

# Data Visualization - 1.

## Looking at Data (part 1)

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Code Horizons

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# Data Visualization with R and ggplot2

# Housekeeping

10:00am to 12:30pm US EST

Break from 12:30pm to 1:30pm

1:30pm to 3:30pm

Use the Zoom chat to ask questions, or raise a hand with 

# In between class sessions



# My Setup and Yours

Talking, Slides, and Live-Coding in RStudio

Follow along and take notes in RStudio yourself

The course packet is also an RStudio project



# Get up and Running



RStudio<sup>®</sup>

R version 4.1.1 (2021-08-10) -- "Kick Things"  
Copyright (C) 2021 The R Foundation for Statistical Computing  
Platform: aarch64-apple-darwin20 (64-bit)

R is free software and comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY.  
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Natural language support but running in an English locale

R is a collaborative project with many contributors.  
Type 'contributors()' for more information and  
'citation()' on how to cite R or R packages in publications.

Type 'demo()' for some demos, 'help()' for on-line help, or  
'help.start()' for an HTML browser interface to help.  
Type 'q()' to quit R.

knitr hook "anchor" is now available

The screenshot shows the RStudio interface with the title bar "dataviz\_xaringan - main - RStudio". The left pane contains the R console output. The right pane is divided into several sections: Environment (with tabs for History, Connections, Git, and Tutorial), Functions (listing "set" as a function), and Files, Plots, Packages, Help, Viewer, and Presentation panes below. The bottom pane shows a file tree and a list of files, including ".gitignore".

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```
1 ---  
2 title: "Data Visualization Notes"  
3 author: "<YOUR NAME HERE>"  
4 date: "April 2022"  
5 output: html_document  
6 ---  
7  
8 ```{r setup, include=FALSE}  
9 knitr::opts_chunk$set(echo = TRUE)  
10 ...  
11  
12 ## Welcome  
13  
14 This is an R Markdown document. Markdown is a simple formatting syntax for authoring HTML, PDF, and MS Word documents. For more details on using R Markdown see  
15 <http://rmarkdown.rstudio.com>.
```

The right pane shows the Environment tab with the global environment and a functions search bar. The bottom right corner shows the file browser with the following contents:

Name	Size	Modified
..		
.gitignore	129 B	Feb 18, 2022, 5:01 PM
code		

# Try rendering your notes



The screenshot shows the RStudio interface with a dark theme. At the top, there's a header bar with a dark blue background. In the center of the header, the text "Try rendering your notes" is displayed in a large, white, sans-serif font. Below the header is a large, empty white area, likely a placeholder for the rendered content.

The main workspace shows an R Markdown file named "course\_notes.Rmd". The file icon is a white document with a red circular badge containing the letters "Rmd". The title "course\_notes.Rmd" is followed by a close button (an "X").

Below the title bar is a toolbar with several icons: a left arrow, a right arrow, a refresh symbol, a save icon, a "Knit on Save" checkbox (unchecked), a green checkmark icon labeled "ABC", a magnifying glass icon, a knitting needle icon labeled "Knit", and a gear icon for settings.

The bottom of the window has tabs for "Source" and "Visual", with "Source" currently selected. The code editor displays two lines of R code:

```
1 ---  
2 title: "Data Wrangling Notes"
```

A vertical menu icon (three horizontal lines) is located at the bottom-left corner of the screen.

# Now write the following code

Write this out inside the “code chunk” in your notes.

```
library(tidyverse)
library(gapminder)

p ← ggplot(data = gapminder,
            mapping = aes(x = gdpPercap,
                           y = lifeExp))

