

Graphics in IBM SPSS

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Learning objectives

By the end of this session, learners should be able to

- Understand the functions of the different graphics
- Create various types of graphics using the "graphs" menu and using "frequencies"

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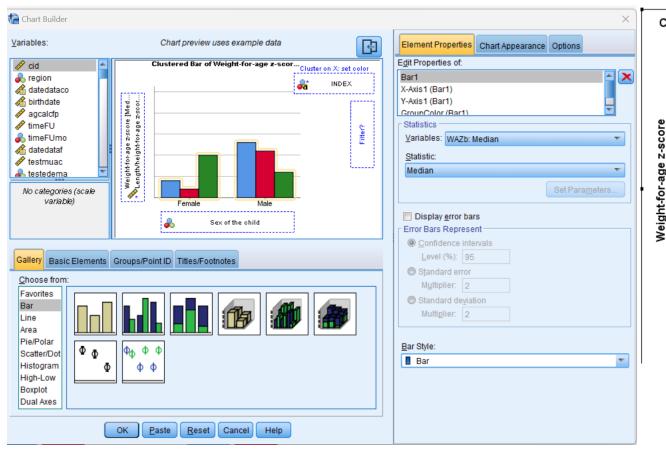
The Graphs menus:

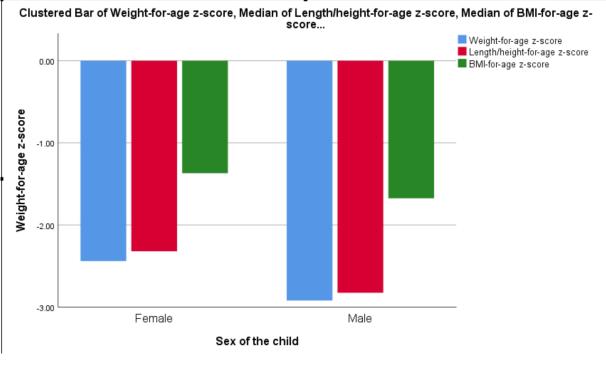
- Chart Builder
- Graphboard Template Chooser
- Legacy Dialogs

Graphboard Template Chooser

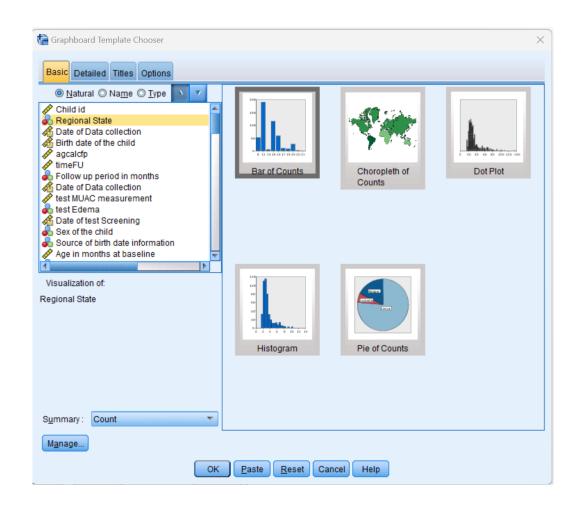
- Basic : Choose a variable first and then see the suggested graph
- Detailed: Chose graph style first, then choose the variables

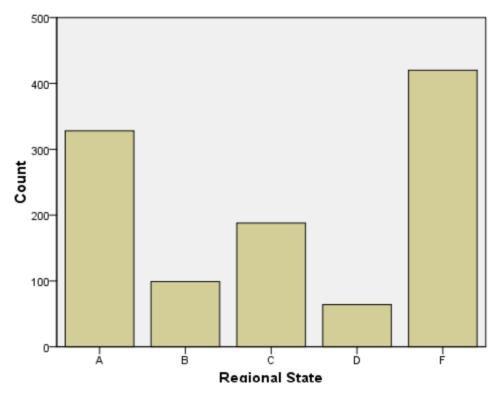
Chart builder





Graphboard Template Chooser





Graphics

Various Graphics in SPSS

- Bar chart
- Pie chart
- Histogram
- Area chart
- Line chart
- Scatter plot

Various Options for Graphics in SPSS

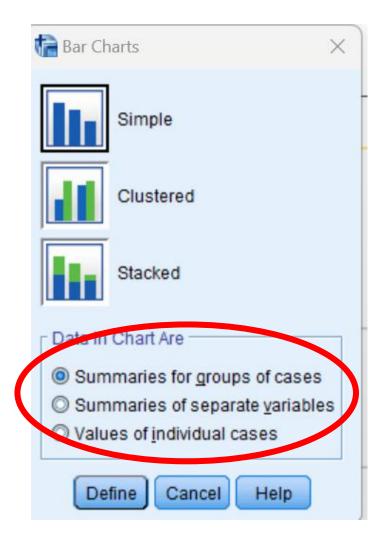
- Simple graphics: Use the Chart option in Analyze > Descriptive Statistics > Frequencies
- Complex graphics: Use Graphs in the Menu bar

