

# Topological Equivariant Artist Model

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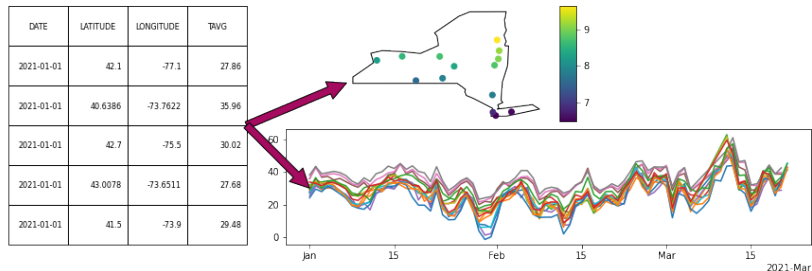
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# Visualizations are structure preserving maps

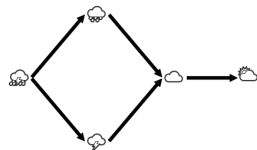
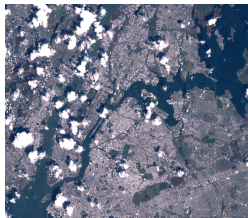


**equivariance** properties of data and visual encoding match

**continuity** connectivity of data and visual encoding match

# Domain specific libraries assume data structure[HA06]

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ggplot[Wic16]  
Vega[SWH14]  
Altair[Van+18]  
Tableau [STH02]  
[Han06; MHS07]

ImageJ[SRE12]  
ImagePlot[Stu21]  
Napari[Sof+21]

Gephi[BHJ09]  
Graphviz[EI+02]  
Networkx[HSS08]

# General purpose libraries can't[TM04]

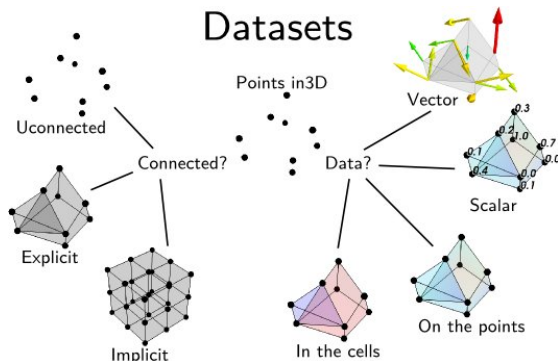


Figure: Data Representation, MayaVi 4.7.2 docs[Dat]

- 1 Matplotlib[Hun07] → Seaborn[Wt20], xarray [HH17]
- 2 D3 [BOH11]
- 3 VTK [Han+15; Gev+12](MayaVi[RV11]) → Titan[BJ09], ParaView[AGL05]

# Best practices in visualization design

**Expressiveness** structure preserving mappings[Mac86]

**Graphical Integrity** graphs show **only** the data[Tuf01]

**Naturalness** easier to understand when properties match[Nor93]

# Contributions

Topological continuity

Equivariant monoid action

Artist Matplotlib  $artist : data \rightarrow graphic$

Model

# Topological Equivariant Artist Model

An artist  $\mathcal{A}$  is an equivariant map

$$\mathcal{A} : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$$

from data  $\mathcal{E}$  space to graphic  $\mathcal{H}$  space.

# Model data as a fiber bundle [BB92; BP89]

A fiber bundle is a tuple  $(E, K, \pi, F)$  defined by the map  $\pi$

$$F \hookrightarrow E \xrightarrow{\pi} K$$

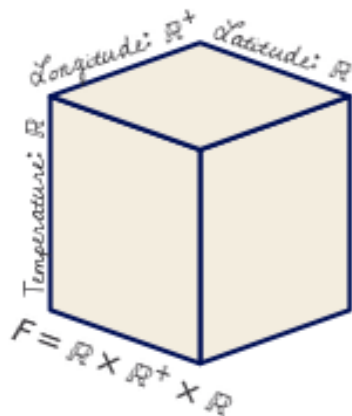
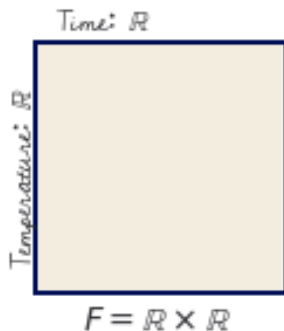
total space  $E$  topology

