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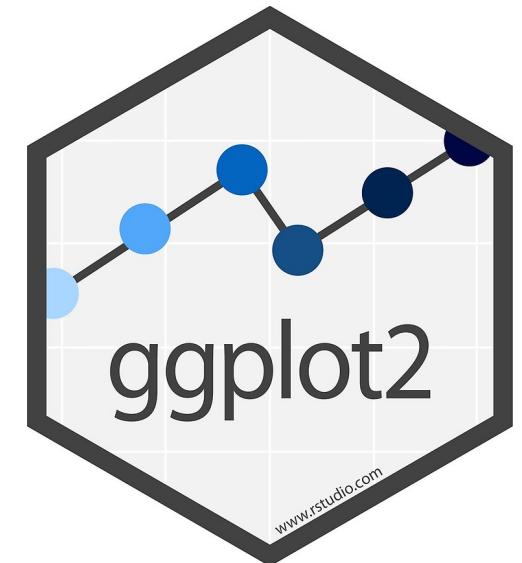
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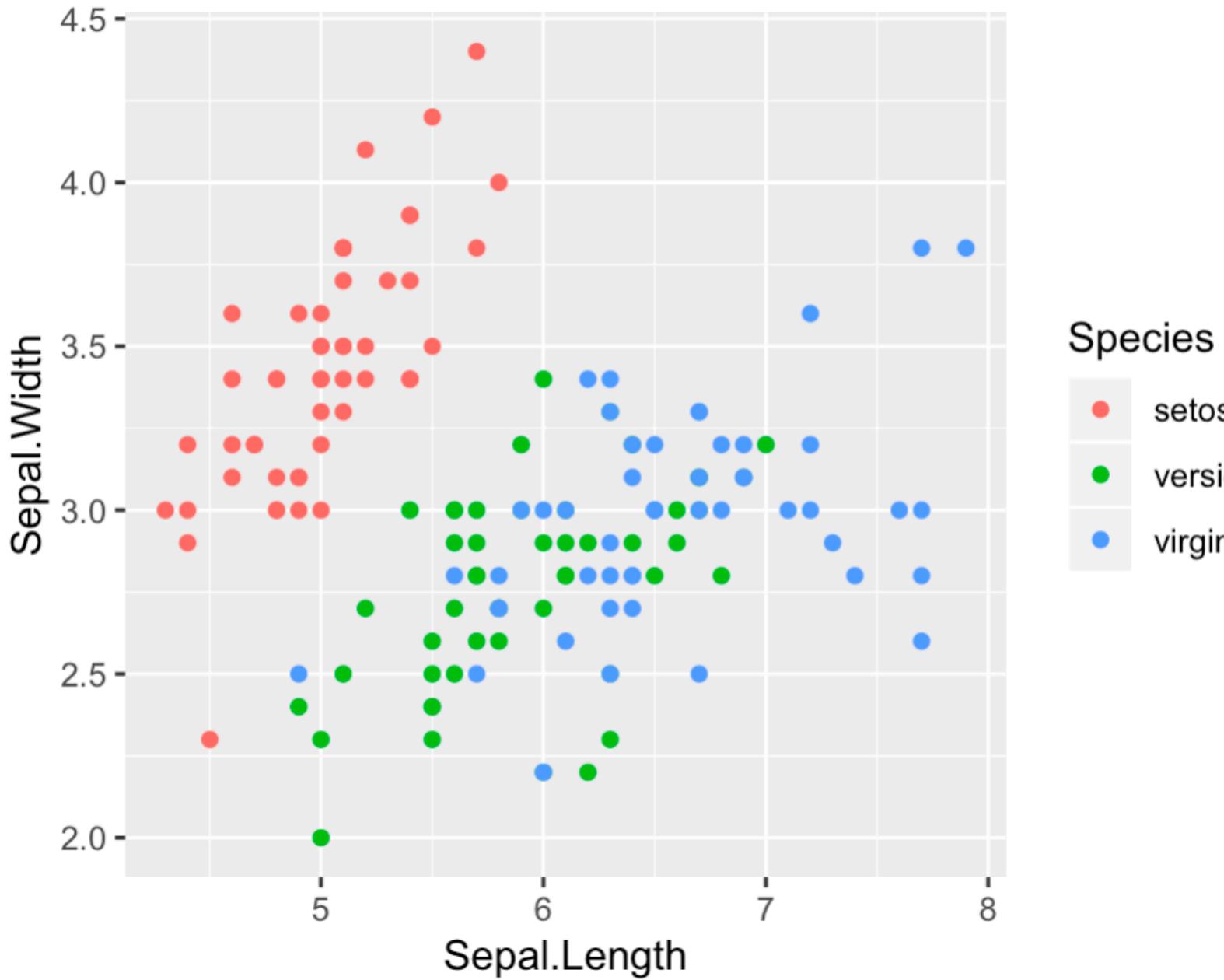
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# Practical tools for exploring data and models

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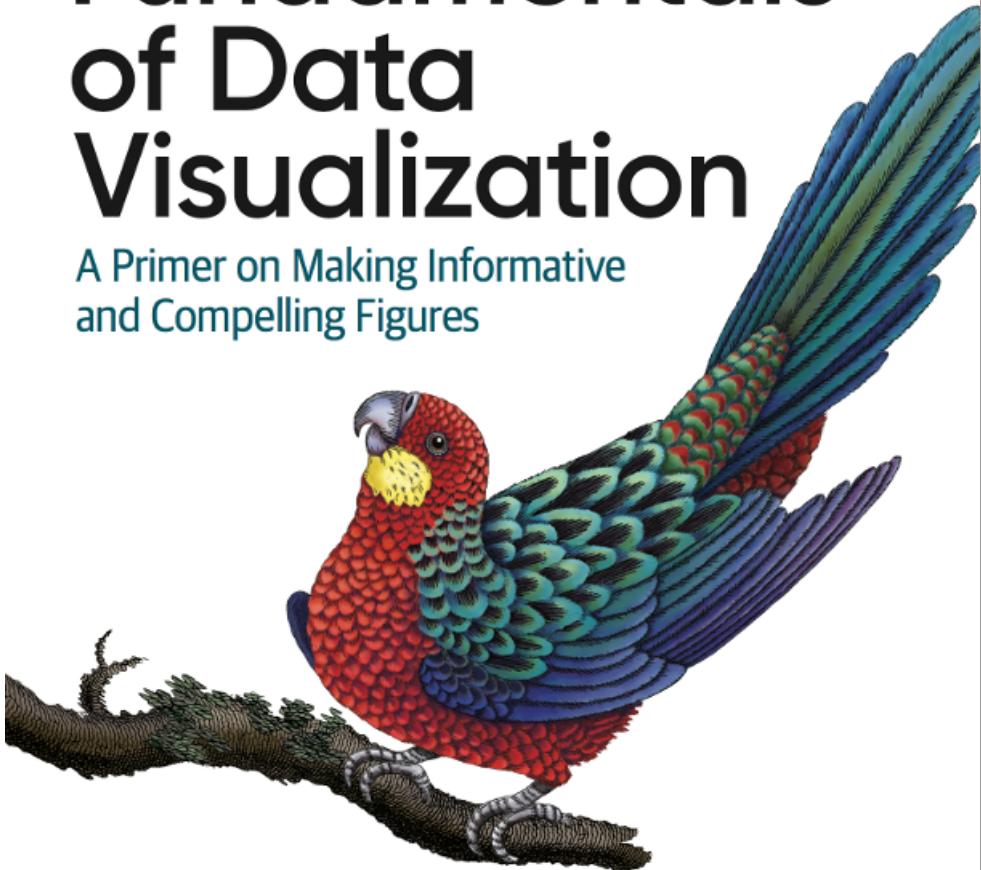




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# Fundamentals of Data Visualization

A Primer on Making Informative  
and Compelling Figures



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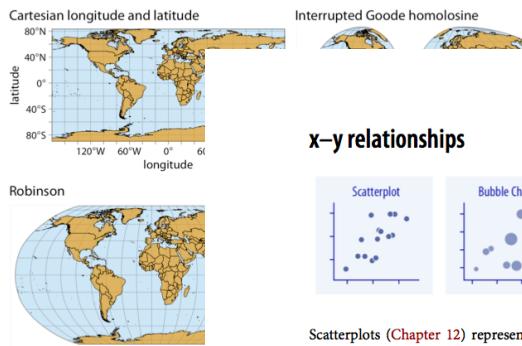
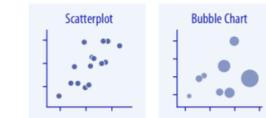


Figure 3-11. Map of the world, showing one quantitative variable relative to another, we can map one onto the dot size, creating a bubble chart. For paired data, where the values are in the same units, it is generally helpful ("Paired Data" on page 127). Paired data can be points connected by straight lines.

## x-y relationships



Scatterplots (Chapter 12) represent the relationship between two quantitative variables, we can map one onto the dot size, creating a bubble chart. For paired data, where the values are in the same units, it is generally helpful ("Paired Data" on page 127). Paired data can be points connected by straight lines.

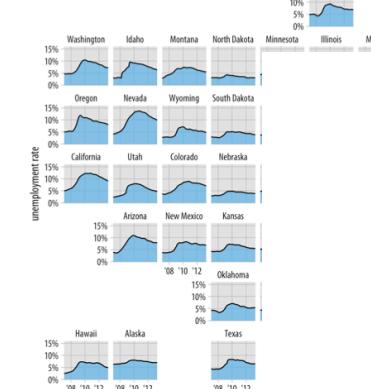


Figure 15-17. Unemployment rate leading by state. Each panel shows the unemployment rate for a specific state over time. Data source: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

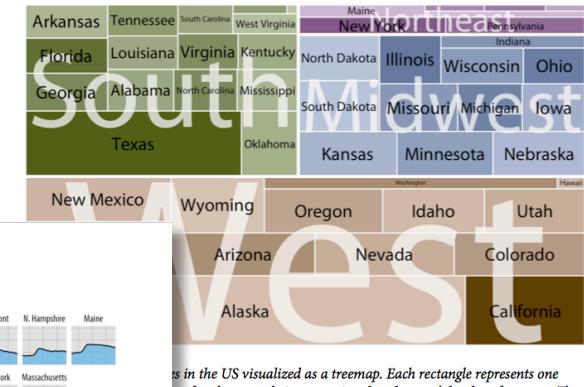


Figure 20-12. US states in the US visualized as a treemap. Each rectangle represents one state area. The coloring represents the state's area.

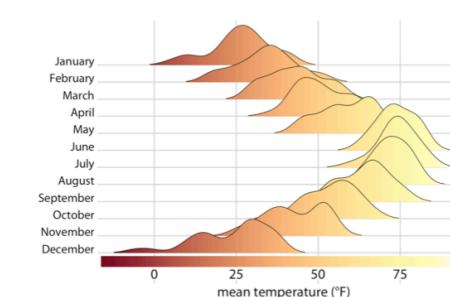


Figure 20-12. Temperatures in Lincoln, NE, in 2016. This figure is a variation of Figure 9-9. Temperature is now shown both by location along the x axis and by color, and a color bar along the x axis visualizes the scale that converts temperatures into colors. Data source: Weather Underground.

