

# DATA

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	<b>name</b> click to scroll output; double click to hide	<b>members</b>	<b>concerts</b>
<b>id</b>			
1769	Johnny "Clyde" Copeland	[24320, 24323, 24325, 24328, 24318]	[2498]
2622	Anthony Braxton Quartet	[8097, 13828, 12573, 13833]	[1790]
2065	Buckwheat Zydeco	[20045, 20048, 20050, 20053, 20055, 20057]	[2131]
2833	François Lindemann Quartet	[55928, 55929, 33932, 32255]	[4701]
141	Black Rebel Motorcycle Club	[32417, 32419, 8398, 8399, 8400]	[3752, 4353]
1807	Ice T	[24900, 24901, 24902, 46709]	[2596]
2105	The World Saxophone Quartet	[8457, 20298, 20301, 20294]	[707]
2771	Eels	[55555, 55556, 55557, 55558, 55559]	[4731]
1120	Bill Wyman's Rhythm Kings	[31488, 31490, 31485, 10156, 17169, 25362, 133...]	[1522]
801	Status Quo	[8730, 8731, 8732, 1301]	[3785]
584	Blood Red Shoes	[3561, 3563]	[3353]
1400	Kid Koala	[7108, 28126]	[1270]
2212	Toure Kunda	[19203, 19204, 19207, 19210, 19212, 19215, 192...]	[990]
2554	Count Basie And His Orchestra	[15201, 14562, 15206, 5991, 15207, 14379, 1435...]	[588]
990	Soweto Kinch Quartet	[7113, 9943, 9946, 9947, 9948]	[3841]
2166	Monteiro, Young and Holt with Friends	[19820, 19825, 19828, 13588, 12471]	[2118]
1377	Edgar Winter All Star Project	[29568, 5537, 22433, 29572, 29573, 29574, 22437]	[1411]
833	Anna Serafinska	[7096, 7097, 7098, 7099]	[3654]
322	Guano Apes	[1586, 1587, 1580, 1573]	[3205]
2274	Schiltknecht & Domeniconi	[18147, 18149, 18151]	[2218]
2426	Novo Combo	[9032, 16562, 16564, 16559]	[138]
1922	B.B. King Blues Band	[10018, 21479, 21480, 1097, 1098, 1100, 10029,...]	[2473, 900]
1108	Burr Johnson Trio	[31419, 31420, 31421]	[1519]
1859	Joe Lovano Sextet	[24400, 24402, 24403, 24405, 24406, 10431]	[2536]
591	Medeski, Scofield, Martin & Wood	[4569, 394, 4570, 4565]	[3430]
1456	4 Hero	[28928, 28929, 28930, 28931, 28921, 28933, 289...]	[1464]
2872	Beck	[31618, 31620, 31623, 522, 31626, 31628, 1461,...]	[1525]
2088	Malaco rythm section	[20103, 20105, 20108, 20110, 10010]	[2135]
1050	Miss Kittin & The Hacker & Vitalic	[33618, 33619, 33620]	[1570]
1365	Tony Martinez Cuban Latin Jazz Group	[28704, 417, 28707, 28708, 26334, 26381, 10901...]	[1294]

# DATA

Set of values of qualitative or quantitative variables.

Data (singular is datum) require interpretation to be meaningful



# Data abstraction

Data-viz are depend of the kind of data we have as input.

We need two ingredients to design a good viz:

**Data type** - its structural or mathematical interpretation

**Data semantics** - its real-world meaning

# Data semantics

1	Bob	M	Blue
2	Alice	S	Red

**Metadata**

	ID	Name	Shirt Size	Favorite color	
1	Bob	M	Blue		
2	Alice	S	Red		

# Data types

Structural or mathematical interpretation of data

Different from data types in programming

➔ **Data Types**

➔ Items

➔ Attributes

➔ Links

➔ Positions

➔ Grids

# Items & attributes

Item: individual entity, collections of attributes.

Attributes can be measured, observed and logged.

	ID	Name	Shirt Size	Favorite color	
	1	Bob	M	Blue	
	2	Alice	S	Red	

**Item: Person**

# Attribute types

- What kind of measurements can we perform with attributes?
- Initiated by S.S Stevens in 1946



## On the Theory of Scales of Measurement

S. S. Stevens  
*Director, Psycho-Acoustic Laboratory, Harvard University*

FOR SEVEN YEARS A COMMITTEE of the British Association for the Advancement of Science debated the problem of measurement. Appointed in 1932 to represent Section A (Mathematical and Physical Sciences) and Section J (Psy-

by the formal (mathematical) properties of the scales. Furthermore—and this is of great concern to several of the sciences—the statistical manipulations that can legitimately be applied to empirical data depend upon the type of scale against which the data are ordered.

# Categorial (Nominal) type

What is your favorite music genre?

- Could be simply called labels
- No quantitative value
- List of choices in survey
- Classes in machine learning

- Alternative Music
- Blues
- Classical Music
- Country Music
- Dance Music
- Easy Listening
- Electronic Music
- European Music (Folk / Pop)
- Hip Hop / Rap
- Indie Pop
- Inspirational (incl. Gospel)
- Asian Pop (J-Pop, K-pop)
- Jazz
- Latin Music
- New Age
- Opera
- Pop (Popular music)
- R&B / Soul
- Reggae
- Rock
- Singer / Songwriter (inc. Folk)
- World Music / Beats

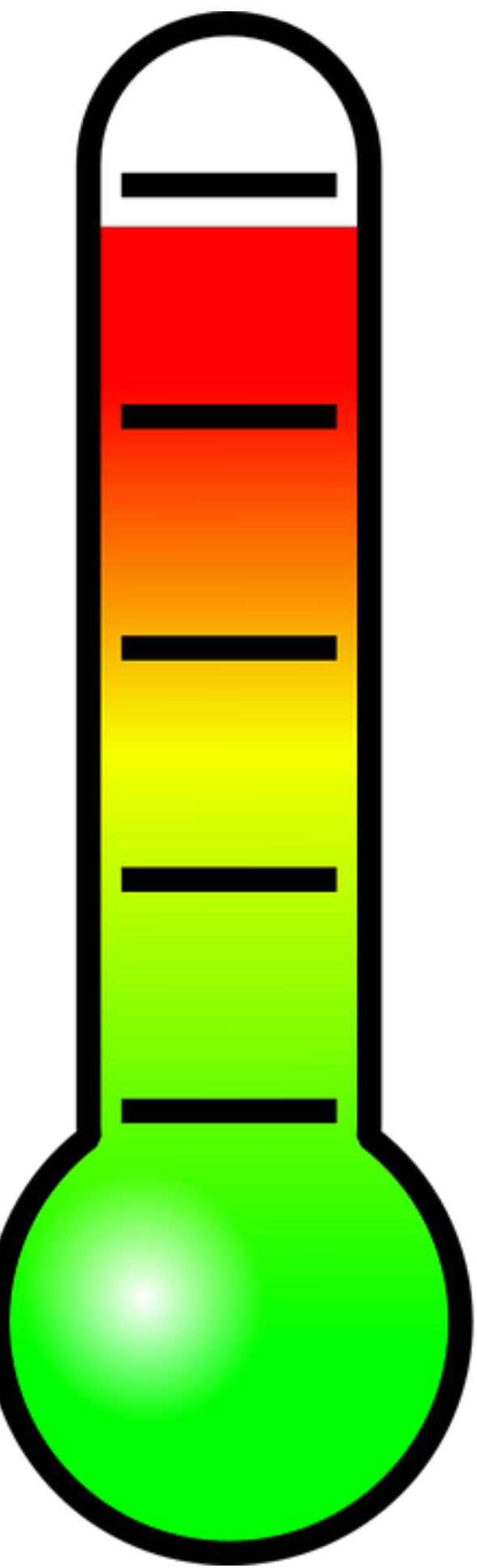
# Ordered: Ordinal type

- The order is important <, >
- Difference between elements is not really known but we can rank them
- Ordinal scales are typically measures of non-numeric concepts like satisfaction, happiness, discomfort, etc.



# Quantitative: Interval

- Variables are classified into ordered categories
- Direct measure of comparison between values
- Problem: no true zero



**1985**  
Super  
Mario  
Bros.

**1989**  
Super  
Mario  
Bros. 2

**1991**  
Super  
Mario  
Bros. 3

**1992**  
Super  
Mario  
World

**1997**  
Super  
Mario  
64

**2002**  
Super  
Mario  
Sunshine

**2006**  
New Super  
Mario  
Bros.

**2007**  
Super  
Mario  
Galaxy

**2009**  
New Super  
Mario  
Bros. Wii

**2010**  
Super  
Mario  
Galaxy 2

[IGN]

# Quantitative: Ratio

- All characteristics of nominal, ordinal and interval variables
- Meaningful zero point
- add, subtract, divide and multiply two ratios
- Most useful type of variable for statistics
- Example: Height or weight

Provides:	Nominal	Ordinal	Interval	Ratio
The “order” of values is known		✓	✓	✓
“Counts,” aka “Frequency of Distribution”	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mode	✓	✓	✓	✓
Median		✓	✓	✓
Mean			✓	✓
Can quantify the difference between each value			✓	✓
Can add or subtract values			✓	✓
Can multiply and divide values				✓
Has “true zero”				✓