p + geom_point()
```

... And knit your document again.

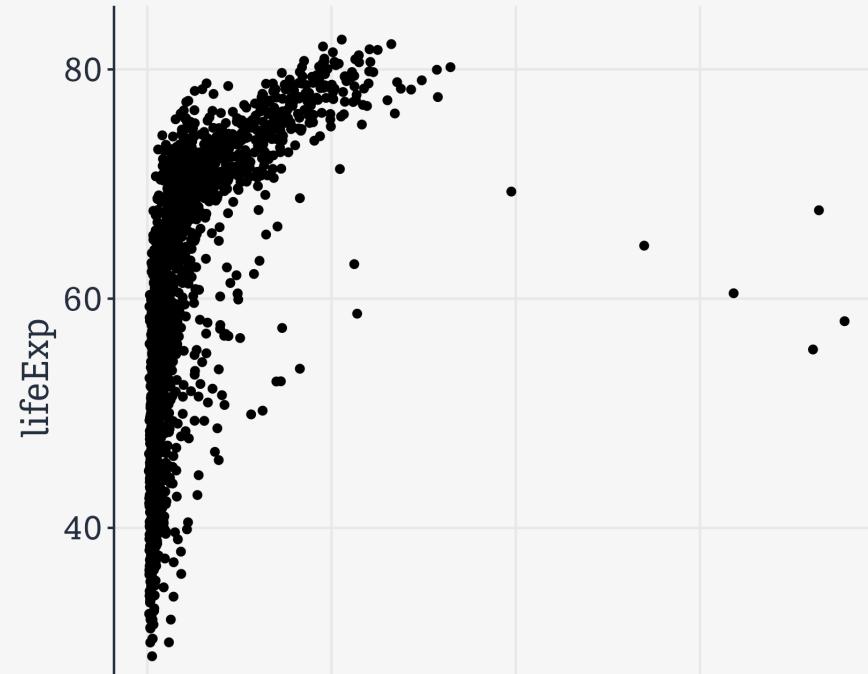
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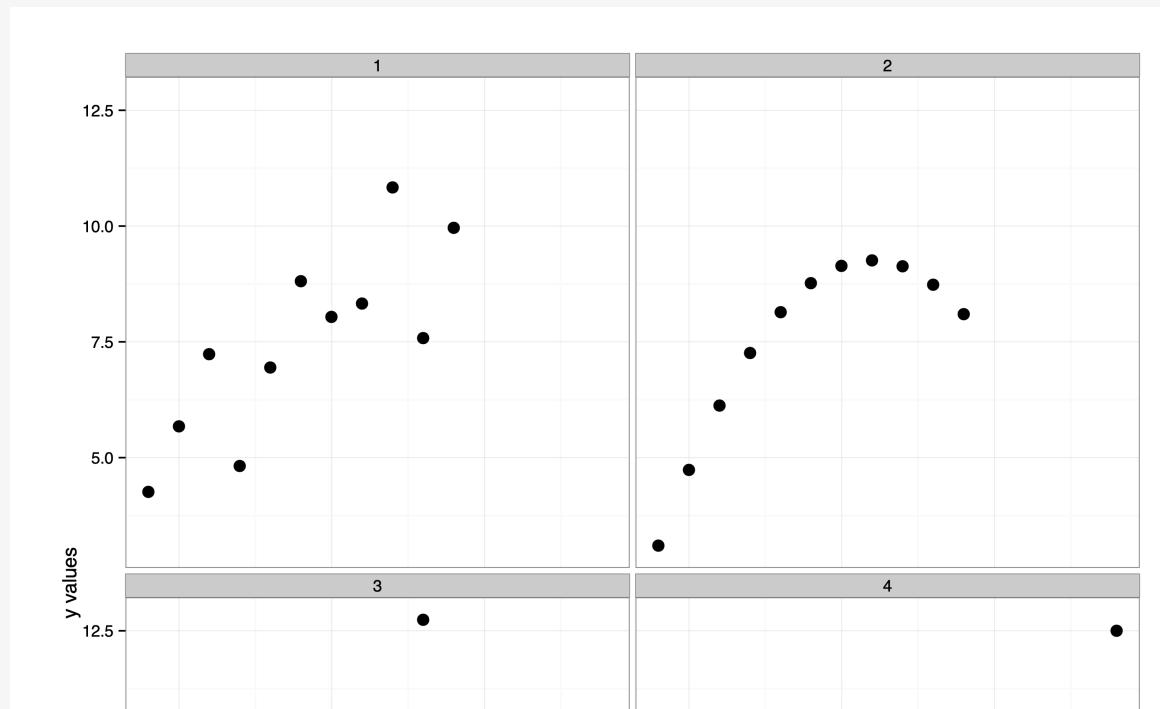
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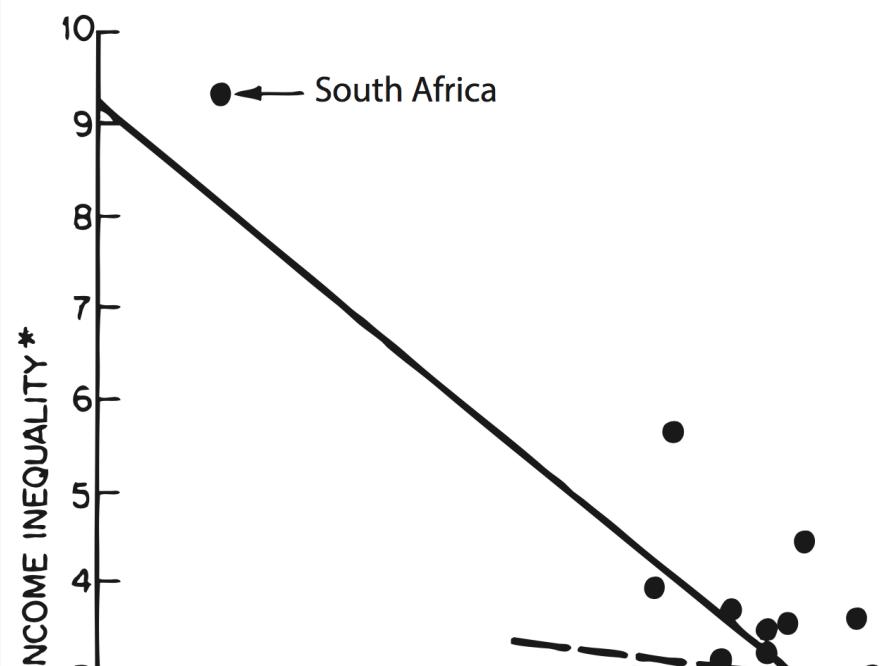
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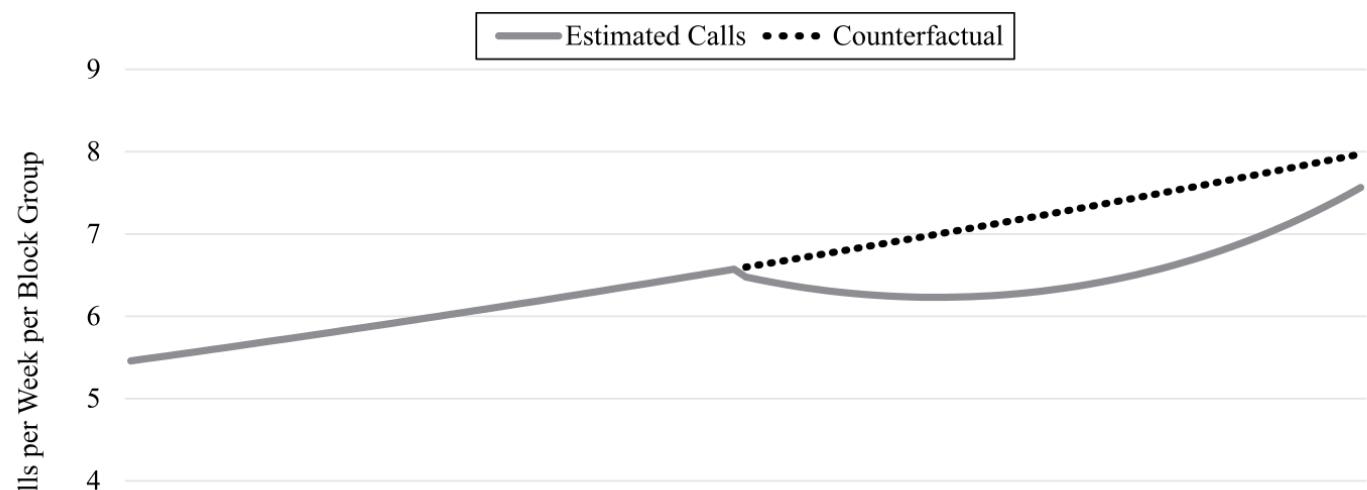


You should  
.kjh-yellowlook at  
your data

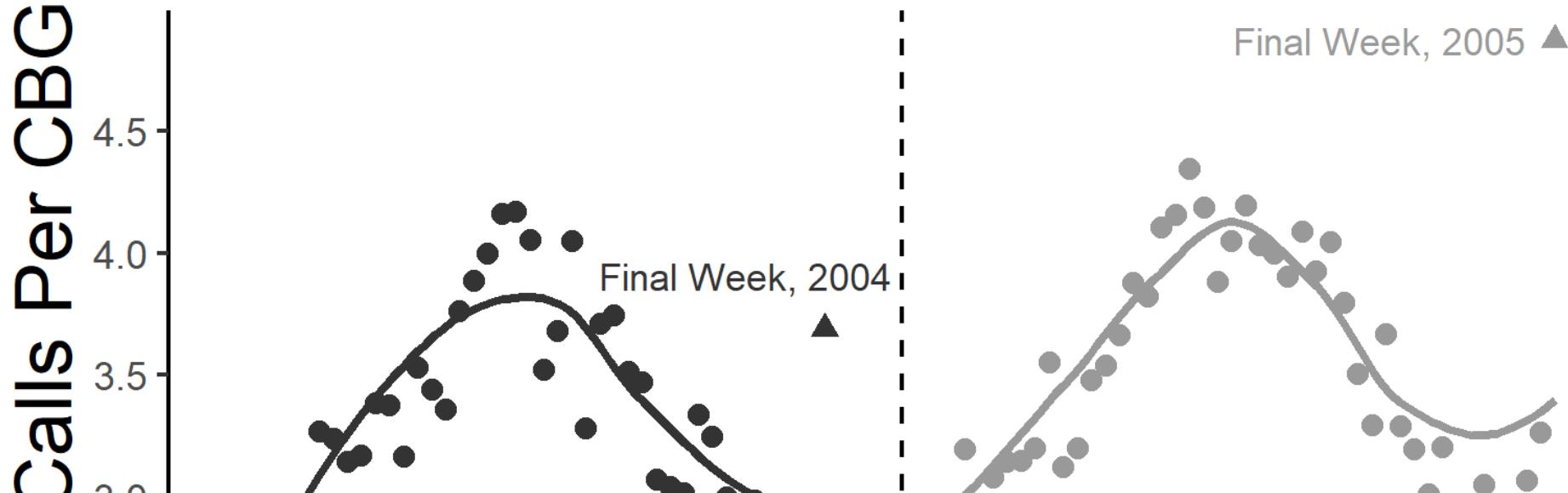
# Seeing things

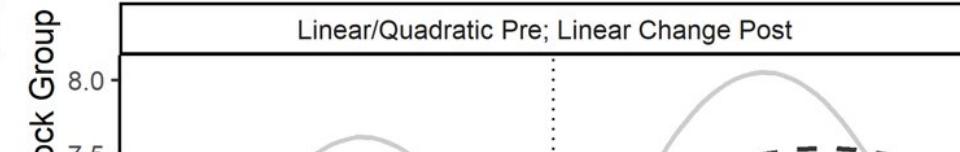
