Exploring Data with Graphs

Lecture 03



Aims

- How to present data clearly
- The Chart Builder
- Graphs
 - Histograms
 - Boxplots
 - Error bar charts
 - Scatterplots

The Art of Presenting Data

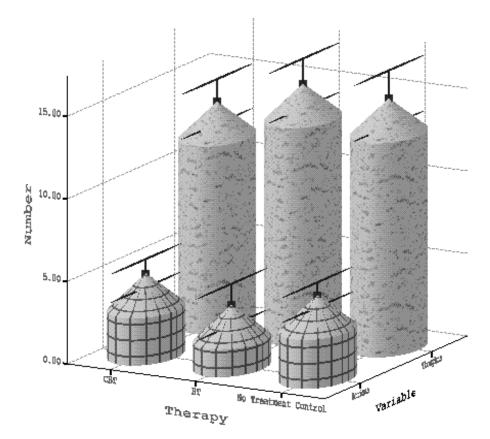
- Graphs should (Tufte, 2001):
 - Show the data.
 - Induce the reader to think about the data being presented (rather than some other aspect of the graph).
 - Avoid distorting the data.
 - Present many numbers with minimum ink.
 - Make large data sets (assuming you have one) coherent.
 - Encourage the reader to compare different pieces of data.
 - Reveal data.



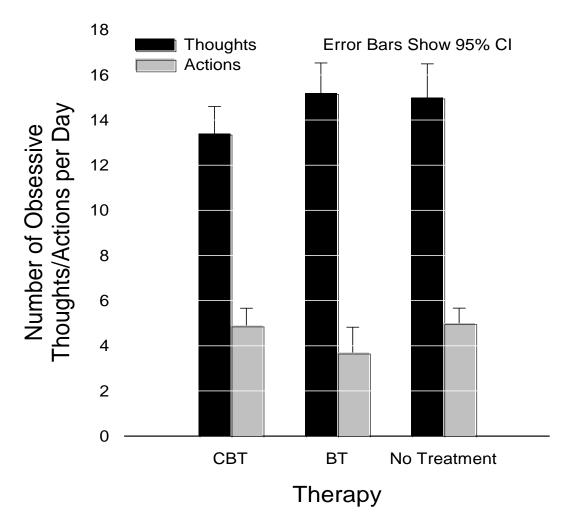
Why is this Graph Bad?

Error Bars show 95.0 % Cl of Mean

Bars show Means



Why is this Graph Better?

