Big Data Visualization

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Introduction

Data: Any piece of Information formatted in a special Way

Different Forms of Data ...

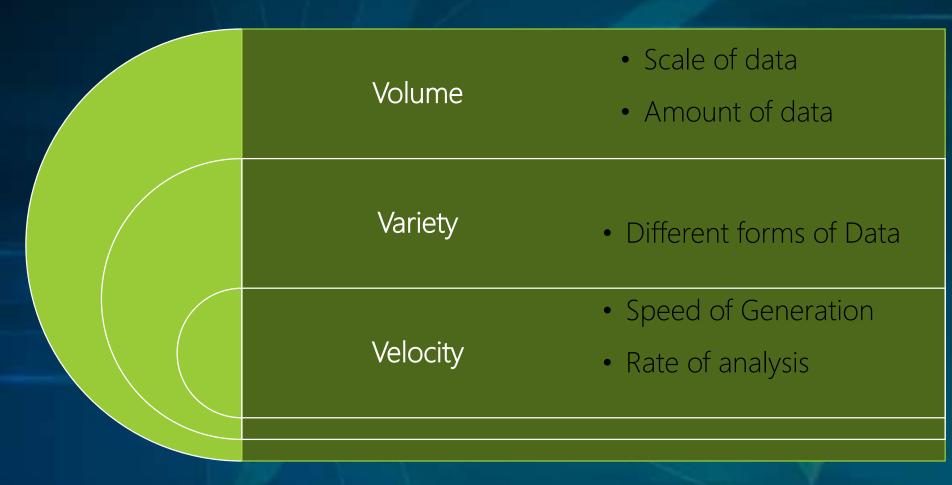
Tabular Data...

Table 1: Salt Concentration and Light Transmittance						
Salt Concentration (%)	Transmittance (%T)					
	Trial #1	Trial #2	Trial #3	Trial #4		
0	77.23	74.50	64.88	75.27		
3	85.23	92.82	78.91	60.71		
6	88.39	100.05	73.66	66.51		
9	80.71	100.05	68.29	64.91		
12	82.66	117.18	71.01	56.91		
15	72.55	115.40	65.72	66.03		

Stats...

Natural moisture content	13.4%
Specific gravity	2.40
Liquid limit	45.5%
Plastic limit	31.0%
Plasticity index	14.5%
AASHTO classification	A-7-5
Soil type	Silt-Clay

Three V's of Data



What is Big Data

• "Big Data are high-volume, high-velocity, and/or high-variety information assets that require new forms of processing to enable enhanced decision making, insight discovery and process optimization" (Gartner 2012)

 Complicated (intelligent) analysis of data may make a small data "appear" to be "big"

 Any data that exceeds our current capability of processing can be regarded as "big"

Why Big Data a "big Deal"

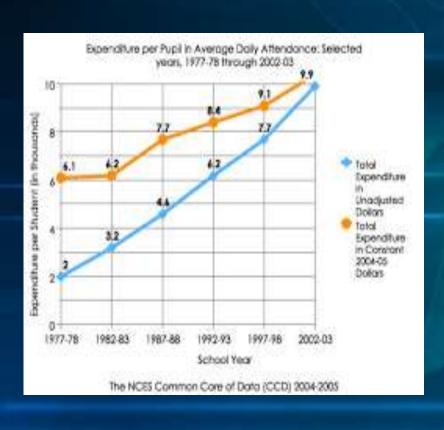
- Private Sector
 - Walmart handles more than 1 million customer transactions every hour, which is imported into databases estimated to contain more than 2.5 petabytes of data
 - Facebook handles 40 billion photos from its user base.
 - Falcon Credit Card Fraud Detection System protects 2.1 billion active accounts world-wide

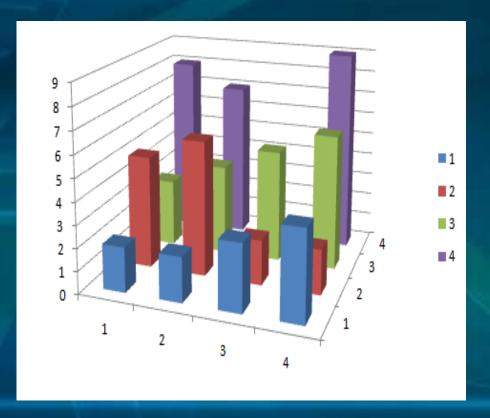
Science

- Large Synoptic Survey Telescope will generate 140 Terabyte of data every 5 days.
- Biomedical computation like decoding human Genome & personalized medicine
- Social science revolution

Visualization

visualization is the process of displaying data/information in graphical charts, figures and bars.





What is Big Data Visualization ??

