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# Statistics for Data Science -1

## Lecture 3.1: Describing Numerical Data- Frequency tables for numerical data

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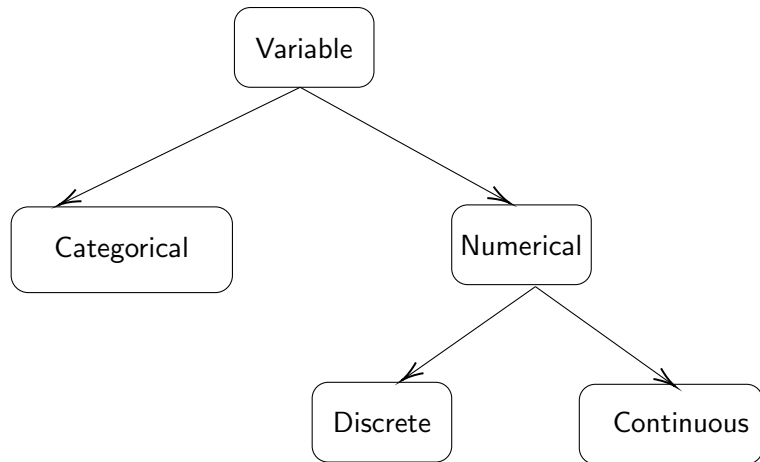
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- ▶ Once we group the quantitative data into classes, we can construct frequency and relative-frequency distributions of the data in exactly the same way as we did for categorical data.

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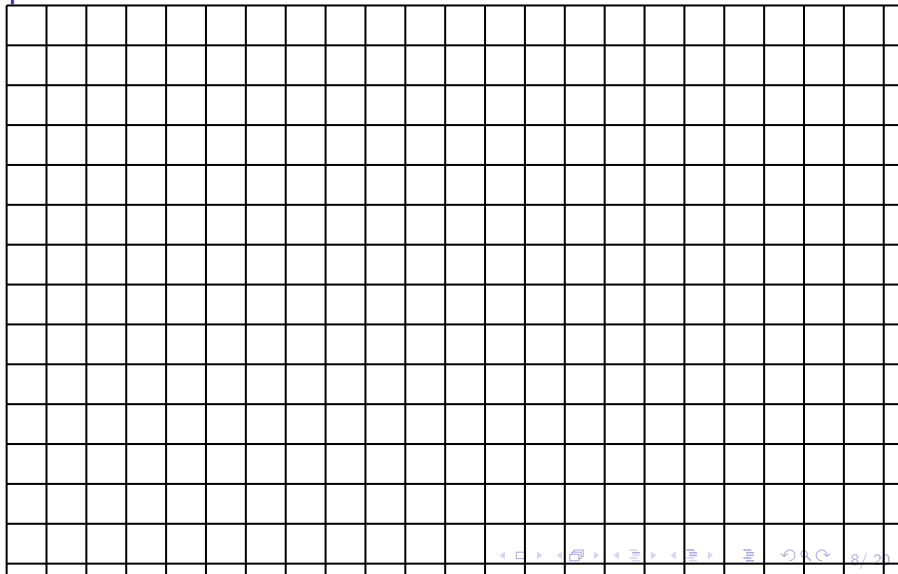
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- ▶ The distinct values the variable, number of people in each household, takes is 1,2,3,4,5.
- ▶ The frequency distribution table is

Value	Tally mark	Frequency	Relative frequency
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
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# Graph





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80-90		2	0.04
<b>Total</b>		50	1

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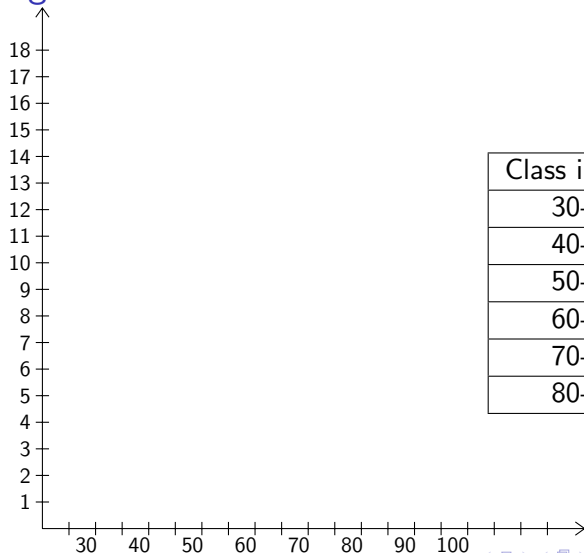
1. Frequency table for discrete single value data.
2. Frequency table for continuous data using class intervals.



## Steps to construct a histogram

- Step 1 Obtain a frequency (relative-frequency) distribution of the data.
- Step 2 Draw a horizontal axis on which to place the classes and a vertical axis on which to display the frequencies (relative frequencies).
- Step 3 For each class, construct a vertical bar whose height equals the frequency (relative frequency) of that class.
- Step 4 Label the bars with the classes, the horizontal axis with the name of the variable, and the vertical axis with “Frequency” (“Relative frequency” ).

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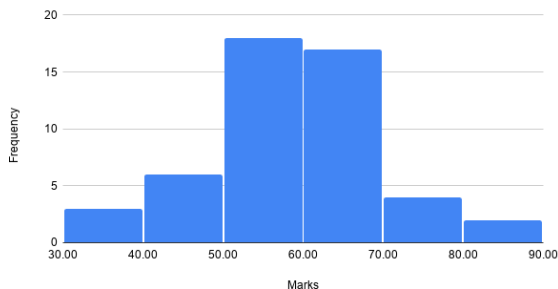
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## Steps to construct a stemplot

- Step 1** Think of each observation as a stem—consisting of all but the rightmost digit—and a leaf, the rightmost digit.
- Step 2** Write the stems from smallest to largest in a vertical column to the left of a vertical rule.
- Step 3** Write each leaf to the right of the vertical rule in the row that contains the appropriate stem.
- Step 4** Arrange the leaves in each row in ascending order.

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2		23589
3		16
4		58

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2. Construct a stemplot to describe numerical data.