A Review of Temporal Visualization which is Line Graph Technique on Analysing Global Smoking Trends

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Abstract— **This research analyses the use of a visualization technique which is line graph to depict the global prevalence of current smoking, in accordance with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) . The reason is to determine how line charts may effectively display time-series data on health trends, use among people aged 15 and up. The study outlines how line charts work, including how they use obvious visual signals like data points and connecting lines to track changes in smoking rates over time. A simplified algorithmic flow is shown to show how raw health data is processed and translated to visual format. The technique analyses in terms of its strengths which is the simplicity in the design, clarity in trend detection, and applicability for forecasting such as its shortcomings, which include the difficulty of visualizing several variables at the same time and comprehending small alterations in static formats. This article continues by emphasizing the importance of line chart visualization in academic research and also public health policy, particularly in the facilitating quick analysis of global patterns and supporting data-driven decisions too. Overall, this strategy is a dependable and effective method for visualizing long-term health indicators within the SDG framework.**

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I. THE CONCEPT/IDEA/PRINCIPLE OF THE LINE GRAPH

A graph is an organised and ordered diagram that depicts connected things and their relationships [1]. Line graphs are an essential tool in data visualisation, providing a clear to display patterns and changes over the time. The line graph concept initially introduced in 1933 as one isomorphism of graphs[2].

They are especially good for emphasising the development of sequentially connected data points, allowing users to see the patterns and the correlations that would be concealed in tabular layouts. Line graphs are particularly useful for illustrating temporal trends, such as temperature changes over months or swings in economic indicators over years.

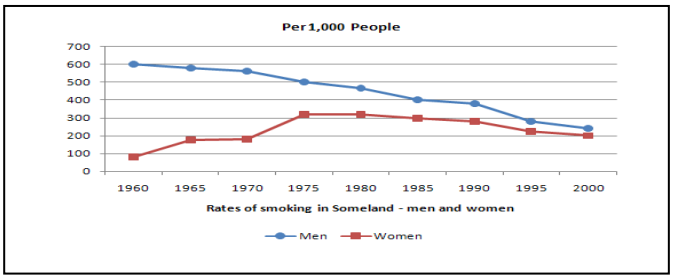

Figure II.I Rate of smoking in Someland

Line graphs can emphasise particular data points, which might be tagged or annotated to highlight specific values like peak sales times. By smoothing out changes between those points, they aid in detecting underlying trends, such as a general rise or fall in stock values. Furthermore, when extended beyond the current dataset, line graphs might provide predicted insights, albeit such projections should be taken with caution. A line graph of the daily number of visitors to a website over six months, such as, could demonstrate not only an upward trend in traffic, but also dramatic spikes associated with specific marketing initiatives, motivating further inquiry and informed in the decision-making. For instances, if there are 10 data points to display, it is advisable to arrange them in a table for better and easy understanding[3].

Line graphs are an important tool for visualising patterns and also changes over time. Their effectiveness comes from their simplicity and clarity, which can be consider improved by adhering to essential design principles. First and foremost, a line graph should have a defined purpose, whether it is to exhibit trends, draw comparisons, or to highlight specific patterns. The goal should dictate the design and presentations. Simplicity is vital, the superfluous components like excessive grid lines, colours, or text should be eliminated in order to maintain the viewer's attention on the data. The choice of scale and proportion is also important, as it must appropriately portray the amount of changes without distorting the data.

