

Part 1: Introduction to data Visualization

Our objectives

- 1. Learn the main reasons and applications
- 2. Identify data visualization as a tool
- 3. Learn the basic concepts of visualization
- 4. Introduction to data visualization in R
- 5. Generation of scientific reports

In other words:

Learn to choose which graphics for which situations How to generate high quality graphs

Materials



10.1

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Information





An extensive comparative study of cluster validity indices



O. Arbelaitz et al. / Pattern Recognition 46 (2013) 243-256



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Fig. 5. Results for synthetic datasets broken down by dimensionality.

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Empirical determinants of renewable energy deployment: A systematic literature review



Bourcet, Clémence. "Empirical determinants of renewable energy deployment: a systematic literature review." *Energy Economics* (2019): 104563.

LEARNING R



OBTAINING R

- Comprehensive R Archive Network:

http://cran.r-project.org

- Courses:

https://www.datacamp.com/

- Videos:





R vs. Rstudio











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VISUALIZING SUPPLEMENT-DRUG INTERACTIONS

reported in the scientific literature

This chord diagram shows interactions reported in the scientific literature between a list of supplements and drugs curated by the <u>Allen Institute for Al</u>. The algorithm automatically extracts evidence from publications and allows users to explore the resulting database via text-based searchers <u>here</u>. I created this chord diagram to facilitate visual exploration of the various interactions. Supplements are grouped quasi-functionally (e.g., minerals, vitamins, fatty acids) and shown as distinct colors. Clicking on the name or outer band of any supplement or drug will link to the relevant Supp.Al webpage with additional information about the agent and it's interactions.







Number of COVID-19 tests per million of people

Number of COVID-19 tests per million people



https://towardsdatascience.com/stopping-covid-19-with-misleading-graphs-6812a61a57c9

Top 5 Counties with the Greatest Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases

The chart below represents the most impacted counties over the past 15 days and the number of cases over time. The table below also represents the number of deaths and hospitalizations in each of those impacted counties.



County Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett Hall



Energy flow analysis in pulp and paper industry



Hong, Gui-Bing, et al. "Energy flow analysis in pulp and paper industry." *Energy* 36.5 (2011): 3063-3068.



Energy flow analysis in pulp and paper industry



Fig. 3. Primary energy use distribution of Taiwanese pulp and paper industry



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http://newsimg.bbc.co.uk/media/images/41263000/jpg/_41263791_ro ddickserve_stats416.jpg

Raul Meireles Deutschland - Portugal

http://www.optasports.de/media/299686/speigel-meireles-heatmap.jpg



What are the main errors that we can make when generating a graph?

Discuss as a group which errors are most typical and list the results on the Etherpad by degree of severity.

Time: 5 min

OMITTING THE BASELINE

In most cases, the baseline for a graph is 0. But writers can skew how data is perceived by making the baseline a different number. This is known as a "truncated graph".



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https://venngage.com/blog/misleading-graphs/

- Starting the vertical axis at 50 makes a small difference between groups seem massive
- Group A looks much larger than
 Groups B and C

MANIPULATING THE Y-AXIS

Expanding or compressing the scale on a graph can make changes in data seem more or less significant than they actually are.



😟 MISLEADING

• The scale is disproportionate to the data, making the change over

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CHERRY PICKING DATA

Writers may only include certain data points on their graphs to reinforce their narratives. This can create a false impression of the data.



 Only a few months out of the year are graphed, depicting an upward trends

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USING THE WRONG GRAPH

The type of graph you use should depend on the type of data you want to visualize. Using the wrong type of graph can skew the data. Writers will sometimes use the wrong type of graph on purpose.





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- Pie charts are used to compare parts of a whole, not the difference between groups
- A different type of graph should be used to compare the three teams

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5 GOING AGAINST CONVENTIONS

Over time, we have developed standards for how data is visualized. Flipping those conventions can make a graph confusing or misleading to readers.







- Normally, darker shades are associated with density on a map but here, dark has been used to depict lower population density
- This graph can confuse and mislead readers, who expect dark to represent a higher population density

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The Codex Atlanticus won the 2019 Gold Kantar Information is Beautiful Award in the Art and Entertainment category

1,119 SELECTED PAGES



The Economist print version started a new section for their Graphic Detail series in 2018

A Brief History of Data Visualization



Michael Friendly, 2008. A Brief History of Data Visualization, in: Handbook of Data Visualization, Springer



Pre-17th Century: Early Maps and Diagrams



Positions of stars: Diagrams, geometric diagrams

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- Notion of a coordinate system
- Graph paper
- Proto-bar graph
- Ttrigonometric tables
- Modern cartographic atlas

Figure 1.2. Planetary movements shown as cyclic inclinations over time, by an unknown astronomer, appearing in a 10th-century appendix to commentaries by A.T. Macrobius on Cicero's *In Somnium Sciponis. Source*: Funkhouser (1936, p. 261)

Michael Friendly, 2008. A Brief History of Data Visualization, in: Handbook of Data Visualization, Springer

Exercice



Divide into seven groups and read together the section on the evolution of data visualization.

List the most important points as a table on the Etherpad dedicated to your section.

