

Class 50: Multivariate Data Visualization (1)

Held: Tuesday, 28 November 2006

Summary: Today we consider how to use the GIMP to visualize simple multivariate data sets.

Related Pages:

- EBoard.
- Lab: Multivariate Data Visualization.
- Reading: Multivariate Data Visualization.

Notes:

- My time was booked more-or-less constantly from 4:00 yesterday to 10:00 p.m. yesterday, and from 8:00 a.m. today until class time today. In between, I had family responsibilities. I've done my best to answer questions that came in last night, but I haven't gotten to all of them. 2:15 today is my next free time.
- I'll answer more questions in class today.

Overview:

- Short introduction to data visualization.
- Lab.

Background

- Goal: Visualize multivariate information.
- Strategy: Convert attributes (variables) to different aspects of “things” (e.g., simple shapes) on the screen.
- Some attributes are represented positionally.
- Some attributes are represented in other ways (shape, color, size, shade).

Lab

- We'll explore most of these issues in the lab.
- We'll continue this work tomorrow and Friday.

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