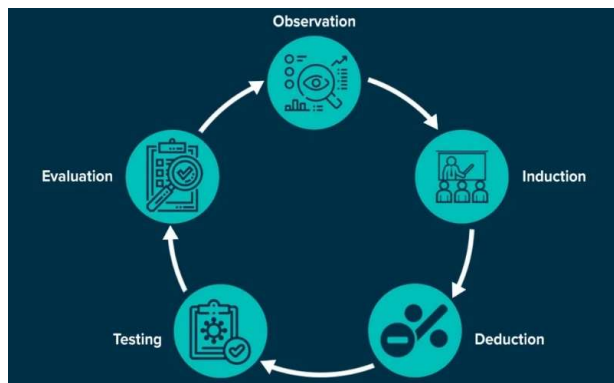


Empirical research in management and economics

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

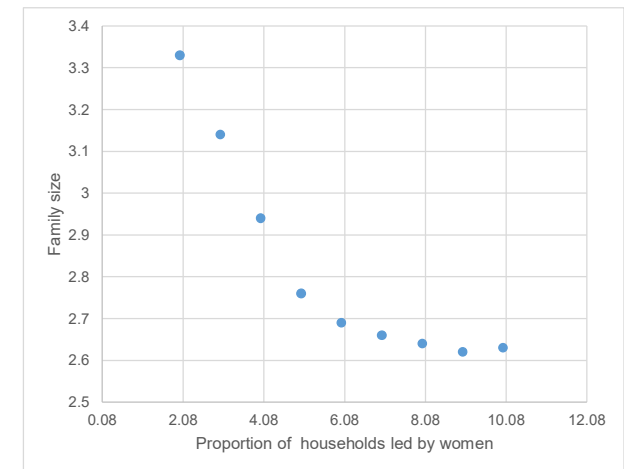
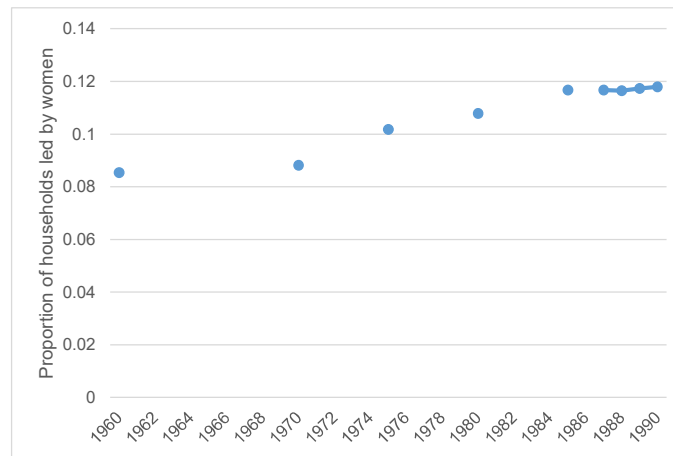
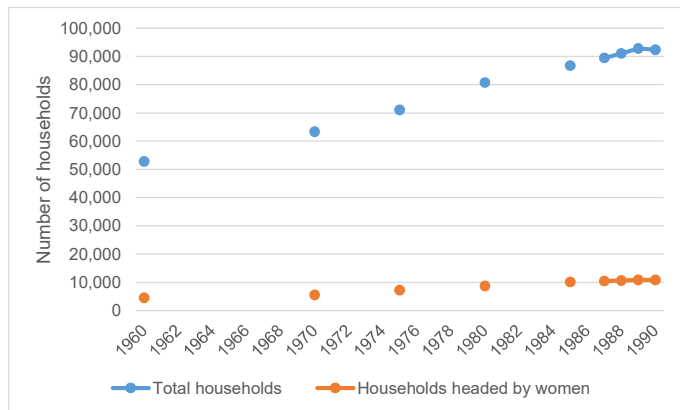
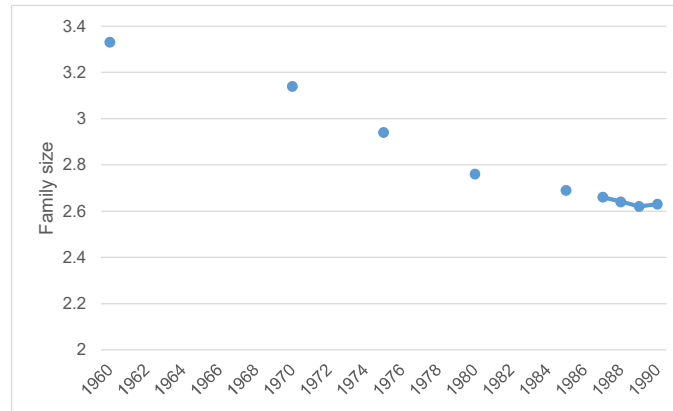
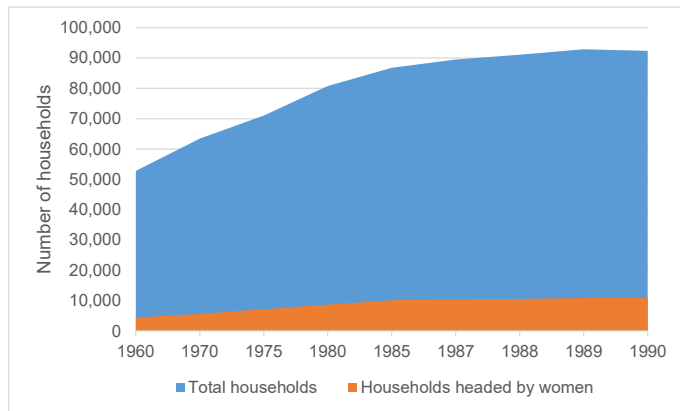
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The following data represent the total number of U.S. households, the number of households headed by a woman, and family size from 1960 to 1990 (the number of households is given in thousands).

