

Data Visualization

**DATA VISUALIZATION IS
COMMUNICATION**

Principles of Graphical Excellence

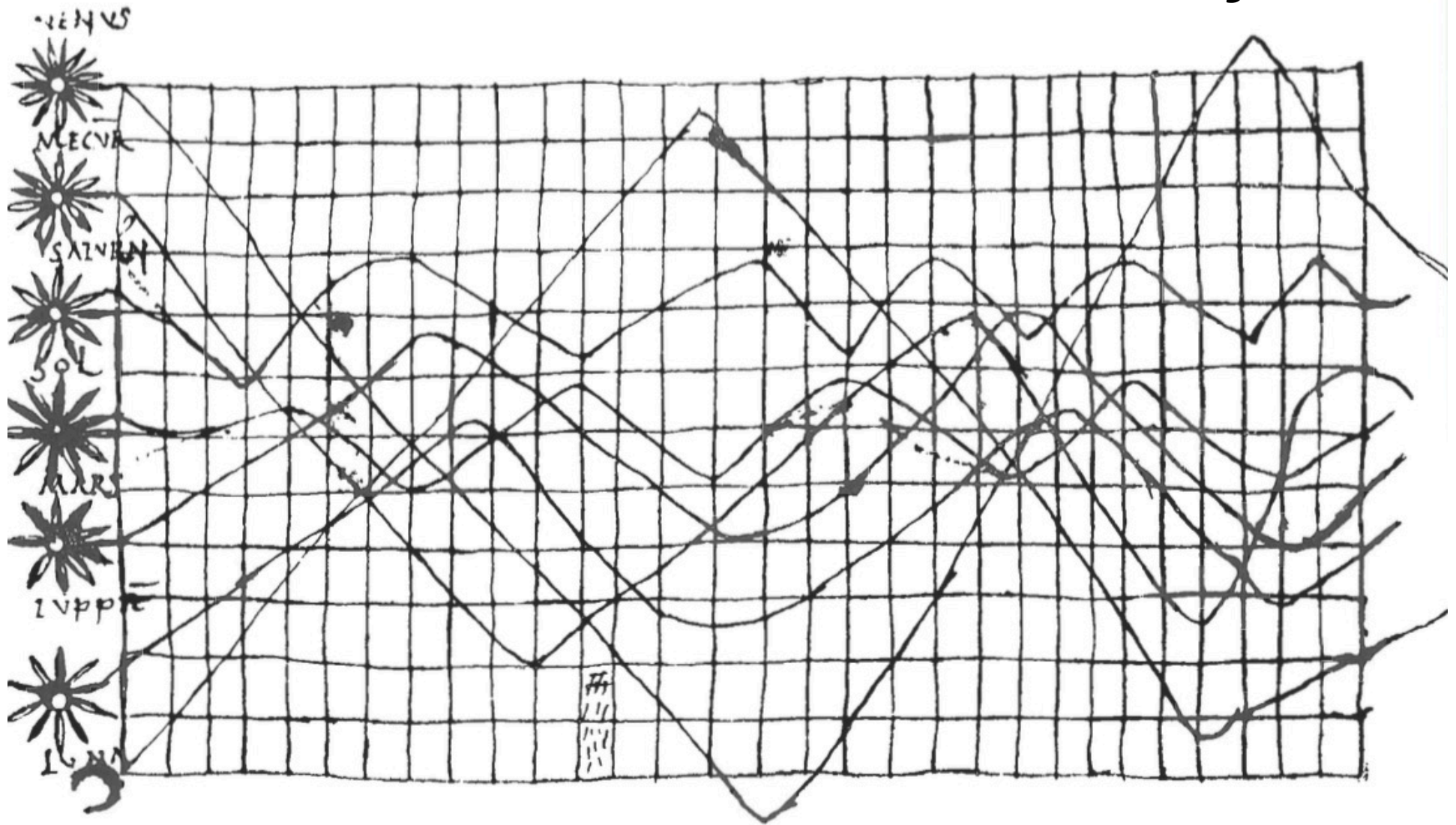
- Clarity
- Precision
- Efficiency
- Maximize ideas, minimize ink

(from Tufte)

Data Viz in a Nutshell

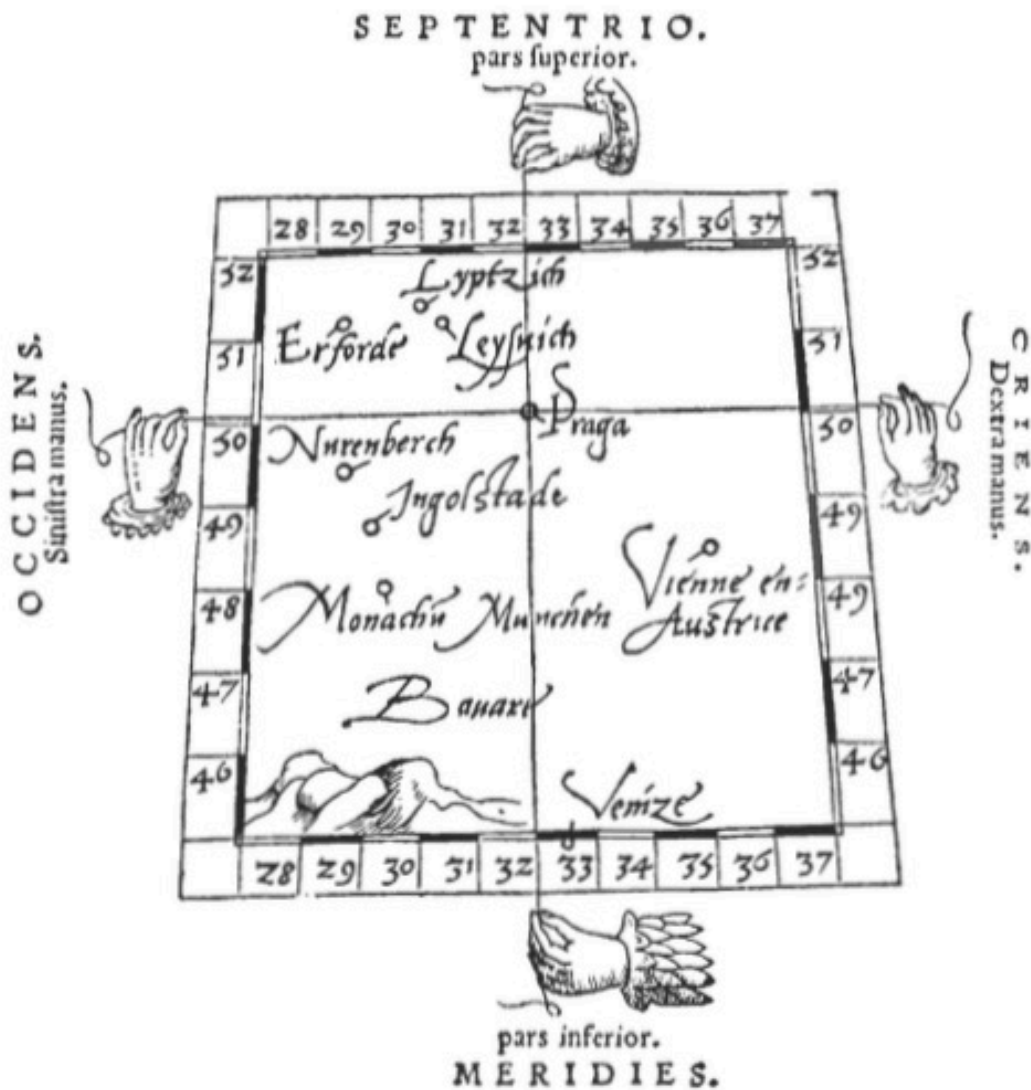
1. History
2. Graphical Basics
3. Minimalist principles

Data Viz in the 10th Century



Ecce formulam, vsum, atque

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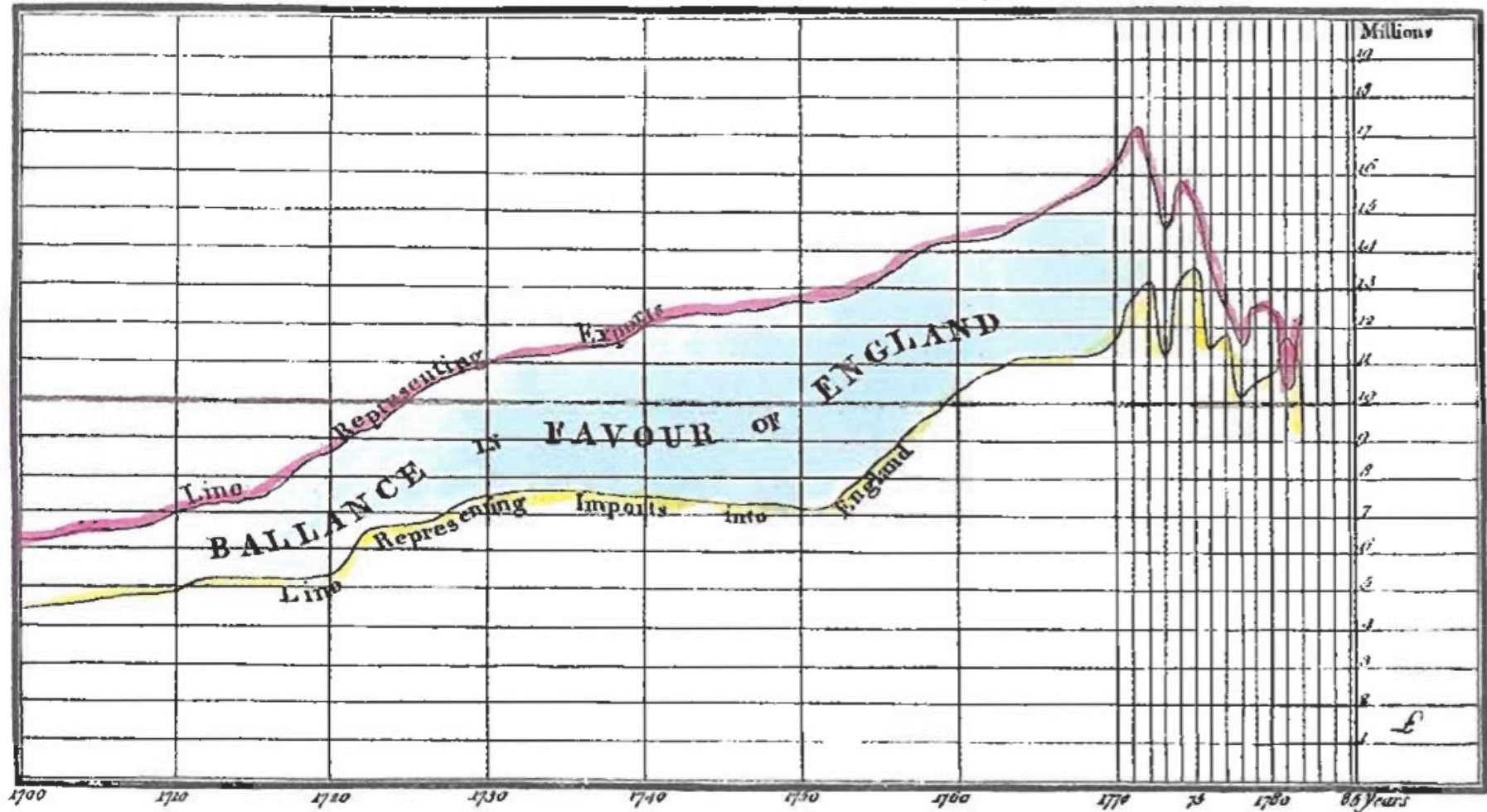


50 0 50 Yards 100 150 200

X Pump • Deaths from cholera



*CHART of all the IMPORTS and EXPORTS to and from ENGLAND
From the Year 1700 to 1782 by W. Playfair*

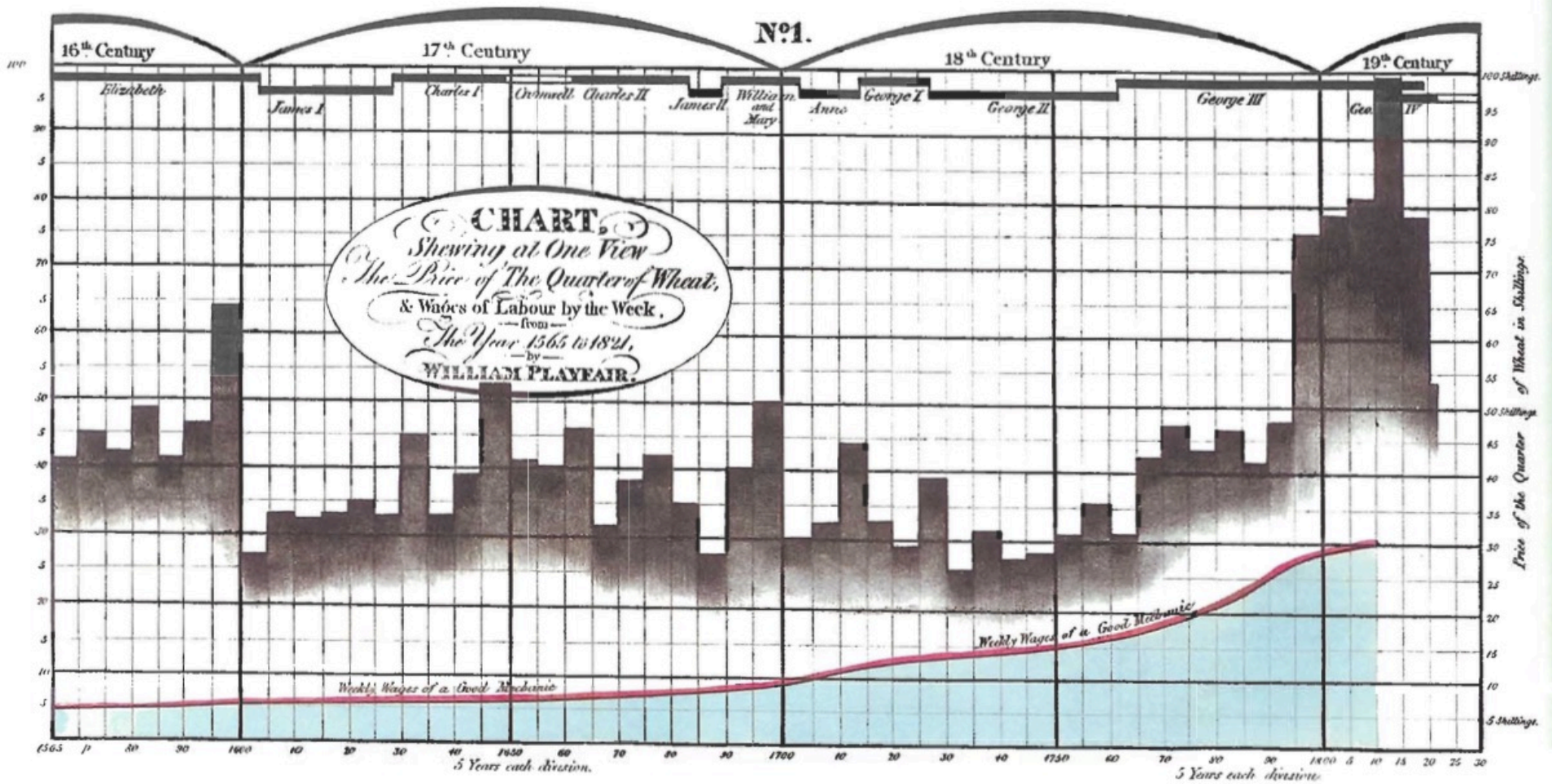


The Divisions at the Bottom, express YEARS, & those on the Right hand, MILLIONS of POUNDS