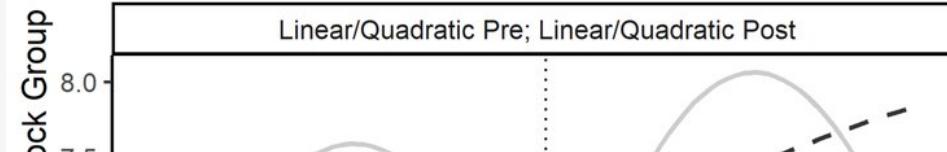
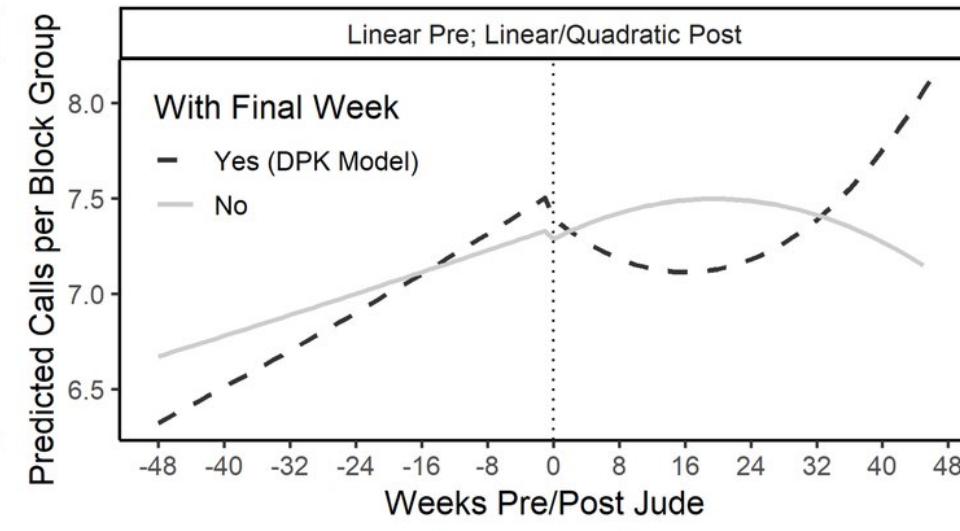
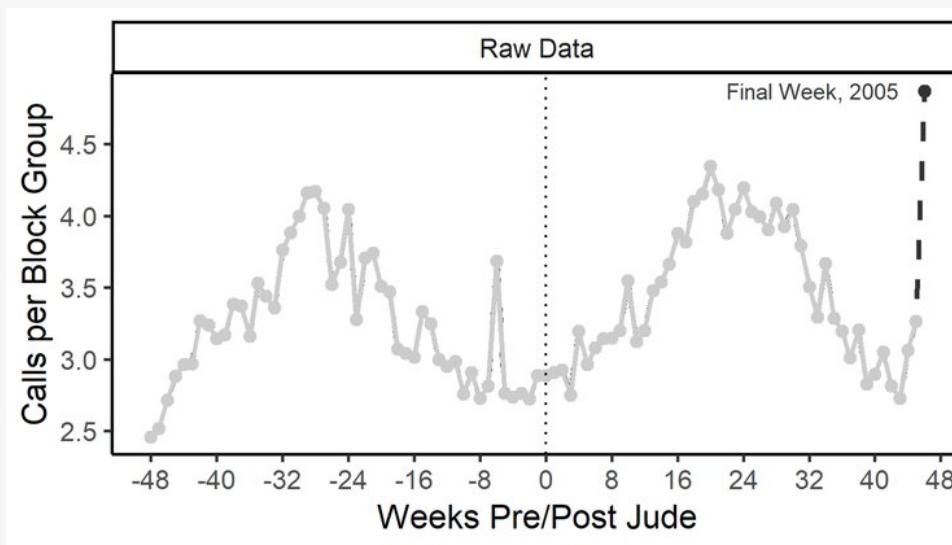


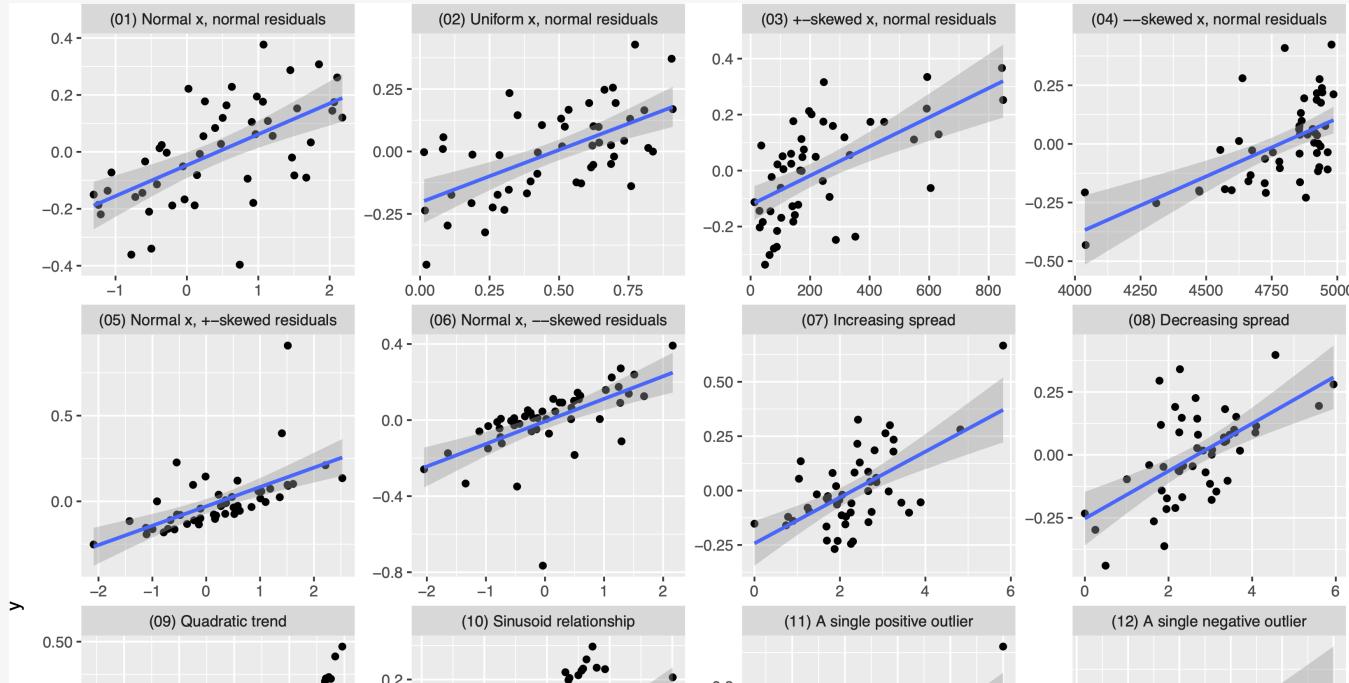


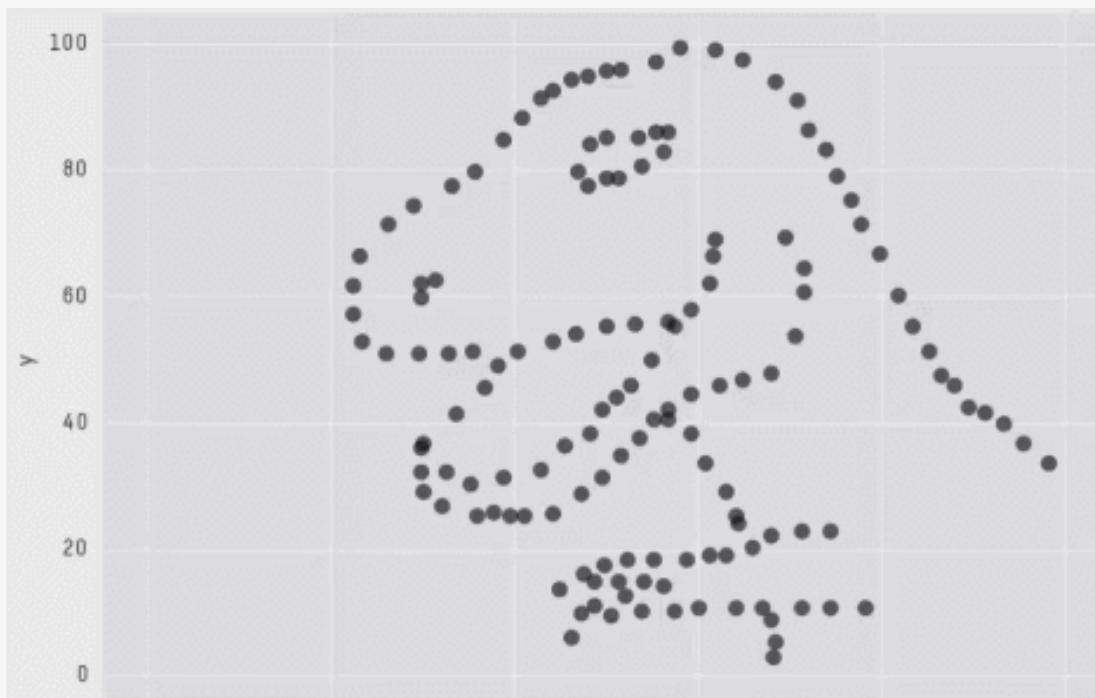


## All Neighborhoods



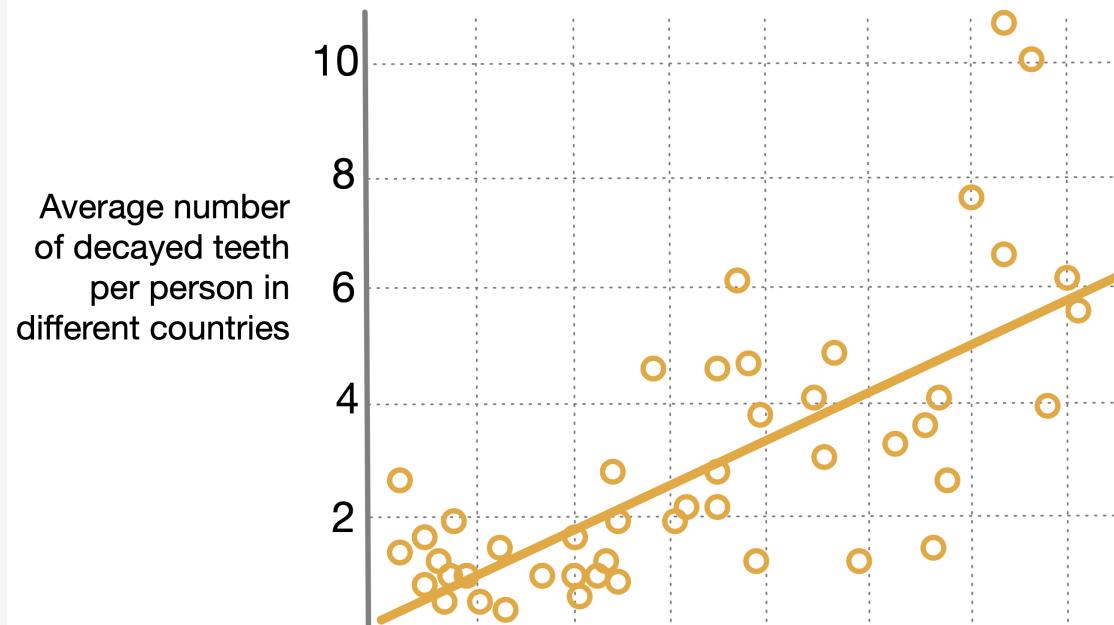




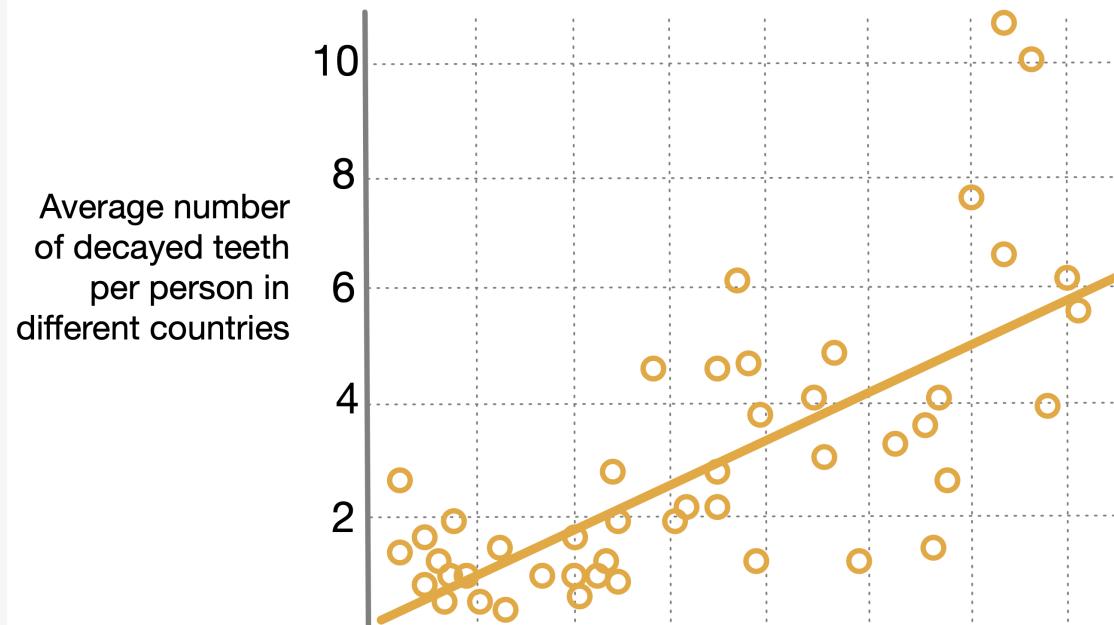


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Y SD : 26.9342120  
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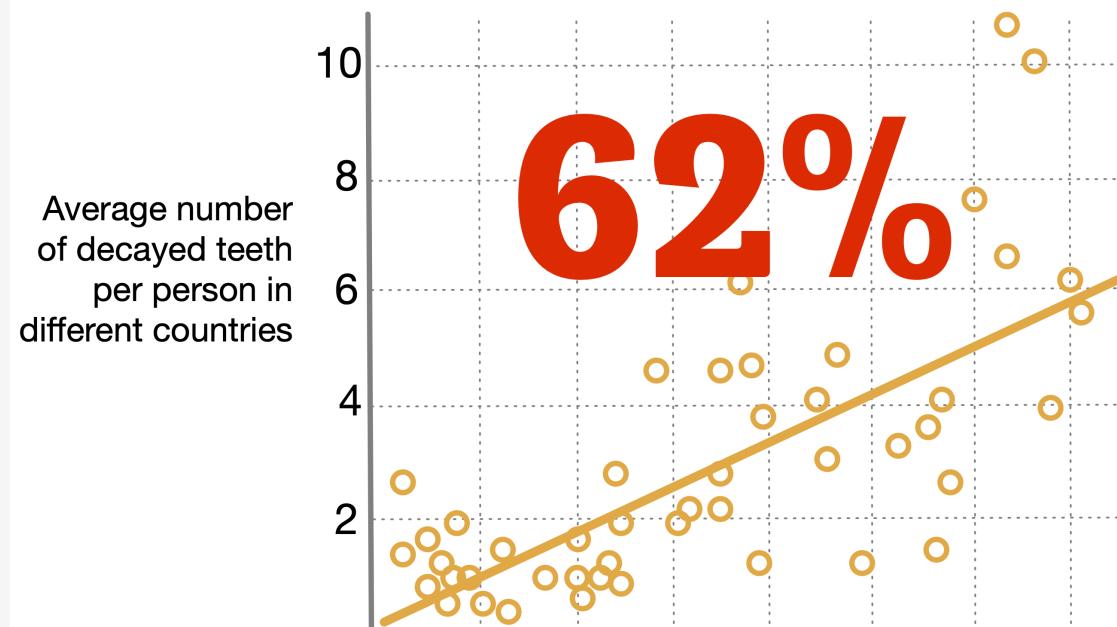
