

Programming Principles in Python (CSCI 503/490)

Data Visualization & Machine Learning

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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]

Unpivot/Melt

- Many columns (wider) become two columns (longer): one with column name (variable), other with value

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"MX000017004"	1955	4	"tmax"	31.0	31.0	31.0	32.0	33.0	32.0	32.0	33.0
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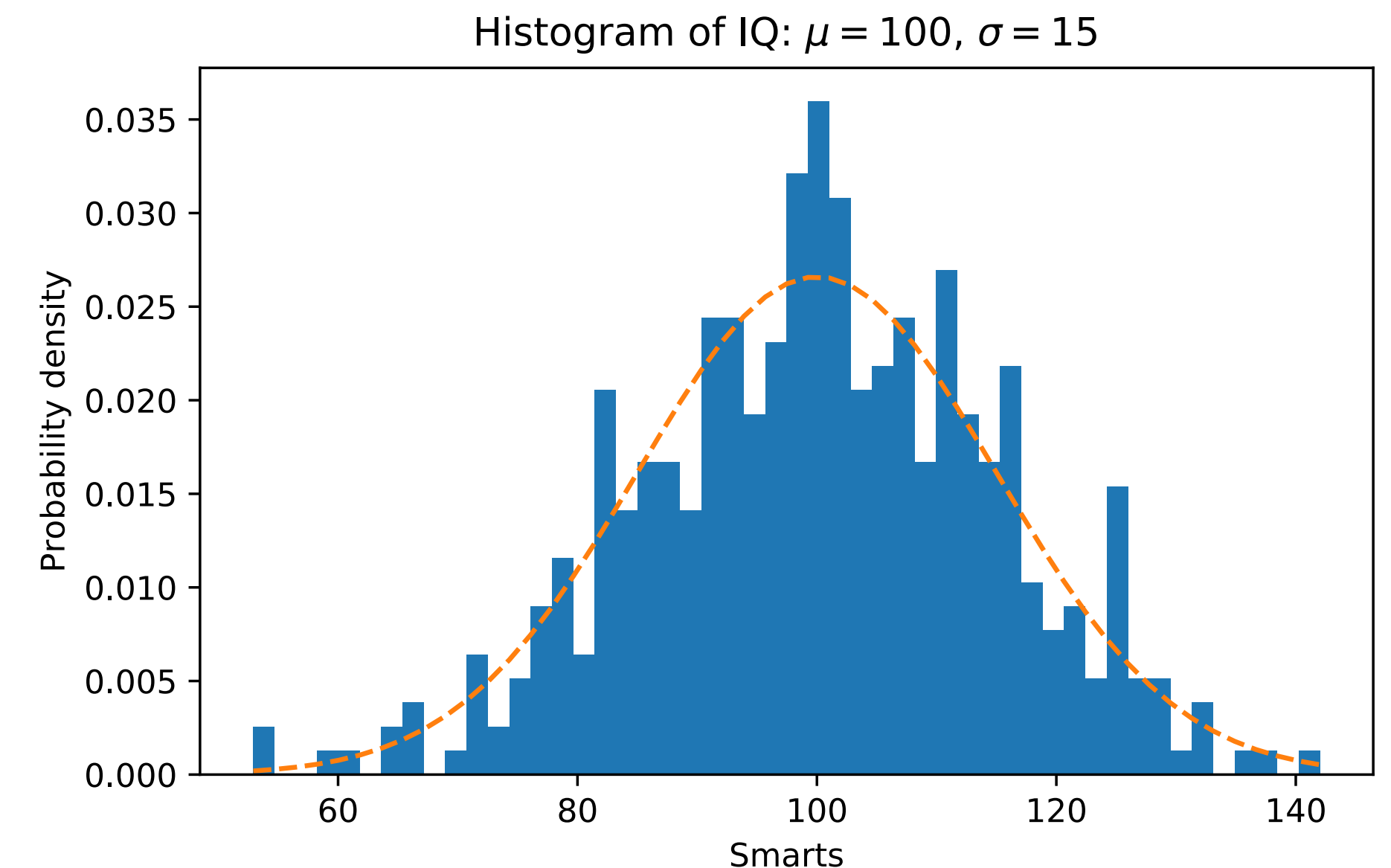
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Visualization Goals

