

Tools: ggplot2 and tidyverse

We will be using the `ggplot2` package for making graphics in this class.

The first time on your machine you'll need to install the package:

```
install.packages("ggplot2")
```

Whenever you first want to plot during an R session, we need to load the library.

```
library(ggplot2)
```

0.1 Why visualize?

The sole purpose of visualization is communication. Visualization offers an alternative way of communicating numbers than simply using tables. Often, we can get more information out of our numbers graphically than with numerical summaries alone. Through the use of **exploratory data analysis**, we can see what the data can tell us beyond the formal modeling or hypothesis testing task.

For example, let's look at the following dataset.

```
anscombe
```

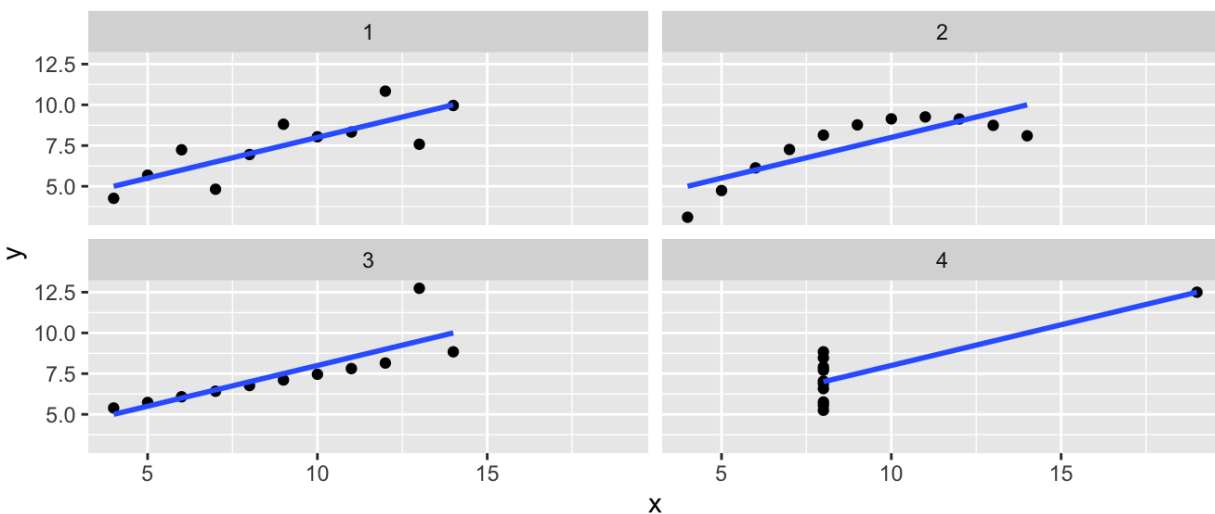
```
##      x1 x2 x3 x4      y1      y2      y3      y4
## 1    10 10 10  8    8.04  9.14    7.46    6.58
## 2     8  8  8  8    6.95  8.14    6.77    5.76
## 3    13 13 13  8    7.58  8.74   12.74    7.71
## 4     9  9  9  8    8.81  8.77    7.11    8.84
## 5    11 11 11  8    8.33  9.26    7.81    8.47
## 6    14 14 14  8    9.96  8.10    8.84    7.04
## 7     6  6  6  8    7.24  6.13    6.08    5.25
## 8     4  4  4 19    4.26  3.10    5.39   12.50
## 9    12 12 12  8   10.84  9.13    8.15    5.56
## 10    7  7  7  8    4.82  7.26    6.42    7.91
## 11    5  5  5  8    5.68  4.74    5.73    6.89
```

Anscombe's Quartet is comprised of 4 datasets that have nearly identical simple statistical properties. Each dataset contains 11 (x, y) points with the same mean, median, standard deviation, and correlation coefficient between x and y.

dataset	mean_x	sd_x	mean_y	sd_y	cor
1	9	3.316625	7.500909	2.031568	0.8164205
2	9	3.316625	7.500909	2.031657	0.8162365
3	9	3.316625	7.500000	2.030424	0.8162867
4	9	3.316625	7.500909	2.030578	0.8165214

But this doesn't tell the whole story. Let's look closer at these datasets.

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



Visualizations can aid communication and make the data easier to perceive. It can also show us things about our data that numerical summaries won't necessarily capture.

0.2 A Grammar of Graphics

The grammar of graphics was developed by Leland Wilkinson (<https://www.springer.com/gp/book/9780387245447>). It is a set of grammatical rules for creating perceivable graphs. Rather than thinking about a limited set of graphs, we can think about graphical forms. This abstraction makes thinking, creating, and communicating graphics easier.

Statistical graphic specifications are expressed using the following components.

1. **data**: a set of data operations that create variables from datasets
2. **trans**: variable transformations
3. **scale**: scale transformations
4. **coord**: a coordinate system
5. **element**: graphs (points) and their aesthetic attributes (color)
6. **guide**: one or more guides (axes, legends, etc.)

`ggplot2` is a package written by Hadley Wickham (<https://vita.had.co.nz/papers/layered-grammar.html>) that implements the ideas in the grammar of graphics to create layered plots.

`ggplot2` uses the idea that you can build every graph with graphical components from three sources

1. the data, represented by `geoms`
2. the scales and coordinate system
3. the plot annotations

This works by mapping values in the data to visual properties of the geom (aesthetics) like size, color, and locations.

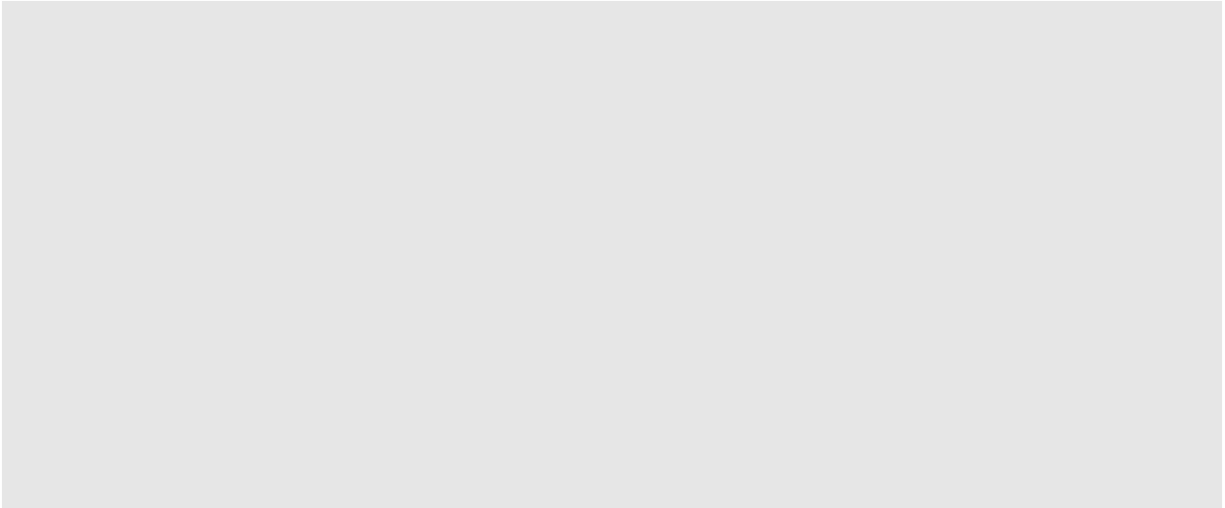
Let's build a graphic. We start with the data. We will use the `diamonds` dataset, and we want to explore the relationship between carat and price.

```
head(diamonds)
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 × 10
##   carat cut          color clarity depth table price     x     y
##   <dbl> <ord>         <ord> <ord>    <dbl> <dbl> <int> <dbl> <dbl>
##1  0.23 Ideal      E     SI2     61.5   55   326   3.95  3.98
##2  0.21 Premium  E     SI1     59.8   61   326   3.89  3.84
##3  0.23 Good     E     VS1     56.9   65   327   4.05  4.07
##4  0.29 Premium  I     VS2     62.4   58   334   4.2   4.23
##5  0.31 Good     J     SI2     63.3   58   335   4.34  4.35
##6  0.31 Good     J     SI2     63.3   58   335   4.34  4.35
```

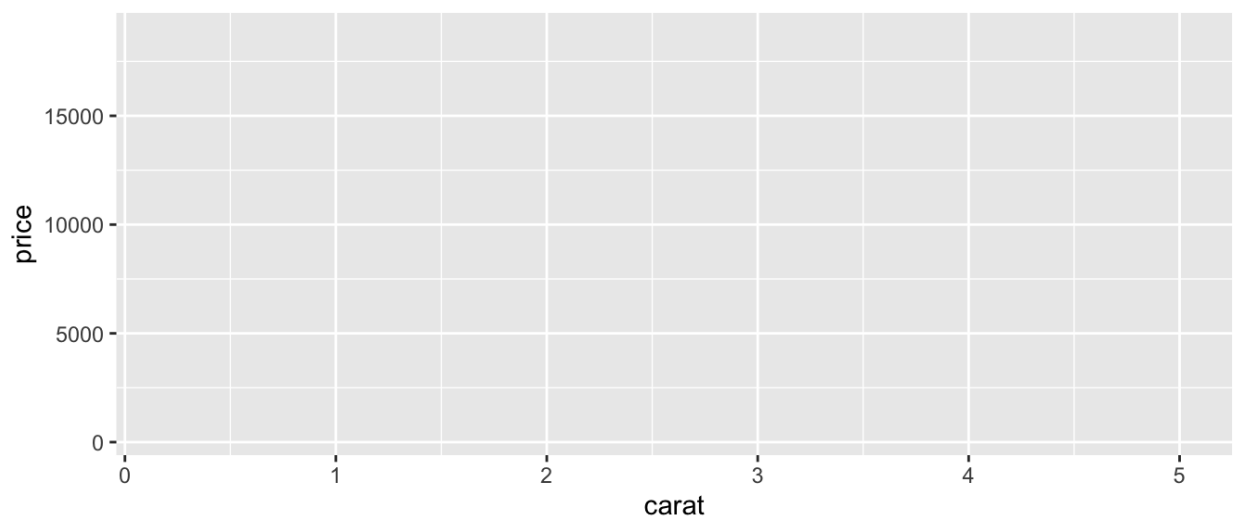
```
## 6 0.24 Very Good J      VVS2      62.8      57      336      3.94      3.96  
2.48
```

```
ggplot(data = diamonds)
```



