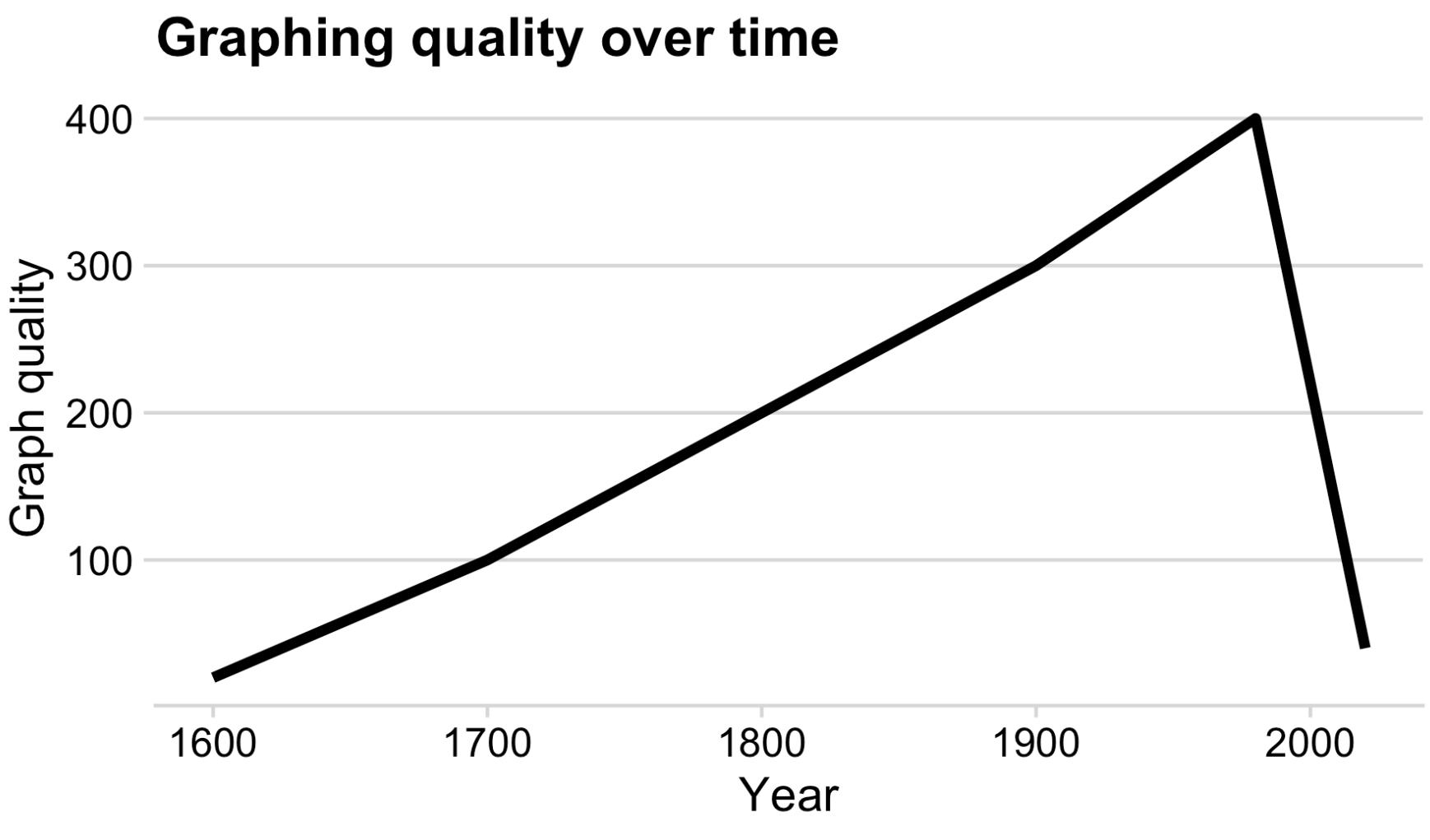


Visualizing information

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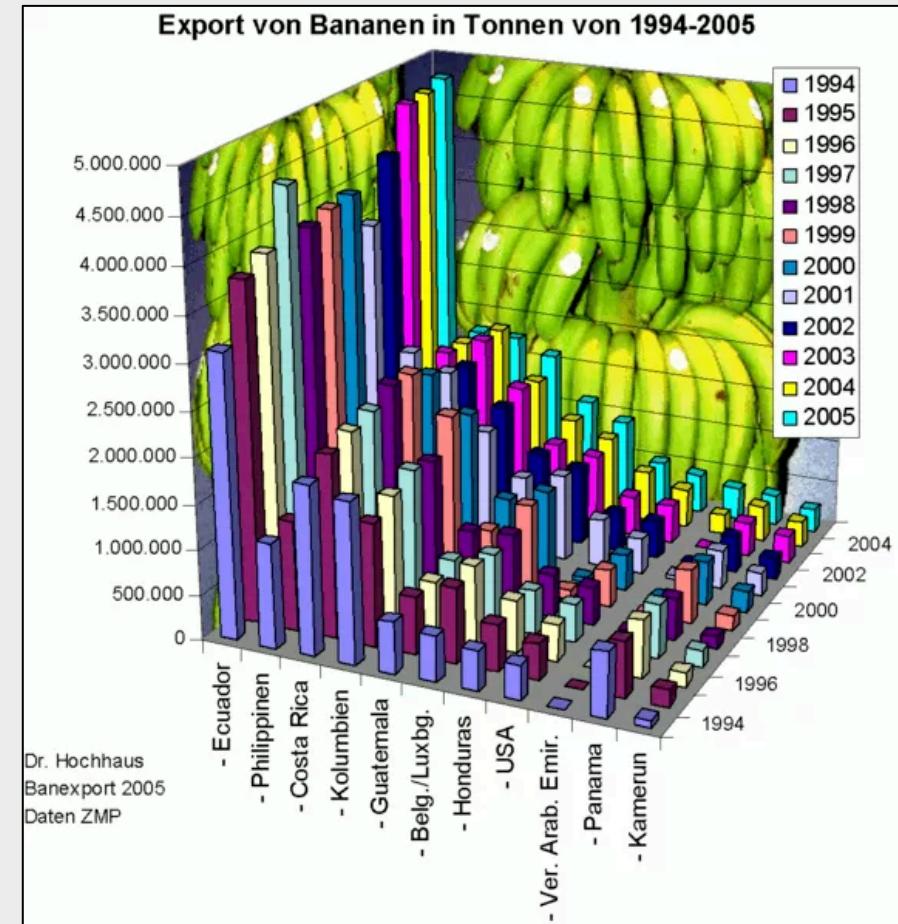
*“Having word processing software
doesn’t make us great writers.”*

- Stephen Few

We don't write paragraphs like this:

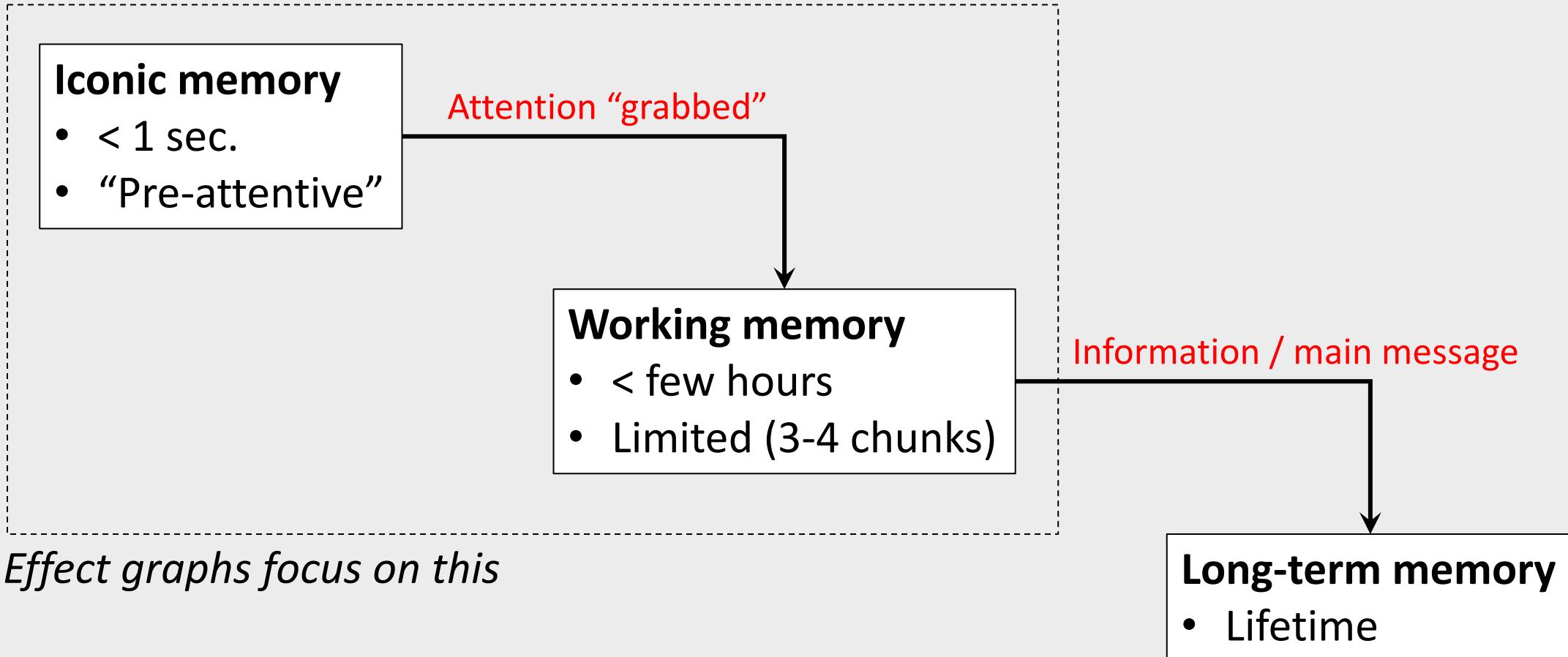
People **sometimes do** this [use poor graphic choices] because they've seen **similar charts in newspapers** or on the web and they're naively following a **bad example**. People who know better **sometimes do** this **because** they care more about **the visual impact** than the clarity of communication. *If we wanted* to tell the **truth** in a way people can easily understand, this **is not** an effective approach.

So don't make graphs like this:



Good visualizations optimize for
the human visual-memory system

A (very) simplified model of visual-memory system



Two objectives of effective graphs:

1. Grab & direct attention (iconic memory)
2. Reduce processing demands (working memory)

The power of pre-attentive processing

Count all the “5”s:

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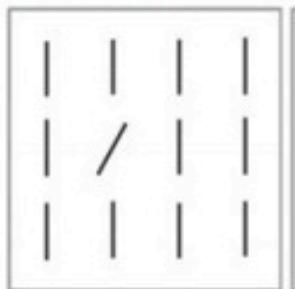
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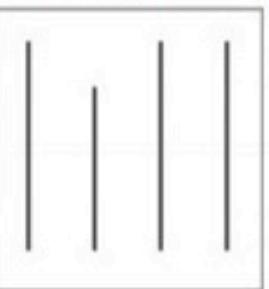
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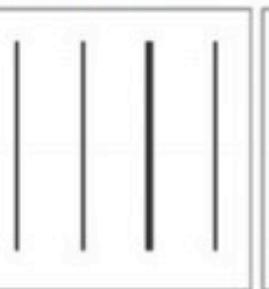
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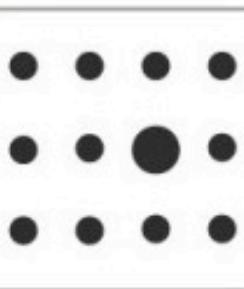
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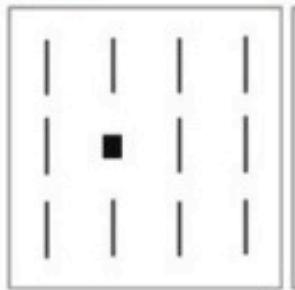
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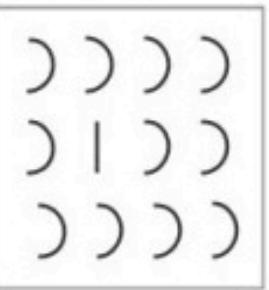
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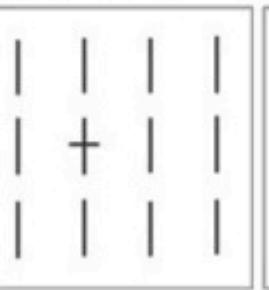
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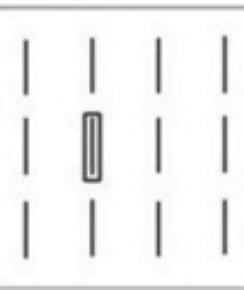
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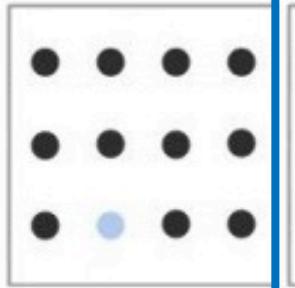


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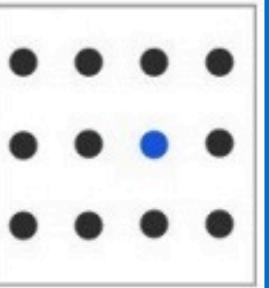


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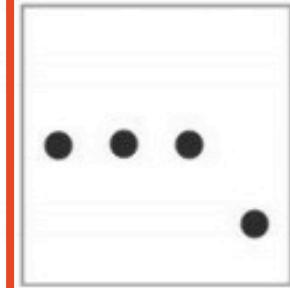


Hue



Spatial Position

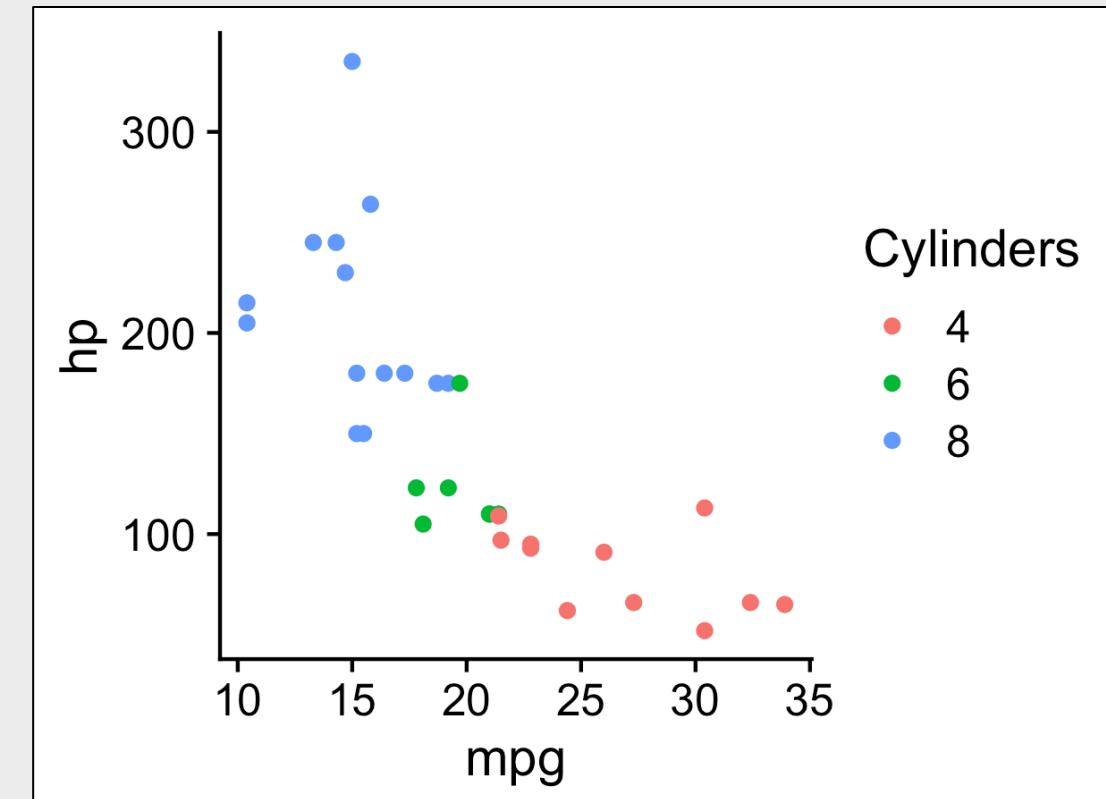
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Pre-attentive attributes

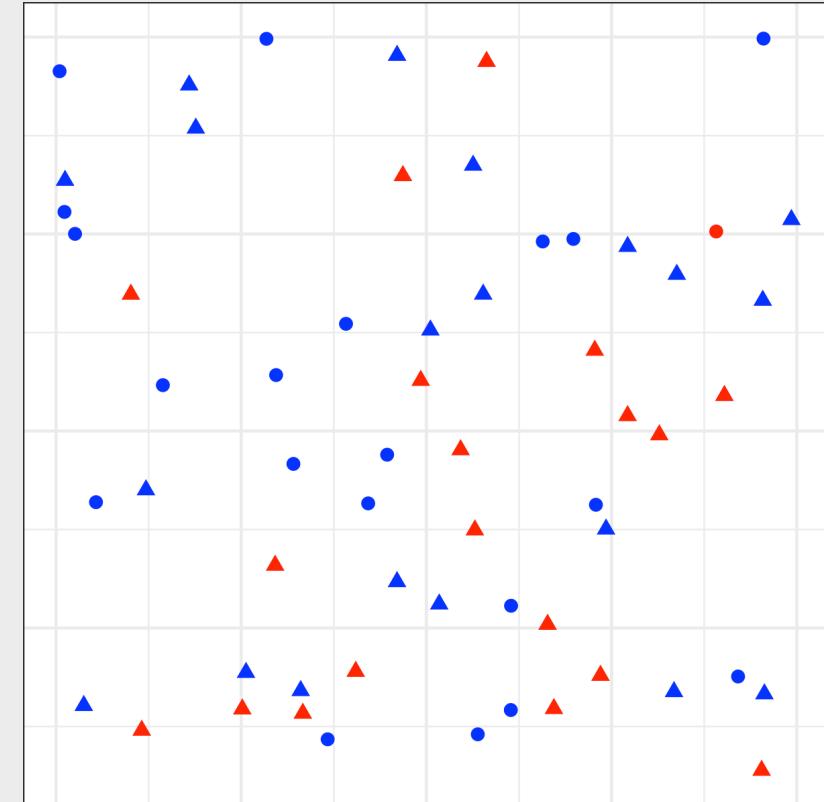
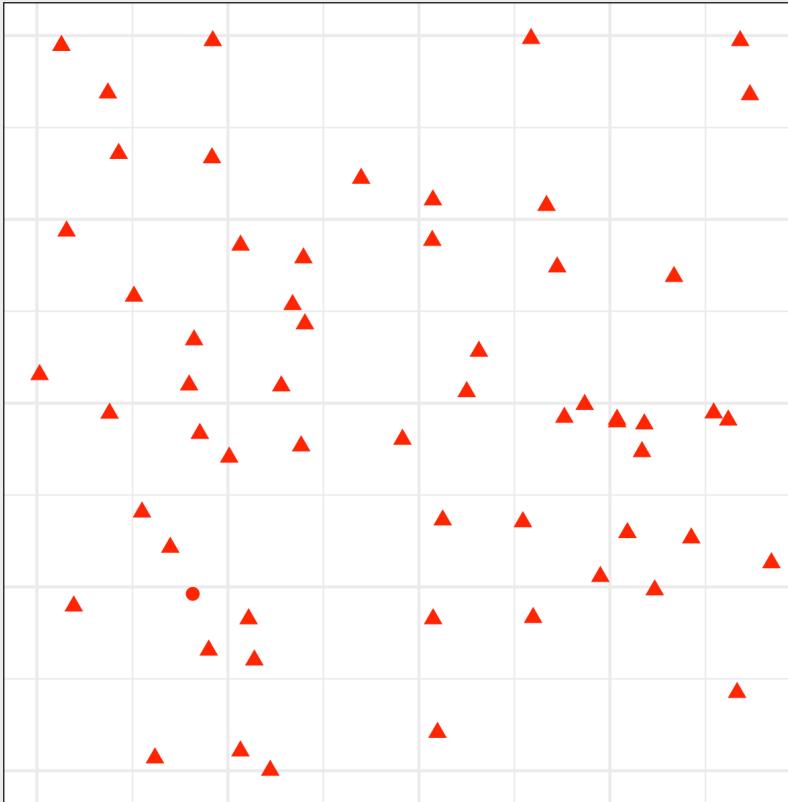
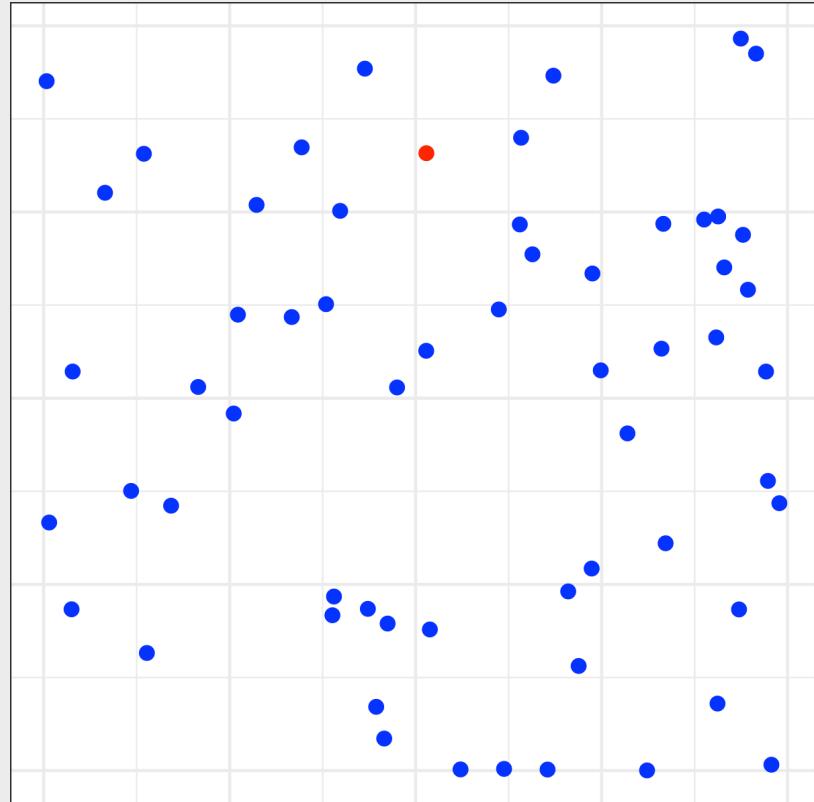
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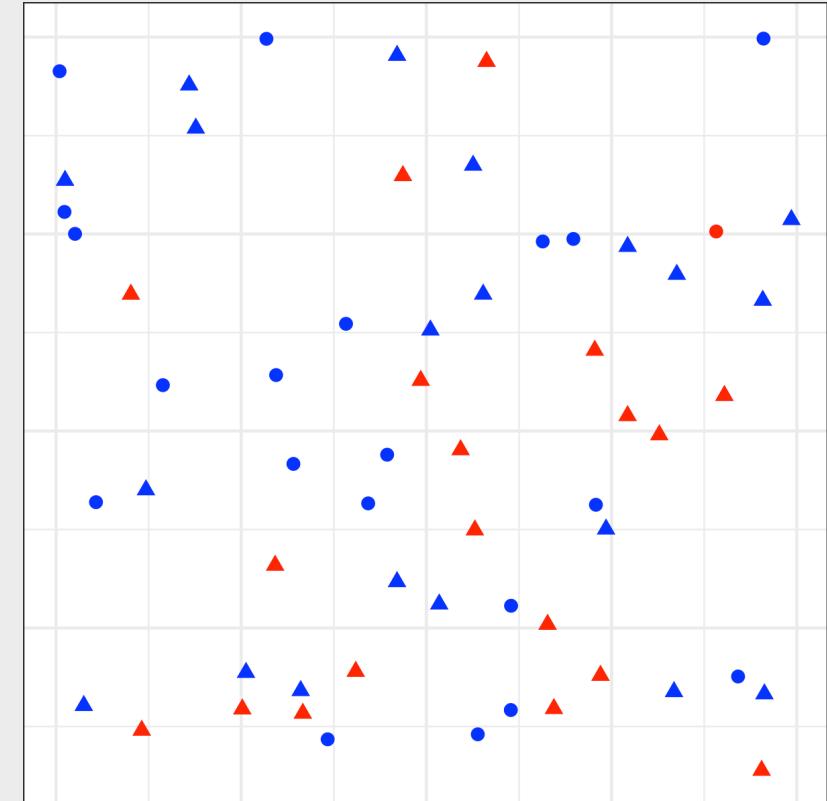
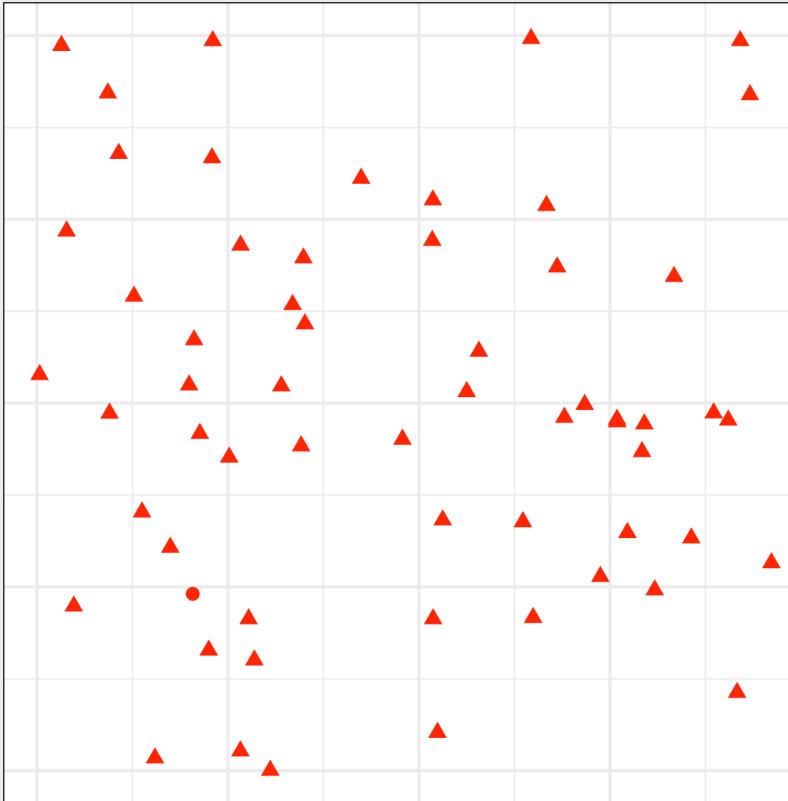
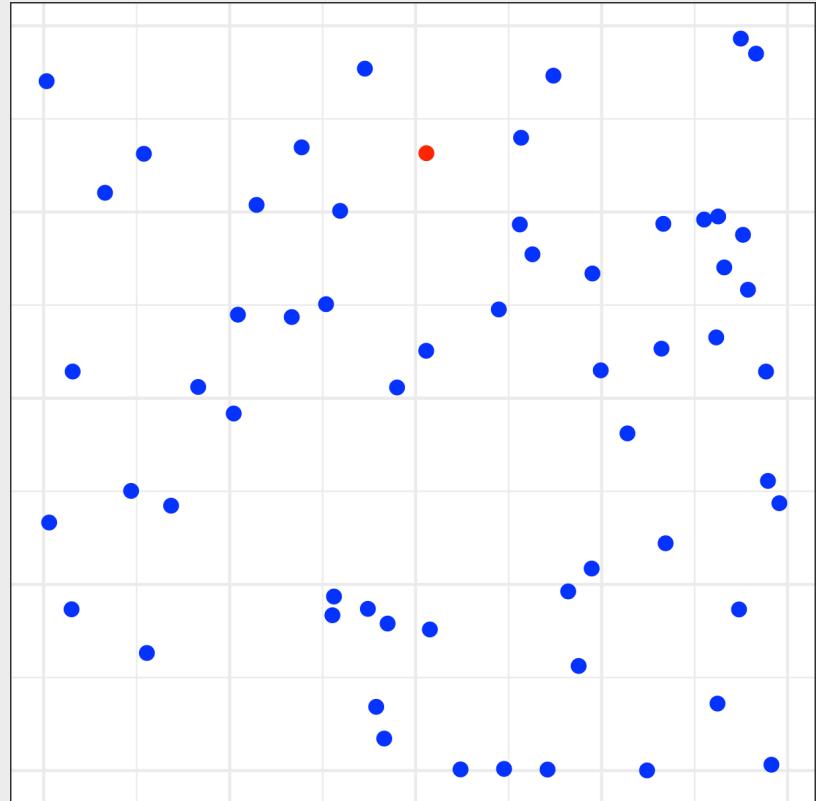


Not all pre-attentive
attributes are equal

Is there a red dot?

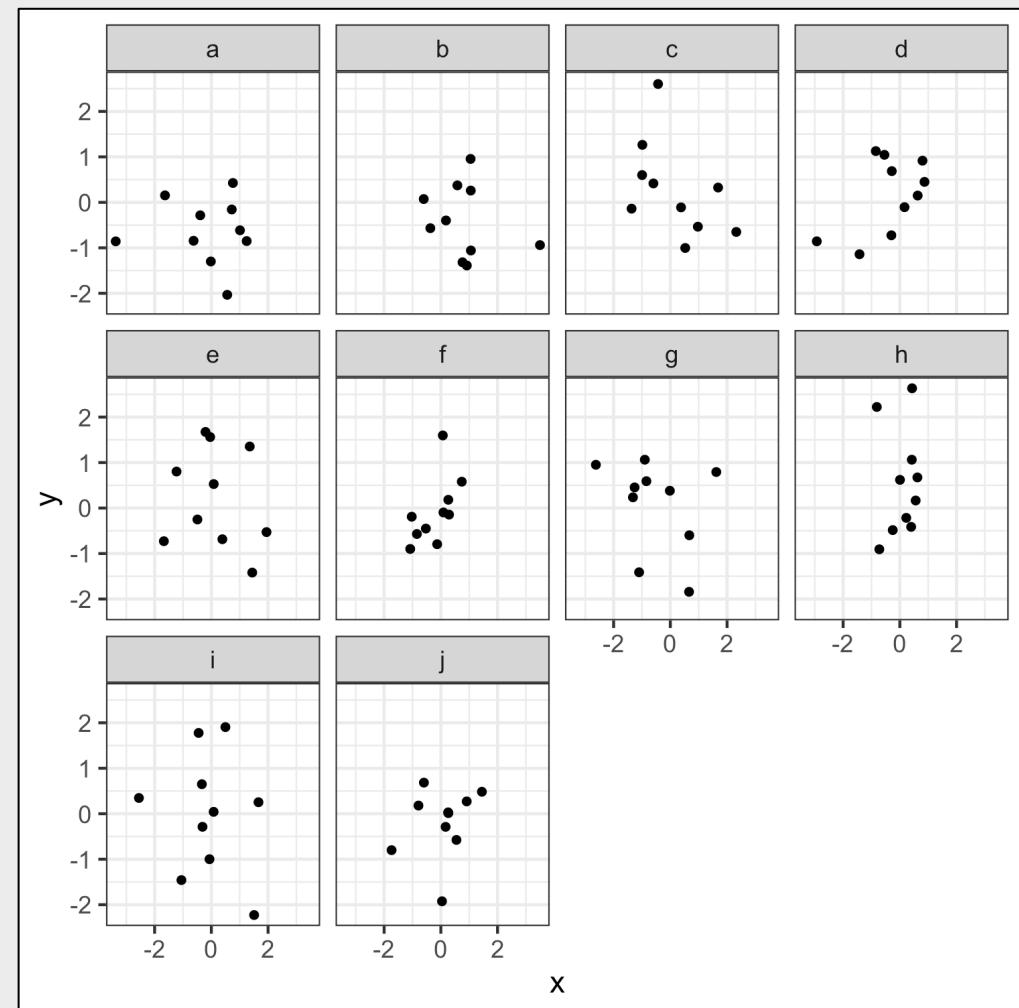
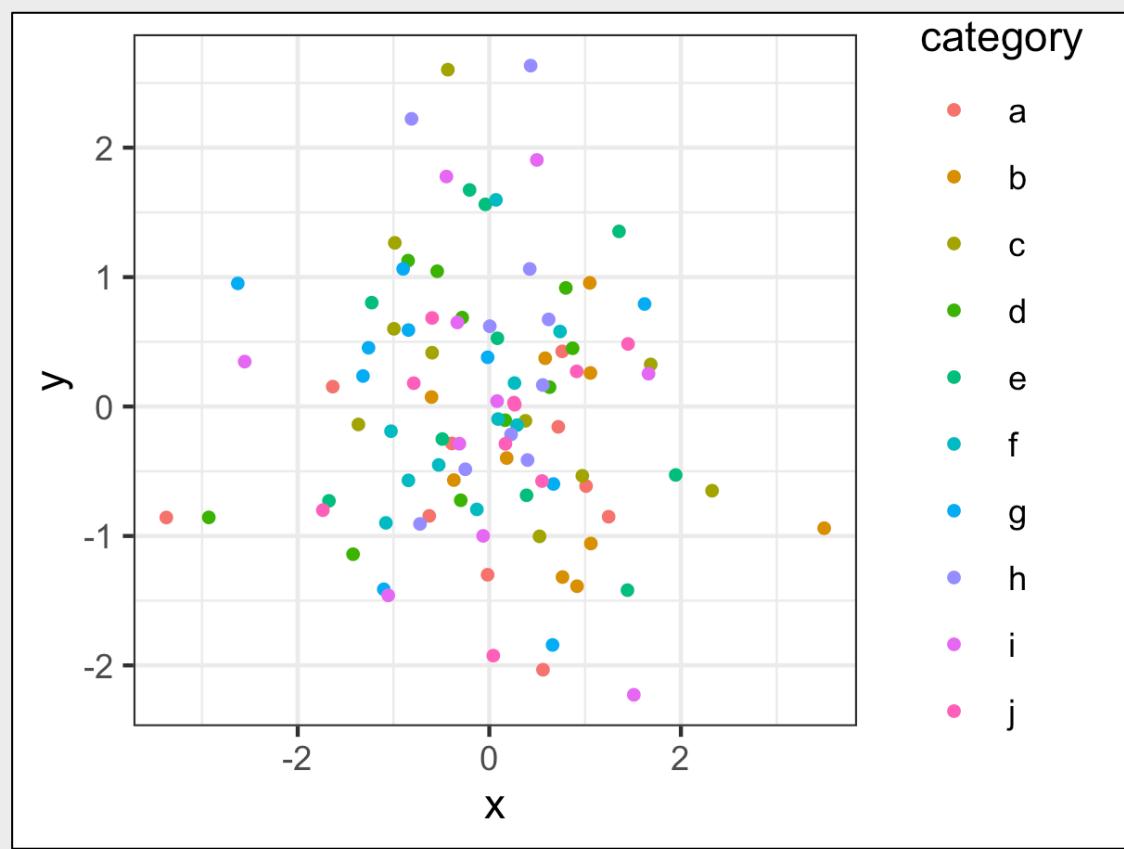


For categorical data



Hue > Shape

Less is more

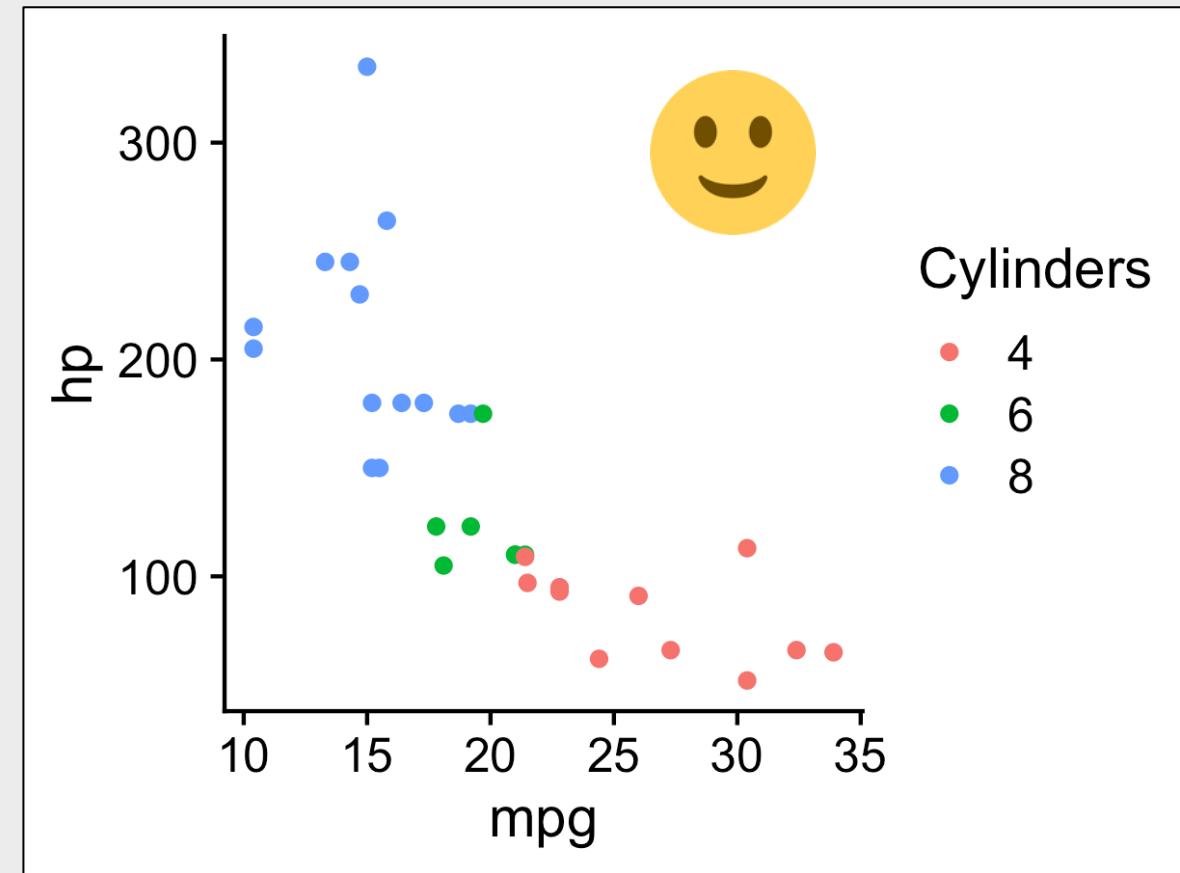


Graph components

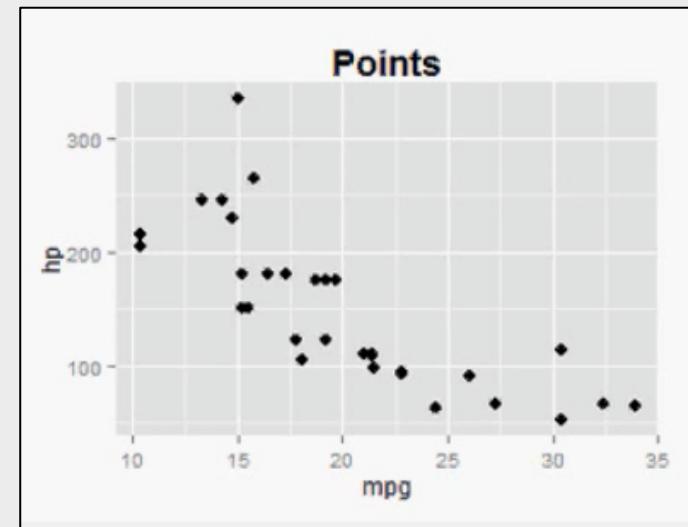
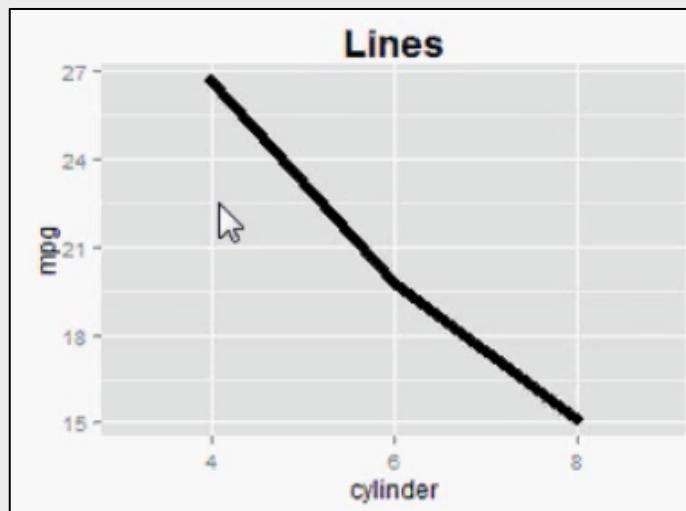
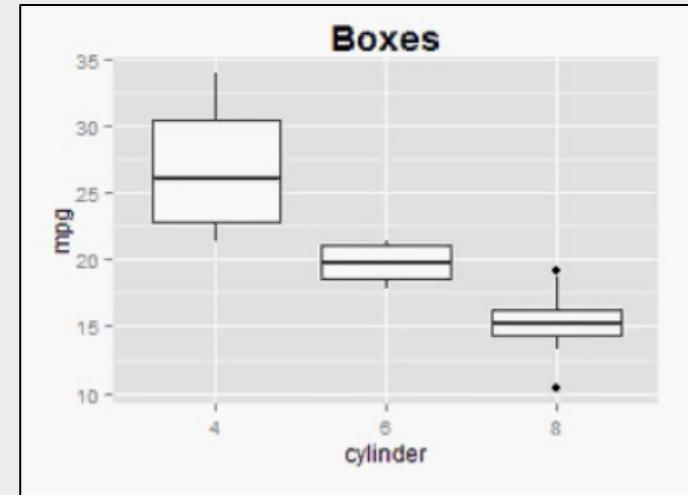
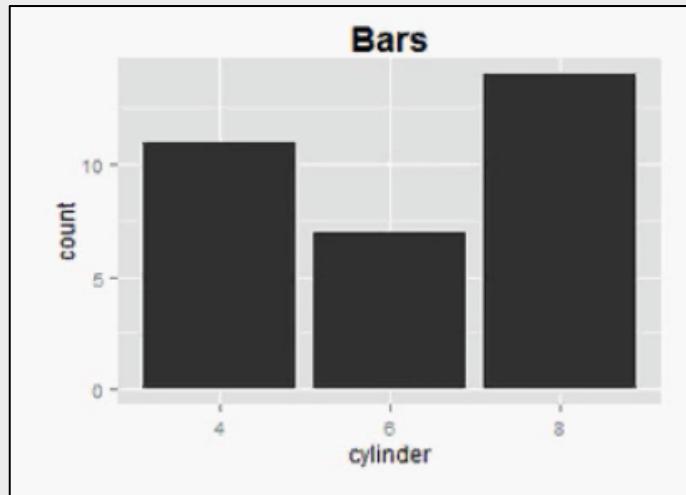
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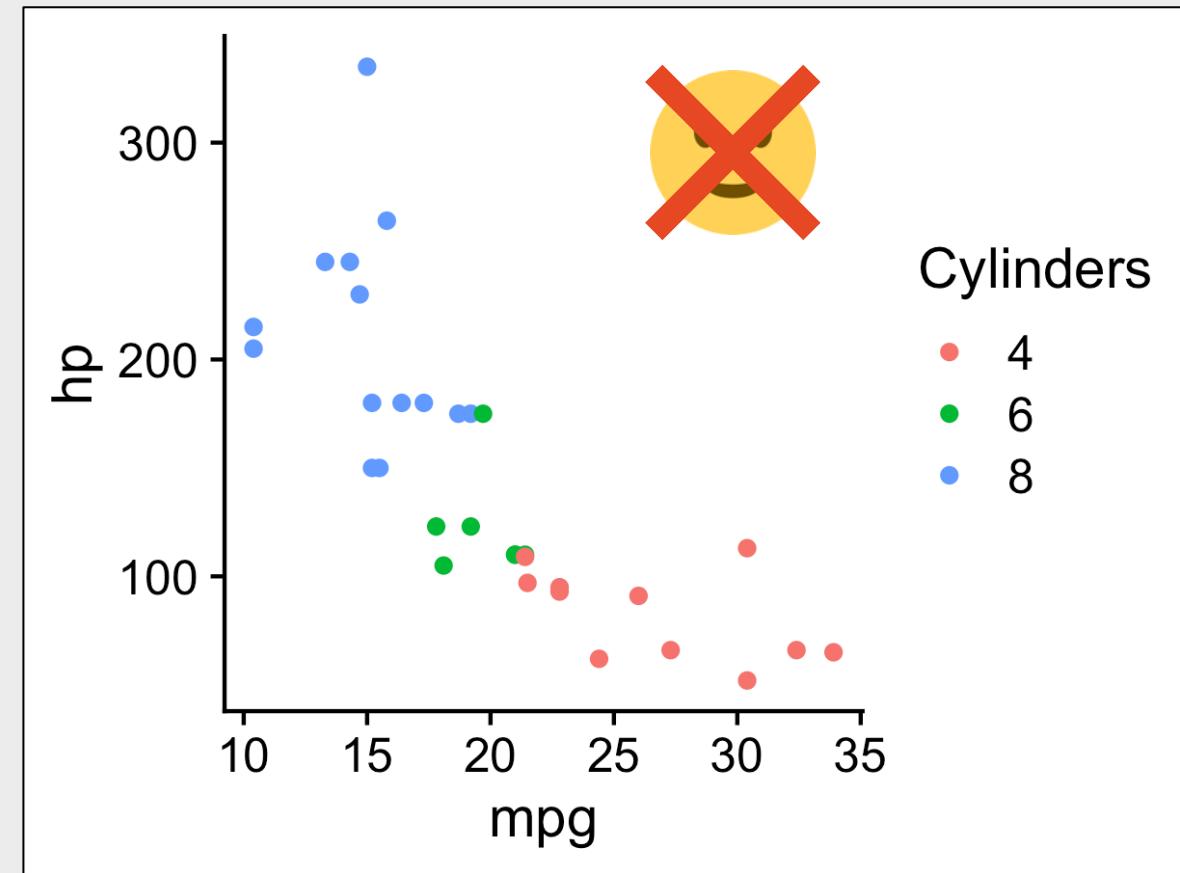


