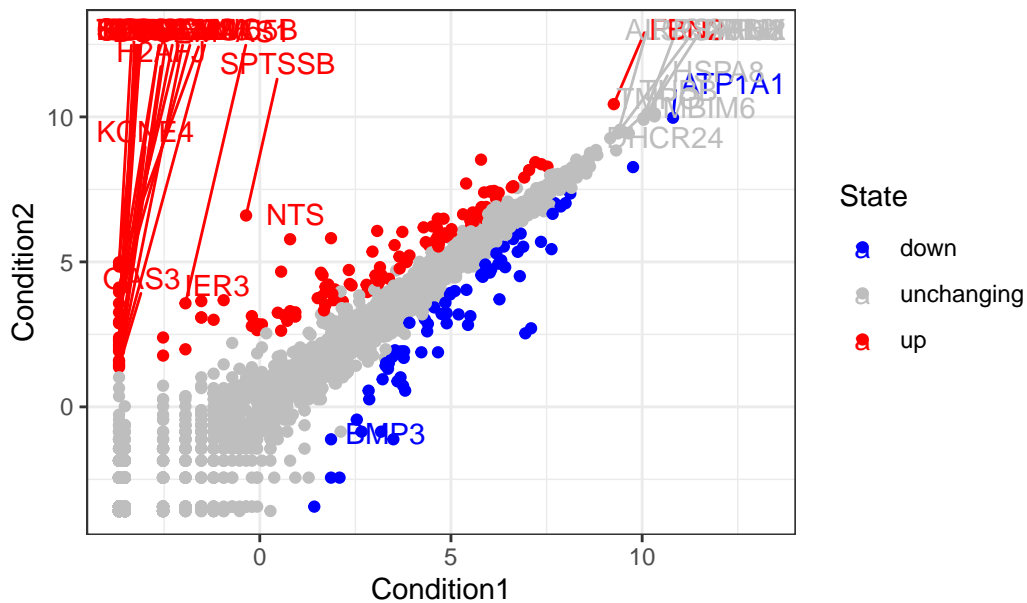
Example of adding labels

```
library(ggrepel)

ggplot(genes) +
  aes(x=Condition1,
      y=Condition2,
      col=State,
      label=Gene) +
  geom_point() +
  scale_color_manual(values=c("blue", "grey", "red")) +
  geom_text_repel(max.overlaps = 200) +
  theme_bw() +
  labs(title="Example plot with labs setting")
```

Warning: ggrepel: 5160 unlabeled data points (too many overlaps). Consider increasing max.overlaps

Example plot with labs setting



Going further

Playing with some different layers and the gapminder dataset...

```
url <- "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/jennybc/gapminder/master/inst/extdata/gapminder.tsv"
gapminder <- read.delim(url)
```

```
head(gapminder)
```

	country	continent	year	lifeExp	pop	gdpPercap
1	Afghanistan	Asia	1952	28.801	8425333	779.4453
2	Afghanistan	Asia	1957	30.332	9240934	820.8530
3	Afghanistan	Asia	1962	31.997	10267083	853.1007
4	Afghanistan	Asia	1967	34.020	11537966	836.1971
5	Afghanistan	Asia	1972	36.088	13079460	739.9811
6	Afghanistan	Asia	1977	38.438	14880372	786.1134

```
tail(gapminder)
```

	country	continent	year	lifeExp	pop	gdpPercap
1699	Zimbabwe	Africa	1982	60.363	7636524	788.8550
1700	Zimbabwe	Africa	1987	62.351	9216418	706.1573
1701	Zimbabwe	Africa	1992	60.377	10704340	693.4208
1702	Zimbabwe	Africa	1997	46.809	11404948	792.4500
1703	Zimbabwe	Africa	2002	39.989	11926563	672.0386
1704	Zimbabwe	Africa	2007	43.487	12311143	469.7093

Plot gdpPercap (x) vs lifeExp (y)

```
ggplot(gapminder) +
  aes(x=gdpPercap, y=lifeExp, col=continent) +
  geom_point(alpha=0.3, shape=25) +
  facet_wrap(~continent) +
  theme_bw() +
  scale_size_area(max_size = 1)
```

