#### HOW STANDARDS PROLIFERATE: (SEE: A/C CHARGERS, CHARACTER ENCODINGS, INSTANT MESSAGING, ETC.)

SITUATION: THERE ARE 14 COMPETING STANDARDS.



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SITUATION: THERE ARE 15 COMPETING STANDARDS.

# Data Visualization Types: The Basics

- Introduction to Data Visualization
- The Graduate Center at CUNY
- Michelle A. McSweeney

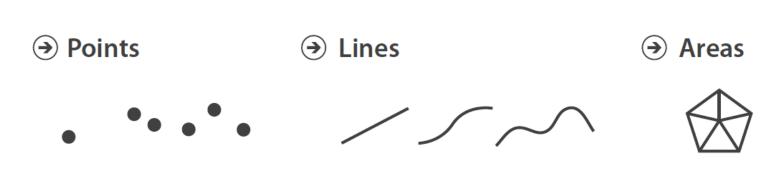
#### Forum Question

In recent years, there has been an explosion of visualizations, but for the most part, they fall back to a few familiar types. How many different chart types can you think of? As you make this list, do you notice any patterns or features they have in common?

## Three ingredients Three ways

## Shapes

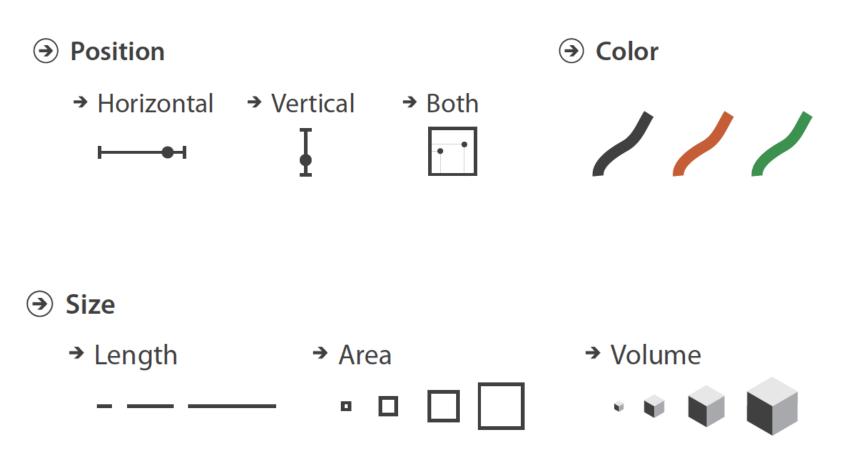
- Points
- Lines
- Areas/ Polygons



## Three ingredients Three ways

### Shapes

- Position
- Color
- Size/Scale



#### Four Essential Features

Title

Scale (linear, logarithmic, or custom)

Coordinate System (cartesian, polar, geographic, or custom)

Context/Sources

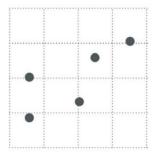
#### Visual Cues for Quantitative Data

- 1. Position
- 2. Length
- 3. Angle
- 4. Direction
- 5. Shape
- 6. Area / Volume
- 7. Color: Hue & Saturation/Intensity

