

# Data Visualization

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## Information Visualization Blogs

- [eagereyes](#) — Robert Kosara's influential blog. Kosara is Senior Research Scientist at Tableau Research and previously Associate Professor of Computer Science at UNC Charlotte.
  - [flowingdata](#) — Nathan Yau, a former statistics PhD from UCLA, has maintained a data vis blog and online training materials for some time.
  - [chartable](#) — A blog written by people at [Datawrapper](#), a visualization tool aimed at those publishing online content.
  - [data stories](#) — Podcast led by [Enrico Bertini](#) and [Moritz Stefaner](#).
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## Conferences

- [IEEE VIS](#) — The conference at which leading Data Visualization work is published through a special issue of [Transactions on Visualization & Computer Graphics](#).
  - [OpenVis Conf](#) — New, exciting conference. Presenters are academics and practitioners work at the leading-edge of data visualization. Videos of talks from previous conferences are published online. From the 2018 conference, I'd recommend Matt Kay's on [Uncertainty Visualization](#), Maarten Lambrechts' [Xenographics](#) and Heather Krause's [F-Word](#).
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## Readings

- Heer, J., Bostock M. & Ogievetsky, V. (2010) [A tour through the visualization zoo](#). An excellent introduction to the DNA of data graphics—the mappings between visual characteristics and properties of data that define particular 'species' of visualization. Changing these mappings results in different graphic types : bar chart, scatter plot, pie chart, etc..
- Meirelles, I. (2013) [Design for Information: An Introduction to the Histories, Theories, and Best Practices Behind Effective Information Visualizations](#). Contains excellent examples and advice on designing graphics. The explanations of principles developed from knowledge of perception and cognition are especially good.
- Meyer, M. & Fisher, D. (2018) [Making Data Visual](#), O'Reilly. I've only read a sample chapter, but it's written by highly respected InfoVis profs and has a great ambition: *If you're a data scientist trying to navigate the murky space between data and insight, this practical book shows you how to make sense of your data through high-level questions, well-defined data analysis tasks, and visualizations to clarify understanding and gain insights along the way.*
- Munzner, T. (2014) [Visualization Analysis & Design](#), CRC Press. Tamara Munzner, Professor of Information Visualization at University of British Columbia, provides a systematic and empirically-grounded framework for thinking about visualization. Available as an e-book via the University of Leeds Library. Chapters 2 and 5 are worth special consideration.

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13.00	7.58	13.00	8.74	13.00	12.74	8.00	7.71
9.00	8.81	9.00	8.77	9.00	7.11	8.00	8.84
11.00	8.33	11.00	9.26	11.00	7.81	8.00	8.47
14.00	9.96	14.00	8.10	14.00	8.84	8.00	7.04
6.00	7.24	6.00	6.13	6.00	6.08	8.00	5.25
4.00	4.26	4.00	3.10	4.00	5.39	19.00	12.50
12.00	10.84	12.00	9.13	12.00	8.15	8.00	5.56
7.00	4.82	7.00	7.26	7.00	6.42	8.00	7.91
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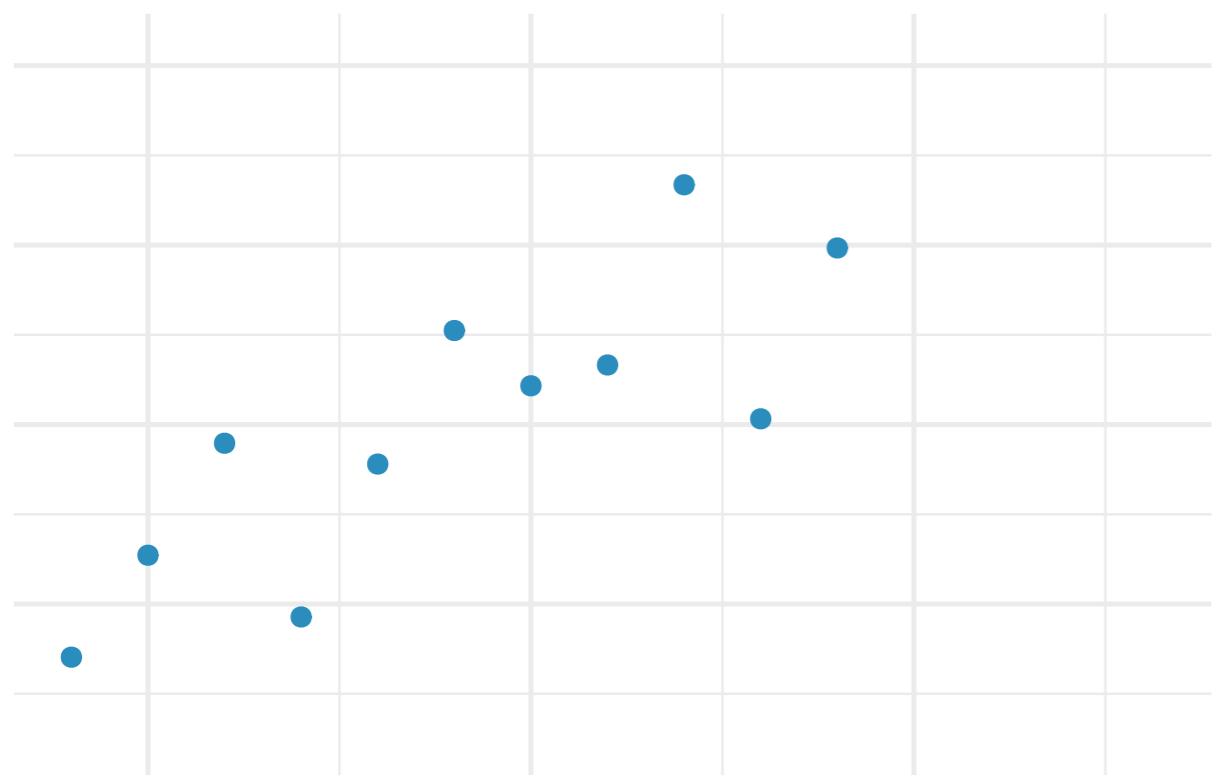
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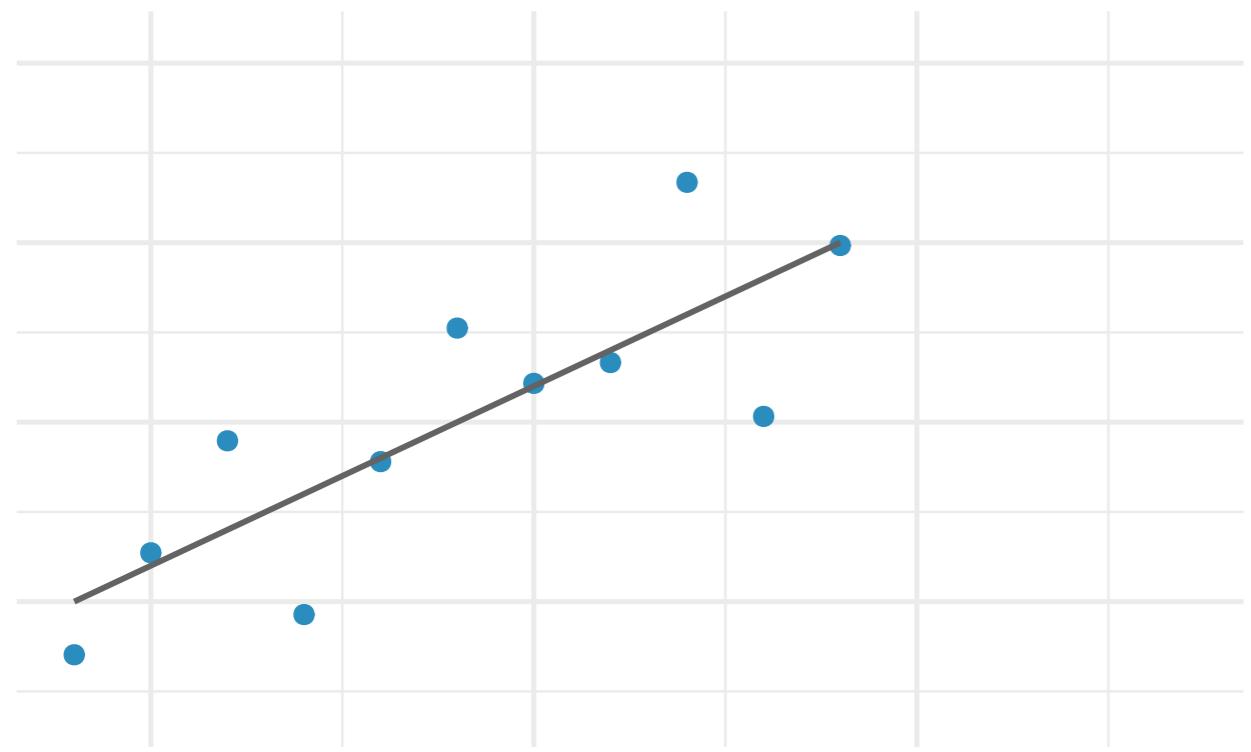
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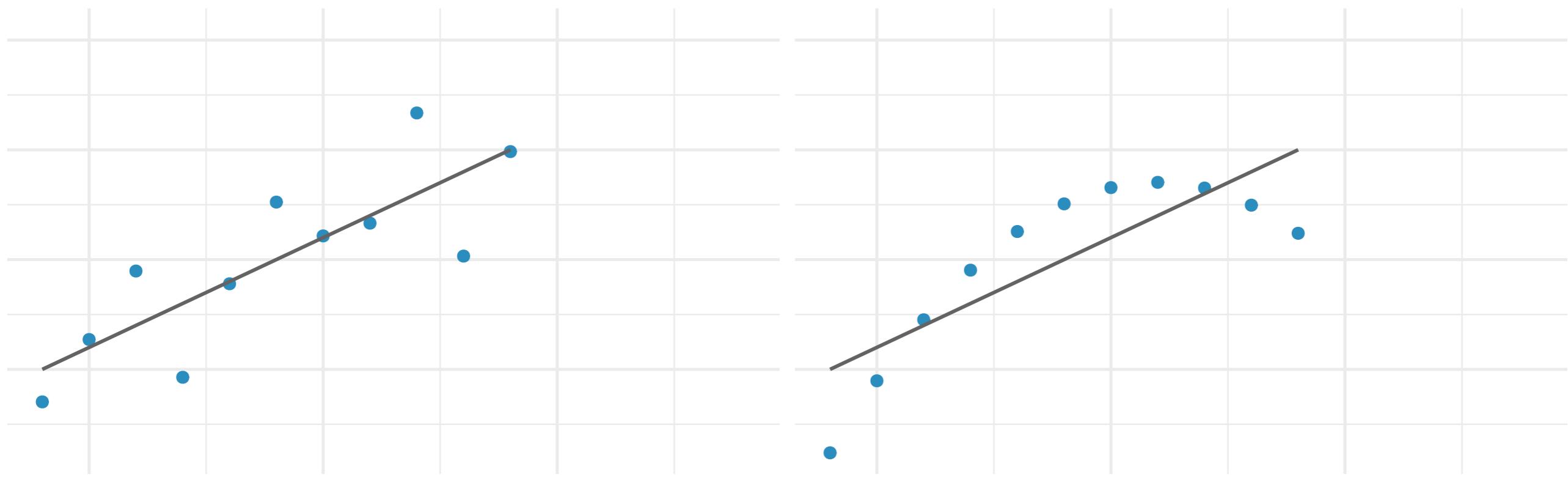


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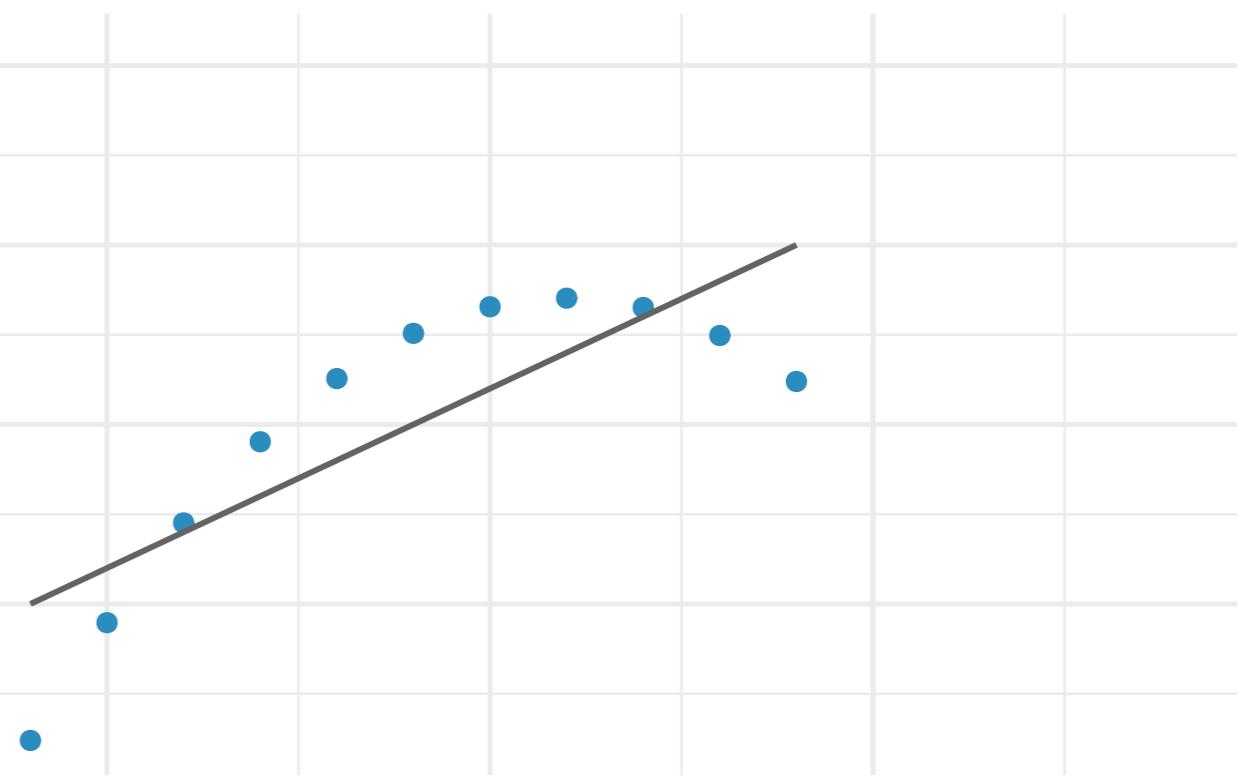


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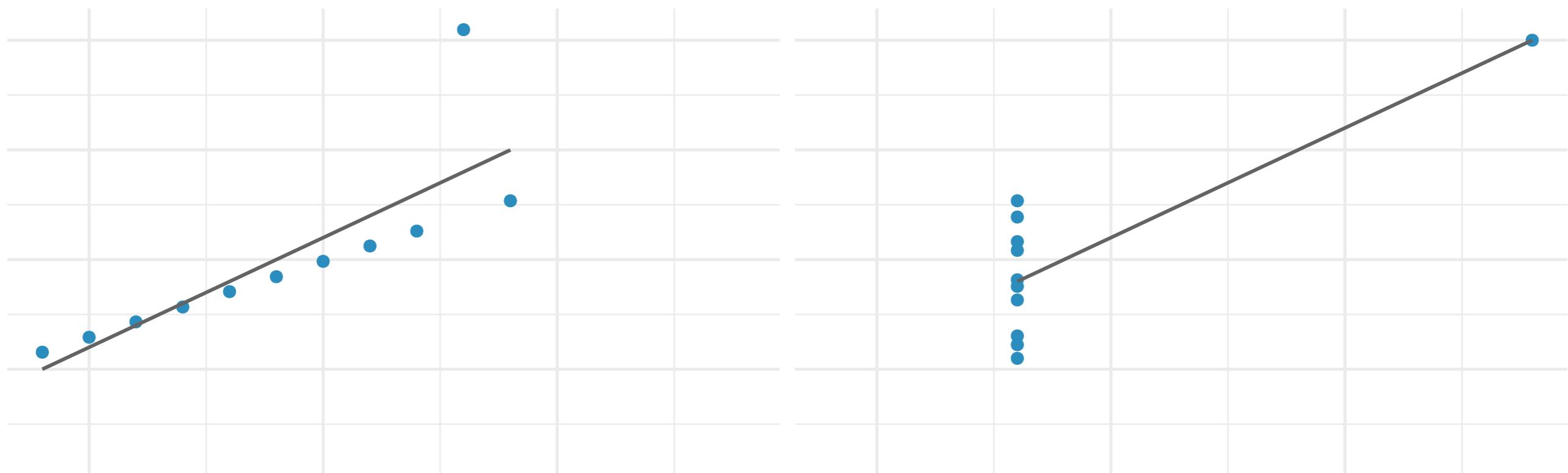
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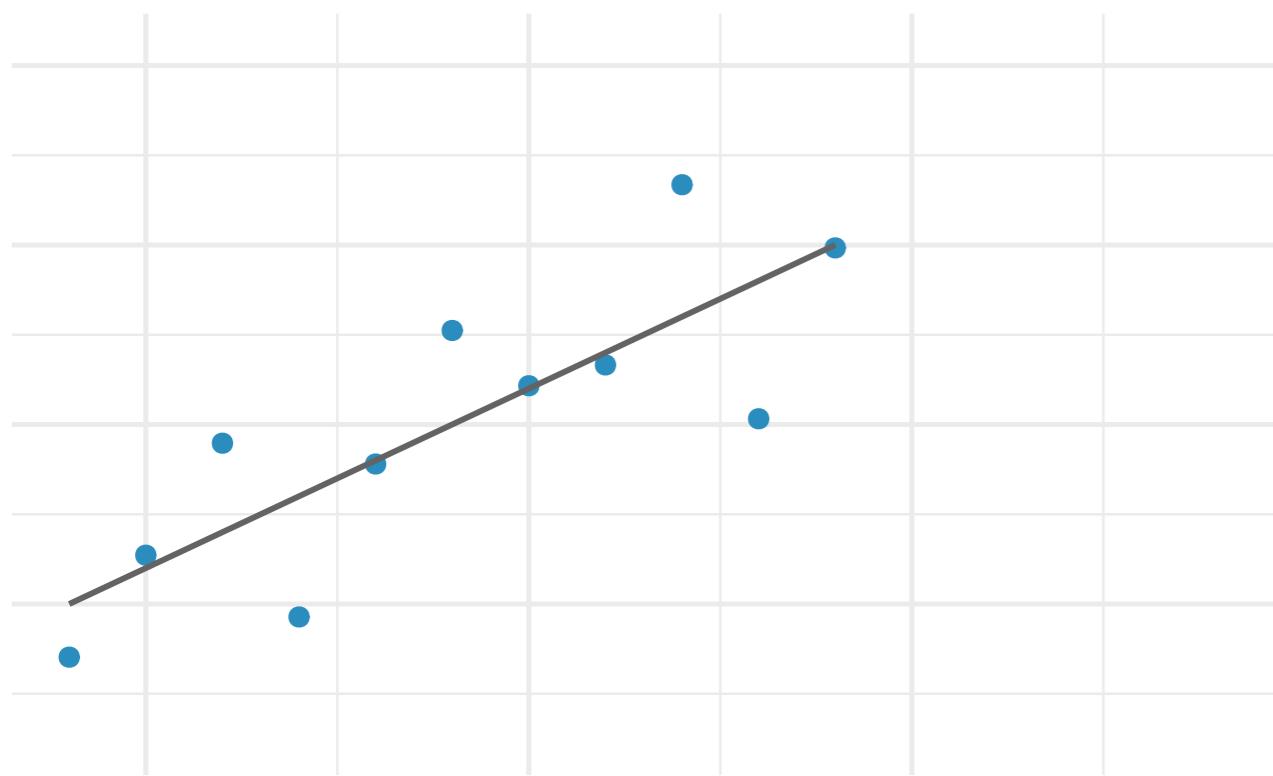


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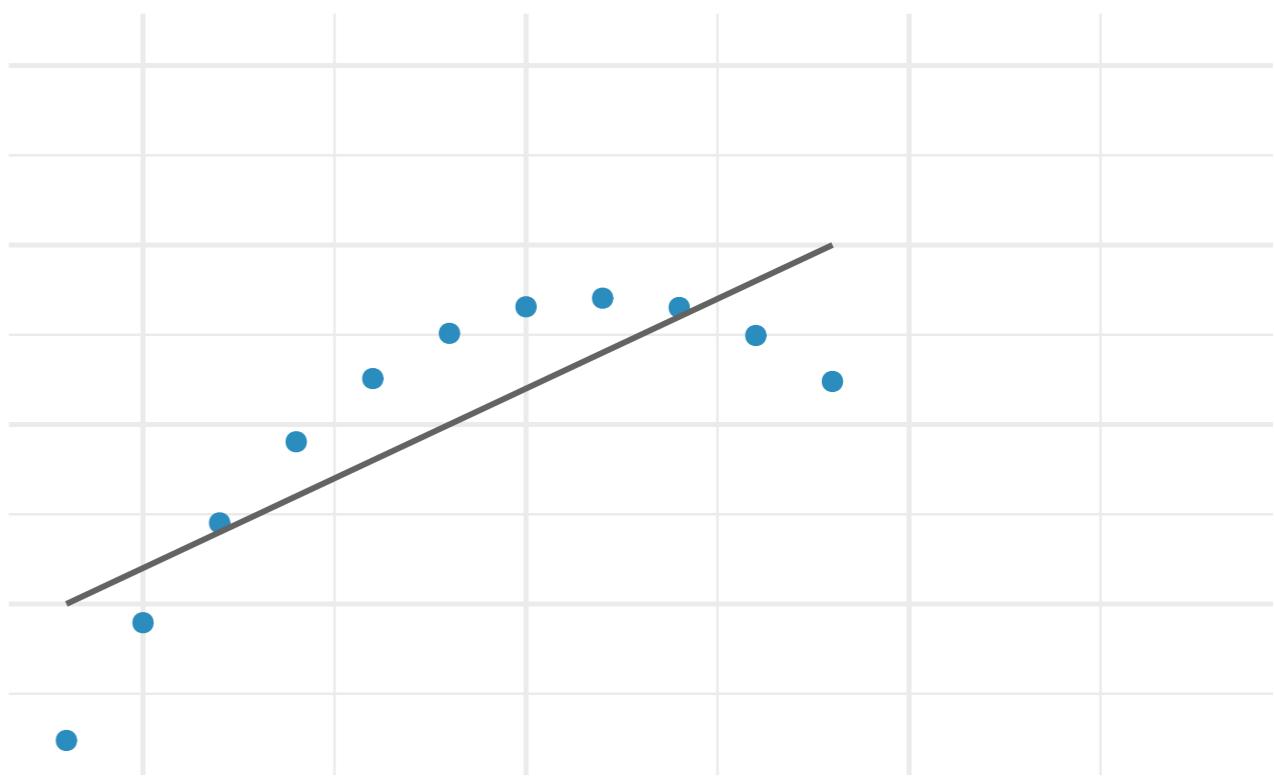


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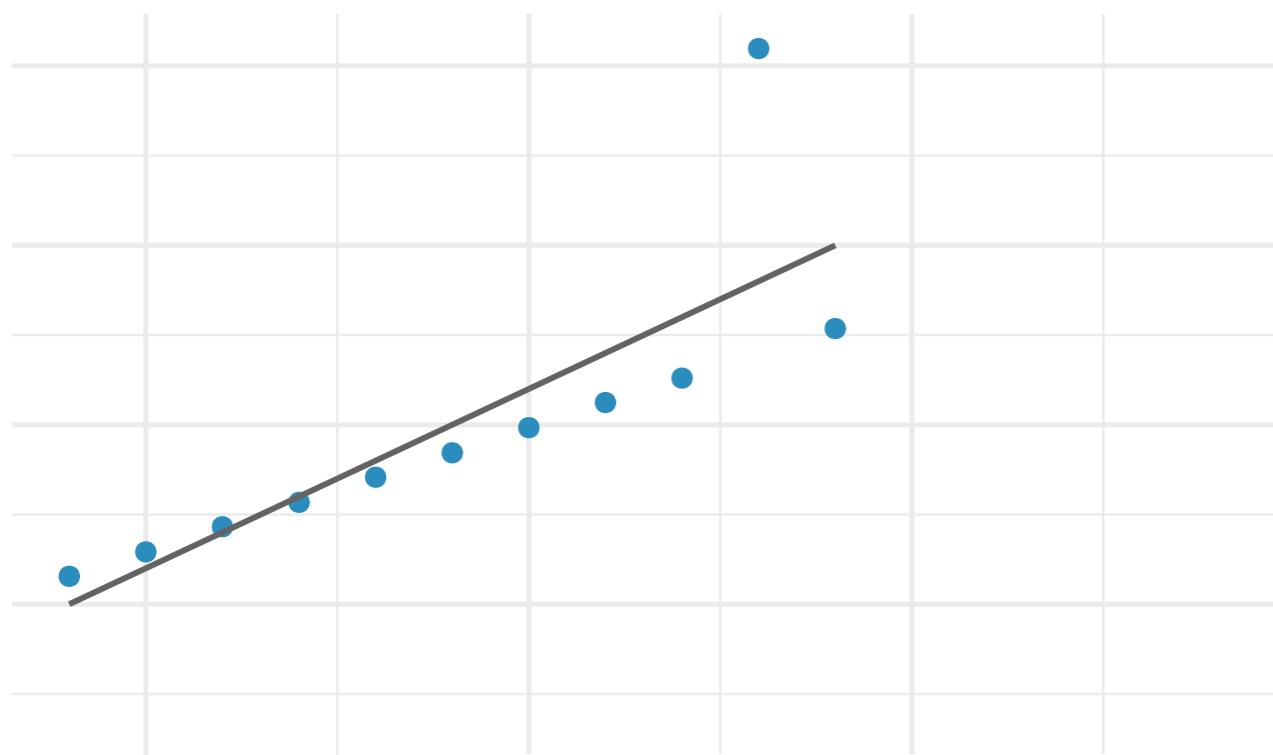
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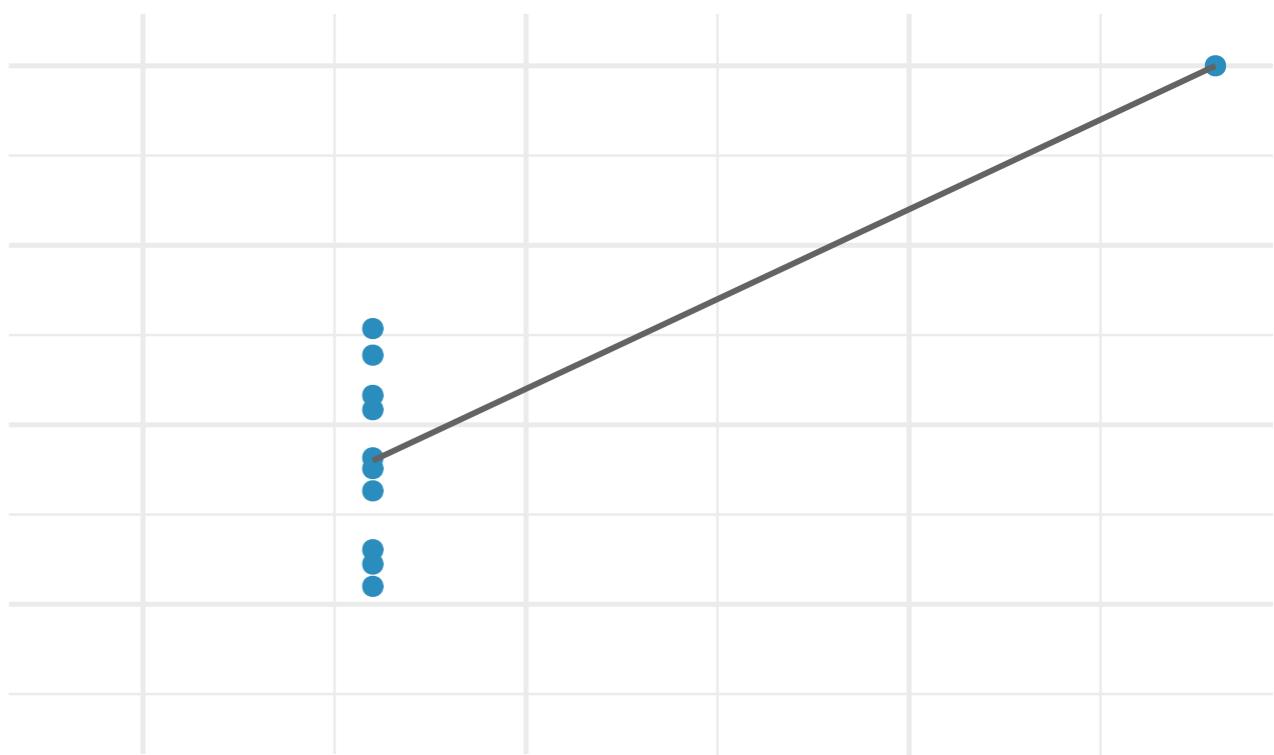
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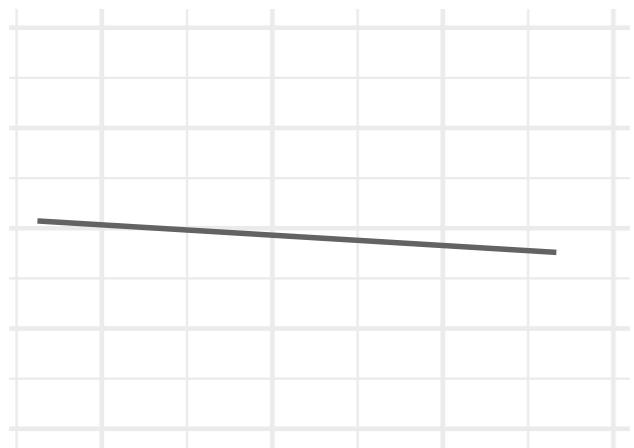


