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Data

- Data is a gathered body of facts
- Data is the central thread of any activity
- Understanding the nature of data is most fundamental for proper and effective use of statistical skills

Data

• The raw material of **Statistics** is data.

• We may define data as figures. Figures result from the process of counting or from taking a measurement.

• For example:

- When a hospital administrator counts the number of patients (counting).
- When a nurse weighs a patient (measurement)

Types of data VARIABLE & CONSTANT **CONSTANT**

- Any numerical quantity which is fixed OR
- "constant is any fixed quantity that has a single value"

OR

- "A quantity which can assume **Only One Value** is called constant"
 - e.g. $\pi = 22/7$ (3.14), 'g'= 9.8 m/second

VARIABLE:

- Any numerical (N) value which varies from one individual to another is called variable OR
- It is a characteristic or attribute that varies from person to person, from place to place & from time to time.
 - e.g. Height of students in the class.
 - Weight of school boys.
- . Other examples: Prices of goods

Number of children in family.

VARIABLE:

- An inherent feature of all biological observations is their variability e.g. every individual varies with one another
- Similarly each group of individuals is different from other groups. For example, the pulse rate, hemoglobin level, the number of white cells varies from person to person .
- Again this varies from one group to other . e.g. pulse rate among infants varies from that of old age group.

Quantitative variables Qualitative variables

Quantitative continuos

> Quantitative descrete

Qualitative nominal

> Qualitative ordinal

Types of variablesQUALITATIVEVARIABLE

- A characteristic which varies only in **quality** from one individual to another individual is called **"qualitative variable**" e.g.
 - beauty, intelligence, severity of disease, color,
 - ABO blood group, gender.
- It is also called as attribute or categorical variable.

QUANTITATIVE VARIABLE

Characteristic which can be measured <u>numerically</u> & varies from one individual to another individual e.g.

height, weight, B.P, temperature of patients, hemoglobin level, blood sugar level, midarm circumference,

Body mass index(BMI),Serum cholesterol level.

DISCRETE VARIABLE

A variable is called discrete variable if it can take some selected values in a given interval OR

- A variable whose value is taken from some counting process e.g.
 - number of patients in a ward, rooms in a house, trees in a row

CONTINUOUS VARIABLE

If the variable takes any value within an interval that variable is called continuous variable.

OR

The variable whose value is taken from some measuring process e.g.

B.P, temperature, height & weight of patients

DICHOTOMOUS(BINARY) VARIABLE

It is variable that has only two possible value. Examples Gender weight more than 80 kg Obesity Rh blood group

POLYOTOMOUS VARIABLE

It is a variable that has more than two possible values.

<u>Examples</u> ABO blood group Weight Height SCALES OFMEASUREMENTCategorical scalesDimensional scales

Nominal scale

Based on NOM(names), no specific order e.g. Race/ethnicity, Religion, Sex of child/gender, ABO blood group Country of birth Type of anemia

Metric Scale

Based on ME(measurement) In terms of quantities Blood glucose Mid –arm circumference Hemoglobin level Weight, height, Blood pressure

SCALES OFMEASUREMENTCategorical scalesDimensional scales

ORDINAL SCALE Based on ORD(order) Grading into categories Severity of disease Social classes Socioeconomic status

Metric scale is of 2 types Interval scale (absence of absolute o) No ratios are possible e. g, Centigrade/Fahrenheit temperature scale Ratio scale (Presence of absolute o) Ratios are possible e. g, weight, height

SCALES OF MEASUREMENT

- Statistically most preferable scale of measurement is <u>"metric scale</u>"
- Statistically least preferable scale of measurement is "nominal scale"

EXERCISE

- Severity of anemia
- Type of anemia
- Hemoglobin level & serum ferritin level

EXERCISE

- Weight
- Height
- B P
- Pulse rate
- Temperature
- ABO blood group
- Rhesus blood group
- Gender



Presentation of Statistical Data

 Statistical data, once collected, must be arranged purposively, <u>in order to bring out</u> <u>the important points clearly and strikingly</u>. Therefore the manner in which statistical data is presented is of utmost importance.

Presentation of Statistical Data

- There are several methods of presenting data –
- tables,
- charts,
- diagrams,
- graphs,
- pictures and
- special curves.

- Tables are devices for presenting data simply from masses of statistical data.
- Tabulation is the first step before the data is used for analysis or interpretation.

- A table can be simple or complex, depending upon the number or measurement of a single set or multiple sets of items.
- Whether simple or complex, there are certain general principles which should be borne in mind in designing tables

- (a) The tables should be numbered e.g., Table 1, Table 2, etc.
- (b) A title must be given to each table. The title must be brief and self-explanatory,
- (c) The headings of columns or rows should be clear and concise,

- (d) The data must be presented according to size or importance; chronologically, alphabetically or geographically,
- (e) If percentages or averages are to be compared, they should be placed as close as possible,
- (f) No table should be too large,

- (g) Most people find a vertical arrangement better than a horizontal one because, it is easier to scan the data from top to bottom than from left to right,
- (h) Foot notes may be given, where necessary, providing explanatory notes or additional information.

