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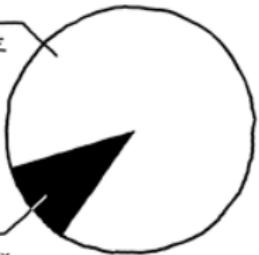
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Dennis Wylie, UT Bioinformatics Consulting Group

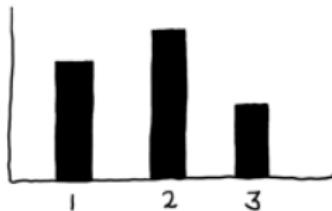
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FRACTION OF
THIS IMAGE
WHICH IS WHITE.

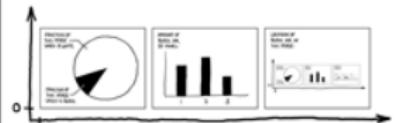


FRACTION OF
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WHICH IS BLACK.

AMOUNT OF
BLACK INK
BY PANEL:



LOCATION OF
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Types of visualization [Hegarty (2011)]

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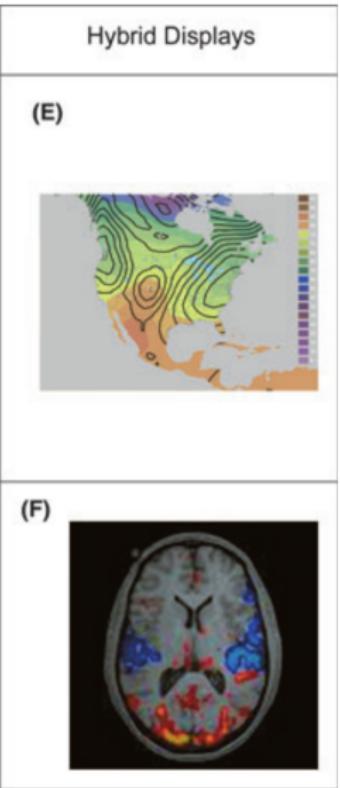
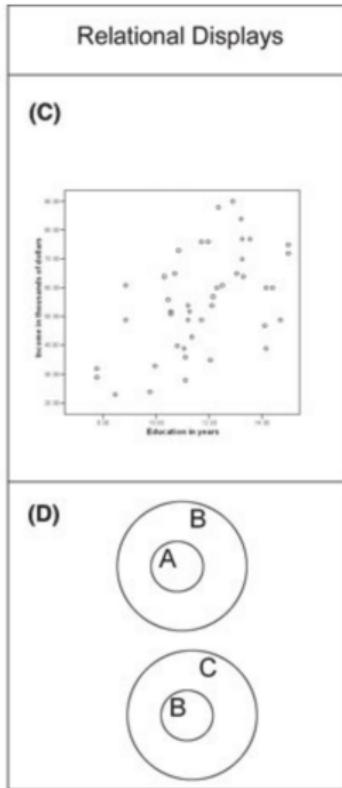
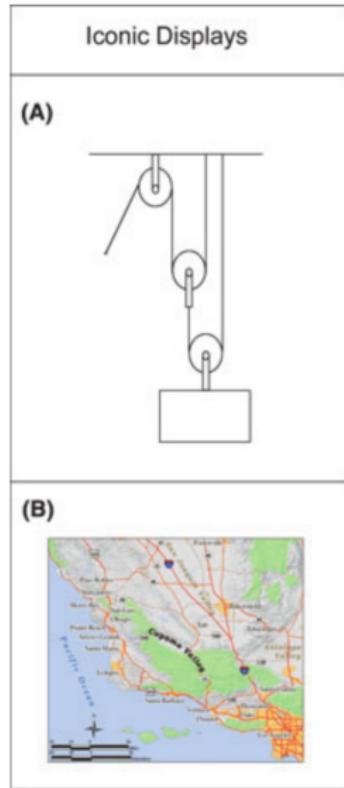


Fig. 1. Examples of iconic, relational, and hybrid displays.

History of data visualization [Friendly (2008)]

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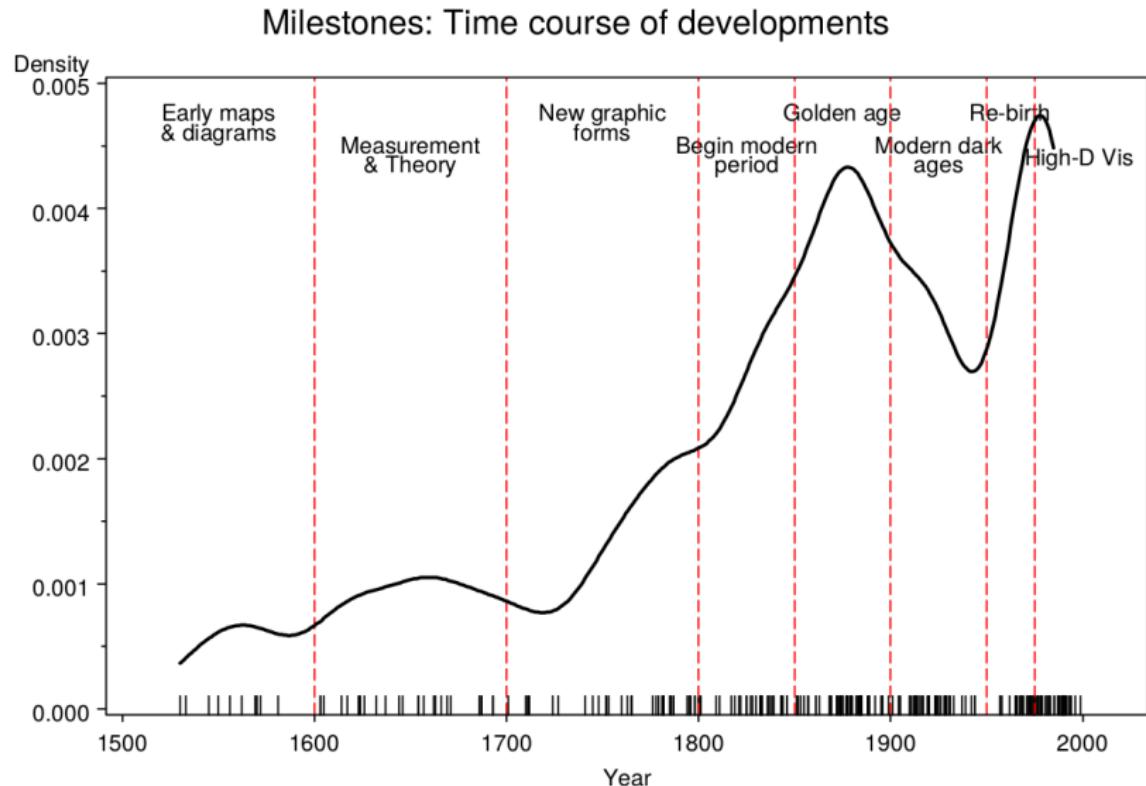


Figure 1: The time distribution of events considered milestones in the history of data visualization, shown by a rug plot and density estimate.