A	B	C	S	T	U
Order ID	Order Date	Order Priority	Product Container	Product Base Margin	Ship Date
3	10/14/06	5-Low	Large Box	0.8	10/21/06
6	2/21/08	4-Not Specified	Small Pack	0.55	2/22/08
32	7/16/07	2-High	Small Pack	0.79	7/17/07
32	7/16/07	2-High	Jumbo Box	0.72	7/17/07
32	7/16/07	2-High	Medium Box	0.6	7/18/07
32	7/16/07	2-High	Medium Box	0.65	7/18/07
35	10/23/07	4-Not Specified	Wrap Bag	0.52	10/24/07
35	10/23/07	4-Not Specified	Small Box	0.58	10/25/07
36	11/3/07	1-Urgent	Small Box	0.55	11/3/07
65	3/18/07	1-Urgent	Small Pack	0.49	3/19/07
66	1/20/05	5-Low	Wrap Bag	0.56	1/20/05
69	6/4/05	4-Not Specified	Small Pack	0.44	6/6/05
69	6/4/05	4-Not Specified		0.6	6/6/05
70	12/18/06	5-Low		0.59	12/23/06
70	12/18/06	5-Low		0.82	12/23/06
96	4/17/05	2-High		0.55	4/19/05
97	1/29/06	3-Medium		0.38	1/30/06
129	11/19/08	5-Low		0.37	11/28/08
130	5/8/08	2-High	Small Box	0.37	5/9/08
130	5/8/08	2-High	Medium Box	0.38	5/10/08
130	5/8/08	2-High	Small Box	0.6	5/11/08
132	6/11/06	3-Medium	Medium Box	0.6	6/12/06
132	6/11/06	3-Medium	Jumbo Box	0.69	6/14/06
134	5/1/08	4-Not Specified	Large Box	0.82	5/3/08
135	10/21/07	4-Not Specified	Small Pack	0.64	10/23/07
166	9/12/07	2-High	Small Box	0.55	9/14/07
193	8/8/06	1-Urgent	Medium Box	0.57	8/10/06
194	4/5/08	3-Medium	Wrap Bag	0.42	4/7/08

quantitative  
ordinal  
categorical

# Other data types

## Links

Express relationship between two items: friendship on Facebook, followers on Twitter

## Positions

Location in 2D or 3D for spatial data: geolocalization of best restaurants

## Grids

Sampling strategy for continuous data: voxels in MRI scan, sensors in a city

### → Data Types

→ Items

→ Attributes

→ Links

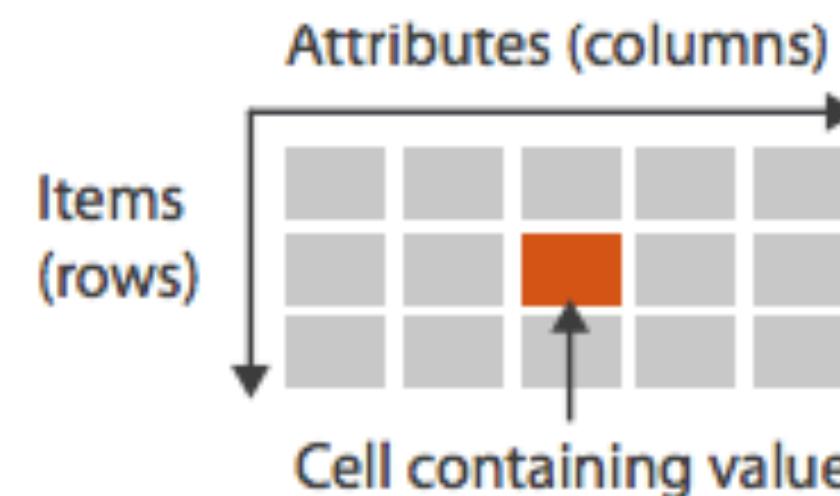
→ Positions

→ Grids

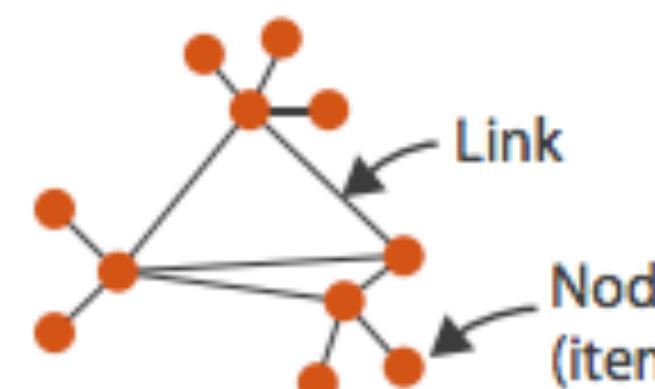
# Dataset types

## → Dataset Types

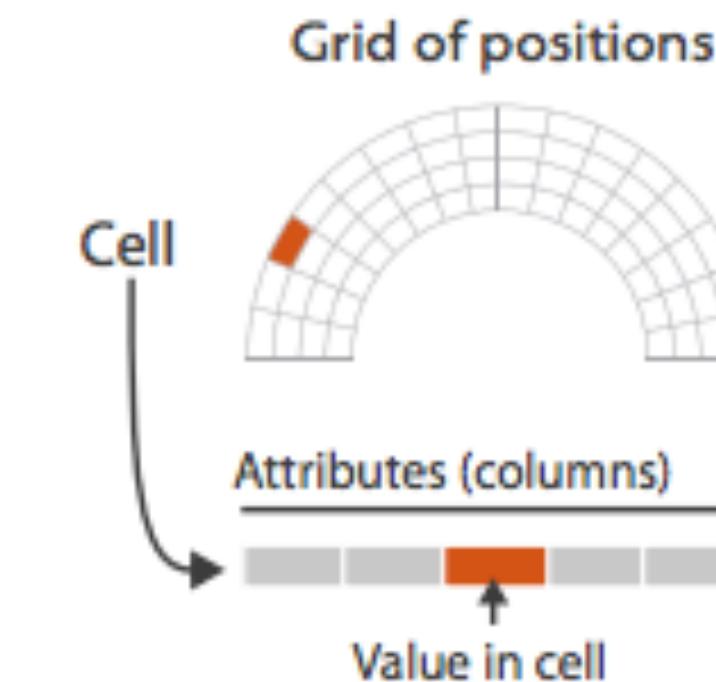
### → Tables



### → Networks



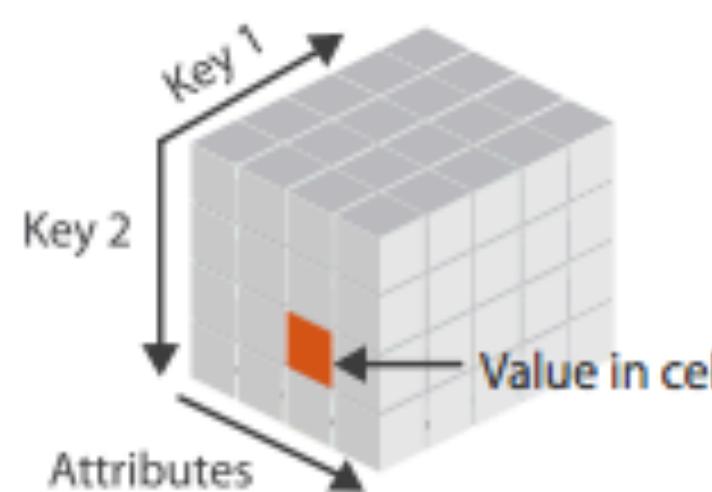
### → Fields (Continuous)



### → Geometry (Spatial)



### → Multidimensional Table



### → Trees



## → Data and Dataset Types

Tables	Networks & Trees	Fields	Geometry	Clusters, Sets, Lists
Items	Items (nodes)	Grids	Items	Clusters, Sets, Lists
Attributes	Links	Positions	Items	Items
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# Tables

## Flat Table

one item per row

attributes are stored in columns

Mental image of Relational database  
(e.g. MySQL)

