

Übung zur Vorlesung

# Informationsvisualisierung

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# **Text and Documents**

# Text and Documents: Basics

## Characteristics

- Nominal data
- Interesting properties:
  - Meta data
  - Structure
  - Statistics
  - Semantics...

## Goals

- Detecting patterns
- Keyword search
- Cluster maps

# **Action Science Explorer**

# The Action Science Explorer [1]

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wdp-jZUqgcU>

# The Action Science Explorer [1]

## Goals

- Find key authors and key papers
- Explore similar papers
- Explore historical development
- Summarize research fields

## Interaction

- Linking and brushing
- Overview and detail
- Details on demand
- Dynamic queries

# Arc Diagrams

# Arc Diagrams [4]

- Visualization complex patterns of repetitions





# Thread Arcs [2]

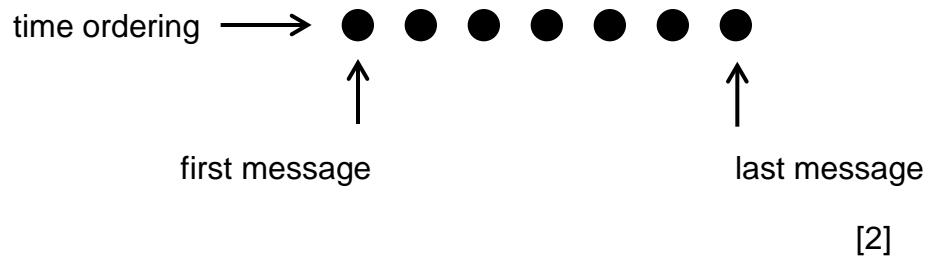
- Visualization of e-mail threads
- Design goals:
  - Keep chronology
  - Show relationships
  - Compactness
  - Stability
  - Quick scanning
  - Quick interaction
  - Easy interpretable



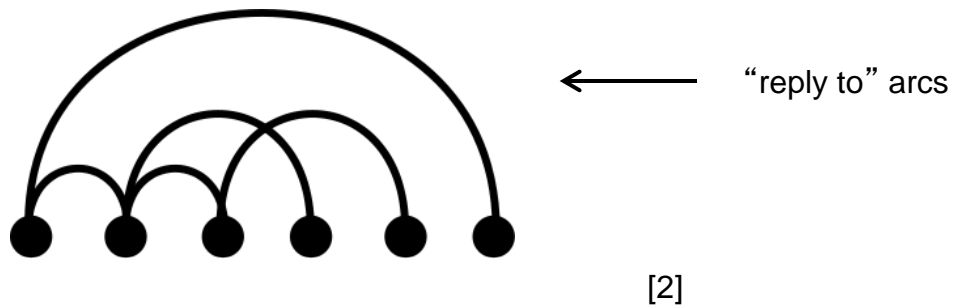
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# Thread Arcs

- Chronological ordering
  - width = linear function of thread size

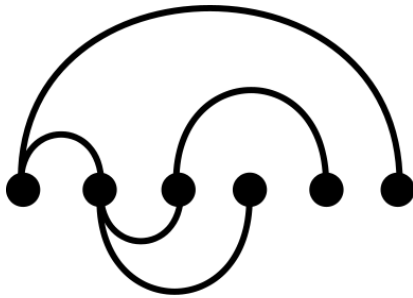


- Relationships



# Thread Arcs

- Improvements
  - “The relationships between messages are clearer when arcs are drawn above and below nodes.” [2]

