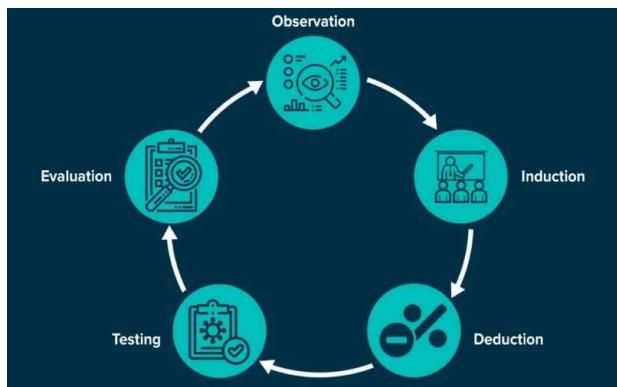


# *Empirical research in management and economics*

## Exercise

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# *Exercise 1: Levels of measurement*

*In groups of 3-5*

On which measurement level (nominal, ordinal, interval, ratio) is each of the following variables? Explain.

- a) Number of goals of FC Bayern Munich scored in the season 22/23.
- b) Field position of a soccer player (striker, defense, midfield, goalie, etc.).
- c) Salary of a randomly chosen BMW employee.
- d) Freeway traffic in Munich on Friday afternoon (light, medium, heavy).
- e) The check-in times of a company's employees.
- f) Work satisfaction ratings (from 1-8) of employees in a LIDL supermarket in downtown Munich.
- g) Annual growth rate of software companies in Germany.



# Exercise II: Data plotting

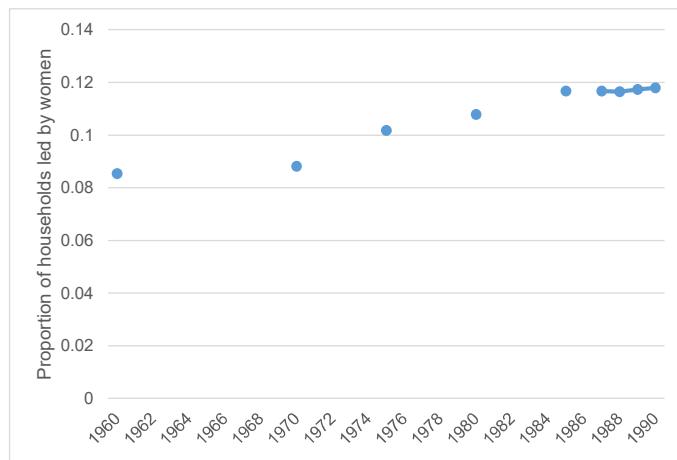
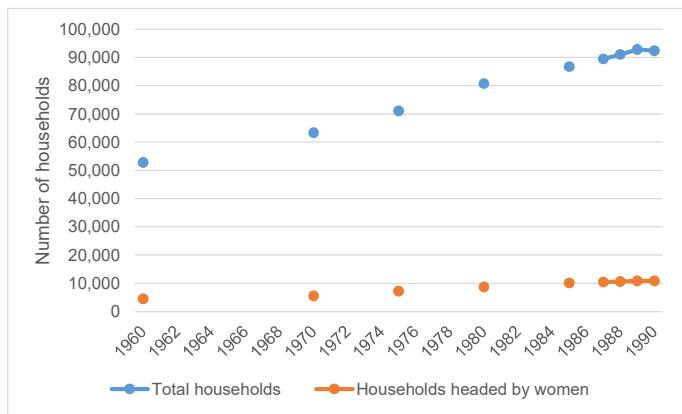
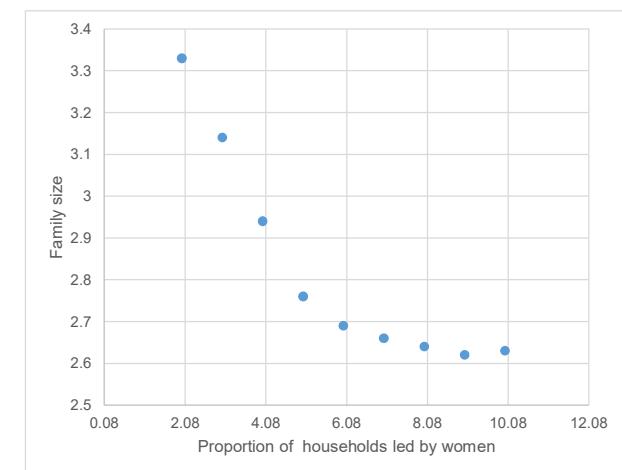
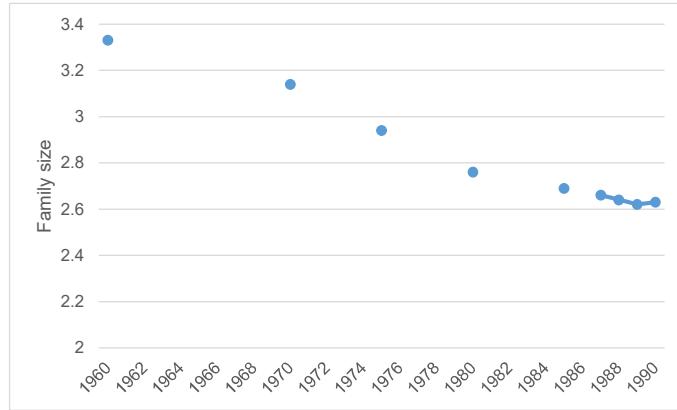
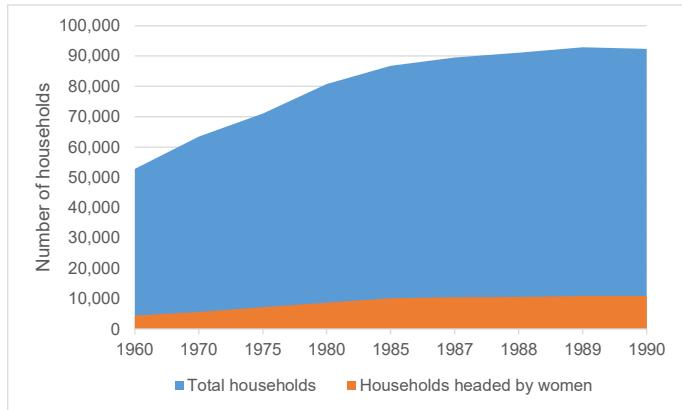
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The following data represent the total number of U.S. households, the number of households headed by a woman, and family size from 1960 to 1990 (the number of households is given in thousands).