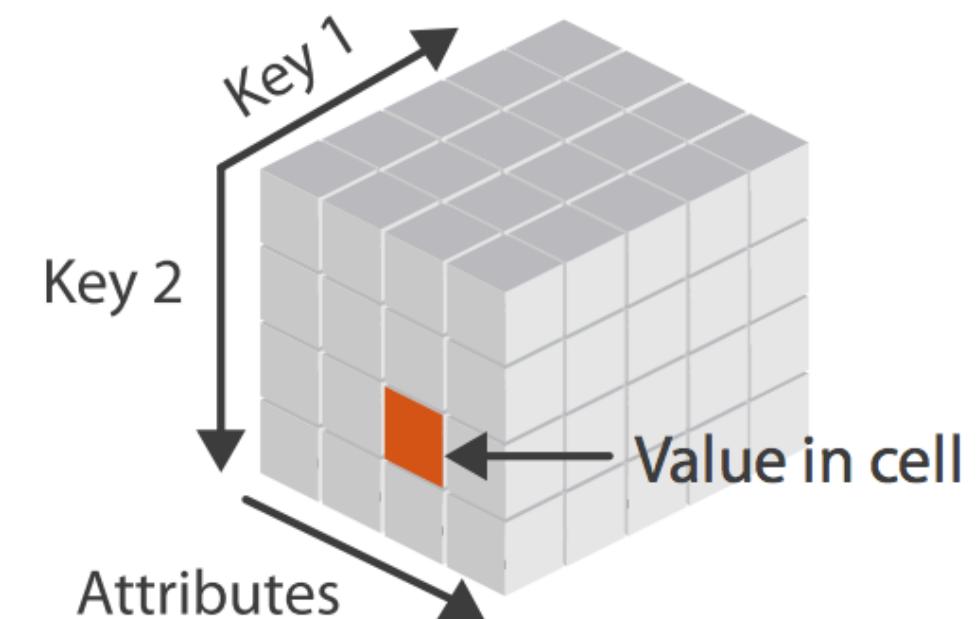
## Multidimensional table

indexing on multiple keys

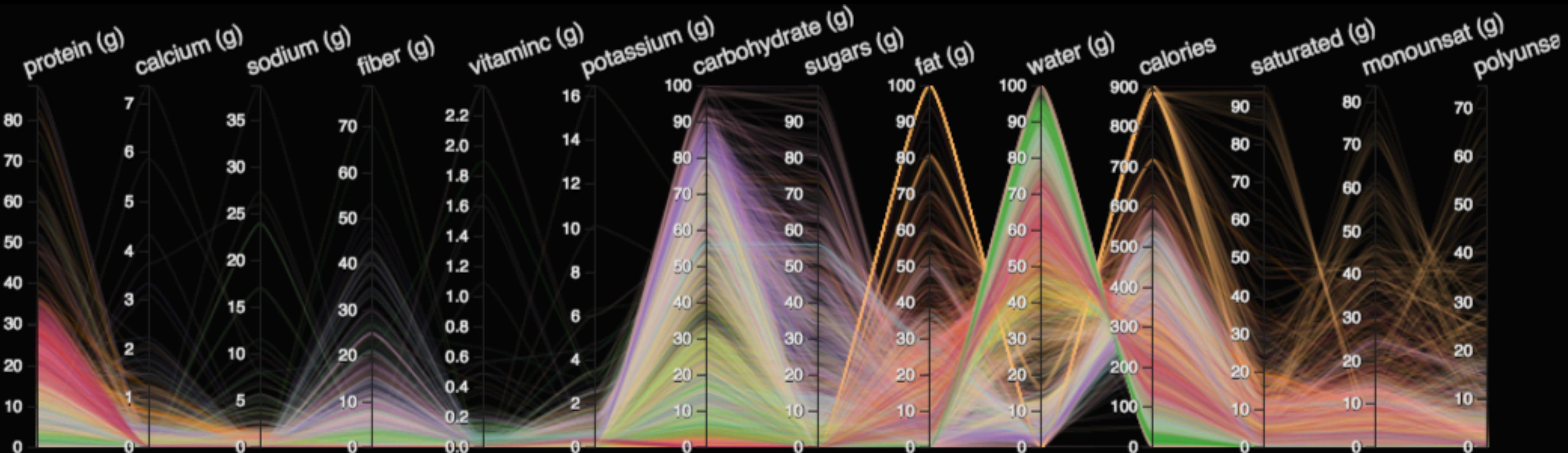
ID	Name	Shirt Size	Favorite color
1	Bob	M	Blue
2	Alice	S	Red

**unique key**

→ *Multidimensional Table*



# Example: Parallel Coordinates



Rendered: 7637

Selected: 7637

Opacity: 0.0731

Drag along a vertical axis to brush

Tap the axis to remove its brush

- Pasta with meatballs in tomato sauce, canned entree
- Fish, tuna, fresh, bluefin, cooked, dry heat
- Fish, tilapia, cooked, dry heat
- Gravy, beef, canned, ready-to-serve
- Beef, chuck eye Country-Style ribs, boneless, separable lean and fat, trimmed to 0" fat, choice, raw
- CAMPBELL Soup Company, CAMPBELL'S SELECT Soup, Harvest Tomato with Basil Soup
- Sherbet, orange
- CAMPBELL Soup Company, SUPPER BAKES MEAL KITS, Lemon Chicken with herb rice (chicken not included)
- Seeds, safflower seed kernels, dried
- Alcoholic beverage, wine, table, white, Pinot Blanc

# Networks / Trees

A graph  $G(V, E, W)$  consists of:

a set of **vertices**  $V$  (nodes)

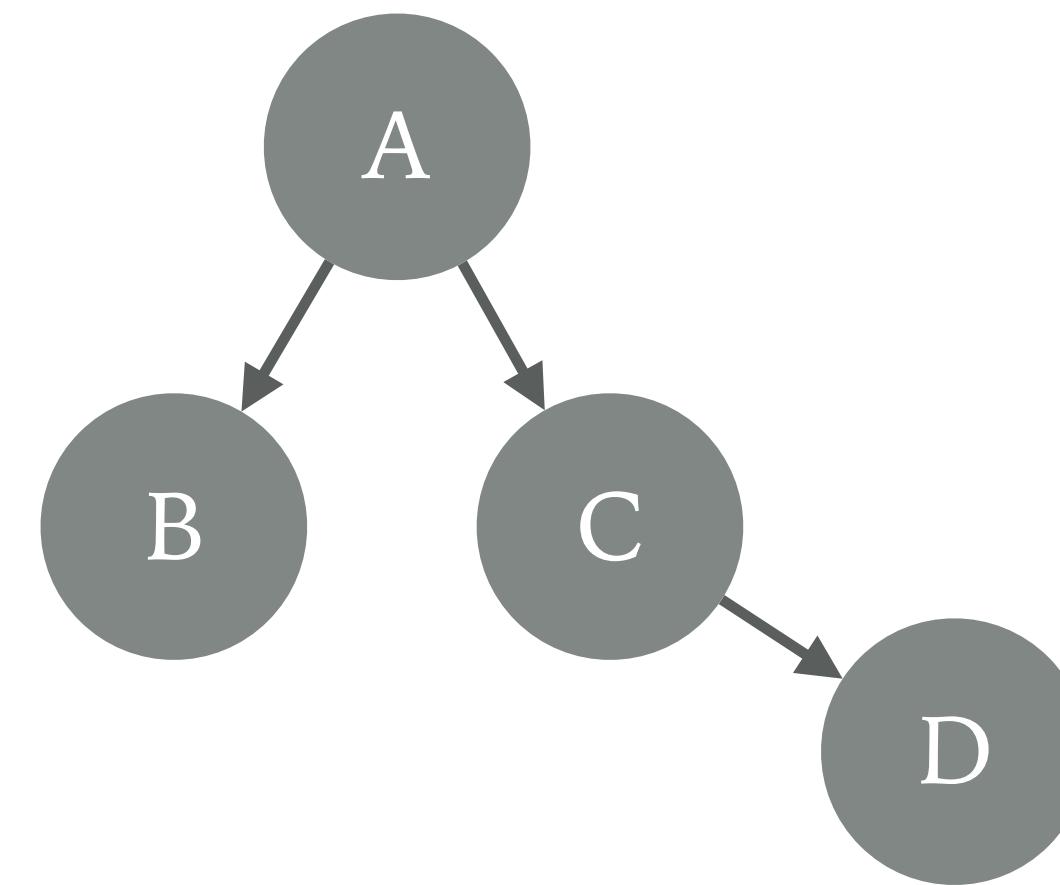
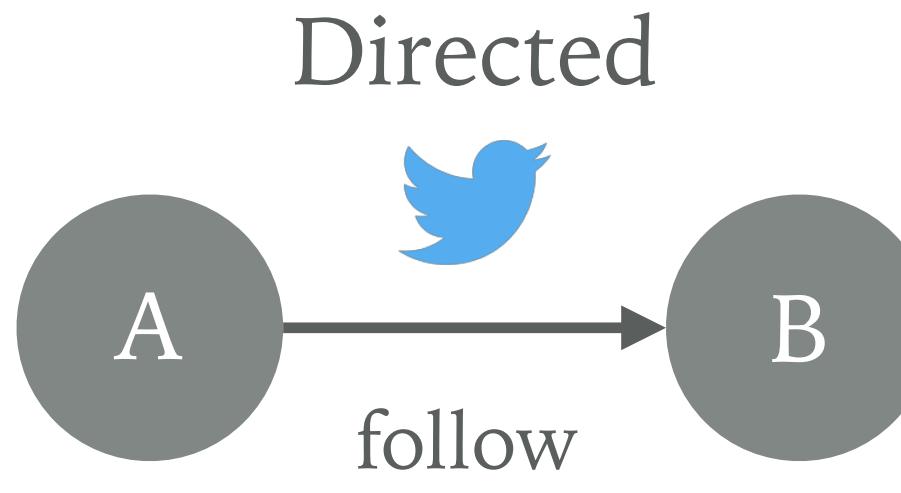
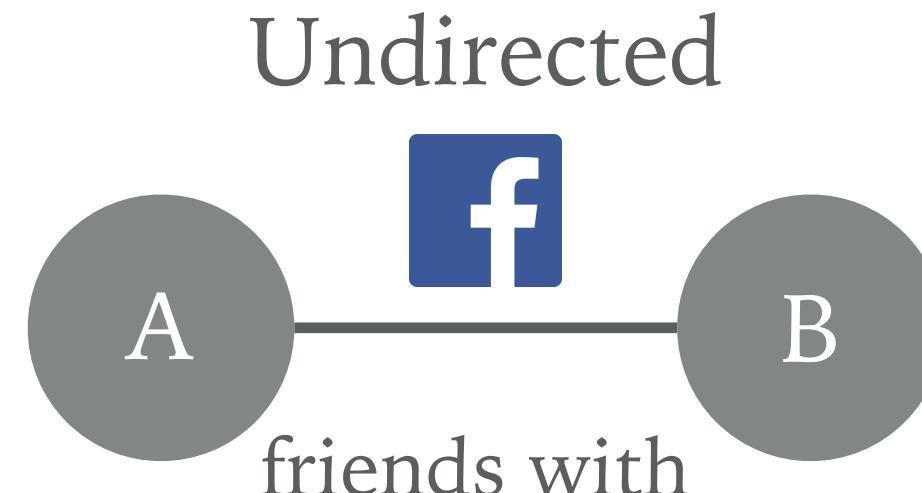
a set of **edges**  $E$  (links)