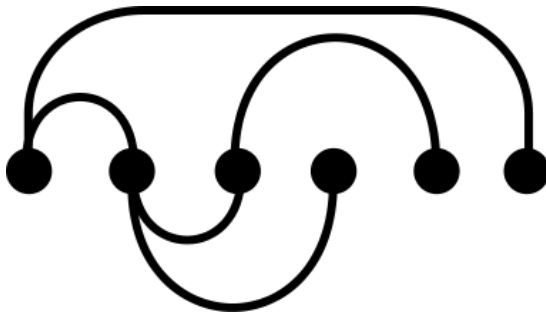


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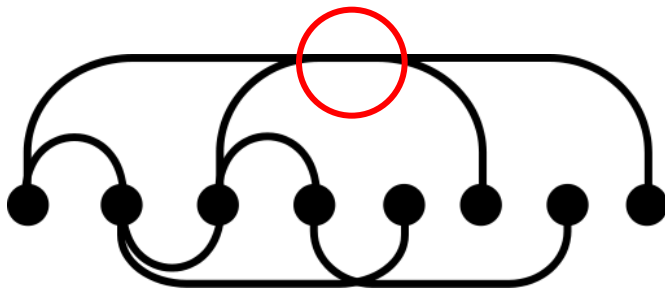
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# Thread Arcs

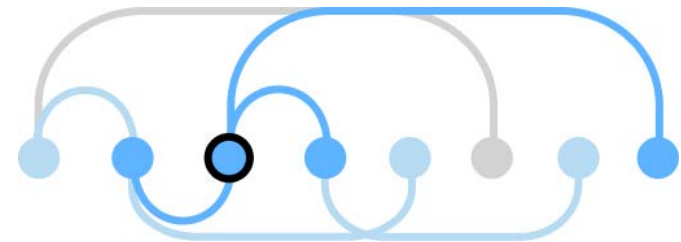
- Improvements
  - “Constraining the maximum height of the arcs makes the visualization more compact.” [2]



- Problem: Overlap

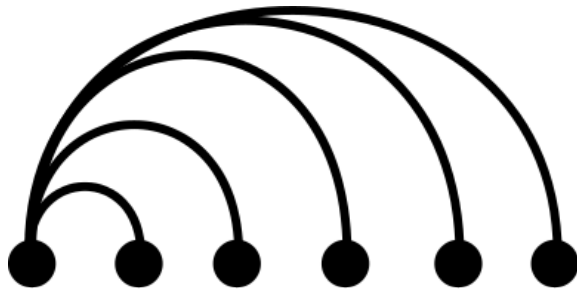


- Solution: selection highlighting



# Thread Arcs

- Conversation types:
  - Advantages: makes different conversations easily comparable



bushy



Several answers per message  
=> Could be a **group** conversation



narrow



One answer per message  
=> Could be a **private** conversation

[2]

# Thread Arcs

- Pseudo-code [2]:

- sort all messages chronologically
  - find the generation depth of each message

- for each message

- if the message is the root then

- place the node at the starting position and don't draw an arc

- else

- place the message to the right of the last message

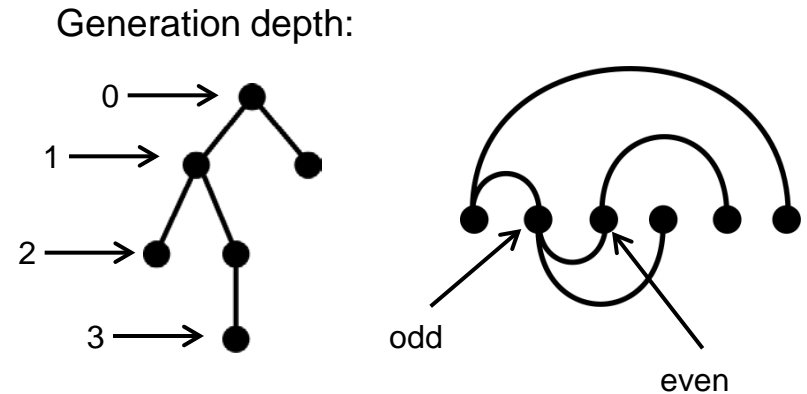
- if the message generation depth is odd then

