

CSE 332  
INTRODUCTION TO VISUALIZATION  
HIGH-DIMENSIONAL DATA

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# UNDERSTANDING HIGH-D OBJECTS

Feature vectors are typically high dimensional

- this means, they have many elements
- high dimensional space is tricky
- most people do not understand it
- why is that?
  
- well, because you don't learn to see high-D when your vision system develops



Object permanence (Jean Piaget)

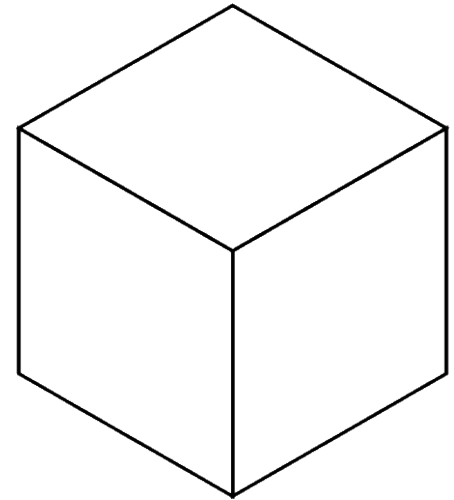
- the ability to create mental pictures or remember objects and people you have previously seen
- thought to be a vital precursor to creativity and abstract thinking

# HIGH-D SPACE IS TRICKY

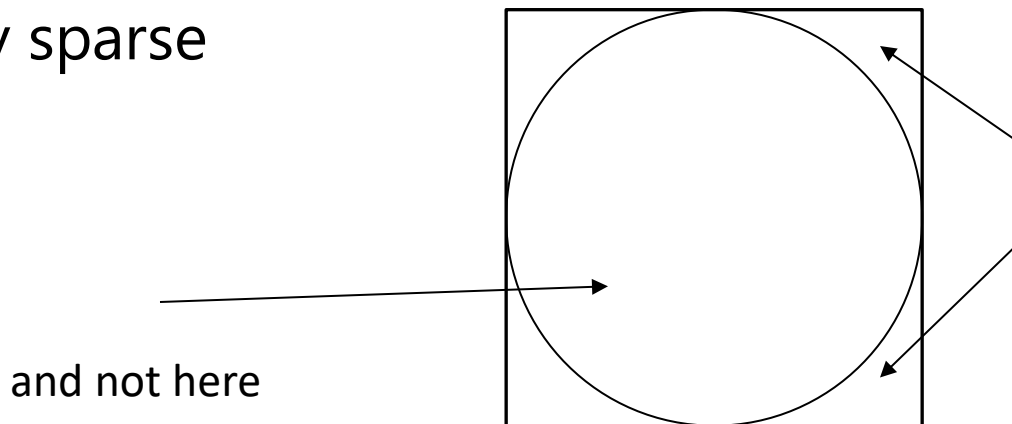
The curse of dimensionality

As  $n$  (number of dimensions)  $\rightarrow \infty$

- Cube: side length  $l$ , diagonal  $d$ , volume  $V$
- $V \rightarrow \infty$  for  $l > 1$
- $V \rightarrow 0$  for  $l < 1$
- $V = 1$  for  $l = 1$
- $d \rightarrow \infty$



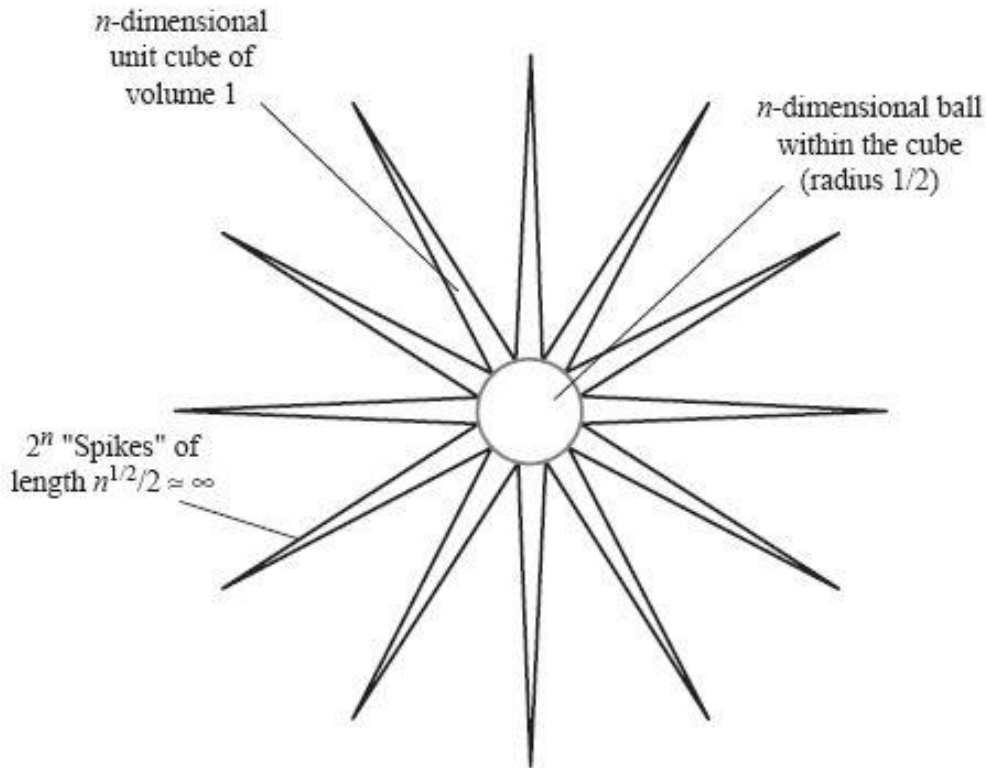
and very sparse



most points are here

# HIGH-D SPACE IS TRICKY

Essentially hypercube is like a "hedgehog"



# CURSE OF DIMENSIONALITY

Points are all at about the same distance from one another

- concentration of distances
- fundamental equation (Bellman, '61)

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{Dist_{\max} - Dist_{\min}}{Dist_{\min}} \rightarrow 0$$

- so as  $n$  increases, it is impossible to distinguish two points by (Euclidian) distance
  - unless these points are in the same cluster of points

# SPARSENESS DEMONSTRATION

Space gets extremely sparse

- with every extra dimension points get pulled apart further
- distances become meaningless

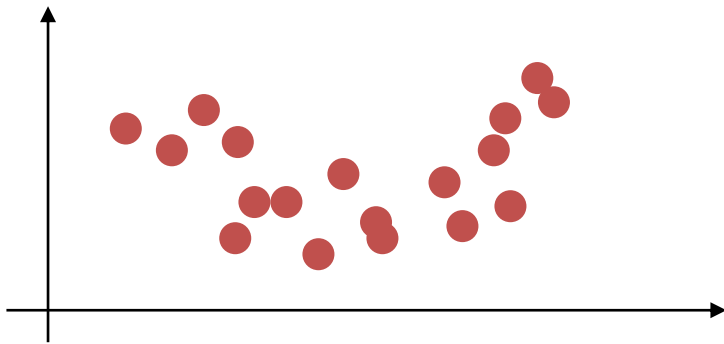
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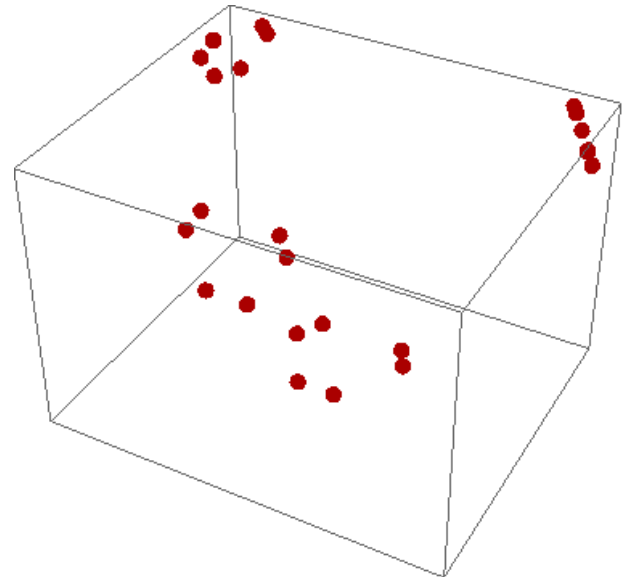
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1D – points are very close



2D – points spread apart



3D – getting even sparser

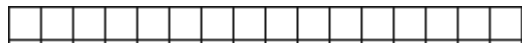
4D, 5D, ... – sparseness grows further



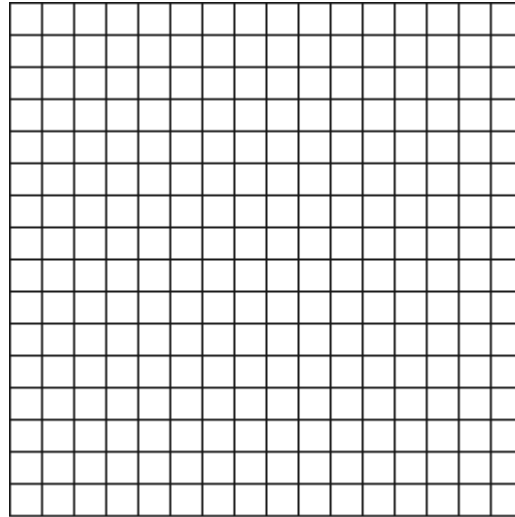
# SPACE AND MEMORY MANAGEMENT

Indexing (and storage) also gets very expensive

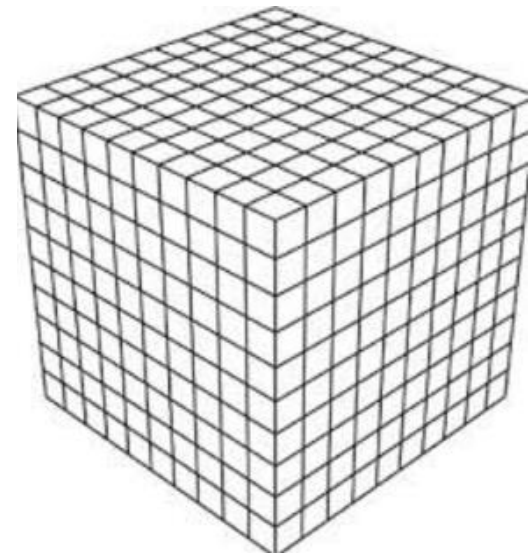
- exponential growth in the number of dimensions



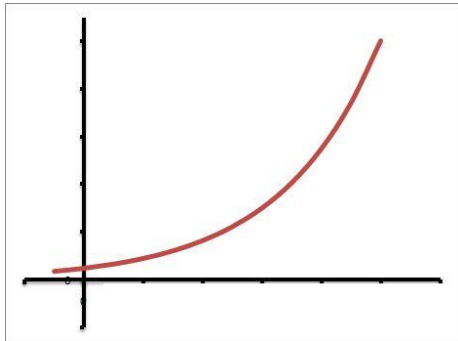
16 cells



$16^2 = 256$  cells



$16^3 = 4,096$  cells



- 4D: 65k cells   5D: 1M cells   6D: 16M cells   7D: 268M cells
- keep a keen eye on storage complexity

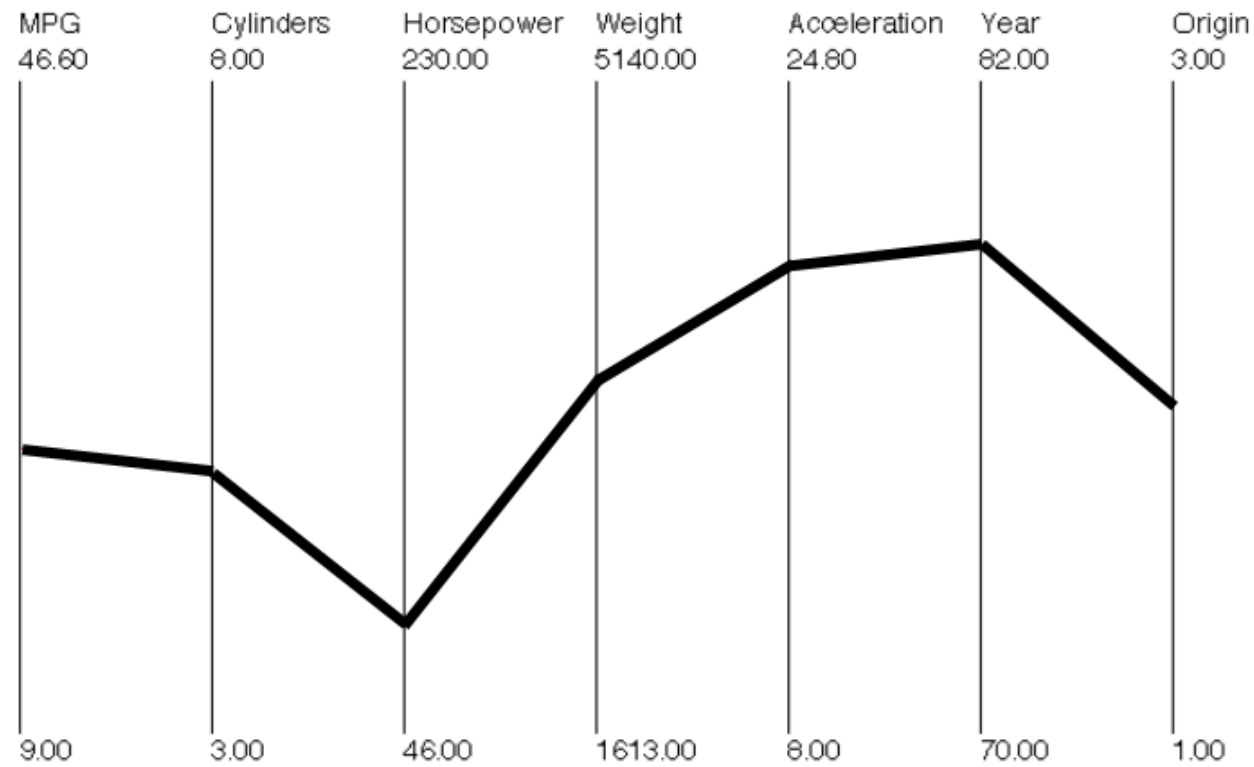
# PARALLEL COORDINATES

Invented by Al Inselberg in the early 1990s

Good way to see raw high-dimensional data

- but there are shortcomings
- we will see

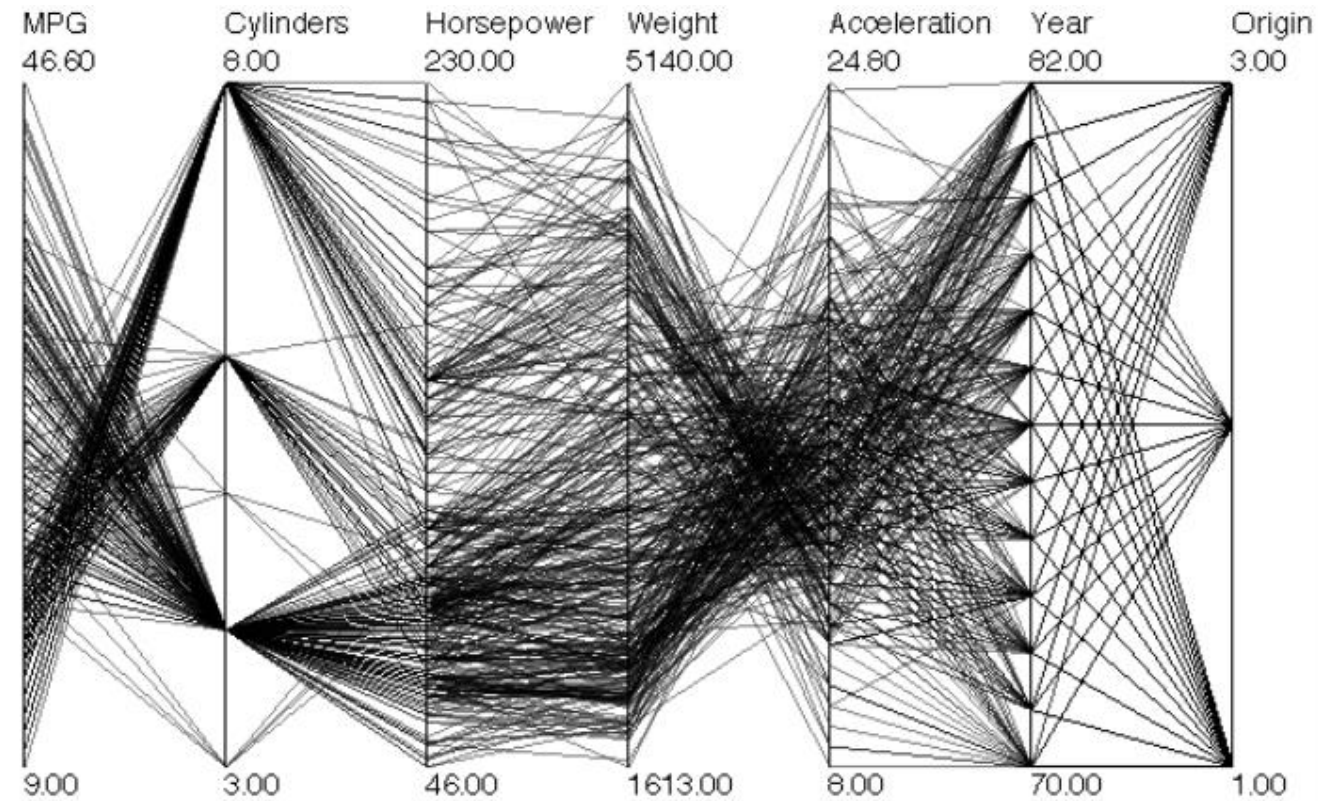
# PARALLEL COORDINATES – 1 CAR



The  $N=7$  data axes are arranged side by side

- in parallel

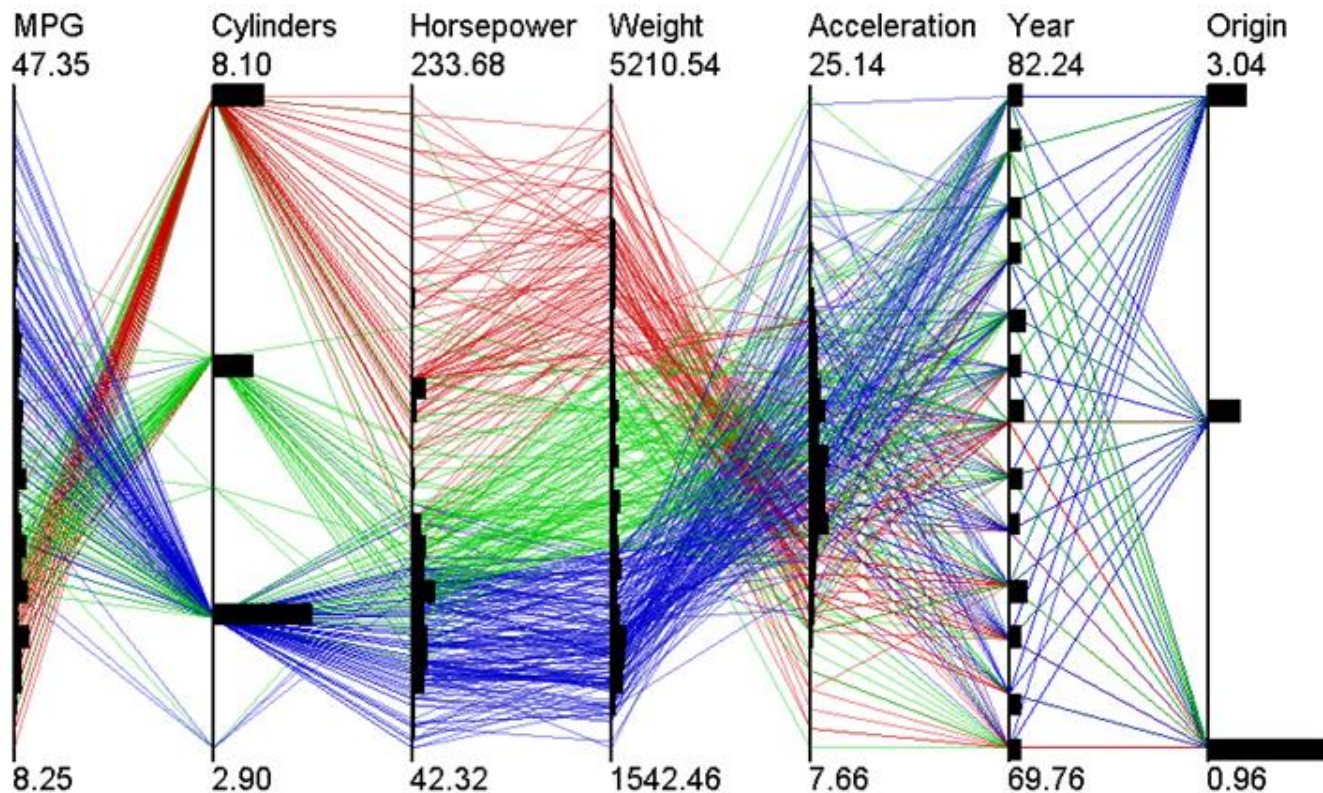
# PARALLEL COORDINATES – 100 CARS



Hard to see the individual cars?

- what can we do?

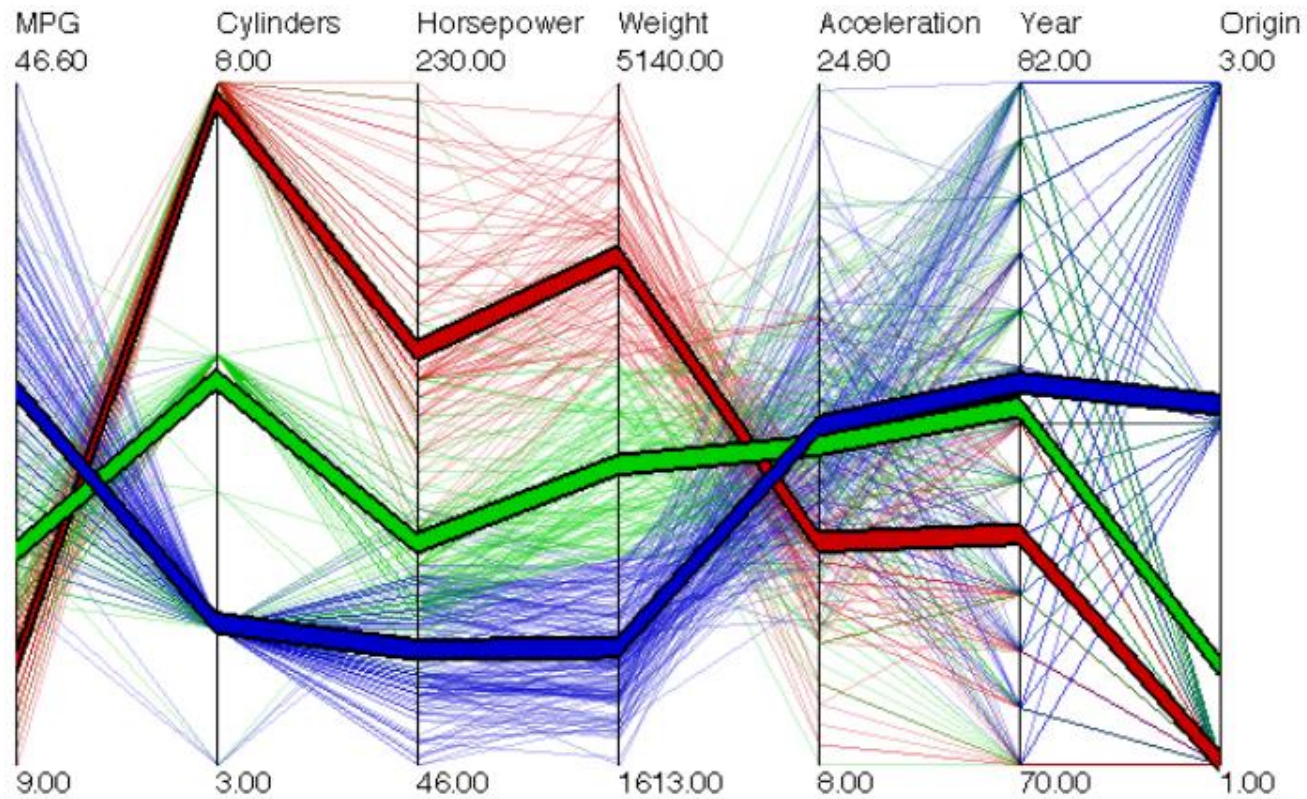
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Grouping the cars into sub-populations

- we perform clustering
- can be automated or interactive (put the user in charge)

