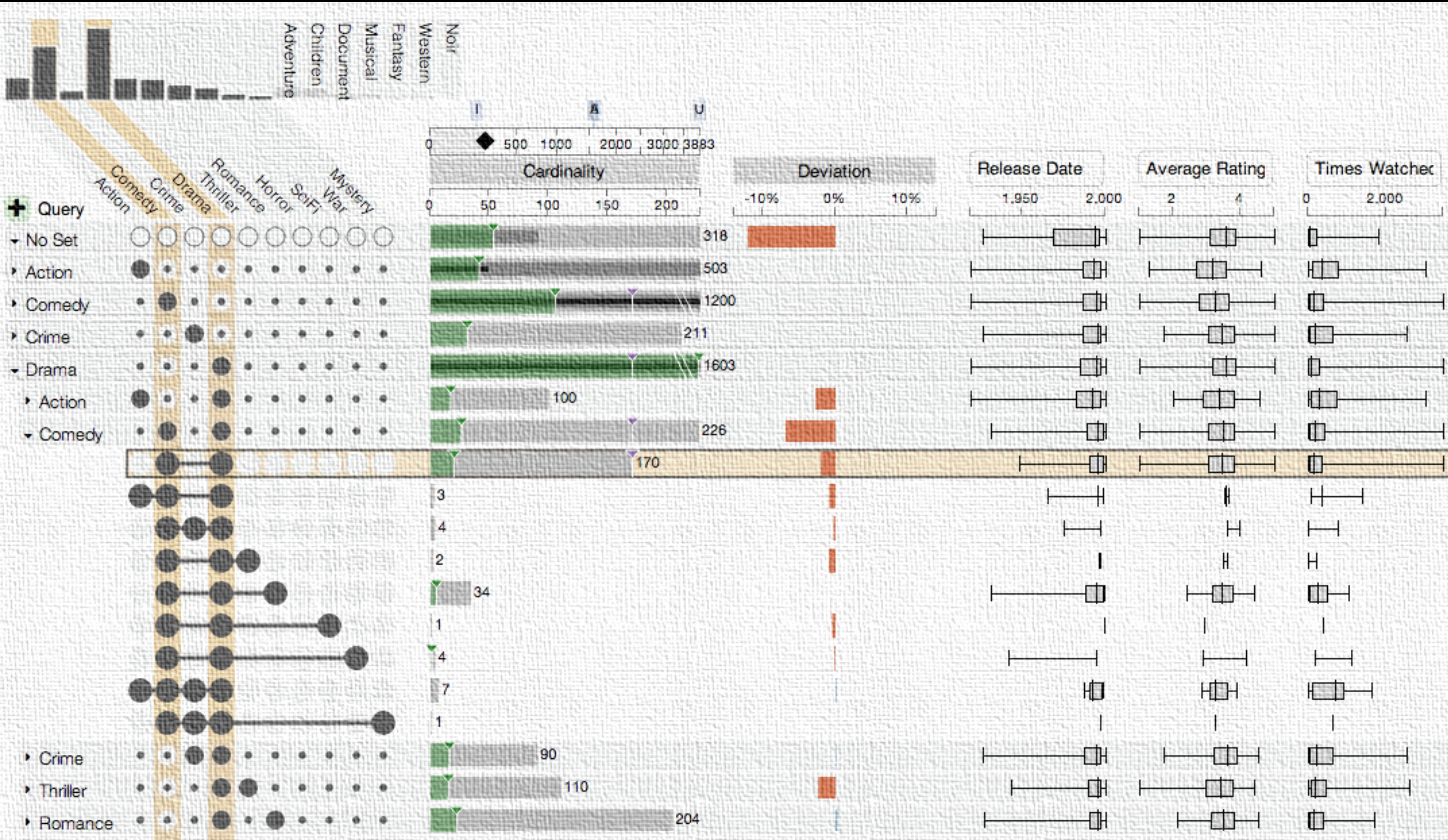




# UpSet: Visualization of Intersecting Sets



***visualization***

***pictures***

***The purpose of computing is insight, not numbers.***

**- Richard Wesley Hamming**

**- Card, Mackinlay, Shneiderman**

**Banana**

***M. acuminata***

**Date**

***P. dactylifera***

**Cress**

***Arabidopsis thaliana***

**Rice**

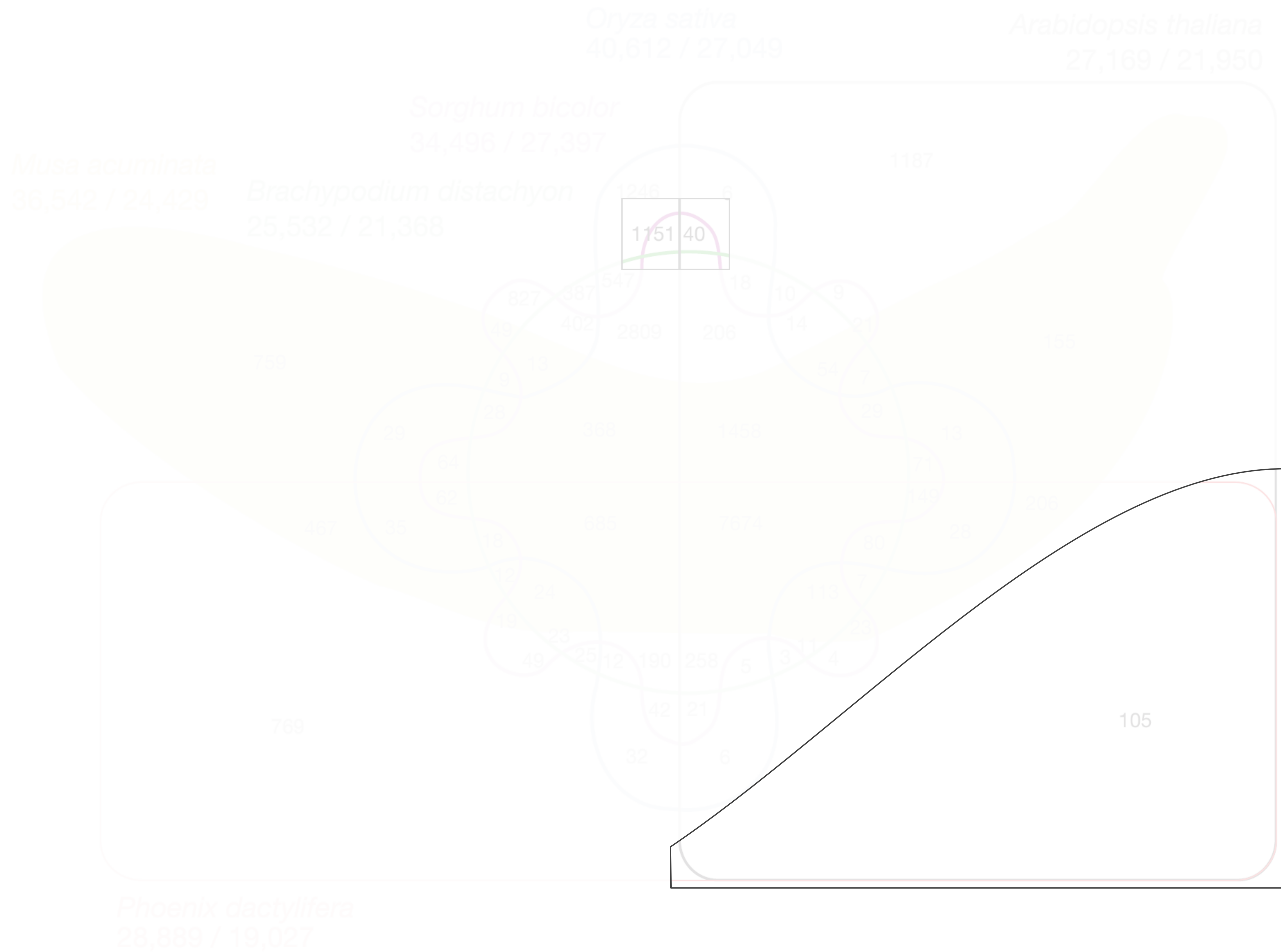
***Oryza sativa***

**Sorghum**

***Sorghum bicolor***

**Brome**

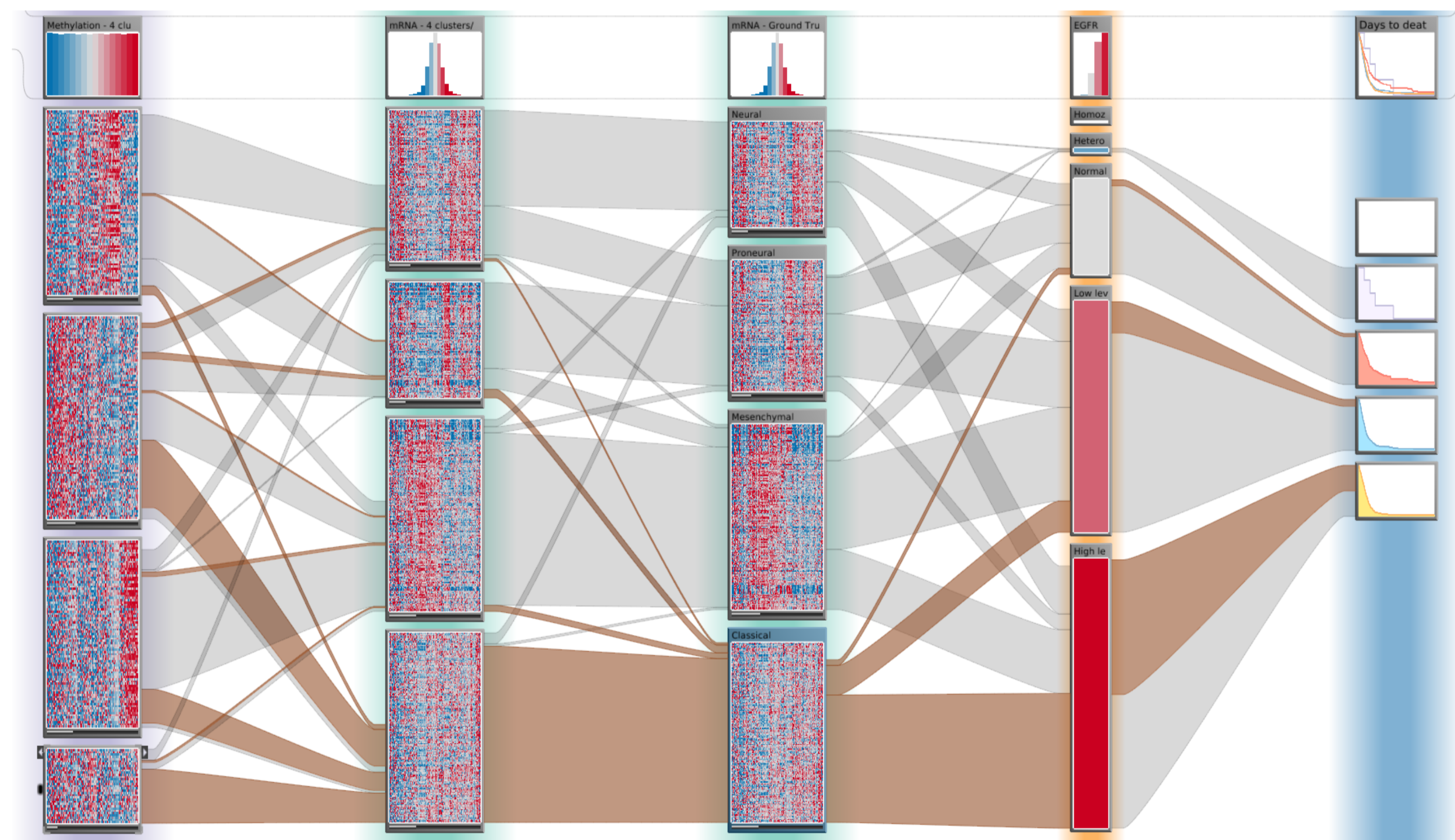
***Brachypodium distachyon***



# Good Data Visualization

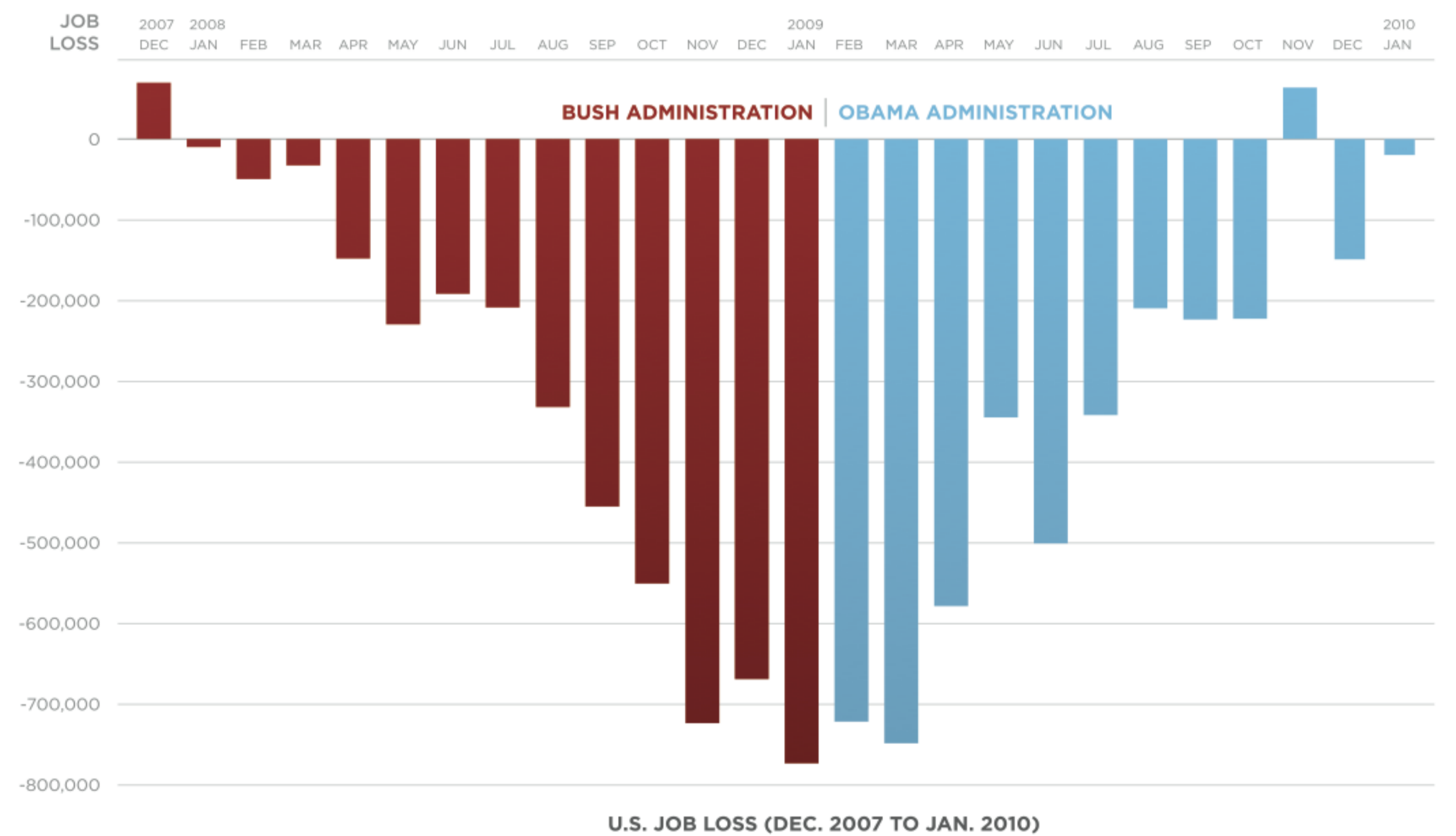
- ... makes data **accessible**
- ... combines strengths of **humans and computers**
- ... enables **insight**
- ... **communicates**

# Purpose of Visualization



**Open Exploration**

**[Obama Administration]**



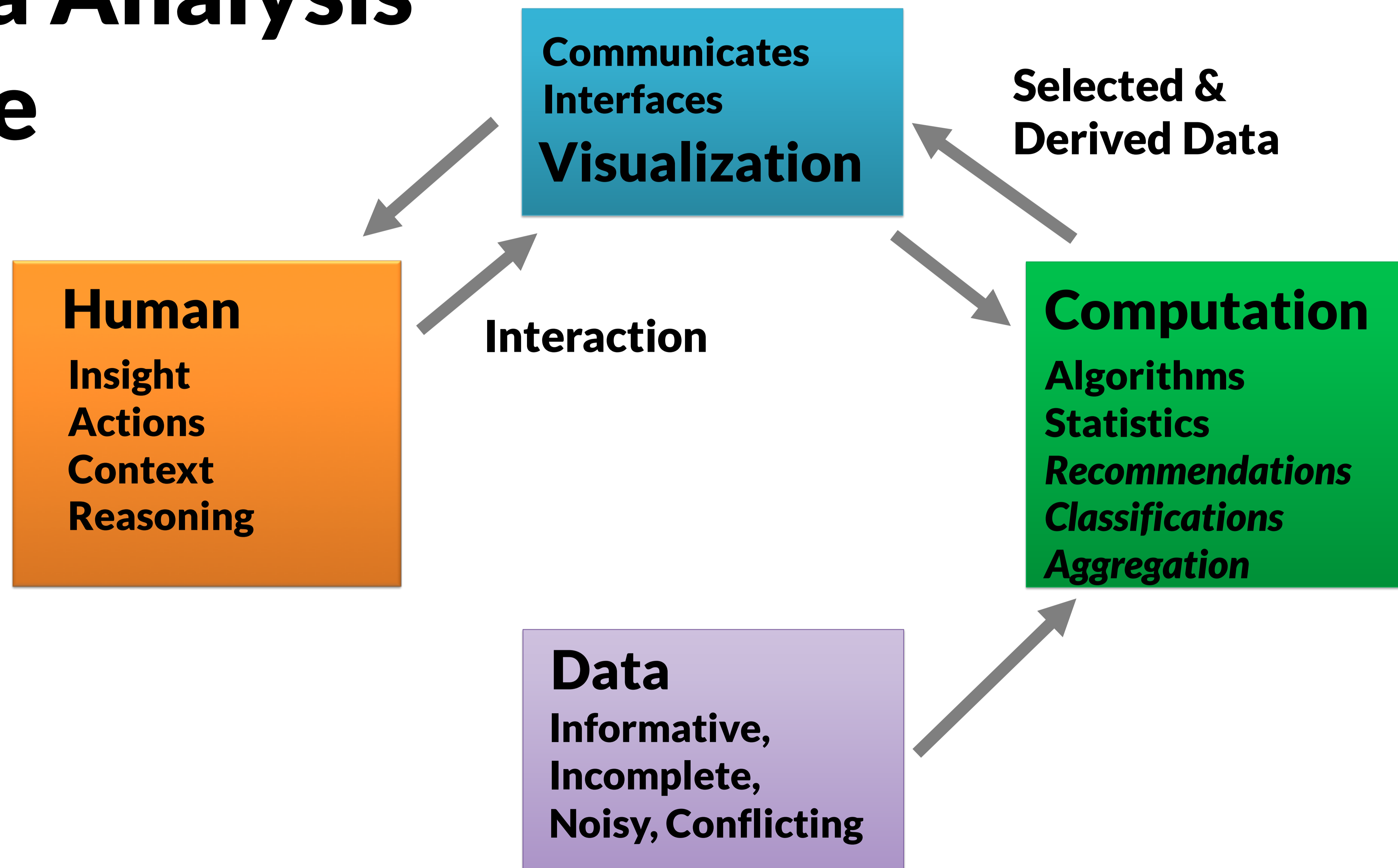
U.S. JOB LOSS (DEC. 2007 TO JAN. 2010)

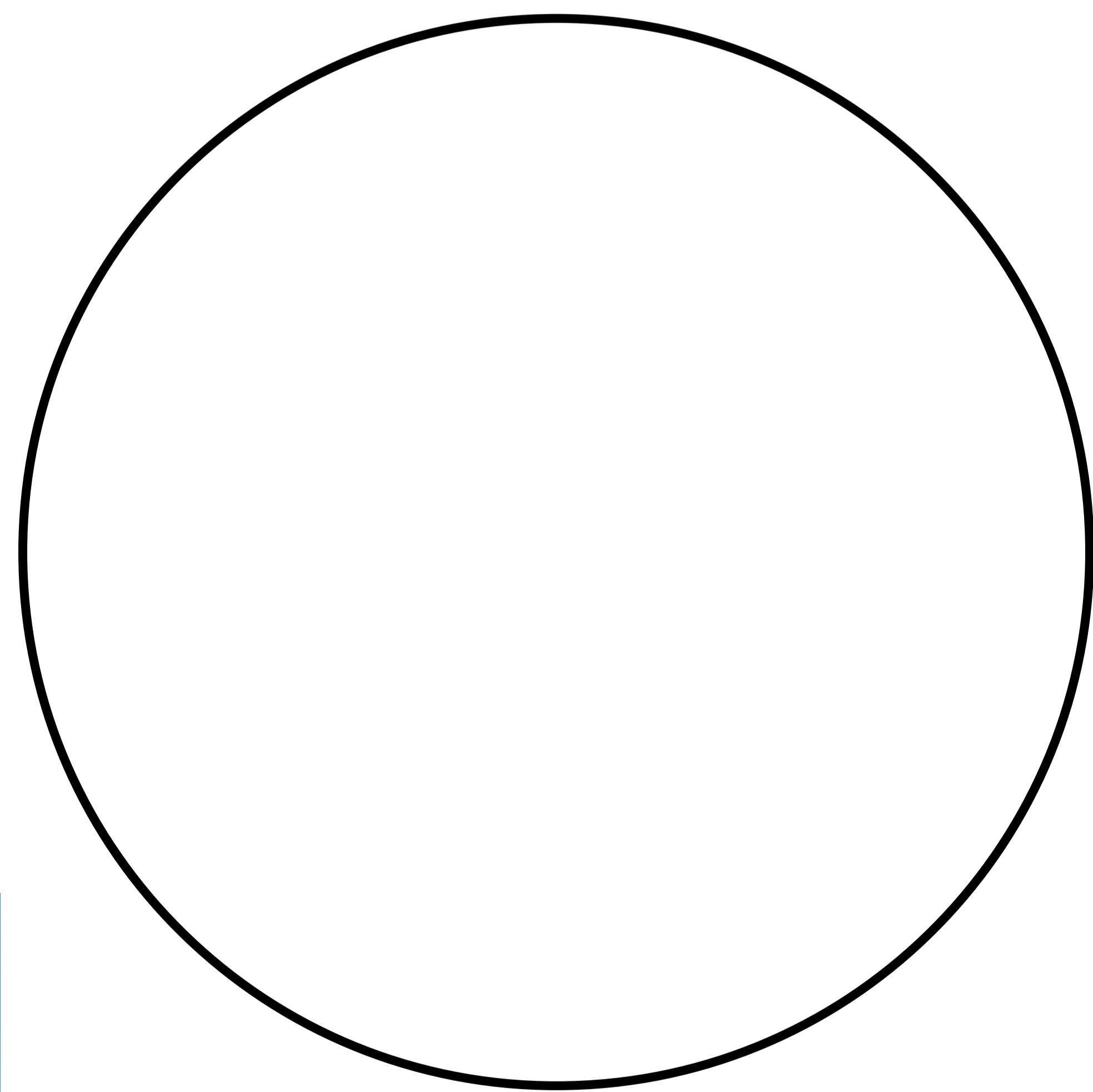
SOURCE: BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS, 02/12/2010

**Communication**

# Interacting with Data

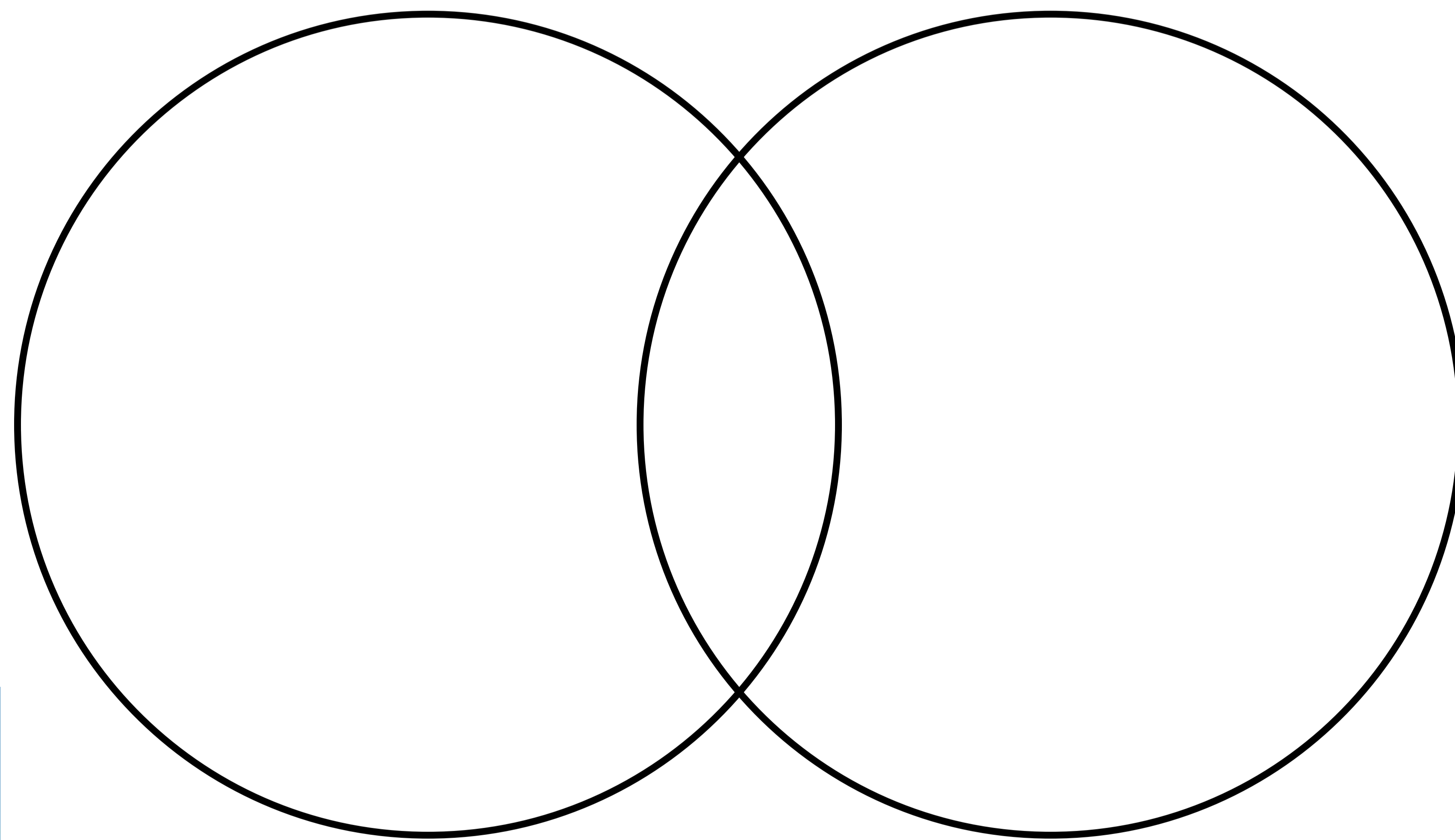
**The Future of Data Analysis  
is (also) Interactive**





**School**





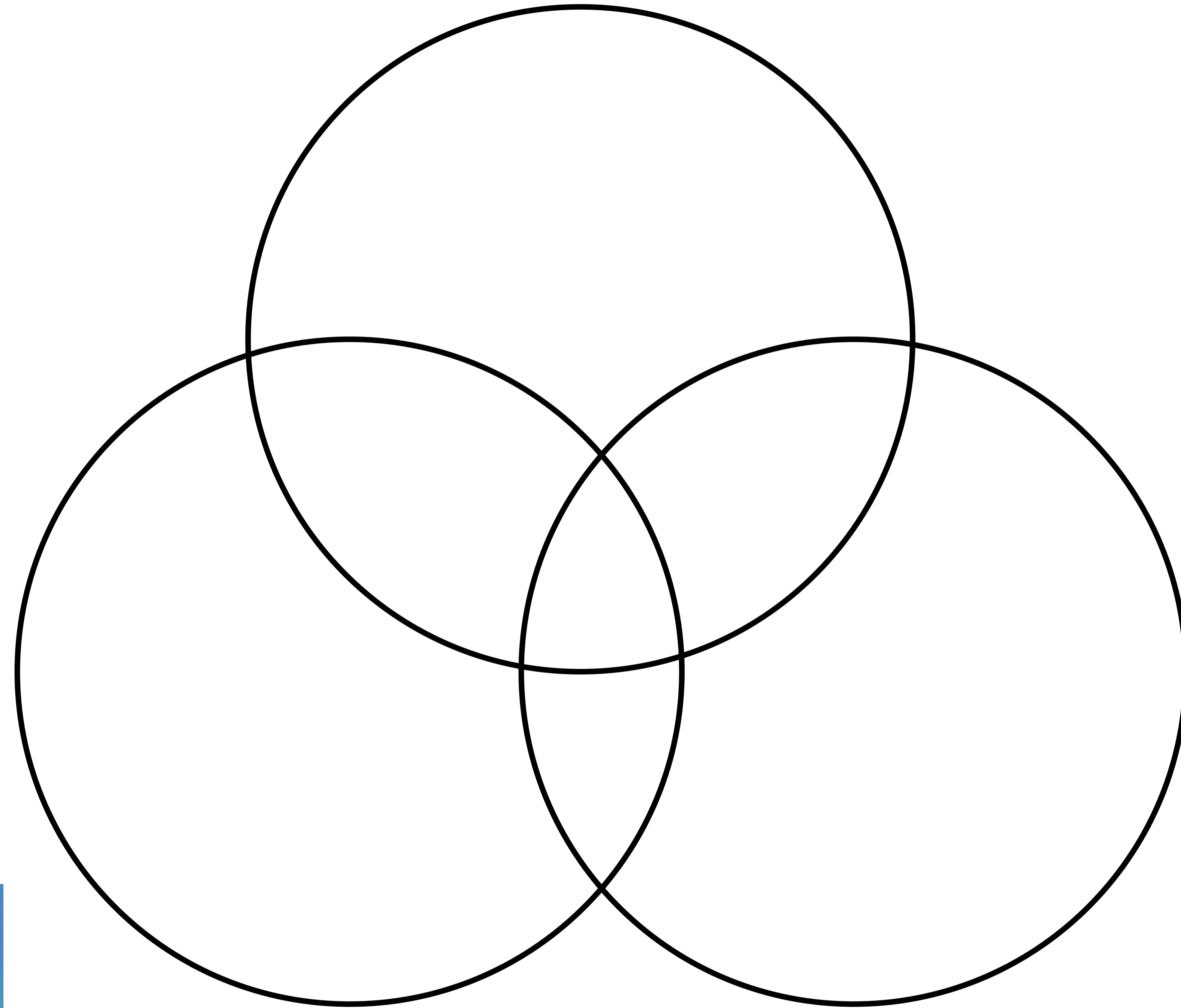
**School**

**Power Plant**





**Evil**



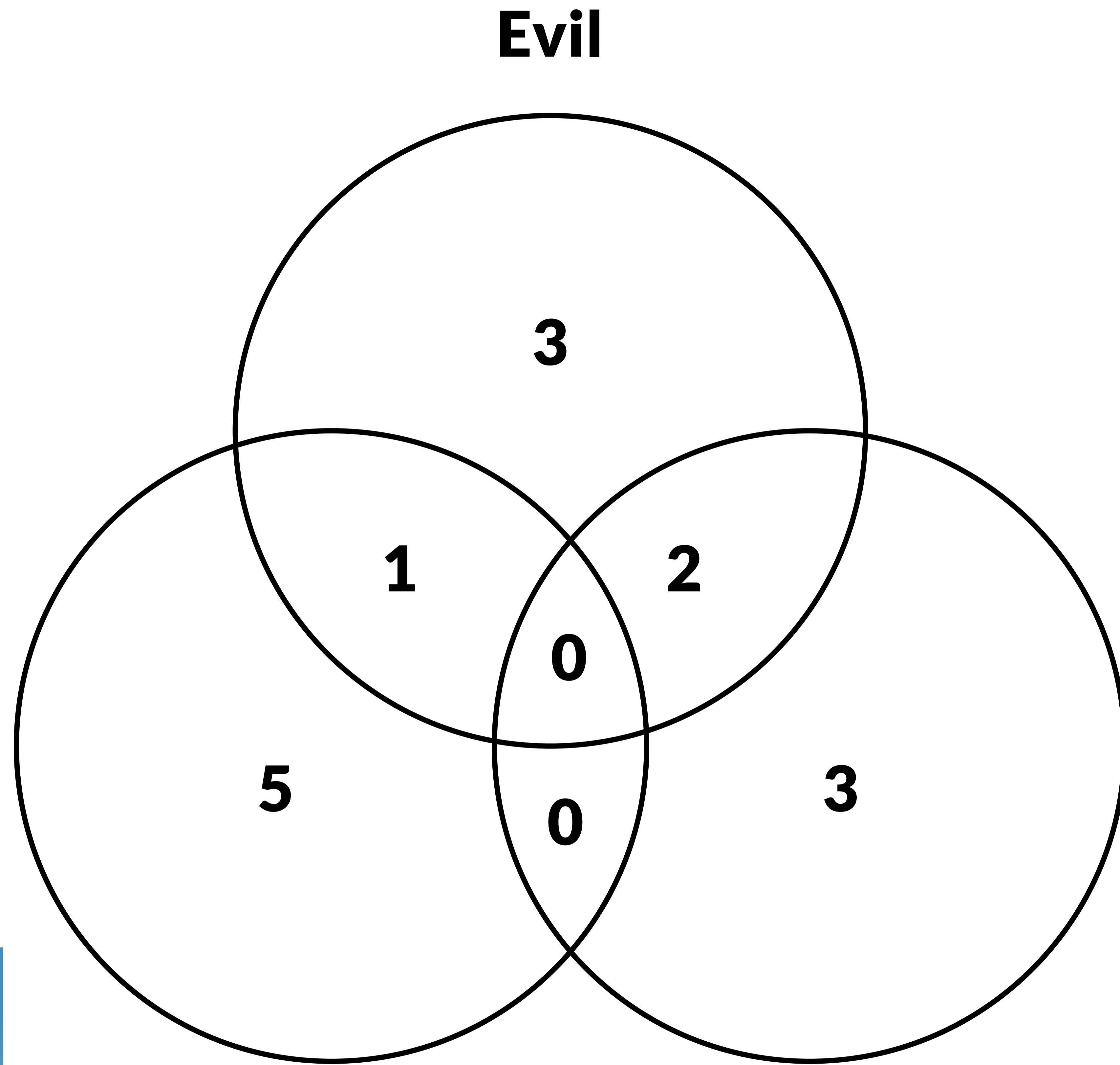
**School**

**Power Plant**





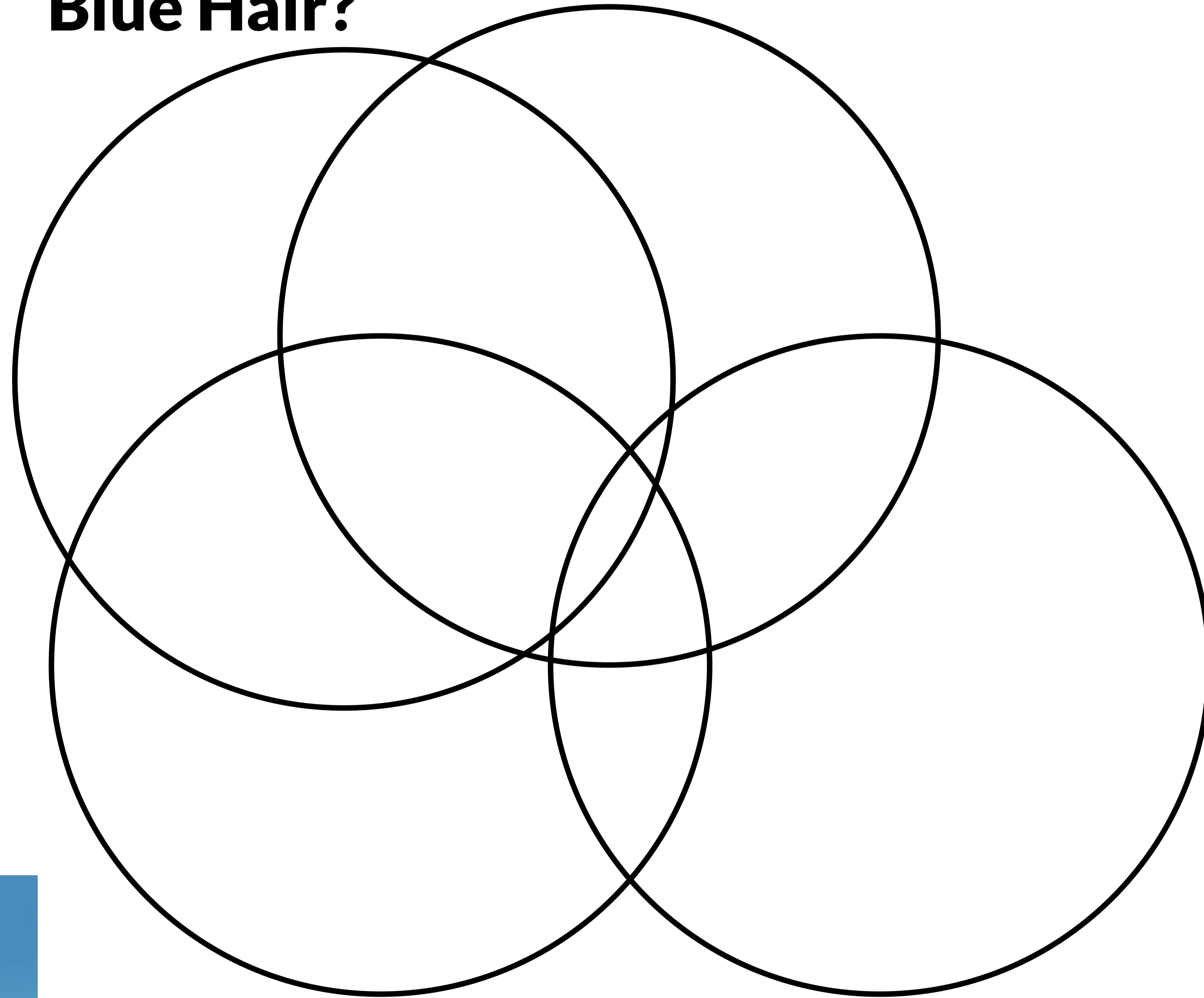
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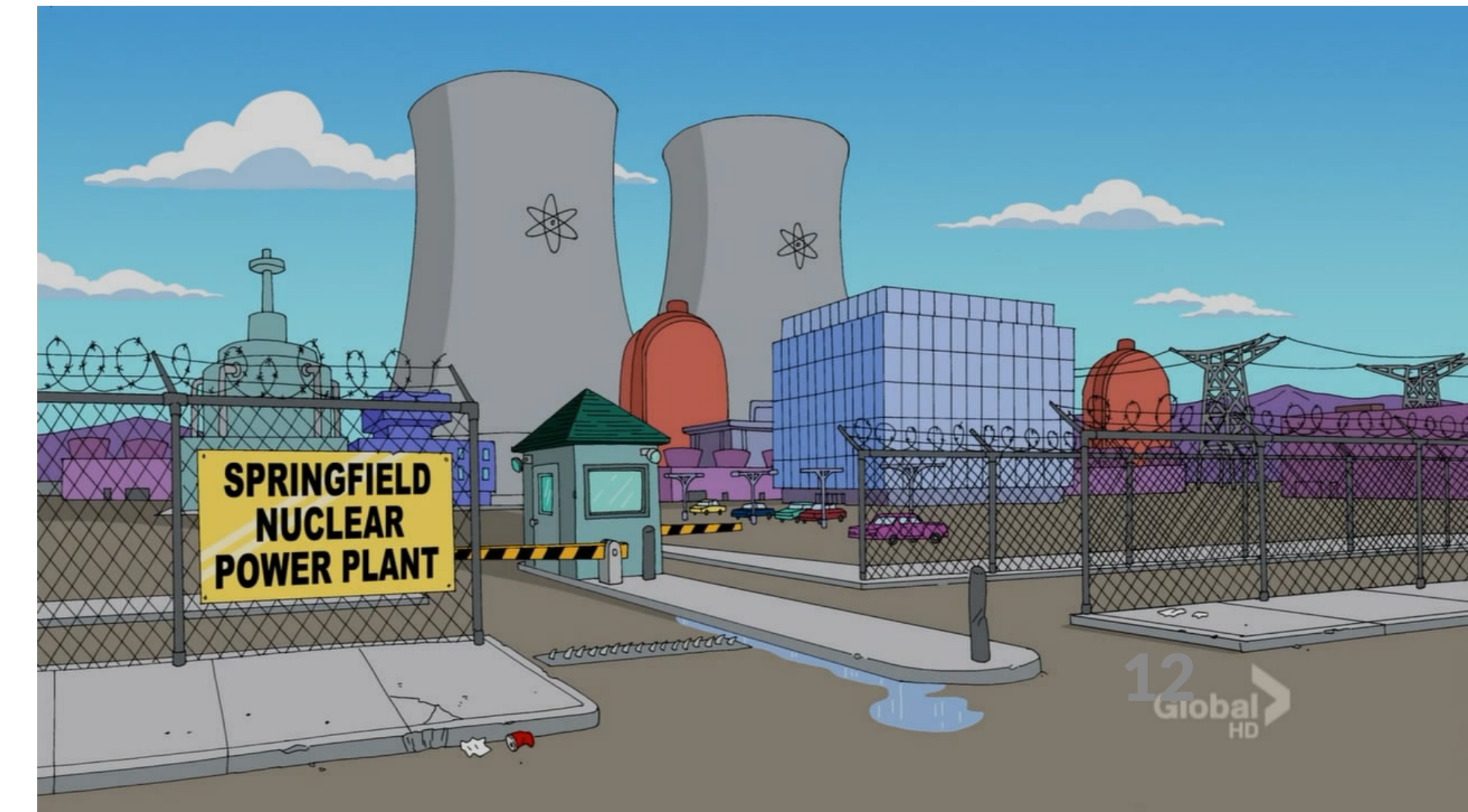
**Blue Hair?**