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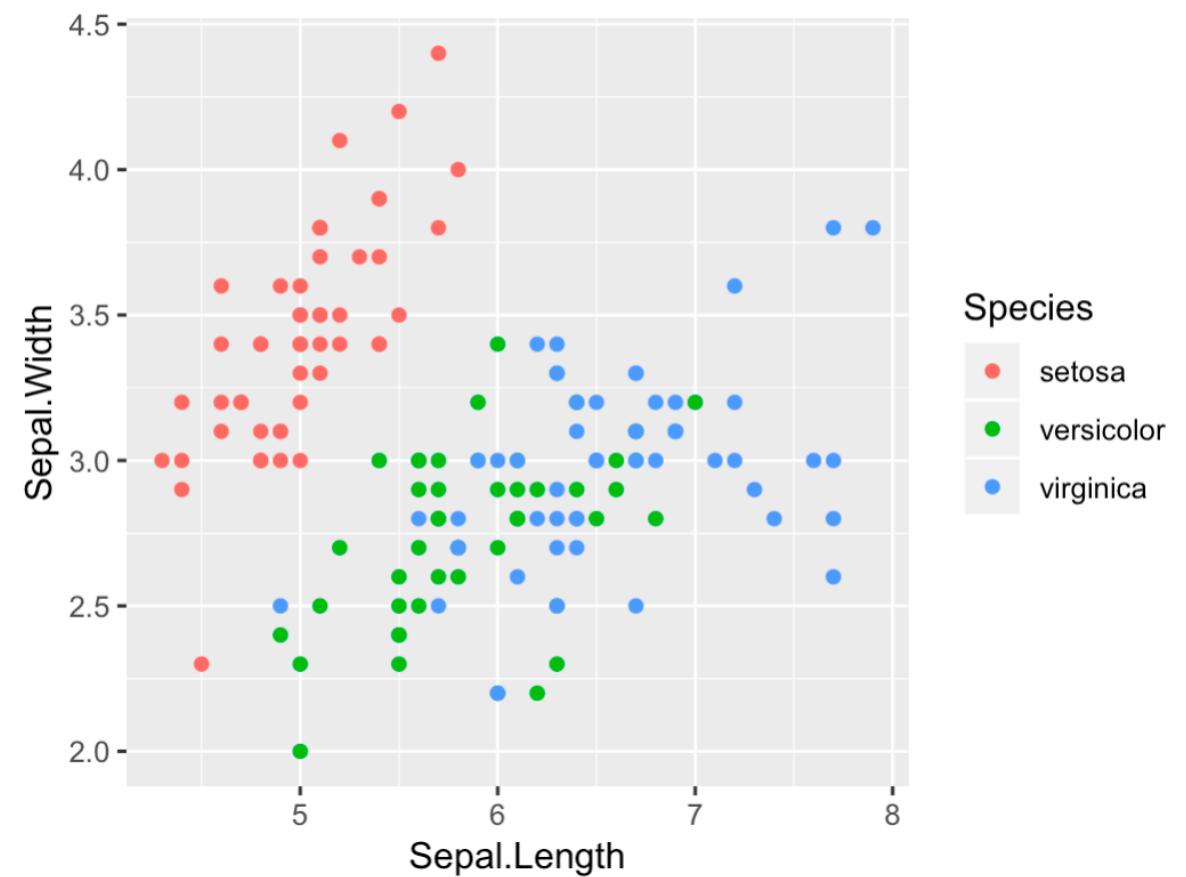
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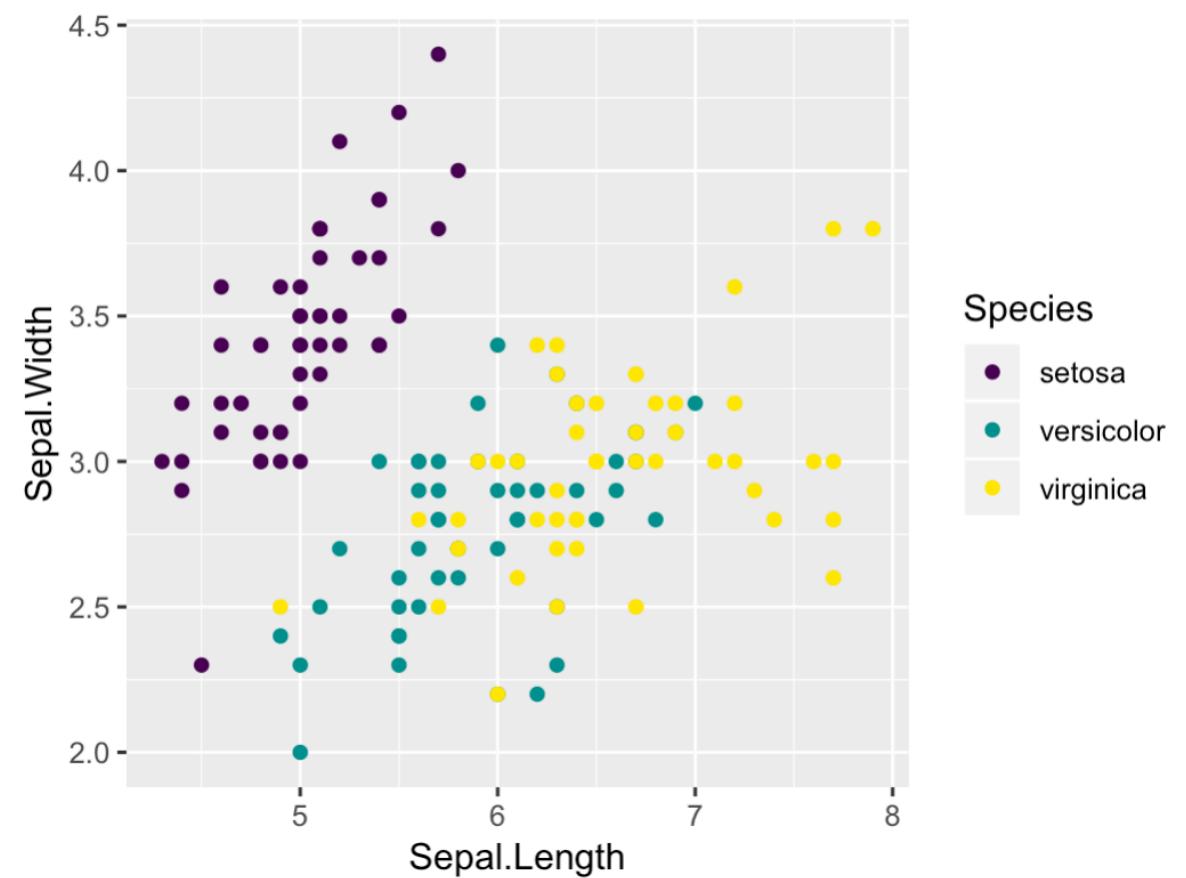
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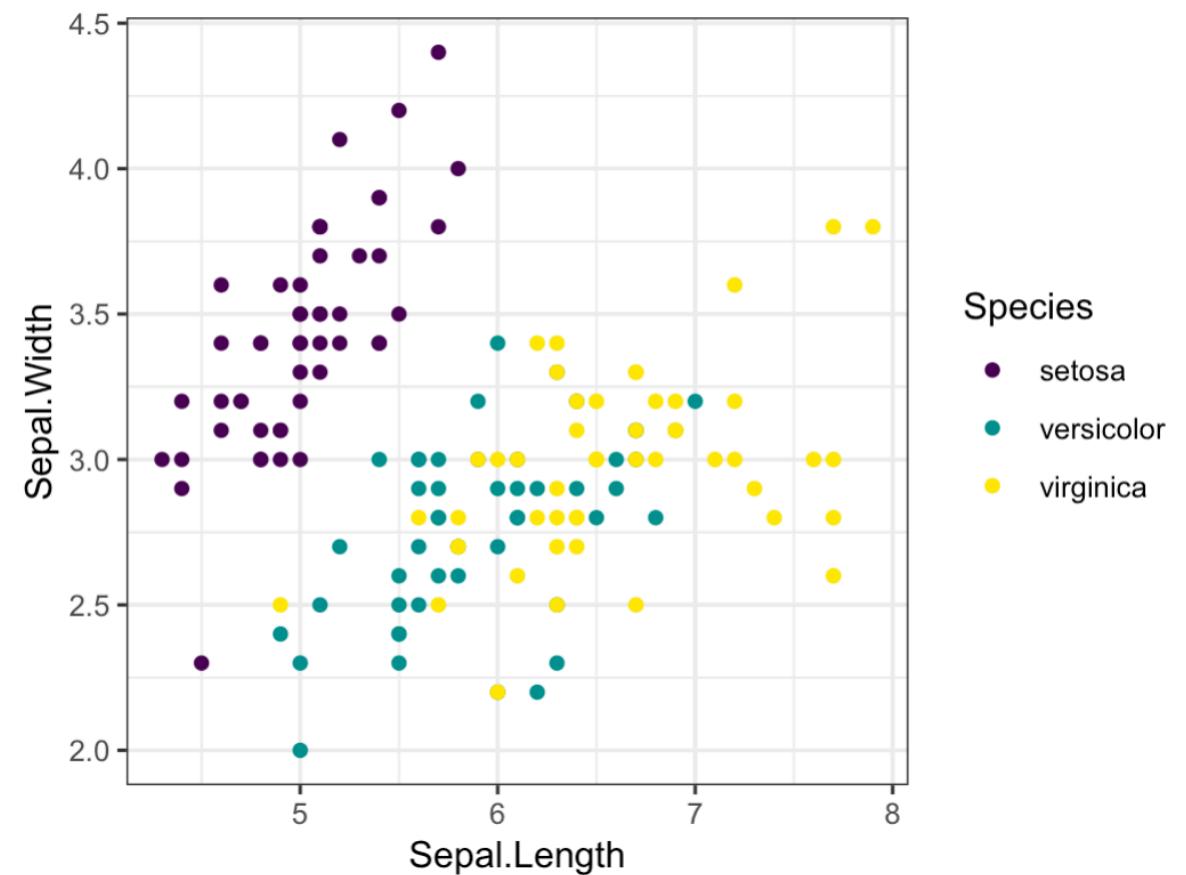
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  theme_bw()
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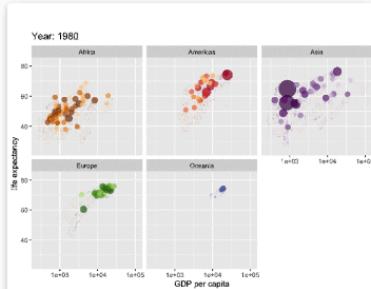
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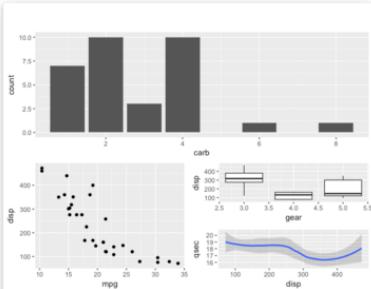
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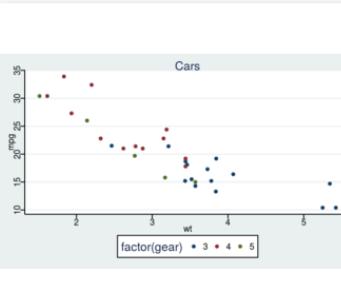
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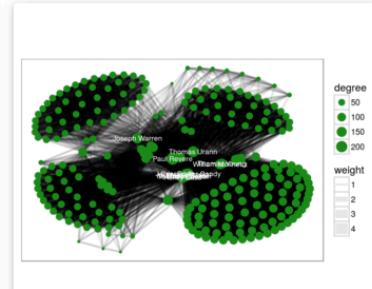
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A Grammar of Animated Graphics.  
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■ **tags:** visualization, general  
■ **js libraries:**



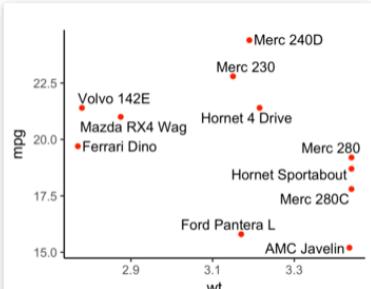
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■ **author:** thomasp85  
■ **tags:** visualization, composition  
■ **js libraries:**



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Some extra geoms, scales, and themes for ggplot.  
■ **author:** jrnold  
■ **tags:** visualization, general  
■ **js libraries:**



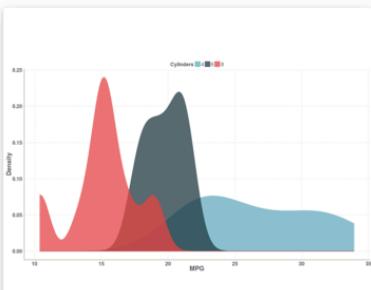
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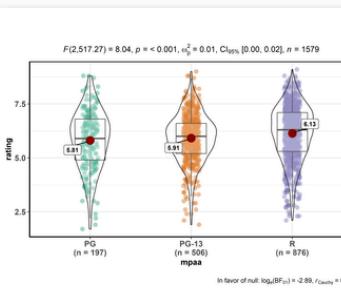
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Repel overlapping text labels away from each other.  
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■ **tags:** visualization, general  
■ **js libraries:**



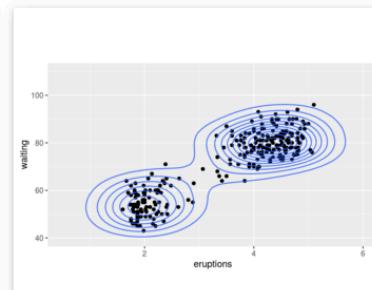
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■ **tags:** visualization, interface  
■ **js libraries:**



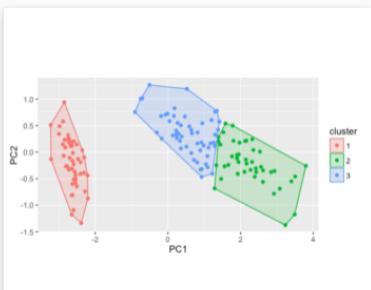
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■ **author:** ctibin  
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'ggstatsplot' provides a collection of functions to enhance 'ggplot2' plots with results from statistical tests.  
■ **author:** IndrajeetPatil  
■ **tags:** visualization, statistics  
■ **js libraries:**