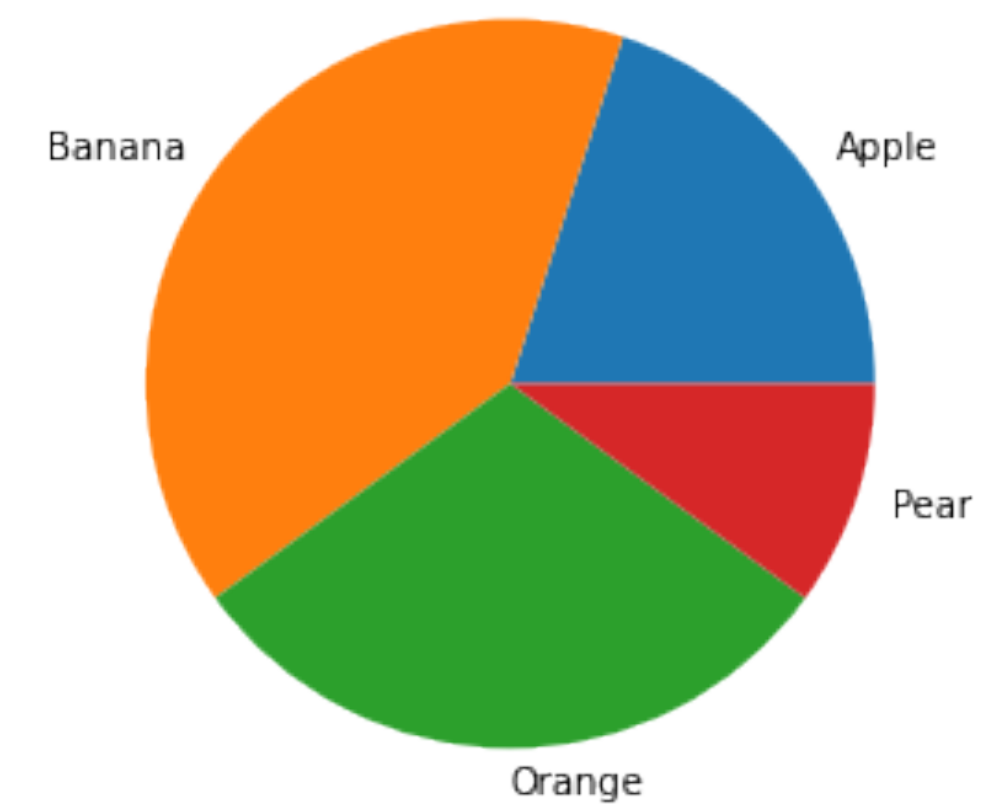
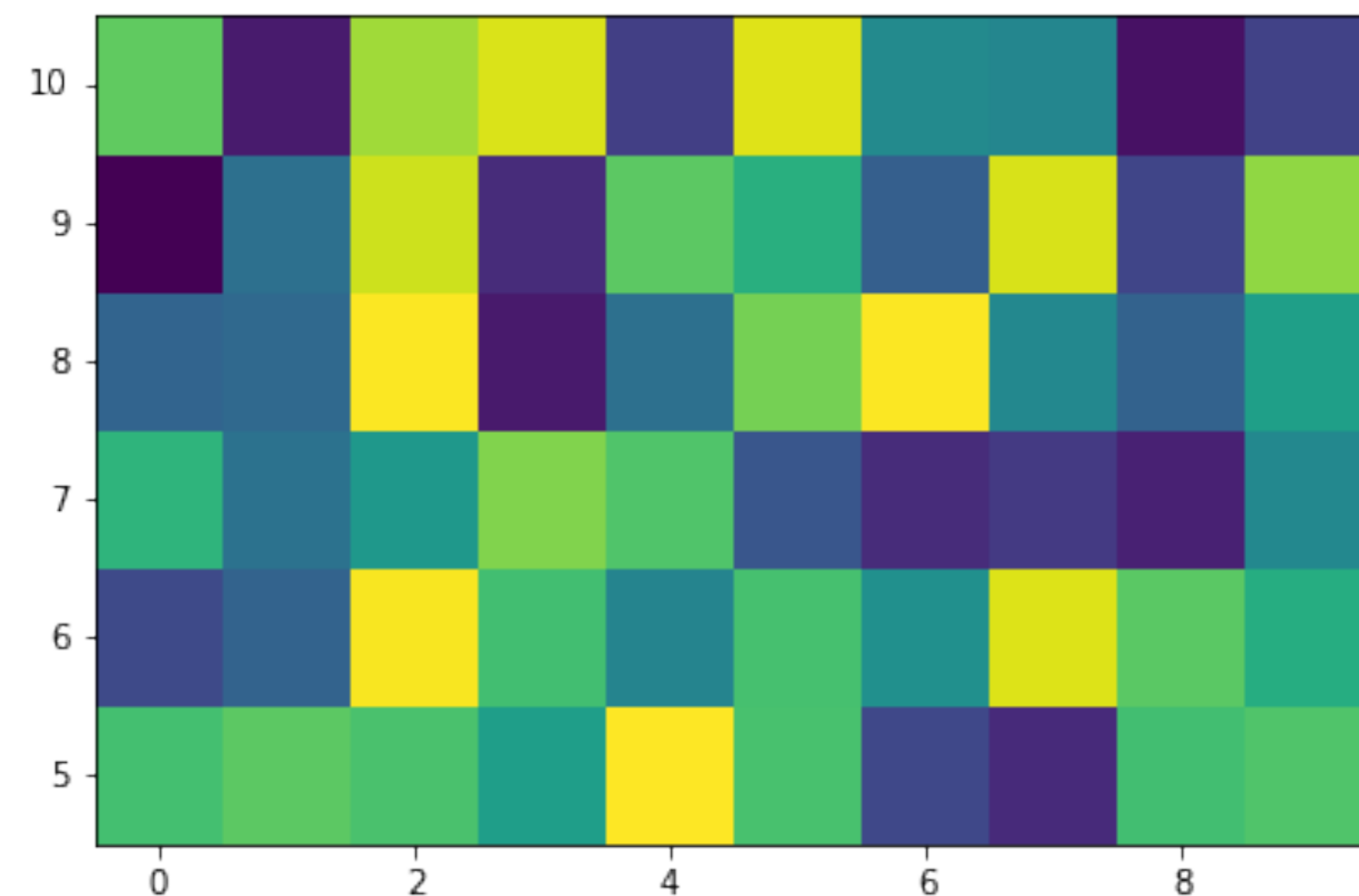
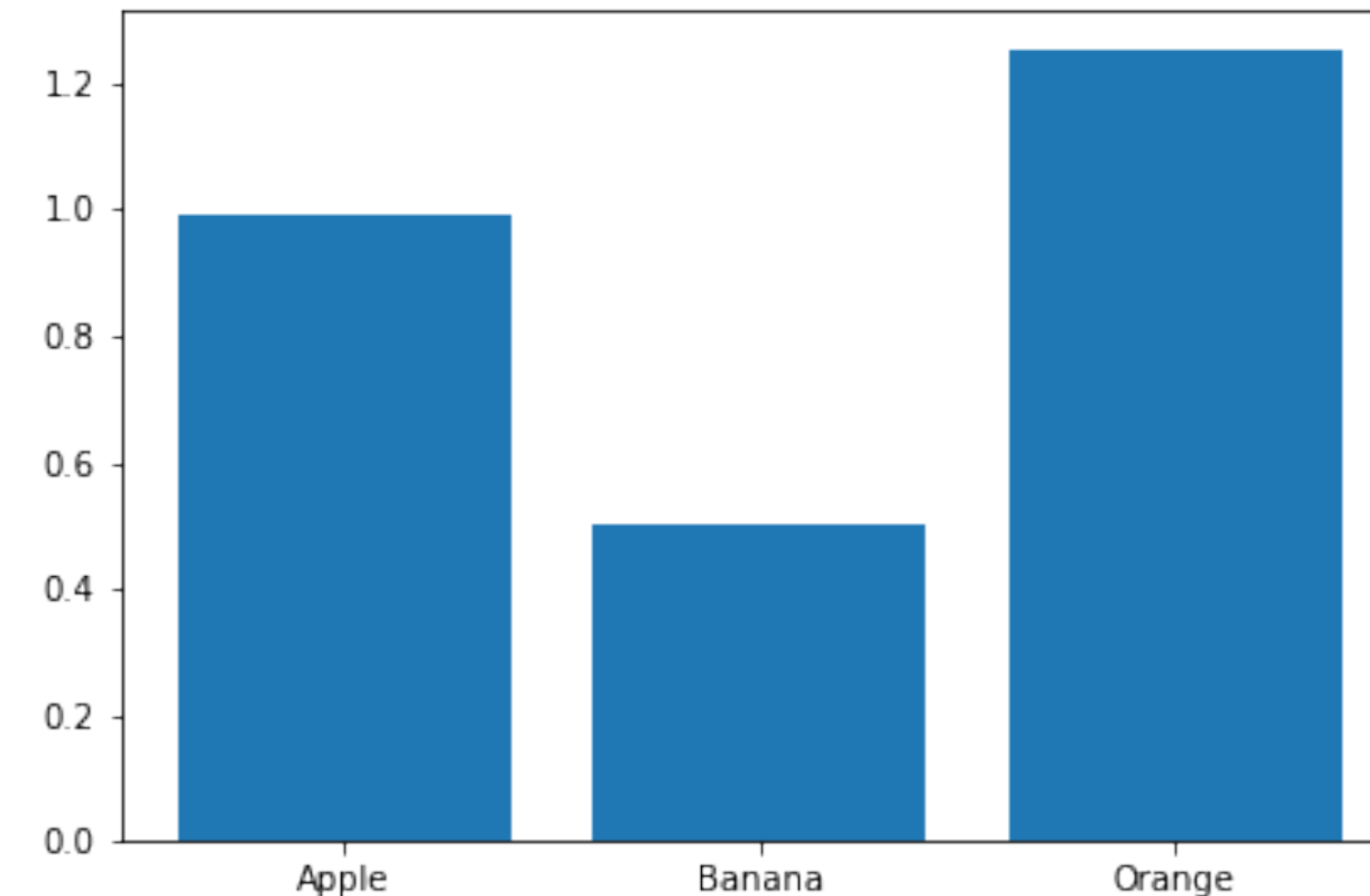
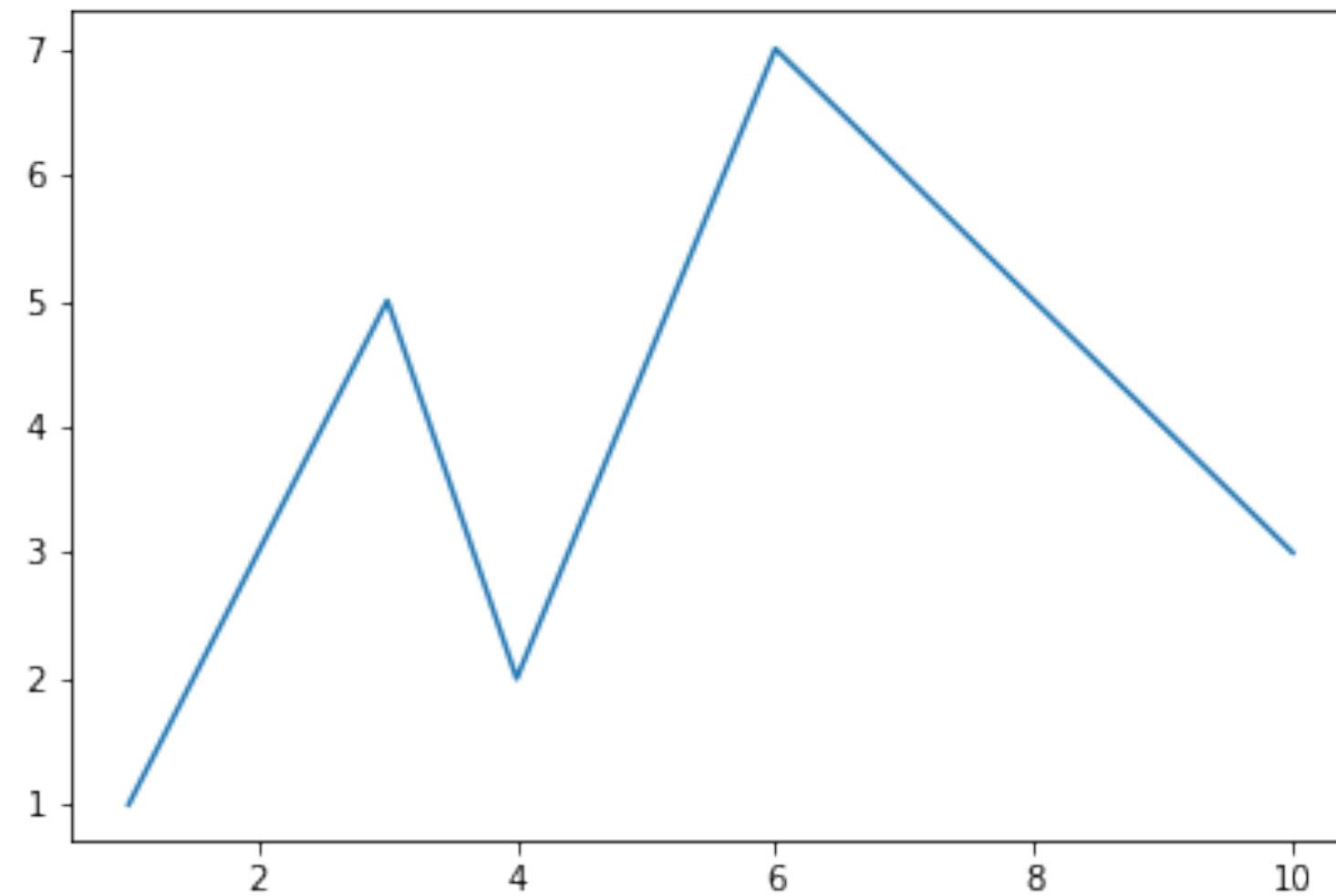
- "The purpose of visualization is **insight**, not pictures" – B. Schneiderman
- Identify patterns, trends
- Spot outliers
- Find similarities, correlation

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



Many different types of charts



Many different types of charts

- Bar chart

- `plt.bar(['Apple', 'Banana', 'Orange'], [0.99, 0.50, 1.25])`

- Grid Heatmap

- `plt.pcolormesh(x, y, Z)`

- Pie chart:

- `plt.pie([20, 40, 30, 10],
 labels=['Apple', 'Banana', 'Orange', 'Pear'])`

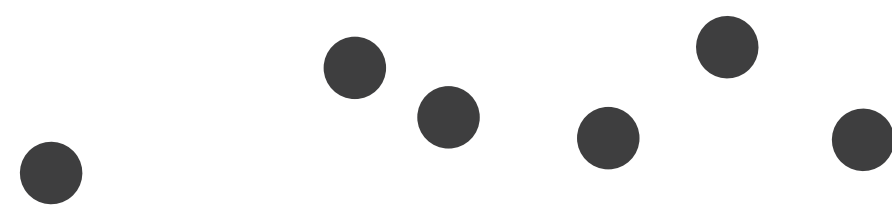
Altair

- `import altair as alt`
`import pandas as pd`
`data = pd.DataFrame({'x': [1, 3, 4, 6, 10], 'y': [1, 5, 2, 7, 3]})`
`alt.Chart(data).mark_line().encode(x='x', y='y')`
- Easiest to use data from a pandas data frame
 - Another option is a csv or json file
 - Can support geo_interface, too
- `Chart` is the basic unit
- Mark: `.mark_*()` indicates the geometry created for each data item
- Encode: `.encode()` allows visual properties to be set to data attributes

Visual Marks

- **Marks** are the basic graphical elements in a visualization
- Marks classified by dimensionality:

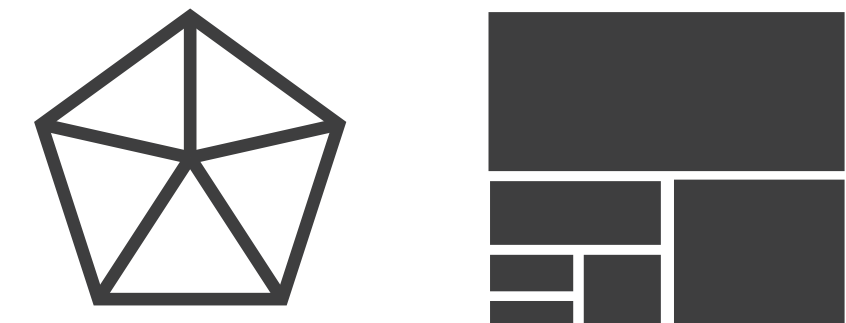
➞ **Points**



➞ **Lines**



➞ **Areas**



- Also can have surfaces, volumes
- Think of marks as a mathematical definition, or if familiar with tools like Adobe Illustrator or Inkscape, the path & point definitions
- Altair: area, bar, circle, geoshape, image, line, point, rect, rule, square, text, tick
 - Also compound marks: boxplot, errorband, errorbar