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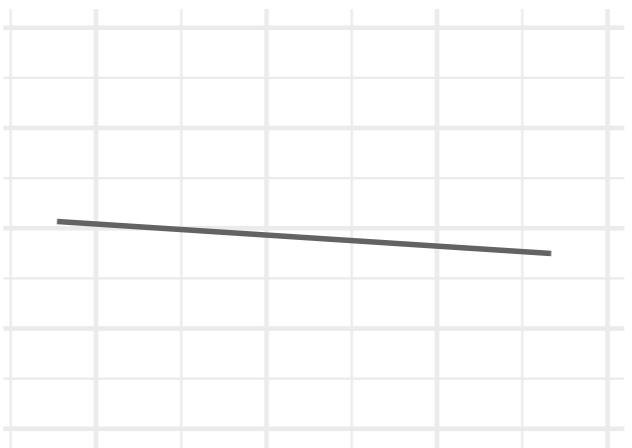


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Francis Anscombe, 1973

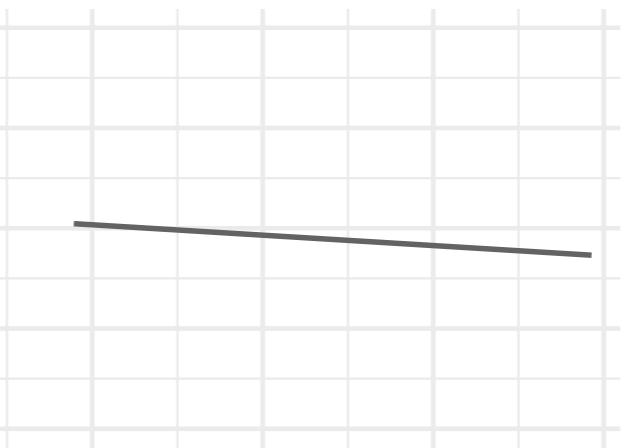
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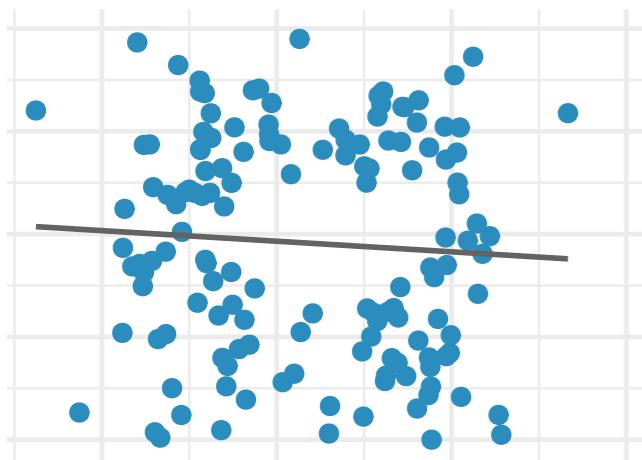
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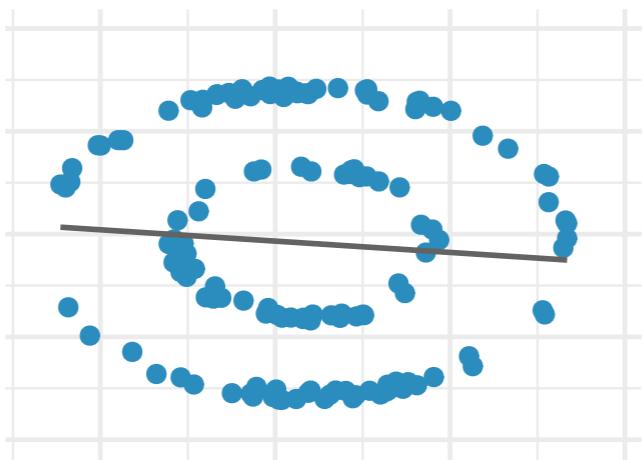
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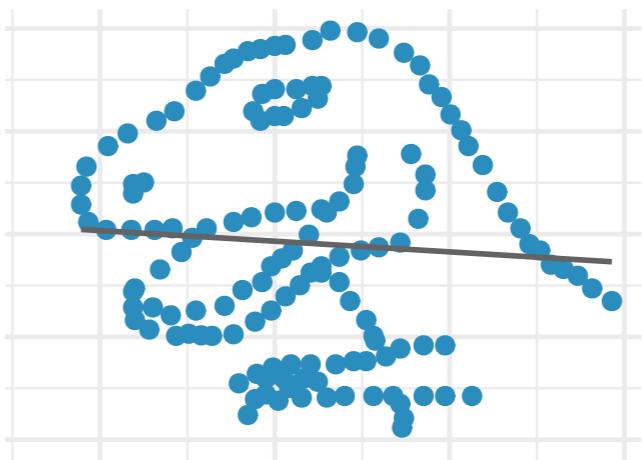
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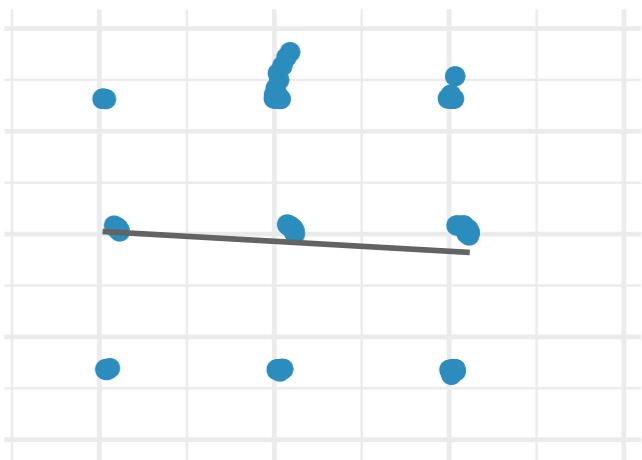
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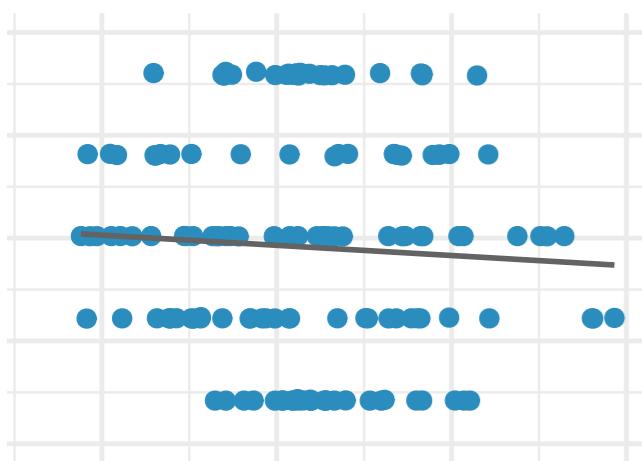
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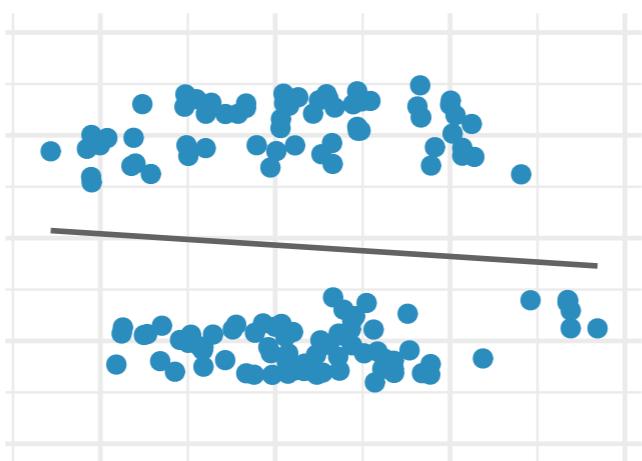
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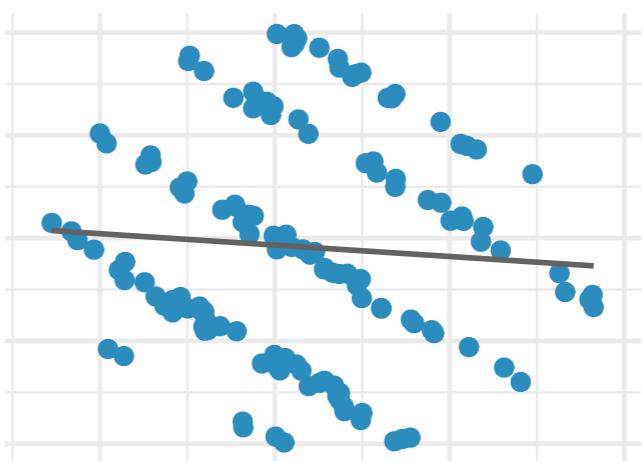
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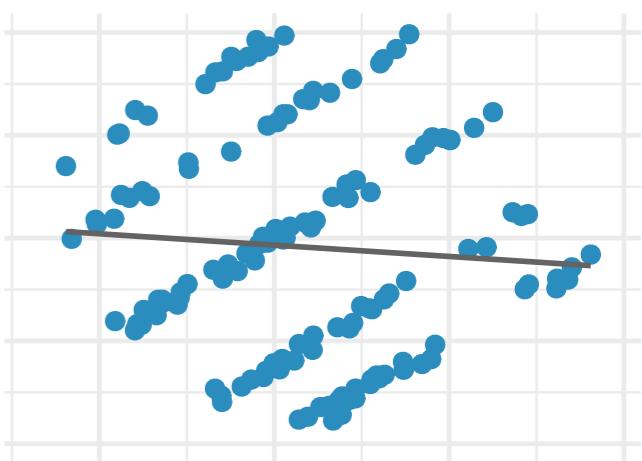
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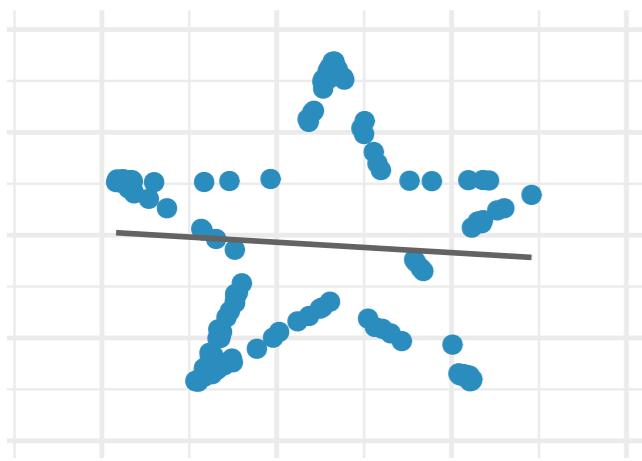
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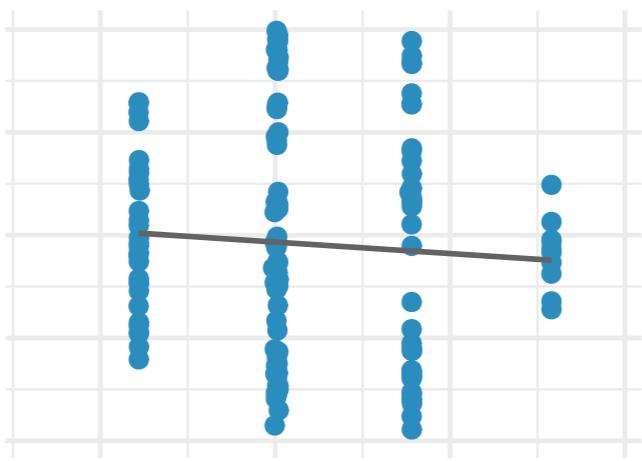
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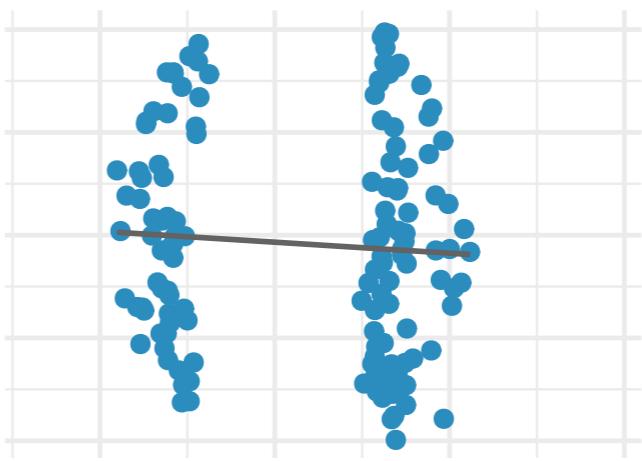
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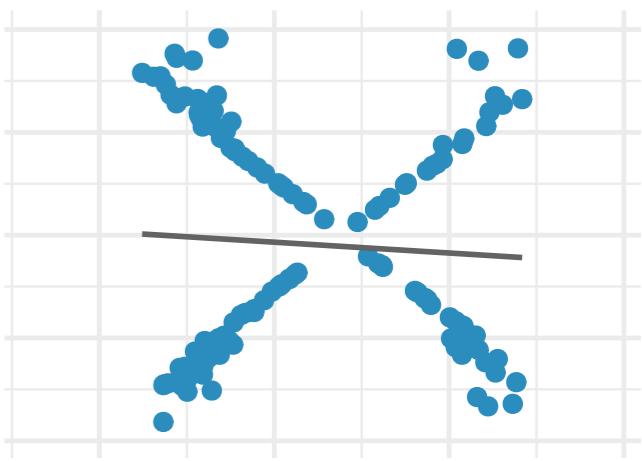
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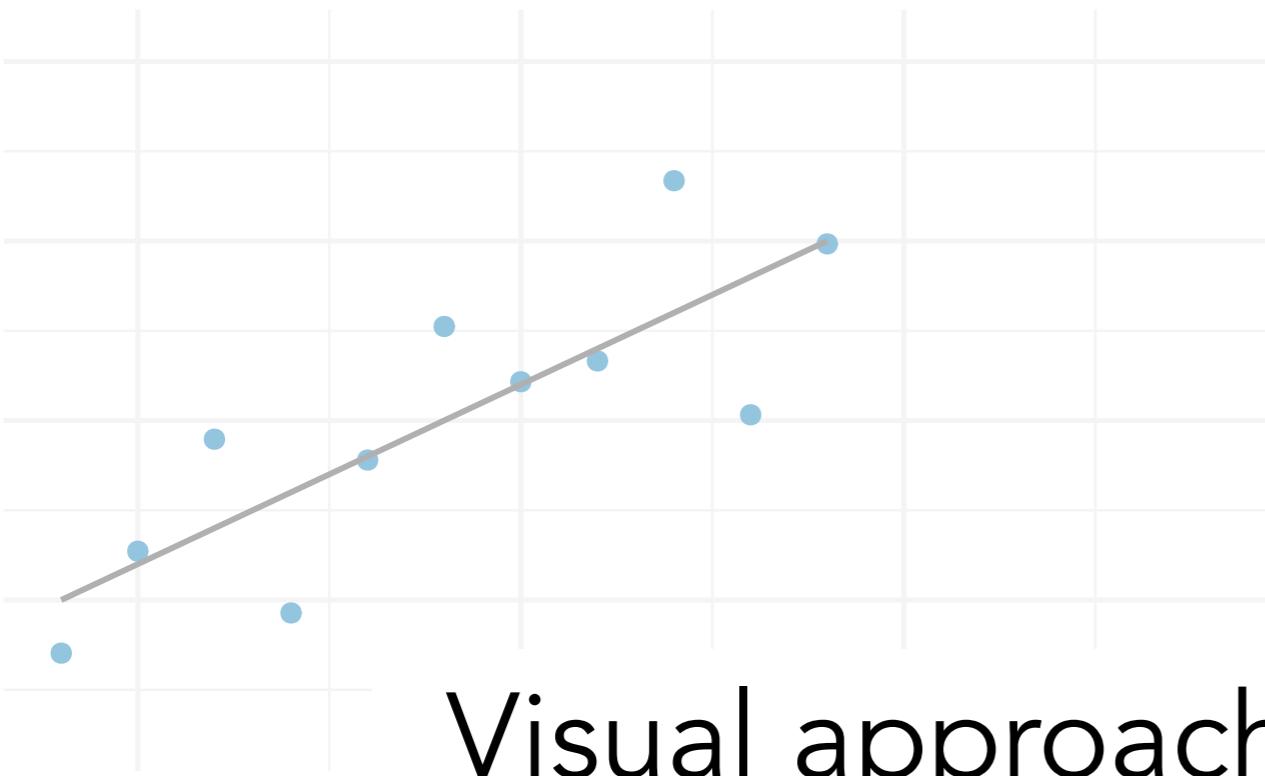
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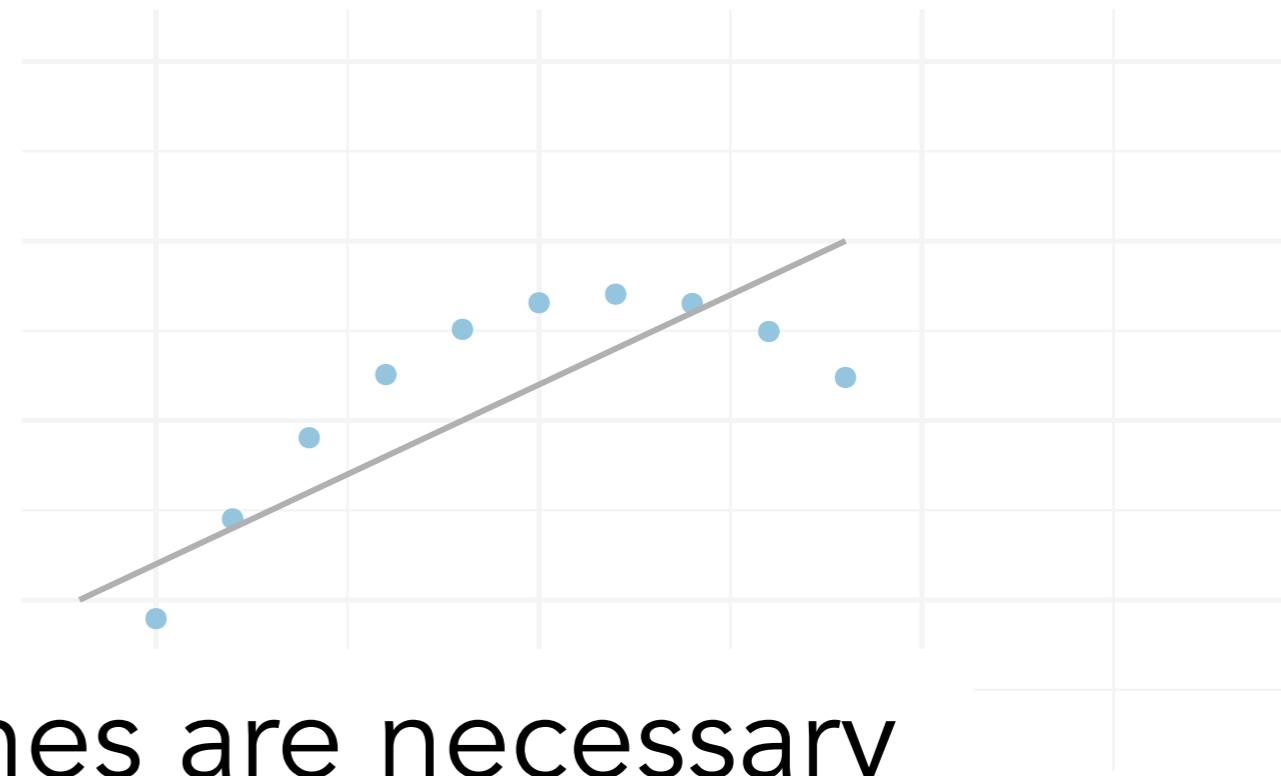
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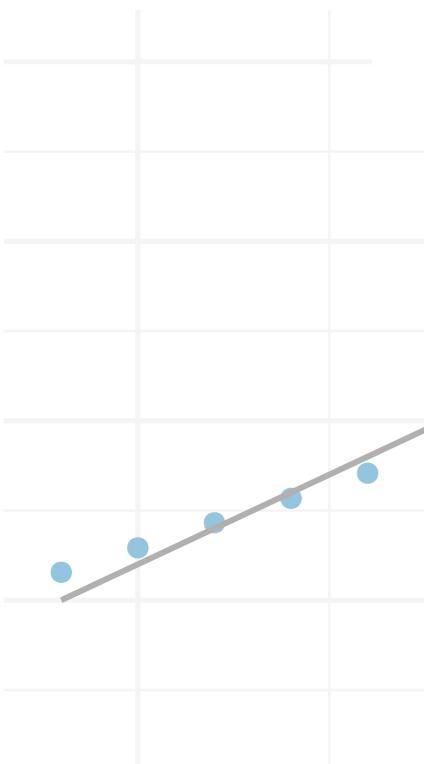
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to data analysis



Anscombe's Quartet  
Francis Anscombe, 1973

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*Nowadays visualization is one of the key ways, in which scientific discoveries and advances in collective understanding are made.*

*Therefore, those scientists, researchers, data explorers, and analysts who rely in their everyday work on producing visualizations and generating images, should have some acquaintance with the most rudimentary ABC of good design practice.*

Marek Kultys, Independent Designer



# SANTANDER CYCLES


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## Journeys

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~ 60 million by 2017



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**Summary statistics**



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## Summary statistics

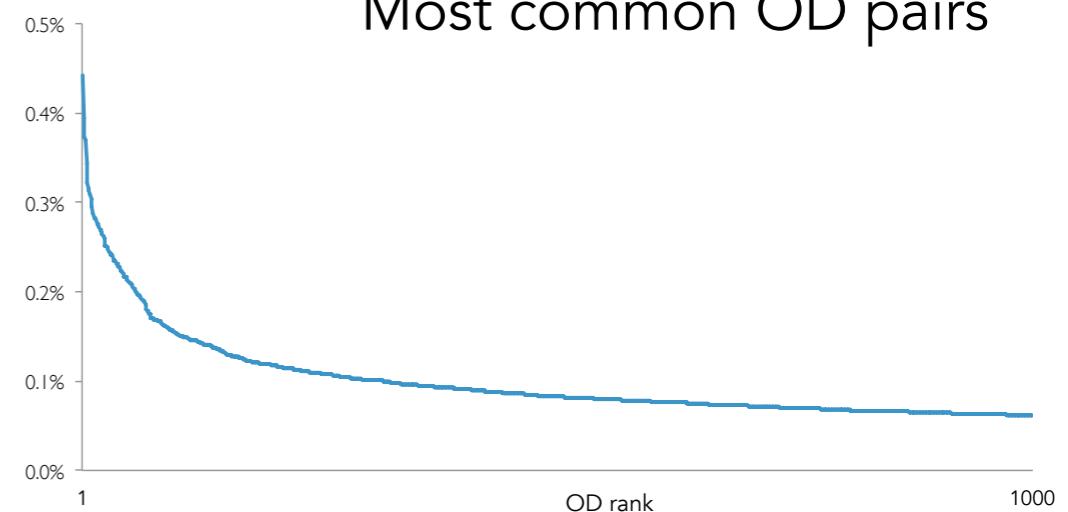
~ 10 million in 2017

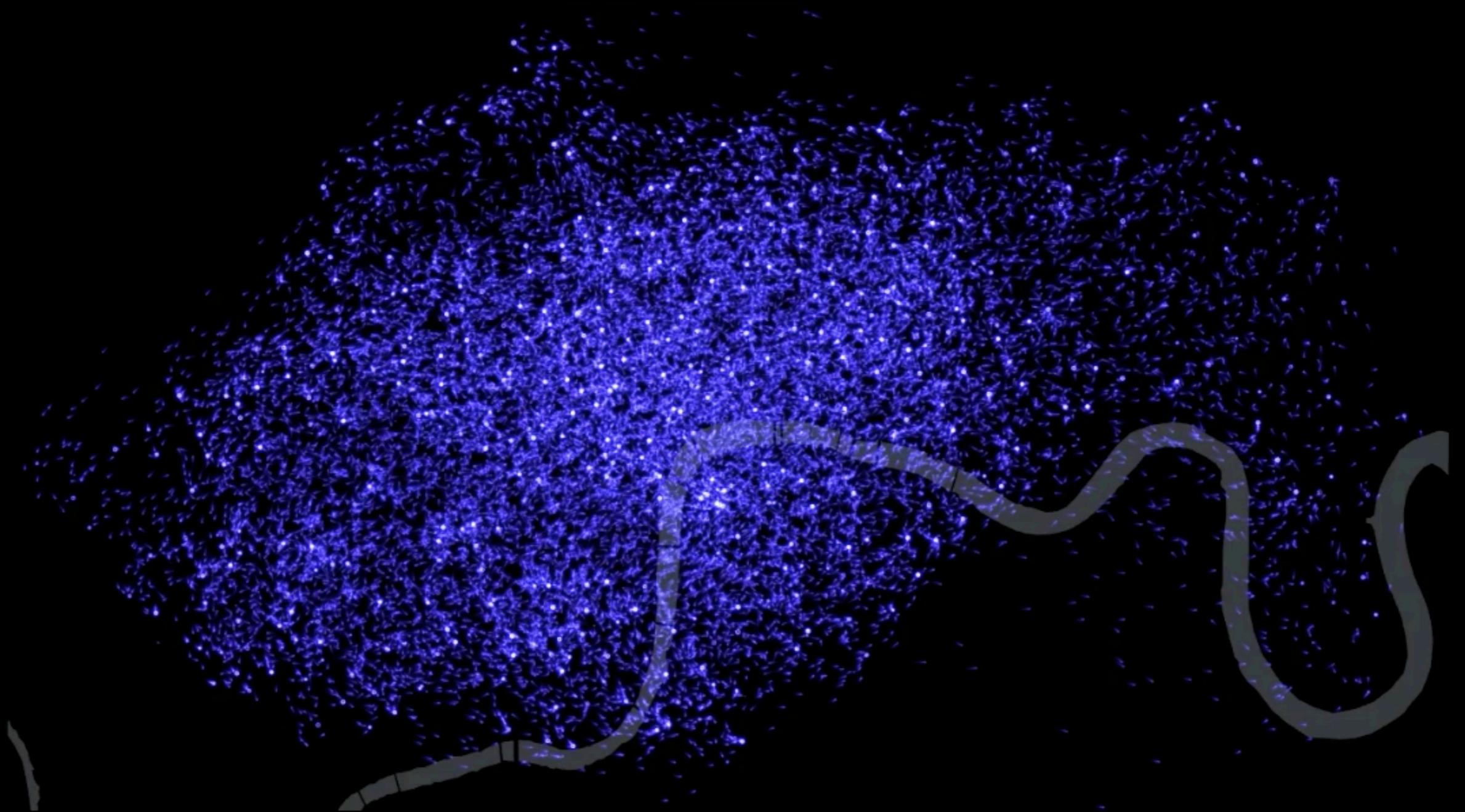
Modal day of week : Wed-Thu

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Average Travel Time : 8 mins

