

Quiz Week 13

1. What is the main purpose of causal inference in data visualization?

- A) Identifying correlations between variables
- B) Determining cause-and-effect relationships between variables
- C) Analyzing data biases in visualization
- D) Predicting future outcomes

Answer: B) Determining cause-and-effect relationships between variables

2. What is the key difference between correlation and causation?

- A) Correlation involves variables, while causation involves constants.
- B) Correlation implies a cause-and-effect relationship, while causation involves a statistical association.
- C) Correlation identifies relationships, while causation involves a direct influence of one variable on another.
- D) Correlation requires controlled experiments, while causation relies on observational data.

Answer: C) Correlation identifies relationships, while causation involves a direct influence of one variable on another.

3. In the context of causal inference, what does "confounding" refer to?

- A) A technique to manipulate variables in controlled experiments
- B) A type of statistical model for establishing causation
- C) The presence of hidden variables that affect both the cause-and-effect variables
- D) The process of identifying spurious correlations

Answer: C) The presence of hidden variables that affect both the cause-and-effect variables

4. Which of the following statements is true regarding controlled experiments for causal inference?

- A) Controlled experiments are not suitable for establishing cause-and-effect relationships.
- B) Controlled experiments involve manipulating variables to determine correlations.
- C) Controlled experiments are ideal for causal inference as they allow the manipulation of variables.
- D) Controlled experiments only work for observational data.

Answer: C) Controlled experiments are ideal for causal inference as they allow the manipulation of variables.

5. What is a potential consequence of reverse causality in causal inference?

- A) It leads to the overfitting of statistical models.
- B) It creates a spurious correlation between variables.
- C) It masks the true causal effect.
- D) It mistakes the effect for the cause.

Answer: D) It mistakes the effect for the cause.

6. What is a "spurious correlation" in the context of causal inference?
- A) A correlation that occurs due to chance and has no underlying relationship.
 - B) A correlation that involves two variables with a direct cause-and-effect relationship.
 - C) A correlation that is difficult to visualize using data visualizations.
 - D) A correlation that only occurs when using machine learning techniques.

Answer A) A correlation that occurs due to chance and has no underlying relationship.

7. What type of relationship is described when an increase in the value of one variable leads to a decrease in the value of another?
- A) Positive Causation
 - B) Negative Causation
 - C) Spurious Correlation
 - D) Inverse Correlation

Answer B) Negative Causation

8. How can visual techniques aid in understanding complex causal relationships?
- A) By creating random patterns in data visualization
 - B) By providing entertainment value to viewers
 - C) By facilitating natural and effortless comprehension
 - D) By emphasizing correlations over causations

Answer C) By facilitating natural and effortless comprehension

9. Which of the following is NOT a potential pitfall in causal inference?
- A) Sampling Bias
 - B) Confounding Variables
 - C) Reverse Causality
 - D) Overfitting

Answer D) Overfitting

10. What type of visualization represents the relationship between two variables, such as the number of cups of coffee consumed and productivity?
- A) Line chart
 - B) Bar chart
 - C) Scatterplot
 - D) Pie chart

Answer C) Scatterplot