Encode via Visual Channels

➔ Position

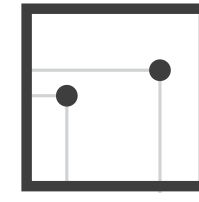
➔ Horizontal



➔ Vertical



➔ Both



➔ Color



➔ Shape



➔ Tilt

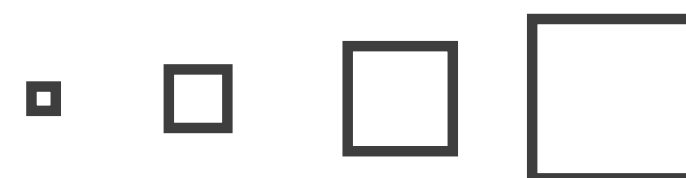


➔ Size

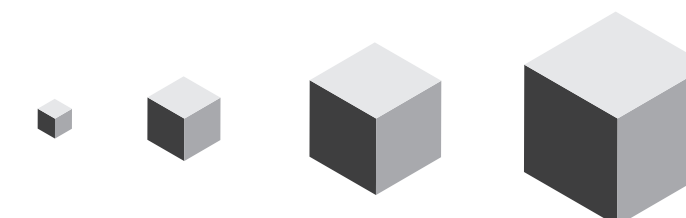
➔ Length



➔ Area



➔ Volume



[Munzner (ill. Maguire), 2014]

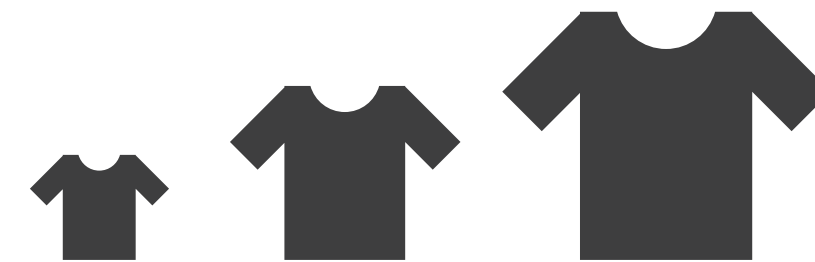
Data Attributes and Altair Types

→ Categorical

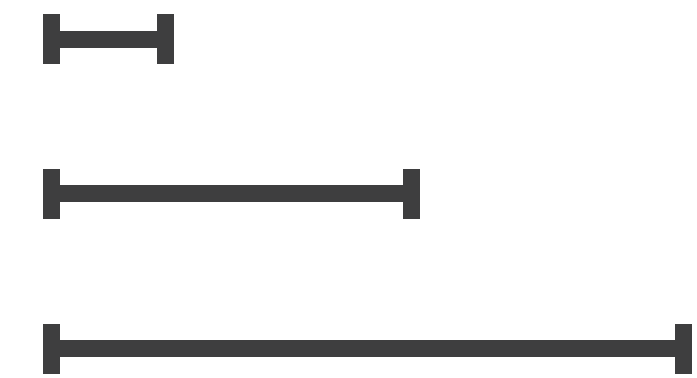


→ Ordered

→ *Ordinal*



→ *Quantitative*



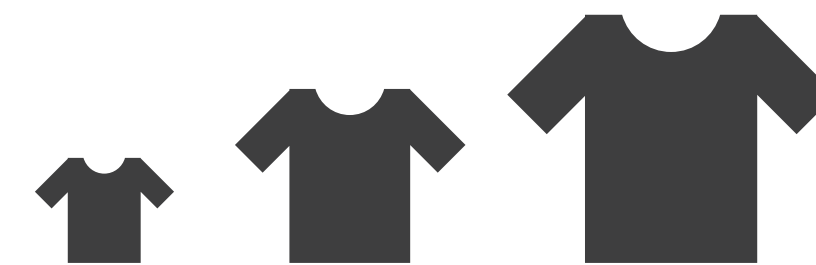
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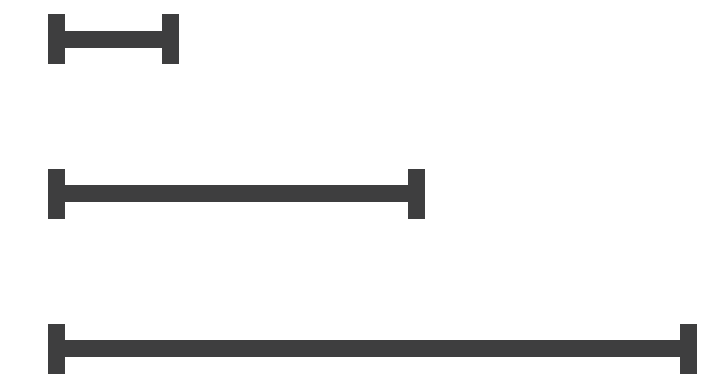


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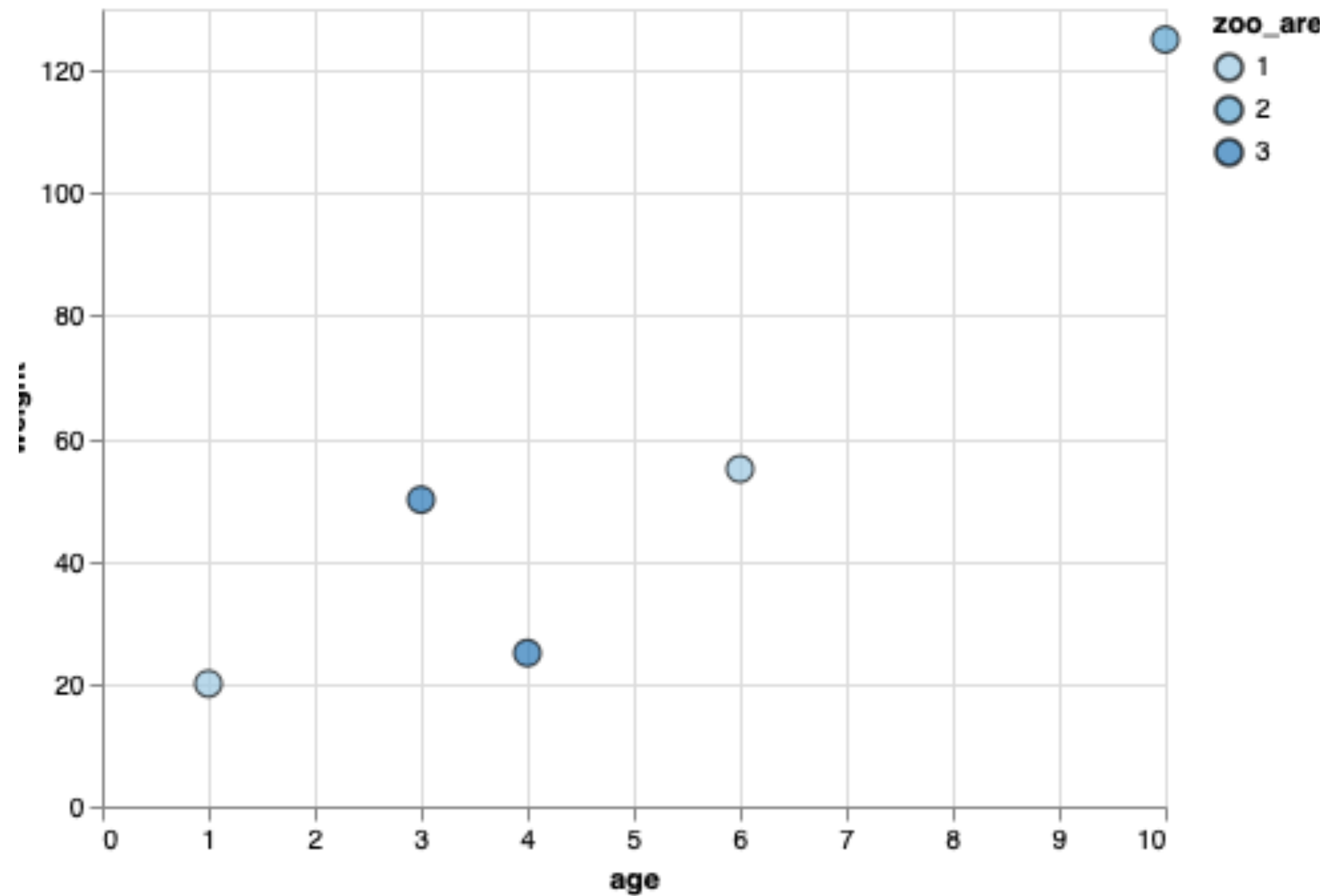
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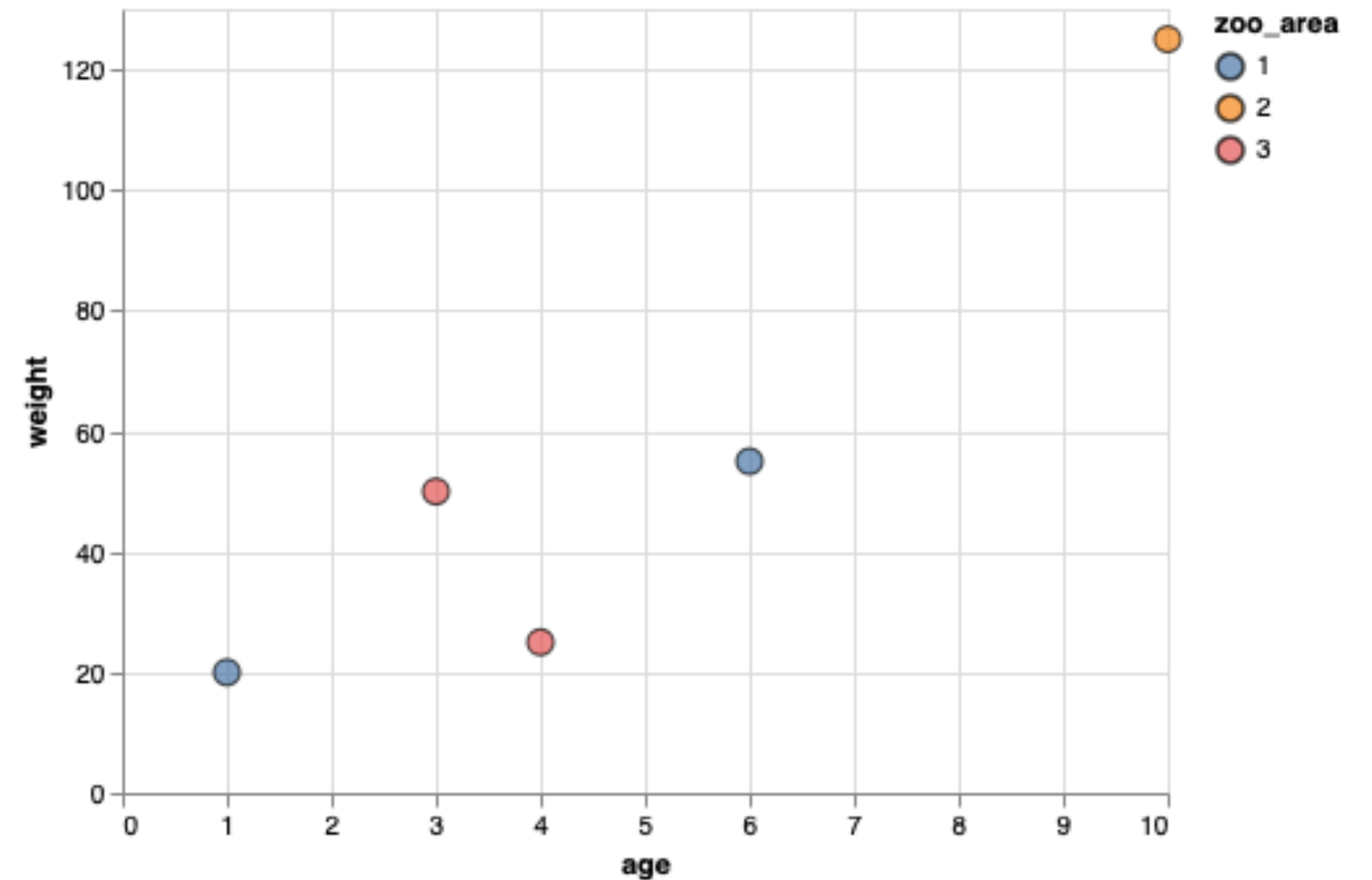
- Categorical data = Nominal (N)
- Ordinal data = Ordinal (O)
- Quantitative data = Quantitative (Q)
- Temporal data = Temporal (T)

