



Modulo 5

Data Analytics

Lesson 5: Big Data Analytics & Visualization

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BIG DATA INTEGRATION

- Typically, when working with Big Data, we gather information from multiple sources and put it all together in a repository
 - This is known as Data Lake

Data lakes do not perform any transformation over the data

sources







- However, isolated data is rarely useful
- For example:
 - The number of calls to the Fire Department have increased over the years
 - Have there been more fires?
 - How much has the population increased?
 - Did the Fire Department reduce the amount of fire deaths?
- We need to integrate the information in order to draw conclusions





BIG DATA INTEGRATION

Variability of formats in 2017 for Open Data

| format | resources | % | portals |
|----------|-----------|-----|---------|
| 1 HTML | 491,891 | 25 | 74 |
| 2 PDF | 182,026 | 9.2 | 83 |
| 3 CSV | 179,892 | 9.1 | 108 |
| 4 XLS(X) | 120,703 | 6.1 | 89 |
| 5 XML | 90,074 | 4.6 | 79 |
| 6 ZIP | 50,116 | 2.5 | 74 |
| | | | |
| 11 JSON | 28,923 | 1.5 | 77 |
| 16 RDF | 10,445 | 0.5 | 28 |





- Nevertheless, even if the format is homogeneous, we still have a number of challenges to face:
 - Structure and metadata
 - Accessibility and timeliness
 - Trust and data provenance
 - Multiculturalism and semantics





- Structure and metadata:
 - There are a high number of different sources and datasets available in Big and Open Data. In many cases, the order and number of columns do not match even across datasets with the same file extension
 - Sometimes data is even published in **non-machine readable** or proprietary formats, making it inaccessible for processing
 - Metadata refers to the names of the columns and other complementary information to the data provided
 - Without metadata, choosing the right interpretation for a value or a dataset is practically impossible
 - Rarely well-formed





- Accessibility and timeliness:
 - Information gathered from external sources may stop being accessible at any point
 - However, we may not have enough storage capacity at our disposal to store everything
 - Information may stop being updated by third parties
 - May still be useful depending on our requirements and the context
 - !!! CAREFUL DATES SHOULD MATCH ON DIFFERENT DATASETS !!!
 - Certain data may be missing
 - Due to being collected incorrectly or due to errors in the system
 - For Open Data it is unrealistic to think that information will be provided at the same level of quality as commercial sources





- Trust and data provenance:
 - What to do if data may not be exact?
 - Wikipedia?
 - How much confidence can we have? How much do we need?
 - What if the data is provided by a facilitator or portal, how has it been altered?
- Data provenance registers the transformations applied to the data until it has reached its current version
 - In absence of data provenance we must depend on:
 - **Redundancy**: How often a certain piece of information appears exactly the same?
 - **Provider trust**: How much do we trust whoever is providing us the data?





- Multilingualism and semantics:
 - Assume data is available, its structure is correct and the metadata is well-formed
 - The data may still be registered in different languages
 - Canada has two official languages French and English
 - EU has 28 (27?) states with 24 languages
 - The data may refer to the same concept with different semantics
 - "Address" in France may not refer to the same concept as "Address" in Germany
 - National ID only exists in Europe
 - National ID and Fiscal ID are separate in some countries
 - Date is registered differently in English 11/30/2018 than in Spanish 30/11/2018



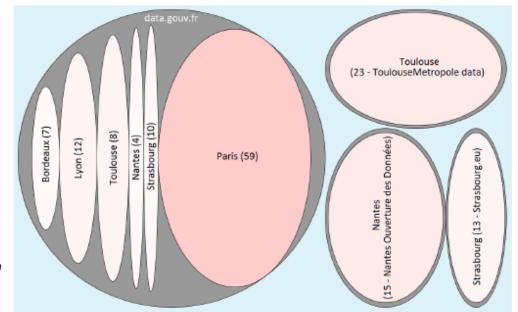


DATA ANALYTICS PROCESS: DATA VISUALIZATION

• Many people consider that data visualizations are the end of the data analytics process – **Communication** of results

However, data visualization can be effective for aiding during the analysis and

integration of data



Source: Carvalho, Paulo & Hitzelberger, Patrik & Otjacques, Benoit & Bouali, Fatma & Venturini, Gilles. (2014). Open Data Integration -Visualization as an Asset. 10.13140/2.1.1788.5440.





DATA ANALYTICS PROCESS: DATA VISUALIZATION

- Visualizations can help us to understand and identify:
 - How the data behaves, especially across time
 - Existing patterns within the data
 - Potential attributes for classification and machine learning
 - Evaluate and initially discard some hypotheses
 - What other datasets could complement our current analysis





BIG DATA TOOLS FOR DATA ANALYTICS

- In order to perform analytics over Big Data sources we need tools that facilitate our task:
 - We require flexibility to read multiple and varying data formats
 - We require visualization capabilities to analyze and present the data
 - We require efficiency in processing data in order to scale









- Visualizations in Jupyter:
 - Jupyter (and Python) have a wide arrange of visualization libraries to visualize data
 - For the purpose of this module we will use the Seaborn library