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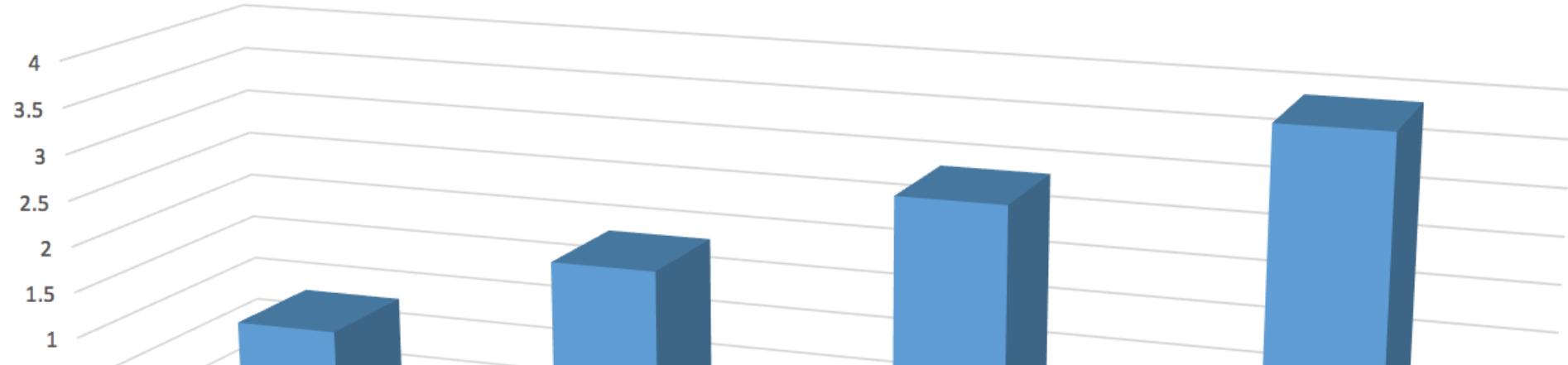


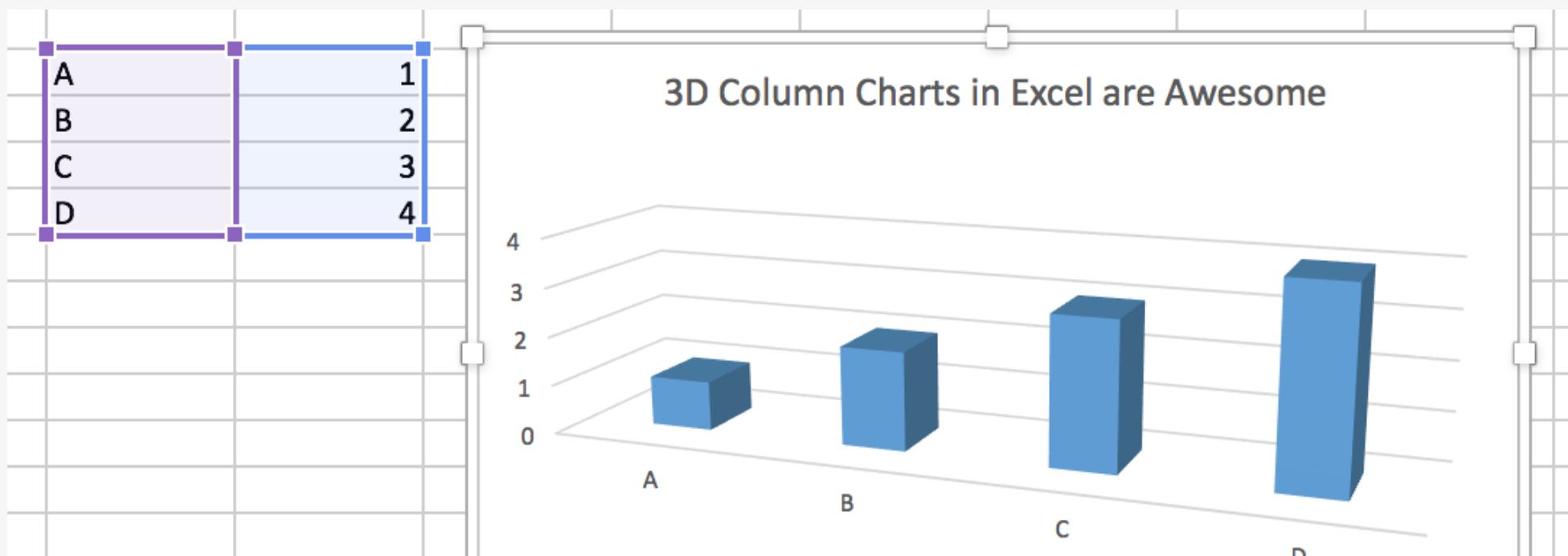
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# Not Seeing Things

3D Column Charts in Excel are Awesome



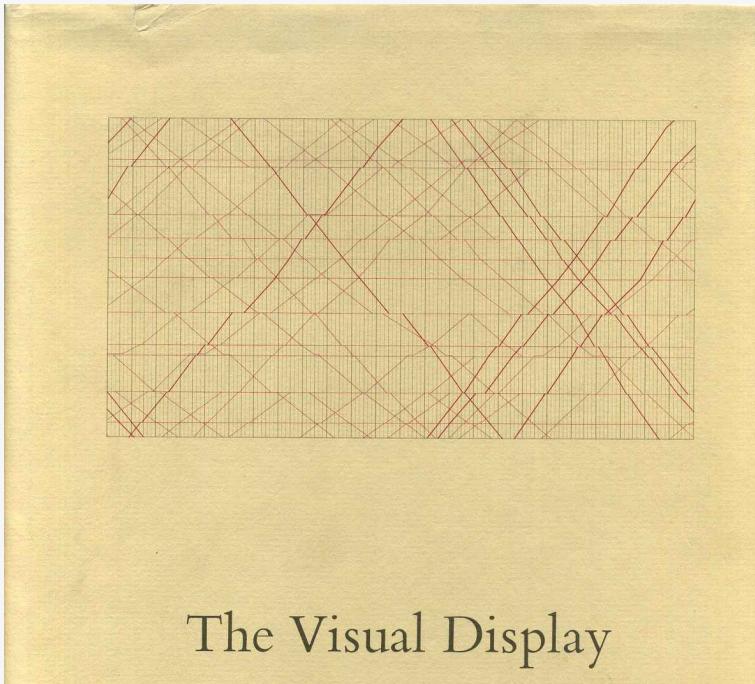


Bad Taste  
Bad Data

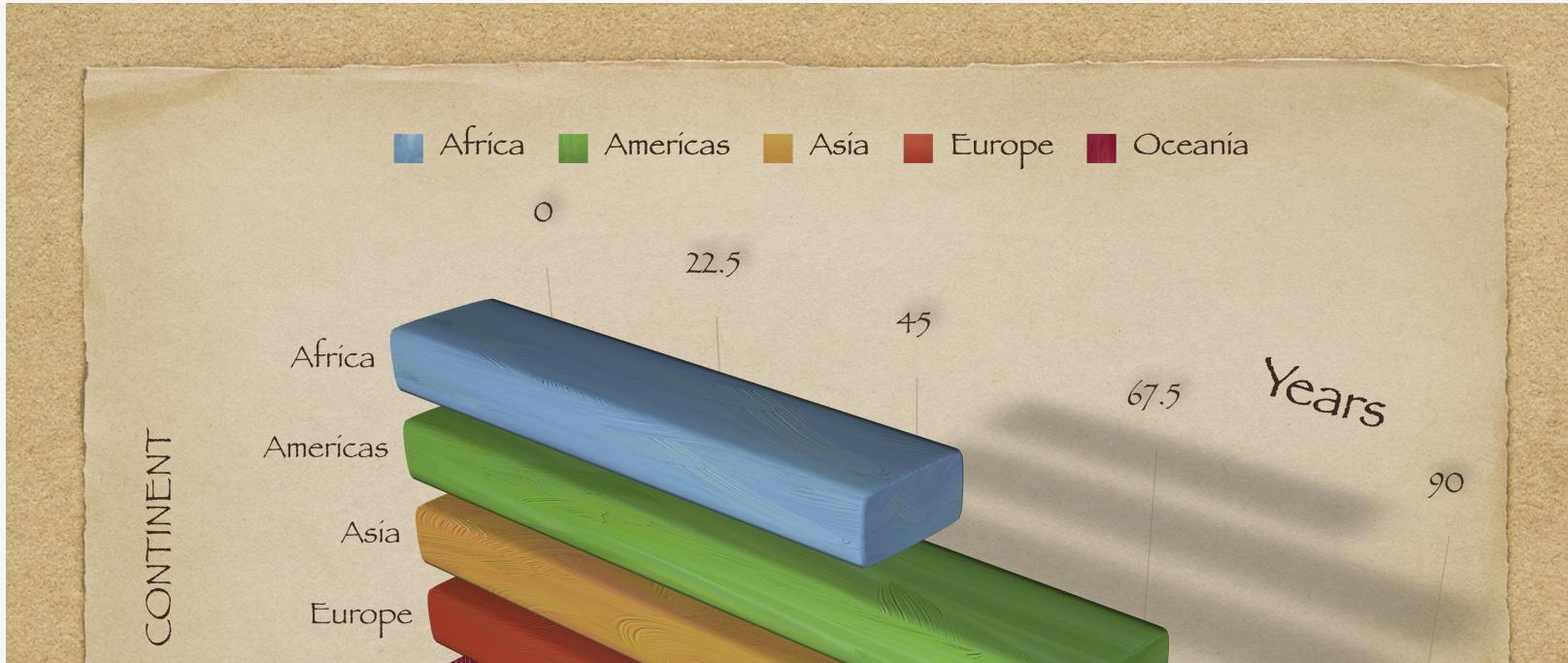
Bad Perception

# Bad Taste: Simplify, Simplify?

# Tufte's “Data to Ink Ratio”



The Visual Display

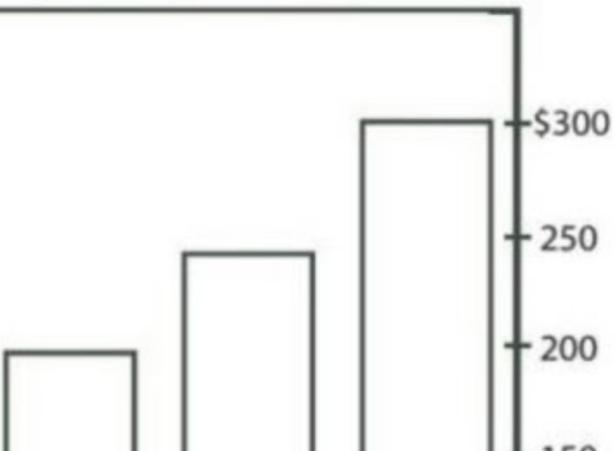


