

Topological Equivariant Artist Model for Visualization Library Architecture

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Abstract—The abstract goes here.

Index Terms—

1 INTRODUCTION

This paper uses methods from algebraic topology and category theory to develop a model of the transformation from data to graphical representation. This model provides a language to specify how data is structured and how this structure is carried through in the visualization, and serves as the basis for a functional approach to implementing visualization library components. Topology allows us to describe the structure of the data and graphics in a generalizable, scalable, and trackable way. Category theory provides a framework for separating the transformations implemented by visualization libraries from the various stages of visualization and therefore can be used to describe the constraints imposed on the library components [?], [?]. Well constrained modular components are inherently functional [?], and a functional framework yields a library implementation that is likely to be shorter, clearer, and more suited to distributed, concurrent, and on demand tasks [?]. Using this functional approach, this paper contributes a practical framework for decoupling data processing from visualization generation in a way that allows for modular visualization components that are applicable to a variety of data sets in different formats. **is it OK that this is something reviewer 4 wrote**

We restrict the properties of data that should be preserved to

continuity how elements in a dataset are organized, e.g. discrete rows in a table, networked nodes, pixels in an image, points on a line

equivariance functions on data that have an equivalent effect on the graphical representation, e.g. rotating a matrix has a matching rotation of the image, translating the points on a line has a matching visual shift in the line plot

2.1 Continuity

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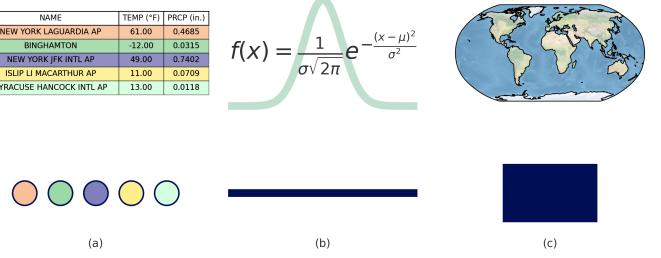


Fig. 1: Continuity is how elements in a data set are connected to each other, which is distinct from how the data is structured. The rows in (a) are discrete, therefore they have discrete continuity as illustrated by the discrete dots. The gaussian in (b) is a 1D continuous function, therefore the continuity of the elements of the gaussian can be represented as a line on an interval (0,1). In (c), every element of the globe is connected to its nearest neighbors, which yields a 2D continuous continuity as illustrated by the square.

Continuity describes elements in a data set are organized; this concept is termed topological properties by Wilkinson [?]. Wilkinson provides the examples of values that are isolated from each other, and therefore discrete, and values lying on a continuum or in a compact region. For example, in ??, each station record in the table is independent of the others; therefore, the continuity of the table is discrete. The data provided by the gaussian are points sampled along the curve, therefore the continuity of the points on the line is 1D continuous. Every point on the globe is connected to its 6 nearest cardinal neighboring points (NW, N, NE, E, SE,

2 RELATED WORK

This work aims to develop a model for describing visualization transformations that can serve as guidance for how to architecture a general purpose visualization library. We define a general purpose visualization library as one that provides non domain specific building block components [?] for building visualizations, for example functions for converting data to color or encoding data as dots. In this section, we describe how visualization libraries attempt this goal and discuss work that formally describes what properties of data should be preserved in a visualization.

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58 S, SW, W). We propose that a robust model of continuity
 59 provides a way to develop library components that can
 60 work on the data in small pieces in a manner where the
 61 overall continuity of the data is preserved in the visual
 62 transformation.



Fig. 2: Continuity is implicit in choice of visualization rather than explicitly in choice of data container. The line plots in (b) are generated by a 2D table (a). Structurally this table can be identical to the 2D matrix (a) that generates the image in (c).

63 The preservation of continuity can be made explicit⁶³
 64 as in the transformation of table to parallel coordinates⁶⁴
 65 in Ruchikachorn and Mueller [?], but is often expressed⁶⁵
 66 implicitly in the choice of visual algorithm (visualization⁶⁶
 67 type), as explored in taxonomies by Tory and Möller [?] and⁶⁷
 68 Chi [?].

69 For example, in ?? the same table can be interpreted⁶⁹
 70 as a set of 1D continuous curves when visualized as a
 71 collection of line plots or as a 2D surface when visualized⁷²
 72 as an image. This means that often there is no way to⁷³
 73 express data continuity independent of visualization type⁷⁴,
 74 meaning most visualization libraries will allow, for example,
 75 visualizing discrete data as a line plot or an image. General⁷⁶
 76 purpose visualization libraries such as Matplotlib [?], Vtk⁷⁷
 77 [?], [?], and D3 [?] carry distinct data models as part of⁷⁸
 78 the implementation of each visual algorithm. The lack of⁷⁹
 79 unified data model means that each plot in a linked [?], [?]⁸⁰
 80 visualization is treated as independent, as are the transforms⁸¹
 81 converting each field in the data to a visual equivalent.¹²⁴