Geoms: geometric shapes used to represent data



Graph components

1. Geoms:
points, lines, boxes, bars, etc.
 2. Pre-attentive attributes:
position, color, shape, curvature, etc.
 3. Non-data ink:
scales, grid lines, legend, labels, etc.
- No “chart junk” (Tufte, 2001)



“Erase non-data ink.”
- Edward Tufte

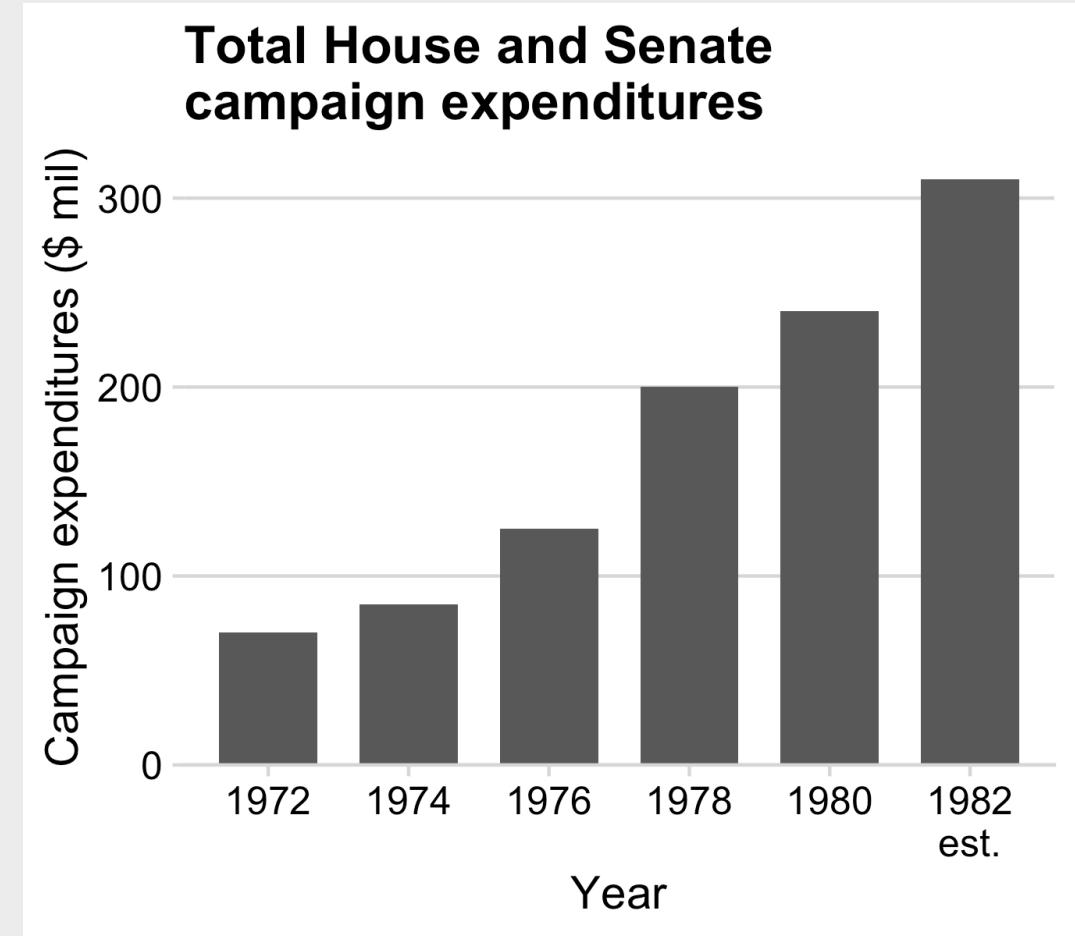


Figure 1.6: 'Monstrous Costs' by Nigel Holmes, in Healy, 2018

Lessons from Psychology research

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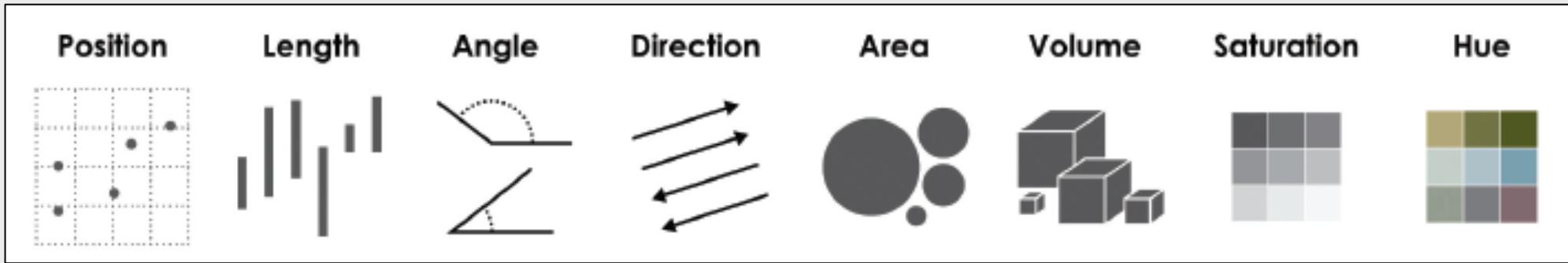
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Table 1. Ordering elementary tasks by accuracy, according to theoretical arguments and experimental results. Graphs should exploit tasks as high in the ordering as possible. The tasks are ordered from most accurate to least.

Rank	Aspect judged
1	Position along a common scale
2	Position on identical but nonaligned scales
3	Length
4	Angle
5	Slope (with θ not too close to $0, \pi/2$, or π radians)
6	Area
7	Volume
	Density
	Color saturation
	Color hue

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Pattern recognition hierarchy:



← More accurate

Less accurate →

Full disclosure:

Much of the next 50-ish slides are
from John Rauser's [talk on YouTube](#)

Cleveland's three visual operations of pattern perception:

- **Estimation** —→ • Discrimination $X \neq Y$
- Assembly • Ranking $X > Y$
- Detection • Ratioing X / Y

“At the heart of quantitative reasoning is a single question: compared to what?”

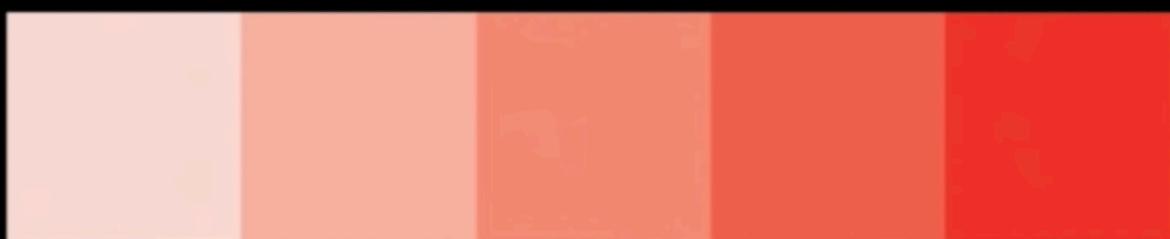
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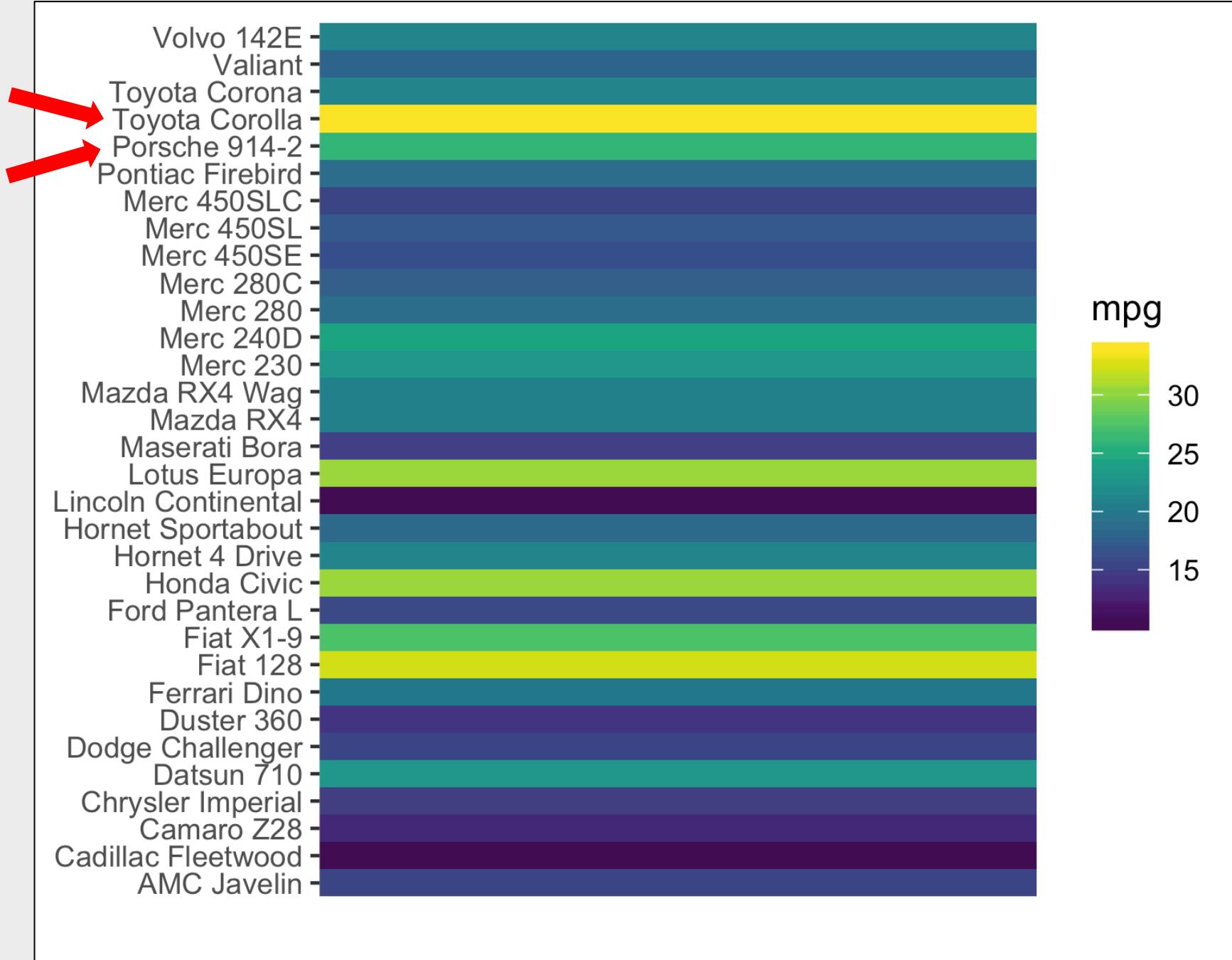


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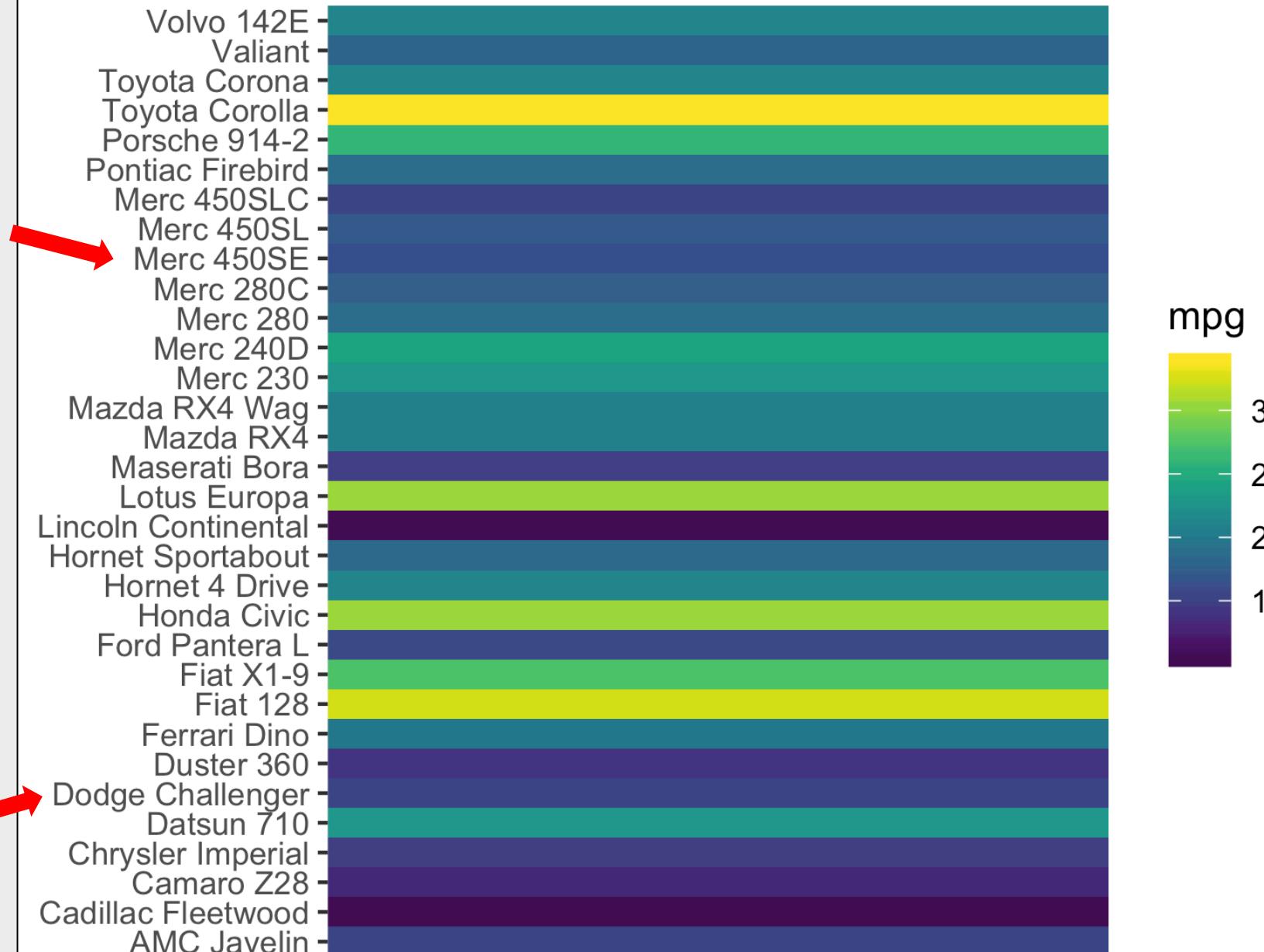
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Discrimination?



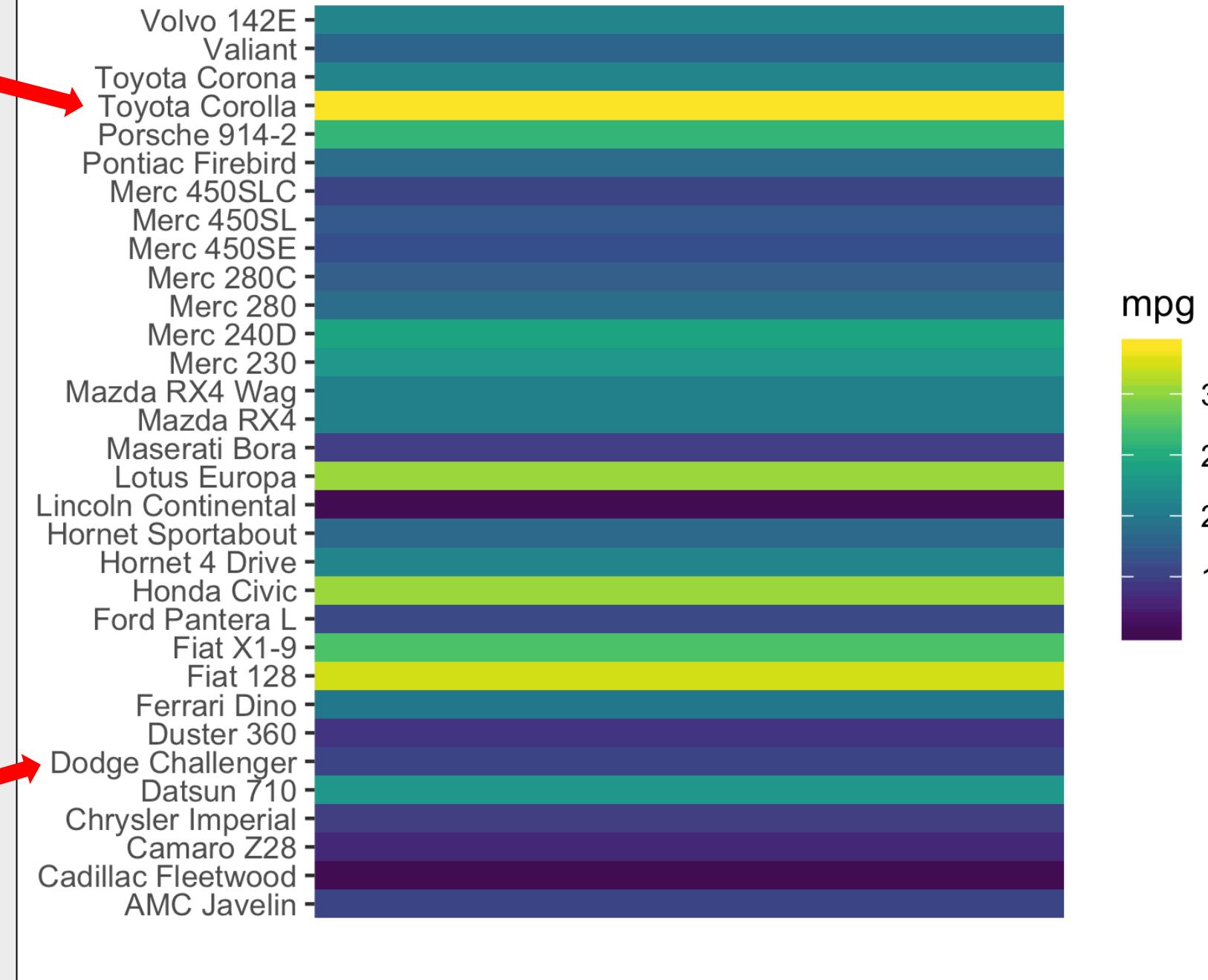
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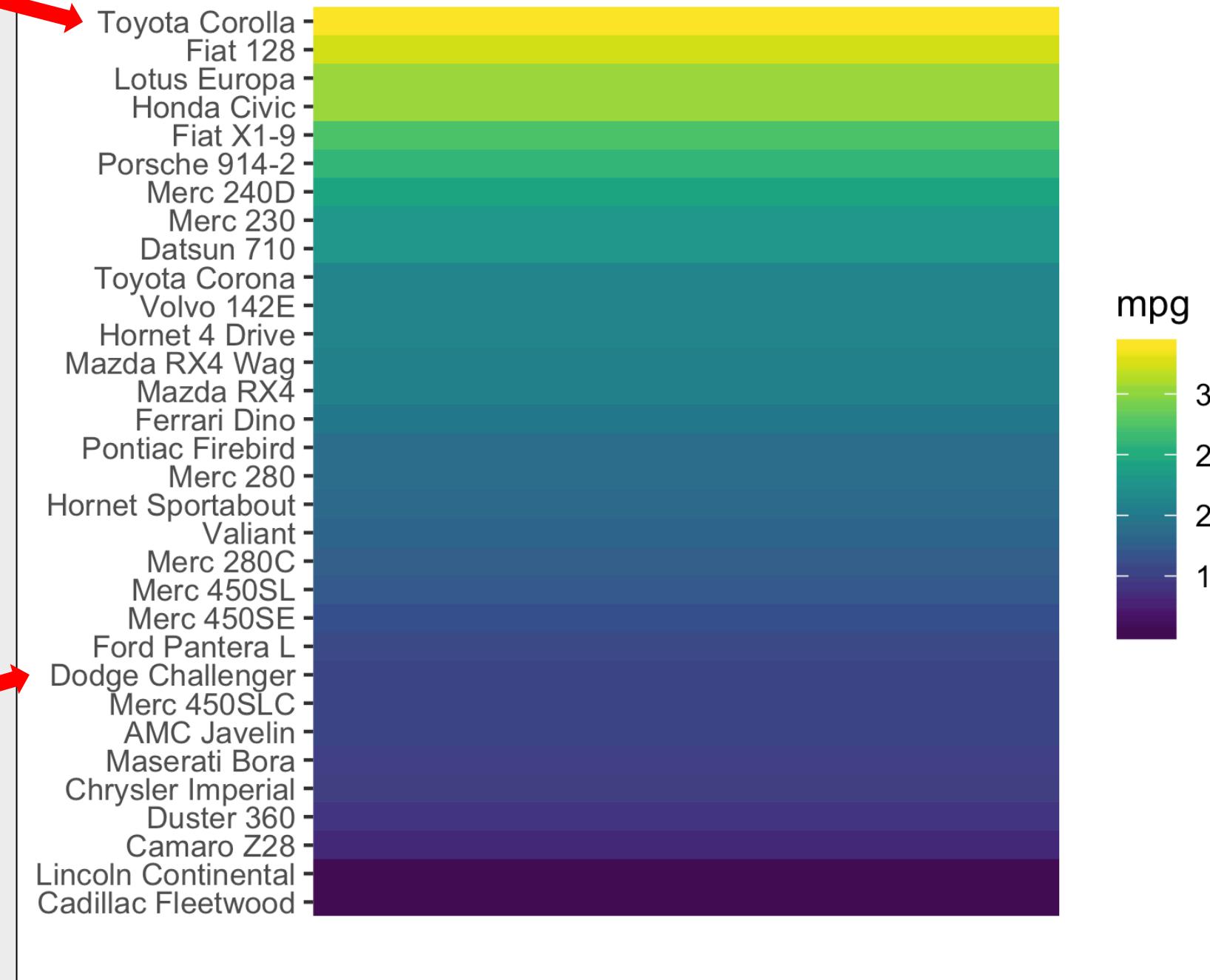
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Ranking?



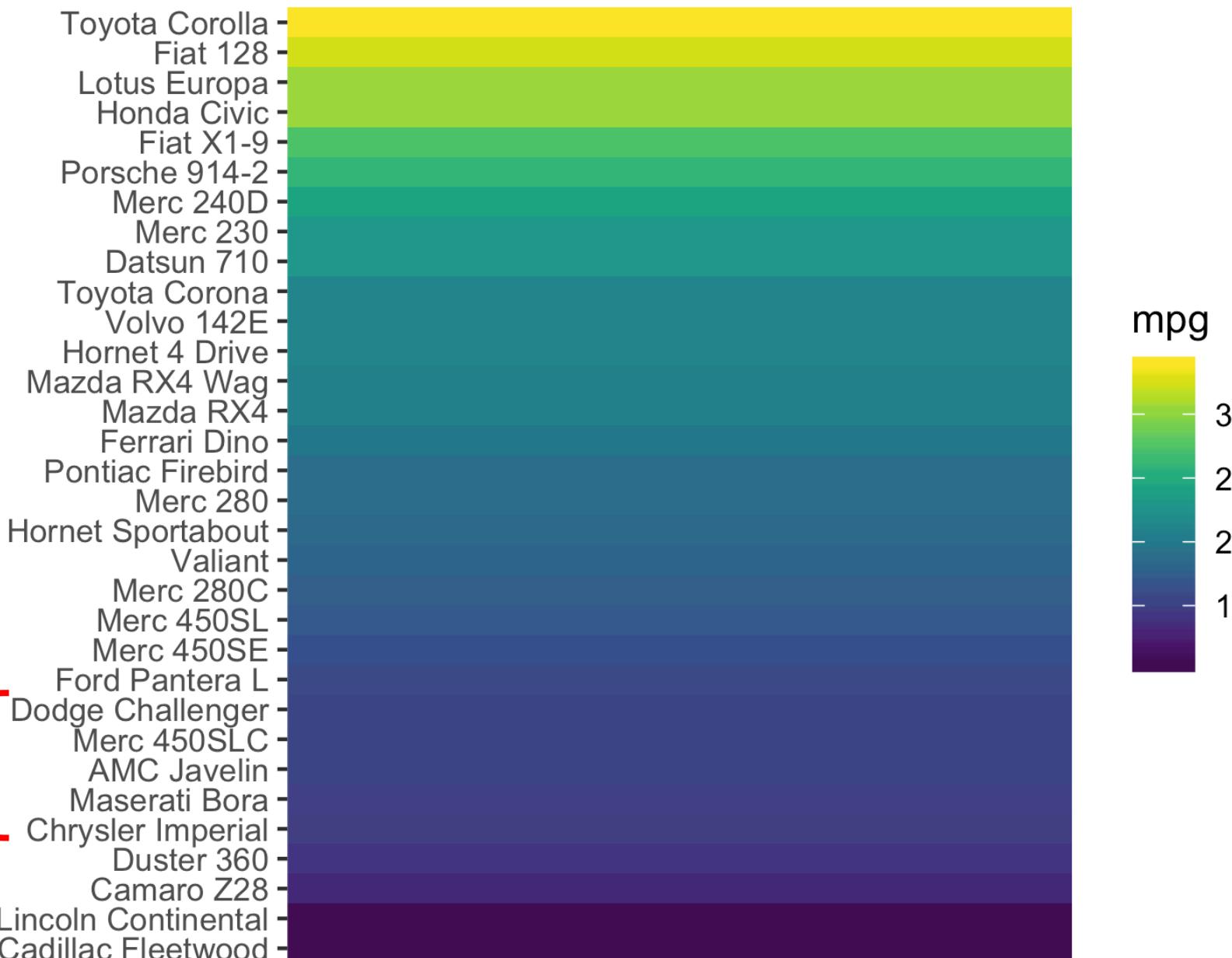
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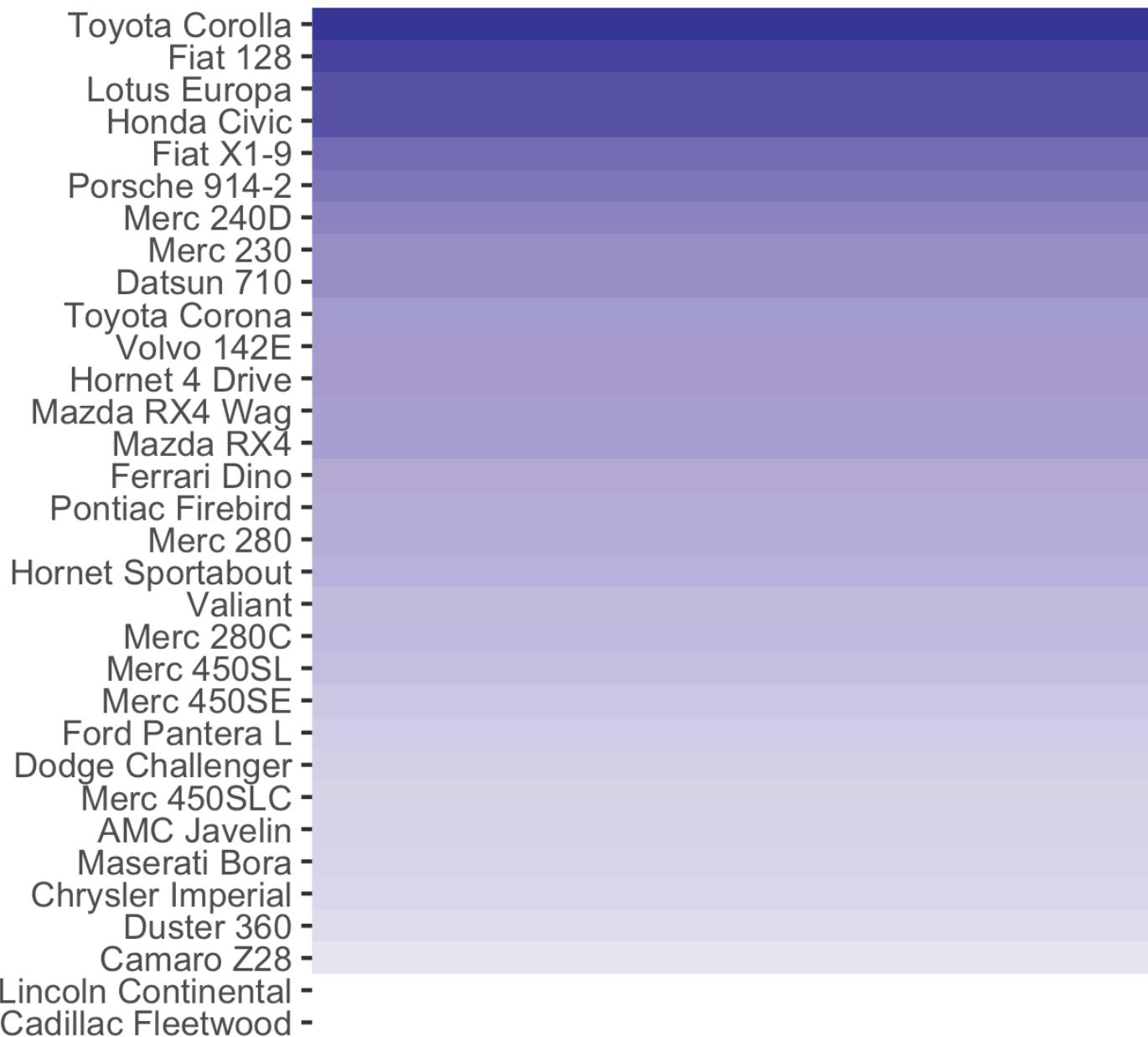


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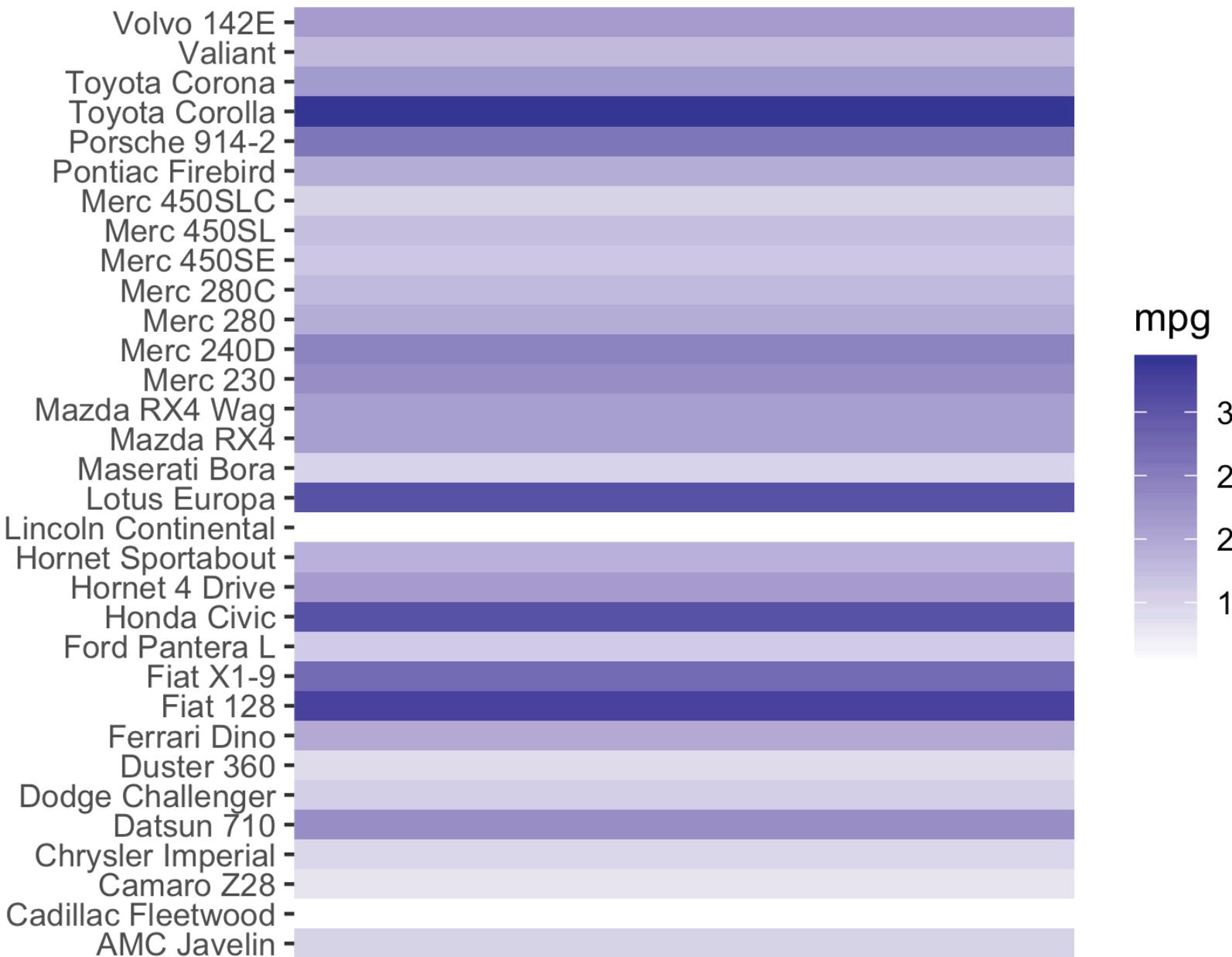
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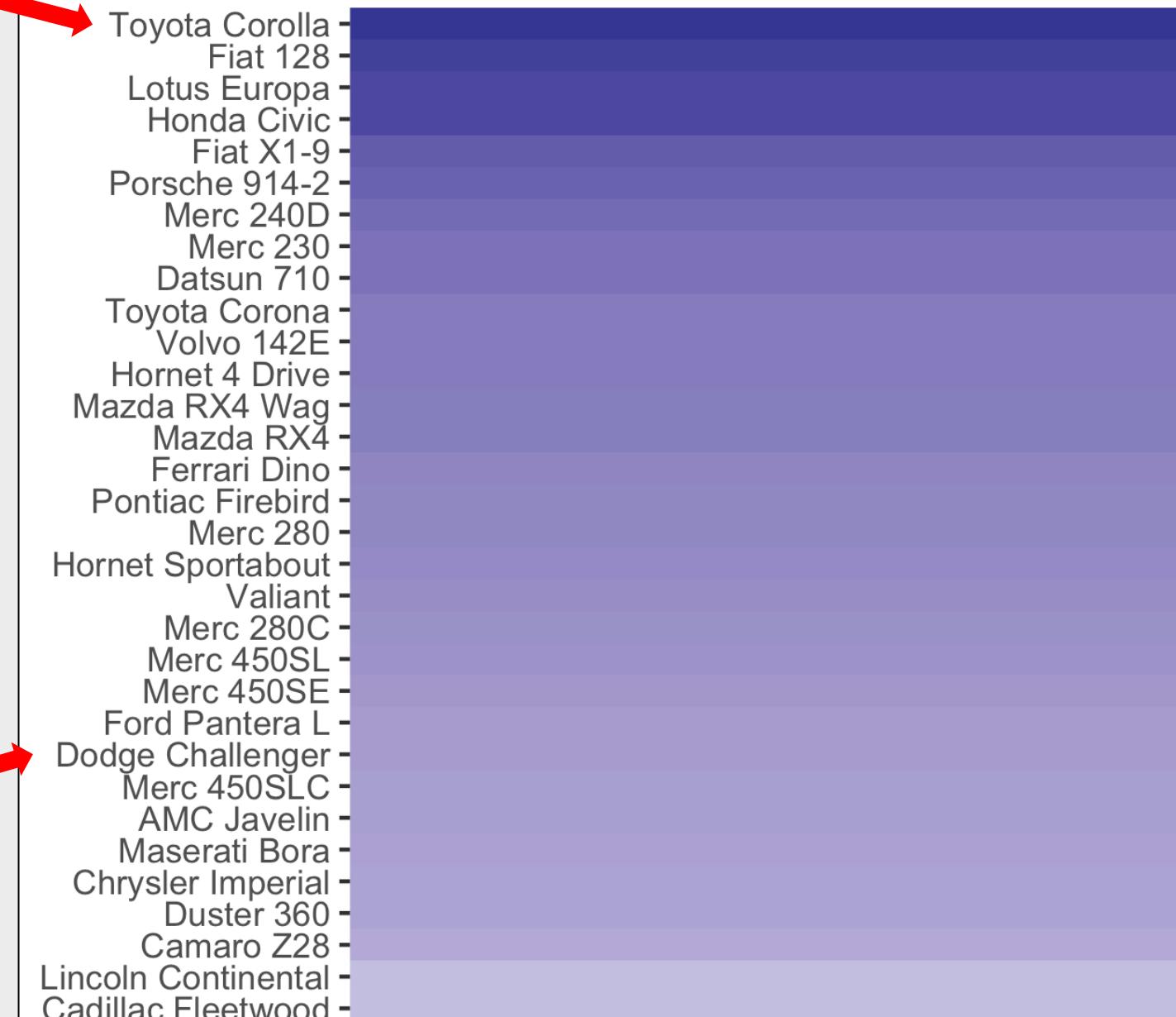


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Ratioing?



