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CS3205 Lab Report 1

HDI Trends and Multidimensional Projections

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1 Introduction

1.1 List of Acronyms

UCC (University College Cork), HDR (Human Development Report), HDI (Human Development Index), GNI (Gross National Income), GDP (Gross Domestic Product), PCA (Principal Component Analysis), LSP (Least Squares Projection), ProjClus (Projection Clustering), t-SNE (t-distributed Stochastic Neighbour Embedding), CBR (Case-Based Reasoning).

1.2 The Report

This report was created to document my experience developing my data visualisation skills as part of UCC's CS3205 Data Visualisation module. It is divided into two separate parts, each tackling its own separate area of data visualisation. As well as documenting my experience exploring the specified datasets and the tools I chose to use, this report also served as an instructive exercise in typesetting and formatting an academic paper, which is sure to prove useful next year when I tackle my final year project.

Part 1 of this report deals with visualising survey data, namely in the form of the annual Human Development Report (HDR) dataset, to find attribute patterns using a wide variety of methods. Part 2 of this report uses the HDR Dataset as well as several other sample labeled datasets (which will be discussed in depth in the data description section) to create comprehensible projections into the 2-dimensional plane of the point-like datasets using several multi-dimensional scaling techniques.

As one of the primary goals of this report is to compare the different visualisation methods against each other, I have formatted the document into two or three columns where appropriate, such that multiple visualisations are visible on each page. However, this does come at the cost of reducing the size of each visualisation. To offset this issue each image in this report is hyperlinked to a full size version hosted on either GitHub or Tableau. I would suggest viewing this pdf report in your browser such that the need to switch applications when viewing full size images is eliminated.

The full project repository containing all scripts, datasets and other miscellaneous files needed to reproduce this report can be found [here](#).

1.3 The Role of Visualisation

Humans being a strongly visually oriented species means visualisations are a key part of any data analysis. A well formulated visualisation can turn an incomprehensible raw dataset into a graphic full of valuable information for our highly optimised pattern seeking brains.

That does not mean that all visualisation techniques are suitable for all data analysis tasks. Care must be taken with the transformation of the raw data into visualisations that the resulting visual is actually meaningful, and not just misleading noise. Tasks 1 and 2 of this report are a good example of distinguishing when and when not to use different visualisation techniques.

Task 1 uses the HDR dataset which has a (compared to Task 2's datasets) relatively small number of attributes, each of which is meaningful in its own right i.e. corresponds to an attribute of a country which has a meaningful, physical interpretation such as a country's total population or gross domestic produce (GDP). Techniques which compare individual attributes directly against each other can expose correlations between attributes which might not be obvious at first.

Task 2 on the other hand uses highly multidimensional data such as images where each pixel of an image can be attribute of that data, or text documents where the words of each document are embedded into a vector space with hundreds or thousands of dimensions. Each individual attribute of these datasets on its own does not carry much weight in the context of an image or document and directly comparing them to each other is unlikely to yield any salient information. In such an instance it is much more useful to project each data point into a 2 or 3-dimensional space and seek more broad patterns between documents such as clustering and dissimilarity.

2 Data Description

2.1 Task 1 Datasets

Two datasets were used to complete task 1:

1. **CS3205_2020_statistical_annex_all.xlsx**, is an Excel spreadsheet containing survey data collected by the Human Development Centre from their HDR 2020 report.
2. **hdi.csv**, a csv file containing the HDI score assigned to each country in the world from the years 1990 to 2019 provided to all students taking CS3205 on Canvas.

CS3205_2020_statistical_annex_all.xlsx contains all of the unmodified original sheets supplied in the HDR. When selecting which attributes to include in the task 1 visualisations I found it most expedient to simply copy and paste the columns from the existing sheets to a new sheet called ReformattedData. This was possible since to the relatively small scale of the number of attributes and records in the dataset.

I then was able to manually add the HDI Label column by selecting groups of cells between each of the highlighted HDI Level rows which were in the original sheets (possible since countries are ordered by HDI rank). Finally I removed the highlighted HDI Level rows since they were only for the benefit of human observers and do not actually contain any attribute information.

2.2 Task 2 Datasets

Description of data.

3 Task 1

3.1 Free Exploration

In the free exploration section of the assignment I have mainly (but not exclusively) created visualisations which give a broad overview of the general distribution of HDI across countries.

Each of the following visualisations will include:

- A graphic
- A description of a pattern (or lack of)
- A hypothesis as to the cause of this pattern
- The dataset from which the data came