DATA VISUALIZATION

- Visualizations in Jupyter:
 - To create a visualization we first need to calculate the data values

```
In [168]:
            1 # Calcular el número de distritos operados por cada unidad
            2 SFFD.groupby(['Unit ID'],as_index=False).agg({'City': pd.Series.nunique})
Out[168]:
               Unit ID City
                  27
           918 rows × 2 columns
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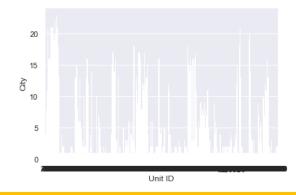




DATA VISUALIZATION

- Visualizations in Jupyter:
 - Once we have the correct data, we pass the dataframe to the seaborn plot we wish to create
 - Depending on the plot we will need to specify multiple axis

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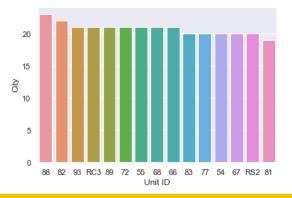


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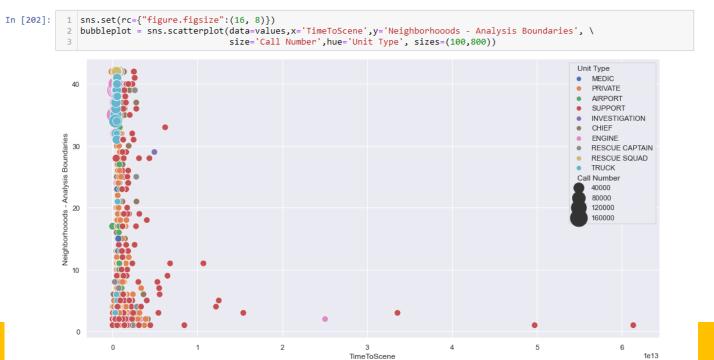
- Visualizations in Jupyter:
 - If there are too many items, the visualization will not show any meaningful information
 - In these cases we can filter the data to reduce the amount of items







- Visualizations in Jupyter:
 - In some cases, there will be multiple dimensions to represent at once
 - For example, the time to scene and unit type for each unit considering the number of calls of each unit
 - These cases require more advanced visualizations







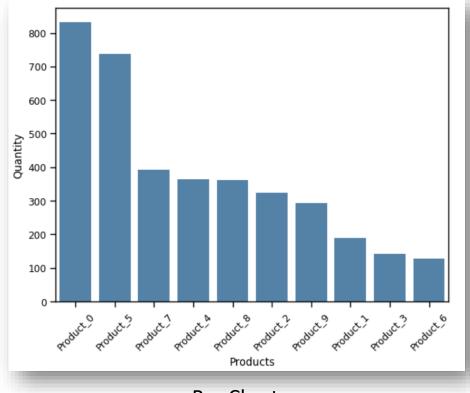
- Let's dig deeper into how to select the most adequate visualizations
 - A combination of objectives pursued, intended use, receiver and dataset constraints
- Visualizations depend heavily on the analysis/communication goals.
 Some of the common ones are:
 - Ranking
 - Comparatives
 - Correlations
 - Part to Whole
 - Distribution
 - Evolution across time
 - Flow





DATA VISUALIZATION

• Ranking: Aims to show the order relationship in a dataset



