# **Advanced Data Visualization Lecture Notes (Lecture 2-5 - 8 Hours)**

# **Best practices in Data visualization:**

#### **Line Charts:**

- Usage: Trends and changes over time.
- **Purpose:** Shows relationships within a continuous data set.
- Limit: No more than 5 to 7 lines.

# **Bar Charts and Histograms:**

- Usage: Used when there are more than 10 items to compare.
- Purpose: Quantitative data of different categories.

#### **Scatter Plots:**

• Purpose: Display values for two variables in a data set.

#### **Pie Charts:**

- Usage: Shows parts of a whole.
- **Purpose:** Proportion.
- Limit: No more than 7 categories.

### **Proportional Maps:**

- Usage: Shows parts of a whole.
- **Purpose:** Allows trends to be seen.

#### **Area Charts:**

• Usage: Change over time, general trends, continuity within a data set.

# **Pyramid Charts:**

• Usage: Hierarchy or order of steps.

#### **Word Clouds:**

- Usage: Display frequencies or categories.
- **Purpose:** Trends and recurrences.

#### **Column Chart:**

• **Purpose:** Compare various categories with subcategories.

#### **Area Chart:**

• **Purpose:** Show how values develop over time.

#### **Continuous Data:**

• Chart Type: Histogram (bars touch).

## **Categorical or Discontinuous Data:**

• Chart Type: Bar plot (bars do not touch).

### 1 Binary Measure:

• Chart Types: Histogram, (novice: pie chart).

### 1 Quantitative Measure:

- **Purpose:** Understand distribution.
- Chart Types: Histogram, Density Plot (pay attention to bins).
- **Expert:** Boxplot, violin plot.

# 1 Categorical Measure:

• Chart Types: Bar plot, (optionally: pie chart).

# 1 Binary Factor, 1 Quantitative Measure:

• Chart Type: Violin plot.

# 1 Quantitative Factor, 1 Quantitative Measure:

- Ordered Data:
  - Chart Type: Area chart.
  - Few Points: Connected Scatter plot.

### 2 Quantitative Measures:

- **Few Points:** Scatter plot (+ linear regression for trend, + interactivity).
- Many Points: 2D Density plot.

# 2 Categorical Measures:

• Chart Type: Bar plot.

## 1 Binary Factor, 2 Categorical Measures:

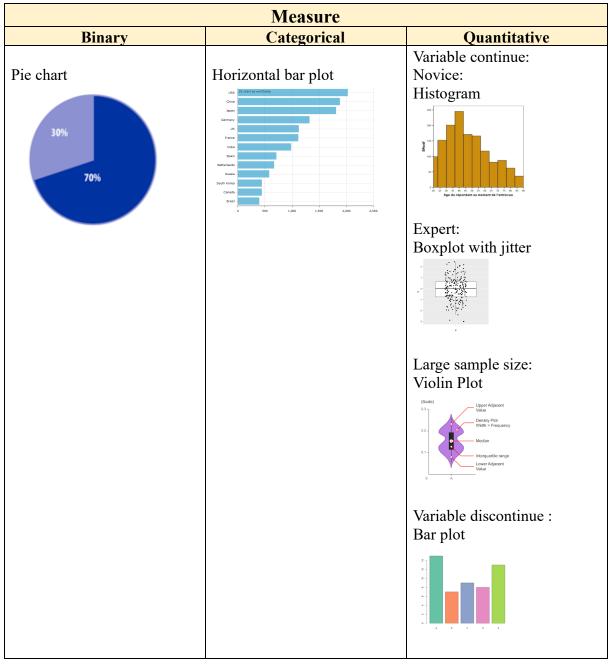
• Chart Types: Bar plot, Histogram.

# 2 Numeric Variables:

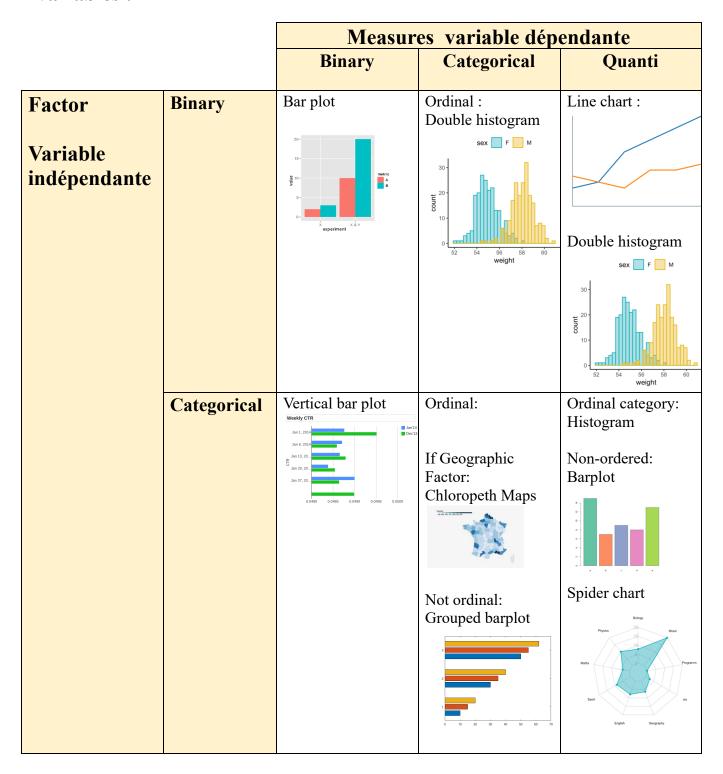
• Chart Type: Scatter plot.

