

Observable PLOT

- **marks** { ... }

- **style** { ... }

- override plot's defaults → white background

• width 100%

• system ui-font

- **caption**

scales

X Y r color opacity

- sqrt: exaggerates small values @ expense of larger ones

- log: orders of magnitude (default \Rightarrow 10)

note: shorthand to round each scale

plot does
not parse
DATES

↓
use strings
on file
import
(d3.csv.type/
typed: true)

Position scales: X Y fx fy

additionally
support inset / round

Inference

- inferring types

scales:

- strings/bools \Rightarrow ordinal
- dates \Rightarrow UTC
- everything else \Rightarrow linear

assumes from 1st
non-null, non-undefined value

\hookrightarrow so, typed CSV, please!

Configure Axes

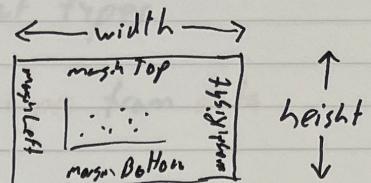
for given scale:

axis: position $x \Rightarrow$ "top"/"bottom" $y \Rightarrow$ "left"/"right"

ticks: # ticks

tickSize: how big ticks

tickPadding: separation of tick and label



Plot uses **Marks** - what you are plotting (shapes)
rather than chart types

↓
Template for generating shapes from data

constructs scales to map data to marks

aspects of marks (visual properties) are called **channels**

- can pass named columns for arrays of objects

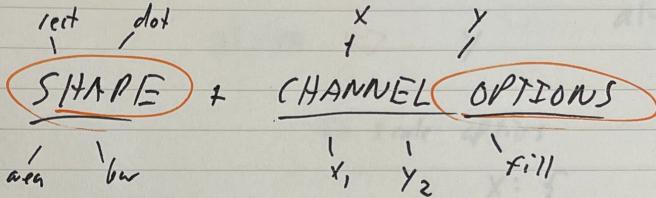
OR

channel functions! (d, i) ← invoked for each element
in the data

- there can be multiple marks (last drawn on top)

- Marks share scales

Mark types determine



- **OPTIONS** are shared by all instances of a mark

DOCS
- mark
- channels
- options

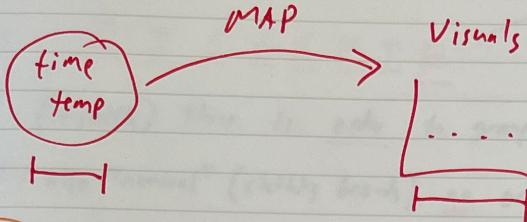
- fill

- defines abstract value

- pass domain/range separately

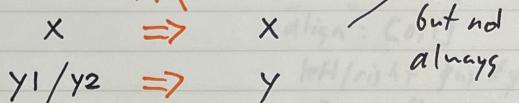
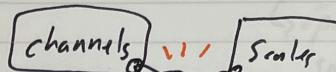
Scales

map abstract value (time/temp/etc.) to visual value (x/y pos/etc.)



- Position: x / y
- Face Position: fx / fy
- Radius: r
- Color:

channels bound to scales



Ex time \Rightarrow chart-size

[start,end] \Rightarrow [left, right]

Ex scale options

- can apply reverse to a given scale

X: {
 domain: [0,100],
 reverse: true
}

Plot does not parse dates: pass Date w/ d3.autoParse or d3.autoType

- scales can specify "type"
like for utc milliseconds

"utc" recommended!
"or"
time (local ... careful)

T
Y
P
E
S

"log" (base) - like for log2
type: "log",
base: 2

* los scales w/ zero
won't show up! \Rightarrow use "symlog"

tickFormat for axis behavior
1000 1,000 1k

area proportional to great. value

Scales

SCALES D I S C R E T E

using point/band scales

under the hood.

• ordinal: (tshirts) there is order to groups $s < m < l$

• categorical: also "nominal" (clothing brands) no order GAP, OLDNAVY, B-REPUB

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type "point" → uniformly-spaced discrete values * differ by padding

"band" → uniformly-spaced discrete intervals

Ex] band ⇒ bar charts
point ⇒ ordinal scatterplots

• padding: [0, 1]

space between ticks

• align: [0, 1]
left/right justify
⇒ 0.5 = "center"

CONTINUOUS COLOR

• many color scheme's as defaults: "turbo", "viridis", "magma"
- can "reverse" just like other scales
- default type: "linear"

03
adv.

Further reading on
interpolation

SpongeBob hands!

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type "diverging", can specify "pivot" - default to zero

Docs
- color scales
salute!

DISCRETE COLOR



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"categorical": no order (clothing brands)

* for low cardinality
(few groups)

"ordinal": ordered (tshirts)

* if exceed colors in
scheme → reuses colors

CONTINUOUS RADIUS ○○○○

- for dots r : area proportional to quant. value

Scales

Inference

- how stuff like "type", "domain", "range", "scheme" of scales are inferred

"type" \Rightarrow channel values strings/bool \Rightarrow ordinal
 date \Rightarrow utc
 else \Rightarrow linear

(*) Plot assumes
date is
consistently
typed

if "domain" specified \Rightarrow infer from domain rather than channels

quant. domain \Rightarrow [min, max] OR [0, max] \leftarrow r scale useful!