## Most common OD pairs

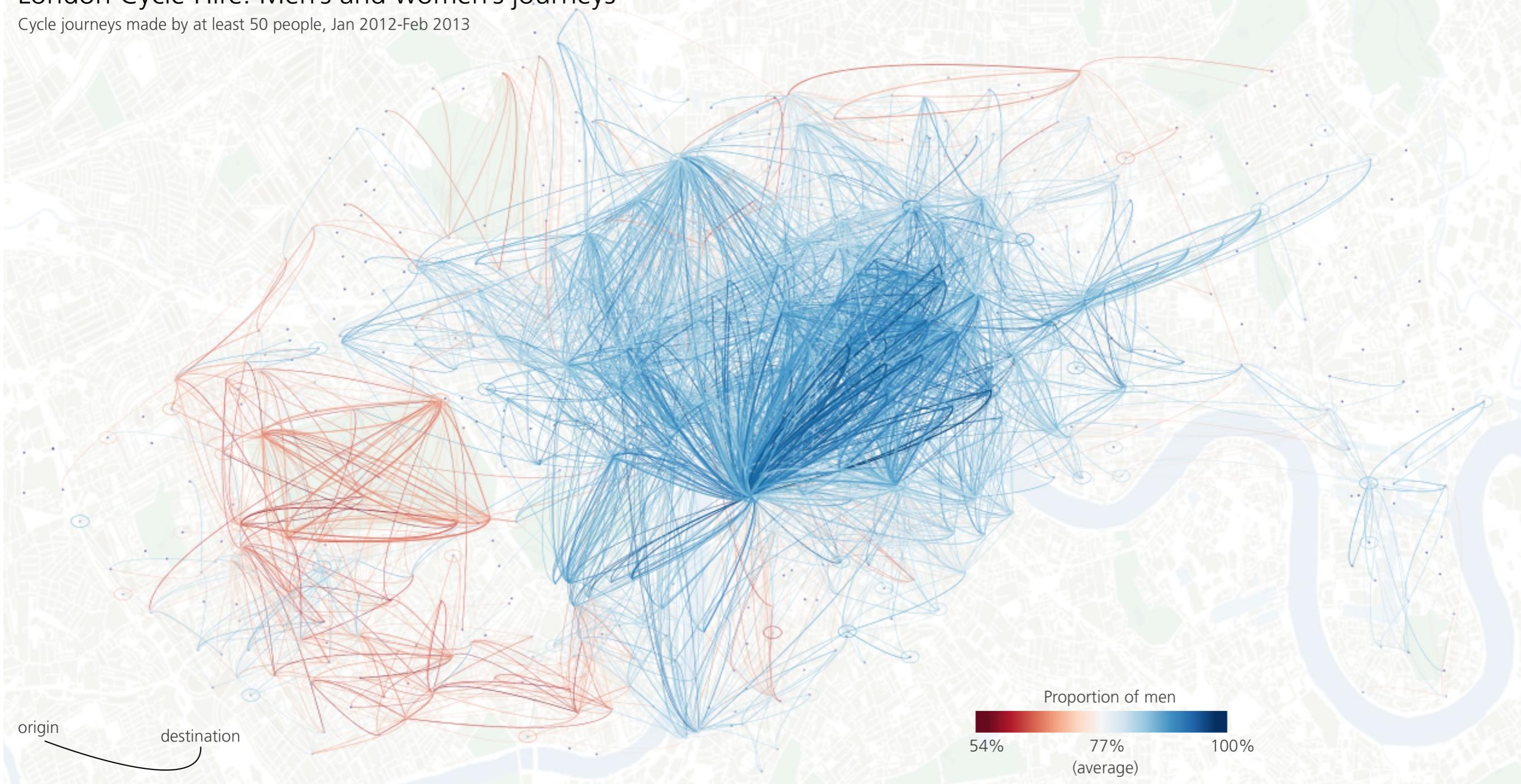




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# London Cycle Hire: Men's and women's journeys

Cycle journeys made by at least 50 people, Jan 2012-Feb 2013



Beecham and Wood, 2014

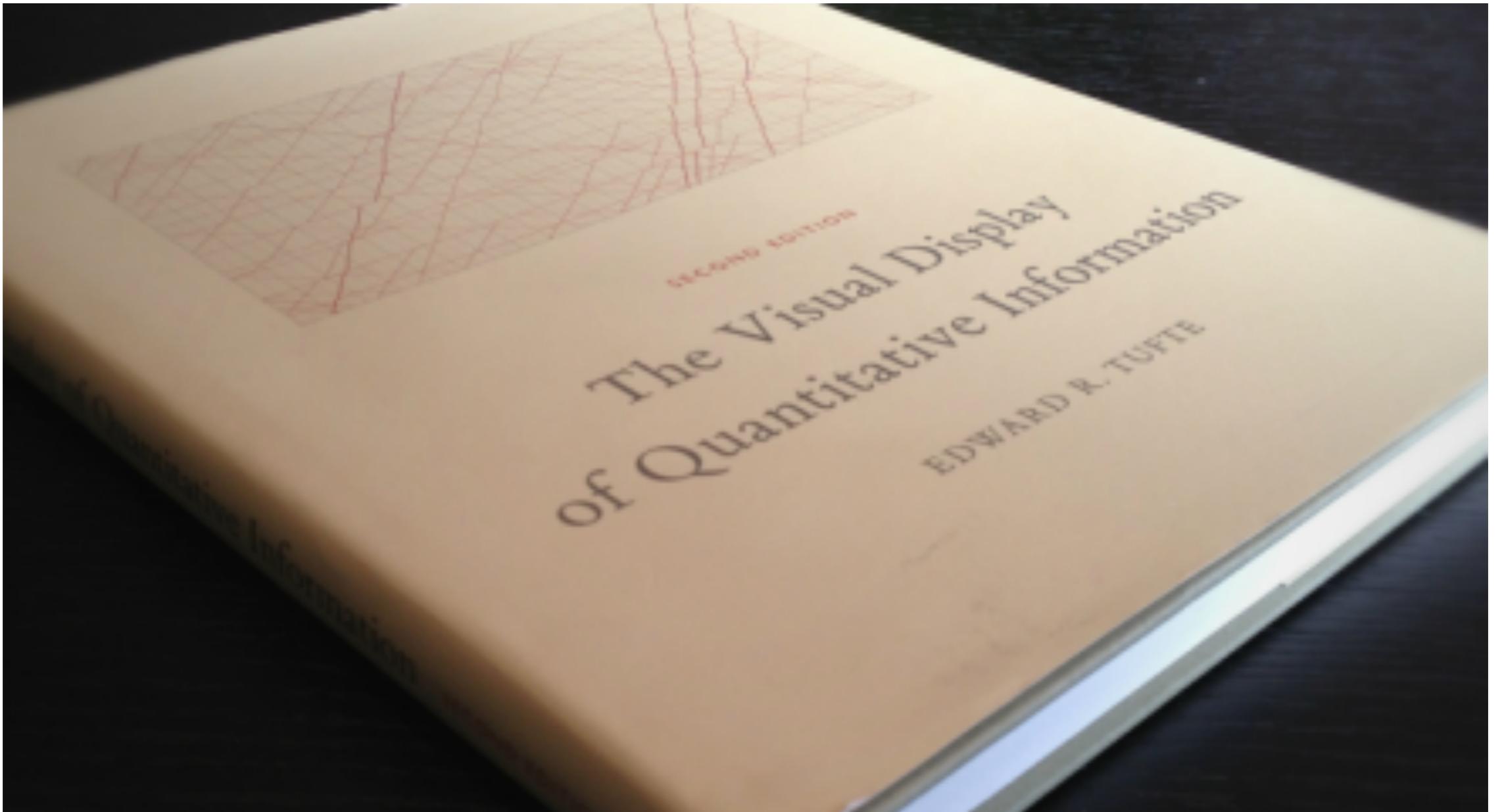
# Session Outcomes

**Appreciate** core principles of data visualization design

**Employ** these principles when critiquing data graphics

**Create** effective data visualizations using software built on these principles

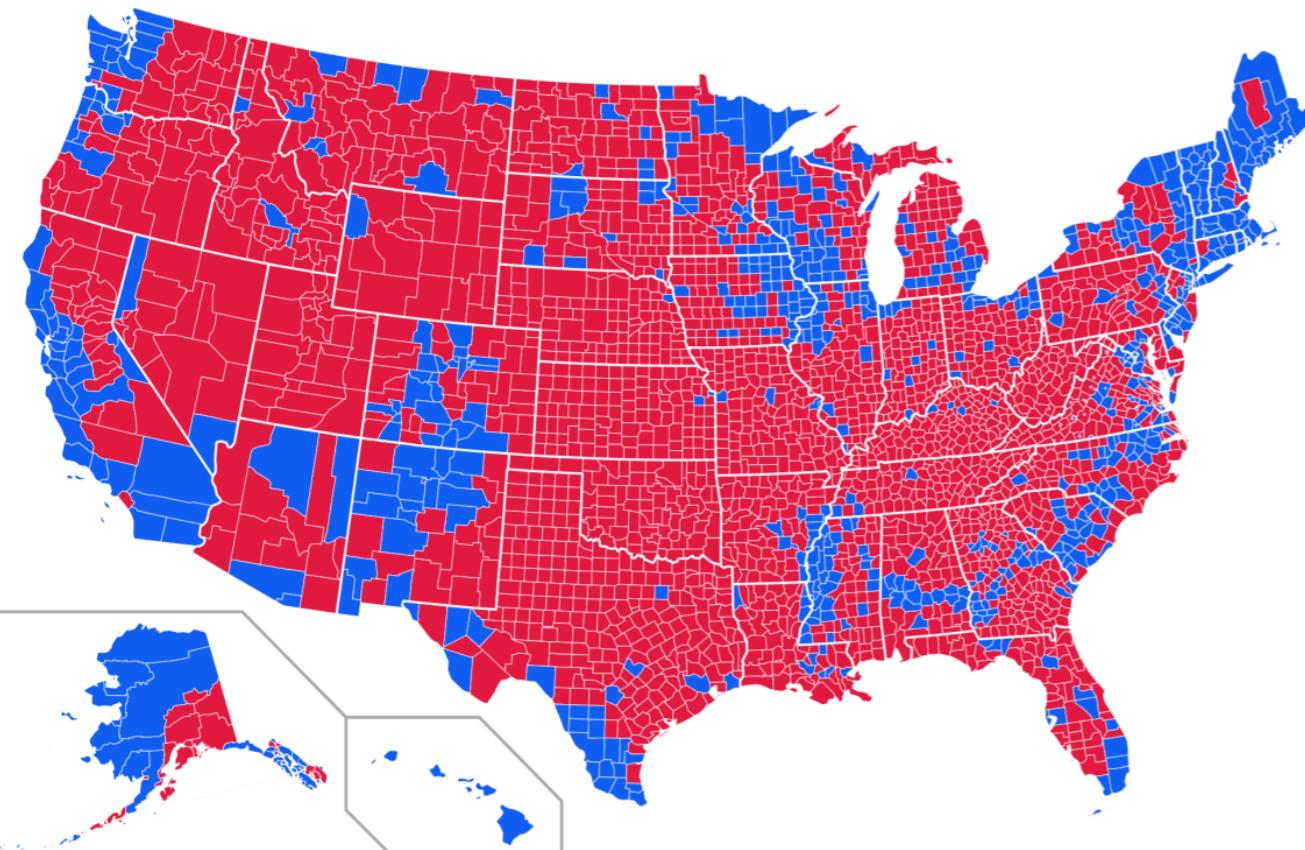
# Characteristics of effective data graphics



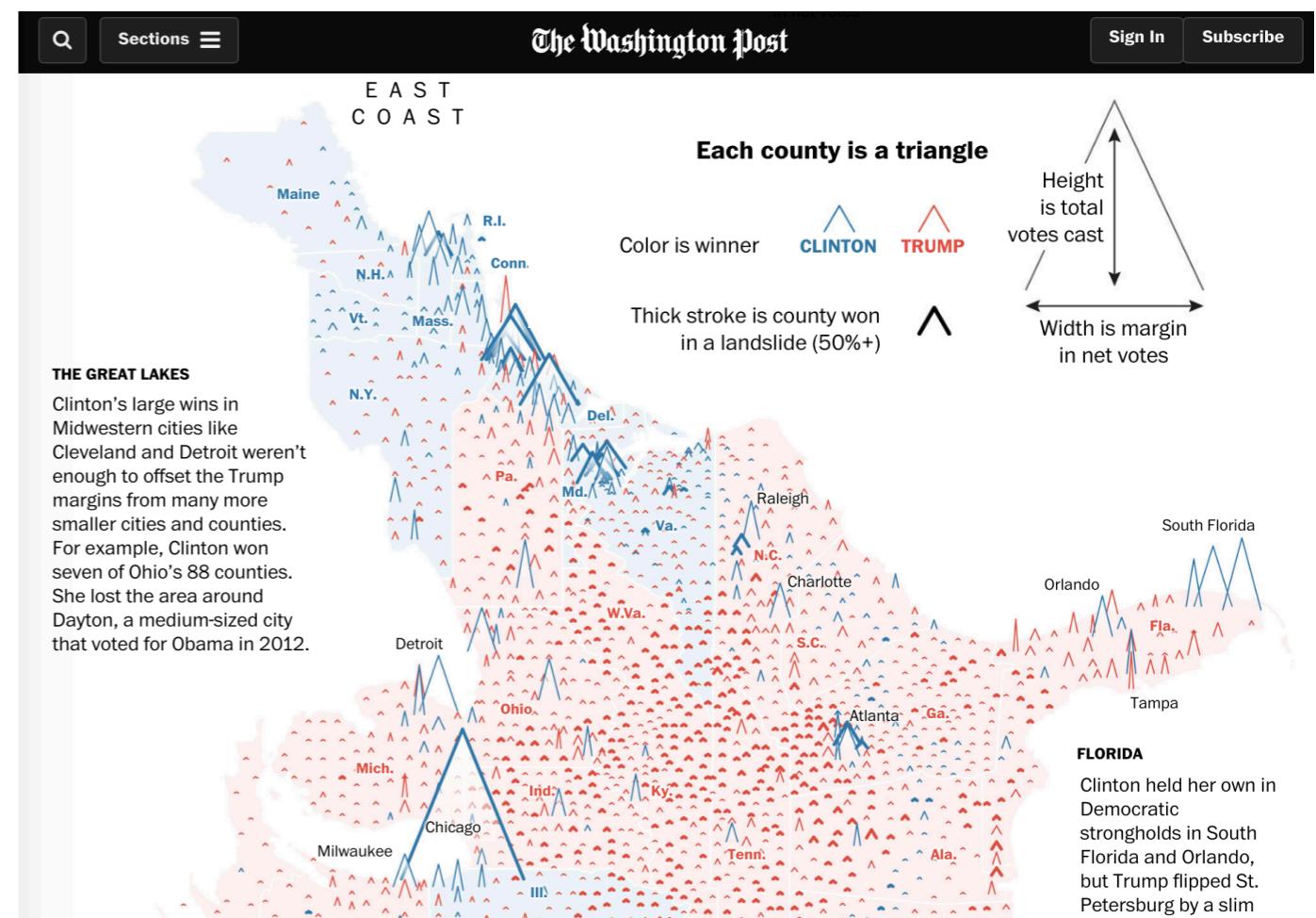
Tufte, Edward R. (2001), *The Visual Display of Quantitative Information*,  
Graphics Press, Cheshire, Connecticut

## *Effective data graphics should*

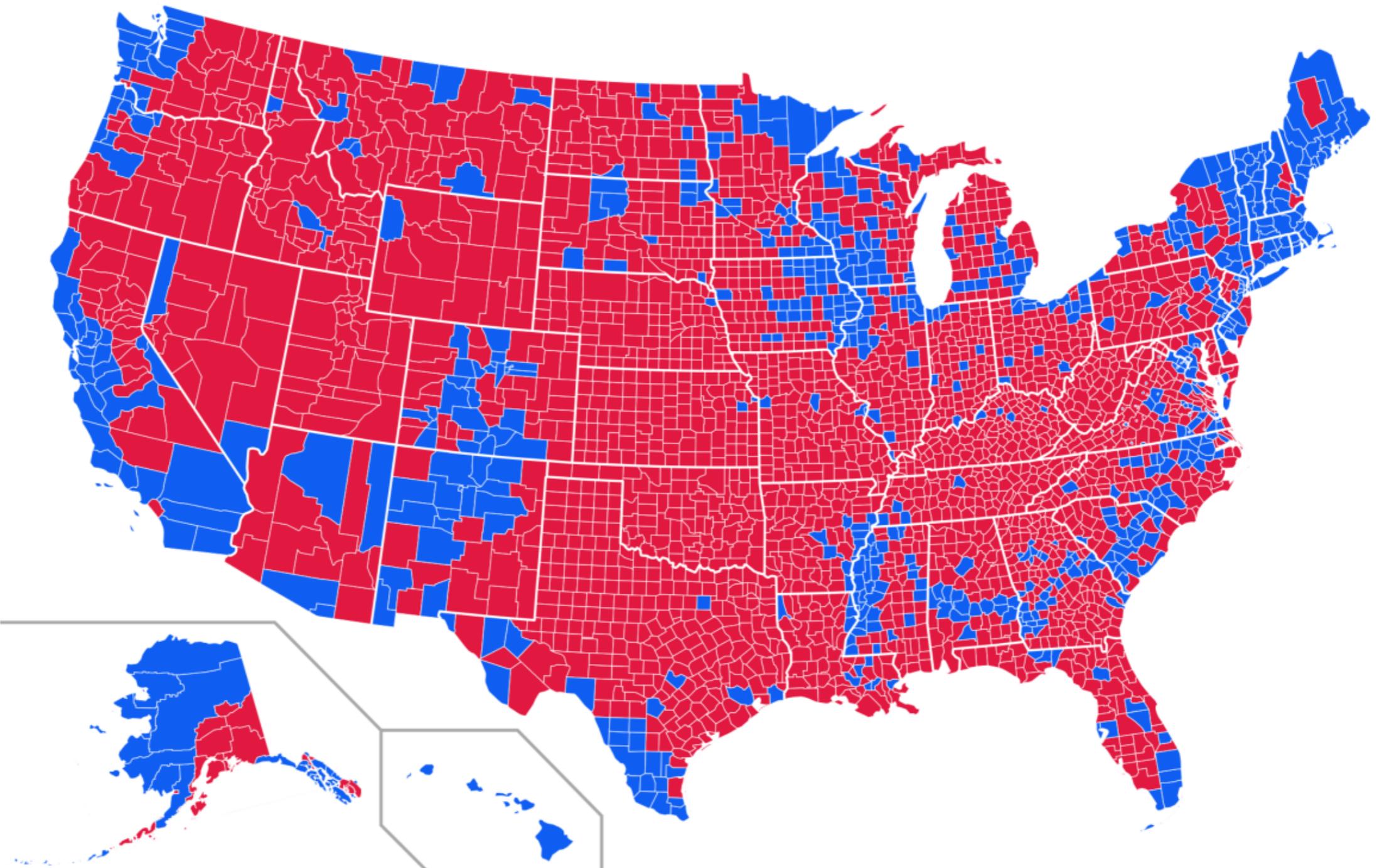
1. Show the data
2. Induce the viewer to think about the substance of the data
3. Avoid distorting what the data have to say
4. Present many numbers in a small space
5. Make large data sets coherent
6. Encourage the eye to compare different pieces of data
7. Reveal the data at several levels of detail  
from a broad overview to a fine structure



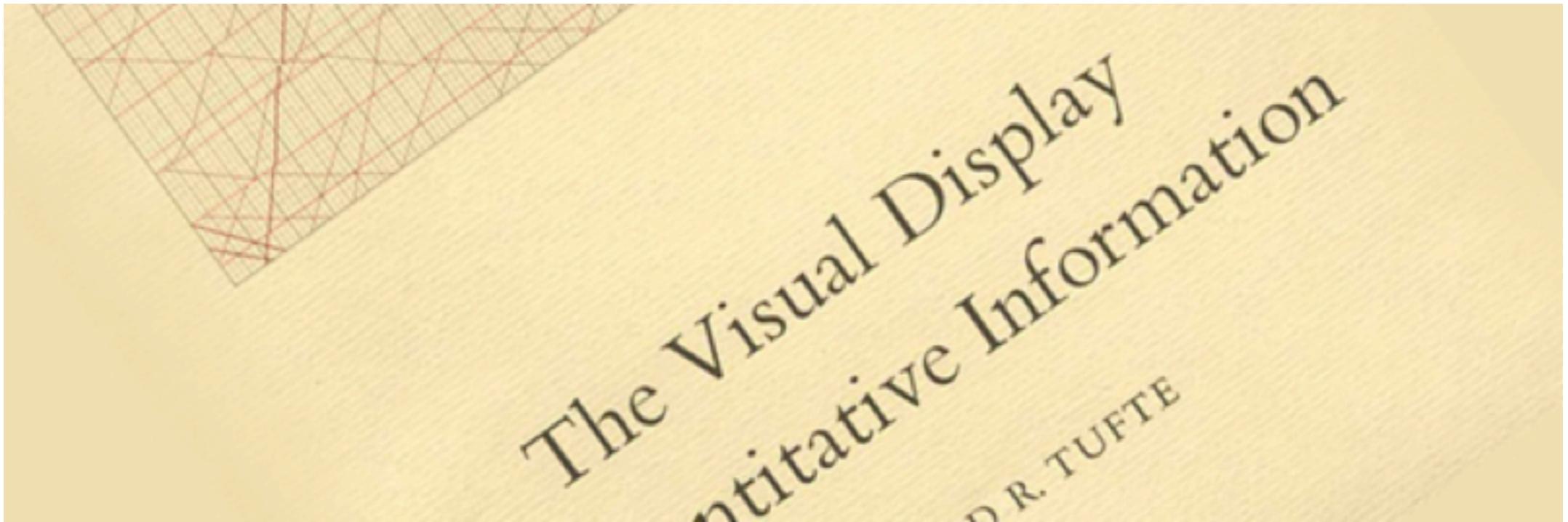
*Natalie Schmidt, on Medium*



*Lazaro Gamio and Dan Keating,  
Washington Post*



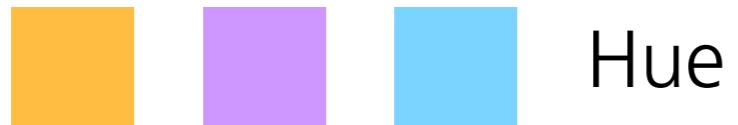
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*Data graphics visually display measured quantities by means of the combined use of points, lines, a coordinate system, numbers, symbols, words, shading, and color.*

Tufte, 2001

# Visual variables | channels



Hue



Saturation



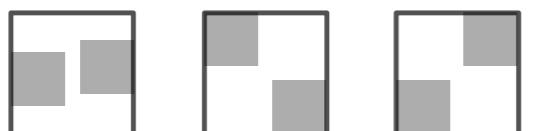
Brightness



Shape



Orientation



Arrangement



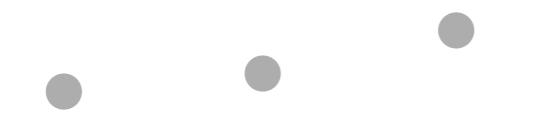
Texture



Size



Focus



Location

## Channels: Expressiveness Types and Effectiveness Ranks

### ④ Magnitude Channels: Ordered Attributes

Position on common scale



Position on unaligned scale



Length (1D size)



Tilt/angle



Area (2D size)



Depth (3D position)



Color luminance



Color saturation



Curvature



Volume (3D size)



▲ Most Effective  
Effectiveness  
Least Effective ▼

### ⑤ Identity Channels: Categorical Attributes

Spatial region



Color hue



Motion



Shape



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Color saturation



Curvature



Volume (3D size)



Quantitative  
ratio, interval

Ordered

## Channels: Expressiveness Types and Effectiveness Ranks

### ④ Magnitude Channels: Ordered Attributes

Position on common scale



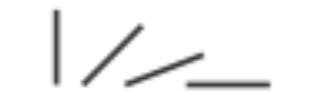
Position on unaligned scale



Length (1D size)



Tilt/angle



Area (2D size)



Depth (3D position)



Color luminance



Color saturation



Curvature



Volume (3D size)



### ⑤ Identity Channels: Categorical Attributes

Spatial region



Color hue



Motion



Shape



Quantitative  
ratio, interval

Selective /  
associative  
nominal

Ordered

▲ Most Effective  
▼ Least Effective  
[ Same ]

Selective | Associative

## Selective | Associative

How many 3s do you see?

visual channel : none

## Selective | Associative

How many **3**s do you see?

37655418

44812212

82453219

Position on common scale		Spatial region	
Position on unaligned scale		Color hue	
Length (1D size)		Motion	
Tilt/angle		Shape	
Area (2D size)			
Depth (3D position)			
Color luminance			
Color saturation			
Curvature			
Volume (3D size)			

[ Same ]      [ Same ]

Position on common scale		Spatial region	
Position on unaligned scale		Color hue	
Length (1D size)		Motion	
Tilt/angle		Shape	
Area (2D size)			
Depth (3D position)			
Color luminance			
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Curvature			
Volume (3D size)			

[ Same ]      [ Same ]

Position on common scale



Spatial region



Position on unaligned scale



Color hue



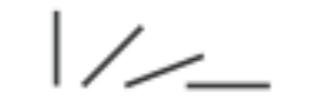
Length (1D size)



Motion



Tilt/angle



Shape



Area (2D size)



Depth (3D position)



Color luminance



[Same]

Color saturation



[Same]

Curvature



[Same]

Volume (3D size)



[Same]

## Selective | Associative

How many **3**s do you see?

5 13 7 55 2021 2281 4720 4044 4910 9462 9119 0783 6  
8624 4174 6250 5921 4123 8979 6215 7009 0047 8196  
107907 8011 5475 8621 9390 2153 101961 7977 1281  
296601 5694 1269 6976 0908 126411 8554 6701 4540

Position on common scale



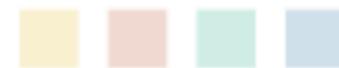
Spatial region



Position on unaligned scale



Color hue



Length (1D size)



Motion



Tilt/angle



Shape



Area (2D size)



Depth (3D position)



Color luminance



Same

Color saturation



Same

Curvature



Same

Volume (3D size)



Same

## Selective | Associative

How many 3s do you see?

## Selective | Associative

How many **3**s do you see?

1810717433286272787460422968772440752976  
5481114296407078115079852599446262850159  
1734526230789702074898629792692879216328  
7921452697625142910280425596600312888064

Position on common scale		Spatial region	
Position on unaligned scale		Color hue	
Length (1D size)		Motion	
Tilt/angle		Shape	
Area (2D size)			
Depth (3D position)			
Color luminance			
Color saturation			
Curvature			
Volume (3D size)			

[ Same ]      [ Same ]

Position on common scale



Spatial region



Position on unaligned scale



Color hue



Length (1D size)



Motion



Tilt/angle



Shape



Area (2D size)



Depth (3D position)



Color luminance



[Same]

Color saturation



[Same]

Curvature



[Same]

Volume (3D size)



[Same]

## Selective | Associative

How many 3s do you see?

## Selective | Associative

How many 3s do you see?

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9780626329887764469901984705424752344798  
0664496467397202750182422702604445869905  
8823510829259850681970141671149024760092

Position on common scale



Spatial region



Position on unaligned scale



Color hue



Length (1D size)



Motion



Tilt/angle



Shape



Area (2D size)



Depth (3D position)



Color luminance



Same

Color saturation



Same

Curvature



Same

Volume (3D size)



Same

## Selective | Associative

How many 3s do you see?

## Selective | Associative

How many **3**s do you see?

