

1 Notation & Definitions

In this section we introduce a mathematical description of the visualization pipeline where artist A functions transform data of type $\Gamma(E)$ to an intermediate representation in prerendered display space of type $\Gamma(H)$:

$$A : O(E) \rightarrow O(H) \quad (1)$$

$$A : \tau \rightarrow \rho \quad (2)$$

- A is the function that converts an instance of data $\Gamma(E)$ to an instance of a visual representation $\Gamma(H)$
- E is a locally trivial fiber bundle over K representing data space.
- K is a triangulizable space encoding the connectivity of the observations in the data.
- H is a fiber bundle over S representing visual space
- S is a simplicial complex of triangles encoding the connectivity of the visualization of the data in E
- $\tau : K \rightarrow E$ is the data being visualized
- $\rho : S \rightarrow H$ is the render map

When E is a trivial fiber bundle $E = F \times K$, it can be assumed that all fibers F_k over $k \in K$ are equal. Fiber bundles are product spaces of topological spaces, which are a set of points with a set of neighborhoods for each point [5, 10].

1.1 Data Model

We use a fiber bundle model to represent the data, as proposed by Butler [2, 3]. A fiber bundle is a structure (E, K, π, F) consisting of topological spaces E, K, F and the map from total space to base space:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F & \hookrightarrow & E \\ & \pi \downarrow & \nearrow \\ & K & \end{array} \quad (3)$$

where there is a bijection from F to every fiber F_k over point $k \in K$ in E and the function $\pi : E \rightarrow K$ is the map into the K quotient space of E . Every point in the base space $k \in K$ has a local open set neighborhood U [5, 10]

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi^{-1}(U) & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & U \times F \\ \pi \downarrow & \swarrow \text{proj}_U & \\ U & & \end{array} \quad (4)$$

such that $\varphi : \pi^{-1}(U) \rightarrow U \times F$ is a homeomorphism where π and proj_U both map to U and the fiber over k $F_k = \pi^{-1}(k \in K)$ is homomorphic to the fiber F .

The section τ is the mapping $\tau : K \rightarrow E$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F & \xhookrightarrow{\quad} & E \\ \pi \swarrow & \nearrow \tau & \\ K & & \end{array} \quad (5)$$

such that it is the right inverse of π

$$\pi(\tau(k)) = k \text{ for all } k \in K \quad (6)$$

In a locally trivial fiber bundle, $E = K \times F$ [5, 10]:

$$\tau(k) = (k, g(k)) \quad (7)$$

where the domain of $g(k)$ is F_k and returns a data point r . The space of all possible sections τ of E is $\Gamma(E)$. All datasets $\tau \in \Gamma(E)$ have the same variables F and connectivity K but can have different values such that $\tau_i \neq \tau_j$.

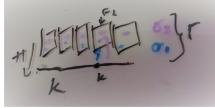
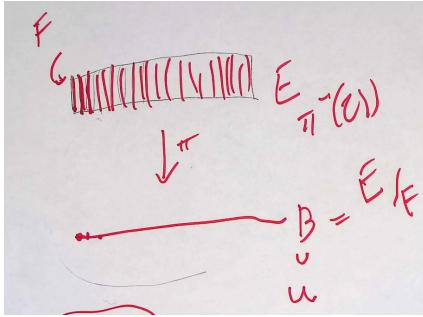


Figure 1: write up some words here

As illustrated by figure 1, the vertical lines F are the range of possible temperature values embedded in the total space E . The base space K of the fiber bundle is a line because the data points r in E are on a space that is continuous in one dimension.

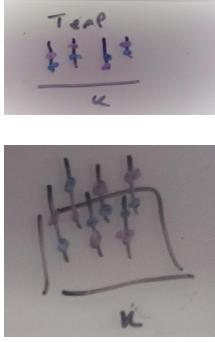
1.1.1 Base Space K



K is the quotient space of E , meaning it is the set of equivalence classes of elements r in E defined via the map $\pi : E \rightarrow K$ that sends each $r \in E$ to its equivalence class in $[r] \in K$ [9].

As shown in figure ??, the fibers F divide E into smaller spaces consisting of F and an open set neighborhood around F . This subdivision is projected down to the topology \mathcal{T}

$$\mathcal{T}_k = \{U \subseteq K : \{r \in E : [r] \in U\} \in \mathcal{T}_E\} \quad (8)$$



where $[r] \in U$ is the point $k \in K$ with an open set surrounding it that has an open preimage in E under the surjective map $\pi : r \rightarrow [r]$.