82 Domain specific libraries can often guarantee consistency⁸²
 83 because they have a single model of the data in their⁸³
 84 software design, as discussed in Heer and Agarwal [?]'s survey⁸⁴
 85 of visualization software design patterns. For example,⁸⁵
 86 the relational database is core to tools influenced by APT,⁸⁶
 87 such as Tableau [?], [?] and the Grammar of Graphics [?]⁸⁷
 88 inspired ggplot [?], Vega [?] and Altair [?]. Images underpin⁸⁸
 89 scientific visualization tools such as Napari [?] and ImageJ⁸⁹
 90 [?] and the digital humanities oriented ImagePlot [?] macros⁹⁰
 91 the need to visualize and manipulate graphs has spawned⁹¹
 92 tools like Gephi [?], Graphviz [?], and Networkx [?].¹³⁰

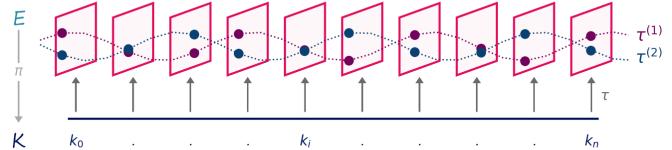


Fig. 3: A fiber bundle is mathematical construct that allows us to express the relationship between data and continuity. The **total space** E is the topological space in which the data is embedded. The **fiber** space F is embedded in E and is the set of all possible values that any **add big rectangle** E

93 2.1.1 Fiber Bundles

94 The model described in this work provides a model for
 95 expressing data sets with different topological properties.
 96 We obtain this generality by using a mathematical structure
 97 called a fiber bundles as the basis of our abstraction, as pro-
 98 posed by Butler, Bryson, and Pendley [?], [?]. As described
 99 by them, a fiber bundle is a formal model of the mapping
 100 between data points and the underlying topological space
 101 they lie in. For example, nodes on a network and the graph
 102 of the network, an image and the underlying grid at which
 103 the image is sampled, or table columns and the table index.

104 Formally, a fiber bundle is a mathematical structure
 105 (E, K, π, F)

$$F \hookrightarrow E \xrightarrow{\pi} K \quad (1)$$

106 **Definition 2.1.** The **base space** K is a topological space,
 107 which means it is a set K with a collection of open sets
 108 [?] surrounding each element in the set. Open sets are a
 109 collection of subsets $\{U\}$ in a set K , including the empty
 110 set, the whole set K , and every union and intersection of its
 111 member subsets. For each point $k \in K$, there is a collection
 112 of subsets

$$\{U\} \subset K \text{ such that } k \in U \subseteq K$$
 [?], [?]

intuition about base space

113 **Definition 2.2.** The **fiber space** F is a topological space such
 114 that for every $k \in K$, the fiber over that point is isomorphic
 115 to the preimage of that point $F_k \cong \pi^{-1}(\{k\})$. All fibers F_k are
 116 homeomorphic to each other [?], [?]

intuition about fiber

117 **Definition 2.3.** The **total space** E is the space reachable via
 118 the projection map π . The total space is always locally trivial,
 119 meaning $E = K \times F$ over any open neighborhood U_k .

120 The fiber bundle is trivial when $E = K \times F$ is true globally;
 121 a non-trivial bundle can be thought of as the twisted fiber
 122 product $E = K \times_{\tau} F$ [?], [?]. The twisting refers to the
 123 fiber F not aligning in the same direction over all $\subseteq K$.

$$F \hookrightarrow E \xrightarrow{\pi} K \quad (2)$$

124 How these spaces fit together is illustrated in ??, wherein
 125 values lives in the fiber $F \subseteq E$. In this example, the fiber F is
 126 the cartesian product of two sets $F_0 \times F_1$ where each fiber F_i
 127 is

131 2.1.2 Sheaves

132 The set of all sections sections $\{\tau^i : U_i \rightarrow E\}_{i \in I}$ over an
 133 arbitrary open set U_i is denoted $\Gamma(U_i, E)$. The set of all
 134 sections over the total space K is denoted $\Gamma(K, E)$.

135 The map from the open set to the set of sections is called
 136 a presheaf $\mathcal{O} : U_j \rightarrow \Gamma(U_j, E)$ [?], [?], [?]. The presheaf
 137 preserves inclusion maps between the open sets open sets ι
 138 and the inclusion map ι^* between the sets of sections.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Gamma(U_1, E) & \xleftarrow{\iota^*} & \Gamma(U_2, E) \\ \uparrow \mathcal{O}_E & \uparrow \mathcal{O}_E & \uparrow \mathcal{O}_E \\ U_1 & \xrightarrow{\iota} & U_2 \end{array} \quad (3)$$

139 This means that a smaller space U_1 is included in a larger
 140 space U_2 and a function that is continuous over a larger
 141 space U_2 is continuous over a subspace $U_1 \subset U_2$. Sheaves are
 142 presheafs where sets of sections Γ are defined over unions of
 143 open sets over a topology $\bigcup_{j \in I} U_j \in E$ [?], [?]. Sheaves are
 144 often used as an abstraction for keeping track of how data
 145 over topological spaces is glued together [?] because they
 146 model the data as sets of sections, continuity of the data
 147 in the base, and how subsets fit together through inclusion
 148 maps.

