

Data Visualization with Vega-Lite and Altair



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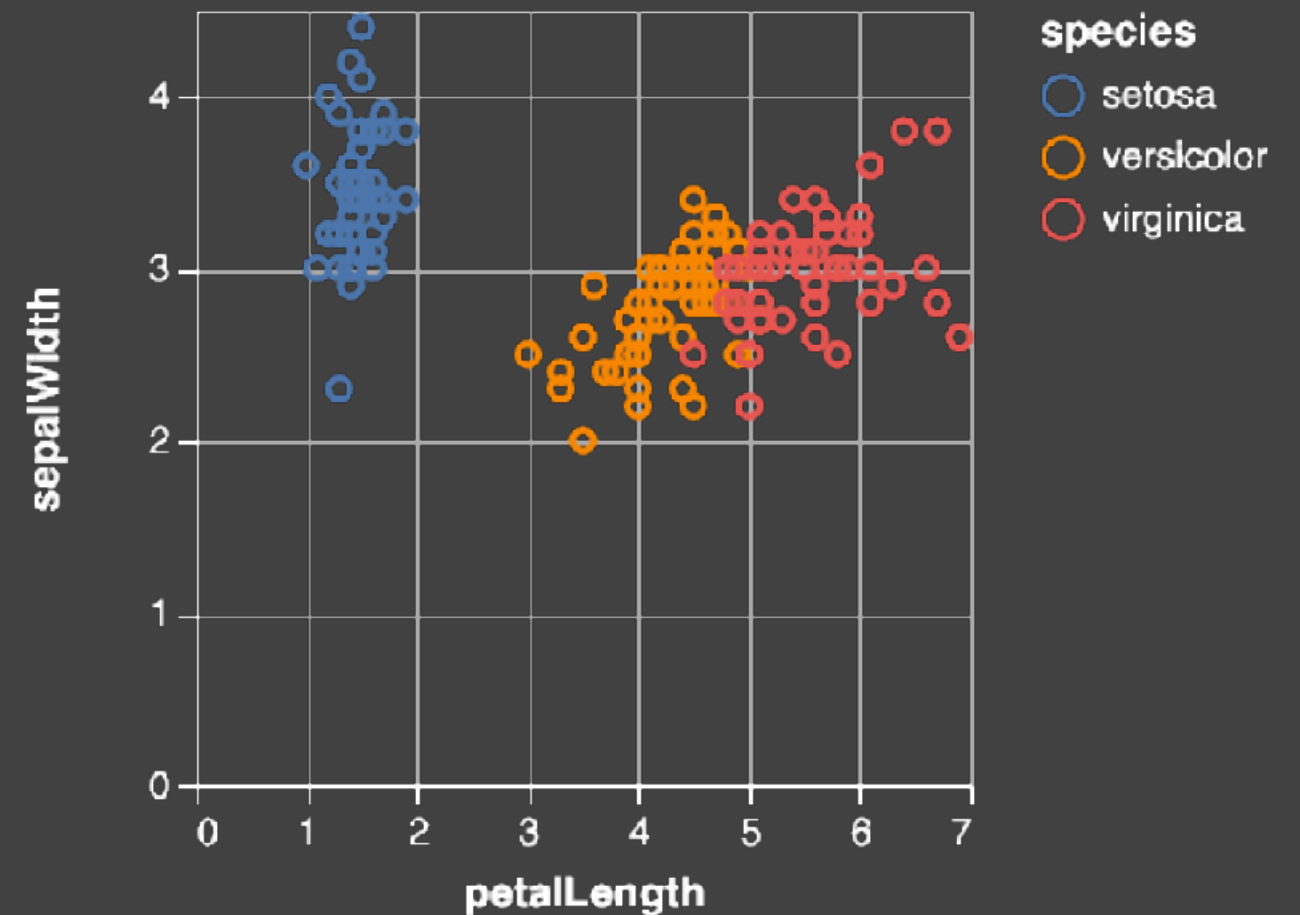
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Declarative visualization lets you think about **data** and **relationships** rather than implementation details.