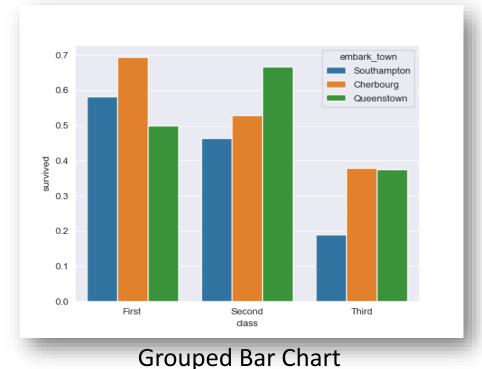
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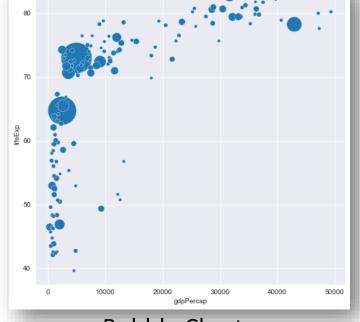




DATA VISUALIZATION

• Comparative: Compares numeric values associated to different elements. Order is irrelevant but numeric differences are important





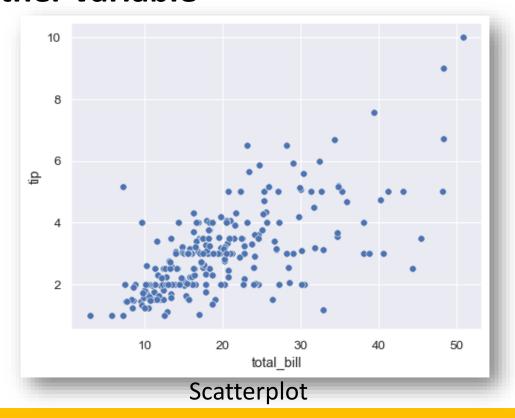
Bubble Chart

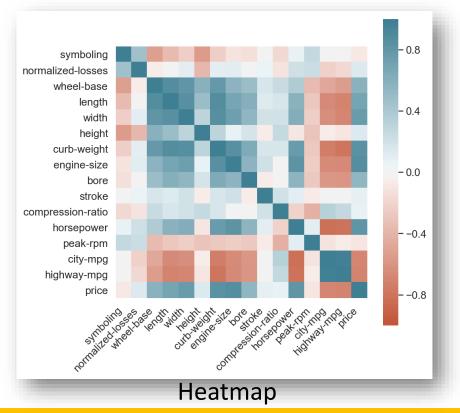




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 Correlation: Analyzes how one variable changes according to another variable



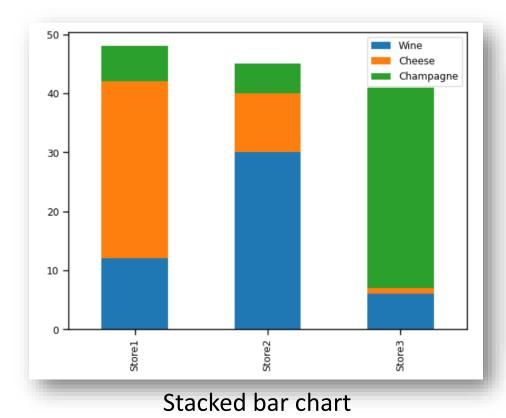


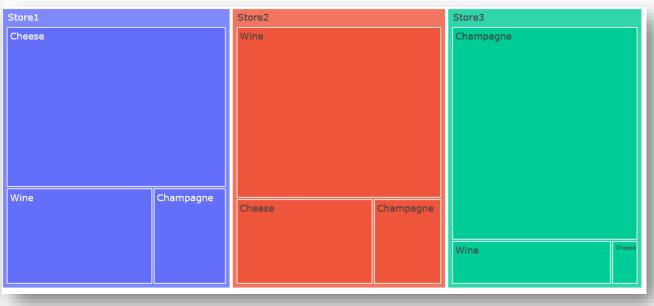




DATA VISUALIZATION

• Part to Whole: Divides an element into its components





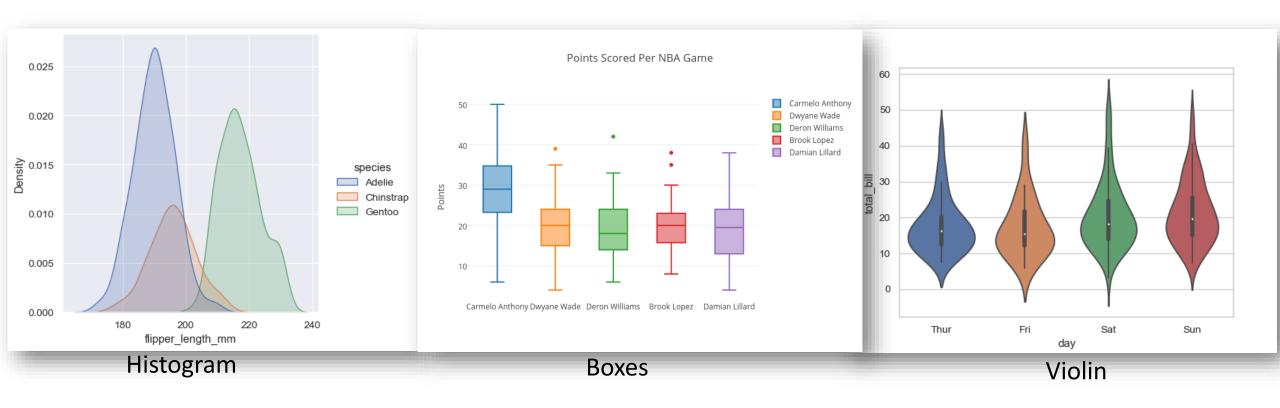
Tree Map





DATA VISUALIZATION

• Distribution: Describes the frequency of elements according to their value

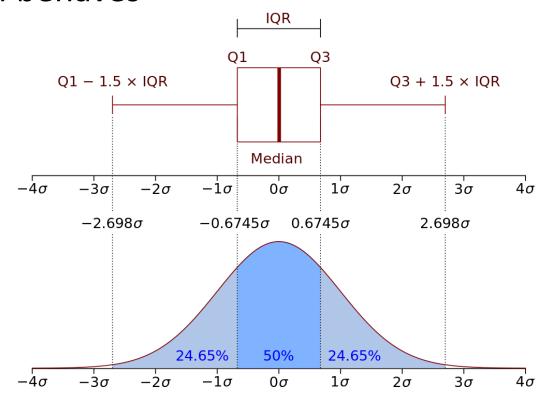






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• **Distribution**: To understand distribution visualizations we must understand how a distribution behaves

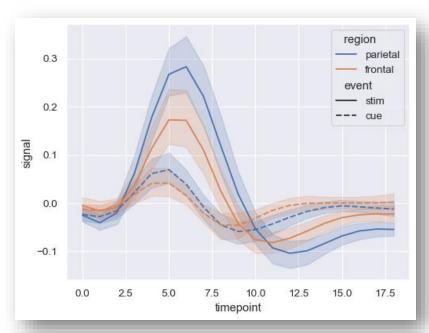






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• Evolution across time: Reflects how the value of a variable evolves as time passes





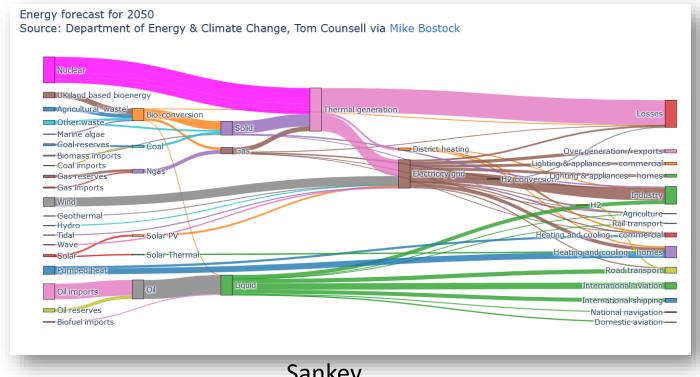
Line Chart





DATA VISUALIZATION

• Flow: Connects sources and destinations for an element. It can describe trips or transformations for materials and money



Sankey





- Selecting the most adequate visualization:
 - Goal:
 - Evolution across time? Distribution? Value comparison?
 - Receiver:
 - Visualization expert? Domain expert? Non-informed user?
 - Use:
 - Explore / Communicate
 - Dataset characteristics:
 - What kind of data will be used? How many data are we crunching? How many different values exist? How many dimensions should be considered?