Playfair

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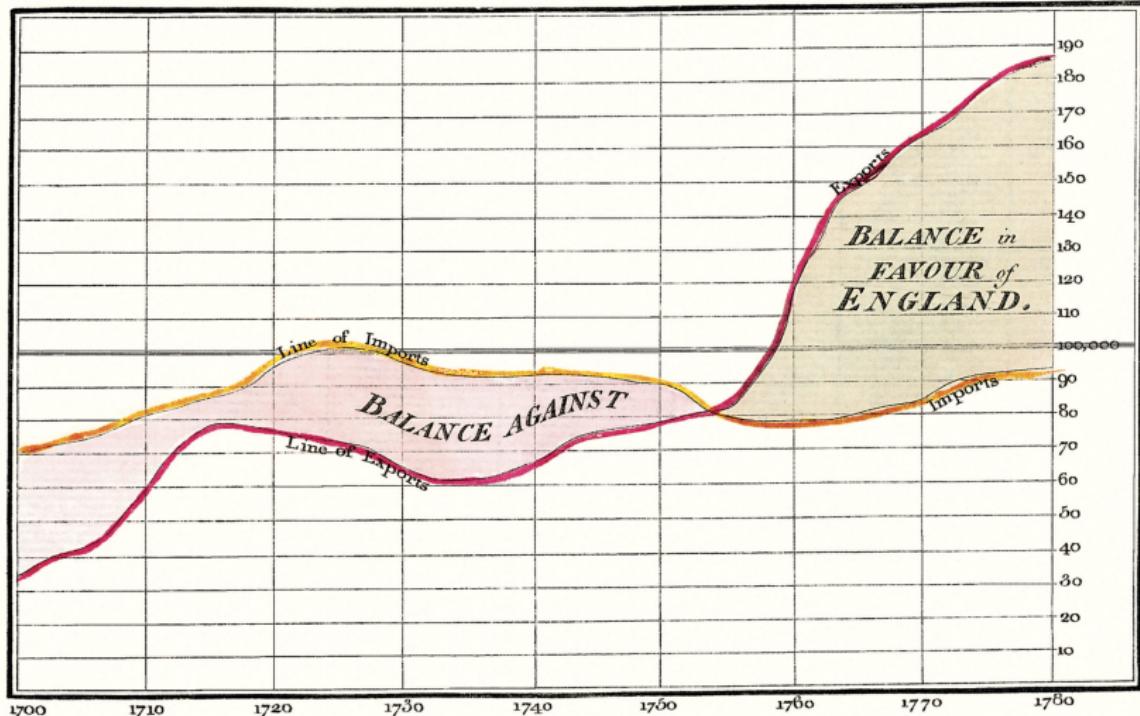
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Exports and Imports to and from DENMARK & NORWAY from 1700 to 1780.



The Bottom line is divided into Years, the Right hand line into £10,000 each.

Published as the Act directs, 1st May 1786, by W^m Playfair

Noel script 352, Strand, London.

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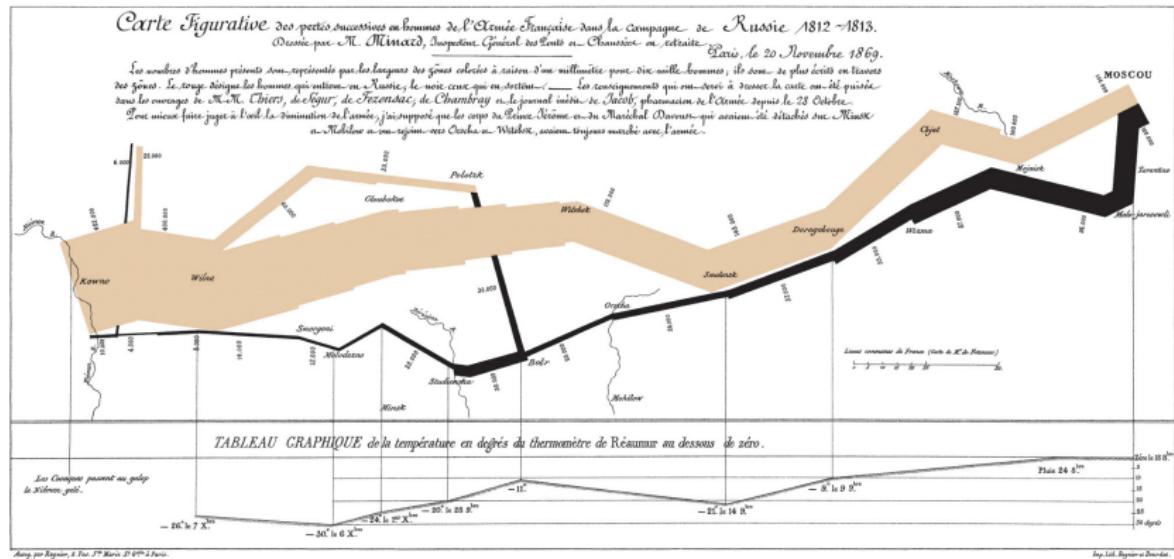
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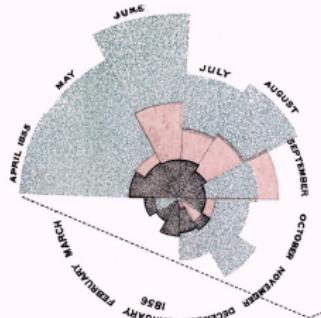
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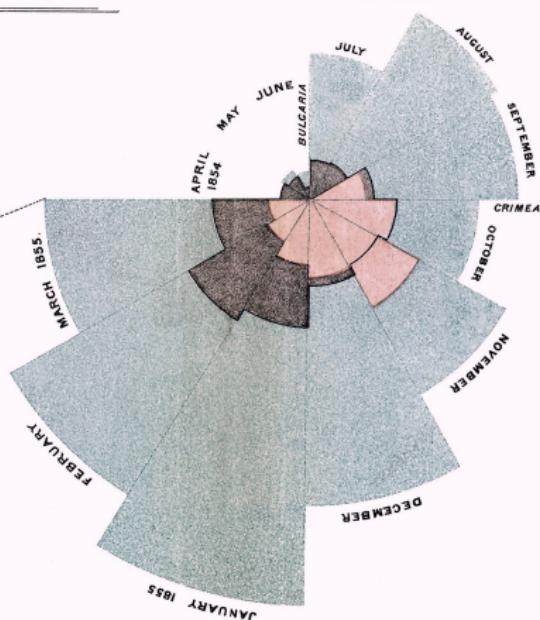
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2.
APRIL 1855 to MARCH 1856.
DIAGRAM OF THE CAUSES OF MORTALITY
IN THE ARMY IN THE EAST.



1.
APRIL 1854 to MARCH 1855.



The Areas of the blue, red, & black wedges are each measured from the centre as the common vertex.

The blue wedges measured from the centre of the circle represent area for area the deaths from Preventable or Mitigable Zymotic diseases, the red wedges measured from the centre the deaths from wounds, & the black wedges measured from the centre the deaths from all other causes. The black line across the red triangle in Nov^r 1854 marks the boundary of the deaths from all other causes during the month.

In October 1854, & April 1855, the black area coincides with the red; in January & February 1856, the blue coincides with the black.

The entire area may be compared by following the blue, the red & the black lines enclosing them.

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- ▶ Summarize data

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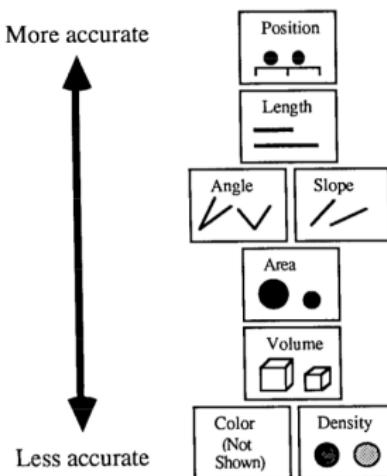


Fig. 14. Accuracy ranking of quantitative perceptual tasks. Higher tasks are accomplished more accurately than lower tasks. Cleveland and McGill empirically verified the basic properties of this ranking.

Taken from Mackinlay (1986)

Natural example: frequency mapped to angle

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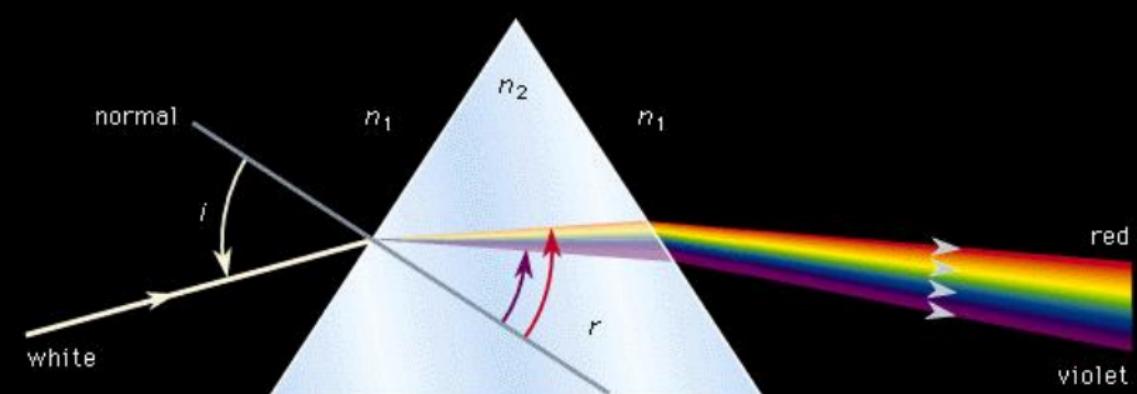
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The angles i and r that the rays make with the normal are the angles of incidence and refraction. Because n_2 depends upon wavelength, the incident white ray separates into its constituent colours upon refraction, with deviation of the red ray the least and the violet ray the most.

