Visualization Analysis & Design

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Visualization: definition & motivation

Computer-based visualization systems provide visual representations of datasets designed to help people arry out tasks more effectively.

Visualization is suitable when there is a need to augment human capabilities rather than replace people with computational decision-making methods.

- human in the loop needs the details & no trusted automatic solution exists
 - -doesn't know exactly what questions to ask in advance
 - -exploratory data analysis
 - **speed up** through human-in-the-loop visual data analysis
 - -present known results to others
 - -stepping stone towards automation
 - -before model creation to provide understanding
 - -during algorithm creation to refine, debug, set parameters
 - -before or during deployment to build trust and monitor

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more at: Visualization Analysis and Design. Munzner. CRC Press, 2014.

Why analyze?

- imposes a structure on huge design space
 - -scaffold to help you think systematically about choices
 - -analyzing existing as stepping stone to designing new

SpaceTree



[SpaceTree: Supporting Exploration in Large Node Link Tree, Design Evolution and Empirical Evaluation. Grosjean, Plaisant, and Bederson.



TreeJuxtaposer



[Tree]uxtaposer: Scalable Tree Comparison Using Focus+Context With Guaranteed Visibility. ACM Trans. on Graphics (Proc. SIGGRAPH) 22:453-462, 2003.]

Analysis framework: Four levels, three questions

- domain situation
 - -who are the target users?
- abstraction
 - -translate from specifics of domain to vocabulary of vis

[A Nested Model of Visualization Design and Validation. Munzner. IEEETVCG 15(6):921-928, 2009 (Proc. InfoVis 2009).

- what is shown? data abstraction
 - often don't just draw what you're given: transform to new form
- why is the user looking at it? task abstraction
- idiom
- **how** is it shown?
 - visual encoding idiom: how to draw
 - interaction idiom: how to manipulate
- algorithm
 - -efficient computation

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[A Multi-Level Typology of Abstract Visualization Tasks Brehmer and Munzner. IEEETVCG 19(12):2376-2385, 2013 (Proc. InfoVis 2013).]





Why is validation difficult?

different ways to get it wrong at each level

Domain situation You misunderstood their needs

Data/task abstractionYou're showing them the wrong thing

Wisual encoding/interaction idiom The way you show it doesn't work

Algorithm Your code is too slow



Why is validation difficult?

solution: use methods from different fields at each level

anthropology/	Domain situation Observe target users using existing tools
etnnograpny	Data/task abstraction
design	Visual encoding/interaction idiom Justify design with respect to alternatives
computer	Measure system time/memory
science	Analyze computational complexity
science cognitive	Analyze computational complexity Analyze results qualitatively
science cognitive psychology	Analyze computational complexity Analyze results qualitatively Measure human time with lab experiment (<i>lab study</i>)
science cognitive psychology anthropology/	Analyze computational complexity Analyze results qualitatively Measure human time with lab experiment (<i>lab study</i>) Observe target users after deployment (<i>field study</i>)

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technique-driven work



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	D	atasets			Attrib
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Types: Datasets and data

Dataset Types \rightarrow

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Actions: Analyze, Query

Analyze

- analyze
 - consume
 - discover vs present
 - -aka explore vs explain
 - enjoy
 - aka casual, social
 - -produce
 - annotate, record, derive
- query
 - -how much data matters?
 - one, some, all
- independent choices
 - analyze, query, (search)

Derive: Crucial Design Choice

- don't just draw what you're given!
 - -decide what the right thing to show is
 - -create it with a series of transformations from the original dataset -draw that
- one of the four major strategies for handling complexity

trade balance = exports – imports

Derived Data

Original Data

Analysis example: Derive one attribute

- Strahler number
 - centrality metric for trees/networks
 - derived quantitative attribute
 - draw top 5K of 500K for good skeleton

[Using Strahler numbers for real time visual exploration of huge graphs. Auber. Proc. Intl. Conf. Computer Vision and Graphics, pp. 56–69, 2002.]

Targets

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→ All Data

→ Attributes

How?

E	ncode		Manipulate
 → Arrange → Express 	→ Separate	 Map from categorical and ordered attributes 	→ Change ···· ② ··· ···
→ Order	-→ Align	→ Color → Hue → Saturation → Luminance	→ Select
→ Use		 → Size, Angle, Curvature, ■ ■ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □	→ Navigate
What		 → Shape + ● ■ ▲ → Motion Direction, Rate, Frequency, 	<u> </u>
Why? How?			

