## Visualization Analysis \& Design

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## Visualization: definition \& motivation

Computer-based xismalization systems provide visual representations of datasets designed to hel 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
more at:
Visualization Analysis and Design.
www.cs.ubc.ca/~tmm/talks.html\#vad20alum


## 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

What?

## Why?

$\Theta$ Actions
$\rightarrow$ Present $\rightarrow$ Locate $\rightarrow$ Identify

$\Theta$ Targets
$\rightarrow$ Path between two nodes

$\Theta$ Tree


SpaceTree

[SpaceTree: Supporting Exploration in Large Node Link Tree, Design Evolution and Empirical Evaluation. Grosjean, Plaisant, and Bederson. Proc. InfoVis 2002, p 57-64.]

TreeJuxtaposer

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

How?
$\Theta$ SpaceTree
$\rightarrow$ Encode $\rightarrow$ Navigate $\rightarrow$ Select $\rightarrow$ Filter $\rightarrow$ Aggregate

$\Theta$ TreeJuxtaposer
$\rightarrow$ Encode $\rightarrow$ Navigate $\rightarrow$ Select $\rightarrow$ Arrange


What?

Why?

How?

## Analysis framework: Four levels, three questions

- domain situation
- who are the target users?
- abstraction
-translate from specifics of domain to vocabulary of vis
- 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
[A Nested Model of Visualization Design and Validation.
Munzner. IEEETVCG I5(6):92I-928, 2009 (Proc. InfoVis 2009).]
- interaction idiom: how to manipulate
- algorithm
-efficient computation


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## Why is validation difficult?

- different ways to get it wrong at each level

D Domain situation
You misunderstood their needs

Data/task abstraction
You're showing them the wrong thingVisual encoding/interaction idiom
The way you show it doesn't work
m Algorithm
Your code is too slow

## Why is validation difficult?

- solution: use methods from different fields at each level


What?

## Why?

How?
$\Theta$ Data Types
$\quad \rightarrow$ Items $\rightarrow$ Attributes $\rightarrow$ Links $\rightarrow$ Positions $\rightarrow$ Grids
$\Theta$ Data and Dataset Types

| Tables |  <br> Trees | Fields | Geometry | Clusters, <br> Sets, Lists |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Items | Items (nodes) | Grids | Items | Items |
| Attributes | Links | Positions | Positions |  |
|  | Attributes | Attributes |  |  |

$\Theta$ Dataset Types
$\rightarrow$ Tables

$\rightarrow$ Multidimensional Table

$\rightarrow$ Geometry (Spatial)

$\rightarrow$ Networks

$\rightarrow$ Trees
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$\rightarrow$ Fields (Continuous)
Grid of positions


Value in cell
$\Theta$ Dataset Availability
$\rightarrow$ Static

$\Theta$ Ordering Direction
$\rightarrow$ Sequential
$\rightarrow$ Diverging

$\rightarrow$ Cyclic


## Types: Datasets and data

$\Theta$ Dataset Types
$\rightarrow$ Tables
$\rightarrow$ Networks

Attributes (columns)

$\Theta$ Attribute Types
$\rightarrow$ Categorical


$\rightarrow$ Ordered

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\rightarrow \text { Ordinal }
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$\rightarrow$ Spatial
$\rightarrow$ Fields (Continuous) $\quad \rightarrow$ Geometry (Spatial)

$\rightarrow$ Quantitative
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## Why?

Analyze
$\rightarrow$ Consume

$\rightarrow$ Produce

$\Theta$
Search

|  | Target known | Target unk |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Location known | $\cdot$ Lookup | $\bullet$ - Browse |
| Location unknown | <-O.-> Locate | <.O.-> Explo |



- \{action, target\} pairs
- discover distribution
- compare trends
- locate outliers
-browse topology
$\Theta$ All Data

$\Theta$
Attributes

$\rightarrow$ Extremes illir.Network Data
$\rightarrow$ Topology

$\rightarrow$ Paths
$\Theta$ Spatial Data
$\rightarrow$ Shape

Actions:Analyze, Query

- 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)
$\Theta$ Analyze
$\rightarrow$ Consume

$\rightarrow$ Produce
$\rightarrow$ Annotate

$\leftrightarrow$ Query
$\rightarrow$ Identify

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## 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


Original Data

trade balance $=$ exports - imports
Derived Data

## Analysis example：Derive one attribute

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


Task 1


In Tree

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Out
$\Rightarrow$ Quantitative attribute on nodes