J. Smith Sculp.

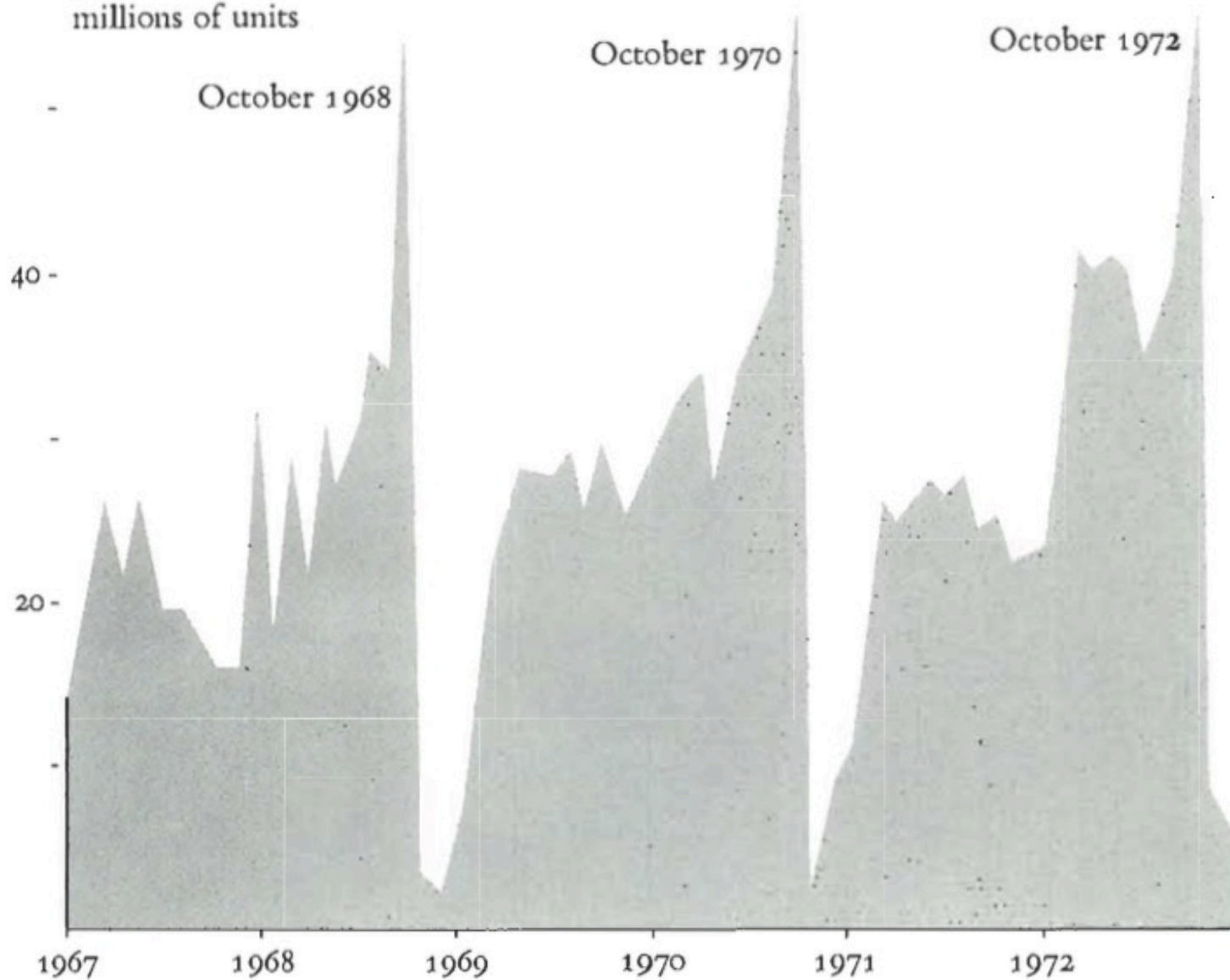
Published as the Act directs, 20.th Aug.^r 1785

Multiple Data Sources to Make a Point

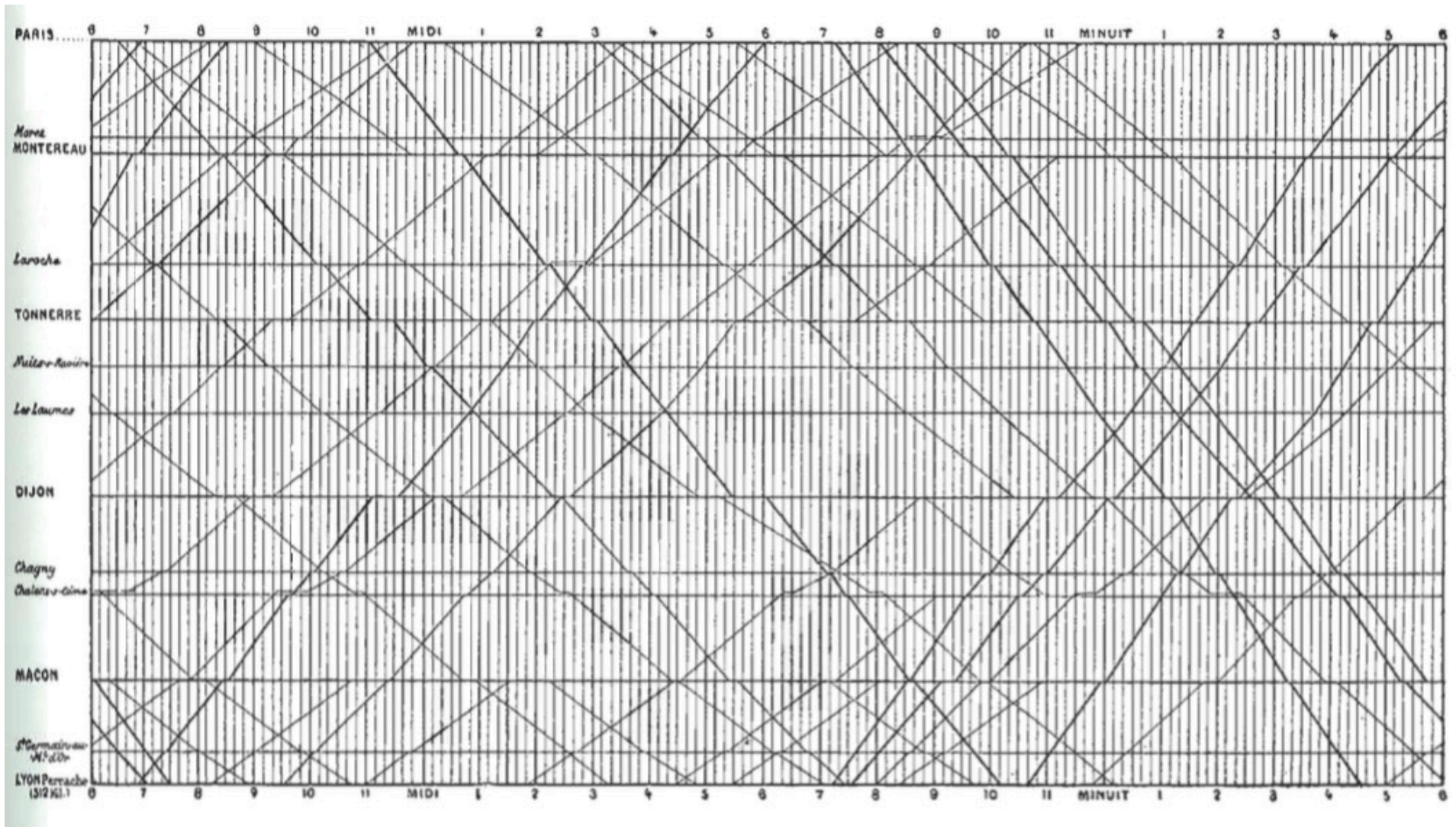


Sometimes One Variable is Enough

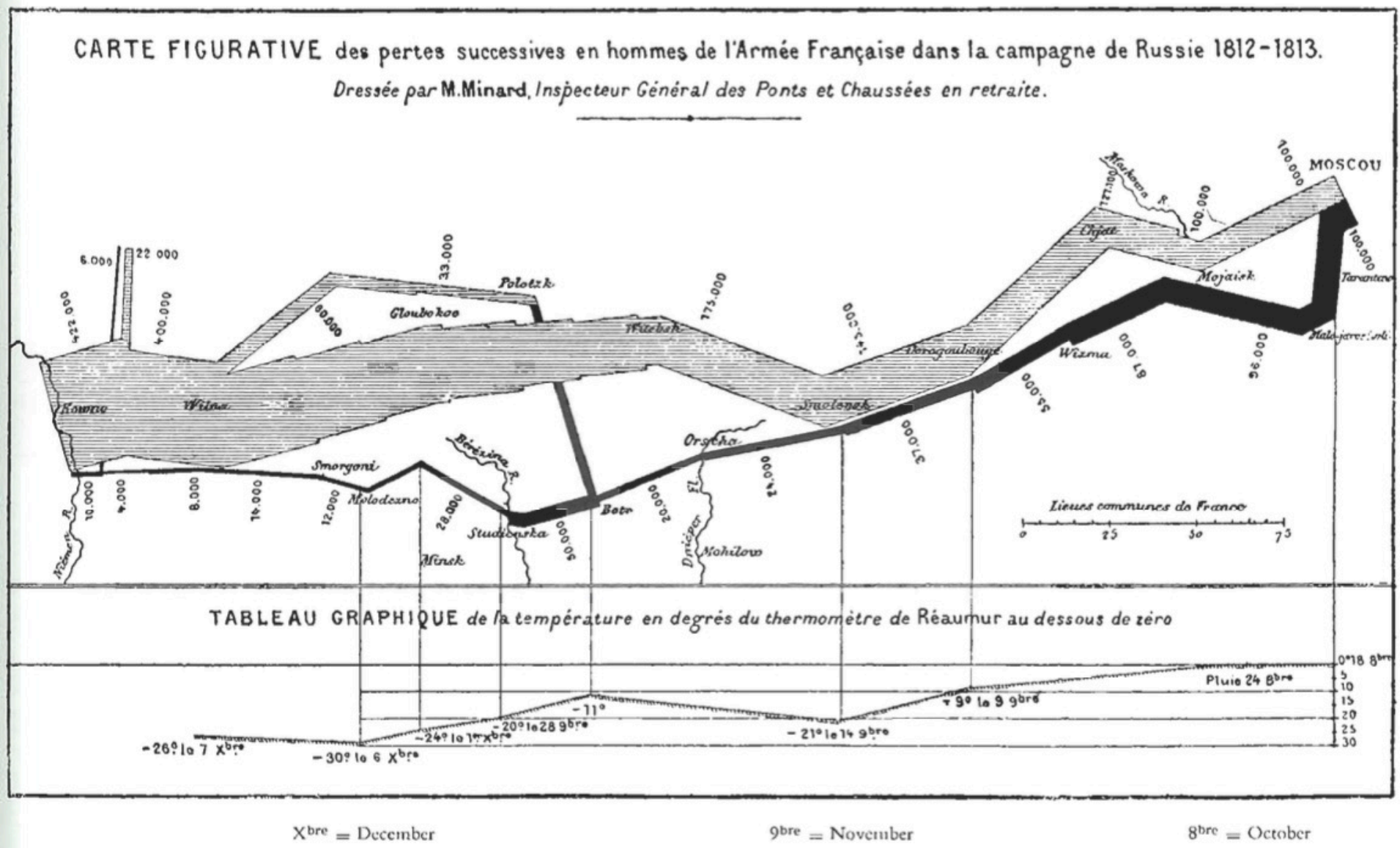
60 - Monthly outgoing
mail workload,
millions of units