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→ Aggregate

	
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How to encode: Arrange space, map channels

Encode

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Definitions: Marks and channels

Encoding visually with marks and channels

• analyze idiom structure

-as combination of marks and channels

mark: line

mark: point

mark: point

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4: vertical position horizontal position color hue size (area)

mark: point

Channels

Channels: Matching Types

-match channel and data characteristics

Channels: Rankings

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-match channel and data characteristics

- -channels differ in accuracy of perception
- -match available levels in channel w/ data

How?

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→ Partition

→ Aggregate

	
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Categorical vs ordered color

Annual sales by state

Stone.Tableau Customer Conference 2014.]

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[Seriously Colorful: Advanced Color Principles & Practices.

Decomposing color

- first rule of color: do not talk about color! -color is confusing if treated as monolithic
- decompose into three channels
 - ordered can show magnitude
 - luminance: how bright
 - saturation: how colorful
 - categorical can show identity
 - hue: what color
 - caveat: not well supported by current tools
- channels have different properties
 - -what they convey directly to perceptual system
 - -how much they can convey: how many discriminable bins can we use?

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Luminance	
Saturation	
Hue	

Categorical color: limited number of discriminable bins

- human perception built on relative comparisons
 - -great if color contiguous
 - surprisingly bad for absolute comparisons
- noncontiguous small regions of color
 - -fewer bins than you want
 - –rule of thumb: 6-12 bins, including background and highlights
- alternatives? other talks!

[Cinteny: flexible analysis and visualization of synteny and genome rearrangements in multiple organisms. Sinha and Meller. BMC Bioinformatics, 8:82, 2007.]

Ordered color: Rainbow is poor default

- problems
 - -perceptually unordered
 - -perceptually nonlinear
- benefits
 - -small-scale structure: see & name
- alternatives
 - -large-scale structure: fewer hues
 - -known structure: segmented
 - -have it both ways, small+large:
 - -multiple hues
 - -monotonically increasing luminance

[Why Should Engineers Be Worried About Color? Treinish and Rogowitz 1998. http://www.research.ibm.com/people/l/lloydt/color/color.HTM]

[A Rule-based Tool for Assisting Colormap Selection. Bergman,. Rogowitz, and. Treinish. Proc. IEEE Visualization (Vis), pp. 118–125, 1995.]

Viridis / Magma

 colorful, perceptually uniform, colorblind-safe, monotonically increasing luminance

https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/ viridis/vignettes/intro-to-viridis.html

How?

- change view over time
 facet across multiple views
- reduce items/attributes within single view
- derive new data to show within view

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change over time most obvious & flexible of the 4 strategies

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facet data across multiple views

Idiom: Linked highlighting

- see how regions contiguous in one view are distributed within another
 - -powerful and pervasive interaction idiom
- encoding: different
- data: all shared

[Visual Exploration of Large Structured Datasets.Wills. Proc. New Techniques and Trends in Statistics (NTTS), pp. 237–246. IOS Press, 1995.]

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System: **EDV**

Idiom: **bird's-eye maps**

- encoding: same
- data: subset shared
- navigation: shared -bidirectional linking
- differences
 - -viewpoint
 - -(size)
- overview-detail

[A Review of Overview+Detail, Zooming, and Focus+Context Interfaces. Cockburn, Karlson, and Bederson. ACM Computing Surveys 41:1 (2008), 1-31.]

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System: Google Maps

Idiom: Small multiples

- encoding: same
- data: none shared
 - -nodes colored differently for each time/condition case
 - -(same network layout)
- navigation: shared

[Cerebral: Visualizing Multiple Experimental Conditions on a Graph with Biological Context. Barsky, Munzner, Gardy, and Kincaid. IEEE Trans. Visualization and Computer Graphics (Proc. InfoVis 2008) 14:6 (2008), 1253–1260.]

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System: Cerebral

Coordinate views: Design choice interaction

- why juxtapose views?
 - -benefits: eyes vs memory
 - lower cognitive load to move eyes between 2 views than remembering previous state with single changing view

-costs: display area, 2 views side by side each have only half the area of one view www.cs.ubc.ca/~tmm/talks.html#vad20alum

Idiom: Animation (change over time)

- weaknesses
 - -widespread changes-disparate frames
- strengths
 - -choreographed storytelling
 - localized differences between contiguous frames
 - animated transitions between states

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reduce what is shown within single view

Reduce items and attributes

- reduce/increase: inverses
- filter
 - -pro: straightforward and intuitive
 - to understand and compute -con: out of sight, out of mind
- aggregation
 - -pro: inform about whole set
 - -con: difficult to avoid losing signal
- not mutually exclusive -combine filter, aggregate
 - –combine reduce, facet, change, derive

Reducing Items and Attributes

→ Filter

→ Attributes

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Reduce

→ Filter

Idiom: **boxplot**

- static item aggregation
- task: find distribution
- data: table
- derived data
 - -5 quant attribs
 - median: central line
 - lower and upper quartile: boxes
 - lower upper fences: whiskers
 - -values beyond which items are outliers
 - -outliers beyond fence cutoffs explicitly shown

[40 years of boxplots. Wickham and Stryjewski. 2012. had.co.nz]

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Idiom: Dimensionality reduction for documents

attribute aggregation

-derive low-dimensional target space from high-dimensional measured space

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Out Labels for clusters

- → In Clusters & points

Why?

