

Altair Exercises

This notebook will explore multiple different visualizations in Altair.

Part 2

The next exercises will be reproducing the following data from FiveThirtyEight's [Creating the next Bechdel Test](https://projects.fivethirtyeight.com/next-bechdel/) (<https://projects.fivethirtyeight.com/next-bechdel/>)

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In [1]: import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import altair as alt
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In [2]: # enable correct rendering
alt.renderers.enable('default')

# uses intermediate json files to speed things up
alt.data_transformers.enable('json')
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Out[2]: DataTransformerRegistry.enable('json')
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In [3]: # read all the tables
all_tests_df = pd.read_csv('../assets/nextBechdel_allTests.csv')
cast_gender = pd.read_csv('../assets/nextBechdel_castGender.csv')
top_2016 = pd.read_csv('../assets/top_2016.csv')

# set up the tables for use
actors_movies = top_2016.set_index('Movie').join(cast_gender.set_index('Movie'))
movies_order = top_2016.sort_values(by=['Rank'])['Movie'].tolist()
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Variables Encoded

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In [4]: base = alt.Chart(actors_movies).transform_filter(
    (alt.datum.TYPE != 'Unknown') & (alt.datum.GENDER != 'Unknown') &
)

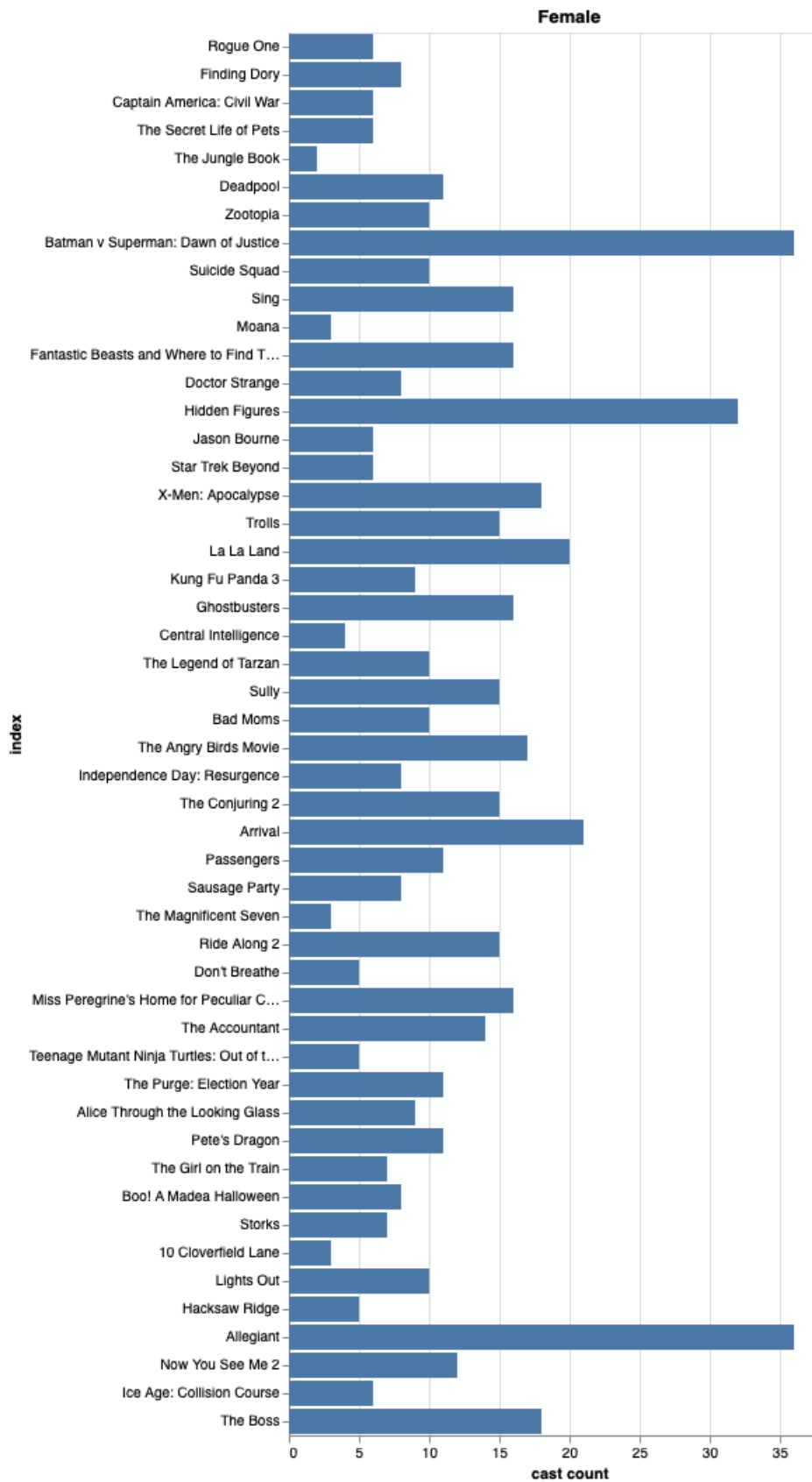
encoding = base.transform_filter(
    alt.datum.GENDER == 'Female'
).encode(
    y= alt.Y(
        'index:N',
        sort= movies_order
    ),
    x=alt.X('count(index):Q',
        title='cast count'),
)
# Encode bar mark and circle mark