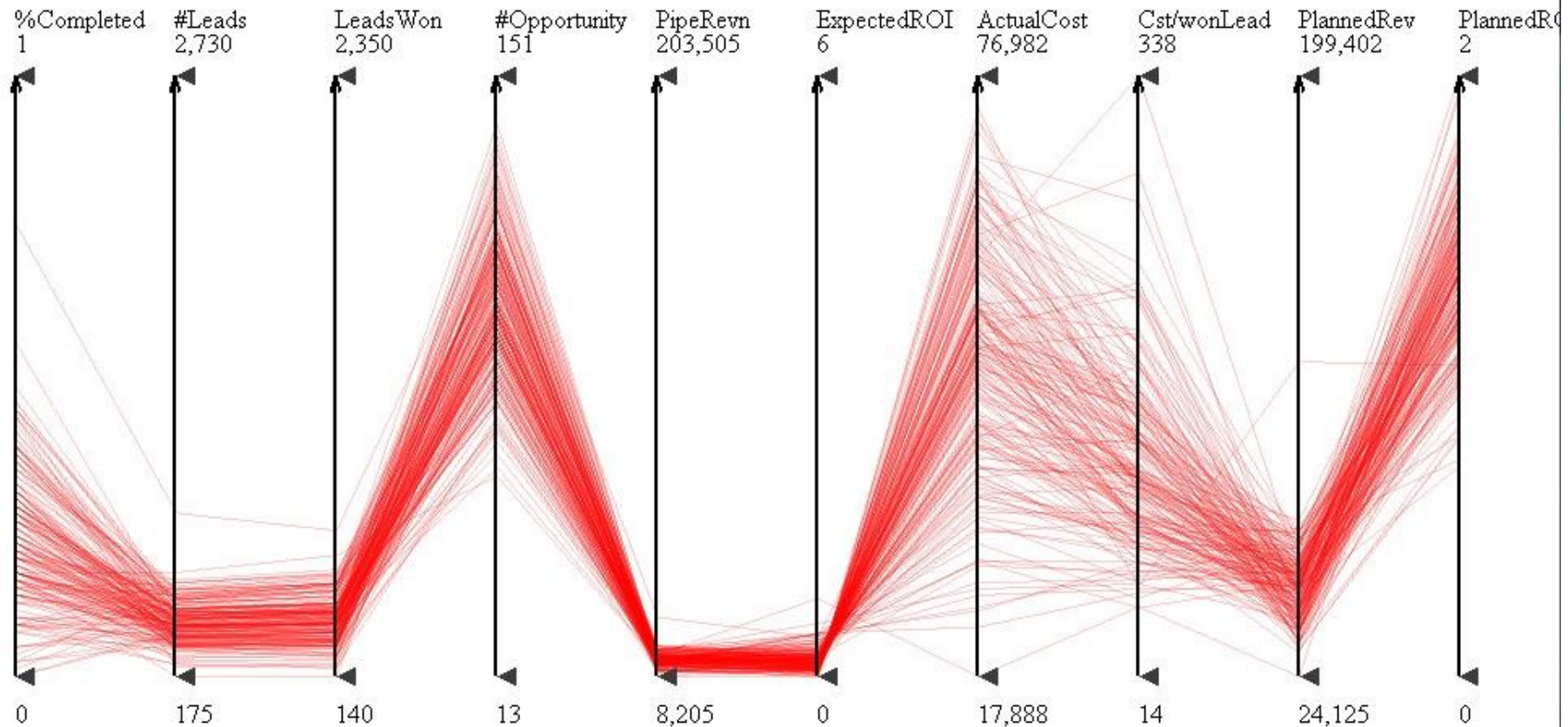
# PC WITH MEAN TREND



Computes the mean and superimposes it onto the lines

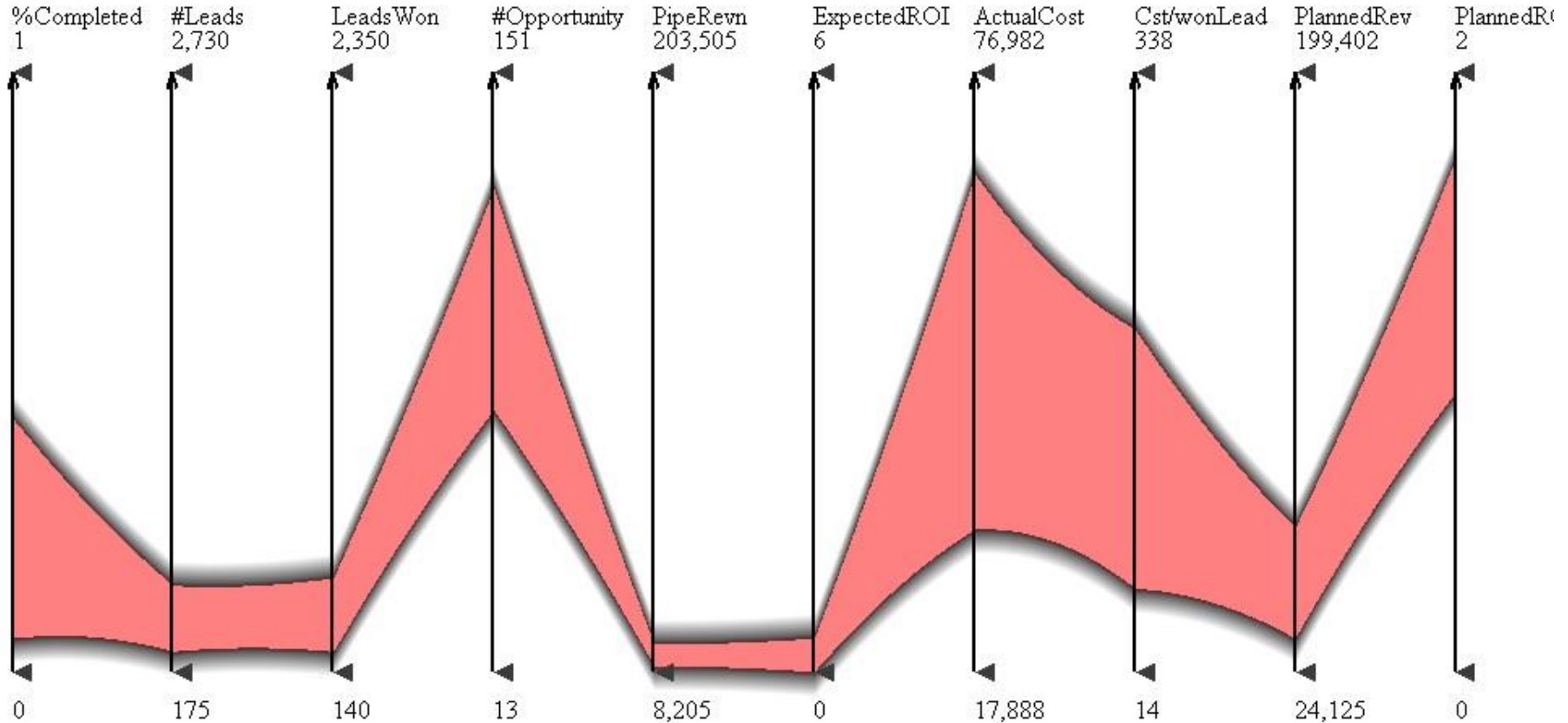
- allows one to see trends

# PC With Illustrative Abstraction



individual polylines

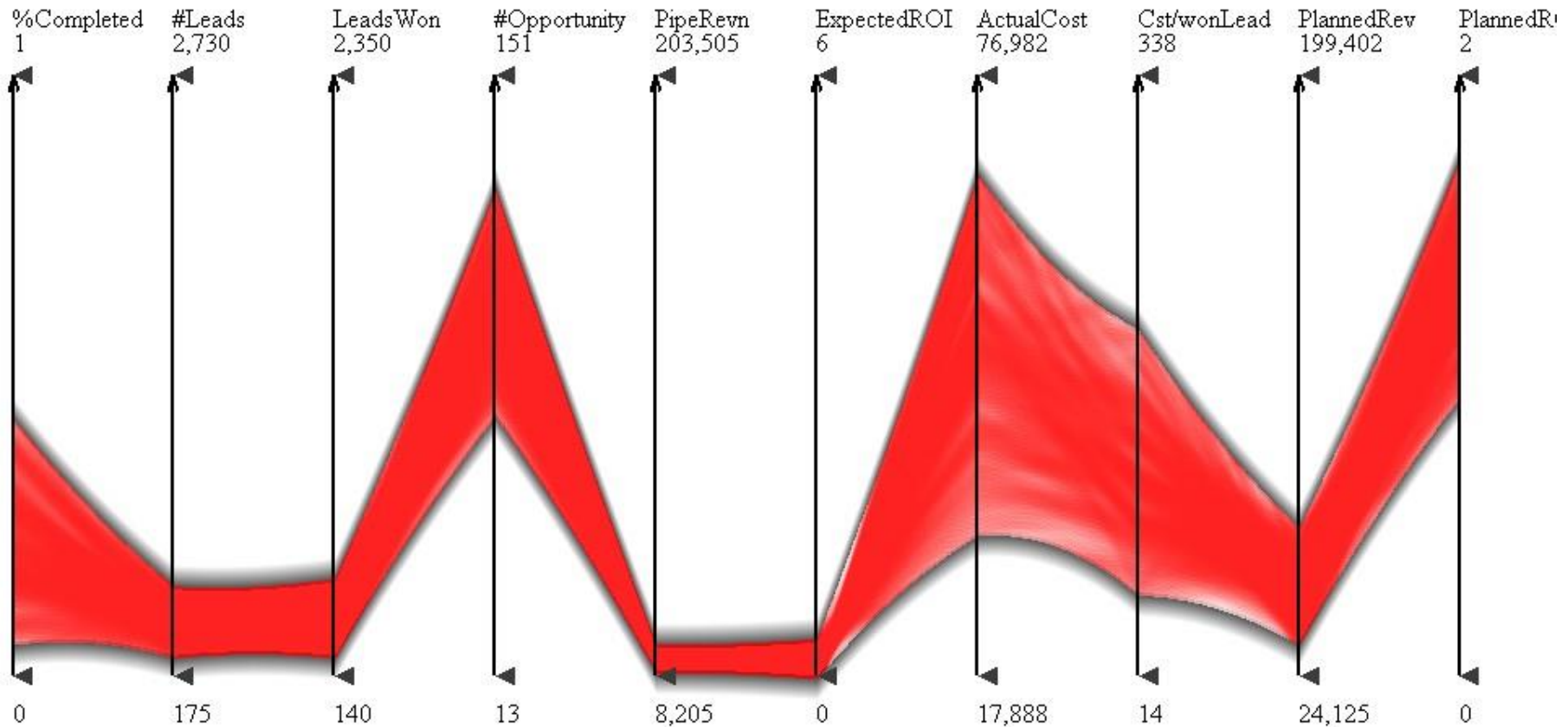
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completely abstracted away

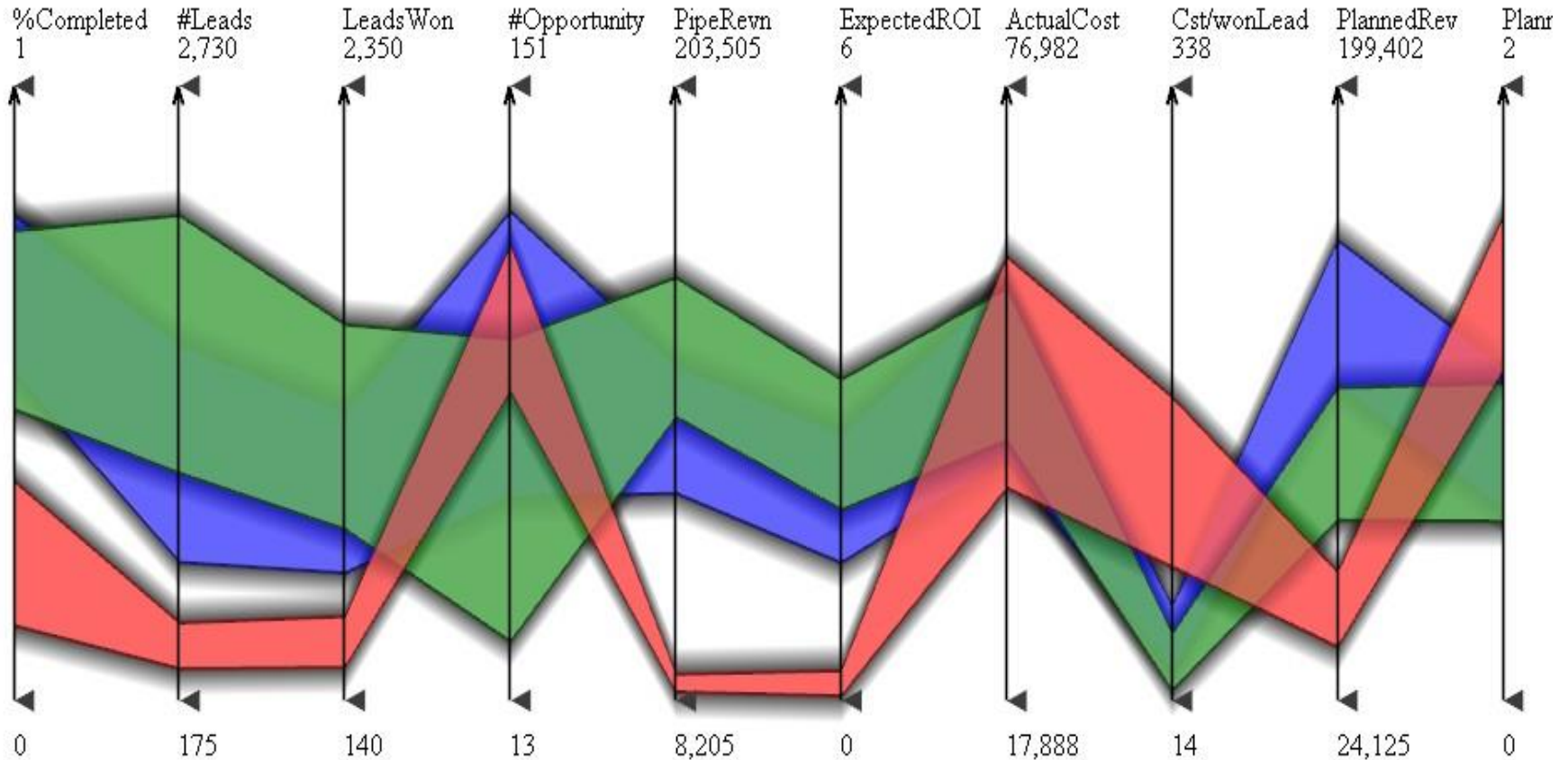


# PC With Illustrative Abstraction



blended partially

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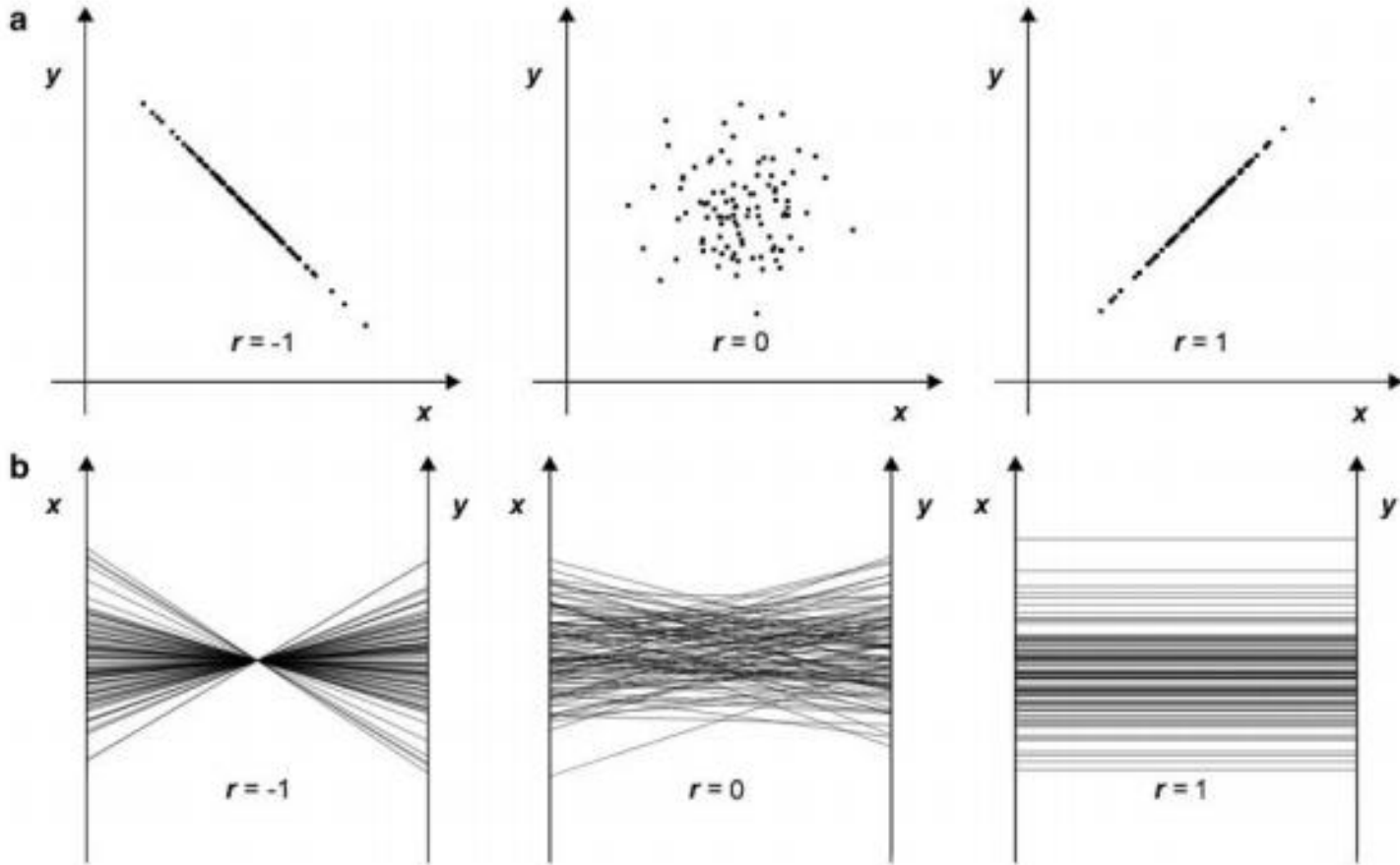
all put together – three clusters

[McDonnell and Mueller, 2008]

# Interaction is Key

Interaction in Parallel Coordinate

# PATTERNS IN PARALLEL COORDINATES



correlation

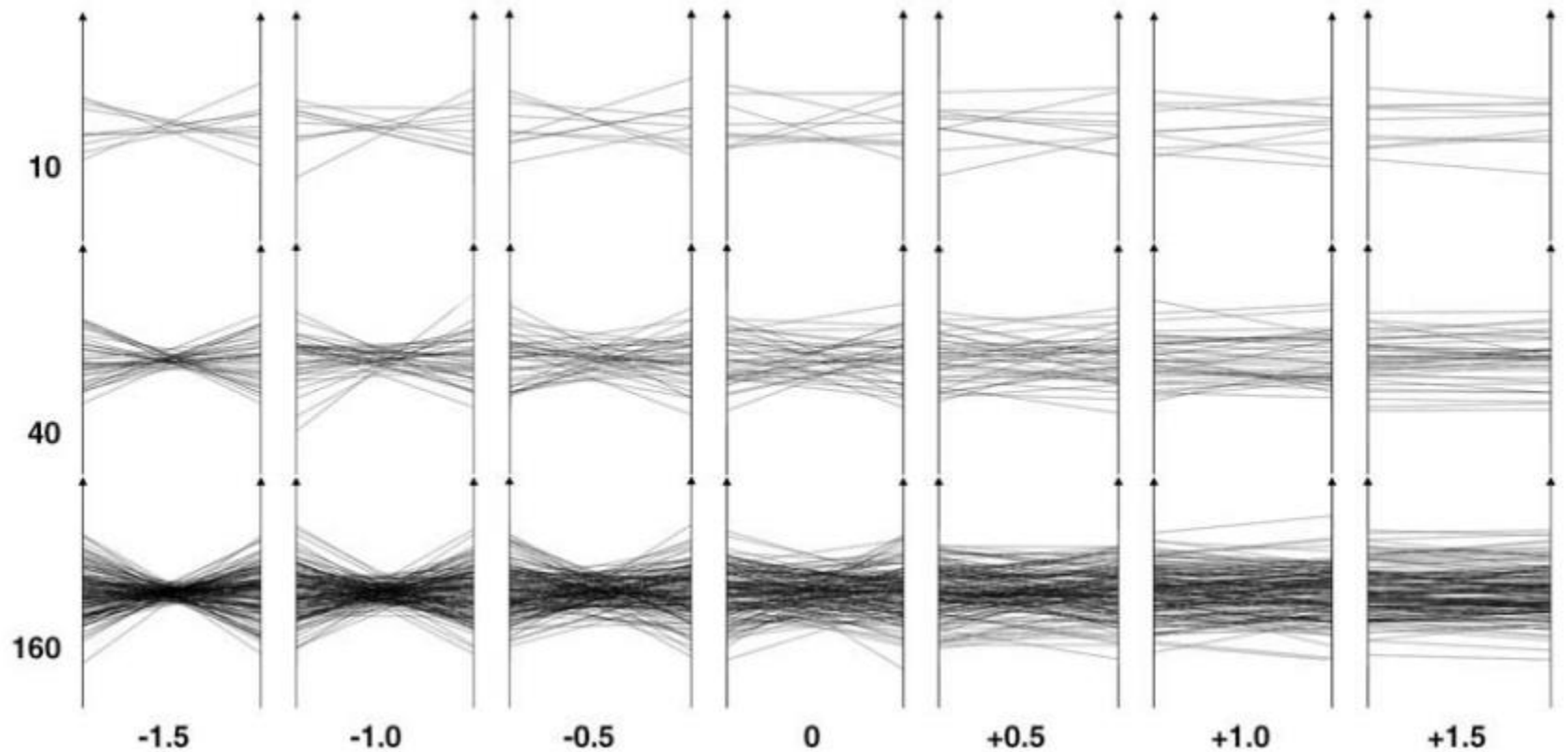
$r = -1.0$

$r = 0$

$r = 1.0$

# PATTERNS IN PARALLEL COORDINATES

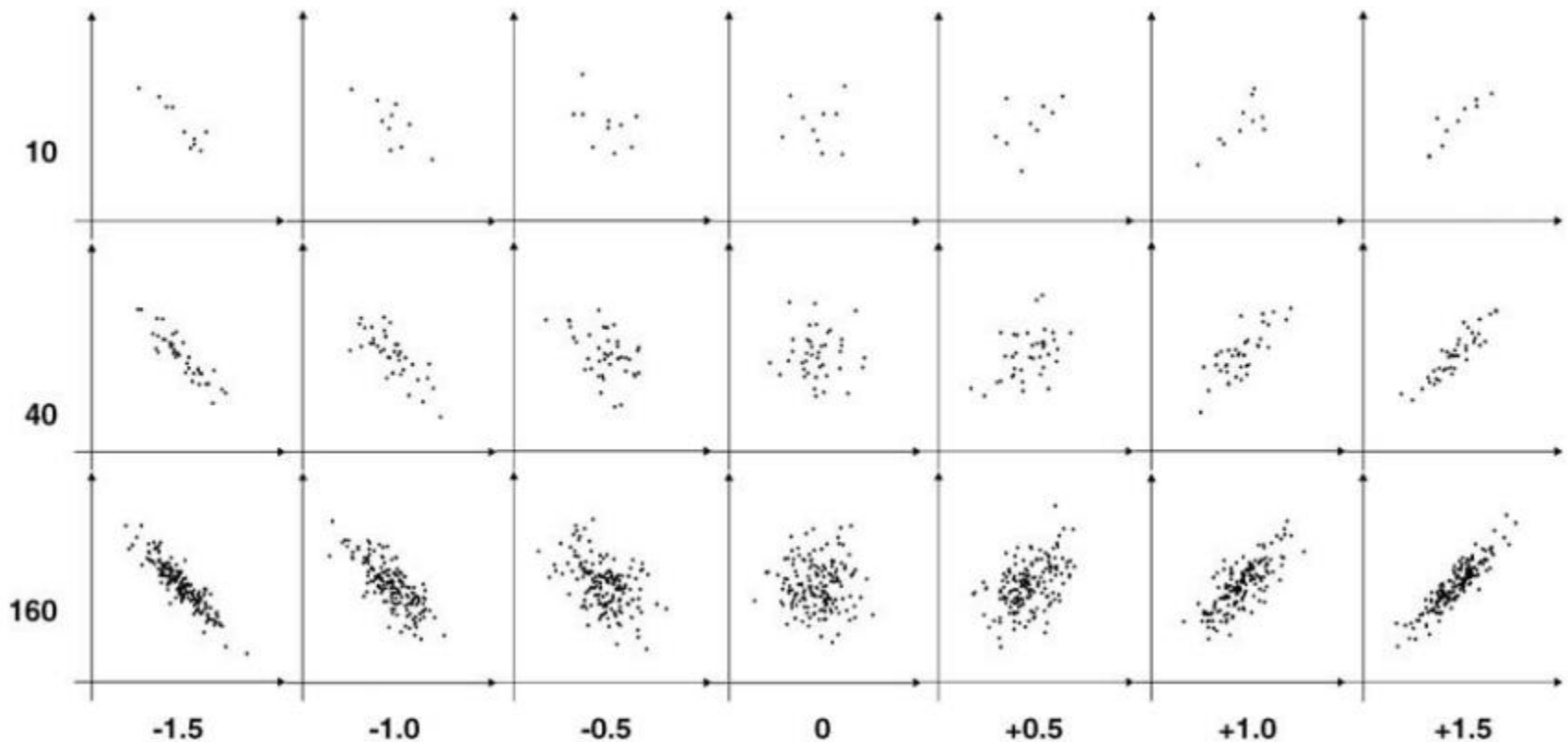
# points



Fisher-z (corresponding to  $\rho = 0, \pm 0.462, \pm 0.762, \pm 0.905$ )

# PATTERNS IN SCATTERPLOTS

# points



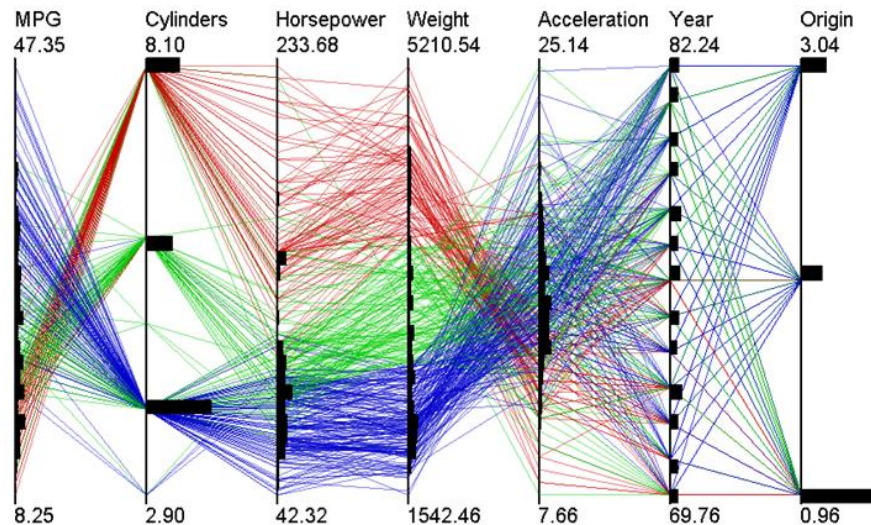
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Li et al. found that twice as many correlation levels can be distinguished with scatterplots