3.1.1 HDI Histogram

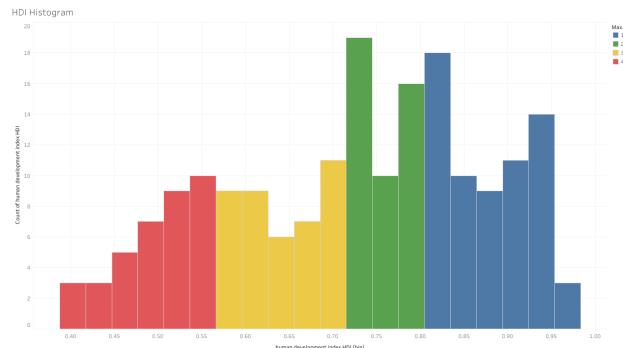


Figure 3.1: my hdi caption

3.1.2 HDI Global Heatmap

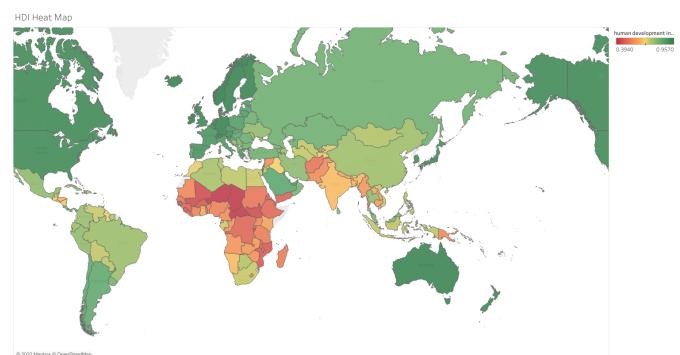


Figure 3.2: what a pretty map

3.1.3 Average HDI Trend

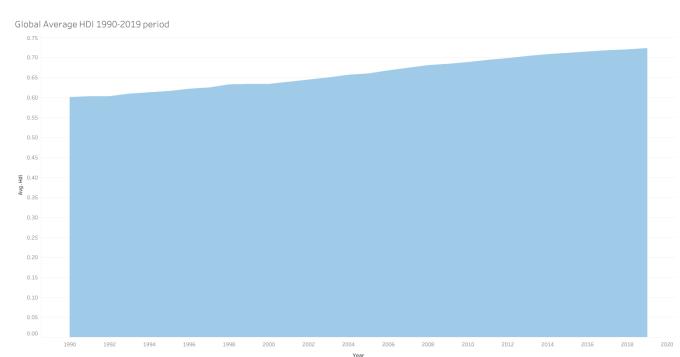


Figure 3.3: no dips

3.1.4 Min/Max HDI

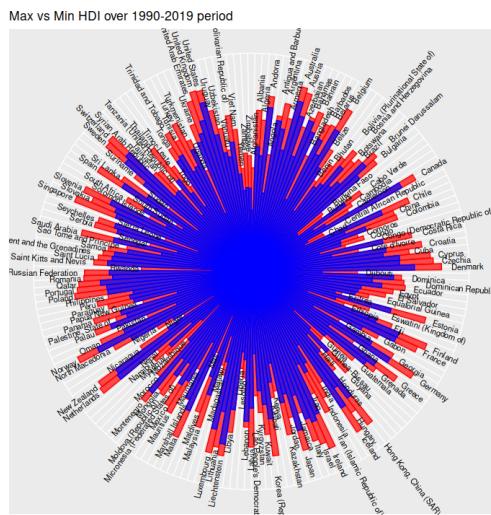


Figure 3.4: going in circles

3.1.5 Male/Female Mean Years Education

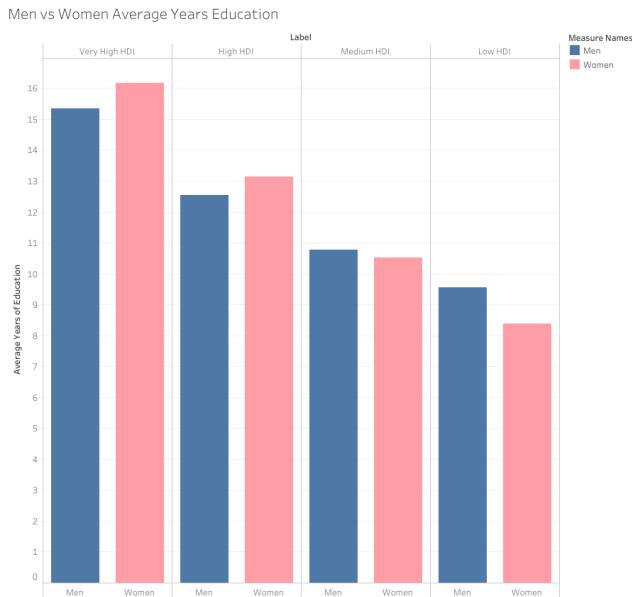


Figure 3.5: girl power

3.2 Specific Observations

In the specific observations section of the assignment I have created visualisations in line with the task list specifications.

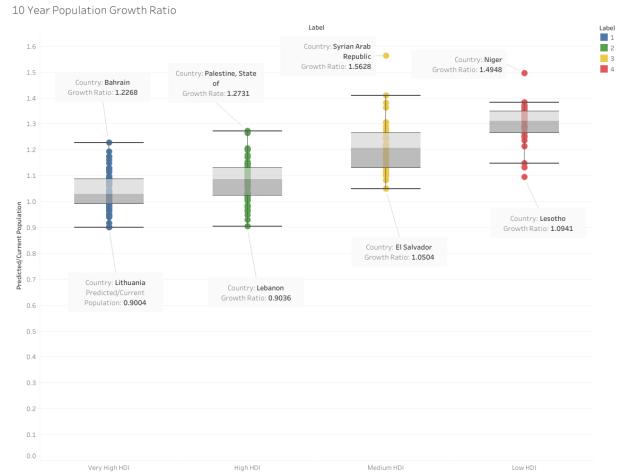


Figure 3.6: sexy visual spurious values

Mean vs Expected Years Schooling

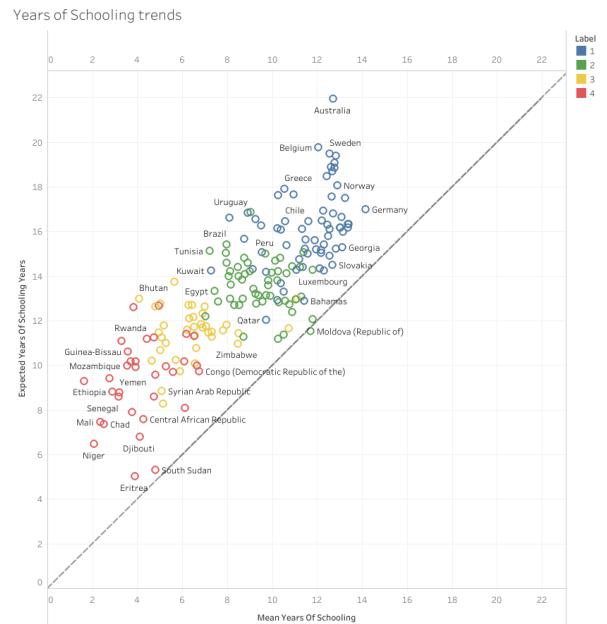


Figure 3.7: spurious value 2

3.2.2 Correlated Attributes

3.2.1 Spurious Values

Expected Population Growth

Fertility Rate vs Adolescent Birth Rate

Fertility Rate vs Adolescent Birth Rate

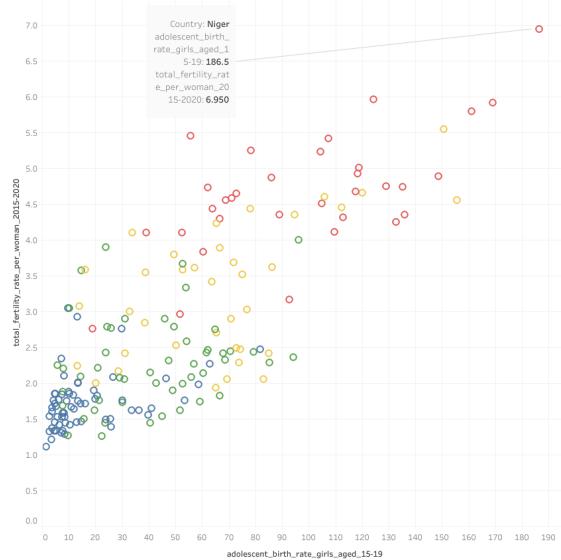


Figure 3.8: Early have children more children you have

Proportion of Women in Parliament vs Expected Years of Schooling (Men and Women)