→ 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

JASP 0.95.3

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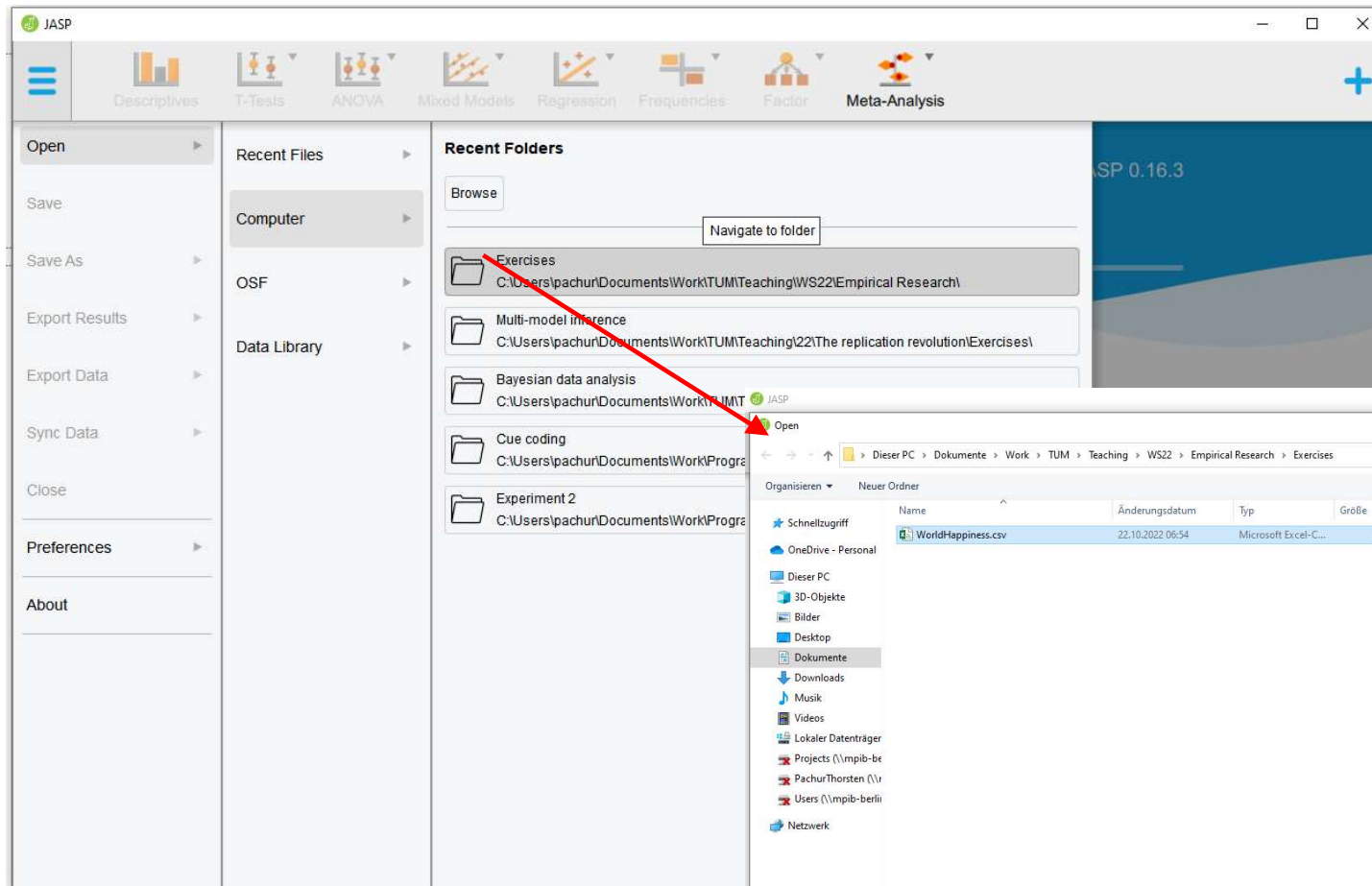
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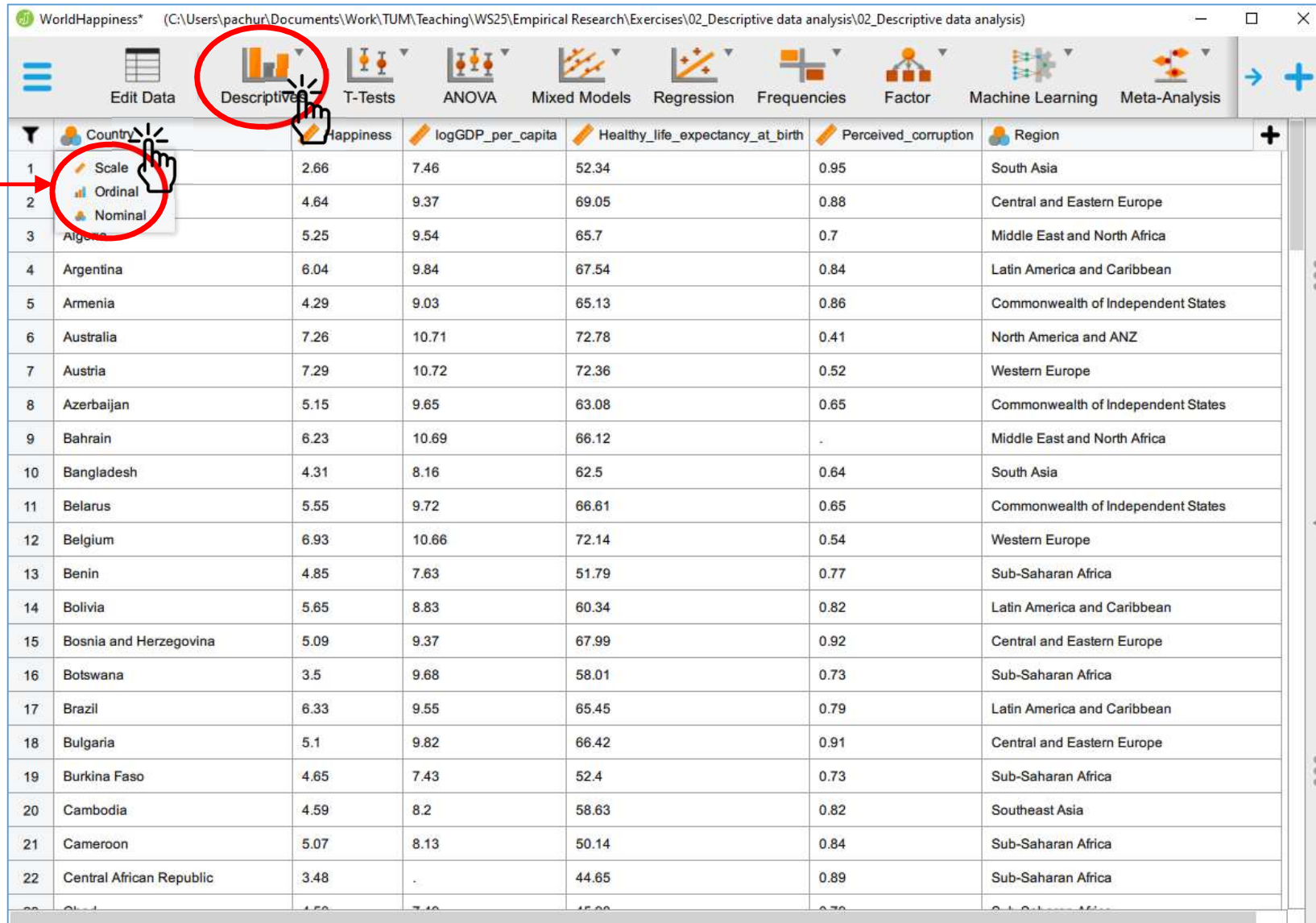