DATA VISUALIZATION

There are proposals to select the best visualization according to the analysis context

| | VISUALIZATION CONTEXT | Stacked Column Chart | Bubble Chart | Pie Chart |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------|
| Goal: | Composition | fit | unfit | fit |
| | Comparison | fit | fit | unfit |
| Interaction: | Overview | acceptable | acceptable | fit |
| User: | Lay | fit | acceptable | fit |
| Dimensionality: | 2-dimensional | unfit | unfit | fit |
| | n-dimensional | fit | fit | unfit |
| Cardinality: | Low | fit | acceptable | fit |
| Independent Type: | Nominal | fit | unfit | fit |
| Dependent Type: | Ratio | fit | fit | fit |

Fuente: Lavalle, A., Maté, A., Trujillo, J., & Rizzi, S. (2019, September). Visualization requirements for business intelligence analytics: a goal-based, iterative framework. In 2019 IEEE 27th International Requirements Engineering Conference (RE) (pp. 109-119). IEEE

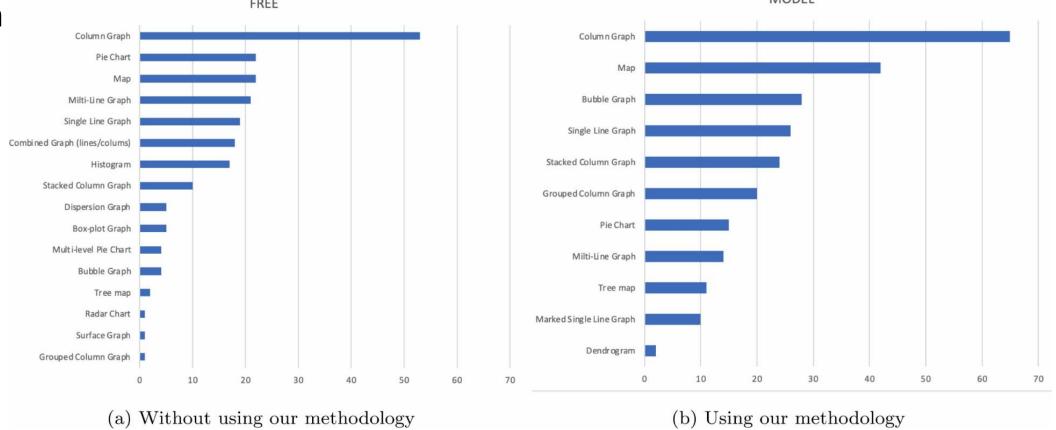




DATA VISUALIZATION

Selecting charts without prior analysis leads to less-than-ideal

selection

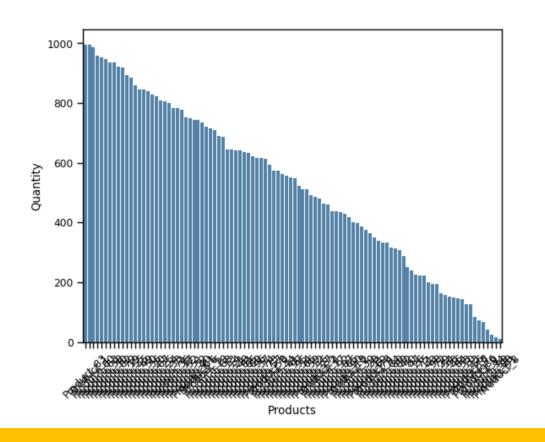


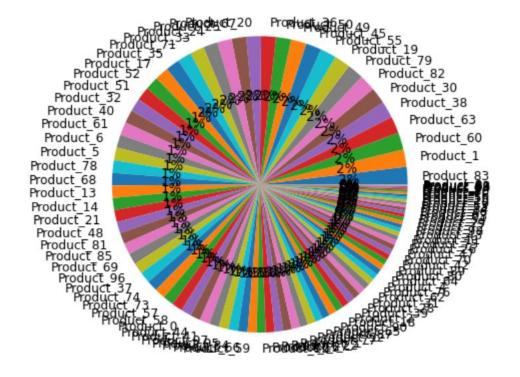




DATA VISUALIZATION

• Dataset characteristics: Data volume problems



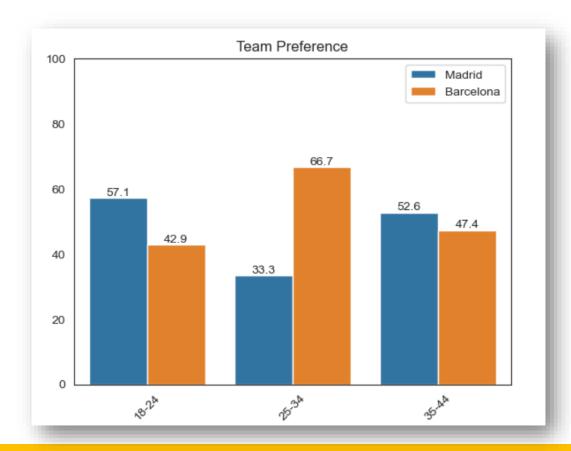


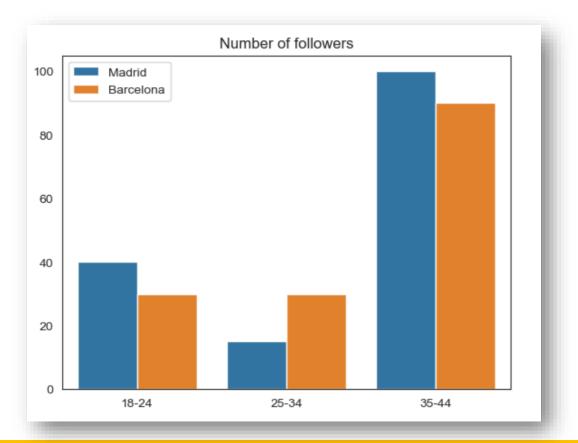




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Dataset characteristics: Dimensionality and extreme values









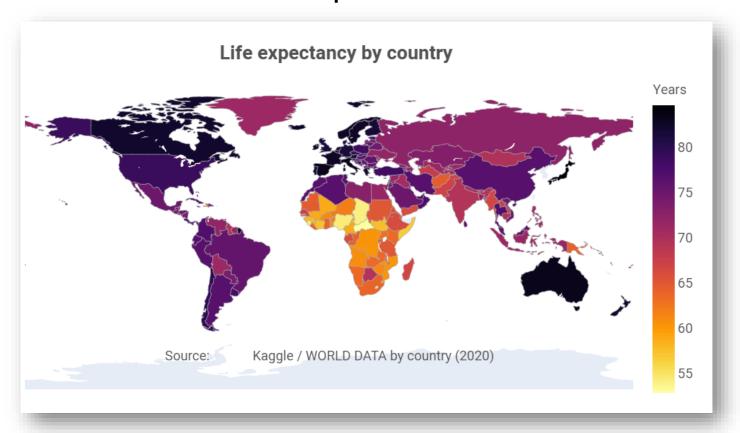
- Problems related to data types
 - Numeric vs String
 - Continuous vs Discrete
 - With or without order relationship





DATA VISUALIZATION

• Color: Additional dimension to represent information

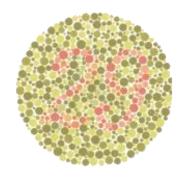


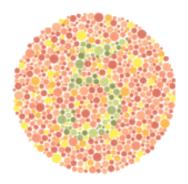


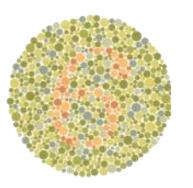


