

VEGA-LITE

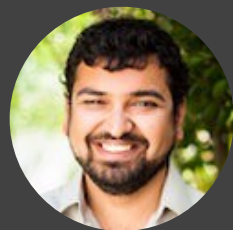
A Grammar of Interactive Graphics

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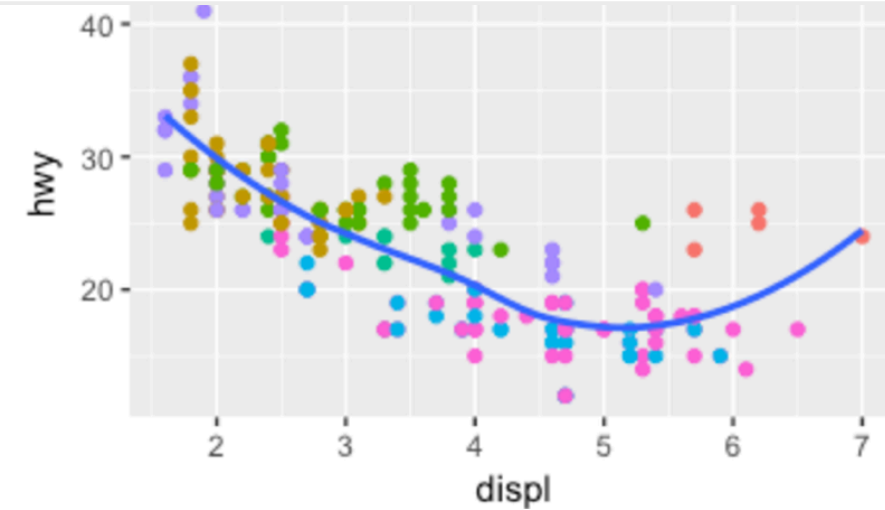
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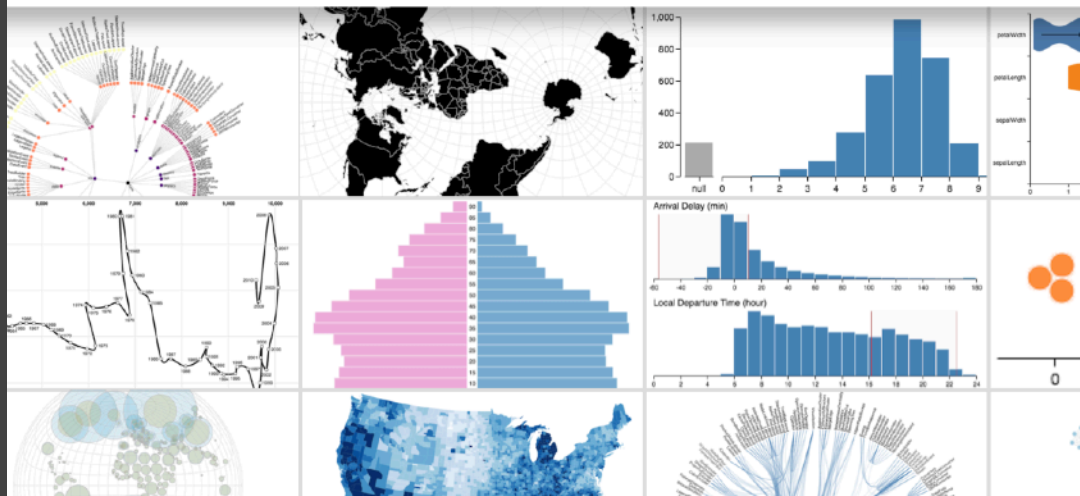
Data-Driven Documents



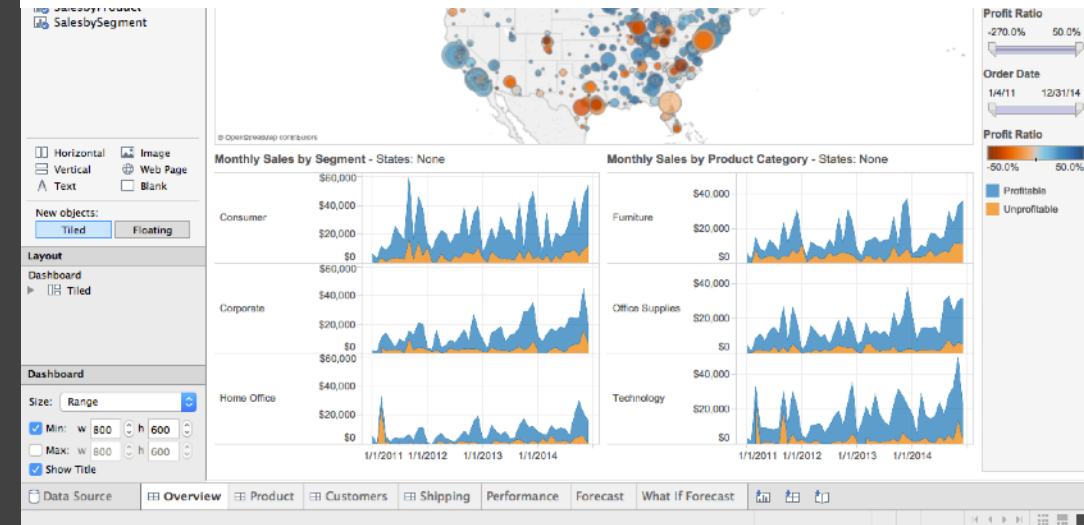
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Vega – A Visualization Grammar



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Statistics and Computing

Leland Wilkinson

**The Grammar
of Graphics**

Second Edition

 Springer

A detailed LEGO model of a ship's deck, likely from the Boston Tea Party set. The model features several minifigures dressed as Native Americans, some wearing traditional headdresses. The deck is constructed from brown and tan bricks, with a blue gridded base representing the water. In the foreground, there are several blue plastic pieces, possibly representing ice or debris, and a small brown crate. The background shows more of the ship's structure, including a ladder and a figure in a white headdress.

Building Blocks

for composing
an **expressive** range of graphics

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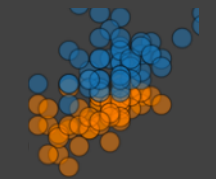
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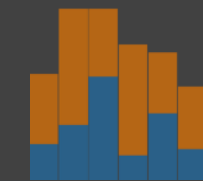
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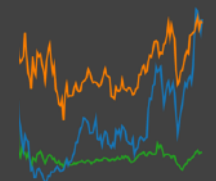
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Point/Symbol



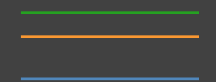
Bar



Line

Abc

Text



Rule



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Rect

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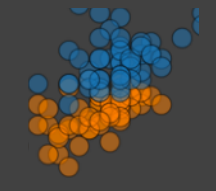
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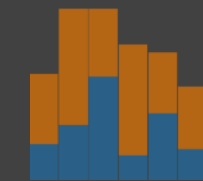
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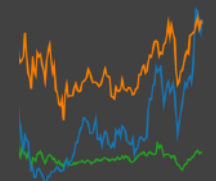
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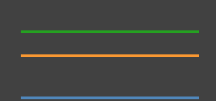
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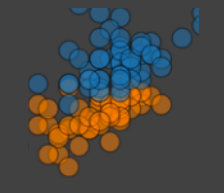
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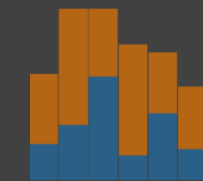
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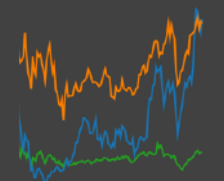
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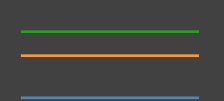
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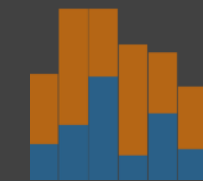
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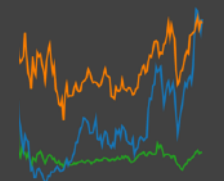
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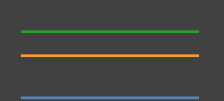
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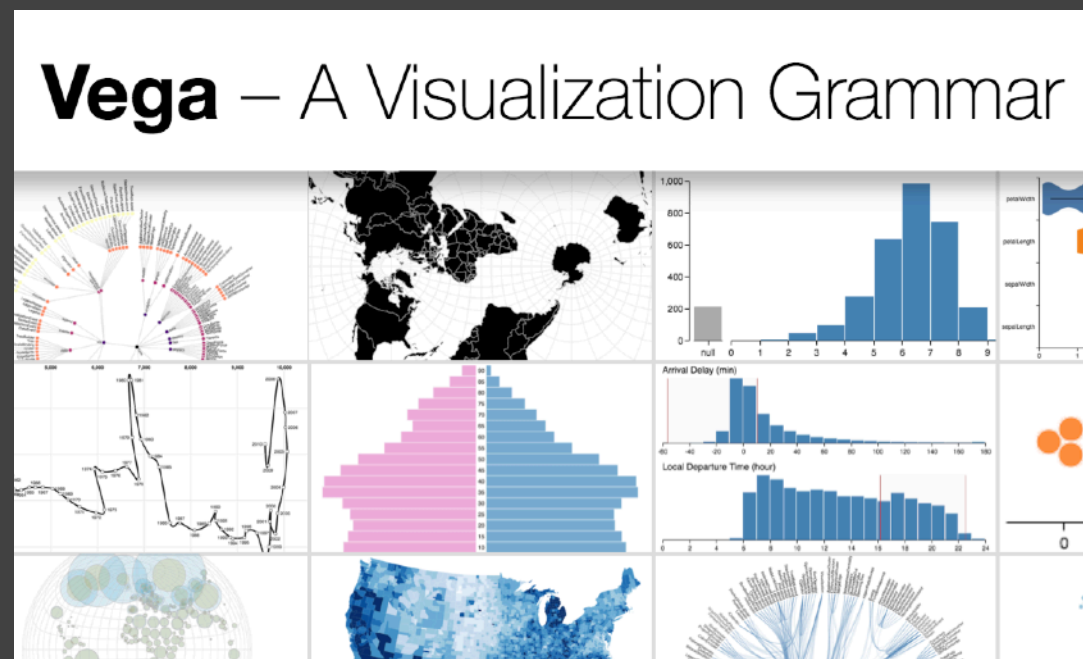


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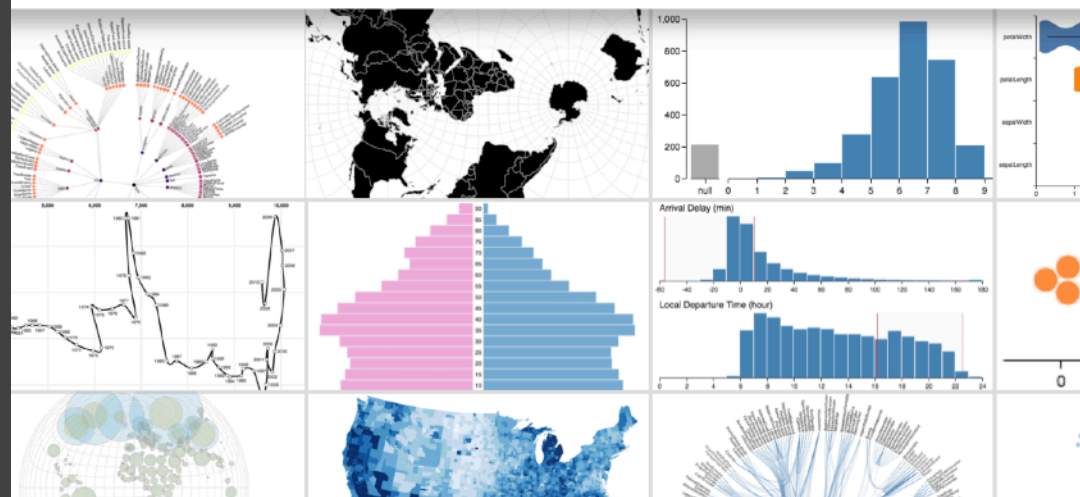


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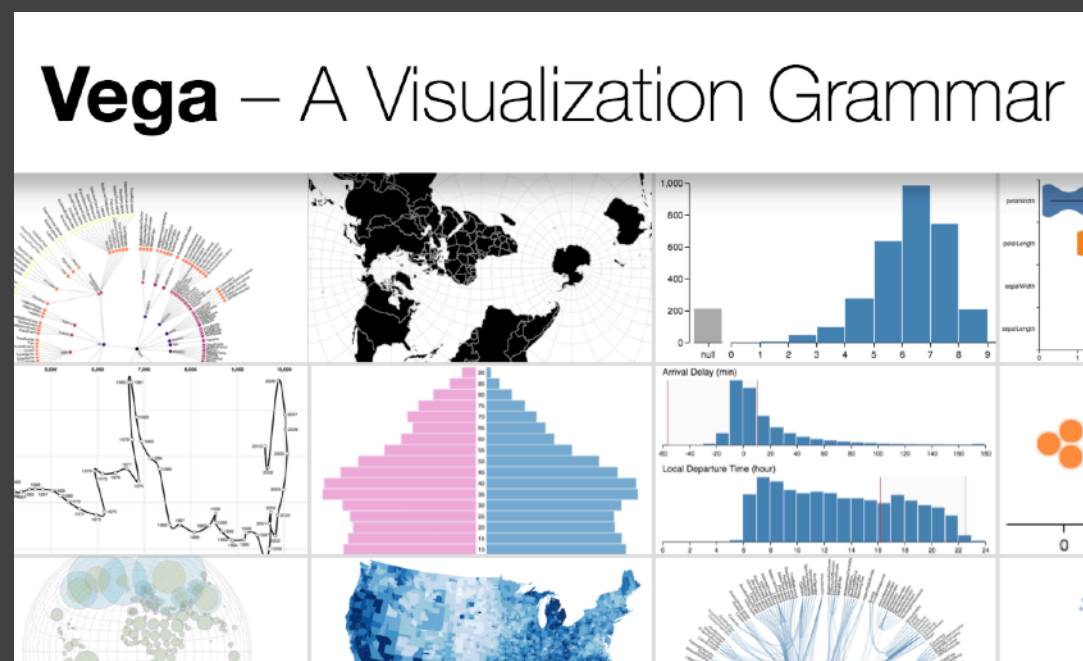
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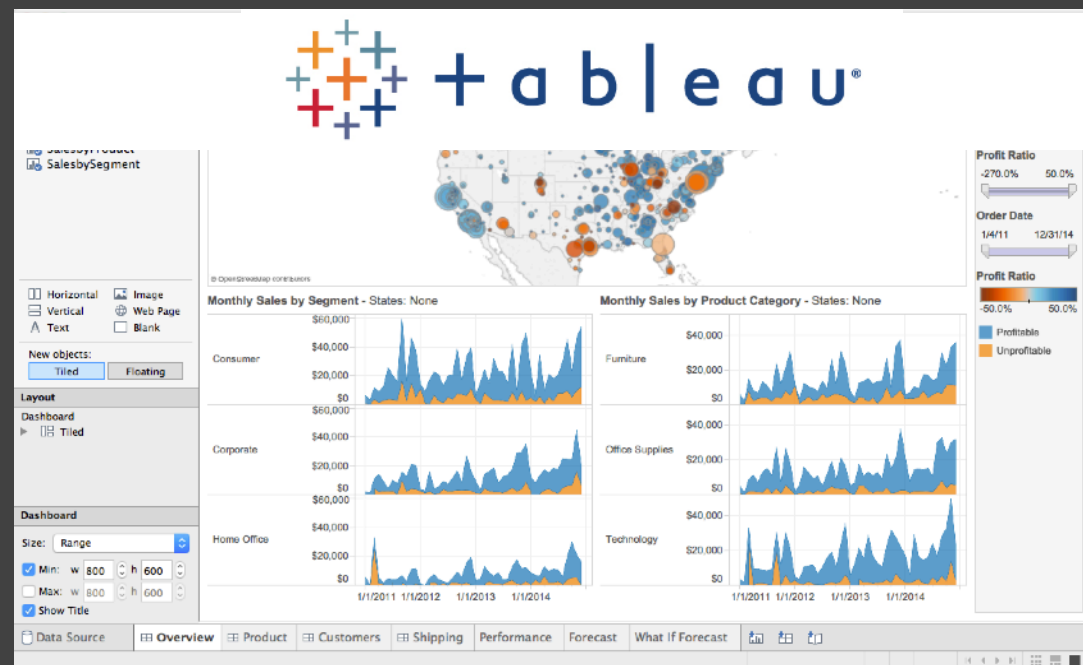
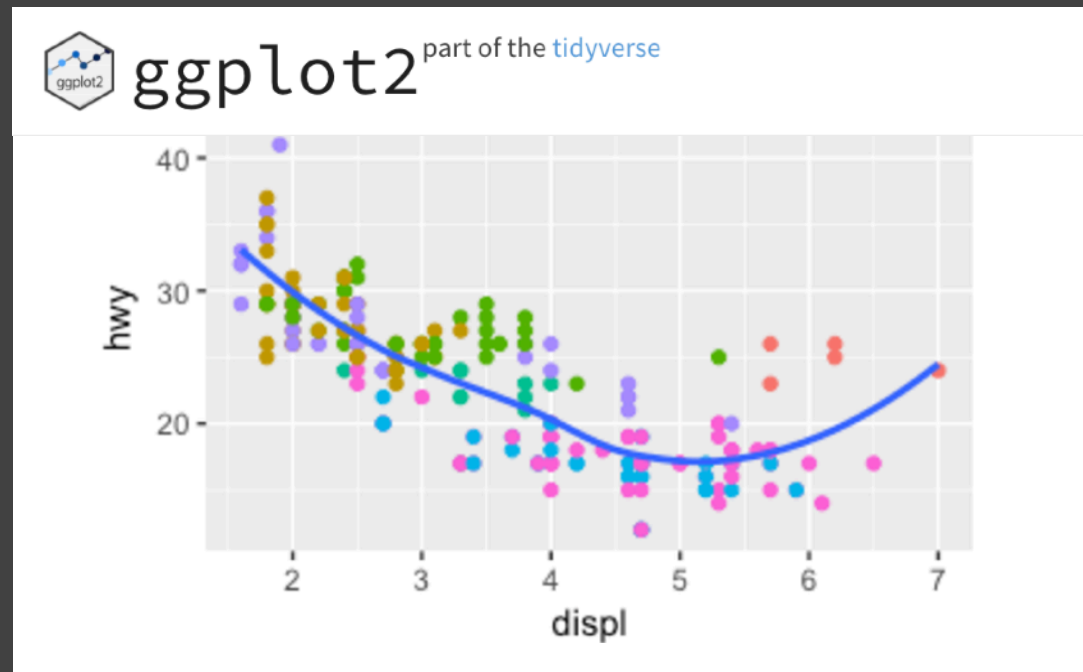


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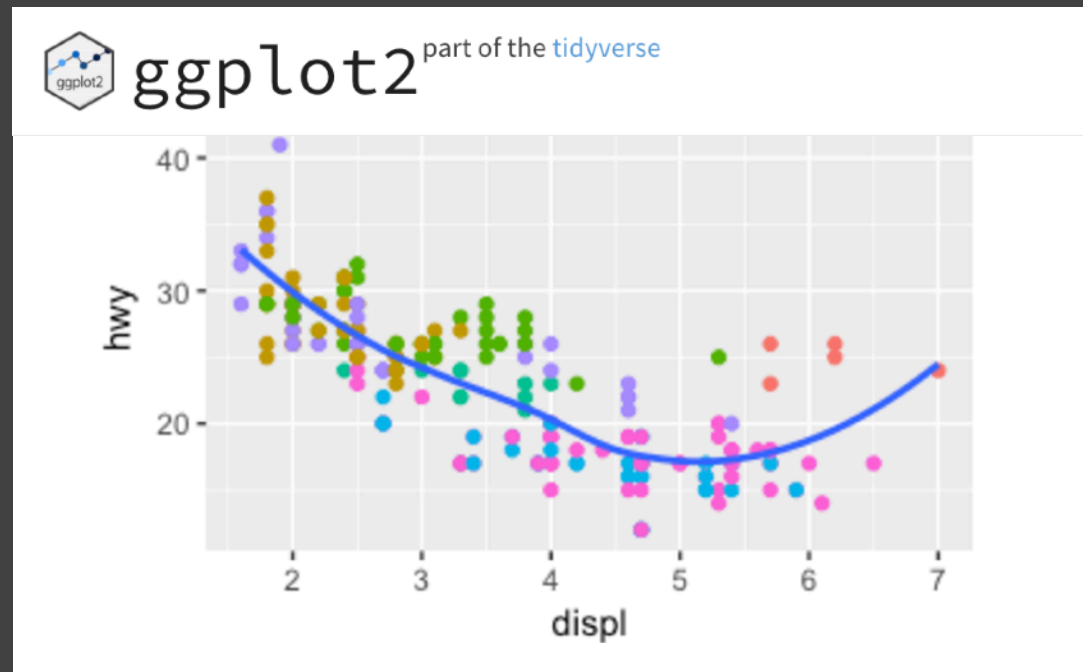


But require **verbose** specifications and technical expertise.

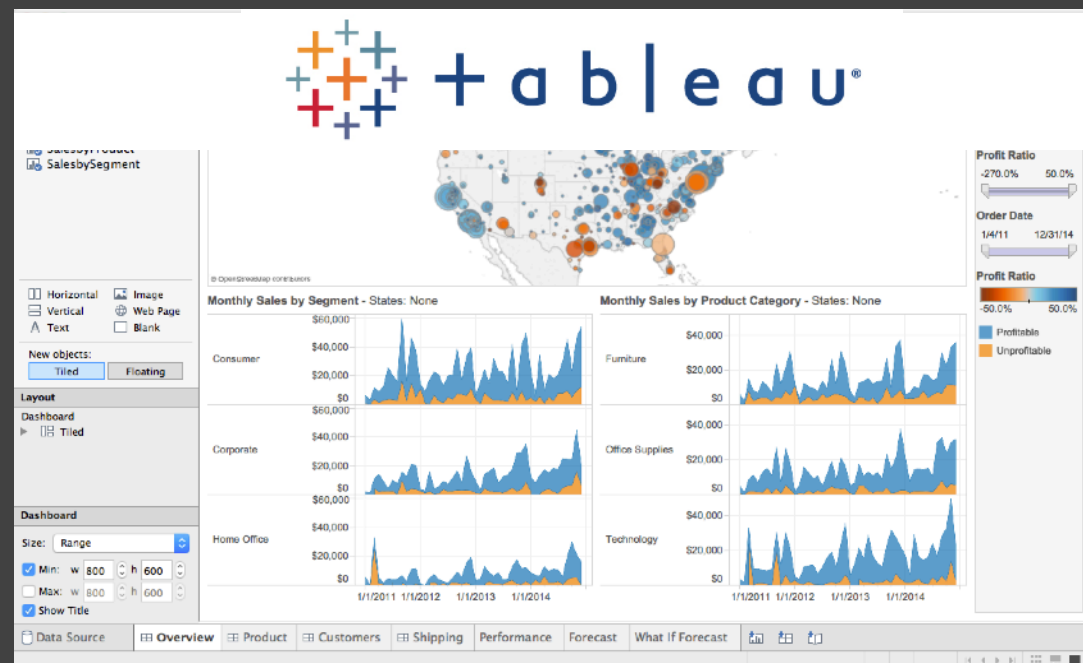
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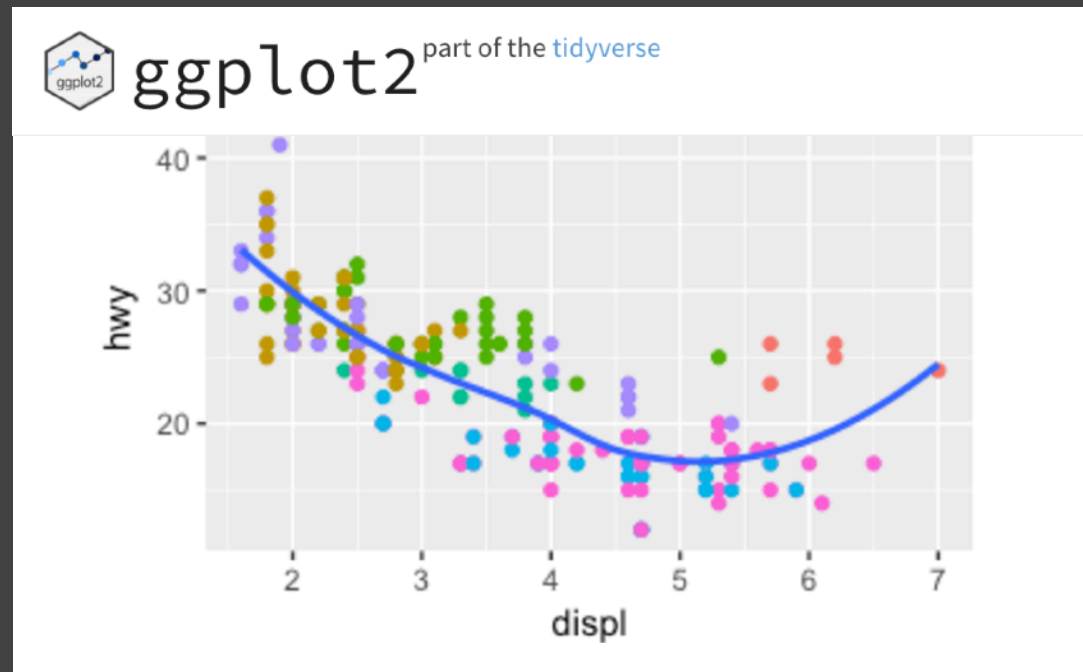
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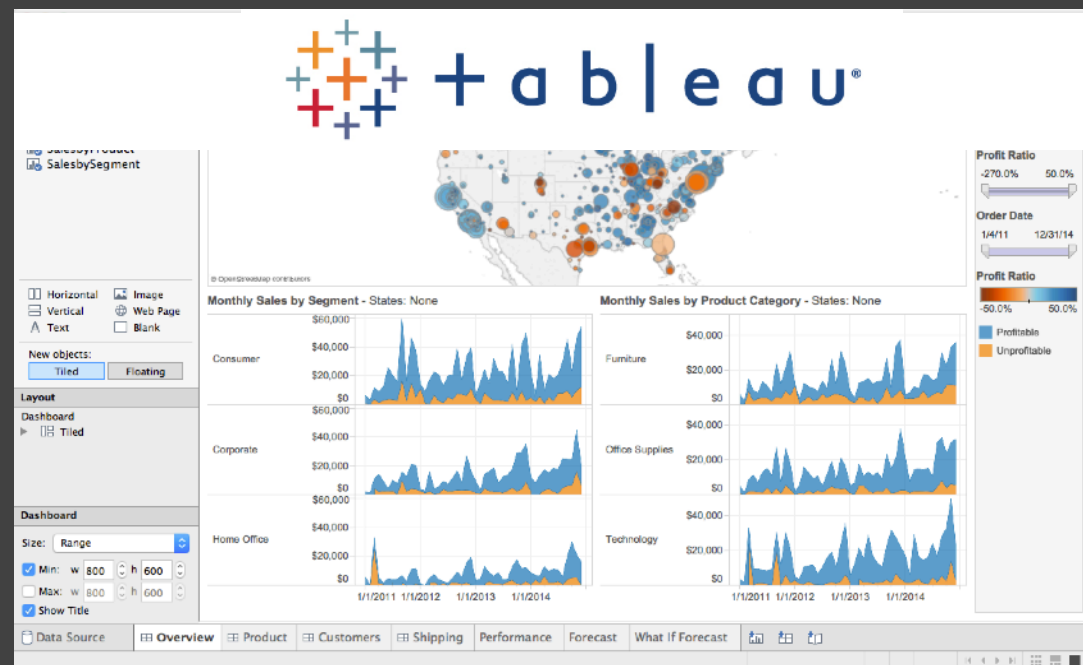


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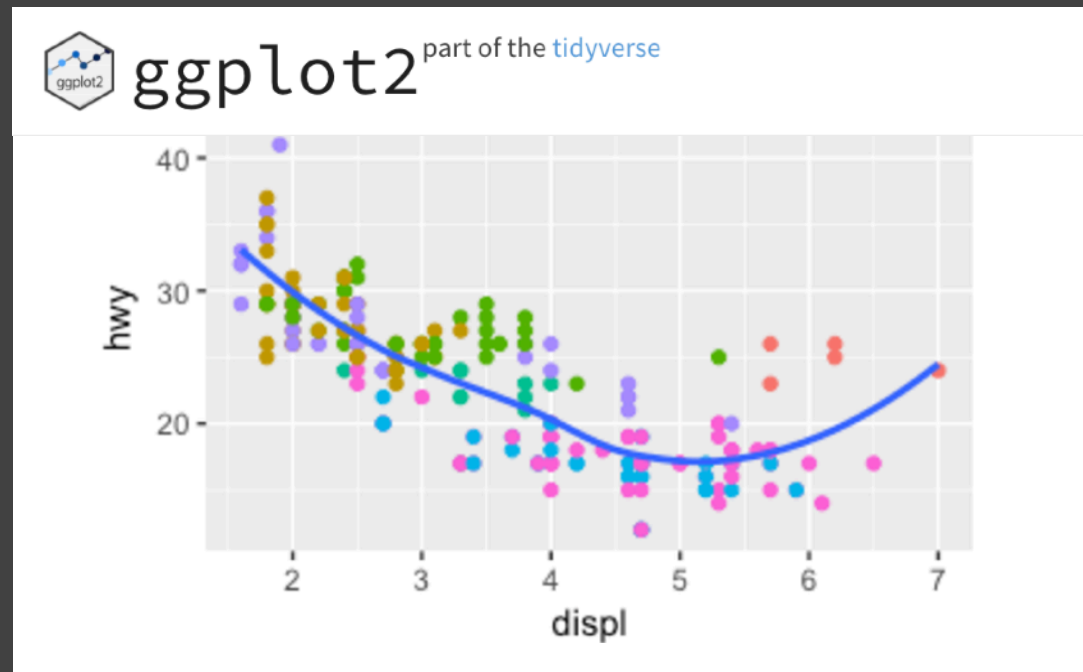


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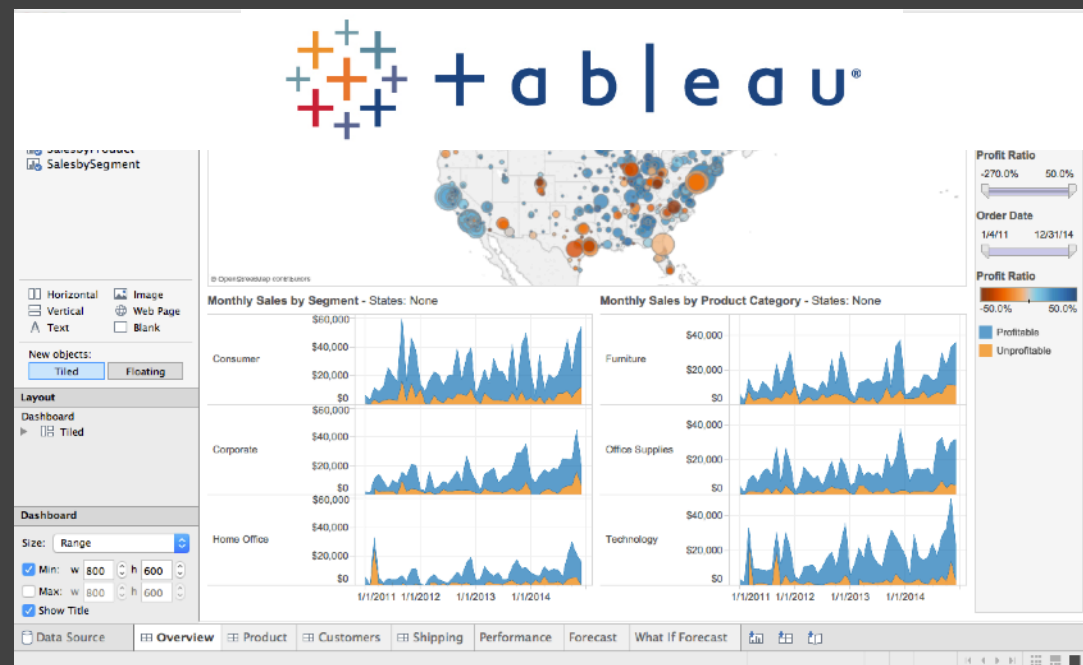
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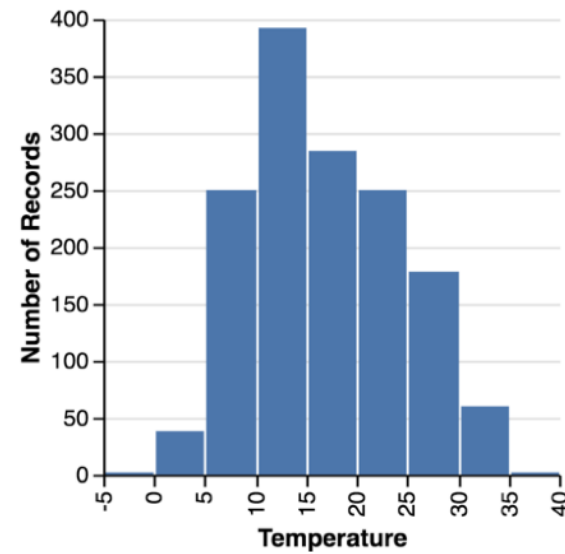


Vega-Lite's Mission

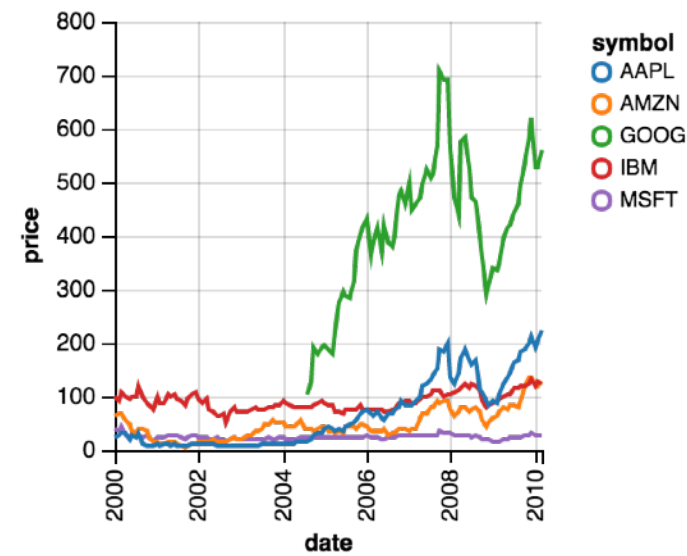
Facilitate exploratory data analysis
with an ***expressive*** yet ***concise*** language
to specify ***interactive multi-view graphics***

Vega-Lite: a Grammar of Graphics

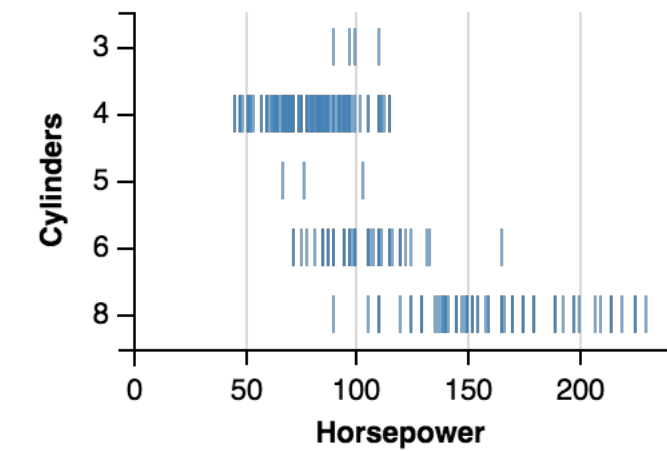
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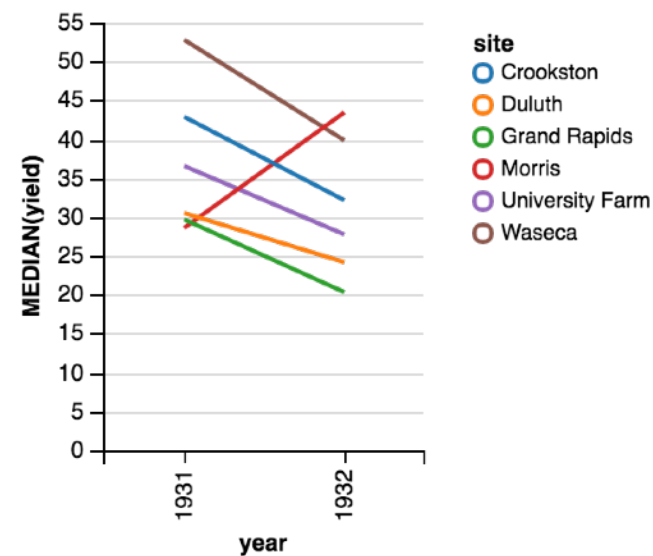
Multi-series Line Chart



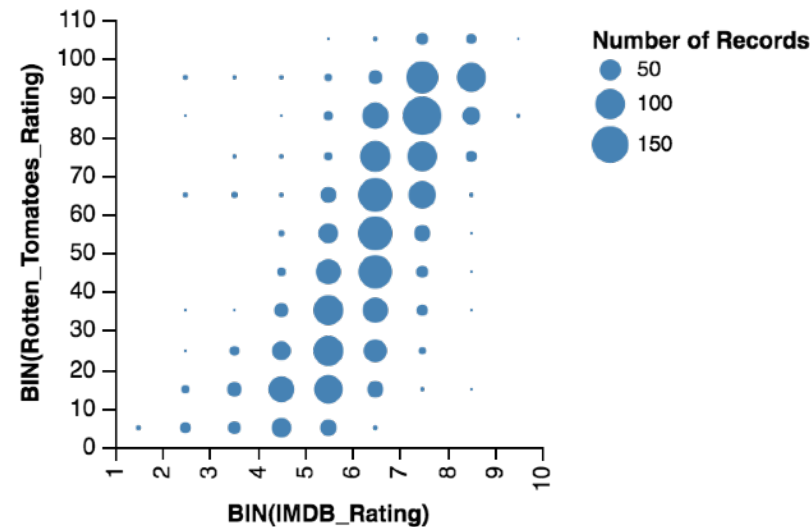
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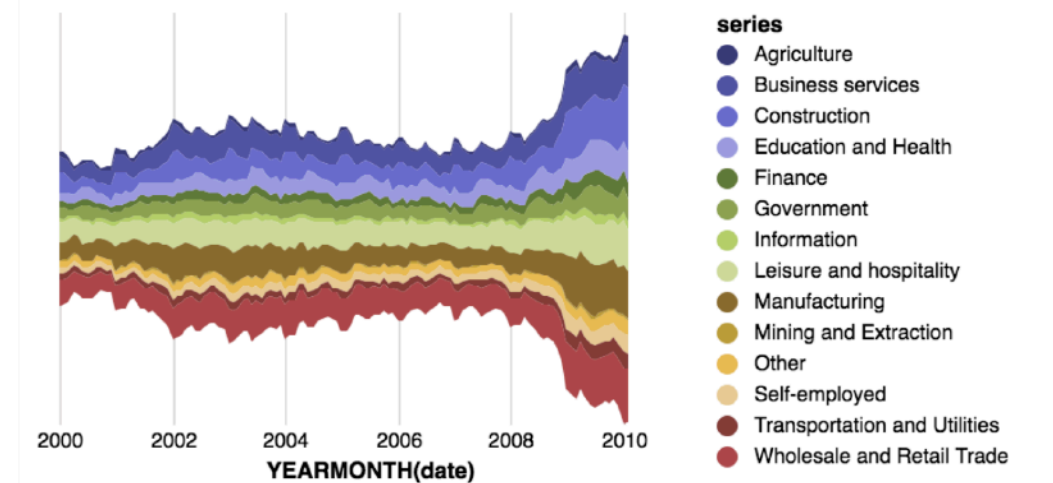
Slope Graph



Binned Scatterplot

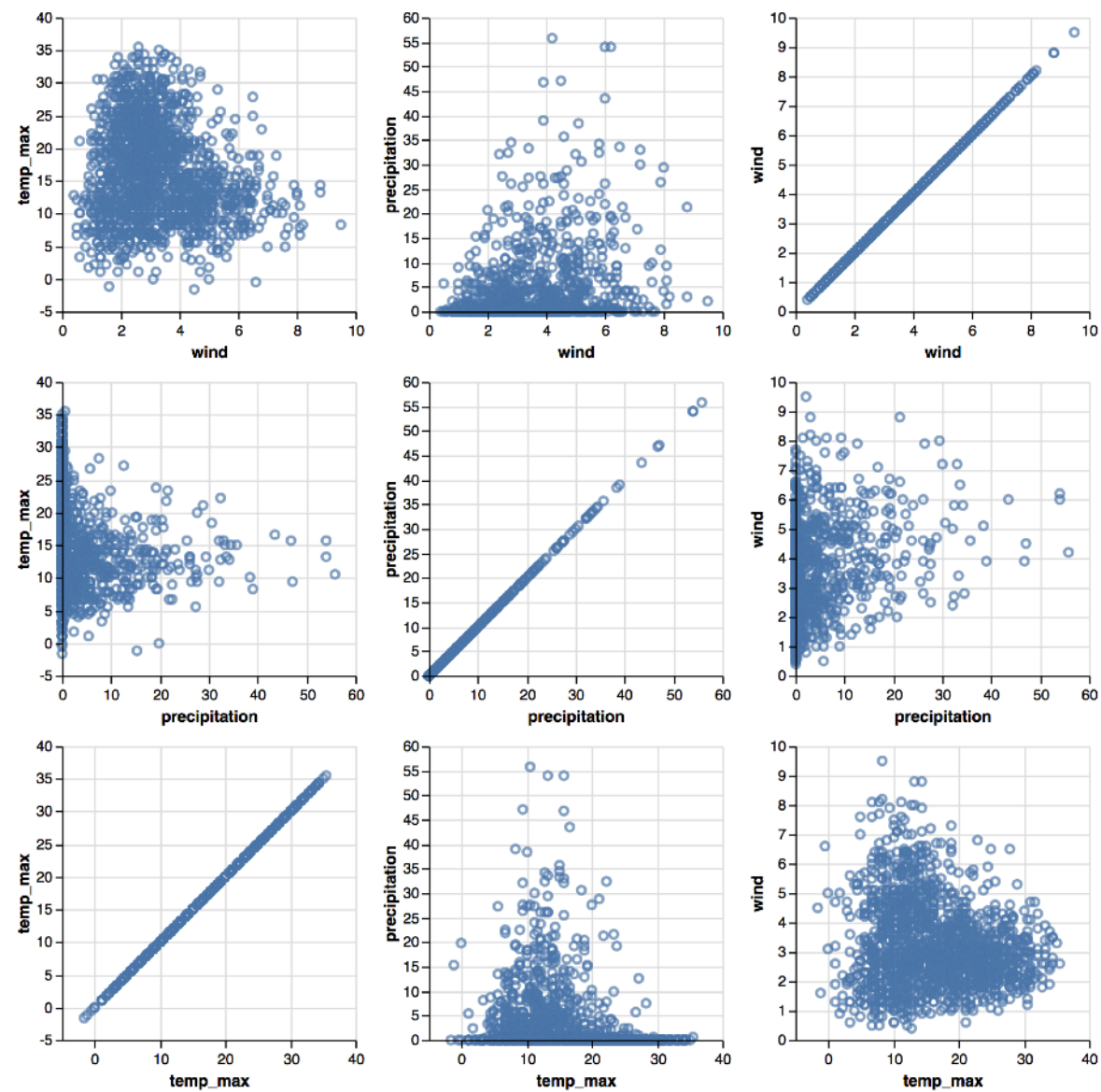


Area Chart

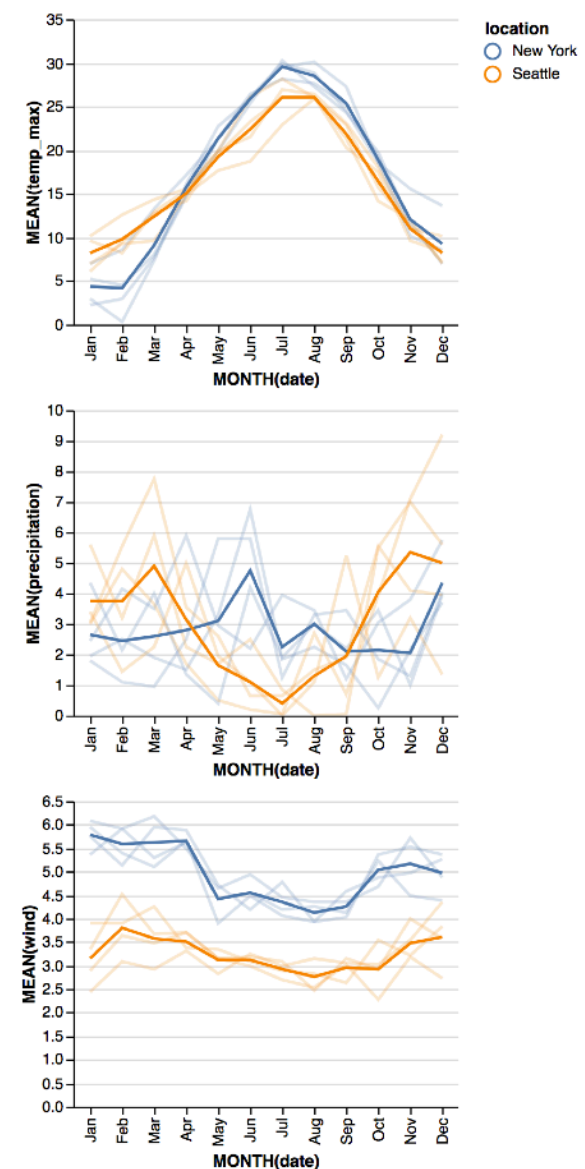


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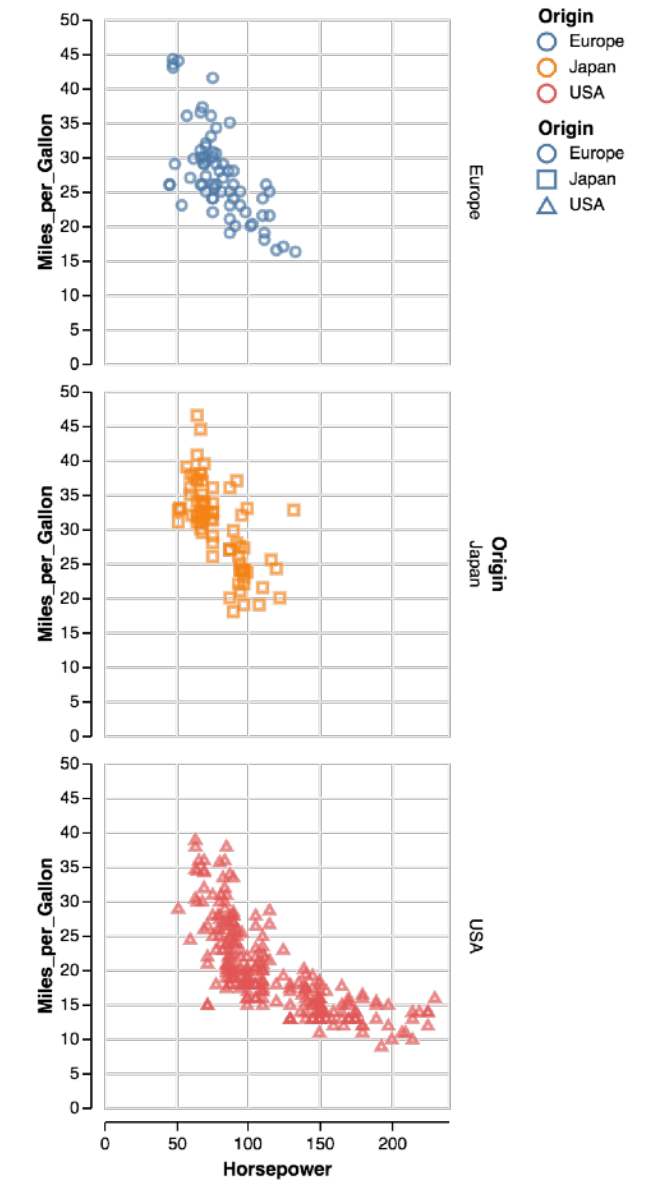
Scatterplot Matrix



Concatenated & Layered View

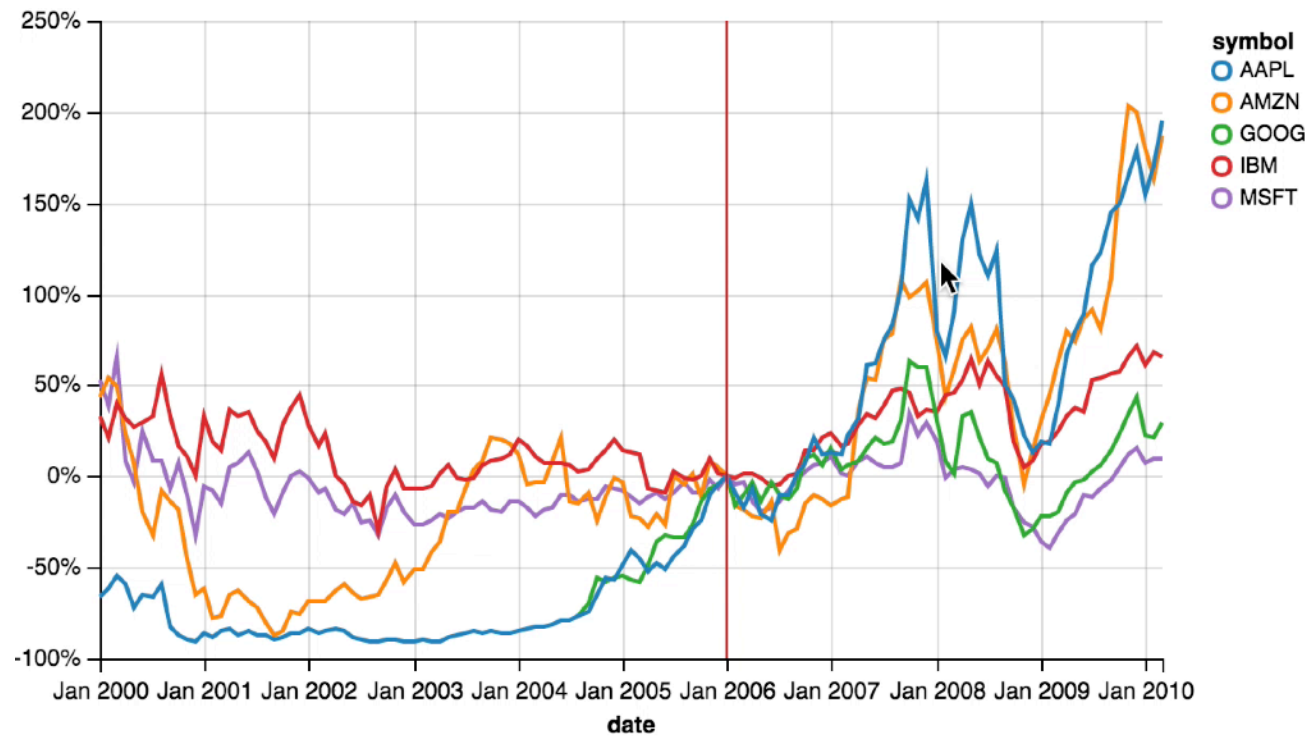


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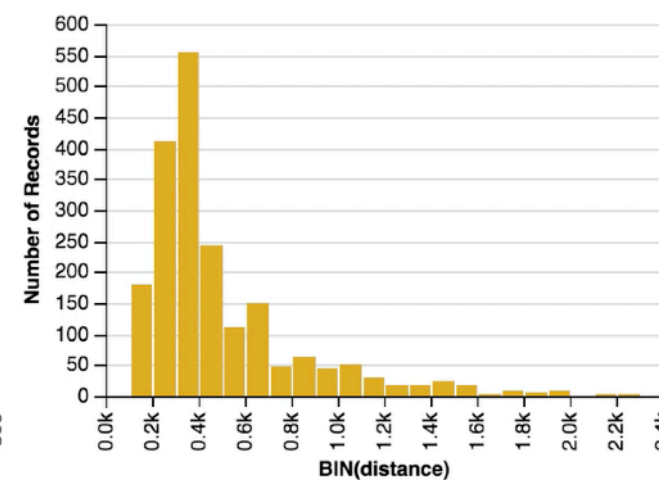
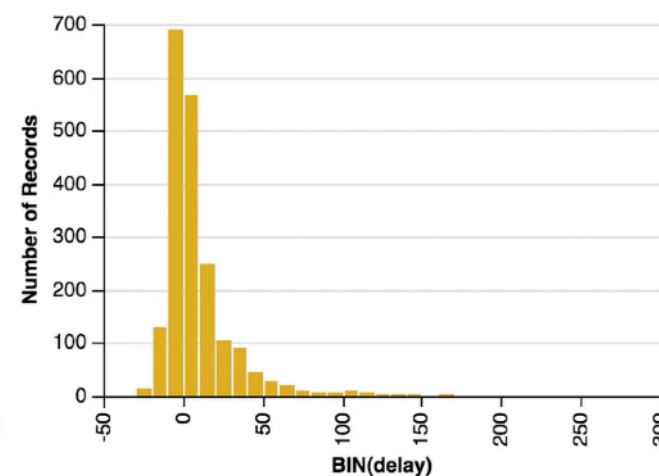
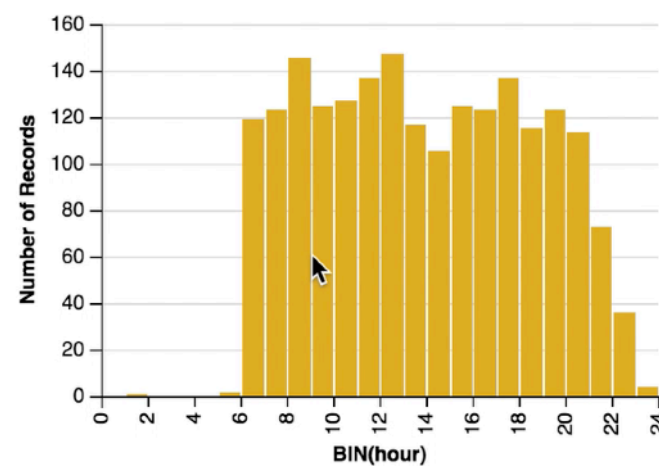
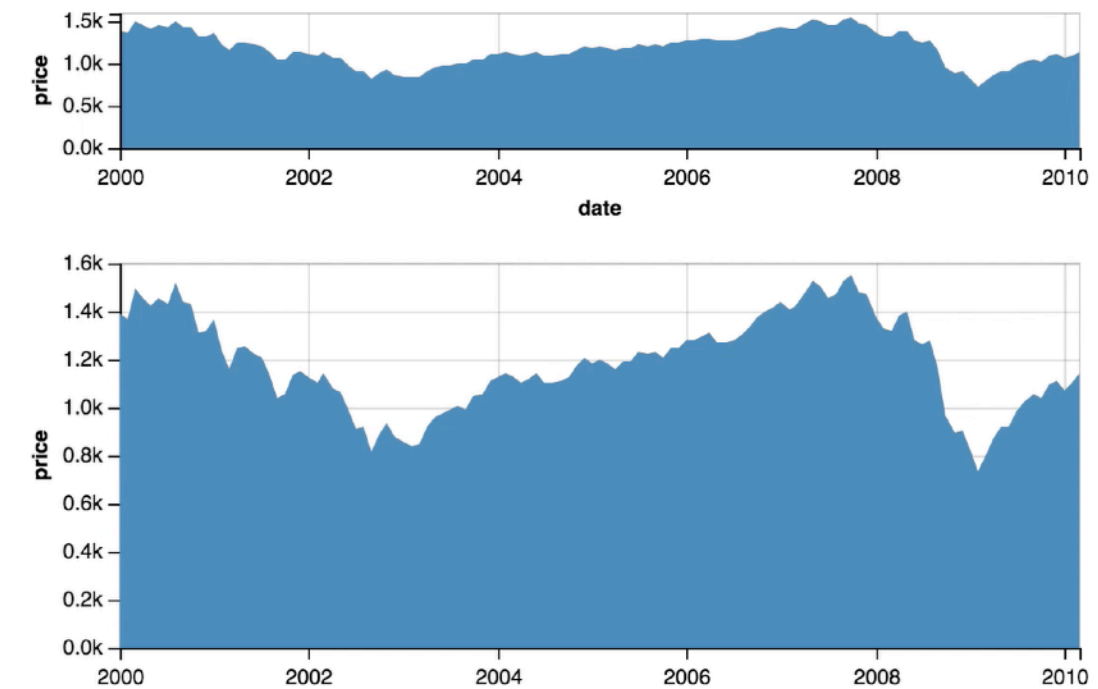


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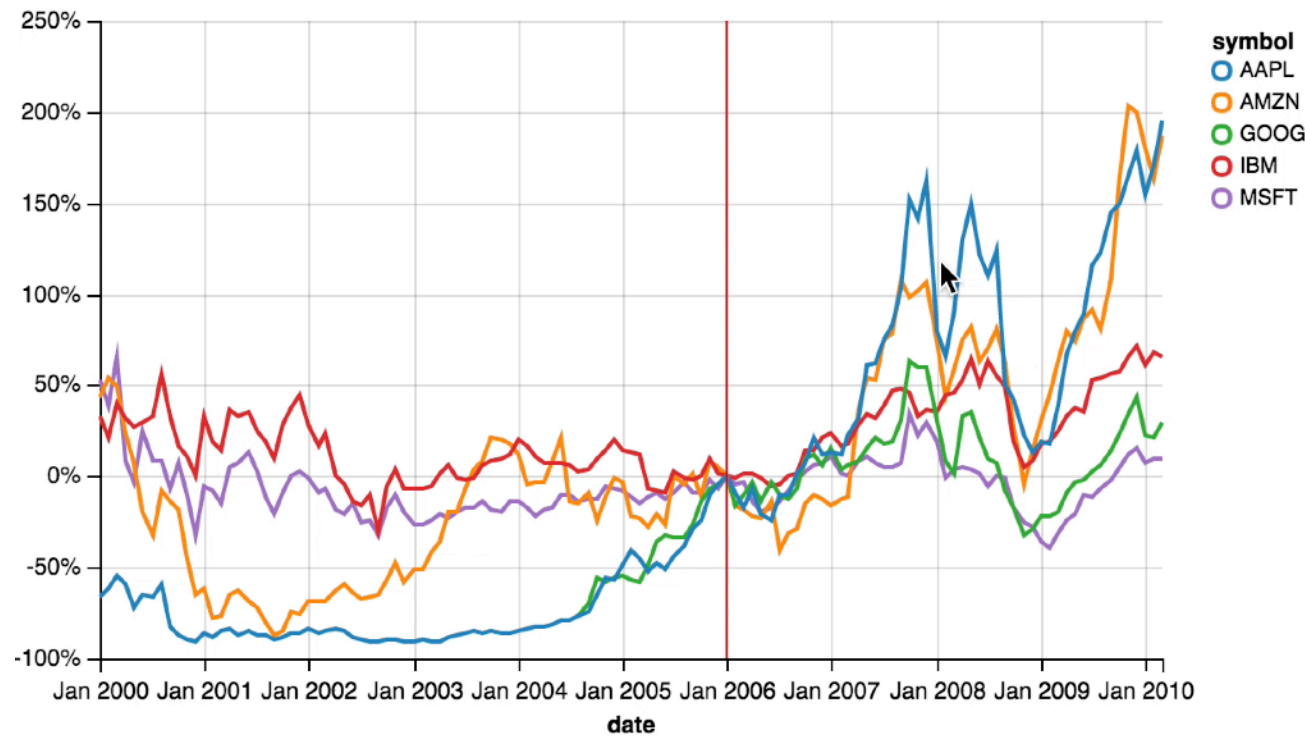
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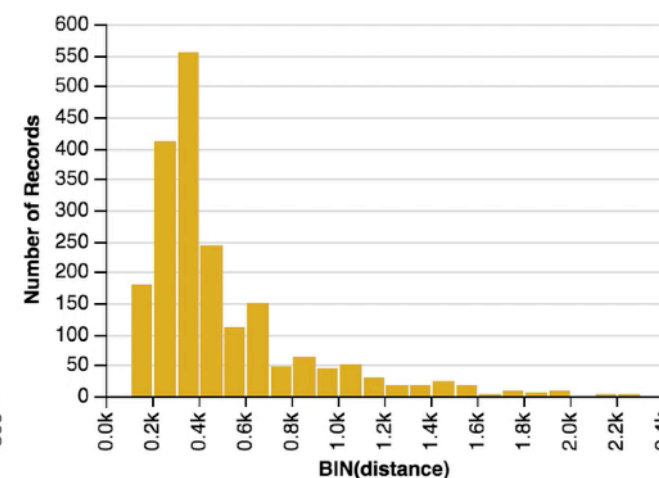
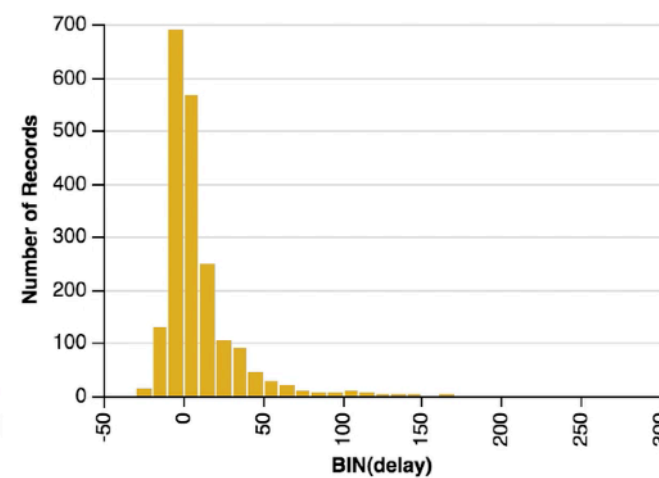
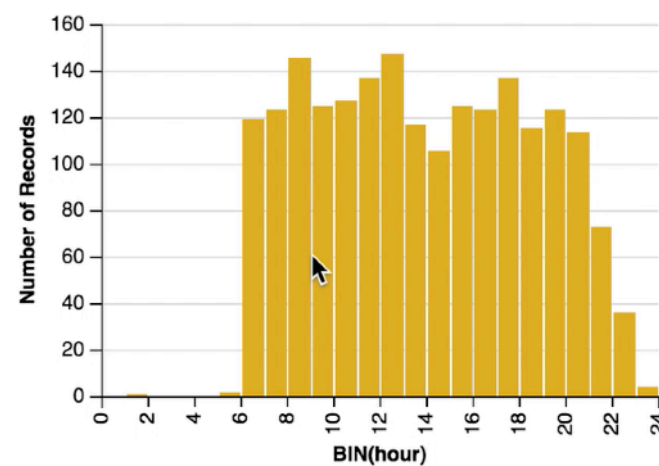
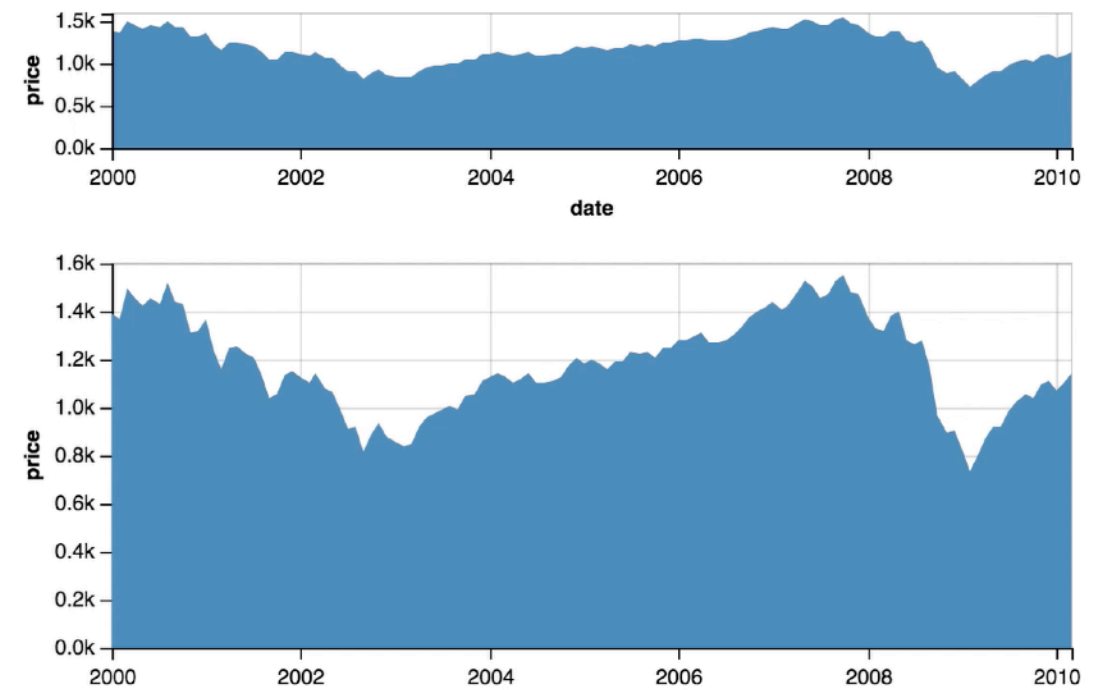
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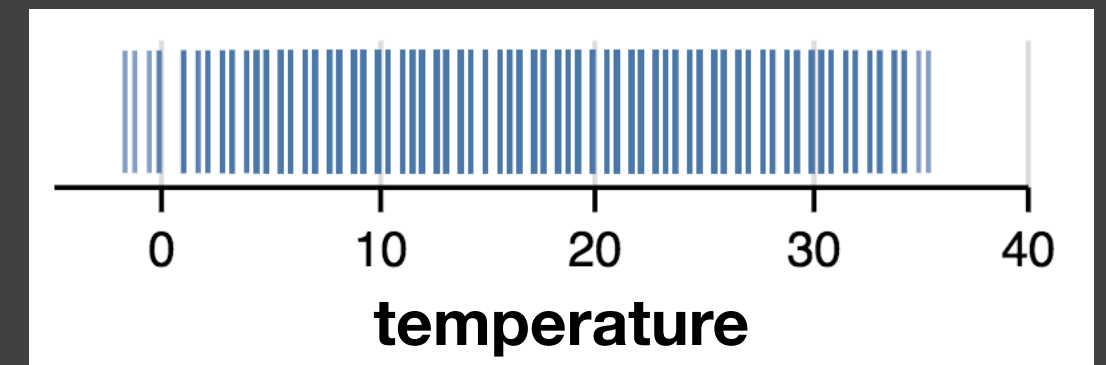


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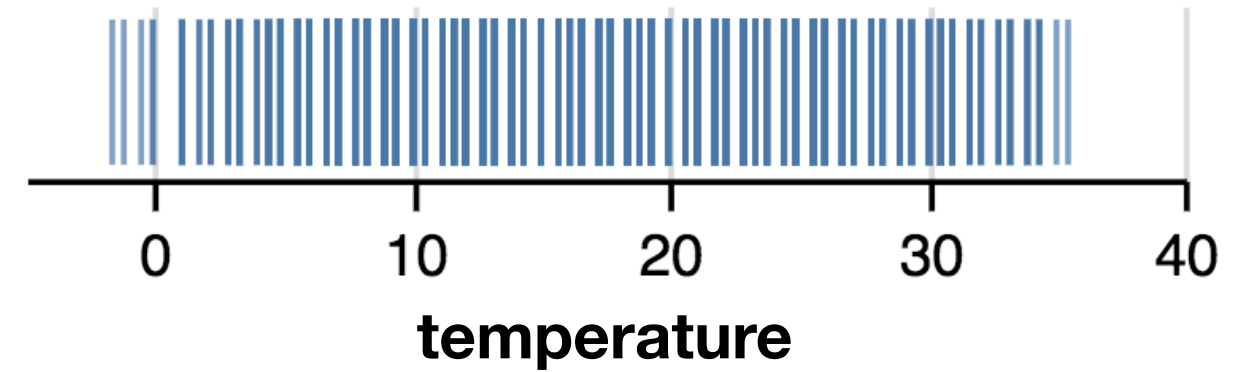
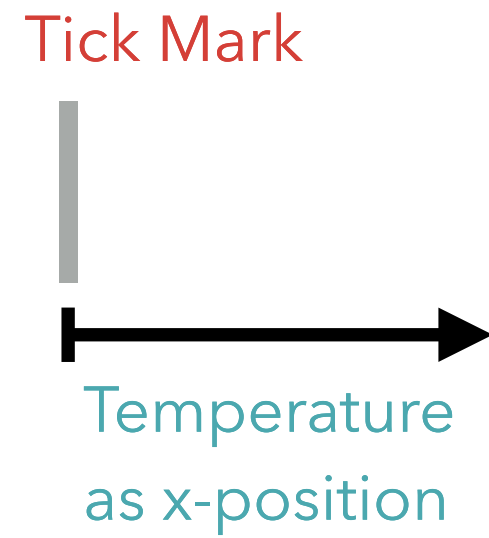
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Strip Plot of Temperature



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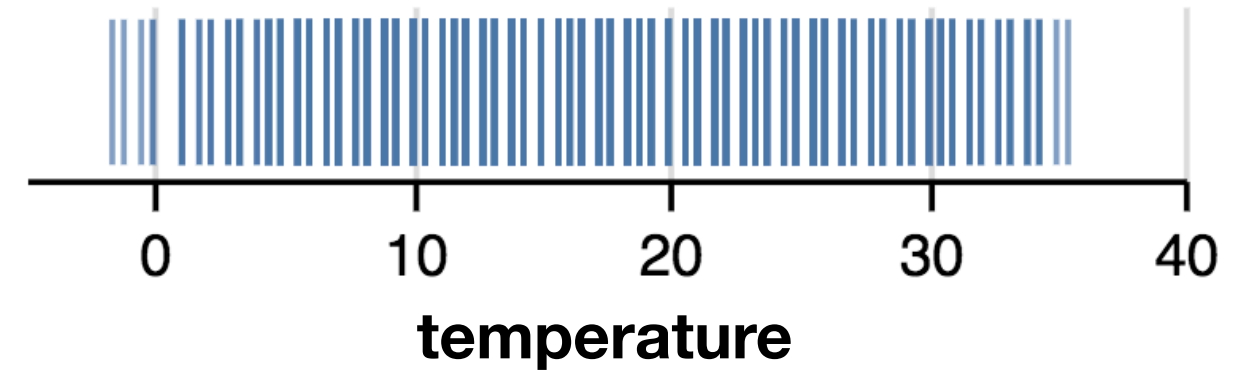


