

Data Management and Reporting in SPSS

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Lecture 1
Navigating SPSS



Lecture 2
Data Manipulation



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Summarizing Data



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Comparing Means/Proportions

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Lecture Outline

- Compute descriptive statistics (mean, median, frequencies)
- Create graphical displays (histograms, bar charts, and box plots)
- Produce statistics and graphs by a grouping variable
- Edit and save output



Descriptive Statistics and Graphical Displays by Data Type

Categorical Variables



- Frequency tables



- Bar charts

Numeric Variables

- Mean, standard deviation (parametric)
- Median, IQR, range (nonparametric)

- Histograms
- Boxplots



Demo

- SPSS sample data file patient_los.sav
- Treatment records of patients admitted to the hospital for suspected MI (“heart attack”)
- Each case represents a separate patient
- Variables related to hospital stay



Descriptive Statistics and Graphic Displays

- Descriptives Procedure (numeric variables)
- Frequencies Procedure
 - Numeric Variables
 - Categorical Variables



Subsetting Data / Grouping Variable

- Select Cases
- Split File



Descriptives and Graphs by Group

- Explore Procedure (numeric variables)
- Crosstabs Procedure (categorical variables)



Graphing Data

- Menus to select Graph > Chart Builder
- Use to generate graphs but note output will not include summary statistics



Edit Output

- Output Viewer window
 - Navigation pane on the left hand side
 - Output on the right hand side
- Double click tables and charts to modify



Next Lecture

- Lecture 4: Comparing Means/Proportions
 - Numeric variables – compare means/medians
 - Categorical variables – compare proportions
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