Experimental example: size mapped to position

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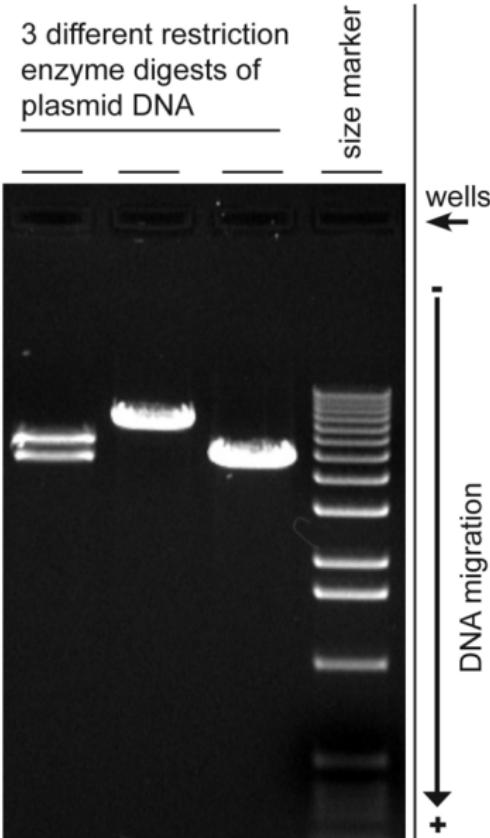
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- ▶ Discrete experiment/condition mapped to horizontal position
- ▶ Continuous(ish) molecular size mapped to vertical position
- ▶ Continuous(ish) copy number mapped to brightness

Choosing the right aesthetic

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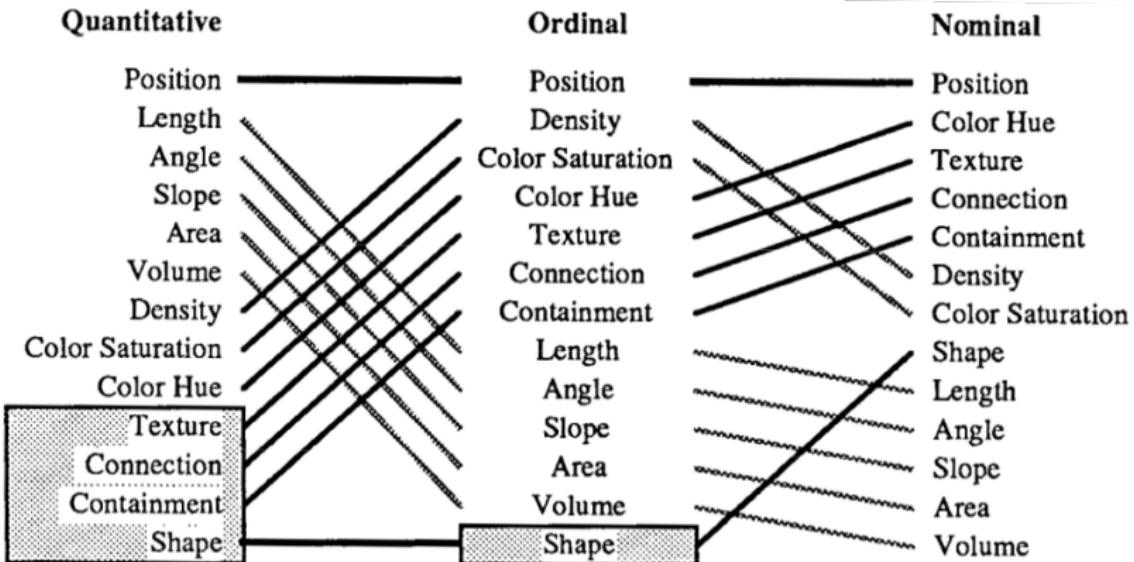
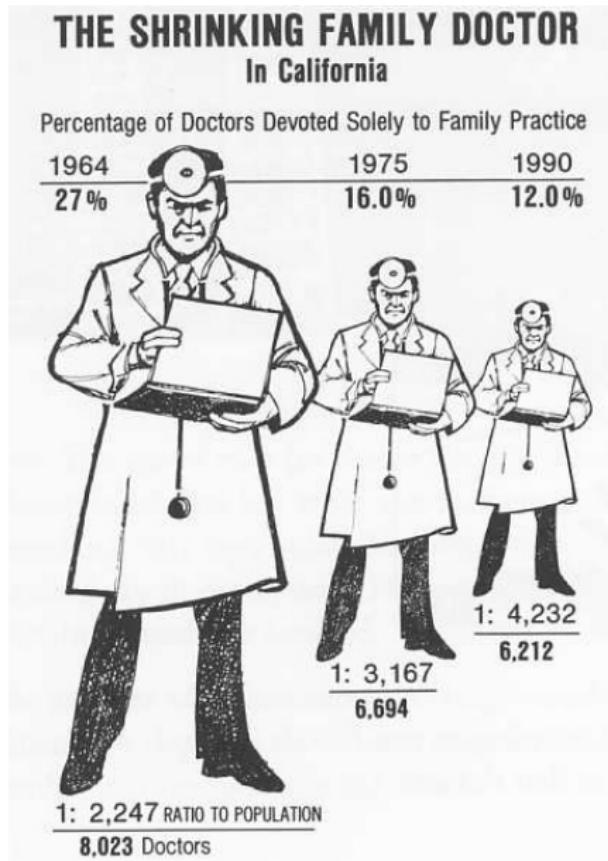


Fig. 15. Ranking of perceptual tasks. The tasks shown in the gray boxes are not relevant to these types of data.

Taken from Mackinlay (1986).

"Lie factor" from improper area encoding



Taken from Tufte (2001).

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Neuron subtypes and GSE75386

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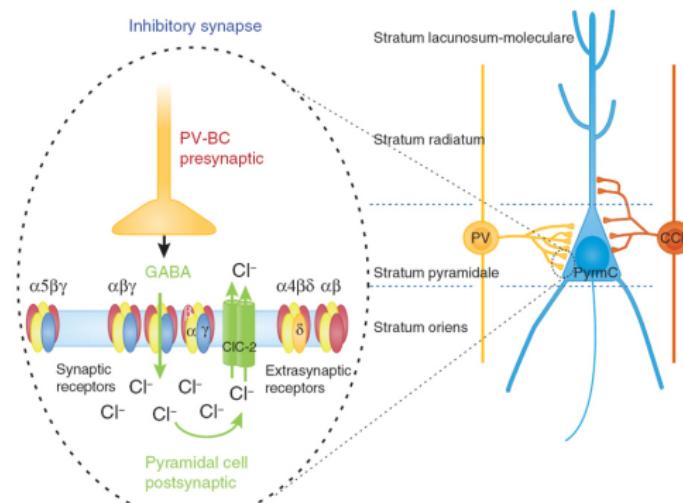
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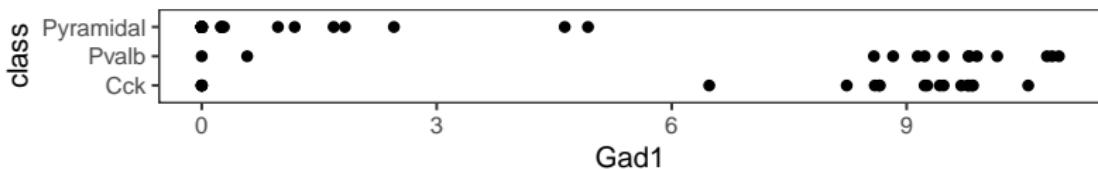


GSE75386 Single cell RNASeq of electrophysiologically characterized neurons of the hippocampus

Organism *Mus musculus*

Design 15 tissue samples + 93 single-cell samples, including 58 Cck, Pvalb, and Pyramidal neurons.