Bar chart

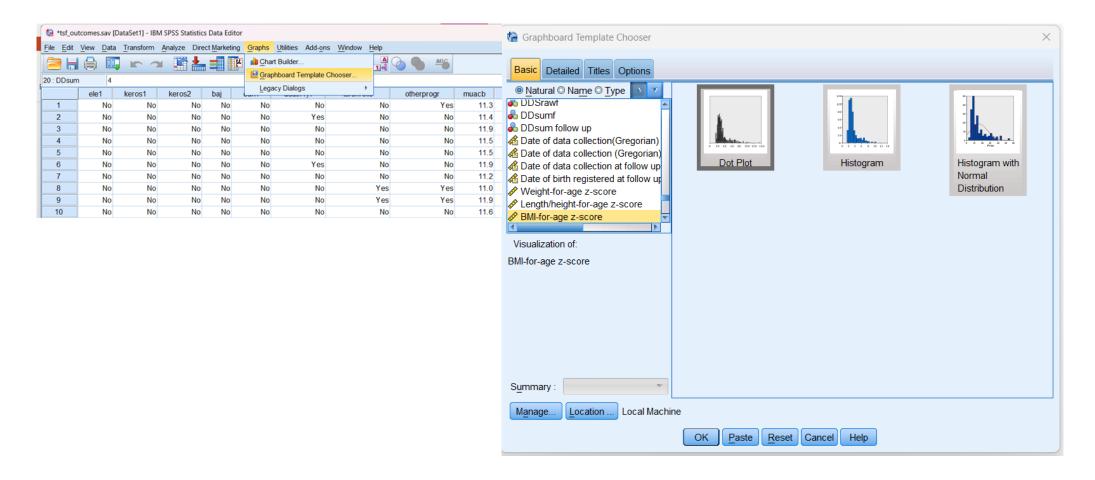
• One : Simple bar chart

• Two : Grouped bar chart

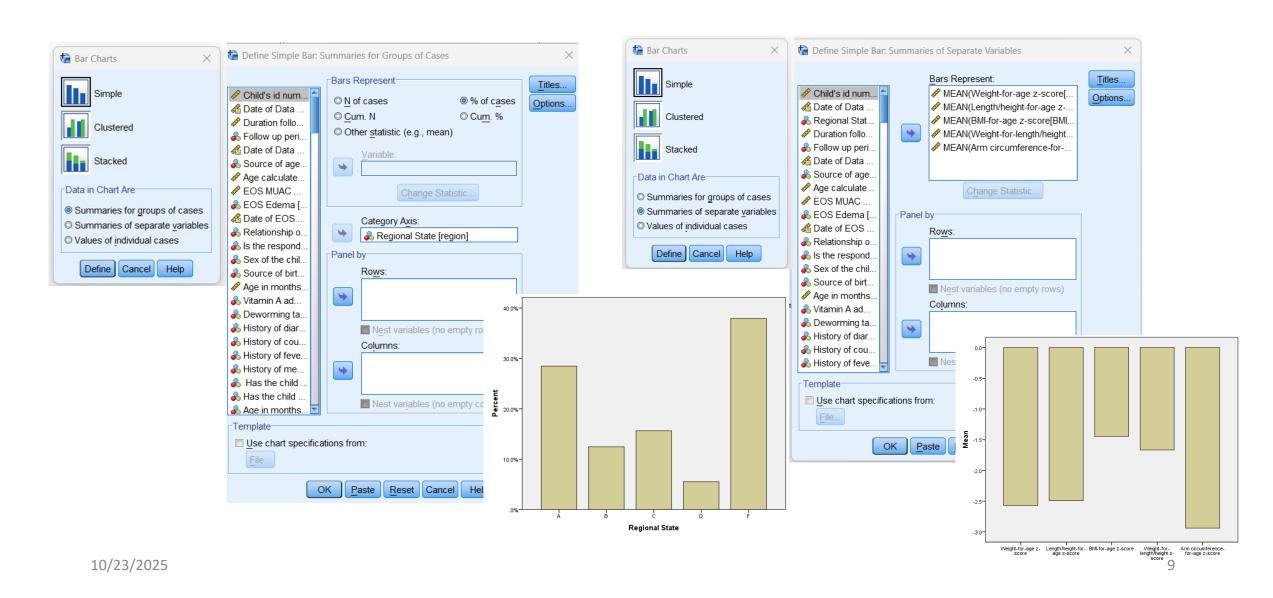
• Three : Multiple variable



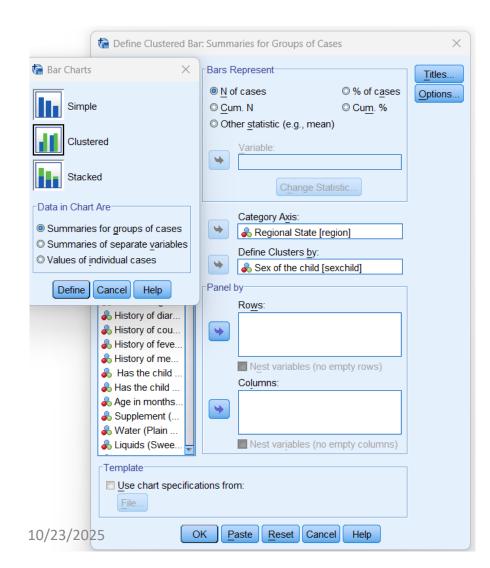
Bar chart

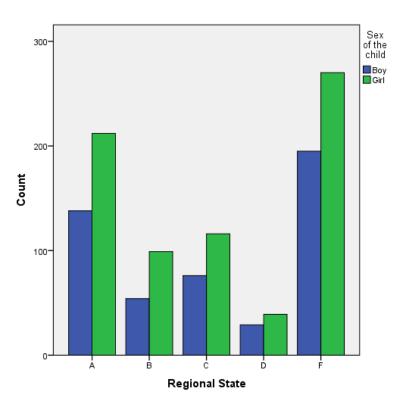


Simple bar chart (using summaries of cases, variables)