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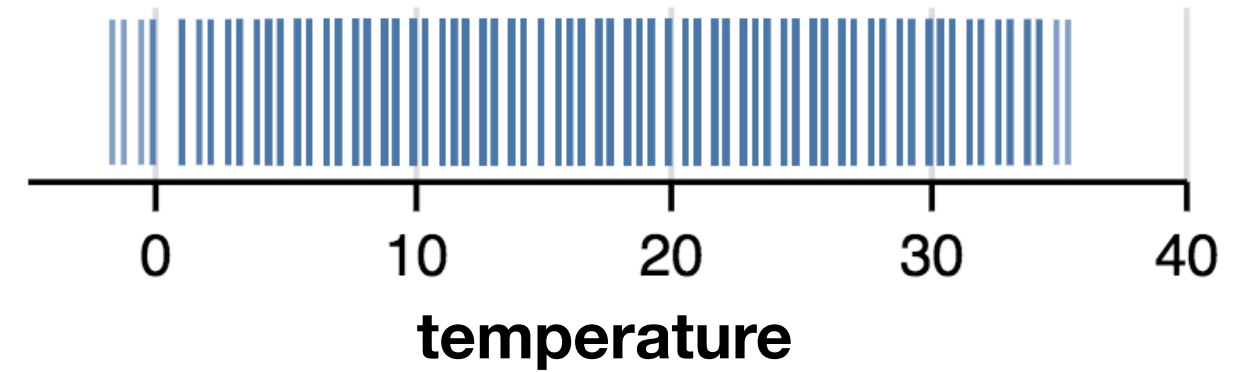
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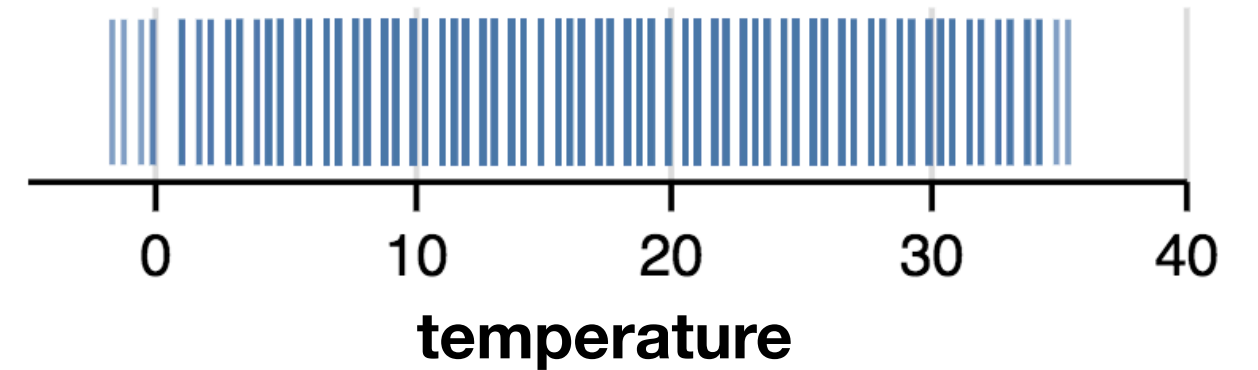
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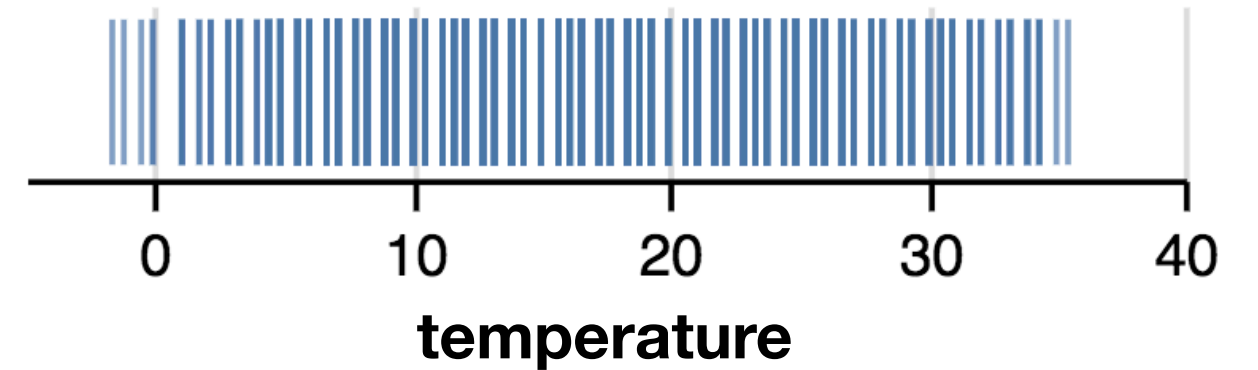
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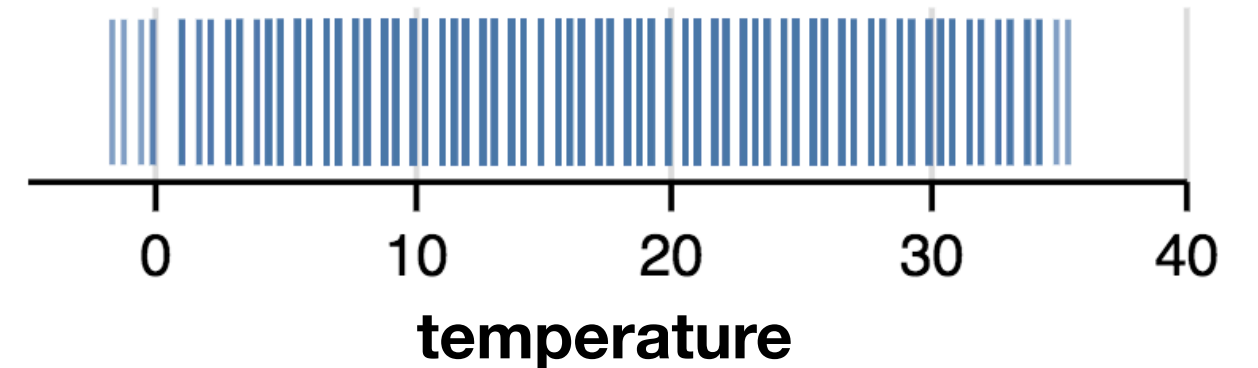
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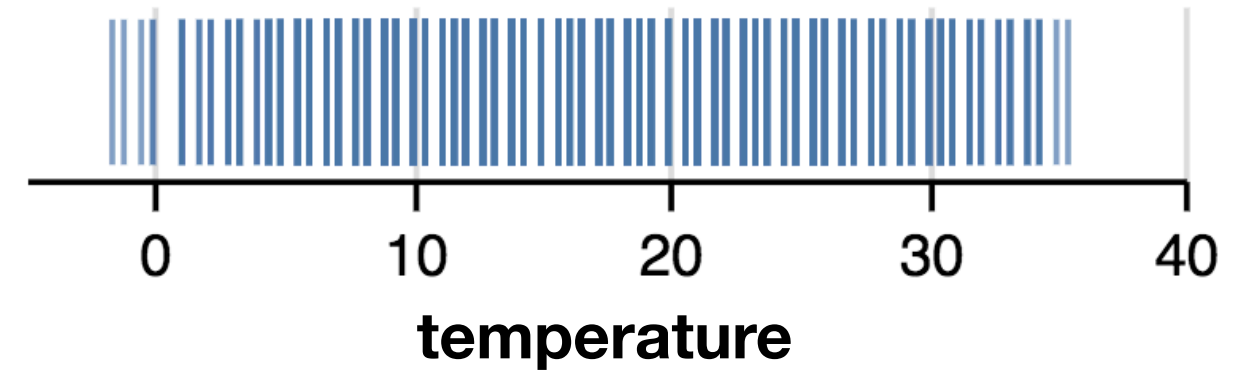
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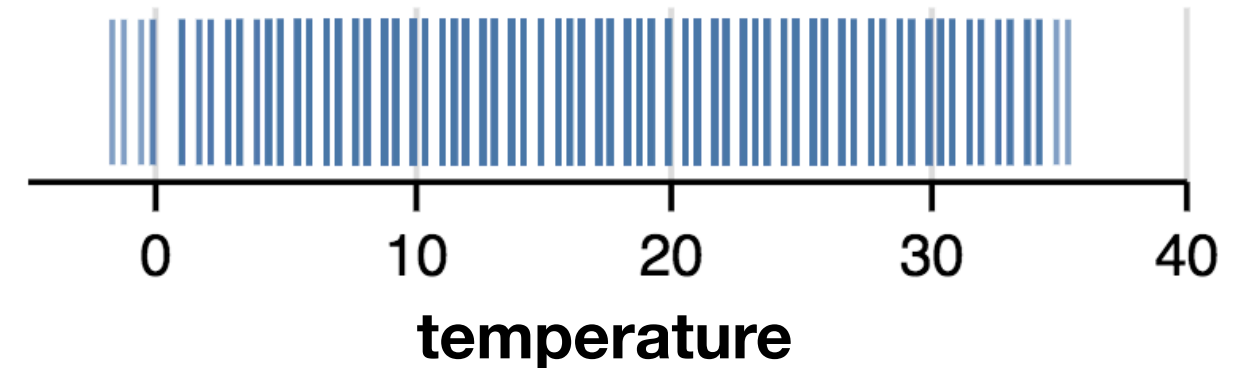
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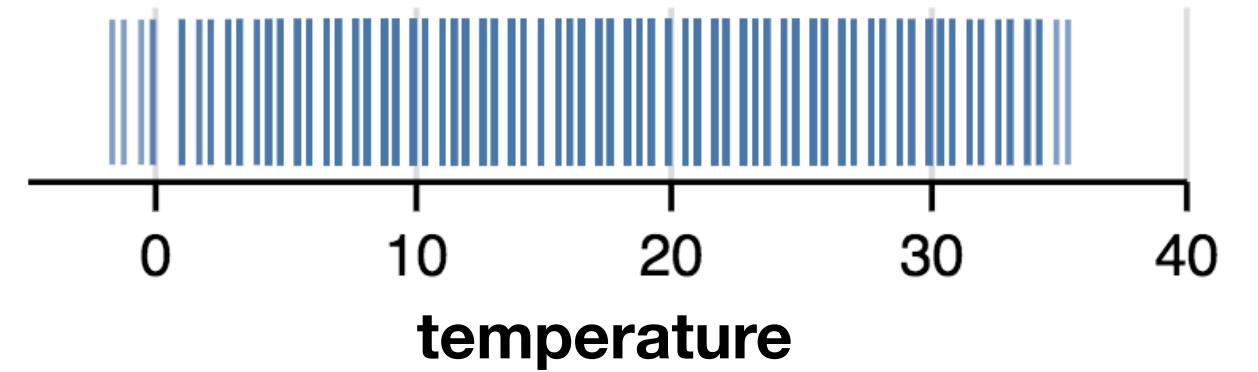
Strip Plot: Default Scales and Axes

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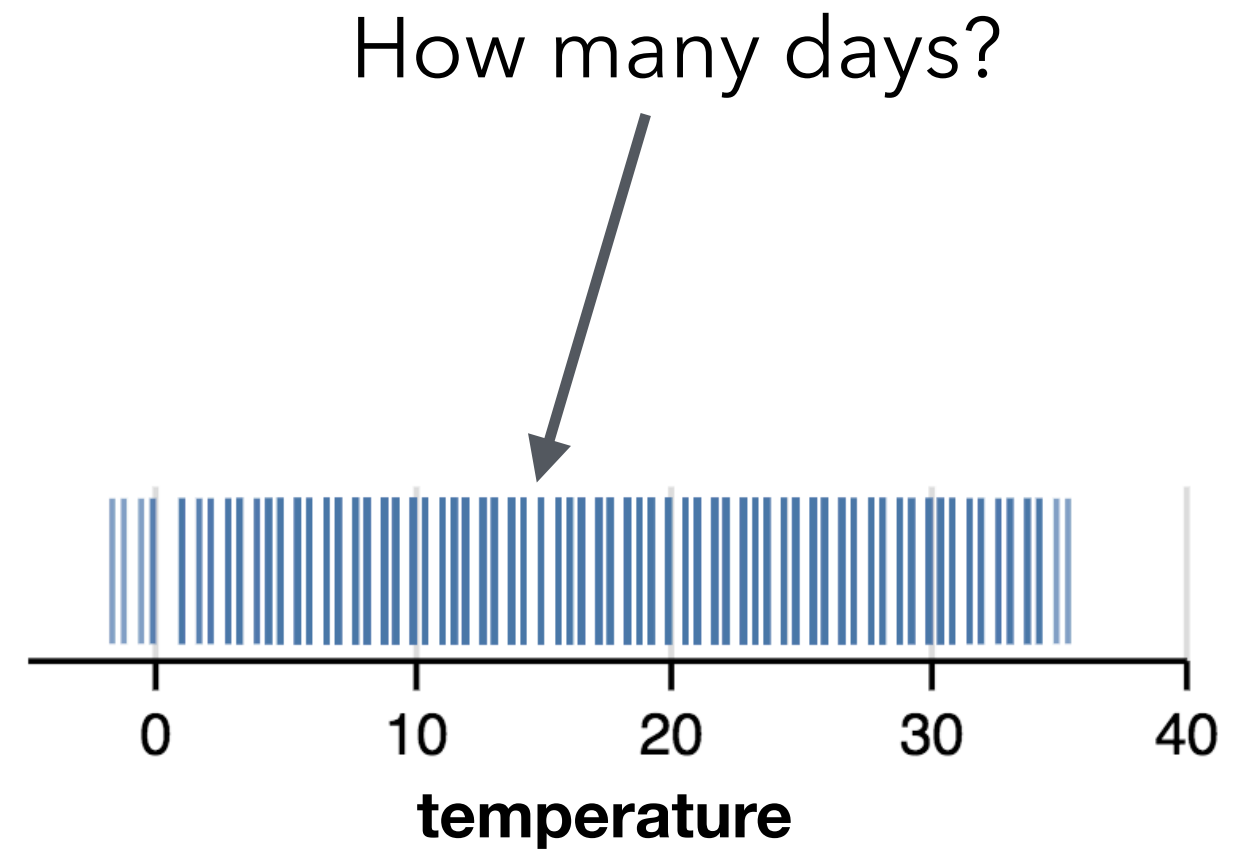
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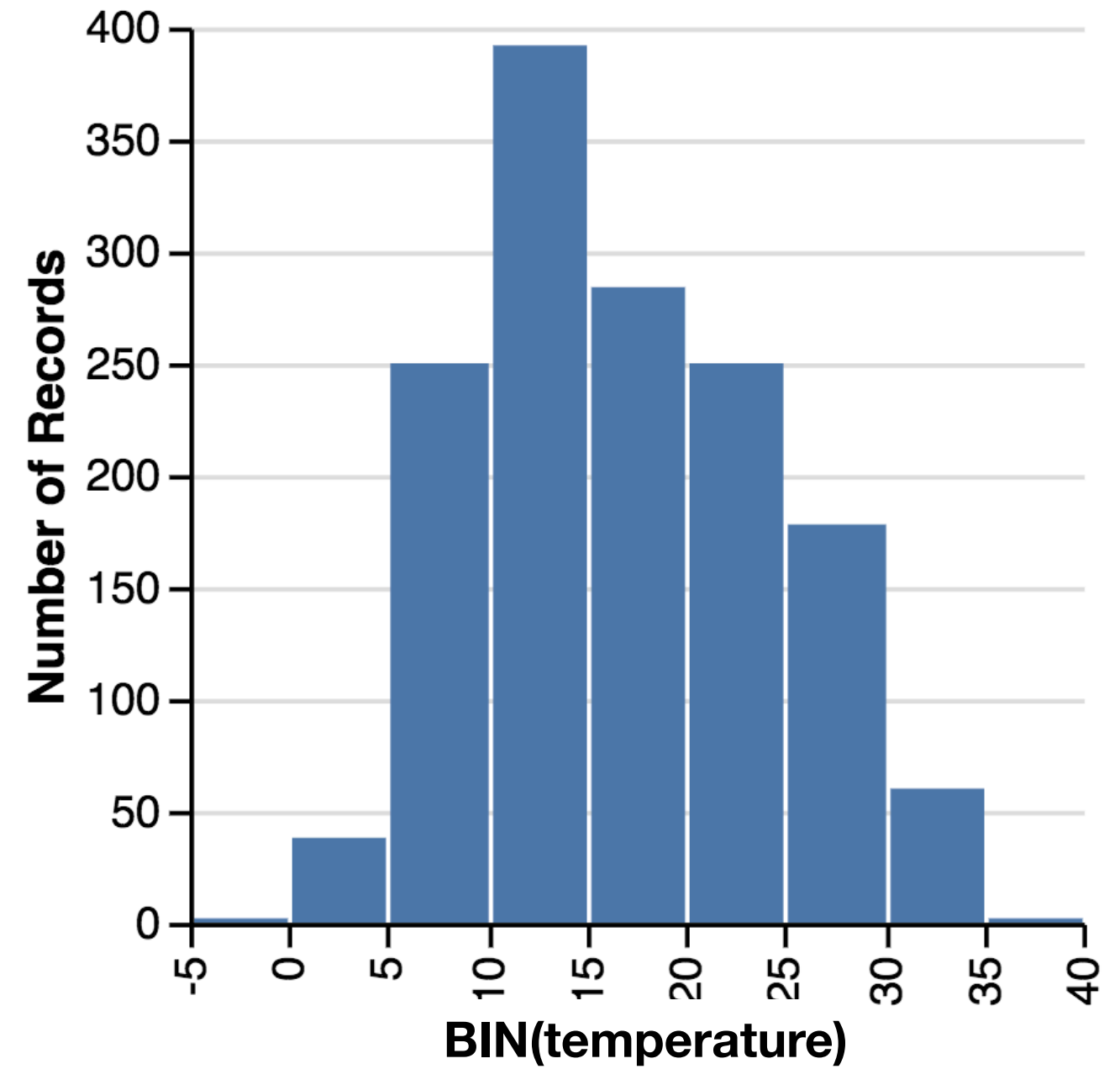
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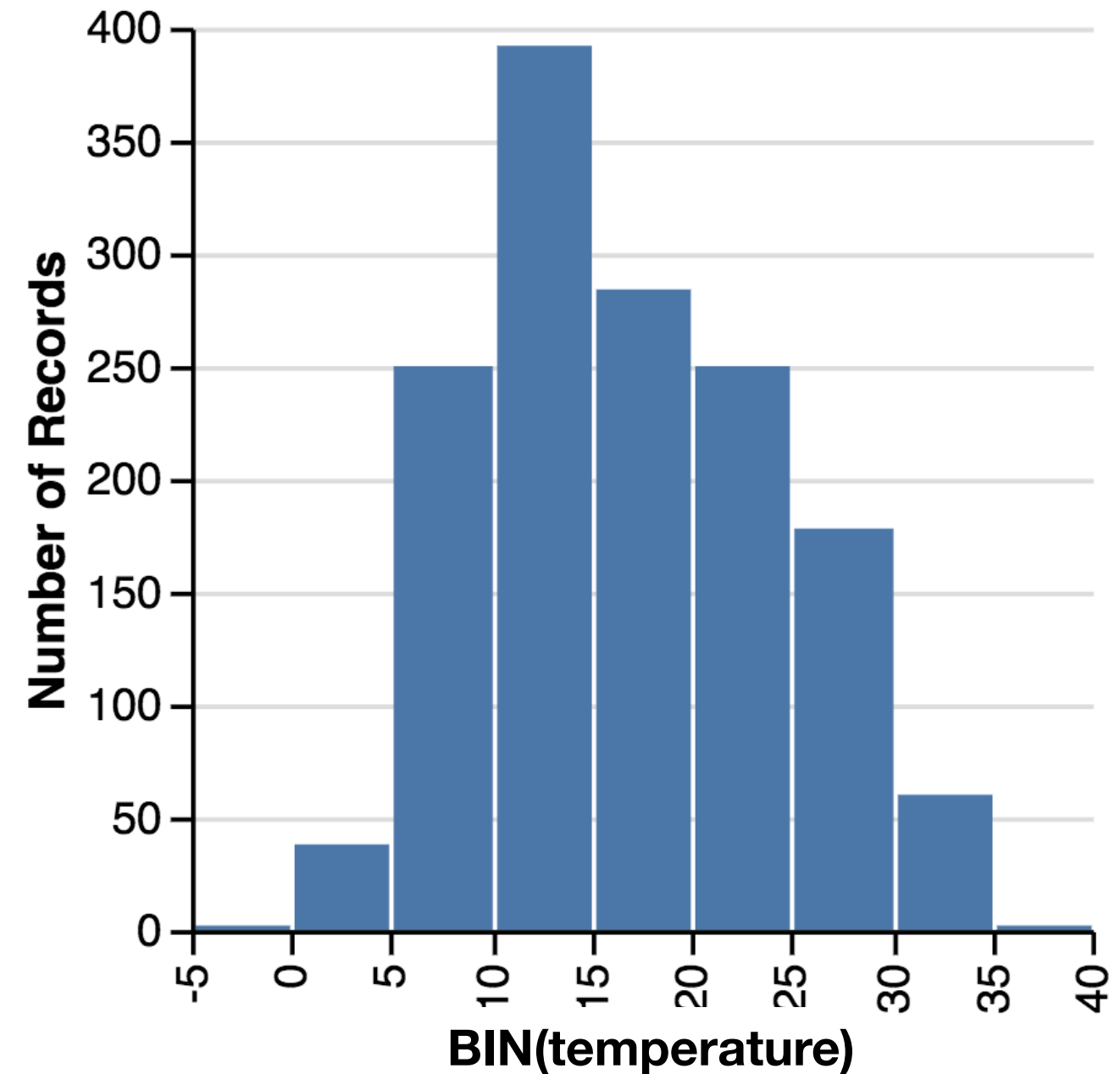
Histogram

Goal



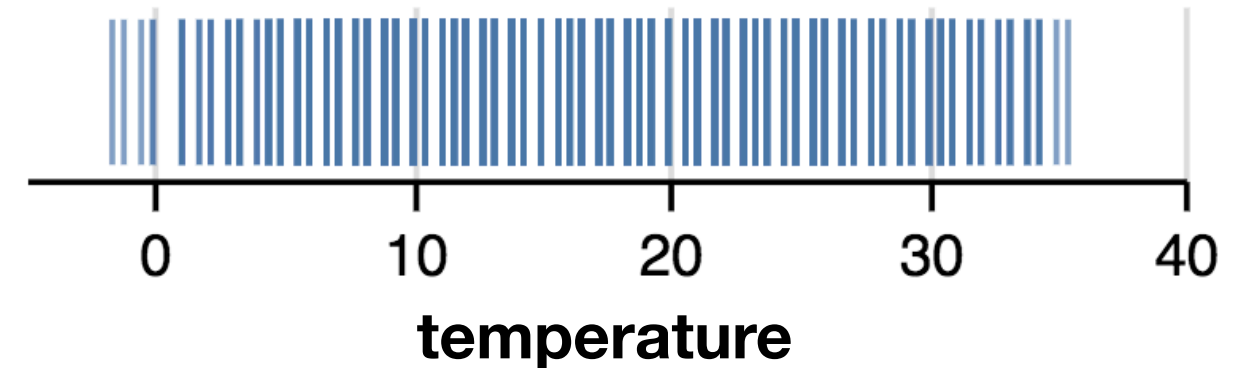
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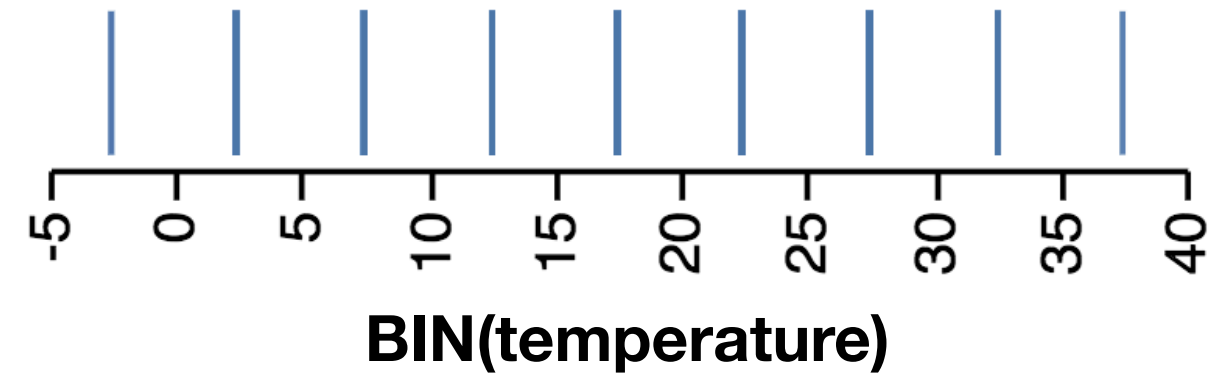
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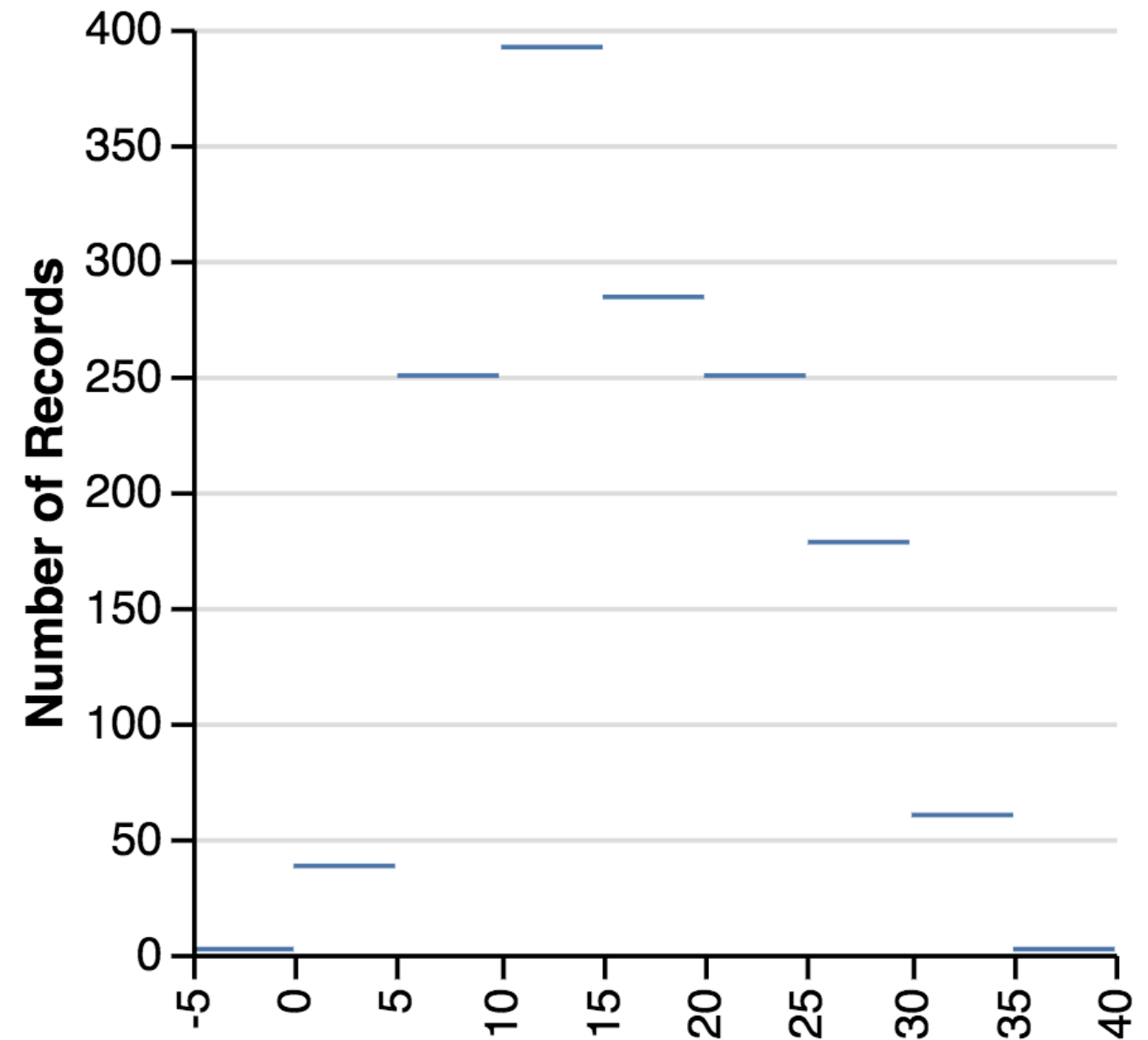


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{  
  data: {url: "weather-seattle.json"},  
  mark: "tick",  
  encoding: {  
    x: {  
      bin: true,  
      field: "temperature",  
      type: "quantitative"  
    }  
  }  
}
```

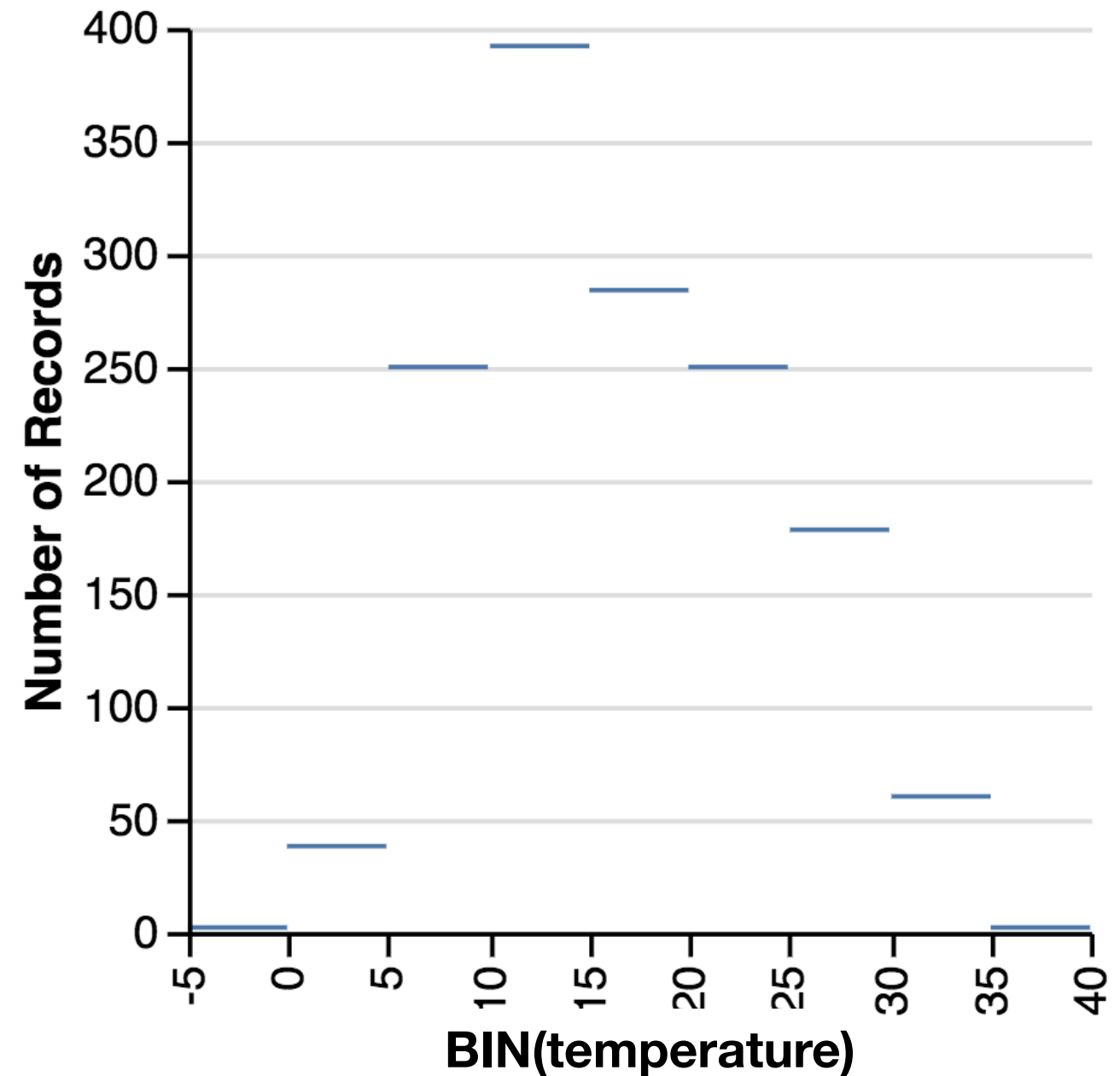
Histogram = (**Bar** with x =binned field, y =count)

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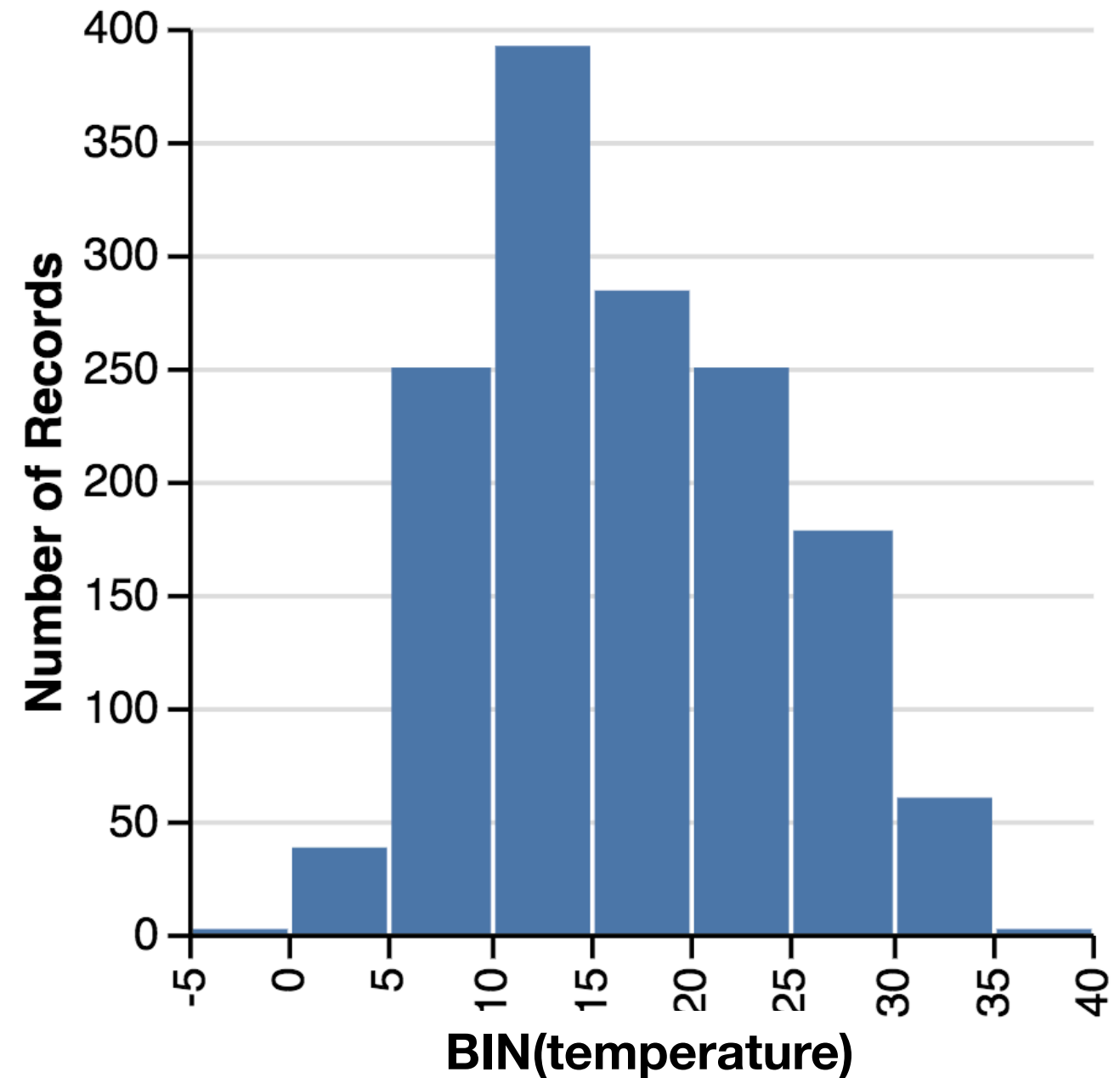
Histogram = (**Bar** with x =binned field, y =count)

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{
  data: {url: "weather-seattle.json"},
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  encoding: {
    x: {
      bin: true,
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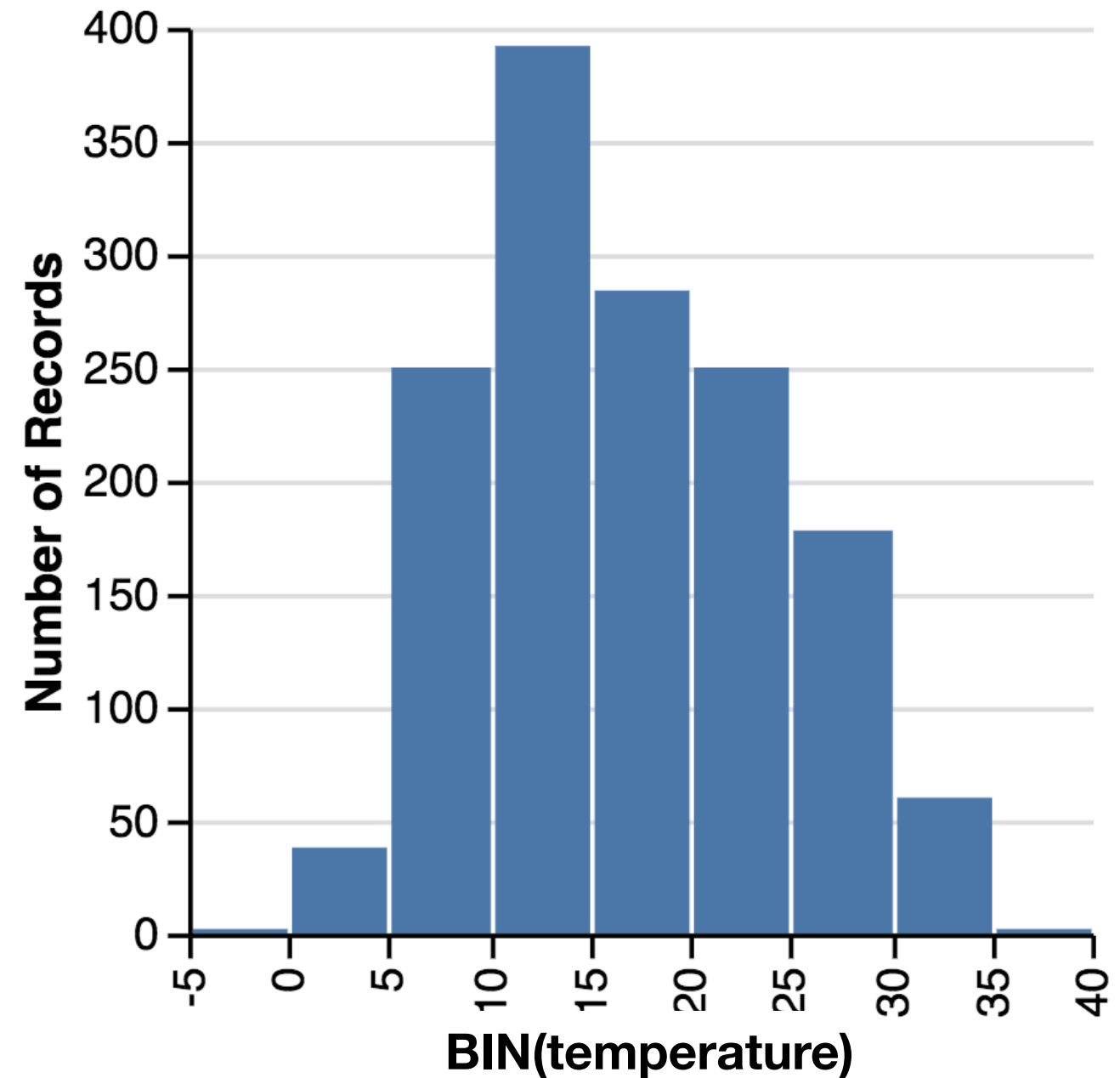
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  data: {url: "weather-seattle.json"},  
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    x: {  
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      field: "temperature",  
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    }  
  }  
}
```



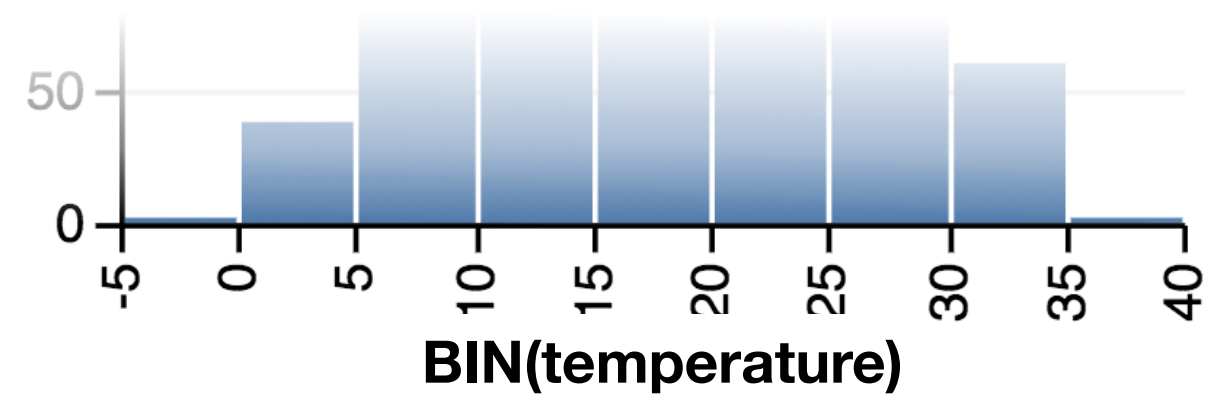
Histogram = (**Bar** with x =binned field, y =count)

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  data: {url: "weather-seattle.json"},
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    x: {
      bin: true,
      field: "temperature",
      type: "quantitative"
    },
    y: {
      aggregate: "count",
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    }
  }
}
```



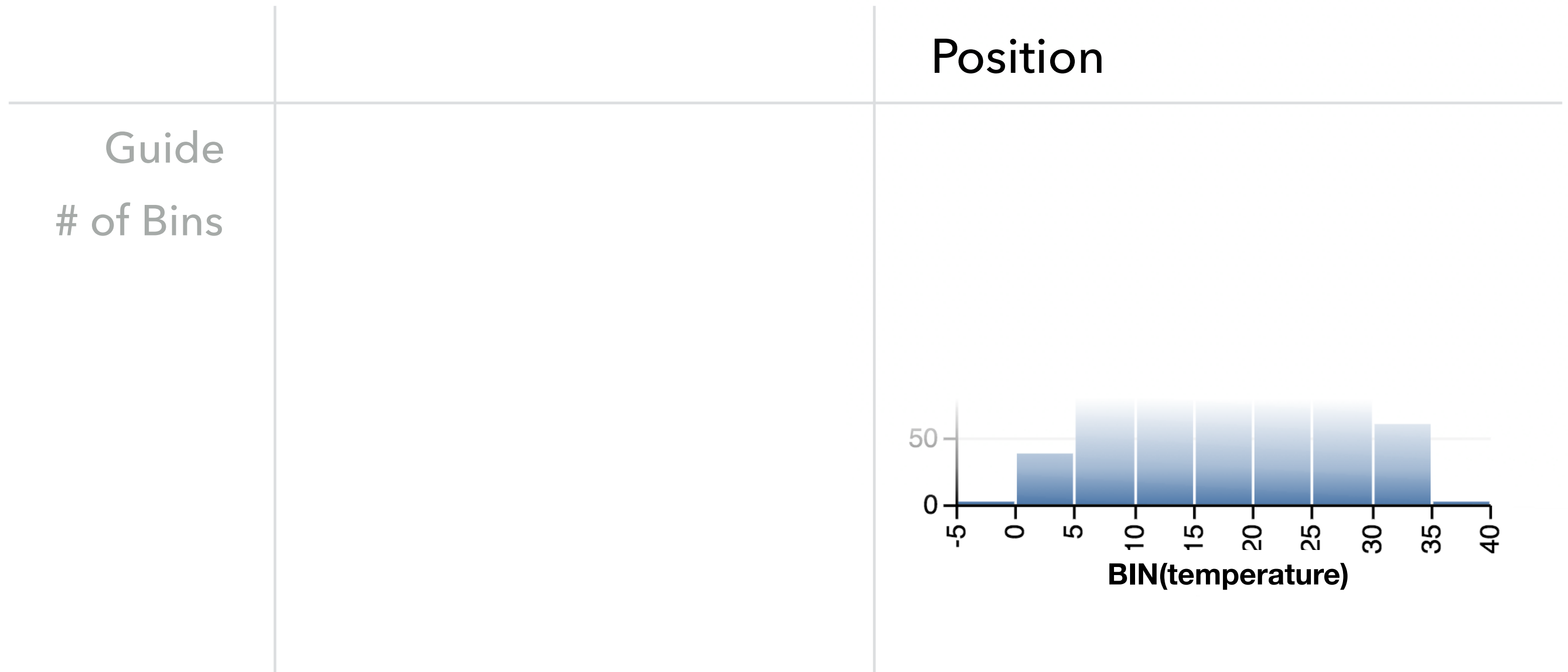
Sensible Defaults for Binning

Channel determines guide and bin parameters



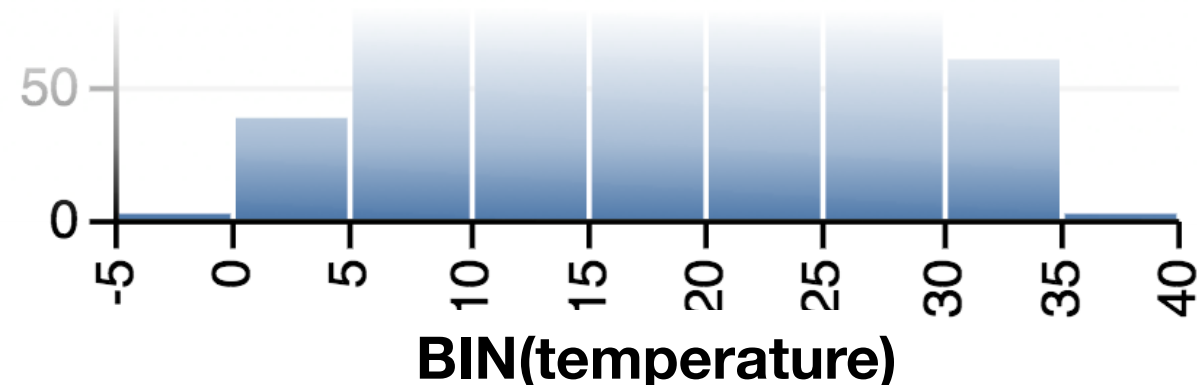
Sensible Defaults for Binning

Channel determines guide and bin parameters



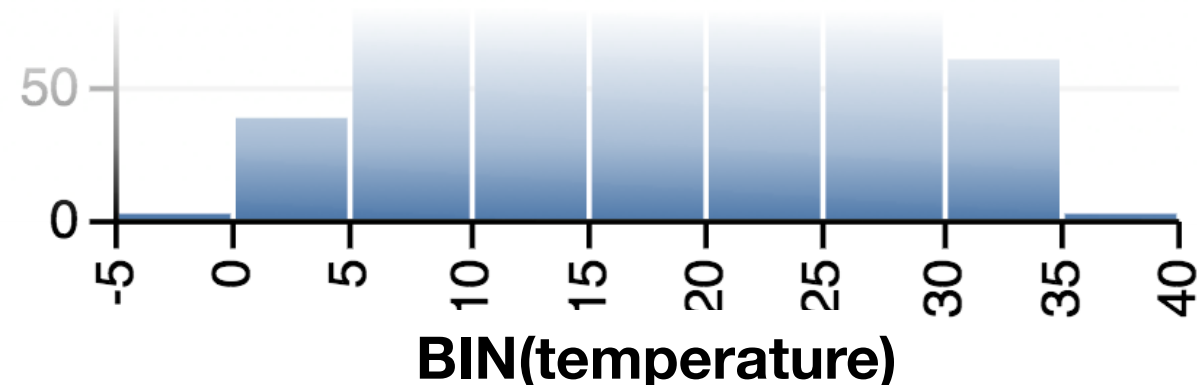
Sensible Defaults for Binning

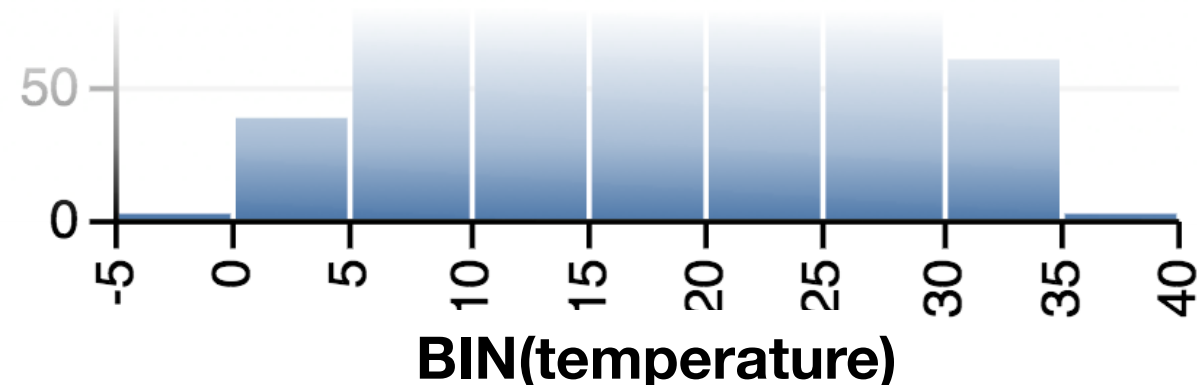
Channel determines guide and bin parameters

		Position																						
Guide # of Bins		Quantitative axis  <p>A histogram showing the distribution of temperature data. The x-axis is labeled 'BIN(temperature)' and ranges from -5 to 40 with major ticks every 5 units. The y-axis ranges from 0 to 50 with a major tick at 50. The data is represented by 10 blue bars. The first bar (BIN 0-5) has a height of approximately 40. The next eight bars (BIN 5-35) all have a height of approximately 60. The final bar (BIN 35-40) has a height of approximately 55. There are very small bars at the far left (BIN -5 to 0) and far right (BIN 40 to 45).</p> <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>Bin Range</th><th>Count</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>-5 to 0</td><td>~2</td></tr><tr><td>0 to 5</td><td>~40</td></tr><tr><td>5 to 10</td><td>~60</td></tr><tr><td>10 to 15</td><td>~60</td></tr><tr><td>15 to 20</td><td>~60</td></tr><tr><td>20 to 25</td><td>~60</td></tr><tr><td>25 to 30</td><td>~60</td></tr><tr><td>30 to 35</td><td>~60</td></tr><tr><td>35 to 40</td><td>~55</td></tr><tr><td>40 to 45</td><td>~2</td></tr></tbody></table>	Bin Range	Count	-5 to 0	~2	0 to 5	~40	5 to 10	~60	10 to 15	~60	15 to 20	~60	20 to 25	~60	25 to 30	~60	30 to 35	~60	35 to 40	~55	40 to 45	~2
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Sensible Defaults for Binning

Channel determines guide and bin parameters

		Position
Guide # of Bins		Quantitative axis More bins 



Sensible Defaults for Binning

Channel determines guide and bin parameters

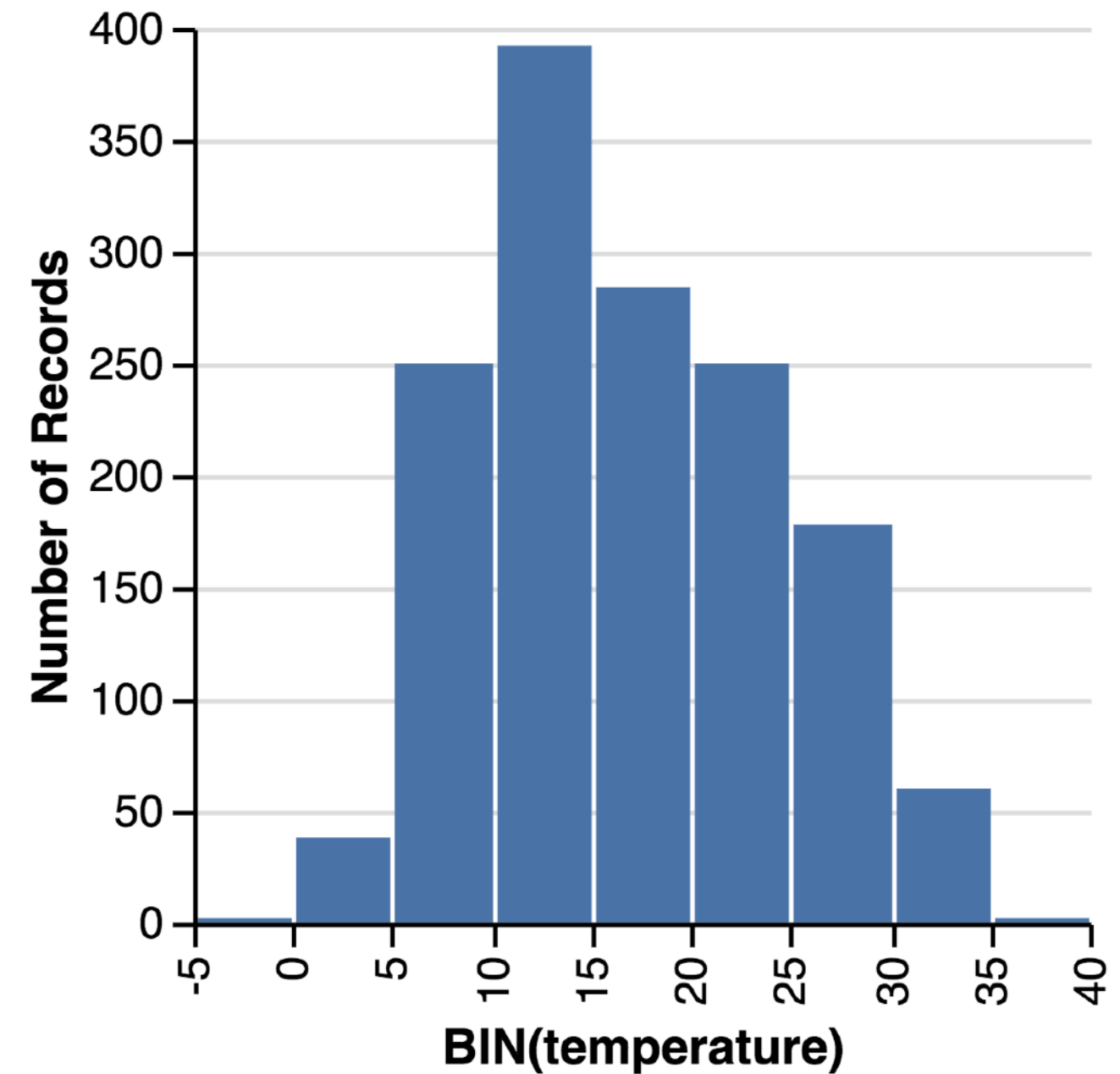
	Color/Opacity/Shape	Position
Guide	Legend with range labels	Quantitative axis
# of Bins	Fewer bins	More bins

Hottest Temperature
● -10–40
● 0–10
● 10–20
● 20–30
● 30–40

A histogram showing the distribution of temperature data across 10 bins. The x-axis is labeled 'BIN(temperature)' and ranges from -5 to 40. The y-axis ranges from 0 to 50. The distribution is roughly bell-shaped, centered around 15-20, with a peak frequency of approximately 60.

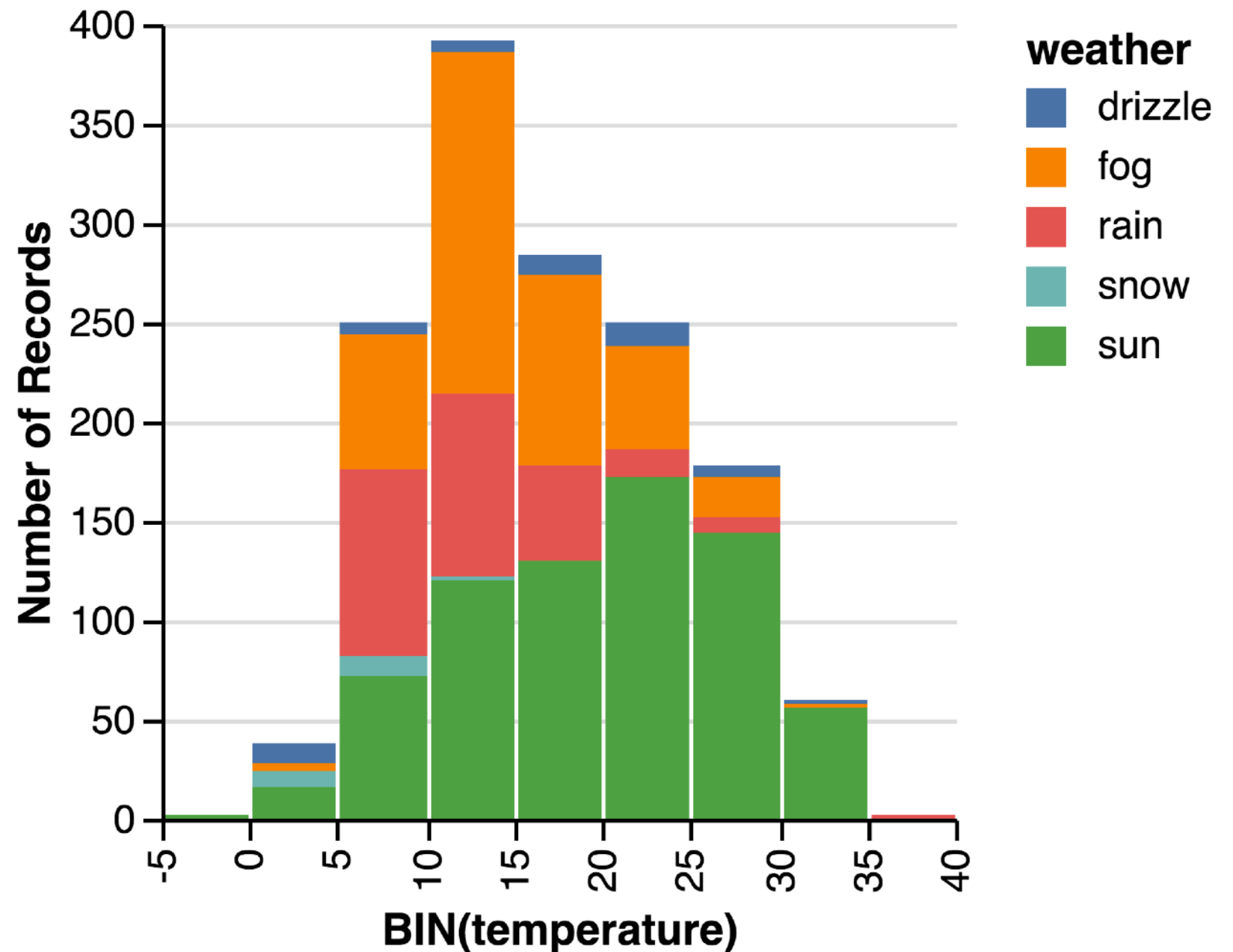
Histogram

```
{
  data: {url: "weather-seattle.json"},
  mark: "bar",
  encoding: {
    x: {
      bin: true,
      field: "temperature",
      type: "quantitative"
    },
    y: {
      aggregate: "count",
      type: "quantitative"
    }
  }
}
```



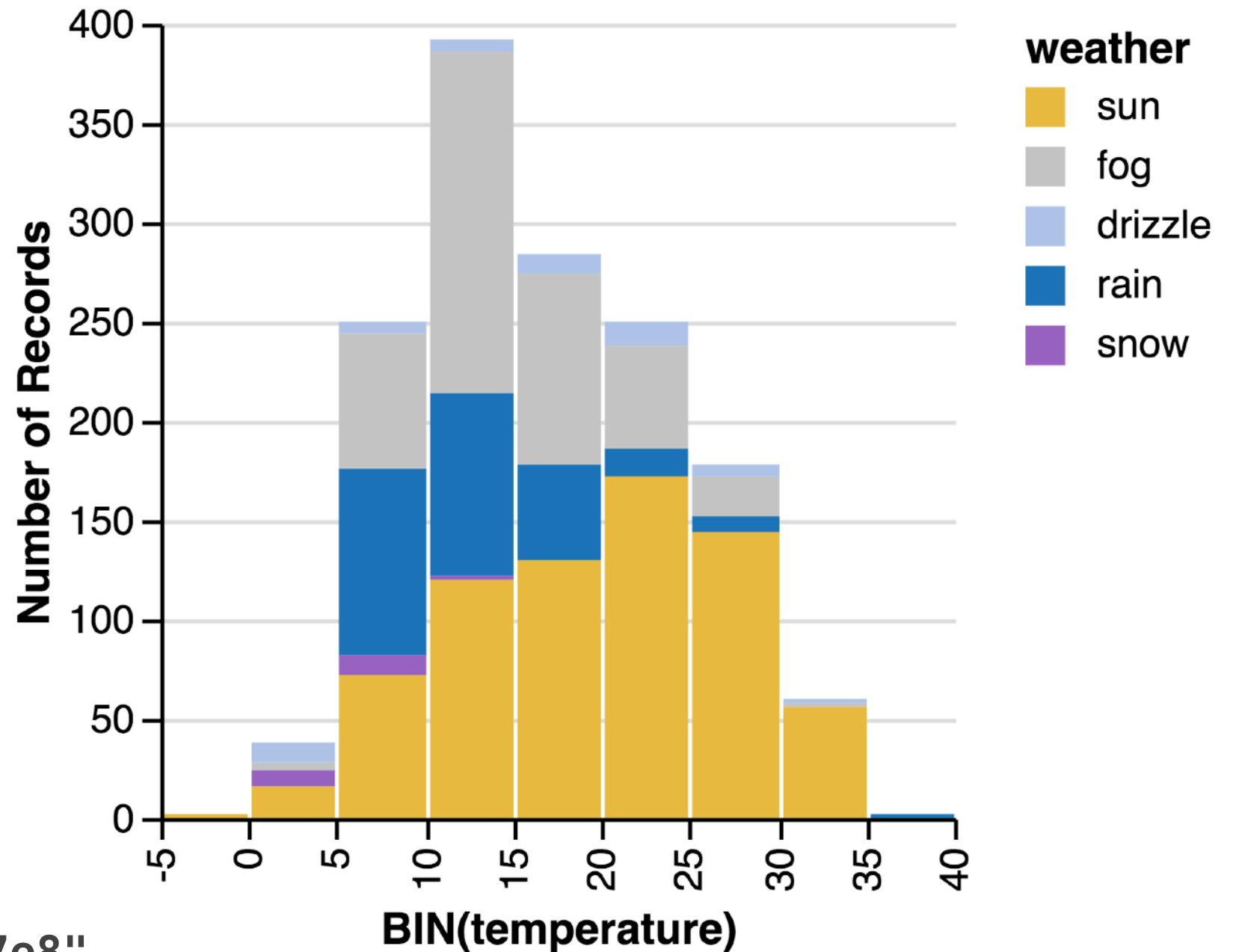
Histogram + Color

```
{
  data: {url: "weather-seattle.json"},
  mark: "bar",
  encoding: {
    x: {
      bin: true,
      field: "temperature",
      type: "quantitative"
    },
    y: {
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      type: "quantitative"
    },
    color: {
      field: "weather",
      type: "nominal"
    }
  }
}
```



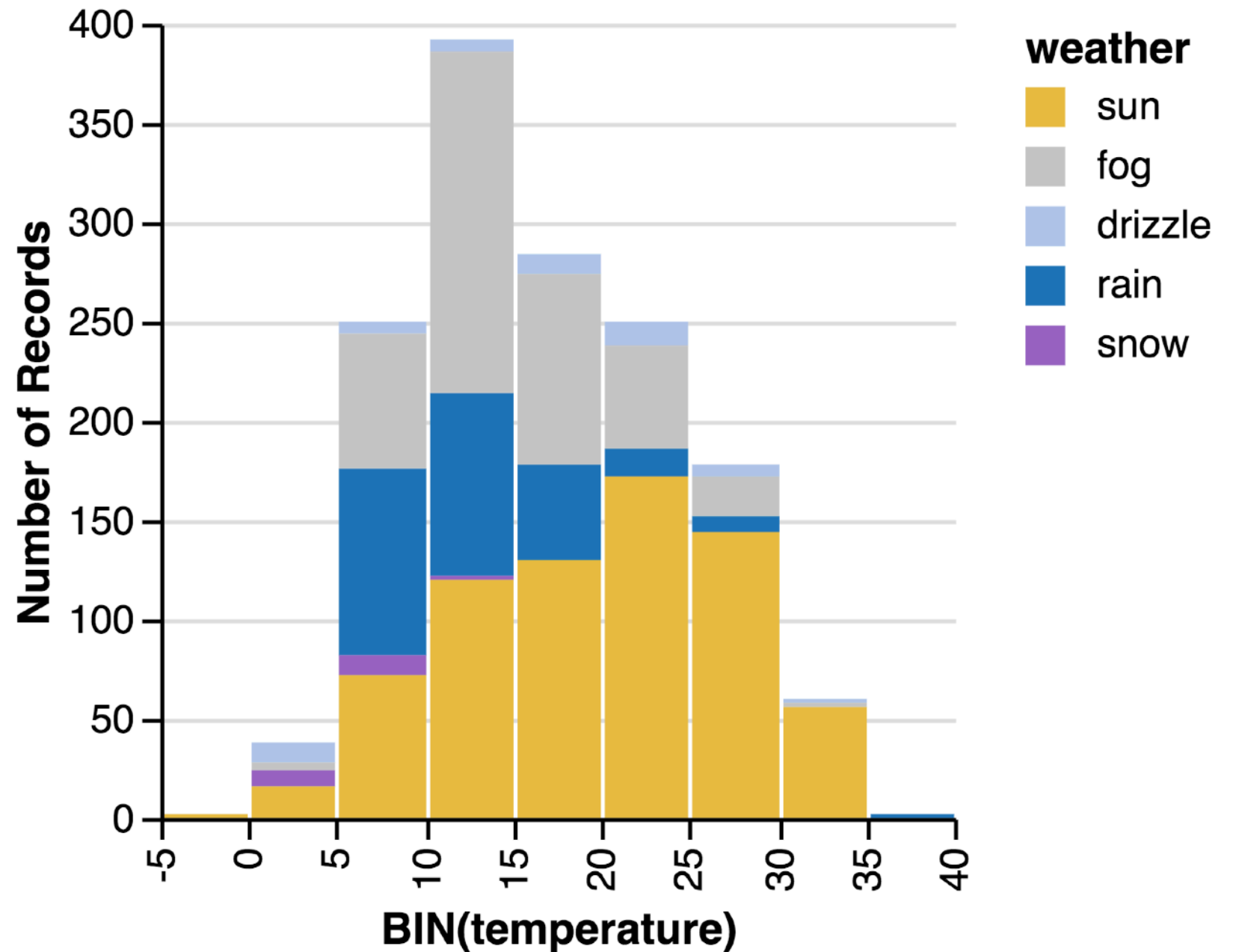
Histogram + Color

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  mark: "bar",
  encoding: {
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    },
    y: {
      aggregate: "count",
      type: "quantitative"
    },
    color: {
      field: "weather",
      type: "nominal",
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                  "rain", "snow"],
        "range": ["#e7ba52", "#c7c7c7", "#aec7e8",
                  "#1f77b4", "#9467bd"]
      }
    }
  }
}
```



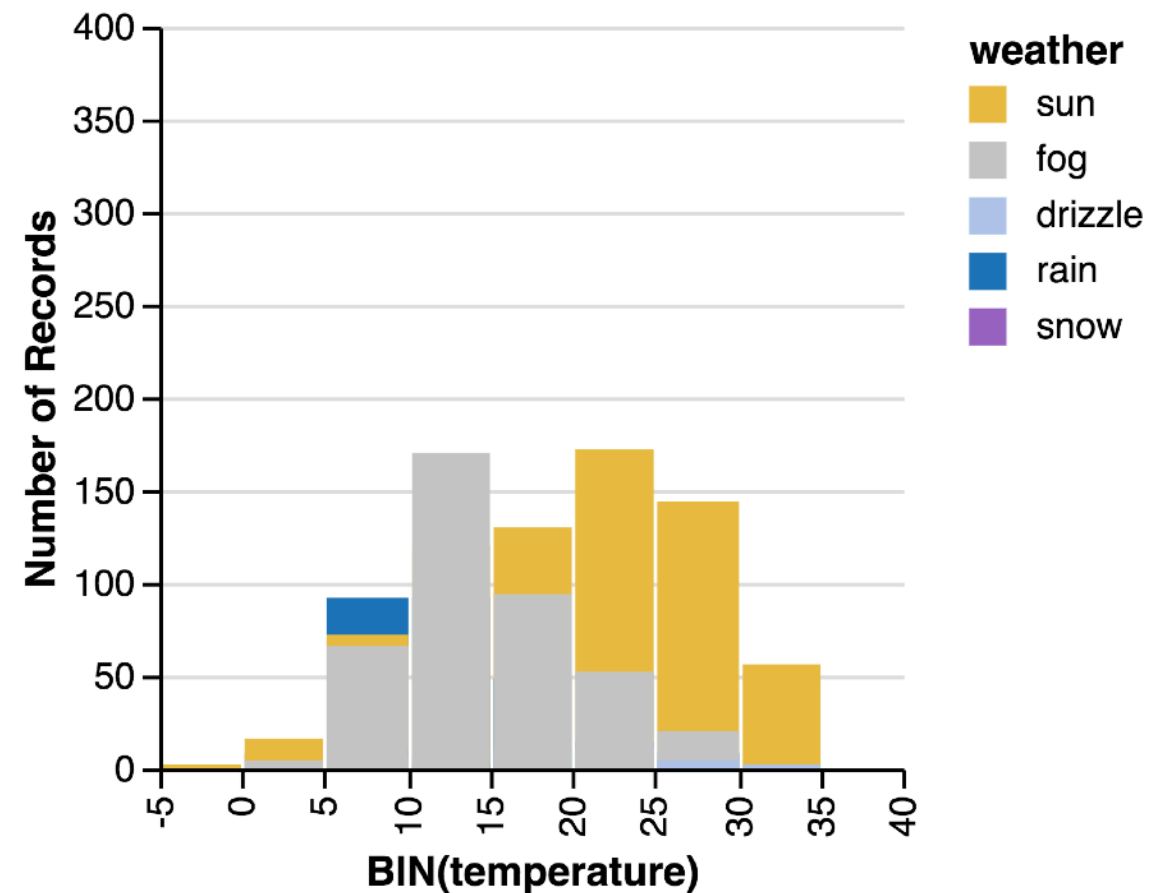
Histogram + Color = Stacked Histogram

```
{
  data: {url: "weather-seattle.json"},
  mark: "bar",
  encoding: {
    x: {
      bin: true,
      field: "temperature",
      type: "quantitative"
    },
    y: {
      aggregate: "count",
      type: "quantitative"
    },
    color: {
      field: "weather",
      type: "nominal",
      ...
    }
  }
}
```

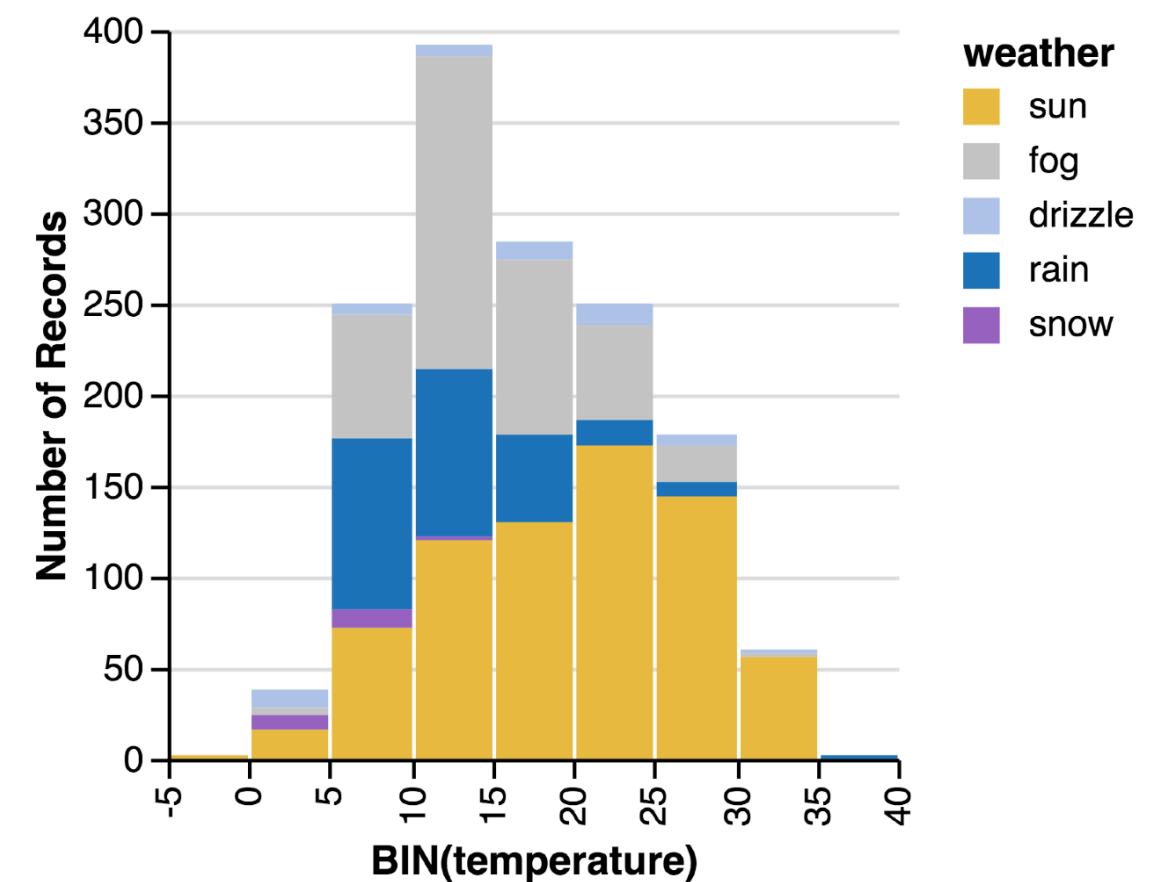


Stacked Histogram: **Sensible Defaults**

no stack



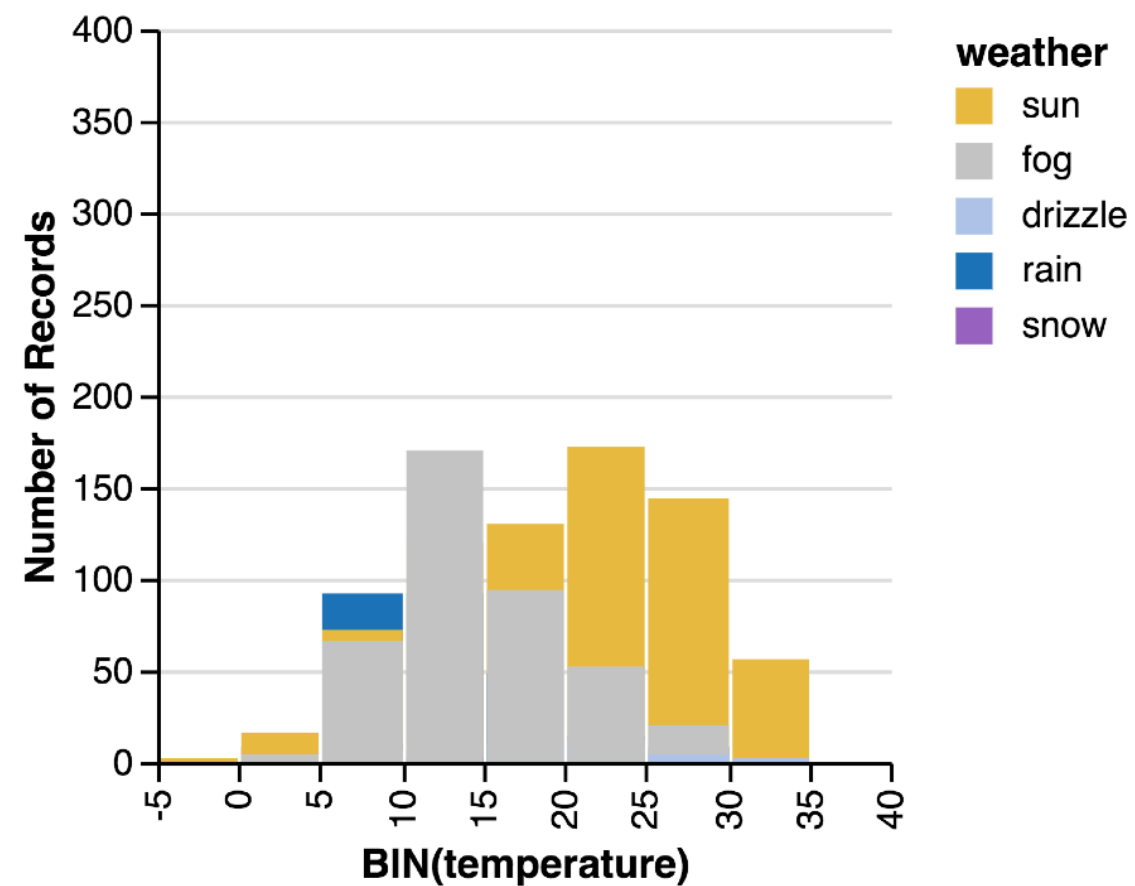
stack (default)



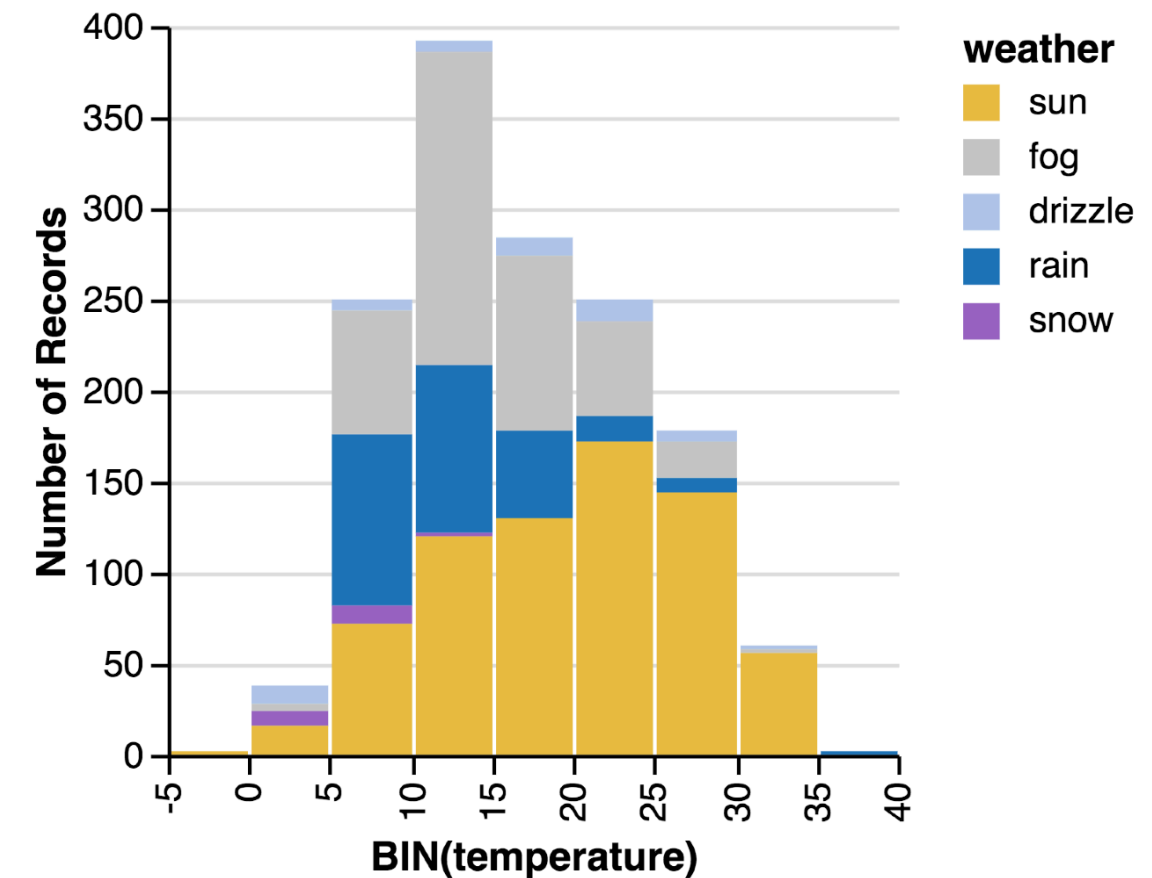
Stacked Histogram: **Sensible Defaults**