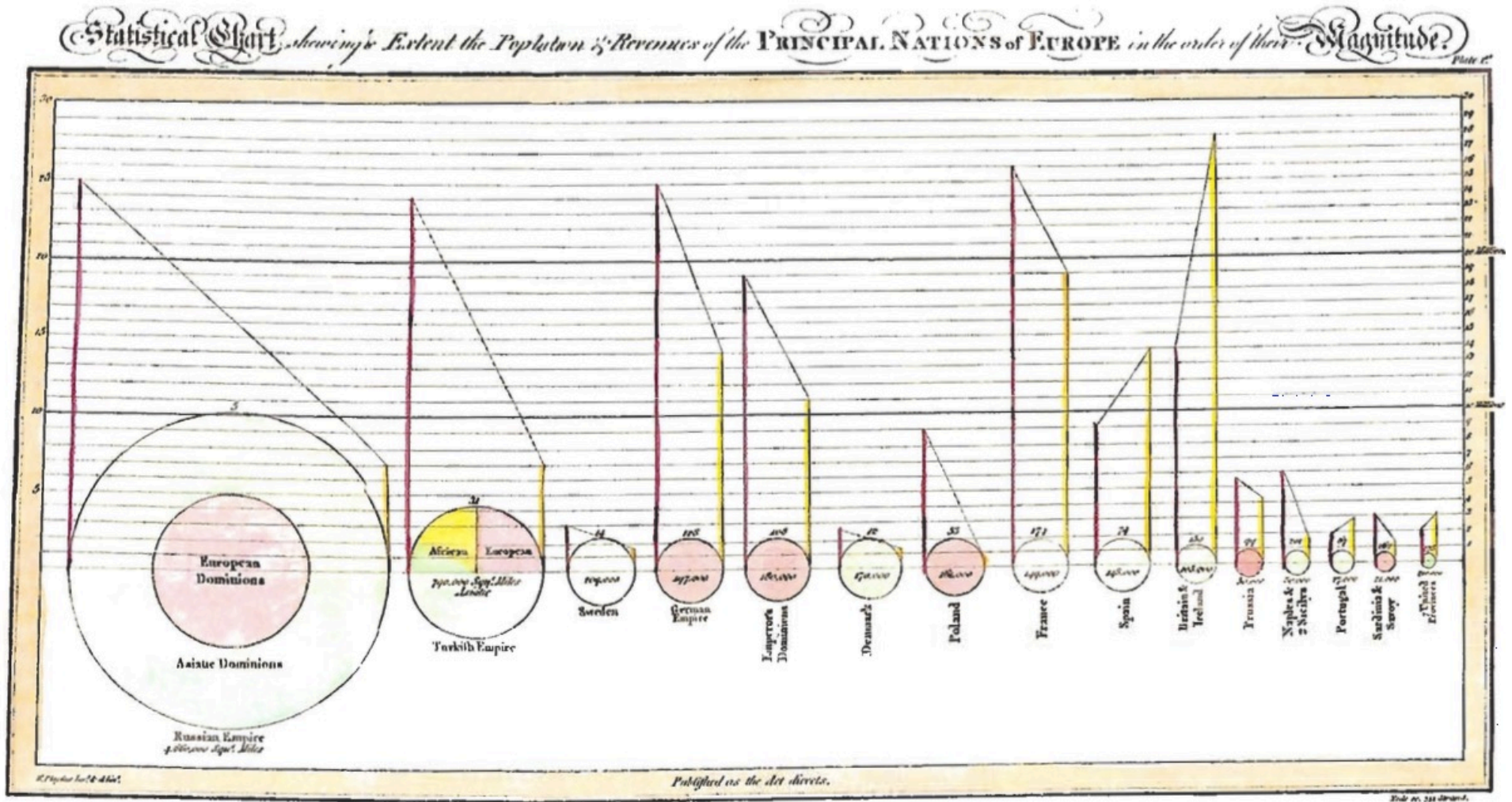
Adding Space to Time



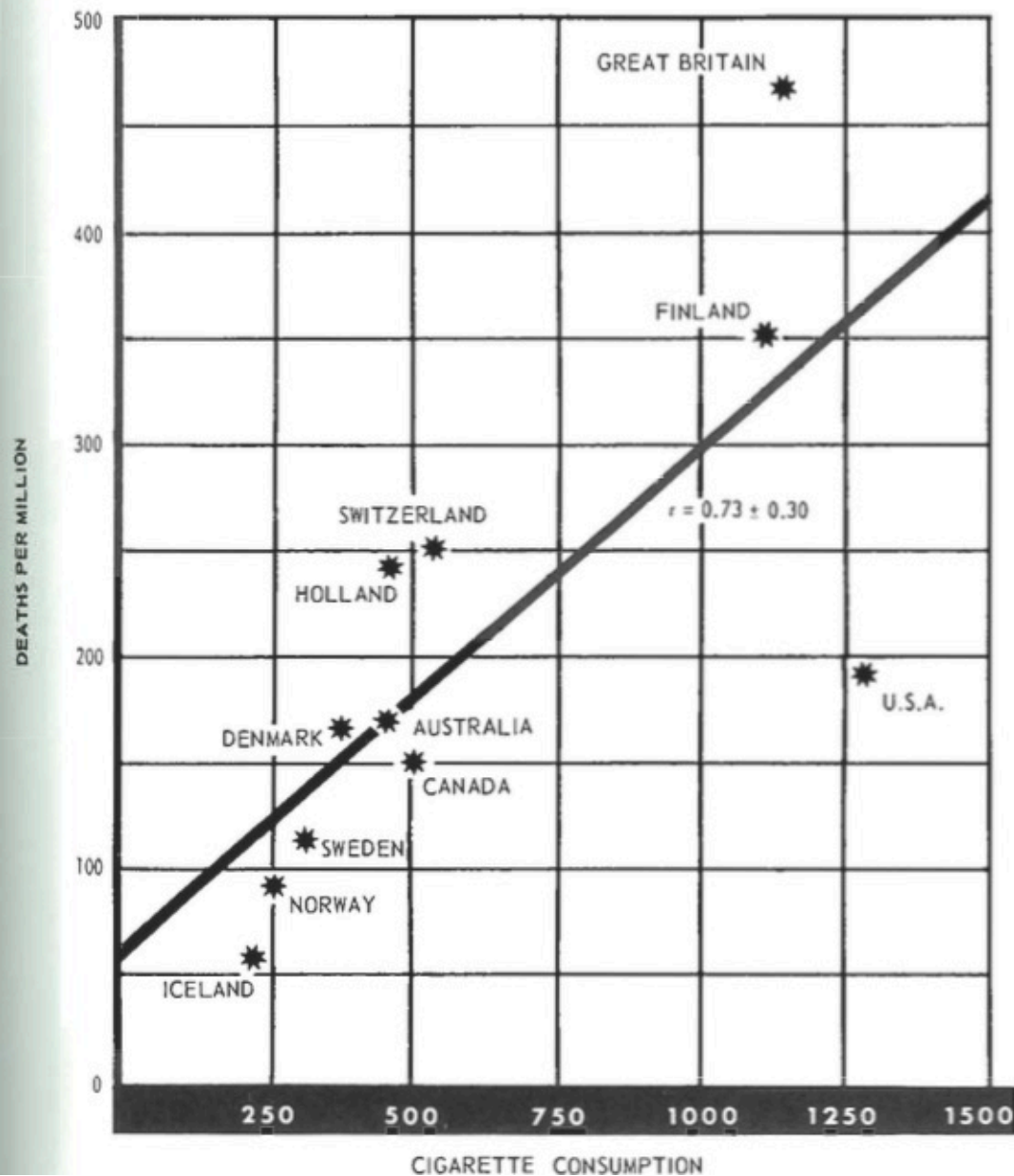
Unifying Maps and Timeseries



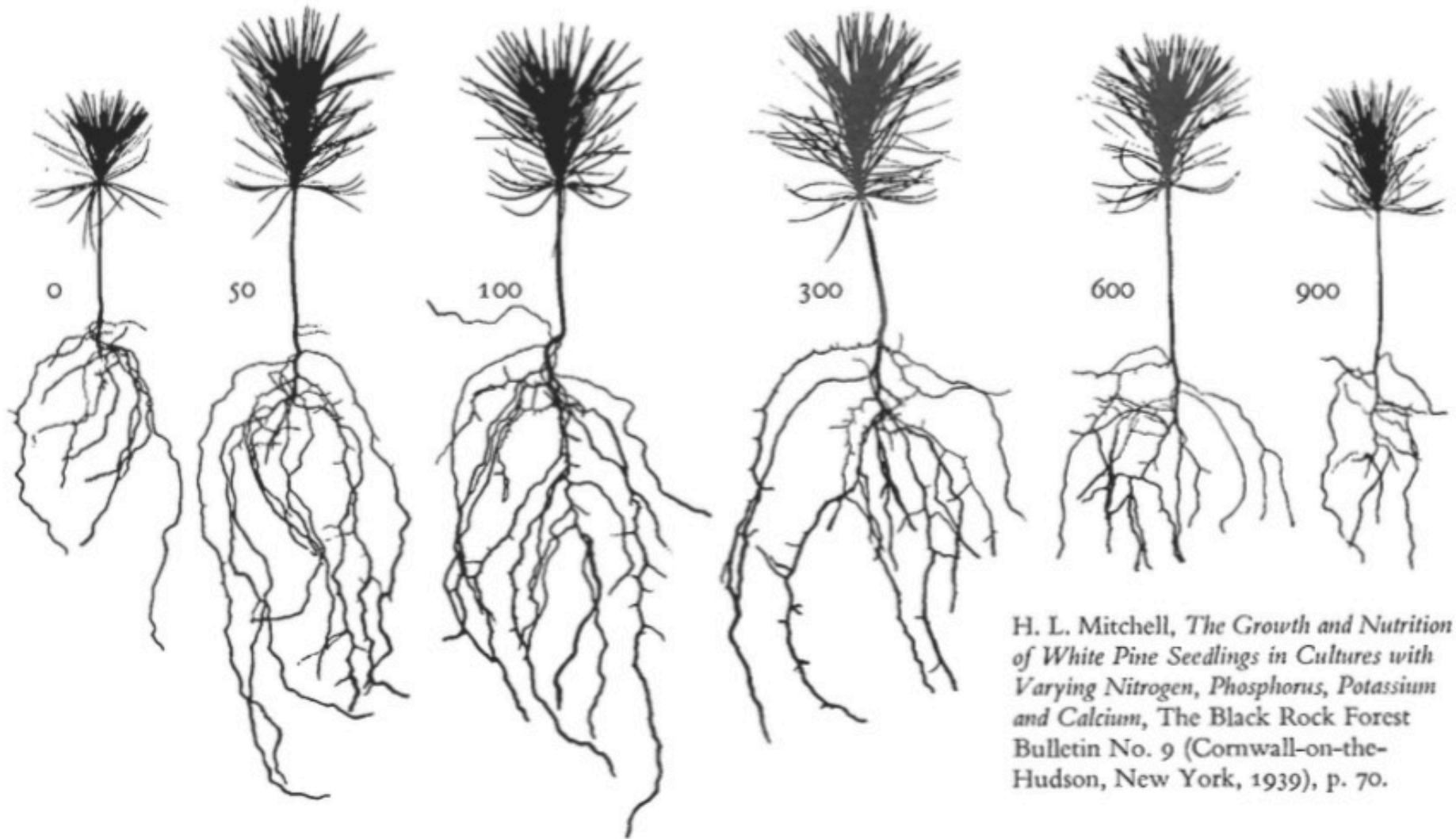
Abstracting Variables to Make a Point



CRUDE MALE DEATH RATE FOR LUNG CANCER IN 1950 AND PER CAPITA CONSUMPTION OF CIGARETTES IN 1930 IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES.



Abstraction Can Tell Wonderful Stories



H. L. Mitchell, *The Growth and Nutrition of White Pine Seedlings in Cultures with Varying Nitrogen, Phosphorus, Potassium and Calcium*, The Black Rock Forest Bulletin No. 9 (Cornwall-on-the-Hudson, New York, 1939), p. 70.

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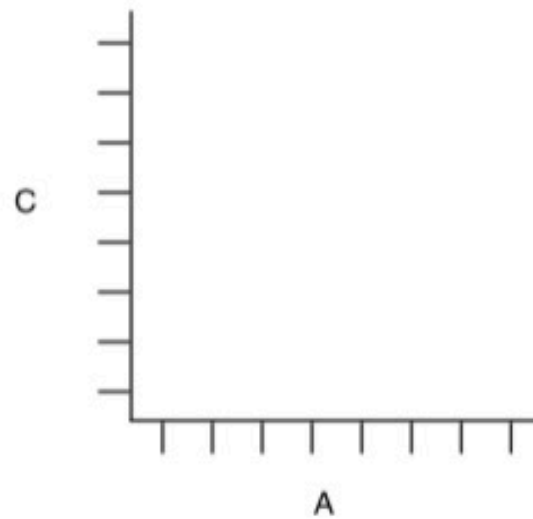
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Elements of a Plot

Geometric Objects



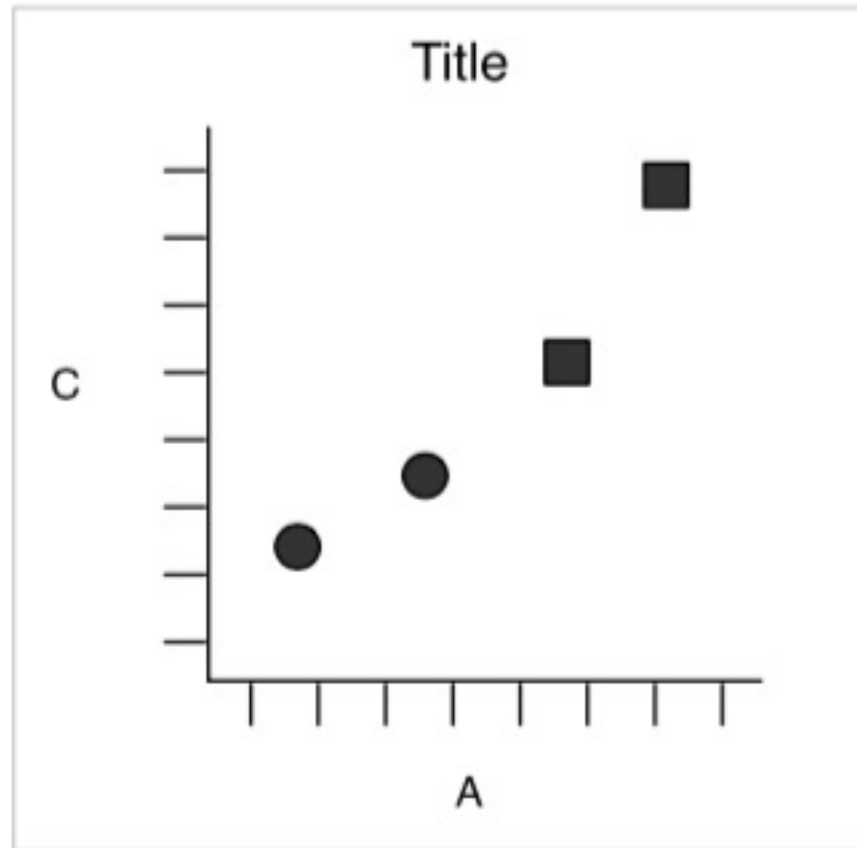
Scales & Coordinates



Annotations

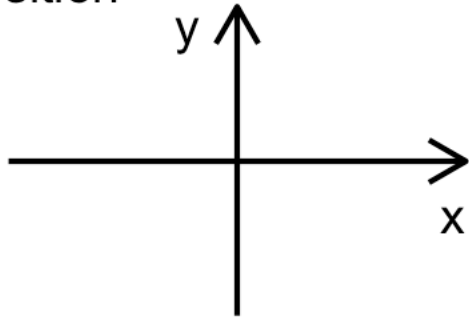


Elements of a Plot



Aesthetics of a Plot

position



shape



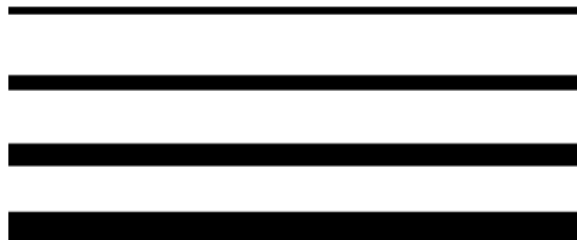
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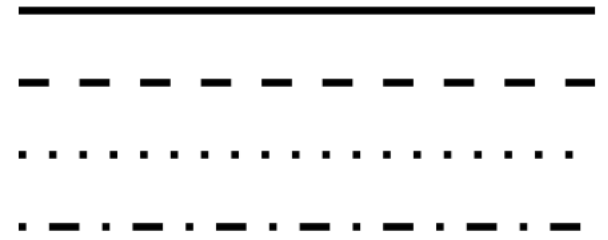
color



