

Summarizing Data

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Introduction

Summarizing Data

- Raw data by itself is not useful
- Need to extract insight from data
- Data needs to be summarized to gain insights
- Can summarize in two ways:
 - Tabular summary
 - Graphical summary

Tabular Summary

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Frequency Table

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- Organizes data from the sample by listing distinct values or classes
- Shows the frequency of each class in the sample
- Can be constructed for categorical or numerical data:
 - For categorical variable, it shows the number of observations in each category
 - For discrete numeric variable, it shows how many times each value has been observed
 - For continuous numeric variable, classes or bins are formed first, then the table shows how many values fall in each class
- Forms the basis for graphical summaries like bar charts and histograms

Example: Frequency Table for Categorical Variable

Suppose we have a discrete variable with four categories: A, B, C and D. The data in the sample is: A, B, A, D, A, A, B, C, C, B, A, A, C, D, D, B, D, C, C, B, C. The Frequency table would be:

Category	Tally	Frequency
A		6
B		5
C		6
D		4

The tally column is only used to keep track of the data when counting by hand.

One can add a percentage column in necessary.

Frequency Table for continuous Numeric Variable

- Data is grouped into classes or groups
- Each class has the same class interval (the difference between the upper limit and the lower limit of each class)

Before making the table, need to decide the value of:

- Either the number of classes or groups
- Or, the class interval for each class or group

Frequency Table for continuous Numeric Variable (cont.)

There is no hard and fast rules for setting the classes or the class interval.

It usually depends on the variable and its range (difference between the highest value and the lowest value).

- For example, if the range is 50, then with class interval of 10, there will be 5 classes
- Conversely, if 10 classes are wanted, then the class interval will be 5

Too many or too few classes may fail to reveal the basic shape of the data.

Frequency Table for continuous Numeric Variable (cont.)

Sometimes, the classes are determined through subject-matter considerations.

For example, in case of vitamin D levels:

- Values lower than 10 ng/mL would be classified as deficient
- 10 to 30 is insufficient
- 30 to 100 is sufficient
- Above 100 is considered toxic

Example

Make a frequency table with the following data: 30, 40, 5, 110, 11, 15, 55, 20, 130, 45, 30, 47, 52, 68, 105, 62, 52, 98, 76, 85, 83, 91, 49, 38, 57, 27, 23, 42, 9, 65

Solution:

The range in the sample is = highest value - lowest value = $130 - 5 = 125$

Therefore, with 5 classes, the class interval would = $125/5=25$

Example (cont.)

Category	Tally	Frequency
5 - 30		7
30 - 55		10
55 - 80		6
80 - 105		4
105 - 130		3

For each class, the upper limit is excluded and the lower limit is included, except for the last class in which the upper limit is also included. This is called upper limit exclusive and lower limit inclusive. This is necessary because the variable is continuous, so there is no gap between the values of each class.

Tabular Summary

Contingency Table

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- A contingency table is used to summarize the relationship between two (or more) categorical variables
- Data are arranged in rows and columns, where each cell contains the frequency for a specific combination of categories
- Row totals, column totals, and a grand total are often included
- It helps identify patterns, associations, or possible dependence between variables

Example: Contingency Table

		Lung Cancer		Total
Smoking	Yes	No		
Smoker	55	45	100	
Non-smoker	10	90	100	
Total		65	135	200

In the above, it can be seen that lung cancer percentage is higher among the smokers compared to those who do not smoke.

