## cse 442 - Data Visualization Exploratory Data Analysis



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## Learning Goals

What is exploratory data analysis and why is it important?

What factors should we consider when exploring a dataset?

How do visualization researchers design tools to support exploratory data analysis? (one example)

## Topics

Exploratory Data Analysis Historical Context Visualizations vs Statistical Models Data Wrangling Exploratory Analysis Examples

Tableau / Polaris

## What was the **first** data visualization?



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~950 AD Position of Sun, Moon and Planets



Sunspots over time, Scheiner 1626



Longitudinal distance between Toledo and Rome, van Langren 1644



The Rate of Water Evaporation, Lambert 1765



The Rate of Water Evaporation, Lambert 1765

# The **Golden Age** of Data Visualization

1786 1900

Exports and Imports to and from DENMARK & NORWAY from 1700 to 1780.



The Commercial and Political Atlas, William Playfair 1786

Exports and Imports to and from DENMARK & NORWAY from 1700 to 1780.



Statistical Breviary, William Playfair 1801

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1786 1826(?) Illiteracy in France, Pierre Charles Dupin



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1856 "Coxcomb" of Crimean War Deaths, Florence Nightingale

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1864 British Coal Exports, Charles Minard

#### Consommations approximatives de la Houille dans la Grande Bretagne de 1850 à 1864.

Les abscisses représentent les années et les ordonnées les quantités annuelles de houille consommée. Les couleurs indiquent les espèces de consommations. Les longueurs d'ordonnées comprises dans une couleur sont les quantités de houille consommées à raison de deux millimètres pour un million de tonnes.



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Exploitation des Chemins de Fer. \_ En supposant pour consommation totale 10 <sup>e</sup> par Kilomètre parcouru par les trains d'après les renseignements parlementaires.

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Avant 1864 j'ai supposé les consommations proportionnelles aux tonnages annuels des steamers du statistical abstract et du Board of trade.

(A) Voir l'excellent article houille de M." Lamé Fleury, Dictionnaire du Commerce Page III.



#### 1884 Rail Passengers and Freight from Paris

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1890 Statistical Atlas of the Eleventh U.S. Census

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#### 1900 Visualizing Black America, W. E. B. DuBois et al.

## The Rise of Statistics

Rise of **formal statistical methods** in the physical and social sciences

Little innovation in graphical methods

A period of application and popularization

Graphical methods enter textbooks, curricula, and **mainstream use** 



Data Analysis & Statistics, Tukey 1962

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Four major influences act on data analysis today: 1. The formal theories of statistics. 2. Accelerating developments in computers and display devices. 3. The challenge, in many fields, of more and larger bodies of data. 4. The emphasis on quantification in a wider variety of disciplines.

The last few decades have seen the rise of formal theories of statistics, "legitimizing" variation by confining it by assumption to random sampling, often assumed to involve tightly specified distributions, and restoring the appearance of security by emphasizing narrowly optimized techniques and claiming to make statements with "known" probabilities of error.

While some of the influences of statistical theory on data analysis have been helpful, others have not.

**Exposure**, the effective laying open of the data to display the unanticipated, is to us a major portion of data analysis. Formal statistics has given almost no guidance to exposure; indeed, it is not clear how the informality and flexibility appropriate to the exploratory character of exposure can be fitted into any of the structures of formal statistics so far proposed.

Nothing - not the careful logic of mathematics, not statistical models and theories, not the awesome arithmetic power of modern computers - nothing can substitute here for the **flexibility of the informed human mind**.

Accordingly, both approaches and techniques need to be structured so as to **facilitate human involvement and intervention**.

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13	7.58	13	8.74	13	12.74	8	7.71	
9	8.81	9	8.77	9	7.11	8	8.84	
11	8.33	11	9.26	11	7.81	8	8.47	
14	9.96	14	8.1	14	8.84	8	7.04	
6	7.24	6	6.13	6	6.08	8	5.25	
4	4.26	4	3.1	4	5.39	19	12.5	
12	10.84	12	9.11	12	8.15	8	5.56	
7	4.82	7	7.26	7	6.42	8	7.91	
5	5.68	5	4.74	5	5.73	8	6.89	

Summary StatisticsLinear Regression $u_X = 9.0$  $\sigma_X = 3.317$ Y = 3 + 0.5 X $u_Y = 7.5$  $\sigma_Y = 2.03$  $R^2 = 0.67$ 

[Anscombe 1973]

Set A

Set B



Set C





Set D



[Anscombe 1973]

## Data Wrangling

I spend more than half of my time integrating, cleansing and transforming data without doing any actual analysis. Most of the time I'm lucky if I get to do any "analysis" at all.

> Anonymous Data Scientist [Kandel et al. '12]





## In Data Science, 80% of time spent prepare data, 20% of time spent complain about need for prepare data.

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## **Data Wrangling**

One often needs to manipulate data prior to analysis. Tasks include reformatting, cleaning, quality assessment, and integration.