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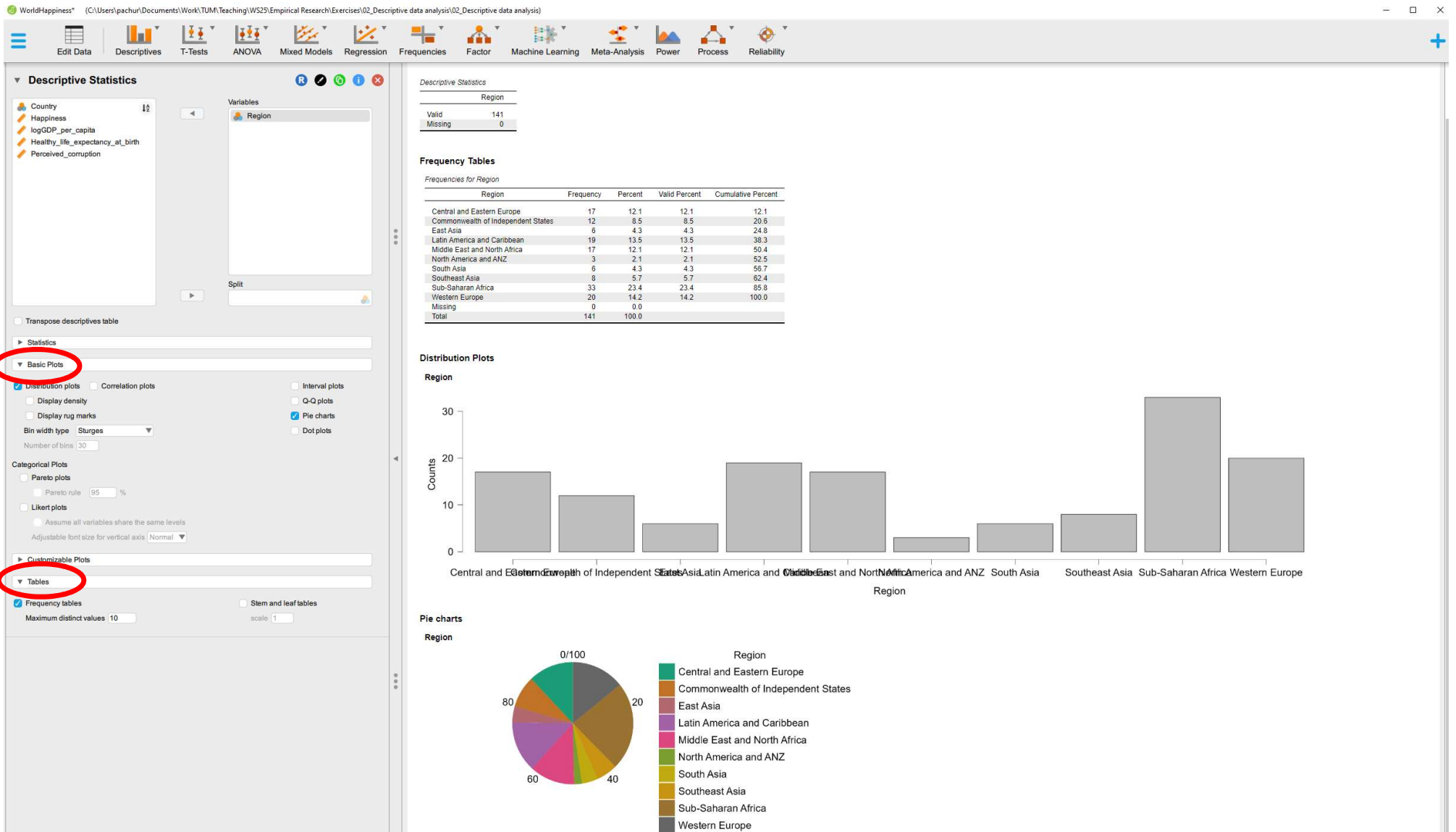
Scale level of measurement