# AXIS REORDERING PROBLEM

There are  $n!$  ways to order the  $n$  dimensions

- how many orderings for 7 dimensions?
- 5,040
- but since can see relationships across 3 axes a better estimate is  $n!/((n-3)! 3!) = 35$
- still a lot of axes orderings to try out → we need help

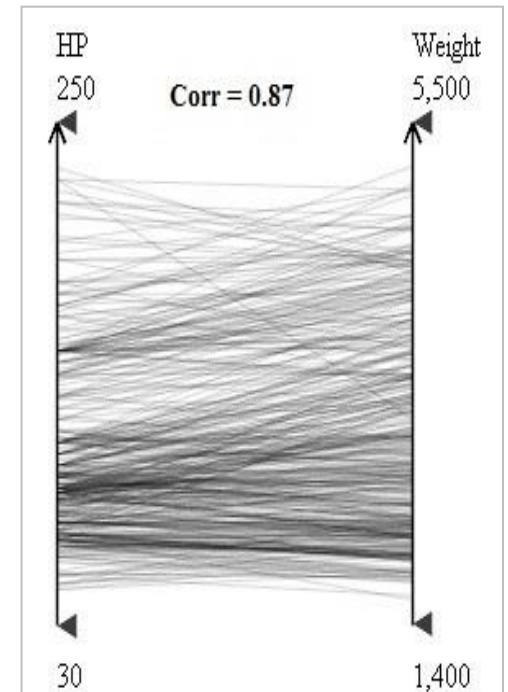
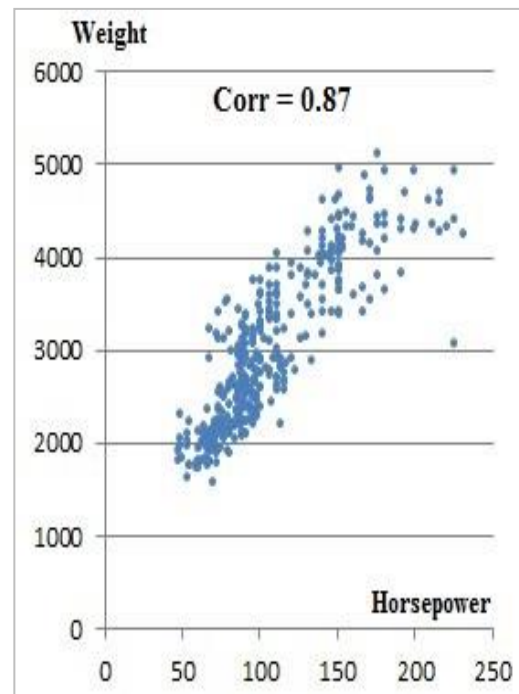


# WE NEED A MEASURE FOR RELATIONSHIPS

## Correlation

- a statistical measure that indicates the extent to which two or more variables fluctuate together

$$r_{xy} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2}}$$





# BUILDING THE CORRELATION MATRIX

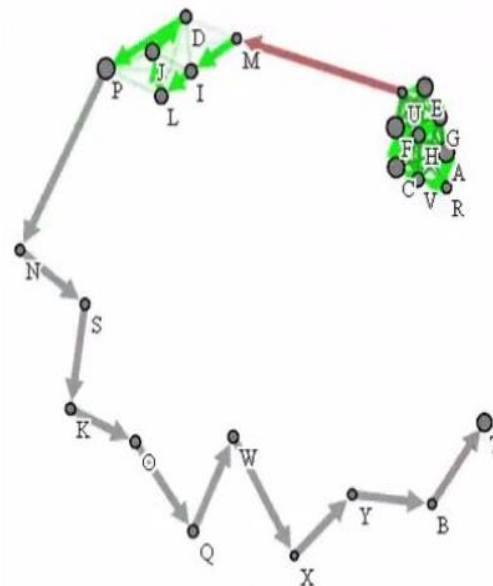
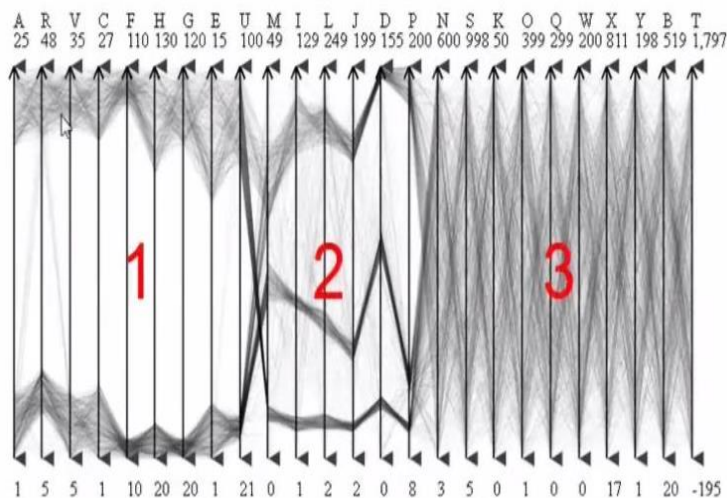
[Zhang and Mueller, 2012]

Create a correlation matrix

Run a mass-spring model

Run Traveling Salesman on the correlation nodes

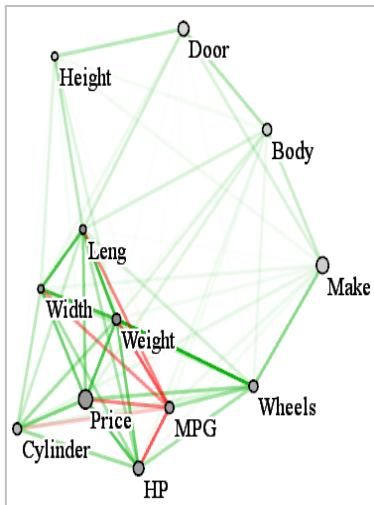
Use it to order your parallel coordinate axes via TSP



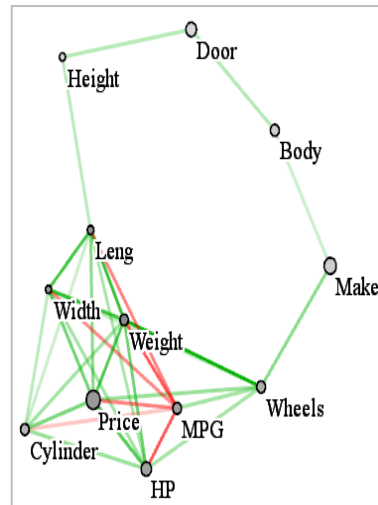
	MRK	MSFT	PFE	PG	T	TRV	UTX	VZ	WMT	XOM
MRK	1	0.39	0.72	-0.43	0.57	0.031	-0.26	0.61	-0.11	-0.25
MSFT	0.39	1	0.14	0.11	0.56	0.25	0.25	0.67	-0.074	0.24
PFE	0.72	0.14	1	-0.77	0.08	-0.37	-0.65	0.19	-0.077	-0.72
PG	-0.43	0.11	-0.77	1	0.25	0.68	0.92	0.086	0.072	0.9
T	0.57	0.56	0.08	0.25	1	0.65	0.46	0.87	-0.059	0.54
TRV	0.031	0.25	-0.37	0.68	0.65	1	0.83	0.43	-0.0067	0.81
UTX	-0.26	0.25	-0.65	0.92	0.46	0.83	1	0.27	-0.033	0.93
VZ	0.61	0.67	0.19	0.086	0.87	0.43	0.27	1	0.026	0.36
WMT	-0.11	-0.074	-0.077	0.072	-0.059	-0.0067	-0.033	0.026	1	0.832
XOM	-0.25	0.24	-0.72	0.9	0.54	0.81	0.93	0.36	0.832	1

# INTERACTION WITH THE CORRELATION NETWORK

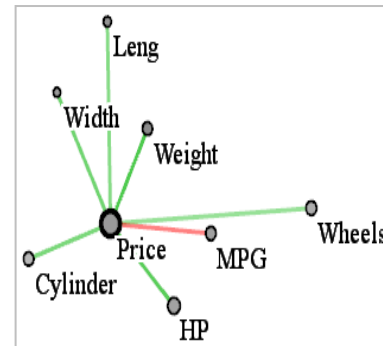
- Vertices are attributes, edges are correlations
  - vertex: size determined by  $\sum_{j=0}^D \frac{|correlation(i,j)|}{D-1} \quad j \neq i$
  - edge: color/intensity  $\rightarrow$  sign/strength of correlation



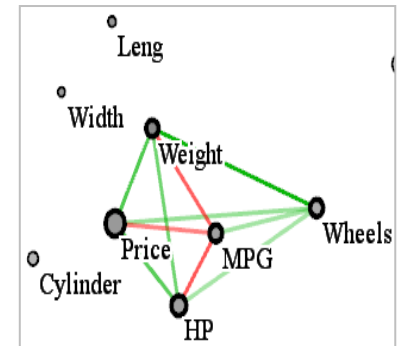
all edges



filtered by strength

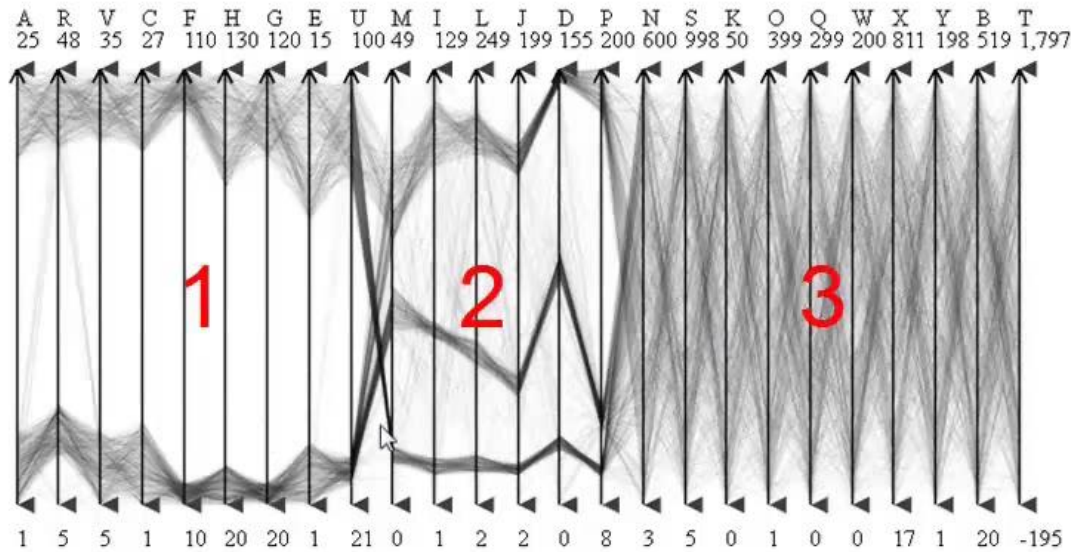


attribute centric

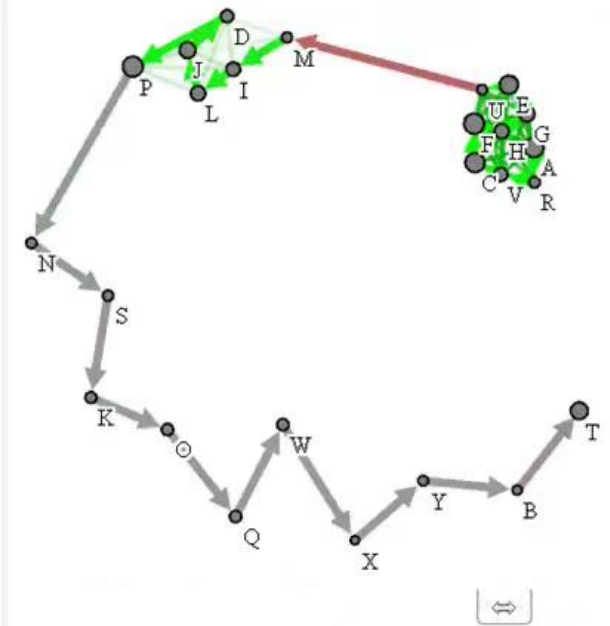


subset of attributes

# MULTISCALE ZOOMING



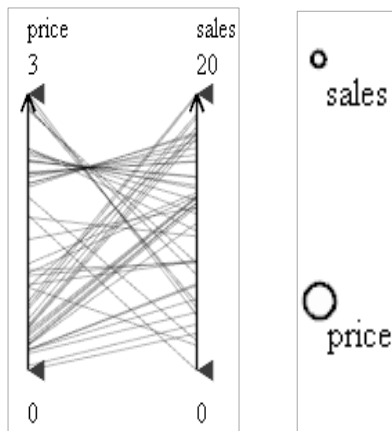
3 subspaces are well separated.



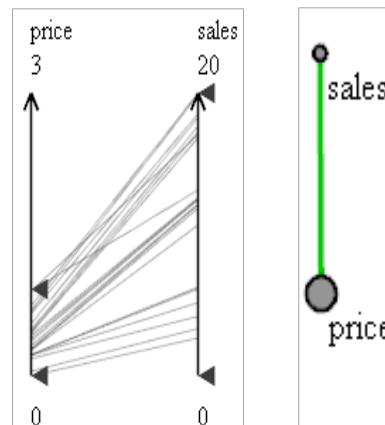
# BRACKETING AND CONDITIONING

Correlation strength can often be improved by constraining a variable's value range

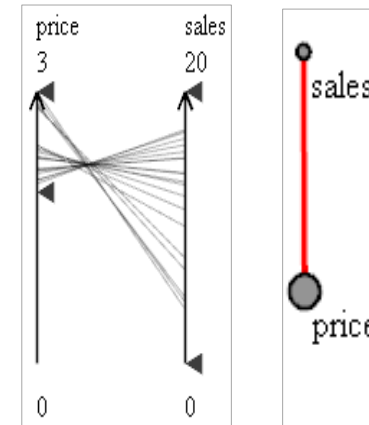
- this limits the derived relationships to this value range
- such limits are commonplace in targeted marketing, etc.



no bracketing



lower price range



higher price range

# PARALLEL SETS

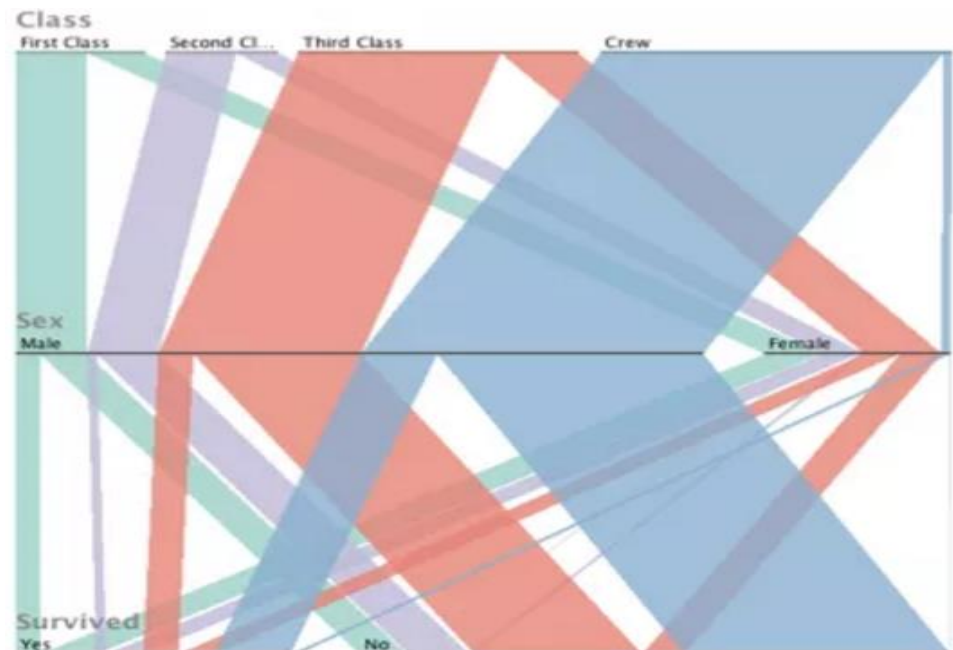
Developed by [Kosara et al. TVCG, 2006]

Parallel coordinates for categorical data

- for example, census and survey data, inventory, etc.
- data that can be summed up in a cross-tabulation

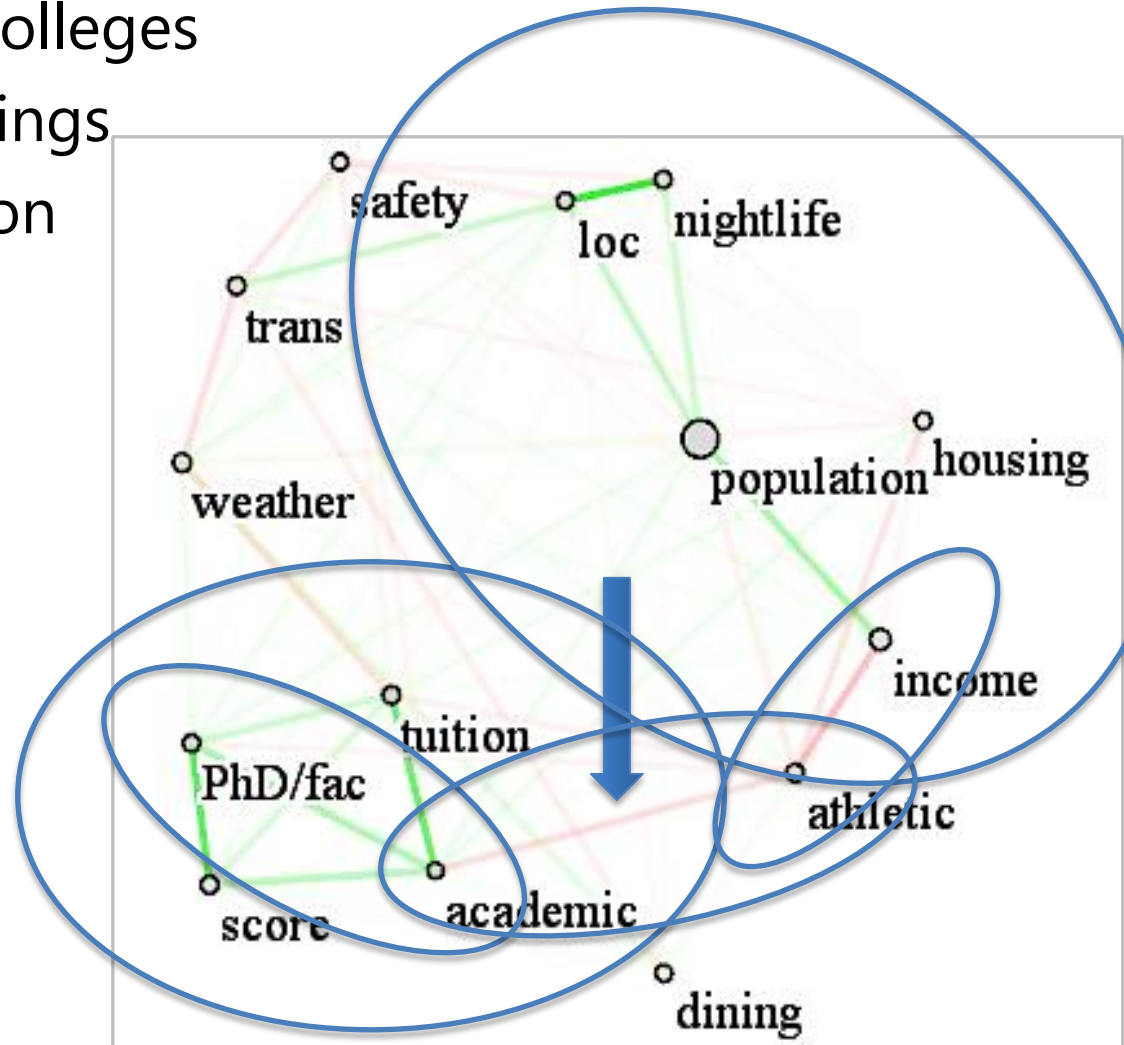
Example

- Titanic dataset
- what can we see here?

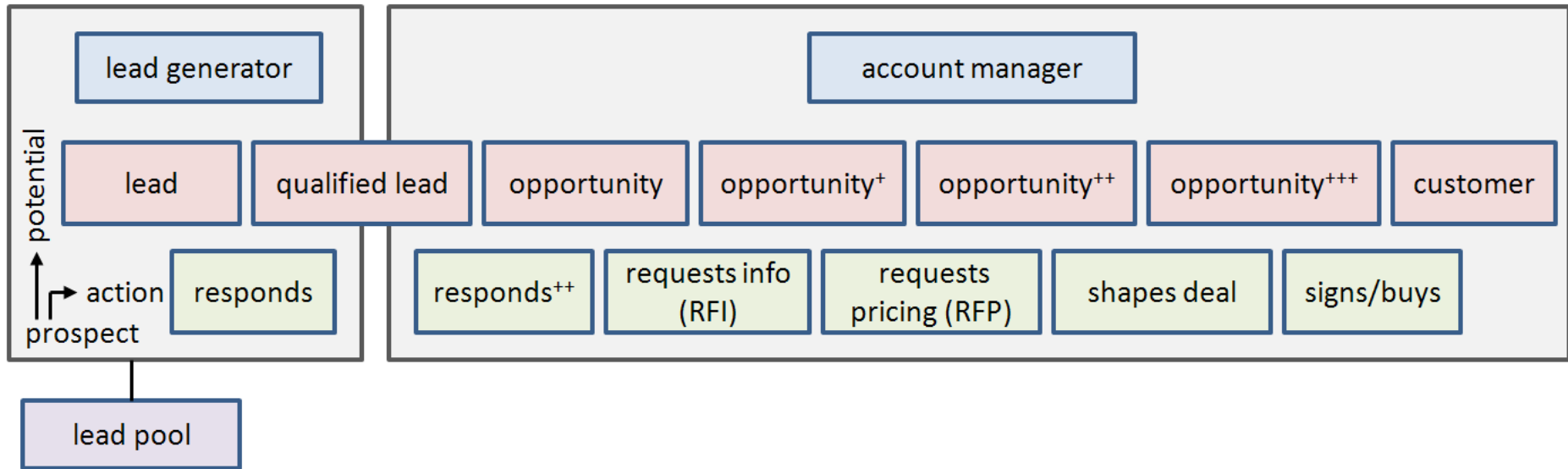


# CORRELATION PLOTS ARE POWERFUL

Fused dataset of 50 US colleges  
US News: academic rankings  
College Prowler: survey on campus life attributes



# ANATOMY OF A SALES PIPELINE



# THE SETUP

## Scene:

- a meeting of sales executives of a large corporation, Vandelay Industries

## Mission:

- review the strategies of their various sales teams

## Evidence:

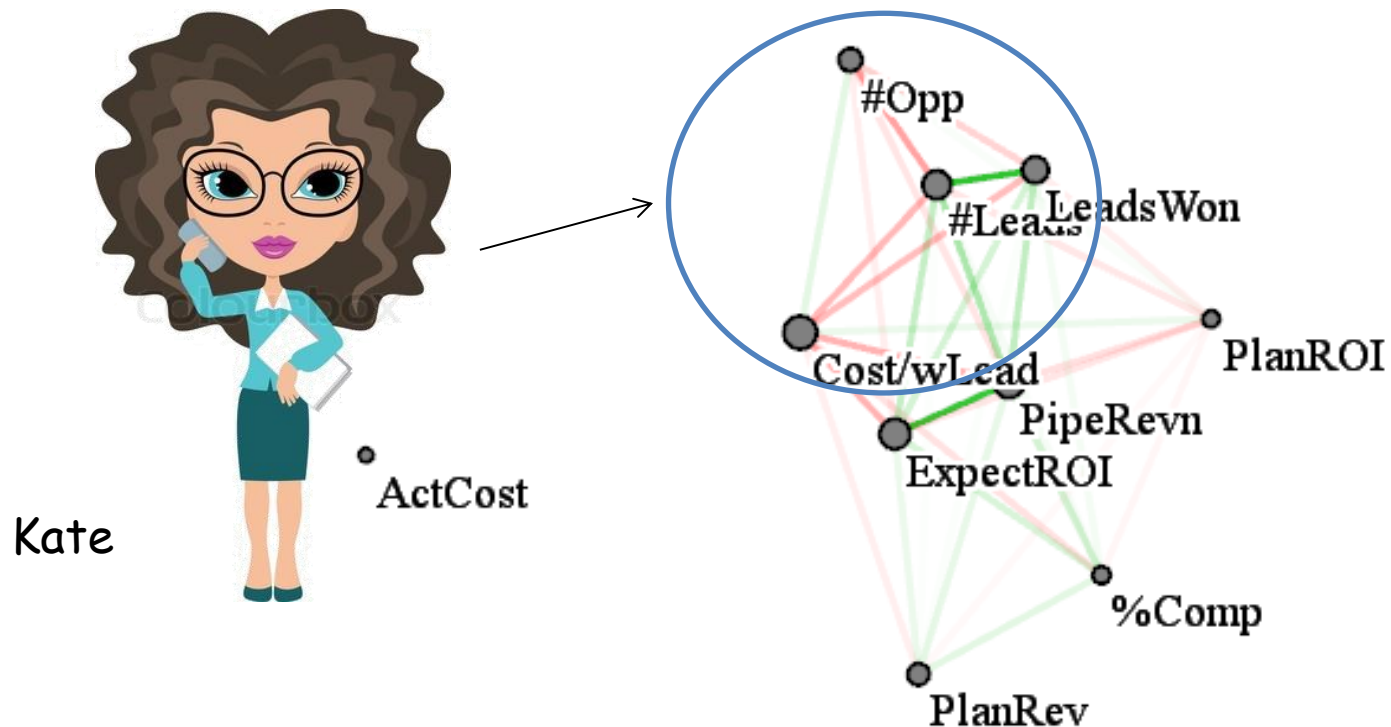
- data of three sales teams with a couple of hundred sales people in each team



# KATE EXPLAINS IT ALL

Meet Kate, a sales analyst in the meeting room:

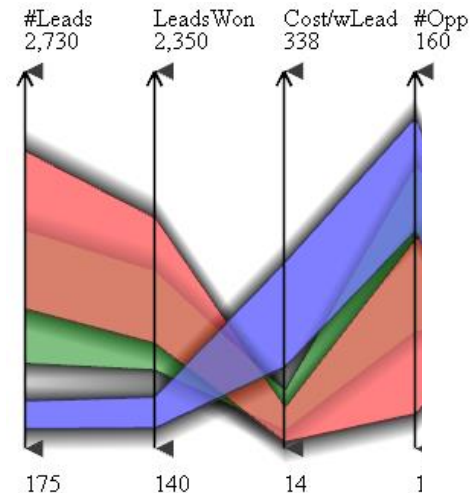
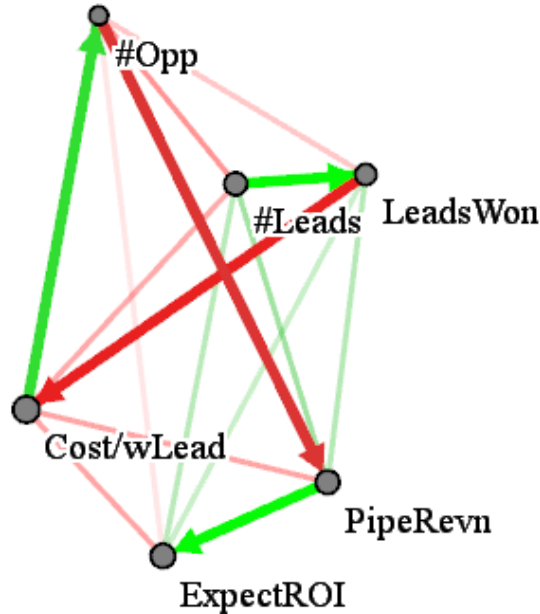
“OK...let’s see, cost/won lead is nearby and it has a positive correlation with #opportunities but also a negative correlation with #won leads”



# KATE DESIGNS THE NARRATION

“Let’s go and make a revealing route!”

