

# Programming Principles in Python (CSCI 503/490)

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Data Visualization

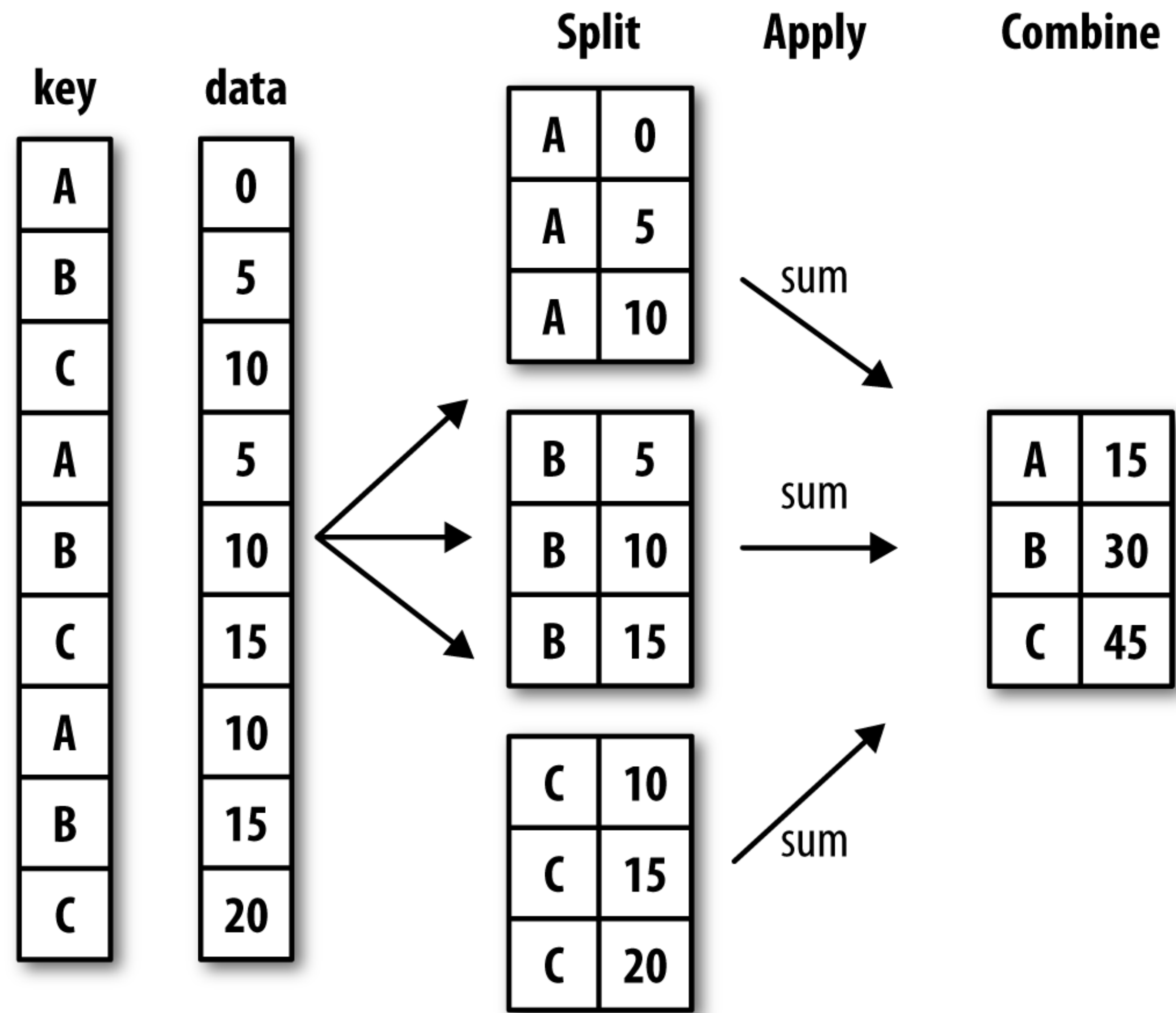
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# Reading and Writing Files Using polars & pandas

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- polars uses `read_*/write_*`
- pandas uses `read_*/to_*`
- Many options available, format dependent!
- polars csv example:
  - `df = pl.read_csv(<fname>)`
  - `df.write_csv(<fname>)`
- pandas csv example:
  - `dfa = pd.read_csv(<fname>)`
  - `dfa.to_csv(<fname>)`
- Both pandas and polars can read/write to the cloud (e.g. S3)

# Split-Apply-Combine



[W. McKinney, Python for Data Analysis]

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- Polars:

- `df.group_by('Island').agg(pl.col('Length').mean())`
- `df.group_by('Island').agg(pl.col('Length', 'Depth').mean())`
- `df.group_by('Island').agg(pl.col('Length').min().alias('LMin'),  
pl.col('Length').max().alias('LMax'))`

- Pandas:

- `dfa.groupby('Island')['Length (mm)'].mean()`
- `dfa.groupby('Island')[['Length', 'Depth']].mean()`
- `dfa.groupby('Island').agg({'Length': ['min', 'max']})`
- `dfa.groupby('Island').agg(LMin=('Length', 'min')  
LMax=('Length', 'max'))`

# Different Data Layouts

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

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Initial Data

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

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Transpose

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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

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Tidy Data

[H. Wickham, 2014]

# Unpivot/Melt

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

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str	i32	i32	str	f64	f64	f64	f64	f64	f64	f64	f64
"MX000017004"	1955	4	"tmax"	31.0	31.0	31.0	32.0	33.0	32.0	32.0	33.0
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# String and DateTime Accessors

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- String: `.str`
  - Apply various string methods to string-like columns
- Datetime: `.dt`
  - Apply various datetime methods to datetime-like columns

# List Columns and Explode

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- Both libraries support lists
  - pandas treats them as objects but can use `str` accessor to perform some operations like slicing
  - polars incorporates them in the schema (e.g. `pl.List(pl.String)`) and uses the list accessor for a variety of operations
- `explode` takes each item from a column of lists and creates multiple copies for each row, one row for each item in the list

# Join

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- Like a database join, allows you to combine two different dataframes into one
- Need to identify the columns on which to join
- polars:
  - `df1.join(df2, on=<column(s)>)`
- pandas:
  - `dfa1.merge(dfa2, on=<column(s)>)`
  - If you want to join on an **index** column, use `left/right_index`
- Also various methods for how to do the join:
  - `inner, outer, left, right, anti`

# Assignment 8

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

# Final Exam

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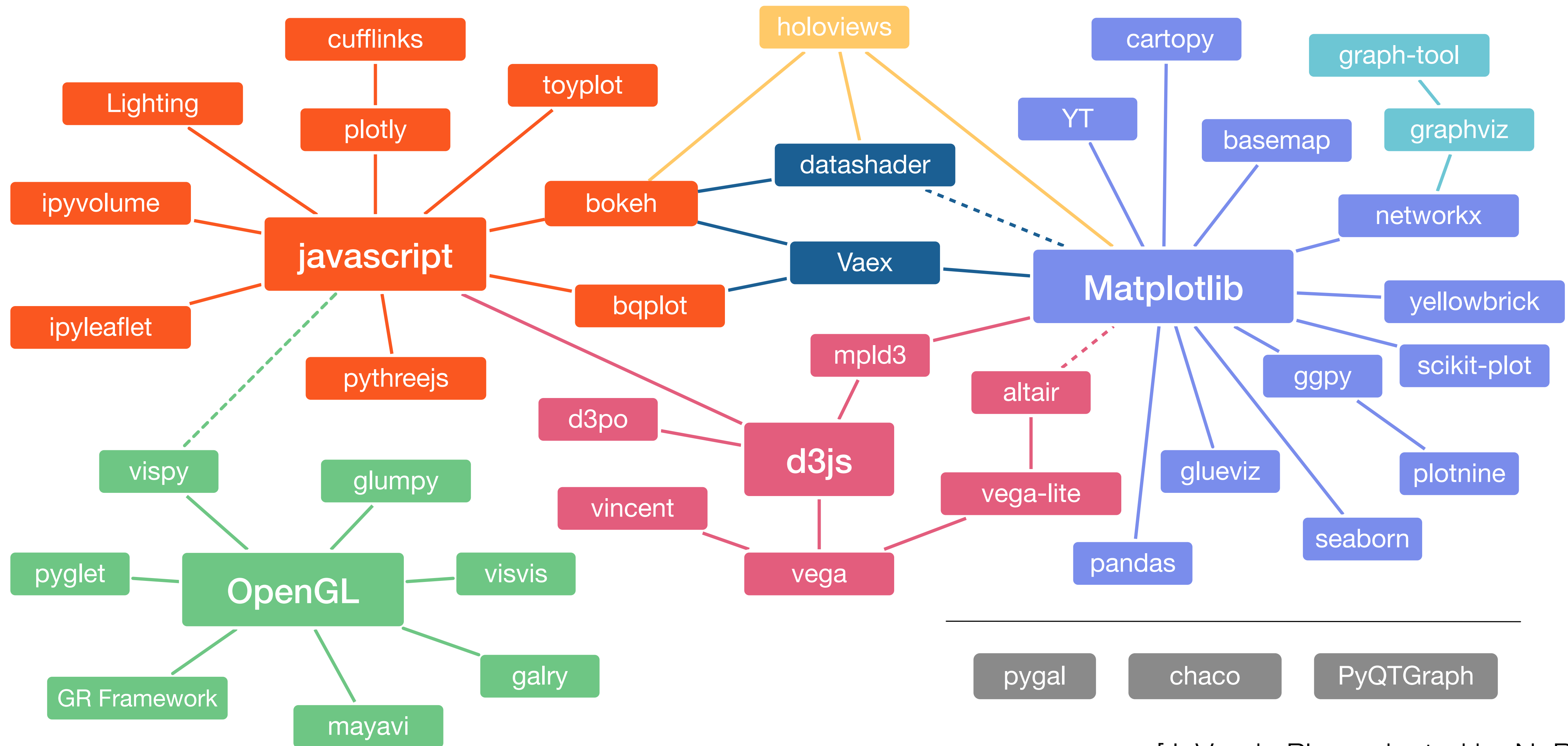
- In-Person (CSCI 503-1 & 490): Wednesday, May 6, **8:00**-9:50am in PM 203
- Online (CSCI 503-2): Wednesday, May 6
- **More comprehensive** than Test 2
- Expect questions from topics covered on Test 1 and 2
- Expect questions from the last few weeks of class (concurrency, structure pattern matching, data, visualization, machine learning)
- Similar format

