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### CS 7280-03 Special Topics on Visualization in Network Science Lecture 2



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# Projects

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## HW2 Tools and Teams

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These are <u>network graphs</u> created with <u>NodeXL</u>, a template for graphing network data in Excel® (2007, 2010, 2013 and 2016).

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# **Reading Discussions**

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## Discussion: Illuminating the Path

#### The Science of Analytical Reasoning

- **R1:** Build upon theoretical foundations of reasoning, sense-making, cognition, and perception to create visually enabled tools to support collaborative analytic reasoning about complex and dynamic problems.
- **R2:** Conduct research to address the challenges and seize the opportunities posed by the scale of the analytic problem. The issues of scale are manifested in many ways, including the complexity and urgency of the analytical task, the massive volume of diverse and dynamic data involved in the analysis, and challenges of collaborating among groups of people involved in analysis, prevention, and response efforts.

*Table 2.2*. How information visualization amplifies cognition.

1. Increased resources	
High-bandwidth hierarchical interaction	The human moving gaze system partitions limited channel capacity so that it combines high spatial resolution and wide aperture in sens- ing the visual environments [Resnikoff, 1989].
Parallel perceptual processing	Some attributes of visualizations can be processed in parallel com- pared to text, which is serial.
Offload work from cognitive to perceptual system	Some cognitive inferences done symbolically can be recoded into inferences done with simple perceptual operations [Larkin & Simon, 1987].
Expanded working memory	Visualizations can expand the working memory available for solv- ing a problem [Norman, 1993].
Expanded storage of information	Visualizations can be used to store massive amounts of informa- tion in a quickly accessible form (e.g., maps).
2. Reduced search	
Locality of processing	Visualizations group information used together, reducing search [Larkin & Simon, 1987].
High data density	Visualizations can often represent a large amount of data in a small space [Tufte, 1983].
Spatially-indexed addressing	By grouping data about an object, visualizations can avoid symbolic labels [Larkin & Simon, 1987].

#### 3. Enhanced recognition of patterns

Recognition instead of recall	Recognizing information generated by a visualization is easier than recalling that information by the user.
Abstraction and aggregation	Visualizations simplify and organize information, supplying higher centers with aggregated forms of information through abstraction and selective omission [Card et al., 1991; Resnikoff, 1989].
Visual schemata for organization	Visually organizing data by structural relationships (e.g., by time) enhances patterns.
Value, relationship, trend	Visualizations can be constructed to enhance patterns at all three levels [Bauer et al., 1999].
4. Perceptual inference	
Visual representations make some problems obvious	Visualizations can support a large number of perceptual inferences that are extremely easy for humans [Larkin & Simon, 1987].
Graphical computations	Visualizations can enable complex, specialized graphical computa- tions [Hutchins, 1996].
5. Perceptual monitoring	J
	Visualizations can allow for the monitoring of a large number of potential events if the display is organized so that these stand out by appearance or motion.
6. Manipulable medium	
	Unlike static diagrams, visualizations can allow exploration of a space of parameter values and can amplify user operations.

#### Visual Representations and Interaction Technologies

- R1: Create a science of visual representations based on cognitive and perceptual principles that can be deployed through engineered, reusable components. Visual representation principles must address all types of data, address scale and information complexity, enable knowledge discovery through information synthesis, and facilitate analytical reasoning.
- **R2:** Develop a new suite of visual paradigms that support the analytical reasoning process. These visualizations must:
  - Facilitate understanding of massive and continually growing collections of data of multiple types
  - Provide frameworks for analysis of spatial and temporal data
  - Support understanding of uncertain, incomplete, and often misleading information
  - Provide user- and task-adaptable, guided representations that enable full situation awareness while supporting development
    of detailed actions
  - Support multiple levels of data and information abstraction
  - Facilitate knowledge discovery through information synthesis, which is the integration of data based on their meaning rather than the original data type.
- **R3:** Develop a new science of interactions that supports the analytical reasoning process. This interaction science must provide a taxonomy of interaction techniques ranging from the low-level interactions to more complex interaction techniques and must address the challenge to scale across different types of display environments and tasks.

### **Basic Principles for Effective Vis**

- Norman, 1993; Illuminating the Path
  - Appropriateness Principle The visual representation should provide neither more nor less information than that needed for the task at hand. Additional information may be distracting and makes the task more difficult.
  - Naturalness Principle Experiential cognition is most effective when the properties of the visual representation most closely match the information being represented. This principle supports the idea that new visual metaphors are only useful for representing information when they match the user's cognitive model of the information. Purely artificial visual metaphors can actually hinder understanding.
  - Matching Principle Representations of information are most effective when they
    match the task to be performed by the user. Effective visual representations
    should present affordances suggestive of the appropriate action.

• Tversky et al., 2002

Principle of Congruence – The structure and content of a visualization should correspond to the structure and content of the desired mental representation. In other words, the visual representation should represent the important concepts in the domain of interest.

 Principle of Apprehension - The structure and content of a visualization should be readily and accurately perceived and comprehended.

Data Representations and Transformations

- **R1:** Develop both theory and practice for transforming data into new scalable representations that faithfully represent the content of the underlying data.
- **R2:** Create methods to synthesize information of different types and from different sources into a unified data representation so that analysts, first responders, and border personnel may focus on the meaning of the data.
- **R3:** Develop methods and principles for representing data quality, reliability, and certainty measures throughout the data transformation and analysis process.