- draw an arc above the line to the message's parent

- else

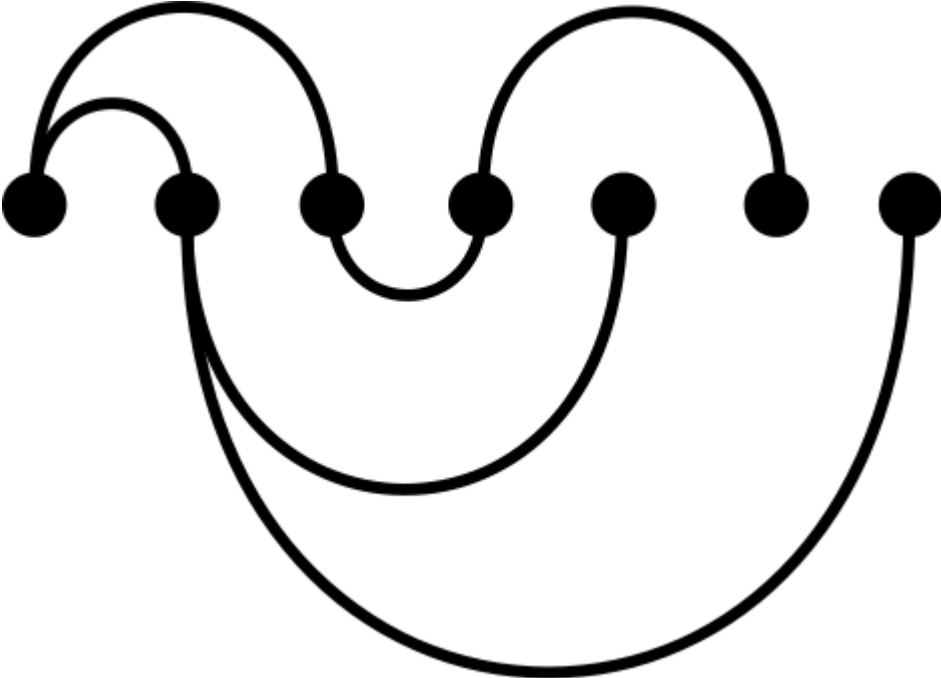
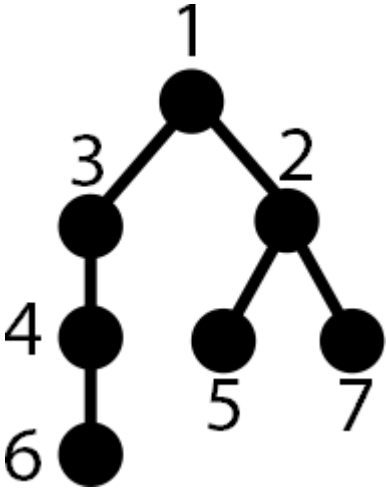
- draw an arc below the line to the message's parent

