

# 1 Notation & Definitions

$$A : \Gamma(E) \rightarrow \Gamma(H) \tag{1}$$

## 1.1 Data Space

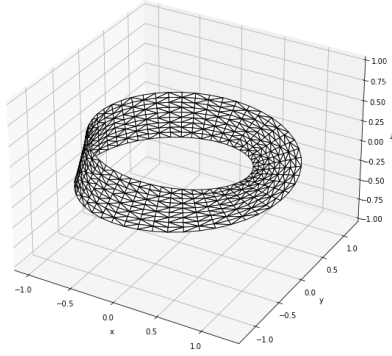


Figure 1: write up some words here

We use a fiber bundle model to represent the data, as proposed by Butler [2, 3].

One example of a fiber bundle is the mobius band shown in figure 1. A fiber bundle is a topological total space  $E$  with an embedded fiber space  $F$ , a base space on which the fibers lie  $K$  and the  $\pi$  and  $\sigma$  mappings between  $E$  and  $K$ . The space of all  $\sigma$  is  $\Gamma$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F & \hookrightarrow & E \\ & \searrow \pi & \nearrow \sigma \\ & K & \end{array}$$

As illustrated by the mobius band example in figure 1, the vertical lines  $F$  are the range of possible values embedded in  $E$ . The circle  $K$  is a representation of the connectivity of the points in  $E$ . The function  $\pi$  is the mapping from a point on a specific fiber  $F_k | k \in K$  in  $E$  to a location  $k \in K$ .? The section  $\sigma$  is the mapping from locations  $k$  on  $K$  to points on  $F_k$  in  $E$ . (Pull this back into more specific about fig, the general is making this more confusing.)

### 1.1.1 Base Space $K$

One way to represent the topological space  $K$  is as a set composed of simplices, such as those shown in figure ???. Simplices are a way of encoding the connectivity of each observation ( $\sigma(k)$ ) to another:

**0-simplex** discrete observations (inventory records)

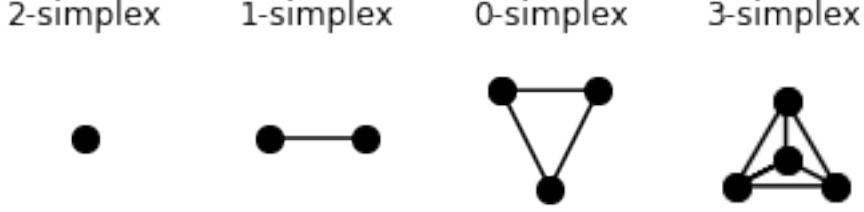


Figure 2: Simplices encode the connectivity of the data, from fully disconnected (0 simplex) observations to all observations are connected to at least 3 other observations. Higher order simplices are outside the scope of this paper.

**1-simplex** 1D continuous data (timeseries)

**2-simplex** 2D continuous data (map)

**3-simplex** 3D continuous data (video)

In a locally trivial fiber bundle  $E = F \times K$ , it can be assumed that all  $F_k$  for  $k \in K$  are equal. A fiber bundle can be made locally trivial by approximating the total space  $E$  as a simplicial complex.

### 1.1.2 Fiber Space $F$

The fibers encode the set of all possible values each observation can take. Spivak's formulation is that the fibers encode the union of the types of measurements[5]. For example, given the section  $\Gamma(\text{mobiusstrip}) = \{\sigma_1 = \sin, \sigma_2 = \cos\}$ : the fiber  $F = \{\text{float}, \text{float}\}$ .

### 1.1.3 Subset & Streaming

$\Gamma(E)$  is the space of all points in  $F$  returned by  $\sigma$ ; therefore the points being visualized in a streaming or animation example can be considered a subset that lives on base space  $U$  embedded in  $K$  with the same fiber  $\iota^*E$  and  $\iota^*\sigma$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \iota^*E & \hookrightarrow & E \\ \downarrow \iota^*\sigma & & \downarrow \sigma \\ U & \hookrightarrow & K \end{array}$$