## **Node-Link Visualization**

Graph ≈ Network Node ≈ Vertex ≈ Entity Edge ≈ Link ≈ Relationship

Node 1	Node 2
Alice	Bob
Alice	Cathy
Cathy	Alice







## Alternate visualizations...









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Random layout Data source: John Padgett, Breiger & Pattison (1986)



Fruchterman & Reingold (1991) layout Data source: John Padgett, Breiger & Pattison (1986)



Metric coding: betweenness centrality and degree Data source: John Padgett, Breiger & Pattison (1986)



Attributes: Council seats 1282-1344, net wealth in 1427, financial ties, marriage ties Data: John Padgett, Breiger & Pattison (1986)



Cluster coding: Girvan & Newman (2002) Data: John Padgett, Breiger & Pattison (1986)









## **Technical Tips**

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### Force-Directed Graph

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### **Graph Technology**

#### "which should I use? does it scale? is it web-based?"

"how do I get data into it?"

![](_page_31_Figure_3.jpeg)

![](_page_31_Figure_4.jpeg)

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- Visualisation
- Rich client applications
- Browser-based tools
- Analytics
- Graph processing languages & engines
- Search
- Indexes
- Storage
- Graph Databases
- Graphs in RDBMS. NoSQL DBs

### **Recommendations for browser-based rendering**

Sizes in UI terms; for graphs 10M Size of Graph		of Granh	Preferred	accessible	Preferred Libraries	scalable
elements="	small" Size		Technology	SVG	Canvas	WebGL <sup>6</sup>
S	Small	c 5K elements	SVG	✓ D3	✓ D3	✓ VivaGraph
М	Medium	c 25K elements	Canvas	‼ Custom <sup>2</sup>	✓ D3 <sup>1</sup>	✓ VivaGraph
L	Large	c 50K elements	WebGL	‼ Custom <sup>3</sup>	‼ Custom <sup>3</sup>	✓ VivaGraph
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XXL	Huge	c 5M+ elements	<b>Pre-Process!! ~</b> WebGL++			‼ Custom

[1] D3 supports canvas with some difficulty

[2] Custom SVG renderers may do well up to 25K; use Canvas options instead

[3] With effort, you *could* write a custom SVG or Canvas renderer to reach 50K (SVG) or more (Canvas)

For XXL graphs think of the user - try to pre-process: e.g. filter, aggregate, cluster, etc

### **Recommendations for graph layout on the web**

Size of Graph		Preferred	Preferred Libraries			
	Size of Graph		Technology	Client CPU	Server CPU <sup>₄</sup>	Server GPU <sup>4</sup>
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Μ	Medium	c 25K elements	Server CPU/GPU	<ul> <li>✓ VivaGraphJS<sup>3</sup></li> <li>✓ Custom</li> </ul>	✓ WND <sup>5</sup>	
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XXL	Huge	c 5M+ elements	<b>Pre-process!!</b> Server GPU			Invesi

[1] D3 standard layout only scales to 1K elements; you could push D3 using a custom layout but requires work

[2] WebCola produces more readable layouts at a performance cost

[3] VivaGraphJS scales better but is harder to integrate

[4] Server-side layout requires more implementation effort, but results in dramatically more readable layouts for the same delay

[5] Watson Network Data API (WND) provides many layout algorithms for varied use cases

[6] Beyond 50K requires a combination of multi-scale algorithms, filtering, aggregation, GPU-acceleration to achieve fitness-forpurpose and speed

### **Recommendations for interactivity**

Size of Graph		Interactivity			
	Size of Graph		Pan/Zoom	Selection	Live Editing
S	Small	c 5K elements	✓ Adaptive Client		✓ Client-side
Μ	Medium	c 25K elements	Side Redraw	<ul> <li>✓ Client CPU compute</li> </ul>	✓ Hybrid
L	Large	c 50K elements	✓ Scene Tree		
XL	Extra Large	c 500K elements	Transformations	✓ GPU rendering or	✓ Server-side
XXL	Huge	c 5M+ elements	✓ Server-side	server-side query	

## **Interaction & Coordinated Views**

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Brain From Above Tract And Regions: Top-view of the brain with color-coded brain regions and physical connections

How does the complex pattern of activity in the 100 billion neurons of our brain underlie our understanding of the environment, our thoughts and behavior? We are in a new area of neuroscience that is making prodigious leaps towards understanding neural functions, and is informing related fields. Human vision research in particular has uncovered general principles such as multilayer processing, which inspires neural network models for machine learning. A crucial question in neuroscience of how the wiring of brain regions relates to their function. Cutting edge research generated a model showing that physical connections predict the activity of brain networks in response to visual stimuli.

Our 3D brain and neural network visualization renders structural connectivity, function, and predicted activity. The relationship between these features is compared across participants viewing different types of images. A novel way to depict uncertainty metrics enhances the interpretability of the data.

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**Brain From Back:** Back-view of the brain with the network of activity and connections overlaid onto colored brain regions

**Brain From Below:** Bottom-view of the brain with the network of activity and connections overlaid onto colored brain regions

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**Brain From Above**: Top-view of the brain with the network of activity and connections overlaid onto colored brain regions **Brain From Side**: Side-view of the brain with colorcoded brain regions and physical connections

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