[Munzner (ill. Maguire), 2014]

Specifying the Type



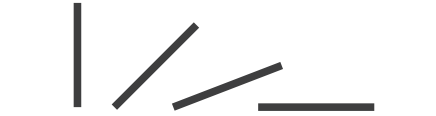
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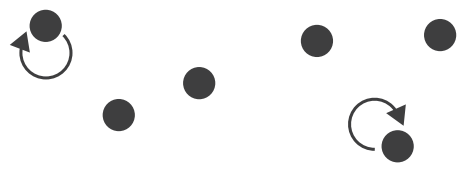
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Different Channels for Different Attribute Types

➔ **Magnitude** Channels: **Ordered** Attributes

Position on common scale	
Position on unaligned scale	
Length (1D size)	
Tilt/angle	
Area (2D size)	
Depth (3D position)	
Color luminance	
Color saturation	
Curvature	
Volume (3D size)	

➔ **Identity** Channels: **Categorical** Attributes

Spatial region	
Color hue	
Motion	
Shape	

Altair will use its rules to pick whether to use color hue or saturation based on the type

[Munzner (ill. Maguire), 2014]

Assignment 8

- Data and Visualization
- Work with polars or pandas
- Must use seaborn/matplotlib and altair (specified for problems)

Final Exam

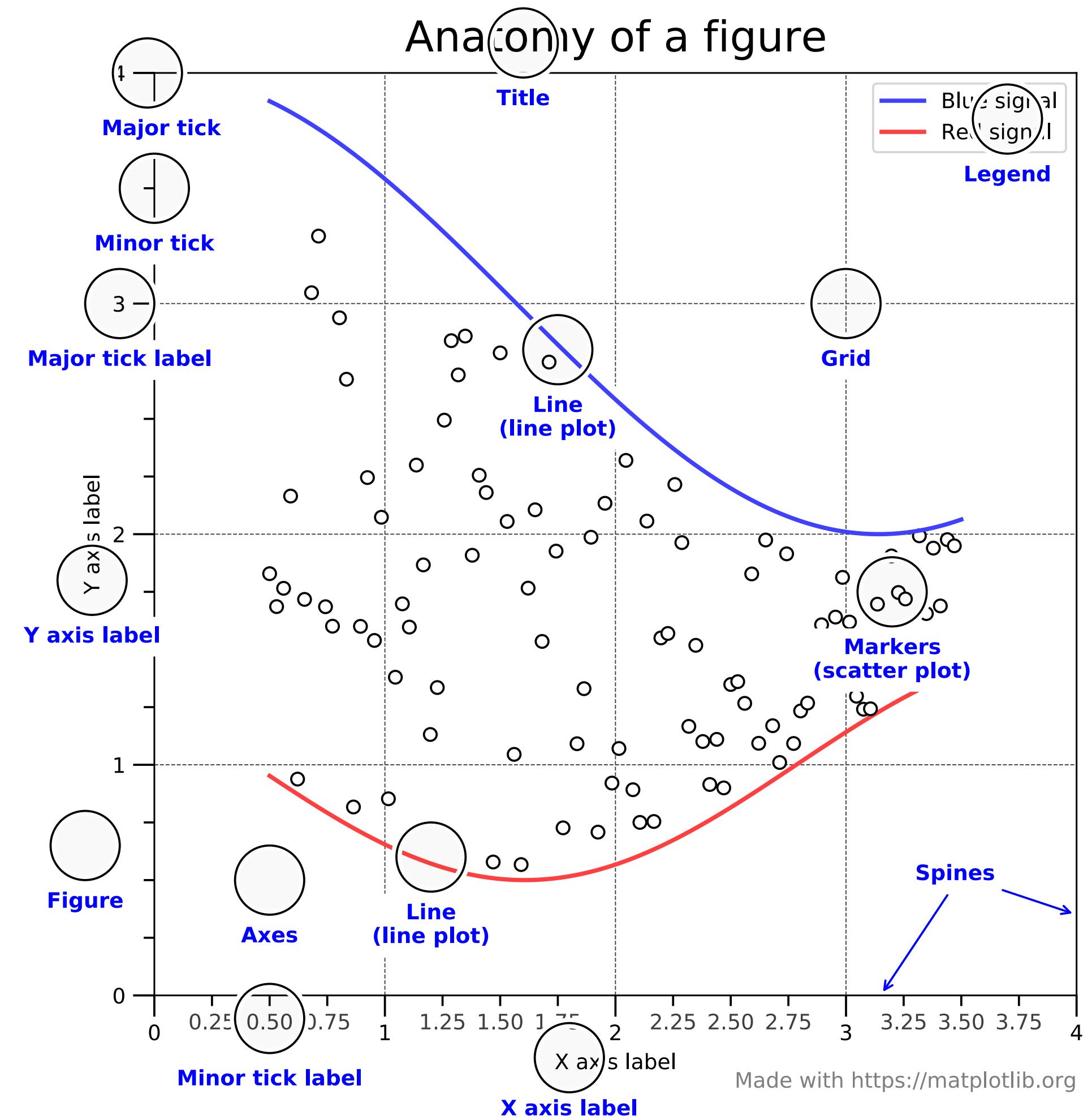
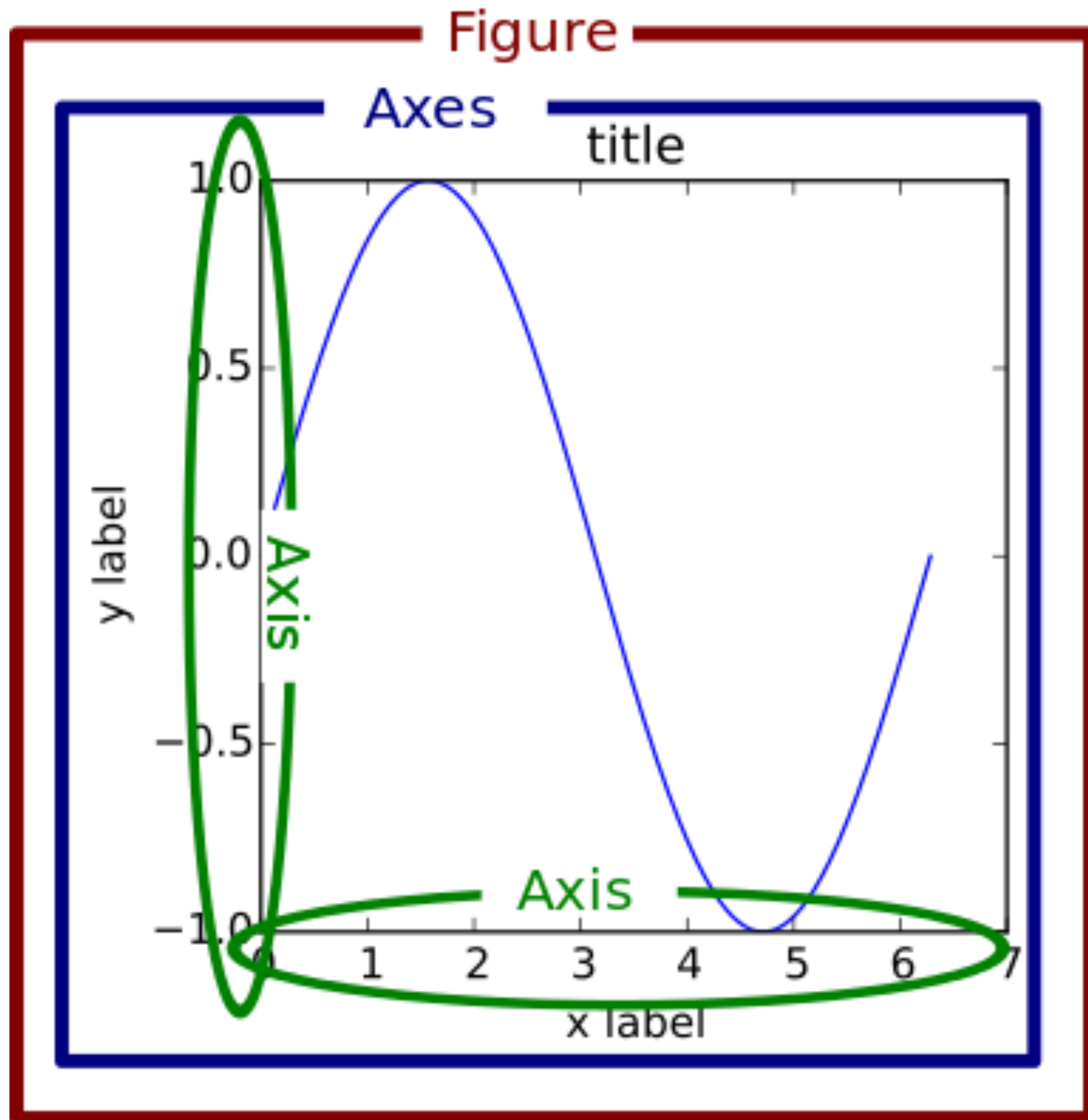
- Wednesday, December 10, **8:00**-9:50am in PM 103
- **More comprehensive** than Test 2
- Expect questions from topics covered on Test 1 and 2
- Expect questions from the last few weeks of class (concurrency, structure pattern matching, data, visualization, machine learning)
- Similar format