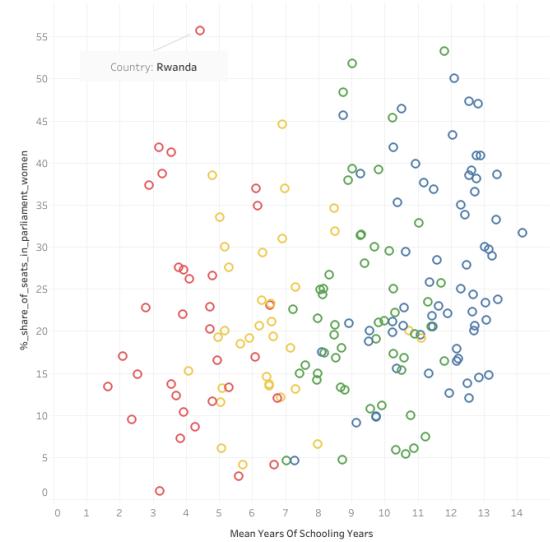


Figure 3.10: Surprising

HDI vs Gross National Income

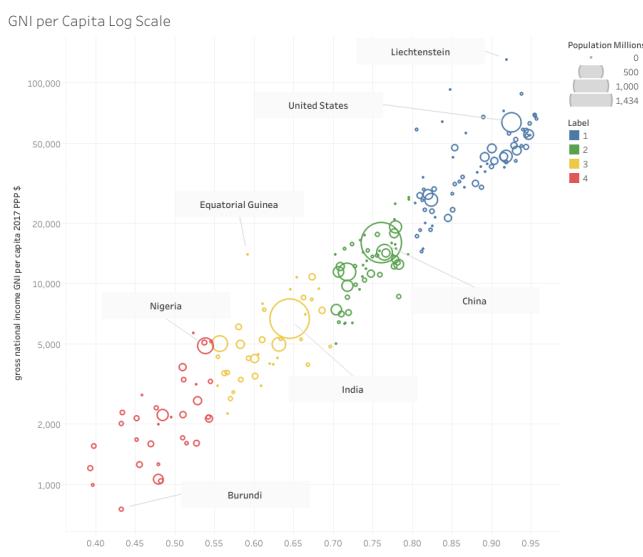


Figure 3.9: GNI accounts almost totally for HDI

Labour Force Participation vs GDP

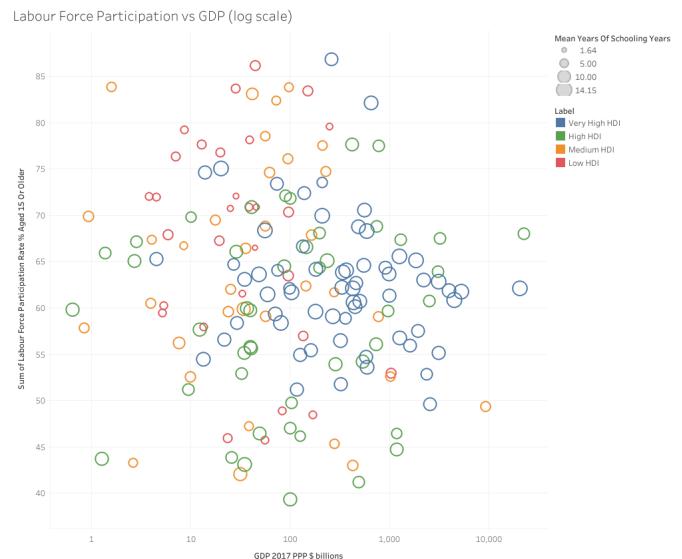


Figure 3.11: Surprising

3.2.4 Hypotheses for Previous Patterns

Health Expenditure ordered by Life Expectancy

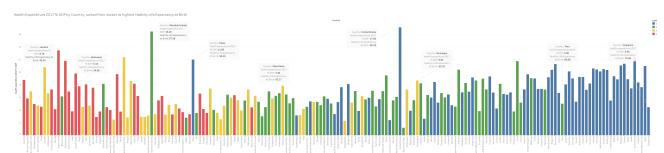


Figure 3.12: think of caption

3.2.3 Uncorrelated Attributes

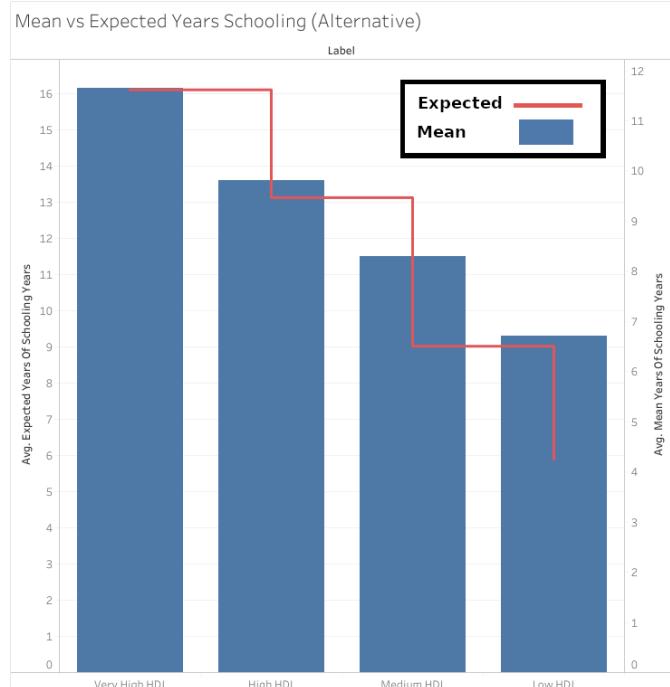
Women Share of Seats in Government vs Average Years Education

3.2.5 Usefulness of All Visualisations

3.2.6 Alternative Visualisations

Min/Max HDI Alternative

Figure 3.13: too long for computer screen, can do horizontal line comparisons



Mean vs Expected Years Schooling

Figure 3.14: Lose individual countries

4 Task 2

Results for task 2.

4.1 Corel Projections Comparison

4.1.1 LSP

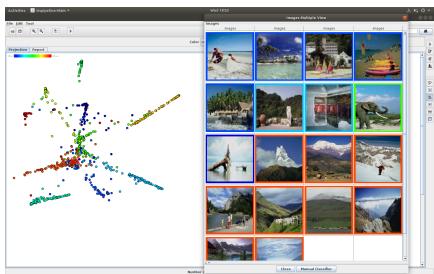


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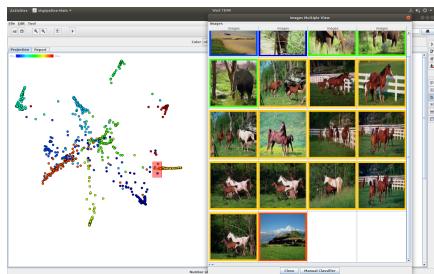


Figure 4.3: Second projection

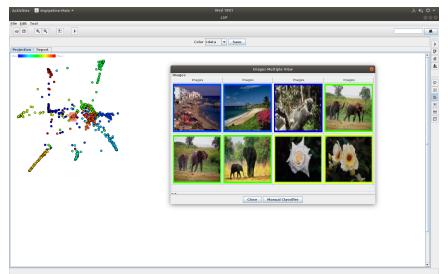


Figure 4.5: Third projection

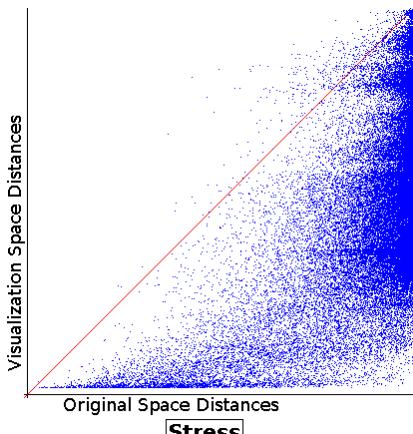


Figure 4.2: Stress Curve

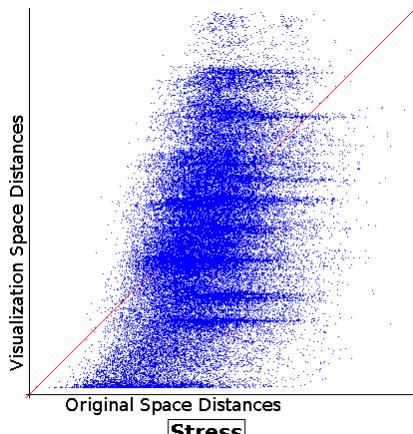


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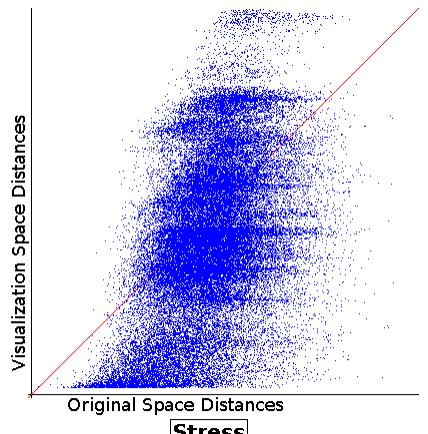


Figure 4.6: Stress Curve

4.1.2 t-SNE

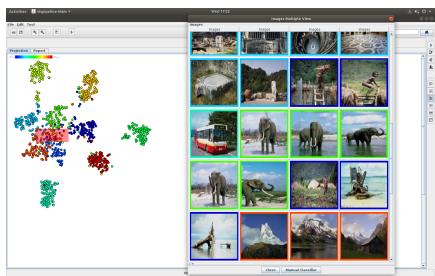


Figure 4.7: First projection

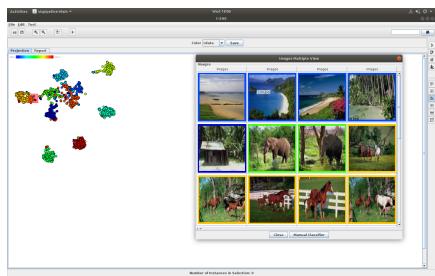


Figure 4.9: Second projection

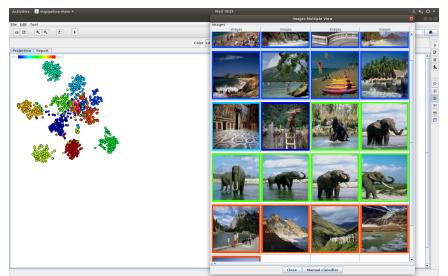


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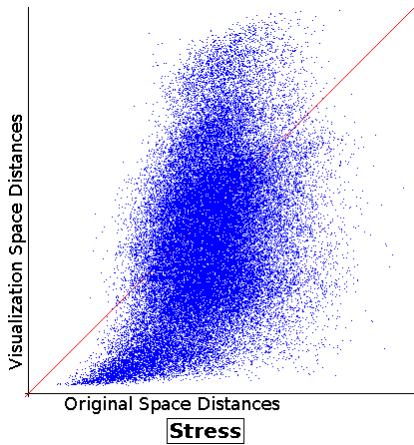


