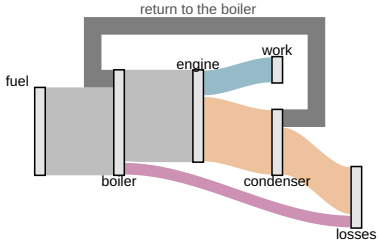
alluvial diagram in the broad sense: usage gives all three this name

strict sense: the same people, followed over time

Sankey diagram

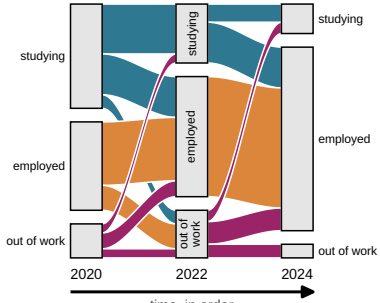
a quantity flowing through a network



node a step, placed freely
axis none
width the quantity passing through
cycle allowed

alluvial diagram

Rosvall and Bergstrom (2010): from one date to the next

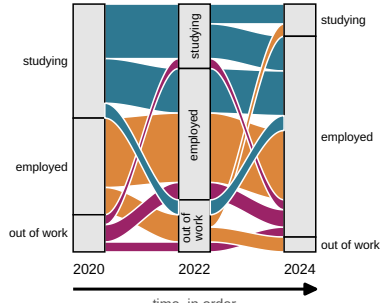


each block receives as much as it sends

node a group at one date
axis time, ordered
width the count moving to the next block
cycle impossible

alluvial plot

Brunson (2020): a group followed end to end

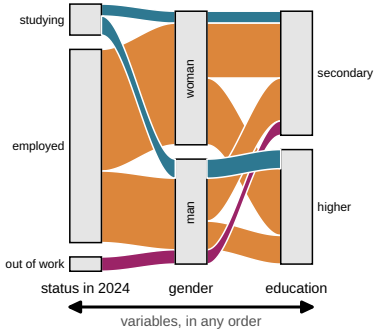


a ribbon keeps its color from 2020 to 2024

node a group at one date, no gaps
axis time, ordered
width a group followed end to end
cycle impossible

parallel sets

crossed categories, at a single date



node a level of a variable
axis a variable, free order
width the count of the combination
cycle impossible