Intro to Excel

We will learn:

Implement formulas
 Implementing Uncertainty Propagation
 Plotting data
 Exporting

Now...FOLLOW ALONG!

Basics



Let's try an easy example. I have the set of data below and I want to square each of the values. Instead of taking the time and doing that to each value, let's implement a formula.

• Start by clicking on the first cell where you would like your result to be. In this case, cell B2.



• Anytime you want to implement a formula, you must begin my typing an equal sign, '=', in the cell.



• Now click on the cell you want to square; in this case it will be A2. SUM $\Rightarrow \times \sqrt{f_x} = A2$

А

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2

2

X

В

С

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f(x)

1i=A2

2



Notice that what you are typing in the cell also appears here. You can edit any formula you implement here.

• Press 'Enter' and the result should now appear in the cell



• To implement this formula to the other cells, click on the lower right corner of the cell you originally typed the formula in (in this case B2), and drag it down to all the cells you want the formula implemented in.



Excel has a variety of pre-set formulas. These can be accessed by clicking on the 'fx' button shown below. Clicking this opens the following menu.



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Let's sum a set of numbers.

- Once again click on the cell you want the result to be in and type '=' in the cell.
- Now click on (in the menu shown previously) or type 'SUM' in the cell. The following will appear in the cell.



• Now highlight all the values you want to sum up and click 'Enter'.

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Implementing Formulas: Key Points

- To begin implementing a formula, always begin by typing the equal sign, '=', in the cell you want the result to appear.
- Excel has pre-set functions for basic computations such as summing, calculating the average, calculating the standard deviation, etc.
- Do not forget the order of operations when implementing a formula

Now you try...

• Find the sum, average, and implement the formula f(x) = 2x + 5 to the following set of data

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Implementing Uncertainty Propagation

Recall the formulas we will be using for uncertainty propagation...

- 1 variable, f(x) $\Delta f = |f(x) - f(x + \Delta x)|$
- 2 variables, f(x,y)

$$\Delta f = \sqrt{|f(x, y) - f(x + \Delta x, y)|^2 + |f(x, y) - f(x, y + \Delta y)|^2}$$

Implementing Uncertainty Propagation: Example

Let's say we have the following set of data, x, with an uncertainty Δx . The function f(x) = x * 3. We want to find the uncertainty in f(x).

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4	2.2	0.1	6.6	
5	2.2	0.1	6.6	
6	2.3	0.1	6.9	
7	2.1	0.1	6.3	
8	2	0.1	6	

Implementing Uncertainty Propagation: Example

Let's implement the formula to calculate the uncertainty for a function dependent on 1 variable.

• Use pre-set function ABS for the absolute value.

D2	- i	×	fx ~	=ABS(C2-((A2+	B2)*3))	Note how the formula was typed in
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2	2.3	0.1	6.9	0.3			
3	2.1	0.1	6.3	0.3			
4	2.2	0.1	6.6	0.3			
5	2.2	0.1	6.6	0.3			
6	2.3	0.1	6.9	0.3			
7	2.1	0.1	6.3	0.3			
8	2	0.1	6	0.3			

Plotting Data

A good, basic plot:

- Has independent variable on the horizontal axis and the dependent variable on the vertical axis
- Has labeled axes (with units next to the labels if applicable)
- Has a title (should tell us what the graph shows)
- Has a legend if there is more than one set of data on the plot
- Is large enough to read all the plot's components

Extras that may be necessary:

- Data points
- Error bars
- Trend line

Plotting Data

• In the toolbar, clicking on the 'Insert' tab takes use to the menu that has all the plotting tools



Plotting Data: Example

• Let's say we want to plot the following data in a scatter plot.

- First, highlight both columns.
 - It's important to note that the column on the left (the one I have labeled, 'x') will automatically be taken as your independent variable in the plot.



Plotting Data: Example

Now we go to the plotting tools and select the scatter plot icon.

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Plotting Data: Example

After selecting the scatter plot of our choice. The following graph will be generated.



Notice the lack of title and axes labels! We must add them.

Plotting Data: Example - Adding Labels

- To add axes labels, legends, etc., click on the plot and then click on the 'Chart Design' tab in the toolbar.
- From there, click on 'Add Chart Element'. This will produce the following menu.





Plotting Data: Example - Adding Labels

• From this menu, we can add a variety of elements to the chart. In this case, we can add labels to the horizontal and vertical axes.

• Doing so, and renaming the axes and title, leaves my plot complete.





Now you try...

Implement the formula, calculate the uncertainty, and plot y vs x (aka width vs length)

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4	4.2	0.1	2.2	0.1		
5	4.3	0.1	2.2	0.1		
6	4.3	0.1	2.1	0.1		
7	4.1	0.1	2.2	0.1		
8	4.1	0.1	2.3	0.1		

- When reporting data...
 - only report the most necessary data.
 - Plots
 - Data tables with relevant calculations
 - Make sure plots and data tables are large enough to be legible!!
- Do not report raw data in reports. You may attach it at the end in the appendix.

- Let's say we want to export the following workbook to a PDF to add to your report.
- 2 methods:
 - Screenshot
 - Export entire workbook



- Method 1: Screenshot (then copy and paste into report)
 - Mac: Shift + Command + 4
 - Windows: Windows key + Shift + S
- Method 2: Exporting workbooks (Mac)
 - Go to 'File' then 'Print'
 - At the bottom of the print menu, click on the drop down that says 'PDF'.
 - Select 'Save as PDF'

Note: Windows may have an Export button in the 'File' menu

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Exporting Workbook as PDF

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