In figure ??, temperature is the only one data field in r but the K base spaces are different. subfig[1] is a timeseries, so the temperature in r at time t is dependent on the temperature in r_{t-1} and the temperature in r_{t+1} is dependent on r_t ; this connectivity is expressed as a one dimensional K where K is the number line. In the case of the map, every temperature in r is dependent on its nearest neighbors on the plane, and one way to express this is by encoding K as a plane. K does not know the time or latitude or longitude of the point as those are metadata variables describing the k rather than the value of k . The mapping $\tau : K \rightarrow E$ provides the binding between the key $k \in K$ and the value r in E [7].

1.1.2 Fiber Space F

We use Spivak's formalization of data base schemas as the basis of our fiber space F [12]. He defines the type specification

$$\pi : U \rightarrow DT \quad (9)$$

where DT is the set of data types (as identified by their names) and U is the disjoint set of all possible objects x of all types in DT . This means that for each type $T \in DT$, the preimage $\pi^{-1}(T) \subset U$ is the domain of T , and $x \in \pi^{-1}(T) \subset U$ is an object of type T . Spivak then defines a schema (C, σ) of type π , where π is the universe of all types, such that

$$\sigma : C \rightarrow DT \quad (10)$$

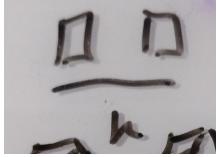
where C is the finite set of names of columns, which we generalize to data fields in E . The set of all values restricted to the datatypes in DT is U_σ

$$\begin{array}{ccc} U_\sigma & \longrightarrow & U \\ \downarrow \pi_\sigma & & \downarrow \pi \\ C & \xrightarrow{\sigma} & DT \end{array} \quad (11)$$

The pullback $U_\sigma := \sigma^{-1}(U)$ restricts U to the datatypes of the fields in C such that U_σ is the fiber product $U \times_{DT} C$, and the pullback $\pi_\sigma : U_\sigma \rightarrow C$ specifies the domain bundle U_σ over C induced by σ . The fiber F is the cartesian product of all sets in the disjoint union U_σ .

For each field $c \in C$, the record function $r : C \rightarrow U_\sigma$ returns an object of type $\sigma(c) \in DT$. The set of all records $\Gamma(\sigma)$ is the set of all sections on U_σ . Spivak defines the τ mapping from

an index of databases K to records $\Gamma(\sigma)$ as $\tau : K \rightarrow \Gamma(\sigma)$. This is equivalent to $\tau : k \rightarrow E$ since $F = \Gamma(\sigma)$ and F is the embedding in E on which the records r lie.



The fiber in figure ?? is the space of possible temperature values in degrees celsius, such that $F = [temp_{min}, temp_{max}]$ and is named Temp. In figure ?? time is encoded as a second dimension. This means that the set of possible values F with $C = \{\text{Temp}, \text{Time}\}$:

$$F = [temp_{min}, temp_{max}] \times [time_{min}, time_{max}] \quad (12)$$

and the function τ that retrieves records from F is

$$\tau(k) = (k, (r : \text{Temp} \rightarrow temp, r : \text{Time} \rightarrow time)) \quad (13)$$

$$temp \in [temp_{min}, temp_{max}], time \in [time_{min}, time_{max}] \quad (14)$$

Since $\tau(k) = (k, r)$, $temp$ is bound to a named data field and $sigma$ binds $temp$ to a temperature data type.

1.1.3 Sheaf and Stalk

As described in equation 4, there is a local space $U \subset K$ around every k . The inclusion map $\iota : U \rightarrow K$ can be pulled back such that ι^*E is the space of E restricted over U .

$$\begin{array}{c} \xi^*E \leftarrow \xi^* - E \\ \pi \downarrow \xi^*\tau \qquad \pi \uparrow \tau \\ U \leftarrow \xi - K \end{array} \quad (15)$$

The localized section of fibers $\iota^*\tau : U \rightarrow \iota^*E$ is the sheaf $O(E)$ with germ $\xi^*\tau$. The neighborhood of points the sheaf lies over is the stalk \mathcal{F}_k [11, 13]

$$\iota^{-1}\mathcal{F}(\{k\}) = \varinjlim_{k \subseteq U} \mathcal{F}(U) = \varinjlim_{k \in U} = \mathcal{F}_k \quad (16)$$

which through ι gets the data in E at and near to k . Restricting the artist to the sheaf means the artist knows the data in F and also has access to derivatives of the data. This property is useful for some visual transformations.