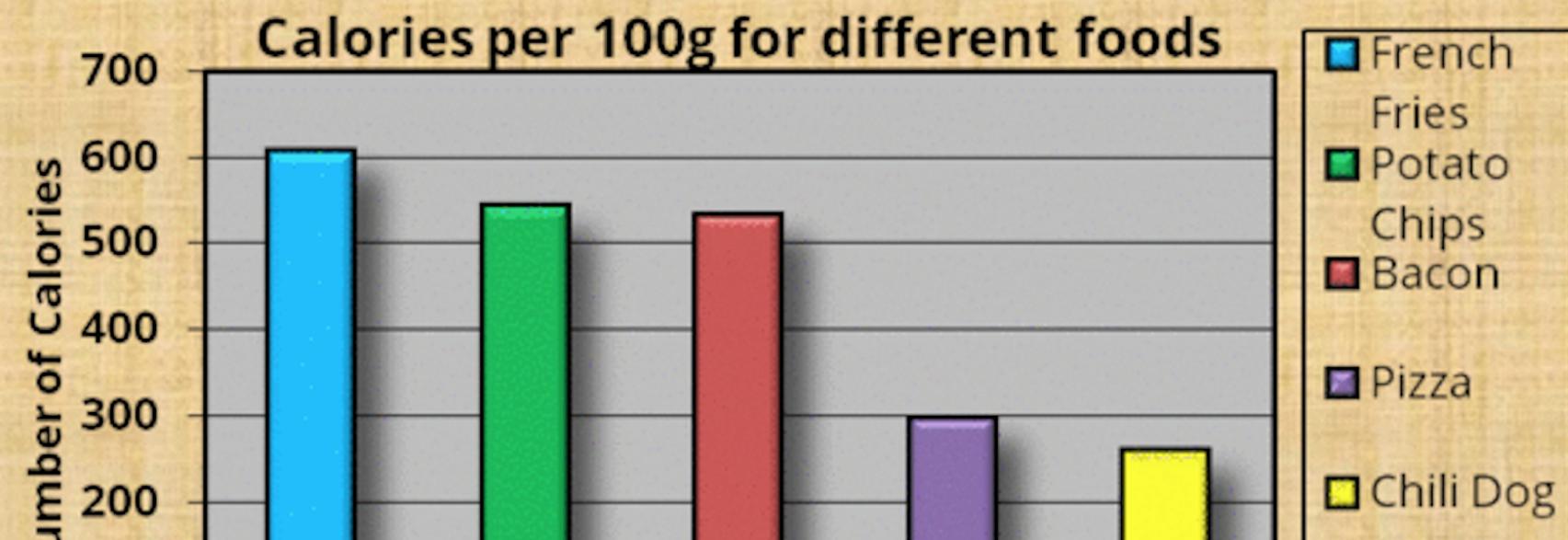
## MONSTROUS COSTS

Total House and Senate campaign expenditures,  
in millions



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Calories per 100g

607

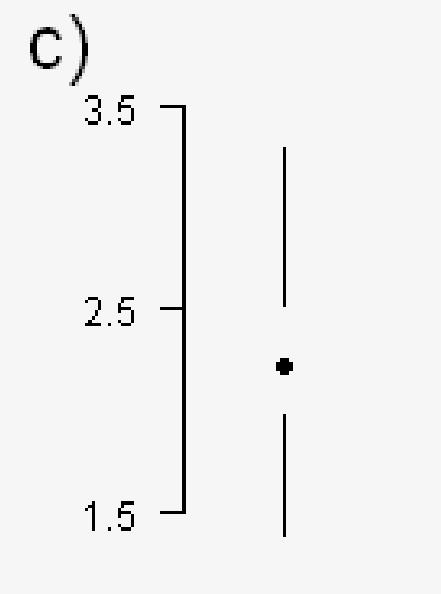
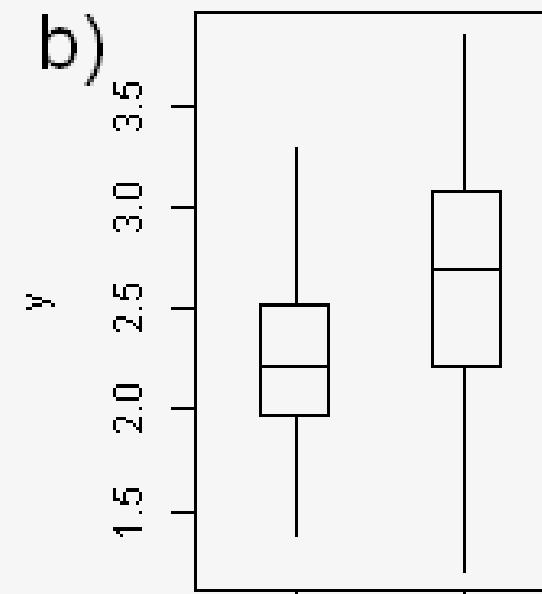
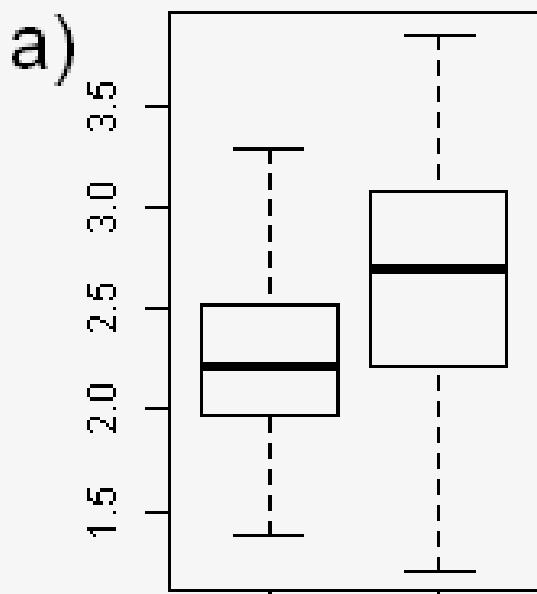
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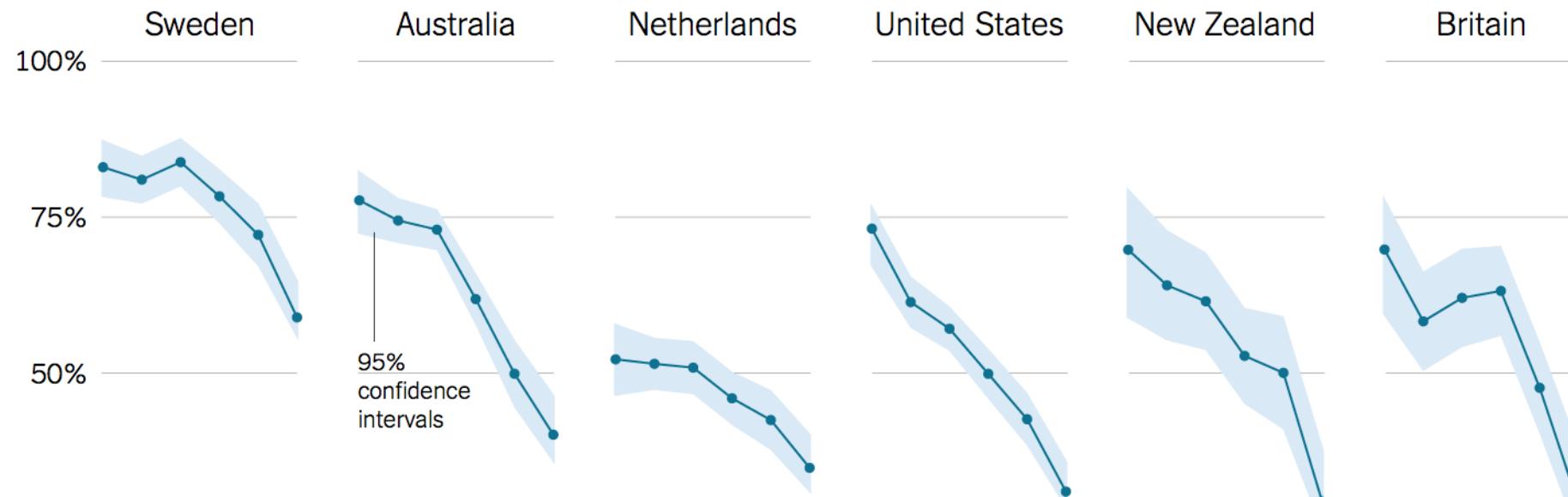
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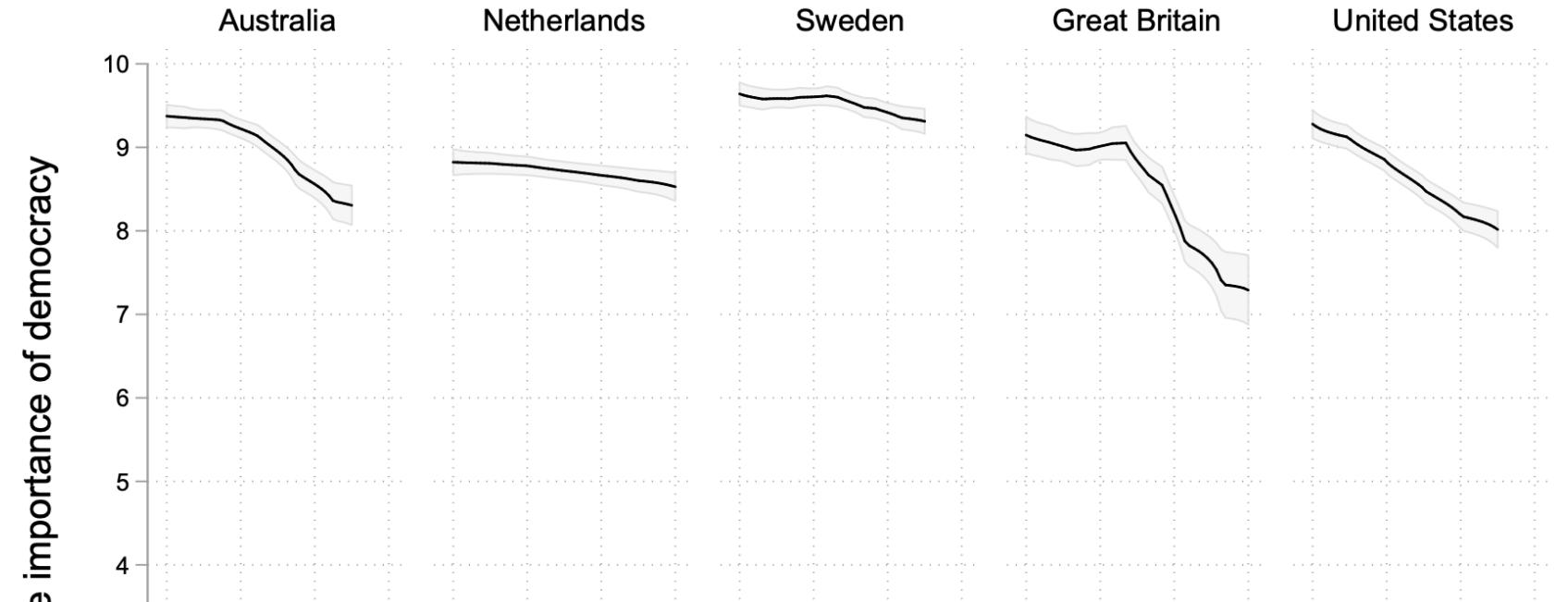