149 *I've seen this convention before, but I also cite all these
 150 people above* For more information on fiber bundles and
 151 sheaves, see Hatcher [?], Munkres [?], Spanier [?] and Ghrist
 152 [?], [?].

153 2.2 Equivariance

154 When introducing the retinal variables, Bertin informally
 155 specifies that continuity is preserved in the mark and defines
 156 equivariance constraints in terms of data and visual
 157 variables being selective, associative, ordered, or quantitative [?]. In the *A Presentation Tool*(APT) model, Mackinlay
 158 embeds the continuity constraint in the choice of visual
 159ization type and generalizes the equivariance constraint to
 160 preserving a binary operator from one domain to another [?].
 161 The algebraic model of visualization [?], proposed by Kindlmann and Scheidegger, restricts equivariance to invertible
 162 transformations. 186

165 2.2.1 Category Theory

166 In this work, we propose that equivariance constraints can
 167 be expressed using category theory. Vickers et. al [?] provide
 168 a brief introduction to category theory for visualization
 169 practitioners, but their work focuses on reasoning about
 170 visualization design, while this paper aims to provide guidance
 171 on designing visualization library components. Briefly,
 172 we introduce concepts in category theory that we use to
 173 describe our model in ?? and ??.

174 *the notation here may need to be X and Y*

175 **Definition 2.4.** A category C consists of a collection of
 176 objects C with identity $\text{id}_c : C \rightarrow C$ and the set of morphisms
 177 between every two objects $f : C_1 \rightarrow C_2$, [?], [?]. 198

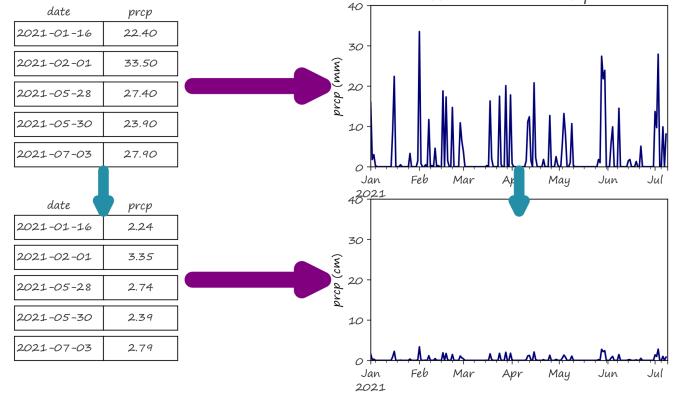


Fig. 4: Equivariance is that a transformation on the data has a corresponding transformation in the graphical representation. For example, in this figure the data is scaled by a factor 10. Equivalently the line plot is scaled by factor of 10, resulting in a shrunken line plot. Either a transformation on the data side can induce a transformation on the visual side, or a transformation on the visual side indicates that there is also a transformation on the data side.

The set of morphisms between objects is termed the hom set $\text{hom}_C(C_1, C_2)$. The morphisms on the category compose

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & \text{id}_{C_2} & & \\ & & \downarrow & & \\ \text{id}_{C_1} & \curvearrowright & C_1 & \xrightarrow{f} & C_2 \\ & & \searrow & & \downarrow g \\ & & & g \circ f & \curvearrowright \\ & & & & C_3 \\ & & & & \curvearrowright \text{id}_{C_3} \end{array}$$

and are constructed such that the following axioms hold [?]:
associativity if $f : C_1 \rightarrow C_2$, $g : C_2 \rightarrow C_3$ and $h : C_3 \rightarrow C_4$
 then $h \circ (g \circ f) = (h \circ g) \circ f$
identity for every $f : C_1 \rightarrow C_2$ there exists identity morphisms $f \circ \text{id}_{C_1} = f = \text{id}_{C_2} \circ f$

Definition 2.5. An opposite category \mathcal{C}^{op} is a category with all the same objects of category \mathcal{C} and but the morphisms are reversed. For example $f : C_1 \rightarrow C_2$ in \mathcal{C} is $f : C_2 \rightarrow C_1$ in \mathcal{C}^{op} .

Definition 2.6. A functor is a morphism between categories $\mathfrak{F} : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$. A functor has the properties of identity and composition [?]

A functor preserves the structure of the category, namely morphisms and the source and target objects of those morphisms, composition of morphisms, and identity morphisms [?]. Contravariant functors are functors where the morphisms in \mathcal{C} go in the opposite direction from the morphisms in \mathcal{D} .

Definition 2.7. A presheaf \mathcal{O} as introduced in ??, is a functor $\mathcal{O} : \mathcal{C}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Set}$. [?]

Definition 2.8. A natural transformation is a morphism of functors $\alpha : F \rightarrow G$ where F, G are functors from \mathcal{C} to \mathcal{D} . [?], [?]