bar = encoding.mark_bar().properties(title='Female')
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circle = encoding.mark_circle().properties(title='Female')
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In [5]: bar
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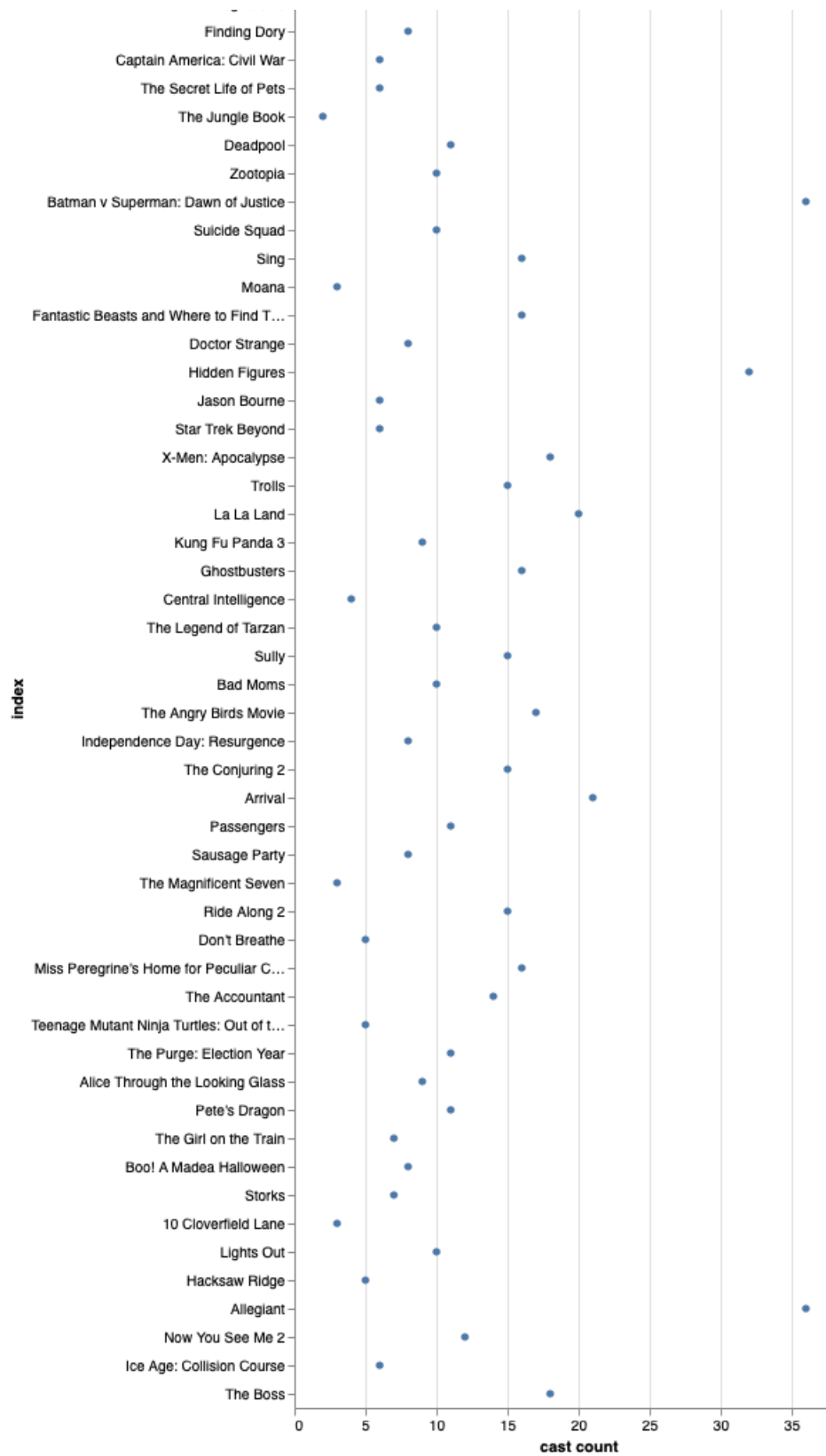
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Out[5]:
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In [6]: circle
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Out[6]:
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Increase Variables: Charting Actor/Actress Genders