What？

Task 2


In
$\Rightarrow \quad$ Tree


In
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$+$
Quantitative attribute on nodes
$\Rightarrow$ Filtered Tree
Removed
unimportant parts

| What？ | Why？ | How？ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\Theta ⿱ ㇒ 日 勺$ |  |  |
| $\Theta$ In Tree | $\Theta$ Summarize | $\Theta$ Reduce |
| $\Theta$ In Quantitative attribute on nodes | $\Theta$ Topology | $\Theta$ Filter |
| $\Theta$ Out Filtered Tree |  |  |

## Targets

$\Theta$ All Data

$\leftrightarrow$ Attributes

$\Theta$ Network Data
$\rightarrow$ Topology

$\rightarrow$ Paths

$\Theta$ Spatial Data
$\rightarrow$ Shape


## Encode



What?

Why?

How?

## $\Theta$ Map

from categorical and ordered attributes
$\rightarrow$ Color
$\rightarrow$ Hue $\rightarrow$ Saturation $\rightarrow$ Luminance
$\rightarrow$ Size, Angle, Curvature, .

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$\rightarrow$ Shape
$+\quad \square \Delta$
$\rightarrow$ Motion
Direction, Rate, Frequency, ...

Manipulate
$\qquad$ Facet Reduce
$\Theta$ Change

$\Theta$ Juxtapose

$\Theta$ Partition

$\Theta$ Navigate


Superimpose

$\Theta$ Filter

$\Theta$ Aggregate

$\Theta$ Embed


## How to encode: Arrange space, map channels

Encode

$\Theta$ Map
from categorical and ordered attributes
$\rightarrow$ Color
$\rightarrow$ Hue $\rightarrow$ Saturation $\rightarrow$ Luminance
$\rightarrow$ Size, Angle, Curvature, ...
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\(\rightarrow\) Shape
\(+\square \square\)
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$\rightarrow$ Motion
Direction, Rate, Frequency, ...


## Definitions: Marks and channels

- marks
$\Theta$ Points
$\Theta$ Lines
$\Theta$ Areas
- geometric primitives
- one per item

- channels
- control appearance of marks
$\Theta$ Position
$\rightarrow$ Horizontal

$\Theta$ Shape
$\rightarrow$ Vertical
$\Phi$
$\rightarrow$ Both
$\cdot \cdot$
$\Theta$ Color

$\Theta$ Tilt

A *


$\rightarrow$ Area


## Encoding visually with marks and channels

- analyze idiom structure
-as combination of marks and channels


1:
vertical position


2 :
vertical position horizontal position


3:
vertical position horizontal position color hue


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

## Channels



Channels: Matching Types
$\Theta$ Magnitude Channels: Ordered Attributes
Position on common scale
Position on unaligned scale


Length (1D size)


Area (2D size)

Depth (3D position)
Color luminance

Color saturation

Curvature

Volume (3D size)
$\Theta$ Identity Channels: Categorical Attributes
Spatial region

Color hue

Motion

Shape


## - expressiveness principle

-match channel and data characteristics

## Channels: Rankings

$\Theta$ Magnitude Channels: Ordered Attributes

$\Theta$ Identity Channels: Categorical Attributes
Spatial region
Color hue

Motion

Shape


- expressiveness
-match channel and data characteristics
- effectiveness
- channels differ in accuracy of perception
- distinguishability
- match available levels in channel w/ data ${ }_{20}$



## Categorical vs ordered color


[Seriously Colorful: Advanced Color Principles \& Practices. Stone.Tableau Customer Conference 20I4.]

## 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?


## 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


[A Rule-based Tool for Assisting Colormap Selection. Bergman,. Rogowitz, and. Treinish. Proc. IEEE Visualization (Vis), pp. I I8-I 25, I995.]
- 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]


## Viridis / Magma

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




How to handle complexity: 3 more strategies $+I$ previous
Manipulate
$\Theta$ Change

$\Theta$ Select

$\Theta$ Navigate


Facet
$\Theta$ Juxtapose

$\Theta$ Partition

$\Theta$ Superimpose

$\Theta$ Aggregate

$\Theta$ Embed

$\rightarrow$ Derive


$\Theta$ Select

$\Theta$ Navigate

$\Theta$ Partition

$\Theta$ Superimpose

$\Theta$ Aggregate

$\rightarrow$ Derive


- change over time
- most obvious \& flexible of the 4 strategies


$\Theta$ Embed

- facet data across multiple views


## Idiom: Linked highlighting

## System: EDV

- 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.]


