Visualization of Data using Tableau

1. Introduction

Big data analysis is achieving increasing attention in many industries, including Marketing. Visualization plays a significant role not only in showing the results of data analysis but also in whole process of data collecting, data reducing, selecting the most important factors, analyzing and sharing data.

In this note, we present a visualization of a dataset using Tableau as a business intelligence tool. The example data is not real because of data privacy protection and shows sales, profit, discount in different countries in three continents Europe, Asia and Africa in years 2010 to 2022. We can see the first 5 records of dataset as follows:

	Continent	Country	Discount	2010sale	2011sale	2012sale	2013sale	1
0	Europ	Germany	0.02	2100	2190	3266	3500	
1	Europ	Italy	0.03	4000	3500	3700	4100	
2	Europ	France	0.06	1200	2100	2150	2700	
3	Europ	Spain	0.01	1100	1700	2500	2400	
4	Europ	Denmark	0.01	2000	4000	5000	5500	
	2014sale	2015sale	2016sale	2017sale	2018sale	2019sale	2020sale	1
0	3100	5900	6000	6250	7100	7600	8000	
1	4600	4000	3900	3100	4900	5000	5100	
2	3600	4900	5700	6400	7100	9500	12000	
3	2900	3000	3400	3500	3900	4200	4800	
4	5600	5900	6300	6600	6700	7150	7340	
	2021sale	2022sale	Profit					
0	8300	10000	148000					
1	6000	6400	98000					
2	14500	15800	165000					
3	5200	6000	105000					
4	7590	8000	131000					

2. Connecting to sample data

The sample data in our work includes 19 records during 2010-2022. This sample is Excel formatted data and can be connected via the connections section to the left of the Tableau window.

3. Results

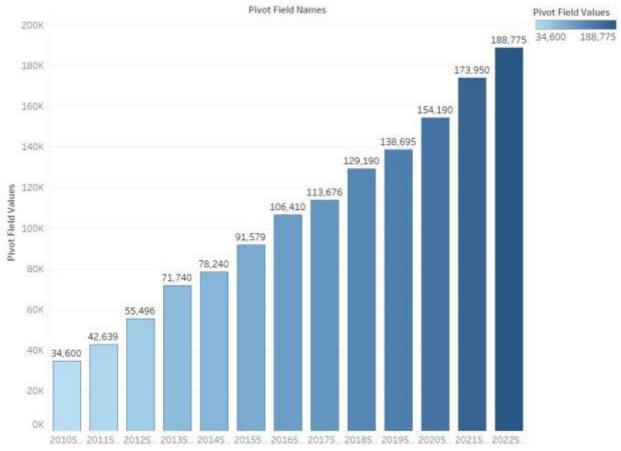
Firstly, we are going to show a view of the position of the countries in our dataset (Figure 1). By labeling the name of countries we can see the name of countries in the map.



Figure 1. Position of the countries

Next, we want to pivot data from columns (2010sale-2022sale) to rows (pivot field sales and pivot field name). The new column replace the original columns that we selected to create the pivot variable. Sometimes, data is stored in a cross tab format and we need to pivot. Here, we see that the amount of sales during the years 2010-2022 has an increasingly behavior generally (Figure2).

Sheet 2



Sum of Pivot Field Values for each Pivot Field Names. Color shows sum of Pivot Field Values. The marks are labeled by sum of Pivot Field Values.

Figure 2. Sales during 2010-2022

Consequently, we have provided a Bar chart in order to show that amount of sales in all countries in three different continents in the year 2010. As a result of labeling the variable 2010sale we get China and Italy have the maximum sales between countries. Whereas, Kenya has the least amount of sales equal to 270 (Figure 3).