201 The natural transformation acts as a wrapper of sorts 241

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{C} & \xrightarrow{\quad F \quad} & \mathcal{D} \\ & \Downarrow \alpha & \\ & \xrightarrow{\quad G \quad} & \end{array}$$

202 such that $\alpha(F : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}) = G : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ commutes for any 247
203 morphism $f : c \rightarrow c'$ [?]. Arbitrary morphisms on sheaves 248
204 are natural transforms [?], [?]. 249

205 For more information on category theory, see Barr and 250
206 Wells [?], Fong and Spivak [?], Riehl [?] and Bradley et. al. 251
207 [?]. 252

253 3 ARTIST

254 In this section, we use category theory to formally express 255
255 the implicit assumptions that visualization library compo- 256
256 nents make in transforming data into graphical representa- 257
257 tions. We propose that the visualization transformation can 258
258 be modeled as a functor, which we call the *Artist* A^1 . The 259
259 artist A converts data, which we model as the sheaf \mathcal{O}_E to 260
260 graphics in the sheaf \mathcal{O}_H . We formulate this association as 261
261

$$A : \mathcal{O}_E \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_H \quad (5)$$

262 In this section we describe the structure of the data and 263
263 graphic spaces, which we formulate as objects in categories 264
264 and the morphisms between those objects. We then use 265
265 these definitions to express the structure that an artist must 266
266 preserve. Finally, we propose that artists can be composed 267
267 by manufacturing new artists based on various types of 268
268 input data. 269

269 3.1 Categorical Artist

270 Fiber bundles, as introduced in ??, serve as the model of 271
271 data and graphic spaces in our model. In this section, we 272
272 introduce categorical formulations of the topological spaces 273
273 that make up a fiber bundle. 274

275 We introduce the category \mathcal{K} to encapsulate the subsets 276
276 of the continuity and the inclusion maps that glue them 277
277 together. 278

279 **Definition 3.1.** The category of open sets \mathcal{K} consists of

- 280 • *objects* open sets $U_j \in \{\text{openset}\}$ in the topological 281 space (K, \mathcal{T}) , including the empty set \emptyset and the 282 maximum set K .
- 283 • *morphisms* $i : U_j \hookrightarrow U_k$ for all $U_j, U_k \subset E$

284 **Definition 3.2.** The category E is a subcategory of Set and 285
285 consists of

- 286 • *objects* sets of sections $\Gamma(U_j, E)$ for all $U_j \subset E$
- 287 • *morphisms* $i^* : \Gamma(U_k, E) \hookrightarrow \Gamma(U_j, E)$ for all $U_j, U_k \subset E$

288 We model data as the sheaf $\mathcal{O}_E : \mathcal{K}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}$

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathcal{E} \\ \uparrow \downarrow \\ \mathcal{O}_E \\ \uparrow \downarrow \\ \mathcal{K}^{\text{op}} \end{array}$$

¹We call this transformation the artist because the *Artist* object A in Matplotlib [?]

289 where the map φ is any arbitrary function between sheafs. 290
290 The sheaf \mathcal{O}_E over a limit of open sets that contain a point 291
291 $k \in K$ is approximately the same as a sheaf over a point k 292
292 and is called the stalk $\mathcal{O}_E|_k := \lim_{U \ni k} \Gamma(U, E)$ [?]. 293

294 **Definition 3.3.** The fiber category \mathcal{F} is a product category 295
295 [?], [?] of zero or more arbitrary categories. In the two 296
296 category case, the category \mathcal{F} consists of

- 297 • *objects* ordered pairs (x, y) , x is an object of \mathcal{X} and y 298
298 is an object of \mathcal{Y}
- 299 • *morphisms* ordered pairs $(f : x \rightarrow x', g : y \rightarrow y')$

299 The composition of morphisms is defined component wise 300
300 by composition in \mathcal{X} and \mathcal{Y} .ss

301 The fiber category \mathcal{F} can encode a large variety of col- 302
302 lections of data fields because it is a product category of 303
303 arbitrary categories. For example, a lists of strings is an 304
304 instance of an object in Set , networks are an instance of 305
305 Graph , and images are vector spaces which are a specific 306
306 type of topological space Top . The morphisms $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{F}}$ are 307
307 functions from the data to itself, for example the binary op- 308
308 erations, group actions, and measurement scales discussed 309
309 in ???. These functions could also be monoid actions [?], 310
310 which provide a way of applying partial order relations to 311
311 data [?], such as to build multi-ranked indicators [?].

311 note sure this note applies anymore: We note that a one 312
312 object category is a monoid [?], [?], which is an algebraic 313
313 structure that lends itself to computer library design because 314
314 they are an abstraction of function composition [?].

315 The fiber space over a point is embedded in the stalk 316
316 over that point $F_k \hookrightarrow \mathcal{F}_k$. The sheaf maps φ restricted to the 317
317 stalk are members of $\text{hom}_{\mathcal{F}}(F, F)$. The maps $\varphi \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{F}}(F, F)$ 318
318 include the types of data transformations described in ???. 319
319 When a fiber bundle is trivial, we can dispense with lo- 320
320 calization and directly consider the fiber maps $\text{Hom}(F_k, F_k)$ 321
321 over a point k . In ??, we assume that the fiber bundles are 322
322 trivial.