Adding Labels

- `plt.xlabel`: set x label
- `plt.ylabel`: set y label
- `plt.title`: set title
- ```
plt.plot([1, 3, 4, 6, 10], [1, 5, 2, 7, 3])
plt.xlabel('Age')
plt.ylabel('Number of Jumps')
plt.title('Kangaroo Jumps Today')
```



# Anatomy of a Figure



[B. Solomon & matplotlib]



# Figure and Axes Objects

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- pyplot is stateful, functions affect the "current" figure and axes
  - `plt.gcf()`: gets current figure
  - `plt.gca()`: gets current axes
  - Creates one if it doesn't exist!
- This is not aligned with object-based programming ideas
- Most methods in pyplot are translated to methods on the current axes (gca)
- We can instead call these directly, but first need to create them:
  - `fig, ax = plt.subplots()` # "constructor-like" method  
`ax.scatter([1, 3, 4, 6, 10], [1, 5, 2, 7, 3])`

# Object-Based Plotting

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- `fig, ax = plt.subplots()` # "constructor-like" method  
`ax.scatter([1, 3, 4, 6, 10], [1, 5, 2, 7, 3])`
- Use getters/setters for labels and title
  - `ax.set_xlabel('Age')`
  - `ax.set_ylabel('Number of Jumps')`
  - `ax.set_title('Kangaroo Jumps Today')`
- We can also call methods on the figure:
  - `fig.tight_layout()` # reduce margins