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In [7]: cast_gender.head()
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Out[7]:
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	MOVIE	ACTOR	CHARACTER_NAME	TYPE	BILLING	GENDER
0	Boo! A Madea Halloween	Tyler Perry	Madea/Joe/Brian	Leading	1	Male
1	Boo! A Madea Halloween	Cassi Davis	Aunt Bam	Supporting	2	Female
2	Boo! A Madea Halloween	Patrice Lovely	Hattie	Supporting	3	Female
3	Boo! A Madea Halloween	Yousef Erakat	Jonathan	Supporting	4	Male
4	Boo! A Madea Halloween	Lexy Panterra	Leah	Supporting	5	Female

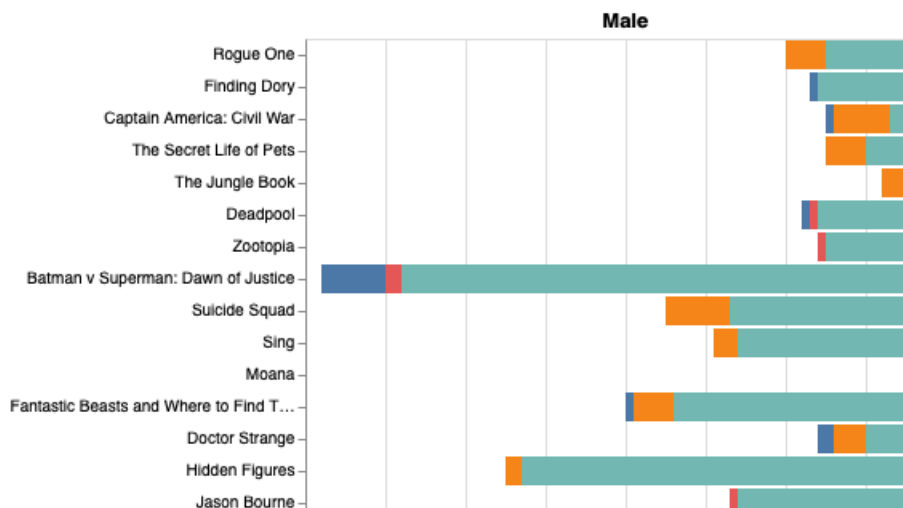
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In [8]: # Charting Female Actresses
f_encoding = base.encode(
    y= alt.Y(
        'index:N',
        sort= movies_order,
        axis=None
    ),
    x=alt.X('count(index):Q',
        title='cast count',),
    color=alt.Color('TYPE:N')
)
female = f_encoding.mark_bar().properties(title='Female')