**Evil**



**School**

**Power Plant**

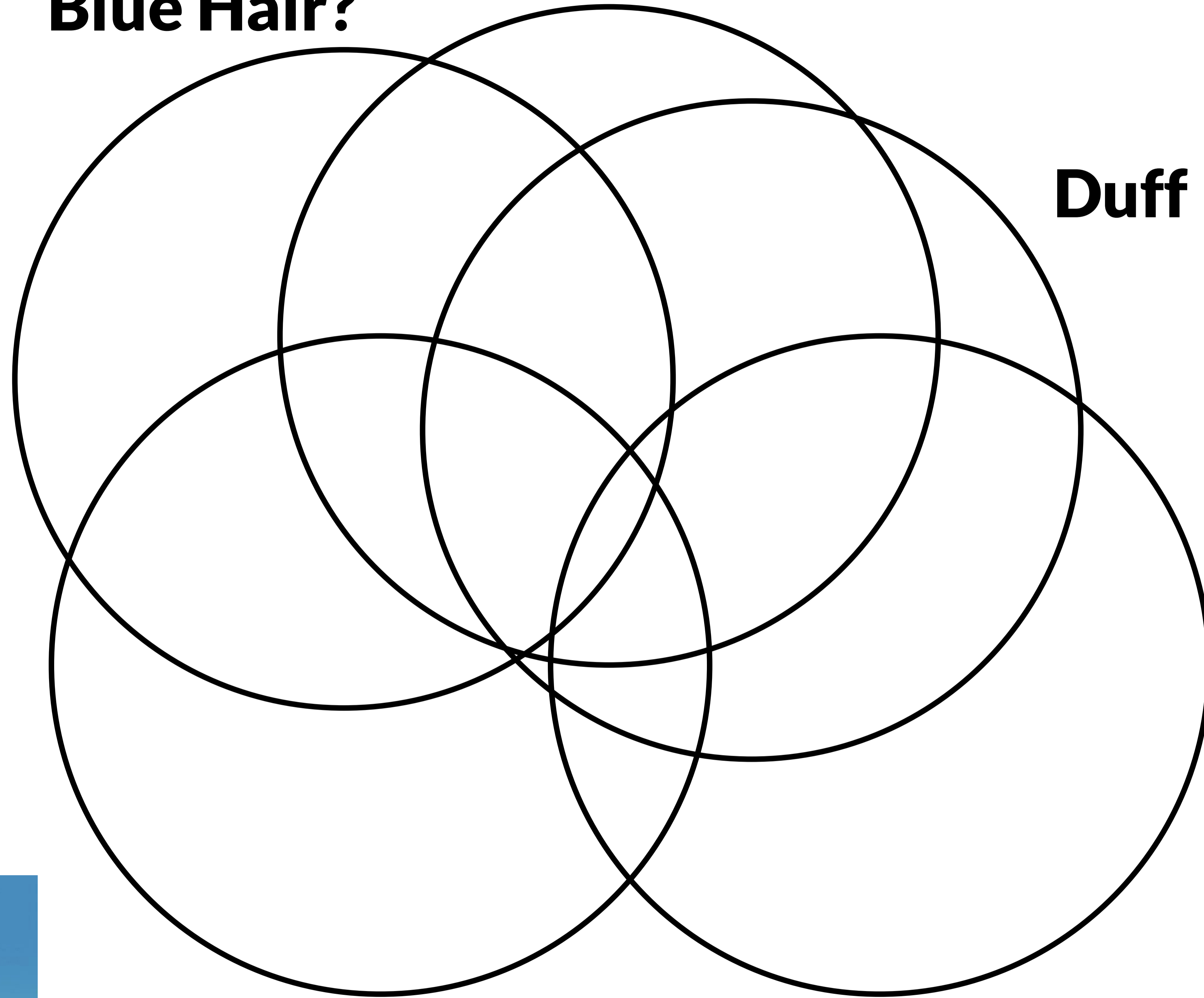




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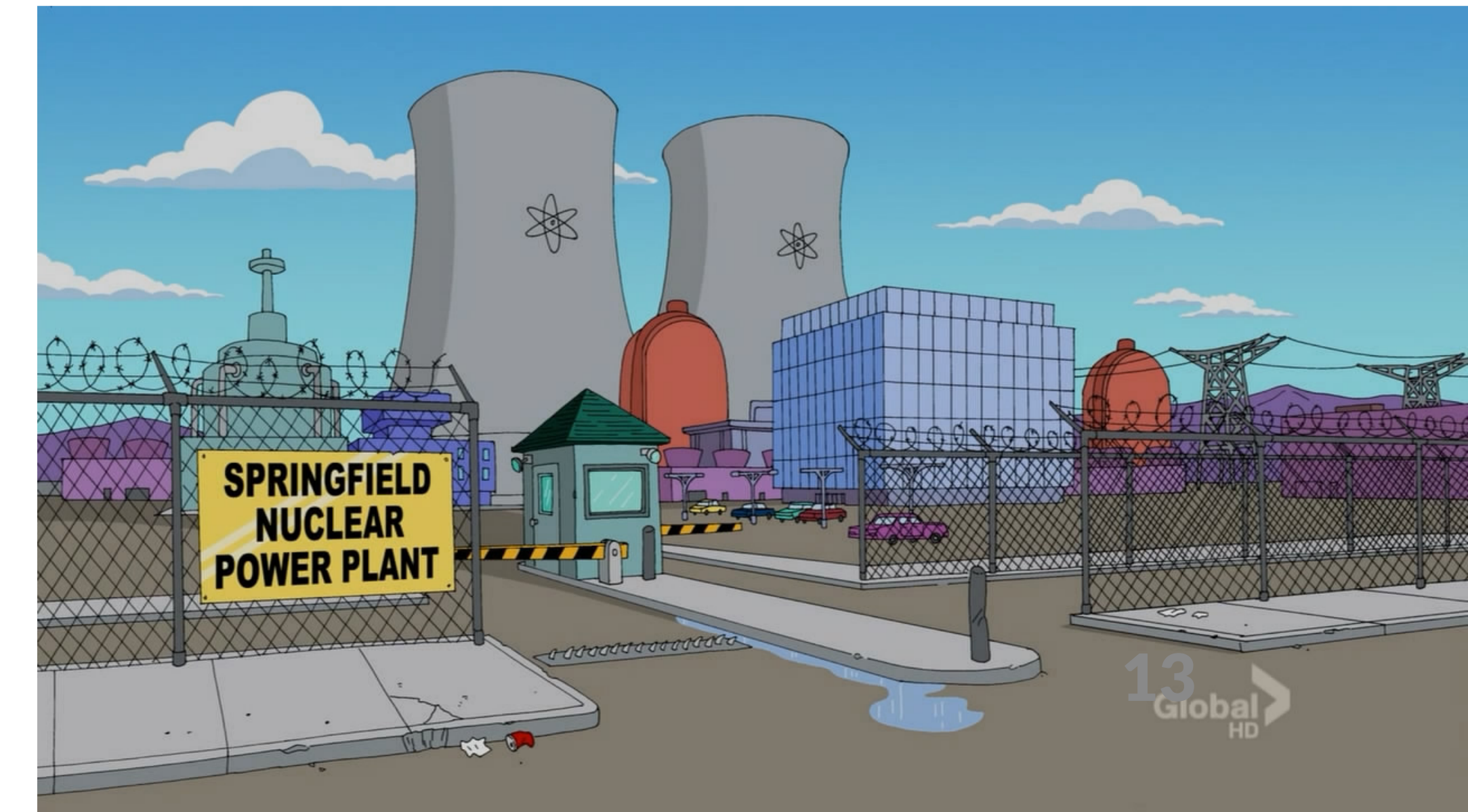
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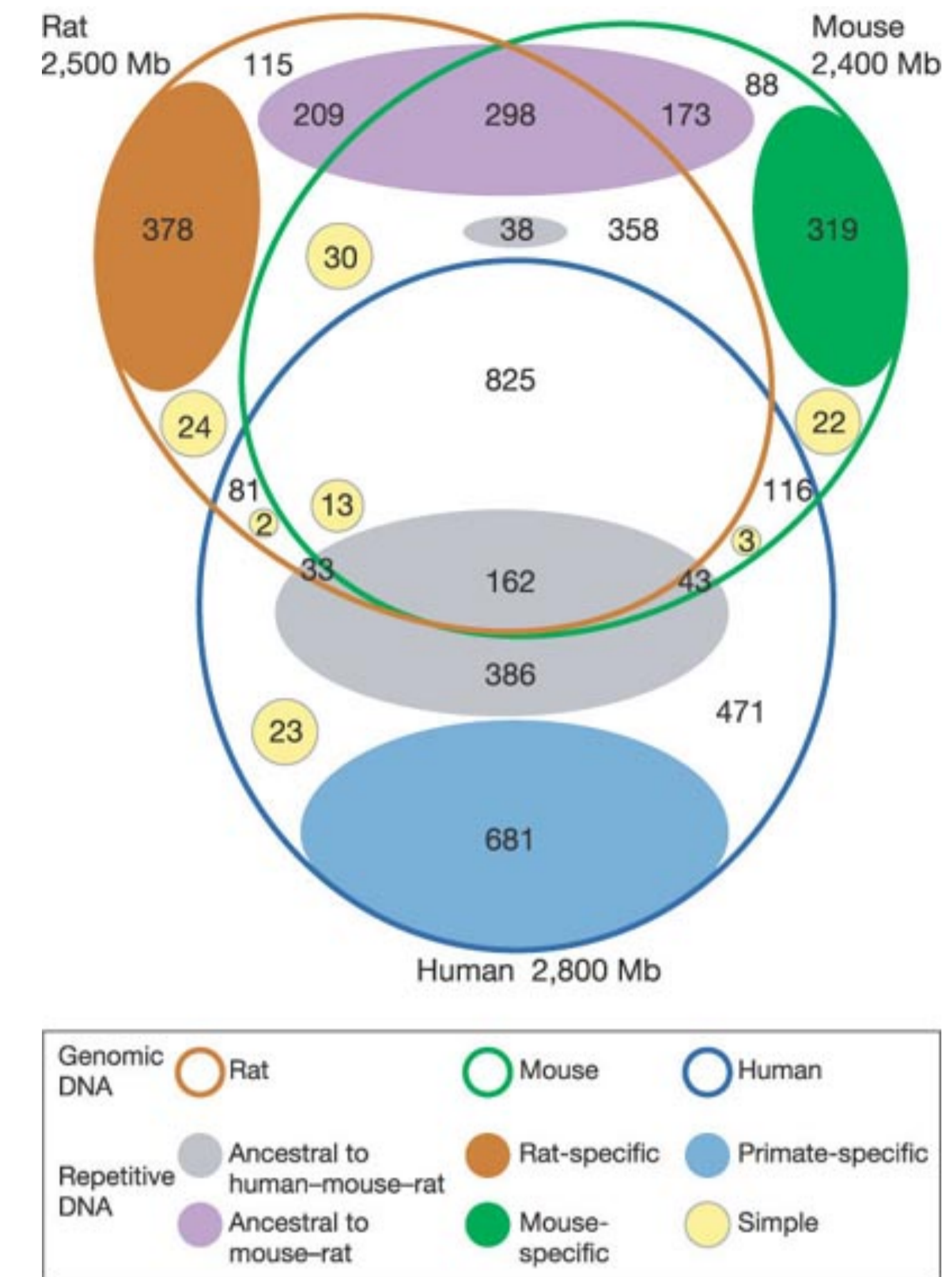
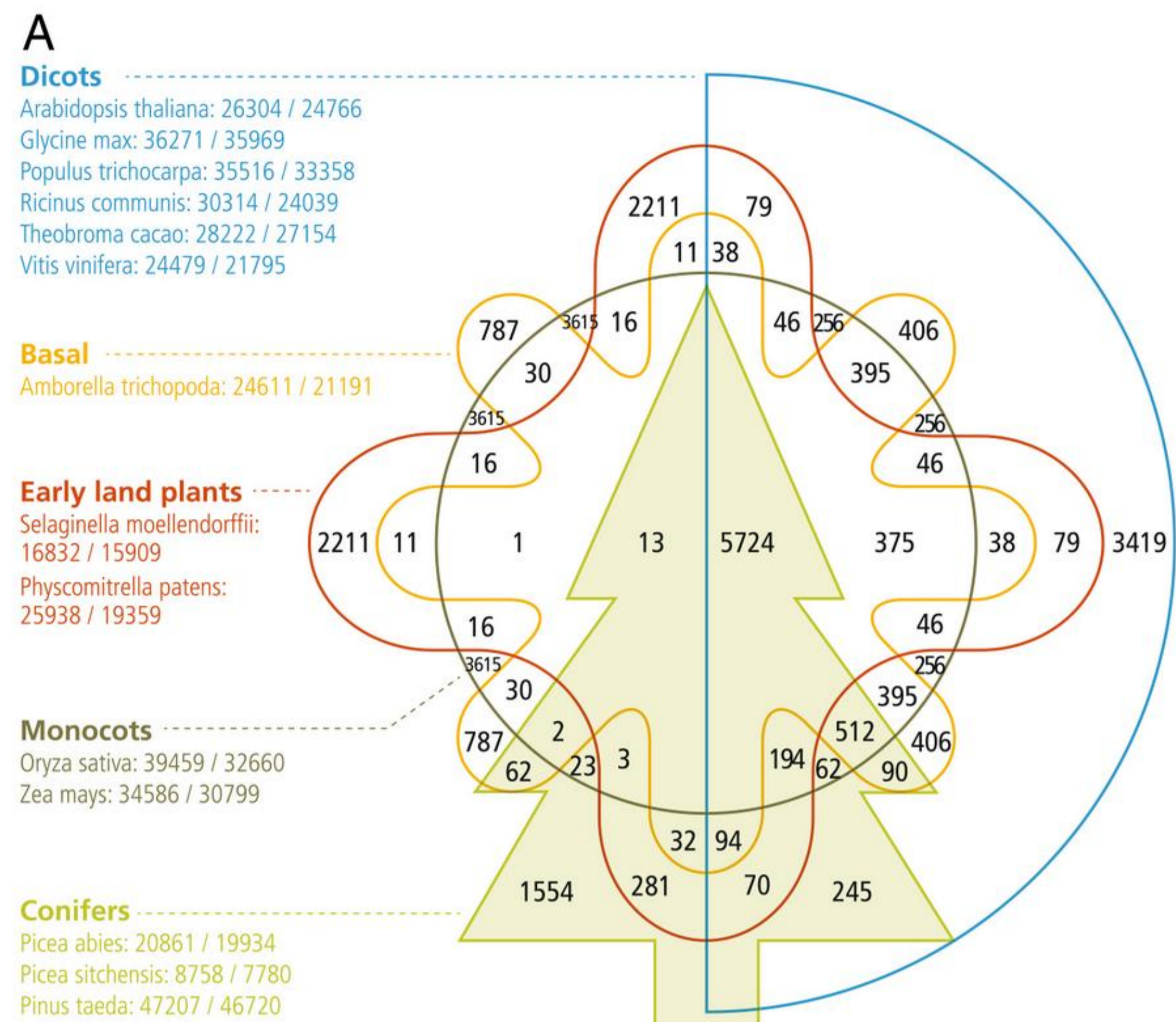
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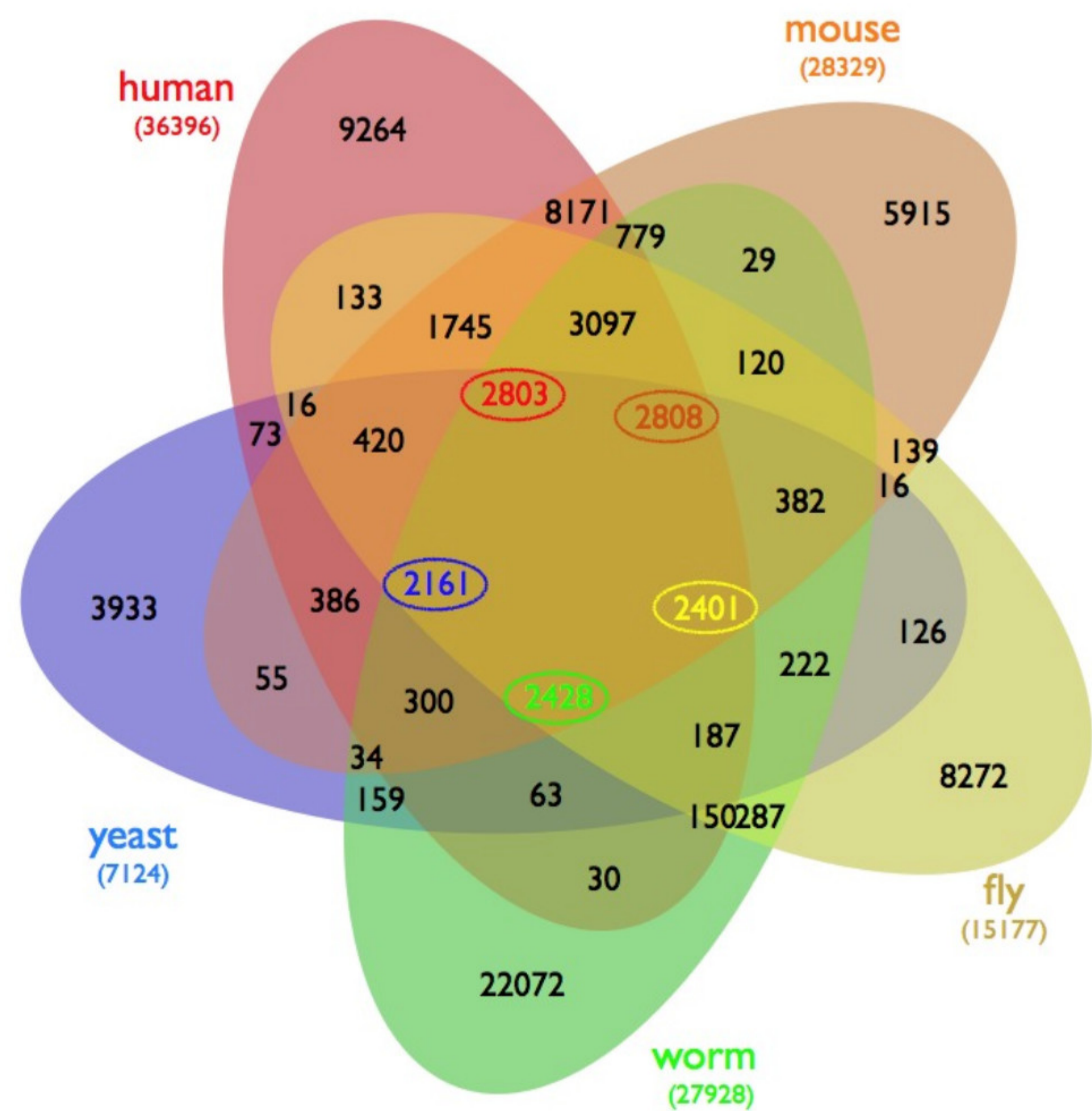
**School**

**Power Plant**

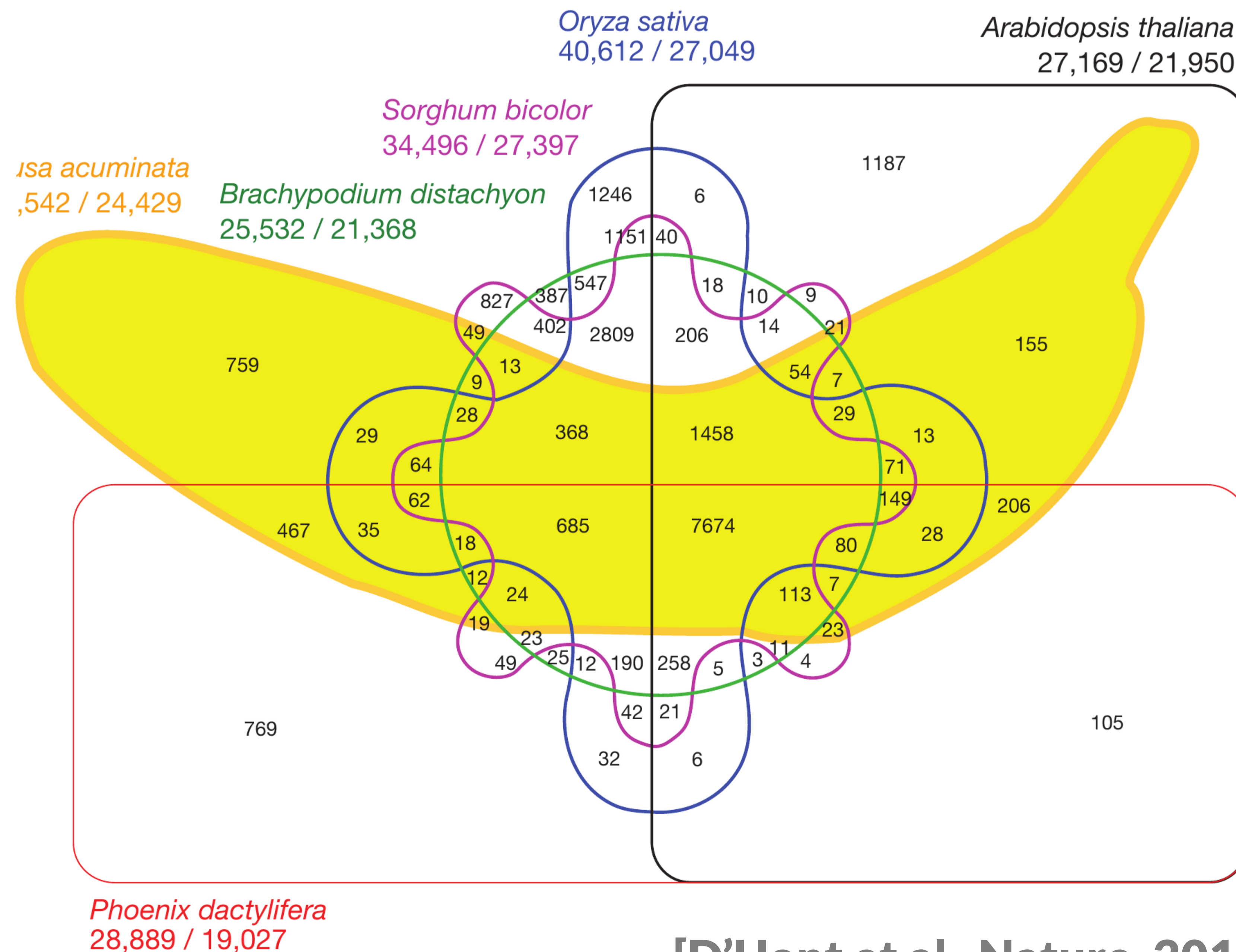




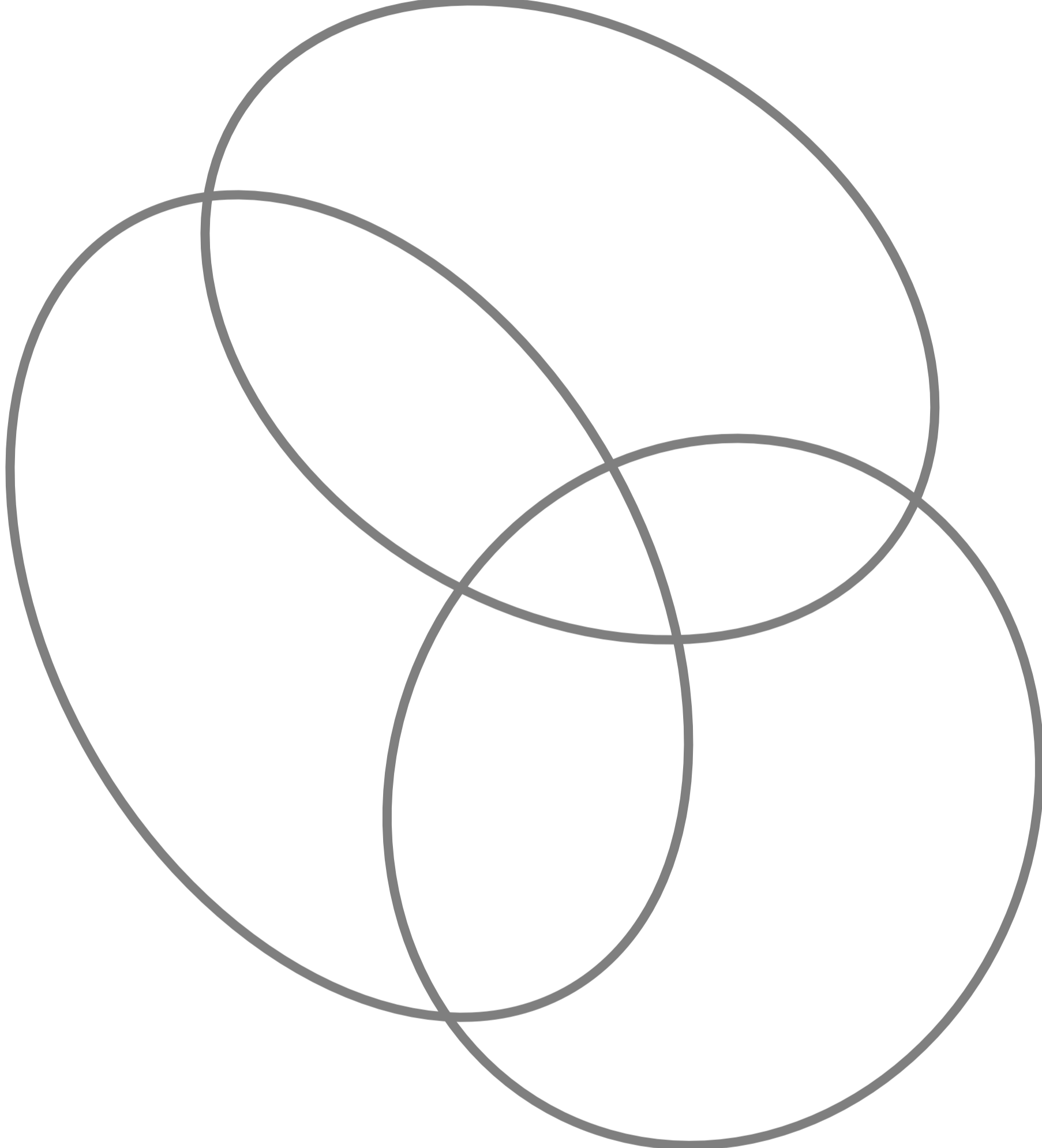
[Gibbs et al., Nature, 2004]



[Wiles et al., BMC Systems Biology]



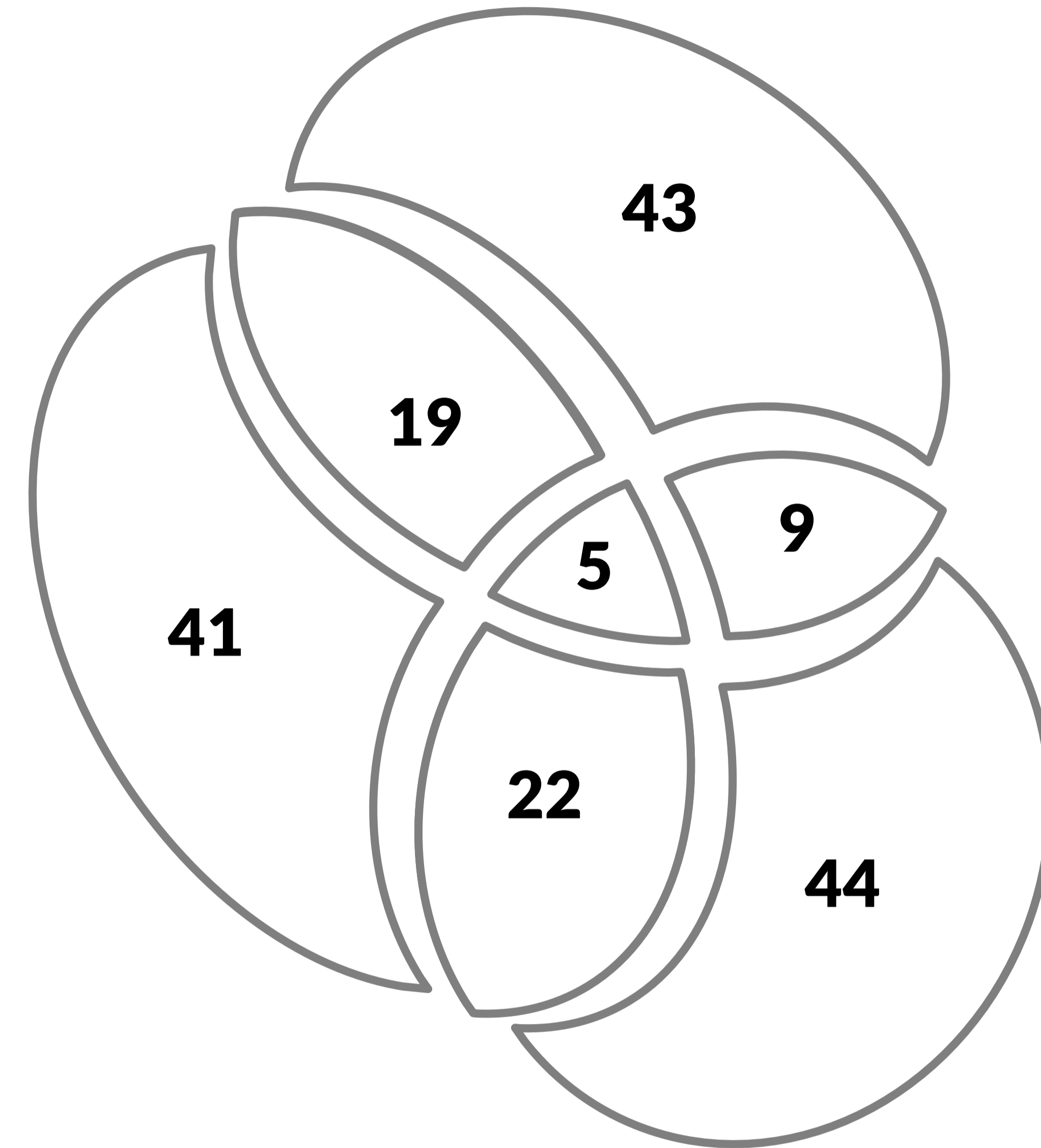
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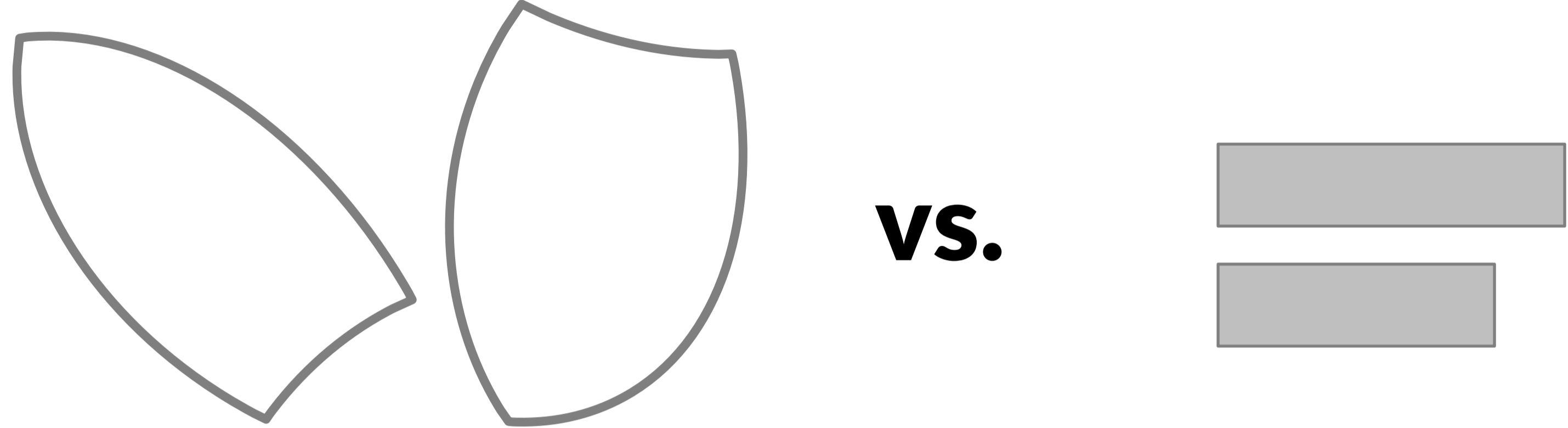
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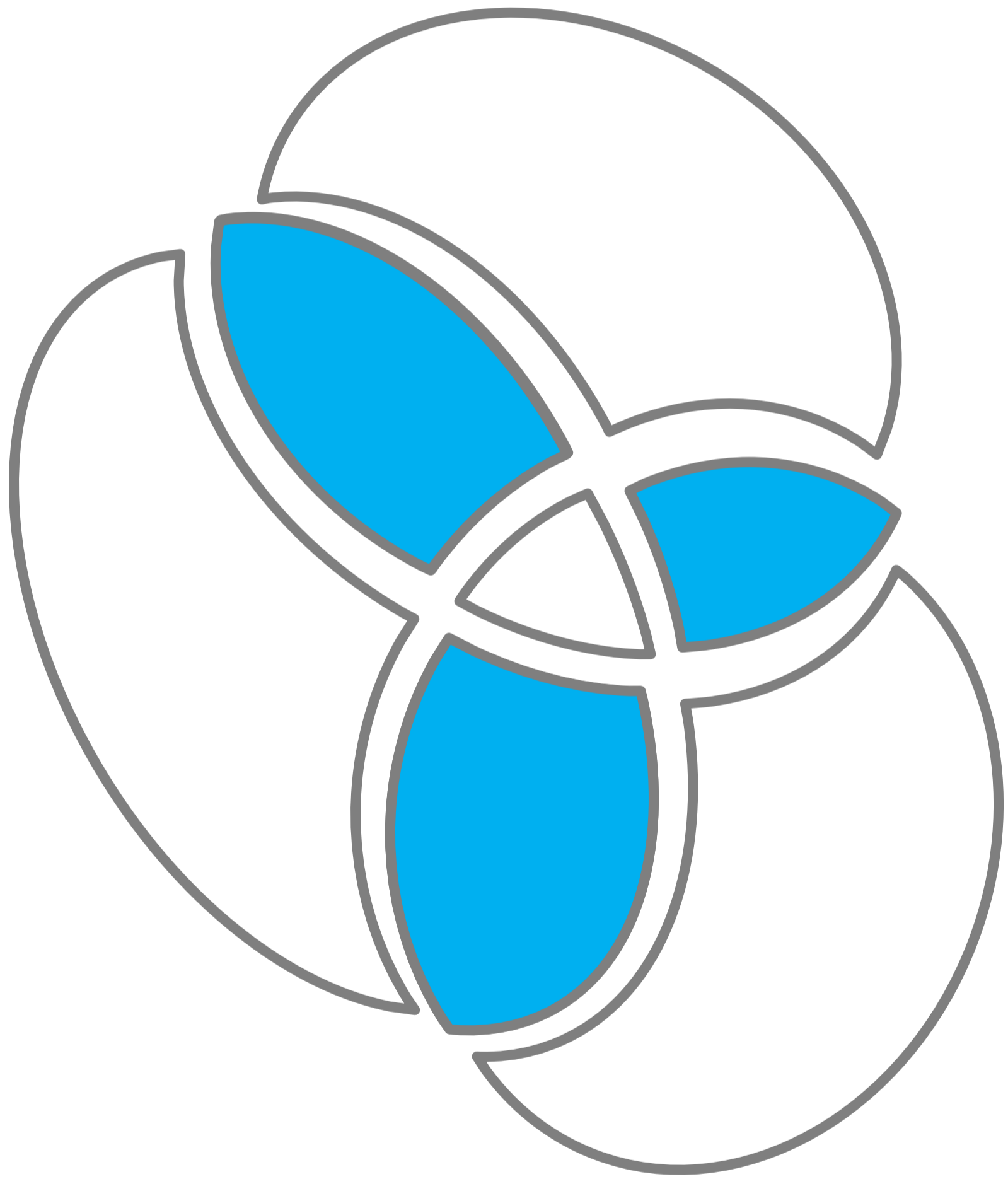