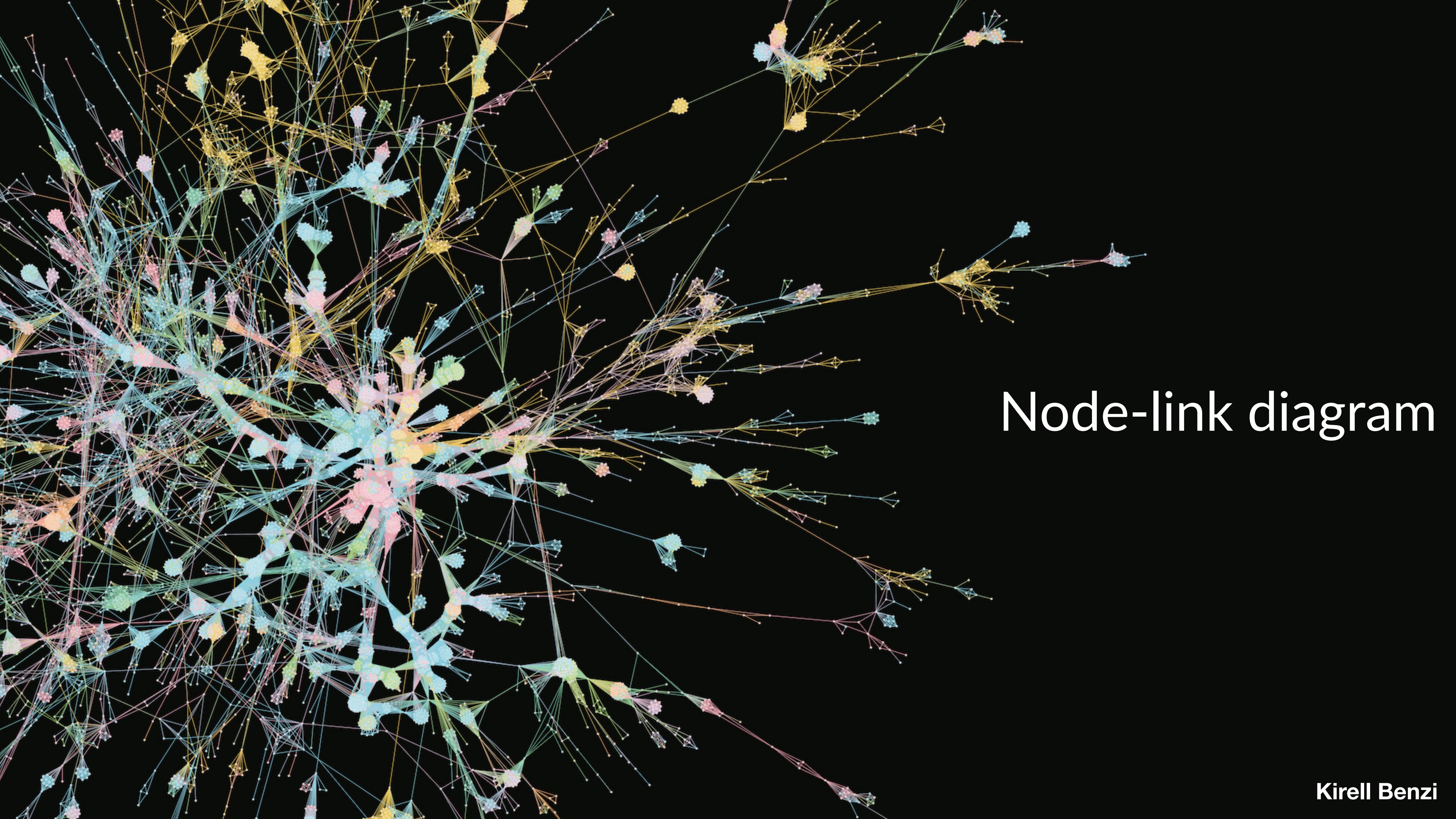
a set of weights  $W$  associated to the links

Networks with hierarchical structure are called trees

Each child one has only one parent node.

No cycles

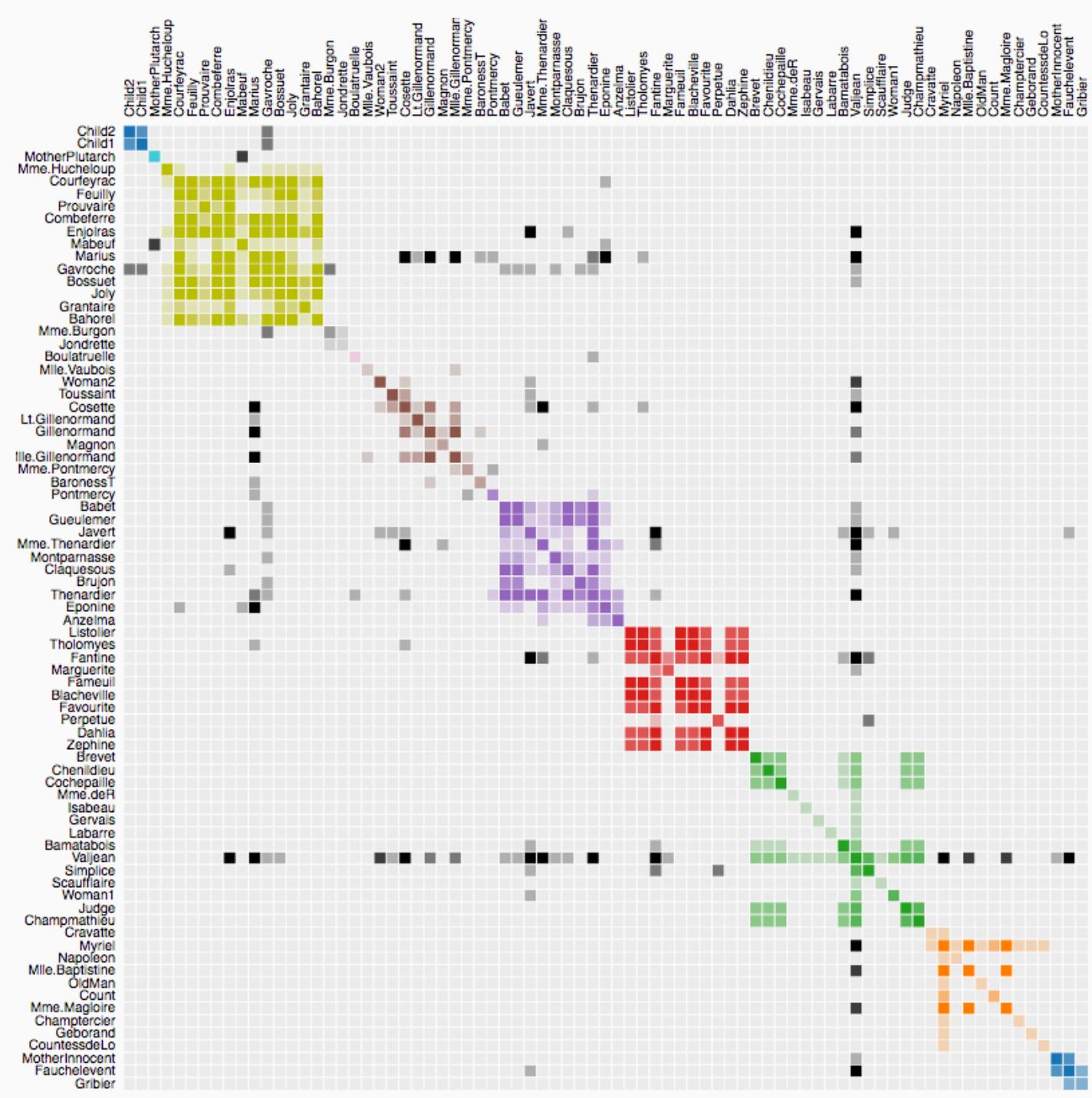




# Node-link diagram

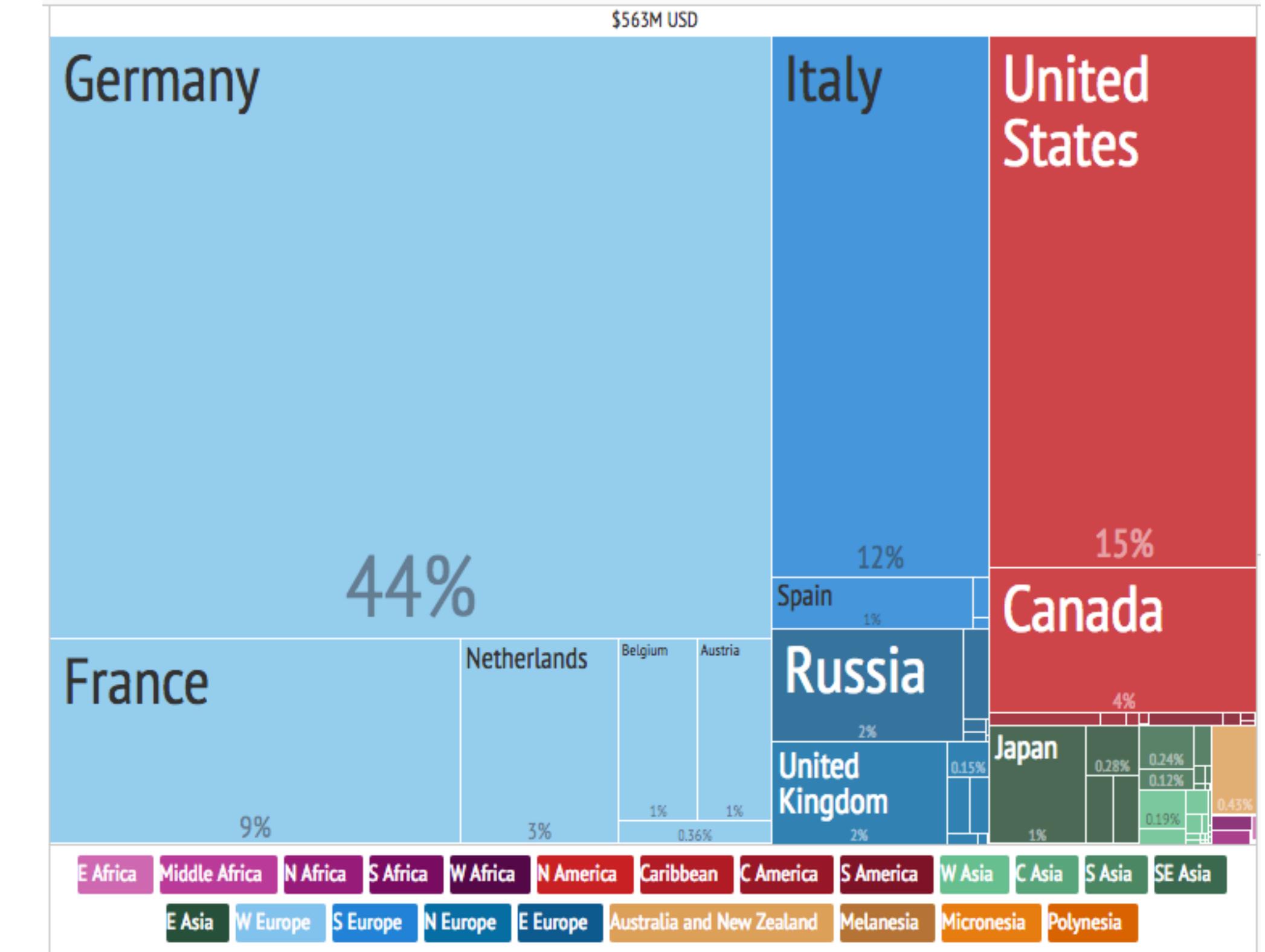
# Other graph viz

*Les Misérables* Co-occurrence



Adjacency matrix

Where did Switzerland export Fresh cheese to in 2015?