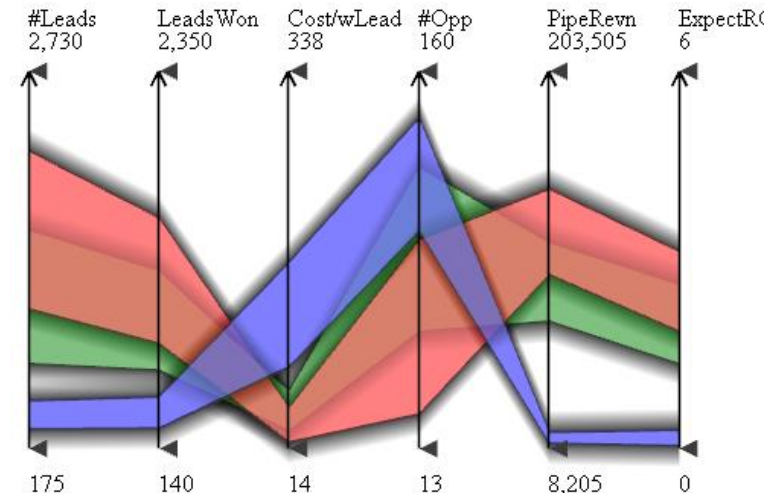
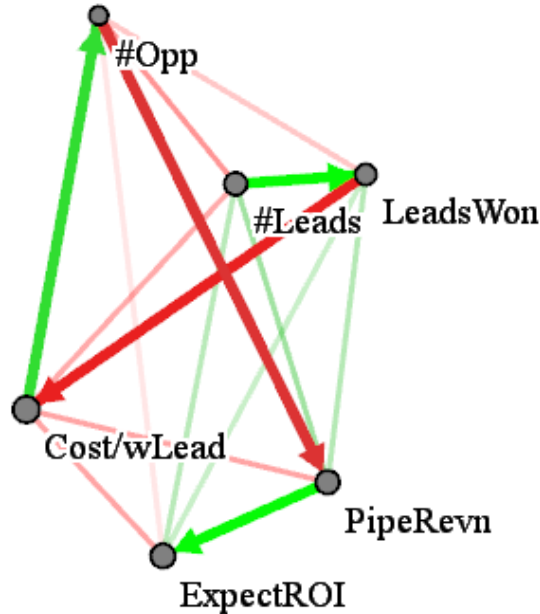
- she uses the mouse and designs the route shown
- she starts explaining the data like a story ...



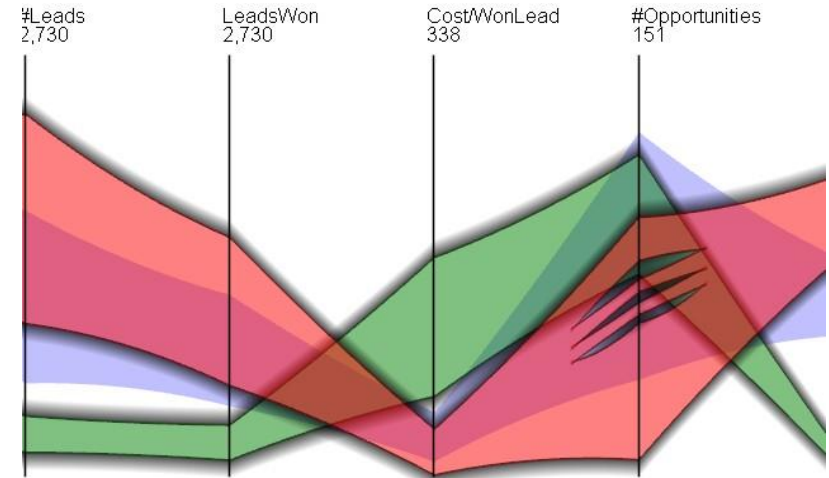
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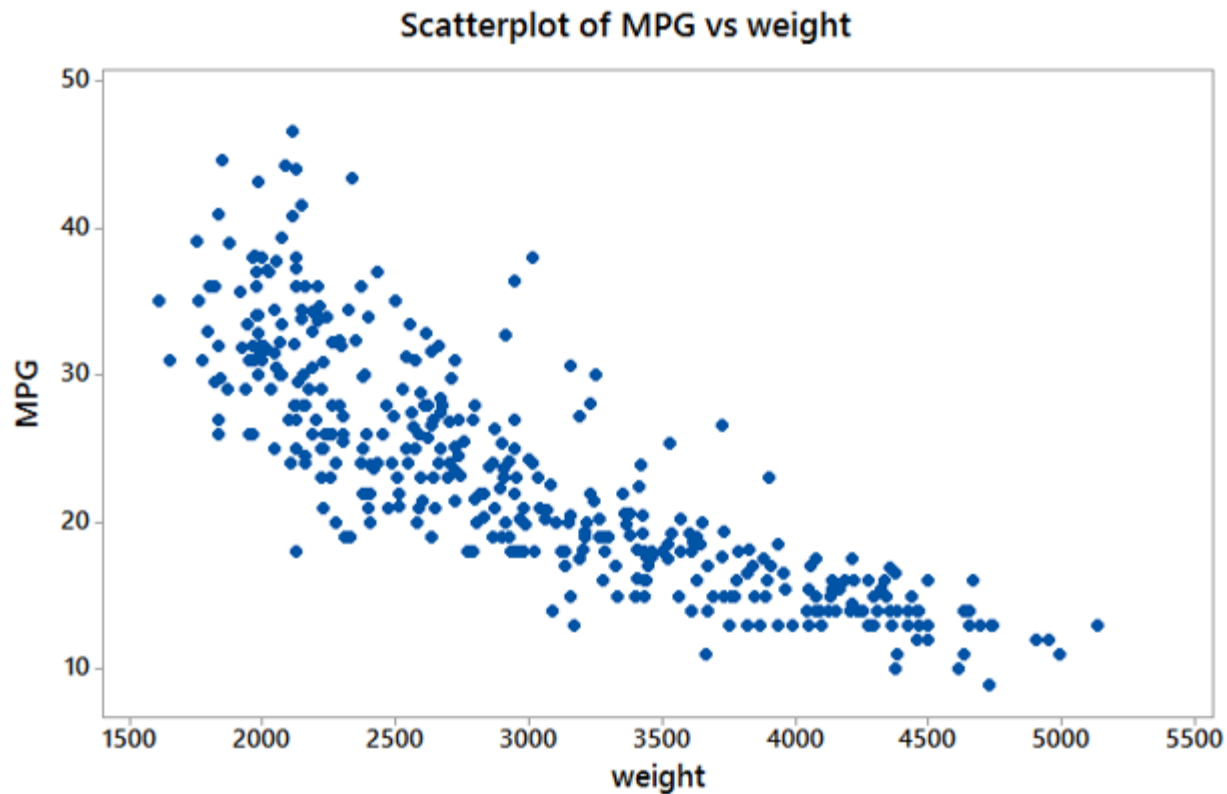
Kate notices something else:

- now looking at the red team
- there seems to be a spread in effectiveness among the team
- the team splits into three distinct groups

She recommends: "Maybe fire the least effective group or at least retrain them"

# SCATTERPLOTS

Projection of the data items into a bivariate basis of axes

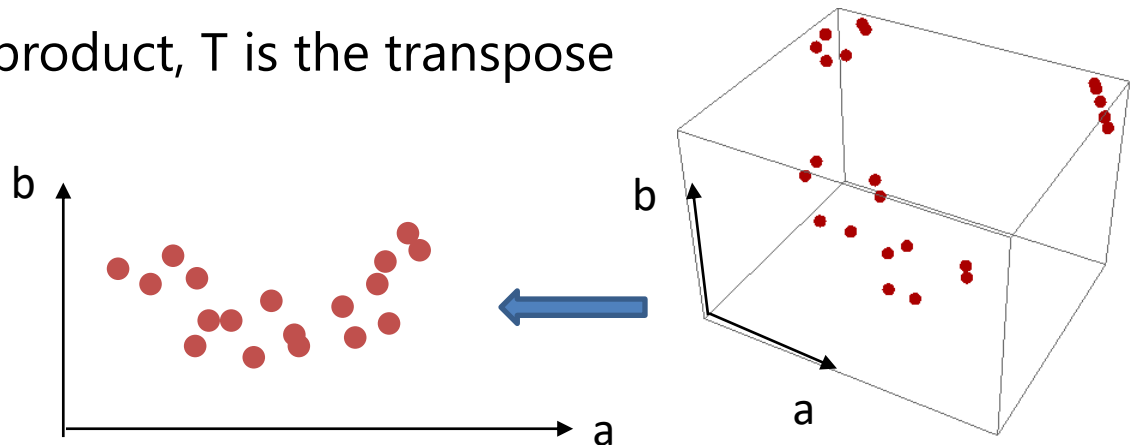


# PROJECTION OPERATIONS

How does 2D projection work in practice?

- N-dimensional point  $x = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_N\}$
- a basis of two orthogonal axis vectors defined in N-D space
$$a = \{a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_N\}$$
$$b = \{b_1, b_2, b_3, \dots, b_N\}$$
- a projection  $\{x_a, x_b\}$  of  $x$  into the 2D basis spanned by  $\{a, b\}$  is:
$$x_a = a \cdot x^T$$
$$x_b = b \cdot x^T$$

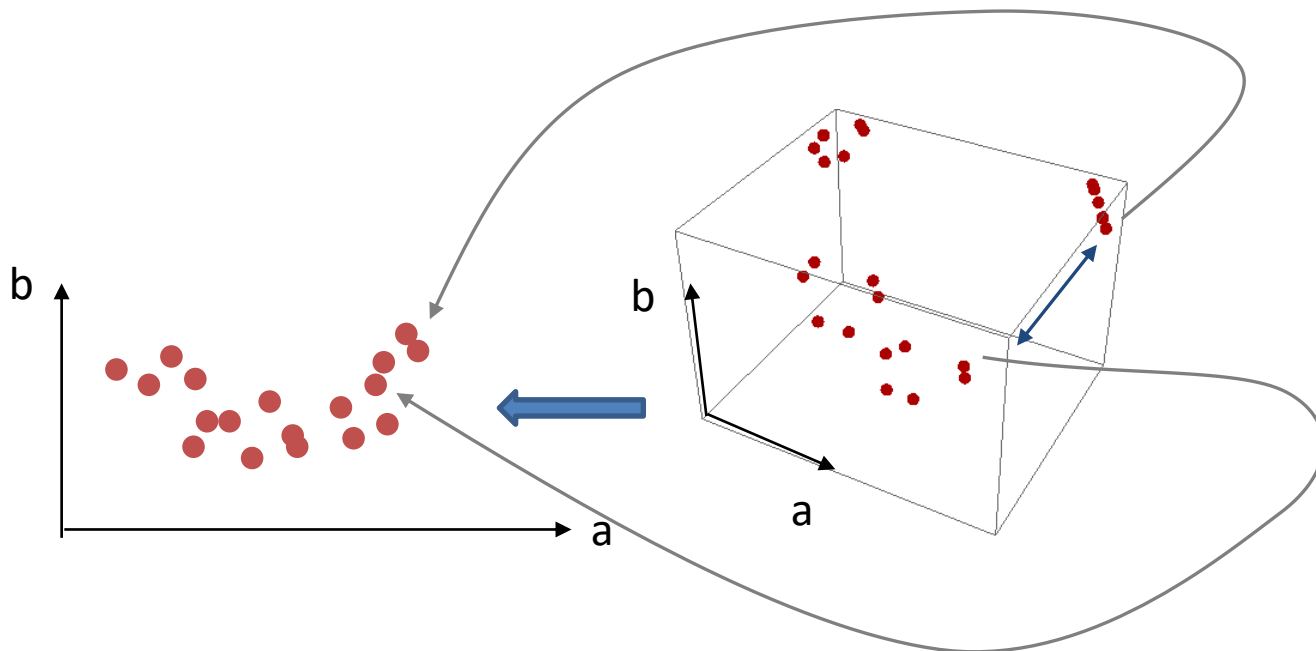
where  $\cdot$  is the dot product, T is the transpose



# PROJECTION AMBIGUITY

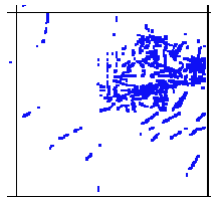
Projection causes inaccuracies

- close neighbors in the projections may not be close neighbors in the original higher-dimensional space
- this is called *projection ambiguity*



# SCATTERPLOT FOR TWO ATTRIBUTES

Appropriate for the display of bivariate relationships

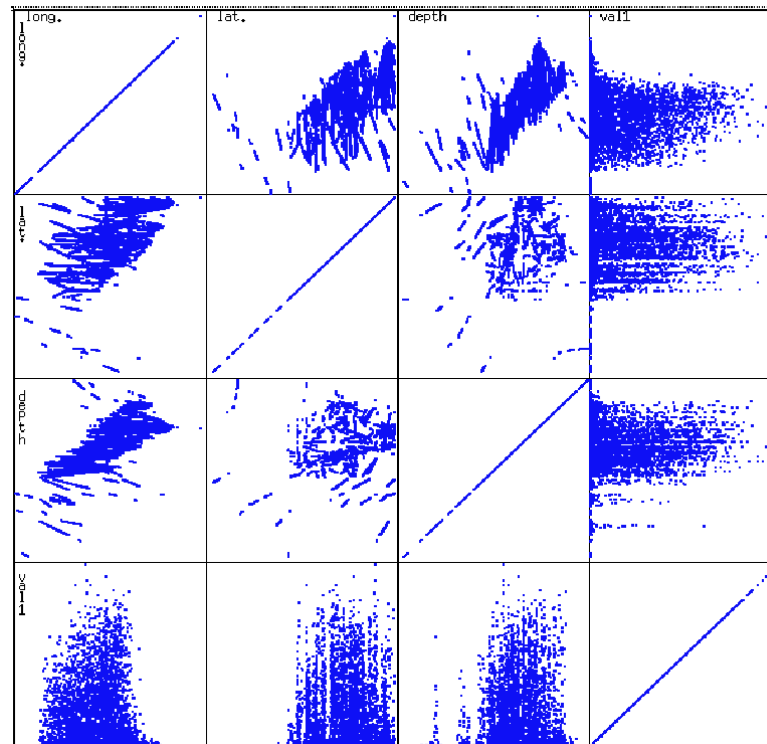




# SCATTERPLOT FOR MANY ATTRIBUTES

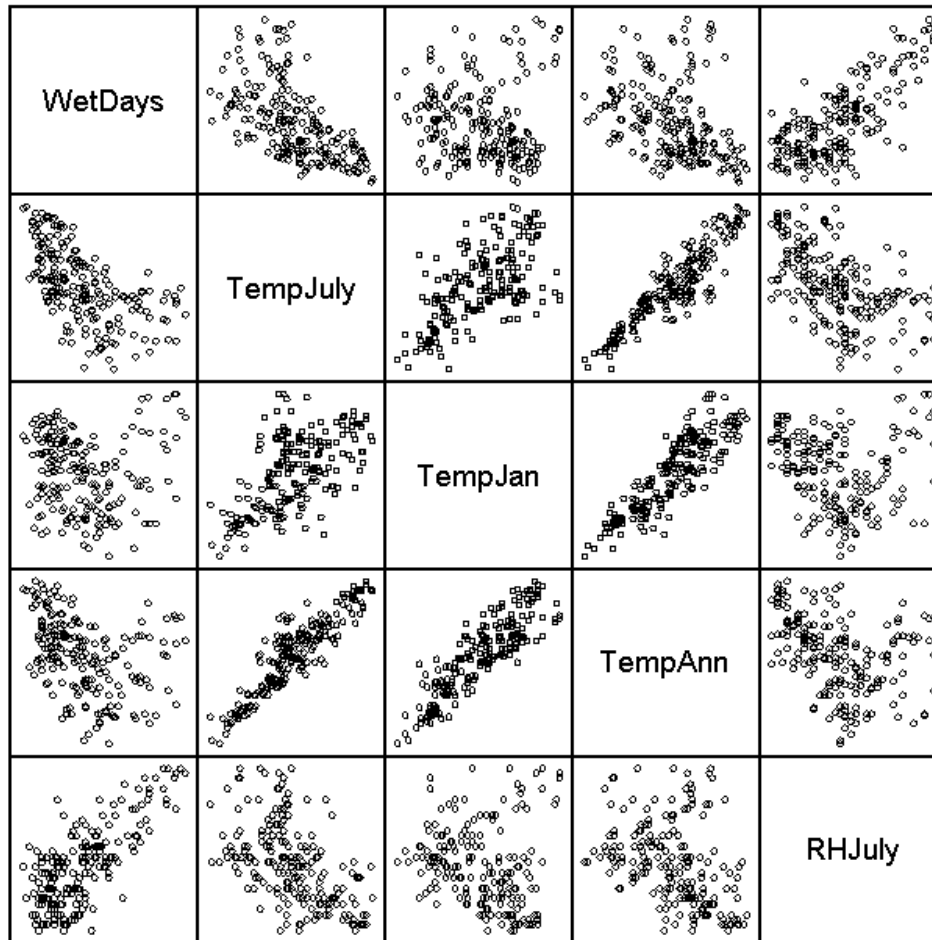
What to do when there are more than two variables?

- arrange multivariate relationships into scatterplot matrices
- not overly intuitive to perceive multivariate relationships



# SCATTERPLOT MATRIX (SPLOM)

Climatic predictors



# SCATTERPLOT MATRIX

Scatterplot version of parallel coordinates

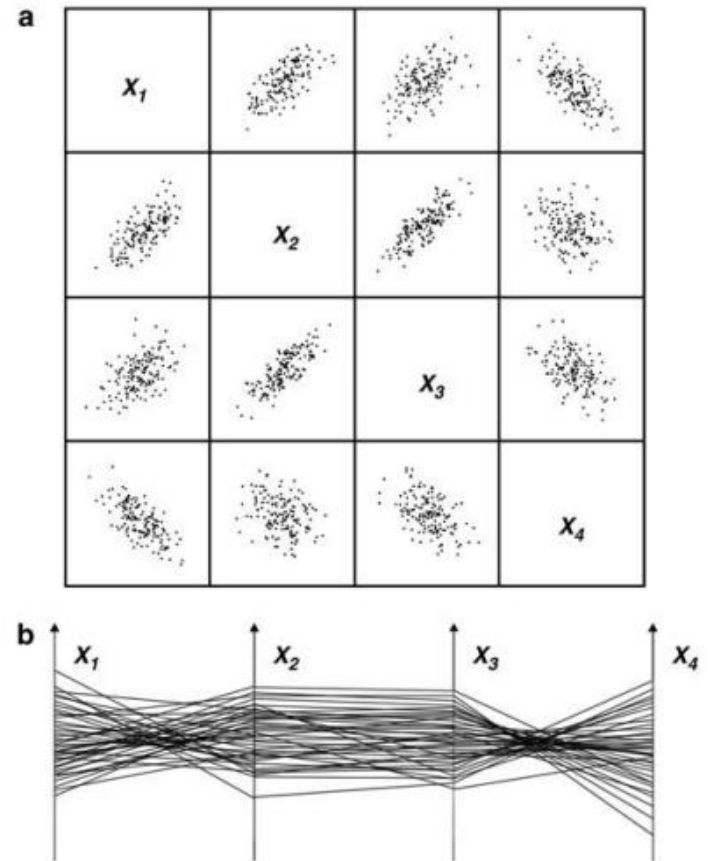
- distributes  $n(n-1)$  bivariate relationships over a set of tiles
- for  $n=4$  get 16 tiles
- can use  $n(n-1)/2$  tiles

For even moderately large  $n$ :

- there will be too many tiles

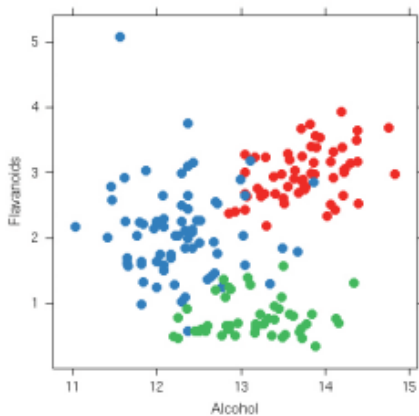
Which plots to select?

- plots that show correlations well
- plots that separate clusters well

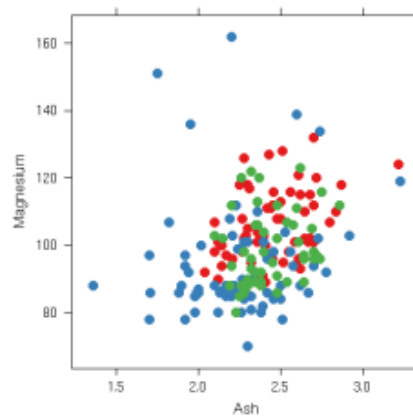


# AUTOMATED SCATTERPLOT SELECTION

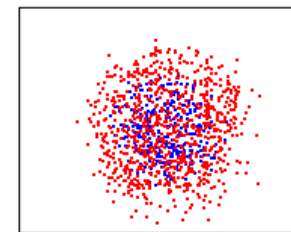
Several metrics, a good one is Distance Consistency (DSC)



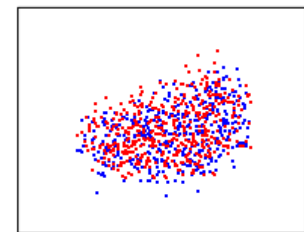
(a) DSC=90



(b) DSC=49

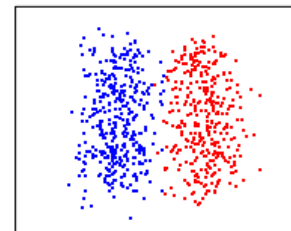


(d) 29

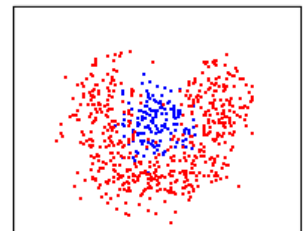


(e) 15

bad



(a) 99



(b) 74

OK

$$\text{DSC} = \frac{|\{x' \in v(X) : \mathbf{CD}(x', \text{centr}'(c_{\text{label}(x)})) = \text{true}\}|}{k}$$

- measures how "pure" a cluster is
- pick the views with highest normalized DSC

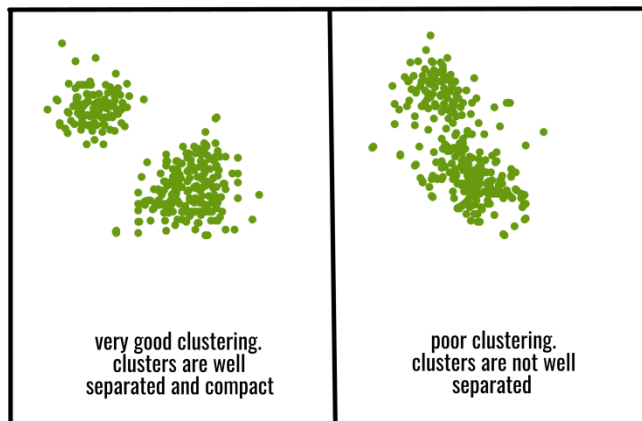
# DUNN INDEX

Favors clusters that are compact and are well isolated

$$DI_m = \frac{\min_{1 \leq i < j \leq m} \delta(C_i, C_j)}{\max_{1 \leq k \leq m} \Delta_k}$$

$$\Delta_i = \frac{\sum_{x \in C_i} d(x, \mu)}{|C_i|}, \mu = \frac{\sum_{x \in C_i} x}{|C_i|}, \text{ calculates distance of all the points from the mean.}$$

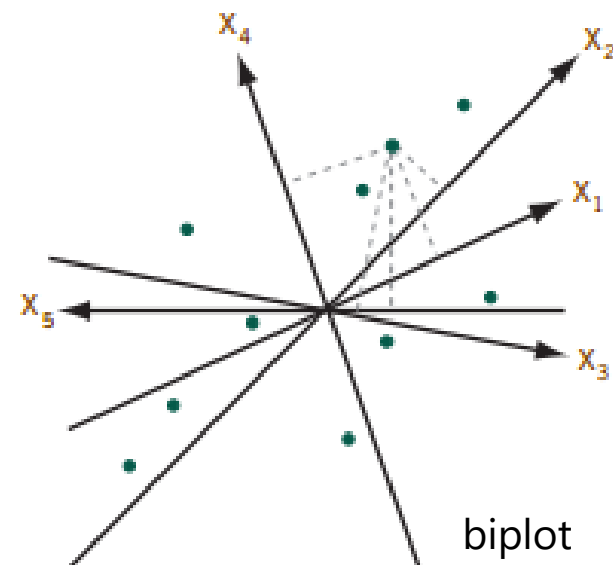
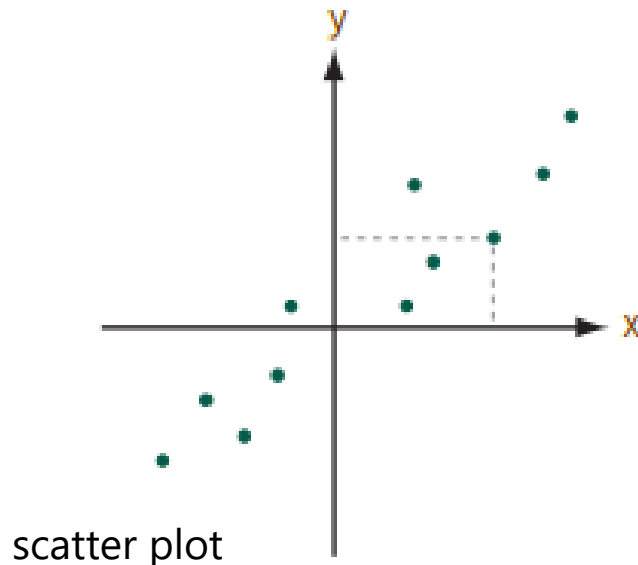
$\delta(C_i, C_j)$  be this intercluster distance metric, between clusters  $C_i$  and  $C_j$ .