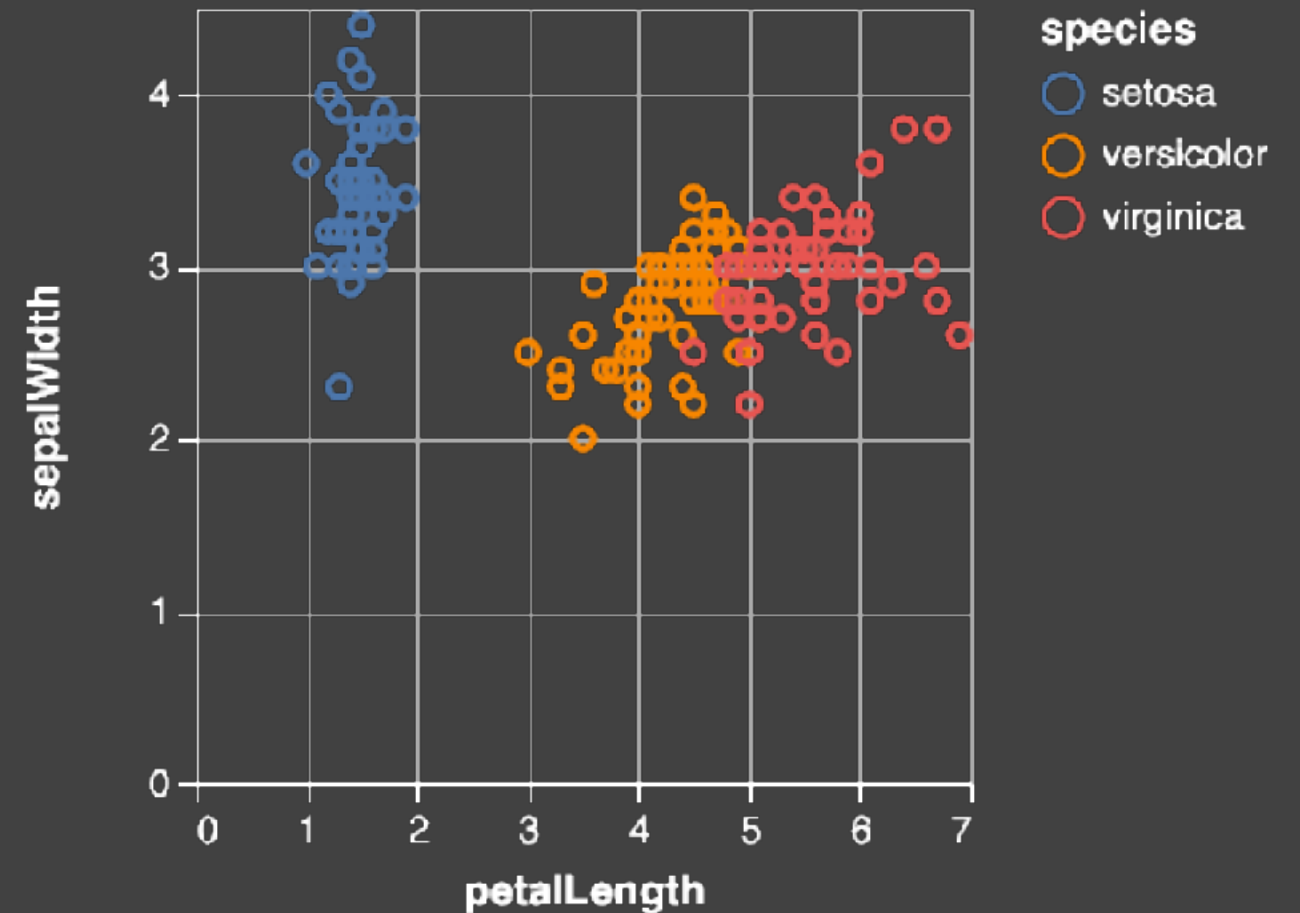
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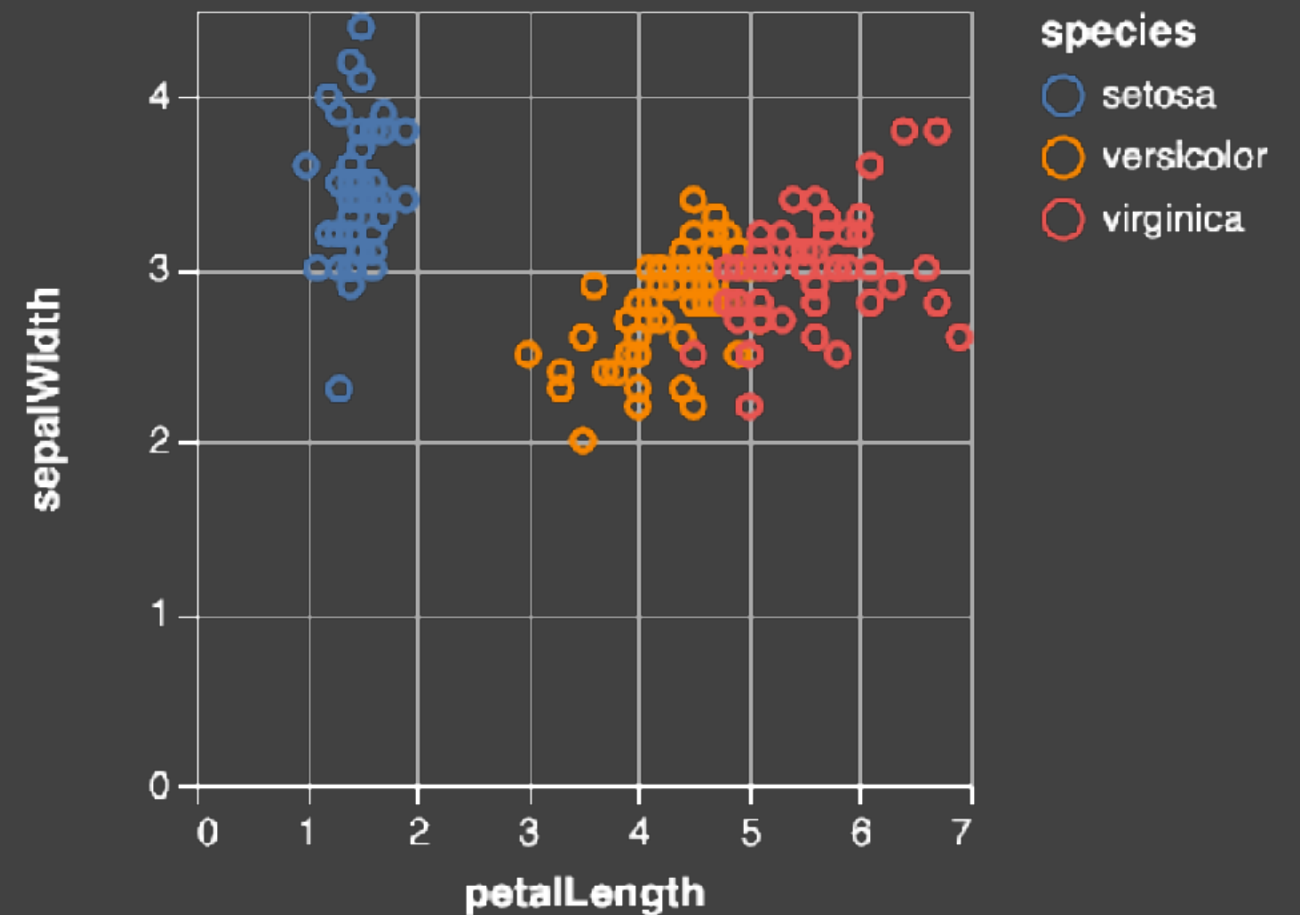
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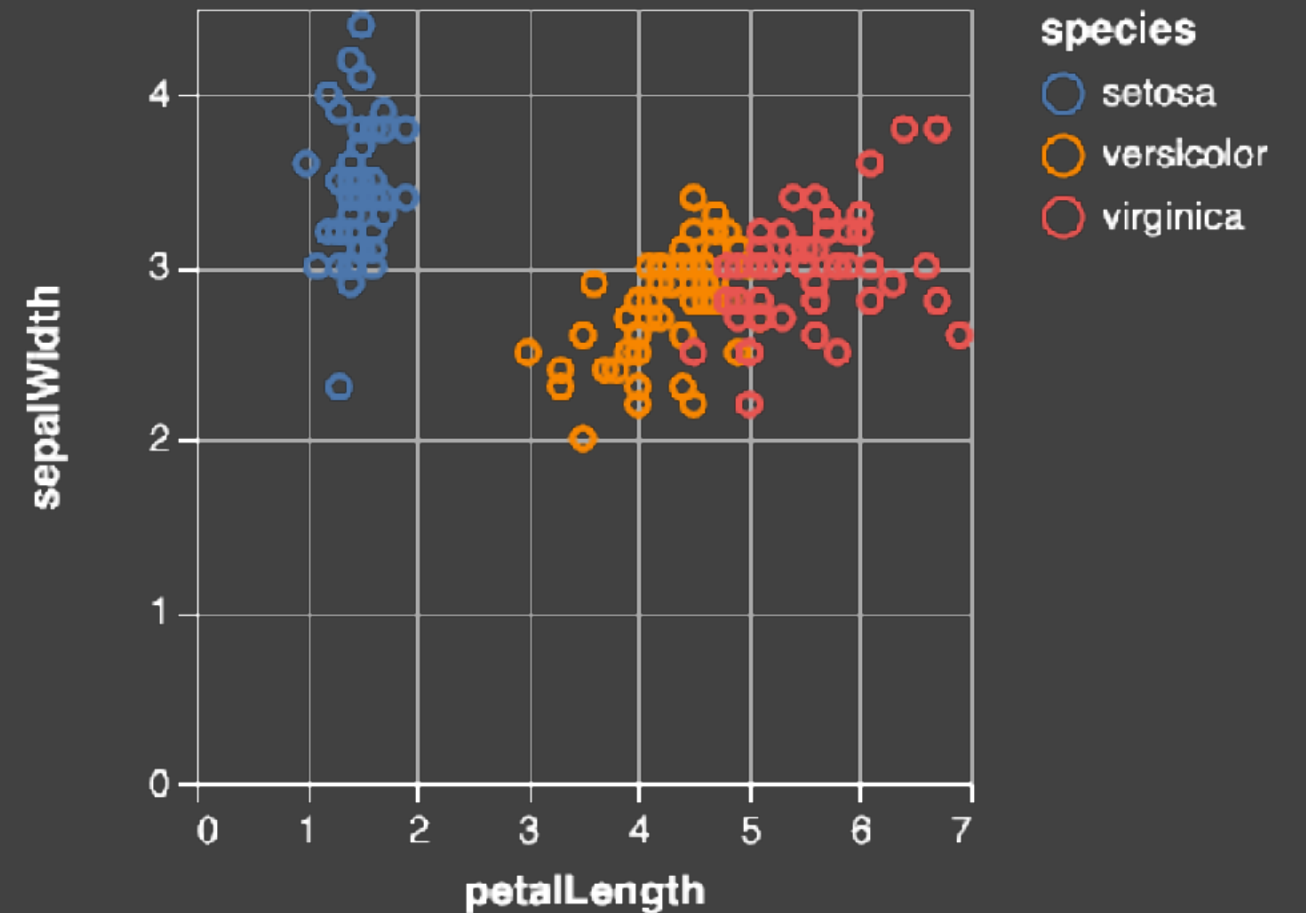
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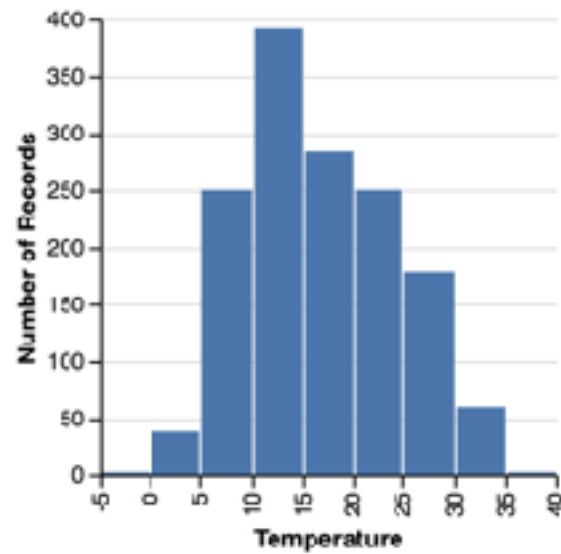
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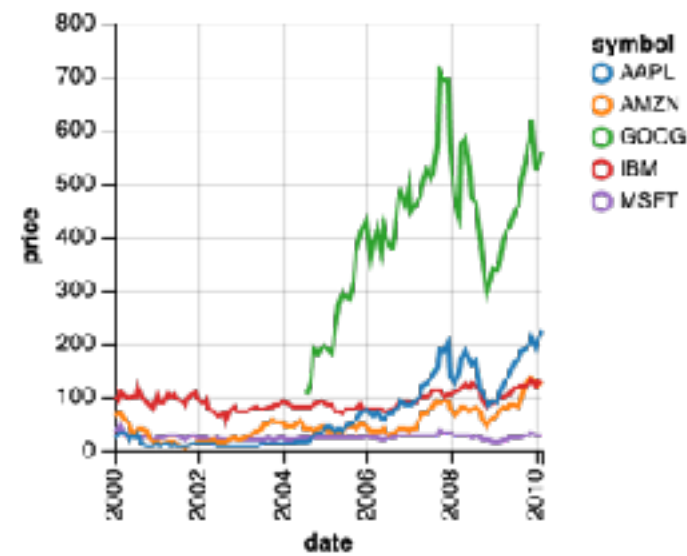


