

Programming Principles in Python (CSCI 503/490)

Visualization

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Pandas Operations

- Sorting:

- `s.sort_values()` # series
- `df.sort_values(<list-of-columns>)` # data frame

- Unique:

- `s.unique()`, `s.nunique()`
- `df.drop_duplicates()`, `df.drop_duplicates(subset=<column-list>)`

- Derived Data:

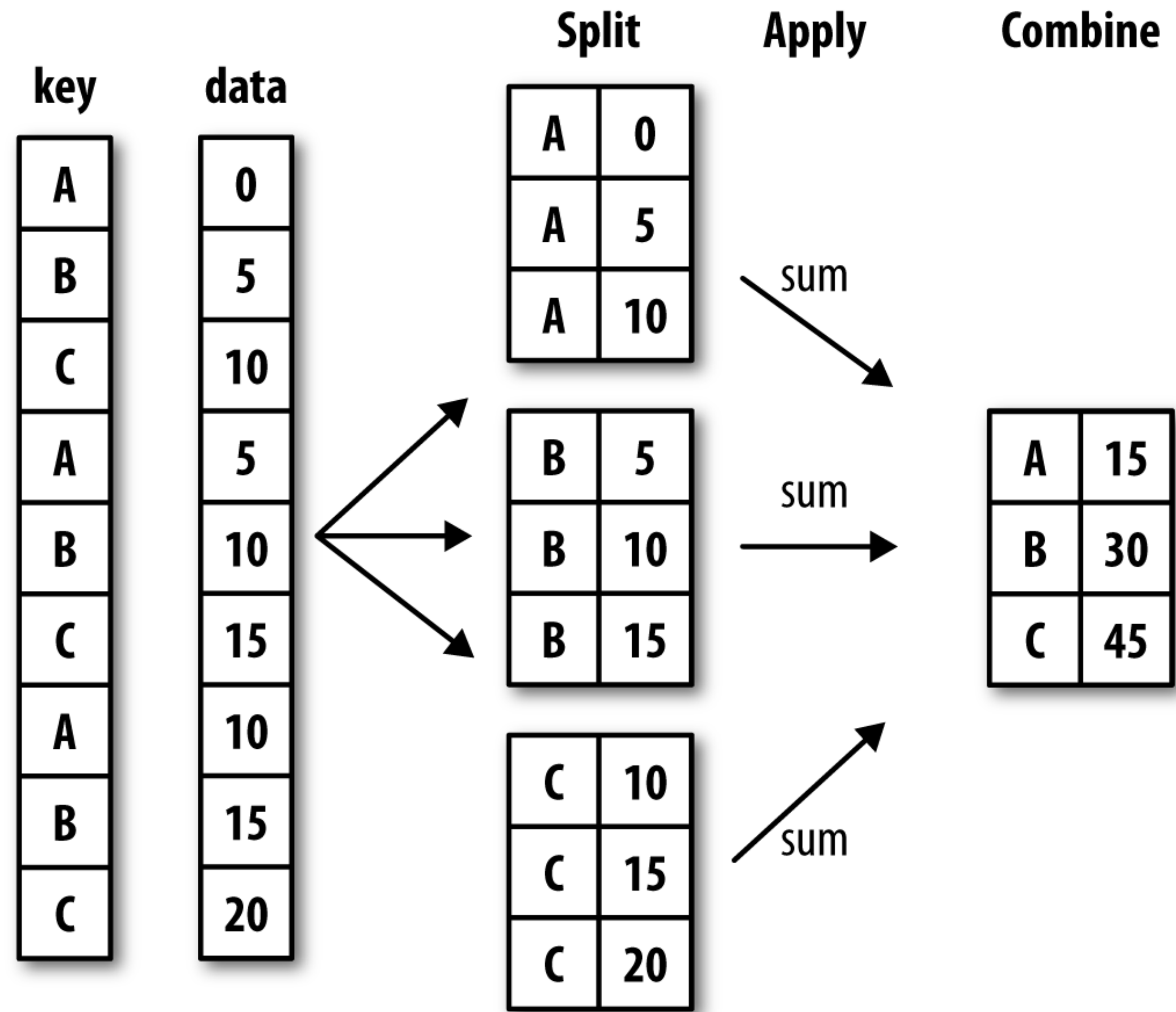
- `df["PctFail"] = df["Fail"] / df["Total"]`
- `df.assign(PctFail=lambda df: df["Fail"]/df["Total"])`

Reading & Writing Data in Pandas

Format	Data Description	Reader	Writer
text	CSV	read_csv	to_csv
text	Fixed-Width Text File	read_fwf	
text	JSON	read_json	to_json
text	HTML	read_html	to_html
text	Local clipboard	read_clipboard	to_clipboard
	MS Excel	read_excel	to_excel
binary	OpenDocument	read_excel	
binary	HDF5 Format	read_hdf	to_hdf
binary	Feather Format	read_feather	to_feather
binary	Parquet Format	read_parquet	to_parquet
binary	ORC Format	read_orc	
binary	Msgpack	read_msgpack	to_msgpack
binary	Stata	read_stata	to_stata
binary	SAS	read_sas	
binary	SPSS	read_spss	
binary	Python Pickle Format	read_pickle	to_pickle
SQL	SQL	read_sql	to_sql
SQL	Google BigQuery	read_gbq	to_gbq

[https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/user_guide/io.html]

Split-Apply-Combine



[W. McKinney, Python for Data Analysis]

Split-Apply-Combine Examples

- `df.groupby('Island')`
- `df.groupby('Island').size()`
- `df.groupby('Island')['Culmen Length (mm)'].mean()`
- `df.groupby('Island')[['Culmen Length (mm)',
 'Culmen Depth (mm)']].mean()`
- `df.groupby('Island').agg({'Culmen Length (mm)': 'mean',
 'Culmen Depth (mm)': 'mean'})`
- `df.groupby('Island').agg(
 cul_length=('Culmen Length (mm)', 'mean'),
 cul_depth=('Culmen Depth (mm)', 'mean'))`

Different Data Layouts

	treatmenta	treatmentb
John Smith	—	2
Jane Doe	16	11
Mary Johnson	3	1

Initial Data

name	trt	result
John Smith	a	—
Jane Doe	a	16
Mary Johnson	a	3
John Smith	b	2
Jane Doe	b	11
Mary Johnson	b	1

Tidy Data

	John Smith	Jane Doe	Mary Johnson
treatmenta	—	16	3
treatmentb	2	11	1

Transpose

[H. Wickham, 2014]



Problem: Variables stored in both rows & columns

Mexico Weather, Global Historical Climatology Network

id	year	month	element	d1	d2	d3	d4	d5	d6	d7	d8
MX17004	2010	1	tmax	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
MX17004	2010	1	tmin	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
MX17004	2010	2	tmax	—	27.3	24.1	—	—	—	—	—
MX17004	2010	2	tmin	—	14.4	14.4	—	—	—	—	—
MX17004	2010	3	tmax	—	—	—	—	32.1	—	—	—
MX17004	2010	3	tmin	—	—	—	—	14.2	—	—	—
MX17004	2010	4	tmax	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
MX17004	2010	4	tmin	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
MX17004	2010	5	tmax	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
MX17004	2010	5	tmin	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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MX17004	2010	3	tmax	—	—	—	—	32.1	—	—	—
MX17004	2010	3	tmin	—	—	—	—	14.2	—	—	—
MX17004	2010	4	tmax	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
MX17004	2010	4	tmin	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
MX17004	2010	5	tmax	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
MX17004	2010	5	tmin	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Variable in columns: day; Variable in rows: tmax/tmin

[H. Wickham, 2014]

Melting + Pivot

id	date	element	value
MX17004	2010-01-30	tmax	27.8
MX17004	2010-01-30	tmin	14.5
MX17004	2010-02-02	tmax	27.3
MX17004	2010-02-02	tmin	14.4
MX17004	2010-02-03	tmax	24.1
MX17004	2010-02-03	tmin	14.4
MX17004	2010-02-11	tmax	29.7
MX17004	2010-02-11	tmin	13.4
MX17004	2010-02-23	tmax	29.9
MX17004	2010-02-23	tmin	10.7

(a) Molten data

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MX17004	2010-02-23	29.9	10.7
MX17004	2010-03-05	32.1	14.2
MX17004	2010-03-10	34.5	16.8
MX17004	2010-03-16	31.1	17.6
MX17004	2010-04-27	36.3	16.7
MX17004	2010-05-27	33.2	18.2

(b) Tidy data

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Melt

- Want to keep each observation separate (tidy), aka pivot_longer

	location	Temperature	Jan-2010	Feb-2010	Mar-2010
0	CityA	Predict	30	45	24
1	CityB	Actual	32	43	22

```
df.melt(id_vars=["location", "Temperature"],  
        var_name="Date", value_name="Value")
```

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1	CityB	Actual	Jan-2010	32
2	CityA	Predict	Feb-2010	45
3	CityB	Actual	Feb-2010	43
4	CityA	Predict	Mar-2010	24
5	CityB	Actual	Mar-2010	22

[AB Abhi]



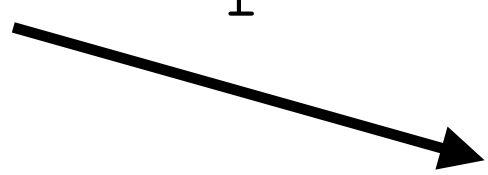
Pivot

- Sometimes, we have data that is given in "long" format and we would like "wide" format (aka pivot_wider)
- Long format: column names are data values...
- Wide format: more like spreadsheet format

• Example:

	date	item	value
0	1959-03-31	realgdp	2710.349
1	1959-03-31	infl	0.000
2	1959-03-31	unemp	5.800
3	1959-06-30	realgdp	2778.801
4	1959-06-30	infl	2.340
5	1959-06-30	unemp	5.100
6	1959-09-30	realgdp	2775.488
7	1959-09-30	infl	2.740
8	1959-09-30	unemp	5.300
9	1959-12-31	realgdp	2785.204

`.pivot('date', 'item', 'value')`



	item	infl	realgdp	unemp
date				
1959-03-31		0.00	2710.349	5.8
1959-06-30		2.34	2778.801	5.1
1959-09-30		2.74	2775.488	5.3
1959-12-31		0.27	2785.204	5.6
1960-03-31		2.31	2847.699	5.2

[W. McKinney, Python for Data Analysis]

Reshaping Data

- Reshape/pivoting are fundamental operations
- Can have a nested index in pandas
- Example: Congressional Districts (Ohio's 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Colorado's 1st, 2nd, 3rd) and associated representative rankings
- Could write this in different ways:

number	one	two	three
state			
Ohio	0	1	2
Colorado	3	4	5

state	Ohio	Colorado
number		
one	0	3
two	1	4
three	2	5

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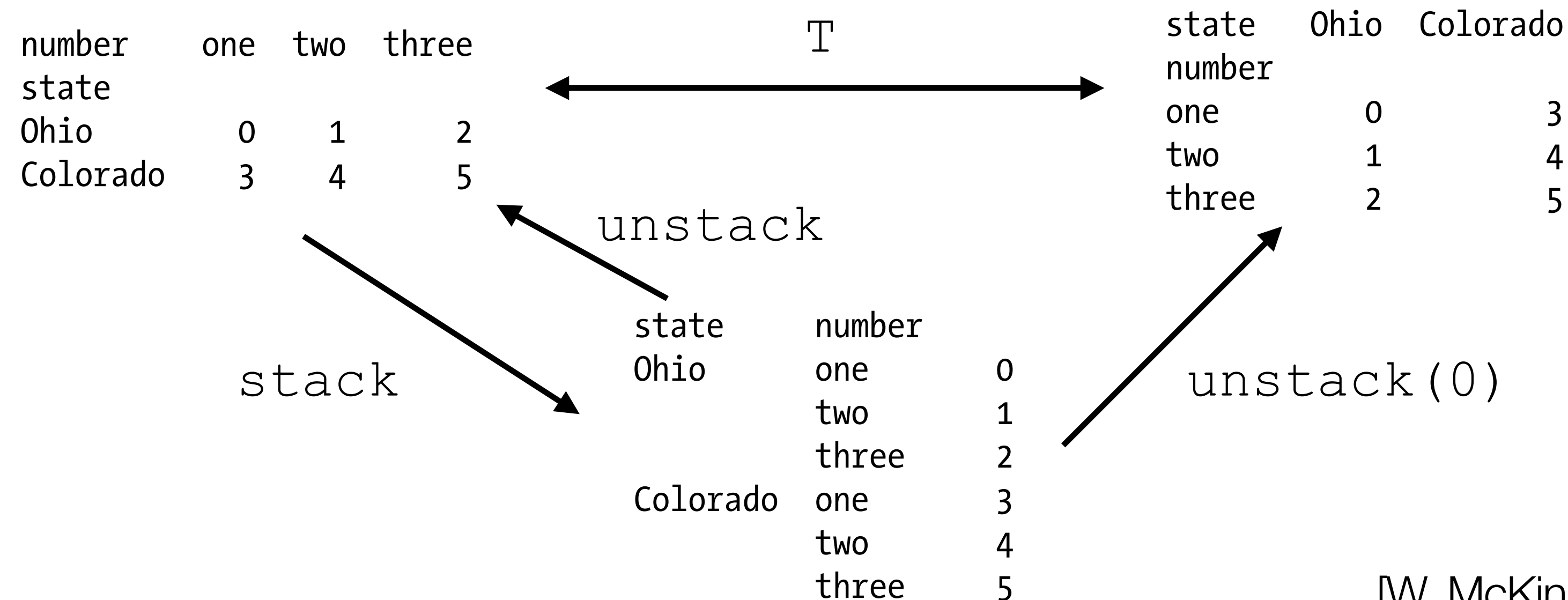
state	Ohio	Colorado
number		
one	0	3
two	1	4
three	2	5

MultilIndex

state	number	
Ohio	one	0
	two	1
	three	2
Colorado	one	3
	two	4
	three	5

Stack and Unstack

- `stack`: pivots from the columns into rows (may produce a Series!)
- `unstack`: pivots from rows into columns
- unstacking may add missing data
- stacking filters out missing data (unless `dropna=False`)
- can unstack at a different level by passing it (e.g. 0), defaults to innermost level



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Assignment 7

- Energy Datasets
- Downloading and uncompressing files
- Finding files using OS libraries
- Use a match statement to process data
- Store per-year dataframes, each in a csv file

Assignment 8

- Out Soon...
- Last Assignment
- Data and Visualization
- Same Energy Data

String Methods

- Can do many of the same methods used for single strings on entire columns
- Requires `.str` prefix before calling the method
 - `violations.value.str.strip().str.split(' - Comments:')`
- Also helps when extracting from a list
 - `comments.str[1]`

String Methods

Argument	Description
<code>count</code>	Return the number of non-overlapping occurrences of substring in the string.
<code>endswith</code>	Returns <code>True</code> if string ends with suffix.
<code>startswith</code>	Returns <code>True</code> if string starts with prefix.
<code>join</code>	Use string as delimiter for concatenating a sequence of other strings.
<code>index</code>	Return position of first character in substring if found in the string; raises <code>ValueError</code> if not found.
<code>find</code>	Return position of first character of <i>first</i> occurrence of substring in the string; like <code>index</code> , but returns <code>-1</code> if not found.
<code>rfind</code>	Return position of first character of <i>last</i> occurrence of substring in the string; returns <code>-1</code> if not found.
<code>replace</code>	Replace occurrences of string with another string.
<code>strip</code> , <code>rstrip</code> , <code>lstrip</code>	Trim whitespace, including newlines; equivalent to <code>x.strip()</code> (and <code>rstrip</code> , <code>lstrip</code> , respectively) for each element.
<code>split</code>	Break string into list of substrings using passed delimiter.
<code>lower</code>	Convert alphabet characters to lowercase.
<code>upper</code>	Convert alphabet characters to uppercase.
<code>casefold</code>	Convert characters to lowercase, and convert any region-specific variable character combinations to a common comparable form.
<code>ljust</code> , <code>rjust</code>	Left justify or right justify, respectively; pad opposite side of string with spaces (or some other fill character) to return a string with a minimum width.

