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Analyzing categorical data using a bar or pie chart (Tutorial D4)

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You can view your data using a bar chart. This can
be especially helpful if you want to compare data results. In this

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case, I've got some data that relays to the number of
votes different people received in class. The first thing I want

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to do is enter this data into the Lists and Spreadsheet
application. I'll press the Home key, and then select Lists

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and Spreadsheet. The bar chart in TI-Nspire analyzes
only raw data, so I'll need to place all of my votes in Column A

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in order to analyze them. To do this, I'll press the Symbols
key, and using the arrows on the Touchpad, I'll

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select open quote, and then press Enter. Next I'll type the
letter A, and notice an end quote is added automatically

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in cell A1. This will represent person A. It is important to
note that all categorical data must be entered within

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quotes. In this case, person A received seven votes.
So I'll press the Menu key. Then choose Data, and then select

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Fill Down. Now, I'll use the Touchpad to highlight the
cells through A7, and then press Enter. This will

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enter A seven times. Next, I'll use the down arrow key until
I've highlighted cell A8, and then I'll press the

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Symbols key to choose open quote. I'll type the letter B,
and then press the right arrow key to move beyond the

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end quote. This will represent person B, who received
a total of six votes. So again, I'll press the Menu key, and

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then select Data, and then choose Fill Down. I'll use
the down arrow key to highlight the cells through cell A13,

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and then I'll press Enter. I'll use that down arrow key
again to move to cell A14, and then I'll press the Symbols

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key and choose open quote. I'll type the letter C and
then an end quote is added automatically. Person C received

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eleven votes, so I'll press the Menu key and then choose
Data, and then Fill Down, I'll move down to cell A24, and

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then press the Enter key. Now I'll name the column by
pressing the up arrow key until I've highlighted the title cell,

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which is the cell at the very top of column A. I'll call this
column Votes by typing "V-O-T-E-S", and then pressing Enter.

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I'll insert the data and statistics application by pressing
the Home key, and then choosing Data and Statistics. The

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screen that you see here is called a Case Plot. It allows
for exploration of the data by clicking on a point to see

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the full description of the data, or changing the caption to
look at grouping by variable. I can click on the axes

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to assign a variable, or I can click and drag a point
to allow the software to begin grouping the data based on

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the caption. As I drag the point, the dots arrange
themselves into a dot chart. To view this data as a bar graph, I'll

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press Menu, then choose Plot Type, and then Bar
Charts. Now I can more easily graphically compare A, B, and C. If

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I wanted to compare A, B, or C as a percentage of
the whole instead, I could view this data as a pie chart by pressing

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Menu, and then choosing Plot Type, and then selecting Pie Chart.

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