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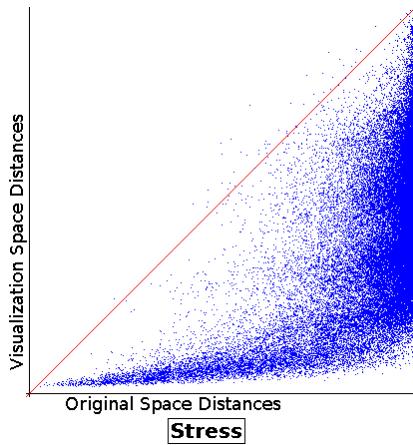


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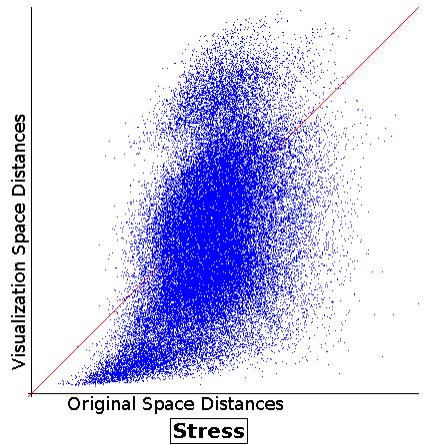


Figure 4.12: Stress Curve

4.1.3 PCA

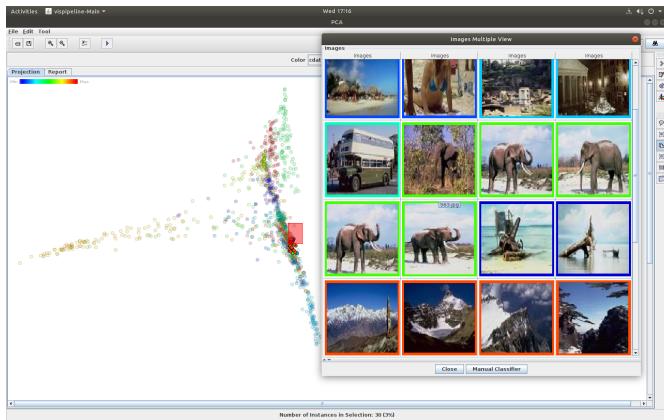


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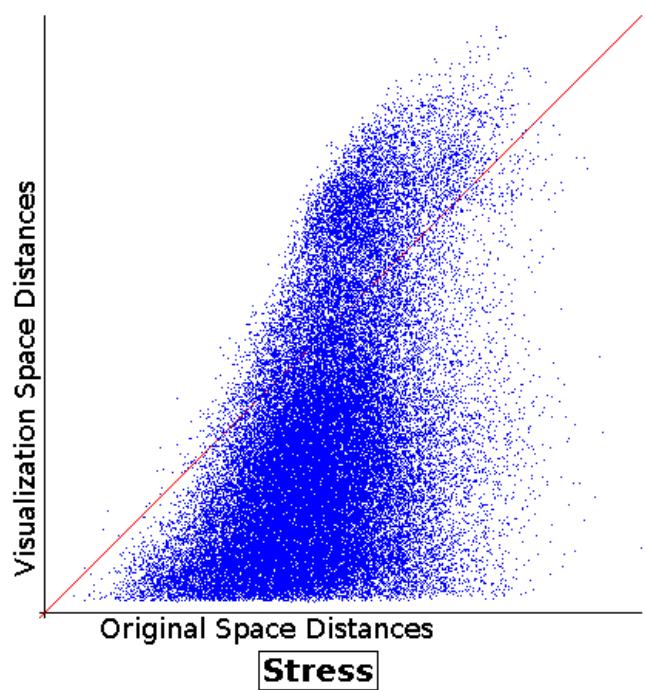


Figure 4.14: Stress Curve

4.2 CBR Projections Comparison

4.2.1 LSP

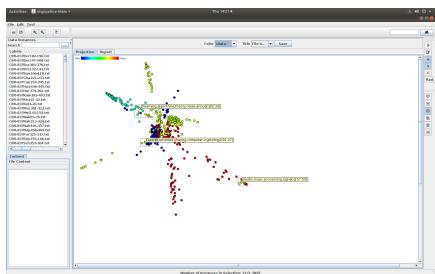


Figure 4.15: First projection

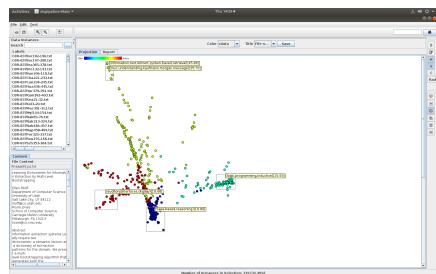


Figure 4.17: Second projection

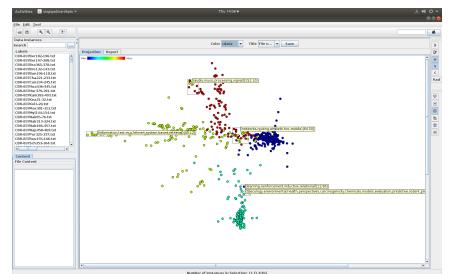


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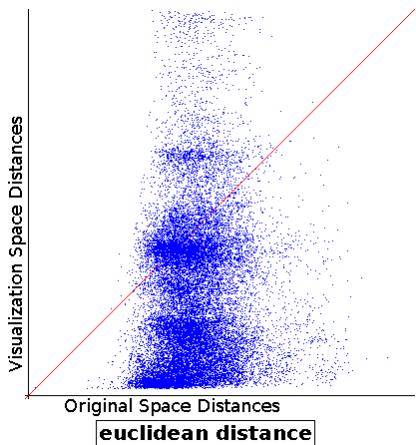


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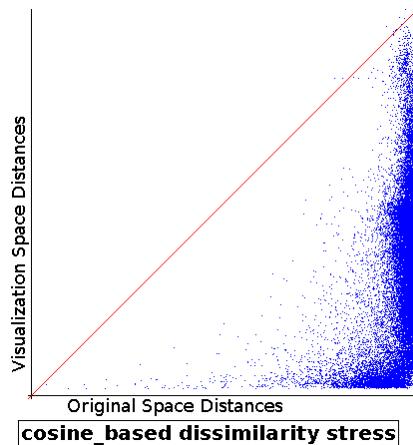


Figure 4.18: Stress Curve

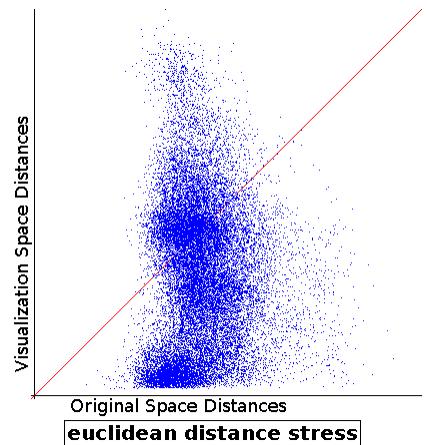


Figure 4.20: Stress Curve

4.2.2 t-SNE

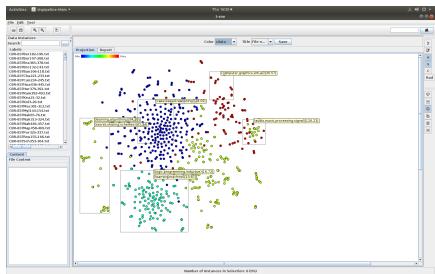


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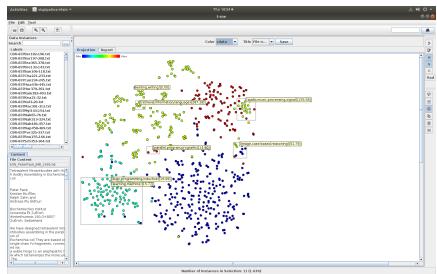


