

# Fundamentals of Data Science

# Know Your Data

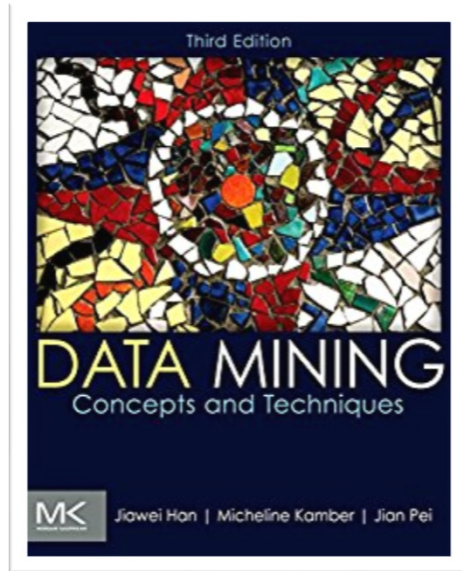
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# Content

- Data Instances, Attributes and Types
- Basic Statistical Descriptions of Data
- Data Visualization
- Measuring Data Similarity and Dissimilarity

# Data Instances

- Data sets are made up of data objects.
- A data object represents an entity.
- Examples:
  - sales database: customers, store items, sales
  - medical database: patients, treatments
  - university database: students, professors, courses
- Also called samples, examples, instances, data points, objects, tuples.
- Data objects are described by attributes.
- Database
  - rows -> data objects; columns -> attributes.

# Data Instances

- A data instance represents an entity
  - Also called data points, data object



A news article



An image



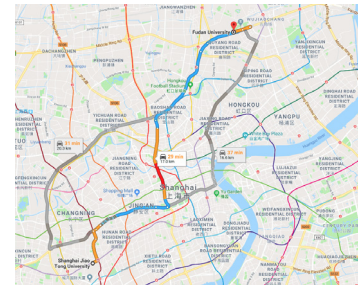
A song



A Facebook user profile



A transcript of a student



A trajectory of a car  
from SJTU to FDU

# Data Attributes

- Attribute (or dimensions, features, variables): a data field, representing a characteristic or feature of a data object.
  - E.g., `customer_ID`, `name`, `address`
- Attribute Types
  - Nominal
  - Binary
  - Ordinal
  - Numeric: quantitative
    - Interval-scaled
    - Ratio-scaled

# Attribute Types

- Nominal: categories, states, or “names of things”
  - Hair\_color = {auburn, black, blond, brown, grey, red, white}
  - marital status, occupation, ID numbers, zip codes
- Binary
  - Nominal attribute with only 2 states (0 and 1)
  - Symmetric binary: both outcomes equally important
    - e.g., gender
  - Asymmetric binary: outcomes not equally important.
    - e.g., medical test (positive vs. negative)
    - Convention: assign 1 to most important outcome (e.g., HIV positive)
- Ordinal
  - Values have a meaningful order (ranking) but magnitude between successive values is not known.
  - Size = {small, medium, large}, grades, army rankings

# Attribute Types

- Quantity (integer or real-valued)
- Interval
  - Measured on a scale of equal-sized units
  - Values have order
    - E.g., temperature in C° or F°, calendar dates
  - No true zero-point
- Ratio
  - Inherent zero-point
  - We can speak of values as being an order of magnitude larger than the unit of measurement (10 K° is twice as high as 5 K°).
    - e.g., temperature in Kelvin, length, counts, monetary quantities



# Discrete vs. Continuous Attributes

- Discrete Attribute

- Has only a finite or countably infinite set of values
  - E.g., zip codes, profession, or the set of words in a collection of documents
- Sometimes, represented as integer variables
- Note: Binary attributes are a special case of discrete attributes

- Continuous Attribute

- Has real numbers as attribute values
  - E.g., temperature, height, or weight
- Practically, real values can only be measured and represented using a finite number of digits
- Continuous attributes are typically represented as floating-point variables

# Data Attributes

- A data attribute is a particular field of a data instance
  - Also called dimension, feature, variable in difference literatures



The frequency of 'USA' in a news article



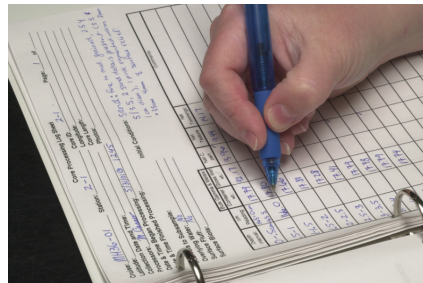
The upper left pixel RGB value of an image



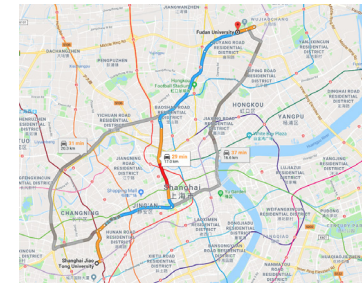
The pitch of the 320th frame of a song



The friend set of a Facebook user

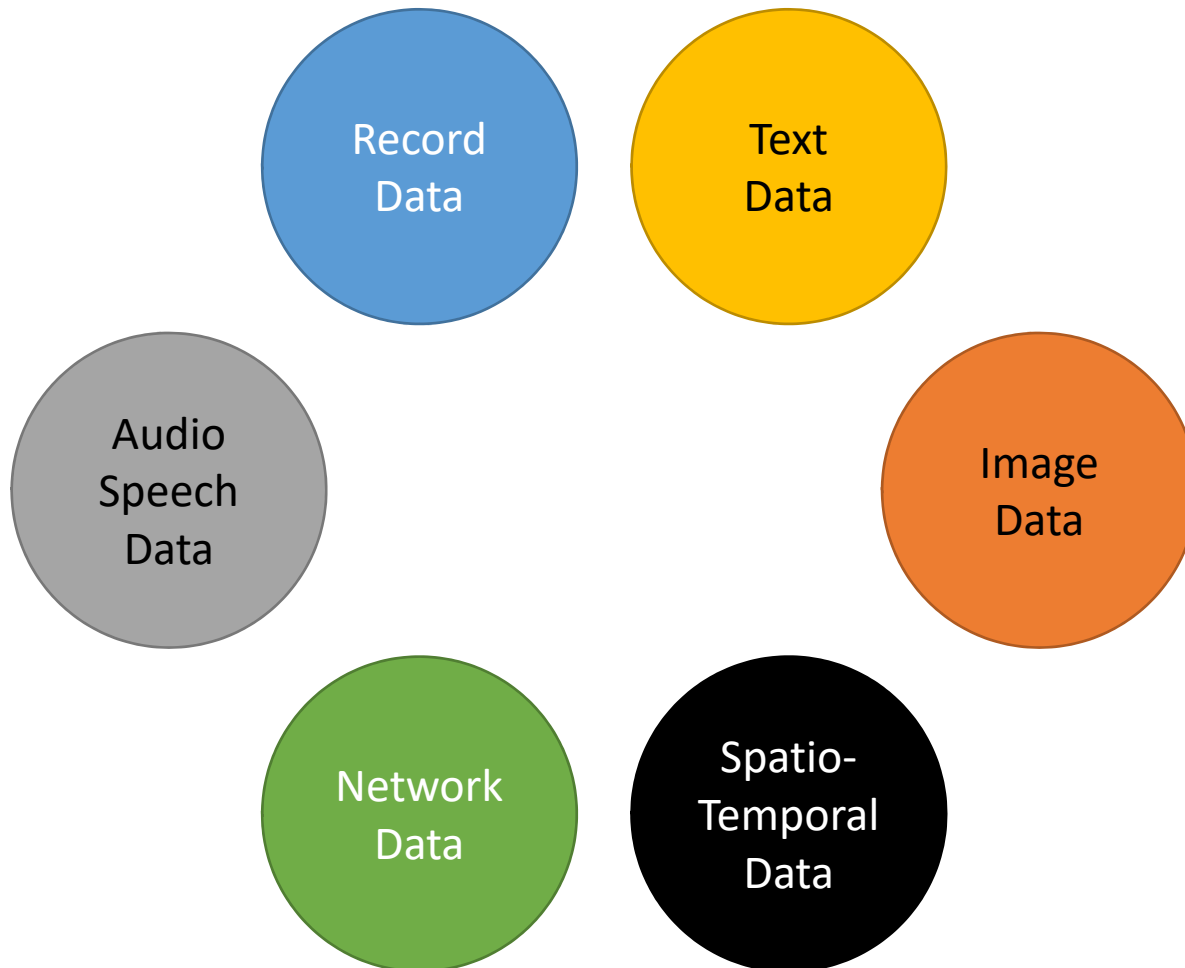


The Algebra score of a student's transcript



The time-location of the 3rd point of a trajectory

# 6 Major Data Types



# Data Type 1: Record Data

- Very common in relational databases
  - Each row represents a data instance
  - Each column represents a data attribute

WEEKDAY	GENDER	AGE	CITY
TUESDAY	MALE	28	LONDON
MONDAY	FEMALE	24	NEW YORK
TUESDAY	FEMALE	36	HONG KONG
THURSDAY	MALE	17	TOKYO

JSON Format:

```
{  
  WEEKDAY: Monday;  
  GENDER: Female;  
  AGE: 24;  
  CITY: New York;  
}
```

- Term 'KDD': Knowledge discovery in databases

# Data Type 2: Text Data

- A sequence of words/tokens that represents semantic meanings of human

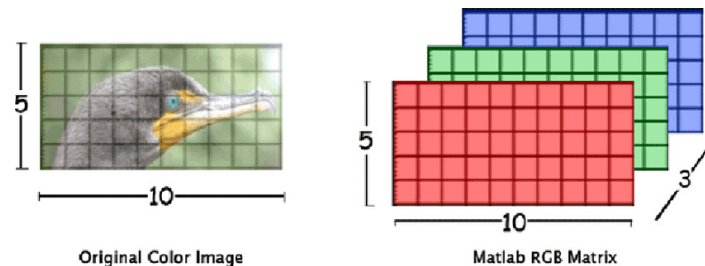
Text mining, also referred to as text data mining, roughly equivalent to text analytics, is the process of deriving high-quality information from text.

## Bag-of-Words Format:

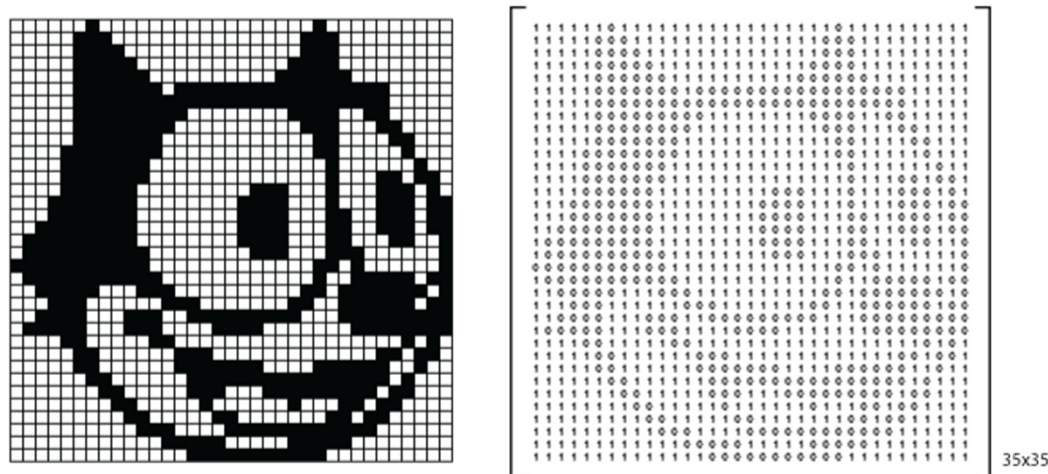
```
{  
  text: 4;  
  mining: 2;  
  also: 1;  
  referred: 1;  
  to: 2;  
  as: 1;  
  data: 1;  
  roughly: 1;  
  equivalent: 1;  
  analytics: 1;  
  is: 1;  
  the: 1;  
  process: 1;  
  of: 1;  
  deriving: 1;  
  high-quality: 1;  
  information: 1;  
  from: 1;  
}
```

# Data Type 3: Image Data

- A 3-layer matrix ( $3 \times \text{height} \times \text{width}$ ) of  $[0,255]$  real value

