

An Introduction to Sets and LOD

Sleeper Chapter 15, 16

Agenda

How to create a Set: fixed vs dynamic.

Five ways to use a set:

- As a filter
- To encode marks
- In calculated fields
- As dimension fields
- Within a custom hierarchy

An Introduction to Level of Detail Expressions.

Sets are custom fields that **define a subset of data** based on some conditions.

There are two types of sets: dynamic and fixed. The members of a dynamic set change when the underlying data changes.

How to Create a Set

Create a Bar Chart:

- Columns: Sum(Sales)
- Rows: Customer Name

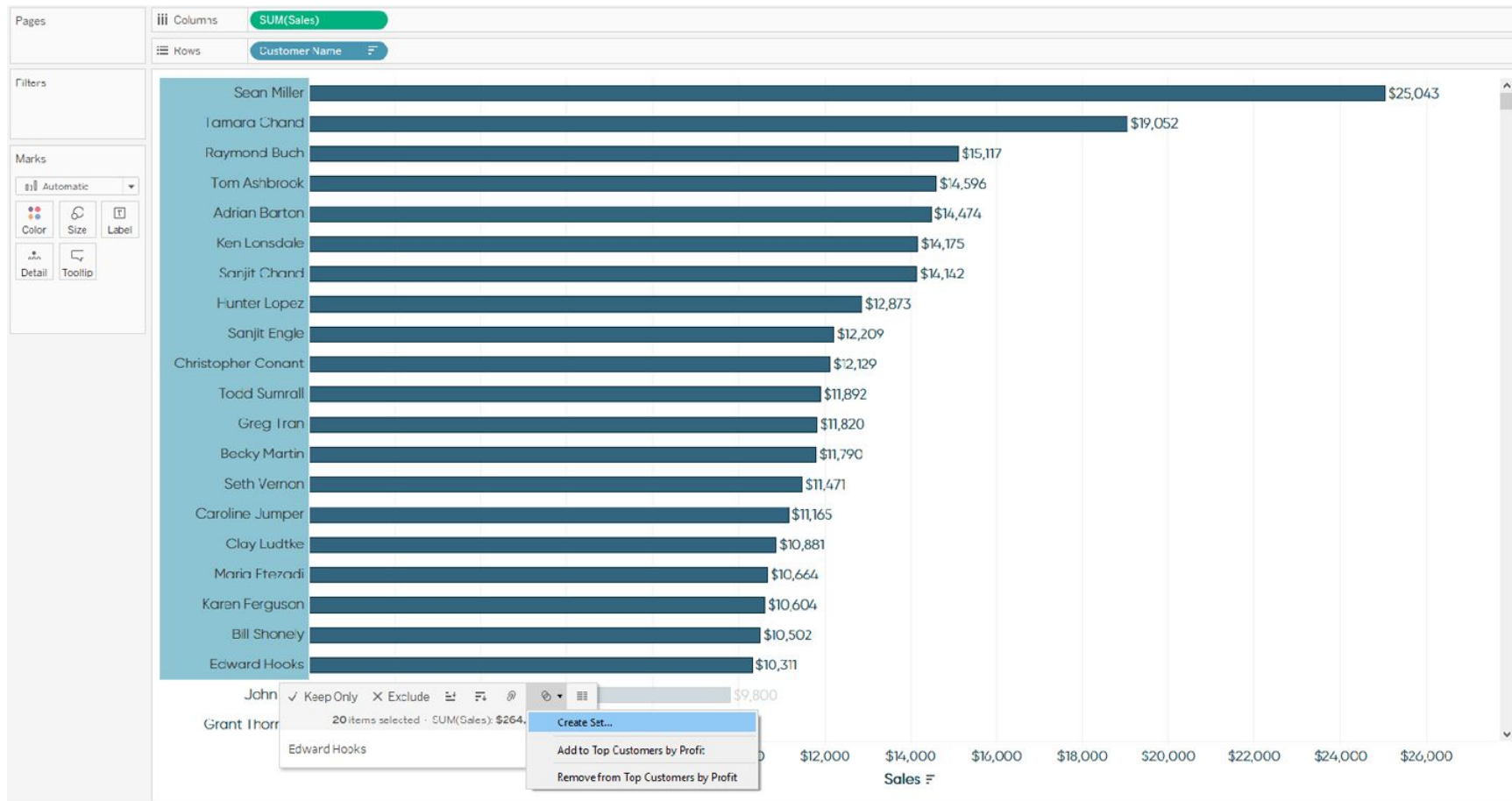
Option 1 - Fixed Set:

- Right-click dimension members on a view > click the Venn diagram icon
Create Set... (See screenshot on the next page)



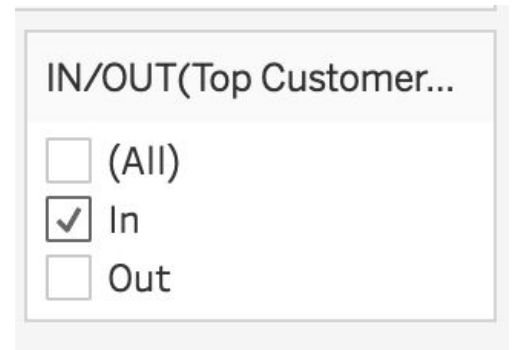
Option 2 - Either Fixed or Dynamic:

- Right-click the **Customer Name** dimension on the Dimensions area of the Data pane > **Create** > **Set...**



1. Using a Set as a Filter

A set can be used as a filter by right-clicking a set from the **Sets** area of the Data pane and choosing **Show Filter**.



2. A Set to Encode Marks

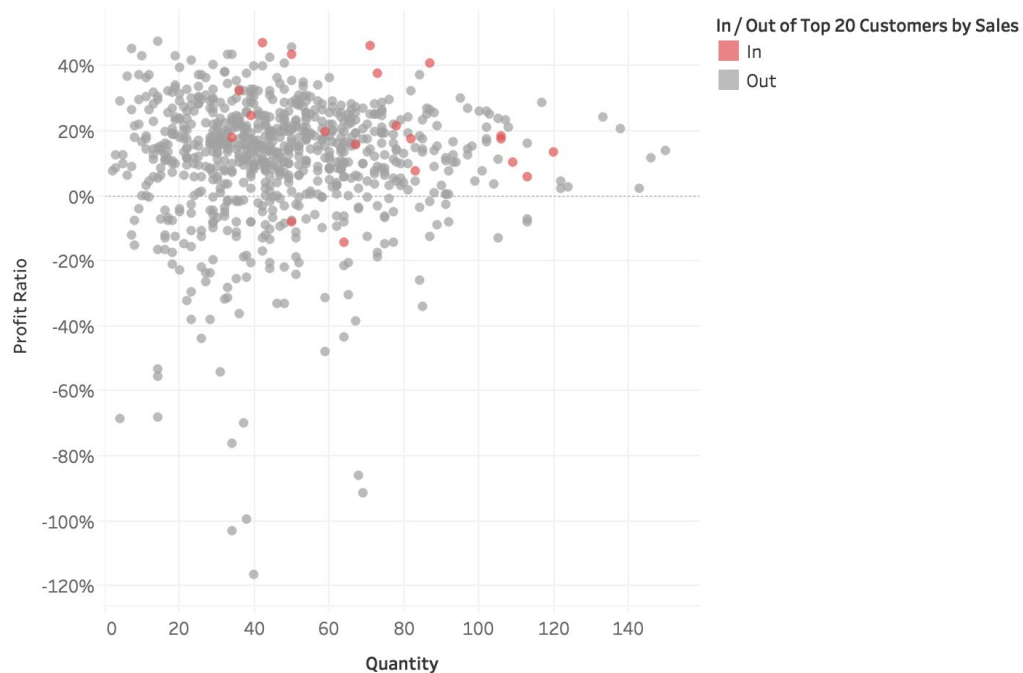
Create a scatterplot of Customer Profit Ratio by Quantity:

- Columns: `Sum(Quantity)`
- Rows: `AGG(Profit Ratio)`
- Detail Marks Card: Customer Name

To make it stand out, drag the Set **Top 20 Customers by Sale** to the **Color** Cards Mark.