→ Discuss how the data in the table could be visualized and what pattern in the data could be highlighted by the visualization. Draw possible plots manually (or with Excel or R; “Households.csv” file in Materials folder).

Year	Total Households	Households Headed by Women	Family Size
1960	52,799	4,507	3.33
1970	63,401	5,591	3.14
1975	71,120	7,242	2.94
1980	80,776	8,705	2.76
1985	86,789	10,129	2.69
1987	89,479	10,445	2.66
1988	91,066	10,608	2.64
1989	92,830	10,890	2.62
1990	92,347	10,890	2.63





# *Statistical software*



- Download & install the software (free)

<https://jasp-stats.org/download/>

→ Free tutorials and videos and help files

- <https://jasp-stats.org/getting-started/>



# *Exercise III: Data plotting and descriptive statistics with JASP*

- Open dataset “WorldHappiness.csv”
  - Data for 141 countries on 5 variables  
happiness score; GDP per capita (log-transformed); healthy life expectancy at birth; perceived corruption; world region
- Determine the level of measurement of each of the different variables
- Generate plots
  - Histograms and scatter plots for the variables with at least ordinal level
  - Pie chart (and frequency table) for nominal variable (“Region”)
- Compute descriptive statistics
  - Central tendency: means, median, etc
  - Variability and shape of distribution: SD, kurtosis, skewness etc



- **Free:** JASP is an open-source project with structural support from the [University of Amsterdam & others](#).
- **Friendly:** JASP has an intuitive interface that was designed with the user in mind.
- **Flexible:** JASP offers standard analysis procedures in both their classical and Bayesian manifestations.