# Visualization Goals

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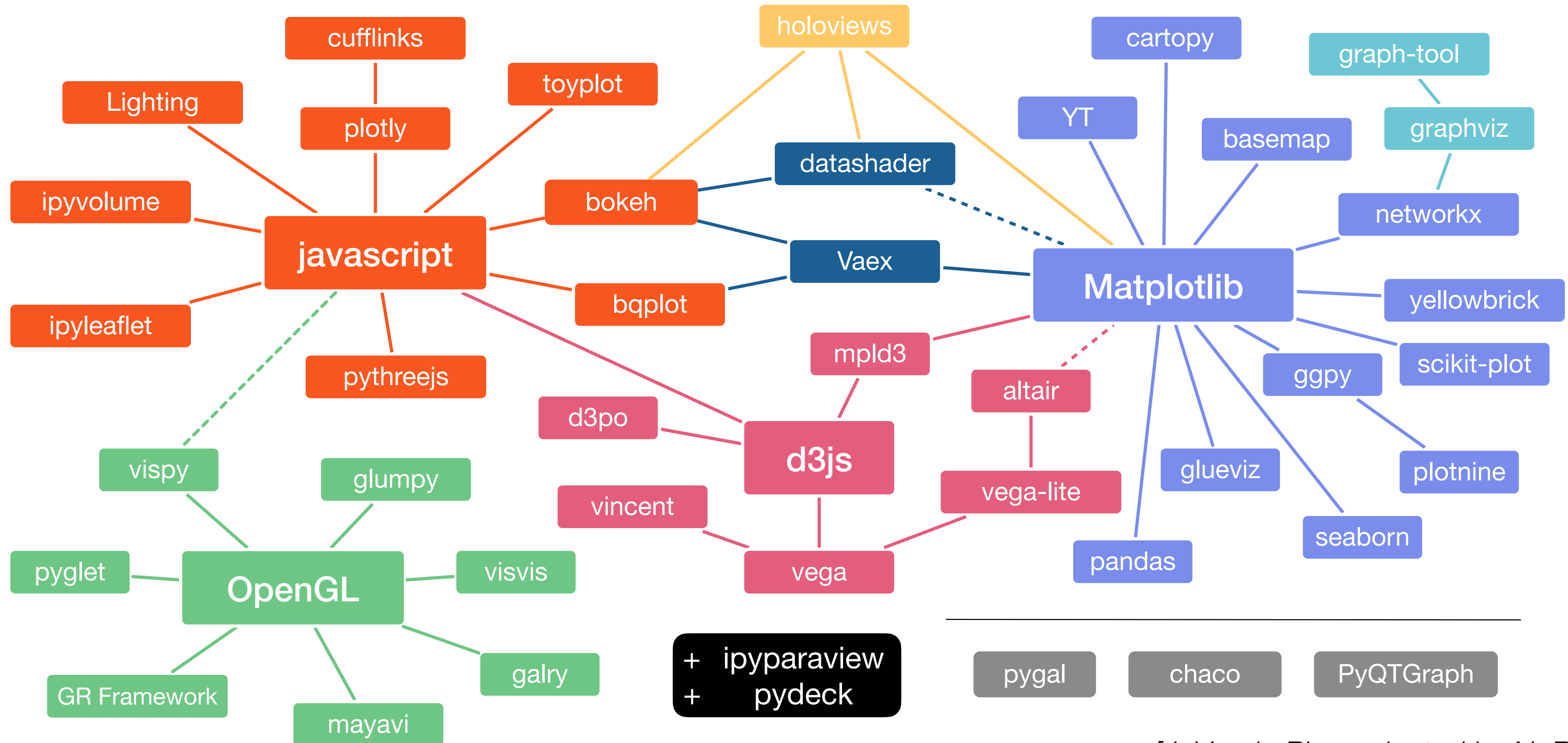
- "The purpose of visualization is **insight**, not pictures" – B. Schneiderman
- Identify patterns, trends
- Spot outliers
- Find similarities, correlation

# The Python Visualization Landscape



[J. VanderPlas, adapted by N. Rougier]

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# 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

[[Documentation](#) (Notes Section)]