33333

1992449260184678298245575745669544099480  
5222862564278801424772108748670942271244  
5907108580647580921567267712806201969450  
22656190916056676992217795185520556

Quantity | Magnitude

Position on common scale



Spatial region



Position on unaligned scale



Color hue



Length (1D size)



Motion



Tilt/angle



Shape



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Depth (3D position)



Color luminance



[Same]

Color saturation



[Same]

Curvature



[Same]

Volume (3D size)



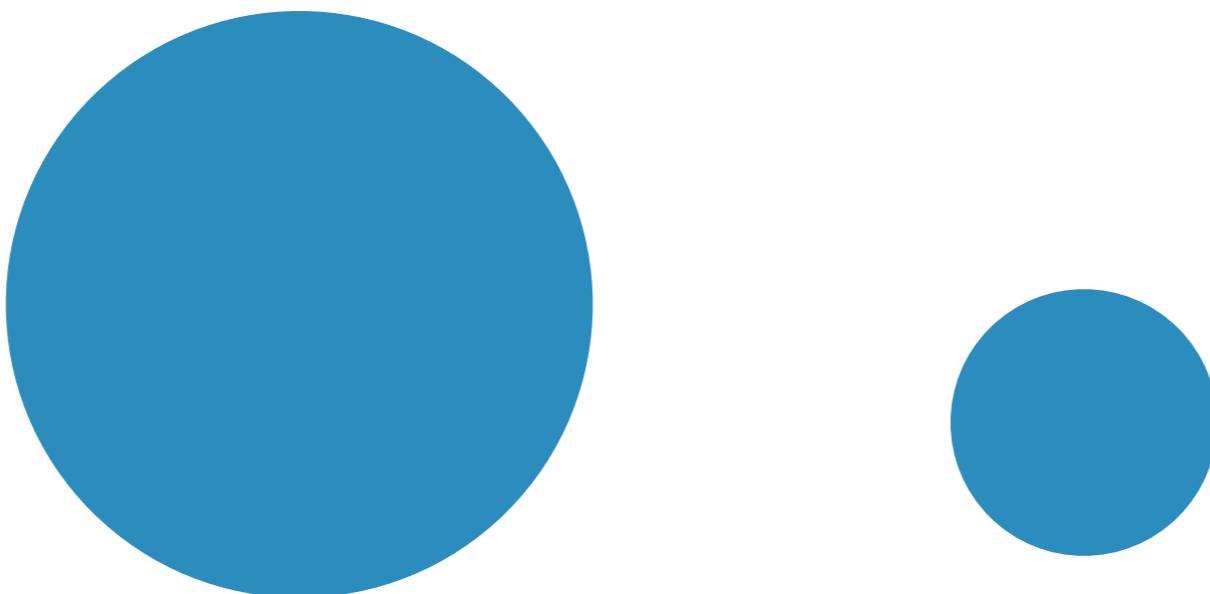
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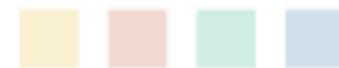
Spatial region



Position on unaligned scale



Color hue



Length (1D size)



Motion



Tilt/angle



Shape



Area (2D size)



Depth (3D position)

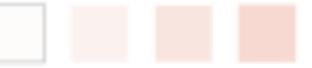


Color luminance



Same

Color saturation



Same

Curvature



Same

Volume (3D size)



Same

## Quantity | Magnitude

What proportion of the longer line does the smaller line account for?

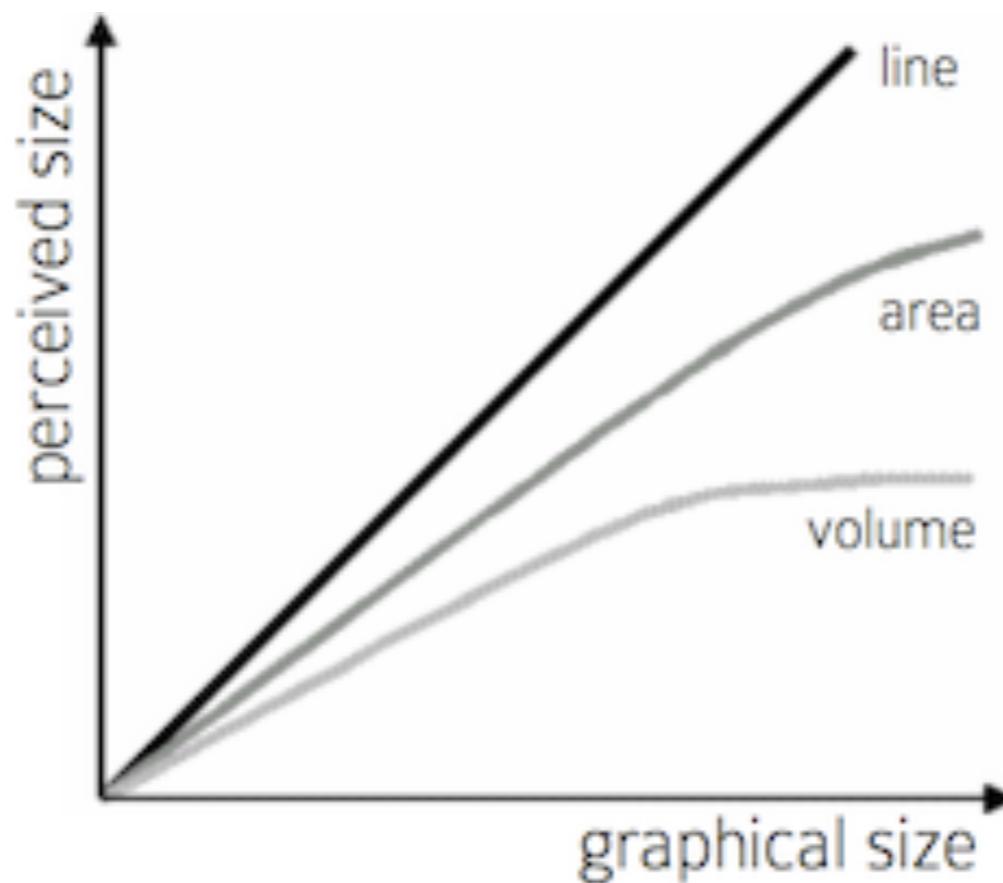
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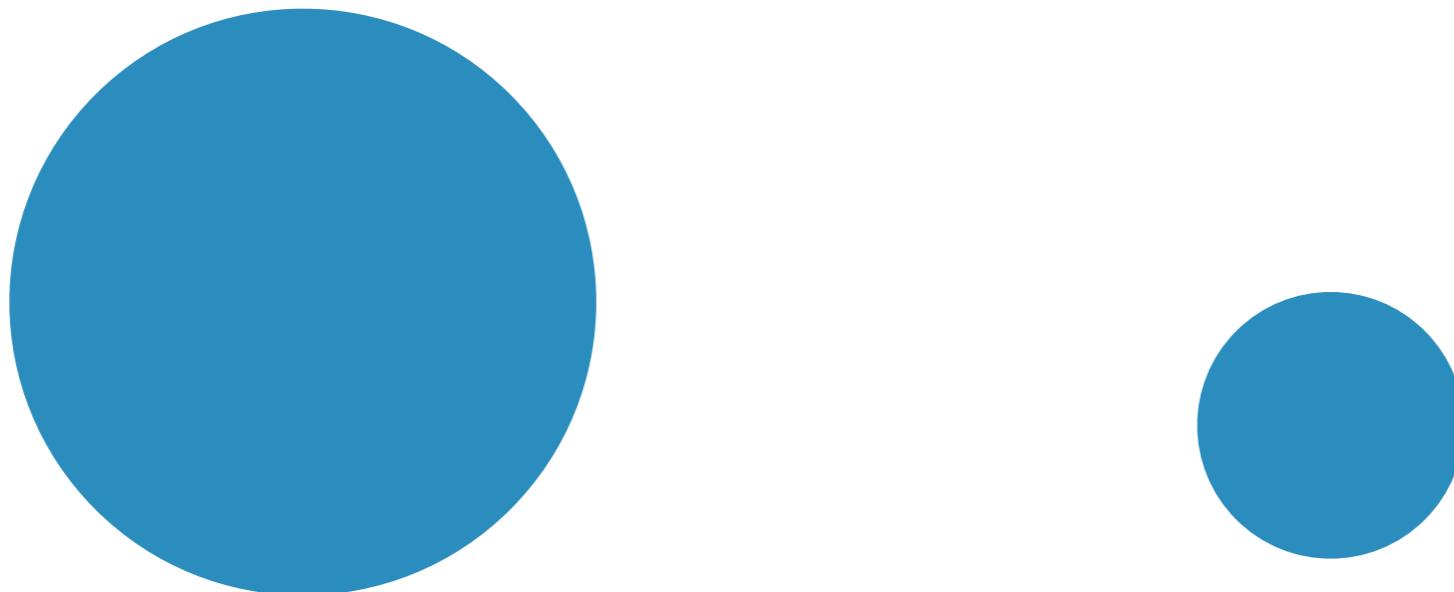
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What proportion of the area of the larger circle does the smaller circle take up?



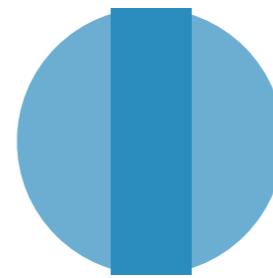
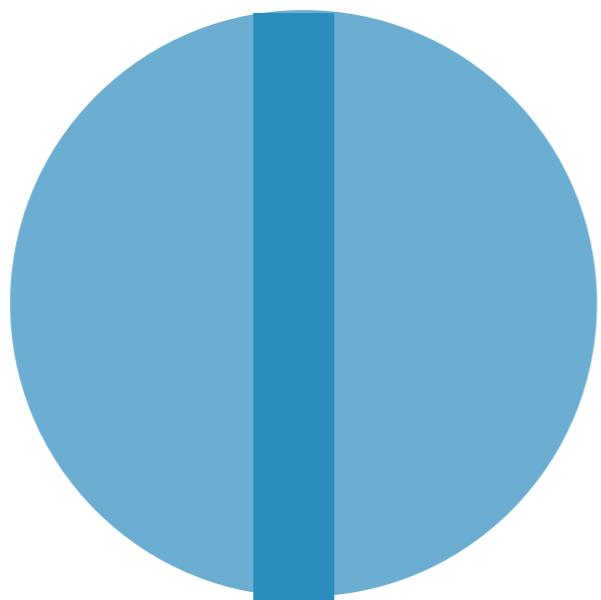
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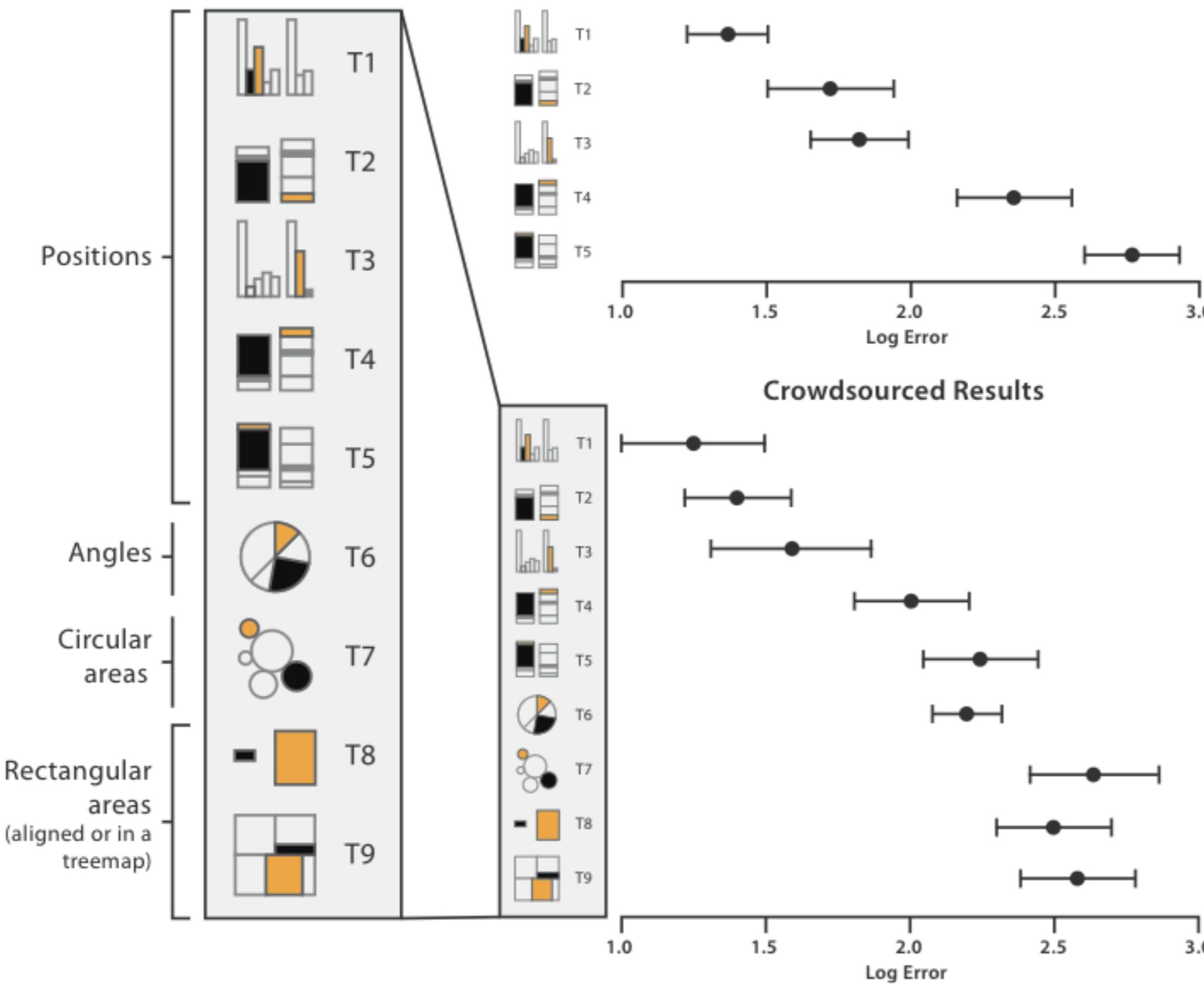


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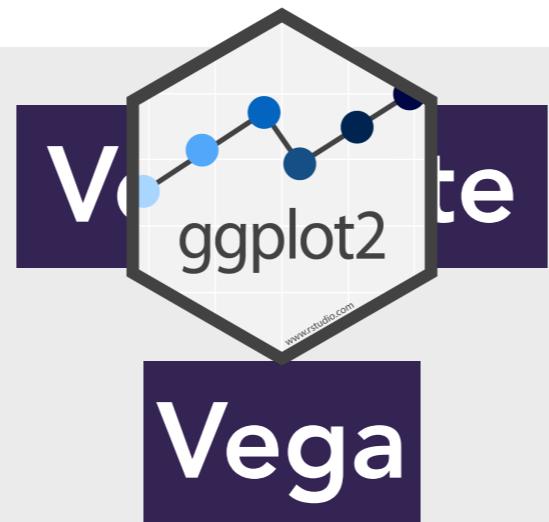
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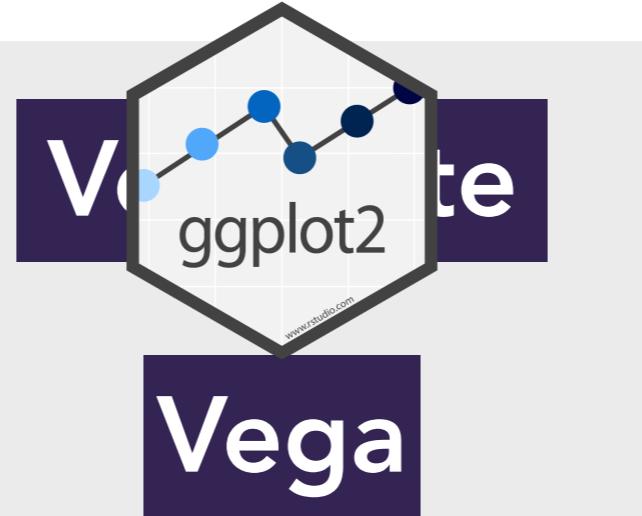


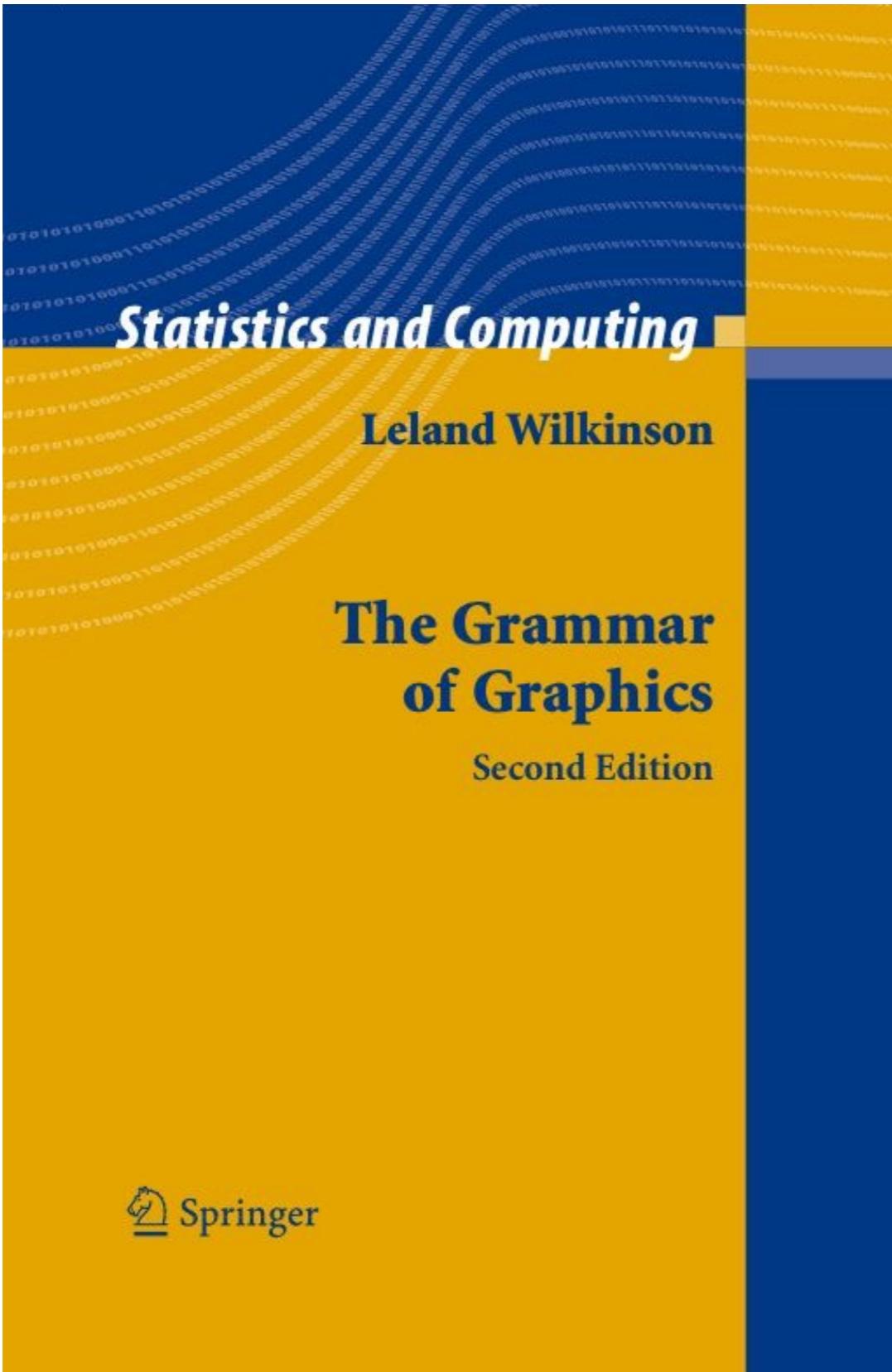
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Vega

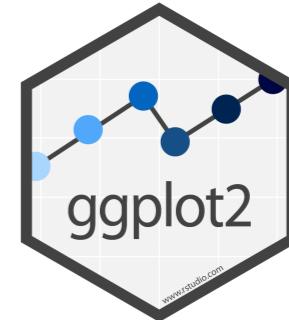
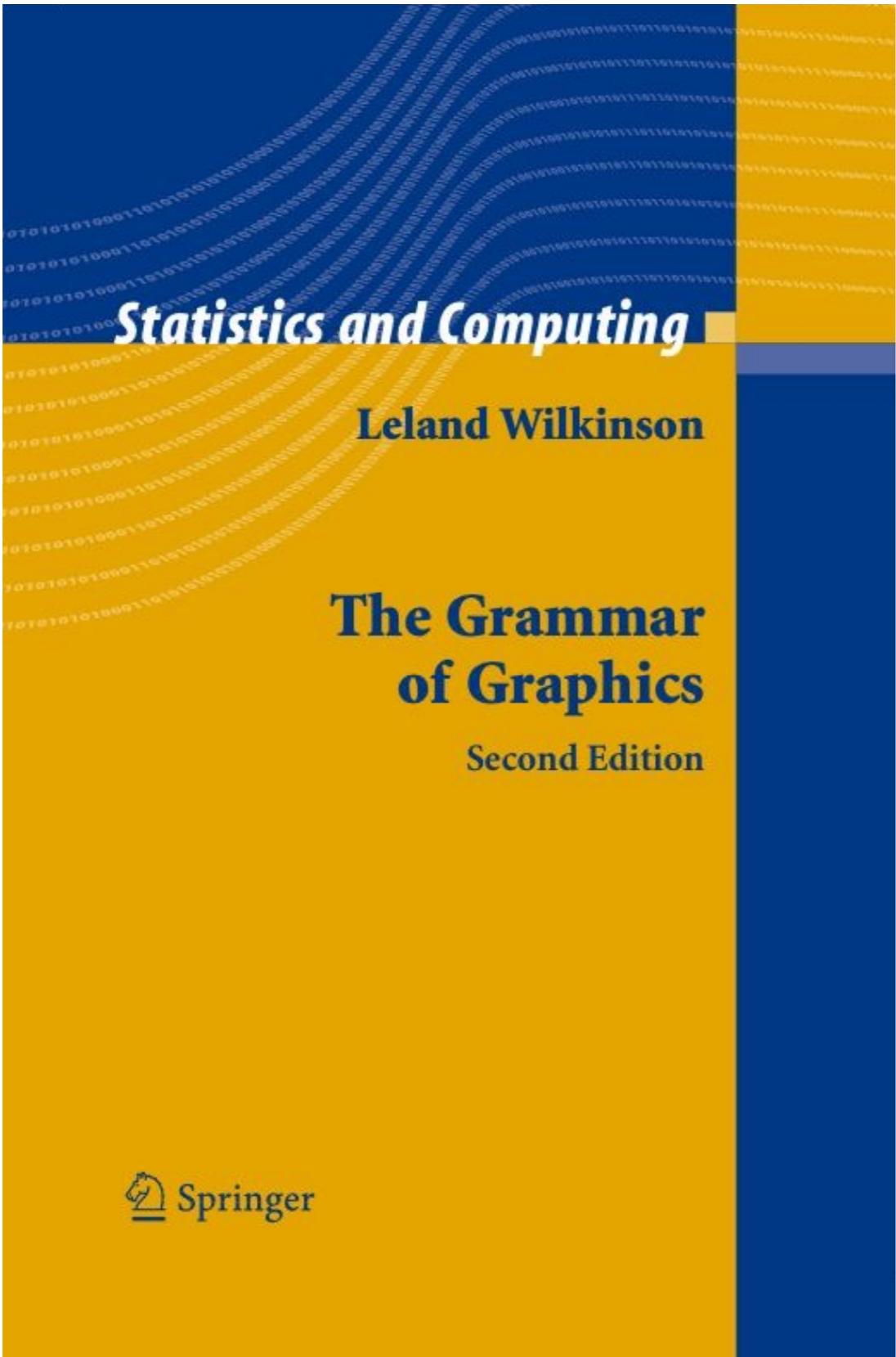








Data  
Transformation  
Element  
Scale  
Guide  
Coord



Vega-Lite





Data	static or data source
Transform	filter, aggregation, binning
Mark	circle, line, bar, shape
Encoding	mapping between data and mark properties (size, colour, position)
Scale	functions that map data values to visual values (automatic)
Guides	axes and legends



Demo

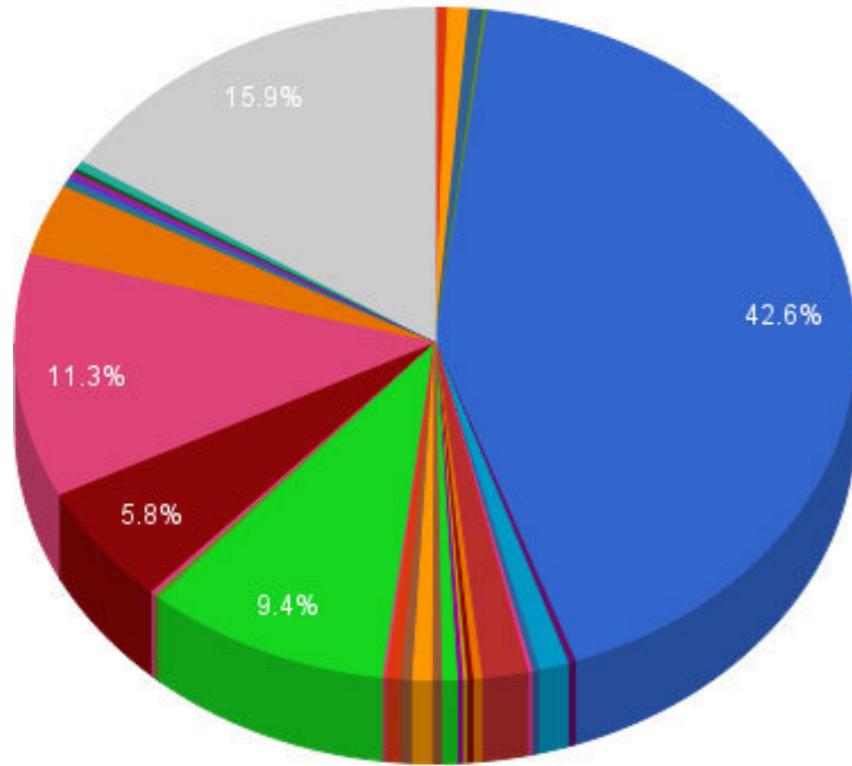
Break

Part 2 : visualization guidelines

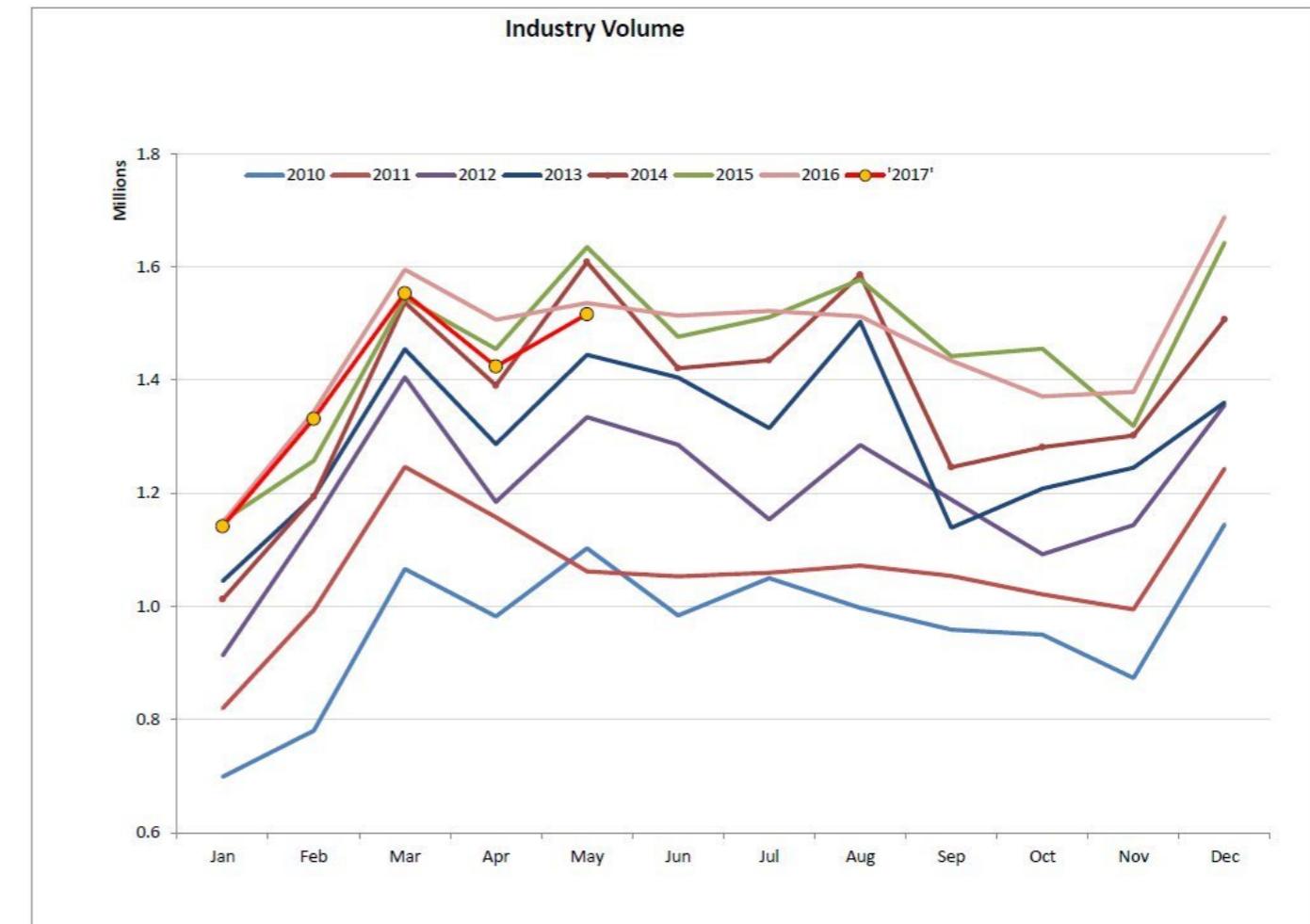
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Visualizations that make no sense.