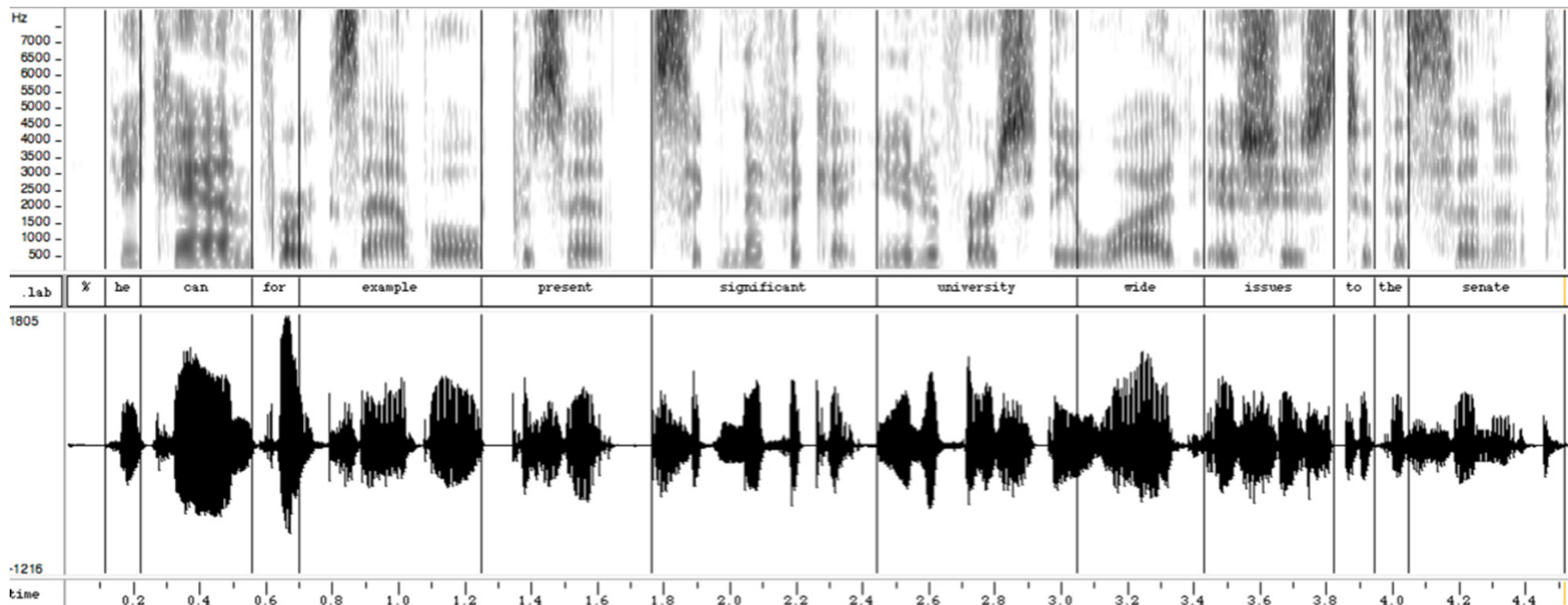


- A simple case: binary image
  - 1-layer matrix ( $\text{height} \times \text{width}$ ) of  $\{0,1\}$  binary value



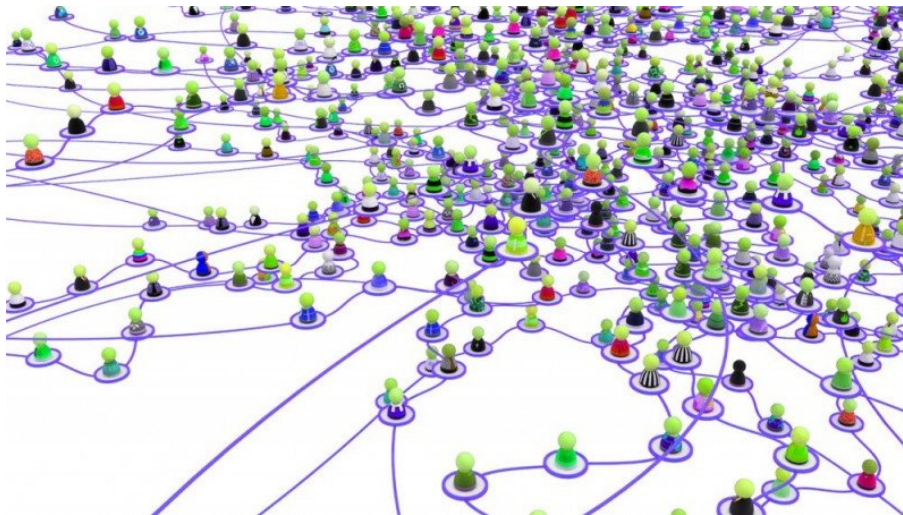
# Data Type 4: Speech Data

- A sequence of multi-dimensional real vectors
  - Directly decoding from the audio/speech data



# Data Type 5: Network Data

- A directed/undirected graph
  - Possibly with additional information for nodes and edges



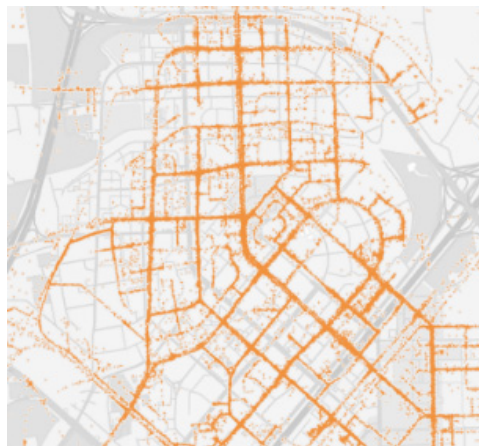
Friendship Format:

Alice	Bob
Bob	Carl
Carl	Victor
Bob	Victor
Alice	Victor
...	



# Data Type 6: Spatio-Temporal Data

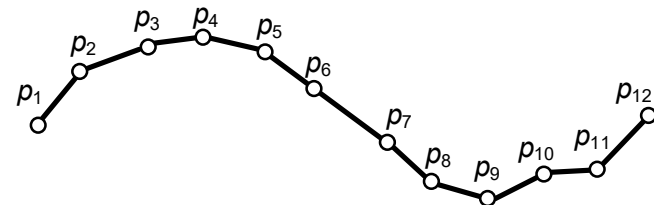
- A sequence of (time, location, info) tuples



- A spatio-temporal trajectory

$$p_1 \rightarrow p_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow p_n$$

$$p_i = (t, x, y, a)$$



- Time series data is a special case of ST data
  - without location information  $p_i = (t, a)$

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# Basic Statistical Descriptions of Data

- Motivation
  - To better understand the data: central tendency, variation and spread
- Data dispersion characteristics
  - Median, max, min, quantiles, outliers, variance, etc.
- Numerical dimensions correspond to sorted intervals
  - Data dispersion: analyzed with multiple granularities of precision
  - Boxplot or quantile analysis on sorted intervals
- Dispersion analysis on computed measures
  - Folding measures into numerical dimensions
  - Boxplot or quantile analysis on the transformed cube

# Measuring the Central Tendency

- Mean (algebraic measure) (sample vs. population)

$$\mu = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

- Weighted arithmetic mean:

$$\mu = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n w_i}$$

- Trimmed mean: chopping extreme values
- Median
  - Middle value if odd number of values, or average of the middle two values otherwise
- Example
  - Five data points {1.2, 1.4, 1.5, 1.8, 10.2}
  - Mean: 3.22 Median: 1.5

# Measuring the Central Tendency

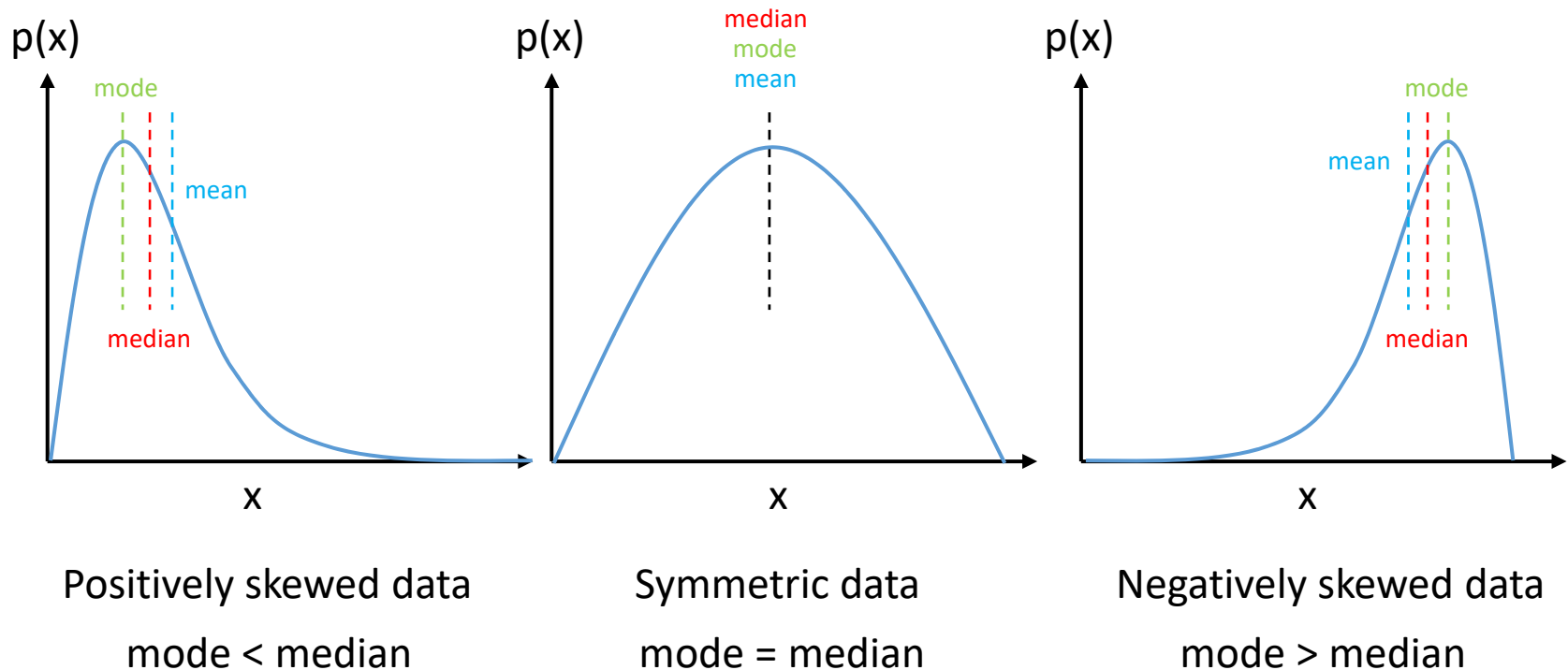
- Mode
  - Value that occurs most frequently in the data
  - Unimodal, bimodal, trimodal
  - Empirical formula:

$$\text{mean} - \text{mode} \simeq 3 \times (\text{mean} - \text{median})$$

- Example
  - Five data points {1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 3, 3}
  - Mean: 1.7   Median: 1.5   Mode: 1

# Symmetric vs. Skewed Data

- Median, mean and mode of symmetric, positively and negatively skewed data



# Measuring the Dispersion of Data

- Variance and standard deviation

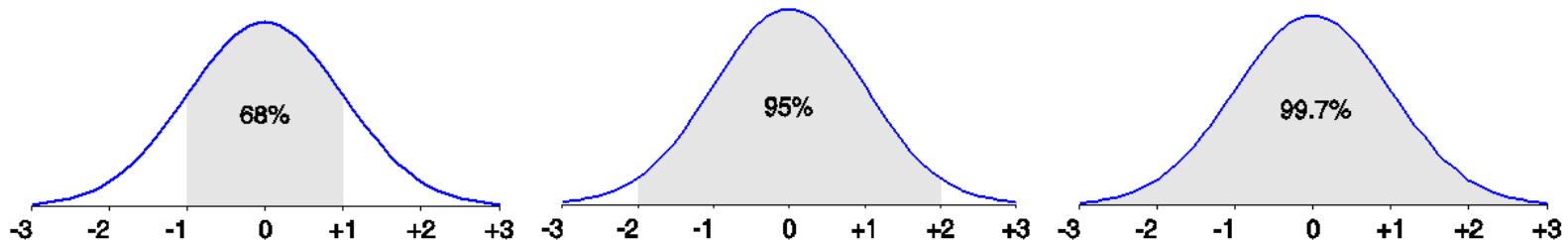
- Variance

$$\mu = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = \mathbb{E}[x] \quad \sigma^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2 = \mathbb{E}[x^2] - \mathbb{E}[x]^2$$

- Standard deviation  $\sigma$  is the square root of variance  $\sigma^2$

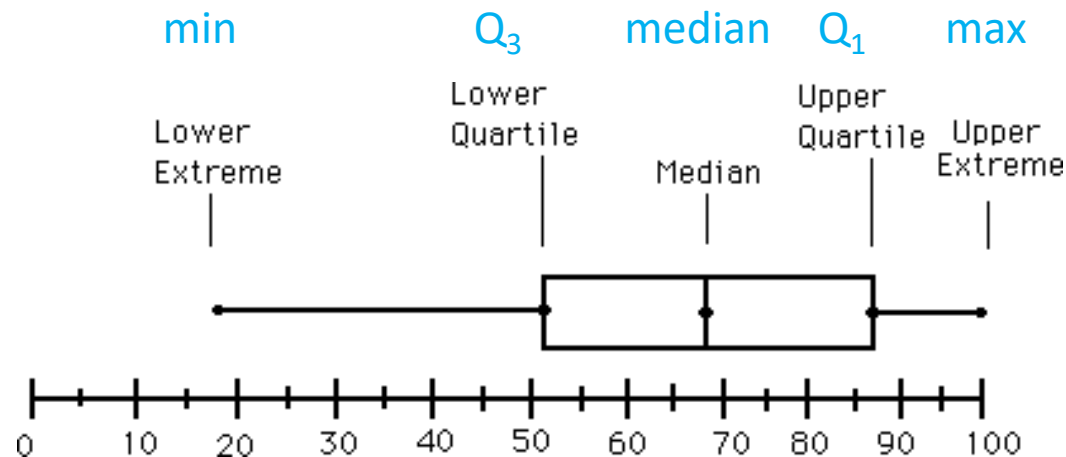
- The normal (distribution) curve

- From  $\mu - \sigma$  to  $\mu + \sigma$ : contains about 68% of the measurements
  - From  $\mu - 2\sigma$  to  $\mu + 2\sigma$ : contains about 95% of it
  - From  $\mu - 3\sigma$  to  $\mu + 3\sigma$ : contains about 99.7% of it