Statistical Graphics

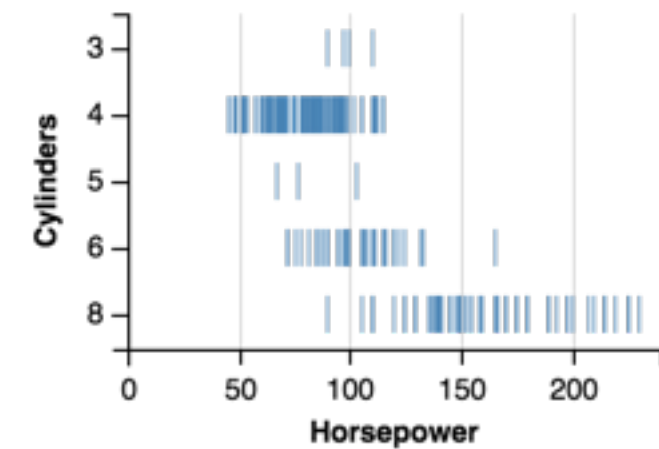
Histogram



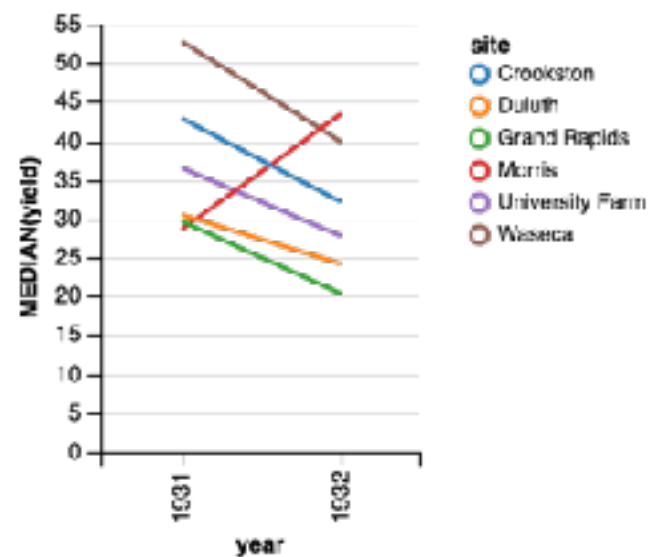
Multi-series Line Chart



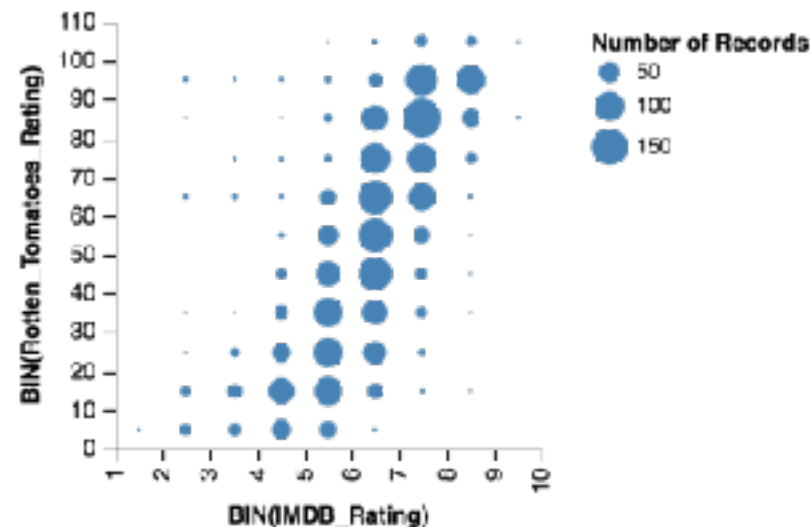
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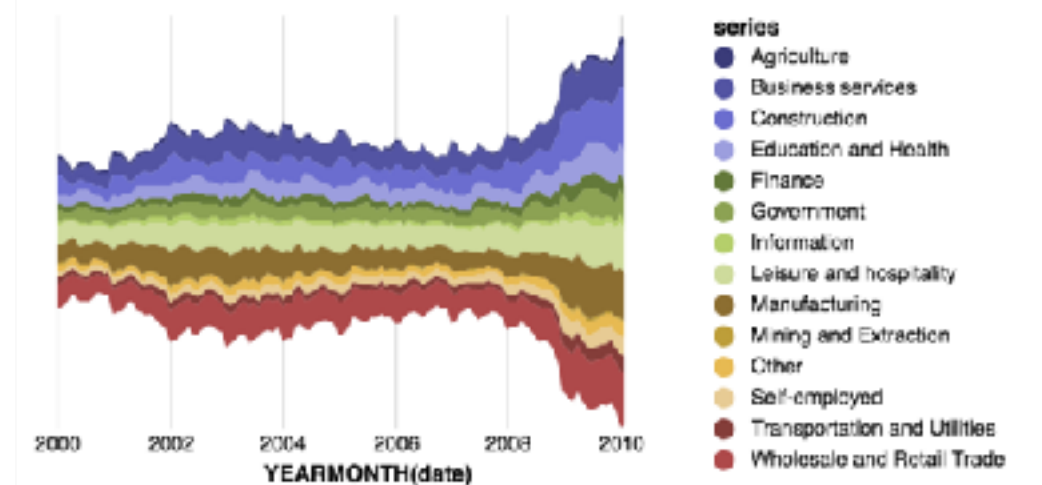
Slope Graph