fiber space  $F$  schema

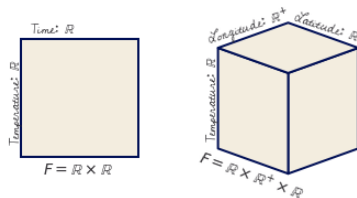
base space  $K$  continuity



## Encode variable types in a schema like fiber [Spi10; Spi]



# Monoids are the structure of the components of $F$



$$F = F_0 \times \dots \times F_i \times \dots \times F_n$$

Monoid actions  $M_i$  (e.g. rotation, partial ordering) define the structure on  $F_i$

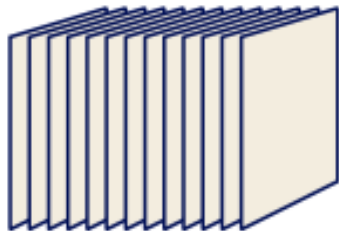
$$\bullet : M_i \times F_i \rightarrow F_i$$

where  $\bullet$  is associative and has an identity action.

$K$  is an indexing space

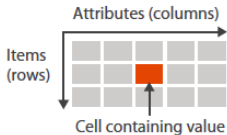


$K$

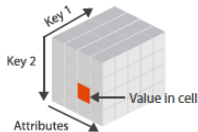


$K$  is the space of keys into data in  $E$ [Mun14]

→ Tables



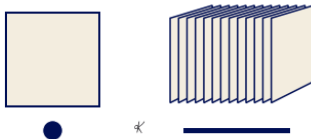
→ *Multidimensional Table*



→ Geometry (Spatial)



Figure: Figure 2.8 in Munzner's Visualization Analysis and Design[Mun14]

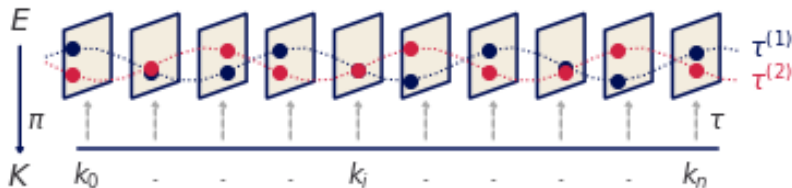


# Data are sections $\tau$ on $E$

For any fiber bundle, there exists a map

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F & \hookrightarrow & E \\ & \searrow \tau & \downarrow \pi \\ & & K \end{array}$$

s.t.  $\pi(\tau(k)) = k$ .  $\Gamma(E)$  is the set of all global sections.



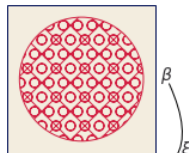
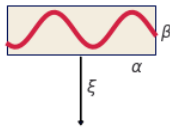
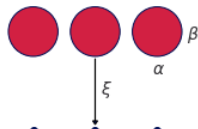
# Graphic Bundle $(H, S, \pi, D)$

Continuity is preserved via the many  $s$  to one  $k$  map  $\xi: S \rightarrow K$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F & \hookrightarrow & E \\ & \pi \downarrow \nearrow \tau & \\ & K & \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{ccc} D & \hookrightarrow & H \\ & \pi \downarrow \nearrow \rho & \\ & S & \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F & \hookrightarrow & E \\ & \pi \downarrow \nearrow \tau & \\ & K & \\ & \xleftarrow{\xi} & S \\ & \pi \downarrow \nearrow \rho & \\ & D & \hookrightarrow & H \end{array}$$