- next message



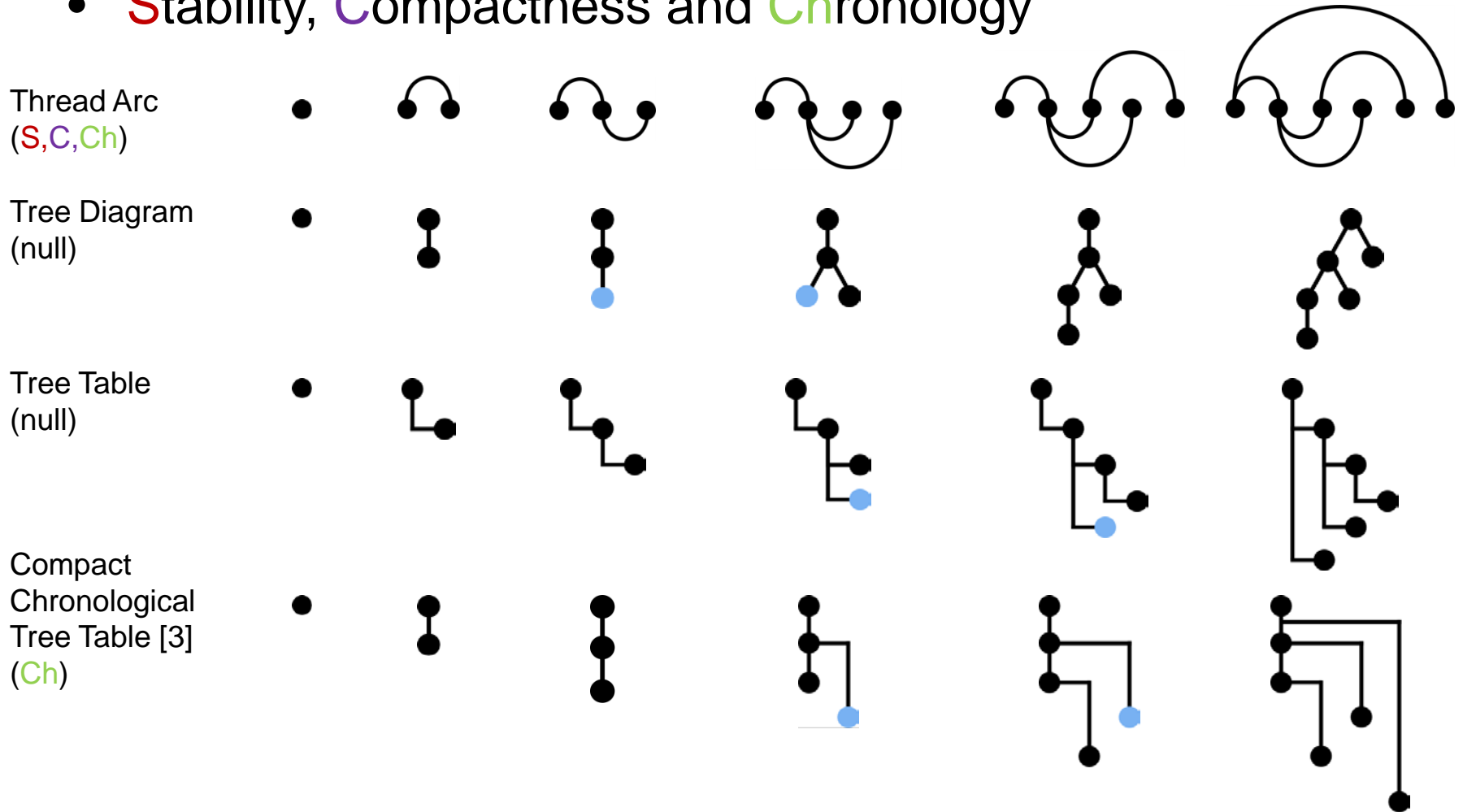
Create a thread arc for the following message structure (represented as a tree diagram).

The number represent the chronological order.



