# DEVS306 - Tables \& Graphs 

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## Outline of the sessions

- 1st meeting - Understanding tables \& graphs
- 2nd meeting - Creating tables \& graphs
- 3rd meeting - Group presentations


## Meetings \& way of work

- Three meetings:

| -13.4 .2014 | $12: 15-16: 00$ |
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| -14.4 .2014 | $12: 15-16: 00$ |
| -20.4 .2014 | $12: 15-16: 00$ |

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- Group work:
- Creating tables and graphs from the given data
- Presenting created tables and graphs during class
- Active (!) discussion on presentations


# Visual presentation of data 

## what is it?

Estimates of relative survival rates, by cancer site

|  | \% survival rates and their standard errors |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 5 year |  | 10 year |  | 15 year |  | 20 year |  |
| Prostate | 98.8 | 0.4 | 95.2 | 0.9 | 87.1 | 1.7 | 81.1 | 3.0 |
| Thyroid | 96.0 | 0.8 | 95.8 | 1.2 | 94.0 | 1.6 | 95.4 | 2.1 |
| Testis | 94.7 | 1.1 | 94.0 | 1.3 | 91.1 | 1.8 | 88.2 | 2.3 |
| Melanomas | 89.0 | 0.8 | 86.7 | 1.1 | 83.5 | 1.5 | 82.8 | 1.9 |
| Breast | 86.4 | 0.4 | 78.3 | 0.6 | 71.3 | 0.7 | 65.0 | 1.0 |
| Hodgkin's disease | 85.1 | 1.7 | 79.8 | 2.0 | 73.8 | 2.4 | 67.1 | 2.8 |
| Corpus uteri, uterus | 84.3 | 1.0 | 83.2 | 1.3 | 80.8 | 1.7 | 79.2 | 2.0 |
| Urinary, bladder | 82.1 | 1.0 | 76.2 | 1.4 | 70.3 | 1.9 | 67.9 | 2.4 |
| Cervix, uteri | 70.5 | 1.6 | 64.1 | 1.8 | 62.8 | 2.1 | 60.0 | 2.4 |
| Larynx | 68.8 | 2.1 | 56.7 | 2.5 | 45.8 | 2.8 | 37.8 | 3.1 |
| Rectum | 62.6 | 1.2 | 55.2 | 1.4 | 51.8 | 1.8 | 49.2 | 2.3 |
| Kidney, renal pelvis | 61.8 | 1.3 | 54.4 | 1.6 | 49.8 | 2.0 | 47.3 | 2.6 |
| Colon | 61.7 | 0.8 | 55.4 | 1.0 | 53.9 | 1.2 | 52.3 | 1.6 |
| Non-Hodgkin's | 57.8 | 1.0 | 46.3 | 1.2 | 38.3 | 1.4 | 34.3 | 1.7 |
| Oral cavity, pharynx | 56.7 | 1.3 | 44.2 | 1.4 | 37.5 | 1.6 | 33.0 | 1.8 |
| Ovary | 55.0 | 1.3 | 49.3 | 1.6 | 49.9 | 1.9 | 49.6 | 2.4 |
| Leukemia | 42.5 | 1.2 | 32.4 | 1.3 | 29.7 | 1.5 | 26.2 | 1.7 |
| Brain, nervous system | 32.0 | 1.4 | 29.2 | 1.5 | 27.6 | 1.6 | 26.1 | 1.9 |
| Multiple myeloma | 29.5 | 1.6 | 12.7 | 1.5 | 7.0 | 1.3 | 4.8 | 1.5 |
| Stomach | 23.8 | 1.3 | 19.4 | 1.4 | 19.0 | 1.7 | 14.9 | 1.9 |
| Lung and bronchus | 15.0 | 0.4 | 10.6 | 0.4 | 8.1 | 0.4 | 6.5 | 0.4 |
| Esophagus | 14.2 | 1.4 | 7.9 | 1.3 | 7.7 | 1.6 | 5.4 | 2.0 |
| Liver, bile duct | 7.5 | 1.1 | 5.8 | 1.2 | 6.3 | 1.5 | 7.6 | 2.0 |
| Pancreas | 4.0 | 0.5 | 3.0 | 1.5 | 2.7 | 0.6 |  | 0.8 |

## Tables



Column


Line


Bar



Pie


Scatter


Spider

## Graphs or charts



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Concept maps


## Photography

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## Drawings



## Schemas

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## U.S. Unemployment Map (2000-2013)



## Maps



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## Timelines

## Timeline of World War I



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## 2. Why do we need visuals in a text?

