

# Infovis: networks and trees

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# Last time

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we talked about viewing tabular data

- Information visualization is mapping abstract dimensions to spatial/visual
- Care needed to choose spatial mappings
- Single views form foundation of more elaborate visualizations

# Other data types

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- Networks and trees
- Fields
- Geometry

# Networks and trees

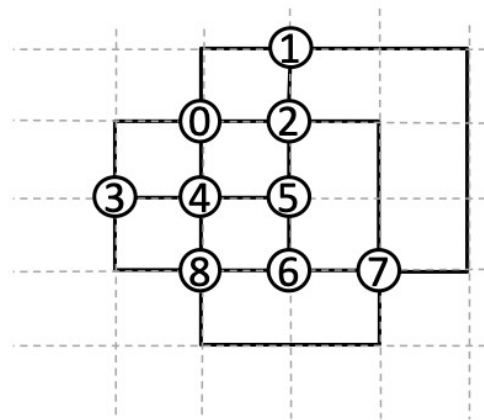
# Low-level Tasks

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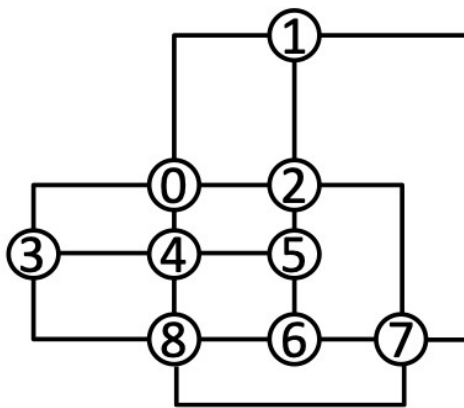
- identify nodes
- determine connections
- find paths
- determine cliques

# Node-link diagrams

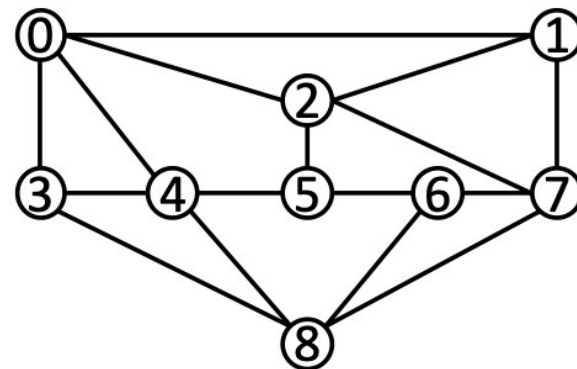
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grid-based



orthogonal



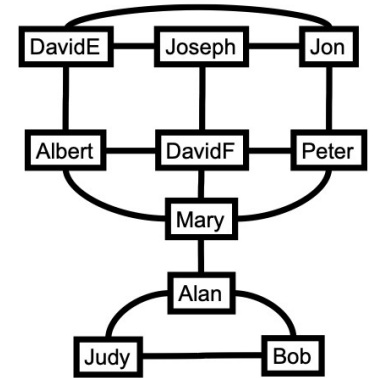
straight-line

# Algorithms

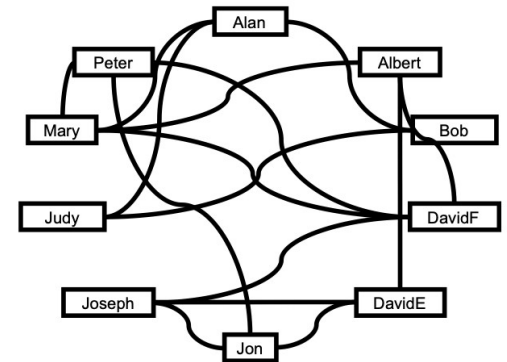
## Algorithm to draw graphs nicely

- few edge crossings
- nodes well-separated
- minimize bends

Nice



Not nice

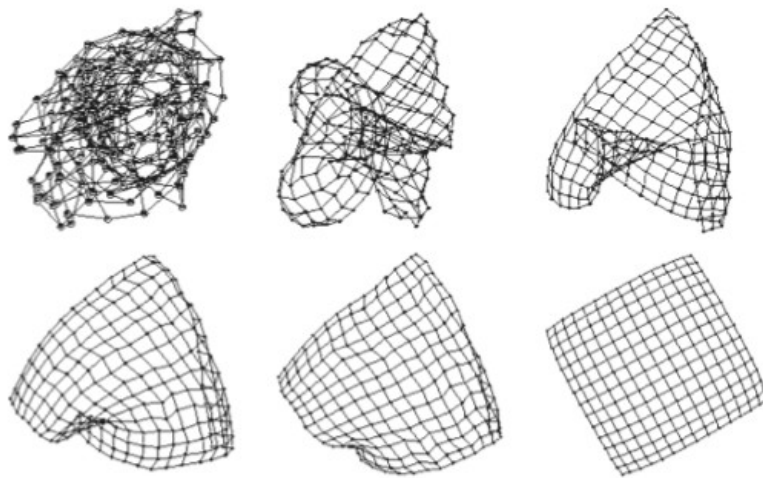


# Force directed layouts

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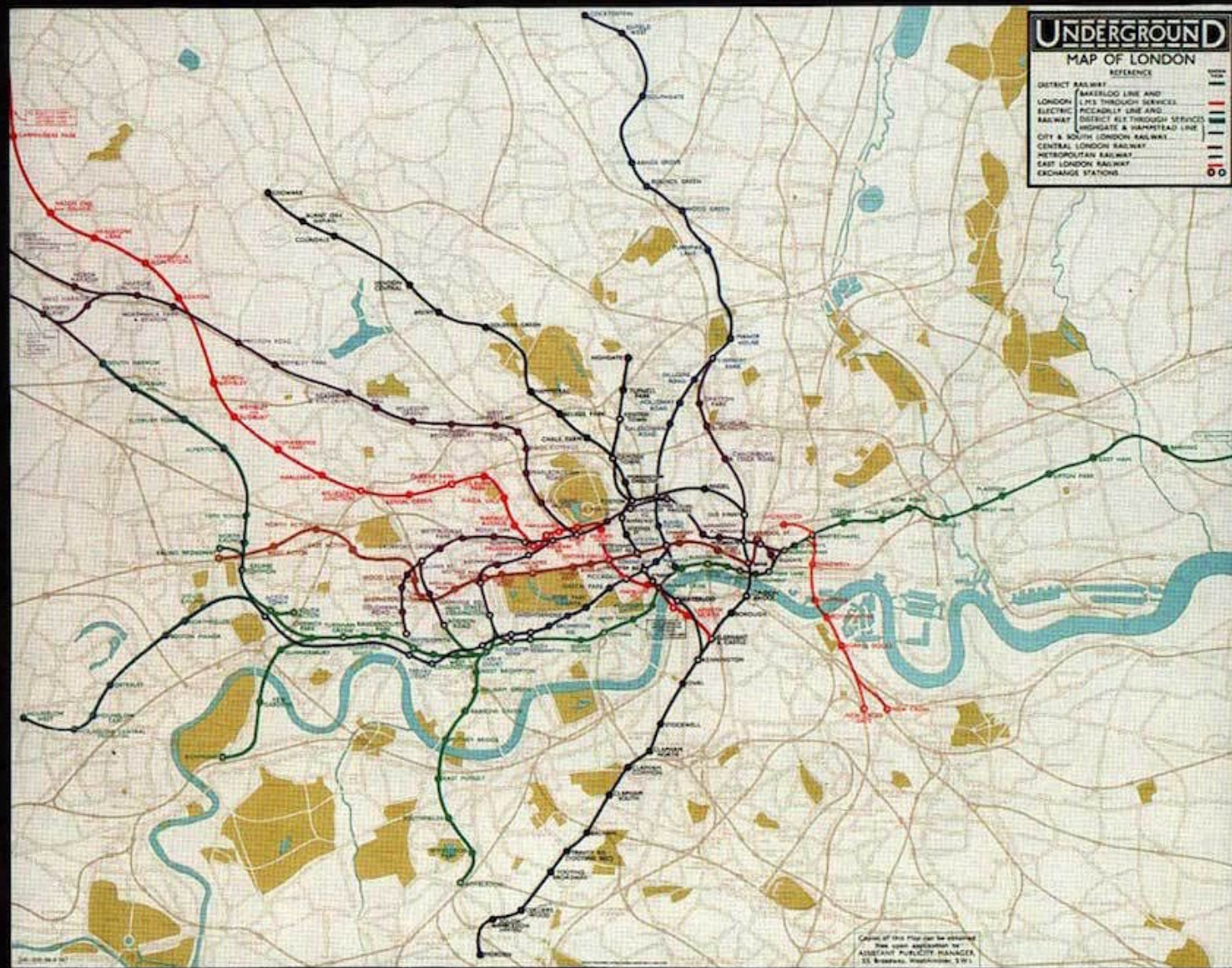