Binned Scatterplot

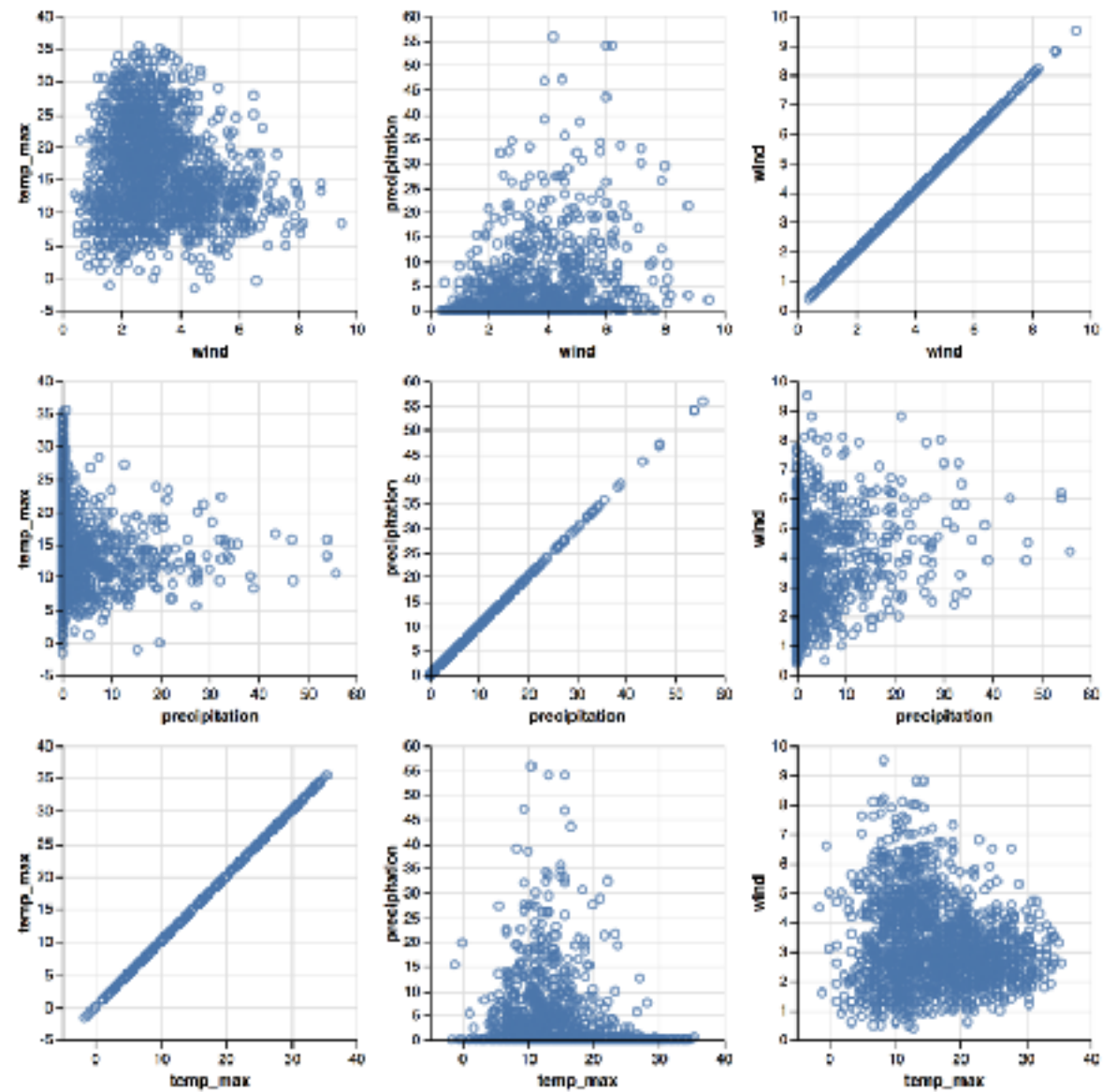


Area Chart

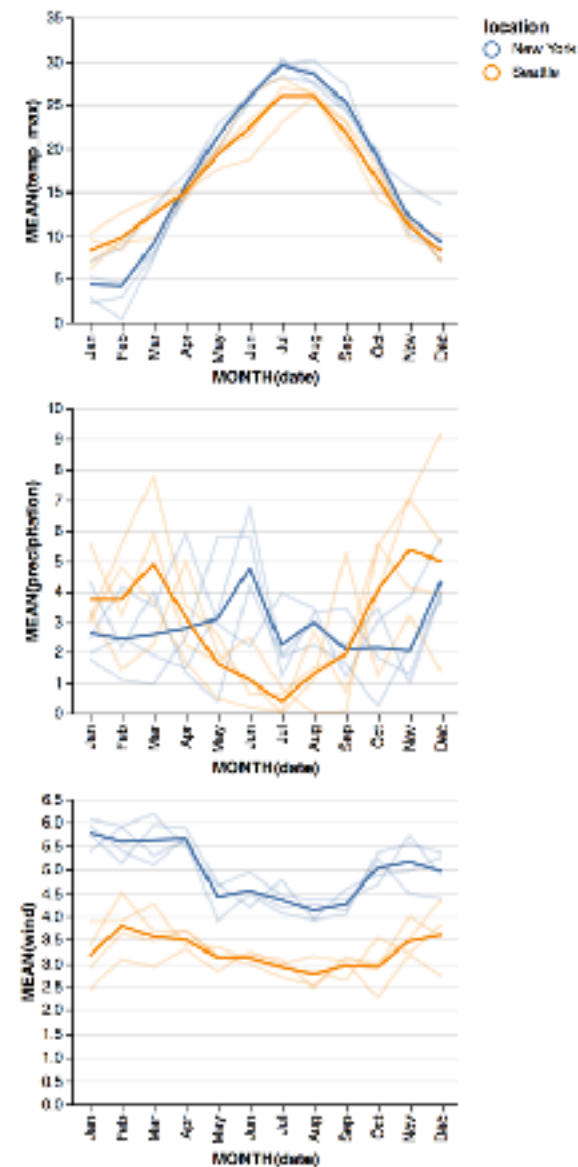


Multi-View Graphics

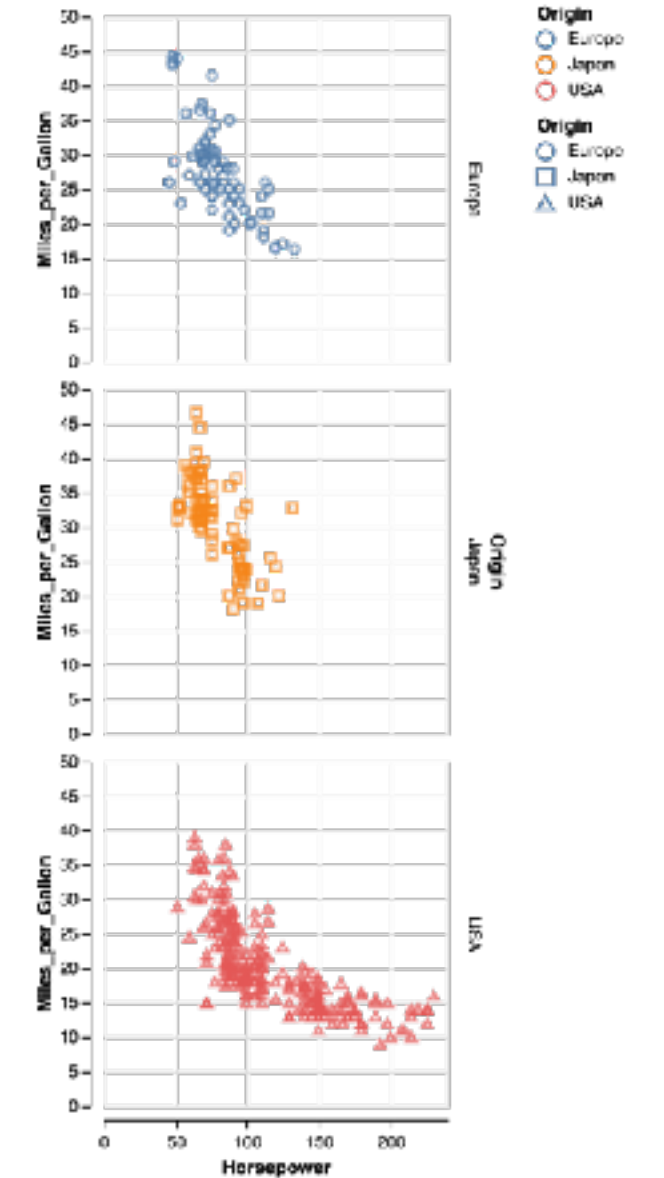
Scatterplot Matrix



Concatenated & Layered View

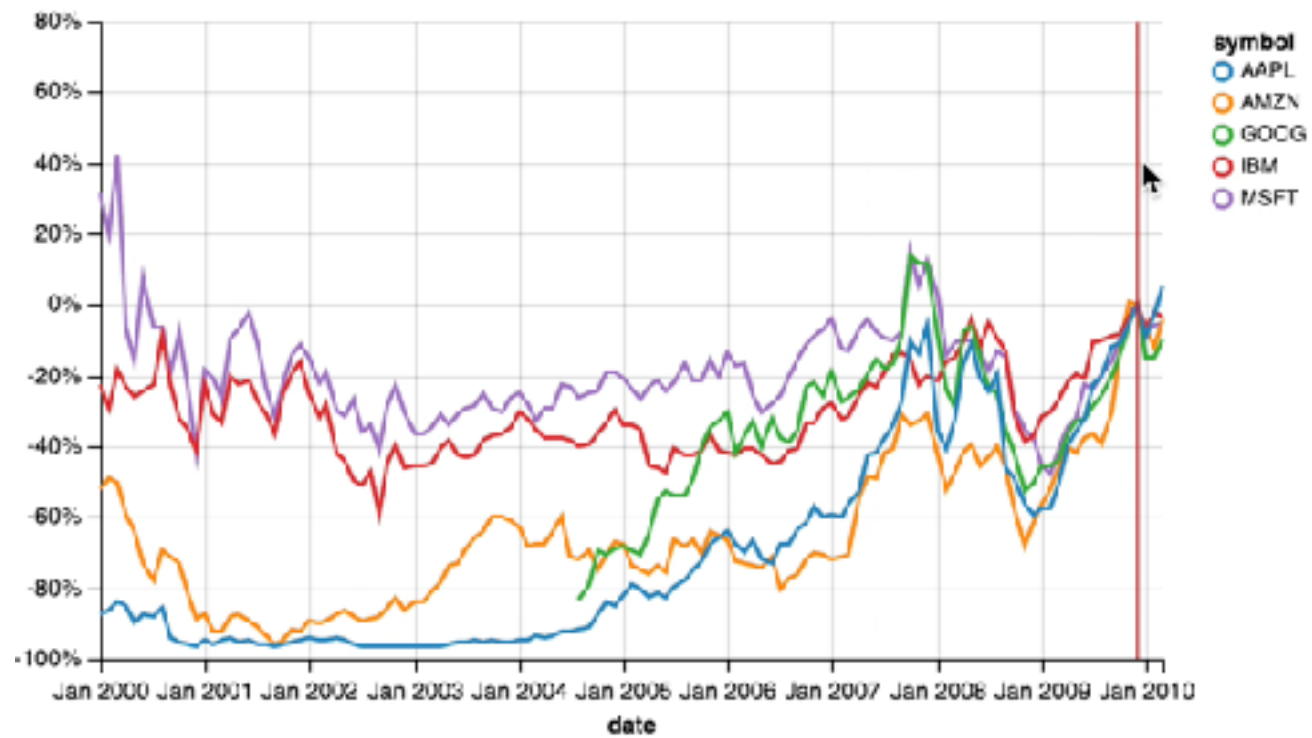


Faceted View

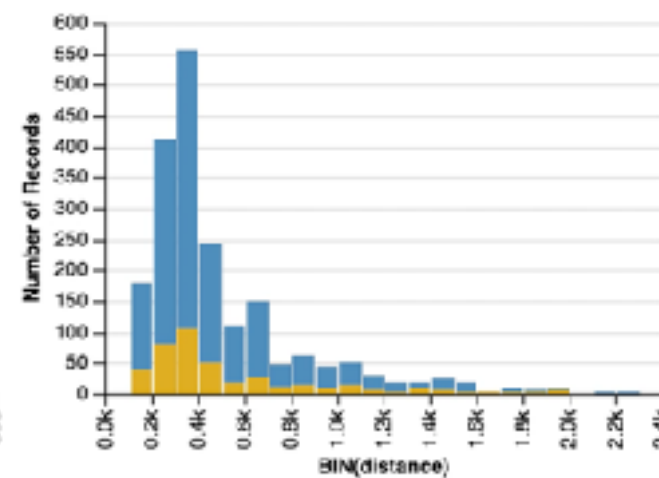
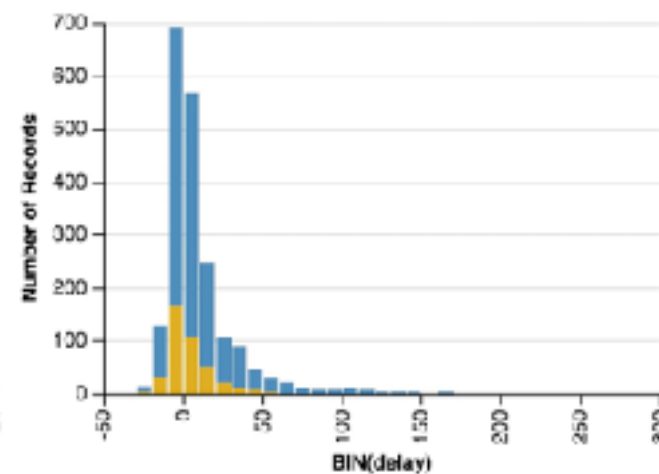
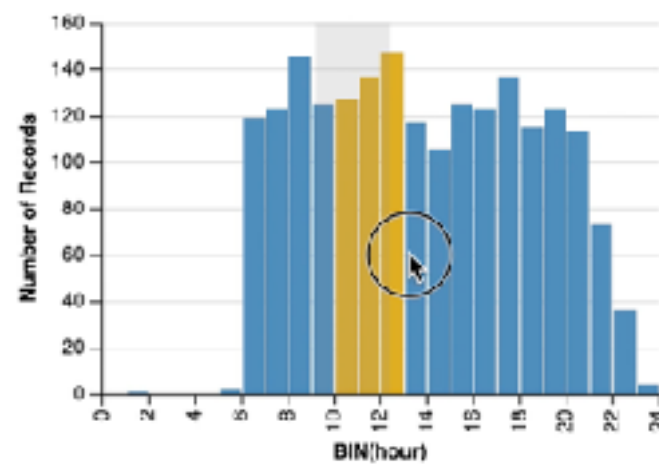
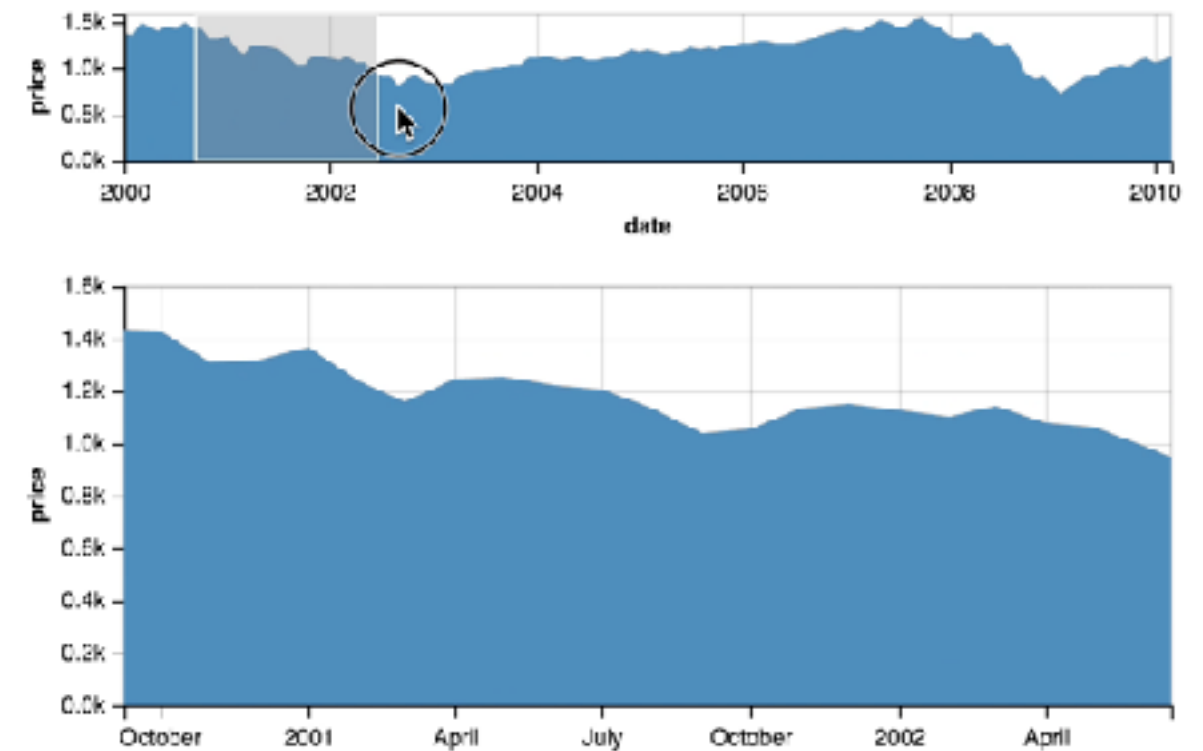