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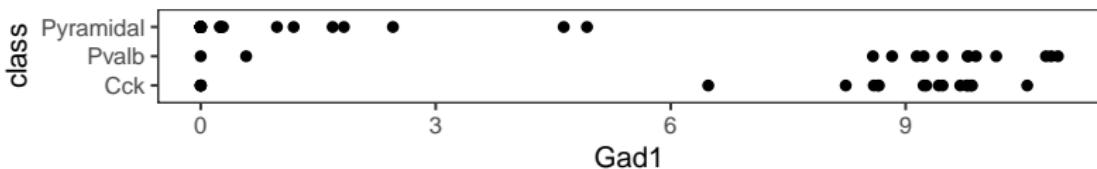
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```
ggstrip = ggplot(  
  data = gse75386,  
  mapping = aes(  
    x = Gad1,  
    y = class  
  )  
)  
ggstrip = ggstrip + geom_point()  
print(ggstrip)
```

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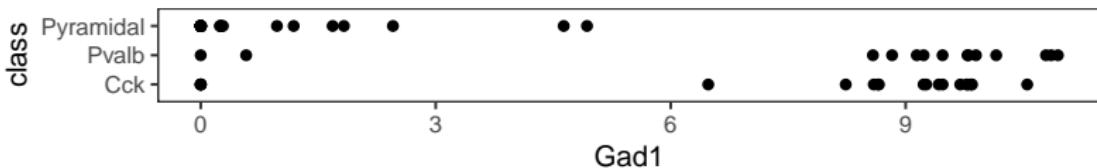
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```

What is “geom_point”?

GSE75386 overplotted bars

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```
ggbar = ggplot(gse75386, aes(x=class, y=Gad1))
ggbar = ggbar + geom_bar(alpha=0.1,
                         position='identity', stat='identity')
ggbar = ggbar + coord_flip()
print(ggbar)
```

GSE75386 mean bars + SE lines

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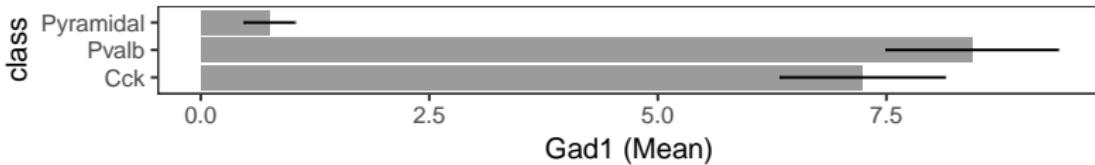
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```
gse75386stats = gse75386 %>%
  group_by(class) %>%
  summarize(
    `Gad1 (Mean)` = mean(Gad1),
    SE = sd(Gad1) / sqrt(length(Gad1))
  )
ggbarse = ggplot(gse75386stats, aes(x=class, y=`Gad1 (Mean)`))
ggbarse = ggbarse + geom_bar(alpha=0.6, stat='identity')
ggbarse = ggbarse + geom_errorbar(aes(ymax=`Gad1 (Mean)` - SE,
                                       ymax=`Gad1 (Mean)` + SE),
                                    width=0)
ggbarse = ggbarse + coord_flip()
print(ggbarse)
```

Layered grammar of graphics [Wickham (2010)]

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layer = **data** +
statistical transformation +
aesthetic +
geometric object

GSE75386 boxplot + stripchart

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```
ggbox = ggplot(gse75386, aes(x=class, y=Gad1))
ggbox = ggbox + geom_boxplot(stat='boxplot',
                             outlier.size=0)
ggbox = ggbox + geom_point(alpha=0.5)
ggbox = ggbox + coord_flip()
```

GSE75386 boxplot + stripchart

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ggbox = ggplot(gse75386, aes(x=class, y=Gad1))
ggbox = ggbox + geom_boxplot(stat='boxplot',
                             outlier.size=0)
ggbox = ggbox + geom_point(alpha=0.5)
ggbox = ggbox + coord_flip()
```

... some statistical transformations are built in to ggplot.

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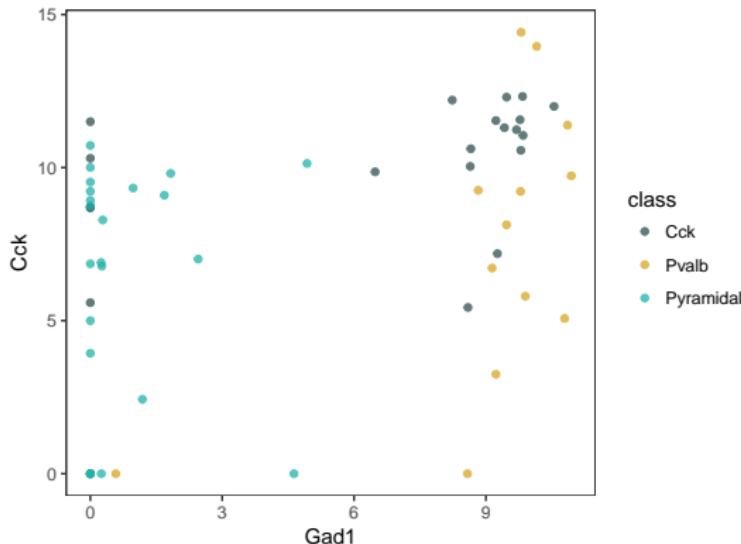
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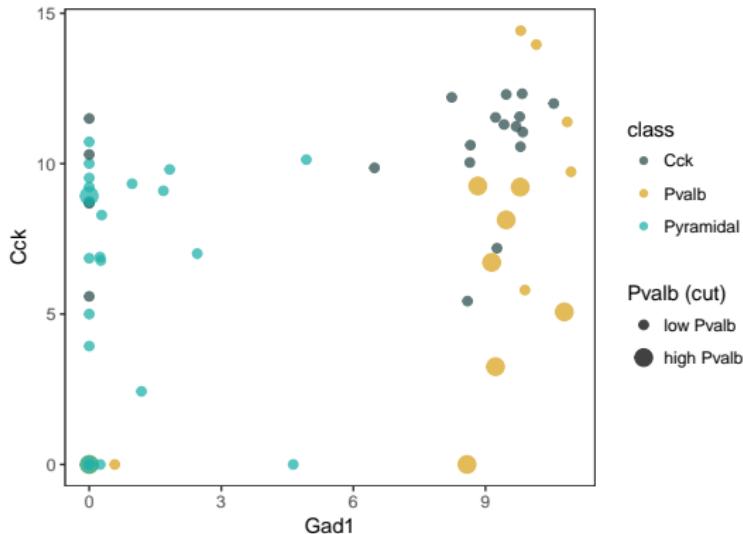
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class

- Cck
- Pvalb
- Pyramidal

Pvalb (cut)

- low Pvalb
- high Pvalb

