brief history

(western view)

Chauvet cave proto-writing

~20,000 years ago



Sumerian cuneiform logographic

~5,000 years ago



Phoenician abjad predecessor of alphabet

~3,000 years ago

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Latin letters

~2,500 years ago

ABCDEF GHIJKLM **NOPQRS** TUVWXYZ

abstraction

Text

- Features of Text as representation language
 - abstract
 - general for mental concepts
 - different across population groups (countries, accents, religions,...)
 - linear perception
 - semi-structured (content: grammar, words, sentences, paragraphs,...; appearance: typography, calligraphy,...)
 - Legibility !!!!

What is the challenge with Text?

Why Text Vis?

1.1 Text Visualization

A serious introduction to text visualization has to state that it is not a complete one. Why? When starting to work in the field, researchers are already confronted with the main problem itself, a large collection of documents cover- ing many different aspects related to the subject text. Psychological research e.g. investigates perception and cognition of letters, the psychology of spoken and written language, or the psychology of reading. Linguistics describe in- ter alia models on language structure, language function, language features, etymology, and linguistic transformations. While both disciplines already fill books and would require introductions by themselves, we did so far not men- tion visual appearance (typography) or evolution of sign systems. As practical approach, we limit this introduction to key aspects in development of text and text visualizations taking the historic tour (Section 1.1.1), describing psycho- logical backgrounds (Section 1.1.2), and describe landmarks in text visualiza- tion (Section 1.1.3). As further simplification we consider written text to stem from an alphabetic system.

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1.1.2 The psychological approach

We already discovered that text is nowadays as rapidly produceable and dis- tributable as never before, but we did not throw light on how humans "consume" text. Schönpflug & Schönpflug [SS95] and Rayner & Pollatsek [RP94] provide extensive details on the psychological processes involved in reading which we summarize in this Section.

The consumption of text can be mainly split into reading as the perceptual part and understanding as the cognitive part. For reading, the human visual system performs saccadic eye movement processing lines of text. Each saccade1 takes on average 20 to 35 ms to bridge a range of 7 to 9

Text/Document Visualization

(focused on alphabetical languages)

- Text as Vis
- Vis for Text Documents
- Vis for large Text/Document Corpora
 - for exploring data with visualizations
 - to investigate specific properties
- Text in Vis
- TextVis Specials

text data type





-words

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-paragraphs -chapters





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I love visualization.



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-words

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Chapter 3

Analysis

Automatic Mapping of Social Networks

of Actors from Text Corpora: Time Series

partments of Robert Burns," In Sup-

-corpus: collection of documents



- Typography:
 - typefaces (serif, sans-serif, **bold**, *italic*)
 - point size (10pt, 12pt, 24pt, 36pt..) nowadays: 1/72 inch
 - line length (alignment: left, right, justified)
 - vertical: line spacing (leading)
 - horizontal: spaces between groups of letters (tracking)
 - space between pairs of letters (kerning)
 - combining letters to a glyph ligatures



fi → fi

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- Creating a font type is an art which requires profound design knowledge
- .. or it can be a science:

Scientists have developed a way to carve shapes from DNA canvases, including all the letters of the Roman alphabet, emoticons and an eagle's head.

Bryan Wei, a postdoctoral scholar at Harvard Medical School in Boston, Massachusetts, and his colleagues make these shapes out of single strands of DNA just 42 letters long. Each strand is unique, and folds to form a rectangular tile. When mixed, neighbouring tiles stick to each other in a brick-wall pattern, and shorter boundary tiles lock the edges in place. [...]



http://www.nature.com/news/dna-drawing-with-an-old-twist-1.10742

- Typesetting:
 - letterpress printing
 - Linotype machine
 - digital printing/copying (typewheel, dot-matrix, inkjet, laser)
- Encoding text for electronic devices:
 - mapping each character to a sequence of bytes
 - Universal Character Set (UTF-[8,16,32]) fonts
 - exchange of typeset documents: PostScript and PDF

- rules of thumb:
 - limit the use of fonts to only a few typefaces !!
 - use "special" fonts only when appropriate
 - a good resource for fonts in web projects are <u>google</u> <u>fonts</u>



Cyanide and Happiness © Explosm.net

Visualization for "Raw" Text

• in daily use..

enriched text - hypertext linking (graph navigation)



overview & detail



Visualization for "Raw" Text



Figure 3: Document Lens with lens pulled toward the user. The resulting truncated pyramid makes text near the lens' edges readable.