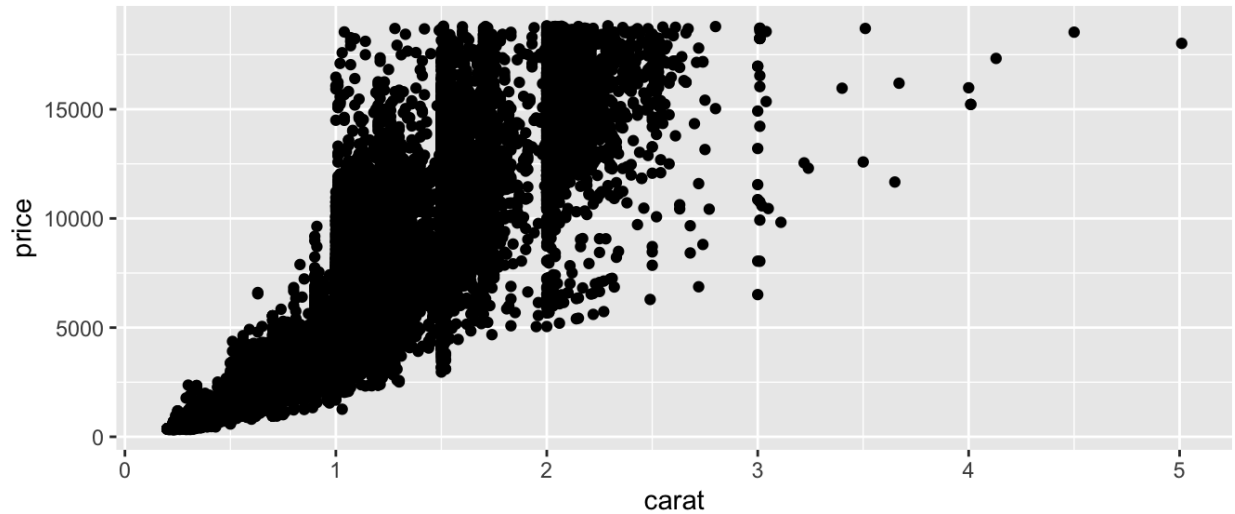
Next we need to specify the aesthetic (variable) mappings.

```
ggplot(data = diamonds, mapping = aes(carat, price))
```



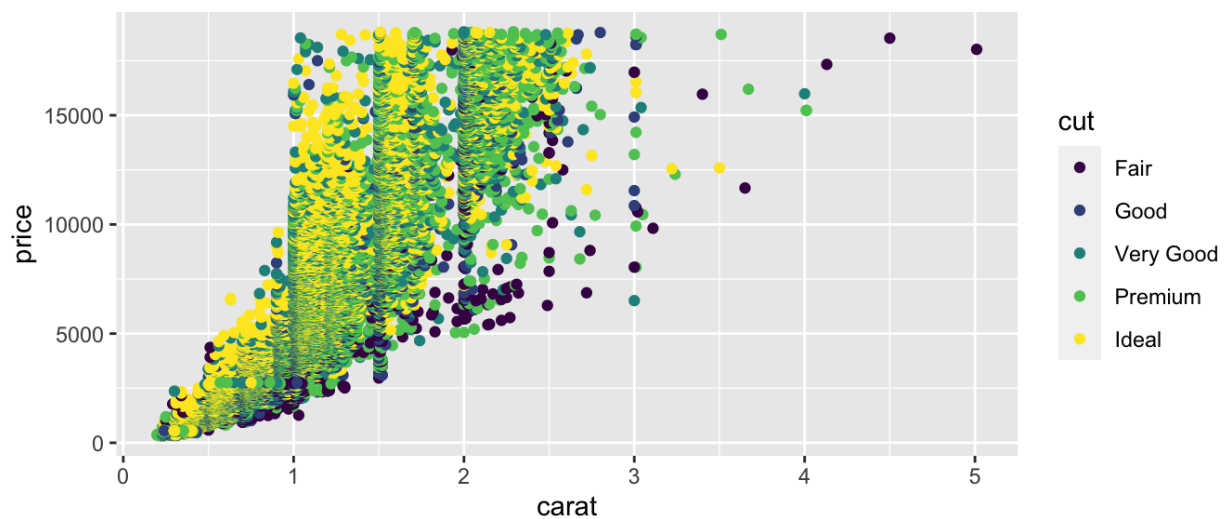
Now we choose a geom to display our data.

```
ggplot(data = diamonds, mapping = aes(carat, price)) +  
  geom_point()
```



And add an aesthetic to our plot.

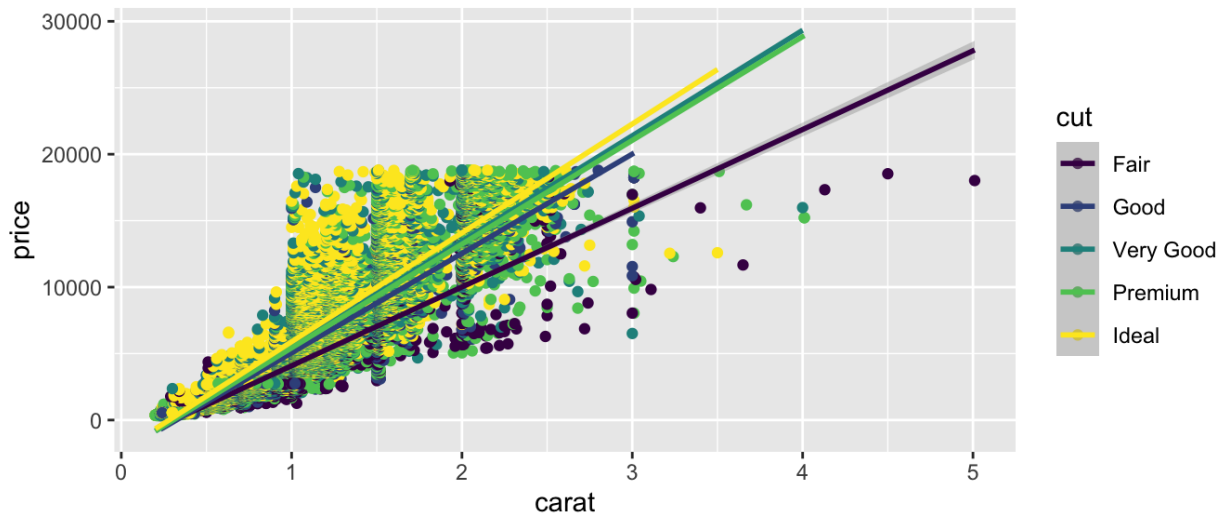
```
ggplot(data = diamonds, mapping = aes(carat, price)) +  
  geom_point(aes(color = cut))
```



We could add another layer.

```
ggplot(data = diamonds, mapping = aes(carat, price)) +  
  geom_point(aes(color = cut)) +  
  geom_smooth(aes(color = cut), method = "lm")
```

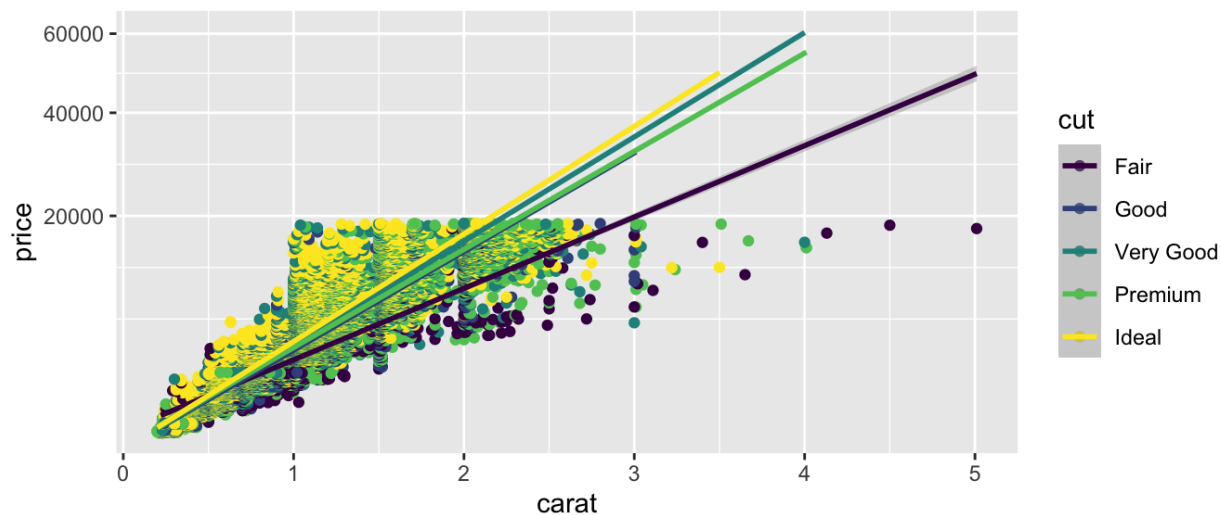
```
## `geom_smooth()` using formula 'y ~ x'
```



And finally, we can specify coordinate transformations.

```
ggplot(data = diamonds, mapping = aes(carat, price)) +  
  geom_point(aes(color = cut)) +  
  geom_smooth(aes(color = cut), method = "lm") +  
  scale_y_sqrt()
```

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



Notice we can add on to our plot in a layered fashion.

0.3 Graphical Summaries

There are some basic charts we will use in this class that cover a wide range of cases. For univariate data, we can use dotplots, histograms, and barcharts. For two dimensional data, we can look at scatterplots and boxplots.

0.3.1 Scatterplots

Scatterplots are used for investigating relationships between two numeric variables. To demonstrate some of the flexibility of scatterplots in `ggplot2`, let's answer the following question.

Do cars with big engines use more fuel than cars with small engines?