#### Position

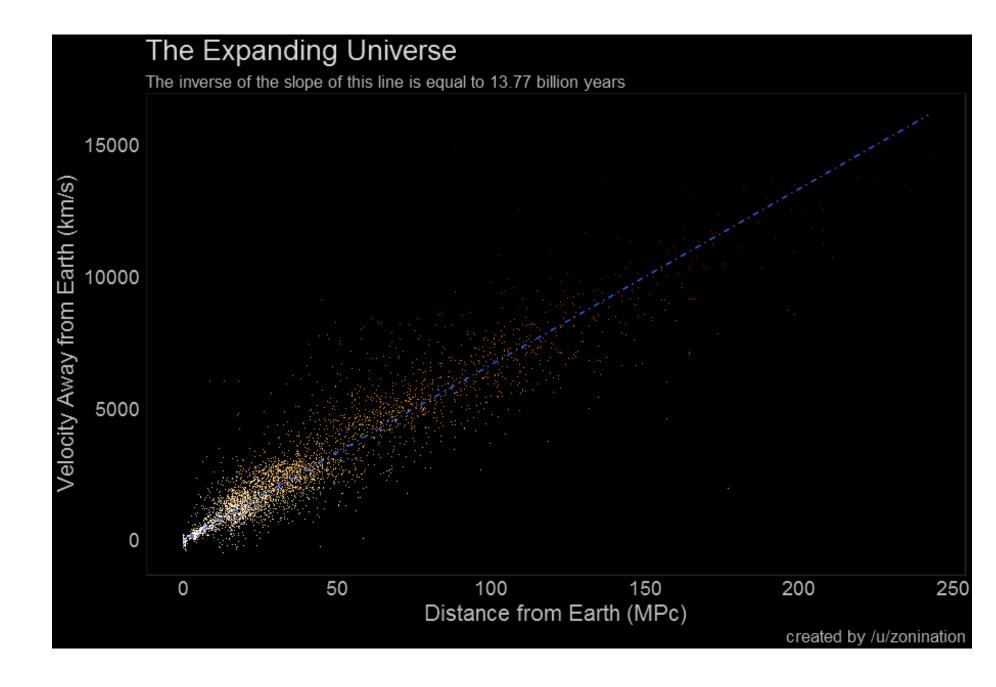
#### **Position**

Where in space the data is



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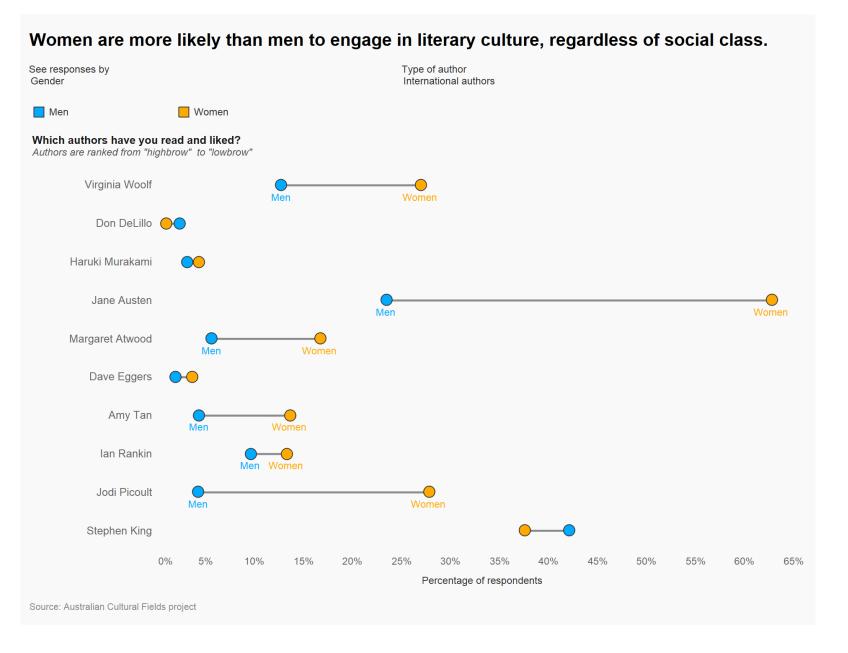
## Length

#### Length

How long the shapes are



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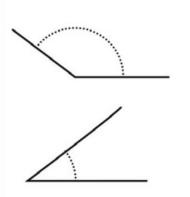