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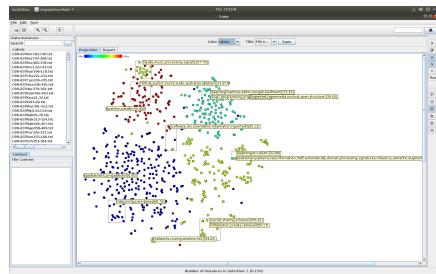


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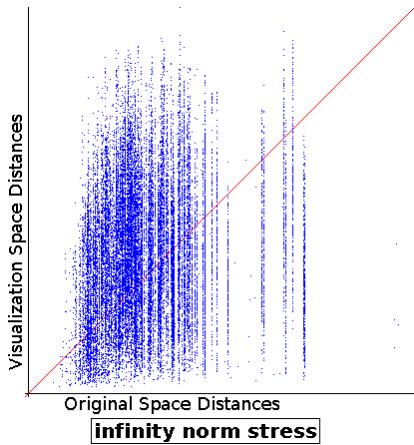


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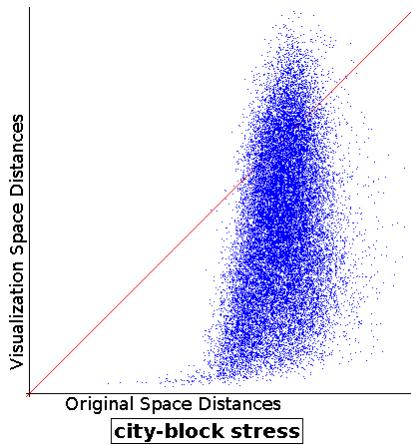


Figure 4.24: Stress Curve

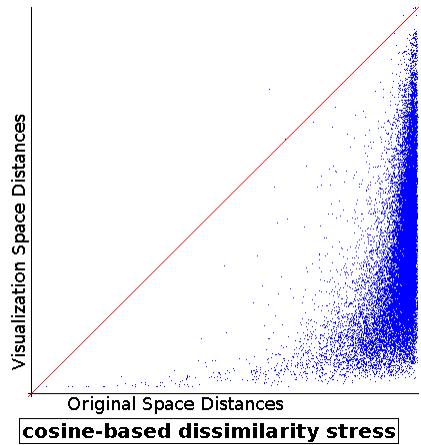


Figure 4.26: Stress Curve

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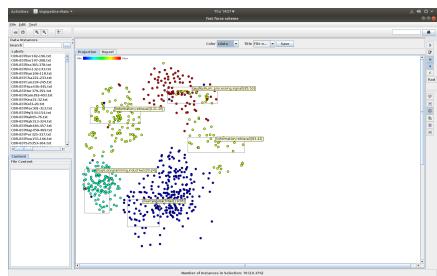


Figure 4.27: First projection

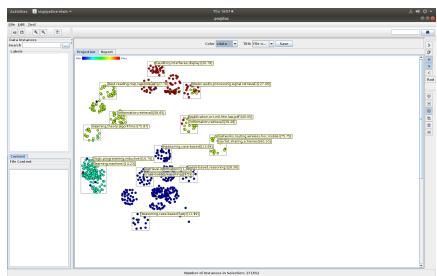


Figure 4.29: Second projection

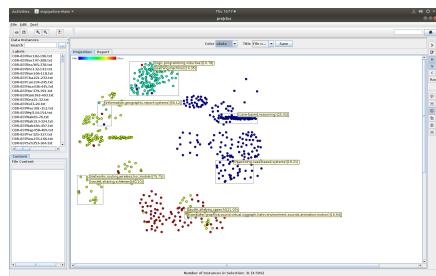


Figure 4.31: Third projection

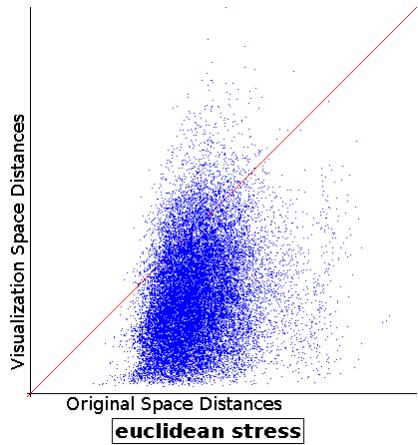


Figure 4.28: Stress Curve

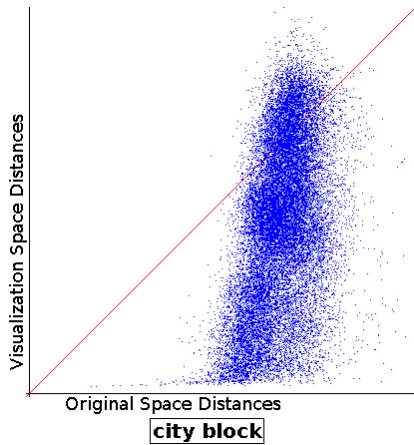


Figure 4.30: Stress Curve

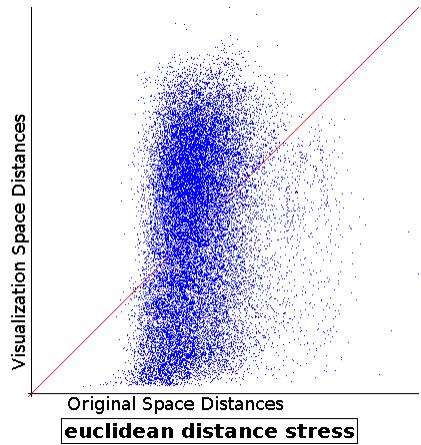


Figure 4.32: Stress Curve

4.3 Medical Images Projections Comparison

4.3.1 LSP

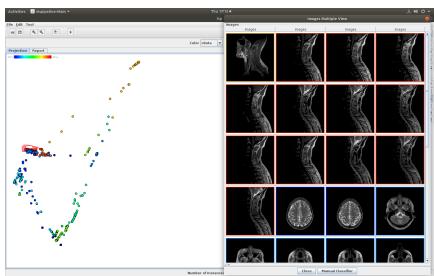


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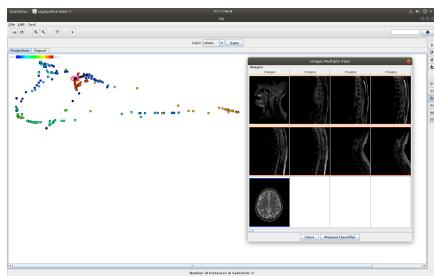


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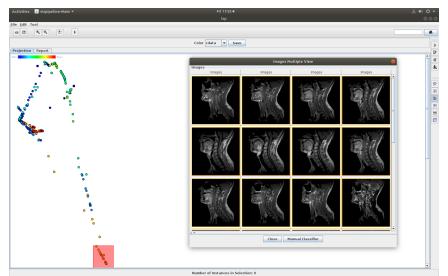


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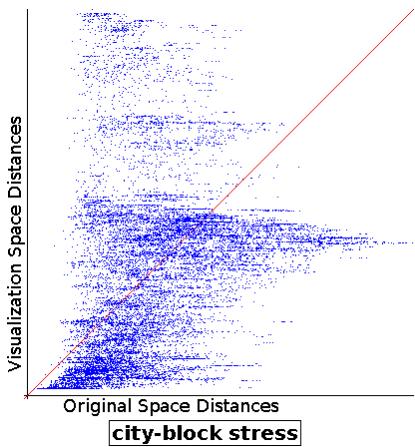


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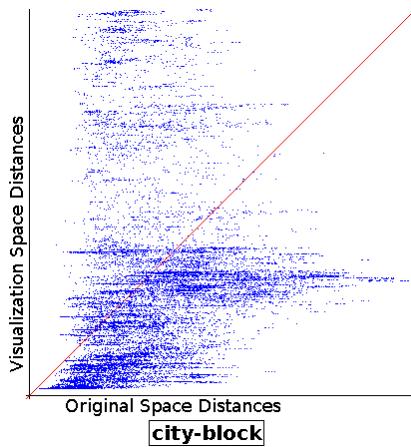