$D$  is a proxy for the target display, for example  $(x, y, r, g, b) \in D$



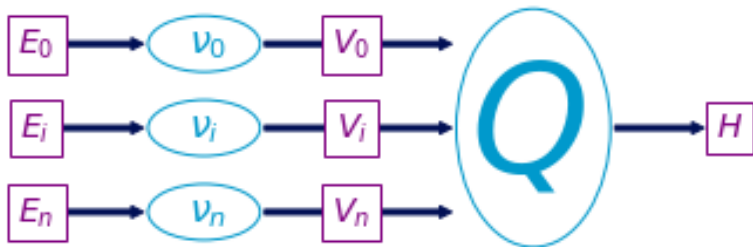
# Visual bundle $(V, K, \pi, P)$

$$\mathcal{A} : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} E' & \xrightarrow{\nu} & V & \xleftarrow{\xi^*} & \xi^* V & \xrightarrow{Q} & H \\ & \searrow \pi & \downarrow \pi & & \xi^* \pi \downarrow & & \swarrow \pi \\ & & K & \xleftarrow{\xi} & S & & \end{array}$$

$$A : \mathcal{O}(E) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(H)$$

# Visualization Assembly Function



$$\{v_0, \dots, v_n\} : \{\tau_0, \dots, \tau_n\} \mapsto \{\mu_0, \dots, \mu_n\}$$

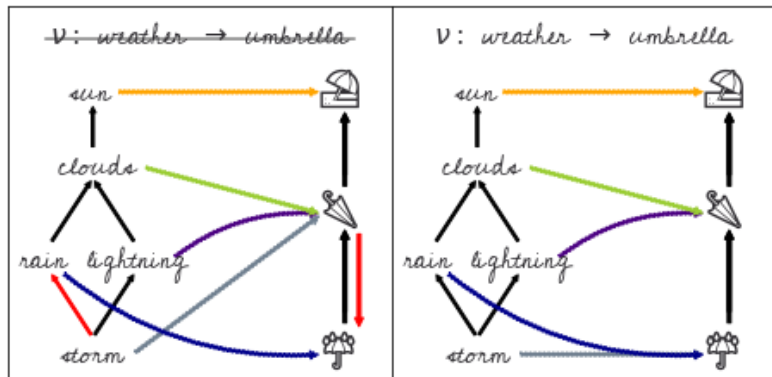
$$Q = v \circ \tau$$



## Group Equivariance: Stevens' Scales [Ste46]

scale	group	constraint
nominal	permutation	if $r_1 \neq r_2$ then $v(r_1) \neq v(r_2)$
ordinal	monotonic	if $r_1 \leq r_2$ then $v(r_1) \leq v(r_2)$
interval	translation	$v(x + c) = v(x) + c$
ratio	scaling	$v(xc) = v(x) * c$

# Monoid Equivariance: Partial Orders



# Visualization Equivariance

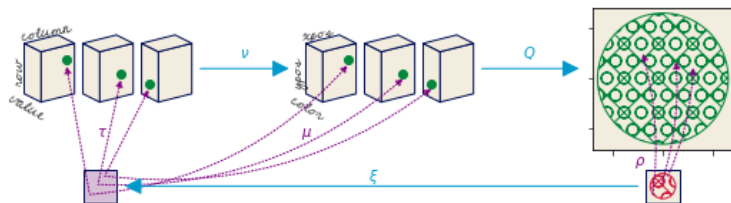


$$Q(\mu) = Q(\mu') \implies Q(m \circ \mu) = Q(m \circ \mu')$$

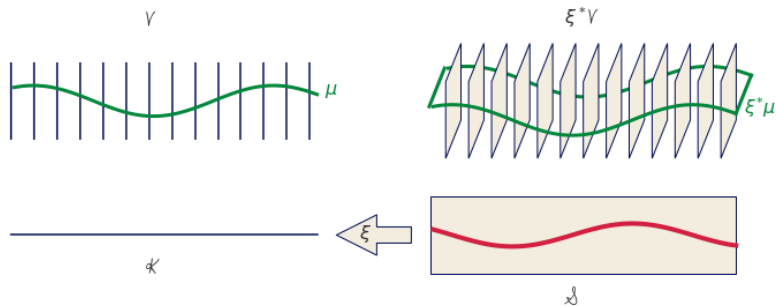
Scatter:  $Q(xpos, ypos)(\alpha, \beta)$

