

CS/INFO 3300; INFO 5100

Homework 4

Due 11:59pm Friday March 12

(note: the size of this homework has been adjusted to account for Wellness Days)

Goals: Practice using d3 to create SVG elements and set their aesthetic properties. Work with scales some more, and practice data cleaning. Use events to begin making interactive charts.

Your work should be in the form of an HTML file called index.html with one `<p>` element per (sub)problem. Wrap any SVG code for each problem in a `<svg>` element following the `<p>` element(s). For this homework we will be using d3.js. **In the `<head>` section of your file, please import d3 using this tag: `<script src="https://d3js.org/d3.v6.min.js"></script>`**

Create a zip archive containing your HTML file plus associated data files (such as wines.json) and upload it to CMS before the deadline.

1. You've now seen a few scatterplots in class as well as developed your own in HW3. In this problem you will once again be developing a scatterplot, however this time many of the specific **design features of the plot will be left to you**. Inside the homework ZIP file you will find **wines.json**, a subsample of a larger dataset of wine reviews sampled from the web ([source](#)). We have sampled wine scores from four US wine regions: New York, Washington, Oregon, and California. Please use this dataset to complete this homework. For each of the following sub-problems, use a `<p>` tag as directed to briefly **explain your procedure or design rationale for that step** (e.g. How did you decide on axis scale labels? What made you choose a linear/log scale? What compromises did you make?).

Your goal in this problem is to create a plot that can help to answer two questions:

- Is there a relationship between the price of wines and their point scores (i.e. quality)?
- Are some wine regions better or more expensive than others?

A. This data file isn't exactly perfect. In fact, we've gone ahead and **added some fake points with confusing, missing, or bad data values**. Worse, we've not bothered fixing any types or standardizing values. Begin by loading the data file using `d3.json`. Feel free to use `d3.autotype` if you'd like, but it may not convert everything cleanly.

Use `filter` and a `forEach` loop to **hide or correct any important data quality issues**. Describe what data issues you **found** and **how you fixed them** in your `<p>` tag. Please write an **exact count** of the number of bad data items you removed. Additionally, after filtering, please print the length of your data array to the console to prove that you've got the right number of remaining points.

B. Create an SVG object that is **800 pixels in width and 500 pixels in height**. Give it an ID so that you can use selectors to find it later. You are going to be graphing **price on the x-axis**, showing **points on the y-axis**, and **coloring them by state**. In this step, please **find extents and construct scales for your chart**. Create `<g>` elements, use `translate` to move them to an appropriate place, and **populate them**

with `d3.axis` labels. Use a **second set of `d3.axis` objects** to create **corresponding x- and y-axis gridlines** in a light color. You must use `d3.axis` for your gridlines.

Feel free to choose whatever margin/padding values, domain, range, log/linear scales, colors, and axis formatting styles you like. Use the `<p>` tag to **explain the choices you made** in designing the axes/scales. We will reward scales/axes that are legible, show the distribution of data clearly (or as clearly as possible), use color effectively, and avoid visual clutter. **A good rationale in the `<p>` for your design will outweigh problems in these areas.**

C. Create a `<g>` element and **translate** it so that it can act as your **main chart region**.

Begin by **creating a new function, `jitter()`**, which **returns a random number between -4 and 4** (hint: check out the built-in `Math` object). Now, populate the chart with `<circle>` elements **corresponding to valid data points**. Move, scale, and color them as necessary using the structures you built in step B. When you are positioning the circles, **add a random number from your jitter function to both the x and y position**. This will reduce the amount of overlap when points have the same point and price. You may still want to reduce the opacity of circles if there is heavy overlap. In addition to **writing about your design rationale for the choices you made in creating circle elements in your `<p>` tag**, please also **write 2-3 sentences identifying 1 advantage and 1 disadvantage of this jittering approach** to managing overlap.

D. Using `d3.on("mouseover", ...)` and `d3.on("mouseout", ...)`, provide users a way to move their mouse **onto points** and see the **"title" of the wine they are hovering over**. At minimum, points should **grow in size** and a **floating `<text>` label should appear nearby** when the mouse enters the inside of a circle. Do not use HTML `<div>` elements; your event actions must happen entirely within SVG canvas elements. When the mouse leaves the circle, it must **return to its normal appearance**. Feel free to add more complexity to make the highlighting of points more obvious or the text more legible, but this is not explicitly required. **Write 2-3 sentences in your `<p>` tag** describing the possible **benefits to users** from this approach and identifying places in the chart where it may be **ineffective or confusing** (or, if you fixed them, what you did to improve the user experience).

E. Finally, create a simple legend for the chart with mouseover filters. First, **add a `<div>` element underneath your SVG** for your legend labels. For each of the different states in the dataset (hint: which you assigned to the domain of a color scale in part B), add a `` tag **for that state**. **Color the text** with the corresponding color in your chart. Using `d3.on("mouseover", ...)`, make it so that **whenever you mouse over a label, the corresponding circles on the charts appear with high opacity** and the **other circles have reduced opacity** (hint: you will need to store the state in each circle element so you can check it later). Additionally, **add a final `` element labeled "Clear"** in black that **returns all of the circles to their original opacity** when you mouse over it. Note: you do not need to do anything special with your mouseover when a filter is applied – it is okay if you can see the names of points that are filtered. You can talk about design elements in your `<p>` tag, but you are not required to add anything for this sub-problem.