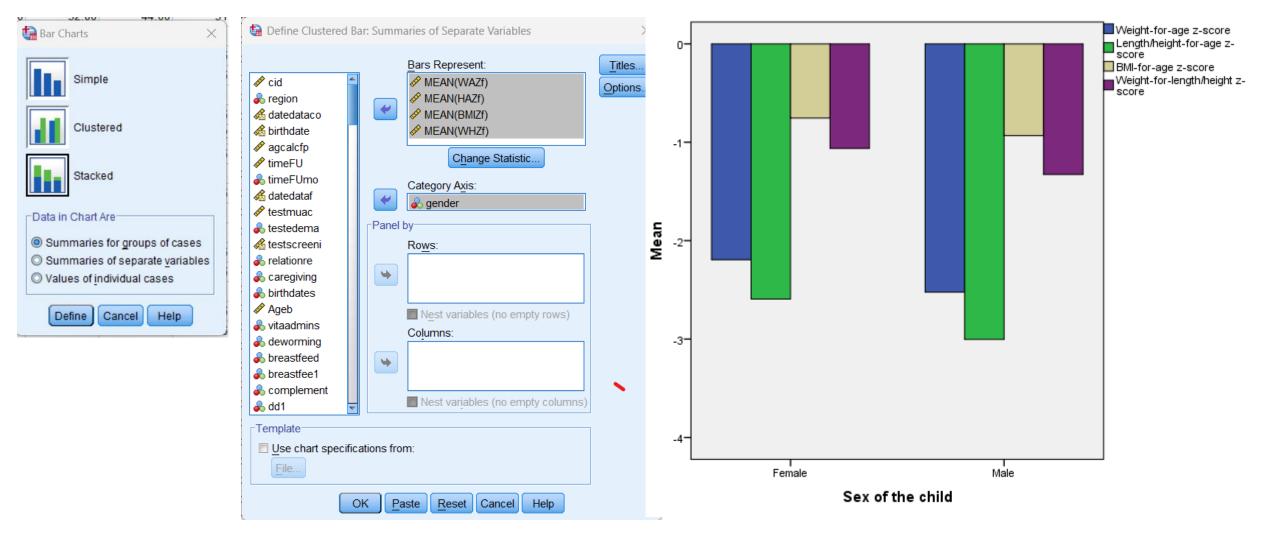


Clustered bar chart

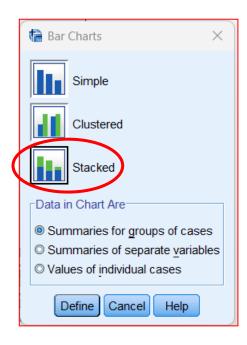


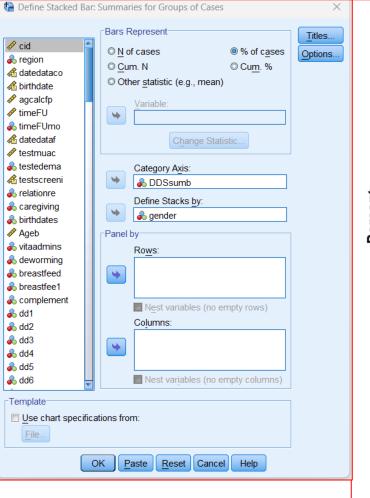


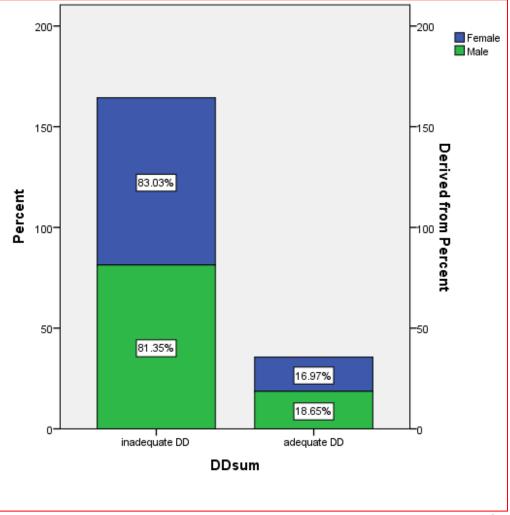
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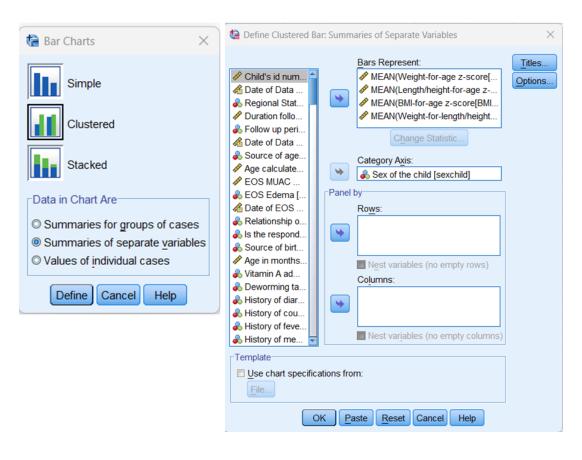
Stacked bar chart