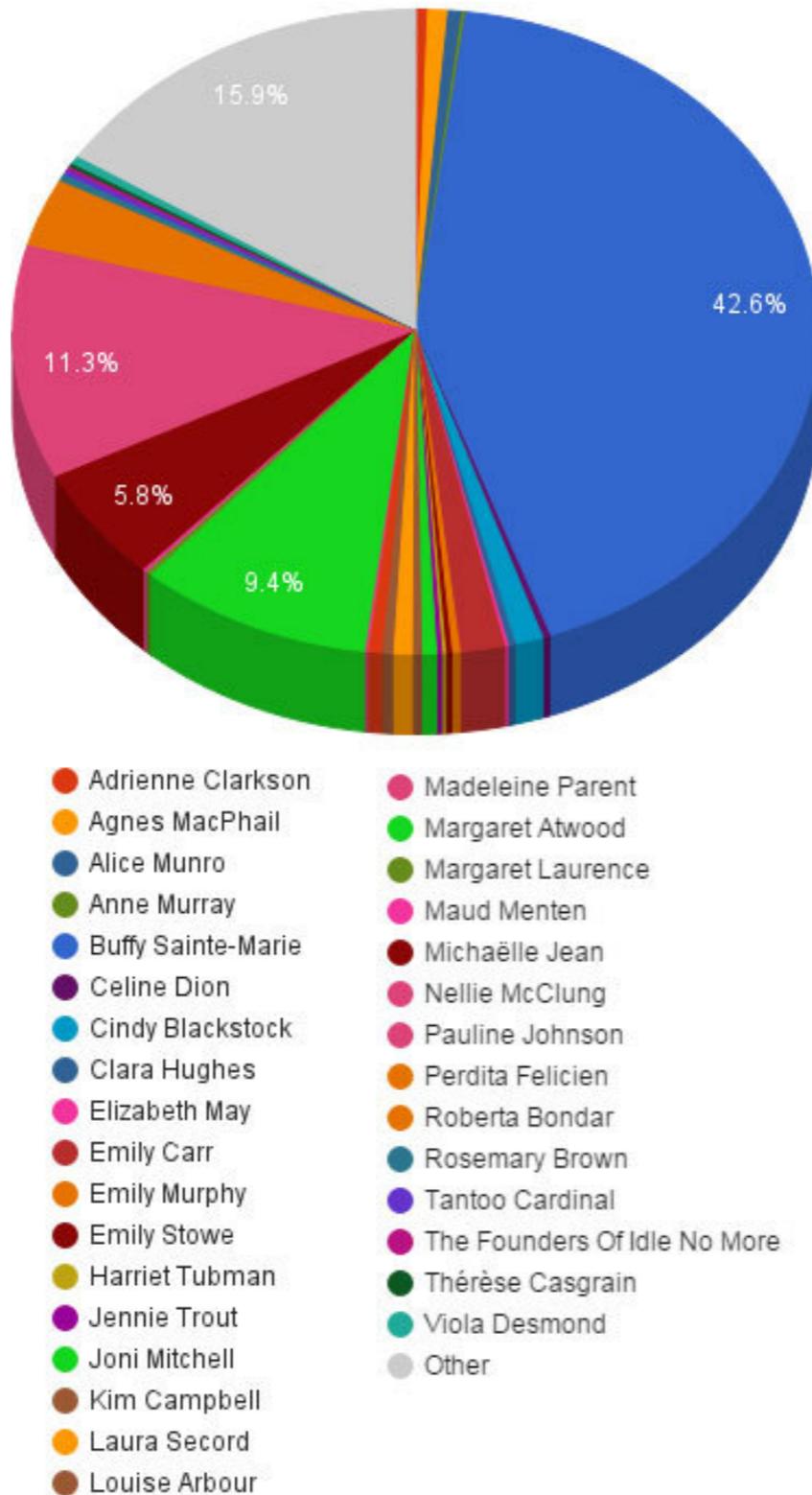


- Adrienne Clarkson
- Agnes MacPhail
- Alice Munro
- Anne Murray
- Buffy Sainte-Marie
- Celine Dion
- Cindy Blackstock
- Clara Hughes
- Elizabeth May
- Emily Carr
- Emily Murphy
- Emily Stowe
- Harriet Tubman
- Jennie Trout
- Joni Mitchell
- Kim Campbell
- Laura Secord
- Louise Arbour
- Madeleine Parent
- Margaret Atwood
- Margaret Laurence
- Maud Menten
- Michaëlle Jean
- Nellie McClung
- Pauline Johnson
- Perdita Felicien
- Roberta Bondar
- Rosemary Brown
- Tantoo Cardinal
- The Founders Of Idle No More
- Thérèse Casgrain
- Viola Desmond
- Other



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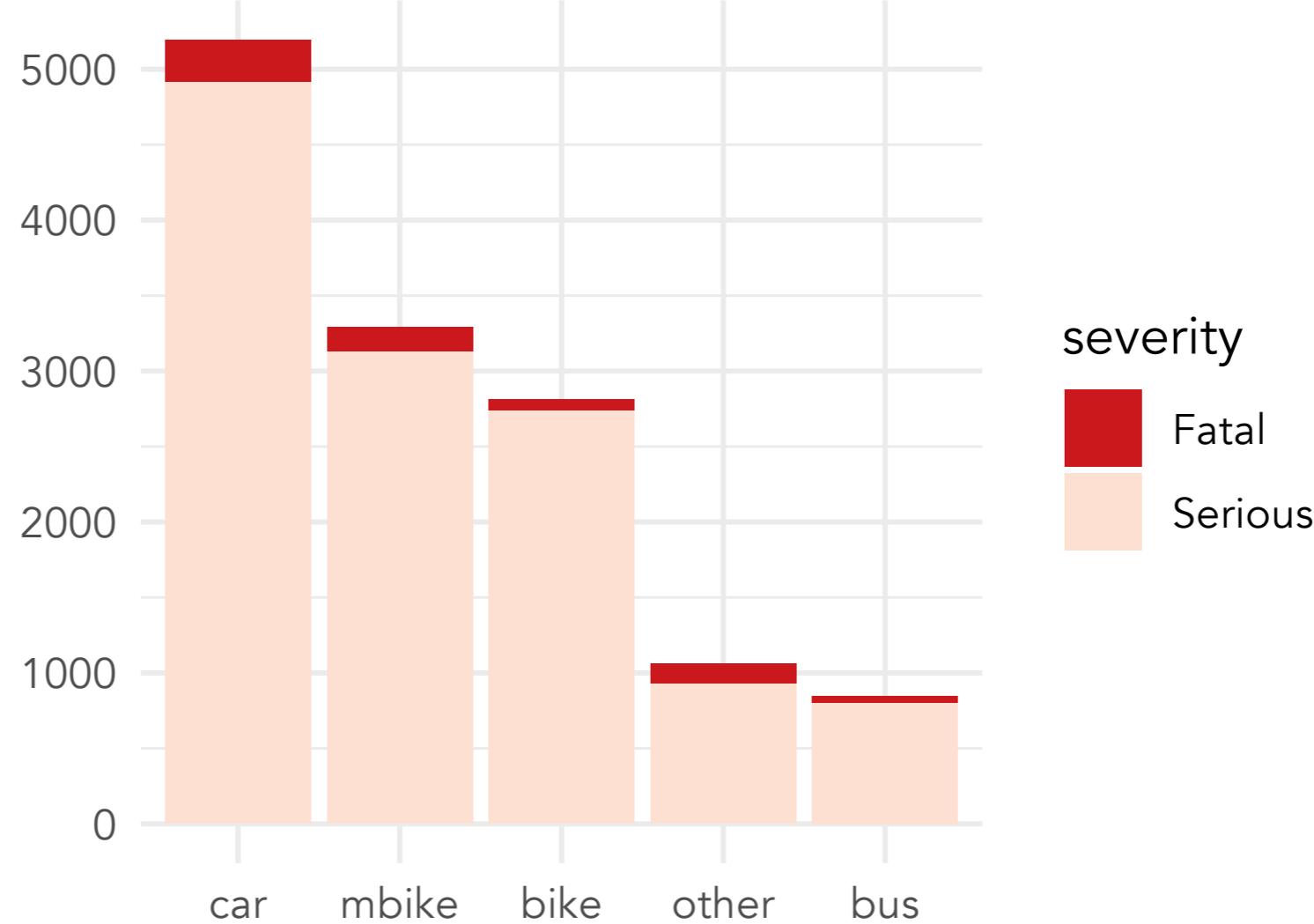
Severity of casualty	Date	Day of week	Hour of day	Local authority	Vehicle type
Serious	15/01/10	Friday	16	Kensington and Chelsea	Motorcycle over 125cc and up to 500cc
Serious	13/01/10	Wednesday	17	Kensington and Chelsea	Taxi/Private hire car
Serious	18/01/10	Monday	7	Kensington and Chelsea	Motor cycle 125cc and under
Serious	18/01/10	Monday	7	Kensington and Chelsea	Motor cycle 125cc and under
Serious	17/01/10	Sunday	0	Kensington and Chelsea	Car
Serious	12/01/10	Tuesday	23	Kensington and Chelsea	Motorcycle over 500cc
Serious	28/01/10	Thursday	23	Kensington and Chelsea	Car
Serious	29/01/10	Friday	8	Kensington and Chelsea	Moped
Serious	31/01/10	Sunday	0	Kensington and Chelsea	Car

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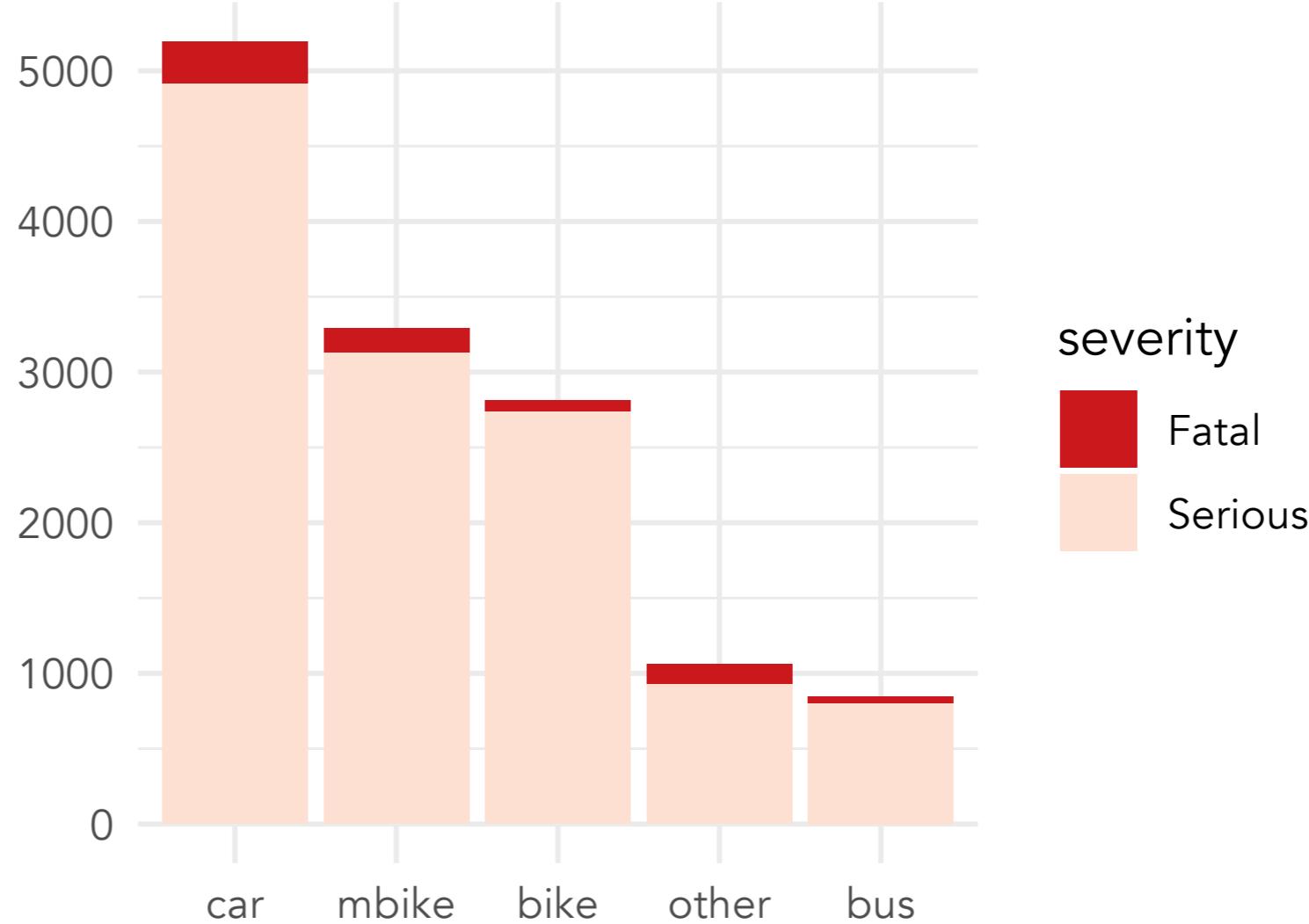
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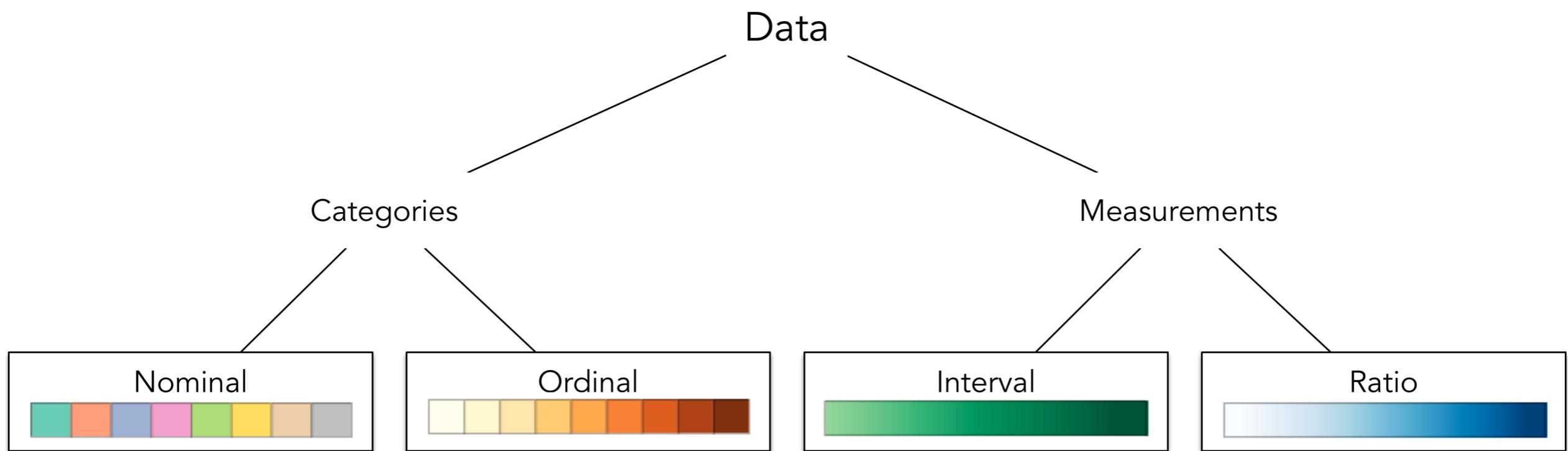


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dimension	type	visual channel
casualty count	ratio	length (bar height)
casualty count by mode	ordinal	position (x-axis)
casualty severity	ordinal	colour lightness

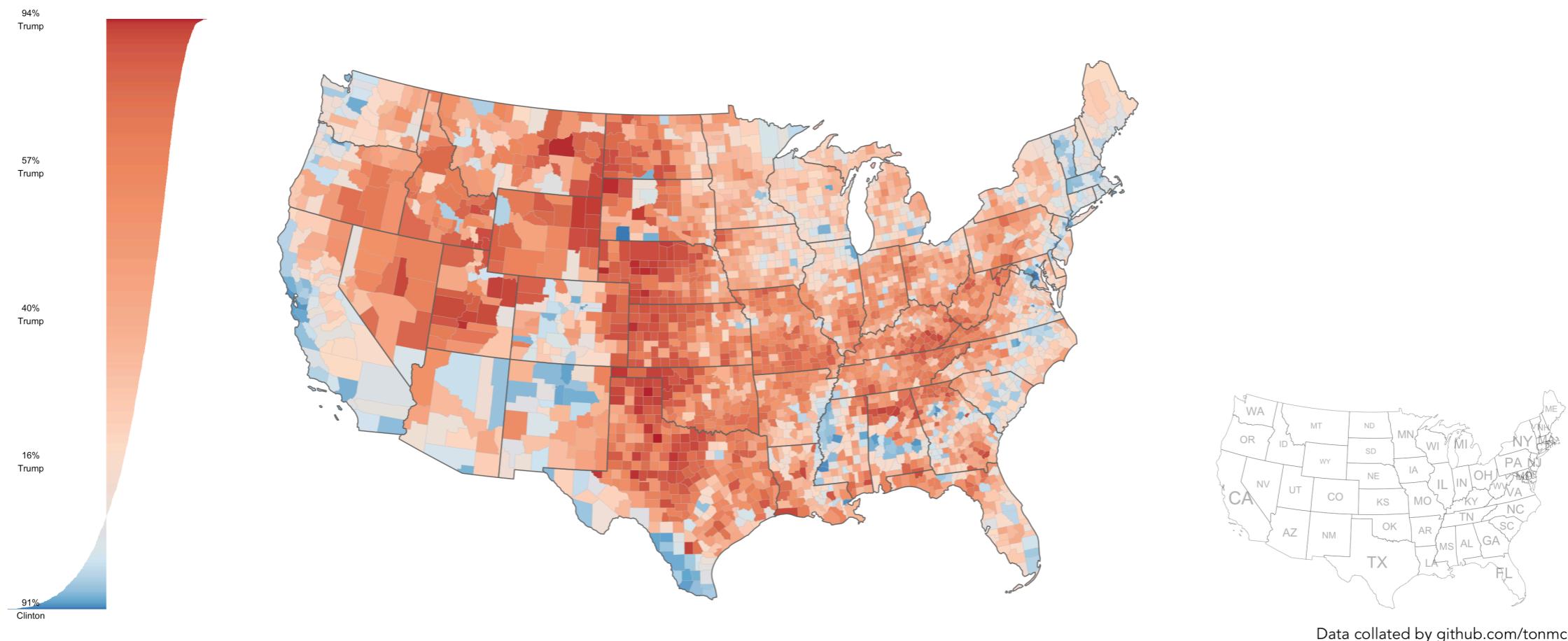
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Net vote share by US county in 2016 Presidential Election

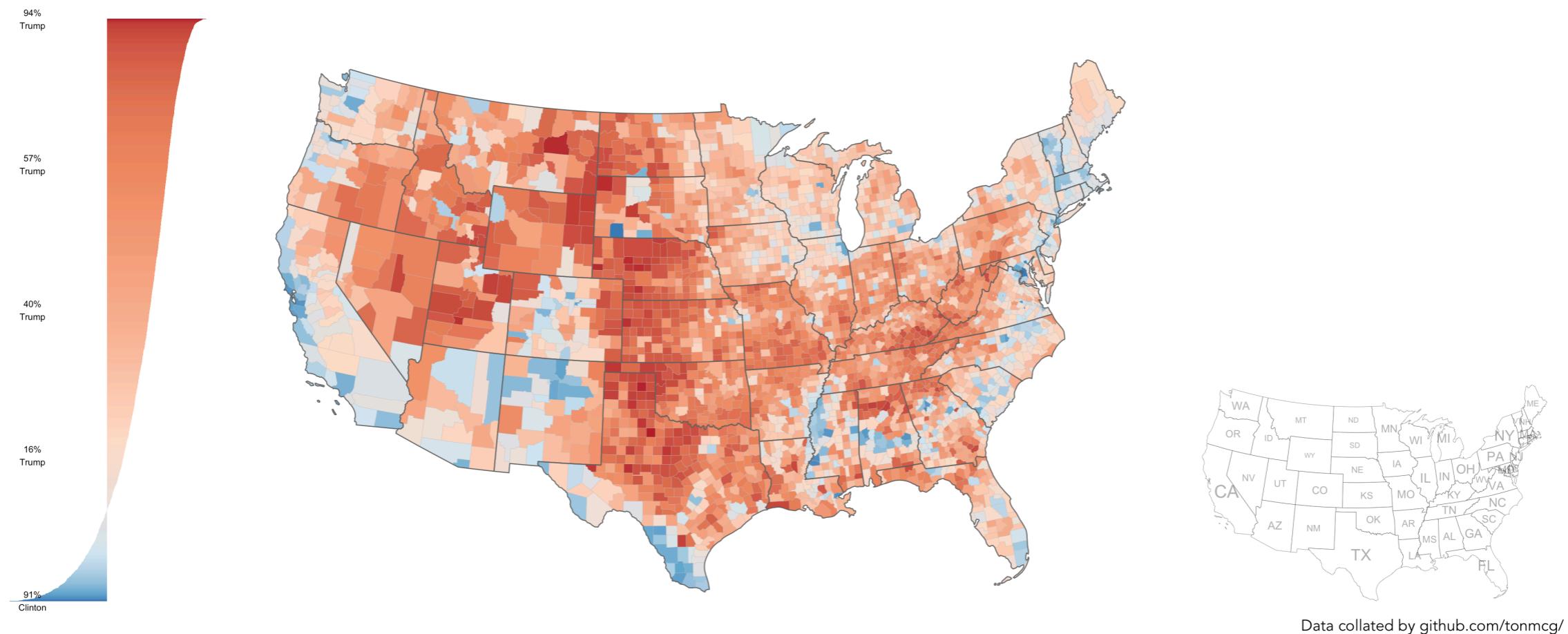
Trump:Red - Red:Blue



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Net vote share by US county in 2016 Presidential Election

Trump:Red - Red:Blue



dimension

majority Clinton|Trump

majority size

type

nominal

ratio

visual channel

colour hue (red|blue)

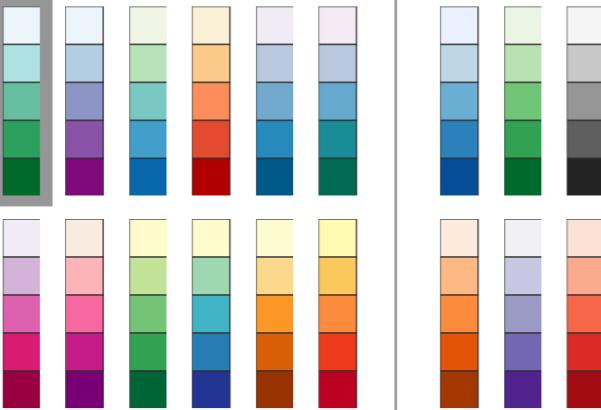
colour lightness

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Number of data classes: 3

Nature of your data:  sequential  diverging  qualitative

Pick a color scheme:

Multi-hue: 

Single hue: 

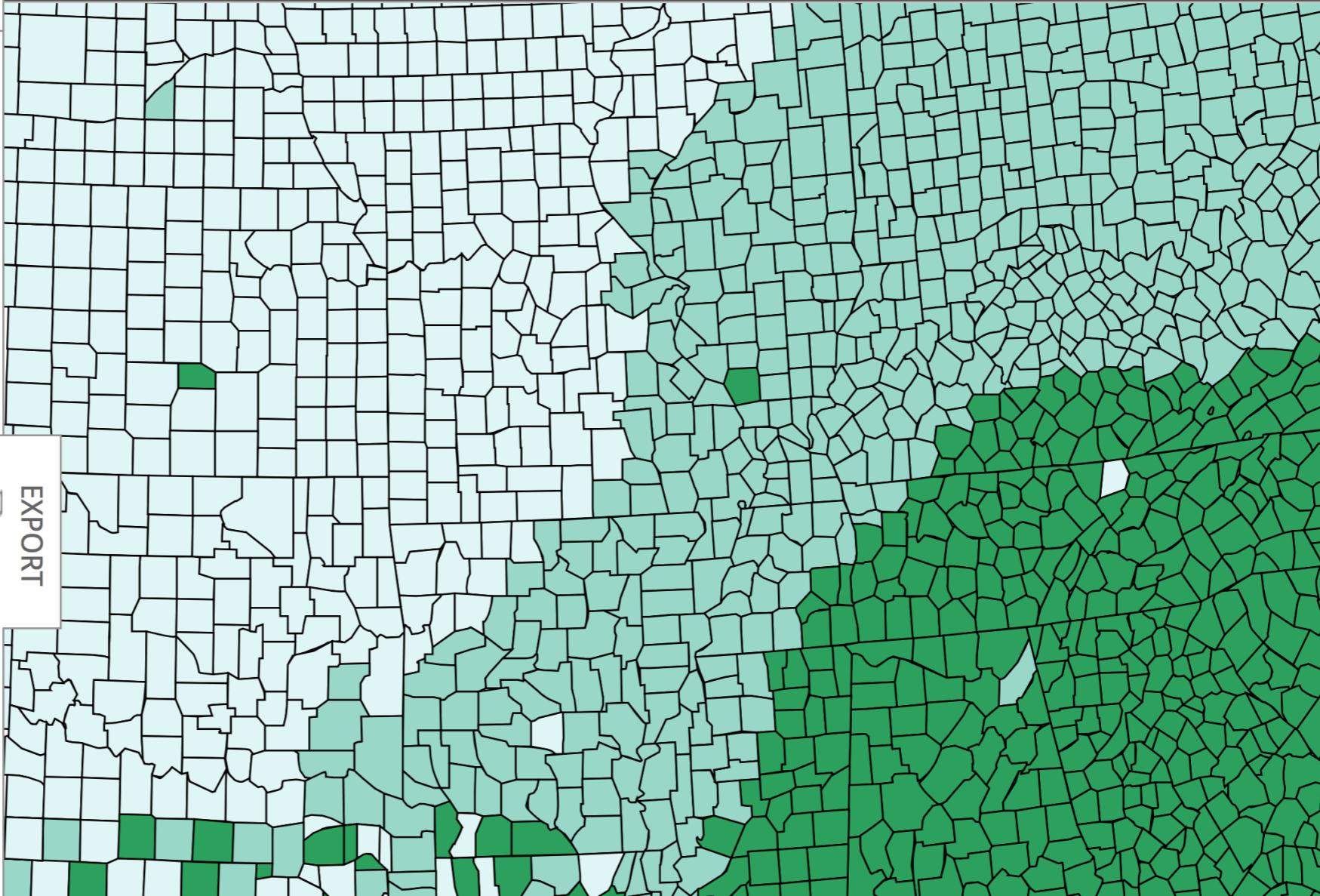
Only show:  colorblind safe  print friendly  photocopy safe