Line:  $Q(xpos, \hat{n}_1, ypos, \hat{n}_2)(\alpha, \beta)$

Image  $Q(xpos, ypos, color)$

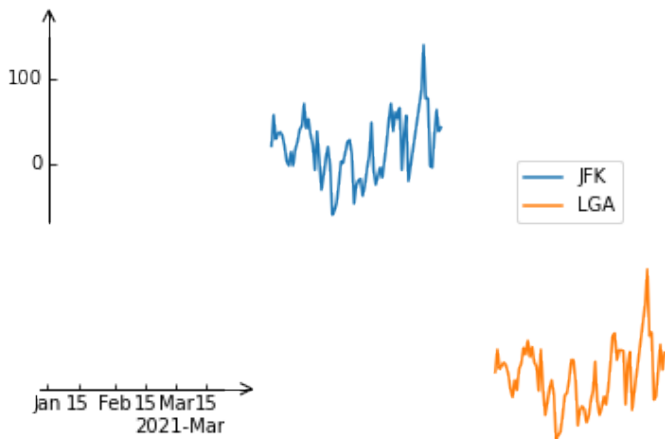


# Build $Q$ over $K$ : $\hat{Q}$



$$\hat{Q}(\mu(k))(s) := Q((\xi^*\mu)(s))$$

# Composition of artists $+ := \sqcup E_i$

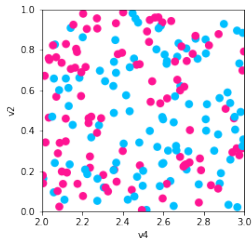




# TEAM driven rearchitecture of Matplotlib

- complex visualizations
- structure preserving maps from data to visual
  - data and graphics have equivalent continuity
  - properties are equivariant under monoid actions
- fiber bundles are an abstraction
  - topologically complex heterogeneous data
  - target display spaces

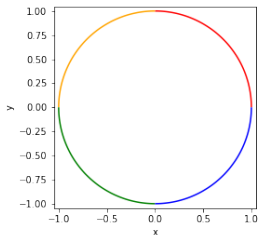
# How do we make things?



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```
1 fig, ax = plt.subplots()
2 artist = Point(data, transforms)
3 ax.add_artist(artist)
```

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```
1 fig, ax = plt.subplots()
2 artist = Line(data, transforms)
3 ax.add_artist(artist)
```

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```
1 cmap = color.Categorical({'true':'deeppink', 'false':'deepskyblue'})
2 transforms = {'x': {'name': 'v4', 'encoder': lambda x: x},
3               'y': {'name': 'v2', 'encoder': lambda x: x},
4               'facecolors': {'name': 'v3', 'encoder': cmap},
5               's': {'name': None,
6                     'encoder': lambda _: itertools.repeat(.02)}}
```

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- `lambda x: x` is identity  $\nu$
- `{'name':None}` map into  $P$  without corresponding  $\tau$
- `color.Categorical` is custom  $\nu$

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```
1 class ArtistClass(matplotlib.artist.Artist):
2     def __init__(self, E, V, *args, **kwargs):
3         # set properties that are specific to the artist
4         # stash the input E and V
5         super().__init__(*args, **kwargs)
6
7     def qhat(self, **args):
8         # set the properties of the graphic
9
10    def draw(self, renderer):
11        # returns tau, indexed on fiber then key
12        tau = self.E.view(self.axes)
13        # visual channel encoding applied fiberwise
14        visual = {p_i: nu_i(tau_i)
15                  for p_i, nu_i, tau_i
16                  in zip(self.V, tau)}
17        self.qhat(**visual)
18        # pass configurations off to the renderer
19        super().draw(renderer)
```