# Data is Encoded via Visual Channels

## ➔ Position

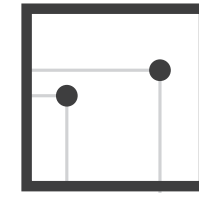
➔ Horizontal



➔ Vertical



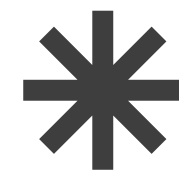
➔ Both



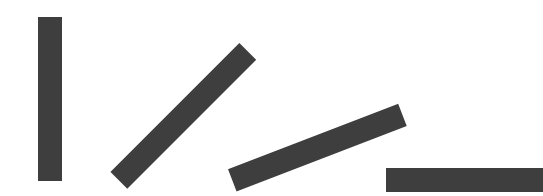
## ➔ Color



## ➔ Shape



## ➔ Tilt



## ➔ Size

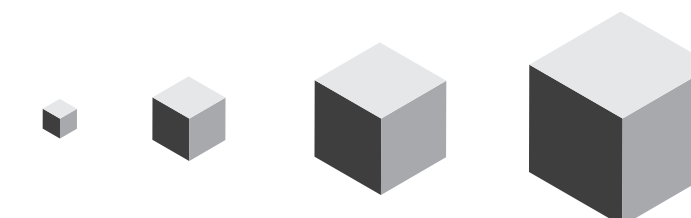
➔ Length



➔ Area



➔ Volume



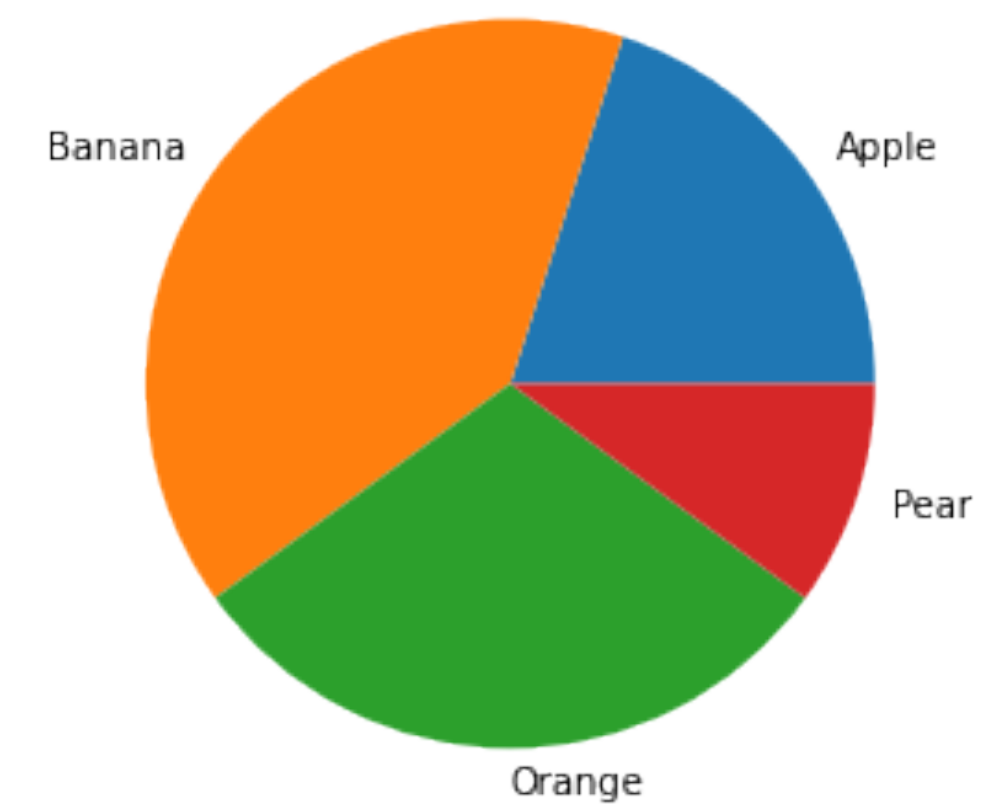
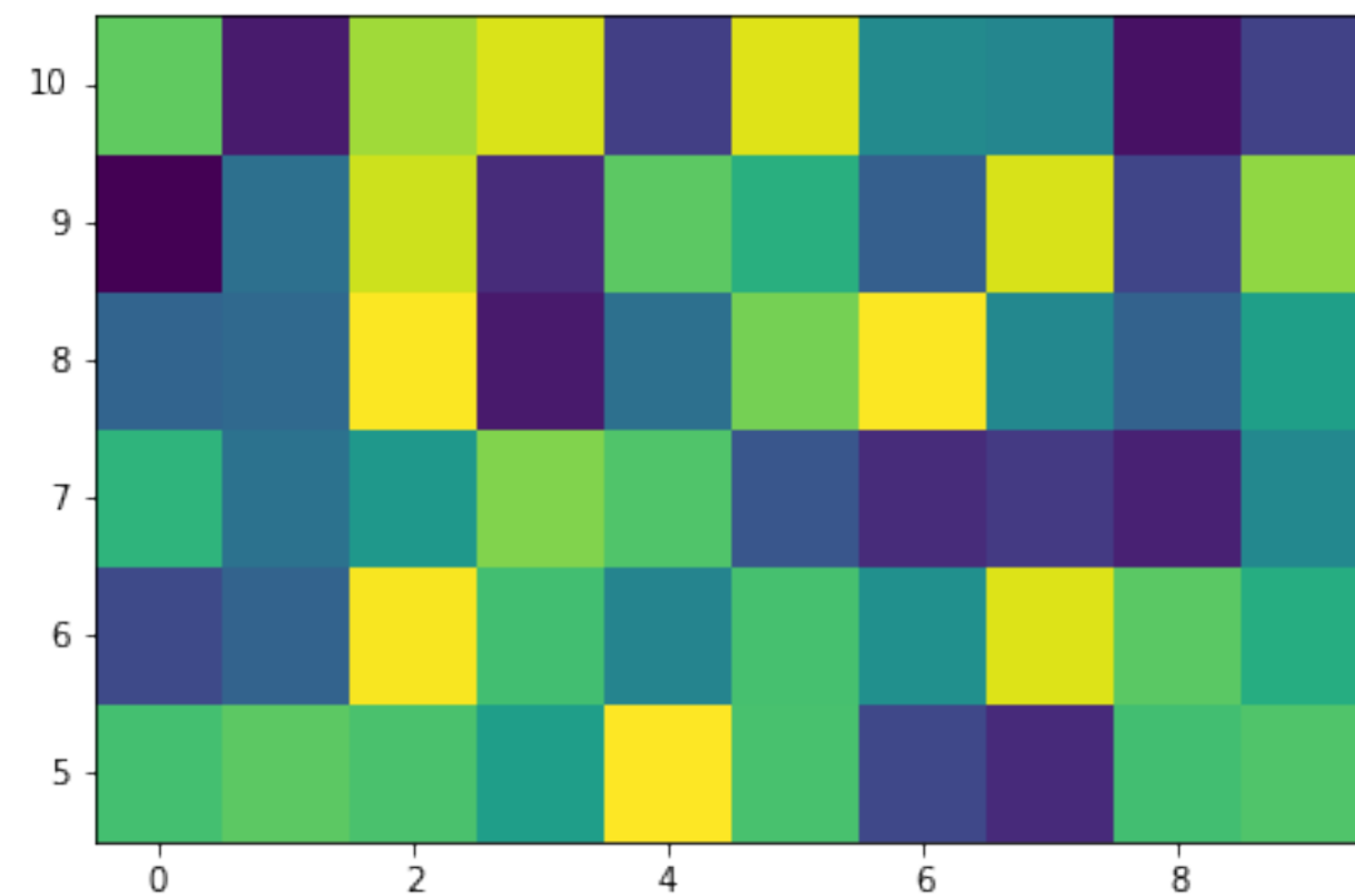
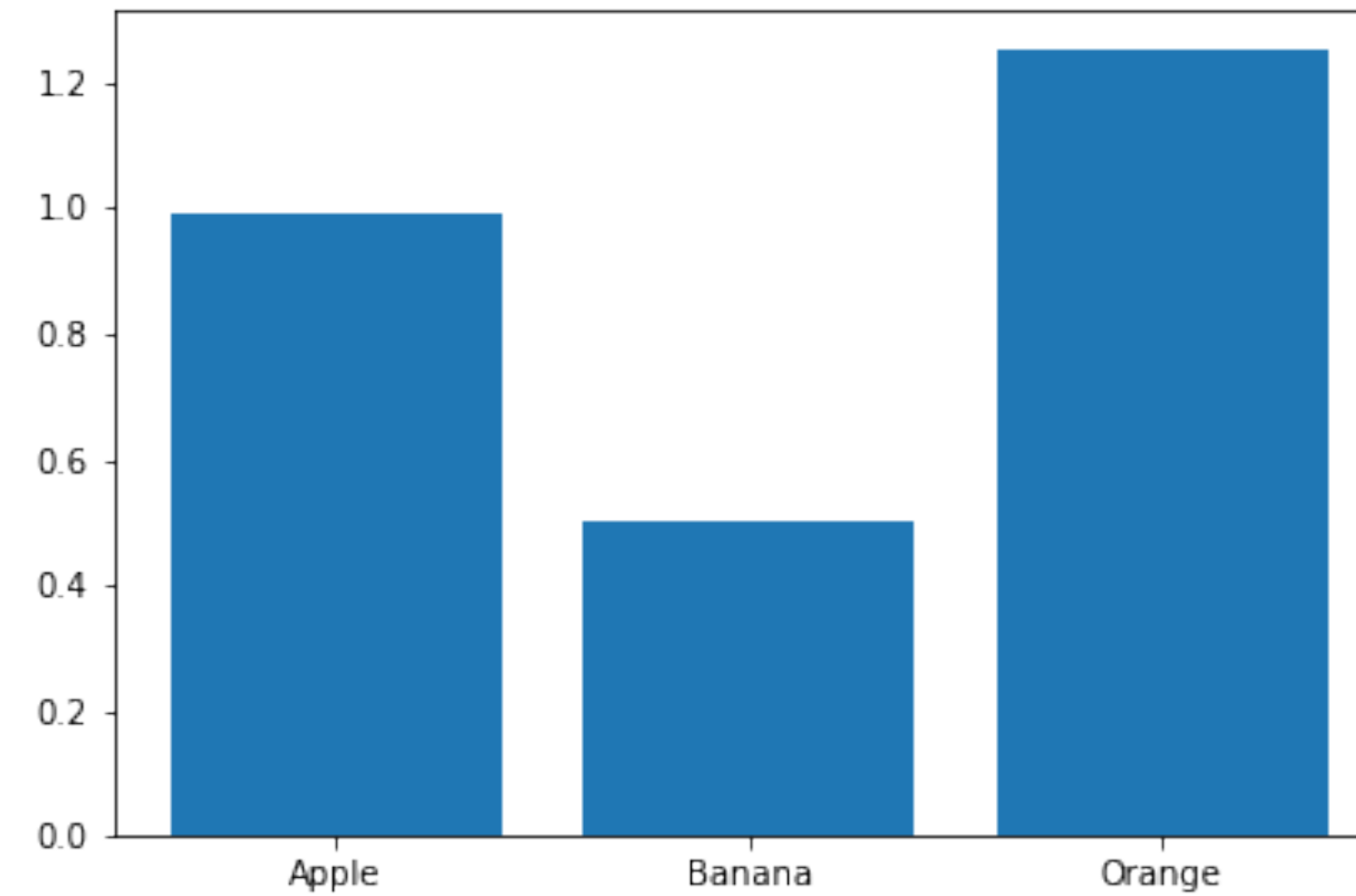
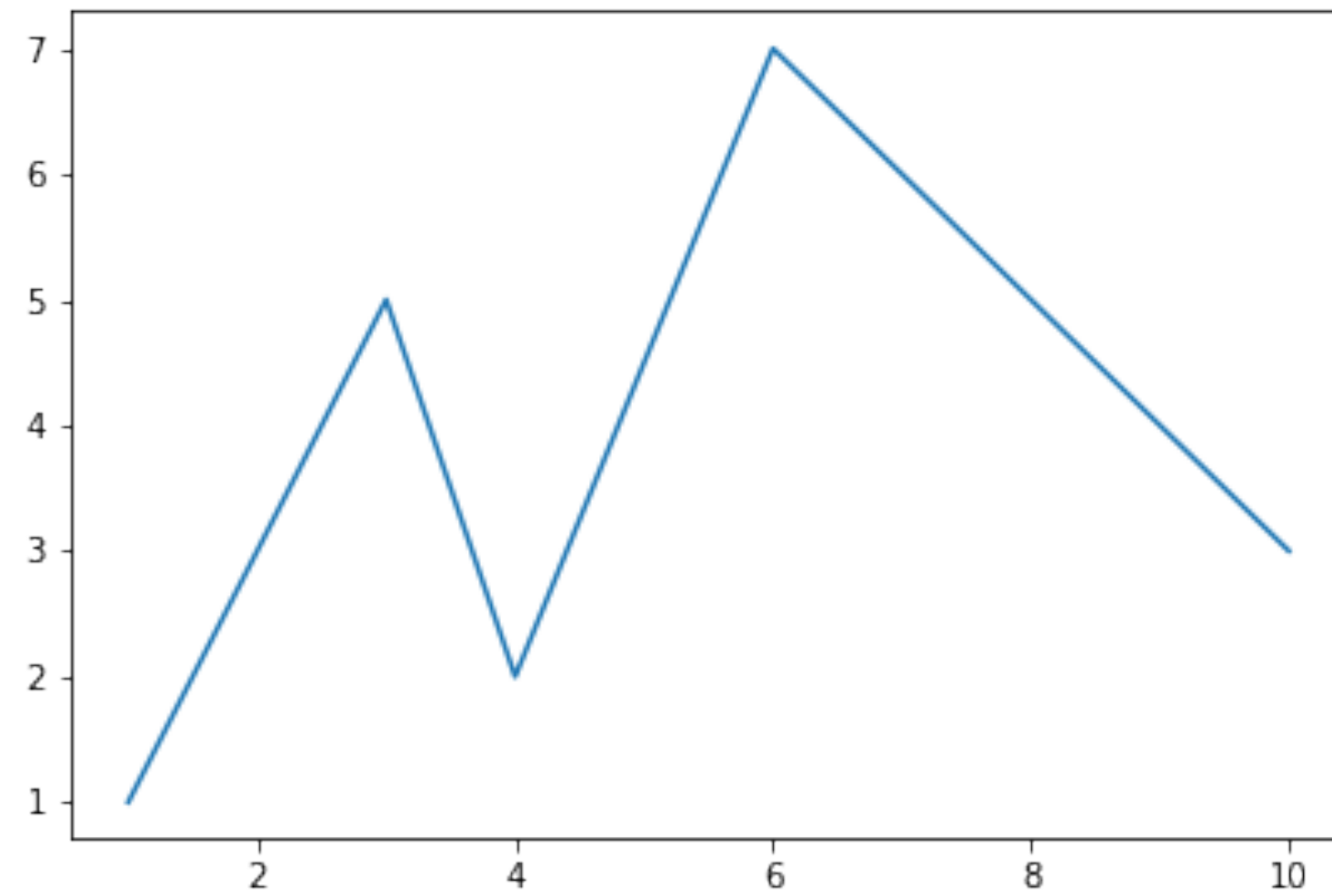
[Munzner (ill. Maguire), 2014]

# 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

# Many different types of charts



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- 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'])`