323 The domain of the artist function is the space of all 324
324 possible graphics. As with the domain \mathcal{O}_E , the graphic space 325
325 is modeled with fiber bundle equivalent categories:

	fiber bundle	data	graphic
base space	K	S	
total space	E	H	
fiber space	F	D	
π^{-1}	\mathcal{O}_E	\mathcal{O}_H	

326 The category \mathcal{H} has as objects the sets of functions that 327
327 generate every arbitrary graphic over the open sets in \mathcal{H} . 328
328 While \mathcal{H} is the domain of the artist A , the range of A is the 329
329 subset of graphics $\mathcal{O}_A \subset \mathcal{O}_E$ such that structure imposed by 330
330 φ_E commutes

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{O}_E & \xrightarrow{A} & \mathcal{O}_A \\ \varphi_E \downarrow & & \downarrow \varphi_A \\ \mathcal{O}_E & \xrightarrow{A} & \mathcal{O}_A \end{array} \quad (7)$$

331 The equivariance condition expressed in ?? is that a 332
332 graphic generated by transforming and then visualizing 333
333 data $A(\varphi_E(\mathcal{O}_{\Gamma \sqcup \square}))$ can equivalently be generated by 334
334 visualizing the data and then transforming the graphic 335
335 $\varphi_A(A(\mathcal{O}_E))$. This is a formal statement of the equivariance 336
336 illustrated in ??

290 In ??, we show a method of constructing the artist such
 291 that the constraints of ?? and ?? can be satisfied, thereby
 292 ensuring equivariance and the preservation of continuity.
 293 We then use this formulation to guide the development of
 294 visualization library components in ??.

295 3.2 Composition of Artists

296 Visualizations generally consist of more than one visual element,
 297 for example line plots, a legend, axis ticks, spines, and
 298 labels. We propose that we can express expected consistency
 299 between these elements as a preservation of morphisms
 300 between objects of different data categories \mathcal{E} .

301 3.2.1 Shared Index

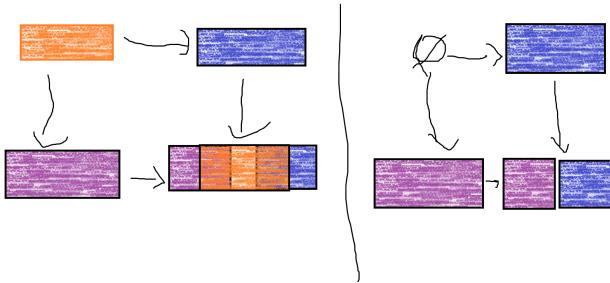


Fig. 5: In ??, the input object \mathcal{O}_E encodes a continuous function over spaces E_a, E_b and overlapping space E_c . In this figure, the visual transformation is to a point on the line on screen. An artist that preserves the continuity of the function must generate graphics such that functions evaluated $k \in K_a \cap K_b$

322 An example of overlapping indexing is a parallelized version of a sliding window algorithm where window overlaps must resolve to the same value at the same position [?];

$$\begin{array}{ccc} K_c & \xhookrightarrow{\iota} & K_b \\ \downarrow \iota & & \downarrow i_{K_b} \\ K_a & \xrightarrow{i_{K_a}} & K_a \sqcup_{K_c} K_b \end{array} \quad (8)$$

323 where the projection functions i_{K_a}, i_{K_b} behave such that $i_{K_a}(k)|_{k \in K_b} = [k], i_{K_b}(k)|_{k \in K_b} = [k]$, meaning the projection functions yield equivalent points in the disjoint union $K_a \sqcup_{K_c} K_b$. Data that is completely disjoint in the index, shown in ??, is a special case where $K_c = \emptyset$ and therefore there is no constraint on the artist with regards to how this data is rendered.

324 3.2.2 Shared Fields

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F_a \times F_b & \xrightarrow{\text{proj}_a} & F_a \\ \downarrow \text{proj}_b & & \downarrow \text{proj}_c \\ F_b & \xrightarrow{\text{proj}_b} & F_c \end{array} \quad (9)$$

325 ?? and ?? can be composed to specify how different aspects of the structure of a multivariate nested dimensional dataset, such as a spatio-temporal weather dataset, should be preserved in a visualization. **this is probably the power of this model and should maybe get a figure?**

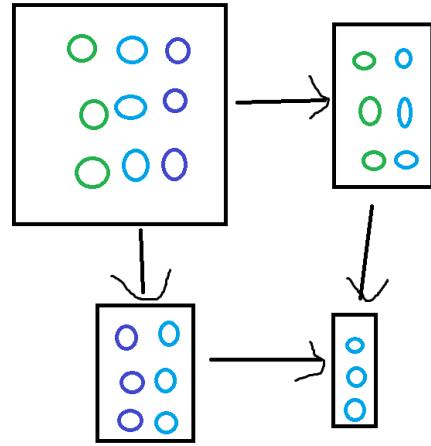


Fig. 6: The fiber spaces F_a, F_b have a shared fiber space F_c . If they are input into the same artist A_1 , then an equivariant transformation is one where F_c is transformed to a visual element in a consistent manner. In this figure, F_c is mapped to the x-axis for both F_a and F_b .