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```
1 class Point(mcollections.Collection):
2     def assemble(self, x, y, s, facecolors='C0' ):
3         # construct geometries of the circle glyphs in visual coordinates
4         # set attributes of glyphs
5
6 class Line(mcollections.LineCollection):
7     def assemble(self, x, y, color='C0'):
8         # assemble line marks as set of segments
```

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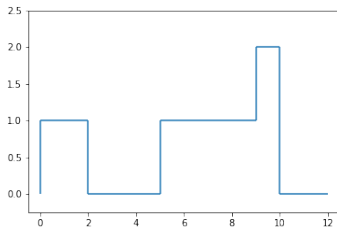
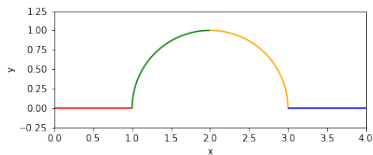
# Continuity

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```
1 class PointData:
2     # Fiberbundle is consistent across all sections
3     FB = FiberBundle({'tables': ['vertex']},
4                       {'v1': float, 'v2': str, 'v3': float})
5     def tau(self, k):
6         return # tau evaluated at one point k
7
8 class LineData:
9     FB = FiberBundle({'tables': ['edge']},
10                      {'x': float, 'y': float, 'color': mtypes.Color()})
11     def tau(self, k):
12         return # tau evaluated on interval k
```

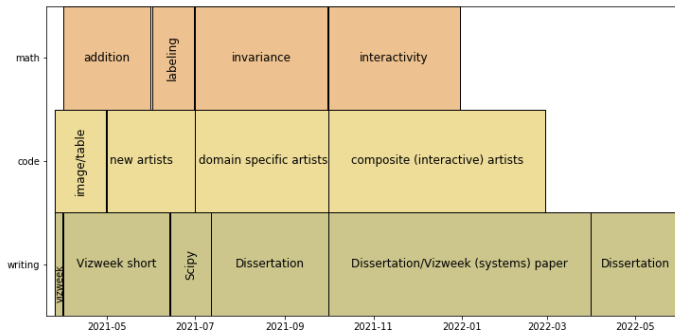
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# Same Artist, Different $E$



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- 1 `LineData(FB, edge_table, vertex_table, connect=True)`
  - 2 `LineData(FB, edge_table, vertex_table, num_samples=2, connect=False)`
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# Proposed Work





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# Mathematical Models of Visualization

algebraic process data and viz transforms are symmetric [KS14]

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} E & \xrightarrow{v} & V & \xrightarrow{Q} & H \\ m \downarrow & & & & \downarrow \varphi(m) \\ E & \xrightarrow{v} & V & \xrightarrow{Q} & H \end{array}$$

language APT and GoG: syntax, semantics, and grammar  
[Mac86; Mac87; Wil05]

functional dependencies relationship between components [SSS09]

category theory *understanding* = *read*  $\circ$  *render* [VFR13]

# Fiber is all possible values a variable can be [Spi10; Spi]

Given a space of all possible values  $\mathbb{U}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{U}_\sigma & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{U} \\ \pi_\sigma \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi \\ \mathcal{C} & \xrightarrow{\sigma} & \mathbf{DT} \end{array}$$

a fiber component is the restricted space  $\mathbb{U}_{\sigma(c)}$ .

$$F = \mathbb{U}_{\sigma(c)} = \mathbb{U}_T$$

**DT** data types of the variables in the dataset

$\mathbb{U}$  disjoint union of all values of type  $T \in \mathbf{DT}$

$\mathcal{C}$  variable names,  $c \in \mathcal{C}$

$\mathbb{U}_\sigma$   $\mathbb{U}$  restricted to the data type of a named variable

# Monoid actions

A monoid  $M$  is a set with

**associative binary operator**  $*$  :  $M \times M \rightarrow M$

**identity element**  $e \in M$  such that  $e * a = a * e = a$  for all  $a \in M$ .

## left monoid action

A set  $F$  with an action [nLa21]  $\bullet : M \times F \rightarrow F$  with the properties:

**associativity** for all  $f, g \in M$  and  $x \in F$ ,  $f \bullet (g \bullet x) = (f * g) \bullet x$

**identity** for all  $x \in F$ ,  $e \in M$ ,  $e \bullet x = x$

# Keeping track of sections with sheafs

Restriction maps of a sheaf describe how local  $\iota^*\tau$  can be glued into larger sections [Ghr14; Ghr18]

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \iota^*E & \xhookrightarrow{\iota^*} & E \\ \pi \downarrow \uparrow \iota^*\tau & & \pi \downarrow \uparrow \tau \\ U & \xhookrightarrow{\iota} & K \end{array}$$

The inclusion map  $\iota : U \rightarrow K$  pulls  $E$  over  $U$  such that the pulled back  $\iota^*\tau$  only contains records over  $U \subset K$ .