https://public.tableau.com/en-us/s/gallery/cultural-tastes-gender-class-and-age

## Angle

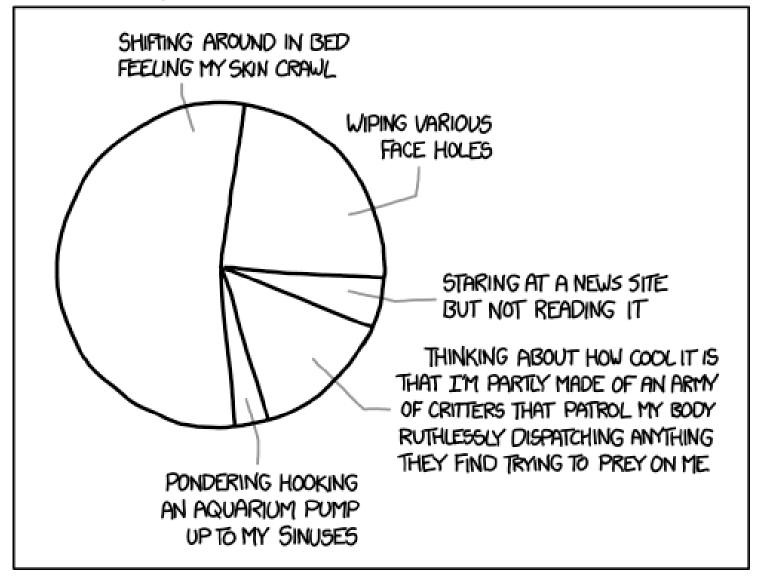
#### Angle

Rotation between vectors



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## ACTIVITIES WHILE SICK:

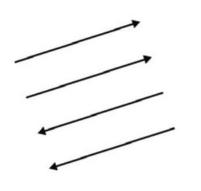


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#### Direction

#### Direction

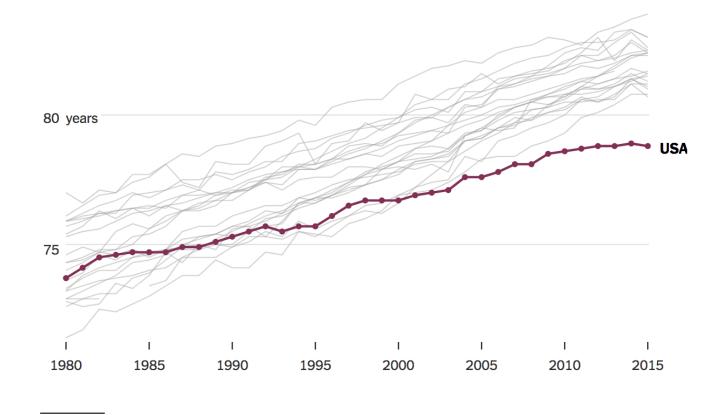
Slope of a vector in space



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#### Falling Behind

In life expectancy, the United States went from middle of the pack of peer nations in 1980 to below average.



The list of peer nations in the chart, ordered by life expectancy based on 2015 result: Japan (83.9), Switzerland, Spain, Italy, Australia, France, Luxembourg, Norway, Sweden, Canada, New Zealand, Finland, the Netherlands, Iceland, Ireland, Austria, Portugal, Belgium, Britain, Denmark, Germany (80.7). The U.S. is at 78.8.

Source: National Research Council

## Shapes

Shapes



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https://projects.icij.org/panama-papers/power-players/#49

#### Area

#### Area

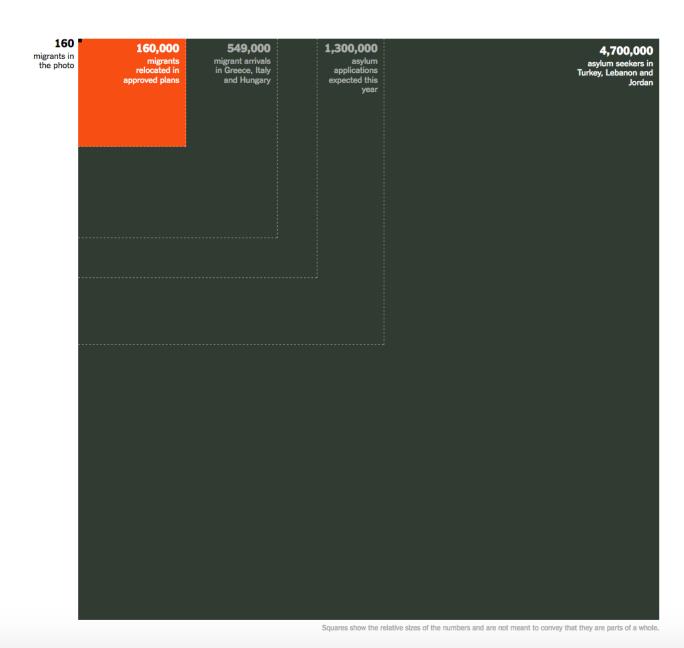
How much 2-D space



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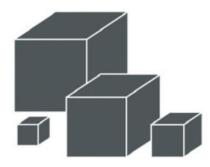
#### The Scale of the Migrant Crisis, From 160 to Millions