Top customers on a scatterplot

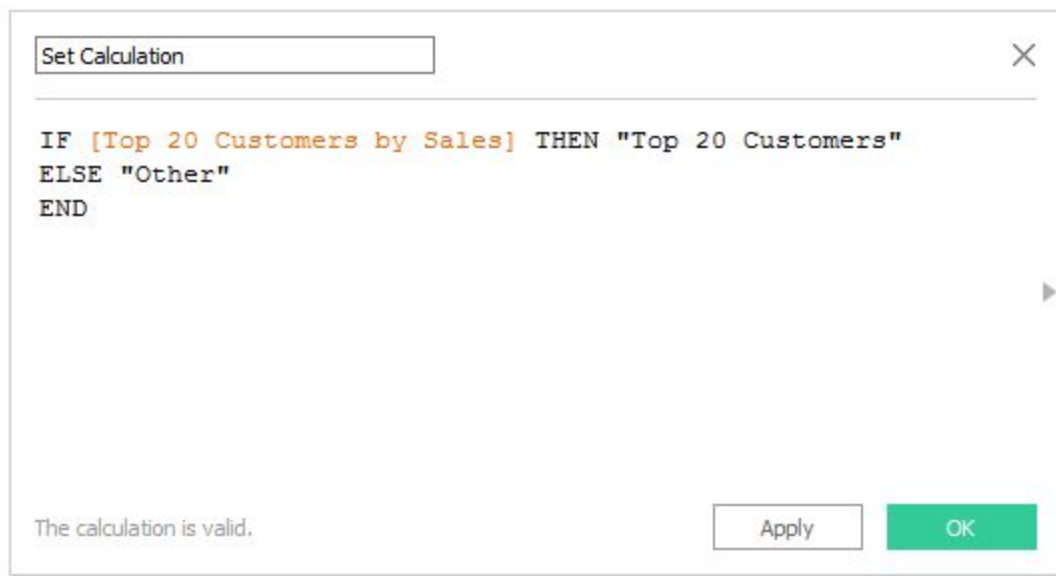
You can encode marks on a view by a set.



Sum of Quantity vs. Profit Ratio. Color shows details about In / Out of Top 20 Customers by Sales. Details are shown for Customer Name.

3. Use Sets in Calculated Fields

You can treat dimension members differently based on whether or not they are in a set.



The screenshot shows a 'Set Calculation' dialog box with a title bar containing the text 'Set Calculation' and a close button (X). The main area contains an IF statement: `IF [Top 20 Customers by Sales] THEN "Top 20 Customers"`, `ELSE "Other"`, and `END`. At the bottom left, it says 'The calculation is valid.' At the bottom right, there are two buttons: 'Apply' and 'OK'.