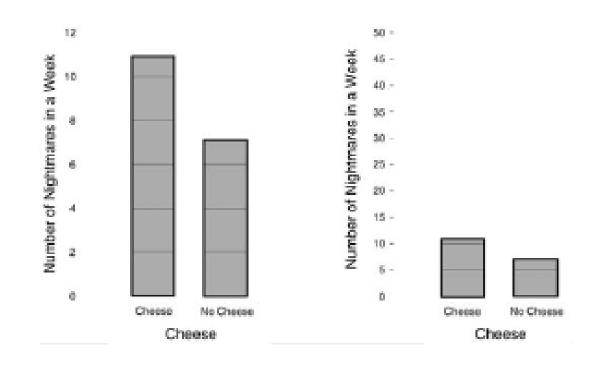




Deceiving the Reader

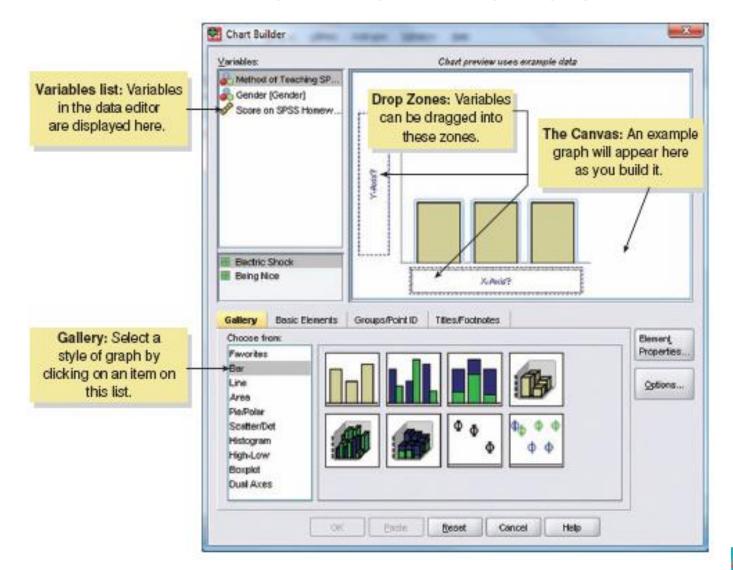
FIGURE 4.4

Two graphs about cheese





The Chart Builder



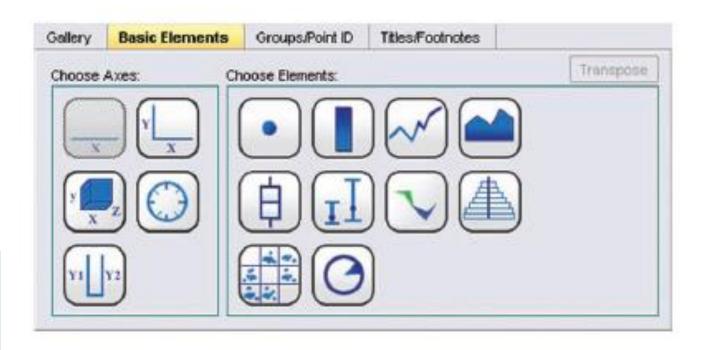


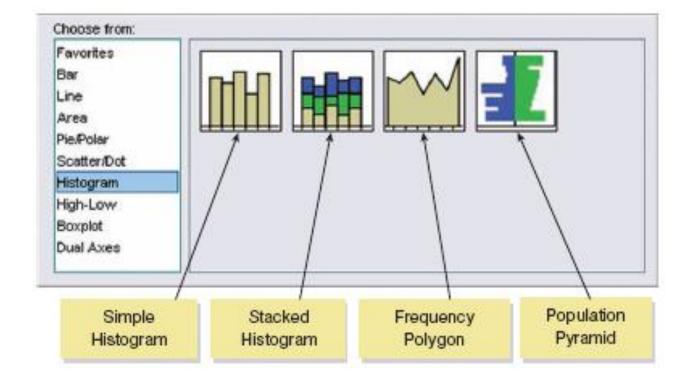
FIGURE 4.6

Building a graph from basic elements



Histograms: Spotting Obvious Mistakes

FIGURE 4.7 The histogram gallery





Histograms

- Histograms plot:
 - The score (x-axis)
 - The frequency (y-axis)
- Histograms help us to identify:
 - The shape of the distribution
 - Skew
 - Kurtosis
 - Spread or variation in scores
 - Unusual scores



Histograms: Example

- A biologist was worried about the potential health effects of music festivals.
- Download Music Festival
- Measured the hygiene of 810 concert-goers over the three days of the festival.
- Hygiene was measured using a standardised technique:
 - Score ranged from 0 to 4
 - 0 = you smell like a corpse rotting up a skunk's arse
 - 4 = you smell of sweet roses on a fresh spring day



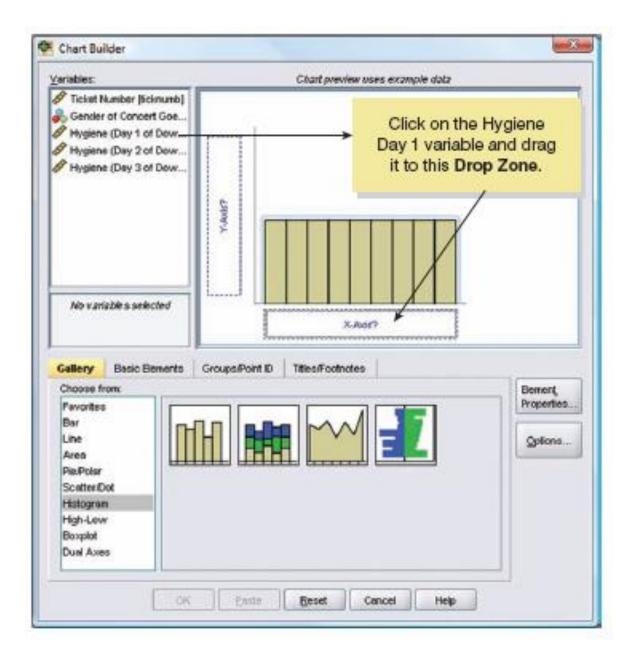
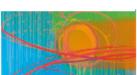
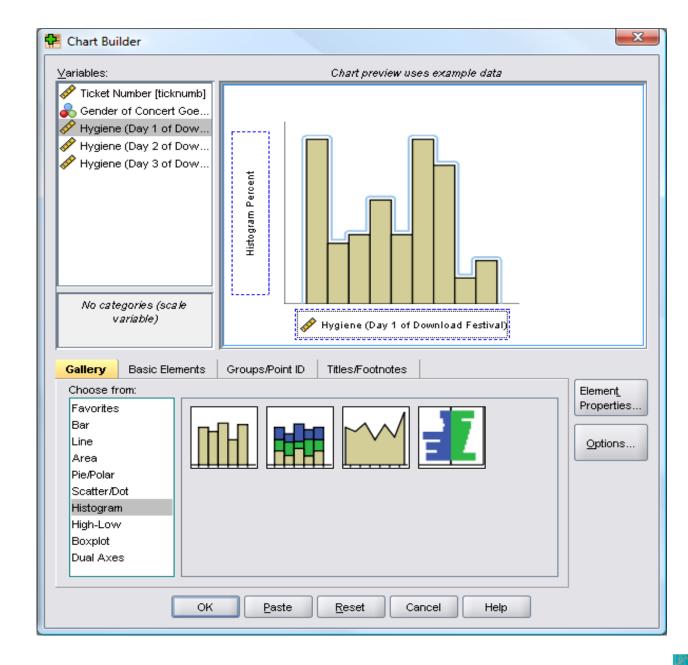