# BIPLOTS

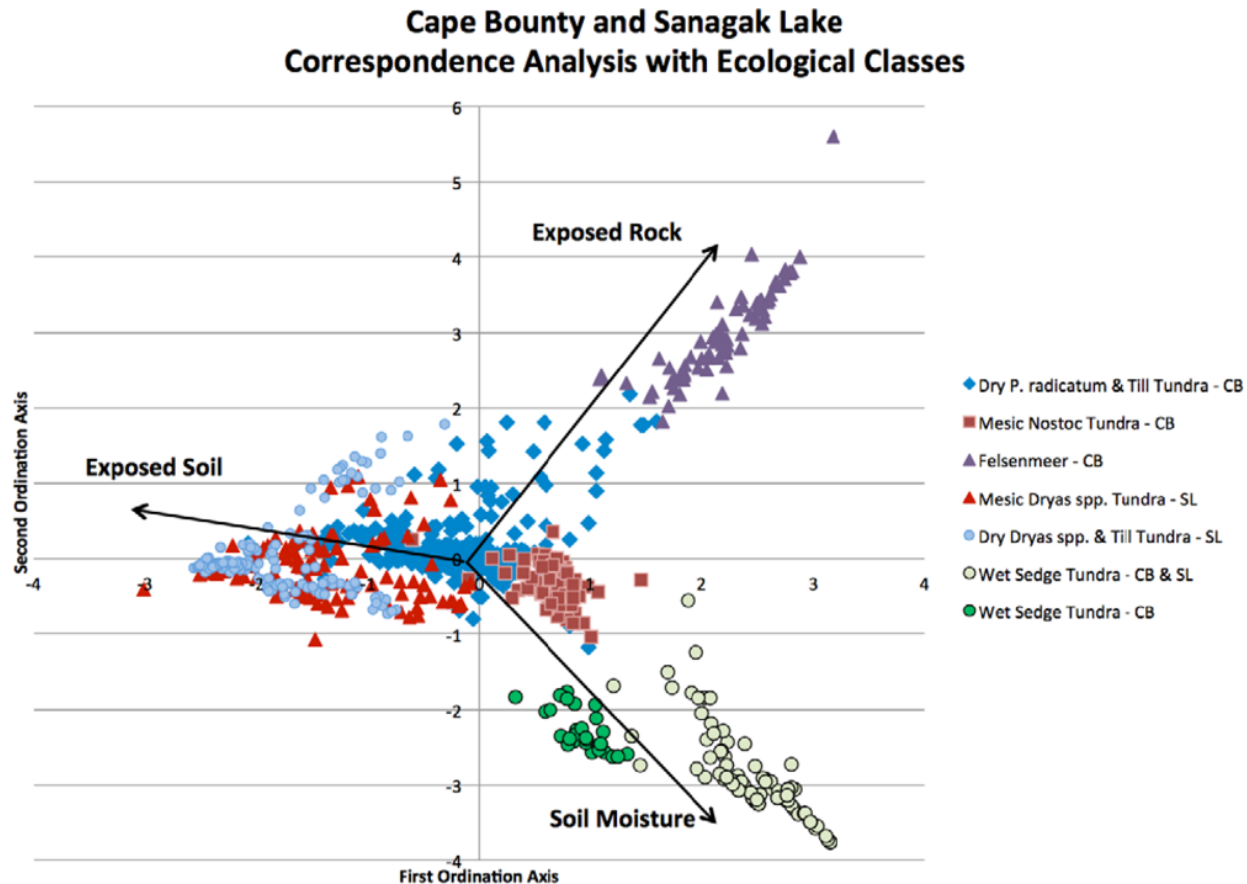
Plots data points and dimension axes into a single visualization

- uses first two PCA vectors as the basis to project into
- find plot coordinates  $[x] [y]$ 
  - for data points:  $[PCA_1 \cdot \text{data vector}] [PCA_2 \cdot \text{data vector}]$
  - for dimension axes:  $[PCA_1[\text{dimension}]] [PCA_2[\text{dimension}]]$



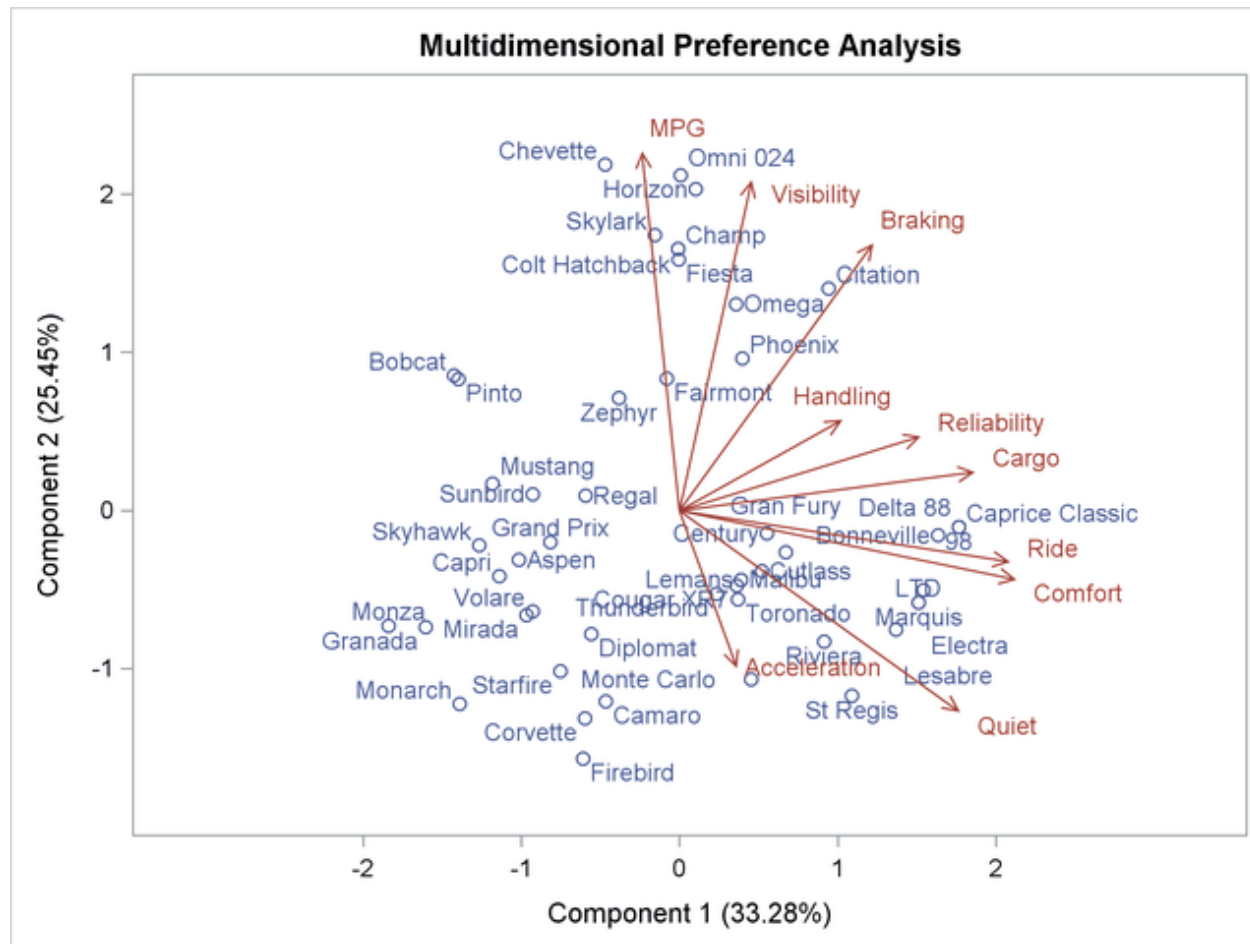
# BIPLOTS IN PRACTICE

See data distributions into the context of their attributes



# BIPLOTS IN PRACTICE

See data points into the context of their attributes

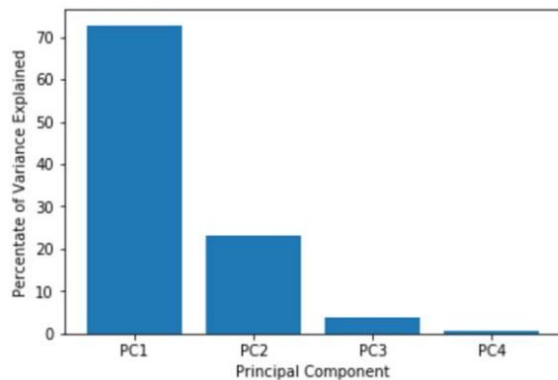




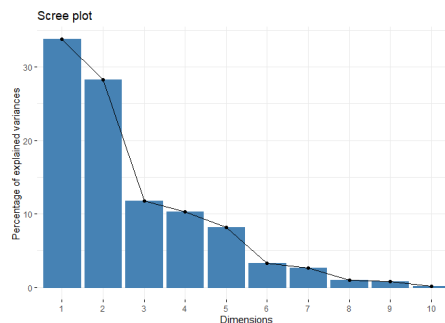
# BIPLOTS – A WORD OF CAUTION

Do be aware that the projections may not be fully accurate

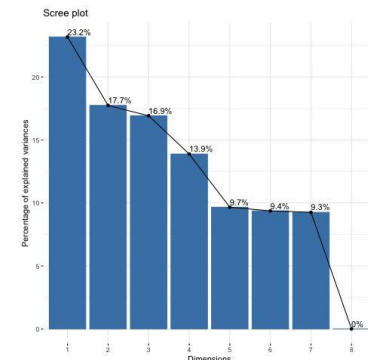
- you are projecting N-D into 2D by a linear transformation
- if there are more than 2 significant PCA vectors then some variability will be lost and won't be visualized
- remote data points might project into nearby plot locations suggesting false relationships → projection ambiguity
- always check out the PCA scree plot to gauge accuracy



OK



OK

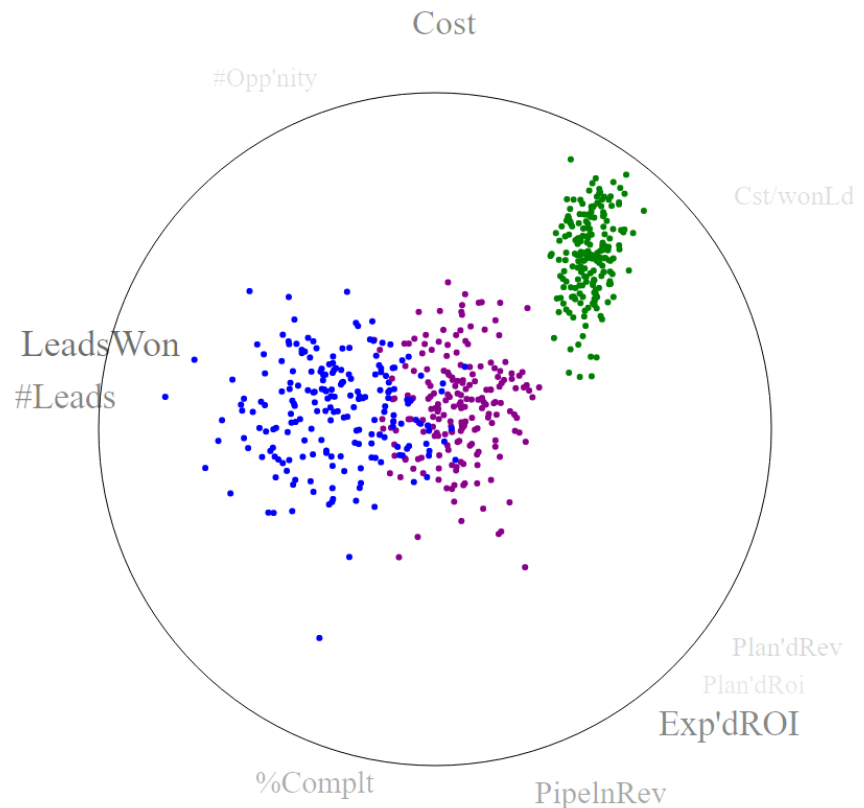


be careful

# INTERACTIVE BIPLLOTS

Also called multivariate scatterplot

- biplot-axes length vis replaced by graphical design
- less cluttered view
- but there's more to this .....



# MEET THE *SUBSPACE VOYAGER*

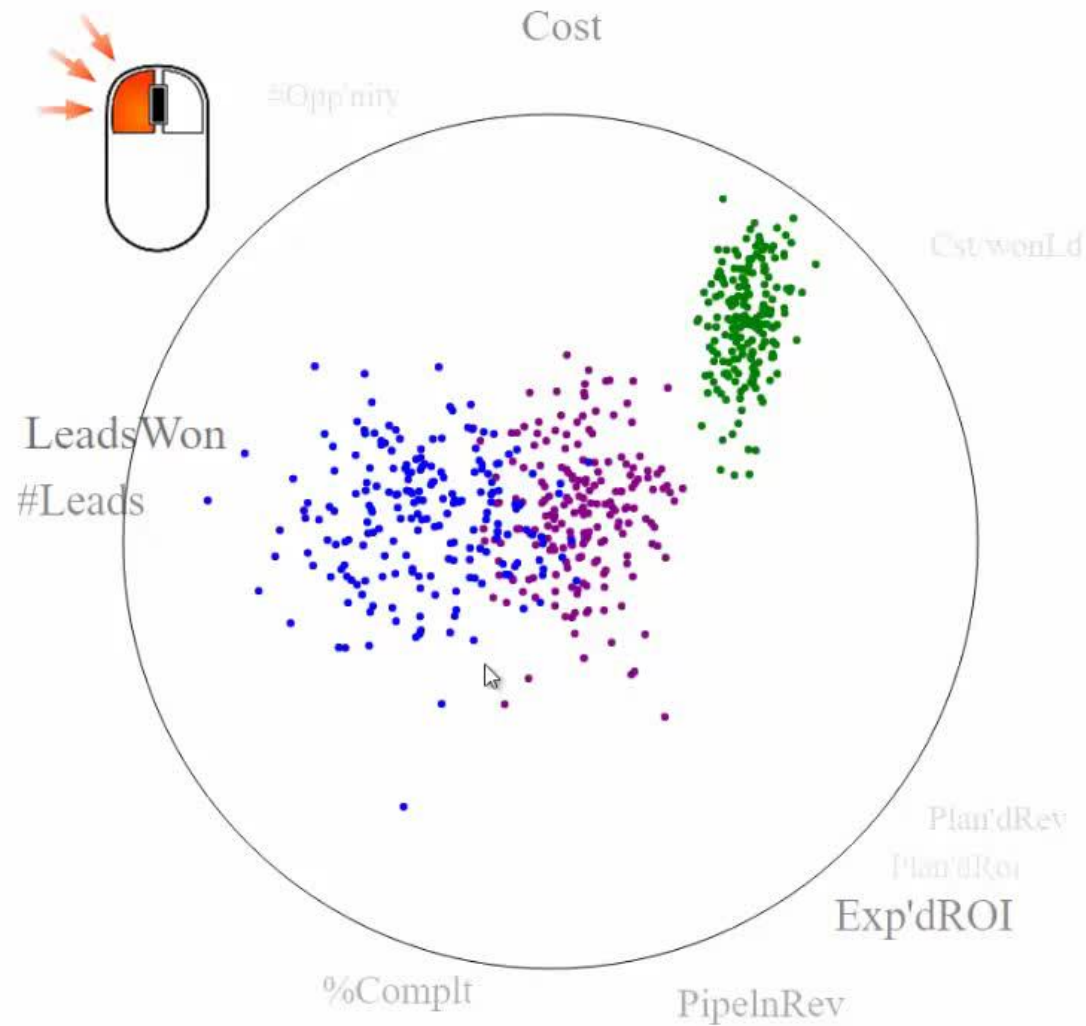
Decomposes high-D data spaces into lower-D subspaces by

- clustering
- classification
- reducing clusters to intrinsic dimensionality via local PCA

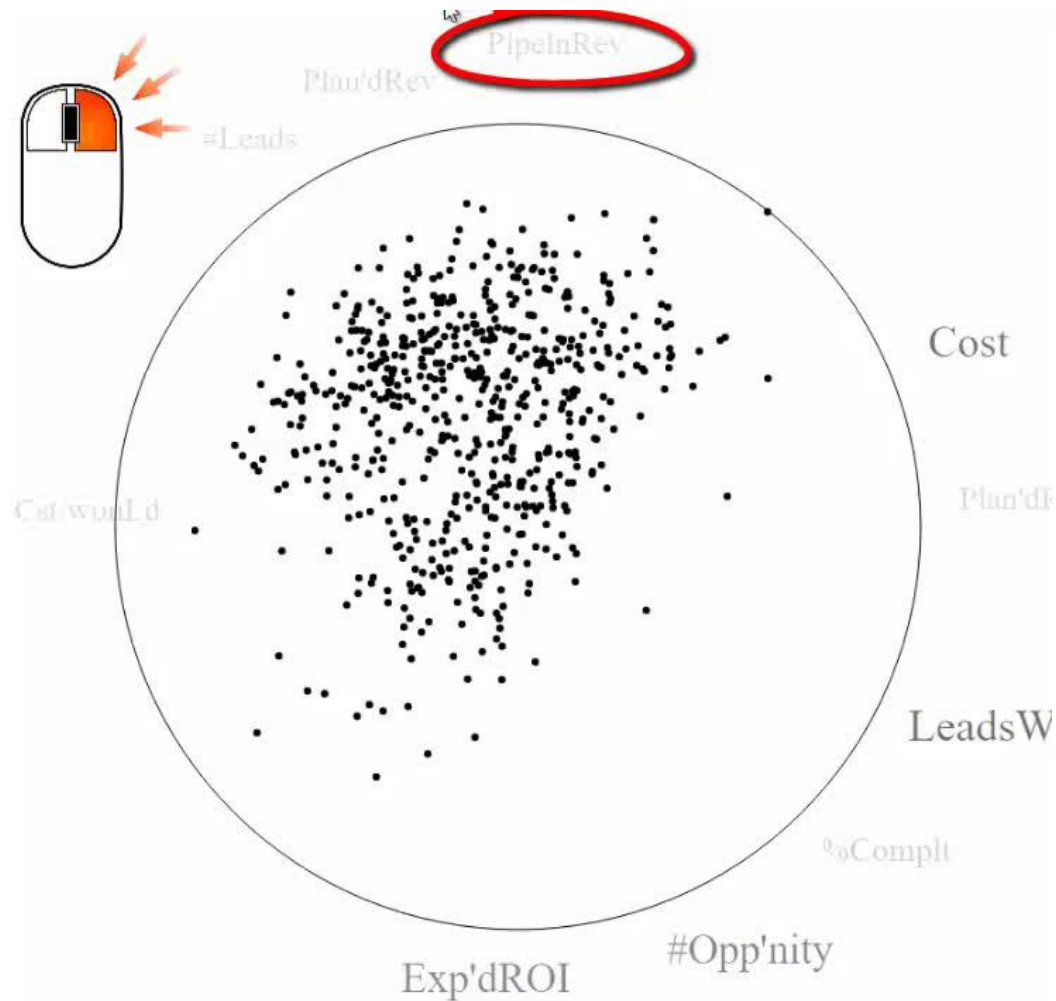
Allows users to interactively explore these lower-D subspaces

- explore them as a chain of 3D subspaces
- transition seamlessly to adjacent 3D subspaces on demand
- save observations as you go (and return to them just as well)