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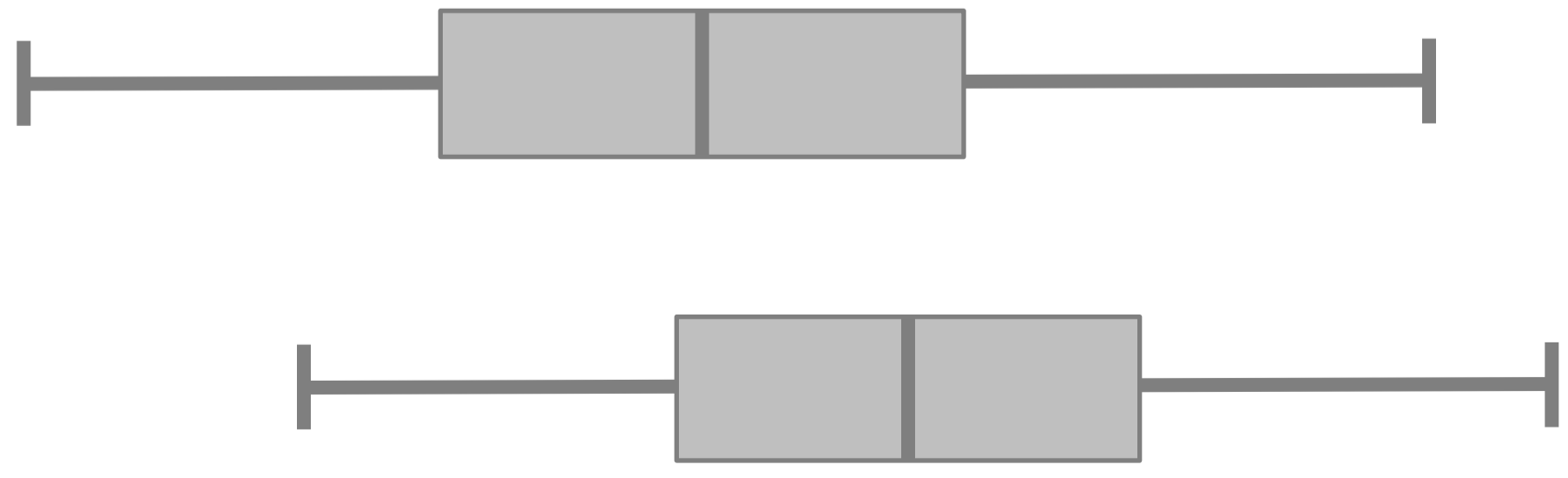
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## 2. Creating complex slices of a dataset



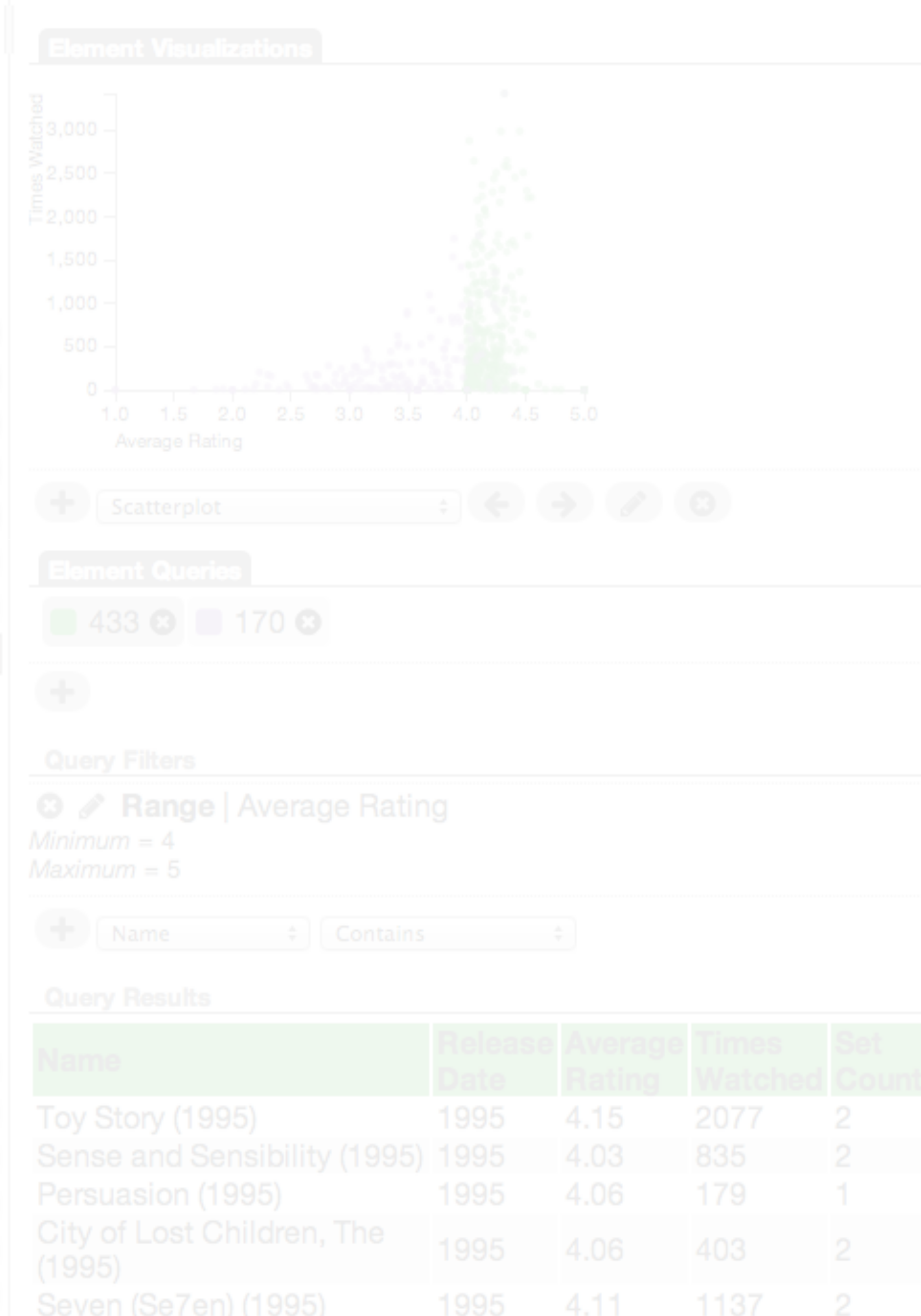
## 3. Visualize attributes



# [Movie Lens Dataset]



# Attribute Details

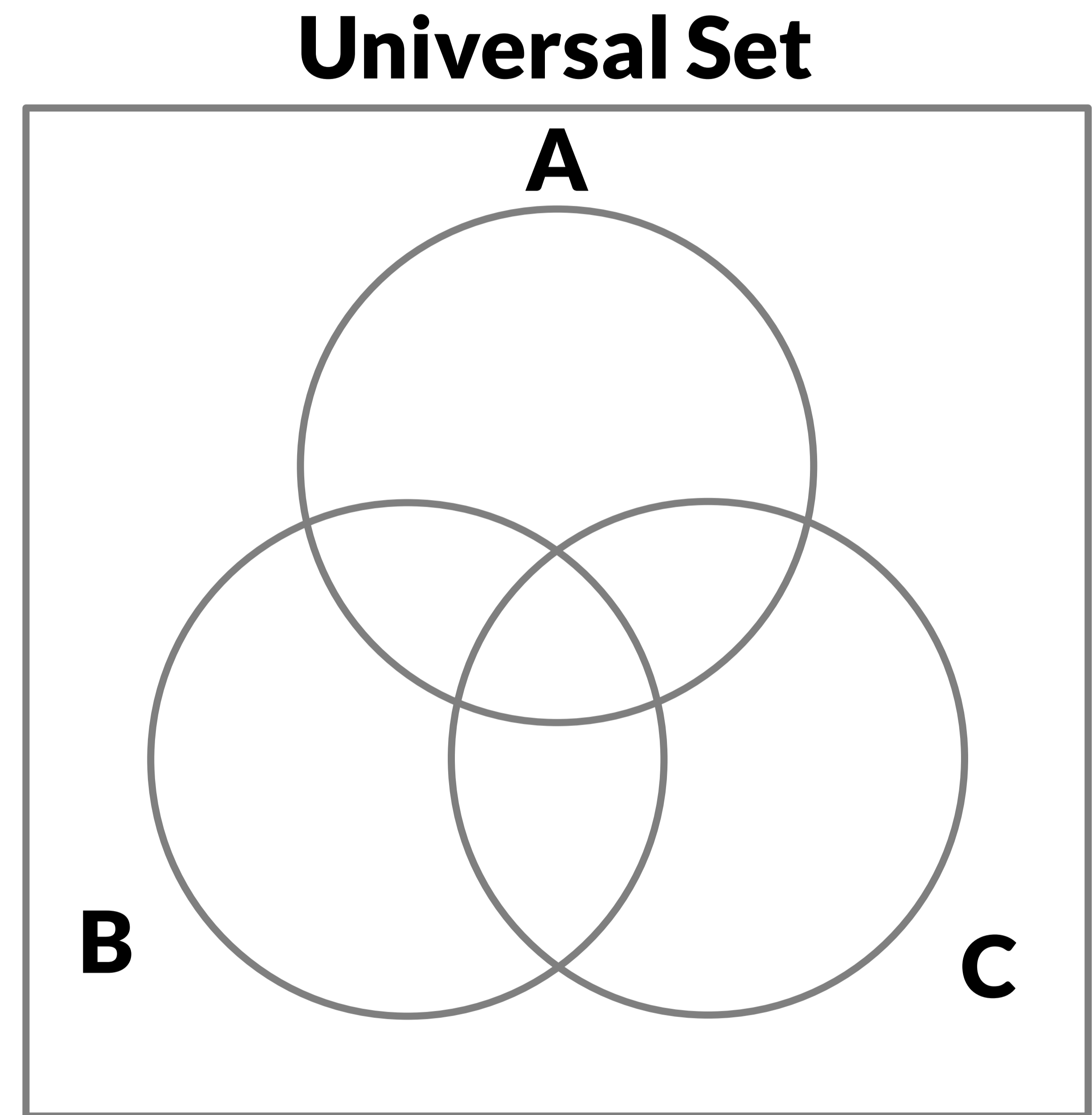
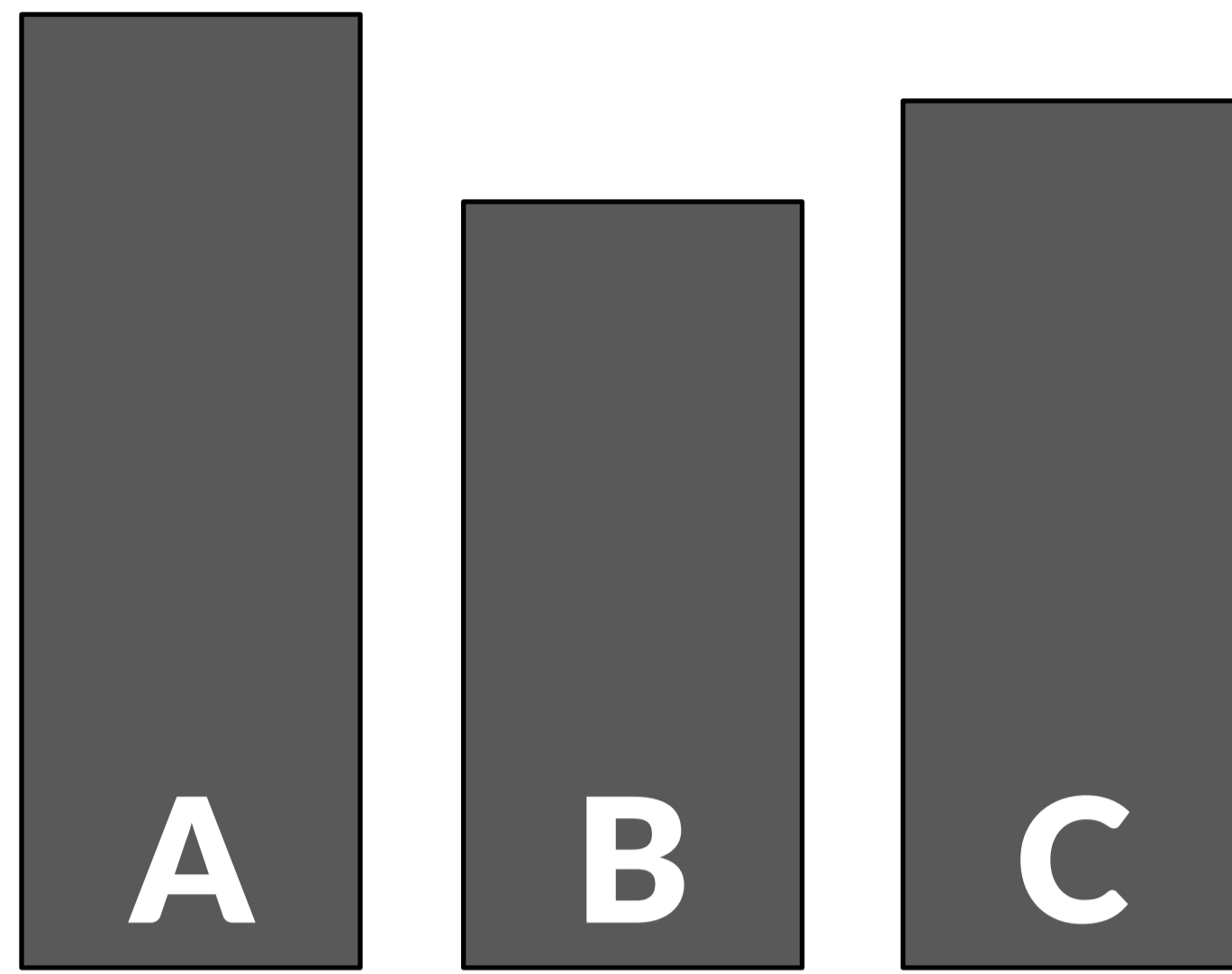


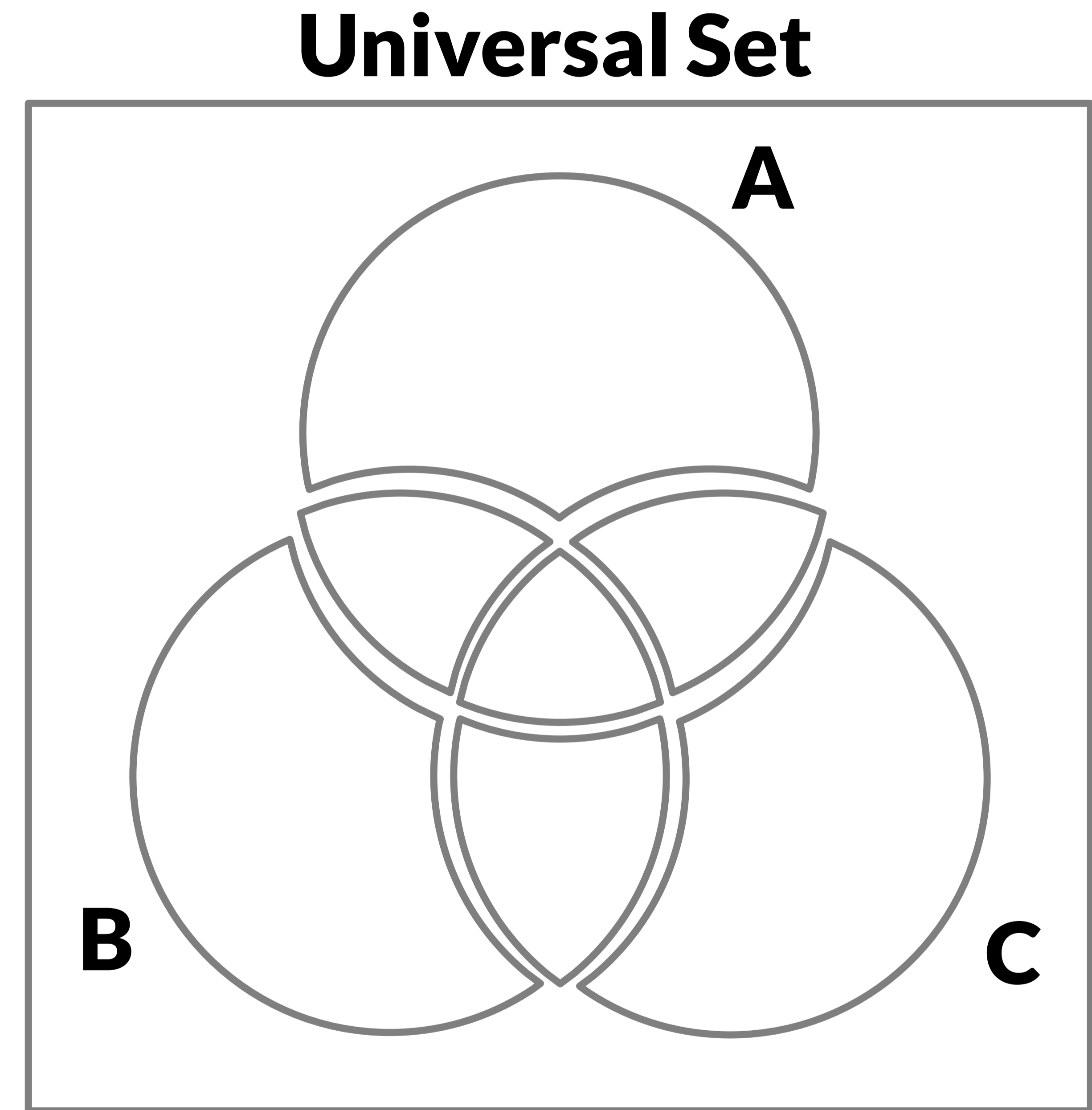
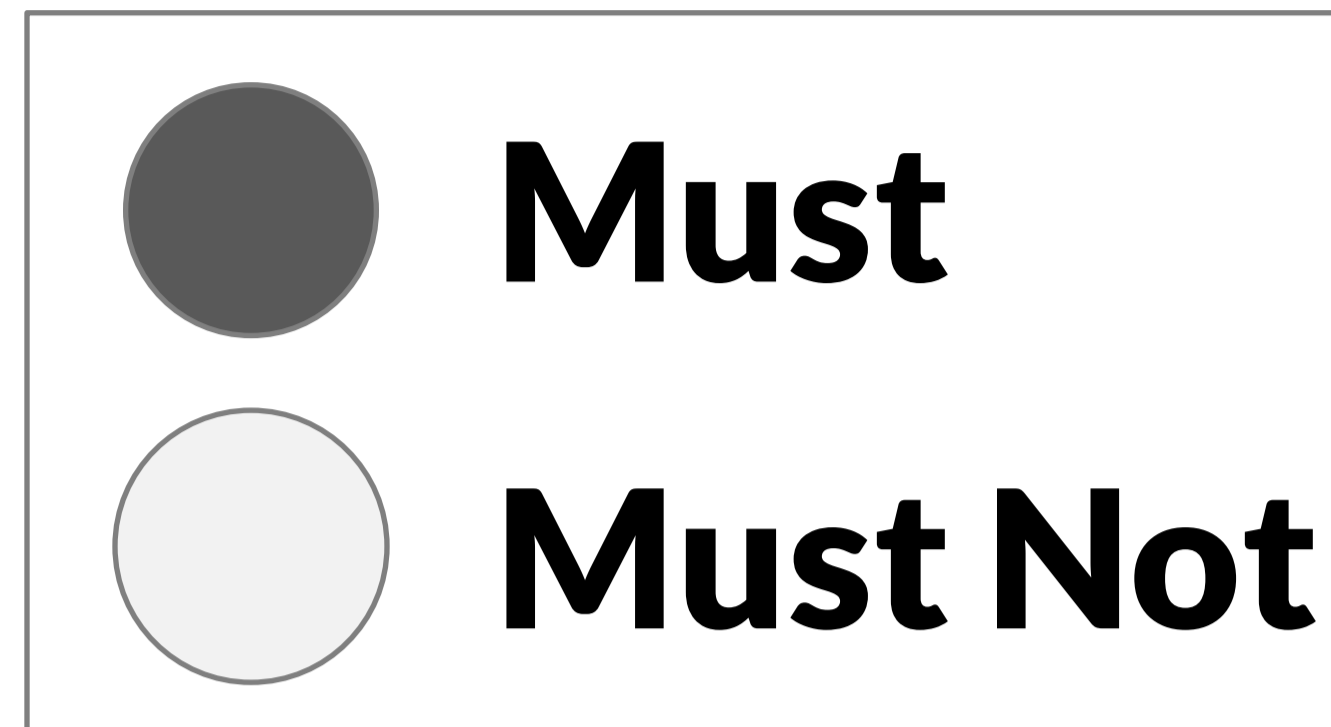
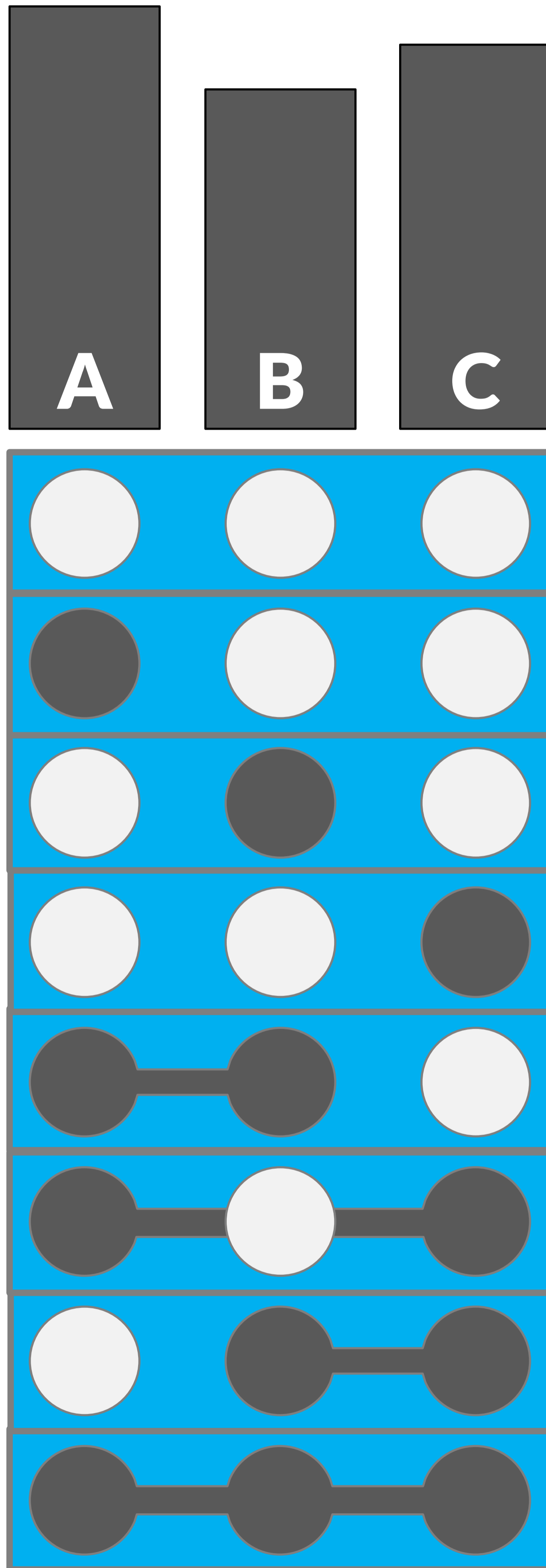
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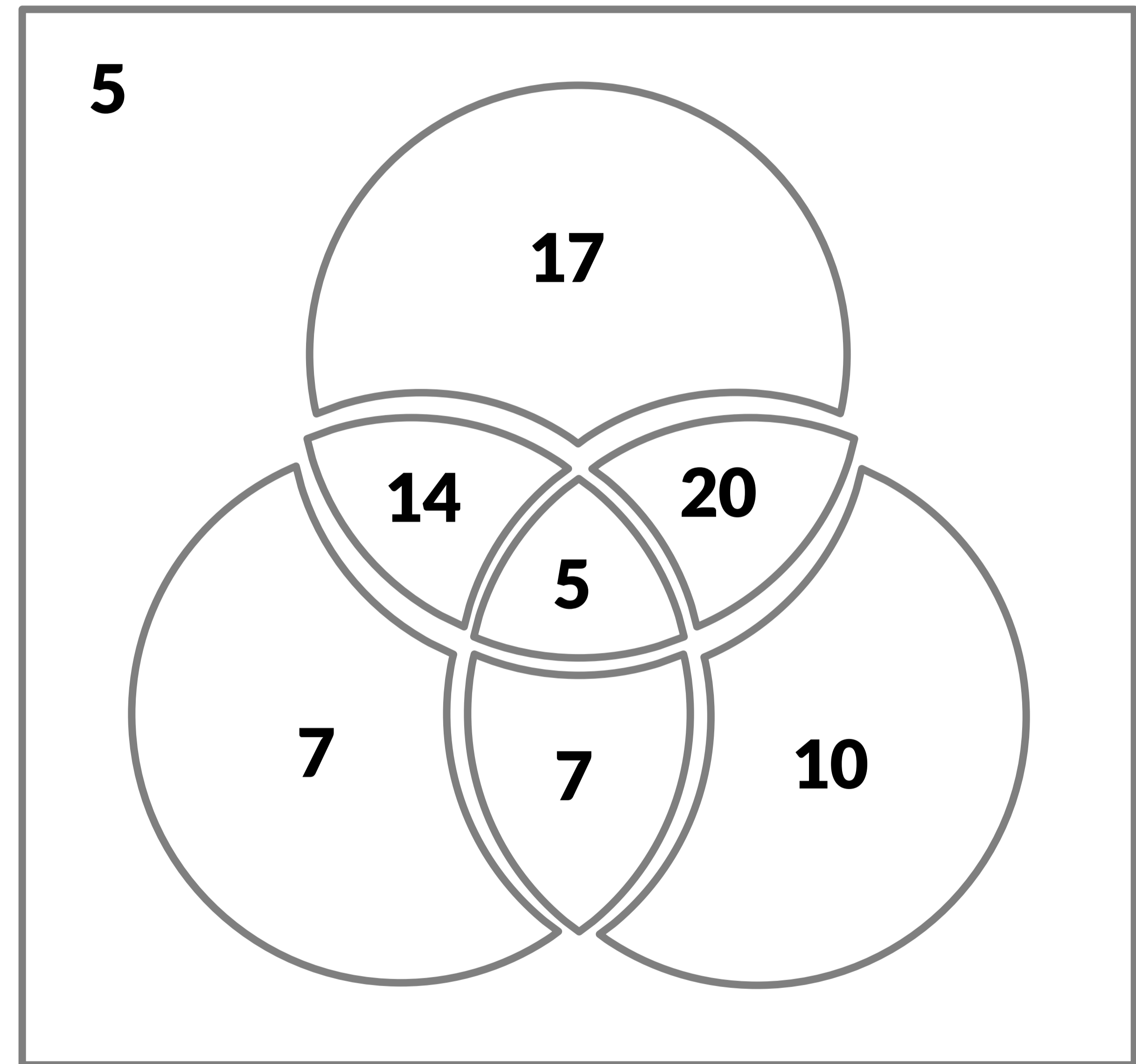
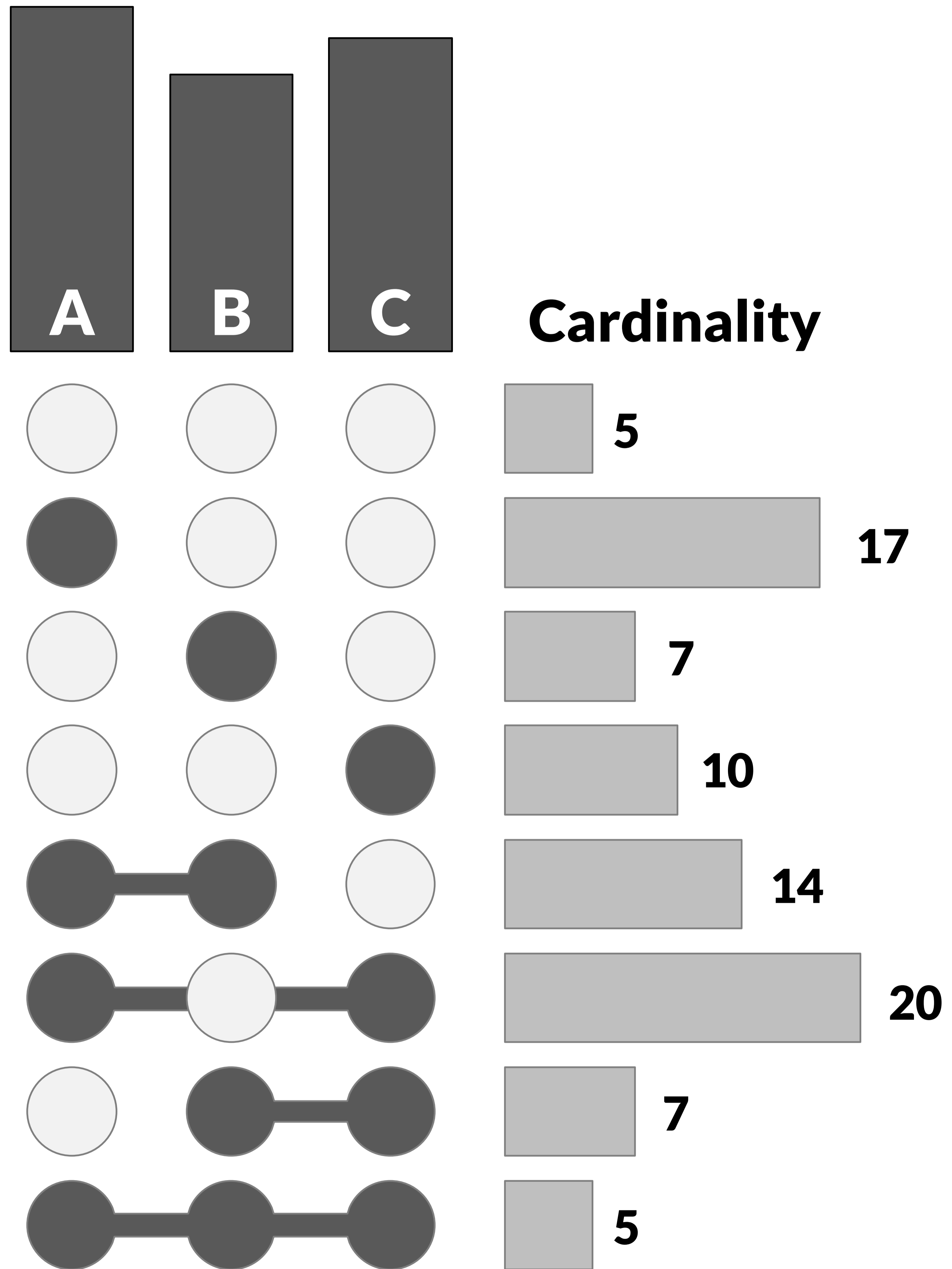
## Visualizing Properties