We will use the `mpg` dataset in the `ggplot2` package to answer the question. This dataset contains observations collected by the US Environmental Protection Agency on 38 models of car.

```
dim(mpg)
```

```
## [1] 234 11
```

```
summary(mpg)
```

```
## manufacturer      model      displ      year
## Length:234      Length:234      Min.    :1.600      Min.
## 1999
## Class :character  Class :character  1st Qu.:2.400      1st
## Qu.:1999
## Mode  :character  Mode  :character  Median :3.300      Median
## 2004
##                               Mean  :3.472      Mean
## 2004
##                               3rd Qu.:4.600      3rd
## Qu.:2008
##                               Max.   :7.000      Max.
## 2008
##      cyl      trans      drv      cty
## Min.    :4.000      Length:234      Length:234      Min.    :
## 9.00
## 1st Qu.:4.000      Class :character  Class :character  1st
## Qu.:14.00
## Median :6.000      Mode  :character  Mode  :character  Median
## 17.00
## Mean    :5.889      Mean
## 16.86
## 3rd Qu.:8.000      3rd
## Qu.:19.00
## Max.    :8.000      Max.
## 35.00
##      hwy      fl      class
## Min.    :12.00      Length:234      Length:234
## 1st Qu.:18.00      Class :character  Class :character
## Median :24.00      Mode  :character  Mode  :character
## Mean    :23.44
## 3rd Qu.:27.00
## Max.    :44.00
```

```
head(mpg)
```

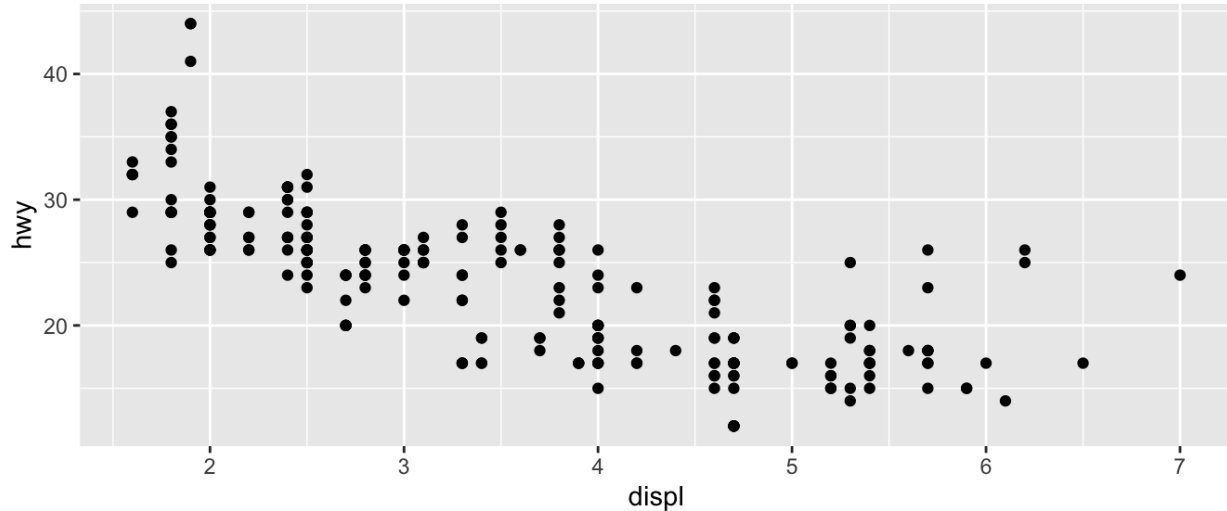
```
## # A tibble: 6 × 11
##   manufacturer model displ year  cyl trans      drv  cty
## hwy fl      class
```



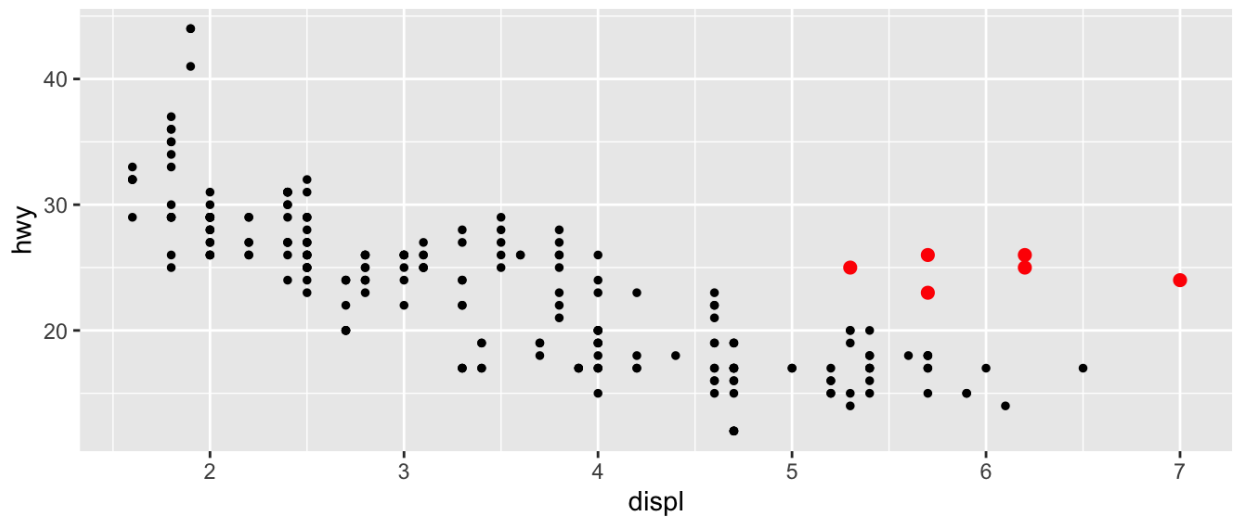
```
##   <chr>          <chr> <dbl> <int> <int> <chr>      <chr> <int>
<int> <chr> <chr>
## 1 audi          a4      1.8  1999    4 auto(l5)  f      18
29 p      compa...
## 2 audi          a4      1.8  1999    4 manual(m5) f      21
29 p      compa...
## 3 audi          a4      2    2008    4 manual(m6) f      20
31 p      compa...
## 4 audi          a4      2    2008    4 auto(av)  f      21
30 p      compa...
## 5 audi          a4      2.8  1999    6 auto(l5)  f      16
26 p      compa...
## 6 audi          a4      2.8  1999    6 manual(m5) f      18
26 p      compa...
```

mpg contains the following variables: `displ`, a car's engine size, in liters, and `hwy`, a car's fuel efficiency on the highway, in miles per gallon (mpg).

```
ggplot(data = mpg) +
  geom_point(mapping = aes(displ, hwy))
```

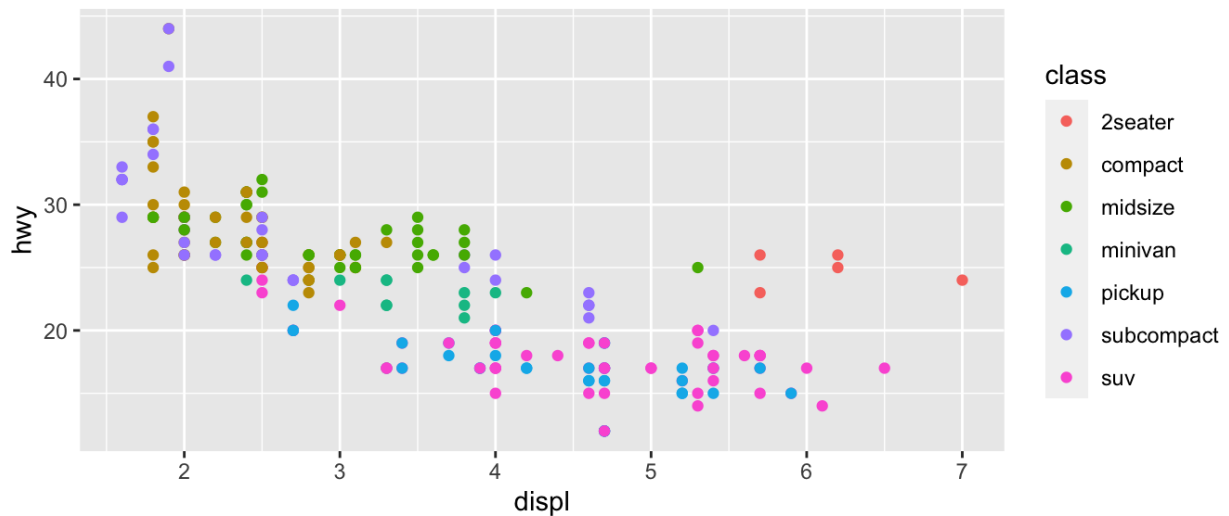


So we can say, yes, cars with larger engines have worse fuel efficiency. But there is more going on here.



The red points above seem to have higher mpg than they should based on engine size alone (outliers). Maybe there is a confounding variable we've missed. The `class` variable of the `mpg` dataset classifies cars into groups such as compact, midsize, and SUV.

```
ggplot(data = mpg) +
  geom_point(mapping = aes(displ, hwy, colour = class))
```

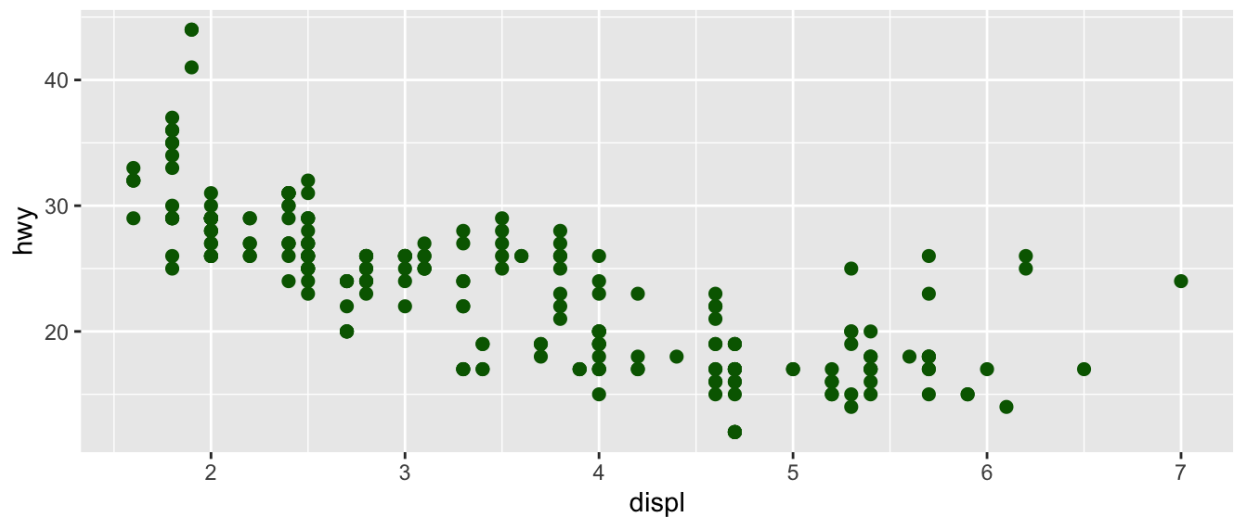


The colors show that many of the unusual points are two-seater cars, probably sports cars! Sports cars have large engines like SUVs and pickup trucks, but small bodies like midsize and compact cars, which improves their gas mileage.