Treemap

# Discrete vs continuous

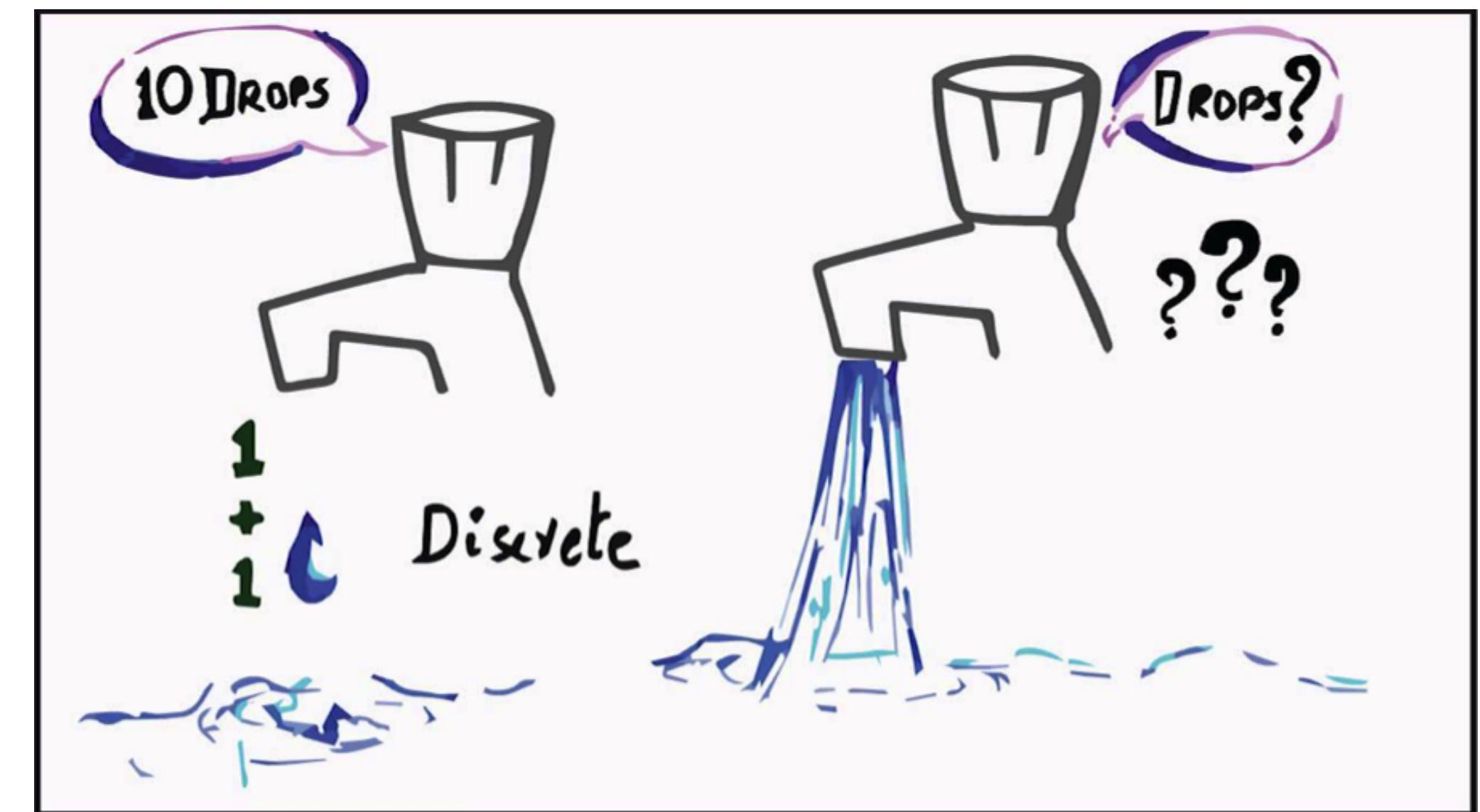
In mathematics, a variable may be **continuous** or **discrete**.

Continuous variable can take on infinitely uncountable values

Discrete variable has a finite set of possible values

**Sampling** - how frequently do you take the measurements?

**Interpolation** - how to show values in between sampled points?

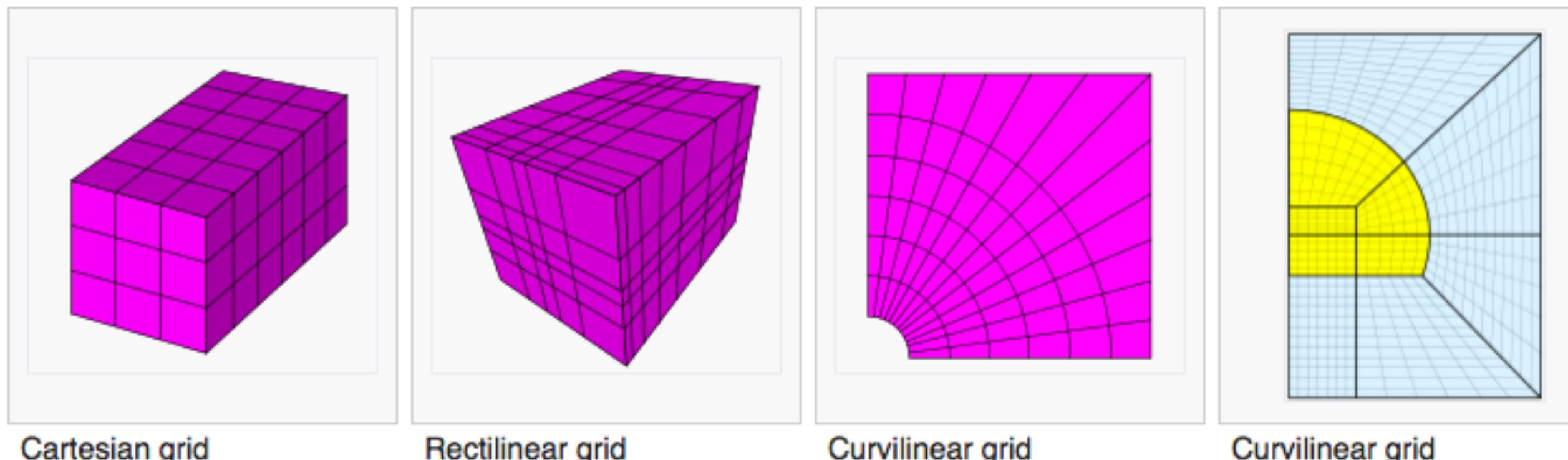


# Fields and grid types

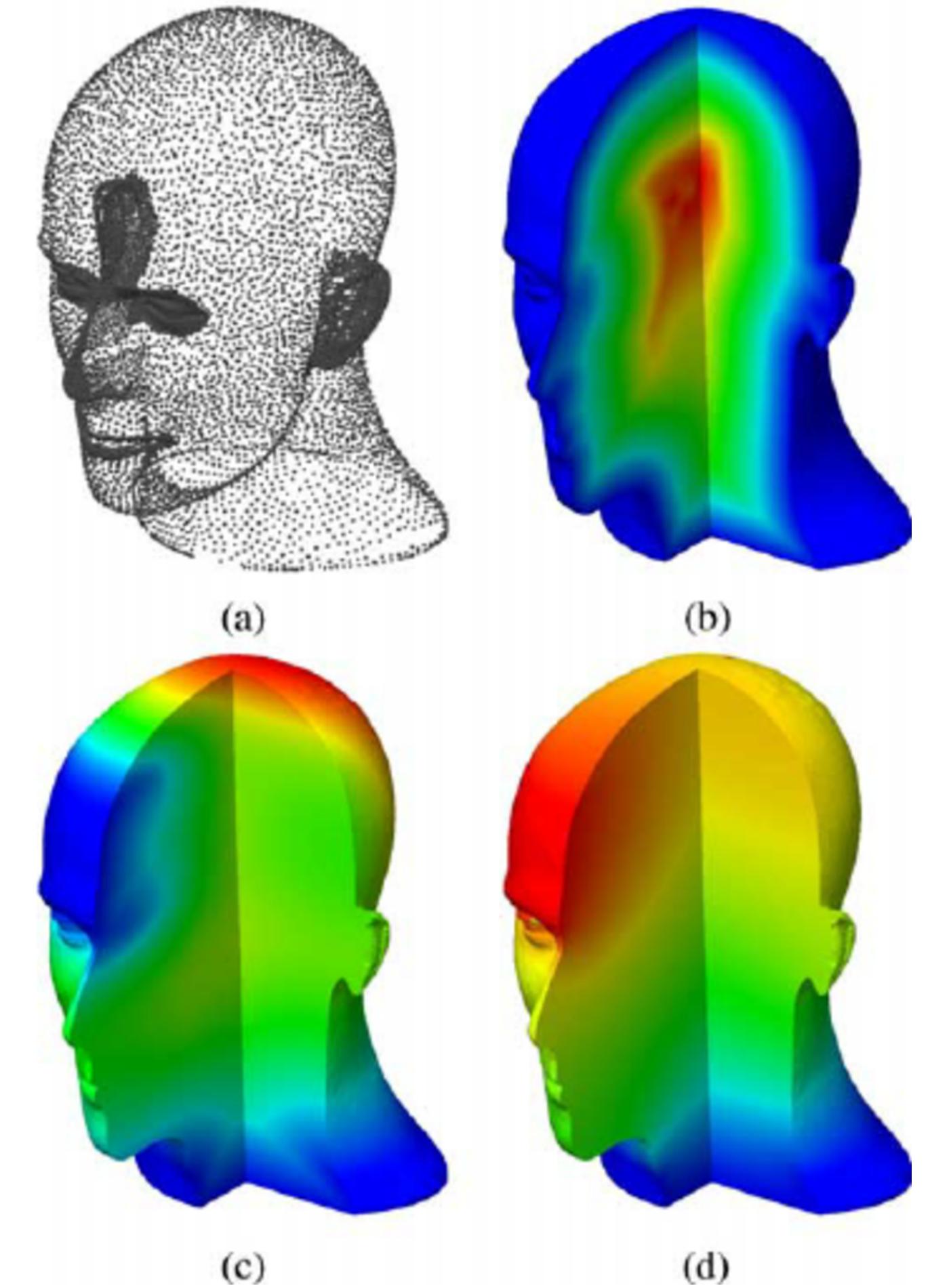
Data is sampled and interpolated from continuous domain into cells (tessellation)

