ANALYZING AND INTERPRETING COURSE GRADES AND ASSESSMENT DATA

Session 2: Summarizing Data

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OVERVIEW

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Session 1: Preparing Data for Analyses

Session 2: Summarizing and Visualizing Data

Session 3: Using Data to Make Decisions

OBJECTIVES

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- At the conclusion of this presentation, you should be able to:
  1. Calculate basic descriptive statistics.
  2. Construct informative data figures.
  3. Use both in order to form meaningful questions of interest.

DATA IMPORT

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- We've created a dummy data set for this session
- You can download it here: **http://bit.ly/quiz_scores**
- We'll import our `quiz_scores.csv` file into SPSS

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- Let's import our grades data into SPSS
  1. File >> Open >> Data
  2. Navigate to your grades data
     2.1 Be sure to select `Text (*.txt, *.dat, *.csv, *.tab)` under Files of type:
  3. Open
  4. Continue
  5. Select **Yes** under Are variable names included at the top of your file?
  6. Continue to Step 6 of 6 and select Done

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- From here we need to set up our data file so our output is a little more organized
    1. Select Variable View
    2. I like to add clean variable names under Labels (e.g., ID, Gender, Quiz, Score)
    3. We need to tell SPSS that Gender: 1 = “Female”; 2 = “Male”
    4. Similarly, we need to label the values for each quiz (e.g., Quiz: 1 = “Quiz 1”)

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    3. Do quiz scores differ among men and women?

QUIZ SCORES BY GENDER

1. What is the mean quiz score by gender?

- Descriptive Statistics:
    1. Analyze >> Compare Means >> Means
    2. Dependent variable: `score`
    3. Independent variable: `gender`
    4. Options:
        - 4.1 Number of Cases
        - 4.2 Minimum
        - 4.3 Mean
        - 4.4 Maximum
        - 4.5 Standard Deviation

QUIZ SCORES BY GENDER

1. What is the mean quiz score by gender?

Gender	n	Min.	M	Max.	SD
Female	50	4.00	18.30	26.00	5.21
Male	50	6.00	16.12	26.00	5.45

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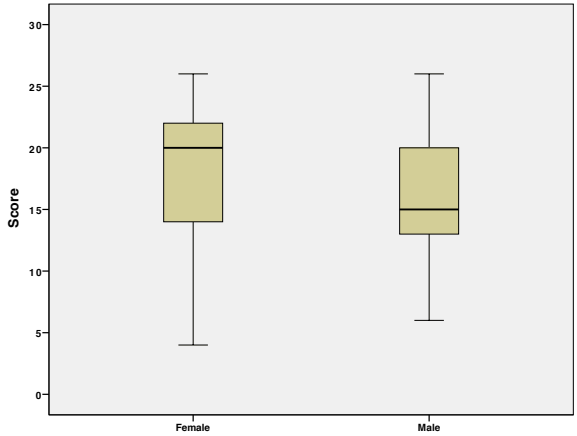
- Let's look at a box plot
    1. Graphs >> Legacy Dialogs >> Boxplot
    2. Select Simple then Define
    3. Variable: `score`
    4. Category Axis: `gender`
    5. Select OK

QUIZ SCORES BY GENDER

- Let's look at a box plot
  - What can we tell about the distribution of quiz scores by gender?



QUIZ SCORES MINUS GENDER

- On your own, let's answer our next question:
  2. Holding gender constant, what is the mean score by quiz?
     - 2.1 Be sure to calculate descriptive statistics
     - 2.2 Build a plot of your choice

QUIZ SCORES MINUS GENDER

2. Holding gender constant, what is the mean score by quiz?

Quiz	n	Min.	M	Max.	SD
1	20	9.00	13.25	19.00	2.45
2	20	4.00	12.75	22.00	4.24
3	20	7.00	16.45	24.00	6.02
4	20	16.00	21.55	26.00	2.31
5	20	19.00	22.05	26.00	2.19

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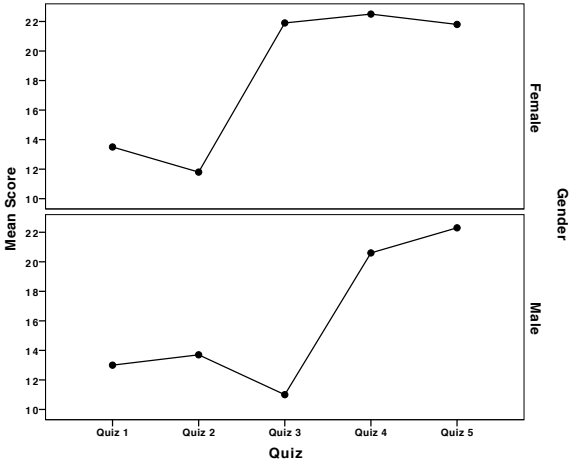

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3. Do quiz scores differ among men and women?
    - 3.1 Analyze >> Commpare Means >> Independent-Samples T Test
    - 3.2 Test Variable: `score`
    - 3.3 Grouping Variable: `gender` (1, 2)

SESSION 3

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- Using Data to Make Decisions
- Wednesday April 13, 12:00 PM
- We'll use a modified version of the course grades data to:
    1. Identify which tests of inferential statistics are most appropriate given the question(s) and nature of their data.
    2. Implement tests of inferential statistics.
    3. Interpret inferential test results.

QUESTIONS?