Graphical Summary

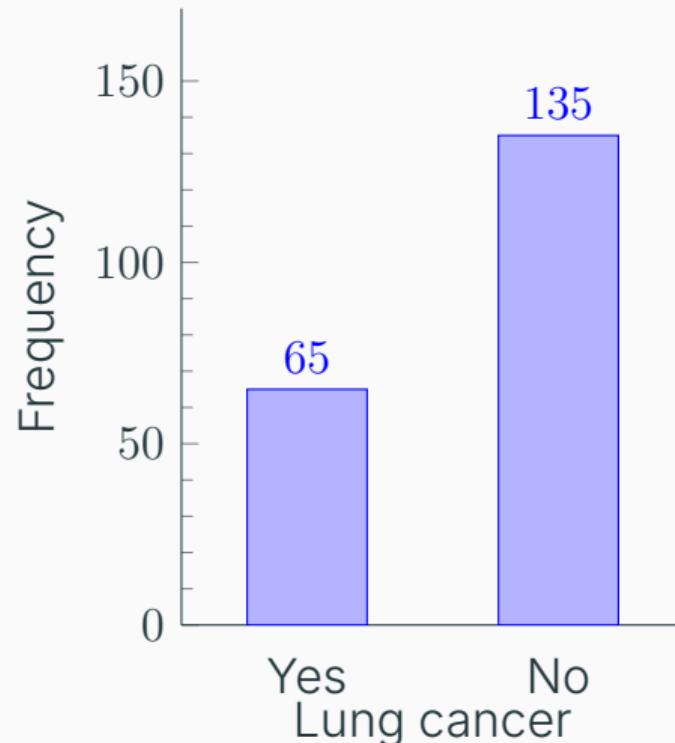
Graphical Summary

Categorical Data

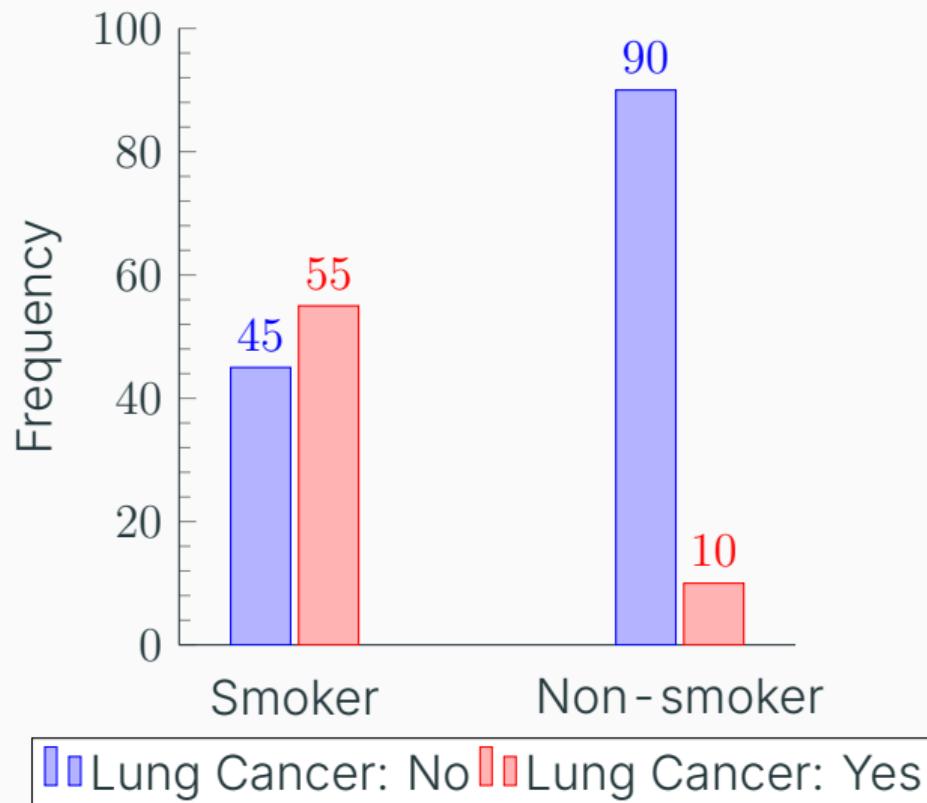
Graphs and Charts for Categorical variables

