

Data Visualization

Hands-On: R ggplot2 / R shiny

BMI701 Introduction of Biomedical Informatics
Lab Session 7

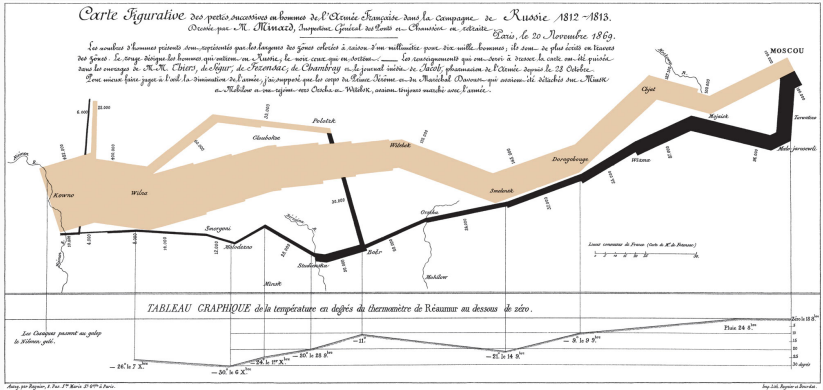
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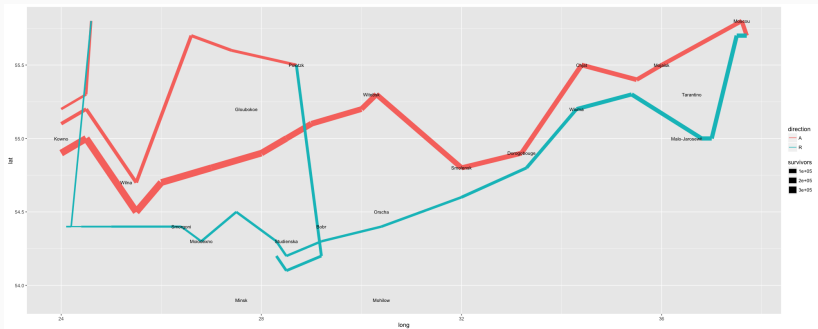


Minard's graphic of Napoleon in Russia



Wikipedia

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- ```
ggplot(Minard.troops, aes(long, lat)) +
 geom_path(aes(size=survivors, color = direction,
 group = group, lineend="round")) +
 geom_text(aes(label = city), size = 3, data =
 Minard.cities)
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# Grammar

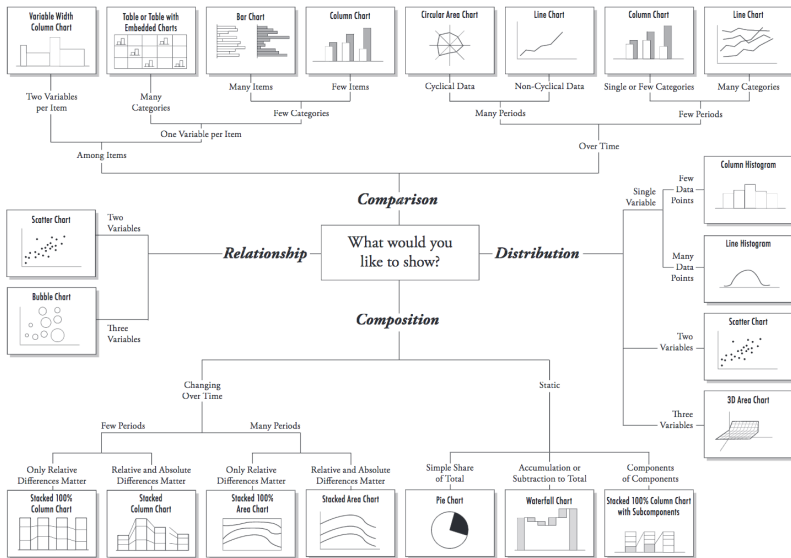
- Aesthetics
  - `order`, `color`, `shape`
- Geoms
  - `geom_point`, `geom_line`, `geom_bar`, `geom_polygon`
- Scale
  - `scale_x_log10`, `scale_colour_gradient`, `scale_size`
- Stat
  - `count`, `mean`, `regression`
- Facet
  - `facet_wrap`, `facet_grid`
- Coordinate system
  - `coord_cartesian`, `coord_polar`, `coord_map`

- How to? Use R Markdown!
- Let's try it (Courtesy by Dr. Yi-Ju Tseng)

- Shiny code (Courtesy by Dr. Mujeeb Basit)

# How to Select? (Abela)

## Chart Suggestions—A Thought-Starter





# How to Select? (Evergreen & Emery)

## Data Visualization Checklist

by Stephanie Evergreen & Ann K. Emery  
May 2014

This checklist is meant to be used as a guide for the development of high impact data visualizations. Rate each aspect of the data visualization by circling the most appropriate number, where 2 points means the guideline was fully met, 1 means it was partially met, and 0 means it was not met at all. n/a should not be used frequently, but reserved for when the guideline truly does not apply. For example, a pie chart has no axes lines or tick marks to rate. Refer to the Data Visualization Anatomy Chart on the last page for guidance on vocabulary.

|                                                                                                                     | Guideline                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Rating    |
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| <b>Text</b><br><br>Graphs don't contain much text, so existing text must encapsulate your message and pack a punch. | <b>6-12 word descriptive title is left-justified in upper left corner</b><br>Short titles enable readers to comprehend takeaway messages even while quickly skimming the graph. Rather than a generic phrase, use a descriptive sentence that encapsulates the graph's finding or "so what?" Western cultures start reading in the upper left, so locate the title there. | 2 1 0 n/a |
|                                                                                                                     | <b>Subtitle and/or annotations provide additional information</b><br>Subtitles and annotations (call-out text within the graph) can add explanatory and interpretive power to a graph. Use them to answer questions a viewer might have or to highlight one or two data points.                                                                                           | 2 1 0 n/a |
|                                                                                                                     | <b>Text size is hierarchical and readable</b><br>Titles are in a larger size than subtitles or annotations, which are larger than labels, which are larger than axis labels, which are larger than source information. The smallest text - axis labels - are at least 9 point font size on paper, at least 20 on screen.                                                  | 2 1 0 n/a |
|                                                                                                                     | <b>Text is horizontal</b><br>Titles, subtitles, annotations, and data labels are horizontal (not vertical or diagonal). Line labels and axis labels can deviate from this rule and still receive full points.                                                                                                                                                             | 2 1 0 n/a |
|                                                                                                                     | <b>Data are labeled directly</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 2 1 0 n/a |

# Take Home Message

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