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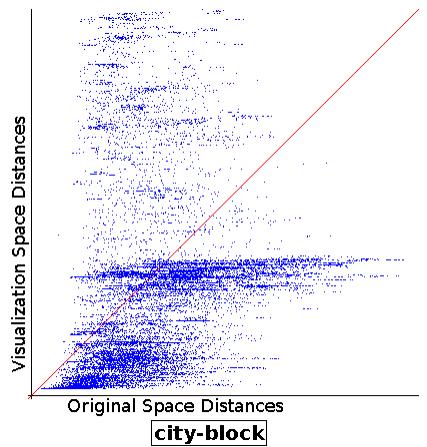


Figure 4.38: Stress Curve

4.3.2 t-SNE

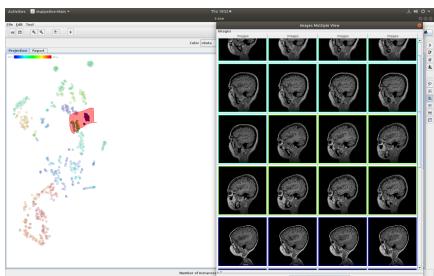


Figure 4.39: First projection



Figure 4.41: Second projection

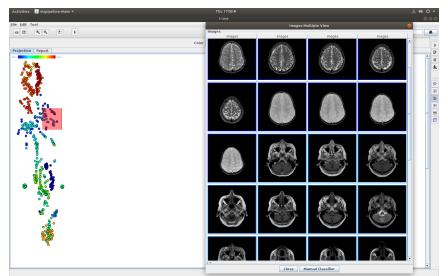


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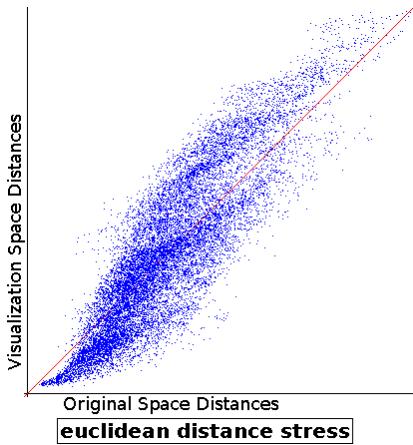


Figure 4.40: Stress Curve

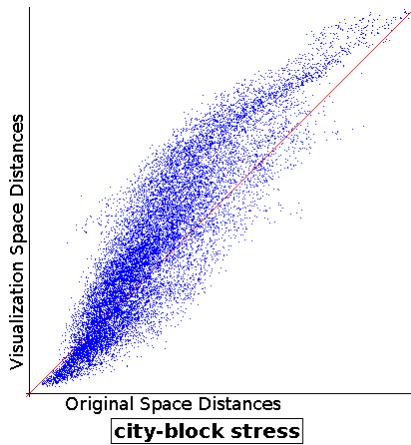


Figure 4.42: Stress Curve

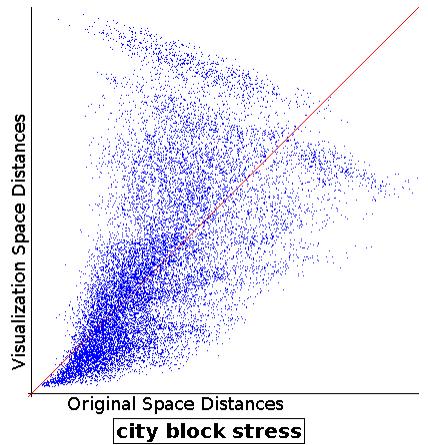


Figure 4.44: Stress Curve

4.3.3 PCA

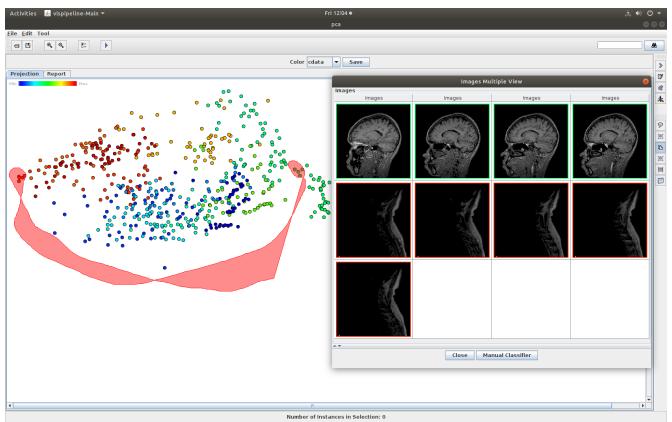


Figure 4.45: First projection

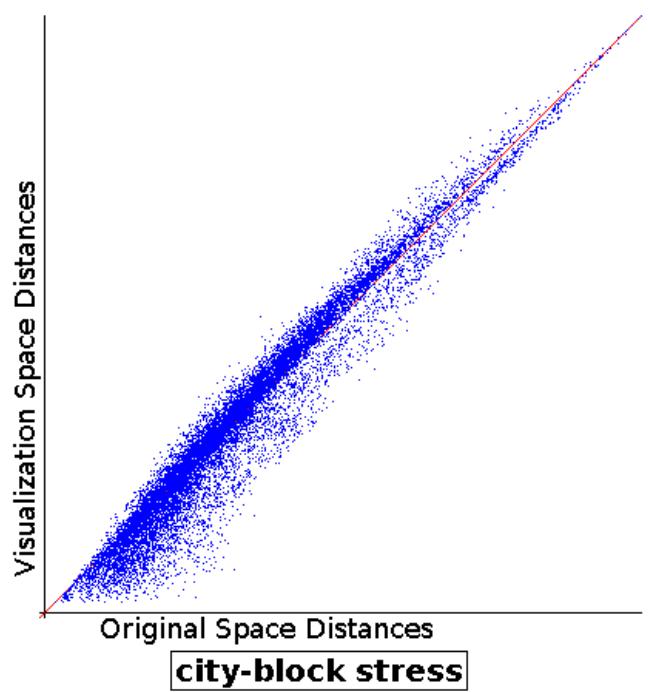


Figure 4.46: Stress Curve

4.4 News Headlines Projections Comparison

4.4.1 LSP

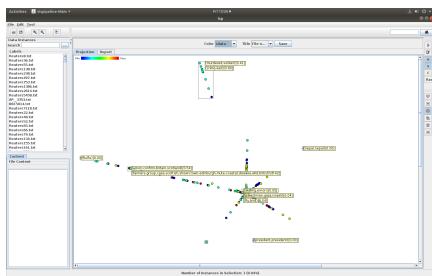


Figure 4.47: First projection

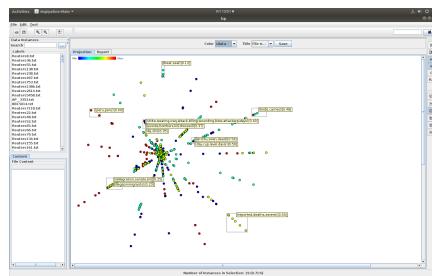


Figure 4.49: Second projection

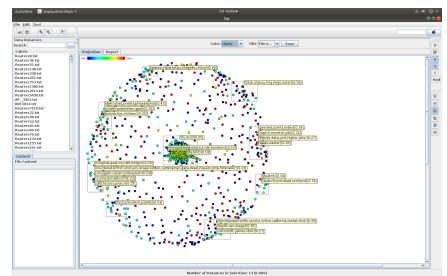


Figure 4.51: Third projection

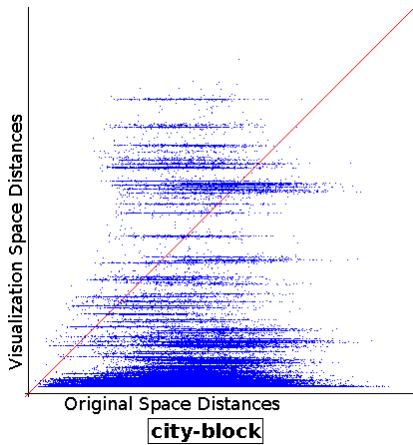


Figure 4.48: Stress Curve

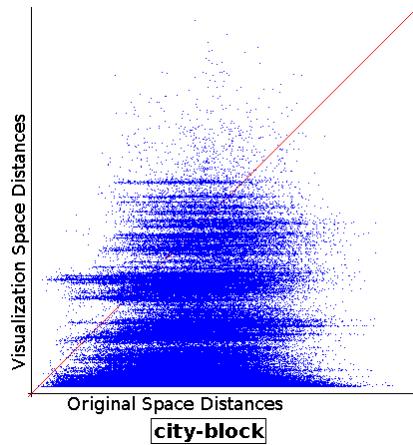


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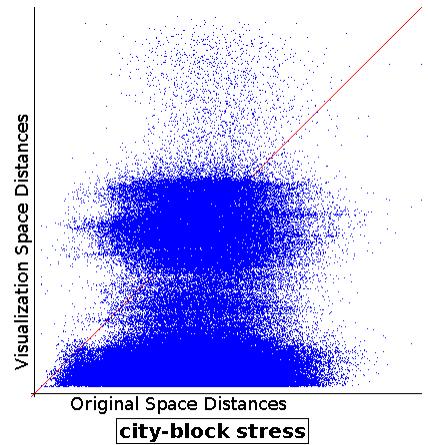