- Bar diagram
- Clustered bar diagram, stacked bar diagram
- Pie chart

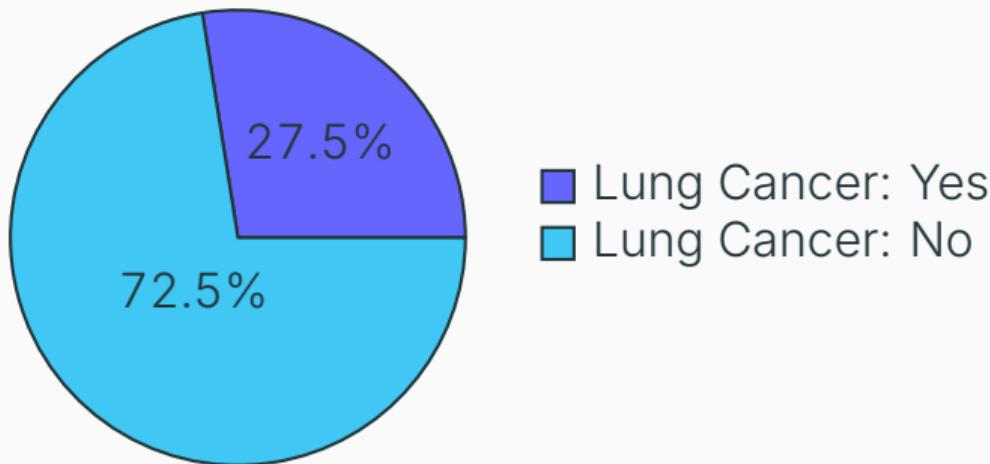
Bar Diagram



Clustered Bar Diagram



Pie Chart



Graphical Summary

Numeric Data

Graphs and Charts for Numeric variables

- Frequency Polygon
- Ogive curve
- Histogram
- Density Plot
- Scatterplot

Frequency Polygon

- Graphically shows the information provided by a frequency table
- Not used for categorical variables
- The information is laid out in a Cartesian plane (a 2D graph with two axes)
- For discrete numeric variables, the X axis shows the individual values of the variable
- For continuous numeric variables, the variable is grouped into a few classes first, just like in Frequency table. Then the class midpoints are plotted on the X axis
- The Y axis denotes the frequency of each value on the X axis
- Two empty classes with 0 frequency, are added at the start and the end of the data

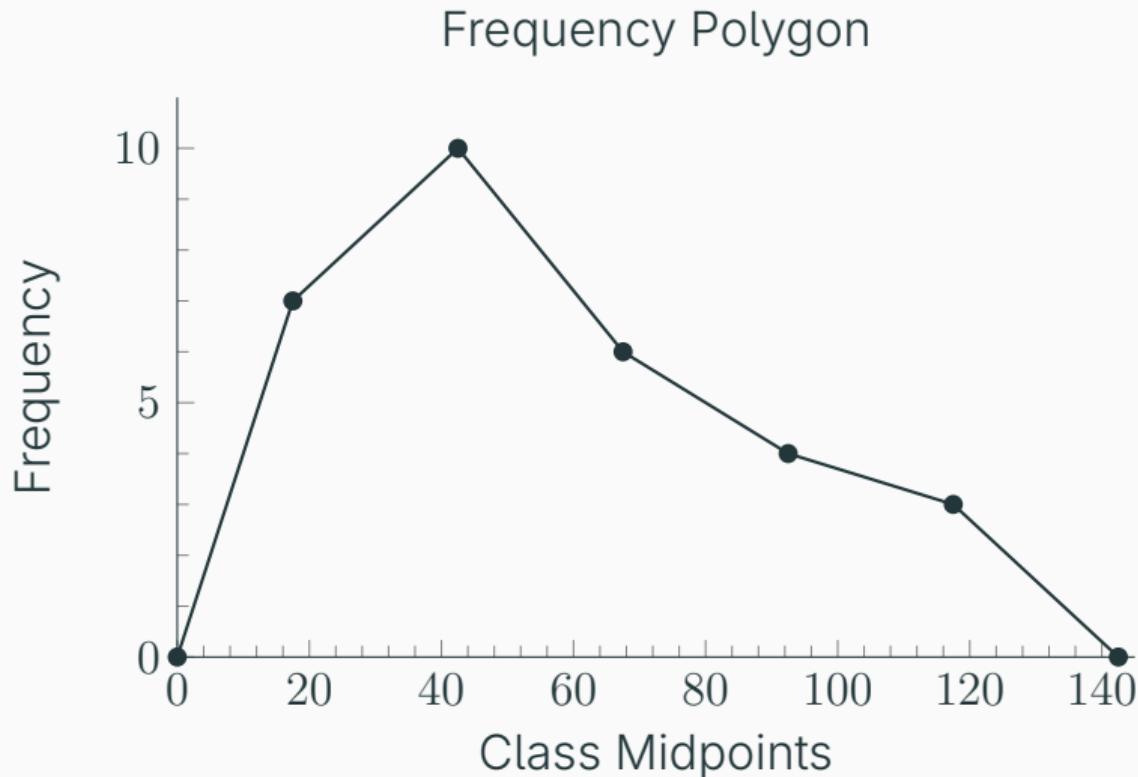
Example: Frequency Polygon

Below is the frequency table from page 7:

Category	Class midpoint	Frequency
5-30	17.5	7
30-55	42.5	10
55-80	67.5	6
80-105	92.5	4
105-130	117.5	3

The class frequencies will be plotted against the class midpoints.

Example: Frequency Polygon (cont.)



Questions?