#### Volume

#### Volume

How much 3-D space



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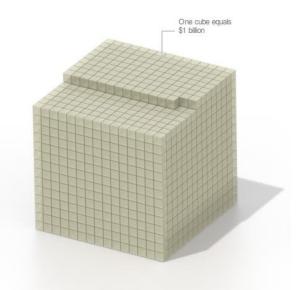
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#### One 9/11 Tally:

#### \$3.3 Trillion

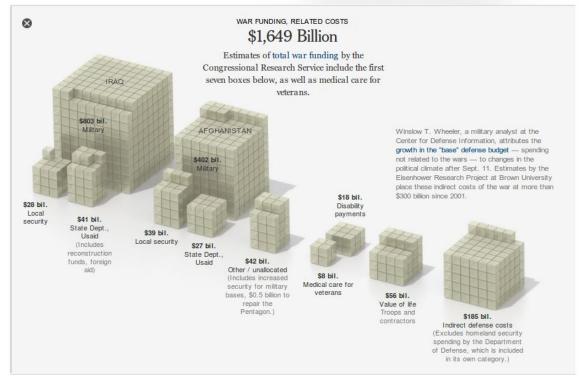
By SHAN CARTER and AMANDA COX Published: September 8, 2011

Al Qaeda spent roughly half a million dollars to destroy the World Trade Center and cripple the Pentagon. What has been the cost to the United States? In a survey of estimates by The New York Times, the answer is \$3.3 trillion, or about \$7 million for every dollar Al Qaeda spent planning and executing the attacks. While not all of the costs have been borne by the government — and some are still to come — this total equals one-fifth of the current national debt. All figures are shown in today's dollars.



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## Color: Hue & Saturation

#### Color hue

Usually referred to as color



#### **Color saturation**

Intensity of a color hue

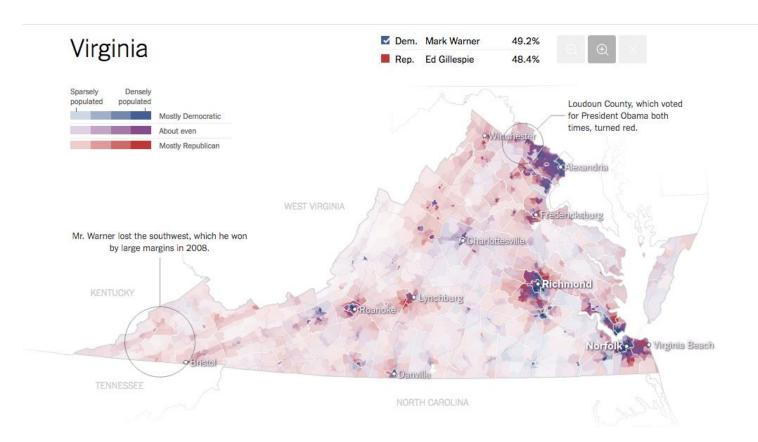


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https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/ 2014/11/04/upshot/senate-maps.html