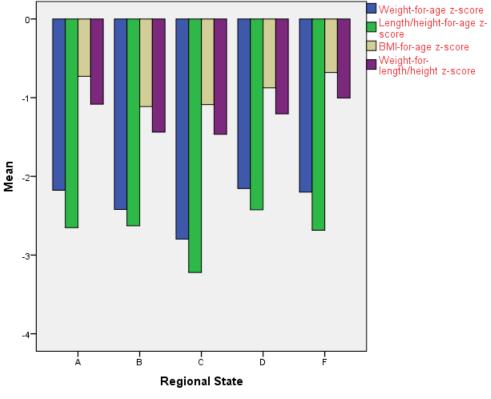






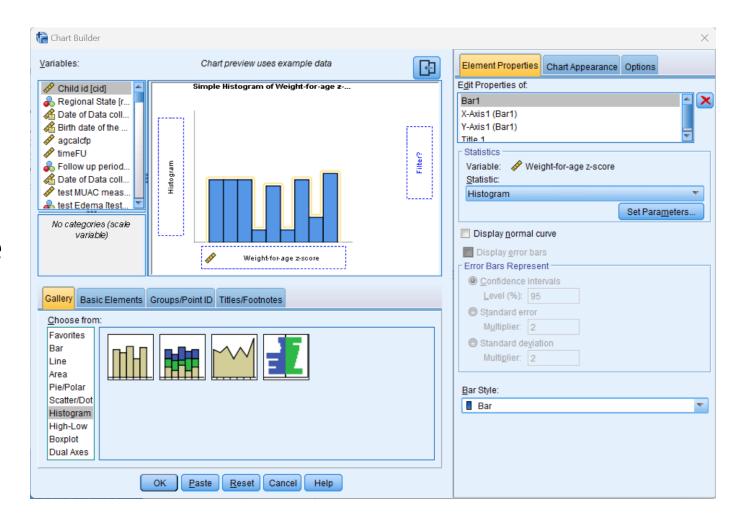
Multiple variables



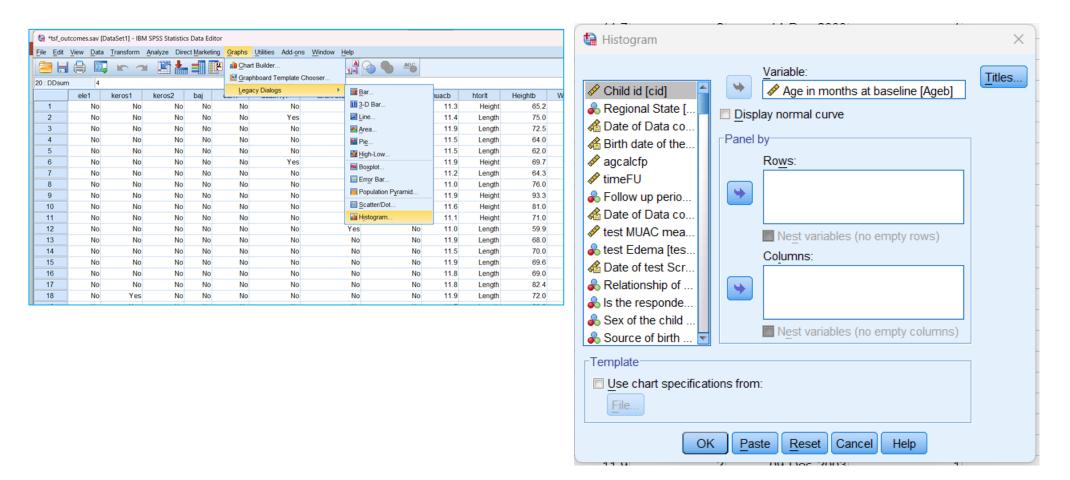


Histograms

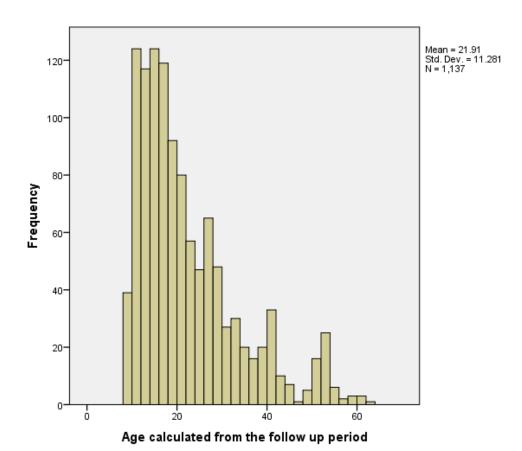
- Used with data
 - Quantitative
 - Scaled
 - Interval/ratio level
- It is called a scale of justice
- What does it do?
 - Shape
 - Outliers
 - Gaps
 - Symmetry



Histograms