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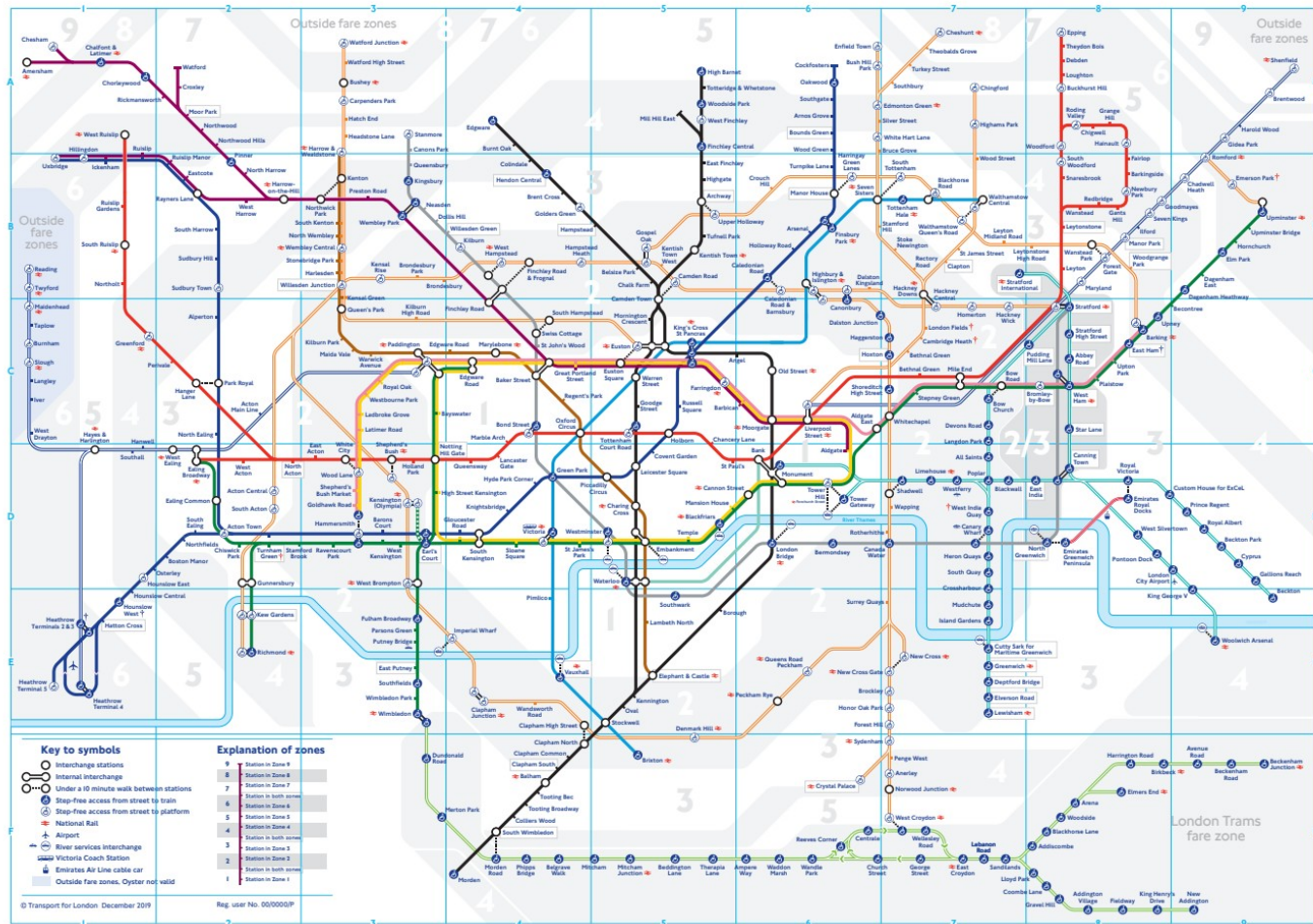