#### The Most Detailed Maps You'll See From the Midterm Elections\*

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## Chart Types

- https://datavizcatalogue.com/
- http://rethinkingvis.com/#all

## Perception Ranking

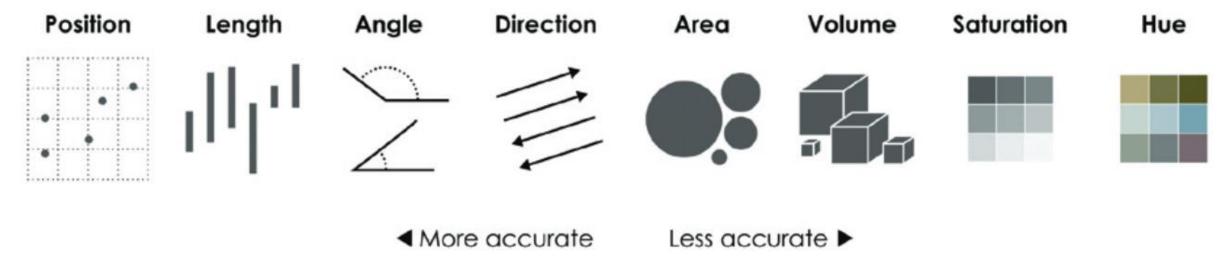
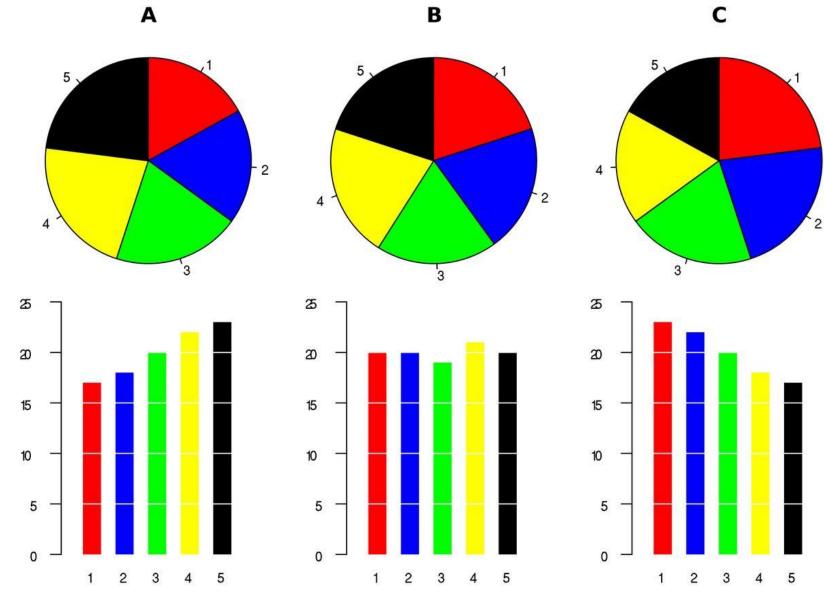


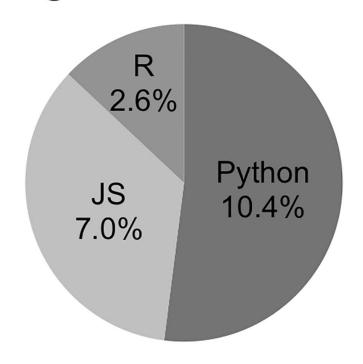
FIGURE 3-12 Visual cues ranked by Cleveland and McGill

Pie Chart vs. Bar Chart

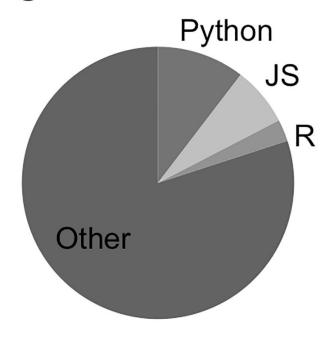


#### More on Pie Charts

#### Google tutorial searches



#### Google tutorial searches



https://www.oreilly.com/ideas/

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## Scales – Logarithmic

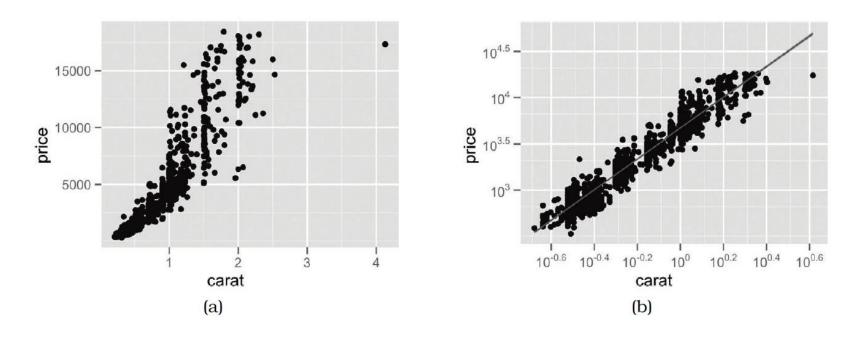


Figure 7.3. Scatterplots. (a) Original diamond price/carat data. (b) Derived log-scale attributes are highly positively correlated. From [Wickham 10, Figure 10].