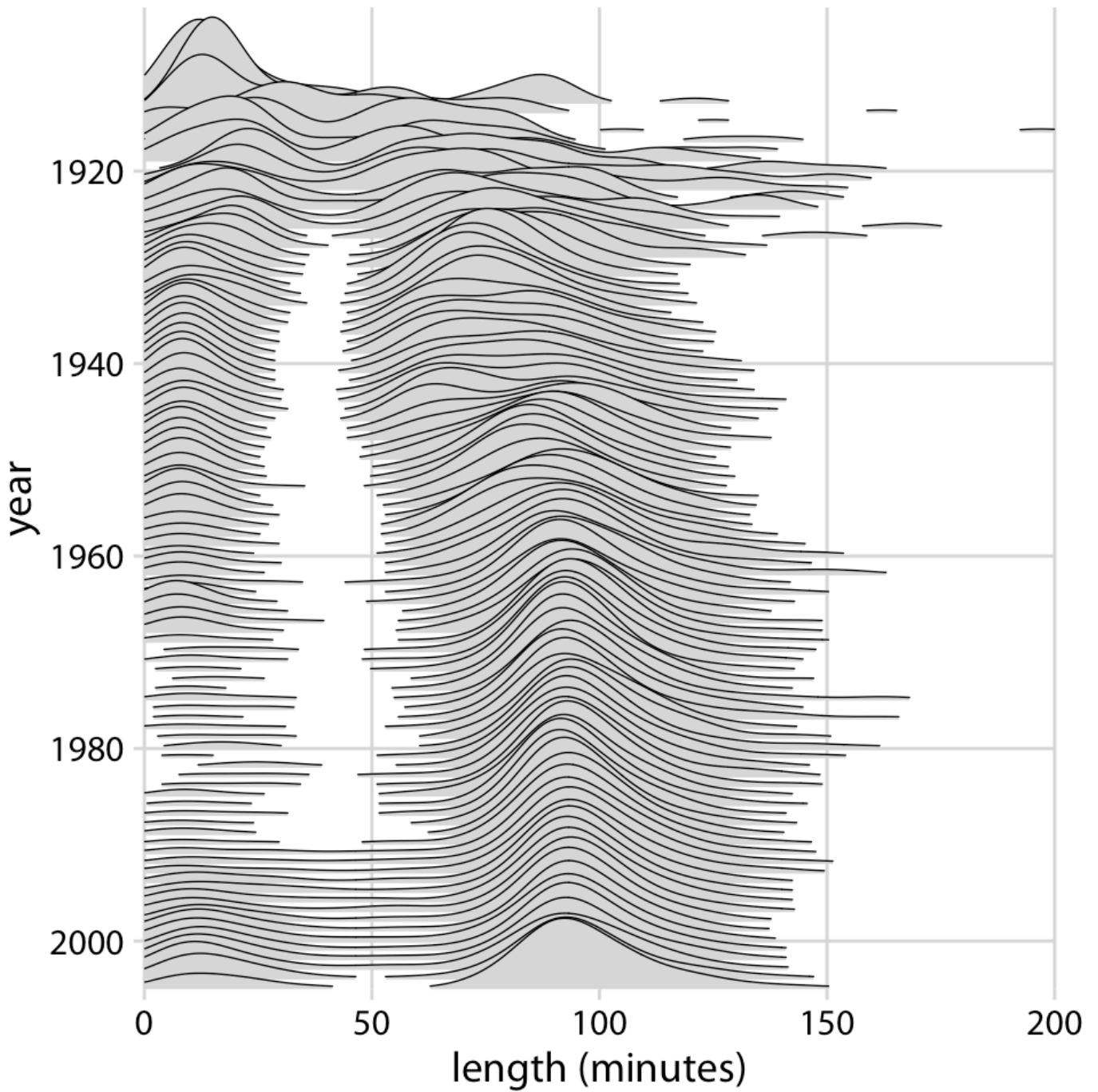


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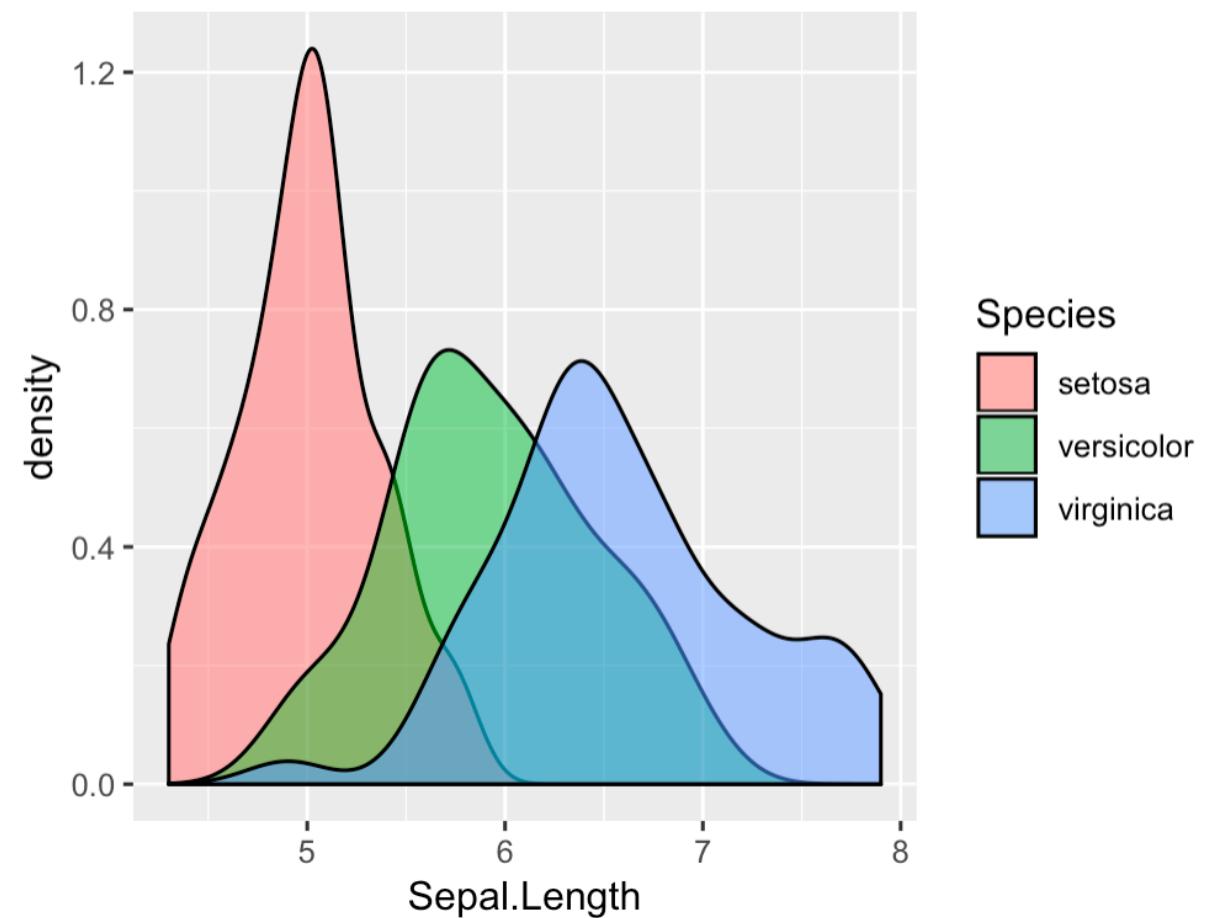
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# Example 1: Ridgeline plots



# Ridgeline plots are a variation of density plots

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  aes(x = Sepal.Length, fill = Species) +  
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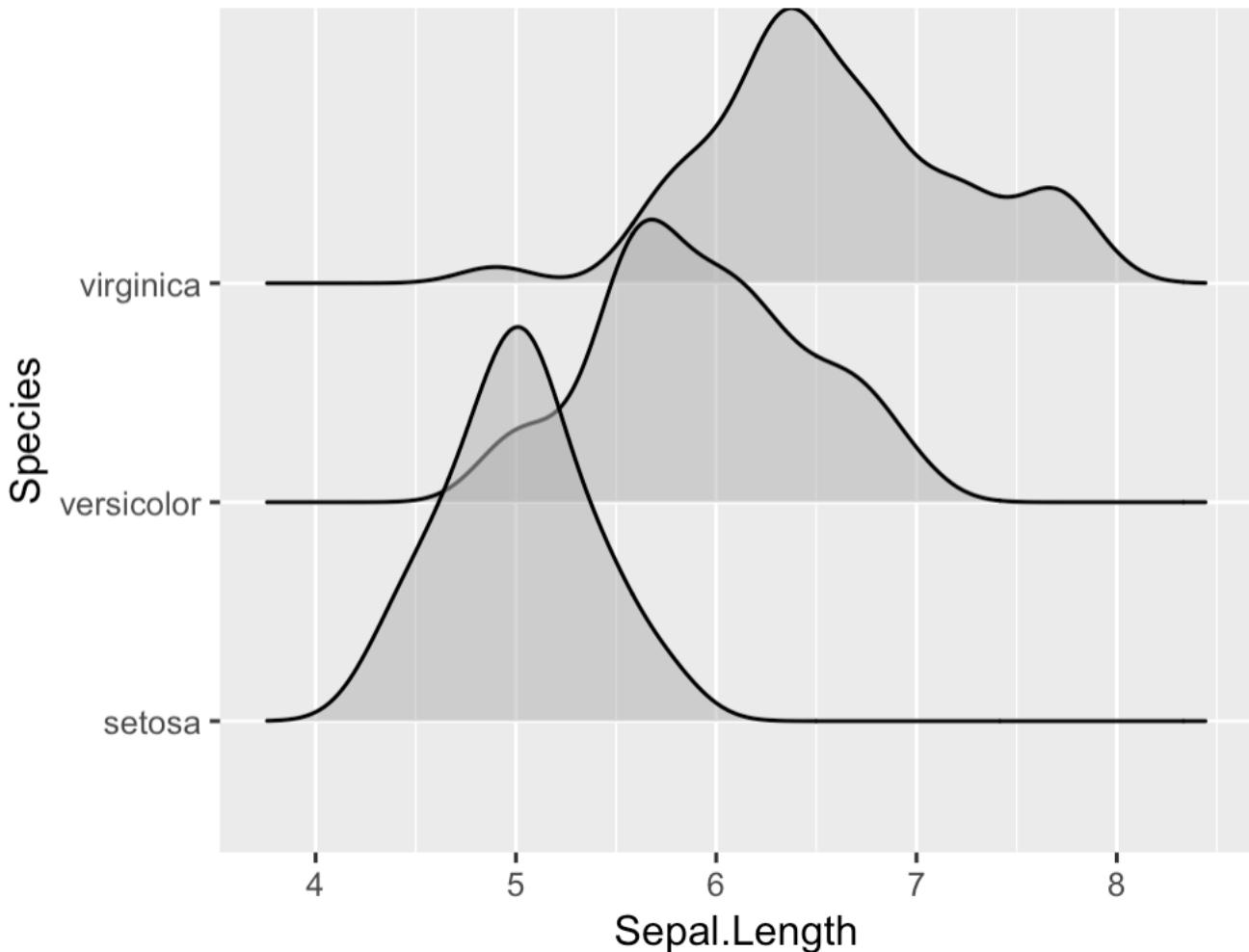
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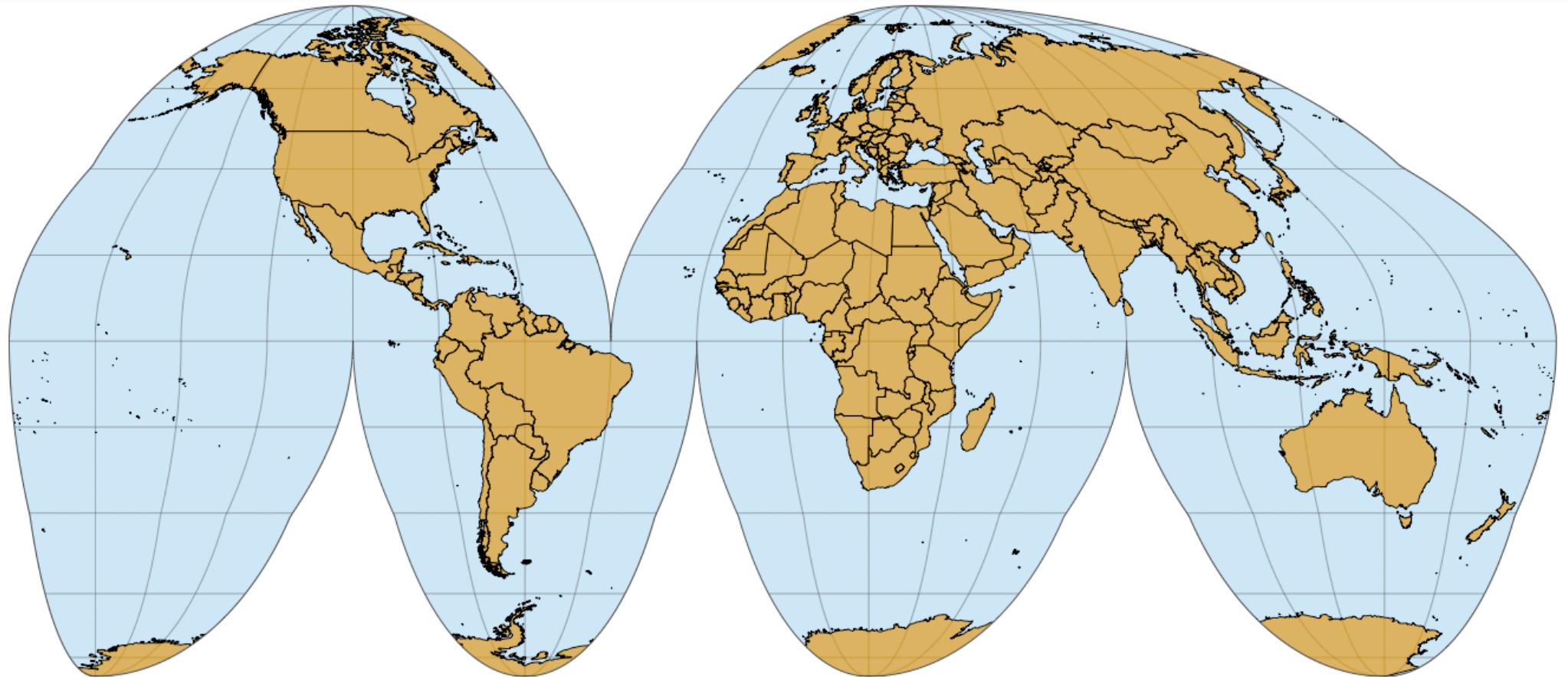
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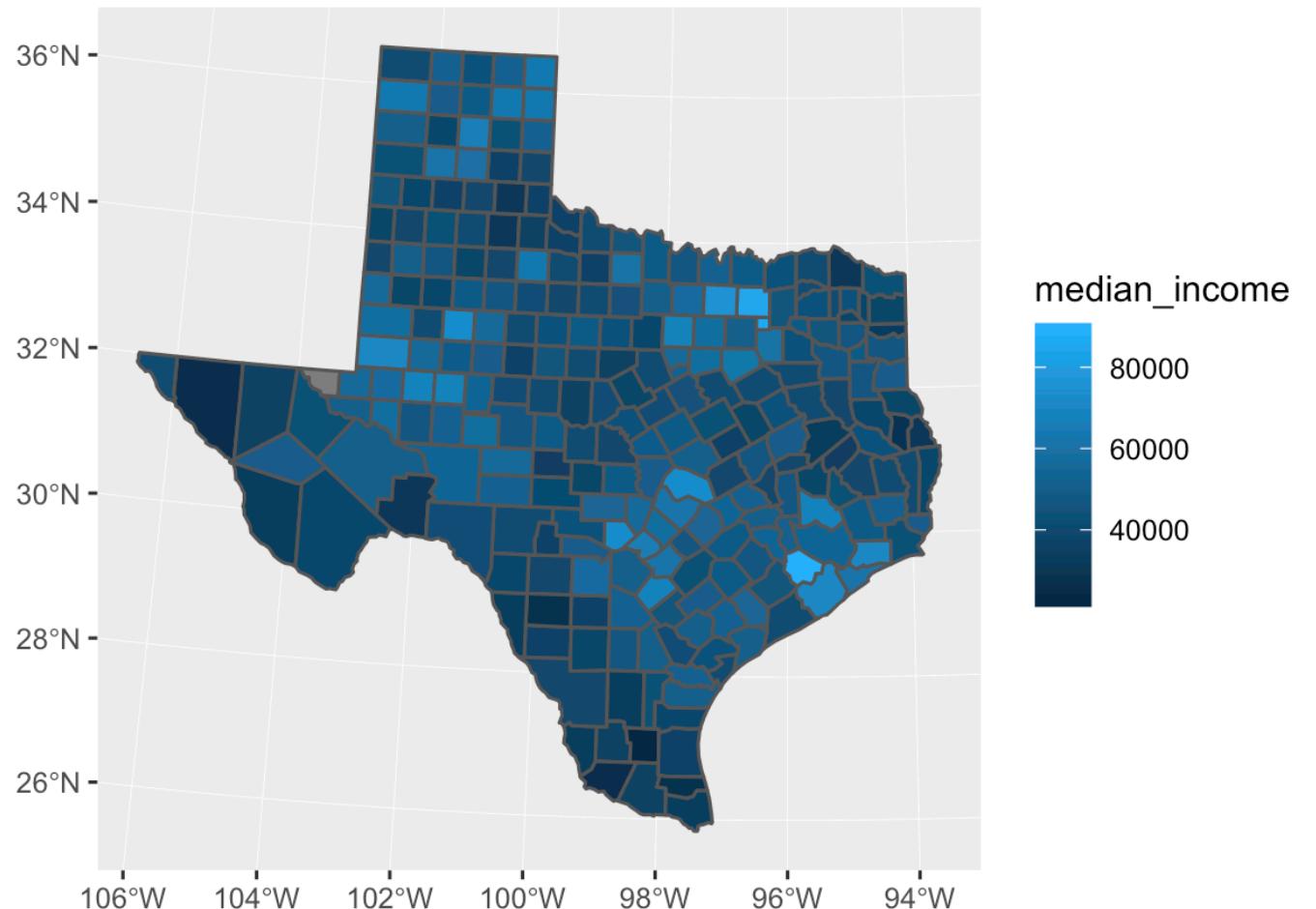