# Measuring the Dispersion of Data

- Quartiles, outliers and boxplots
  - **Quartiles:**  $Q_1$  (25<sup>th</sup> percentile),  $Q_3$  (75<sup>th</sup> percentile)
  - **Inter-quartile range:**  $IQR = Q_3 - Q_1$
  - **Five number summary:** min,  $Q_1$ , median,  $Q_3$ , max
  - **Boxplot:** ends of the box are the quartiles; median is marked; add whiskers, and plot outliers individually
  - **Outlier:** usually, a value higher/lower than  $1.5 \times IQR$



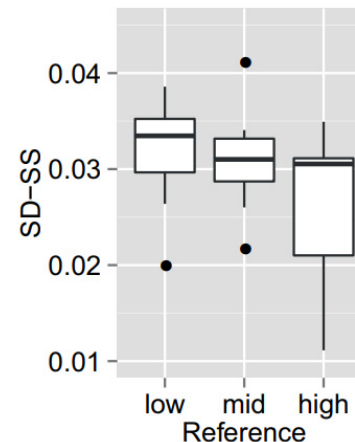
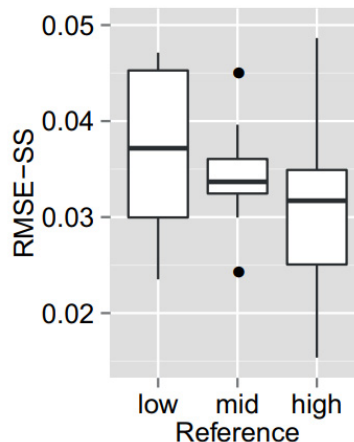
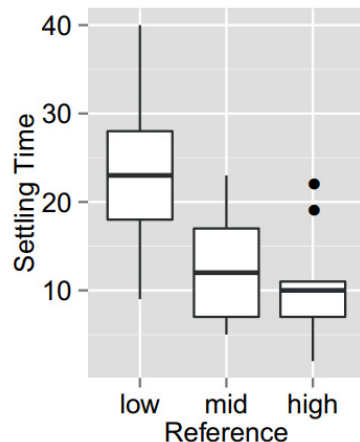
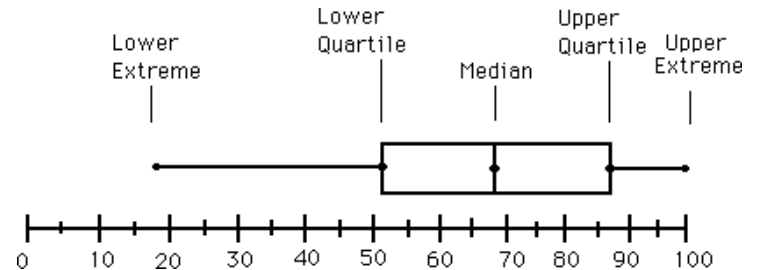


# Boxplot Analysis

- Five-number summary of a distribution
  - Minimum, Q1, Median, Q3, Maximum

- Boxplot

- Data is represented with a box
- The ends of the box are at the first and third quartiles, i.e., the height of the box is IQR
- The median is marked by a line within the box
- Whiskers: two lines outside the box extended to Minimum and Maximum
- Outliers: points beyond a specified outlier threshold, plotted individually



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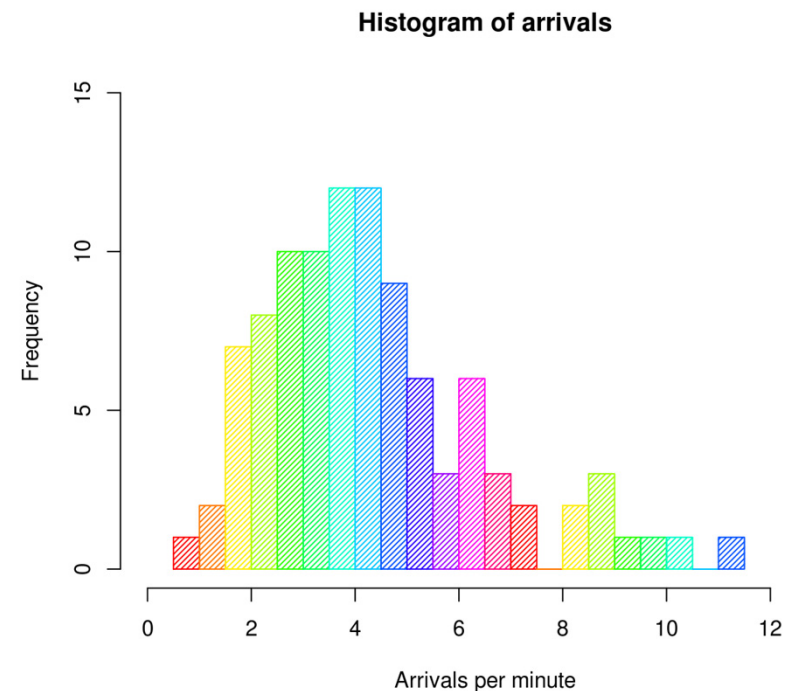
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# Graphic Displays of Basic Statistical Descriptions

- Boxplot: graphic display of five-number summary
- Histogram: x-axis are values, y-axis represents frequencies
- Quantile plot: each value  $x_i$  is paired with  $f_i$  indicating that approximately  $100 f_i\%$  of data are  $\leq x_i$
- Quantile-quantile (q-q) plot: graphs the quantiles of one univariant distribution against the corresponding quantiles of another
- Scatter plot: each pair of values is a pair of coordinates and plotted as points in the plane

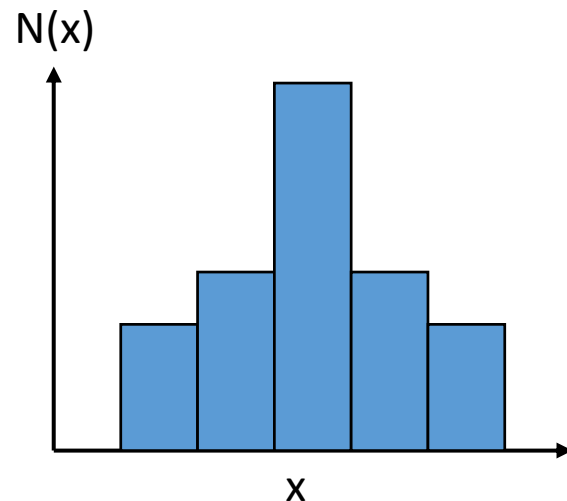
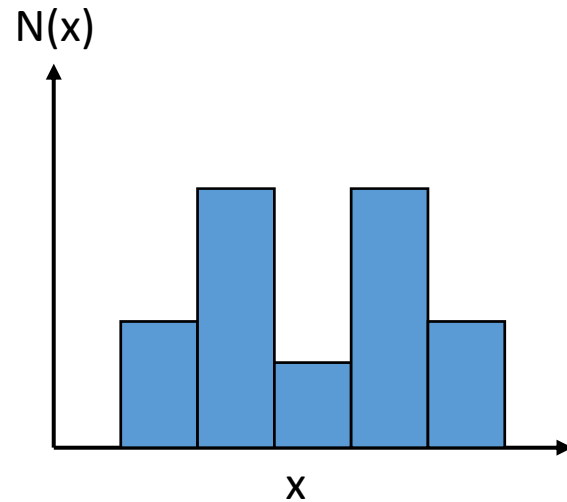
# Histogram Analysis

- Histogram: Graph display of tabulated frequencies, shown as bars
- It shows what proportion of cases fall into each of several categories
- The categories are usually specified as non-overlapping intervals of some variable. The categories (bars) must be adjacent



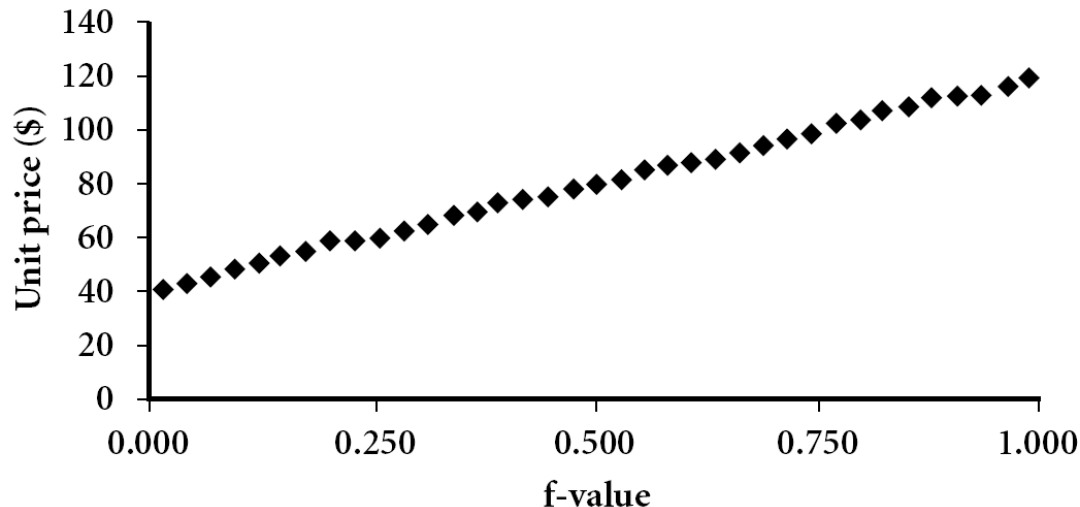
# Histograms Often Tell More than Boxplots

- The two histograms shown on the right may have the same boxplot representation
- The same values for: min,  $Q_1$ , median,  $Q_3$ , max
- But they have rather different data distributions



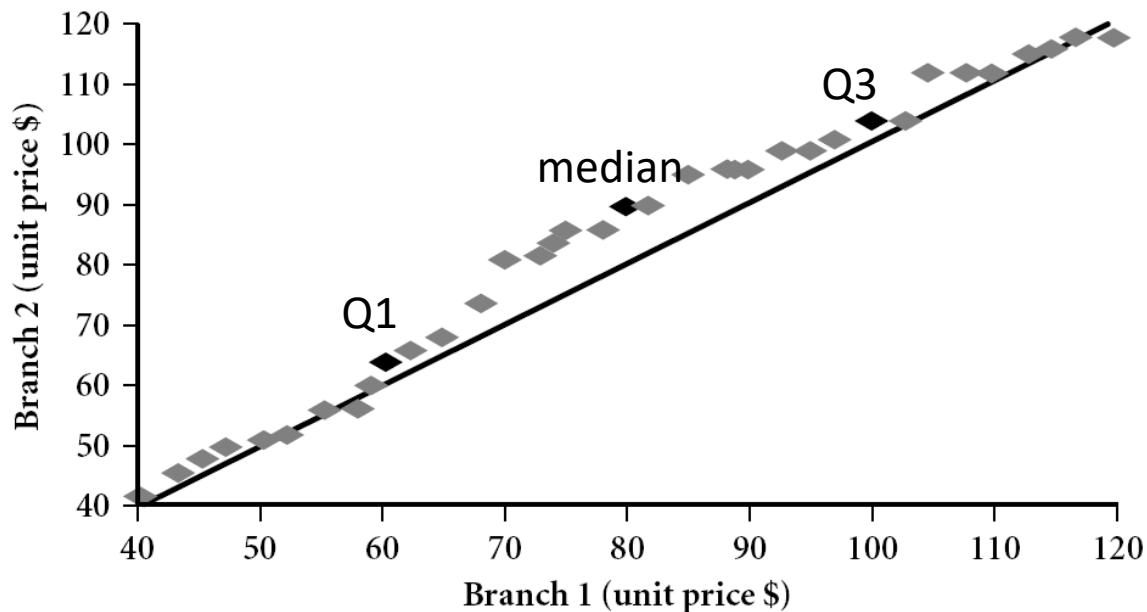
# Quantile Plot

- Displays all of the data (allowing the user to assess both the overall behavior and unusual occurrences)
- Plots quantile information
- Each value  $x_i$  is paired with  $f_i$  indicating that approximately  $100 f_i\%$  of data  $\leq x_i$