1.2 Prerender Space

Every point $k \in K$ maps to a space $S_k \in S$, 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 dependent on the render space and a base space of \S :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} D & \xhookrightarrow{\quad} & H \\ & \pi \swarrow \nearrow \kappa & \\ & S & \end{array} \quad (17)$$

where $\rho : S \rightarrow H$ is mapping from a region s on a mathematical encoding of the image to a region xy on the screen that the renderer then maps to pixel space. For a physical screen display, the predisplay space is a trivial fiber bundle $H = \mathbb{R}^7 \times S$ such that ρ is

$$\rho(s) = \{x, y, z, g, b, a\} \quad (18)$$

To draw an image, a region, H is inverse mapped into a region $s \in S$ where

$$s = \rho_{XY}^{-1}(xy) \quad (19)$$

such that the rest of the fields in \mathbb{R}^7 are then integrated over s to yield the remaining fields in p

$$R(p) = \oint_s \rho_R(s) ds^2 \quad (20)$$

$$G(p) = \oint_s \rho_G(s) ds^2 \quad (21)$$

$$B(p) = \oint_s \rho_B(s) ds^2 \quad (22)$$

Here we assume a single opaque 2D image such that the z and *alpha* fields can be omitted.

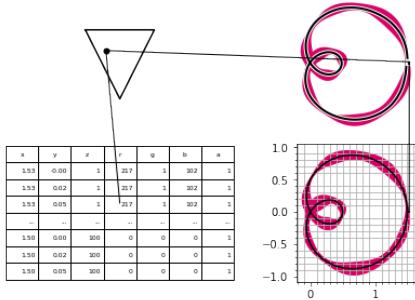


Figure 2

As illustrated in figure 2, words.

1.3 Artist

The artist is a mapping from the sheaf $O(E)$ representing the data to a pre-render space $O(H)$.

$$A : O(E) \rightarrow O(H) \quad (23)$$

The artist acts on a sheaf because some visual characteristics, such as line thickness, need more information than just the data at a point. The artist through $F : E \rightarrow V$ maps from data space to visual variable [1, 4, 8] space

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E & \xrightarrow{\nu} & V \\ \uparrow \tau & \nearrow \mu & \\ K & & \end{array} \quad (24)$$

such that $\nu : \tau \mapsto \mu$ is a homomorphism where τ and μ are equivariant such that the properties of the field type persist in the visual representation. The map $\xi : S \rightarrow K$ goes from a region s to its associated k

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E & & H \\ \uparrow \pi \nwarrow \tau & \xi^* \tau & \downarrow \pi \\ K & \xleftarrow{\xi} & S \end{array} \quad (25)$$

and can be pulled back up to E (or V) such that for a region s there is an associated record τ and visual mapping μ . The visual fiber bundle V gets pulled back over S via ξ such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \xi^* V & \xrightarrow{q} & H \\ \uparrow \xi^* \mu & \nearrow \rho & \\ S & & \end{array} \quad (26)$$

the composition $q \circ \xi^* \mu$ generates the ρ function described in section 1.2.

1.3.1 Channels

Each ν function maps a field τ_c to a parameterized visual field μ , for example the color or shape visual channels [1, 6]. The set of ν is a functor from data to visual space such that any ν is an equivariant map if

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E_1 & \xrightarrow{F} & V_1 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow f \\ E_2 & \xrightarrow{F} & V_2 \end{array} \quad (27)$$

Define a channel in terms of ν . This is what we mean by equivariance: step through measurement scale groups doesn't matter where computation lives

Here is the thing you need to preserve for X when writing a transform:
compose ν_{param} visual characteristic mappers

$$\nu(\tau) = \mu \quad (28)$$

where τ_{param} is a field in τ bound to the parameter and μ_{param} is an intermediate visual representation such that $\nu_{shape}(\tau_{shape})$ returns a μ_{shape} function that returns a shape for each k .

ν is Hom set? 1) must have identity 2) is composable 3) associativity
homomorphism in land of categories: objects in C, objects in D C arrow D A-B for example stephens group scale
every ν is a functor that
put all the functorial things together is still functorial

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 are the point, line, and area marks [1, 4]. For each region 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 then taking $\xi(s)$ back to a point on $k \in K$ which lies on the connected component $J \subset K$.

$$H \xrightleftharpoons[\rho(\xi^{-1}(J))]{\quad} S \xrightleftharpoons[\xi^{-1}(J)]{\quad} J_k = \{j \in K \mid \exists \Gamma \text{ s.t. } \Gamma(0) = k \text{ and } \Gamma(1) = j\} \quad (29)$$

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 .

Can in theory approximate hatching/dashing/etc can be approximated w/ functions and neighborhood of k .

1.3.3 Visual Idioms: Equivalence class of artists

in $O(E)$ of the same type, they output the same type of prerender $O(H)$:
Natural transformation + composition is partial ordering? Back and forth is equivalent