Instead of color, we could also map a categorical variable (like `class`) to shape, size, and transparency (`alpha`).

So far we have mapped aesthetics to variables in our dataset. What happens if we just want to generally change the aesthetics of our plots, without tying that to data? We can specify general aesthetics as parameters of the `geom`, instead of specifying them as aesthetics (`aes`).

```
ggplot(data = mpg) +  
  geom_point(mapping = aes(displ, hwy), colour = "darkgreen", size =  
    2)
```

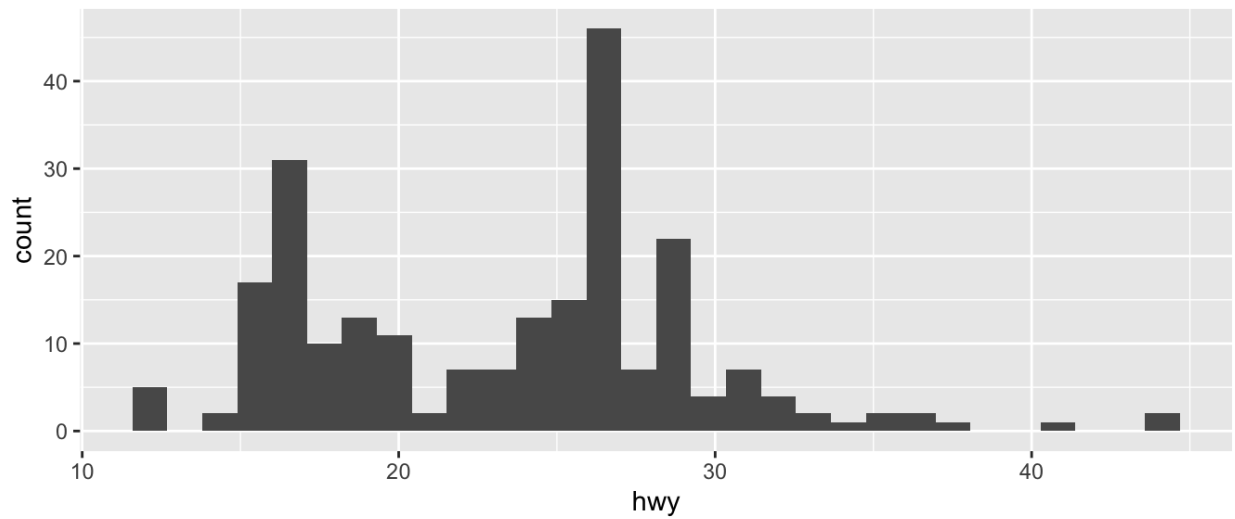


When interpreting a scatterplot we can look for big patterns in our data, as well as form, direction, and strength of relationships. Additionally, we can see small patterns and deviations from those patterns (outliers).

0.3.2 Histograms, Barcharts, and Boxplots

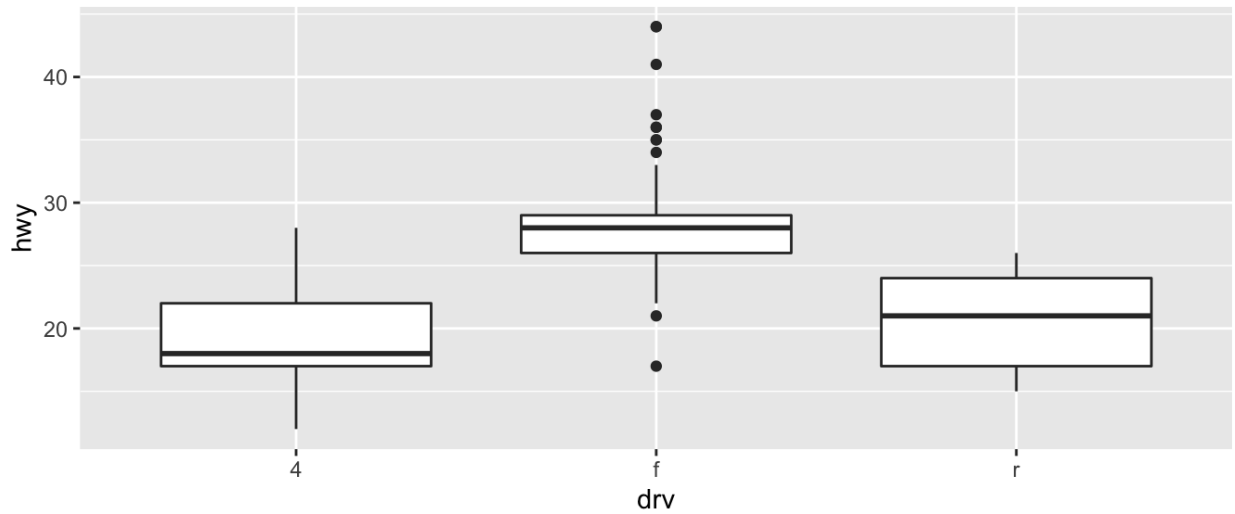
We can look at the distribution of continuous variables using **histograms** and **boxplots** and the distribution of discrete variables using **barcharts**.

```
ggplot(data = mpg) +  
  geom_histogram(mapping = aes(hwy), bins = 30)
```



histograms will look very different sometimes with different binwidths

```
ggplot(data = mpg) +
  geom_boxplot(mapping = aes(drv, hwy))
```

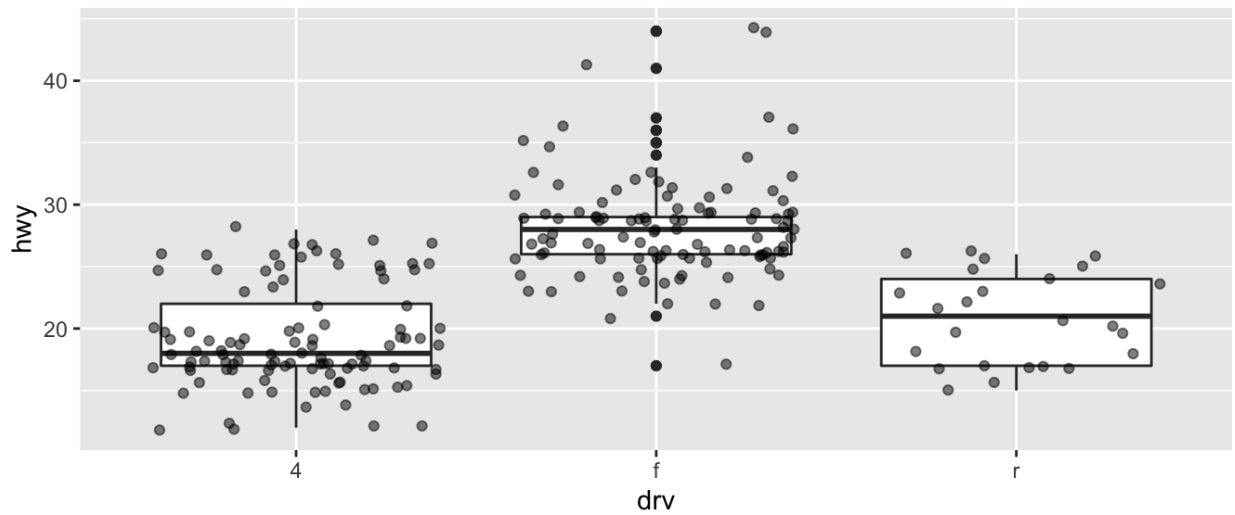


boxplots allow us to see the distribution of a cts rv conditional on a discrete one

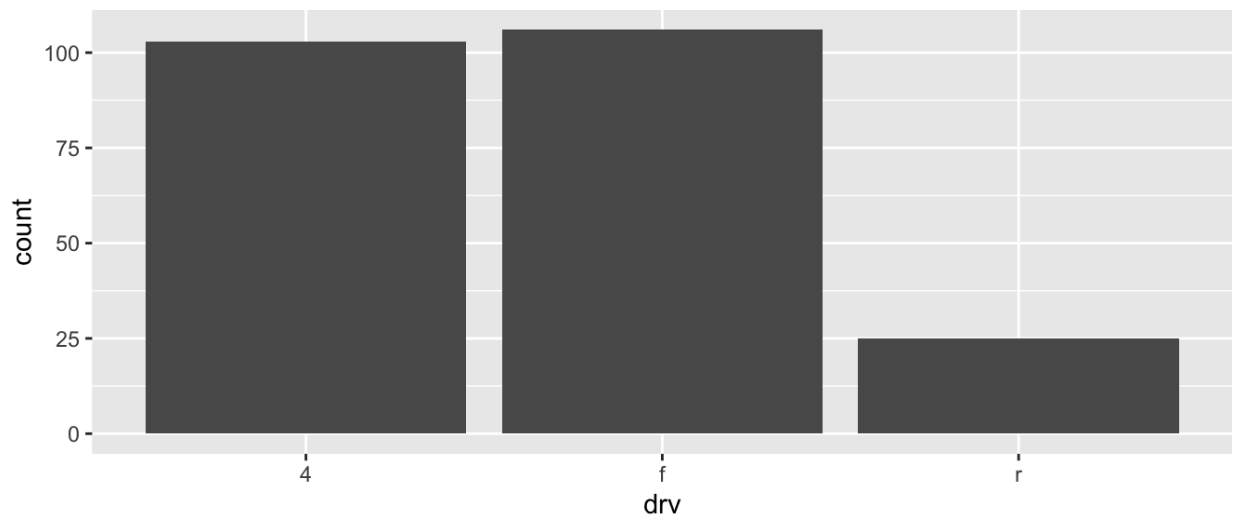
we can also show the actual data at the same time

```
ggplot(data = mpg) +
```

```
geom_boxplot(mapping = aes(drv, hwy)) +  
geom_jitter(mapping = aes(drv, hwy), alpha = .5)
```



```
ggplot(data = mpg) +  
  geom_bar(mapping = aes(drv))
```