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Support for Datetime

- Python has datetime library to support dates and times
- pandas has a Timestamp data type that functions somewhat similarly
- Pandas can convert timestamps
 - `pd.to_datetime`: versatile, can often guess format
- Like string methods, also a `.dt` accessor for datetime methods/properties
- With a timestamp, filtering based on datetimes becomes easier
 - `df[df['Inspection Date'] > '2021']`

Method chaining in pandas

- Tom Augspurger's [post](#)
- [Effective Pandas](#) book by Matt Harrison
- Functions written for chaining, and pipe allows custom functions
- ```
def read(fp):
 df = (pd.read_csv(fp)
 .rename(columns=str.lower)
 .drop('unnamed: 36', axis=1)
 .pipe(extract_city_name)
 .pipe(time_to_datetime, ['dep_time', 'arr_time',
 'crs_arr_time', 'crs_dep_time'])
 .assign(fl_date=lambda x: pd.to_datetime(x['fl_date']),
 dest=lambda x: pd.Categorical(x['dest']),
 origin=lambda x: pd.Categorical(x['origin']),
 tail_num=lambda x: pd.Categorical(x['tail_num']),
 unique_carrier=lambda x: pd.Categorical(x['unique_carrier']),
 cancellation_code=lambda x: pd.Categorical(x['cancellation_code'])))
 return df
```