```
ggscat = ggplot(  
    gse75386,  
    aes(x=Gad1, y=Cck, color=class, size=`Pvalb (cut)`)  
)  
ggscat = ggscat + geom_point(alpha=0.75)  
ggscat = ggscat + scale_color_manual(  
    values=c('darkslategray', 'goldenrod', 'lightseagreen'))  
ggscat = ggscat + scale_size_manual(values=c(2, 4))
```

GSE75386 scatterplot + text layer

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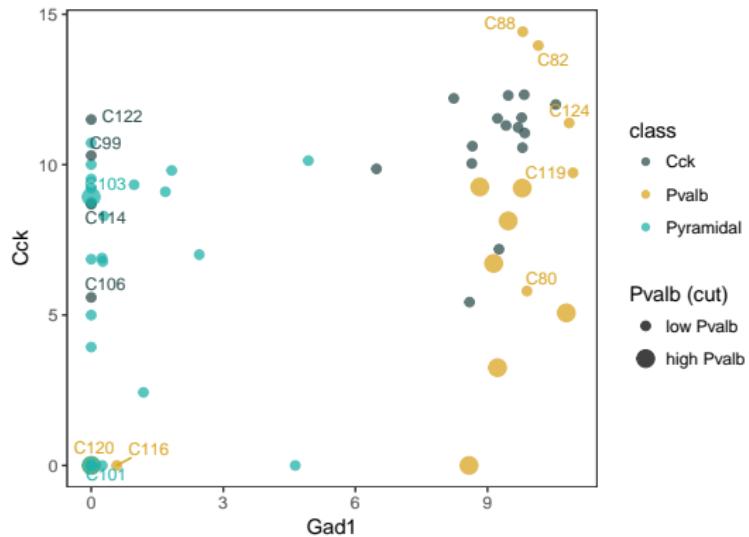
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```
...
ggscat = ggscat + geom_text_repel(
  aes(label=odd),
  size = 3,
  show.legend = FALSE
)
```

The best graph ever?

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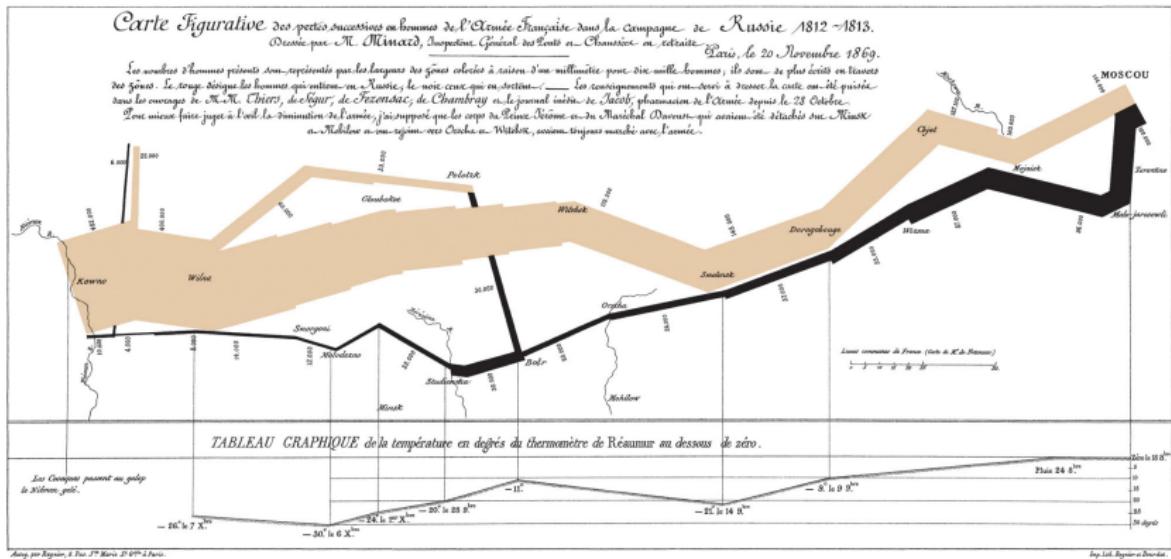
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Drawn par Ruyer, à l'Im. J^e Maréchal 25 6^e Rue de la Paix.

Dep. Int. Ruyer et Bourcier.

TABLEAU GRAPHIQUE de la température en degrés du thermomètre de Réaumur au dessous de zéro.



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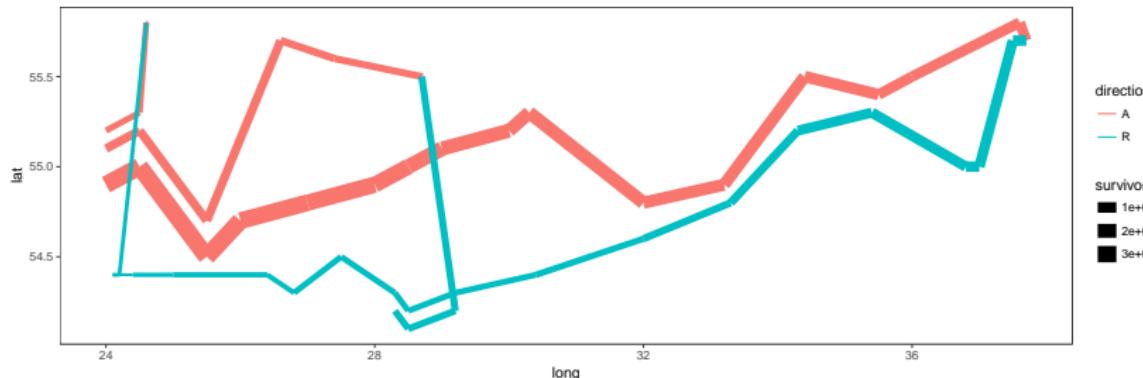
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```
ggtroops = ggplot(troops, aes(long, lat))
ggtroops = ggtroops + geom_path(aes(
    size = survivors,
    color = direction,
    group = group
))
```

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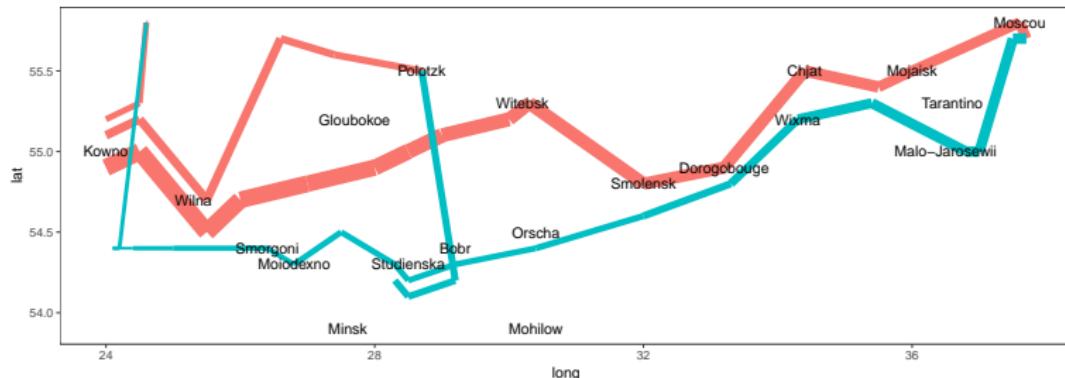
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```
ggbboth = ggtroops + geom_text(  
    aes(label = city),  
    size = 4,  
    data = cities  
)
```