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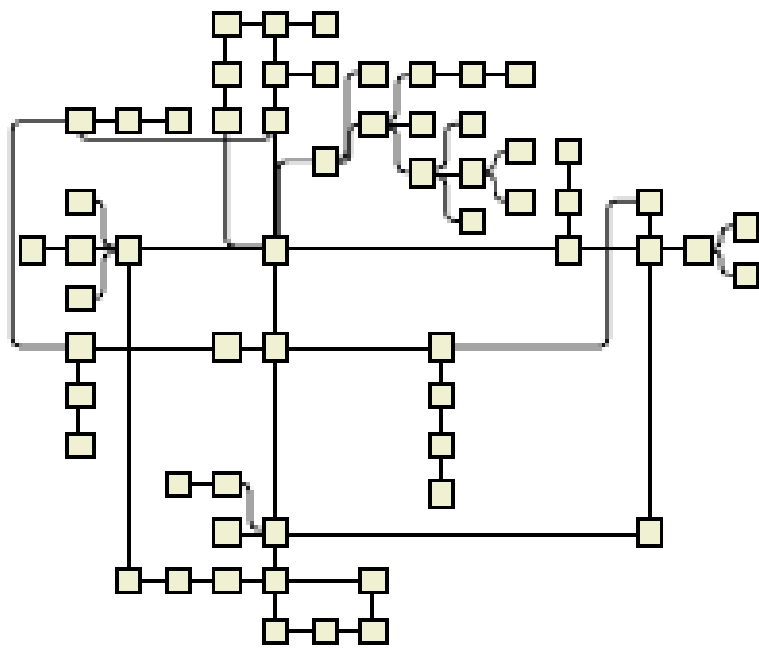
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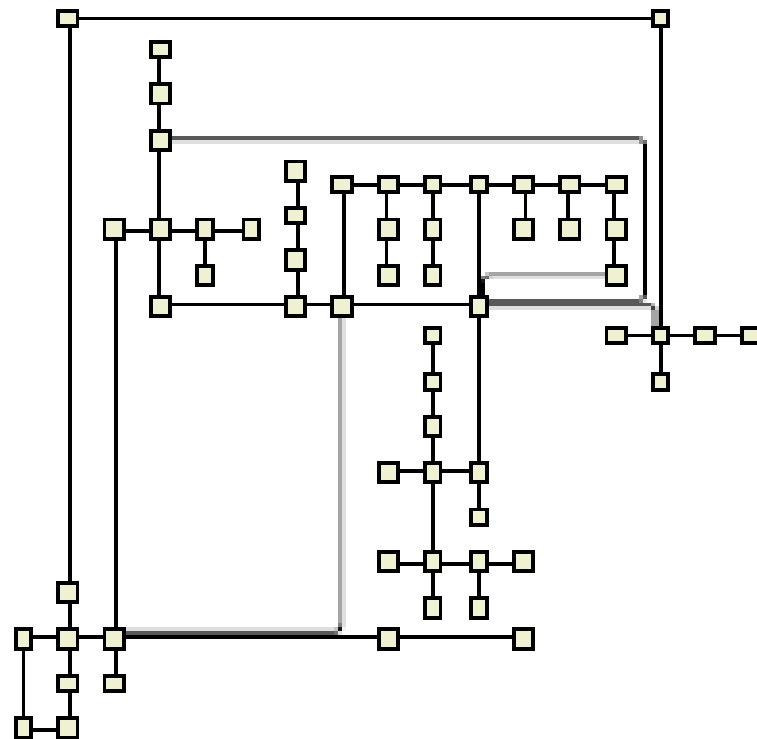
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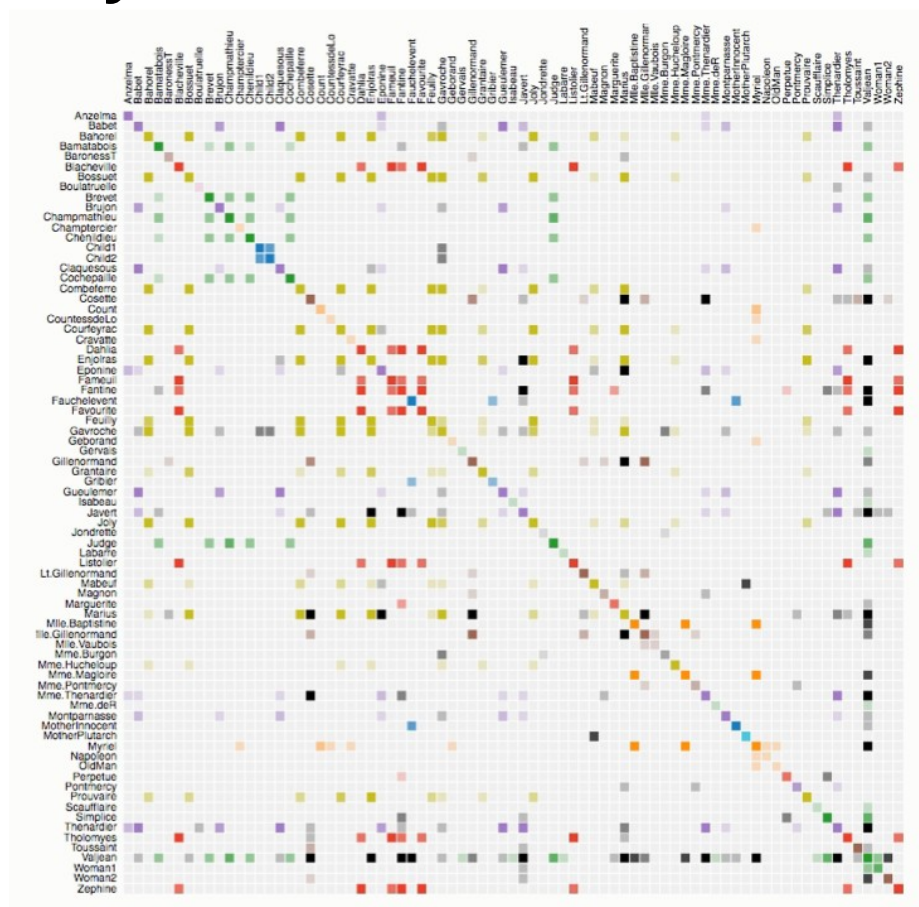


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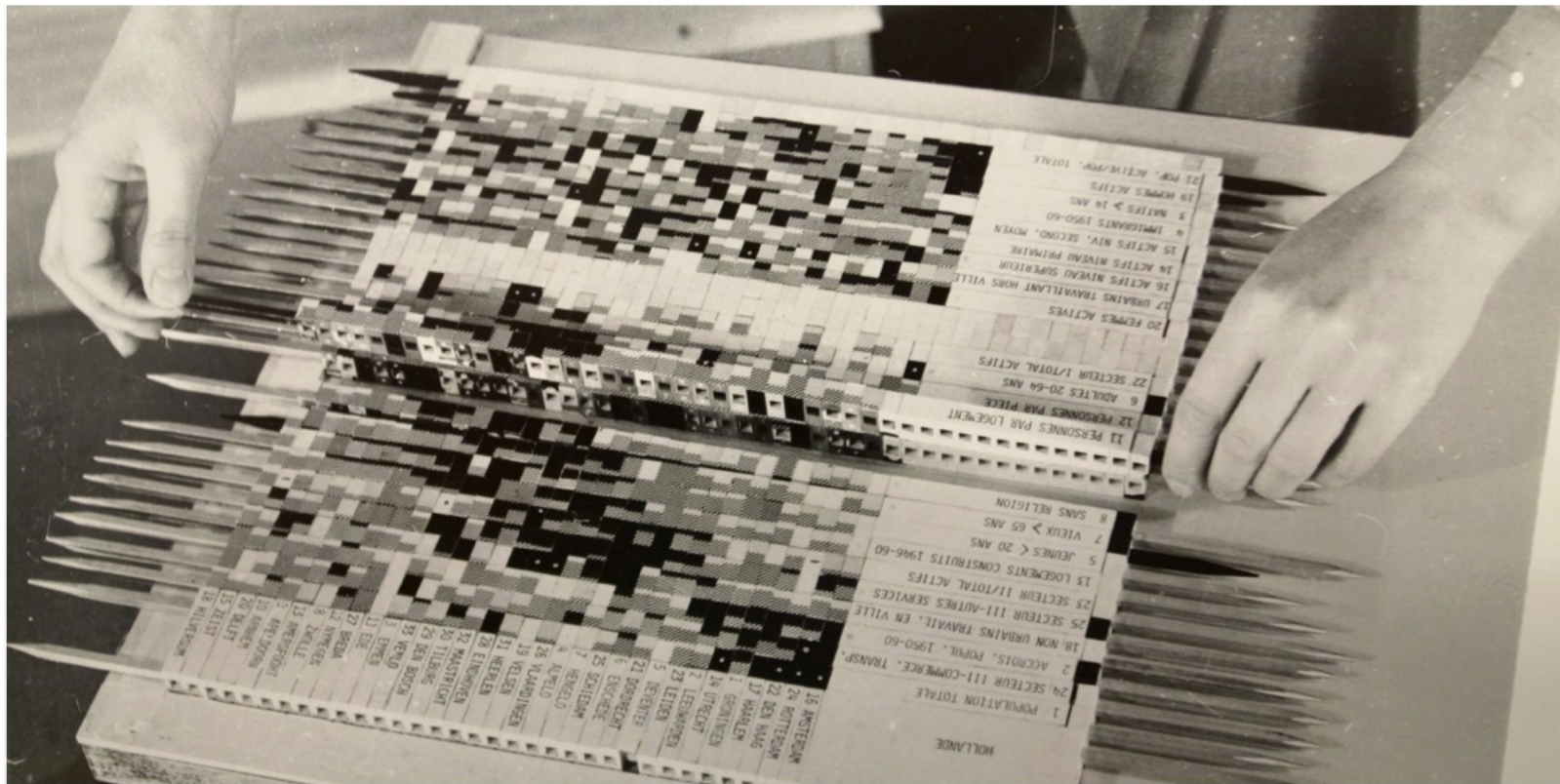