## Element List & Queries

# Visualizing Intersections

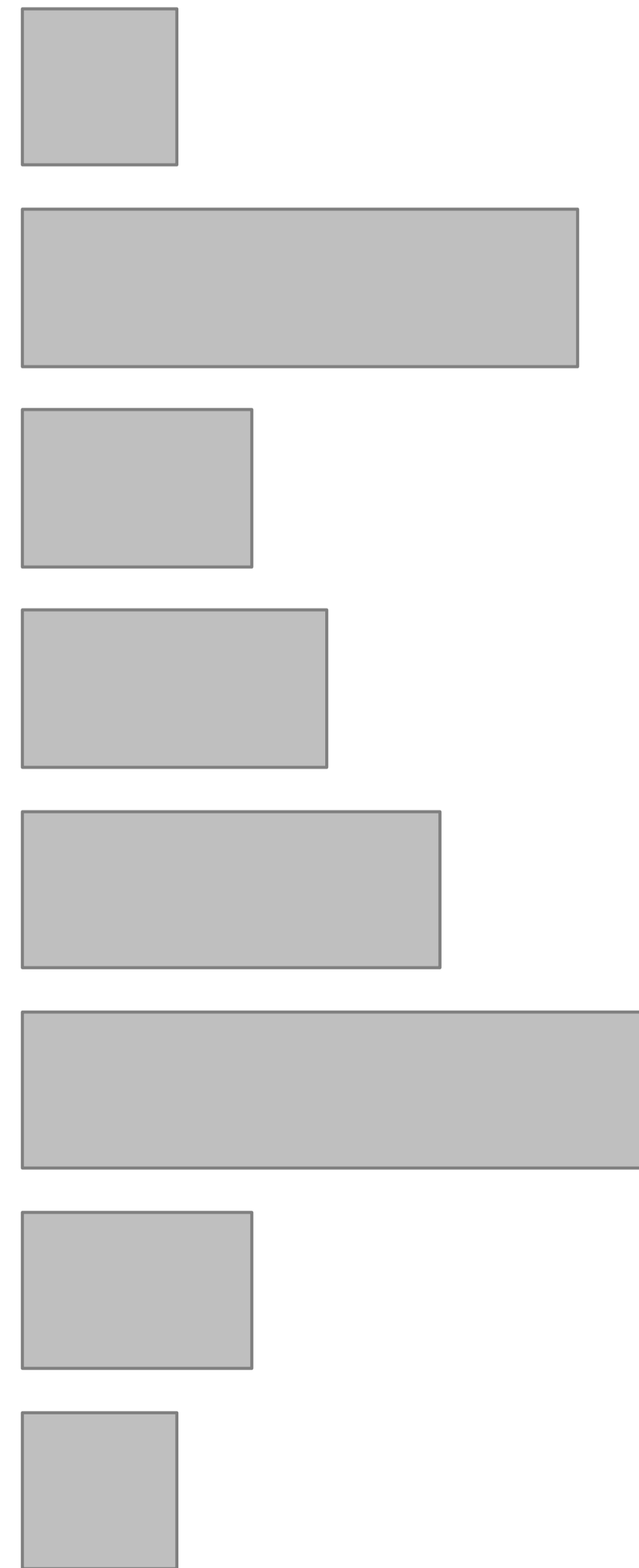
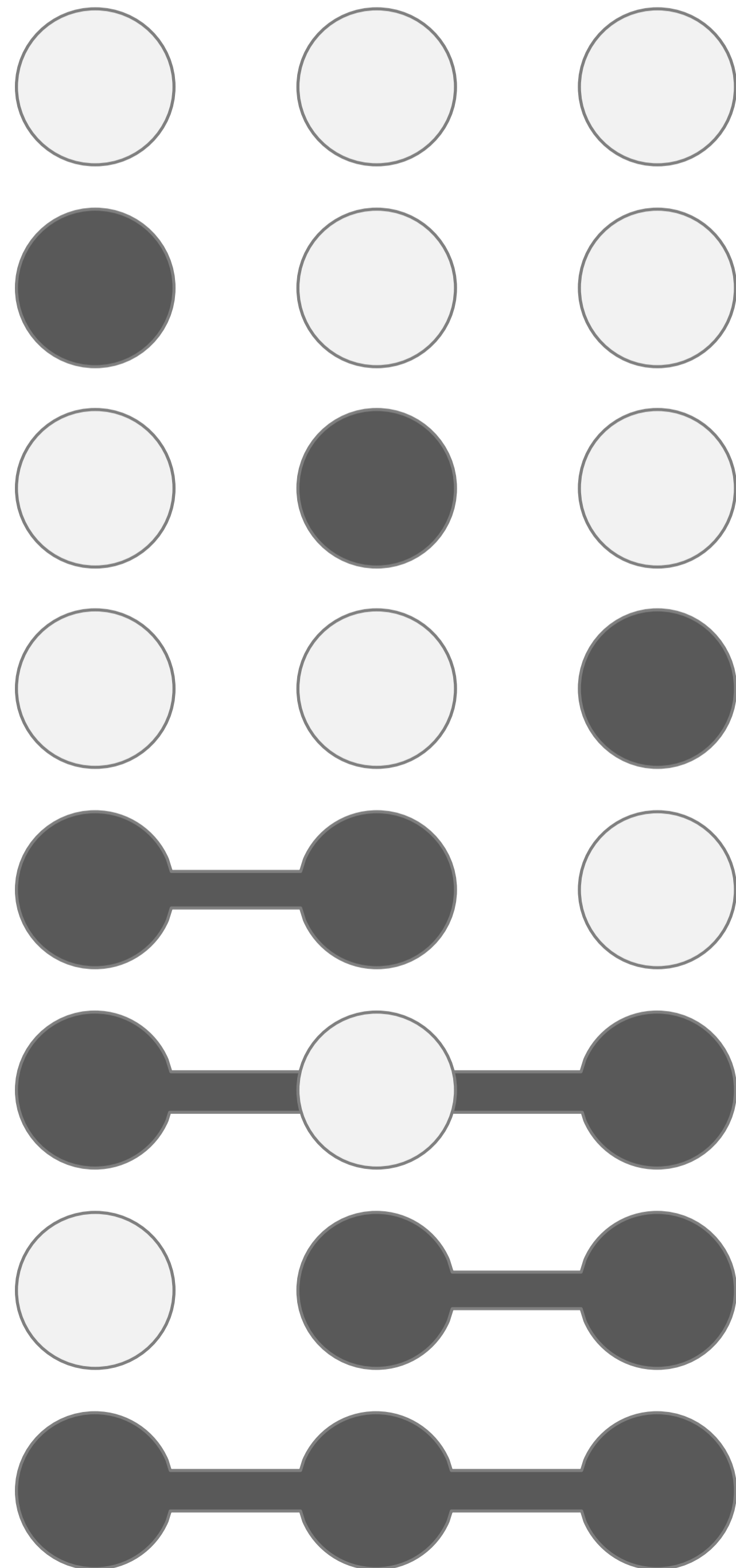
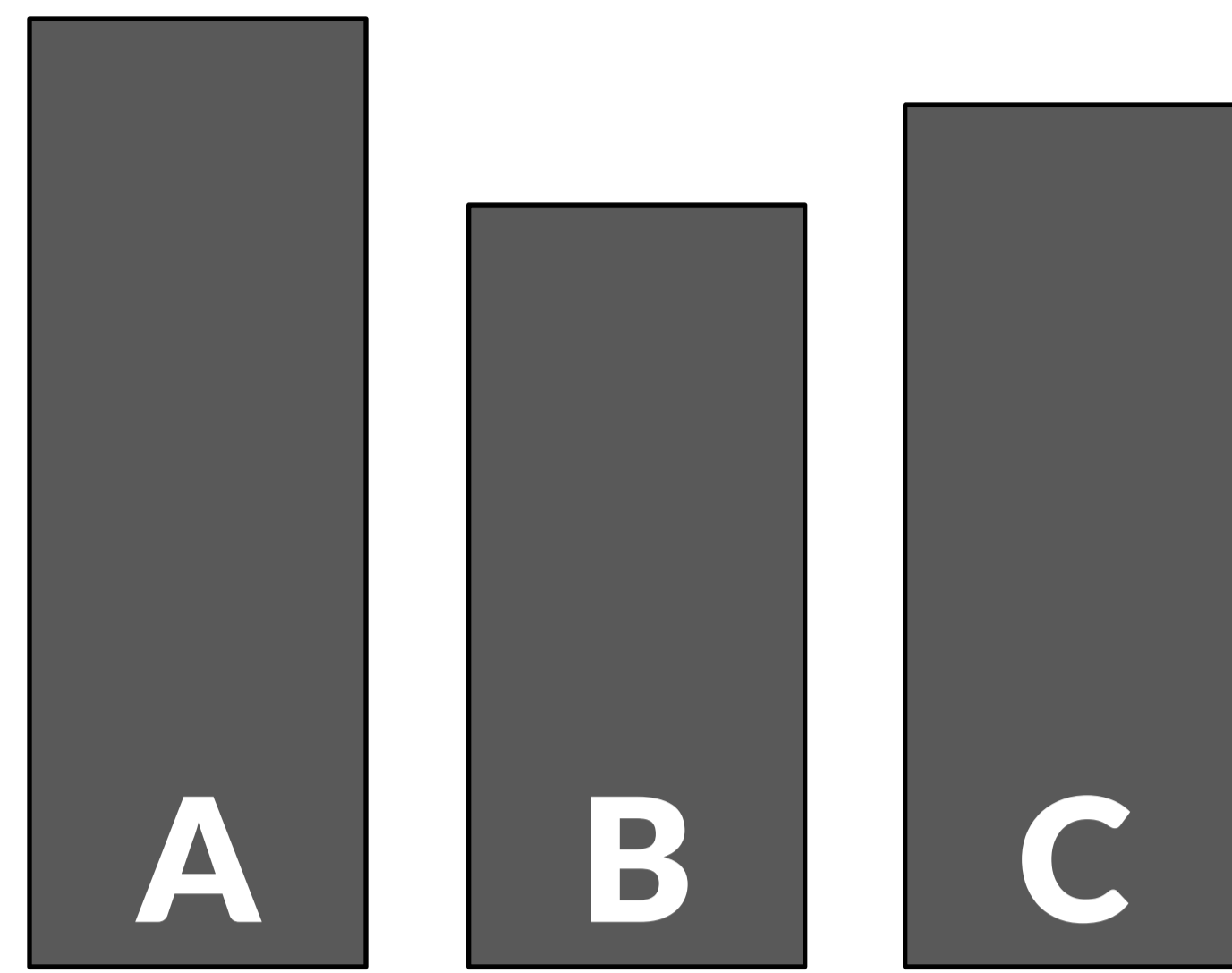




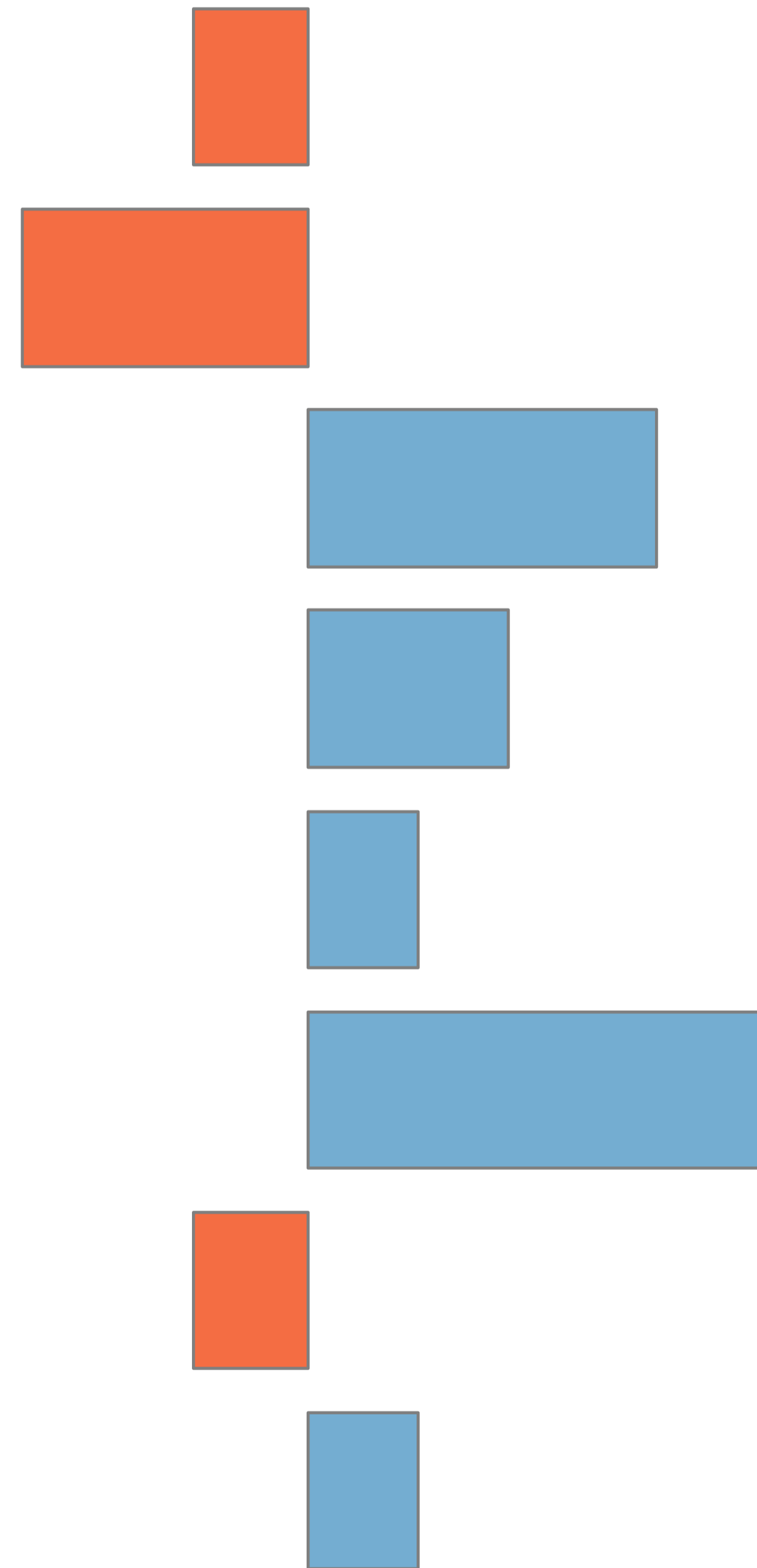


# Plotting Attributes

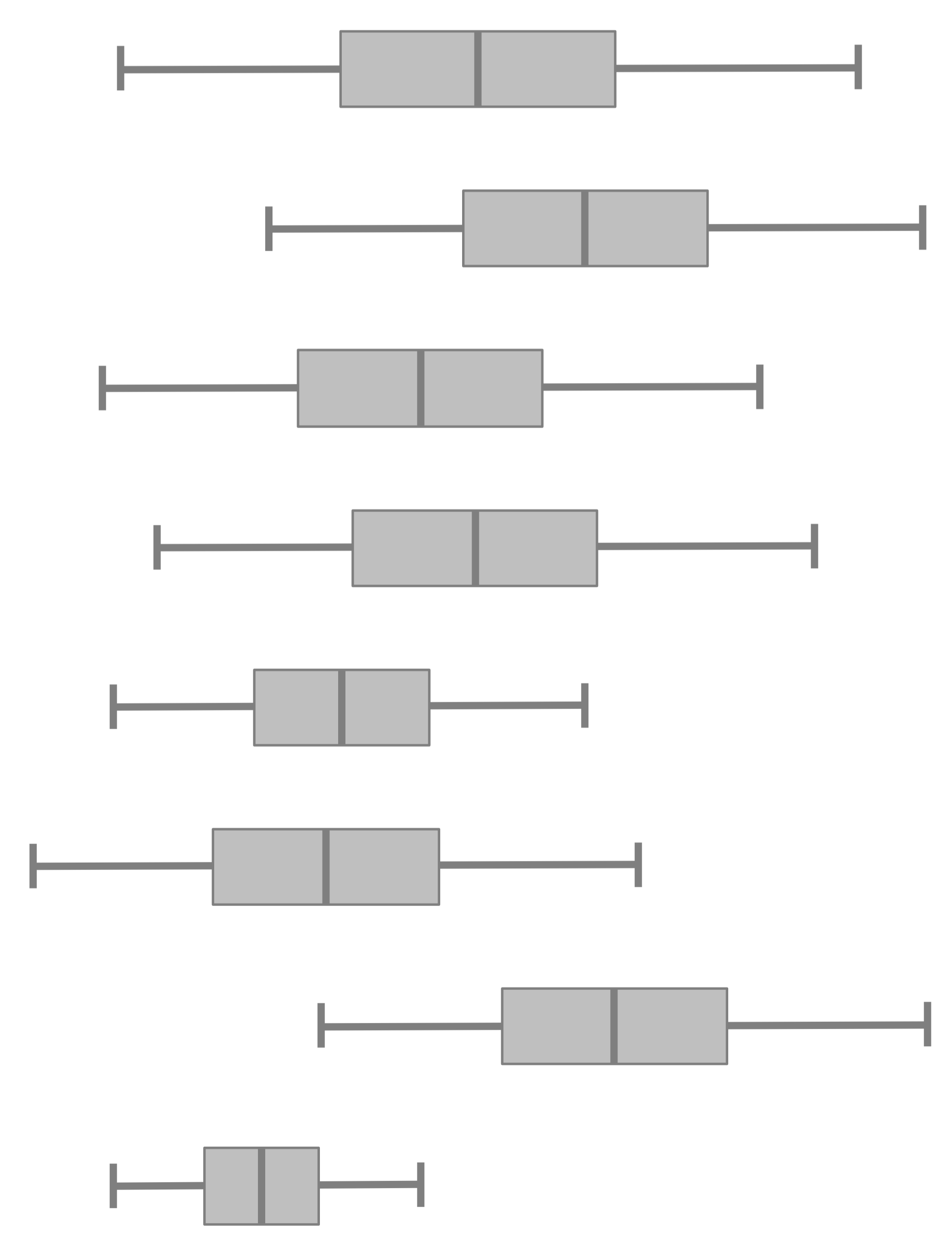
**How surprising is the size of an intersection?  
 What's the distribution of an  
 attribute in an intersection?**



**Deviation**



**Attributes**





First, aggregate by  
 Don't Aggregate ▾

Then, aggregate by  
 Don't Aggregate ▾

Sort by  
 Degree  
 Cardinality  
 Deviation

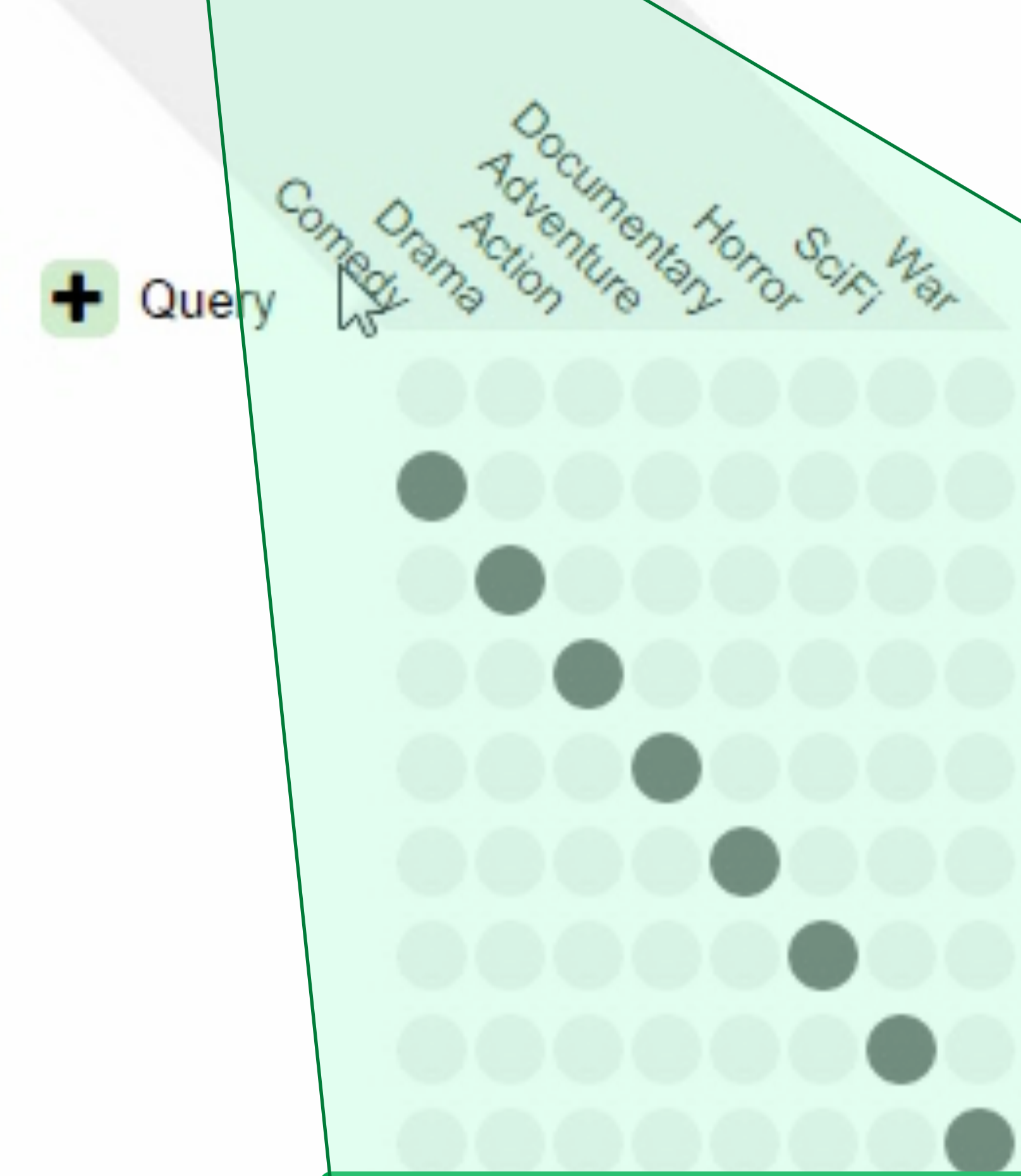
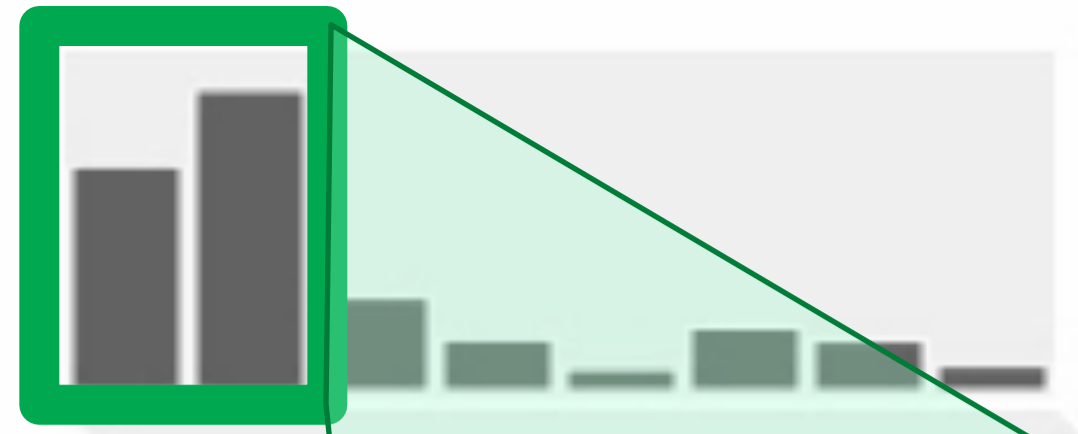
Aggregates  
 Collapse All  
 Expand All

Row Height  
 Large ▾

Data  
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 Hide Empty Intersections

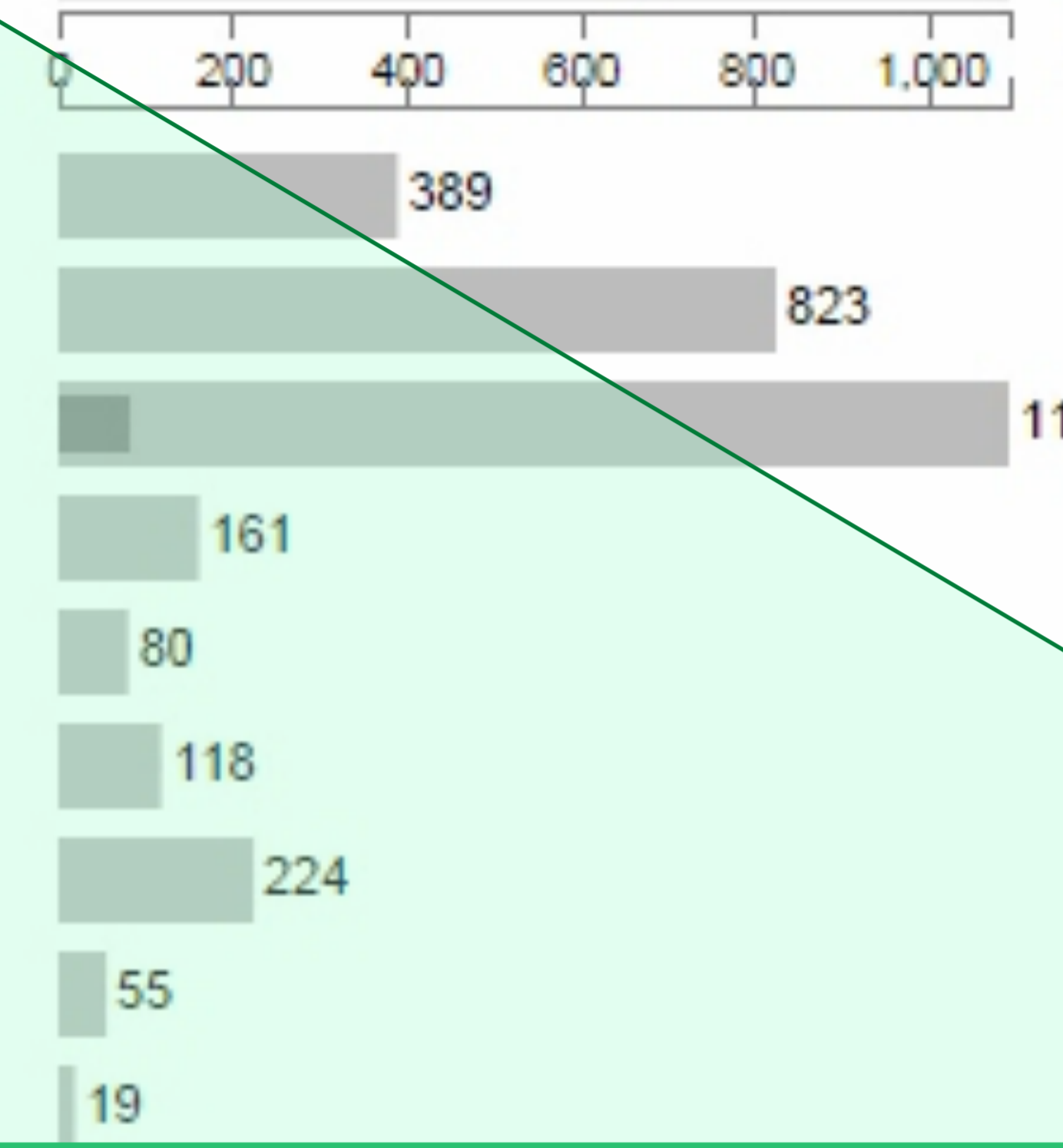
Set Selection  
 0 - 9  
 Batch Add Sets  
 Sort Sets

Thriller Romance Children Crime Musical Mystery Fantasy Western Noir

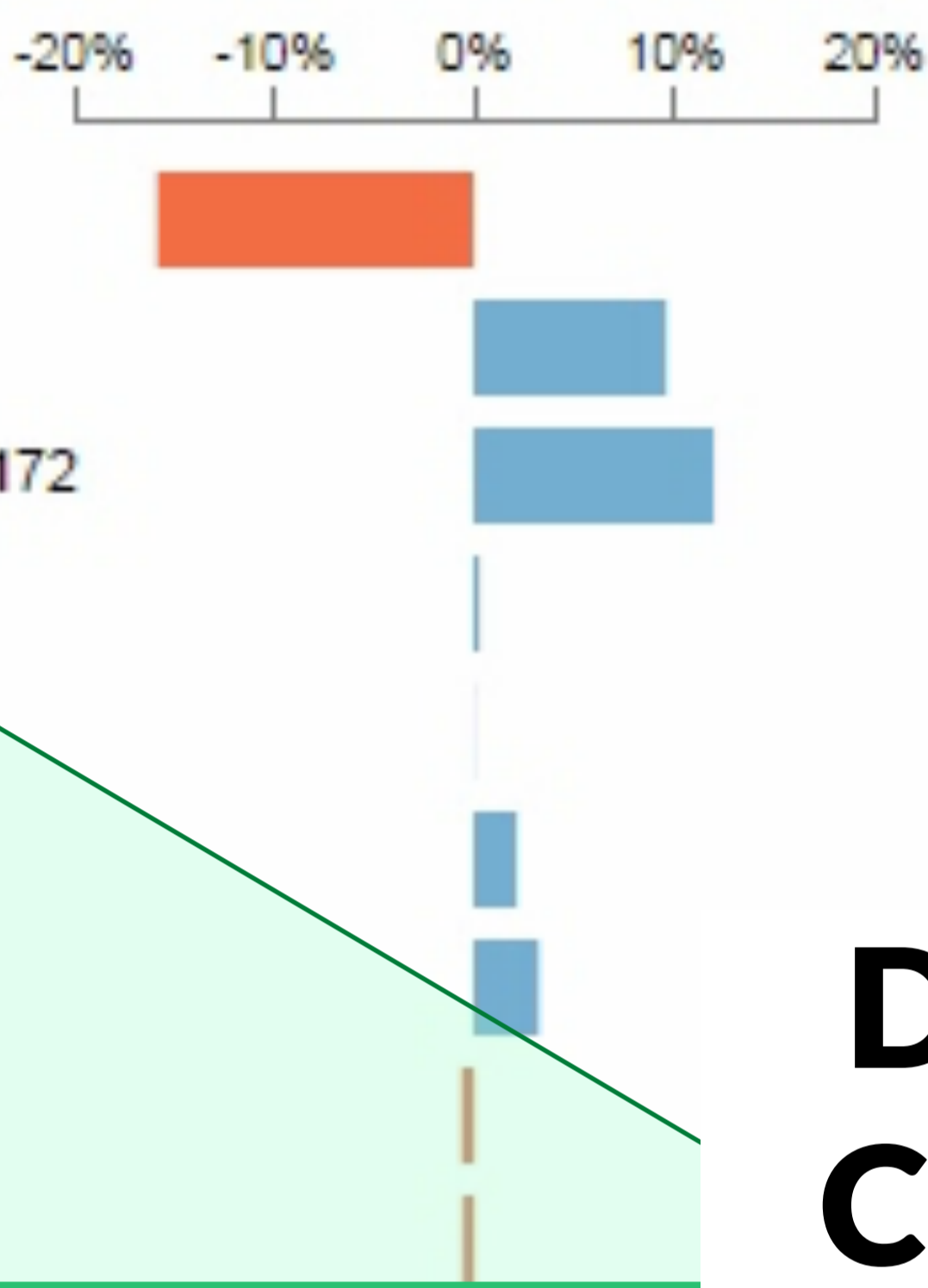


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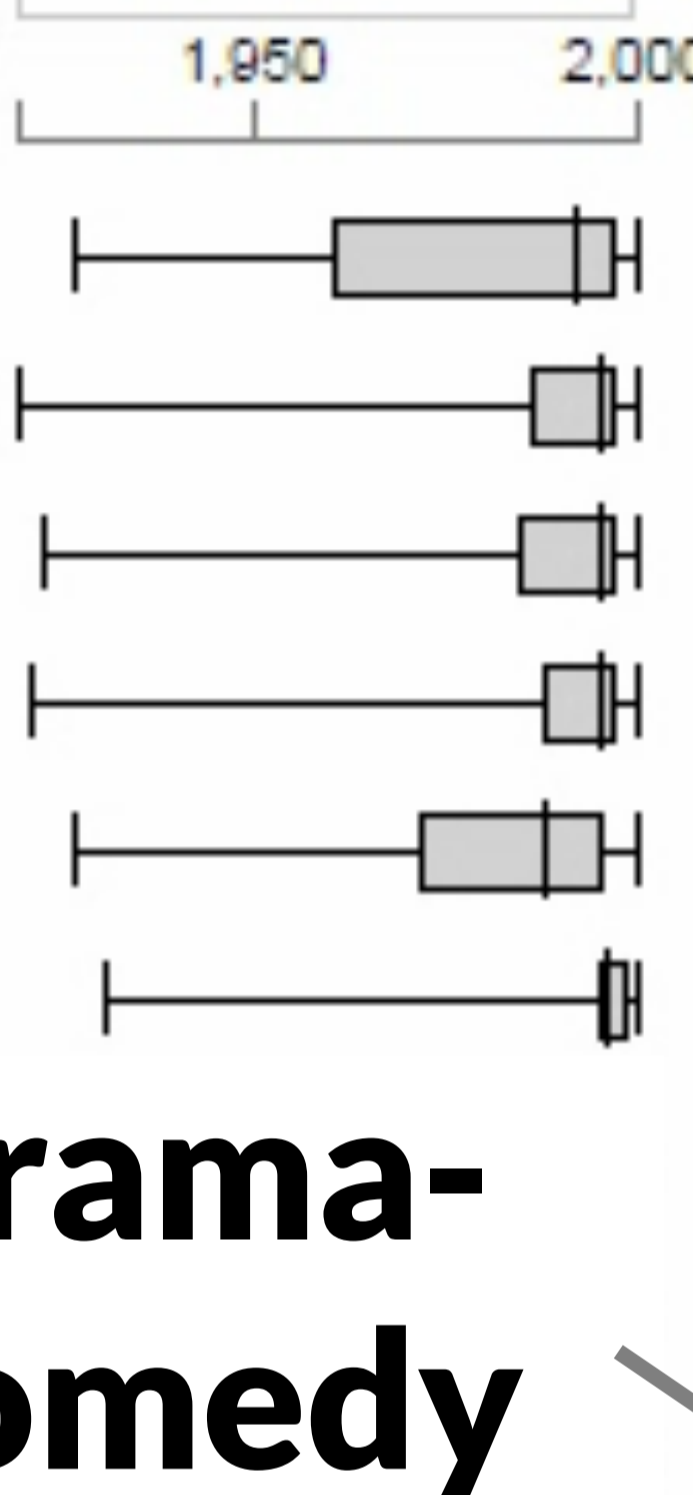
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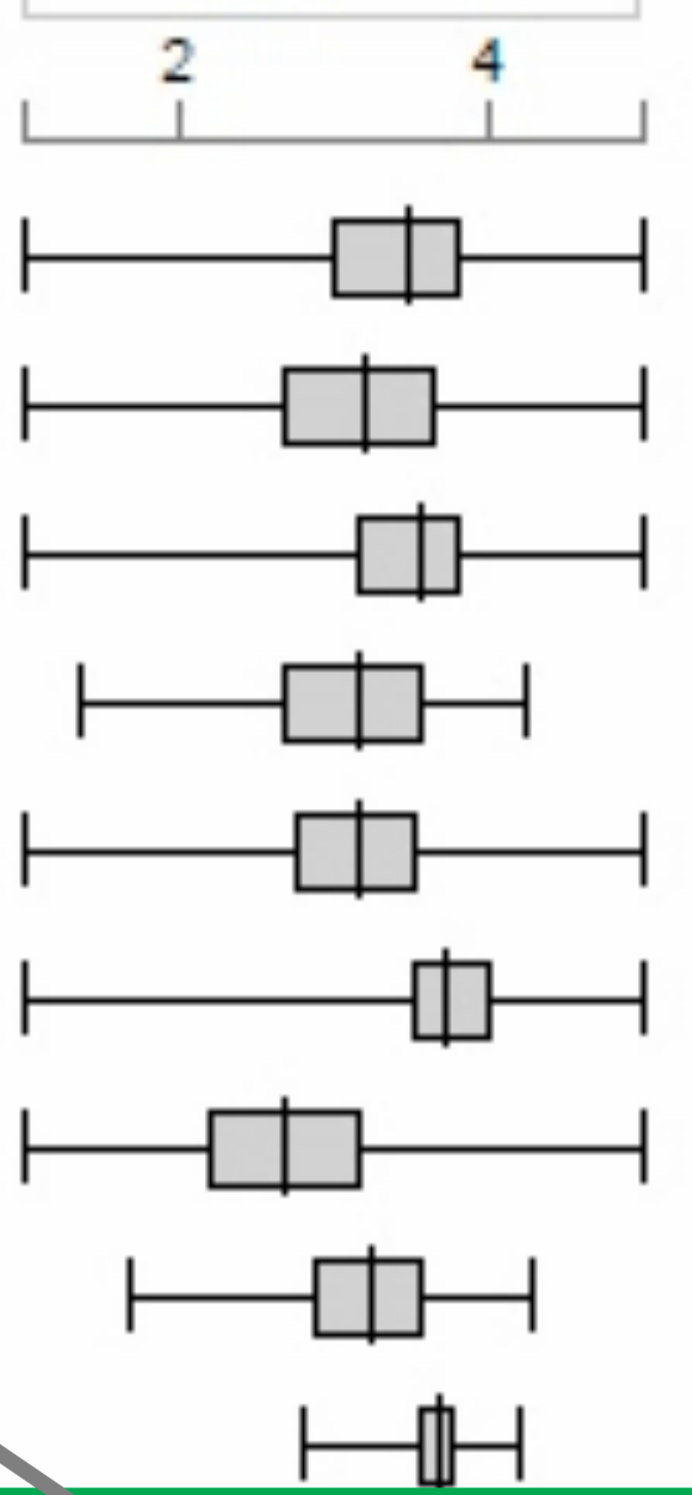
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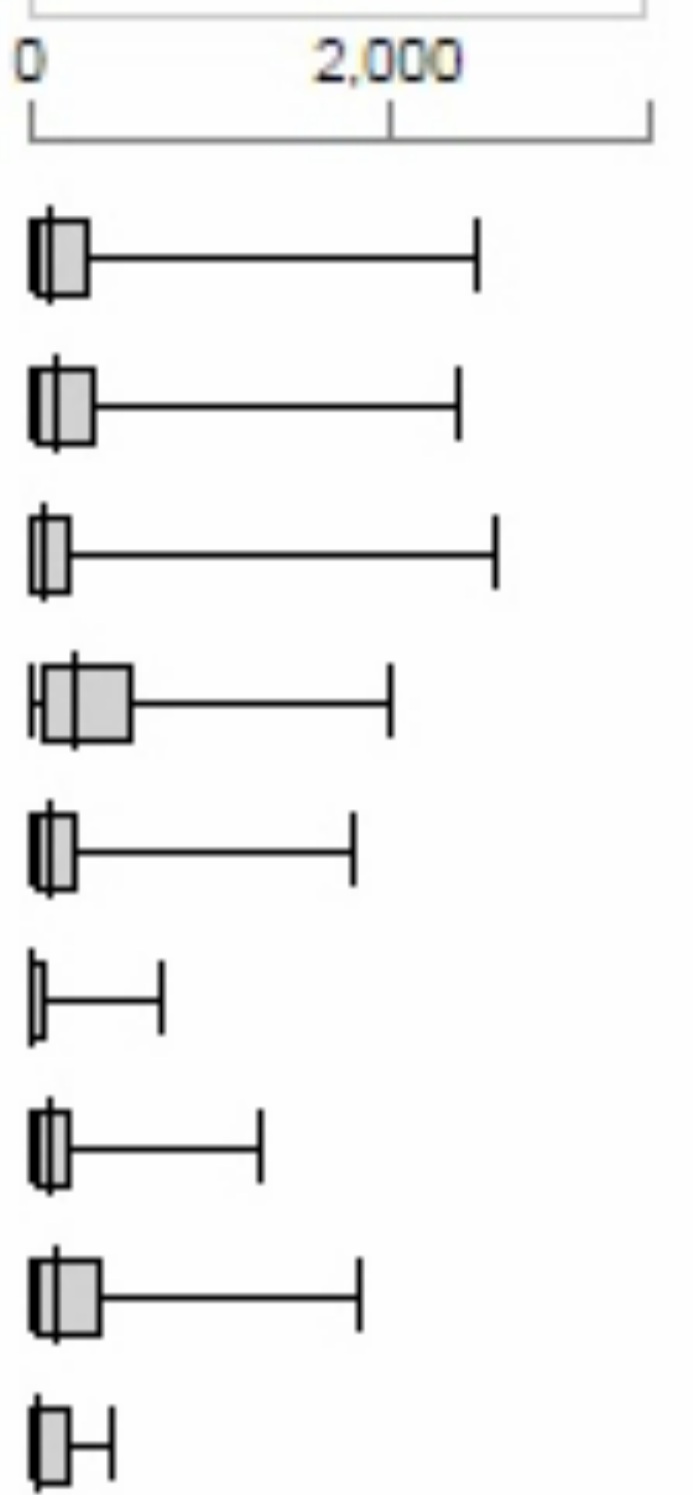
Release Date