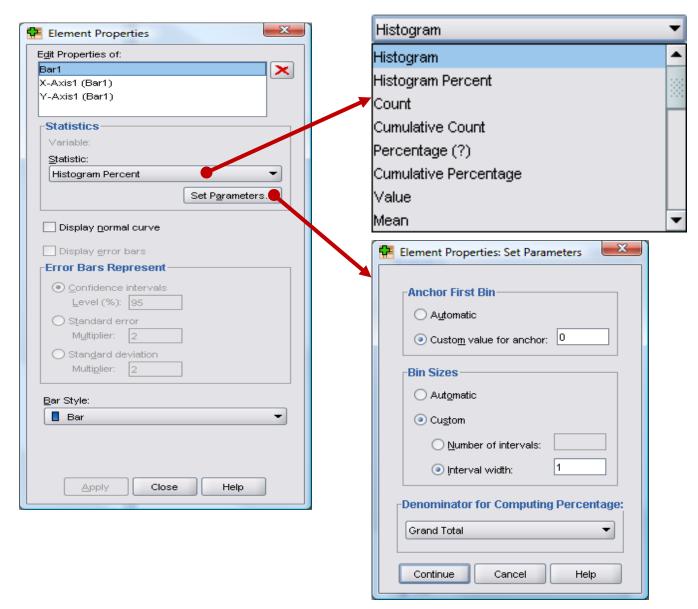
FIGURE 4.8

Defining a histogram in the Chart Builder



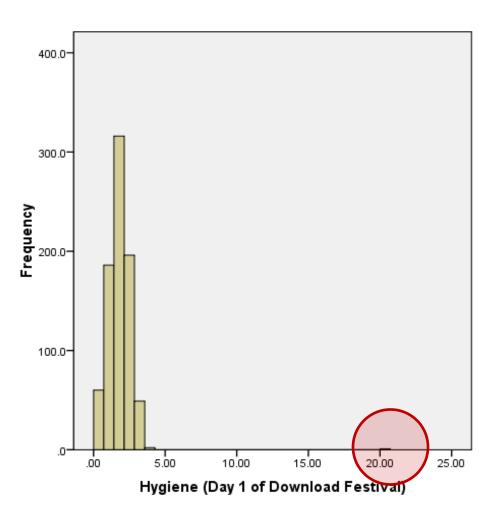


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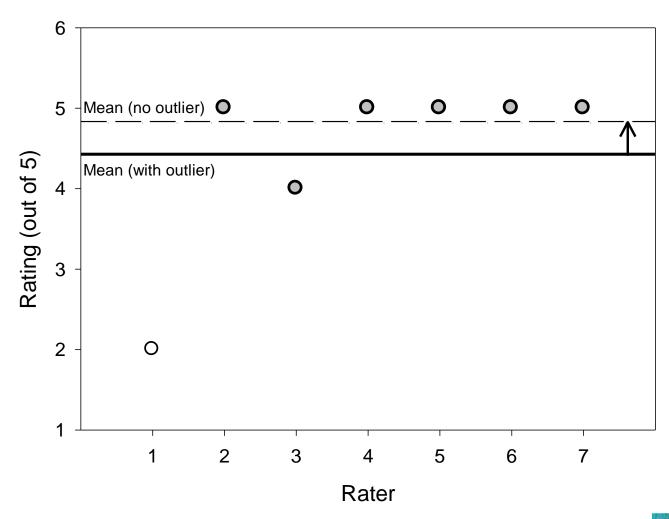
The Resulting Histogram



Mean =1.7934 Std. Dev. =.94449 N =810

Outliers





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Boxplots (Box-Whisker Diagrams)

- Boxplots are made up of a box and two whiskers.
- The box shows:
 - The median
 - The upper and lower quartile
 - The limits within which the middle 50% of scores lie.
- The whiskers show
 - The range of scores
 - The limits within which the top and bottom 25% of scores lie



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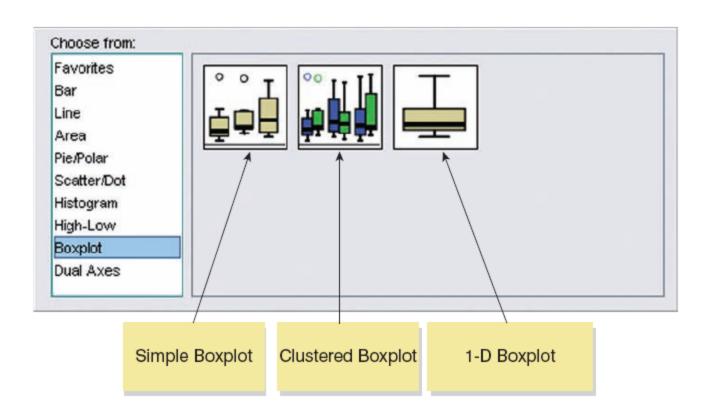
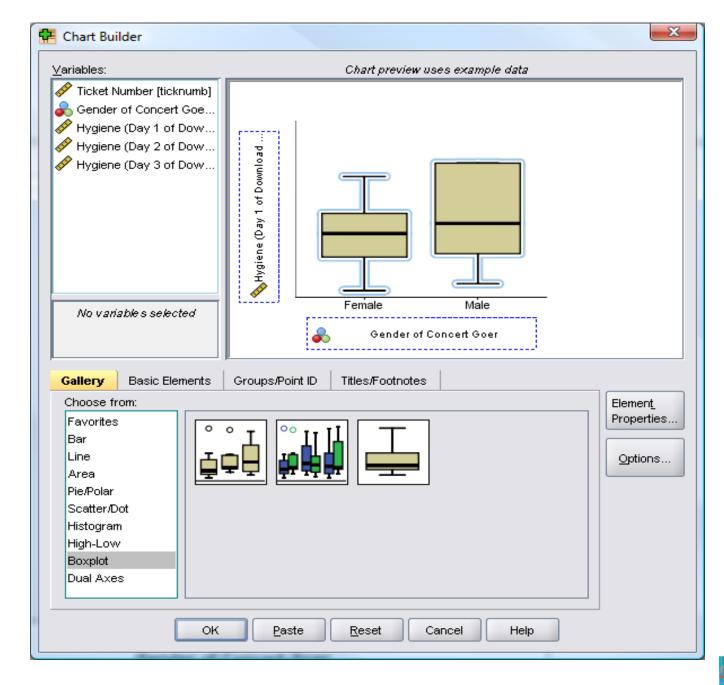