Figure 4.52: Stress Curve

4.4.2 t-SNE

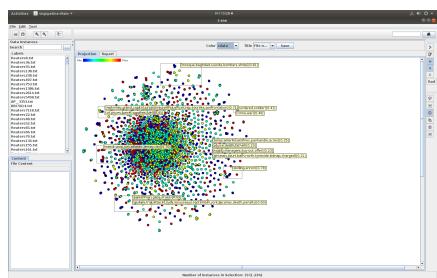


Figure 4.53: First projection

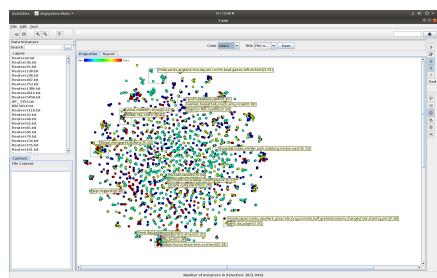


Figure 4.55: Second projection

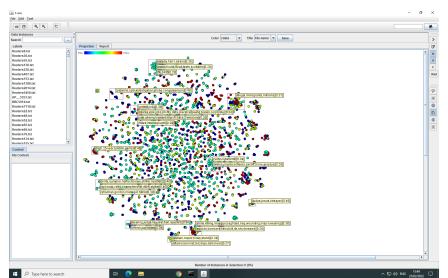


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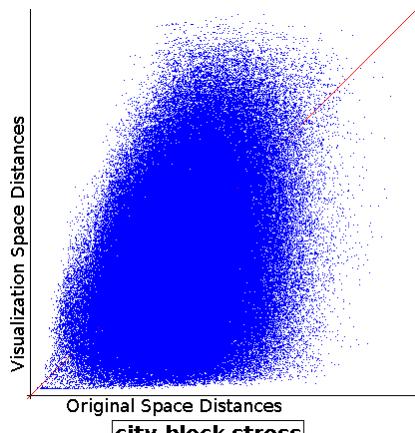


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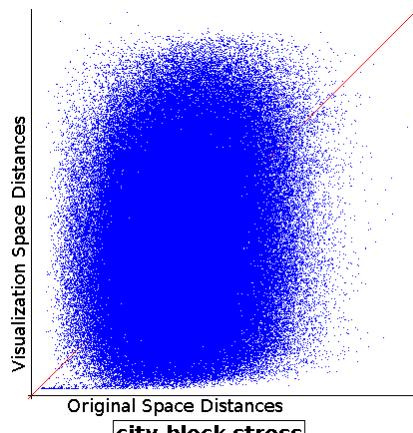


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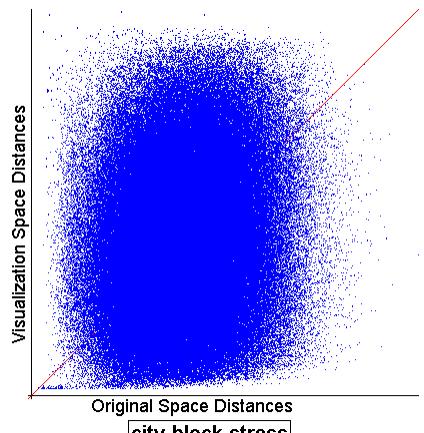


Figure 4.58: Stress Curve

4.4.3 ProjClus

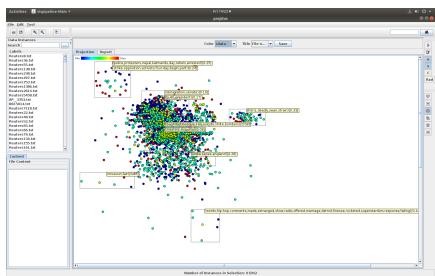


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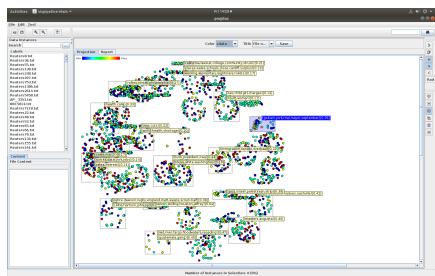


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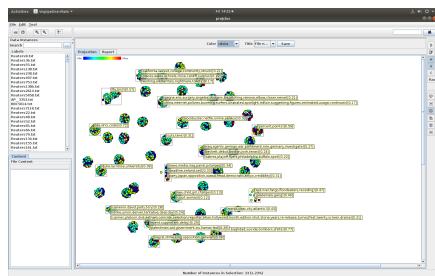


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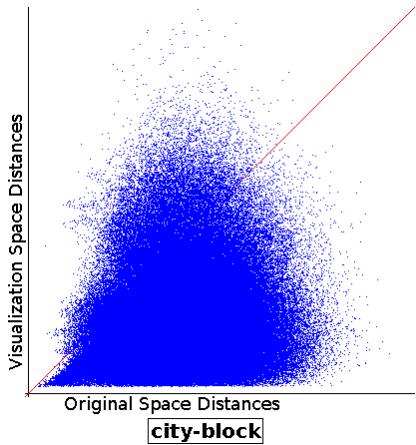


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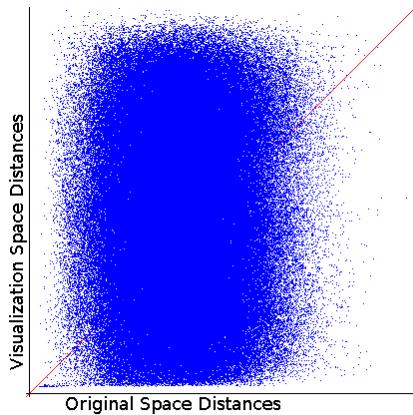


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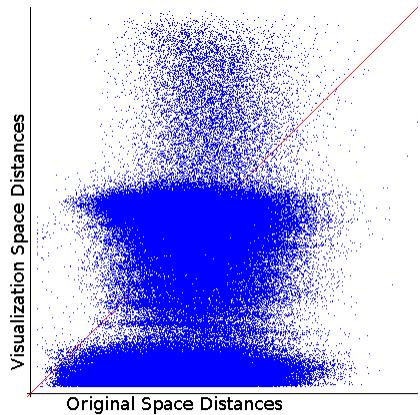


Figure 4.64: Stress Curve

4.5 Projections of HDR

4.5.1 LSP

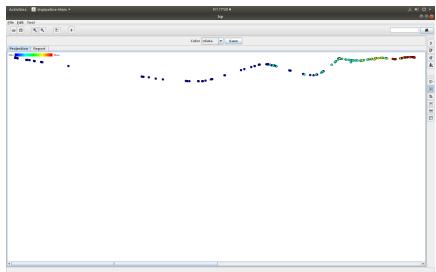


Figure 4.65: First projection

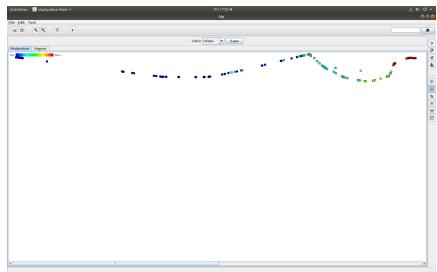


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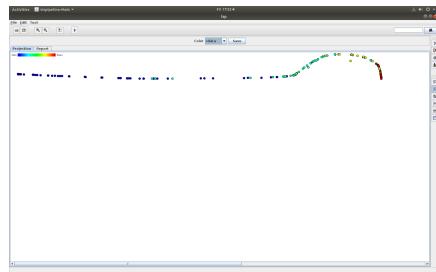