Interactive Multi-View Graphics

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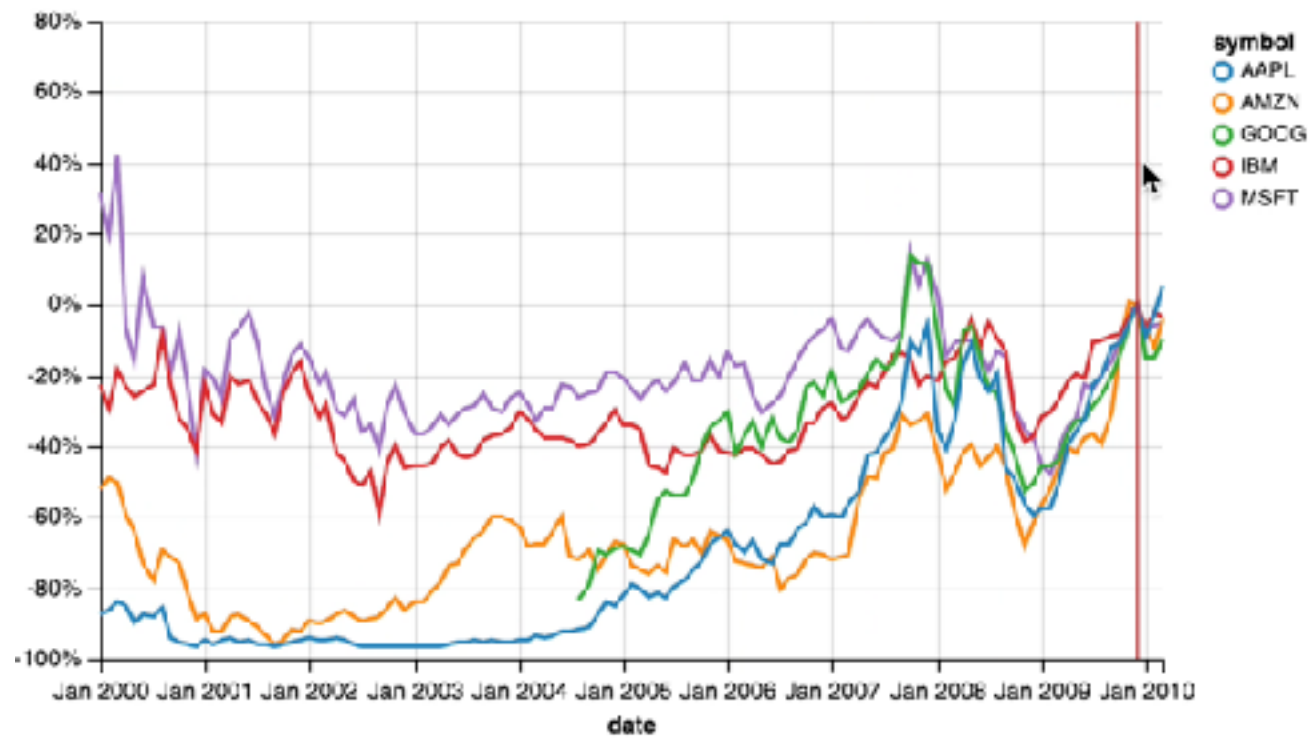
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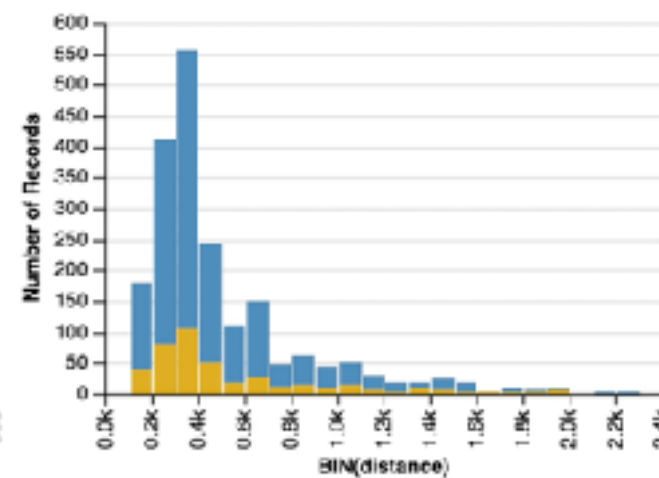
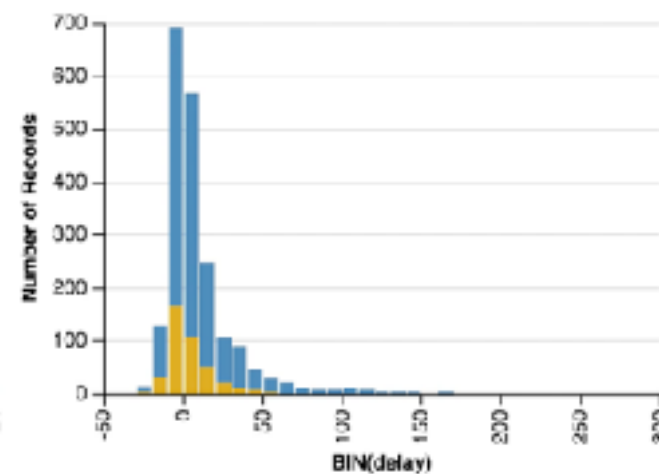
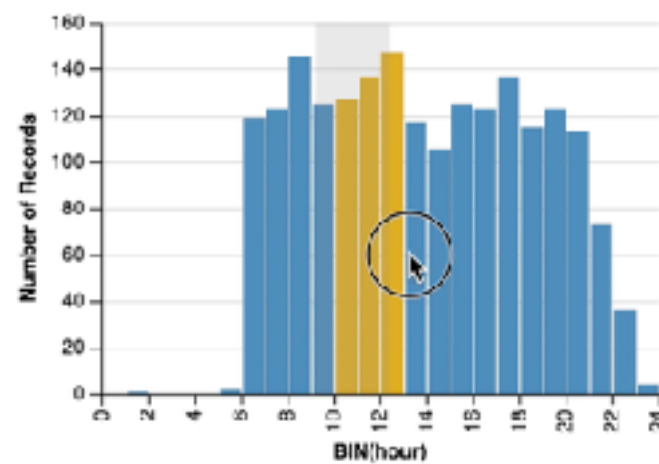