FIGURE 4.11
The boxplot

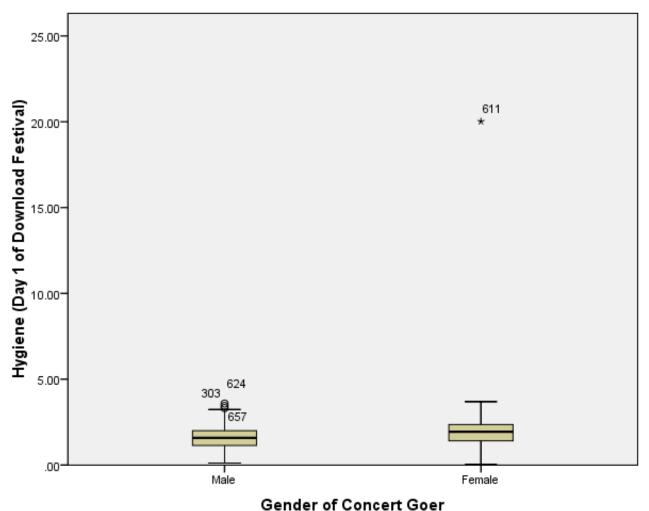
The boxplot gallery



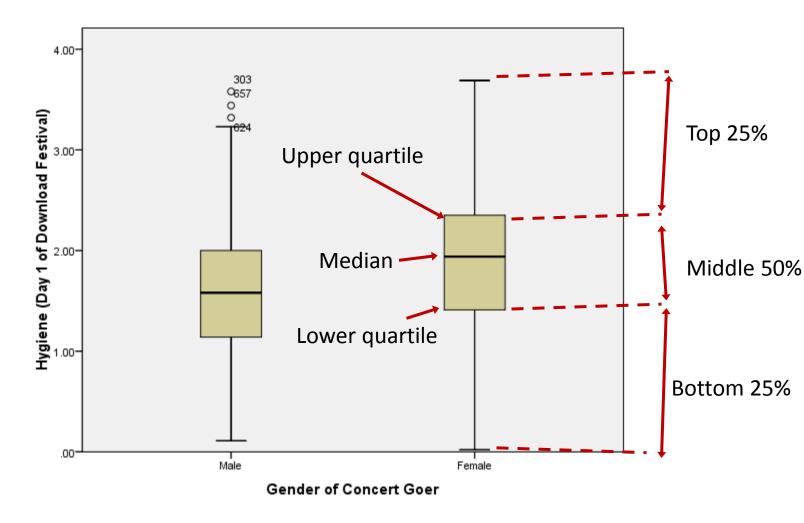


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The Boxplot



What Does The Boxplot Show?





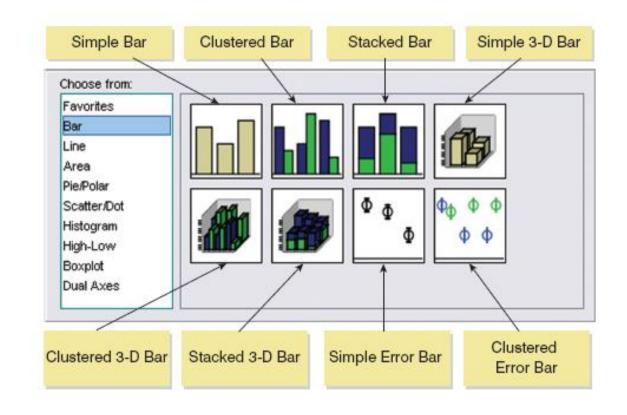
Error Bar Charts

- The bar (usually) shows the mean score
- The error bar sticks out from the bar like a whisker.
- The error bar displays the precision of the mean in one of three ways:
 - The confidence interval (usually 95%)
 - The standard deviation
 - The standard error of the mean



