# Graph theoretic methods for Data Visualization． 

I．Pairwise Display and the PairViz $R$ package

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Tutorial B1

## The problem

- Can we automatically, yet meaningfully, layout complex statistical displays?
- Can we navigate high dimensional structure in a useful yet controlled way?
- Answer: Yes
graph theory provides framework, Statistics adds meaning.


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Arrange axes as equiangular radii:


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Length of each radius is proportional to (scaled) variate value for that case.

Have a "star-shaped" glyph for each case.

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- What if the variables were assigned in a different order?


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8

9

Order H2

$\{1,4\}\{2,3\}\{5,6\}\{7,8,9\} \quad ?$

# Radial axes: order effect ... different orders $=$ different visual effect 

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Order H2


2

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Order H1


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Order H3
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Maserati
First two principal components

Duster 360

Mercedes 450SE

Ferrari Dino


Clustering dendrogram


Lotus Europa

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## Radial axes

- Hamiltonian decomposition
- all pairs of variates appear so no one pair dominates
- divides glyph into sectors with all variates appearing once in each sector
- ameliorates well known order effect
- there are many Hamiltonian decompositions for a complete graph
- For $\mathrm{K}_{7}$, two generator decomps.
- could choose Hamiltonian to maximize some measure on sum of edges (TSP)


## Radial axes

- Eulerian
- all pairs of variates appear
- can order pairs (greedy Eulerian)
- could choose fewer radial axes (early pairs are emphasized).
- lots of Eulerians
(e.g. for $K_{7}: 129,976,320$;

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\left.K_{21:}>3.5 \times 10^{184}\right)
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PairViz demo

## Summary

- Graph theory has much to offer
- map "objects" to nodes
- map "transitions" or "comparison" to edges
- add statistically meaningful weights to edges
- use weights to guide the visual search
- use Hamiltonians, Eulerians to reduce unintended effects.
- Lots more to explore ... constructions, decompositions, weights, applications, ...


## Thank you

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## Questions？

質問はありますか？

## Papers

## Hurley \& Oldford:

Pairwise display of high dimensional information via Eulerian tours and Hamiltonian decompositions (JCGS, 2010)

Eulerian tour algorithms for data visualization and the PairViz package (Comp Stats 2011)

PairViz R package ... available on CRAN.