- Communicates your ideas in different ways
- Makes your ideas and statements look more clear, persuasive and supported by evidence
- Emphasizes the most important information in the text
- Makes your text less boring and easier to read

In order to finish this course successfully, you have to attend all three meetings. You have to be active in the discussions during lectures, group work and small classroom tasks. You are required to participate in the group work and fulfill the tasks, assigned by the teacher. As an outcome of the group work, you have to prepare a presentation and to carry it out during the last meeting.

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Attend all meetings


Be active in class

Make a presentation



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## 3. When do we need tables or graphs in a text?

- (I) When we deal with numbers:
- Many different numerical expressions in one paragraph or sub-chapter (time, temperature, percentages, size, etc)
- Many very large or very small numbers in one paragraph / sub-chapter (number of country inhabitants, GDP, sizes of atom, etc)
- When these numbers are your main or at least one of the most important results

The busiest time of the day at a London underground station is in the morning. There is a sharp increase between 06:00 and 08:00, with 400 people using the station at 8 o'clock. After this the numbers drop quickly to less than 200 at 10 o'clock. Between 11 am and 3 pm the number rises, with a plateau of just under 300 people using the station. In the afternoon, numbers decline, with less than 100 using the station at 4 pm . There is then a rapid rise to a peak of 380 at 6 pm . After 7 pm , numbers fall significantly, with only a slight increase again at 8 pm , tailing off after 9 pm .

London Underground station passengers


## 3. When do we need tables or graphs in a text?

- (II) When we deal with categories or groups:
- If there are many categories or groups and you use them often in the text
- If it is important for a reader to remember the groups and categories used in the text
- If there is specific connection between groups or categories stressed in the text
- When these categories or groups are your main or at least one of the most important results

| Informant title | Gender | Size of firm | Experience (years) | Qualification |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :--- |
| 1. Senior executive | Male | B | 19 | MBA |
| 2. Owner | Male | A | 8 | BSC |
| 3. Senior executive | Male | C | 23 | MBA |
| 4. Senior executive | Male | C | 12 | BSc |
| 5. Senior executive | Male | B | 16 | MBA |
| 6. Owner | Female | A | 17 | BA |
| 7. Senior executive | Male | B | 18 | BA |
| 8. Senior executive | Male | D | 22 | PhD |
| 9. Owner | Male | A | 14 | BSc |
| 10. Senior executive | Male | A | 19 | MBA |
| 11. Owner | Male | A | 12 | BA |
| 12. Senior executive | Male | A | 16 | BA |
| 13. Senior executive | Male | B | 8 | MBA |

Table I.
Descriptive list of the informants

Notes: A, fewer than ten full-time employees; B, $11-49$ full-time employees; C, $50-249$ full-time employees; D , more than 250 full-time employees

## 2. When do we need other visual means in a text?

- (III) When we deal with visual analysis or want to show the context:
- Provide graphics to illustrate your main ideas or findings (important posters, signs, photos, etc)
- If it is very important for the reader to know the context (photos of the place, illustration of an area)
- Be very careful not to overload the text with graphics!


Figure 3. Posters showing icons of the Soviet past and post-communist consumerism
ushered in 'normality' also introduced new 'heroes'. If within this category one counts those who courageously participated in the anti-Soviet opposition, one may highlight dissidents, progressive members of the cultural elite and ordinary citizens who resisted oppression. If one counts those who are venerated in the public square, one might be persuaded that contemporary adulation - if not heroism in its conventional sense - is granted to the post-communist European consumer who has crushed beneath the soles of his stylish new shoes the drab, gray proletarian hero of Soviet society. The proletarian


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## 4. How to understand tables and graphs in a text?

- General five steps:

Step 1: General overview
Step 2: WHAT do the numbers mean?
Step 3: HOW do they differ?
Step 4: WHERE are the differences?
Step 5: WHY do they change?

## Step 1: General overview

- Find most important information:
- what is the general topic being examined?
- what is being compared?
- how are they being compared?
- what is the source and credibility of the data?

LOOK AT: title, axes, headings, legends, footnotes and source.
Take into account the questions asked in surveys and polls, sample size, sampling procedures and sampling error.