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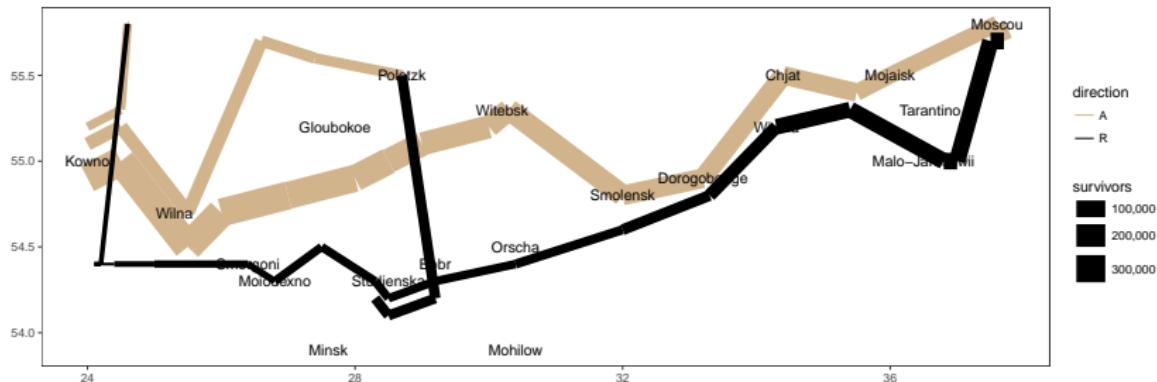
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```
ggbboth = ggbboth + scale_size(  
    range = c(1, 10),  
    breaks = c(1, 2, 3) * 10^5,  
    labels = comma(c(1, 2, 3) * 10^5)  
)  
ggbboth = ggbboth + scale_color_manual(values = c("#d2b48c","black"))  
ggbboth = ggbboth + xlab(NULL) + ylab(NULL)
```

Small multiples and facetting

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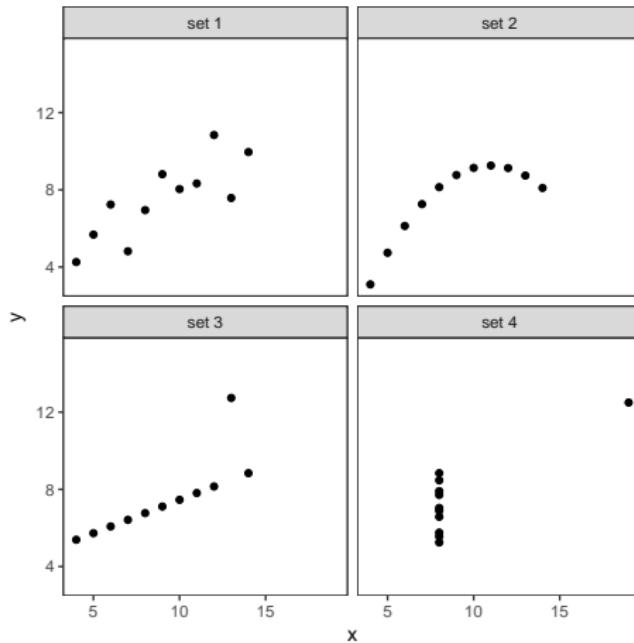
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Taken from Anscombe (1973).

```
ggo = ggplot(anscombe, aes(x=x, y=y))
ggo = ggo + facet_wrap(~ set)
ggo = ggo + geom_point()
```

... with smoothed linear fit

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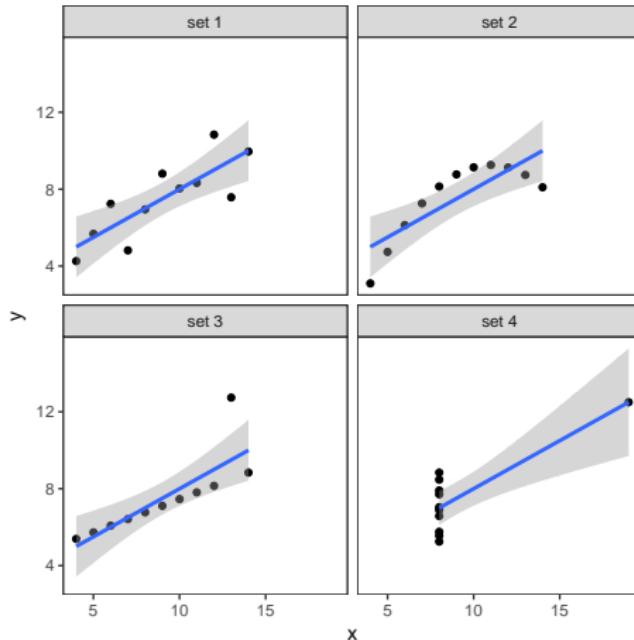
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ggo = ggplot(anscombe, aes(x=x, y=y))
ggo = ggo + facet_wrap(~ set)
ggo = ggo + geom_point()

ggo = ggo + stat_smooth(method=lm)
```

... and text layer

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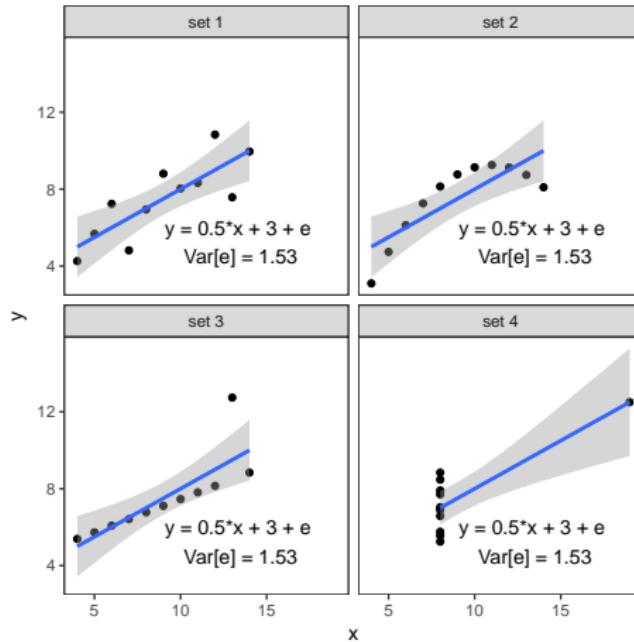
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ggo = ggplot(anscombe, aes(x=x, y=y))
ggo = ggo + facet_wrap(~ set)
ggo = ggo + geom_point()
ggo = ggo + geom_text(aes(label=text), data=lmDescriptions(anscombe))
ggo = ggo + stat_smooth(method=lm)
```

Other smoothing methods exist as well

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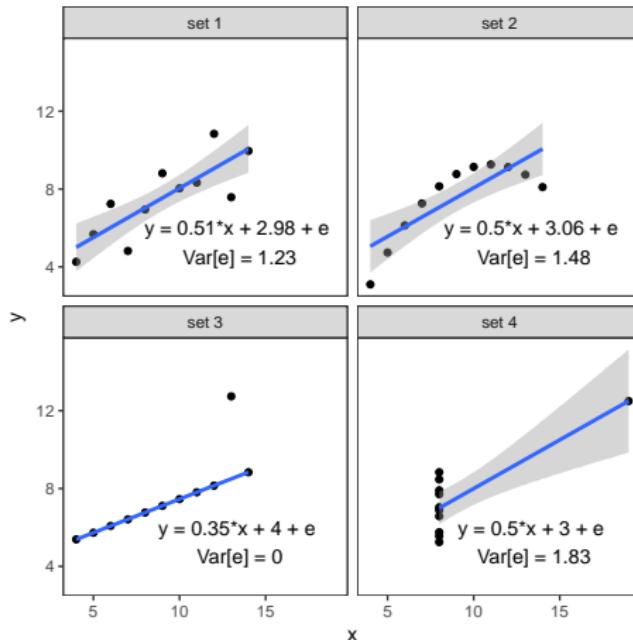
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ggo = ggplot(anscombe, aes(x=x, y=y))
ggo = ggo + facet_wrap(~ set)
ggo = ggo + geom_point()
ggo = ggo + geom_text(aes(label=text), data=lmDescriptions(anscombe))
ggo = ggo + stat_smooth(method=rlm)
```

