

Science of Visual Analysis

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- § Foodie since girth and it shows!
- Side hustles as adjunct professor and data science bootcamp instructor.
- Sky-dived (tandem) and also zip-lined once because YOLO!



Audience

- Basic knowledge of statistics
- New to Tableau

Why Visual Analysis? Example I

Anscombe's Quartet

Let's analyze some data ...

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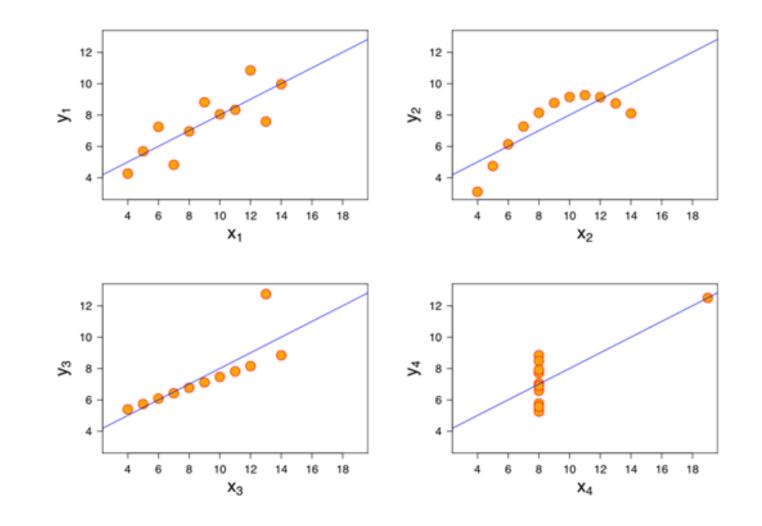
Anscombe's Quartet

Let's summarize the data ...

Property	Value
Mean of x in each case	9 (exact)
Variance of x in each case	11 (exact)
Mean of y in each case	7.50 (to 2 decimal places)
Variance of y in each case	4.122 or 4.127 (to 3 decimal places)
Correlation between x and y in each case	0.816 (to 3 decimal places)
Linear regression line in each case	y = 3.00 + 0.500x (to 2 and 3 decimal places, respectively)

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Let's visualize the data ...



Why Visual Analysis? Example II

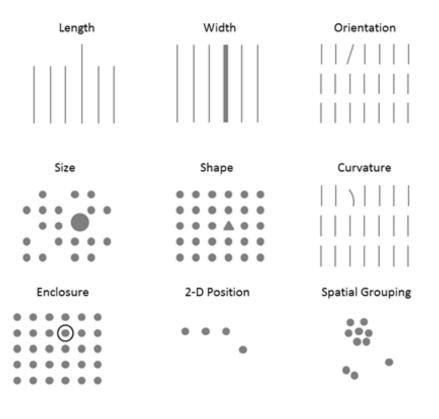
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Pre-attentive Processing



Pre-attentive Visual Attributes

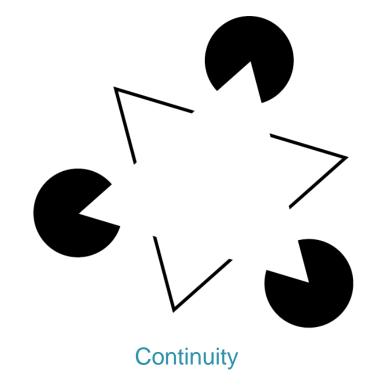


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Gestalt Laws of Grouping







Writing and Numbers were late to the Party

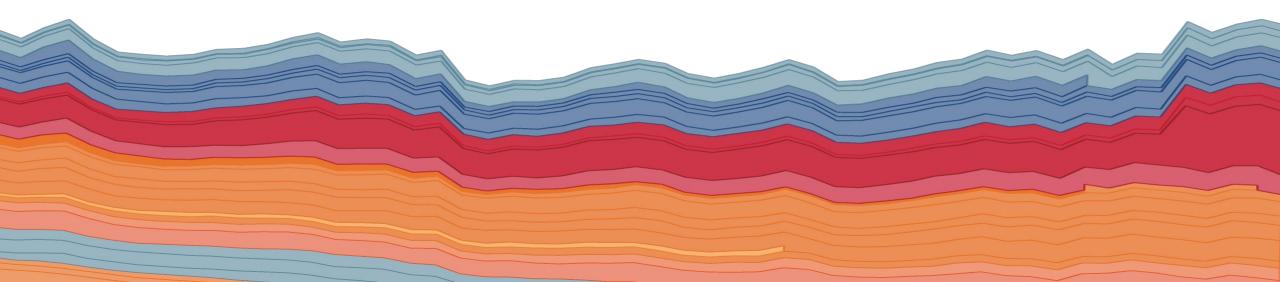


• Attributes are universal* whereas Numbers are not

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* with some cultural differences

What is Visual Analysis?



"Visual analysis is the representation and presentation of data that exploits our visual perception abilities in order to amplify cognition."

- Andy Kirk, author of "Data Visualization: a successful design process"

Thank You

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