# Example: Inspect Intermediate Results

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- ```
def csnap(df, fn=lambda x: x.shape, msg=None):  
    """ Custom Help function to print things in method chaining.  
        Returns back the df to further use in chaining.  
    """  
    if msg:  
        print(msg)  
    display(fn(df))  
    return df
```
- ```
wine.pipe(csnap) # display data frame
 .rename(columns={"color_intensity": "ci"})
 .assign(color_filter=lambda x: np.where(x.hue > 1, 1, 0))
 .pipe(csnap) # display data frame
...
```

# Data Exploration through Visualization

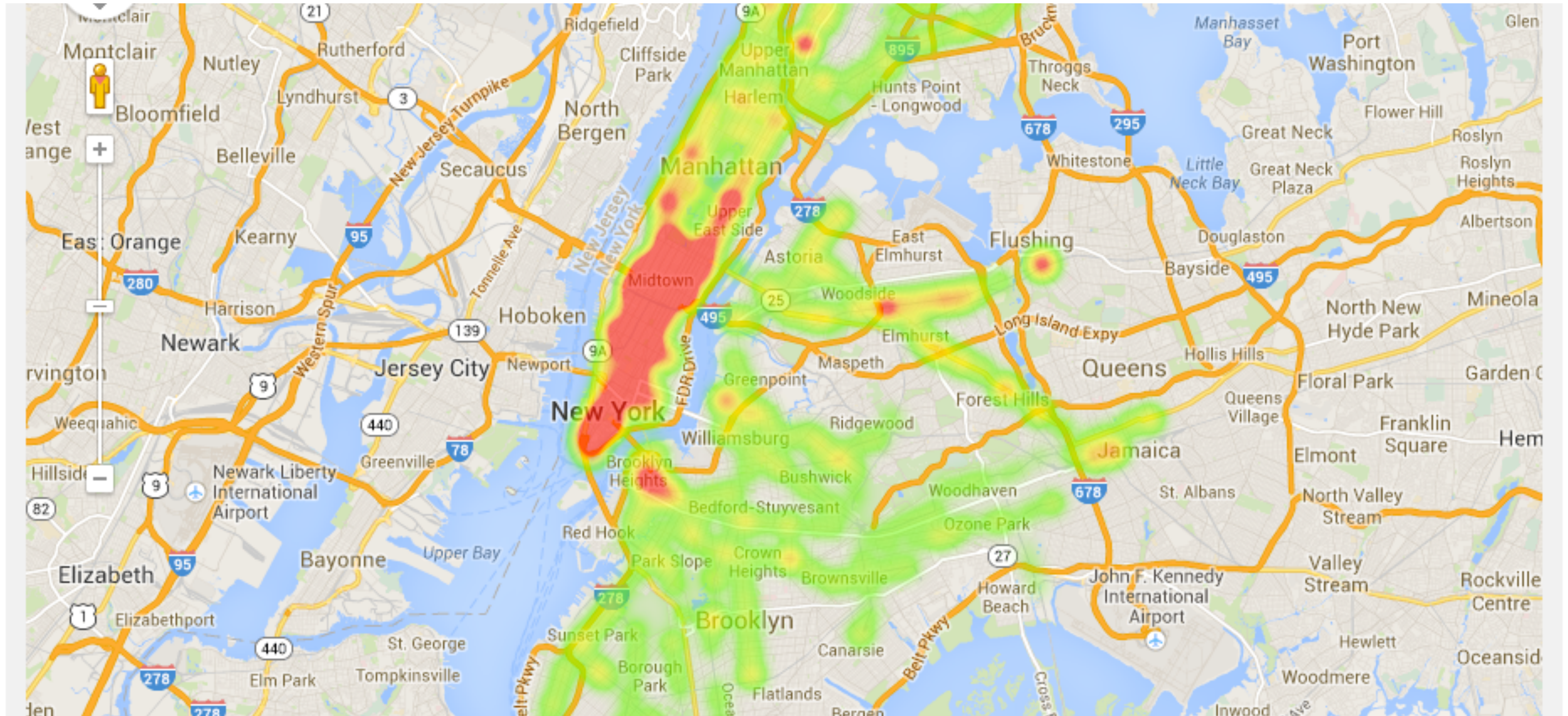


# MTA Fare Data Exploration

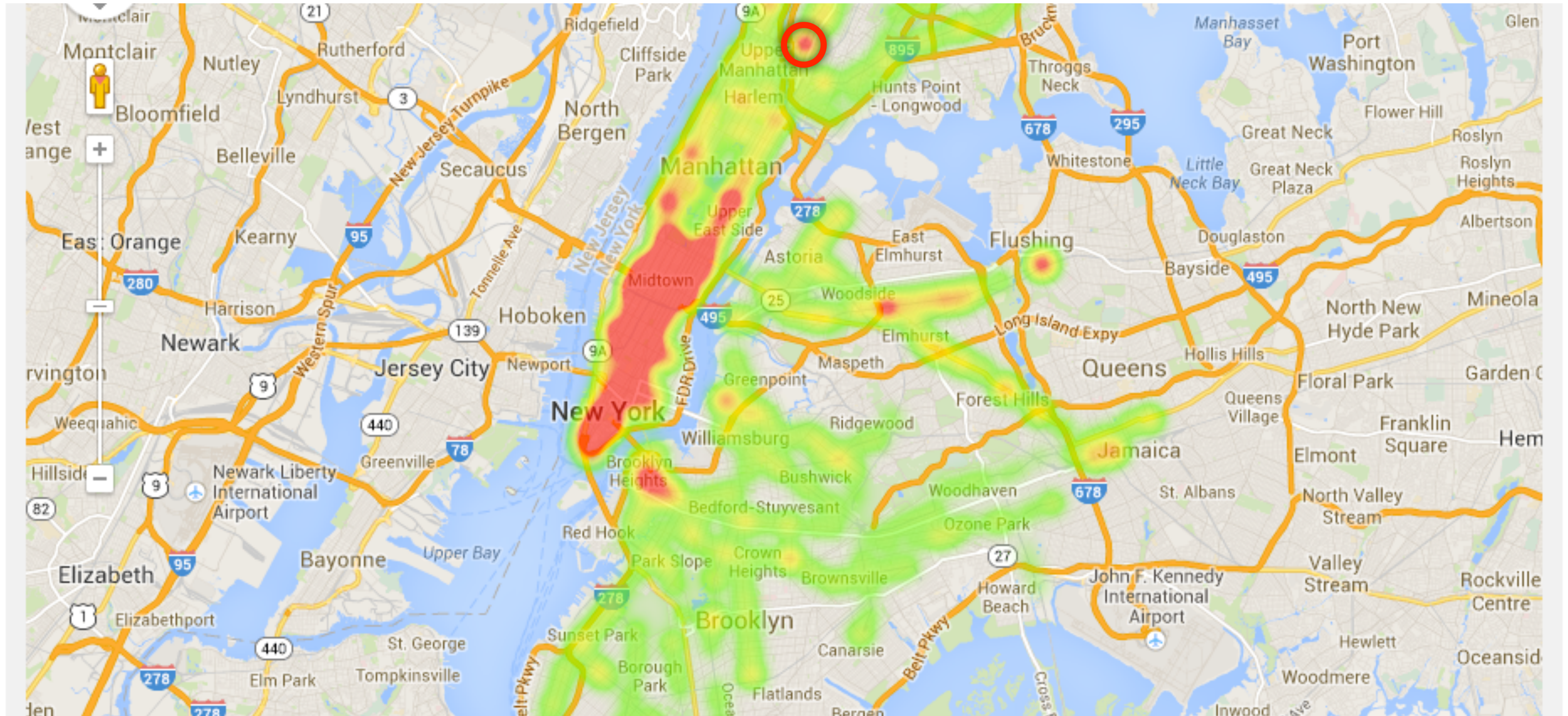
|    | REMOTE | STATION                     | FF ▼     | SEN/DIS  | 7-D AFAS UNL | D AFAS/RMF I | JOINT RR TKT | 7-D UNL  | 30-D UNL |
|----|--------|-----------------------------|----------|----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------|----------|
| 1  | R011   | 42ND STREET & 8TH AVENUE    | 00228985 | 00008471 | 00000441     | 00001455     | 00000134     | 00033341 | 00071255 |
| 2  | R170   | 14TH STREET-UNION SQUARE    | 00224603 | 00011051 | 00000827     | 00003026     | 00000660     | 00089367 | 00199841 |
| 3  | R046   | 42ND STREET & GRAND CENTRAL | 00207758 | 00007908 | 00000323     | 00001183     | 00003001     | 00040759 | 00096613 |
| 4  | R012   | 34TH STREET & 8TH AVENUE    | 00188311 | 00006490 | 00000498     | 00001279     | 00003622     | 00035527 | 00067483 |
| 5  | R293   | 34TH STREET - PENN STATION  | 00168768 | 00006155 | 00000523     | 00001065     | 00005031     | 00030645 | 00054376 |
| 6  | R033   | 42ND STREET/TIMES SQUARE    | 00159382 | 00005945 | 00000378     | 00001205     | 00000690     | 00058931 | 00078644 |
| 7  | R022   | 34TH STREET & 6TH AVENUE    | 00156008 | 00006276 | 00000487     | 00001543     | 00000712     | 00058910 | 00110466 |
| 8  | R084   | 59TH STREET/COLUMBUS CIRCLE | 00155262 | 00009484 | 00000589     | 00002071     | 00000542     | 00053397 | 00113966 |
| 9  | R020   | 47-50 STREETS/ROCKEFELLER   | 00143500 | 00006402 | 00000384     | 00001159     | 00000723     | 00037978 | 00090745 |
| 10 | R179   | 86TH STREET-LEXINGTON AVE   | 00142169 | 00010367 | 00000470     | 00001839     | 00000271     | 00050328 | 00125250 |
| 11 | R023   | 34TH STREET & 6TH AVENUE    | 00134052 | 00005005 | 00000348     | 00001112     | 00000649     | 00031531 | 00075040 |