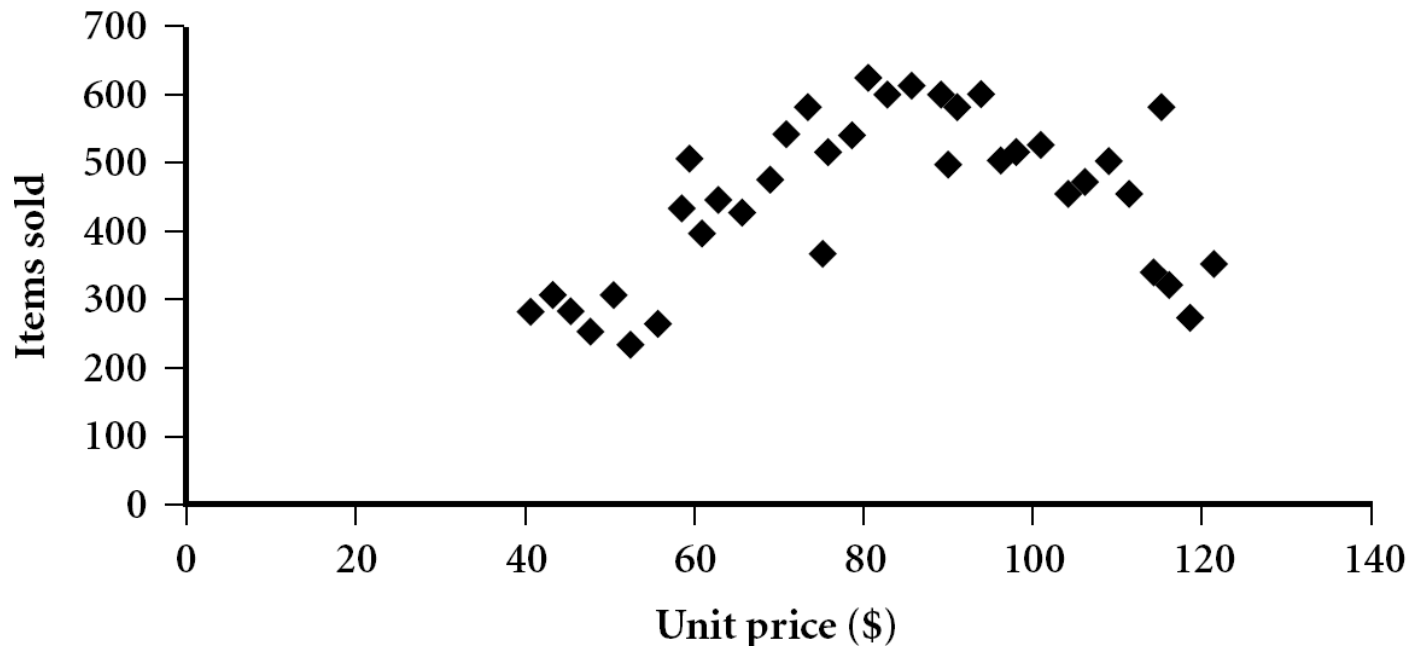
# Quantile-Quantile (Q-Q) Plot

- Graphs the quantiles of one univariate distribution against the corresponding quantiles of another
- View: Is there is a shift in going from one distribution to another?
- Example shows unit price of items sold at Branch 1 vs. Branch 2 for each quantile. Unit prices of items sold at Branch 1 tend to be lower than those at Branch 2.



# Scatter Plot

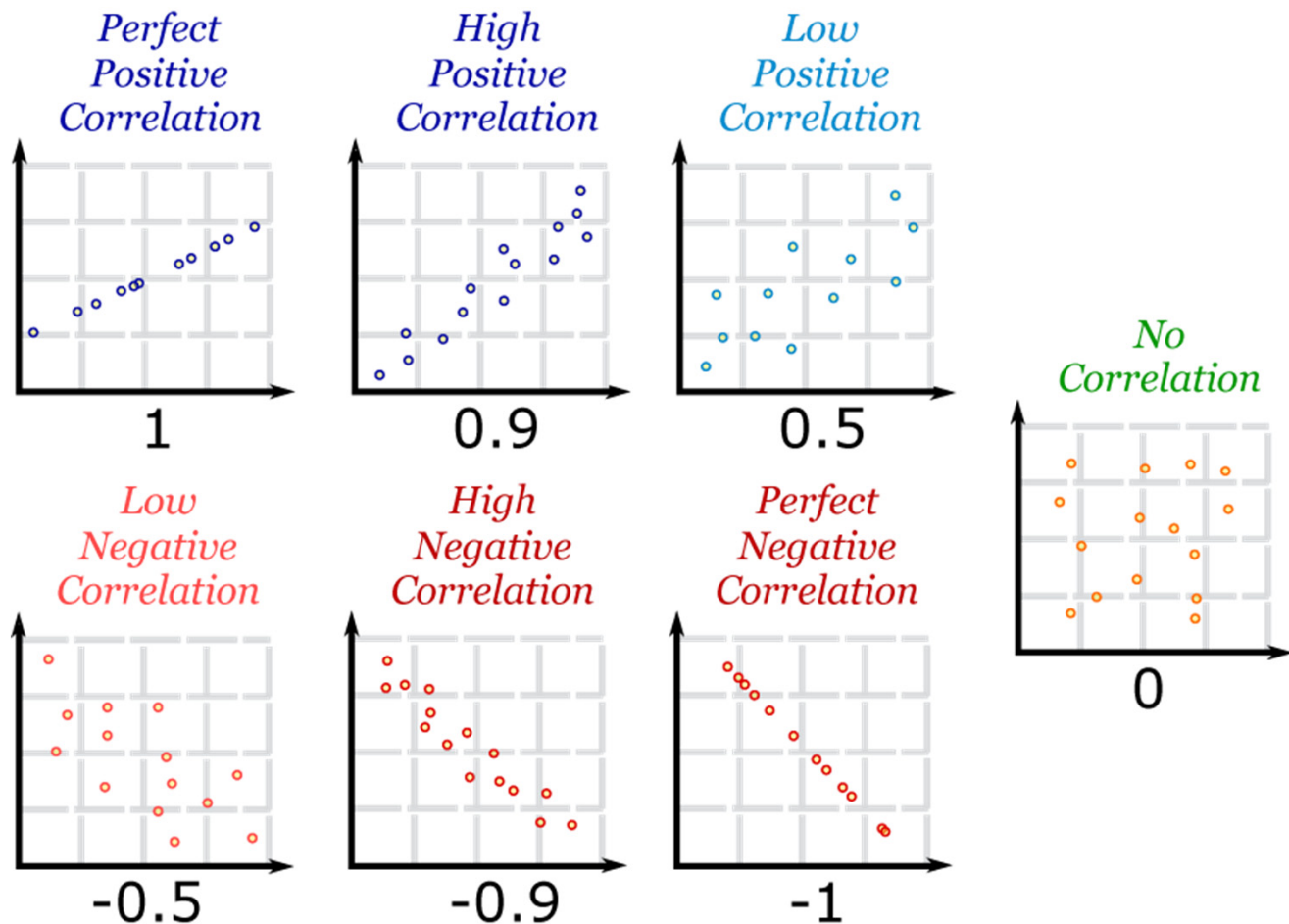
- Provides a first look at bivariate data to see clusters of points, outliers, etc.
- Each pair of values is treated as a pair of coordinates and plotted as points in the plane





# Positively and Negatively Correlated Data

- One can also quickly check the correlation of the two variables by scatter data.



# Data Visualization

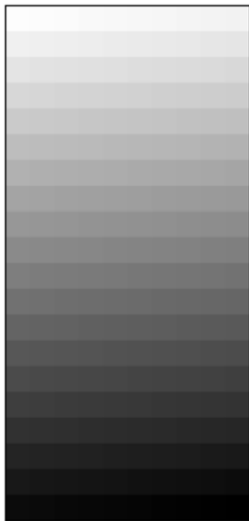
- Why data visualization?
  - Gain insight into an information space by mapping data onto graphical primitives
  - Provide qualitative overview of large data sets
  - Search for patterns, trends, structure, irregularities, relationships among data
  - Help find interesting regions and suitable parameters for further quantitative analysis
  - Provide a visual proof of computer representations derived

# Data Visualization

- Different of visualization methods include
  - Pixel-oriented visualization techniques
  - Geometric projection visualization techniques
  - Icon-based visualization techniques
  - Hierarchical visualization techniques
  - Visualizing complex data and relations
  - Visualizing decision-making data
  - ...

# Pixel-Oriented Visualization Techniques

- For a data set of  $m$  dimensions, create  $m$  windows on the screen, one for each dimension
- The  $m$  dimension values of a record are mapped to  $m$  pixels at the corresponding positions in the windows
- The colors of the pixels reflect the corresponding values



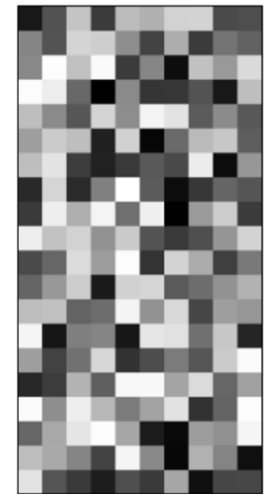
(a) Income



(b) Credit Limit



(c) Transaction volume



(d) Age

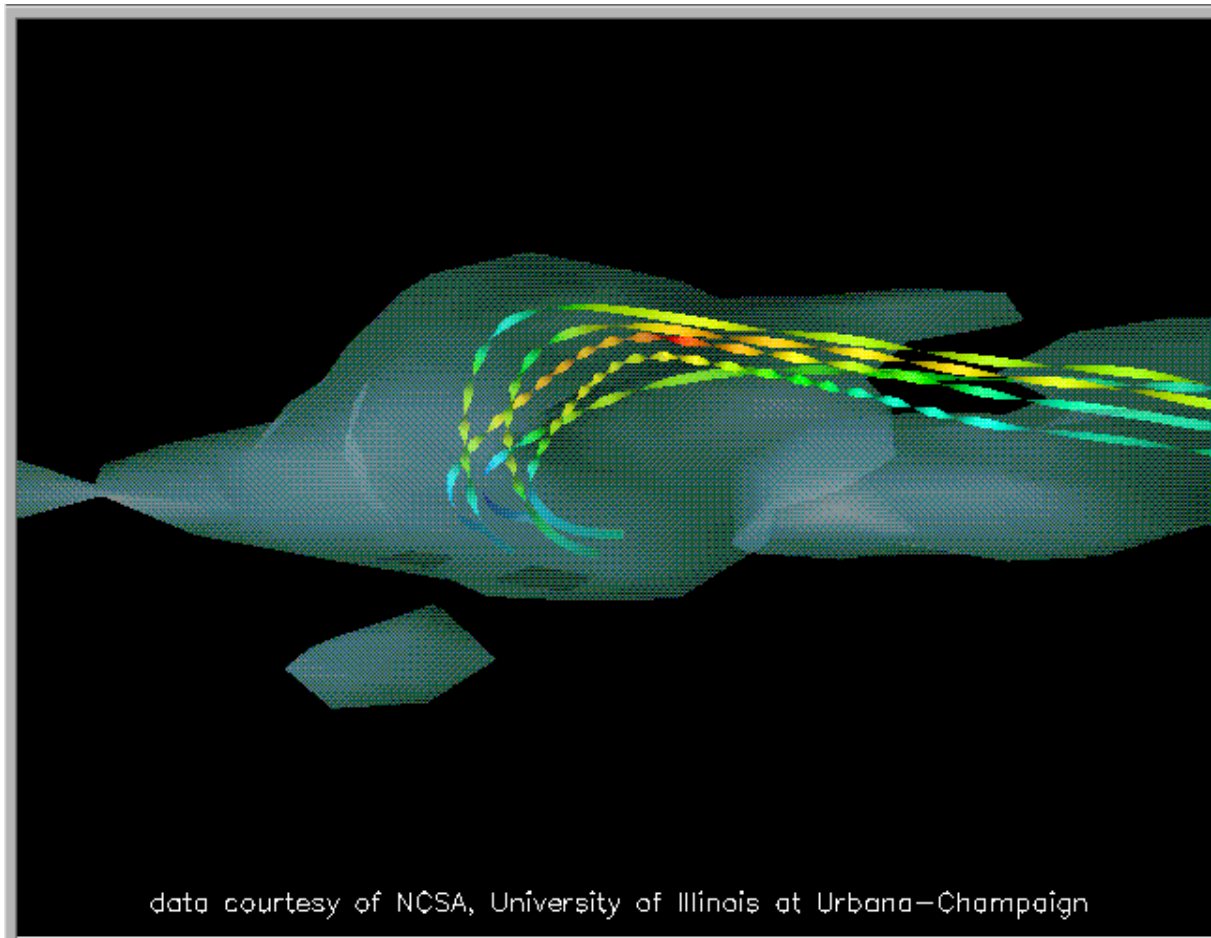
Note: here the  $m$  windows are arranged by income. We can check the correlations of other dimension data w.r.t. income.