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# Bad Data: Junk-Free Junk Charts

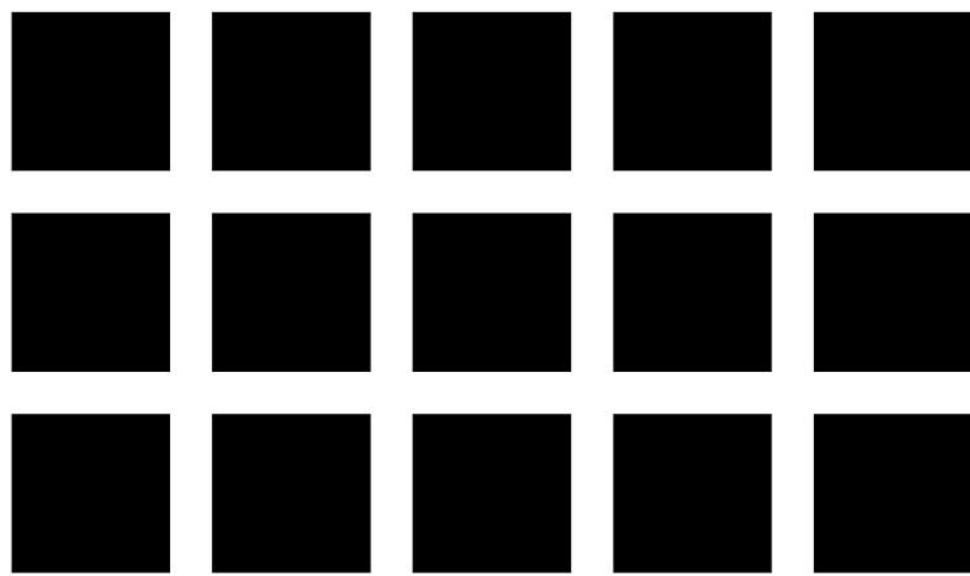
## Percentage of people who say it is “essential” to live in a democracy

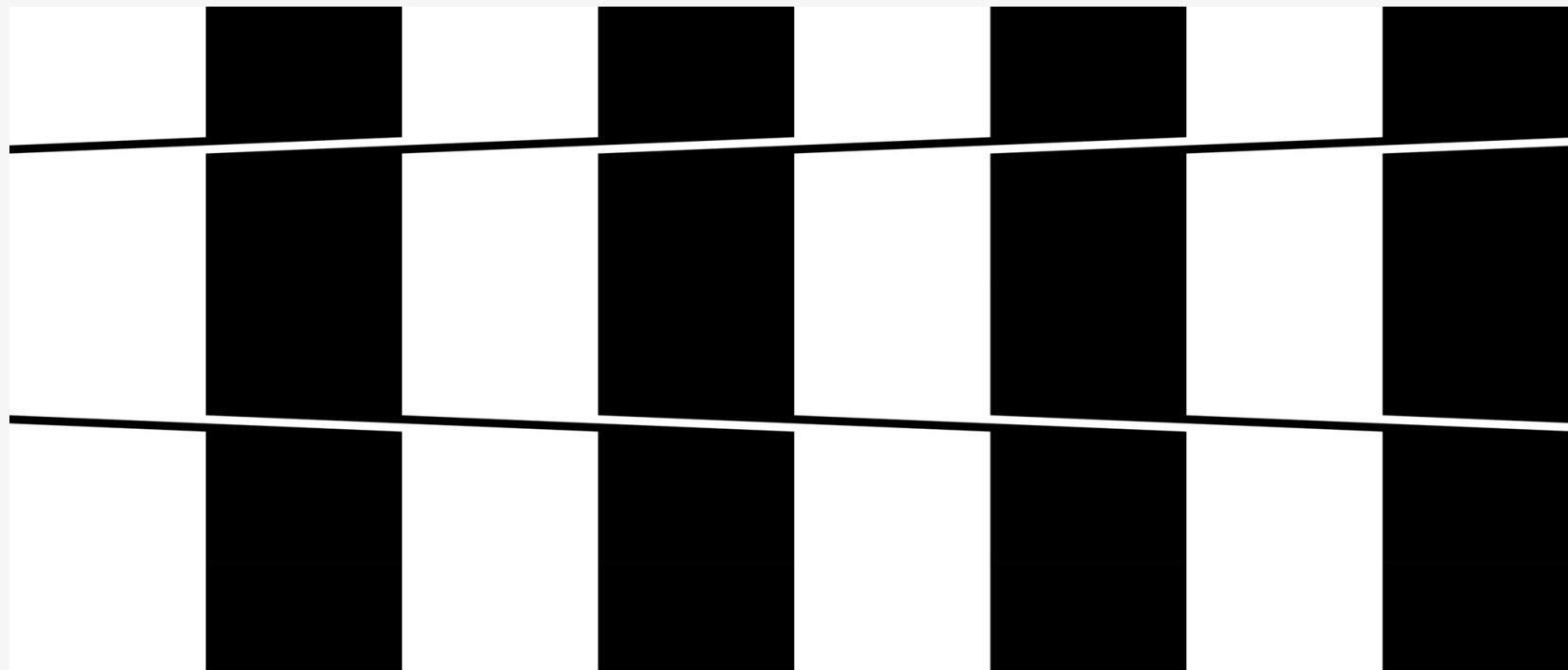


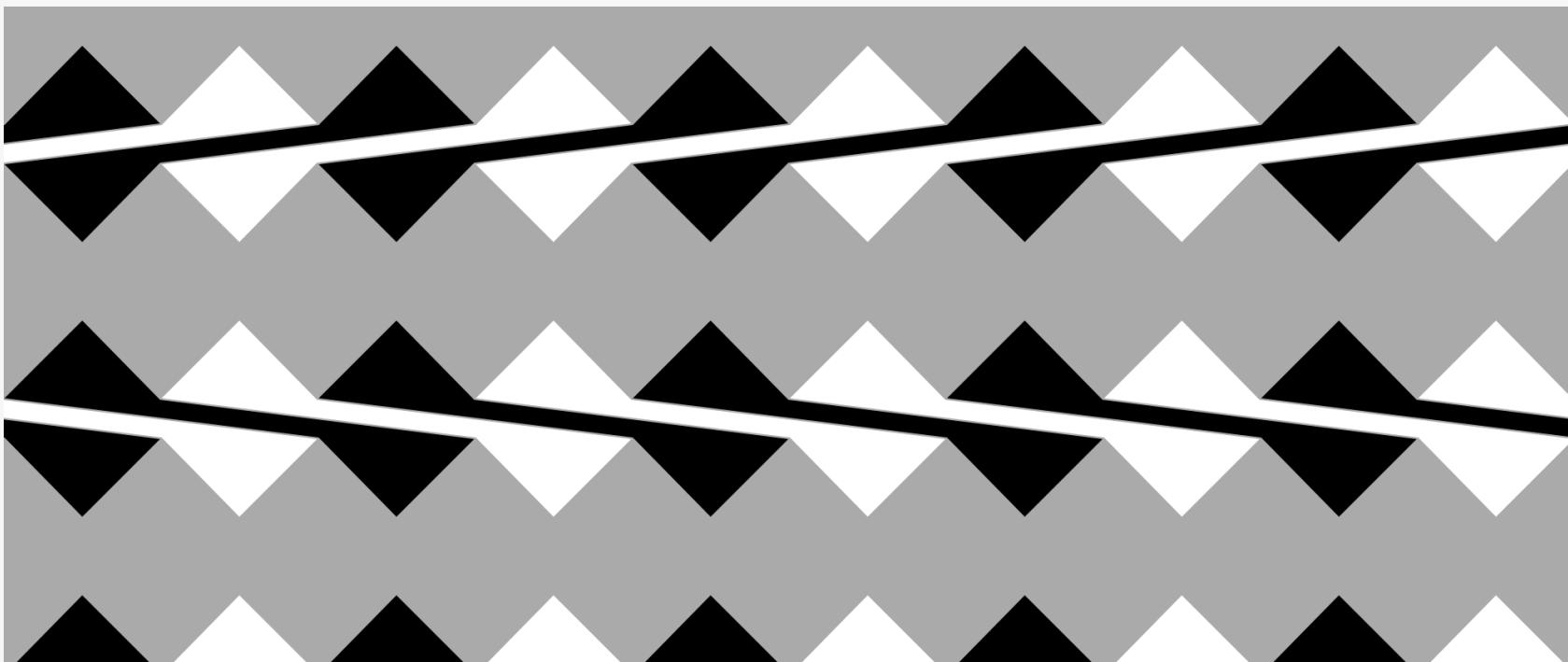


# Bad Perception: Seeing and Not Seeing

# Edges & Contrasts









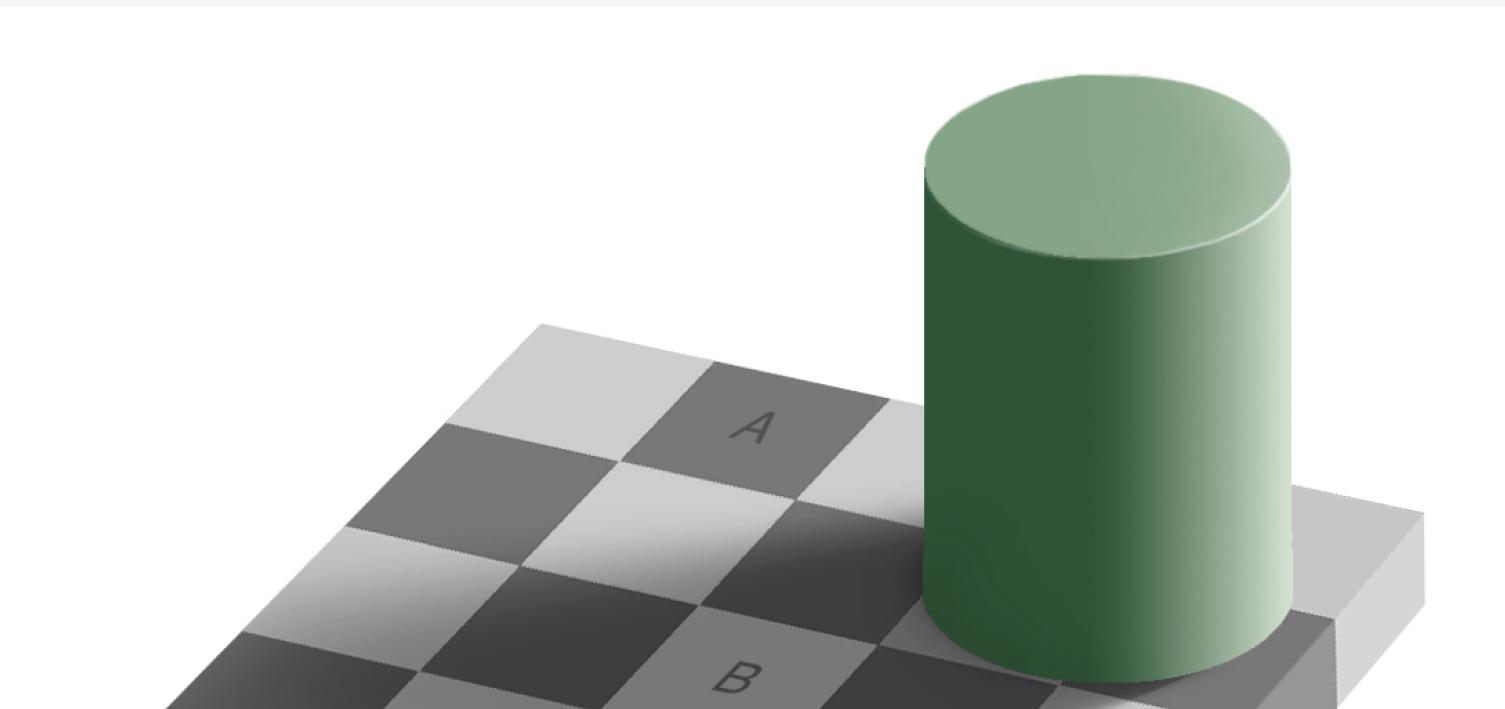
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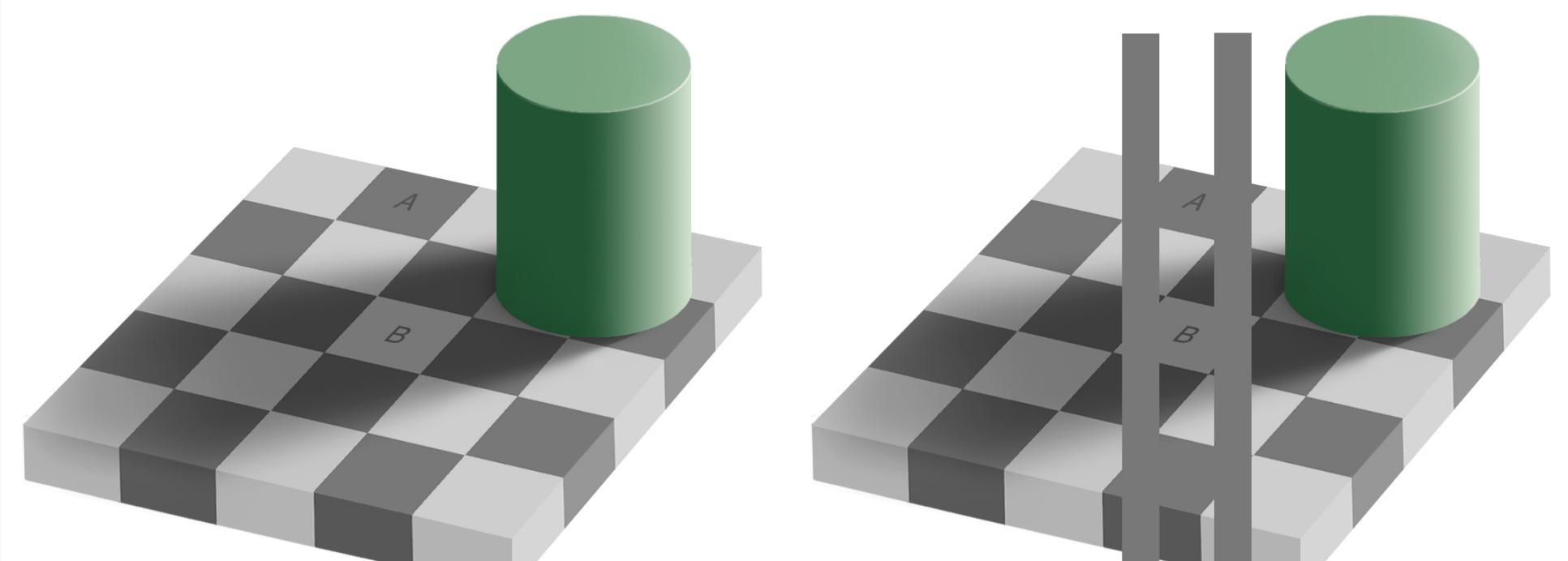


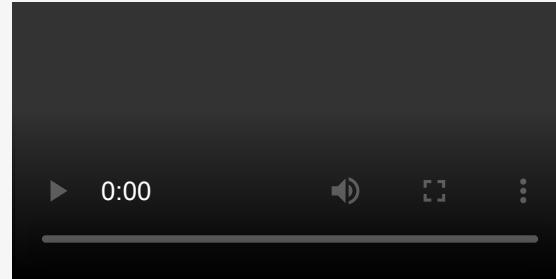