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# Adjacency matrix



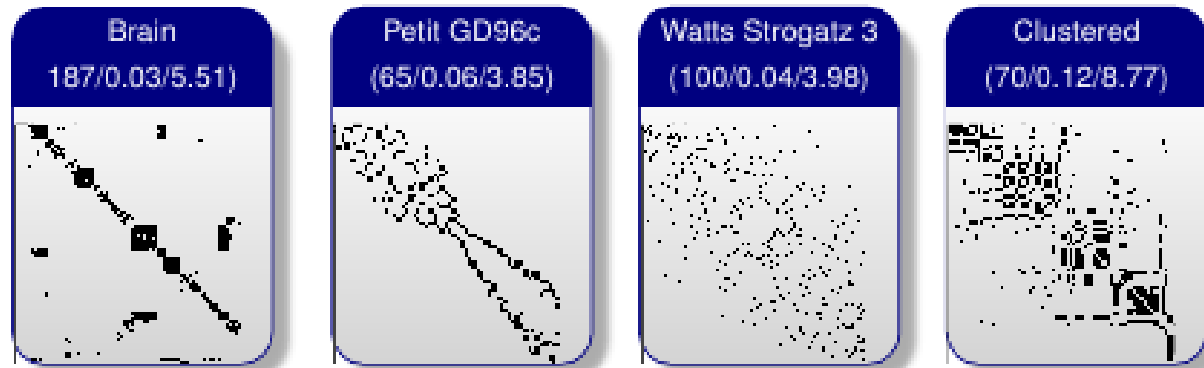
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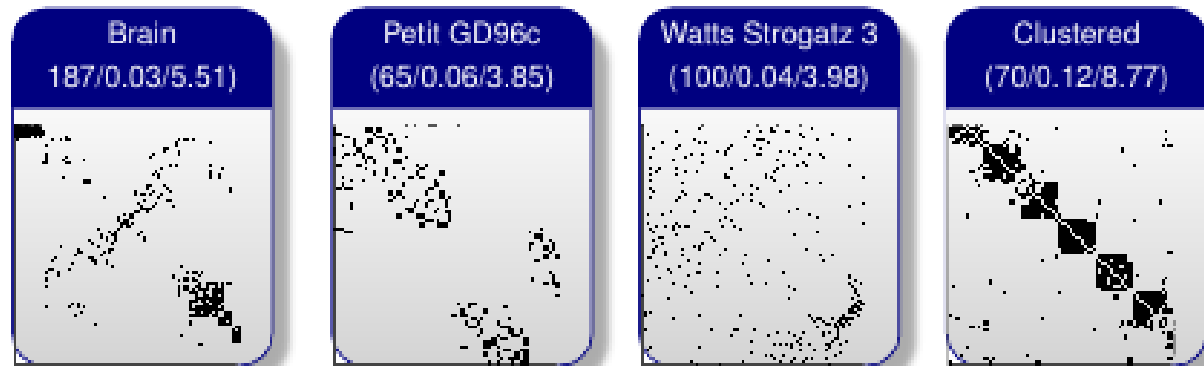
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# Algorithmic reordering



*Angular Order of Eigenvectors* [[Fri02](#)]



*Rank-two Ellipse Seriation* [[Che02](#)]