# pandas Integration

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- 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))
```

# matplotlib tutorials

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- <https://matplotlib.org/stable/tutorials/index.html>
- <https://github.com/rougier/matplotlib-tutorial>

# History of Vega-Lite & Vega-Altair

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- "Grammar of Graphics", L. Wilkinson
- "A Layered Grammar of Graphics", H. Wickham
- ggplot: plotting library for R
- Vega: similar idea for Javascript/JSON (U. Washington, A. Satyanarayan)
  - "Declarative language for creating, saving, and sharing interactive visualization designs"
  - More focus on interaction and reactive signals
  - Separation between specification and runtime
- Vega-Lite: higher-level language than Vega (U. Washington, D. Moritz)
  - uses carefully designed rules to default settings

# History of Vega-Lite & Altair

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- Vega-Altair: Python interface to Vega-Lite (U. Washington, J. VanderPlas)
  - "spend more time understanding your data and its meaning"
  - Specify the what, minimize the amount of code directing the how
  - Python can write JSON specification just as well as any other language
  - Bindings make it more Python-friendly, integrate with pandas, add support for Jupyter, etc.
- Vega Fusion (J. Mease)
  - Scaling to larger datasets
  - Serverside scaling

# Basic Example

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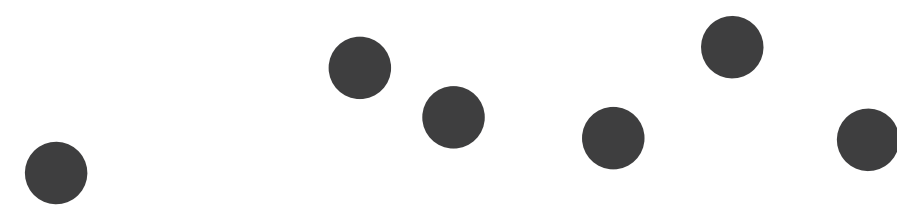
- ```
import altair as alt
import pandas as pd
data = pd.DataFrame({'x': [1, 3, 4, 6, 10], 'y': [1, 5, 2, 7, 3]})
alt.Chart(data).mark_line().encode(x='x', y='y')
```
- Easiest to use data from a pandas data frame
  - Another option is a csv or json file
  - Can support geo\_interface, too
- `Chart` 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

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

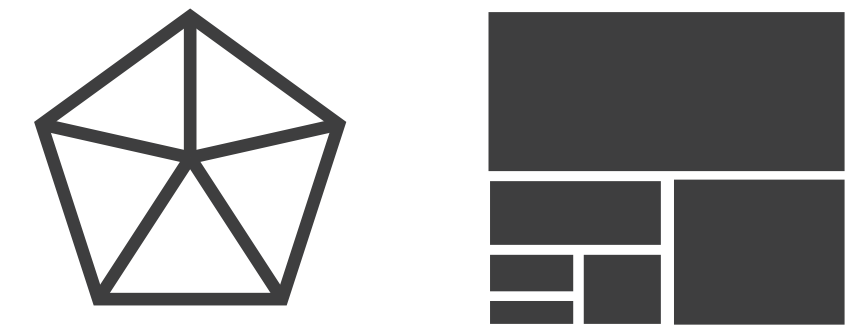
➔ **Points**



➔ **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

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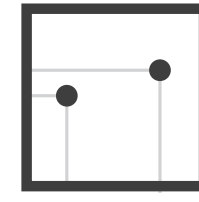
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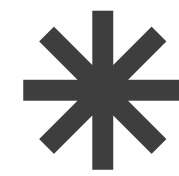
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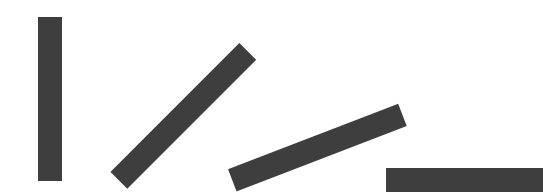
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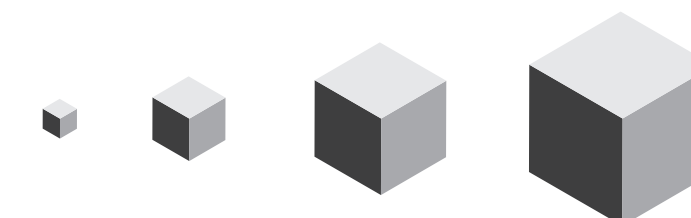
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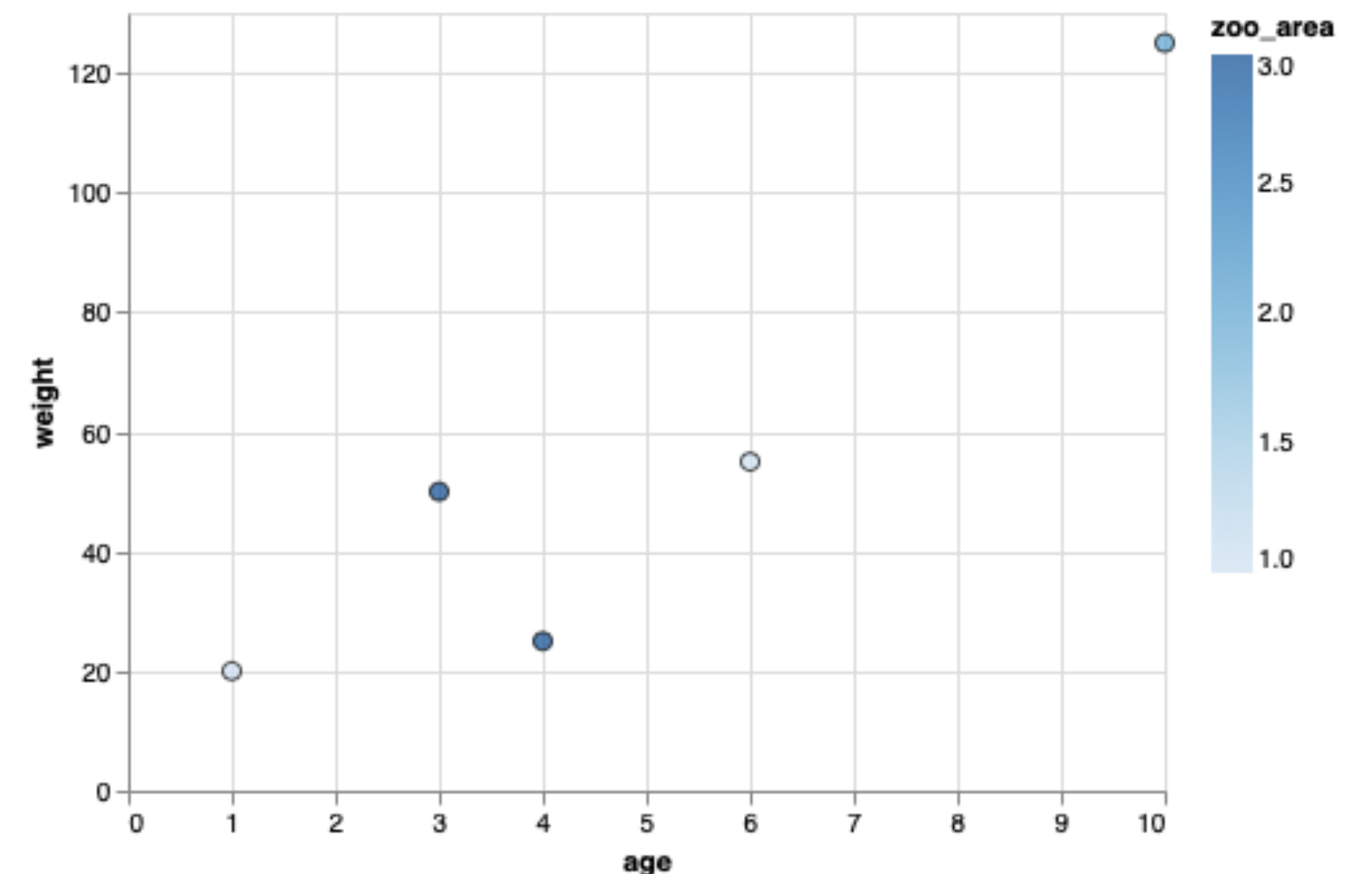
➔ Volume



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# Easily Explore Different Encodings