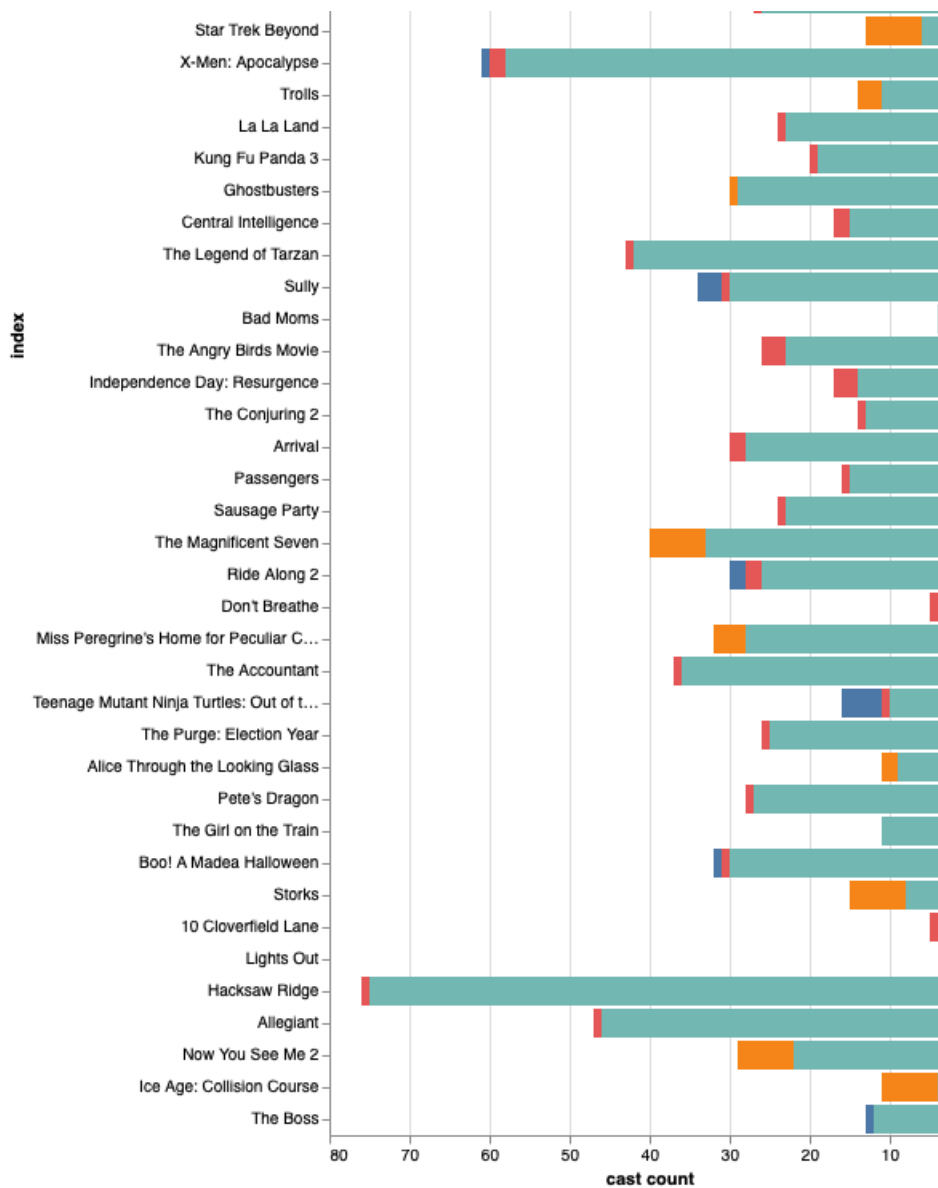
# Charting Male Actors
m_encoding = base.transform_filter(
    alt.datum.GENDER == 'Male'
).encode(
    y= alt.Y(
        'index:N',
        sort= movies_order
    ),
    x=alt.X('count(index):Q',
        sort='descending',
        title='cast count',),
    color=alt.Color('TYPE:N')
).mark_bar().properties(title='Male')
male = m_encoding.mark_bar().properties(title='Male')

# Middle Chart
middle = base.encode(
    y=alt.Y('Rank:O', axis=None),
    text=alt.Text('Rank:Q'),
    color=alt.Color('bechdel:N')
).mark_text().properties(width=20)

# Merge together the three charts, male, middle, female
male | middle | female
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Out[8]:
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Alternative Encodings