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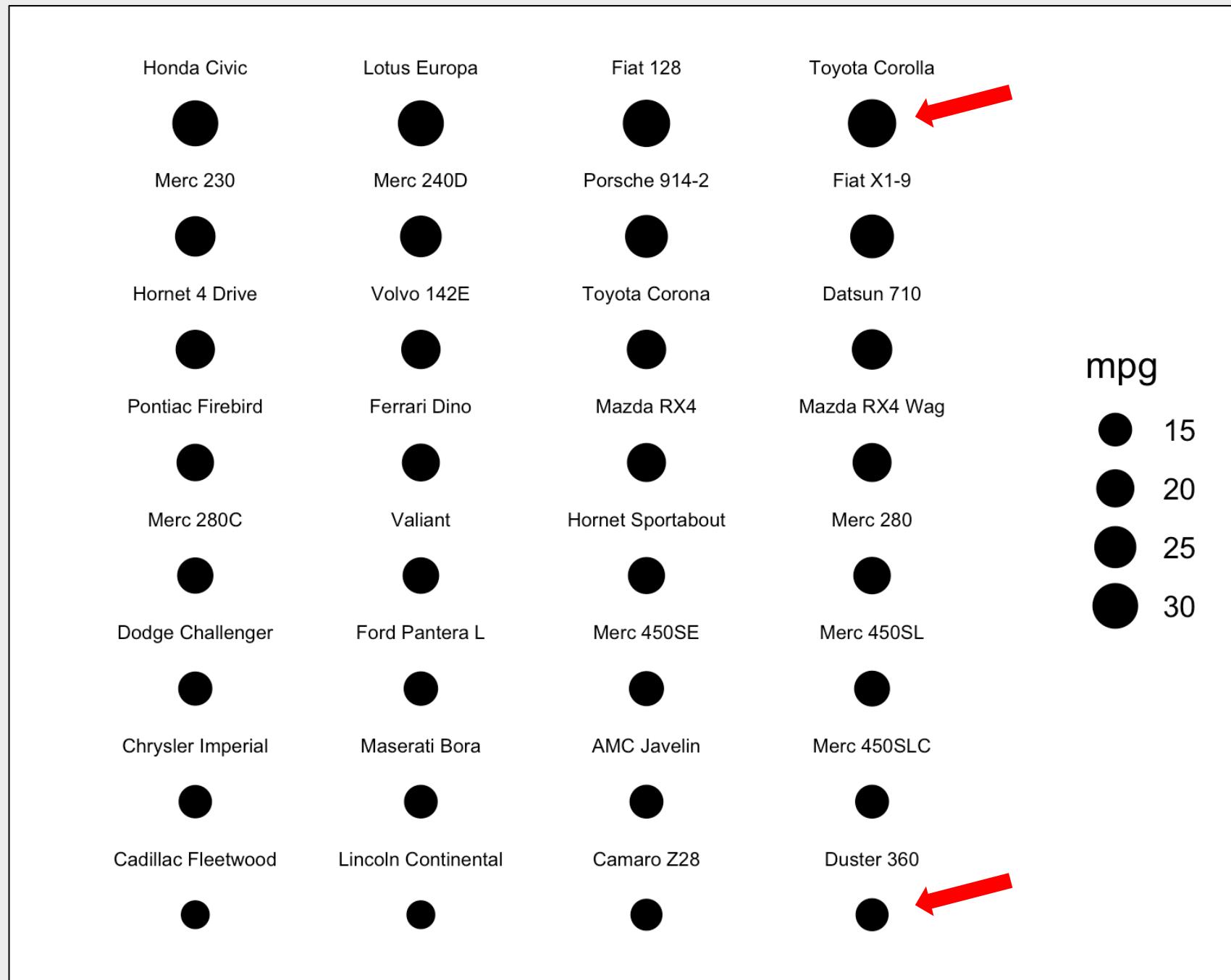
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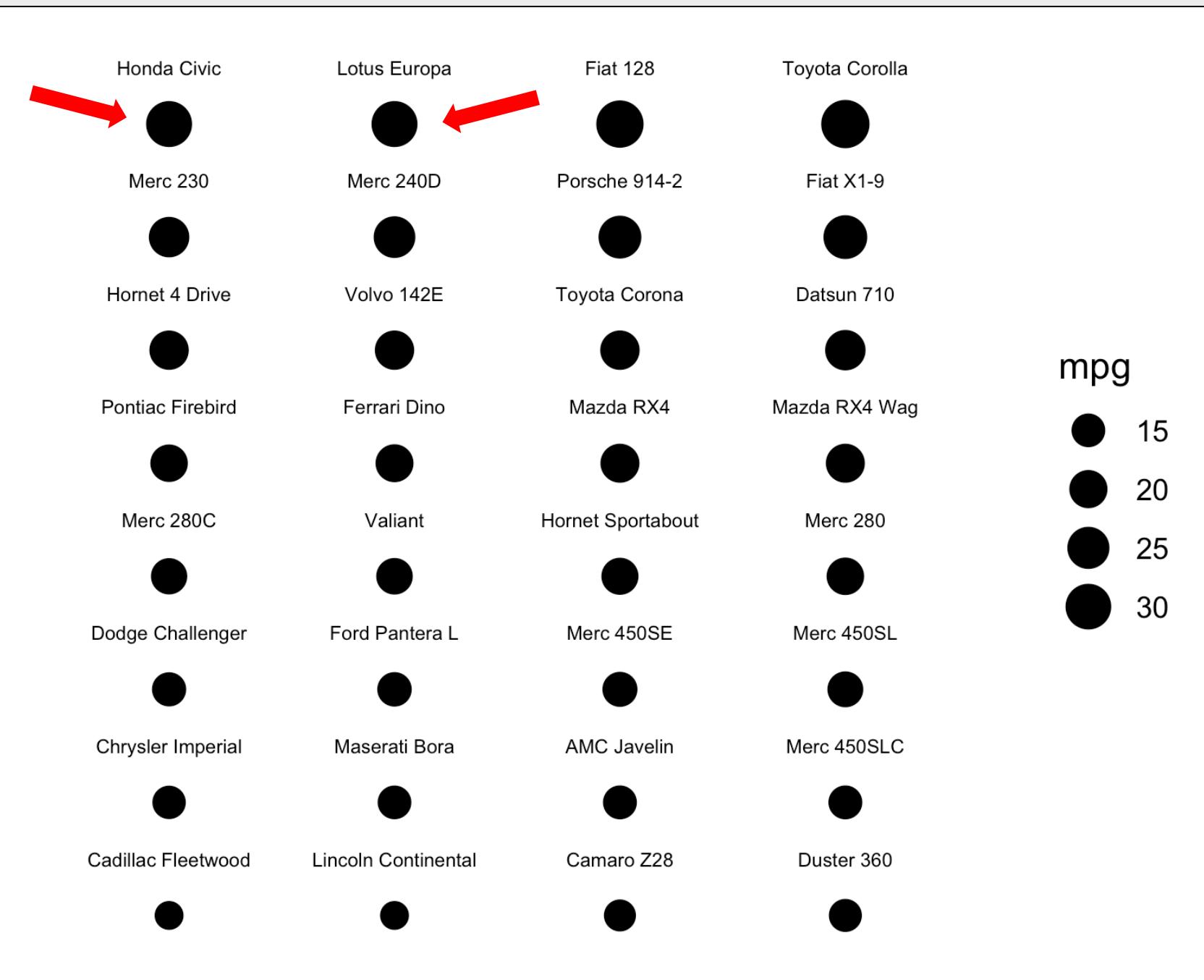
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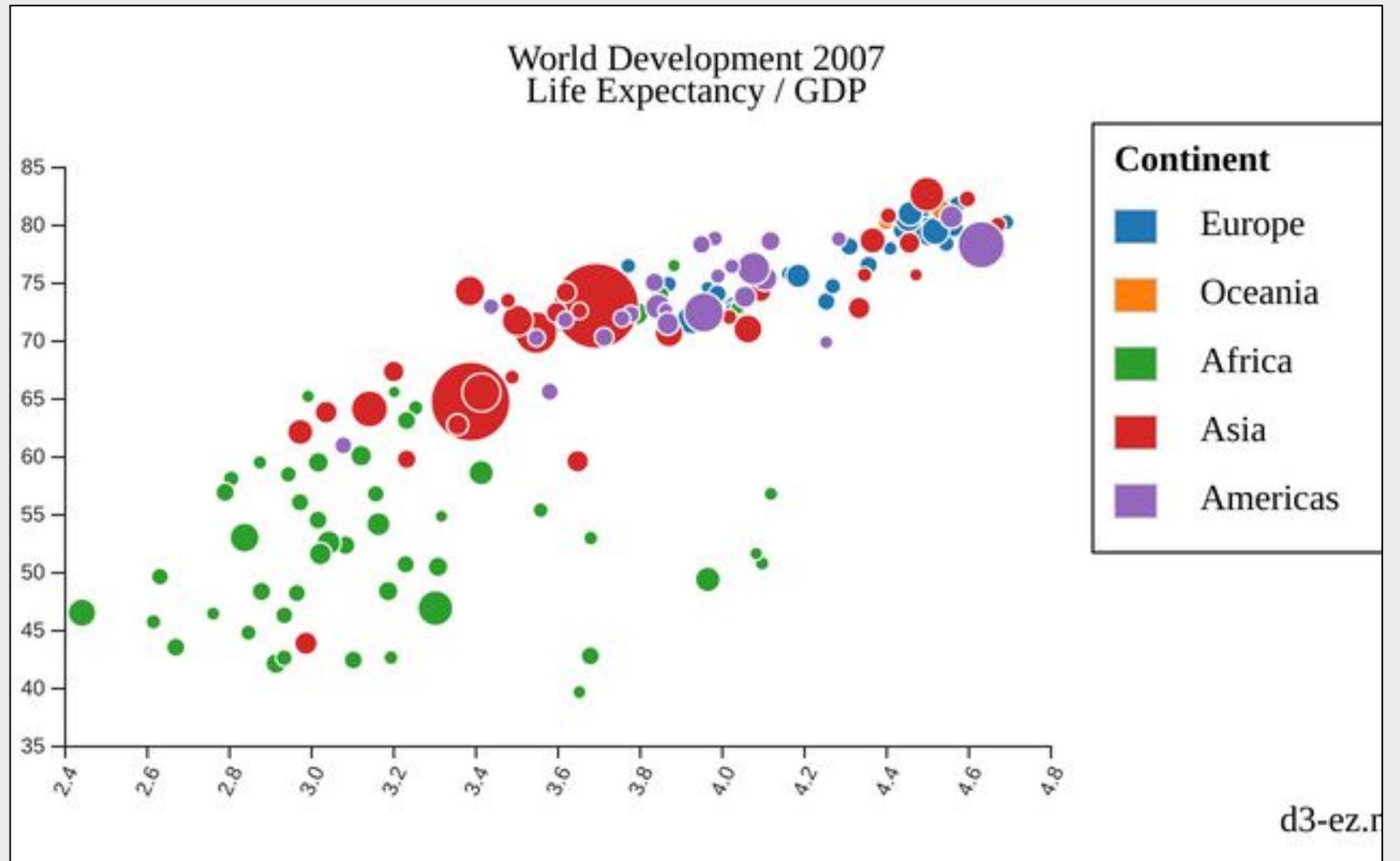


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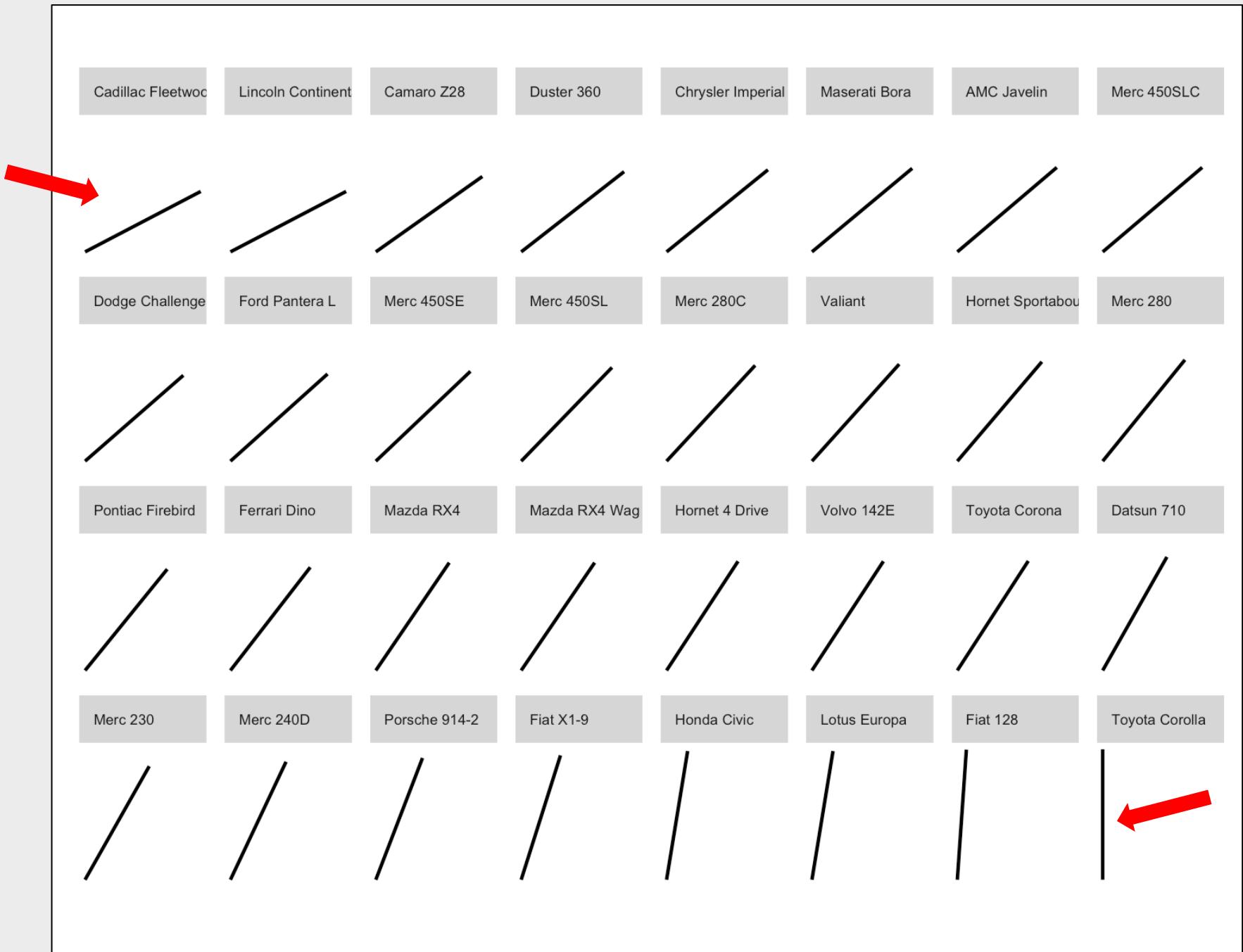


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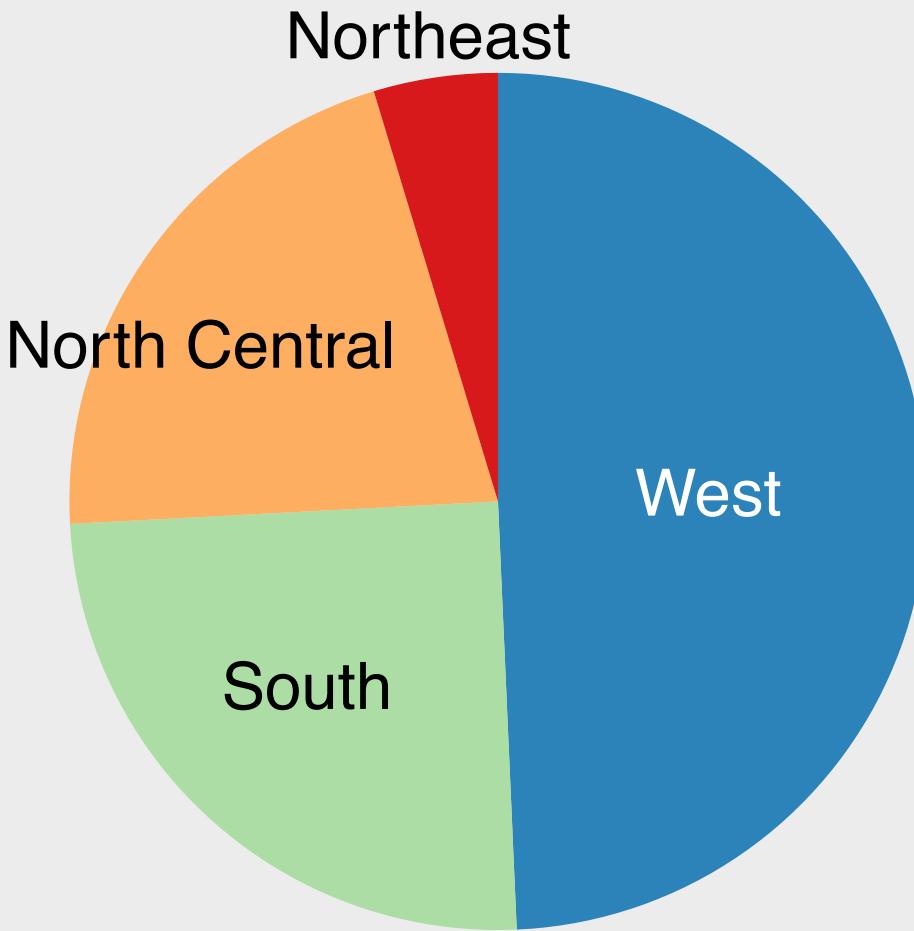


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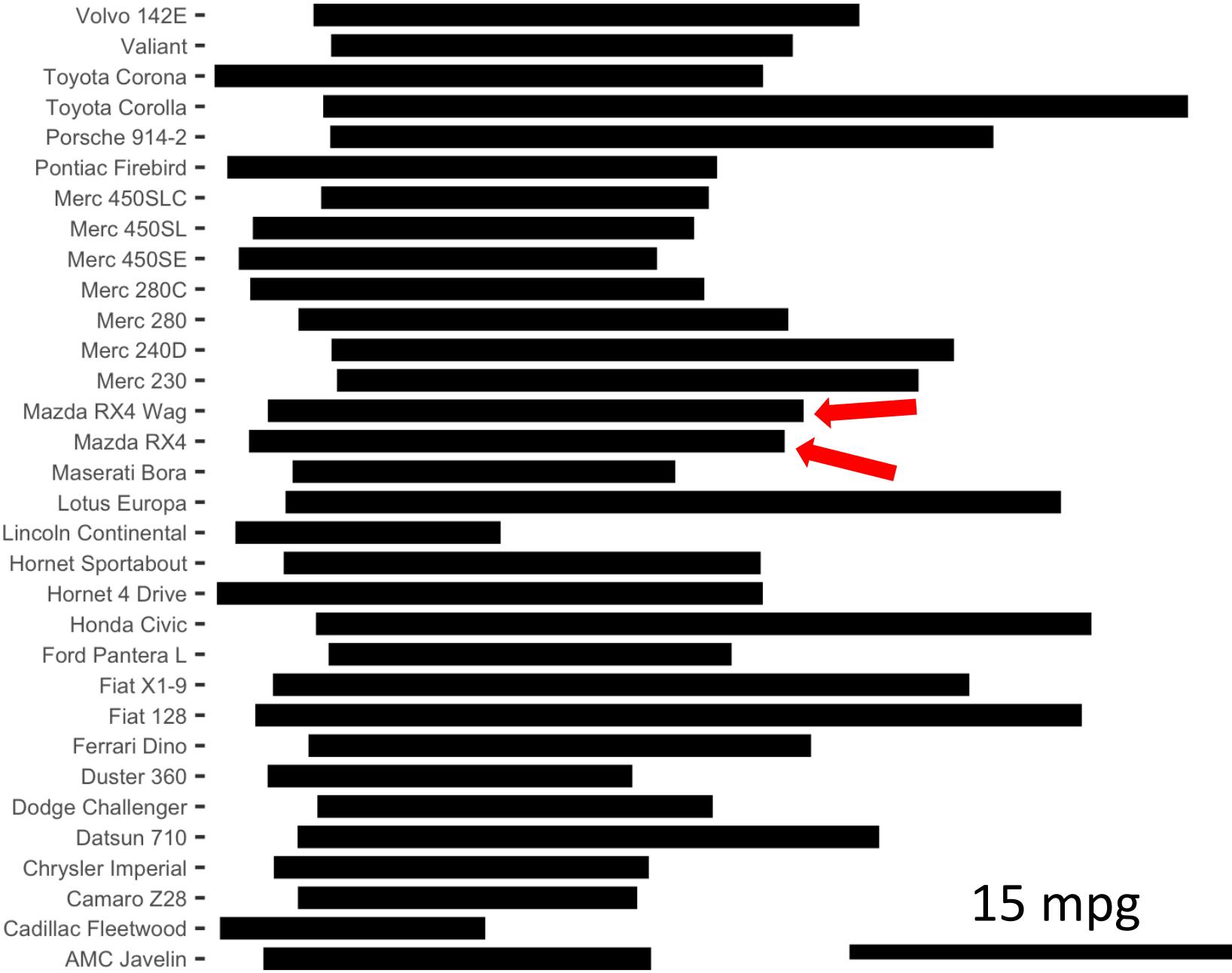
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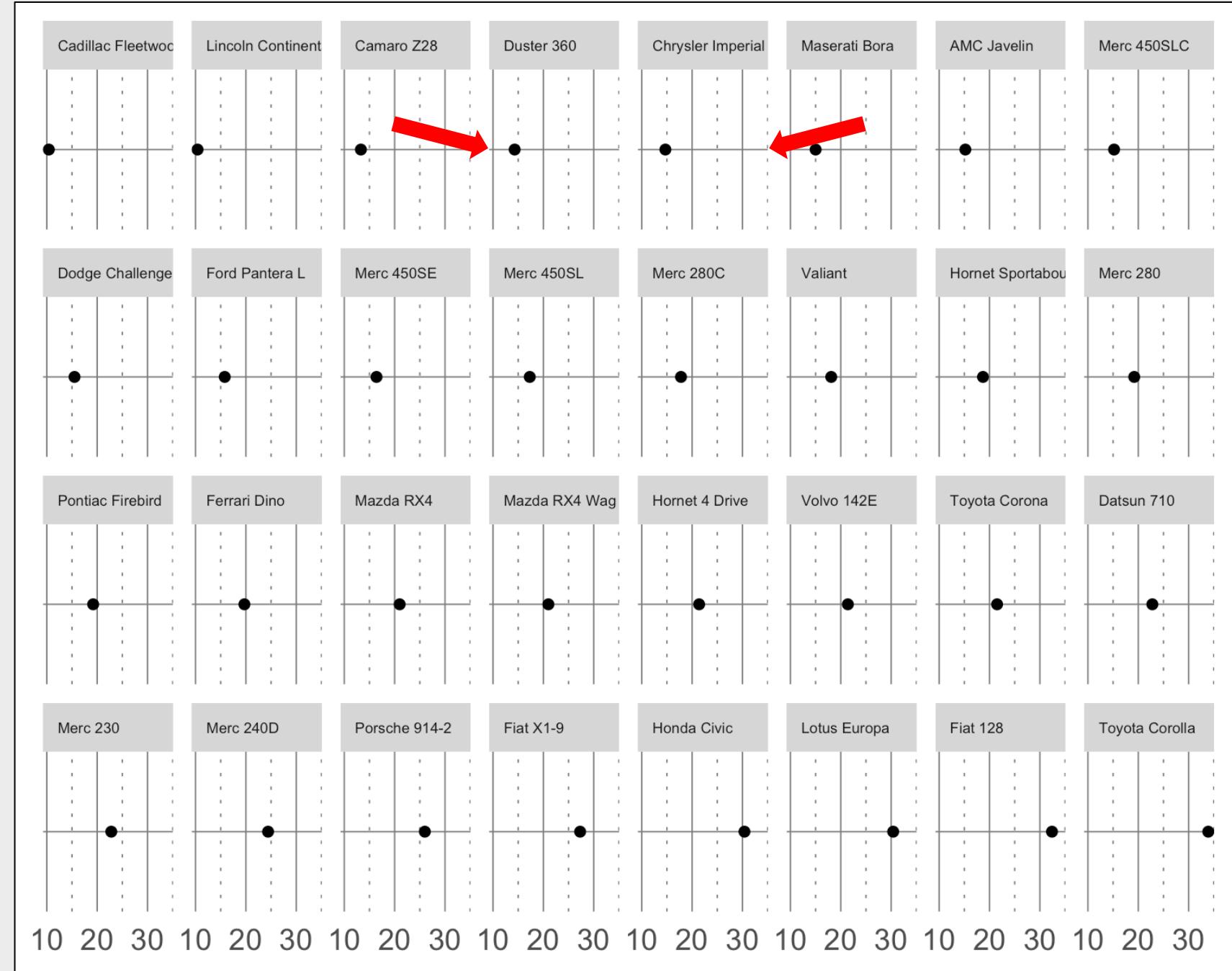
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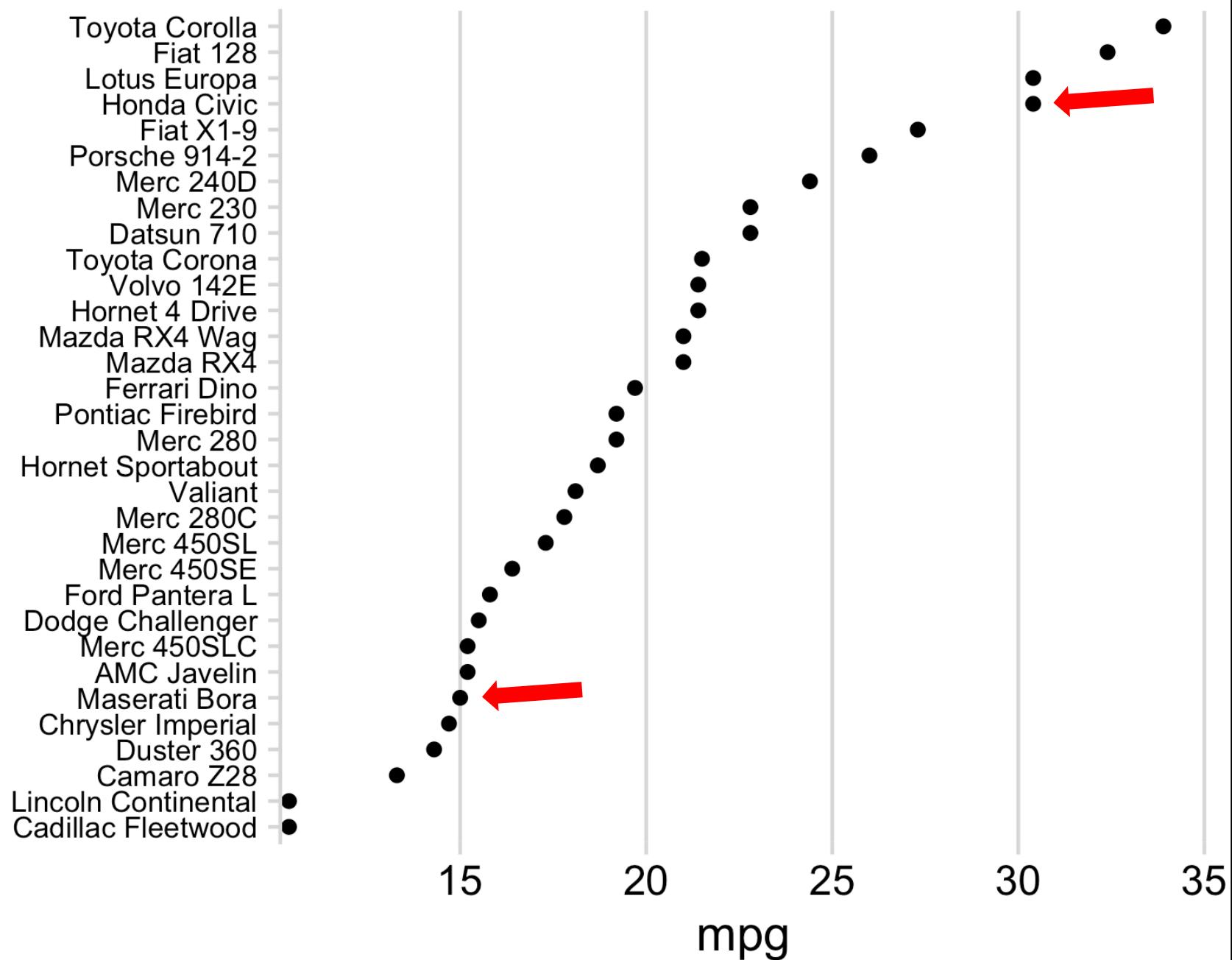
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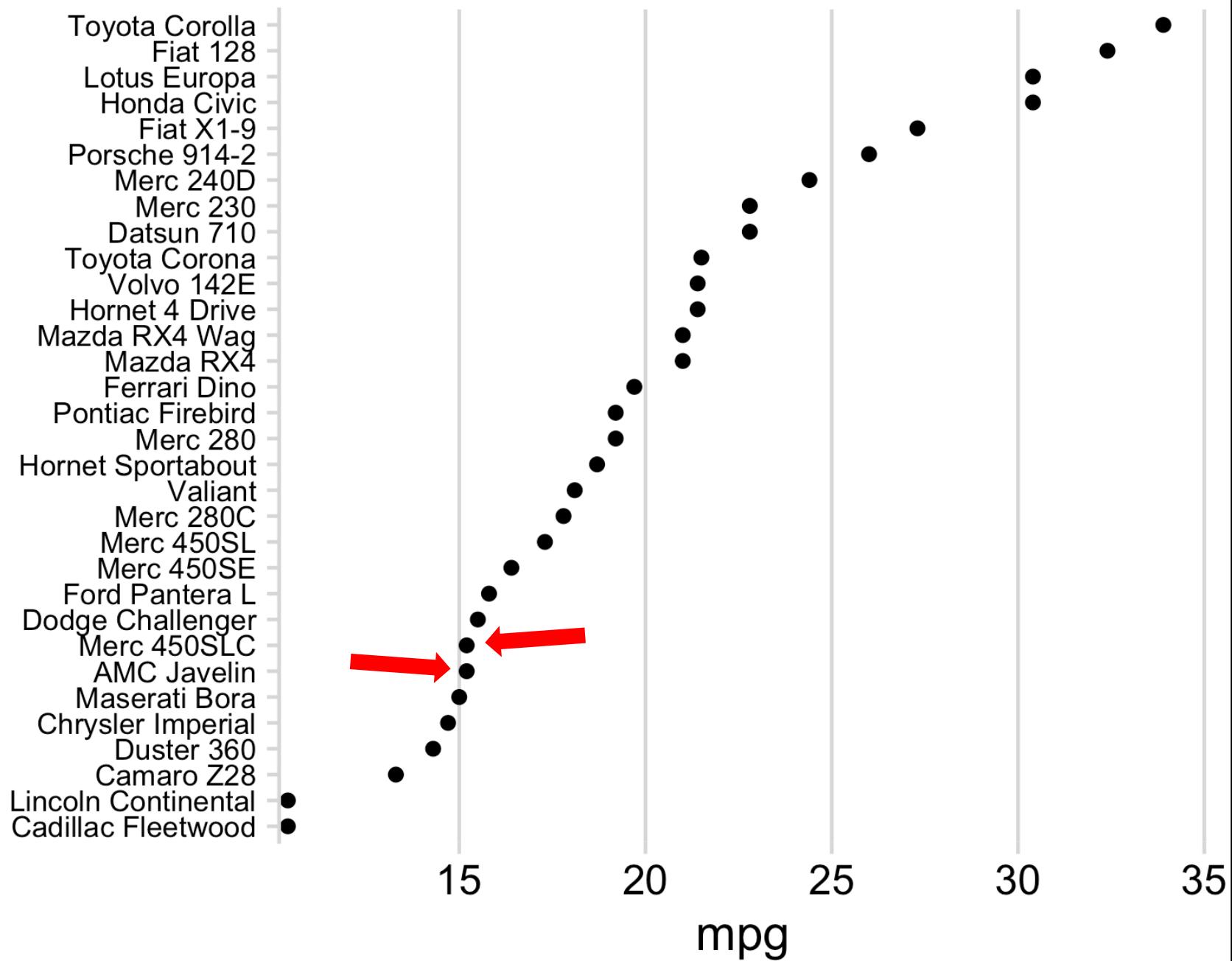
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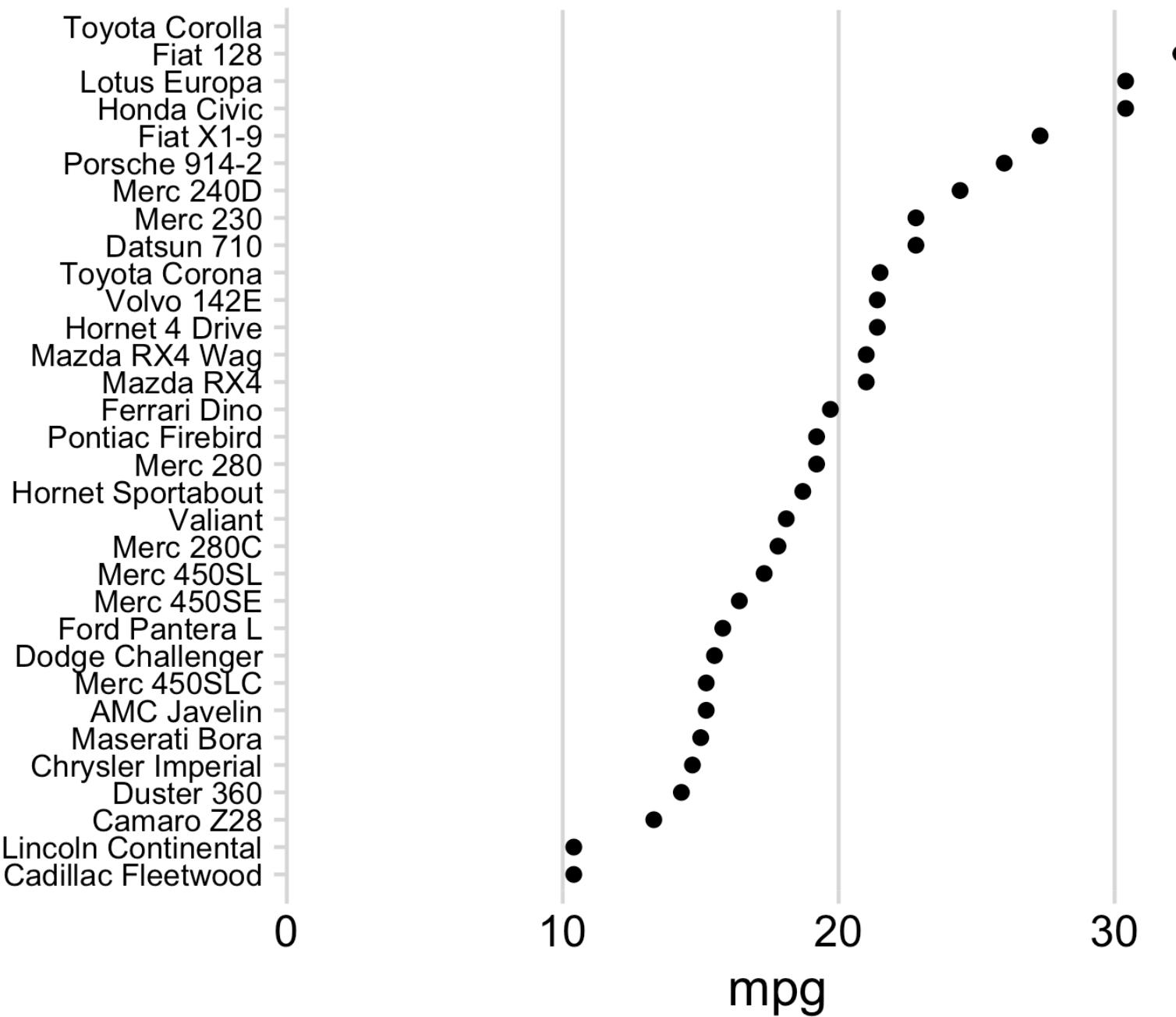
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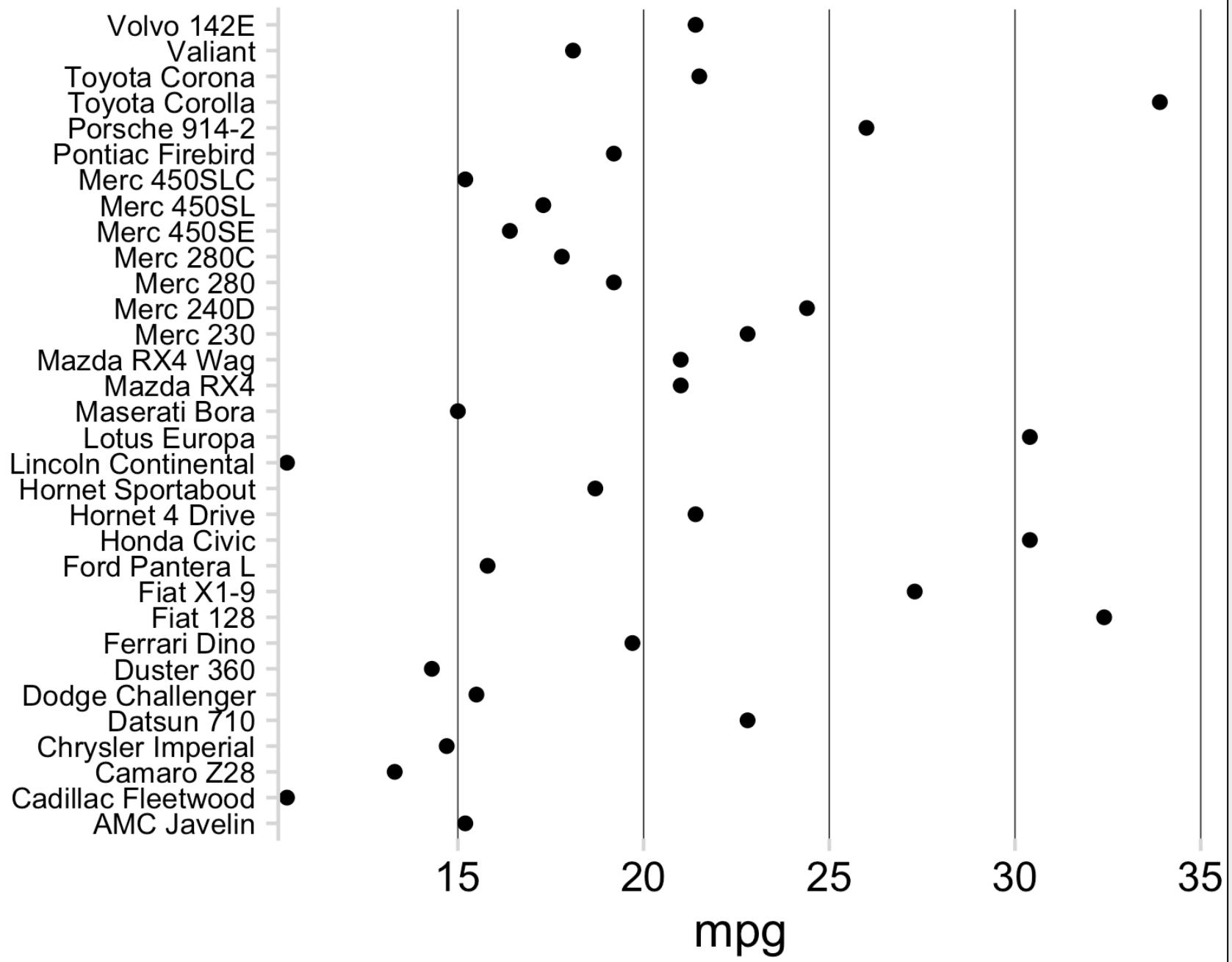
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- Isn't needed for accurate ratioing



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Ordering still crucial



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- **Assembly** → The grouping of graphical elements
- Detection

Gestalt Psychology

The whole has a reality that is entirely separate from the parts



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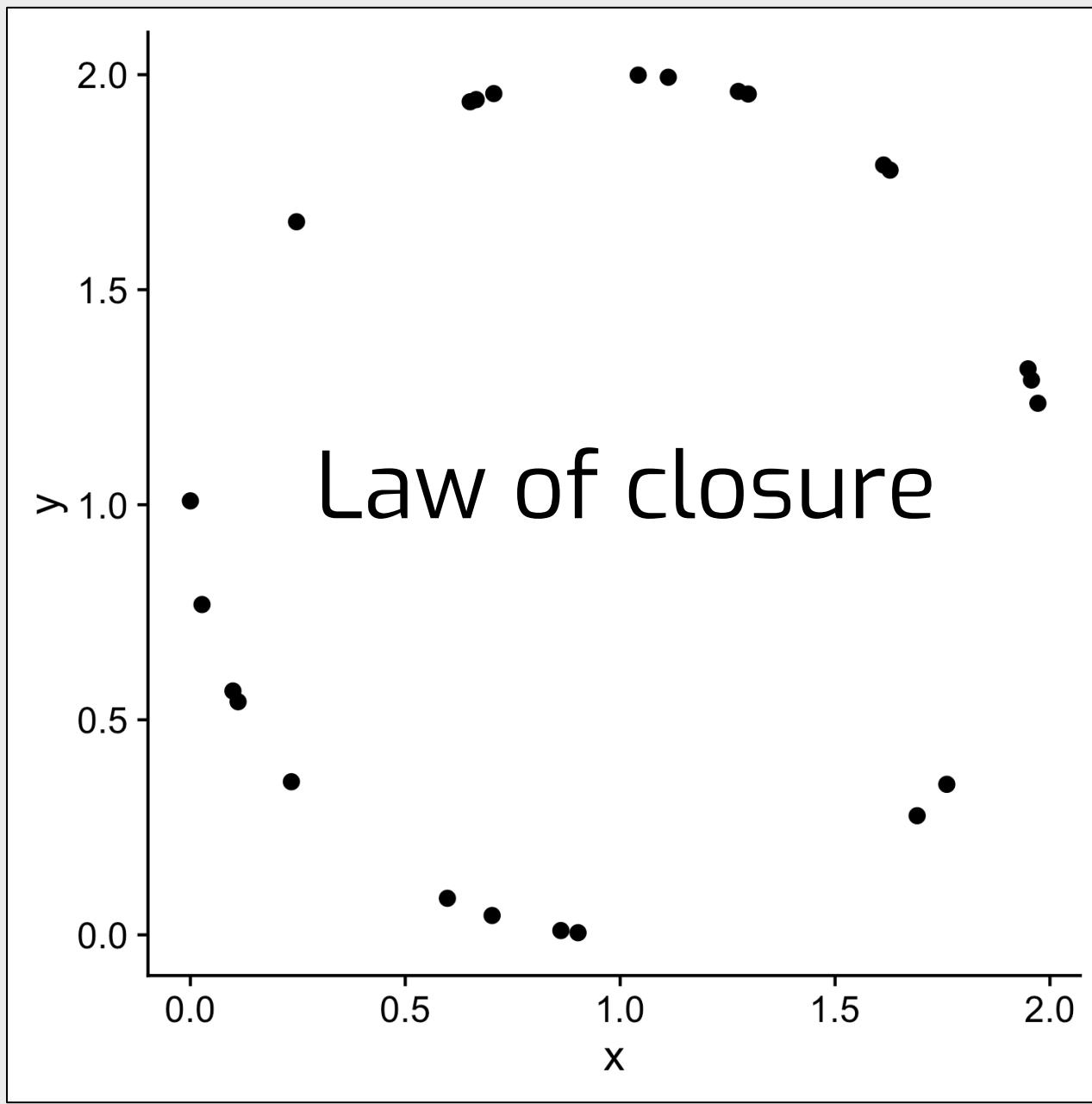
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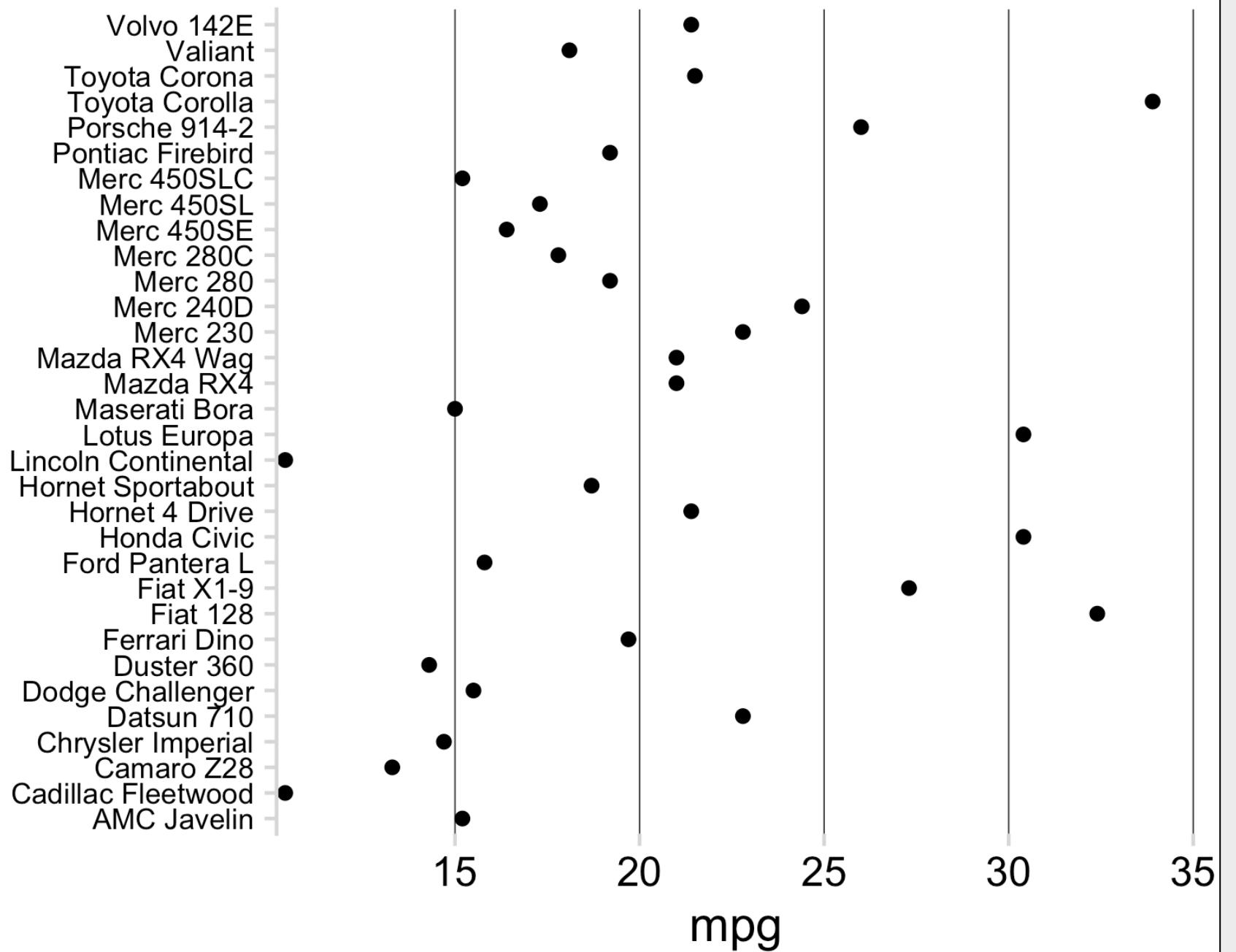
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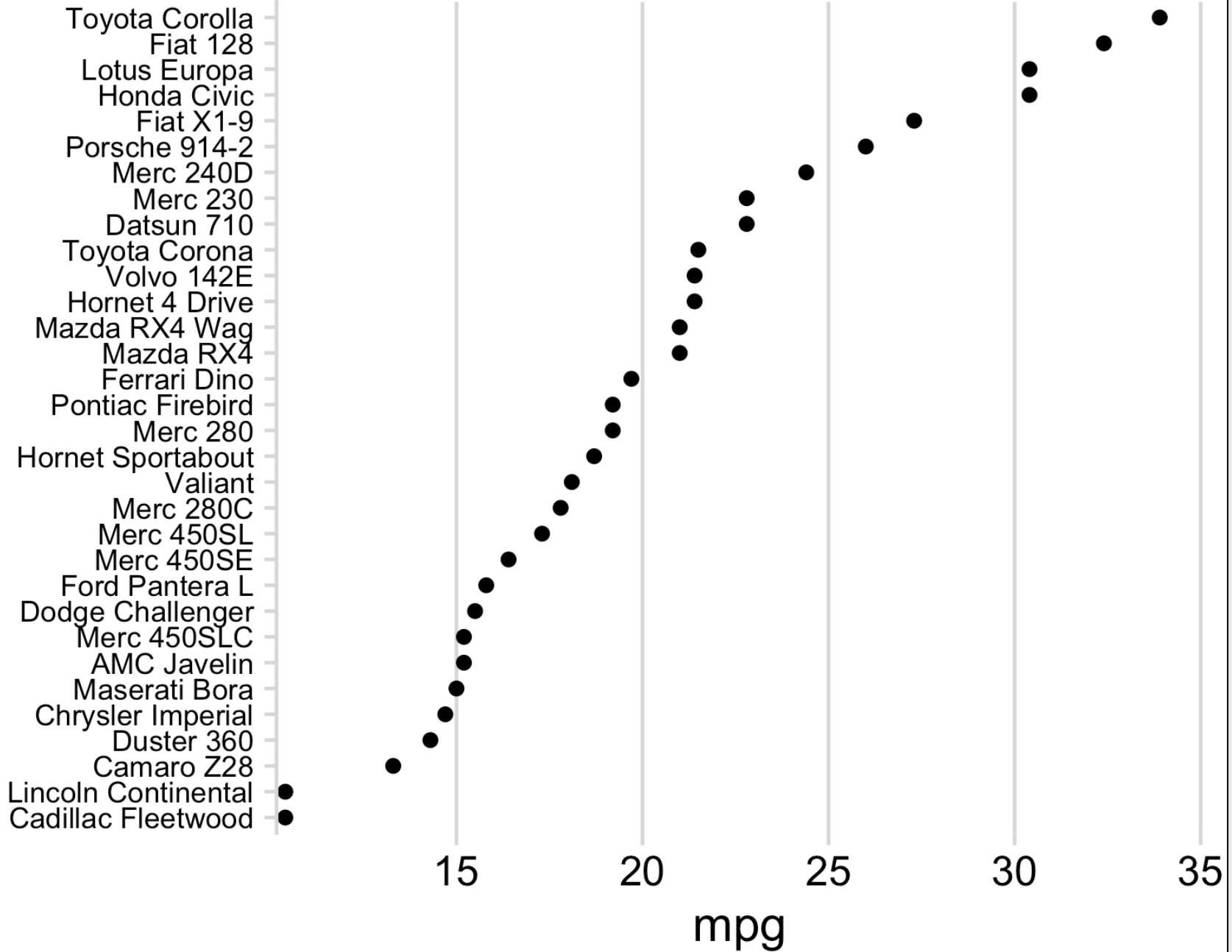
Prägnanz