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IF [Top 20 Customers by Sales] THEN "Top 20 Customers"
ELSE "Other"
END
```

The calculation is valid.

Apply OK

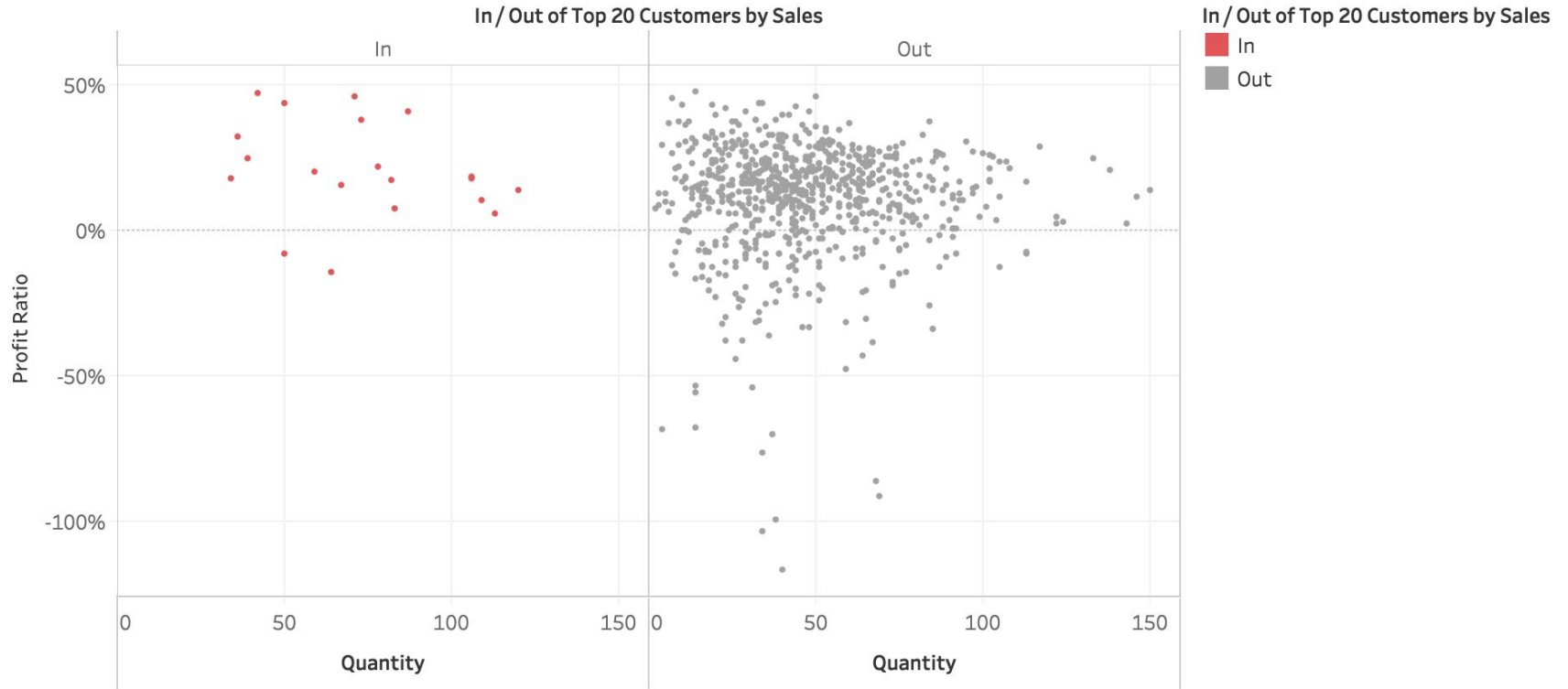
4. A Set Can Be Used Like Dimensions

Same Viz, drag the set from the Sets area of the Data pane to the Columns shelf:

- Columns: IN/OUT(Top 20 Customers), Sum(Quantity)
- Rows: AGG(Profit Ratio)
- Detail Marks Card: Customer Name
- Color Marks Card: IN/OUT(Top 20 Customers)

In / Out of Top Customers

Sets can be used just like dimensions.

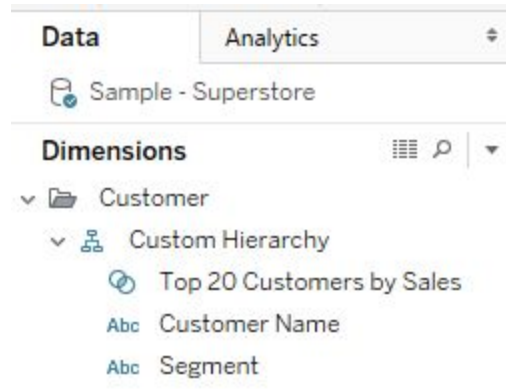


Sum of Quantity vs. Profit Ratio broken down by In / Out of Top 20 Customers by Sales. Color shows details about In / Out of Top 20 Customers by Sales. Details are shown for Customer Name. The view is filtered on In / Out of Top 20 Customers by Sales, which keeps Out and In.