```
• data = pd.DataFrame({  
    'age': [1, 3, 4, 6, 10],  
    'weight': [20, 50, 25, 55, 125],  
    'zoo_area': [1, 3, 3, 1, 2],  
    'num_scoops': [3, 2, 4, 2, 3]  
})  
alt.Chart(data).mark_point(  
    filled=True, size=50,  
    stroke='black', strokeWidth=1  
) .encode(  
    x='age',  
    y='weight',  
    color='zoo_area'  
)
```



Problem: zoo\_area is not a continuous value,  
nor is it ordered in any way!

# Data Attributes and Altair Types

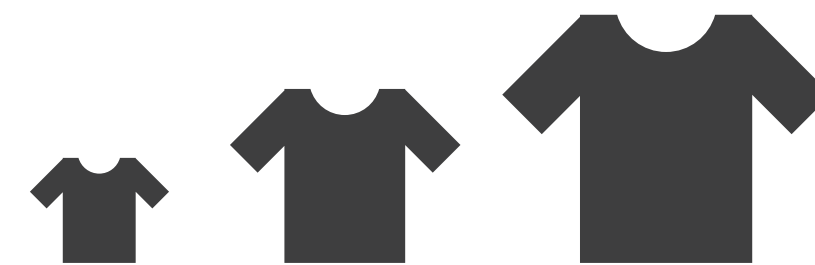
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→ Categorical

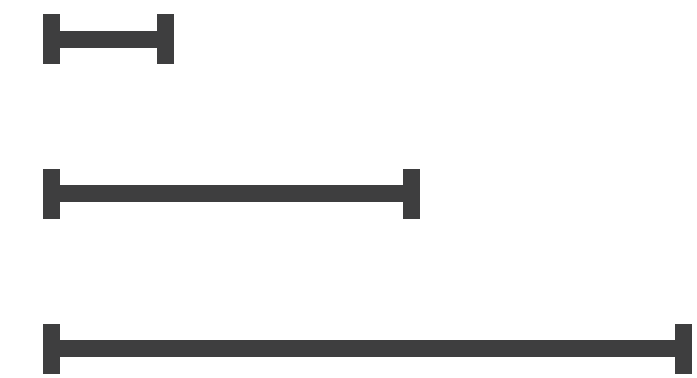


→ Ordered

→ *Ordinal*



→ *Quantitative*



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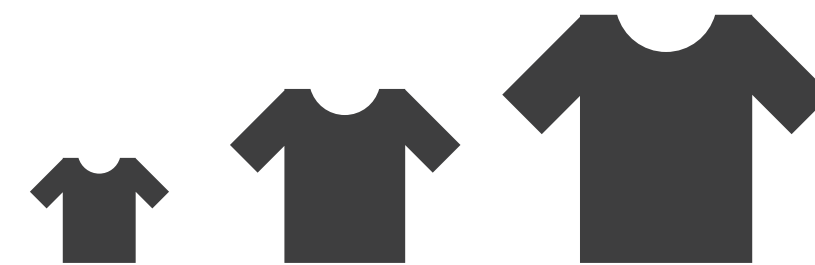
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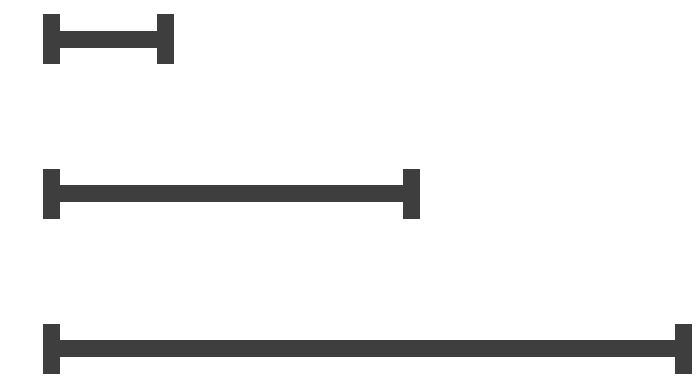


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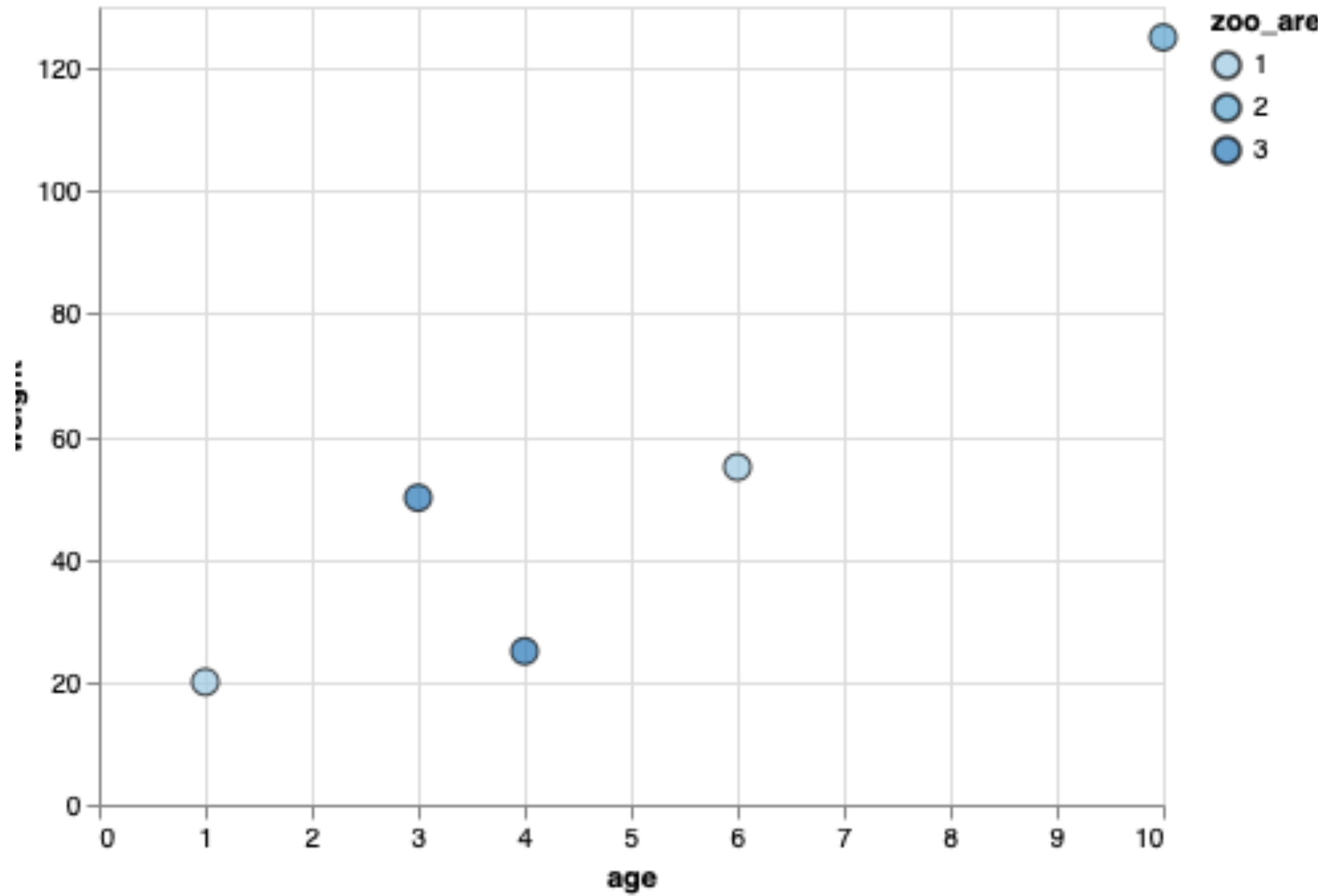
→ *Quantitative*



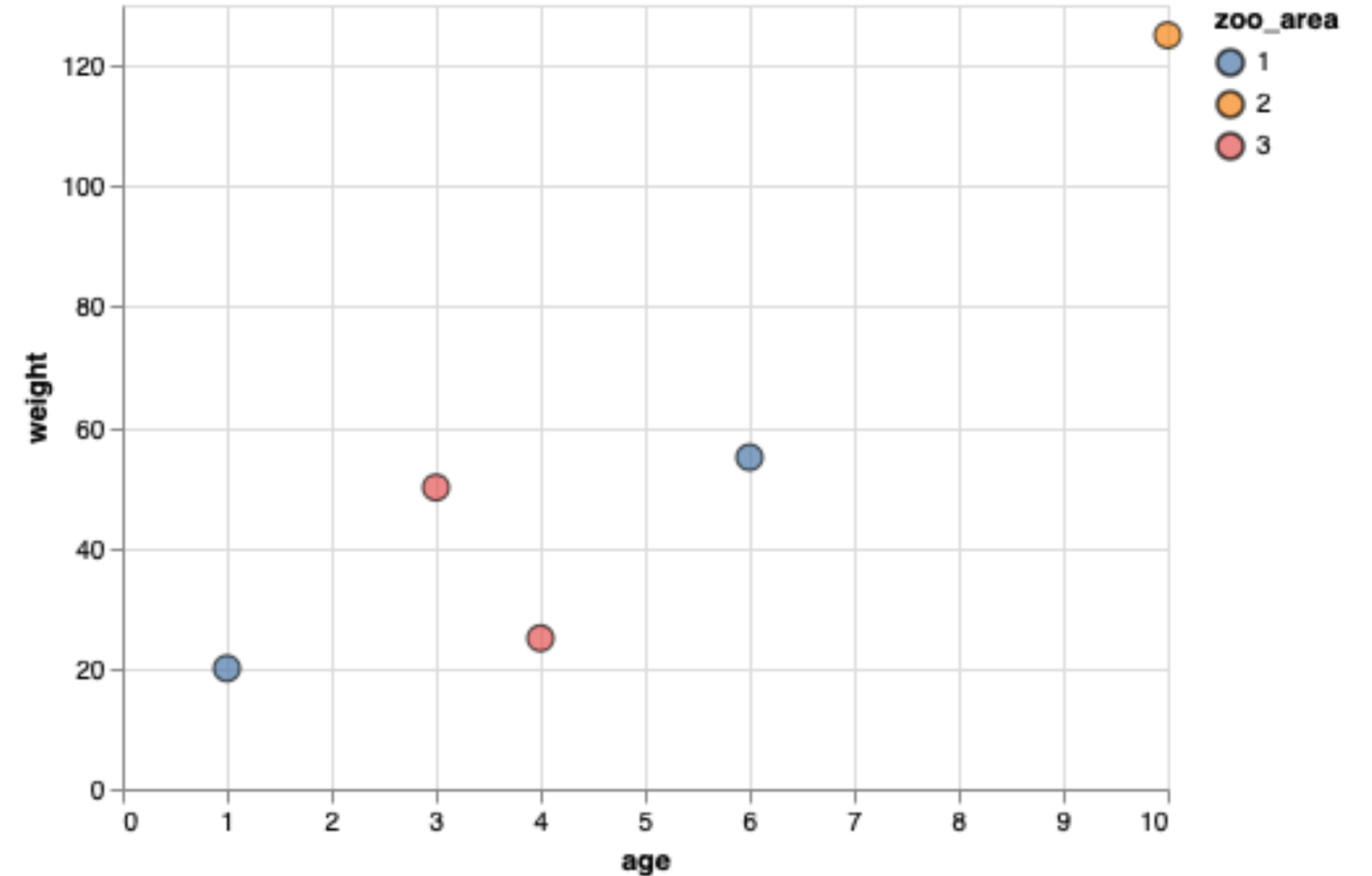
- Categorical data = Nominal (N)
- Ordinal data = Ordinal (O)
- Quantitative data = Quantitative (Q)
- Temporal data = Temporal (T)

[Munzner (ill. Maguire), 2014]

# Specifying the Type



`zoo_area:0`



`zoo_area:N`

# 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

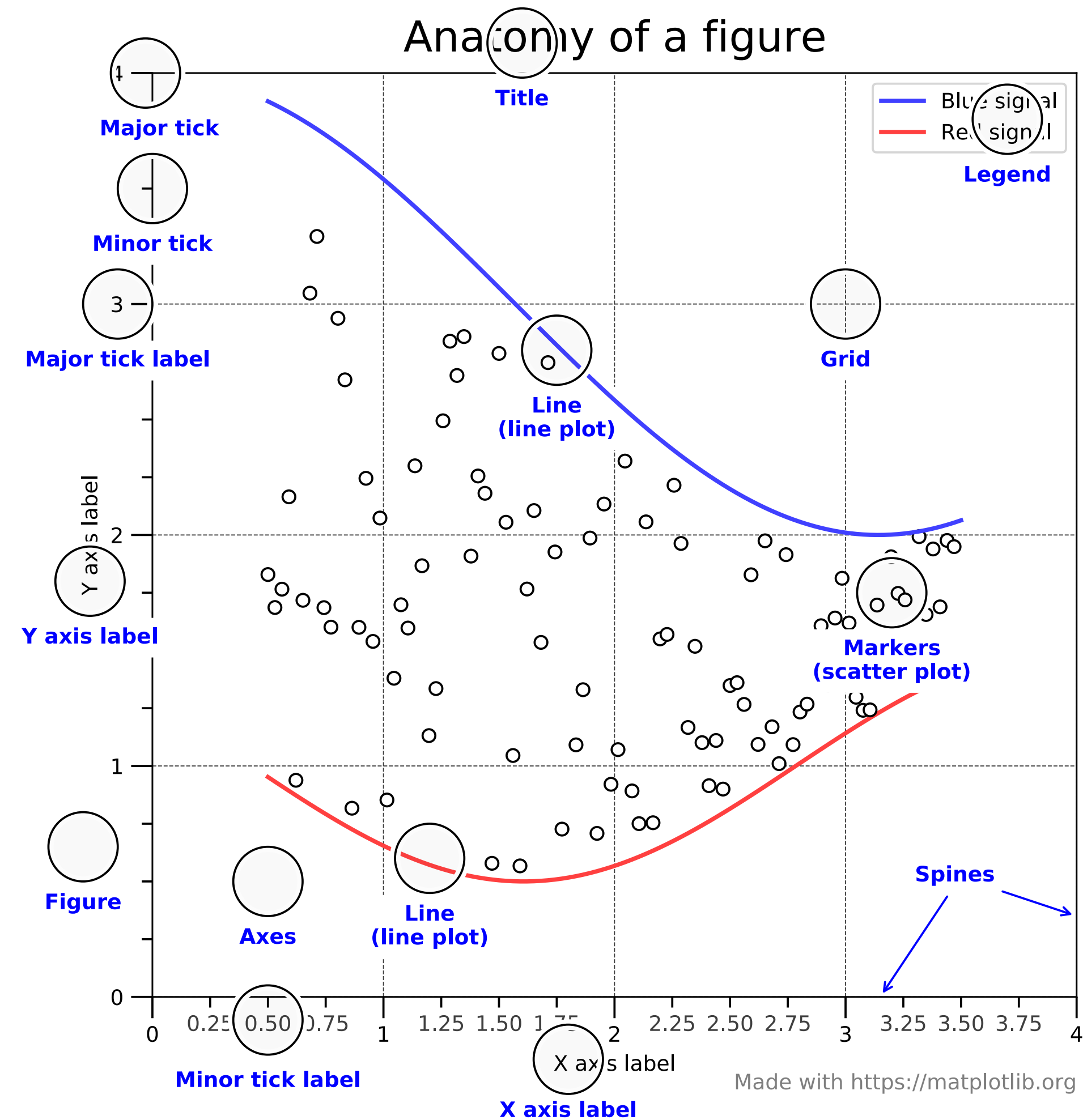
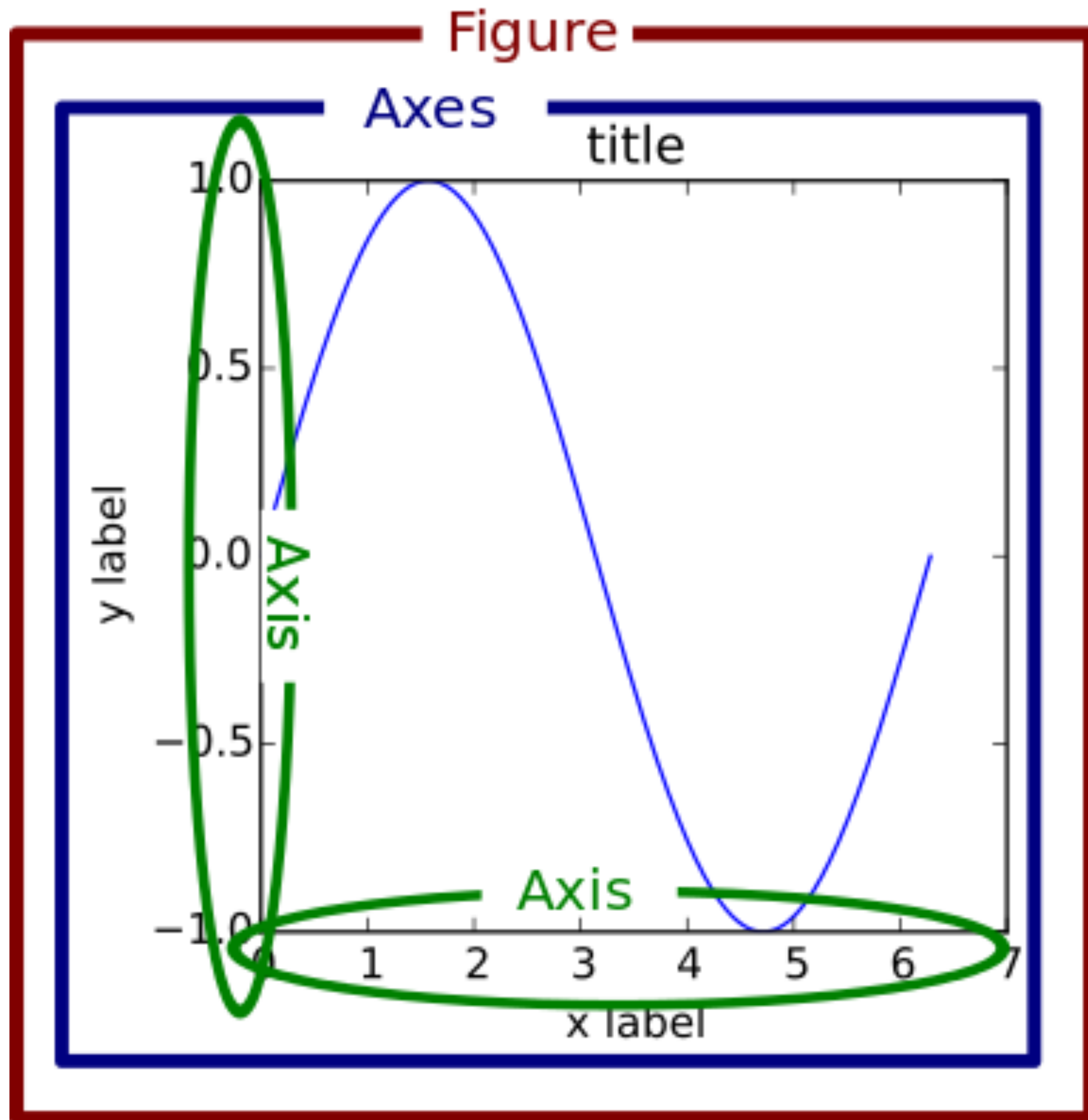
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# Adding Labels

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- `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'])
```