Context:  roads  cities  borders

Background:  solid color  terrain

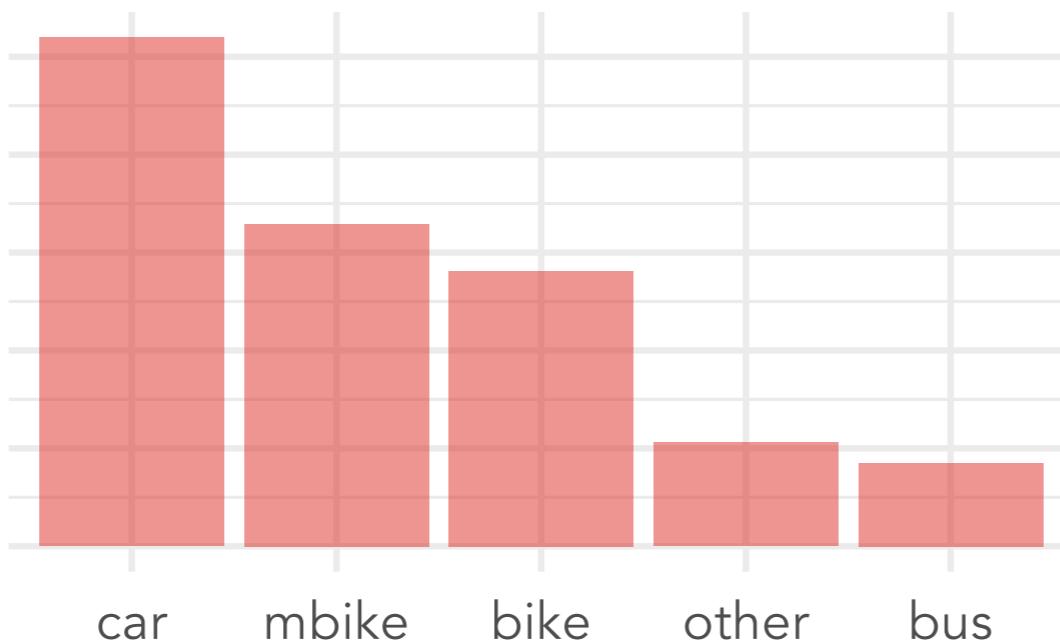
3-class BuGn     

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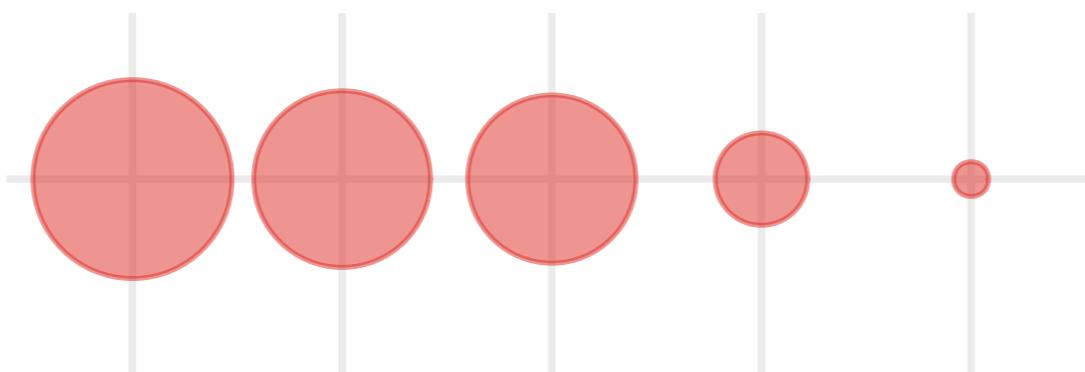
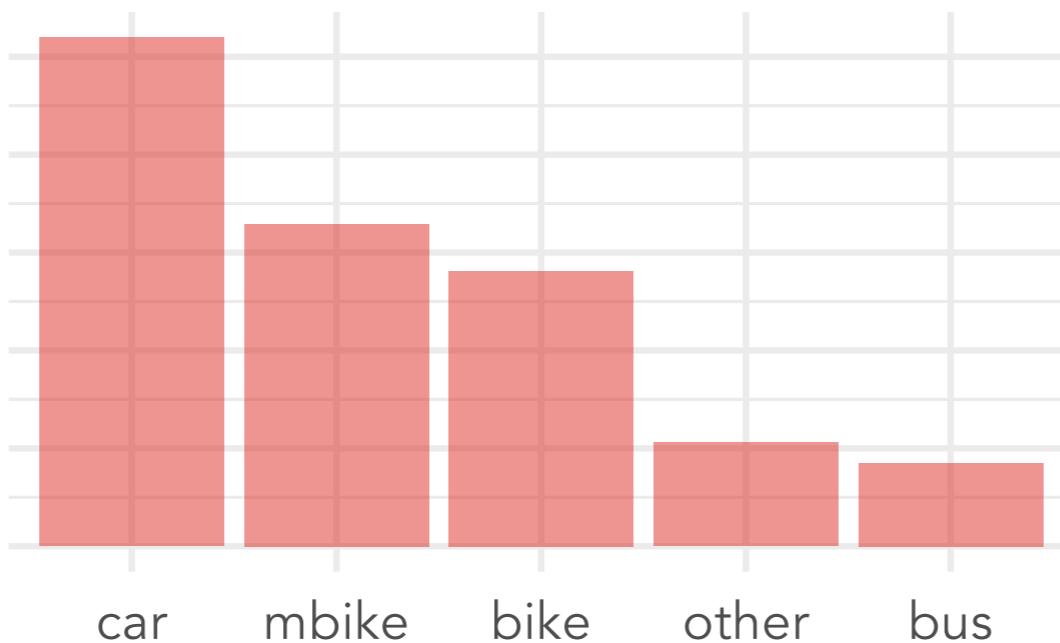


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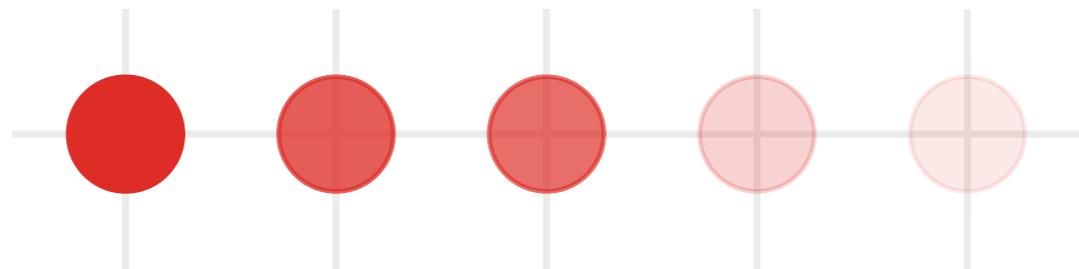
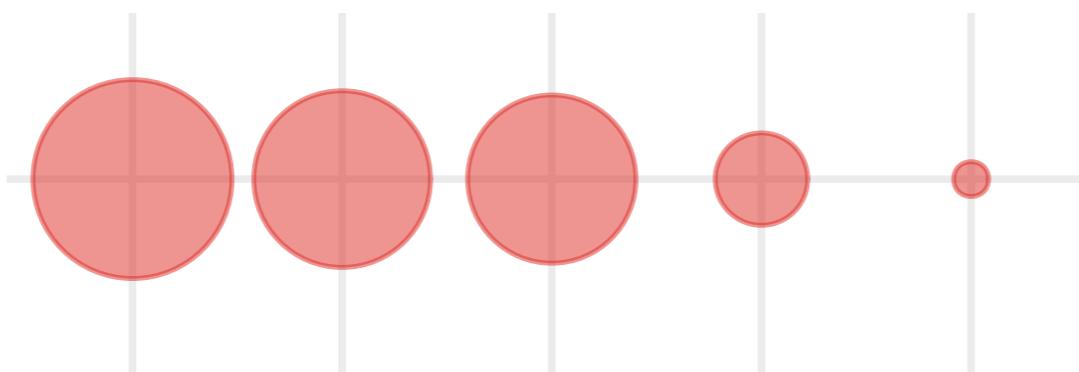
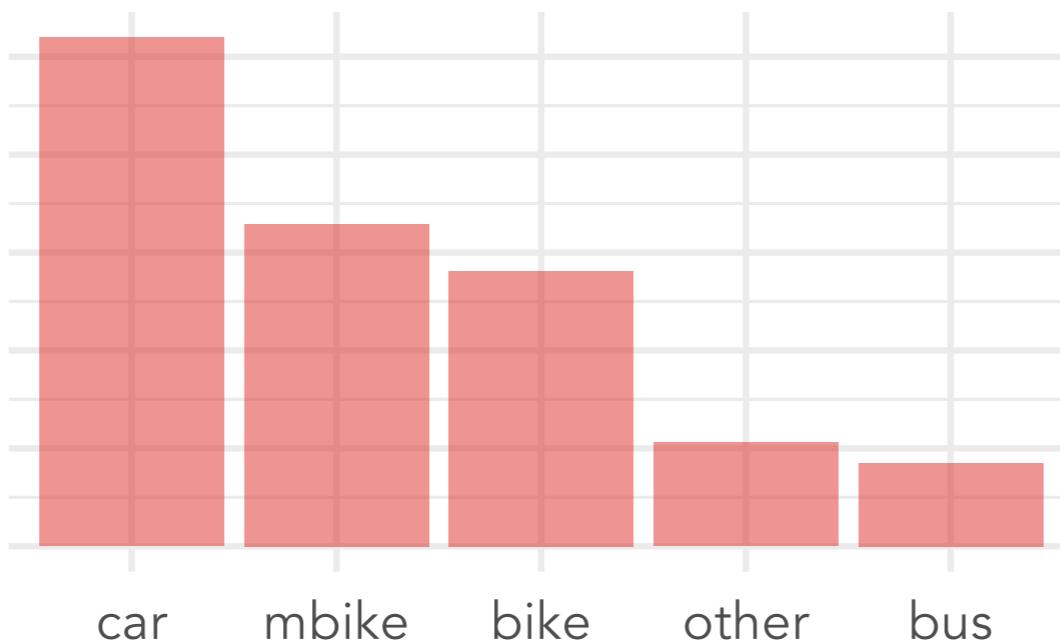
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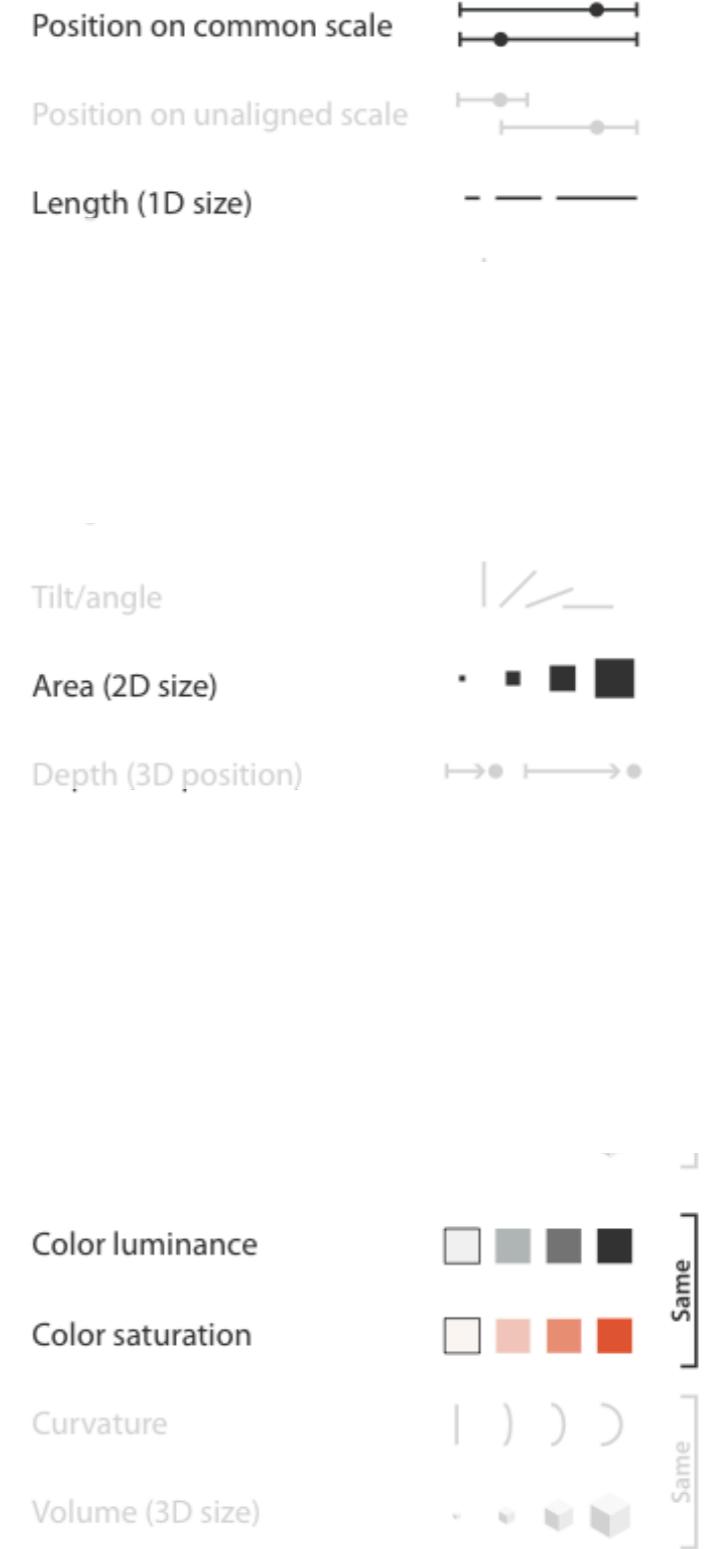
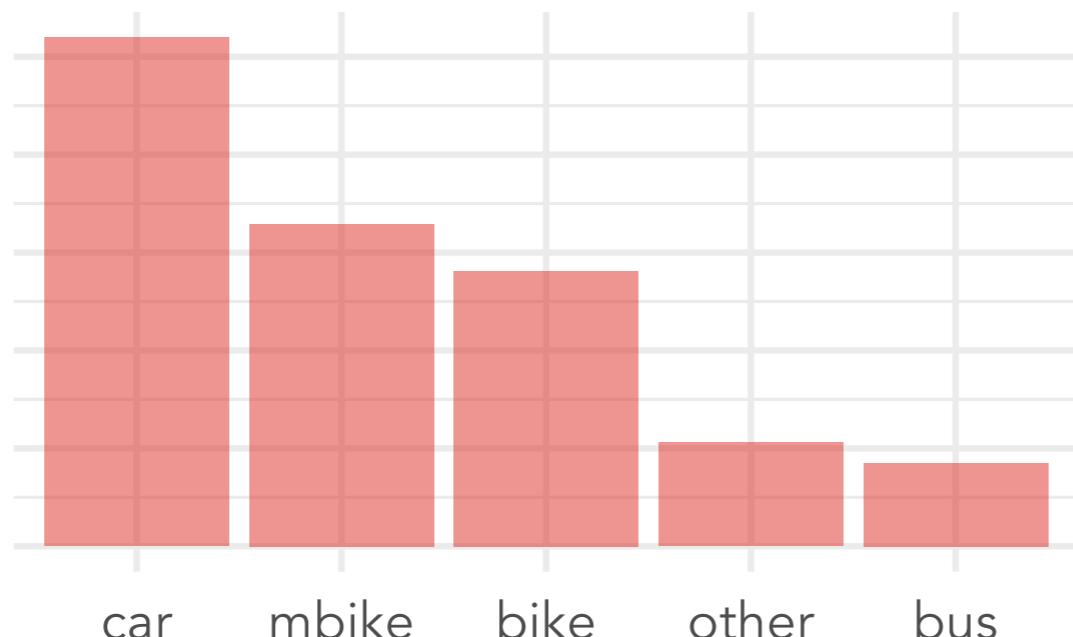
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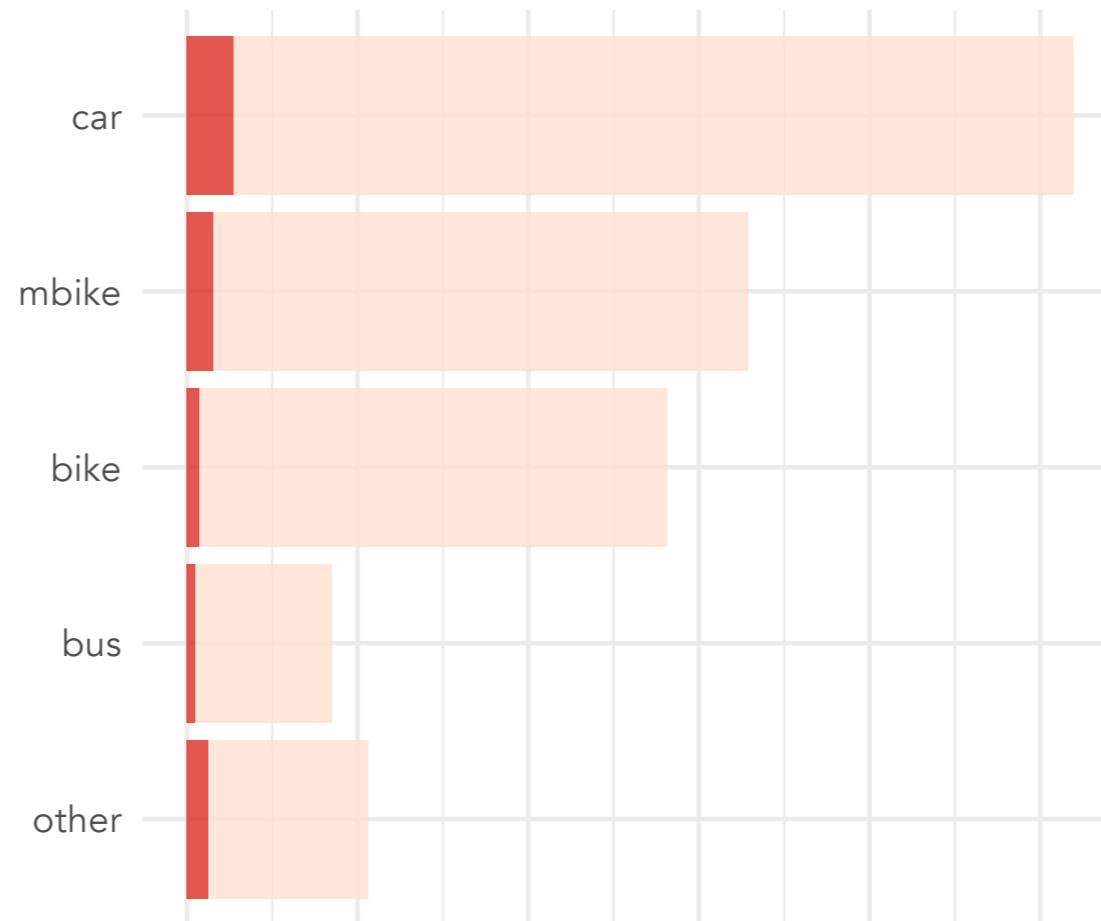


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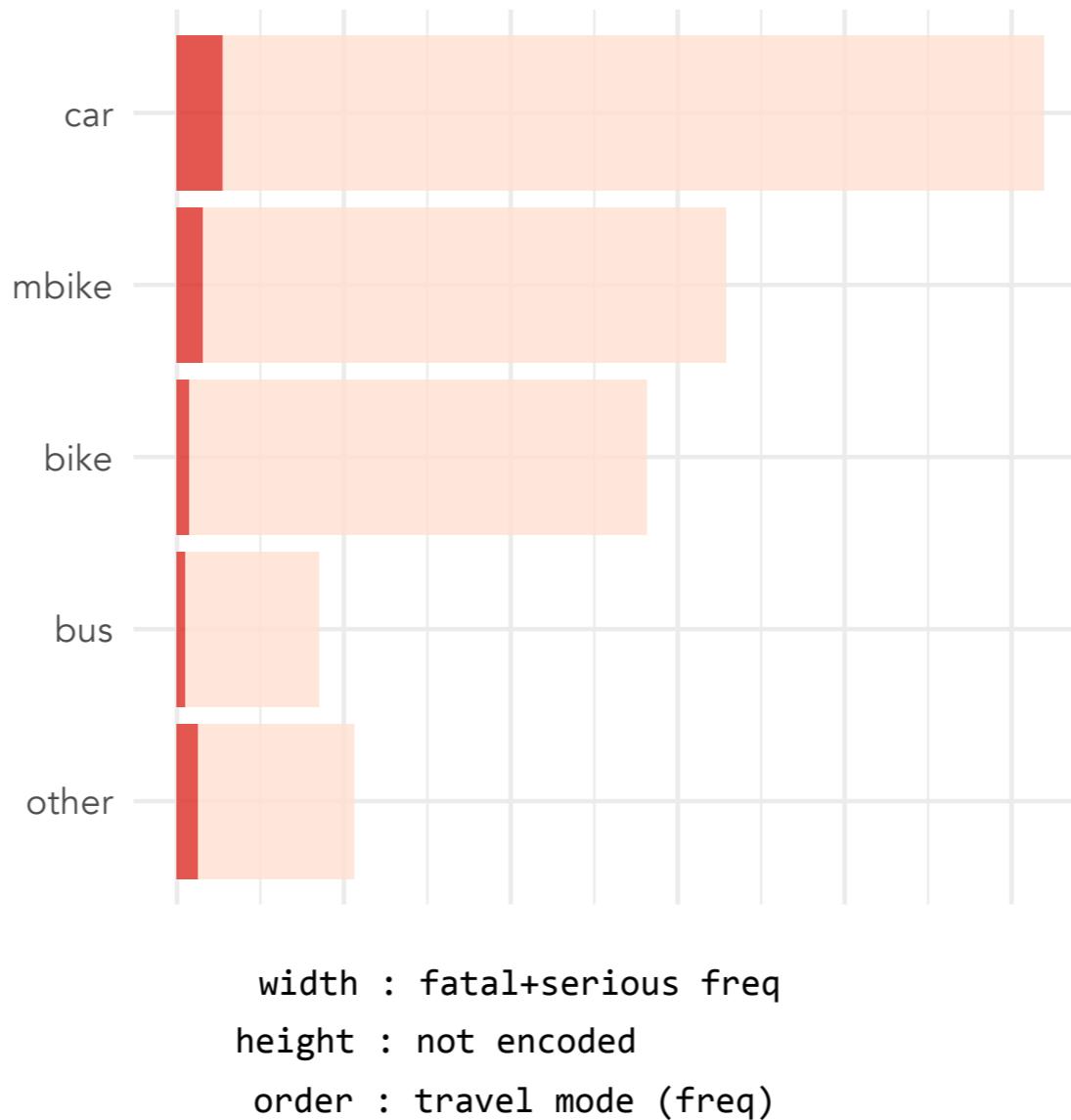


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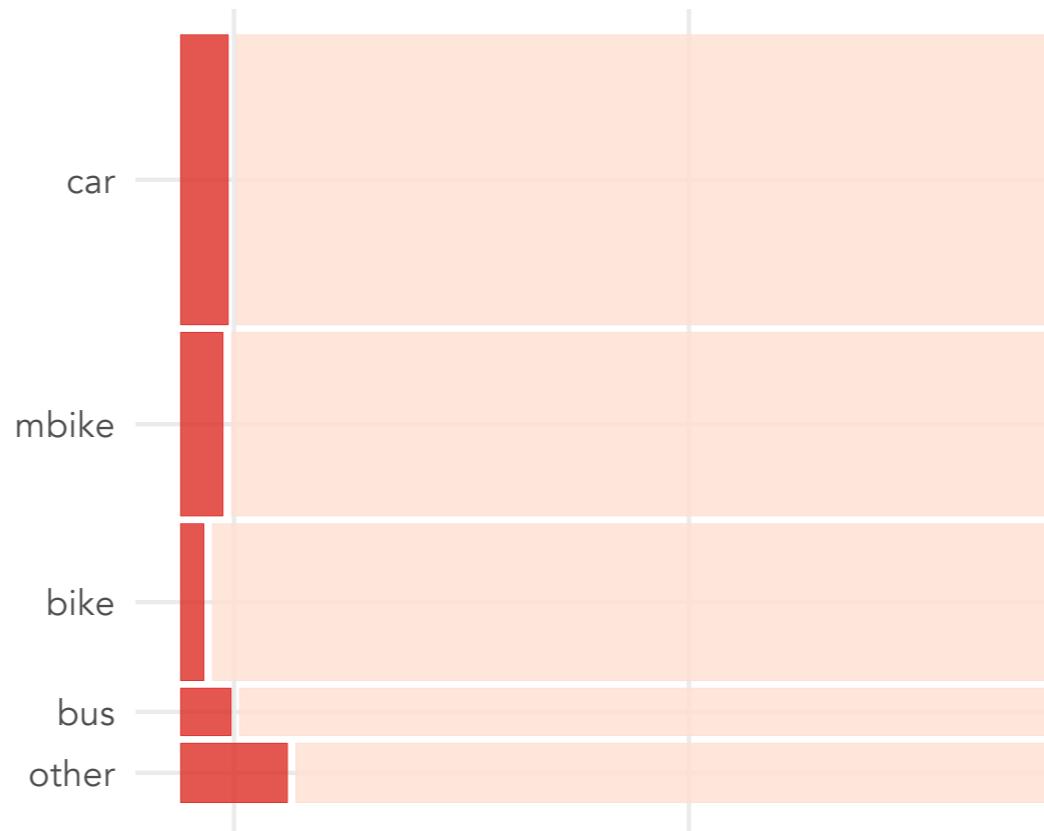
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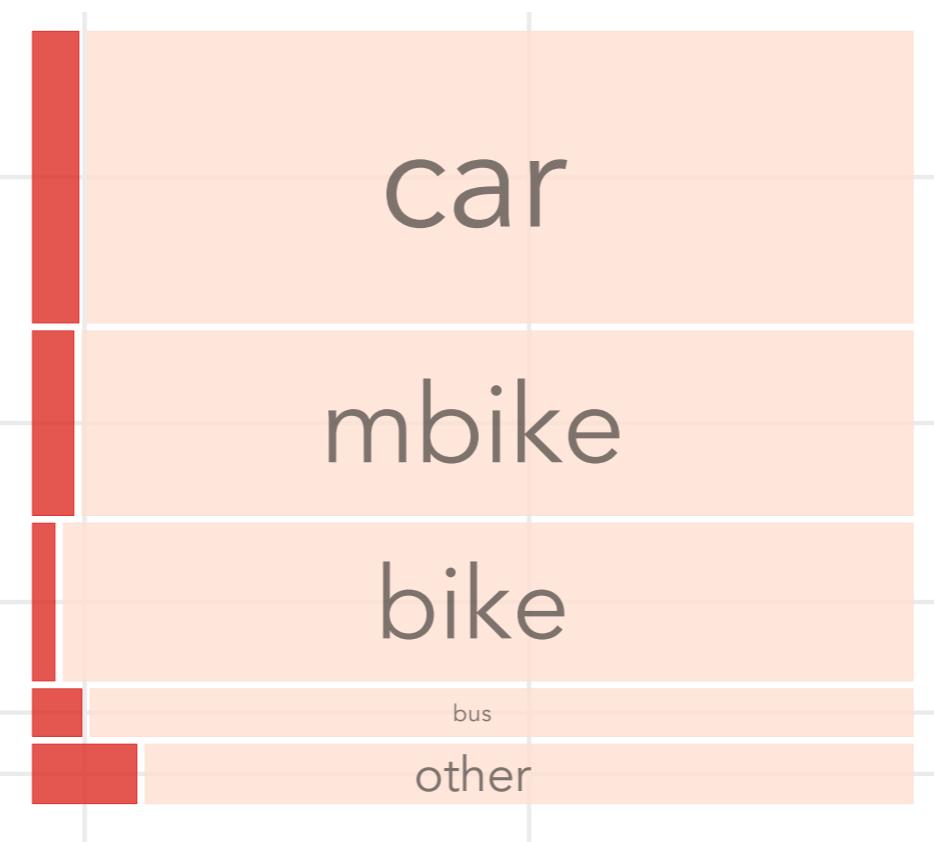