# Geometric Projection Visualization Techniques

- Visualization of geometric transformations and projections of the data
- Methods
  - Direct visualization
  - Scatterplot and scatterplot matrices
  - Landscapes
  - Projection pursuit technique: Help users find meaningful projections of multidimensional data
  - Prosection views
  - Hyperslice
  - Parallel coordinates

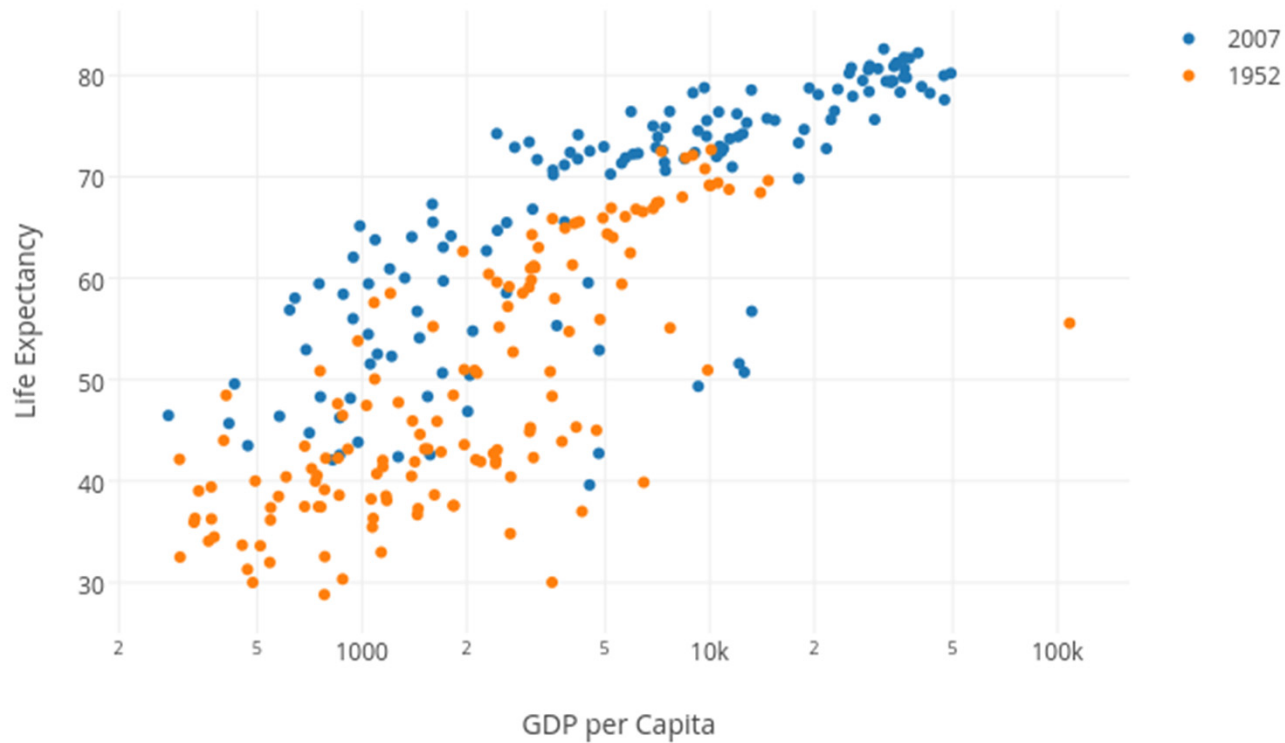
# Direct Data Visualization

- Ribbons with Twists Based on Vorticity



# Scatter Plots

- Scatter plot with category of data points in colors

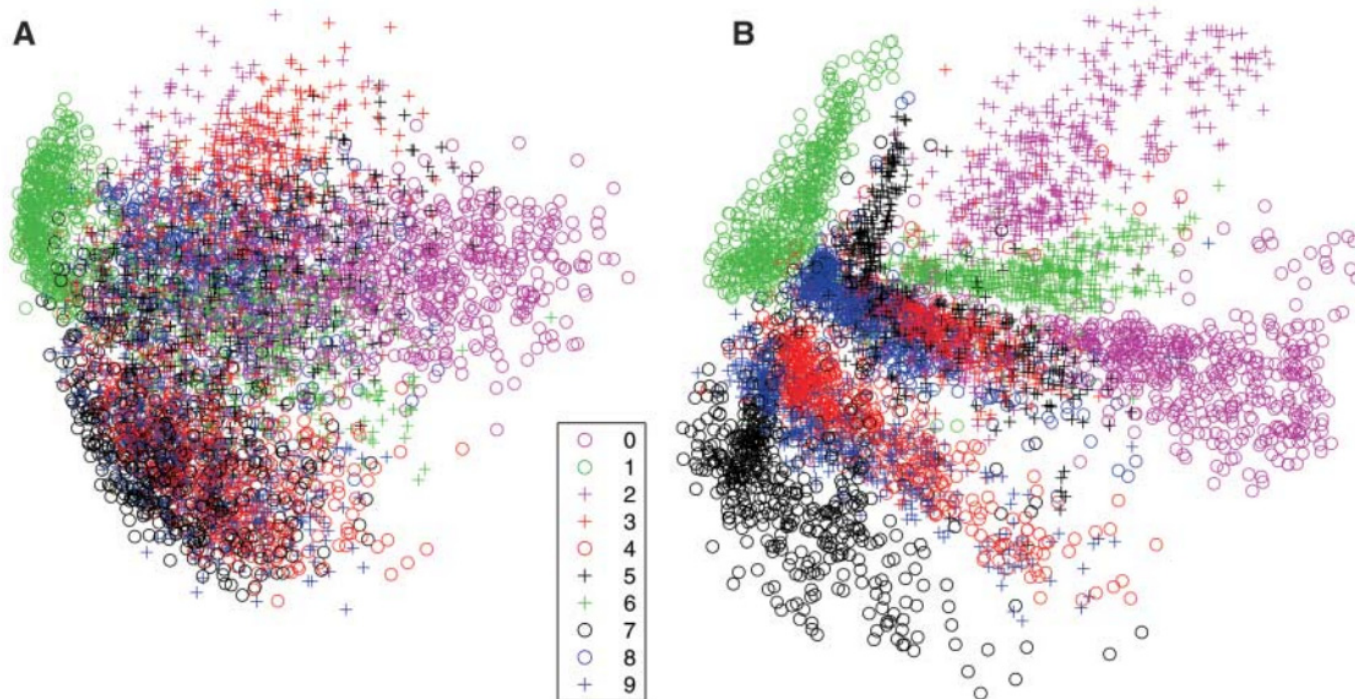


<https://plot.ly/pandas/line-and-scatter/>

# Scatter Plots

MNIST data of hand written numbers

- 60,000 training images
- 28×28 pixels for each image



(A) The two-dimensional codes for 500 digits of each class produced by taking the first two principal components

(B) The two-dimensional codes found by a 784-1000-500-250-2 autoencoder (a deep learning model).



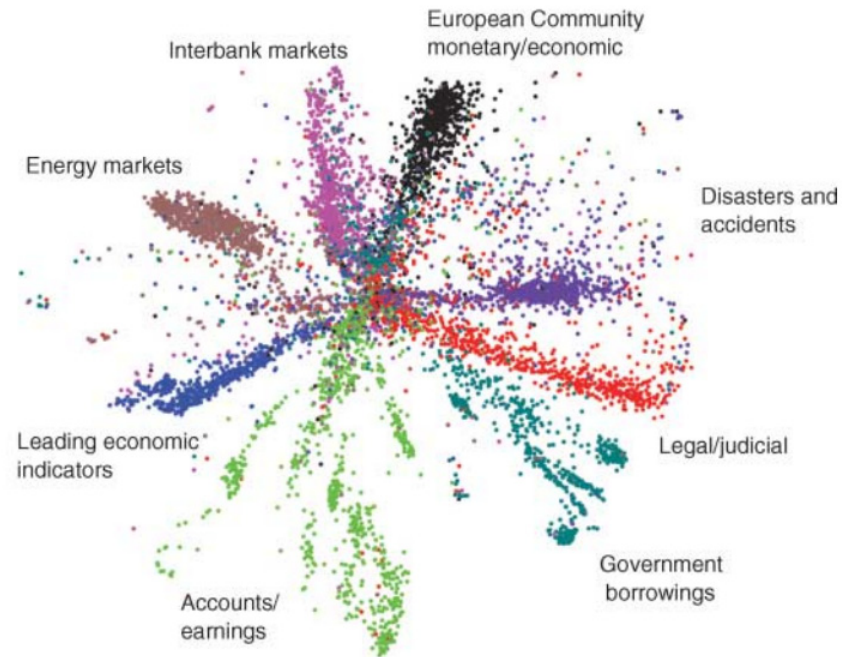
# Scatter Plots

The Reuter Corpus Volume 2

- 804,414 newswire stories
- 2000 commonest word stems

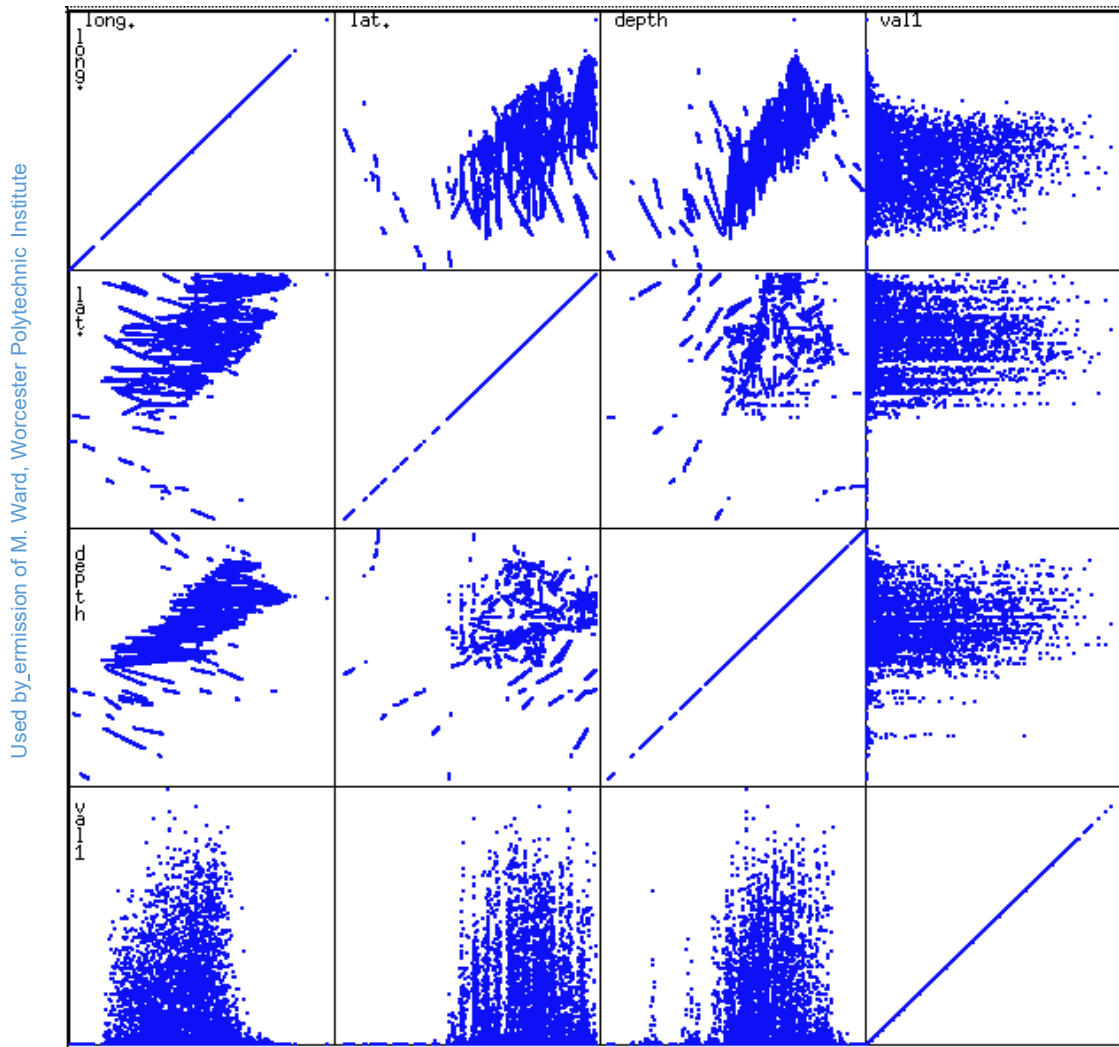


(A) The codes produced by two-dimensional latent semantic analysis (LSA).