shows us the distribution of a categorical variable

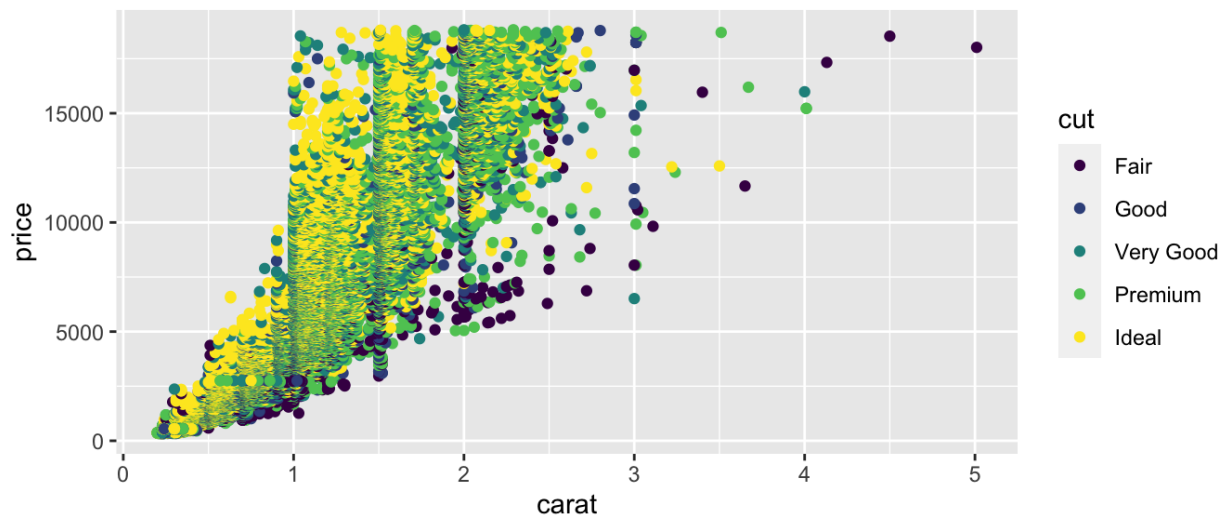
0.3.3 Facets

So far we've looked at

1. how one (or more) variables are distributed - barchart or histogram
2. how two variables are related - scatterplot, boxplot
3. how two variables are related, conditioned on other variables - color

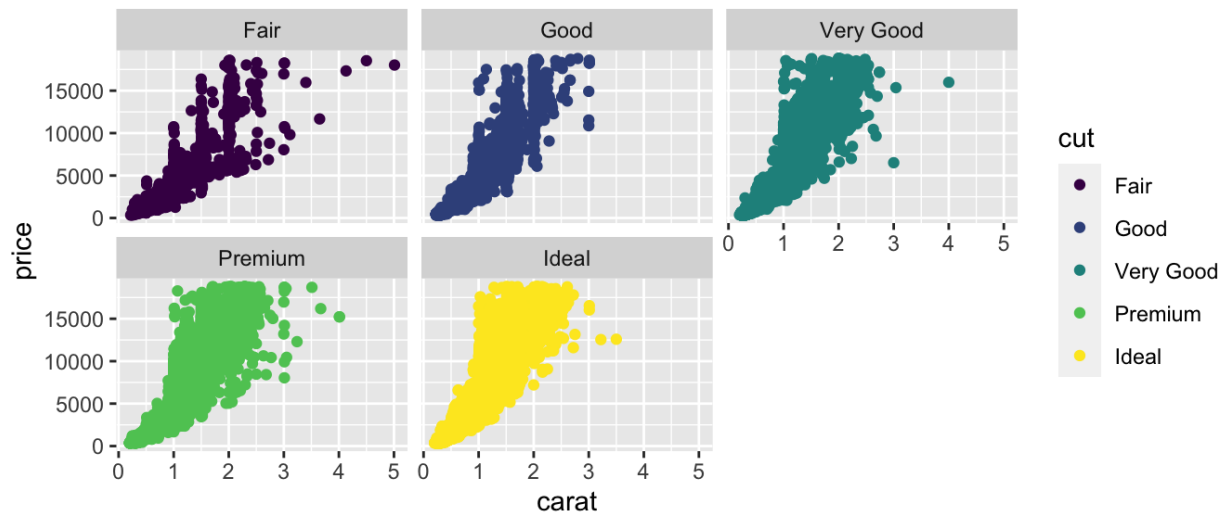
Sometimes color isn't enough to show conditioning because of crowded plots.

```
ggplot(data = diamonds, mapping = aes(carat, price)) +  
  geom_point(aes(color = cut))
```



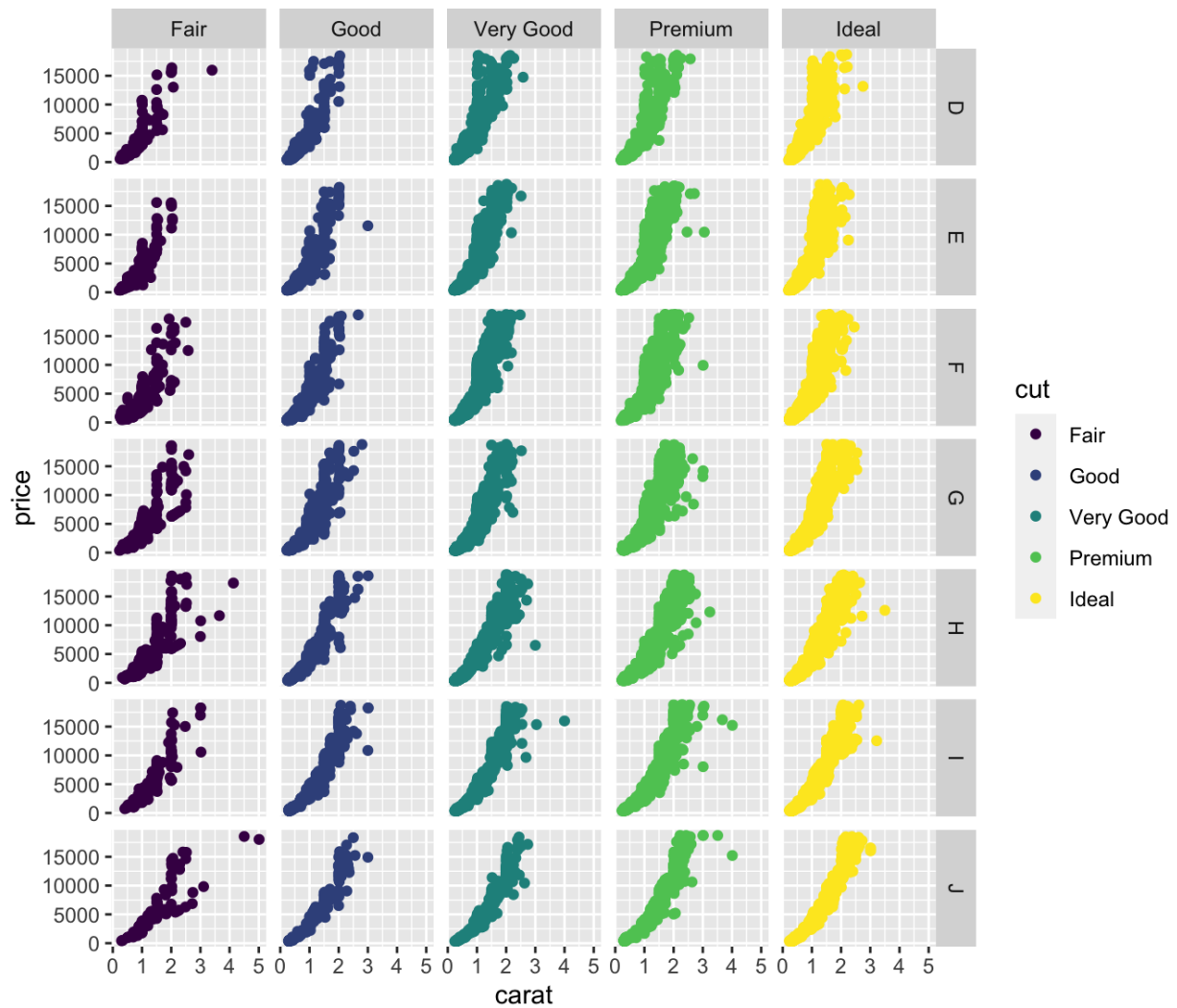
When this is the case, we can *facet* to display plots for different subsets. To do this, we specify row variables ~ column variables (or . for none).

```
ggplot(data = diamonds, mapping = aes(carat, price)) +  
  geom_point(aes(color = cut)) +  
  facet_wrap(. ~ cut)
```



If instead we have two variables we want to facet by, we can use `facet_grid()`.

```
ggplot(data = diamonds, mapping = aes(carat, price)) +  
  geom_point(aes(color = cut)) +  
  facet_grid(color ~ cut)
```



0.4 Additional resources

Documentation and cheat sheets (<https://ggplot2.tidyverse.org>)

Book website (<http://had.co.nz/ggplot2/>)