# Thread Arcs

- Stability, Compactness and Chronology





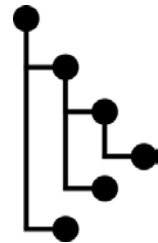
# Thread Arcs

- Chronology

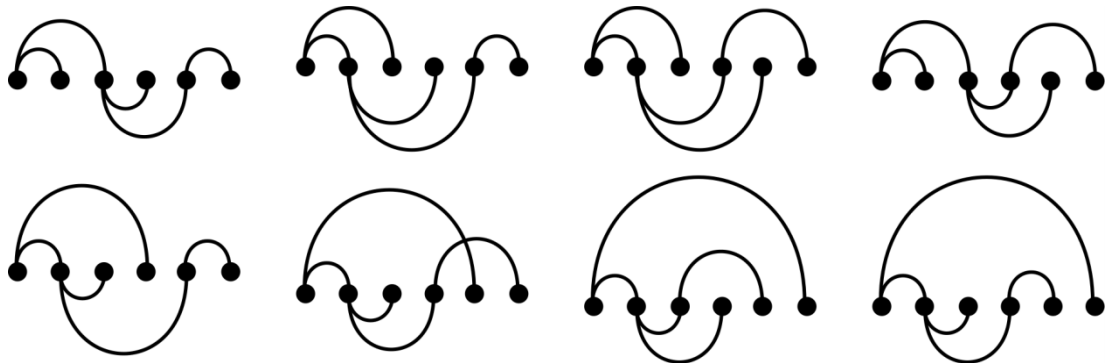
Tree Diagram



Tree Table

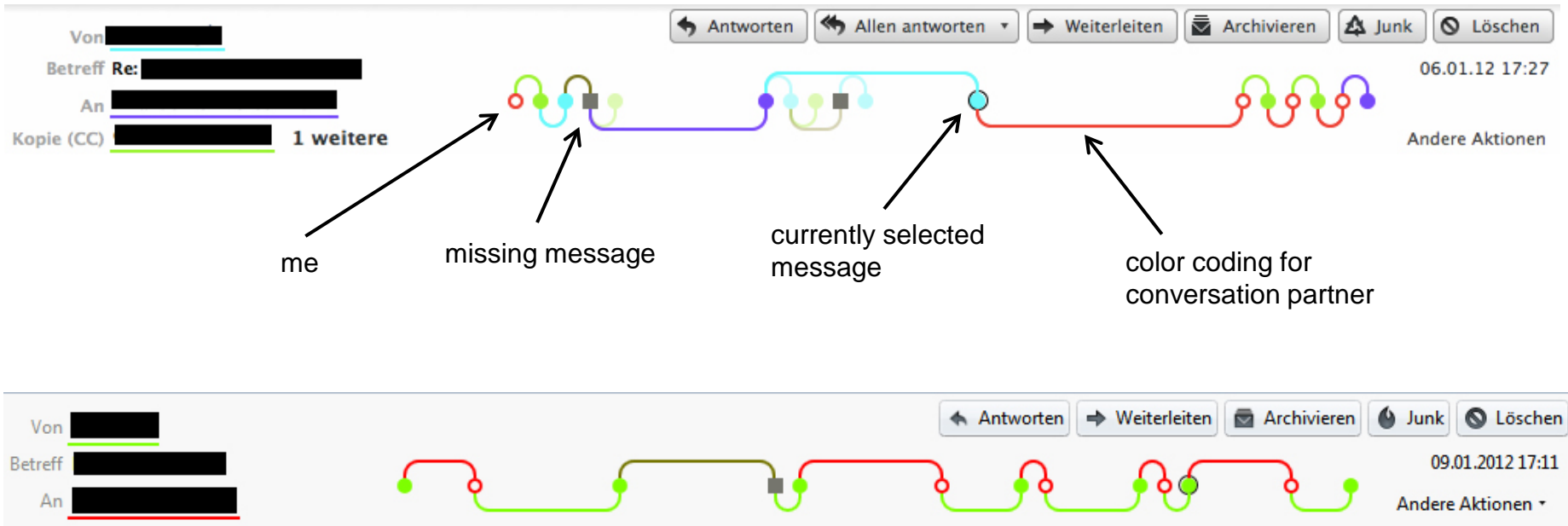


Thread Arc



# Thread Arcs

- Example: ThreadVis (Thunderbird)



# **Project: Barkeeper**

# Barkeeper: Endpräsentation

## Demo

- Lauffähig?
- Wer hat was gemacht?
- Dynamisch?, Interaktiv?, Skalierbar? ...
- Welche Paradigmen wurden umgesetzt?

## Ergebnis

- Welche Fragen können beantwortet werden?
- Was wurde herausgefunden?

## Future Work

- Was fehlt? Was funktioniert noch nicht?
- Wie könnte das System erweitert werden?

# Klausur

- **12. Februar: 10:00-12:00 Uhr**
- **Anmeldung ab sofort möglich**
- **Abmeldung bis 10. Februar 23:59**
- **Closed Book**
  
- **Klausurvorbereitungen in den Übungen**

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