## 1.2 Display Space

A physical display space can be thought of sets of  $\mathbb{R}^7$  tuples, where

$$\mathbb{R}^7 = \{X, Y, Z, R, G, B, A\} \quad (2)$$

and the sets correspond to the sections on  $\S$ , which is the topology of the output of the artist  $A$ . The space  $H$  is a total space representing the predisplay space, with a fiber of  $\mathbb{R}^7$  and a base space of  $\S$ :

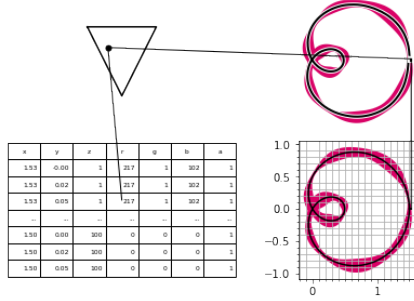


Figure 3

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \mathbb{R}^7 \hookrightarrow H \\
 \begin{array}{c} / \quad \backslash \\ \pi \quad \rho \\ \downarrow \quad / \\ S \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

In the case of 2D screens, the predisplay space is a trivial fiber bundle  $H = \mathbb{R}^7 \times S$ . As illustrated in figure 3, a region on the screen defined by the corners  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$  maps into a region on a 2-simplex in  $S$  defined by  $(\alpha_1, \beta_1)$  and  $(\alpha_2, \beta_2)$ . The function on the simplex  $f$  returns the (R, G, B, A) value for that  $(\alpha, \beta)$  pair. For a region,

$$\rho(S) = \int_{\alpha_1}^{\alpha_2} \int_{\beta_1}^{\beta_2} \int_{z_1}^{z_2} R, G, B, A$$

where the R,G,B,A values are derived from the how the data values are mapped to visual characteristics. The z component of the mapping to  $\mathbb{R}^7$  is moved to the integration because this is a trivial space representing a 2D screen;  $\rho$  varies depending on  $H$ .

### 1.3 Artist

$$A : \Gamma(E) \rightarrow \Gamma(H) \quad (3)$$

#### 1.3.1 Screen to Data

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 E & & H \\
 \downarrow \kappa & & \downarrow \kappa \\
 \pi \sigma & & \pi \rho \\
 \downarrow / & & \downarrow / \\
 K \leftarrow \xi - S
 \end{array}$$

The pullback  $\xi$  on  $S \rightarrow K$  means that the values in  $E$  can be directly mapped to a simplex in  $S$ , which means there's a mapping from screen space back to the values.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \xi E & \xleftarrow{\tau} & H \\
 \searrow \xi \sigma & & \swarrow \\
 & S &
 \end{array}$$

#### 1.3.2 Marks

Bertin describes a location on the plane as the signifying characteristic of a point, measurable length as the signifying characteristic of a line, and measurable size as the signifying

characteristic of an area and that in display (pixel) space these are marks [1, 4].

$$H \xrightleftharpoons[\rho(\xi^{-1}(J))]{\xi(s)} S \xrightleftharpoons[\xi^{-1}(J)]{\xi(s)} J_k = \{j \in K | \exists \Gamma \text{ s.t. } \Gamma(0) = k \text{ and } \Gamma(1) = j\} \quad (4)$$

Each point  $s$  in the display space  $H$ , the mark it belongs to can be found by mapping  $s$  back to  $K$  via the lookup on  $S$  described in section 1.2 then taking  $\xi(s)$  back to a point on  $k \in K$  which lies on the connected component  $J \subset K$ . To get back to the display space  $H$  from the simplicial complex  $J$  of the signifier implanted in the mark, the inverse image of  $J \in S$ ,  $\xi^{-1}(J)$  is pushed back to  $S$ , and then  $\rho(\xi^{-1}(J))$  maps it into  $R^7$ .

### 1.3.3 Visual Characteristics

Tau can preserve the measurement type properties (group scales)

### 1.3.4 Visual Idioms: Equivalence class of artists

Two artists are equivalent when given data containers  $\Gamma(E)$  of the same type, they output the same type of prerender  $\Gamma(S)$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A_{\tau_2} : & \Gamma(E) & \longrightarrow \Gamma(H) \\ \downarrow \uparrow & & \\ A_{\tau_1} : & \Gamma(E) & \longrightarrow \Gamma(H) \end{array} \quad (5)$$