

Evaluating and Presenting
Collected Data

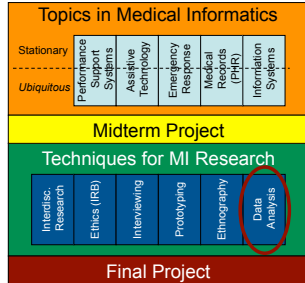
Class 33

Agenda

- 3:00-3:25 Presenting Data
- 3:25-3:35 Final Presentations
- 3:35-3:50 Group brainstorming

Project Questions?

Where are we?



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Qualitative Data Analysis

Qualitative analysis – expresses the nature of elements and is represented as themes, patterns, stories

- Goetz and LeCompte (1984)
 - Who is present
 - What is happening
 - Where is it happening
- Goals:
 - Identify recurring patterns and themes
 - Categorize data
 - Analyze critical incidents

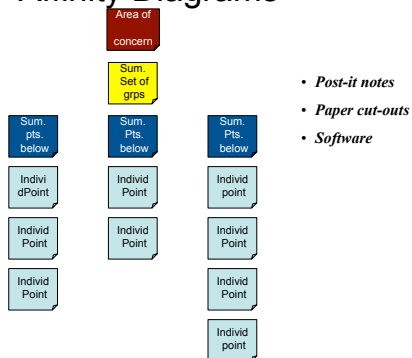


Qualitative Data Analysis Methods

- Unstructured - are not directed by a script. Rich but not replicable.
- Structured - are tightly scripted, often like a questionnaire. Replicable but may lack richness.
- Semi-structured - guided by a script but interesting issues can be explored in more depth. Can provide a good balance between richness and replicability.

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Affinity Diagrams



Coding Transcripts

- Develop coding scheme
- Read through transcript and bracket area referencing coding scheme
- Quantify number of usability problems; mean number of problems per participant; number of unique problems, etc.

Coding Example

1. Interface Problems

- a) Verbalization showing dissatisfaction about aspect of interface
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- c) Verbalization of outcome of an action
- d) Participant has difficulty obtaining goal
- e) Verbalization of physical discomfort
- f) Participant makes a suggestion for redesign of the interface

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Grounded Theory

- Aims to derive theory from systematic analysis of data
- Based on categorization approach (called here 'coding')
- Three levels of 'coding'
 - Open: identify categories
 - Axial: flesh out and link to subcategories
 - Selective: form theoretical scheme
- Researchers are encouraged to draw on own theoretical backgrounds to inform analysis

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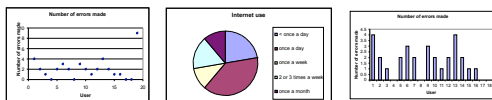
Activity Theory

- Explains human behavior in terms of our practical activity with the world
- Provides a framework that focuses analysis around the concept of an 'activity' and helps to identify tensions between the different elements of the system
- Two key models: one outlines what constitutes an 'activity'; one models the mediating role of artifacts

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Simple quantitative analysis

- Averages
 - Mean: add up values and divide by number of data points
 - Median: middle value of data when ranked
 - Standard Deviation: variability in the group of data
 - Mode: figure that appears most often in the data
- Raw Numbers or Percentages (only when $N > 15-20$)
- Graphical representations give overview of data

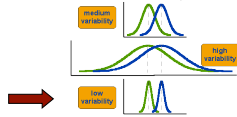


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More Complex Quantitative Data Analysis

- T-Tests

- Two groups to compare
- Are two means statistically different from each other?



- ANOVA

- Statistical significance of the difference in mean scores among 2 or more groups

Tools to Support Data Analysis

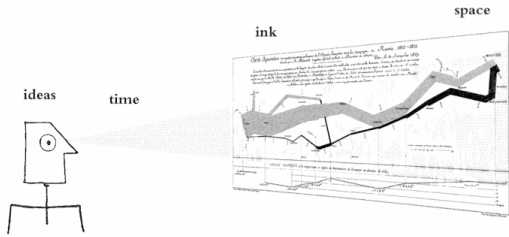
- Spreadsheet – simple to use, basic graphs
- Statistical packages, e.g., R (Book: *Crawley Statistical Computing*), SPSS
- Qualitative data analysis tools
 - Categorization and theme-based analysis (e.g., N6)
 - Quantitative analysis of text-based data

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Words to ***avoid*** when writing up your results...