Examples: temperature, pressure, voxels (3D pixels)

Measured or simulated



[Wikipedia]



[Freytag 2006]

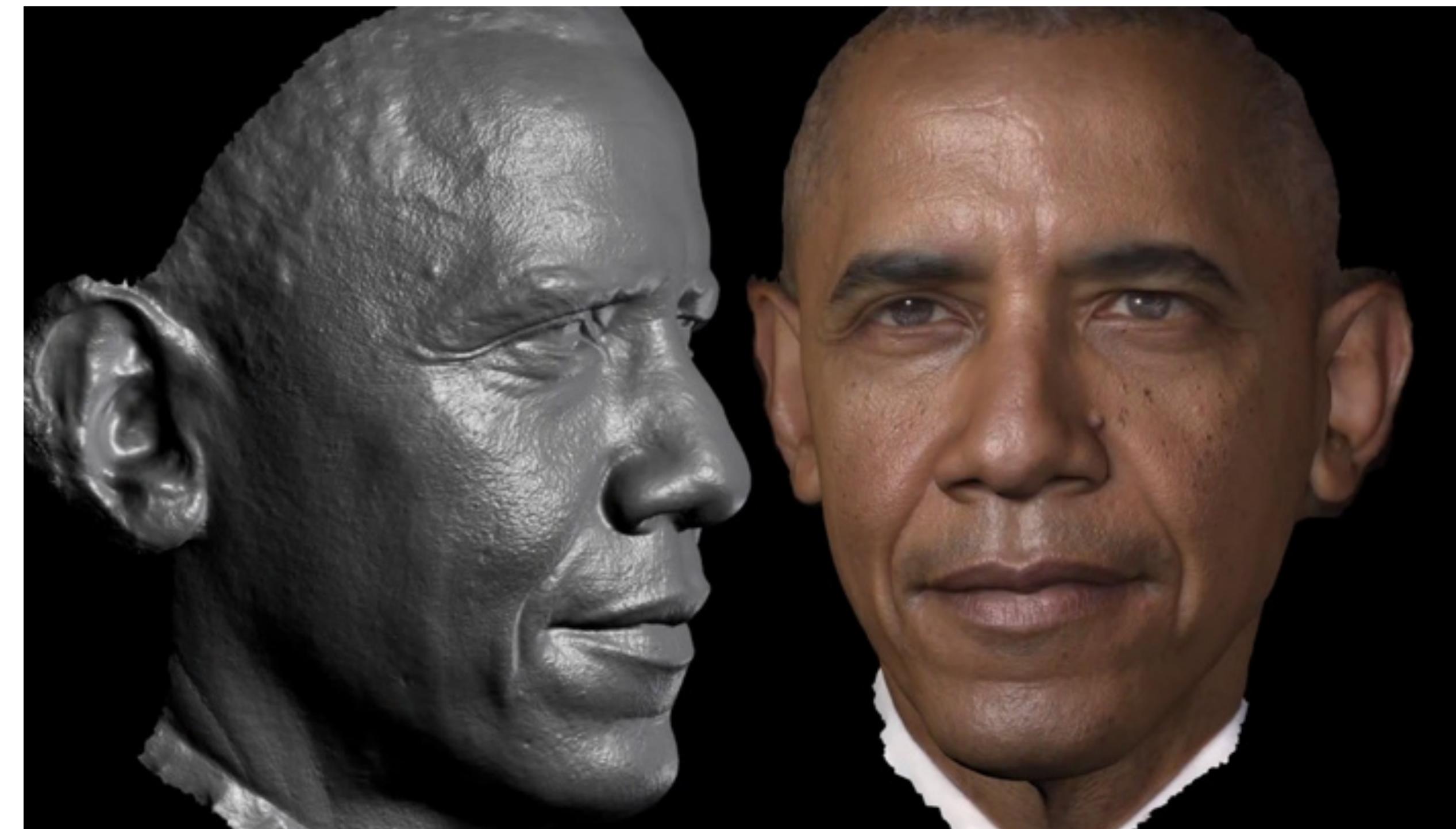
# Spatial datasets

Explicit spatial positions

Fixed shapes

Cannot choose to where to draw  
points, lines, curves, regions, etc.

