Measurement of Data

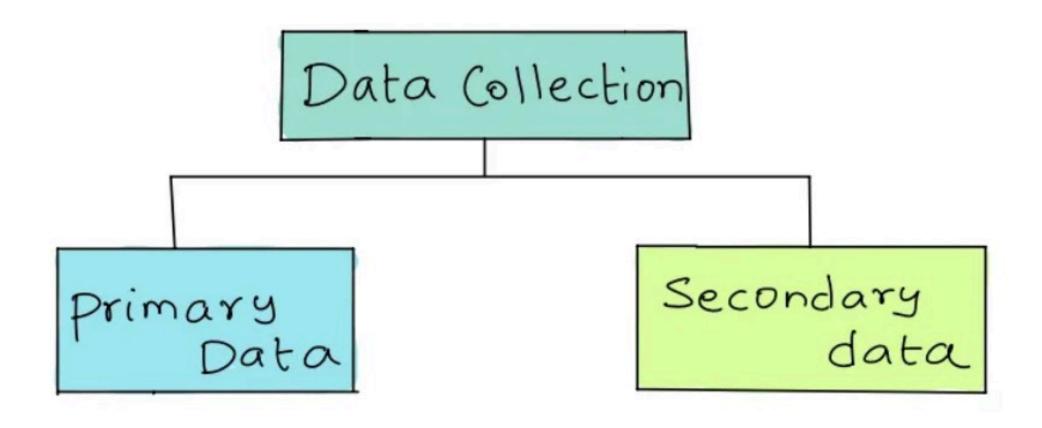
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Data Collection

Types of Data

- Primary data: Surveys, Questionnaires
- Secondary data: Hospital records, public repositories

Data Collection



Source: Medium

Scales of Measurement

Qualitative Data (Categorical data)

- Nominal
- Ordinal

Quantitative Data (Numerical data)

- Interval
- Ratio

Nominal Scale

Nominal Scale

- Does not have a numerical magnitude
- Classifies or categorizes data
- Responses are usually coded
- Measured by counting frequencies in each code or category
- Summary indices are usually proportions, rates and percentages

Examples

- Blood Group: A, B, AB, O
- Sex: Male, Female
- Marital Status: Single, Married

Ordinal Scale

Ordinal Scale

- Has properties of nominal data
- It is ranked and ordered

Examples

- Cancer stage
- Level of education
- Level of income

Interval Scale

Interval Scale

- Measurement is expressed in numbers
- Starting point is arbitrary
- There is no absolute zero point
- Has unit of measurement

Examples

- Temperature(Celsius or Fahrenheit)
- IQ Scores
- pH measure

Ratio Scale

Ratio Scale

- Has properties of interval scale
- Possesses true zero point
- Can be categorized to ordinal scales
- Each numerical interval is one unit of measurement

Examples

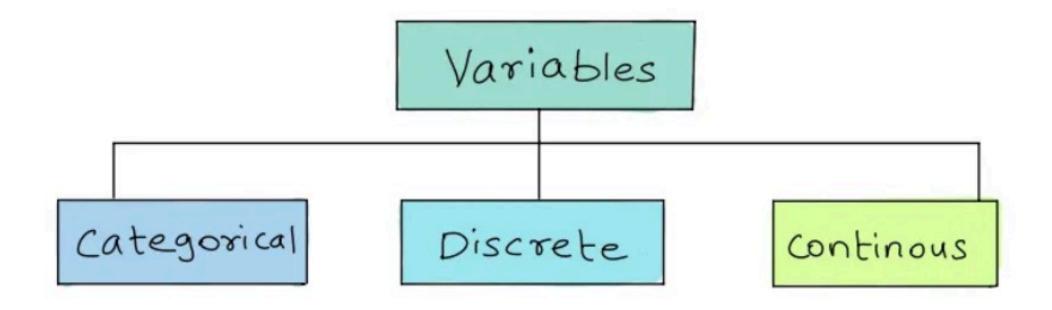
- Height
- Weight
- Age
- Blood pressure

Variables

What is a variable?

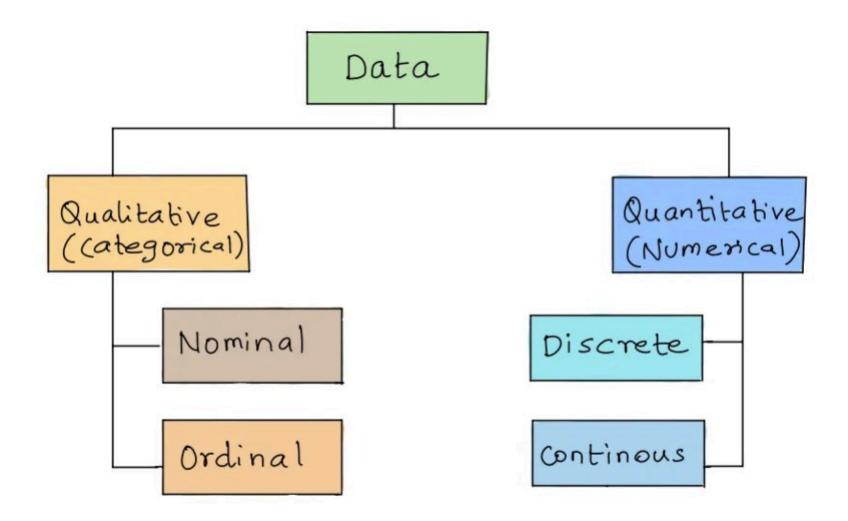
A variable is a characteristic, number, or quantity that can be measured or quantified.

Variable



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