Error Bar Chart Builder

FIGURE 4.15 The bar chart gallery



Setting Bar Chart Properties

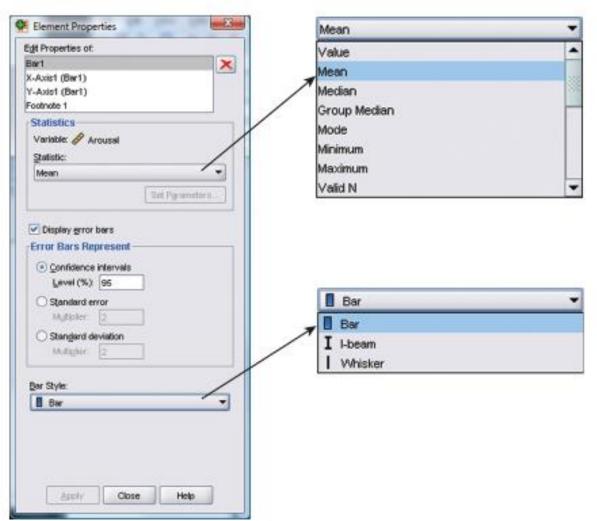


FIGURE 4.16

Element Properties of a bar chart

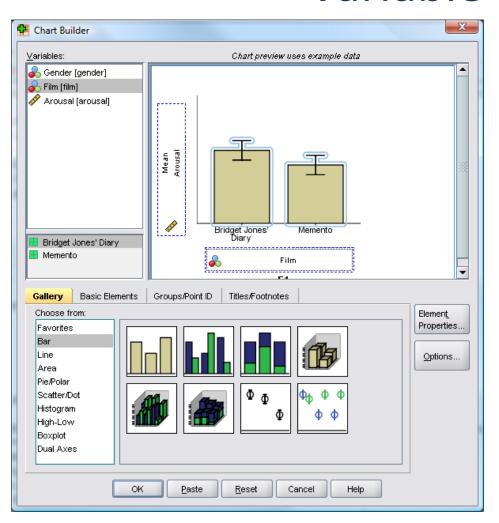


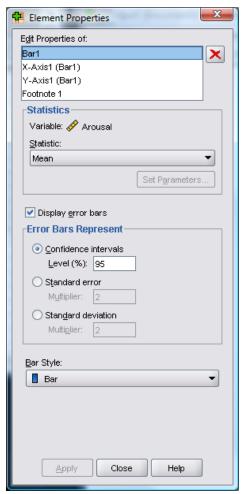
Bar Chart: One Independent Variable

- Is there such a thing as a 'chick flick'?
- Participants:
 - 20 men
 - 20 women
- Half of each sample saw one of two films:
 - A 'chick flick' (Bridget Jones' Diary),
 - Control (Memento).
- Outcome measure
 - Physiological arousal as an indicator of how much they enjoyed the film.

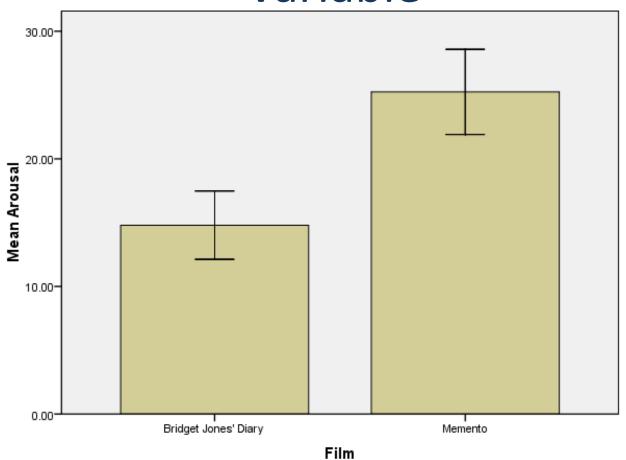


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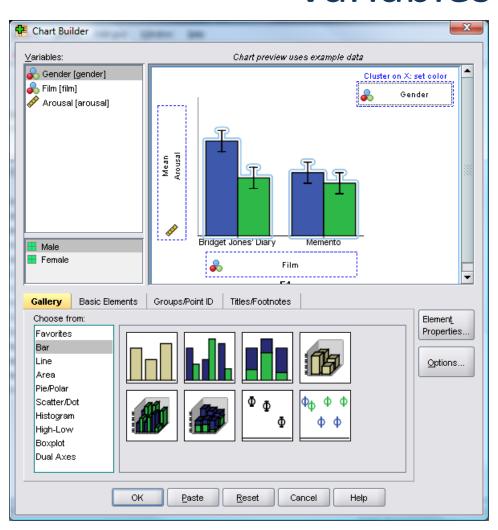


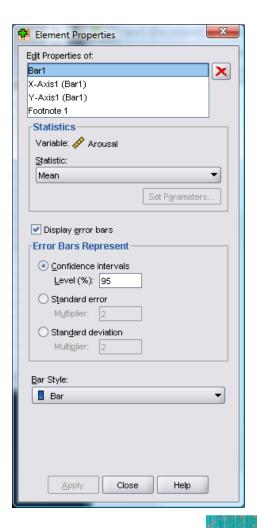
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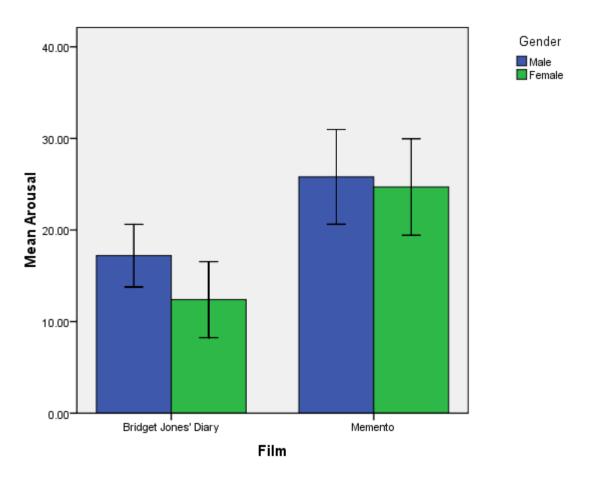
Error Bars: 95% CI

Bar Chart: Two Independent Variables





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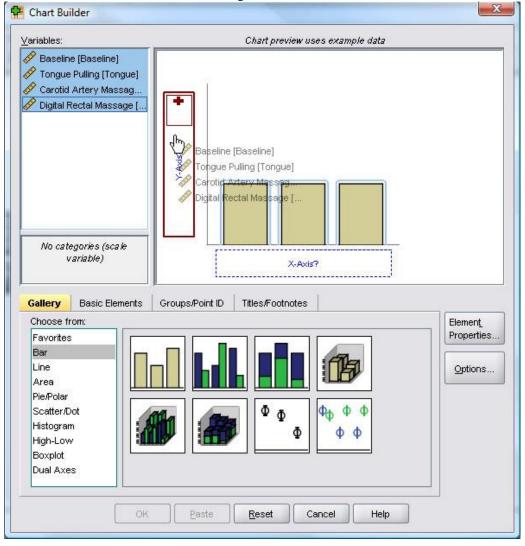


Bar Chart: Repeated Measures

- How to cure hiccups?
- Participants:
 - 15 hiccup sufferers
- Each tries 4 interventions (in random order):
 - Baseline
 - Tongue-pulling manoeuvres,
 - Massage of the carotid artery,
 - Digital rectal massage
- Outcome measure
 - The number of hiccups in the minute after each procedure



Bar Chart: Repeated Measures



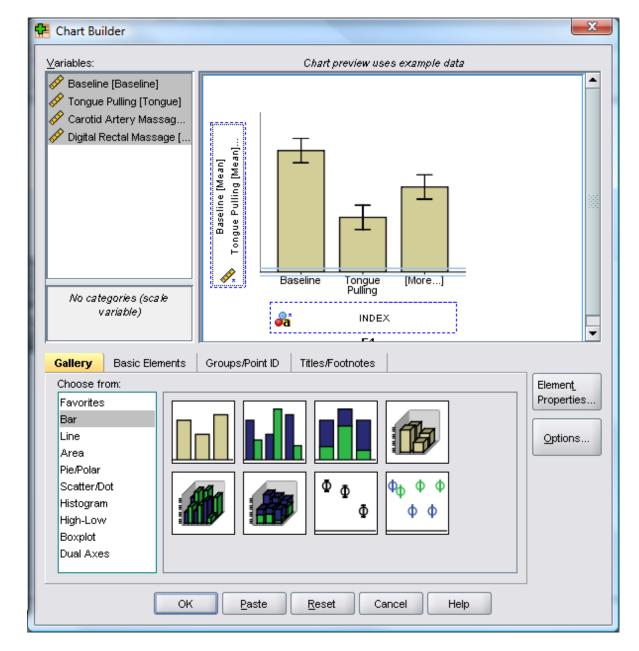






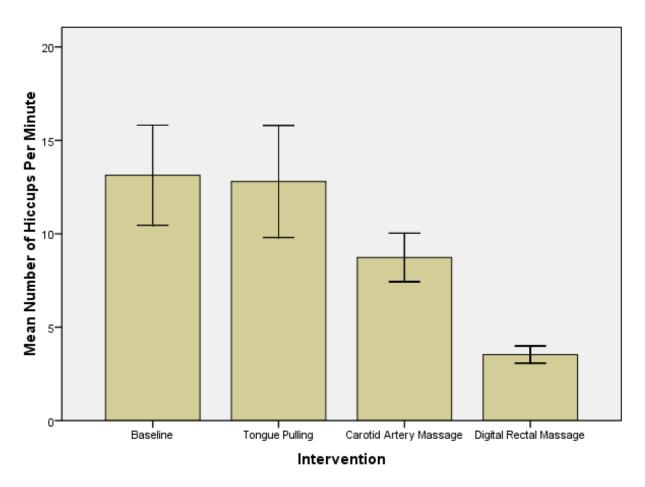






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Error Bar Chart for Repeated Measures



Error Bars: 95% CI

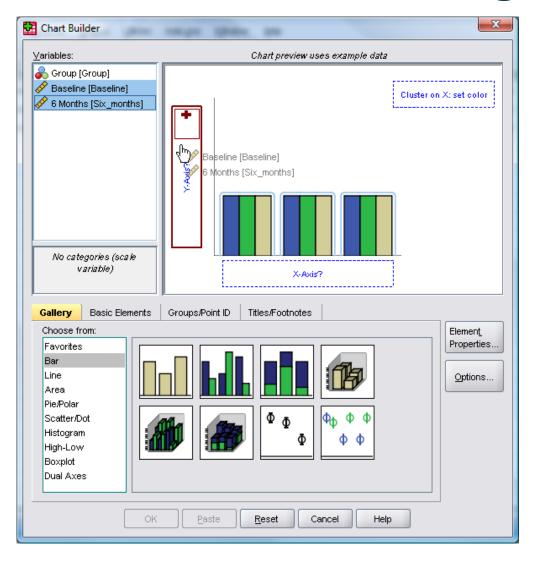


Bar Chart: Mixed Designs

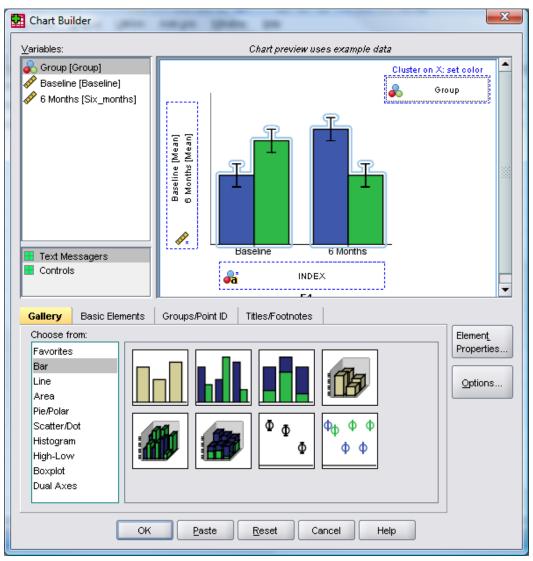
- Is text-messaging bad for your grammar?
- Participants:
 - 50 children
- Children split into two groups:
 - Text-messaging allowed
 - Text-messaging forbidden
- Each child measures at two points in time:
 - Baseline
 - 6 Months later
- Outcome measure
 - Percentage score on a grammar test



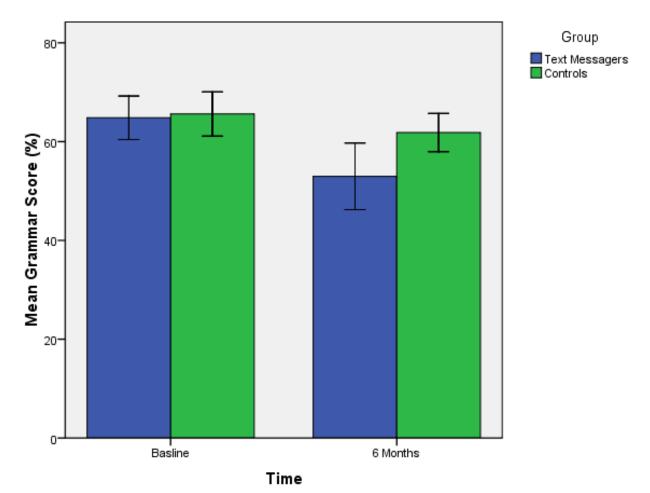
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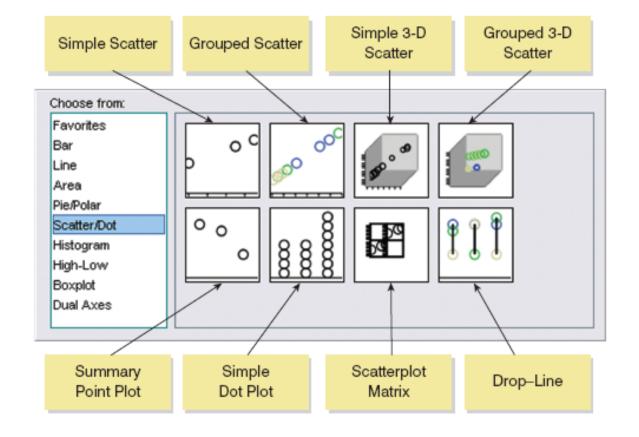
Scatterplots: Example

- Anxiety and Exam Performance
- Participants:
 - 103 students
- Measures
 - Time spent revising (hours)
 - Exam performance (%)
 - Exam Anxiety (the EAQ, score out of 100)
 - Gender