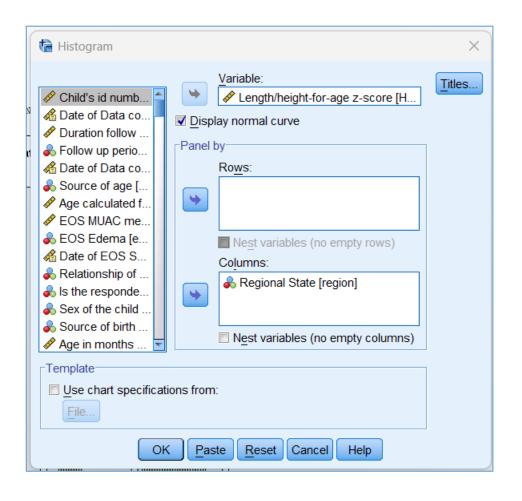


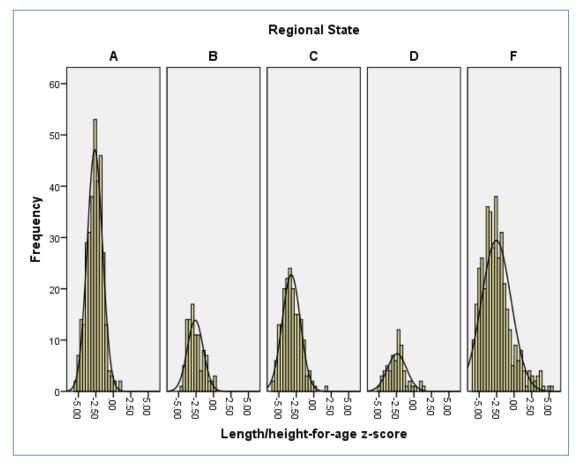
Histogram



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Scatter plots

What does it do?

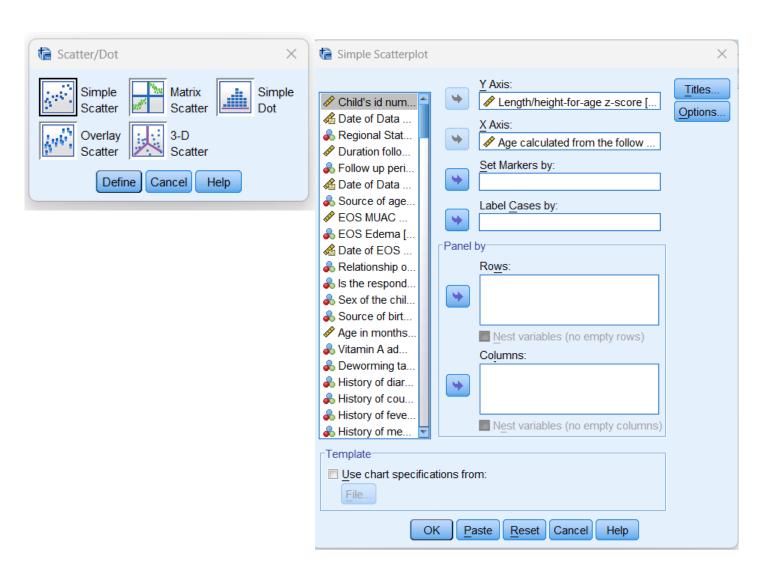
- Association between two quantitative/numerical variables
- What goes with what variable?
- Helps to visualize the association between two quantitative variables

We can visualize:

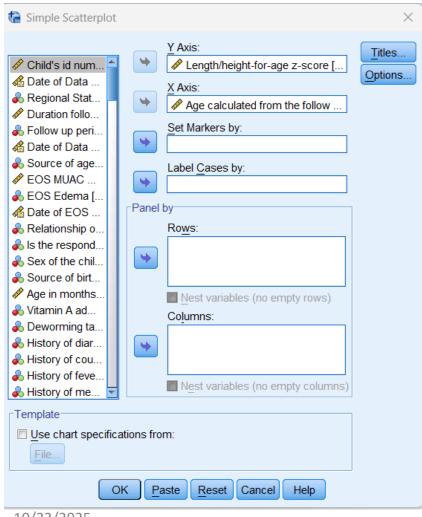
- Linearity
- Spread / heterogeneity of the data
- Outliners
- Correlation
 - Strong, weak, or no correlation,
 - Positive or negative

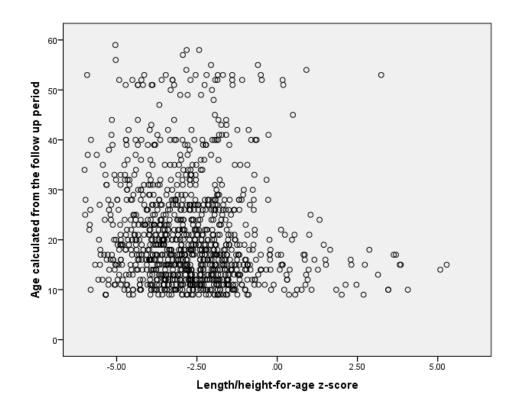
Types of scatter plots

- Simple scatter
- Matrix scatter



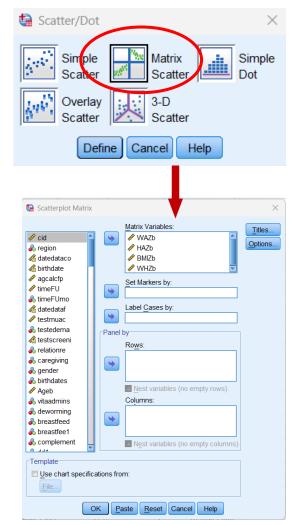
Scatter age vs LFA z-score

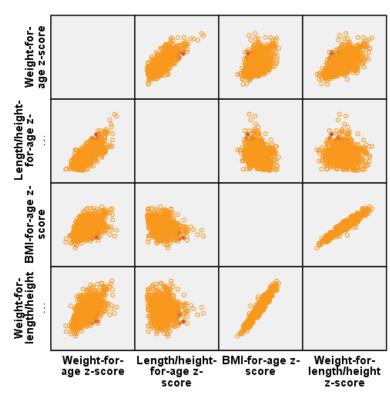




Matrix scatter

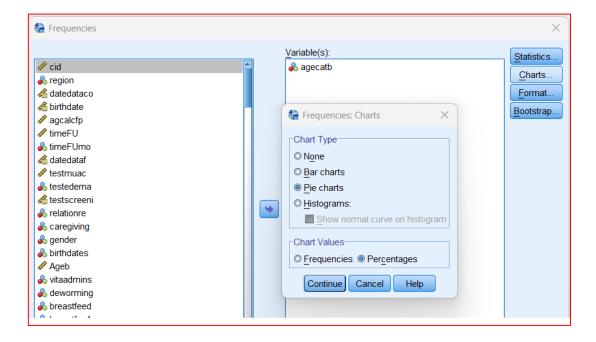
- A matrix scatter is a pair-wise scatter plot of several variables presented in a matrix format.
- What does it do?
 - Check correlation
 - Check if the correlation is negative or positive





Pie charts

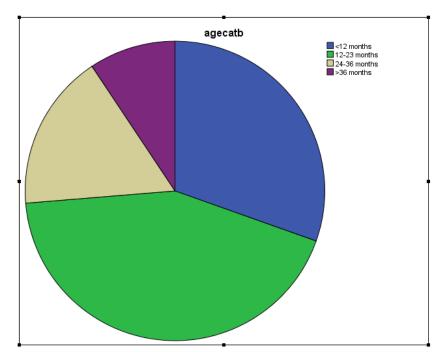
- Pie charts are ideal for showing proportions and summarizing data
- They can be made using raw data or pre-aggregated data