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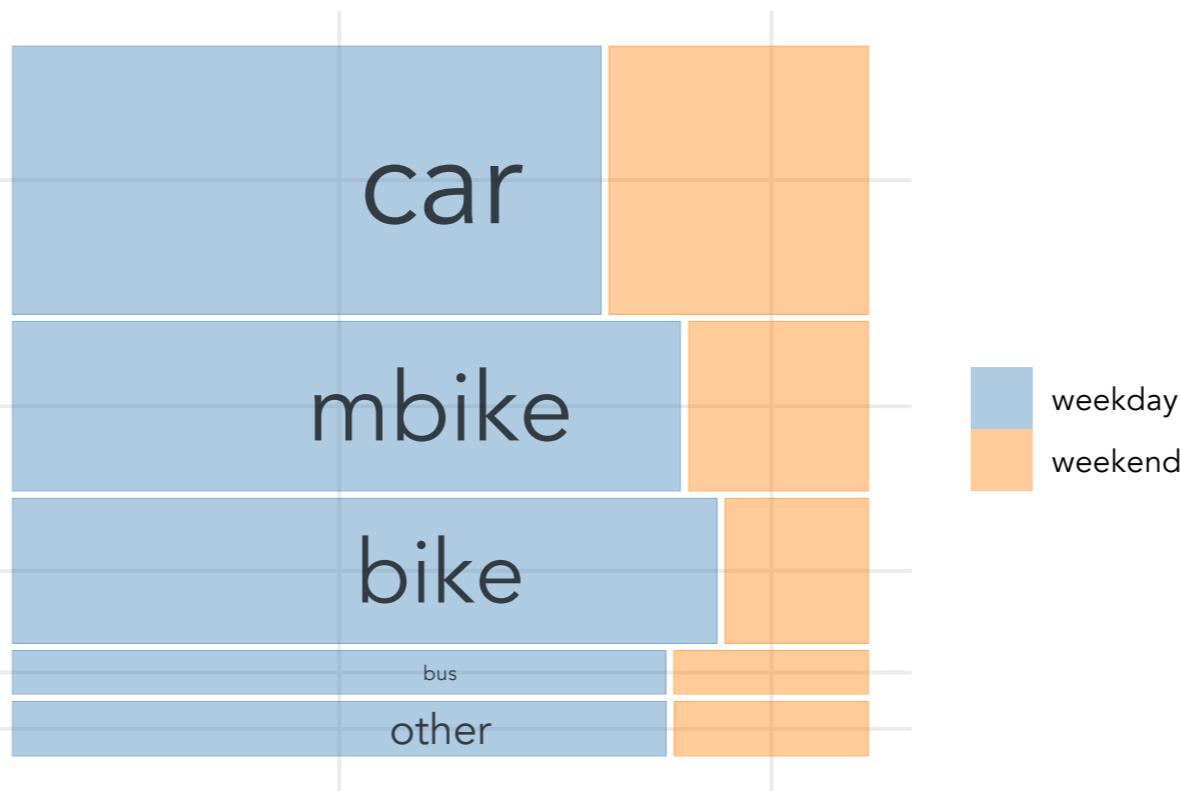
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height : travel mode freq  
order : travel mode (freq)
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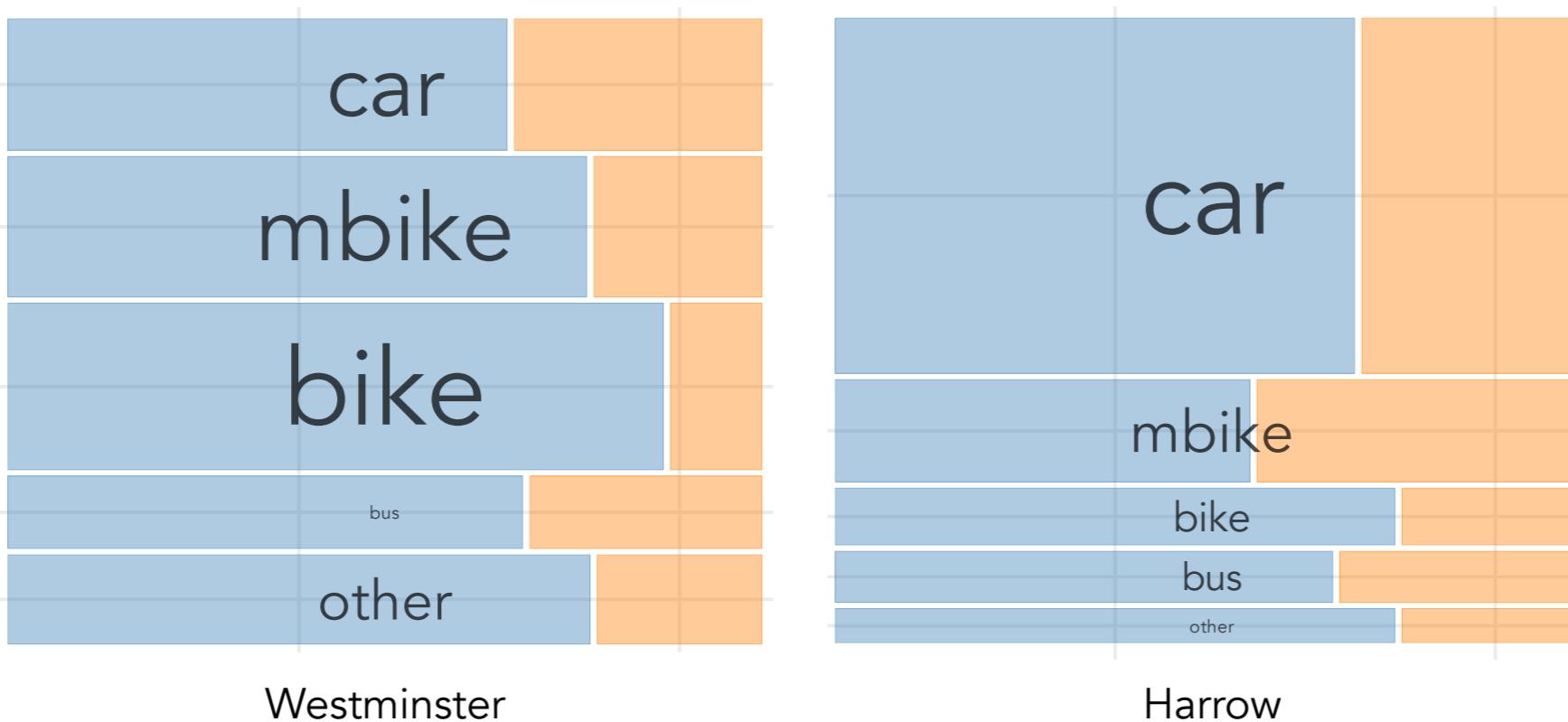
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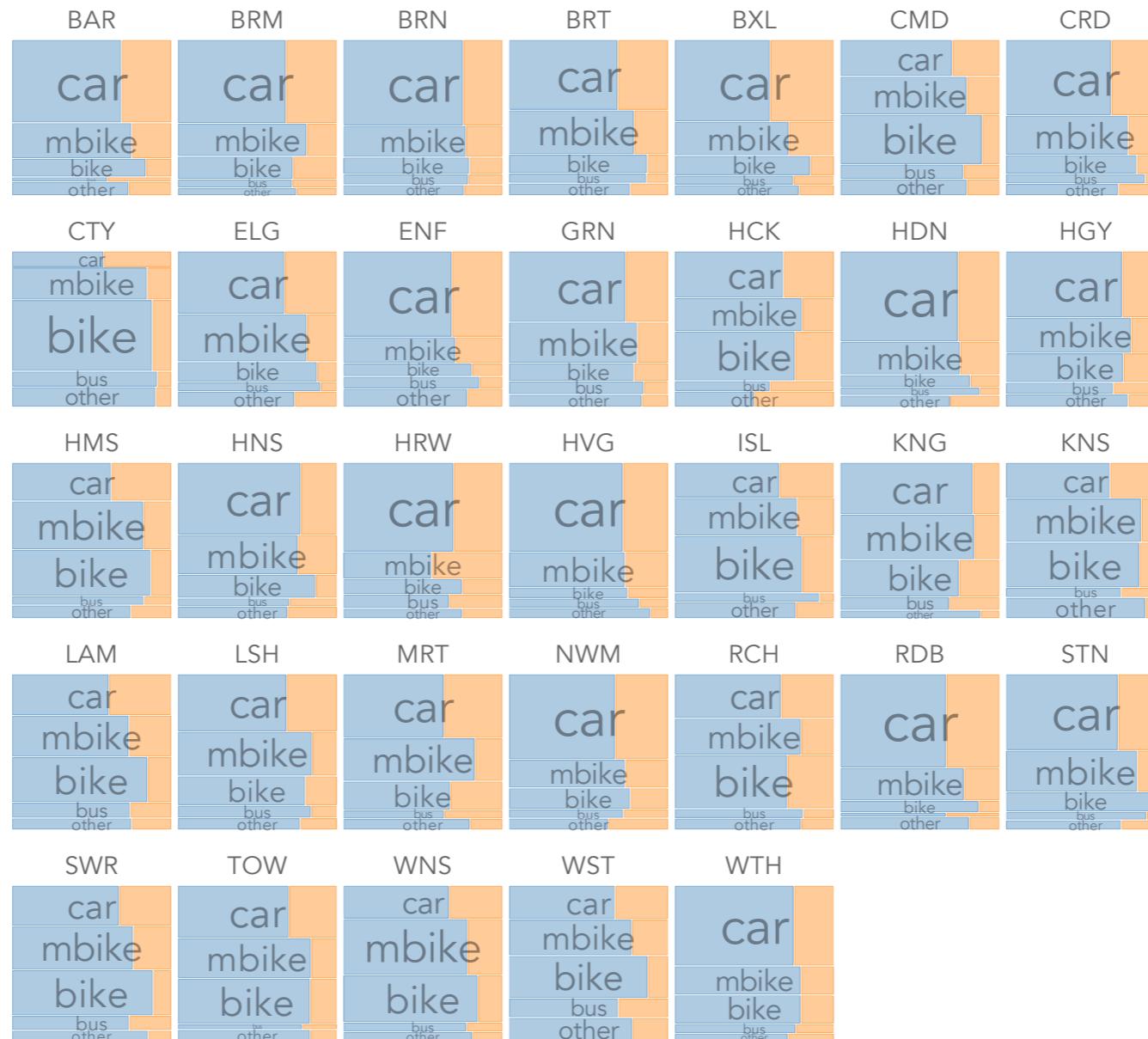
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order : travel mode (freq)
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height : travel mode freq  
order : travel mode (freq)  
facet : borough (select)
```

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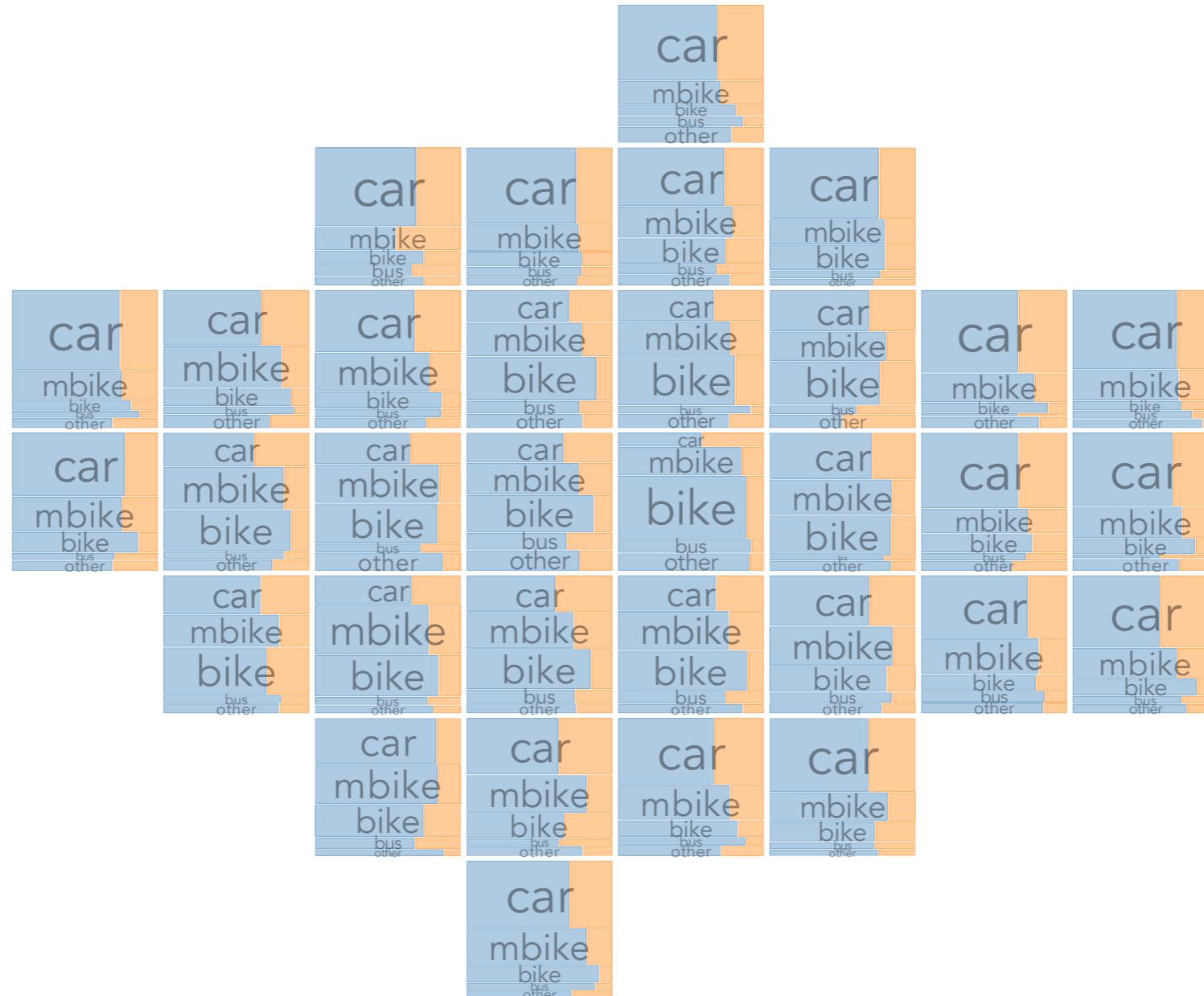
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**order : travel mode (freq)**

**facet : borough alphabetical**

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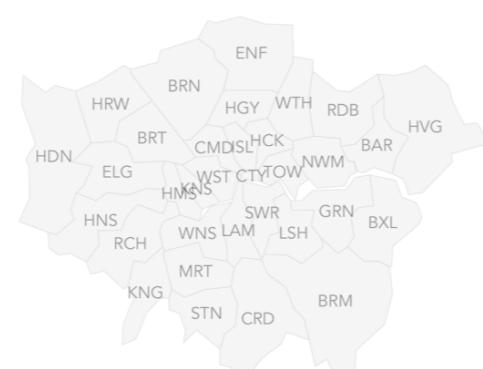
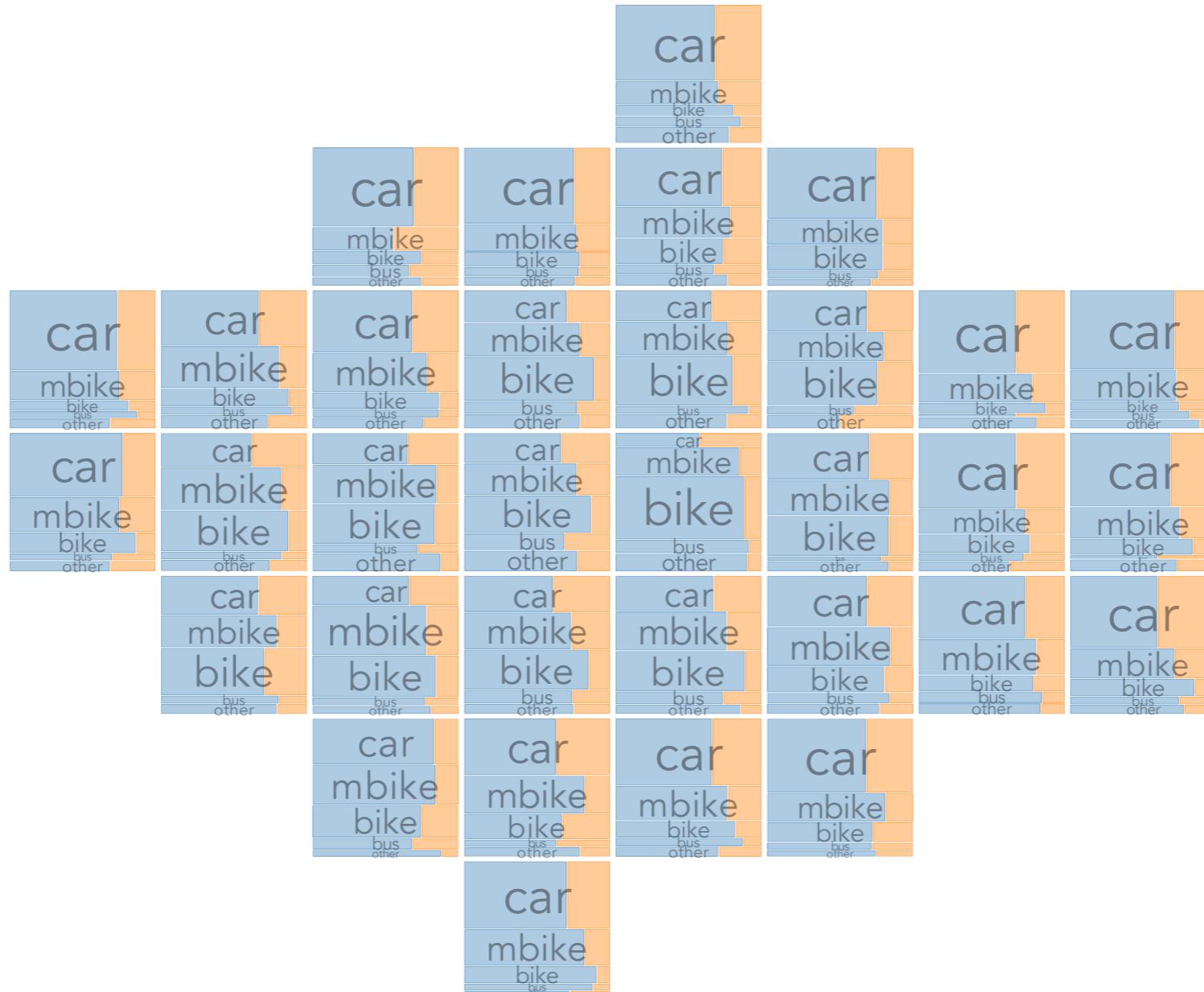
width : proportion weekday | weekend

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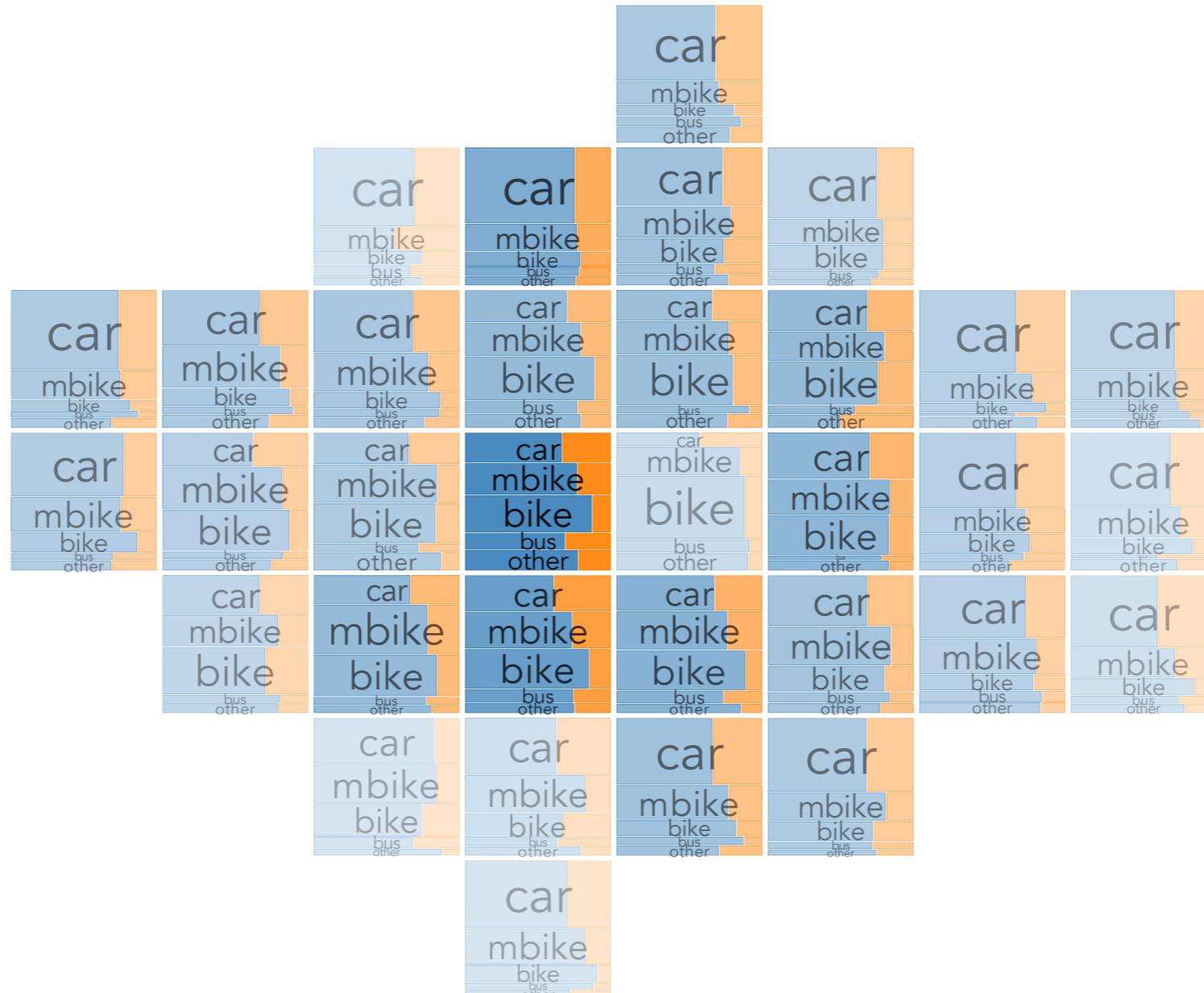
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facet : borough semi-geo position

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width : proportion weekday | weekend

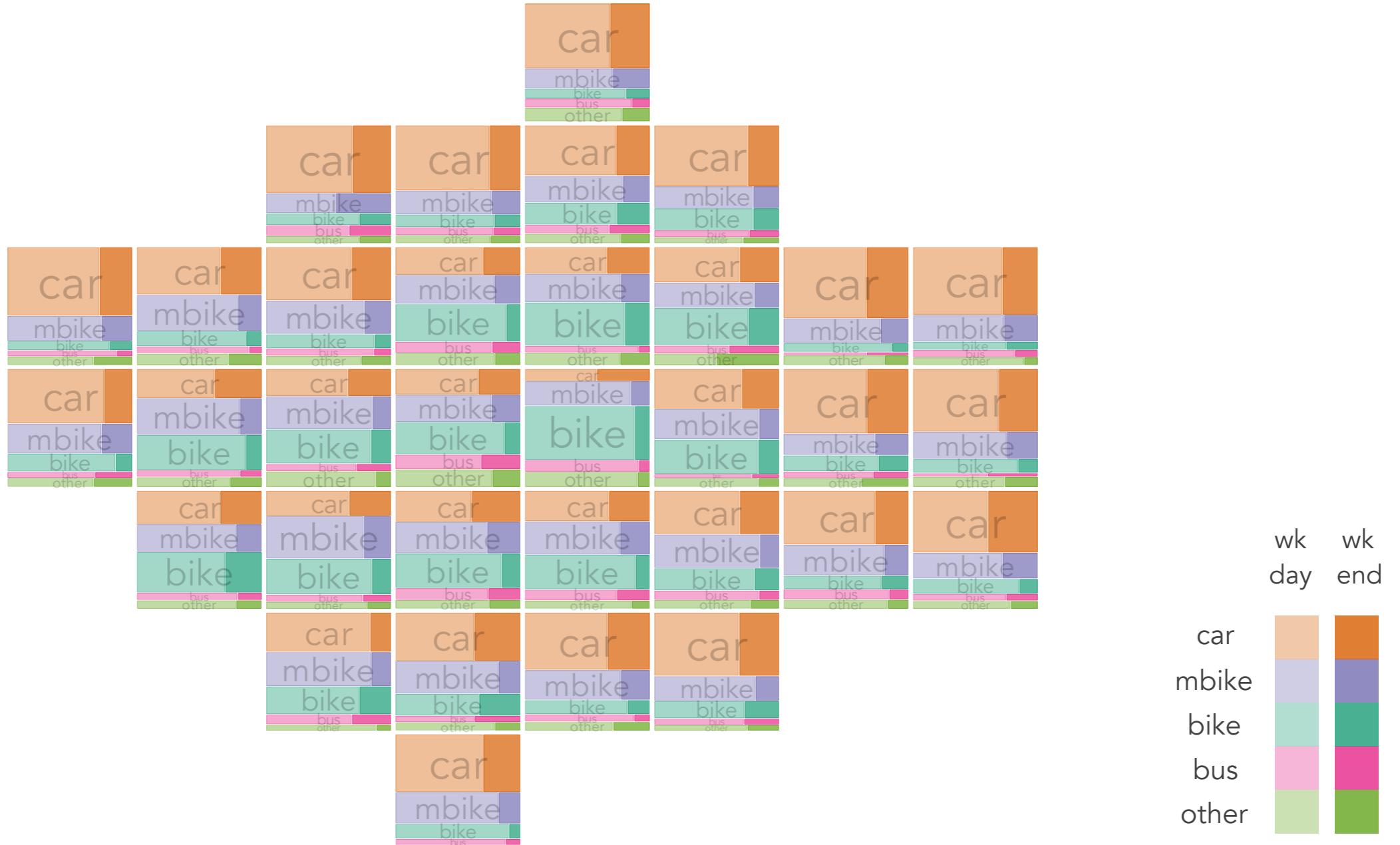
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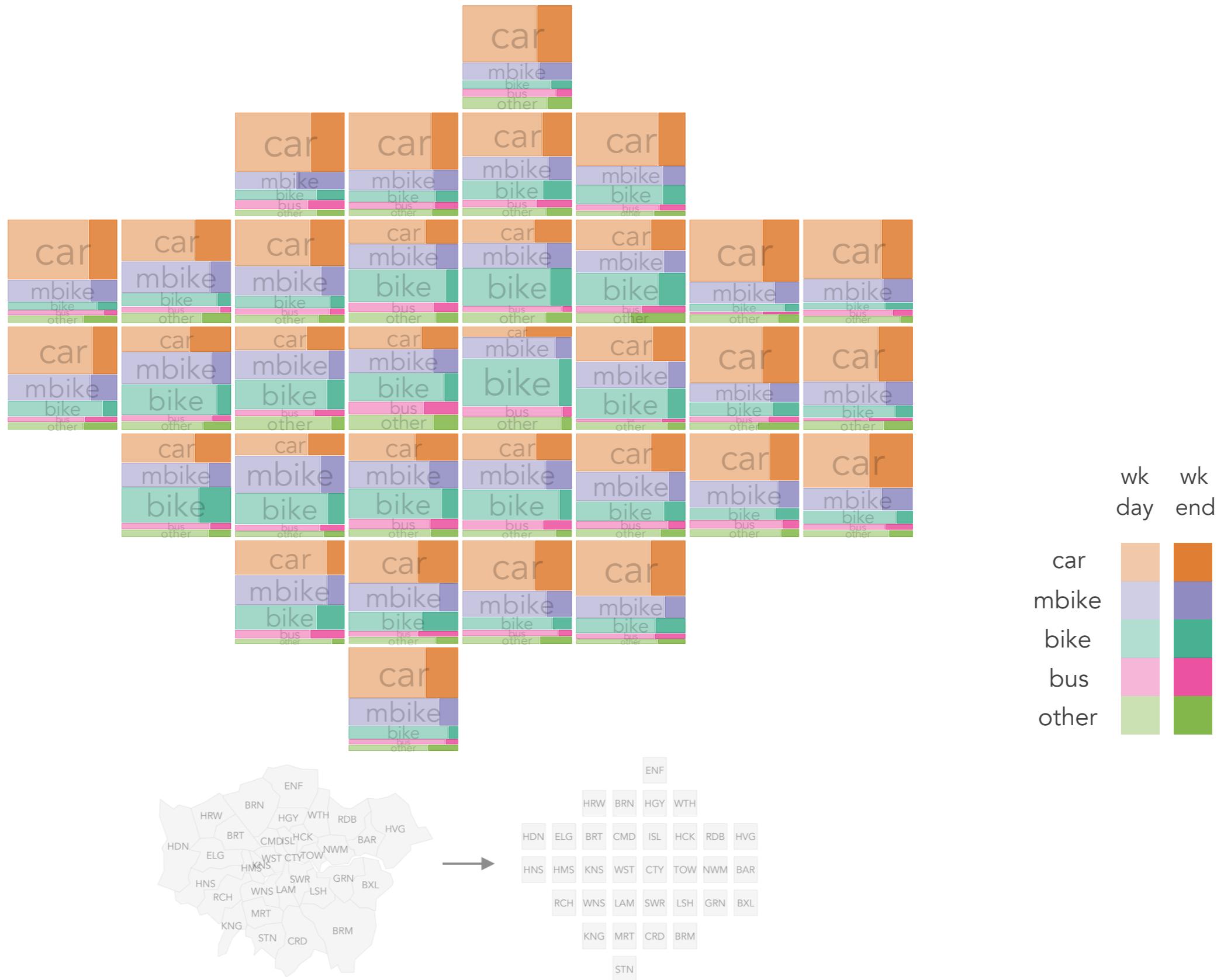
lightness : total accidents

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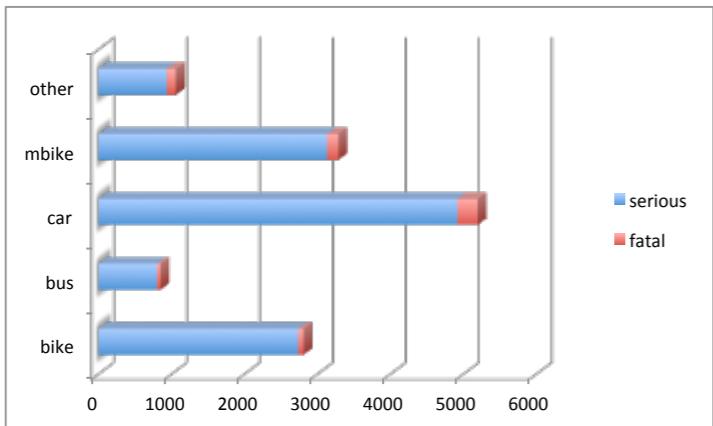
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**facet :** borough semi-geo position  
**lightness :** weekday / weekend  
**hue :** vehicle

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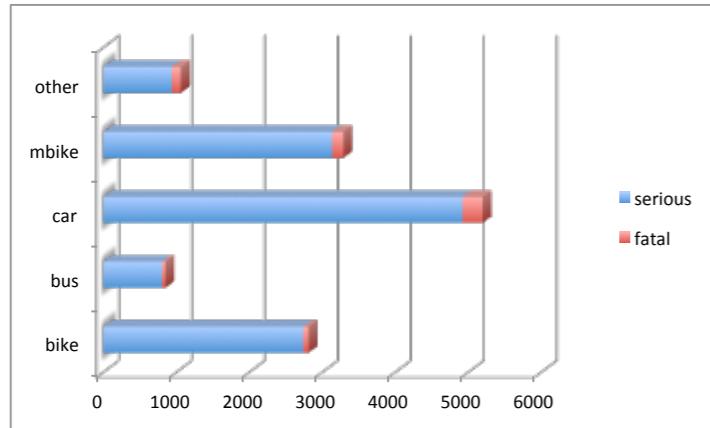
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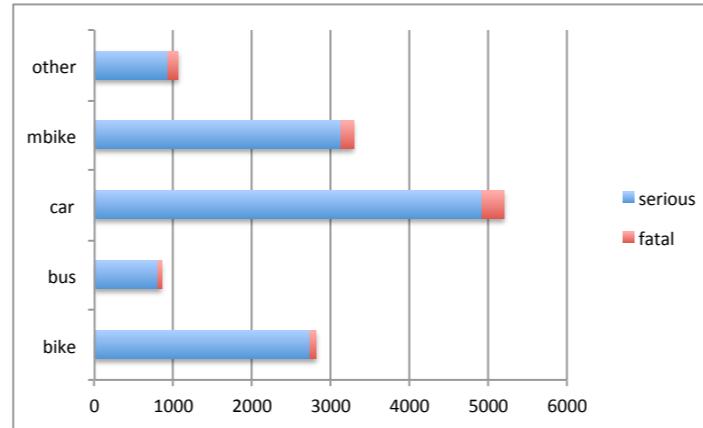


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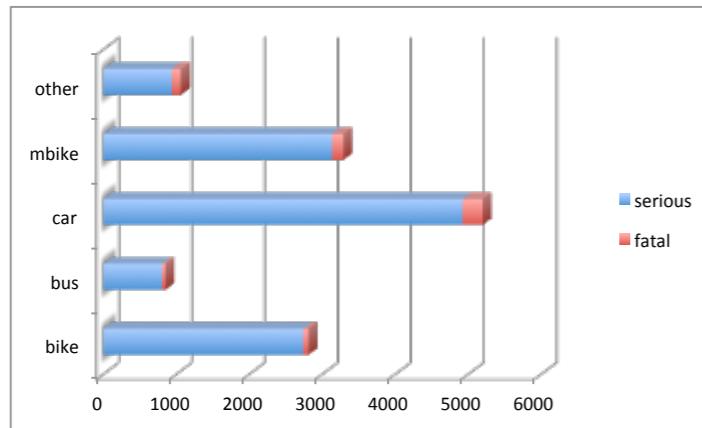


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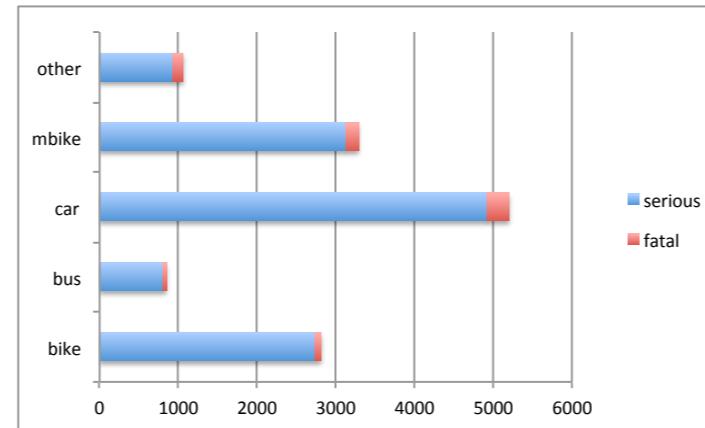


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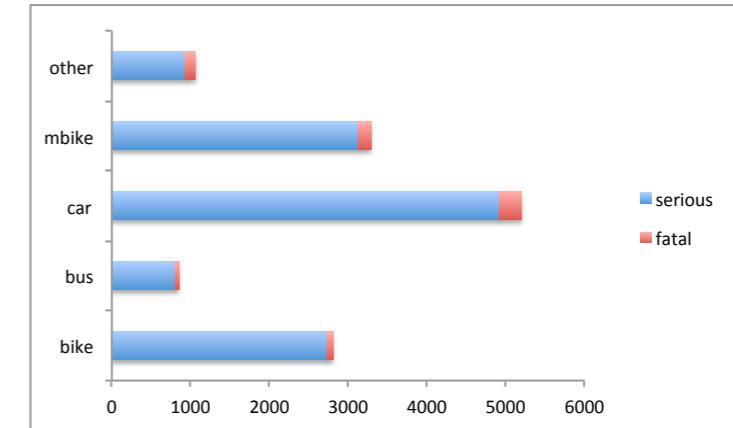