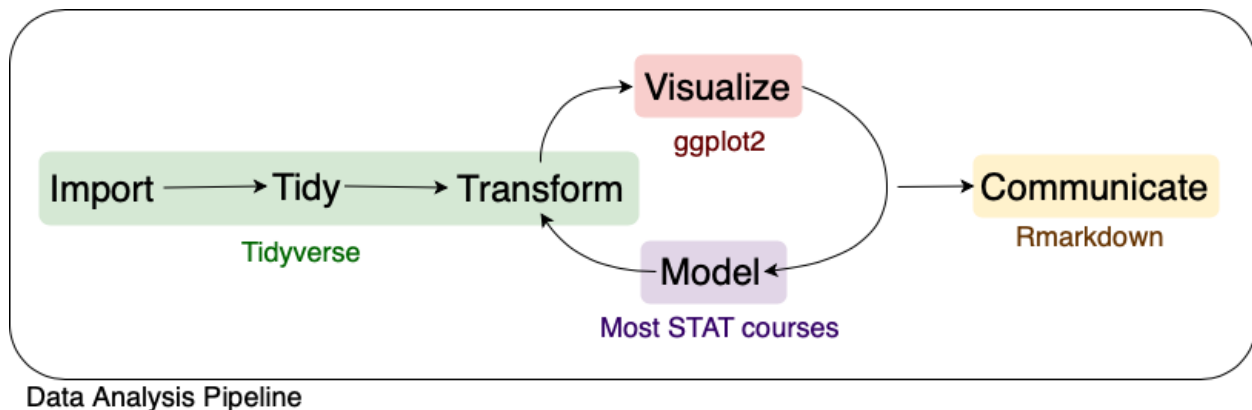
Ch. 3 of R4DS (<https://r4ds.had.co.nz/data-visualisation.html>)

1 tidyverse

The tidyverse is a suite of packages released by RStudio that work very well together (“verse”) to make data analysis run smoothly (“tidy”). It’s also a package in R that loads all the packages in the tidyverse at once.

```
library(tidyverse)
```

You actually already know one member of the tidyverse – `ggplot2`! We will highlight three more packages in the tidyverse for data analysis.



Adapted from R for Data Science, Wickham & Grolemund (2017)

1.1 readr

The first step in (almost) any data analysis task is reading data into R. Data can take many formats, but we will focus on text files.

But what about `.xlsx`??

File extensions `.xls` and `.xlsx` are proprietary Excel formats/ These are binary files (meaning if you open one outside of Excel it will not be human readable). An alternative for rectangular data is a `.csv`.

`.csv` is an extension for *comma separated value* files. They are text files – directly readable – where each column is separated by a comma and each row a new line.

```
Rank, Major_code, Major, Total, Men, Women, Major_category, ShareWomen
1, 2419, PETROLEUM ENGINEERING, 2339, 2057, 282, Engineering, 0.120564344
2, 2416, MINING AND MINERAL
ENGINEERING, 756, 679, 77, Engineering, 0.101851852
```

`.tsv` is an extension for *tab separated value* files. These are also text files, but the columns are separated by tabs instead of commas. Sometimes these will be `.txt` extension files.

```
Rank      Major_code      Major      Total      Men      Women
Major_category      ShareWomen
1      2419      PETROLEUM ENGINEERING      2339      2057      282
Engineering      0.120564344
2      2416      MINING AND MINERAL ENGINEERING      756      679      77
Engineering      0.101851852
```

The package `readr` provides a fast and friendly way to read rectangular text data into R.

Here is an example csv file from [fivethirtyeight.com](https://fivethirtyeight.com/features/the-economic-guide-to-picking-a-college-major/) on how to choose your college major (<https://fivethirtyeight.com/features/the-economic-guide-to-picking-a-college-major/>).

```
# load readr
library(readr)

# read a csv
recent_grads <- read_csv(file =
  "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/fivethirtyeight/data/master/college-
  majors/recent-grads.csv")
```

```
## Rows: 173 Columns: 21
## — Column specification
## Delimiter: ","
## chr (2): Major, Major_category
## dbl (19): Rank, Major_code, Total, Men, Women, ShareWomen,
Sample_size, Empl...
##
## i Use `spec()` to retrieve the full column specification for this
data.
```

```
## i Specify the column types or set `show_col_types = FALSE` to  
quiet this message.
```

`read_csv()` is just one way to read a file using the `readr` package.

- `read_delim()`: the most generic function. Use the `delim` argument to read a file with any type of delimiter
- `read_tsv()`: read tab separated files
- `read_lines()`: read a file into a vector that has one element per line of the file
- `read_file()`: read a file into a single character element
- `read_table()`: read a file separated by space

1.2 dplyr

We almost never will read in data and have it in exactly the right form for visualizing and modeling. Often we need to create variable or summaries.

To facilitate easy transformation of data, we're going to learn how to use the `dplyr` package. `dplyr` uses 6 main verbs, which correspond to some main tasks we may want to perform in an analysis.

We will do this with the `recent_grads` data from `fivethirtyeight.com` we just read into R using `readr`.

1.2.1 |>

Before we get into the verbs in `dplyr`, I want to introduce a new paradigm. All of the functions in the tidyverse are structured such that the first argument is a data frame and they also return a data frame. This allows for efficient use of the pipe operator `|>` (pronounce this as “then”).

```
a |> b()
```

Taked the result on the left and passes it to the first argument on the right. This is equivalent to

```
b(a)
```

This is useful when we want to chain together many operations in an analysis.

1.2.2 filter()

`filter()` lets us subset observations based on their values. This is similar to using `[]` to subset a data frame, but simpler.

The first argument is the name of the data frame. The second and subsequent arguments are the expressions that filter the data frame.

Let's subset the `recent_grad` data set to focus on Statistics majors.

```
recent_grads |> filter(Major == "STATISTICS AND DECISION SCIENCE")
```

```
## # A tibble: 1 × 21
##   Rank Major_code Major Total   Men Women Major_category
##   <dbl>      <dbl> <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <chr>
##   <dbl>      <dbl>
## 1     47        3702 STAT... 6251  2960  3291 Computers & M...
## 0.526          37
## # ... with 12 more variables: Employed <dbl>, Full_time <dbl>,
##   Part_time <dbl>,
##   Full_time_year_round <dbl>, Unemployed <dbl>,
##   Unemployment_rate <dbl>,
##   Median <dbl>, P25th <dbl>, P75th <dbl>, College_jobs <dbl>,
##   Non_college_jobs <dbl>, Low_wage_jobs <dbl>
```

Alternatively, we could look at all Majors in the same category, “Computers & Mathematics”, for comparison.

```
recent_grads |> filter(Major_category == "Computers & Mathematics")
```

```
## # A tibble: 11 × 21
##   Rank Major_code Major              Total   Men Women
##   Major_category ShareWomen
##   <dbl>      <dbl> <chr>              <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <chr>
##   <dbl>
## 1     21        2102 COMPUTER SCIEN... 128319 99743 28576 Computers &
## M... 0.223
## 2     42        3700 MATHEMATICS      72397 39956 32441 Computers &
## M... 0.448
```

```
## 3 43 2100 COMPUTER AND I... 36698 27392 9306 Computers &
M... 0.254
## 4 46 2105 INFORMATION SC... 11913 9005 2908 Computers &
M... 0.244
## 5 47 3702 STATISTICS AND... 6251 2960 3291 Computers &
M... 0.526
## 6 48 3701 APPLIED MATHEM... 4939 2794 2145 Computers &
M... 0.434
## 7 53 4005 MATHEMATICS AN... 609 500 109 Computers &
M... 0.179
## 8 54 2101 COMPUTER PROGR... 4168 3046 1122 Computers &
M... 0.269
## 9 82 2106 COMPUTER ADMIN... 8066 6607 1459 Computers &
M... 0.181
## 10 85 2107 COMPUTER NETWO... 7613 5291 2322 Computers &
M... 0.305
## 11 106 2001 COMMUNICATION ... 18035 11431 6604 Computers &
M... 0.366
## # ... with 13 more variables: Sample_size <dbl>, Employed <dbl>,
Full_time <dbl>,
## # Part_time <dbl>, Full_time_year_round <dbl>, Unemployed <dbl>,
## # Unemployment_rate <dbl>, Median <dbl>, P25th <dbl>, P75th
<dbl>,
## # College_jobs <dbl>, Non_college_jobs <dbl>, Low_wage_jobs
<dbl>
```

Notice we are using `|>` to pass the data frame to the first argument in `filter()` and we do not need to use `recent_grads$Column Name` to subset our data.

`dplyr` functions never modify their inputs, so if we need to save the result, we have to do it using `<-`.

```
math_grads <- recent_grads |> filter(Major_category == "Computers &
Mathematics")
```

Everything we've already learned about logicals and comparisons comes in handy here, since the second argument of `filter()` is a comparator expression telling `dplyr` what rows we care about.

1.2.3 `arrange()`

`arrange()` works similarly to `filter()` except that it changes the order of rows rather than subsetting. Again, the first parameter is a data frame and the additional parameters

are a set of column names to order by.

```
math_grads |> arrange(ShareWomen)

## # A tibble: 11 × 21
##   Rank Major_code Major              Total   Men Women
Major_category ShareWomen
##   <dbl>      <dbl> <chr>                <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <chr>
<dbl>
## 1     53      4005 MATHEMATICS AN...    609   500   109 Computers &
M...    0.179
## 2     82      2106 COMPUTER ADMIN...   8066  6607  1459 Computers &
M...    0.181
## 3     21      2102 COMPUTER SCIEN... 128319 99743 28576 Computers &
M...    0.223
## 4     46      2105 INFORMATION SC...  11913  9005  2908 Computers &
M...    0.244
## 5     43      2100 COMPUTER AND I...  36698 27392  9306 Computers &
M...    0.254
## 6     54      2101 COMPUTER PROGR...   4168  3046  1122 Computers &
M...    0.269
## 7     85      2107 COMPUTER NETWO...   7613  5291  2322 Computers &
M...    0.305
## 8    106      2001 COMMUNICATION ...  18035 11431  6604 Computers &
M...    0.366
## 9     48      3701 APPLIED MATHEM...   4939  2794  2145 Computers &
M...    0.434
## 10    42      3700 MATHEMATICS        72397 39956 32441 Computers &
M...    0.448
## 11    47      3702 STATISTICS AND...   6251  2960  3291 Computers &
M...    0.526
## # ... with 13 more variables: Sample_size <dbl>, Employed <dbl>,
Full_time <dbl>,
## #   Part_time <dbl>, Full_time_year_round <dbl>, Unemployed <dbl>,
## #   Unemployment_rate <dbl>, Median <dbl>, P25th <dbl>, P75th
<dbl>,
## #   College_jobs <dbl>, Non_college_jobs <dbl>, Low_wage_jobs
<dbl>
```

If we provide more than one column name, each additional column will be used to break ties in the values of preceding columns.