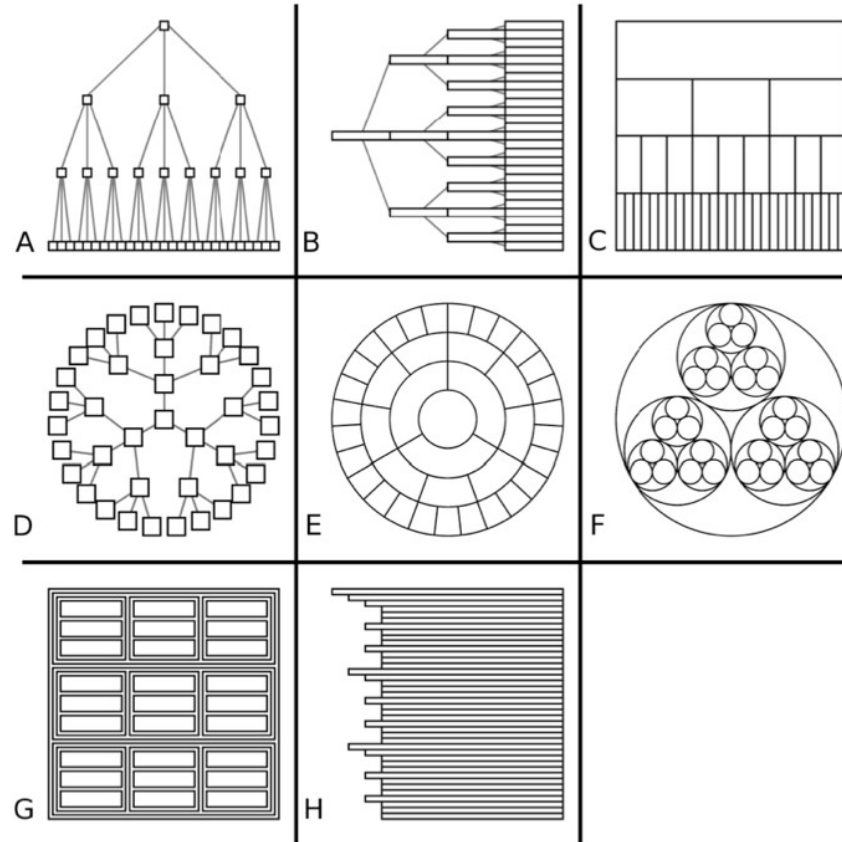


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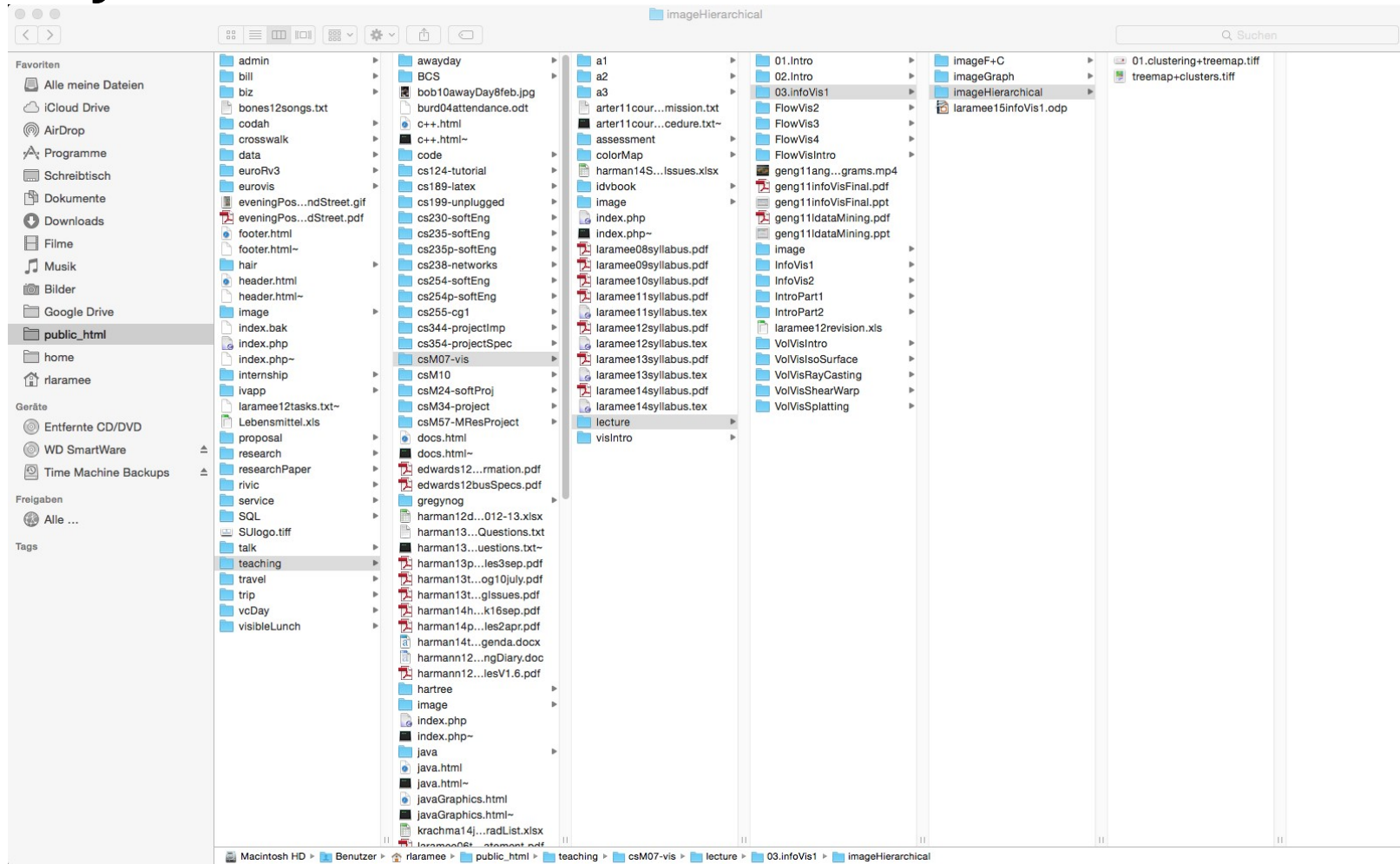
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- trees
- file system browsers
- venn diagrams
- treemaps

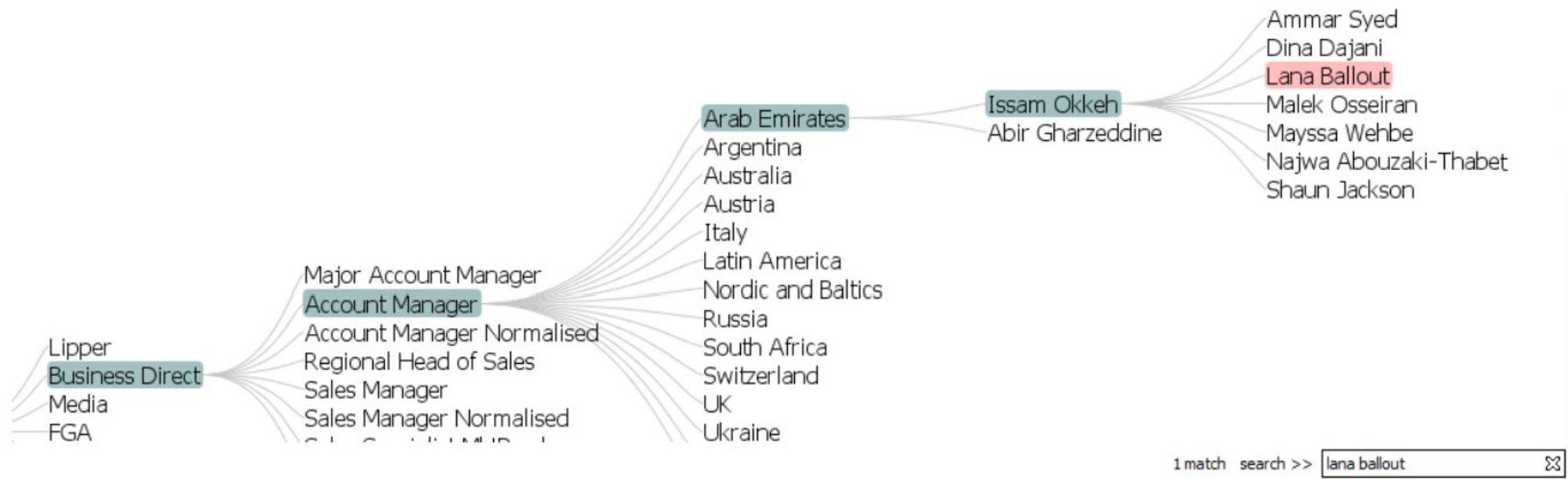
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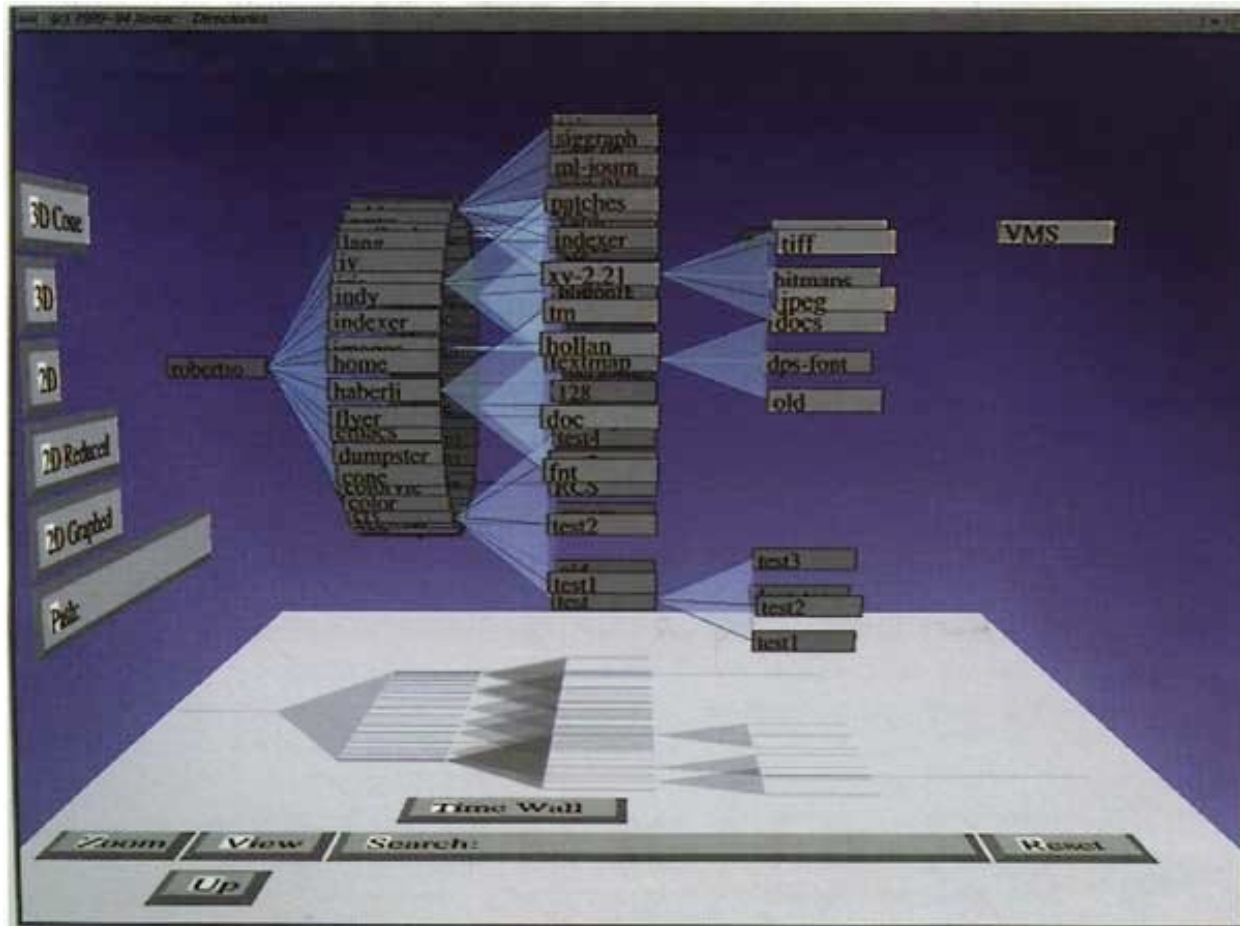
# File system browser