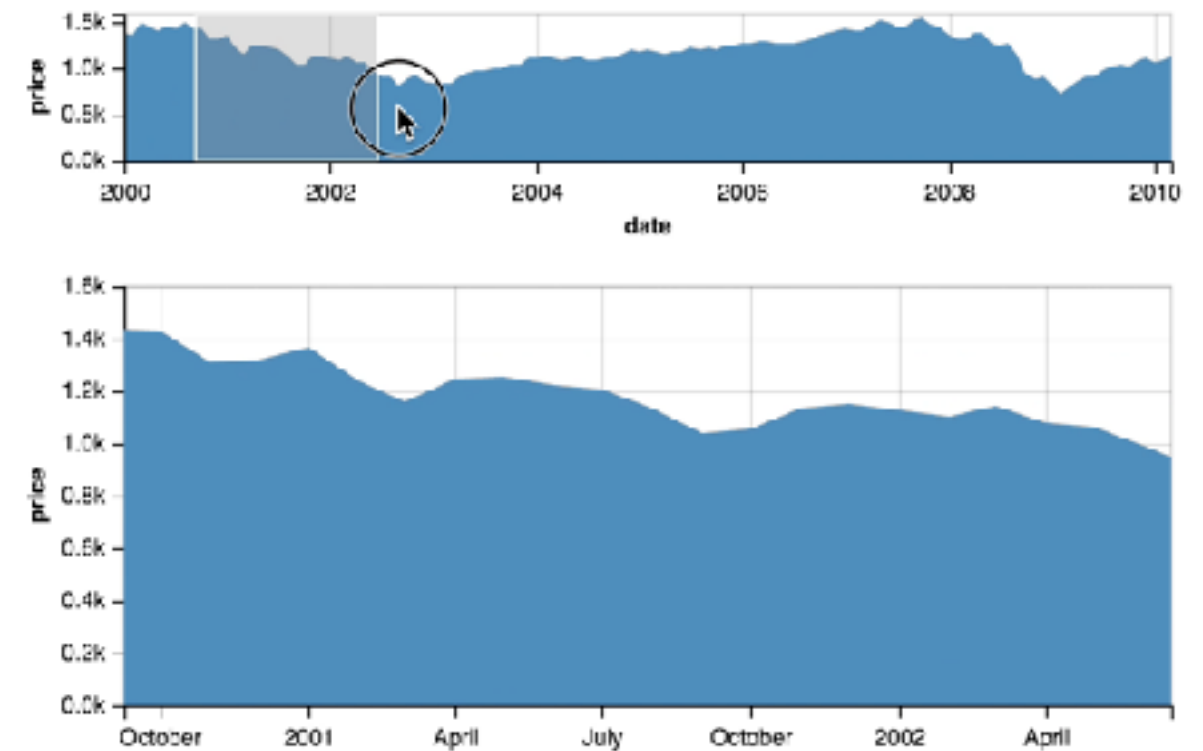
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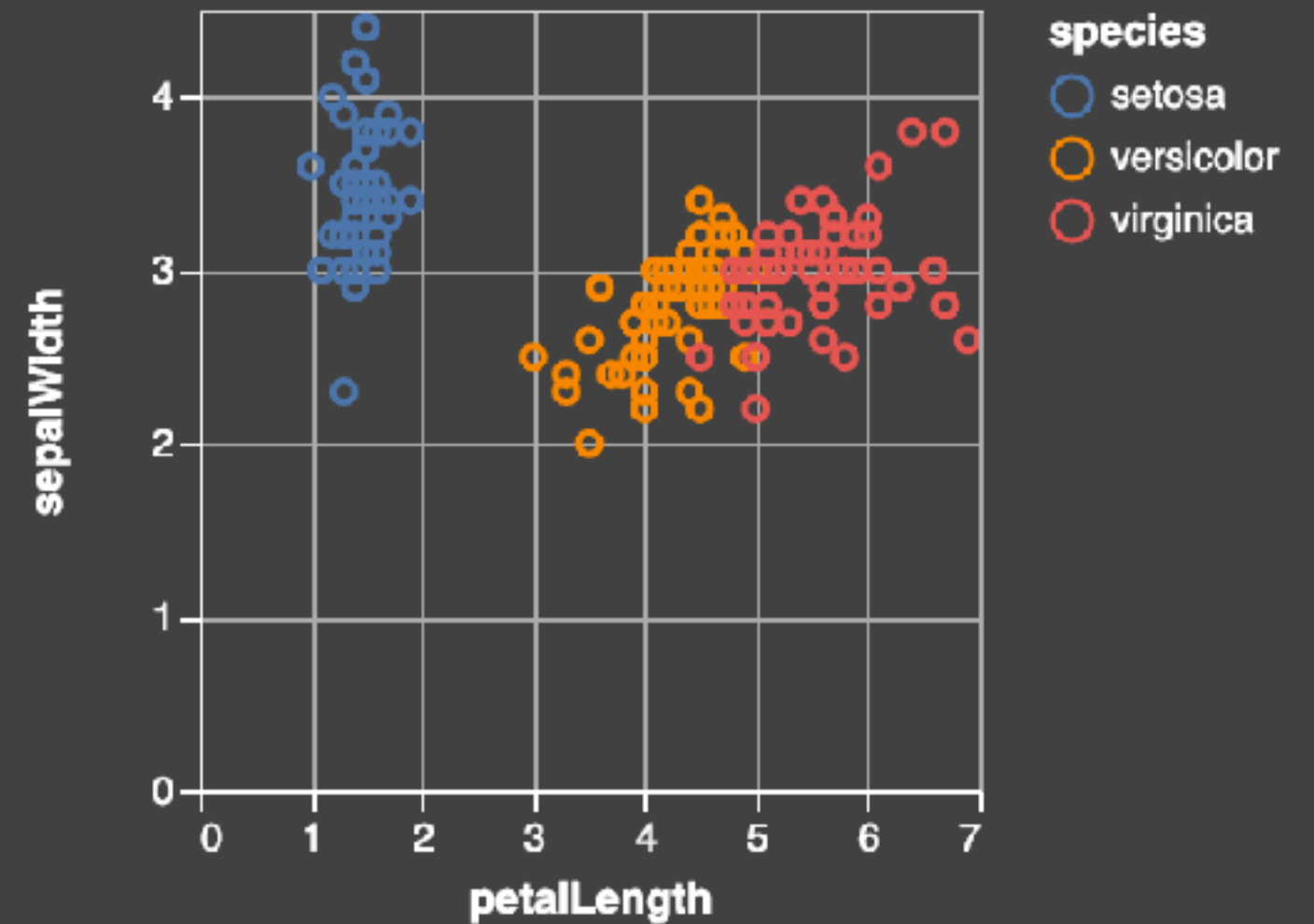
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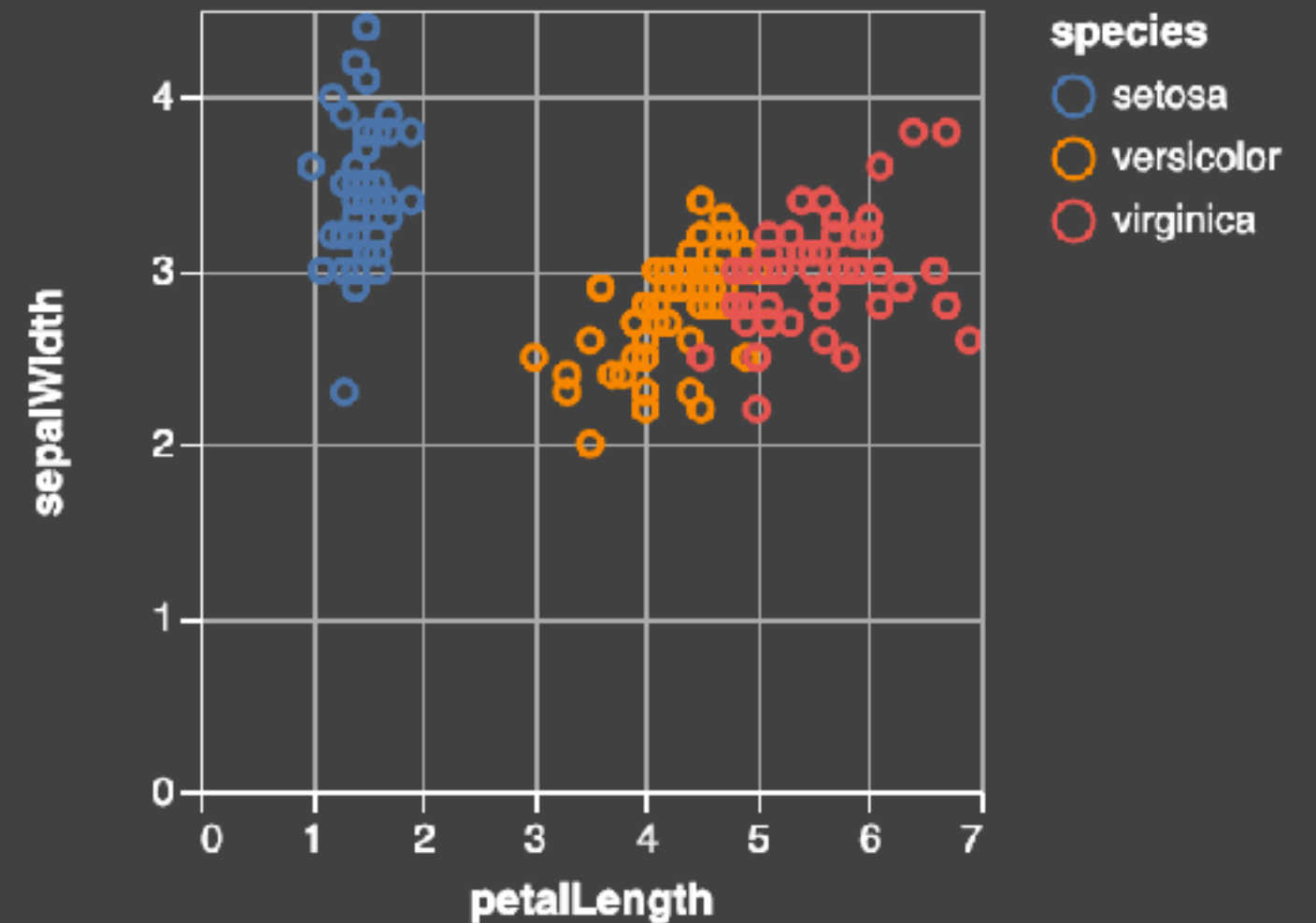
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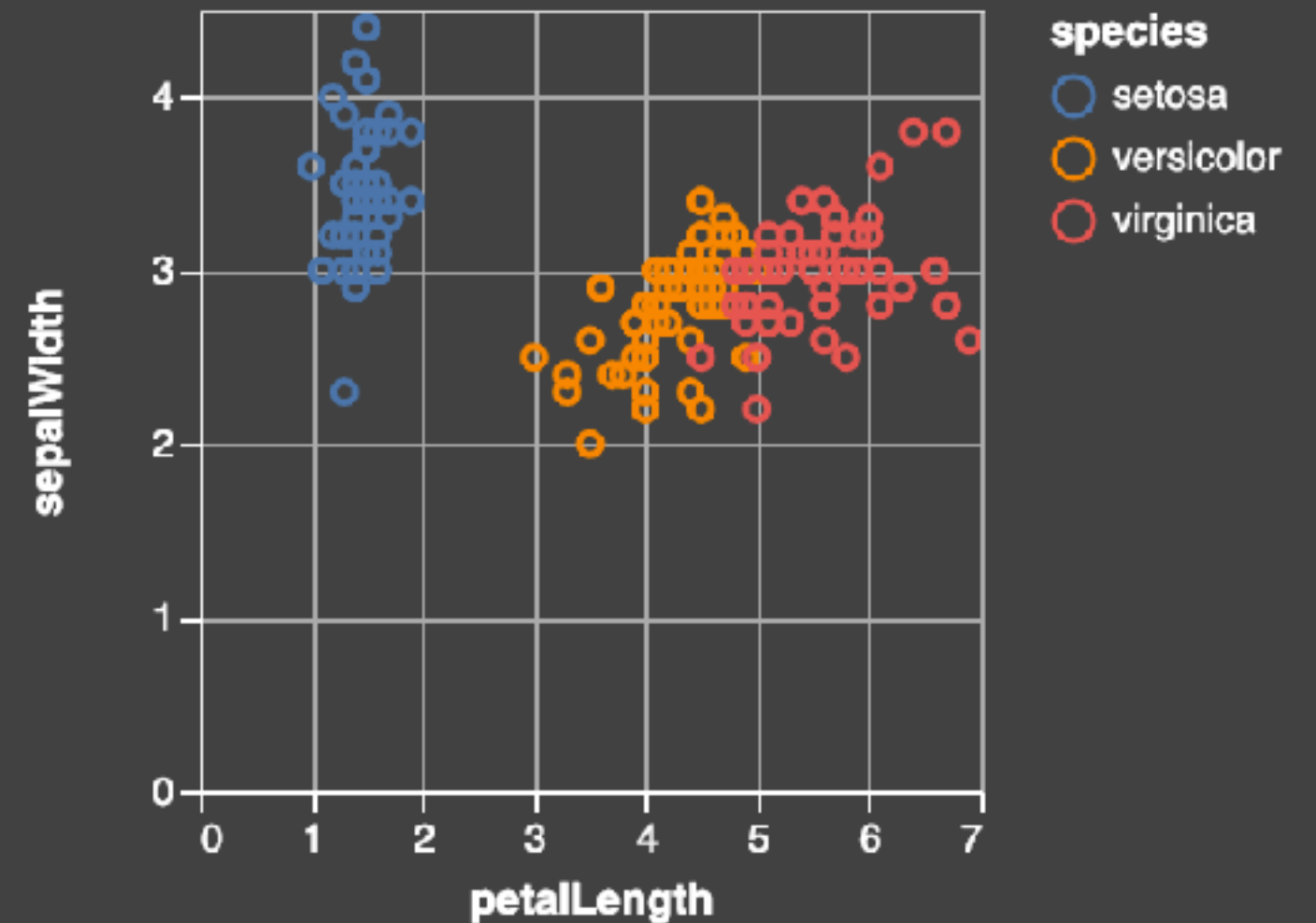