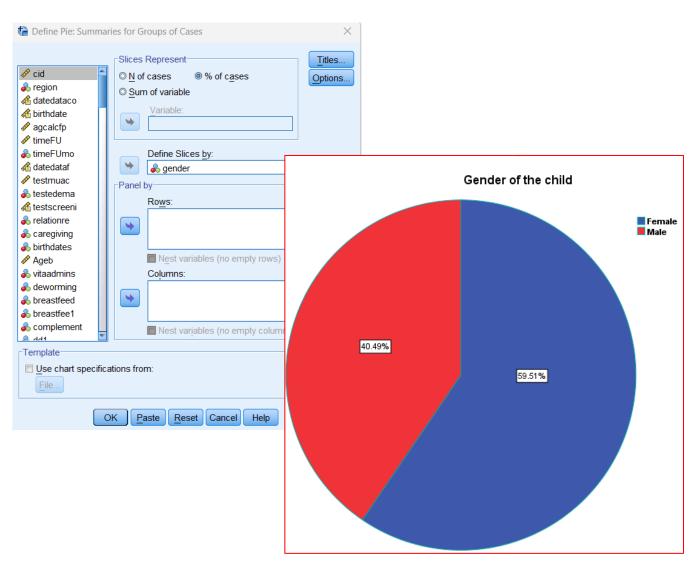


Pie charts

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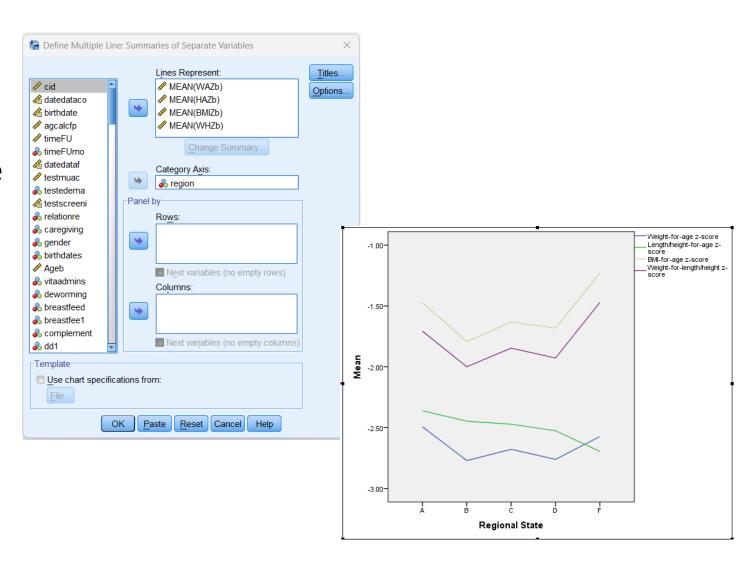
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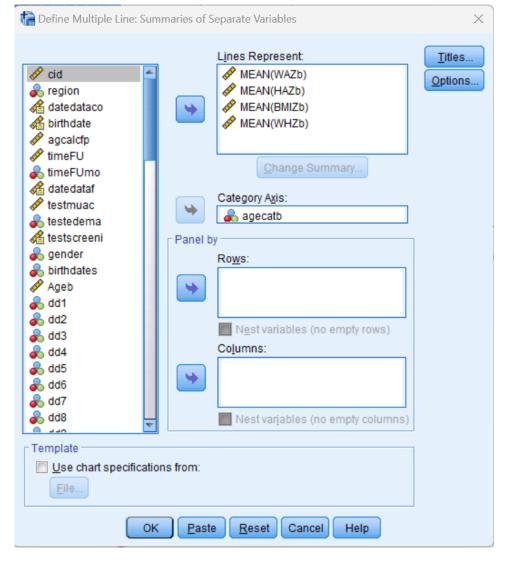


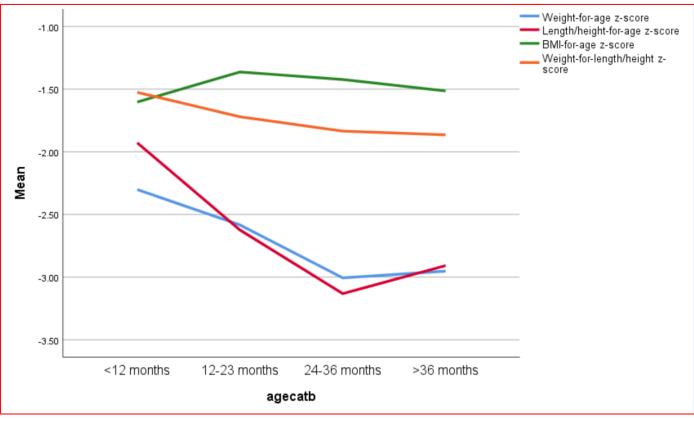
Line graphs

- Line graphs are useful in time-based designs
- Typically consists of a numerical variable over time
- More than one line can be plotted at once, as long as the time variable is consistent