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

	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	Algeria	6.04	9.84	67.54	0.84	Latin America and Caribbean
5	Argentina	4.29	9.03	65.13	0.86	Commonwealth of Independent States
6	Armenia	7.26	10.71	72.78	0.41	North America and ANZ
7	Australia	7.29	10.72	72.36	0.52	Western Europe
8	Austria	5.15	9.65	63.08	0.65	Commonwealth of Independent States
9	Azerbaijan	6.23	10.69	66.12	-	Middle East and North Africa
10	Bahrain	4.31	8.16	62.5	0.64	South Asia
11	Bangladesh	5.55	9.72	66.61	0.65	Commonwealth of Independent States
12	Belarus	6.93	10.66	72.14	0.54	Western Europe
13	Belgium	4.85	7.63	51.79	0.77	Sub-Saharan Africa
14	Benin	5.65	8.83	60.34	0.82	Latin America and Caribbean
15	Bolivia	5.09	9.37	67.99	0.92	Central and Eastern Europe
16	Bosnia and Herzegovina	3.5	9.68	58.01	0.73	Sub-Saharan Africa
17	Botswana	6.33	9.55	65.45	0.79	Latin America and Caribbean
18	Brazil	5.1	9.82	66.42	0.91	Central and Eastern Europe
19	Bulgaria	4.65	7.43	52.4	0.73	Sub-Saharan Africa
20	Burkina Faso	4.59	8.2	58.63	0.82	Southeast Asia
21	Cambodia	5.07	8.13	50.14	0.84	Sub-Saharan Africa
22	Cameroon	3.48	-	44.65	0.89	Sub-Saharan Africa
23	Central African Republic	4.59	7.46	45.99	0.76	Sub-Saharan Africa



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Descriptive Statistics

Country
 Region

Variables

- Happiness
- logGDP_per_capita
- Healthy_life_expectancy_at_birth
- Perceived_corruption

Split

☐ Transpose descriptives table

Statistics

Sample size

- ☒ Valid
- ☒ Missing

Central tendency

- ☐ Mode
- ☒ Median
- ☒ Mean

Dispersion

- ☒ Std. deviation
- ☐ MAD
- ☒ IQR
- ☐ Range
- ☒ Maximum
- ☐ Coefficient of variation
- ☐ MAD robust
- ☐ Variance
- ☒ Minimum

Quantiles

- ☐ Quartiles
- ☐ Cut points for: 4 equal groups
- ☐ Percentiles:

Distribution

- ☒ Skewness
- ☒ Kurtosis
- ☐ Shapiro-Wilk test
- ☐ Sum

Results

Descriptive Statistics

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