5. Use Sets Within Custom Hierarchy

Create a custom hierarchy by selecting the **Customer Name** and **Segment** dimensions, right-click, hover over **Hierarchy**, and choose **Create Hierarchy**.

Drag the **Top 20 Customers by Sales** set into the hierarchy:



- Columns: **Sum(Sales)**
- Rows: **IN/OUT(Top 20 Customers)**

Custom Hierarchy

Allows the ability to drill down...

| In / Out of T.. | Customer Name | Segment | | | | |
|-----------------|--------------------|-------------|--|--|--|--|
| In | Adrian Barton | Consumer | | | | |
| | Becky Martin | Consumer | | | | |
| | Bill Shonely | Corporate | | | | |
| | Caroline Jumper | Consumer | | | | |
| | Christopher Conant | Consumer | | | | |
| | Clay Ludtke | Consumer | | | | |
| | Edward Hooks | Corporate | | | | |
| | Greg Tran | Consumer | | | | |
| | Hunter Lopez | Consumer | | | | |
| | Karen Ferguson | Home Office | | | | |
| | Ken Lonsdale | Consumer | | | | |
| | Maria Etezadi | Home Office | | | | |

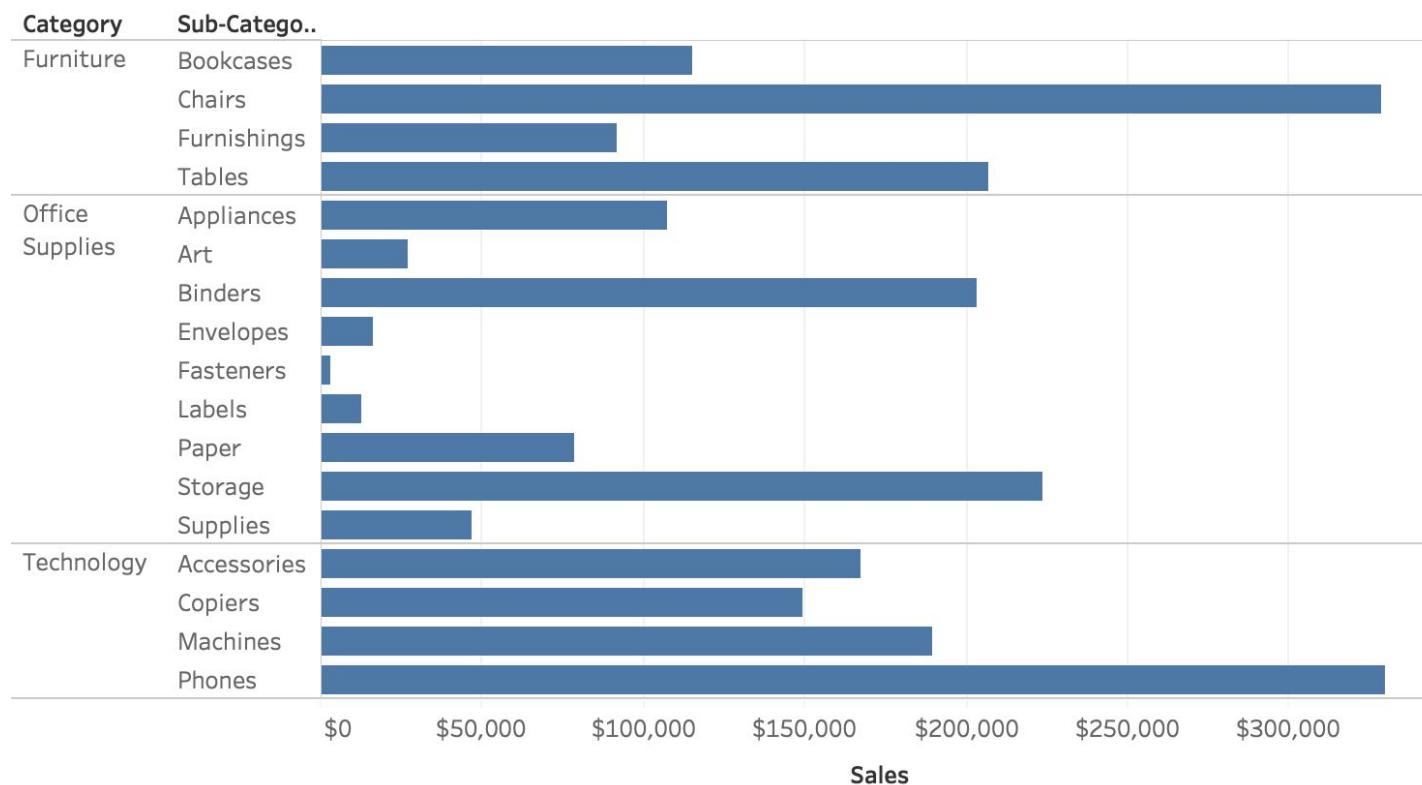
Level of Detail (LOD) Expression allows you to change the most granular place where an analysis takes place.

Sales by Category / Sub-Category

Start by creating a bar chart:

- Columns: Sum(Sales)
- Rows: Category

Sales by Category and Sub-Category



Sum of Sales for each Sub-Category broken down by Category.

Sales by Category Excluding Sub-Category

Create a calculated field with the following formula:

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{EXCLUDE [Sub-Category]: Sum([Sales])}
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Name it '*Sales Excluding Sub-Category*' & drag it to the Column Shelf:

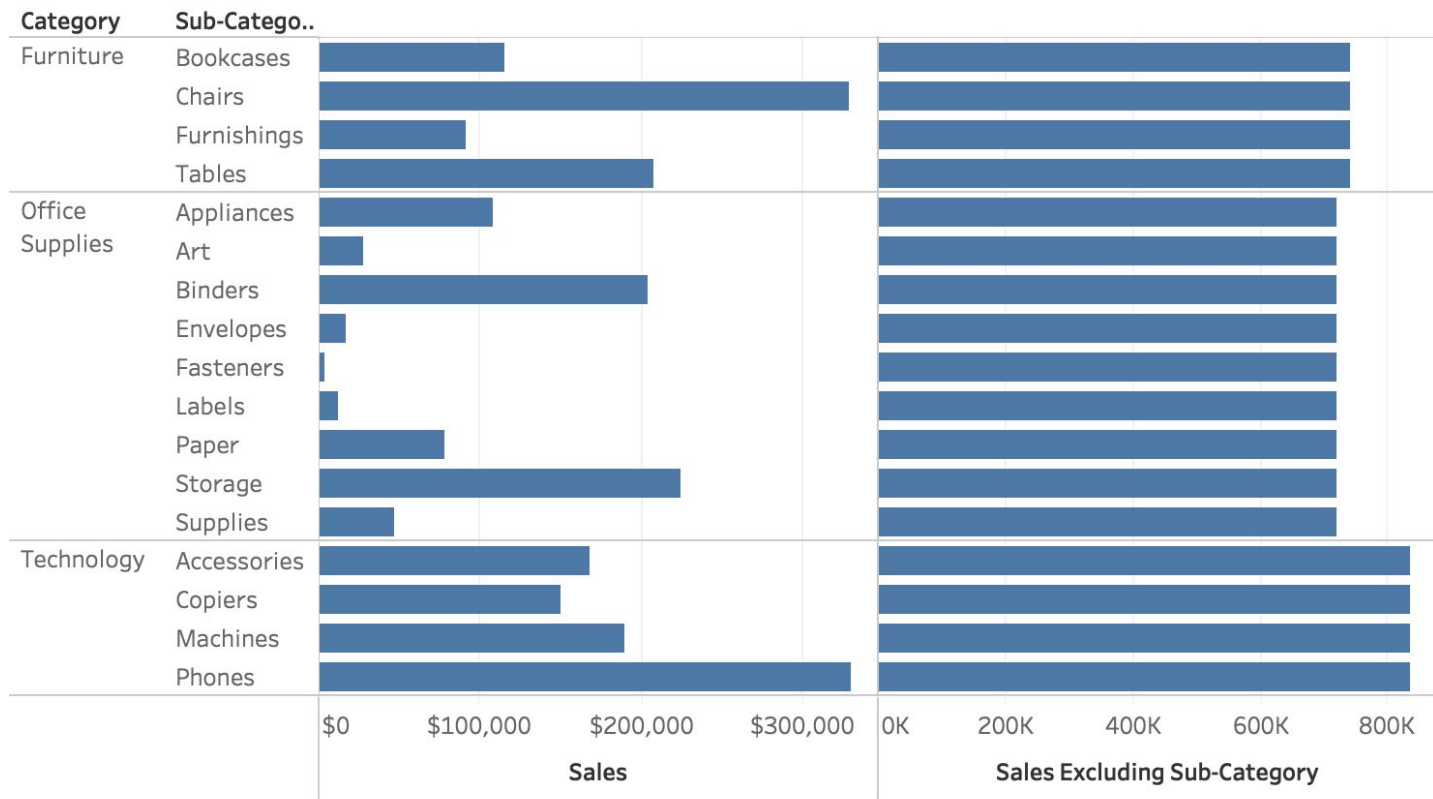