Average Rating



Times Watched

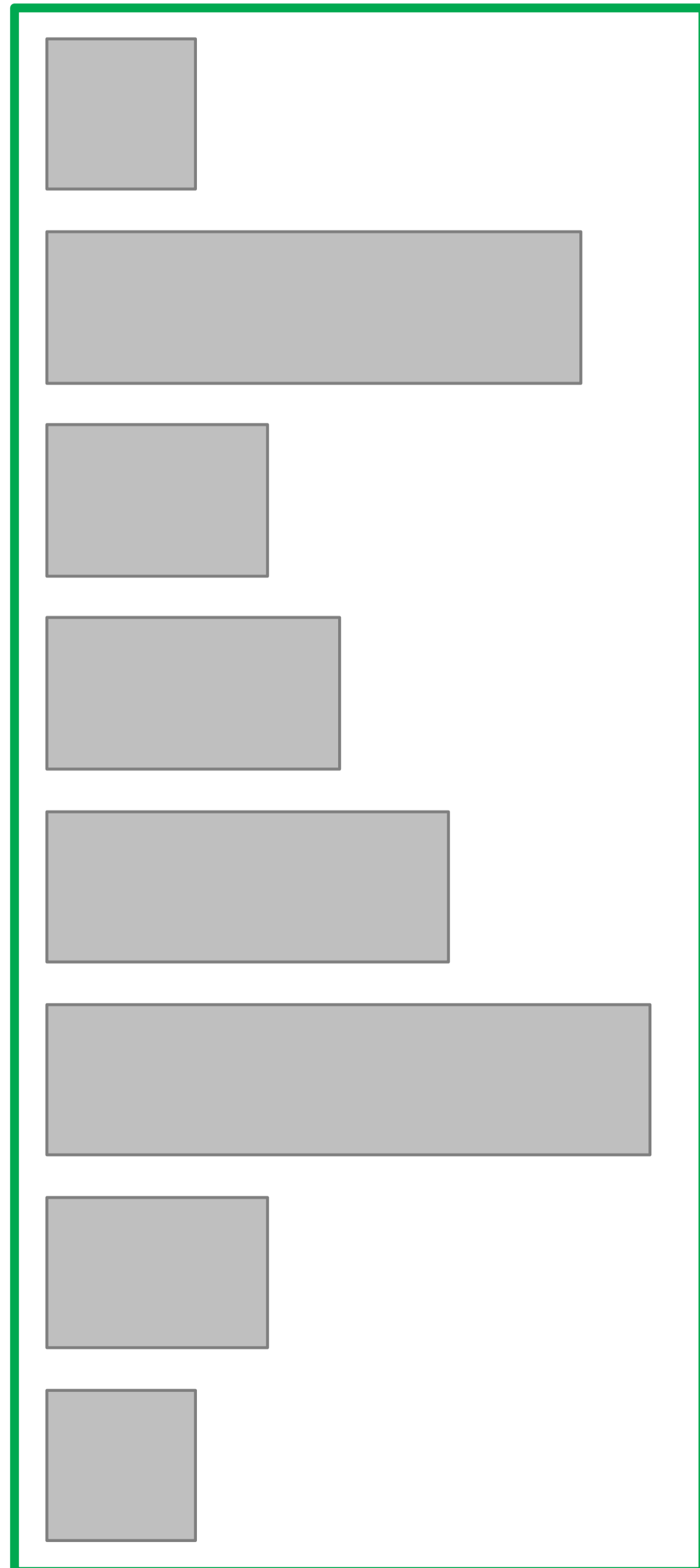
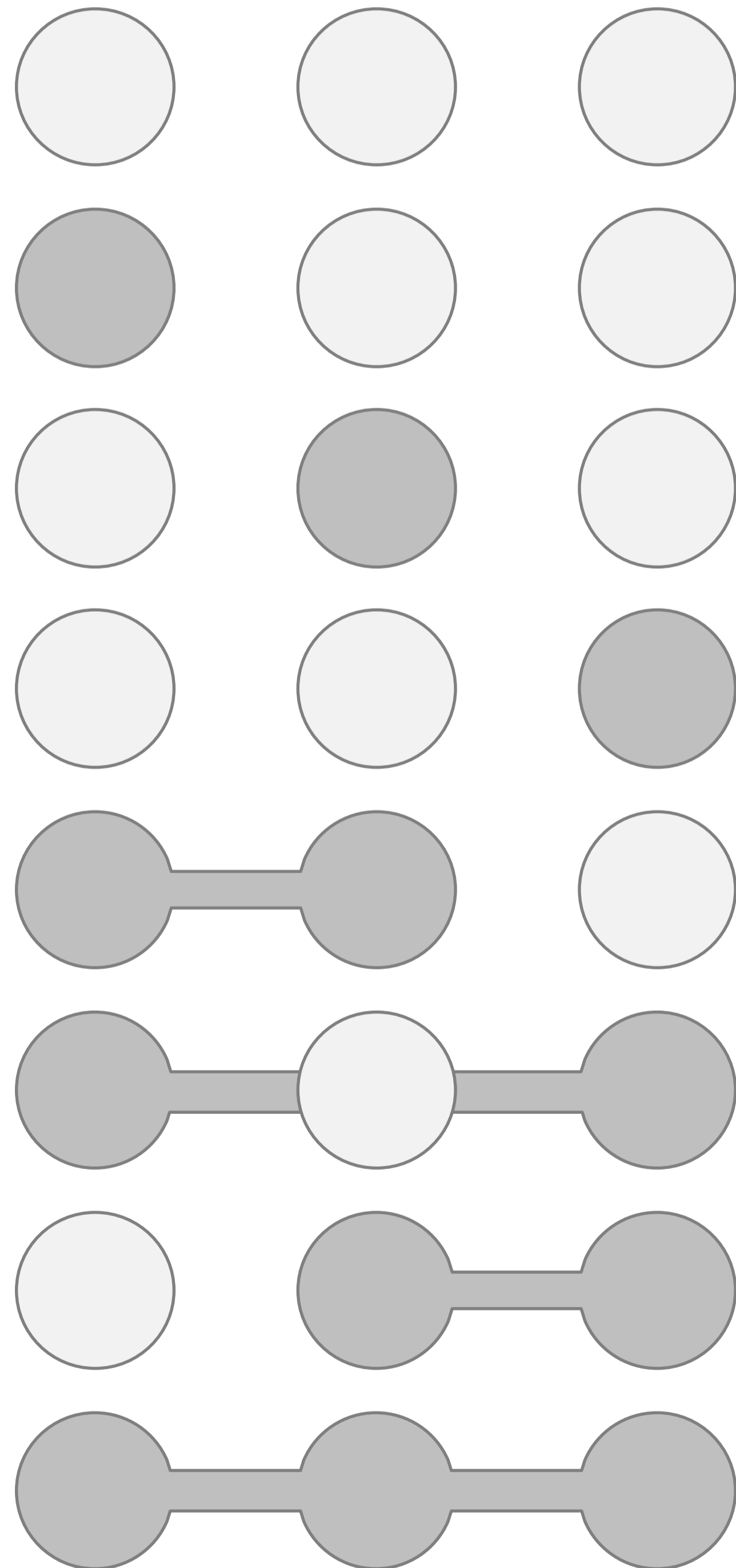
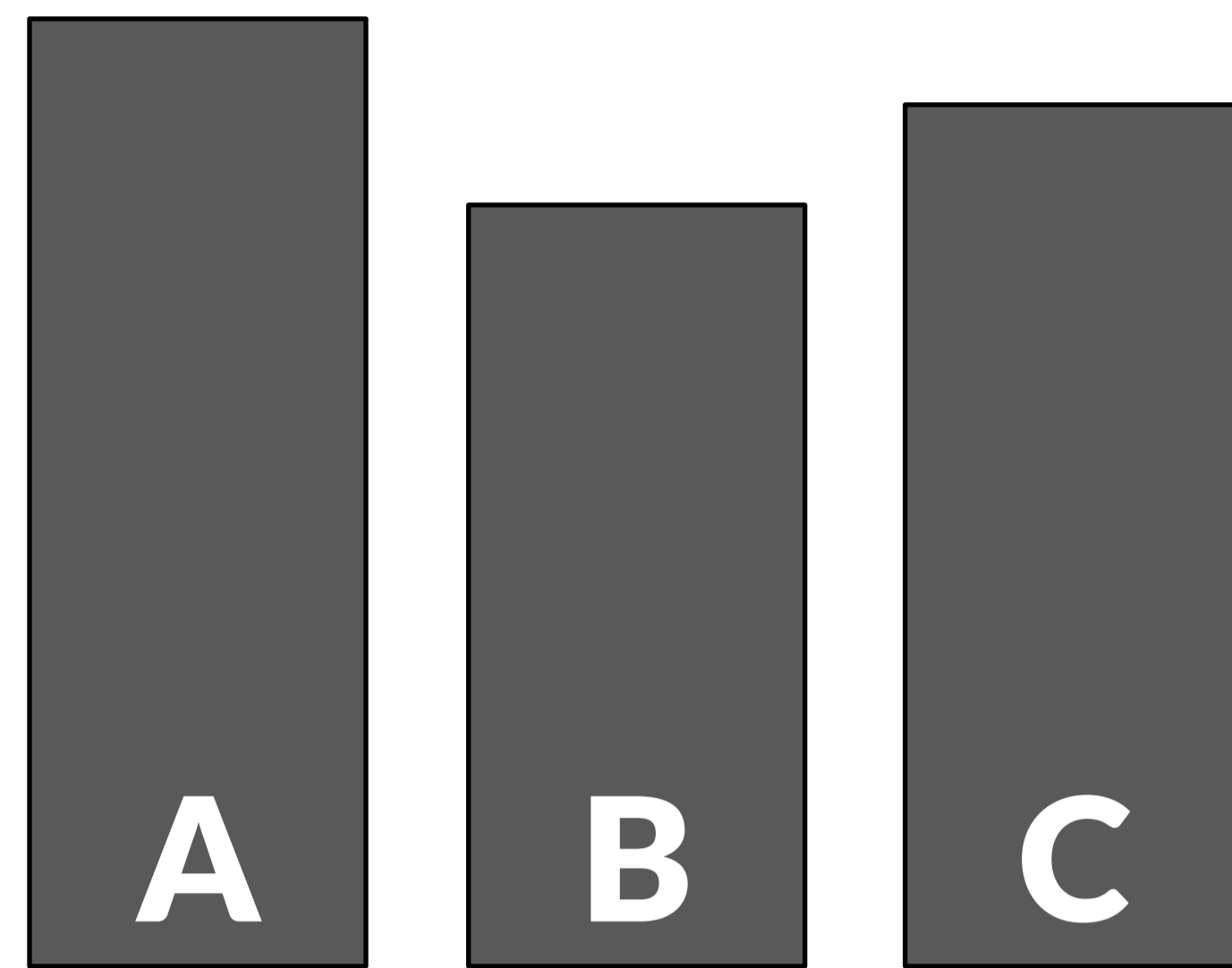


**Drama-Comedy**

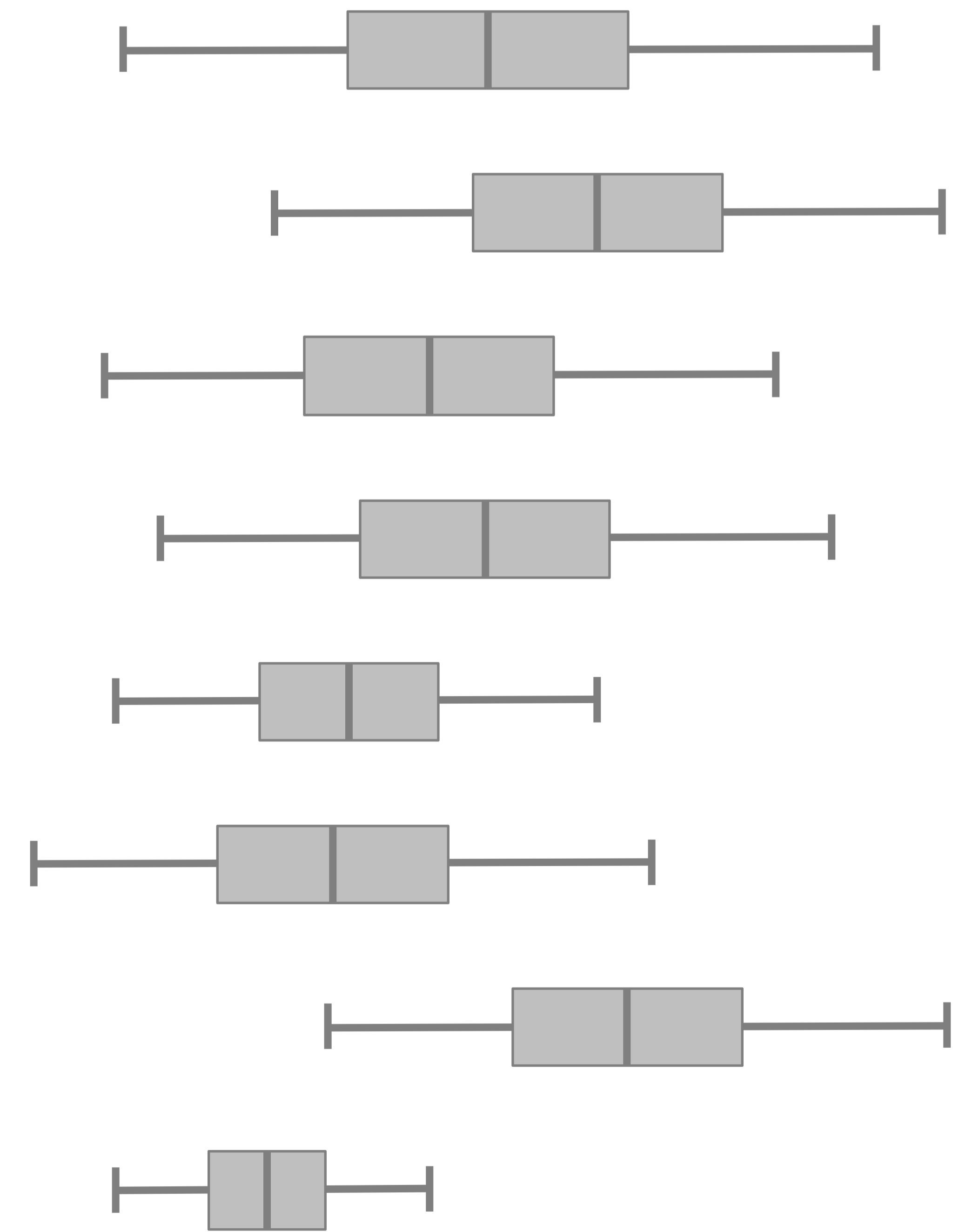
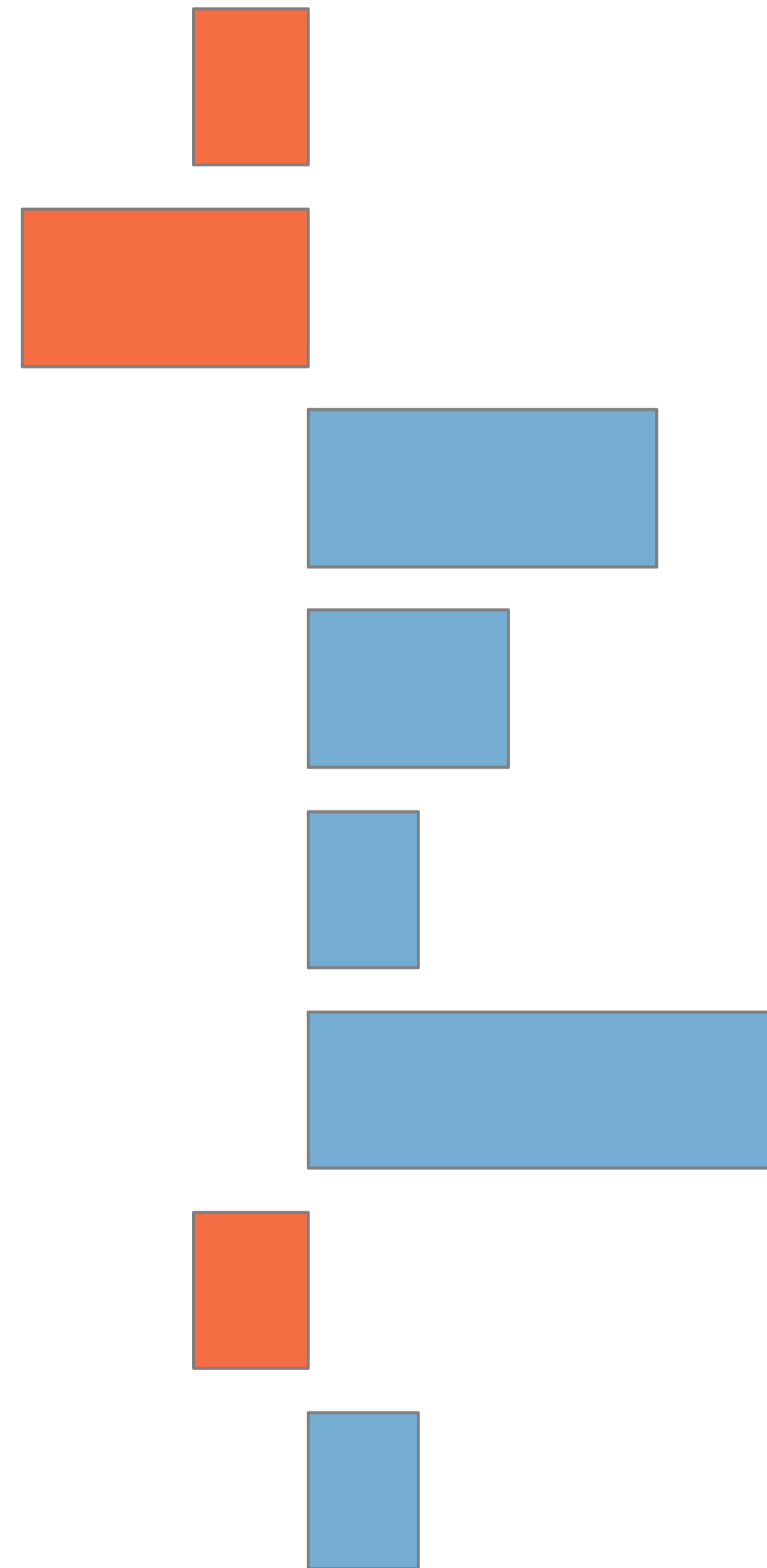
**Action-Comedy**

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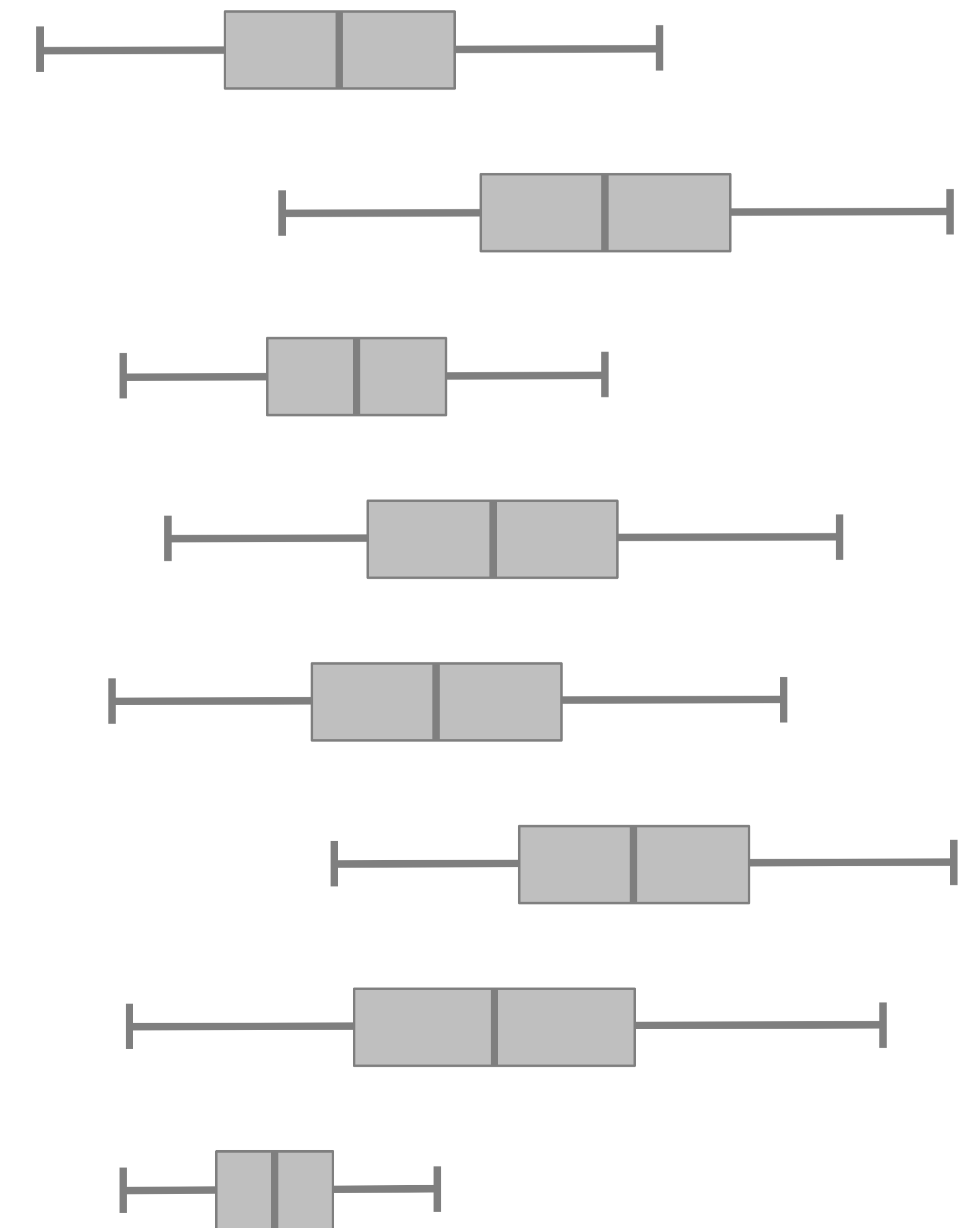
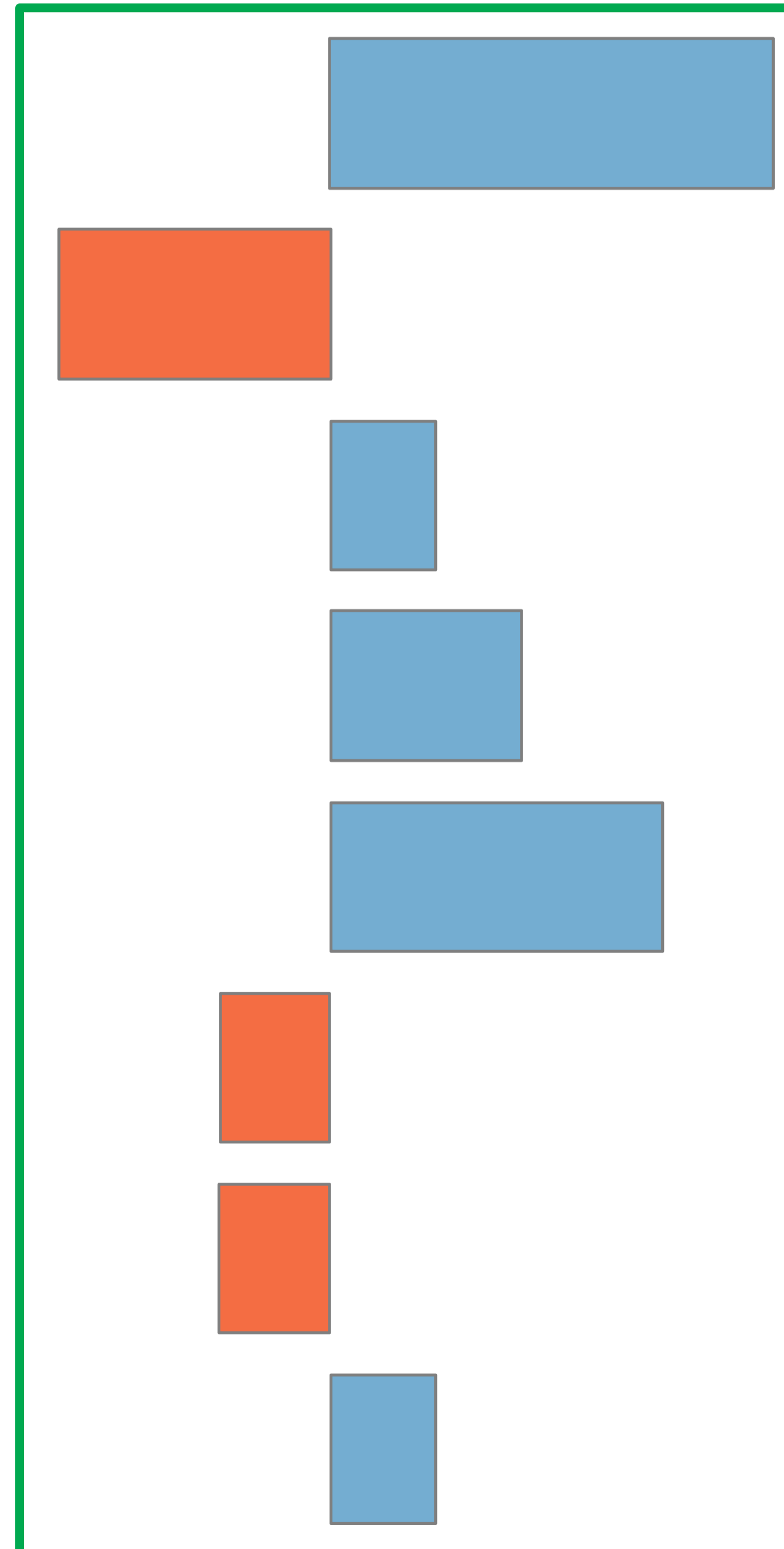
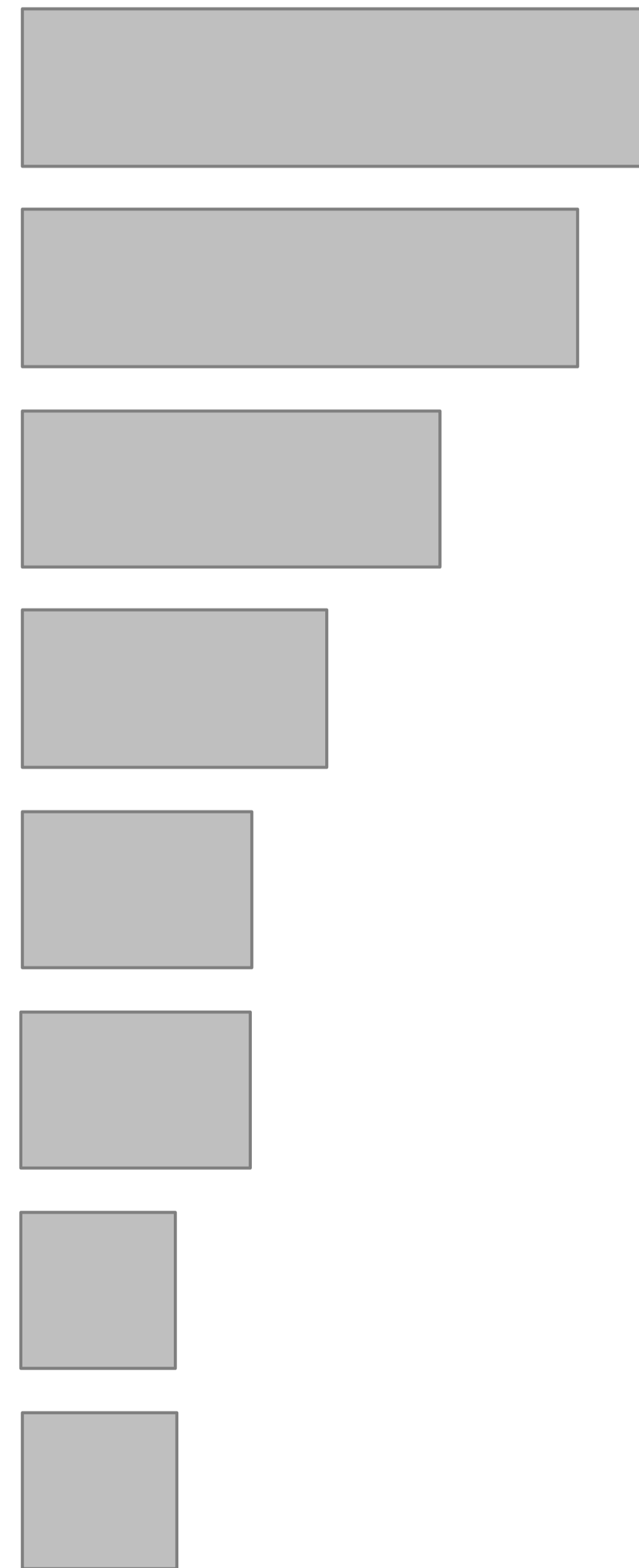
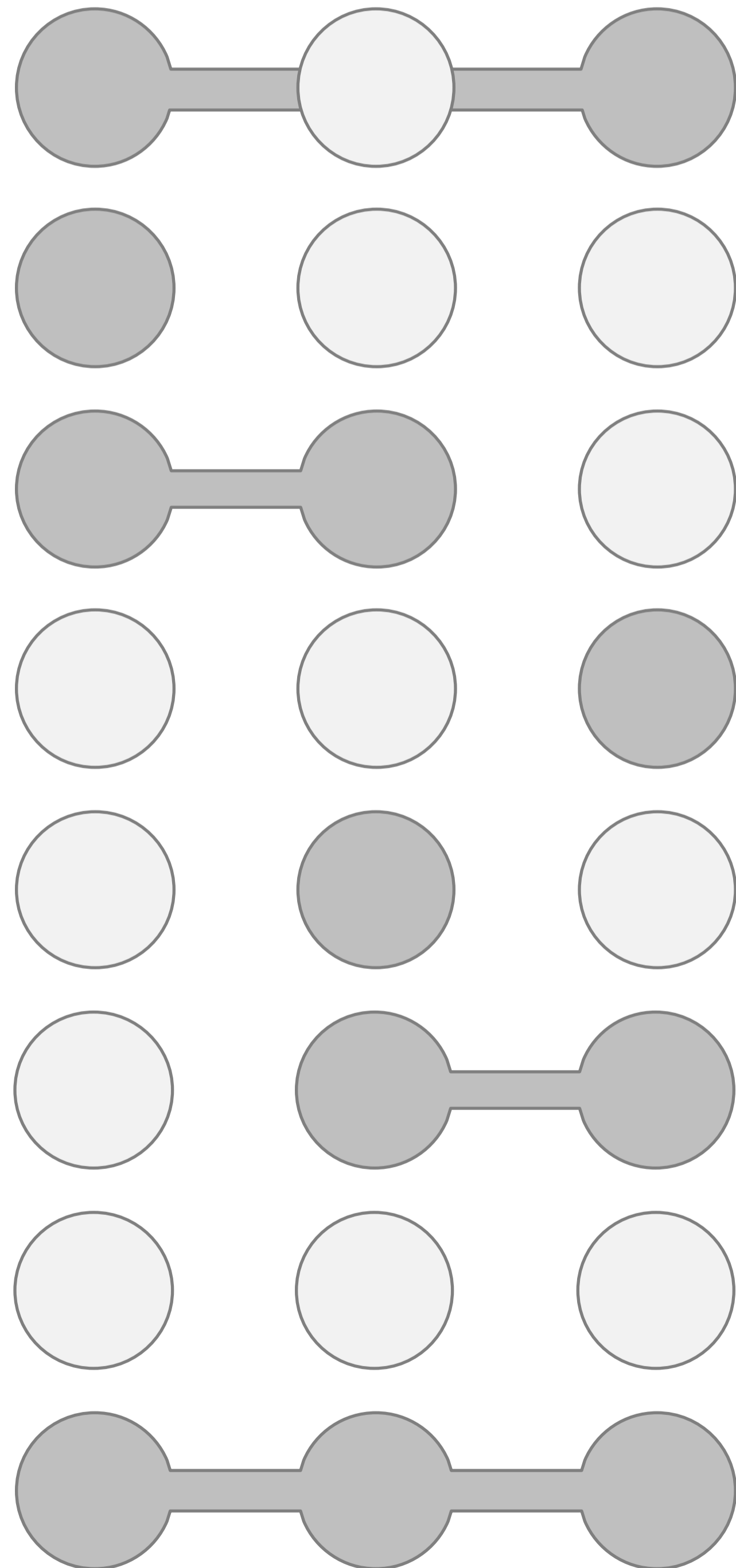
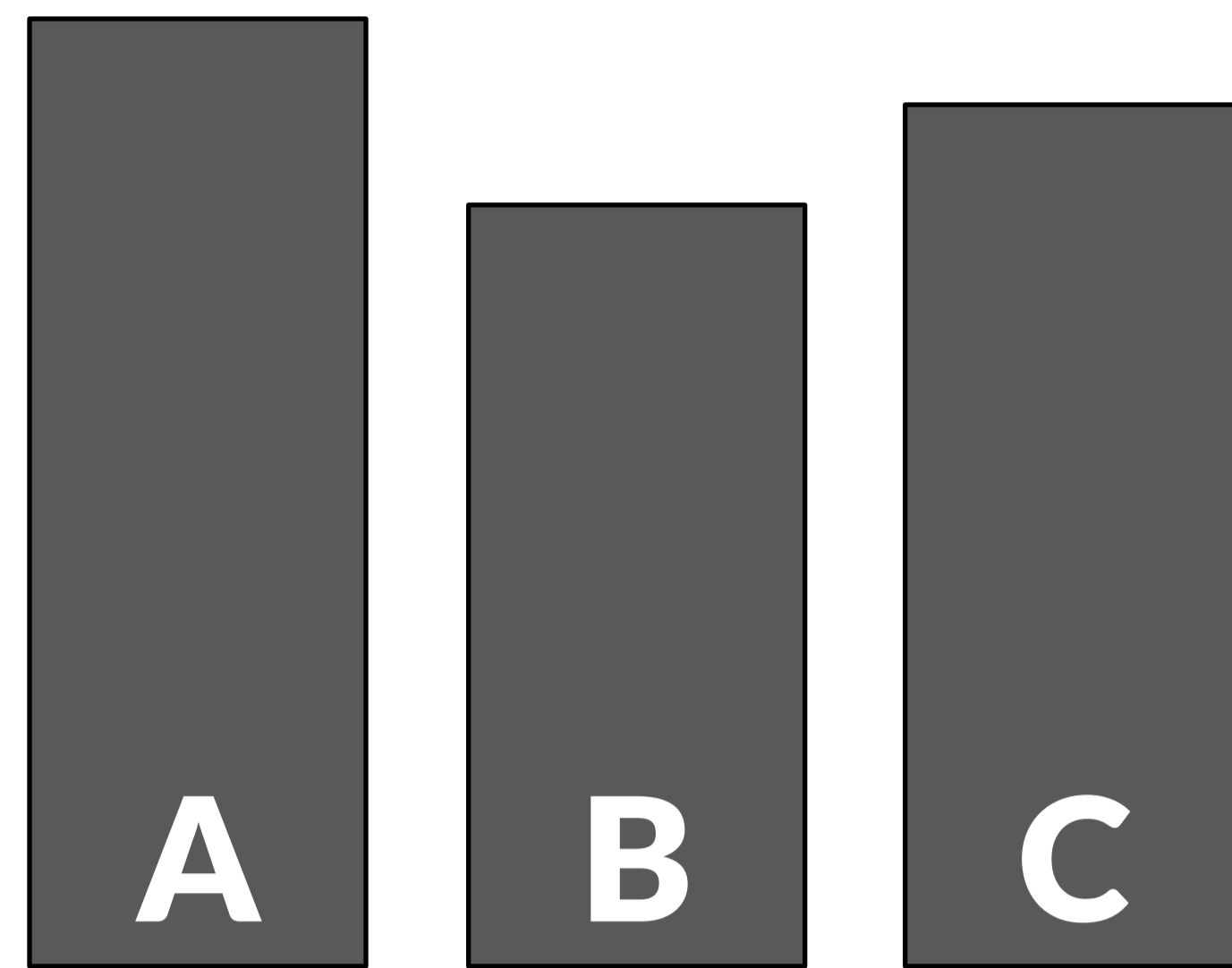
# Sorting