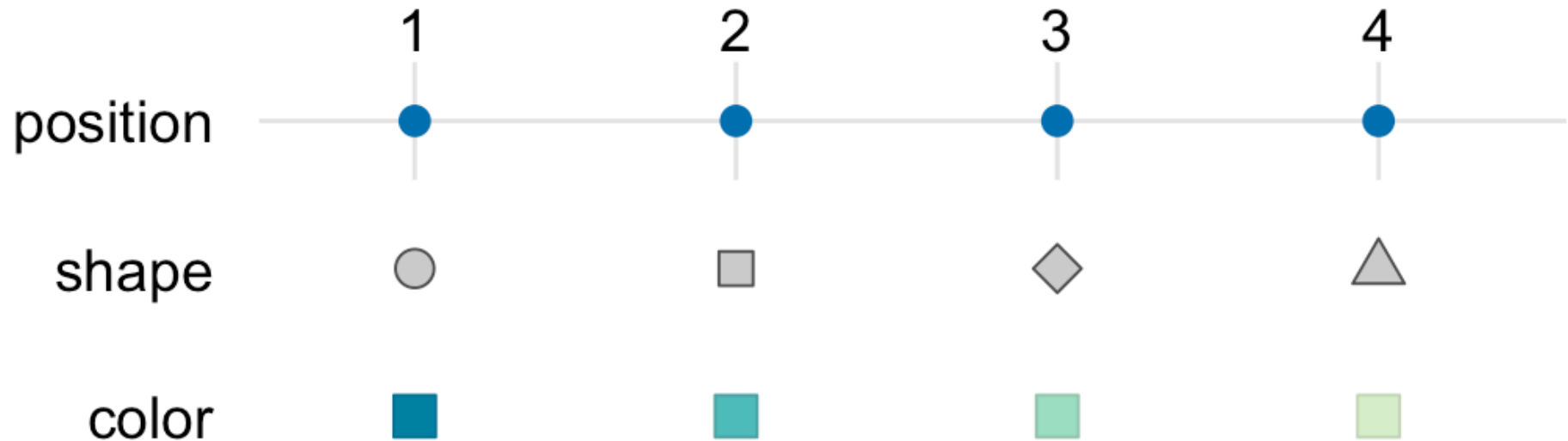
line width



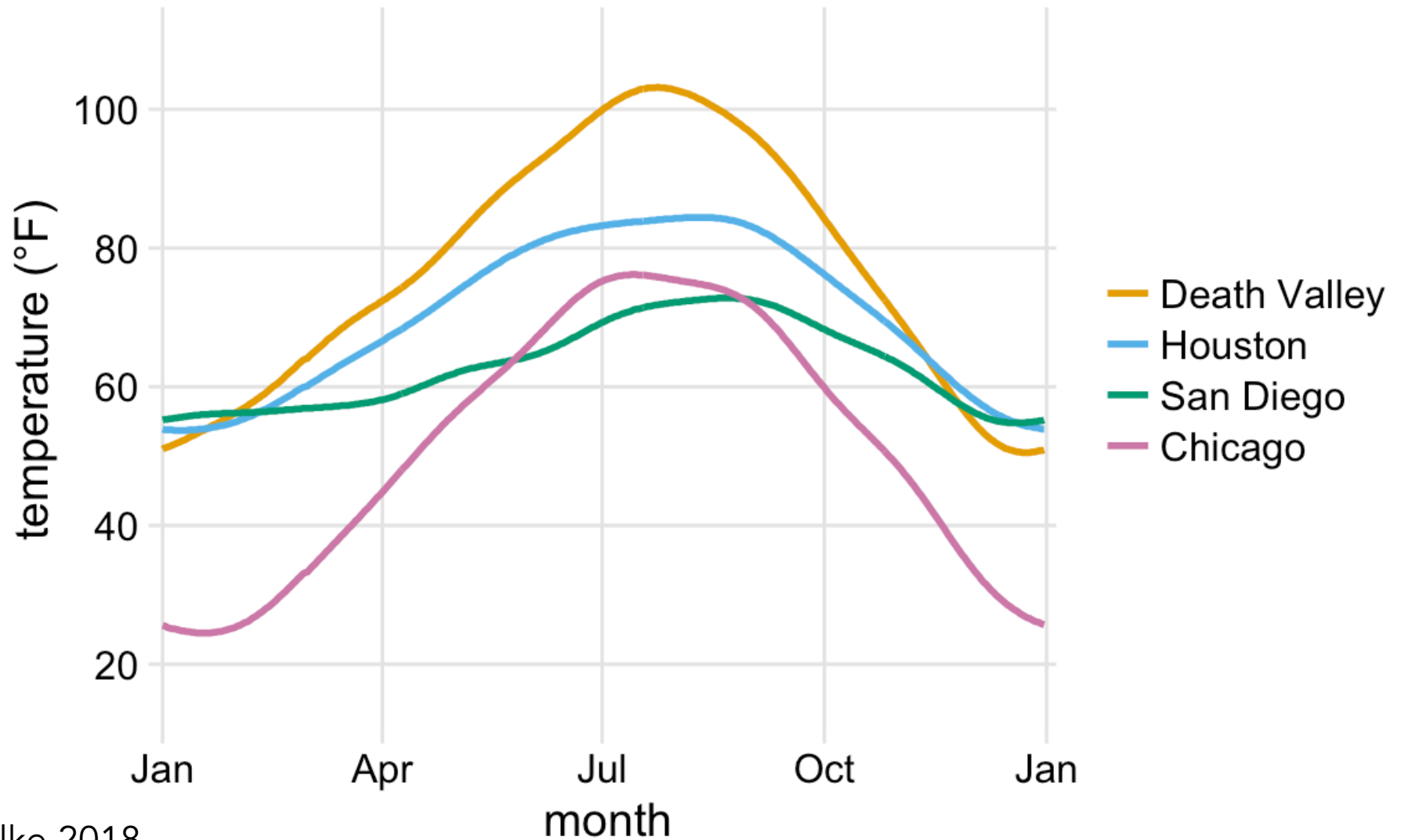
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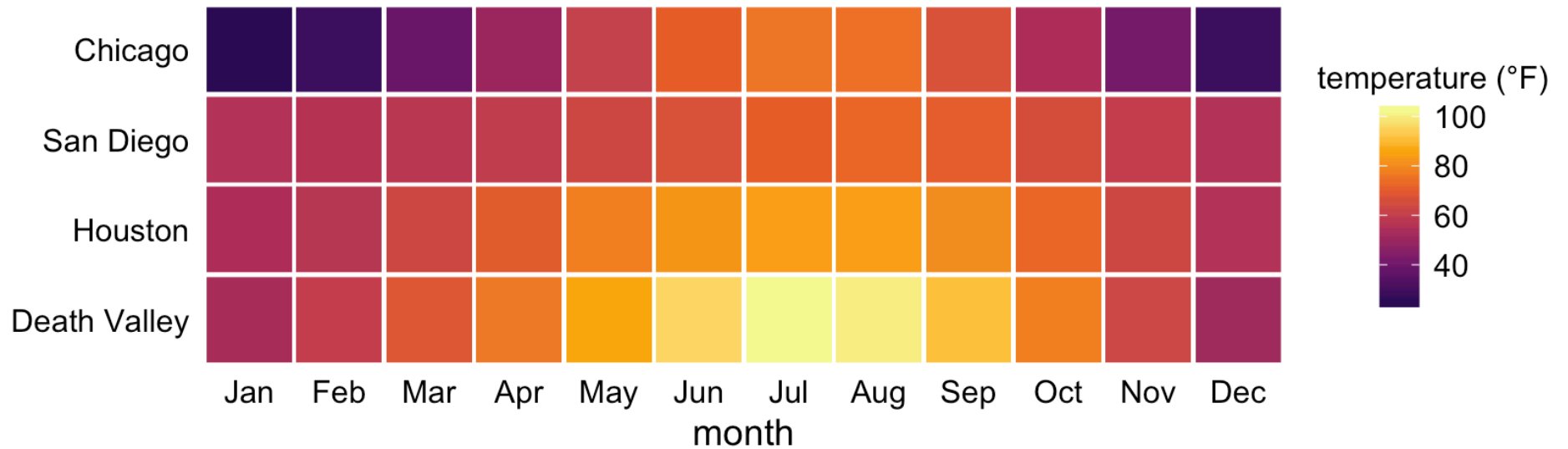
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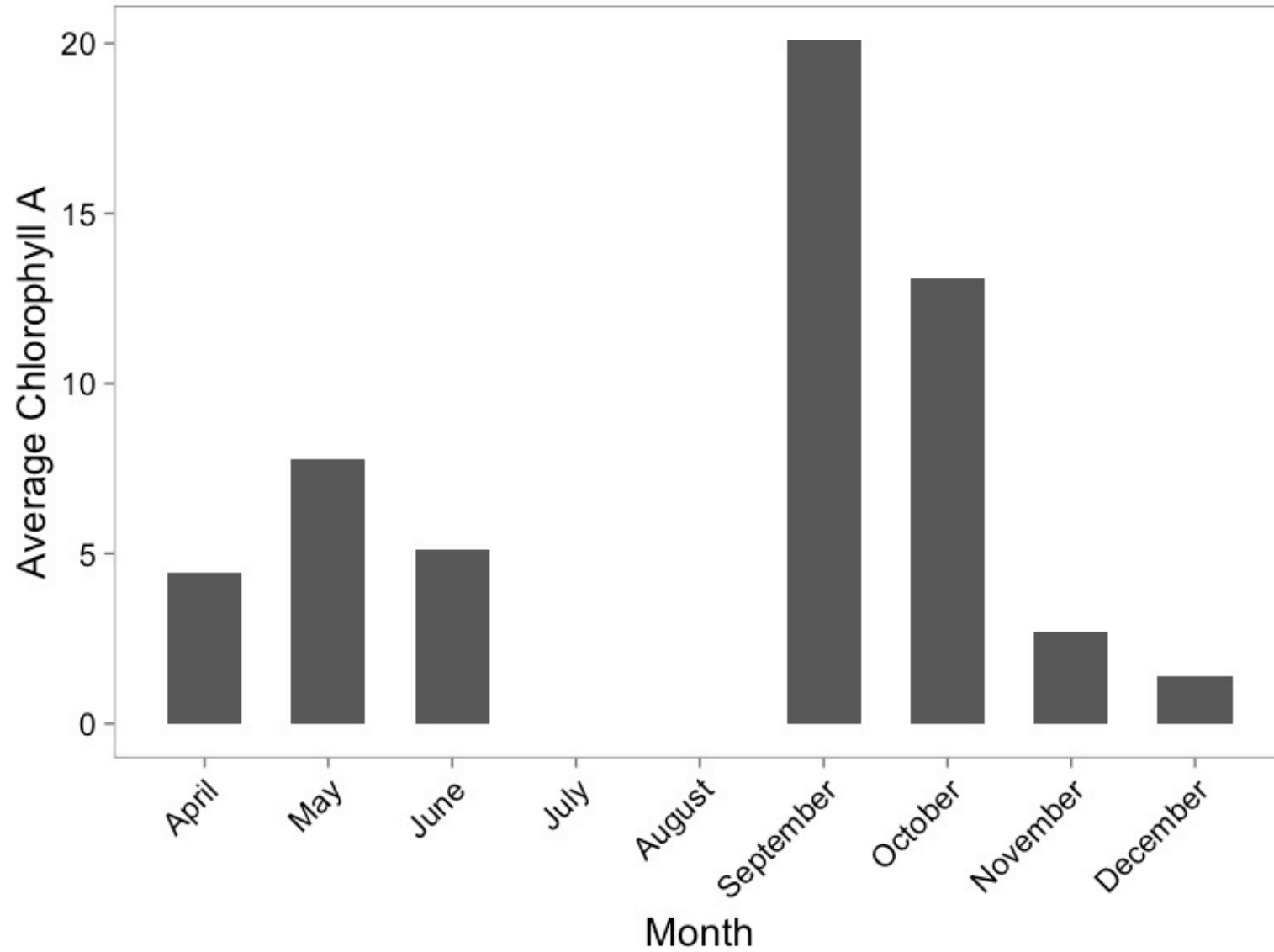
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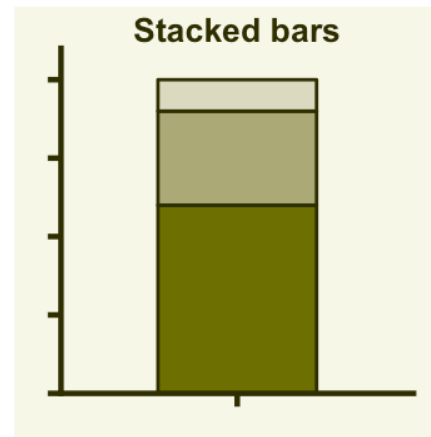
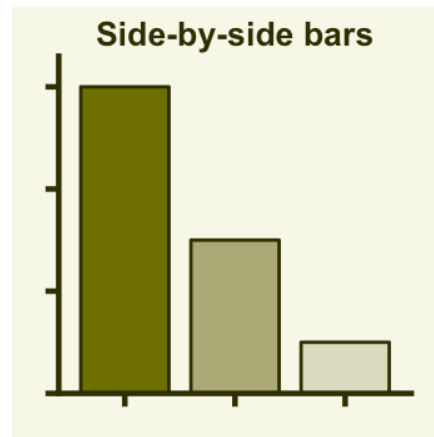
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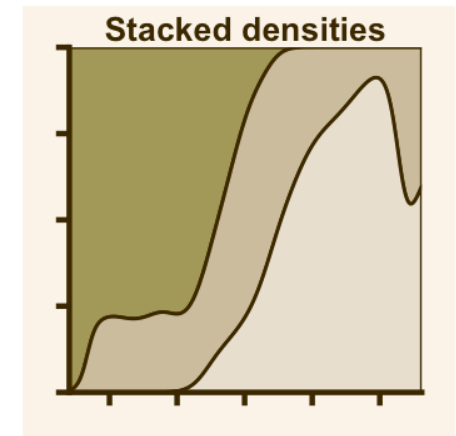
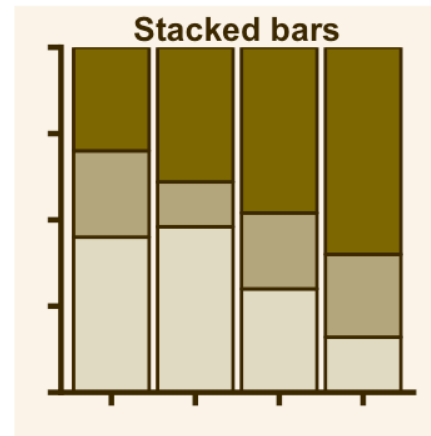
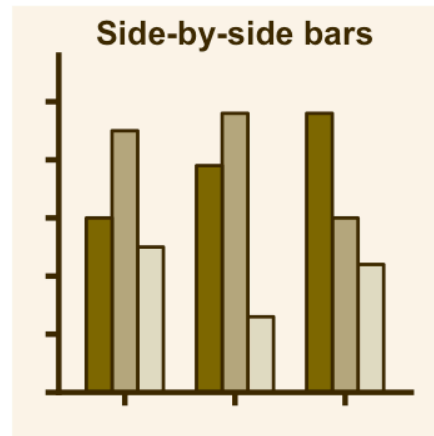
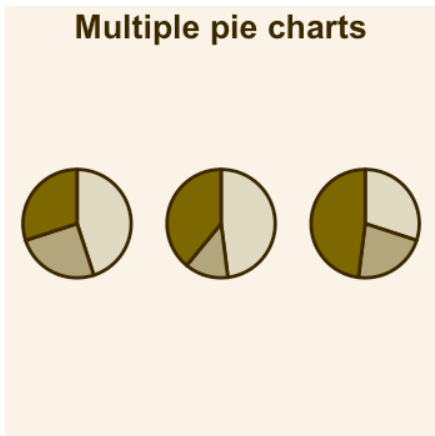
Barplots



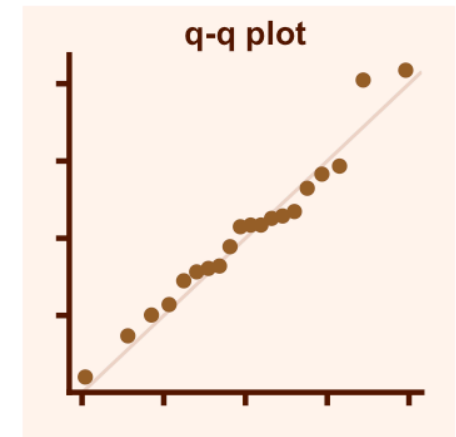
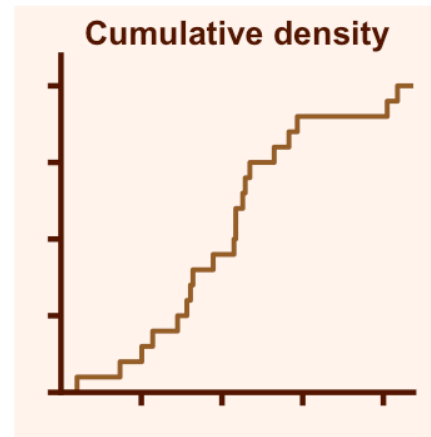
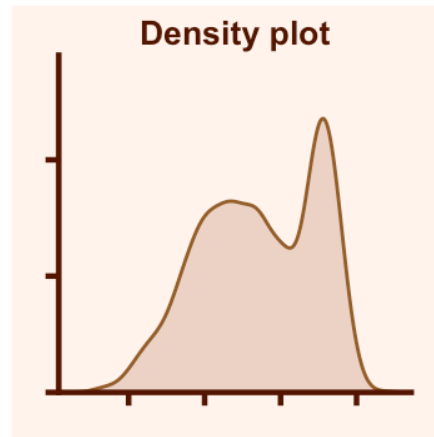
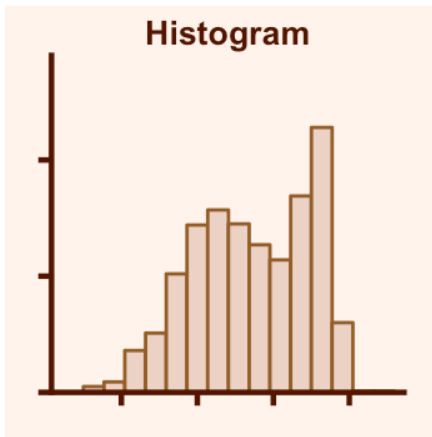
Types of Visualizations: Proportions



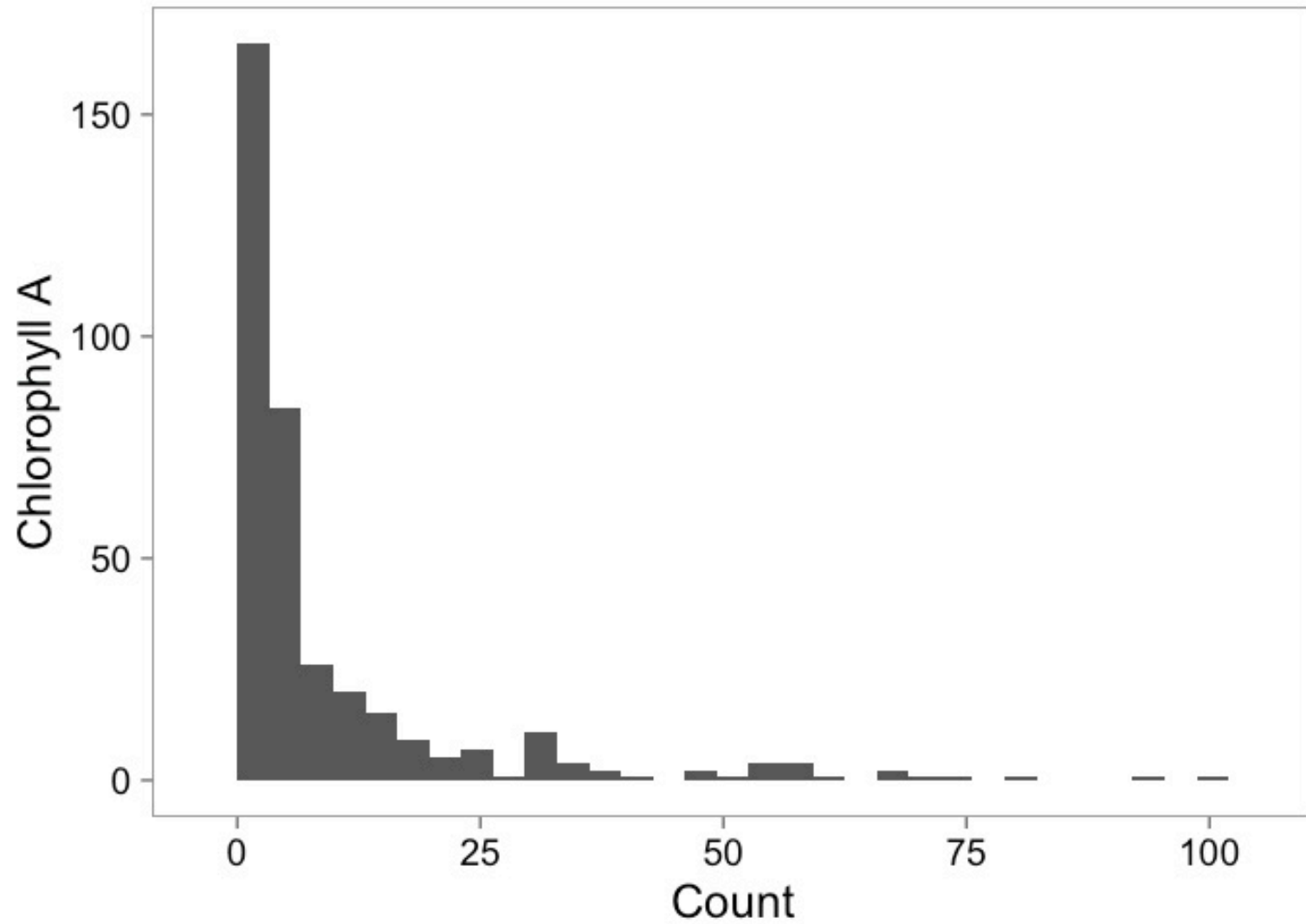
Types of Visualizations: Multiple Proportions