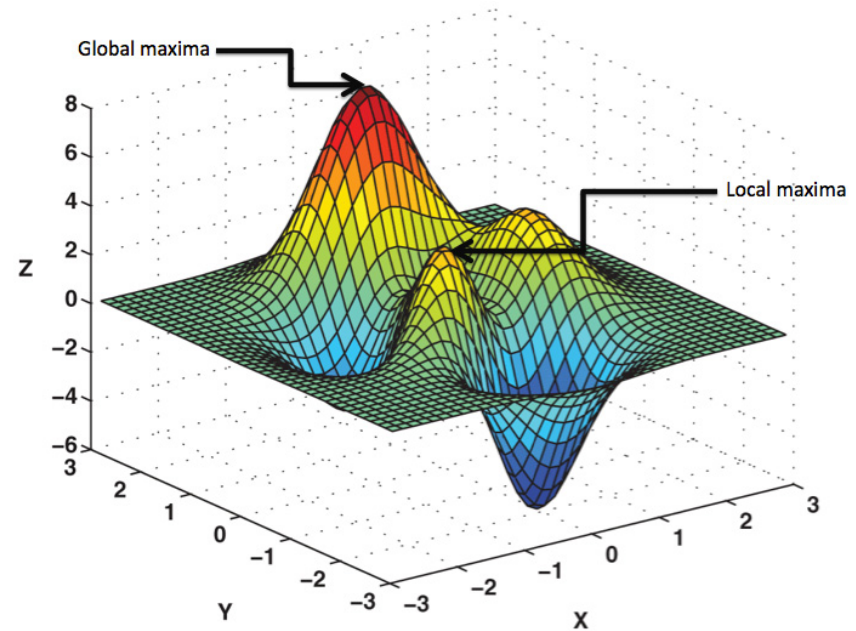
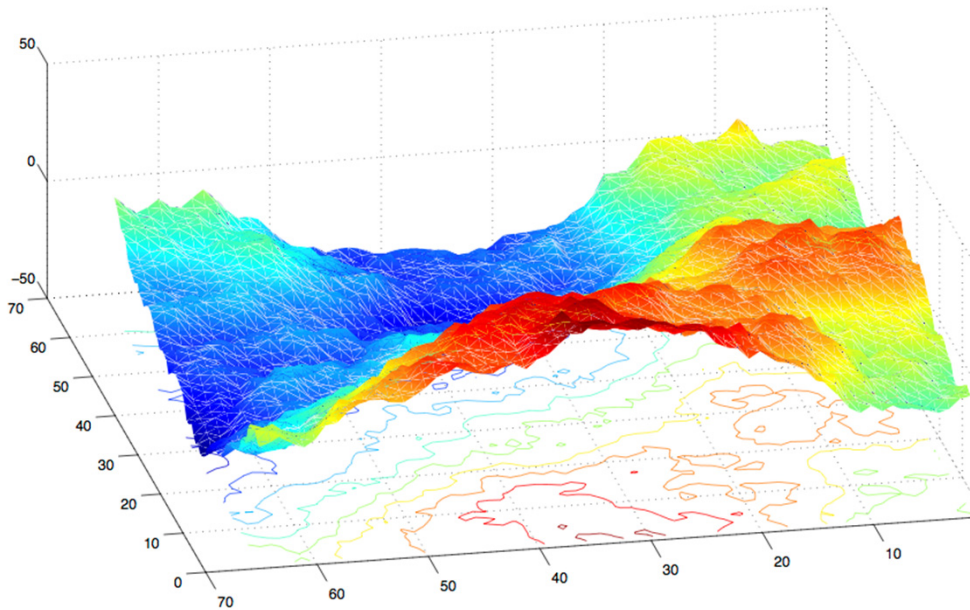
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# Scatterplot Matrices



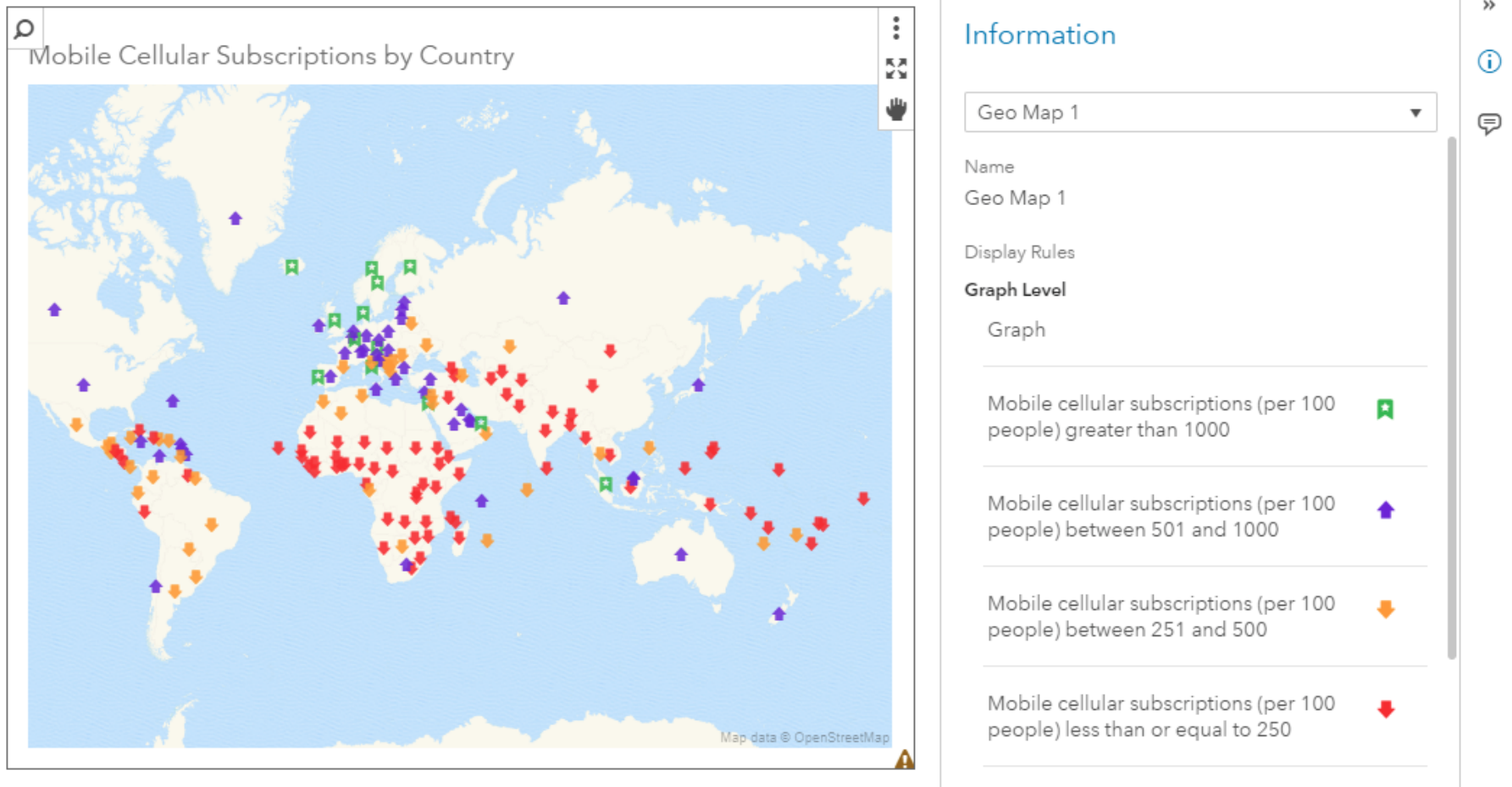
Matrix of scatterplots (x-y-diagrams) of the k-dimensional data

# Landscapes



- Visualization of the data as perspective landscape
- The data needs to be transformed into a (possibly artificial) 2D spatial representation which preserves the characteristics of the data

# Icon based Visualization

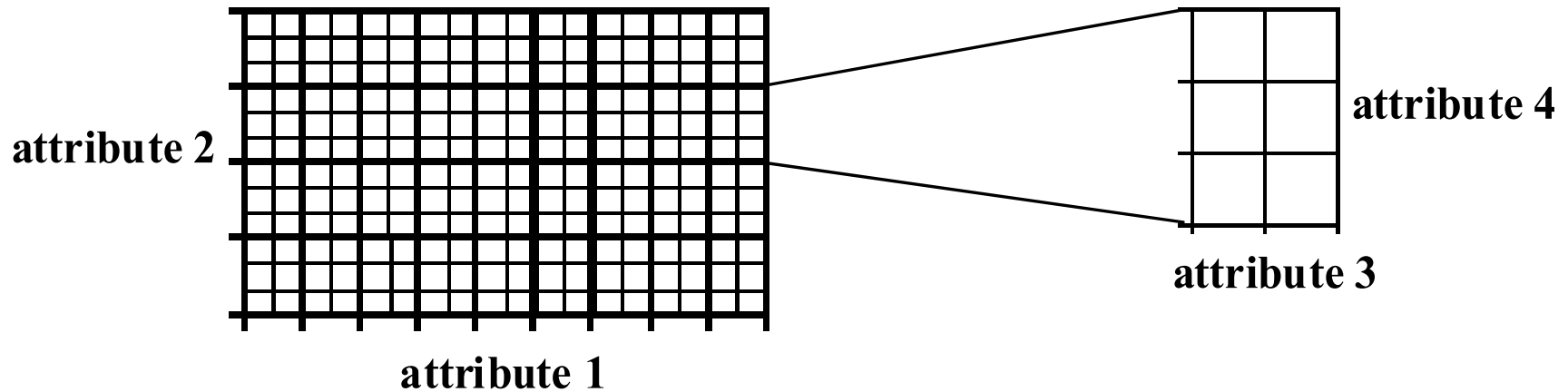


<https://blogs.sas.com/content/sgf/2018/02/06/jazz-geo-map-colorful-icon-based-display-rules/>

# Hierarchical Visualization Techniques

- Visualization of the data using a hierarchical partitioning into subspaces
- Methods
  - Dimensional Stacking
  - Worlds-within-Worlds
  - Tree-Map
  - Cone Trees
  - InfoCube

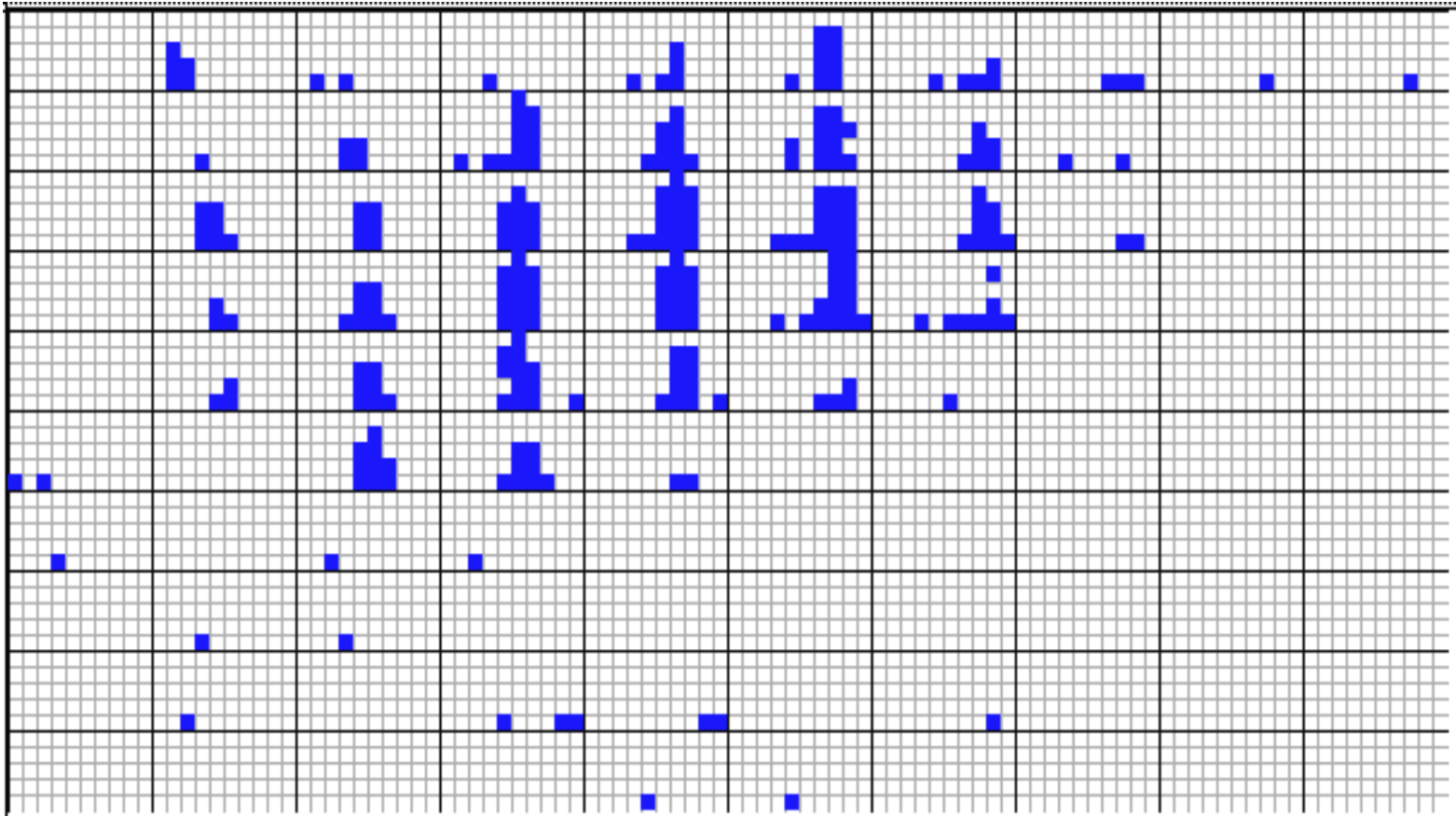
# Dimensional Stacking



- Partitioning of the  $n$ -dimensional attribute space in 2-D subspaces, which are 'stacked' into each other
- Partitioning of the attribute value ranges into classes. **The important attributes should be used on the outer levels.**
- Adequate for data with ordinal attributes of low cardinality
- But, difficult to display more than nine dimensions
- Important to map dimensions appropriately