We strongly prefer to interpret stimuli as regular, simple, and orderly



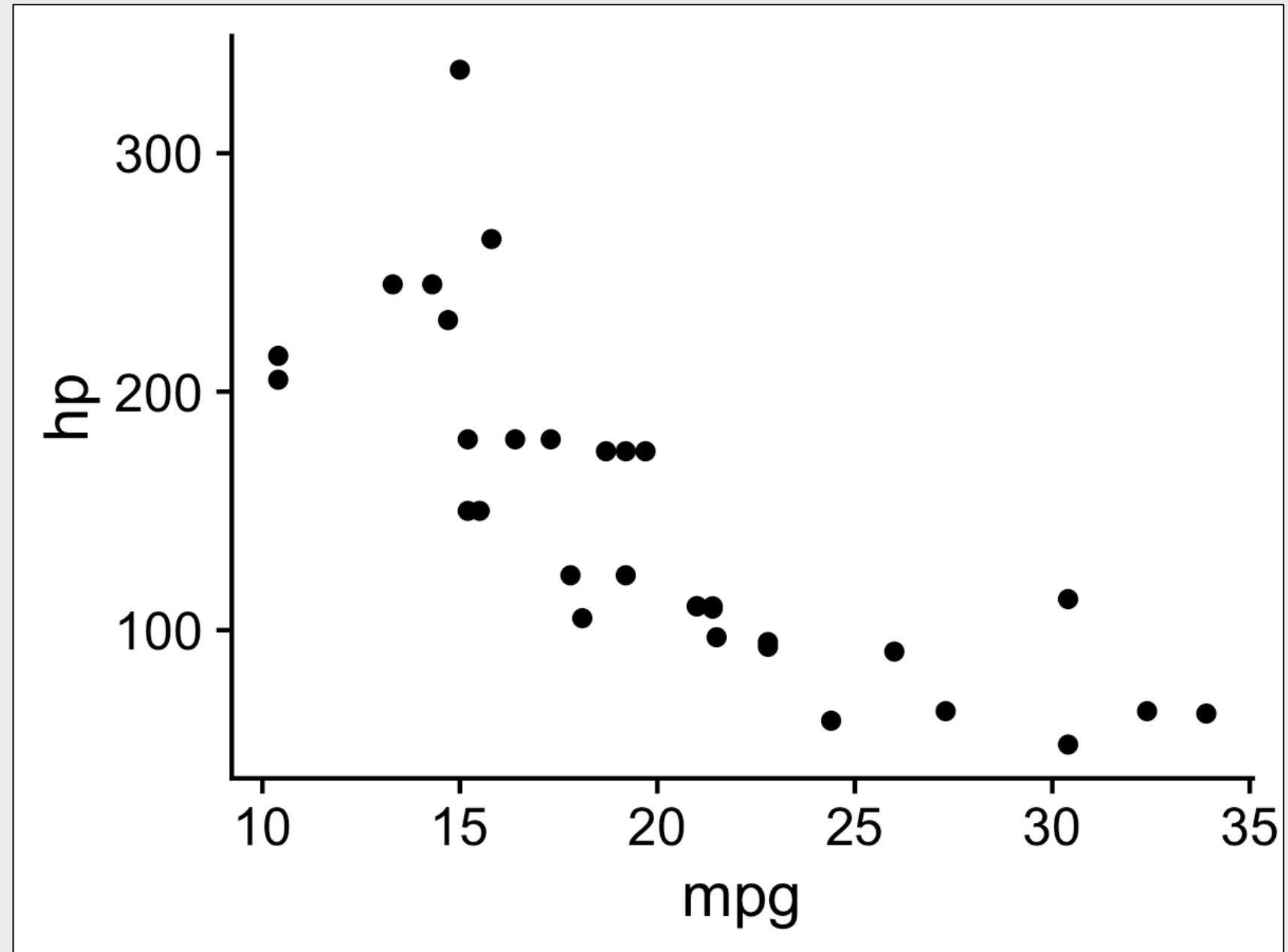
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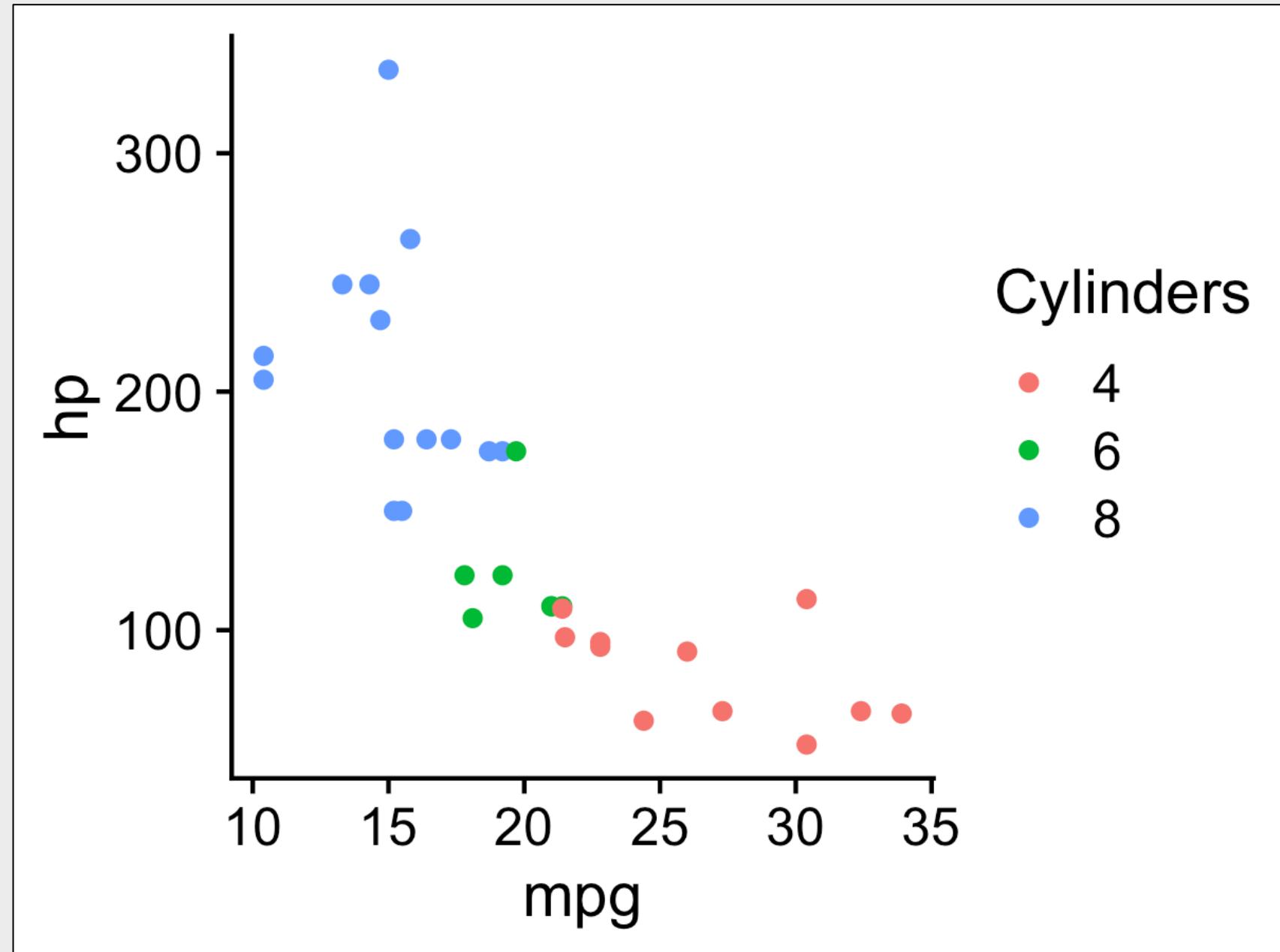
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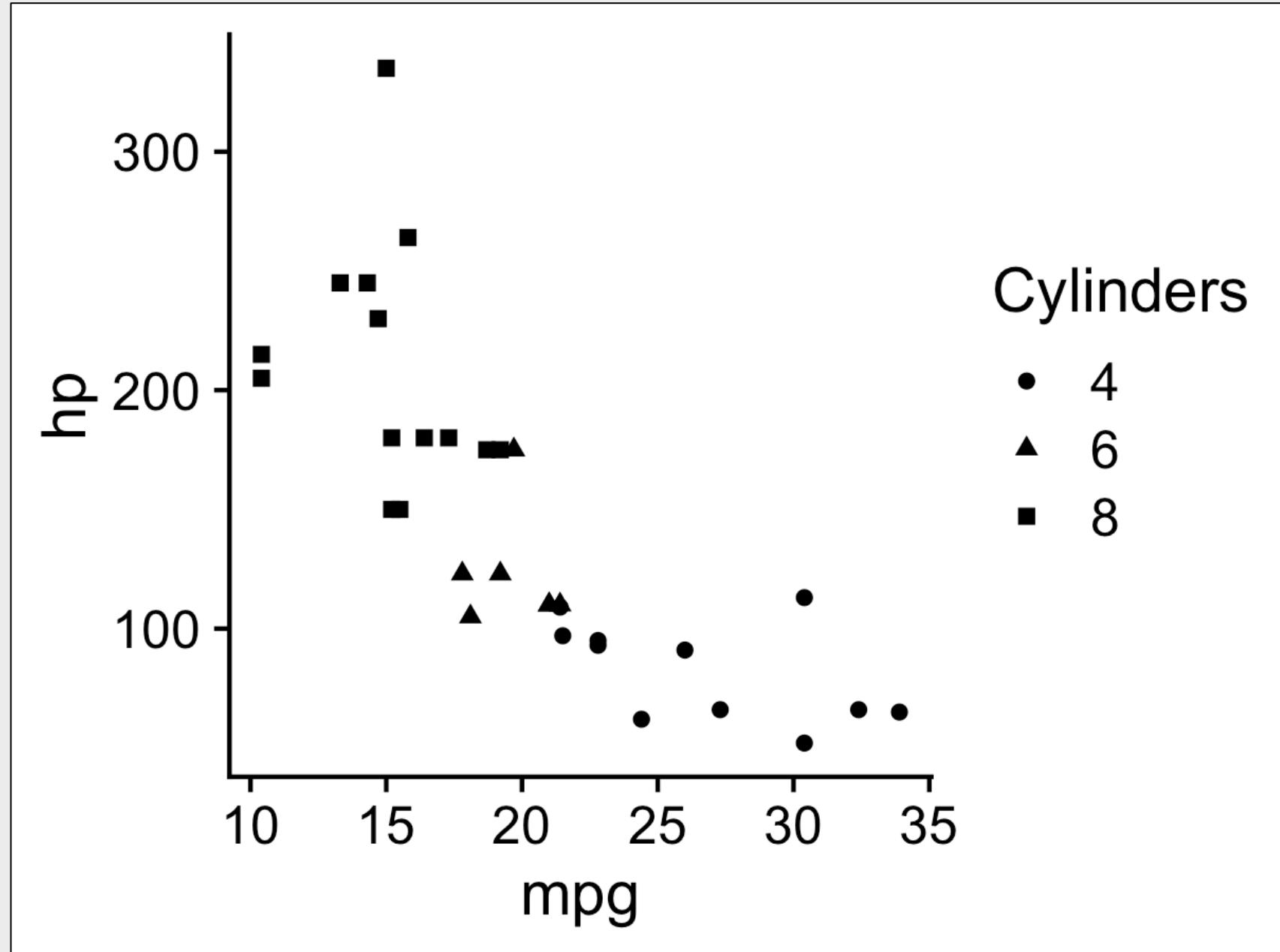
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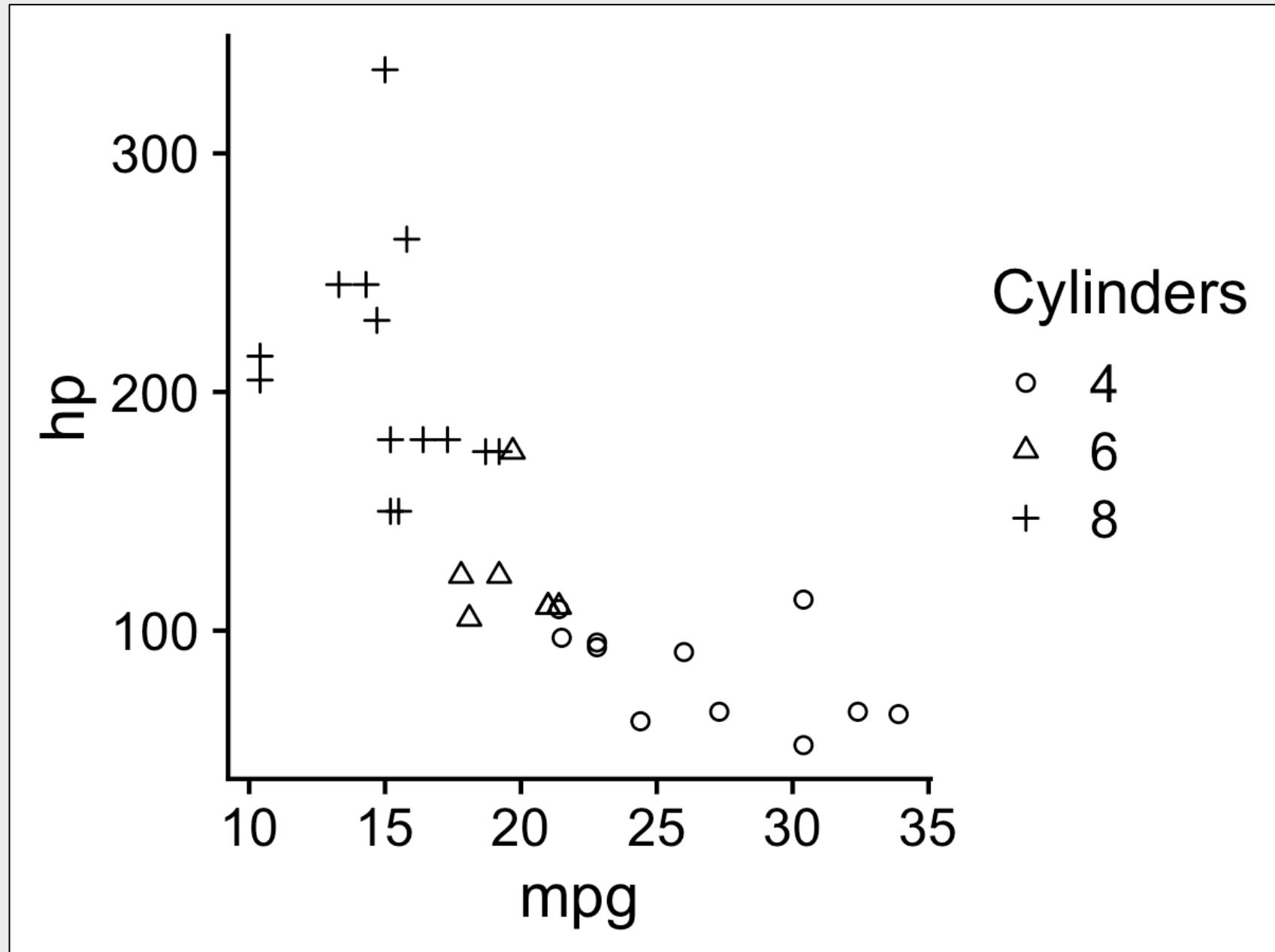
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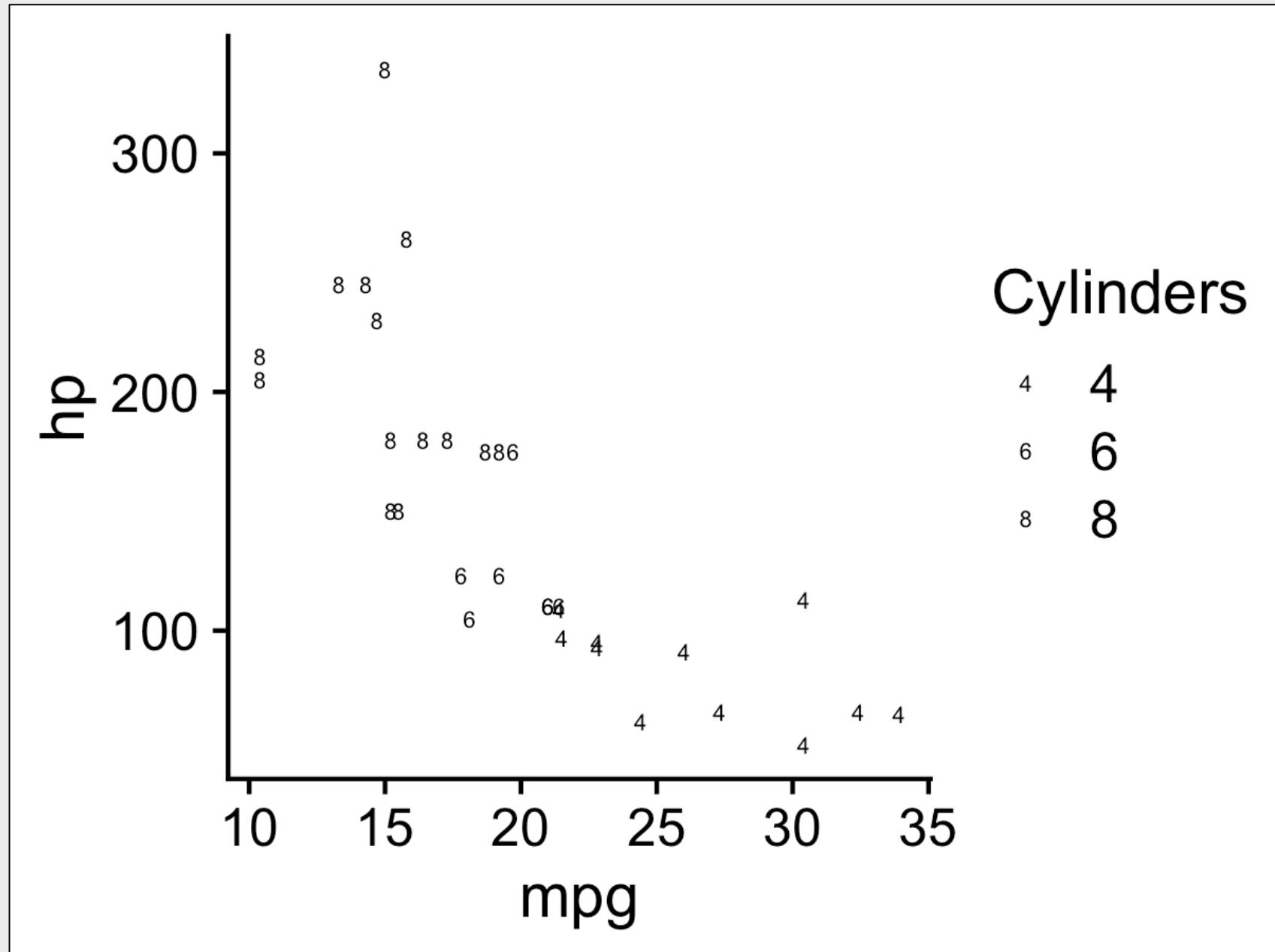
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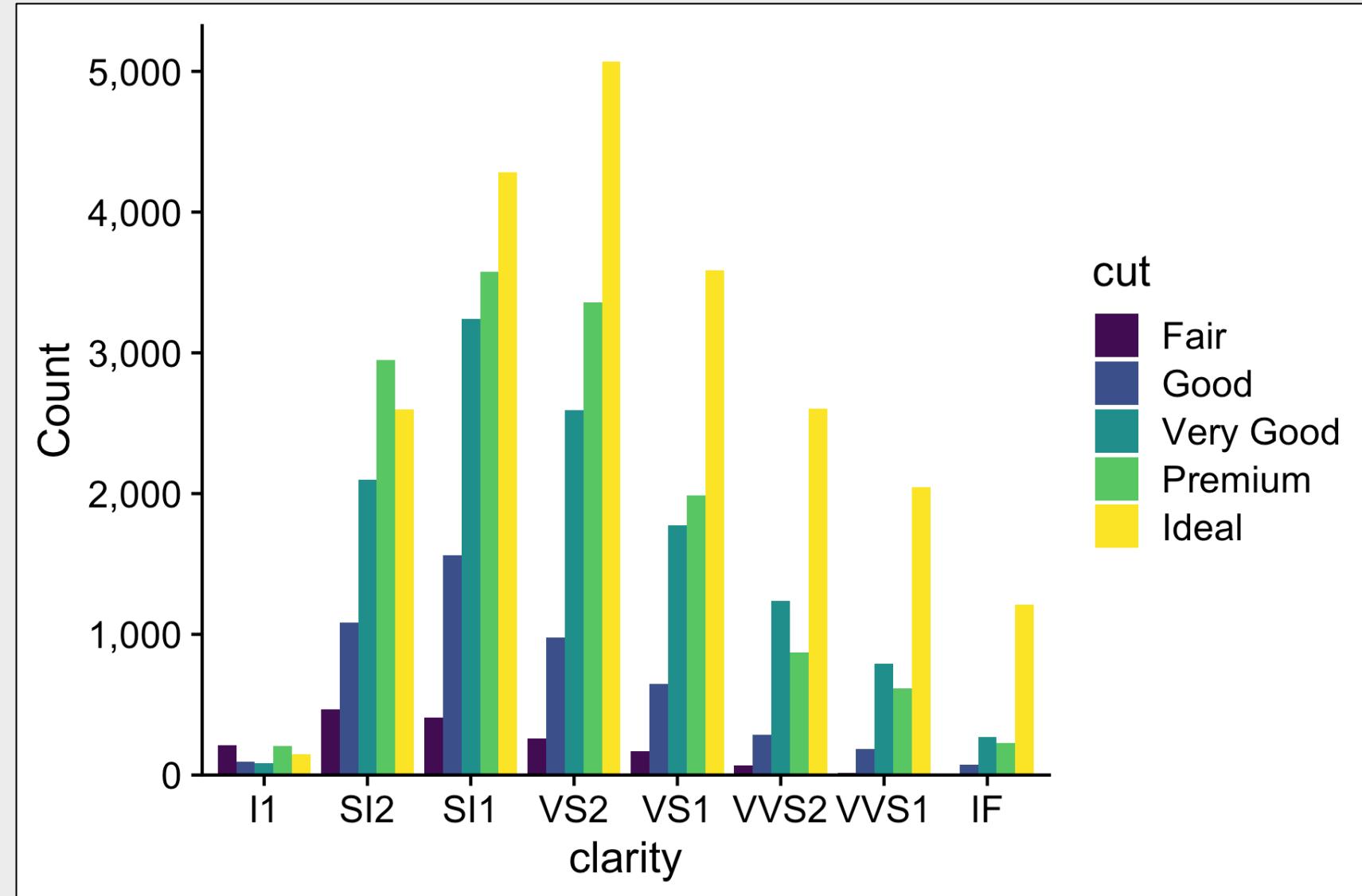
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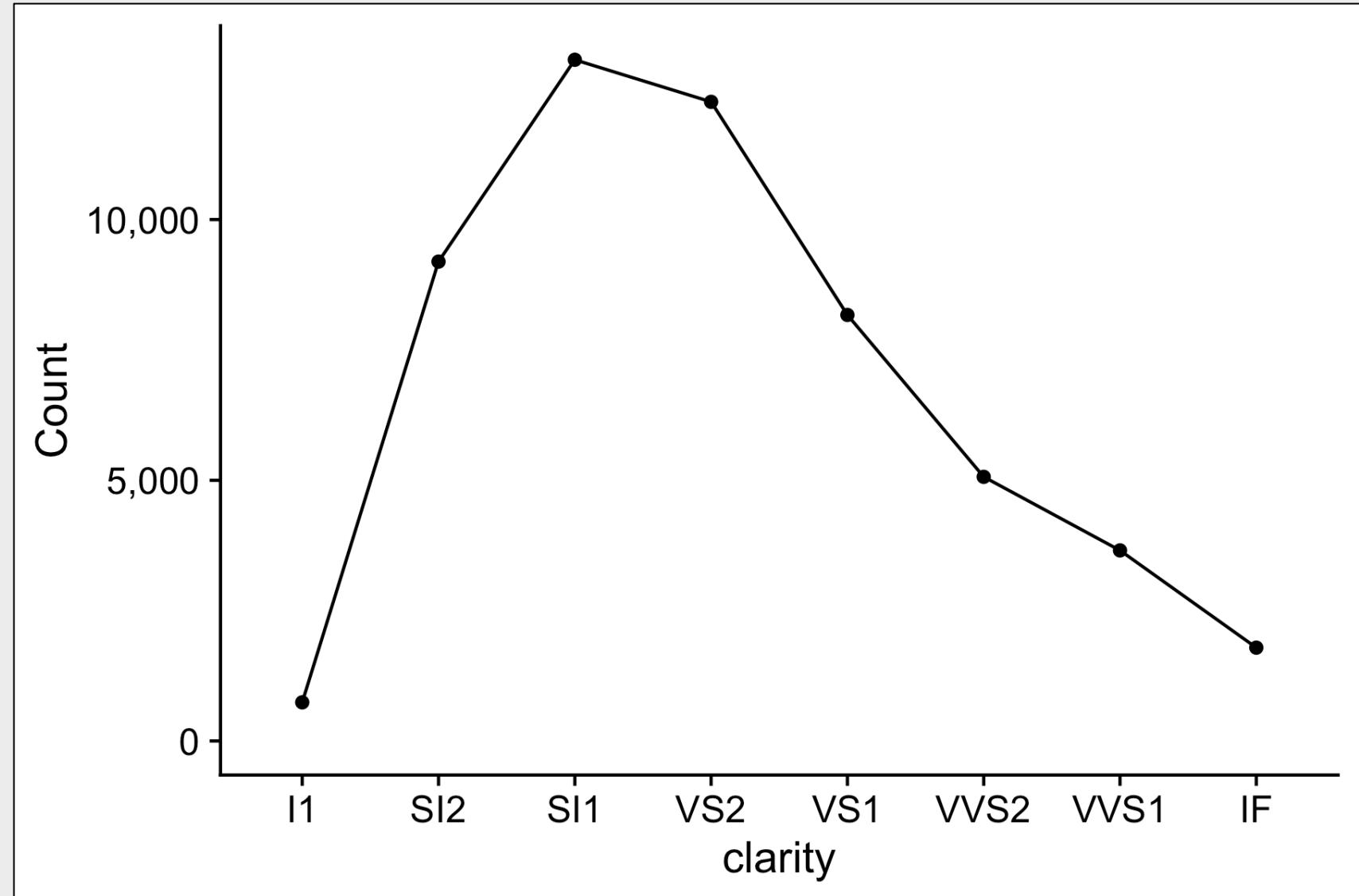
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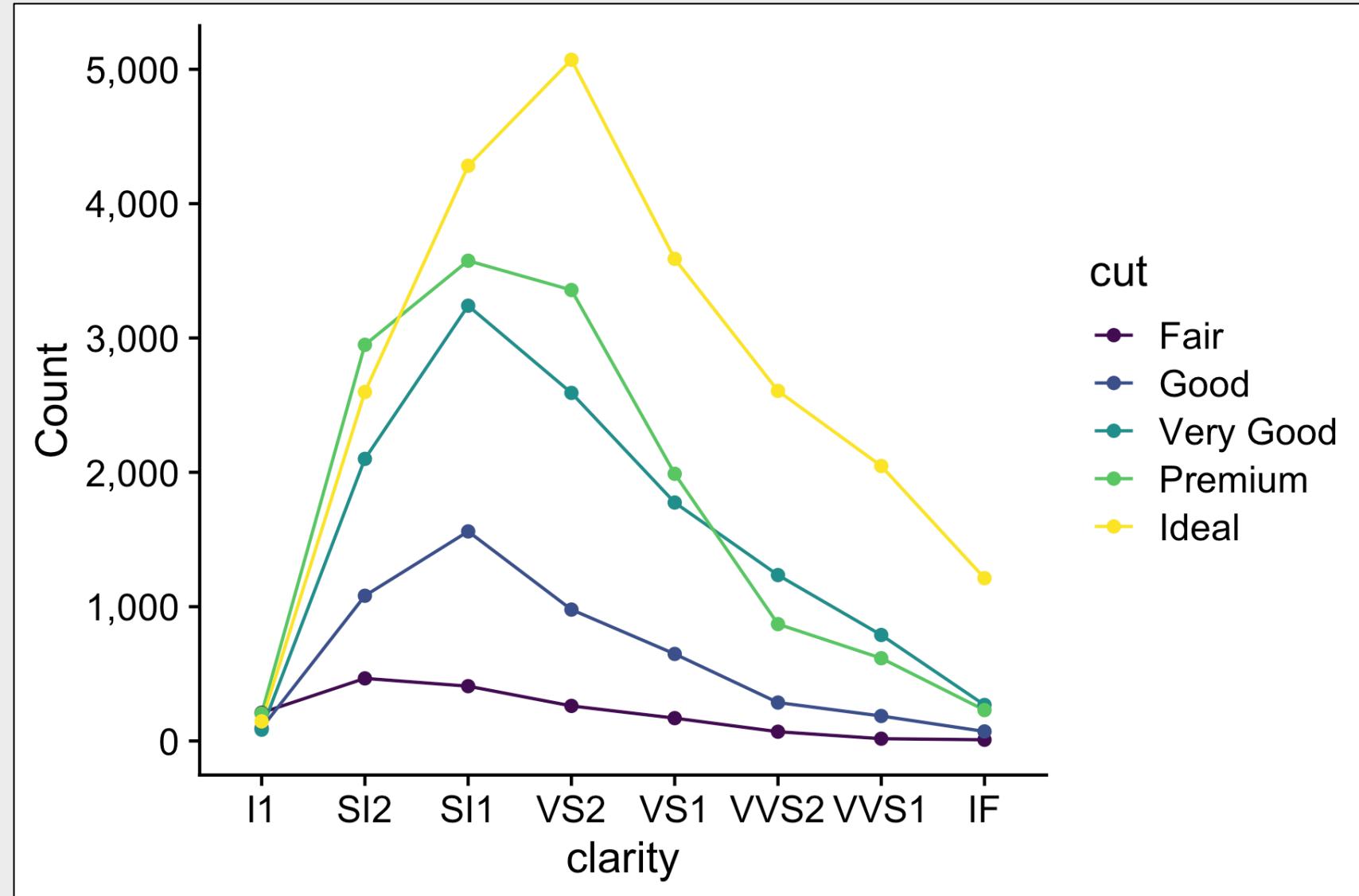
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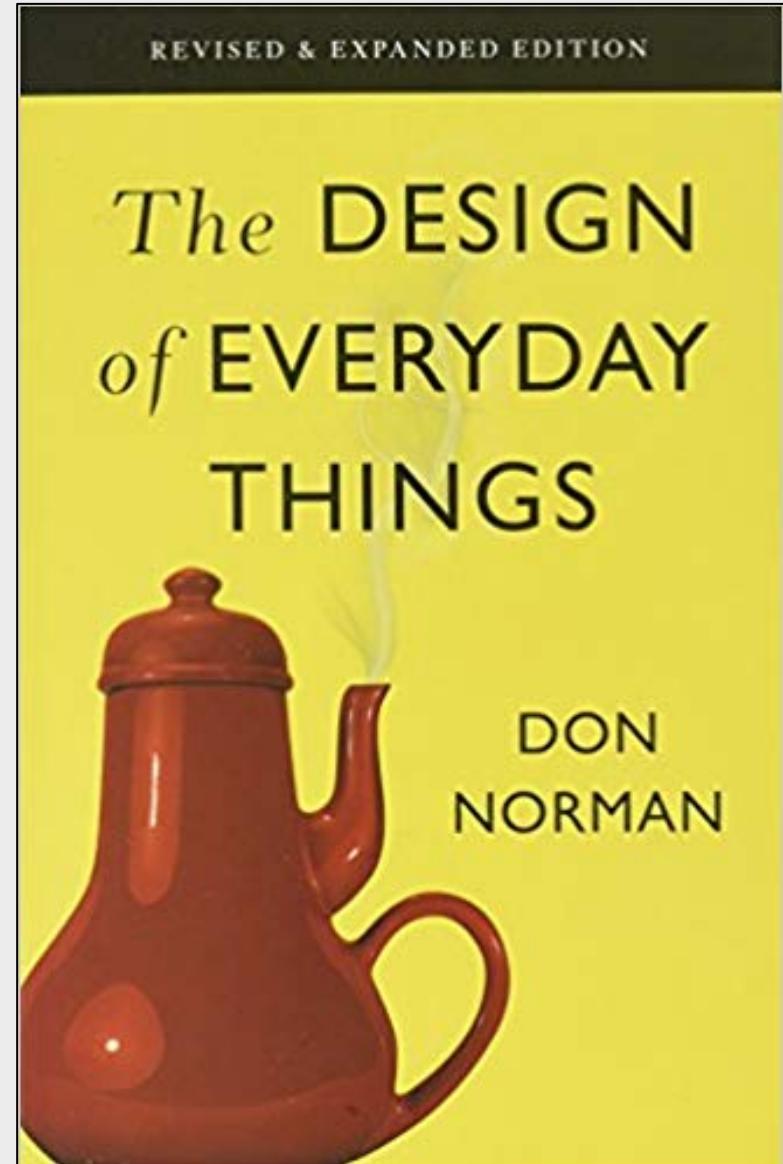
Cleveland's three visual operations of pattern perception:

- Estimation
- Assembly
- Detection



Norman door (n.):

1. A door where the design tells you to do the opposite of what you're actually supposed to do.
2. A door that gives the wrong signal and needs a sign to correct it.





Norman door

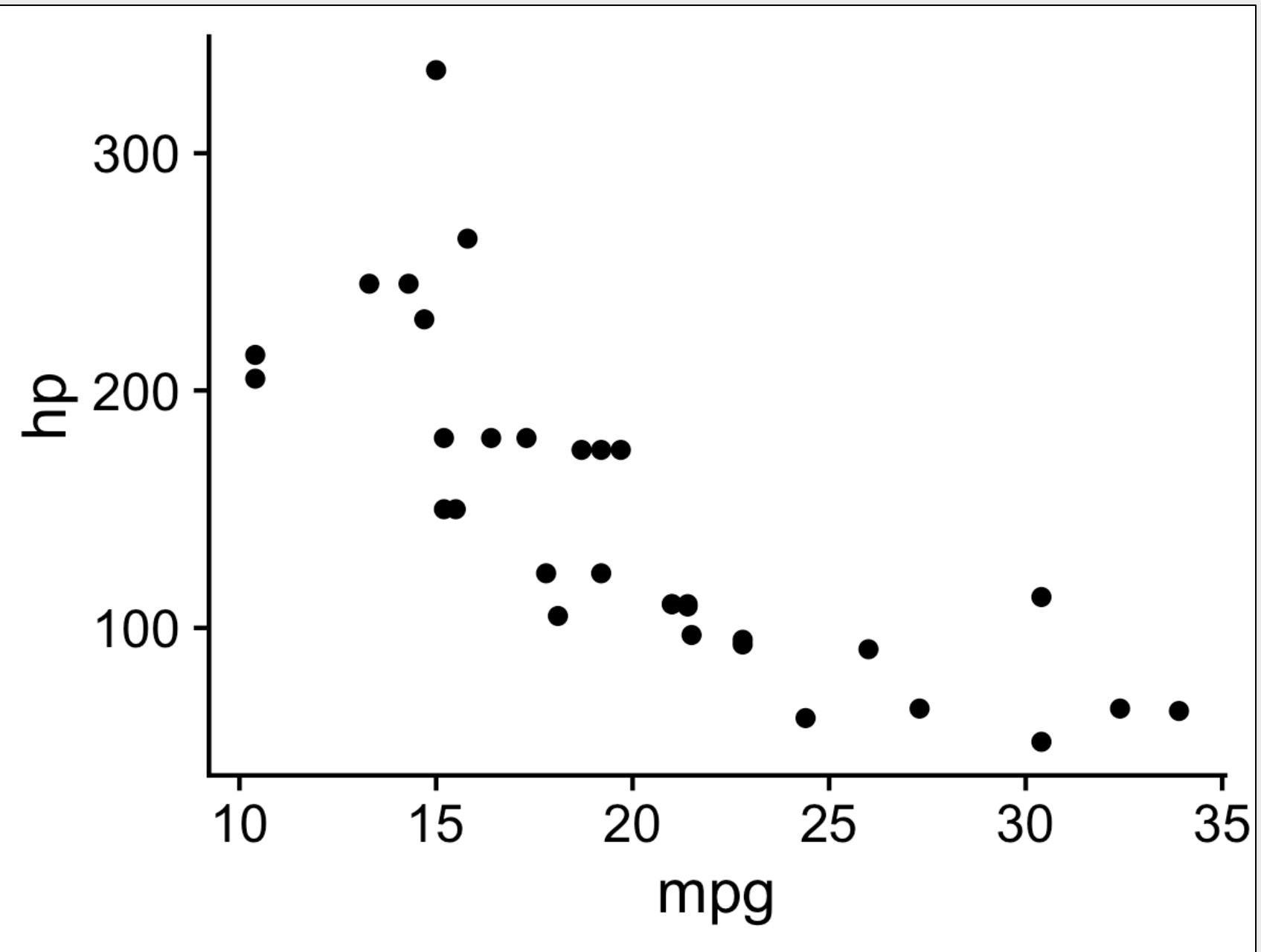


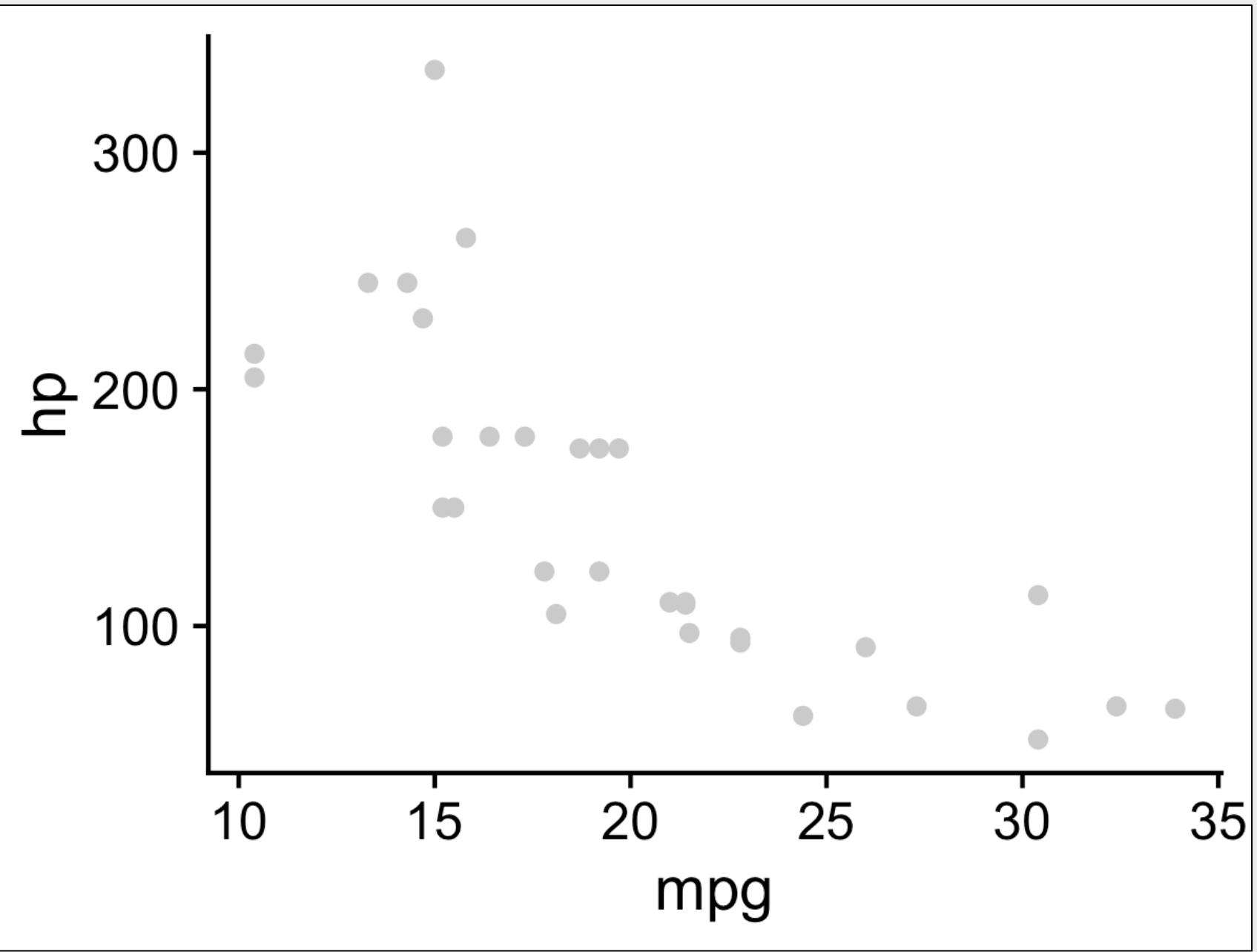
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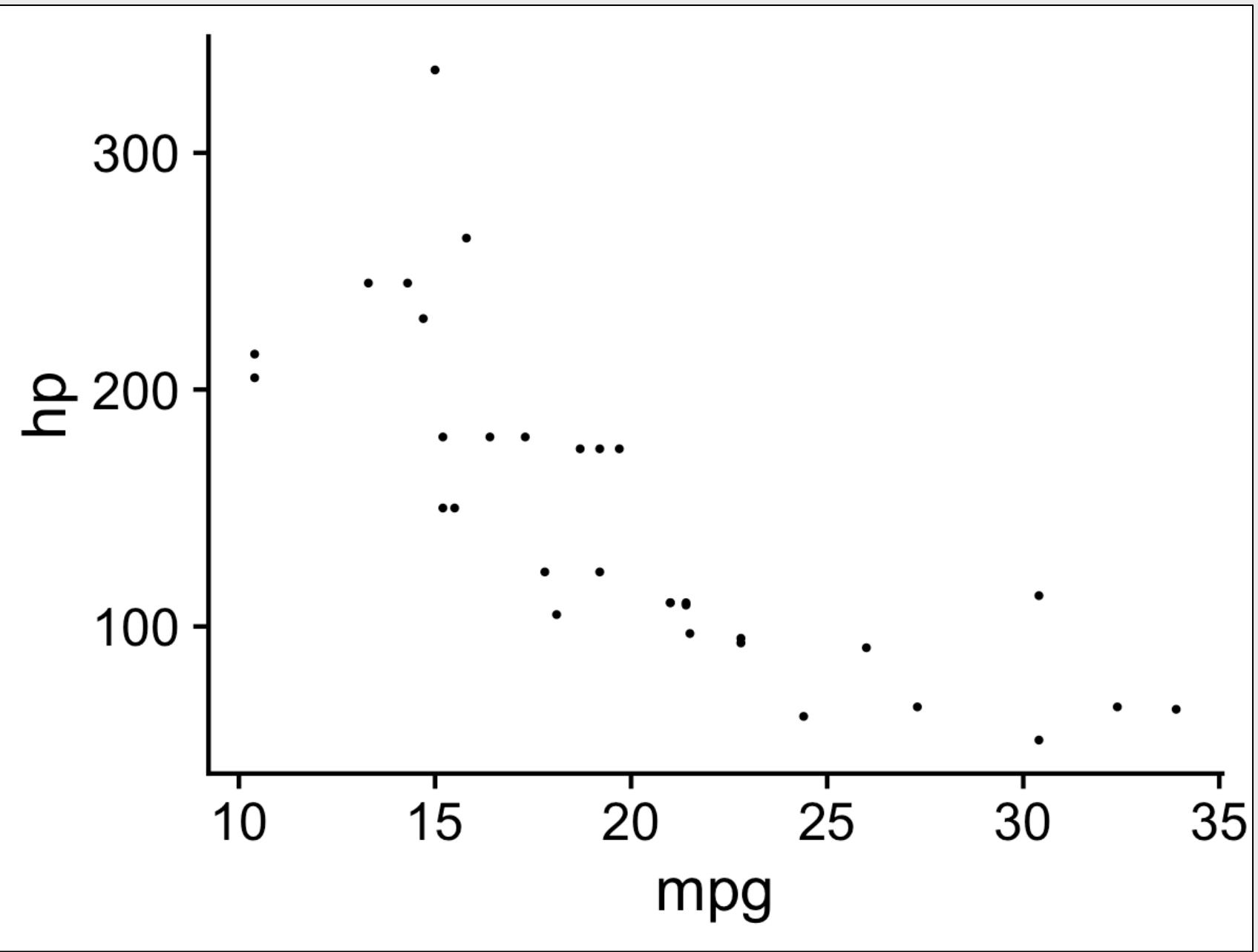


