

A call for computational reproducibility in InfoVis

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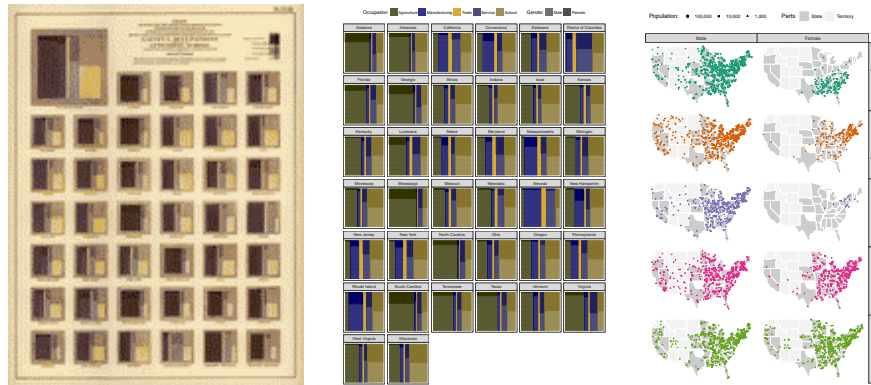


Fig. 1. In the Clouds: Vancouver from Cypress Mountain. Note that the teaser may not be wider than the abstract block.

Abstract—Computational Reproducibility is a fundamental aspect of the scientific method. One question that we need to therefore ask ourselves is “how reproducible are our charts?”. Recent developments have made it much easier to ensure computational reproducibility of results and visualizations. In this paper, we investigate reproducibility of charts created almost 150 years ago based on data collected from the US census in 1870. Three times in the past, the US Census Bureau published a Statistical Atlas to map the state of the Union based on data collected in the 9th, 10th, and 11th US census. Each of these atlases represents a masterpiece in science and technology. The atlases also introduced novel ways of visualizing data. In this paper, we *discuss* two plates of the Statistical Atlas of 1874, show a way to *re-create* the charts using modern tools and freely accessible data, and *re-display* the data to emphasize missing values.

Index Terms—Mosaic plots, .

1 INTRODUCTION

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Table 1. VIS/VisWeek accepted/presented papers: 1990–2015.

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2015	33	9	38	33	14	17	15	159	127
2014	34		45	33	21	20		153	133
2013	31		38	32		20		121	101
2012	42		44	30		23		139	116
2011	49		44	26		20		139	119
2010	48		35	26				109	109
2009	54		37	26				117	117
2008	50		28	21				99	99
2007	56		27	24				107	107
2006	63		24	26				113	113
2005	88		31					119	119
2004	70		27					97	97
2003	74		29					103	103
2002	78		23					101	101
2001	74		22					96	96
2000	73		20					93	93
1999	69		19					88	88
1998	72		18					90	90
1997	72		16					88	88
1996	65		12					77	77
1995	56		18					74	74
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¹The algorithm behind Marching Cubes [?] had already been described by Wyvill et al. [?] a year earlier.

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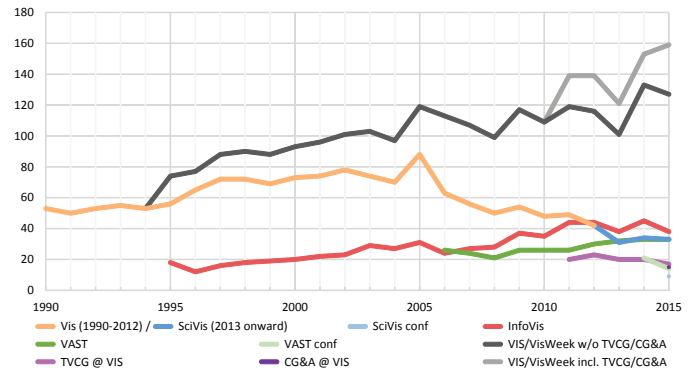


Fig. 2. A visualization of the data from Table 1. The image is from [?] and is in the public domain.

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6 CONCLUSION

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