

22S:30/105, Statistical Methods and Computing

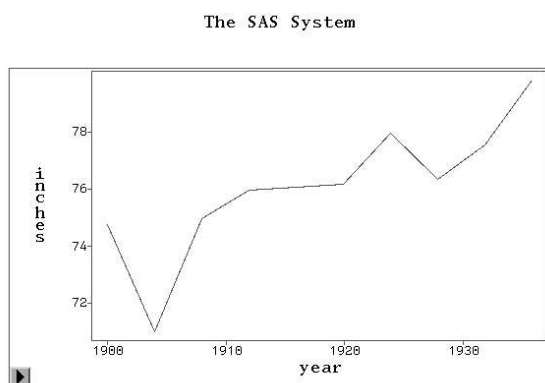
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Spring 2006, Homework 1

Due: Fri., 01/27 in class

Please put your name at the top of your homework, and list the names of any classmates with whom you collaborated.

- For the years 1900 to 1936, this plot shows the height of the gold-medal-winning male Olympic high jump.



- What type of plot is this?
 - What was the approximate winning jump height in 1932?
 - Give a brief description of the pattern of winning jump heights over these years.
- Identify each of the following variables as nominal, ordinal, binary, quantitative discrete, or quantitative continuous:
 - number of piglets in a litter
 - whether or not a person has a high school diploma
 - the major of an undergrad quantitative science student (can take on values “computer science,” “math,” “statistics,” “actuarial science”)
 - weight of an elephant in kilograms
 - rating of a performer in a musical competition (can take on values “superior,” “excellent,” “good,” “fair,” “poor”)
 - Textbook problems: 1.12, 1.14, 1.16, 1.22, 1.26, 1.28