# Multiple Figures

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- subplots allows multiple axes in the same figure:
  - `fig, ax = plt.subplots(2, 2, figsize=(10, 10))` # rows, then columns
- `ax` is now a 2x2 numpy array
- Can put any type of visualization on each pair of axes
- ```
ax[0,0].plot([1,3,4,6,10],[1,5,2,7,3])  
ax[0,1].bar(['Apple','Banana','Orange'],[0.99,0.50,1.25])  
ax[1,0].pcolormesh(x, y, Z)  
ax[1,1].pie([20,40,30,10],  
            labels=['Apple','Banana','Orange','Pear'])
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pandas Integration

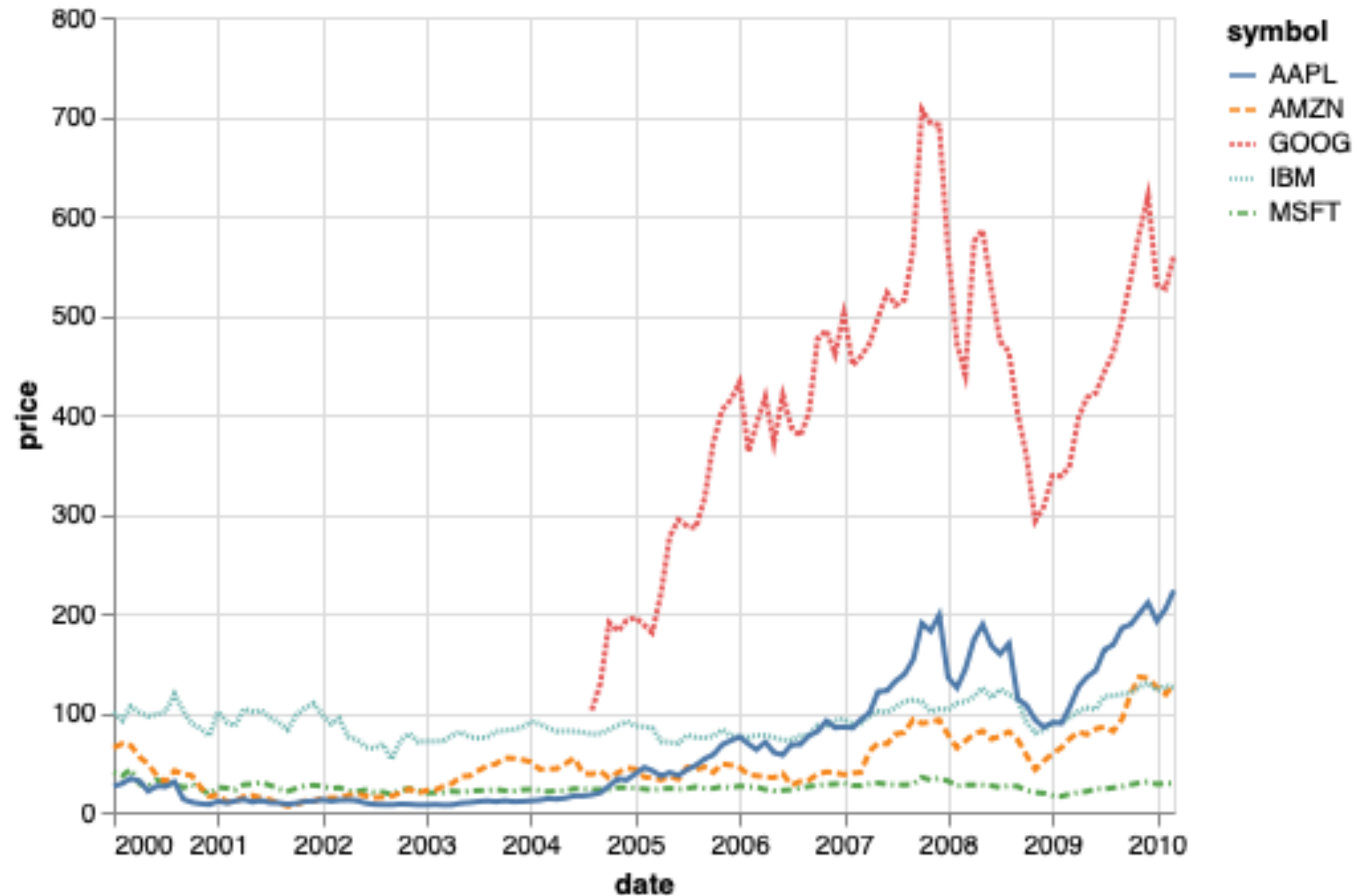
- Can call many of these methods directly from pandas
- Handled through `kind` kwarg or `.plot` accessor
- It will try to guess a reasonable visualization, but may fail:
 - `fruit.plot()`
- Instead, specify `x` and `y` and other parameters:
 - `fruit.plot(kind='bar', x='name', y='price')`
 - `plt.bar(x='name', height='price', data=fruit)` # SIMILAR
 - `fruit.plot.scatter(x='price', y='count', c='name')` # ERROR
 - `colors = {'Apple': 'red', 'Orange': 'orange',
 'Banana': 'yellow', 'Pear': 'green'}`
`fruit.plot.scatter(x='price', y='count',
 c=fruit['name'].map(colors))`

Extensions & Other Directions

- Seaborn:

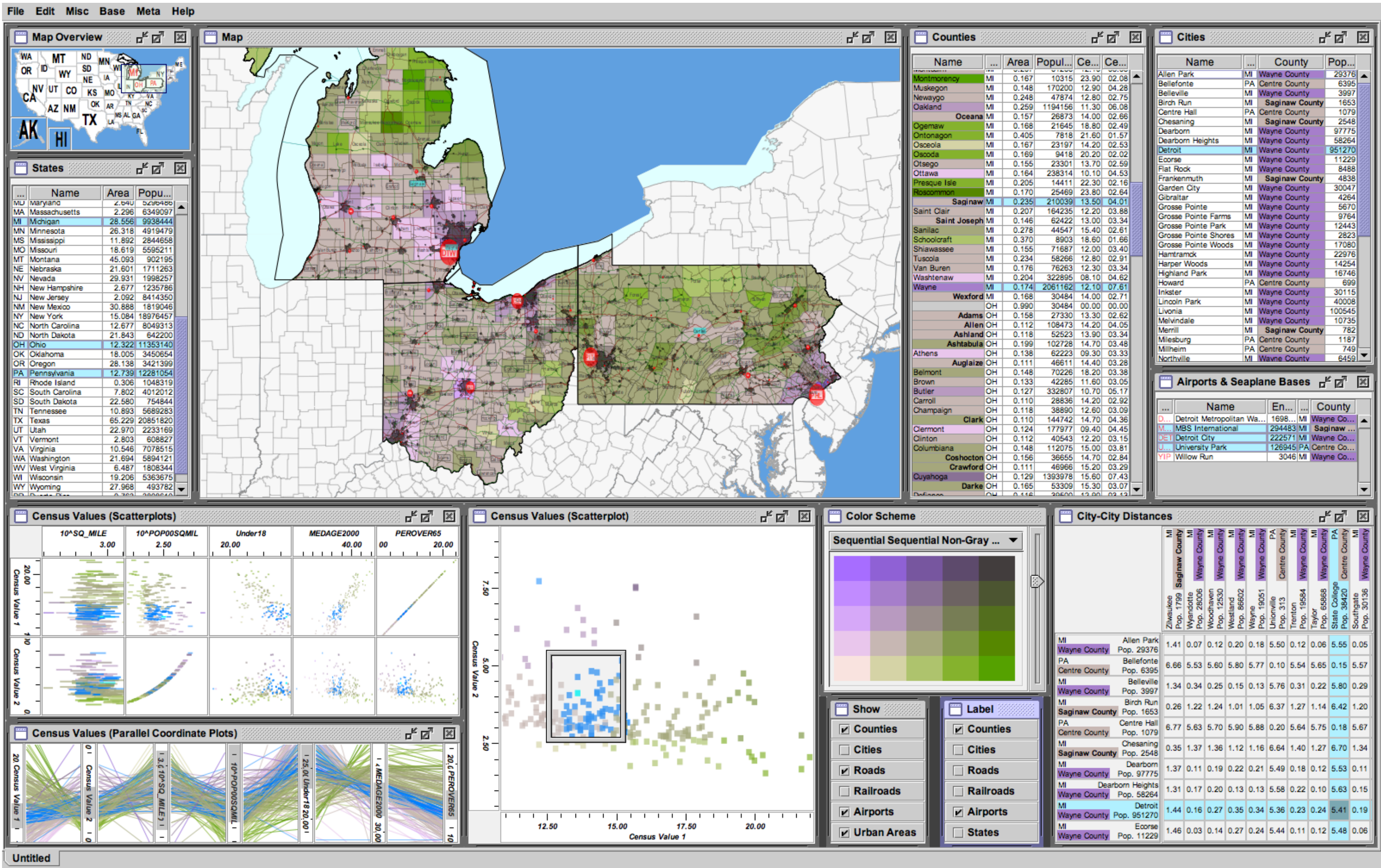
- `import seaborn as sns`
`sns.scatterplot(x='price', y='count', hue='name', data=fruit)`

Multiple Views in Visualization



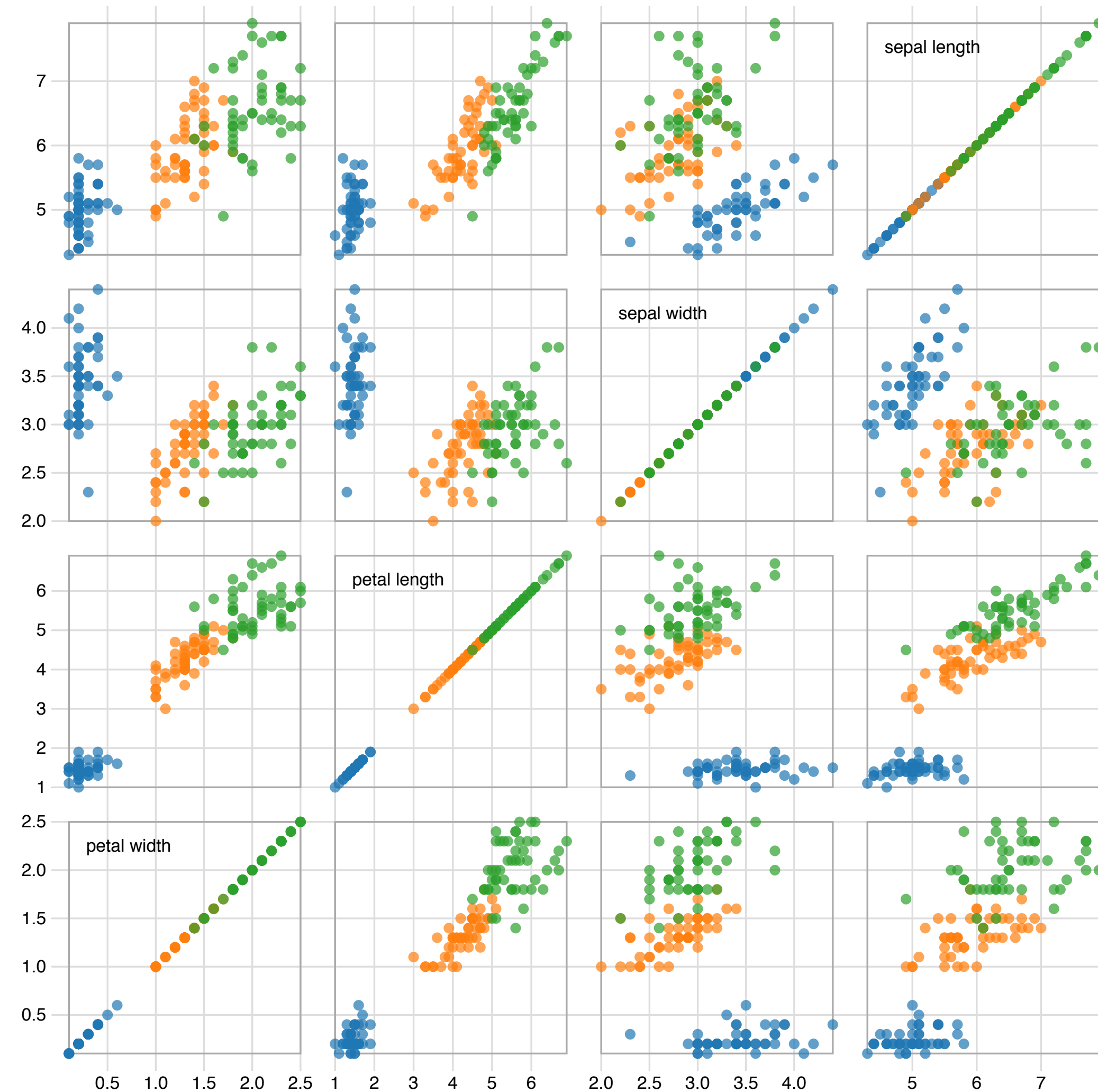
[Altair]

Multiple Views in Visualization



[Improvise, Weaver, 2004]

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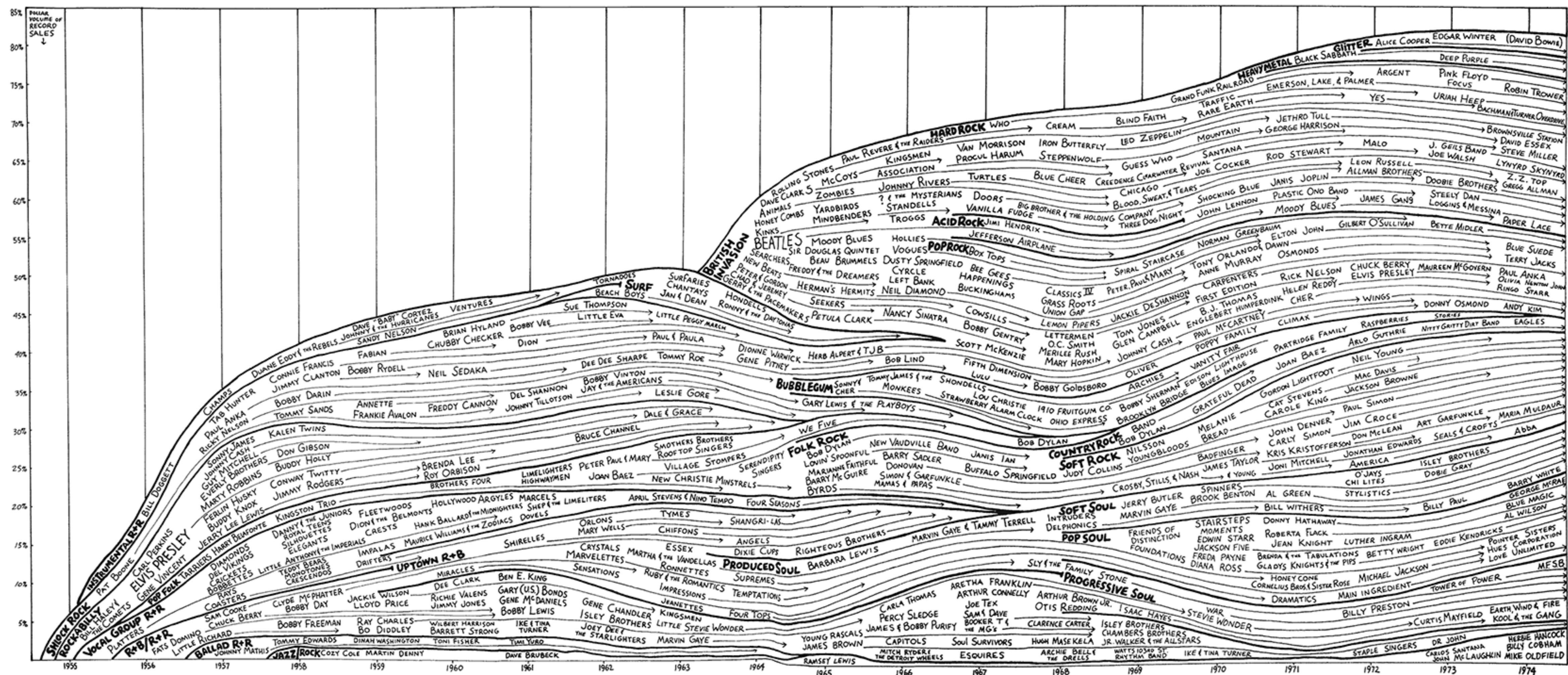


[M. Bostock]

Altair Supports Concatenation, Layering, & Repetition

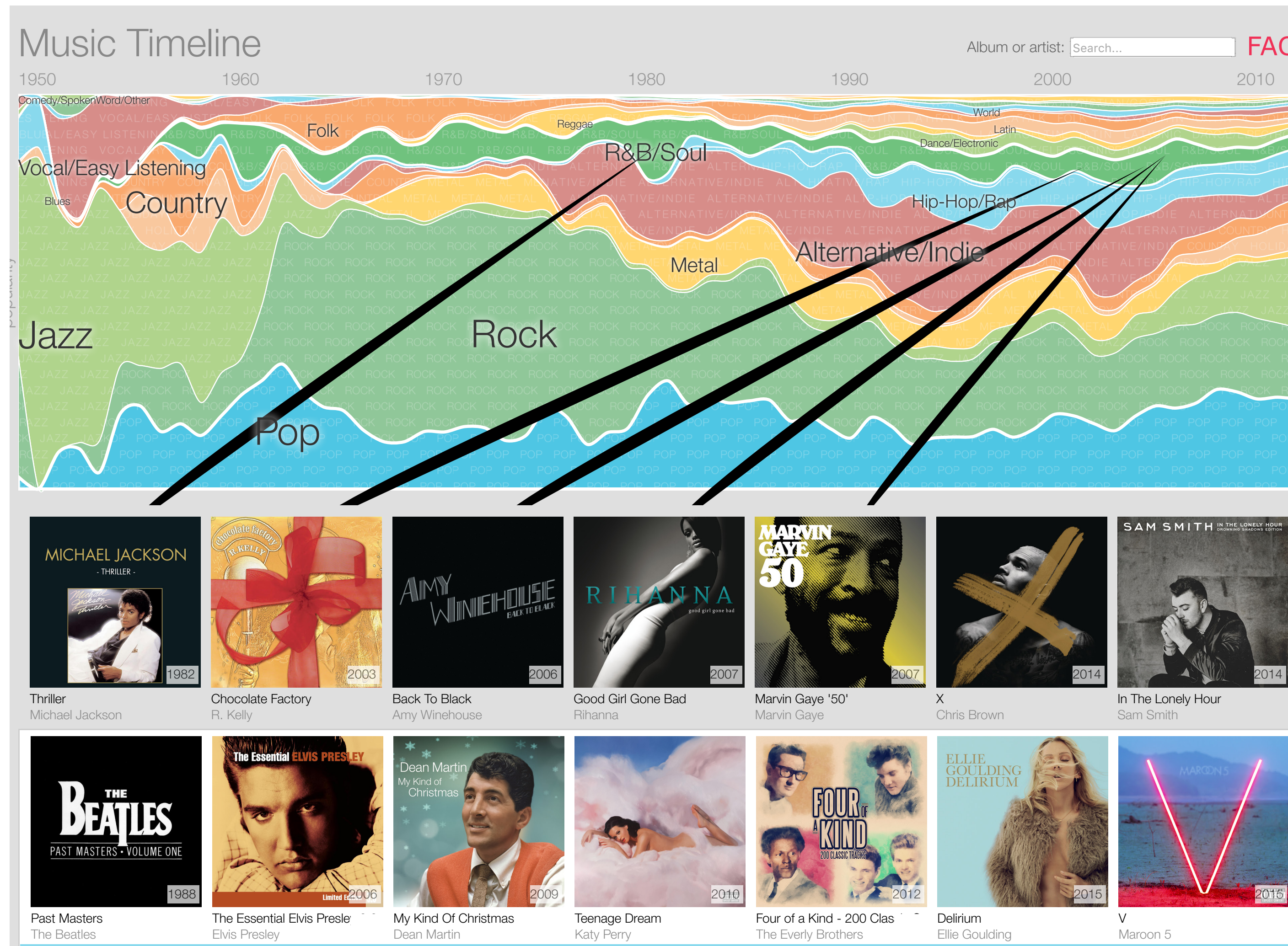
- Layering:
 - + Operator
- Concatenation:
 - Horizontal: | operator
 - Vertical: & operator
- Repetition
 - Use of .repeat for layout
 - Reference repeated variables in the encoding

Visualization



[Rock 'N' Roll is Here to Pay, R. Garofalo, 1977 (via Tufte)]

Also Visualization, but with Interaction



[Music Timeline, Google Research (no working version)]

Interaction