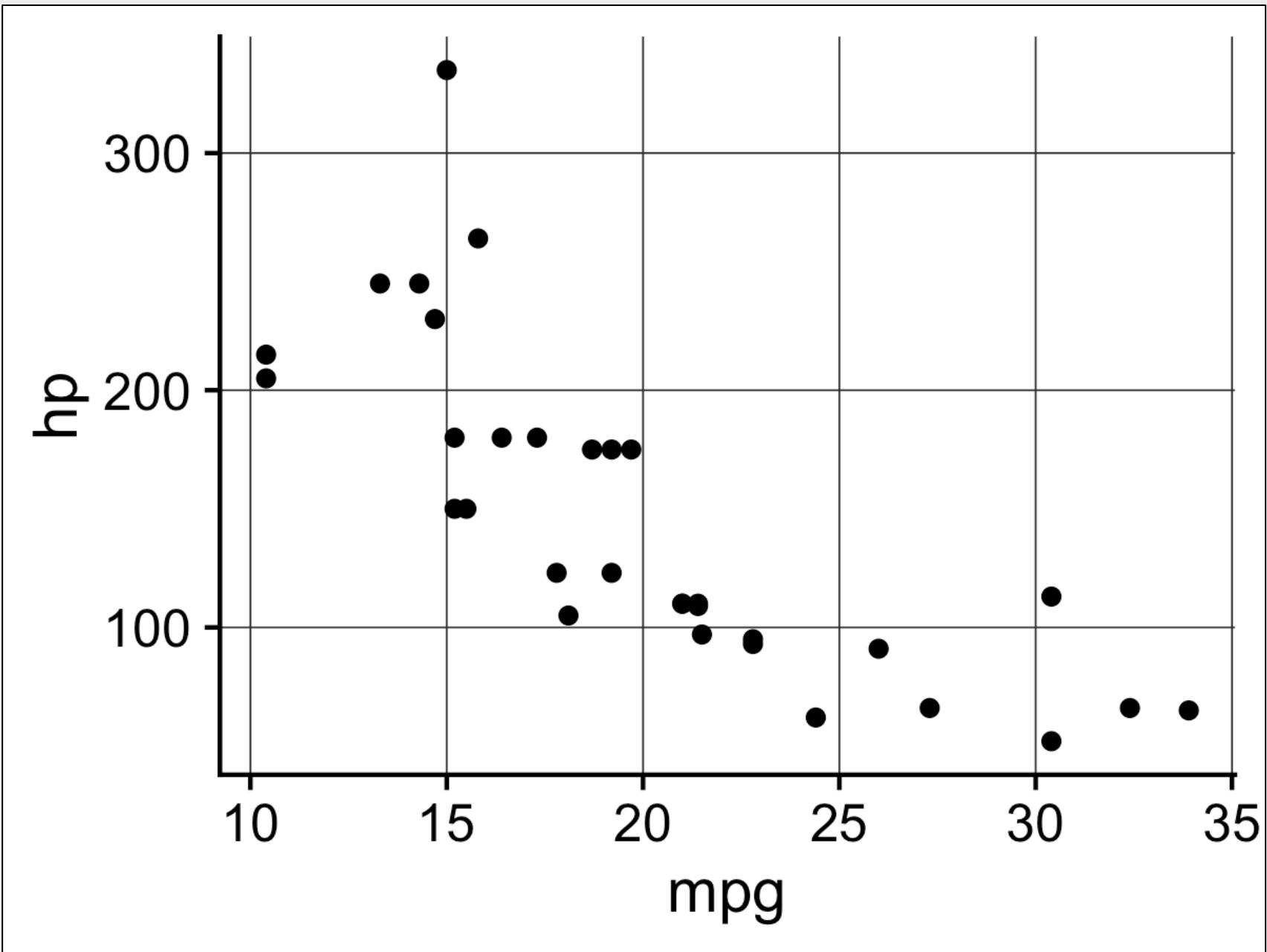
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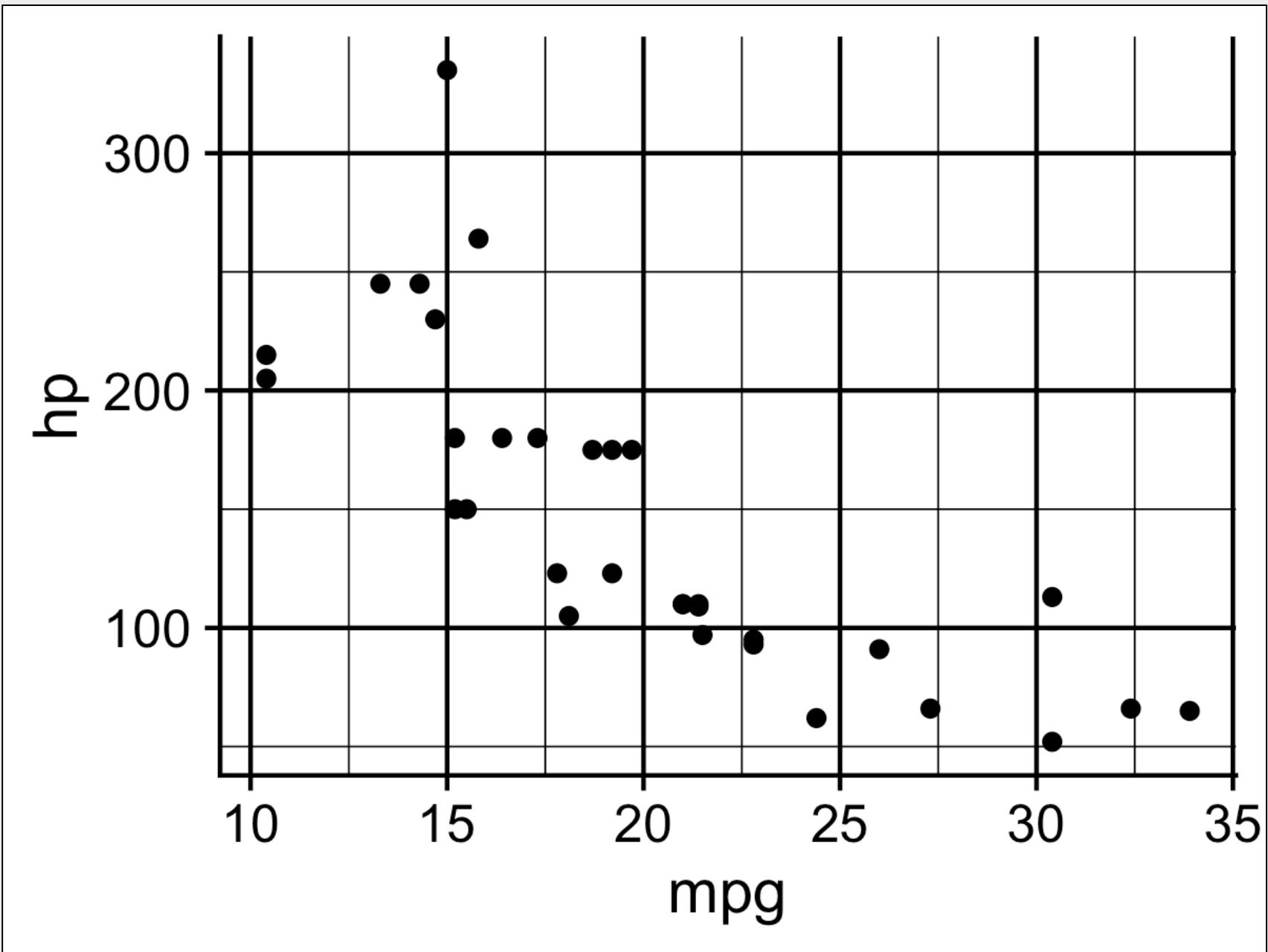
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- Assembly
- **Detection** → Recognizing that a geometric object encodes a physical value

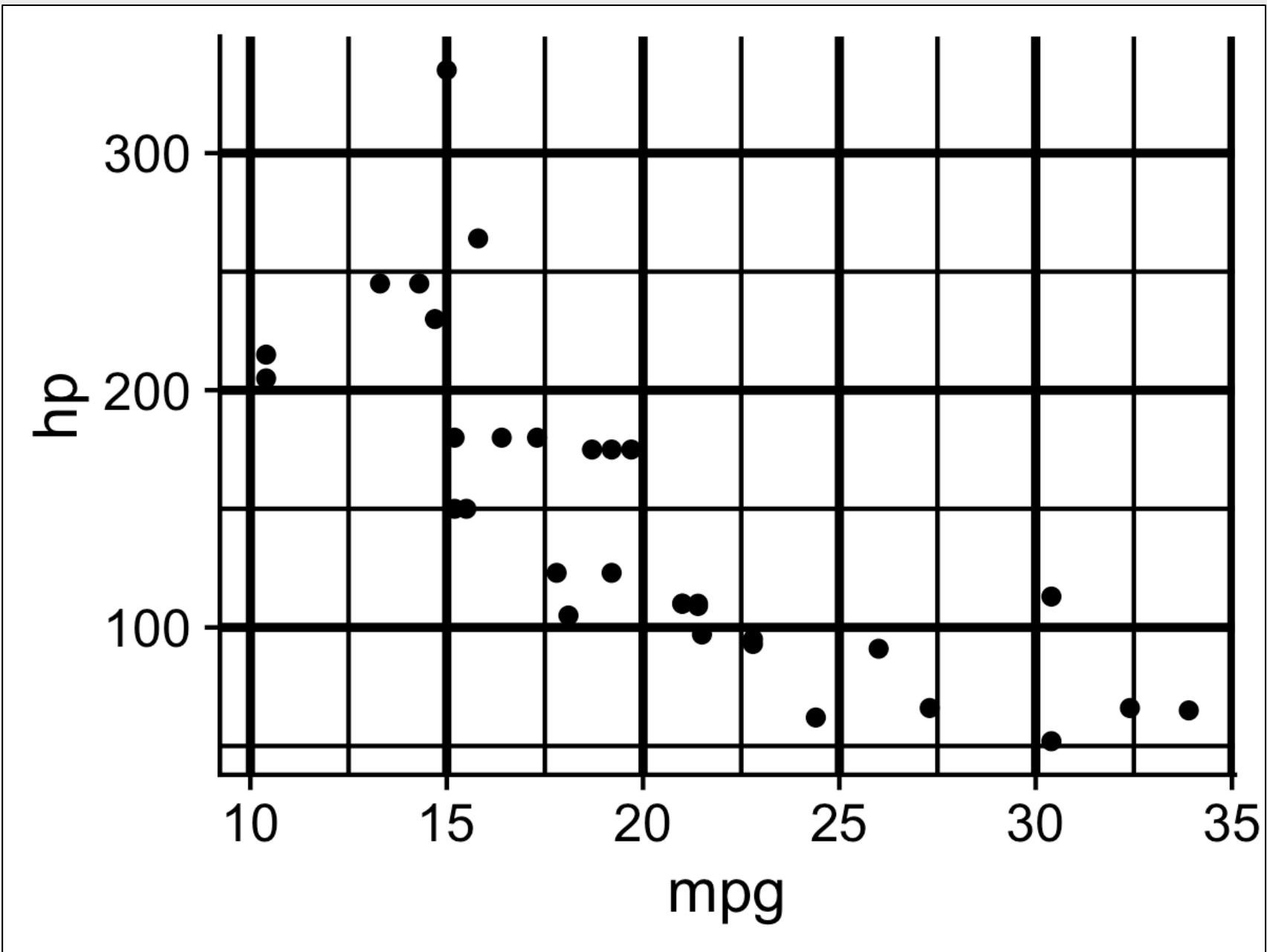




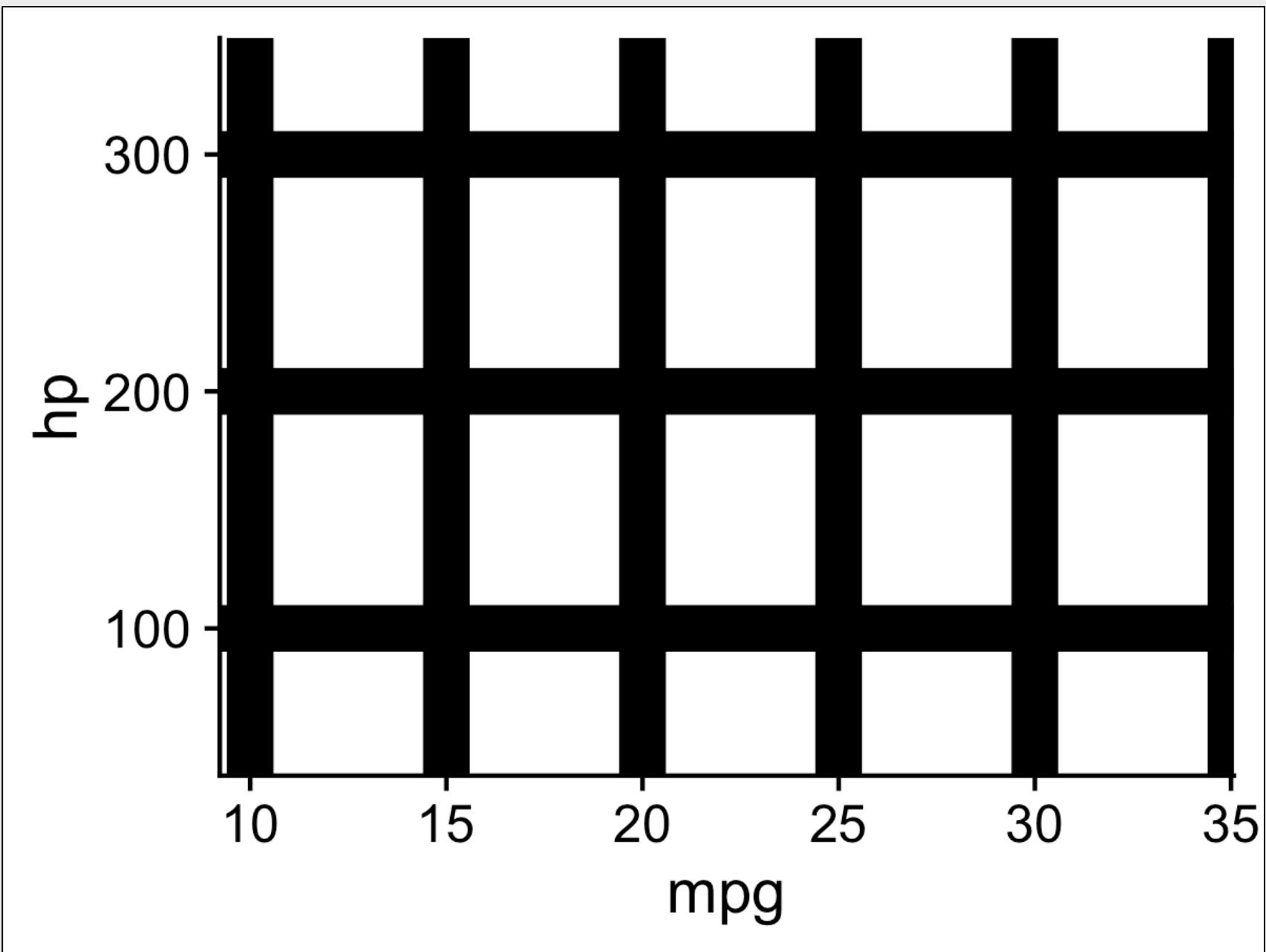






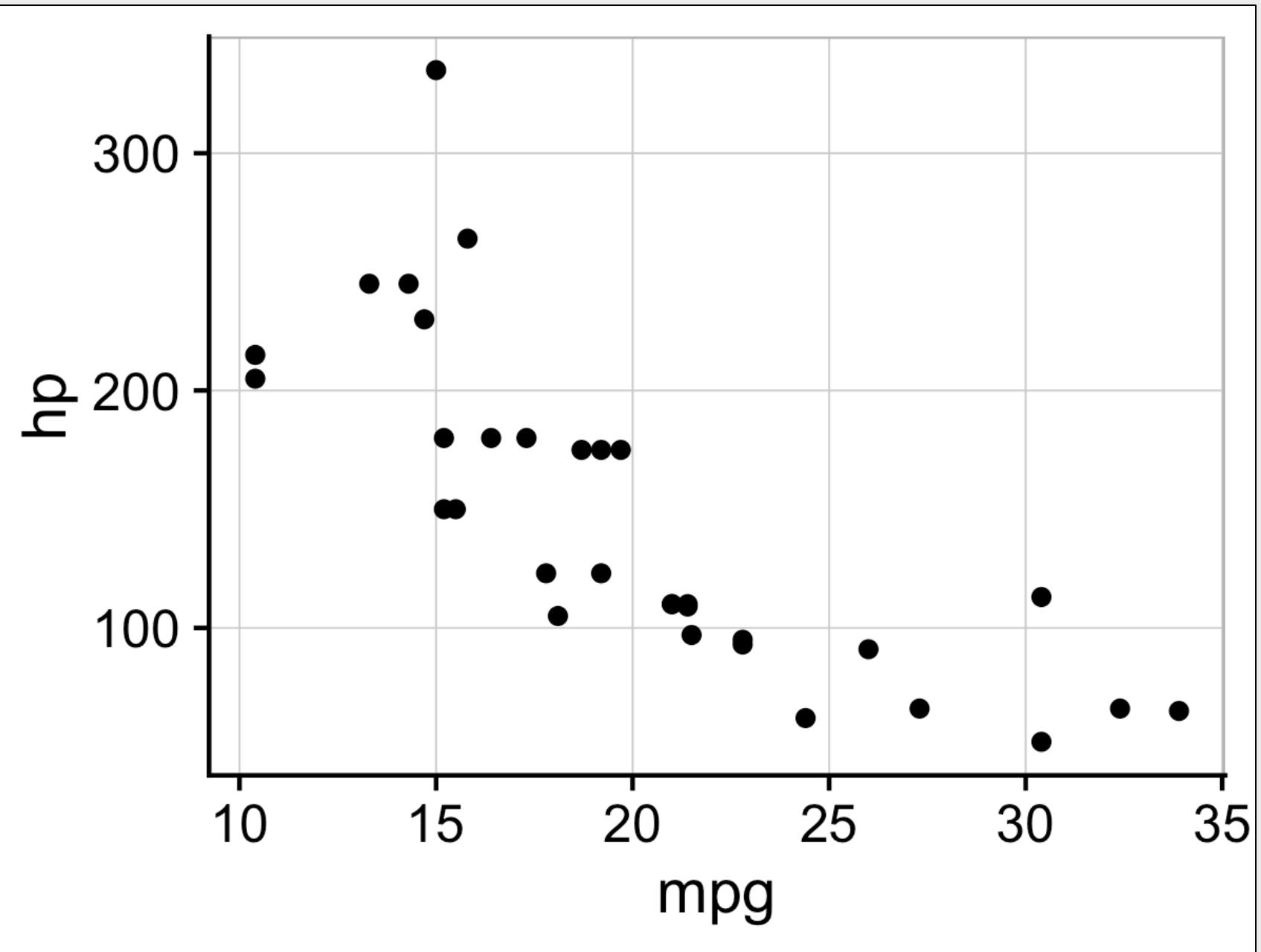


The Hermann Grid illusion



“Above all else, show the data”

- Edward Tufte



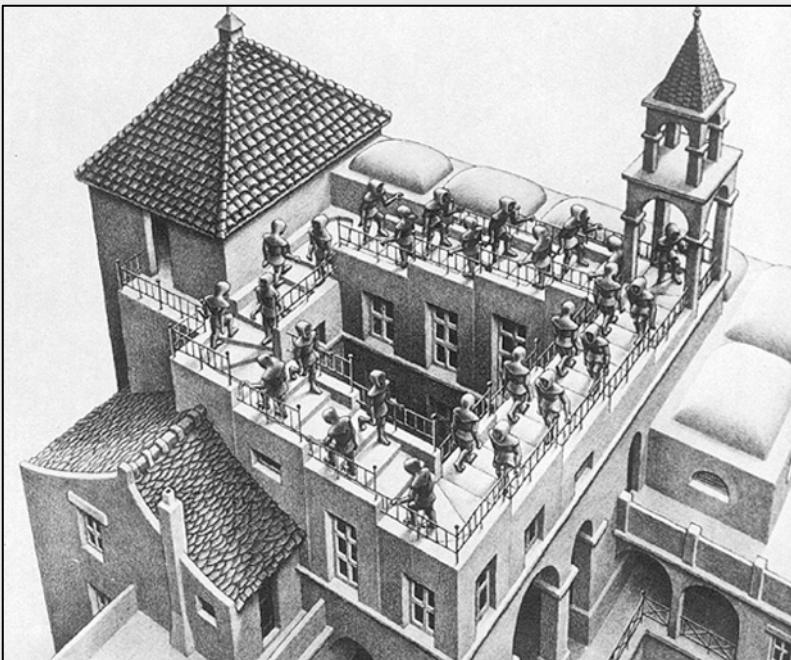
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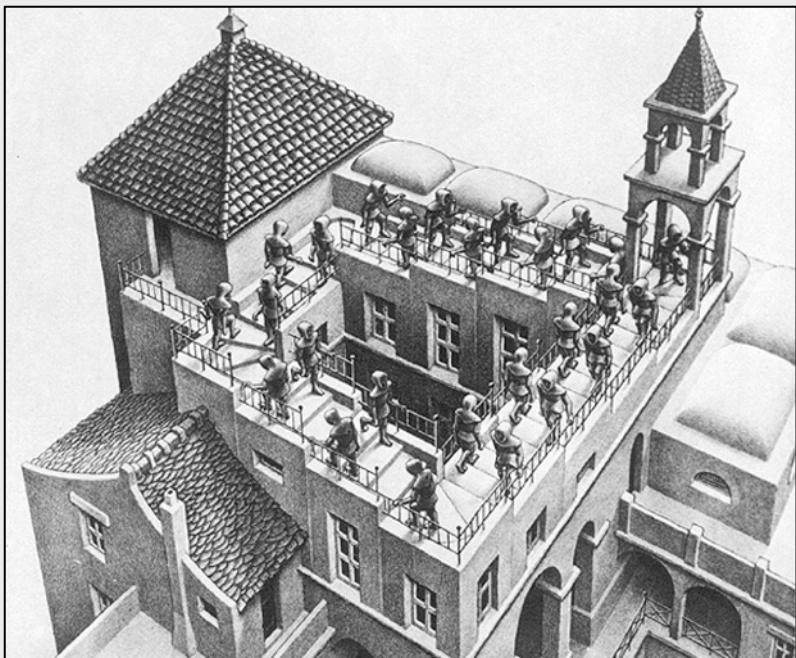
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Upstairs and Downstairs
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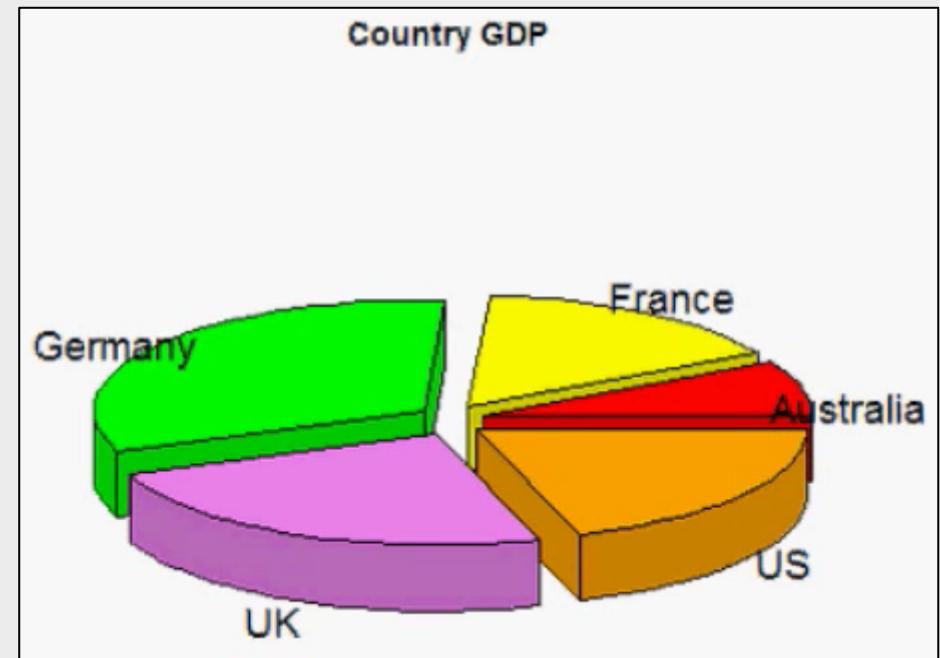
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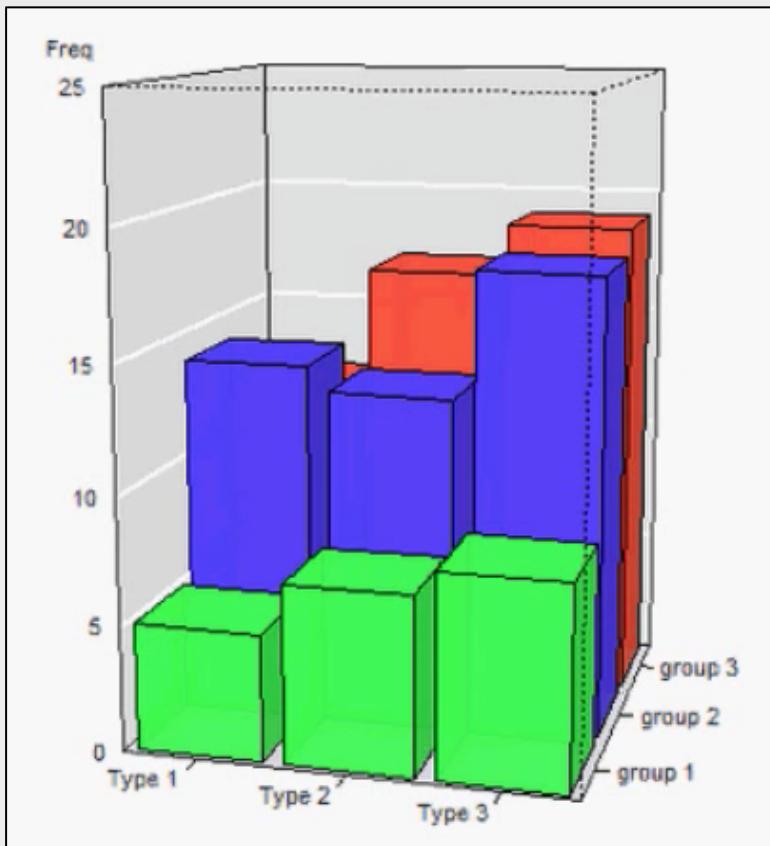
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Ink proportions != true proportions

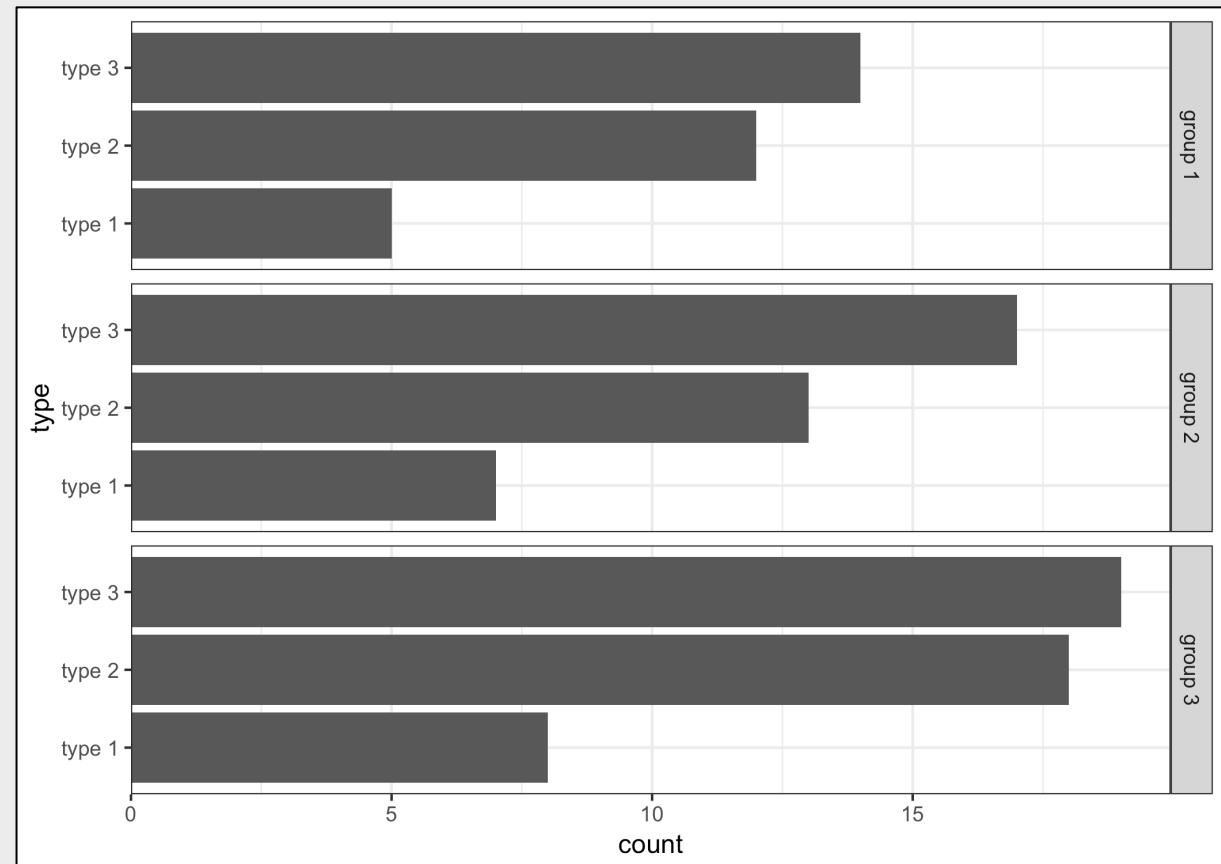
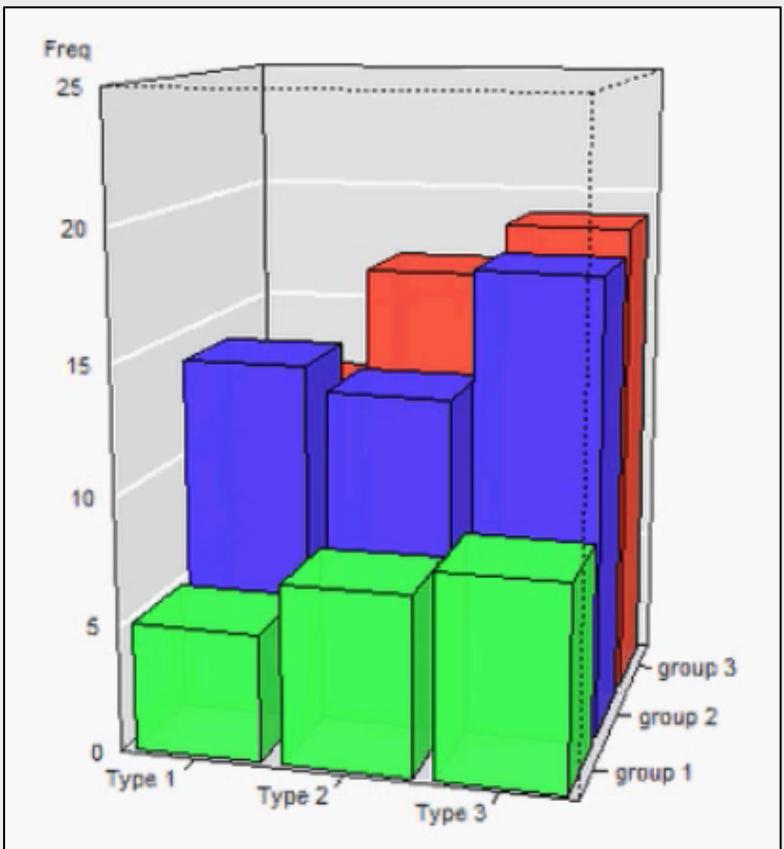


Don't: 3D plots

2) Occlusion: geoms are obscured

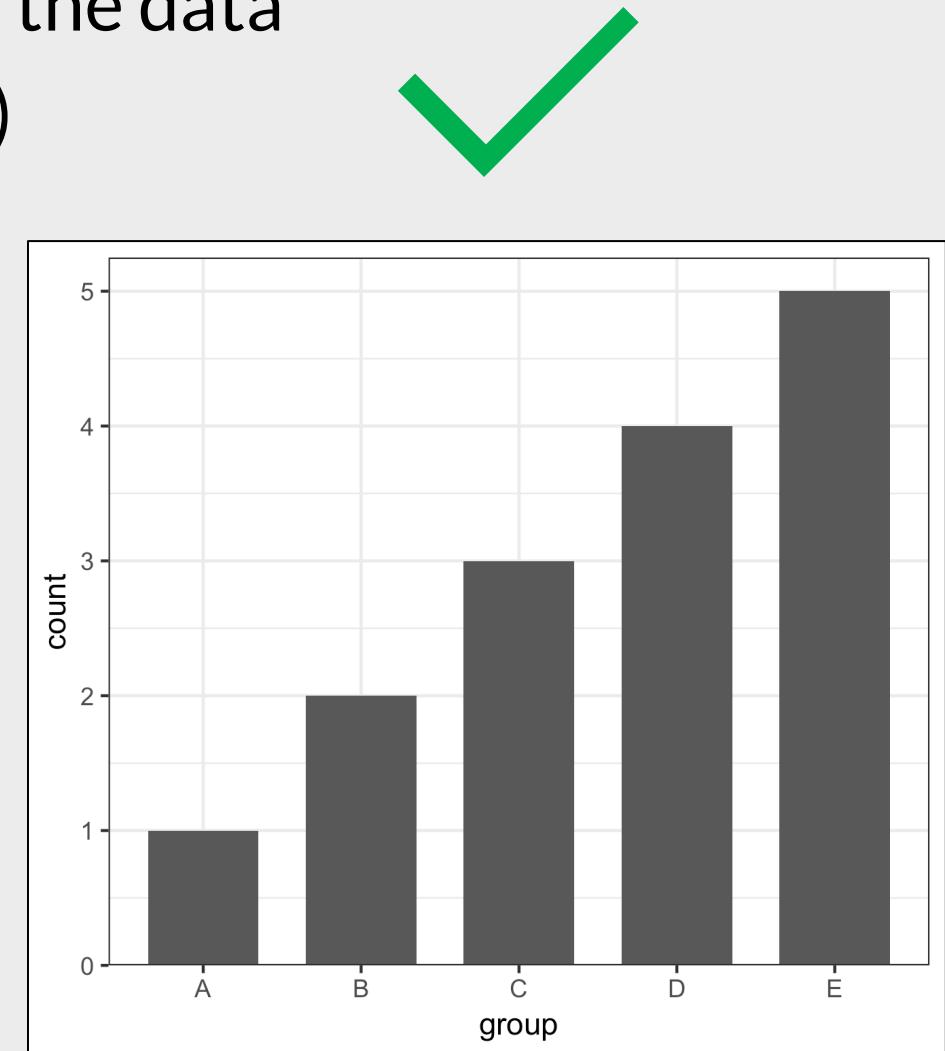
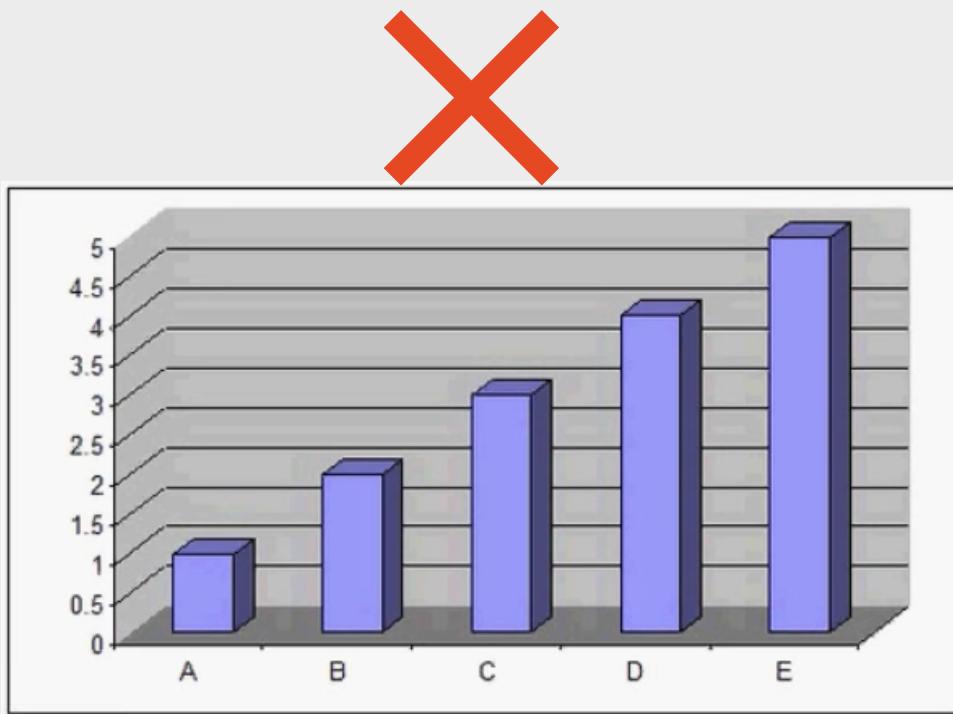


A better alternative to 3D: faceting



Don't: 3D plots

3) The third dimension distracts from the data
(this is what Tufte calls “chart junk”)

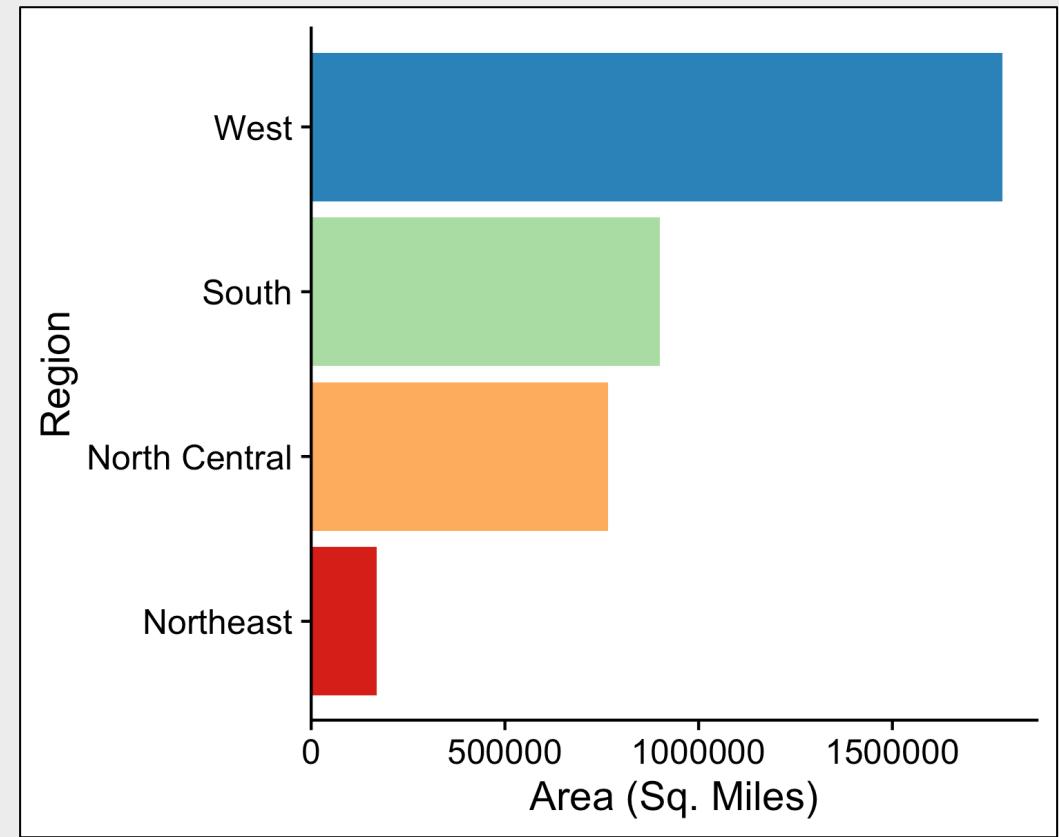
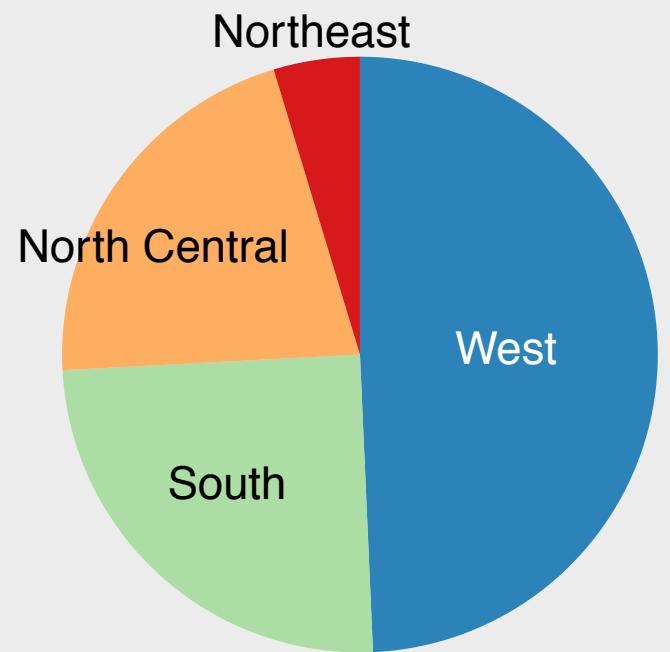