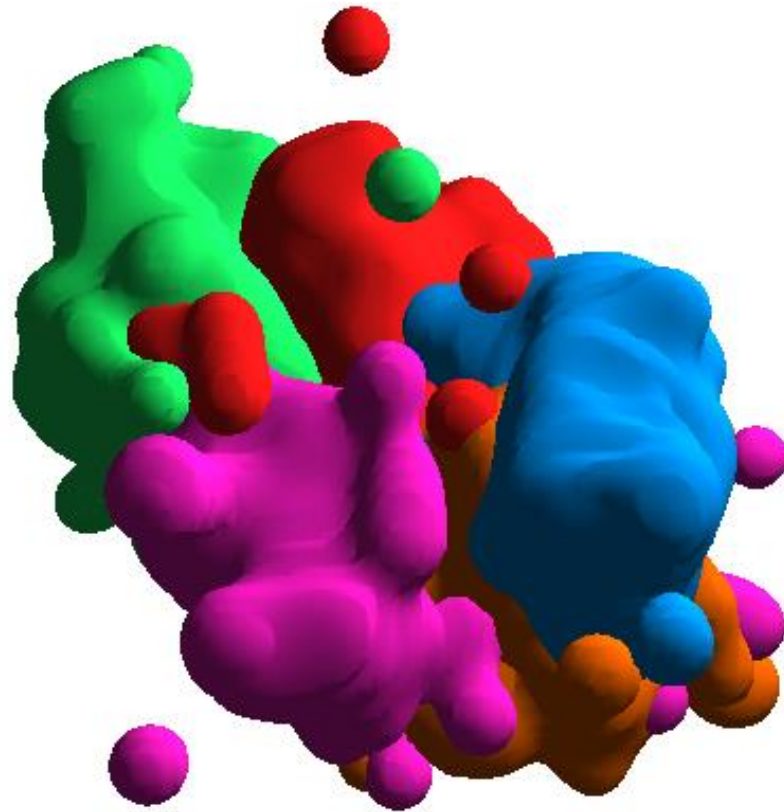
# TRACKBALL-BASED CLUSTER EXPLORATION



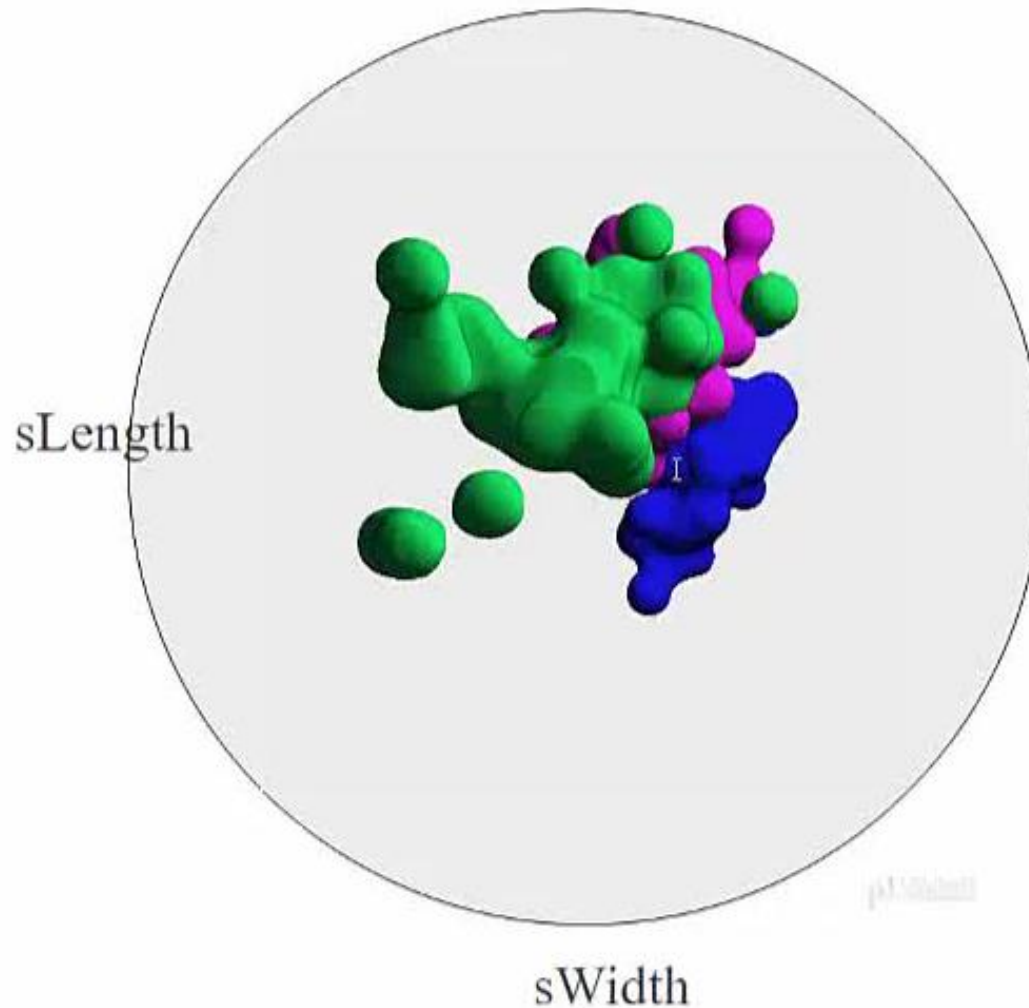
# CHASE INTERESTING CLUSTERS – TRANSITION TO ADJACENT 3D SUBSPACES



# CLARIFY SPATIAL RELATIONSHIPS



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# STAR COORDINATES

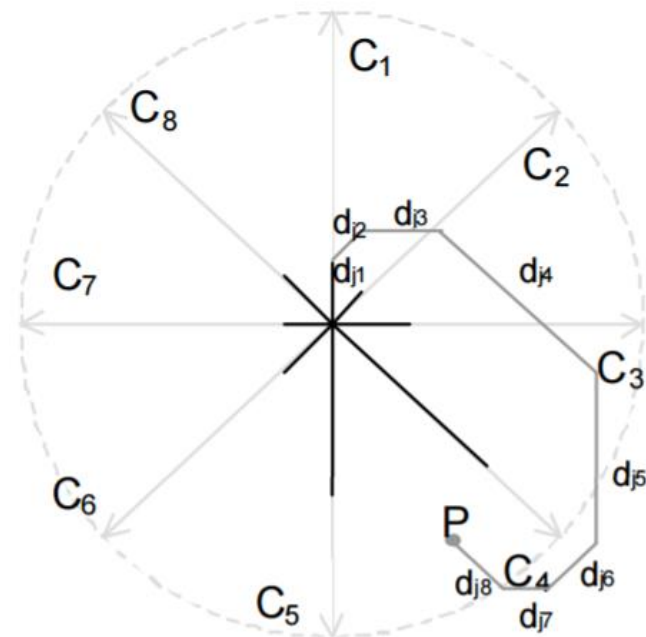
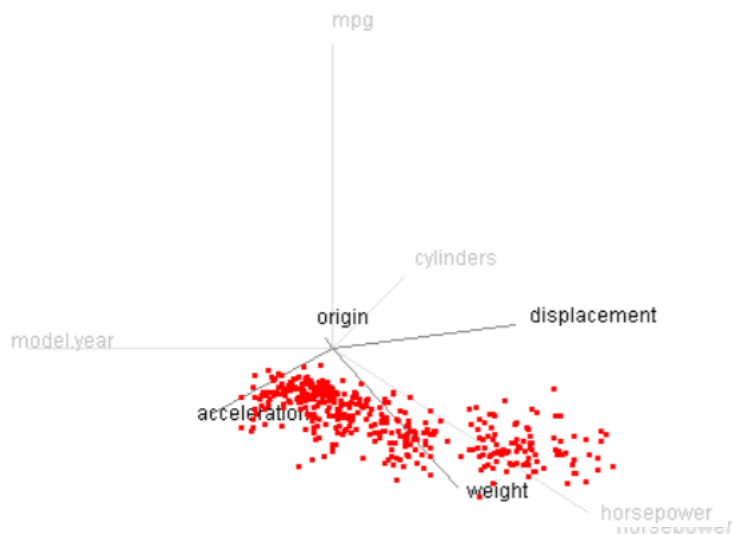
Coordinate system based on axes positioned in a star

- a point  $P$  is vector sum of all axis coordinates

$$P = O + \sum_{i=1}^m d_i \vec{c}_i$$

Interactions

- axis rescaling, rotation
- reveal correlations
- resolve plotting ambiguities

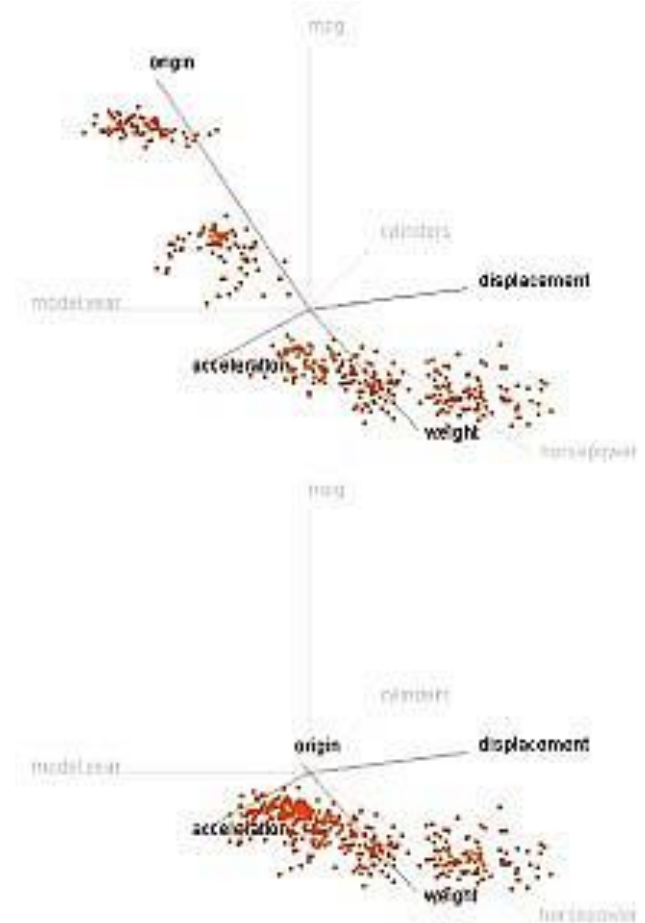




# STAR COORDINATES

## Operations defined on Star Coords

- scaling changes contribution to resulting visualization
- axis rotation can visualize correlations
- also used to reduce projection ambiguities



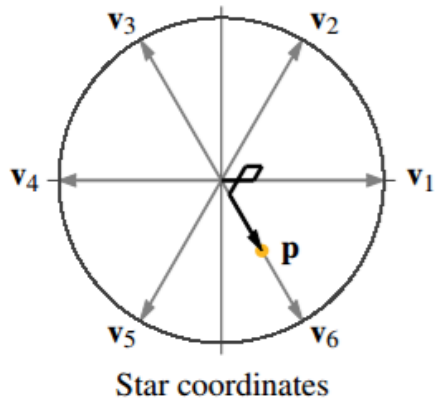
# RADVIZ

## Similar to Star Coordinates

- uses a spring model
- difference is normalization by sum of values

$$P = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m d_i \bar{c}_i}{\sum_{i=1}^m d_i}$$

$$\frac{\mathbf{x}}{\mathbf{1}^T \mathbf{x}} = (0.2, 0.1, 0, 0.1, 0.2, 0.4)$$



$$\mathbf{x} = (0.5, 0.25, 0, 0.25, 0.5, 1)$$

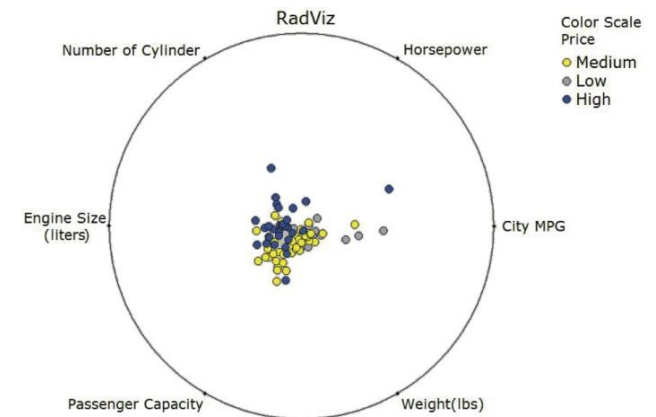
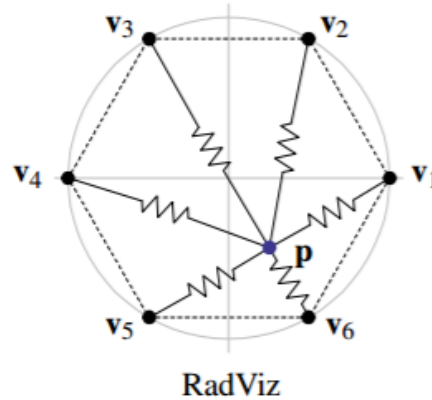


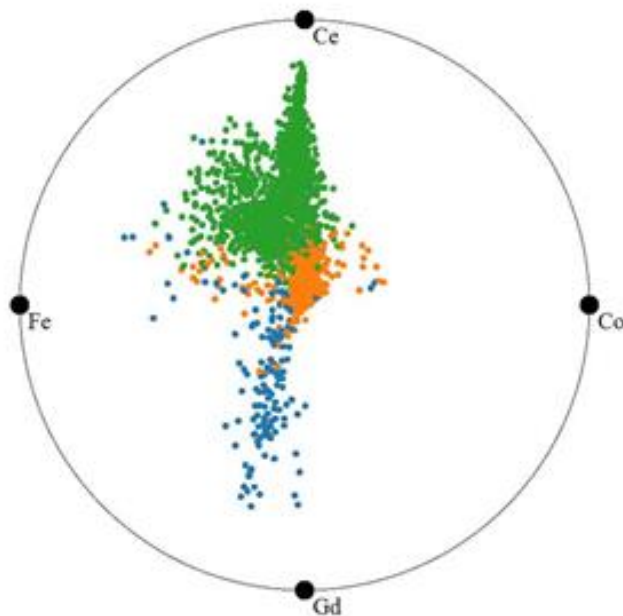
Figure by: Rubio-Sanchez et al. TVCG 2015

# OPTIMIZING THE RADVIZ LAYOUT

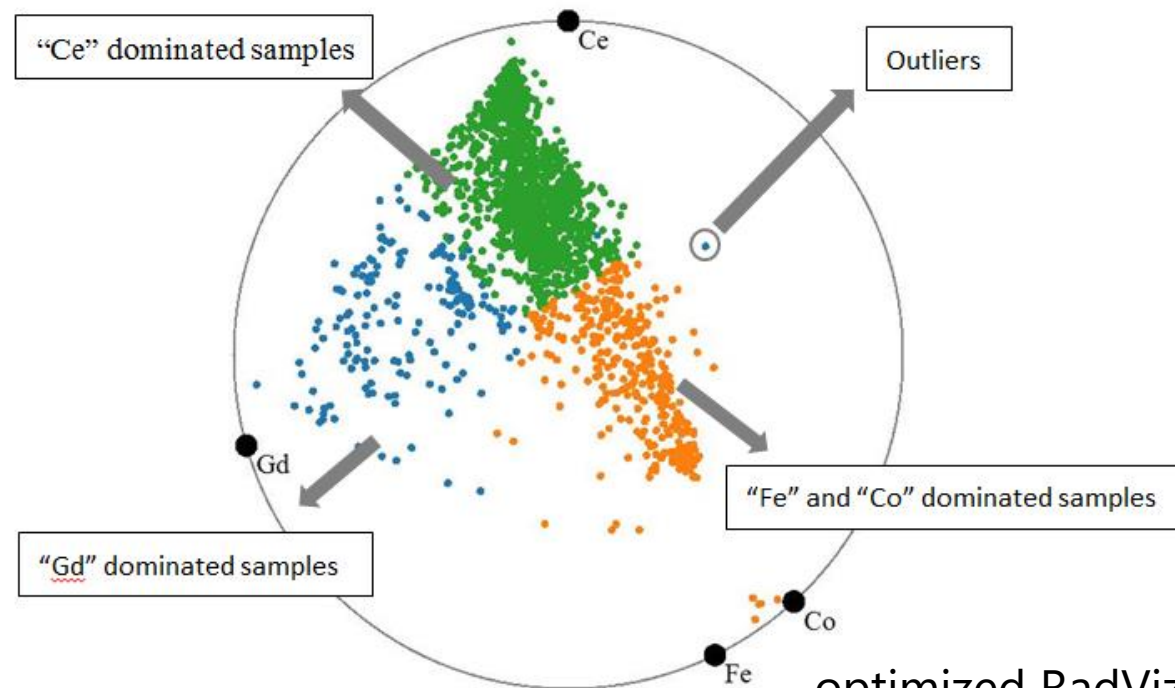
[Cheng and Mueller, Pacific Vis 2015]

## Optimize

- correlation-based attribute placement on circle using TSP
- samples placed iteratively into circle using similarity constraints



standard RadViz



optimized RadViz

# RADAR CHART

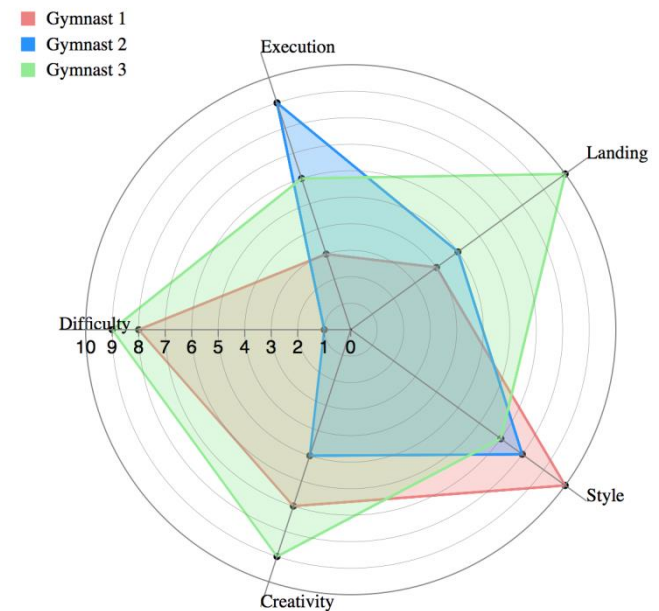
Equivalent to a parallel coordinates plot, with the axes arranged radially

- each star represents a single observation
- can show outliers and commonalities nicely

## Disadvantages

- hard to make trade-off decisions
- distorts data to some extent when lines are filled in

Gymnast Scoring Radar Chart







# COMMONALITIES

All of these scatterplot displays share the following characteristics

- allow users to see the data points in the context of the variables
- but can suffer from projection ambiguity
- some offer interaction to resolve some of these shortcomings
- but interaction can be tedious

Are there visualization paradigms that can overcome these problems?

- yes, algorithms that optimize the layout to preserve distances or similarities in high-dimensional space
- as opposed to the linear schemes we discussed so far, these are non-linear embedding algorithms

# MULTIDIMENSIONAL SCALING (MDS)

MDS is for irregular structures

- scattered points in high-dimensions (N-D)
- adjacency matrices

Maps the distances between observations from N-D into low-D (say 2D)

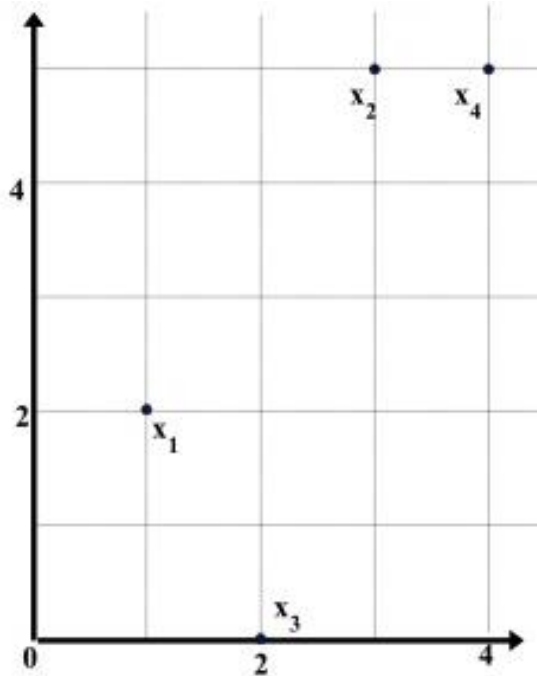
- attempts to ensure that differences between pairs of points in this reduced space match as closely as possible

The input to MDS is a distance (similarity) matrix

- actually, you use the *dissimilarity* matrix because you want similar points mapped closely
- dissimilar point pairs will have greater values and map farther apart



# THE DISSIMILARITY MATRIX



**Data Matrix**

point	attribute1	attribute2
$x1$	1	2
$x2$	3	5
$x3$	2	0
$x4$	4	5

**Dissimilarity Matrix**  
(with **Euclidean Distance**)

	$x1$	$x2$	$x3$	$x4$
$x1$	0			
$x2$	3.61	0		
$x3$	2.24	5.1	0	
$x4$	4.24	1	5.39	0

# DISTANCE MATRIX

MDS turns a distance matrix into a network or point cloud

- correlation, cosine, Euclidian, and so on

Suppose you know a matrix of distances among cities

	Chicago	Raleigh	Boston	Seattle	S.F.	Austin	Orlando
Chicago	0						
Raleigh	641	0					
Boston	851	608	0				
Seattle	1733	2363	2488	0			
S.F.	1855	2406	2696	684	0		
Austin	972	1167	1691	1764	1495	0	
Orlando	994	520	1105	2565	2458	1015	0

# RESULT OF MDS

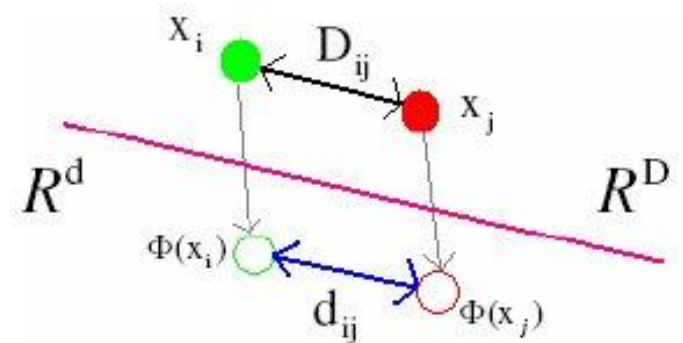


# COMPARE WITH REAL MAP



# MDS ALGORITHM

- Task:
  - Find that configuration of image points whose pairwise distances are most similar to the original inter-point distances !!!
- Formally:
  - Define:  $D_{ij} = \|x_i - x_j\|_D$        $d_{ij} = \|y_i - y_j\|_d$
  - Claim:  $D_{ij} \equiv d_{ij} \quad \forall i, j \in [1, n]$
- In general: an exact solution is not possible !!!
- Inter Point distances  $\rightarrow$  invariance features



# MDS ALGORITHM

## Strategy (of metric MDS):

- iterative procedure to find a good configuration of image points
  - 1) Initialization
    - Begin with some (arbitrary) initial configuration
  - 2) Alter the image points and try to find a configuration of points that minimizes the following sum-of-squares error function:

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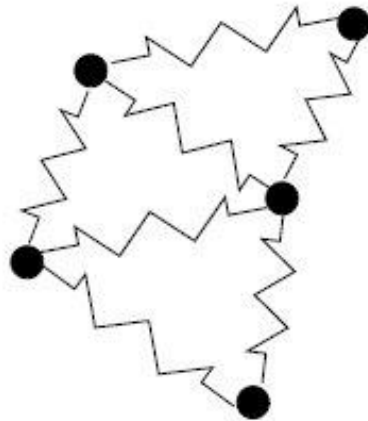
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$$E = \sum_{i < j}^N (D_{ij} - d_{ij})^2$$

# FORCE-DIRECTED ALGORITHM

## Spring-like system

- insert springs within each node
- the length of the spring encodes the desired node distance
- start at an initial configuration
- iteratively move nodes until an energy minimum is reached

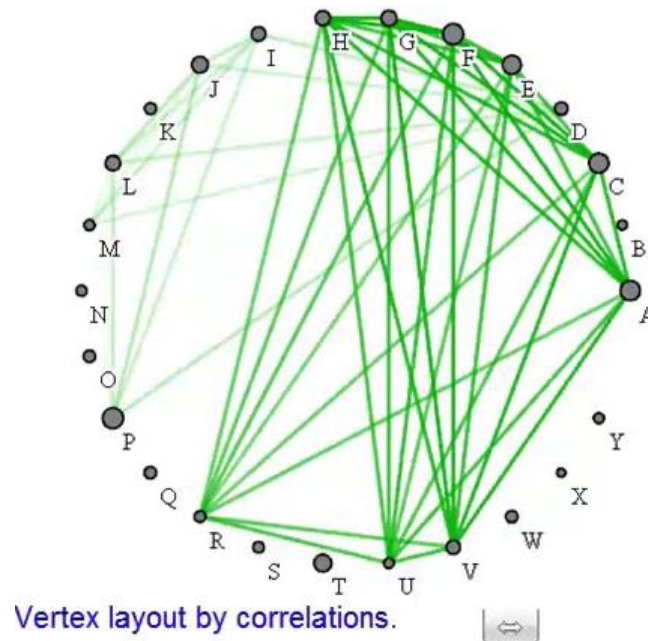




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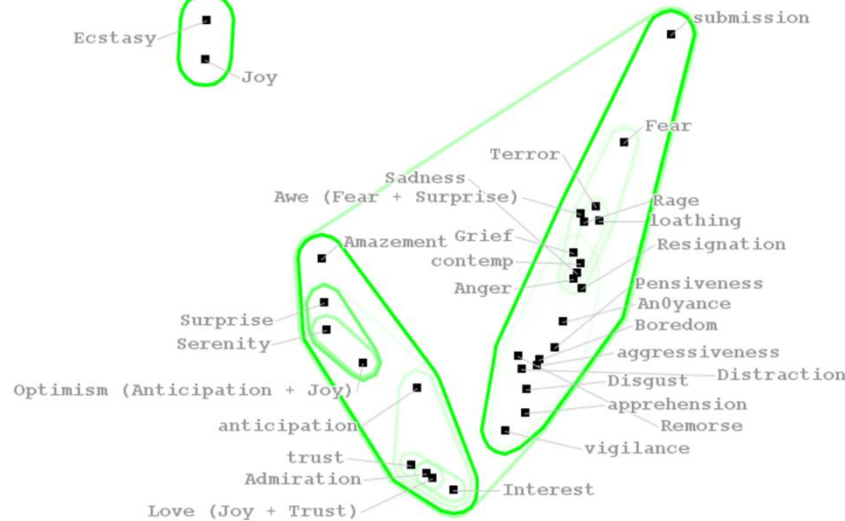
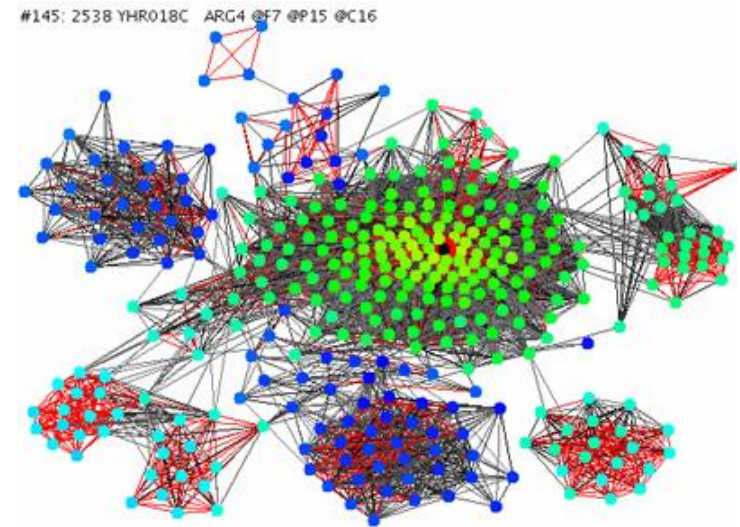
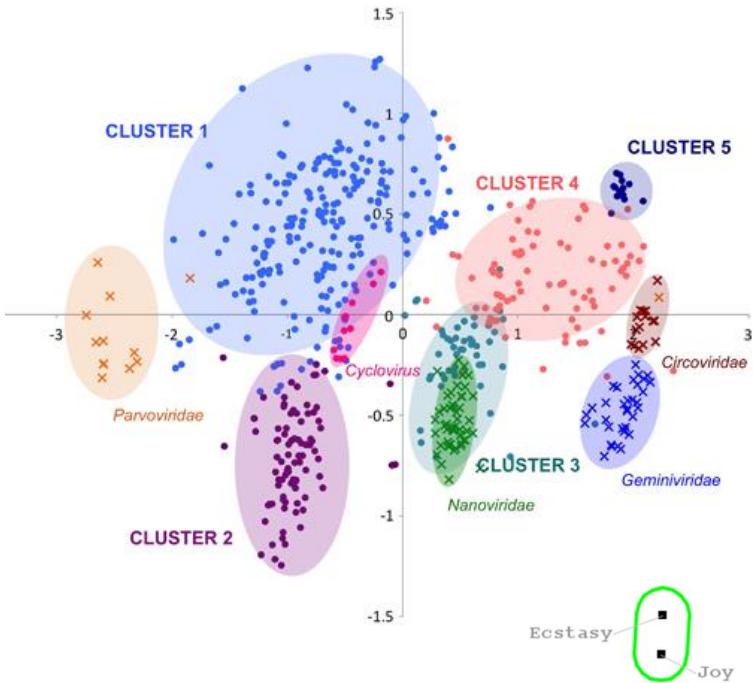
# USES OF MDS