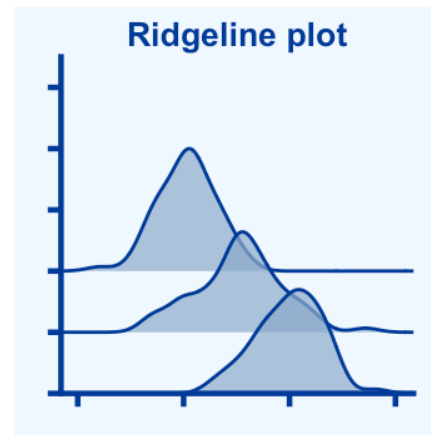
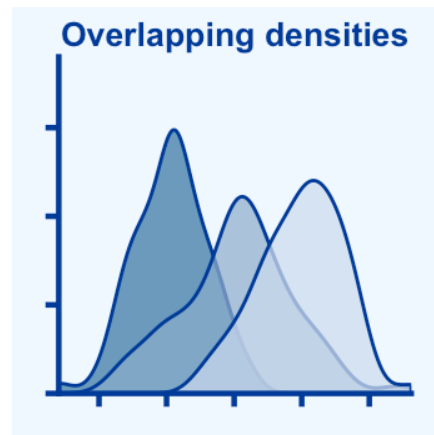
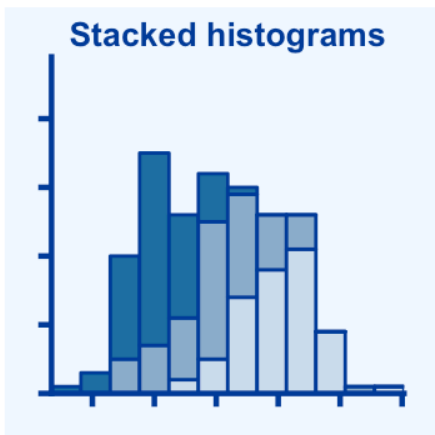
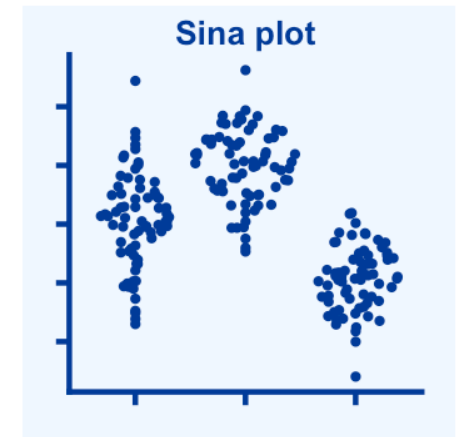
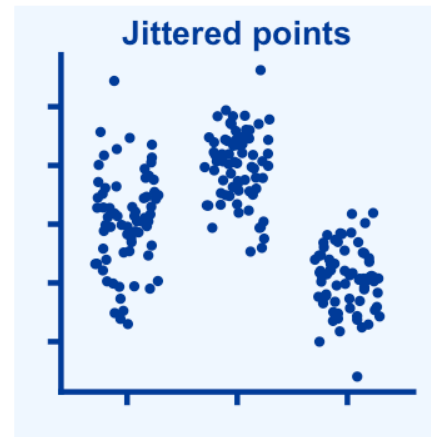
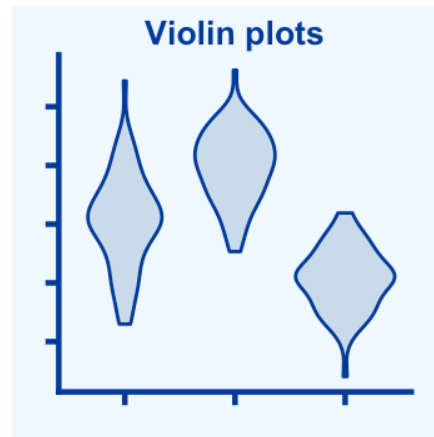
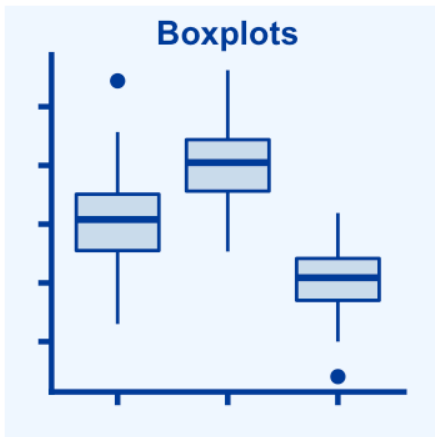
Types of Visualizations: Distributions



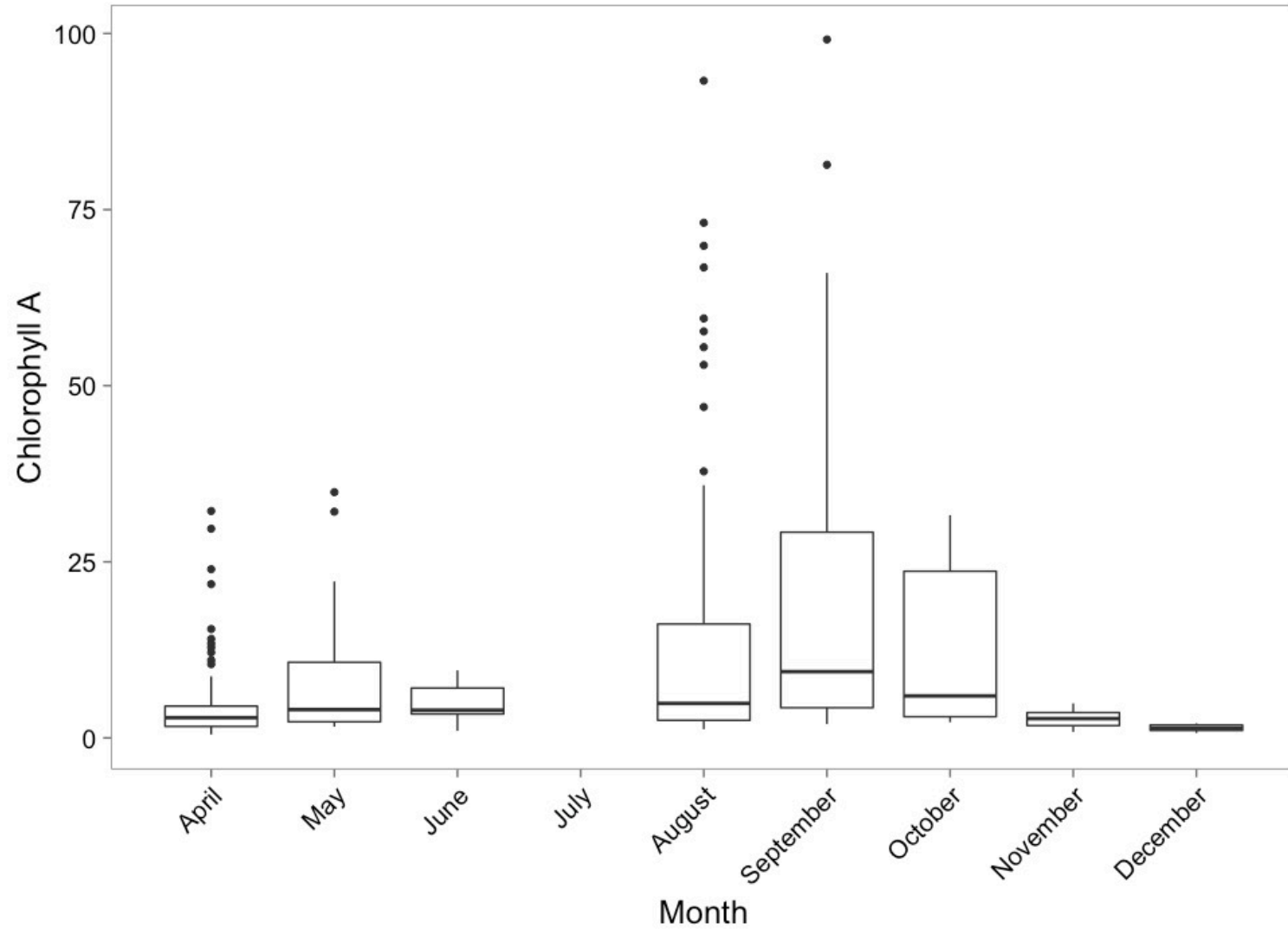
Histograms Show Frequency



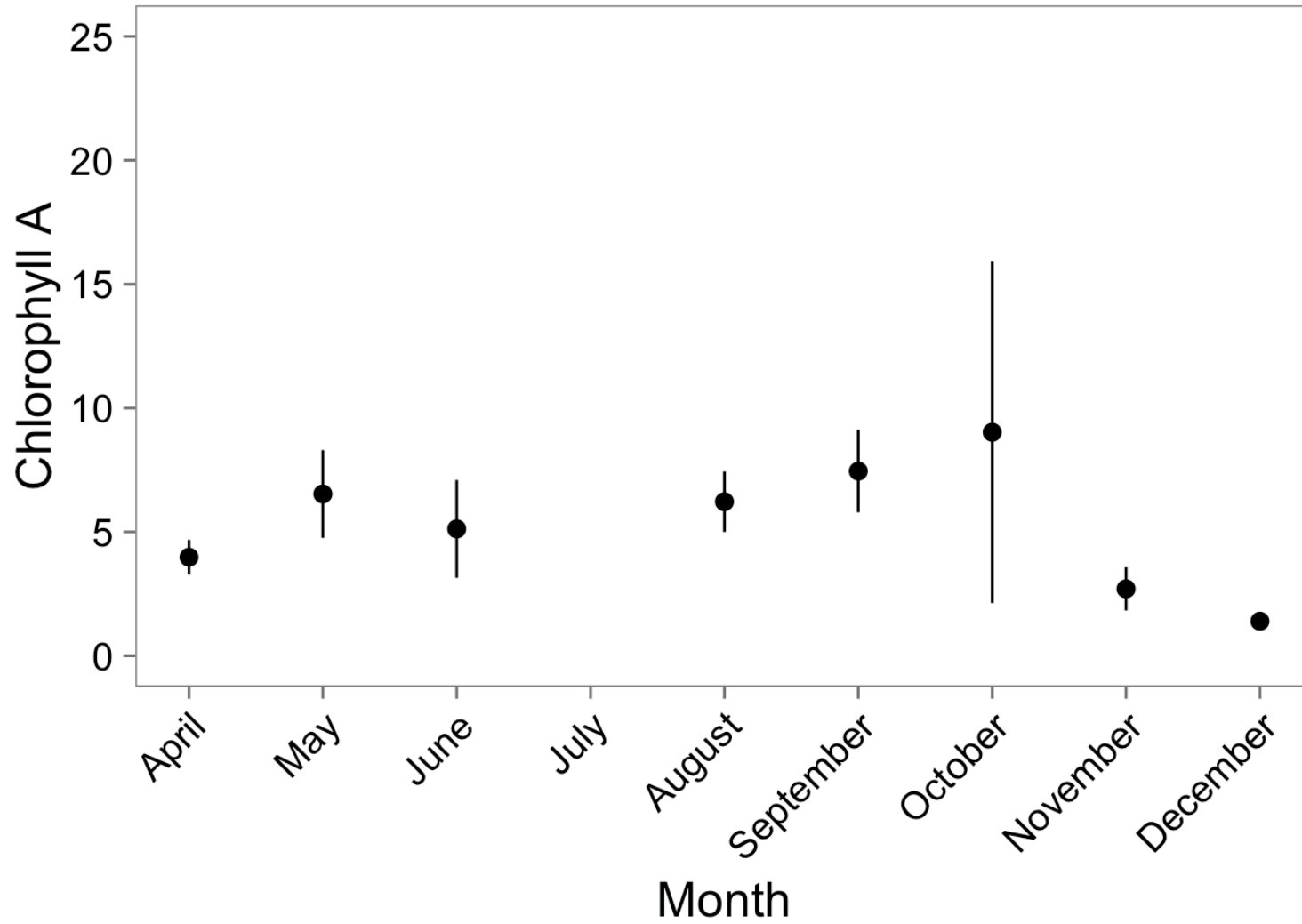
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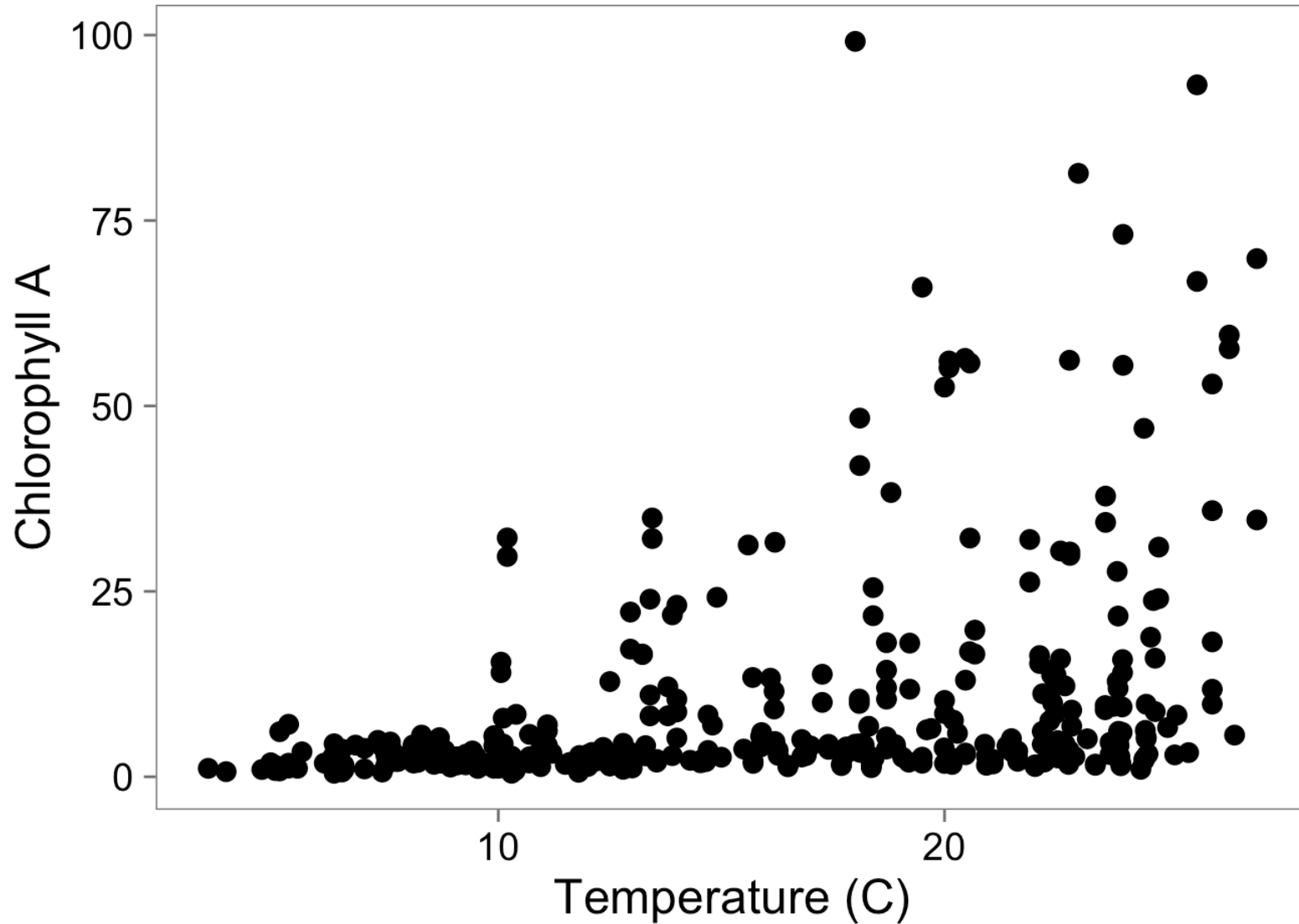
Boxplots to Show Variation