Channel (color) + Mark (bar) automatically enables stacking: a layout transform.

no stack



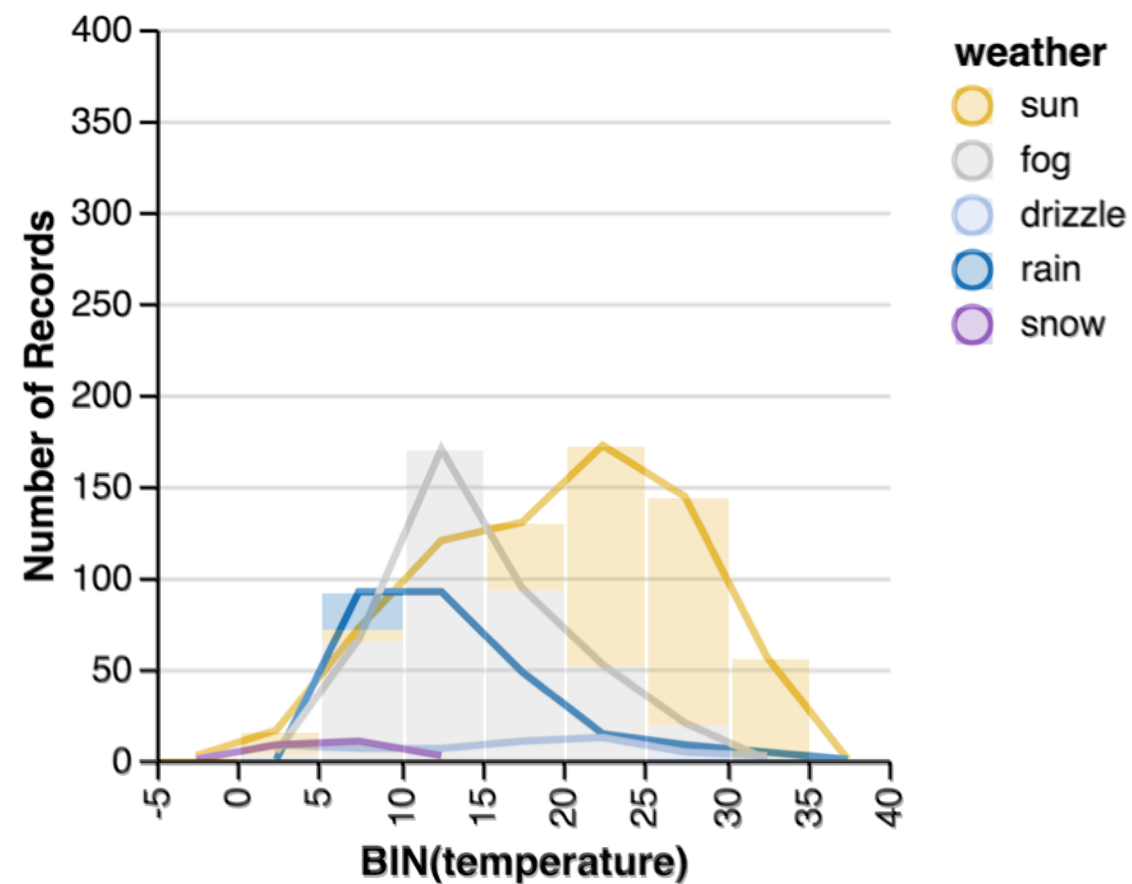
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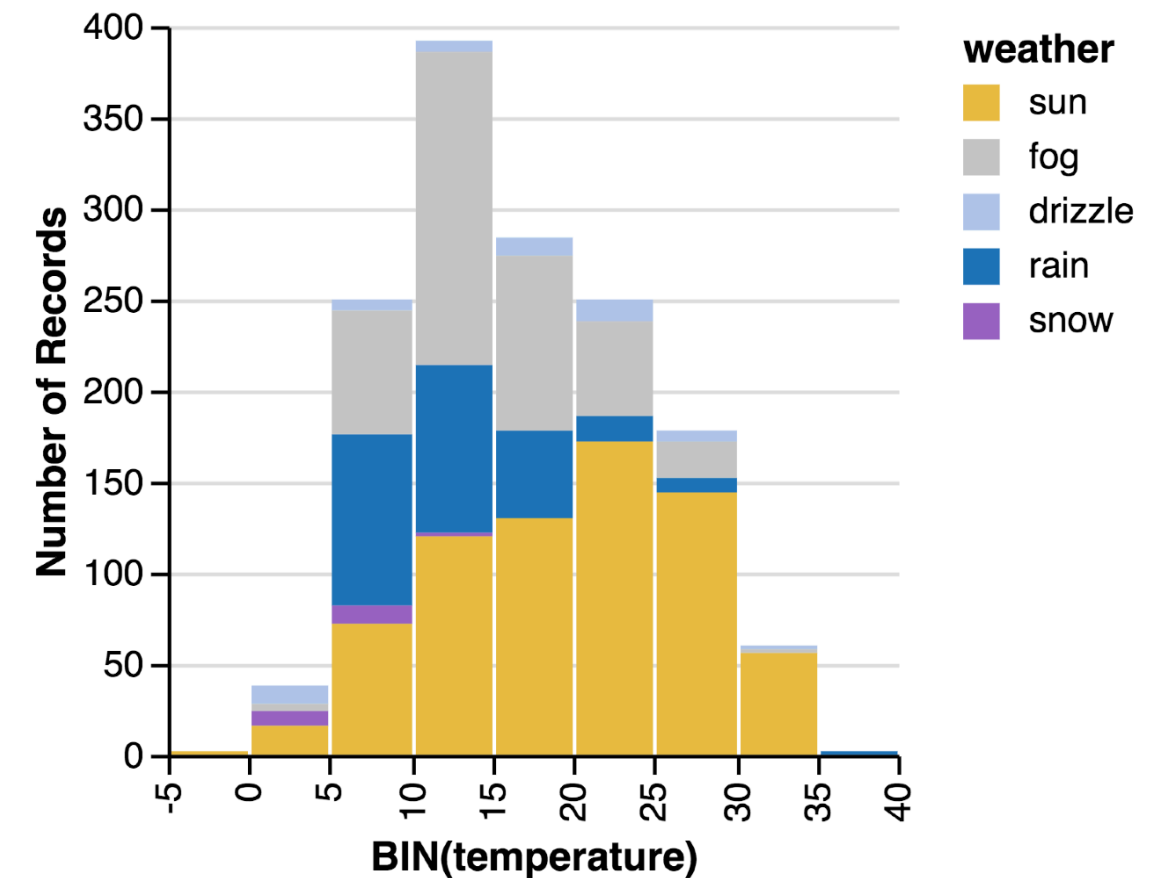
Stacked Histogram: **Sensible Defaults**

Channel (color) + Mark (bar) automatically enables stacking: a layout transform.

no stack → **overlap**

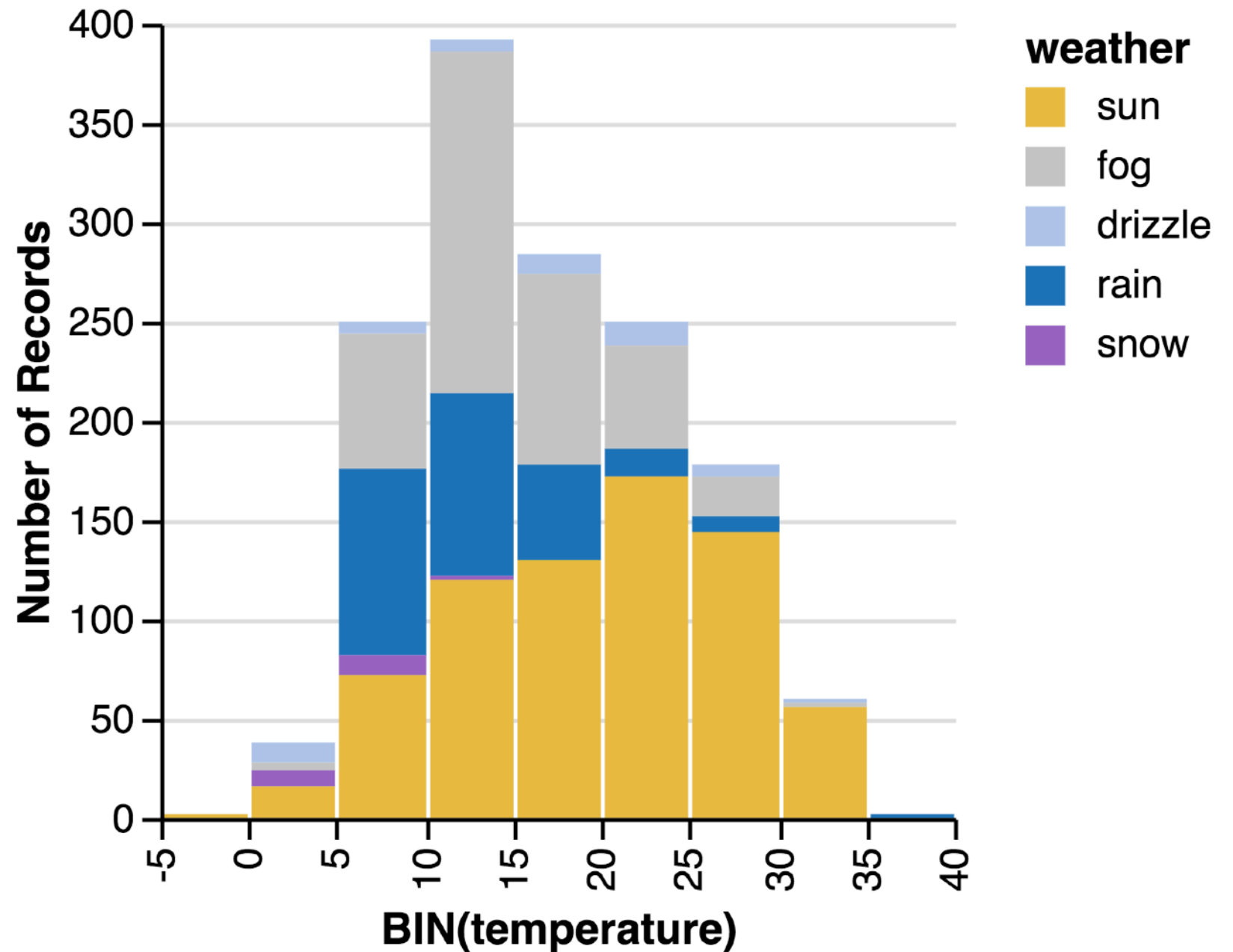


stack (default)



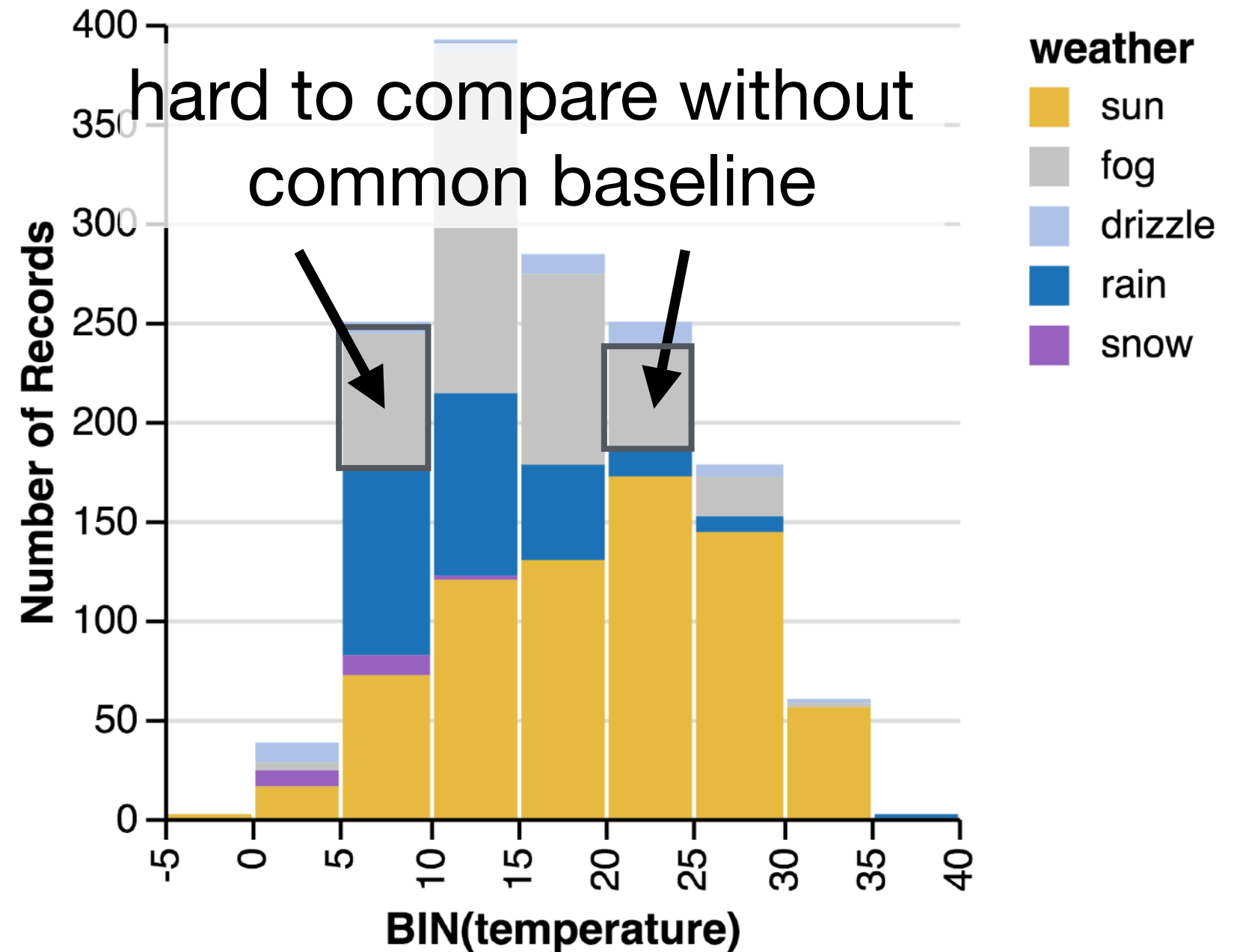
Histogram + Color = Stacked Histogram

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  encoding: {
    x: {
      bin: true,
      field: "temperature",
      type: "quantitative"
    },
    y: {
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    }
  }
}
```



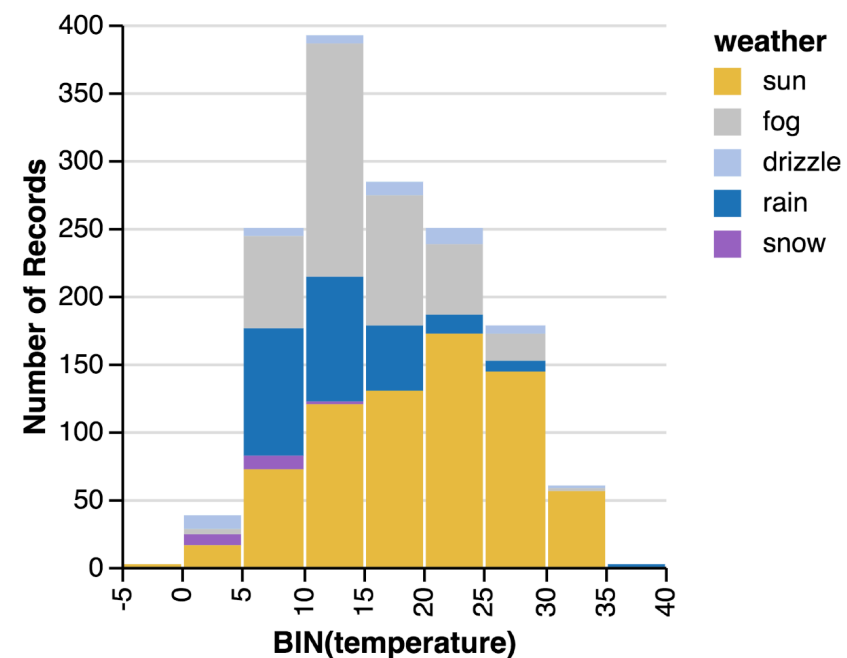
Histogram + Color = Stacked Histogram

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  encoding: {
    x: {
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      field: "temperature",
      type: "quantitative"
    },
    y: {
      aggregate: "count",
      type: "quantitative"
    },
    color: {
      field: "weather",
      type: "nominal"
    }
  }
}
```



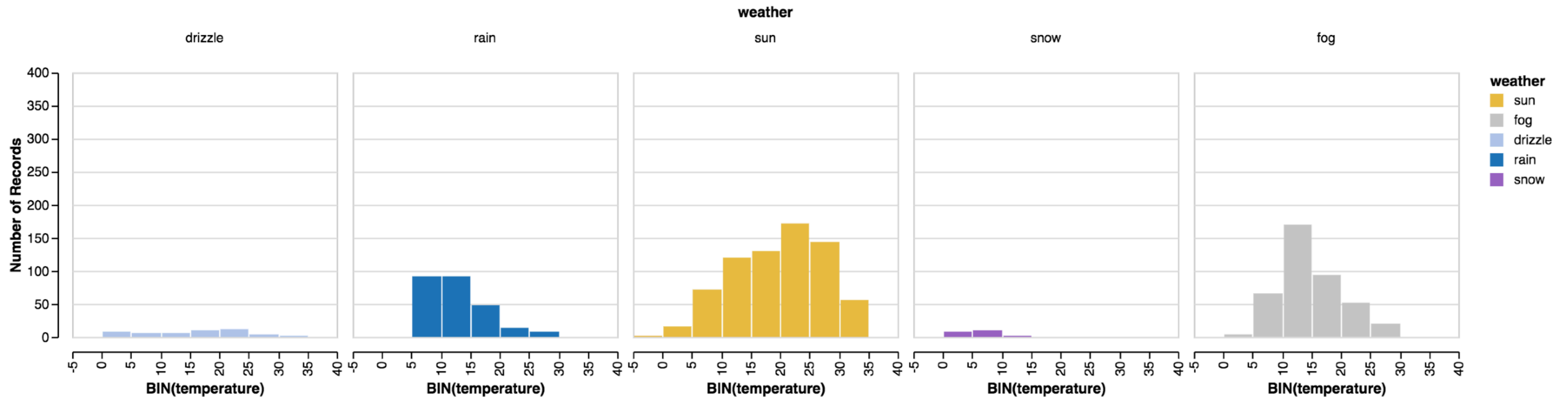
Histogram + Color = Stacked Histogram

```
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  data: {url: "weather-seattle.json"},
  mark: "bar",
  encoding: {
    x: {bin: true, field: "temperature", type: "quantitative"},
    y: {aggregate: "count", type: "quantitative"},
    color: {field: "weather", type: "nominal"}
  }
}
```



Histogram + Column = Trellis Histogram

```
{
  data: {url: "weather-seattle.json"},
  mark: "bar",
  encoding: {
    x: {bin: true, field: "temperature", type: "quantitative"},
    y: {aggregate: "count", type: "quantitative"},
    column: {field: "weather", type: "nominal"}
  }
}
```



Vega-Lite: a Grammar of Interactive Graphics

The Design of Vega-Lite

Single View Specification

Layered and **Multi-view** Composition

Interactions with Selections

Using Vega-Lite

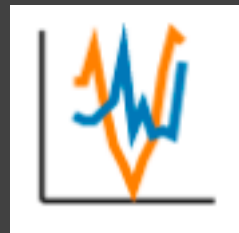
Programming with Vega-Lite

Higher-level **Tools** and **Recommendations**

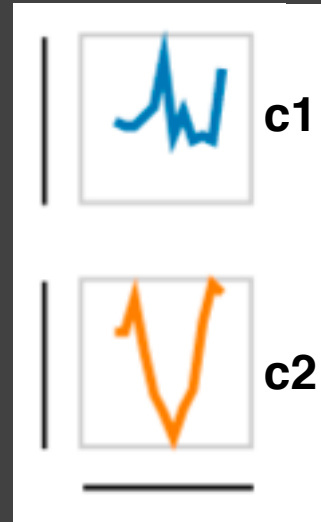
View Composition Operators

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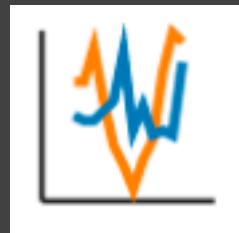


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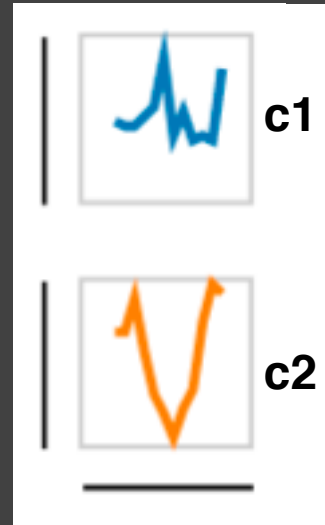


View Composition Operators

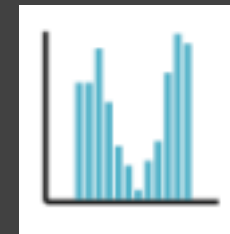
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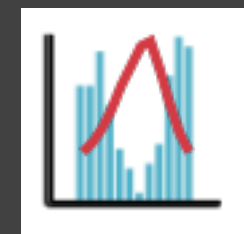
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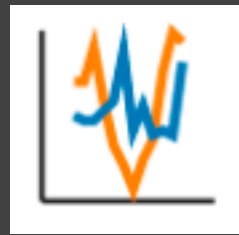


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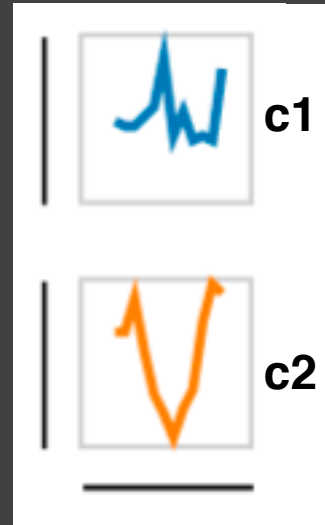


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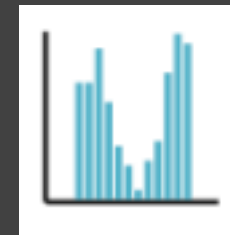
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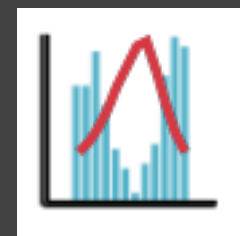
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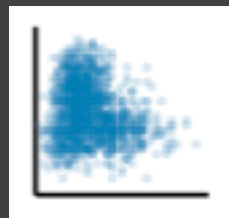
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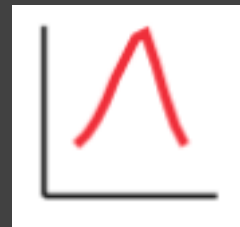
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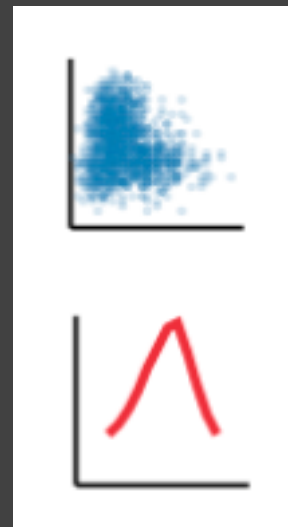
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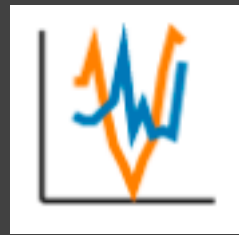


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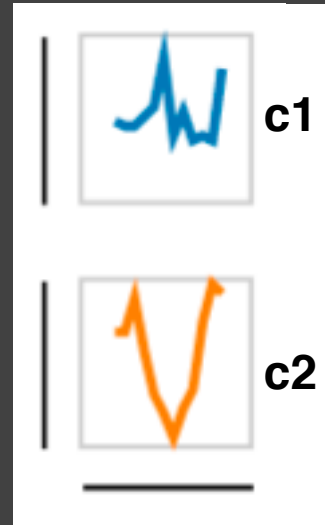


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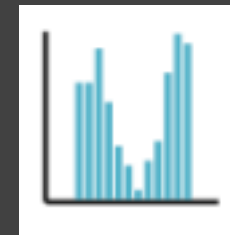
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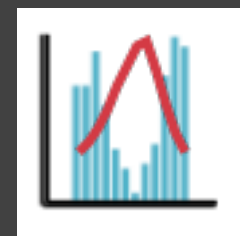
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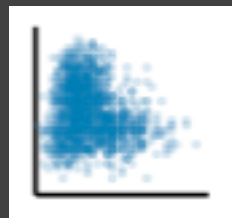
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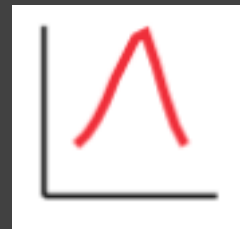
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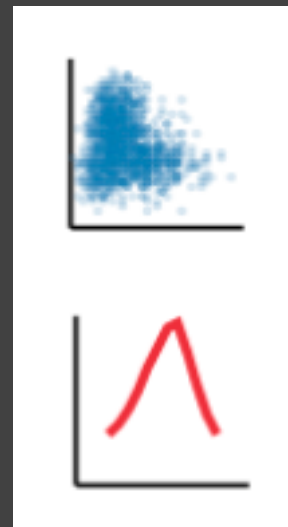
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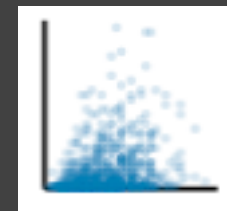
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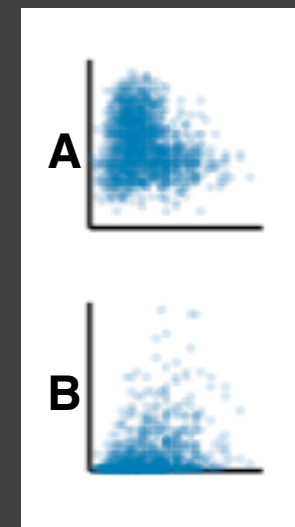
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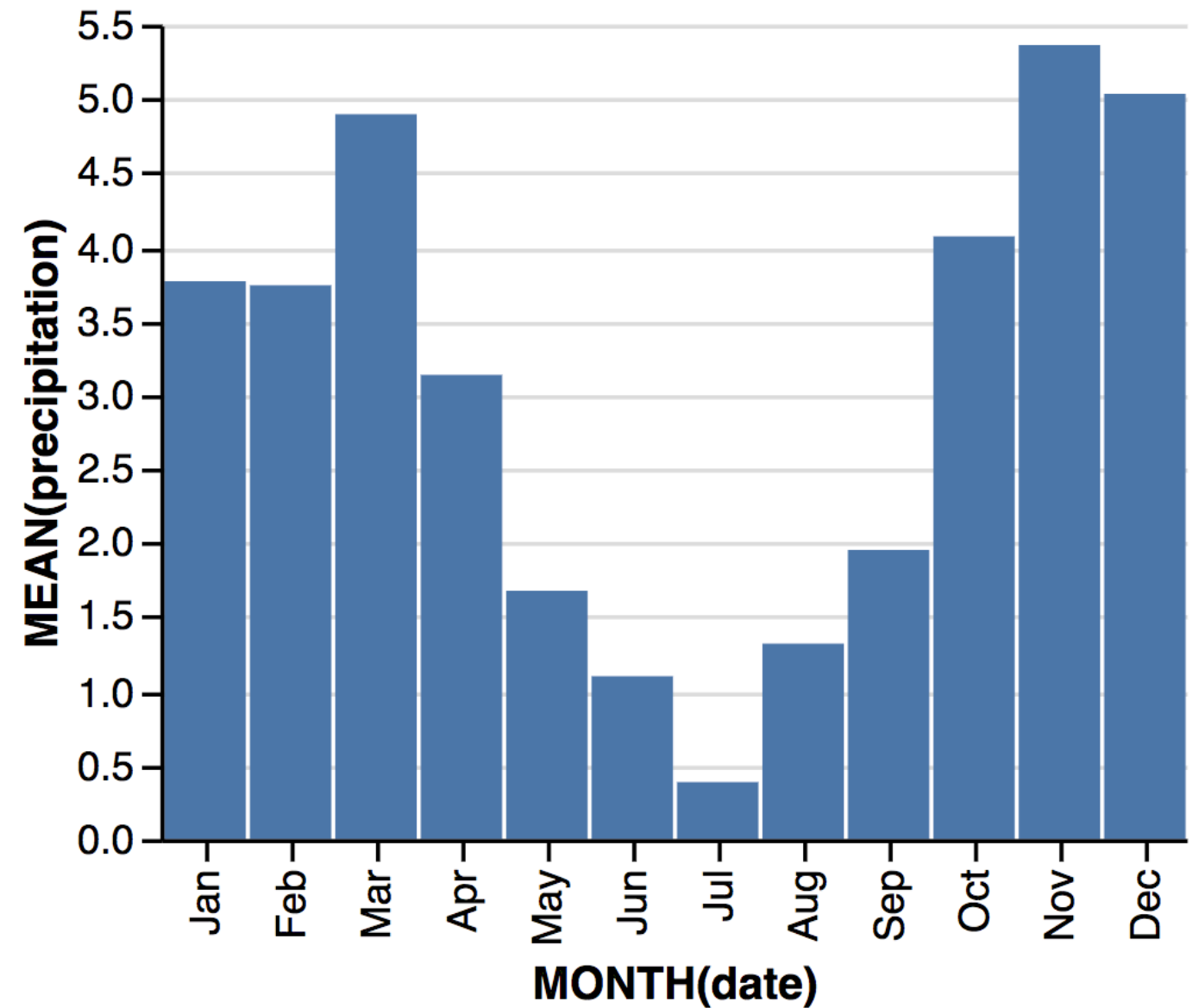


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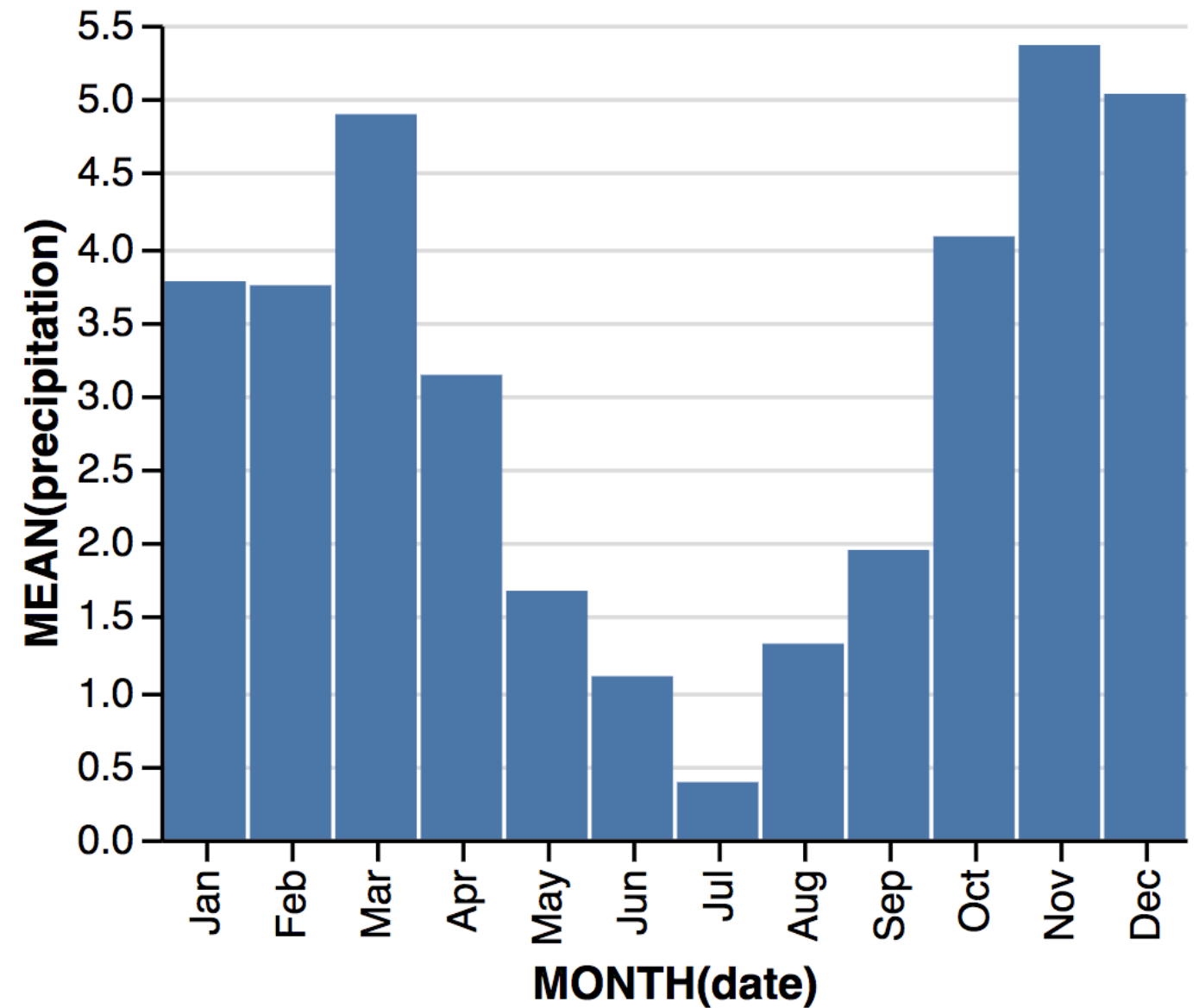
Monthly Precipitation

```
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  mark: "bar",
  encoding: {
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      timeUnit: "month",
      field: "date",
      type: "quantitative"
    },
    y: {
      aggregate: "mean",
      field: "precipitation",
      type: "quantitative"
    }
  }
}
```



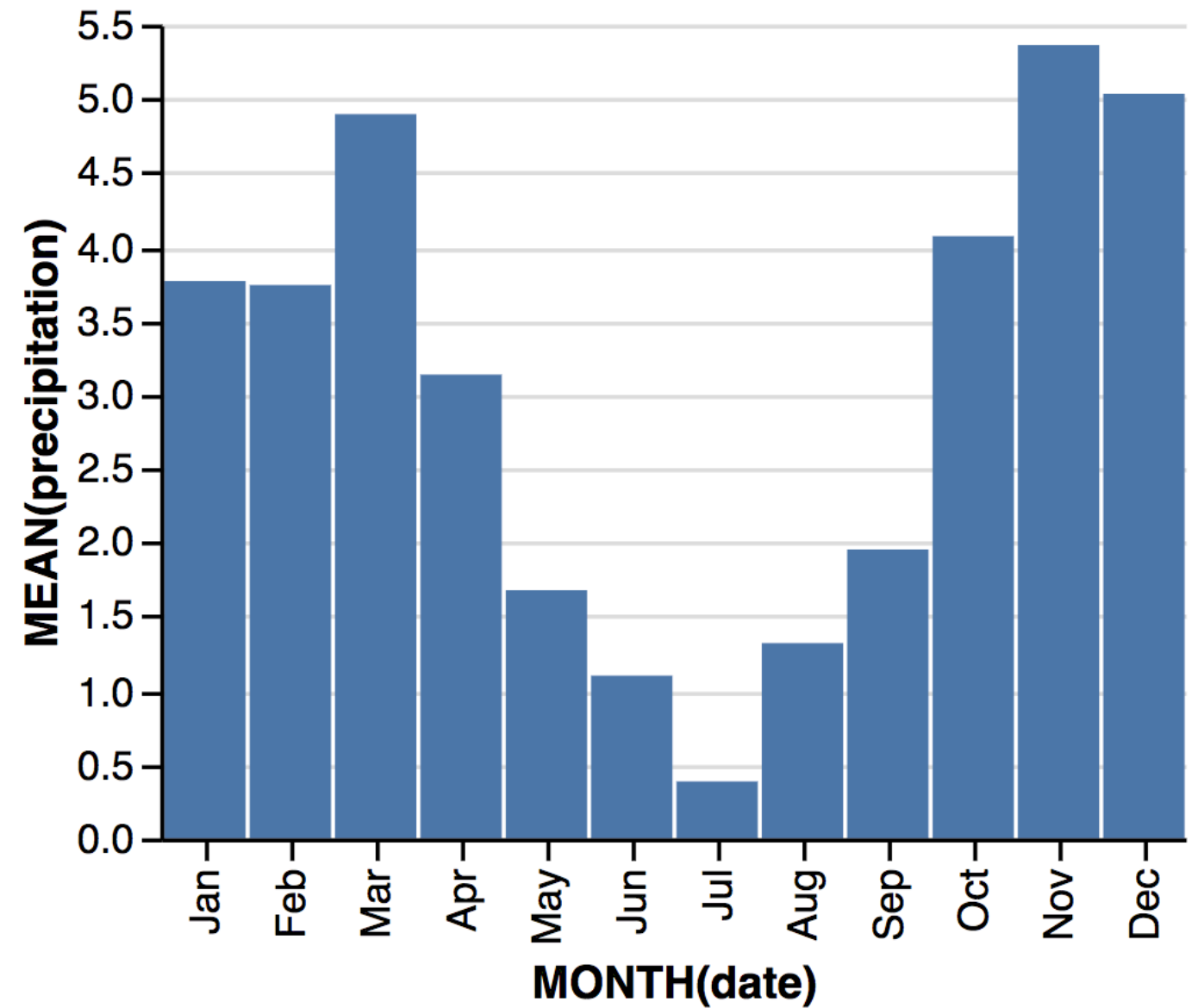
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}
```



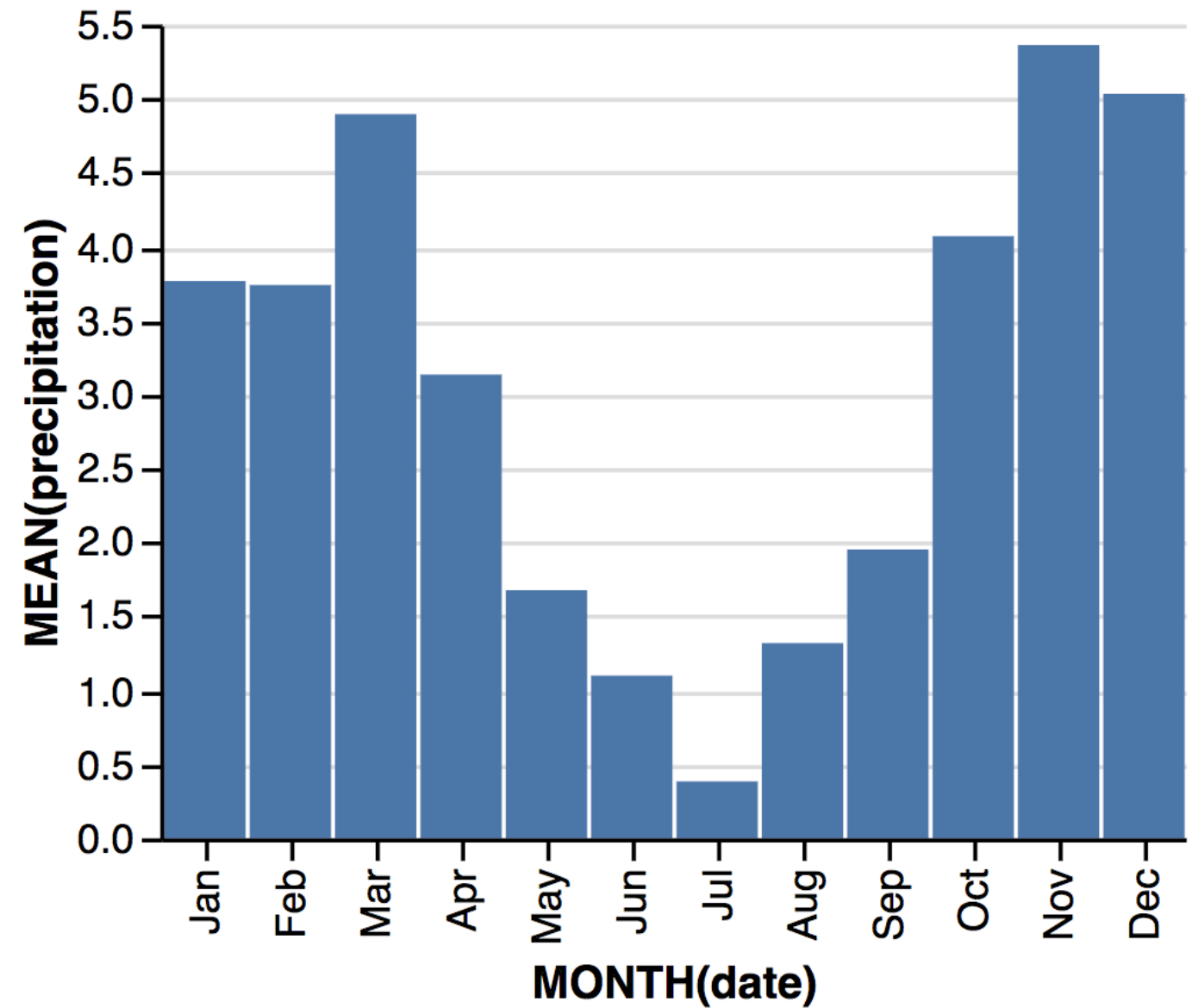
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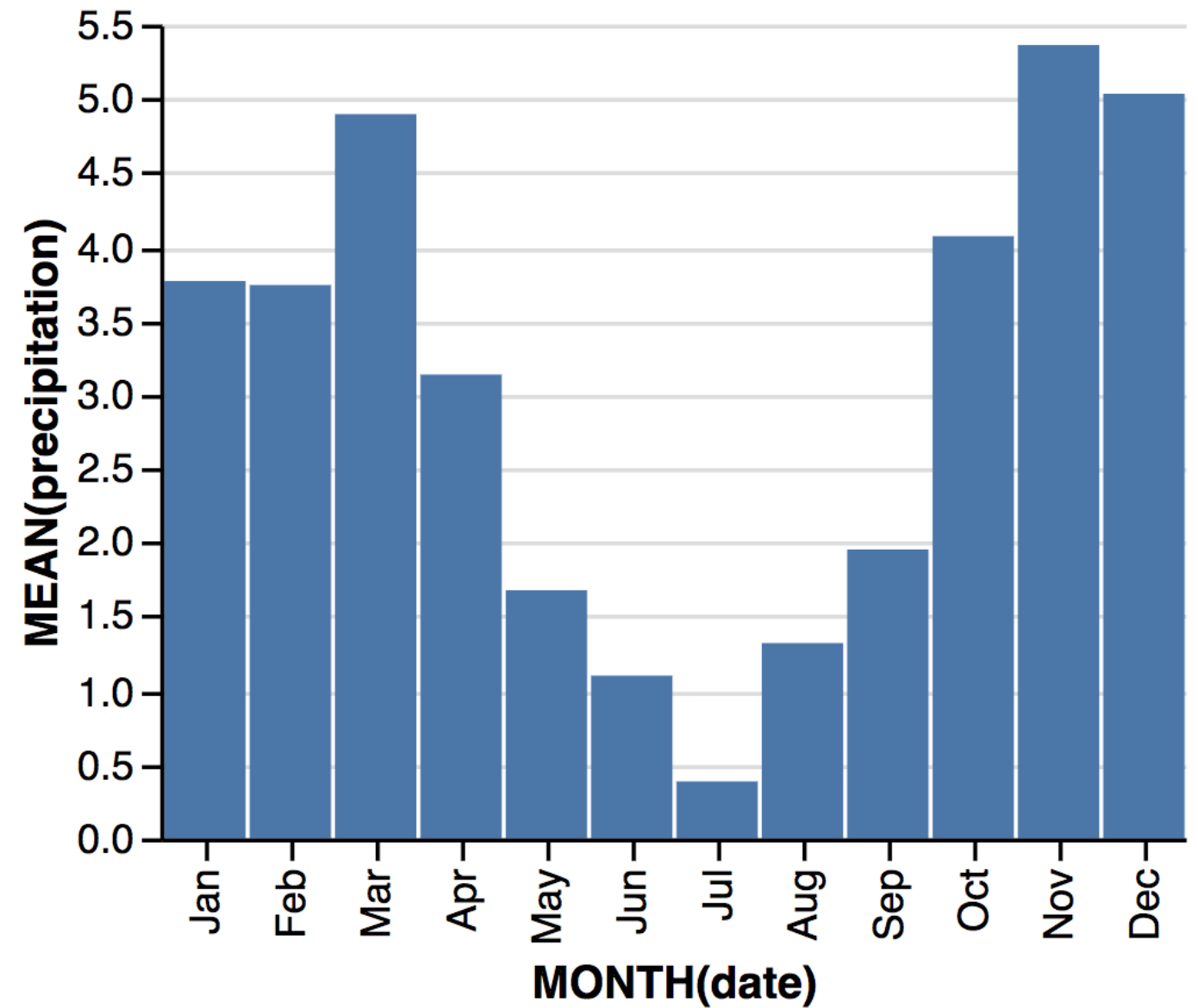
Layering

```
{
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    },
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    }
  }
}
```



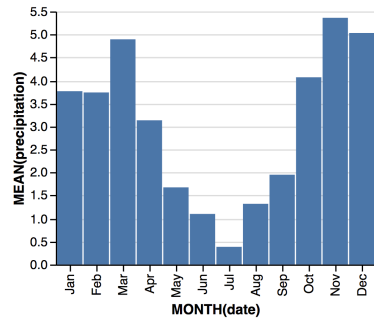
Layering

```
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    encoding: {
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        field: "date",
        type: "quantitative"
      },
      y: {
        aggregate: "mean",
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        type: "quantitative"
      }
    }
  ]
}
```

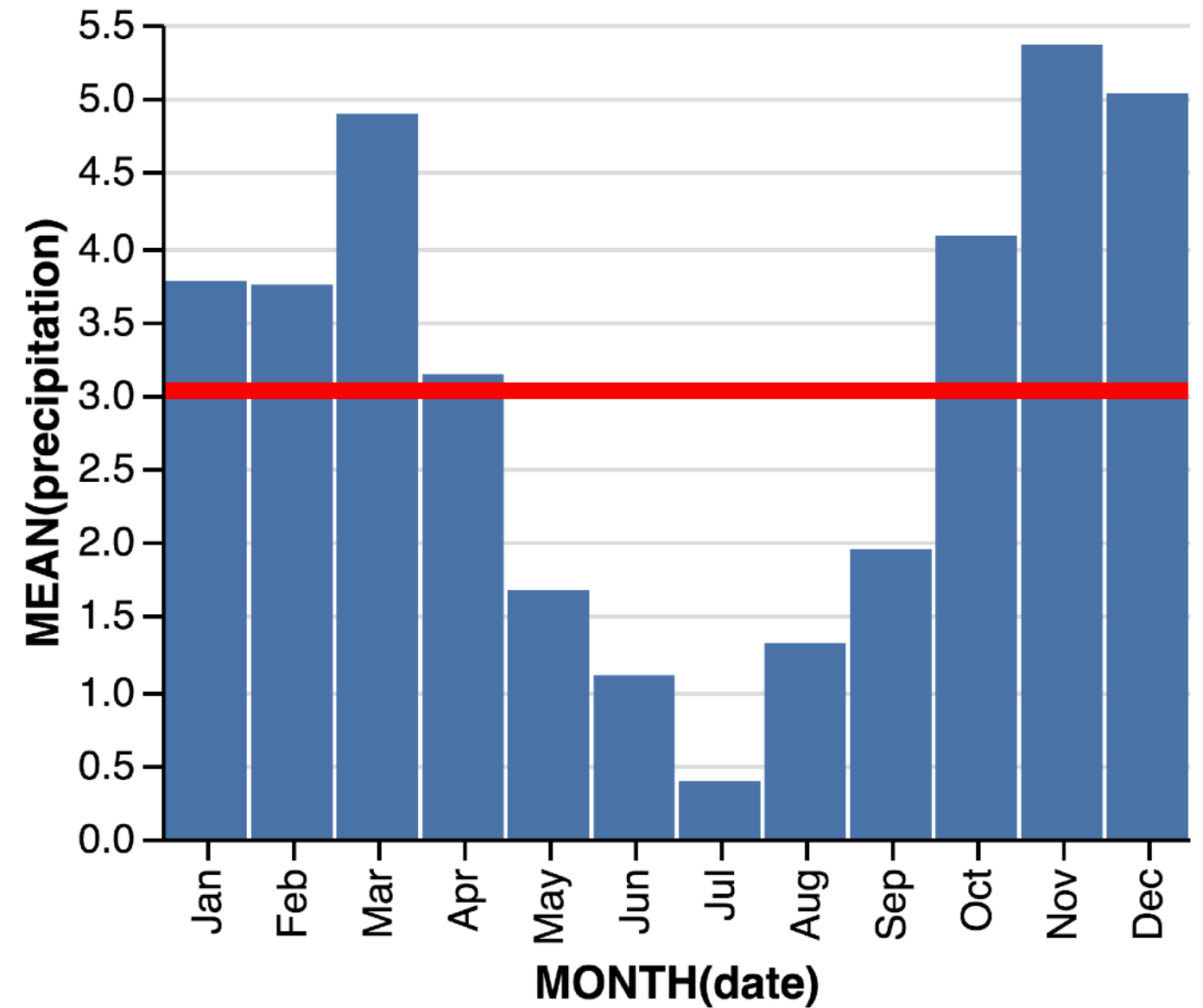


Layering

```
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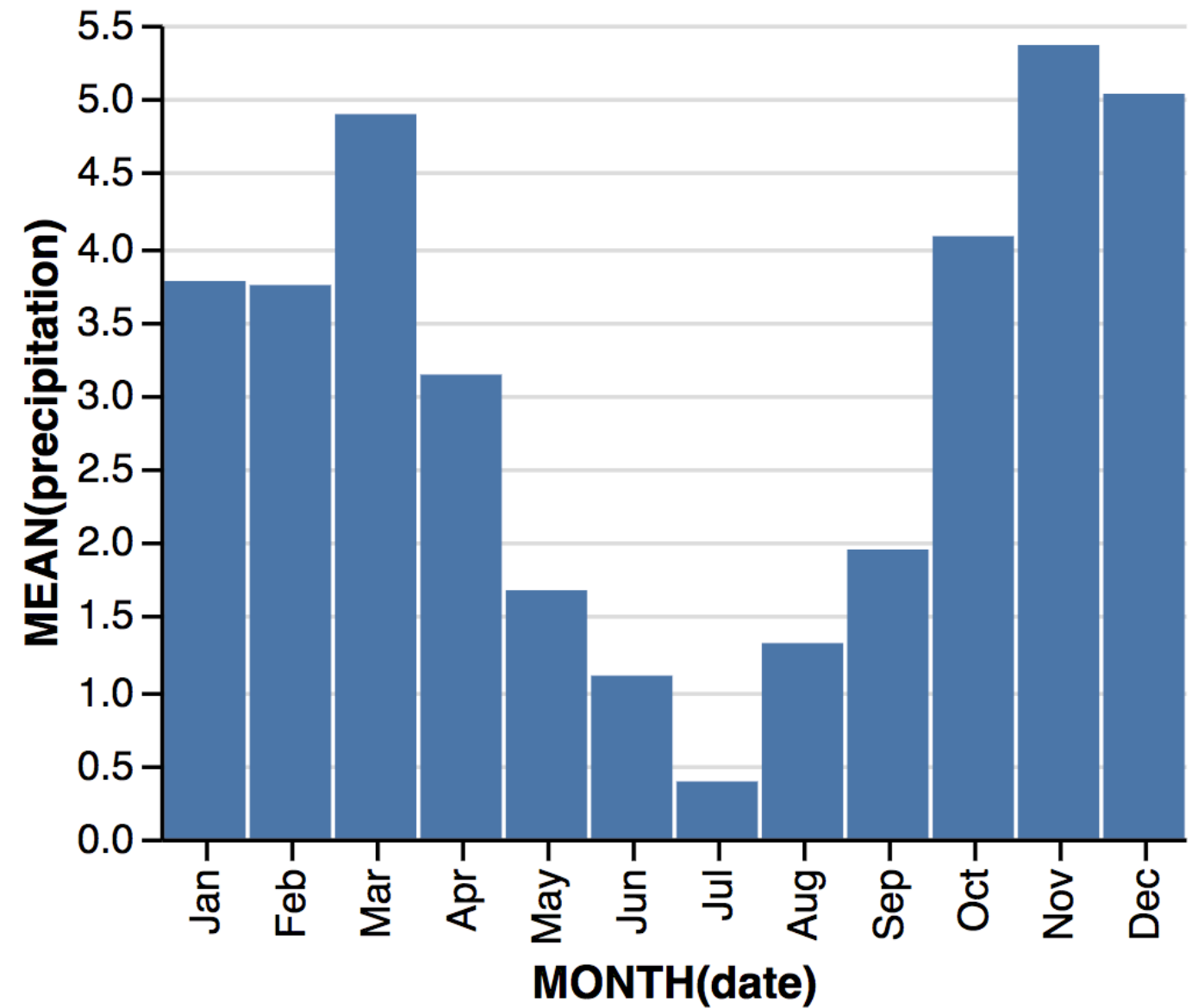


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    encoding: {  
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        field: "precipitation",  
        type: "quantitative"  
      }  
    }  
  ]  
}
```



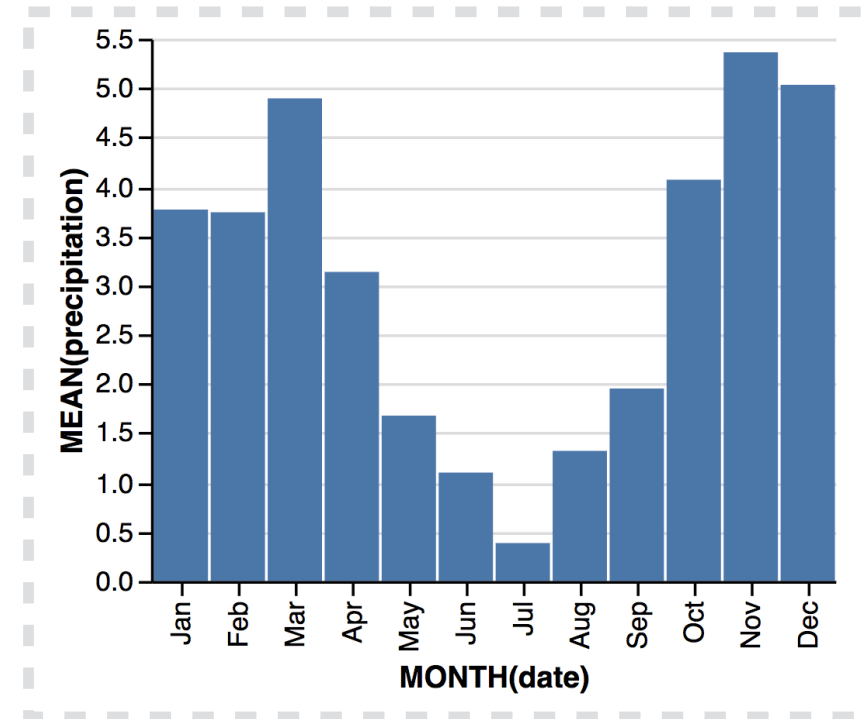
Concat

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  mark: "bar",  
  encoding: {  
    x: {  
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      field: "date",  
      type: "quantitative"  
    },  
    y: {  
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      field: "precipitation",  
      type: "quantitative"  
    }  
  }  
}
```



Concat

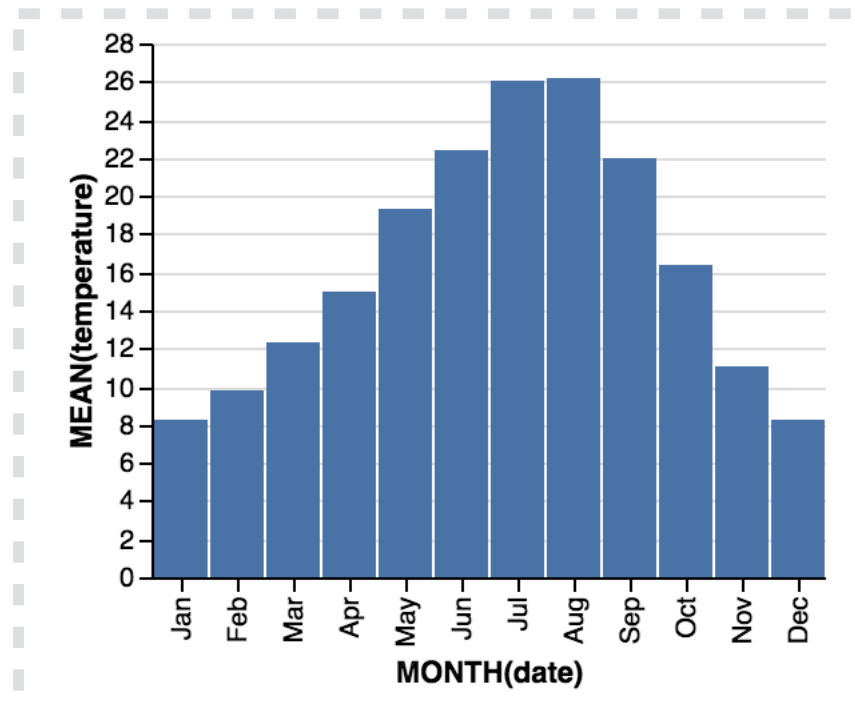
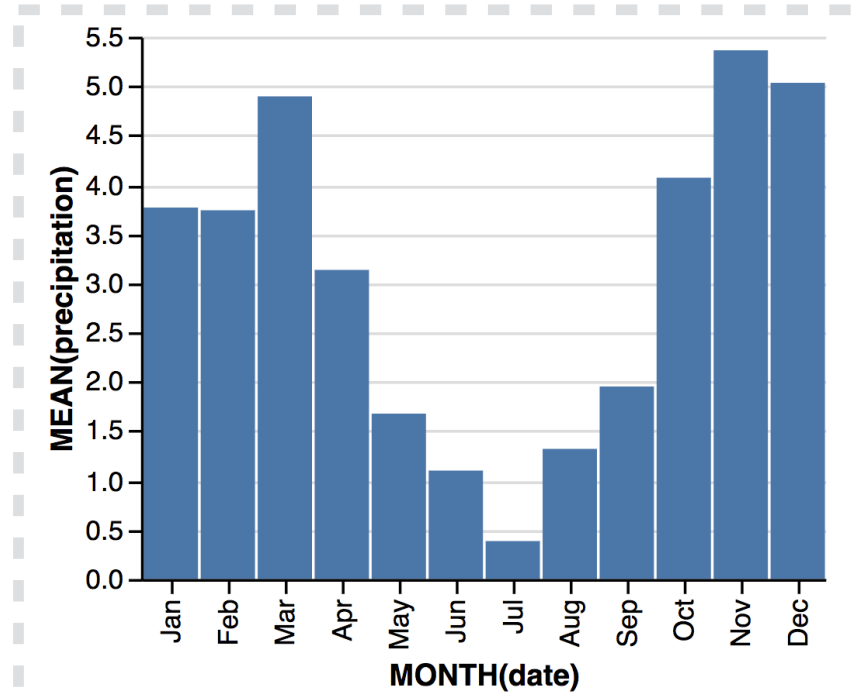
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      type: "quantitative"
    }
  }
}
```



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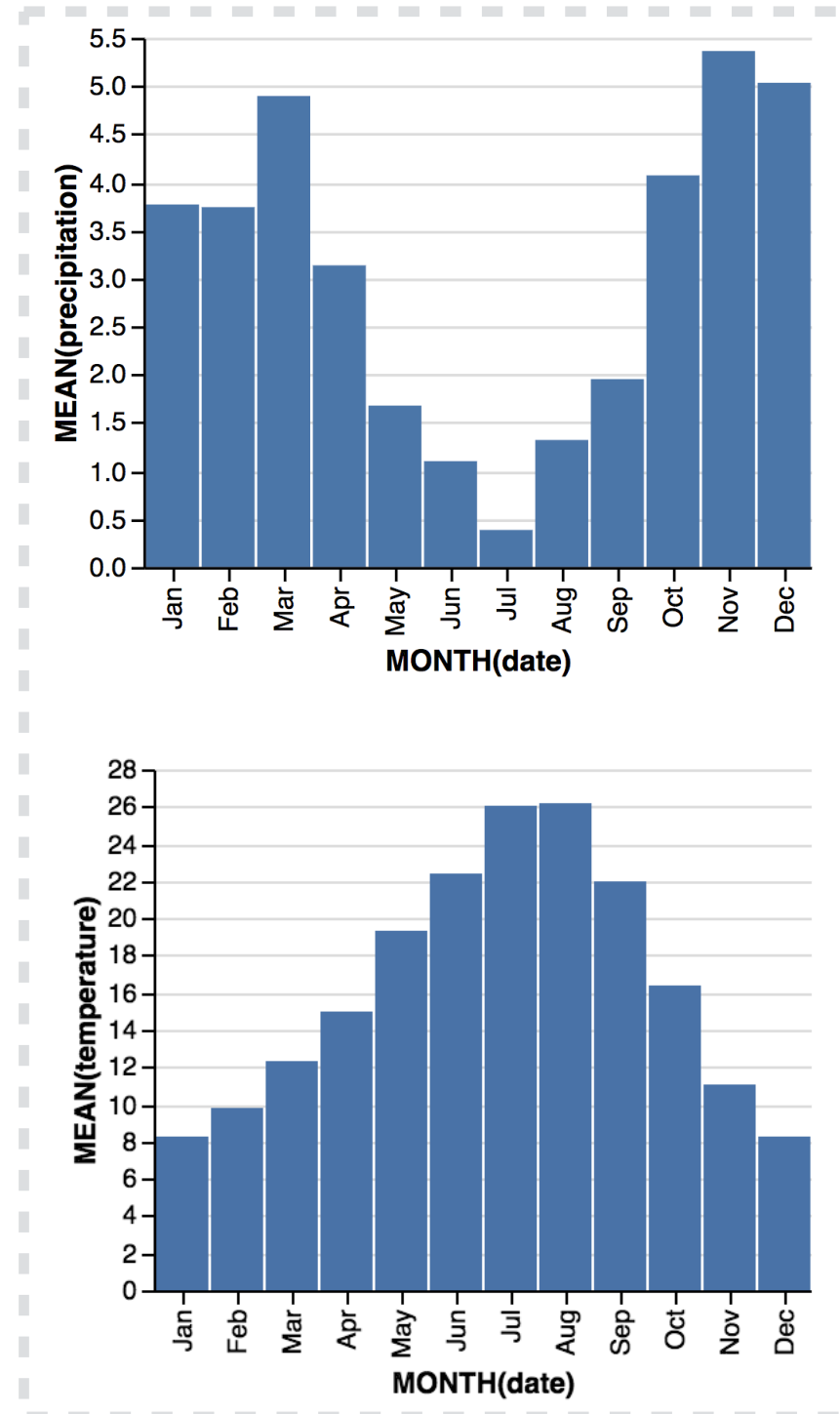
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      aggregate: "mean",
      field: "precipitation",
      type: "quantitative"
    }
  }
}

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  }
}
```



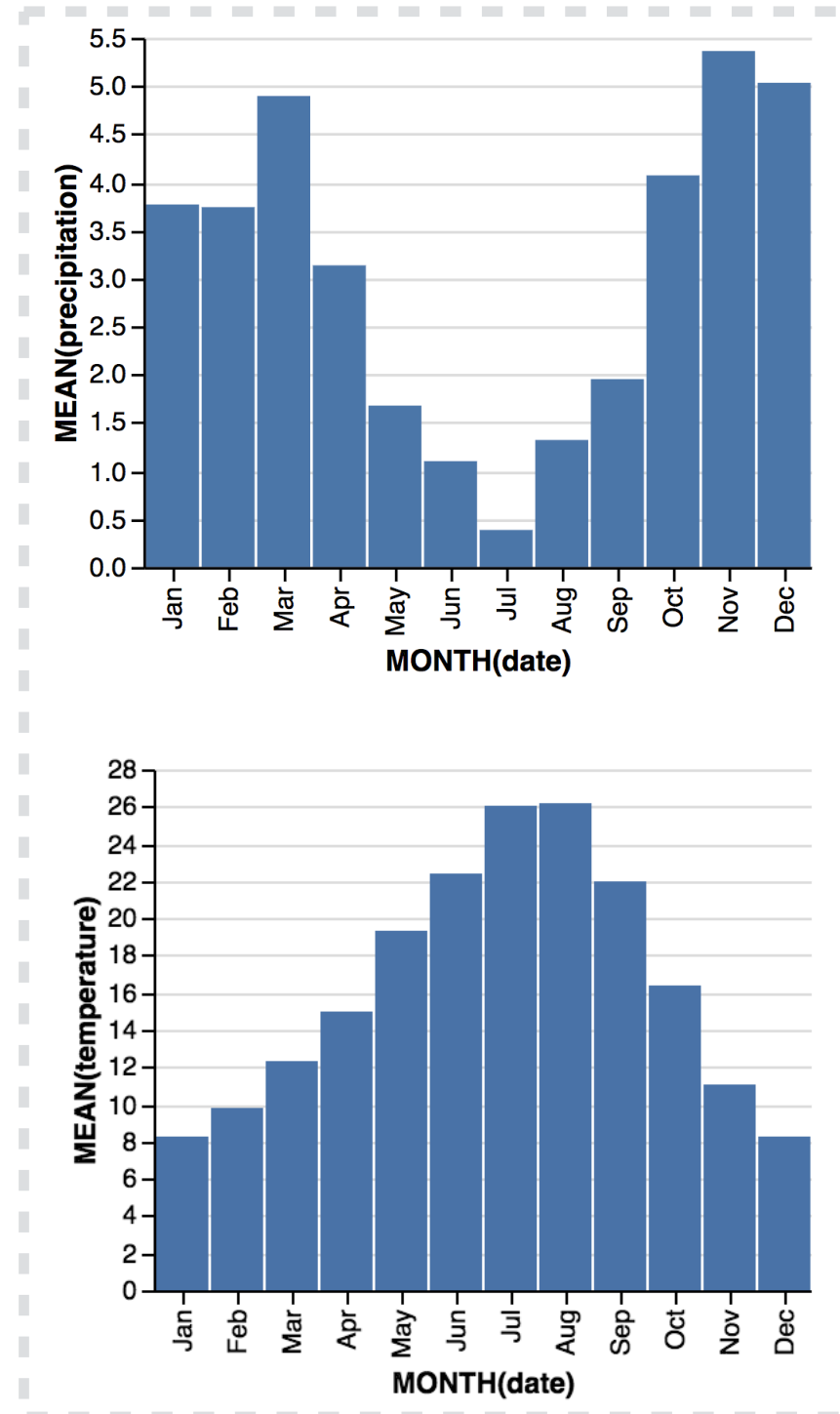
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        field: "date",
        type: "quantitative"
      },
      y: {
        aggregate: "mean",
        field: "precipitation",
        type: "quantitative"
      }
    }
  },
  {
    data: {url: "weather-seattle.json"},
    mark: "bar",
    encoding: {
      x: {
        timeUnit: "month",
        field: "date",
        type: "quantitative"
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      y: {
        aggregate: "mean",
        field: "temperature",
        type: "quantitative"
      }
    }
  }
]
```



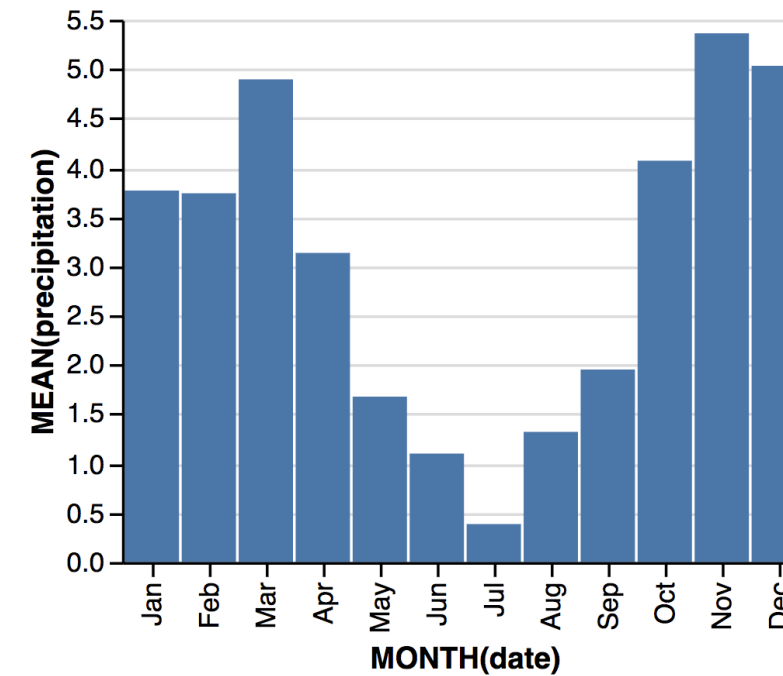
Concat

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      },
      y: {
        aggregate: "mean",
        field: "precipitation",
        type: "quantitative"
      }
    }
  },
  {
    data: {url: "weather-seattle.json"},
    mark: "bar",
    encoding: {
      x: {
        timeUnit: "month",
        field: "date",
        type: "quantitative"
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    }
  }
]
```



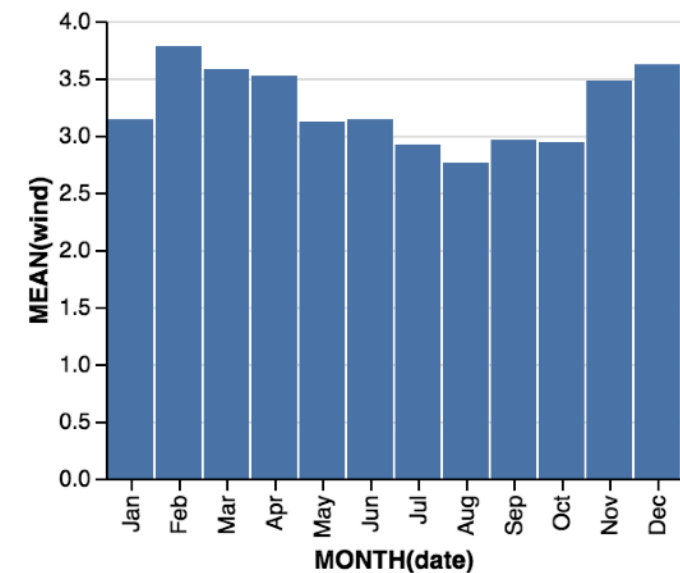
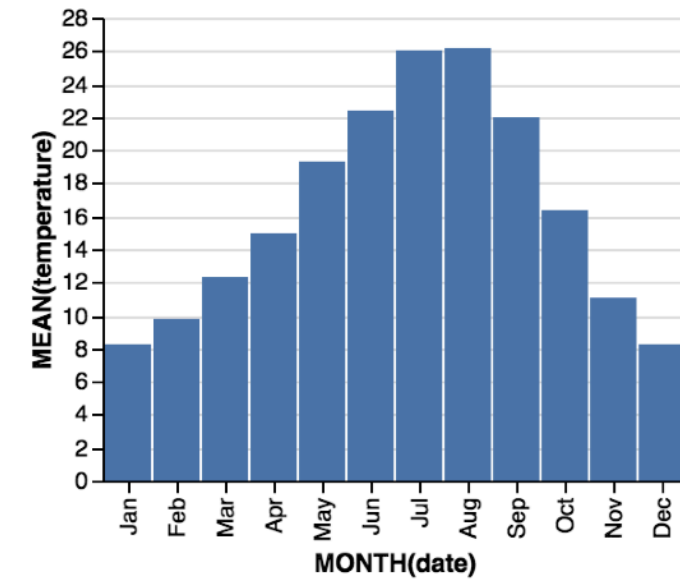
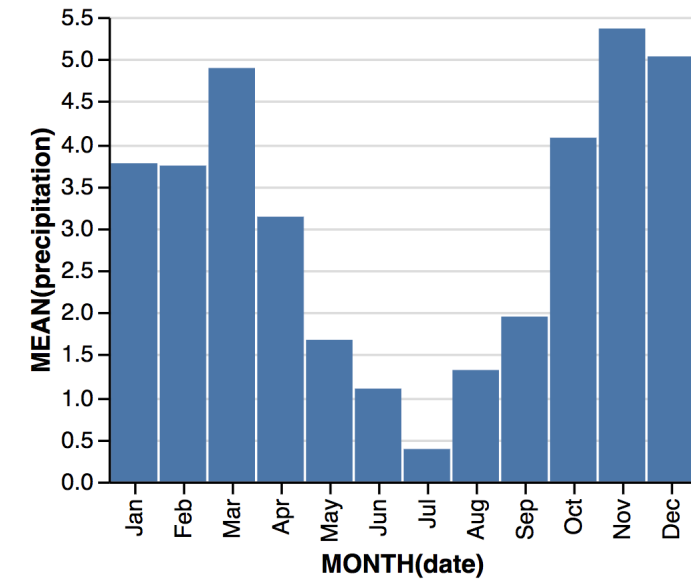
Repeat

```
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  encoding: {
    x: {
      timeUnit: "month",
      field: "date",
      type: "quantitative"
    },
    y: {
      aggregate: "mean",
      field: "precipitation",
      type: "quantitative"
    }
  }
}
```



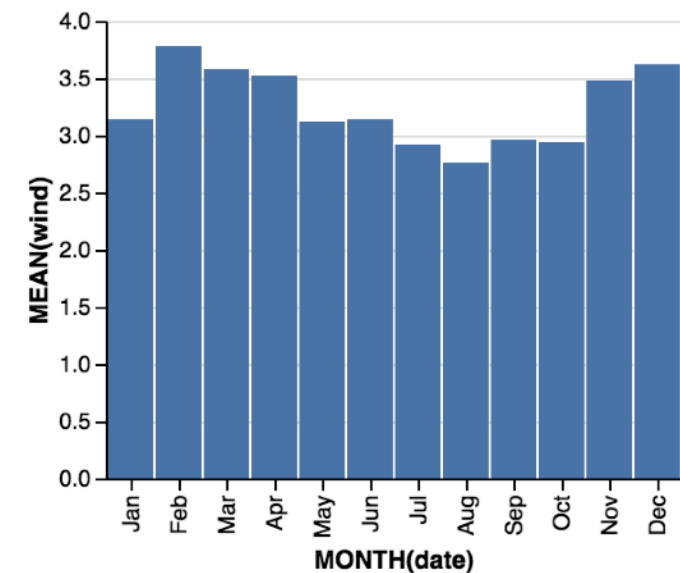
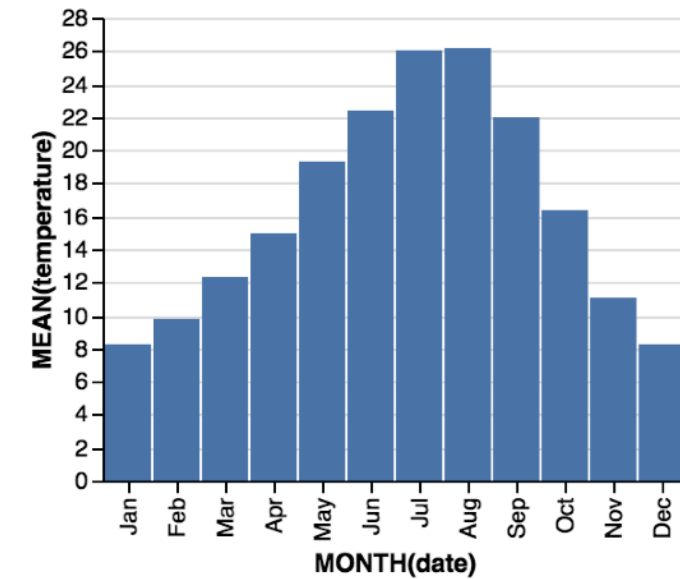
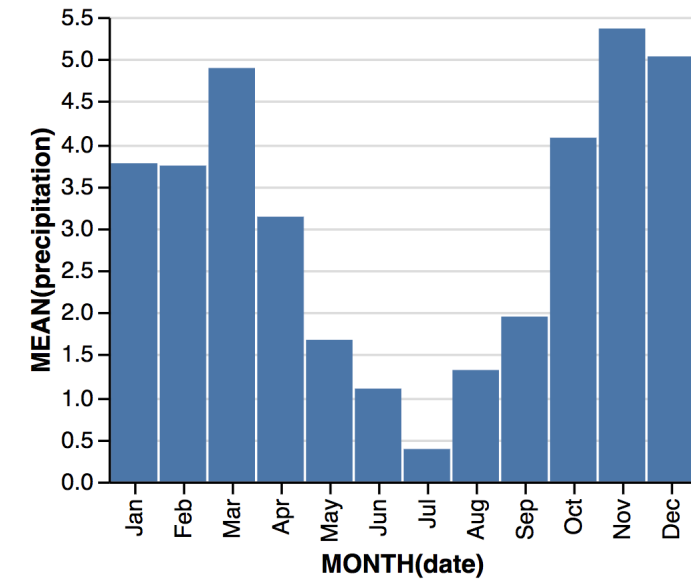
Repeat

```
{
  repeat: {
    column: ["precipitation", "temperature", "wind"]
  },
  spec: {
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    mark: "bar",
    encoding: {
      x: {
        timeUnit: "month",
        field: "date",
        type: "quantitative"
      },
      y: {
        aggregate: "mean",
        field: {repeat: "column"},
        type: "quantitative"
      }
    }
  }
}
```