• Big Data visualization is representing data in some systematic form including attributes and variables for the unit of information

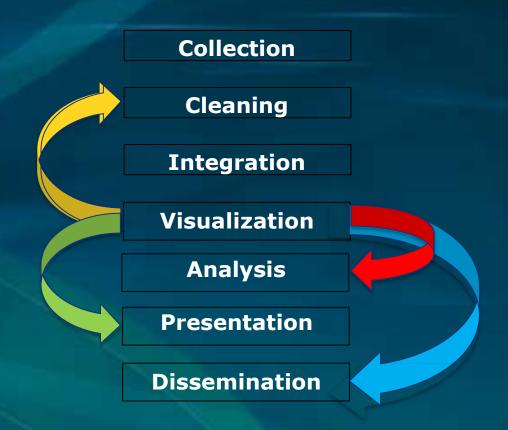
• It uses more interactive, graphical illustrations - including personalization and animation - to display figures and establish connections among pieces of information

• It refers to the implementation of more contemporary visualization techniques to illustrate the relationships within data

Big Data Life Cycle

 Generic process model, Big data analytics processes based on building blocks

 Some building blocks can be skipped, depending on the operating contexts and to go back (two-way street) is admitted



Role of Visualization in Big Data Life Cycle

- Data visualization can play a specific role in several phases of the Big Data Life Cycle
- Data types can affect visualization design
- Visualization methods can informs data cleaning and the choice of analysis algorithms

Along the Big Data life cycle, visualization methods can be properly incorporated in three phases:

- Pre-processing, staging, handling
- Exploratory data analysis
- Presentation of analytical results

Why Data Visualization Important

- The human brain processes information much easily, using charts or graphs to visualize large amounts of complex data.
- It is a quick, easy way to convey concepts in a universal manner.
- We can experiment with different scenarios by making slight adjustments.
- It become easy to predict the future possibilities.



Design Principle

- Objective
 - Think about the content
- Data
 - Numerical: Values measure Something
 - Continuous : Continuity of values
 - Discrete : Discrete set of values
 - Categorical: Values encode a classification
 - Ordinal : Category naturally ordered
 - Nominal : Categories unordered
- Audience
 - Get to know the audience

Steps to Interactive Data Visualization

- Step 1: Identify Desired Goals
- Step 2: Understand Data Constraints
- Step 3: Design Conceptual Model
- Step 4: Source & Model Data
- Step 5: Design the User Interface
- Step 6: Build Core Technology
- Step 7: User Test and Refine
- Step 8: Launch to Targeted Audience
- Step 9: Stay Updated

Dedicated big data visualization techniques

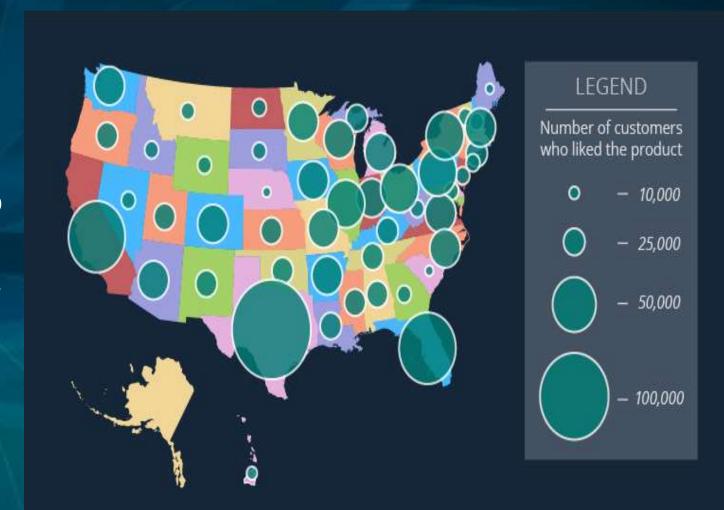
Word Cloud

- Displays how frequently words appear in a given body of text
- Words in cloud are of different types
- More the size- higher the frequency
- Used for sentiment analysis of customer's social media posts



Symbol Maps

- Maps with symbol
- Symbol differ in size, easy to compare
- Used by companies to know the popularity of their product in different areas