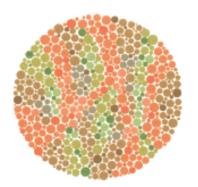
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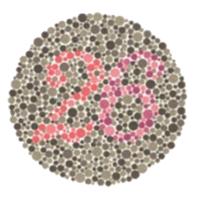
• Color: There are certain limitations to its use, for example daltonism











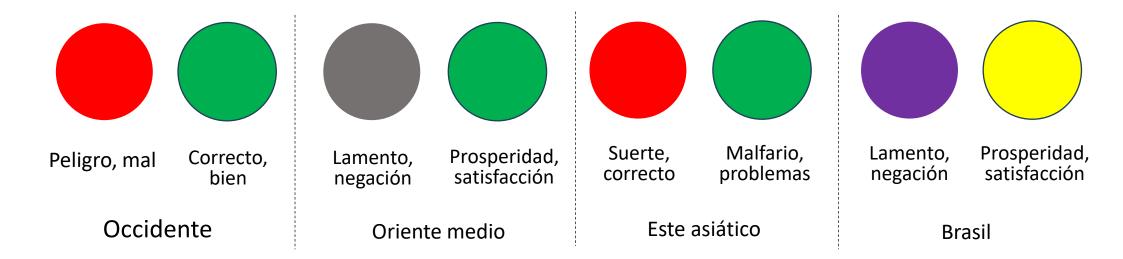
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• Color: Also inadverted ones, such as cultural clashes



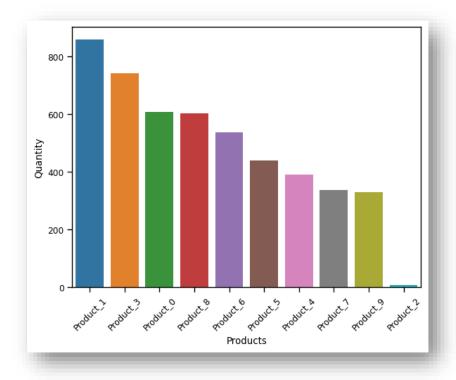
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DATA VISUALIZATION

 Color: It is important to consider object similarity and avoid abusing color to make the chart "pretty"







DATA VISUALIZATION

- Typically, it is **insufficient with a single visualization** to communicate. It is necessary to **combine multiple ones**.
- We can classify the traditional combinations as:
 - Notebooks
 - Dashboards (or CMOs)
 - Scorecards (or CMIs)
 - Infographics

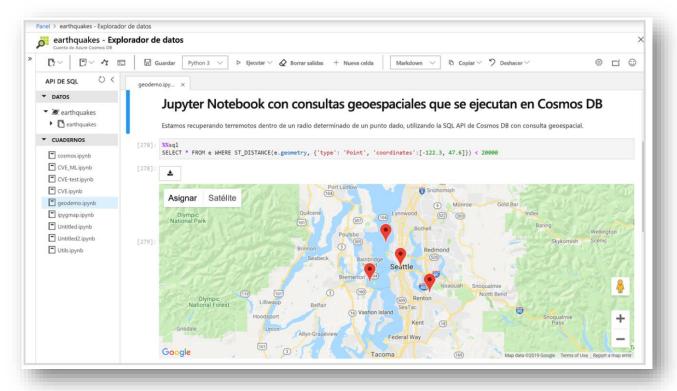




DATA VISUALIZATION

Notebooks:

• Organize visualizations in a narrative or explicative succession







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Dashboards or CMOs:

Organize visualizations from an analytical perspective focused on an analysis context.
 They are typically related to business processes



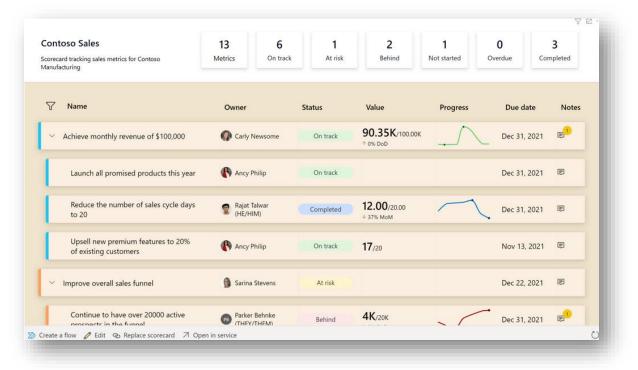




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Scorecards or CMIs:

• Organize visualizations to summarize the current status of the organization

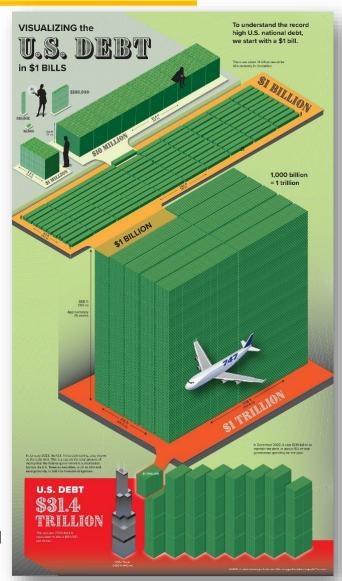






DATA VISUALIZATION Infographics:

• Aim to communicate and increase awareness about a certain topic or situation



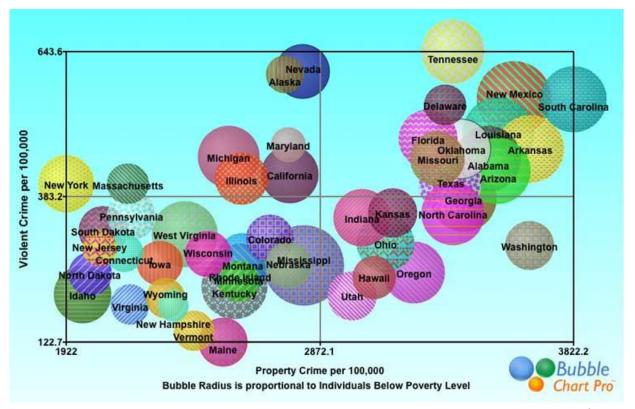
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DATA VISUALIZATION

• Mistakes (maybe) to avoid: Overloading the chart with information



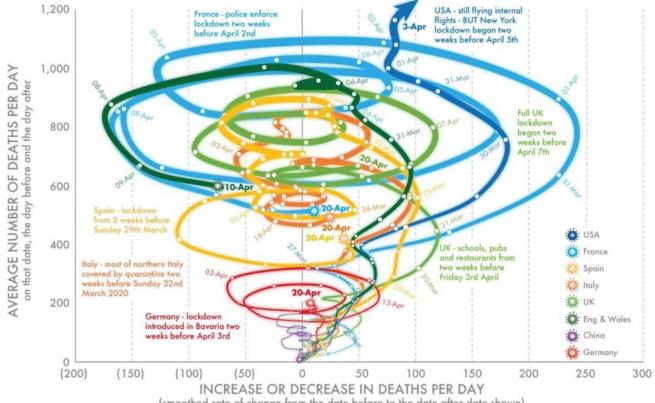