# pandas Integration

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- 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))
```

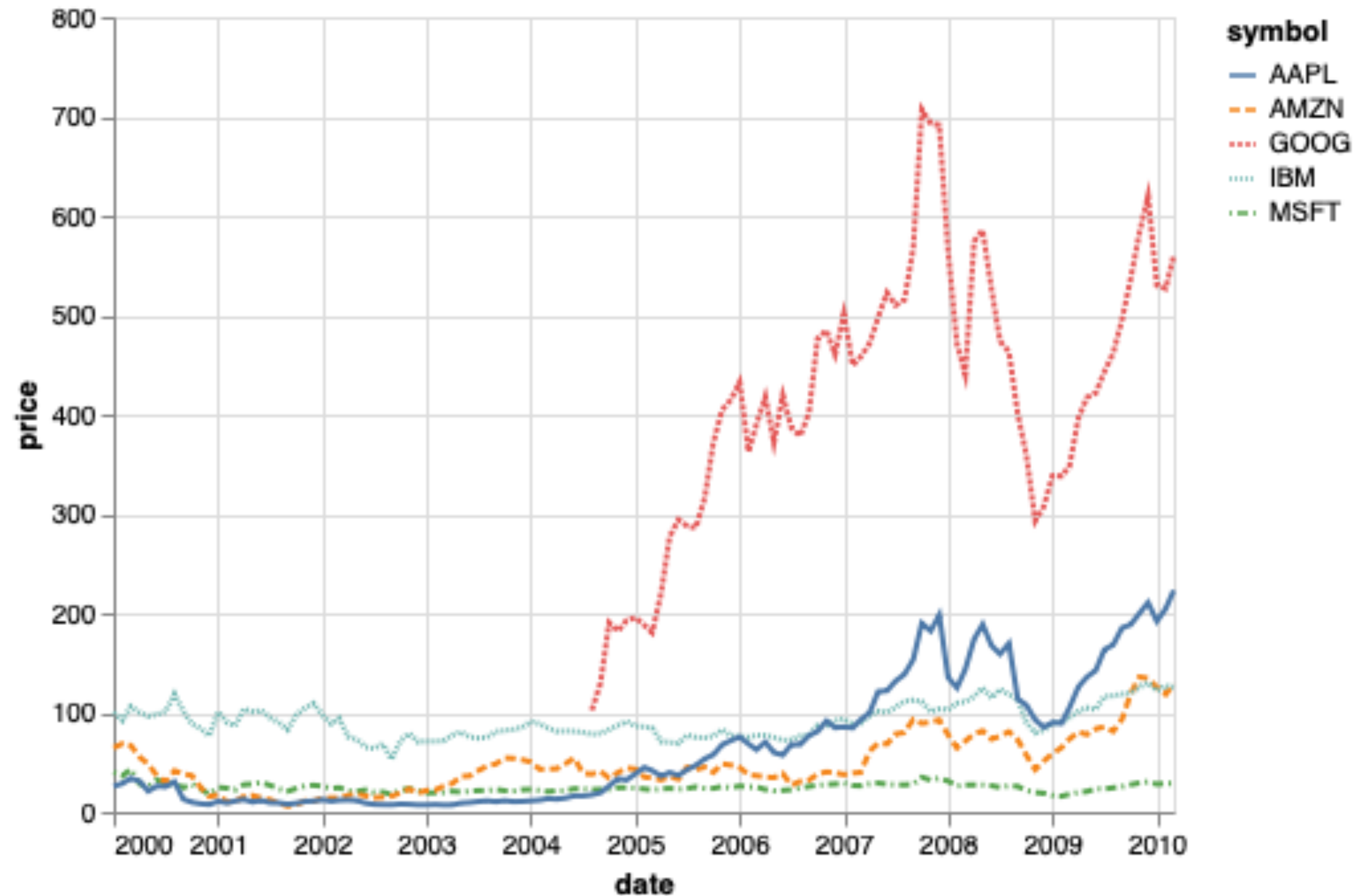
# Extensions & Other Directions

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- Seaborn:

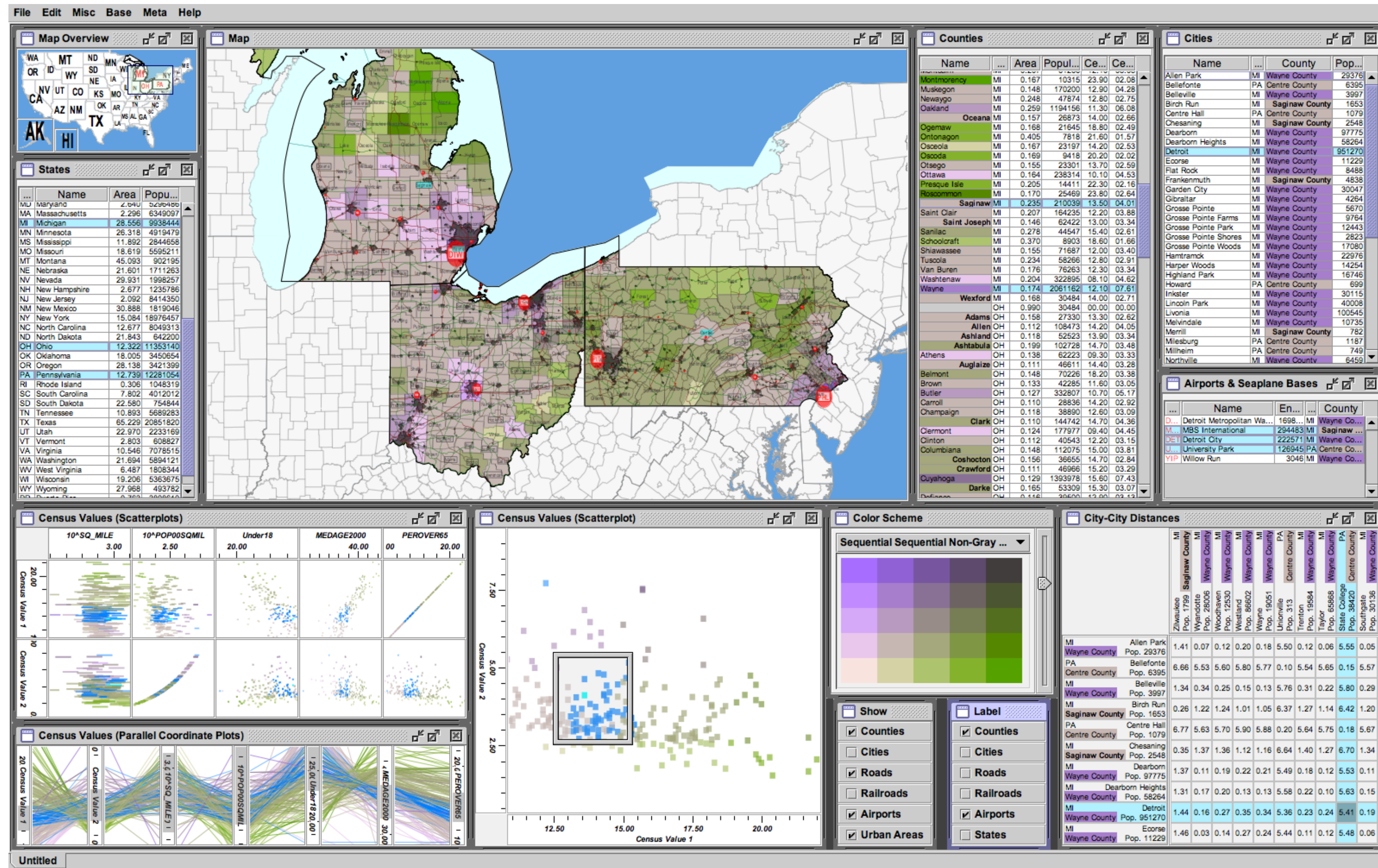
- `import seaborn as sns`  
`sns.scatterplot(x='price', y='count', hue='name', data=fruit)`

# Multiple Views in Visualization



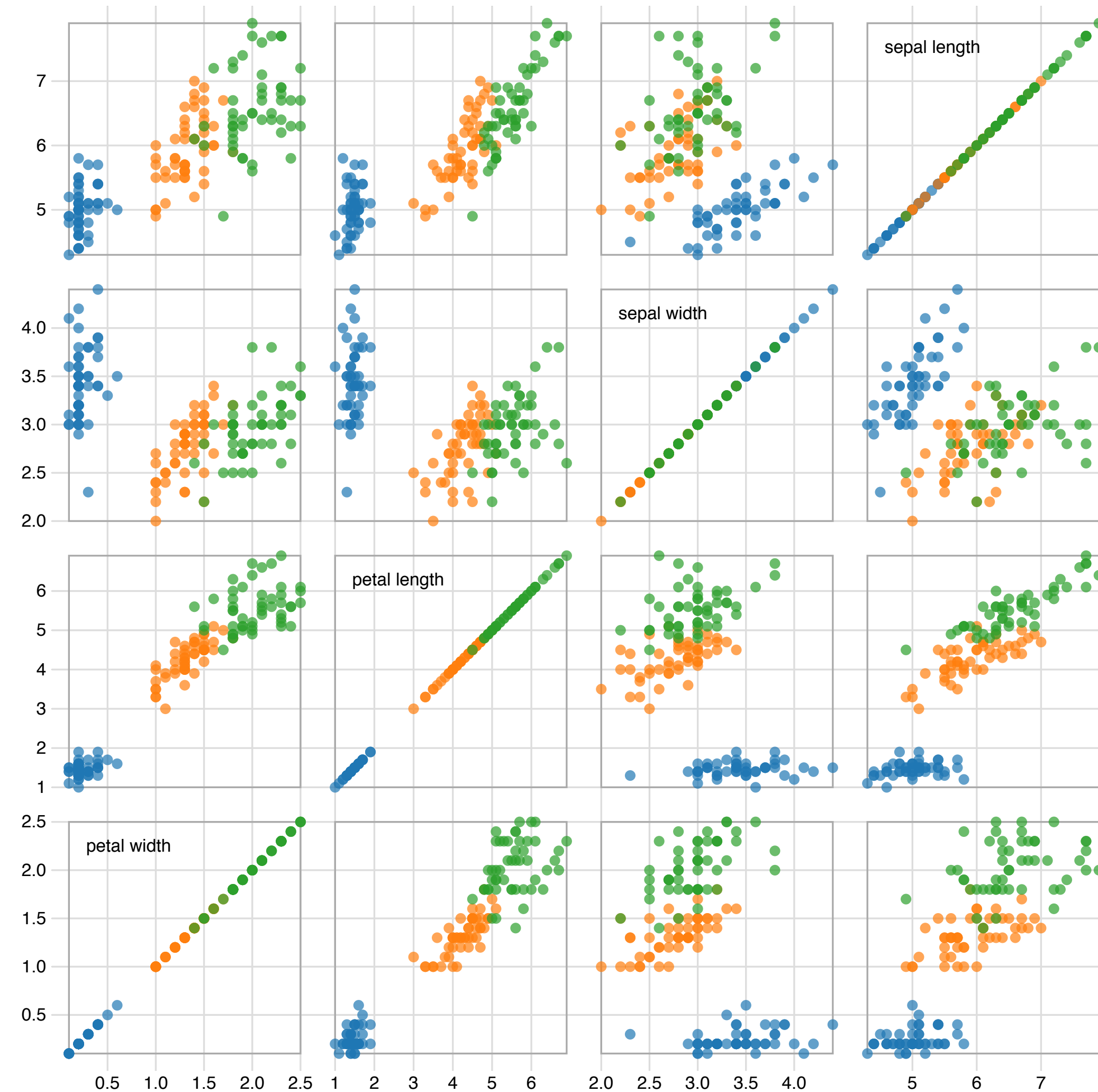
[Altair]

# Multiple Views in Visualization



[Improvise, Weaver, 2004]