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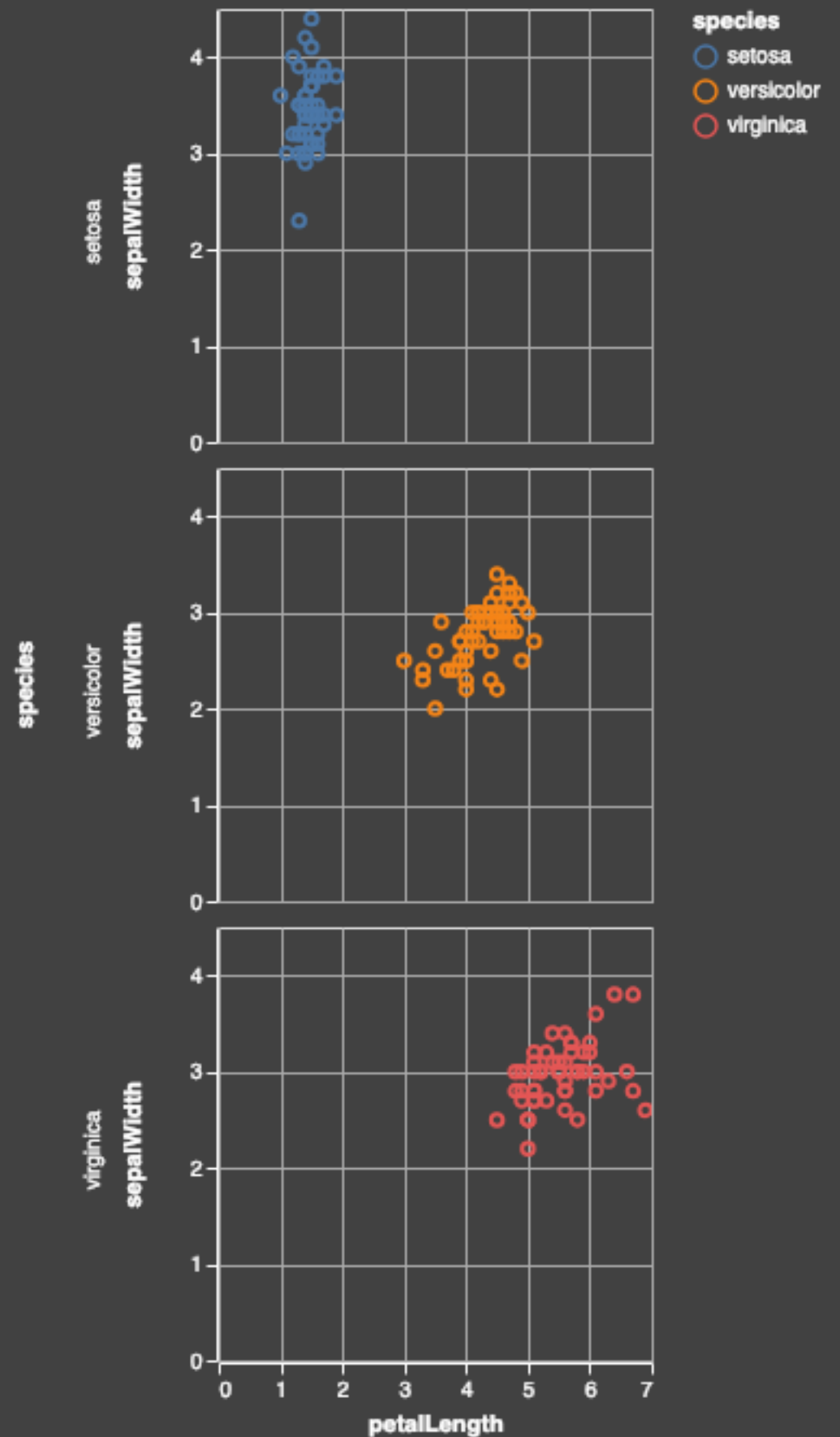


