

#### Interactive Glyph Analysis with R



http://stats.math.uni-augsburg.de/software/Gauguin/gauguin.html

# Glyphs

- geometric shapes scaled by the values of multivariate data.

-each glyph represents usually one high-dimensional data point (or average of data points).



Two simple examples for star glyphs. Each glyph represents ten numbers between 0 and 10 as shown in the titles.

## Glyphs

Gauguin offers four different glyph shapes:



chart glyph



filled star glyph



line glyph



unfilled star glyph

# What is Gauguin?

- Project for the interactive visual exploration of multivariate data sets
- Supports a variety of methods for displaying flat-form and hierarchically clustered data
- Developed in Java
- Multiplattform support (Windows, Linux, Mac)
- Connection to R via Rserve for calculations

### **Design Choices**

• Graphs



## **Event Handling**

- Events in Gauguin:
  - Selection Event
  - DataChanged Event
- Example: Selection Event in Plot 2



# Main Window

Allows the user:

- change glyph mode
- enable,disable,mark or delete variables
- change the order of variables
- specify the glyph's size

Selection is relevant for plots and queries.

Radius allows to highlight the cases similar to an individual or to the group of selected glyphs.

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All support:

- selection and linked highlighting
- zooming, if there is a suitable coordinate system
- interrogation of objects

... all plots are aware of big datasets

- Grid
- overview over the data.
- sorting by categorial and continuous variables
- locally scalled zooming



- Scatterplots
- all pairwise scatterplots of variables selected from the list in the main window
- zooming for detailed view
- tonal highlighting if points are plotted



• MDS (Multidimensional scaling)

offers different methods

 -isoMds
 -sammon
 -cmdscale

- central view



- Grouping
  - represented as the average and the band of the glyphs in the cluster



- grouping by:
  - category
  - radius
  - count

Clustering

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- the same representation as by grouping
- different methods: kmeans centroid ward



#### Other plots by clustering and grouping

Grid

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**MDS** 

- Groupsplot
  - All plots in the same column are common scaled.
  - values for the start point and bin width can be individually set for each histogramm column



- Histogramms
  - exact values for the start point and bin width can be set via slider
  - bin width can be also easy changed by simple keyboard control
- Barcharts



## Summary

- project for the interactive visual exploration of multivariate data sets
- cases and averages of groups and clusters are represented as glyphs
- connection to R via Rserve for calculations
- interactive and linked plots