We can use `desc()` to re-order by a column in descending order.

```
math_grads |> arrange(desc(ShareWomen))
```

```
## # A tibble: 11 × 21
##   Rank Major_code Major              Total   Men Women
Major_category ShareWomen
##   <dbl>         <dbl> <chr>                <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <chr>
<dbl>
## 1     47           3702 STATISTICS AND...    6251  2960  3291 Computers &
M...      0.526
## 2     42           3700 MATHEMATICS          72397 39956 32441 Computers &
M...      0.448
## 3     48           3701 APPLIED MATHEM...    4939  2794  2145 Computers &
M...      0.434
## 4    106           2001 COMMUNICATION ...   18035 11431  6604 Computers &
M...      0.366
## 5     85           2107 COMPUTER NETWO...    7613  5291  2322 Computers &
M...      0.305
## 6     54           2101 COMPUTER PROGR...    4168  3046  1122 Computers &
M...      0.269
## 7     43           2100 COMPUTER AND I...   36698 27392  9306 Computers &
M...      0.254
## 8     46           2105 INFORMATION SC...   11913  9005  2908 Computers &
M...      0.244
## 9     21           2102 COMPUTER SCIEN... 128319 99743 28576 Computers &
M...      0.223
## 10    82           2106 COMPUTER ADMIN...    8066  6607  1459 Computers &
M...      0.181
## 11    53           4005 MATHEMATICS AN...    609   500   109 Computers &
M...      0.179
## # ... with 13 more variables: Sample_size <dbl>, Employed <dbl>,
Full_time <dbl>,
## #   Part_time <dbl>, Full_time_year_round <dbl>, Unemployed <dbl>,
## #   Unemployment_rate <dbl>, Median <dbl>, P25th <dbl>, P75th
<dbl>,
## #   College_jobs <dbl>, Non_college_jobs <dbl>, Low_wage_jobs
<dbl>
```

1.2.4 select()

Sometimes we have data sets with a ton of variables and often we want to narrow down the ones that we actually care about. `select()` allows us to do this based on the names of the variables.

```
math_grads |> select(Major, ShareWomen, Total, Full_time, P75th)
```

```
## # A tibble: 11 × 5
##   Major                ShareWomen Total
Full_time P75th
##   <chr>                <dbl> <dbl>
<dbl> <dbl>
##  1 COMPUTER SCIENCE    0.223 128319
91485 70000
##  2 MATHEMATICS         0.448  72397
46399 60000
##  3 COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS 0.254  36698
26348 60000
##  4 INFORMATION SCIENCES 0.244  11913
9105 58000
##  5 STATISTICS AND DECISION SCIENCE 0.526   6251
3190 60000
##  6 APPLIED MATHEMATICS  0.434   4939
3465 63000
##  7 MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE 0.179    609
584 78000
##  8 COMPUTER PROGRAMMING AND DATA PROCESSING 0.269   4168
3204 46000
##  9 COMPUTER ADMINISTRATION MANAGEMENT AND SEC... 0.181   8066
6289 50000
## 10 COMPUTER NETWORKING AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS 0.305   7613
5495 49000
## 11 COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES      0.366  18035
11981 45000
```

We can also use

- `:` to select all columns between two columns
- `-` to select all columns except those specified
- `starts_with("abc")` matches names that begin with “abc”
- `ends_with("xyz")` matches names that end with “xyz”
- `contains("ijk")` matches names that contain “ijk”
- `everything()` matches all columns

```
math_grads |> select(Major, College_jobs:Low_wage_jobs)
```



```
## # A tibble: 11 × 4
##   Major                College_jobs Non_college_jobs
Low_wage_jobs
##   <chr>                <dbl>          <dbl>
<dbl>
## 1 COMPUTER SCIENCE    68622          25667
5144
## 2 MATHEMATICS         34800          14829
4569
## 3 COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS 13344          11783
1672
## 4 INFORMATION SCIENCES 4390           4102
608
## 5 STATISTICS AND DECISION SCIENCE 2298           1200
343
## 6 APPLIED MATHEMATICS 2437            803
357
## 7 MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE 452             67
25
## 8 COMPUTER PROGRAMMING AND DATA PR... 2024           1033
263
## 9 COMPUTER ADMINISTRATION MANAGEME... 2354           3244
308
## 10 COMPUTER NETWORKING AND TELECOMM... 2593           2941
352
## 11 COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES 4545           8794
2495
```

`rename()` is a function that will rename an existing column and select all columns.

```
math_grads |> rename(Code_major = Major_code)
```

```
## # A tibble: 11 × 21
##   Rank Code_major Major                Total   Men Women
Major_category ShareWomen
##   <dbl>   <dbl> <chr>                <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <chr>
<dbl>
## 1     21     2102 COMPUTER SCIEN... 128319 99743 28576 Computers &
M... 0.223
## 2     42     3700 MATHEMATICS         72397 39956 32441 Computers &
M... 0.448
## 3     43     2100 COMPUTER AND I... 36698 27392  9306 Computers &
```

```

M...      0.254
## 4      46      2105 INFORMATION SC... 11913  9005  2908 Computers &
M...      0.244
## 5      47      3702 STATISTICS AND...  6251  2960  3291 Computers &
M...      0.526
## 6      48      3701 APPLIED MATHEM...  4939  2794  2145 Computers &
M...      0.434
## 7      53      4005 MATHEMATICS AN...    609   500   109 Computers &
M...      0.179
## 8      54      2101 COMPUTER PROGR...  4168  3046  1122 Computers &
M...      0.269
## 9      82      2106 COMPUTER ADMIN...  8066  6607  1459 Computers &
M...      0.181
## 10     85      2107 COMPUTER NETWO...  7613  5291  2322 Computers &
M...      0.305
## 11    106      2001 COMMUNICATION ... 18035 11431  6604 Computers &
M...      0.366
## # ... with 13 more variables: Sample_size <dbl>, Employed <dbl>,
Full_time <dbl>,
## #   Part_time <dbl>, Full_time_year_round <dbl>, Unemployed <dbl>,
## #   Unemployment_rate <dbl>, Median <dbl>, P25th <dbl>, P75th
<dbl>,
## #   College_jobs <dbl>, Non_college_jobs <dbl>, Low_wage_jobs
<dbl>

```

1.2.5 mutate()

Besides selecting sets of existing columns, we can also add new columns that are functions of existing columns with `mutate()`. `mutate()` always adds new columns at the end of the data frame.

```

math_grads |> mutate(Full_time_rate = Full_time_year_round/Total)

## # A tibble: 11 × 22
##   Rank Major_code Major              Total   Men Women
Major_category ShareWomen
##   <dbl>         <dbl> <chr>                <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <chr>
<dbl>
## 1     21         2102 COMPUTER SCIEN... 128319 99743 28576 Computers &
M...      0.223
## 2     42         3700 MATHEMATICS      72397 39956 32441 Computers &
M...      0.448
## 3     43         2100 COMPUTER AND I... 36698 27392  9306 Computers &

```

```

M...      0.254
## 4      46      2105 INFORMATION SC... 11913  9005  2908 Computers &
M...      0.244
## 5      47      3702 STATISTICS AND...  6251  2960  3291 Computers &
M...      0.526
## 6      48      3701 APPLIED MATHEM...  4939  2794  2145 Computers &
M...      0.434
## 7      53      4005 MATHEMATICS AN...    609   500   109 Computers &
M...      0.179
## 8      54      2101 COMPUTER PROGR...  4168  3046  1122 Computers &
M...      0.269
## 9      82      2106 COMPUTER ADMIN...  8066  6607  1459 Computers &
M...      0.181
## 10     85      2107 COMPUTER NETWO...  7613  5291  2322 Computers &
M...      0.305
## 11    106      2001 COMMUNICATION ... 18035 11431  6604 Computers &
M...      0.366
## # ... with 14 more variables: Sample_size <dbl>, Employed <dbl>,
Full_time <dbl>,
## #   Part_time <dbl>, Full_time_year_round <dbl>, Unemployed <dbl>,
## #   Unemployment_rate <dbl>, Median <dbl>, P25th <dbl>, P75th
<dbl>,
## #   College_jobs <dbl>, Non_college_jobs <dbl>, Low_wage_jobs
<dbl>,
## #   Full_time_rate <dbl>

```

```
# we can't see everything
```

```

math_grads |>
  mutate(Full_time_rate = Full_time_year_round/Total) |>
  select(Major, ShareWomen, Full_time_rate)

```

```

## # A tibble: 11 × 3
##   Major                               ShareWomen
Full_time_rate
##   <chr>                               <dbl>
<dbl>
## 1 COMPUTER SCIENCE                     0.223
0.553
## 2 MATHEMATICS                           0.448
0.466
## 3 COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS     0.254
0.576
## 4 INFORMATION SCIENCES                 0.244

```

```

0.619
## 5 STATISTICS AND DECISION SCIENCE 0.526
0.344
## 6 APPLIED MATHEMATICS 0.434
0.525
## 7 MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE 0.179
0.642
## 8 COMPUTER PROGRAMMING AND DATA PROCESSING 0.269
0.589
## 9 COMPUTER ADMINISTRATION MANAGEMENT AND SECURITY 0.181
0.612
## 10 COMPUTER NETWORKING AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS 0.305
0.574
## 11 COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES 0.366
0.504

```

1.2.6 summarise()

The last major verb is summarise(). It collapses a data frame to a single row based on a summary function.

```
math_grads |> summarise(mean_major_size = mean(Total))
```

```

## # A tibble: 1 × 1
##   mean_major_size
##             <dbl>
## 1             27183.