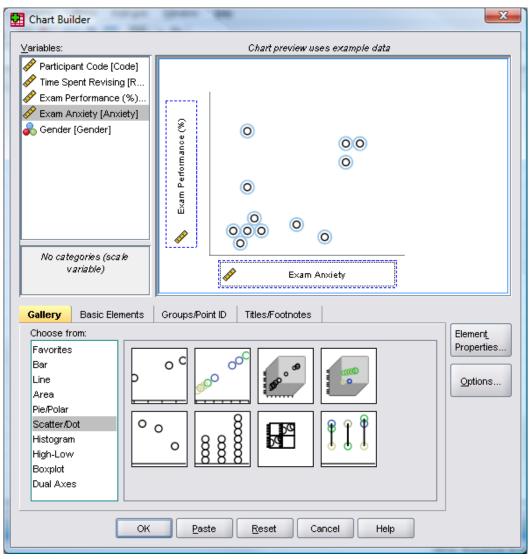
Scatterplots

FIGURE 4.30 The scatter/dot gallery

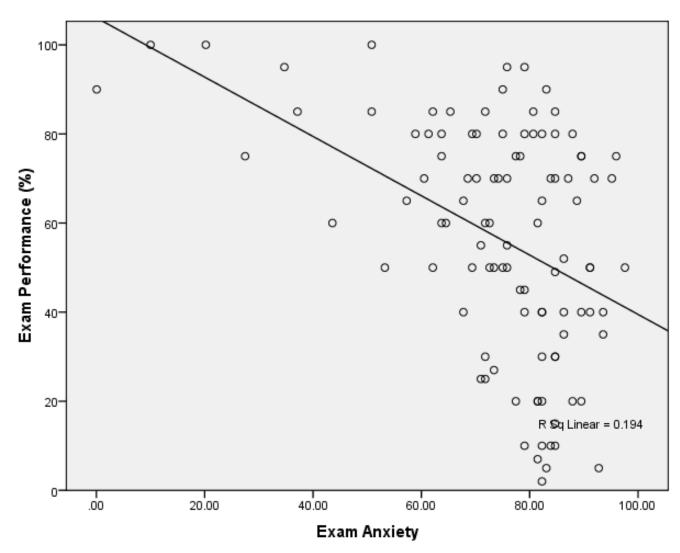




Simple Scatterplot

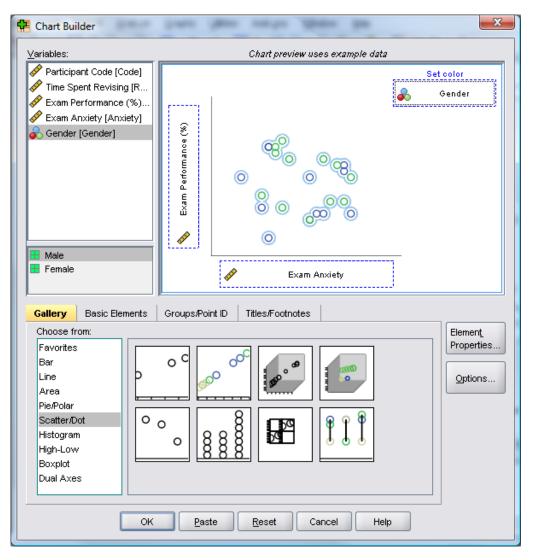


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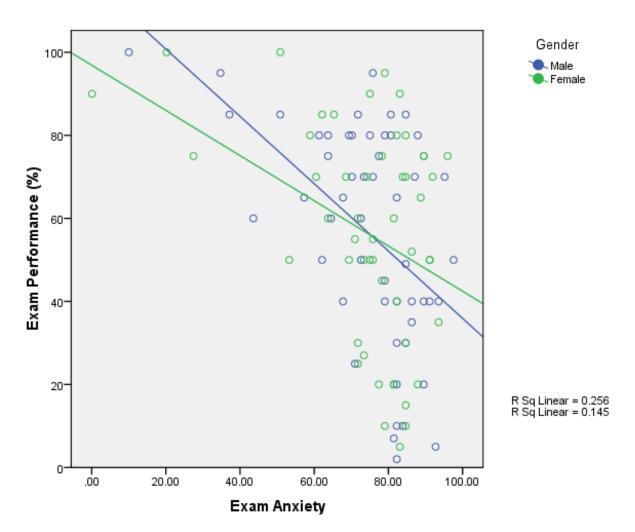




Grouped Scatterplot

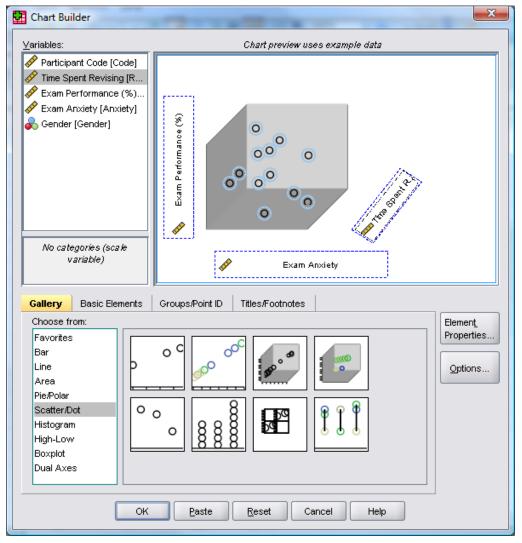


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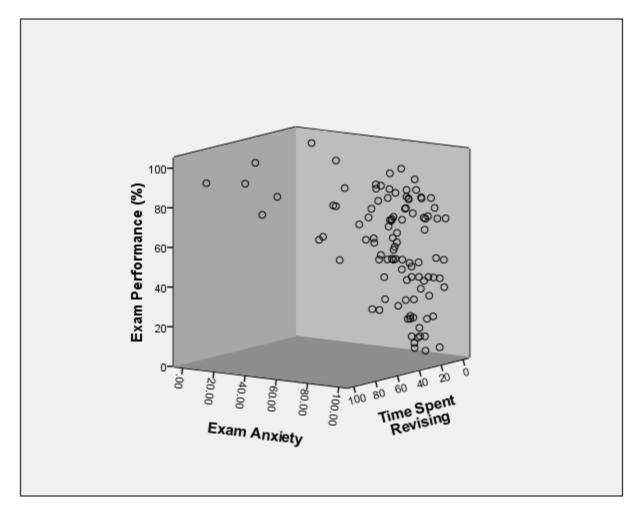




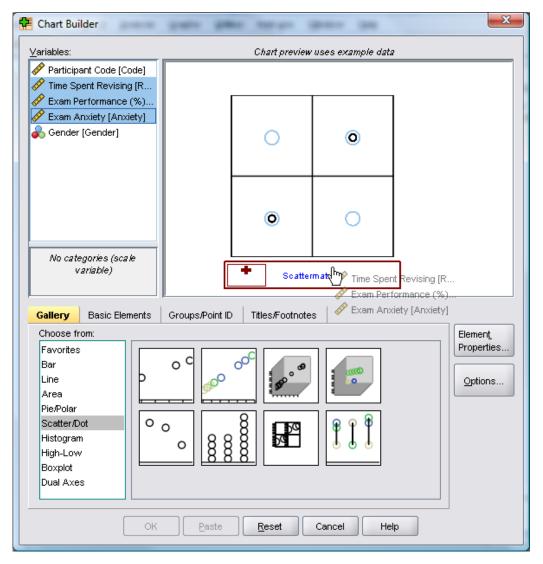
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Matrix Scatterplot



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