#### Bins and Breaks

Bins: the number of categories

Breaks: How those categories are split up

#### Bins

- 3 line widths
- 3 areas

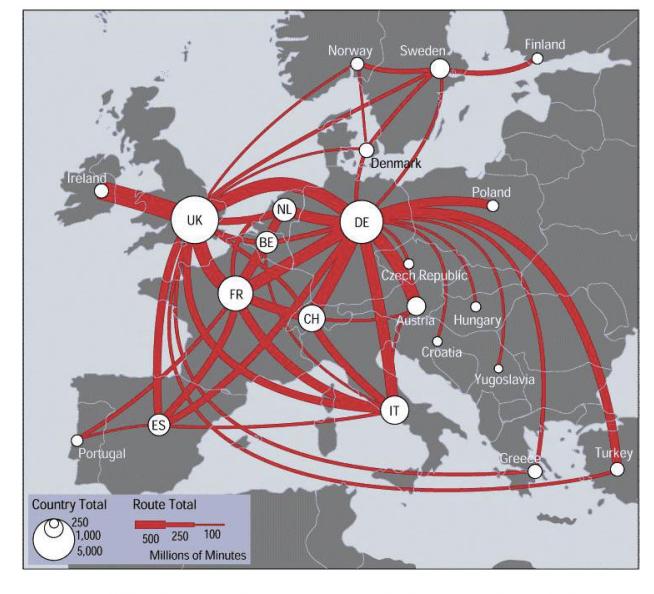
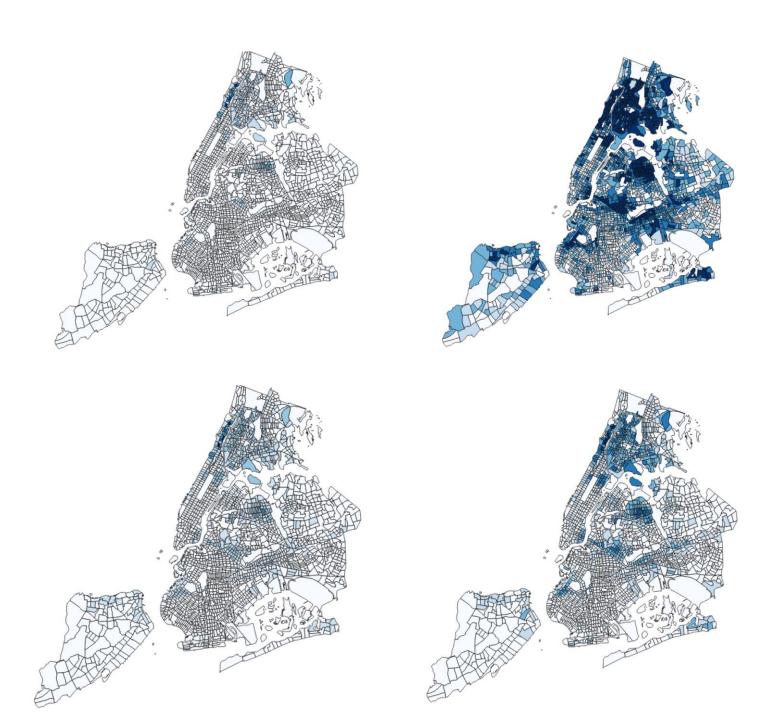


Figure 5.9. Linewidth has a limited number of discriminable bins.