```

A useful summary function is a count (n()), or a count of non-missing values (sum(!is.na())).

```
math_grads |> summarise(mean_major_size = mean(Total), num_majors =
  n())
```

```

## # A tibble: 1 × 2
##   mean_major_size num_majors
##             <dbl>     <int>
## 1             27183.         11

```

1.2.7 group_by()

`summarise()` is not super useful unless we pair it with `group_by()`. This changes the unit of analysis from the complete dataset to individual groups. Then, when we use the `dplyr` verbs on a grouped data frame they'll be automatically applied “by group”.

```
recent_grads |>
  group_by(Major_category) |>
  summarise(mean_major_size = mean(Total, na.rm = TRUE)) |>
  arrange(desc(mean_major_size))
```

```
## # A tibble: 16 × 2
##   Major_category          mean_major_size
##   <chr>                  <dbl>
## 1 Business                100183.
## 2 Communications & Journalism 98150.
## 3 Social Science          58885.
## 4 Psychology & Social Work   53445.
## 5 Humanities & Liberal Arts 47565.
## 6 Arts                    44641.
## 7 Health                  38602.
## 8 Law & Public Policy       35821.
## 9 Education                34946.
## 10 Industrial Arts & Consumer Services 32827.
## 11 Biology & Life Science    32419.
## 12 Computers & Mathematics  27183.
## 13 Physical Sciences        18548.
## 14 Engineering              18537.
## 15 Interdisciplinary         12296
## 16 Agriculture & Natural Resources 8402.
```

We can group by multiple variables and if we need to remove grouping, and return to operations on ungrouped data, we use `ungroup()`.

Grouping is also useful for `arrange()` and `mutate()` within groups.

1.3 tidyr

“Happy families are all alike; every unhappy family is unhappy in its own way.” -- Leo Tolstoy

“Tidy datasets are all alike, but every messy dataset is messy in its own way.”
 -- Hadley Wickham

Tidy data is an organization strategy for data that makes it easier to work with, analyze, and visualize. `tidyr` is a package that can help us tidy our data in a less painful way.

The following all contain the same data, but show different levels of “tidiness”.

table1

```
## # A tibble: 6 × 4
##   country      year  cases population
##   <chr>        <int> <int>      <int>
## 1 Afghanistan  1999     745  19987071
## 2 Afghanistan  2000    2666  20595360
## 3 Brazil       1999   37737  172006362
## 4 Brazil       2000   80488  174504898
## 5 China        1999 212258 1272915272
## 6 China        2000 213766 1280428583
```

table2

```
## # A tibble: 12 × 4
##   country      year type          count
##   <chr>        <int> <chr>          <int>
## 1 Afghanistan  1999 cases           745
## 2 Afghanistan  1999 population  19987071
## 3 Afghanistan  2000 cases           2666
## 4 Afghanistan  2000 population  20595360
## 5 Brazil       1999 cases           37737
## 6 Brazil       1999 population  172006362
## 7 Brazil       2000 cases           80488
## 8 Brazil       2000 population  174504898
## 9 China        1999 cases           212258
## 10 China       1999 population 1272915272
## 11 China       2000 cases           213766
## 12 China       2000 population 1280428583
```

table3

```
## # A tibble: 6 × 3
##   country      year rate
## * <chr>      <int> <chr>
## 1 Afghanistan  1999 745/19987071
## 2 Afghanistan  2000 2666/20595360
## 3 Brazil       1999 37737/172006362
## 4 Brazil       2000 80488/174504898
## 5 China        1999 212258/1272915272
## 6 China        2000 213766/1280428583
```

```
# spread across two data frames
table4a
```

```
## # A tibble: 3 × 3
##   country      `1999` `2000`
## * <chr>      <int> <int>
## 1 Afghanistan    745    2666
## 2 Brazil        37737  80488
## 3 China         212258 213766
```

```
table4b
```

```
## # A tibble: 3 × 3
##   country      `1999`      `2000`
## * <chr>      <int>      <int>
## 1 Afghanistan 19987071  20595360
## 2 Brazil      172006362 174504898
## 3 China       1272915272 1280428583
```

While these are all representations of the same underlying data, they are not equally easy to use.

There are three interrelated rules which make a dataset tidy:

1. Each variable must have its own column.
2. Each observation must have its own row.
3. Each value must have its own cell.

In the above example,

table2 isn't tidy because each variable doesn't have its own column.

table3 isn't tidy because each value doesn't have its own cell.

table4a and table4b aren't tidy because each observation doesn't have its own row.

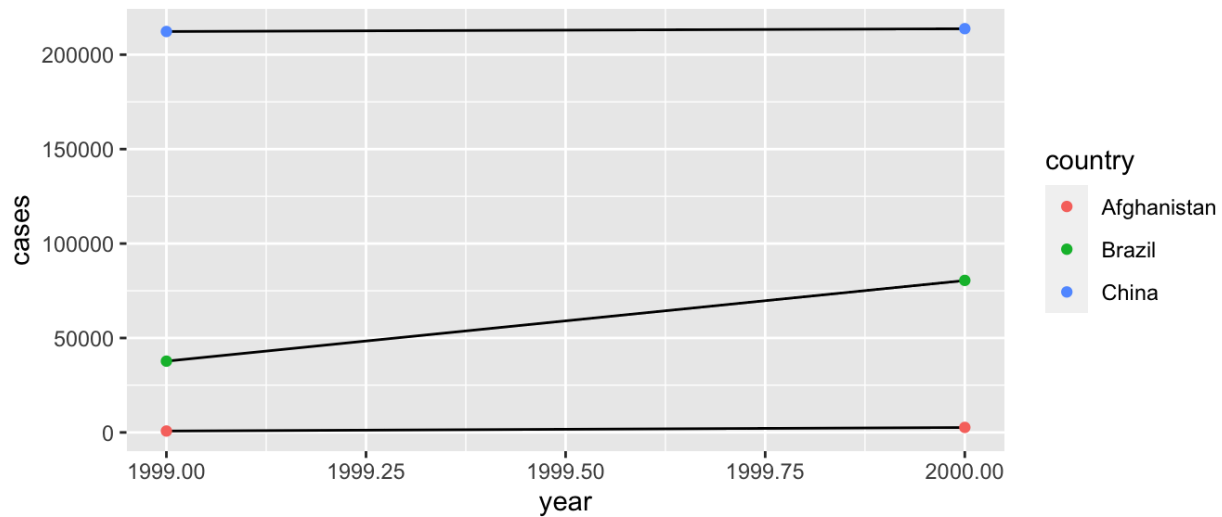
table1 is tidy!

Being tidy with our data is useful because it's a consistent set of rules to follow for working with data and because it allows R to be efficient.

```
# Compute rate per 10,000
table1 |>
  mutate(rate = cases / population * 10000)

## # A tibble: 6 × 5
##   country      year  cases population  rate
##   <chr>      <int> <int>      <int> <dbl>
## 1 Afghanistan 1999     745  19987071 0.373
## 2 Afghanistan 2000    2666  20595360 1.29
## 3 Brazil       1999   37737  172006362 2.19
## 4 Brazil       2000   80488  174504898 4.61
## 5 China        1999  212258  1272915272 1.67
## 6 China        2000  213766  1280428583 1.67
```

```
# Visualize cases over time
library(ggplot2)
ggplot(table1, aes(year, cases)) +
  geom_line(aes(group = country)) +
  geom_point(aes(colour = country))
```

1.3.1 Pivoting

Unfortunately, most of the data you will find in the “wild” is not tidy. So, we need tools to help us tidy unruly data.

The main tools in `tidyr` are the ideas of `pivot_longer()` and `pivot_wider()`. As the names imply, `pivot_longer()` “lengthens” our data, increasing the number of rows and decreasing the number of columns. `pivot_wider` does the opposite, increasing the number of columns and decreasing the number of rows.

These two functions resolve one of two common problems:

1. One variable might be spread across multiple columns. (`pivot_longer()`)
2. One observation might be scattered across multiple rows. (`pivot_wider()`)

A common issue with data is when values are used as column names.

table4a

```
## # A tibble: 3 × 3
##   country   `1999` `2000`
## * <chr>     <int> <int>
## 1 Afghanistan     745   2666
## 2 Brazil          37737  80488
## 3 China           212258 213766
```

We can fix this using `pivot_longer()`.

```
table4a |>
  pivot_longer(-country, names_to = "year", values_to = "cases")
```

Notice we specified with columns we wanted to consolidate by telling the function the column we *didn't* want to change (`-country`). We can use the `dplyr::select()` syntax here for specifying the columns to pivot.

We can do the same thing with `table4b` and then **join** the databases together by specifying unique identifying attributes.

```
table4a |>
  pivot_longer(-country, names_to = "year", values_to = "cases") |>
  left_join(table4b |> pivot_longer(-country, names_to = "year",
    values_to = "population"))
```

If, instead, variables don't have their own column, we can `pivot_wider()`.

```
table2
table2 |>
  pivot_wider(names_from = type, values_from = count)
```

1.3.2 Separating and Uniting

So far we have tidied `table2` and `table4a` and `table4b`, but what about `table3`?

```
table3

## # A tibble: 6 × 3
##   country      year rate
## * <chr>      <int> <chr>
## 1 Afghanistan  1999 745/19987071
## 2 Afghanistan  2000 2666/20595360
## 3 Brazil       1999 37737/172006362
## 4 Brazil       2000 80488/174504898
```

```
## 5 China      1999 212258/1272915272
## 6 China      2000 213766/1280428583
```

We need to split the `rate` column into the cases and population columns so that each value has its own cell. The function we will use is `separate()`. We need to specify the column, the value to split on (“/”), and the names of the new columns.

```
table3 |>
  separate(rate, into = c("cases", "population"), sep = "/")
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 × 4
##   country      year cases  population
##   <chr>        <int> <chr>   <chr>
## 1 Afghanistan  1999  745    19987071
## 2 Afghanistan  2000 2666    20595360
## 3 Brazil       1999 37737   172006362
## 4 Brazil       2000 80488   174504898
## 5 China        1999 212258  1272915272
## 6 China        2000 213766  1280428583
```

By default, `separate()` will split values wherever it sees a character that isn’t a number or letter.

`unite()` is the opposite of `separate()` – it combines multiple columns into a single column.

1.4 Additional resources

`readr` (<https://readr.tidyverse.org>)

`dplyr` (<https://dplyr.tidyverse.org>)

`tidyr` (<https://tidyr.tidyverse.org>)