### CSE 512 - Data Visualization

# Design & Re-Design



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# Last Time: Data & Image Models

# The Big Picture

### task

questions, goals assumptions

### data

physical data type conceptual data type

### domain

metadata semantics conventions processing algorithms

mapping visual encoding

image visual channel graphical marks

# Nominal, Ordinal & Quantitative

- N Nominal (labels or categories)
  - Operations: =,  $\neq$
- O Ordered
  - Operations: =,  $\neq$ , <, >
- Q Interval (location of zero arbitrary)
  - Operations: =,  $\neq$ , <, >, =
  - Can measure distances or spans
- Q Ratio (zero fixed)
  - Operations: =,  $\neq$ , <, >, -, %
  - Can measure ratios or proportions

# Visual Encoding Variables

Position (x 2)

Size

Value

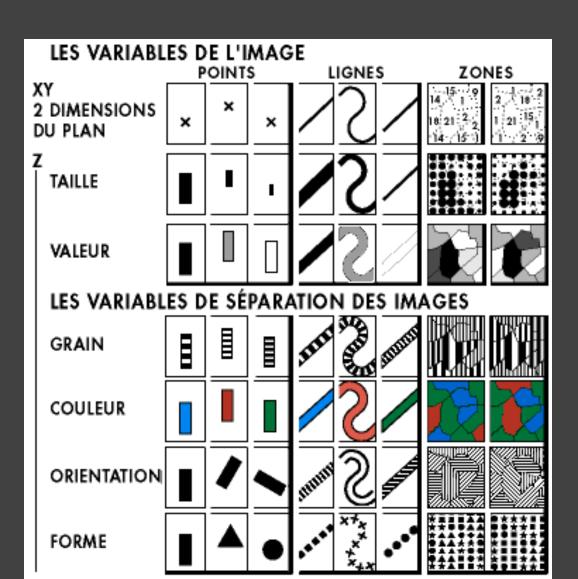
Texture

Color

Orientation

Shape

Others?



# Bertin's "Levels of Organization"

**Position** 

N O Q

Size

N O Q

Value

N O a

**Texture** 

N o

Color

N

Orientation

N

N

Shape

Nominal

**O**rdinal

Quantitative

Note:  $\mathbf{Q} \subset \mathbf{O} \subset \mathbf{N}$ 

# **Choosing Visual Encodings**

Assume k visual encodings and n data attributes. We would like to pick the "best" encoding among a combinatorial set of possibilities of size  $(n+1)^k$ 

### Principle of Consistency

The properties of the image (visual variables) should match the properties of the data.

### Principle of Importance Ordering

Encode the most important information in the most effective way.

### Design Criteria [Mackinlay 86]

### **Expressiveness**

A set of facts is *expressible* in a visual language if the sentences (i.e. the visualizations) in the language express all the facts in the set of data, and only the facts in the data.

### **Effectiveness**

A visualization is more effective than another visualization if the information conveyed by one visualization is more readily perceived than the information in the other visualization.

### Design Criteria Translated

Tell the truth and nothing but the truth (don't lie, and don't lie by omission)

Use encodings that people decode better (where better = faster and/or more accurate)

### Effectiveness Rankings [Mackinlay 86]

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Area (Size)	Texture	Containment
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Density (Value)	Containment	Color Sat
Color Sat	Length	Shape
Color Hue	Angle	Length
Texture	Slope	Angle
Connection	Area (Size)	Slope
Containment	Volume	Area
Shape	Shape	Volume

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# A1 Review

# Design Considerations

Title, labels, legend, captions, source!

**Expressiveness and Effectiveness** 

Avoid unexpressive marks (lines? gradients?)

Use perceptually effective encodings

Don't distract: faint gridlines, pastel highlights/fills

The "elimination diet" approach - start minimal

Support comparison and pattern perception

Between elements, to a reference line, or to totals

# Design Considerations

**Transform data** (e.g., invert, log, normalize)
Are model choices (regression lines) appropriate?

Group / sort data by meaningful dimensions

### Reduce cognitive overhead

Minimize visual search, minimize ambiguity

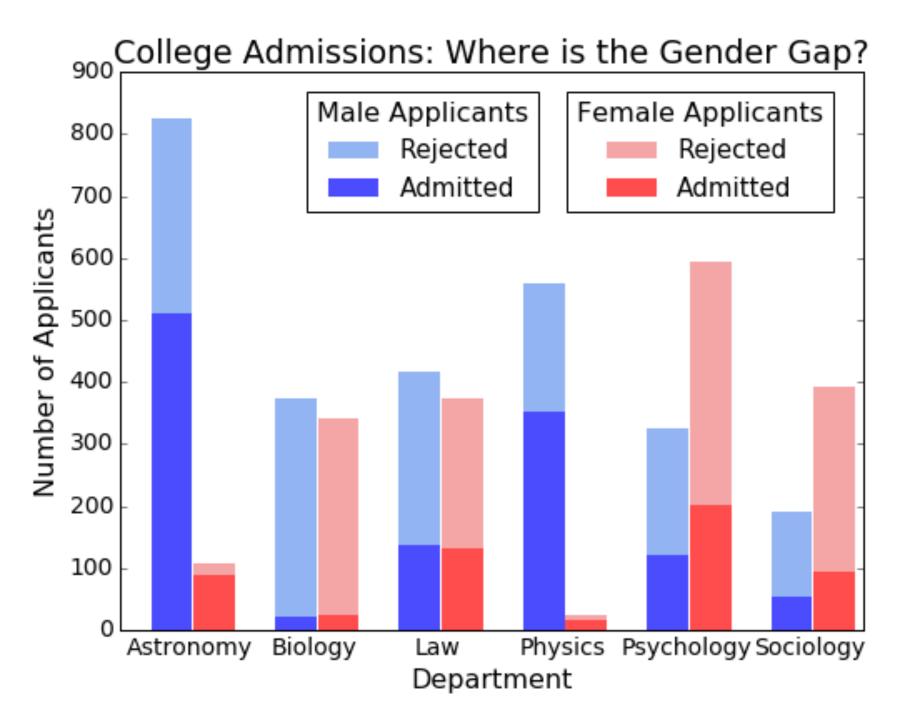
Avoid legend lookups if direct labeling works

Avoid color mappings with indiscernible colors

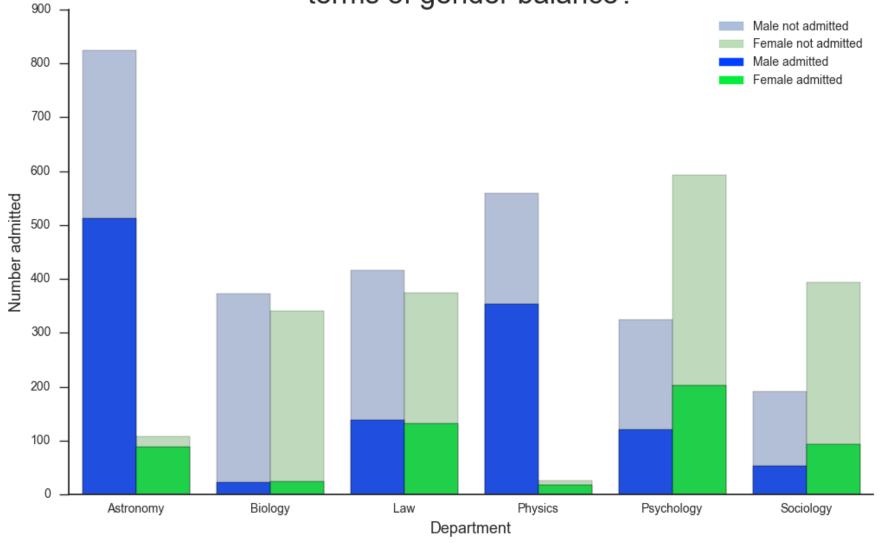
**Be consistent!** Visual inferences should consistently support data inferences.

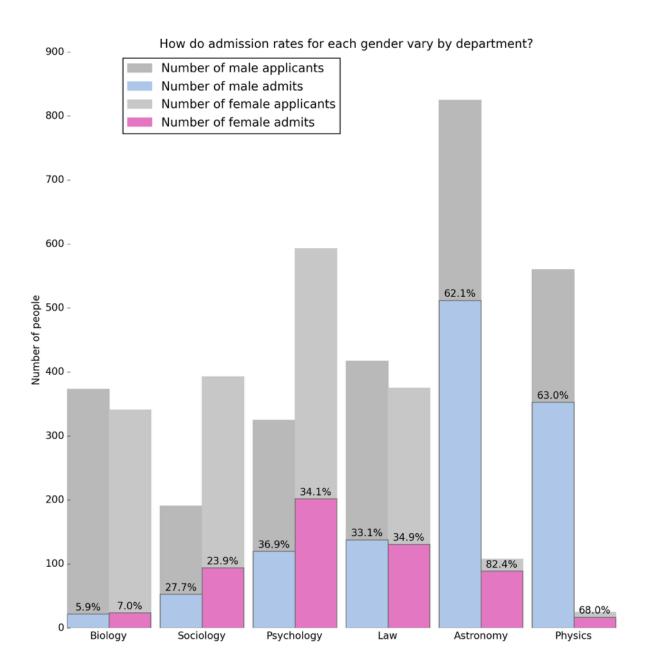
# Bar Charts

# Counts

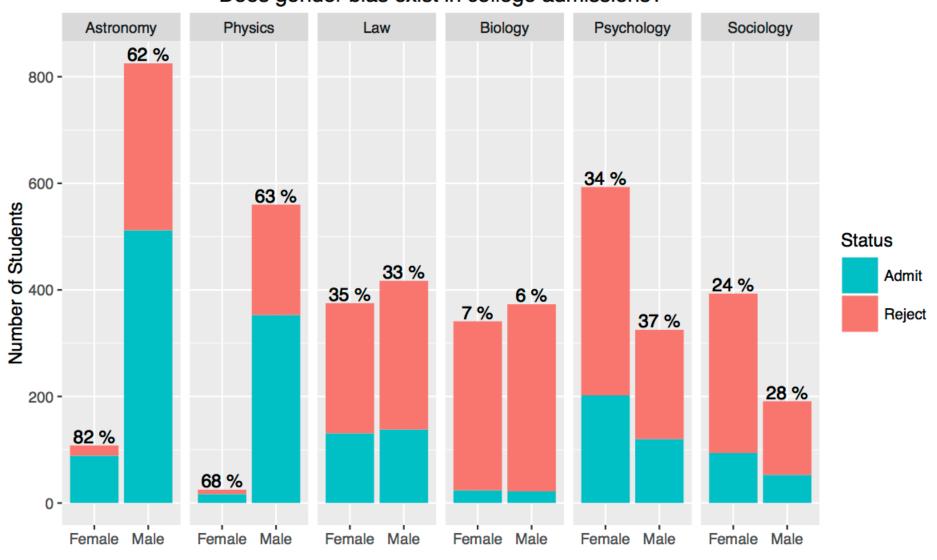


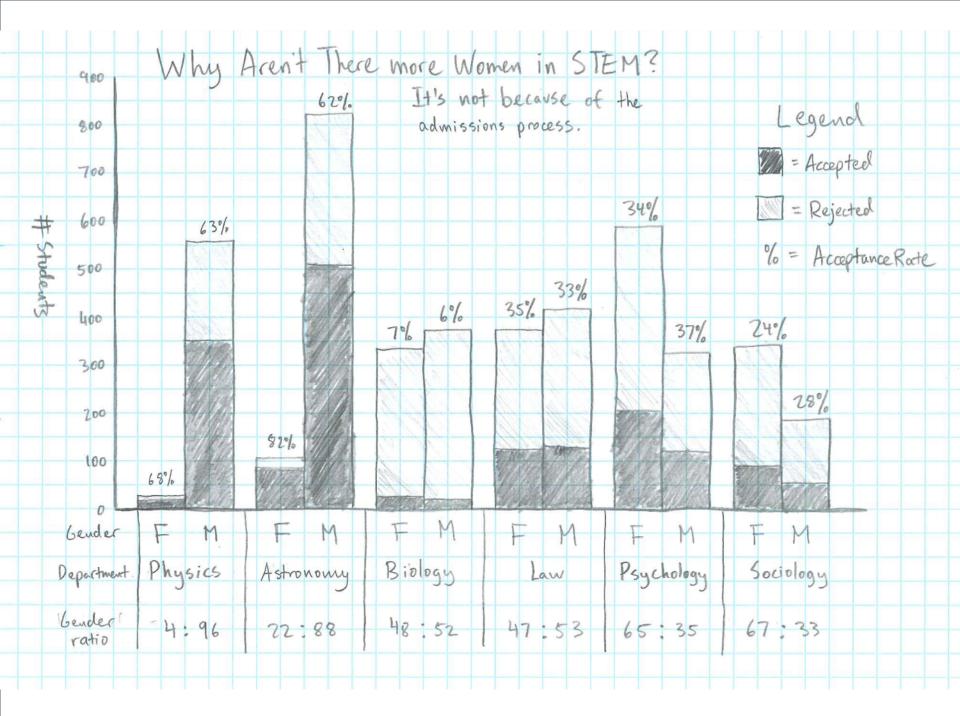
How do the admissions to different departments compare in terms of gender balance?

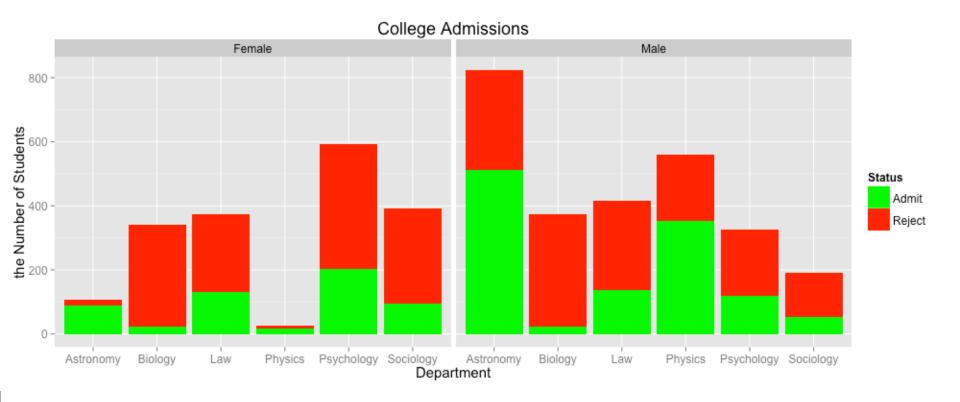




### Does gender bias exist in college admissions?



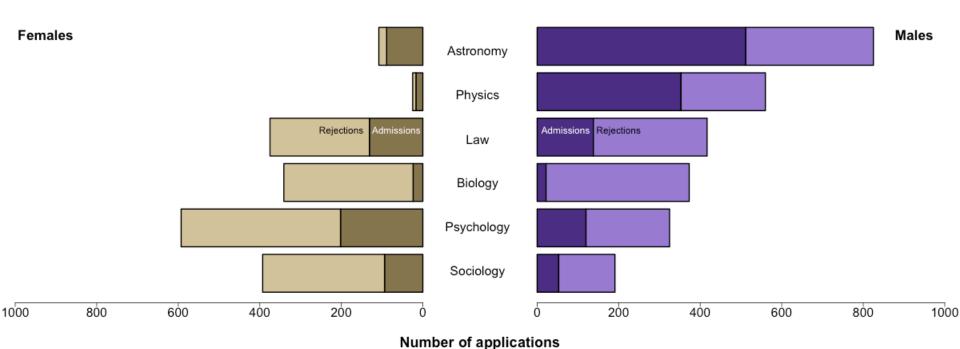




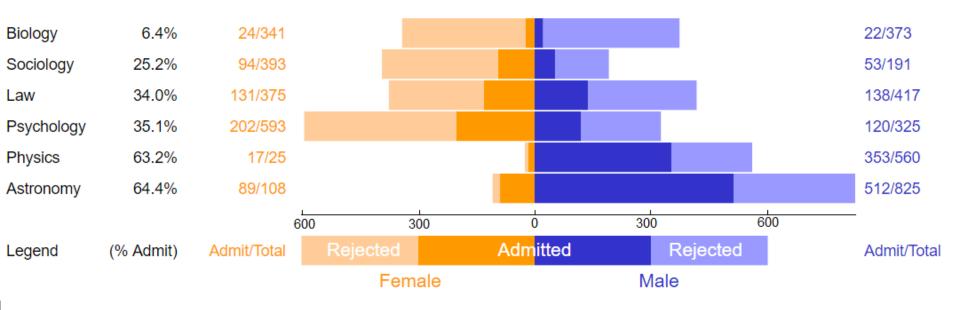
### Are there any gender differences regarding number of applicants and admission rates for each department?



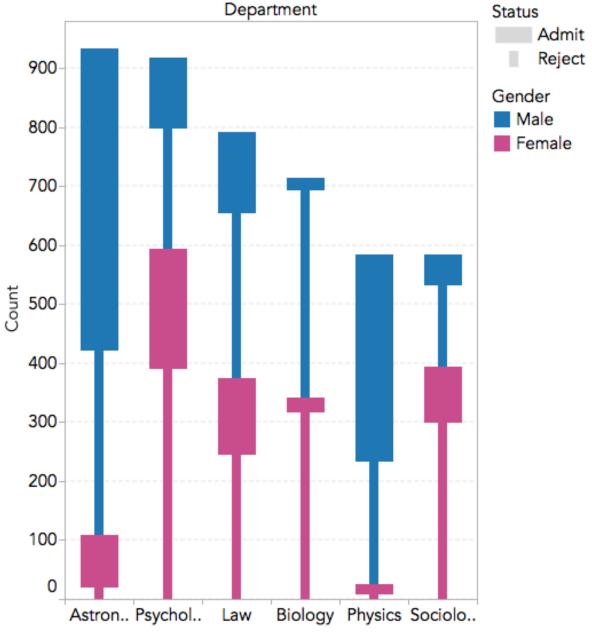
### Is there a gender bias in college applications?



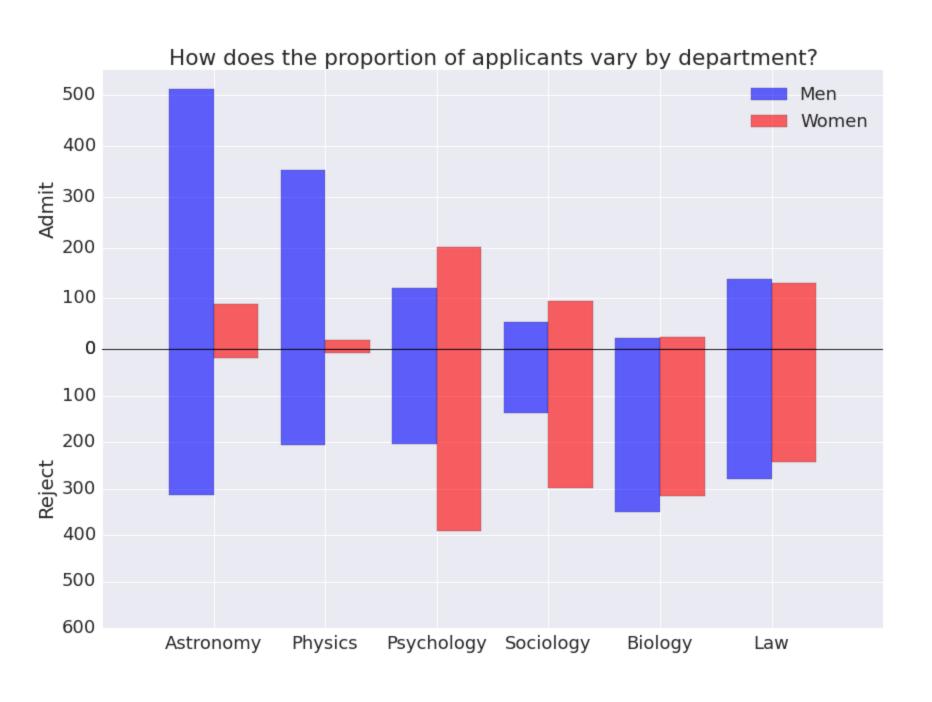
### Admissions by Department and Gender



#### Admissions Data Analysis



Sum of Count for each Department. Color shows details about Gender. Size shows details about Status.



### Compare college admission for different department across gender



Sum of Male and sum of Female for each Department. Color shows details about Status.

#### **University Admission Infographics**







2691 male **60%** 

1835 female **40%** 

**Department** 

Male

**Female** 



**Astronomy** 



**Biology** 



Law



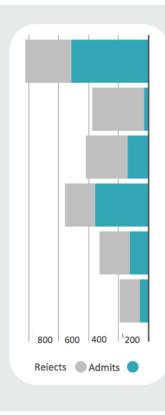
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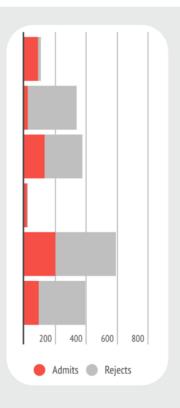


**Psychology** 



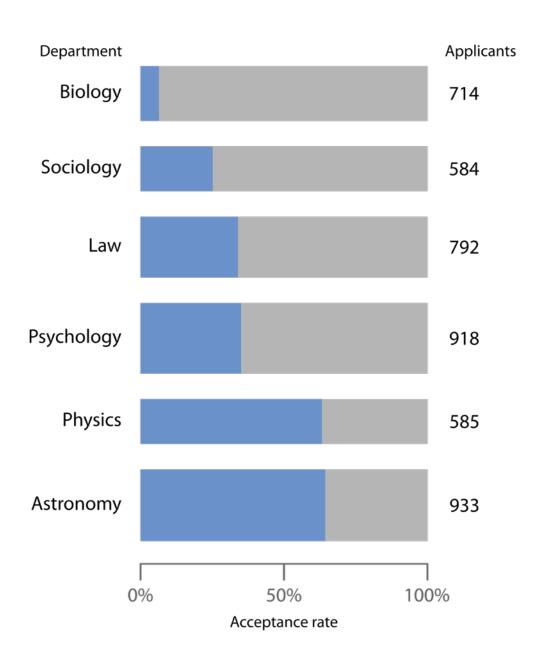
Sociology



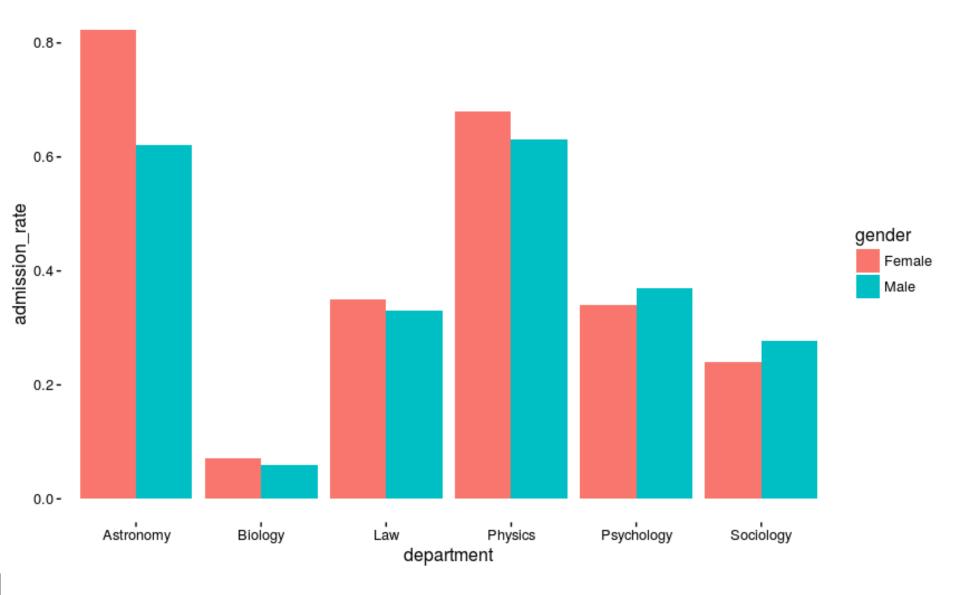


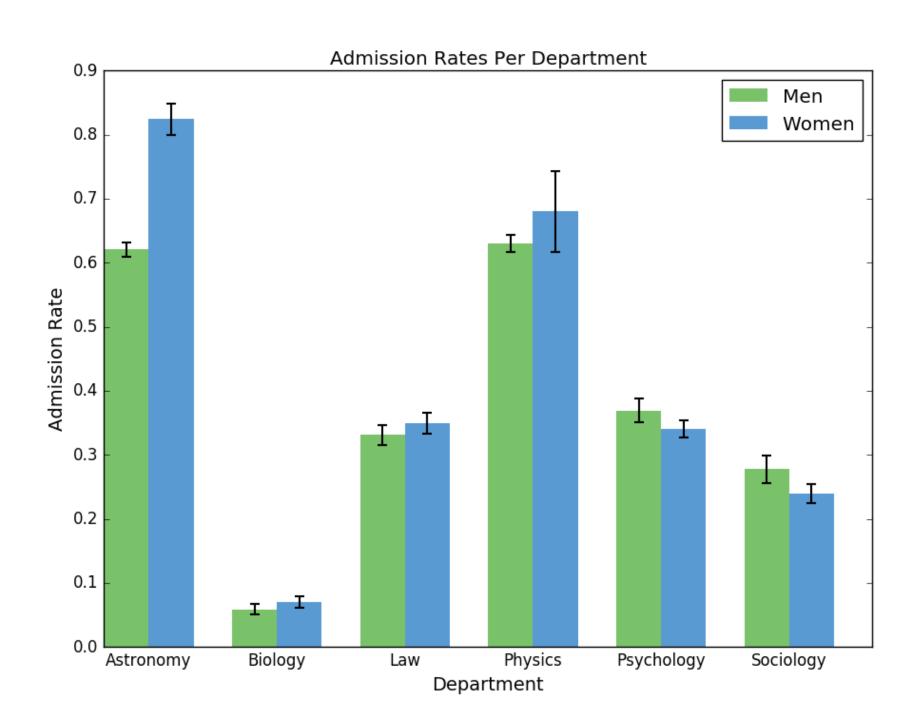
# Rates

### Popularity and Selectiveness of Departments

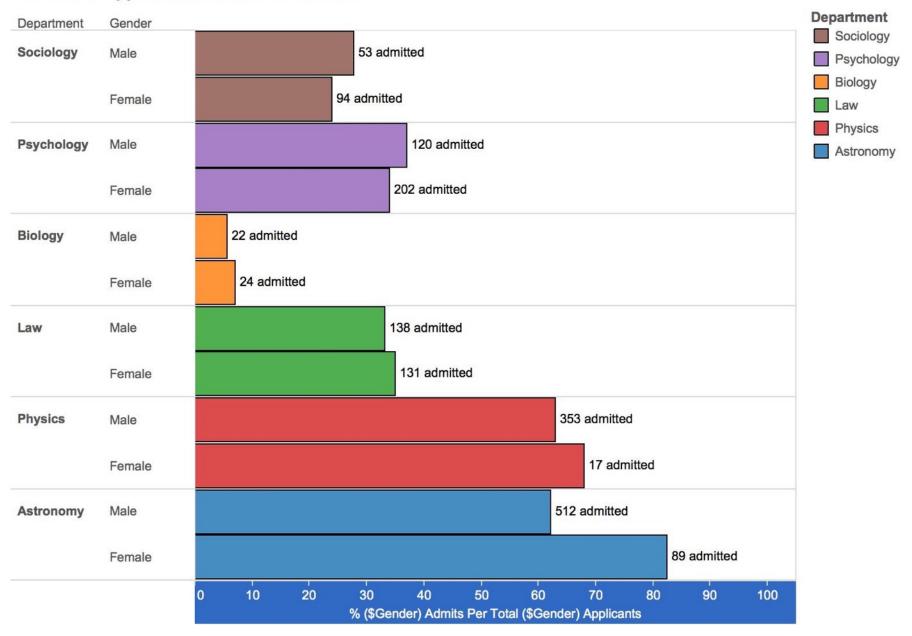


### Male or female has higher admission rate in different departments?

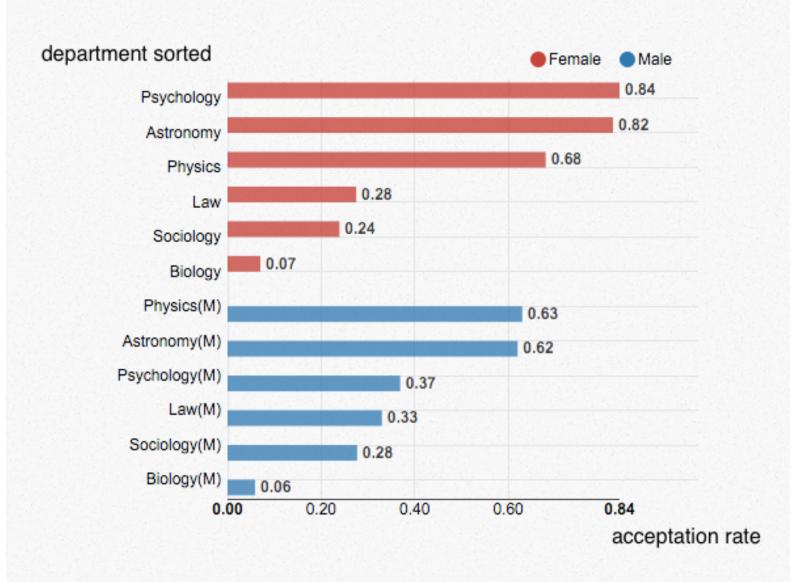




#### Percent of applicants offered admission



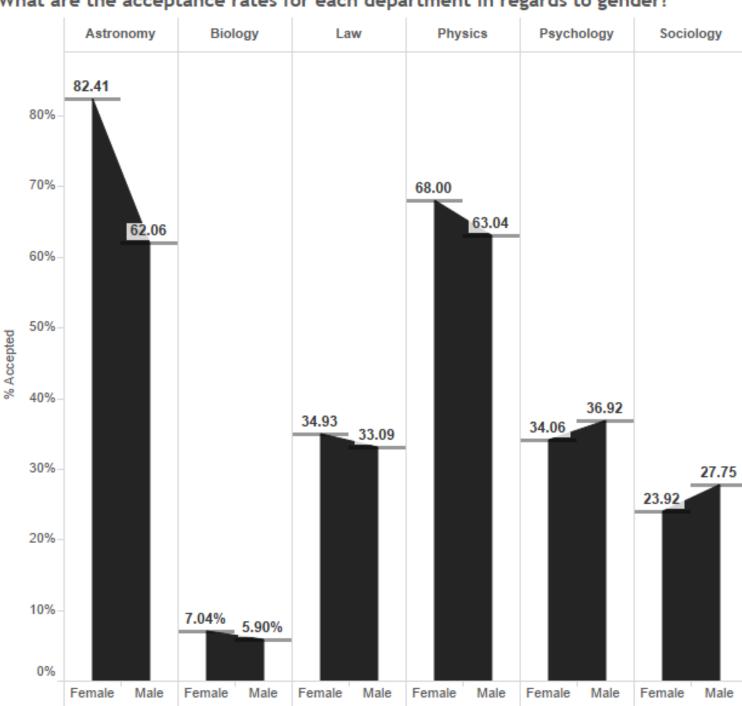
# What is the sorting of acceptation rate between departments for males and females separately?



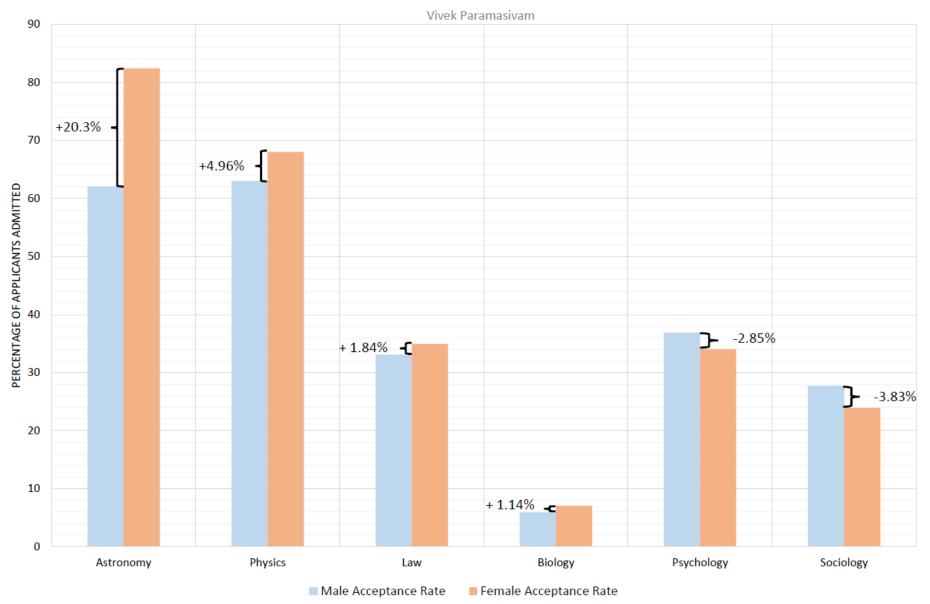
### What is the sorting of acceptation rate between departments for males and females separately?

Rank	department	gender	acceptation rate
1	Psychology	female	high
2	Astronomy	female	
3	Physics	female	
4	Law	female	
5	Sociology	female	
6	Biology	female	low
1	Physics	male	high
2	Astronomy	male	
3	Psychology	male	
4	Law	male	
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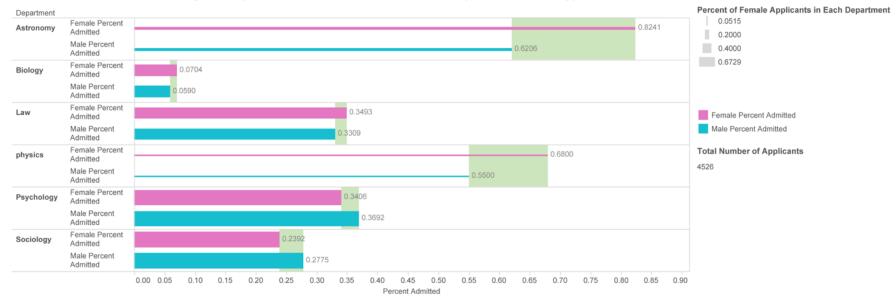
What are the acceptance rates for each department in regards to gender?



## Which departments have the highest disparity in acceptance rates between men and women?

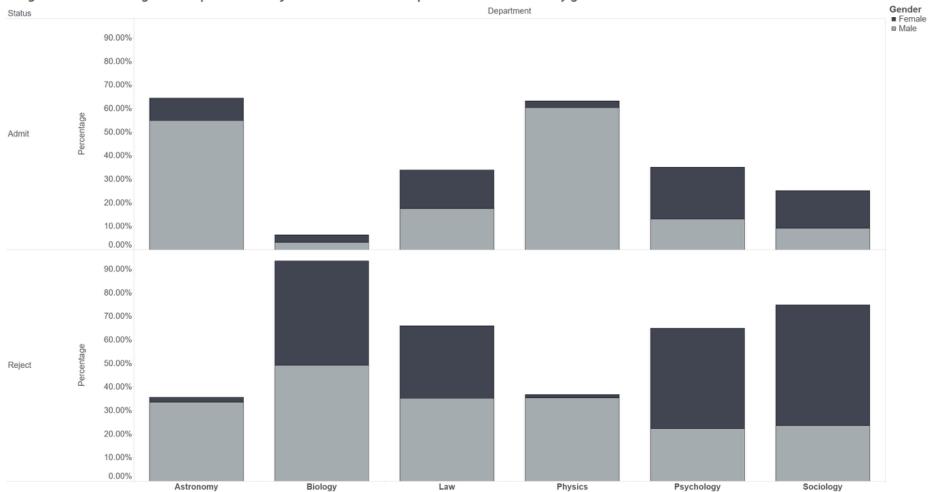


#### Do female have a higher acceptance rate than male when there is fewer percent of female applicants?

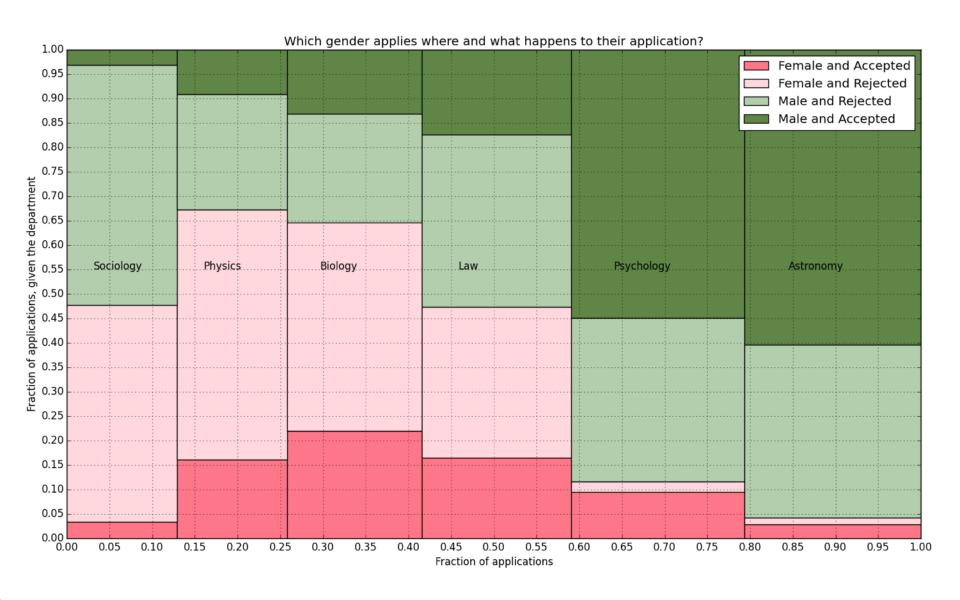


Female Percent Admitted and Male Percent Admitted for each Department. Color shows details about Female Percent Admitted and Male Percent Admitted. Size shows sum of Percent of Female Applicants in Each Department.

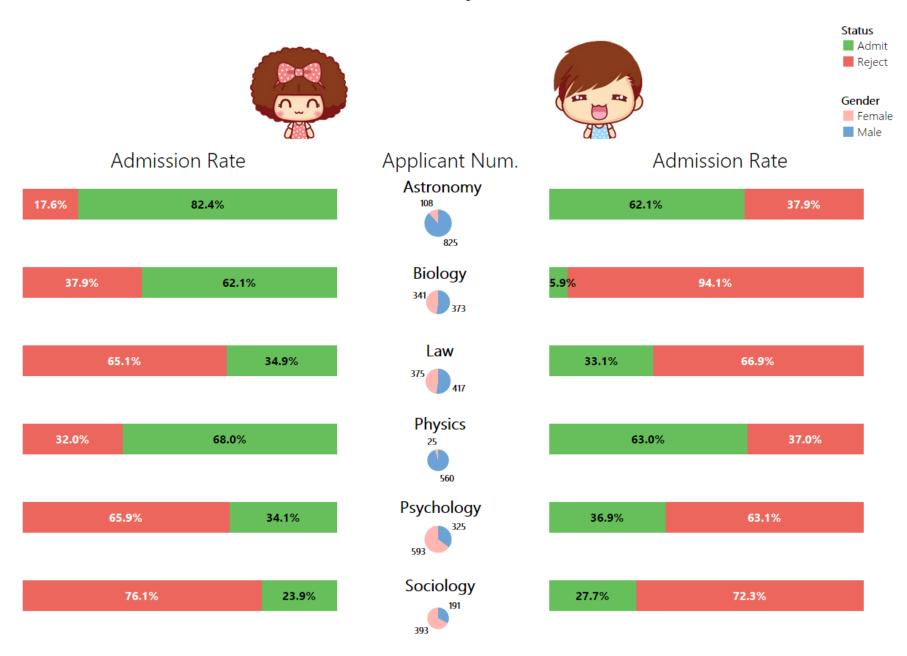
Assignment1: Visualizing the acceptance and rejection rates of each department broken down by gender



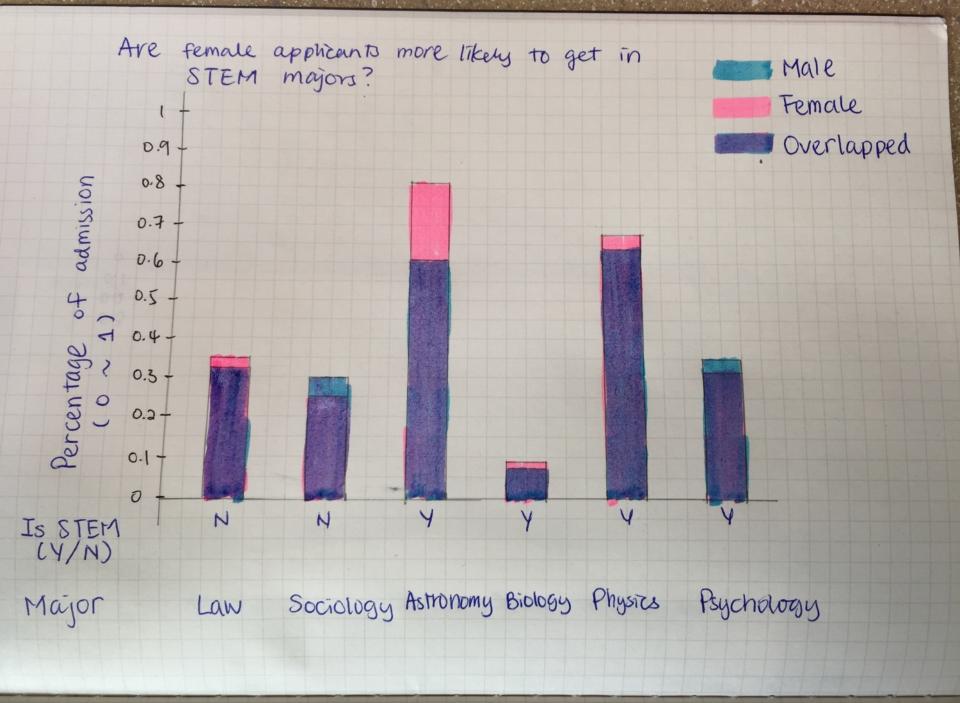
Percentage for each Department broken down by Status. Color shows details about Gender.



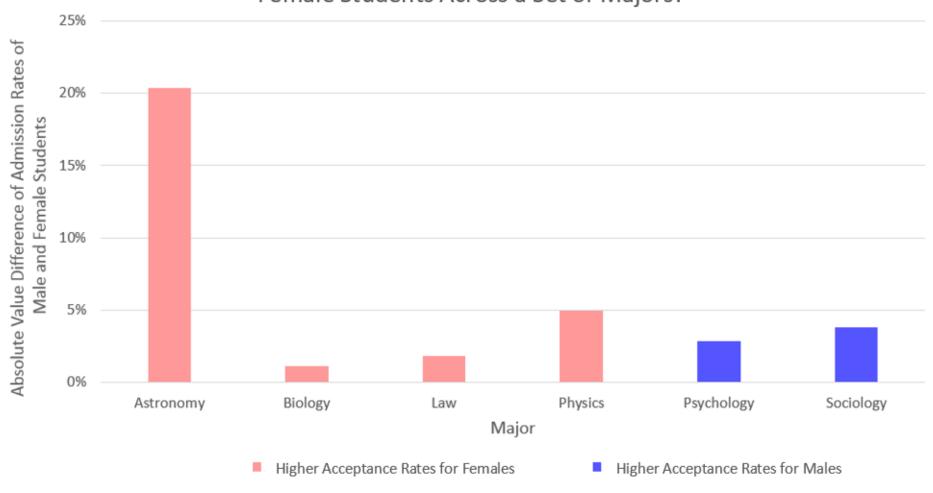
#### How Does Gender Play Roles In Admission?



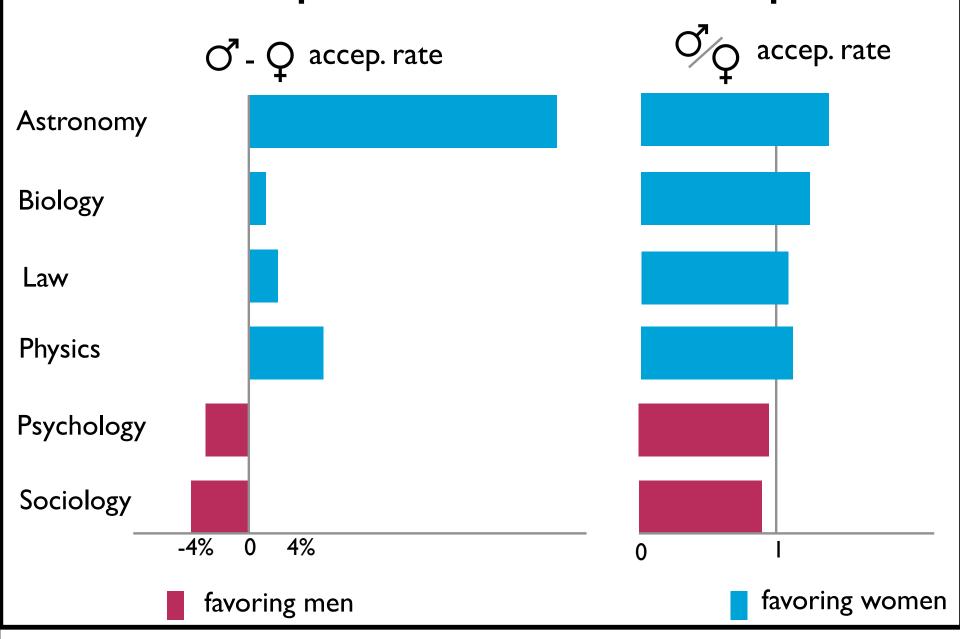
# Difference

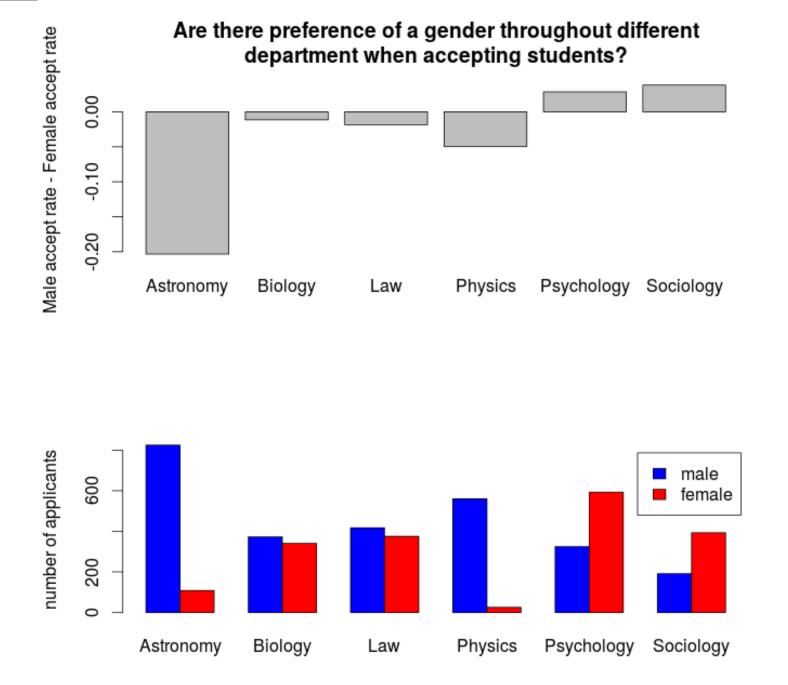


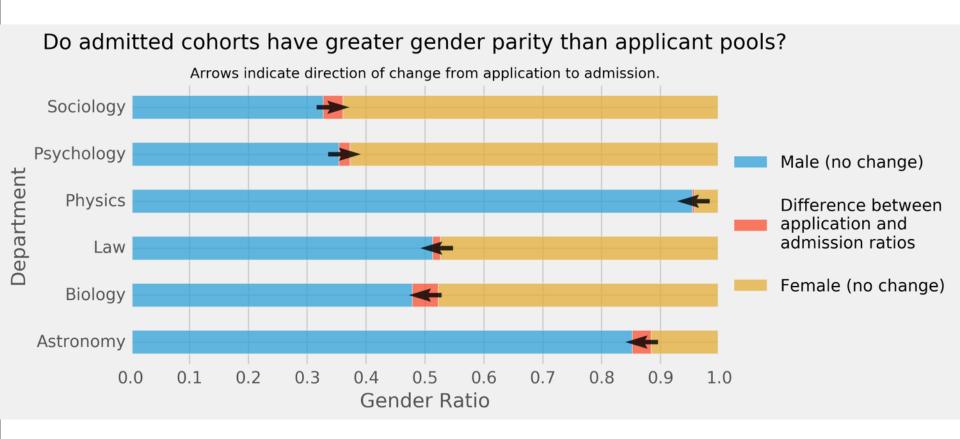
# What Is the Difference in Admission Rates of Male and Female Students Across a Set of Majors?



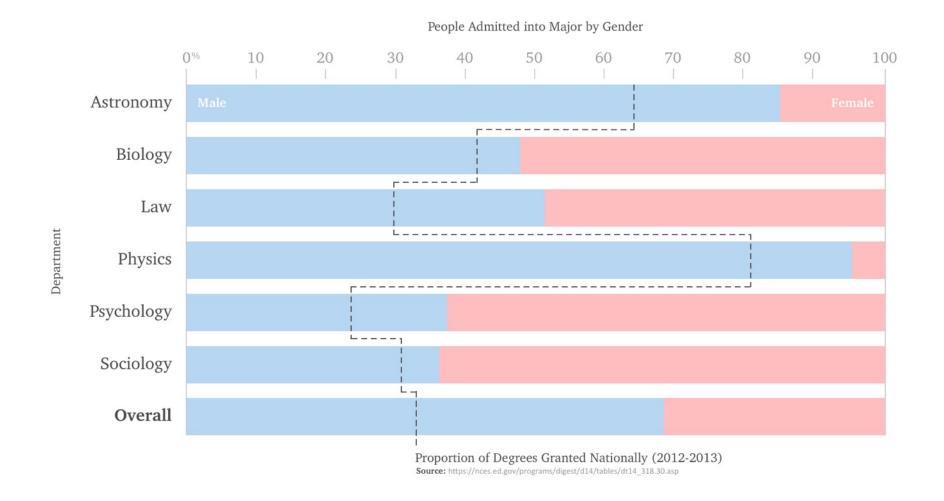
## Gender Gaps in Graduate Acceptance



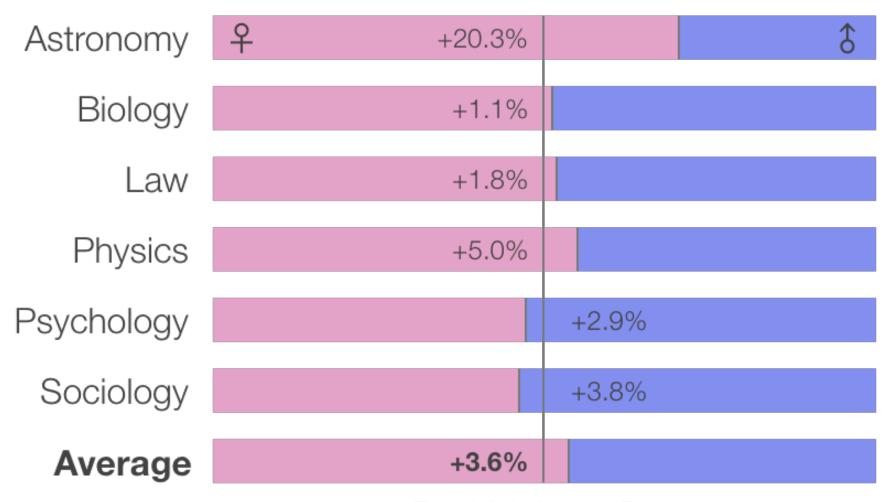




Q: How do the rates of admission per gender at this university differ, how equitable are they, and how do they compare to the proportion of degrees granted nationally?



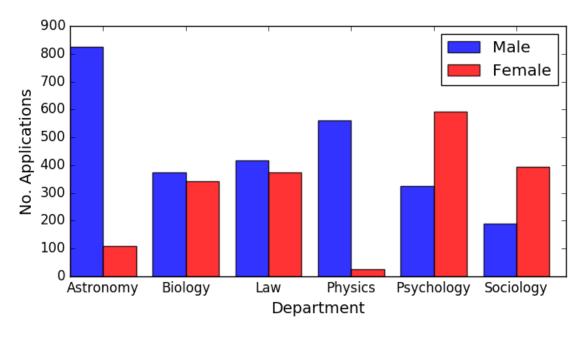
#### Gender Difference in Admittance Rates

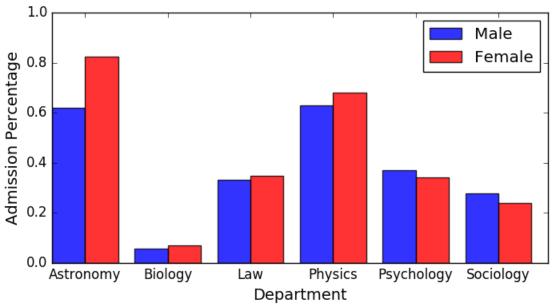


Equal Admittance Rate

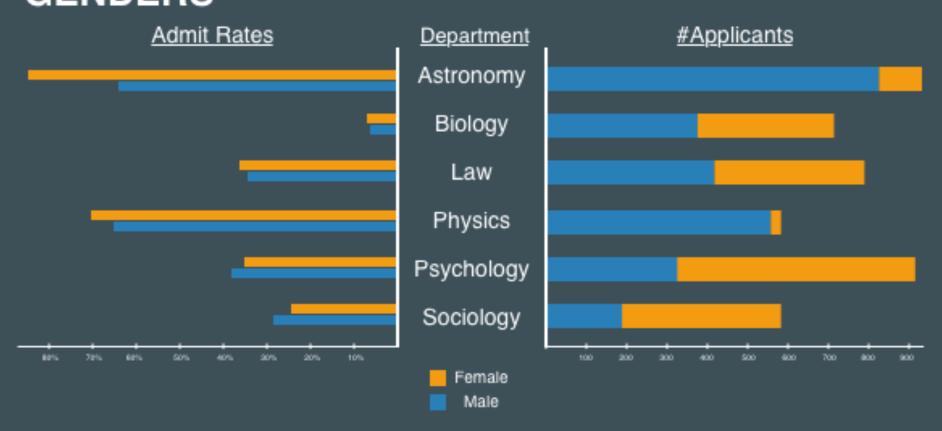
# Hybrids

#### What Causes Gender Imbalances In Academic Departments?

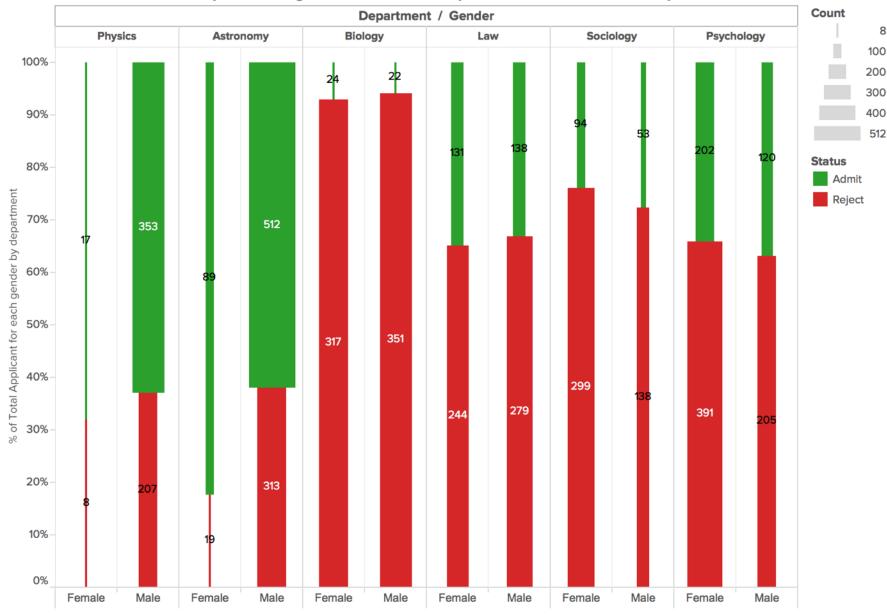




# GENDER BIAS IN ADMISSION IN VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS & CORELATION WITH POPULARITY OF DEPARTMENTS IN BOTH GENDERS

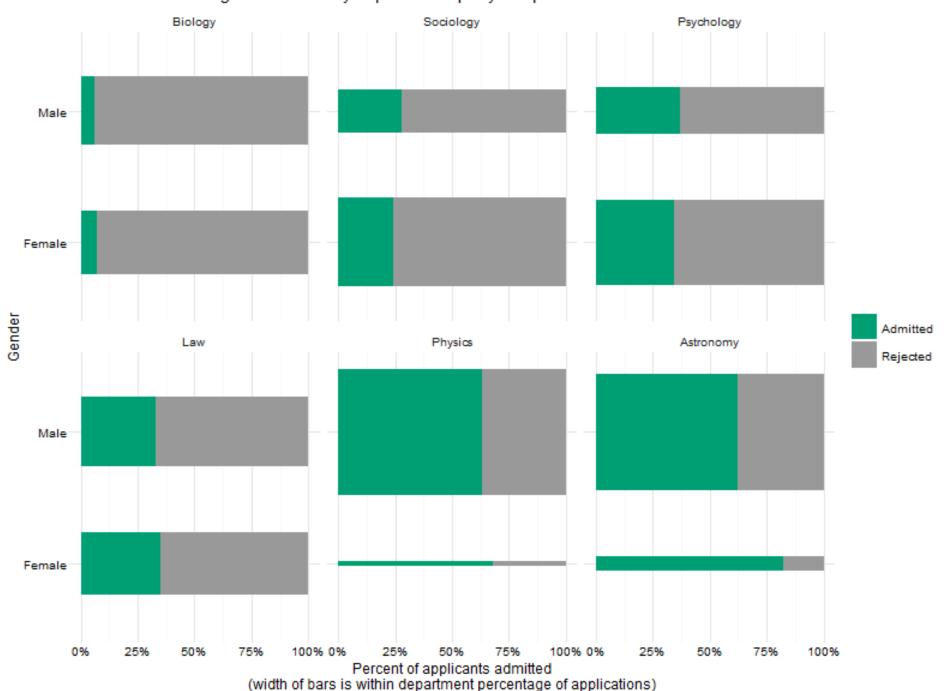


#### Is there a relationship between gender and their acceptance result to a certain department?

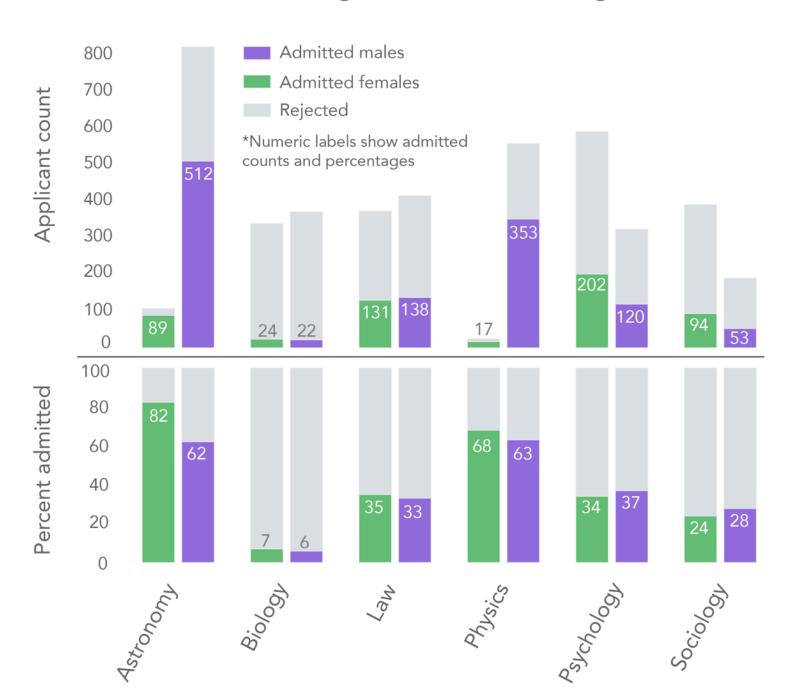


% of Total Applicants for each Gender broken down by Department. Color shows details about Status. Size shows sum of Count. The marks are labeled by sum of Count.

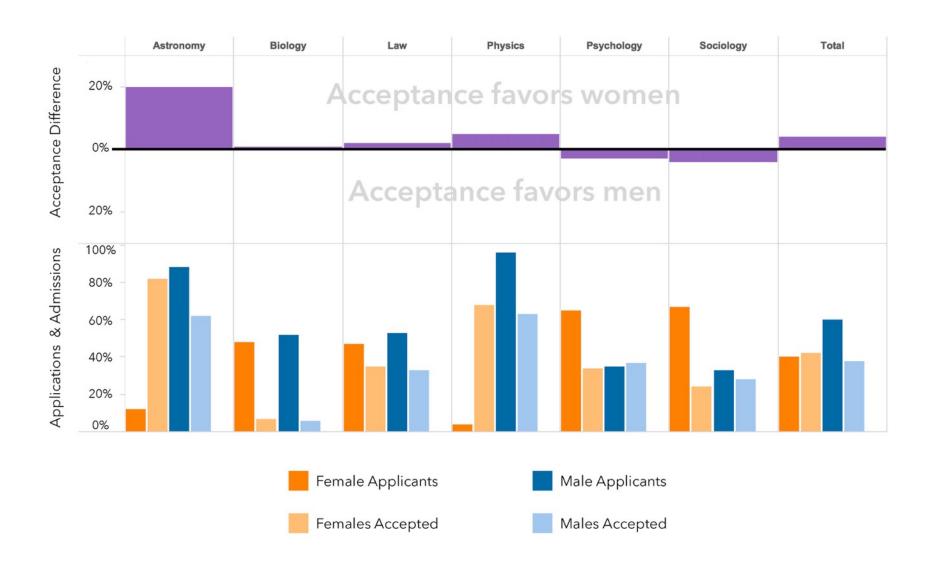
Are college admissions by department equally competitive for men and women?



Is there evidence of gender bias in college admissions?

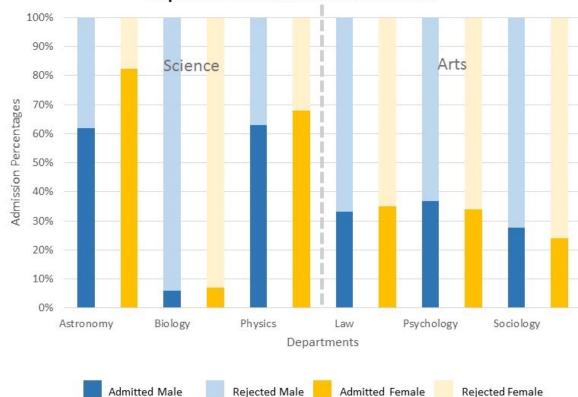


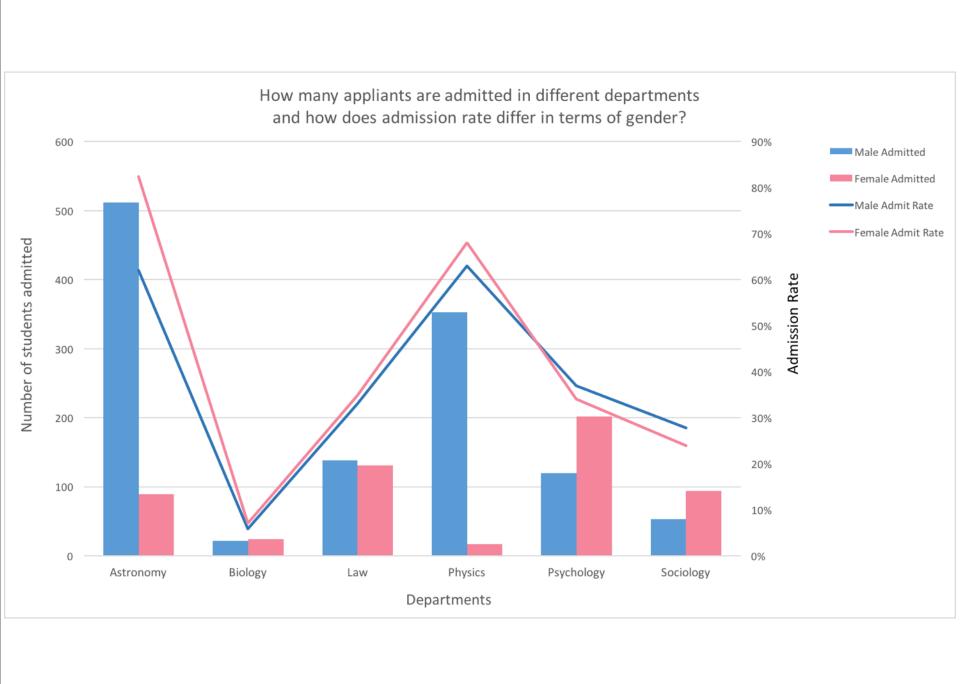
#### Do departments attempt to balance gender during admissions?

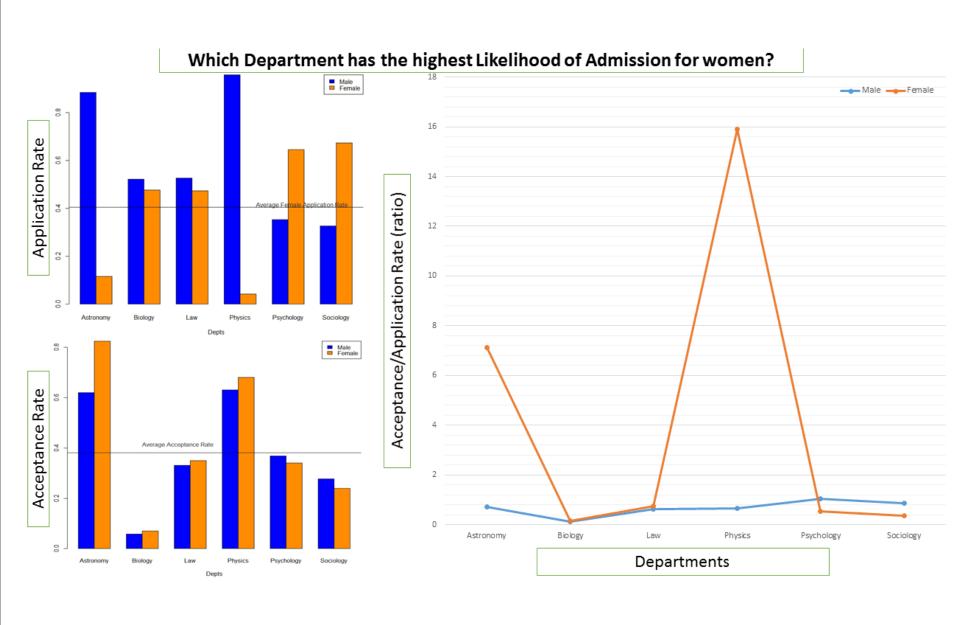


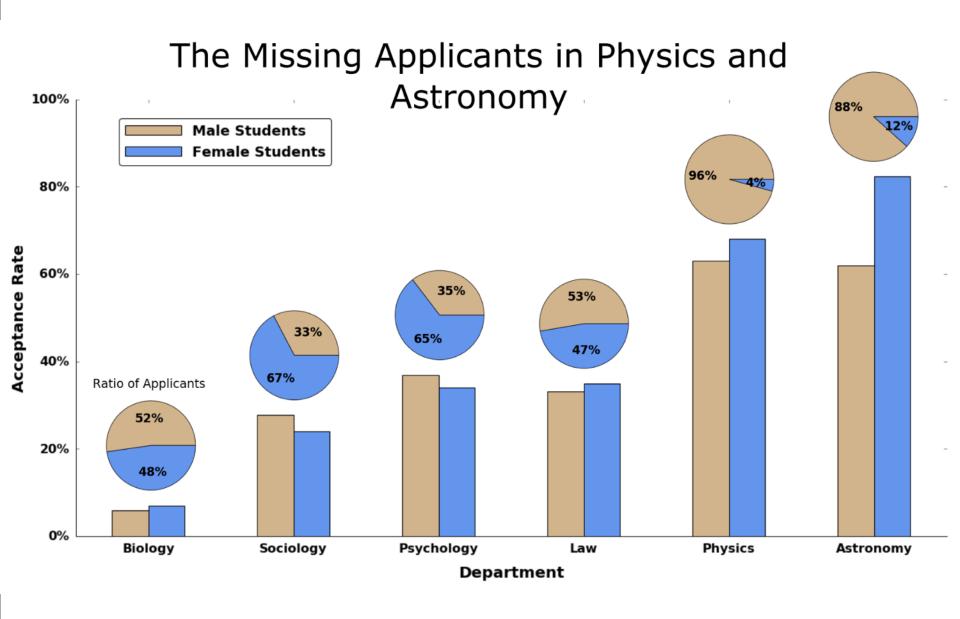
Male vs. Female Students across Departments 100% Science Arts 90% 80% 70% Sex Percentages 60% 50% 40% 30% 20% 10% 0% Departments

#### Do Science Departments Favor Male Students and Arts Departments Favor Female Students?

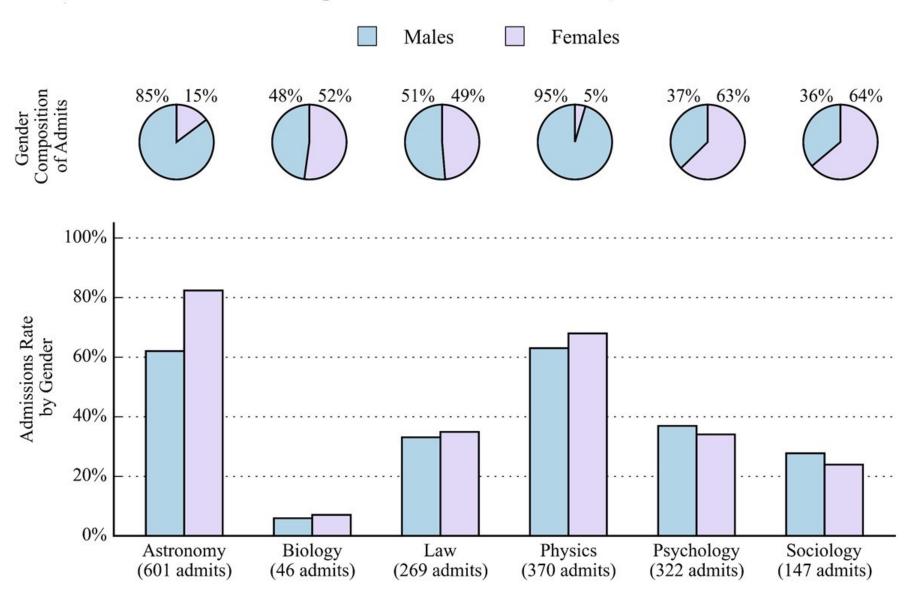








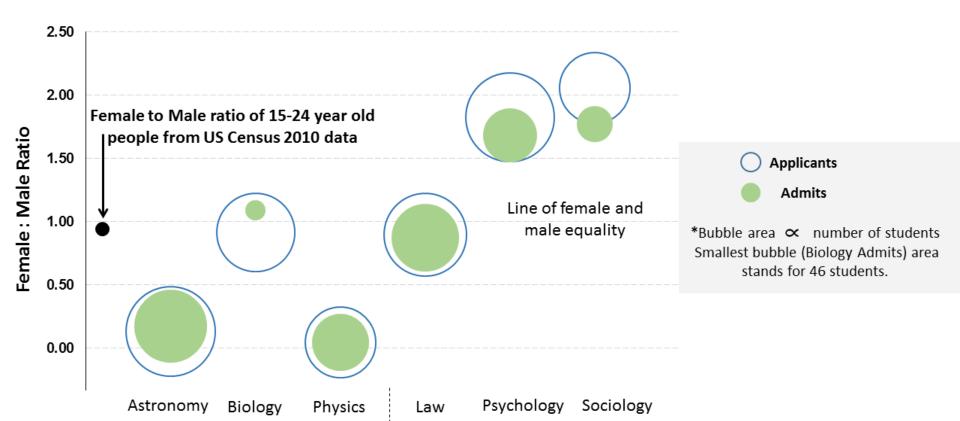
#### Do Department Admissions Differ by Gender?



University Department

# **Dot Plots**

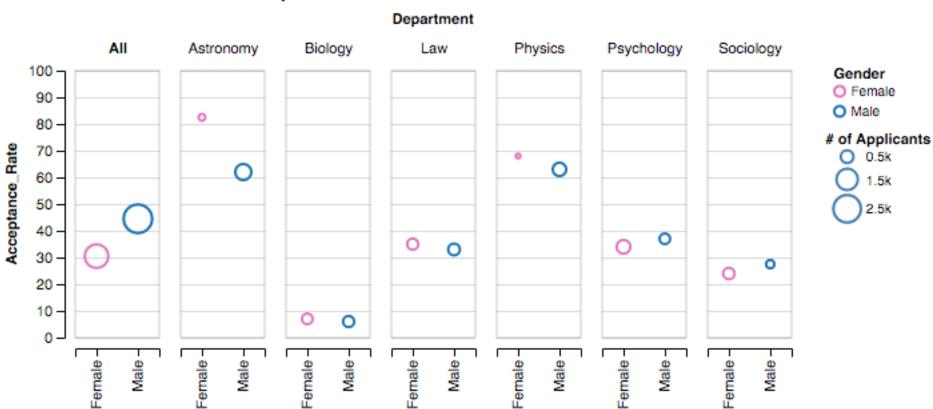
# How well are both genders represented across departments? Where in the application process is the difference greatest?



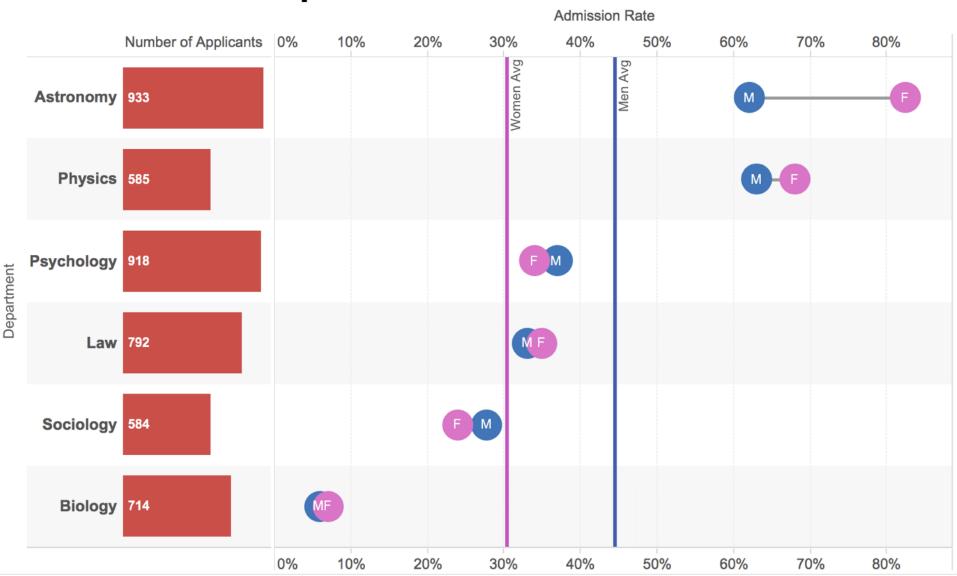
**Humanity Departments** 

**Science Departments** 

#### Is Acceptance Rate Different between Gender?



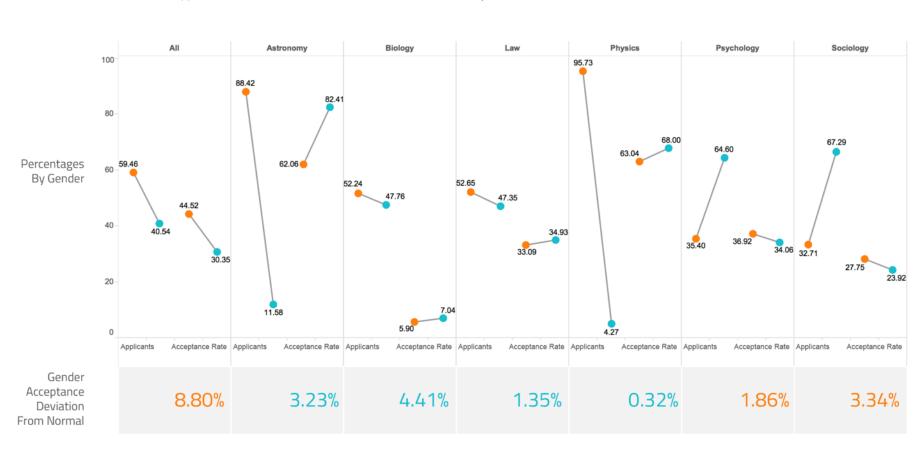
#### How does department choice affect admission?



# Do Departments Correct for Application Gender Ratio?



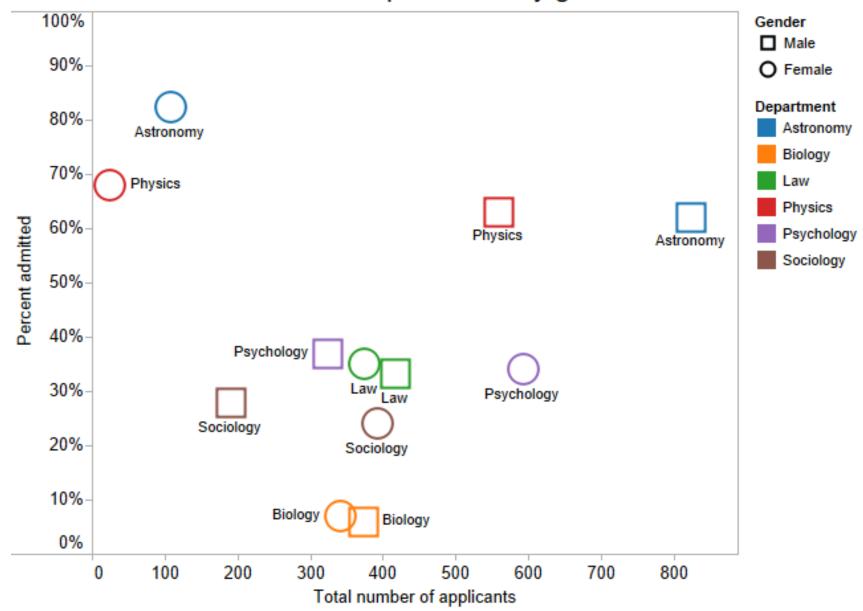
Departments



Will gender affect admission rate? Department Gender Female 5.0 Male 4.5 4.0 3.5 3.0 Admission Rate 0.2 1.5 1.0 0.5 0.0 **Astronomy Physics** Psychology Sociology **Biology** Law

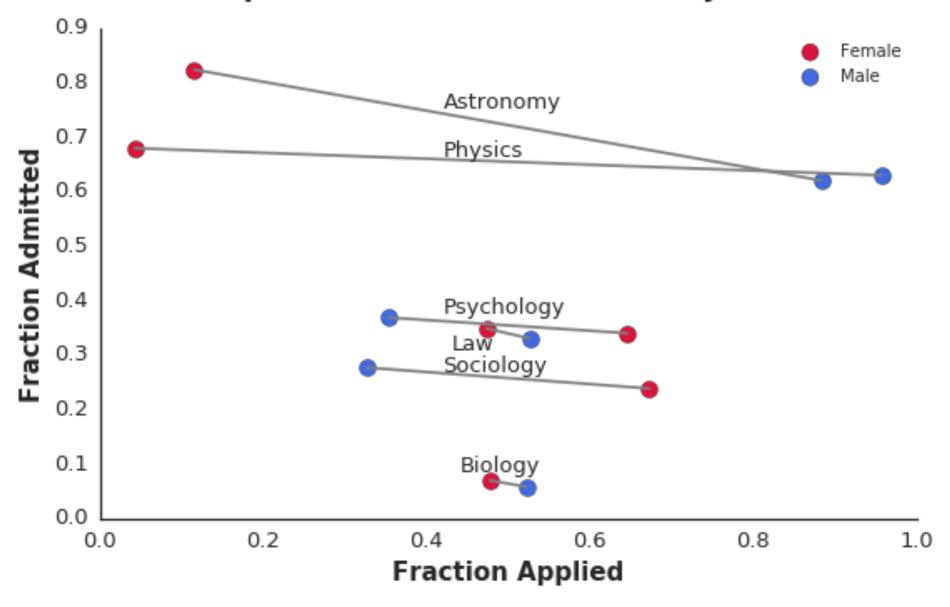
# Scatter Plots

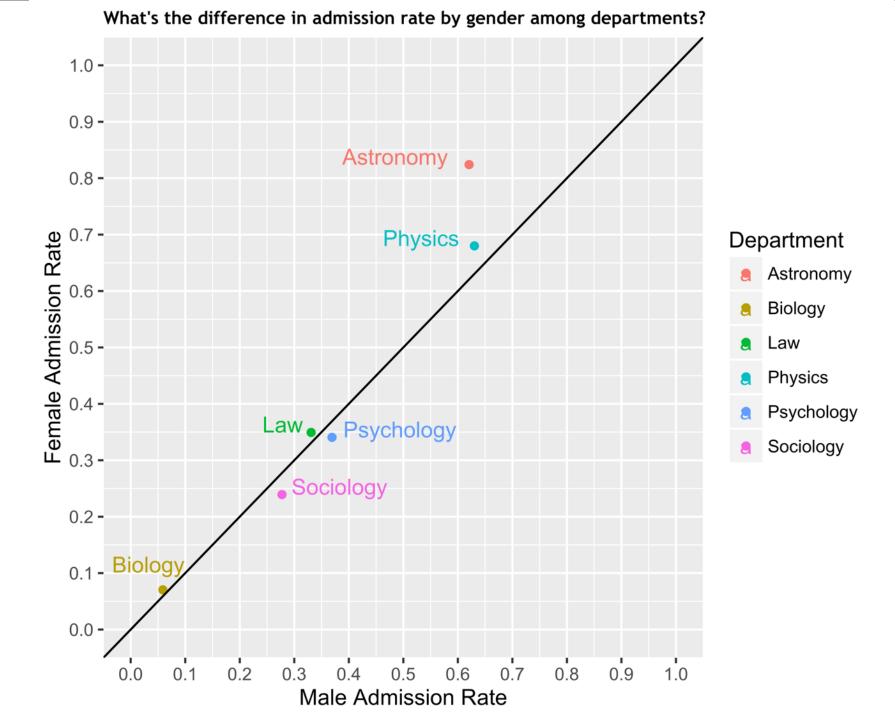
# What are the differences in popularity and selectivity of various academic departments by gender?



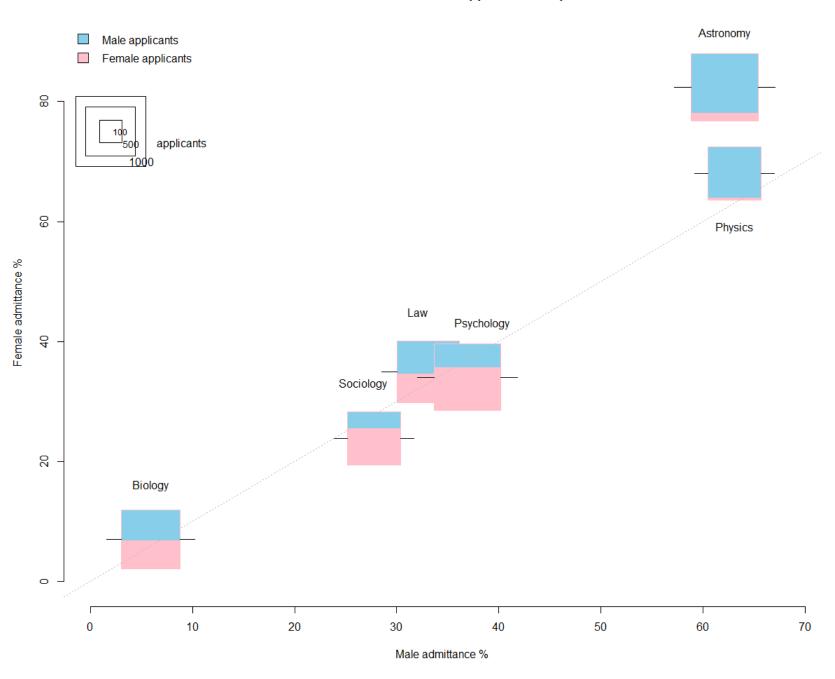
Scatterplot of percent admitted to each department by gender compared to the total applications to each department by gender. Gender is distinguished by shape, and department by color.

#### Acceptance vs Admission Rates by Gender

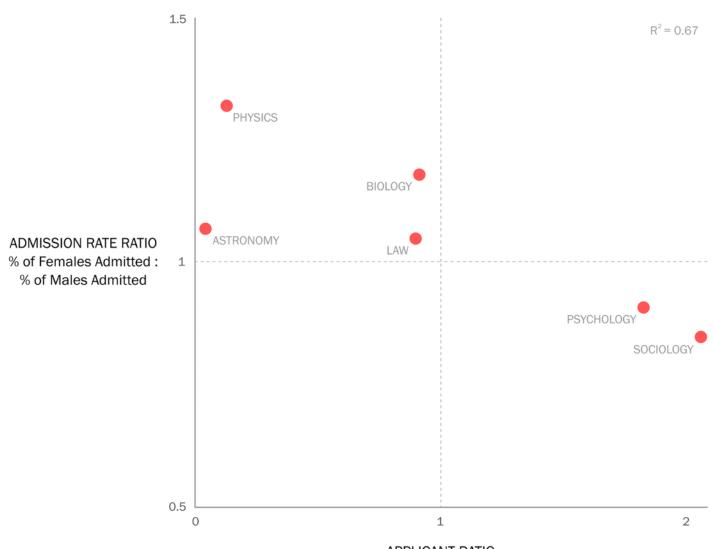




#### **Male/Female Admittance and Application Proportions**

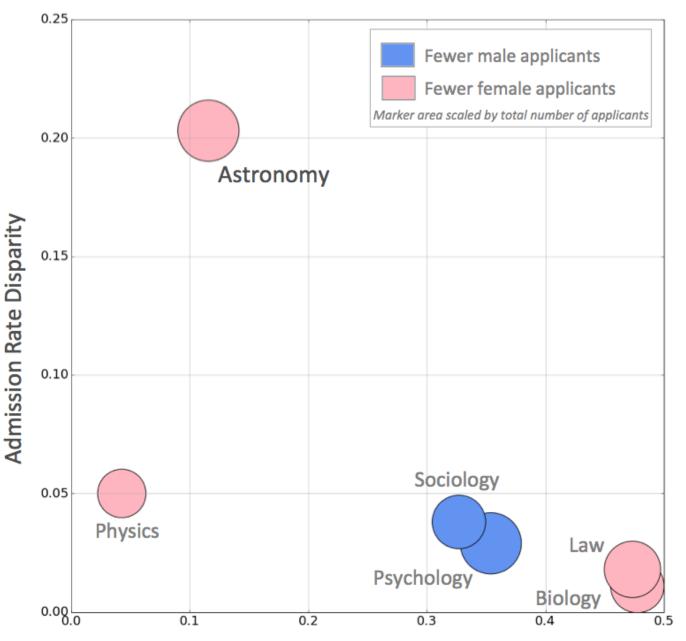


# Does the proportion of women applicants affect admission rates within each gender?



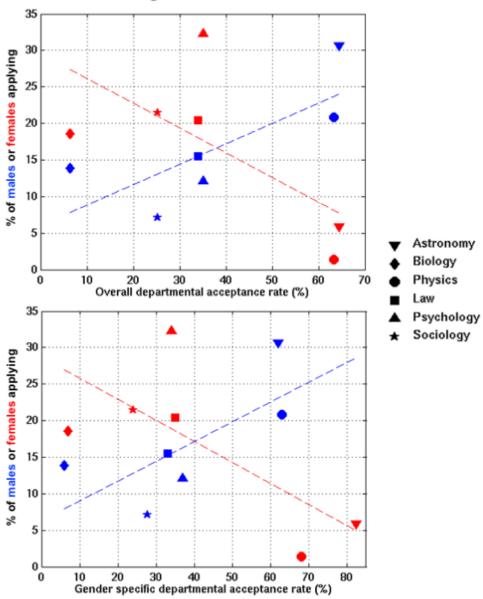
APPLICANT RATIO
# Female Applicants : # Male Applicants

### Is admission gender bias conserved across departments?

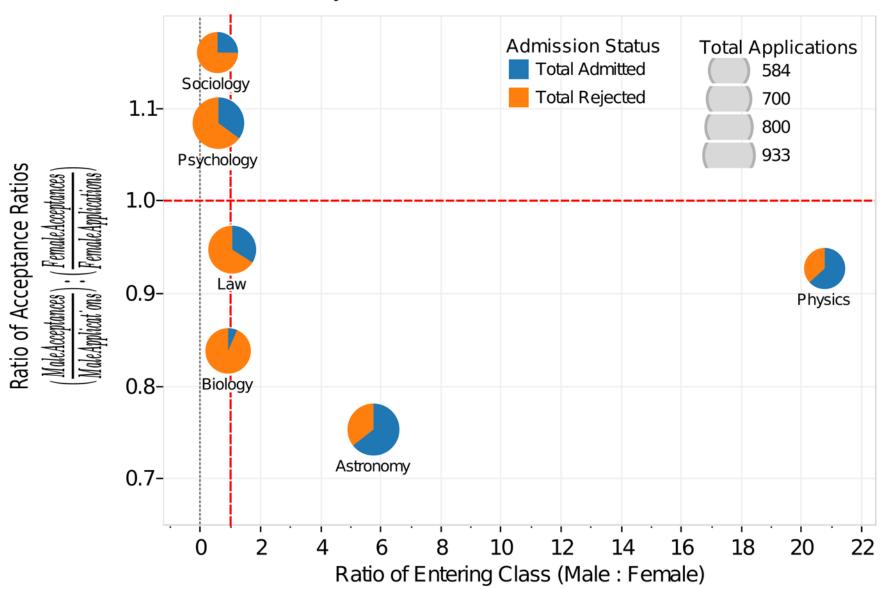


Fraction of Applicants from Underrepresented Gender

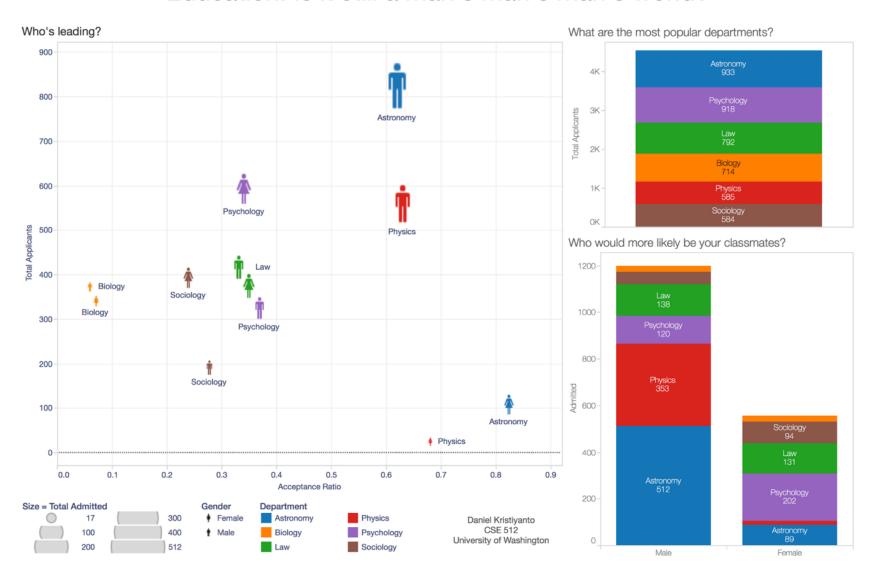
## Are females more likely to apply to departments that are easier to get into? What about males?



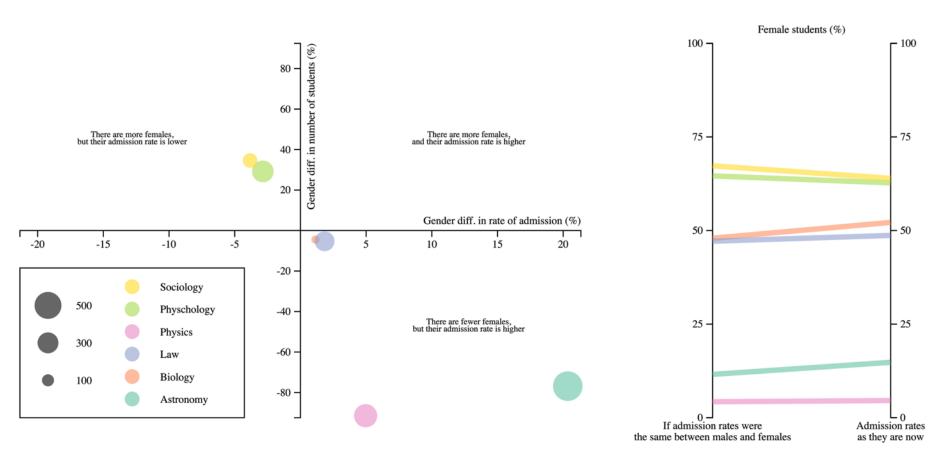
Admissions are biased toward the underrepresented gender in some departments and less selective departments are heavily dominated by males

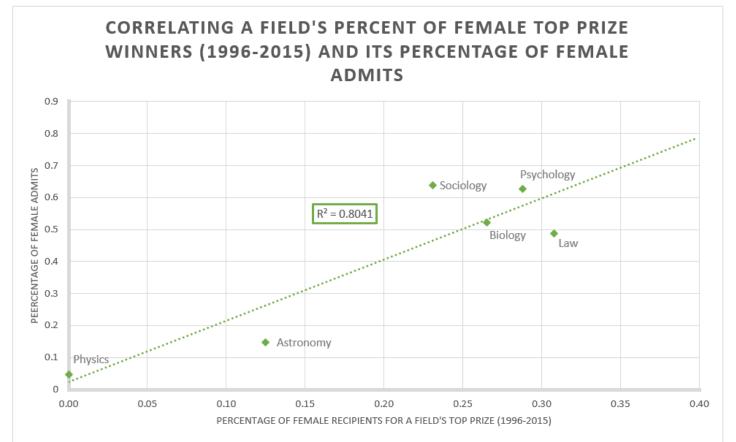


#### Education: Is it still a man's man's man's world?



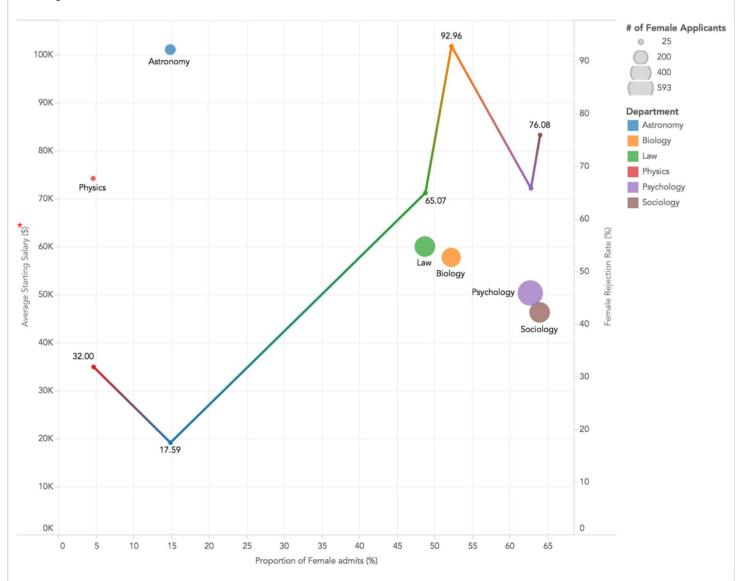
## Are universities' admission practices closing the gender gap?





Field	Prize	
Astronomy	Crafoord Prize	
	National Medal of	
Biology	ScienceBiology	
Law	Supreme Court Justice	
Physics	Nobel PrizePhysics	
	APA Award for	
	Distinguished Scientific	
Psychology	Contributions	
Sociology	Holberg Prize	

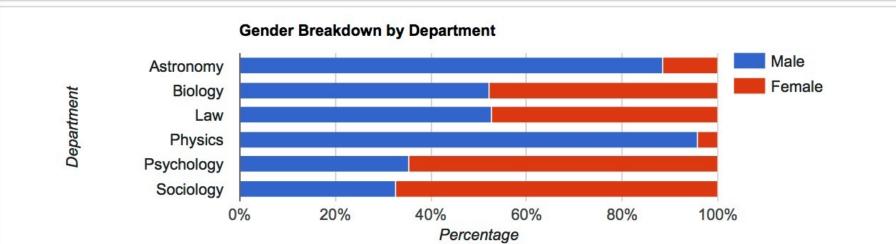
## Are female students rejected from the high paying majors or just not interested?



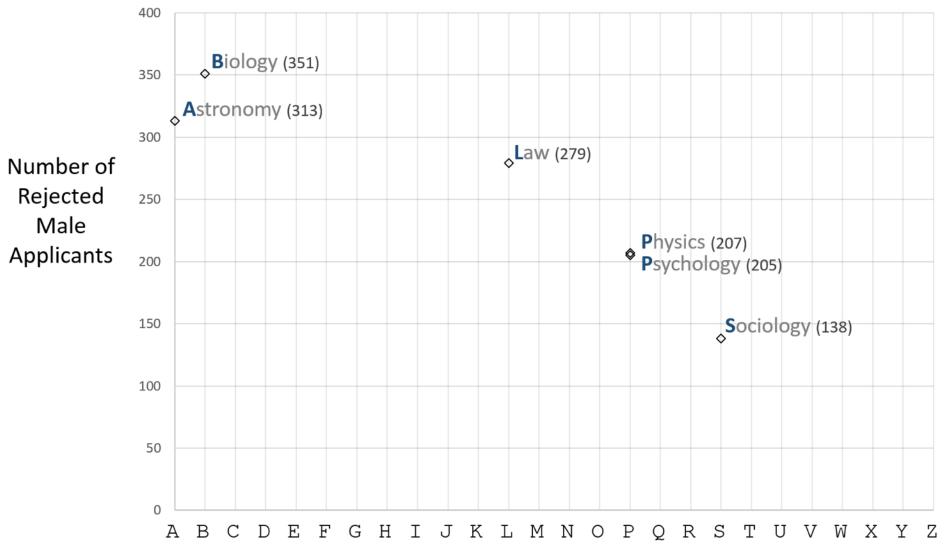
Resource\*: http://www.studentsreview.com/salary\_by\_major.php3

#### Average Salary vs. Gender Ratio





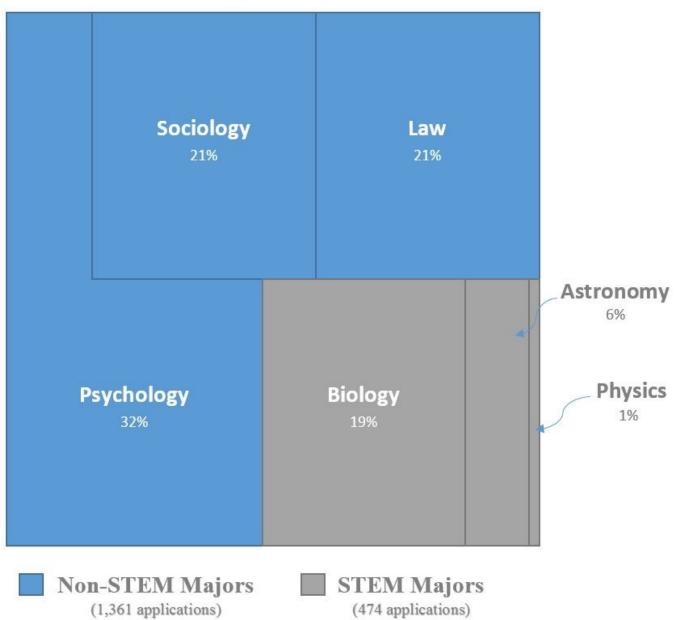
# Do Departments With Earlier First Letters In Their Names Reject More Male Applicants?



First Letter of Department Name

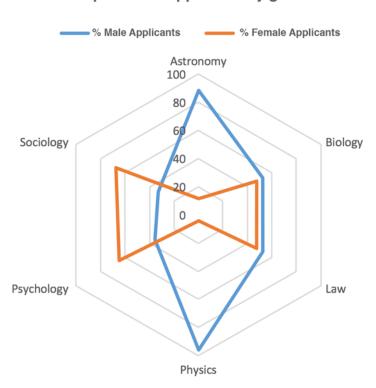
# Misc

# What is the distribution of interest between STEM and Non-STEM majors across female applicants?

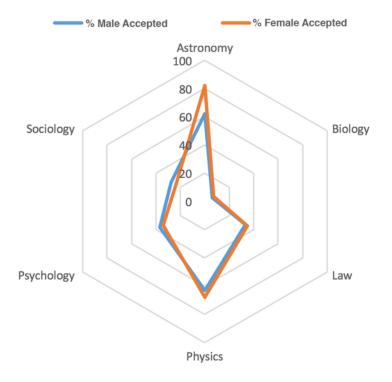


## Is gender a parameter in selection of candidates?

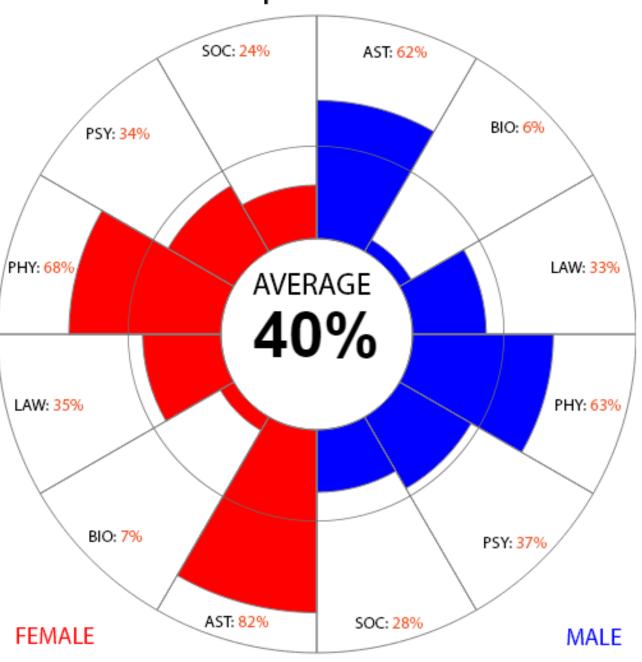
#### Proportion of applicants by gender

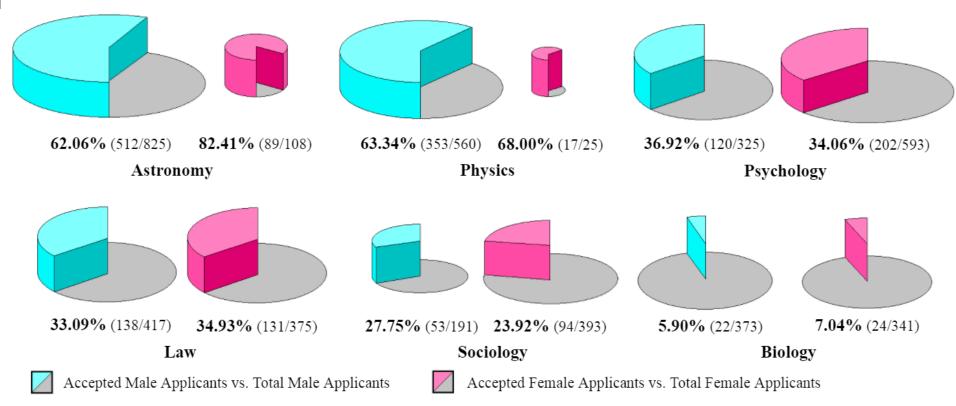


#### Proportion of successful applicants by gender



### What Majors vs Genders have the Highest College Acceptance Rates?





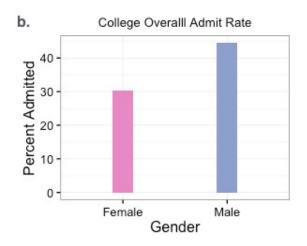
Which Departments Are the Easiest to Get Admitted To?

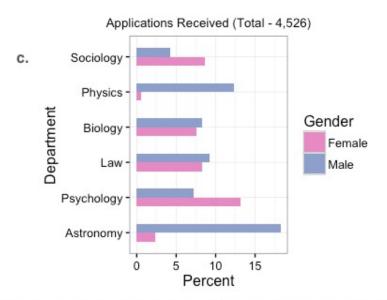
# Simpson's Paradox

#### **Admissions Dashboard**

a.

Total Applications: 4526		
	#Accept	#Reject
Male	1198	1493
Female	557	1278





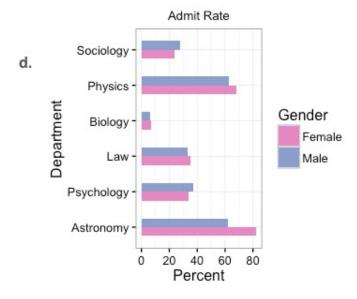
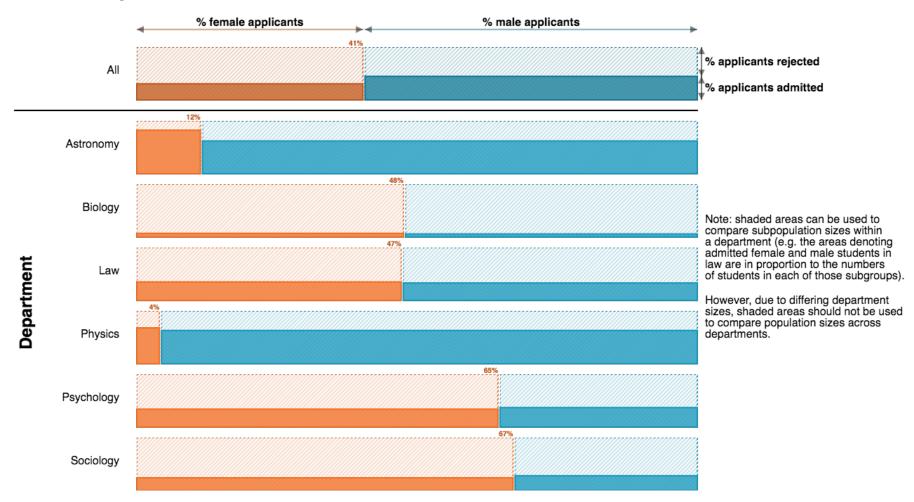
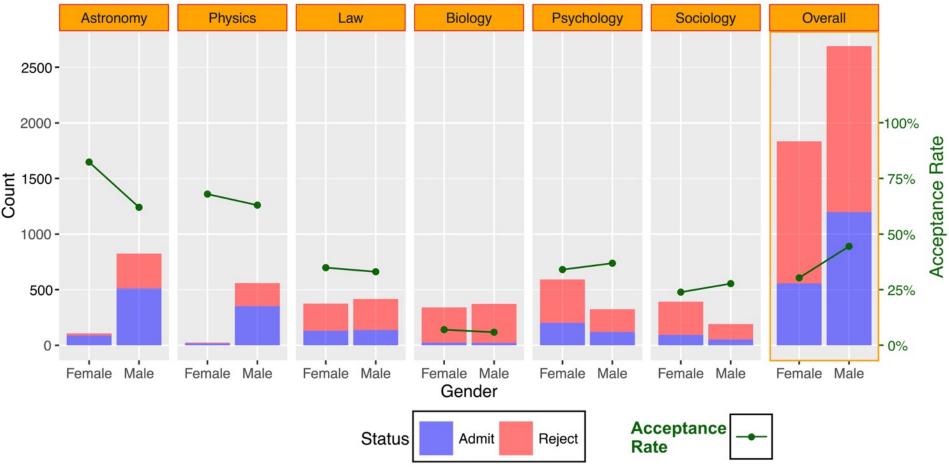


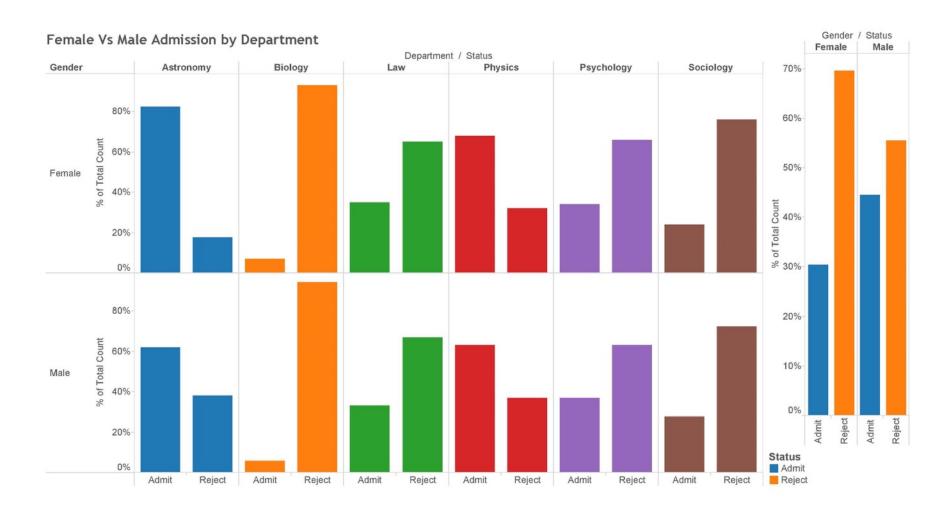
Figure 1. a.) Admissions application statistics. Comparing figure 1.b and 1.d one can see the confounding pattern in admissions data. While overall admission rates show significant difference for females and males (chi-squared p-val <.001) (1.b), department wise number of females and males admitted are seen to be more balanced. Physics and Astronomy departments receives the least amount of applications by females(1.c) yet admit more percent of females than males (1.d). More males are applying to easier to get-in departments.

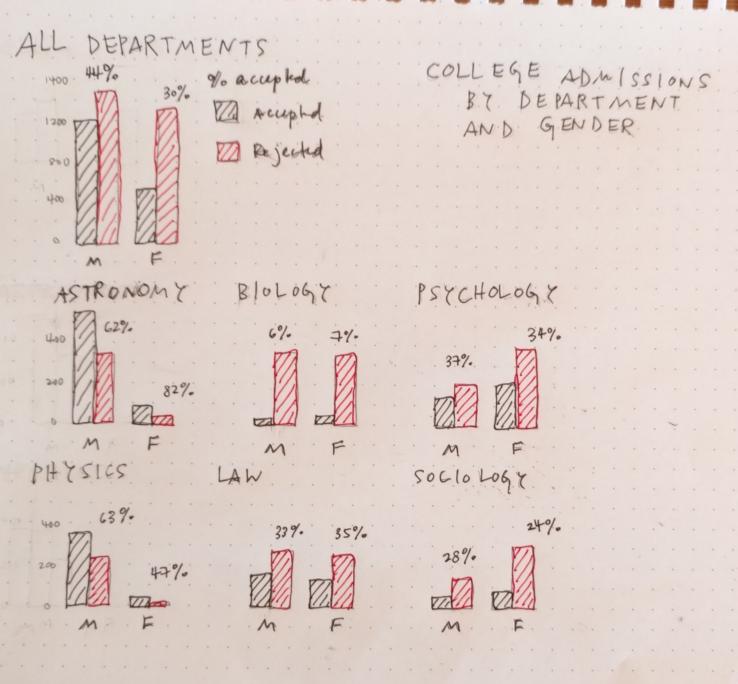
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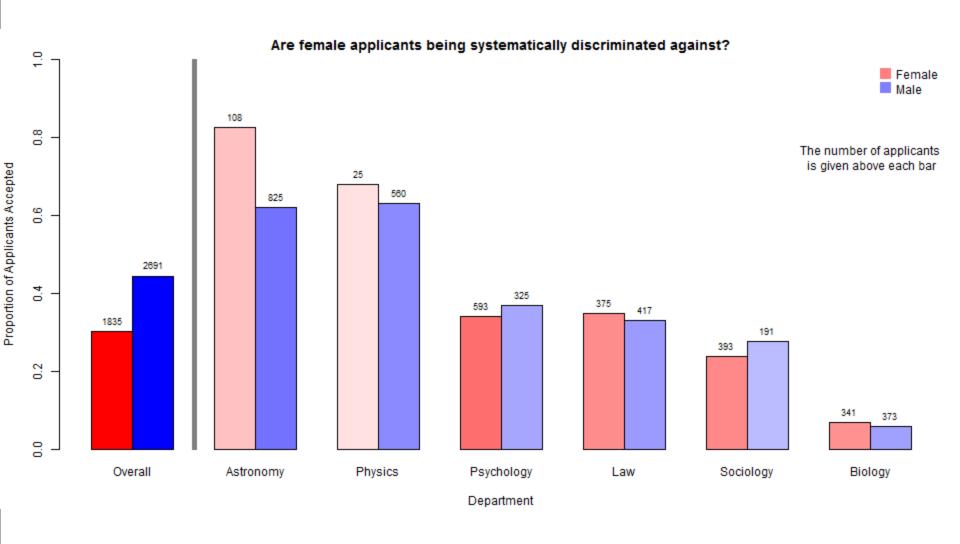
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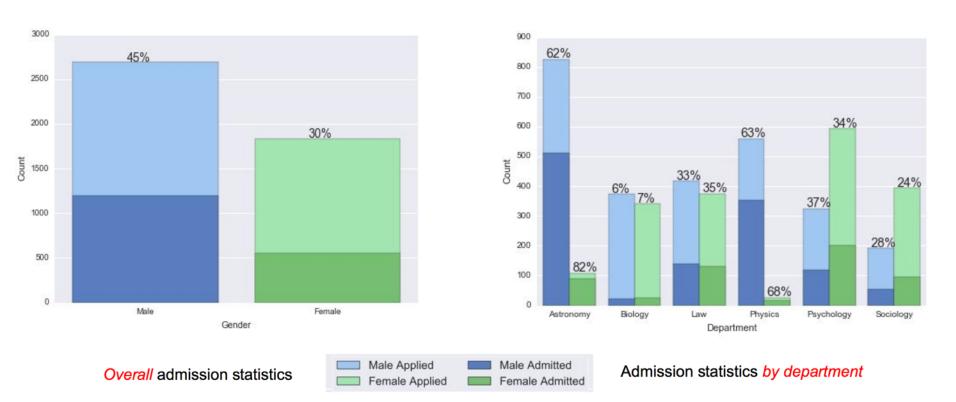




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### College Admissions Paradox



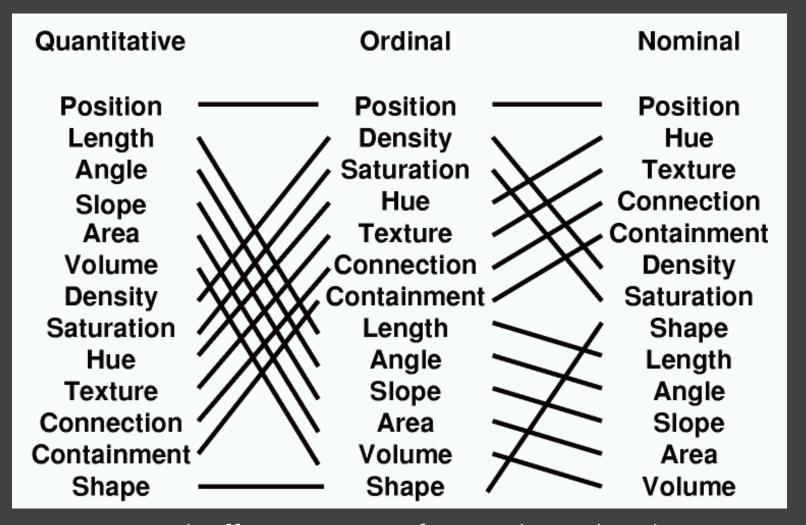
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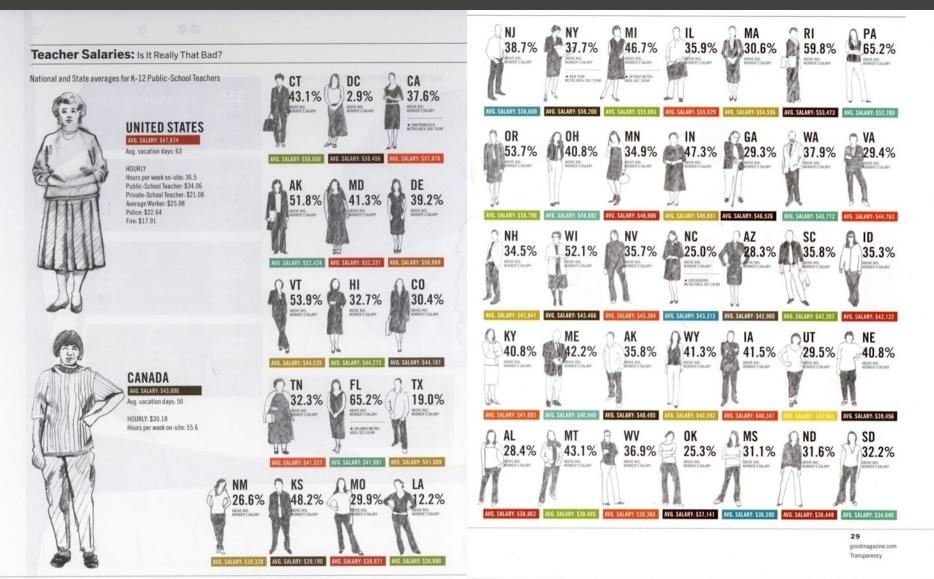
Task: Analyze and Re-design visualization
Identify data variables (N/O/Q) and encodings
Critique the design: what works, what doesn't
Sketch a re-design to improve communication
Be ready to share your thoughts with the class

Break into groups with those sitting near you (~4 people per group)

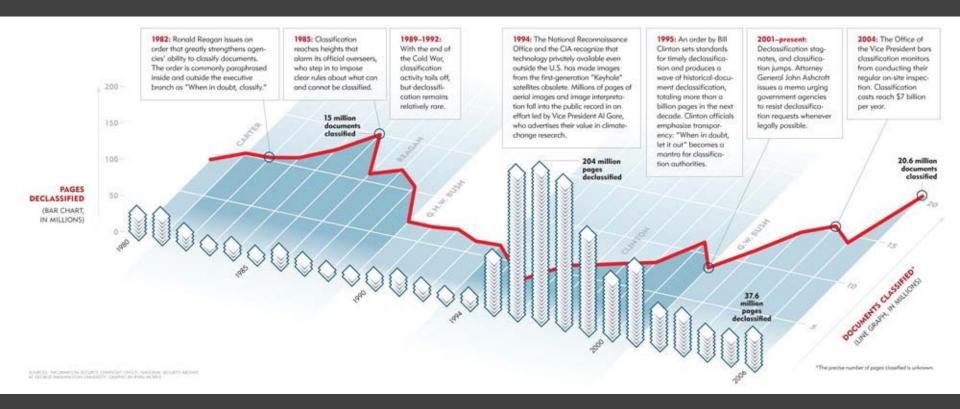
## Mackinlay's Ranking



Conjectured effectiveness of encodings by data type

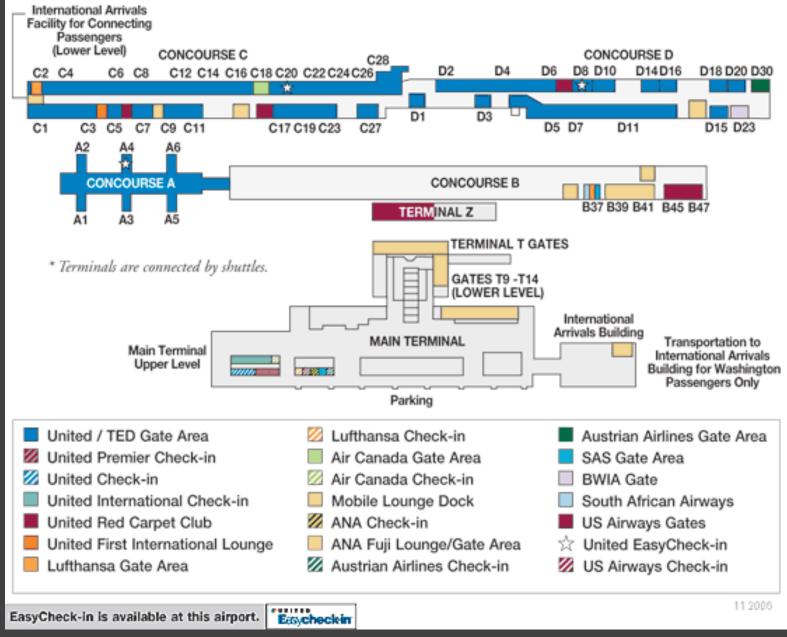


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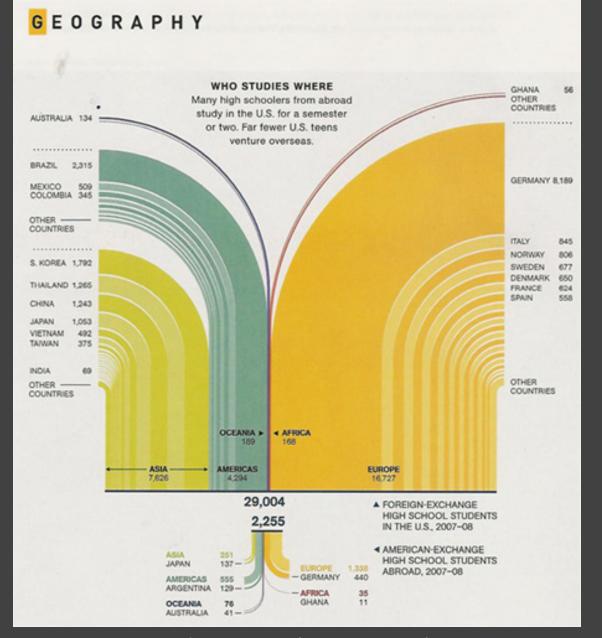
Source: *The Atlantic* 300 no. 2 (September 2007)

Number of Classified U.S. Documents



Washington Dulles Airport Map

Source: United Airlines Hemispheres



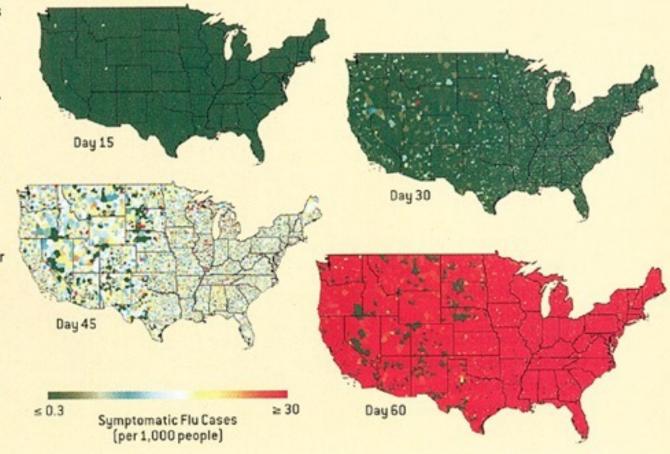
Source: *National Geographic*, September, 2008, p. 22. Silver, Mark. "High School Give-and-Take."

are shaping up. IT WAS A VERY Robert Parker's ratings for GOOD YEAR? vintages of Napa Valley cabernet sauvignon 2005 2004 2003 2002 90<sub>T</sub> 2001 91R 92 95<sub>E</sub> 987 2000 **78**C 88T 1998 1997 1996 85R 941 90T **RATINGS** 1994 941 95E 90E Extraordinary 2001 90-95 Outstanding 96 80-89 Above average points. It 70-79 Average 1992 1991 was a relatively Below average 93R 947 modest year in Unacceptable terms of yield from T= Still tannic, youthful, the vineyards, and that or slow to mature R= Ready to drink worked to the vintner's 1990 F = Early maturing and advantage. The results: some 94E accessible = Irregular of Napa's most concentrated, C= Caution, may be too old structured, long-lived wines. Built for aging, they are rich, densely colored.

Source: Business Week, June 18, 2007

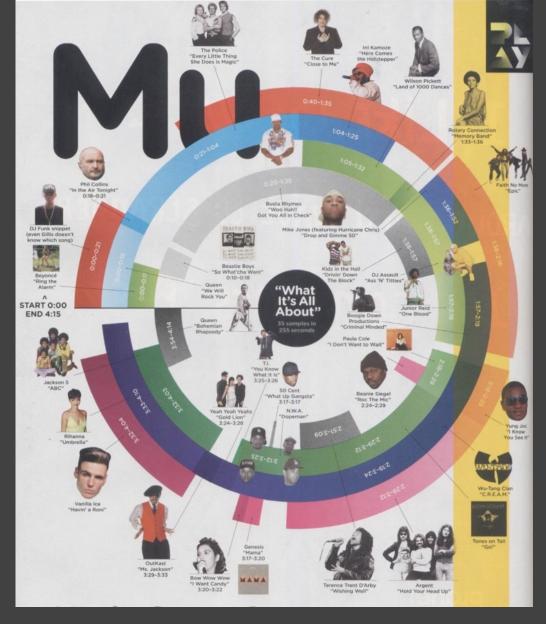
## Pandemic Flu Hits the U.S.

A simulation created by researchers from Los Alamos National Laboratory and Emory University shows the first wave of a pandemic spreading rapidly with no vaccine or antiviral drugs employed to slow it down. Colors represent the number of symptomatic flu cases per 1,000 people (see scale). Starting with 40 infected people on the first day, nationwide cases peak around day 60, and the wave subsides after four months with 33 percent of the population having become sick. The scientists are also modeling potential interventions with drugs and vaccines to learn if travel restrictions, quarantines and other disruptive disease-control strategies could be avoided.



Preparing for a Pandemic

Source: Scientific American, 293(5). November, 2005, p. 50



Source: Wired Magazine, September 2008 Edition

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