Examples of tabulation

• 1. Simple tables

DHQs HOSPITALS	NO. OF PATIENTS ADMITTED
Sargodha	1950
Khushab	1200
Mianwali	1600

TWO-WAY TABLE The table, which provides two inter related information in one table. is called two- way								
table	NO. OF PATIENTS ADMITTED							
	DHQs HOSPITALS	NO. OF PATIEN TS (RURA L)	NO.OF PATIENTS (URBAN)	TOTAL				
	Sargodha	1200	750	1950				
	Khushab	850	350	1200				
	Mianwali	1000	600	1600				

THREE- WAY TABLE The table, which provides 3 inter-related information in a table.

NO. OF PATIENTS ADMITTED								
DHQs HOSPIT ALS	RURA L MALE	RURAL FEMAL E	URBA N MALE	URBA N FEMA LE	TOTAL			
Sargodh a	700	500	350	400	1950			
Khusha b	500	300	250	150	1200			
Mianwal i	650	450	300	200	1600			

HIGHER ORDER TABLE

• The table which provides more than 3 inter related information in a table, is called higher order table.

 Charts and diagrams are useful methods of presenting simple statistical data. They have a powerful impact on the imagination of people. Therefore, they are a popular media of expressing statistical data, especially in newspapers and magazines.

 Diagrams are better retained in the memory than statistical tables. The data that is to be presented by diagrams ought to be simple. Then there is no risk that the reader will misunderstand

• 1. Bar charts

 Bar charts are merely a way of presenting a set of numbers by the length of a bar, the length of the bar is proportional to the magnitude to be represented. Bar charts are a popular media of presenting statistical data because they are easy to prepare, and enable values to be compared visually.

- (a) SIMPLE BAR CHART
- Bars may be vertical or horizontal. The bars are usually separated by appropriate spaces with an eye to neatness and clear presentation. A suitable scale must be chosen to present the length of the bars.

Bar chart



- (b) MULTIPLE BAR CHART
- In multiple bar diagrams the simple bars are placed side by side to provide more than one information in same diagram . For the sake of distinction the bar should be colored.

Bar chart



• (c) COMPONENT BAR CHART The bars may be divided into two or more parts ... each part representing a certain item and proportional to the magnitude of that particular item



- Pie charts
- Instead of comparing the length of a bar, the areas of segments of a circle are compared. The area of each segment depends upon the angle. Pie charts are extremely popular with the laity, but not with statisticians who consider them inferior to bar charts. It is often necessary to indicate the percentages in the segments

t is an improvement over a bar diagram. It is a circular diagram, in which the frequencies of observations are shown as sectors or wedges in a circle, the size of each sector being proportional to the frequency. Degrees of angle denote the frequency and area of sector gives comparative difference at a glance.

"Pie means a piece or a sector"



- Histogram
- It is a pictorial diagram of frequency distribution. It consists of a series of blocks. The class intervals are given along the horizontal axis and the frequencies along the vertical axis. The area of each block or rectangle is proportional to the frequency.





- FREQUENCY POLYGON
- A frequency distribution may also be represented diagrammatically by the frequency polygon. It is obtained by joining the mid-points of the histogram blocks.





• THIS type of diagram is useful especially, when it is necessary to compare two or more frequency distributions. The curves for different distributions should be drawn with different types of lines on the same graph paper for easy comparison, which is not possible through histograms because of overlapping of rectangles, resulting in confusion.

CHARTS AND DIAGRAMS FREQUENCY CURVE

When no. of observations is very large and group interval is reduced, the frequency polygon tends to lose its angulations, resulting in a smooth curve, known as **"Frequency curve"**



CHARTS AND DIAGRAMS CUMULATIVE FREQUENCY CURVE Cumulative frequency C-I Cumulative frequency f 10-20 7 21-30 5 12 31-40 10 22 29 41-50 7 32 51-60 3 Σ = 32

- CUMULATIVE FREQUENCY CURVE
- It is a line diagram, representing the cumulative frequency distribution of quantitative data.
 - To draw it, an ordinary frequency table in quantitative data has first to be converted into a cumulative frequency table
- The curve is plotted by taking the variable on x-axis and cumulative frequency on y-axis.

CHARTS AND DIAGRAMS LINE DIAGRAM

This diagram provides a simple, easily understandable and highly effective means of understanding the trend or behavior of event over a period of time, e.g. rising or falling or fluctuations, such as birth rate, death rate, population rate etc.



CHARTS AND DIAGRAMS SCATTER DIAGRAM OR DOT DIAGRAM When observations for two variables(e. g weight & mid arm-circumference or weight & height) are made in each of the individuals in a group, it helps to study the relationship between two variables. One variable is represented on x-axis and another variable on y-axis. Perpendiculars drawn from these readings meet, to give one scatter point.

- There will be as many points as there are individuals in the observation. When all the points are plotted, the diagram gives the picture of scatter. Hence the name "scatter diagram" (Dot diagram).
- The direction of scatter helps to determine presence or absence of the association

- If the dots cluster round a straight line, it shows evidence of a relationship of a linear nature.
- If there is no such cluster, it is probable that there is no relationship between the variables.