4 CONSTRUCTION AND FORMAL PROPERTIES OF ARTISTS

Following from ??, the artist A is a natural transformation

$$A : \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{E}} \quad (10)$$

that we construct to preserve continuity and equivariance.

Definition 4.1. We define the natural transformation $\text{Artist } A$ as the tuple $(\xi, \nu, Q, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{V}, \mathcal{H})$ where

- 1) $\nu : E \rightarrow V$ is a bundle map from data values to the visual variables they are mapped to
- 2) $Q : \mathcal{O}_{V \rightarrow O_A}$ is a sheaf map that builds a graphic generating function parameterized by the visual variables
- 3) $\xi : S \rightarrow K$ is a surjective map from the graphic topological base to the data topological base

and \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{V} , and \mathcal{H} are the categorical representations of fiber bundles that model the data, visual variable, and graphic space of the data to visual transformation. We construct the artist to have two stages

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E & \xrightarrow{\xi} & V \\ \pi \downarrow & \nearrow \pi & \uparrow \nu \\ K & & \mathcal{O}_V \\ & \uparrow Q & \uparrow \mathcal{O}_A \\ \mathcal{K} & \xrightarrow{\xi^*} & \mathcal{S} \end{array} \quad (11)$$

which are the data to visual variable map ν at the bundle level and the visual variable to graphic map Q at the sheaf level. Usage of the bundle directly in an equation or diagram - V, H - denotes that the function can be evaluated pointwise over $k \in K$. Use of the categorical form - $\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{V}, \mathcal{H}$ - denotes that the function is evaluated over an openset

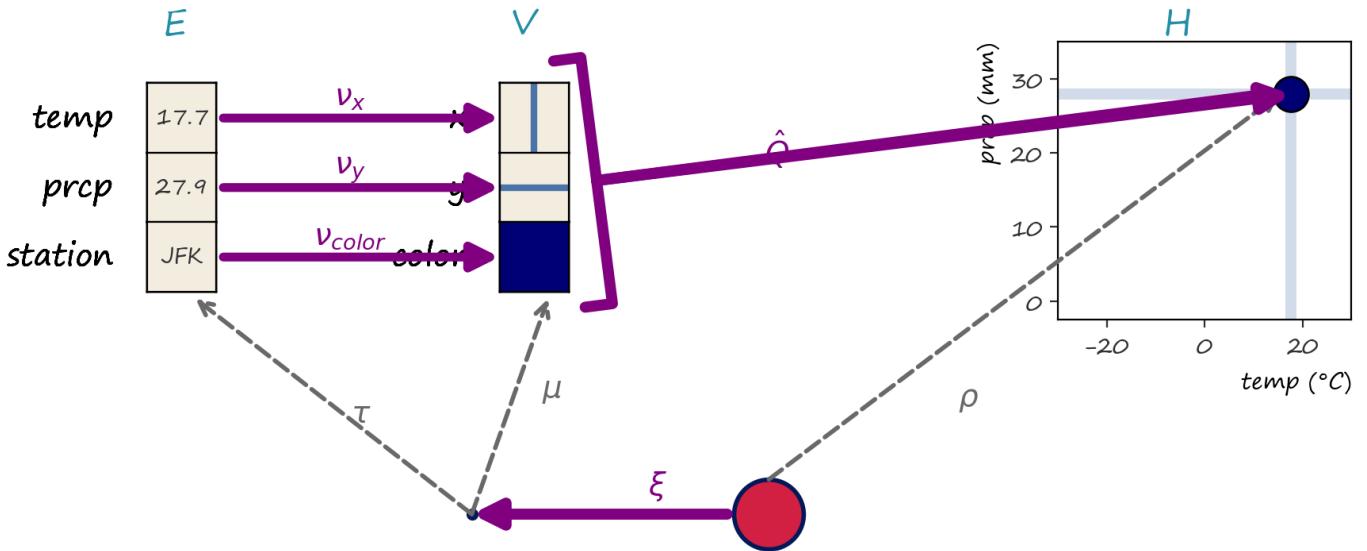


Fig. 7

object, meaning that the function needs knowledge of both a value over a point and some information about neighboring values.

