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Part 1: Building a Foundation

What is the primary purpose of a scatter plot?

Hint: Think about how scatter plots are used to visualize data.

- ◯ A) To display the frequency of data points
- ◯ B) To compare two variables and observe their relationship
- ◯ C) To show changes over time
- ◯ D) To summarize categorical data

Which of the following are elements of a scatter plot? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Consider the components that make up a scatter plot.

- ☐ A) Axes
- ☐ B) Data Points
- ☐ C) Pie Segments
- ☐ D) Trend Line

Describe what a positive correlation looks like on a scatter plot.

Hint: Think about the direction in which the points trend.

List the three types of correlations that can be observed in a scatter plot.

Hint: Think about the different ways variables can relate to each other.

1. Type 1

2. Type 2

3. Type 3

What is an outlier in the context of a scatter plot?

Hint: Consider how outliers relate to the other data points.

- ◯ A) A point that is close to the trend line
- ◯ B) A point that deviates significantly from other data points
- ◯ C) A point that is part of a cluster
- ◯ D) A point that lies on the x-axis

Part 2: comprehension and Application

Which statement best describes a scatter plot with no correlation?

Hint: Think about the arrangement of points in the plot.

- ◯ A) All points lie on a straight line
- ◯ B) Points are randomly scattered without any discernible pattern
- ◯ C) Points form a perfect circle
- ◯ D) Points are grouped in clusters

Which of the following can be identified using a scatter plot? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Consider the insights that can be gained from analyzing scatter plots.

- ☐ A) The average value of a dataset
- ☐ B) The relationship between two variables
- ☐ C) The presence of outliers
- ☐ D) The distribution of a single variable

Explain how a trend line is used in a scatter plot and what information it provides.

Hint: Think about the purpose of a trend line in data visualization.

If a scatter plot shows a downward trend, what type of correlation does it indicate?

Hint: Consider the direction of the trend.

- ◯ A) Positive Correlation
- ◯ B) Negative Correlation
- ◯ C) No Correlation
- ◯ D) Perfect Correlation

When creating a scatter plot, which steps are essential? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Think about the process of preparing data for visualization.

- ☐ A) Collect paired data for the variables
- ☐ B) Choose appropriate scales for the axes
- ☐ C) Use a pie chart to represent data
- ☐ D) Plot each pair of values as a point

Provide a real-world example where a scatter plot could be used to analyze data and explain the potential insights it could offer.

Hint: Think about scenarios in various fields such as economics, health, or education.

Part 3: Analysis, Evaluation, and Creation

What might be the cause of a cluster of points in a scatter plot?

Hint: Consider factors that could lead to data clustering.

- ◯ A) Random data distribution
- ◯ B) A common factor affecting the data points
- ◯ C) An error in data collection
- ◯ D) A perfect correlation

In analyzing a scatter plot, what factors should be considered to determine the strength of a correlation? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Think about the characteristics of the data points in relation to the trend line.

- ☐ A) The slope of the trend line
- ☐ B) The distance of points from the trend line
- ☐ C) The number of data points
- ☐ D) The presence of outliers

Analyze a scenario where a scatter plot shows a strong positive correlation but includes several outliers. Discuss the potential implications and how you would address them.

Hint: Consider how outliers can affect the overall interpretation of the data.

Which limitation of scatter plots can affect the interpretation of data?

Hint: Think about the capabilities and constraints of scatter plots.

- ◯ A) They can only show linear relationships
- ◯ B) They cannot establish causation
- ◯ C) They require a large amount of data
- ◯ D) They are difficult to create

Evaluate the following statements about scatter plots. Which are true? (Select all that apply)

Hint: Consider the capabilities of scatter plots in data analysis.

- [ ] A) Scatter plots can help predict future trends
- [ ] B) Scatter plots can show causation between variables
- [ ] C) Scatter plots are useful for identifying outliers
- [ ] D) Scatter plots are best for categorical data

Design a scatter plot scenario involving two variables of your choice. Describe the variables, hypothesize the type of correlation you expect, and explain how you would interpret the results.

Hint: Think about how you would set up the scatter plot and what insights you hope to gain.