# Rendering: Define a Pixel

Given a pixel

$$p = [y_{top}, y_{bottom}, x_{right}, x_{left}]$$

the inverse map of the bounding box

$$S_p = \rho_{xy}^{-1}(p)$$

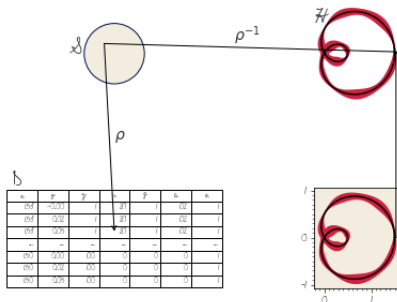
is a region  $S_p \subset S$  such that

$$r_p = \iint_{S_p} \rho_r(s) ds^2 \quad (1)$$

$$g_p = \iint_{S_p} \rho_g(s) ds^2 \quad (2)$$

$$b_p = \iint_{S_p} \rho_b(s) ds^2 \quad (3)$$

yields the color of the pixel.



$$\mathcal{A} : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}$$

The topological artist is a sheaf map

$$A : \mathcal{O}(E) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(H)$$

that carries homomorphism of monoid actions  $\varphi : M \rightarrow M'$  [Ceg19]

$$A(m \cdot r) = \varphi(m) \cdot A(r)$$

# Visual Channel Encoders

We define the visual transformers  $\mathbf{v}$  on components of the data bundle  $\tau_i$

$$\{\mathbf{v}_0, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n\} : \{\tau_0, \dots, \tau_n\} \mapsto \{\mu_0, \dots, \mu_n\}$$

as the set of equivariant maps with the constraint

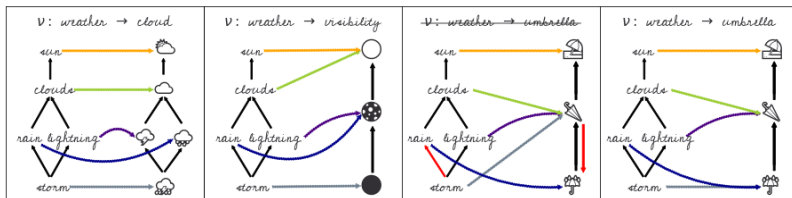
$$\mathbf{v}_i(m_r(E_i)) = \varphi(m_r)(\mathbf{v}_i(E_i))$$

where  $\varphi : M \rightarrow M'$  carries a homomorphism of monoid actions.

# P Components

$\nu_i$	$\mu_i$	$\text{codomain}(\nu_i) \subset P_i$
position	x, y, z, theta, r	$\mathbb{R}$
size	linewidth, markersize	$\mathbb{R}^+$
shape	markerstyle	$\{f_0, \dots, f_n\}$
color	color, facecolor, markerfacecolor, edgecolor	$\mathbb{R}^4$
texture	hatch	$\mathbb{N}^{10}$
	linestyle	$(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^{+n, n\%2=0})$

# Monoid Equivariance: Partial Orders



The glyph is the graphic generated by  $Q(S_j)$  where the path connected components  $J \subset K$  are defined

$$J = \{j \in K \text{ s. t. } \exists \gamma \text{ s.t. } \gamma(0) = k \text{ and } \gamma(1) = j\}$$

such that the path  $\gamma$  from  $k$  to  $j$  is a continuous function from the interval  $[0,1]$  and  $S_j$  is the region

$$H \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\quad} \\ \xleftarrow{\rho(S_j)} \end{array} S_j \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\xi(s)} \\ \xleftarrow{\xi^{-1}(J)} \end{array} J_k$$

such that the glyph is differentiable, in keeping with Ziemkiewicz and Kosara's description of a glyph[ZK09].