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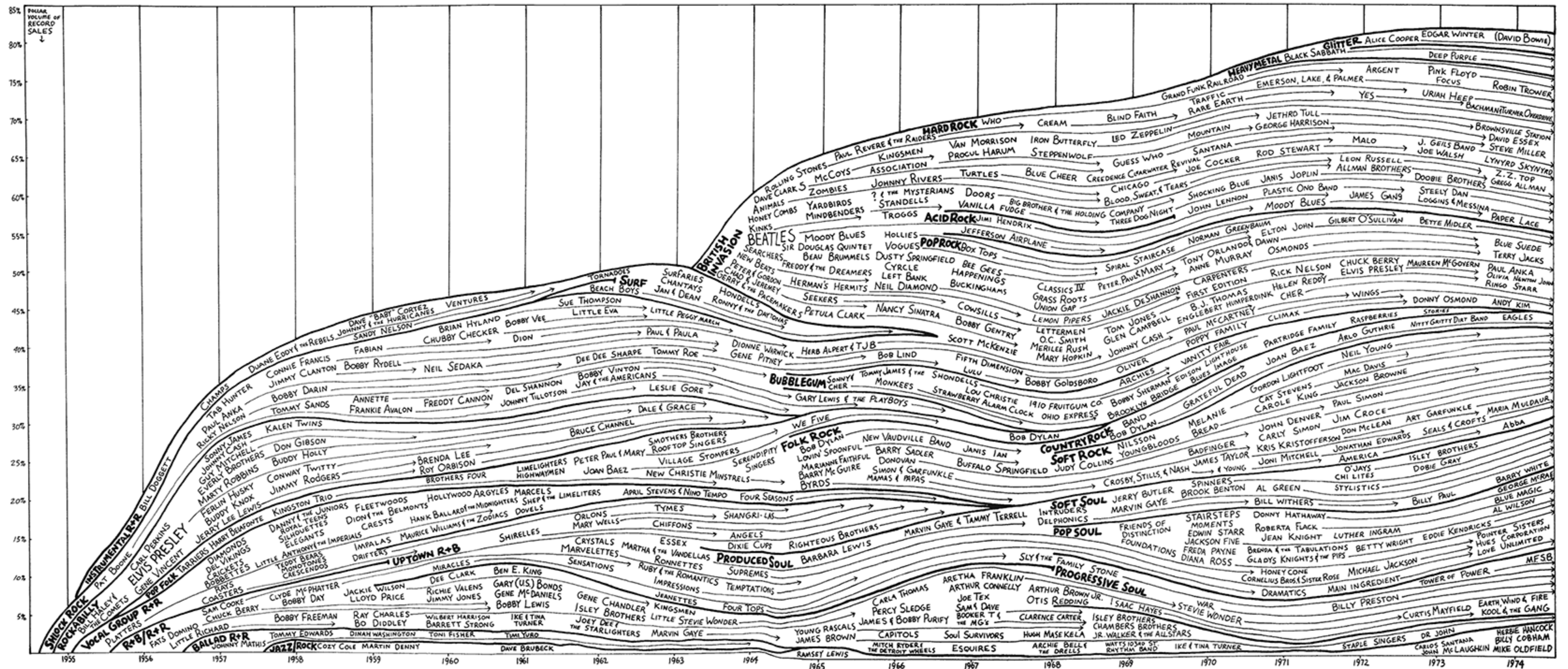
[M. Bostock]

# Altair Supports Concatenation, Layering, & Repetition

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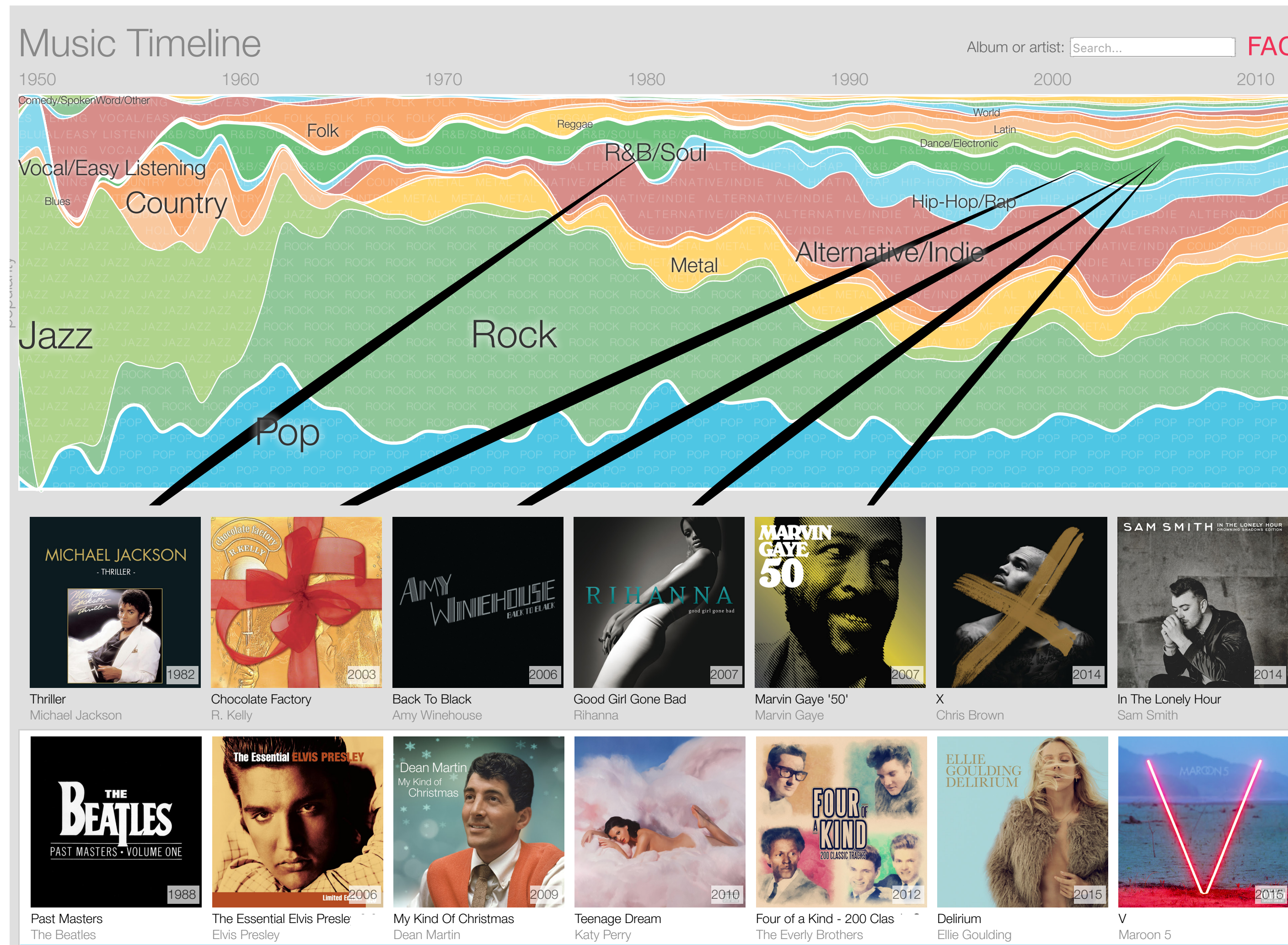
- Layering:
  - + Operator
- Concatenation:
  - Horizontal: | operator
  - Vertical: & operator
- Repetition
  - Use of .repeat for layout
  - Reference repeated variables in the encoding

# 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

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

# Selection

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- 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