4.1 Data Domain

We model data as sections of a fiber bundle (E, π, K, F) . We encode the continuity of the data as the **base space** K . We model the data as the section τ because, as described in ??, the section is the map from the indexing space K to the space of possible data values F . We adopt Spivak's formulation of the fiber as a (column name, data domain) simple schema [?], [?]. Spivak formally maps column names and field types to the set of values associated with the field type, for example \mathbb{R} for a float column named *temperature*. This allows for field based selection of values, while inclusion allows for continuity (index) based selections.

where each field fiber is the set of values that are valid for the field:

$$\begin{aligned} F_{\text{time}} &= \mathbb{R} \\ F_{\text{temperature}} &= \mathbb{R} \\ F_{\text{station}} &= \{s_0, s_1, \dots, s_i, \dots, s_n\} \end{aligned}$$

The section τ is the abstraction of the data being visualized. The section at a point $k \in K$ in the base space returns a value from each field in the fiber.

$$\tau(k) = ((\text{time}, t_k); (\text{precipitation}, p_k); (\text{station name}, n_k))$$

4.2 Graphic Codomain

The object of the graphic category \mathcal{H} is the fiber bundle H . The bundle H has the same structure as the data bundle E

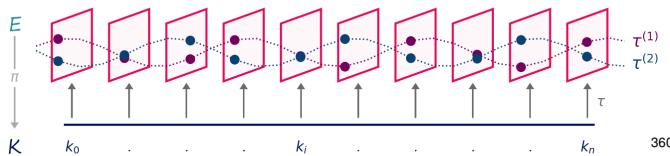


Fig. 8: replace with more concrete

One example of encoding data as a section of a fiber bundle is illustrated in ?? . In this example, the data is a **not totally decided yet** table of weather station data. Here we are interested in the time series of temperature values in the data, so we encode the continuity as the 1D interval K . In this multivariate data set, the fields we want to visualize are *time*, *temperature*, and *station*. The fiber space F is the cartesian cross product of the fibers of each field

$$F = F_{\text{time}} \times F_{\text{temperature}} \times F_{\text{station}}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} D & \hookrightarrow & H \\ \pi \downarrow & \nearrow & \rho \\ S & & \end{array} \quad (12)$$

with a fiber space D embedded in the total space H and a section map $\rho : S \rightarrow H$. The attributes of the graphic bundle (H, π, D, S) encode attributes of the graphic and display space

base space S continuity of display space (e.g. screen, 3D print)

fiber space D attributes of the display space (e.g. a pixel = (x, y, r, g, b, a))

section ρ graphic generating function

We represent the graphic output as a fiber bundle because it is an abstraction that is generalizable to various output mediums (screens, 3D prints) and types of graphics.

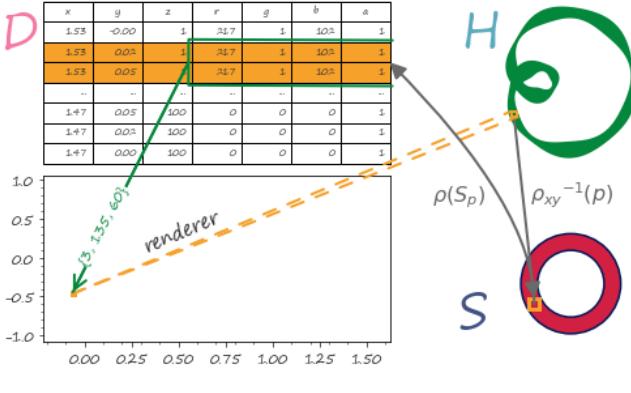


Fig. 9

As illustrated in ??, in this work, H assumes the the display is an idealized 2D screen. include some more about the figure The graphic section ρ is an abstraction of rendering. For example, ρ can be a specification such as PDF [?], SVG [?] or an OpenGL scene graph [?], or a rendering engine such as Cairo [?] or AGG [?].

4.3 Visualization Library Components

4.3.1 Visual Bundle V

$$P \xrightarrow{\quad} V \xrightarrow{\pi \downarrow \mu} K \quad (13)$$

4.3.2 Data to Visual Encodings: v

maybe figure out how to put these side by side nicely

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E & \xrightarrow{v} & V \\ \pi \downarrow & \nearrow \pi & \\ K & & \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} F & \xrightarrow{v} & P \\ \tau \uparrow & \nearrow \mu & \\ K & & \end{array} \quad (14)$$

Since the functor ξ is bundle wise, it can be evaluated at the bundle at a point, which is the fiber space; therefore ξ is a functors from the product category \mathcal{F} to the product category \mathcal{P} . This constraint is expressed in our construction of v

which means equivariance of

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tau & \xrightarrow{v} & \mu \\ \varphi \downarrow & & \downarrow \varphi \\ \tau' & \xrightarrow{v} & \mu' \end{array} \quad (15)$$

Since the functor v acts on product categories, it can be decomposed into n component functors that act on corresponding sections τ_i of the fiber F_i .

$$\{v_0, \dots, v_n\}: \{\tau_0, \dots, \tau_n\} \mapsto \{\mu_0, \dots, \mu_n\} \quad (16)$$