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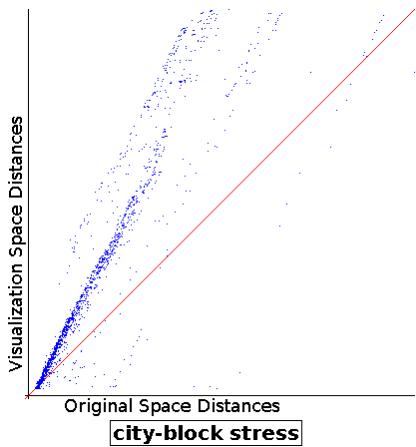


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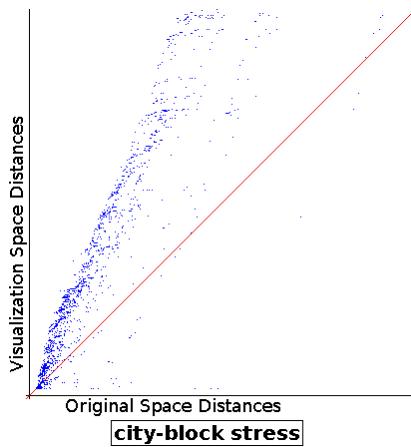


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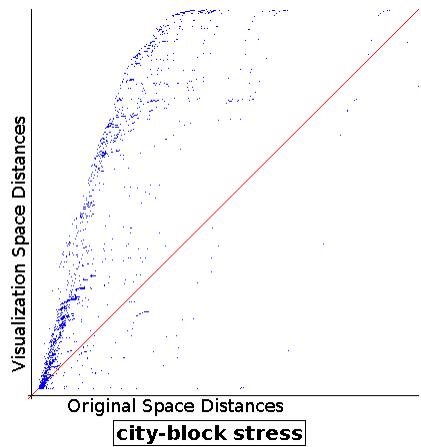


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4.5.2 t-SNE

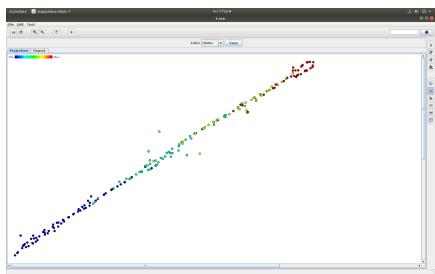


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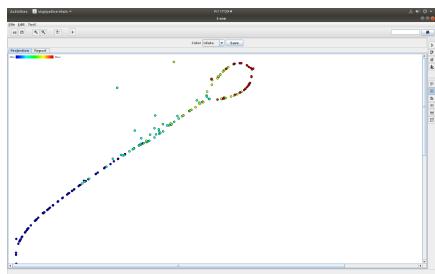


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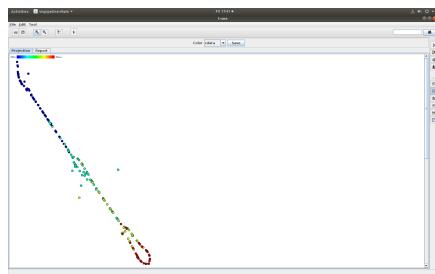


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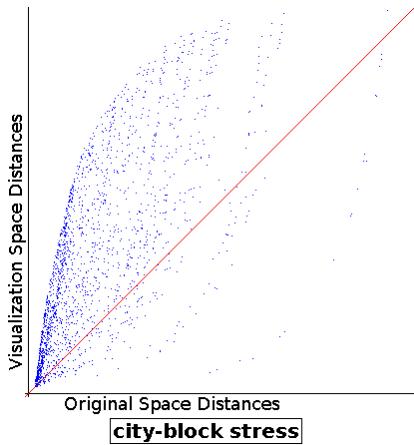


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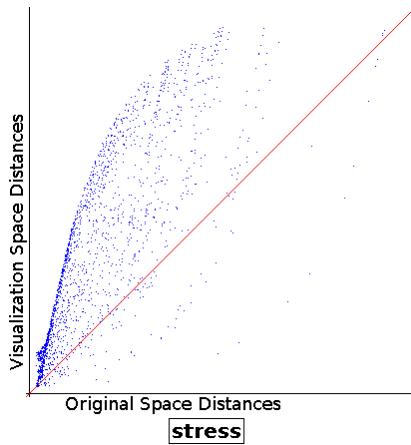


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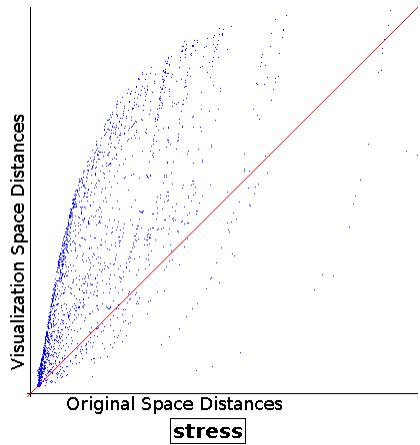


Figure 4.76: Stress Curve

4.5.3 PCA

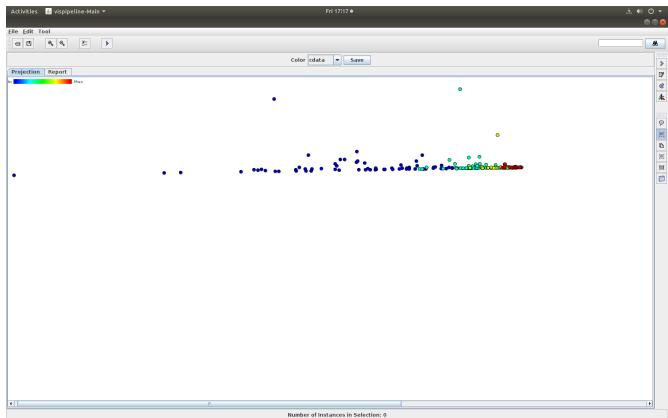


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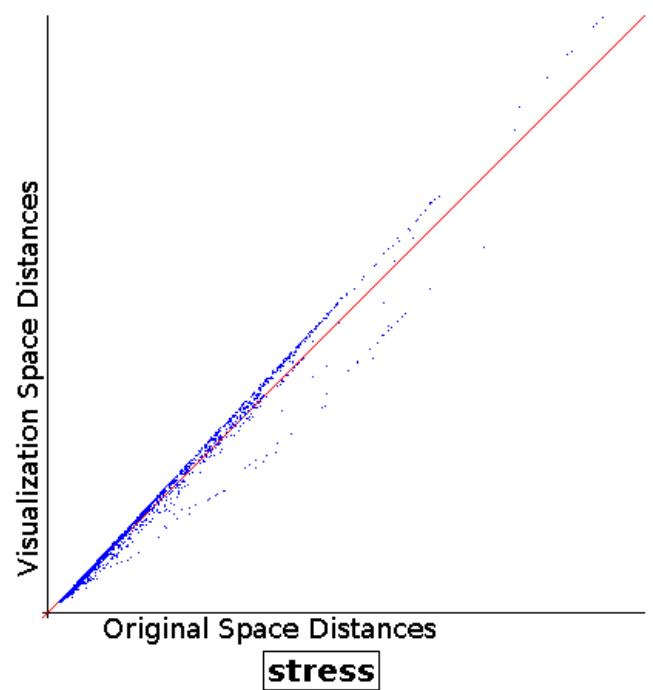


Figure 4.78: Stress Curve

5 Conclusions

Conclusions from overall assignment, emphasis on data sets, exercises and using visualisations.

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