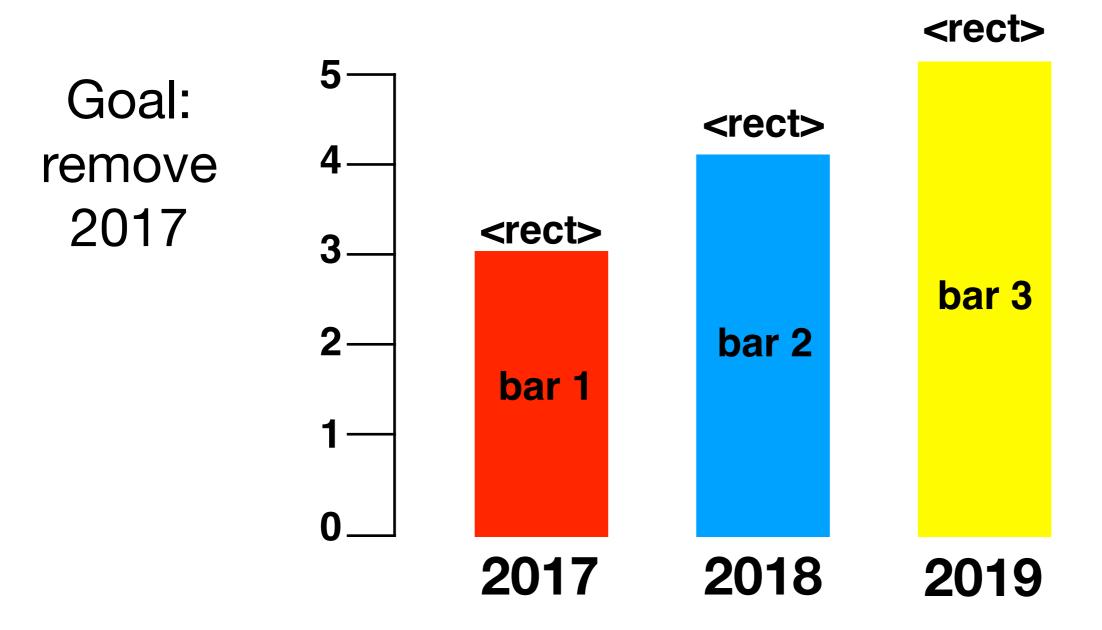
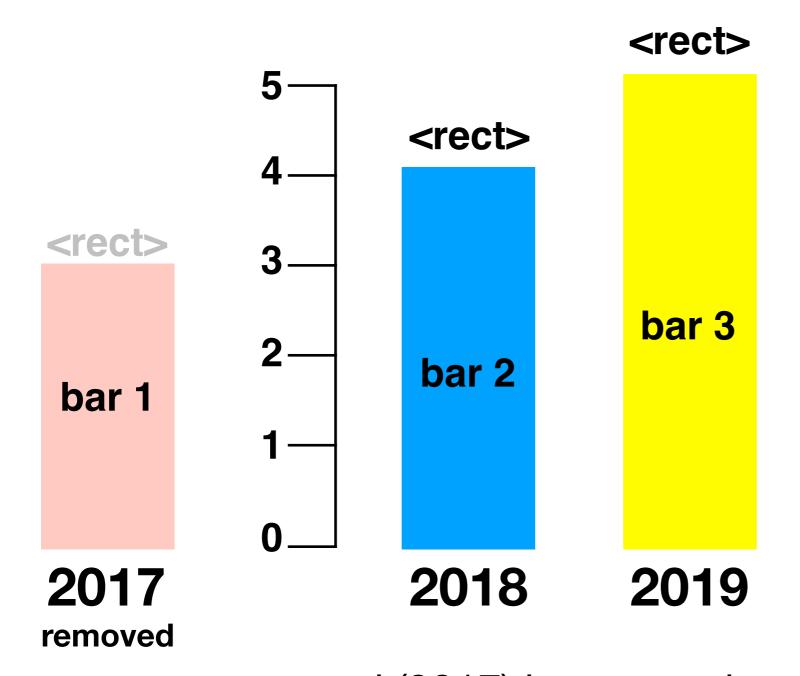
Object Constancy