Approaches include: Manual manipulation in spreadsheets Code: <u>arquero</u> (JS), <u>dplyr</u> (R), <u>pandas</u> (Python) Trifacta Wrangler <u>http://openrefine.org/</u>

### **Tidy Data** [Wickham 2014]

How do rows, columns, and tables match up with observations, variables, and types? In "tidy" data:

- 1. Each variable forms a column.
- 2. Each observation forms a row.
- 3. Each type of observational unit forms a table.

The advantage is that this provides a flexible starting point for analysis, transformation, and visualization.

Our pivoted table variant was not "tidy"!

(This is a variant of <u>normalized forms</u> in DB theory)
### Data Quality

"The first sign that a visualization is good is that it shows you a problem in your data...

...every successful visualization that I've been involved with has had this stage where you realize, "Oh my God, this data is not what I thought it would be!" So already, you've discovered something." Martin Wattenberg



## Visualize Degrees by School?

Berkeley Cornell Harvard Harvard University Stanford Stanford University UC Berkeley UC Davis University of California at Berkeley University of California, Berkeley University of California, Davis



## **Data Quality Hurdles**

Erroneous Values Entity Resolution Missing Data Type Conversion Data Integration

misspelling, outliers, ...? diff. values for the same thing? no measurements, redacted, ...? e.g., zip code to lat-lon effort/errors when combining data

*LESSON*: Anticipate problems with your data. Many research problems around these issues!

# Analysis Example: Motion Pictures Data

### **Motion Pictures Data**

Title IMDB Rating Rotten Tomatoes Rating MPAA Rating Release Date String (N) Number (Q) Number (Q) String (O) Date (T) IMDB Rating (bin)





Rotten Tomatoes Rating (bin)









### Lesson: Exercise Skepticism

Check data quality and your assumptions.

Start with **univariate summaries**, then start to consider **relationships among variables**. **Avoid premature fixation!** 

# Analysis Example: Antibiotic Effectiveness

### Data Set: Antibiotic Effectiveness

Genus of Bacteria Species of Bacteria Antibiotic Applied Gram-Staining? Min. Inhibitory Concent. (g) String (N) String (N) String (N) Pos / Neg (N) Number (Q)

Collected prior to 1951.

### What questions might we ask?

Table 1: Burtin's data.				
Bacteria	Penicillin	Streptomycin	Neomycin	Gram Staining
Aerobacter aerogenes	870	1	1.6	negative
Brucella abortus	1	2	0.02	negative
Brucella anthracis	0.001	0.01	0.007	positive
Diplococcus pneumoniae	0.005	11	10	positive
Escherichia <i>coli</i>	100	0.4	0.1	negative
Klebsiella pneumoniae	850	1.2	1	negative
Mycobacterium tuberculosis	800	5	2	negative
Proteus vulgaris	3	0.1	0.1	negative
Pseudomonas aeruginosa	850	2	0.4	negative
Salmonella (Eberthella) typhosa	1	0.4	0.008	negative
Salmonella schottmuelleri	10	0.8	0.09	negative
Staphylococcus albus	0.007	0.1	0.001	positive
Staphylococcus aureus	0.03	0.03	0.001	positive
Streptococcus <i>fecalis</i>	1	1	0.1	positive
Streptococcus hemolyticus	0.001	14	10	positive
Streptococcus viridans	0.005	10	40	positive



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Original graphic by Will Burtin, 1951



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Radius: 1 / log(MIC) Bar Color: Antibiotic Background Color: Gram Staining



Mike Bostock Stanford CS448B, Winter 2009



X-axis: Antibiotic | log(MIC) Y-axis: Gram-Staining | Species Color: Most-Effective?



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Neomycin

Streptomycin

darker colors: more effective

S. viridans

Penicillin











#### Really a streptococcus! (realized ~20 yrs later)



Not a streptococcus! (realized ~30 yrs later)

Really a streptococcus! (realized ~20 yrs later)

Do the bacteria group by resistance? Do different drugs correlate?



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### Lesson: Iterative Exploration

#### **Exploratory Process**

Construct graphics to address questions
Inspect "answer" and assess new questions
Repeat...

Transform data appropriately (e.g., invert, log)

Show data variation, not design variation [Tufte]

# Tableau / Polaris

### Polaris [Stolte et al.]



### Tableau



### Tableau / Polaris Approach

Insight: can simultaneously specify both database queries and visualization Choose data, then visualization, not vice versa Use smart defaults for visual encodings Can also suggest encodings upon request

### Tableau Demo

#### The dataset:

Seattle Public Library Checkouts by Title 2005 to 2022

Records how many times different items were checked out each month
#### **Dataset Schema**

CheckoutYear (Qi), CheckoutMonth (O), Checkouts (Qr), CheckoutType (N)

PublicationYear (Qi), Creator (N), Publisher (N), Subjects (N), MaterialType (N), Title (N), ISBN (N)

UsageClass (N) This is a subset of the larger data set available from Seattle.gov.

# Hypotheses?

What might we learn from this data?Correlation between month and checkouts?Do checkouts increase over time?Which items are checked out the most?How do people tend to check out items from the library?