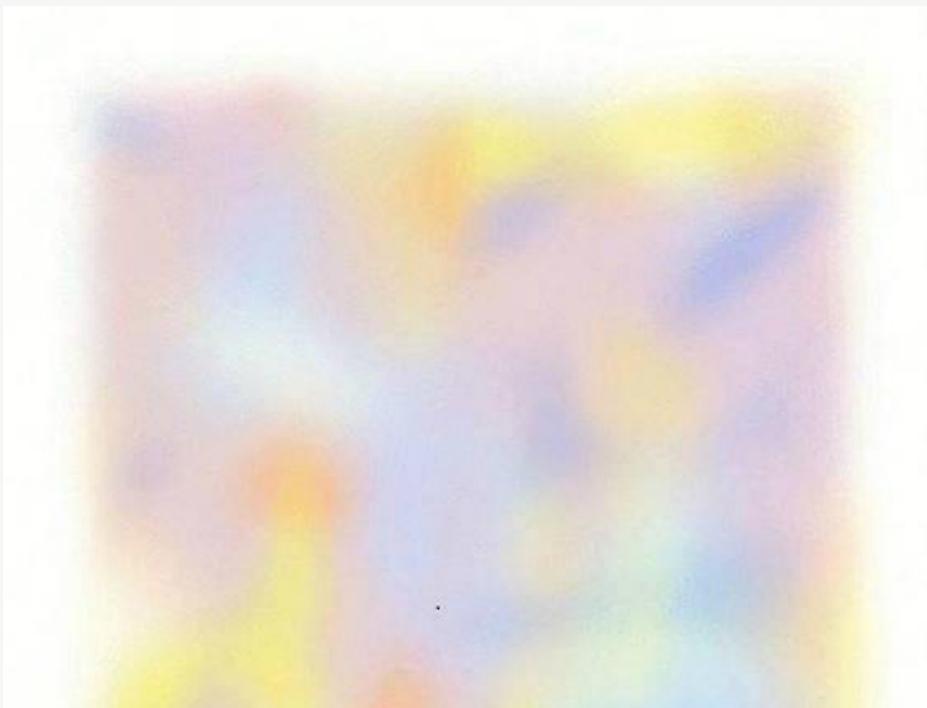


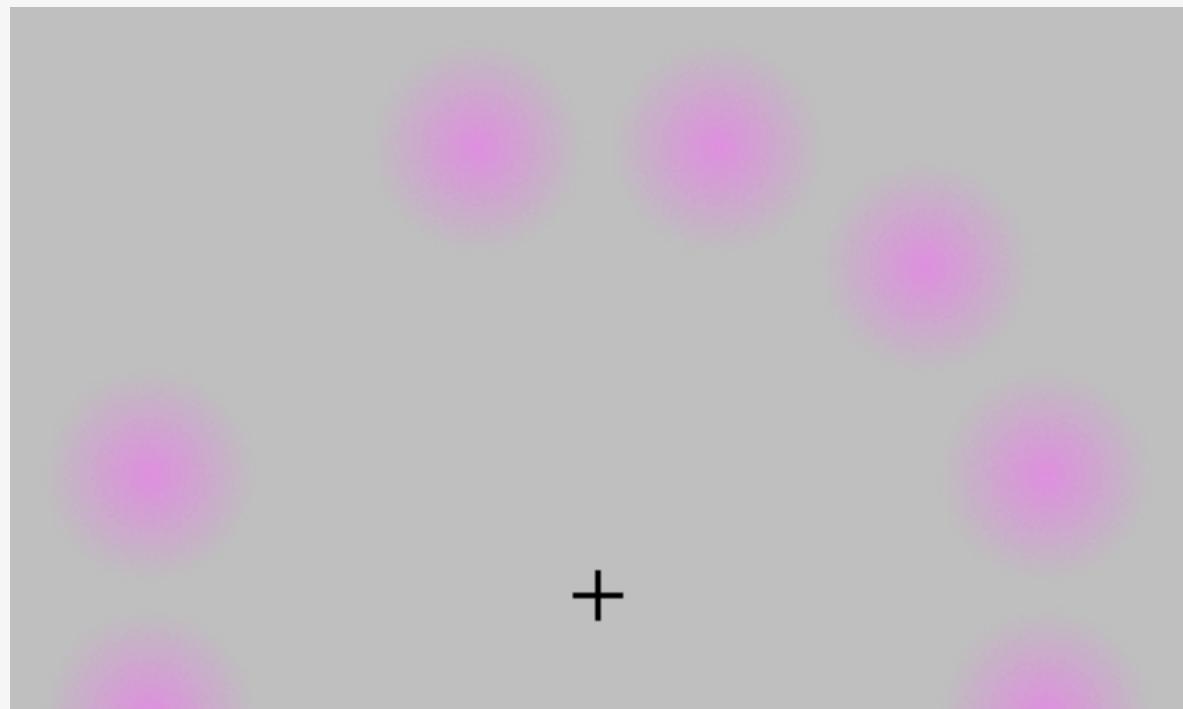


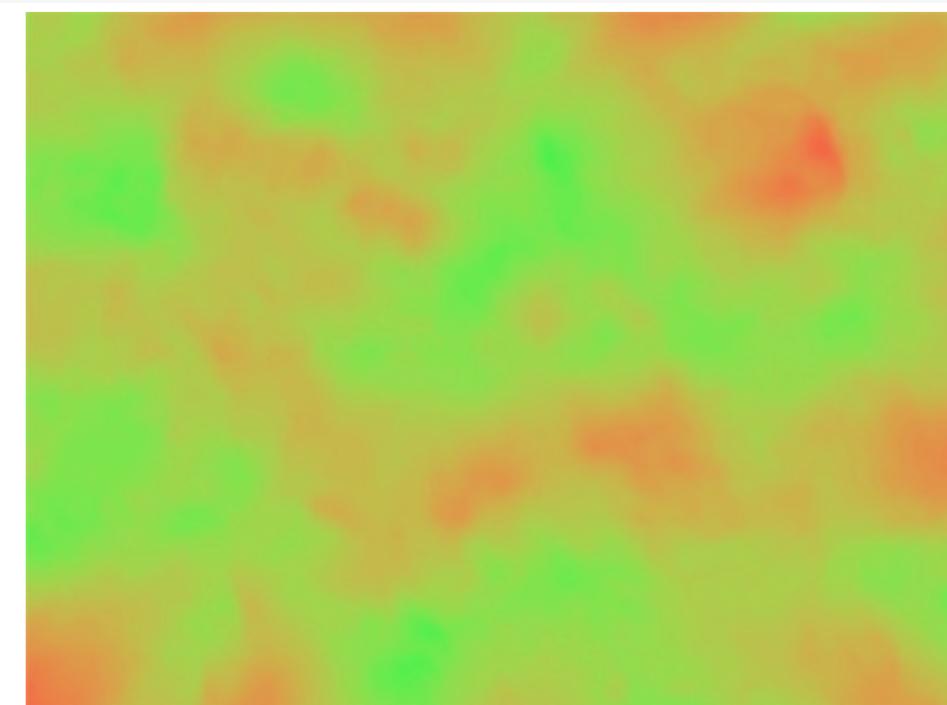


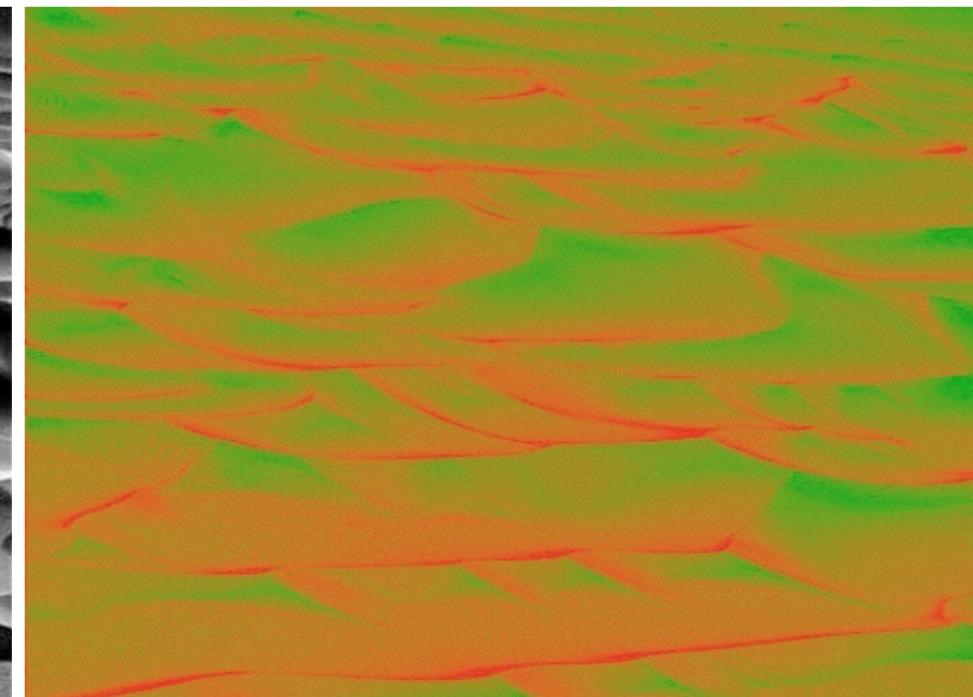
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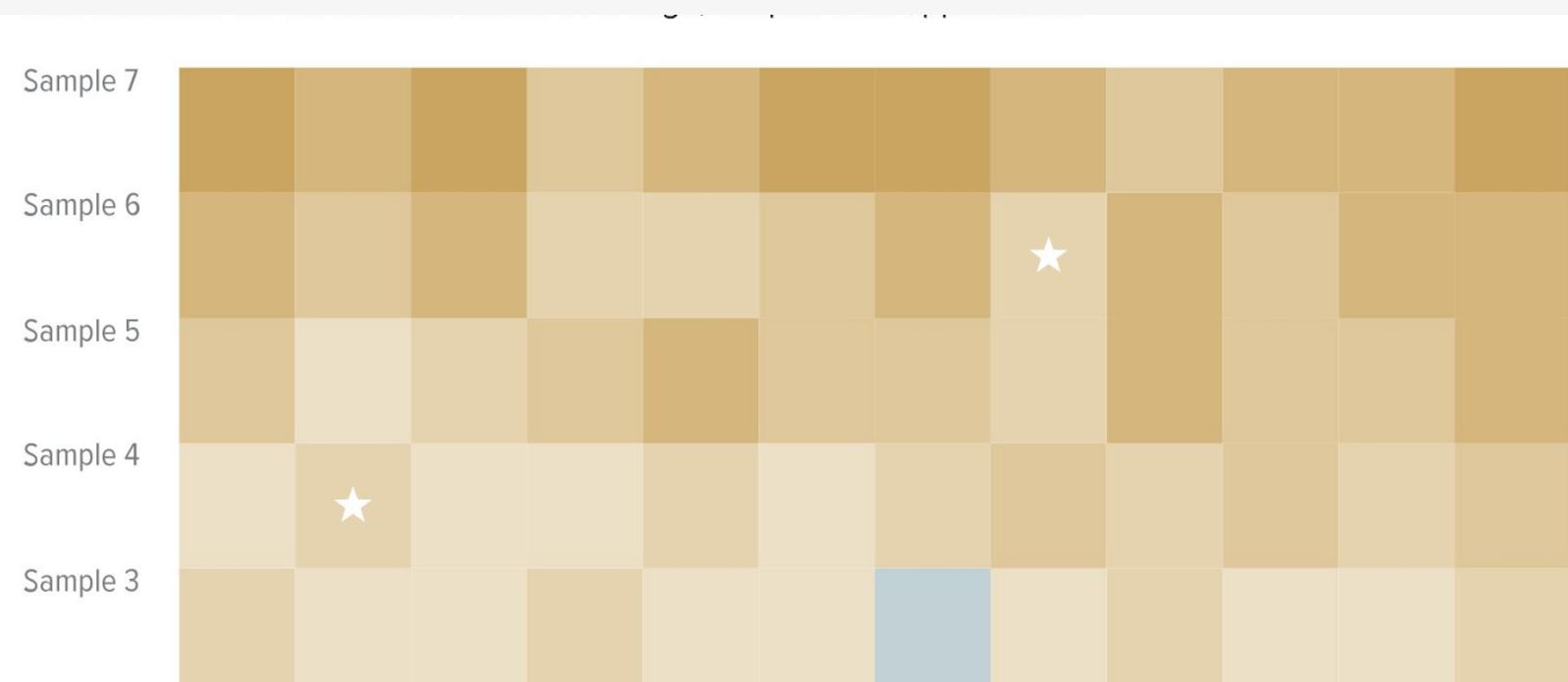
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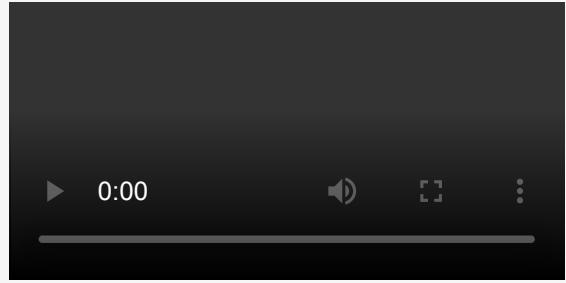












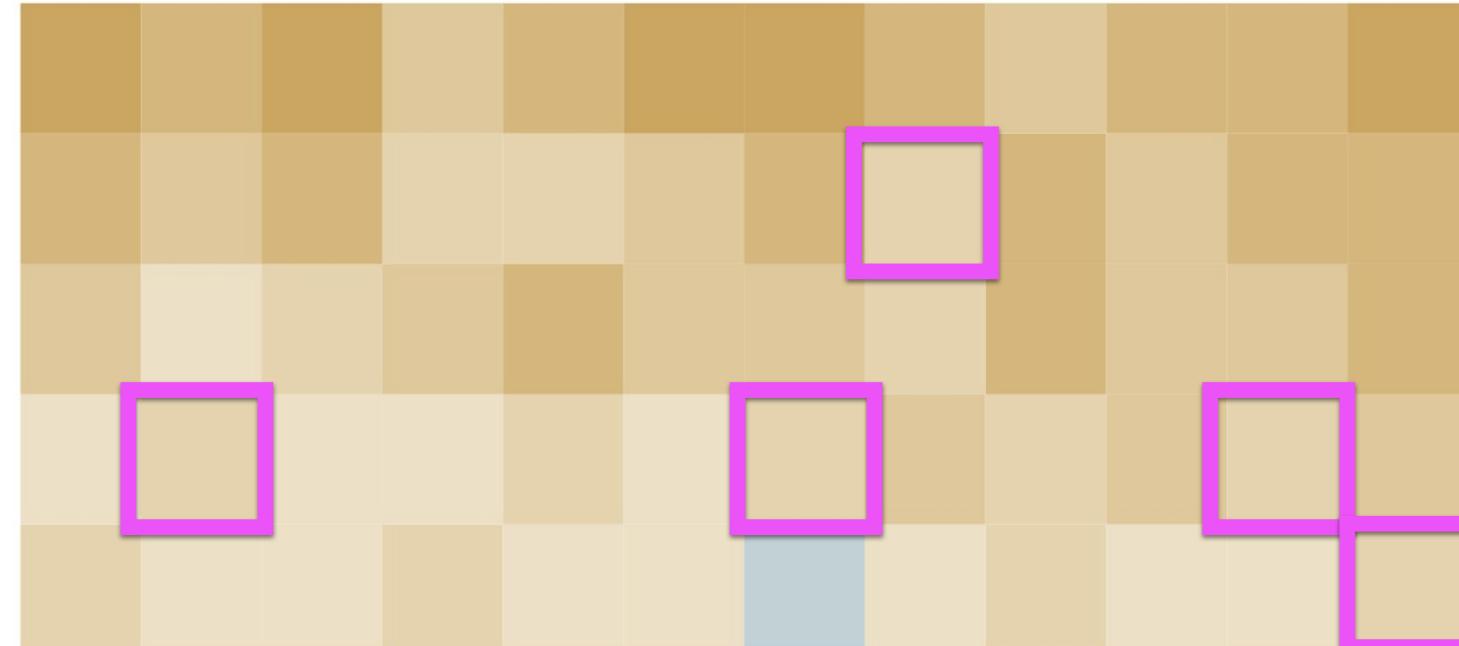
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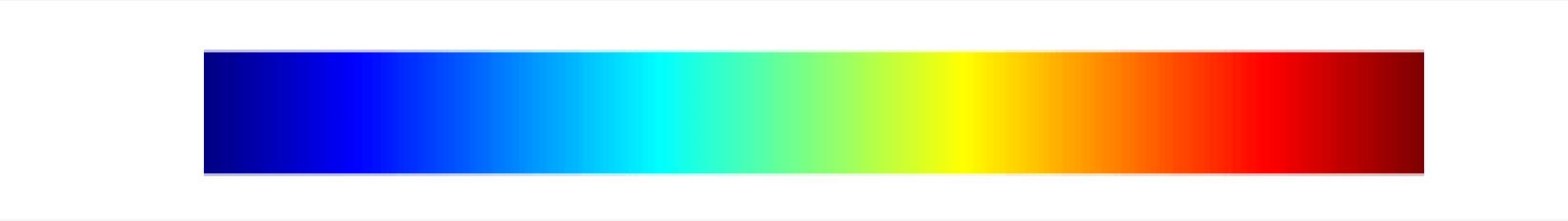