Initial setup

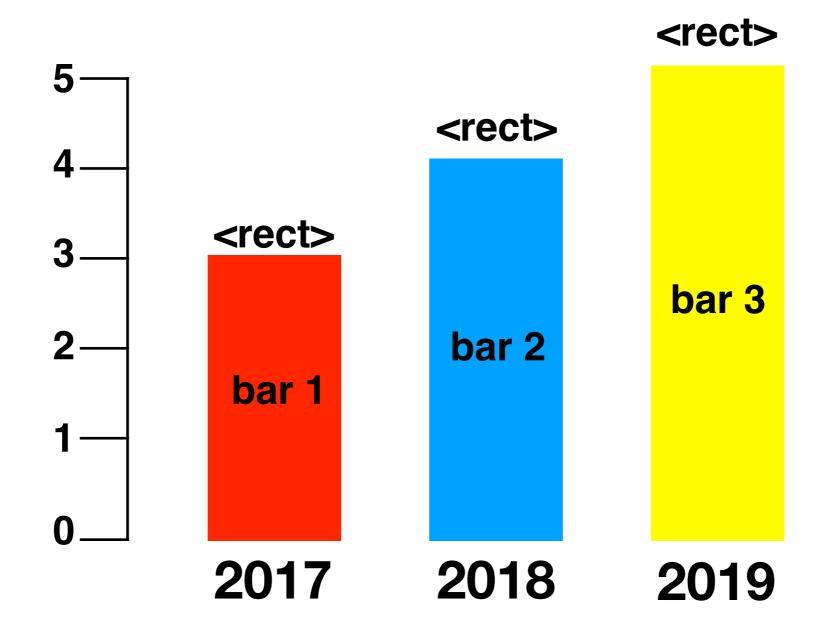


Object constancy maintained

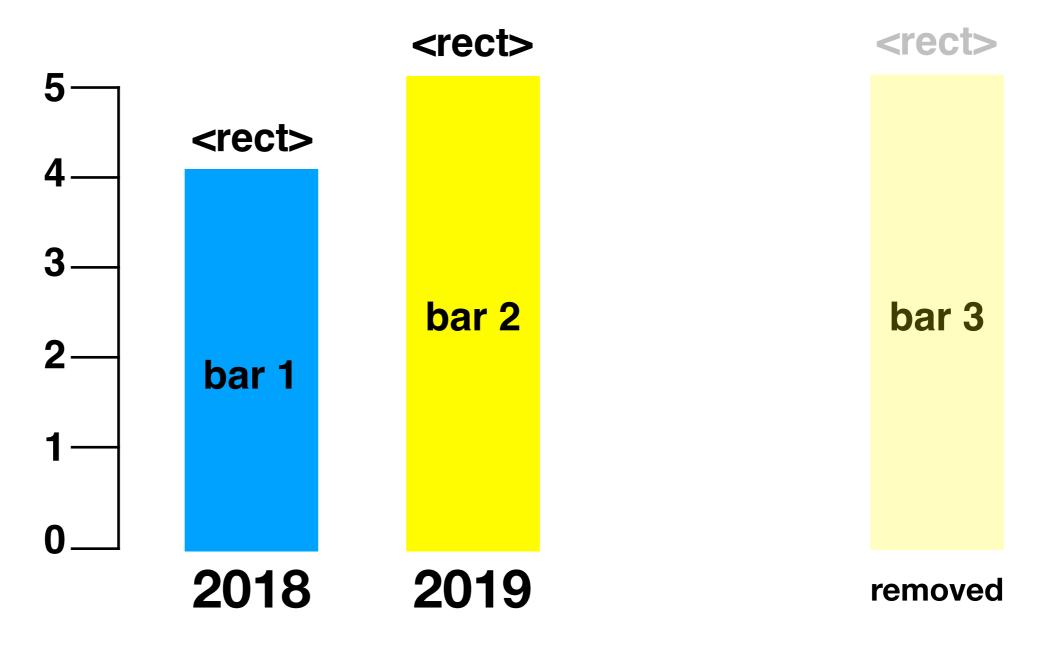


- red (2017) is removed on left side
- other bars (2018, 2019) shift left

Initial setup