One example of this is

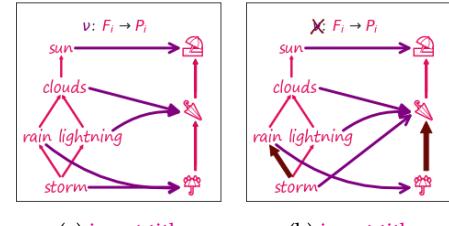


Fig. 10: is a weird nu, colors are a but much

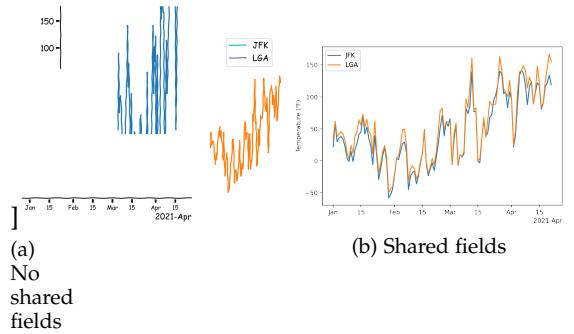


Fig. 11: In ??, the input object \mathcal{O}_E encodes a continuous function over spaces E_a , E_b and overlapping space E_c . In this figure, the visual transformation is to a point on the line on screen. An artist that preserves the continuity of the function must generate graphics such that functions evaluated $k \in K_a \cap K_b$ replace a w/ fiber cross diagram? - use first half introduced in ??

4.3.2.1 Multiview Constraints: The concept that shared data fields should be encoded visually in a consistent is formally expressed by Qu and Hullman [?] as the notion that the same field should have the same scale.

We enforce the equivariance constraint specified in ?? by constructing artists that apply v encoders such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F_a & \xrightarrow{v_c} & P_c \\ \text{proj}_a \searrow & \nearrow \text{proj}_b & \\ F_c & \xrightarrow{v_c} & P_c \\ F_b & \xrightarrow{v_{c'}} & P_{c'} \end{array} \quad (17)$$

4.3.3 Visual to Graphic: Q

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V & & H \\ \uparrow \mathcal{O}_V & \xrightarrow{Q} & \uparrow \mathcal{O}_A \\ \mathcal{K} & & \mathcal{S} \end{array} \quad (18)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathcal{P}_+ & \xrightarrow{Q_a} & \mathcal{O}_A & & \\ \searrow p_c & & \swarrow l_c & & \\ & \mathcal{P}_J & & \mathcal{O}_{A'} & \\ \nearrow p'_c & & \swarrow l'_c & & \\ \mathcal{P}_L & \xrightarrow{Q_b} & \mathcal{O}_{A'} & & \end{array} \quad (19)$$



Fig. 12: rework this as a commutative box w/ the r in E row associated w/ this $\hat{q}(k)$

400 4.3.4 Graphic to Data: ξ

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E & V & H \\ \pi \searrow & \swarrow \pi & \downarrow \pi \\ K & \xleftarrow{\xi} S \end{array}$$

401 The functor ξ is a deformation retract, which means....

402 [?], [?] By homotopy lifting?

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & u_j & \\ & \nearrow \xi^* & \downarrow \\ K & \xleftarrow{\xi} S \end{array}$$

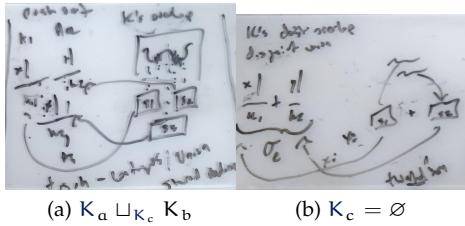


Fig. 13: probably doesn't need the $k=0$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} K_c & \longleftrightarrow & K_b & \leftarrow & S_b \\ \downarrow & & \swarrow \xi & & \uparrow \\ & & K_a & \xleftarrow{\xi} & S_a \end{array} \quad (22)$$

404 talk about ξ even though is not explicitly implemented
 405 The mapping between graphic and data space expresses
 406 how... This is what allows the artist to generate graphics
 407 where the subset of data on view is dynamically updated,
 408 such as pan and zoom navigation [?] and sliding windows
 409 on streaming data [?], [?].

410 5 CASE STUDY

411 We implement the arrows in ??.
 412 `axesArtist` is a parent
 413 artist that acts as a screen. This allows for the composition
 described in ??

414 5.1 A

```
1 for local_tau in axesArtist.artist.data.query(screen_bounds, dpi):
  2   mu = axesArtist.artist.graphic.mu(local_tau)
  3   rho = axesArtist.artist.graphic.qhat(**mu)
  4   H = rho(renderer)
```

415 where the artist is already parameterized with the ξ
 416 functions and which fibers they are associated to:

417 5.1.1 ξ

418 5.1.2 ν

419 5.1.3 \hat{Q}

420 6 DISCUSSION

421 6.1 Limitations

422 6.2 future work

423 7 CONCLUSION

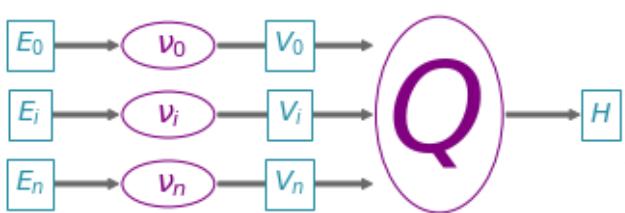
424 The conclusion goes here.

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Fig. 14: ν &