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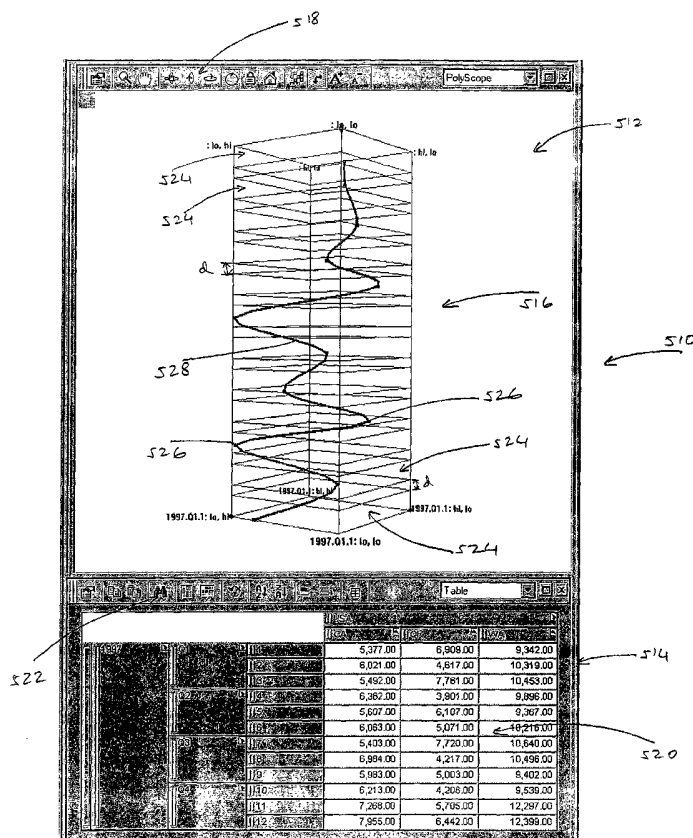
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(57) Abstract: A GUI is disclosed including a set of visualization routines designed to improve display, visualization and manipulation of multi-dimensional data. Many of the routines combine 2D and 3D renderings with domain selecting criteria and stacking criteria with line segments connecting variable values between records in a given dataset or between corresponding records in records of related datasets. The GUI also employs active, persistent and slider variables to probe variable relationships, group relationships and dataset relationships.



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because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
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Claims Nos.: 7, 8, 9, 20, 21, 22

Non-Unity:

Subject 1: Claims 1-6, 10-19.

Subject 2: Claims 7-9.

Subject 3: Claims 20 and 21.

Subject 4: Claim 22.

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1. claims: 1-6, 10-19

Methods of ranking cross-tabs using decision trees.

2. claims: 7-9

Graphics routines with selection of different display formats.

3. claims: 20, 21

Methods for visualizing a Decision Tree.

4. claim: 22

An interface to a MDD.

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