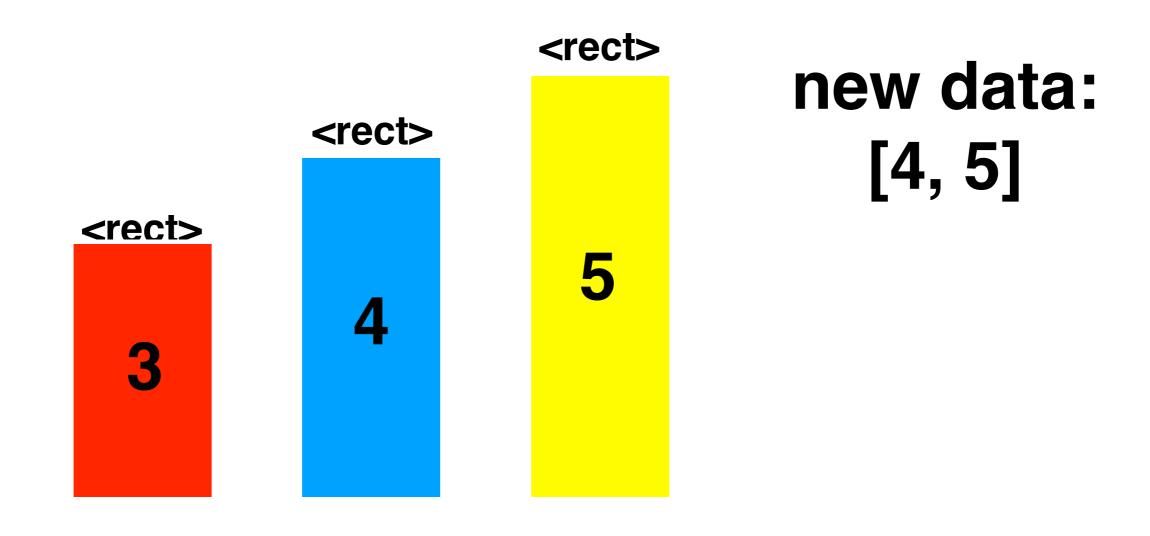


Object constancy not maintained

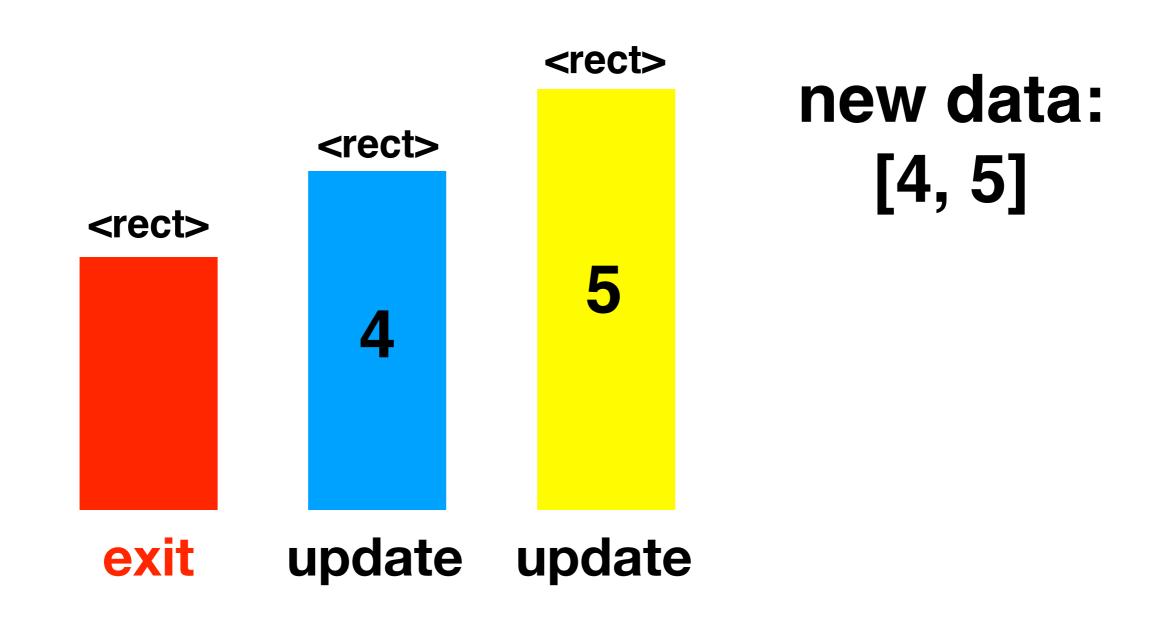


- bar 3 removed
- bar 1 switches to 2018, becomes blue
- bar 2 switches to 2019, becomes yellow

