Responsive Charts: Using and Extending RespVis

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Introduction to RespVis

- Author: Peter Oberrauner.
- Responsive data visualizations based on flexible components.
- Language: TypeScript.
- Layouting: Custom layouting system.
- Frontend: SVG.
- Source: <u>github.com/AlmostBearded/respvis</u>

RespVis - Functionality

- Extension for d3.js.
- Creates charts with d3.js components.
- Support for existing d3.js features:
 - Different scale types.
 - \circ Interactivity.

RespVis - Layouting

- Functionality:
 - Create SVG structure (legend, axis, individual chart) with layout attributes.
 - Layouter duplicates structure with DIV elements.
 - Browser handles DIV layout based on built-in CSS layout.
 - Layout of DIV structure transferred to SVG elements.
- Should support full range of browser features, especially:
 - Grid <u>css-tricks.com/snippets/css/complete-guide-grid</u>
 - Flexbox css-tricks.com/snippets/css/a-guide-to-flexbox

RespVis - Code Example

```
<script type="module">
import data from './data/scatterplot-matrix.js';
const root = d3.select('#chart');
const layouter = root.append('div').call(respVis.layouter);
const chartDatum = respVis.dataChartPointMatrix({
 datasets: data.datasets,
 radius: 2
})
const chart = layouter.append('svg').datum(chartDatum).call(respVis.scatterMatrix)
window.addEventListener('resize', configure);
configure();
function configure() {
  chart.datum(chartDatum);
}
```

```
</script>
```

RespVis - New Components

- Based on existing RespVis components
- Our components:
 - \circ Line Chart
 - Multi Line Chart
 - Connected Scatterplot
 - Small Multiples:
 - Line Chart
 - Bar Chart
 - Scatterplot Matrix

Line Chart

- Same line and point logic as connected scatterplot.
- Options: toggle points, line thickness, line color, bezier curve.





Multi Line Chart

- Based on line chart.
- Compute cross and main scale based on all cross / main values.
- Categorial line colors.





Connected Scatterplot

- Regular scatterplot with each point connected by line (in order)
- Functionality:
 - Based on existing scatterplot.
 - $\circ\;$ Additionally render path for all data points.
 - Each point also has label.
 - $\circ~$ Optional: smooth line with cubic bezier curve.



Example by Mike Bostock, rendered with d3 - https://observablehg.com/@d3/connected-scatterplot



Small Multiples

- Popularized by Edward Tufte.
- Series/grid of similar visualisations.
- Usually same scale/axes for better comparison
- Compare different datasets or parts of same dataset.

Small Multiples Line Chart / Bar Chart

- 3 dimensions:
 - Outer dimension: defines number of charts.
 - Main dimension: same for all charts linear for line chart, band for bar chart.
 - Cross dimension: linear scale over all data points.
- Grid layout:
 - Compute number of columns and rows.
 - For each chart: insert new svg position automatically calculated through browser.





Scatterplot Matrix

- Based on small multiples implementation.
- Dataset with multiple dimensions.
- For each pair of dimensions: create scatterplot.
- In diagonal: title of dimension.

