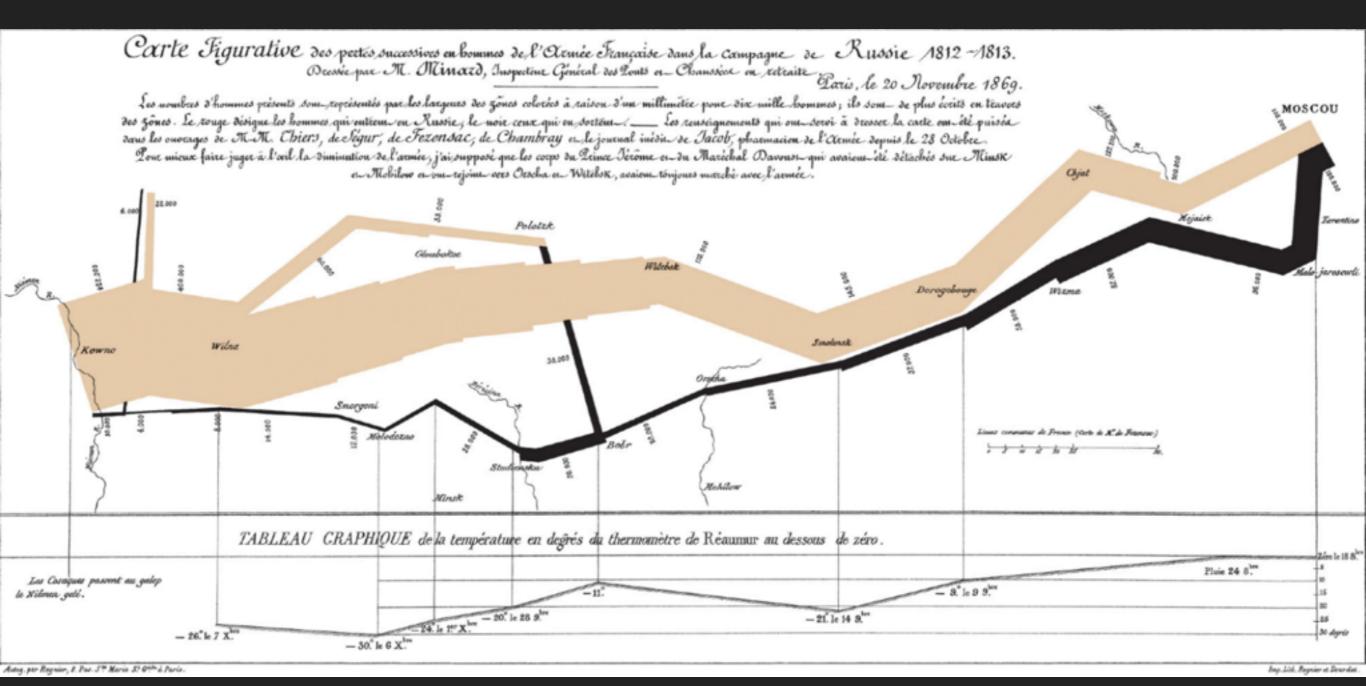


Data & Visual Encoding



The Big Picture

task

questions, goals assumptions

data

physical data type conceptual data type

domain

metadata semantics conventions processing algorithms

mapping visual encoding

Visualization image visual channel graphical marks

Data



Two Models

- Data models are formal descriptions
 - Math: sets with operations on them
 - Example: integers with + and x operators
- Conceptual models are mental constructions
 - Include semantics and support reasoning

1D Floats vs. Temperatures

3D Vector of Floats vs. Spatial Location



Taxonomy Of Data

- ▶ 1D (sets and sequences)
- Temporal
- 2D (maps)
- ▶ 3D (shapes)
- nD (relational)
- Trees (hierarchies)
- Networks (graphs)



Nominal, Ordinal, Quantitative

- Nominal: categorized / labels, e.g.,
 - Fruit: apple, banana, ...
- Ordinal: ordered, e.g.,
 - Quality of tourist spots: Grade AAAA, AAAAA...
- Quantitative: interval, e.g.,
 - Position: LAT 33.98, LON -118.45

Common Data Formats

CSV: Comma-Separated Values

```
year,age,marst,sex,people
1850,0,0,1,1483789
1850,5,0,1,1411067
```