[So open a data file and take JASP for a spin!](#)

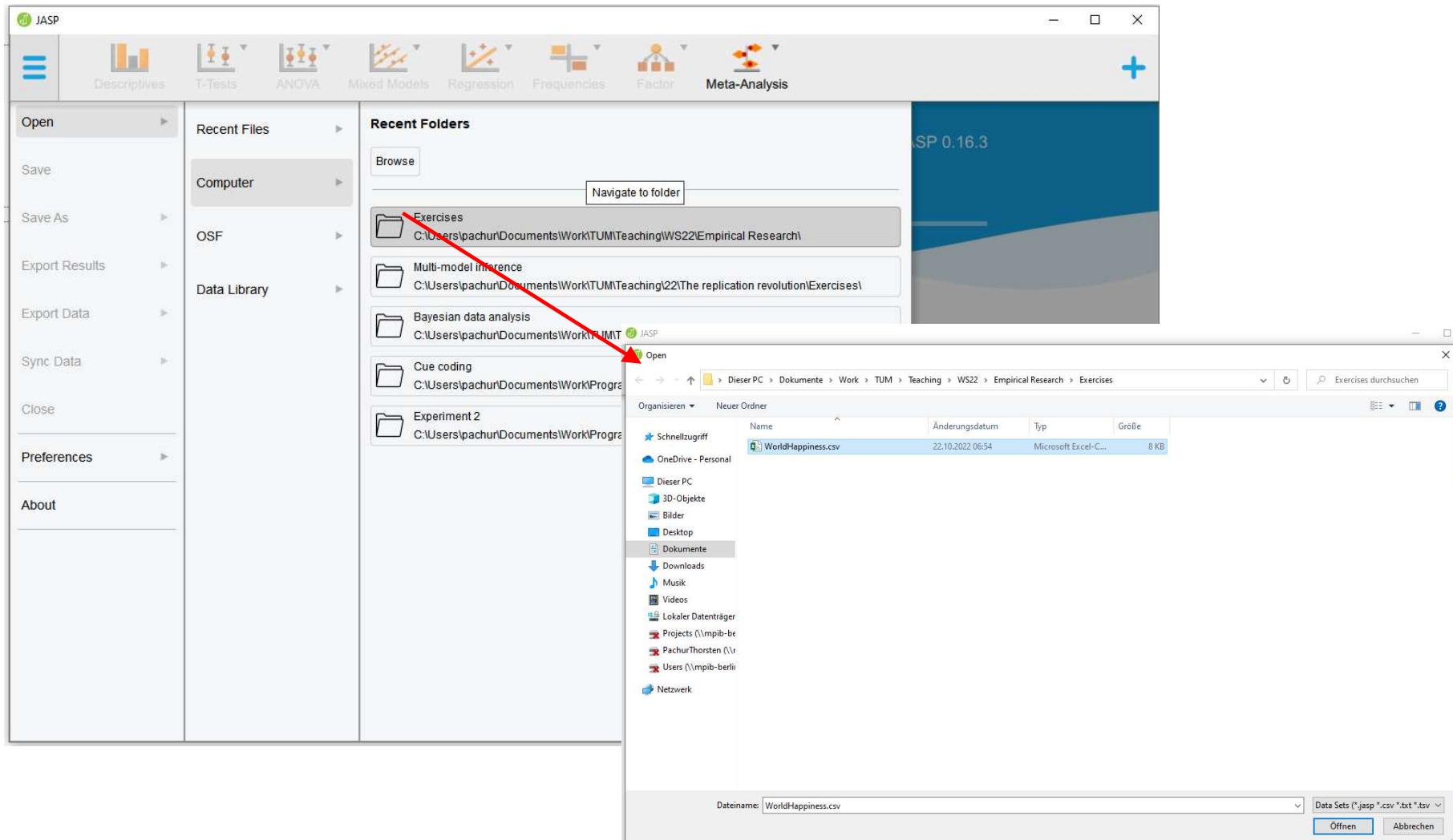
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Descriptives