## Distance (similarity) metric

- Euclidian distance (best for data)
- Cosine distance (best for data)
- $|1 - \text{correlation}|$  distance (best for attributes)
- use  $1 - \text{correlation}$  to move correlated attribute points closer
- use  $||$  if you do not care about positive or negative correlations

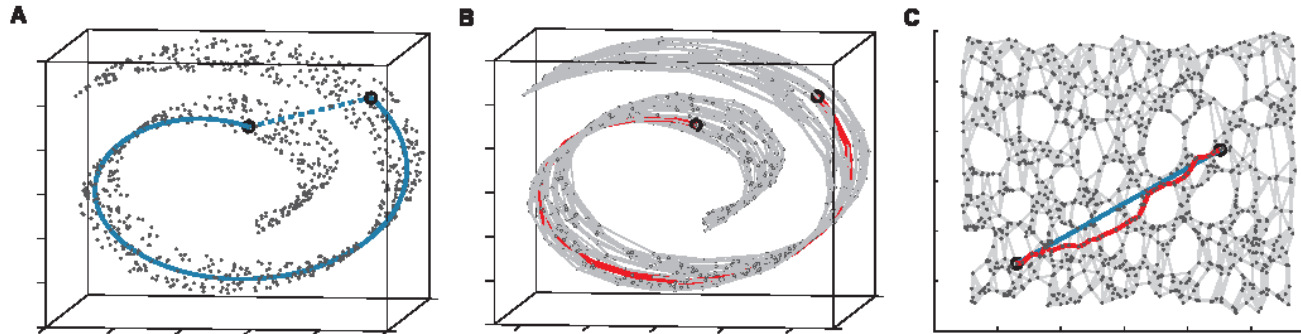
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MSFT	0.39	1	0.14	0.11	0.56	0.25	0.25	0.67	-0.074	0.24
PFE	0.72	0.14	1	-0.77	0.08	-0.37	-0.65	0.19	-0.077	-0.72
PG	-0.43	0.11	-0.77	1	0.25	0.68	0.92	0.086	0.072	0.9
T	0.57	0.56	0.08	0.25	1	0.65	0.46	0.27	-0.059	0.54
TRV	0.031	0.25	-0.37	0.68	0.65	1	0.83	0.43	-0.0067	0.81
UTX	-0.26	0.25	-0.65	0.92	0.46	0.83	1	0.27	-0.033	0.93
VZ	0.61	0.67	0.19	0.086	0.27	0.43	0.27	1	0.026	0.36
WMT	-0.11	-0.074	-0.077	0.072	-0.059	-0.0067	-0.033	0.026	1	0.832
XCOM	-0.25	0.24	-0.72	0.9	0.54	0.81	0.93	0.36	0.832	1

# MDS EXAMPLES



# MANIFOLD LEARNING: ISOMAP

by: [J. Tenenbaum, V. de Silva, J. Langford, Science, 2000]



Tries to unwrap a high-dimensional surface (A)  $\rightarrow$  manifold

- noisy points could be averaged first and projected onto the manifold

## Algorithm

- construct neighborhood graph  $G \rightarrow$  (B)
- for each pair of points in  $G$  compute the shortest path distances  $\rightarrow$  geodesic distances
- fill similarity matrix with these geodesic distances
- embed (layout) in low-D (2D) with MDS  $\rightarrow$  (C)
- visualize it like an MDS layout

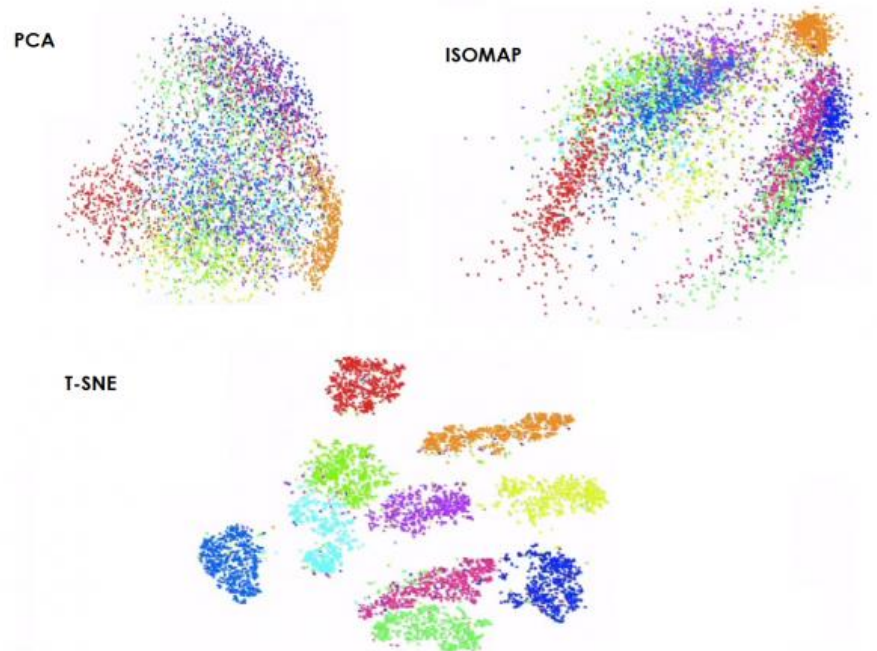
# T-SNE

## t-Distributed Stochastic Neighbor Embedding

- innovated by [L. van der Maaten and G. Hinton, 2008]

### Works as a two-stage approach

1. Construct a probability distribution over pairs of high-D points based on similarity
2. Define a similar probability distribution over the points in the low-D map



# SELF-ORGANIZING MAPS (SOM)

Introduced by [T. Kohonen et al. 1996]

- unsupervised learning and clustering algorithm
- has advantages compared to hierarchical clustering
- often realized as an artificial neural network

SOMs group the data

- perform a nonlinear projection from N-dimensional input space onto two-dimensional visualization space
- provide a useful topological arrangement of information objects in order to display clusters of similar objects in information space

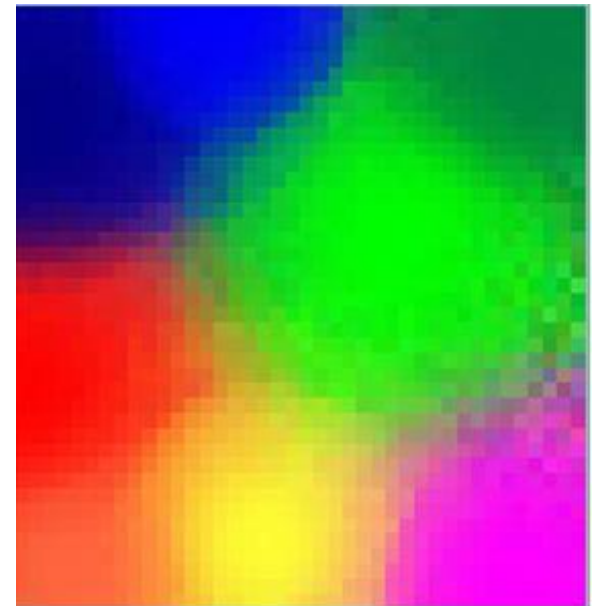
# SOM EXAMPLE

Map a dataset of 3D color vectors into a 2D plane

- assume you have an image with 5 colors
- want to see how many there are of each
- compute an SOM of the color vectors



SOM  
→



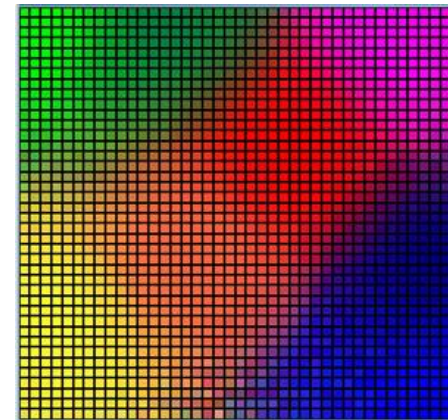
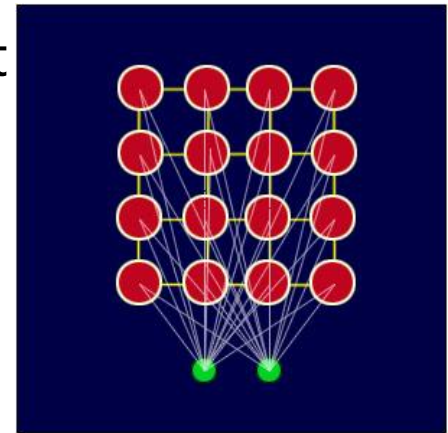
# SOM ALGORITHM

Create array and connect all elements to the  $N$  input dimensions

- shown here: 2D vector with  $4 \times 4$  elements
- initialize weights

For each input vector chosen at random

- find node with weights most like the input vector
- call that node the Best Matching Unit (BMU)
- find nodes within neighborhood radius  $r$  of BMU
  - initially  $r$  is chosen as the radius of the lattice
  - diminishes at each time step
- adjust the weights of the neighboring nodes to make them more like the input vector
  - the closer a node is to the BMU, the more its weights get altered



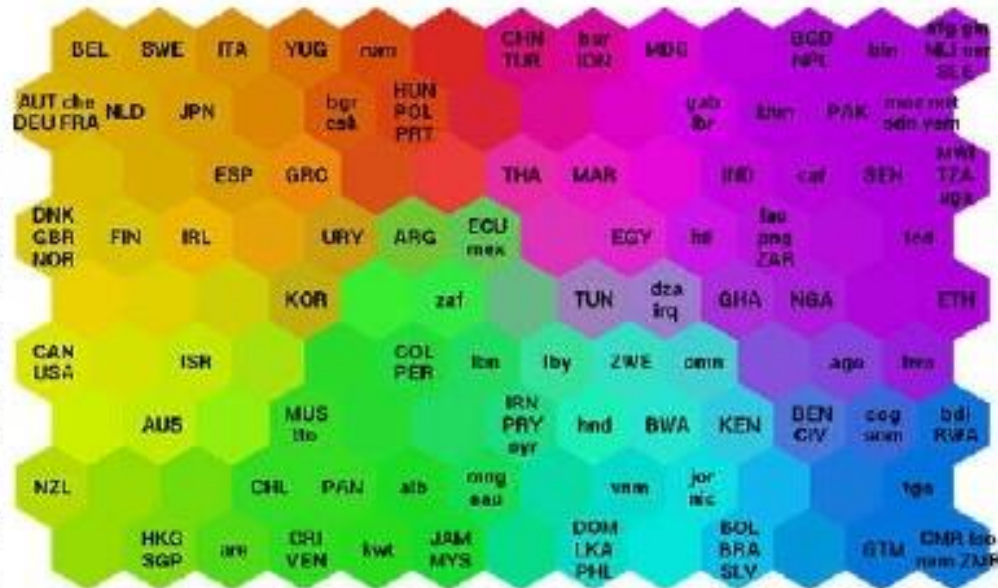


# SOM EXAMPLE: POVERTY MAP

## SOM – Result Example

### World Poverty Map

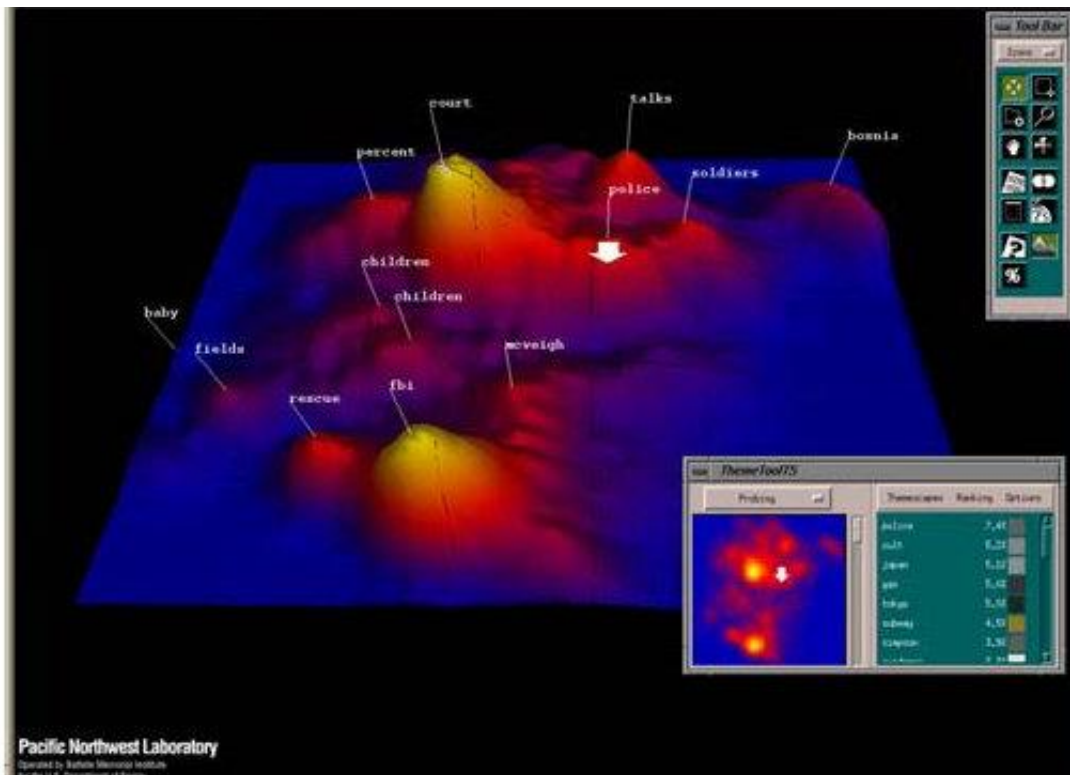
A SOM has been used to classify statistical data describing various quality-of-life factors such as state of health, nutrition, educational services etc. . **Countries with similar quality-of-life factors end up clustered together.** The countries with better quality-of-life are situated toward the upper left and the most poverty stricken countries are toward the lower right.



‘Poverty map’ based on 39 indicators from World Bank statistics (1992)

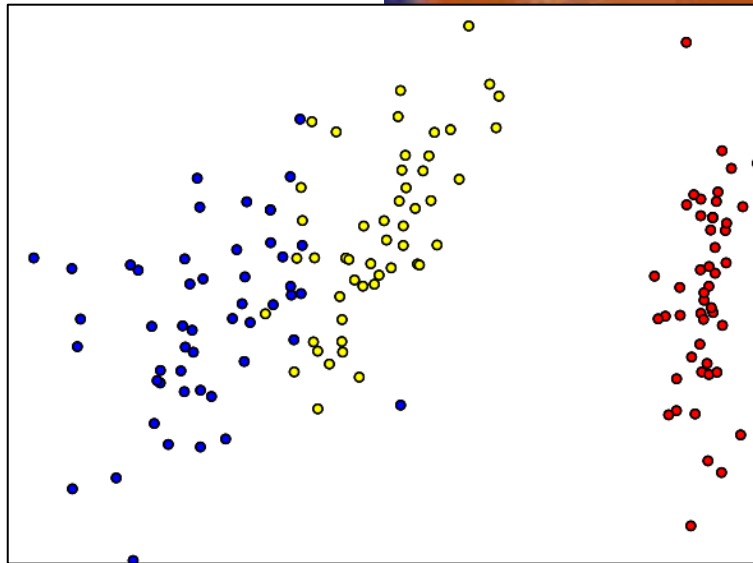
# SOM EXAMPLE: THEMESCAPE

Height represents density or number of documents in the region  
Invented at Pacific Northwest National Lab (PNNL)



But...

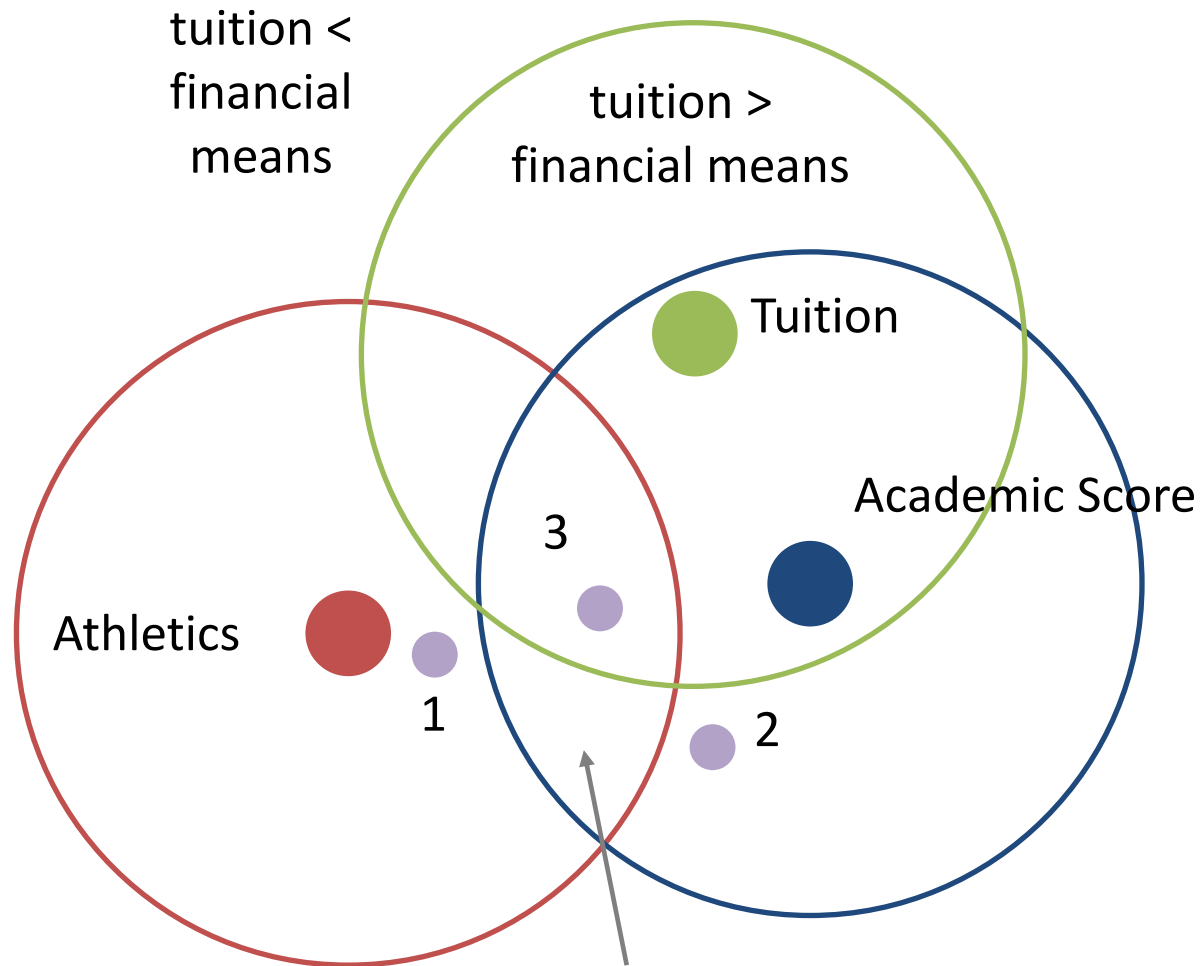
- Japanese cars
- European cars
- US cars



...ARE THESE CLUSTERS SO DIFFERENT?

WE NEED TO MAP THE ATTRIBUTES, TOO

# EXAMPLE COLLEGE SELECTION

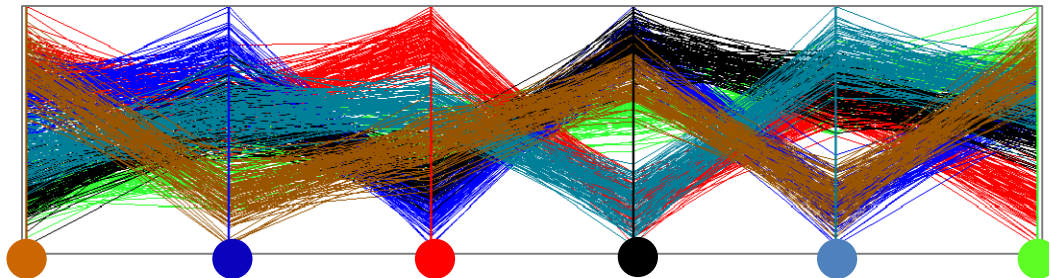
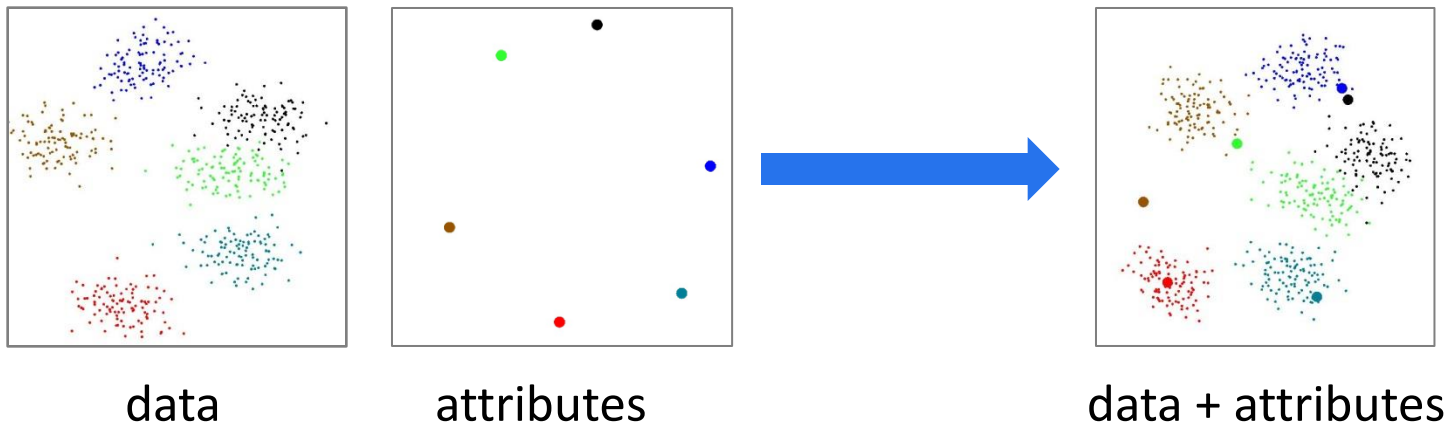


no dream school here: good athletics,  
low tuition, high academic score

# THE DATA CONTEXT MAP

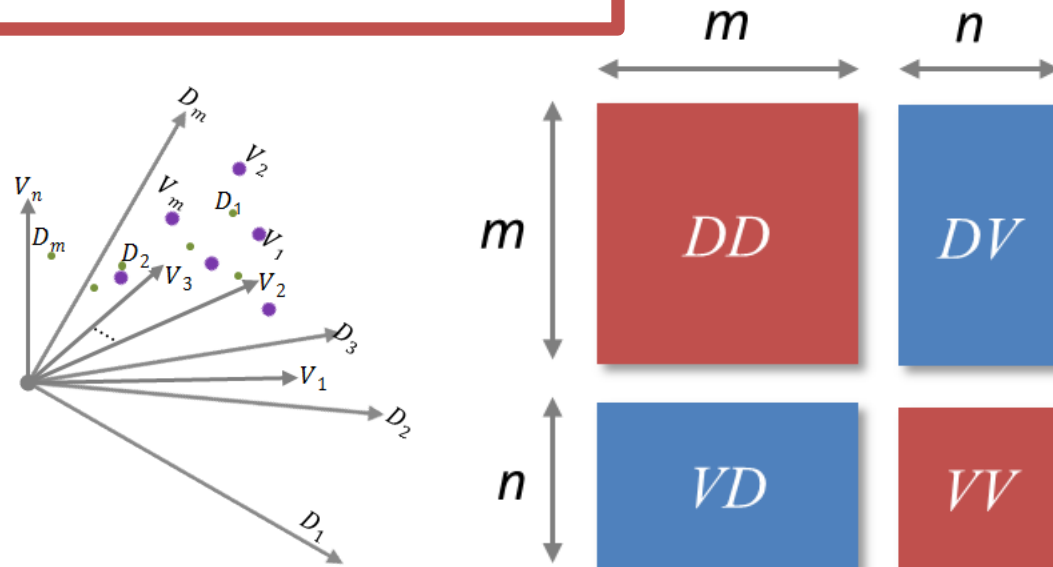
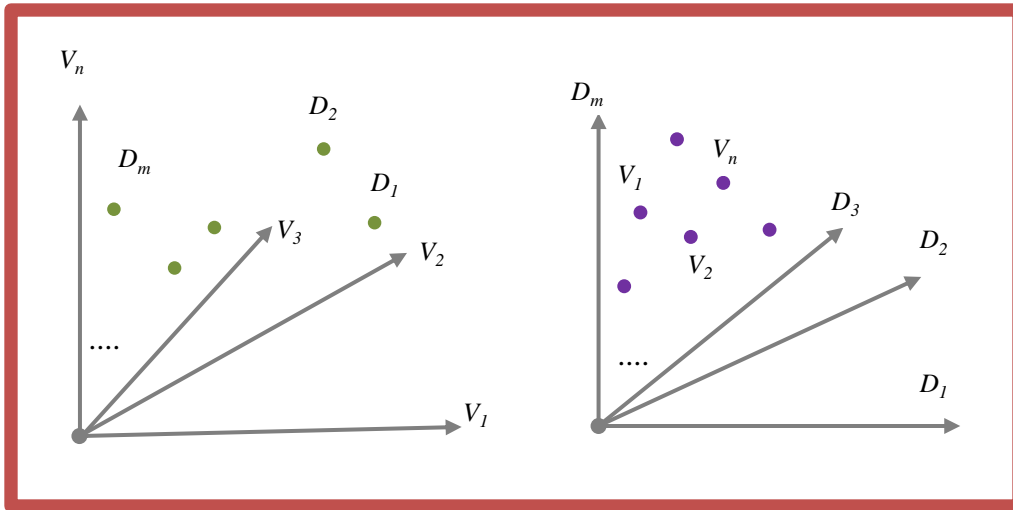
## Best of both worlds