## Idiom: bird's-eye maps

## System: Google 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 4I:I (2008), I-3I.]


## Idiom: Small multiples

System: Cerebral

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



## Coordinate views: Design choice interaction

|  |  | Data |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | All | Subset | None |
|  | Same | Redundant | Overview/ Detail |  |
|  | Different | $\\|\\|\\| \cdot$ <br> Multiform | Multiform, Overview/ Detail | No Linkage |

- 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


## 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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How to handle complexity: 3 more strategies

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## 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, deri
$\Theta$ Filter
$\rightarrow$ Items

$\rightarrow$ Attributes


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$\Theta$ Aggregate
$\rightarrow$ Items

$\rightarrow$ Attributes

$\Theta$ Filter

$\Theta$ Aggregate

$\Theta$ Embed


## 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


## Idiom: Dimensionality reduction for documents <br> - attribute aggregation

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

| Task 1 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | $\bar{\square}$ |
| Item 1 |  | Item 1 |  |
| Item ... |  | Item ... |  |
| Item n |  | Item n |  |
| In Out |  |  |  |
| HD data |  | 2D data |  |


| What? | Why? |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\Theta$ In High- <br> dimensional data | $\Theta$ Produce |
| $\Theta$ Derive |  |

Task 3


Out
$\Rightarrow$ Labels for clusters


A quick taste of my own work!


Technique-driven: Graph/network drawing

Daniel
Archambault


Benjamin Renoust


David Auber (Bordeaux)


Guy Melançon (Bordeaux)



Detangler
https://youtu.be/QOtnHSsUV6k

## Technique-driven:Tree drawing

## Zipeng Liu Shing Hei Zhan



## Aggregated Dendrograms

https://youtu.be/2SLcz7KNLJw

## TreeJuxtaposer

https://youtu.be/GdaPi8a9QEo

## Evaluation experiments: Graph/tree drawing

Joanna


Jessica Dawson


Adam Bodnar
McGrenere



Stretch and squish navigation

Joanna
McGrenere


Search set model of path tracing

## Technique-driven: Dimensionality reduction

Stephen Ingram


Glimmer


DimStiller

## Evaluation experiments: Dimensionality reduction

Melanie Tory


Points vs landscapes for dimensionally reduced data

Michael Sedlmair Melanie Tory


Taxonomy of cluster separation factors

## Evaluation in the field: Dimensionality reduction



## Problem-driven: Genomics



MizBee
https://youtu.be/86p7brwuz2g


Cerebral
https://youtu.be/76HhG1FQngl

## Problem-driven: Genomics, fisheries



## Problem-driven:Tech industry



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


LiveRAC: systems time-series https://youtu.be/ldOc3HOVSkw

## Problem-driven: Building energy mgmt, journalism


redesign success: industrial swdev resources committed


Stephen Ingram



## Curation \& Presentation:Timelines



TimeLineCurator https://vimeo.com/123246662


Timelines Revisited
timelinesrevisited.github.io/

Johanna Fulda
Matt Brehmer


Matt Brehmer

(Sud. Zeitung)


Bongshin Lee (Microsoft)


Benjamin Bach (Microsoft)


Nathalie HenryRiche


## 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


recent work:
Ocupado
(Sensible Building Science)
wifi proxy for real-time building occupancy
visual analytics for facilities management

https://youtu.be/TobYDFelSOg

## Theoretical foundations:Typologies

Matt Brehmer


Abstract Tasks

Anamaria



Regulatory \& Organizational Constraints


GEViT: Genomic Epidemiology Visualization Typology

## Theoretical foundations

| - Visual Encoding Pitfalls | - Strategy Pitfalls |
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| - Unjustified Visual Encoding | - What I Did Over My Summer |
| - Hammer In Search Of Nail | - Least Publishable Unit |
| - 2D Good, 3D Better | - Dense As Plutonium |
| - Color Cacophony | - Bad Slice and Dice |
| - Rainbows Just Like InThe Sky |  |

## Papers Process \& Pitfalls



Design Study Methodology


Nested Model


Visualization Analysis \& Design

## More Information

- this talk
http://www.cs.ubc.ca/~tmm/talks.html\#vad20alum
- book page (including tutorial lecture slides) http://www.cs.ubc.ca/~tmm/vadbook
- 20\% promo code for book+ebook combo: HVNI7
- http://www.crcpress.com/product/isbn/9781466508910
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[^0]:    Brehmer and Munzner. IEEE TVCG 19(I2):2376-2385, 2013 (Proc. InfoVis 2013).]