| 12 | R029   | PARK PLACE                  | 00121614 | 00004311 | 00000287     | 00000931     | 00000792     | 00025404 | 00065362 |
| 13 | R047   | 42ND STREET & GRAND CENTRAL | 00100742 | 00004273 | 00000185     | 00000704     | 00001241     | 00022808 | 00068216 |

This map displays the distribution of 1000 points across the New York City metropolitan area. The points are represented by small circles, with a color gradient from white to red. The highest concentration of points is in the lower Manhattan area, particularly around the Hudson River and the New York City Harbor. The points are also distributed across the other boroughs, with a notable cluster in the Bronx and another in the Queens area. The map includes labels for various boroughs and surrounding areas, as well as major highways and water bodies.

# MTA Fare Data Exploration



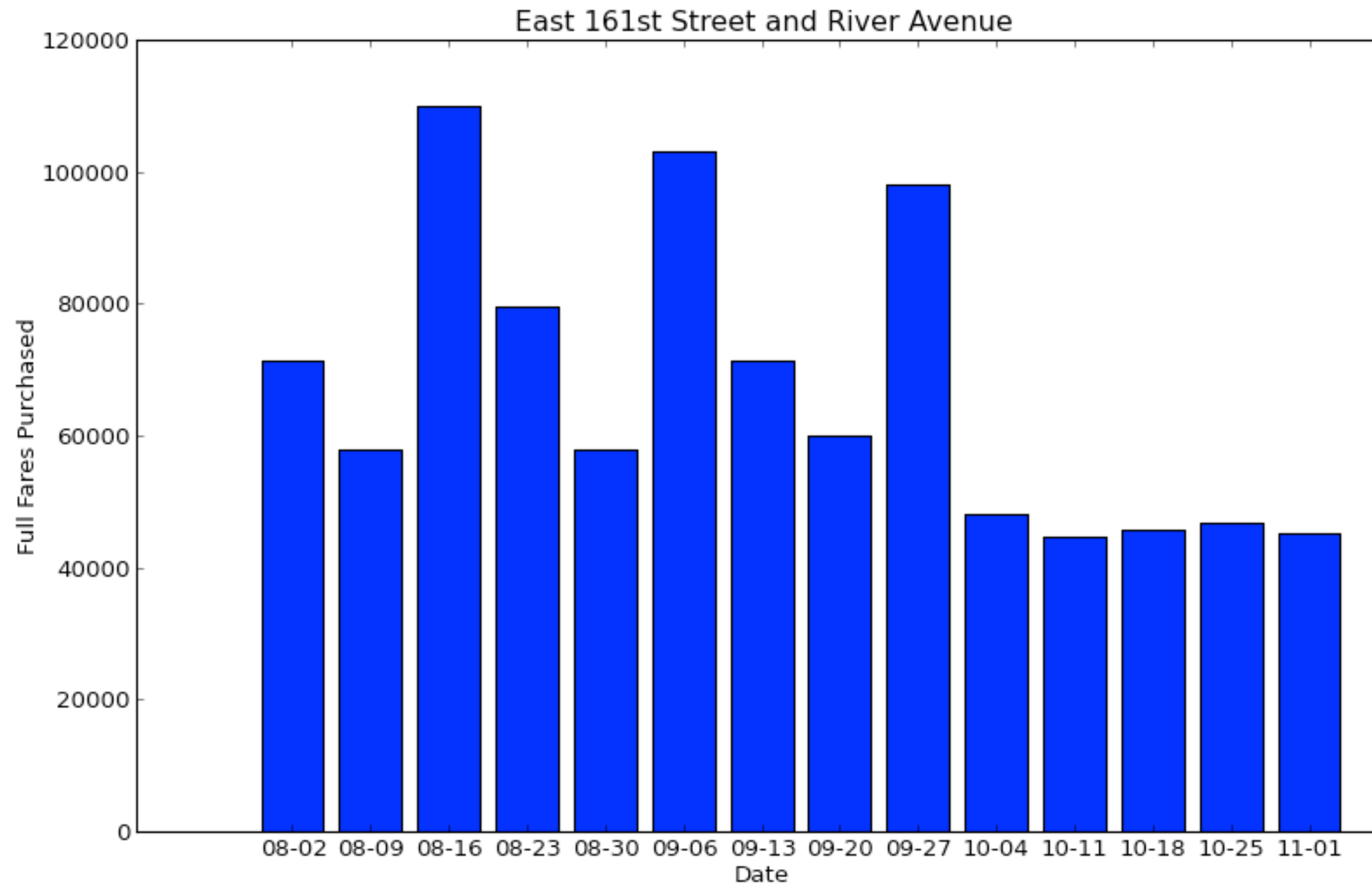
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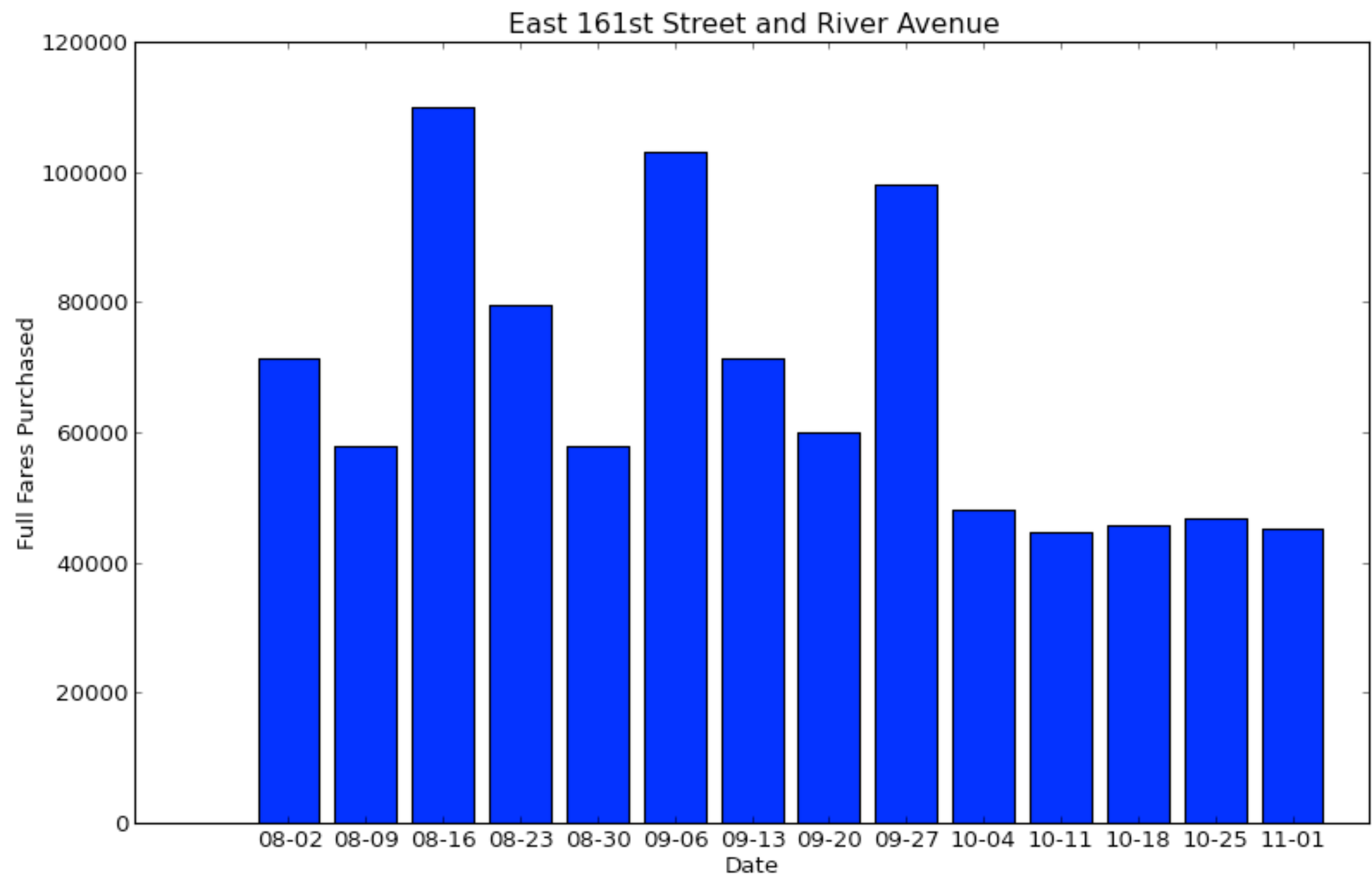
This map illustrates the distribution of parks and green spaces in New York City. Key features include:

- Parks and Green Spaces:** Numerous parks are marked with green tree icons, including Central Park, Prospect Park, and the Hudson River Park.
- Water Bodies:** The Hudson River, Harlem River, and East River are shown in blue.
- Highways:** Major highways are depicted in orange, including I-95, I-87, and I-278.
- Urban Areas:** The map shows the dense urban layout of New York City, with various neighborhoods and landmarks labeled.

# MTA Fare Data Exploration



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*New York Yankees*

| AUGUST               |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| SUN                  | MON                   | TUE                   | WED                   | THU                   | FRI                   | SAT                   |
|                      | yankees.com           |                       |                       | 1                     | 2<br>SD<br>10:10 YES  | 3<br>SD<br>8:40 YES   |
| 4<br>SD<br>4:10 YES  | 5<br>CHW<br>8:10 YES  | 6<br>CHW<br>8:10 MY9  | 7<br>CHW<br>8:10 YES  | 8                     | 9<br>DET<br>7:05 YES  | 10<br>DET<br>1:05 YES |
| 11<br>DET<br>TBA TBA | 12<br>LAA<br>7:05 YES | 13<br>LAA<br>7:05 YES | 14<br>LAA<br>7:05 YES | 15<br>LAA<br>1:05 YES | 16<br>BOS<br>7:10 MY9 | 17<br>BOS<br>4:05 FOX |