JSON: JavaScript Object Notation

```
[
{"year":1850,"age":0,"marst":0,"sex":1,"people":1483789},
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...
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Visual Encoding

Position (x 2) Length

Size → Area

Value Volume

Texture

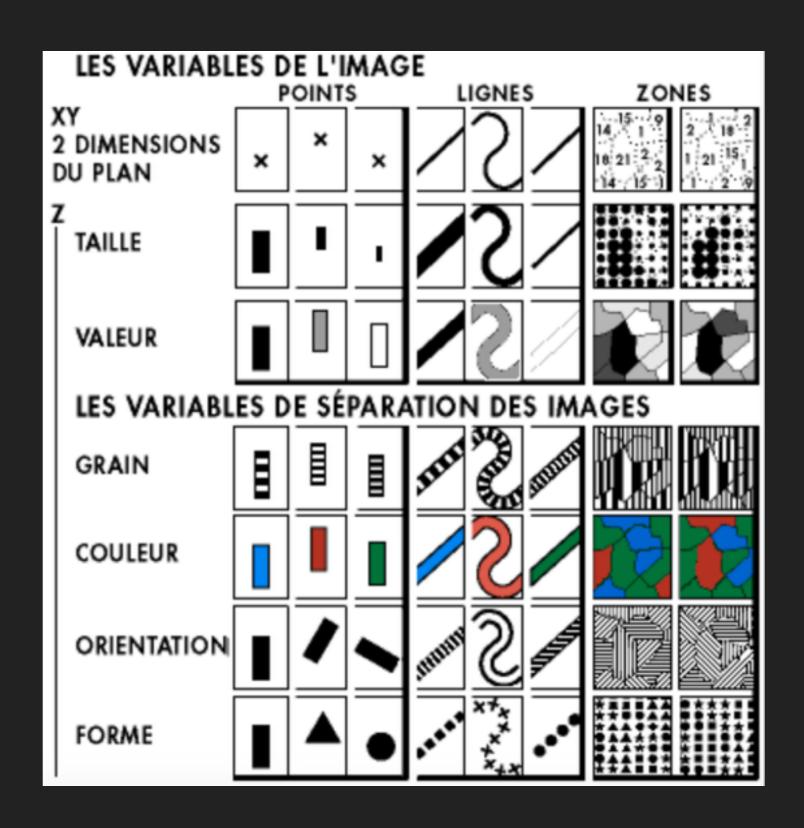
Color

Orientation

Shape

Transparency

Blur / Focus ...





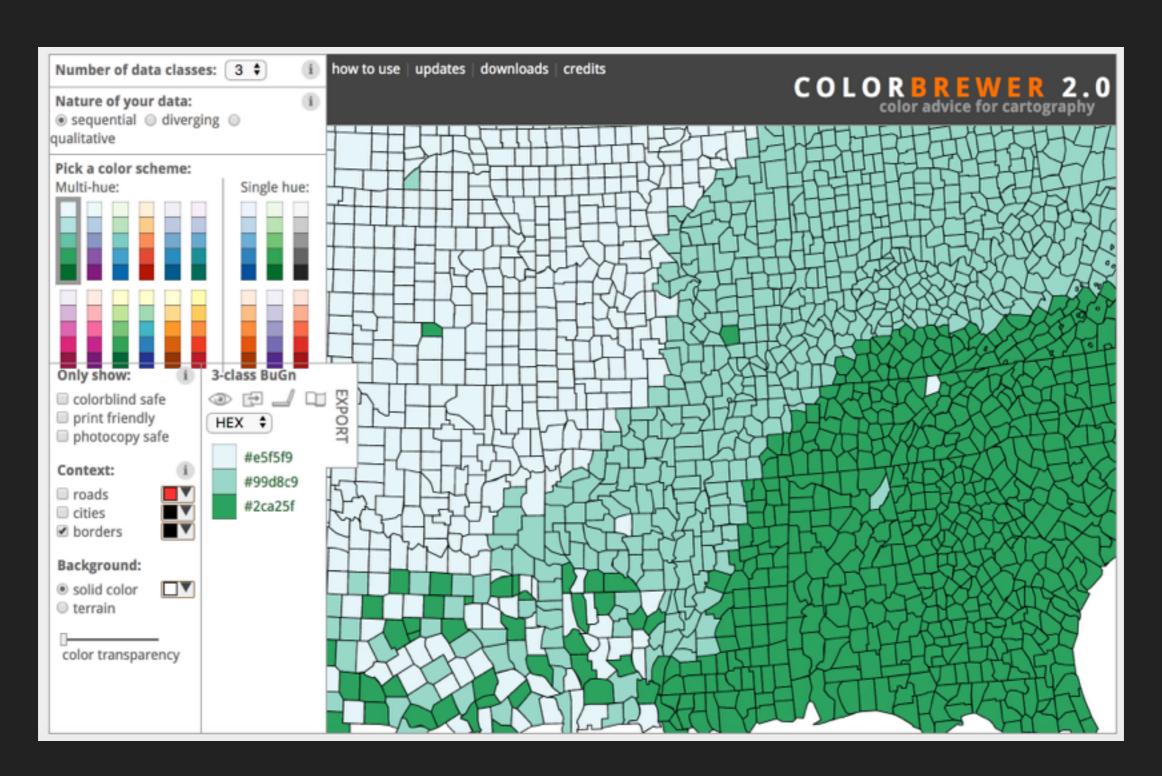
Value And Hue

Value is perceived as ordered



Hue is normally perceived as unordered, so nominal





http://colorbrewer2.org/#type=sequential&scheme=BuGn&n=3

Absolute & Relative

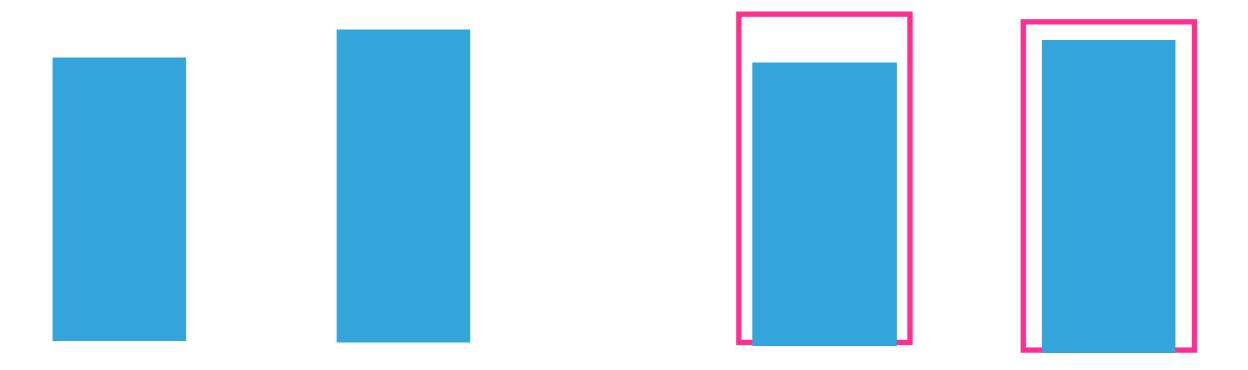