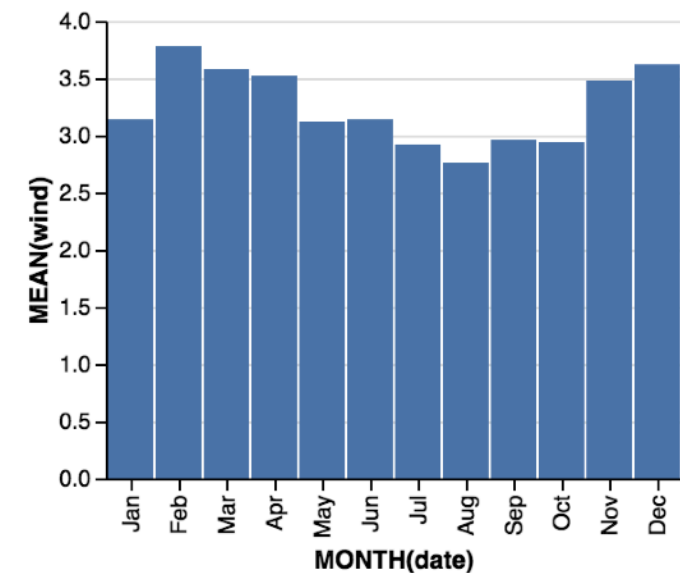
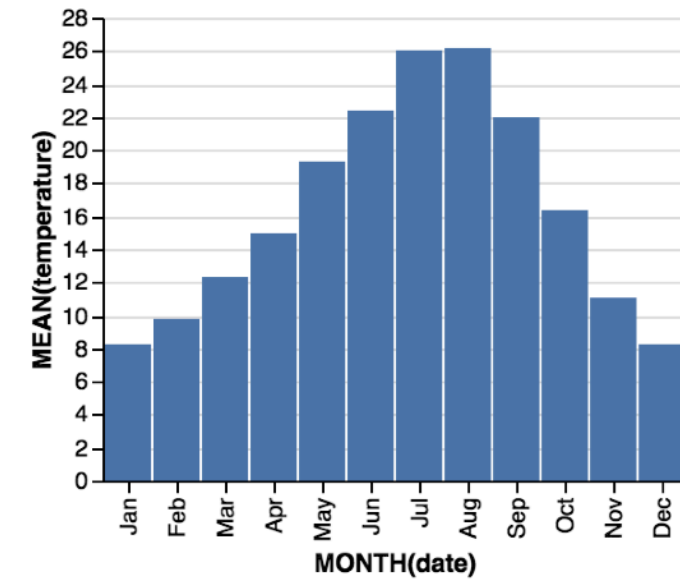
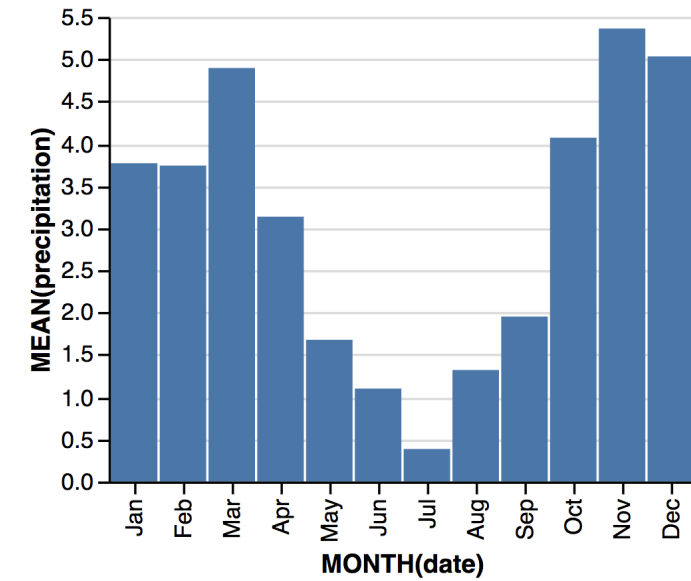
Repeat

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    encoding: {
      x: {
        timeUnit: "month",
        field: "date",
        type: "quantitative"
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      y: {
        aggregate: "mean",
        field: {repeat: "column"},
        type: "quantitative"
      }
    }
  }
}
```



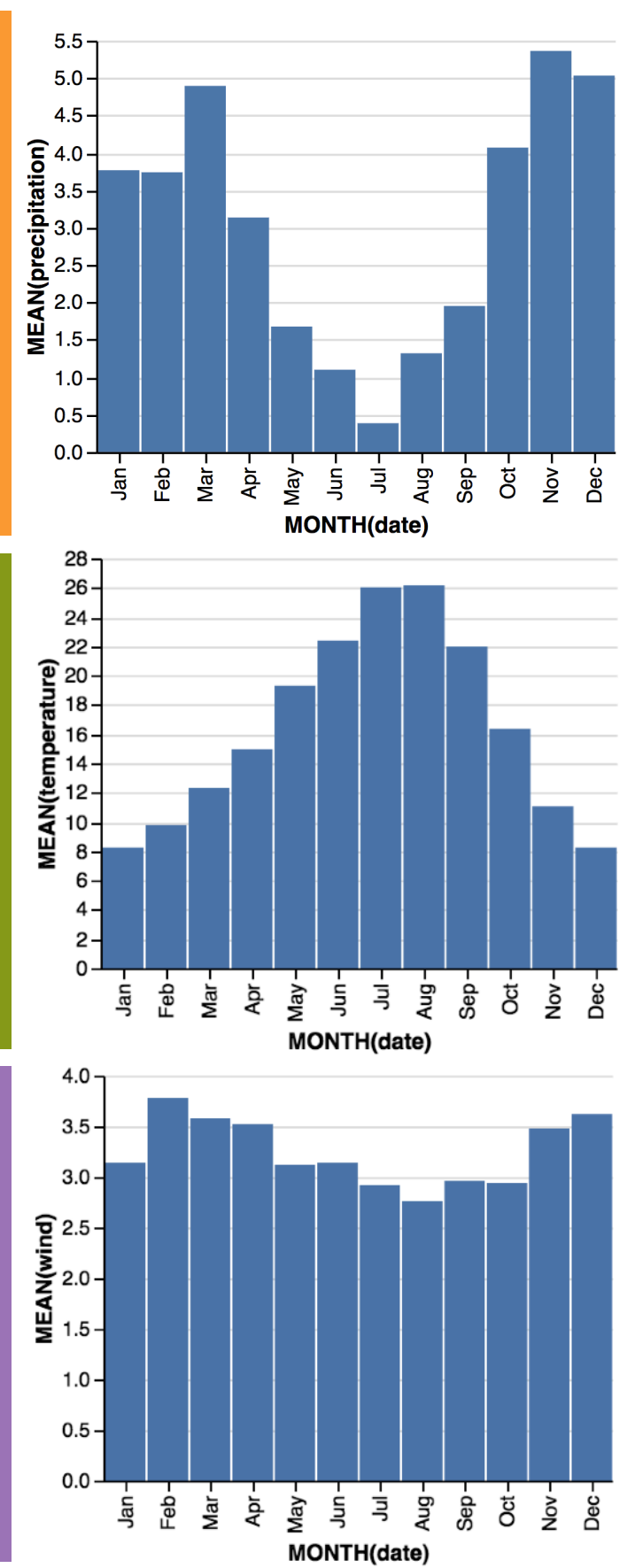
Repeat

```
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  spec: {
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    mark: "bar",
    encoding: {
      x: {
        timeUnit: "month",
        field: "date",
        type: "quantitative"
      },
      y: {
        aggregate: "mean",
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      }
    }
  }
}
```



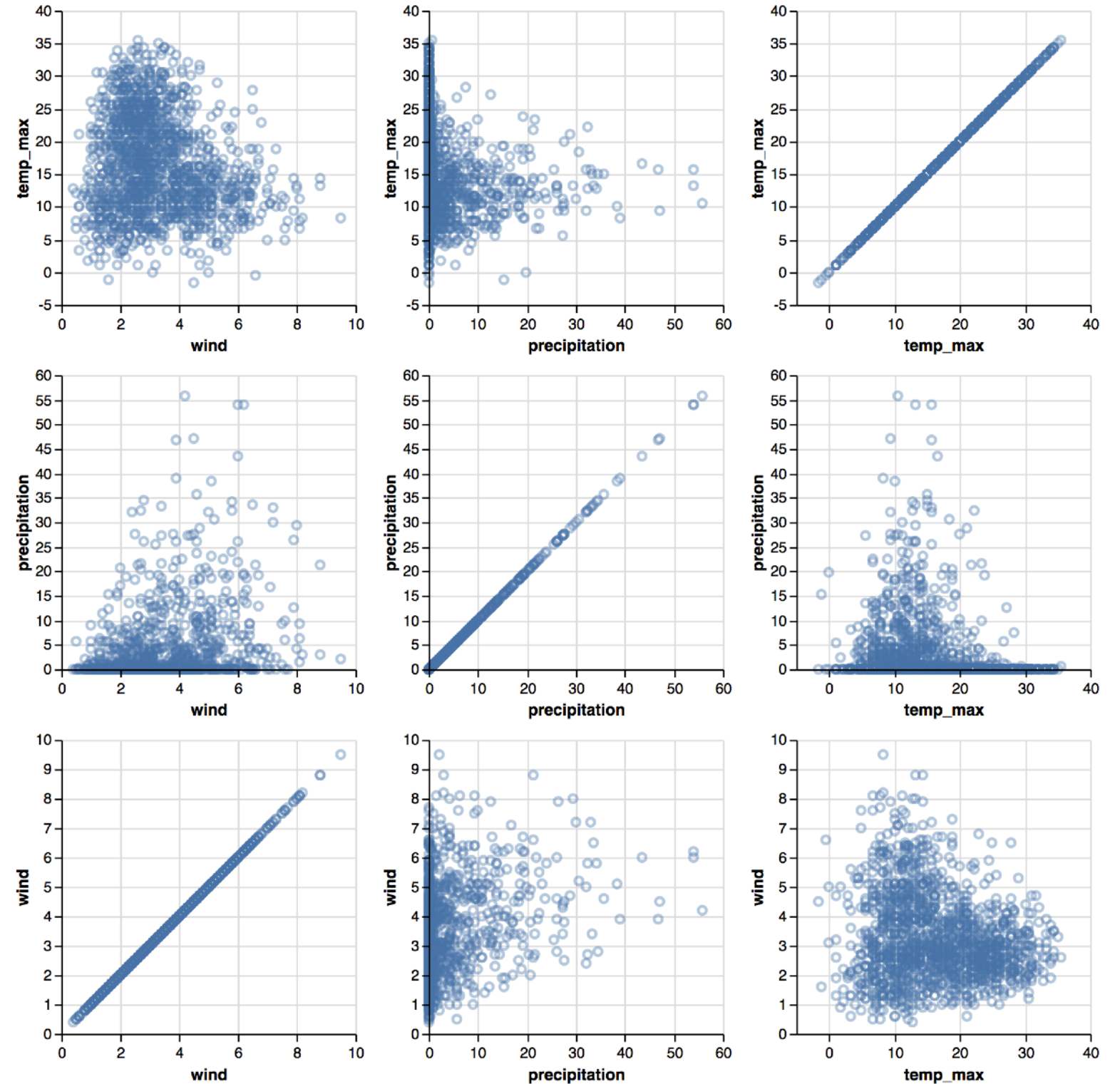
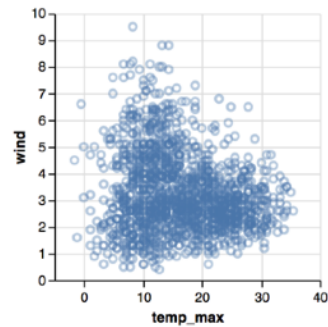
Concat

```
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    mark: "bar",
    encoding: {
      x: {
        timeUnit: "month",
        field: "date",
        type: "quantitative"
      },
      y: {
        aggregate: "mean",
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      }
    }
  }
}
```



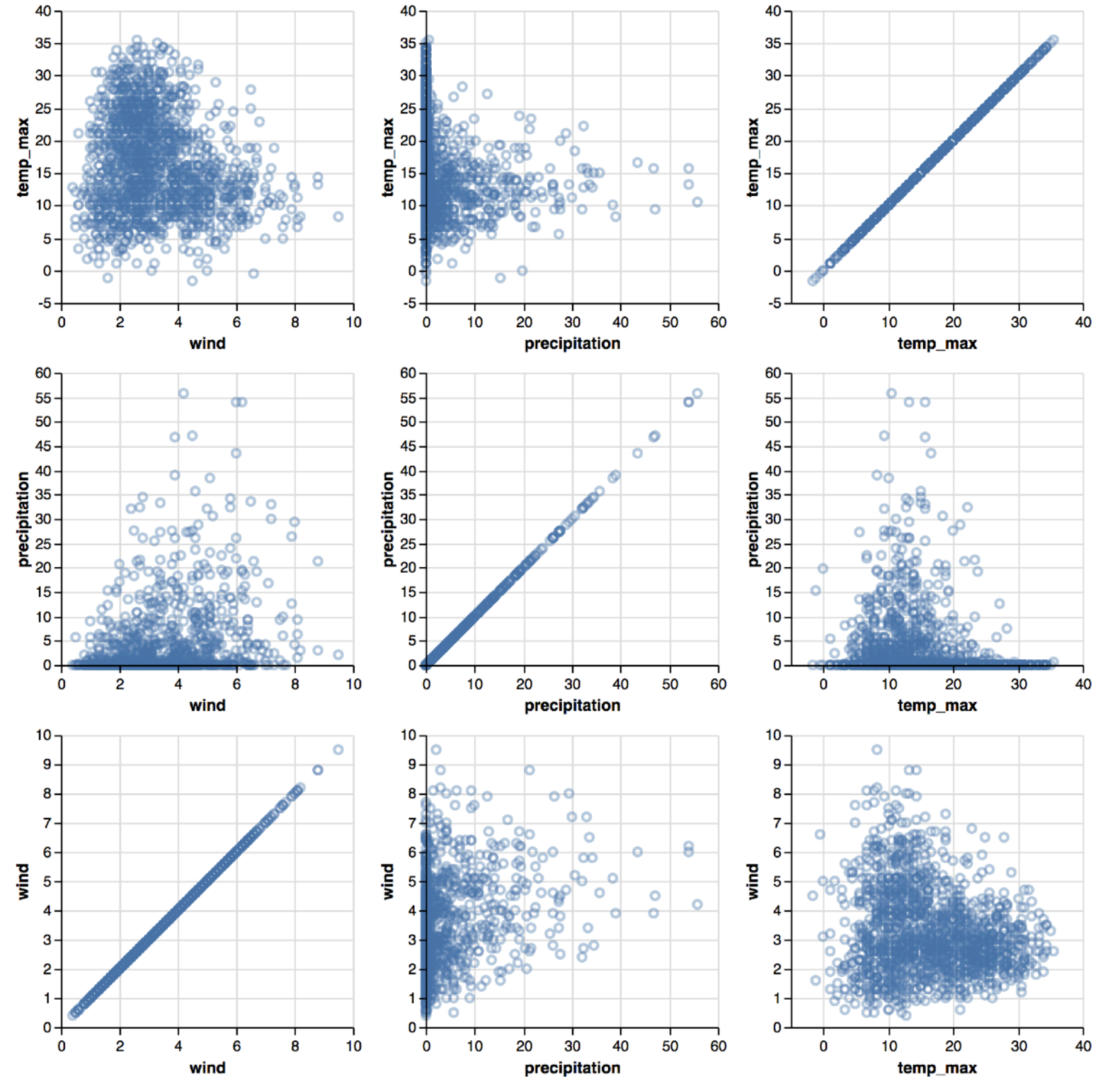
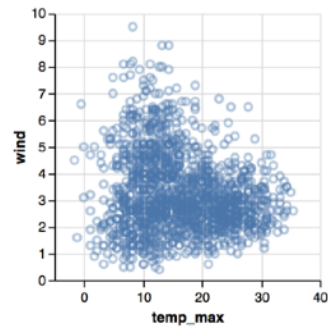
Repeat

```
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  repeat: {  
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      "temperature"  
      "precipitation",  
      "wind"],  
    row: [  
      "wind",  
      "precipitation",  
      "temperature",  
    ],  
  },  
  spec: {  
    {  
      temp_max: 0, wind: 0, precipitation: 0  
    },  
    {  
      temp_max: 40, wind: 10, precipitation: 60  
    },  
  },  
}
```



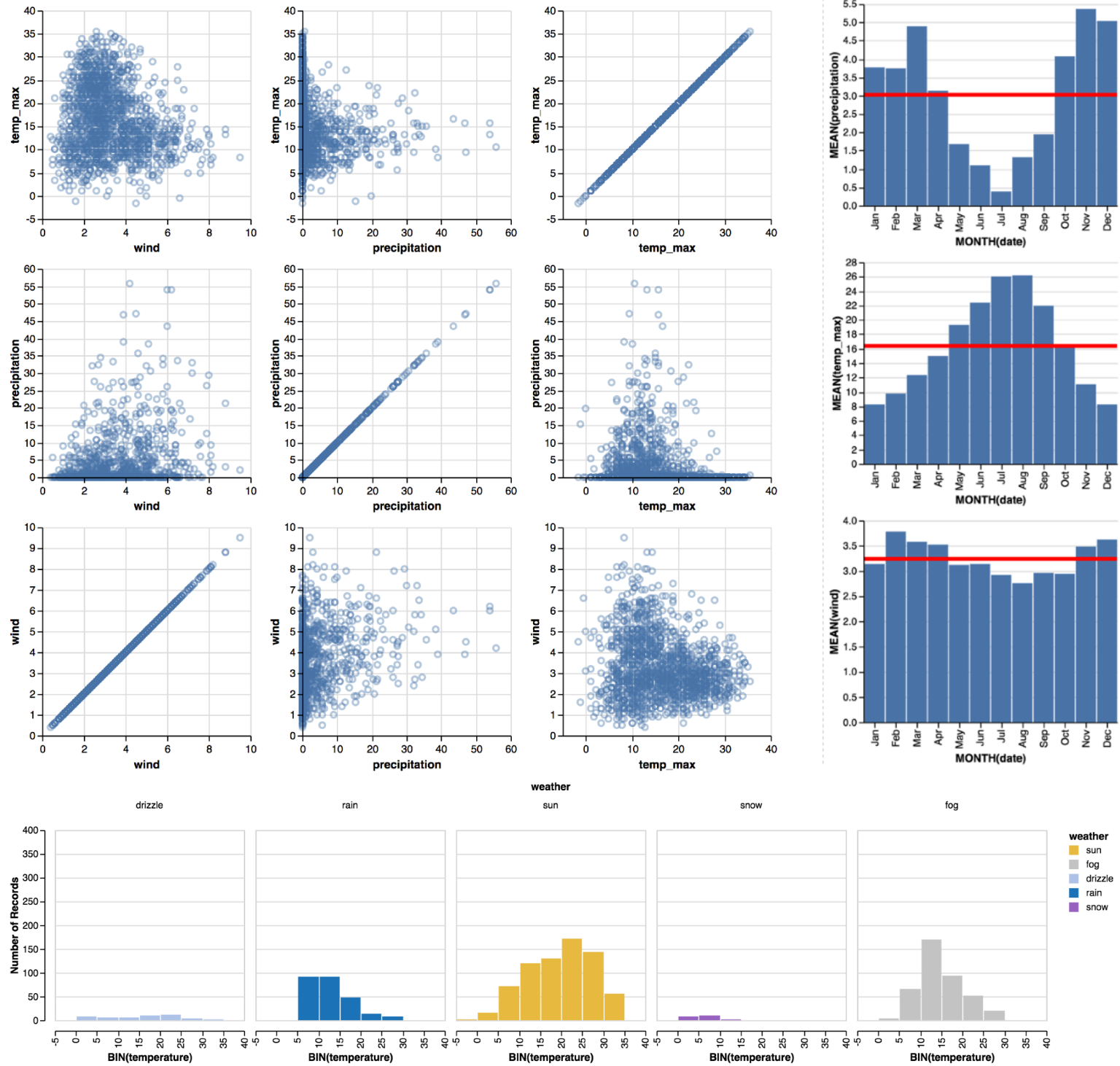
Repeat: SPLOM

```
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      "temperature"],
  },
  spec: {
```



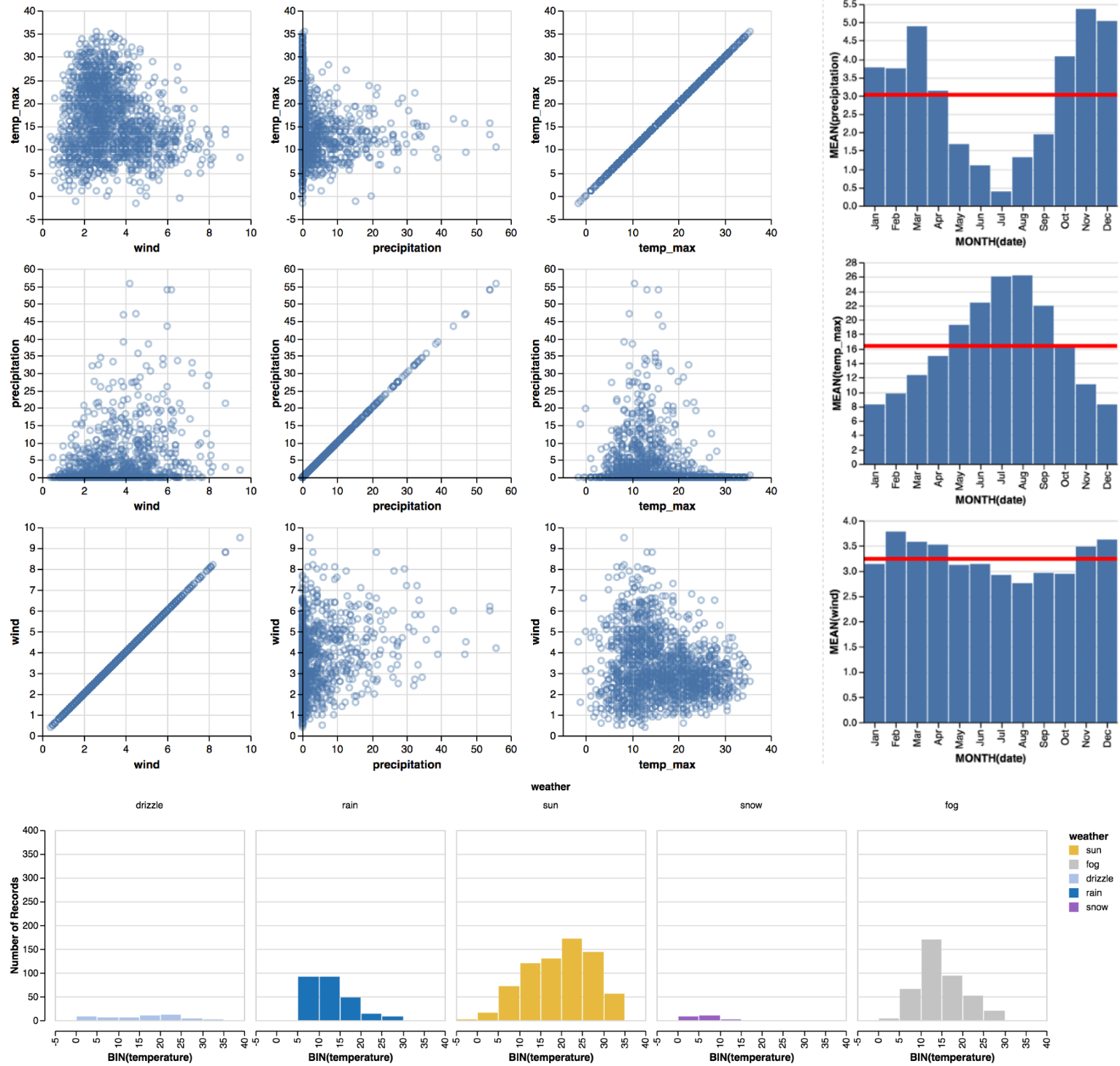
Dashboards

Many views, some of them composed
Manual data, and view management

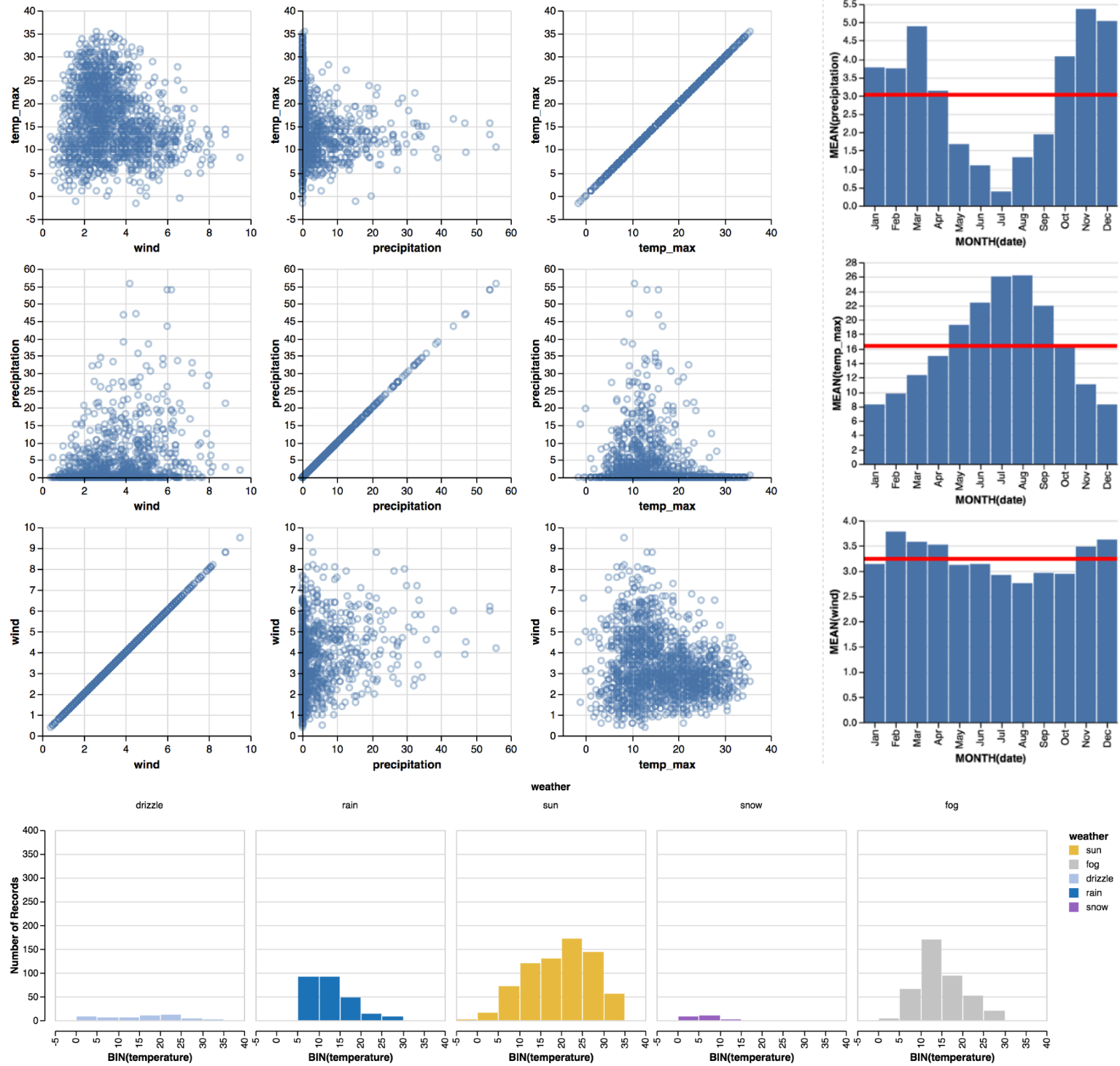


Dashboards

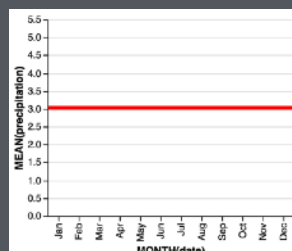
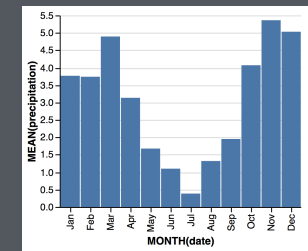
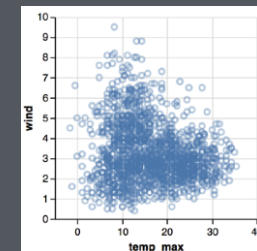
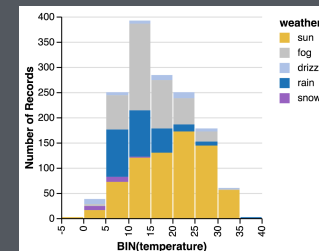
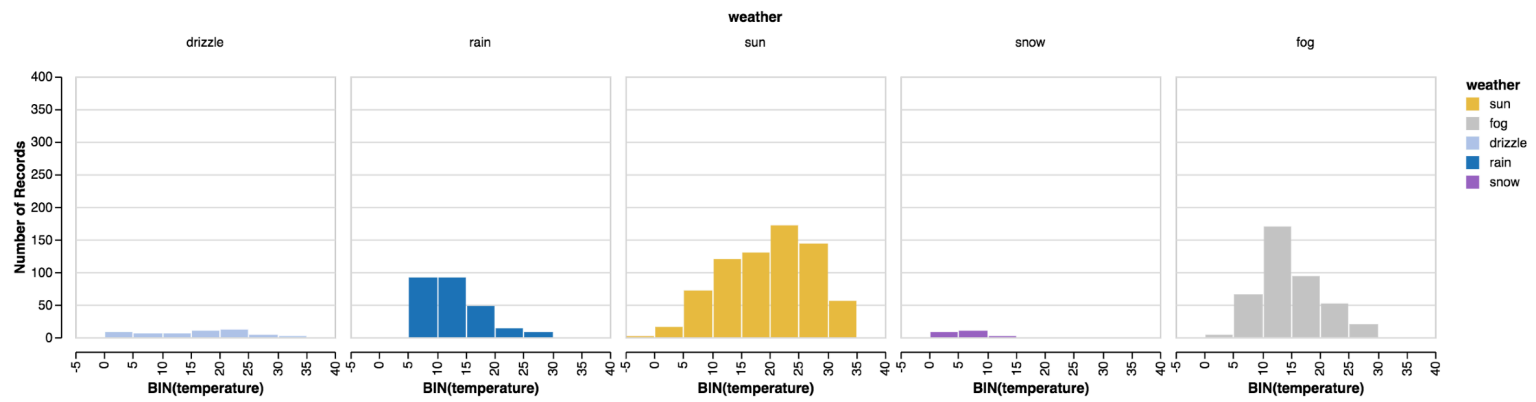
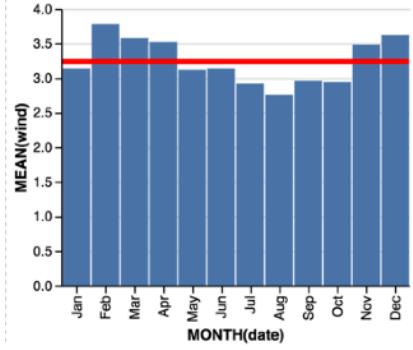
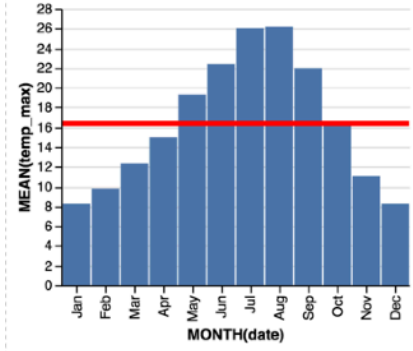
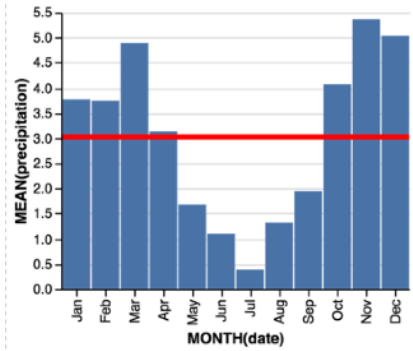
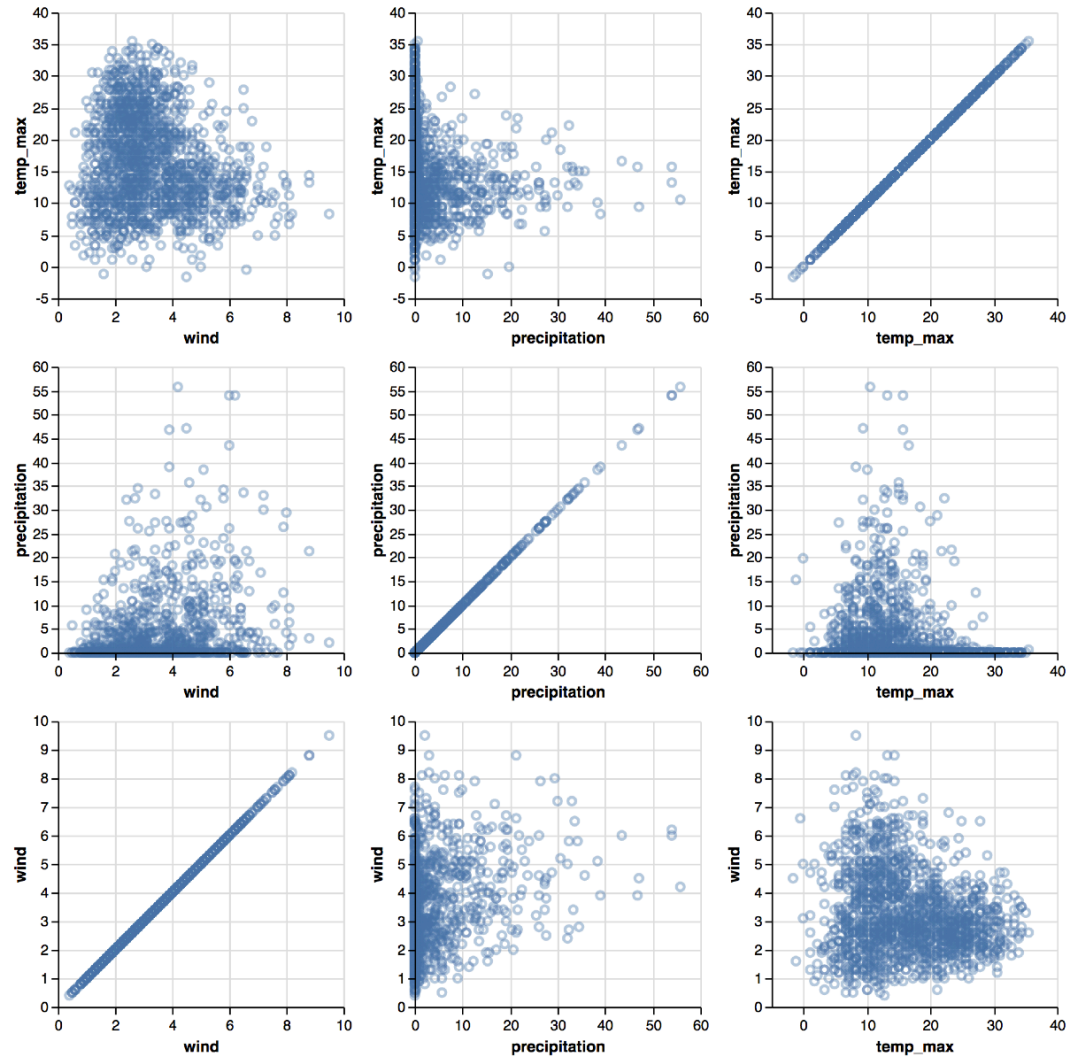
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Composition

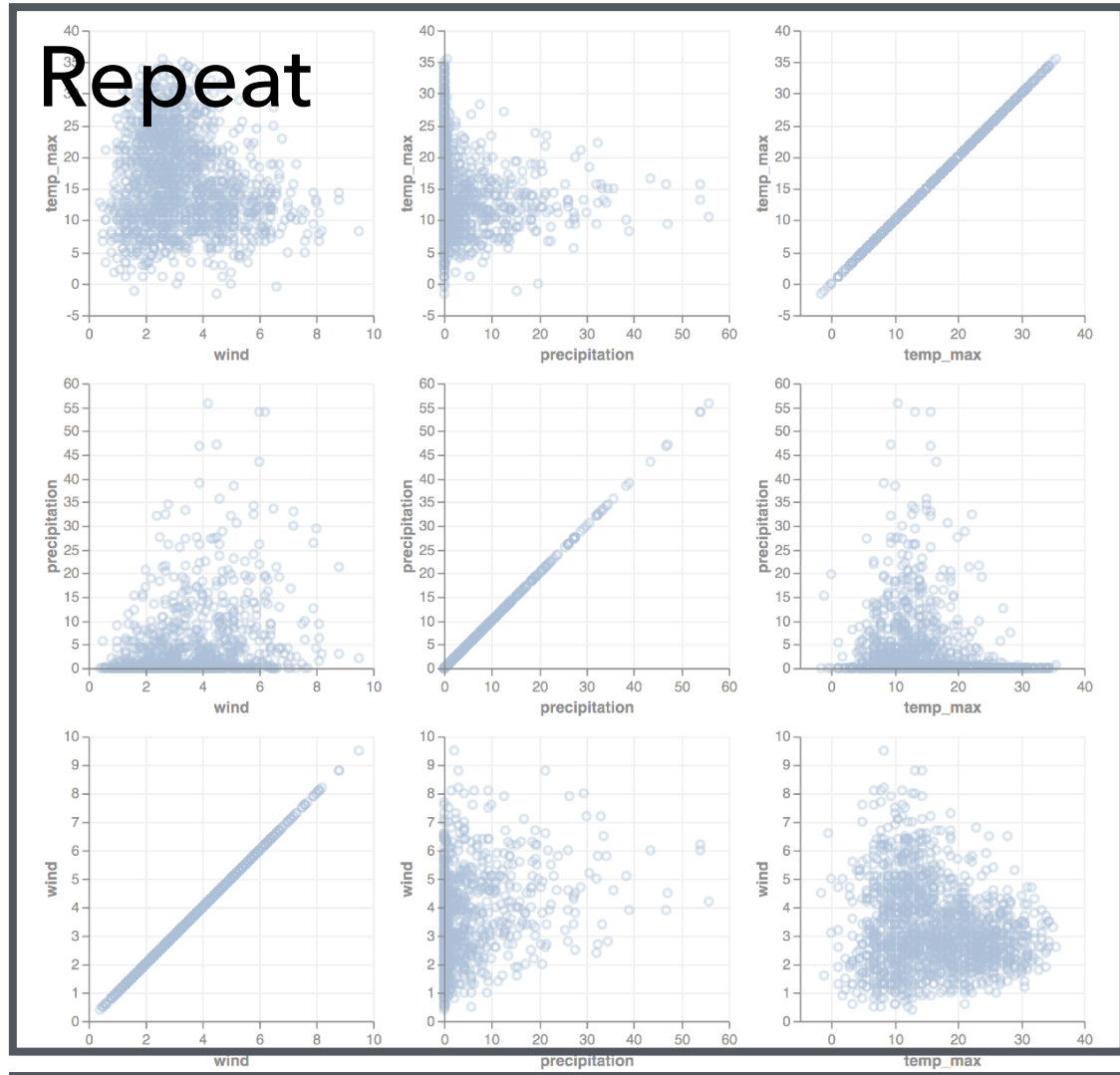


Composition

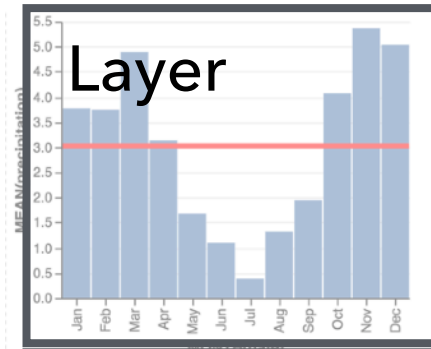


Composition

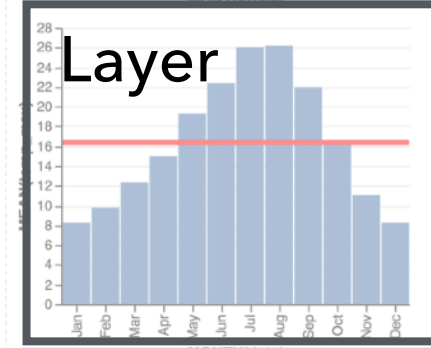
Repeat



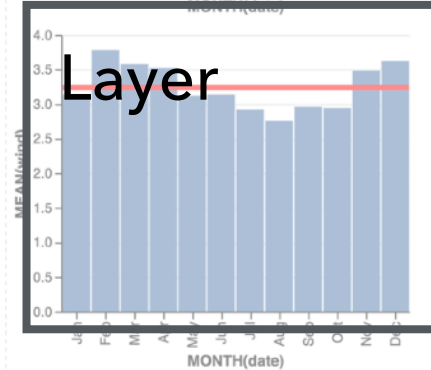
Layer



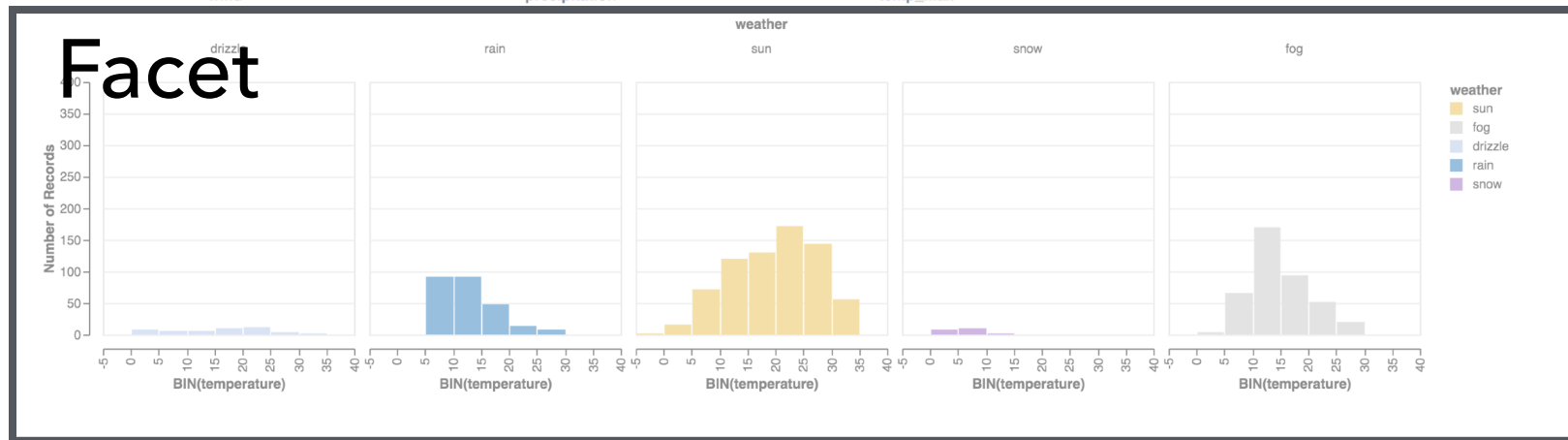
Layer



Layer

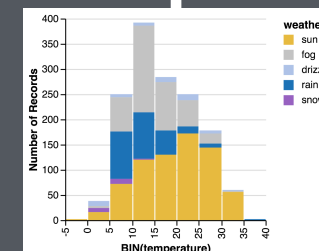


Facet



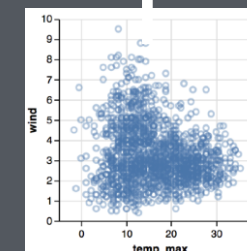
Facet

Weather

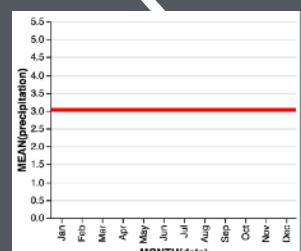
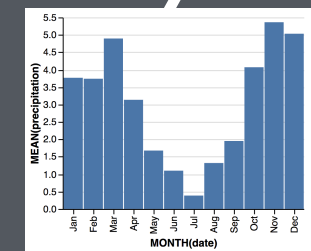


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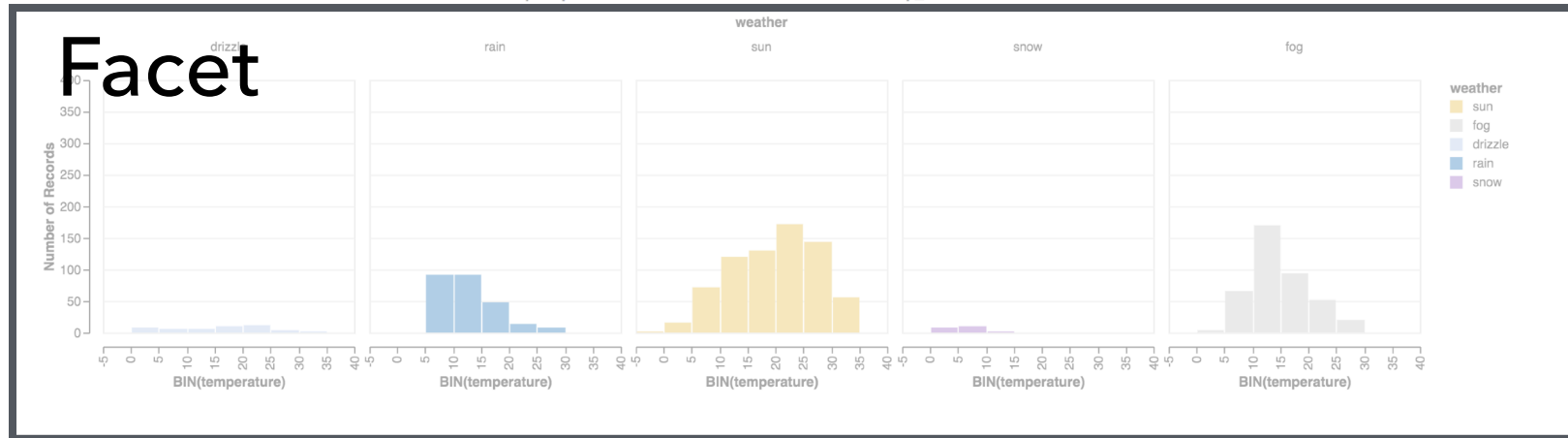
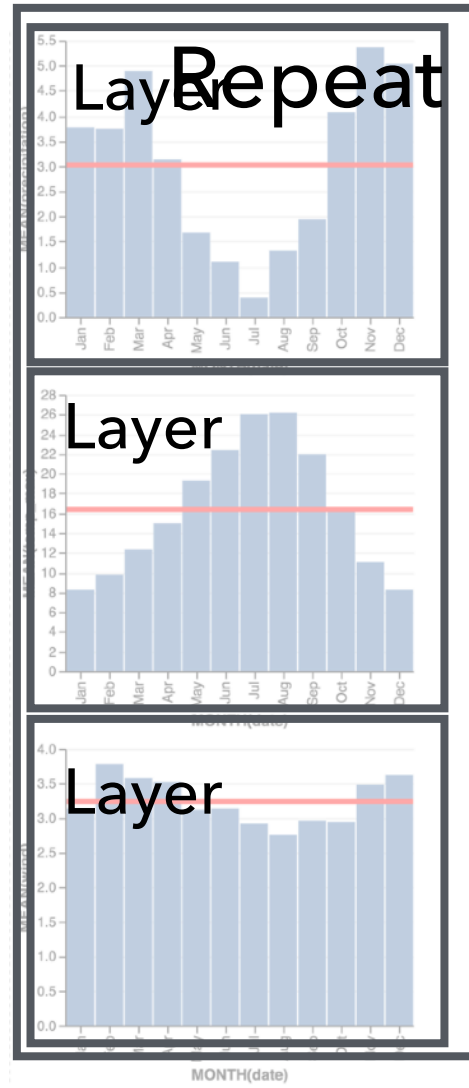
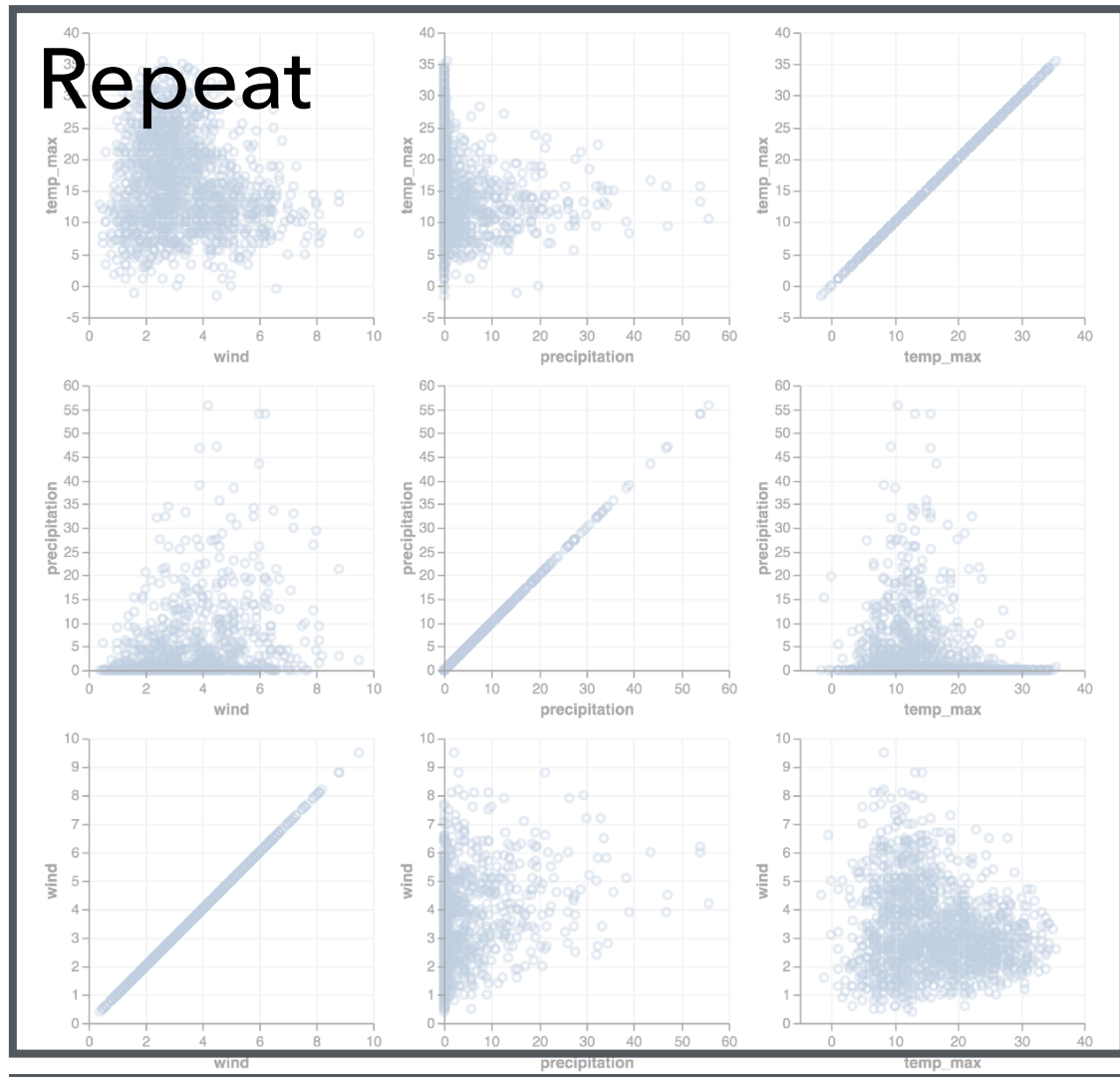
Temp, Prec, Wind



Layer



Hierarchical View Composition

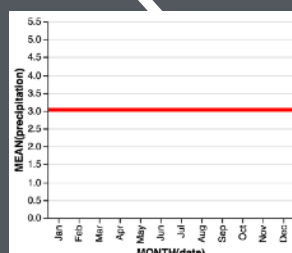
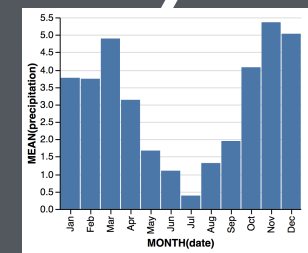
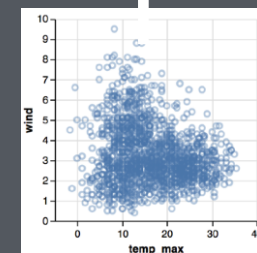
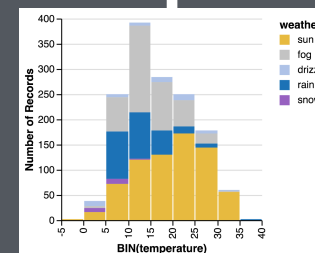


Facet
Weather

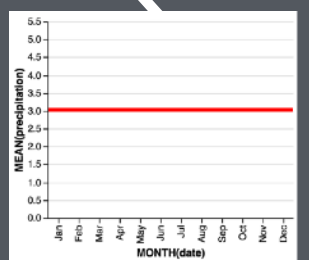
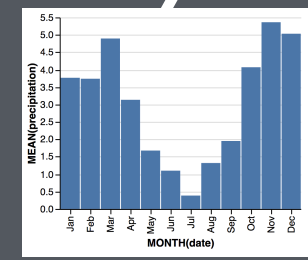
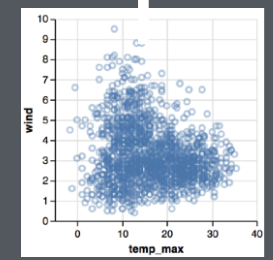
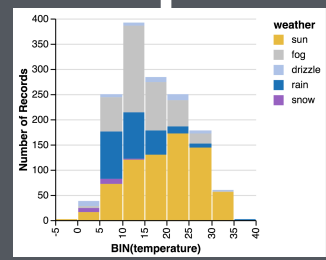
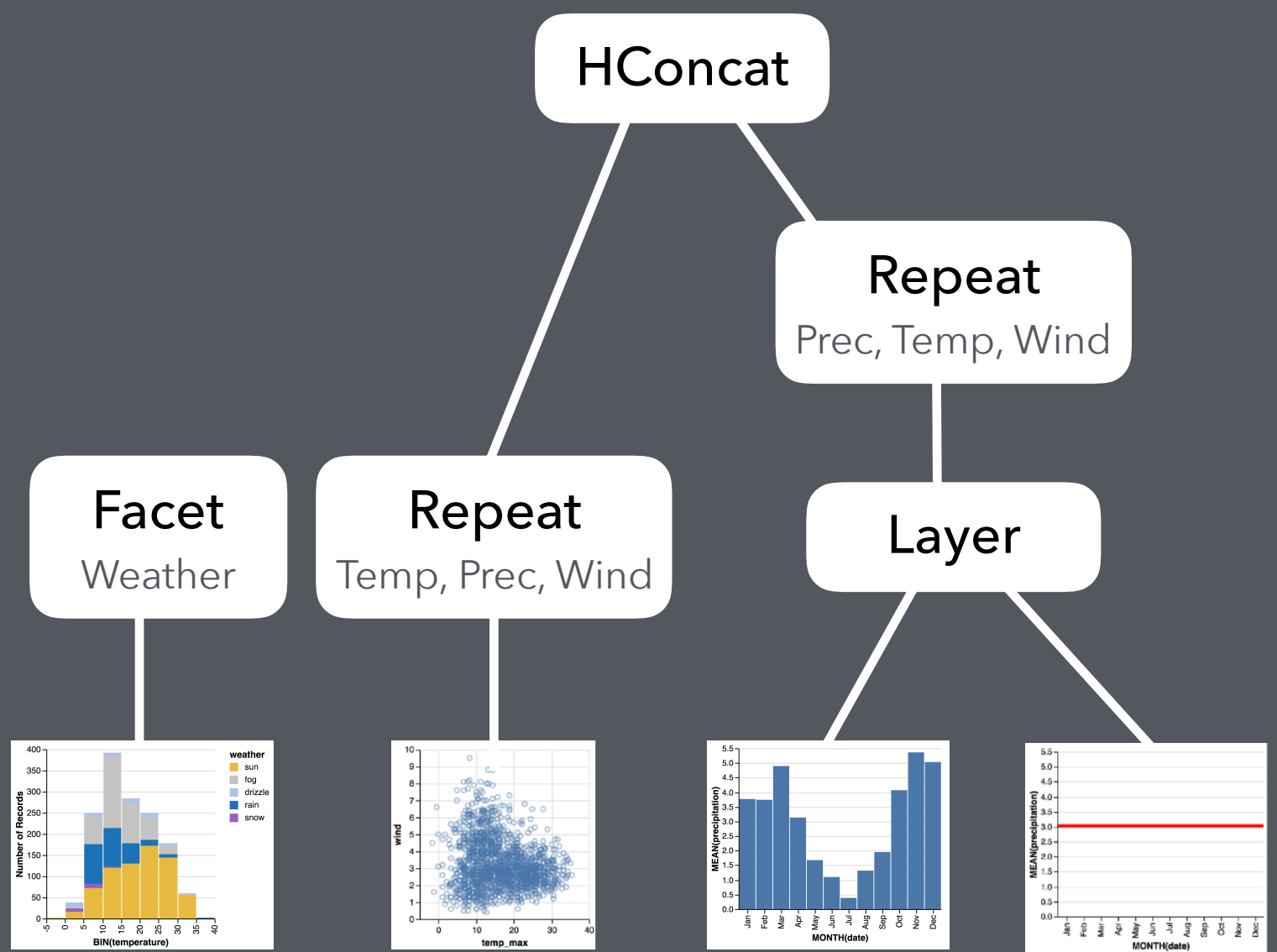
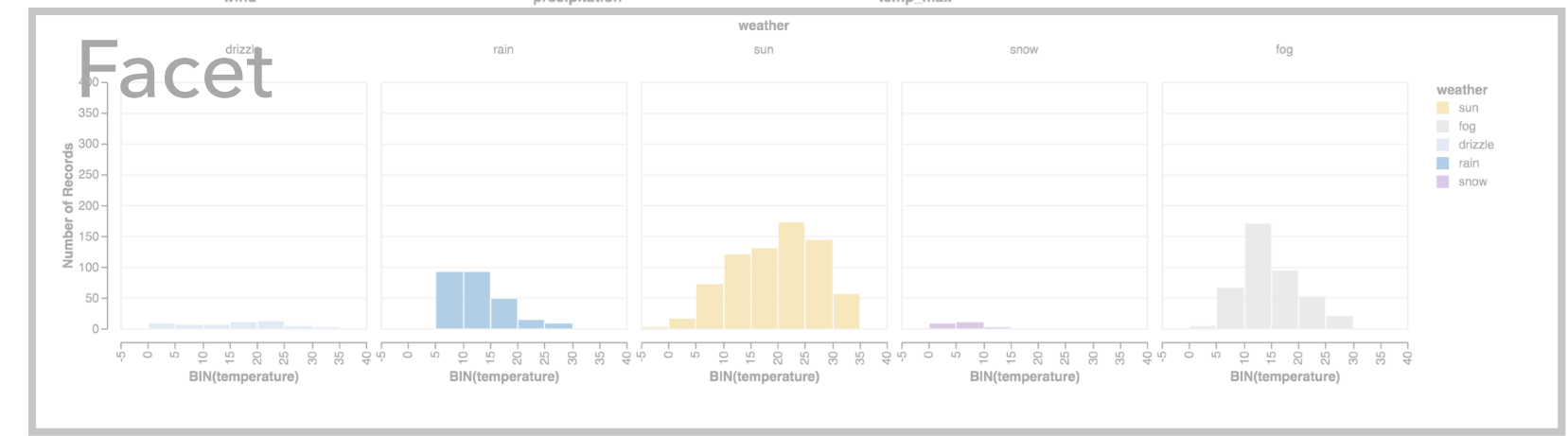
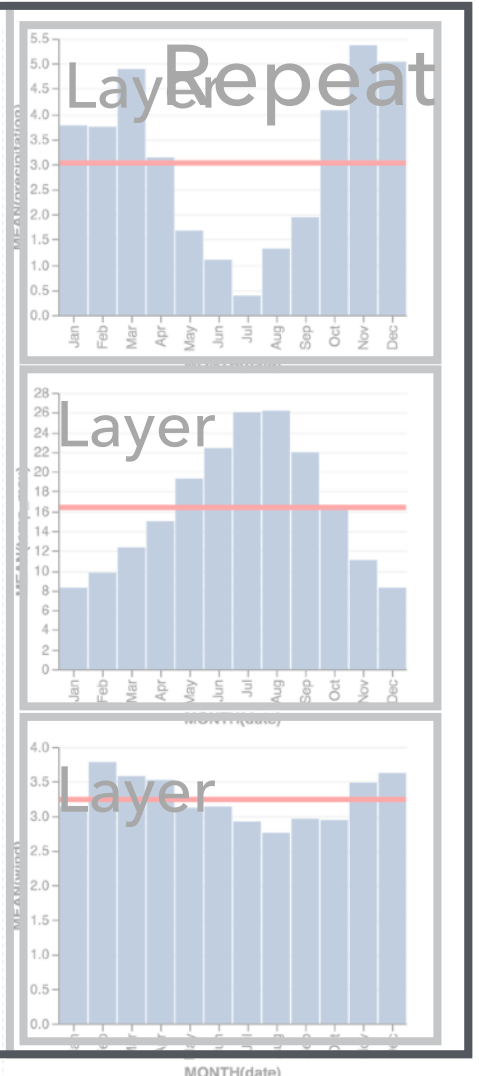
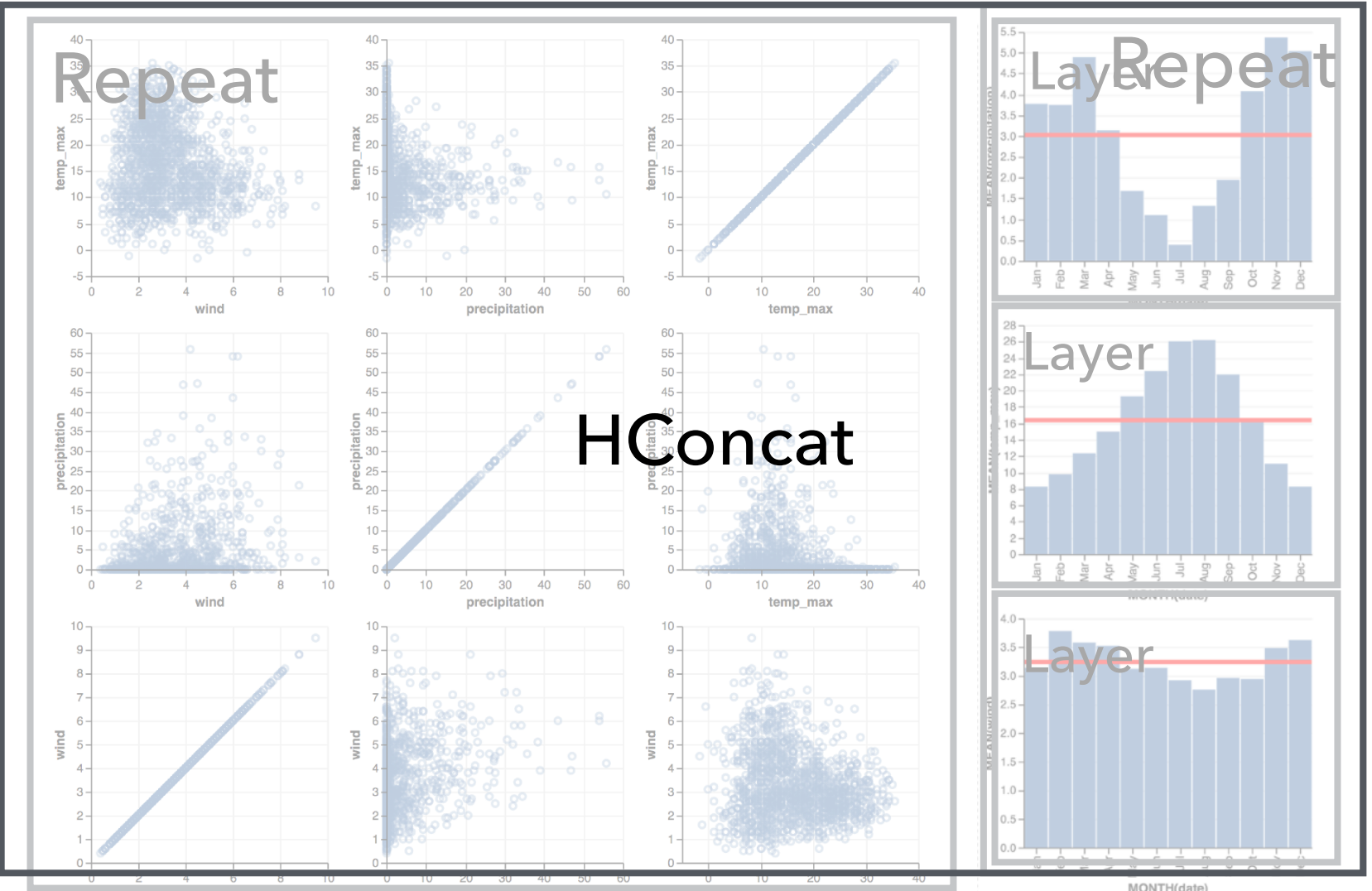
Repeat
Temp, Prec, Wind

Repeat
Prec, Temp, Wind

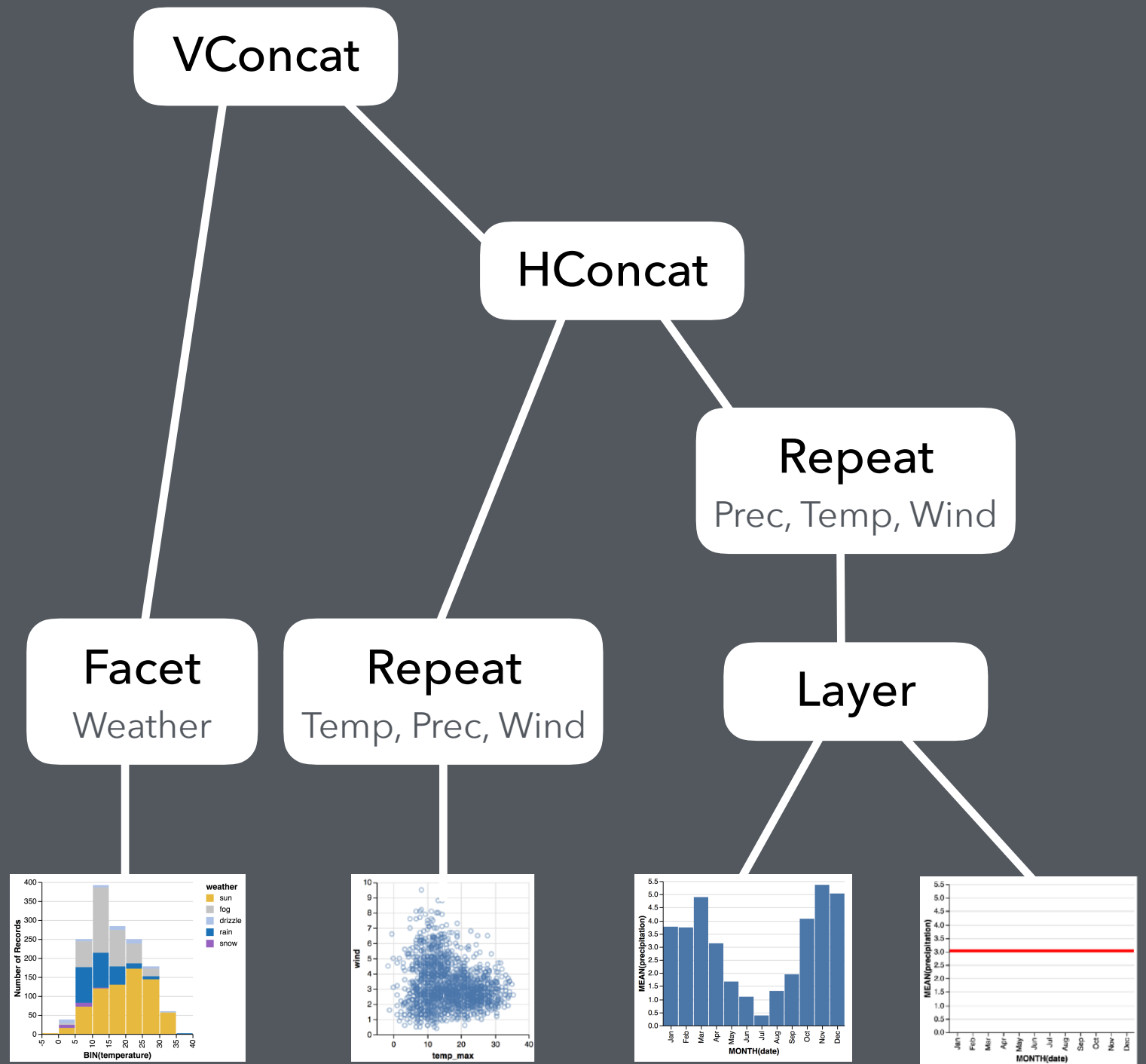
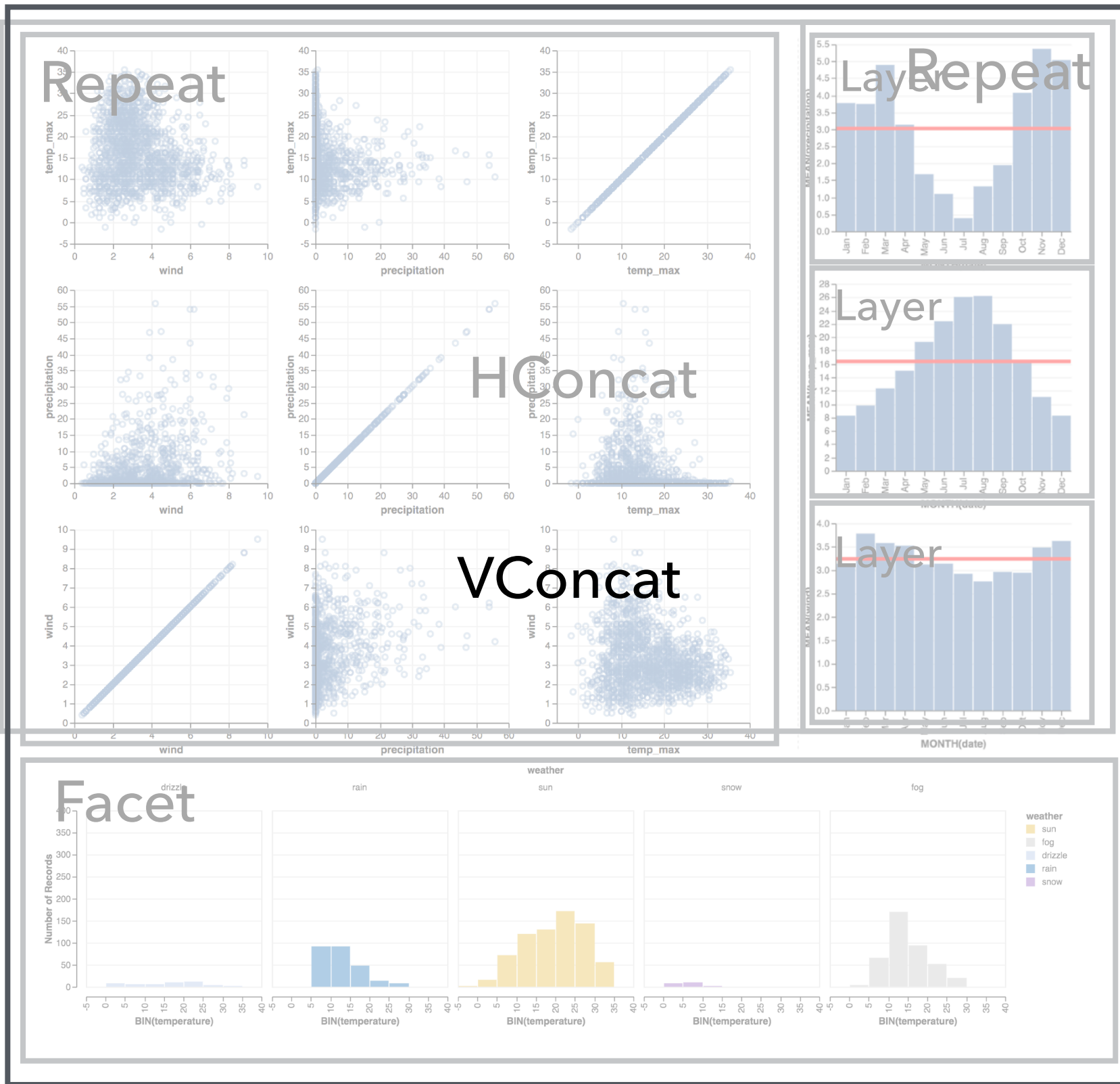
Layer



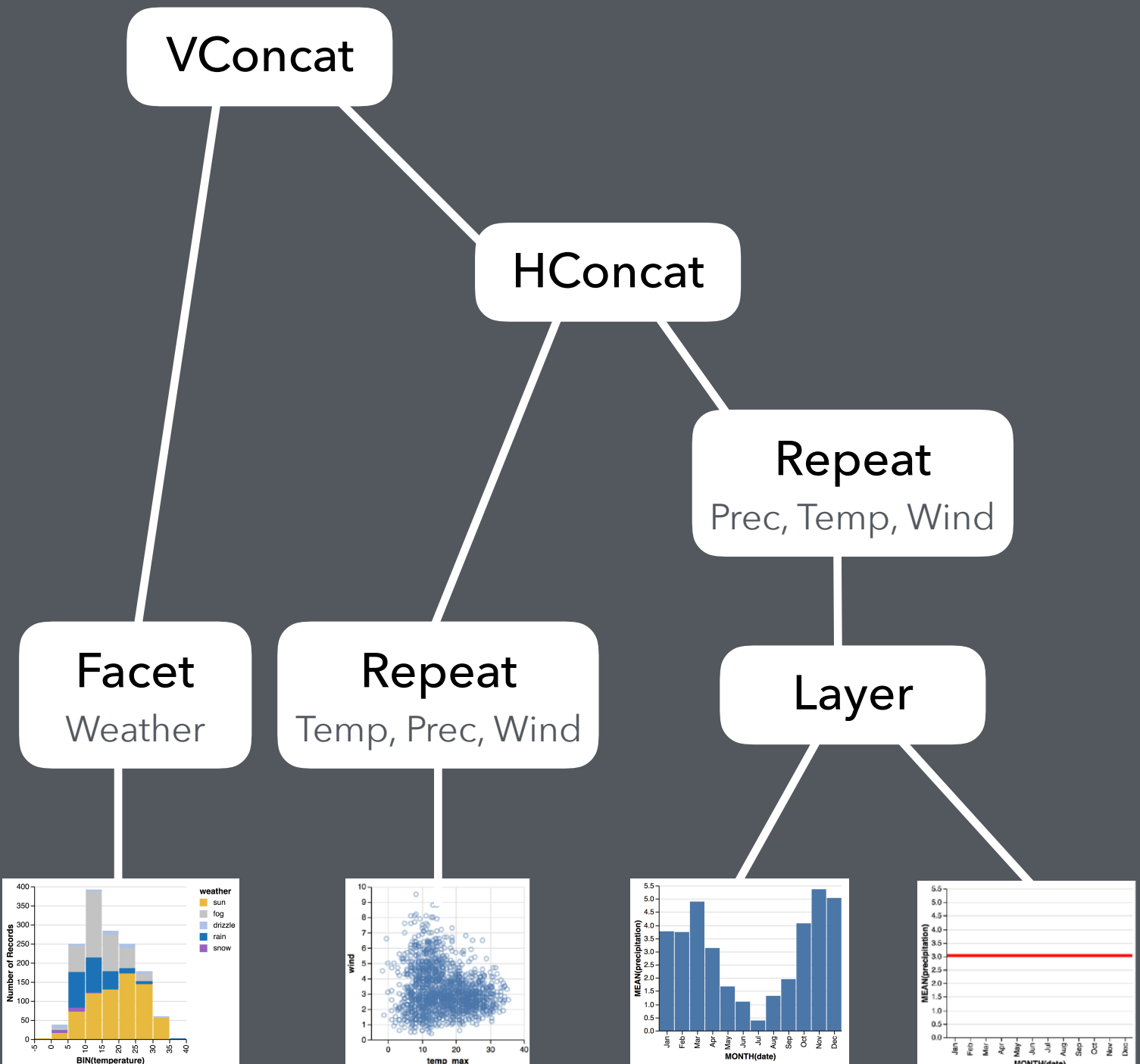
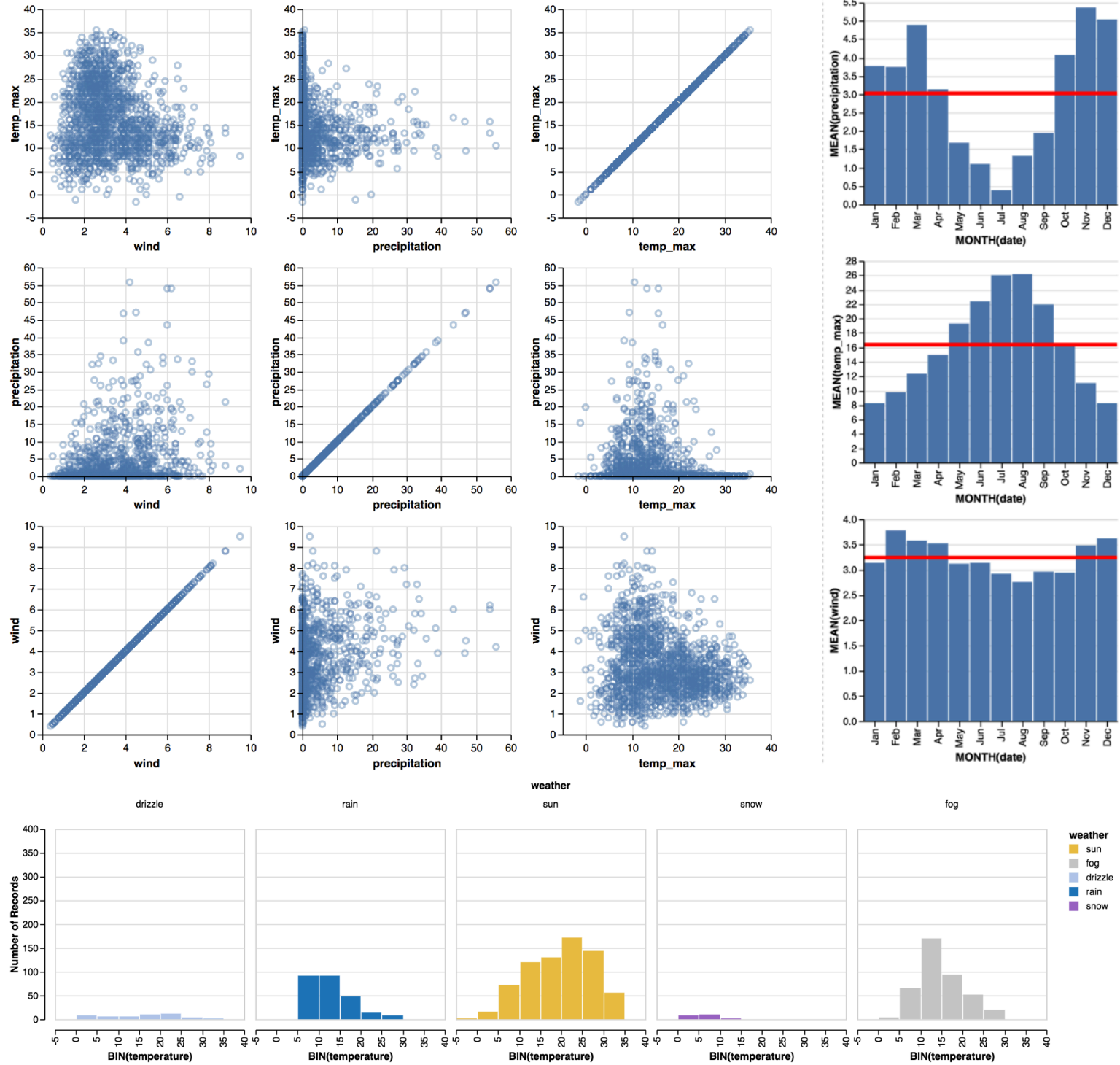
Hierarchical View Composition



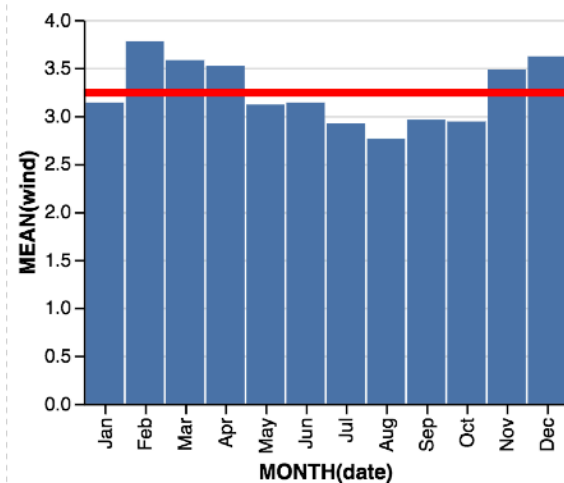
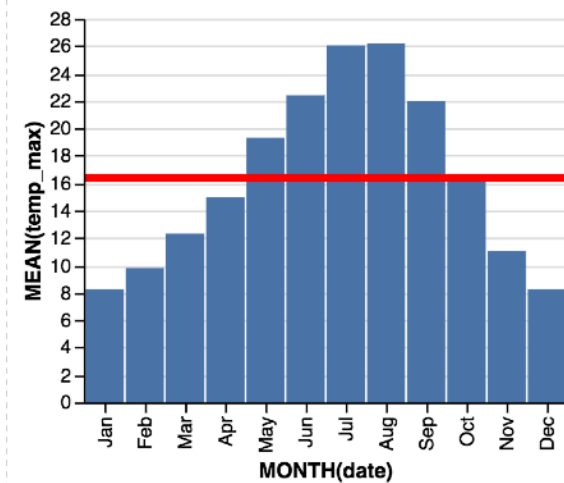
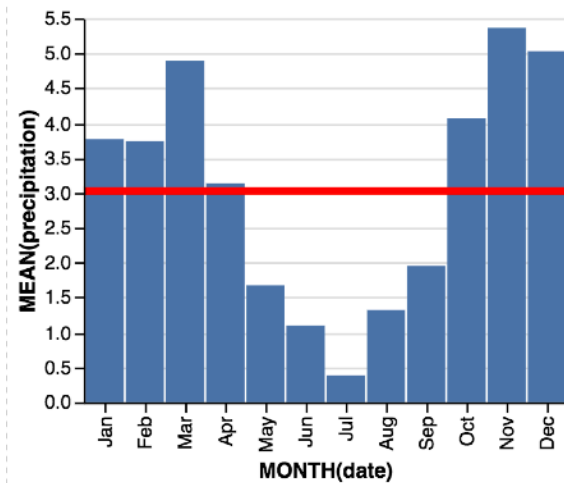
Hierarchical View Composition



Hierarchical View Composition



Layer + Repeat



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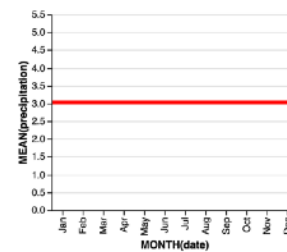
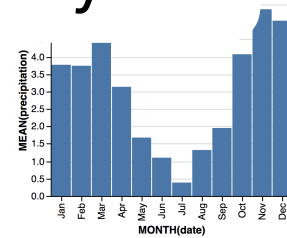
Repeat

Prec, Temp, Wind ['precipitation', 'temperature', 'wind']

},

spec: {

Layer



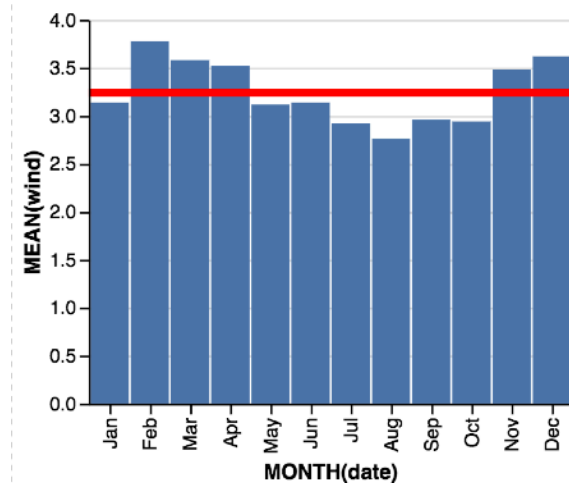
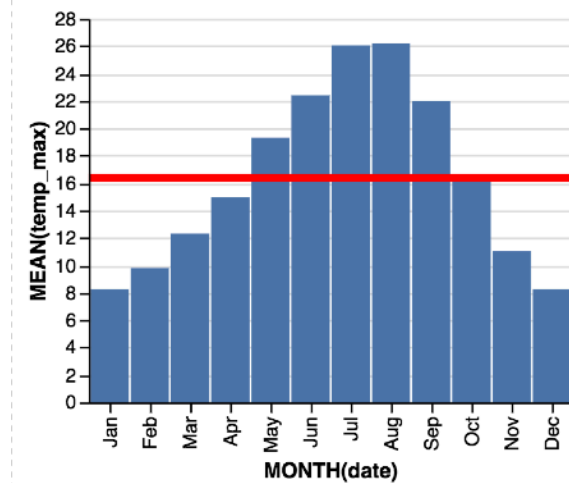
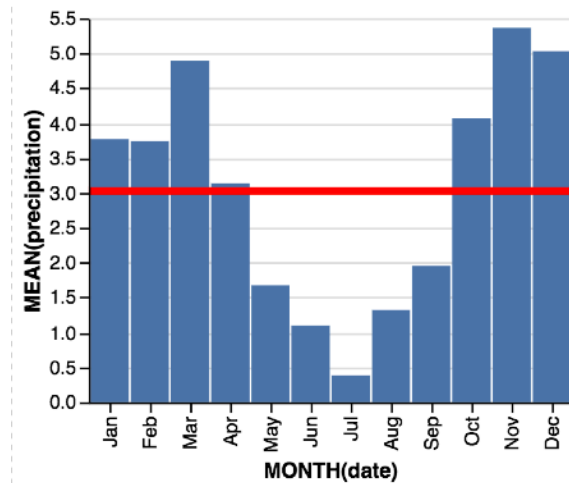
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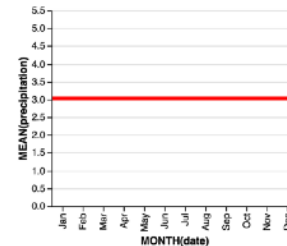
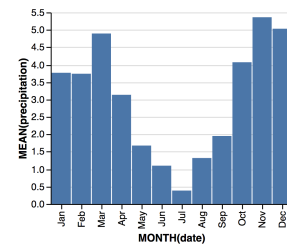
}

}

Layer + Repeat