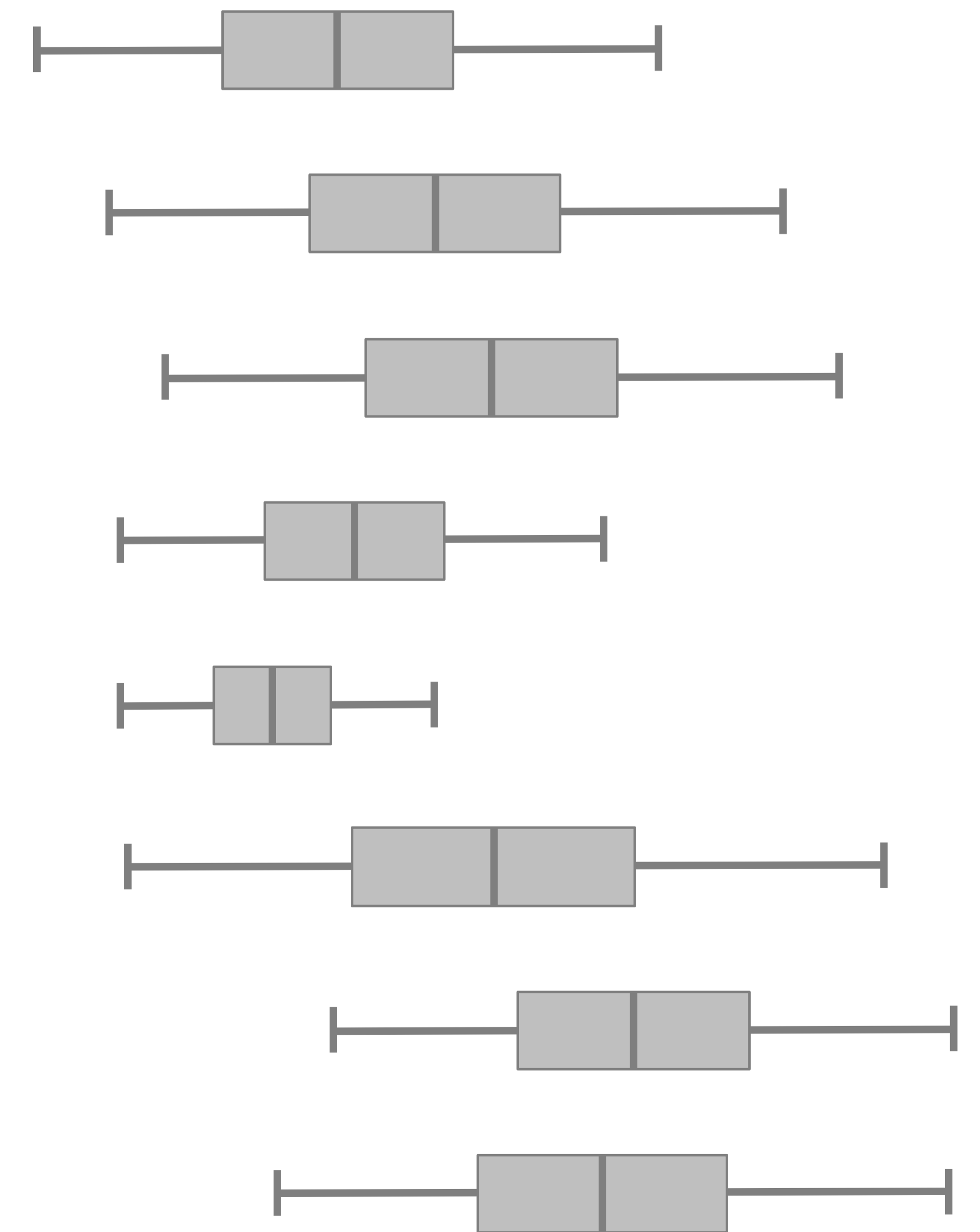
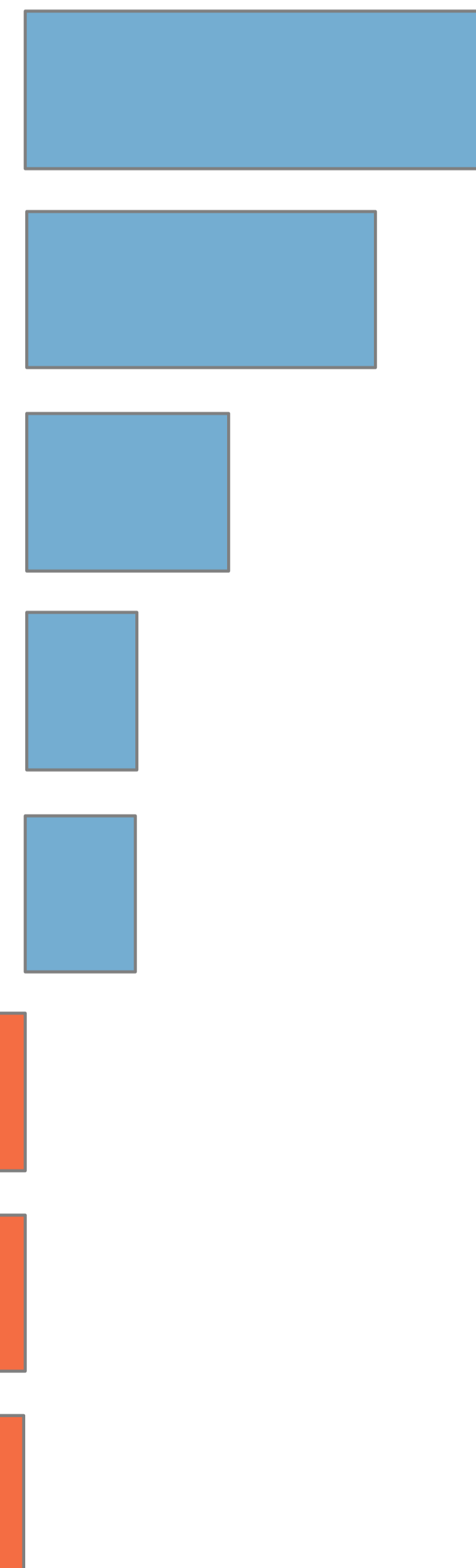
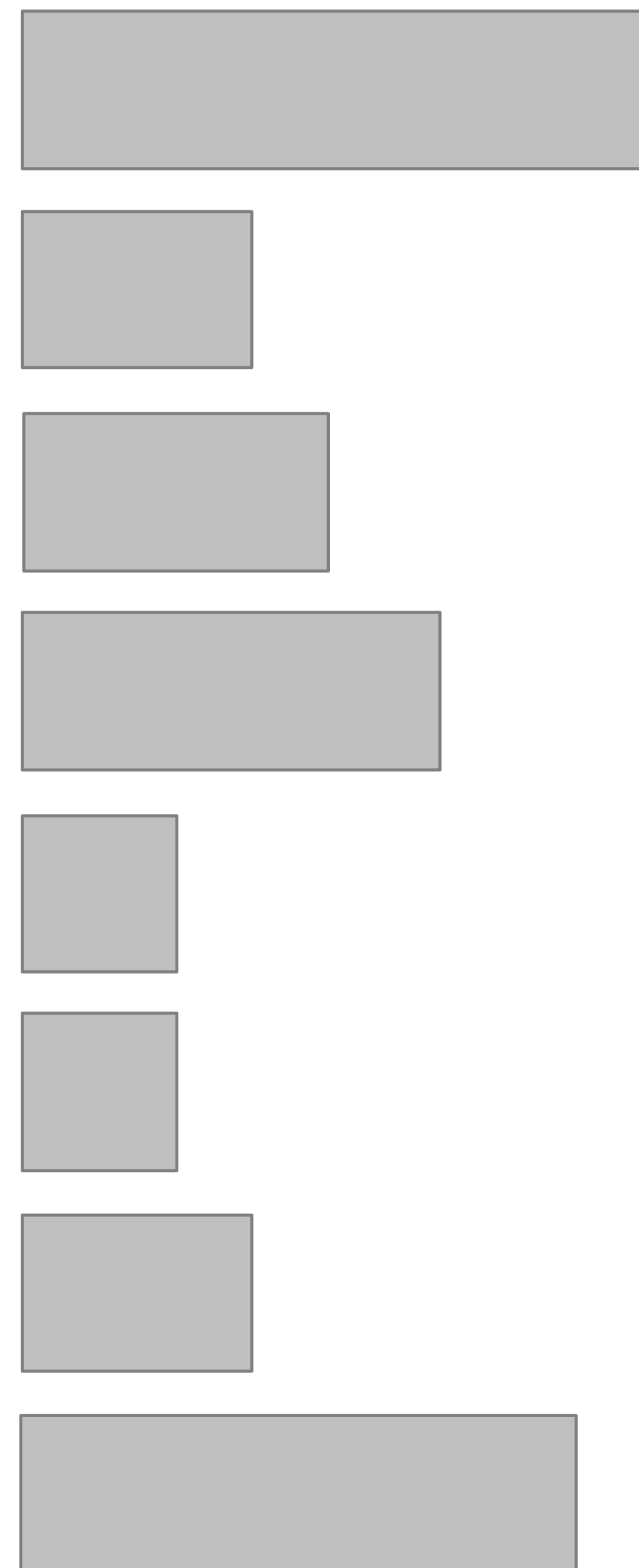
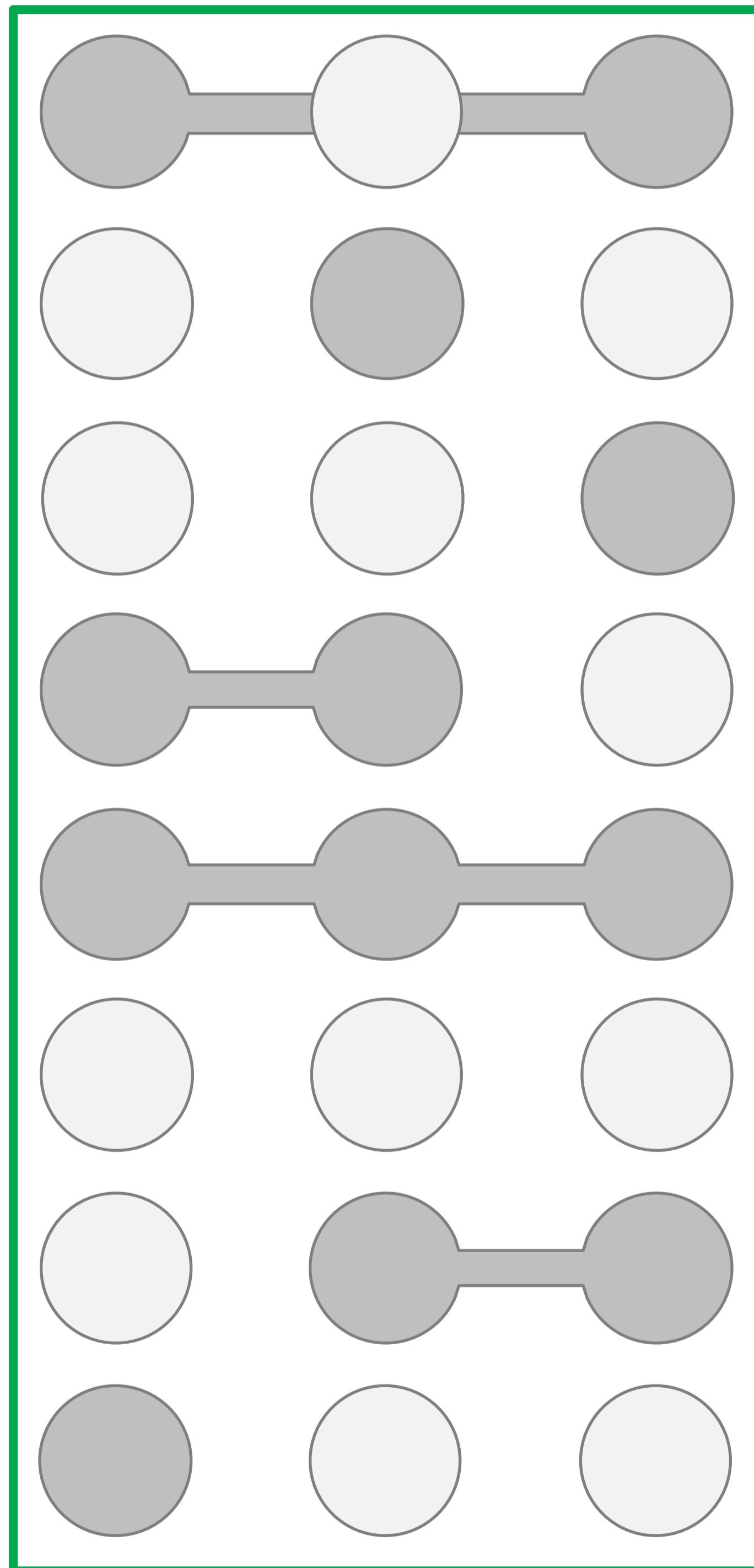
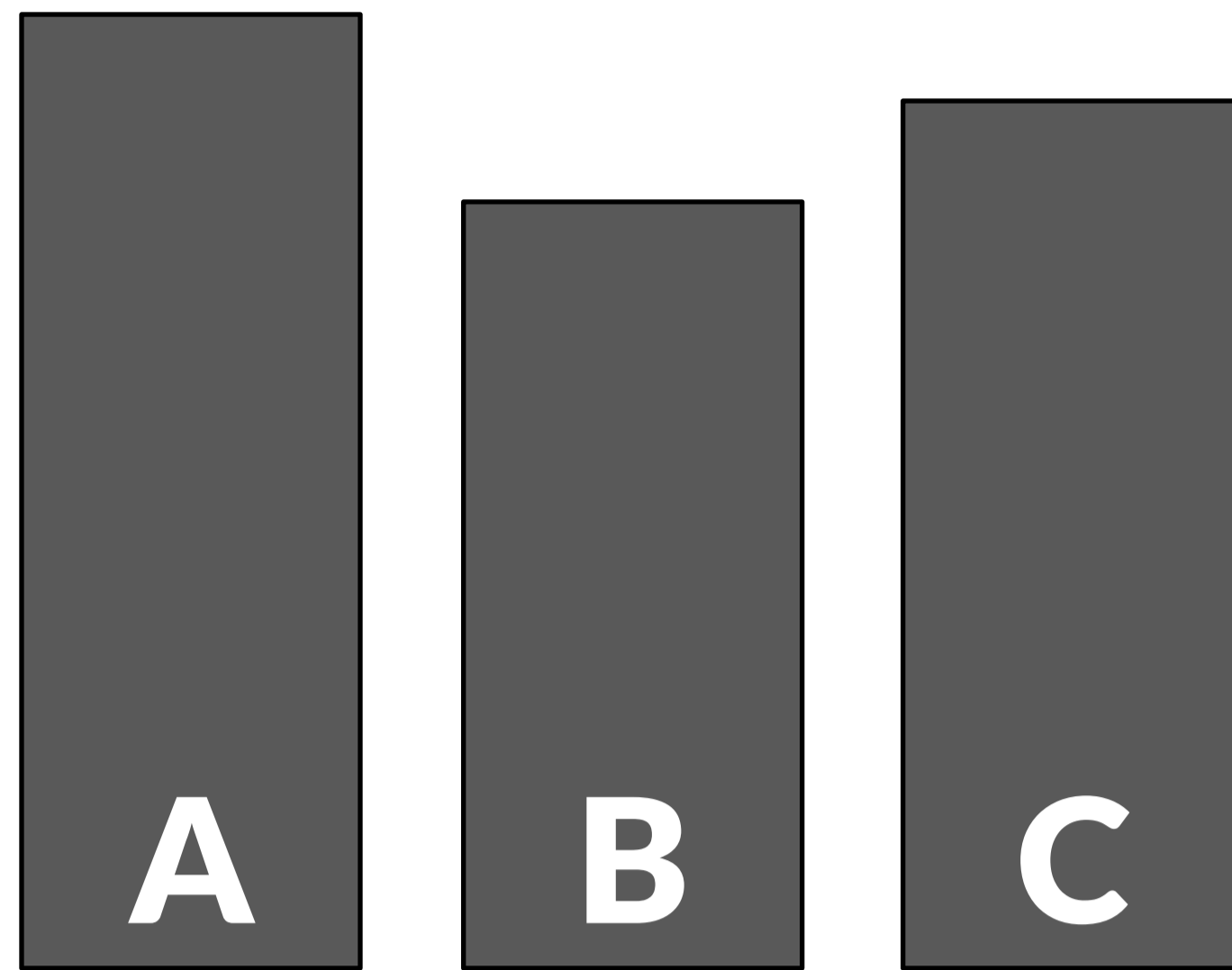
**Which is the biggest intersection?  
Sort By: Cardinality**



**Which is the most 'surprising' intersection?  
Sort By: Deviation**



**What are the properties of the intersections involving 'A'?**  
**Sort By: Set**



First, aggregate by  
 Don't Aggregate

Then, aggregate by  
 Don't Aggregate

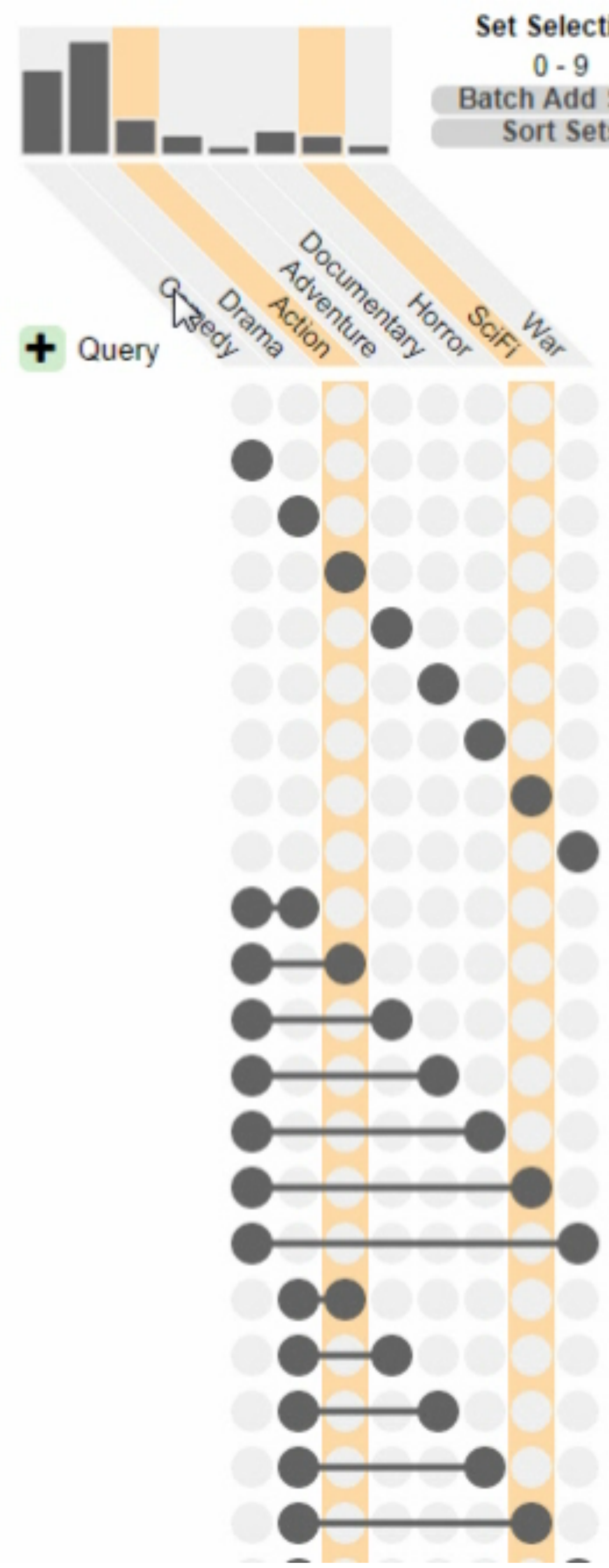
Sort by  
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 Deviation

Aggregates

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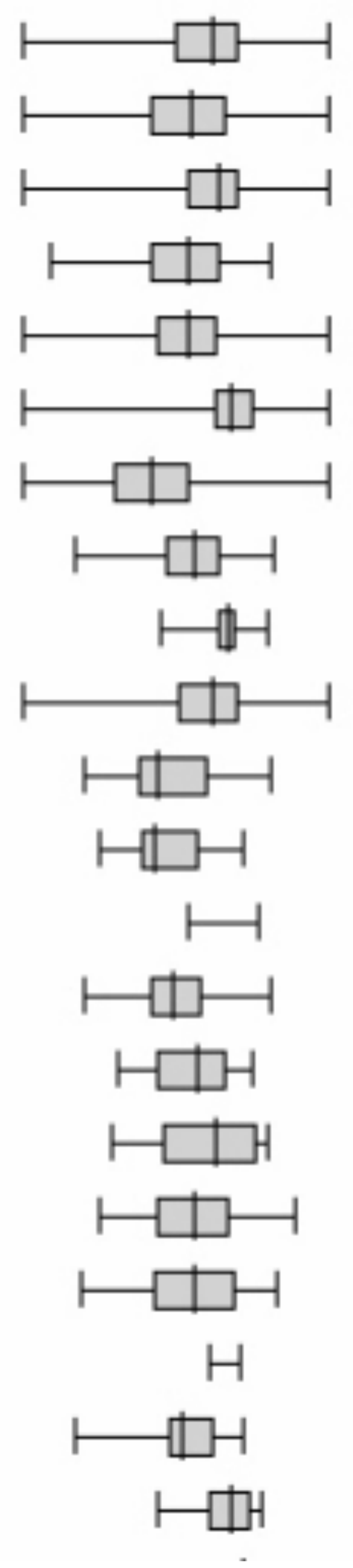
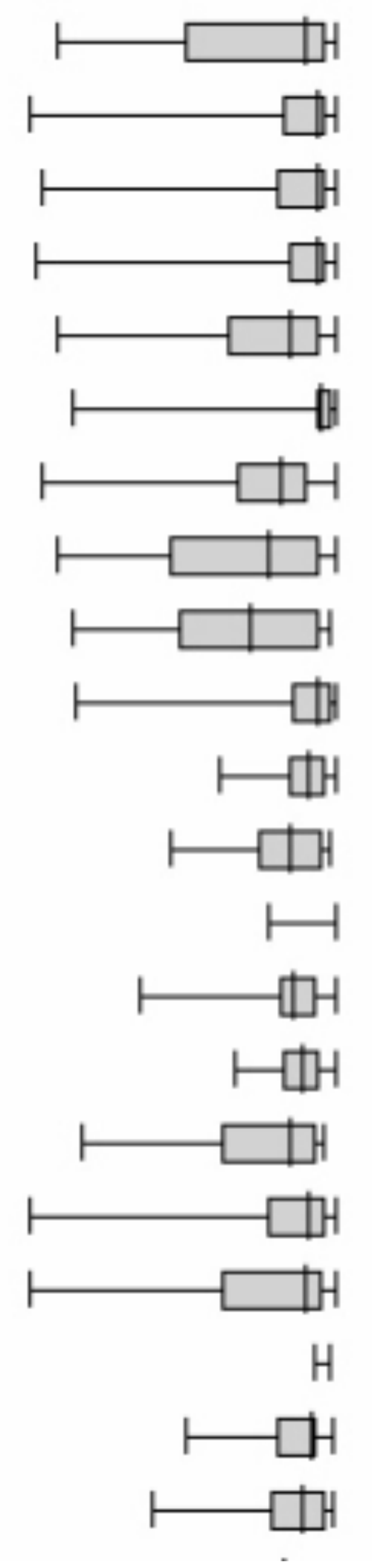
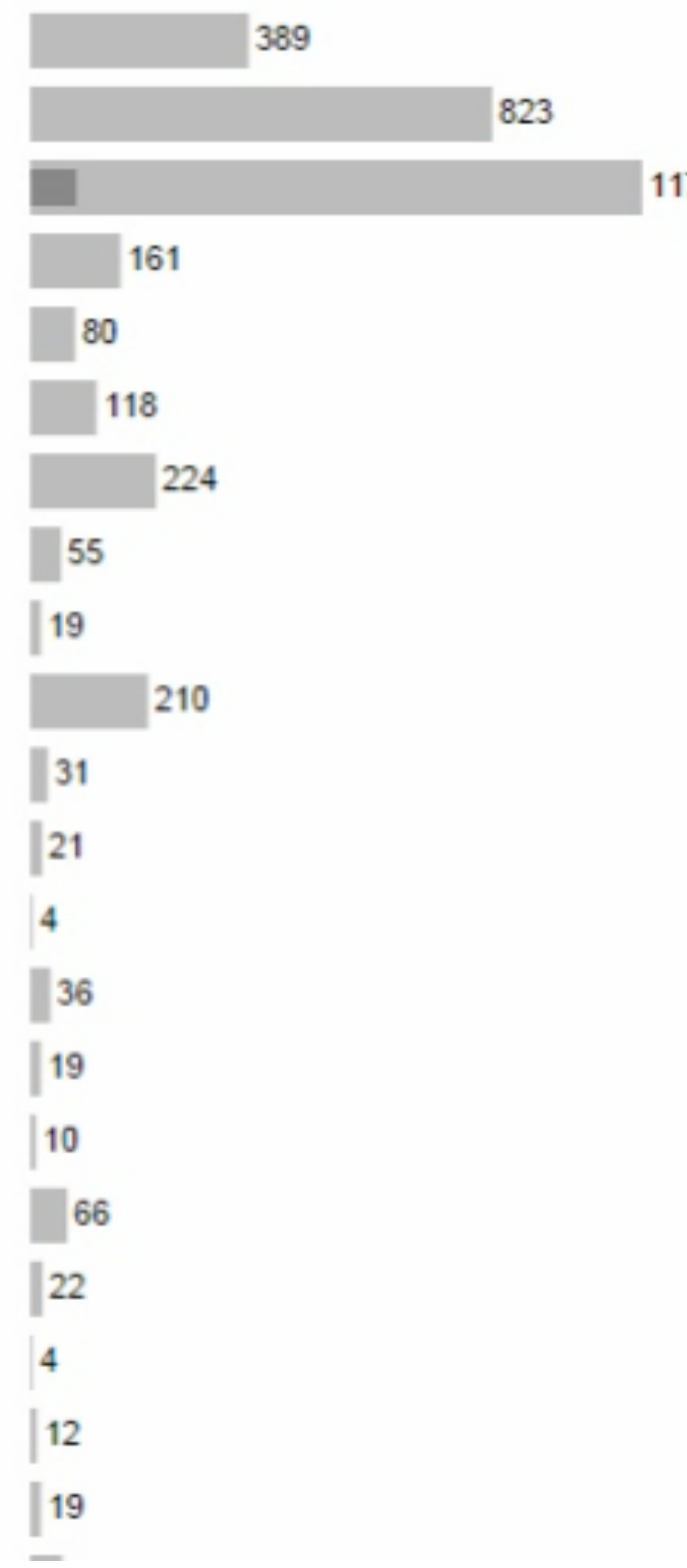
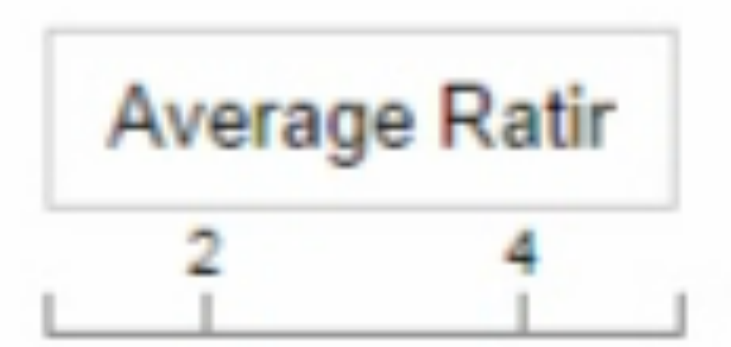
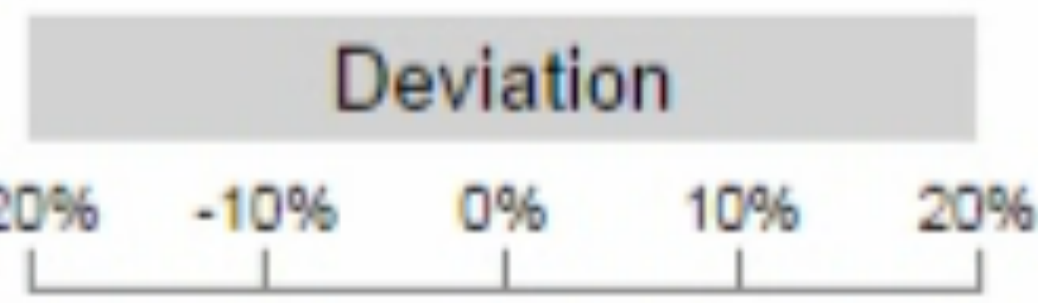
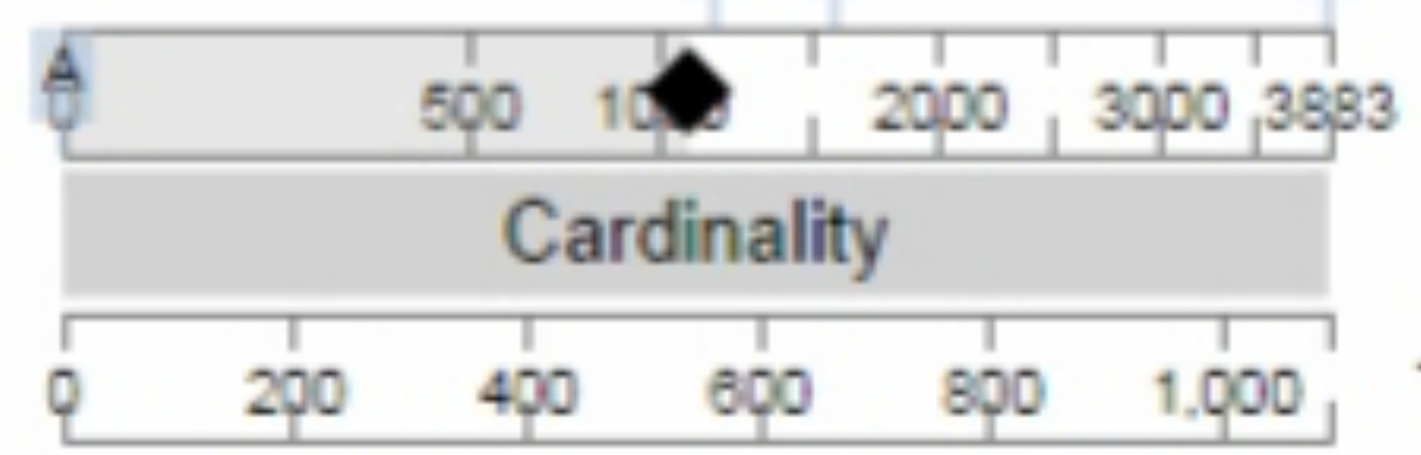
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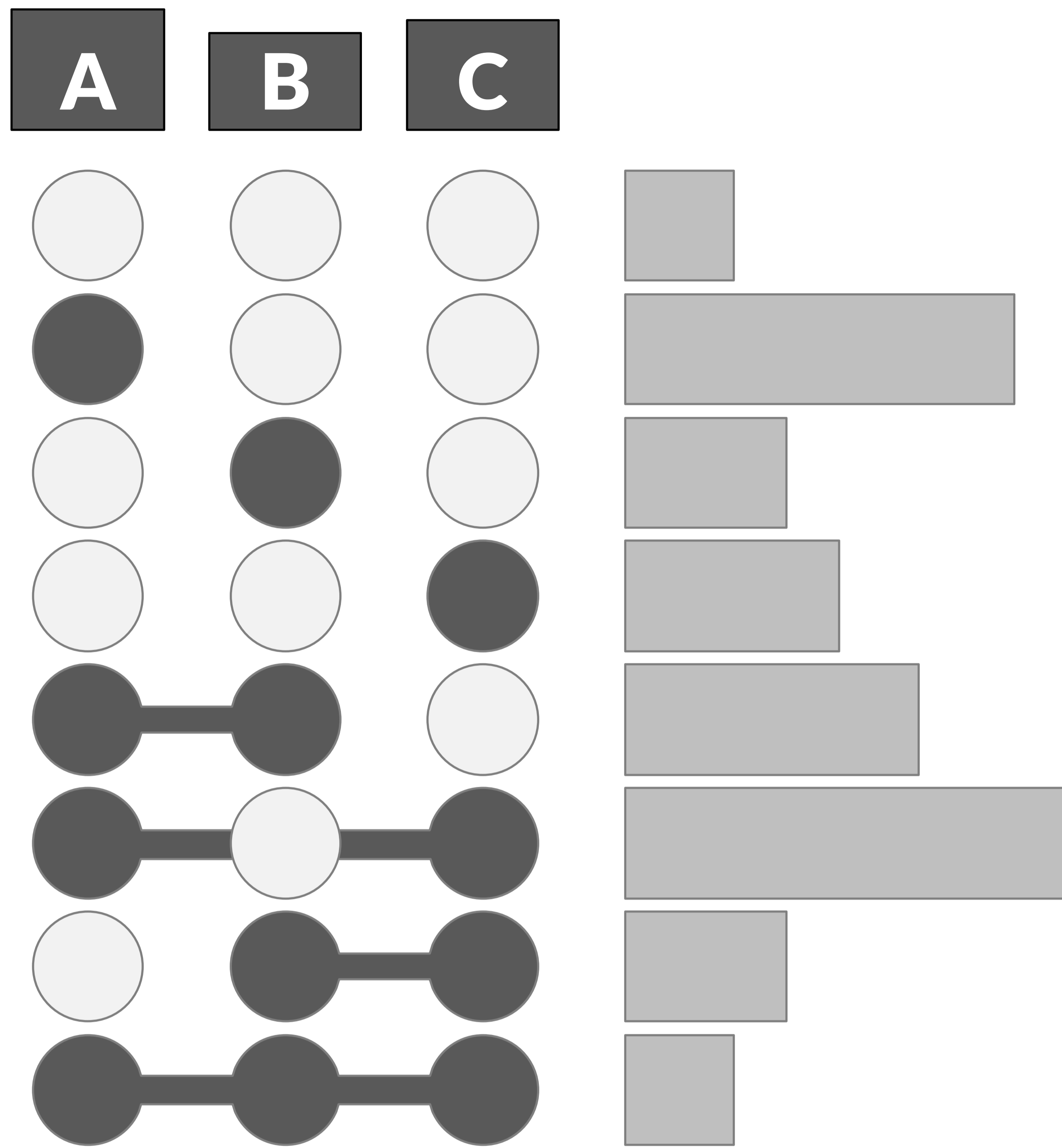


Set Selection  
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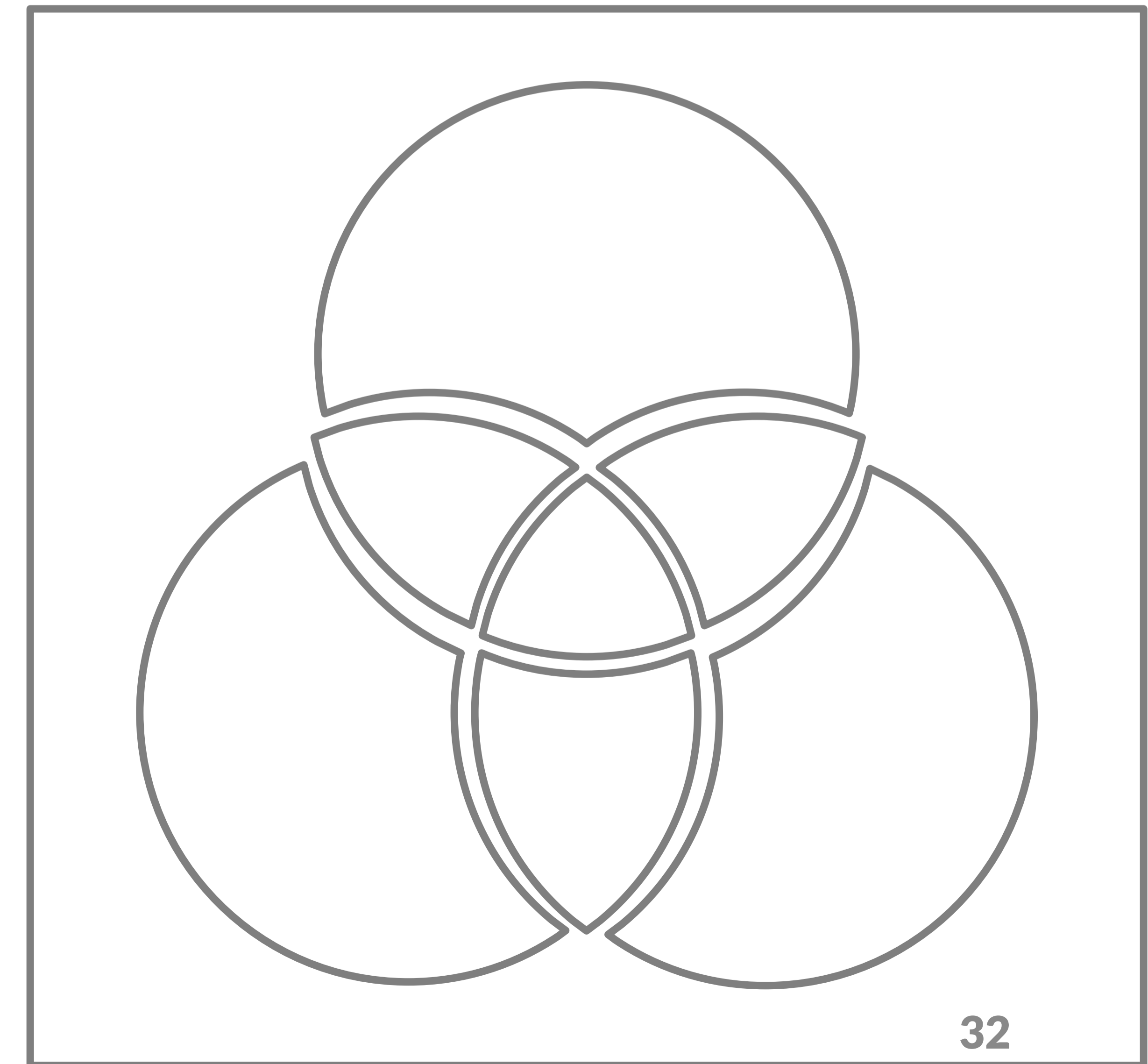
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 Noir



# Aggregation

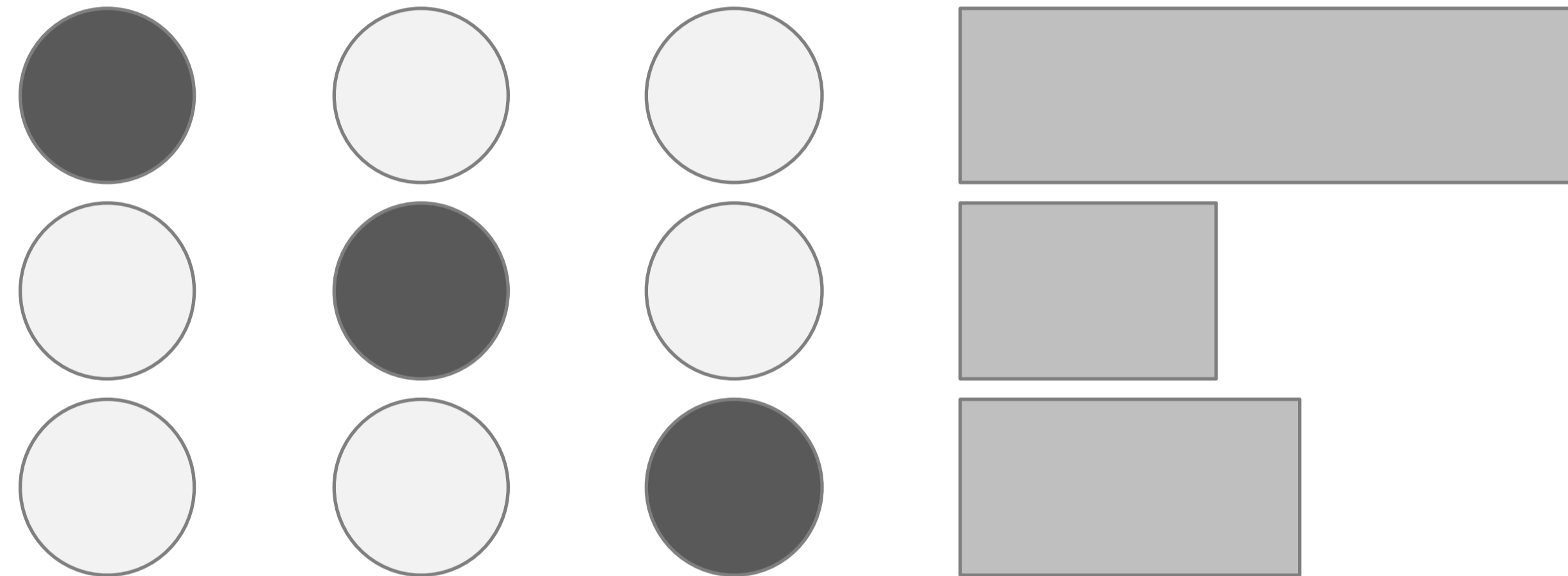
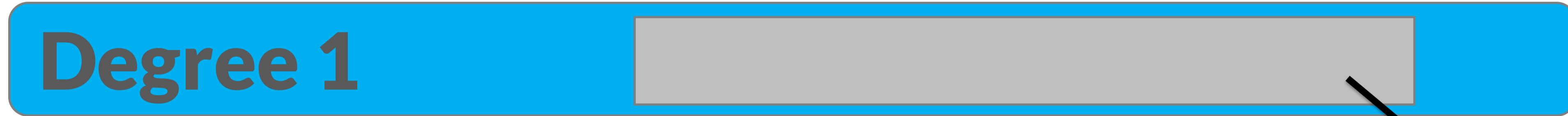
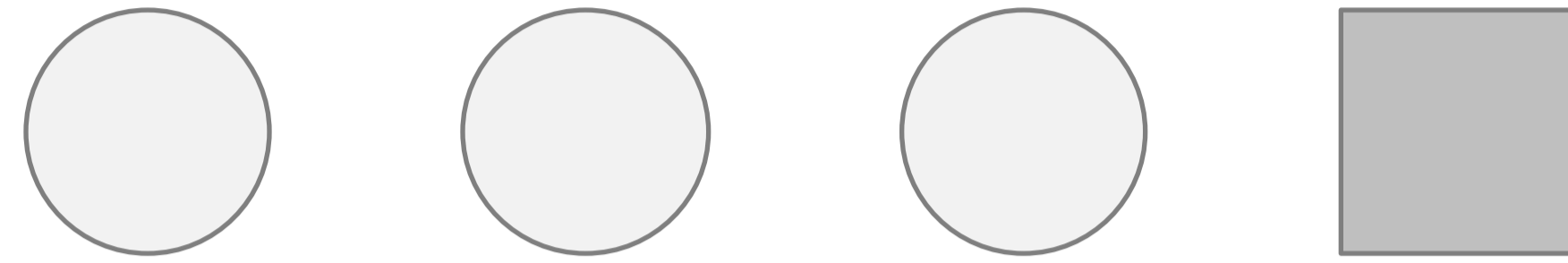