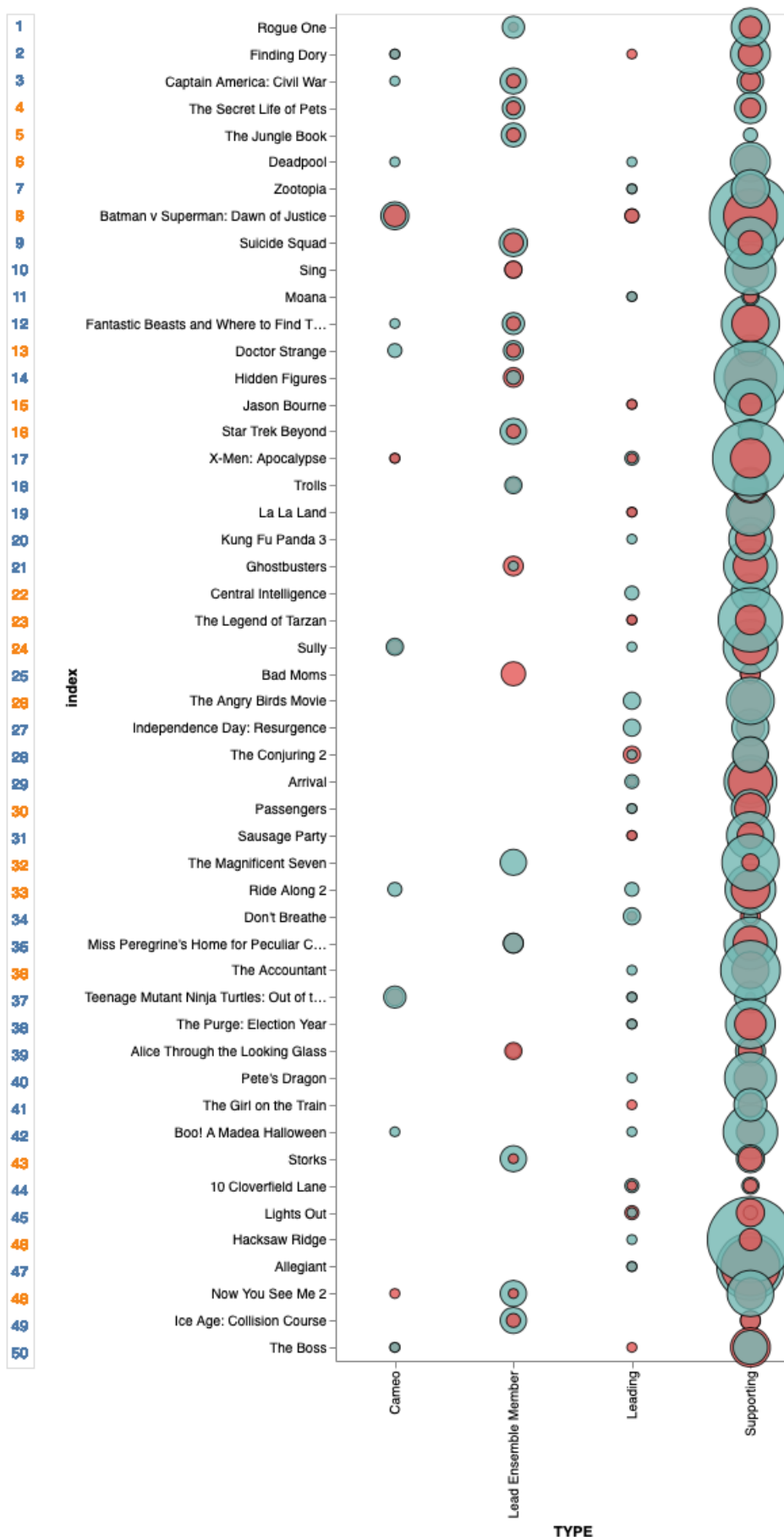
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In [9]: def alternative_encoding_one():
        """
        return call to altair function for the new visualization
        """
        plot = base.mark_circle(
            opacity=0.8,
            stroke='black',
            strokeWidth=1
        ).encode(
            alt.Y('index:N',
                  sort= movies_order),
            alt.X('TYPE:N'),
            alt.Size('count()',
                    scale=alt.Scale(range=[0,4000]),
                    legend=alt.Legend(symbolFillColor='white')
            ),
            color='GENDER:N'
        ).properties(
            width=350,
            height=995 # Had to adjust from 880 because otherwise "middle
                       # asked about it in Slack by Jakob Cronberg with r
        )

        return plot
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return plot

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In [10]: al_enc_one = alternative_encoding_one()
middle | al_enc_one
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Out[10]:



Typically, this sort of visualization is not preferred due to the fact that humans have a difficult time interpreting area, particularly in circles. The ability to interpret "twice as big" with a circle is much more difficult than with a bar graph, etc.

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