```
{
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    column: ["precipitation", "temperature", "wind"]
  },
  spec: {
    layer: [
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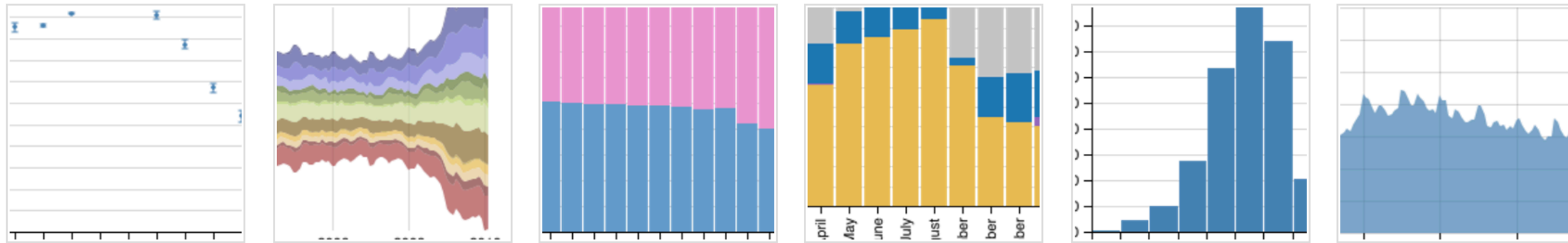
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Bindings for different languages

Declarative Visualization in Python



Altair is a declarative statistical visualization library for Python, based on **Vega-Lite**.

With Altair, you can spend more time understanding your data and its meaning. Altair's API is simple, friendly and consistent and built on top of the powerful **Vega-Lite** visualization grammar. This elegant simplicity produces beautiful and effective visualizations with a minimal amount of code.

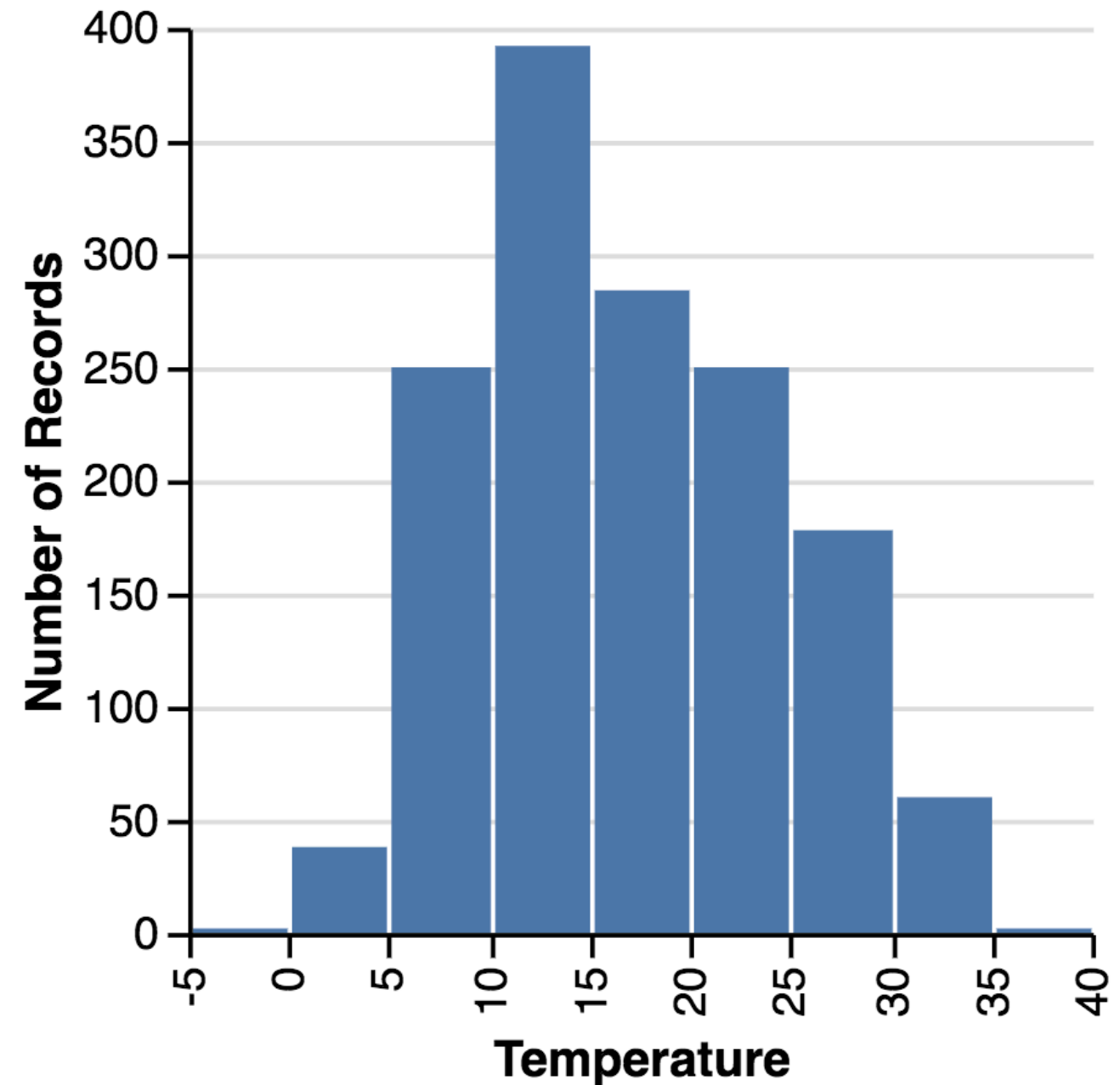
Altair: Vega-Lite in Python

Led by Brian Granger and Jake VanderPlas.



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**Altair's API is automatically generated
from the Vega-Lite JSON schema.**

“It is this type of 1:1:1 mapping between thinking, code, and visualization that is my favorite thing about [Altair]”

– Dan Saber.

<https://dansaber.wordpress.com/2016/10/02/a-dramatic-tour-through-pythons-data-visualization-landscape-including-ggplot-and-altair/>

“We see this portion of the effort as much bigger than Altair itself: the Vega and Vega-Lite specifications are perhaps the best existing candidates for a principled lingua franca of data visualization” – Altair Team.

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Voyager

Augment manual specification with recommendation to **promote breadth & reduce tedium** in exploration.

Use Vega-Lite to **recommend** data and visual encodings.

<https://github.com/vega/voyager>

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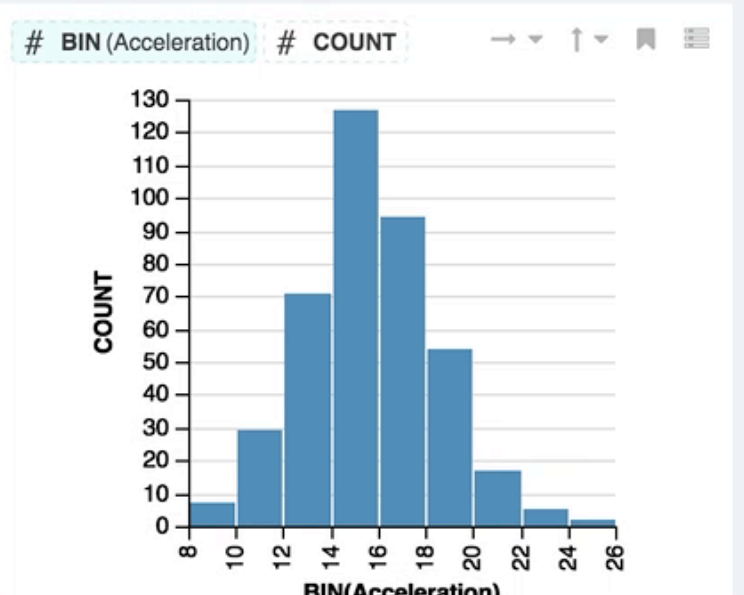
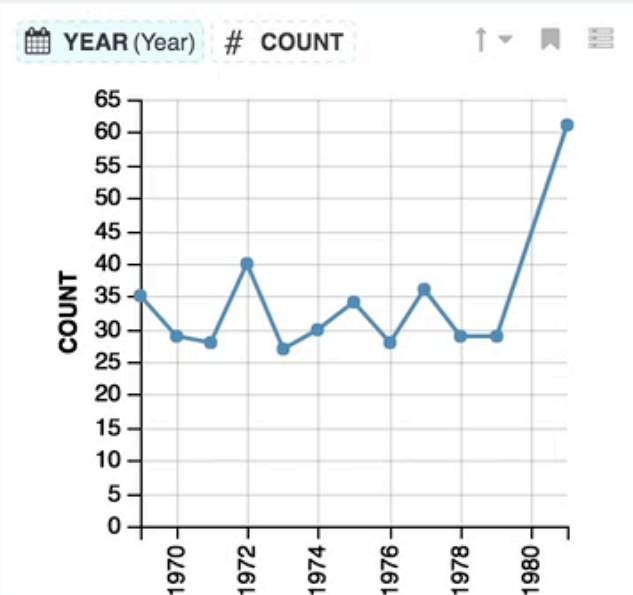
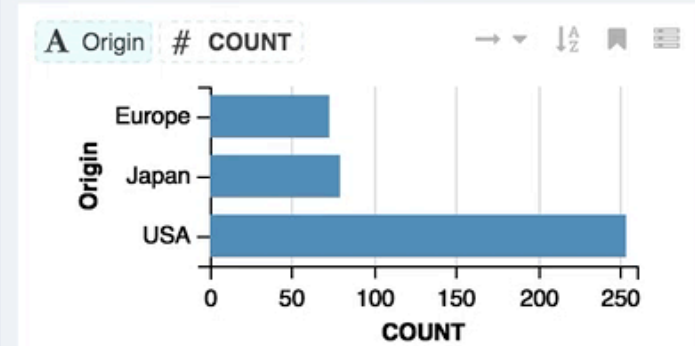
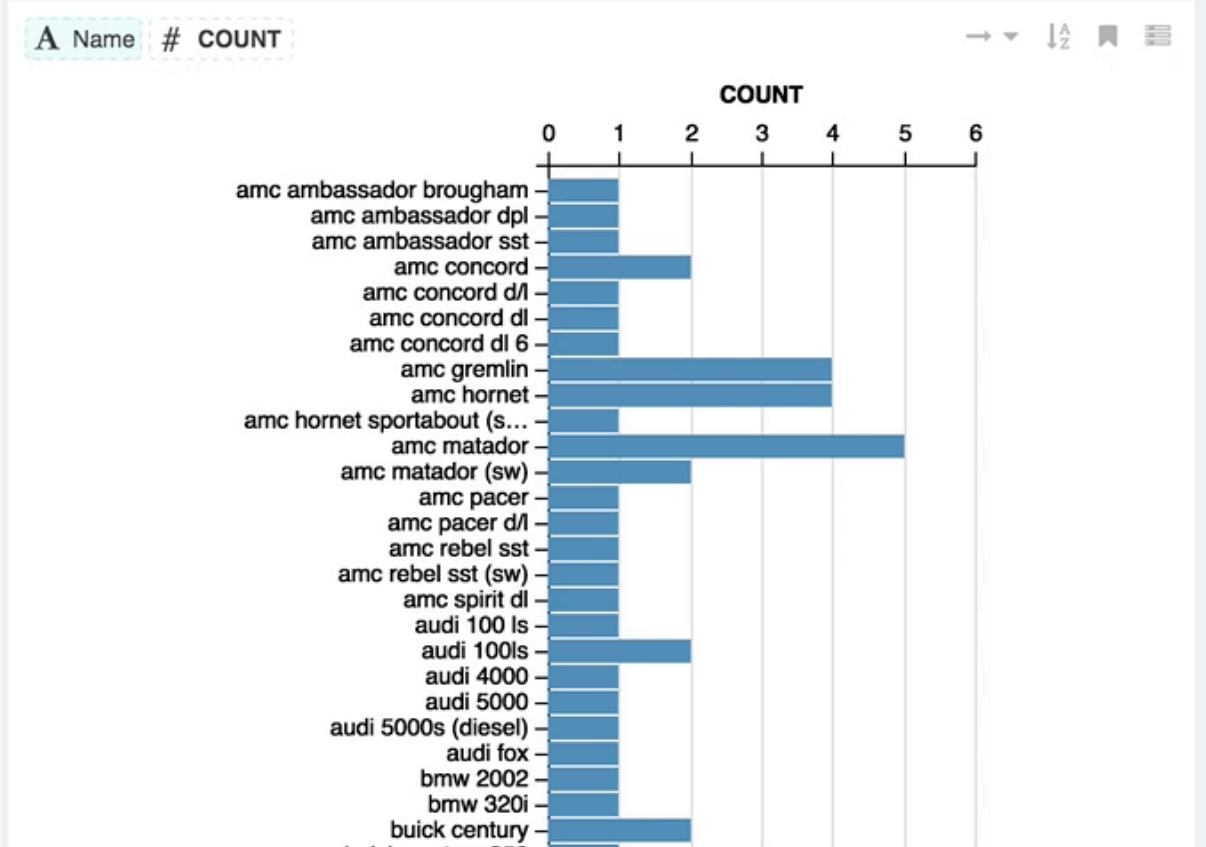
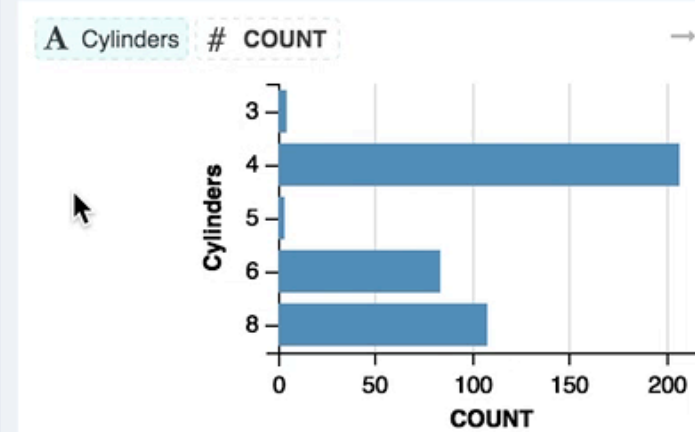
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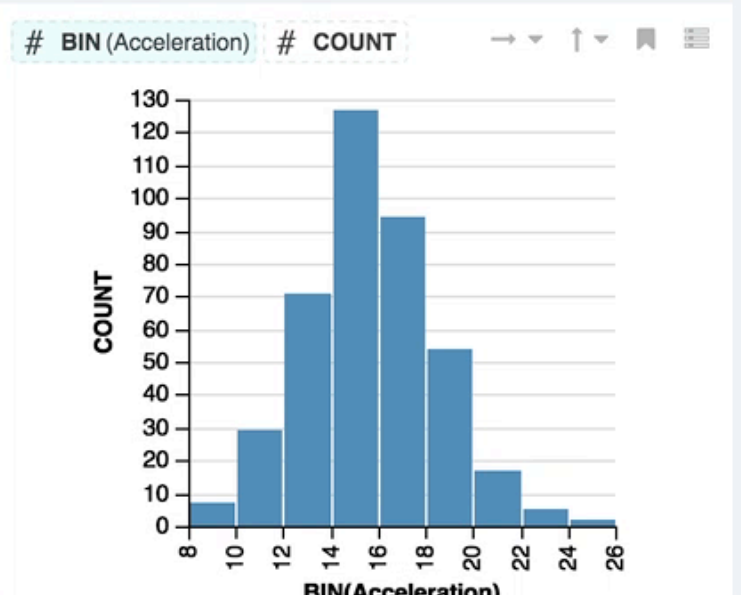
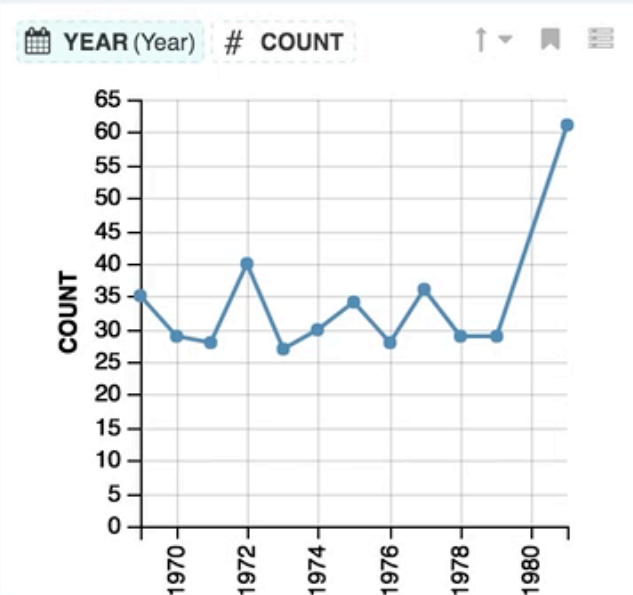
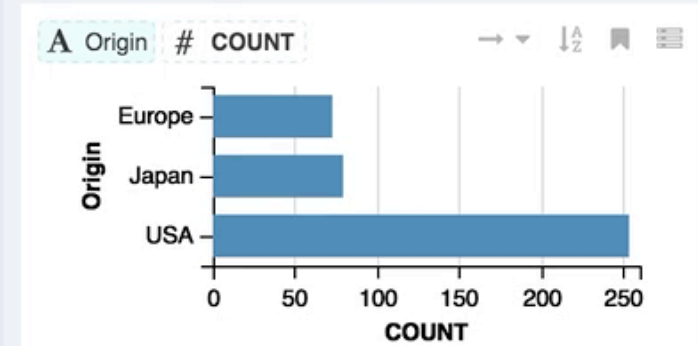
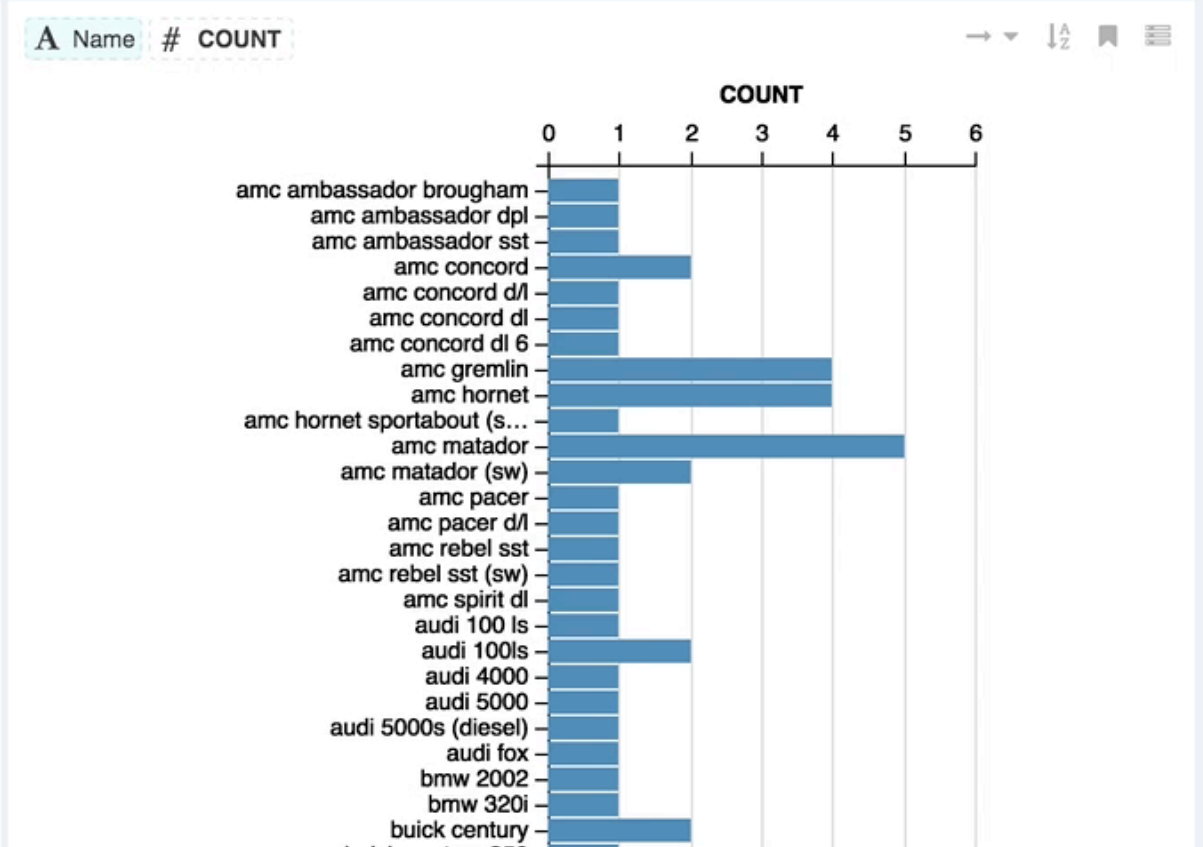
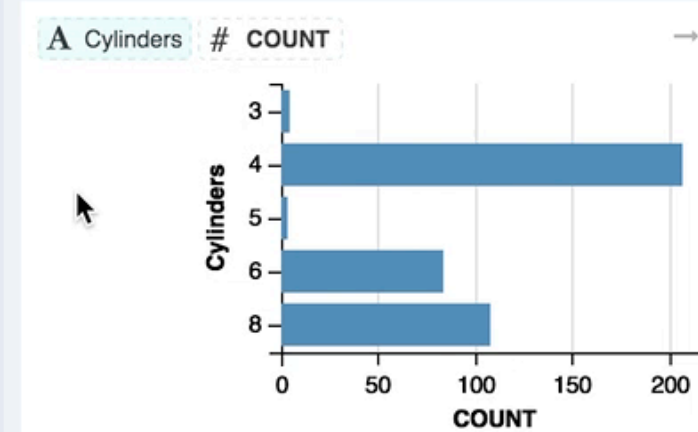
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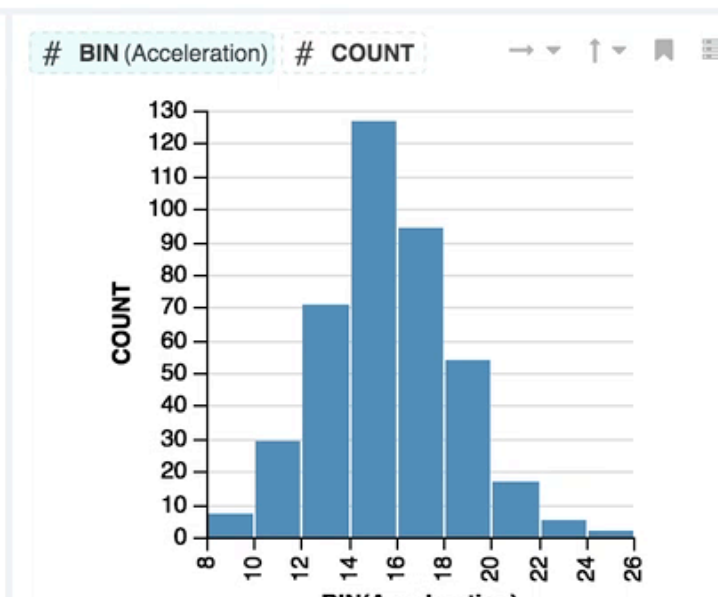
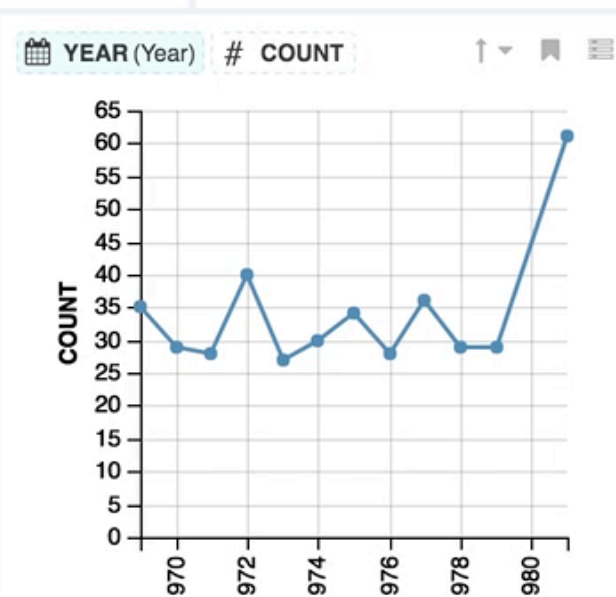
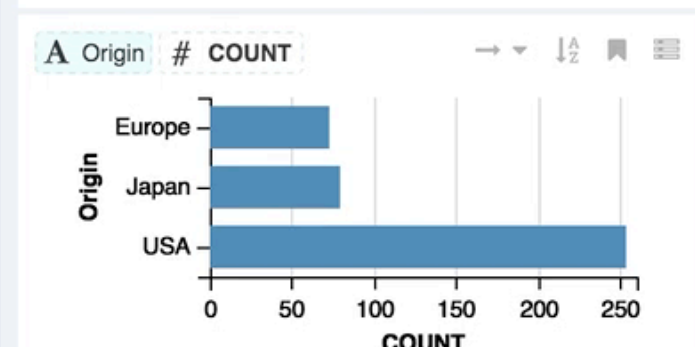
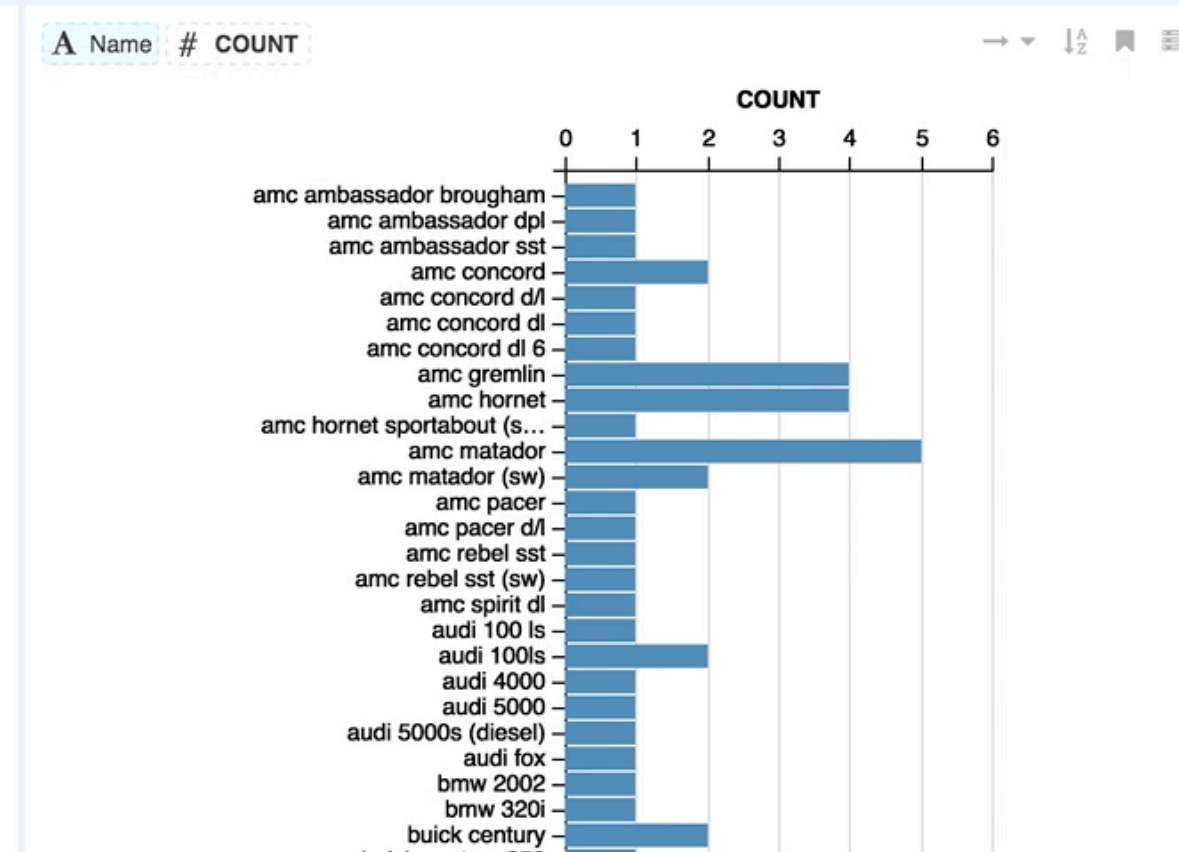
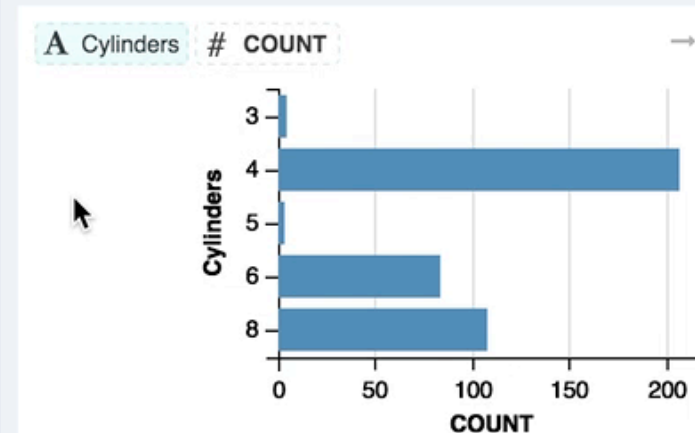
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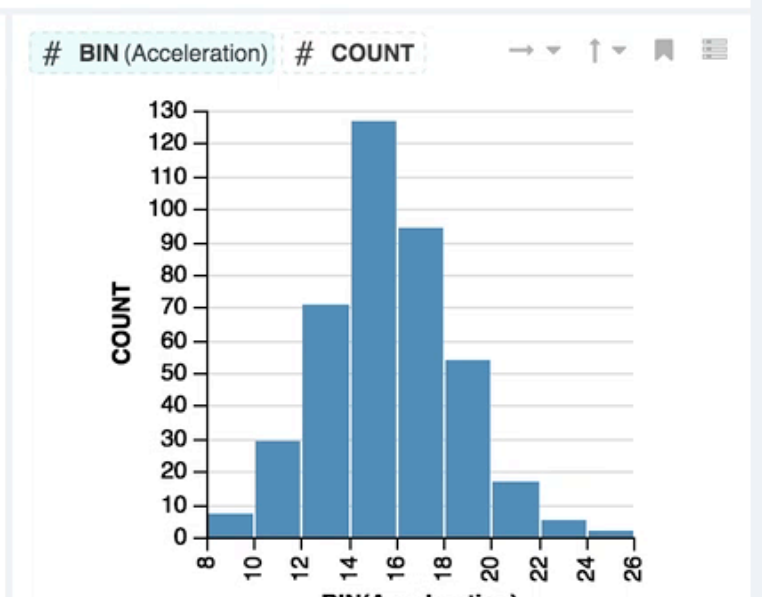
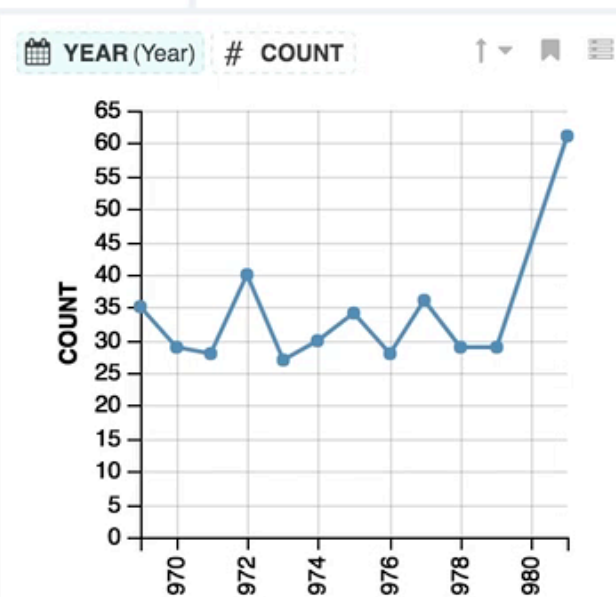
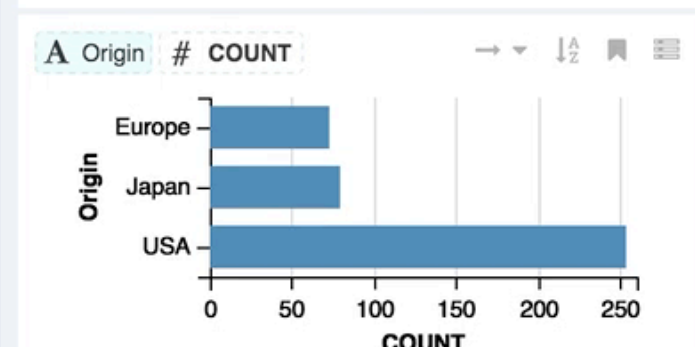
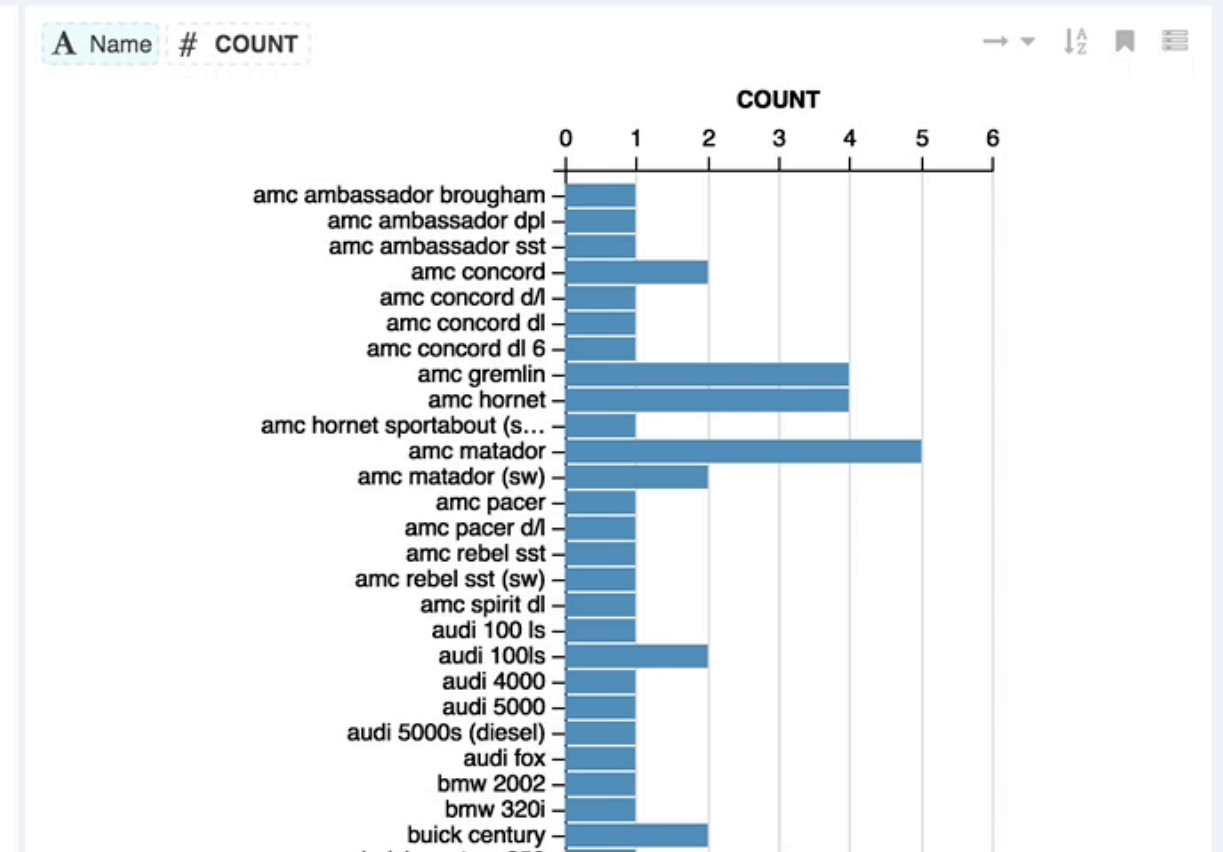
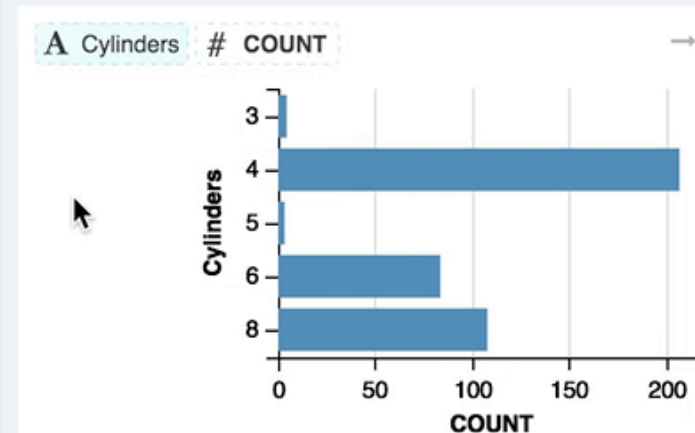
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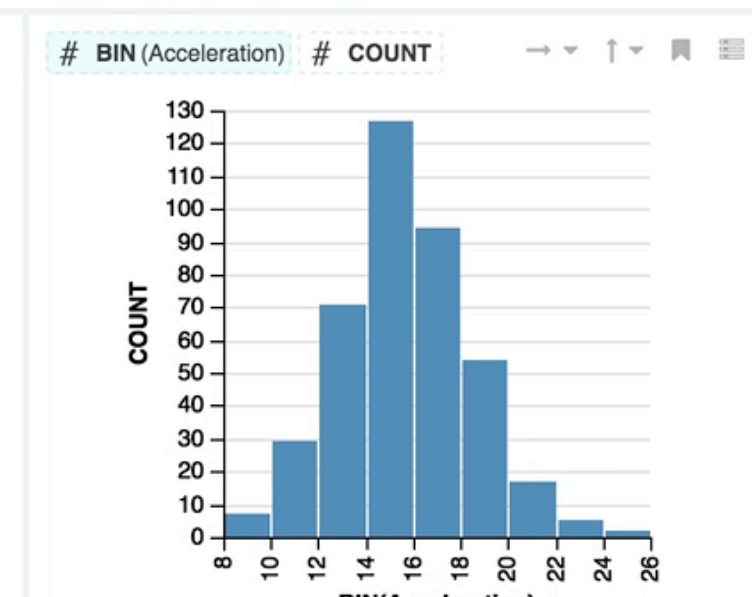
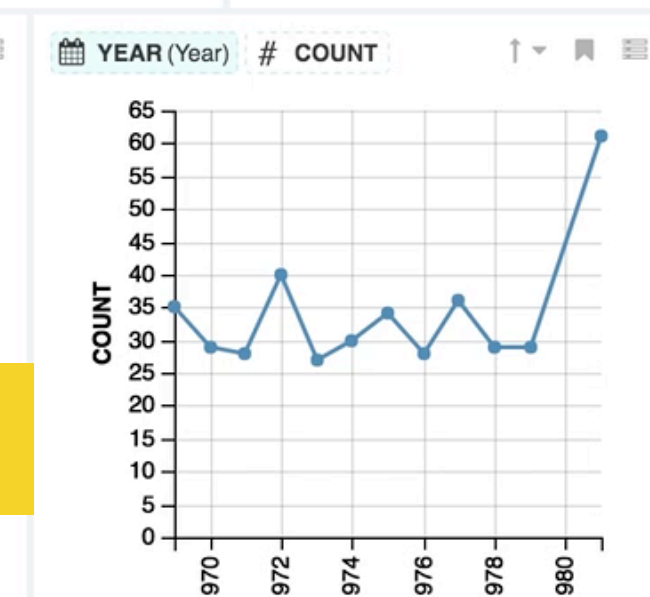
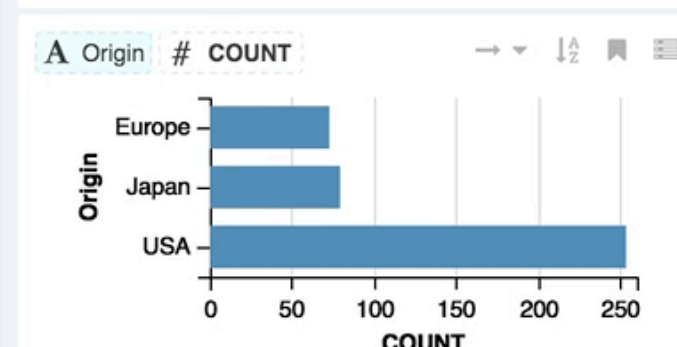
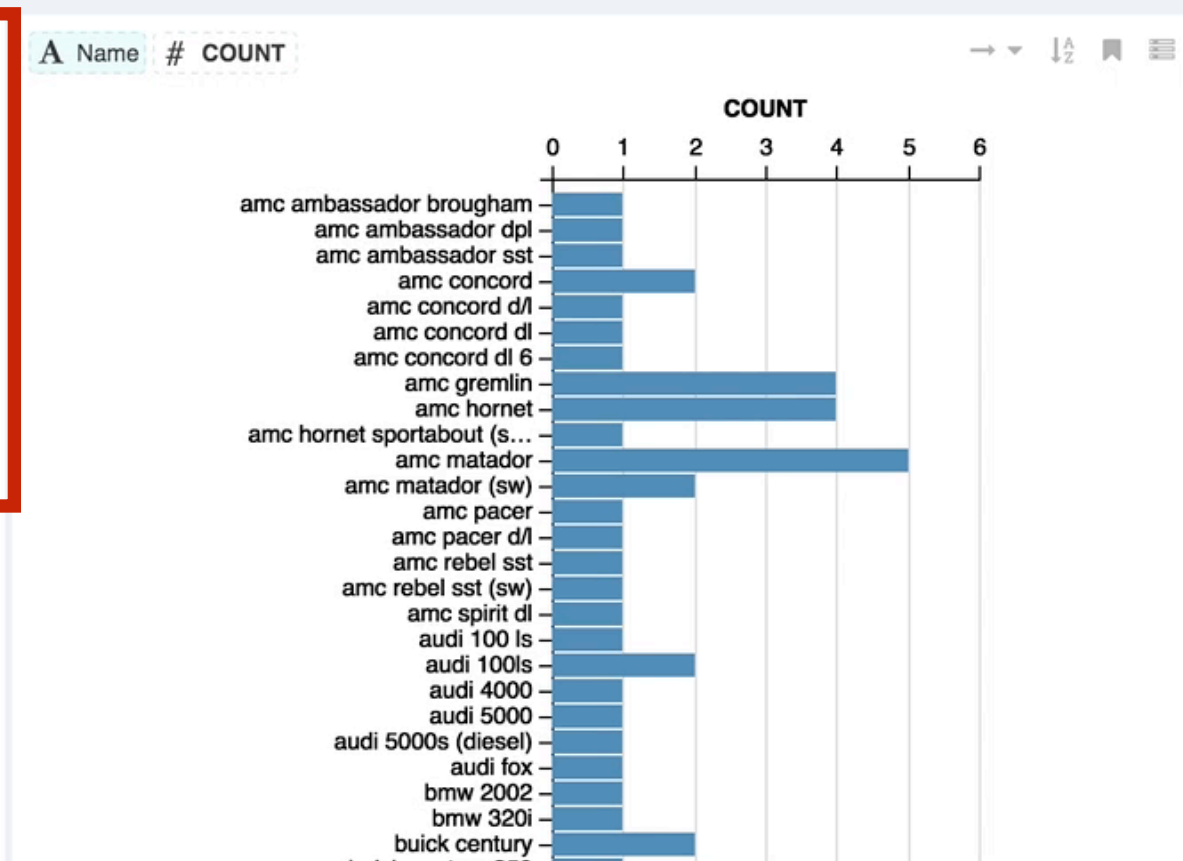
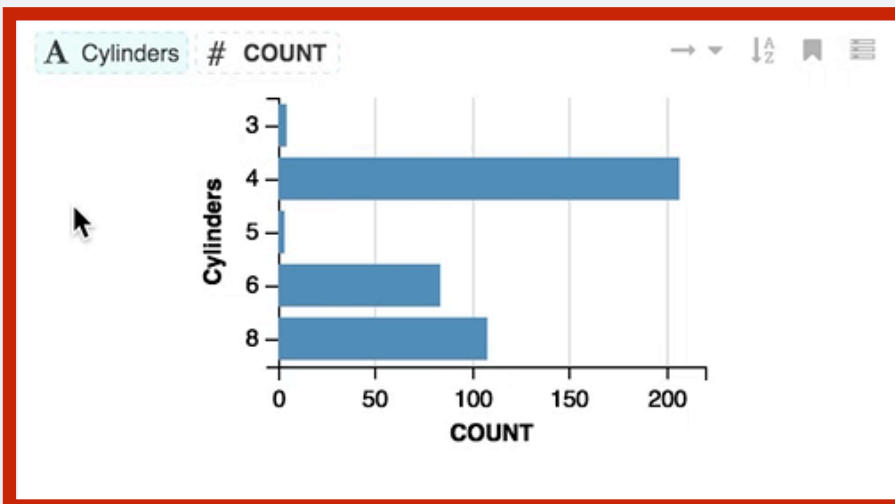
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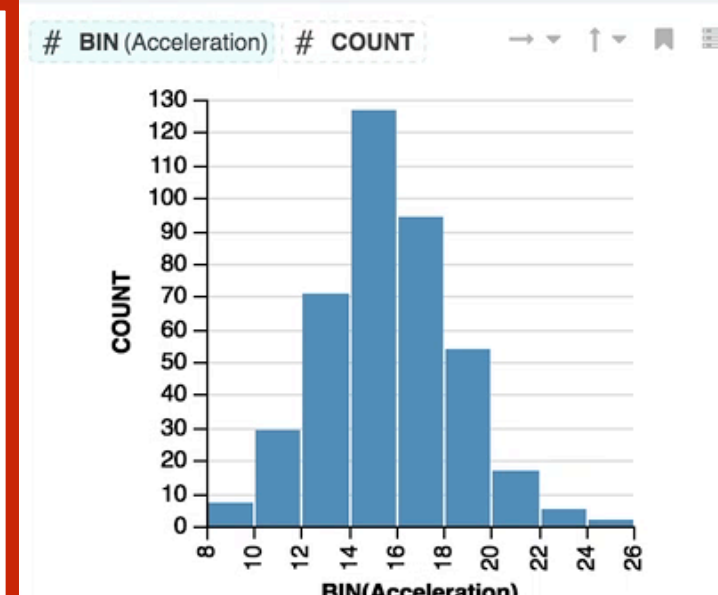
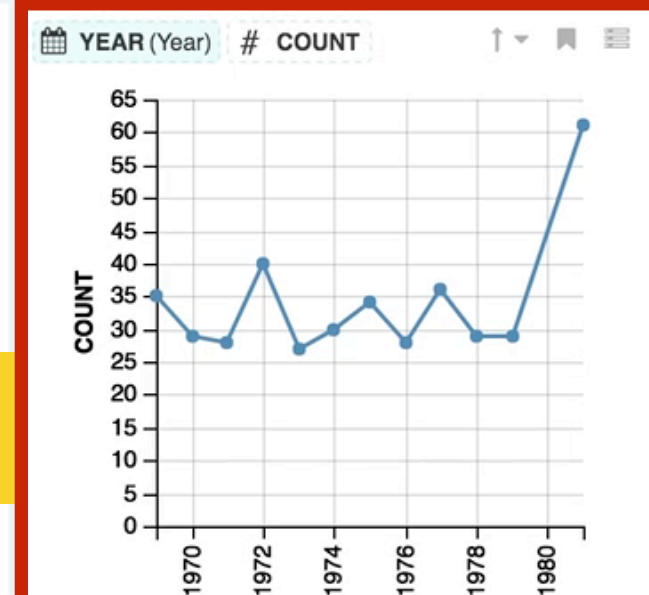
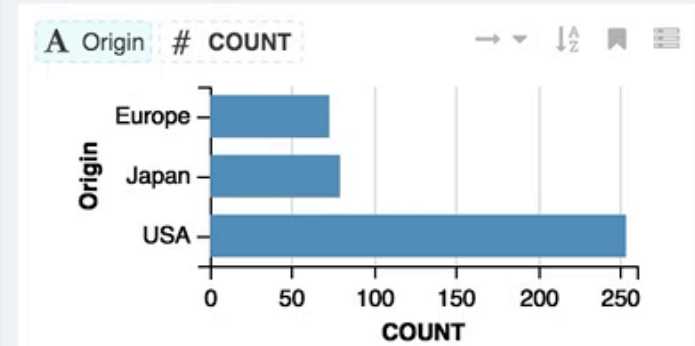
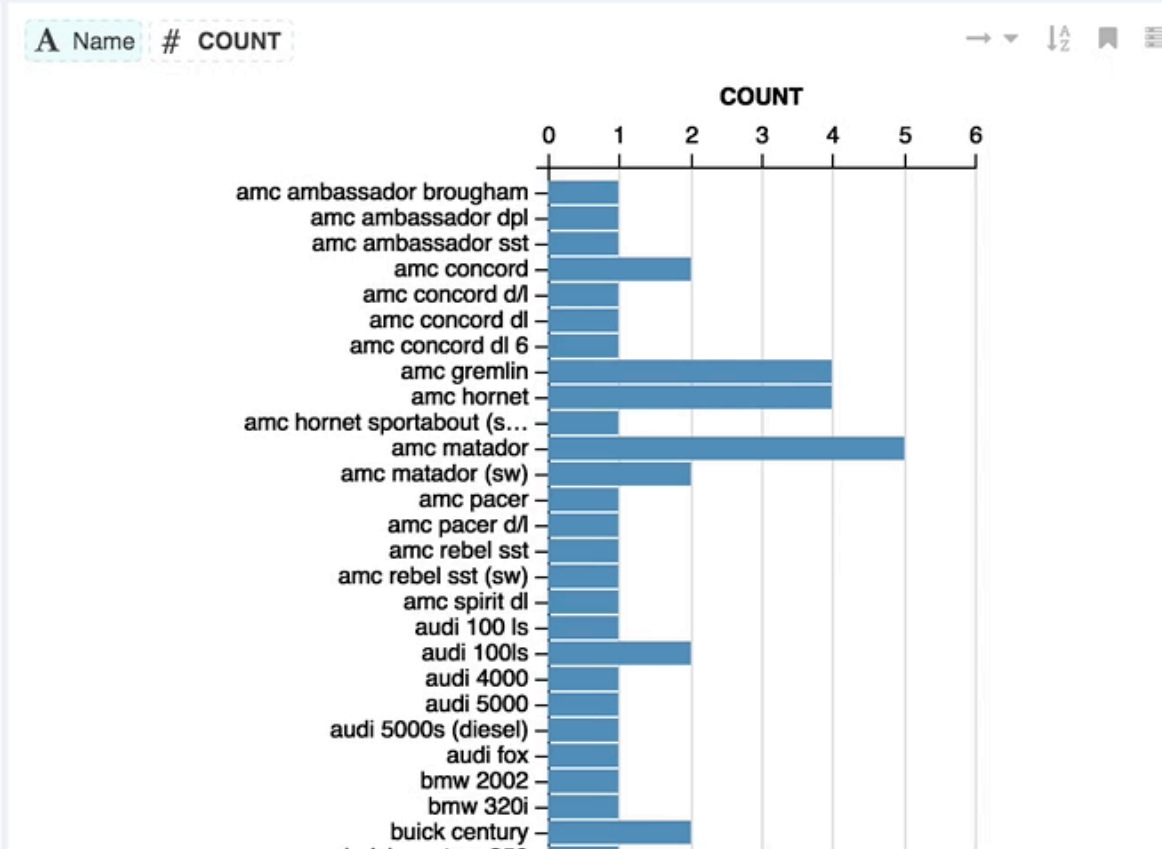
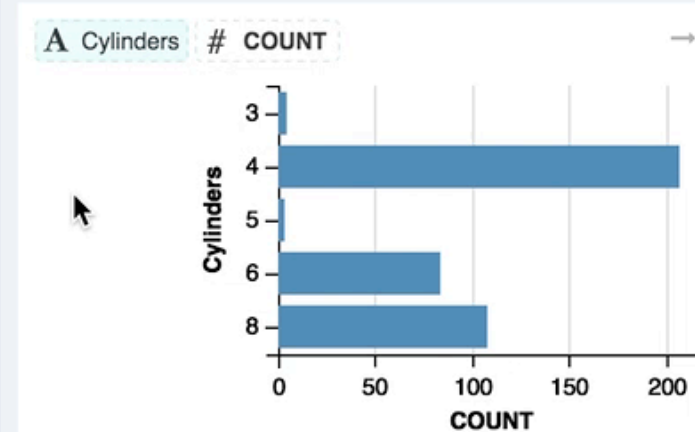
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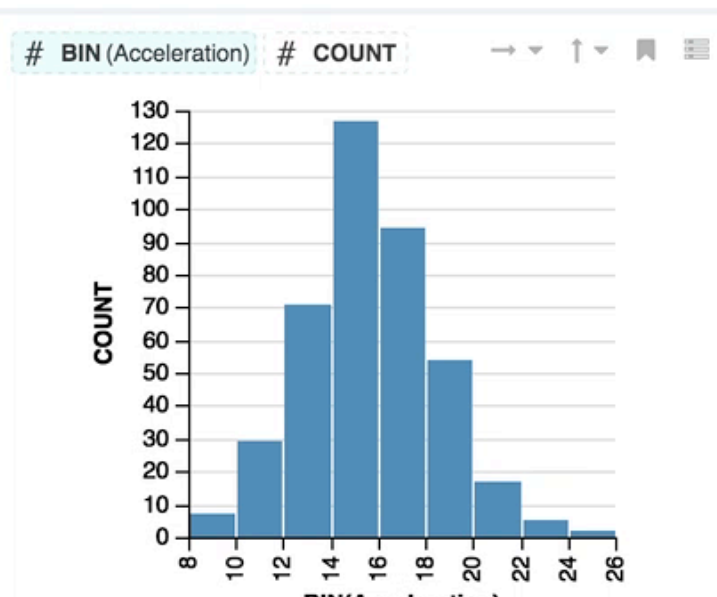
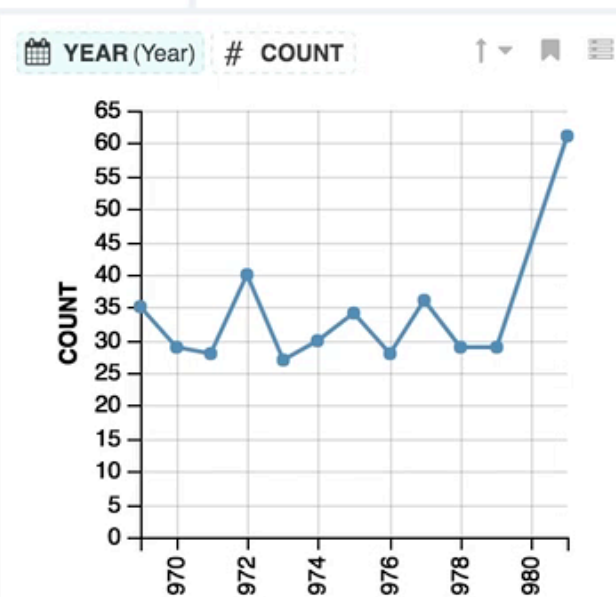
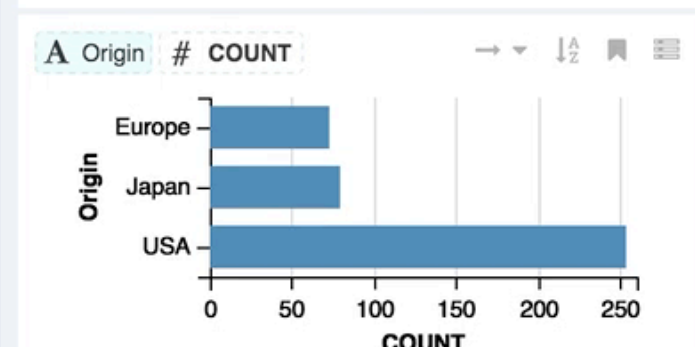
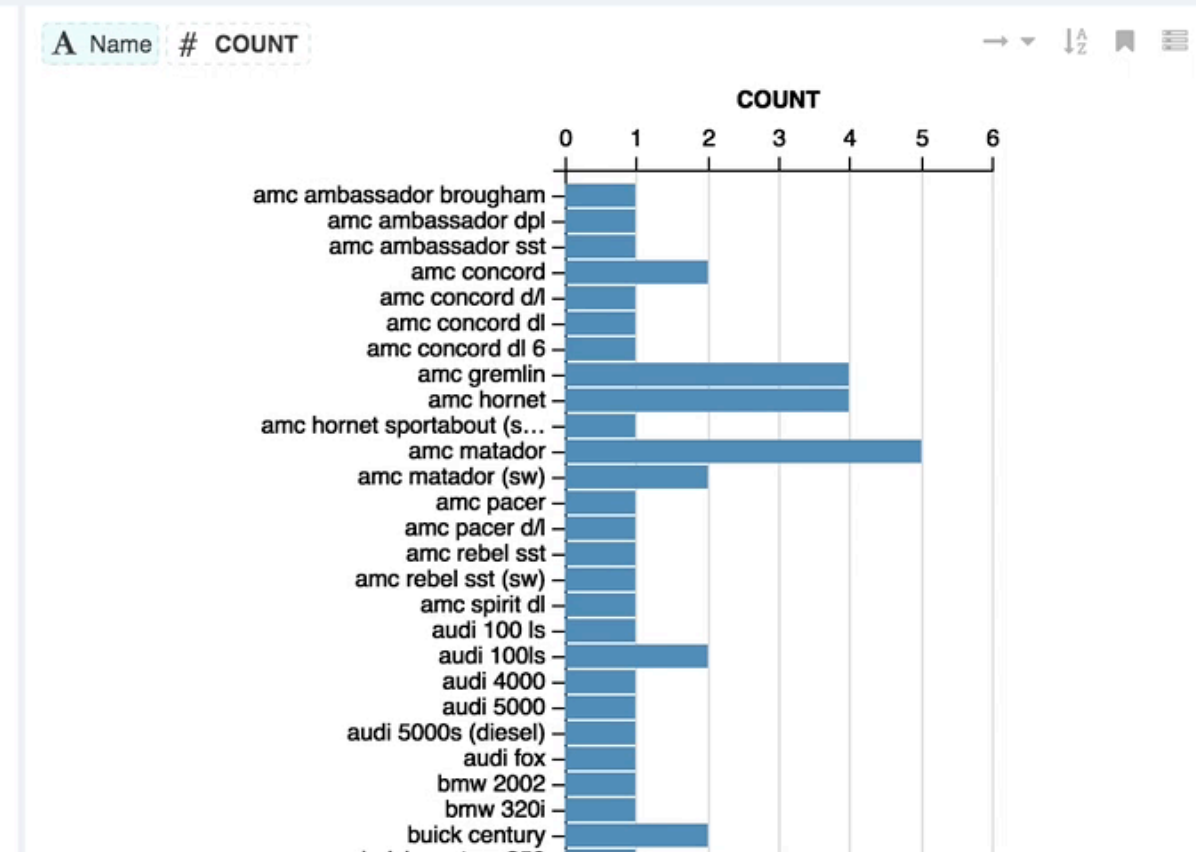
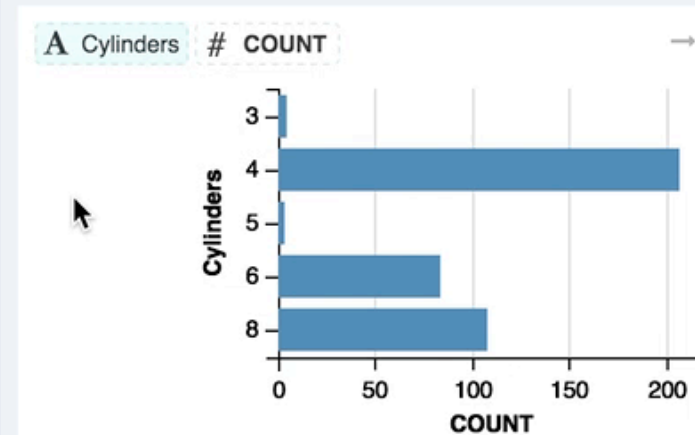
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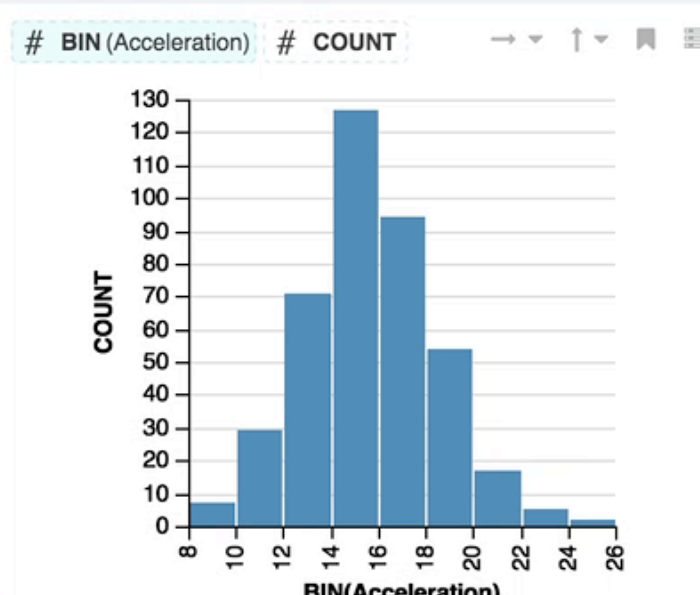
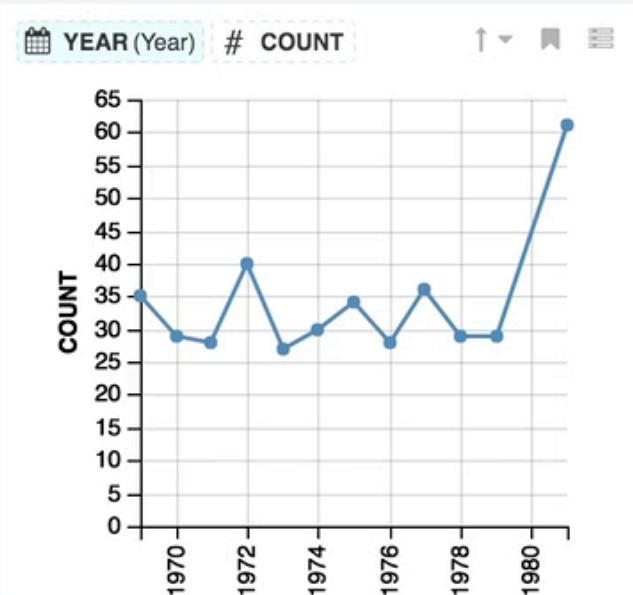
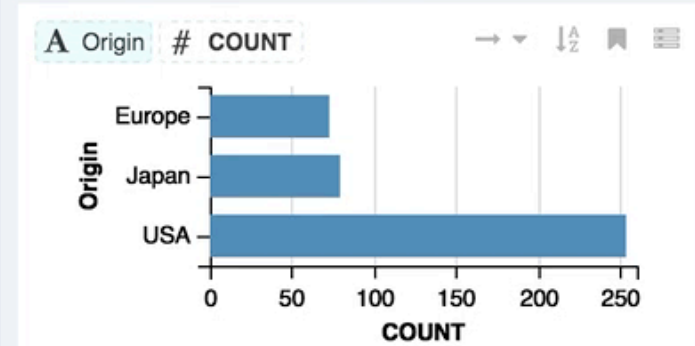
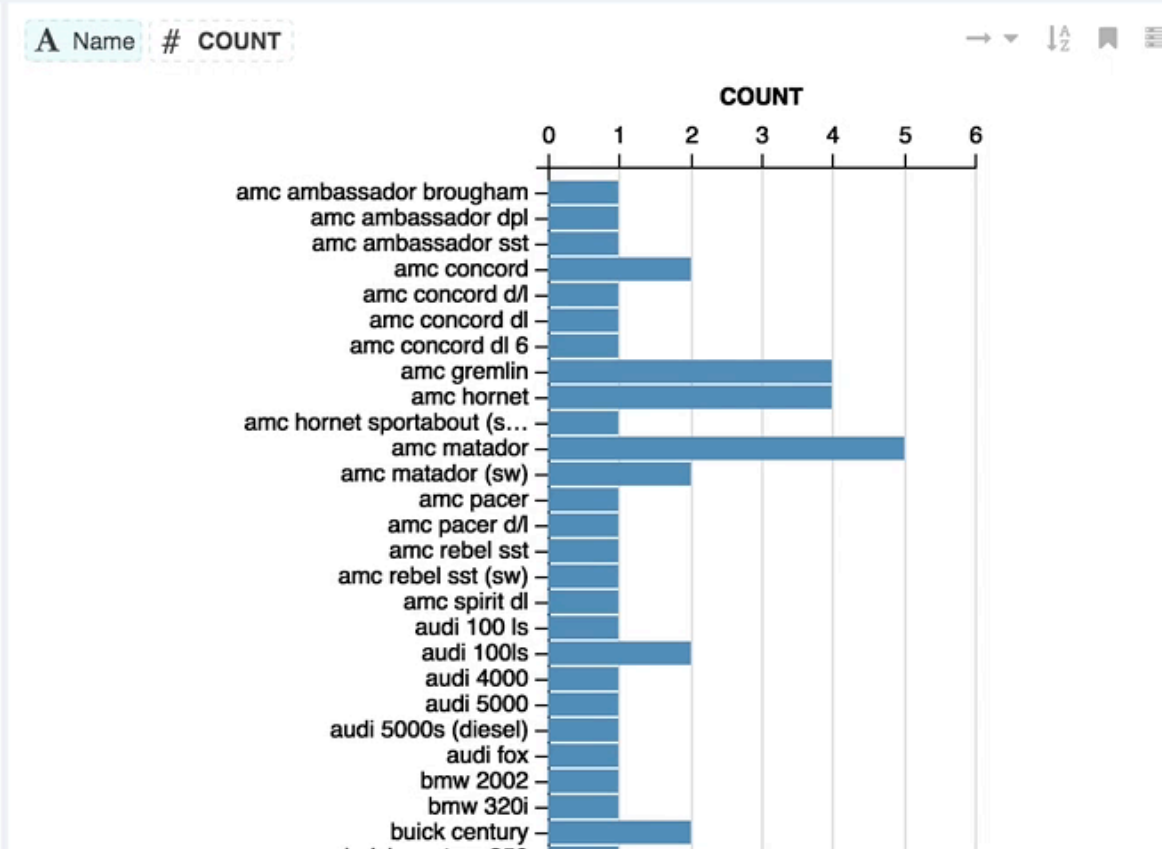
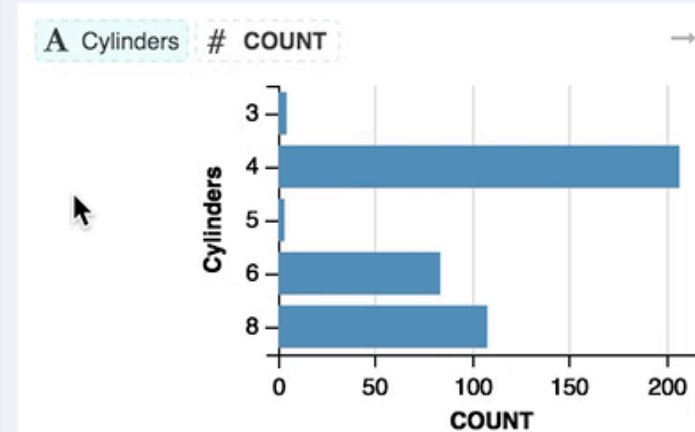
Specified View