Local regression

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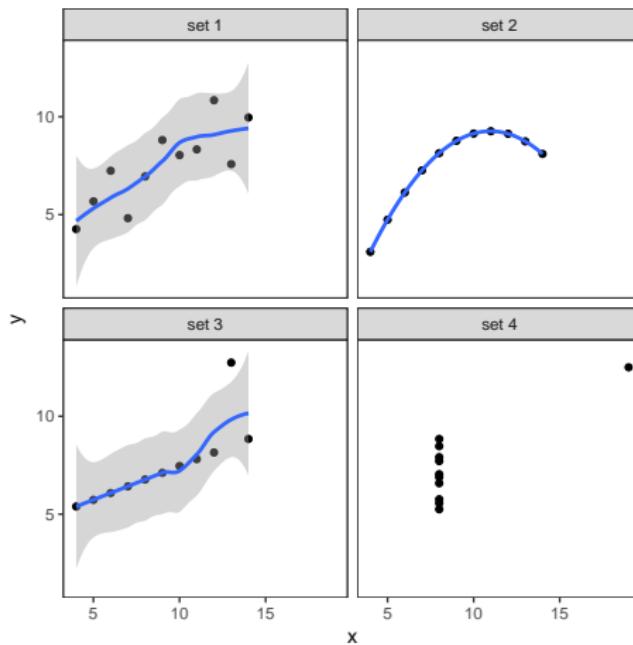
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ggo = ggplot(anscombe, aes(x=x, y=y))
ggo = ggo + facet_wrap(~ set)
ggo = ggo + geom_point()

ggo = ggo + stat_smooth(method=loess, method.args=list(deg=1))
```

GSE75386 scatterplot matrix (a.k.a. pairs plot)

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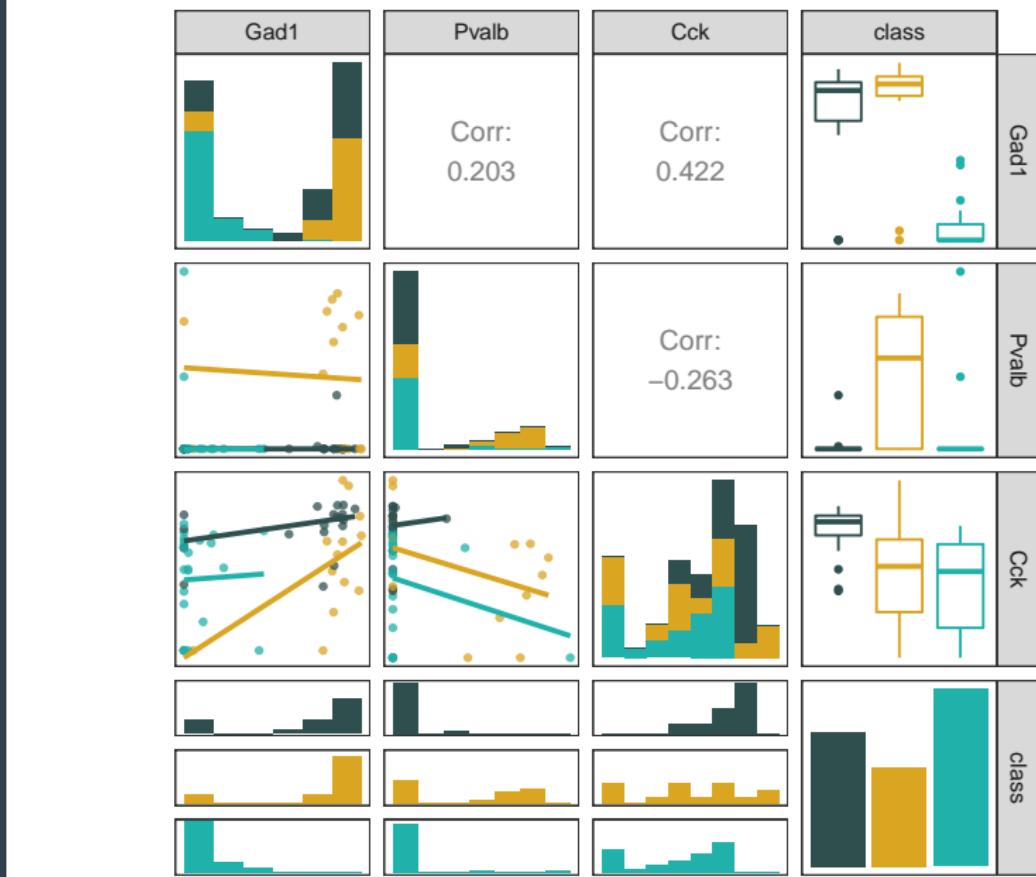
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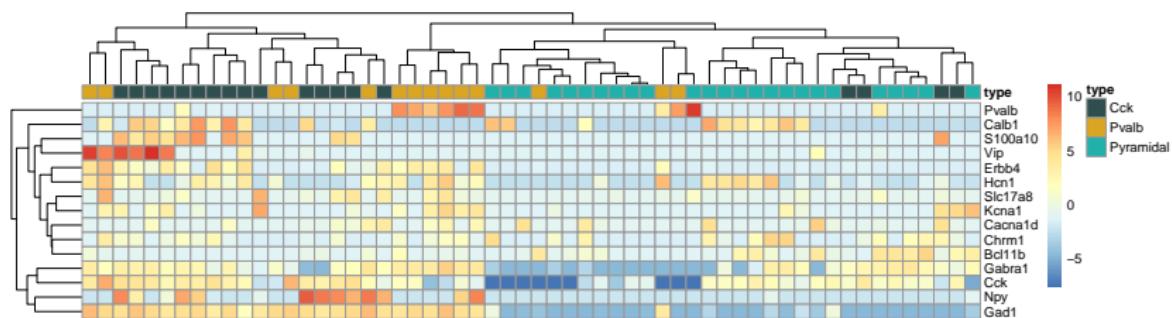
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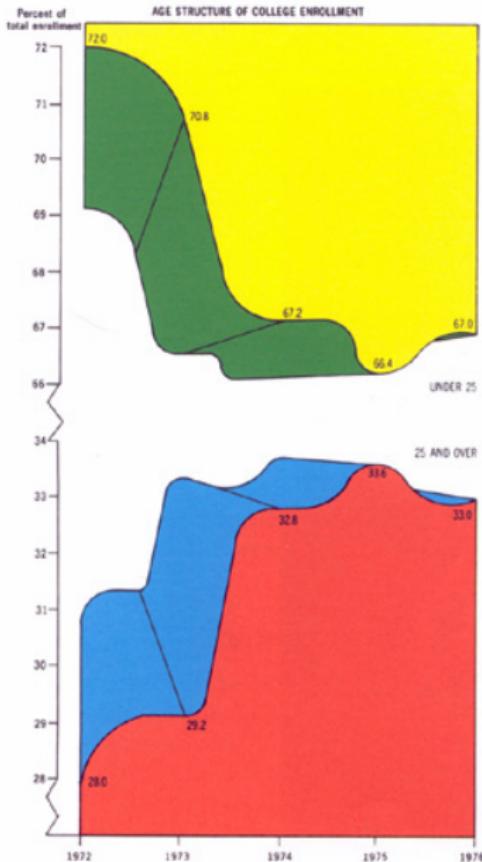
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```
pheatmap(  
    heatmapData,  
    annotation_col = data.frame(  
        row.names = colnames(heatmapData),  
        type = simpleType[colnames(heatmapData)]  
    ),  
    annotation_colors = list(type=c(  
        Cck = 'darkslategray',  
        Pvalb = 'goldenrod',  
        Pyramidal = 'lightseagreen'  
    )),  
    cluster_method = 'mcquitty',  
    show_colnames = FALSE  
)
```

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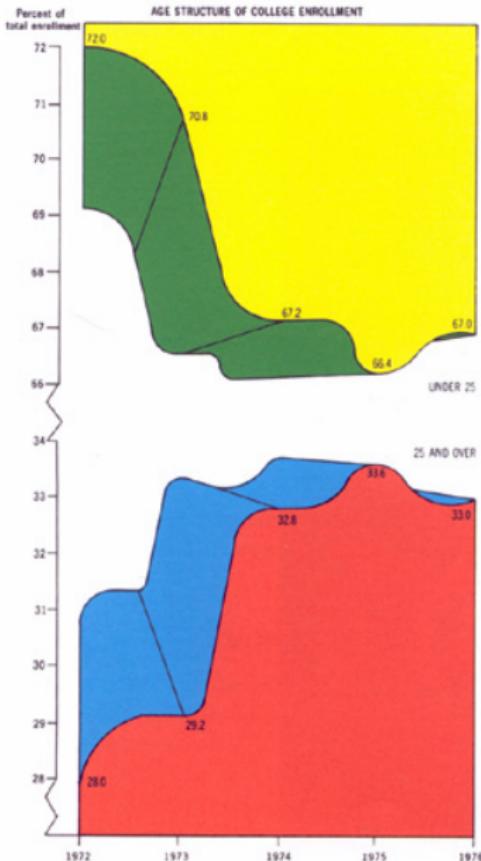
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Tufte:

“Graphical excellence . . . gives the viewer

- ▶ the greatest number of ideas
- ▶ in the shortest time
- ▶ with the least ink
- ▶ in the smallest space.”