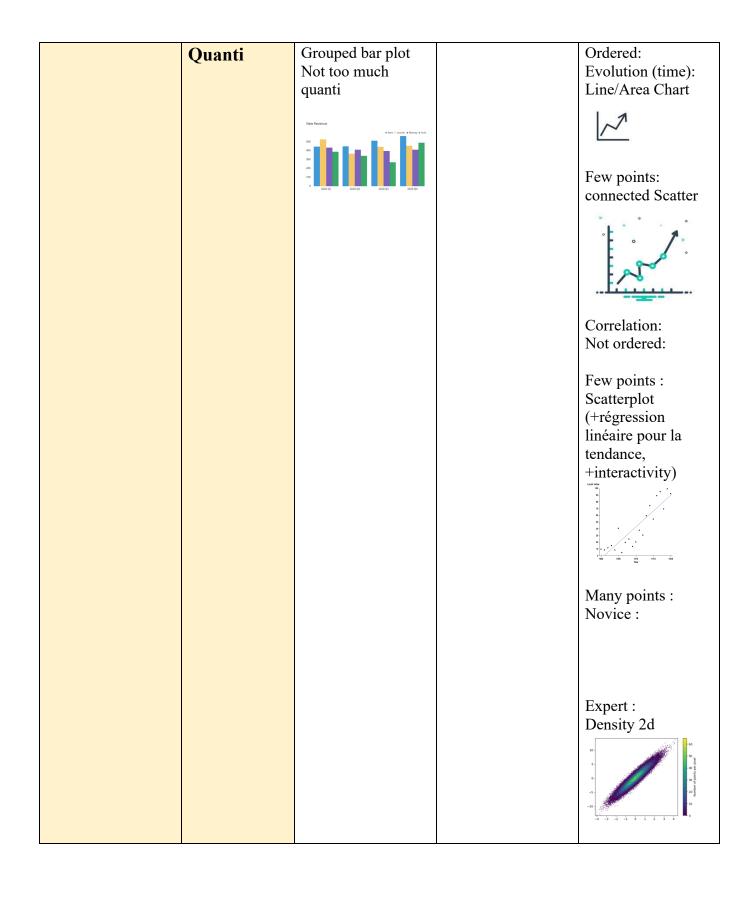
# One variable:

Show the distribution



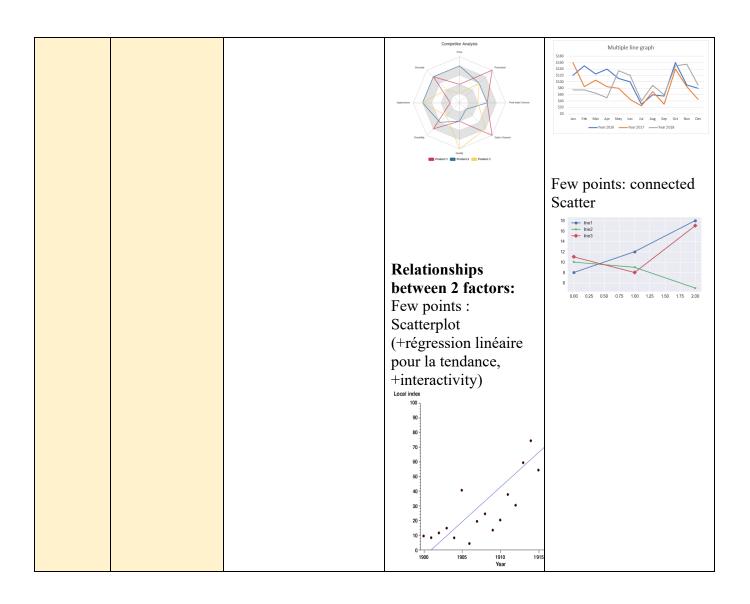
# 2 variables:





# 3 variables or plus:

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