| 18<br>BOS<br>TBA TBA | 19                    | 20<br>TOR<br>7:05 MY9 | 21<br>TOR<br>7:05 YES | 22<br>TOR<br>1:05 YES | 23<br>TB<br>7:10 MY9  | 24<br>TB<br>7:10 YES  |
| 25<br>TB<br>1:40 YES | 26<br>TOR<br>7:07 YES | 27<br>TOR<br>7:07 YES | 28<br>TOR<br>7:07 YES | 29                    | 30<br>BAL<br>7:05 YES | 31<br>BAL<br>1:05 YES |

| SEPTEMBER             |                      |                             |                       |                       |                       |                       |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| SUN                   | MON                  | TUE                         | WED                   | THU                   | FRI                   | SAT                   |
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| 8<br>BOS<br>TBA TBA   | 9<br>BAL<br>7:05 YES | 10<br>BAL<br>7:05 MY9       | 11<br>BAL<br>7:05 YES | 12<br>BAL<br>7:05 YES | 13<br>BOS<br>7:10 MY9 | 14<br>BOS<br>1:05 FOX |
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| 29<br>HOU<br>2:10 YES | 30                   | ALL GAMES ARE EASTERN TIME. |                       |                       |                       |                       |

♦ 2013 REGULAR SEASON SCHEDULE ♦

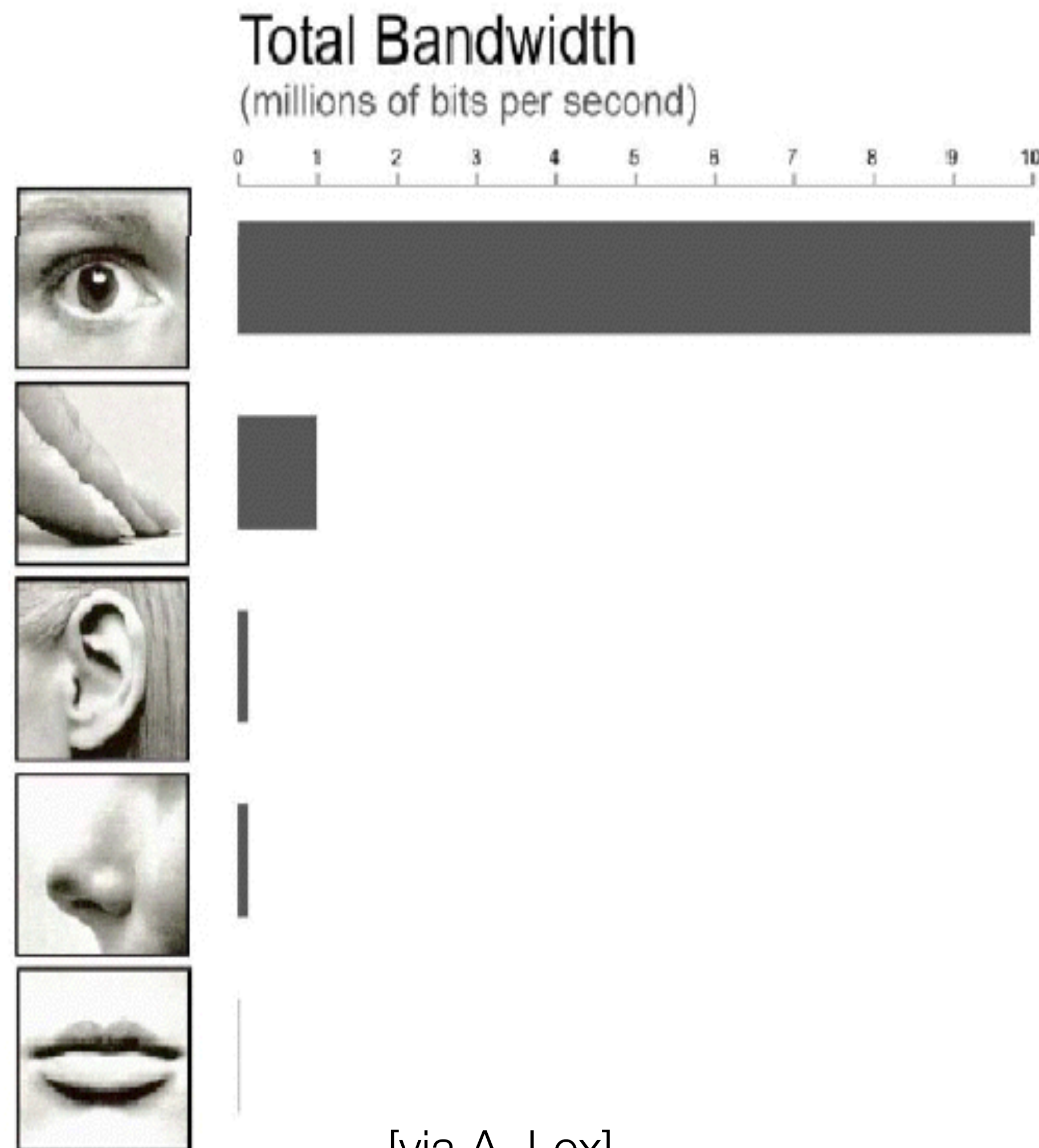
# Definition of Visualization

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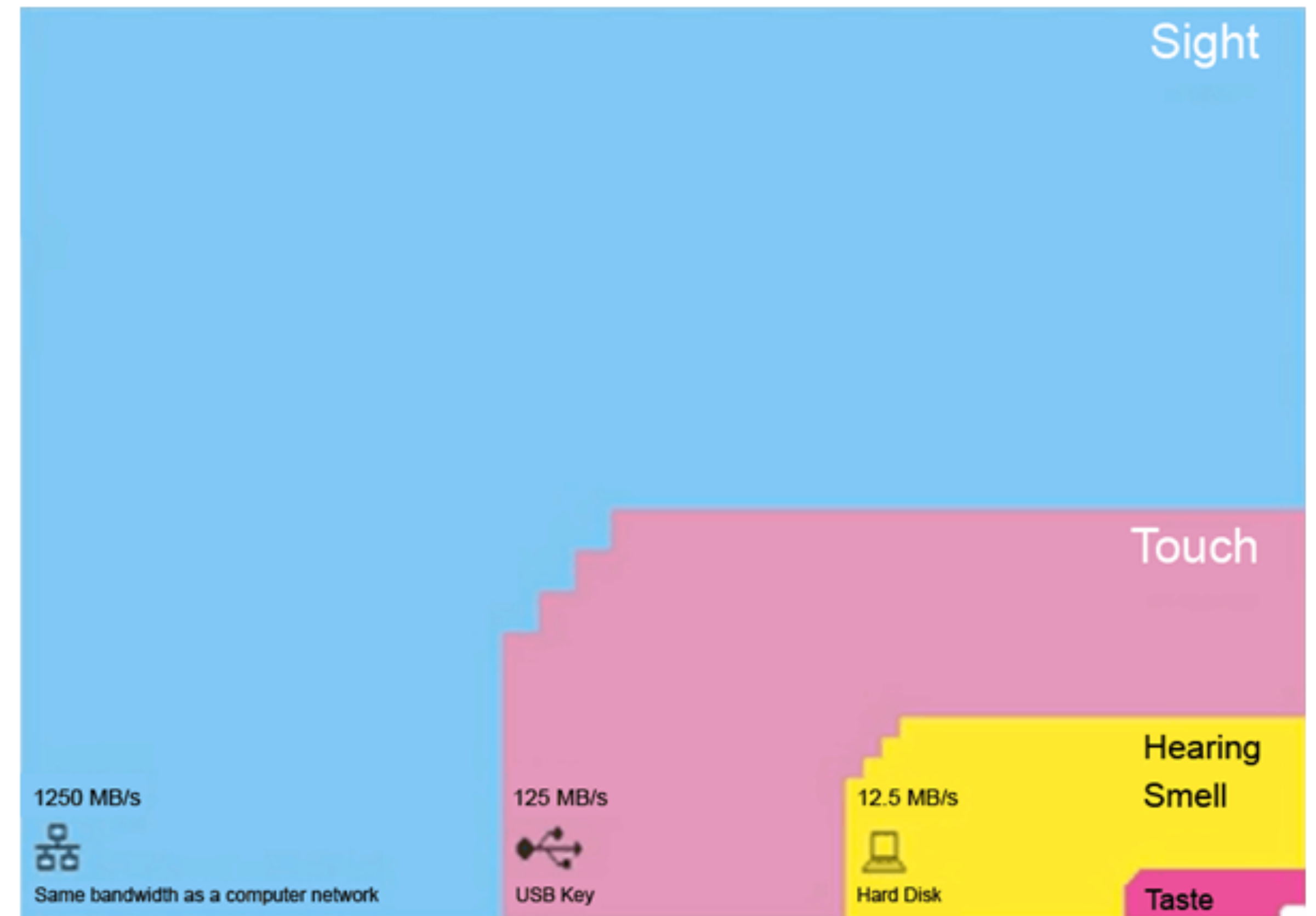
“Computer-based visualization systems provide visual representations of datasets designed to help people carry out tasks more effectively”

— T. Munzner

# Why do we visualize data?



[via A. Lex]



[T. Nørretranders]

# Why Visual?

| I    |       | II   |      | III  |       | IV   |       |
|------|-------|------|------|------|-------|------|-------|
| x    | y     | x    | y    | x    | y     | x    | y     |
| 10.0 | 8.04  | 10.0 | 9.14 | 10.0 | 7.46  | 8.0  | 6.58  |
| 8.0  | 6.95  | 8.0  | 8.14 | 8.0  | 6.77  | 8.0  | 5.76  |
| 13.0 | 7.58  | 13.0 | 8.74 | 13.0 | 12.74 | 8.0  | 7.71  |
| 9.0  | 8.81  | 9.0  | 8.77 | 9.0  | 7.11  | 8.0  | 8.84  |
| 11.0 | 8.33  | 11.0 | 9.26 | 11.0 | 7.81  | 8.0  | 8.47  |
| 14.0 | 9.96  | 14.0 | 8.10 | 14.0 | 8.84  | 8.0  | 7.04  |
| 6.0  | 7.24  | 6.0  | 6.13 | 6.0  | 6.08  | 8.0  | 5.25  |
| 4.0  | 4.26  | 4.0  | 3.10 | 4.0  | 5.39  | 19.0 | 12.50 |
| 12.0 | 10.84 | 12.0 | 9.13 | 12.0 | 8.15  | 8.0  | 5.56  |
| 7.0  | 4.82  | 7.0  | 7.26 | 7.0  | 6.42  | 8.0  | 7.91  |