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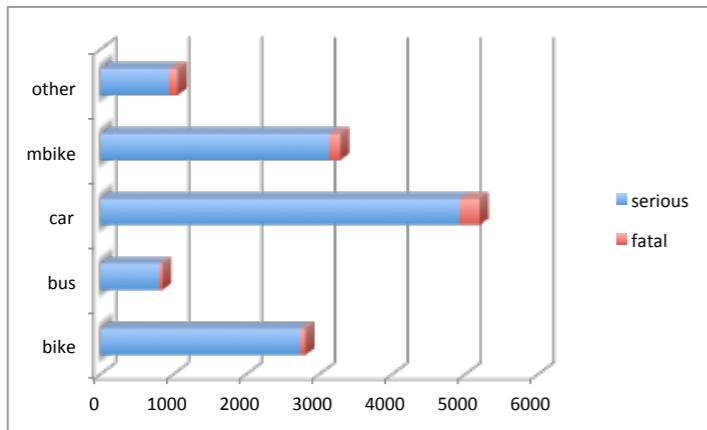


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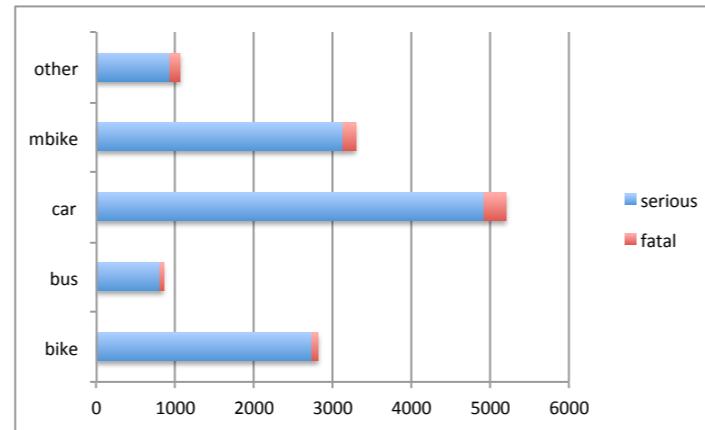


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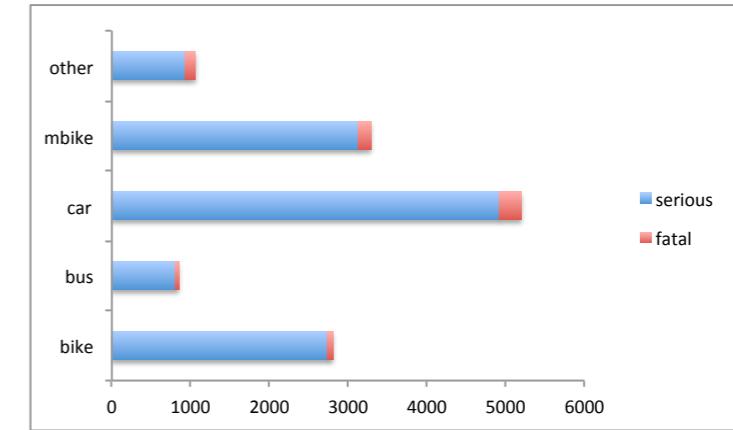
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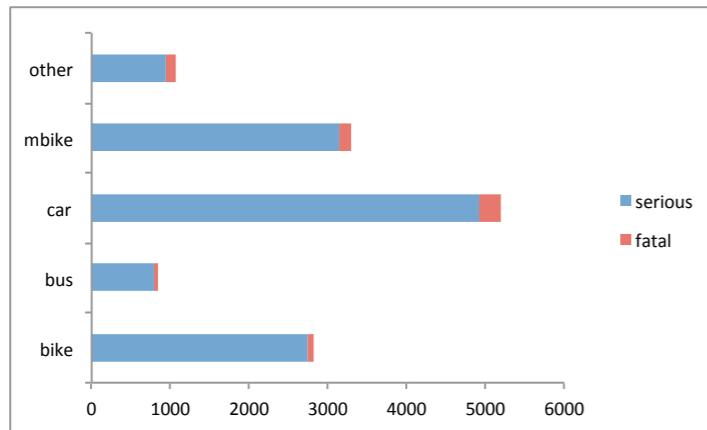
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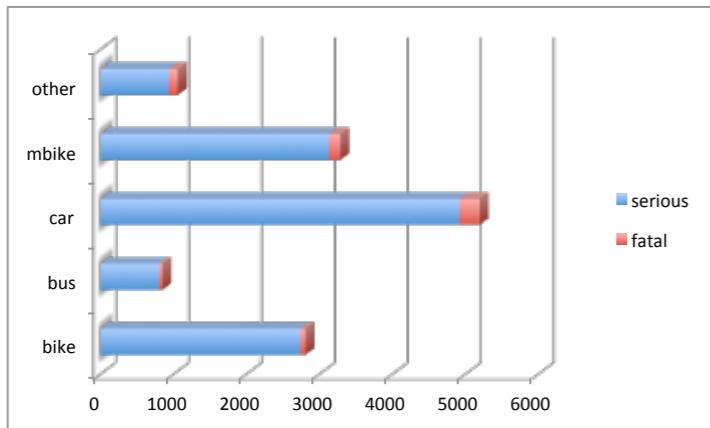


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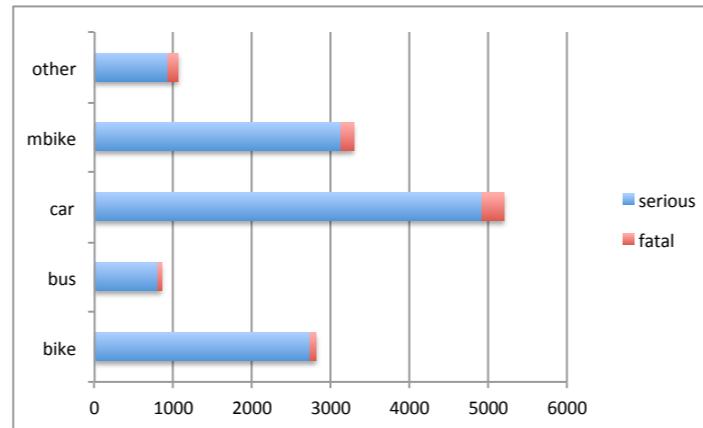


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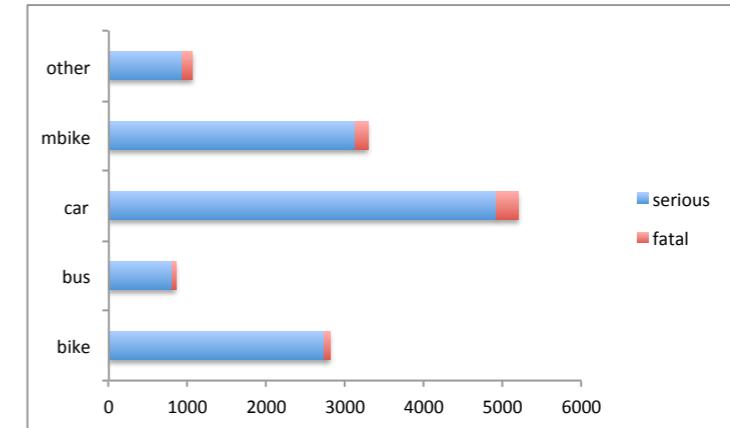
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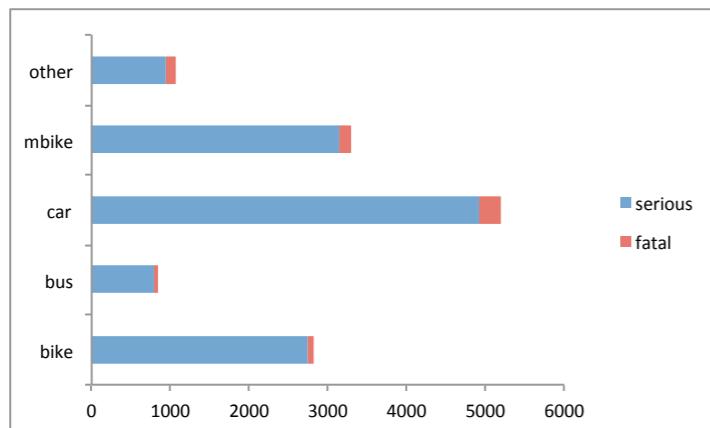
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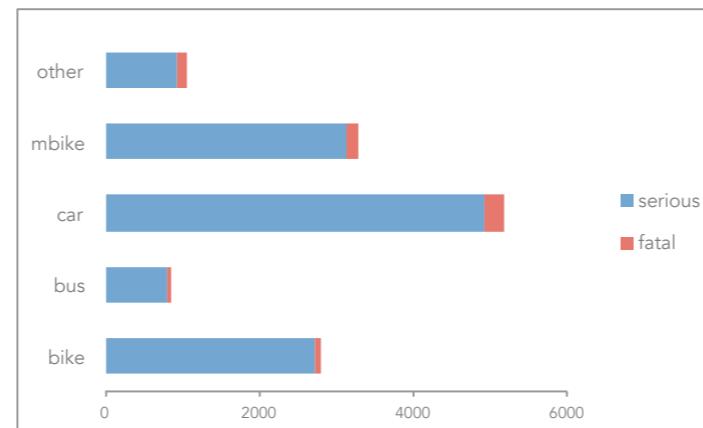
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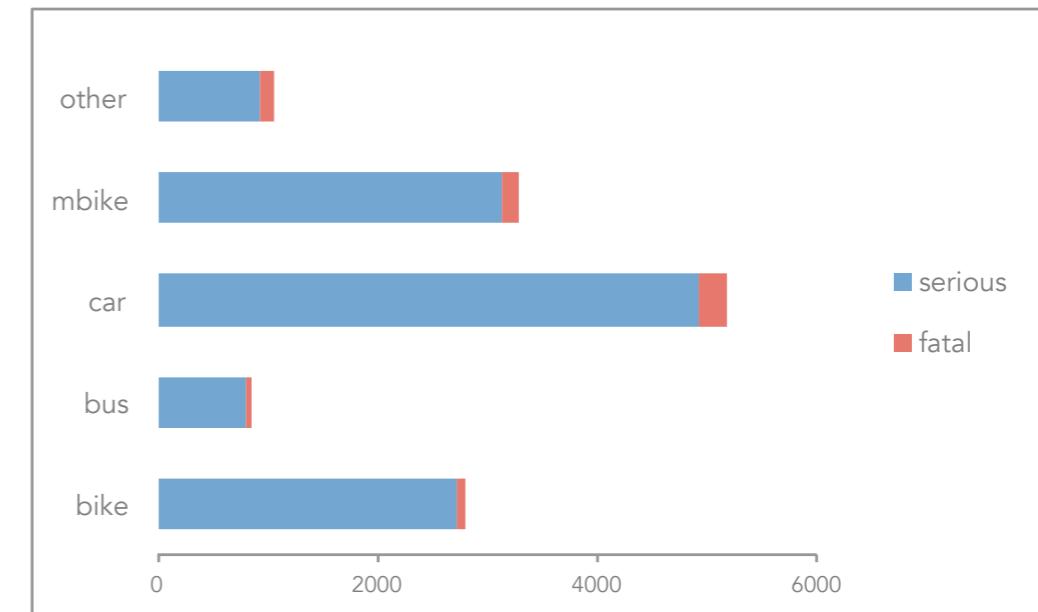
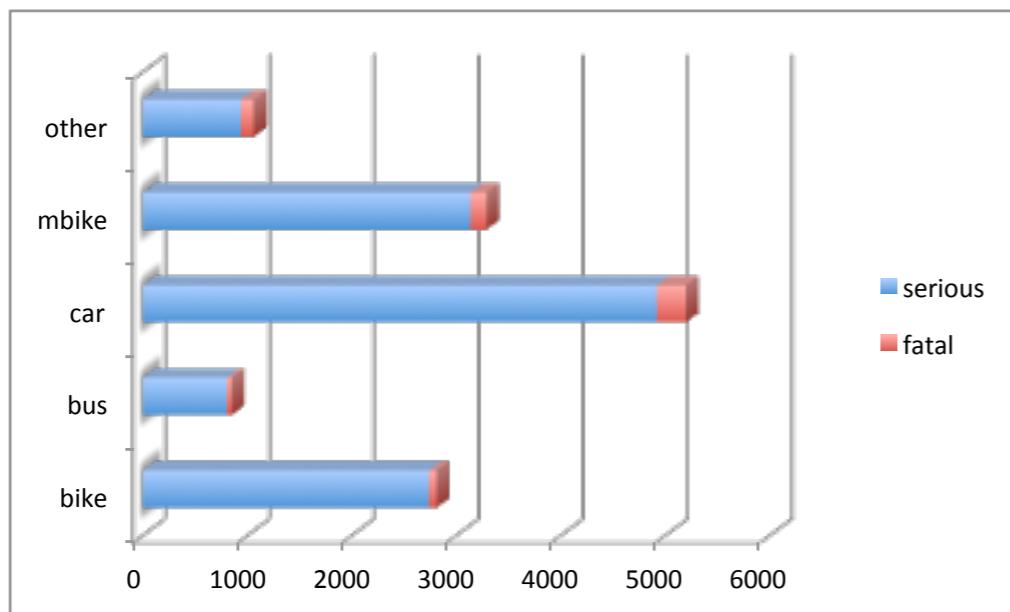


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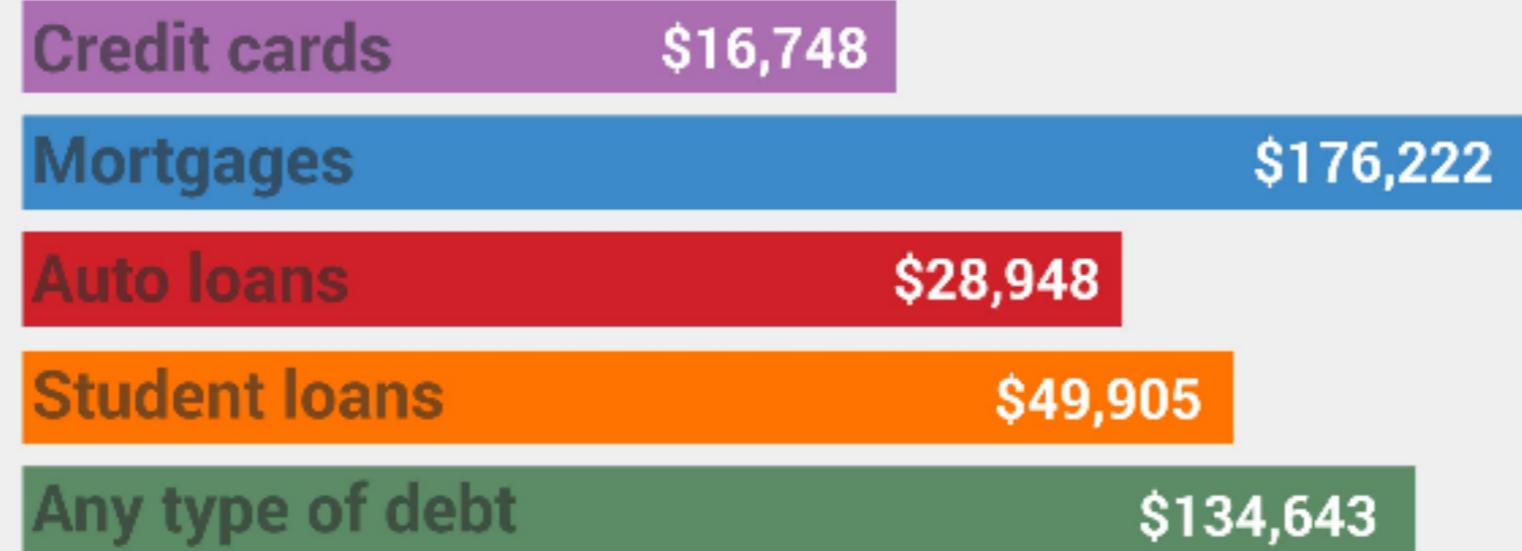
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Mortgages	\$176,222
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Student loans	\$49,905
Any type of debt	\$134,643

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### **Graphical integrity and the lie factor**

*The representation of numbers as physically measured on the surface of the graphic itself, should be directly proportional to the numerical quantities represented*

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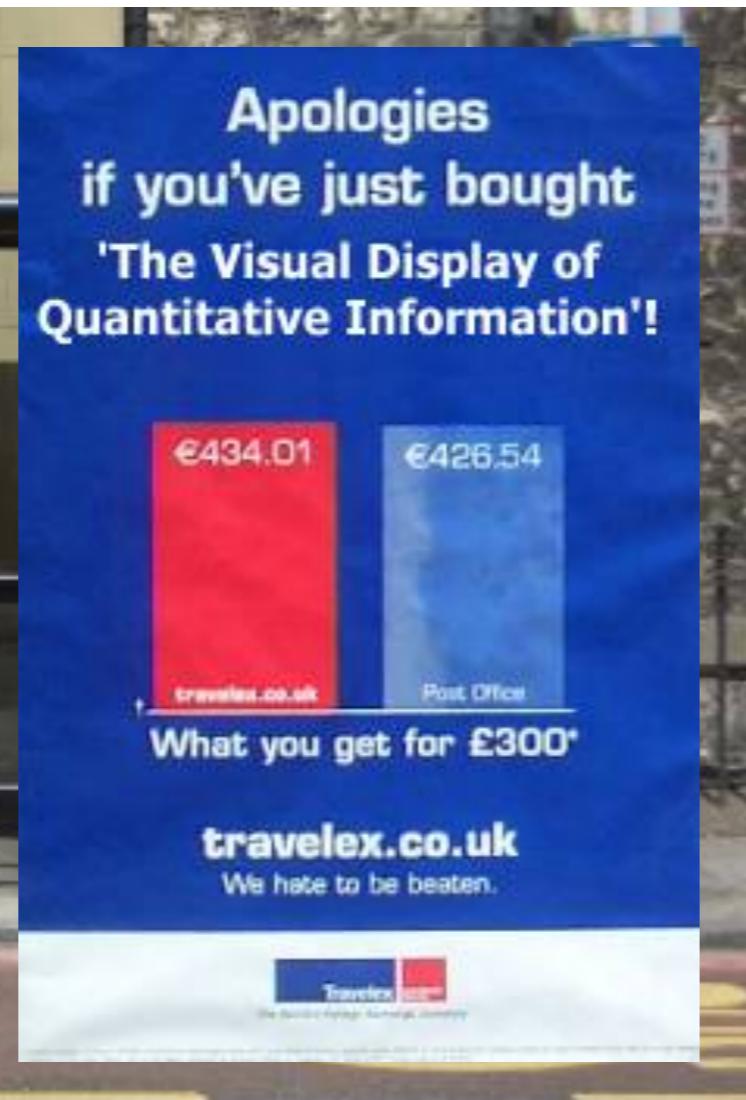
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Practical session :  
*Complete Tableau page in advance*



## GEOG50 | 32/42 : Data Visualization

By – Roger Beecham

Mon 5th Nov	1400-1530	Lecture : Visualization Fundamentals
	1530-1545	<i>Break</i>
	1545-1630	Lecture : Visualization Guidelines
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Tue 6th Nov	0930-1230	Lab : GIS, RBDM, Env Water Consultancy, Centre for Doctoral Training (CDT)
Wed 7th Nov	0930-1230	Lab : CAMS 1
	1330-1630	Lab : CAMS2, SSP, Data Science & Analytics