- Columns: Sum(Sales), ATTR(Sales Excluding Sub-Category)
- Rows: Category

LOD Expression Keywords

- FIXED** fix the measure at a certain level of detail
- INCLUDE** include dimensions that are **not** on the view
- EXCLUDE** exclude dimensions that **are** on the view

Top 15 LOD expressions: <https://www.tableau.com/about/blog/LOD-expressions>

Excluding Sub-Category



Sum of Sales and Sales Excluding Sub-Category as an attribute for each Sub-Category broken down by Category.

Two different levels of detail on one view.

<https://learning.oreilly.com/library/view/practical-tableau/9781491977309/ch16.html>

The contribution of each sub-category to its category:

Create yet another calculated field with the following formula:

$\text{Sum}(\text{Sales}) / \text{Sum}([\text{Sales Excluding Sub-Category}])$

Name it '***Sub-Category Contribution***' & drag it to the Column Shelf:

- Columns: $\text{Sum}(\text{Sales})$, $\text{ATTR}(\text{Sales Excluding...})$, $\text{AGG}(\text{Sub-Category Cont...})$
- Rows: Category

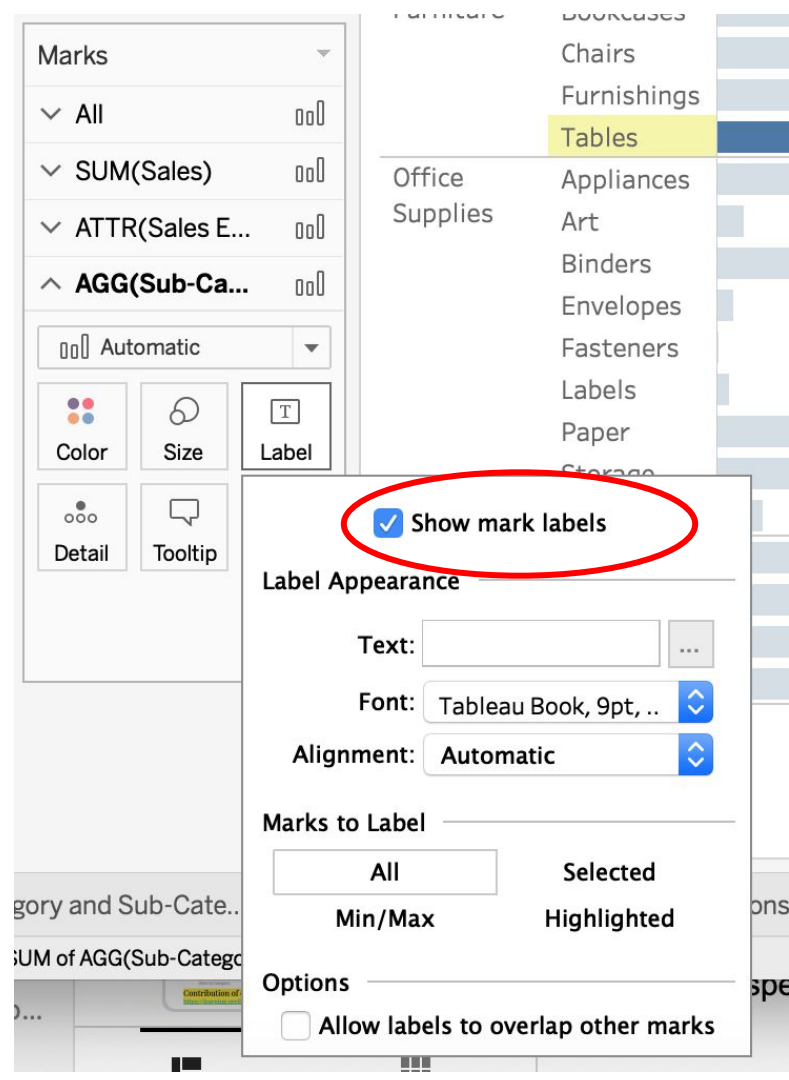
To configure % labels:

Display the % labels:

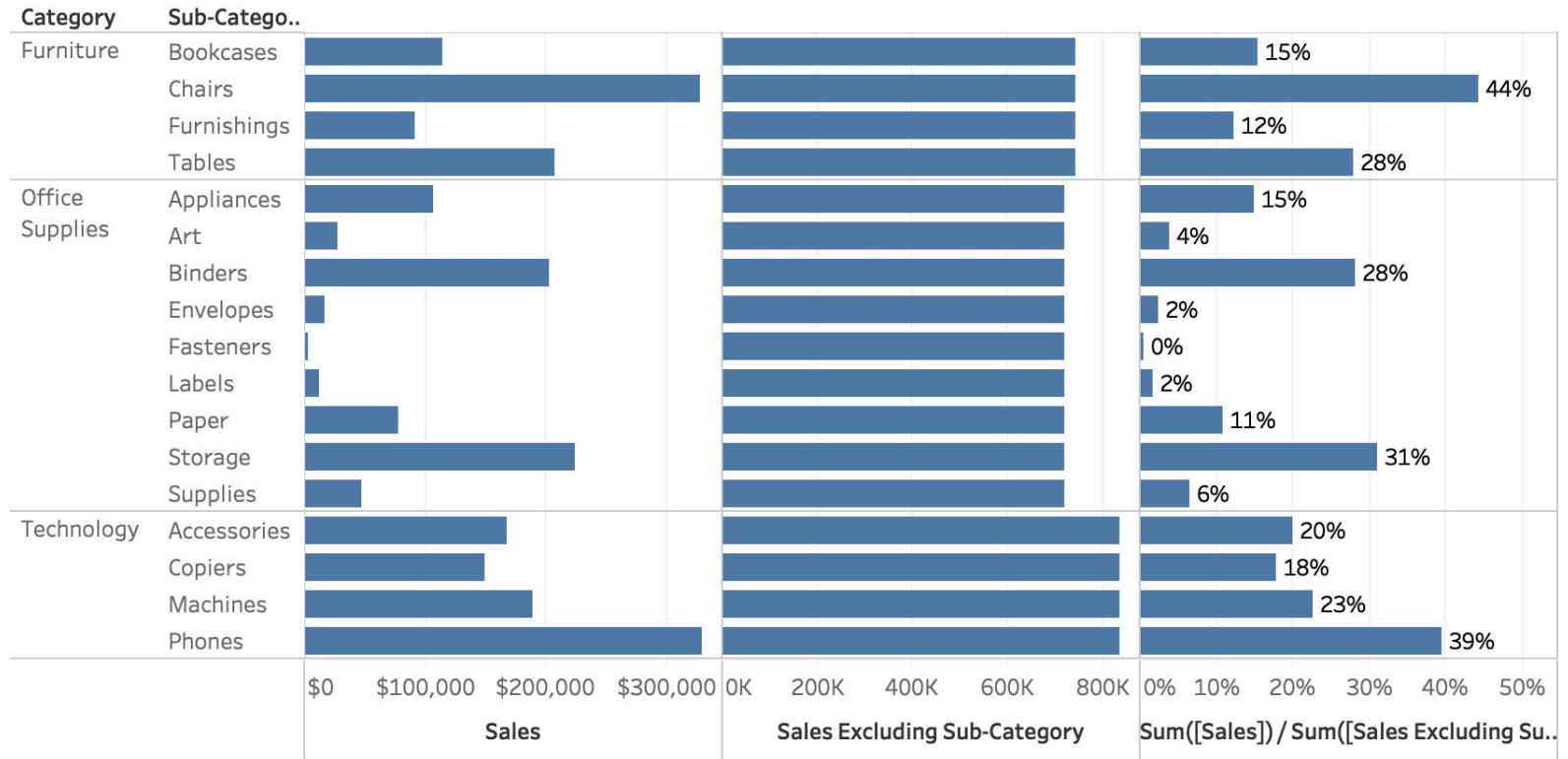
- Click on **Label** Marks Card for AGG(Sub-Category Contribution) and check the box **Show Mark Labels**.

Configure %:

- Right click on the last columns pill **AGG(Sub-Category Contr...** then select **Format > Pane > Default > Numbers > Percent**.



LOD Calculations



Sum of Sales, Sales Excluding Sub-Category as an attribute and $\text{Sum}([Sales]) / \text{Sum}([Sales \text{ Excluding Sub-Category}])$ for each Sub-Category broken down by Category.

Contribution of each sub-category to its respective category.

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