\hookrightarrow can extend domain to nice human-read values w/ "nice"

Transforms

apply function(s) before passed through a scale

- helpful default

"percent" \Rightarrow mult by 100, add % as label

\hookrightarrow say, converting
units ($F^\circ \rightarrow C^\circ$)

Great defaults for all marks

"filter": filter data (aka original data, preserves scales) \hookrightarrow □□□ \rightarrow □□□ \hookrightarrow spaces

"sort" — control over \geq -order
 "reverse" —

\hookrightarrow also options transforms (later) \rightarrow group stack select
bin map

Facets



small multiples!

- can specify facet direction x/y

additional facet "fx" "fy" channels
 \hookrightarrow driven by facet.x
 facet.y

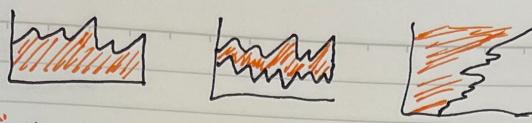
\hookrightarrow Ex) species of penguin

only must be strictly equal (==) to be in facet

- So, can disable facets w/ array.slice (see facets docs)

MARKS

Area



areaY

" y_1 : baseline"

" y_2 : topline" or just " y " if $y_1 = 0$

- default $x = \text{index}$ $y = \text{identity}$ ← mean can pass array of numbers as data

- expects data to be ~~sorted~~ connected in input order

- undefined leads to gaps

"curve" for interpolation → linear step basic etc. → see docs!

Marks

Bar



- ① ordinal / categorical
- ② quantitative

Bar X

Bar Y



Bar charts! (plus other stuff)

- can apply transform to scale of y / $d \Rightarrow d.\text{value}$

Specify: simple value $\Rightarrow [0, \text{value}]$

• ordinal dimension is optional: otherwise spans dimension

Marks

Cell



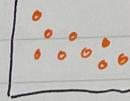
• good for heatmaps

• position x, y (ordinal)

Marks

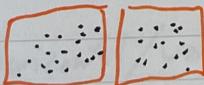
Dot

circles!



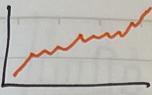
Marks

Frame



never takes data (data-driven version would be rect)

(MARKS)
Line



- draw 2d-lines
- if given array of points, can we shorthand, no channels
 $\text{tex} = [[x_1, y_1], [x_2, y_2] \dots]$
`Plot.line(tex)`
- can use
"lineX"
"lineY" → Ex. $x = \text{index}$, $y = \text{identity}$
- if getting gibberish, sort
- For multiple lines, use "Z" (can also use multiple marks)

For help w/ tidyngs \Rightarrow array.flatMap

- if undefined, produces gaps
- * different from filters, produces sharp lines

(MARKS)

Link

straight line b/w two point



- like rules but can be diagonals

(MARKS)

Rect

x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2



+ bin \Rightarrow histogram

"rectY": $y_1=0$ $y_2=y$

"rectX": $x_1=0$ $x_2=x$

(MARKS)

Rule

horizontal/vertical lines

"ruleY": y-value \leftrightarrow

"ruleX": x-value \updownarrow

MARKS

Text



• has placement + "text" channel

• exposes

"textAnchor" "fontStyle"
"fontFamily" "fontVariant"
"fontSize" "fontWeight"
"dx"
"dy"

MARKS

Tick

horizontal / vertical lines

"tickX": x-value ↓

"tickY": y-value ↔

TRANSFORMS

T
Group

derive summary values for each group

"groupX": groups data by X Ex) groupX for counts for y-channel

"groupY": " " by Y

"groupZ": " " by Z

"group": " " by x, y, z

Plot. groupX({y: "count"}, {x: "species"})

summary

grouping

B
Bin

groups quantitative data into discrete bins

- like "group" for "bin": transforms on x and y - heatmaps and dash

"binX": transforms data on X Ex) produce y channel at counts + x1/x2 channels

"binY": transforms data on Y

see docs for bin options

• defaults insets b/m rects

→ can specify inset: 0 to touch

Thresholds

(default)

uses

Scott's normal reference rule to determine # bins

• see docs for options

Cumulative for cumulative dist

• can bin by y2 for separate dist

count sum proportion min max etc.

MORE TRANSFORMS

T Stark

"Stark Y": replaces y channel w/ vertical "starks" grouped on x y_1/y_2 channels, forming 

"Stark X": above, but for horizontal stacking 

- default offset to zero baseline  option \Rightarrow "offset"

D "Silhouette": centred

F "Wiggle": minimize movement

S "Expand": normalized to $[0, 1]$ (for proportions)

T "null": zero baseline

- can also order things

null: respect input order (default)

"sum": ascending total value

"appearance": index of greatest value — good for separate prominent peaks

"inside-out": other option

"z": naturally by key (z, full, state channels)

"value"

<other strings>

<functions>

<array>

T Map

• Transforms grouped data into series  say to normalize or apply moving average

like group/bin ①, takes outputs (what to compute)

and ~~inputs~~ options (input channels + additional options)

Ex] cumulative summation

Plot.map({ Σy : "cumsum"}, { Σy : values})

Variants

window
normalize

"mapX"
"mapY": shorthand apply map to all x or y channels

① Map (cont.)

"windowX" / "windowY": computed moving window around data point
⇒ derive summary stat (like rolling averages)
can specify method → "reduce" — mean (default)
— median with sum etc.
— mode max

"normalizeX" / "normalizeY": normalize series value relative to some basis

② Select Filter Marks