→ Annotate

	Facet
)	Juxtapose
)	Partition

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Embed

A quick taste of my own work!

Technique-driven: Graph/network drawing

Daniel Archambault

Benjamin Renoust

David Auber (Bordeaux)

Guy Melançon (Bordeaux)

https://youtu.be/AWXAe8zvkt8

TopoLayout SPF Grouse GrouseFlocks TugGraph

Detangler <u>https://youtu.be/QOtnHSsUV6k</u>

Technique-driven: Tree drawing

Zipeng Liu

Shing Hei Zhan

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Aggregated Dendrograms https://youtu.be/2SLcz7KNLJw

TreeJuxtaposer

https://youtu.be/GdaPj8a9QEo

Evaluation experiments: Graph/tree drawing

Dmitry Nekrasovski

Adam Bodnar

Joanna **McGrenere**

Stretch and squish navigation

Jessica Dawson

Joanna **McGrenere**

Search set model of path tracing www.cs.ubc.ca/~tmm/talks.html#vad20alum

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Technique-driven: Dimensionality reduction

Stephen Ingram

Glint

QSNE

DimStiller

Evaluation experiments: Dimensionality reduction

Melanie Tory

Points vs landscapes for dimensionally reduced data

Michael Sedlmair Melanie Tory

Taxonomy of cluster separation factors www.cs.ubc.ca/~tmm/talks.html#vad20alum

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Evaluation in the field: Dimensionality reduction

Matt Brehmer Michael Sedlmair Melanie Tory Stephen Ingram

Problem-driven: Genomics

Jenn Gardy

Aaron Barsky

Robert Kincaid (Agilent)

Cerebral https://youtu.be/76HhG1FQngl

Miriah Meyer

Hanspeter Pfister (Harvard)

MizBee https://youtu.be/86p7brwuz2g

MulteeSum, Pathline

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Problem-driven: Genomics, fisheries

Joel Ferstay

Cydney Nielsen (BC Cancer)

Variant View https://youtu.be/AHDnv_qMXxQ

Vismon

https://youtu.be/h0kHoS4VYmk

Maryam Booshehrian

Torsten Moeller (SFU)

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Problem-driven: Tech industry

Heidi Lam

Diane Tang (Google)

Peter McLachlan

Stephen North (AT&T Research)

SessionViewer: web log analysis https://youtu.be/T4MaTZd56G4

LiveRAC: systems time-series <u>https://youtu.be/ld0c3H0VSkw</u>

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Problem-driven: Building energy mgmt, journalism

Matt Brehmer

Kevin Tate (Pulse/EnerNOC)

Energy Manager

Matt Brehmer

Stephen Ingram

Jonathan Stray (Assoc Press)

https://vimeo.com/71483614

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redesign success: industrial swdev resources committed

Curation & Presentation: Timelines

TimeLineCurator https://vimeo.com/123246662

Matt Brehmer

Johanna Fulda (Sud. Zeitung)

Timelines Revisited <u>timelinesrevisited.github.io/</u>

Matt Brehmer

Bongshin Lee (Microsoft)

Benjamin Bach (Microsoft)

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Problem-driven: Current data science

Kimberly Dextras-Romagnino

recent work: **Segmentifier** (Mobify)

e-commerce clickstreams

build tools for human-in-the-loop visual data analysis

Michael Oppermann

recent work: Ocupado

https://youtu.be/TobYDFeISOg

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(Sensible Building Science)

wifi proxy for real-time building occupancy

visual analytics for facilities management

Theoretical foundations: Typologies

Matt Brehmer

Abstract Tasks

Anamaria Crisan

Regulatory & Organizational Constraints tmm/talks html#vad2

GEViT: Genomic Epidemiology Visualization Typology

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Theoretical foundations

- Visual Encoding Pitfalls
 - Unjustified Visual Encoding
 - Hammer In Search Of Nail
 - 2D Good, 3D Better
 - Color Cacophony
 - Rainbows Just Like In The Sky

Papers Process & Pitfalls

Design Study Methodology

Michael Sedlmair

• Strategy Pitfalls

- What I Did Over My Summer
- Least Publishable Unit
- Dense As Plutonium
- Bad Slice and Dice

Nested Model

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