## Example 2: Simple features



# sf: Manipulating and plotting simple features

```
ggplot(TX_income, aes(fill = median_income)) +  
  geom_sf()
```

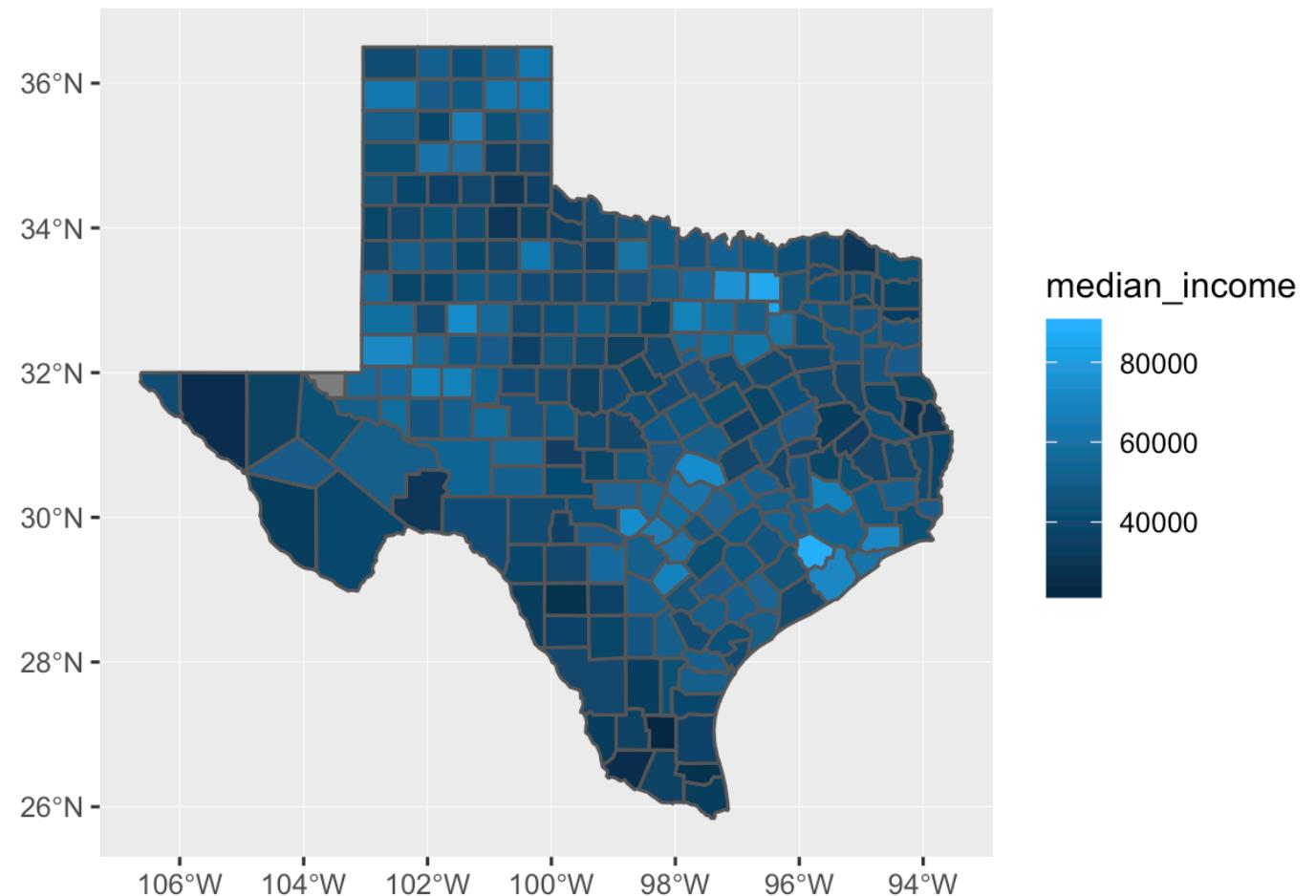


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```
TX_income[1:3,]
#> Simple feature collection with 3 features and 15 fields
#> geometry type: MULTIPOLYGON
#> dimension: XY
#> bbox: xmin: -579099 ymin: -958812.5 xmax: -168152.2 ymax: -94284.87
#> epsg (SRID): NA
#> proj4string: +proj=aea +lat_1=29.5 +lat_2=45.5 +lat_0=37.5 +lon_0=-96
+x_0=0 +y_0=0 +ellps=GRS80 +towgs84=0,0,0,0,0,0,0 +units=m +no_defs
#> STATEFP COUNTYFP COUNTYNS      AFFGEOID GEOID    NAME LSAD      ALAND
#> 1     48      421 01383996 0500000US48421 48421 Sherman    06 2390651189
#> 2     48      493 01384032 0500000US48493 48493 Wilson     06 2081662847
#> 3     48      115 01383843 0500000US48115 48115 Dawson    06 2331781556
#> AWATER          name median_income median_income_moe
#> 1 428754 Sherman County, Texas      51987           4386
#> 2 12111367 Wilson County, Texas      68100           3328
#> 3 4720730 Dawson County, Texas      41095           2591
#> population       area      popdens
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#> 2     45509 2086919506 [m^2] 2.180678e-05 [1/m^2]
#> 3     13542 2336898468 [m^2] 5.794860e-06 [1/m^2]
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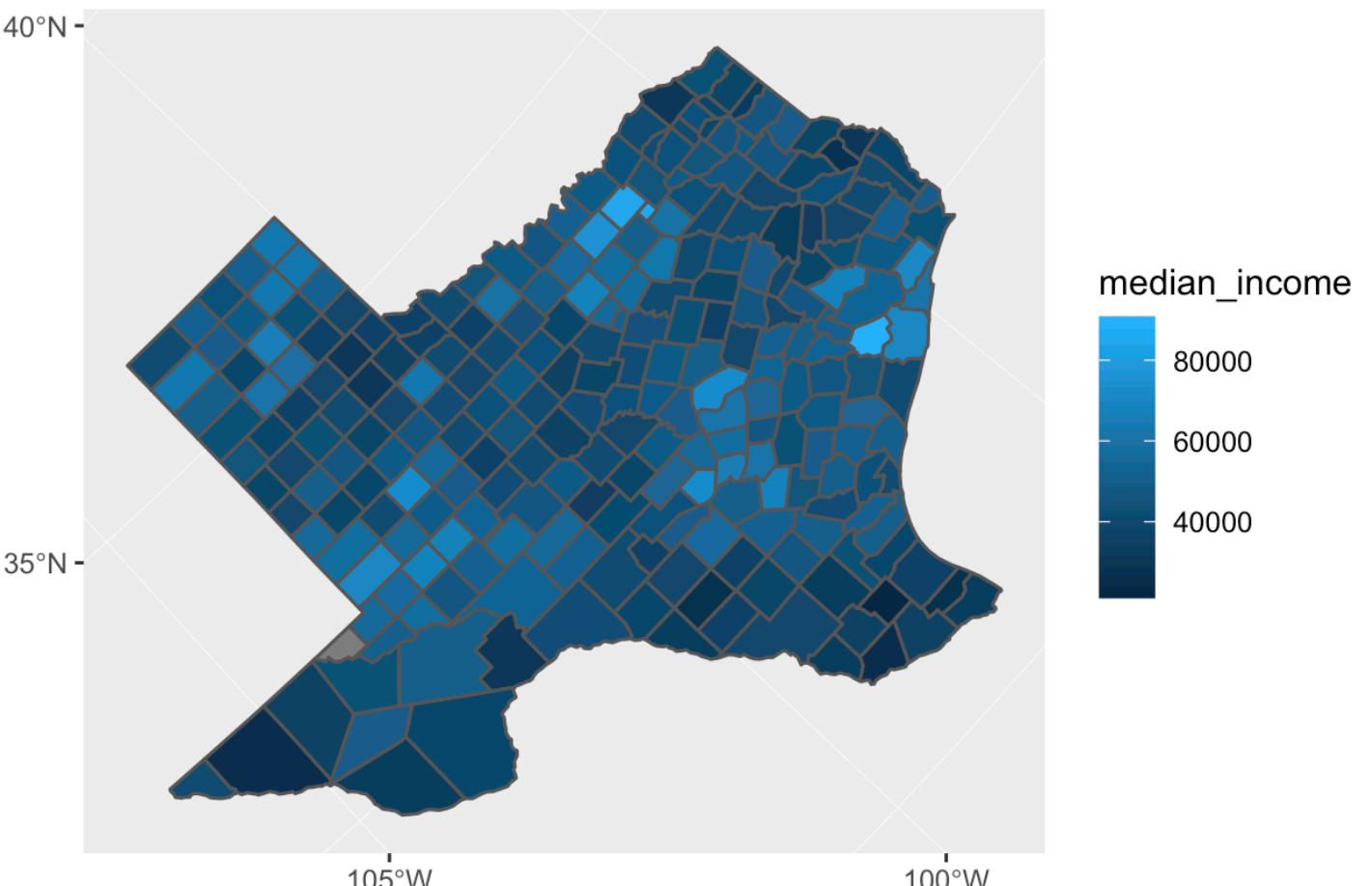
```
ggplot(TX_income, aes(fill = median_income)) +  
  geom_sf() +  
  coord_sf(crs = 4326) # Cartesian longitude and latitude
```