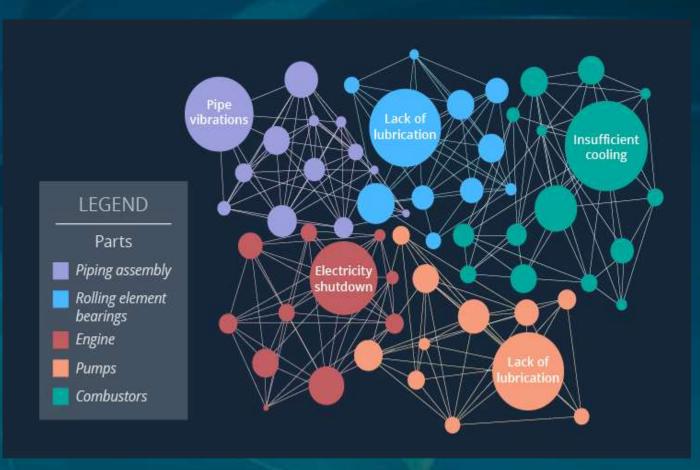


Connectivity Charts

 Shows the links b/w phenomena or events

Based on Connected Graphs theory

 Fig shows the connections between machinery failures and their triggers



Visualization techniques that work for both traditional and big data

Line Charts

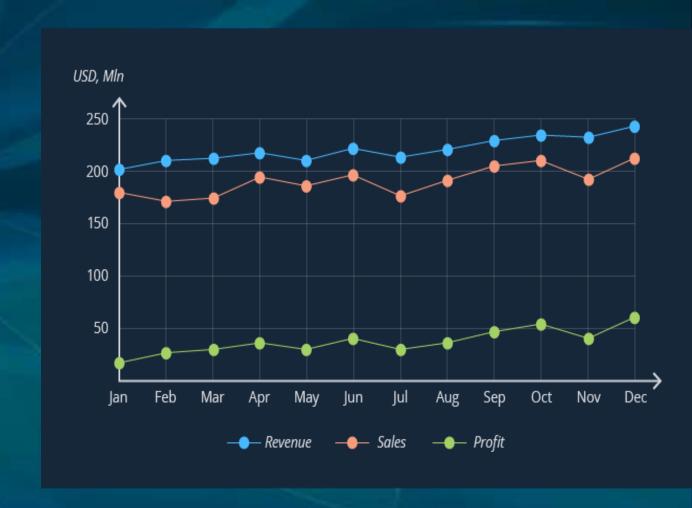
- It looks behavior of one or several variable over time
- It identify the trends between variables.

For traditional

Shows sales, profit, revenue of last 12 months

For Big Data

- Tracks avg. no. of complaints to call center.
- Total application click by weeks



Heat Maps

- Two-dimensional representation of data
- Use Color to represent Data
- provides an immediate visual summary of information
- More elaborate heat maps allow the viewer to understand complex data sets

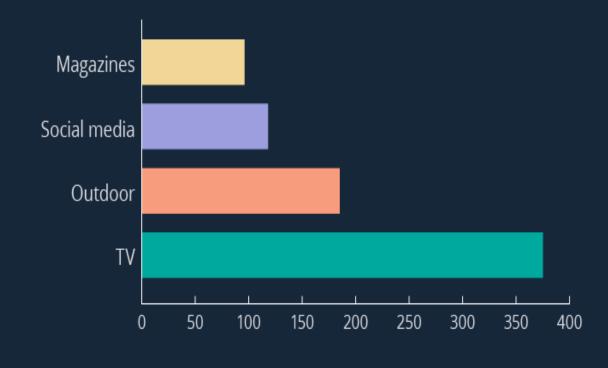
SALES BY QUARTER (BILLIONS, USD)

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Store 1	121	154	152	185
Store 2	114	156	159	192
Store 3	101	123	138	175
Store 4	131	132	147	164

Bar Charts

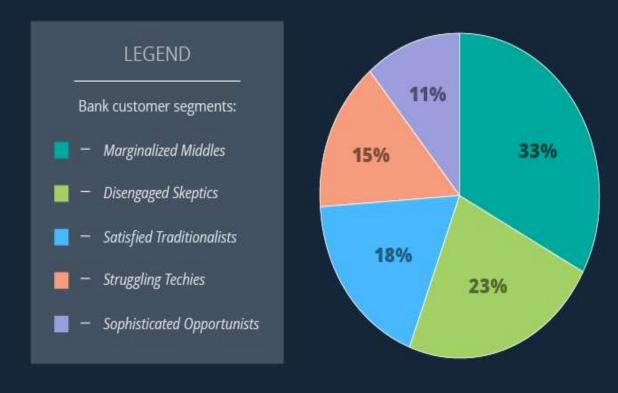
- It allow comparing the values of different variables.
- Graph represents categories on one axis and a discrete value in the other.
- The goal is to show the relationship between the two axes.
- can also show big changes in data over time.

MARKETING SPEND BY CHANNELS (THOUSANDS, USD)



Pie Charts

- It is a circular statistical graphic.
- It is divided into slices to illustrate numerical proportion
- Arc length proportional to quantity it represents.



Making Visualization more Interactive

Zooming

active rather than static..

• Zoom In & Zoom Out

Selecting

• Interactive selection of data entities

Linking

• useful for relating information among multiple views

Filtering

helps users adjust the amount of information for display

Rearranging

• very effective in producing different insights.

Visualization Challenges

- Visual noise: Most of the objects in dataset are too relative to each other. Users cannot divide them as separate objects on the screen.
- Information loss: Reduction of visible data sets can be used, but leads to information loss.
- Large image perception: Data visualization methods are not only limited by aspect ratio and resolution of device, but also by physical perception limits.
- High rate of image change: Users observe data and cannot react to the number of data change or its intensity on display.
- High performance requirements: It can be hardly noticed in static visualization because of lower visualization speed requirements—high performance requirement.

Benefits: Data Visualization

- Improved Decision-making
- Better ad-hoc data analysis
- Improved collaboration/information sharing
- Time savings
- Increased return of investment (ROI)
- Time savings
- Reduced burden on IT

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