...Or Point-Ranges



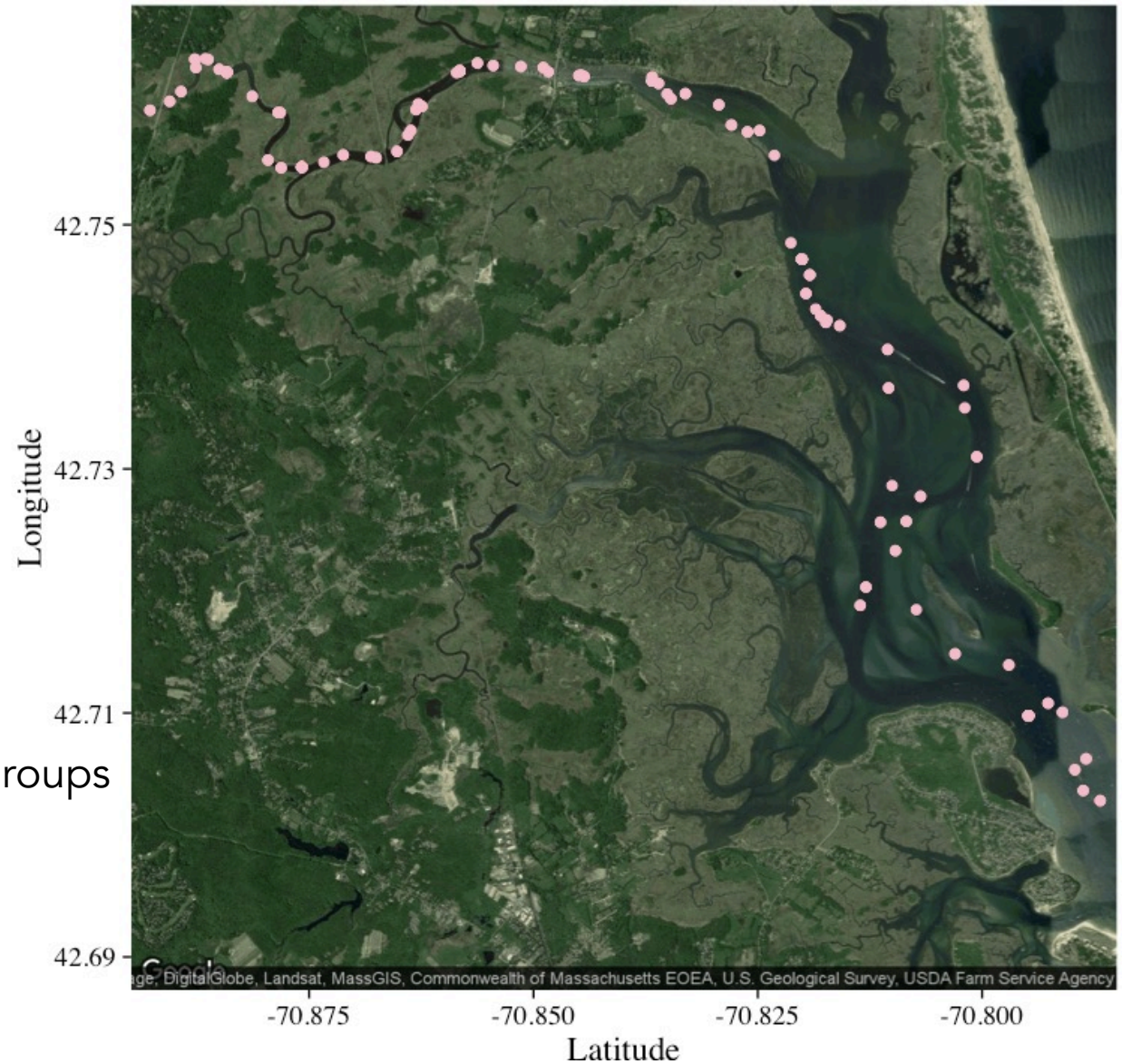
Scatterplots Show Relationships



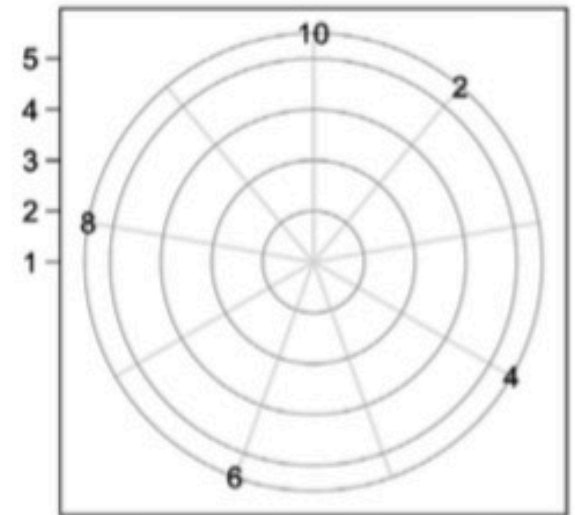
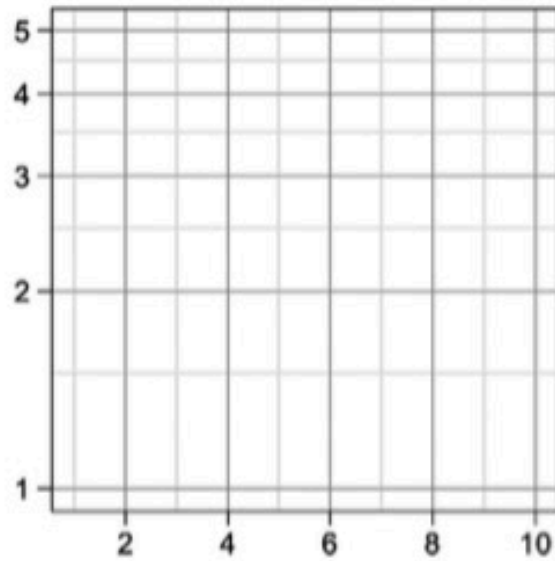
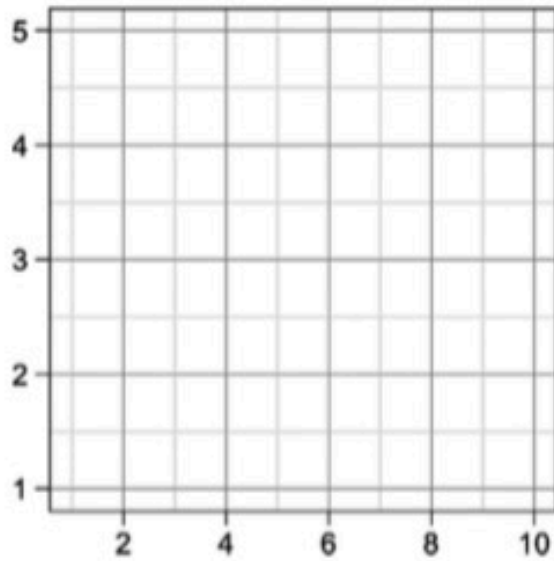
Combining Data Sources and Maps



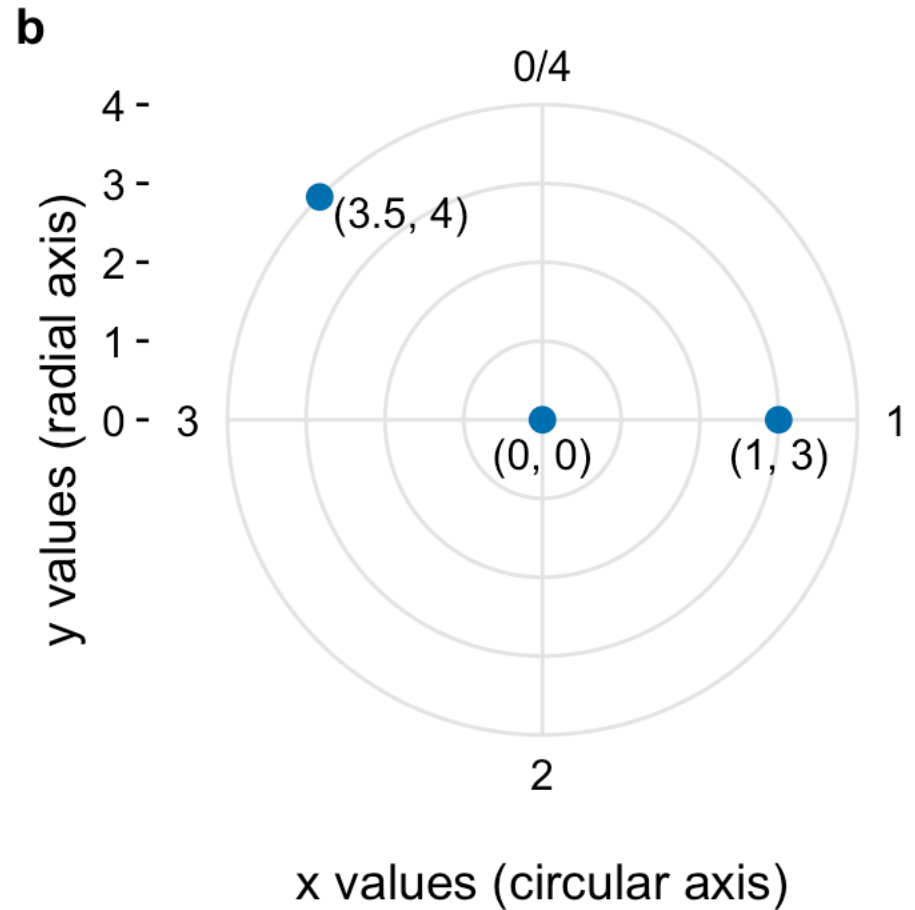
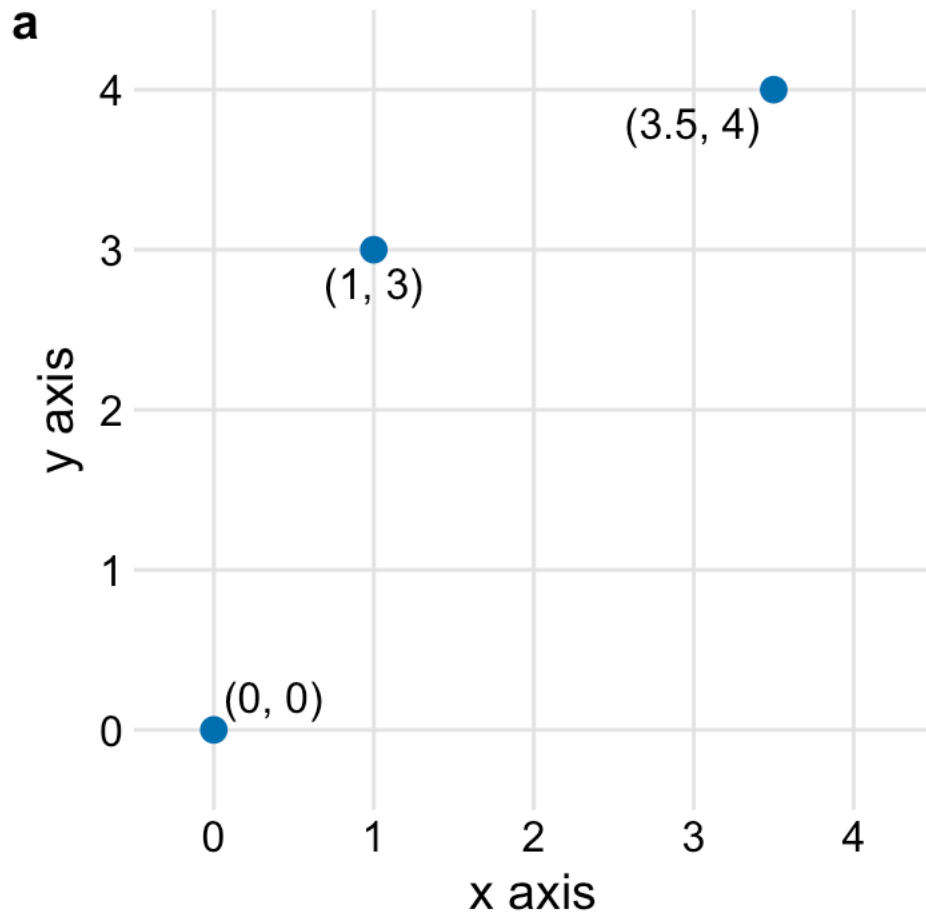
- Chlorophyll a
- Abundance of taxonomic groups
- Temperature
- Salinity



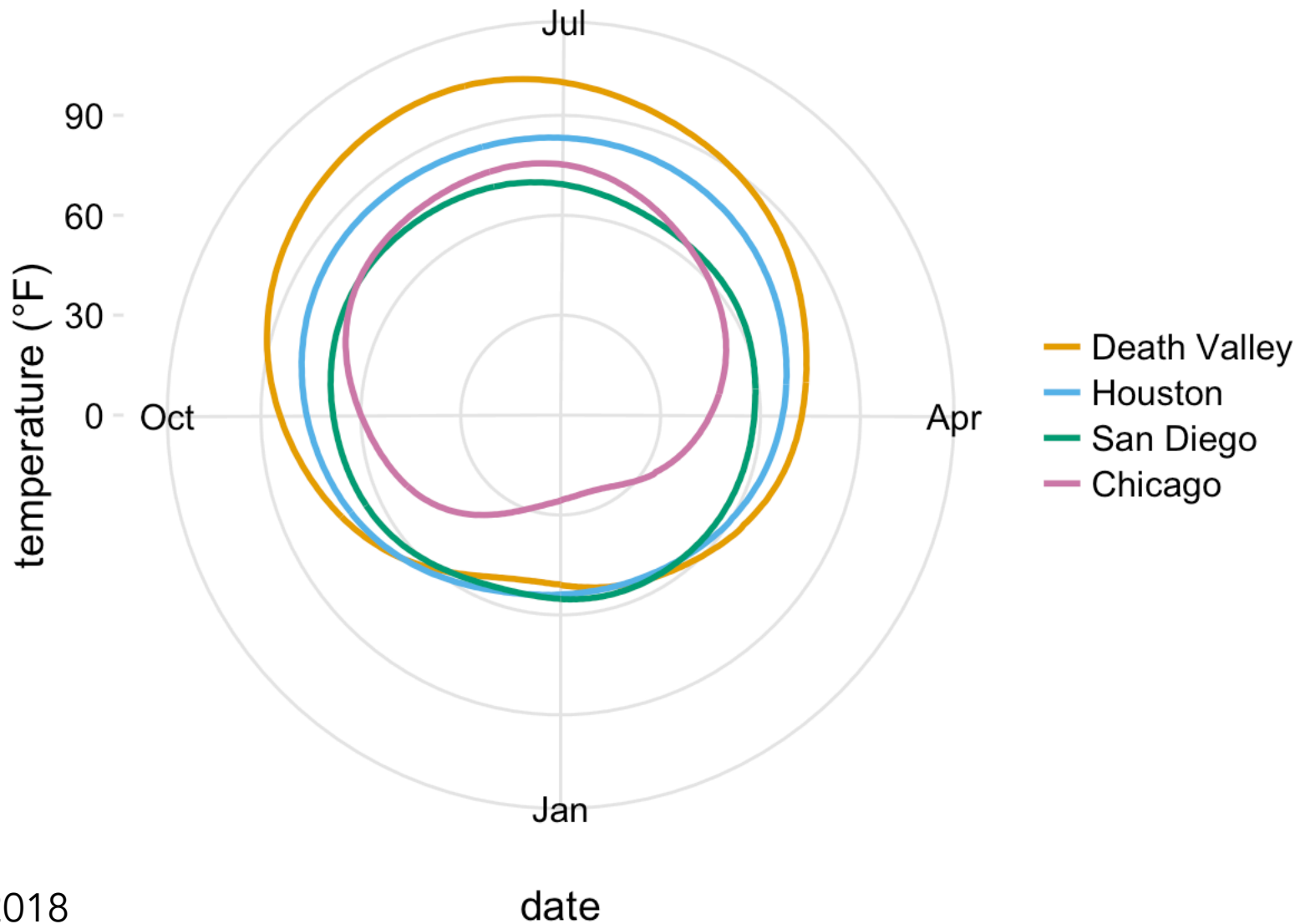
Coordinate Systems Transform Relationships