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# Cone tree



Robertson, George G., Jock D. Mackinlay, and Stuart K. Card. "Cone Trees: Animated 3D visualizations of hierarchical information," Proceedings of the SIGCHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems. 1991.

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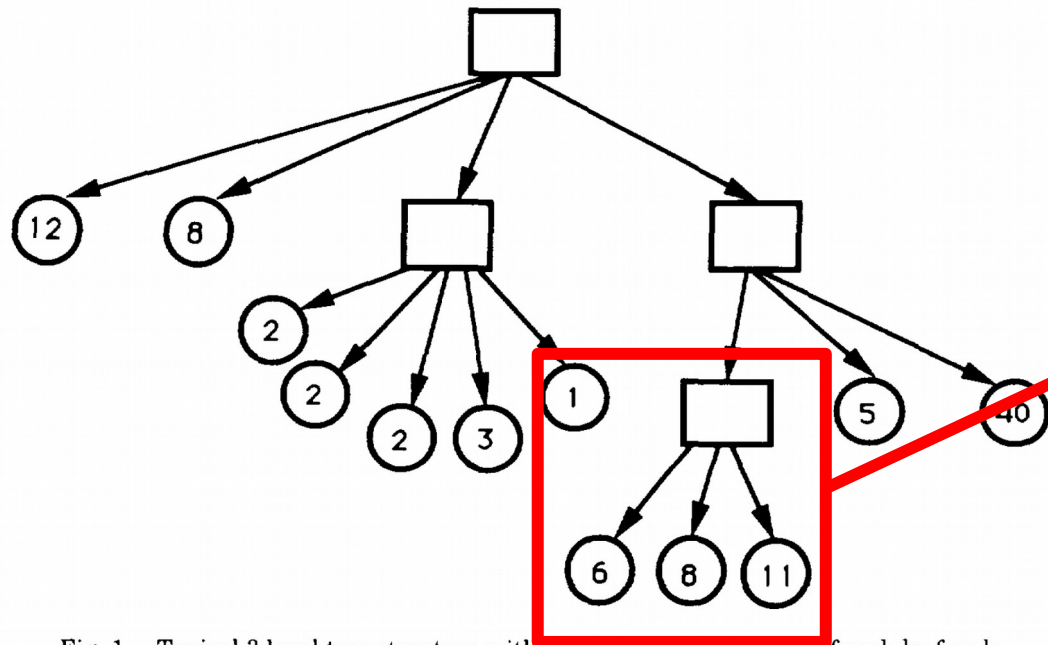


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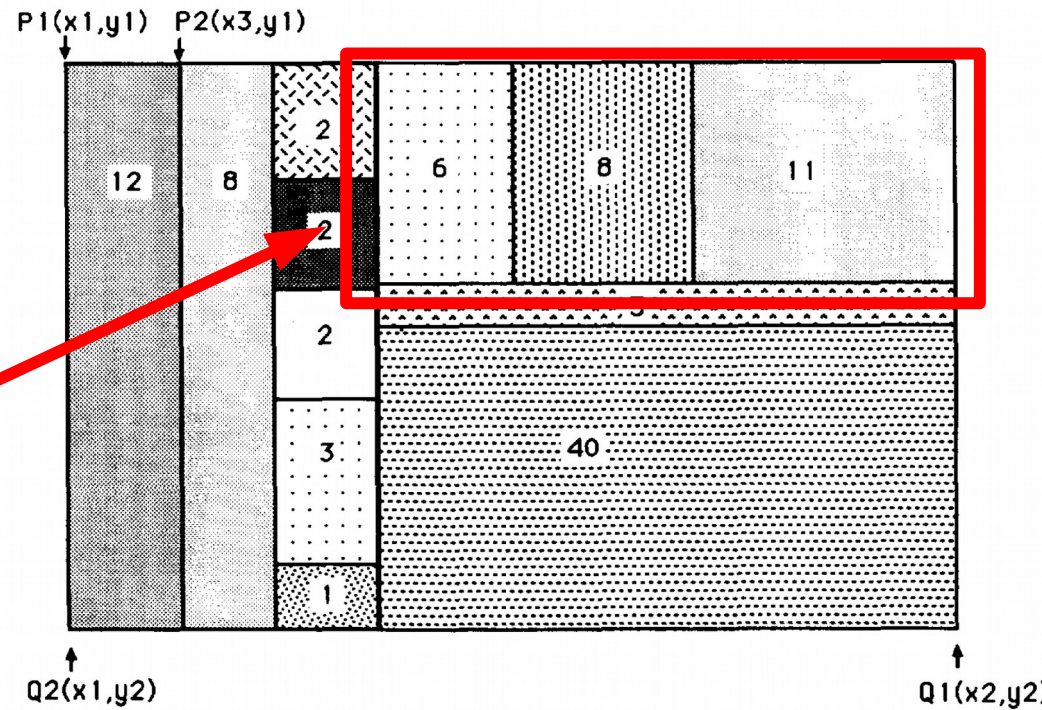