Robertson, George G., and Jock D. Mackinlay **The document lens** *Proceedings of the 6th annual ACM symposium on User interface software and technology*. ACM, 1993. Eurographics Conference on Visualization (EuroVis) 2012 S. Bruckner, S. Miksch, and H. Pfister (Guest Editors) Volume 31 (2012), Number 3

Document Thumbnails with Variable Text Scaling

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Abstract

Document reader applications usually offer an overview of the layout for each page as thumbnail view. Reading the text in these becomes impossible when the font size becomes very small. We improve the readability of these thumbnails using a distortion method, which retains a readable font size of interesting text while shrinking less interesting text further. In contrast to existing approaches, our method preserves the global layout of a page and is able to show context around important terms. We evaluate our technique and show application examples.

The user interface of

uch as Adobe Reader, consists of a detail view and one or nore views for mavigation within documents, such as a tale of contents, and a thumbhail view providing page preriews. In addition, most document viewer offer a keyword, earch functionality where the occurrence of keywords is highlighted in the detail view. However, the navigation views f document viewers (e.g. thumbhails) typically do not show eccurrence of keywords in the documents. So the user

has to step through all occurrences of the keyword within the detail view as scrolling the pages .

To avoid this, we propose to highlight the keywords in the thumbnail view. Using the thumbnail view reduces the



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global structure of a page, namely the position of in and columns , is preserved . An example is shown in Fig . In the keyword search application , an interest function

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is used that highlights the keywords and their context. Other applications might use a different interest function, for instance a sentiment score could be used to create thumbnails for sentiment analysis.

2. Related Work

Three different techniques are currently used for handling document overview and navigation: abstraction from the document with pixel based representations, thumbnails with different highlighting techniques, and semantic zooming.

A common pixel based technique is TileBars [Hea95], which visualizes the length of documents and the distribution of search terms within these documents with a rectangular pixel-based visualization. Byrd [Byr99] combines the scrollbar of the document view with a pixel visualization of

allowing the user to scroll rence of the terms. Both techniques do not show the context

and a user has to

order to access the context of the search terms.

Thumbnails, small version of the document or page, are commonly used for overview and navigation. The spacefilling thumbnail approach of Cockburn et al. [CGA06] avoids scrolling in the overview of a document, by positioning the thumbnails of all pages on a grid on the screen and resizing the thumbnails to fit the window size. Suh et al. [SWRG02] combined the thumbnails with popouts, which highlight search terms by rendering them in a readable size with a semi-transparently colored background above of the original thumbnail. Woodruff et al. [WRM⁻¹⁰2] pre-

Document Thumbnails with Variable Text Scaling A. Stoffel, H. Strobelt, O. Deussen, D. A. Keim *Computer Graphics Forum, volume 31 issue 3 pp.*

Visualization for "Raw" Text

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TileBars: Visualization of Term Distribution Information in Full Text Marti Hearst

Information Access, Proceedings of the ACM SIGCHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI), Denver, CO, 1995

Visualizing text (features) requires a transformation step: discretization, aggregation, normalization,...



structured data

Structured Text Features

- simple counts
- or a bag of words (used for similarity measures):

	princess	dragon	castle
doc1	1	1	1
doc2	0	0	1

Typical Steps of Processing to derive Text Features

- Large collections require pre-processing of text to extract information and align text. Typical steps are:
 - cleaning (regular expressions)
 - sentence splitting
 - change to lower case
 - stopword removal (most frequent words in a language)
 - stemming <u>demo porter stemmer</u>
 - POS tagging (part of speech) <u>demo</u>
 - noun chunking
 - NER (name entity recognition) demo opencalais

deep parsing - try to "understand" text.

Sample Text

KIEV, Ukraine — Struggling to reach a deal to form a new majority coalition in Parliament, and under excruciating pressure because of a looming economic disaster, the Ukrainian lawmakers temporarily running the country on Tuesday delayed until Thursday the naming of an acting prime minister and a provisional government.

The delay underscored the extreme difficulty that lawmakers now face in rebuilding the collapsed government left behind when President Viktor F. Yanukovych fled Kiev on Saturday and was removed from power in a vote supported by some members of his own party.

The three main opposition parties, which share little in common politically, have been in fierce negotiations, not just among themselves, but also with civic activists and other groups representing the many constituencies involved in Ukraine's three months of civic uprising.

Arseniy P. Yatsenyuk, the leader in Parliament of the Fatherland Party and a leading contender to serve as acting prime minister, pleaded with colleagues to swiftly reach an agreement on the designation of an interim government, which is needed to formally request emergency economic assistance from the International Monetary Fund.

Text features are complicated

- Be aware!! text understanding can be hard:
 - Toilet out of order. Please use floor below.
 - "One morning I shot an elephant in my pajamas. How he got in my pajamas, I don't know."
 - Did you ever hear the story about the blind carpenter who picked up his hammer and saw?

Was that irony? - Nooo

Profanity sucks. (14) Be more or less specific. (15) Analogies in writing are like feathers on a snake. (19)

excerpt from Rules of Writing by Frank L. Visco (June 1986 in Writers' digest)

Thinking about.

• or a bag of words (used for similarity measures):

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Text Units Hierarchy



- TagClouds : <u>http://www.flickr.com/photos/tags/</u>
- WordCloud (popular) <u>http://www.wordle.net</u>









Many Eyes finds this word relationship in Jane Austen's text:

Her manners were pronounced to be very bad indeed, a mixture of **pride and impertinence**; she had no conversation, no stile, no taste, no beauty.



Frank van Ham, Martin Wattenberg, and Fernanda B. Viegas.Mapping Text with Phrase Nets.*IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics* 15, 6 (November 2009)



- DocuBurst : <u>http://vialab.science.uoit.ca/docuburst/</u>
- based on: <u>WordNet</u>, see the <u>network</u>

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Vis for Language Analysis

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	This includes aspects like ensuring contextual coherency, avoiding unknown vocabulary and difficult grammatical structures, misspellings etc											
	In this paper, we are going to introduce the tool VisRA that was specifically designed for supporting the writer in the task of revising a text.											
	After loading a text, VisRA gives the user detailed feedback about passages and sentences that may be difficult to read and understand.											
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	This allows an efficient but effective revision of a written document.											
	Two basic aspects of readability can be distinguished: linguistic and contentwise difficulties.											
	Consider e.g. the sentence `` I think, therefore I am ".											
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	Additionally, contextual coherence and consistency, but also the print layout of a page influence how well readable a document is.											
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D. Oelke, D. Spretke, A. Stoffel and D. A. Keim. Visual Readability Analysis: How to Make Your Writings Easier to Read. *IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics*, 18(5):662-674, 2012.

Vis for Language Analysis

• Literature fingerprints:

"Fingerprints of books of Mark Twain and Jack London. Different measures for authorship attribution are tested. If a measure is able to discriminate between the two authors, the visualizations of the books that are written by the same author will equal each other more than the visualizations of books written by different authors. It can easily be seen that this is not true for every measure (e.g. Hapax Dislegomena*). Furthermore, it is interesting to observe that the book Huckleberry Finn sticks out in a number of measures as if it is not written by Mark Twain."

*method to measure the vocabulary richness

Daniel A. Keim and Daniela Oelke. Literature Fingerprinting: A New Method for Visual Literary Analysis. Proceedings of the 2007 IEEE Symposium on Visual Analytics Science and Technology (VAST '07)

(c) Average sentence length

(b) Function words (Second Dimension after PCA)

(d) Simpson's Index

(e) Hapax Legomena

(f) Hapax Dislegomena

Visualization for Large Text Corpora

- use bag-of-word to project documents w.r.t. text similarity into a landscape
- (only) one example

Fernando V. Paulovich, Franklina M. B. Toledo, Guilherme P. Telles, Rosane Minghim, and Luis Gustavo Nonato.
Semantic Wordification of Document Collections. *Comp. Graph. Forum* 31, 3pt3 (June 2012)

Figure 5: A user can interactively draw a region (polygon) containing a subset of documents of interest (top figure). Keywords are extracted from the selected document and their corresponding word could is built inside the user-defined region (bottom figure).

Visual Analytics for Large Text Corpora (example <u>JigSaw</u>)

Vis for Large Document Collections

- documents contain more information than just text:
 - meta information
 - structure (paragraphs, text boxes,..)
 - figurative content:
 - parallel perception
 - compact
 - multi-lingual
 - empathy

Vis for Large Document Collections

- (only) three examples:
 - Bohemian bookshelf
 - DocumentCards
 - Semanticons:

Figure 1: Semanticons generated by our system for various filenames.

Semanticons: Visual Metaphors as File Icons Vidya Setlur, Conrad Albrecht-Buehler, Amy A. Gooch, Sam Rossoff, Bruce Gooch

Vis for Large Document Collections

webpage with video

Alice Thudt, Uta Hinrichs and Sheelagh Carpendale.

The Bohemian Bookshelf: Supporting Serendipitous Book Discoveries through Information Visualization.

CHI '12: Proceedings of the SIGCHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems, 2012

DocumentCards

- summarize scientific documents using important terms <u>and</u> important figures
- design considerations:
 - Document Cards are fixed size thumbnails that are selfexplanatory
 - Document Cards represent the document's content as a mixture of figure and textual representatives
 - Document Cards should be discriminative and should have a high recognizability

DocumentCards

DC - pipeline

Interaction:

- caption tooltip
- abstract tooltip
- move to orig. Pos.
- page switch
- term highlighting

time

Compare Corpora

Compare topics between text collections

Figure 1: Comparison of 495 papers of InfoVis, SciVis, and Siggraph (discrimination threshold = 6, number of topics = 30)

Vis for Time-Evolving Document Collections

Marian Dörk, Daniel Gruen, Carey Williamson, and Sheelagh Carpendale. A Visual Backchannel for Large-Scale Events. TVCG: Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics (Proceedings Information Visualization 2010

Vis for Time Evolving Texts

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Video on the <u>webpage</u>

Chevalier, F., Dragicevic, P., Bezerianos, A., and Fekete, J. Using text animated transitions to support navigation in document histories. Proceedings of the 28th international Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems CHI '10

The Role of Text in Vis

Text in Vis

Text in Vis Storytelling

Fig. 1. Steroids Or Not, the Pursuit is On. New York Times.

Narrative Visualization: Telling Stories with Data

Edward Segel, Jeffrey Heer IEEE Trans. Visualization & Comp. Graphics (Proc. InfoVis), 2010

TextVis Specials

Vis for Text Translation

Figure 6: Translation lattice for the German sentence, "Hallo, ich bin gerade auf einer Konferenz im Nationalpark in Banff." The statistically-identified best path (along the bottom) was incorrect and has been repaired. Photo nodes provide an alternative representation for words not in the translation vocabulary. Mouse over expands the node and reveals four photos, while other nodes move away to avoid occlusion.

C. Collins, S. Carpendale, and G. Penn Visualization of Uncertainty in Lattices to Support Decision-Making Proc. of Eurographics/IEEE VGTC Symposium on Visualization (EuroVis), Norrköping, Sweden, 2007 THESE CHARTS SHOW MOVIE CHARACTER INTERACTIONS. THE HORIZONTAL AXIS IS TIME. THE VERTICAL GROUPING OF THE LINES INDICATES WHICH CHARACTERS ARE TOGETHER AT A GIVEN TIME.

https://xkcd.com/657/

Text to Vis conversion

"Natural language is an easy and effective medium for describing visual ideas and mental images. Thus, we foresee the emergence of language-based 3D scene generation systems to let ordinary users quickly create 3D scenes without having to learn special software, acquire artistic skills, or even touch a desktop window-oriented interface. WordsEye is such a system for automatically convert- ing text into representative 3D scenes. WordsEye relies on a large database of 3D models and poses to depict entities and actions. Every 3D model can have associated shape displacements, spatial tags, and functional properties to be used in the depiction process."

Figure 1: John uses the crossbow. He rides the horse by the store. The store is under the large willow. The small allosaurus is in front of the horse. The dinosaur faces John. A gigantic teacup is in front of the store. The dinosaur is in front of the horse. The gigantic mushroom is in the teacup. The castle is to the right of the store.

Further TextVis..

- ... on topic modeling
- ... for text exploration (human computer interaction)
- ... for search results
- ... linguistic features (e.g. vowel harmony)
- ... source code
- ... for sentiment analysis
- ... SO MUCH MORE !!

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