# Tableau Demo

## **Specifying Table Configurations**

#### **Operands are the database fields**

Each operand interpreted as a set {...} Quantitative and Ordinal fields treated differently

#### **Three operators:**

concatenation (+) cross product (x) nest (/)









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## Table Algebra

The operators (+, x, /) and operands (O, Q) provide an *algebra* for tabular visualization. Algebraic statements are then mapped to: **Visualizations** - trellis plot partitions, visual encodings

**Queries** - selection, projection, group-by aggregation In Tableau, users make statements via drag-and-drop Note that this specifies operands *NOT* operators! Operators are inferred by data type (O, Q)

# Table Algebra: Operands

**Ordinal fields**: interpret domain as a set that partitions table into rows and columns. Quarter = {(Qtr1),(Qtr2),(Qtr3),(Qtr4)} ->

	Qtr1 Qtr2		Qtr3	Qtr4				
	95892	95892 101760		98225				
Qu	Quantitative fields: treat domain as single element							
S	set and encode spatially as axes.							
Р	Profit = {(Profit[-410,650])} ->							



## **Concatenation (+) Operator**

#### **Ordered union of set interpretations**

Quarter + Product Type = {(Qtr1),(Qtr2),(Qtr3),(Qtr4)} + {(Coffee), (Espresso)} = {(Qtr1),(Qtr2),(Qtr3),(Qtr4),(Coffee),(Espresso)}

Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Coffee	Espresso			
48	59	57	53	151	21			
Profit + Sales = {(Profit[-310,620]),(Sales[0,1000])}								



# Cross (x) Operator

#### **Cross-product of set interpretations**

Quarter x Product Type = {(Qtr1,Coffee), (Qtr1, Espresso), (Qtr2, Coffee), (Qtr2, Espresso), (Qtr3, Coffee), (Qtr3, Espresso), (Qtr4, Coffee), (Qtr4, Espresso)}

Qtr1		Qt	r2	Qtr3		Qtr4	
Coffee	Espresso	Coffee	Espresso	Coffee	Espresso	Coffee	Espresso
131	19	160	20	178	12	134	33

#### Product Type x Profit =



## Nest (/) Operator

#### **Cross-product filtered by existing records**

Quarter x Month ->

creates twelve entries for each quarter. i.e., (Qtr1, December)

Quarter / Month ->

creates three entries per quarter based on tuples in database (not semantics)

## **Ordinal-Ordinal**

N		Product T	уре	
State	Coffee	Espresso He	rbal Tea	Теа
Colorado	٠	٠	•	•
Connecticut	•	•	•	•
Florida	•	•	•	•
Illinois	•		•	•
Iowa	•	•	•	
Louisiana	•	•	•	
Massachusetts	•	•	•	•
Missouri	•	•	•	•
Nevada	•	•	•	
New Hampshire	•	•	•	•
New Mexico	•	•	•	
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Utah	•	•	•	•
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#### **Quantitative-Quantitative**



## **Ordinal-Quantitative**



## **Querying the Database**



# Summary: Connecting Queries and Visualizations in Tableau

Tableau maintains a **joint representation** of analysis operations as both data queries and visualizations using a **table algebra**.

This allows Tableau to support a graphical user interface for expressing data queries.

This also enables Tableau to automatically map queries to visualizations and vice versa.

# Administrivia

### **A2: Deceptive Visualization**

Design two static visualizations for a dataset:
1. An *earnest* visualization that faithfully conveys the data
2. A *deceptive* visualization that tries to mislead viewers

Your two visualizations may address different questions.

Try to design a deceptive visualization that appears to be earnest: *can you trick your classmates and the course staff*?

You are free to choose your own dataset, but we have also provided some preselected datasets for you.

Submit two images and a brief write-up on Gradescope. Due by **Wed 10/19 11:59pm**.

### **A2 Peer Reviews**

On Friday 10/21 you will be assigned two peer A2 submissions to review. For each:

- Try to determine which is earnest and which is deceptive
- Share a rationale for how you made this determination
- Share feedback using the "I Like / I Wish / What If" rubric

Assigned reviews will be posted on the A2 Peer Review page on Canvas, along with a link to a Google Form. You should submit two forms: one for each A2 peer review.

Due by Mon 10/24 11:59pm.

# I Like... / I Wish... / What If?

#### I LIKE...

Praise for design ideas and/or well-executed implementation details. Example: "I like the navigation through time via the slider; the patterns observed as one moves forward are compelling!"

#### I WISH...

Constructive statements on how the design might be improved or further refined. *Example: "I wish moving the slider caused the visualization to update immediately, rather than the current lag."* 

#### WHAT IF?

Suggest alternative design directions, or even wacky half-baked ideas. Example: "What if we got rid of the slider and enabled direct manipulation navigation by dragging data points directly?" Break Time!

## **Common Data Transformations**

Normalize Log Power Box-Cox Transform

Binning Grouping  $\begin{array}{l} y_i \ / \ \Sigma_i \ y_i \\ log \ y \\ y^{1/k} \\ (y^\lambda - 1) \ / \ \lambda & \mbox{if } \lambda \neq 0 \\ log \ y & \mbox{if } \lambda = 0 \\ e.g., \ histograms \\ e.g., \ merge \ categories \end{array}$ 

Often performed to aid comparison (% or scale difference) or better approx. normal distribution