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“Pie charts are the information visualization equivalent of a roofing hammer to the frontal lobe”

- Coda Hale





Sky



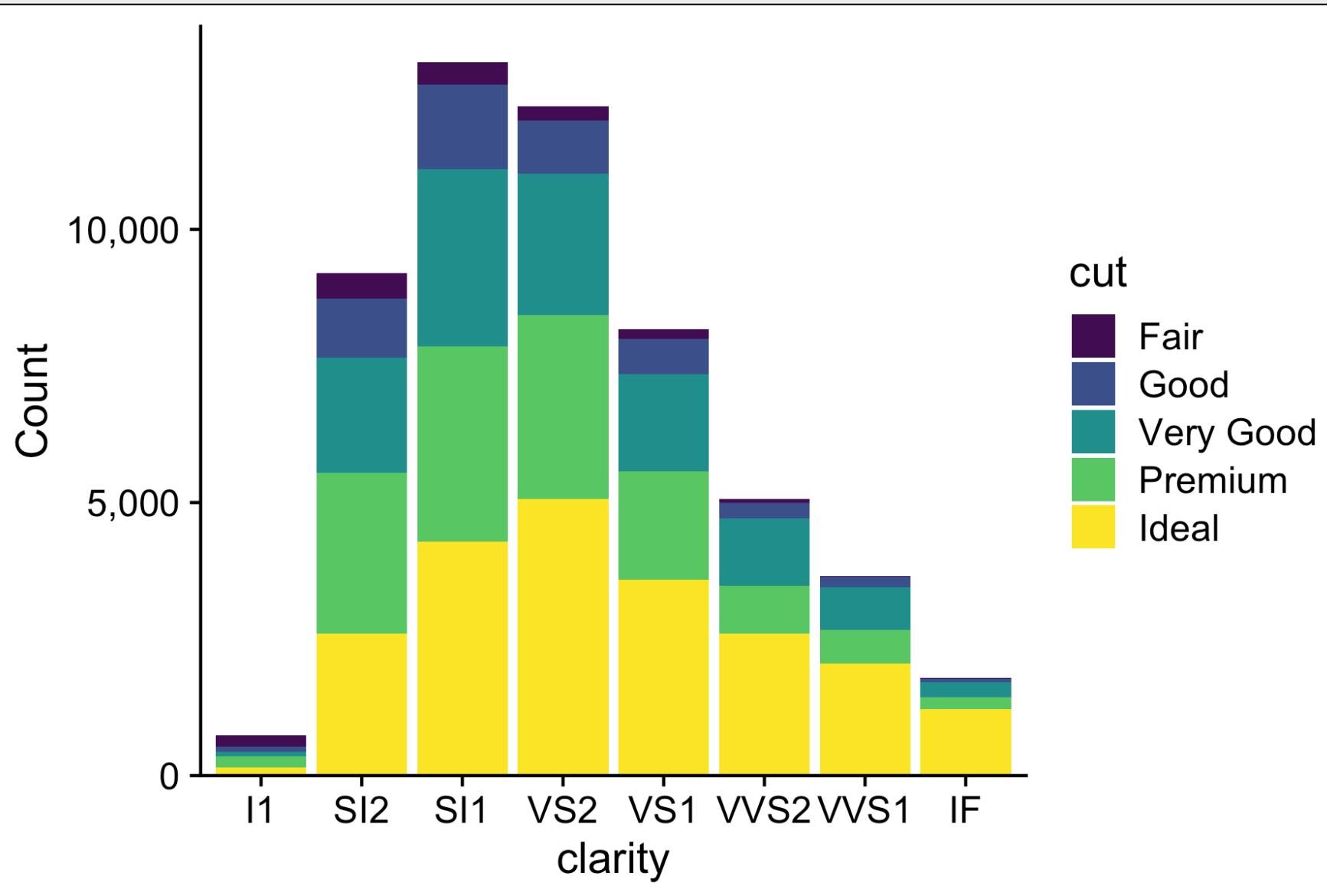
Sunny side of pyramid

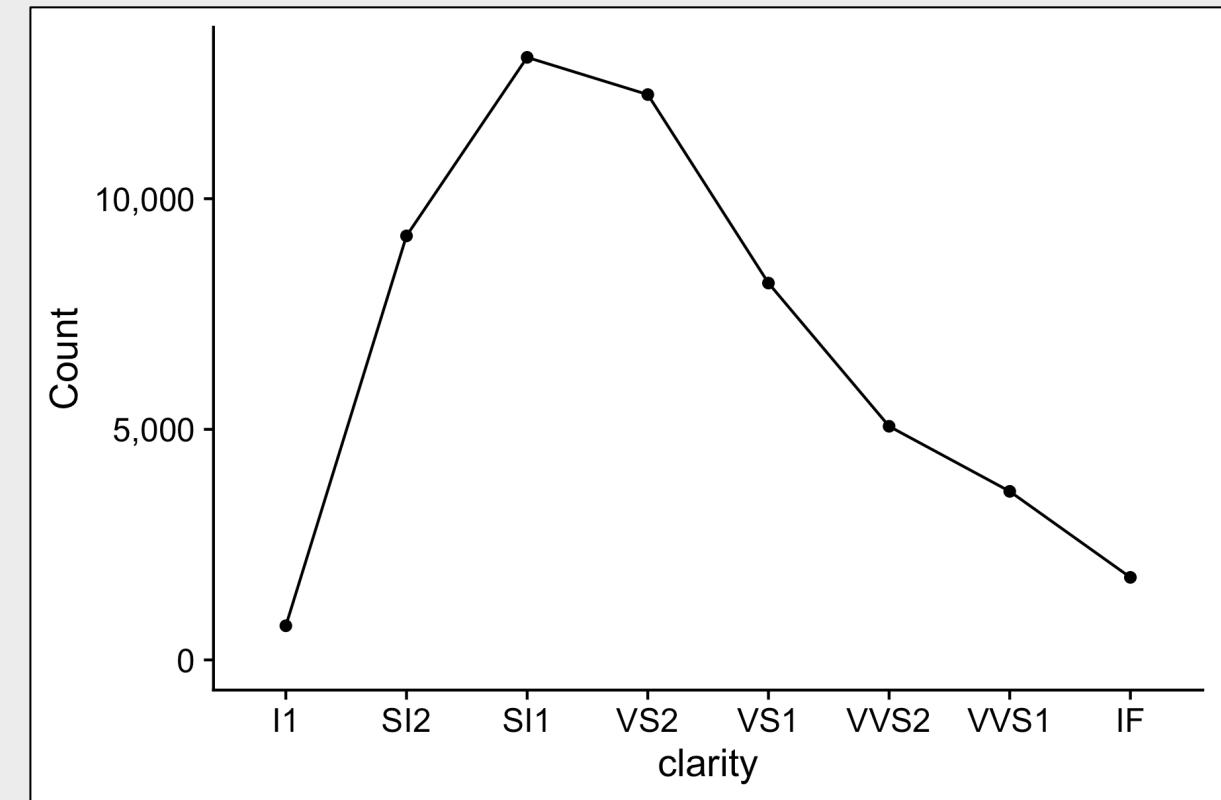
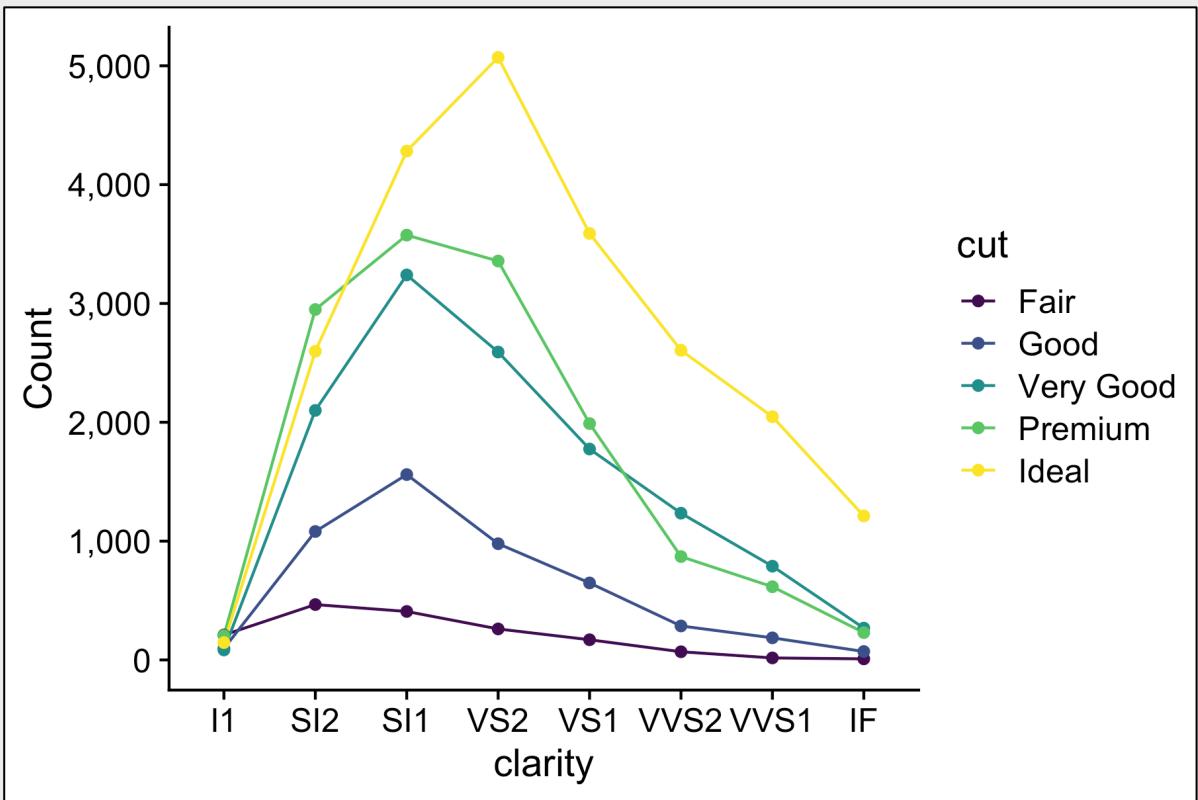


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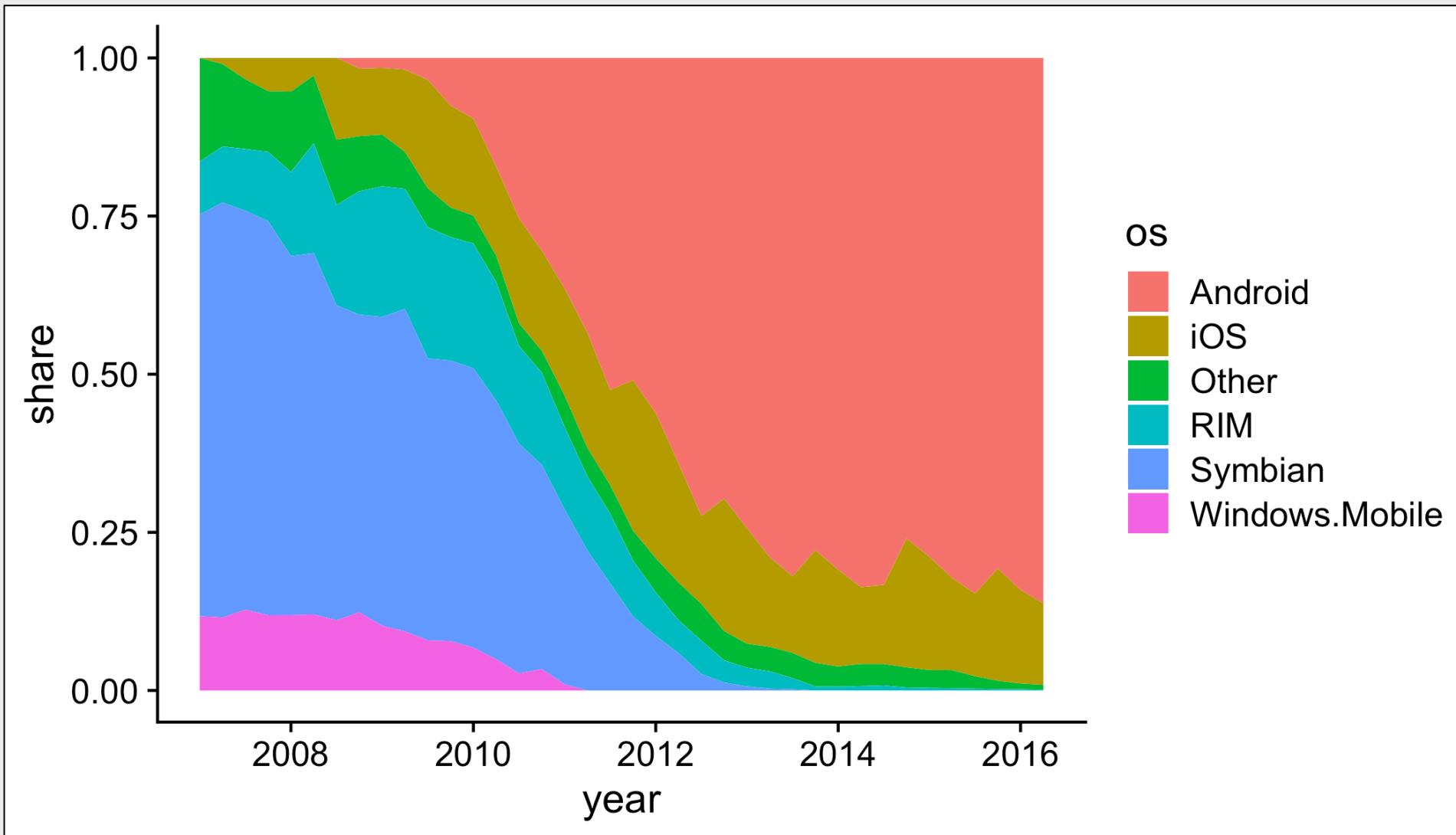
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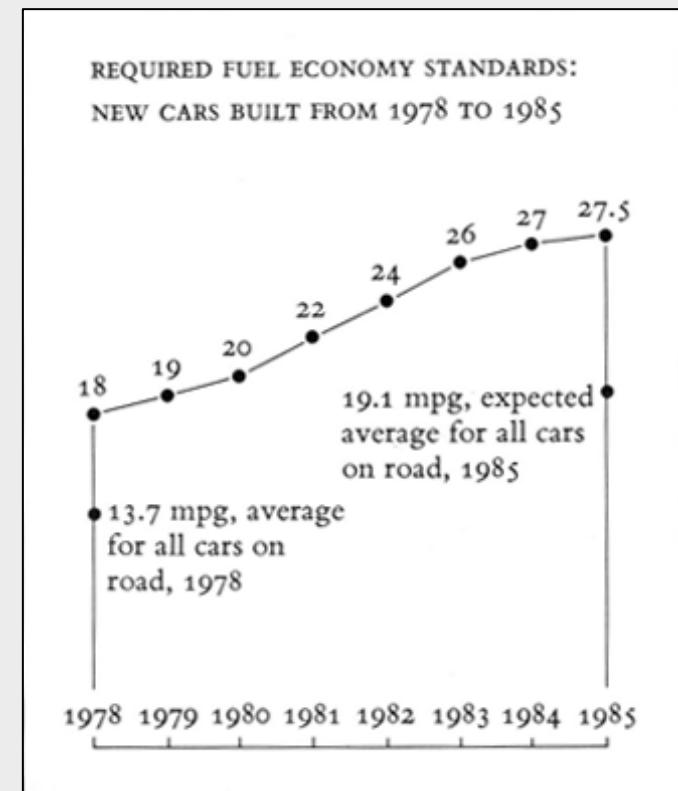
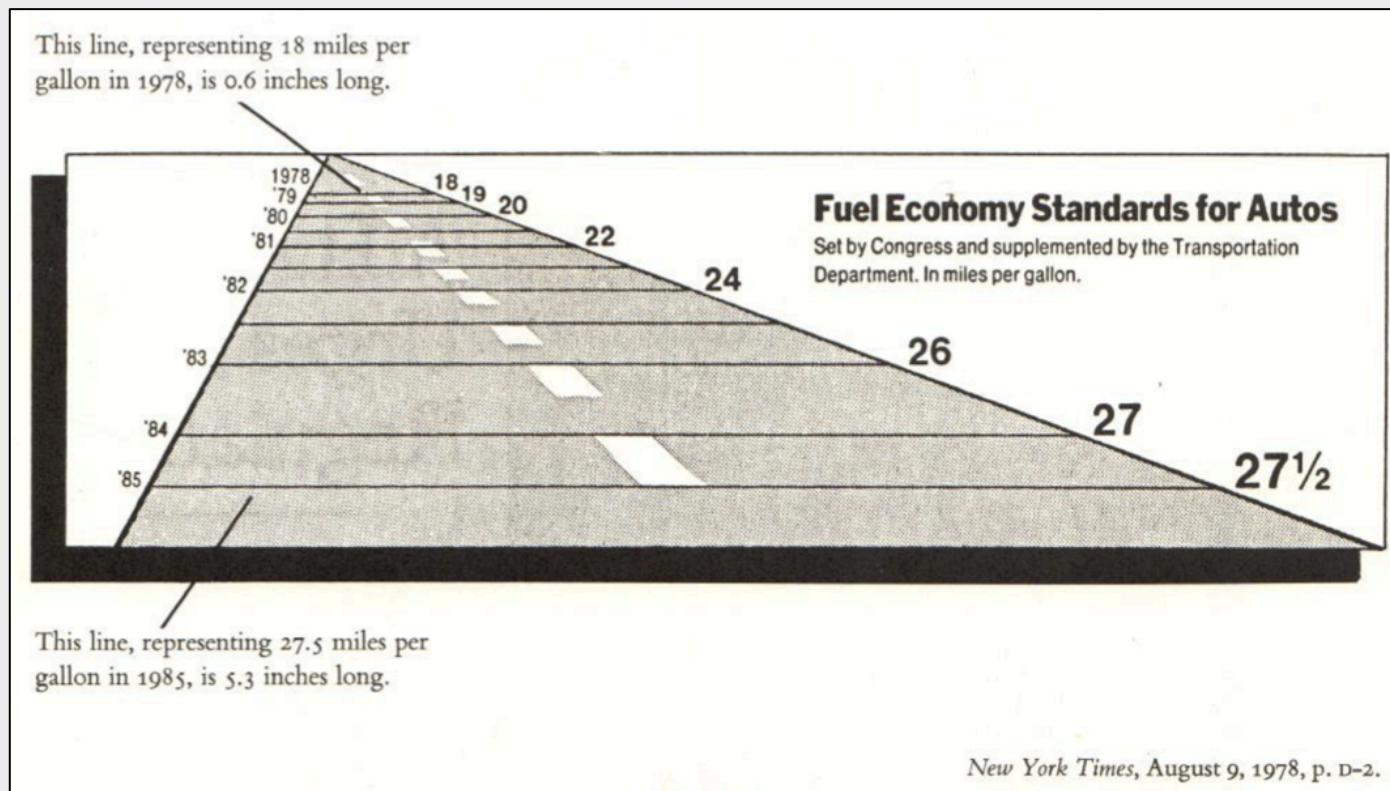
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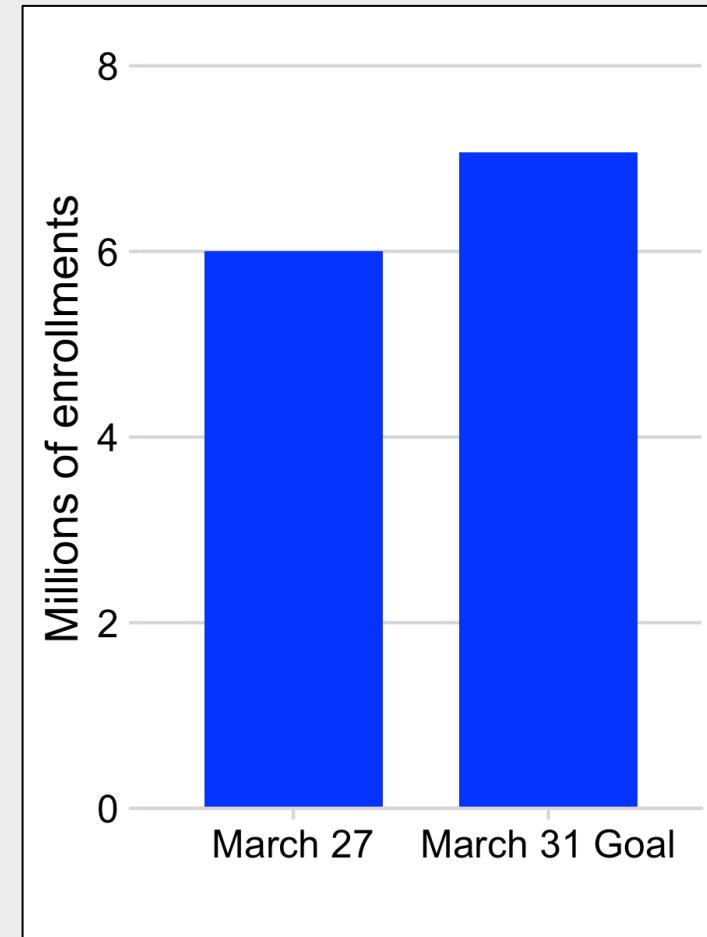
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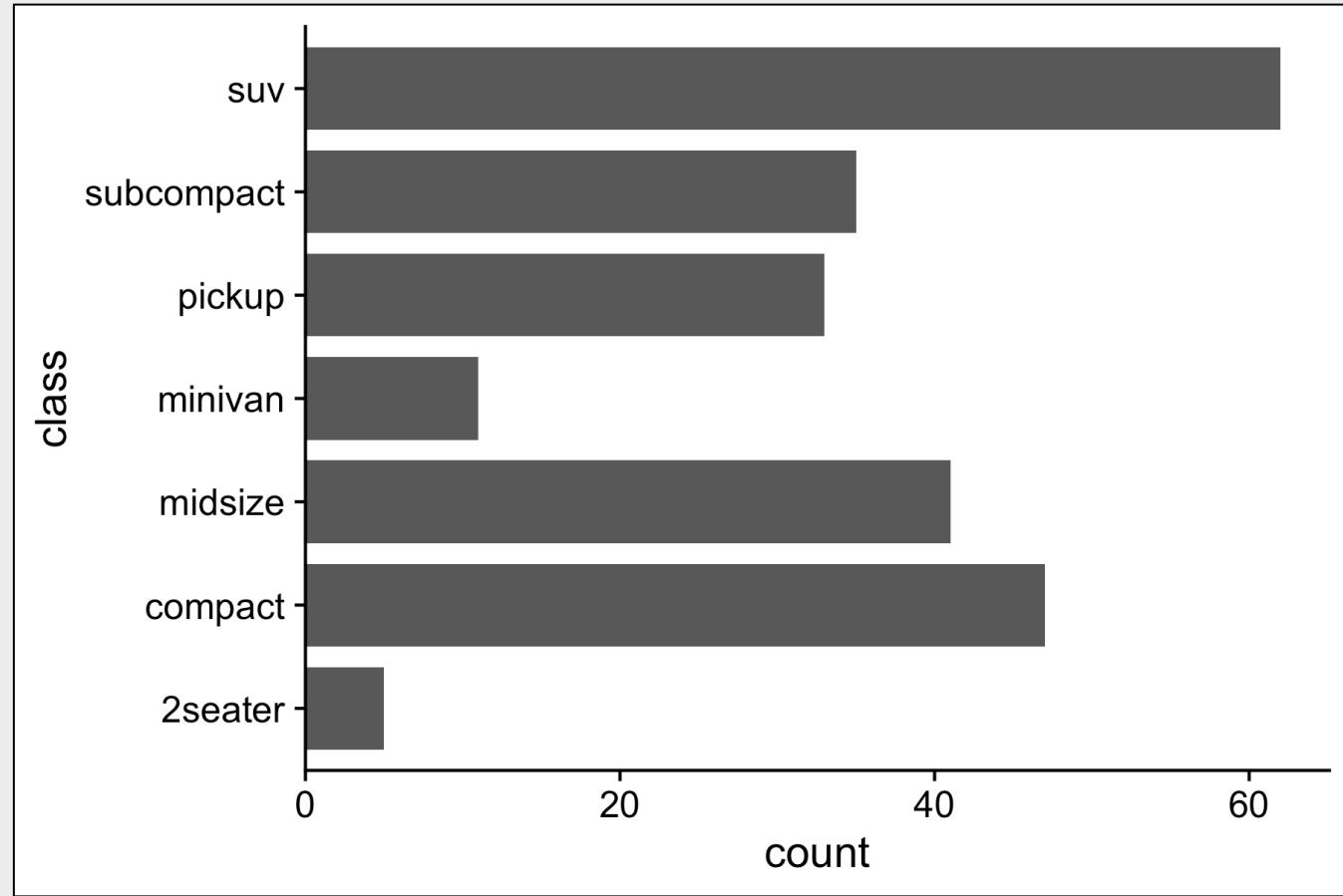
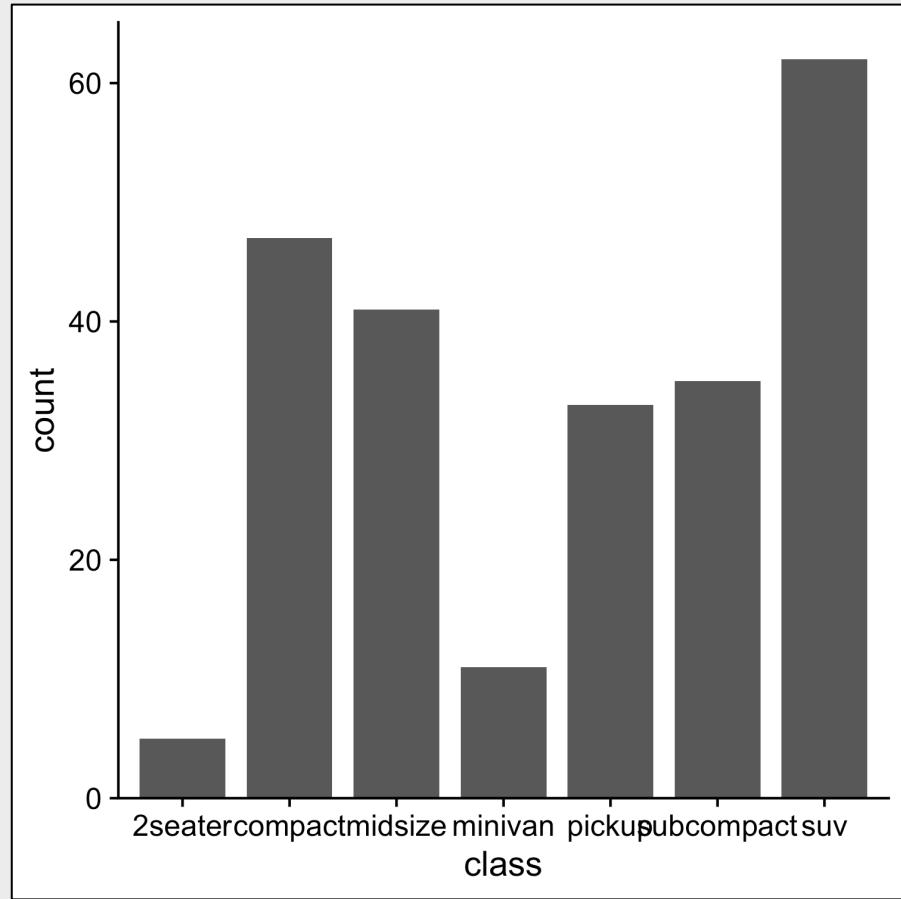


Do: Start bar charts at 0



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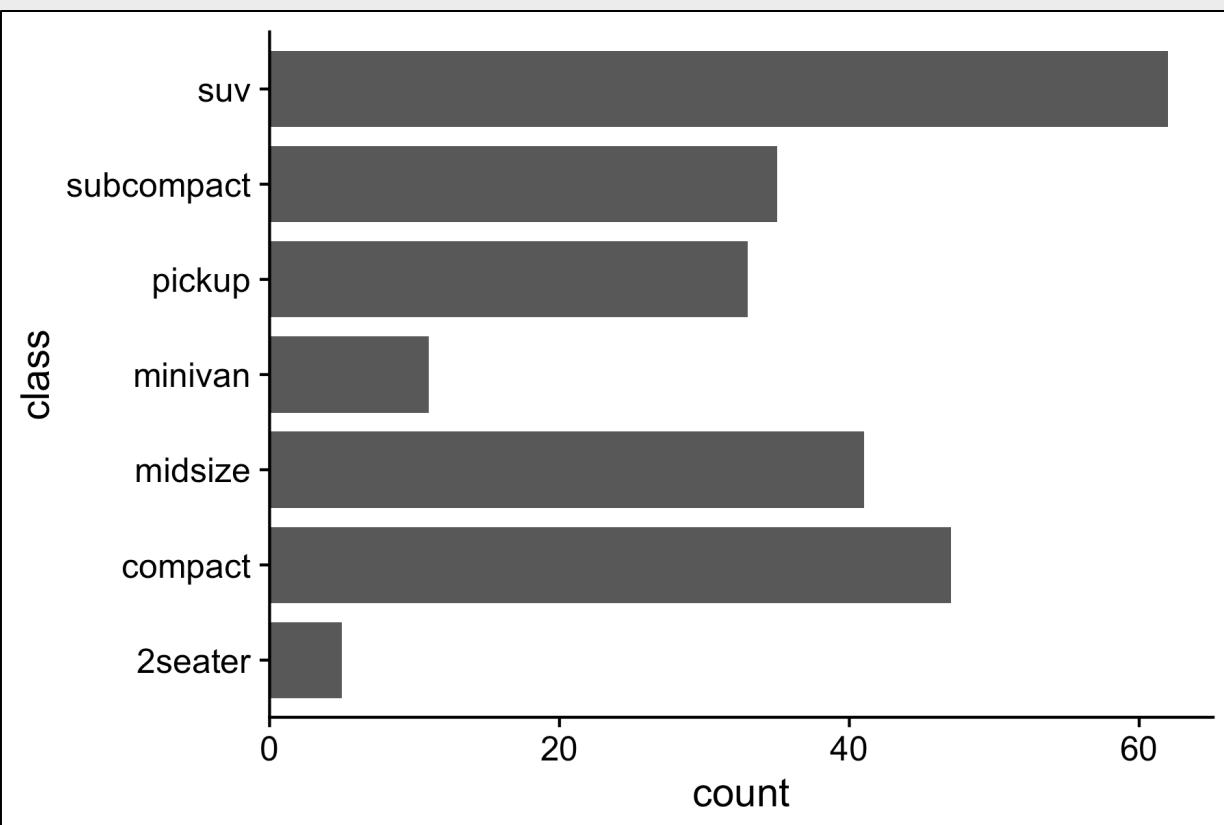
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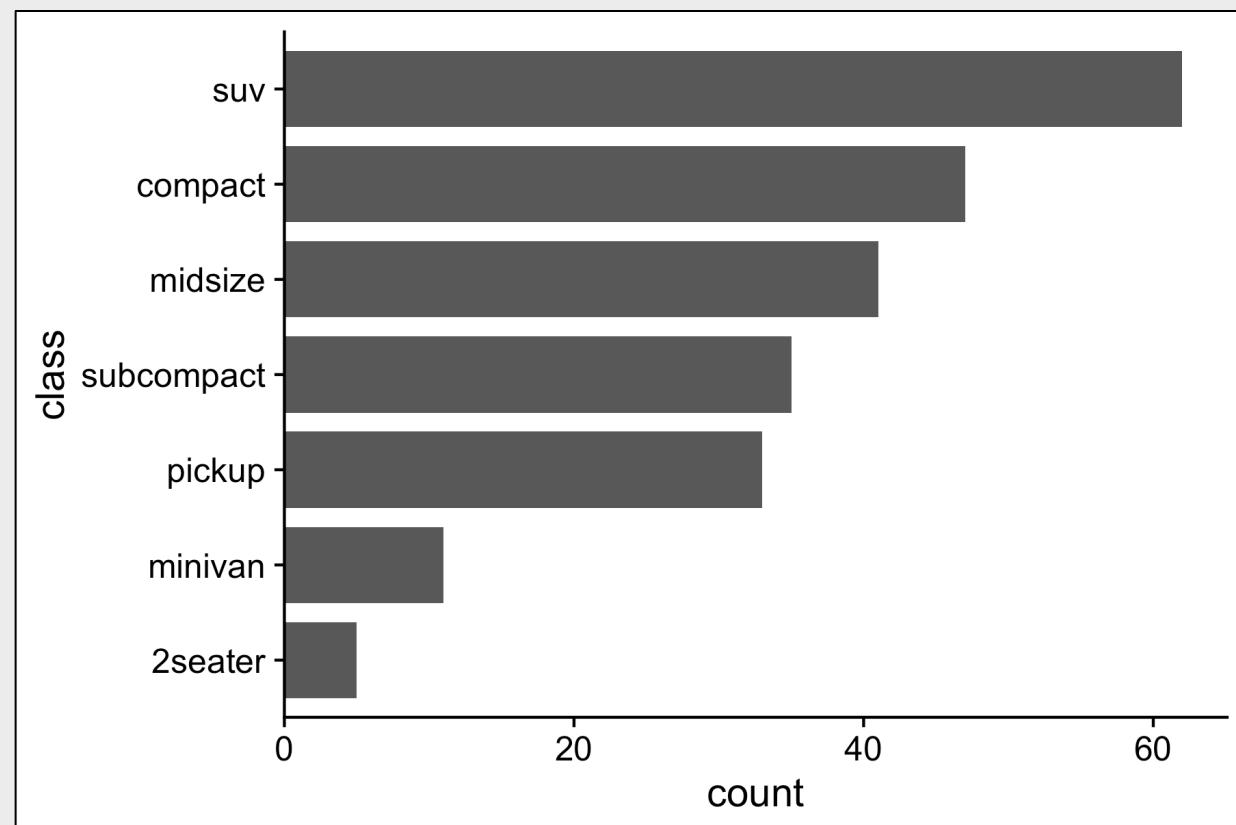
Default ordering is almost always wrong