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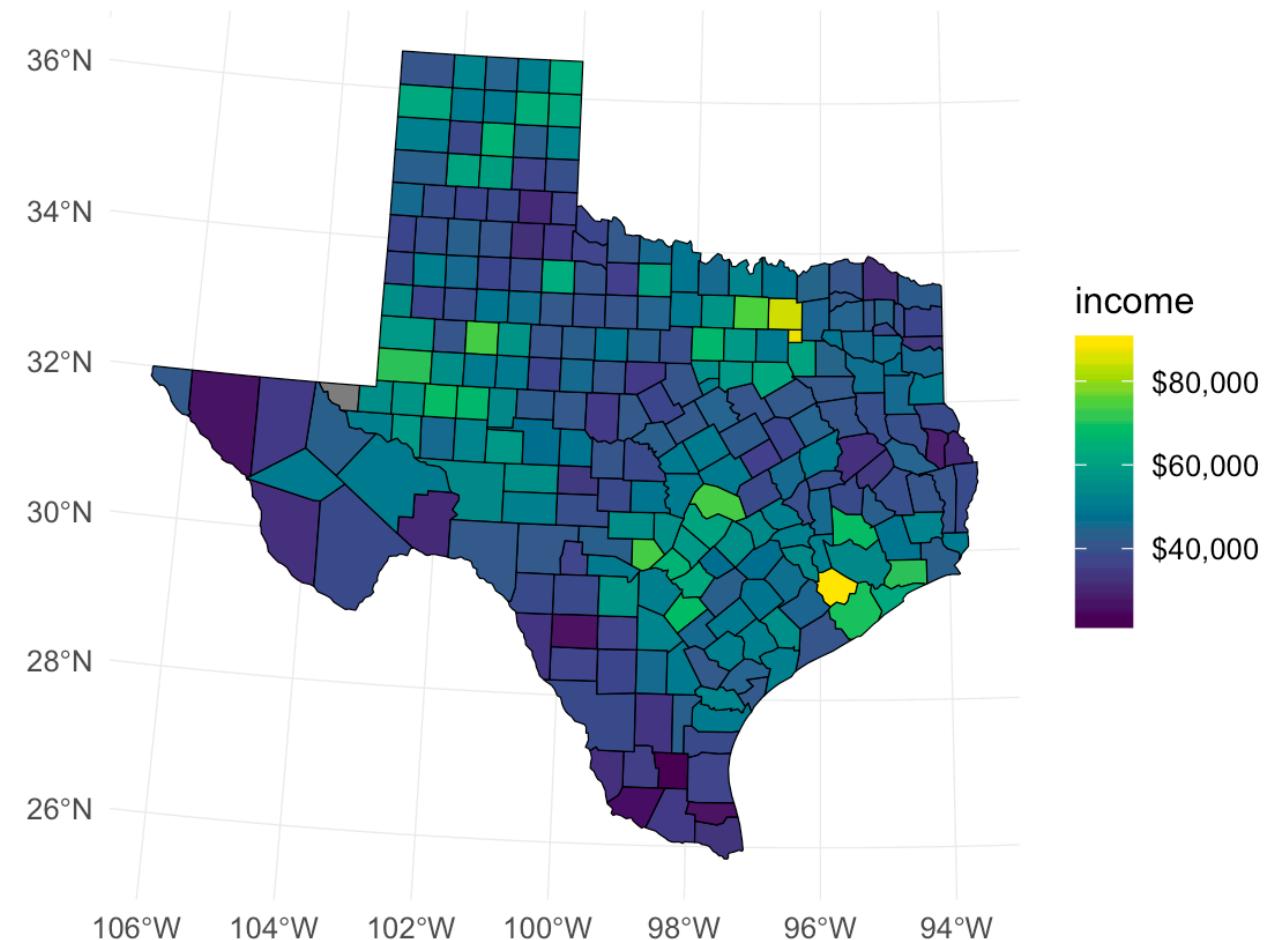
```
ggplot(TX_income, aes(fill = median_income)) +  
  geom_sf() +  
  coord_sf(crs = 3338) # NAD83, Alaska Albers
```



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# sf: Manipulating and plotting simple features

```
# with formatting tweaks
ggplot(TX_income, aes(fill = median_income)) +
  geom_sf(color = "black", size = 0.2) +
  scale_fill_viridis_c(
    name = "income",
    labels = dollar
  ) +
  theme_minimal()
```



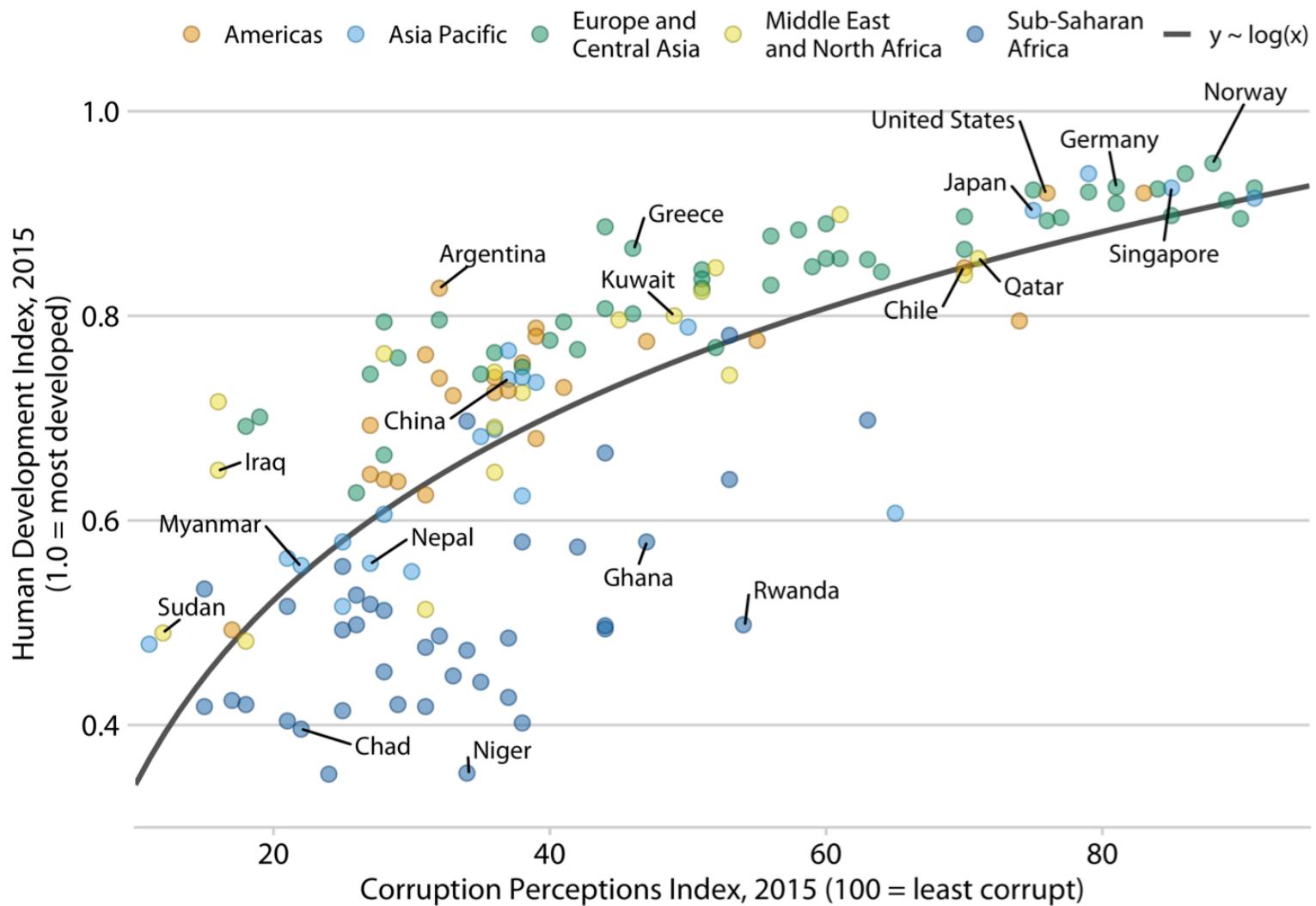
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## Corruption and human development

The most developed countries experience the least corruption



Data sources: Transparency International & UN Human Development Report

# ggrepel: Smart annotation of plot elements

```
library(ggrepel)

mtcars$car <- rownames(mtcars) # add column of car names

mtcars %>% filter(disp < 200) %>%
  ggplot(aes(disp, mpg, label = car)) +
  geom_point() +
  geom_text_repel()
```