**Are many items shared between two sets?  
Aggregate By: Degree**

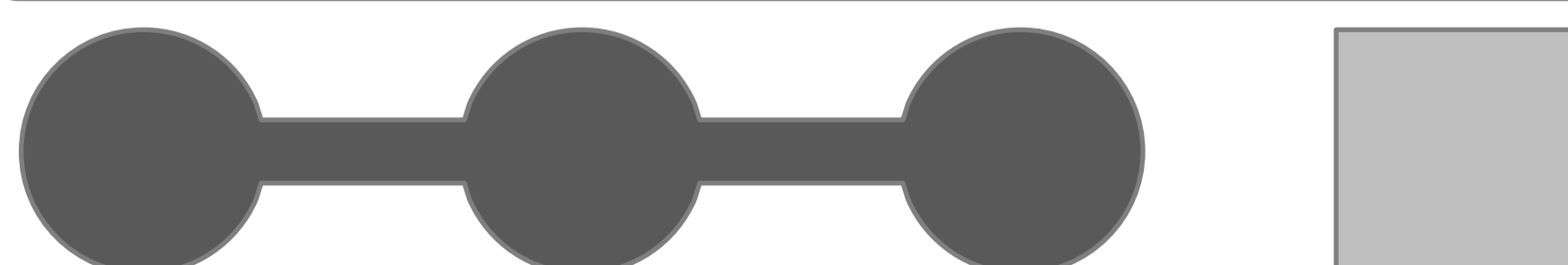
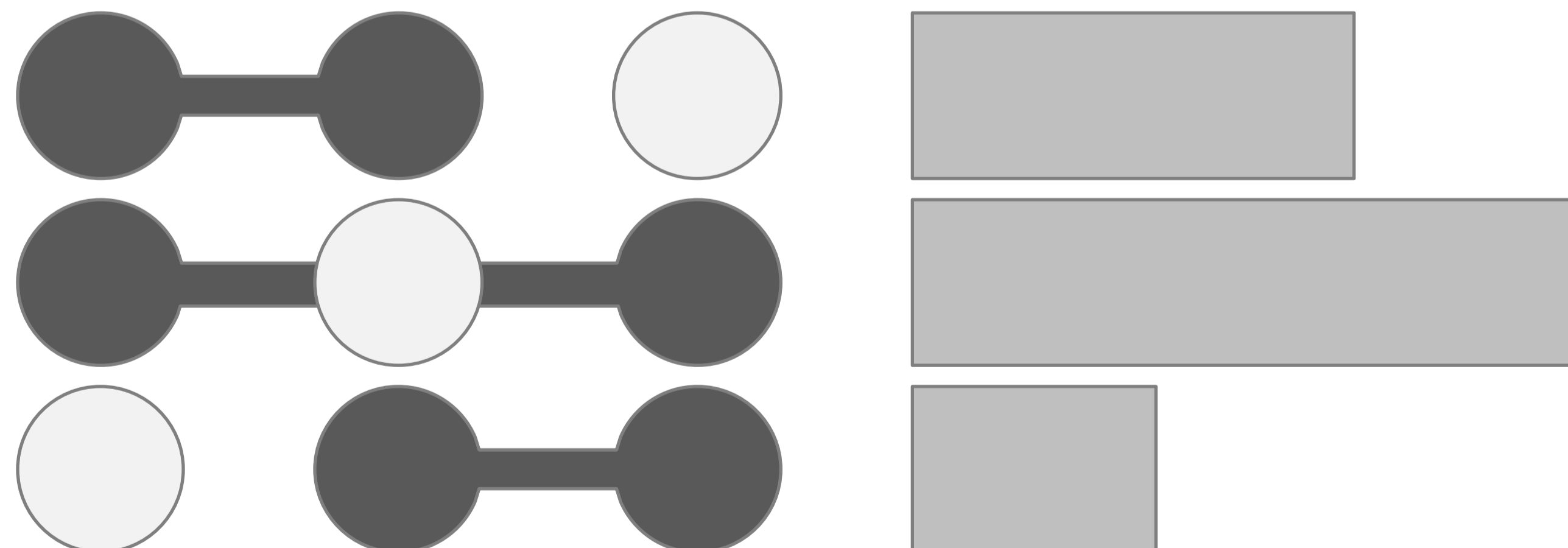




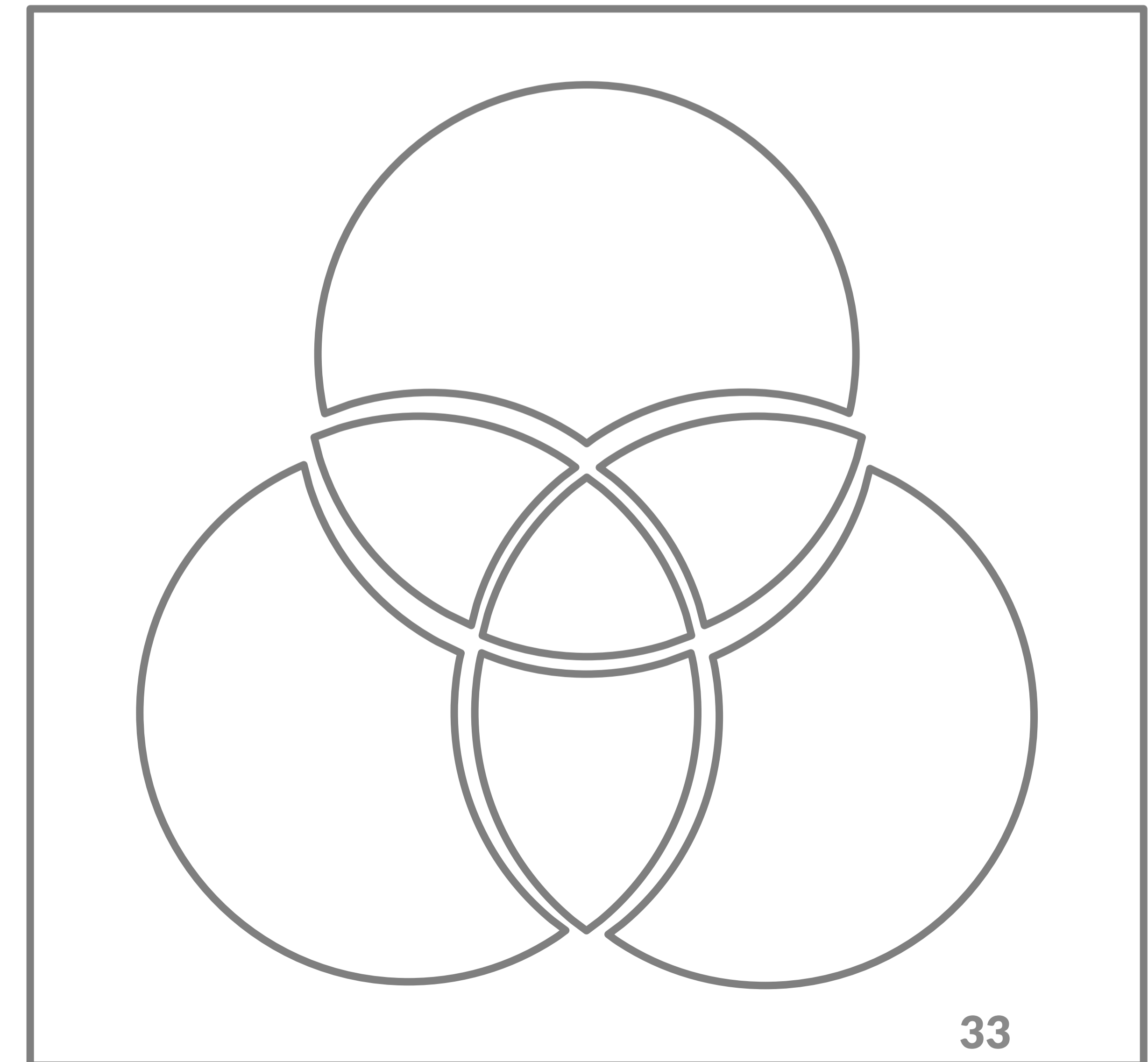
**A** **B** **C**



**Sum of children**

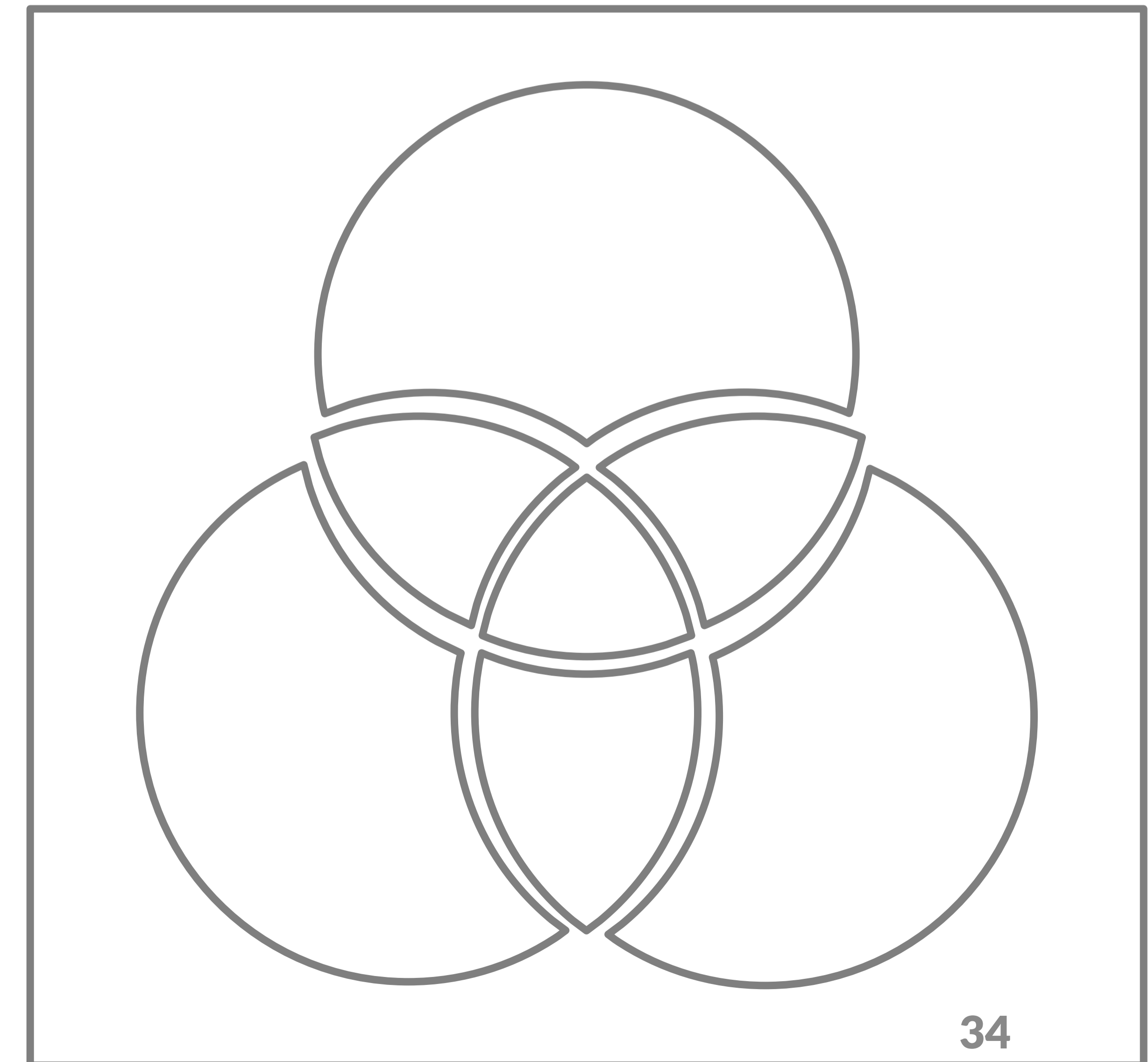
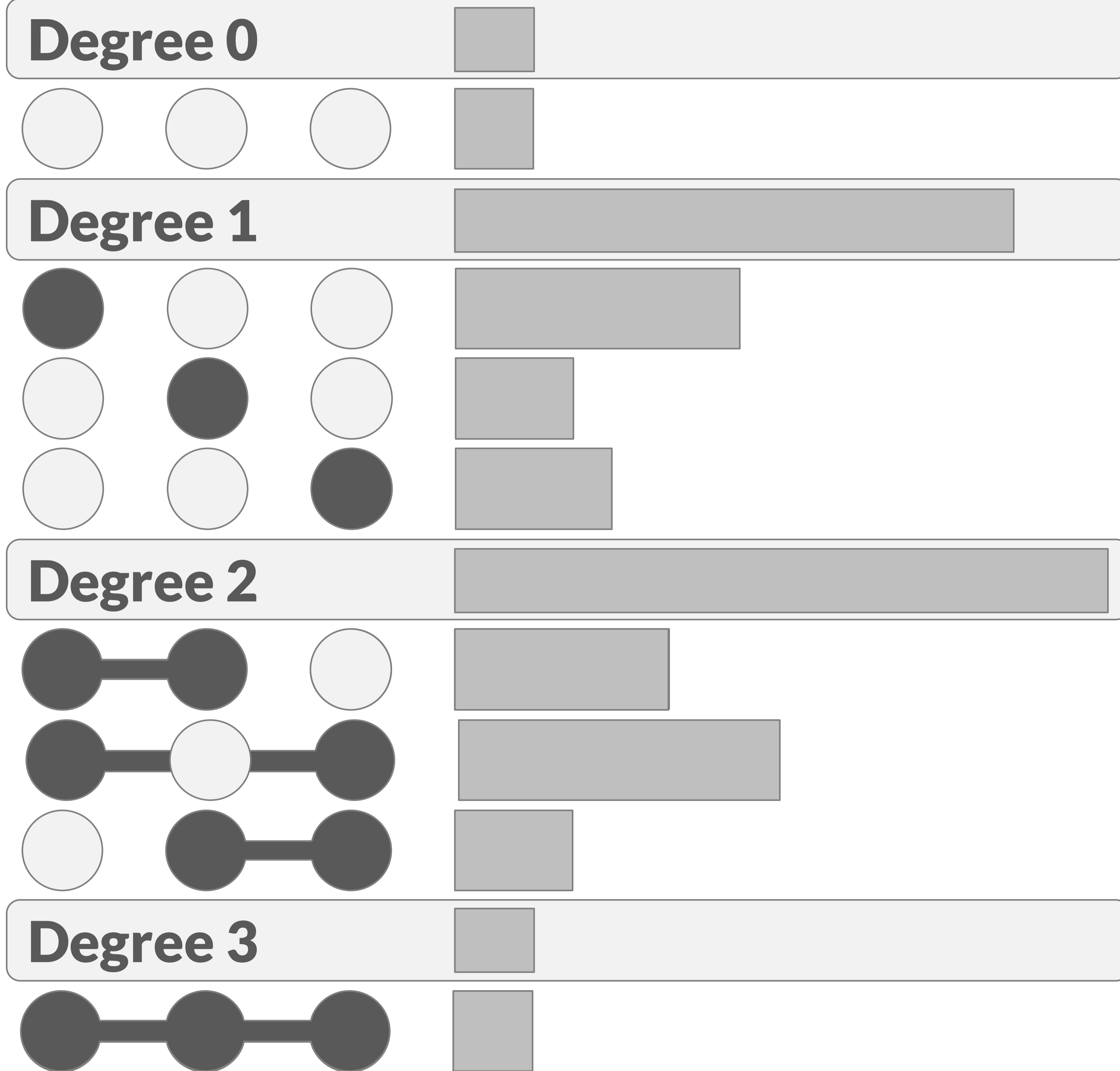


**Are many items shared between two sets?  
Aggregate By: Degree**



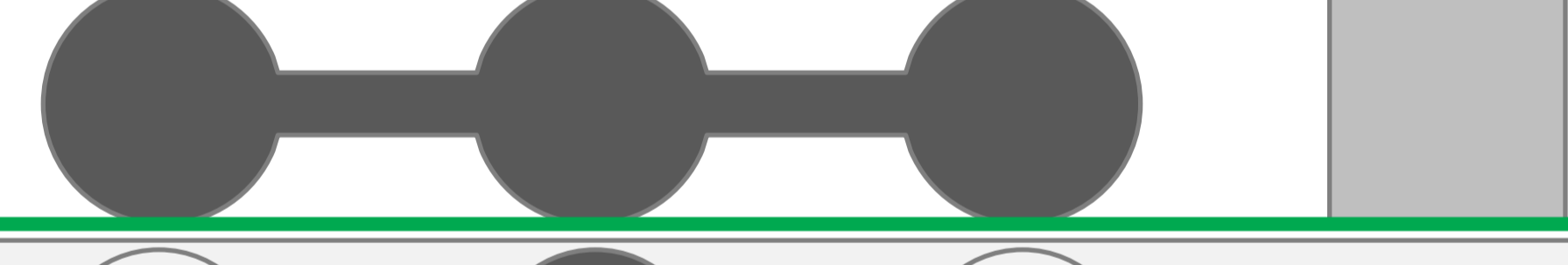
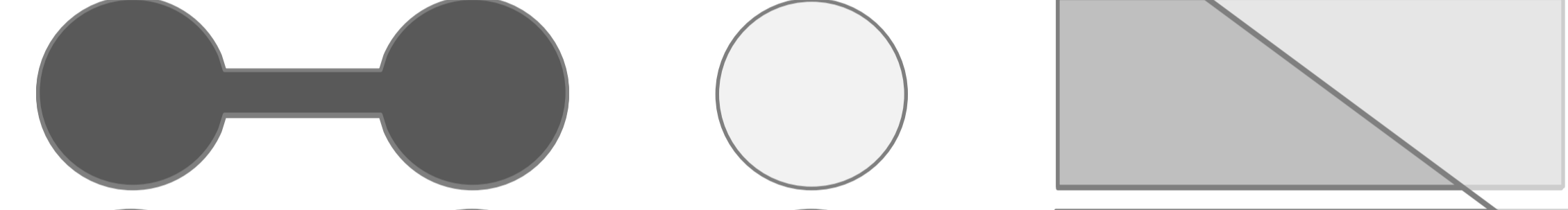
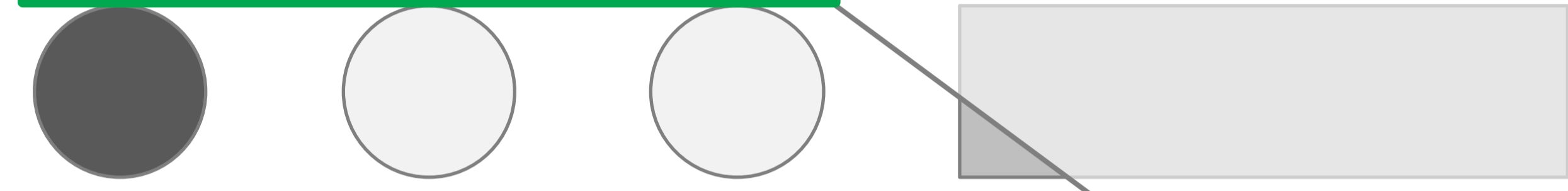
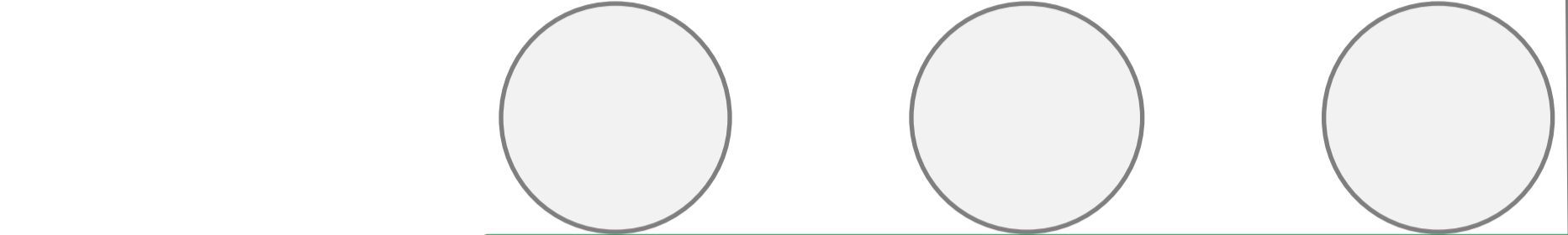
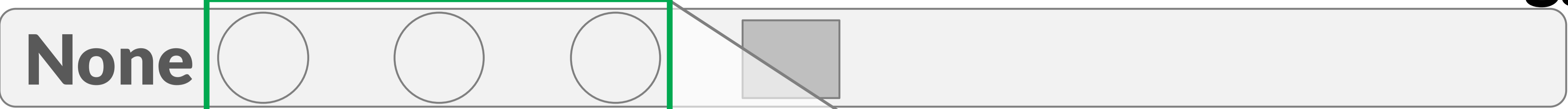
**A** **B** **C**

**How are the elements of 'B' distributed?  
Aggregate By: Set**

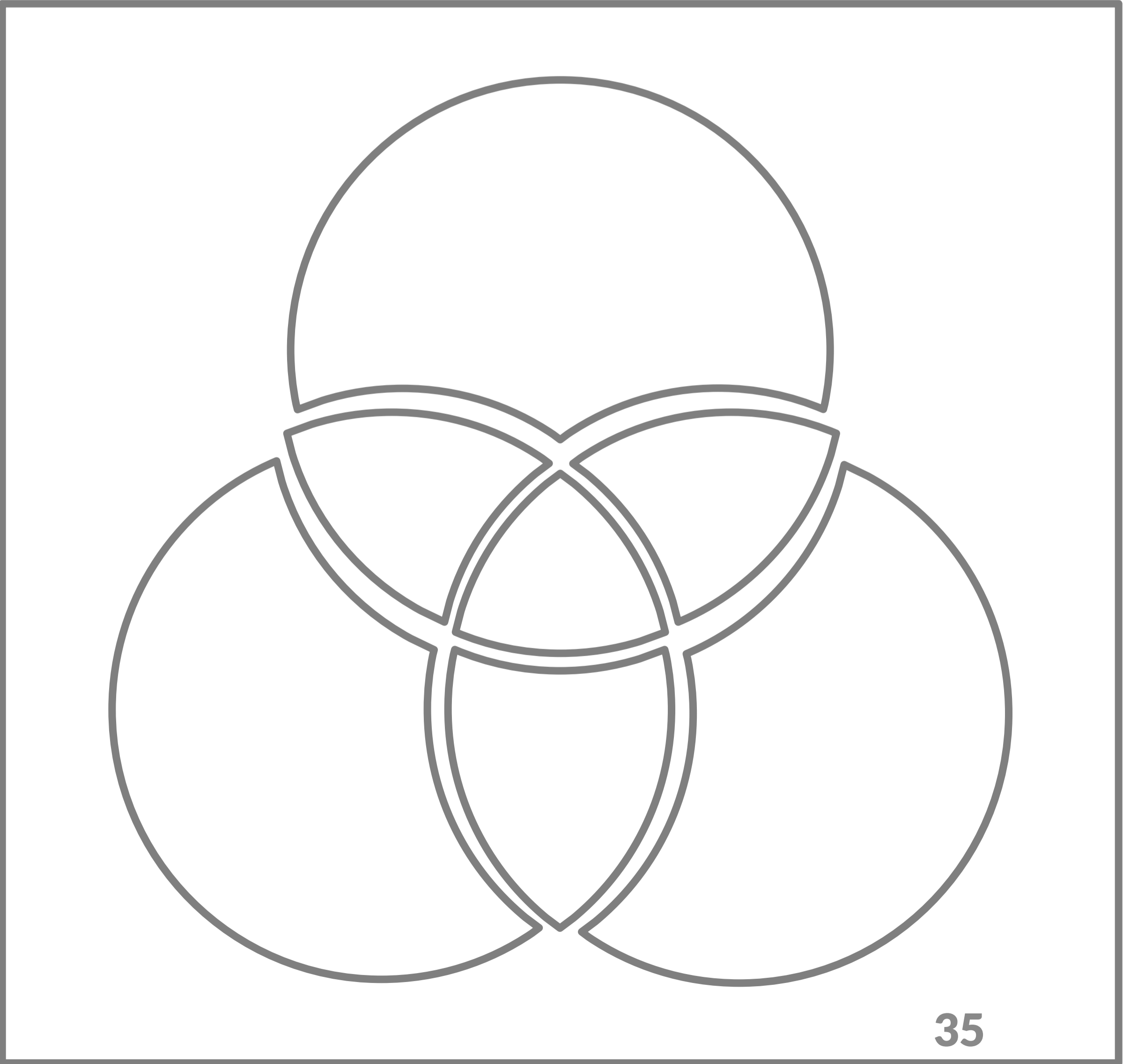
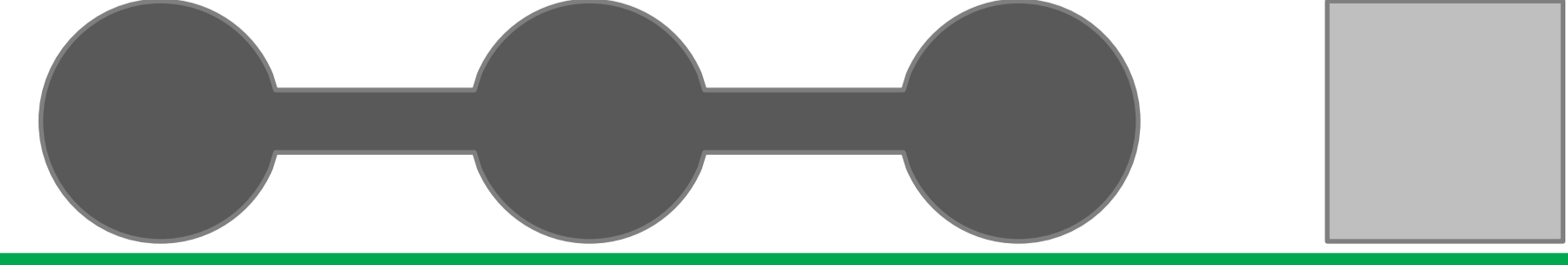
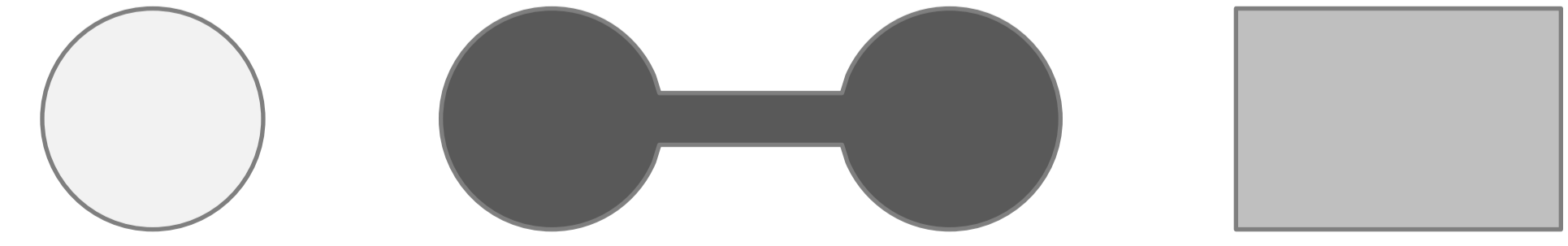
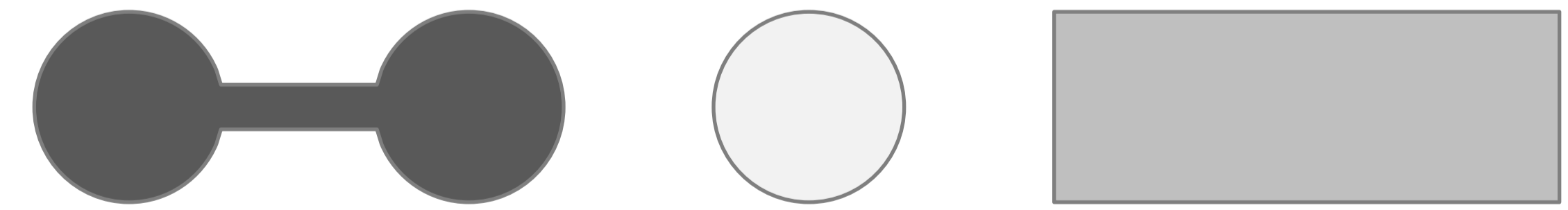
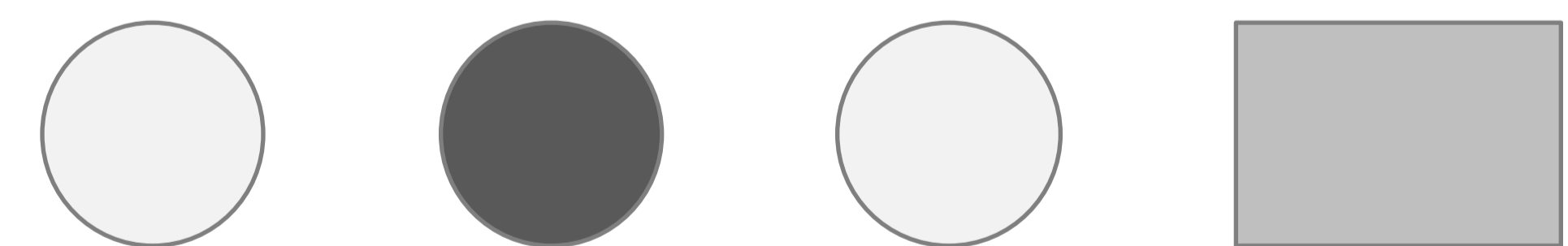


# How are the elements of 'B' distributed? Aggregate By: Set

**A** **B** **C**

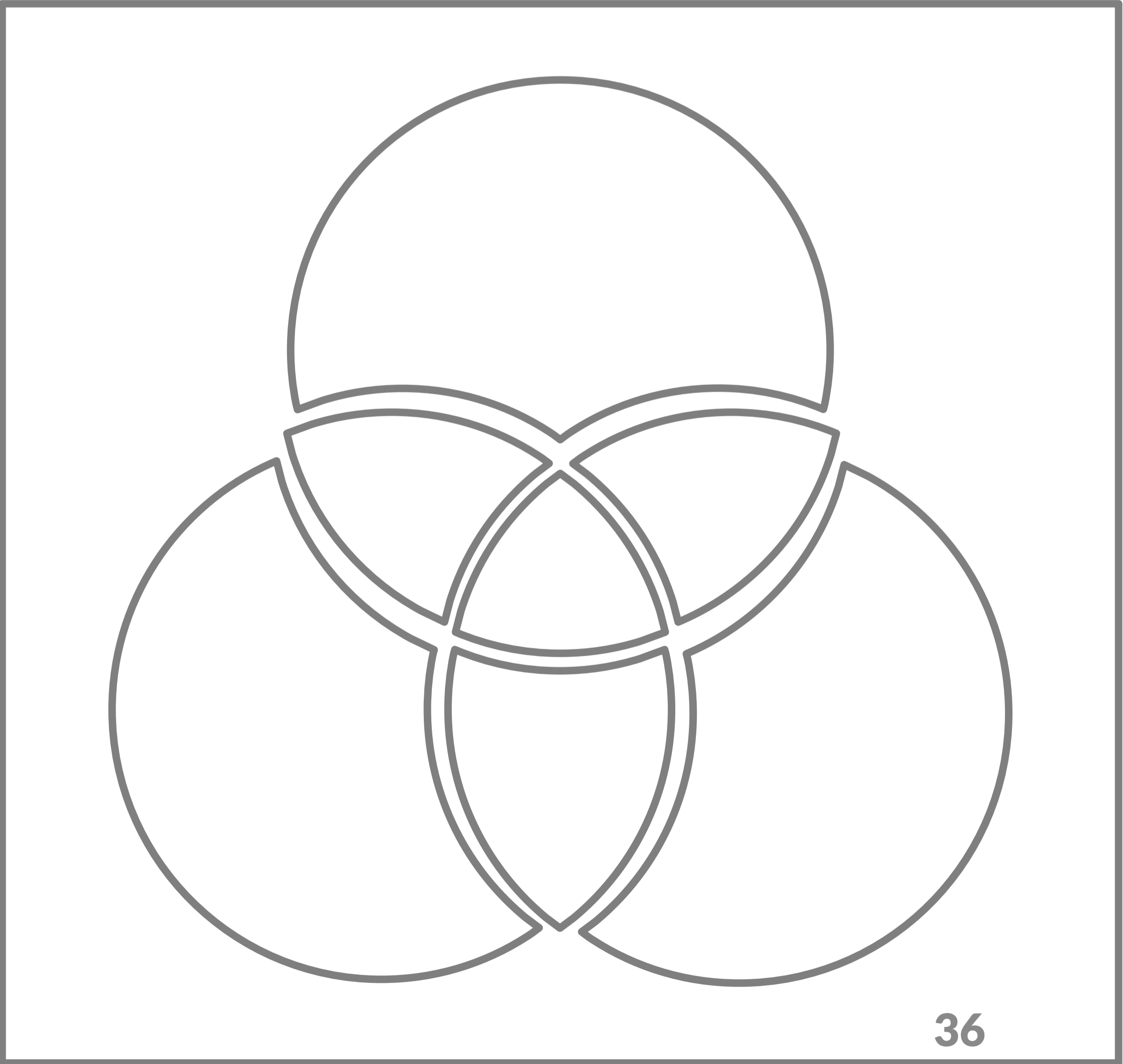
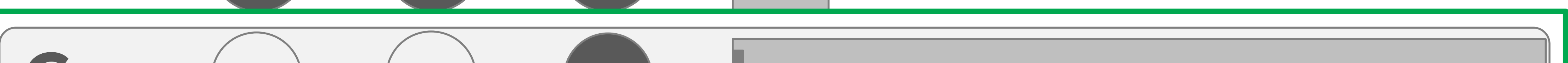
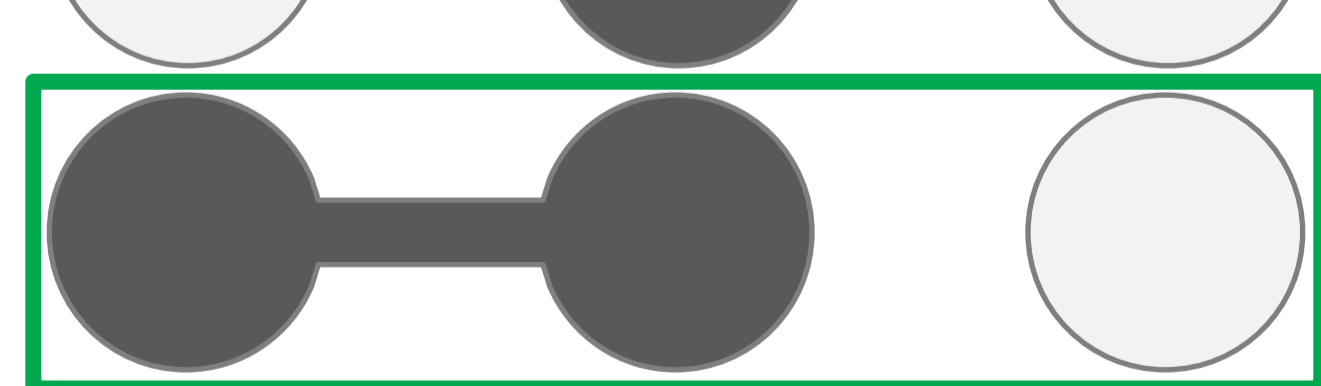
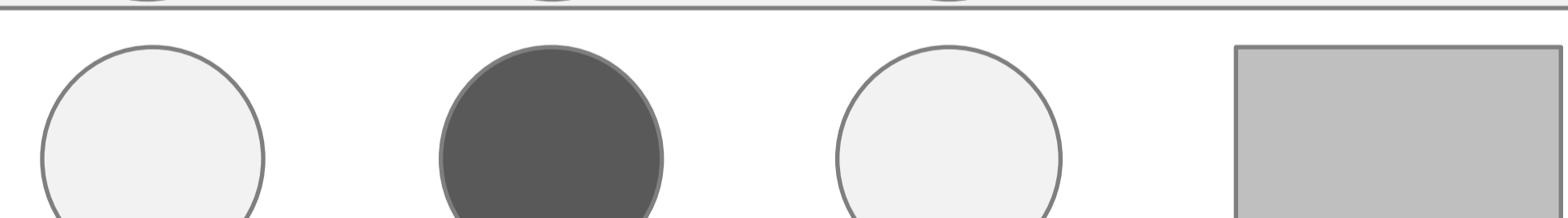
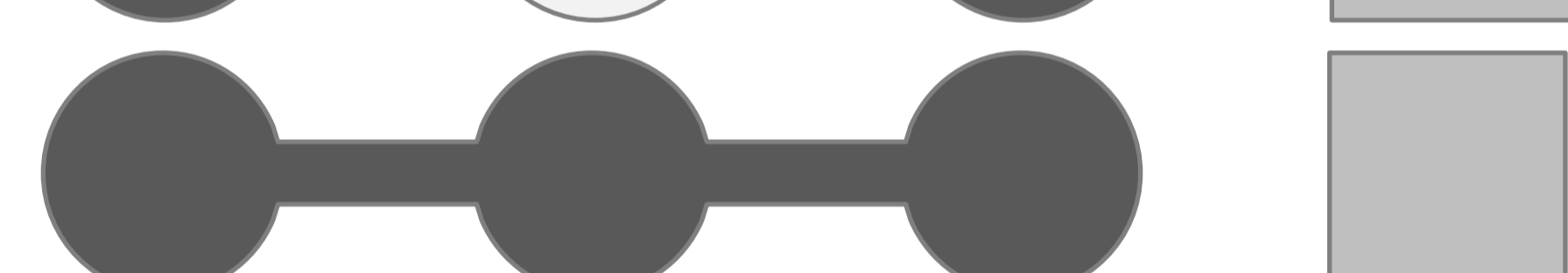
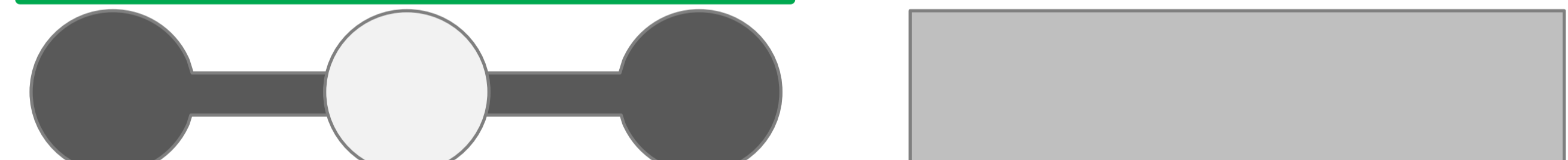
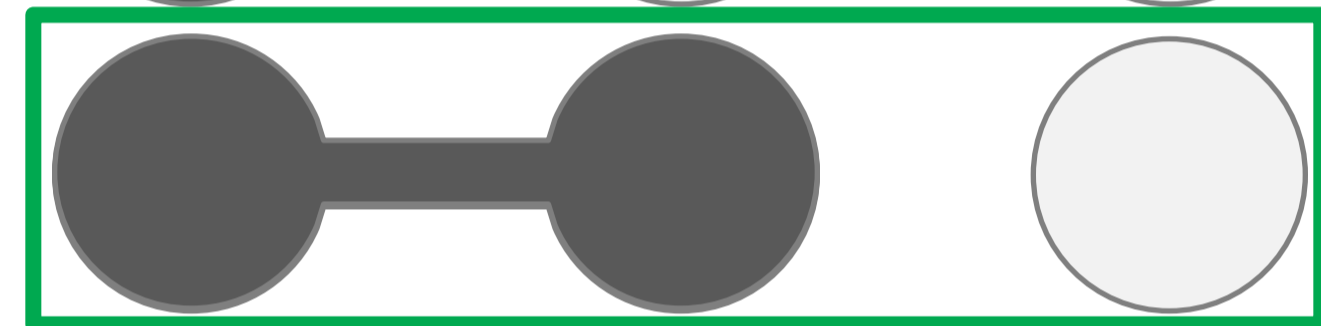
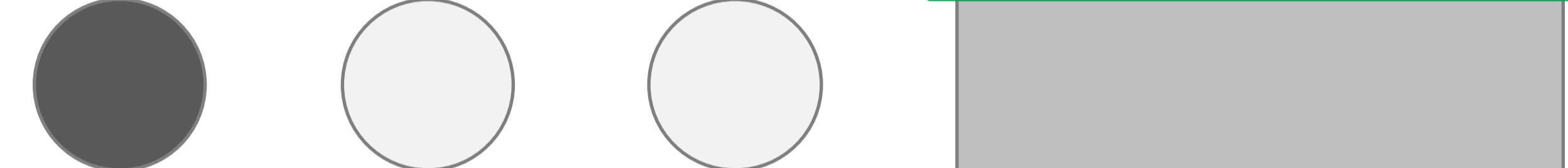
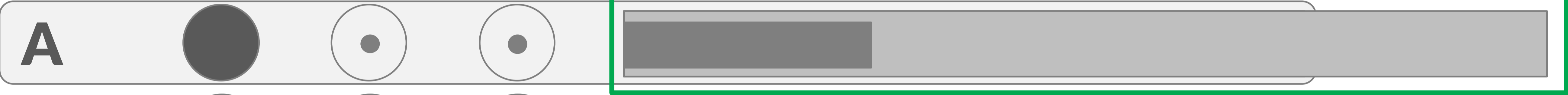
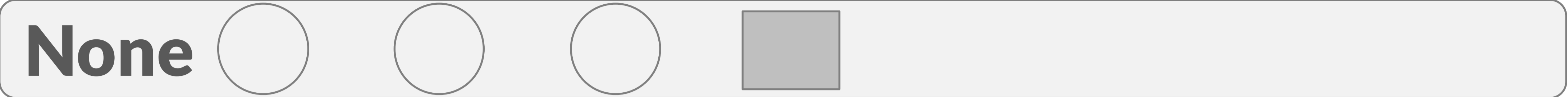