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  - Change color: want to achieve visual popout
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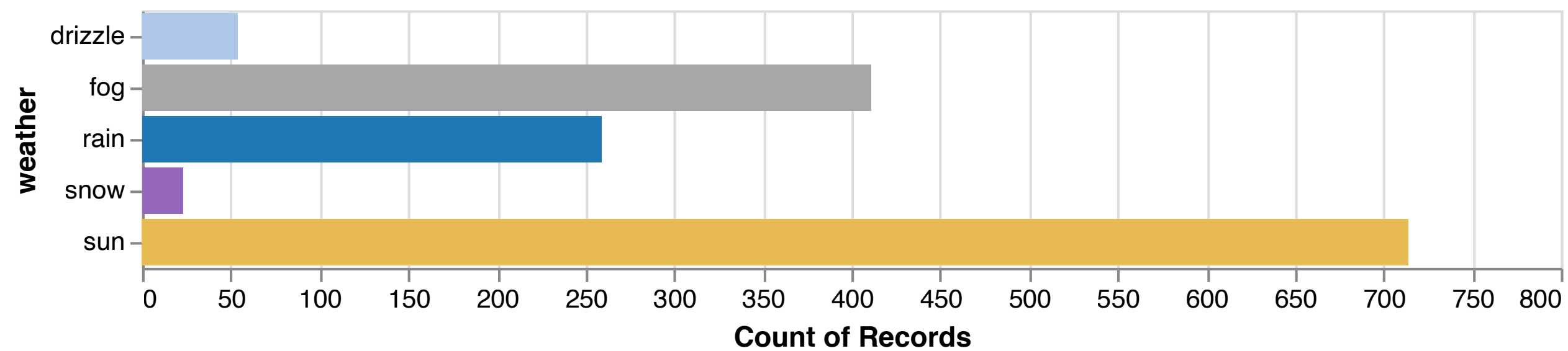
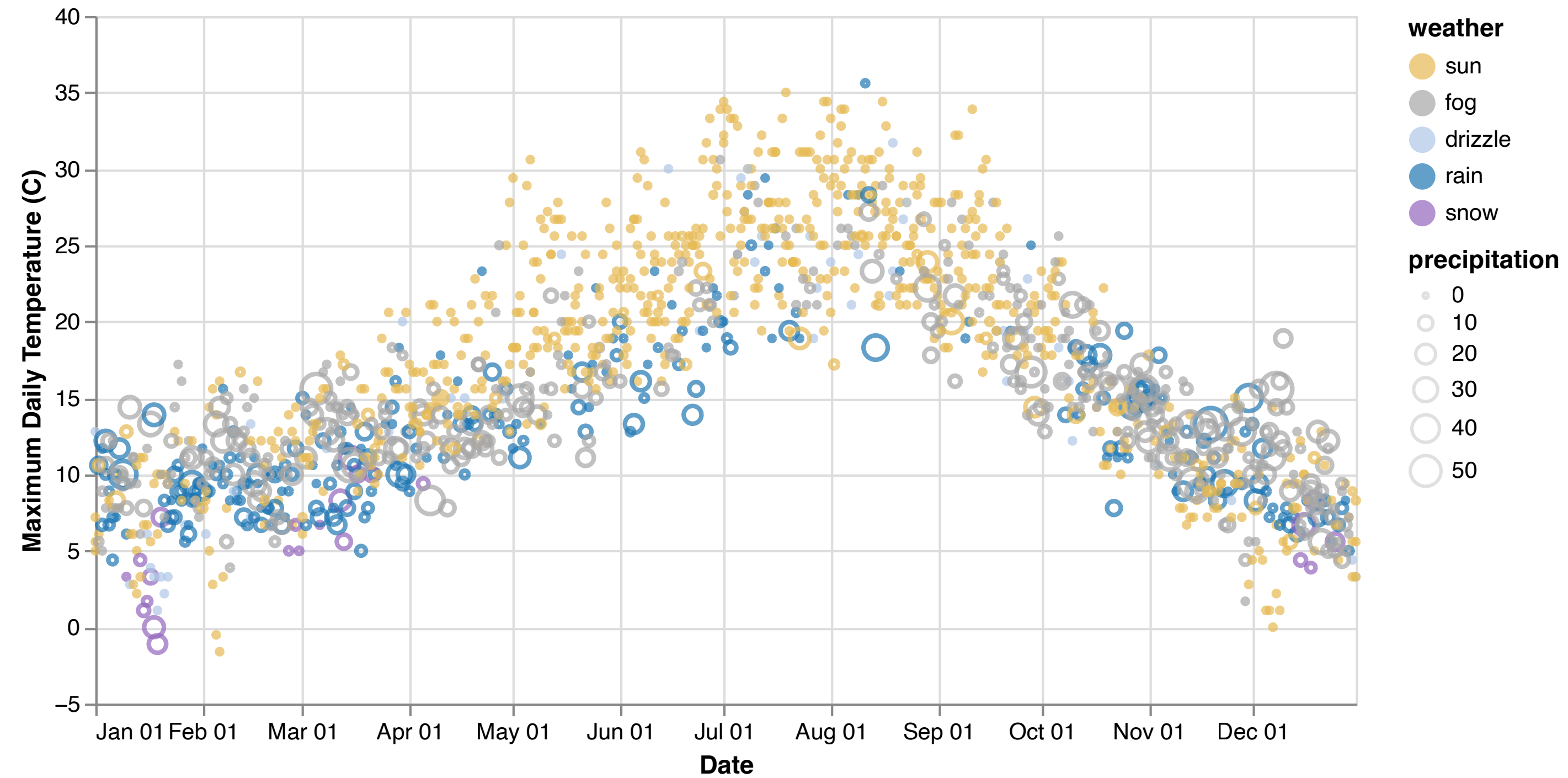
# Altair's Interactive Charts

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

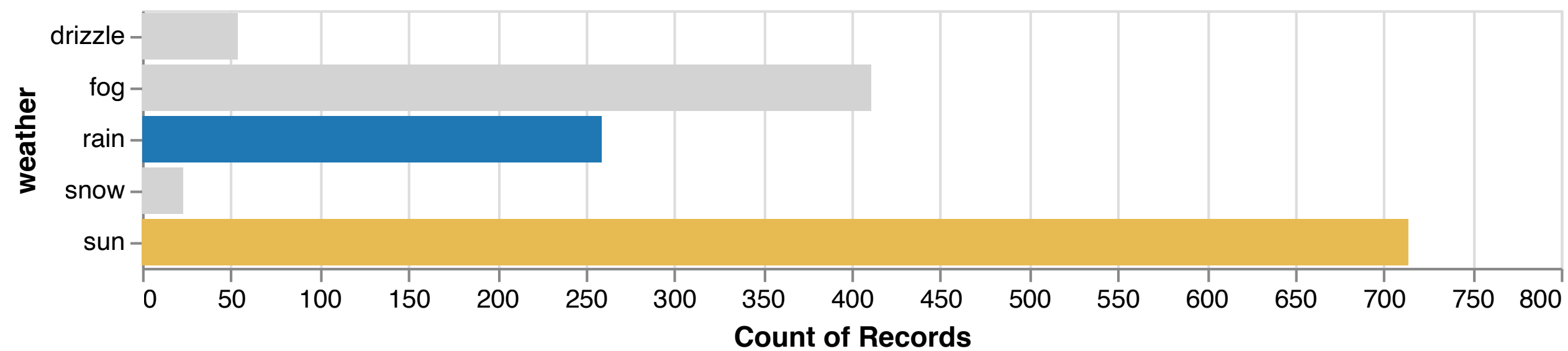
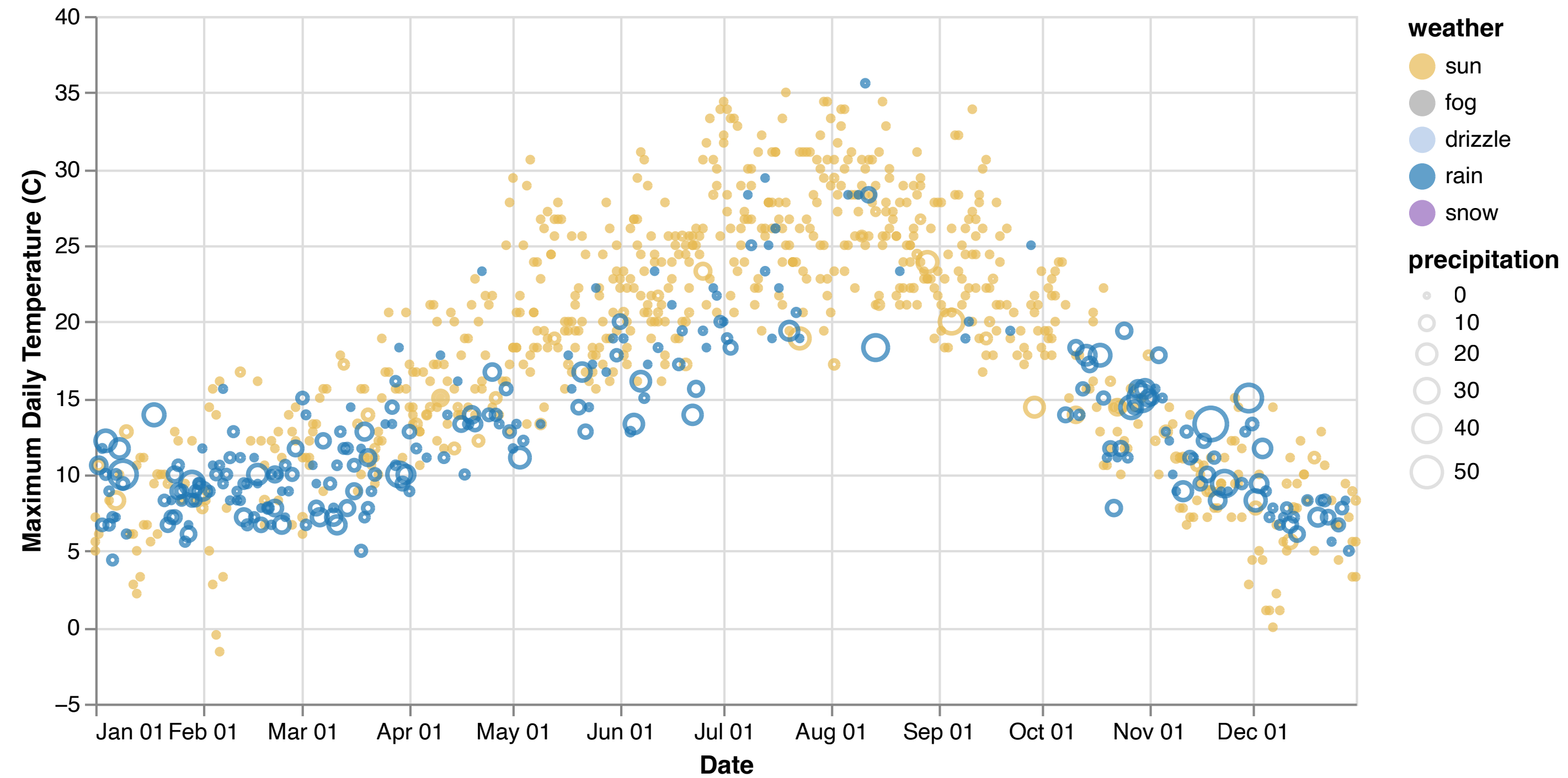
# Interaction

Seattle Weather: 2012-2015



# Weather Selection: Rain vs. Sun

Seattle Weather: 2012-2015



# Date Selection: July-September Sun

Seattle Weather: 2012-2015