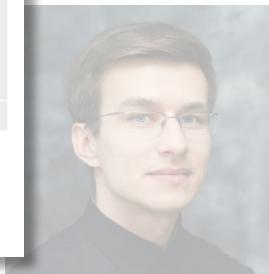
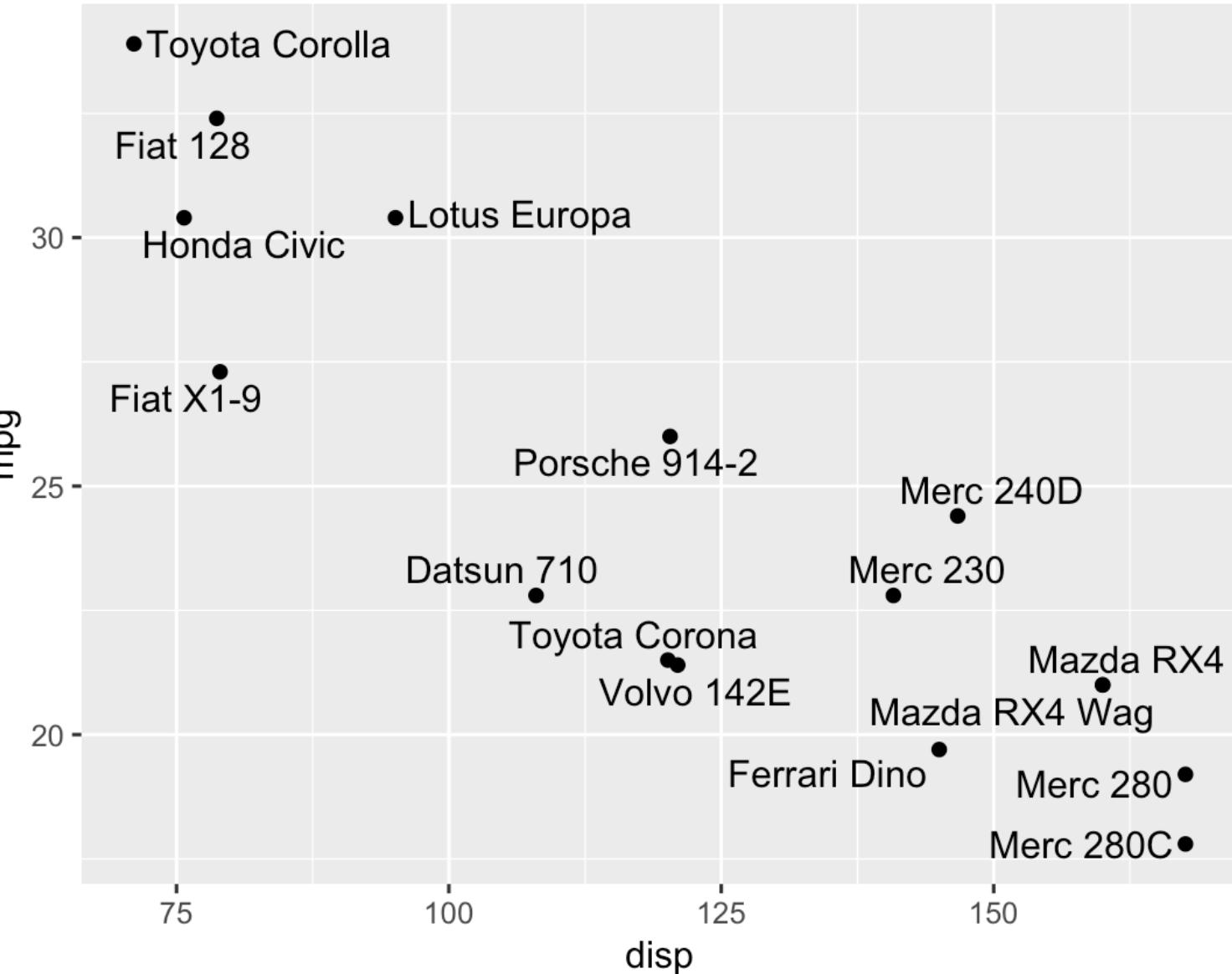
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mtcars$car
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mtcars %>%  
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mtcars %>% filter(disp < 200) %>%  
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  geom_point() +  
  geom_text_repel(xlim = c(180, 250), hjust = 0) +  
  xlim(70, 240)
```

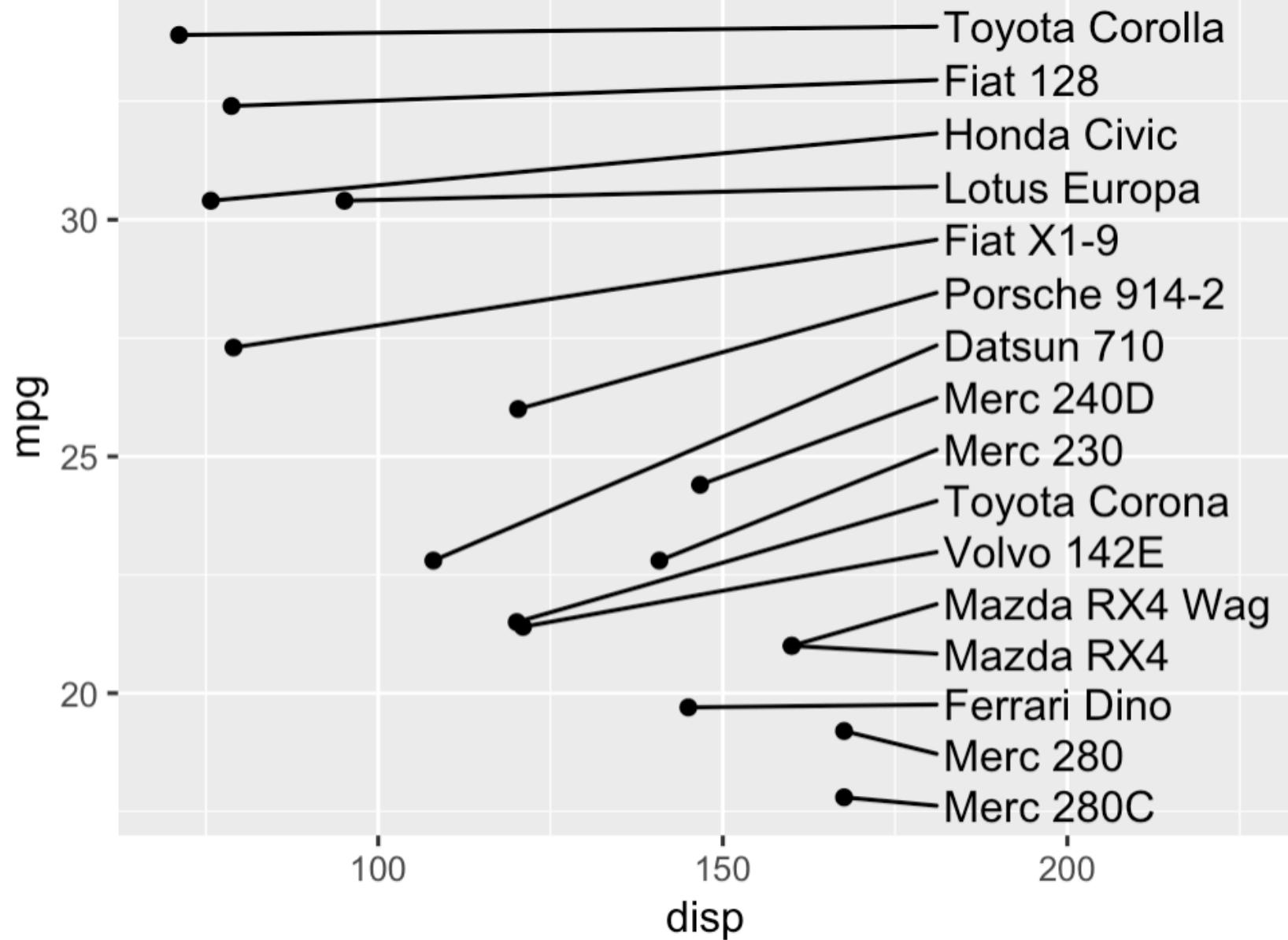


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mtcars %>% filter(disp < 200) %>%  
  ggplot(aes(disp, mpg)) +  
  geom_point(aes(color = factor(am))) +  
  geom_text_repel(aes(label = ifelse(am == 0, car, ""))) +  
  scale_color_manual(  
    name = "transmission",  
    labels = c("manual", "automatic"),  
    values = c("red", "gray50"))  
)
```