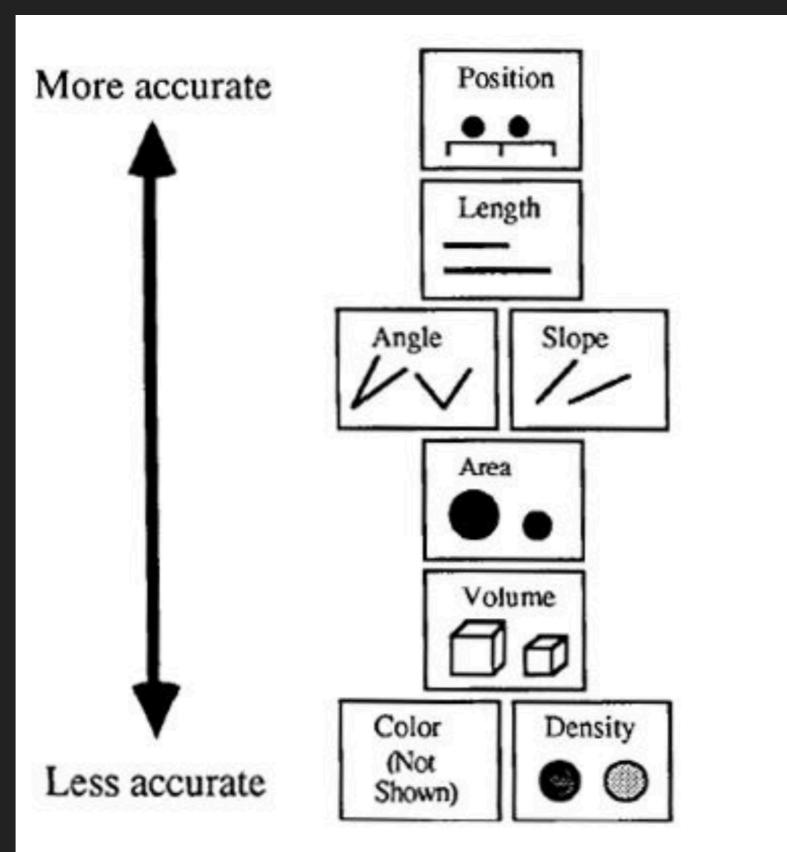
Absolute Judgement

- Channels capacity (bits)
- Absolute judgment of ID stimuli
 - Users can correctly classify 10 levels of hue and 5 levels of brightness
 - Users can correctly classify 4-5 levels of sizes
 - On average, users are able to extract around 6 or 7 levels of data value with accuracy



Relative Judgement





Mackinlay, APT (A Presentation Tool), 1986



- Our abilities to perceive various stimuli is fairly limited!
 - Adding dimensions to data
 - Showing relative to data rather absolute
 - Sequences of judgement

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