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Related Views

Univariate Summaries Hide

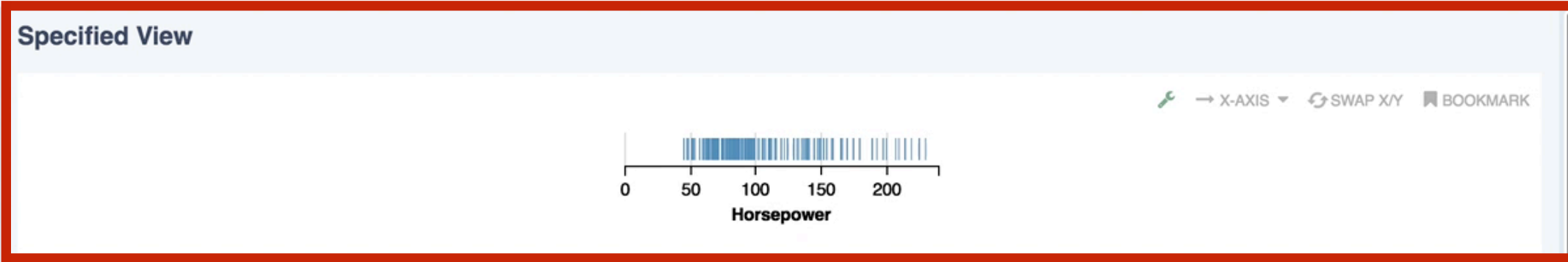
Univariate Summaries



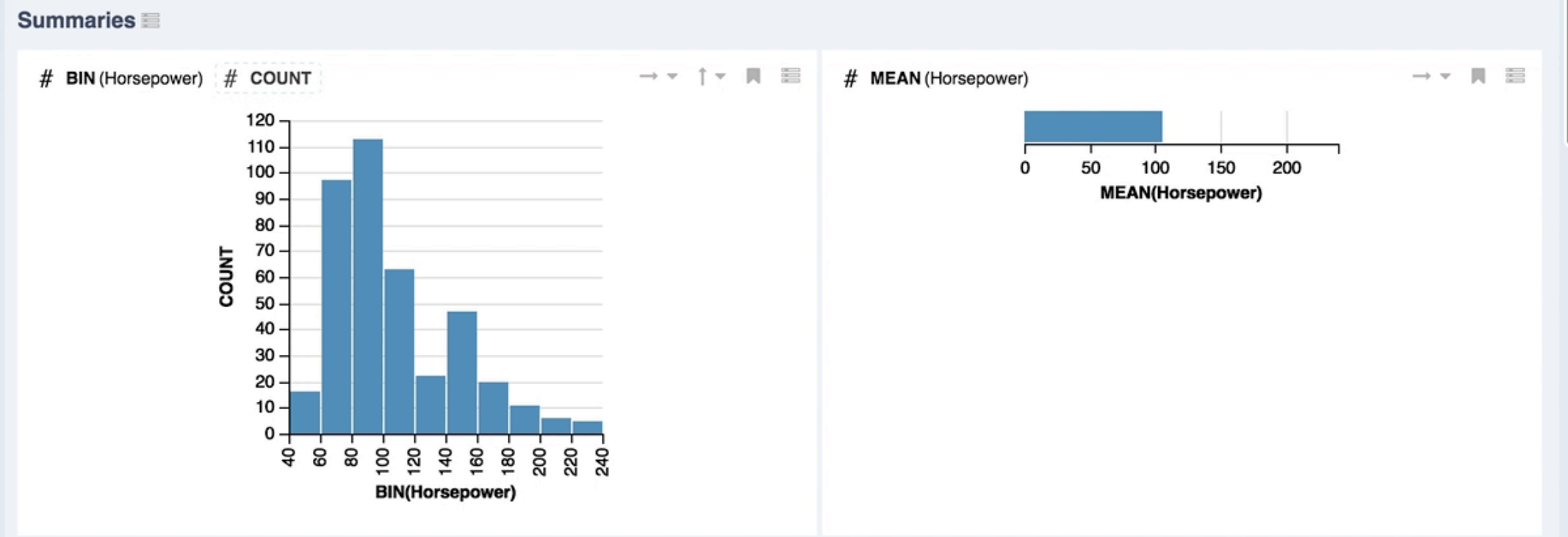
2. Manual View Specification

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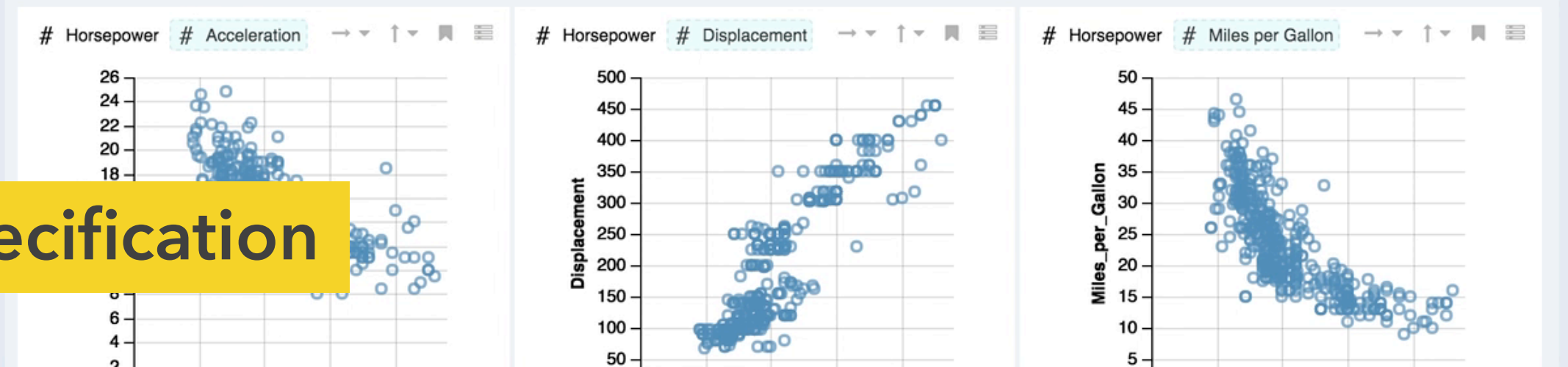
Undo Redo



Related Views All Summaries Add Quantitative Field Add Categorical Field Add Temporal Field Hide



Add Quantitative Field



- # Miles per Gallon
 - # Weight in lbs
 - # COUNT
- Wildcards**
- Categorical Fields
 - Temporal Fields
 - Quantitative Fields

detail drop a field here

text drop a field here

any drop a field here

Filter Filter invalid numbers

2. Manual View Specification


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Undo Redo



Specified View

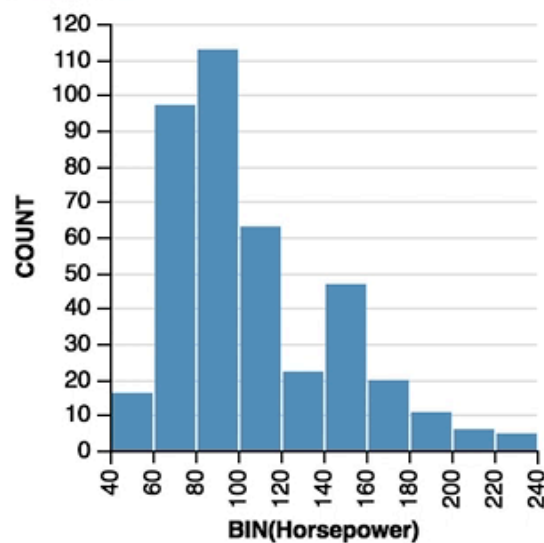


Related Views

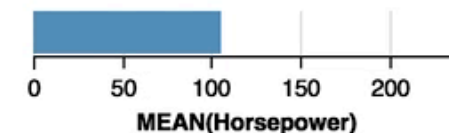
All Summaries Add Quantitative Field Add Categorical Field Add Temporal Field Hide

Summaries

BIN (Horsepower) # COUNT



MEAN (Horsepower)



Add Quantitative Field

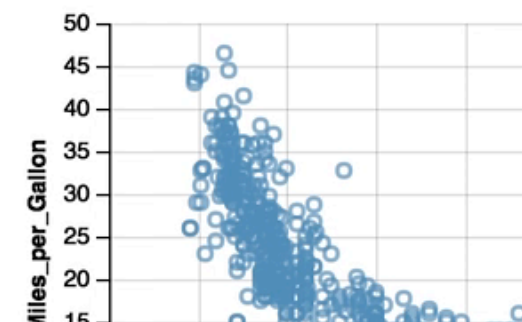
Horsepower # Acceleration



Horsepower # Displacement



Horsepower # Miles per Gallon



2. Manual View Specification



Data

Cars Change

Fields

- Cylinders
- Name
- Origin
- Year
- # Acceleration
- # Displacement
- # Horsepower
- # Miles per Gallon
- # Weight in lbs
- # COUNT

Wildcards

- Categorical Fields
- Temporal Fields
- Quantitative Fields

Encoding

x # Horsepower

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column drop a field here

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Marks

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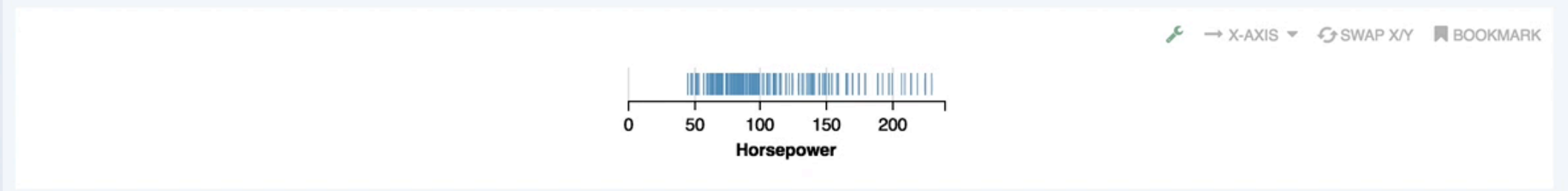
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Filter

Filter invalid numbers

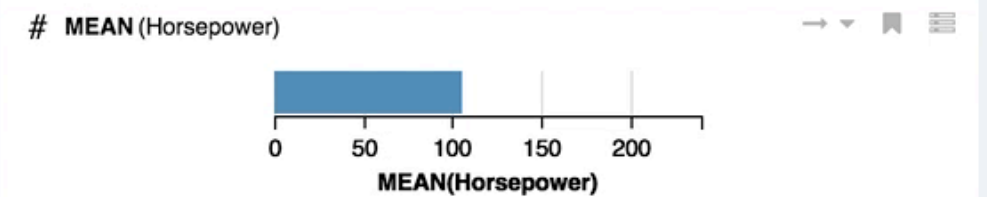
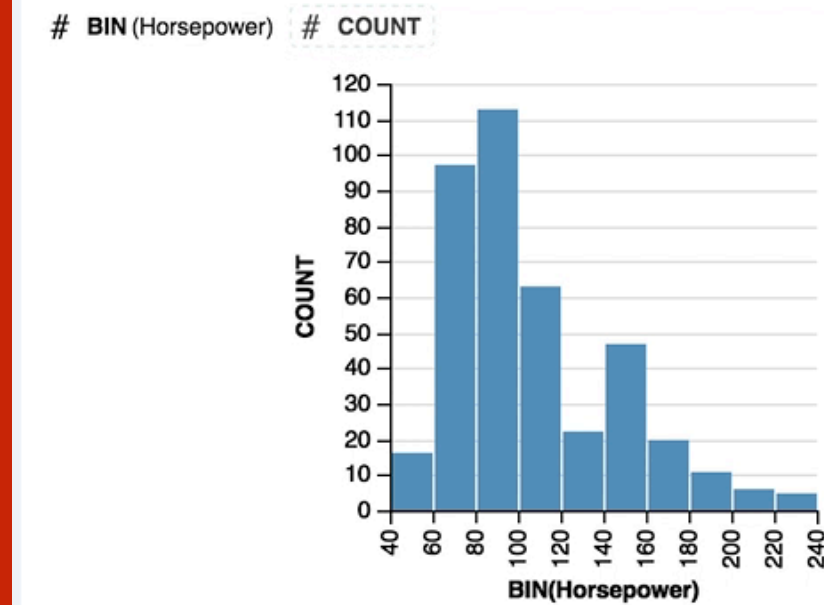
Specified View



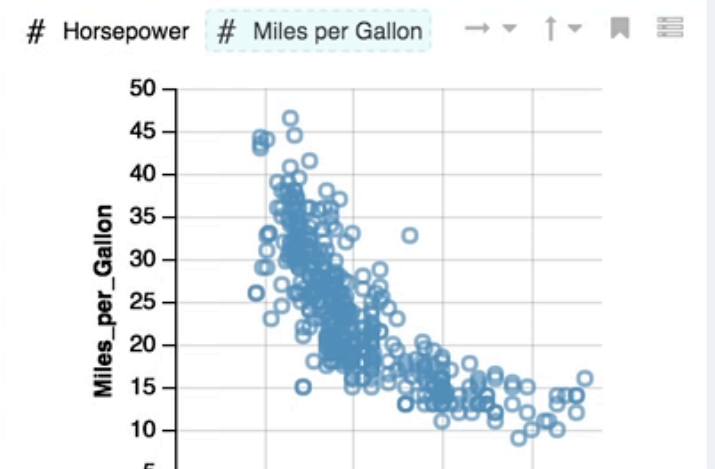
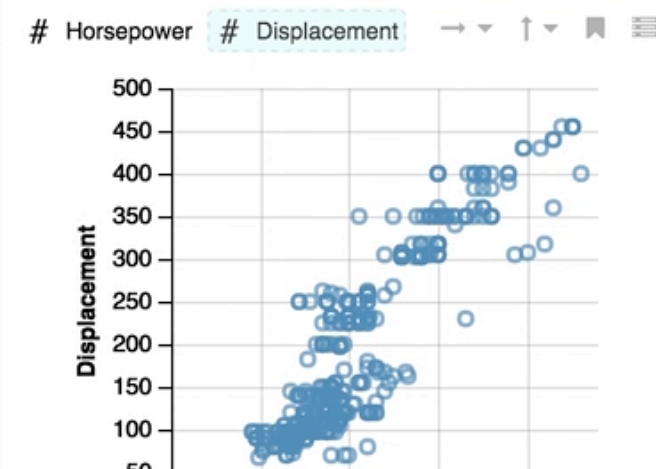
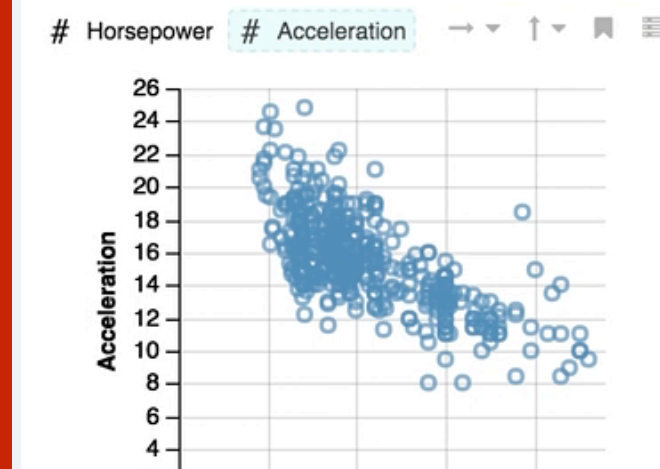
Related Views

All Summaries Add Quantitative Field Add Categorical Field Add Temporal Field Hide

Summaries



Add Quantitative Field



3. Related Views



Data

Cars Change

Fields

- Cylinders
- Name
- Origin
- Year
- Acceleration
- Displacement
- Horsepower
- Miles per Gallon
- Weight in lbs
- COUNT

Wildcards

- Categorical Fields
- Temporal Fields
- Quantitative Fields

Encoding

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Filter

Filter invalid numbers

Specified View

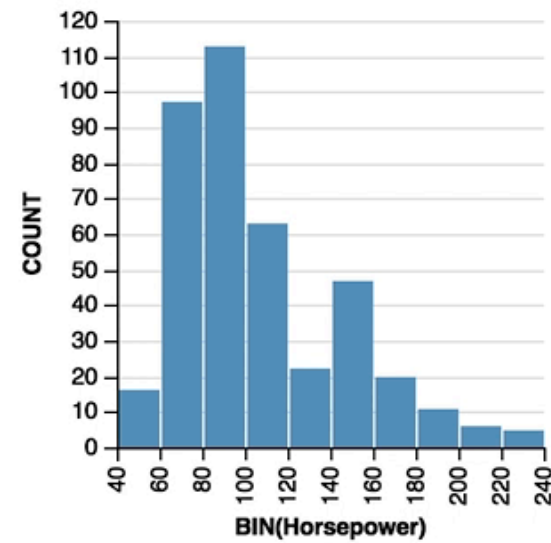


Related Views

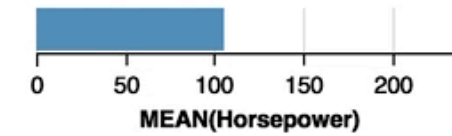
All Summaries Add Quantitative Field Add Categorical Field Add Temporal Field Hide

Summaries

BIN (Horsepower) # COUNT

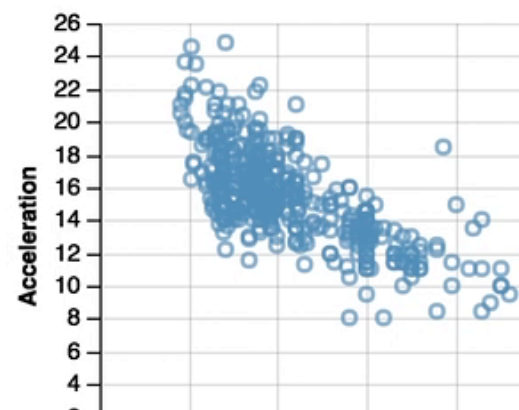


MEAN (Horsepower)

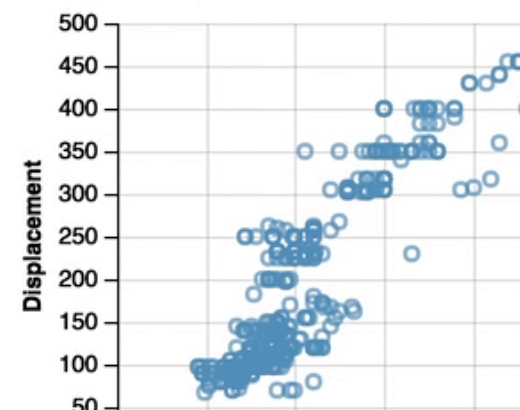


Add Quantitative Field

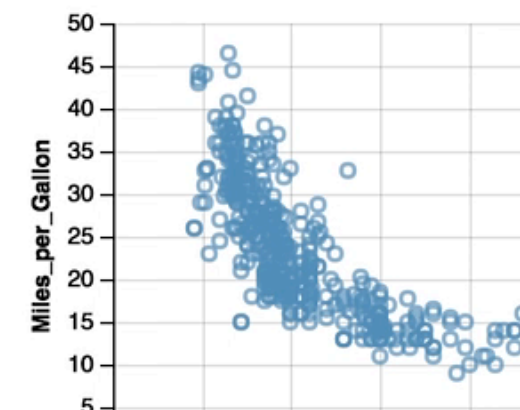
Horsepower # Acceleration



Horsepower # Displacement



Horsepower # Miles per Gallon



3. Related Views

Data

Cars Change

Fields

- Cylinders
- Name
- Origin
- Year
- Acceleration
- Displacement
- Horsepower
- Miles per Gallon
- Weight in lbs
- COUNT

Wildcards

- Categorical Fields
- Temporal Fields
- Quantitative Fields

Encoding

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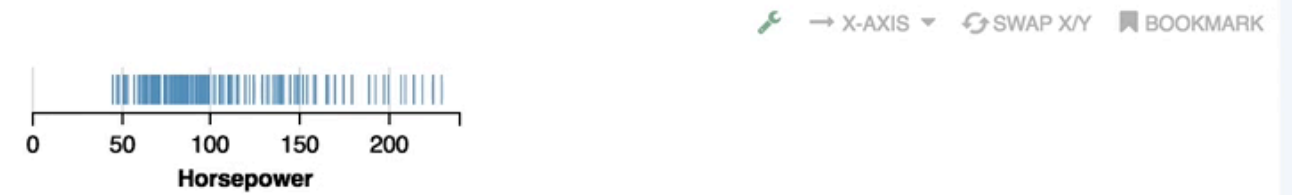
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Filter invalid numbers

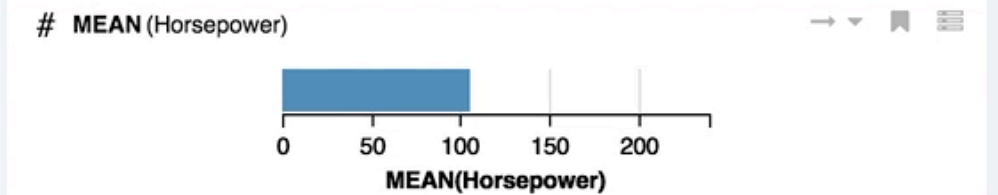
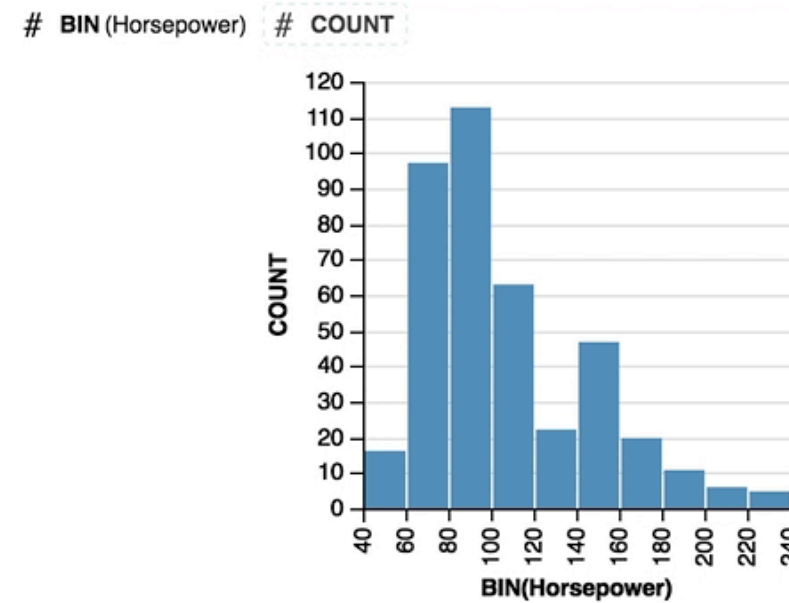
Specified View



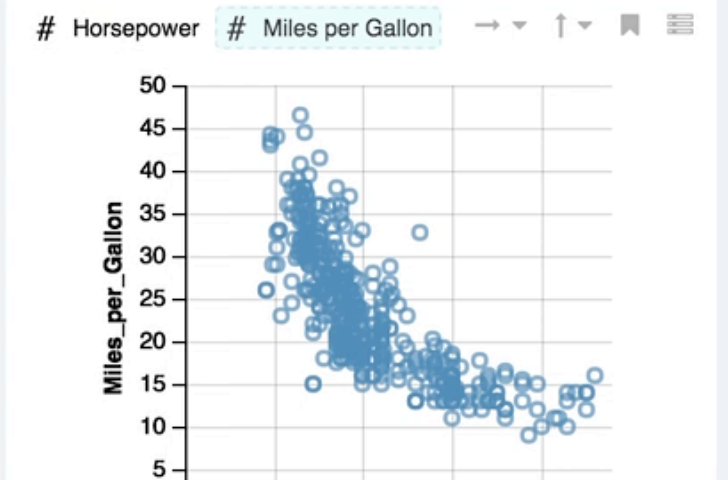
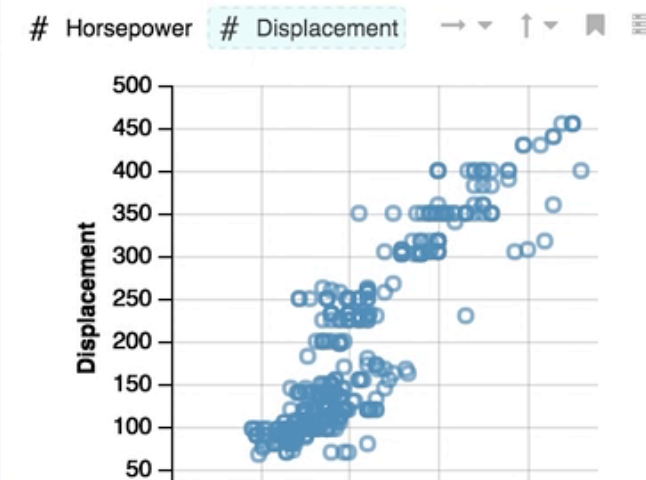
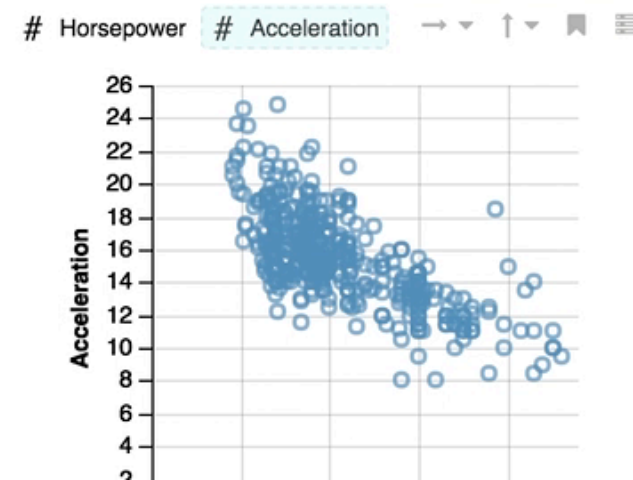
Related Views

All Summaries Add Quantitative Field Add Categorical Field Add Temporal Field Hide

Summaries



Add Quantitative Field



3. Related Views



Data

Cars Change

Fields

- Cylinders
- Name
- Origin
- Year
- Acceleration
- Displacement
- Horsepower
- Miles per Gallon
- Weight in lbs
- COUNT

Wildcards

- Categorical Fields
- Temporal Fields
- Quantitative Fields

Encoding

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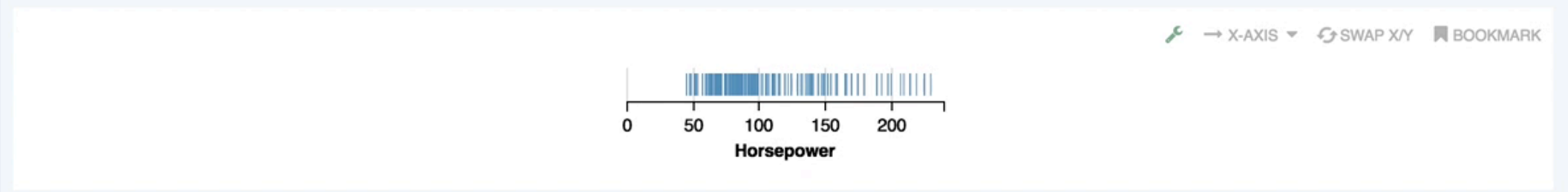
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Filter invalid numbers

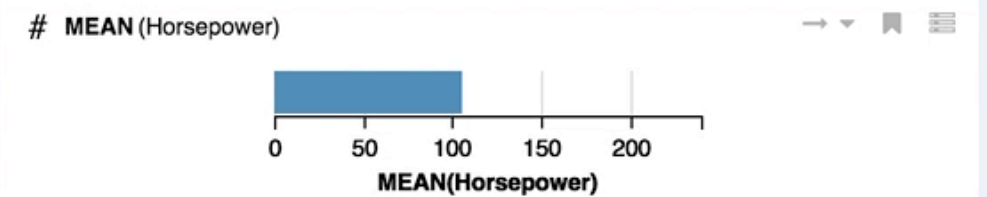
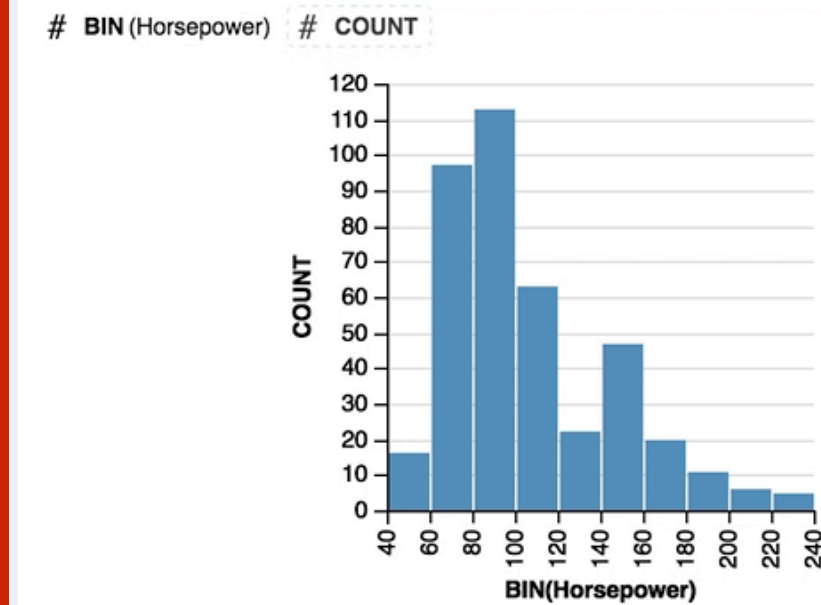
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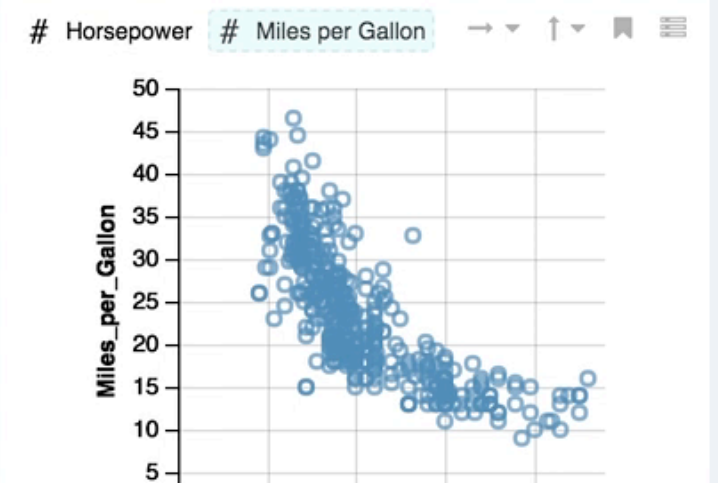
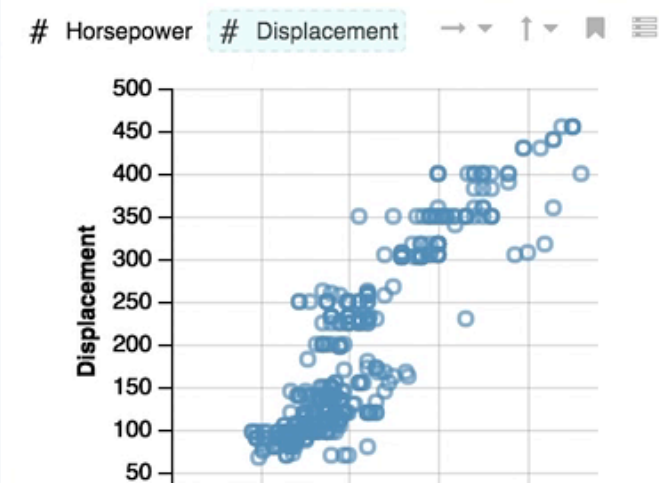
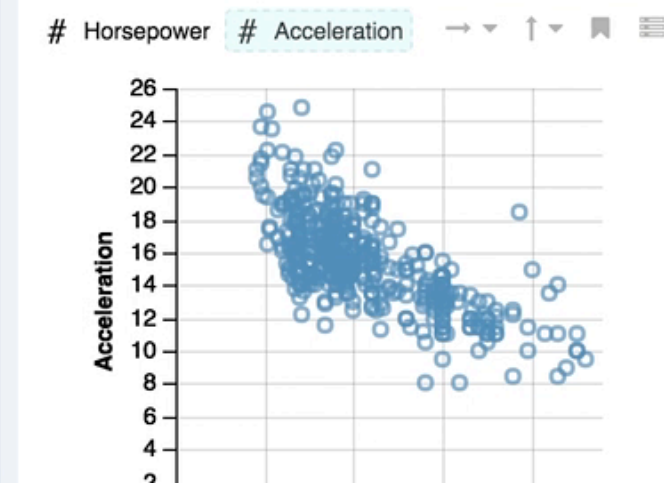
Related Views

All Summaries Add Quantitative Field Add Categorical Field Add Temporal Field Hide

Summaries



Add Quantitative Field



3. Related Views

Data

Cars Change

Fields

- Cylinders
- Name
- Origin
- Year
- Acceleration
- Displacement
- Horsepower
- Miles per Gallon
- Weight in lbs
- COUNT

Wildcards

- Categorical Fields
- Temporal Fields
- Quantitative Fields

Encoding

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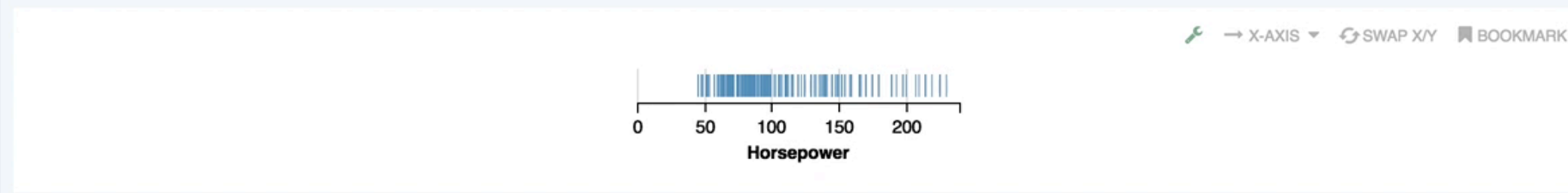
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Filter invalid numbers

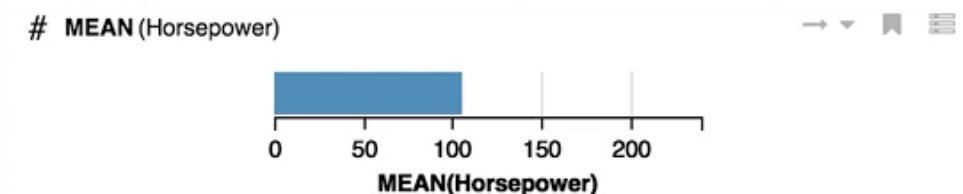
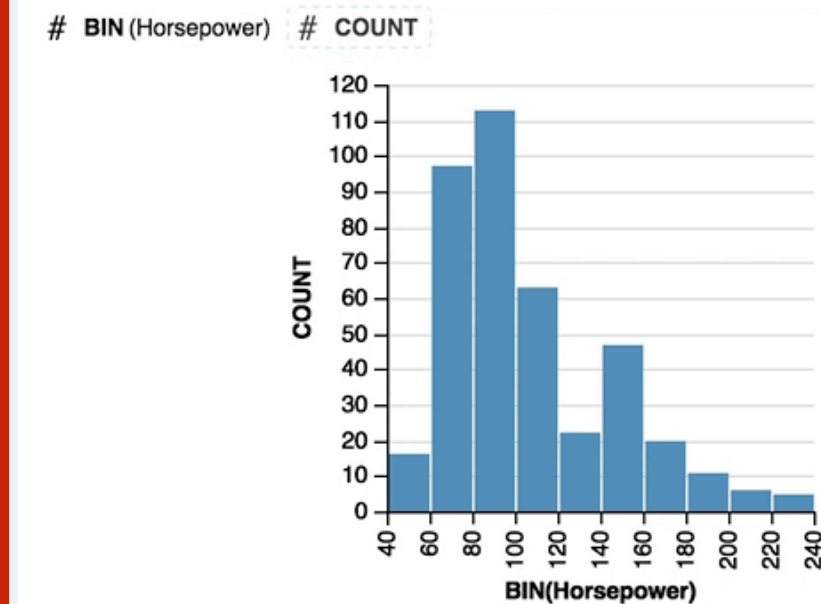
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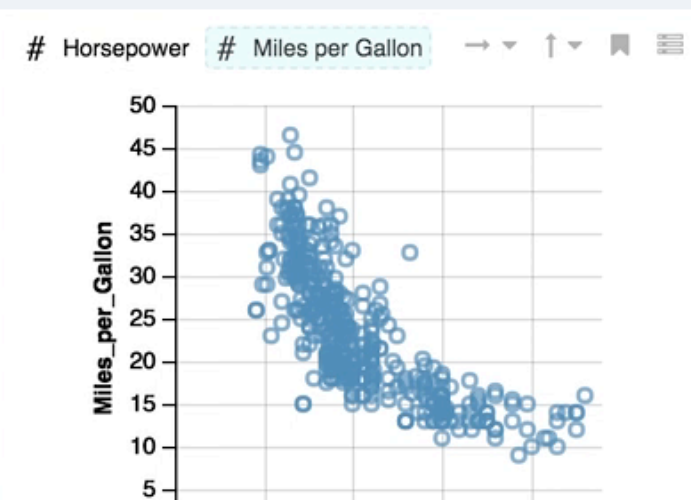
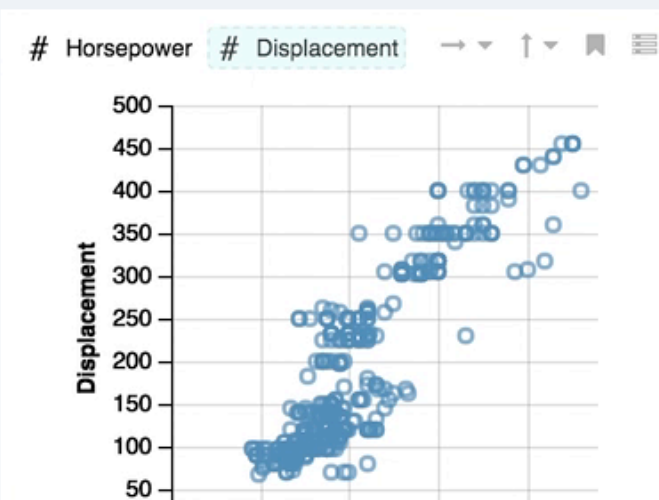
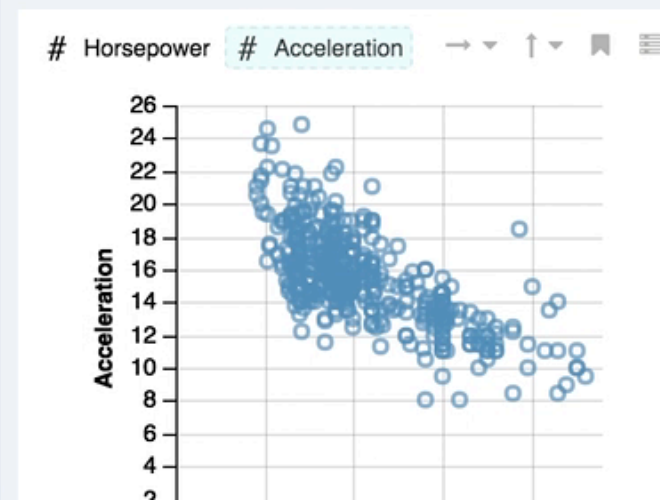
Related Views

All Summaries Add Quantitative Field Add Categorical Field Add Temporal Field Hide

Summaries



Add Quantitative Field



3. Related Views

Data

Cars Change

Fields

- Cylinders
- Name
- Origin
- Year
- Acceleration
- Displacement
- Horsepower
- Miles per Gallon
- Weight in lbs
- COUNT

Wildcards

- Categorical Fields
- Temporal Fields
- Quantitative Fields

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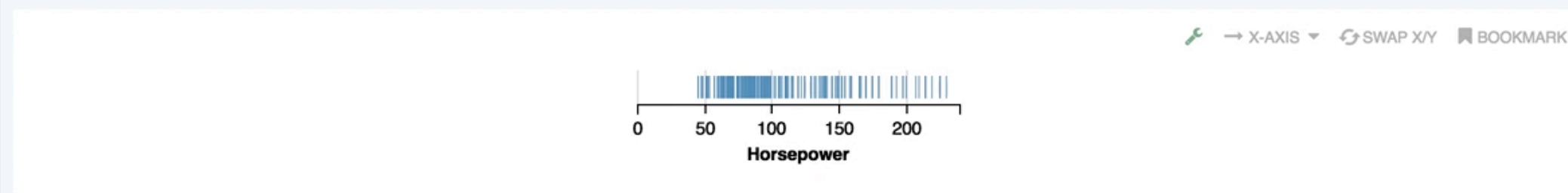
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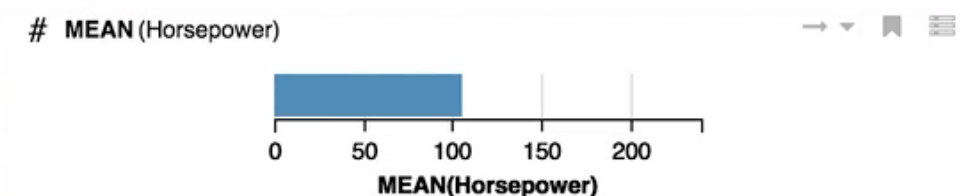
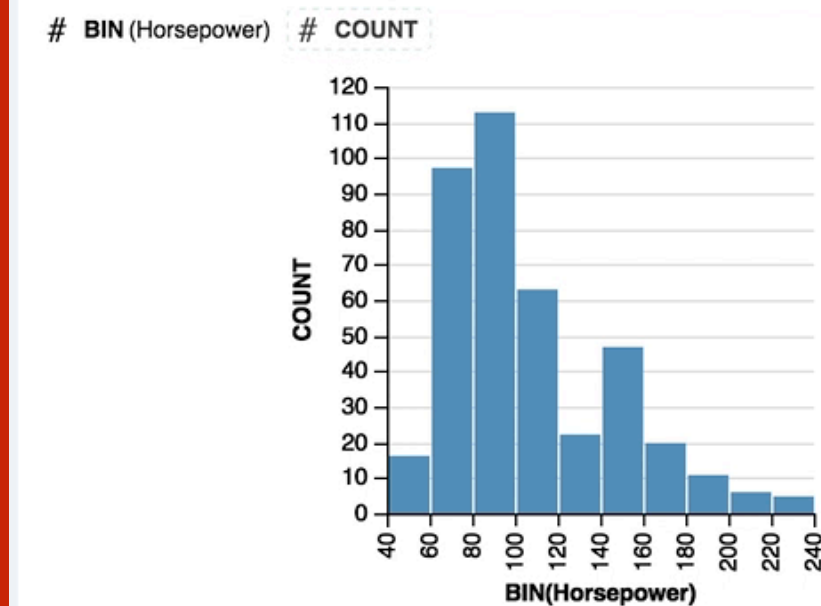
Specified View



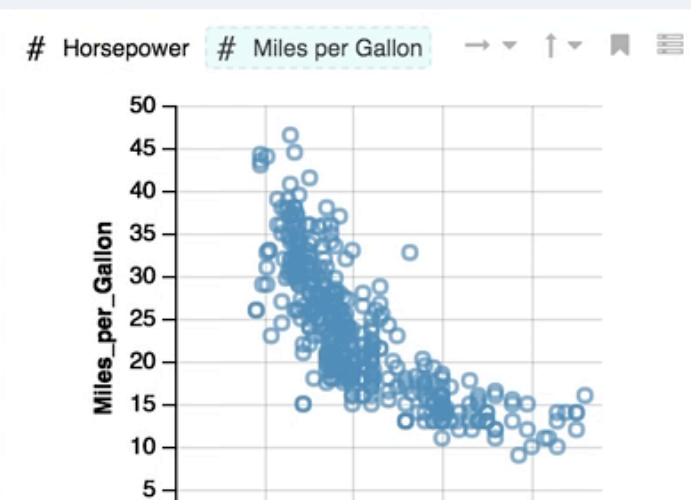
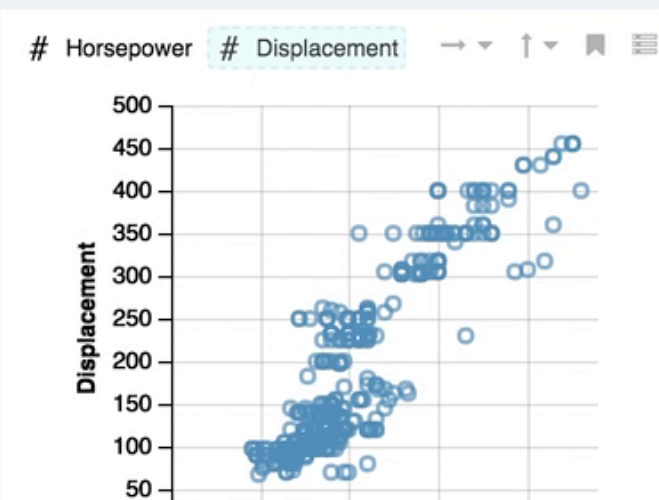
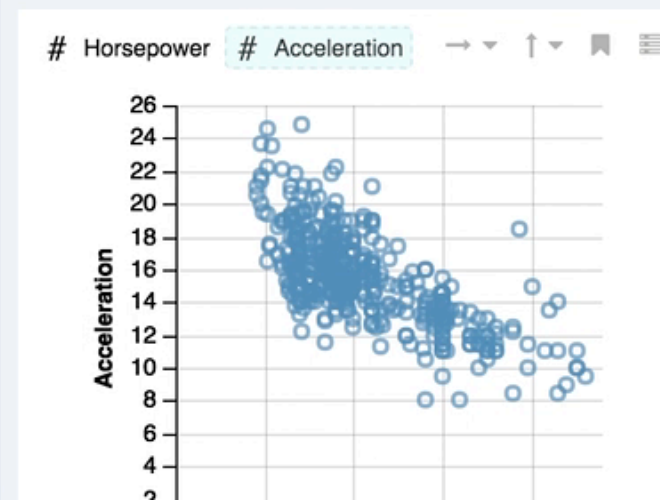
Related Views

All Summaries Add Quantitative Field Add Categorical Field Add Temporal Field Hide

Summaries



Add Quantitative Field



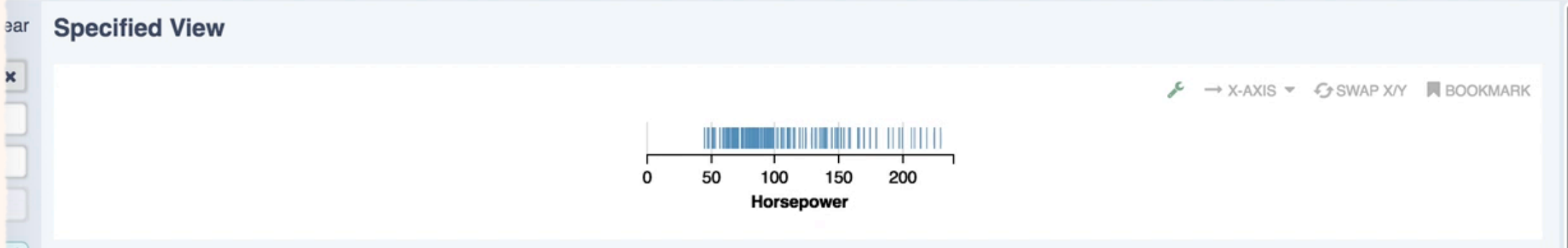
3. Related Views



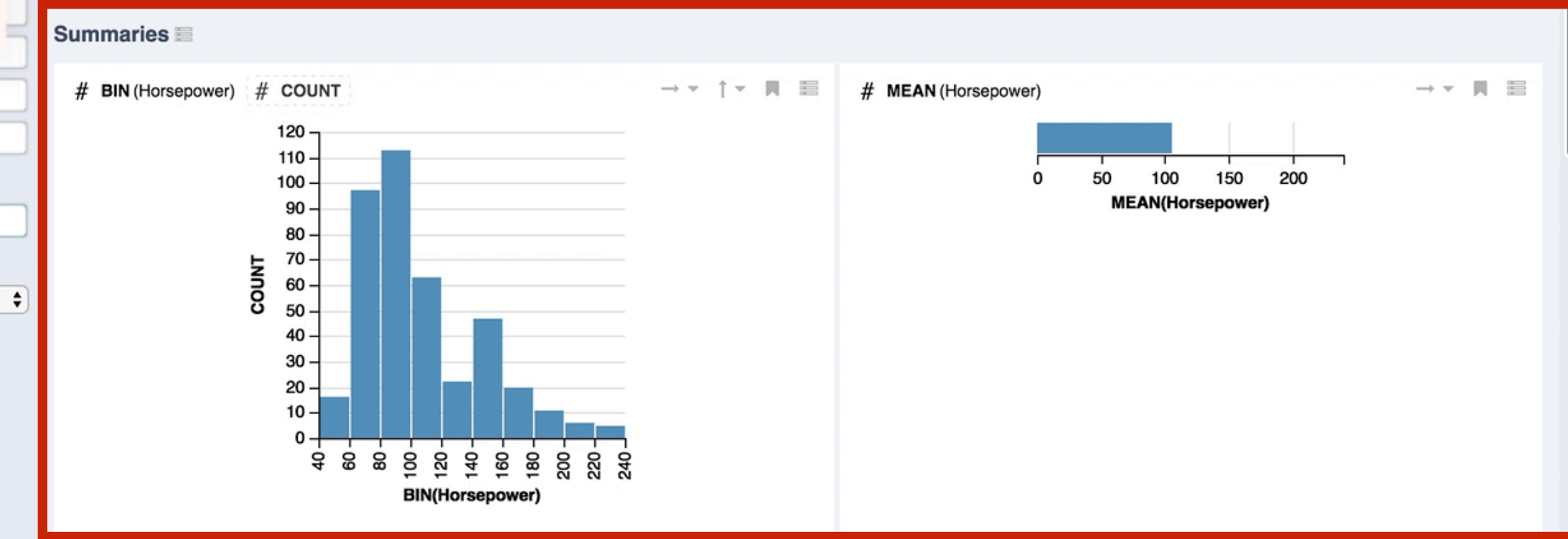
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Related Views All Summaries Add Quantitative Field Add Categorical Field Add Temporal Field Hide



- # Miles per Gallon
 - # Weight in lbs
 - # COUNT
- Wildcards**
- A Categorical Fields
 - Temporal Fields
 - # Quantitative Fields

detail drop a field here

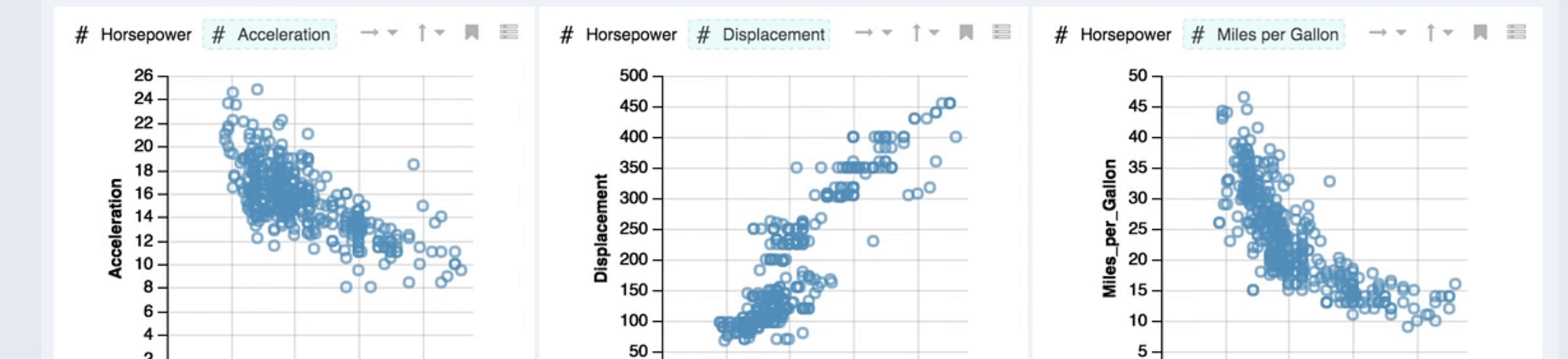
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Filter Filter invalid numbers

3. Related Views

Add Quantitative Field



Data

Cars Change

Fields

- Cylinders
- Name
- Origin
- Year
- # Acceleration
- # Displacement
- # Horsepower

Encoding

x

y

column

row

Marks

size

color

shape

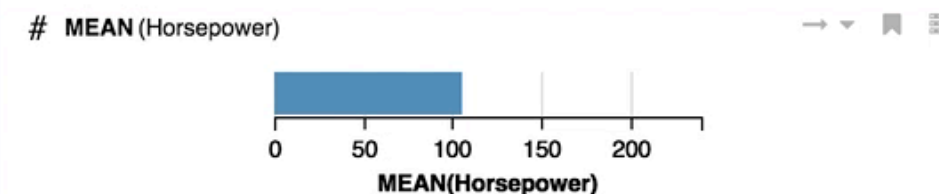
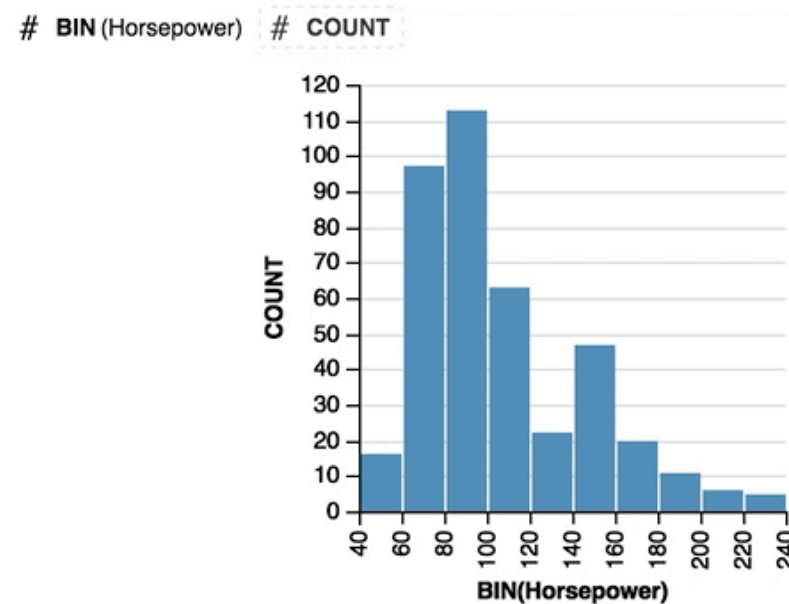
Specified View



Related Views

All Summaries Add Quantitative Field Add Categorical Field Add Temporal Field Hide

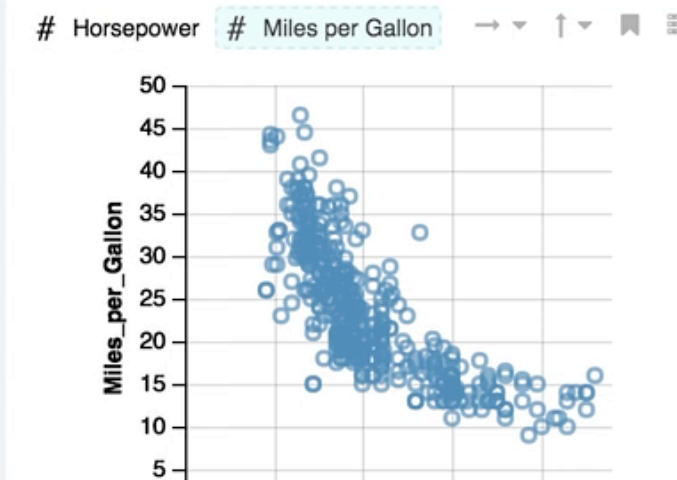
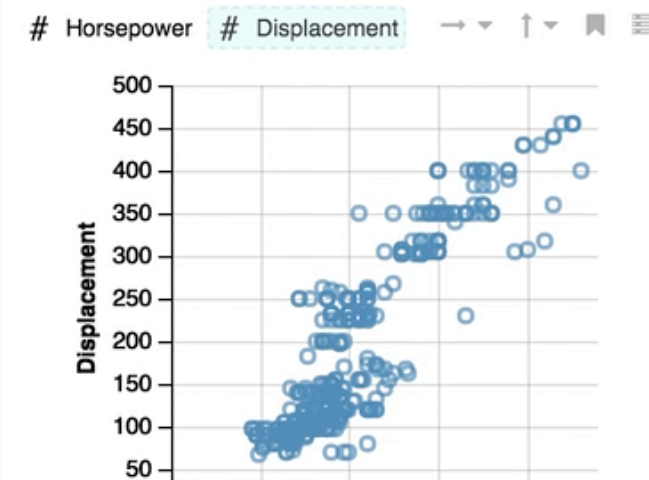
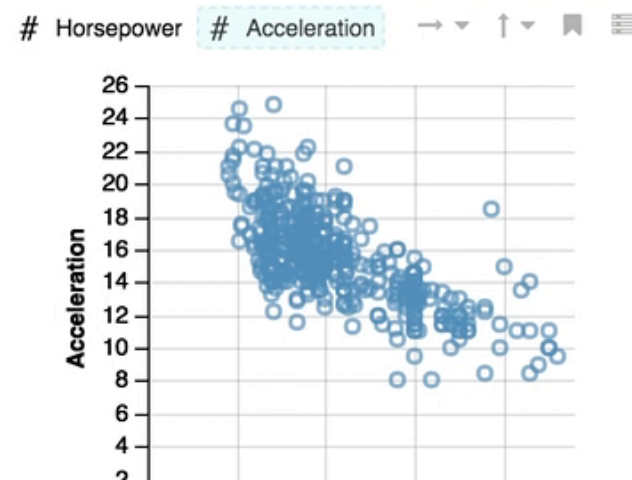
Summaries



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Add Quantitative Field



3. Related Views

Data

Cars Change

Fields

- Cylinders
- Name
- Origin
- Year
- Acceleration
- Displacement
- Horsepower

Encoding

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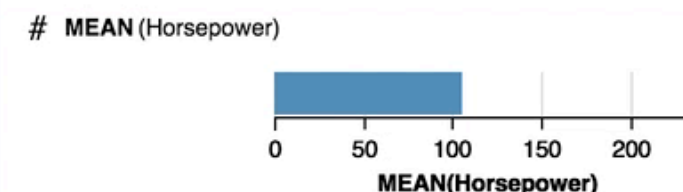
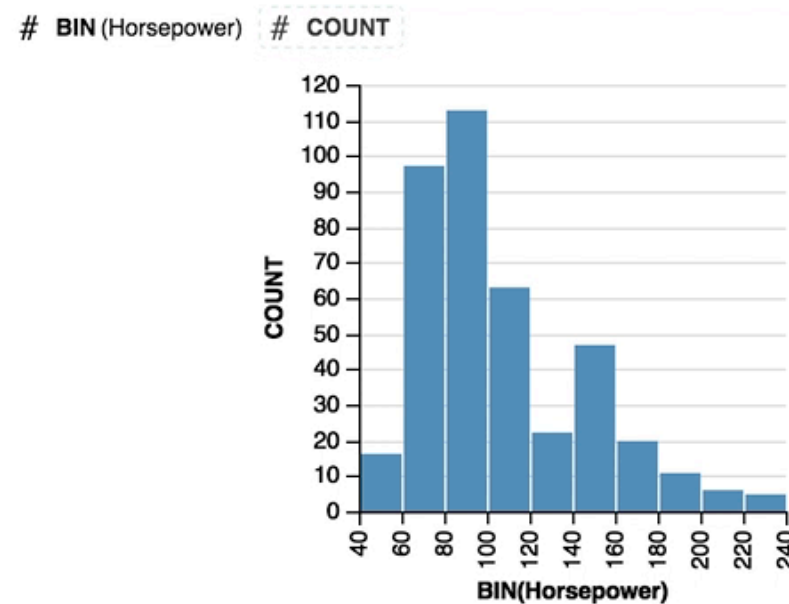
Specified View



Related Views

All Summaries Add Quantitative Field Add Categorical Field Add Temporal Field Hide

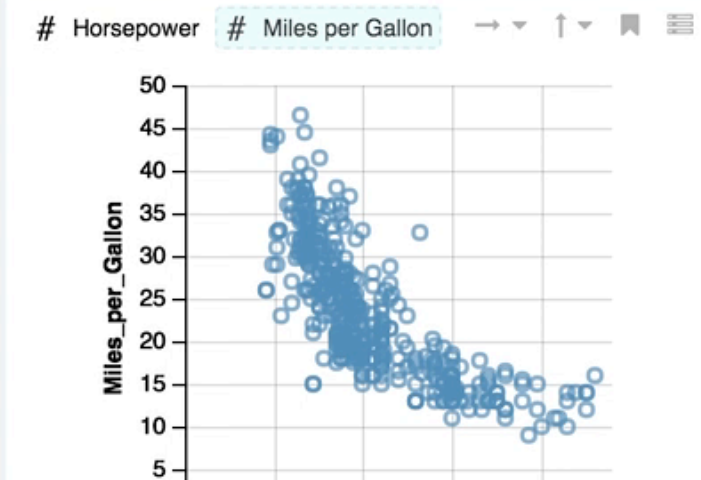
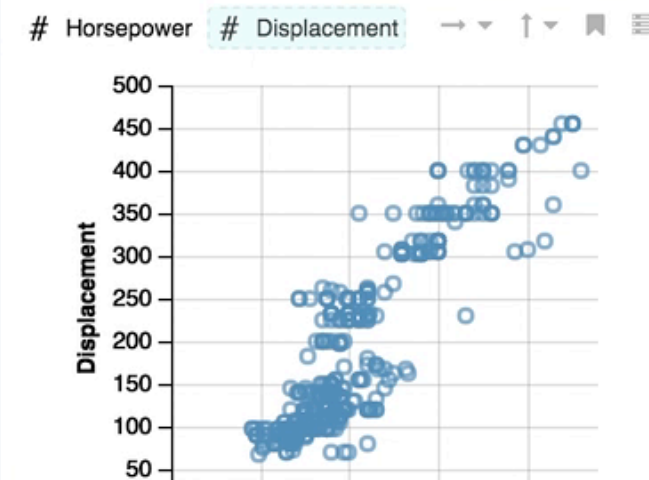
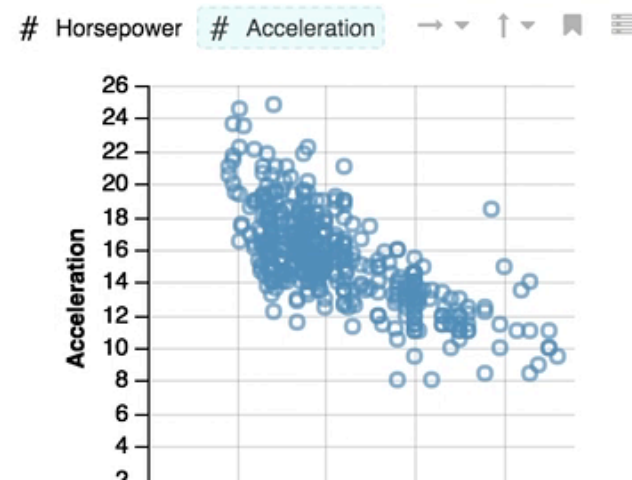
Summaries



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Add Quantitative Field



3. Related Views

Data

Cars Change

Fields

- Cylinders
- Name
- Origin
- Year
- # Acceleration
- # Displacement
- # Horsepower

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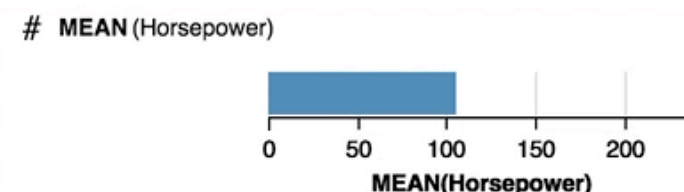
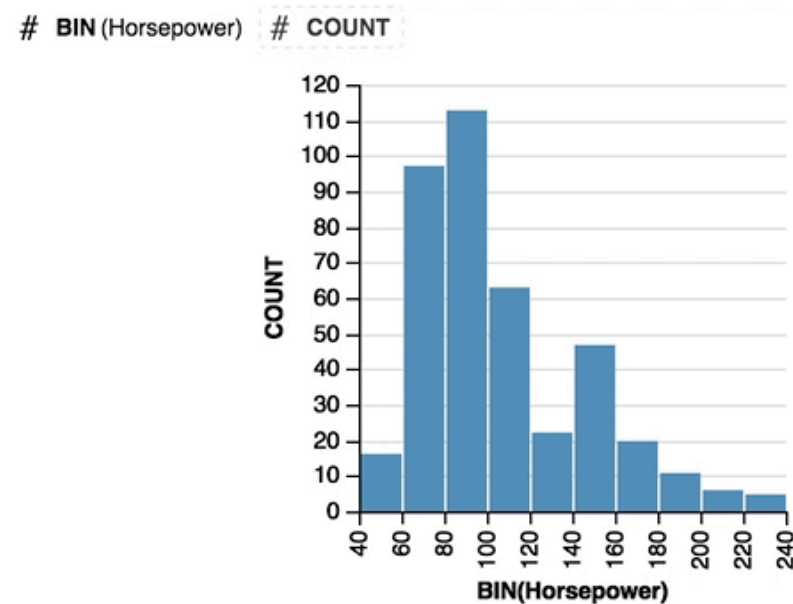
Specified View



Related Views

All Summaries Add Quantitative Field Add Categorical Field Add Temporal Field Hide

Summaries



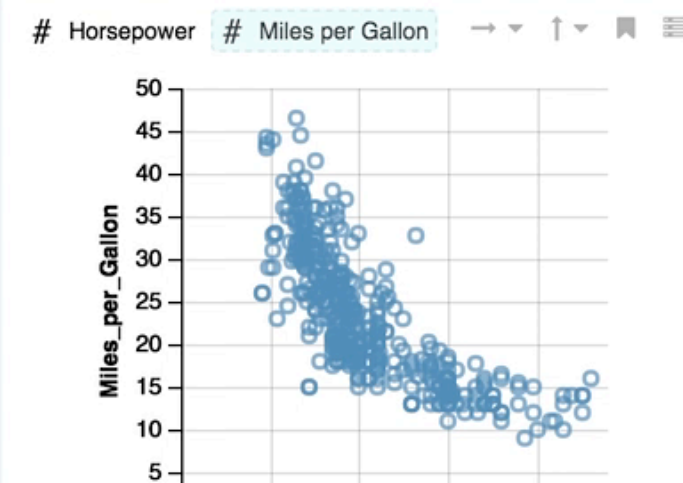
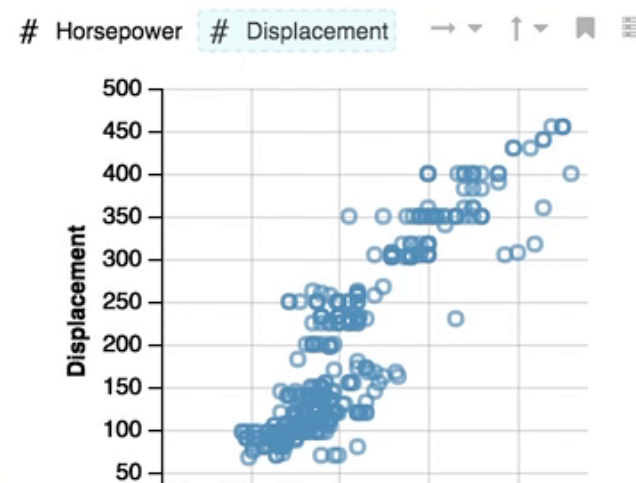
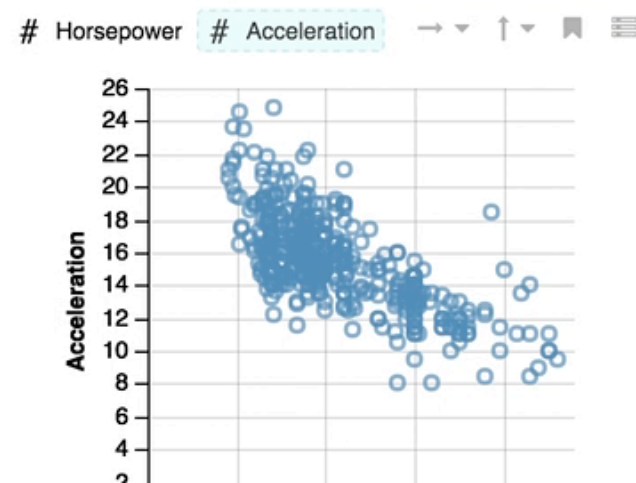
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Enumerate Transform

3. Related Views

Add Quantitative Field



Data

Cars Change

Fields

- Cylinders
- Name
- Origin
- Year
- # Acceleration
- # Displacement
- # Horsepower

Encoding

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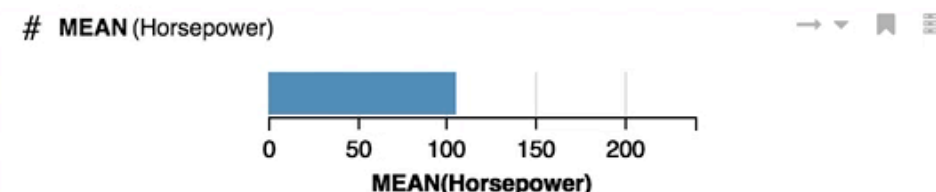
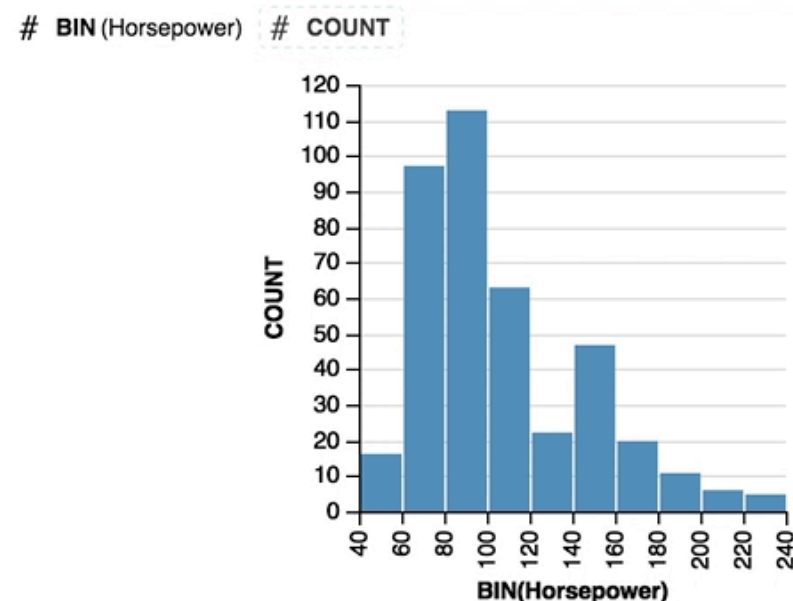
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Related Views