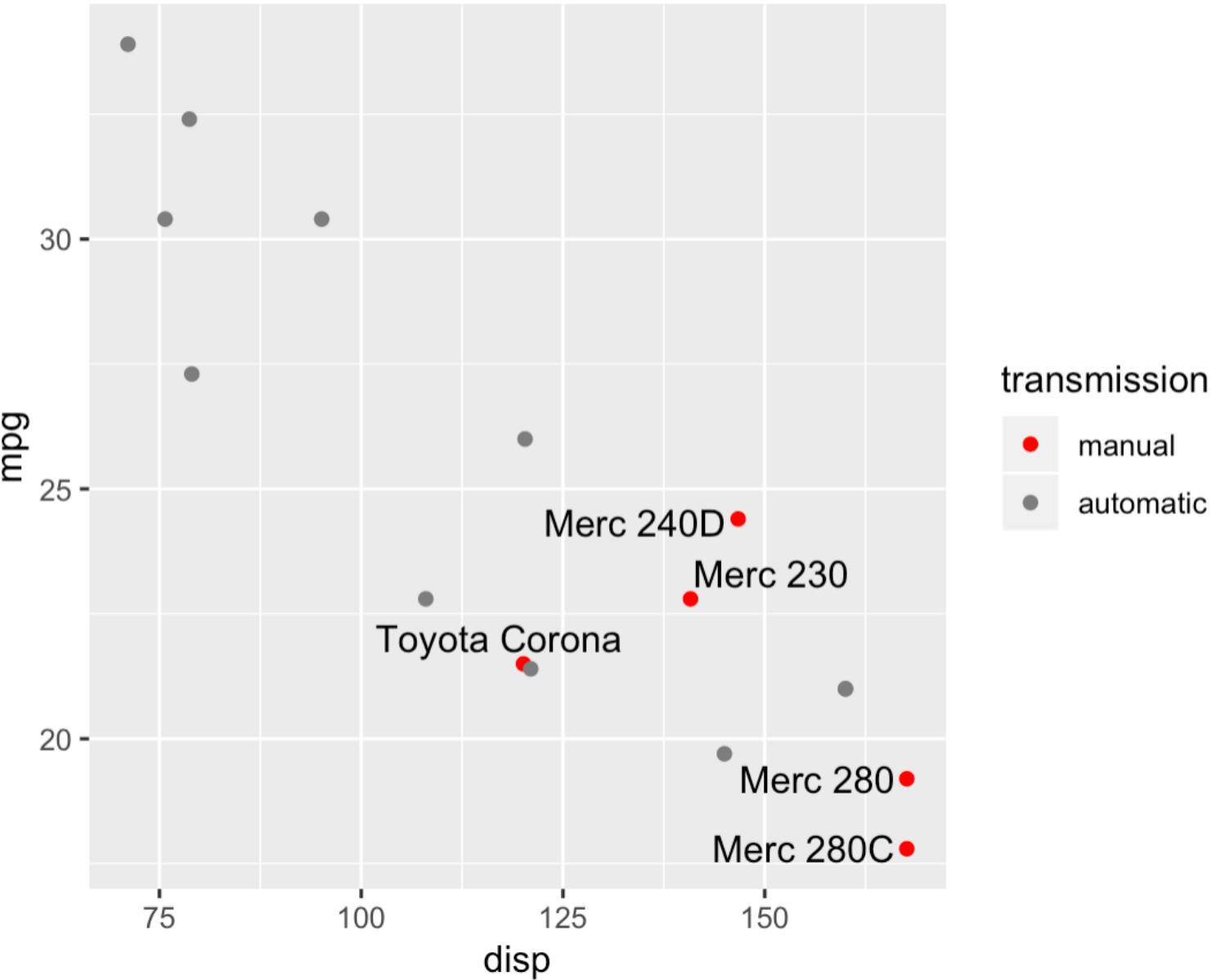


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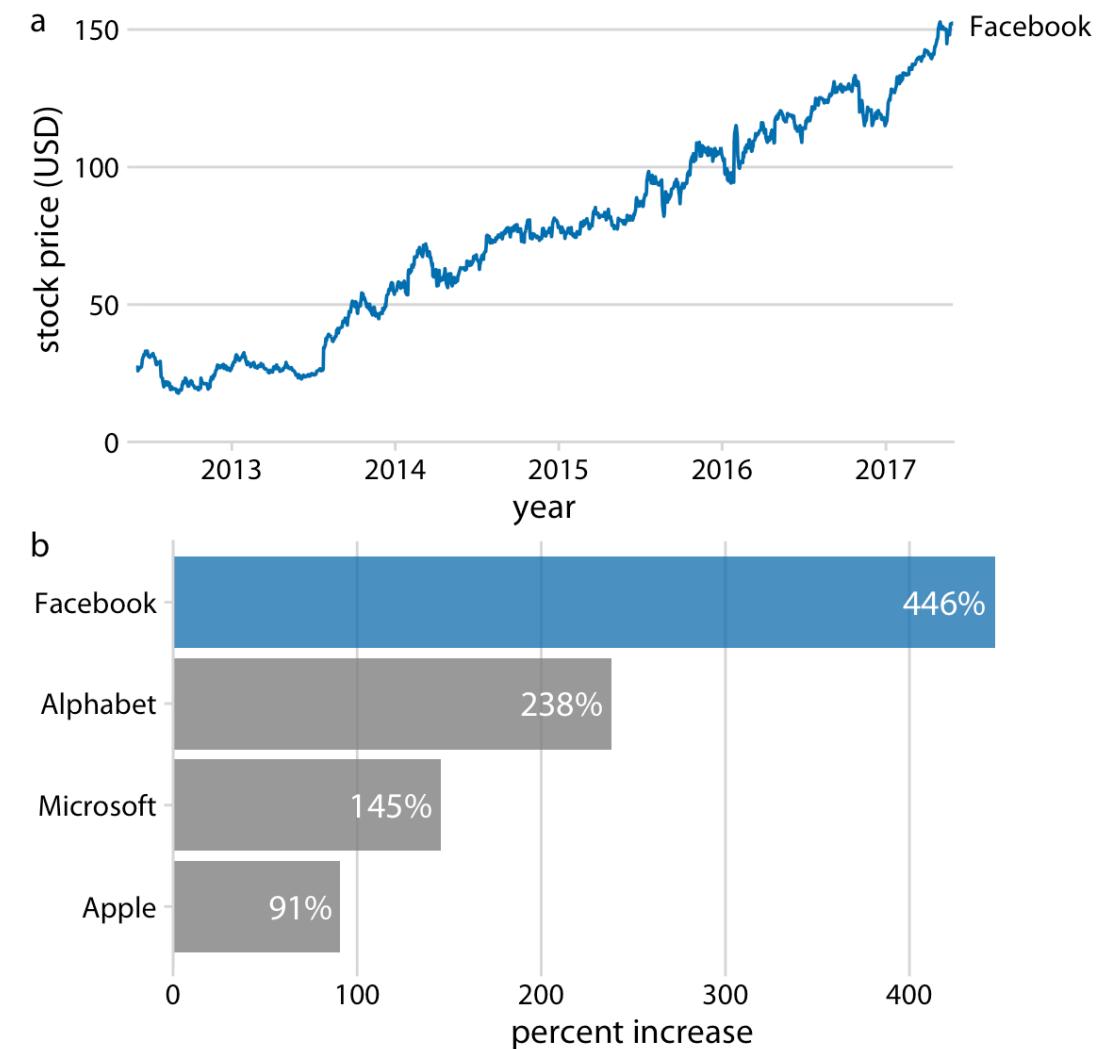
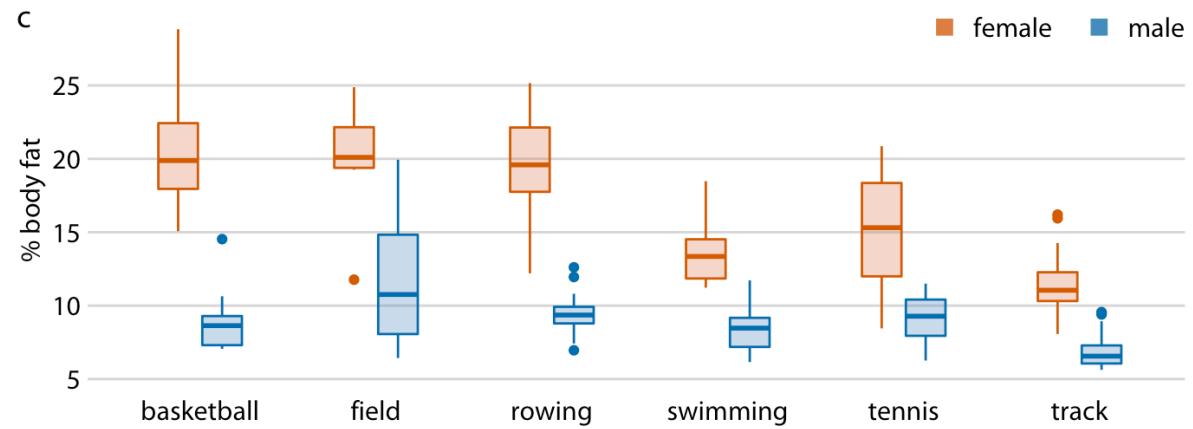
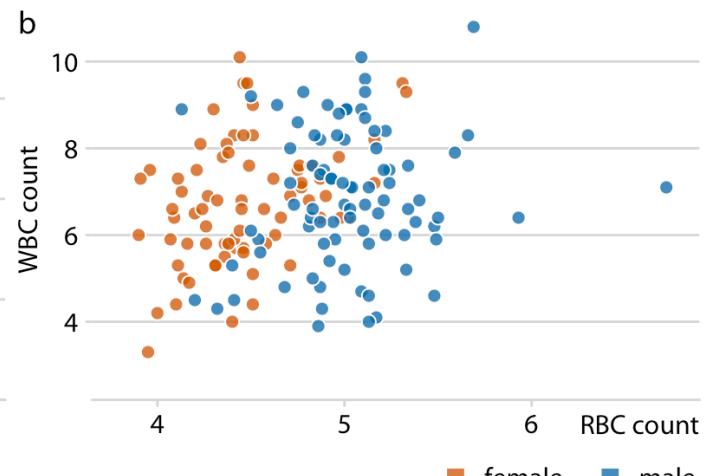
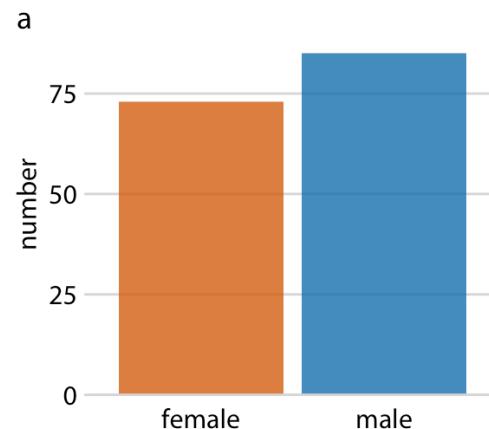
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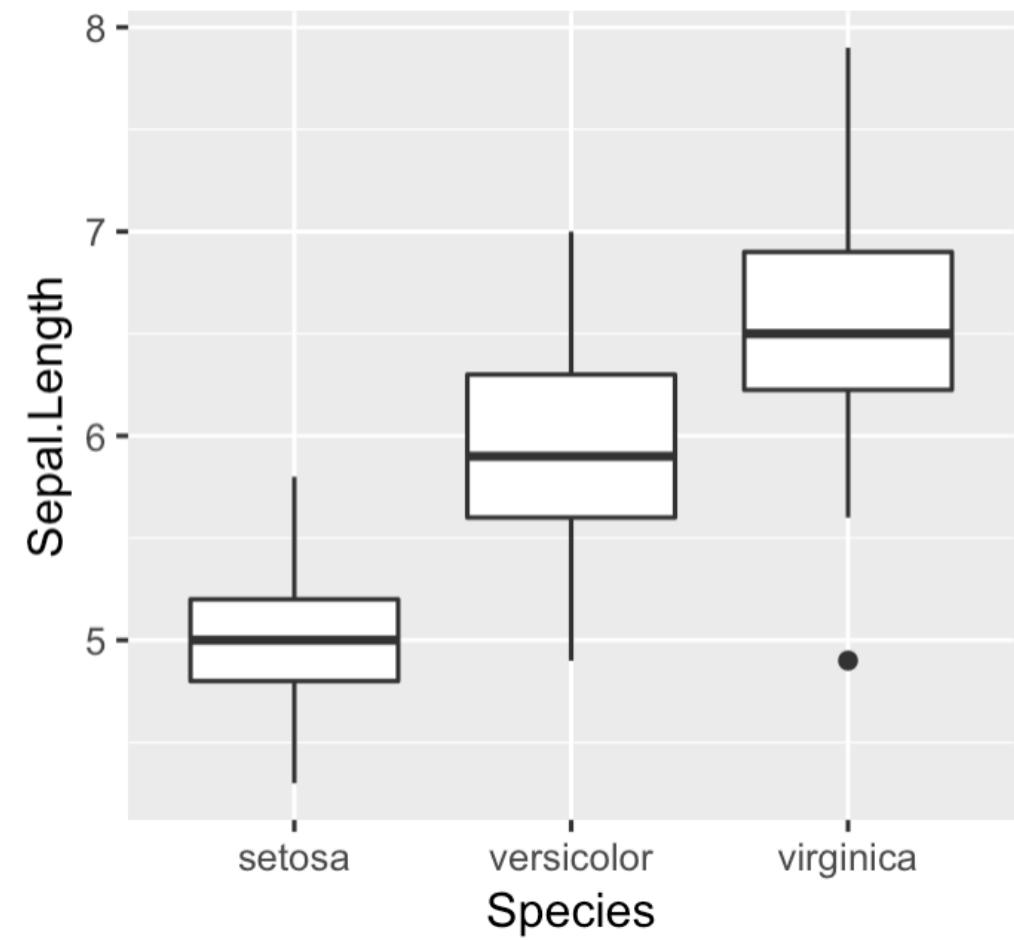
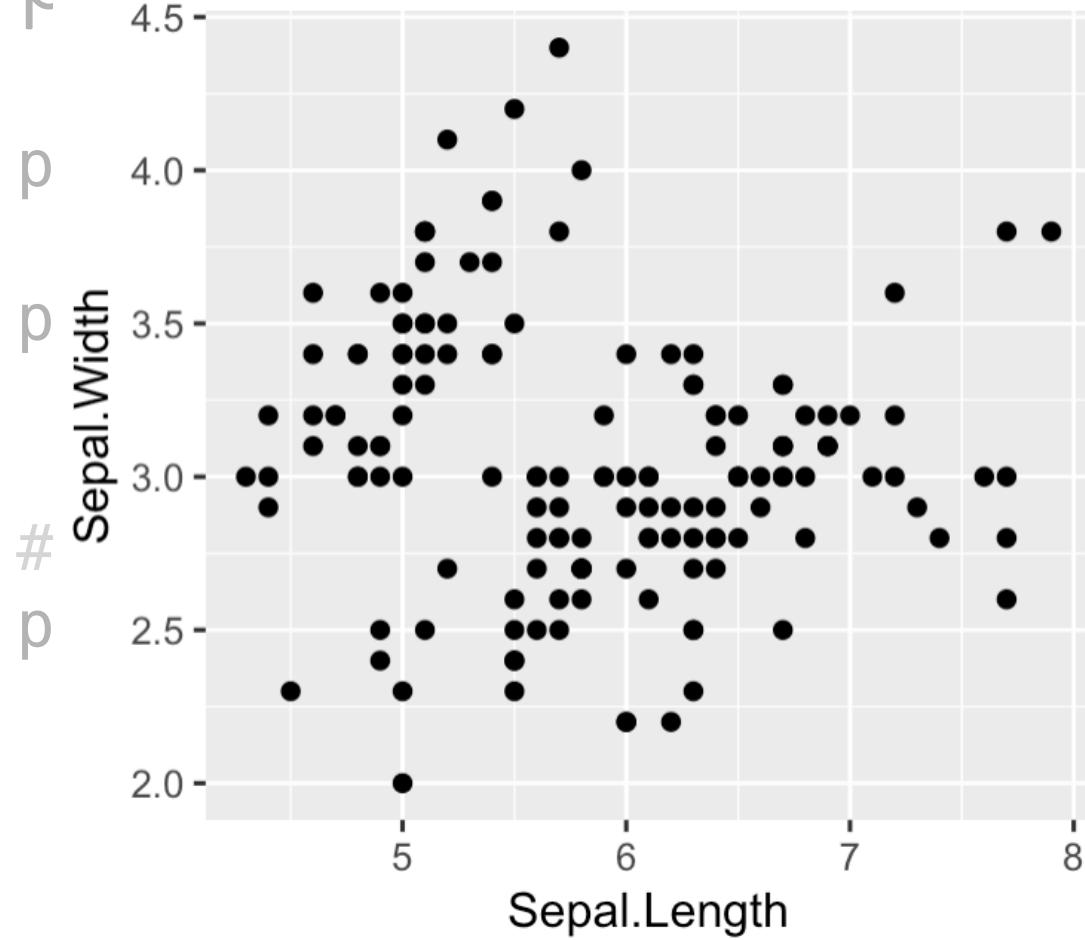
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```
p1 <- ggplot(iris, aes(Sepal.Length, Sepal.Width)) +  
    geom_point()  
p2 <- ggplot(iris, aes(Species, Sepal.Length)) +  
    geom_boxplot()  
  
# add plots to place them side-by-side  
p1 + p2
```



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  geom_boxplot()
```

```
# divide plots to place them on top of each other
```

```
p1 / p2
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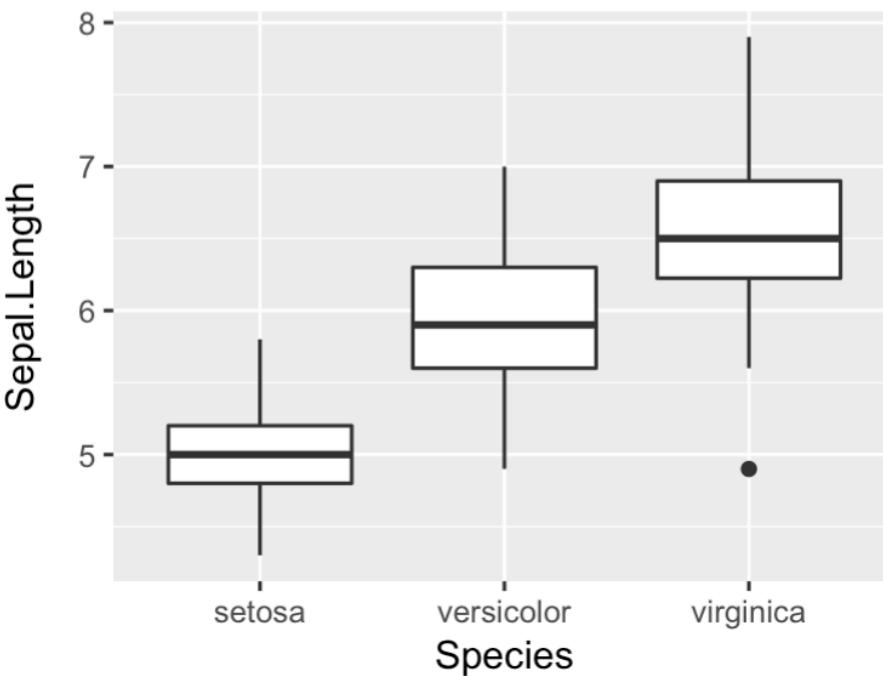
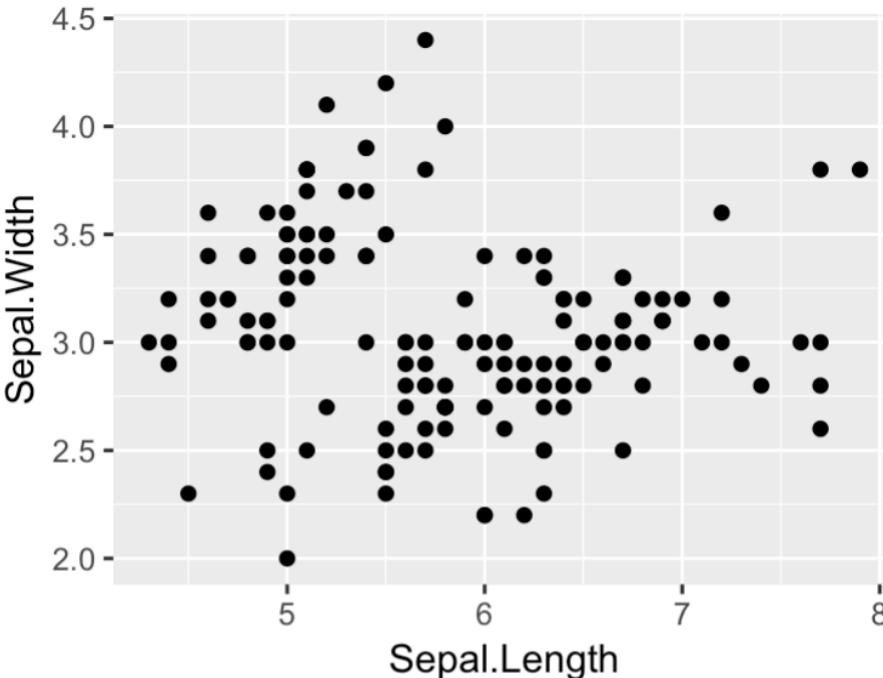


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# divide plots to  
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# patchwork: A grammar of plot composition