| 5.0  | 5.68  | 5.0  | 4.74 | 5.0  | 5.73  | 8.0  | 6.89  |

[F. J. Anscombe]

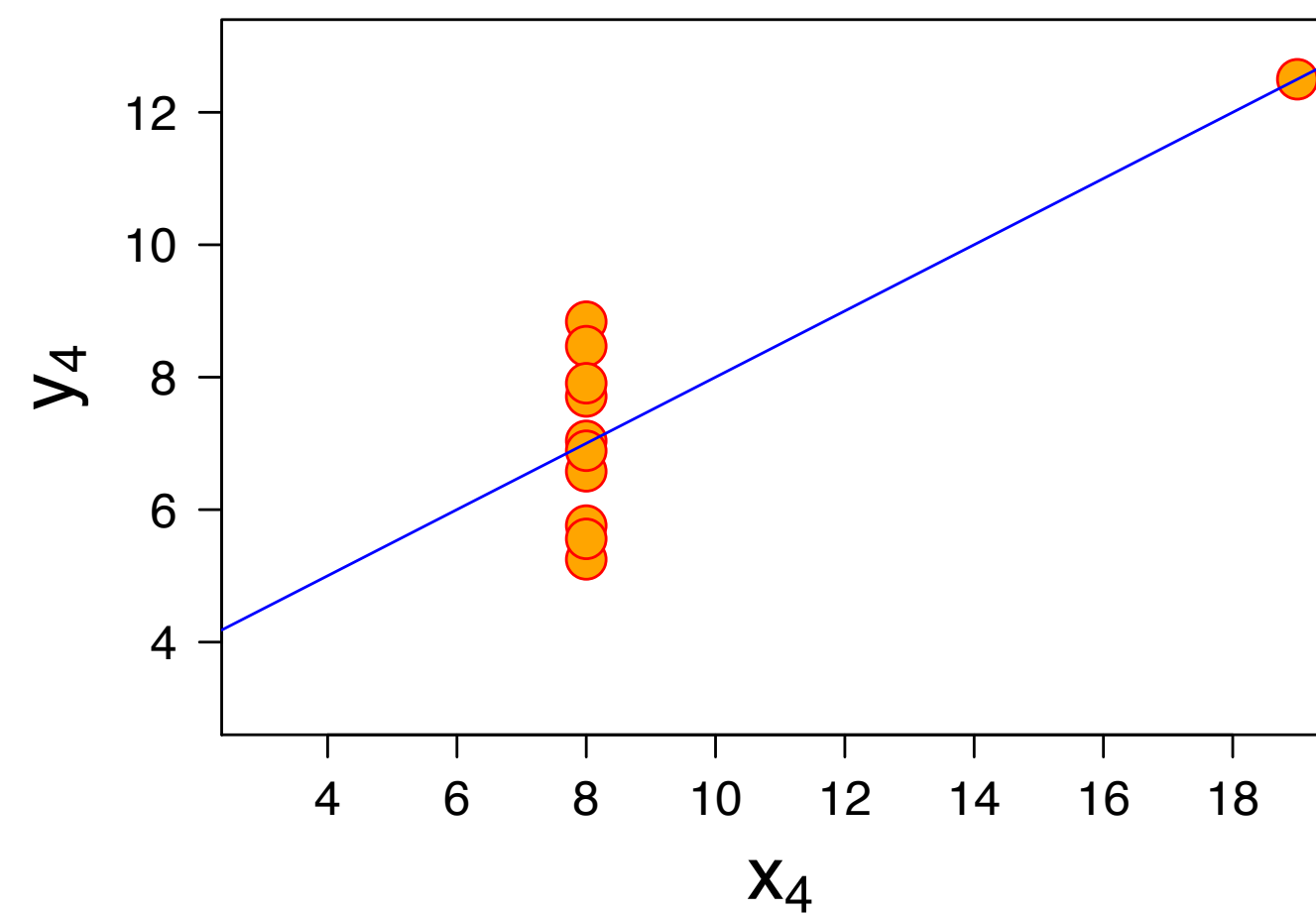
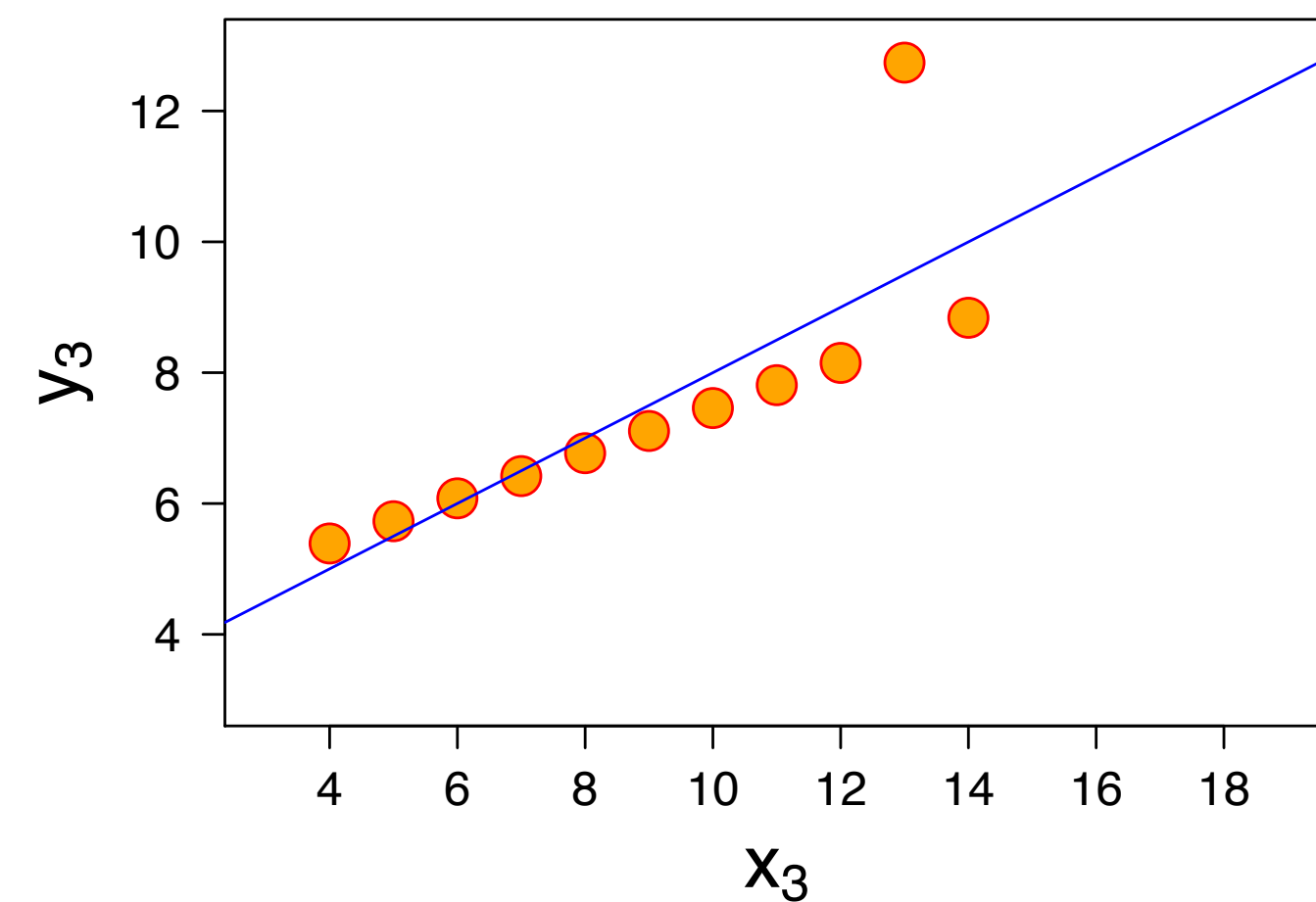
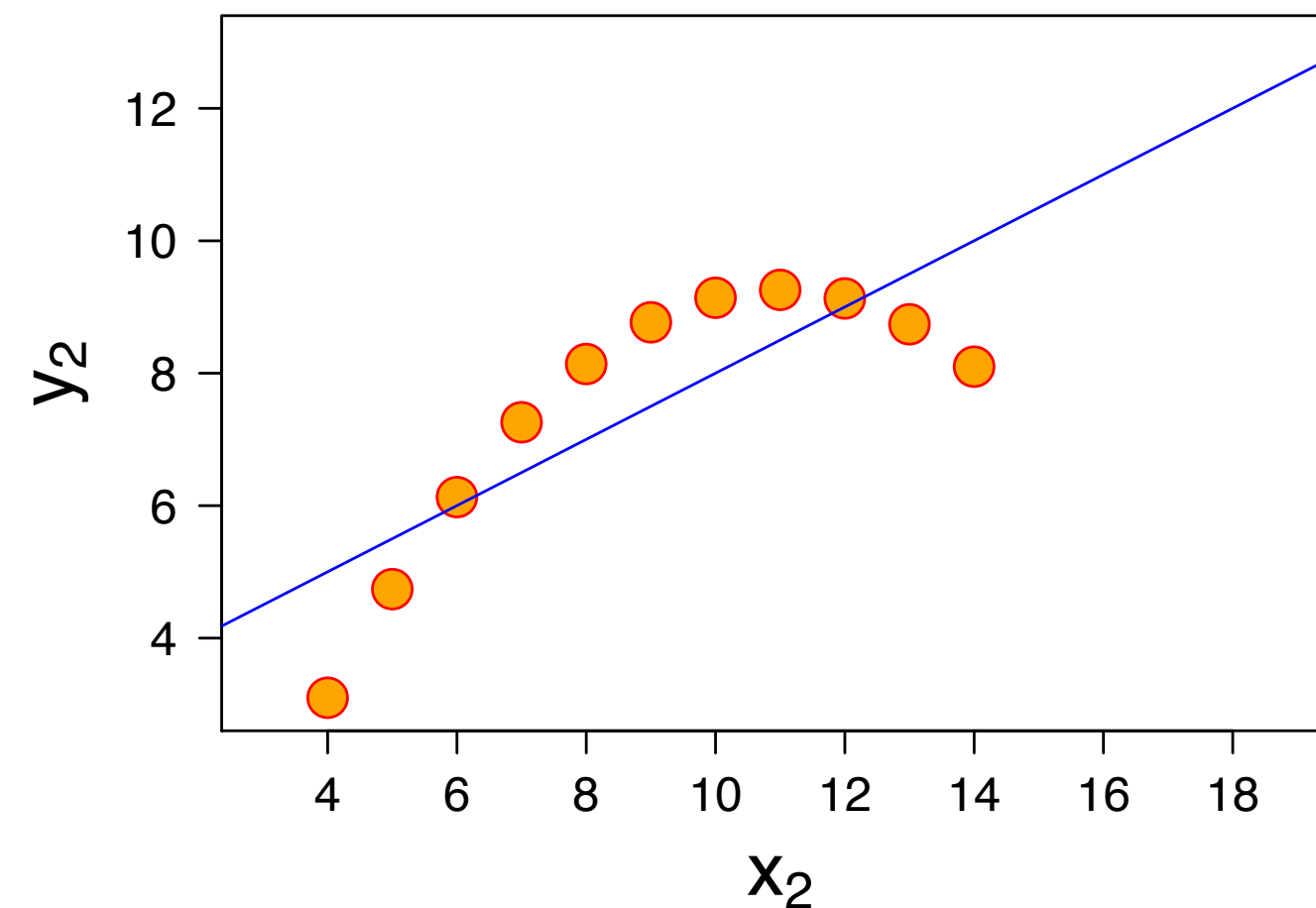
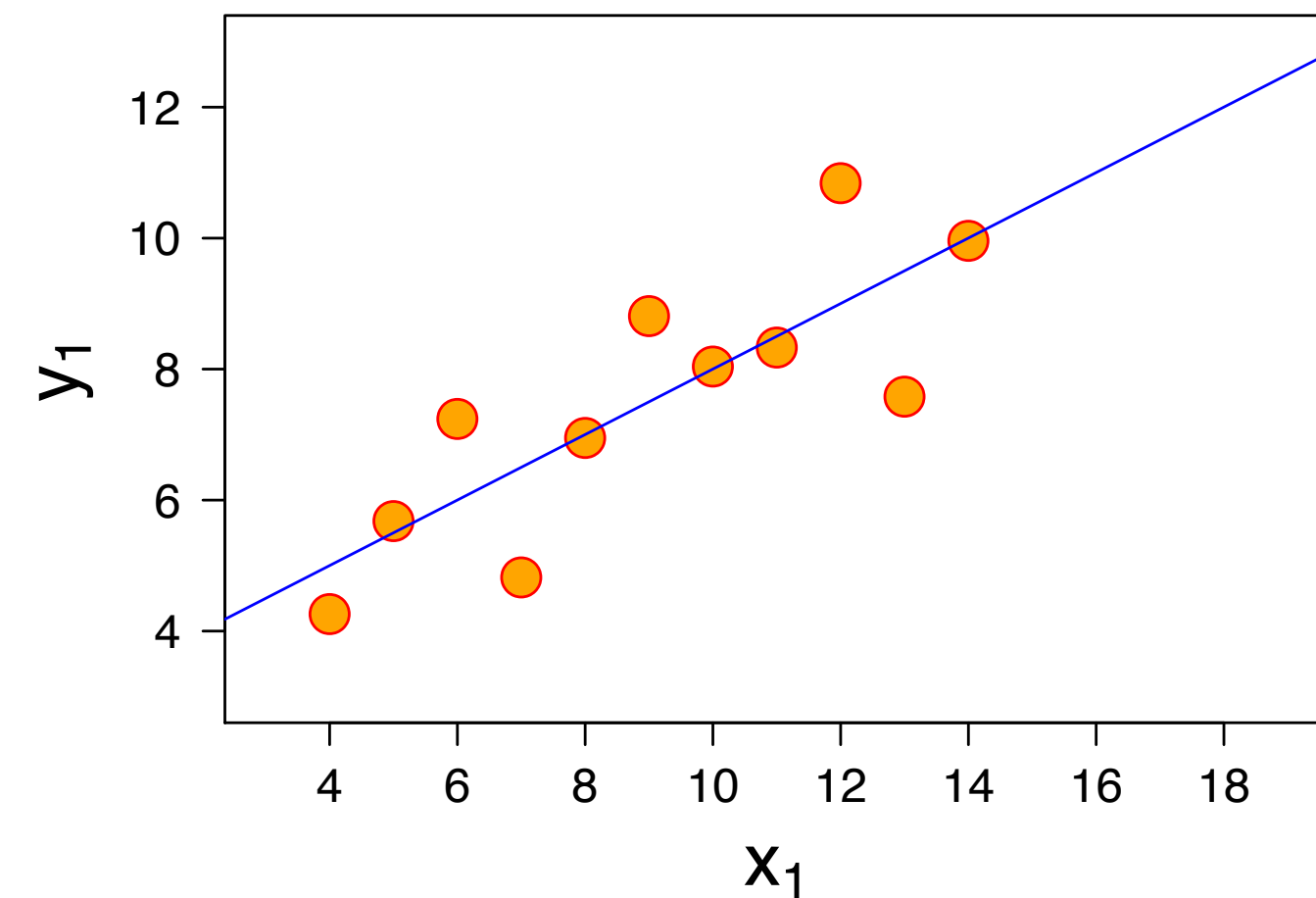
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|------|-------|------|------|------|-------|------|-------|
| x    | y     | x    | y    | x    | y     | x    | y     |
| 10.0 | 8.04  | 10.0 | 9.14 | 10.0 | 7.46  | 8.0  | 6.58  |
| 8.0  | 6.95  | 8.0  | 8.14 | 8.0  | 6.77  | 8.0  | 5.76  |
| 13.0 | 7.58  | 13.0 | 8.74 | 13.0 | 12.74 | 8.0  | 7.71  |
| 9.0  | 8.81  | 9.0  | 8.77 | 9.0  | 7.11  | 8.0  | 8.84  |
| 11.0 | 8.33  | 11.0 | 9.26 | 11.0 | 7.81  | 8.0  | 8.47  |
| 14.0 | 9.96  | 14.0 | 8.10 | 14.0 | 8.84  | 8.0  | 7.04  |
| 6.0  | 7.24  | 6.0  | 6.13 | 6.0  | 6.08  | 8.0  | 5.25  |
| 4.0  | 4.26  | 4.0  | 3.10 | 4.0  | 5.39  | 19.0 | 12.50 |
| 12.0 | 10.84 | 12.0 | 9.13 | 12.0 | 8.15  | 8.0  | 5.56  |
| 7.0  | 4.82  | 7.0  | 7.26 | 7.0  | 6.42  | 8.0  | 7.91  |
| 5.0  | 5.68  | 5.0  | 4.74 | 5.0  | 5.73  | 8.0  | 6.89  |

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| Variance of x | 11    |
| Mean of y     | 7.50  |
| Variance of y | 4.122 |
| Correlation   | 0.816 |

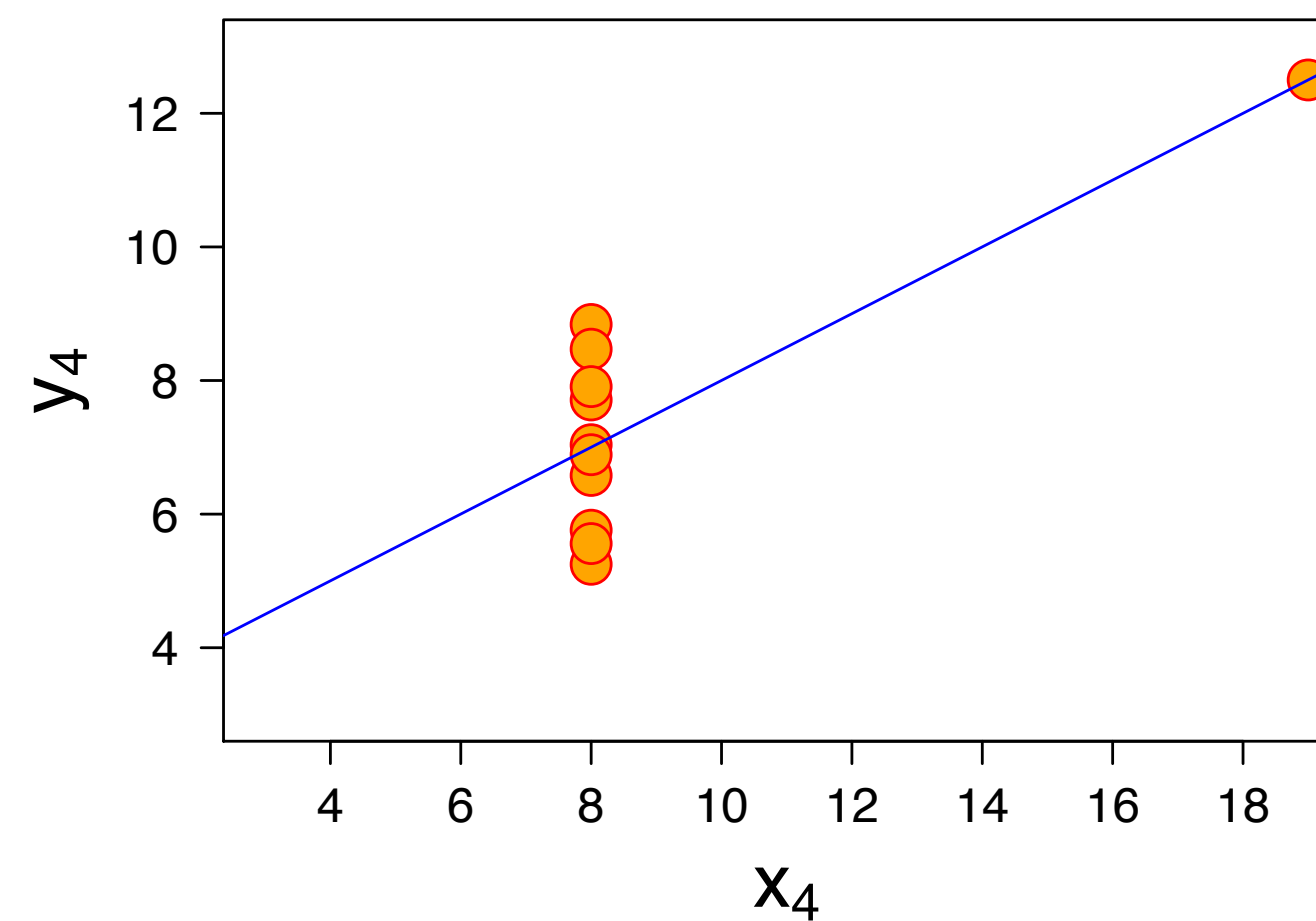
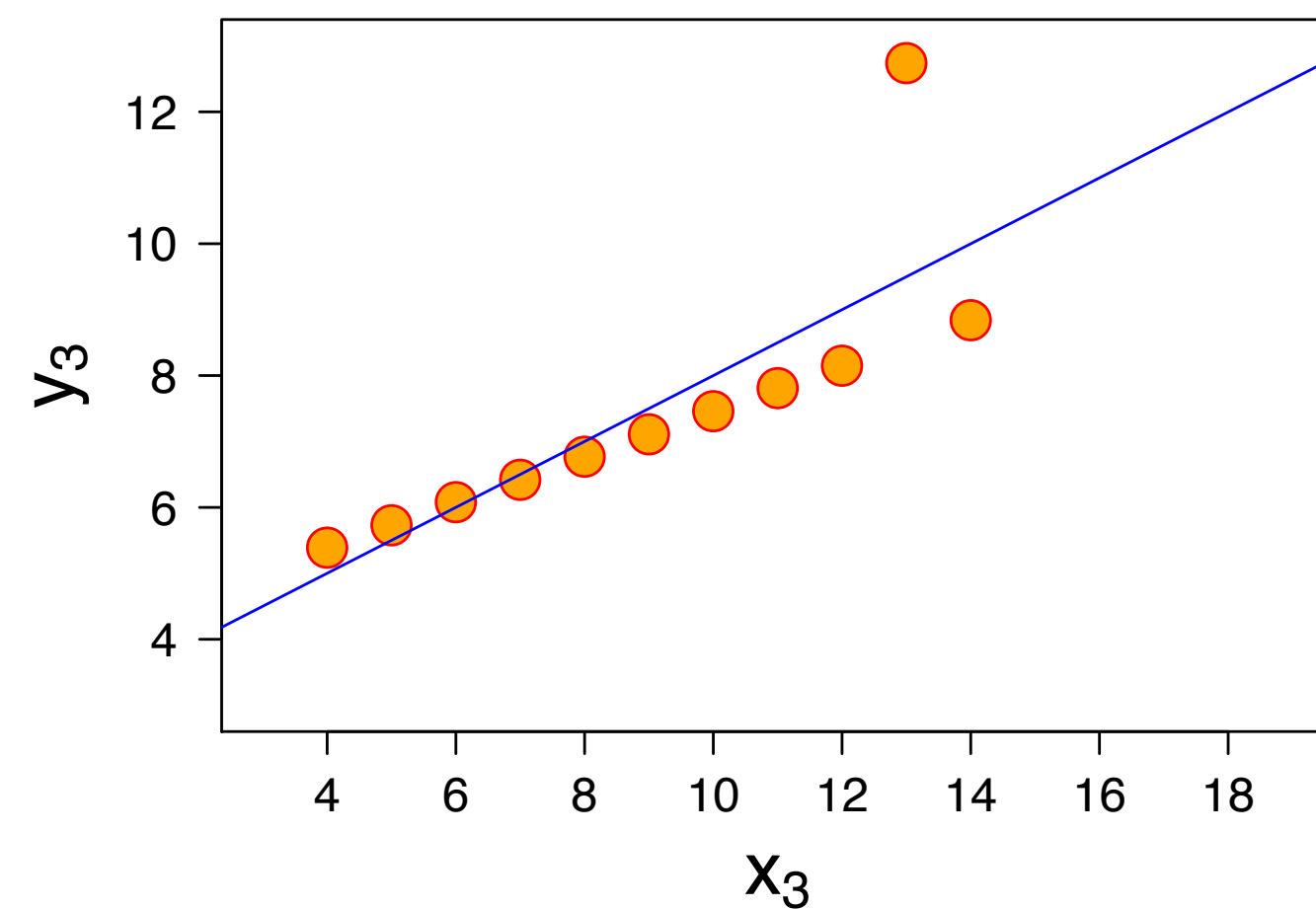
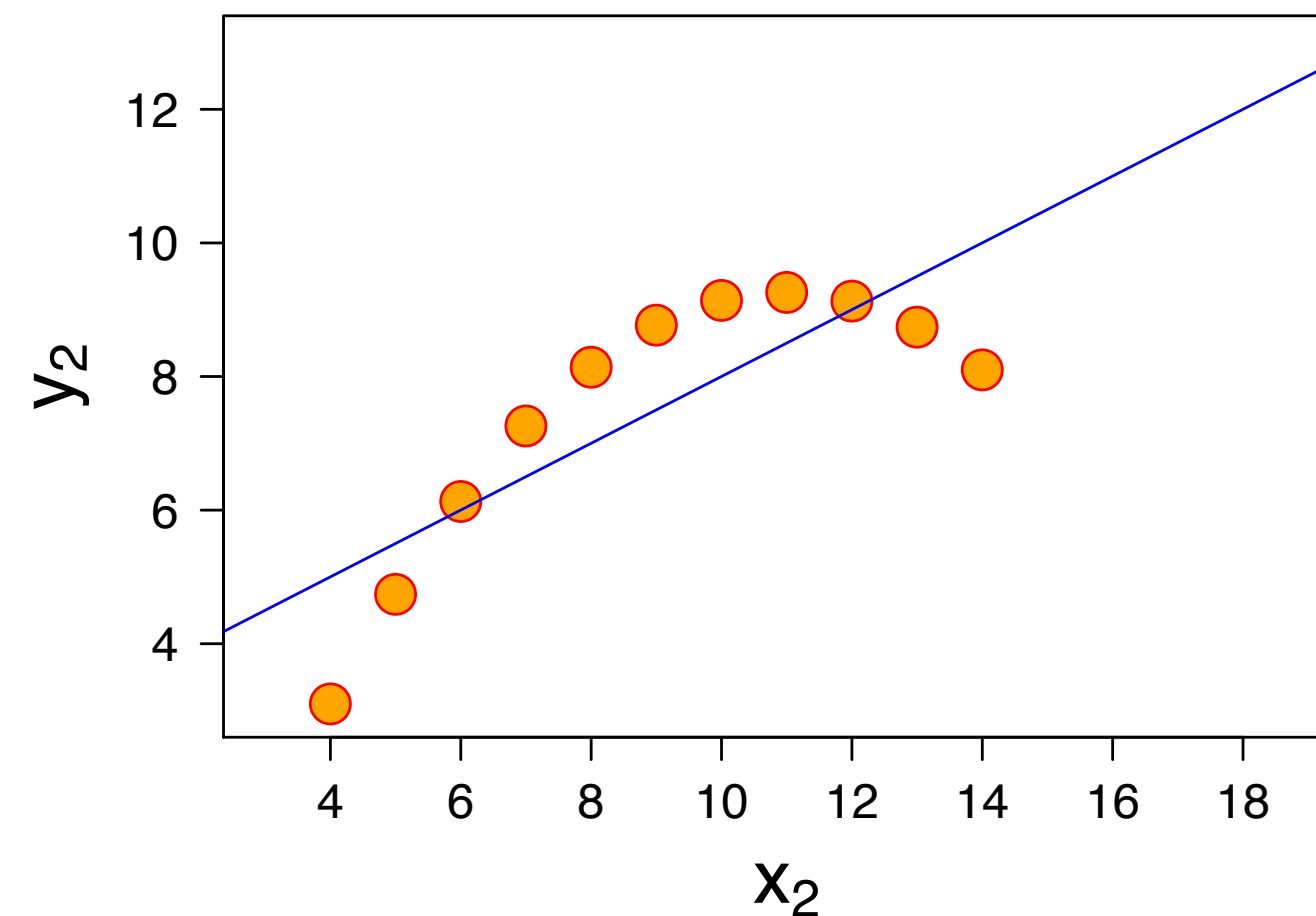
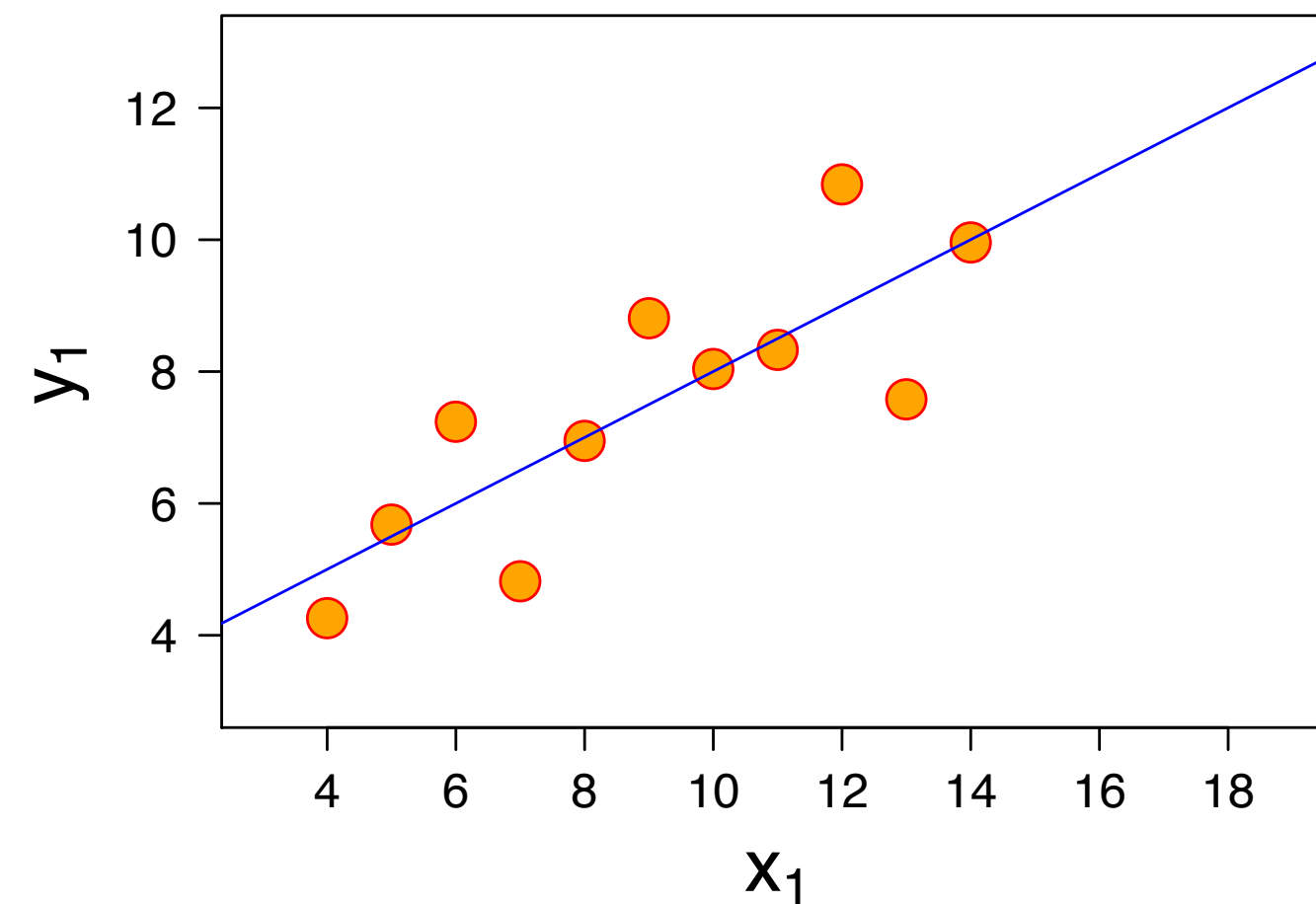
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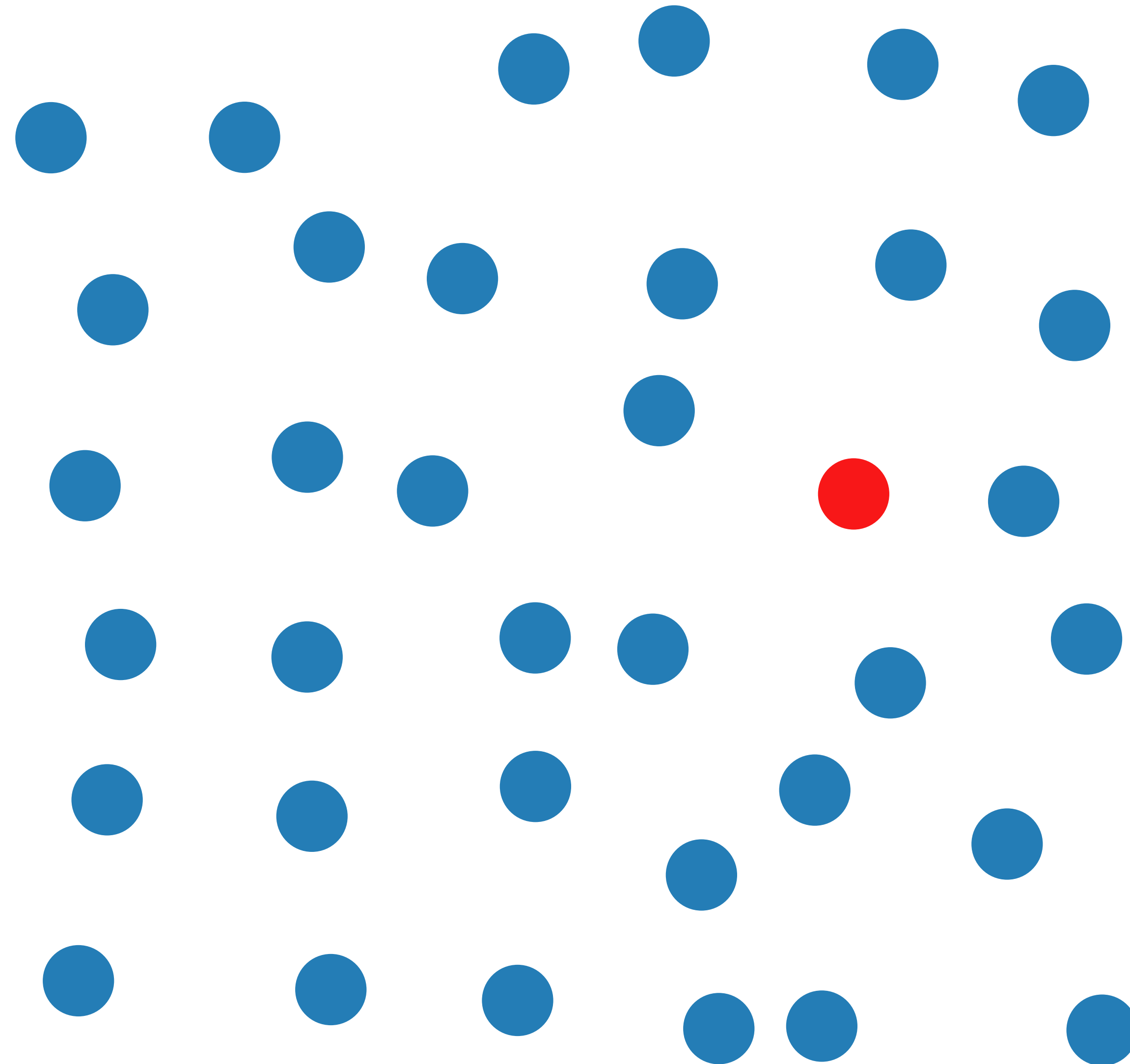
# Visualization Goals

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- "The purpose of visualization is **insight**, not pictures" – B. Shneiderman
- Identify patterns, trends
- Spot outliers
- Find similarities, correlation

# Visual Pop-out

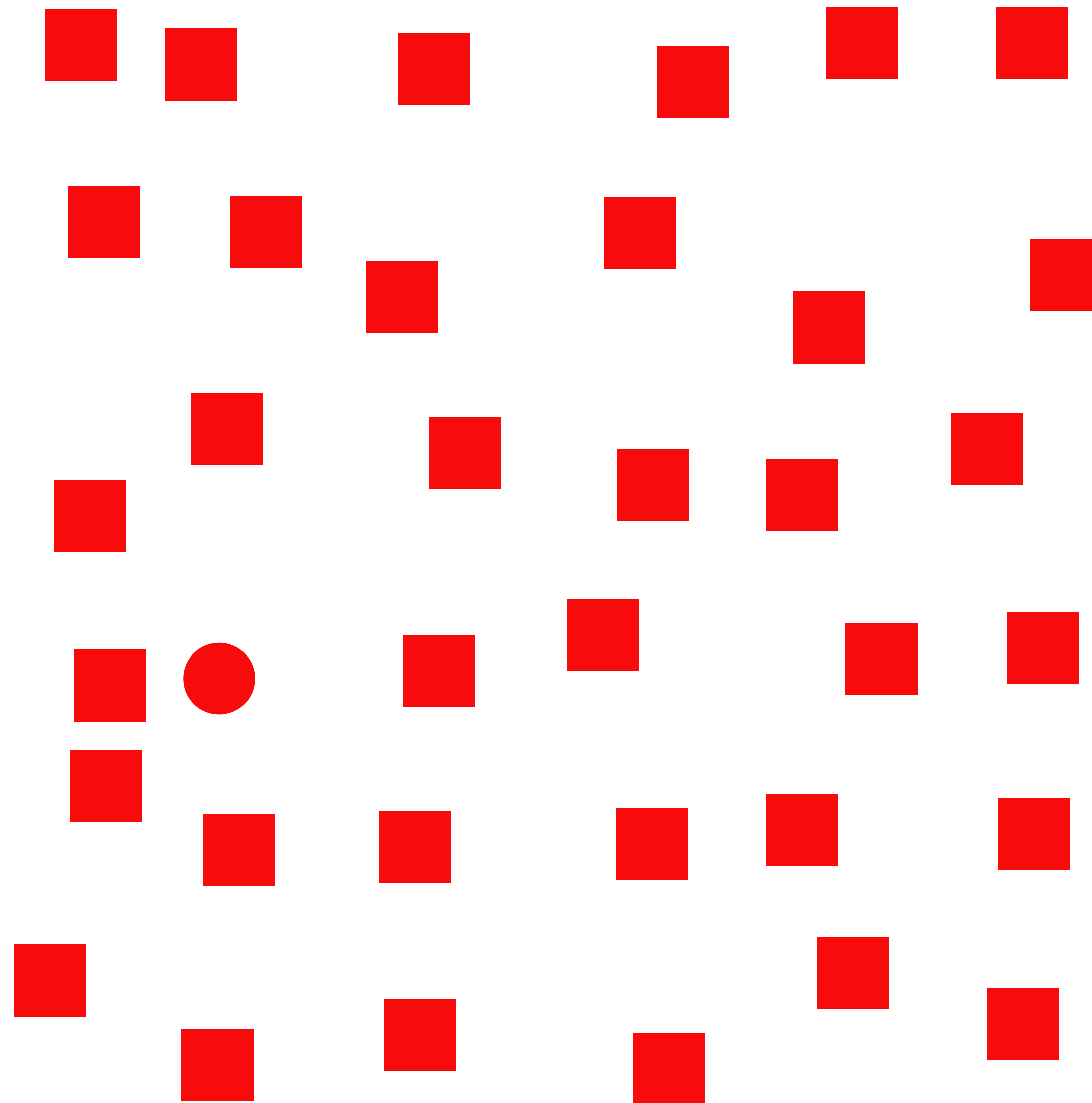
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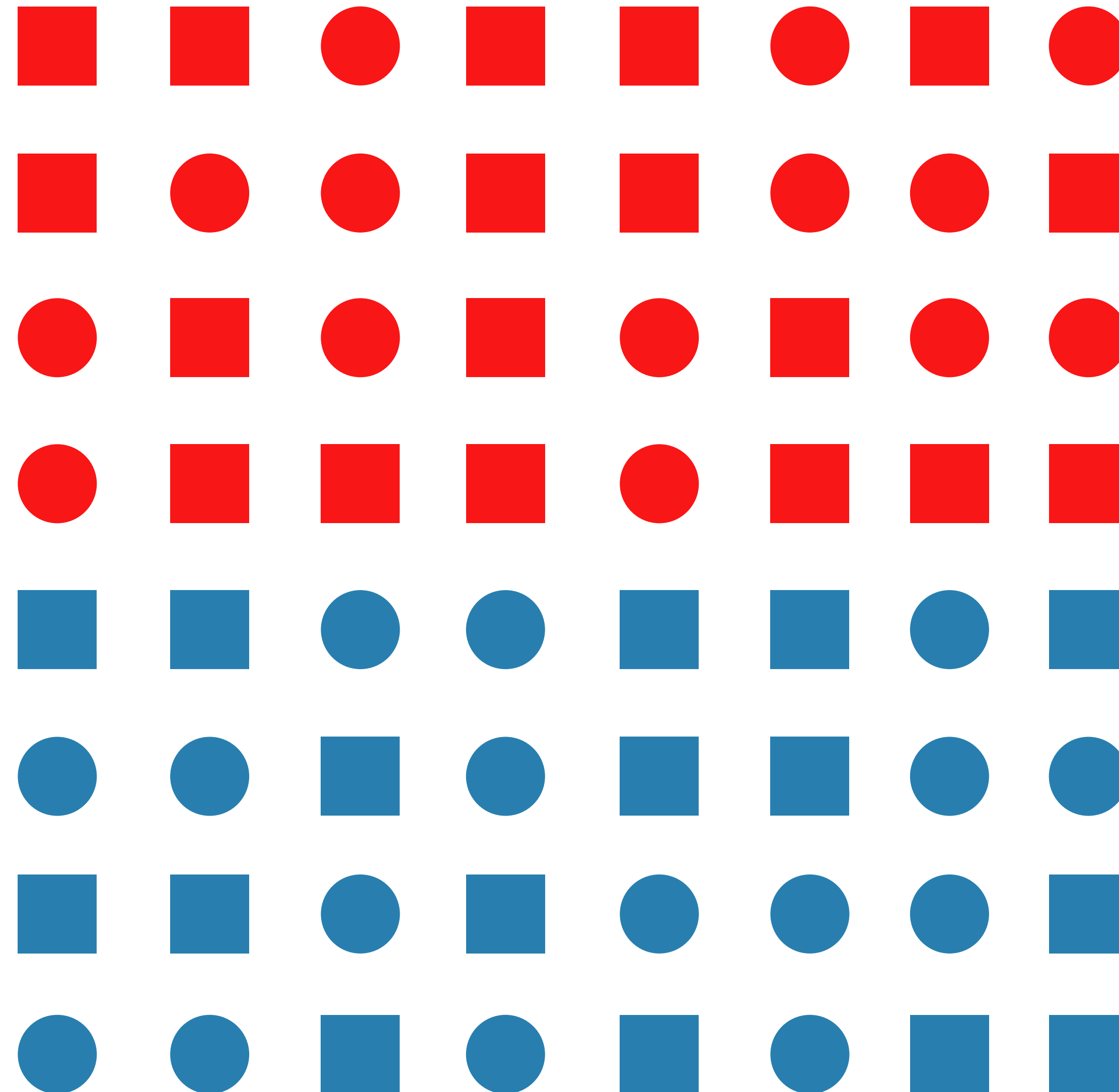
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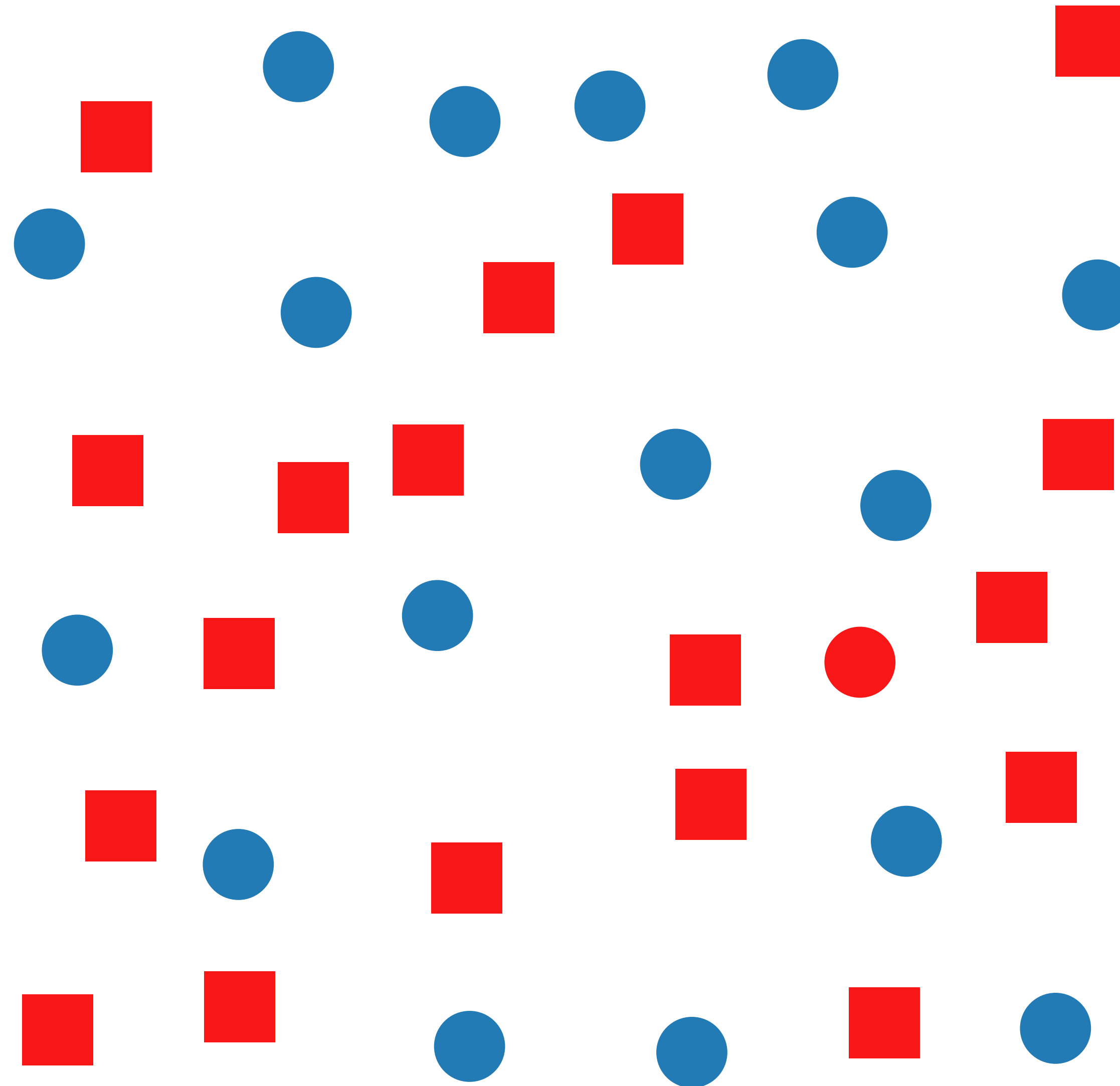
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# Visual Perception Limitations

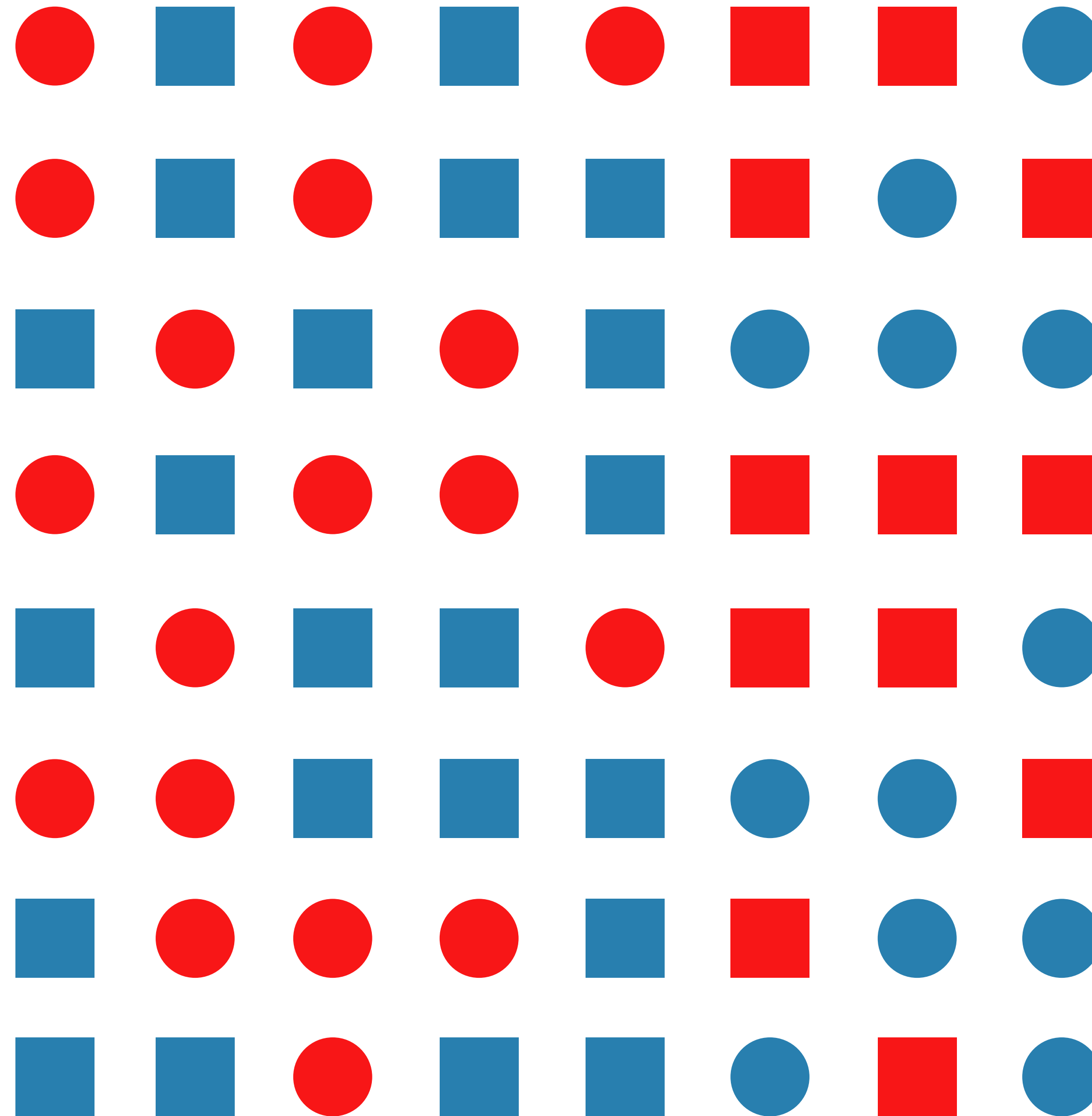
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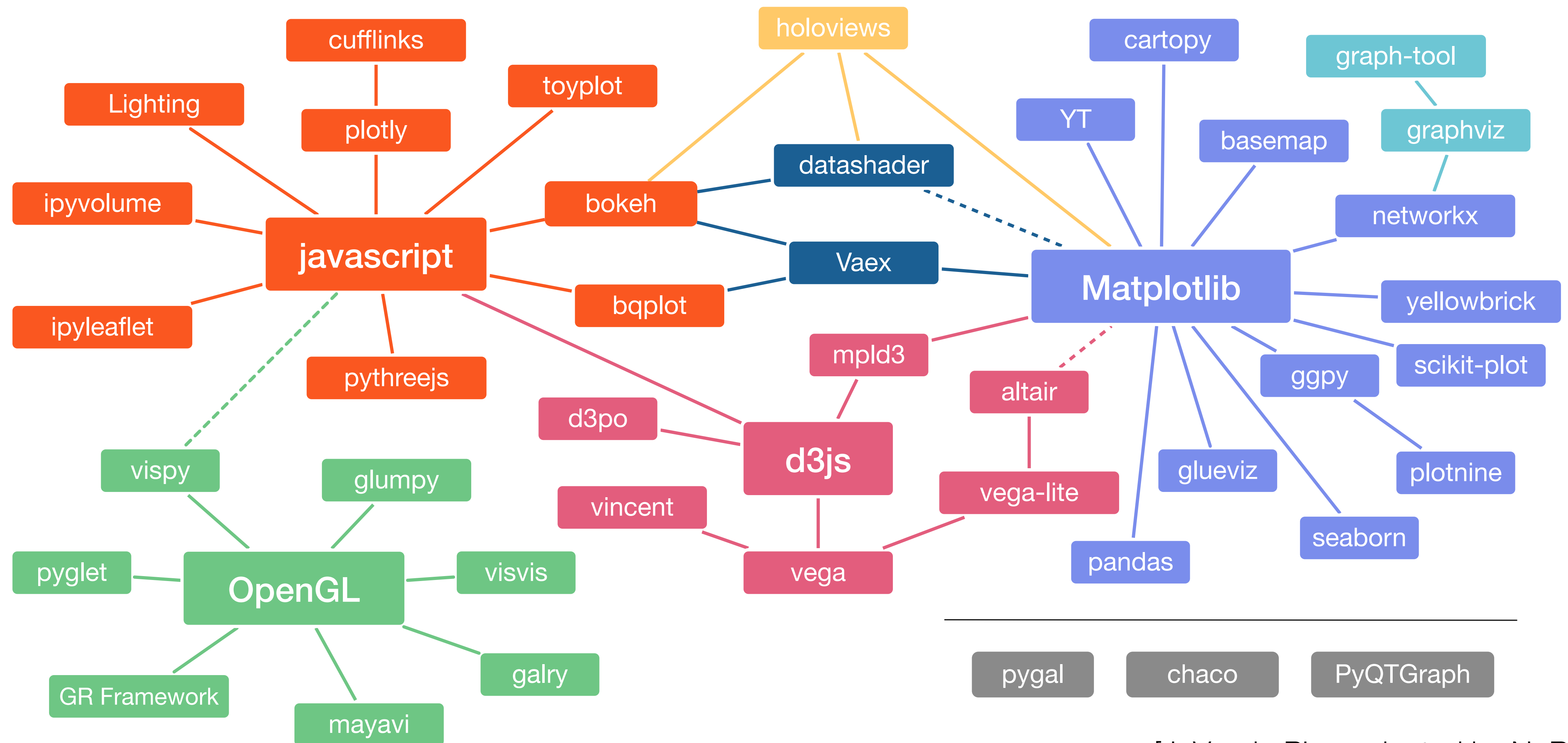
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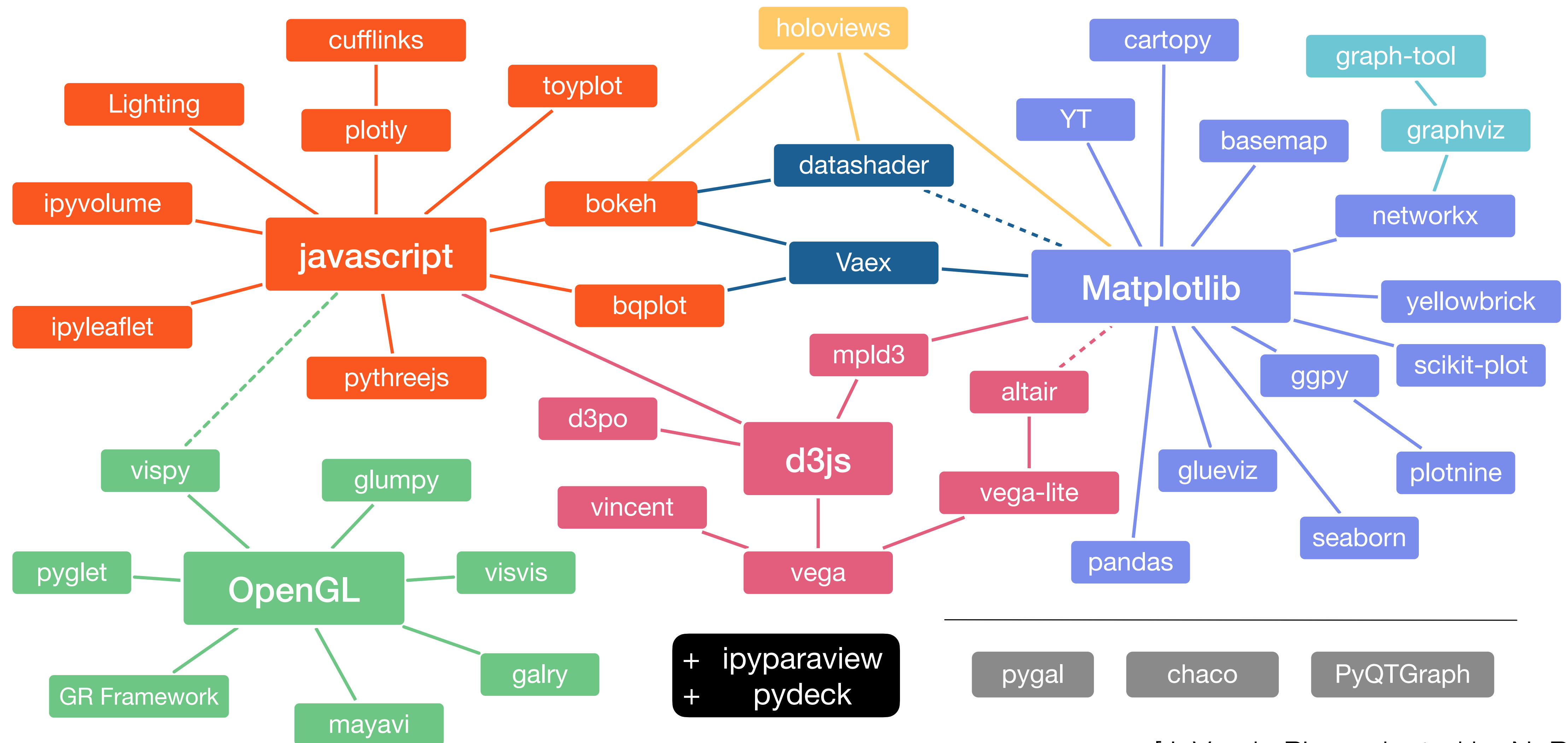
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# The Python Visualization Landscape