- similarity layout of the data based on vector similarity
- similarity layout of the attributes based on pairwise correlation



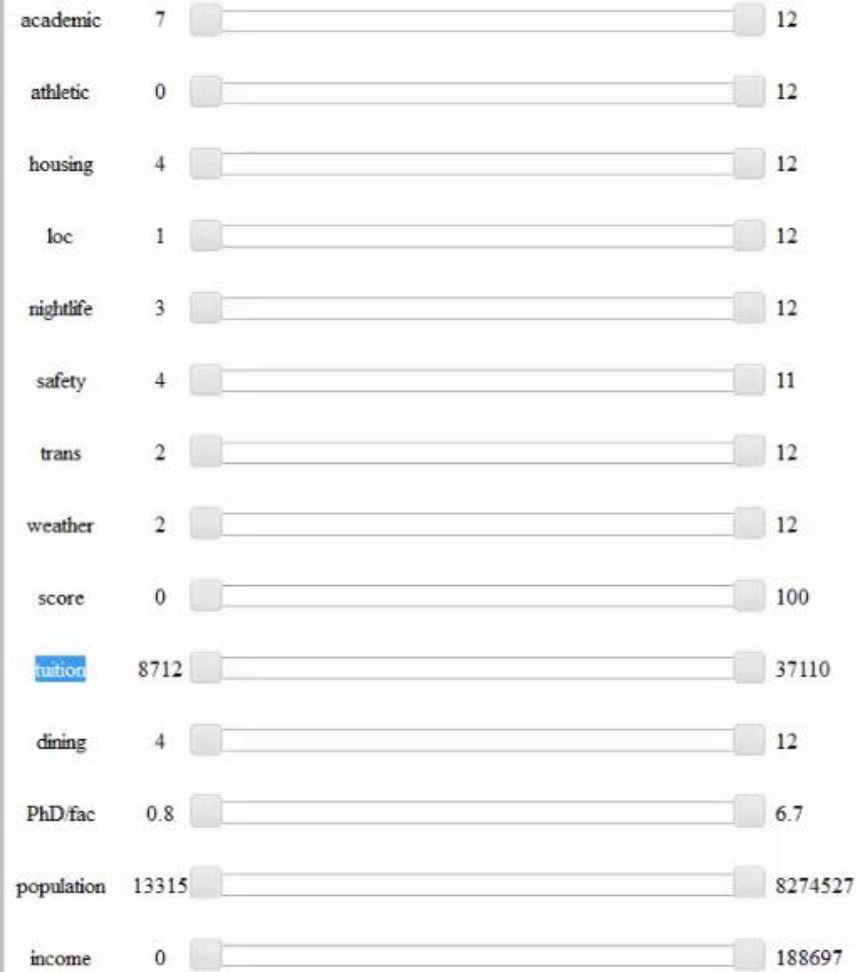
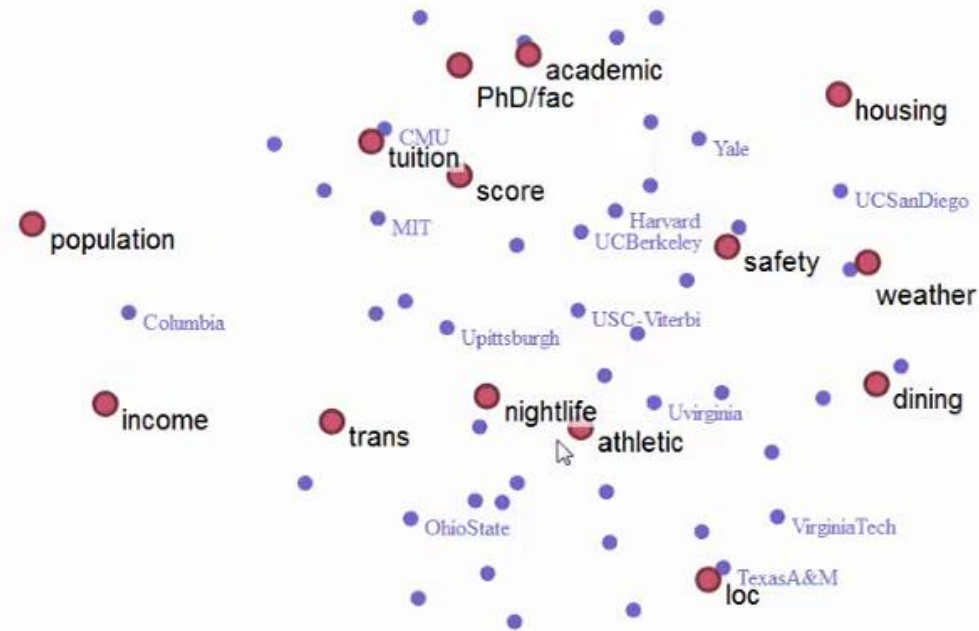
[Cheng and Mueller, TVCG 2016]

# ACHIEVED BY JOINT MATRIX OPTIMIZATION



# THE DATA CONTEXT MAP

## Data Context Map: Choose a Good University





# WHAT ABOUT CATEGORICAL VARIABLES?

You will need to use correspondence analysis (CA)

- CA is PCA for categorical variables
- related to factor analysis

# CORRESPONDENCE ANALYSIS (CA)

Example:

[more info](#)

	Smoking Category				
Staff Group	(1) None	(2) Light	(3) Medium	(4) Heavy	Row Totals
(1) Senior Managers	4	2	3	2	11
(2) Junior Managers	4	3	7	4	18
(3) Senior Employees	25	10	12	4	51
(4) Junior Employees	18	24	33	13	88
(5) Secretaries	10	6	7	2	25
Column Totals	61	45	62	25	193

There are two high-D spaces

- 4D (column) space spanned by smoking habits – plot staff group
- 5D (row) space spanned by staff group – plot smoking habits

Are these two spaces (the rows and columns) independent ?

- this occurs when the  $\chi^2$  statistics of the table is insignificant

# CA EIGEN ANALYSIS

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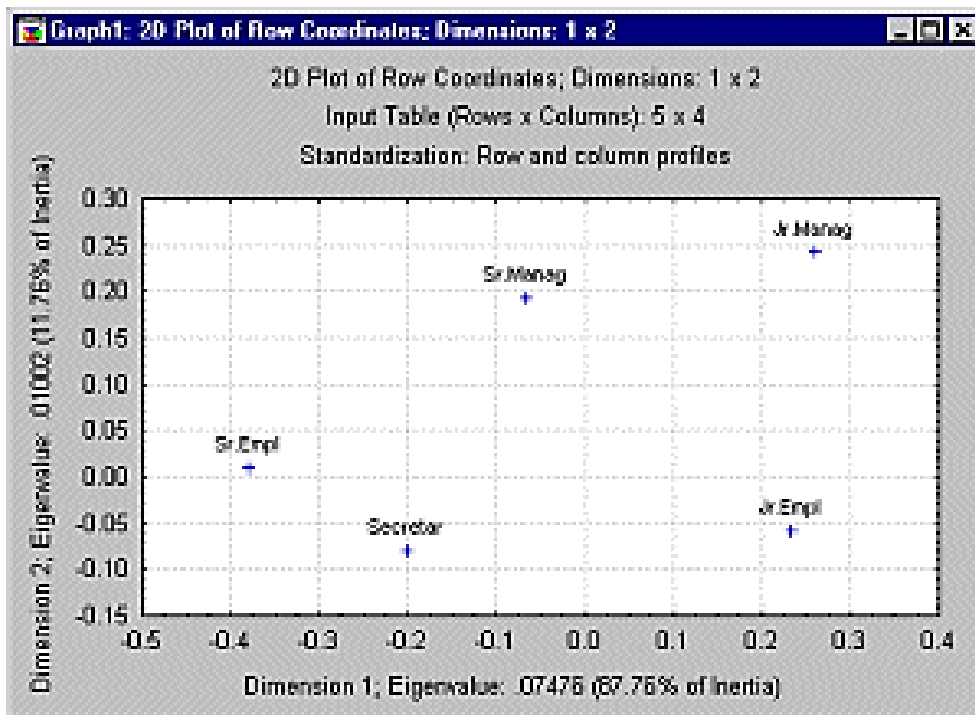
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--> distance matrix of employees

Let's do some plotting

- compute distance matrix of the rows  $CC^T$
- compute Eigenvector matrix  $U$  and the Eigenvalue matrix  $D$
- sort eigenvectors by values, pick two major vectors, create 2D plot

-- senior employees most similar to secretaries



Eigenvalues and Inertia for all Dimensions					
Input Table (Rows x Columns): 5 x 4					
Total Inertia = .08519 Chi <sup>2</sup> = 16.442					
No. of Dims	Singular Values	Eigen-Values	Perc. of Inertia	Cumulatv Percent	Chi Squares
1	.273421	.074759	87.75587	87.7559	14.42851
2	.100086	.010017	11.75865	99.5145	1.93332
3	.020337	.000414	.48547	100.0000	.07982

# CA EIGEN ANALYSIS

Staff Group	Smoking Category				Row Totals
	(1) None	(2) Light	(3) Medium	(4) Heavy	
(1) Senior Managers	4	2	3	2	11
(2) Junior Managers	4	3	7	4	18
(3) Senior Employees	25	10	12	4	51
(4) Junior Employees	18	24	33	13	88
(5) Secretaries	10	6	7	2	25
Column Totals	61	45	62	25	193

Next:

- compute distance matrix of the columns  $\mathbf{C}^T\mathbf{C}$
- compute Eigenvector matrix  $\mathbf{V}$  (gives the same Eigenvalue matrix  $\mathbf{D}$ )
- sort eigenvectors by value
- pick two major vectors
- create 2D plot of smoking categories

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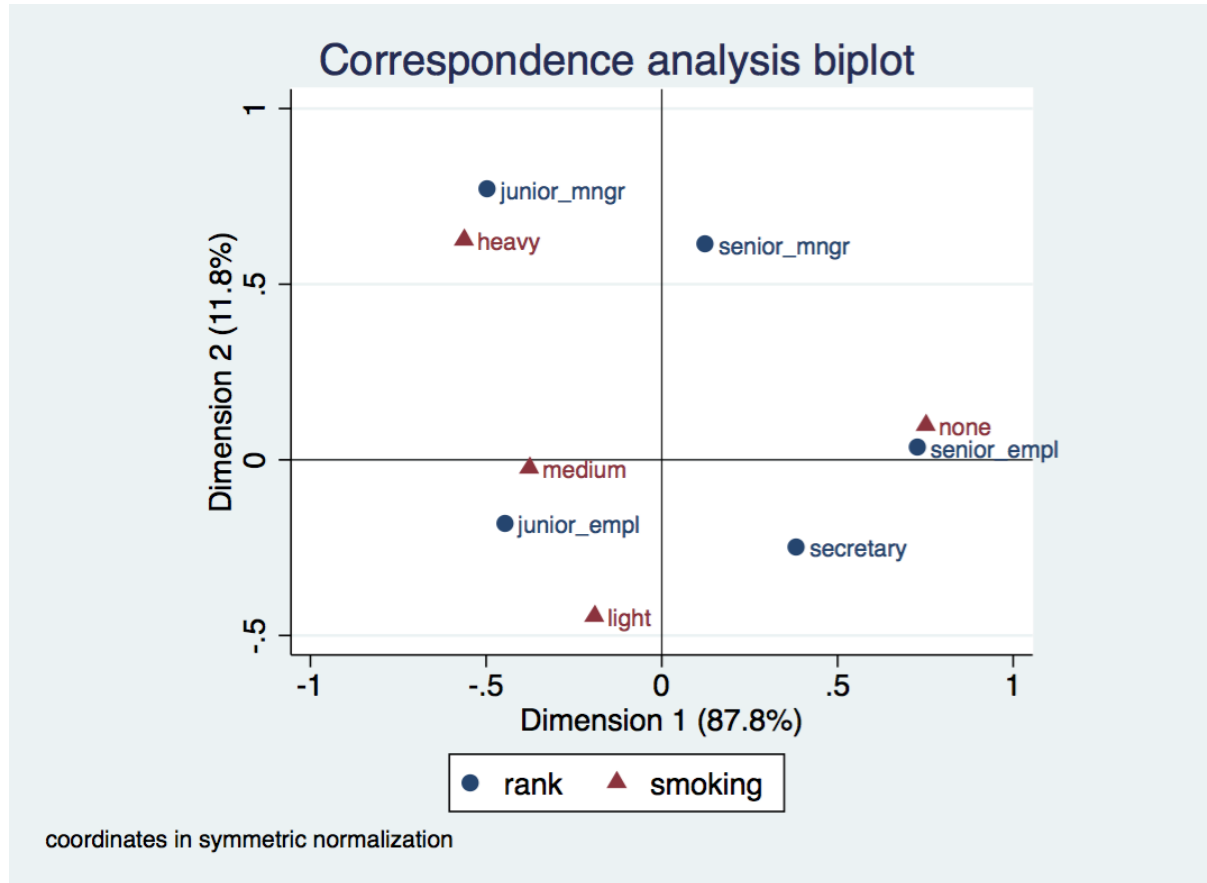
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--> distance matrix of smoking habits

Following (next slide):

- combine the plots of  $\mathbf{U}$  and  $\mathbf{V}$
- if the  $\chi^2$  statistics was significant we should see some dependencies

# COMBINED CA PLOT



Interpretation sample (using the  $\chi^2$  frequentist mindset)

- *relatively speaking*, there are more non-smoking senior employees

# EXTENDING TO CASES

Case Number	Senior Manager	Junior Manager	Senior Employee	Junior Employee	Secretary	None	Light	Medium	Heavy
1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
3	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
4	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
5	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
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191	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
192	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
193	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1

Plot would now show 193 cases and 9 variables

# MULTIPLE CORRESPONDENCE ANALYSIS

Extension where there are more than 2 categorical variables

	SURVIVAL		AGE			LOCATION		
Case No.	NO	YES	LESST50	A50TO69	OVER69	TOKYO	BOSTON	GLAMORGN
1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
2	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
3	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
4	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
...	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
...	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
...	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
762	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
763	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
764	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1

Let's call it matrix X

# MULTIPLE CORRESPONDENCE ANALYSIS

Compute  $X'X$  to get the Burt Table

	SURVIVAL		AGE			LOCATION		
	NO	YES	<50	50-69	69+	TOKYO	BOSTON	GLAMORGN
SURVIVAL:NO	210	0	68	93	49	60	82	68
SURVIVAL:YES	0	554	212	258	84	230	171	153
AGE:UNDER_50	68	212	280	0	0	151	58	71
AGE:A_50TO69	93	258	0	351	0	120	122	109
AGE:OVER_69	49	84	0	0	133	19	73	41
LOCATION:TOKYO	60	230	151	120	19	290	0	0
LOCATION:BOSTON	82	171	58	122	73	0	253	0
LOCATION:GLAMORGN	68	153	71	109	41	0	0	221

Compute Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues

- keep top two Eigenvectors/values
- visualize the attribute loadings of these two Eigenvectors into the Burt table plot (the loadings are the coordinates)



# LARGER MCA EXAMPLE

Results of a survey of car owners and car attributes

Burt Table

	American	European	Japanese	Large	Medium	Small	Family	Sporty	Work	1 Income	2 Incomes	Own	Rent	Married	Married with Kids	Single	Single with Kids	Female	Male
American	125	0	0	36	60	29	81	24	20	58	67	93	32	37	50	32	6	58	67
European	0	44	0	4	20	20	17	23	4	18	26	38	6	13	15	15	1	21	23
Japanese	0	0	165	2	61	102	76	59	30	74	91	111	54	51	44	62	8	70	95
Large	36	4	2	42	0	0	30	1	11	20	22	35	7	9	21	11	1	17	25
Medium	60	20	61	0	141	0	89	39	13	57	84	106	35	42	51	40	8	70	71
Small	29	20	102	0	0	151	55	66	30	73	78	101	50	50	37	58	6	62	89
Family	81	17	76	30	89	55	174	0	0	69	105	130	44	50	79	35	10	83	91
Sporty	24	23	59	1	39	66	0	106	0	55	51	71	35	35	12	57	2	44	62
Work	20	4	30	11	13	30	0	0	54	26	28	41	13	16	18	17	3	22	32
1 Income	58	18	74	20	57	73	69	55	26	150	0	80	70	10	27	99	14	47	103
2 Incomes	67	26	91	22	84	78	105	51	28	0	184	162	22	91	82	10	1	102	82
Own	93	38	111	35	106	101	130	71	41	80	162	242	0	76	106	52	8	114	128
Rent	32	6	54	7	35	50	44	35	13	70	22	0	92	25	3	57	7	35	57
Married	37	13	51	9	42	50	50	35	16	10	91	76	25	101	0	0	0	53	48
Married with Kids	50	15	44	21	51	37	79	12	18	27	82	106	3	0	109	0	0	48	61
Single	32	15	62	11	40	58	35	57	17	99	10	52	57	0	0	109	0	35	74
Single with Kids	6	1	8	1	8	6	10	2	3	14	1	8	7	0	0	0	15	13	2
Female	58	21	70	17	70	62	83	44	22	47	102	114	35	53	48	35	13	149	0
Male	67	23	95	25	71	89	91	62	32	103	82	128	57	48	61	74	2	0	185

more info see [here](#)

# MCA EXAMPLE (2)

Summary table:

Inertia and Chi-Square Decomposition									
Singular Value	Principal Inertia	Chi-Square	Percent	Cumulative Percent	4	8	12	16	20
					-----+	-----+	-----+	-----+	-----+
0.56934	0.32415	970.77	18.91	18.91	*****				
0.48352	0.23380	700.17	13.64	32.55	*****				
0.42716	0.18247	546.45	10.64	43.19	*****				
0.41215	0.16987	508.73	9.91	53.10	*****				
0.38773	0.15033	450.22	8.77	61.87	*****				
0.38520	0.14838	444.35	8.66	70.52	*****				
0.34066	0.11605	347.55	6.77	77.29	*****				
0.32983	0.10879	325.79	6.35	83.64	*****				
0.31517	0.09933	297.47	5.79	89.43	*****				
0.28069	0.07879	235.95	4.60	94.03	*****				
0.26115	0.06820	204.24	3.98	98.01	*****				
0.18477	0.03414	102.24	1.99	100.00	**				
Total	1.71429	5133.92	100.00						

Degrees of Freedom = 324

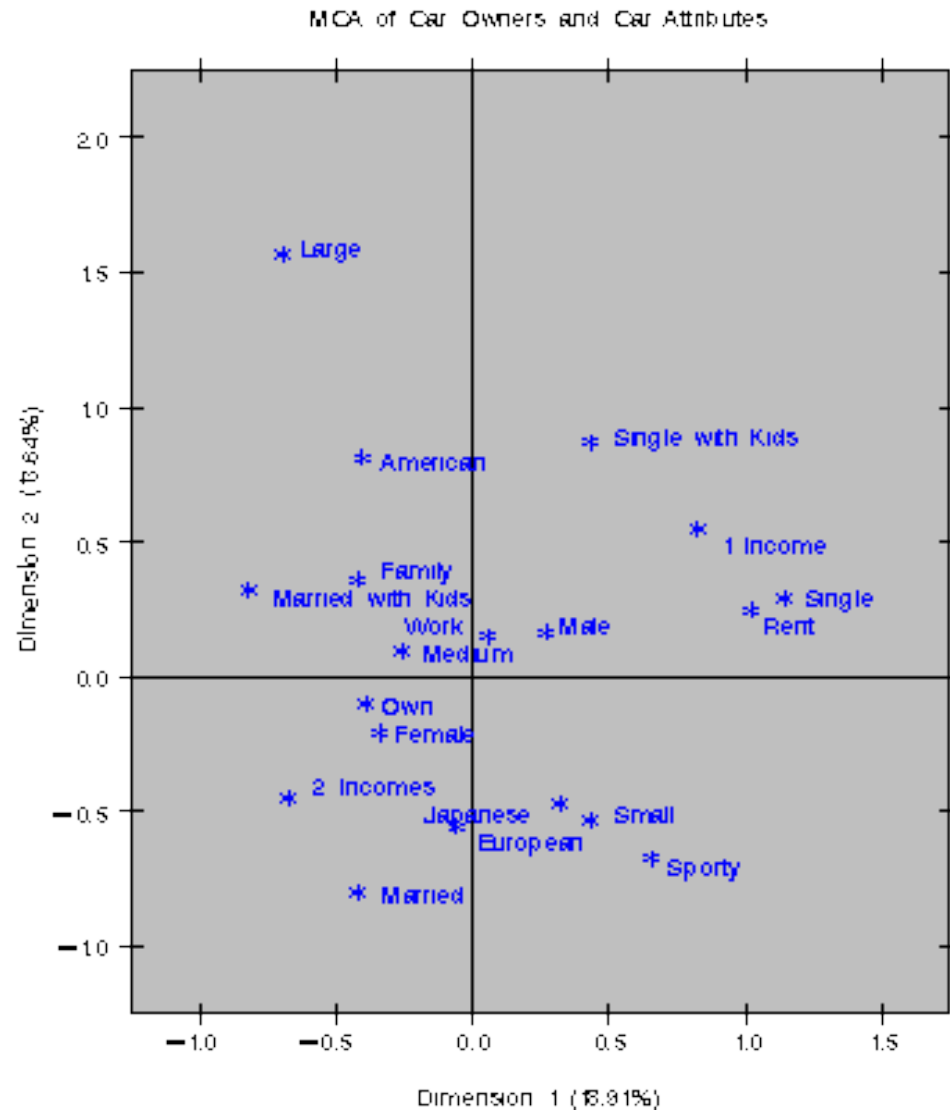
# MCA EXAMPLE (3)

Most influential column points  
(loadings):

Column Coordinates		
	Dim1	Dim2
American	-0.4035	0.8129
European	-0.0568	-0.5552
Japanese	0.3208	-0.4678
Large	-0.6949	1.5666
Medium	-0.2562	0.0965
Small	0.4326	-0.5258
Family	-0.4201	0.3602
Sporty	0.6604	-0.6696
Work	0.0575	0.1539
1 Income	0.8251	0.5472
2 Incomes	-0.6727	-0.4461
Own	-0.3887	-0.0943
Rent	1.0225	0.2480
Married	-0.4169	-0.7954
Married with Kids	-0.8200	0.3237
Single	1.1461	0.2930
Single with Kids	0.4373	0.8736
Female	-0.3365	-0.2057
Male	0.2710	0.1656

# MCA EXAMPLE (4)

Burt table plot:



# PLOT OBSERVATIONS

Top-right quadrant:

- categories single, single with kids, 1 income, and renting a home are associated

Proceeding clockwise:

- the categories sporty, small, and Japanese are associated
- being married, owning your own home, and having two incomes are associated
- having children is associated with owning a large American family car

Such information could be used in market research to identify target audiences for advertisements

# GARTNER MAGIC QUADRANT

A Gartner Magic Quadrant is a culmination of research in a specific market, providing a wide-angle view of the relative positions of the market's competitors

This concept can be used for other dimension pairs as well

- essentially require to think of a segmentation of the 4 quadrants

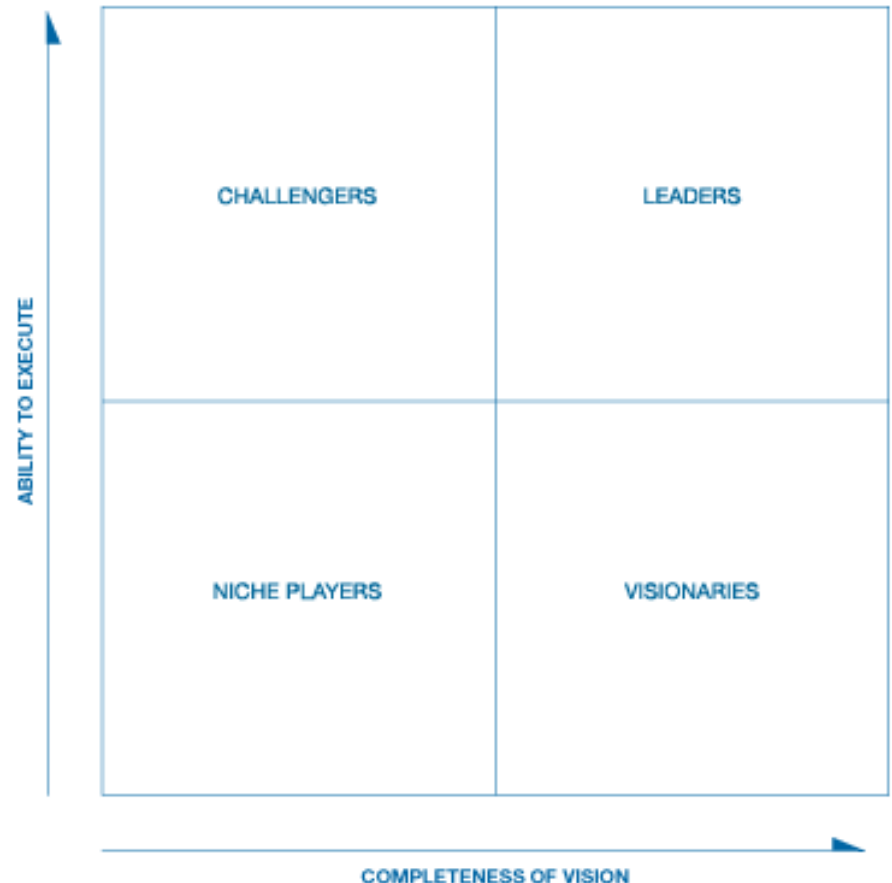


Figure 1. Magic Quadrant for Business Intelligence and Analytics Platforms



Source: Gartner (February 2014)

CHALLENGERS

# Gartner

## Magic Quadrant

### Business Intelligence

#### 2013 vs. 2014

LEADERS

Tableau  
Oracle  
Microsoft  
IBM  
SAP

Birst

GoodData  
Pentaho  
Alteryx

NICHE PLAYERS

VISIONARIES