- **Must**
- ◉ **May**
- **Must Not**



# How are the elements of 'B' distributed? Aggregate By: Set

**A**   **B**   **C**



First, aggregate by

Degree

Then, aggregate by

Don't Aggregate

Sort by

- Degree
- Cardinality
- Deviation

Aggregates

- 
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Row Height

Large

Data

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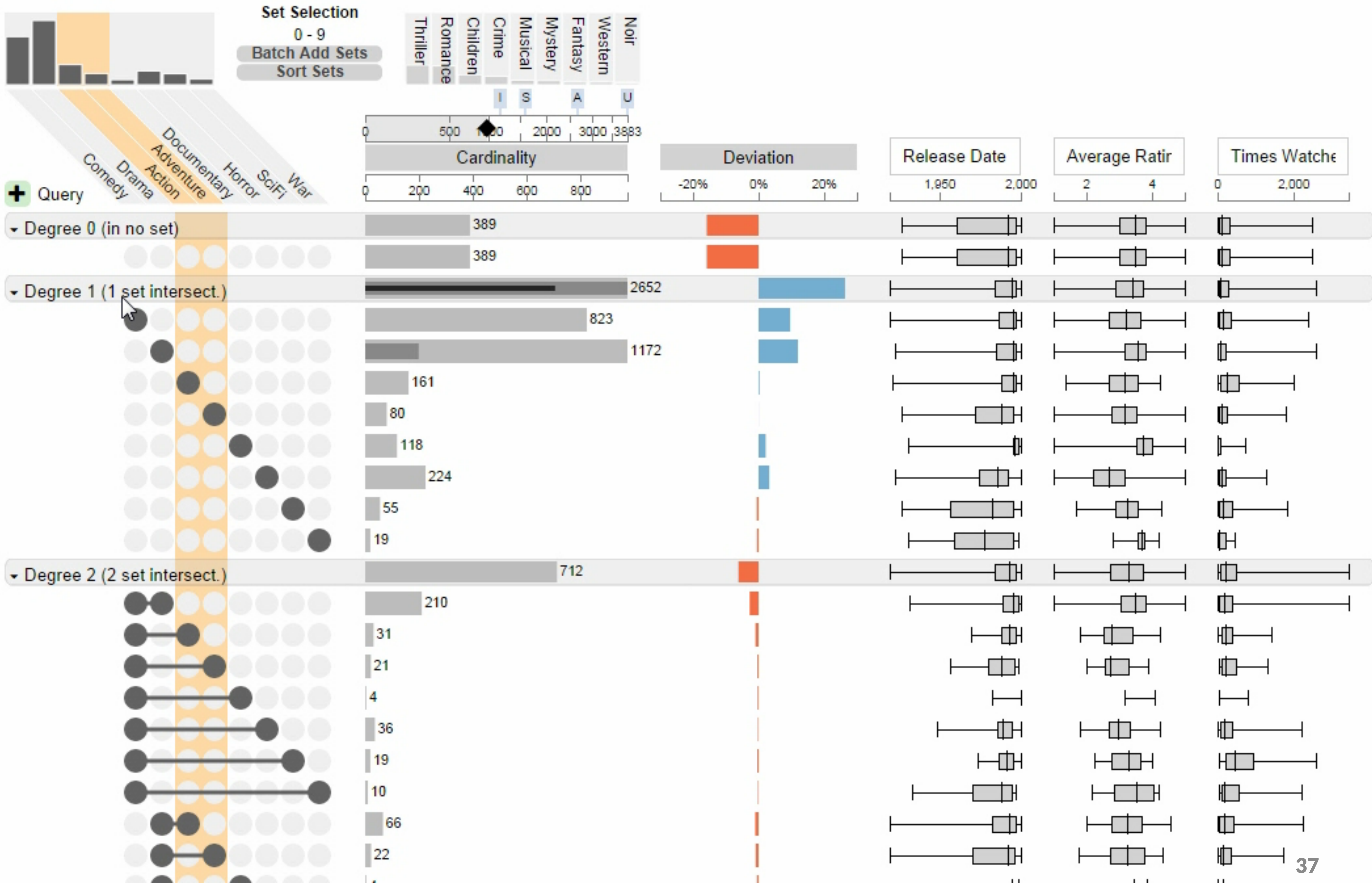
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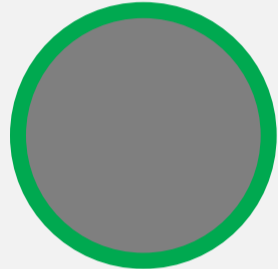
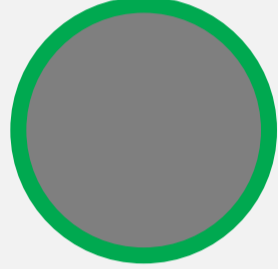


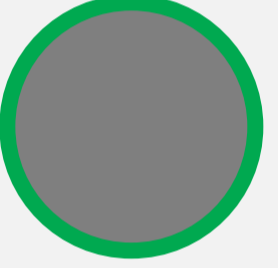
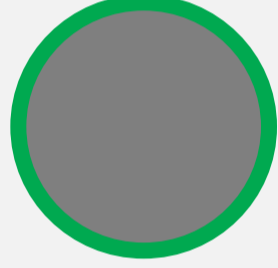
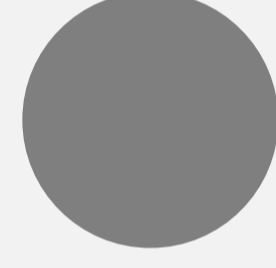
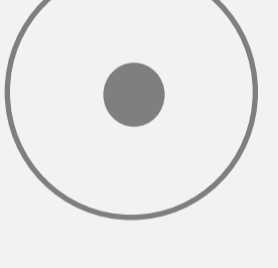


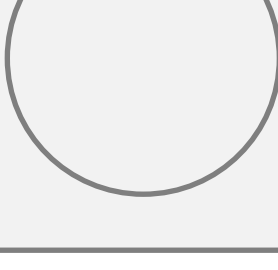
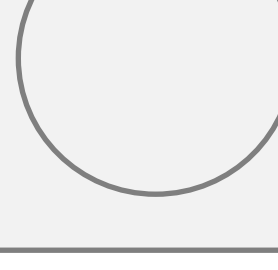
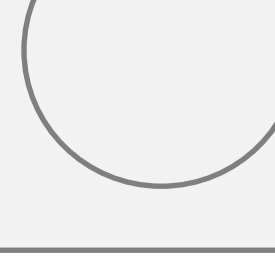
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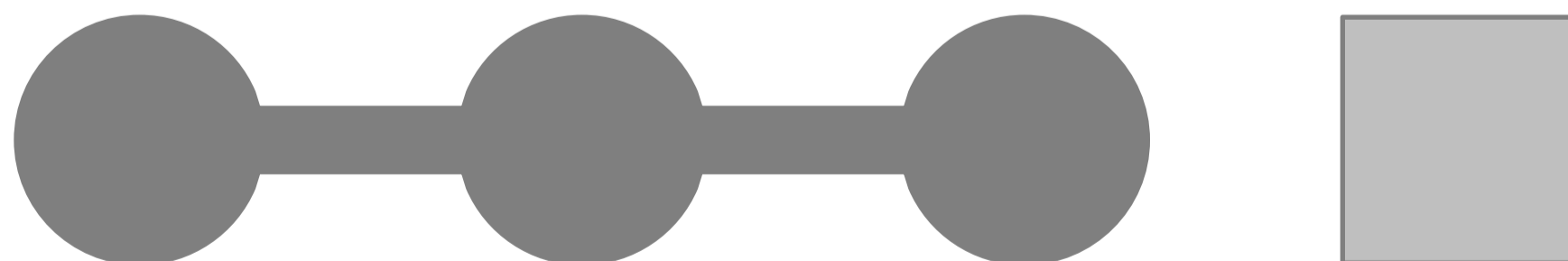
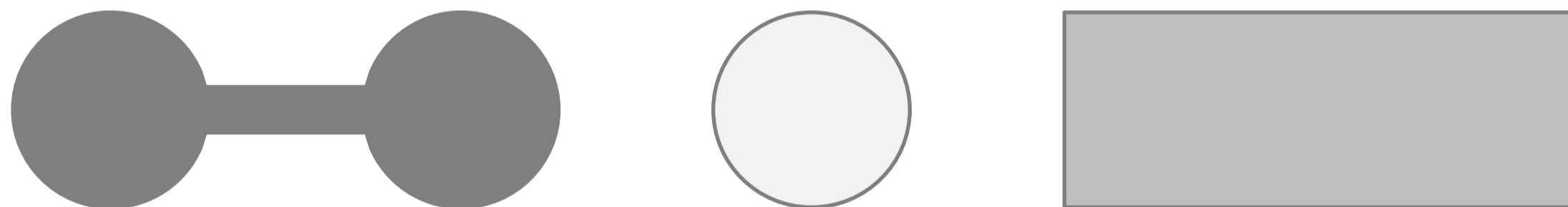
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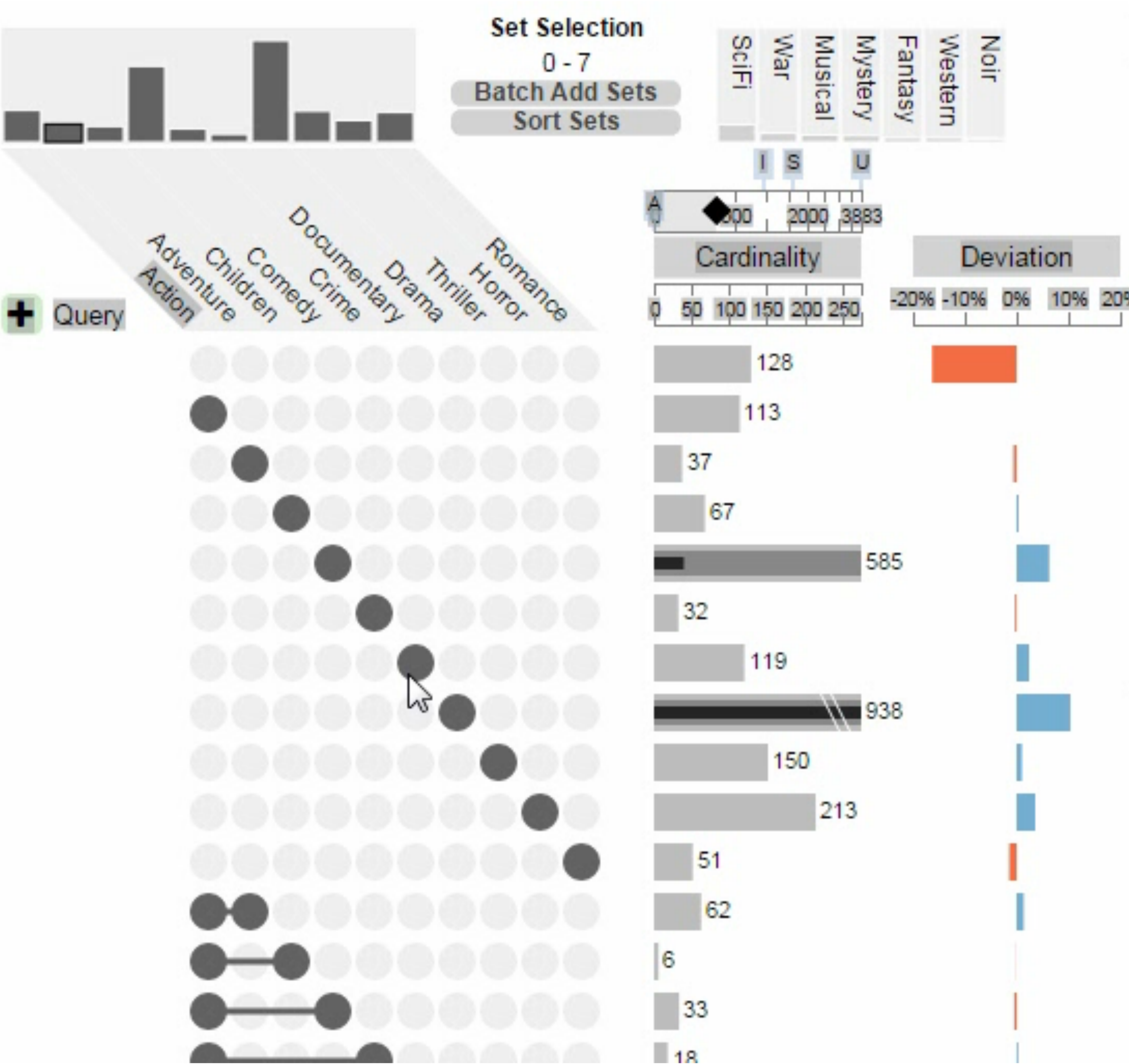


# Queries

A B C

			
			<b>Must</b>
			<b>May</b>
			<b>Must Not</b>





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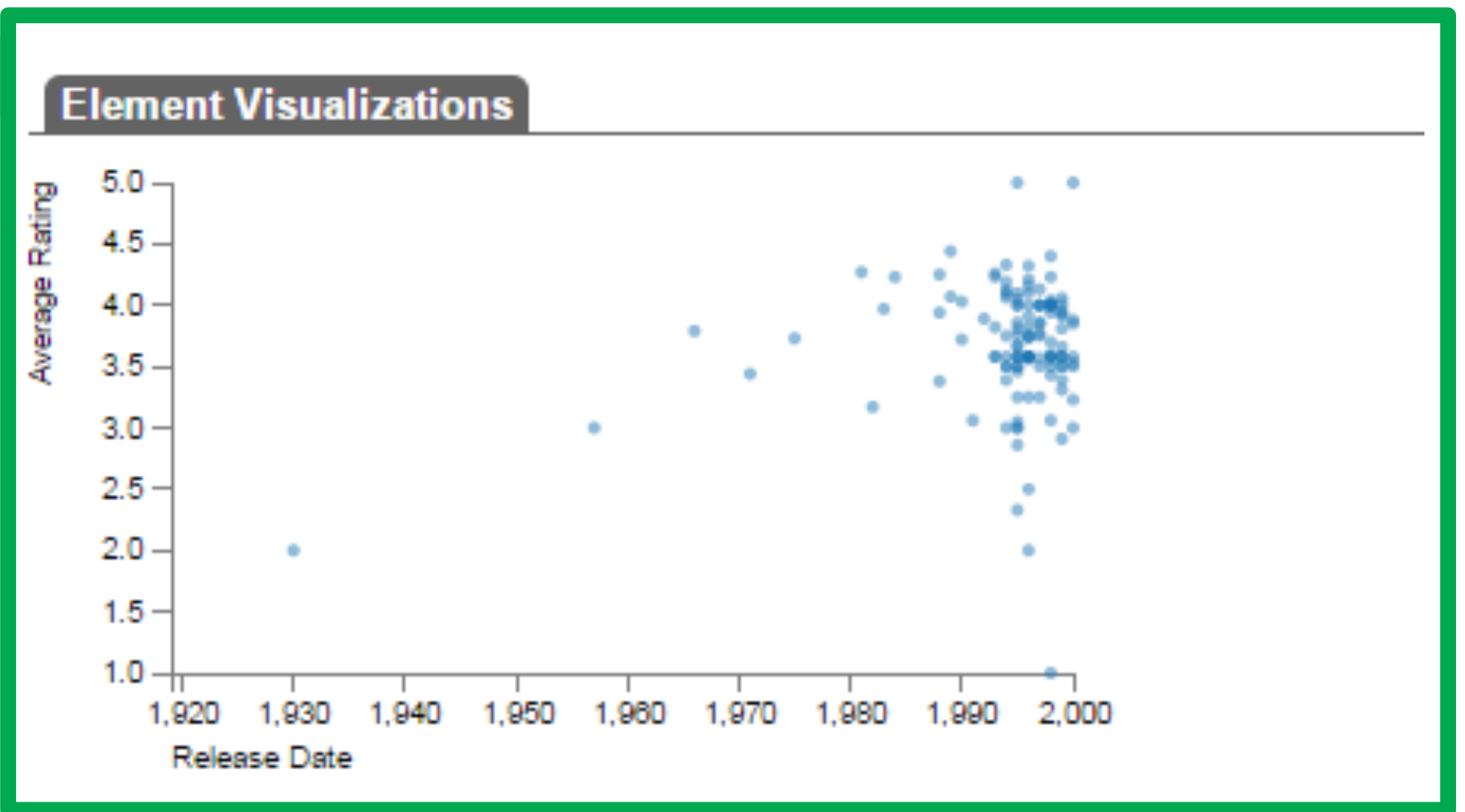
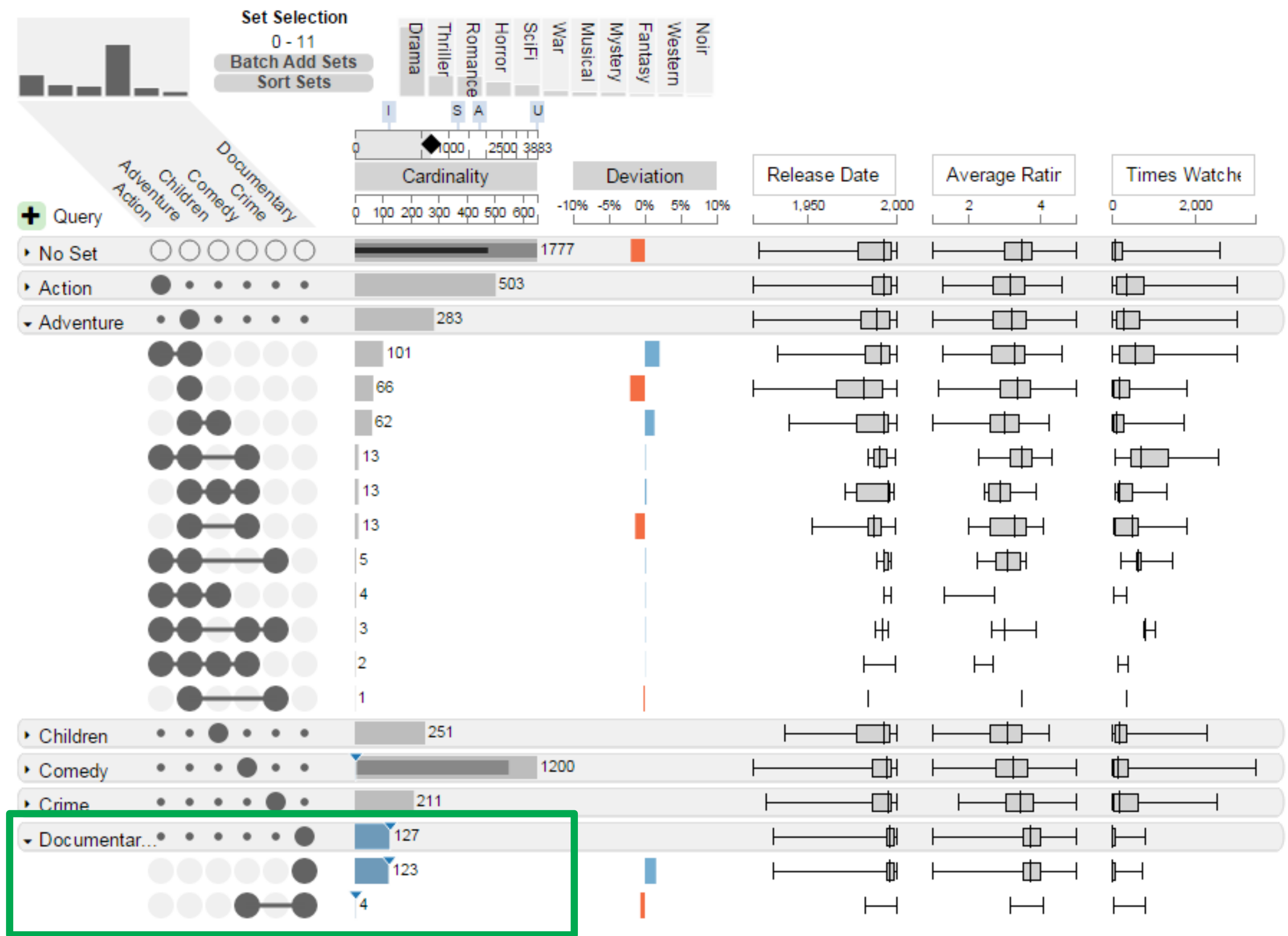
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# Elements & Attributes



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**Element Queries**

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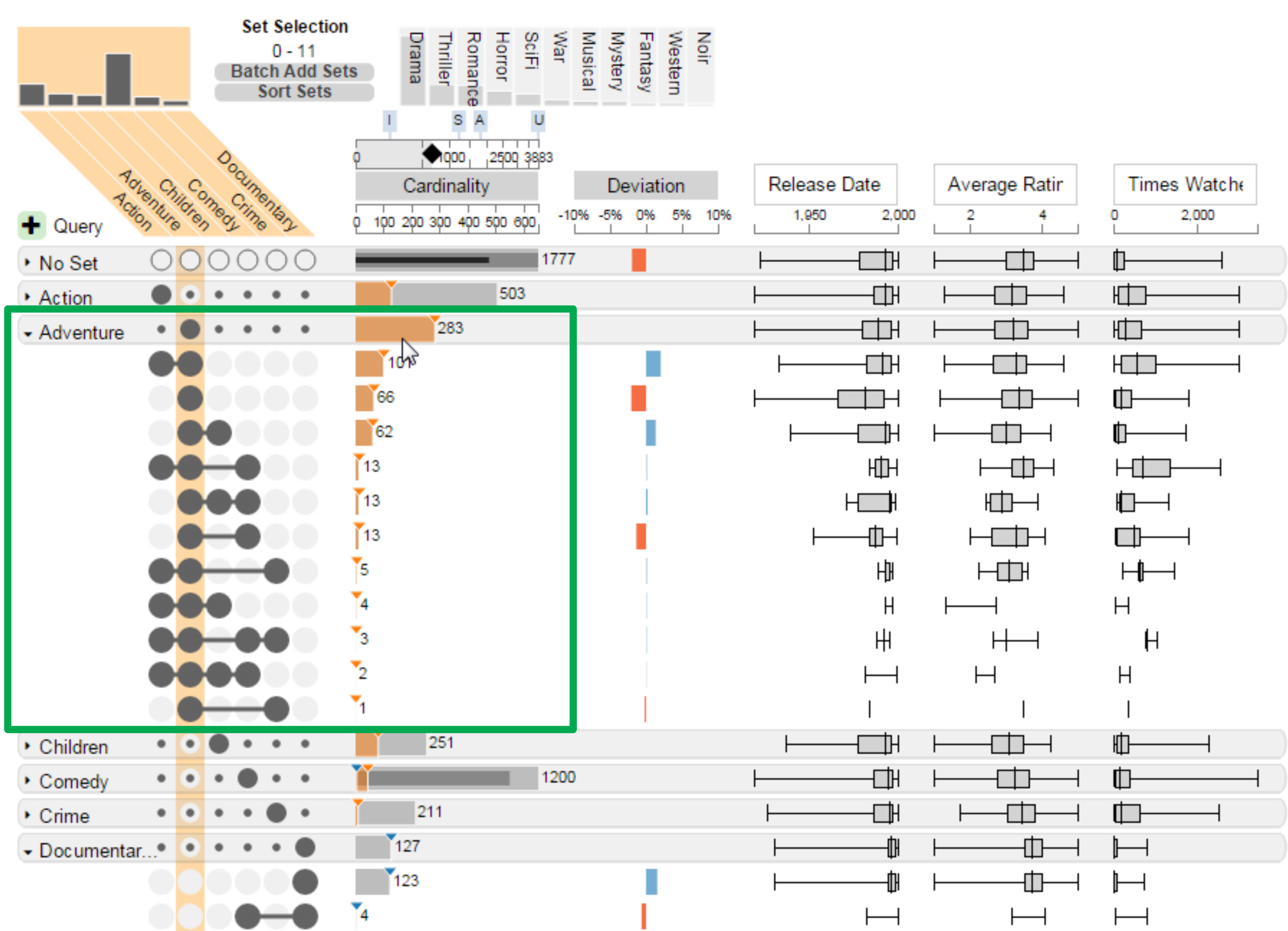
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- Subset | Sets
- Name Contains

**Query Results**

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Nico Icon (1995)	1995
Heidi Fleiss: Hollywood Madam (1995)	1995
Catwalk (1995)	1995
Anne Frank Remembered (1995)	1995
Jupiter's Wife (1994)	1994
Sonic Outlaws (1995)	1995
From the Journals of Jean Seberg (1995)	1995
Man of the Year (1995)	1995

**How do documentaries compare to adventure movies?**



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Element Queries

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Query Filters

Subset | Sets

Name Contains

Query Results

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GoldenEye (1995)	1995
Cutthroat Island (1995)	1995
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Mortal Kombat (1995)	1995
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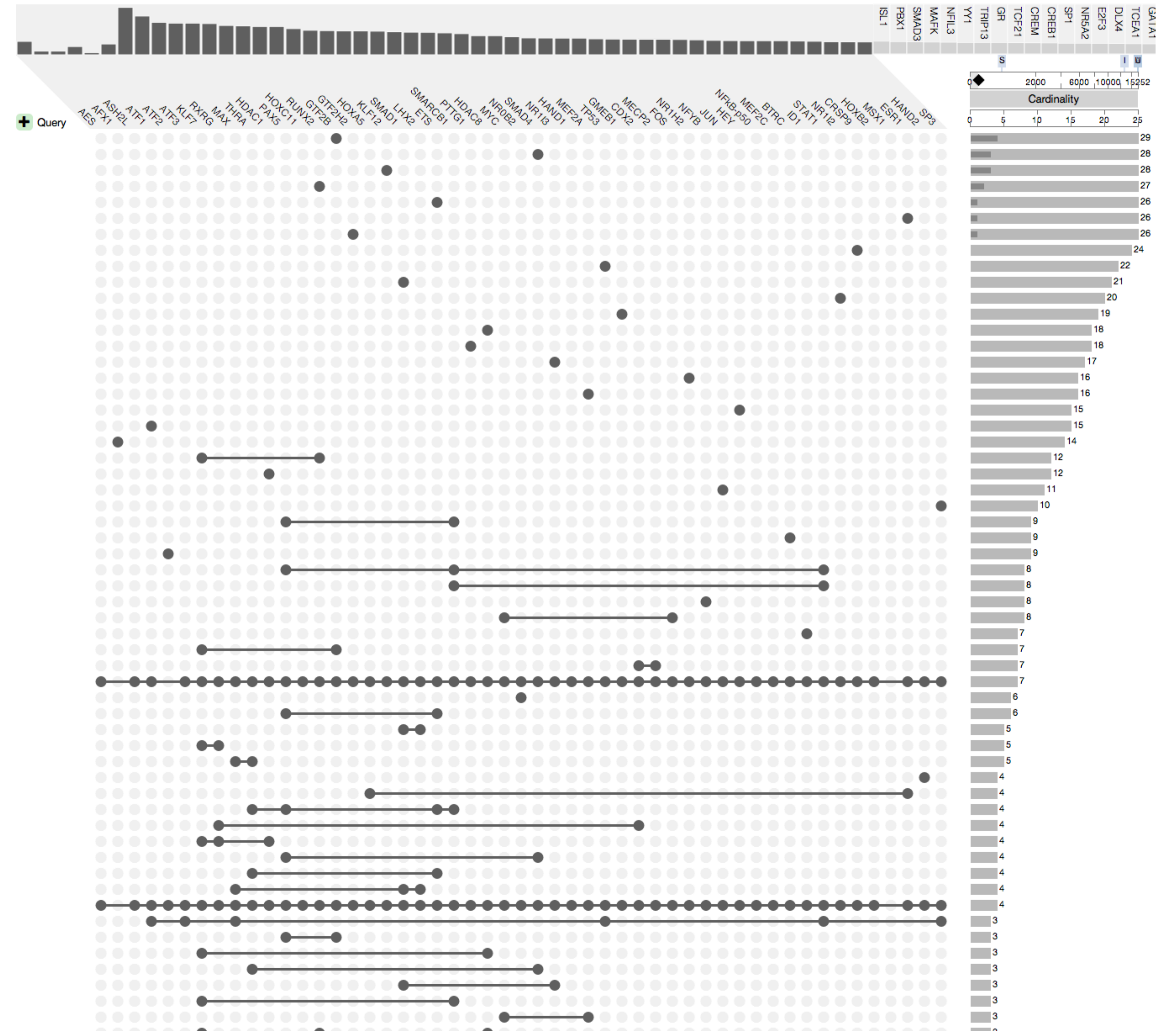
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**Comfortable: ~15 sets**

**Possible: ~40 sets**

**Scales with the number of  
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**Most datasets are sparse**



# Applications

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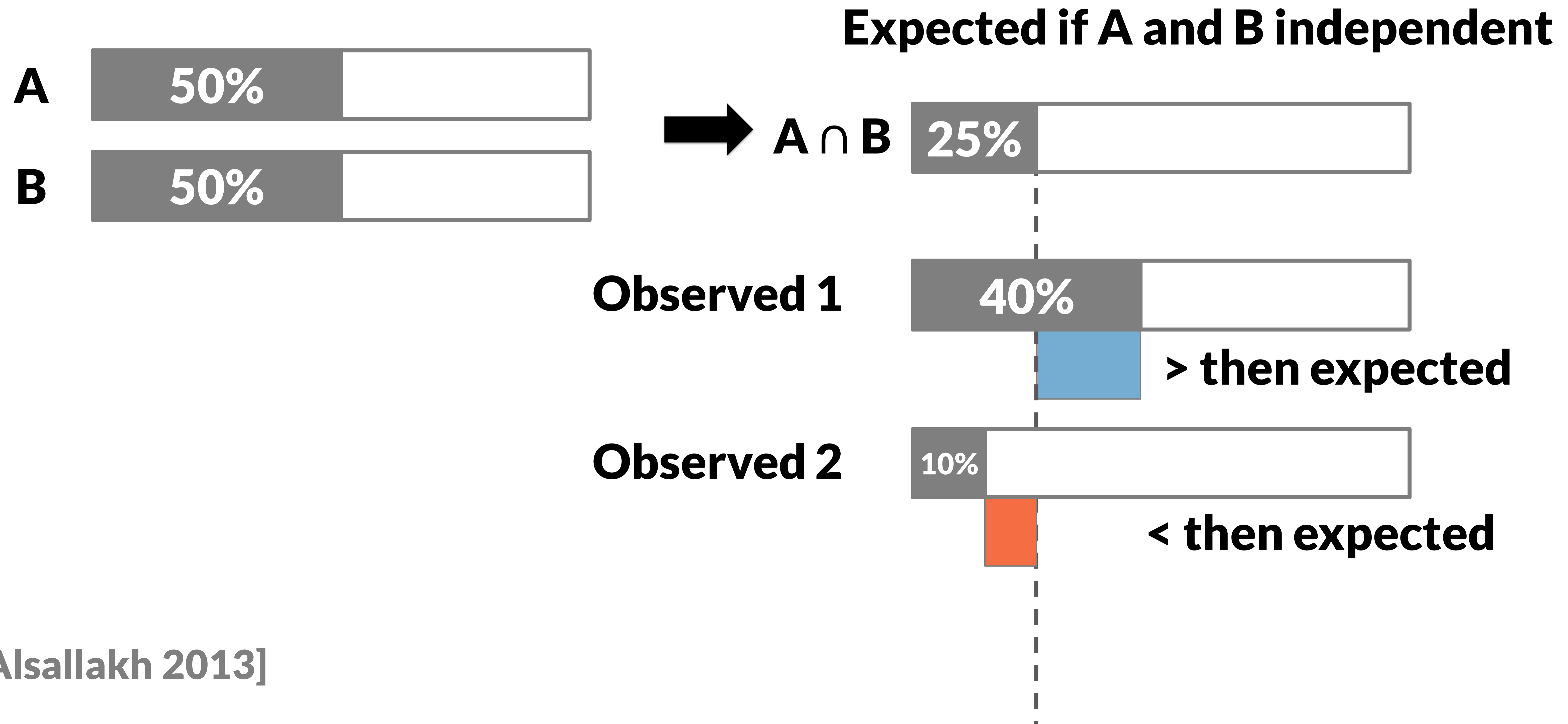
Pharmacology

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# Deviation Measure



**<http://vcg.github.io/upset>**



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