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Summaries



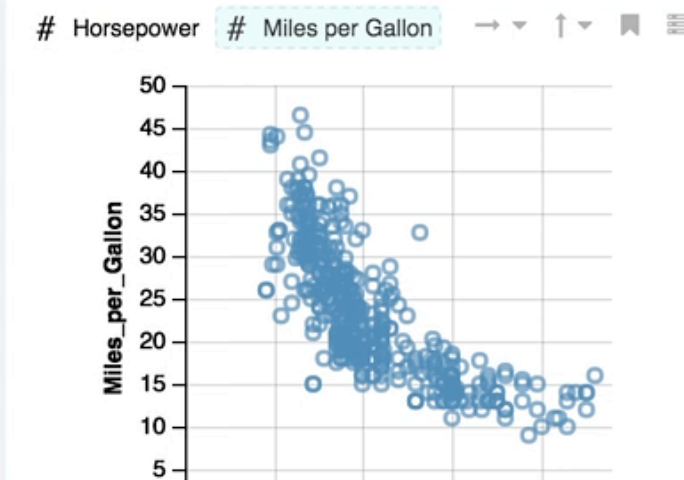
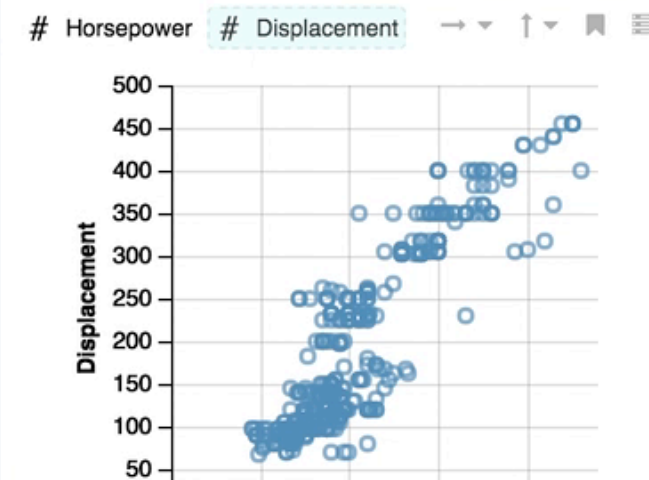
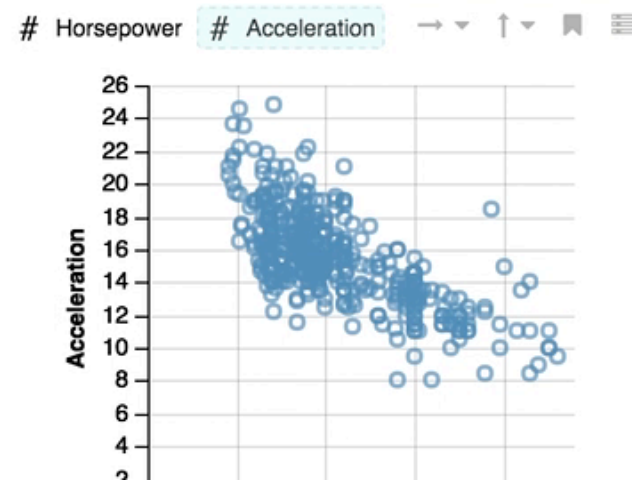
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{
  mark: "tick",
  encoding: {
    x: {
      fn: bin/mean?,
      field: "Horsepower",
      type: "quantitative"
    }
  }
}
    
```

Enumerate Transform

3. Related Views

Add Quantitative Field



Data

Cars Change

Fields

- Cylinders
- Name
- Origin
- Year
- # Acceleration
- # Displacement
- # Horsepower

Encoding

x: # Horsepower

y: drop a field here

column: drop a field here

row: drop a field here

Marks

size: drop a field here

color: drop a field here

shape: drop a field here

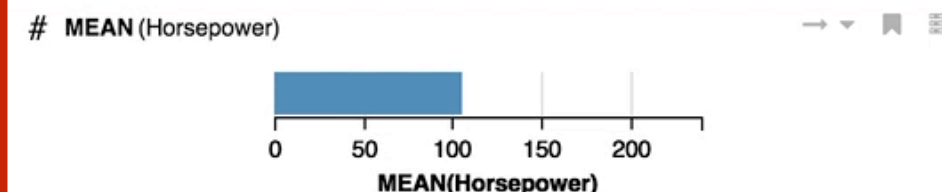
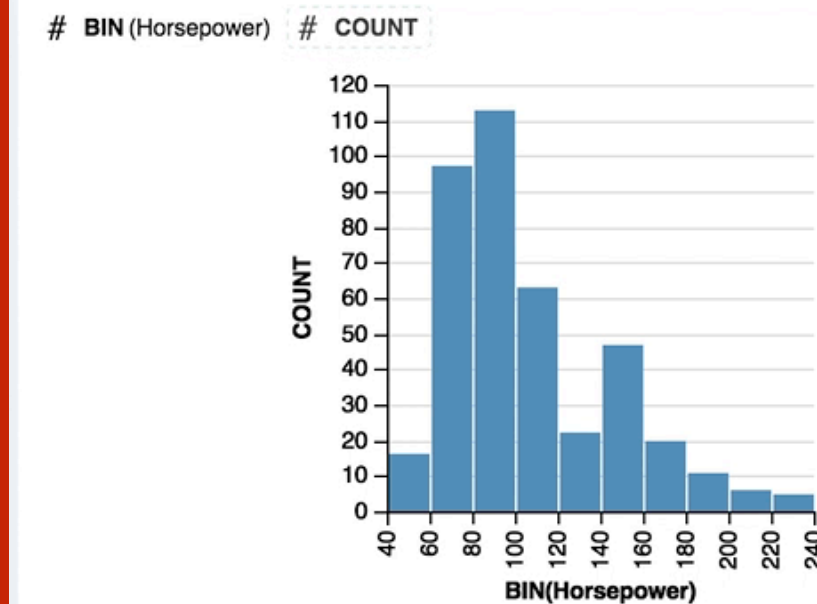
Specified View



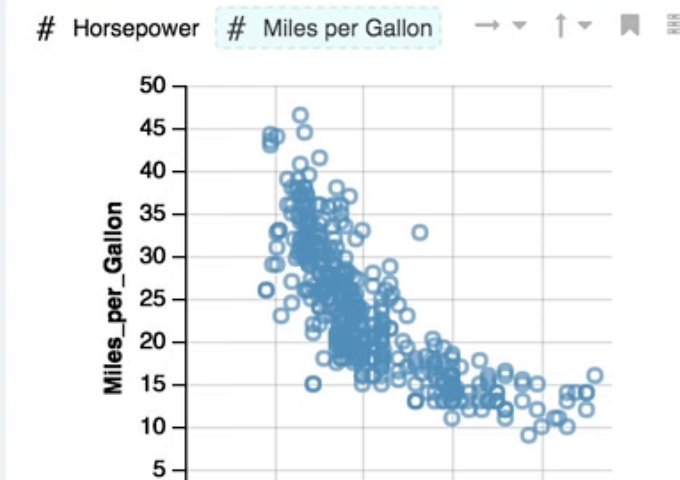
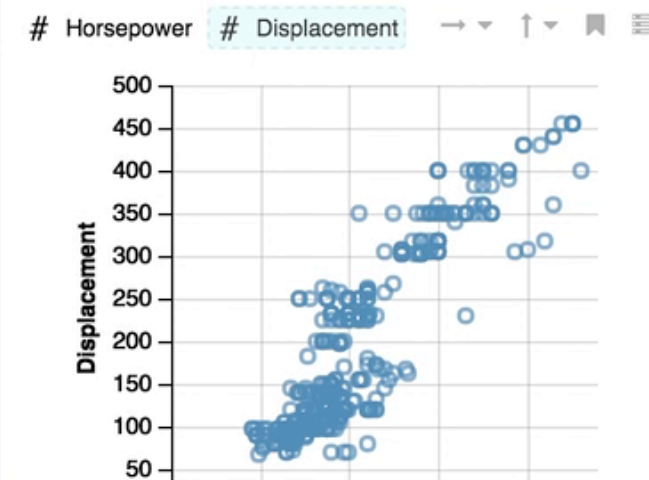
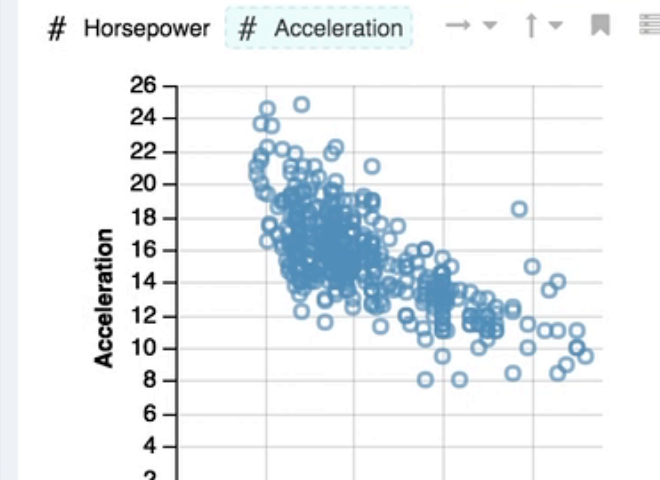
Related Views

All Summaries Add Quantitative Field Add Categorical Field Add Temporal Field Hide

Summaries



Add Quantitative Field



```

{
  mark: "tick",
  encoding: {
    x: {
      fn: "bin",
      field: "Horsepower",
      type: "quantitative"
    }
  }
}
    
```

3. Related Views

Data

Cars Change

Fields

- Cylinders
- Name
- Origin
- Year
- # Acceleration
- # Displacement
- # Horsepower

Encoding

x: # Horsepower

y: drop a field here

column: drop a field here

row: drop a field here

Marks

size: drop a field here

color: drop a field here

shape: drop a field here

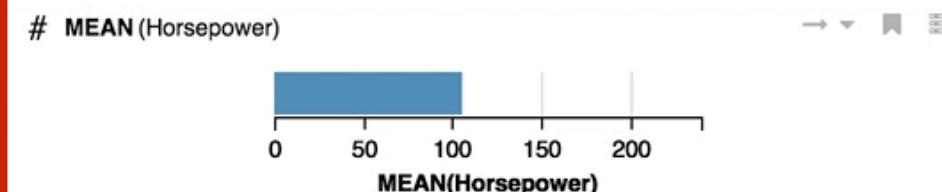
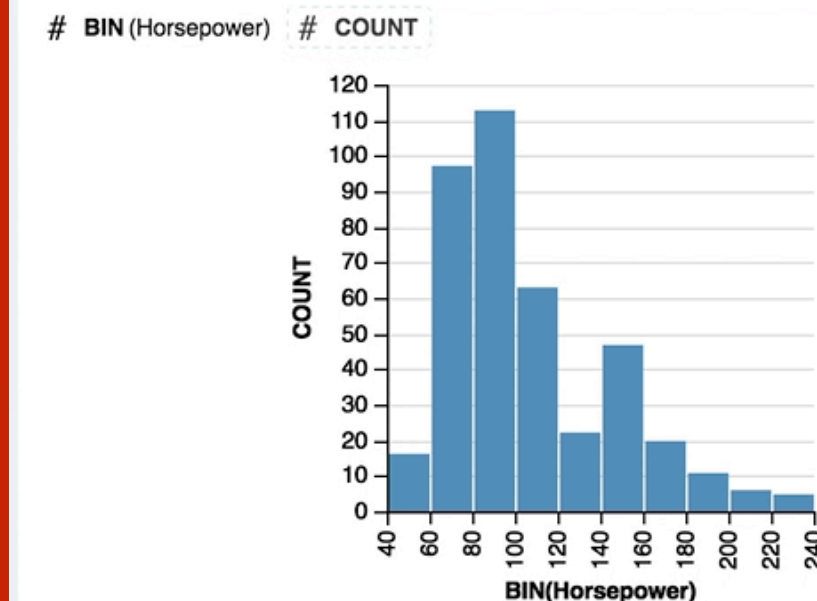
Specified View



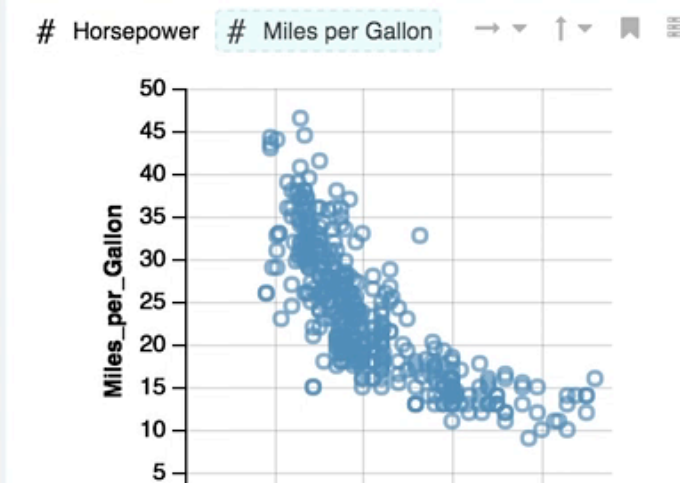
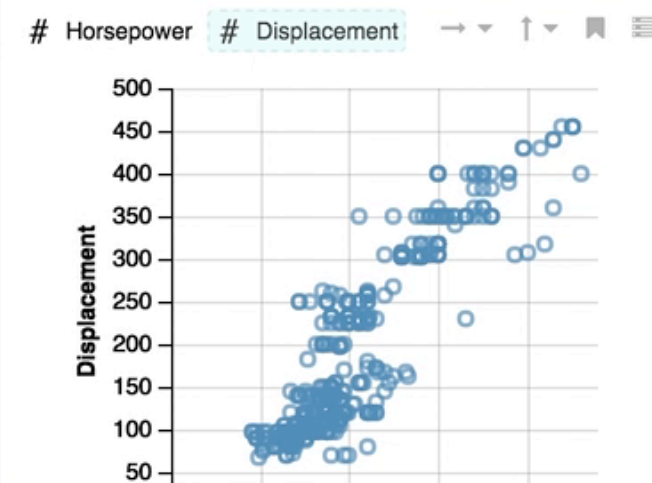
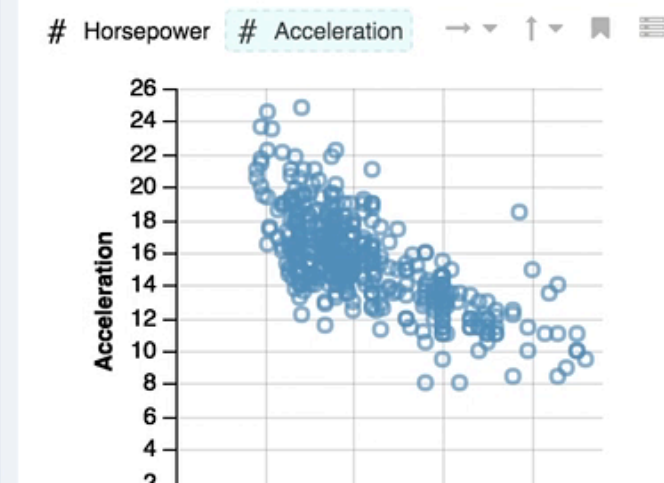
Related Views

All Summaries Add Quantitative Field Add Categorical Field Add Temporal Field Hide

Summaries



Add Quantitative Field

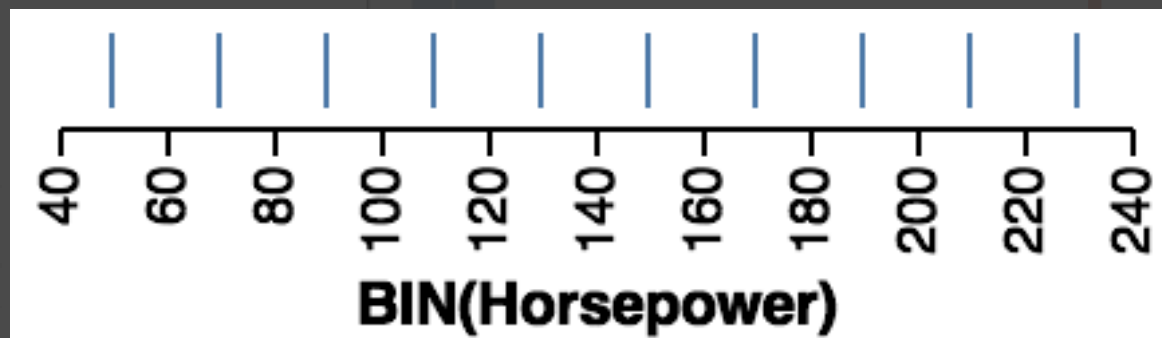


```

{
  mark: "tick",
  encoding: {
    x: {
      fn: "bin",
      field: "Horsepower",
      type: "quantitative"
    }
  }
}
    
```

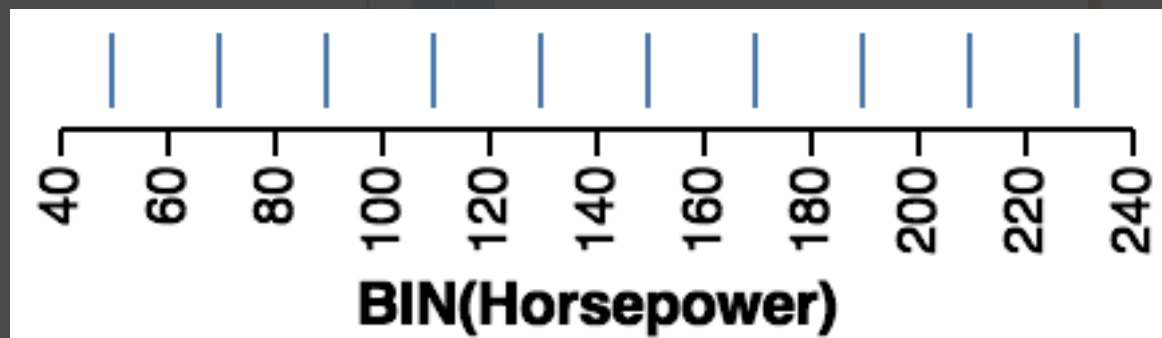
3. Related Views

```
{
  mark: "tick",
  encoding: {
    x: {
      fn: "bin",
      field: "Horsepower",
      type: "quantitative"
    }
  }
}
```



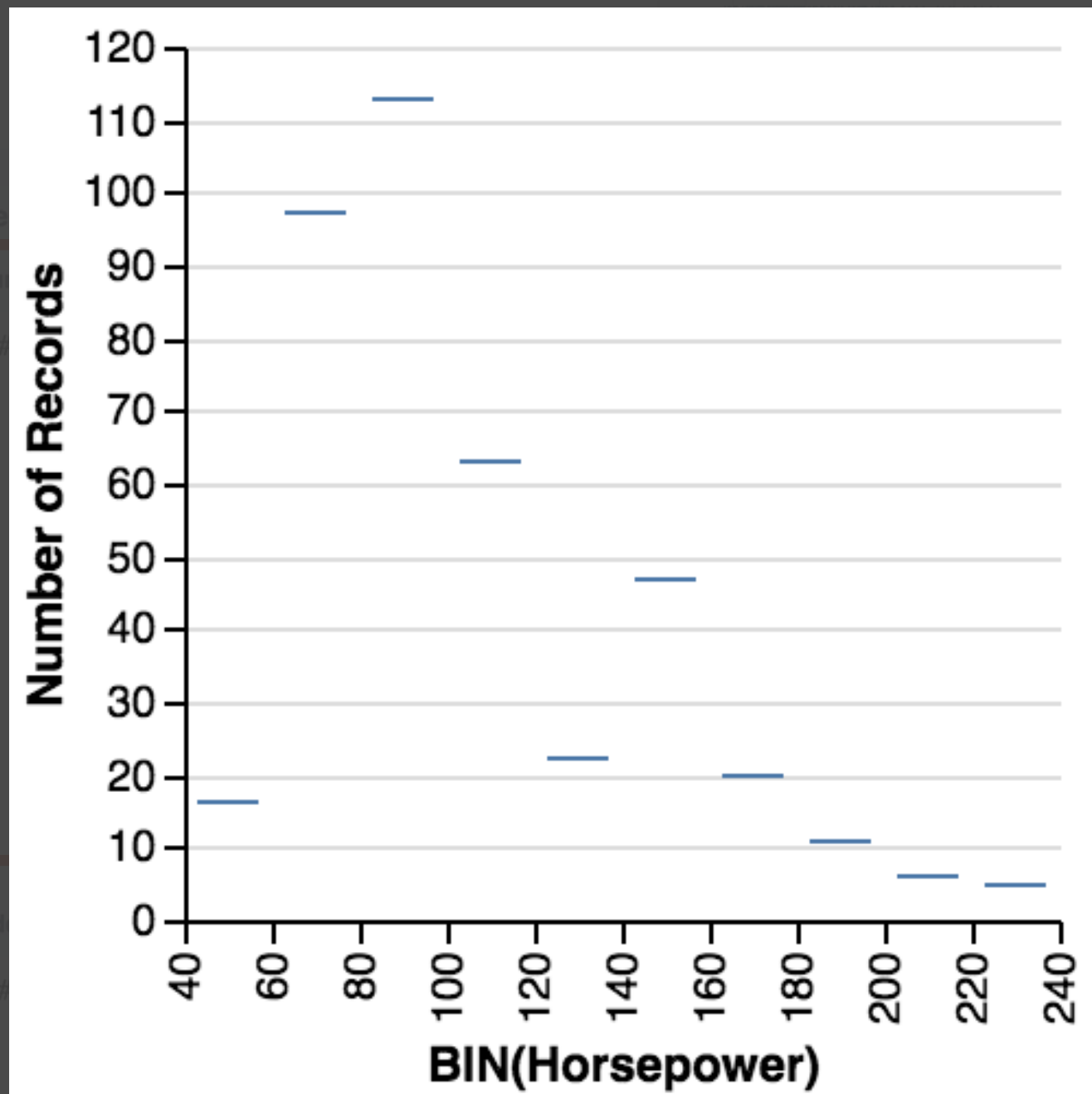
3. Related Views

```
{
  mark: "tick",
  encoding: {
    x: {
      fn: "bin",
      field: "Horsepower",
      type: "quantitative"
    }
  }
}
```



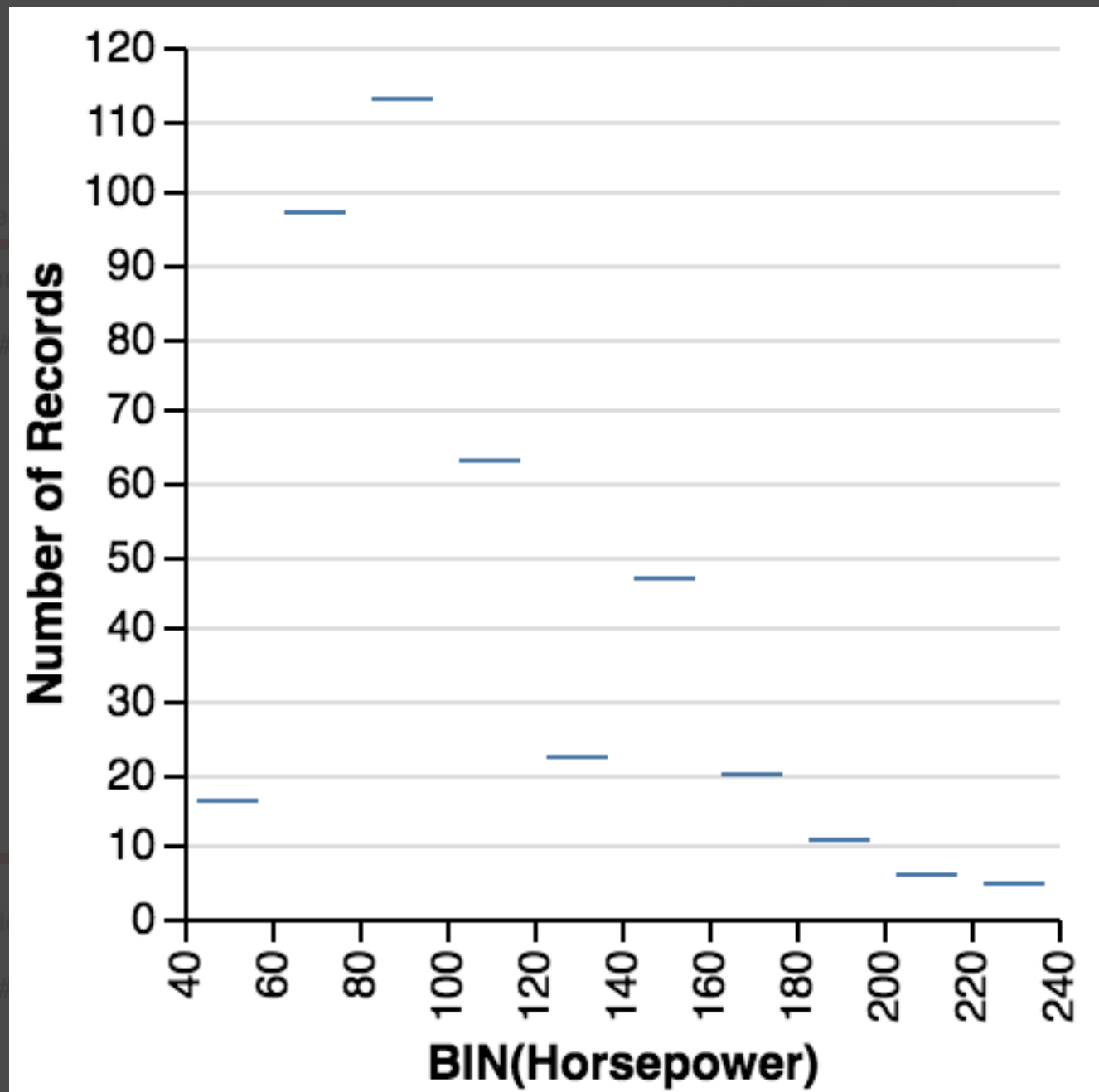
3. Related Views

```
{
  mark: "tick",
  encoding: {
    x: {
      fn: "bin",
      field: "Horsepower",
      type: "quantitative"
    },
    y: {
      aggregate: "count",
      type: "quantitative"
    }
  }
}
```



3. Related Views

```
{
  mark: "tick",
  encoding: {
    x: {
      fn: "bin",
      field: "Horsepower",
      type: "quantitative"
    },
    y: {
      aggregate: "count",
      type: "quantitative"
    }
  }
}
```



3. Related Views

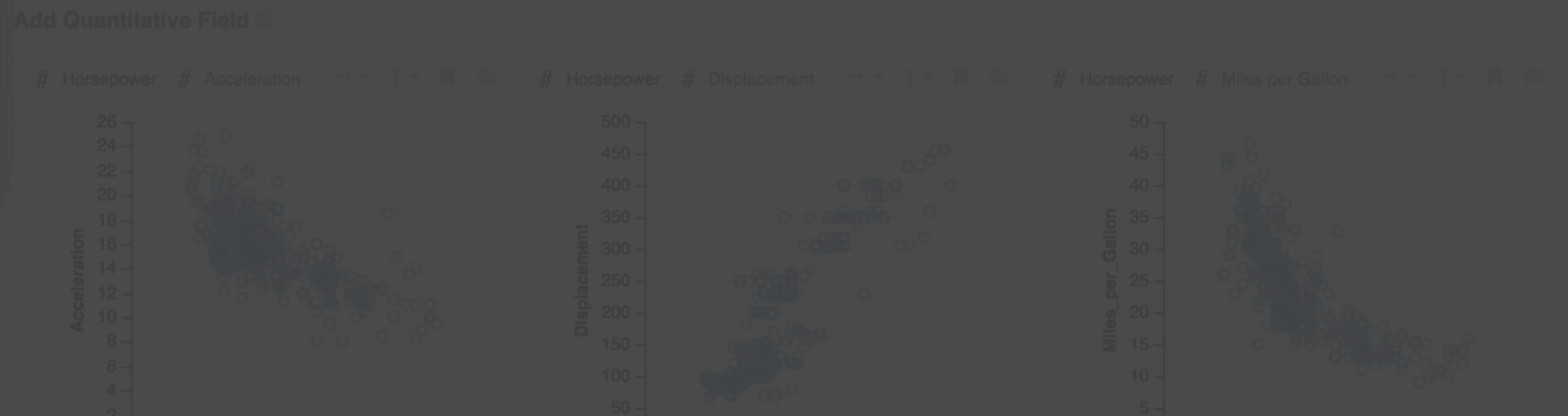
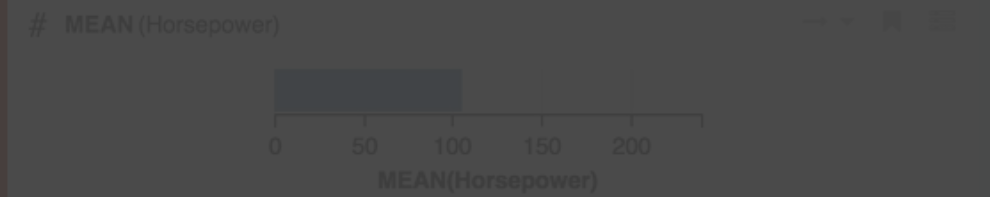
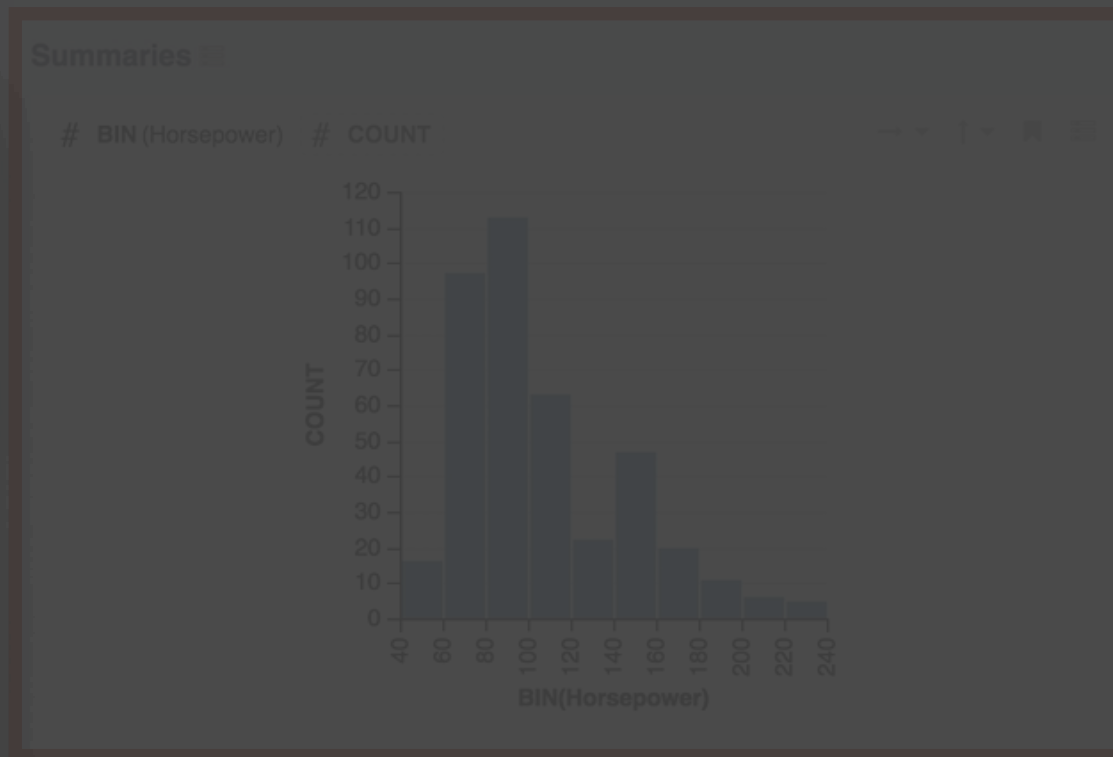

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{
  mark: "?",
  encoding: {
    x: {
      fn: "bin",
      field: "Horsepower",
      type: "quantitative"
    },
    y: {
      aggregate: "count",
      type: "quantitative"
    }
  }
}

```

Enumerate & Rank Encodings

3. Related Views



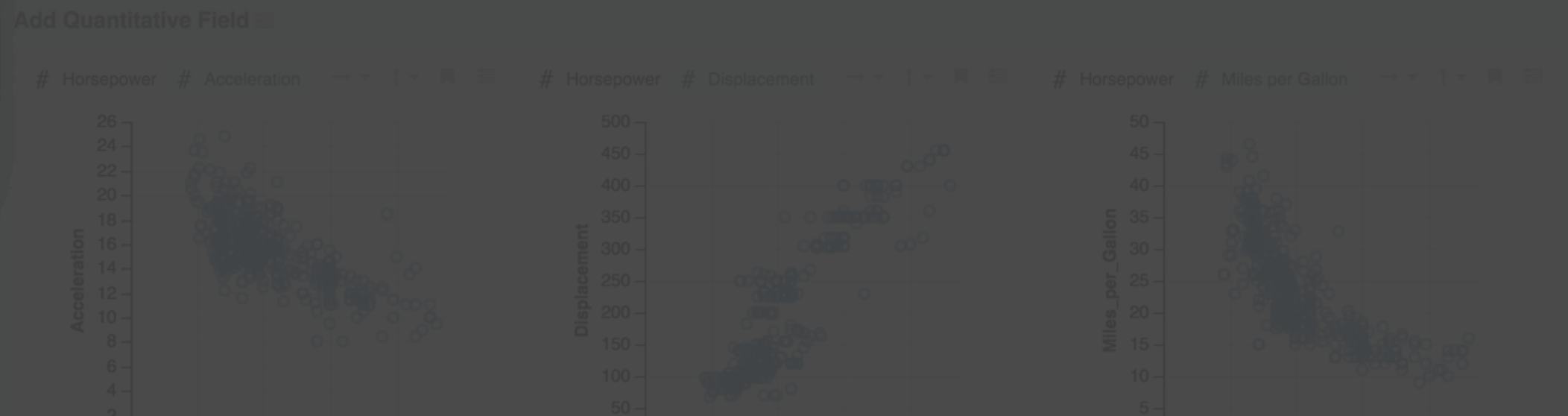
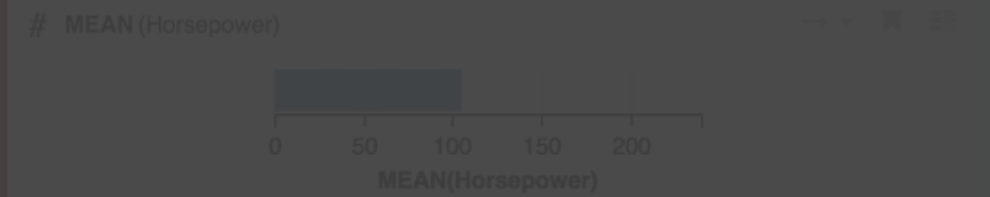
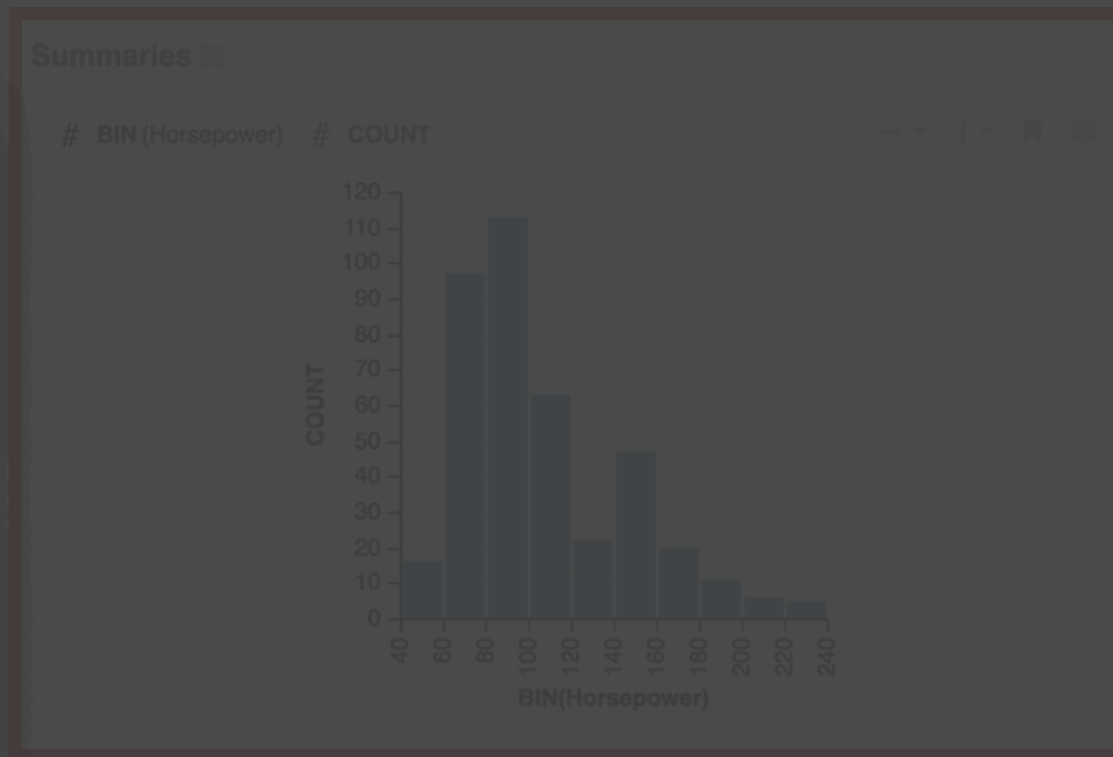
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{
  mark: "?",
  encoding: {
    x: {
      fn: "bin",
      field: "Horsepower",
      type: "quantitative"
    },
    y: {
      aggregate: "count",
      type: "quantitative"
    }
  }
}

```

Enumerate & Rank Encodings

3. Related Views

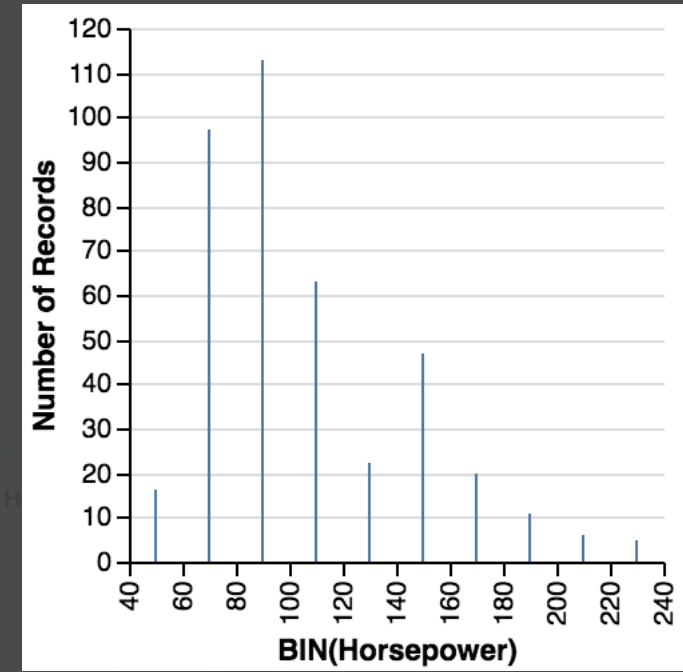
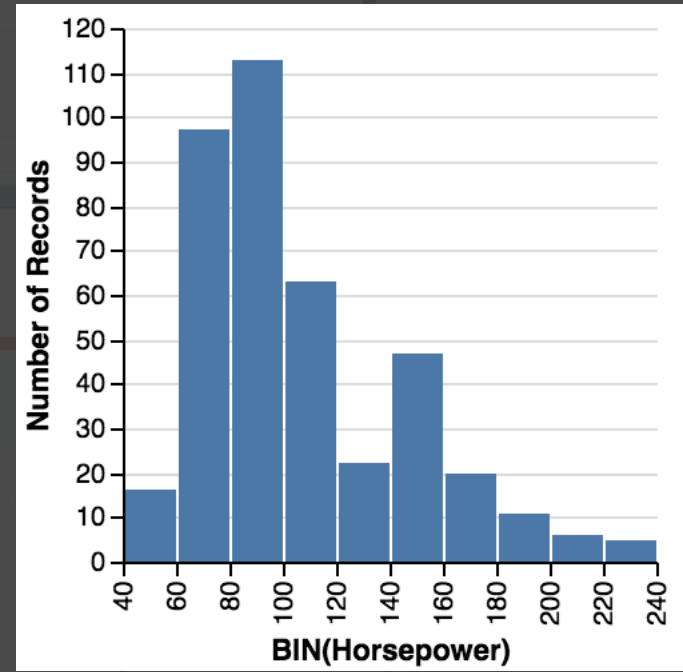
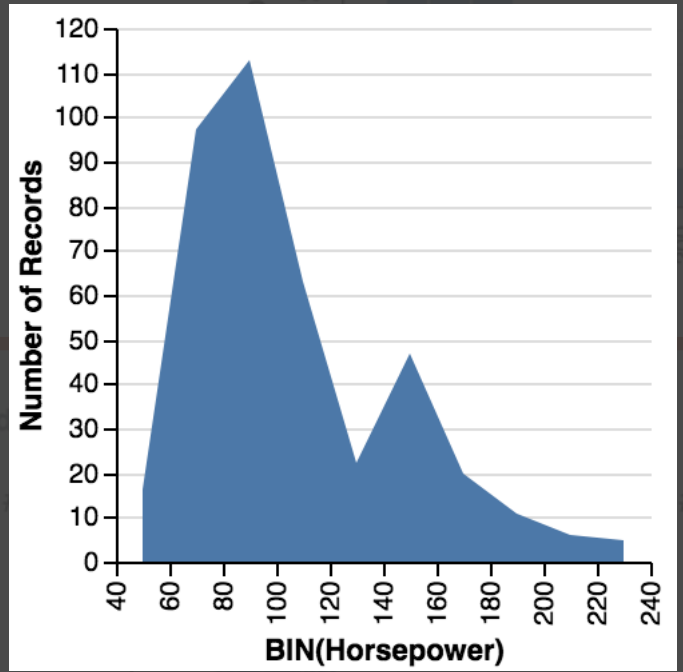
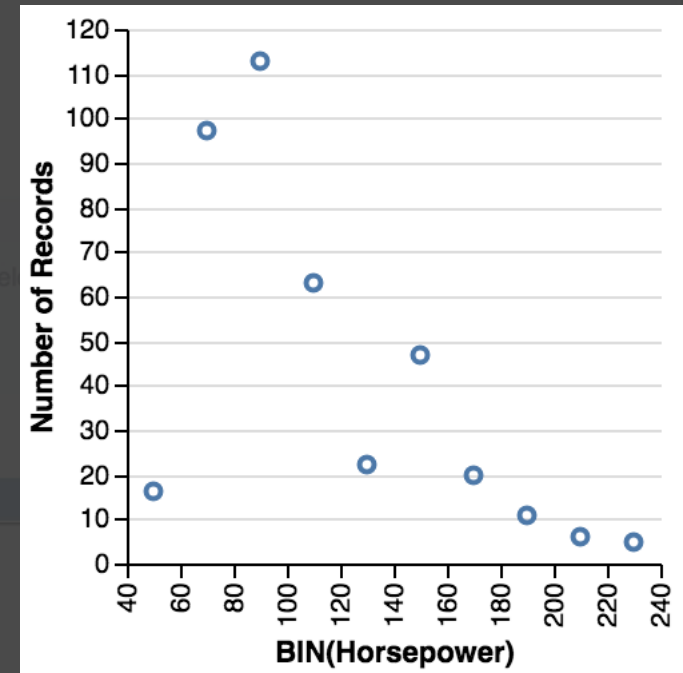
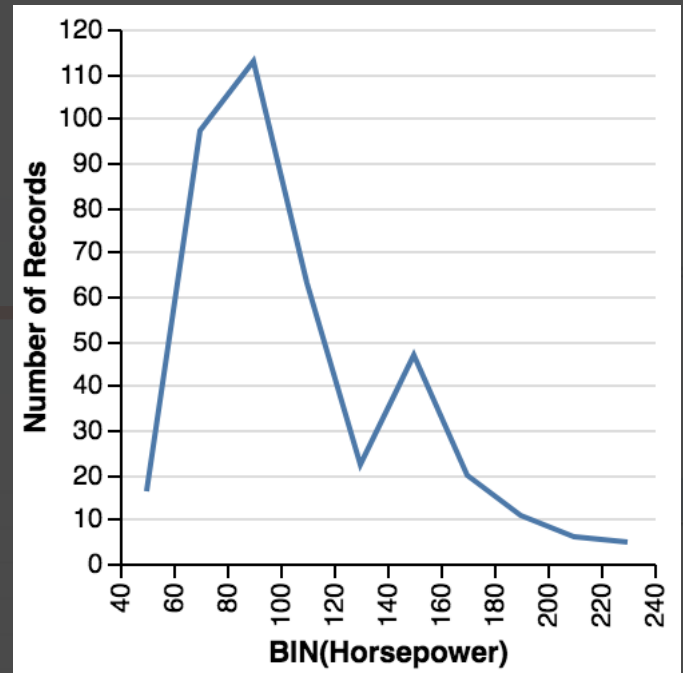
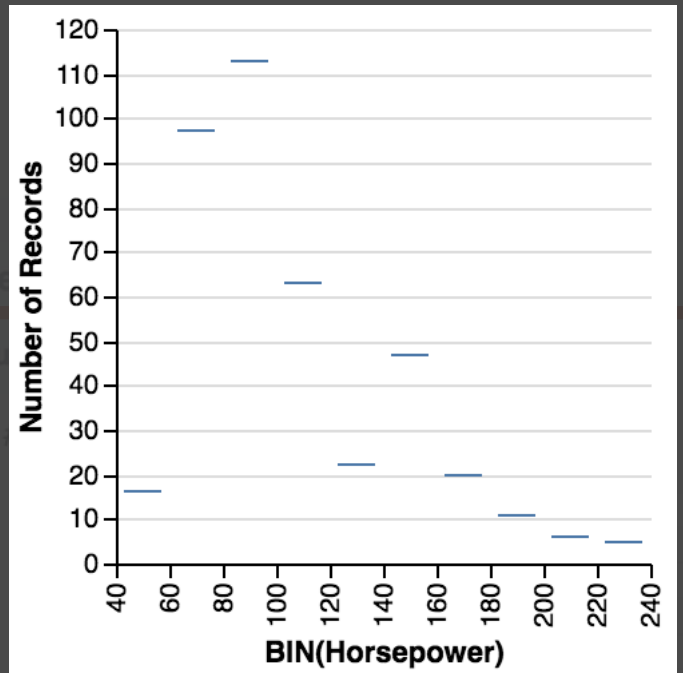


```

mark: ?,
encoding: {
  x: {
    fn: "bin",
    field: "Horsepower",
    type: "quantitative"
  },
  y: {
    aggregate: "count",
    type: "quantitative"
  }
}

```

Enumerate & Rank Encodings



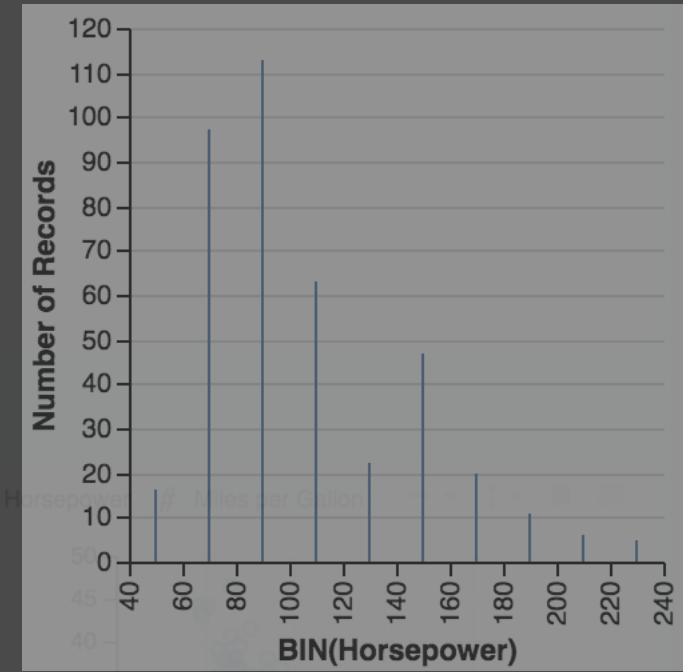
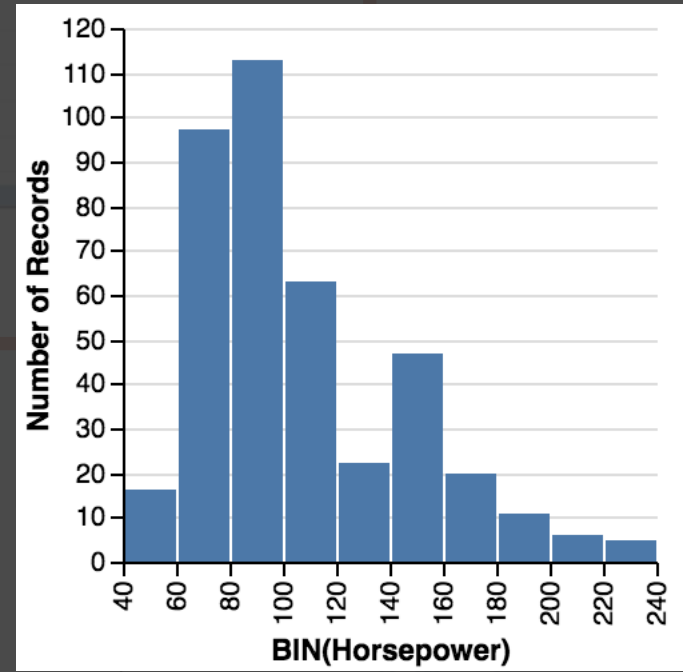
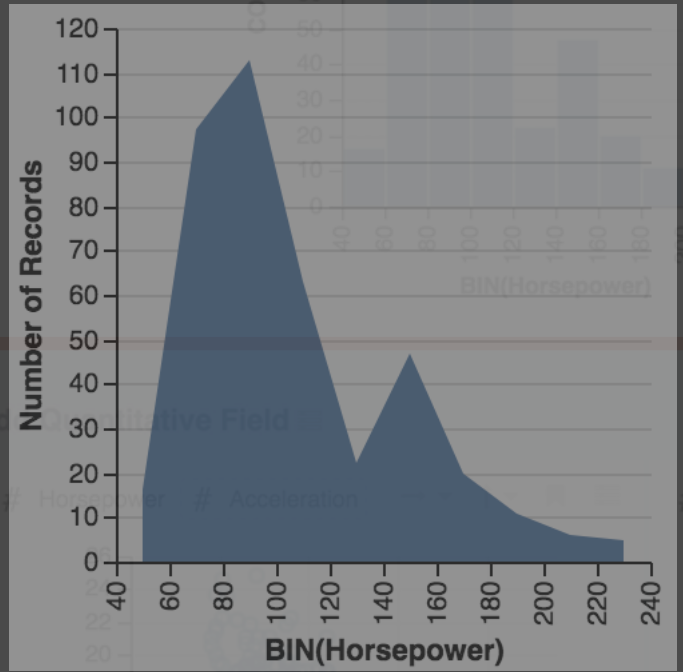
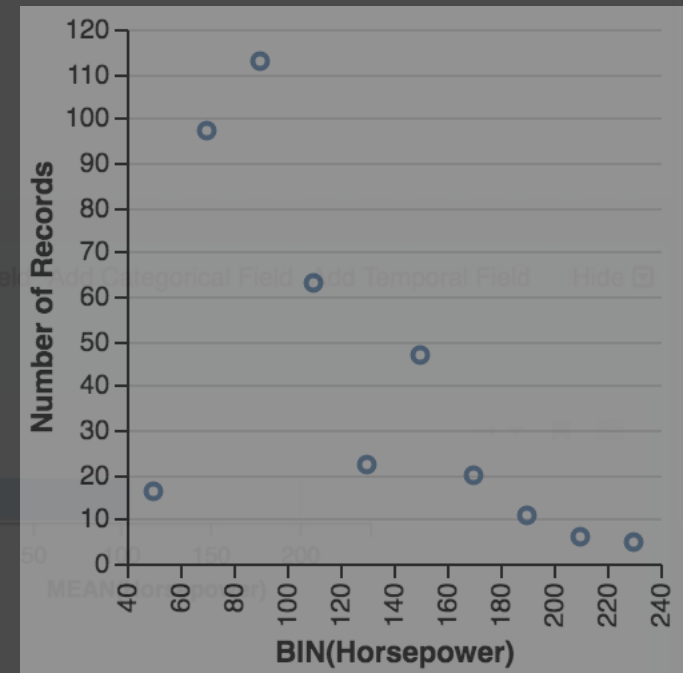
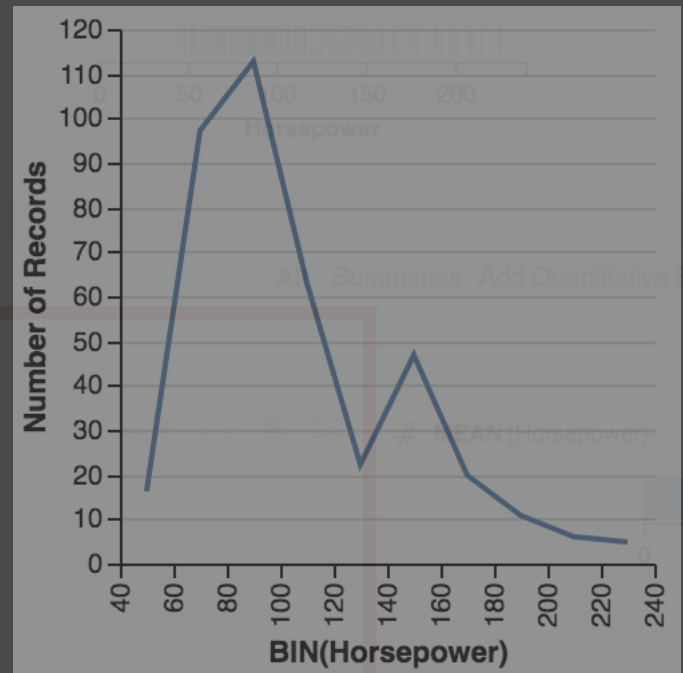
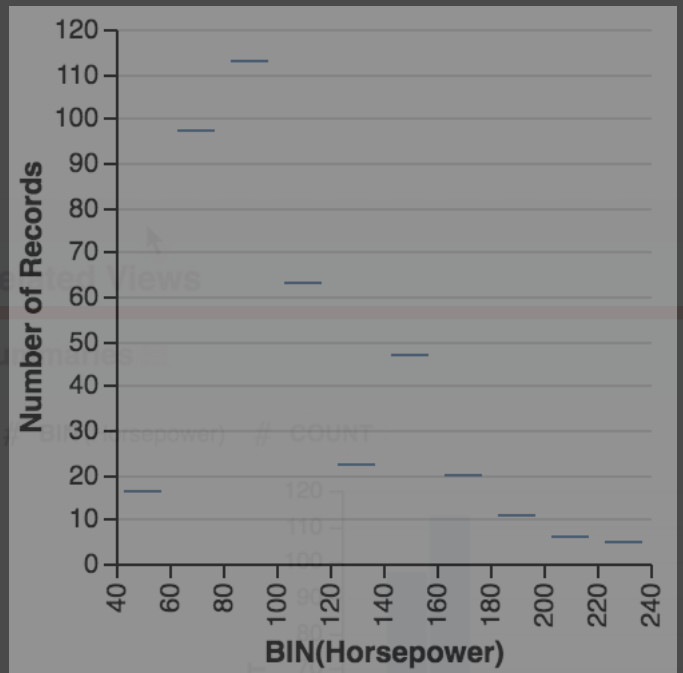
3. Related Views

```

mark: ?,
encoding: {
  x: {
    fn: "bin",
    field: "Horsepower",
    type: "quantitative"
  },
  y: {
    aggregate: "count",
    type: "quantitative"
  }
}

```

Enumerate & Rank Encodings



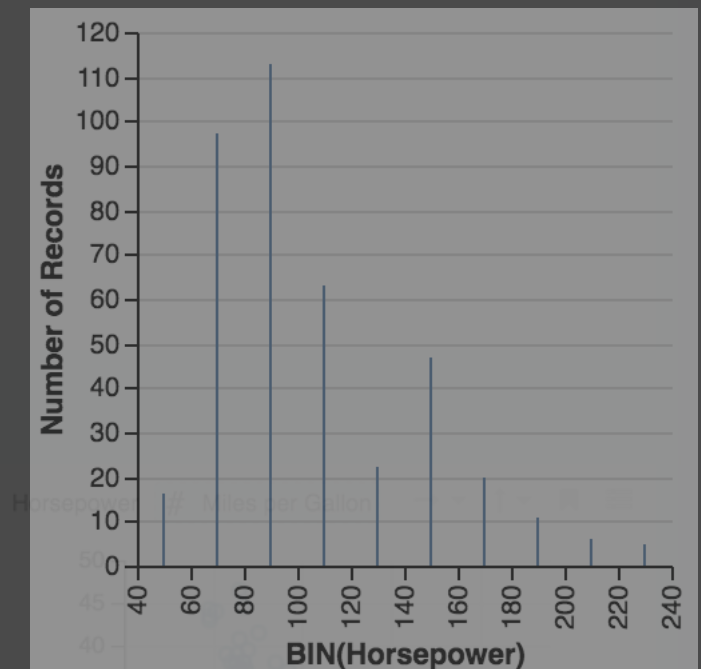
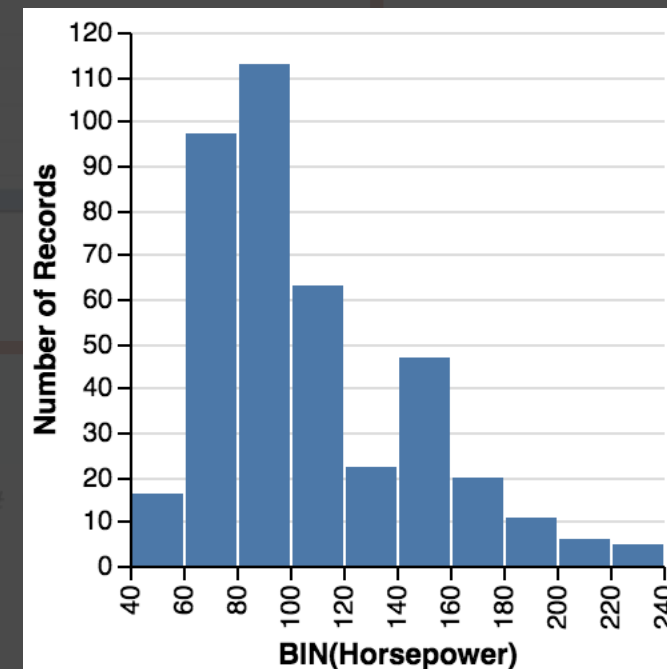
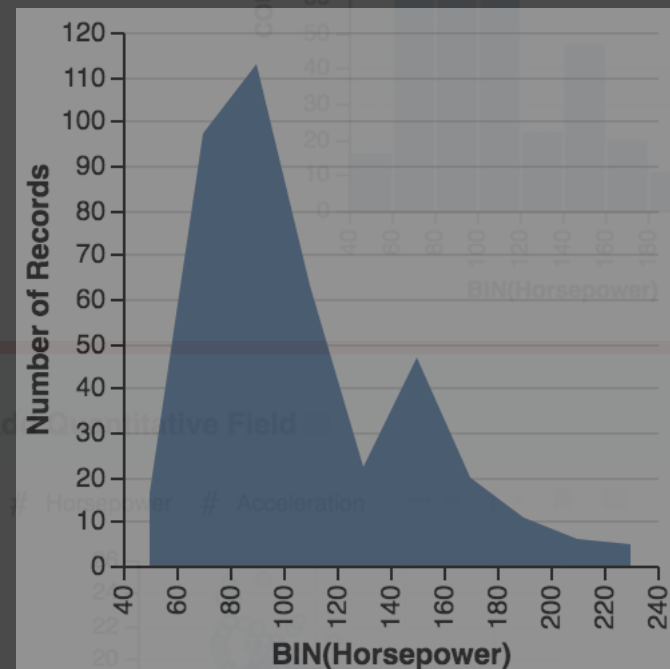
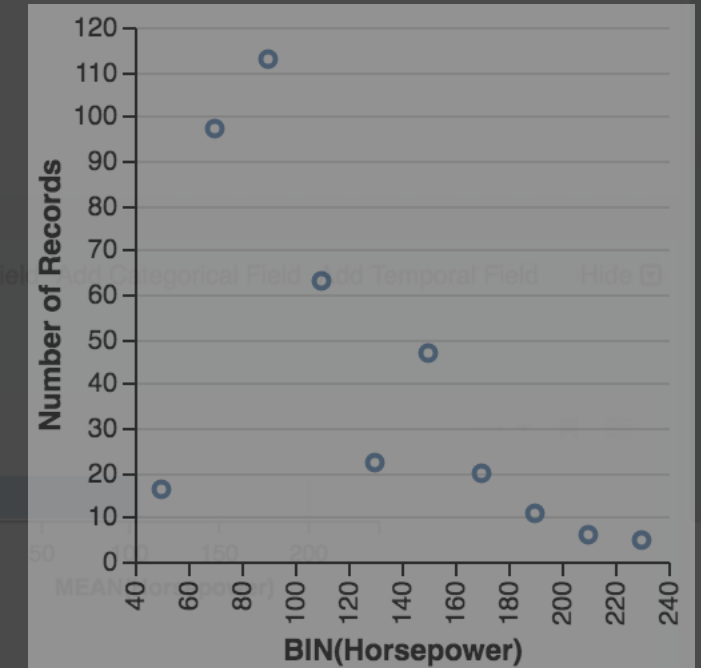
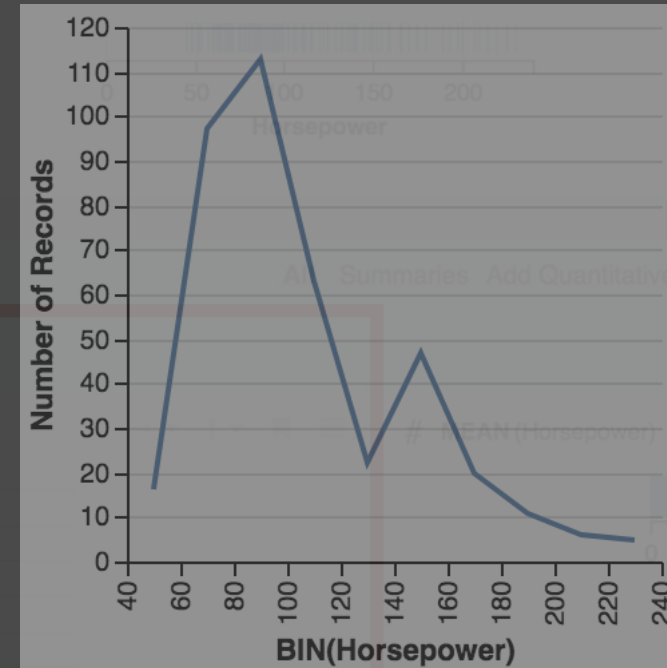
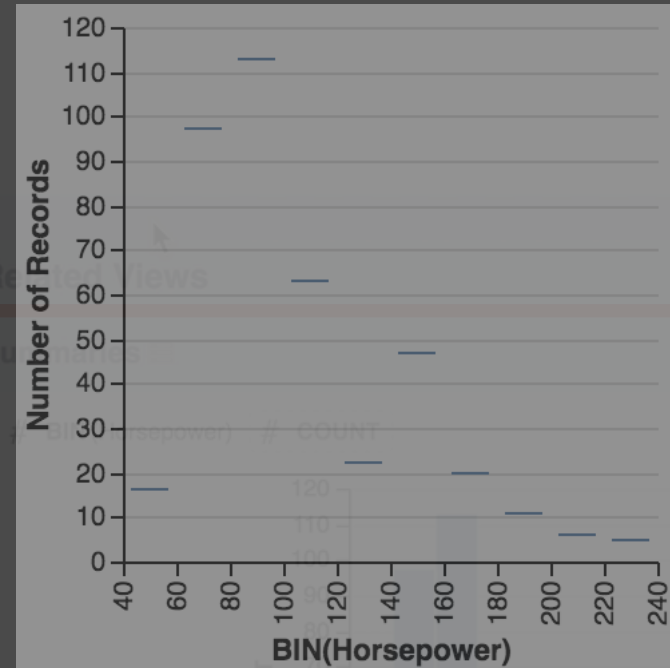
3. Related Views