Source: Polymer. 10 Good and Bad Examples of Data Visualization (2023). https://www.polymersearch.com/blog/10-good-and-bad-examples-of-datavisualization





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(smoothed rate of change from the date before to the date after date shown)

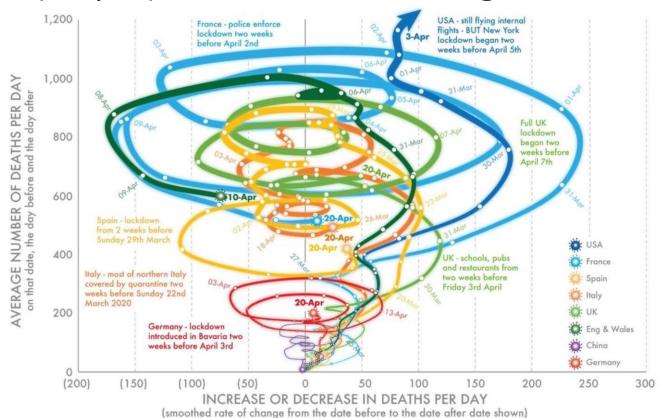
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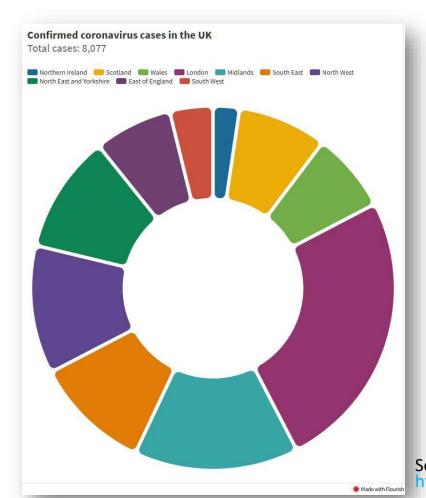
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DATA VISUALIZATION

 Mistakes (maybe) to avoid: Presenting a chart with insufficient information



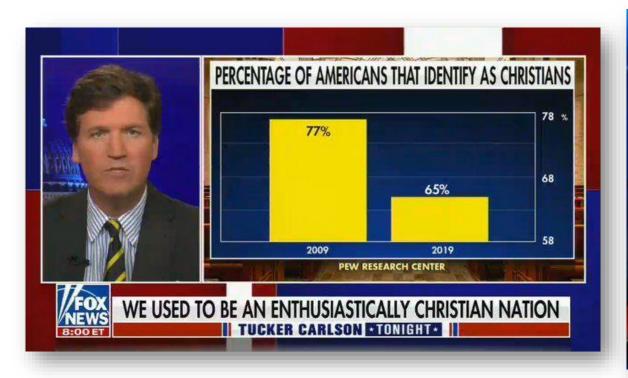
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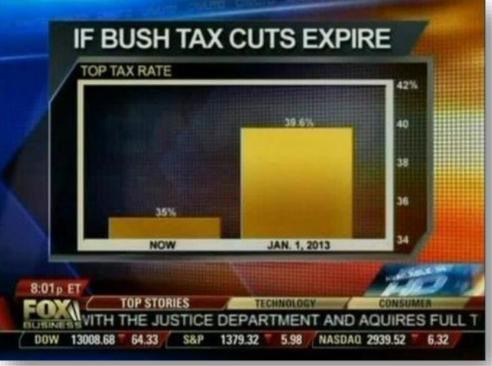




DATA VISUALIZATION

• Mistakes (maybe) to avoid: **Distortion** of axis and proportions (common)





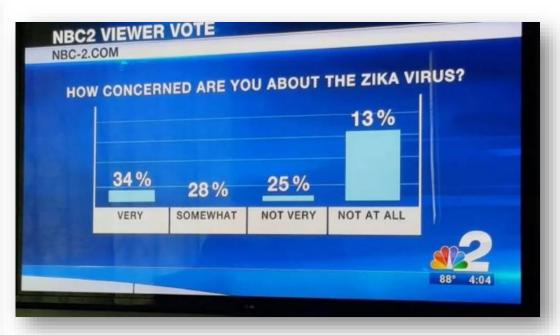




DATA VISUALIZATION

Mistakes (maybe) to avoid: Distortion of relative positions and values



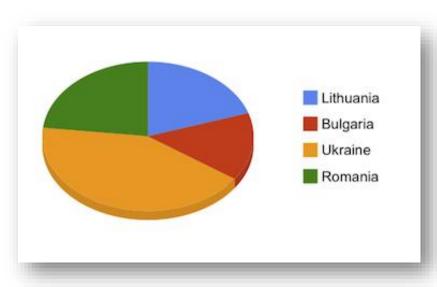




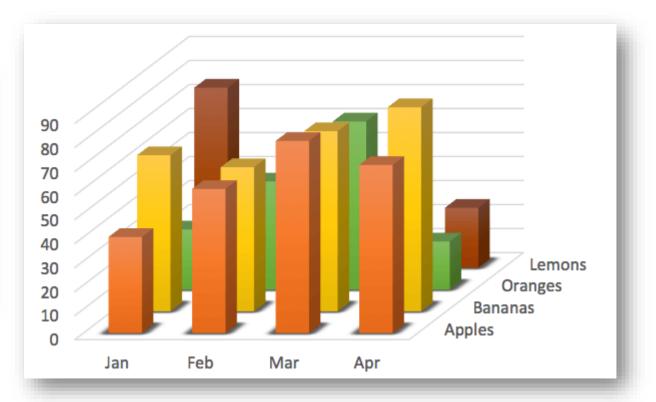


DATA VISUALIZATION

• Mistakes (maybe) to avoid: **Ambiguity** and unclearness



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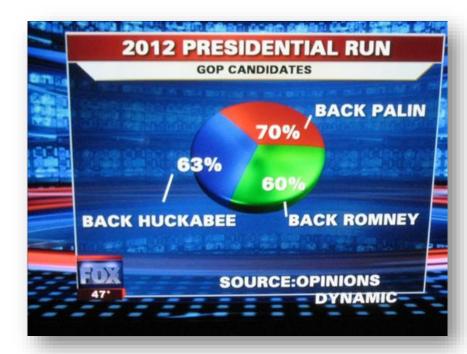


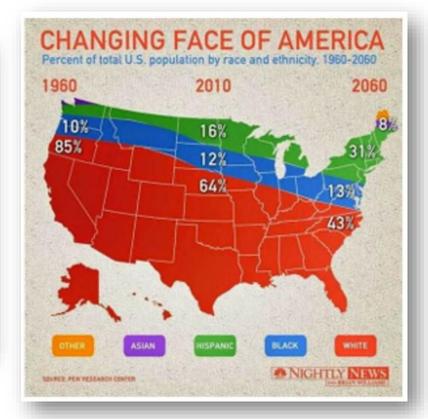


DATA VISUALIZATION

• Mistakes (maybe) to avoid: When 100% is simply not enough (or it is too

much)









DATA VISUALIZATION

Mistakes (maybe) to avoid: When you make all kinds of mistakes

simultaneously



Via Reddit.

https://www.reddit.com/r/chile/comments/fpe6j5/megavisi%C3%B3n_being_very_megavisi%C3%B3n/





DATA VISUALIZATION

Mistakes (maybe) to avoid: When you make all kinds of mistakes

simultaneously

- There is no Y axis
- The X axis is **not proportional**
- The Y axis isn't either
- Values make no sense after a certain point