When in doubt, remove
ink/pixels which do not
directly map data

This one's not so good either...

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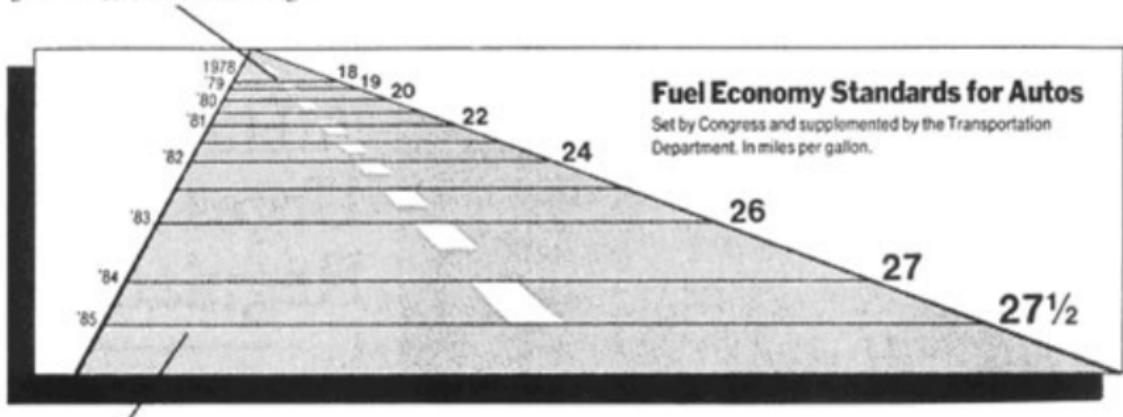
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This line, representing 18 miles per gallon in 1978, is 0.6 inches long.



This line, representing 27.5 miles per gallon in 1985, is 5.3 inches long.

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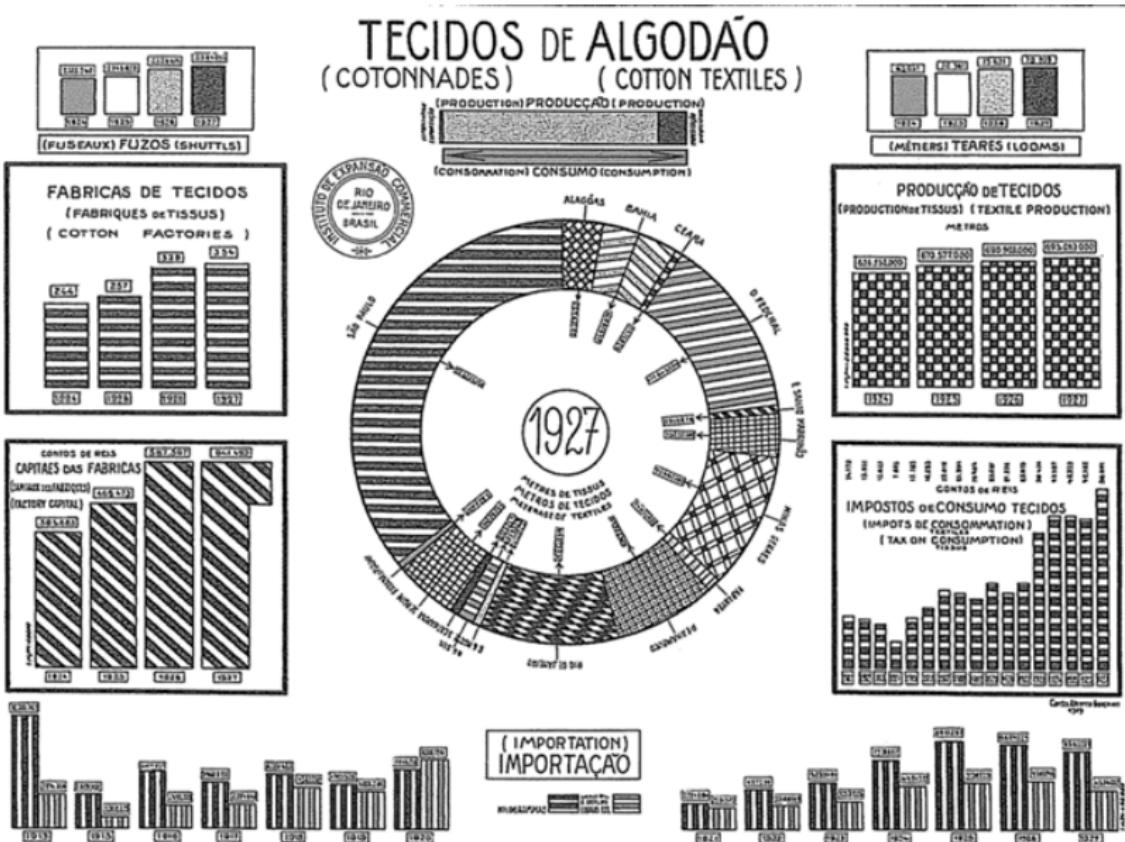
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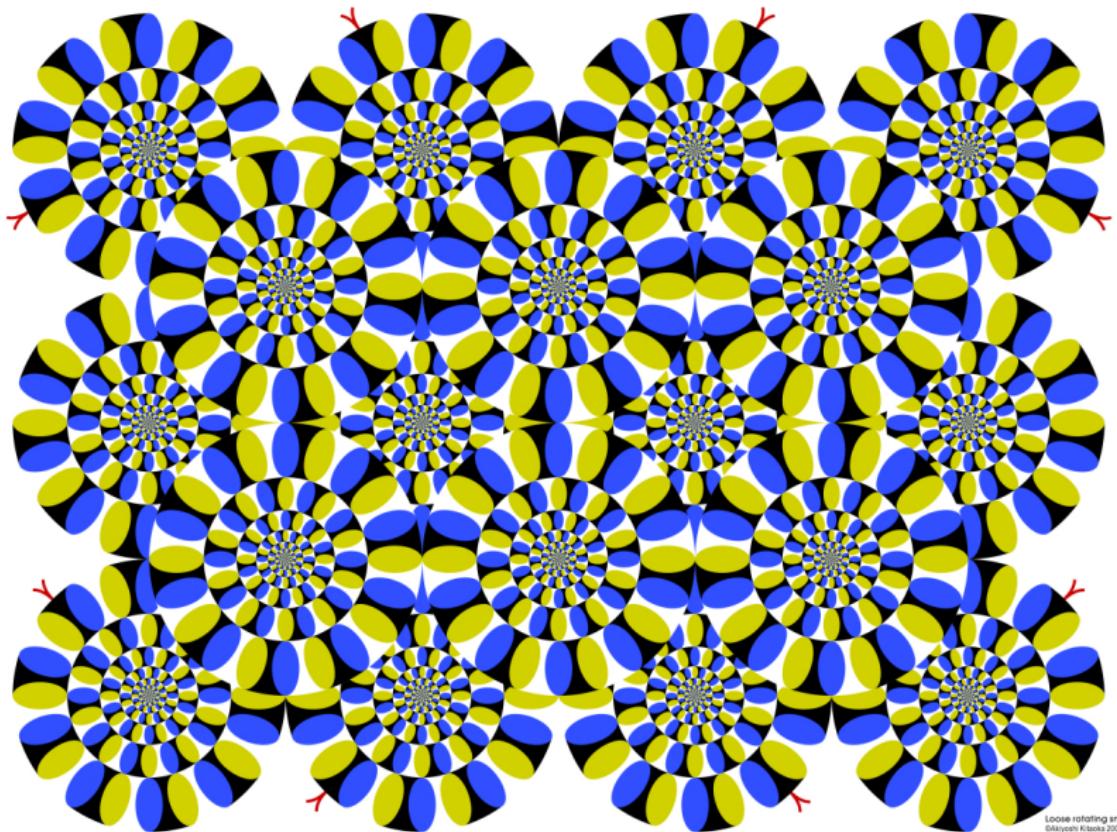
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Loose rotating snakes
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