# Artist Equivalence class

When artists share a base space

$$K_2 \hookrightarrow K_1$$

a composition operator can be defined such that the the artists can be considered to be acting on different components of the same section.

# Complex $\gamma$

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```
1 class Categorical:
2     def __init__(self, mapping):
3         # check that the conversion is to valid colors
4         assert(mcolors.is_color_like(color) for color in mapping.values())
5         self._mapping = mapping
6
7     def __call__(self, value):
8         # convert value to a color
9         return [mcolors.to_rgba(self._mapping[v]) for v in values]
```

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That we can test for action equivariance

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```
1 def test_nominal(values, encoder):
2     m1 = list(zip(values, encoder(values)))
3     random.shuffle(values)
4     m2 = list(zip(values, encoder(values)))
5     assert sorted(m1) == sorted(m2)
```

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# Artist

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```
1 class ArtistClass(matplotlib.artist.Artist):
2     def __init__(self, data, transforms, *args, **kwargs):
3         # properties that are specific to the graphic
4         self.data = data
5         self.transforms = transforms
6         super().__init__(*args, **kwargs)
7
8     def assemble(self, **args):
9         # set the properties of the graphic
10
11     def draw(self, renderer):
12         # returns K, indexed on fiber then key
13         view = self.data.view(self.axes)
14         # visual channel encoding applied fiberwise
15         visual = {p: t['encoder'](view[t['name']])
16                  for p, t in self.transforms.items()}
17         self.assemble(**visual)
18         # pass configurations off to the renderer
19         super().draw(renderer)
```

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# Artists: Scatter & Line

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```
1 class Point(mcollections.Collection):
2     def assemble(self, x, y, s, facecolors='C0' ):
3         # construct geometries of the circle glyphs in visual coordinates
4         self._paths = [mpath.Path.circle(center=(xi,yi), radius=si)
5                         for (xi, yi, si) in zip(x, y, s)]
6         # set attributes of glyphs, these are vectorized
7         # circles and facecolors are lists of the same size
8         self.set_facecolors(facecolors)
9
10    class Line(mcollections.LineCollection):
11        def assemble(self, x, y, color='C0'):
12            #assemble line marks as set of segments
13            segments = [np.vstack((vx, vy)).T for vx, vy in zip(x, y)]
14            self.set_segments(segments)
15            self.set_color(color)
```

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```
1 def view(self, axes):
2     table = defaultdict(list)
3     for k in self.keys:
4         table['index'].append(k)
5         for (name, value) in zip(self.FB.fiber.keys(), self.tau(k)[1]):
6             table[name].append(value)
7     return table
```

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VertexSimplex (name, value), value is scalar

EdgeSimplex (name, value), value is  $[x_0, \dots, x_n]$

# Fiber Bundle

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```
1  @dataclass
2  class FiberBundle:
3      """
4      Attributes
5      -----
6      K: {'tables': []}
7      F: {variable name: type}
8      """
9      K: dict
10     F: dict
```

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# GraphLine Data Model

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```
1 class GraphLine:
2     def __init__(self, FB, edge_table, vertex_table, num_samples=1000,
3                 connect=False):
4         #set args as attributes and generate distance
5         if connect: # test connectivity if edges are continuous
6             assert edge_table.keys() == self.FB.F.keys()
7             assert is_continuous(vertex_table)
8
9     def tau(self, k):
10        # evaluates functions defined in edge table
11        return(k, (self.edges[c][k](self.distances)
12                  for c in self.FB.F.keys()))
13
14    def view(self, axes):
15        # walk the edge_vertex table to return the edge function
16        table = defaultdict(list)
17        for (i, (start, end)) in sorted(zip(self.ids, self.vertices),
18                                       key=lambda v:v[1][0]):
19            table['index'].append(i)
20            # same as view for line, returns nested list
21            for (name, value) in zip(self.FB.F.keys(), self.tau(i)[1]):
22                table[name].append(value)
23        return table
```