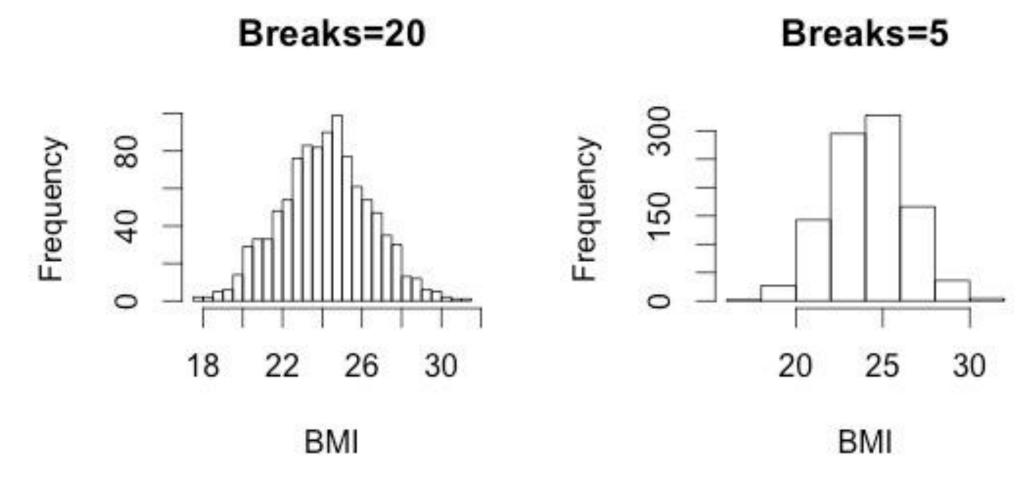
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#### Breaks

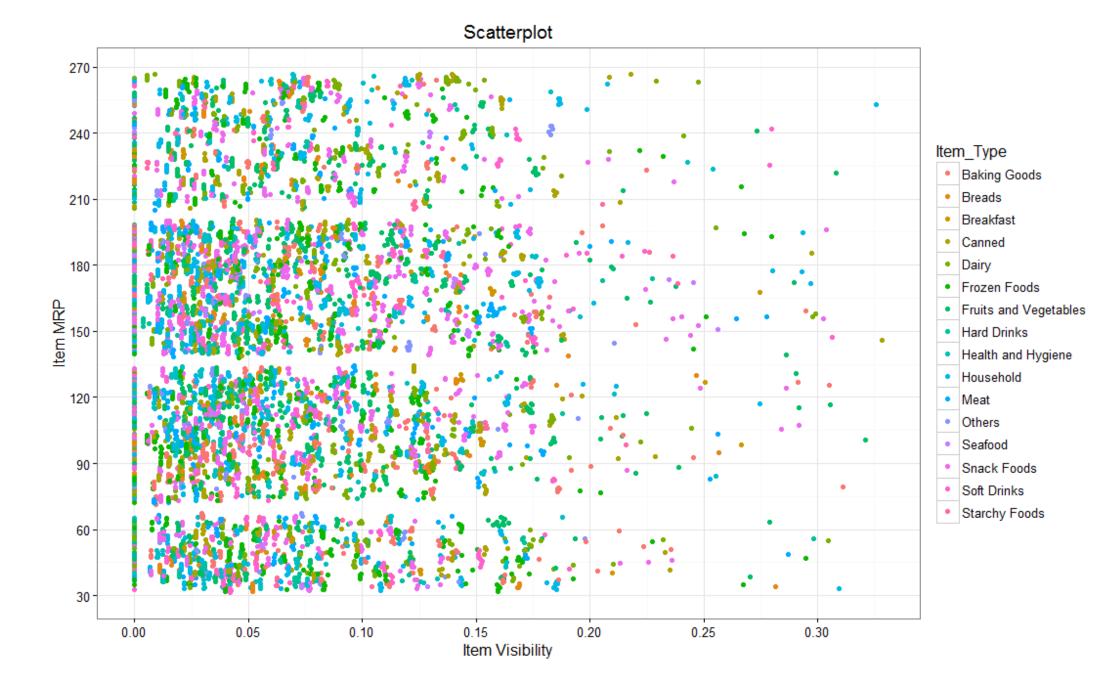
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# Bins & Breaks



# Bins & Breaks



# Bins & Breaks: Small Multiples