Not a data viz topic

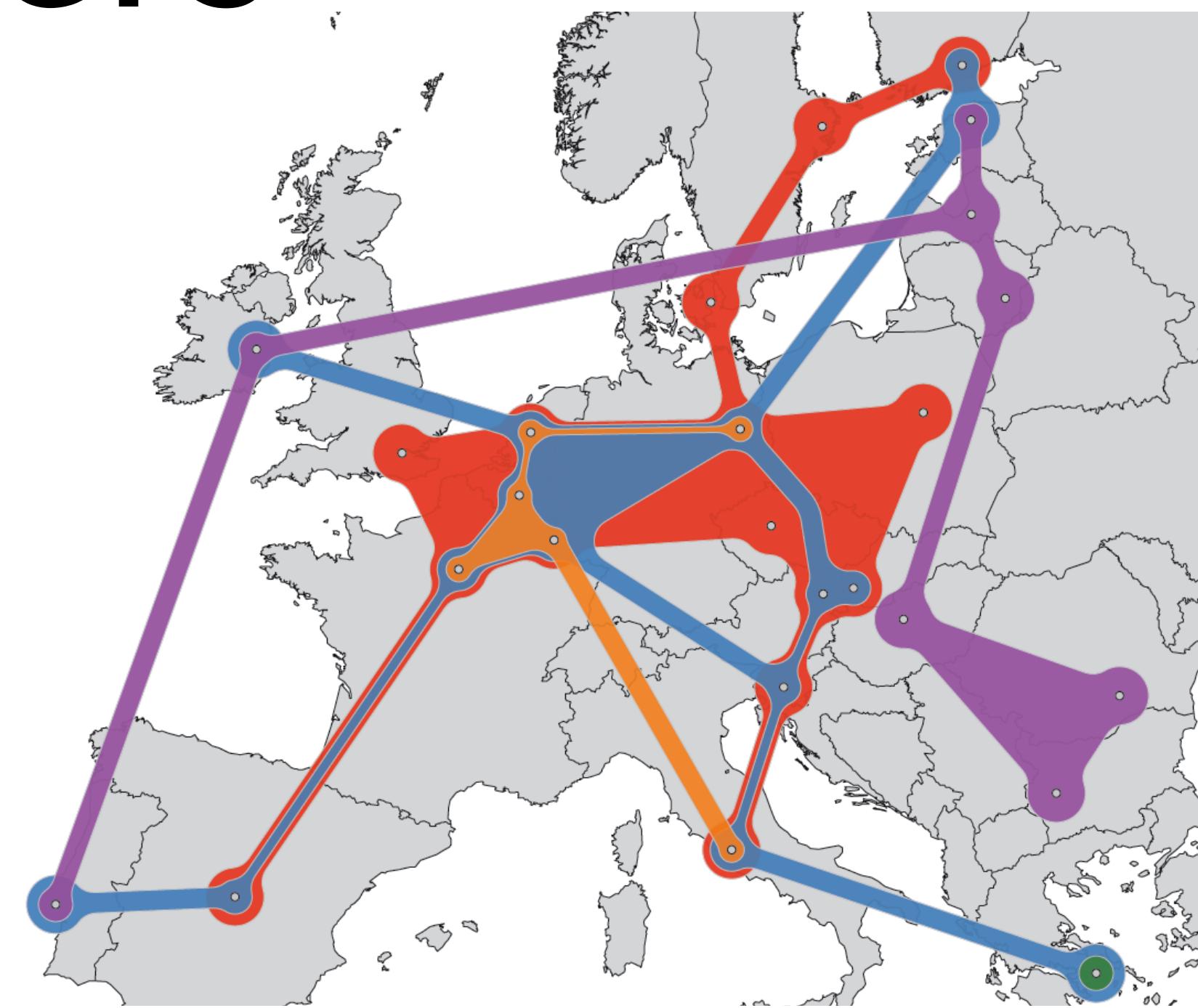
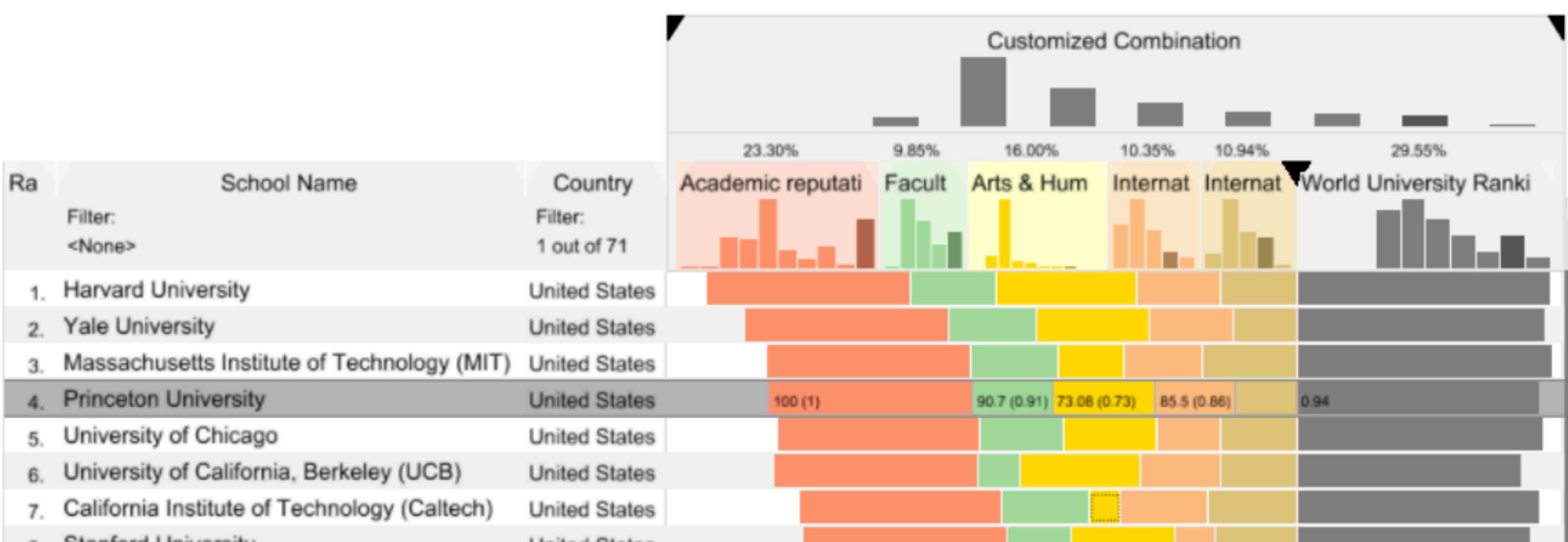
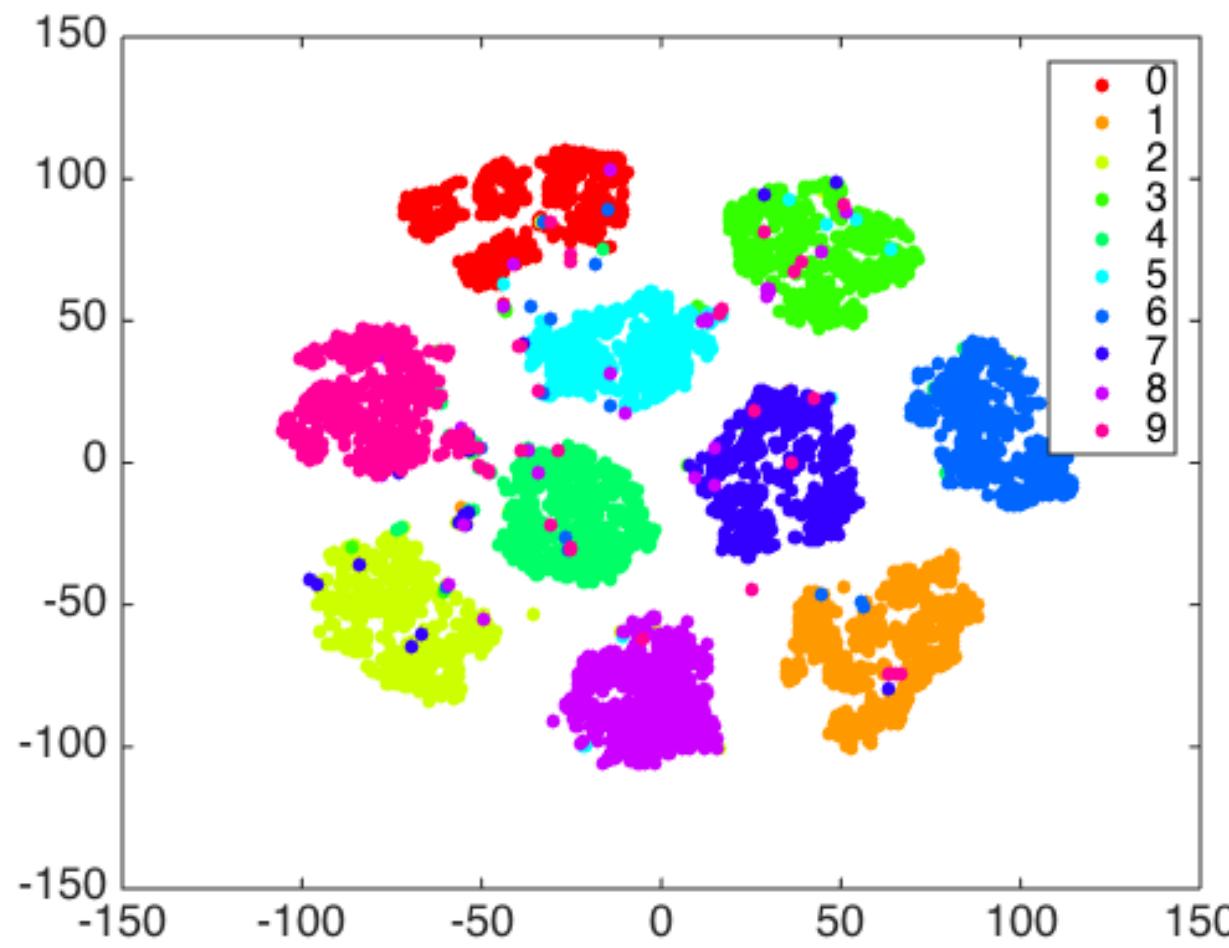


# Sets, Lists, Clusters

Set: unique items unordered

List: ordered with possible duplicates

Cluster: group of similar items



# What about unstructured data?

No predefined data model

Mixed media: rich-text with images, videos

We have to transform into structured data:

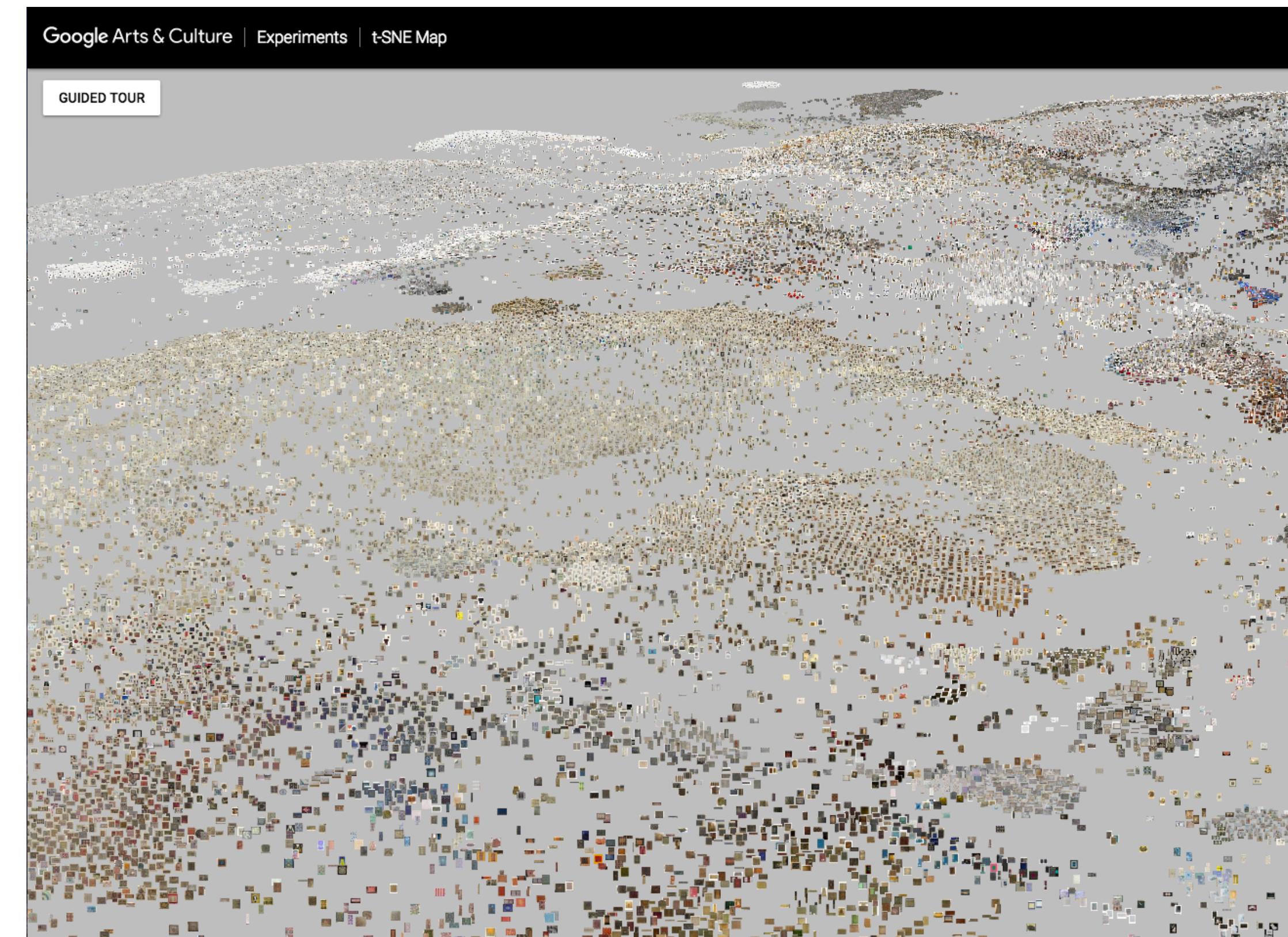
Natural Language Processing

Text mining (keywords, ontologies, categories)

Features extraction

**LUKE**  
How did my father die?

**BEN**  
A young Jedi named Darth Vader, who was a pupil of mine until he turned to evil, helped the Empire hunt down and destroy the Jedi Knights. He betrayed and murdered your father. Now the Jedi are all but extinct. Vader was seduced by the dark side of the Force.