- Words that make your findings sound too general
 - Many, often, all
- Percentages (e.g., 50% of people)
 - Instead write, “ 2 out of 4 people...”
- Strunk and White: Empty Phrases
(automatic -3 points for each empty phrase in final report)
 - Despite the fact that
 - The fact that/For the fact that
 - Due to (*Due to the fact that*)
 - In order to/In order that
 - That are being
 - It is shown that/It appears that/What this shows is that

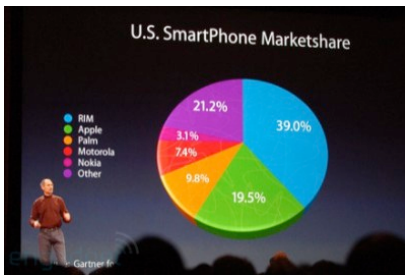
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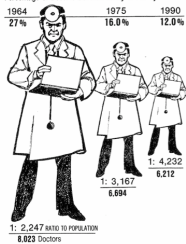


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THE SHRINKING FAMILY DOCTOR in California

Percentage of Doctors Devoted Solely to Family Practice

Year	Percentage
1964	27%
1975	16.0%
1990	12.0%

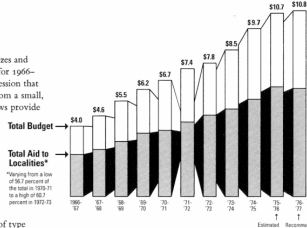


Los Angeles Times, August 5, 1979, p. 3.

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This cluster of type emphasizes and stretches out the low value for 1966-1967, encouraging the impression that recent years have shot up from a small, stable base. Horizontal arrows provide similar emphasis.



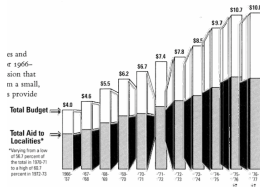
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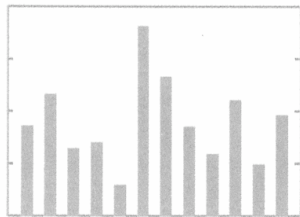
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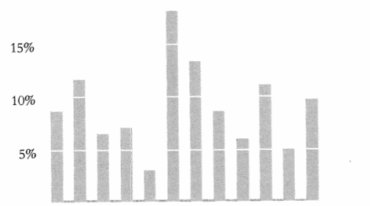
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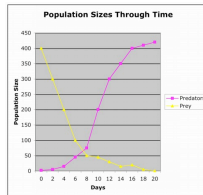
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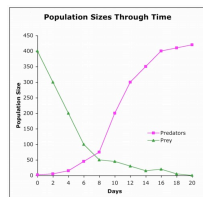
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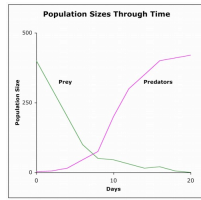
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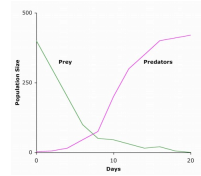


Figure 1: Predator and prey populations over time

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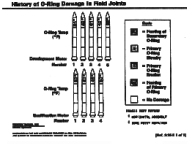
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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j4JQcDFiBE>

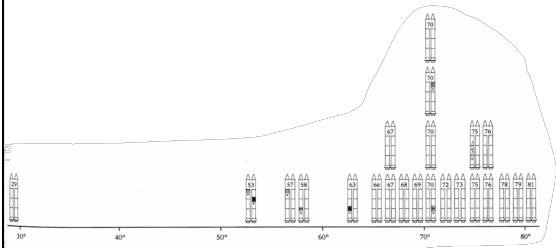
Challenger, January 28, 1986

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Monday Morning Quarterbacking



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Looking forward

- Class on Monday
- Guest Speaker on Wednesday
- No Class on Friday