# Dimensional Stacking

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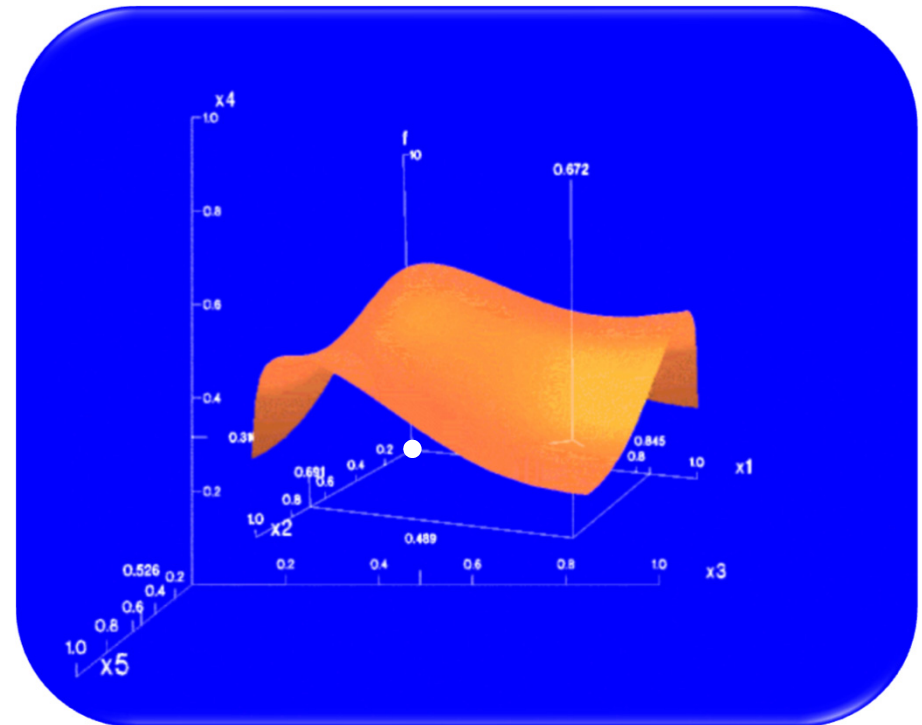


- Visualization of oil mining data with **longitude** and **latitude** mapped to the outer x-, y-axes and **ore grade** and **depth** mapped to the inner x-, y-axes



# Worlds-within-Worlds Visualization

- Assign the function and two most important parameters to innermost world
- Fix all other parameters at constant values - draw other (1 or 2 or 3 dimensional worlds choosing these as the axes)
- Software that uses this paradigm
  - N-vision: Dynamic interaction through data glove and stereo displays, including rotation, scaling (inner) and translation (inner/outer)
  - Auto Visual: Static interaction by means of queries

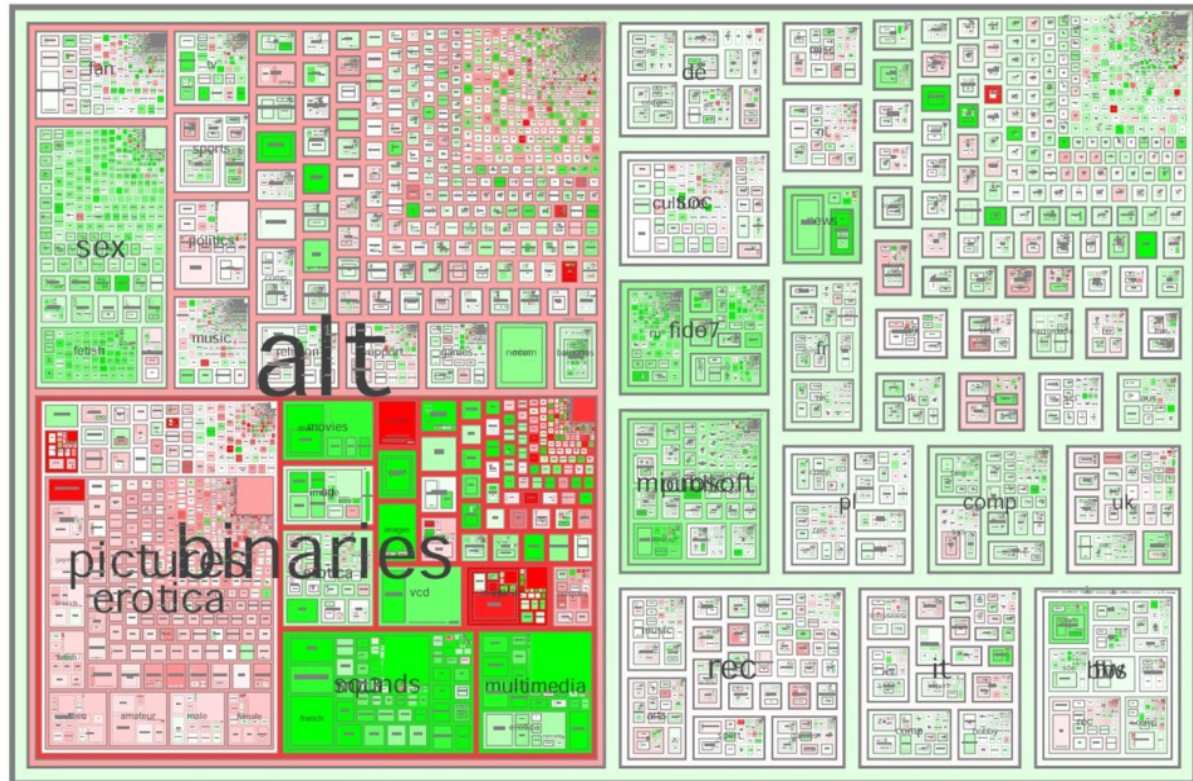




# Tree-Map

<http://www.cs.umd.edu/hcil/treemap-history/>

- Screen-filling method which uses a hierarchical partitioning of the screen into regions depending on the attribute values
- The x- and y-dimension of the screen are partitioned alternately according to the attribute values (classes)



<http://www.cs.umd.edu/hcil/treemap-history/all102001.jpg>

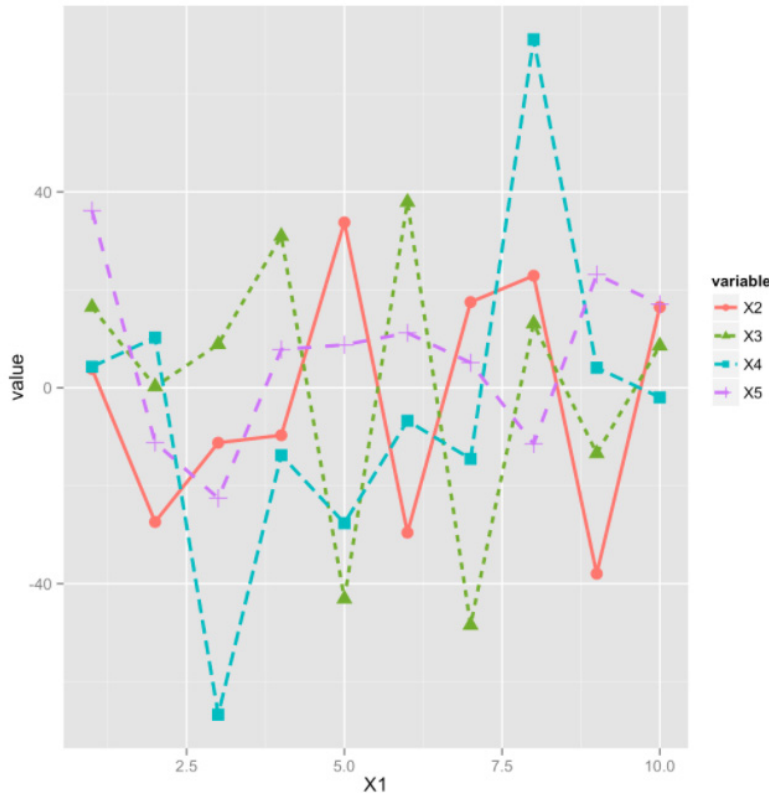
- Visualizing non-numerical data: text and social networks
- Tag cloud: visualizing user-generated tags

- The importance of tag is represented by font size/color
- Besides text data, there are also methods to visualize relationships, such as visualizing social networks



# ggplot2 Data Visualization Code

```
ggplot(data, aes(x=X1, y=value, color=variable)) +  
  geom_line(aes(linetype=variable), size=1) +  
  geom_point(aes(shape=variable, size=4))
```



When a data scientist draws a plot, she just needs to differ the lines (color, line type) and points (color, shape) by a certain categorical variable instead of specifying particular style to each line and point.

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# Similarity and Dissimilarity

- Similarity
  - Numerical measure of how alike two data objects are
  - Value is higher when objects are more alike
  - Often falls in the range  $[0,1]$
- Dissimilarity (e.g., distance)
  - Numerical measure of how different two data objects are
  - Lower when objects are more alike
  - Minimum dissimilarity is often 0
  - Upper limit varies
- Proximity refers to a similarity or dissimilarity

# Data Matrix and Dissimilarity Matrix

- Data matrix

- $n$  data points with  $p$  dimensions
- Two modes
  - Row: objects
  - Column: attributes

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_{11} & \cdots & x_{1f} & \cdots & x_{1p} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ x_{i1} & \cdots & x_{if} & \cdots & x_{ip} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ x_{n1} & \cdots & x_{nf} & \cdots & x_{np} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Dissimilarity matrix

- $n$  data points, but registers only the distance
- A triangular matrix
- Single mode

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & & & & \\ d(2,1) & 0 & & & \\ d(3,1) & d(3,2) & 0 & & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \\ d(n,1) & d(n,2) & \cdots & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Similarity

$$\text{sim}(i, j) = 1 - d(i, j)$$

# Proximity Measure for Nominal Attributes

- Nominal attributes can take 2 or more states
  - e.g., red, yellow, blue, green (generalization of a binary attribute)
- Method 1: Simple matching
  - $m$ : # of matches,  $p$ : total # of variables

$$d(i, j) = \frac{p - m}{p}$$

$x_1 = [\text{Weekday=Friday}, \text{Gender=Male}, \text{City=Shanghai}]$

$x_2 = [\text{Weekday=Friday}, \text{Gender=Female}, \text{City=Shanghai}]$

$$d(1, 2) = \frac{3 - 2}{3} = \frac{1}{3}$$



# One-Hot Encoding for Nominal Attributes

- One-hot encoding: creating a new binary attribute for each of the  $p$  nominal states

$x_i = [\text{Weekday=Friday}, \text{Gender=Male}, \text{City=Shanghai}]$

$x_i = [0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0]$

Whether Weekday=Friday    Whether City=Shanghai

- As such, we transform the nominal data instances into binary vectors, which can be fed into various functions
  - High dimensional sparse binary feature vector
  - Usually higher than 1M dimensions, even 1B dimensions
  - Extremely sparse



# Proximity Measure for Binary Attributes

- A contingency table for binary data

		Object $j$		
		1	0	sum
Object $i$	1	$q$	$r$	$q + r$
	0	$s$	$t$	$s + t$
	sum	$q + s$	$r + t$	$p$

- Distance measure for symmetric binary variables:

$$d(i, j) = \frac{r + s}{q + r + s + t}$$

- Distance measure for asymmetric binary variables:

$$d(i, j) = \frac{r + s}{q + r + s}$$

- Jaccard coefficient (similarity measure for asymmetric binary variables):

$$\text{sim}_{\text{Jaccard}}(i, j) = \frac{q}{q + r + s}$$

- Note: Jaccard coefficient is the same as “coherence”:

$$\text{coherence}(i, j) = \frac{\text{sup}(i, j)}{\text{sup}(i) + \text{sup}(j) - \text{sup}(i, j)} = \frac{q}{(q + r) + (q + s) - q}$$

# Dissimilarity between Binary Variables

- Example data

Name	Gender	Fever	Cough	Test-1	Test-2	Test-3	Test-4
Jack	M	Y	N	P	N	N	N
Mary	F	Y	N	P	N	P	N
Jim	M	Y	P	N	N	N	N

- Gender is a symmetric attribute
- The remaining attributes are asymmetric binary
- Let the values Y and P be 1, and the value N 0

$$d(i, j) = \frac{r + s}{q + r + s}$$

$$d(\text{Jack}, \text{Mary}) = \frac{0 + 1}{2 + 0 + 1} = 0.33$$

$$d(\text{Jack}, \text{Jim}) = \frac{1 + 1}{1 + 1 + 1} = 0.67$$

$$d(\text{Jim}, \text{Mary}) = \frac{1 + 2}{1 + 1 + 2} = 0.75$$

		Object <i>j</i>		
		1	0	sum
Object <i>i</i>	1	<i>q</i>	<i>r</i>	<i>q + r</i>
	0	<i>s</i>	<i>t</i>	<i>s + t</i>
	sum	<i>q + s</i>	<i>r + t</i>	<i>p</i>