# Data acquisition

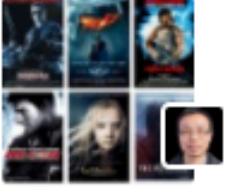
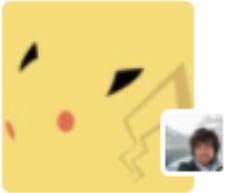
Datasets curated by others

Third-party services: APIs

Web scraping



# Public datasets

809 featured datasets		Sort by	Most Votes
Featured	All	Search	
651	 <b>IMDB 5000 Movie Dataset</b> 5000+ movie data scraped from IMDB website	41,289 downloads 78 comments	
584	 <b>European Soccer Database</b> 25k+ matches, players & teams attributes for European Professional Football	30,592 downloads 94 comments	
574	 <b>Credit Card Fraud Detection</b> Anonymized credit card transactions labeled as fraudulent or genuine	29,665 downloads 63 comments	
495	 <b>Human Resources Analytics</b> Why are our best and most experienced employees leaving prematurely?	27,970 downloads 88 comments	
367	 <b>Iris Species</b> Classify iris plants into three species in this classic dataset	15,367 downloads 89 comments	
265	 <b>Pokemon with stats</b> 721 Pokemon with stats and types	10,841 downloads 37 comments	

## Awesome Public Datasets



awesome

This list of public data sources are collected and tidied from blogs, answers, and user responses. Most of the data sets listed below are free, however, some are not. Other amazingly awesome lists can be found in the awesome-awesomeness and sindresorhus's awesome list.

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# Third-party services: APIs

Search for a developer section or API on the service you want

Register for free or paid to access the service with an API key

Look for a client library in your favorite programming language

Download data

**Read the legal terms on what you can and cannot do with the data**

## Get an Artist's Top Tracks

Get Spotify catalog information about an artist's top tracks by country.

### Endpoint

```
GET https://api.spotify.com/v1/artists/{id}/top-tracks
```

### Request Parameters

HEADER FIELD	VALUE
Authorization	<i>Required.</i> A valid access token from the Spotify Accounts service: see the <a href="#">Web API Authorization Guide</a> for details.

PATH ELEMENT	VALUE
id	The <a href="#">Spotify ID</a> for the artist.

QUERY PARAMETER	VALUE
country	<i>Required.</i> The country: an <a href="#">ISO 3166-1 alpha-2 country code</a> .

# Web scraping

If an information is visible on a browser, it can be downloaded

Extracting information from the DOM is painful and should be considered only on last resort

Depend on the layout, change can happen without notice

Use a library: Scrapy (Python)



**Don't be evil!**

# Data formats

One of the most common data format that we encounter on the web is **JSON**: JavaScript Object Notation (.json)

The other common format for datasets is **CSV**: Comma separated value (.csv)

# CSV example

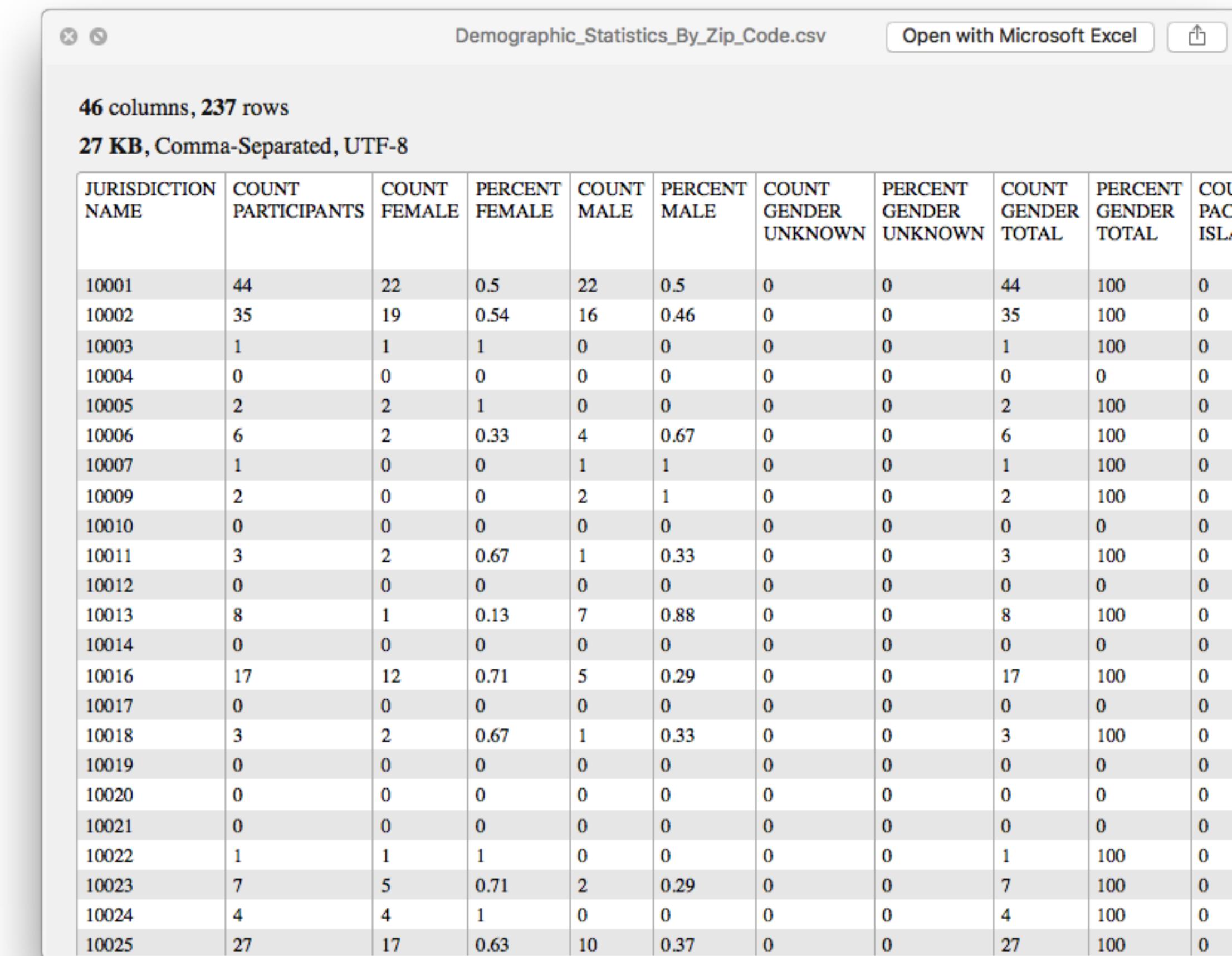
Flat table view with column names

Easy to append data

CSV has no standard encoding

No standard column separator and multiple character escaping standards.

String is the only type supported for cell values



A screenshot of a CSV file titled "Demographic\_Statistics\_By\_Zip\_Code.csv" viewed in a browser. The file has 46 columns and 237 rows. The columns are labeled: JURISDICTION NAME, COUNT PARTICIPANTS, COUNT FEMALE, PERCENT FEMALE, COUNT MALE, PERCENT MALE, COUNT GENDER UNKNOWN, PERCENT GENDER UNKNOWN, COUNT GENDER TOTAL, PERCENT GENDER TOTAL, and COUNT PAC ISL. The data includes various zip codes and their corresponding demographic statistics. For example, zip code 10001 has 44 participants, 22 females (50% female), and 22 males (50% male). Zip code 10025 has 27 participants, 17 females (63% female), and 10 males (37% male).

JURISDICTION NAME	COUNT PARTICIPANTS	COUNT FEMALE	PERCENT FEMALE	COUNT MALE	PERCENT MALE	COUNT GENDER UNKNOWN	PERCENT GENDER UNKNOWN	COUNT GENDER TOTAL	PERCENT GENDER TOTAL	COUNT PAC ISL
10001	44	22	0.5	22	0.5	0	0	44	100	0
10002	35	19	0.54	16	0.46	0	0	35	100	0
10003	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	100	0
10004	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10005	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	100	0
10006	6	2	0.33	4	0.67	0	0	6	100	0
10007	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	100	0
10009	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	100	0
10010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10011	3	2	0.67	1	0.33	0	0	3	100	0
10012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10013	8	1	0.13	7	0.88	0	0	8	100	0
10014	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10016	17	12	0.71	5	0.29	0	0	17	100	0
10017	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10018	3	2	0.67	1	0.33	0	0	3	100	0
10019	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10020	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10021	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10022	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	100	0
10023	7	5	0.71	2	0.29	0	0	7	100	0
10024	4	4	1	0	0	0	0	4	100	0
10025	27	17	0.63	10	0.37	0	0	27	100	0

# JSON example

```
{  
  "firstName": "John",  
  "lastName": "Smith",  
  "isAlive": true,  
  "age": 25,  
  "address": {  
    "streetAddress": "21 2nd Street",  
    "city": "New York",  
    "state": "NY",  
  },  
  "phoneNumbers": [  
    {  
      "type": "home",  
      "number": "212 555-1234"  
    },  
    {  
      "type": "office",  
      "number": "646 555-4567"  
    }  
  ],  
  "children": [],  
  "spouse": null  
}
```

Can hold complex data structure with nested fields

Parsing is difficult and should never be done by hand

Cannot append data easily

# JSON Lines

```
{"name": "Gilbert", "wins": [["straight", "7♣"], ["one pair", "10♥"]]}  
{"name": "Alexa", "wins": [["two pair", "4♠"], ["two pair", "9♠"]]}  
{"name": "May", "wins": []}  
{"name": "Deloise", "wins": [["three of a kind", "5♣"]]}
```

Valid JSON per line

Can hold complex data structure with nested fields

Append data easily

Support streaming

# Tips

Don't aim for the perfect dataset: complete, accurate, up to date. It doesn't exist.

Collecting and cleaning data can take up to 80% of your time.

Backup and version the data you have.

Clean the data, take your time to learn the dataset.

If you don't know about some aspects of the data: ask, don't assume.