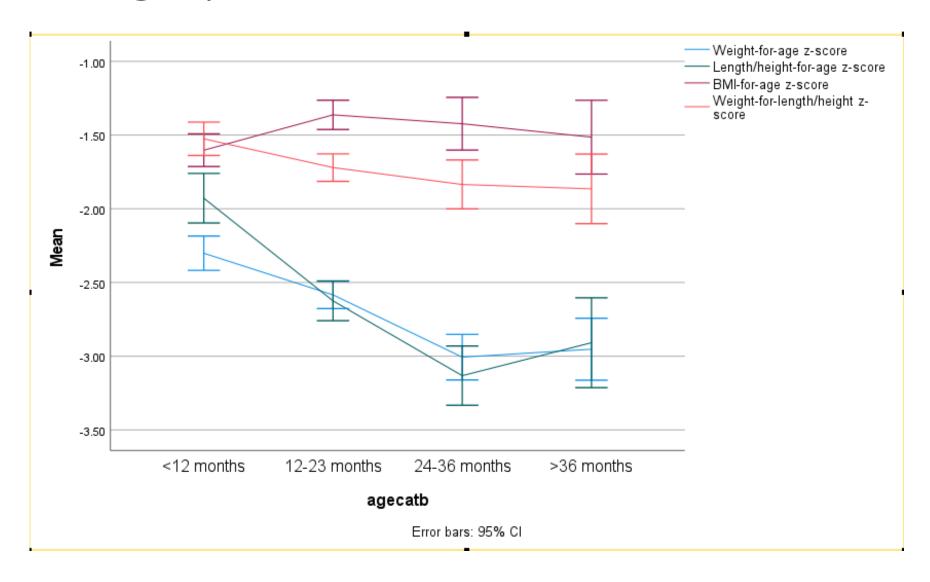


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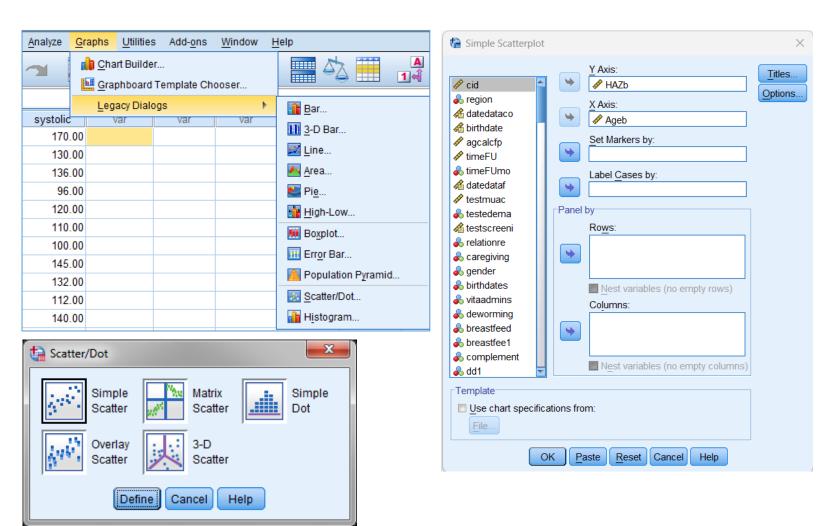


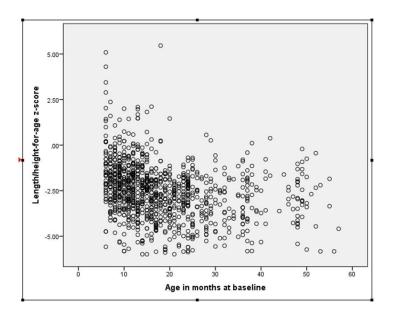


Line graph with error bars

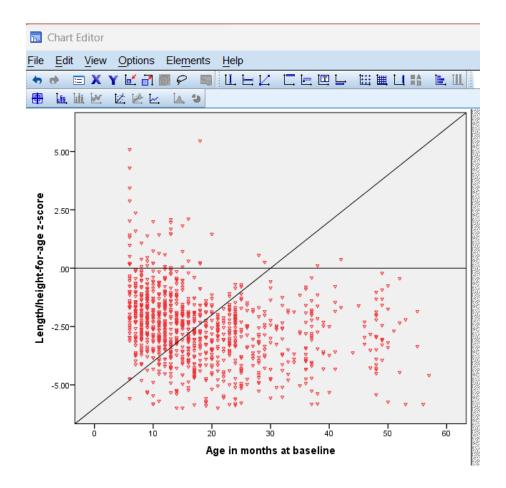


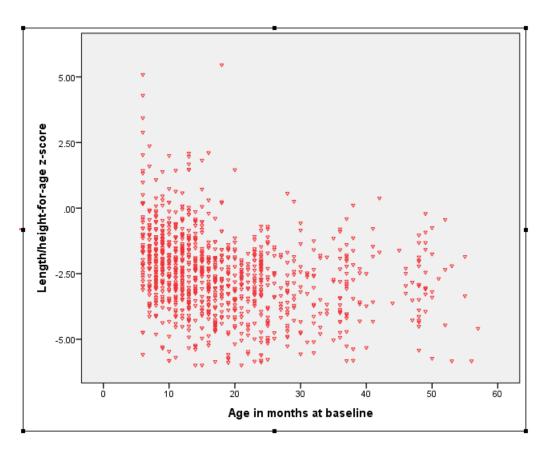
Creating and Editing Charts in SPSS





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Practice #1

- Open the data set entitled LR_exampledata.sav
- Create a scatterplot with "read" on the X-axis and "write" on the Y-axis.
 - What type of scatter plot is needed
 - Interpret the results
- Create a bar graph with "ses" on the X axis and mean "total" score on the Y axis.

What type of bar graph is needed?

Questions?