```

mark: ?,
encoding: {
  x: {
    fn: "bin",
    field: "Horsepower",
    type: "quantitative"
  },
  y: {
    aggregate: "count",
    type: "quantitative"
  }
}

```

Enumerate & Rank Encodings



3. Related Views



Data

Cars Change

Fields

- Cylinders
- Name
- Origin
- Year
- Acceleration
- Displacement
- Horsepower
- Miles per Gallon
- Weight in lbs
- COUNT

Wildcards

- Categorical Fields
- Temporal Fields
- Quantitative Fields

Encoding

x # Horsepower

y drop a field here

column drop a field here

row drop a field here

Marks

size drop a field here

color drop a field here

shape drop a field here

detail drop a field here

text drop a field here

any drop a field here

Filter

Filter invalid numbers

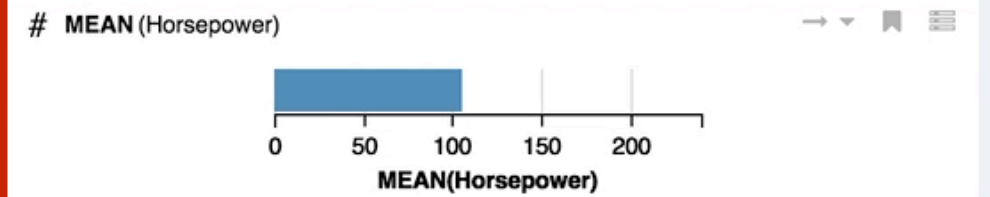
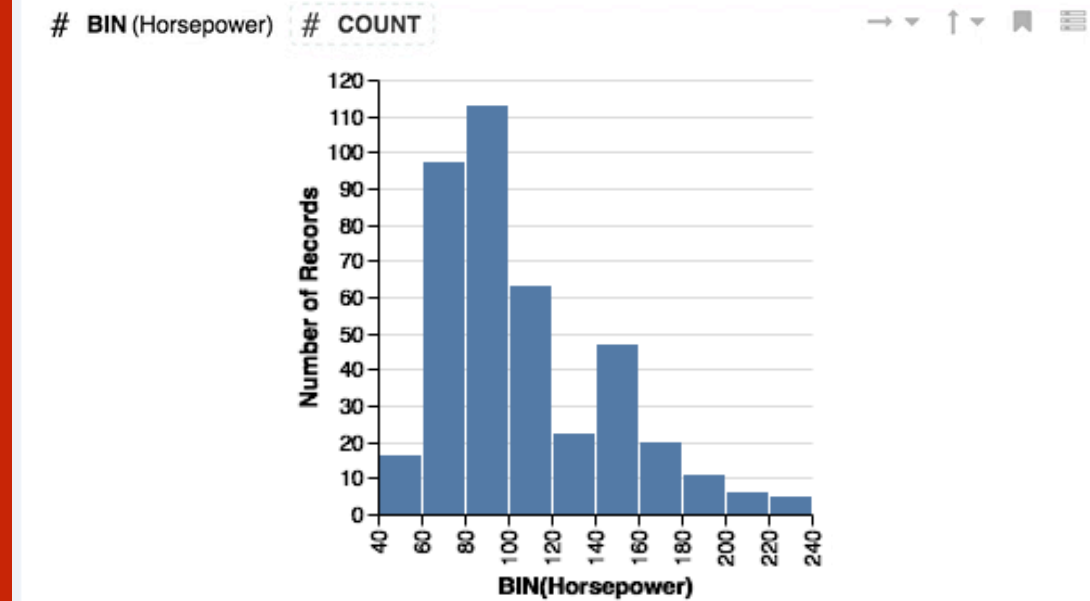
Specified View



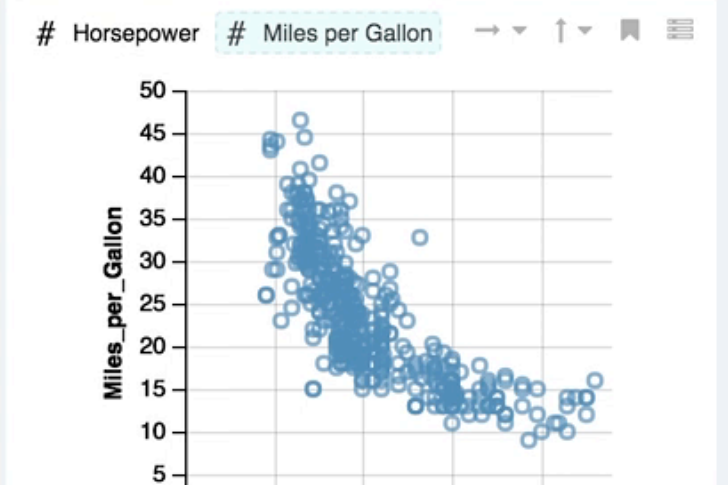
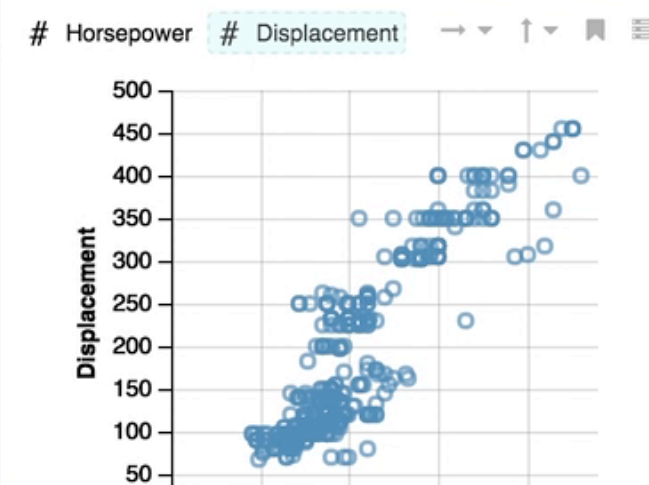
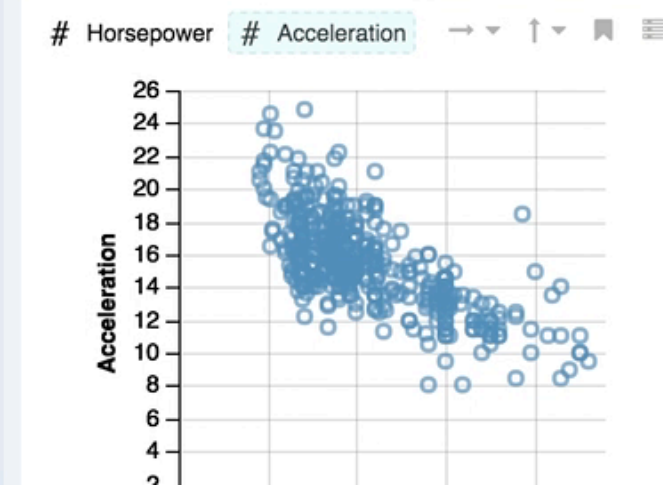
Related Views

All Summaries Add Quantitative Field Add Categorical Field Add Temporal Field Hide

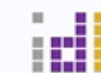
Summaries



Add Quantitative Field



3. Related Views



Data

Cars Change

Fields

- Cylinders
- Name
- Origin
- Year
- Acceleration
- Displacement
- Horsepower
- Miles per Gallon
- Weight in lbs
- COUNT

Wildcards

- Categorical Fields
- Temporal Fields
- Quantitative Fields

Encoding

x # Horsepower

y drop a field here

column drop a field here

row drop a field here

Marks

size drop a field here

color drop a field here

shape drop a field here

detail drop a field here

text drop a field here

Filter

Filter invalid numbers

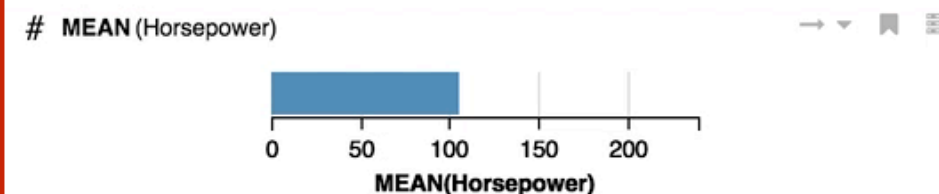
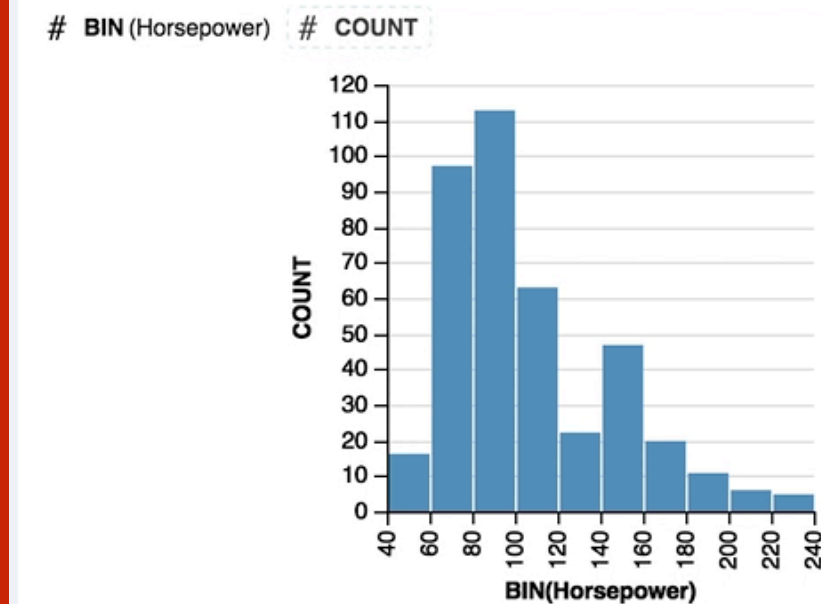
Specified View



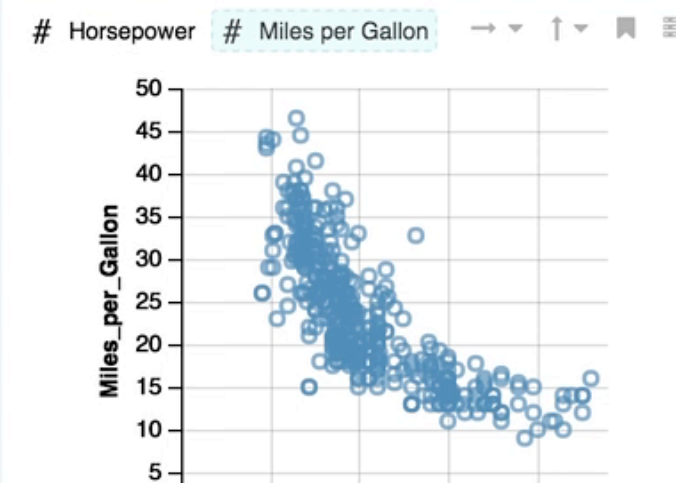
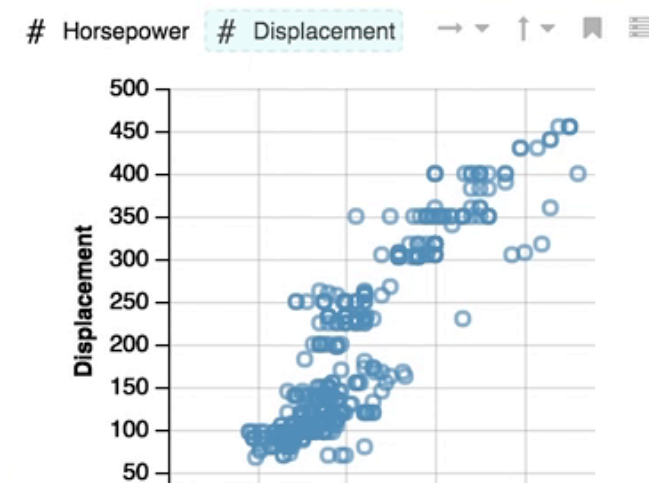
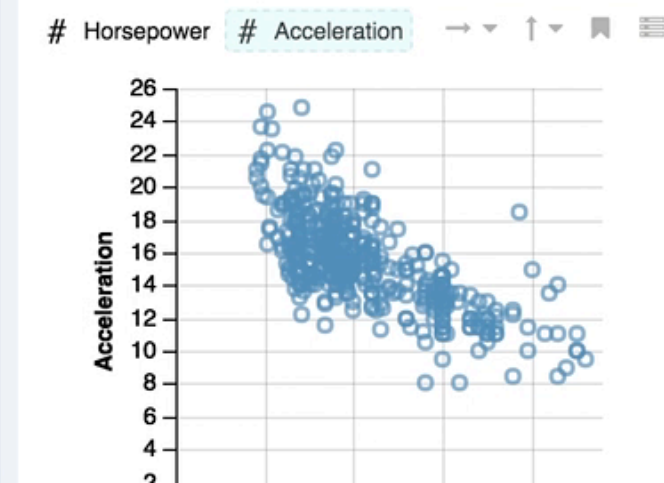
Related Views

All Summaries Add Quantitative Field Add Categorical Field Add Temporal Field Hide

Summaries



Add Quantitative Field



3. Related Views

Data

Cars Change

Fields

- Cylinders
- Name
- Origin
- Year
- Acceleration
- Displacement
- Horsepower
- Miles per Gallon
- Weight in lbs
- COUNT

Wildcards

- Categorical Fields
- Temporal Fields
- Quantitative Fields

Encoding

Clear

x # Horsepower

y drop a field here

column drop a field here

row drop a field here

Marks auto

size drop a field here

color drop a field here

shape drop a field here

detail drop a field here

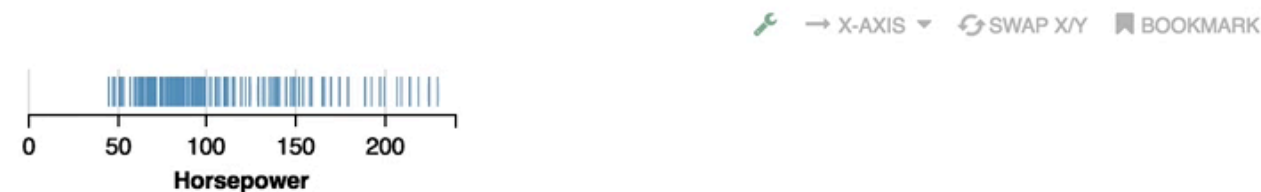
text drop a field here

any drop a field here

Filter

Filter invalid numbers

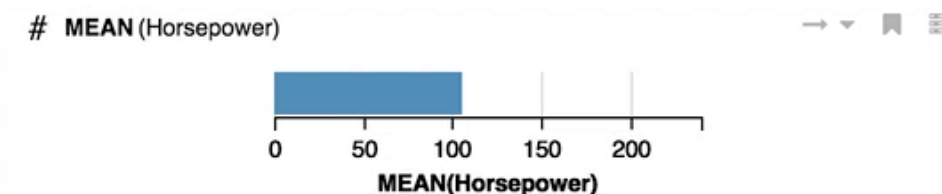
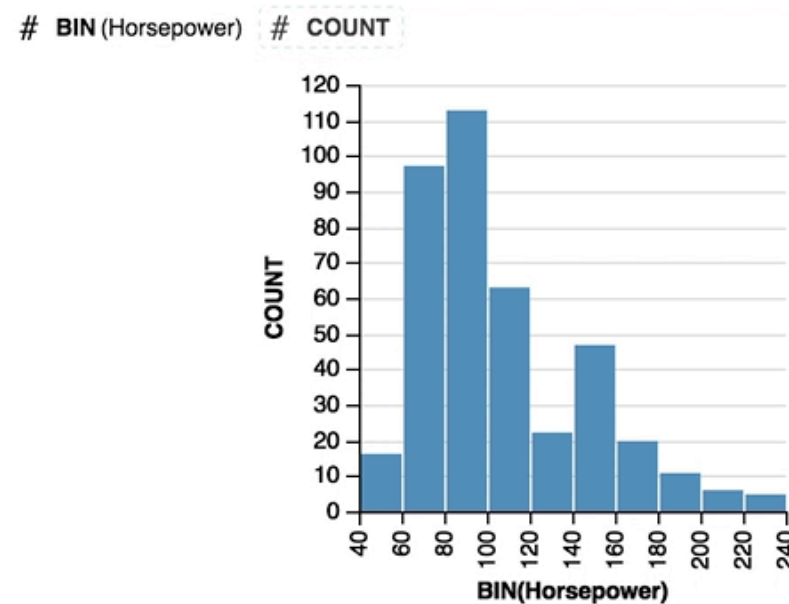
Specified View



Related Views

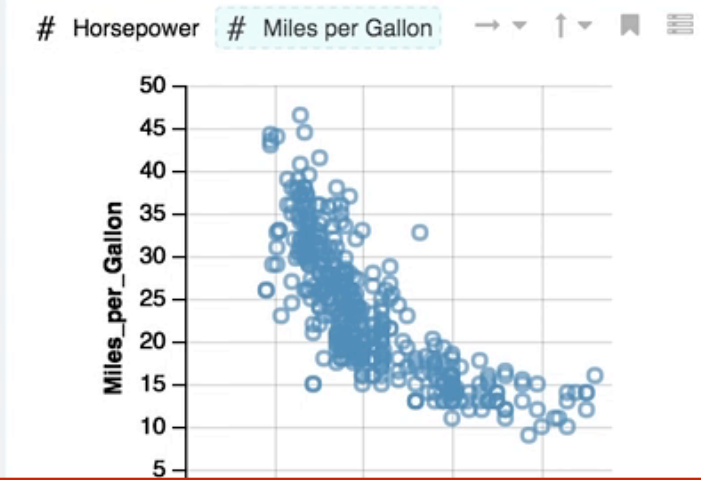
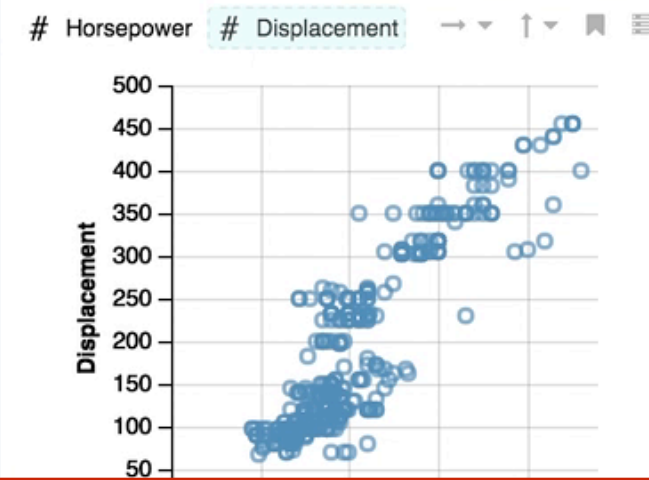
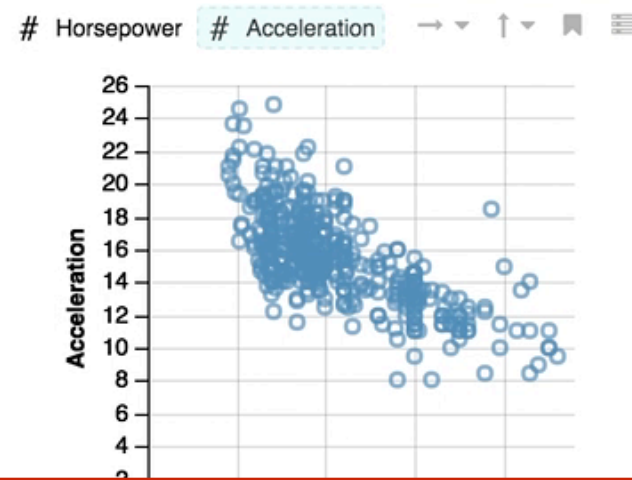
All Summaries Add Quantitative Field Add Categorical Field Add Temporal Field Hide

Summaries



3. Related Views

Add Quantitative Field





Data

Cars

Change

Fields

- Cylinders
- Name
- Origin
- Year
- Acceleration
- Displacement
- Horsepower
- Miles per Gallon
- Weight in lbs
- COUNT

Wildcards

- Categorical Fields
- Temporal Fields
- Quantitative Fields

Encoding

Clear

x: # Horsepower

y: drop a field here

column: drop a field here

row: drop a field here

Marks

auto

size: drop a field here

color: drop a field here

shape: drop a field here

detail: drop a field here

text: drop a field here

Filter

Filter invalid numbers

Specified View

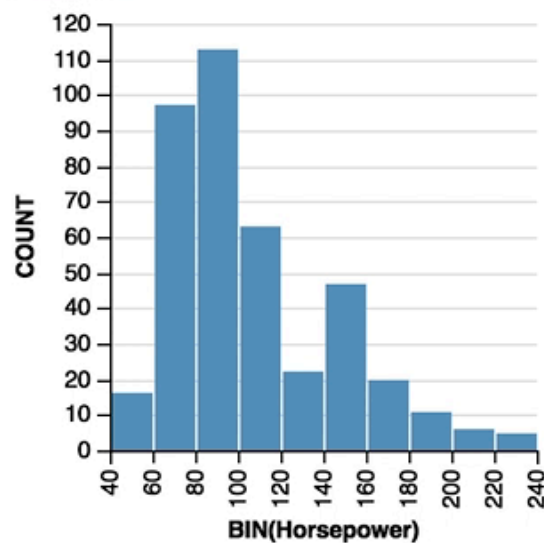


Related Views

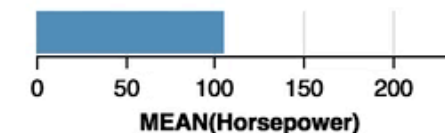
All Summaries Add Quantitative Field Add Categorical Field Add Temporal Field Hide

Summaries

BIN (Horsepower) # COUNT



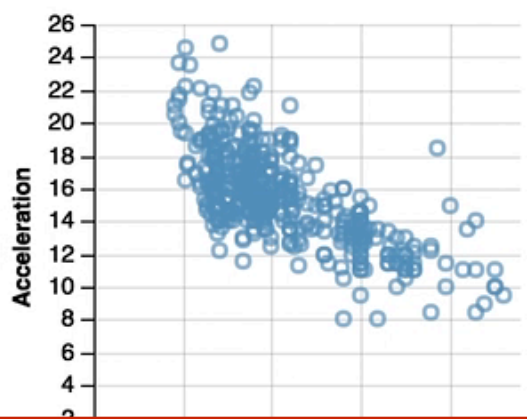
MEAN (Horsepower)



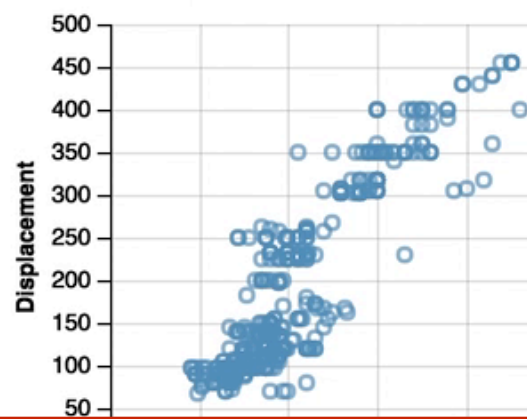
3. Related Views

Add Quantitative Field

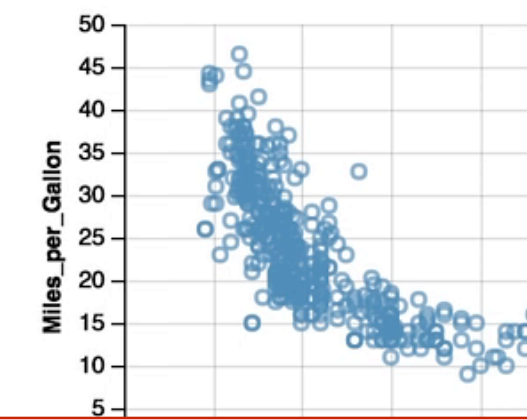
Horsepower # Acceleration



Horsepower # Displacement



Horsepower # Miles per Gallon





Data

Cars

Change

Fields

- Cylinders
- Name
- Origin
- Year
- Acceleration
- Displacement
- Horsepower
- Miles per Gallon
- Weight in lbs
- COUNT

Wildcards

- Categorical Fields
- Temporal Fields
- Quantitative Fields

Encoding

Clear

x: # Horsepower

y: drop a field here

column: drop a field here

row: drop a field here

Marks: auto

size: drop a field here

color: drop a field here

shape: drop a field here

detail: drop a field here

text: drop a field here

any: drop a field here

Filter

Filter invalid numbers

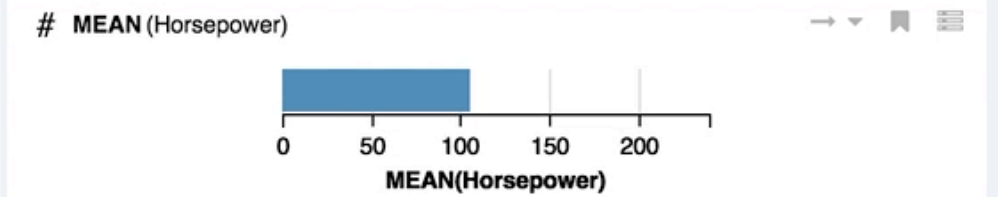
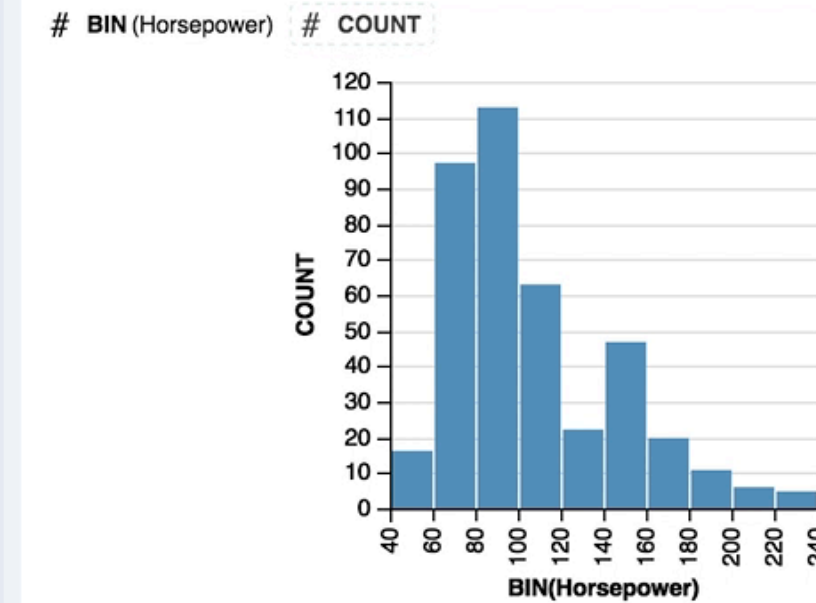
Specified View



Related Views

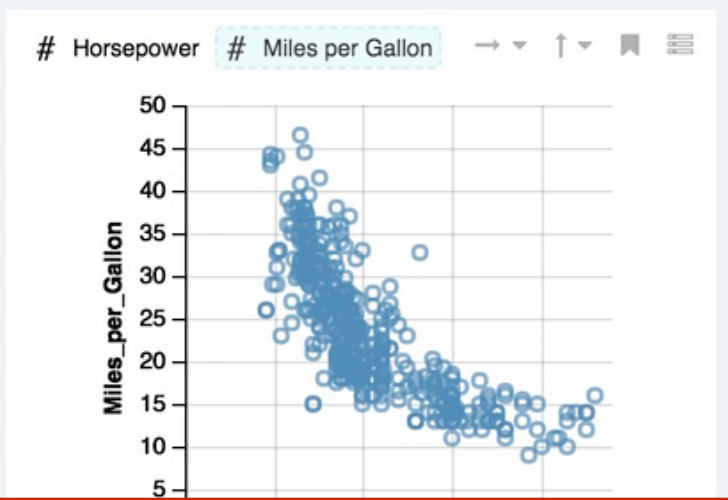
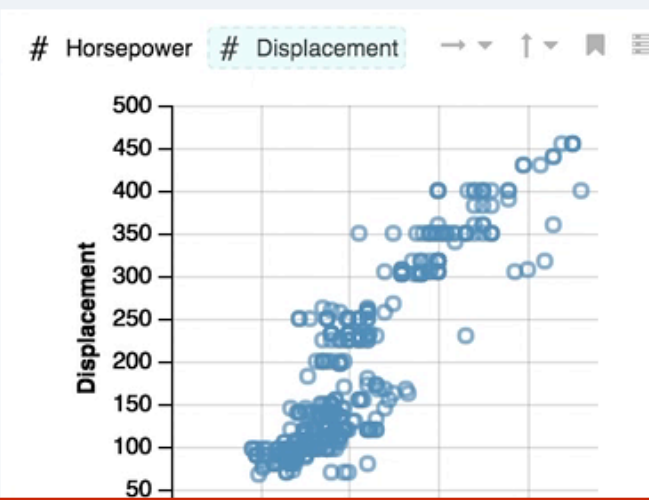
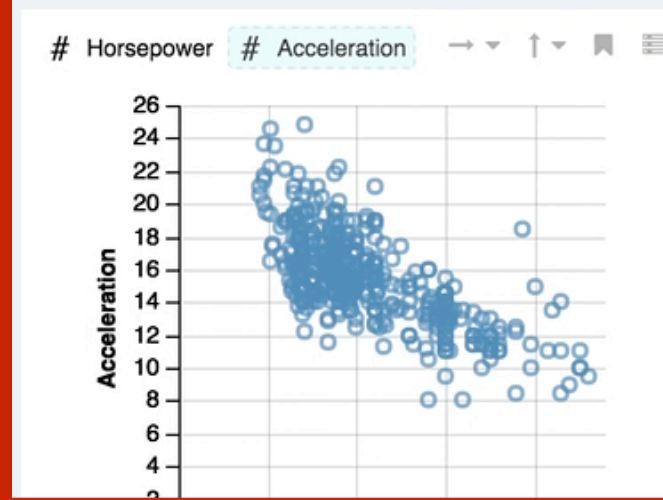
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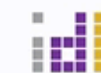
Summaries



3. Related Views

Add Quantitative Field





Data

Cars Change

Fields

- ▼ A Cylinders
- A Name
- A Origin
- 📅 Year
- ▼ # Acceleration
- ▼ # Displacement
- ▼ # Horsepower
- ▼ # Miles per Gallon
- ▼ # Weight in lbs
- # COUNT

Wildcards

- A Categorical Fields
- 📅 Temporal Fields
- # Quantitative Fields

Encoding Clear

x # Horsepower

y drop a field here

column drop a field here

row drop a field here

Marks auto

size drop a field here

color drop a field here

shape drop a field here

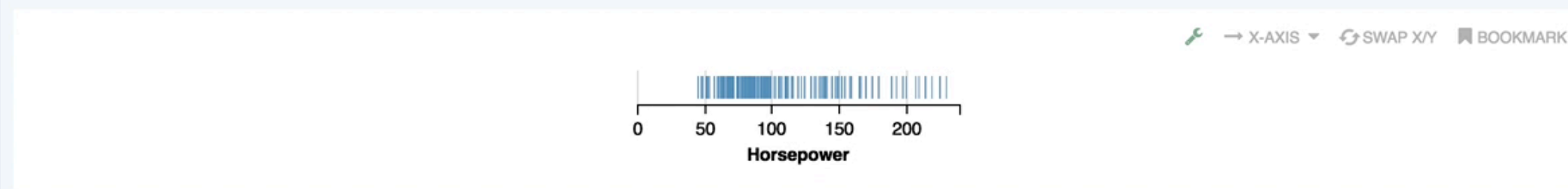
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Filter Filter invalid numbers

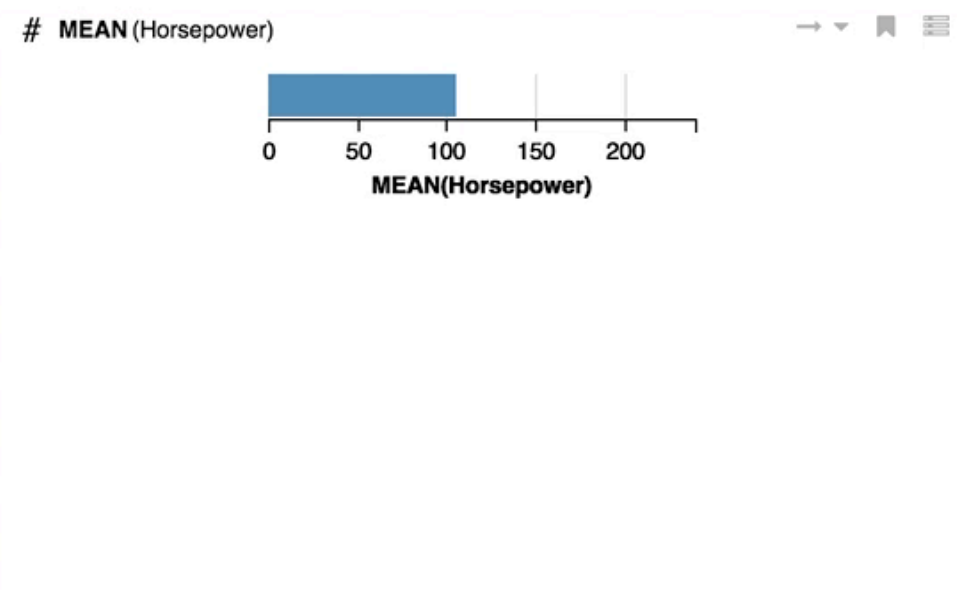
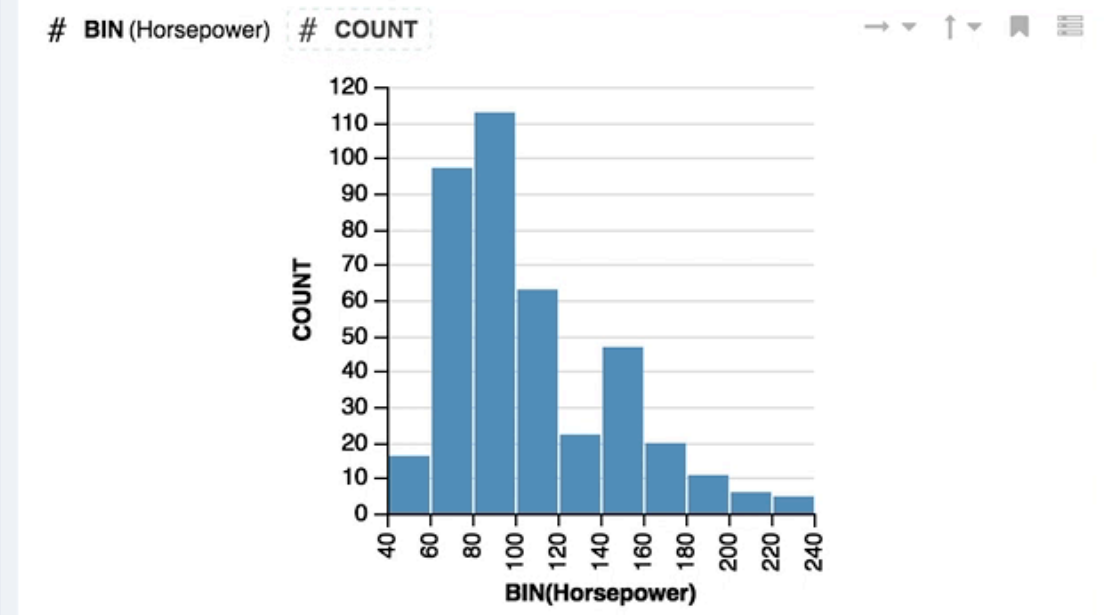
Specified View



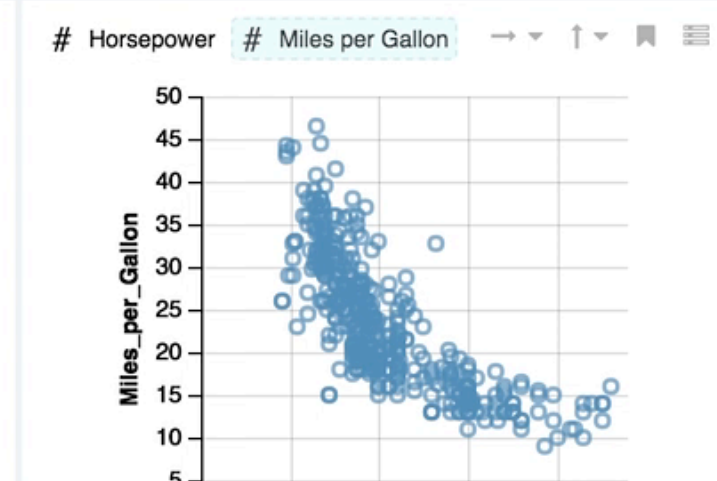
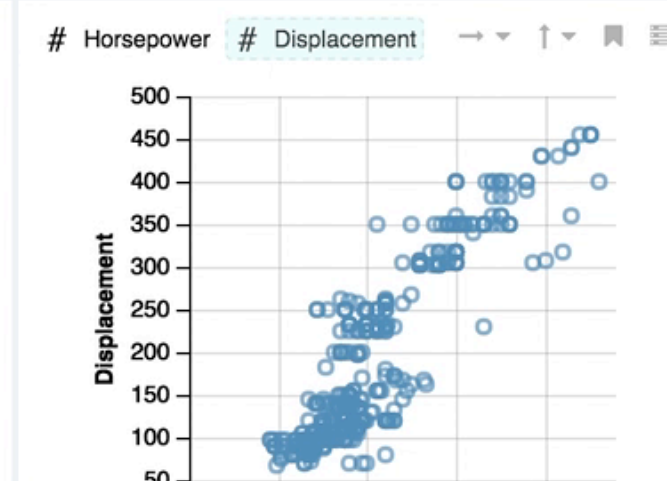
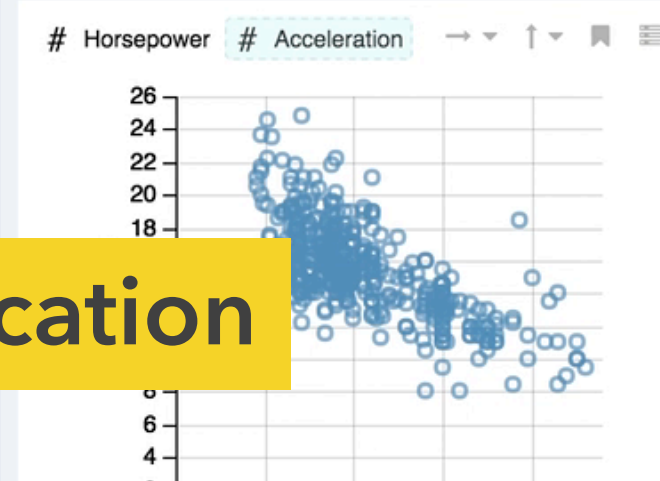
Related Views

All Summaries Add Quantitative Field Add Categorical Field Add Temporal Field Hide

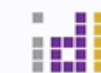
Summaries



Add Quantitative Field



4. Wildcard Specification



Data

Cars Change

Fields

- ▼ A Cylinders ⌵ +
- A Name ⌵ +
- A Origin ⌵ +
- 📅 Year ⌵ +
- ▼ # Acceleration ⌵ +
- ▼ # Displacement ⌵ +
- ▼ # Horsepower ⌵ +
- ▼ # Miles per Gallon ⌵ +
- ▼ # Weight in lbs ⌵ +
- # COUNT +

Wildcards

- A Categorical Fields +
- 📅 Temporal Fields +
- # Quantitative Fields +

Encoding Clear

x ▼ # Horsepower ✕

y drop a field here

column drop a field here

row drop a field here

Marks auto

size drop a field here

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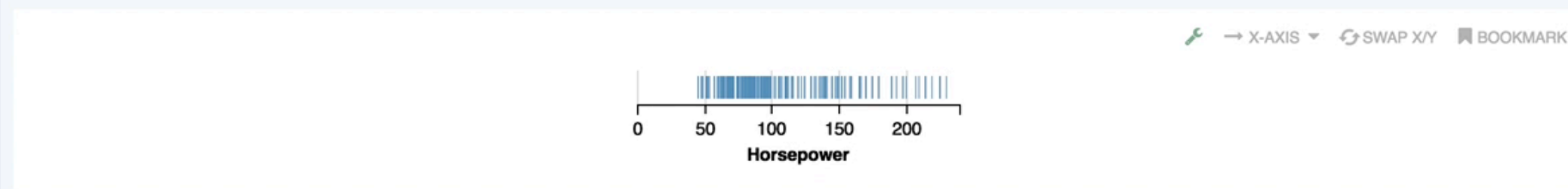
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text drop a field here

any drop a field here

Filter Filter invalid numbers

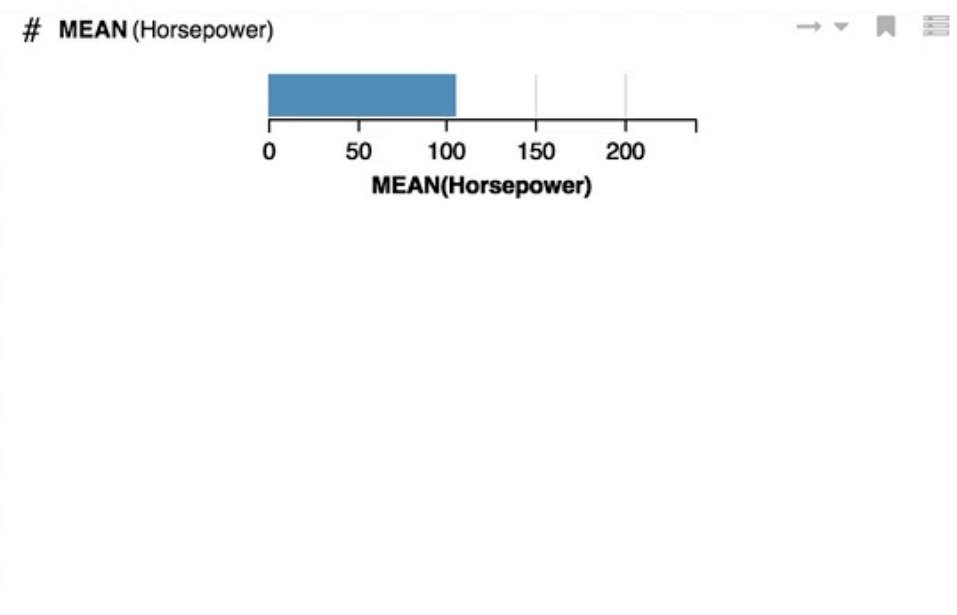
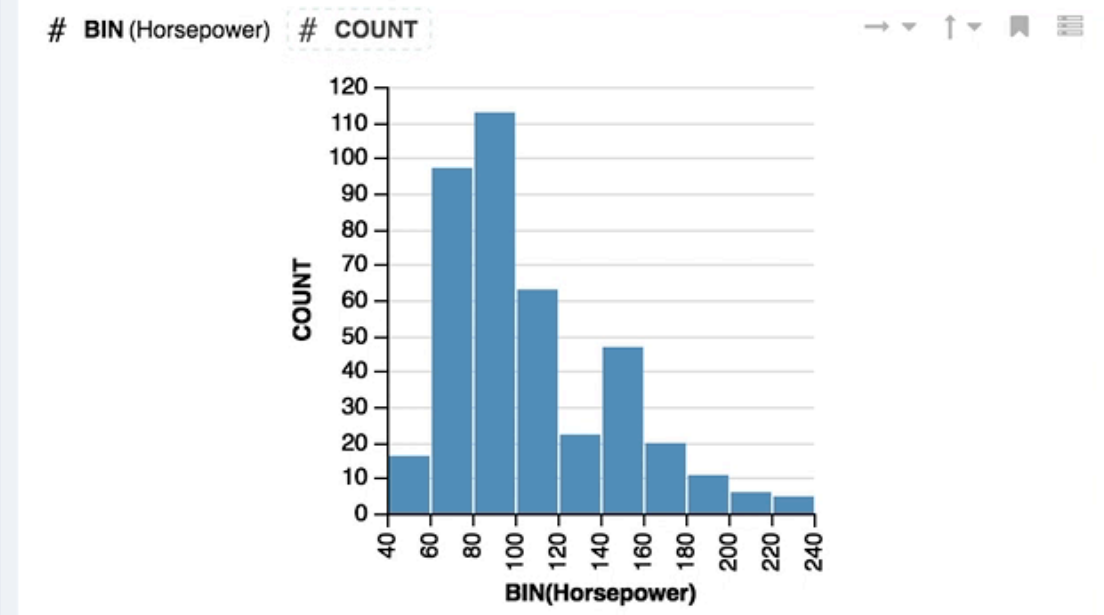
Specified View



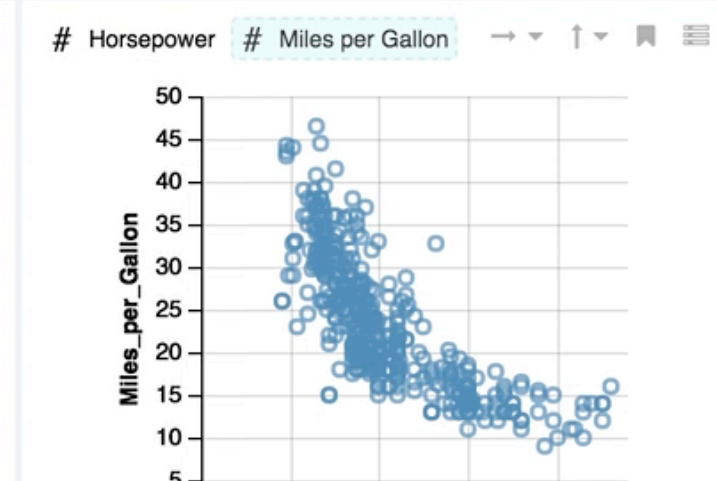
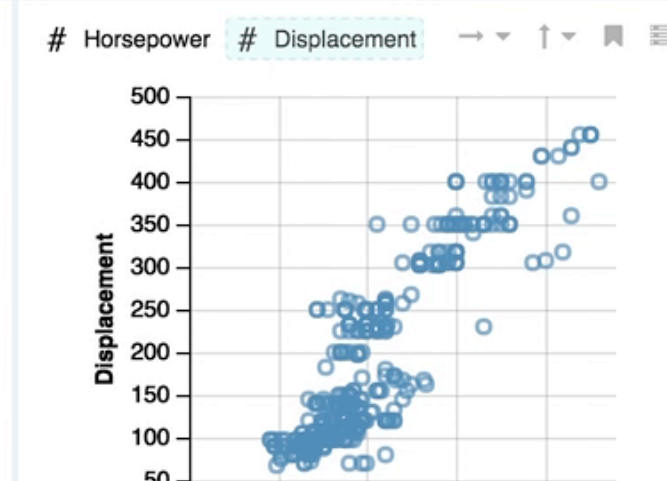
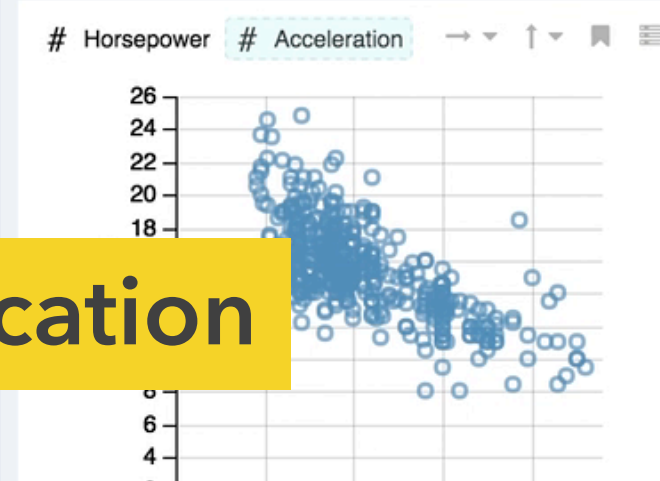
Related Views

All Summaries Add Quantitative Field Add Categorical Field Add Temporal Field Hide

Summaries



Add Quantitative Field



4. Wildcard Specification

Data

Cars Change

Fields

A Cylinders

A Name

Encoding Clear

x # Horsepower

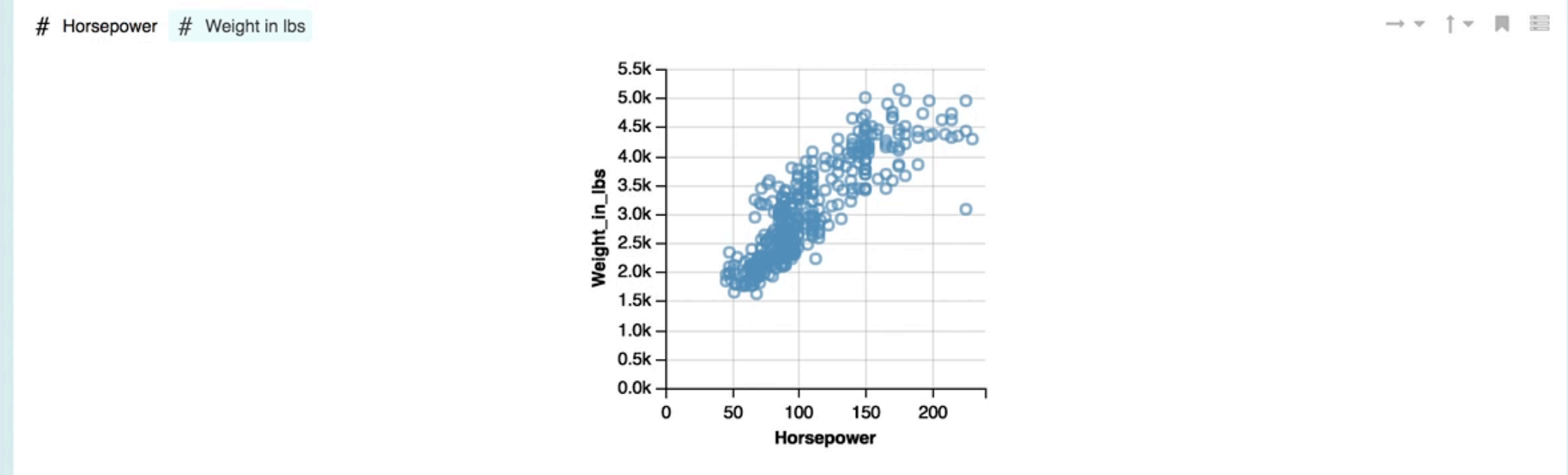
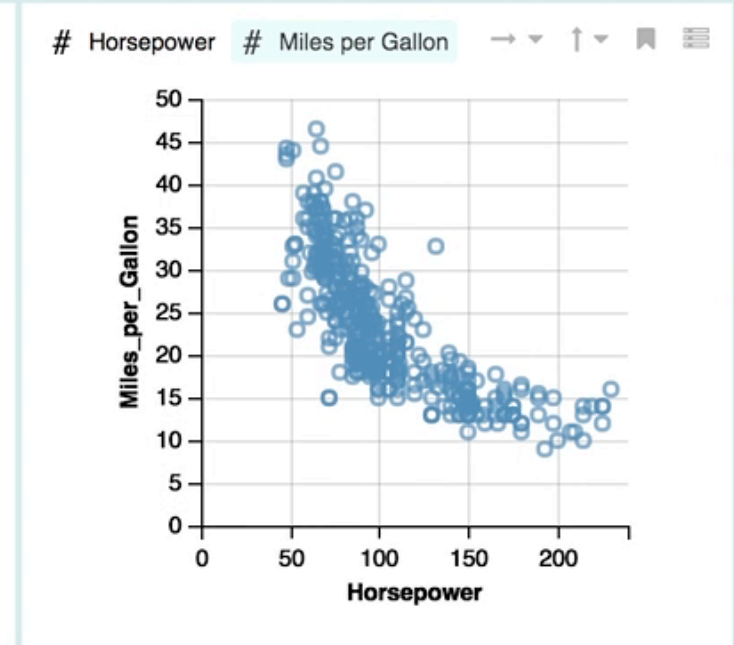
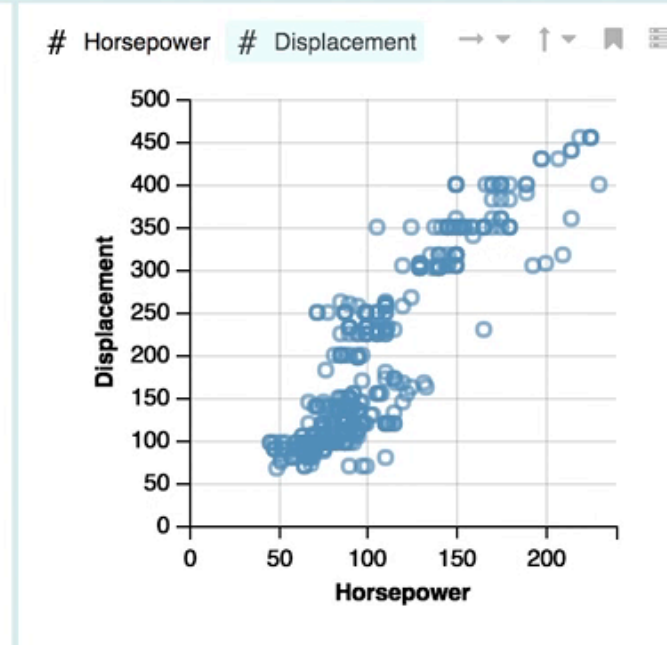
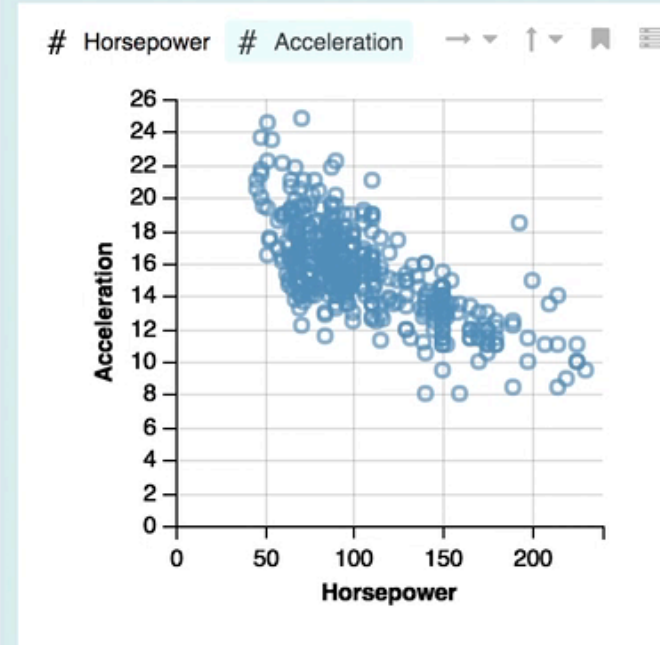
y # Quantitative Fields

column drop a field here

row drop a field here

Specified Views

(Showing views with different fields) Auto-Add Count



```

{
  mark: "tick",
  encoding: {
    x: {
      field: "Horsepower",
      type: "quantitative"
    },
    y: {
      field: "?",
      type: "quantitative"
    }
  }
}

```

Enumerate
Variable

4. Wildcard Specification

Data

Cars Change

Fields

A Cylinders +

A Name +

Encoding Clear

x # Horsepower x

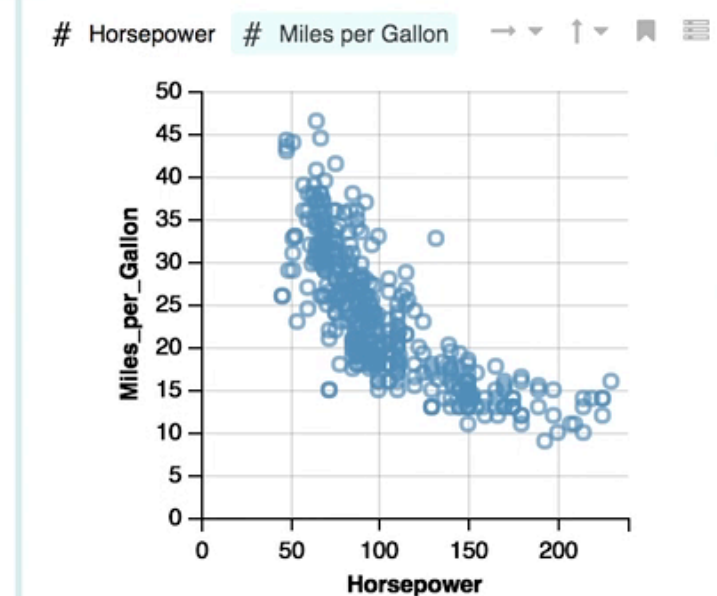
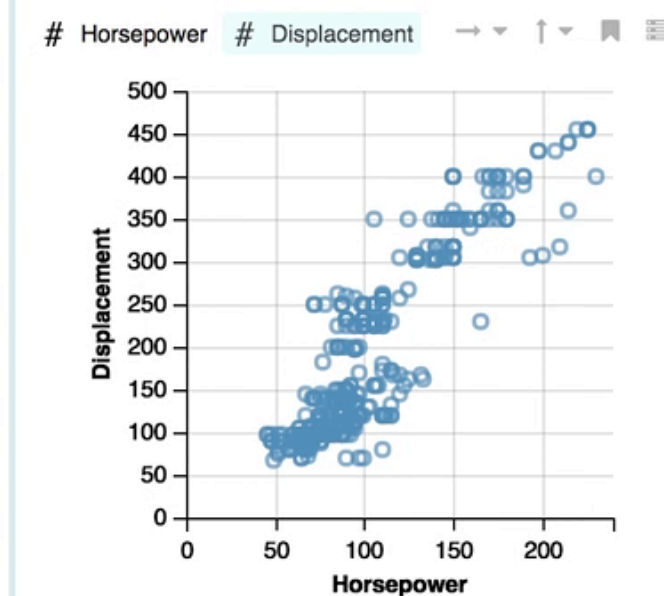
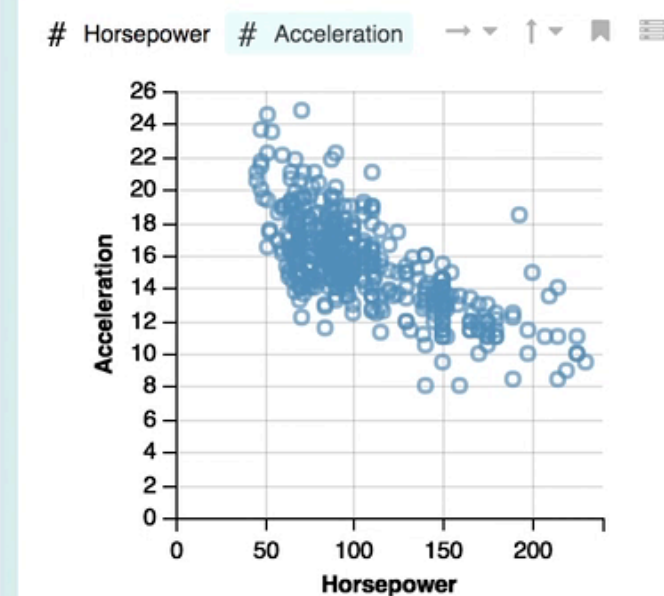
y # Quantitative Fields x

column drop a field here

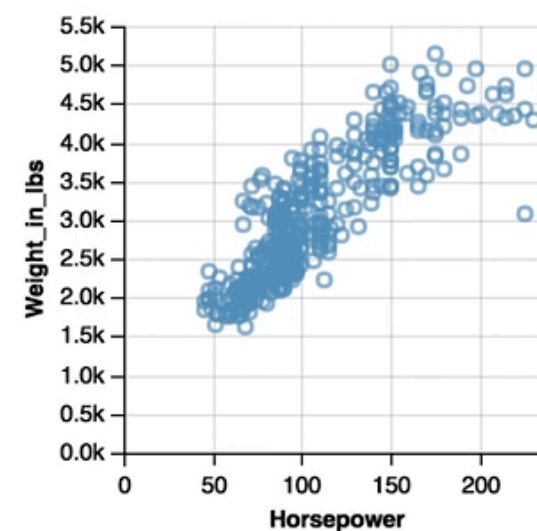
row drop a field here

Specified Views

(Showing views with different fields) Auto-Add Count



Horsepower # Weight in lbs



```

{
  mark: "tick",
  encoding: {
    x: {
      field: "Horsepower",
      type: "quantitative"
    },
    y: {
      field: "?",
      type: "quantitative"
    }
  }
}

```

Enumerate Variable

4. Wildcard Specification

Data

Cars Change

Fields

- ▼ Cylinders ⌵ ⌶
- ▼ Name ⌵ ⌶
- ▼ Origin ⌵ ⌶
- ▼ Year ⌵ ⌶
- ▼ # Acceleration ⌵ ⌶
- ▼ # Displacement ⌵ ⌶
- ▼ # Horsepower ⌵ ⌶
- ▼ # Miles per Gallon ⌵ ⌶
- ▼ # Weight in lbs ⌵ ⌶
- # COUNT ⌵ ⌶

Wildcards

- ▼ Categorical Fields ⌵ ⌶
- ▼ Temporal Fields ⌵ ⌶
- ▼ # Quantitative Fields ⌵ ⌶

Encoding Clear

x ▼ # Horsepower ✕

y ▼ # Quantitative Fields ✕

column

row

Marks auto

size

color

shape

detail

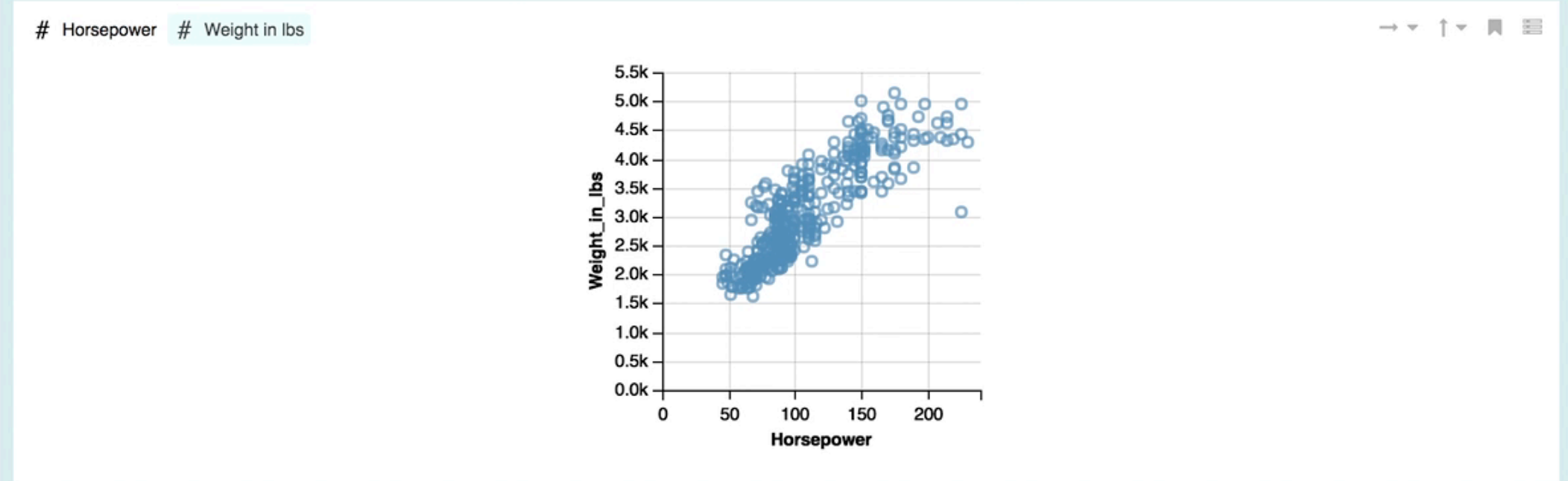
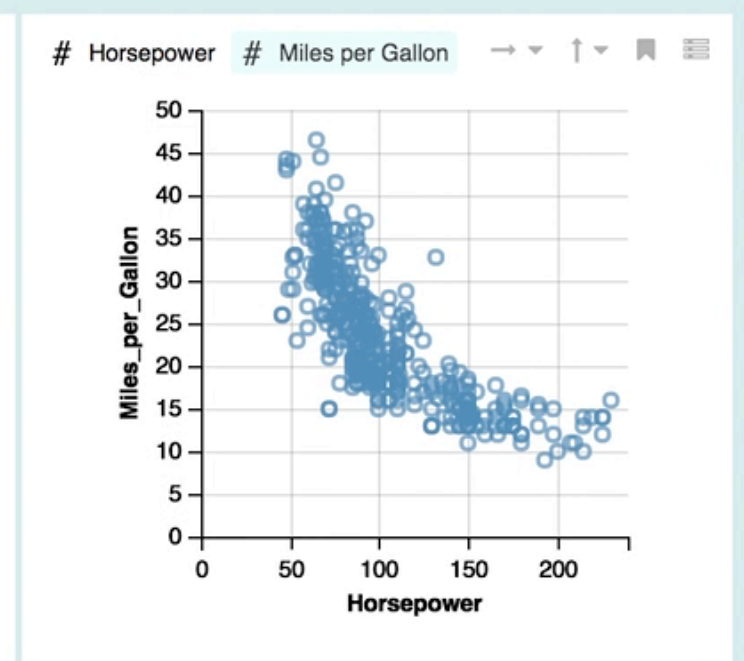
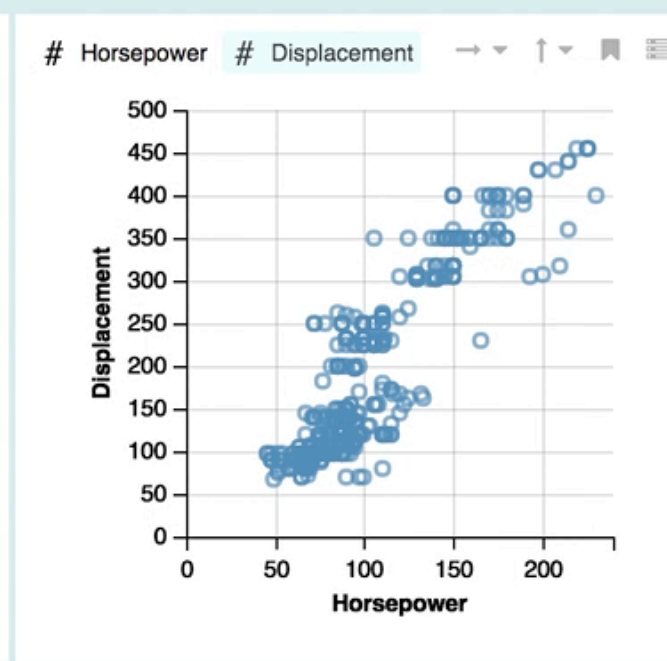
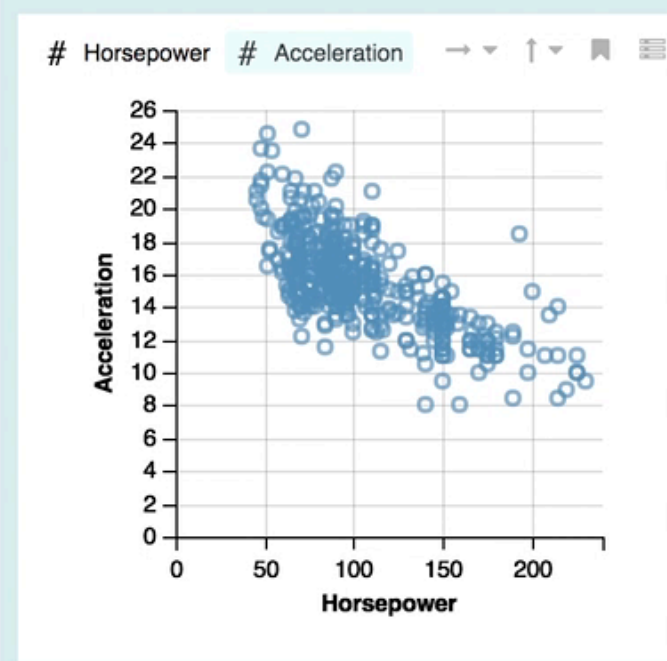
text

any

Filter

Specified Views

(Showing views with different fields) Auto-Add Count



4. Wildcard Specification

Data

Cars Change

Fields

- ▼ A Cylinders ▼ +
- ▼ A Name ▼ +
- ▼ A Origin ▼ +
- ▼ 📅 Year ▼ +
- ▼ # Acceleration ▼ +
- ▼ # Displacement ▼ +
- ▼ # Horsepower ▼ +
- ▼ # Miles per Gallon ▼ +
- ▼ # Weight in lbs ▼ +
- # COUNT +

Wildcards

- ▼ A Categorical Fields +
- ▼ 📅 Temporal Fields +
- ▼ # Quantitative Fields +

Encoding Clear

x ▼ # Horsepower ×

y ▼ # Quantitative Fields ×

column drop a field here

row drop a field here

Marks auto

size drop a field here

color drop a field here

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detail drop a field here

text drop a field here

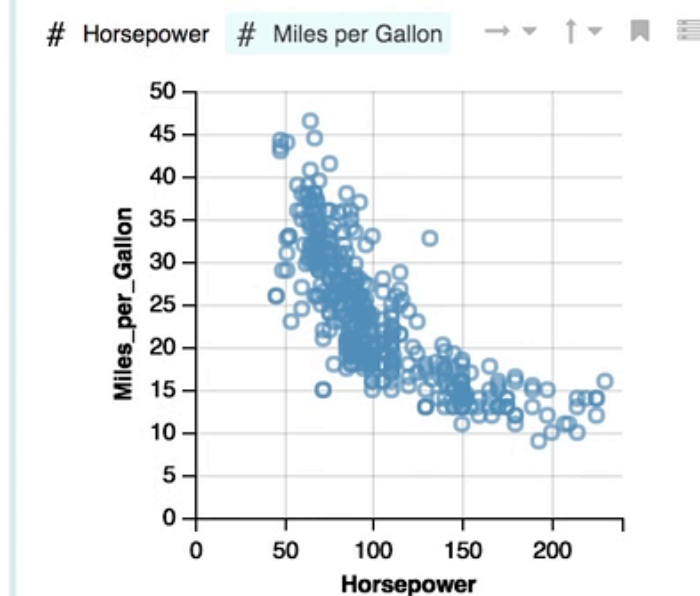
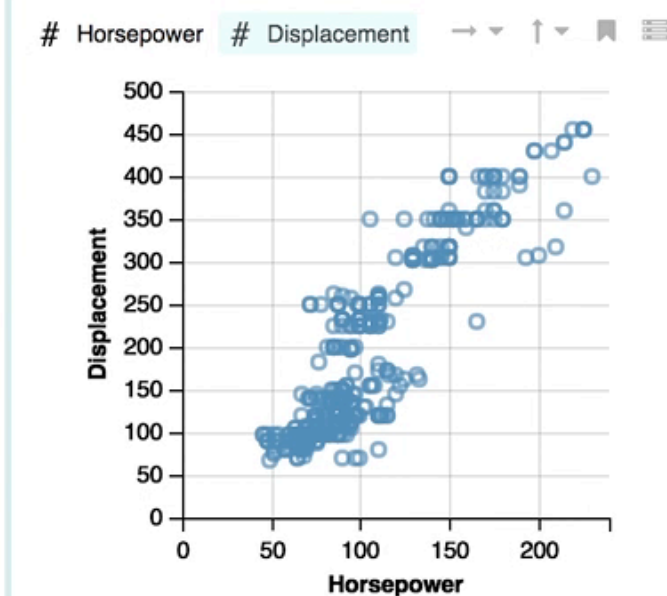
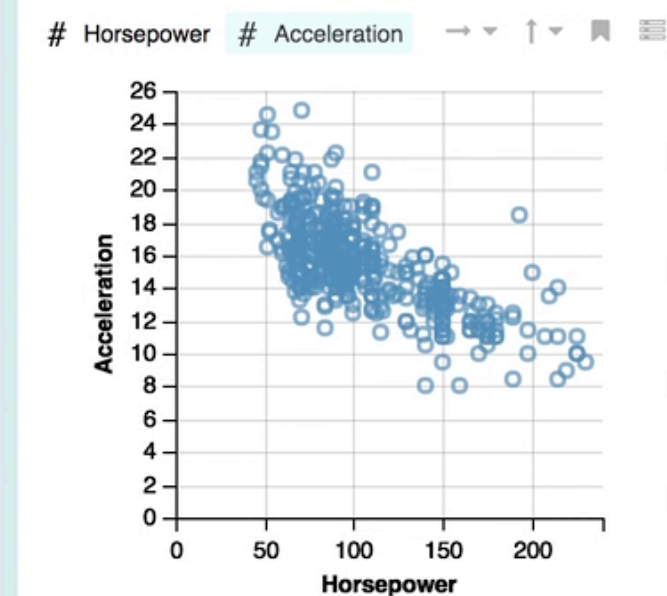
any drop a field here

Filter

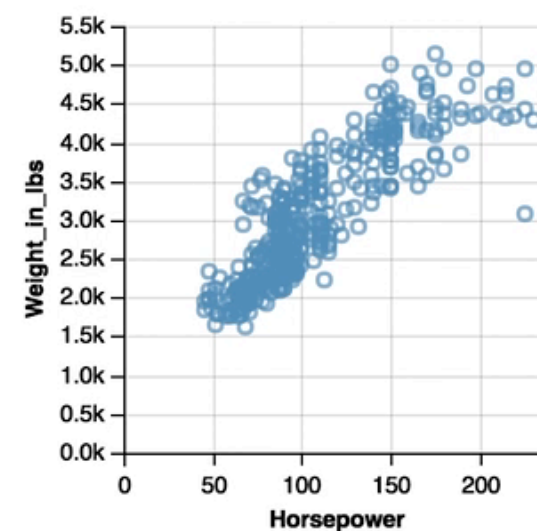
Filter invalid numbers

Specified Views

(Showing views with different fields) Auto-Add Count



Horsepower # Weight in lbs



4. Wildcard Specification

Voyager

Augment manual specification with recommendation to **promote breadth & reduce tedium** in exploration

Use Vega-Lite to **recommend data and visual encodings.**

<https://github.com/vega/voyager>

Vega-Lite: a Grammar of Interactive Graphics

The Design of Vega-Lite

Single View Specification

Layered and **Multi-view** Composition

Interactions with Selections

Using Vega-Lite

Programming with Vega-Lite

Higher-level **Tools** and **Recommendations**

Exploring Data

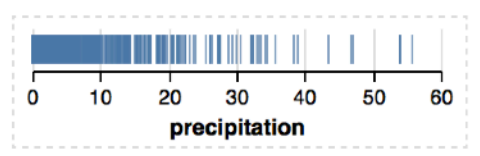
In this tutorial, you'll learn a few more techniques for creating visualizations in Vega-Lite. If you are not familiar with Vega-Lite, please read the [getting started tutorial](#) first.

For this tutorial, we will create visualizations to explore weather data for Seattle, taken from NOAA. The data is in a CSV file with columns for the temperature (in Celsius), precipitation (in centimeter), wind (in meter/second), and humidity. We have one row for each day from January 1st, 2012 to December 31st, 2015.

To load the CSV file with Vega-Lite, we need to provide a URL and set the format type in the data section of the specification.

```
"data": {"url": "data/seattle-weather.csv"}
```

Let's start by looking at the precipitation. Precipitation is a quantitative variable. Let's use a tick mark to see the distribution of precipitation.



[Open in Vega Editor](#)

```
{
  "$schema": "https://vega.github.io/schema/vega-lite",
  "data": {"url": "data/seattle-weather.csv"},
  "mark": "tick",
  "encoding": {
    "x": {"field": "precipitation", "type": "quantitative"}
  }
}
```

It looks as though precipitation is skewed towards lower values; that is, when it rains, it usually doesn't rain much. To better see this, we can create a histogram of the precipitation data. For this, we have to add an encoding that uses a special field `*count*` that is aggregated with `count`. It is difficult to see patterns across continuous data, so we can therefore bin the data. For this, we use the `bin` property in the `encoding` section.



```
{
  "$schema": "https://vega.github.io/schema/vega-lite",
  "data": {"url": "data/seattle-weather.csv"},
  "mark": "bar",
  "encoding": {
    "x": {
      "field": "precipitation",
      "type": "quantitative",
      "bin": true
    },
    "y": {"field": "*count*", "type": "quantitative"}
  }
}
```

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Overview

Overview

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- Spec
- Data
- Transform
- Mark
- Encoding

Vega-Lite is a high-level visualization grammar. It provides a concise JSON syntax for supporting rapid generation of visualizations to support analysis. Vega-Lite can serve as a declarative format for describing and creating data visualizations. Vega-Lite specifications can be compiled to a lower-level, more detailed **Vega** specifications and rendered using Vega's compiler.

This documentation describes the [JSON specification language](#) and how to [use Vega-Lite visualizations](#) in a web application.

- Aggregate
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- Sort
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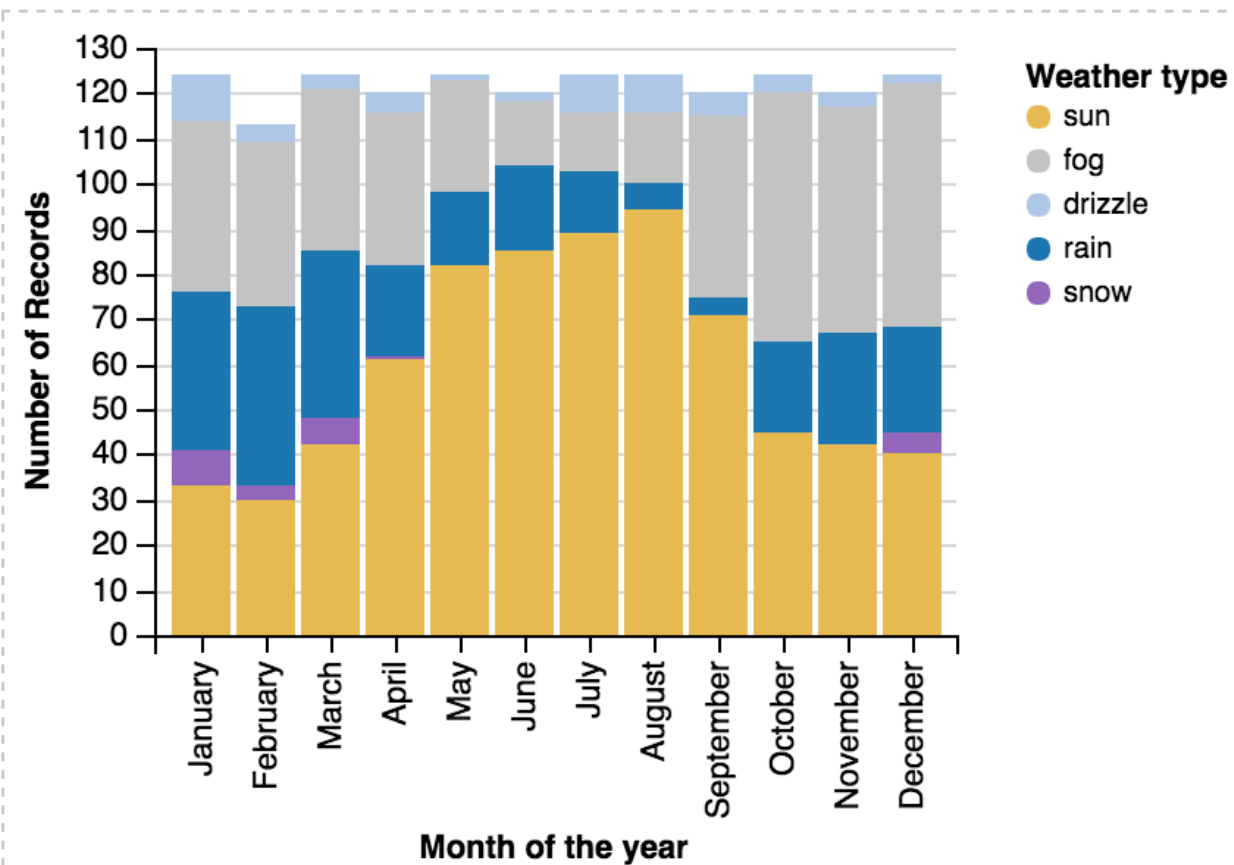
vega.github.io/vega-lite



```

1 {
2   "data": {"url": "data/seattle-weather.csv", "format": {"type": "csv"}},
3   "mark": "bar",
4   "encoding": {
5     "x": {
6       "field": "date",
7       "type": "temporal",
8       "timeUnit": "month",
9       "axis": {"title": "Month of the year"}
10    },
11    "y": {
12      "field": "*",
13      "type": "quantitative",
14      "aggregate": "count"
15    },
16    "color": {
17      "field": "weather",
18      "type": "nominal",
19      "scale": {
20        "domain": ["sun", "fog", "drizzle", "rain", "snow"],
21        "range": ["#e7ba52", "#c7c7c7", "#aec7e8", "#1f77b4", "#9467bd"]
22      },
23      "legend": {
24        "title": "Weather type"
25      }
26    }
27  }
28 }
29

```



Vega compiled from Vega-Lite (read-only)

Edit Vega spec

```

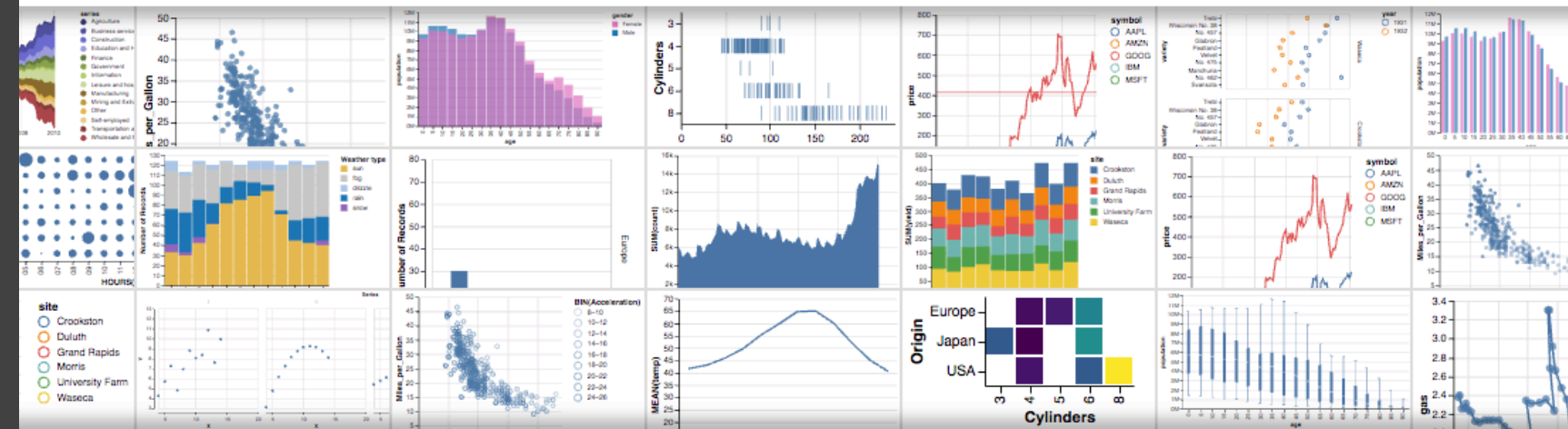
1 {
2   "width": 1,
3   "height": 1,
4   "padding": "auto",
5   "data": [
6     {
7       "url": "data/seattle-weather.csv",
8       "format": {"type": "csv", "parse": {"date": "date"}},
9       "transform": [
10        {
11          "type": "filter",
12          "test": "datum[\"date\"] !== null && !isNaN(datum[\"date\"])"
13        }
14      ]
15    }
16  ]
17 }

```

Online Editor

vega.github.io/editor

Vega-Lite – A High-Level Visualization Grammar



Vega-Lite is a high-level visualization grammar. It provides a concise JSON syntax for supporting rapid generation of visualizations to support analysis. Vega-Lite specifications can be compiled to Vega specifications.

Vega-Lite specifications describe visualizations as mappings from data to **properties of graphical marks** (e.g., points or bars). It **automatically produces visualization components** including axes, legends, and scales. It then determines properties of these components based on a set of **carefully designed rules**. This approach allows Vega-Lite specifications to be succinct and expressive, but also provide user control. As Vega-Lite is designed for analysis, it supports **data transformations** such as aggregation, binning, filtering, sorting, and **visual transformations** including stacking and faceting.

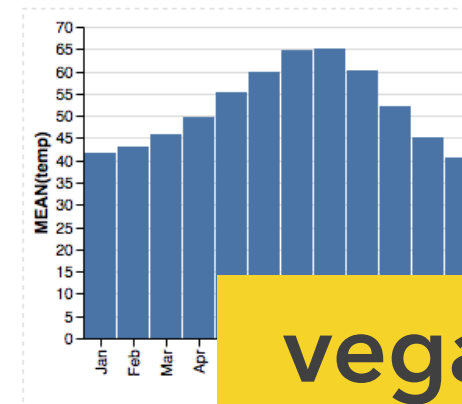
Get started

Try online

Read our [introduction article on Medium](#), check out the [documentation](#) and take a look at our [example gallery](#).

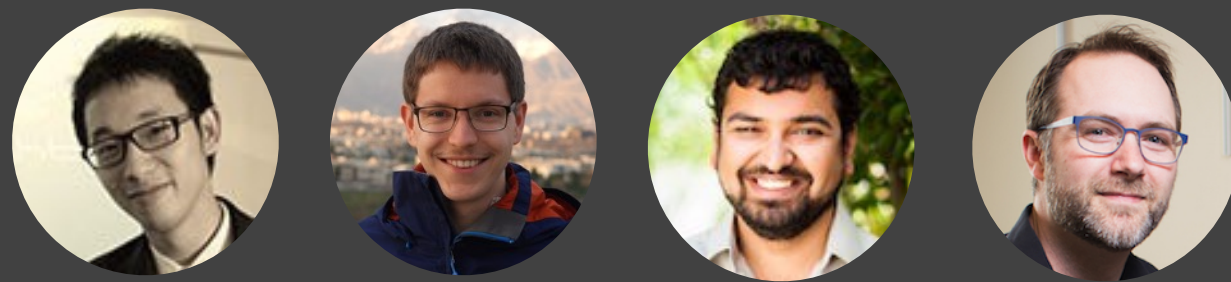
Example

This is a Vega-Lite specification to create a bar chart that shows the average temperature in Seattle for each month.



```
{
  "$schema": "https://vega.github.io/schema/vega-lite/v2.json",
  "data": {"url": "data/seattle-temps.csv"},
  "mark": "bar",
  "encoding": {
    "x": {
      "timeUnit": "month",
      "field": "date",
      "type": "temporal"
    }
  }
}
```

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