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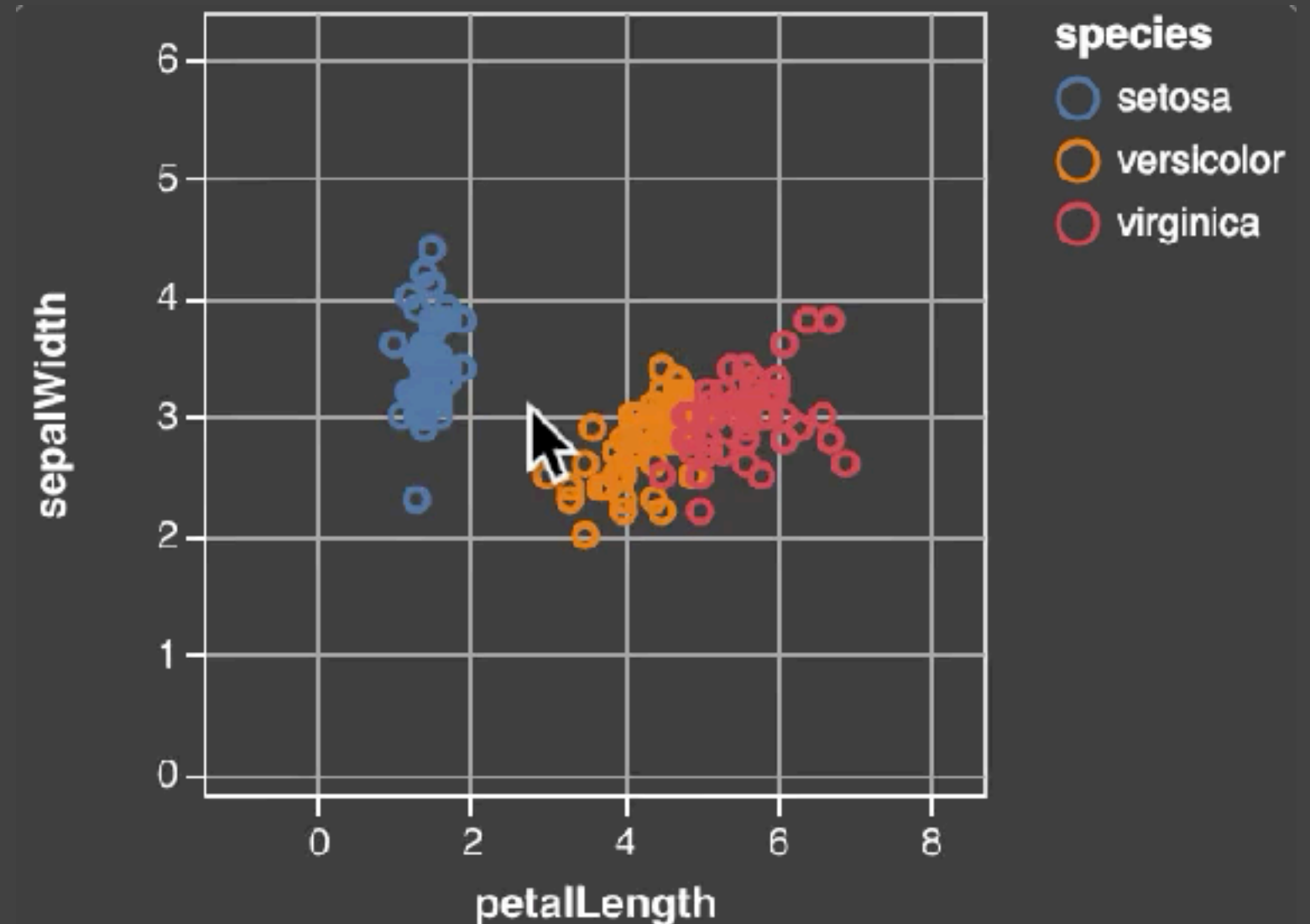


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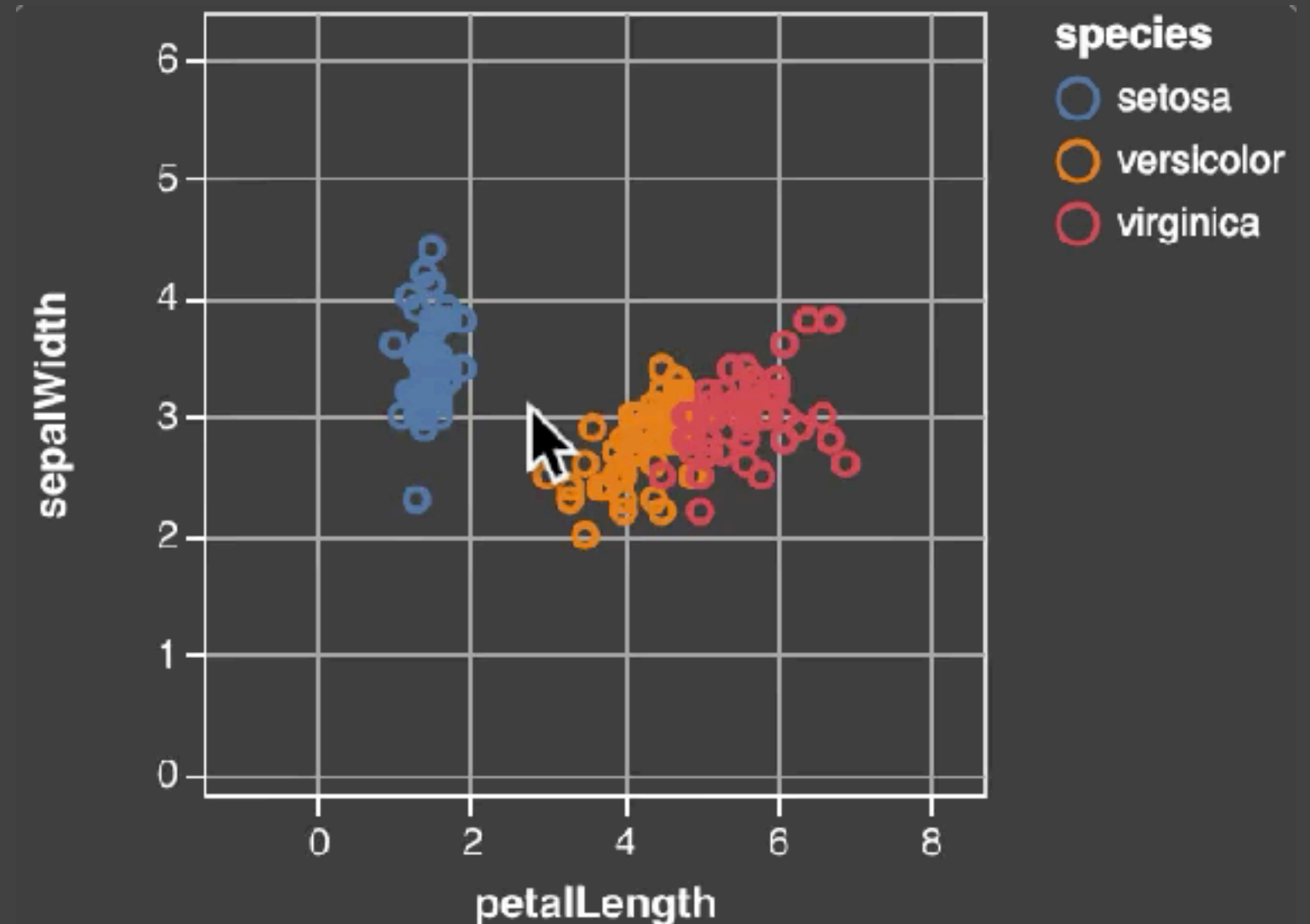


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