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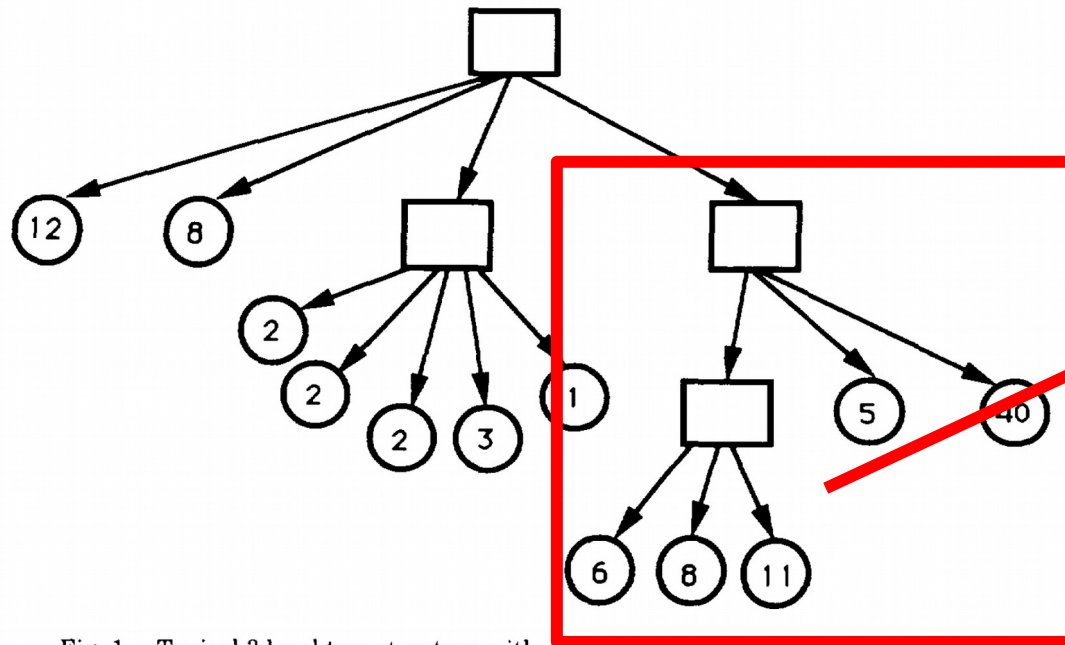


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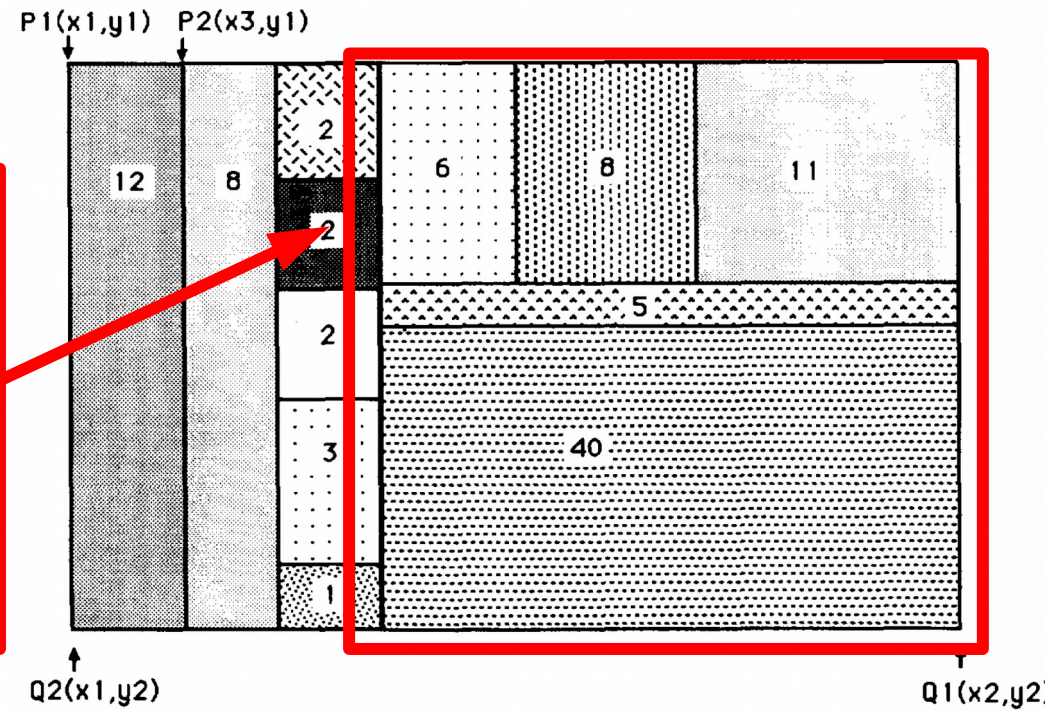
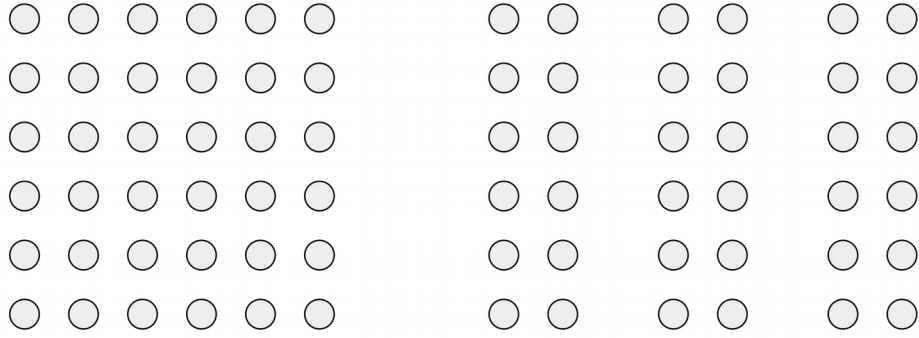


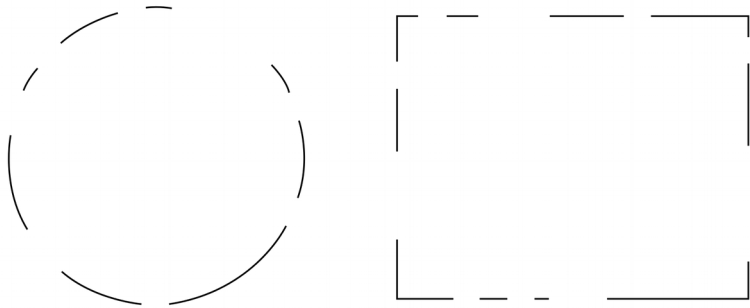
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# Gestalt principles

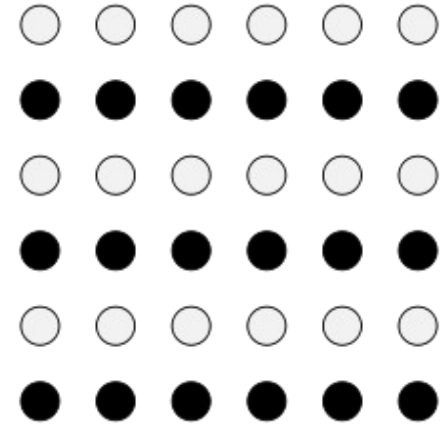
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Grouping