Sheet 1

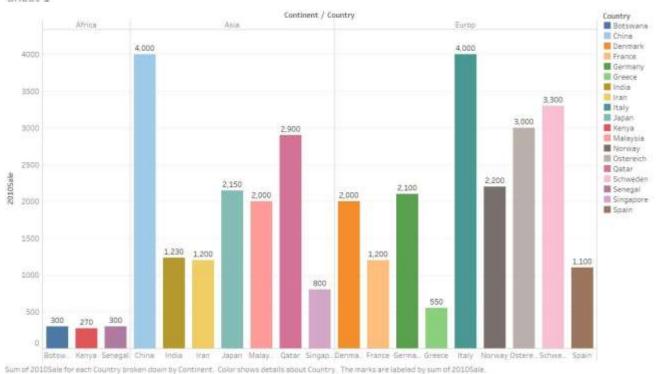


Figure 3. The amount of sale in all countries in the year 2010

In Addition, Figure 4 displays three Bar chart about the amount of sales, profit, discount in all countries together in the year 2010. It is interesting that Norway and Schweden had the largest profit, while they had not the largest discount. In other word, Norway and Schweden have 0.11 and 0.10 respectively. Also, it is remarkable that Kenya has not only the lowest amount of sale but also profit. Meanwhile, India gives the maximum discount. But it has not a good sale and profit (Figure 4).

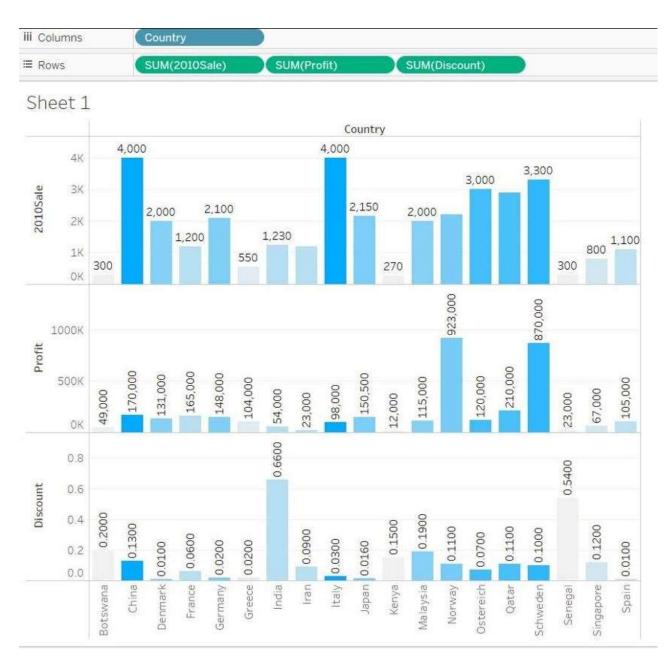


Figure 4. Comparing sale, profit and discount in all countries in the year 2010

Last but not least, Figure 5 shows an other Presentation of Figure 4 in form of line chart.

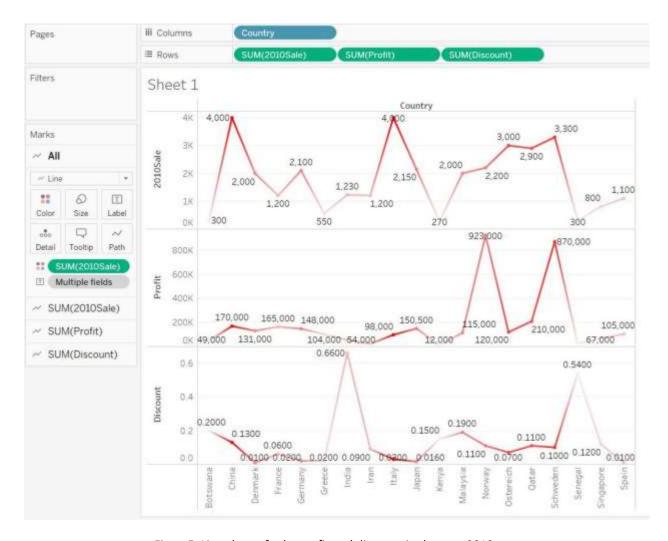


Figure 5. Line chart of sale, profit and discount in the year 2010