Ordered by alphabet



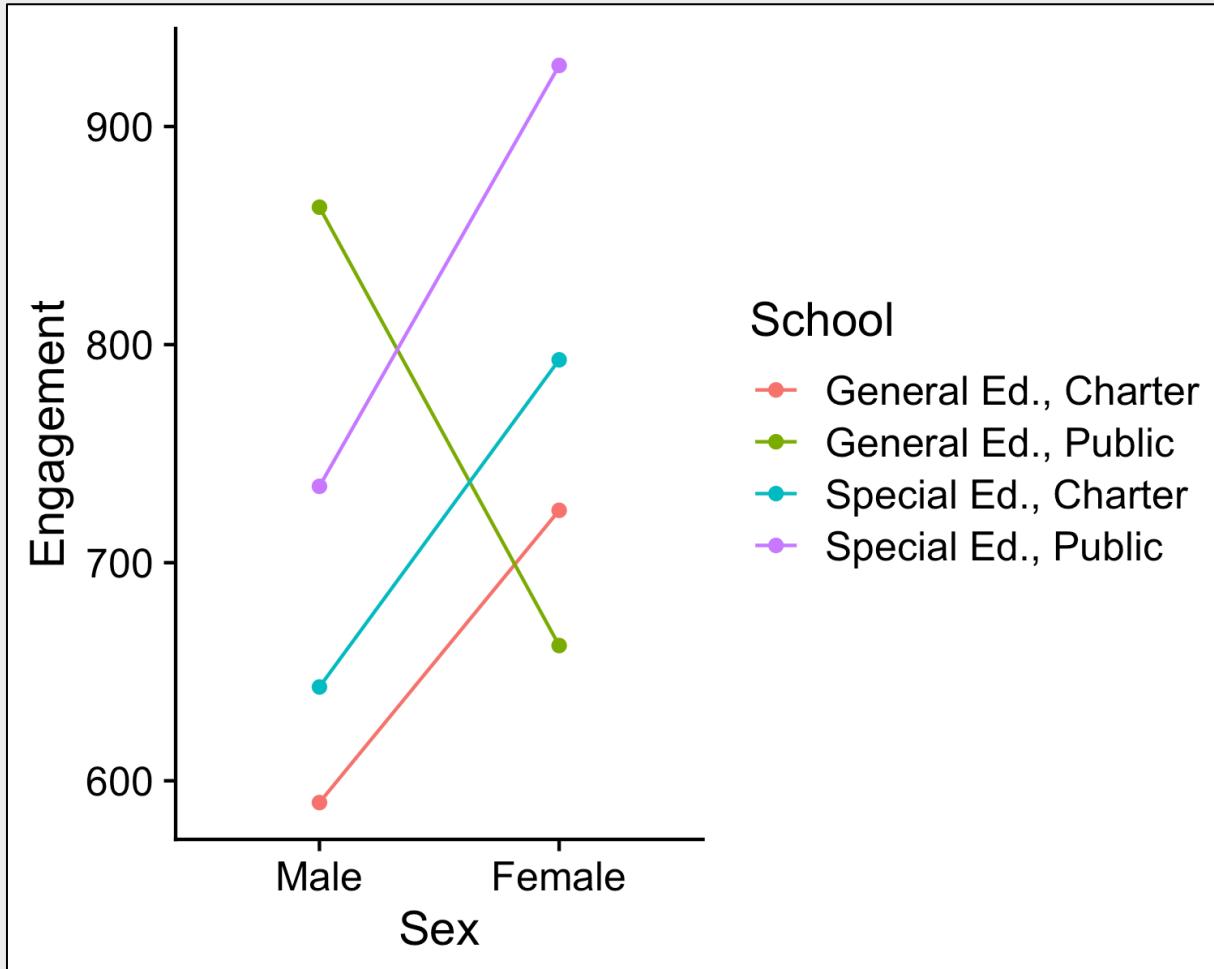
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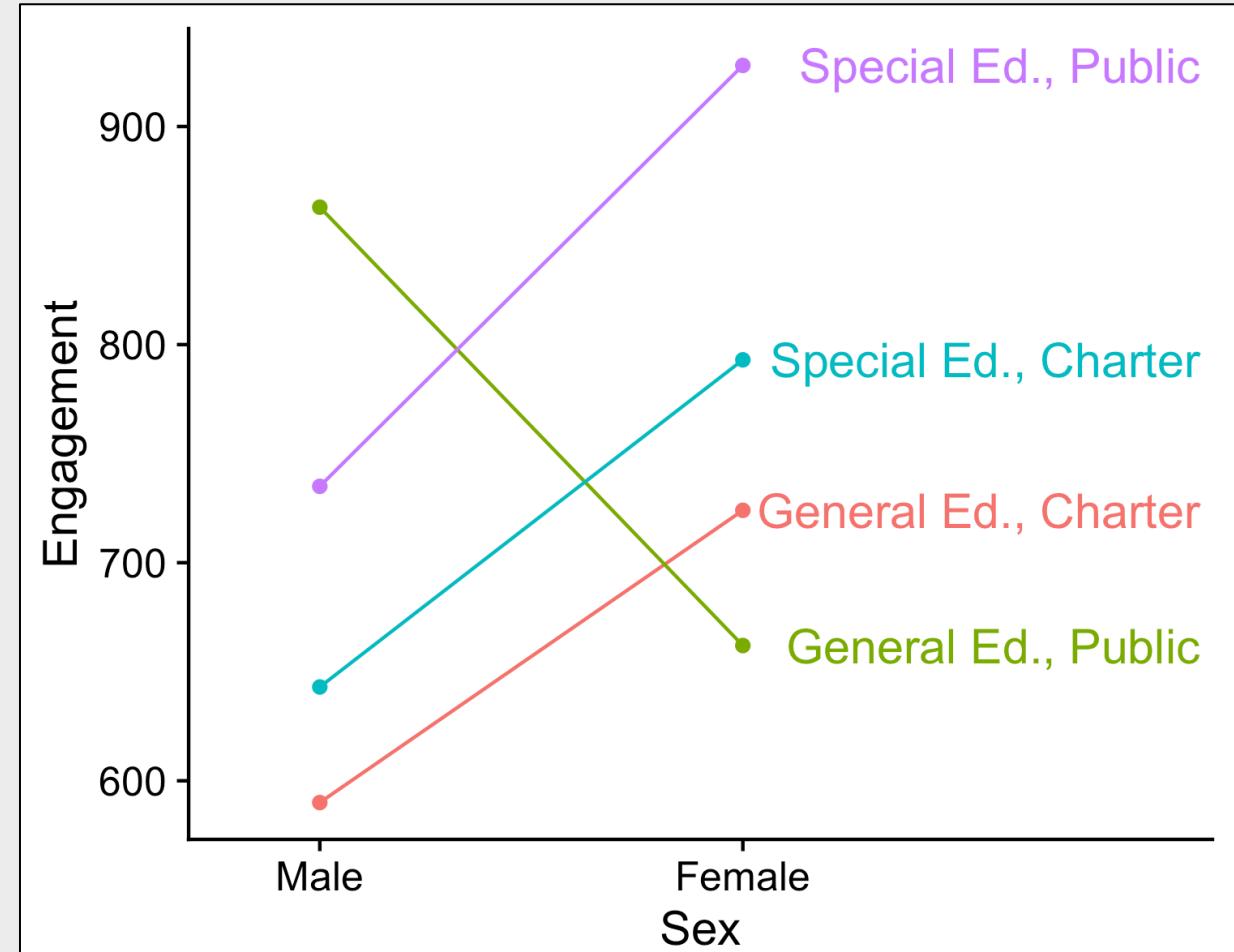
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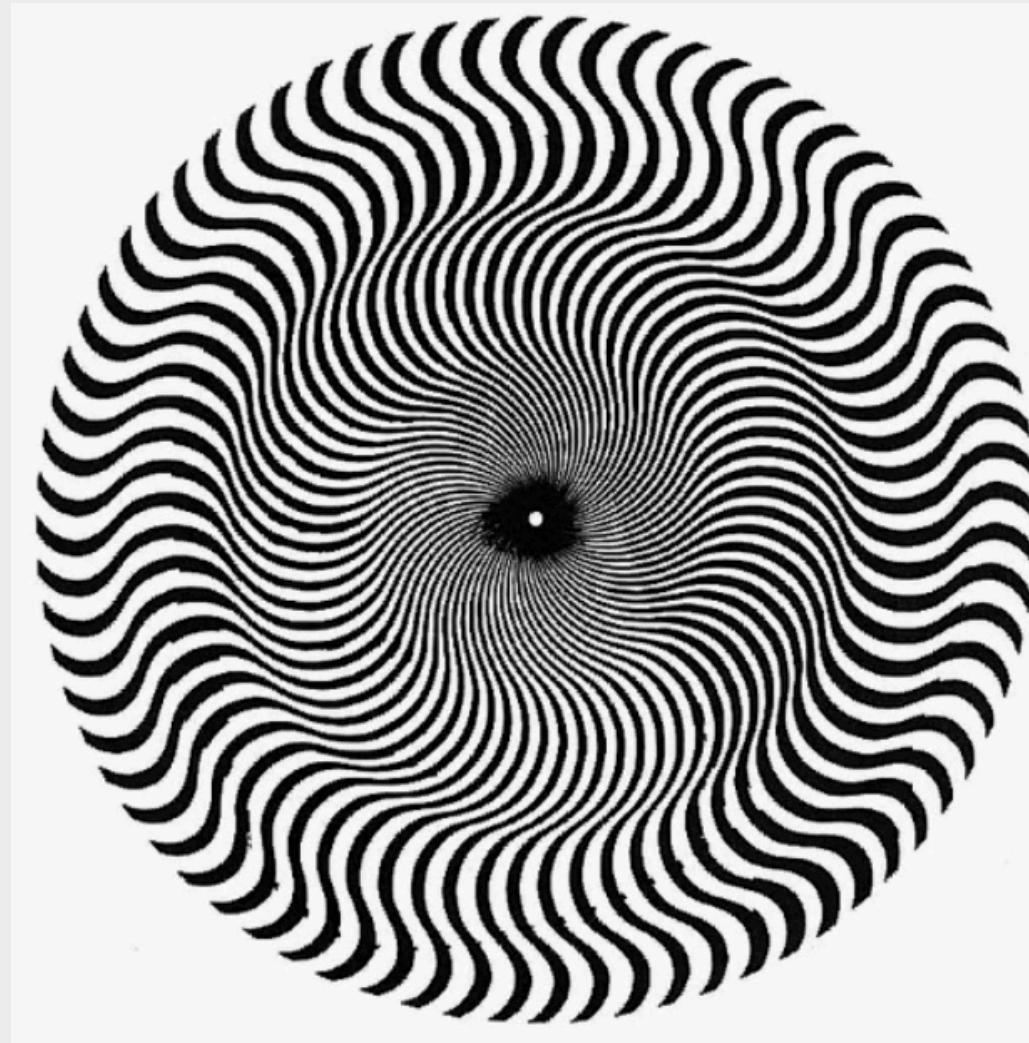
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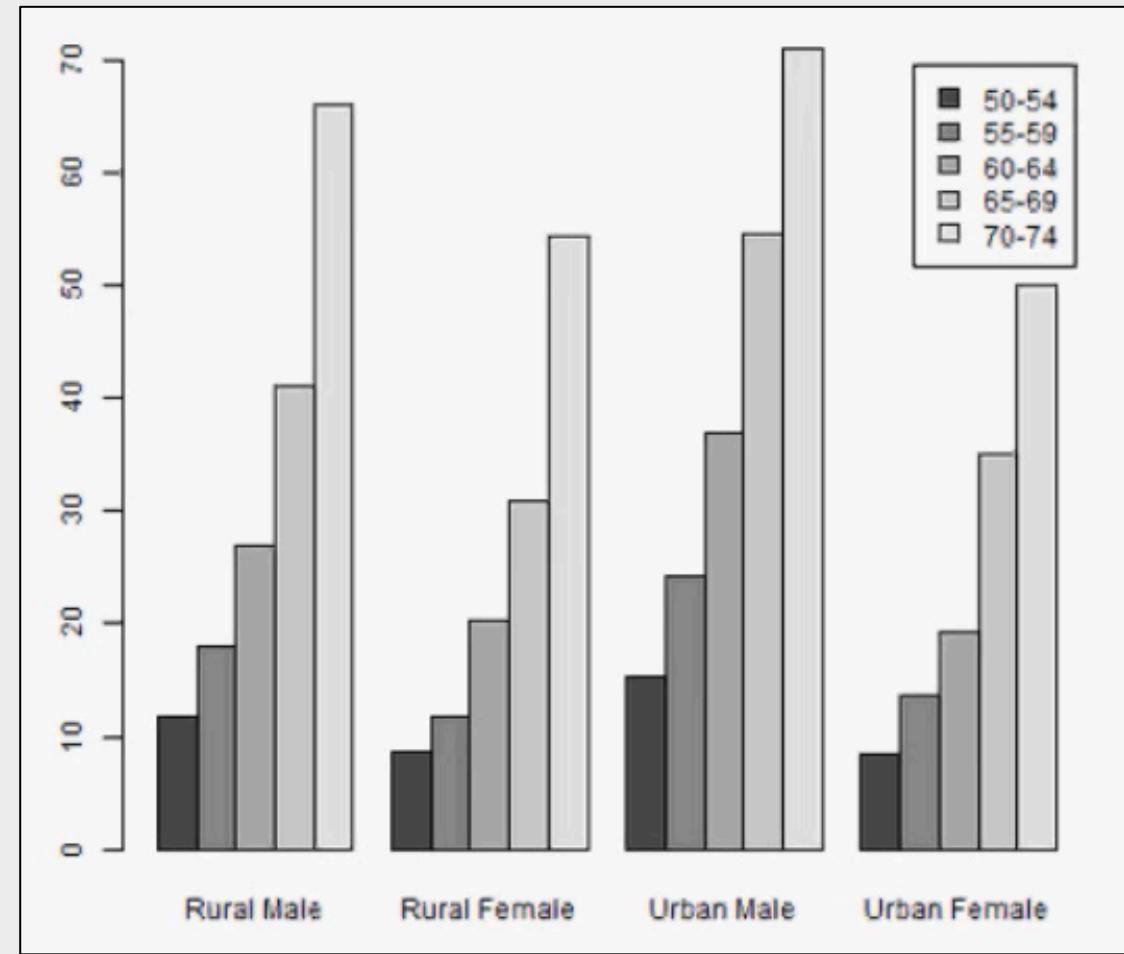
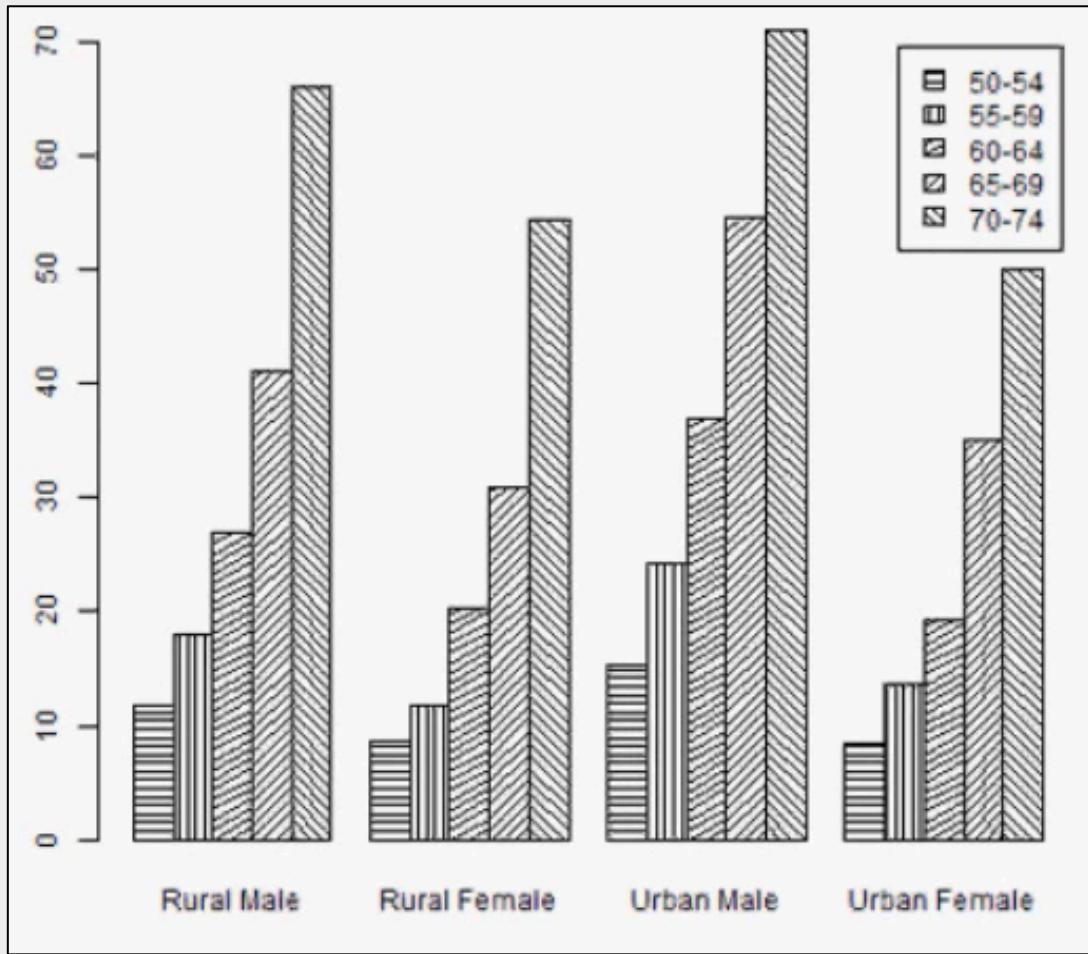


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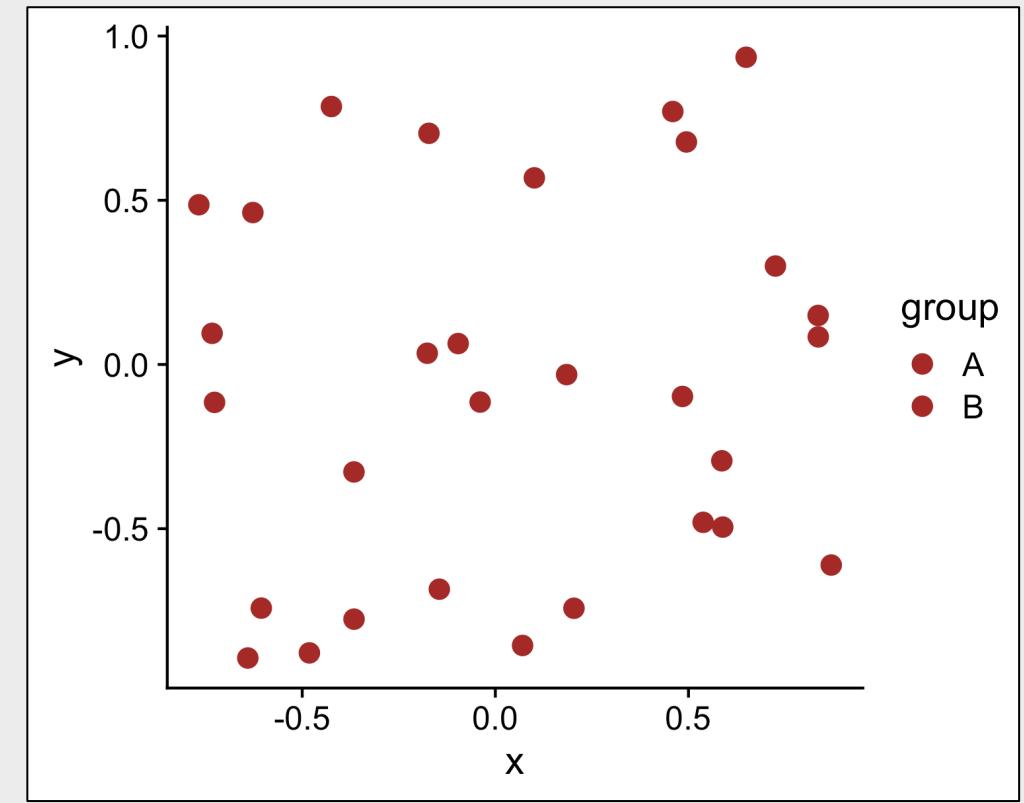
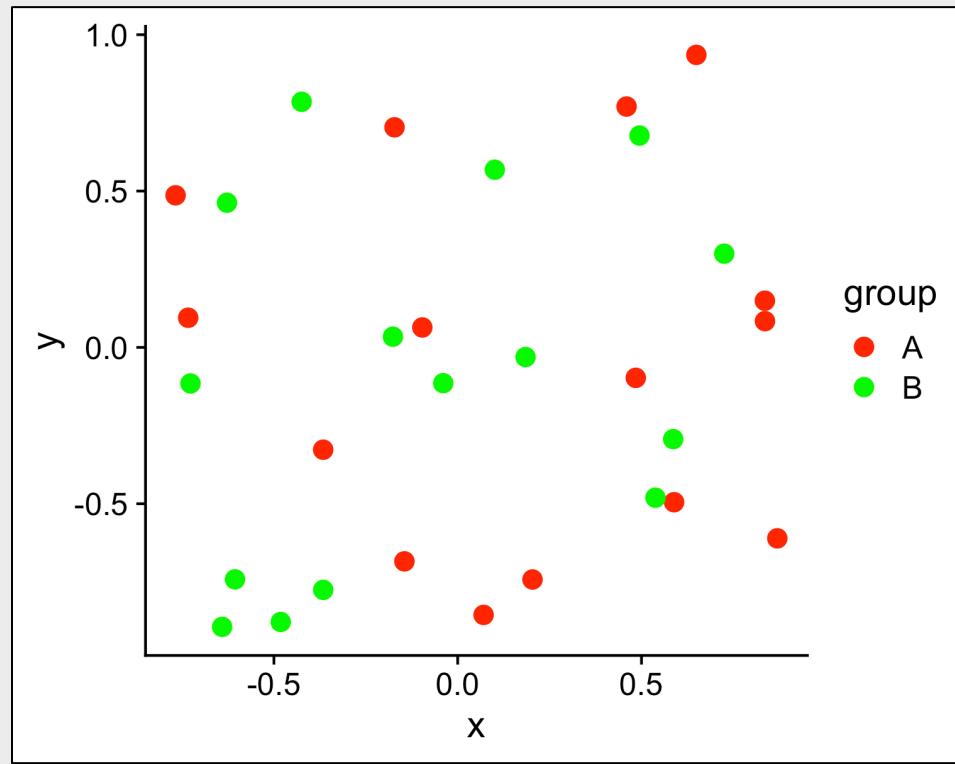




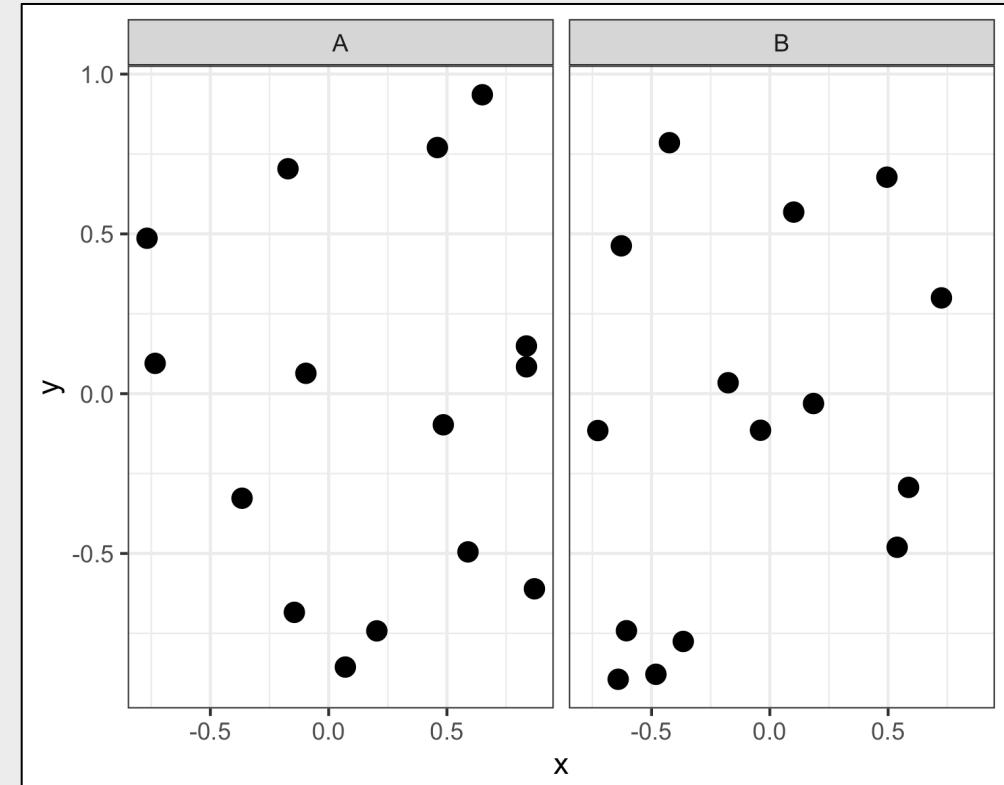
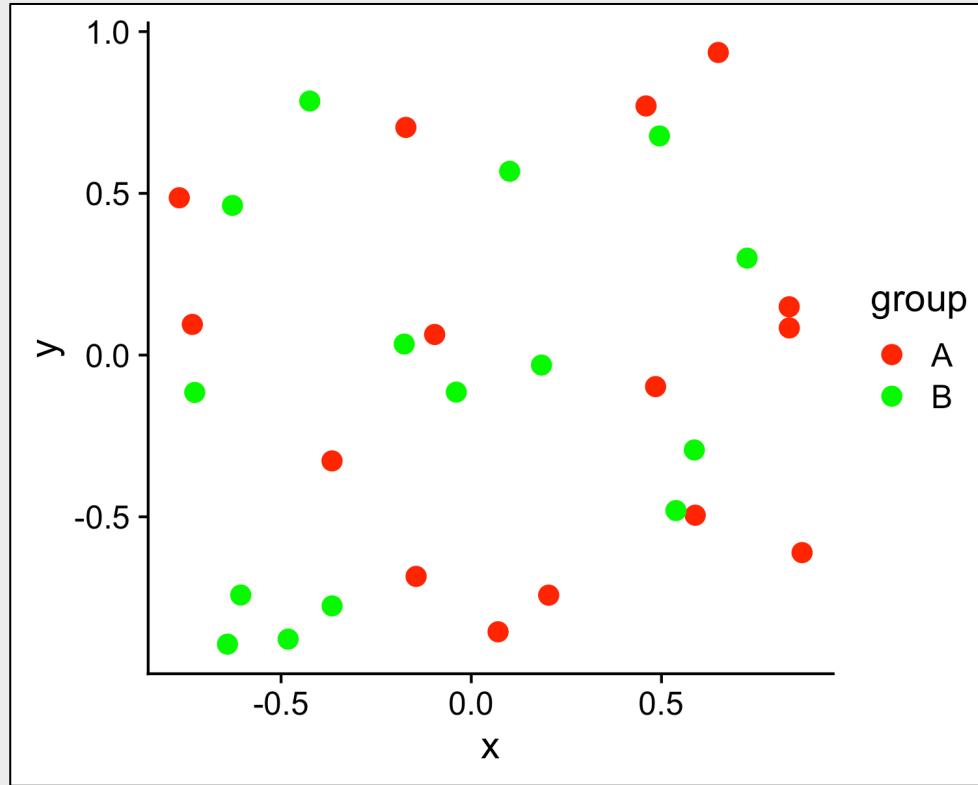
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10% of males and 1% of females are color blind



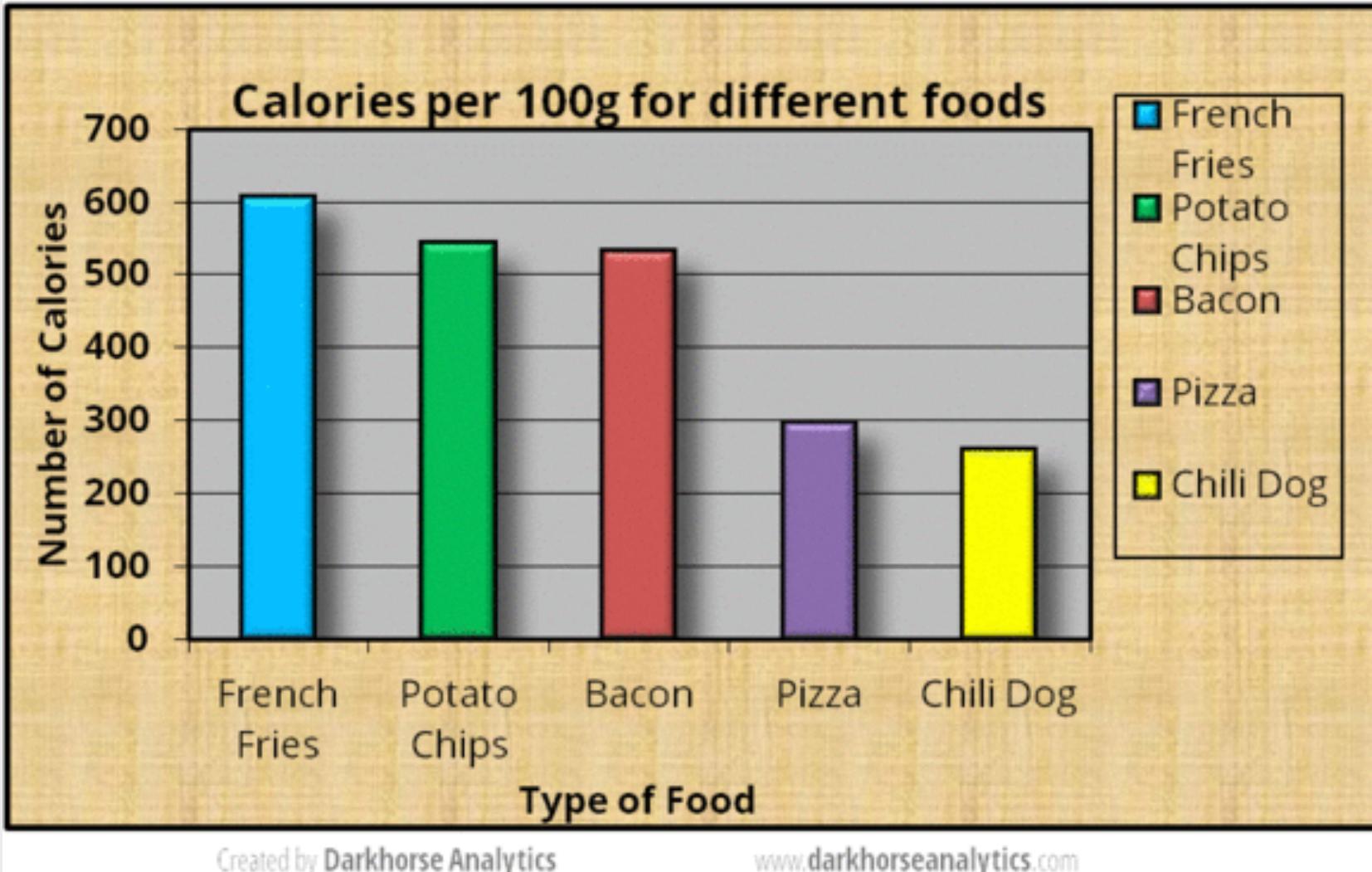
Facets can be used to avoid color altogether



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Before



Remove to improve (the **data-ink** ratio)

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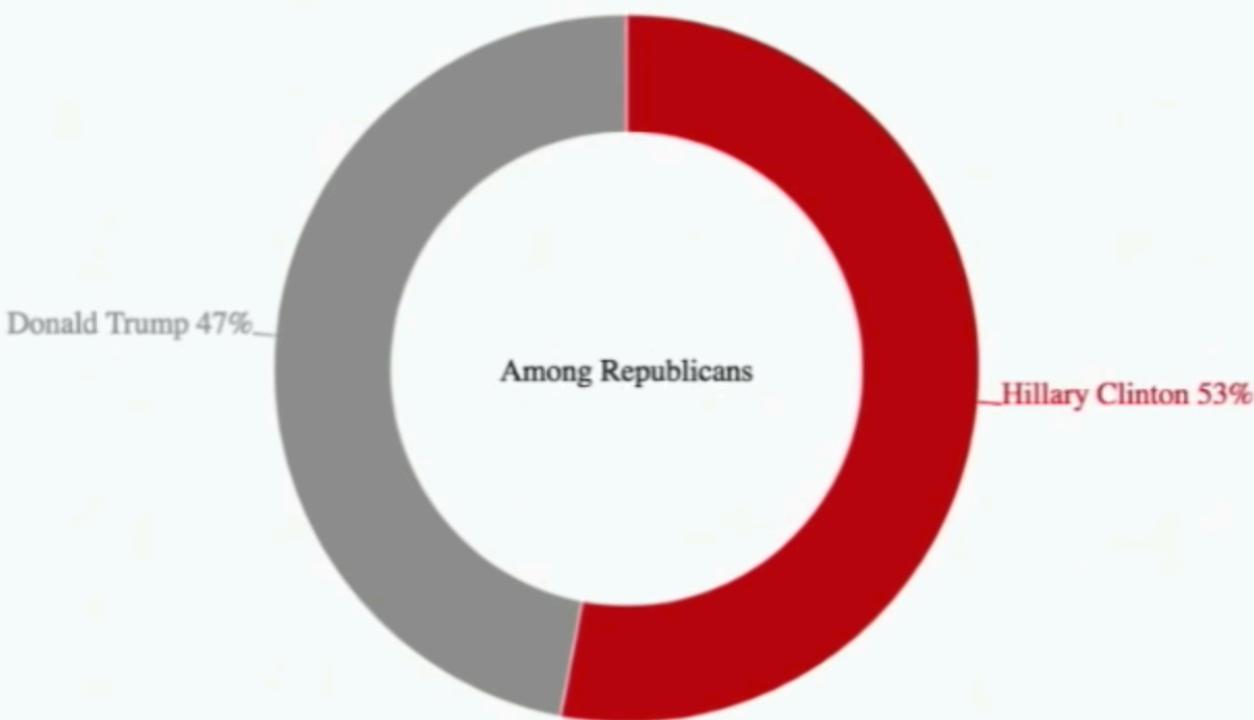
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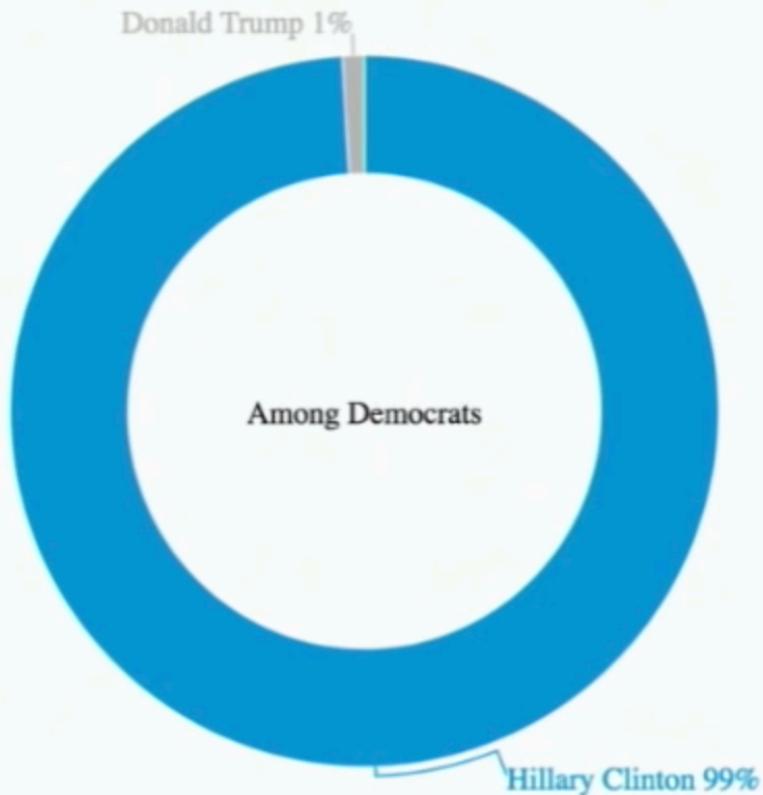
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	Clinton	Trump
Among democrats	99%	1%
Among republicans	53%	47%

Two objectives of effective graphs:

1. Grab & direct attention (iconic memory)
2. Reduce processing demands (working memory)

Graph components:

1. Geoms:
 - points, lines, boxes, bars, etc.
2. Pre-attentive attributes:
 - position, color, shape, curvature, etc.
3. Non-data ink:
 - scales, grid lines, legend, labels, etc.
4. No chart junk!

Pattern recognition hierarchy:

- Position on a common scale
- Position on non-aligned scales
- Length
- Angle
- Area
- Color saturation
- Color hue

Cleveland's three visual operations of pattern perception:

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 - Discrimination $X \neq Y$
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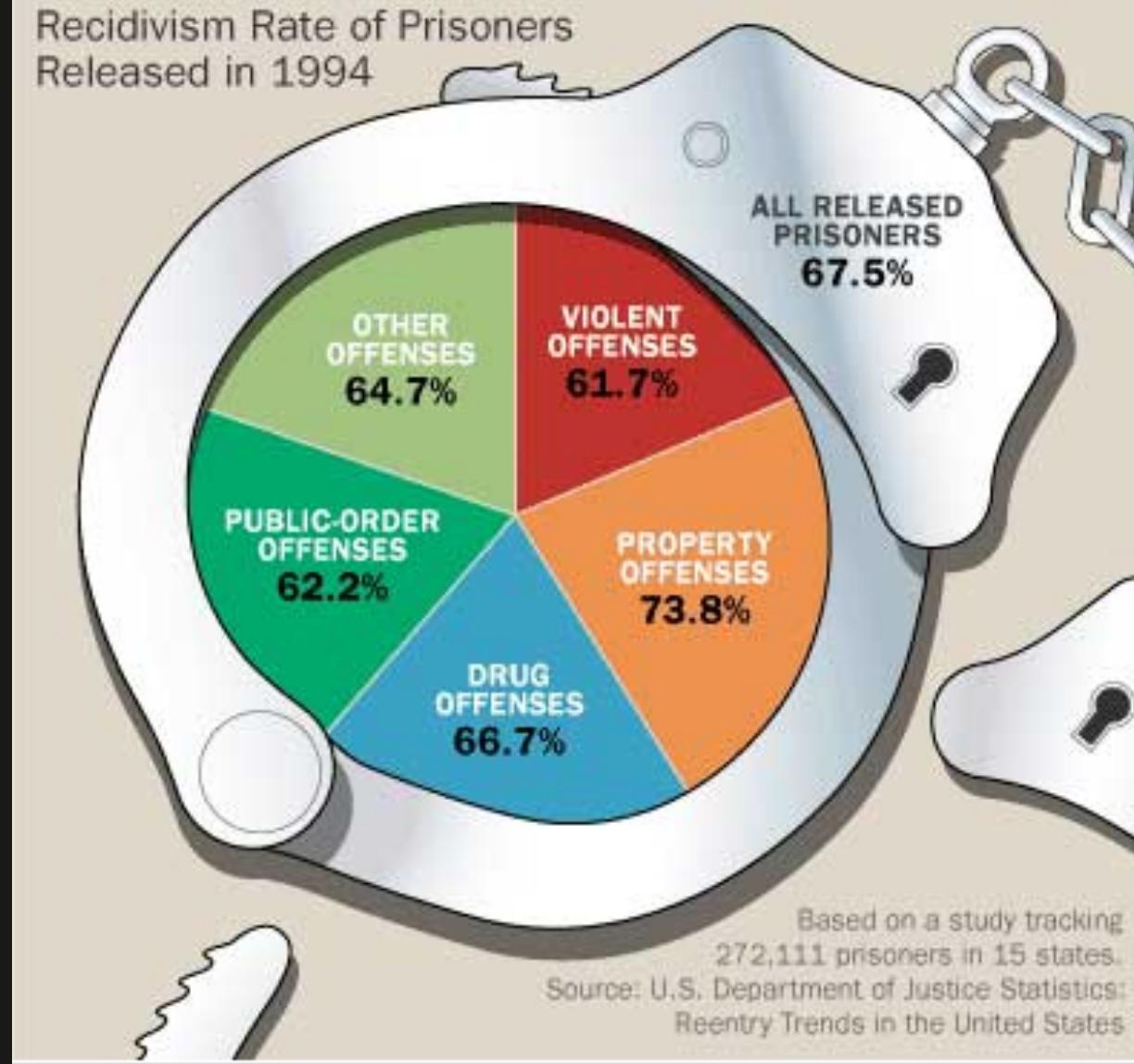
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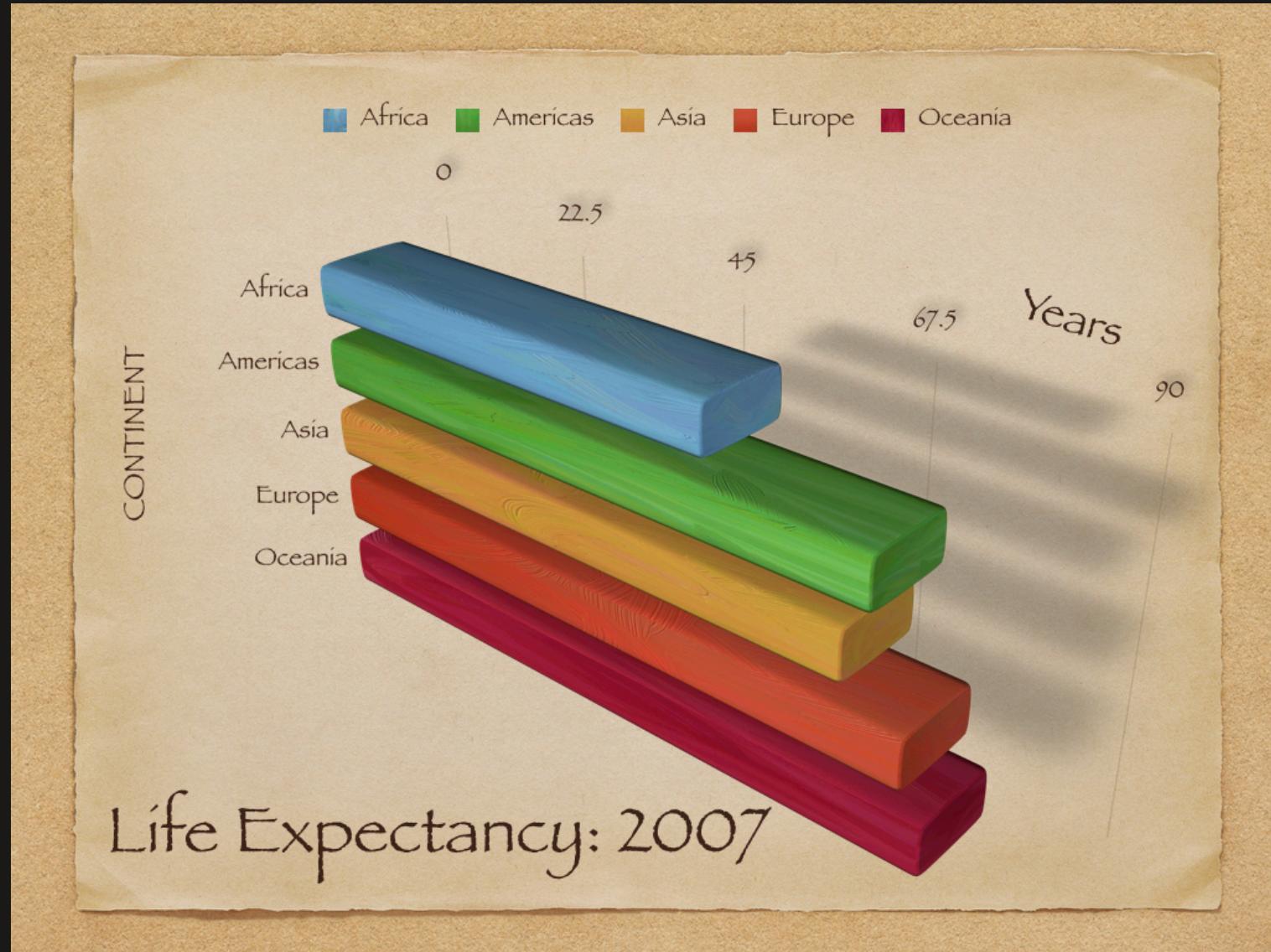
- The geoms
- The pre-attentive attributes
- Where the graphic falls on Cleveland's pattern recognition hierarchy

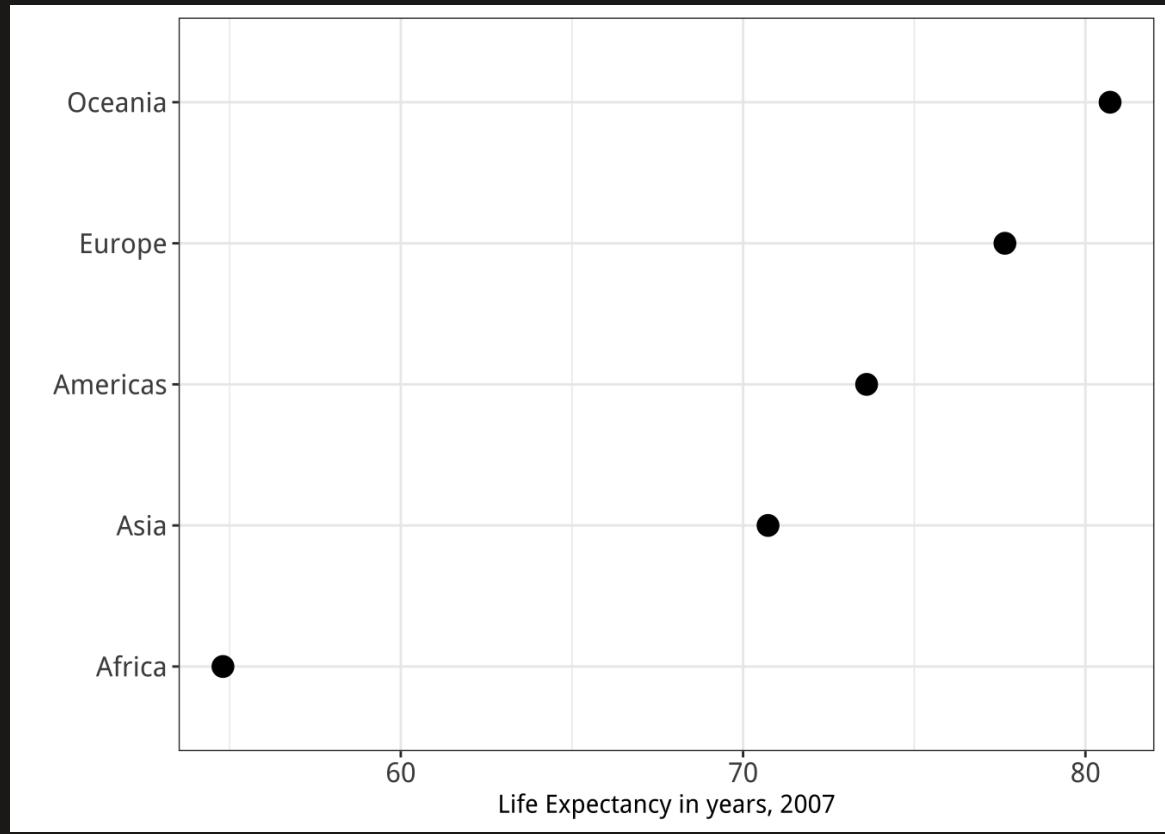
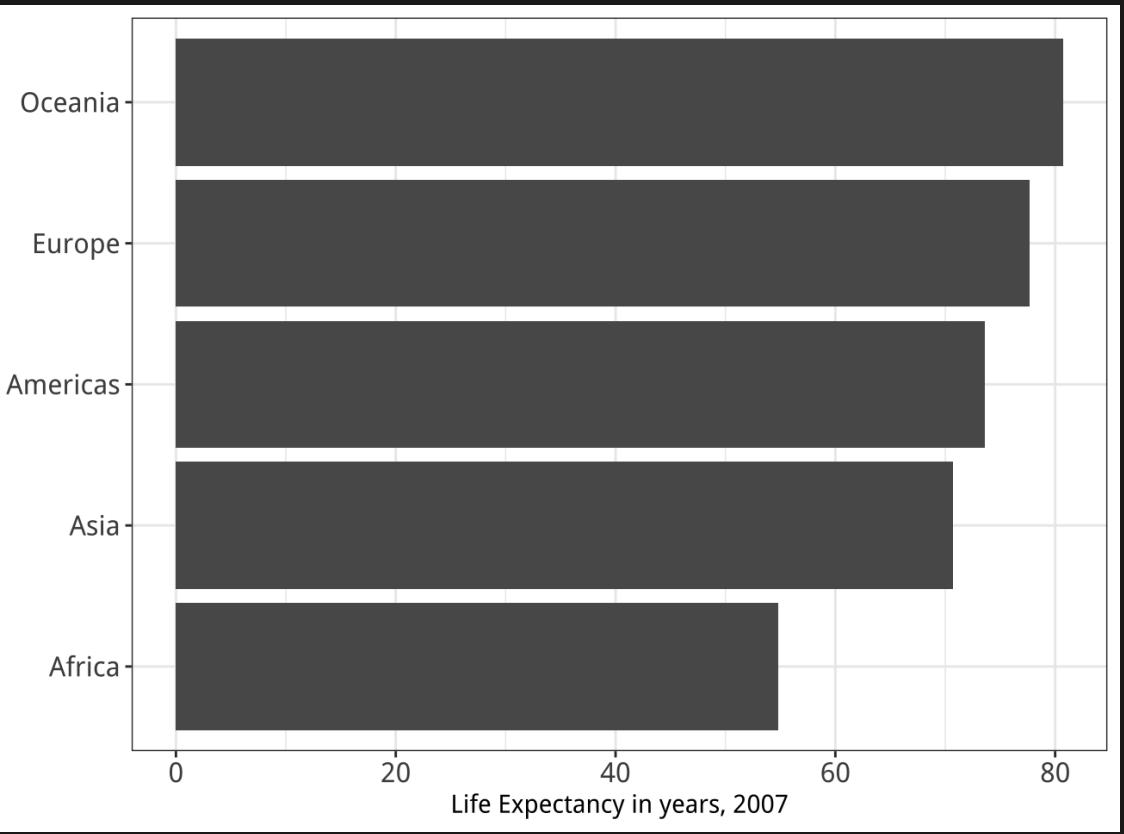
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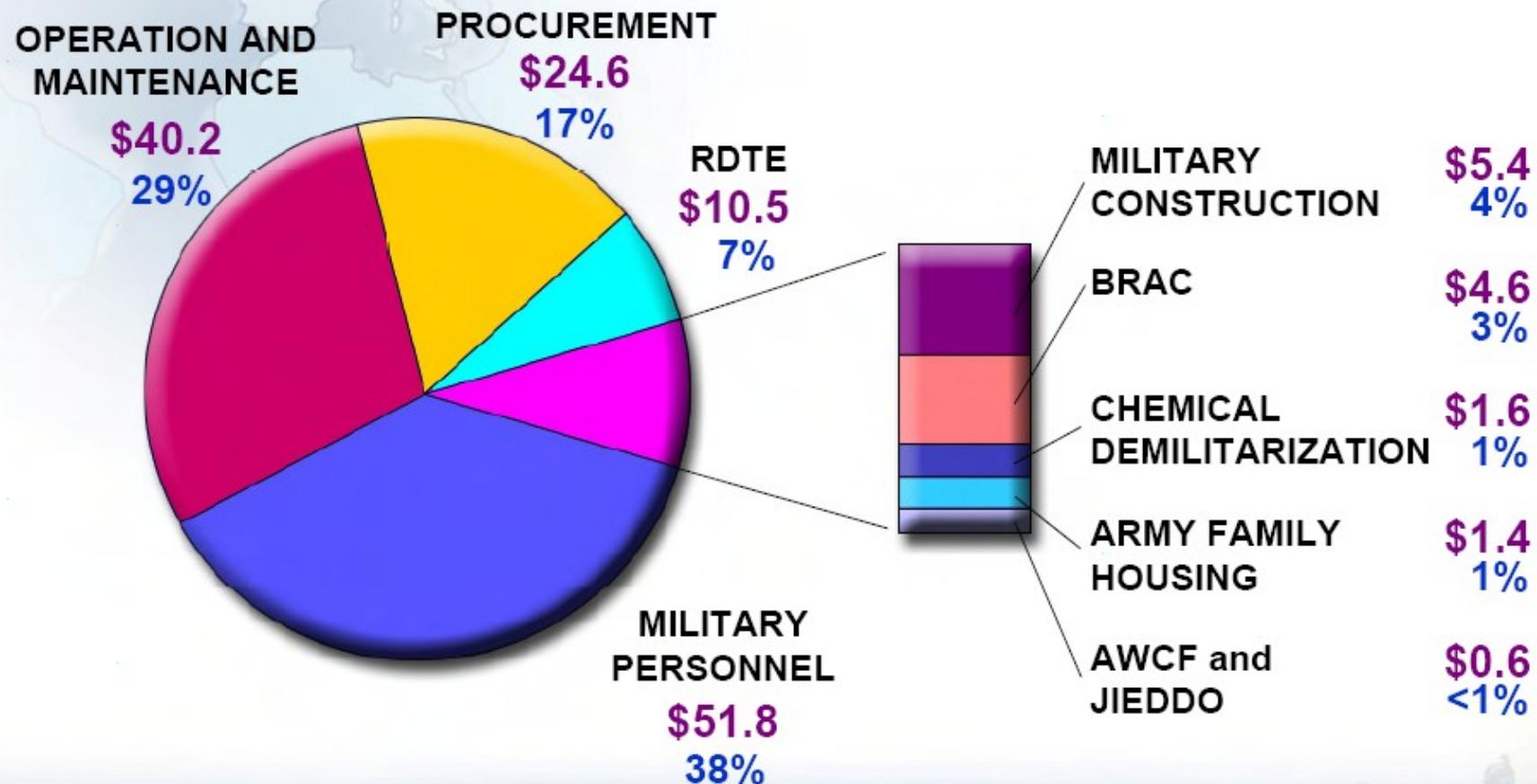