[J. VanderPlas, adapted by [N. Rougier](#)]

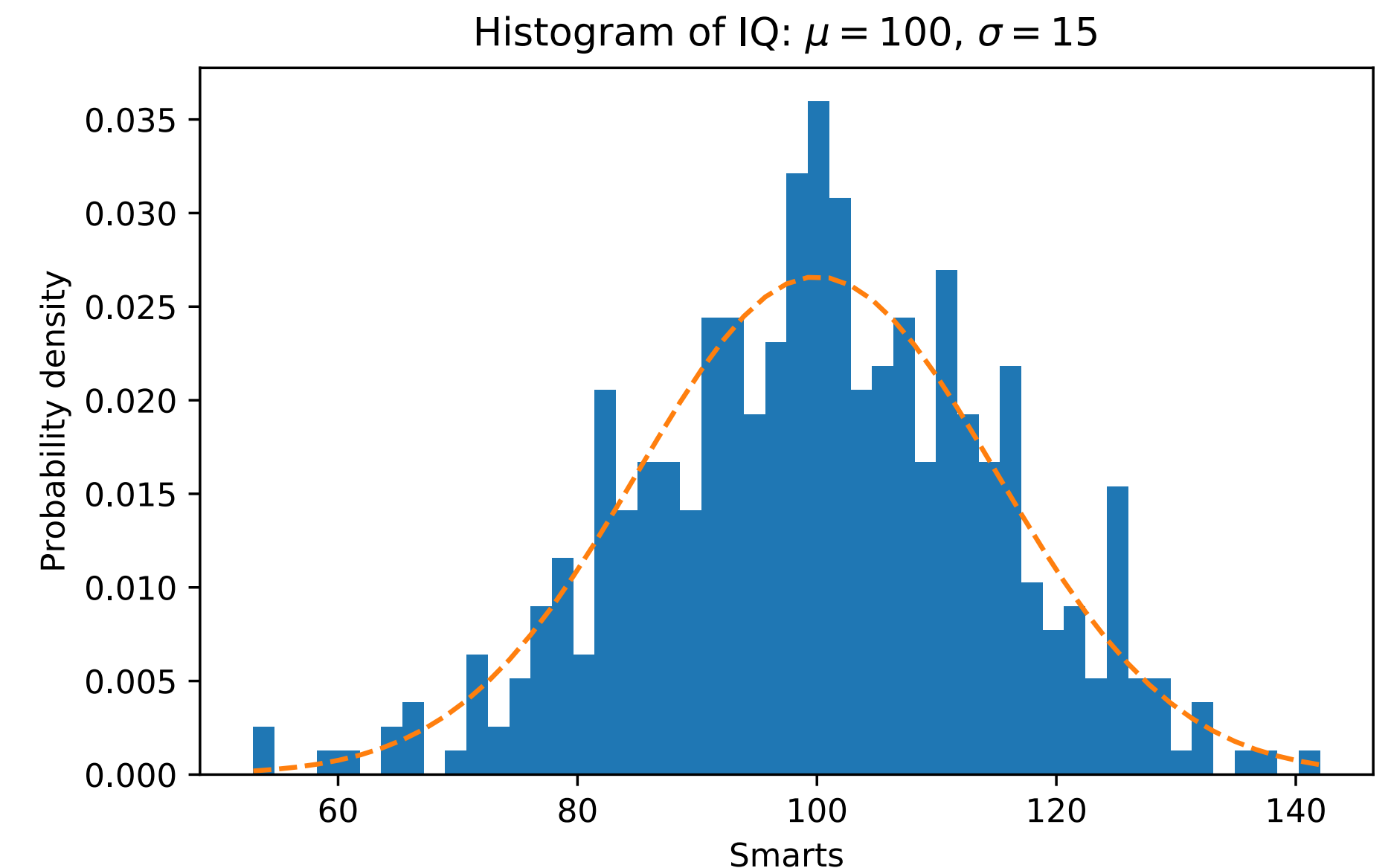
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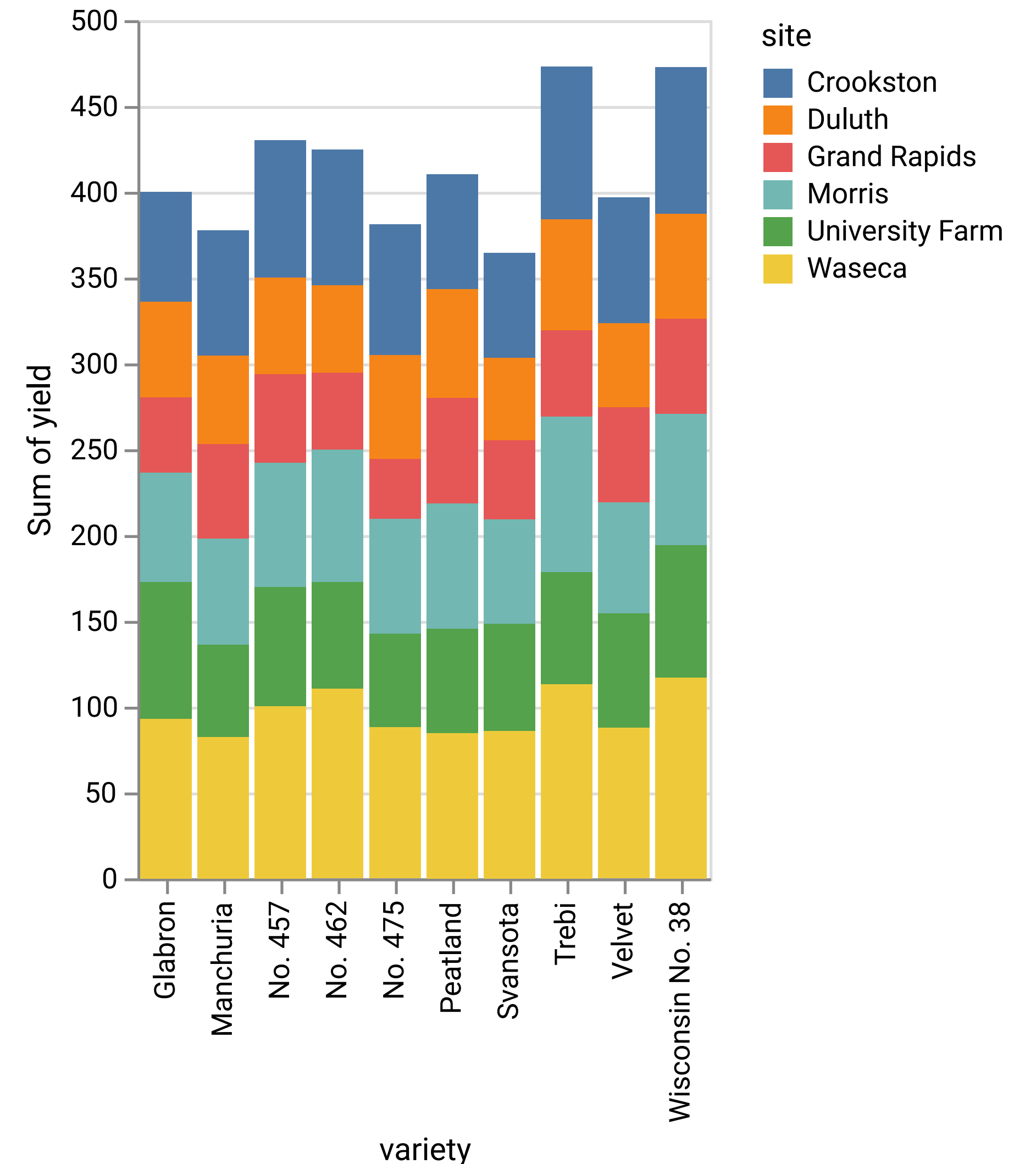
# matplotlib

- Strengths:
  - Designed like Matlab
  - Many rendering backends
  - Can reproduce almost any plot
  - Proven, well-tested
- Weaknesses:
  - API is imperative
  - Not originally designed for the web
  - Dated styles



# Altair

- Declarative Visualization
  - Specify **what** instead of how
  - Separate specification from execution
- Based on VegaLite which is browser-based
- Strengths:
  - Declarative visualization
  - Web technologies
- Drawbacks:
  - Moving data between Python and JS
  - Sometimes longer specifications



# Matplotlib History

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- "In the beginning was matplotlib" – J. VanderPlas
- Started by John D. Hunter, a neurobiologist ~2003
- John tragically passed away in 2012, community-led now
- Before Python, John had Perl scripts that called C++ mathematical programs that wrote data files that were plotted using Matlab (then gnuplot)
- Sought a solution that was Matlab users would be more comfortable with
  - Imports "hidden" by importing into the global namespace
  - pylab mode: match terminology of Matlab (at the cost of overriding core python functions/definitions)

# Lots of Changes Since

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- pylab is "strongly discouraged nowadays and deprecated." [[docs](#)]
- stateful plotting using pyplot still exists, but...
- also object-oriented methods to build and customize plots now
- Integrated output in JupyterLab
- Many derivative libraries (e.g. seaborn) that build on matplotlib core
- Can use more directly from pandas

# Basic Example

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- `import matplotlib.pyplot as plt`  
`plt.plot([1, 5, 2, 7, 3])`
- Default is line plot
- x-values are implicit (`range(5)`)
- Can add x-values
  - `plt.plot([1, 3, 4, 6, 10], [1, 5, 2, 7, 3])`
- Can change type of plot
  - `plt.scatter([1, 3, 4, 6, 10], [1, 5, 2, 7, 3])`
  - `plt.plot([1, 3, 4, 6, 10], [1, 5, 2, 7, 3], 'o')` # format string

# Plot Formats

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- Can specify color, marker, and linestyle in format string
  - `plt.plot([1, 3, 4, 6, 10], [1, 5, 2, 7, 3], 'ro-')`
- Can also specify these via keyword arguments:
  - `plt.plot([1, 3, 4, 6, 10], [1, 5, 2, 7, 3],  
color='red', marker='s', linestyle='dashed')`
- Other keyword arguments, too:
  - `plt.plot([1, 3, 4, 6, 10], [1, 5, 2, 7, 3],  
color='red', marker='s', linestyle='dashed',  
linewidth=3, markersize=12)`

# Format Reference

| string | color   |
|--------|---------|
| 'b'    | blue    |
| 'g'    | green   |
| 'r'    | red     |
| 'c'    | cyan    |
| 'm'    | magenta |
| 'y'    | yellow  |
| 'k'    | black   |
| 'w'    | white   |

## Color shortcuts

| string | description |
|--------|-------------|
| '_'    | solid       |
| '--'   | dashed      |
| '-.'   | dash-dot    |
| ':'    | dotted      |

## Line Styles

| string | description    |
|--------|----------------|
| '.'    | point          |
| ','    | pixel          |
| 'o'    | circle         |
| 'v'    | triangle_down  |
| '^'    | triangle_up    |
| '<'    | triangle_left  |
| '>'    | triangle_right |
| '1'    | tri_down       |
| '2'    | tri_up         |
| '3'    | tri_left       |
| '4'    | tri_right      |
| '8'    | octagon        |
| 's'    | square         |

## Markers

| string | description   |
|--------|---------------|
| 'p'    | pentagon      |
| 'P'    | plus (filled) |
| '*'    | star          |
| 'h'    | hexagon1      |
| 'H'    | hexagon2      |
| '+'    | plus          |
| 'x'    | x             |
| 'X'    | x (filled)    |
| 'D'    | diamond       |
| 'd'    | thin_diamond  |
| ' '    | vline         |
| '_'    | hline         |

# Data is Encoded via Visual Channels

## ➔ Position

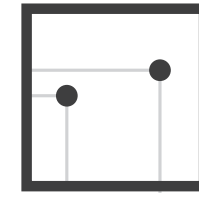
➔ Horizontal



➔ Vertical



➔ Both



## ➔ Color



## ➔ Shape



## ➔ Tilt

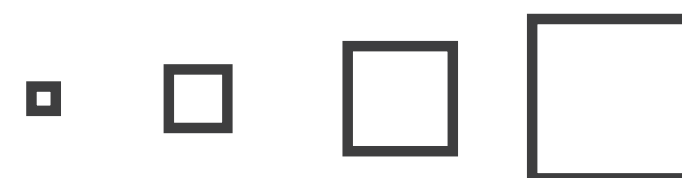


## ➔ Size

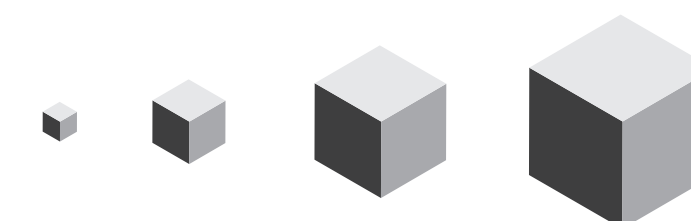
➔ Length



➔ Area



➔ Volume



[Munzner (ill. Maguire), 2014]

# Encoding Data Attributes via Channels

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- ```
data = {'age': [1, 3, 4, 6, 10],  
        'num_jumps': [1, 5, 2, 7, 3],  
        'weight': [20, 50, 25, 55, 25],  
        'num_scoops': [3, 2, 4, 2, 3]}  
plt.scatter('age', 'num_jumps', c='num_scoops', s='weight',  
            data=data)
```
- `data` is a dictionary that contains information about each data item (first animal has `age=1`, `num_jumps=1`, `weight=20`, `num_scoops=3`)
- `x` and `y` are referenced as parts of the array
- `s` is marker size
- `c` is color and numbers are mapped to colors