- Grammar of Graphics, why not Grammar of Interaction?
- Vega-Lite/Altair is about **interactive** graphics
- Types of Interactions:
 - Selection
 - Zoom
 - Brushing

Selection

- Selection is often used to initiate other changes
- User needs to select something to drive the next change
- What can be a selection target?
 - Items, links, attributes, (views)
- How?
 - mouse click, mouse hover, touch
 - keyboard modifiers, right/left mouse click, force
- Selection modes:
 - Single, multiple
 - Contiguous?

Highlighting

- Selection is the user action
- Feedback is important!
- How? Change selected item's visual encoding
 - Change color: want to achieve visual popout
 - Add outline mark: allows original color to be preserved
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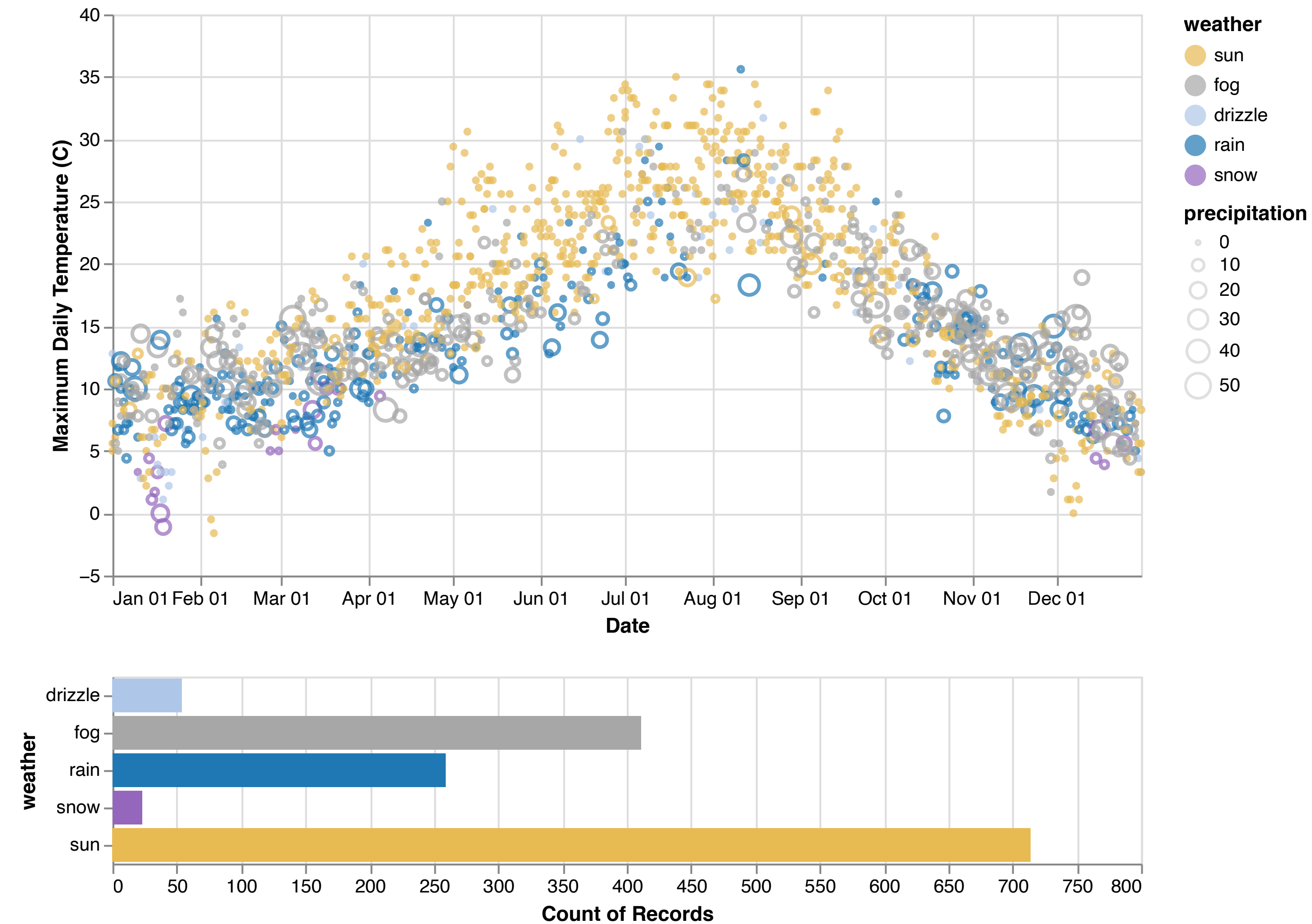


Altair's Interactive Charts

- <https://altair-viz.github.io/gallery/index.html#interactive-charts>

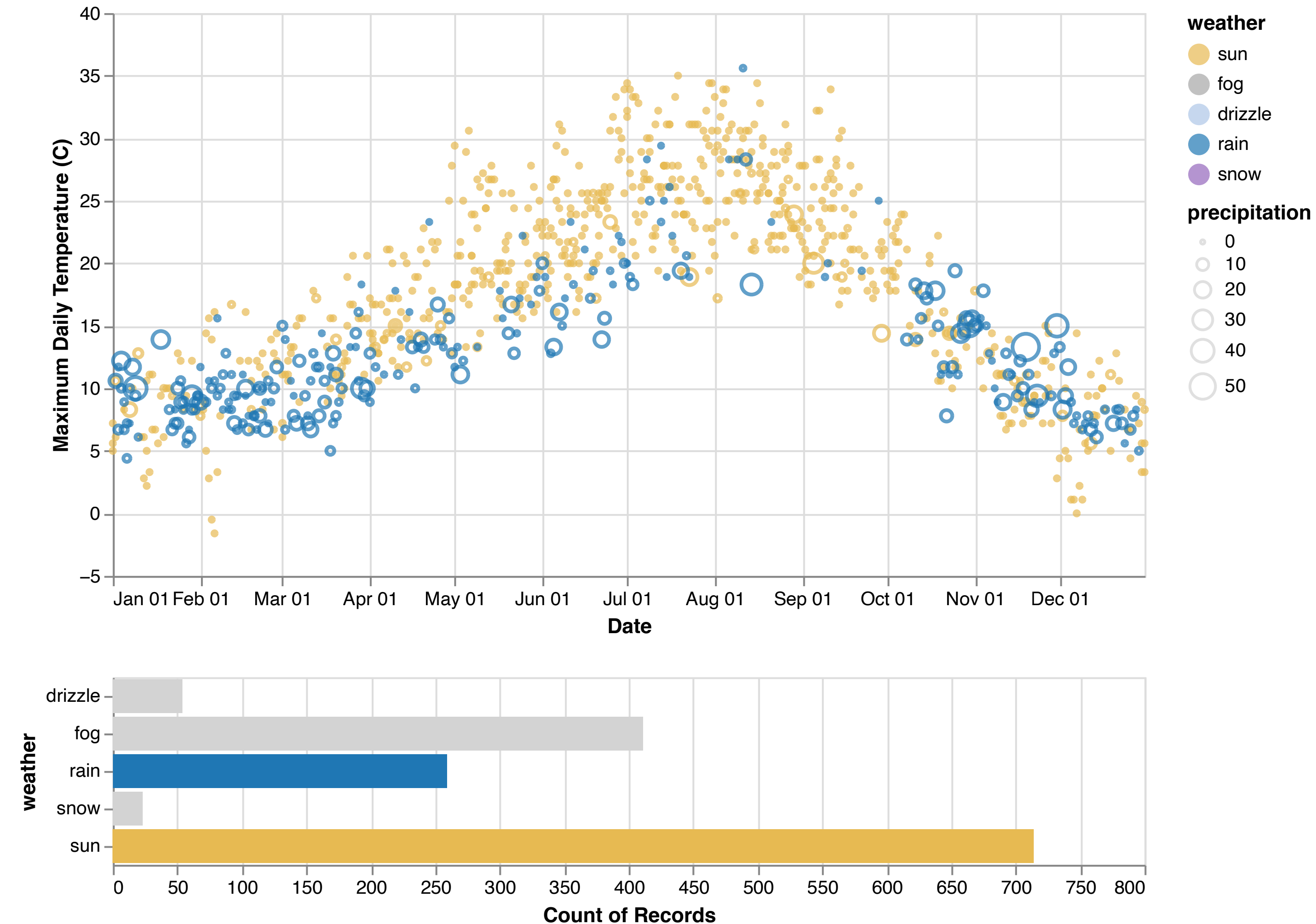
Interaction

Seattle Weather: 2012-2015



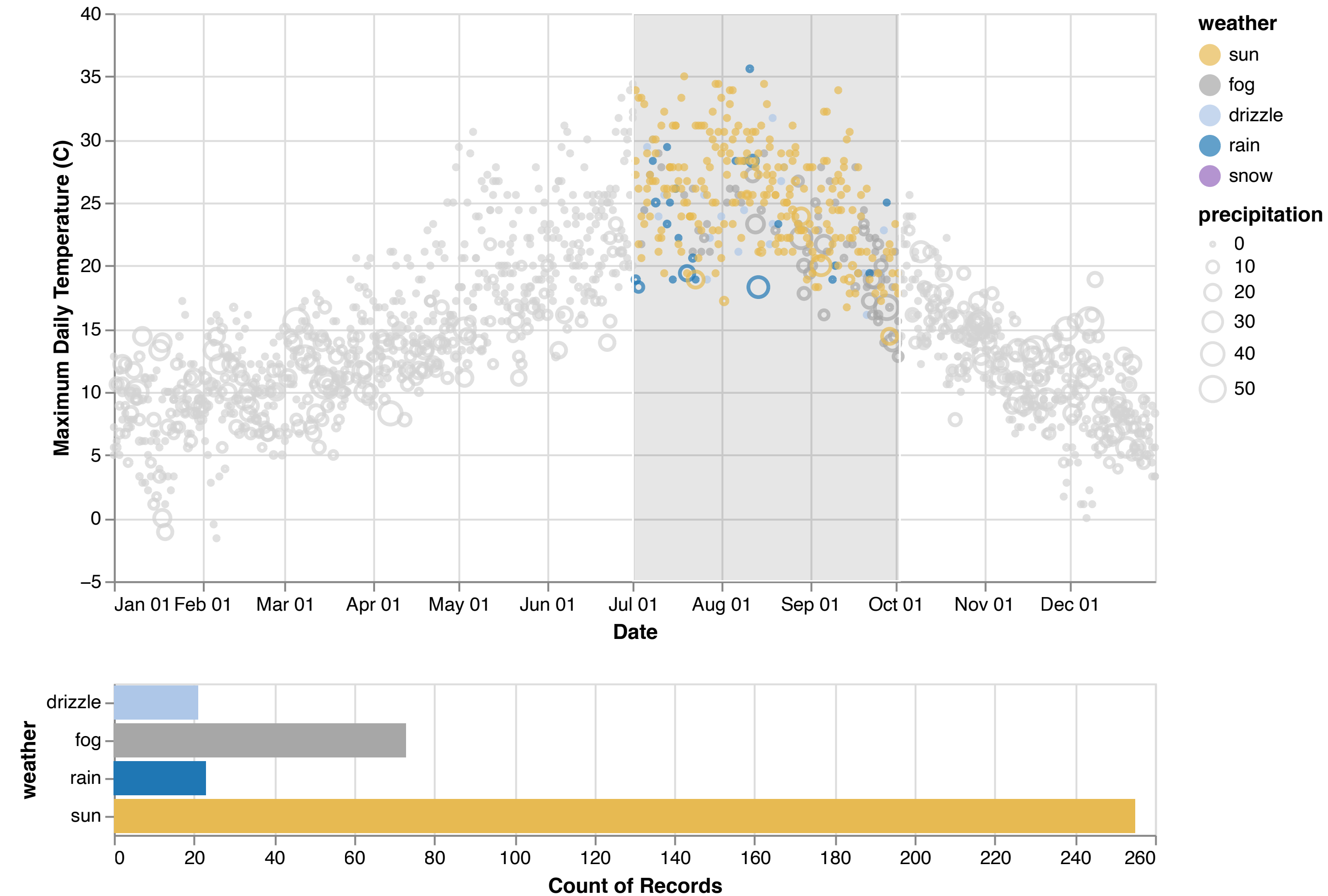
Weather Selection: Rain vs. Sun

Seattle Weather: 2012-2015



Date Selection: July-September Sun

Seattle Weather: 2012-2015



Machine Learning in Python

Tasks Machine Learning can Help With

- Identifying the zip code from handwritten digits on an envelope



- Detecting fraudulent activity in credit card transactions
- Identifying topics in a set of blog posts
- Grouping customers with similar preferences

[A. Müller & S. Guido, Introduction to Machine Learning with Python, J. Steppan (MNIST image)]

When to Use Machine Learning?

- ML is used when:
 - Human expertise does not exist (navigating on Mars)
 - Humans can't explain their expertise (speech recognition)
 - Models must be customized (personalized medicine)
 - Models are based on huge amounts of data (genomics)
- ML isn't always useful:
 - Calculating payroll...

[E. Alpaydin via [E. Eaton](#)]

Questions when building a machine learning solution

- What question(s) am I trying to answer? Do I think the data collected can answer that question?