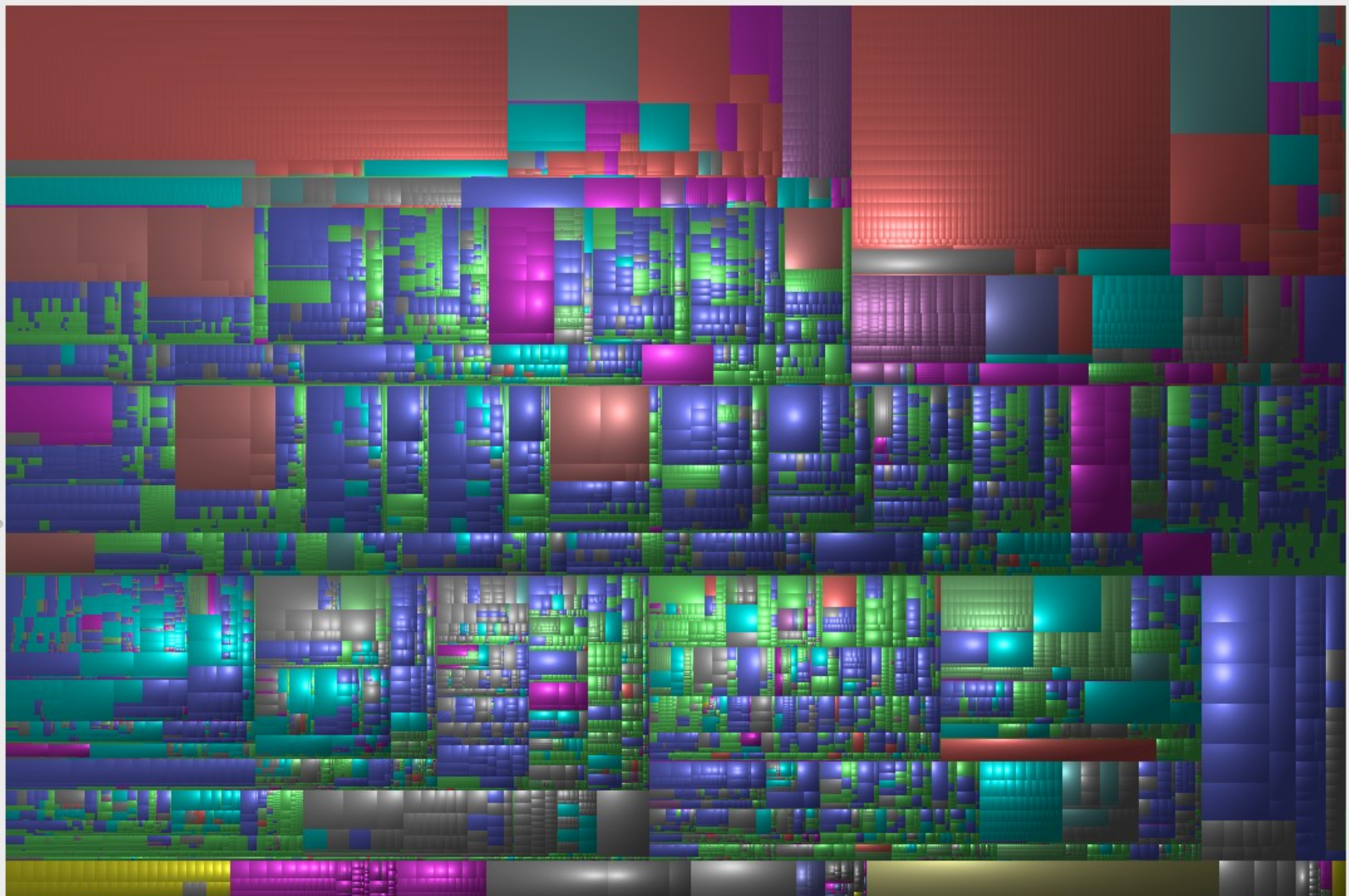
Closure



Similarity

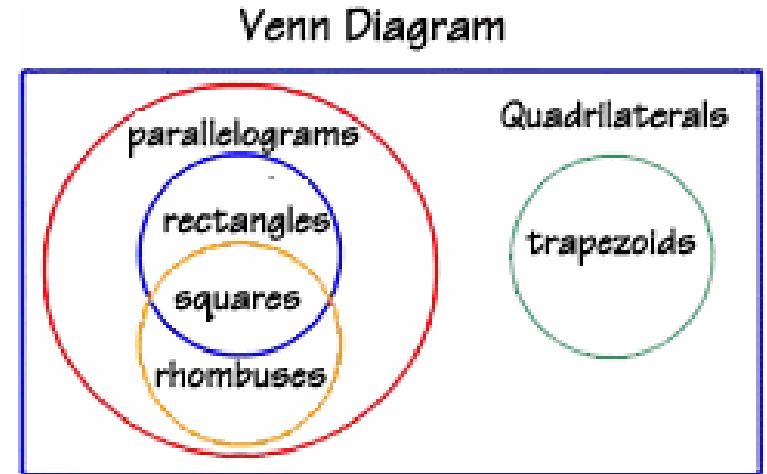
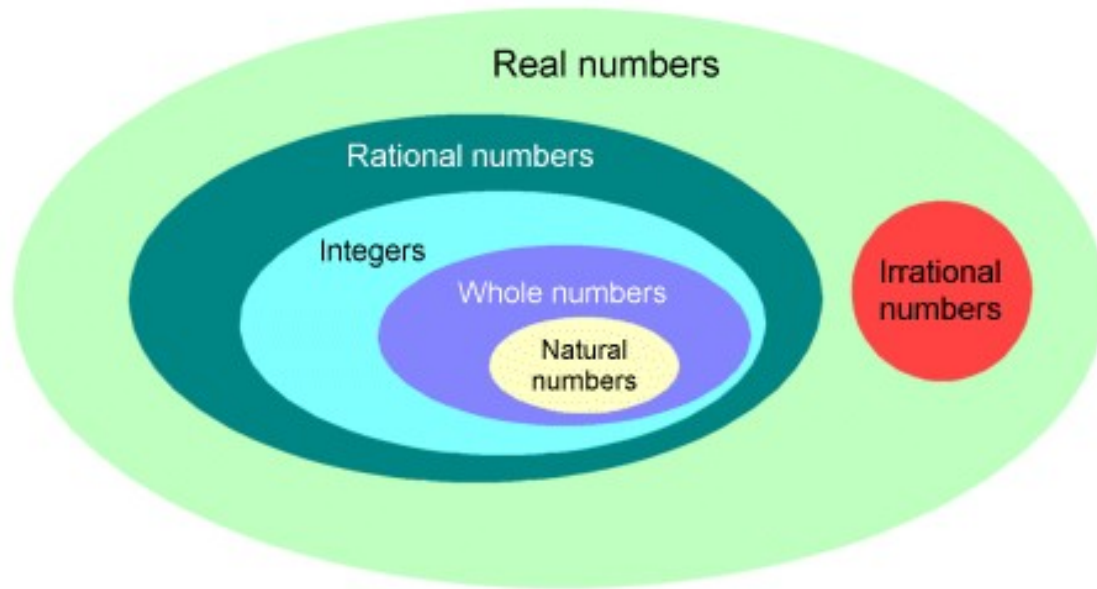


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# Venn diagram

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[http://www.technologyuk.net/mathematics/about\\_numbers/real\\_numbers.shtml](http://www.technologyuk.net/mathematics/about_numbers/real_numbers.shtml)

# Conclusion

# Summary

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- Node-link diagrams should minimize edge crossings and curved edges
- Adjacency matrix needs interactive reordering to show patterns
- Treemaps are a compact representation of trees