Time: 25 min

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Exercice



Generate a glossary of all terms referring to data visualization techniques. To do this

1. Start by selecting a list of terms that appear in your section.

2. look for those terms that are repeated in several sections.

3. Find definitions that satisfy the views of all the groups that identified that term.

Time: 15 min

The objective is not to copy and paste definitions from the Internet, but to write the text in their own words. Be creative!!!



WHY STATISTICS?



- 1. Statistics is defined as a branch of mathematics or science that deals with the collection, analysis and interpretation of numerical information.
- 2. Statistics changes numbers into information...
- 3. Statistics is the art and science of deciding:
 - 1. What is the appropriate data to collect,
 - 2. Deciding how to collect them efficiently
 - 3. and then using them to give information (answer questions and make decisions)
- 4. Statistics is making decisions when there is **uncertainty**

An Introduction to Statistic Analysis and Data visualization



Uses of dataviz in Stats

- I do not understand the data!
- How do I choose my dependent and explanatory variables?
- What statistical tools should I use?
- How can I compare different methods/models?
- How do I show my results?

WHY STATISTICS?



Procedure for the determination of the study design



Descriptive

"In a descriptive study, the facts relevant to the topic of study are recorded and described as accurately as possible, but no relationships between variables are examined."

Homburg & Krohmer 2009, S. 250

WHY STATISTICS?



Procedure for the determination of the study design



Explorative

"An exploratory investigation serves to first understand and structure the (usually still relatively unexplored) topic of investigation in detail. Relationships among the variables under consideration may be explored, and the exploratory nature of the investigation is manifested in the fact that no hypotheses about such relationships are formulated before the data analysis is conducted."

WHY STATISTICS?



Procedure for the determination of the study design



Inferential

"In the context of an explicative investigation, the focus is on causes of observed phenomena. Accordingly, it is concerned with relationships between variables, but here they are considered on the basis of hypotheses formulated in advance."

Homburg & Krohmer 2009, S. 250

Basic Statistics Concepts

- Mean (average)
- Median
- Mode
- Covariance
- Variance
- Standard deviation
- z-value
- Percentiles
- Probability distribution
- Sampling



Scales - Overview



Scales	Information	Description	Delimitation	Central tendency	dispersion	Example
Nominal	A = B und A ≠ B	Classification / codification of qualitative characteristics -> Real numbers are possible (code)	Designation of qualitative characteristics, the expression of which is not subject to ranking	Frequency Density		Sex job Name Postal code
Ordinal	A = B und A ≠ B A > B > C	Ordered values / ranking -> Real numbers are possible	Ranking of qualitative characteristics, the expression of which is subject to natural ranking	Frequency Density Median Quartiles Percentile	Median- Deviation Range Interquartile range	School marks Efficiency levels Sport
Intervall	A = B und A ≠ B A > B > C d = A + B d = B - A Gleichheit von Intervallen	Scale with constant distances and arbitrary zero point	Measurement of quantitative characteristics with constant distances and arbitrary zero point	Frequency Density Median Quartiles Percentile Arithm. Mean	Additionally: Standard deviation Variance	Day of the month IQ
Rational	A = B und A \neq B A > B > C d = A + B d = B - A c = A * B c = A / B Equality of ratios	Scale with true zero point -> Exactly comparable measuring ratios	Measurement of quantitative characteristics with natural zero point	Frequency Density Median Quartiles Percentile Arithm. Mean Geom. Mean Harmon. Mean	Additionally: Coefficient of variation	Length Area Weight Volume

Scales - Summary

In addition to the evaluation and interpretation, the visualisation of the data must also be considered



https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Skalenniveau#/media/File:Skalenniveau.png



Exercises



Exercice 1

Indicate the scale level for the following examples!

Basic Statistics Basic Statistics



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	Nominal	Ordinal	Interval	Ratio	
Sex					12
Social class					
Income tax					
Temperature in C					
Wind speed m/s					
Body weight					
School grades					
Exam points					
Time					
Eye colour					
Duration of treatment at the doctor					
Preferences					

Indicate the scale level for the following examples!



	Nominal	Ordinal	Interval	Ratio
Sex	Х			
Social class		Х		
Income tax				Х
Temperature in C			Х	
Wind speed m/s				Х
Body weight				Х
School grades		Х		
Exam points				Х
Time			Х	
Eye colour	Х			
Duration of treatment at the doctor				Х
Preferences		Х		



Exercice 2

Consider methods of empirical measurement for the following variables or empirical observations!



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	Methode(n)	Skala(en)
Internet Speed		
Cognitive stress		
Precipitation		
Volume		
Sportiness		





Consider methods of empirical measurement for the following variables or empirical observations!

	Method (s)	Scale(s)
Internet Speed	Measuring the Down- und Upload rate	Ratio scale
Cognitive stress	Survey Brain activity measurement (EEG)	Ordinal- or Interval scale Ratio scale
Precipitation	Measure (precipitation sensor)	Ratio scale
Volume	Measure (microphone)	Ratio scale
Sportiness	Competition Measure (time) Observation	Ordinal scale Ratio scale Ordinal scale







Types of Graphs in Excel





"The longer you live in the past, the less future you have to enjoy."

- Robert Tew