# Standardizing Numeric Data

- Numeric data examples

$x_1 = [1.2, 3.5, 1.1, 2.7, 123.9]$

$x_2 = [2.0, 1.5, 1.3, 3.1, 145.1]$



This dimension may dominate the proximity calculation

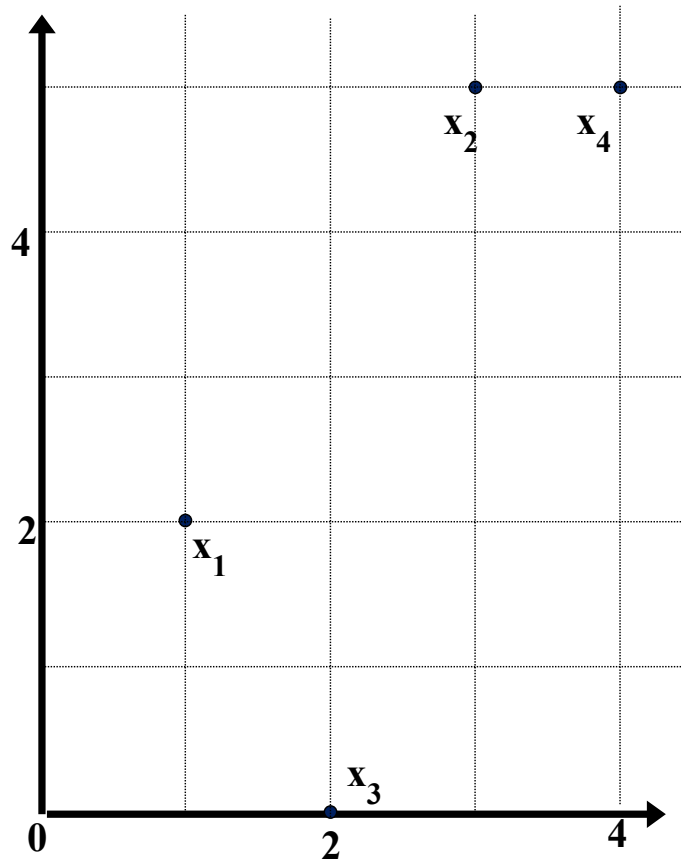
- Z-score: perform normalization for each dimension

$$z = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}$$

- $x$ : raw score to be standardized,  $\mu$ : mean of the population,  $\sigma$ : standard deviation
- The distance between the raw score and the population mean in units of the standard deviation
- Negative when the raw score is below the mean, positive when above

Example:

# Data Matrix and Dissimilarity Matrix



Data Matrix

point	attribute 1	attribute 2
$x_1$	1	2
$x_2$	3	5
$x_3$	2	0
$x_4$	4	5

Dissimilarity Matrix

(with Euclidean Distance)

	$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$
$x_1$	0			
$x_2$	3.61	0		
$x_3$	2.24	5.1	0	
$x_4$	4.24	1	5.39	0

# Distance on Numeric Data: Minkowski Distance

- Minkowski distance: A popular distance measure

$$x_i = (x_{i1}, x_{i2}, \dots, x_{ip})$$

$$x_j = (x_{j1}, x_{j2}, \dots, x_{jp})$$

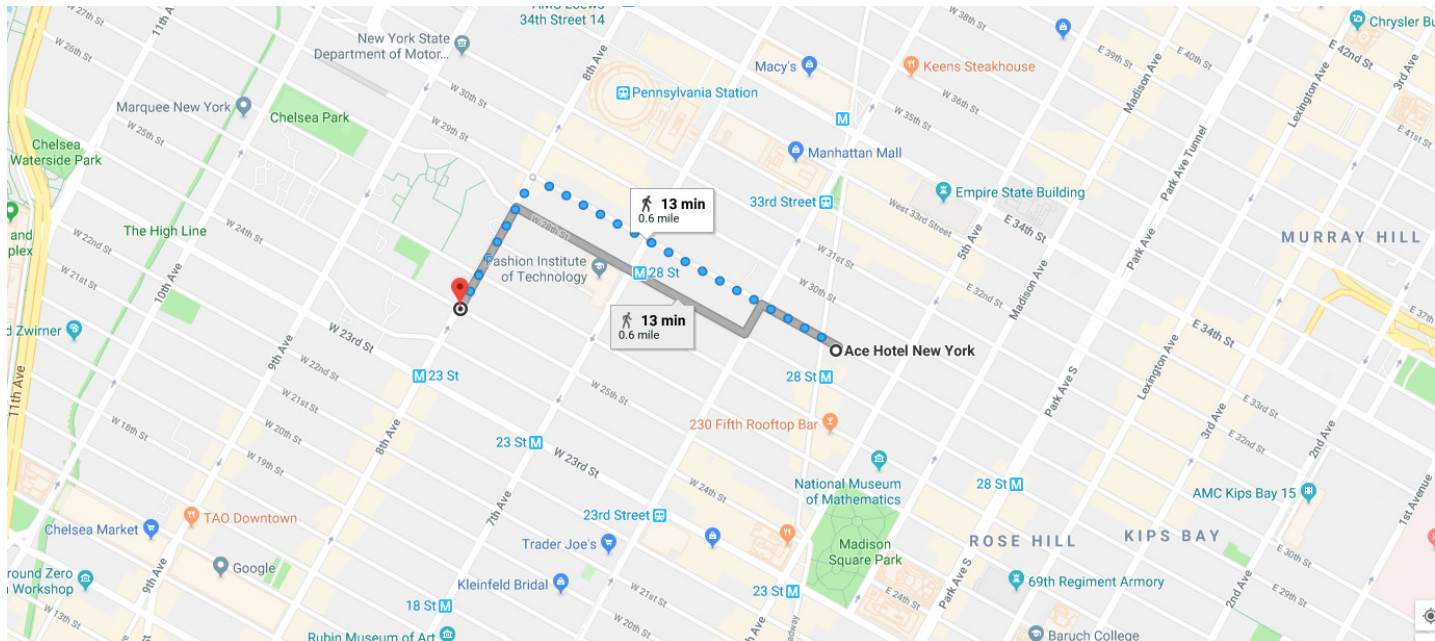
$$d(i, j) = (|x_{i1} - x_{j1}|^h + |x_{i2} - x_{j2}|^h + \dots + |x_{ip} - x_{jp}|^h)^{\frac{1}{h}}$$

- $h$  is the order (the distance so defined is also called L- $h$  norm)
- Properties
  - **Positive definiteness:**  $d(i, j) > 0$  if  $i \neq j$ , and  $d(i, i) = 0$
  - **Symmetry:**  $d(i, j) = d(j, i)$
  - **Triangle Inequality:**  $d(i, j) \leq d(i, k) + d(k, j)$
- A distance that satisfies these properties is a **metric**

# Special Cases of Minkowski Distance

- $h = 1$ : Manhattan (city block,  $L_1$  norm) distance
  - E.g., the Hamming distance: the number of bits that are different between two binary vectors

$$d(i, j) = |x_{i1} - x_{j1}| + |x_{i2} - x_{j2}| + \cdots + |x_{ip} - x_{jp}|$$



# Special Cases of Minkowski Distance

- $h = 2$ : Euclidean ( $L_2$  norm) distance

$$d(i, j) = \sqrt{|x_{i1} - x_{j1}|^2 + |x_{i2} - x_{j2}|^2 + \cdots + |x_{ip} - x_{jp}|^2}$$

- $h \rightarrow \infty$  : Supremum ( $L_{\max}$  norm) distance
  - This is the maximum difference between any component (attribute) of the vectors

$$d(i, j) = \lim_{h \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sum_{f=1}^p |x_{if} - x_{jf}|^h \right)^{\frac{1}{h}} = \max_f |x_{if} - x_{jf}|$$

Example:

# Minkowski Distances

Data Matrix

point	attribute 1	attribute 2
$x_1$	1	2
$x_2$	3	5
$x_3$	2	0
$x_4$	4	5

Dissimilarity Matrices

Mahantan ( $L_1$ )

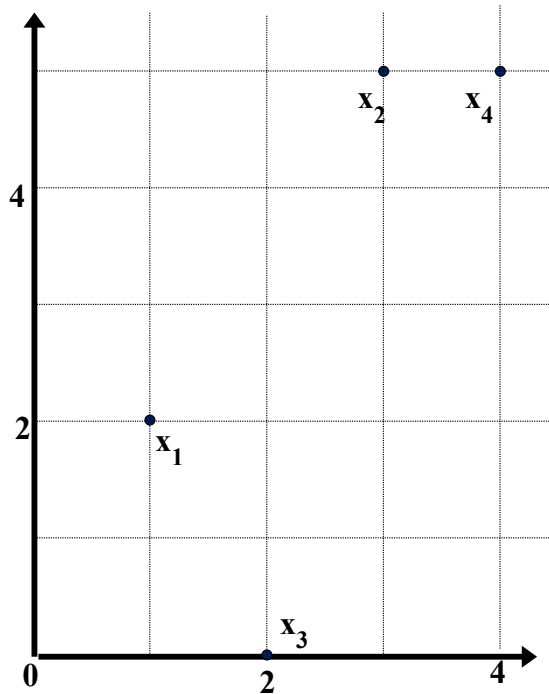
	$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$
$x_1$	0			
$x_2$	5	0		
$x_3$	3	6	0	
$x_4$	6	1	7	0

Euclidean ( $L_2$ )

	$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$
$x_1$	0			
$x_2$	3.61	0		
$x_3$	2.24	5.1	0	
$x_4$	4.24	1	5.39	0

Supremum ( $L_{\max}$ )

	$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$
$x_1$	0			
$x_2$	3	0		
$x_3$	2	5	0	
$x_4$	3	1	5	0





# Cosine Similarity

- A document can be represented by thousands of attributes, each recording the frequency of a particular word (such as keywords) or phrase in the document.

Document	Team	Coach	Hockey	Baseball	Soccer	Penalty	Score	Win	Loss	Season
d1	5	0	3	0	2	0	0	2	0	0
d2	3	0	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	1
d3	0	7	0	2	1	0	0	3	0	0
d4	0	1	0	0	1	2	2	0	3	0

- Other vector objects: gene features in micro-arrays, ...
- Applications: information retrieval, biologic taxonomy, gene feature mapping, ...
- Cosine measure: If  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  are two vectors (e.g., term-frequency vectors), then

$$\cos(d_1, d_2) = (d_1 \cdot d_2) / (\|d_1\| \cdot \|d_2\|)$$

where  $\cdot$  indicates vector dot product,  $\|d\|$  is the length of vector  $d$

# Example: Cosine Similarity

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d3	0	7	0	2	1	0	0	3	0	0
d4	0	1	0	0	1	2	2	0	3	0

$$\cos(d_1, d_2) = (d_1 \cdot d_2) / (\|d_1\| \cdot \|d_2\|)$$

- Ex: Find the similarity between documents 1 and 2.

$d_1 = (5, 0, 3, 0, 2, 0, 0, 2, 0, 0)$

$d_2 = (3, 0, 2, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1)$

$$d_1 \cdot d_2 = 5 \times 3 + 0 \times 0 + 3 \times 2 + 0 \times 0 + 2 \times 1 + 0 \times 1 + 0 \times 1 + 2 \times 1 + 0 \times 0 + 0 \times 1 = 25$$

$$\|d_1\| = (5 \times 5 + 0 \times 0 + 3 \times 3 + 0 \times 0 + 2 \times 2 + 0 \times 0 + 0 \times 0 + 2 \times 2 + 0 \times 0 + 0 \times 0)^{0.5} = 42^{0.5} = 6.48$$

$$\|d_2\| = (3 \times 3 + 0 \times 0 + 2 \times 2 + 0 \times 0 + 1 \times 1 + 1 \times 1 + 0 \times 0 + 1 \times 1 + 0 \times 0 + 1 \times 1)^{0.5} = 17^{0.5} = 4.12$$

$$\cos(d_1, d_2) = 0.94$$

# Ordinal Variables

- An ordinal variable can be discrete or continuous
- Order is important, e.g., rank
- Can be treated like interval-scaled
  - replace  $x_{if}$  by their rank  $r_{if} \in \{1, \dots, M_f\}$
  - map the range of each variable onto  $[0, 1]$  by replacing  $i$ -th object in the  $f$ -th variable by

$$z_{if} = \frac{r_{if} - 1}{M_f - 1}$$

- compute the dissimilarity using methods for interval-scaled variables
- Note: this is just a trivial solution

# Attributes of Mixed Type

- A database may contain all attribute types
  - Nominal, symmetric binary, asymmetric binary, numeric, ordinal
  - Different fields may bring different level of importance
- One may use a weighted formula to combine their effects

$$d(i, j) = \frac{\sum_{f=1}^p \delta_{ij}^{(f)} d_{ij}^{(f)}}{\sum_{f=1}^p \delta_{ij}^{(f)}}$$

- $f$  is binary or nominal
  - $d_{ij}^{(f)} = 0$  if  $x_{if} = x_{jf}$ , or  $d_{ij}^{(f)} = 1$  otherwise
- $f$  is numeric: use the normalized distance
- $f$  is ordinal
  - Compute ranks  $r_{if}$  and
  - Treat  $z_{if}$  as interval-scaled

$$z_{if} = \frac{r_{if} - 1}{M_f - 1}$$

# Summary

- Data attribute types: nominal, binary, ordinal, interval-scaled, ratio-scaled
- Many types of data sets, e.g., numerical, text, graph, Web, image.
- Gain insight into the data by:
  - Basic statistical data description: central tendency, dispersion, graphical displays
  - Data visualization: map data onto graphical primitives
  - Measure data similarity
- Above steps are the beginning of data preprocessing.
- Many methods have been developed but still an active area of research.