- Worst part: The chart doesn't
 support at all the thesis suggested



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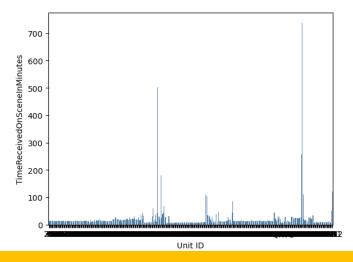


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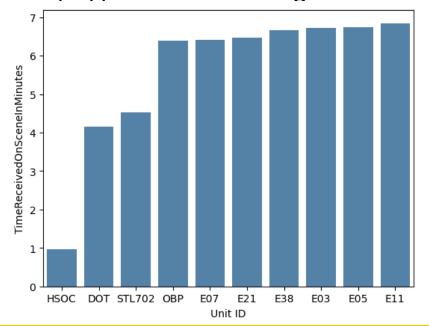


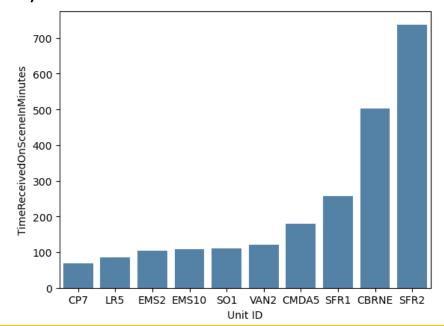
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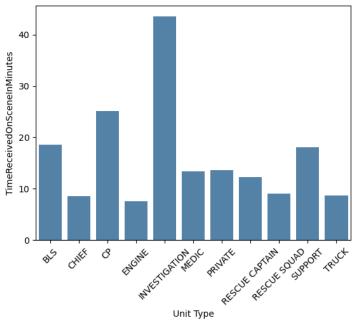


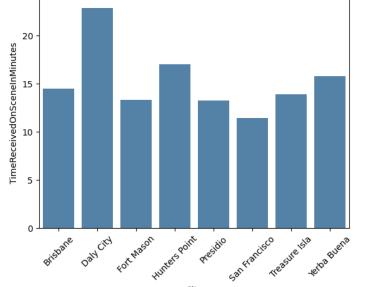


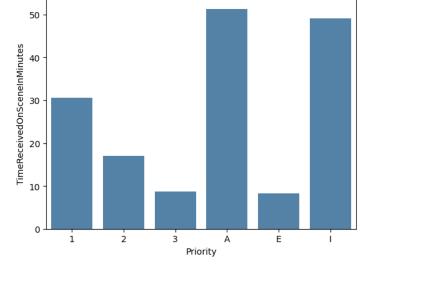




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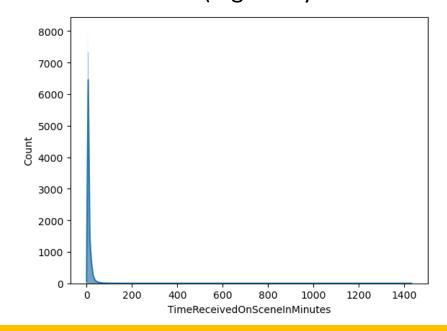








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 - First question: Let us compare the average time to arrive to scene.
 - Conclusions so far:
 - There are several outliers and extreme outliers in the data
 - Average time is around 12-13 minutes for most units, which is also the most common time
 - There are clear differences depending on Unit Types, with Investigation taking considerably longer
 - Cities present an average around 10 to 20 minutes, with Daly City being the slowest
 - Units react fast to Priority 1 and Emergencies. Priority A and I are the slowest to react to





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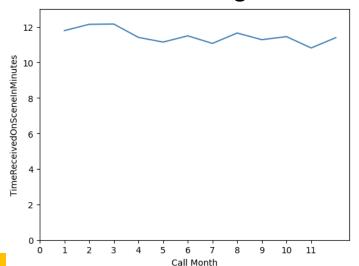


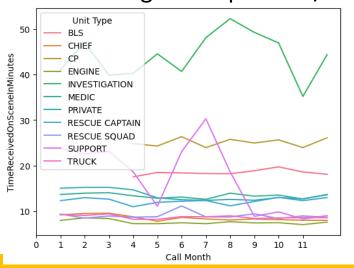
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 - What charts can we use? Line chart
 - Consideration: Overall average time for all units or Average time per unit/unit type?





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 - Consideration: Overall average time for all units or Average time per unit/unit type?









- Using Jupyter and Seaborn let us carry out the EDA step from the previous lesson:
 - Second question: Does the average time to arrive change across the year?
 - Conclusions so far:
 - For some reason units have become quicker as months have passed
 - This is mainly related to Support units as other units remain relatively stable





- Using Jupyter and Seaborn let us carry out the EDA step from the previous lesson:
 - Third question: Have support units become quicker in all cities?



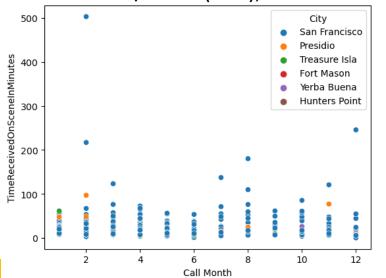


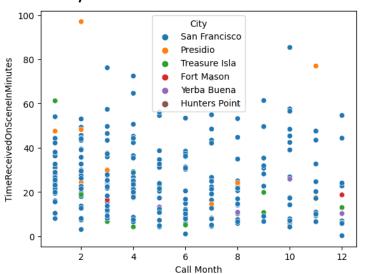
- Using Jupyter and Seaborn let us carry out the EDA step from the previous lesson:
 - Third question: Have support units become quicker in all cities?
 - Which is the goal of our visualization? To compare unit response time across cities and months
 - What charts can we use? Bar chart/scatterplot (bubble graph)
 - Since we have two categorical axis (Unit ID, City) and several values (response time, month) we can use Bubble graph to support multiple dimensions
 - Warning!: This is a heavily-loaded chart, we probably can interpret it because we have been digging into the data. A normal user probably would have a hard time following it





- Using Jupyter and Seaborn let us carry out the EDA step from the previous lesson:
 - Third question: Have support units become quicker in all cities?
 - Configuration:
 - Categorical axis must go into Bubble ID/Bubble Color → Row(Unit ID, rest is covered in other axis)/City
 - Numeric axis can use X/Y axis (first), then bubble size → Months/Time to arrive









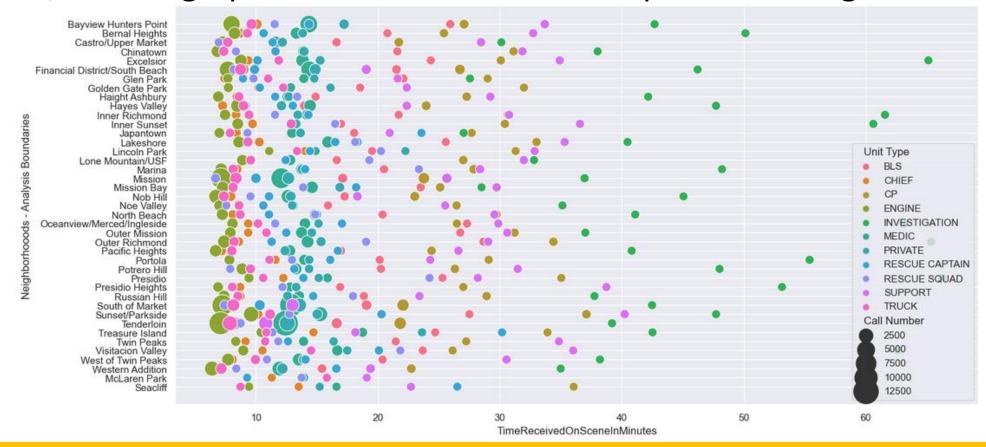
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 - Conclusions:
 - Outliers aside all cities seem to follow more or less the same trend
 - Daly City **does not appear** → Has no support units





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• To finish, bubble graph can also be used to find patterns using bubble size:







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