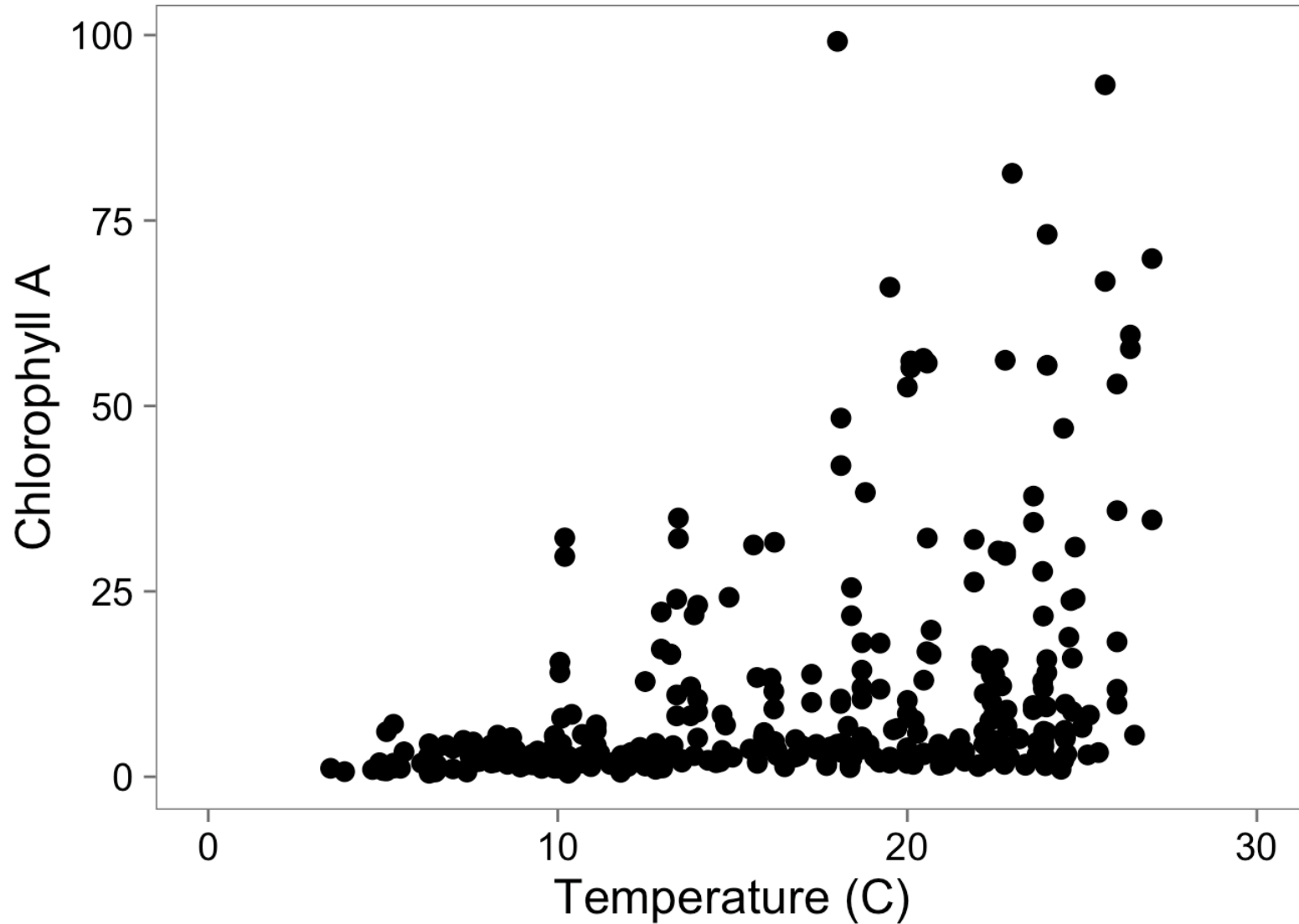
The Polar Coordinate System is Useful



The Polar Coordinate System is Useful!

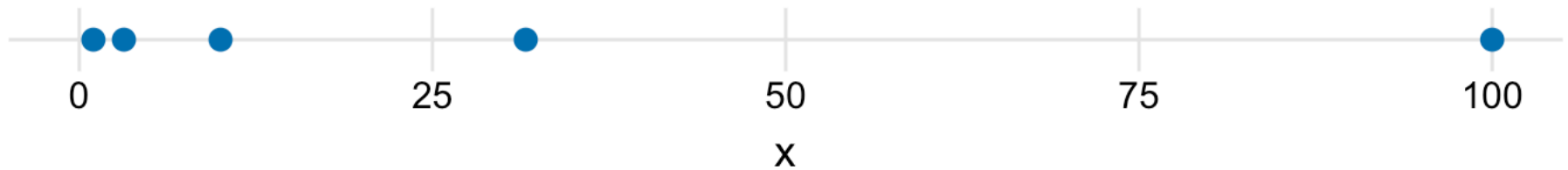


Adding Full Scale to 0

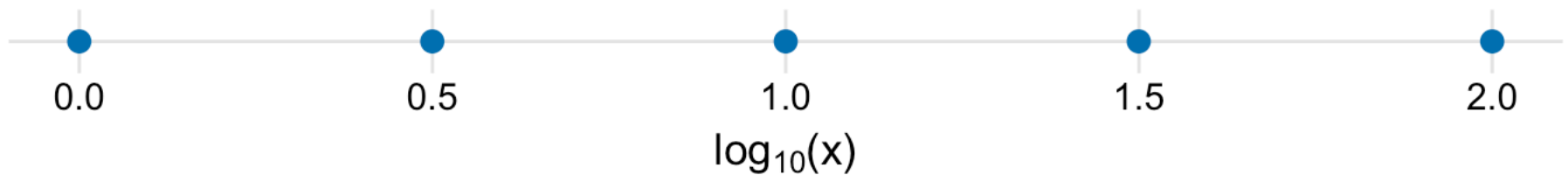


Why Transform?

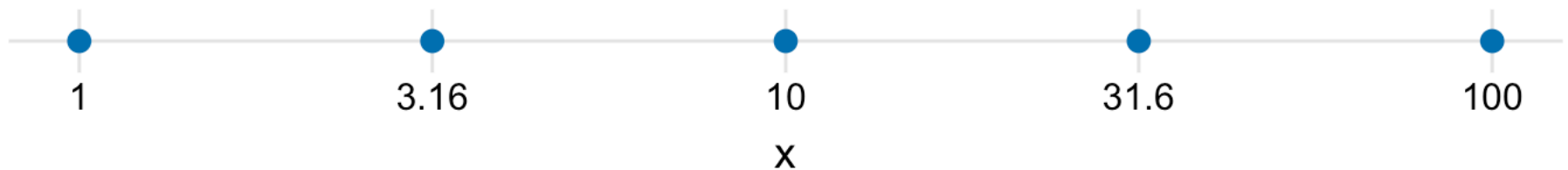
original data, linear scale



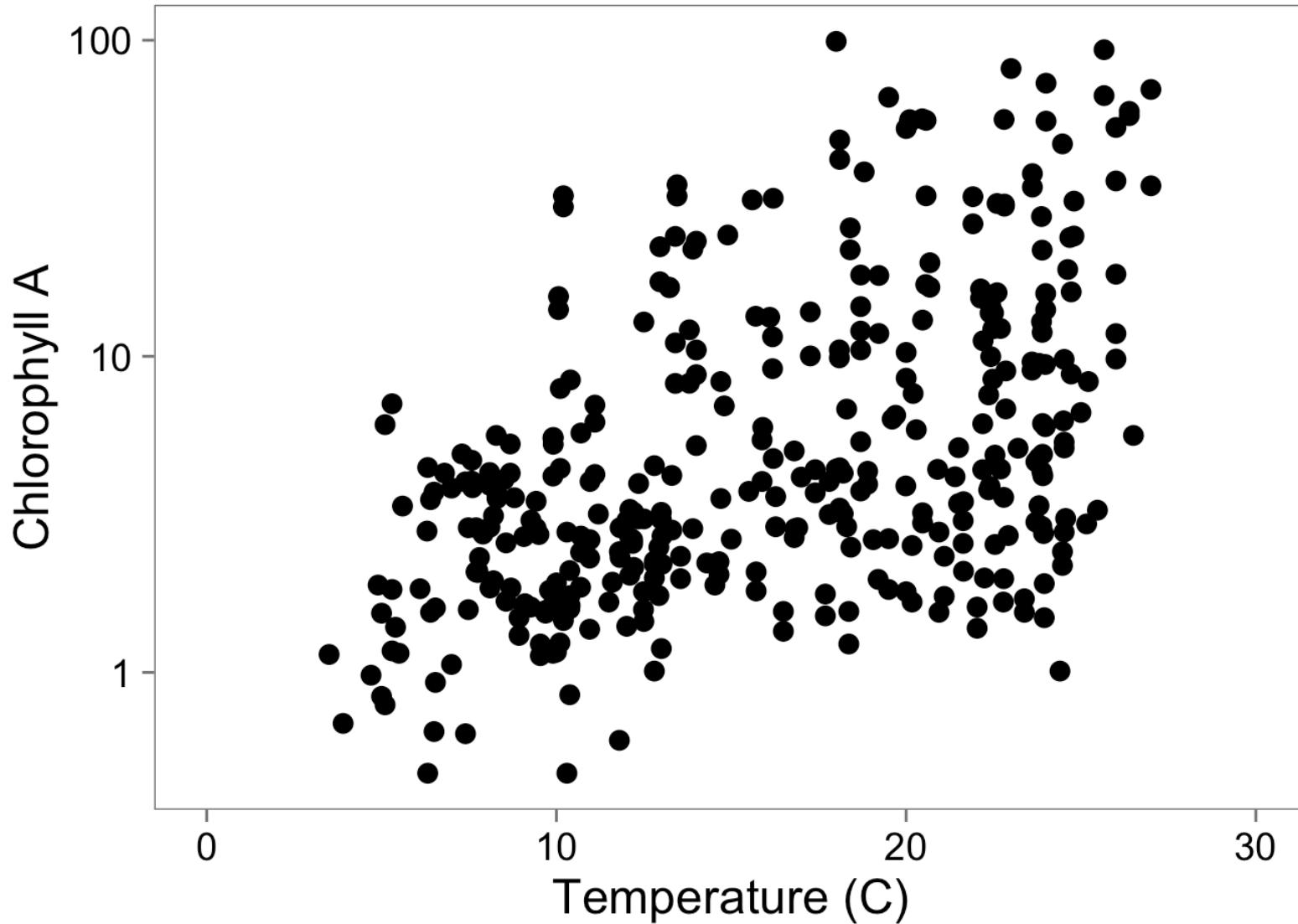
log-transformed data, linear scale



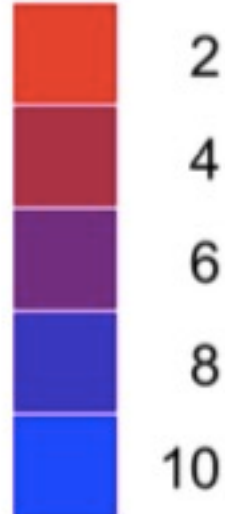
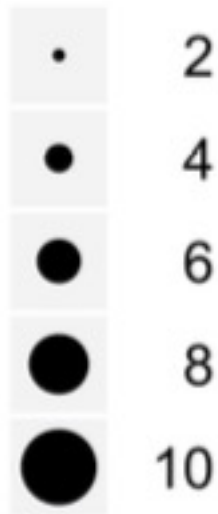
original data, logarithmic scale



Log-Transformation To See Relationship



Scales to Add Dimensions of Data



Colors Can Distinguish Groups

Okabe Ito



ColorBrewer Dark2



ggplot2 hue



Colors Can Show Data

ColorBrewer Blues



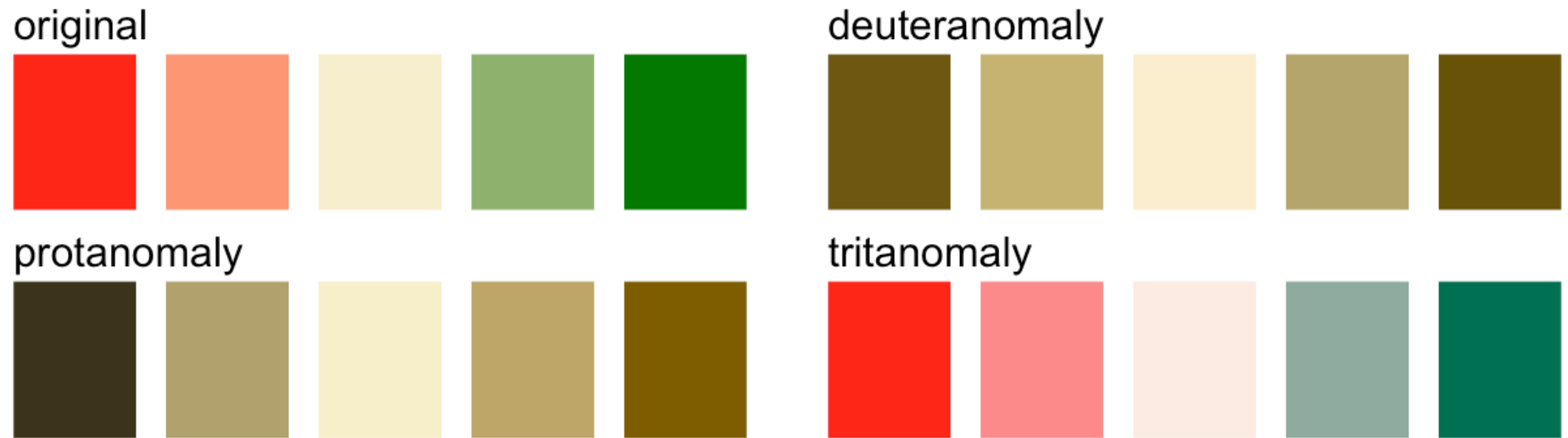
Heat



Viridis



Beware Not Thinking About Color Blindness



Never use Red-Green!

Use redundant coding: shapes, sizes, etc.

Colorbrewer.org

The screenshot displays the ColorBrewer 2.0 interface. At the top right, it says "COLORBREWER 2.0 color advice for cartography". The main navigation bar includes "how to use", "updates", "downloads", and "credits".

Number of data classes: 3

Nature of your data: sequential diverging qualitative

Pick a color scheme:

- Multi-hue: 12 color scheme options
- Single hue: 3 color scheme options

Only show: colorblind safe print friendly photocopy safe

Context: roads cities borders

Background: solid color terrain

3-class BuGn

EXPORT

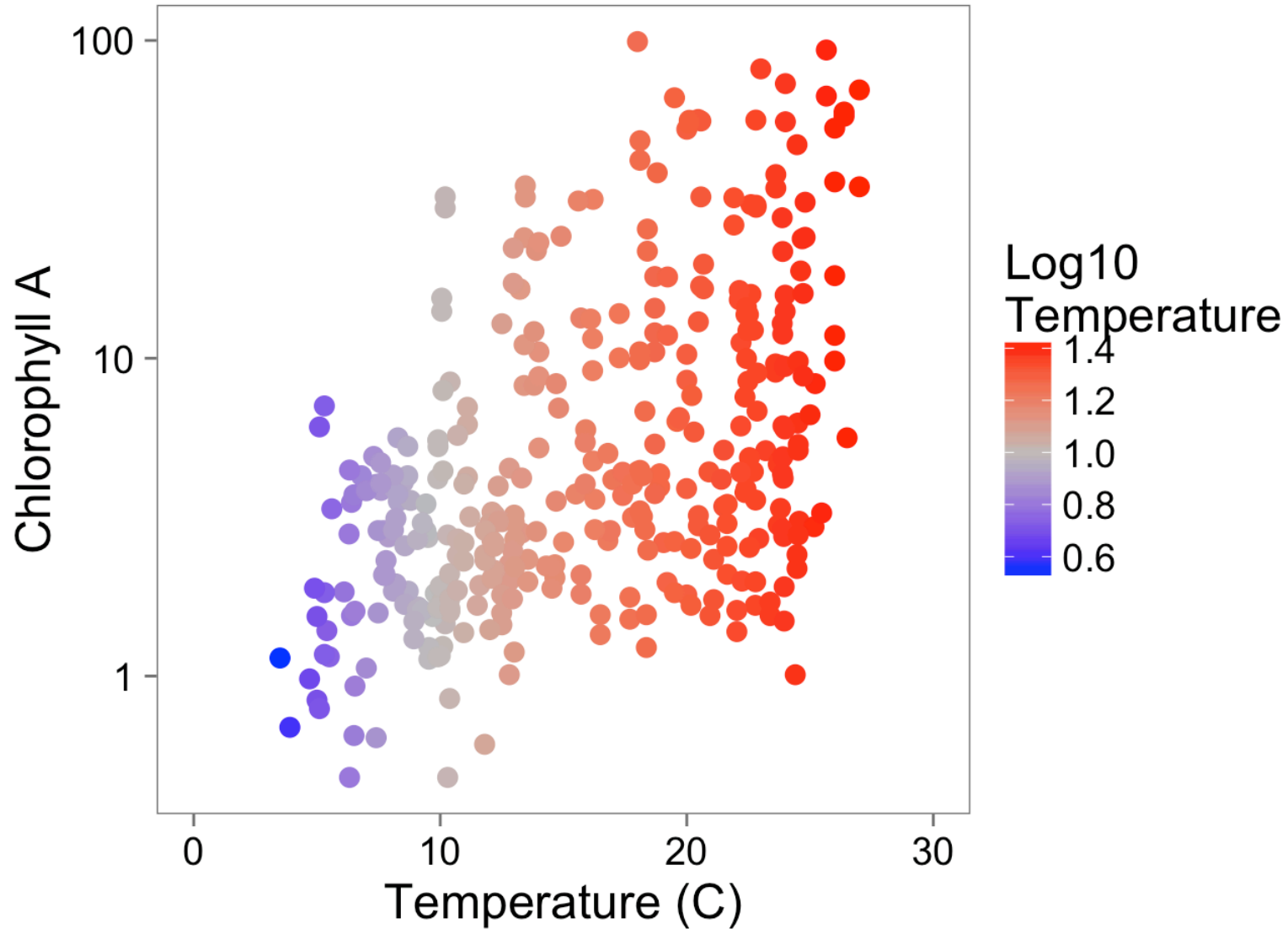
HEX

- #e5f5f9
- #99d8c9
- #2ca25f

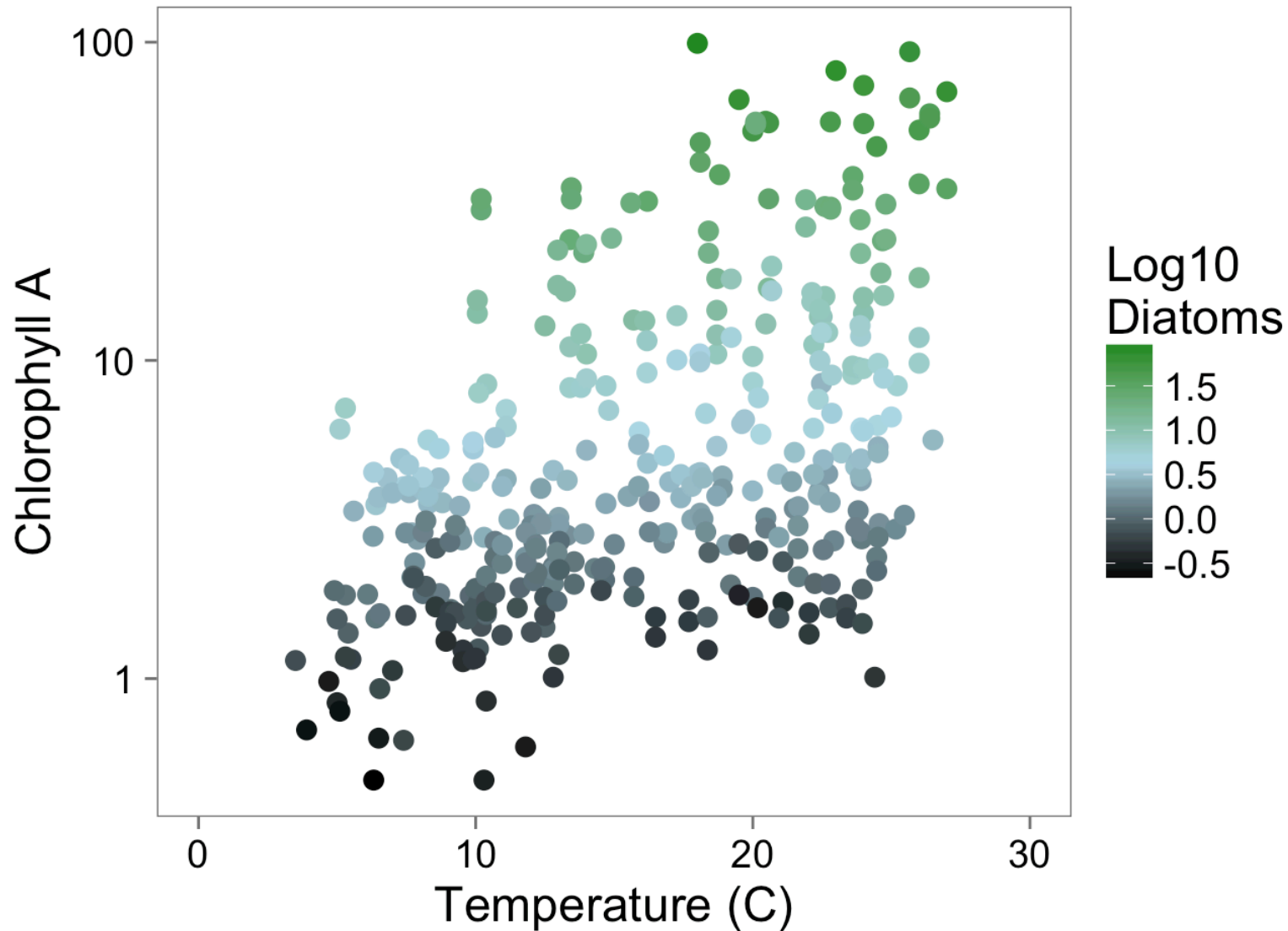
color transparency

See also <https://flowingdata.com/tag/color/>

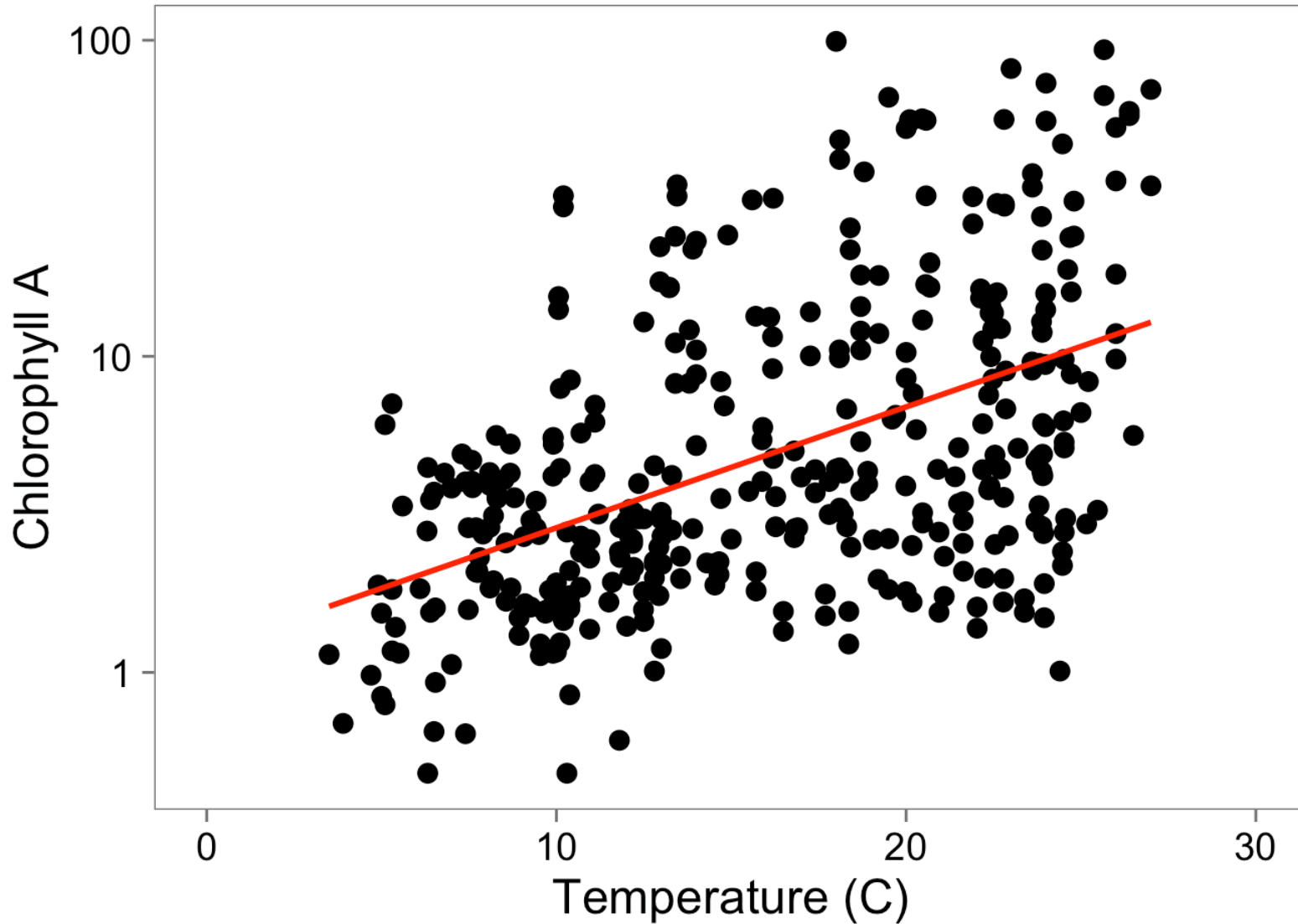
A Touch of Color!



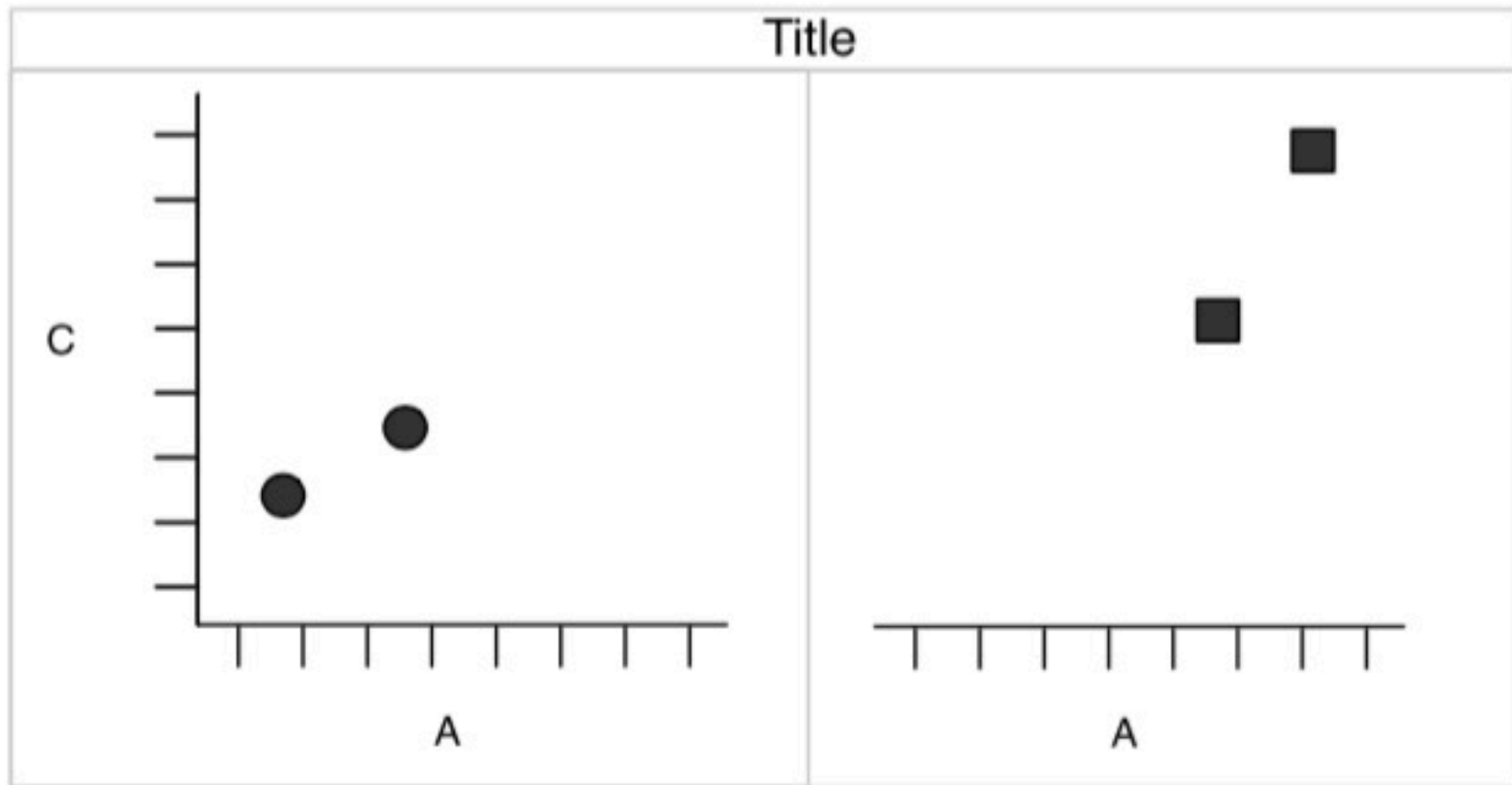
Color Can Bring in Another Dimension



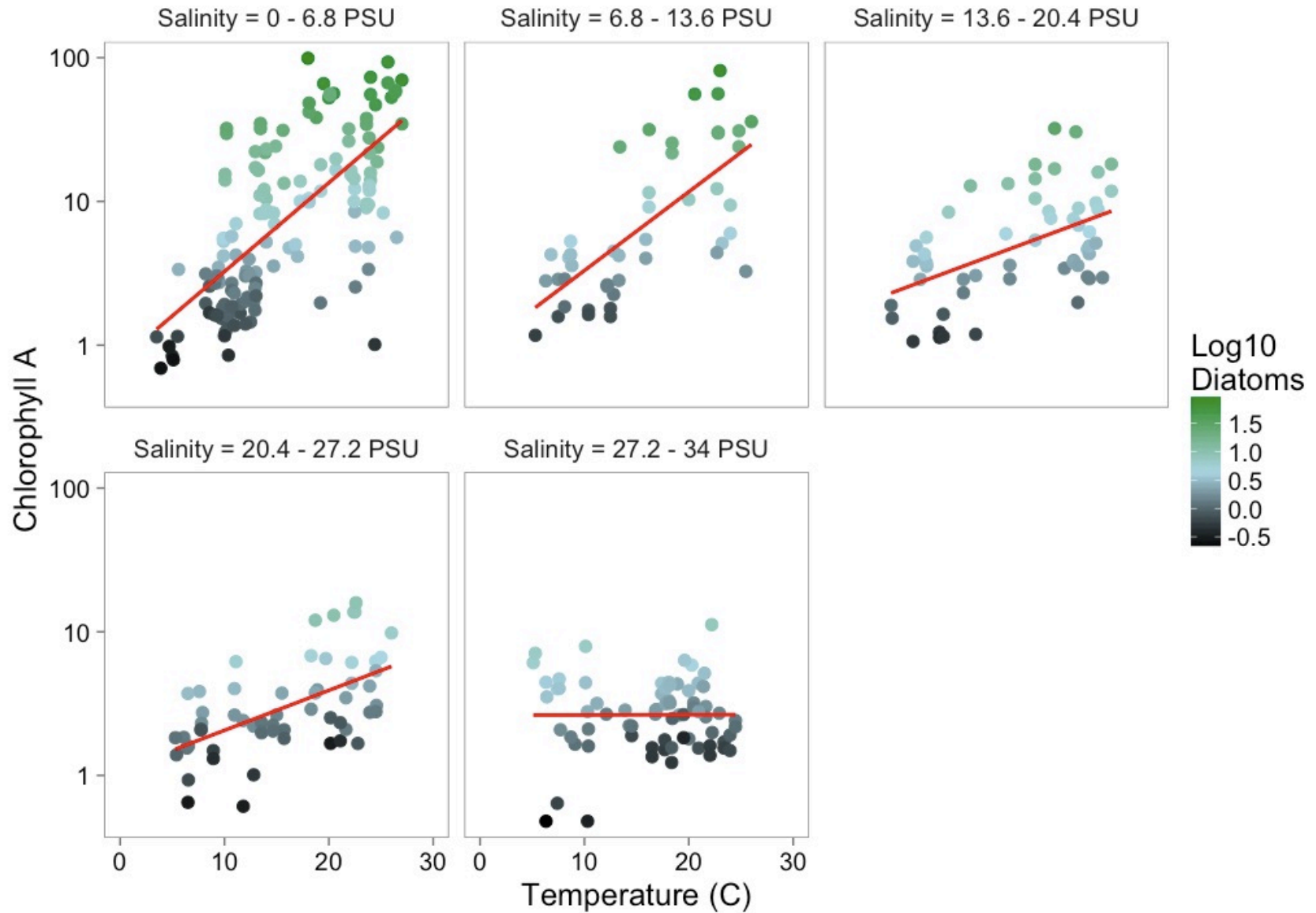
Statistical Fit to Aid Understanding



Facets to Add Fine-Grained Information or New Dimensions



Facets Add Information



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Minimalist Presentation

1. Above all else show data.
2. Maximize the data-ink ratio
3. Erase non-data-ink.
4. Erase redundant data-ink.