Scale level of measurement

	Country	Happiness	logGDP_per_capita	Healthy_life_expectancy_at_birth	Perceived_corruption	Region
1	Scale	2.66	7.46	52.34	0.95	South Asia
2	Ordinal	4.64	9.37	69.05	0.88	Central and Eastern Europe
3	Nominal	5.25	9.54	65.7	0.7	Middle East and North Africa
4	Argentina	6.04	9.84	67.54	0.84	Latin America and Caribbean
5	Armenia	4.29	9.03	65.13	0.86	Commonwealth of Independent States
6	Australia	7.26	10.71	72.78	0.41	North America and ANZ
7	Austria	7.29	10.72	72.36	0.52	Western Europe
8	Azerbaijan	5.15	9.65	63.08	0.65	Commonwealth of Independent States
9	Bahrain	6.23	10.69	66.12	-	Middle East and North Africa
10	Bangladesh	4.31	8.16	62.5	0.64	South Asia
11	Belarus	5.55	9.72	66.61	0.65	Commonwealth of Independent States
12	Belgium	6.93	10.66	72.14	0.54	Western Europe
13	Benin	4.85	7.63	51.79	0.77	Sub-Saharan Africa
14	Bolivia	5.65	8.83	60.34	0.82	Latin America and Caribbean
15	Bosnia and Herzegovina	5.09	9.37	67.99	0.92	Central and Eastern Europe
16	Botswana	3.5	9.68	58.01	0.73	Sub-Saharan Africa
17	Brazil	6.33	9.55	65.45	0.79	Latin America and Caribbean
18	Bulgaria	5.1	9.82	66.42	0.91	Central and Eastern Europe
19	Burkina Faso	4.65	7.43	52.4	0.73	Sub-Saharan Africa
20	Cambodia	4.59	8.2	58.63	0.82	Southeast Asia
21	Cameroon	5.07	8.13	50.14	0.84	Sub-Saharan Africa
22	Central African Republic	3.48	-	44.65	0.89	Sub-Saharan Africa
23	Chad	4.50	7.10	45.00	0.70	Sub-Saharan Africa

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Edit Data Descriptives T-Tests ANOVA Mixed Models Regression Frequencies Factor Machine Learning Meta-Analysis Power Process Reliability

**Descriptive Statistics**

Variables: Region

Descriptive Statistics

Region	Valid	141
Missing	0	

Frequency Tables

Region	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Central and Eastern Europe	17	12.1	12.1	12.1
Commonwealth of Independent States	12	8.5	8.5	20.6
East Asia	6	4.3	4.3	24.8
Latin America and Caribbean	19	13.5	13.5	38.3
Middle East and North Africa	17	12.1	12.1	50.4
North America and ANZ	3	2.1	2.1	52.5
South Asia	6	4.3	4.3	56.7
Southeast Asia	8	5.7	5.7	62.4
Sub-Saharan Africa	33	23.4	23.4	85.8
Western Europe	20	14.2	14.2	100.0
Total	141	100.0		

Basic Plots

Distribution plots Correlation plots

Display density Display rug marks

Bin width type: Sturges Number of bins: 30

Categorical Plots

Pareto plots Likert plots

Pareto rule: 95 % Assume all variables share the same levels

Adjustable font size for vertical axis: Normal

Customizable Plots

Tables

Frequency tables Stem and leaf tables Maximum distinct values: 10 scale: 1

**Distribution Plots**

Region

**Pie charts**

Region

Region	Percentage
Central and Eastern Europe	12.1
Commonwealth of Independent States	8.5
East Asia	4.3
Latin America and Caribbean	13.5
Middle East and North Africa	12.1
North America and ANZ	2.1
South Asia	4.3
Southeast Asia	5.7
Sub-Saharan Africa	23.4
Western Europe	14.2

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**Descriptive Statistics**

Variables: Happiness, logGDP\_per\_capita, Healthy\_life\_expectancy\_at\_birth, Perceived\_corruption

**Results**

**Descriptive Statistics**

	Happiness	logGDP_per_capita	Healthy_life_expectancy_at_birth	Perceived_corruption
Valid	141	134	141	129
Missing	0	7	0	12
Median	5.580	9.545	65.130	0.780
Mean	5.486	9.341	63.401	0.735
Std. Deviation	1.121	1.182	7.583	0.180
IQR	1.640	1.752	11.070	0.180
Skewness	-0.078	-0.441	-0.577	-1.595
Std. Error of Skewness	0.204	0.209	0.204	0.213
Kurtosis	-0.556	-0.725	-0.442	2.069
Std. Error of Kurtosis	0.406	0.416	0.406	0.423
Minimum	2.660	6.630	44.390	0.160
Maximum	7.790	11.470	76.540	0.950

Transpose descriptives table

**Statistics**

Sample size:  Valid,  Missing

Quantiles:  Quartiles,  Cut points for: 4 equal groups,  Percentiles: [ ]

Central tendency:  Mode,  Median,  Mean

Dispersion:  Std. deviation,  Coefficient of variation,  MAD,  MAD robust,  IQR,  Range,  Maximum,  Minimum

Distribution:  Skewness,  Kurtosis,  Shapiro-Wilk test,  Sum