```
p3 <- ggplot(iris, aes(Sepal.Length)) +  
  geom_density(fill = "gray60") +  
  facet_wrap(~Species)
```

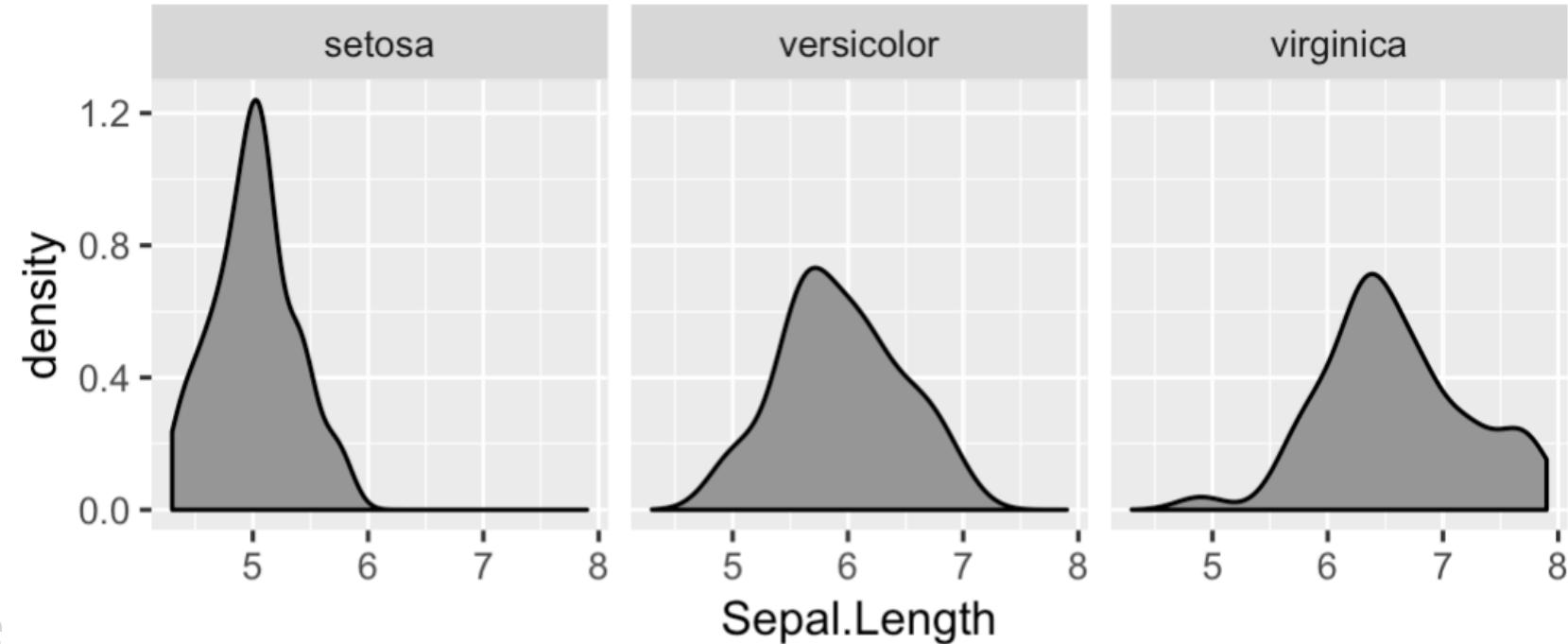
```
# nested arrangements are possible  
p3 / (p1 + p2)
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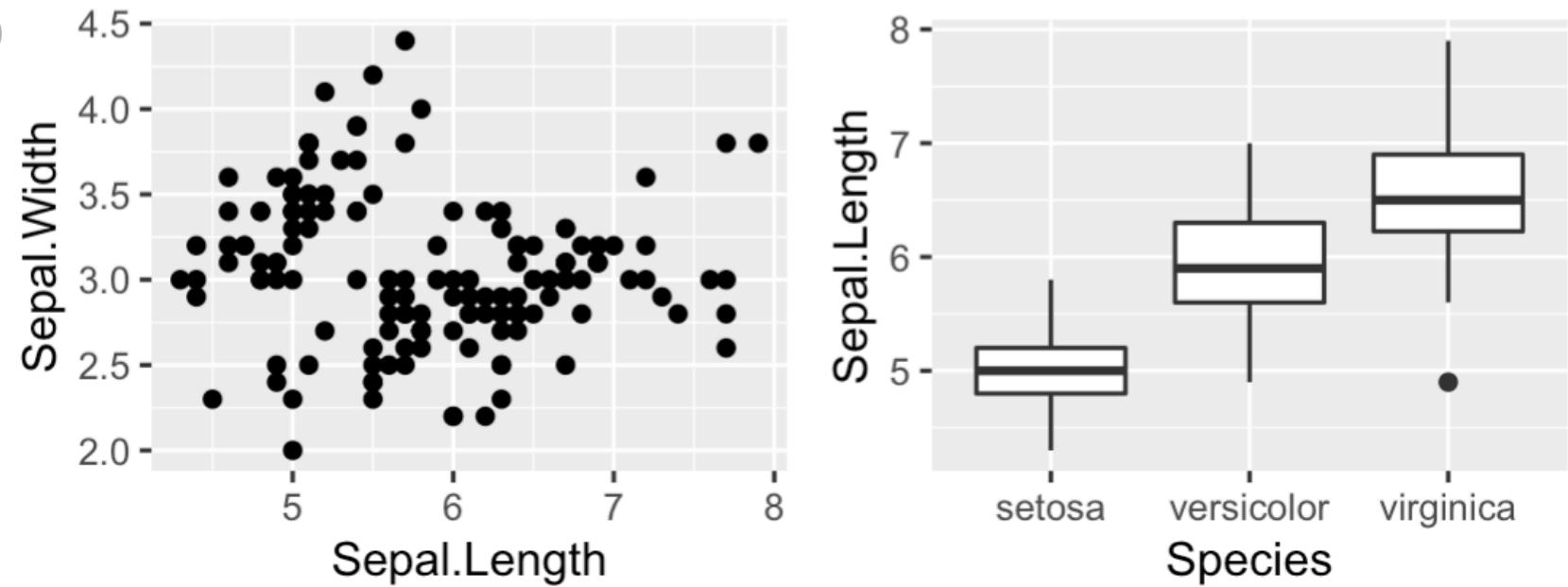
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  geom_density(fill = "gray60") +  
  facet_wrap(~Species)
```

```
# apply theme recursively to all plots  
p3 / (p1 + p2) & theme_minimal()
```

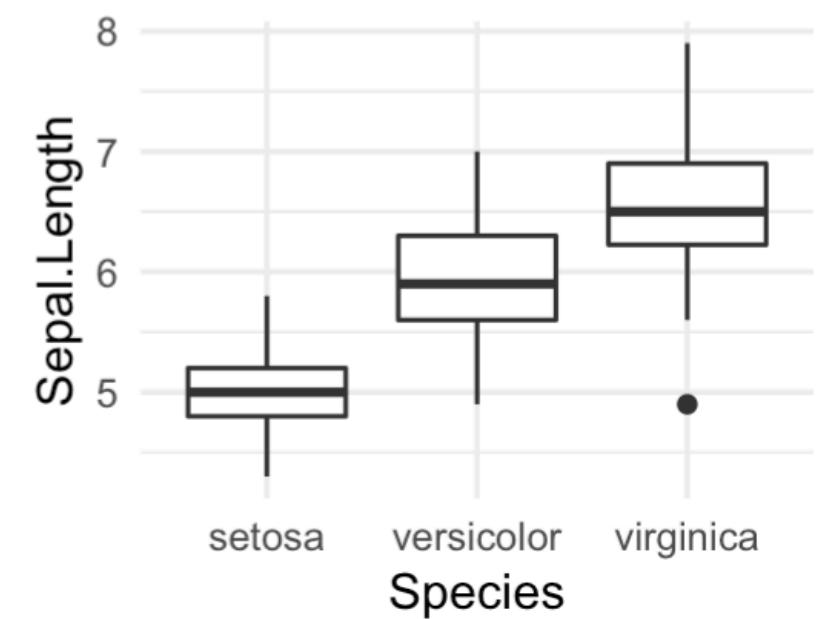
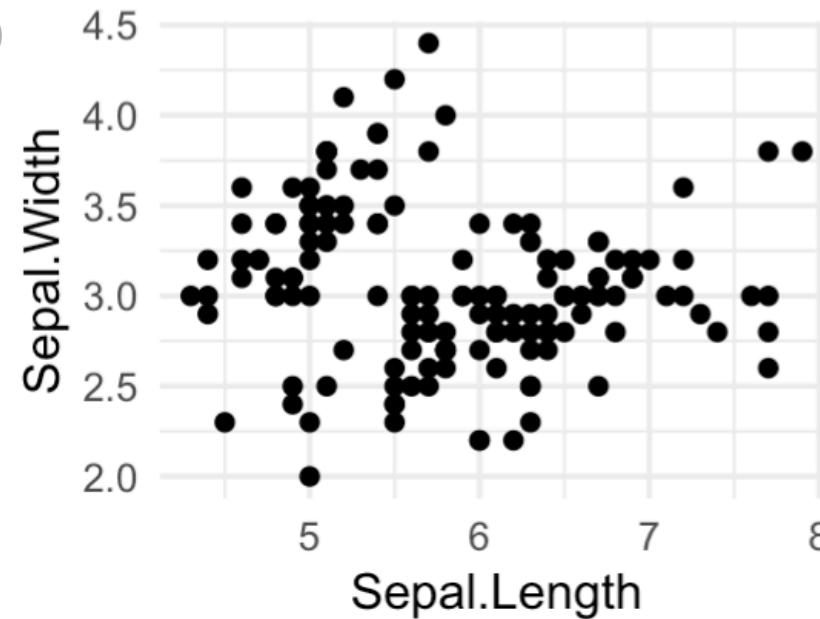
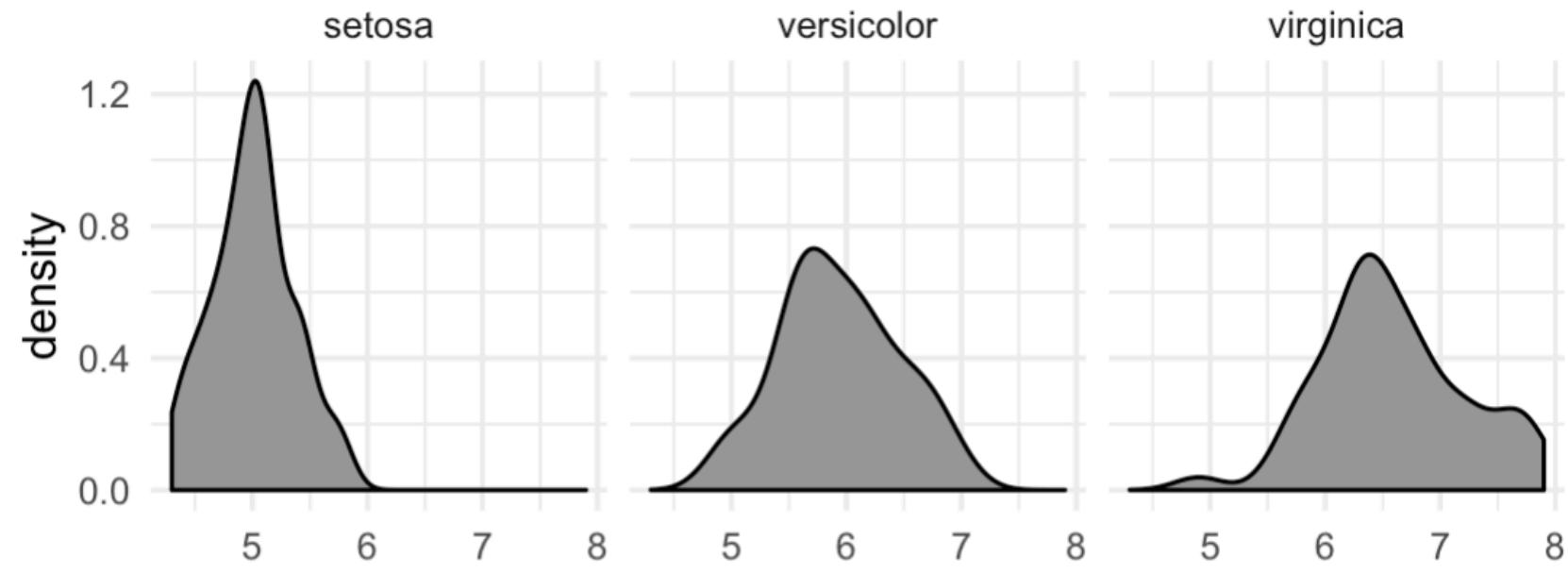


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p3 <- g

# apply  
p3 / (p



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