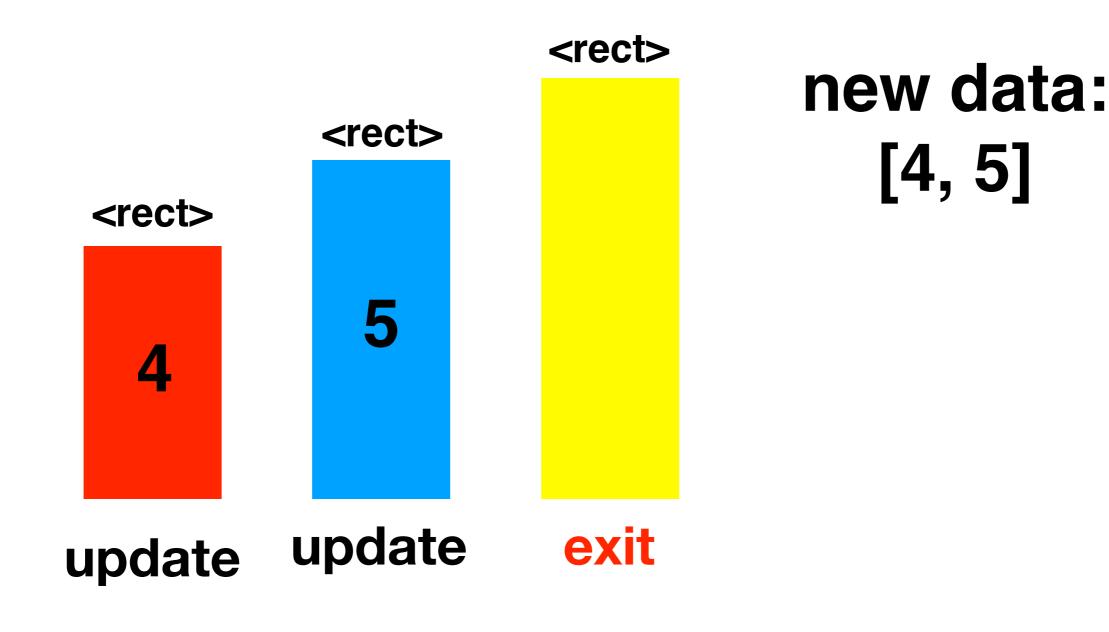
Why isn't object constancy maintained?



What we want to happen



What actually happens



Solution: join data by key

not in order of SVG elements

key: 2017 value: 3

key: 2018 value: 4 key: 2019 value: 5

What selections are returned?

key: 2017 value: 3

key: 2018 value: 4

key: 2019 value: 5

What selections are returned?

key: 2017
value: 3
exit

key: 2018 value: 4 update

key: 2019
value: 5
update

key: 2017

key: 2018 value: 3 value: 4

key: 2019 value: 5

```
d3.select("svg")
  .selectAll("rect")
  .data([{key: 2018, value: 4},
         {key: 2020, value: 7}],
         d => d.key);
```

What selections are returned?

key: 2017 value: 3

key: 2018 value: 4

key: 2019 value: 5

What selections are returned?

key: 2017
value: 3
exit

key: 2018
value: 4
update

key: 2019
value: 5
exit

key: 2020 value: 7 enter

How to bind data by key

make data an array of objects:

Creating array of keys from dataset

```
> const bardata = [23, 34, 123, 29]
.map((d, i) => ({key: i, value: d}));
```

> bardata

```
(4) [{...}, {...}, {...}, {...}]
0: {key: 0, value: 23}
1: {key: 1, value: 34}
2: {key: 2, value: 123}
3: {key: 3, value: 29}
```

How to bind data by key

Specify the key when joining data:

```
# selection.data([data[, key]]) <>
.data(bardata, d => d.key);
```

- Replace every "d" with "d.value"
- Use a key when adding data: