



Visualization of Language and Linguistic Information

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My interest in language and visualization

Mali



Bambara: malonyinina o malonyinina

Fulfulde: mi yi'ii dūm e gidum

Donno So Dogon: Oumar Anta inyemeñ waa be gi

C. Culy. 1988. Basic Donno So (Dogon), Grammar notes and glossary written for Peace Corps-Mali.

Source: [OpenStreetMap](#)

My interest in language and visualization

Takelma texts

Miⁱ aga sgísi ā'k!à da^éána-u wa-iwíⁱ dálhiwilík^w. Ganēhi^é bo^u nēxada^é "Wa-iwíⁱ di eít'?" Wa-iwíⁱ mī^éwa," nagá-ihìs; sgísi^éa miⁱ gelwañia gelgulùk^w. Ganēhi^é ánī^é t'ayàk' gwī^énéi hawúxda^a. "K'ádi gi^éà? K'a-ilā'p'a mī^éwa nagásbi^én," nagáhi^é. Sgísi lap'ām xamgwidìk^w. "Ma dí k'ai^élā'p'a yuda^é? lap'a^am nánsbina^é," nagáhi^é lap'ām. Gé de^éwinít'hì. Gweldi; ba^abi^ét' lé^ép'lap'.

Now those just scattered off, Grizzly Bear did chase the people around. Now this Coyote, for his part, did run off with the chieftainess girl. Then, 'tis said, after a little while, "Are you a female? It must be a female," he thought; Coyote now, for his part, did wish to sleep with her. Tunc nihil vulvae repperit. "What did I, for my part, (take)? That you were a woman I thought," he said to her. Coyote **threw** Frog into the water. "Do you think you will be a woman? Frog you will always be called," he said to Frog. Proceeding just up to there (it goes). 'Tis finished. Go gather and eat your ba|ap'-seeds.

Source: Takelma Texts

My interest in language and visualization

Recipes, letters

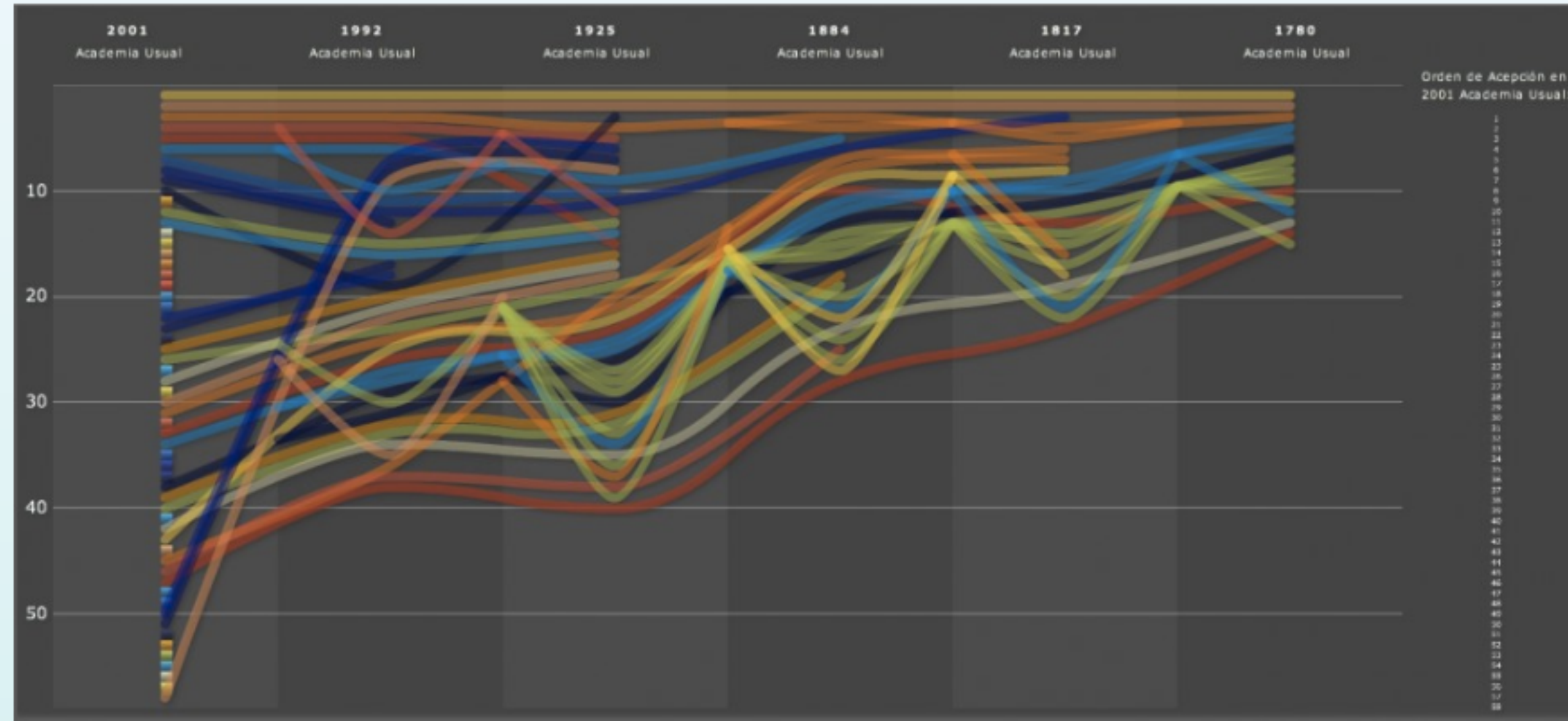
Bake Ø until done

EBB: Overjoyed I am

Visualizations put ideas into our heads ...

3 Separate goals of visualizations

2. Comprehension (Analysis)



Source: R. Theron and L. Fontanillo. 2013

3 Separate goals of visualizations

3. Communication (Presentation)



Source: C. Collins, S. Carpendale, and G. Penn. 2009

Research (and practical) question

- **Which visualizations are best suited for which of these goals?**



Finding the right visualization

1. Grinstein's Grand Challenge

2. Pre-existing first steps

Tableau, Spotfire

3. Limitations

- Limited types of data: numbers, dates, geographic, categories
- No notion of task
- No notion of preferences

Sources: Georges Grinstein, Tableau, Spotfire

Tackling the Grand Challenge

Dataset genres

Person-oriented correspondence



Robert Browning



Elizabeth Barrett Browning

(What *other* (lexicographic) dataset genres do we have?)

Sources: [on archive.org](#), [on archive.org](#)

Language is different

1. Language is not *mappable*
2. Individual pieces of data are meaningful
3. **Much *linguistic* data is computed, not observed**

Rethinking language visualizations

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1	1845-01-10	R	my/PPS	heart/NN	-:/	and/CC	I/PP	love/VBP	you/PP	too/RB	/SENT	Do/VBP	you/PP
5	1845-01-28	R	and/CC	dissertate/VB	upon/RP	that/IN	I/PP	love/VBP	most/JJS	and/CC	least/JJS	-:/	I/PP
7	1845-02-11	R	so/RB	/,	if/IN	"/`	I/PP	love/VBP	you/PP	"/`	were/VBD	always/RB	outspoken/JJ
8	1845-02-17	E	not/RB	see/VB	where/WRB	/SENT	I/PP	love/VBP	the/DT	drama/NN	too/RB	/SENT	I/PP
8	1845-02-17	E	princes/NNS	in/IN	poetry/NN	/SENT	I/PP	love/VBP	them/PP	through/IN	all/PDT	the/DT	deeps/NNS
9	1845-02-26	R	"/	so/RB	thoroughly/RB	does/VBZ	he/PP	love/VBP	and/CC	live/VBP	by/IN	it/PP	/SENT
13	1845-03-12	R	properly/RB	for/IN	it/PP	/,	I/PP	love/VBP	and/CC	wish/VBP	you/PP	well/RB	!/SENT
17	1845-04-18	E	you/PP	-:/	and/CC	whatever/WDT	you/PP	love/VBP	or/CC	hate/VBP	/,	whatever/WDT	charms/VBZ
19	1845-05-02	E	Mr./NP	Browning/NP	/,	that/WDT	we/PP	love/VBP	the/DT	darkness/NN	and/CC	use/VB	a/DT
30	1845-05-24	E	of/IN	my/PPS	aunts/NNS	whom/WP	I/PP	love/VBP	/,	and/CC	have/VBP	not/RB	met/VBN
32	1845-05-25	E	every/DT	word/NN	/SENT	"/`	I/PP	love/VBP	the/DT	truth/NN	and/CC	can/MD	bear/VB
59	1845-07-09	R	And/CC	I/PP	/,	too/RB	/,	love/VBP	to/TO	have/VB	few/JJ	friends/NNS	/,
87	1845-08-25	E	I/PP	/,	for/IN	one/CD	/,	love/VBP	him/PP	!/SENT	and/CC	when/WRB	/,
102	1845-09-13	R	as/IN	I/PP	observed/VBD	/,	I/PP	love/VBP	you/PP	as/IN	you/PP	now/RB	are/VBP
126	1845-10-13	R	bless/VBP	you/PP	and/CC	all/RB	you/PP	love/VBP	!/SENT	dearest/JJS	/,	I/PP	am/VBP
128	1845-10-15	R	/,	my/PPS	own/JJ	/,	dearest/JJS	love/VBP	/,	that/IN	this/DT	is/VBZ	for/IN
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166	1845-12-04	E	if/IN	I/PP	feel/VBP	that/IN	you/PP	love/VBP	me/PP	/,	can/MD	I/PP	help/VB
169	1845-12-08	E	ripen/VB	the/DT	knowledge/NN	/SENT	They/PP	love/VBP	Tennyson/NP	so/RB	much/RB	that/IN	the/DT
177	1845-12-19	R	to/TO	avoid/VB	writing/VBG	that/IN	I/PP	love/VBP	and/CC	love/VBP	and/CC	love/VBP	again/RB

Rethinking language visualizations

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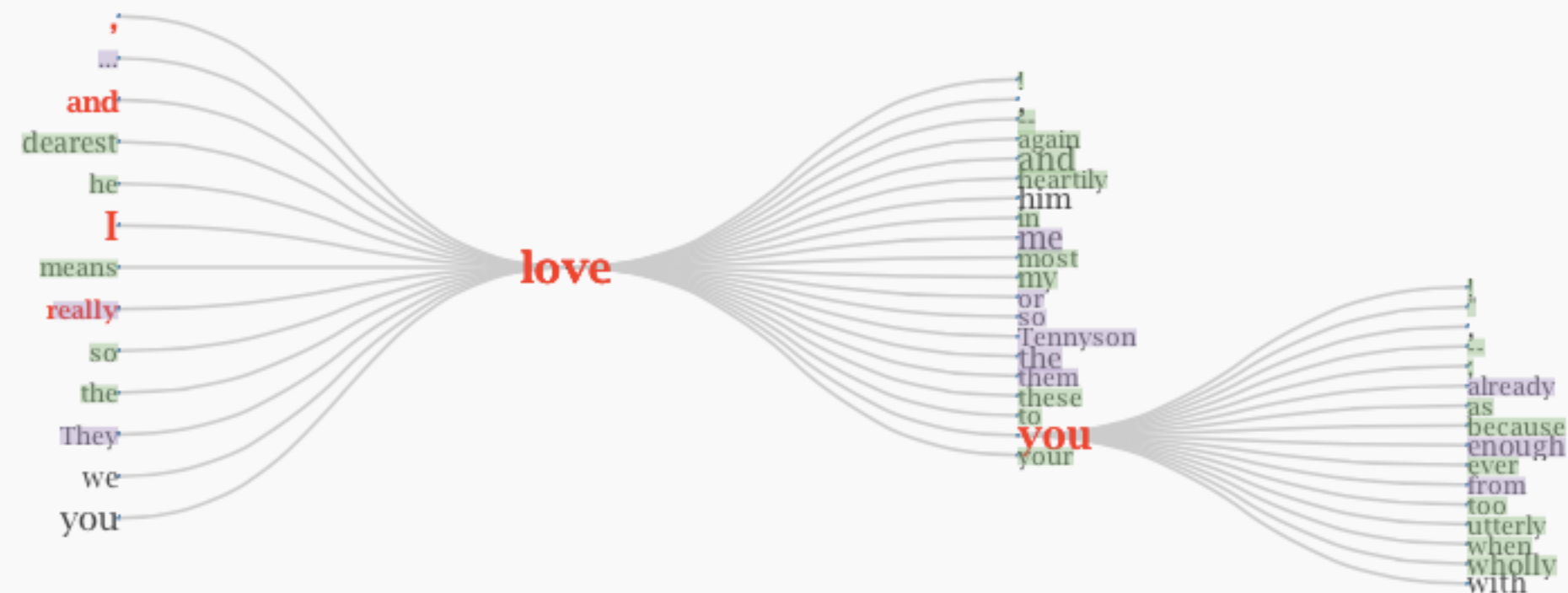
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Sort branches by: ☒ token ☐ POS ☐ branching

Limit first left POS to:

Limit first right POS to:

Find in tree: ☐ Show POS



Concerning data

(What types of data are especially relevant?)

- **What specialized visualizations are especially relevant to the data?**

(How important are data uncertainty and data errors?)

- **What should we do in the visualization about uncertainty in the data?**

- **What kinds of mismatches are there between the original data models and the visualization data models?**

An aside: Challenge!

11. *To sing*, שִׁיר *shir*, 3a.
 Zeph. 2. 14 (their) voice shall sing in the windows ; de.

12. *A song*, שִׁירָה *shirah*.
 Isa. 23. 15 after the end .. shall Tyre sing as an harlot

13. *To sing an ode*, ᾠδὴ *adō*.
 Eph. 5. 19 singing and making melody in your heart
 Col. 3. 16 singing with grace in your hearts to the L.
 Rev. 5. 9 they sung a new song, saying, Thou art
 14. 3 they sung as it were a new song before the
 15. 3 they sing the song of Moses the servant of

14. *To sing praise with a musical instrument*, ψάλλω.
 Rom. 15. 9 I will confess .. and sing unto thy name
 1 Co. 14. 15 will sing with the spirit, and I will sing

SING for joy, to cause to —
To cause to sing or cry aloud, רָנַן *ranan*, 5.
 Job 29. 13 I caused the widow's heart to sing for j.

after the end ~~of seventy years~~ shall Tyre sing as an harlot.
 For this cause I will confess ~~to thee among the Gentiles~~, and sing unto thy name.
 I caused the widow's heart to sing for ~~joy~~.

Typical tasks

Task	Proposed by			
	Shneiderman	Keim	Yi	Unsworth
Overview	✓			
Zoom, Abstract/Elaborate	✓	✓	✓	
Details-on-demand	✓	✓		
Filter, Select, <i>Selection</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓
Relate, Connect, <i>Comparing</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓
Extract, <i>Sampling</i>	✓			✓
Explore, <i>Discovering</i>			✓	✓
Reconfigure			✓	
Encode, <i>Representing</i>			✓	✓
History	✓			
<i>Annotating</i>				✓
<i>Referring, linking</i>				✓

Sources: Shneiderman 1996, Keim et al. 2006, Yi et al. 2007, Unsworth 2000; [Many Eyes](#)

A question about tasks

(What other relevant tasks are there?)

e.g.

- Find typical/unusual data
- Find connections within the data
- Find connections to external information
- Data modification

References: Bamman et al. 2007, Passarotti 2013

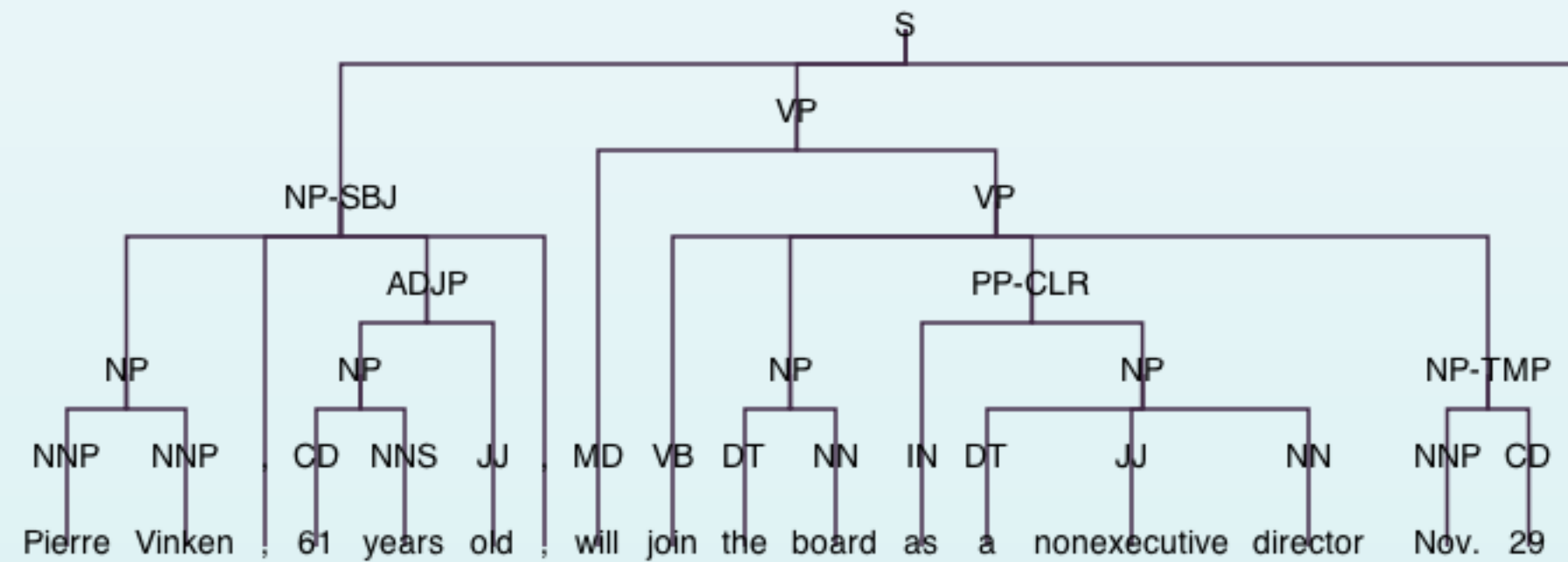
Visualizations for tasks and users

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Redraw with branches as Curve Diagonal **Zig**

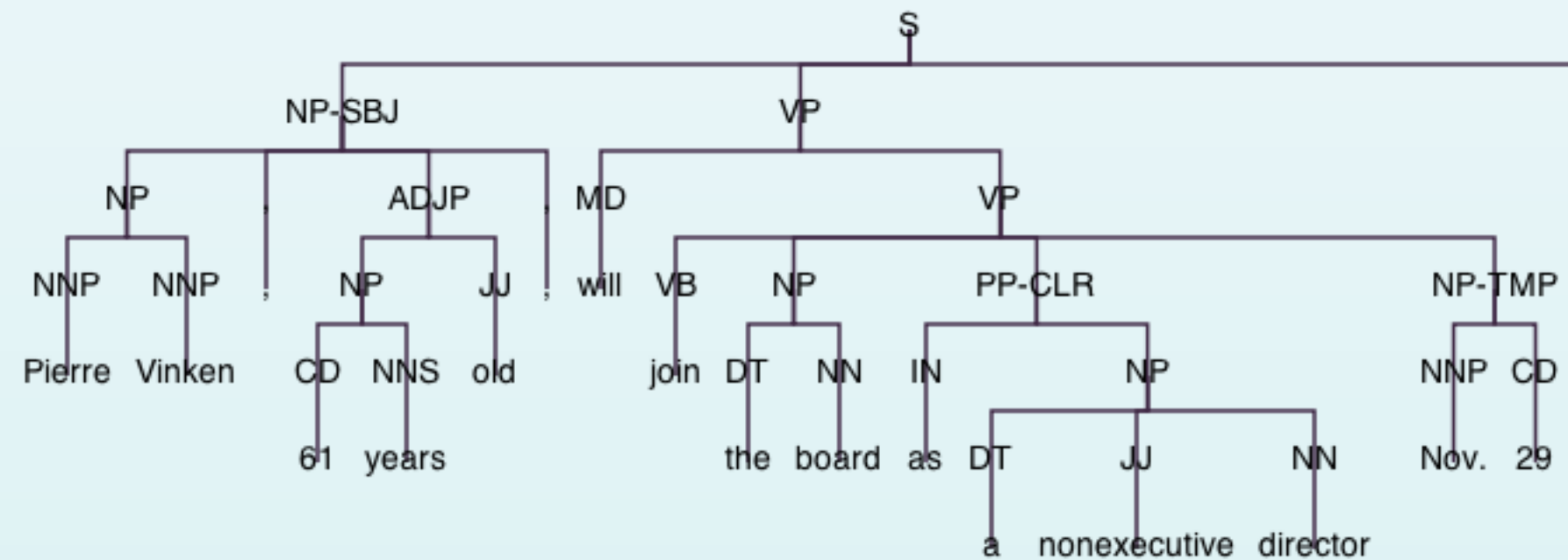


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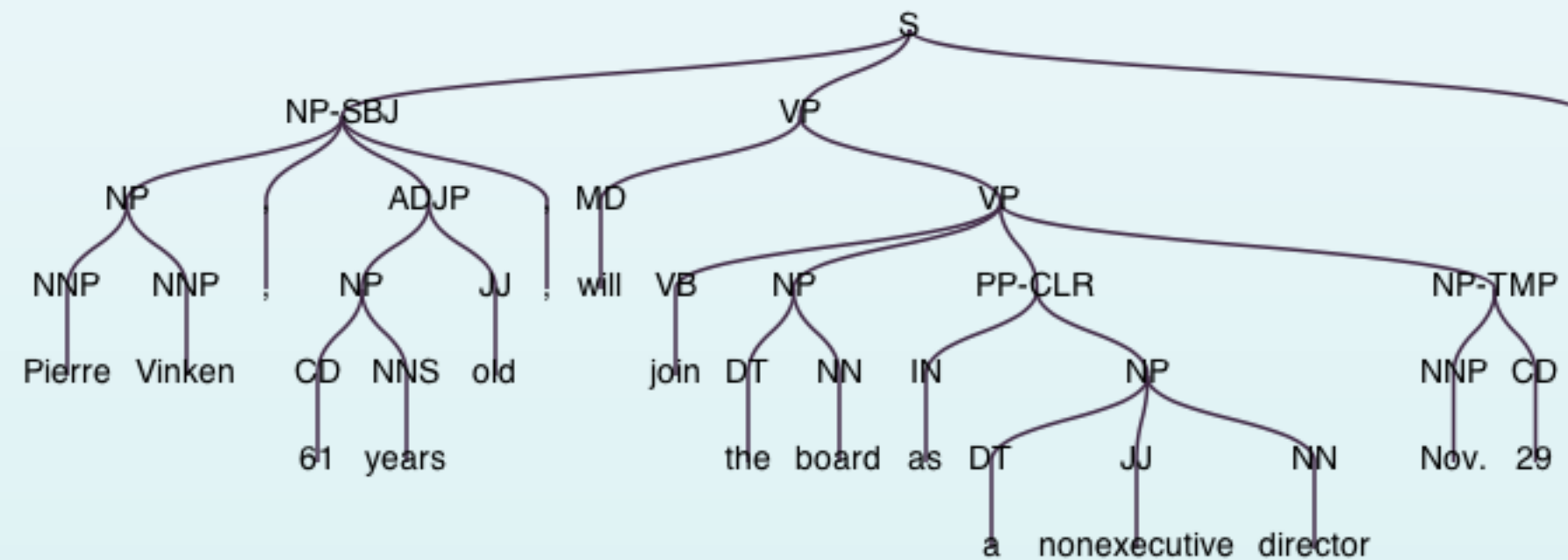


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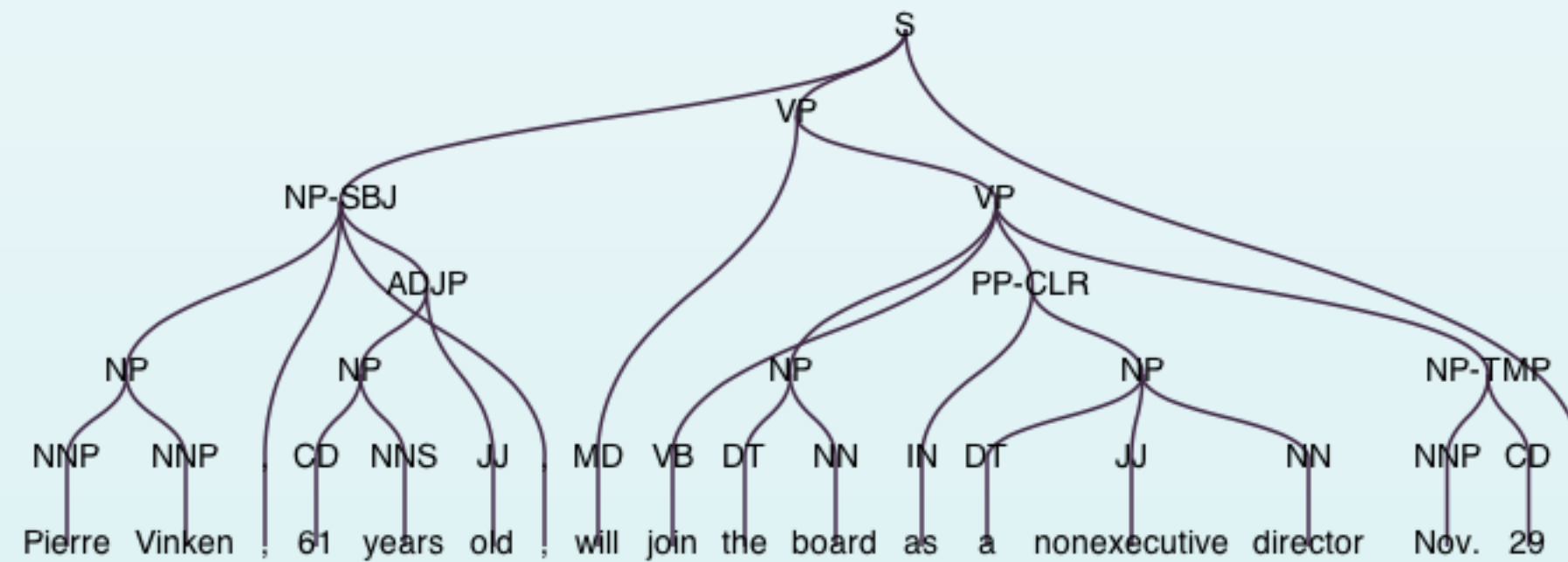
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Visualizations for tasks and users

- Which visualization aspects are primarily and secondarily user preferences?
- **How are conflicts between tasks and user preferences handled?**

Building visualizations

- Sometimes we can use an existing visualization as it is
- Sometimes we can modify an existing visualization
- Sometimes we need to make a new visualization
 - **New visualizations should be reusable components**

Language visualizations as components

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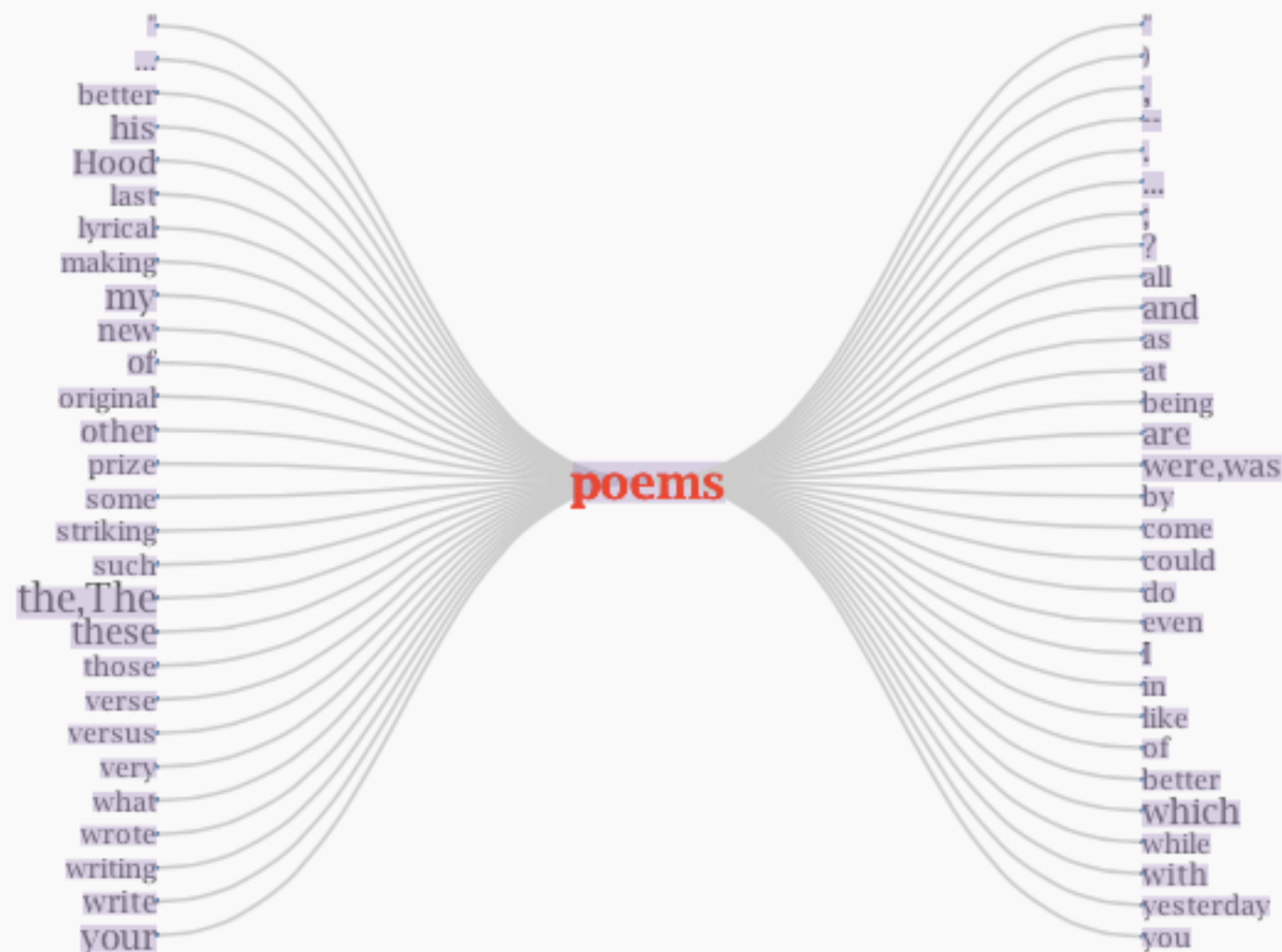
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Uses: DoubleTreeJS

Questions about reusability

- What are the data properties that make a given visualization relevant for the data?
- What are the fundamental properties and actions of visualizations that form the basis for reusable components?
- ← i.e. What are the appropriate levels of abstraction to turn a visualization into a component? →

References: Grinstein's WEAVE, Stasko's Jigsaw

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