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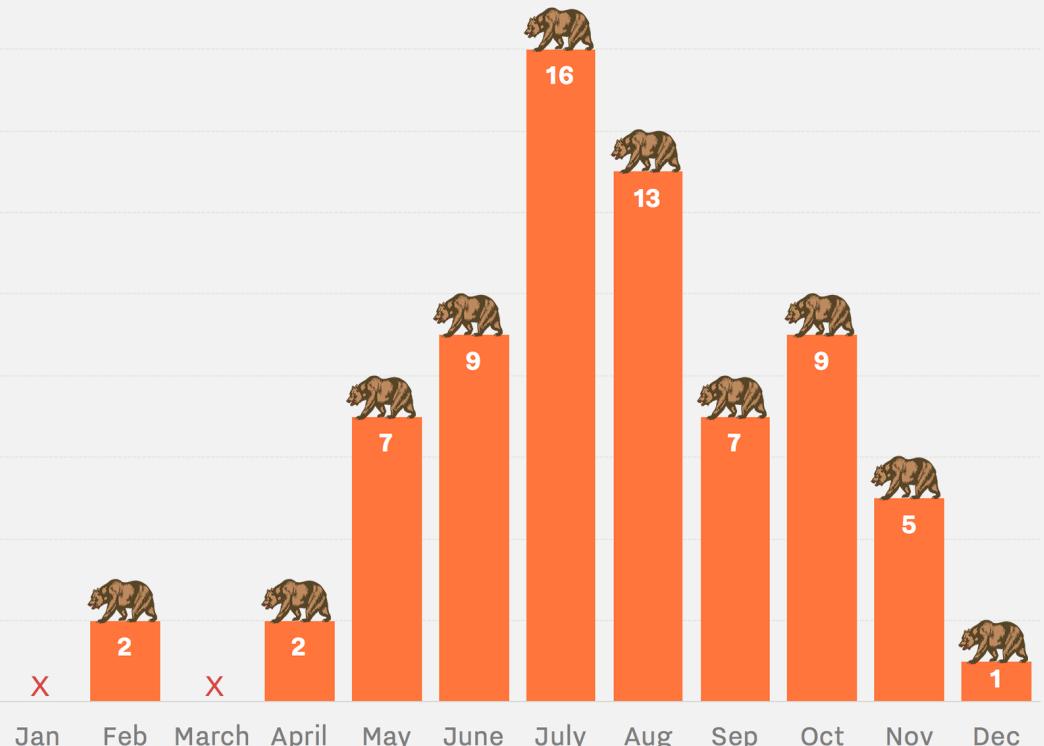




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Most fatal bear attacks occur in July and August

Total fatal bear attacks (grizzly, black, and polar), 1900 to present



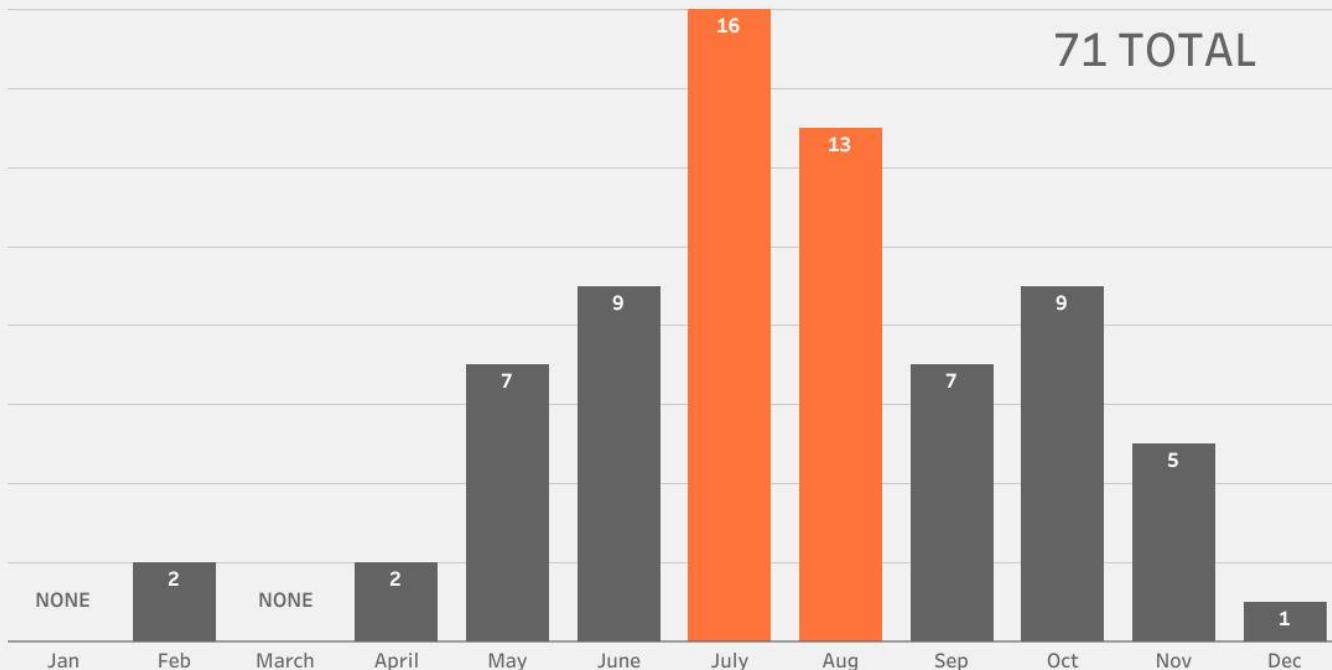
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Total fatal bear attacks by grizzly, black and polar bears from 1900 to present



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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY EIGHT

Fatal Wild Bear Attacks in North America - 1900 to 2018

Only 17% occurred during winter and spring

*Be careful in the **summer** & **autumn***

20

Spring

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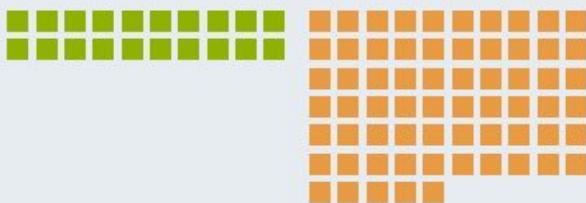
Summer

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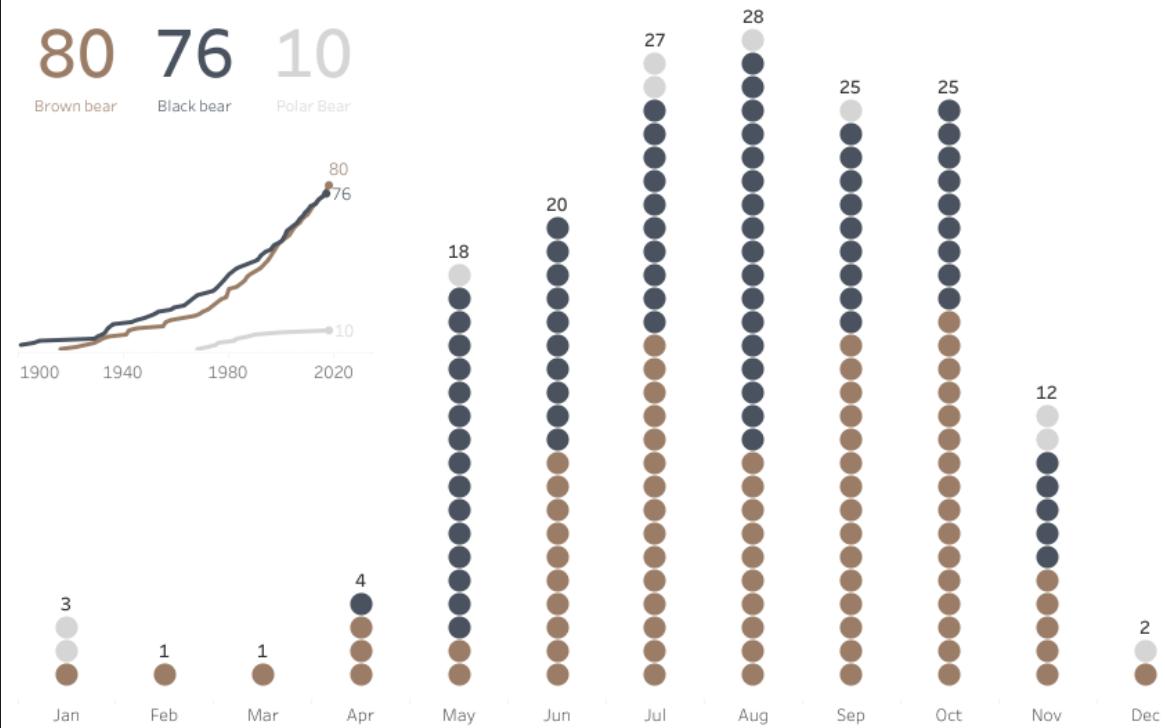
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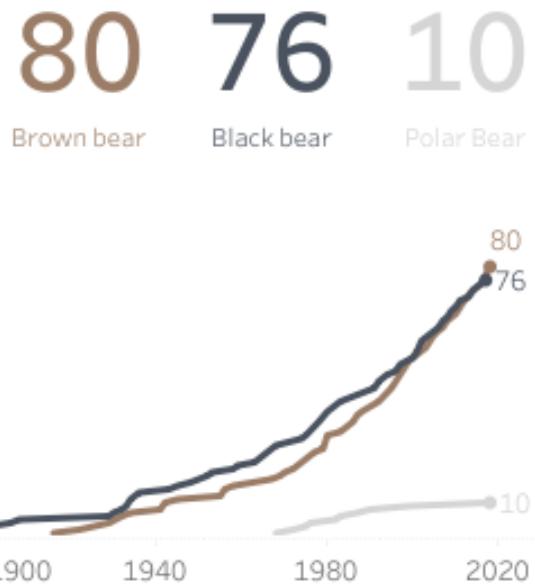
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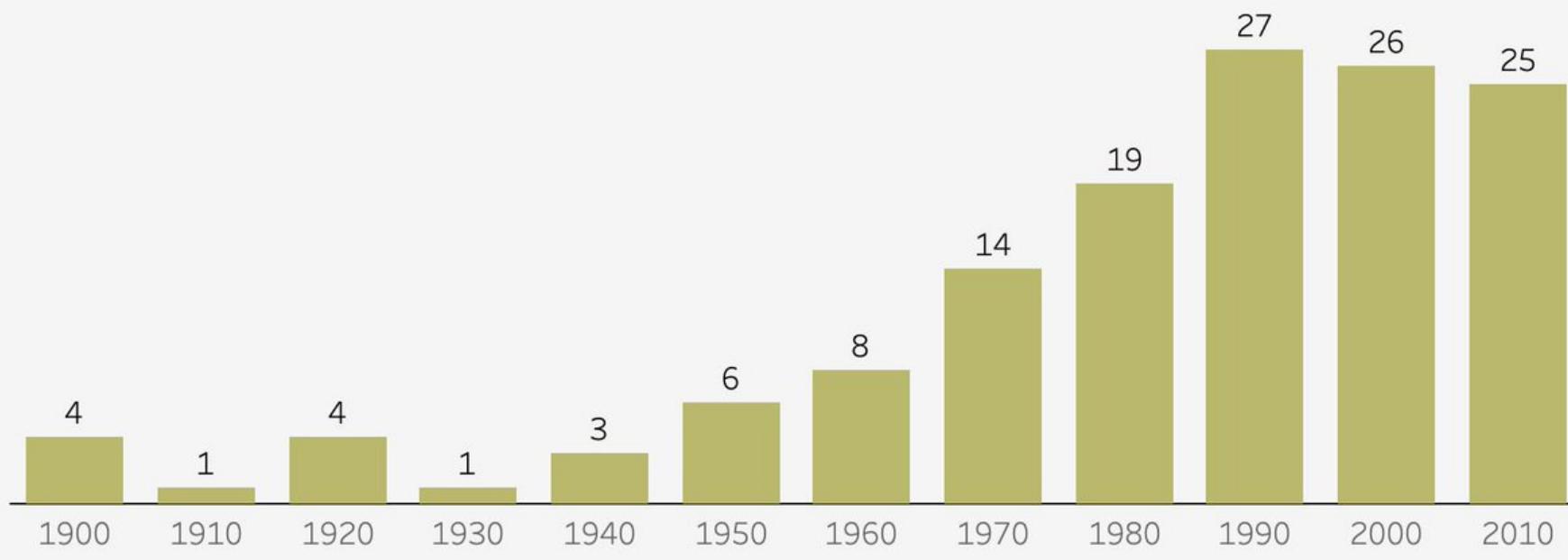


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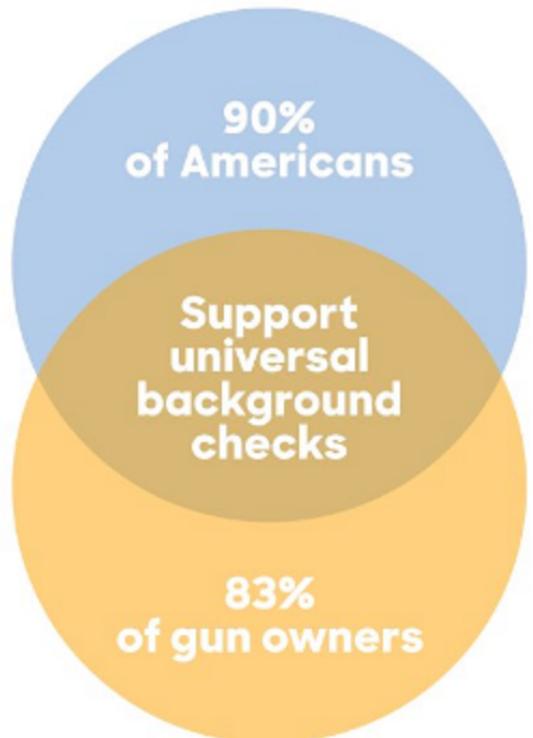
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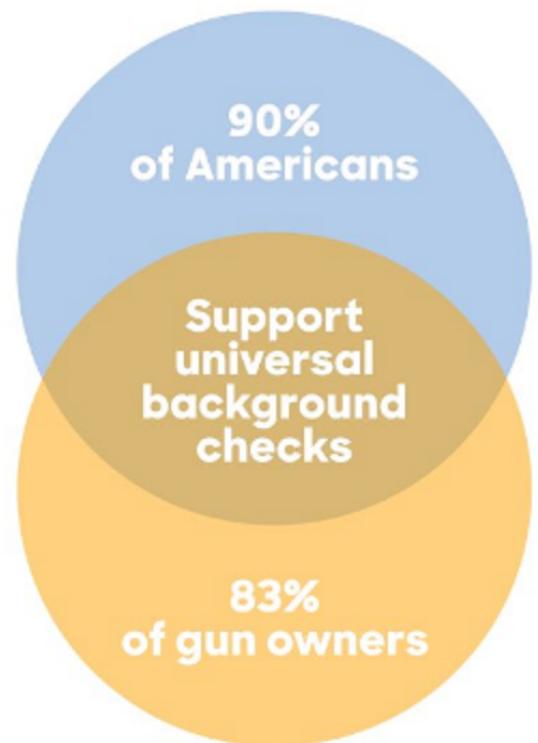
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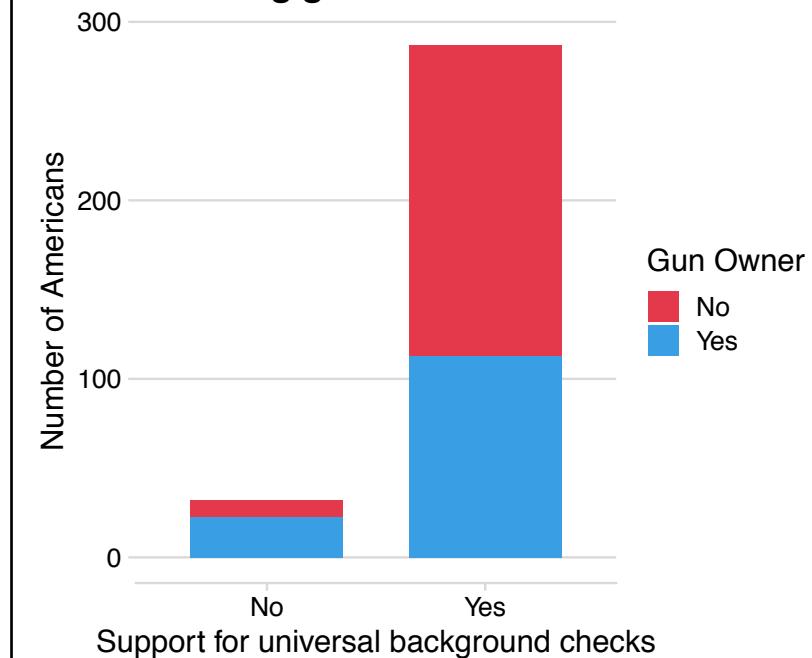
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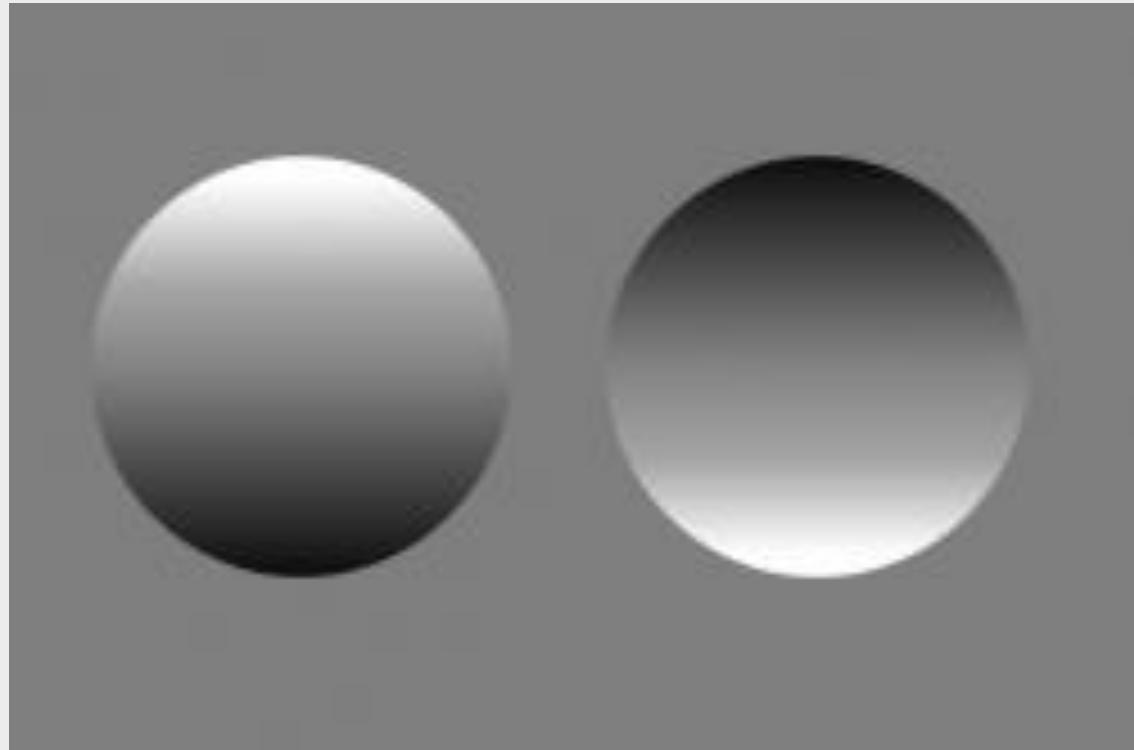
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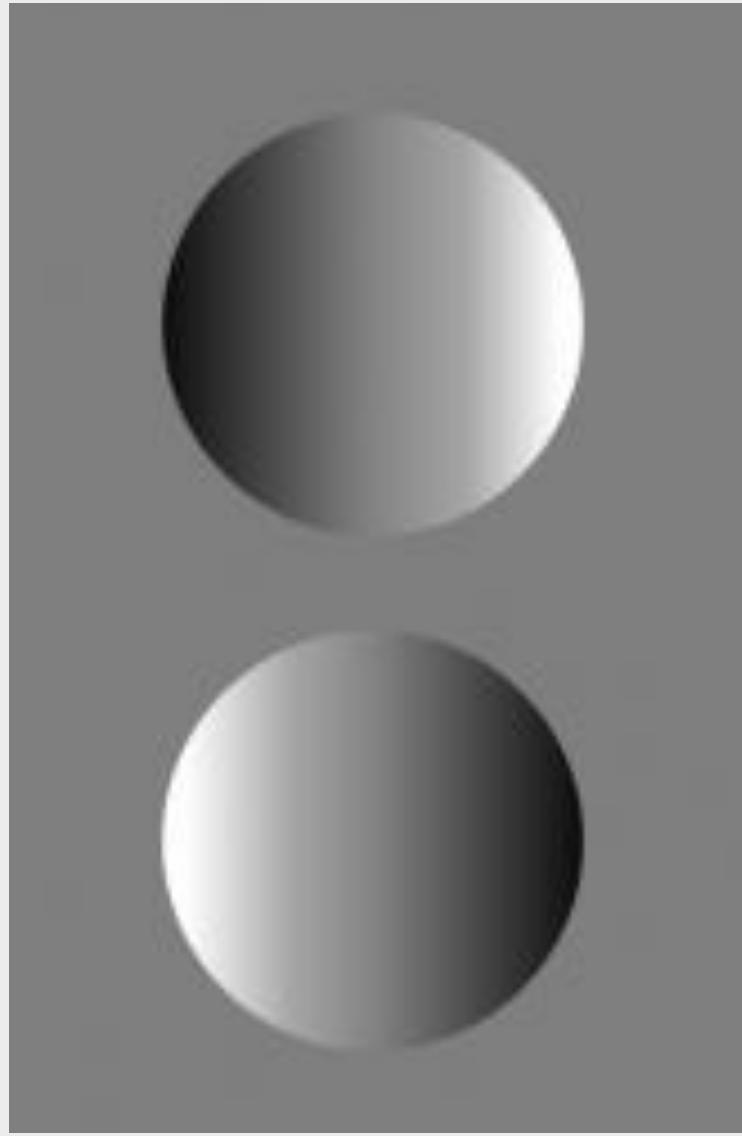
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Attribute	Coef.	Model 1: MNL		Model 2: MXL	
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HEV	μ	-1.176 (1.611)	4.882 (1.917)	-0.418 (1.585)	4.962 (1.992)
	σ	-	-	0.188 (4.664)	19.403 (7.723)
PHEV10	μ	0.027 (1.782)	-1.291 (2.069)	0.822 (1.796)	-1.748 (2.098)
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PHEV20	μ	1.695 (1.751)	-1.242 (2.031)	3.207 (1.734)	-2.245 (2.074)
	σ	-	-	8.664 (5.719)	4.041 (6.792)
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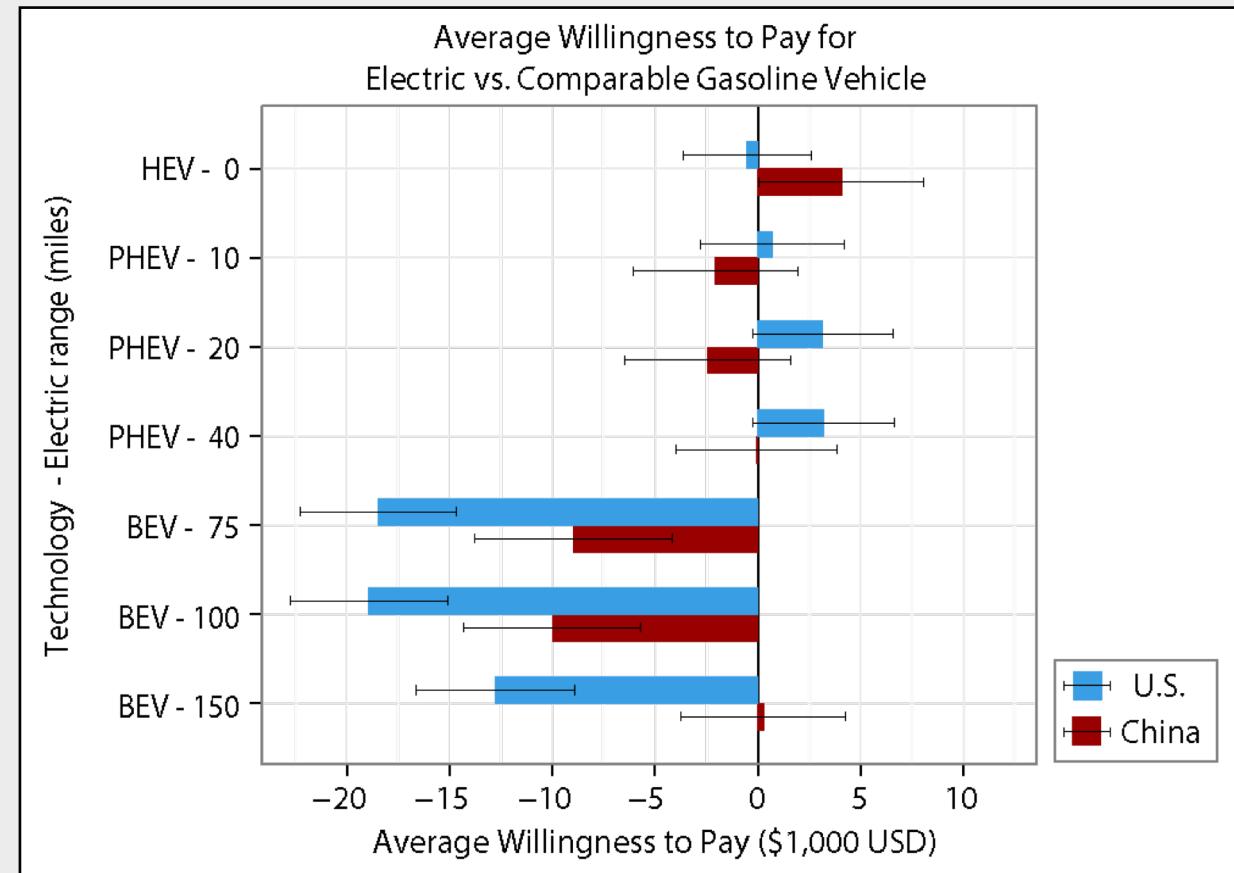
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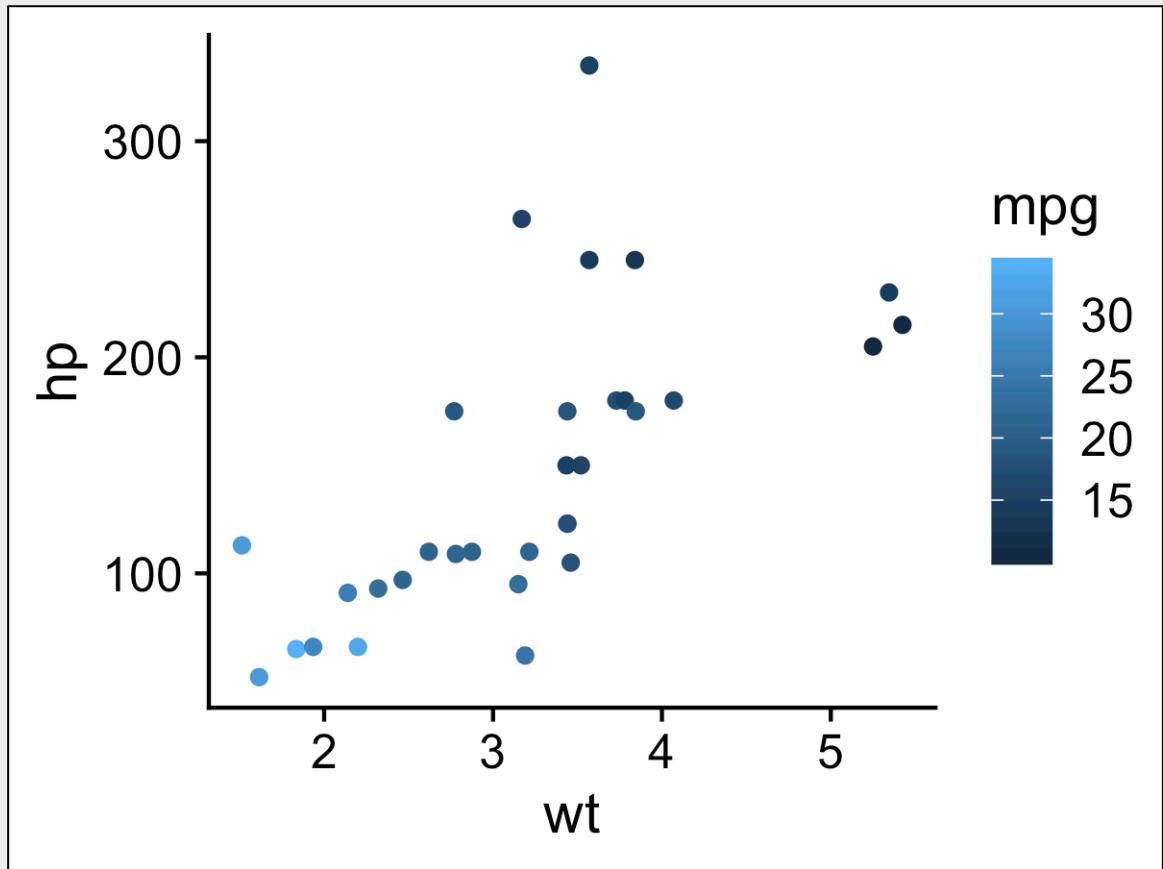
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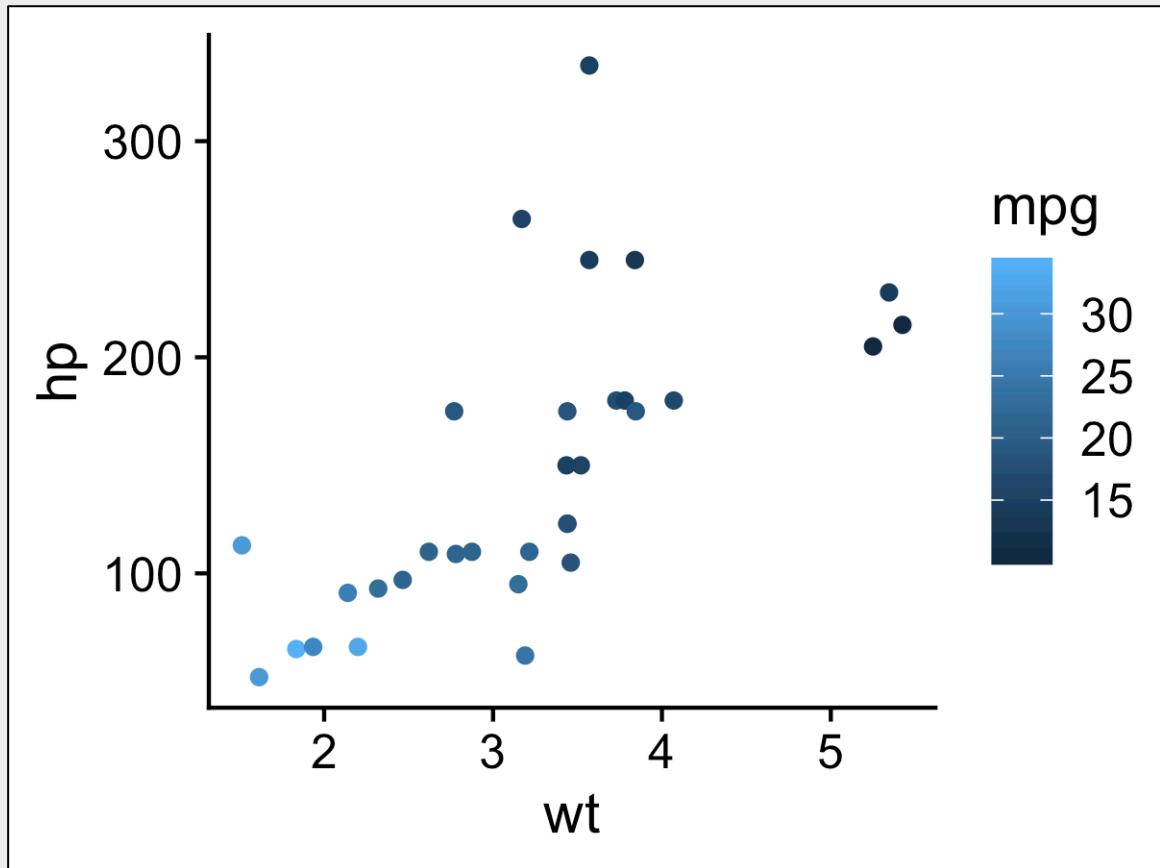
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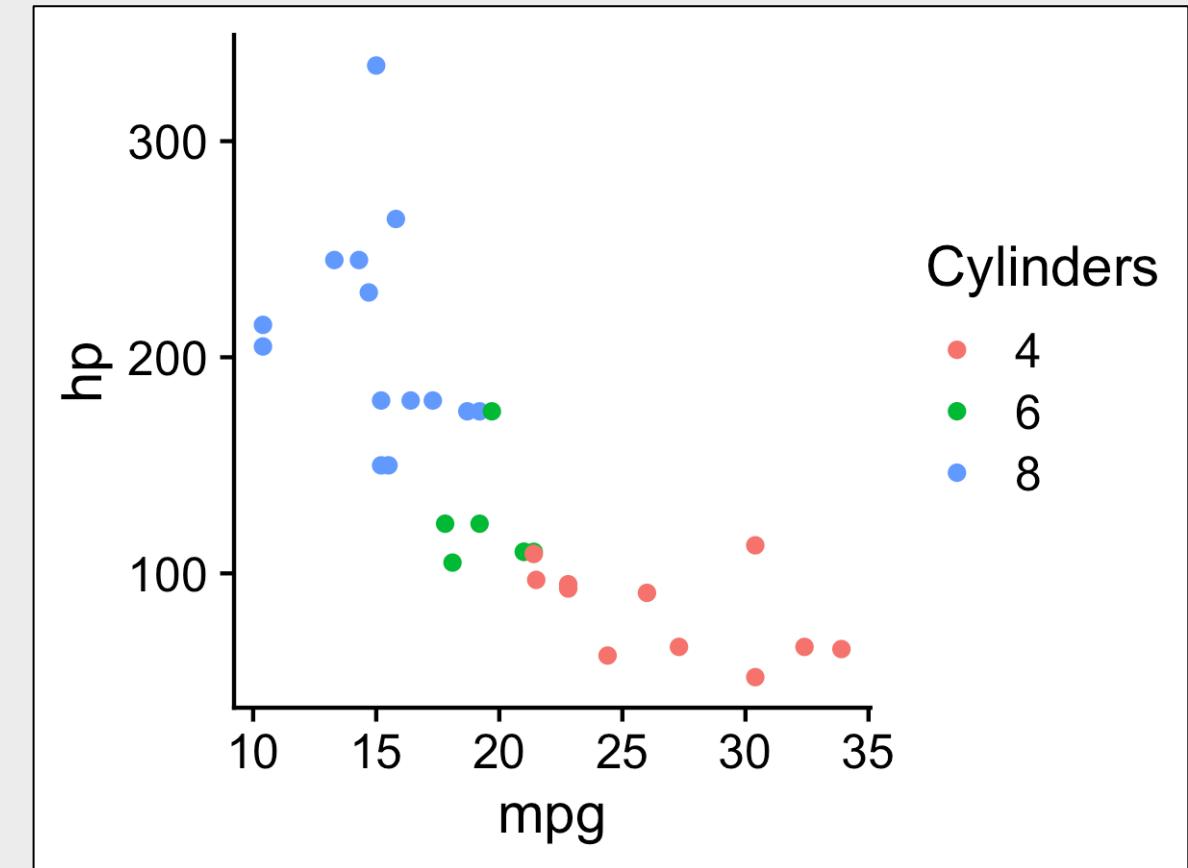
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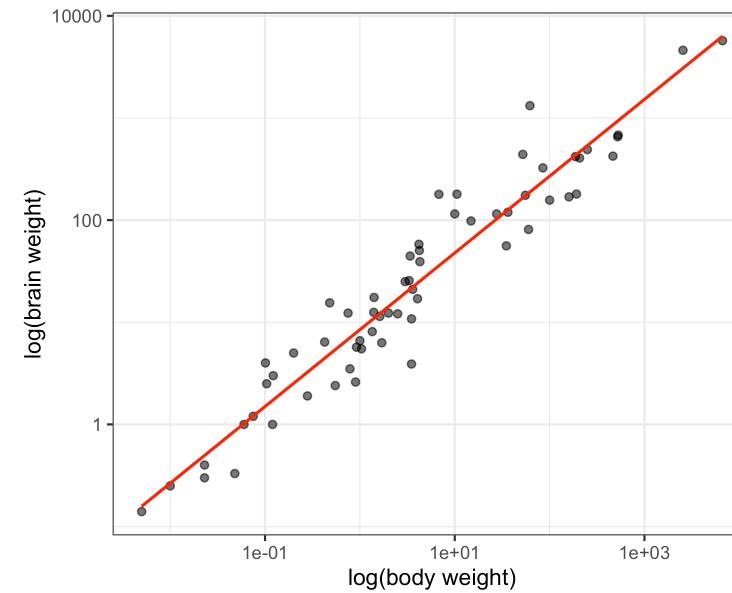
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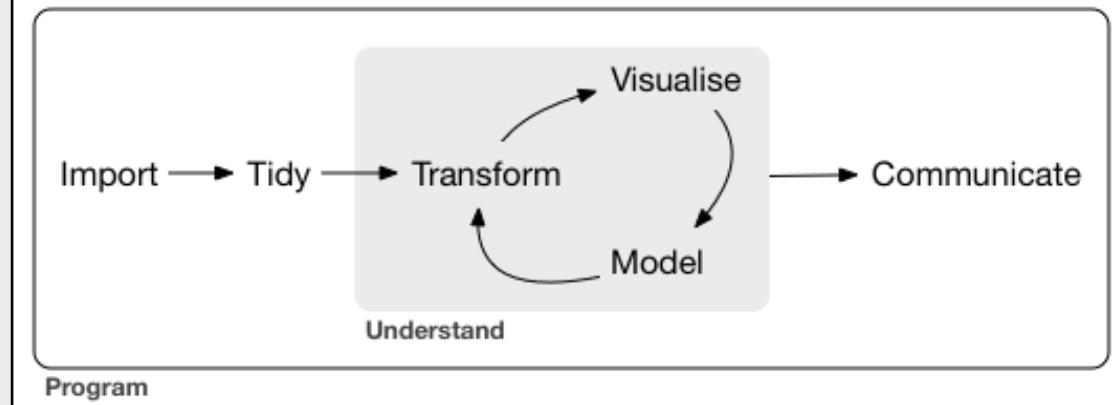
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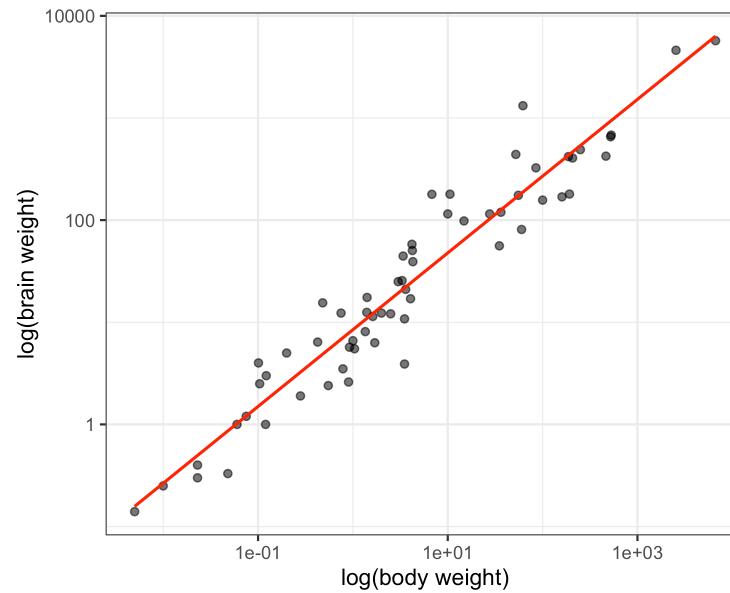
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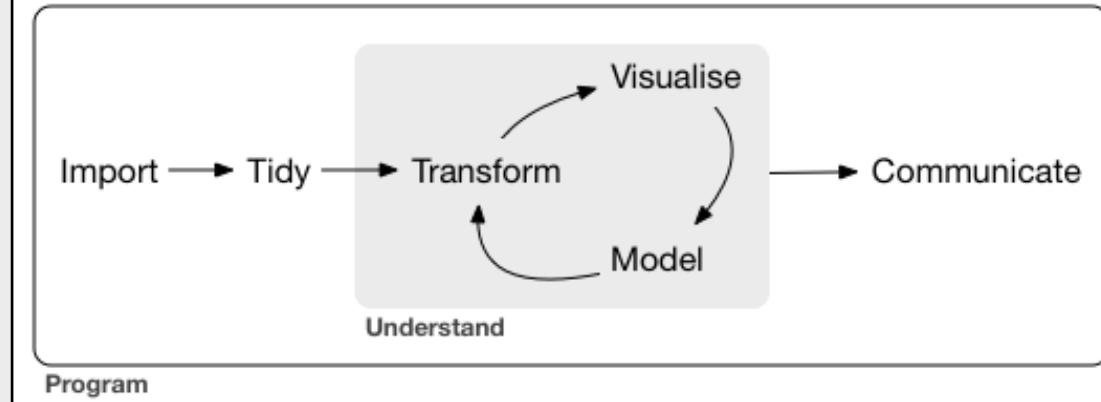
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11	8.33	11	9.26	11	7.81	8	8.47	
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6	7.24	6	6.13	6	6.08	8	5.25	
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Sum:	99	82.51	99	82.51	99	82.5	99	82.51
Mean:	9	7.5	9	7.5	9	7.5	9	7.5
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