

Good graphics checklist

Bananas

I find it challenging to get a clear understanding of each year from this graph.

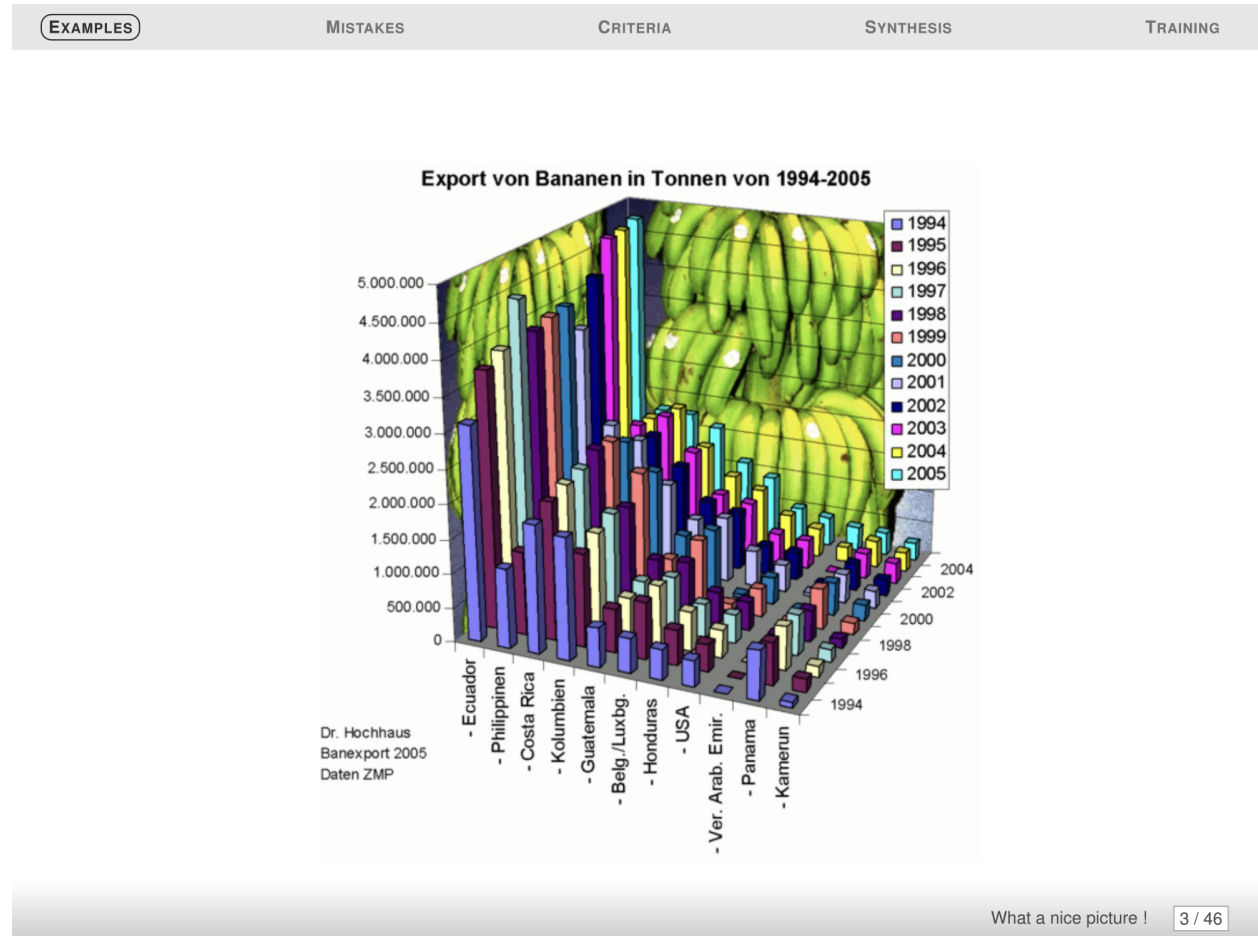


Figure 1: Bananas

Data

- ☐ Type of graphic adapted
- ☐ Interpolation make sense
- ☒ Sufficient number of points
- ☐ Building method clear
- ☐ Confidence intervals visualized
- ☐ Appropriate steps for histograms
- ☐ Histograms visualize probabilities

Graphical objects

- ☐ Graphical objects are readable on any support
- ☐ Standard color range

- ☐ Axis identified and labelled
- ☐ Scales units are explicit
- ☐ No ambiguity when curves cross
- ☐ Grid helps reading

Annotation

- ☐ Axis are labelled by quantities
- ☐ Labels of the axis are clear, and self contained
- ☐ Units are indicated on the axis
- ☐ Axes are oriented from bottom-left to top-right
- ☐ Origin should be (0,0), if not it should be clearly justified
- ☐ No Hole on the axes
- ☐ the order's of graph/histogram bar is based on classical ordering
- ☐ Curves and Bar has legend

Information

- ☒ Curves on the same scale
- ☐ Less than 6 curves
- ☒ Compare curves on same graphics
- ☐ A curve cannot be removed without reducing infos
- ☒ The graphic gives relevant infos
- ☐ If showing average, don't forget the error bars
- ☐ It is not possible to remove object without altering readability

Context

- ☒ All symbols used are defined and references
- ☐ The graphics is the most appropriate representation for the data
- ☒ The graphic has a title
- ☐ The title is meaningful and self contained
- ☐ The graphic is referenced in text
- ☐ The text comment the figure