Table 4 Selected labour market indicators of the G7 for those aged 25 to 64



## Step 2: WHAT do the numbers mean?

- Make sure you know what all the numbers (\%, average, '000s, Cl , per capita, etc.) represent
- Look for the largest and smallest values in one or more categories or years to get an impression of the data
- Look what stands for total number (where do you find 100 percent?)
- Try to find if there are any exceptional numbers (too high or too small)

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|  | United <br> States | United Kingdom | Canada | Japan | France | Germany | Italy |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\qquad$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Berow upper secondary | ${ }^{16}+$ | 35 | 30 |  | 49 | 18 |  |
| Upper secondary and postsecondary | $54^{+}$ | 49 | 42 | .. | 36 | 60 |  |
| Tertiary | $30^{+}$ | 16 | 28 |  | 15 | 22 |  |
| 02 | $=10$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Delow upper secondary | 13 | 16 | 17 | 16 | 35 | 17 | 54 |
| Upper secondary and postsecondary | 49 | 57 | 40 | 47 | 41 | 60 | 26 |
| Tertiary | 38 | 27 | 43 | 36 | 24 | 23 | 10 |
| Employment rate by educational attainment 1991 | 100\% = 52\% employed + 48\% other status |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Below upper secondary Upper secondary and postsecondary | 52 74 | 61 78 | 55 75 | . | 58 | 51 | 54 |
| Upper secondary and postsecondary Tertiary | 74 85 | 78 86 | 75 82 | -. | 78 85 | $\begin{aligned} & 74 \\ & 86 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 2002 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Below upper secondary | 57 | 53 | 55 | 67 | 58 | 51 | 50 |
| Upper secondary and postsecondary | 74 | 79 | 76 | 74 | 77 | 70 | 72 |
| Tertiary | 83 | 88 | 82 | 80 | 83 | 84 | 82 |
| Ovehall unemployment rate |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1993 1998 | 6.9 | 10.0 | 11.4 | 2.5 | 11.1 | 7.7 | 10.1 |
| $\binom{1998}{2003}$ | 4.5 | 6.2 | 8.3 | 4.1 | 11.1 | 9.1 | 11.7 |
| 2003 | 6.0 | 5.0 | 7.6 | 5.3 | 9.4 | 9.6 | 8.6 |
| Average actual hours worked per week |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1993 | 35.1 | 33.1 | 33.0 | 36.6 | 30.5 | 29.6 | 31.2 |
| 1998 | 35.4 | 33.3 | 33.7 | 35.4 | 29.7 | 28.6 | 31.2 |
| 2003 | 34.5 | 32.2 | 33.0 | 34.6 | 27.5 | 27.8 | 30.6 |

Note: The selection of years was largely based on what was currently available from the OECD.

## Exceptional

numbers?

Exceptional numbers?

## Step 3: HOW do they differ?

- Look at the differences in the values of the data.
- Where is the biggest difference?
- How much is the biggest difference?
- Does it represent any change?
- Look at the differences
- over time, or
- comparison within a category (male-female, etc.)
- Graphs and tables ALWAYS show differences!

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Figure 8. Road fatalities per $\mathbf{1 0 0 0 0}$ registered vehicles in 2011


Note: data for Colombia, Malaysia and Serbia are not yet validated by IRTAD. *: denominator also includes mopeds.

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## Step 4: WHERE are the differences?

- What are the relationships that connect the variables?
-What do these values (numbers) stand for? What is exactly different?
- Use information from Step 3 to help you make comparisons across two or more categories or time frames!

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## Step 5: WHY do they change?

-Why are there differences? Try to explain them!

- Look for reasons by considering social, environmental and economic factors
- Think about sudden or unexpected changes in terms of state, national and international policies
- Think BROADER about the relationships and differences you just found!


## How many people are living with a spouse WITHOUT children?



## 5. How to write about tables and graphs in a text? (I)

- Every Figure and Table included in the paper MUST be referred to from the text
- When referring to a Figure in the text, it is abbreviated as "Fig.", while "Table" is not
- Figures and Tables are numbered independently, in sequence referred in the text (starting with Figure 1 and Table 1)
- Place each Table or Figure as near as possible to the place where you first refer to it


## How to write about tables and graphs in a text? (II)

- Do NOT retell the table or graph in a text! Analyze it!
- Do not repeat all numbers from the table or graph (Exception: if there are no exact numbers in the graph!)
- Avoid sentences that only direct to the Figure or Table
- GOOD: Road fatalities per 10000 registered vehicles differed up to 7 times in 2004 (Fig. 8)
- BAD: Figure 8 shows road fatalities per 10000 registered vehicles in 2004.


## How to write about tables and graphs in a text? (III)

- The structure of paragraph about tables and graphs:
- Introductory sentence, presenting the topic and main result
- Few sentences about other results
- Conclusion, explanation, interpretation of results
- Introductory expressions: (avoid according to)
- The graph / table shows / indicates / illustrates / reveals / represents
- It is clear / It can be seen from the graph / table
- As the graph / table shows,
- As can be seen from the graph / table,
- As is shown / illustrated by the graph / table,


## Group task

- Interpret the table and graph you receive
- Analyze according to the 5 Step Framework
- Try to explain the differences or relationships
- Formulate $\underline{3}$ sentences which you could write in a text about the table and the graph
- Write the sentences!


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