II. ILLUSTRATION

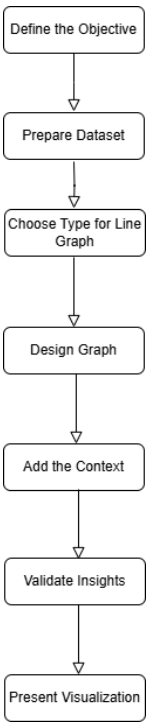

Figure II.II Process Flow Line Graph Technique

III. ADVANTAGES OF USING THE LINE GRAPH TECHNIQUE

Firstly, the advantage is clarity. When we built the line graphs, there are a highly effective way to portray trends and patterns across time or also across continuous intervals. The primary goal of any visual display is to "above all else show the data," emphasising the value of simplicity and straightforward communication[4]. Line graphs naturally complement this concept since they provide data in a continuous fashion, allowing viewers to easily spot changes, observe patterns, or make comparisons. The real advantage of time series analysis is that it can be done with minimal additional effort[5]. Elements like properly scaled axes, uniform intervals, and detailed labelling are critical in enable the viewers to correctly grasp the information given. A well-constructed line graph, devoid of distortion and rich in contextual signals, enabling viewer to interact with the data in a meaningful. In conclusion, by understanding to Tufte's design principles, line graphs can attain a high level of clarity, allowing for successful communication of quantitative data in both academic and practical settings.

Secondly, the line graphs are particularly effective for detecting anomalies unusual or unexpected values within a single dataset like a sudden spike or decline in a time series or across numerous datasets for example one line acting differently than others. When analysing worldwide smoking trends, a line graph can indicate the drop in smoking rates over time in different countries. If one country's smoking rate suddenly rises while others fall, the difference would be so obvious. It could indicate a governmental shift or a dearth of effective public health interventions in that area. Line graphs continuous and also connected structure allows for visually intuitive changes in trends or data behaviour over the time. This makes analysts to easily identify patterns, notice abnormalities, and research causes, making line graphs an effective tool for tracking public health outcomes and facilitating informed decision-making.

Thirdly, one of the primary advantages of line graphs is their capacity to exhibit several data series on the same axis, making it simple to compare trends across different groups and categories across time. Multiple data series can be compared simultaneously using the line graphs, which lessens cognitive effort while highlighting the divergent trends[6]. For instances, while analysing worldwide smoking trends, a line graph can show the rate of smoking of multiple countries on the same chart. Each country is representing by a distinct line. This enables viewers to quickly compare how smoking rates are changing in every country, whether they are rising, declining, and stable.

IV. LIMITATIONS OF USING THE LINE GRAPH TECHNIQUES

First, multi-line graphics might cause cognitive overload. A line graph with too many variables has "clustered and tangled" lines, which makes interpretation difficult[7].When presenting many data series, line graphs become complex and incomprehensible due to cognitive overload caused by overlapping lines and thick markers. Large datasets or long time periods can make temporal visualizations crowded and difficult to understand[8].When consumers need to quickly discern between trends in real-time dashboards or comparison analysis, this problem is very severe. This issue is further exacerbated by vertical line charts, which require deliberate effort to decode directionality since they defy the left-to-right reading tendencies of many languages.

Secondly, restricted compatibility with the data. Non-linear, hierarchical, and also categorical data are difficult for line graphs to adequately depicted. They skew interaction between groups by forcing distinct categories into a continuous framework. Because of this challenge, they are less applicable in domains where category precision is crucial, such as the social sciences or marketing[9].

Lastly, the limitations is the risk of making inaccurate findings due to technical challenges [10]. The audience may draw wrong judgements. And this isn't just due to poor visual representations but can lead to varying interpretations among viewers, creating ambiguity. Insufficient abilities can result in poorly created images that fail to properly convey the intended message.

V. SUMMARY

Using line graphs to analyse global smoking trends is an excellent way to visualise changes in smoking prevalence over the time. This strategy exposes the temporal patterns, such as increases or decreases in smoking rates, and identifies critical events, such as public health campaigns or policy developments, that influence the smoking behaviour. Line graphs also allowing for comparison analysis across

geographies and the demographics, highlighting the inequalities in smoking prevalence and assisting policymakers in evaluating the success of initiatives. Line graphs are useful for analysing global smoking trends and developing tobacco control strategies because they provide a clear and practical visual representation of the data. Line Graph Constrastive Learning(LineGCL) effectively captures and understands global structural information in graphs, outperforming baseline models by 0.5% to 28.5% on public datasets(Mingyuan Li et al.,2024).

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