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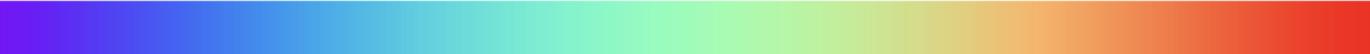




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rainbow



jet



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rainbow



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### Perceptually Uniform Sequential colormaps

viridis



plasma



inferno

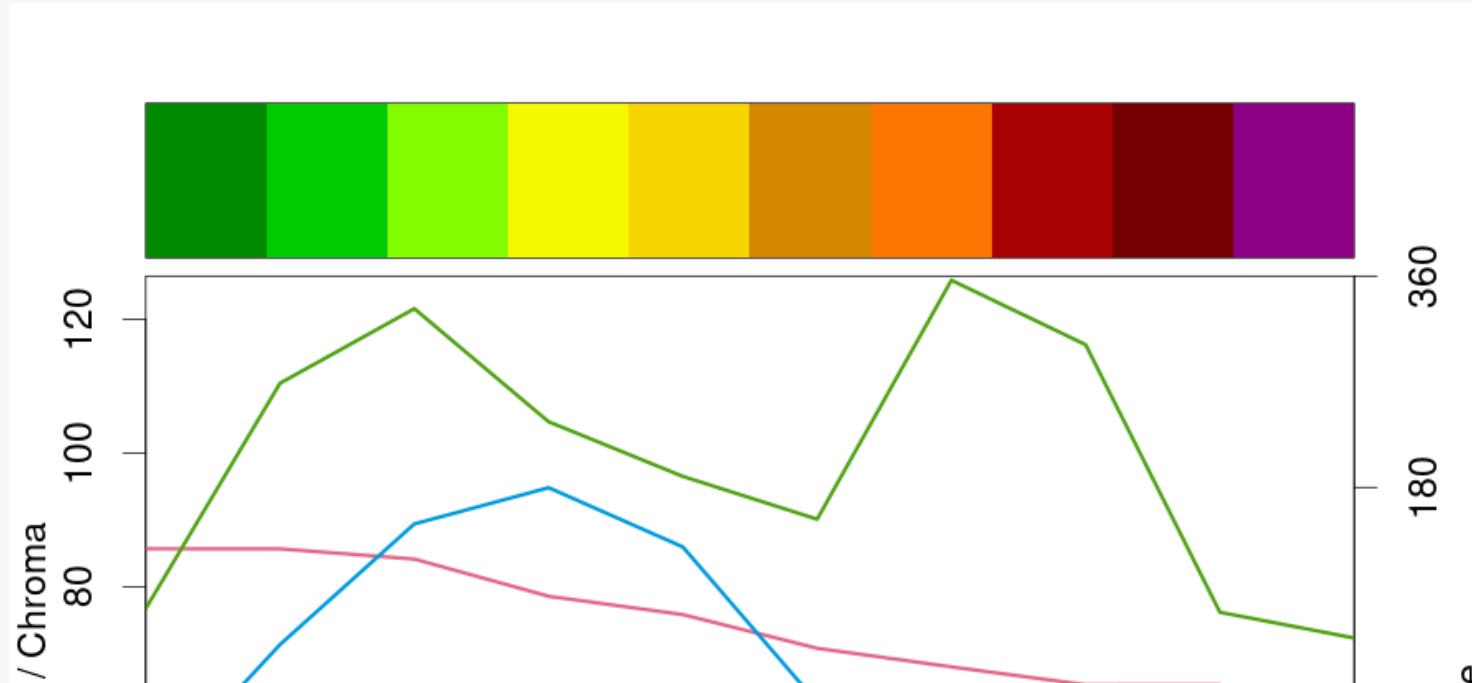


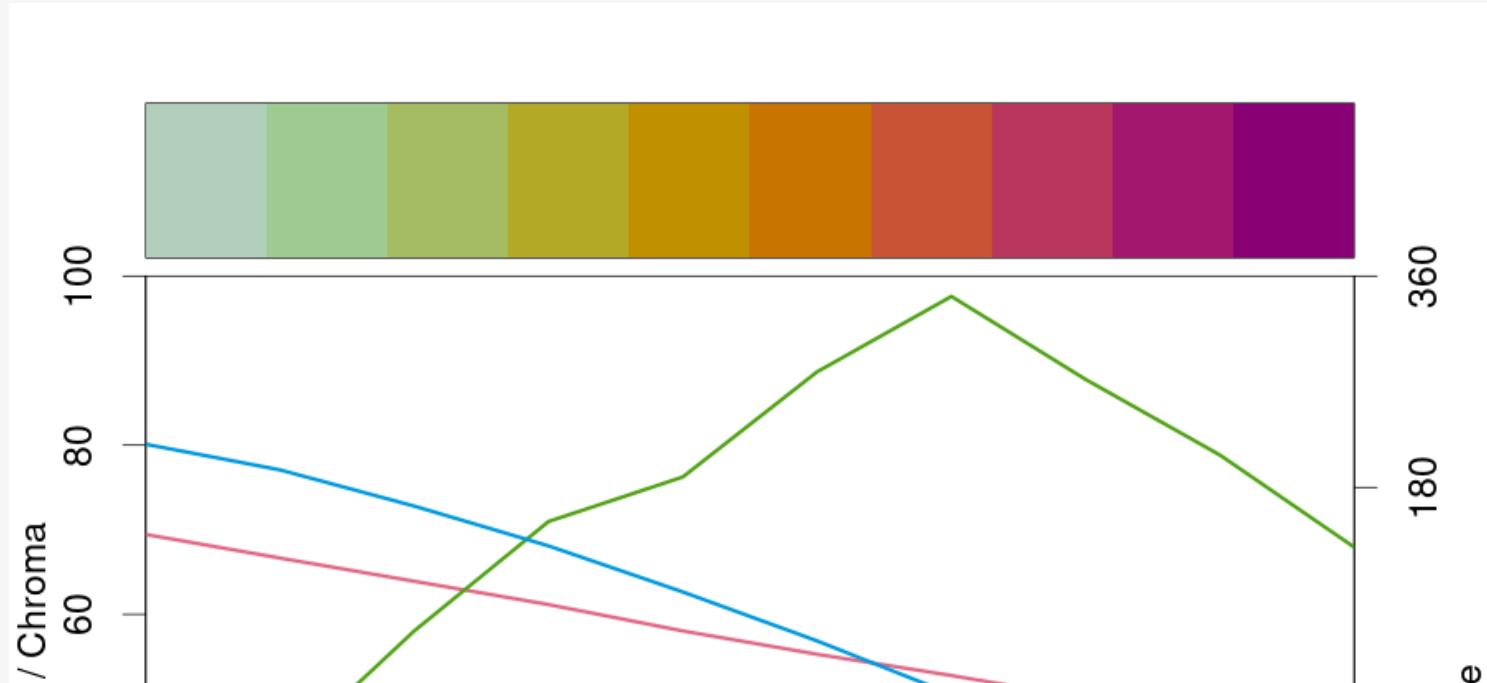
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