- What is the best way to phrase my question(s) as a machine learning problem?
- Have I collected enough data to represent the problem I want to solve?
- What features of the data did I extract, and will these enable the right predictions?
- How will I measure success in my application?

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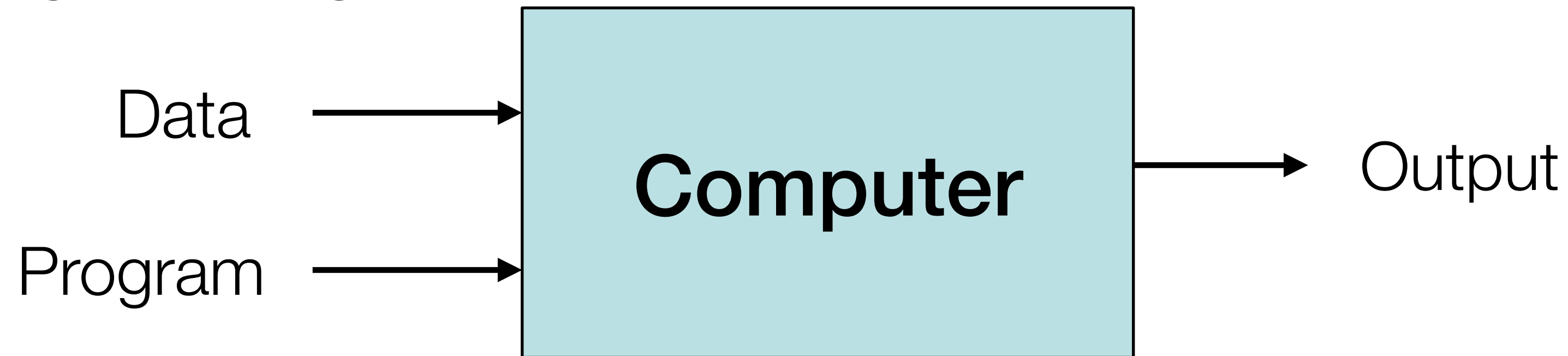
Machine Learning Workflow Overview

1. Should I use ML on this problem?
 - Is there a pattern to detect? Can I solve it analytically? Do I have data?
2. Gather and organize data.
 - Preprocessing, cleaning, visualizing.
3. Establishing a baseline.
4. Choosing a model, loss, regularization, ...
5. Optimization (could be simple, could be a Phd...).
6. Hyperparameter search.
7. Analyze performance & mistakes, and iterate back to step 4 (or 2).

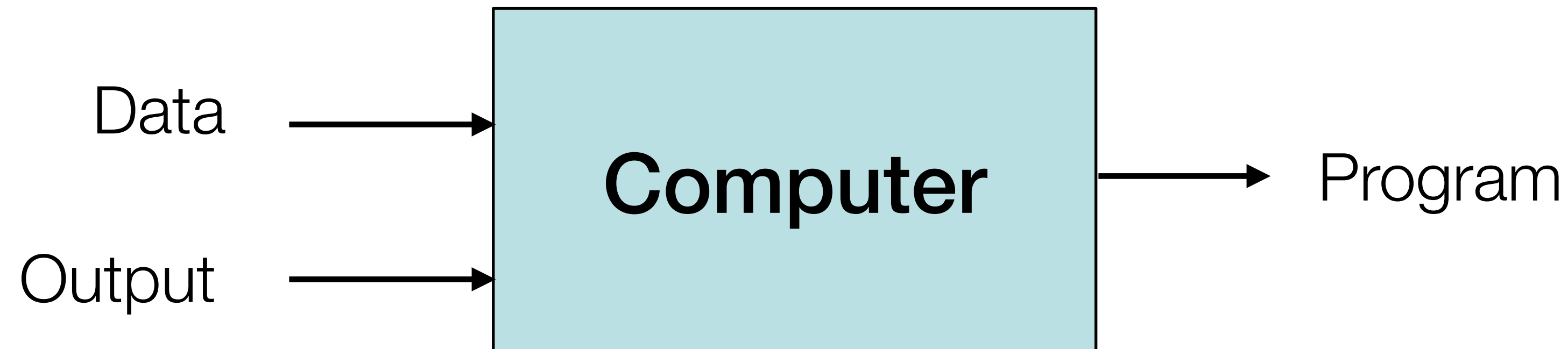
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Machine Learning

- Traditional Programming



- Machine Learning



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Machine Learning

- Every machine learning algorithm has three components:
 - Representation
 - Evaluation
 - Optimization

Representation

- Decision trees
- Sets of rules / Logic programs
- Instances
- Graphical models (Bayes/Markov nets)
- Neural networks
- Support vector machines
- Model ensembles
- Etc.

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Evaluation

- Accuracy
- Precision and recall
- Squared error
- Likelihood
- Posterior probability
- Cost / Utility
- Margin
- Entropy
- K-L divergence
- Etc.

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Optimization

- Combinatorial optimization
 - E.g.: Greedy search
- Convex optimization
 - E.g.: Gradient descent
- Constrained optimization
 - E.g.: Linear programming

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Types of Learning

- Supervised (inductive) learning
 - Training data includes desired outputs
- Unsupervised learning
 - Training data does not include desired outputs
- Semi-supervised learning
 - Training data includes a few desired outputs
- Reinforcement learning
 - Rewards from sequence of actions