Northeastern University College of Computer and Information Science

CS1100: Excel Lab 4

To complete this assignment you must submit an electronic copy to Blackboard by the due date. Use the starter file *cs1100.e4.xlsx*. In this lab you are asked to visualize data and create charts.

Knowledge Needed

This lab requires the following Excel functions and techniques:

- Cell ranges, borders, shading, cell formatting, and number formatting
- Excel charts, graphs, and plots
- **FREQUENCY** array function
- MIN, MAX, SUM, AVERAGE functions
- Excel help and online documentation

Background

The Quality Assurance team at Ravix Interactive has been asked to publish a report of their current activities and provide insights into the quality of software that is deployed at Ravix. To help communicate they decide to build various charts, plots, and graphs.

Problem 1 (10 Points)

The worksheet "Defects by App" lists different applications in use at Ravix and the current number of issues reported with those applications. Create a Pie Chart showing the open issues by application. Format the chart as shown below:



Open Issues by Application

The display of the percentages may differ depending on how the chart is sized.

Problem 2 (10 Points)

The worksheet "Open Defects" shows the open defects for a few months. Create a Marked Line graph showing the trend of open defects from month to month. Use the graph below as a reference of what the result should look like:



Problem 3 (10 Points)

The worksheet "Defect Range" contains the number of open issues per month as triple: the highest number of open issues in a month, the lowest number, and the number at the close of the month. Create a High-Low-Close plot like the one shown here:



Problem 4 (10 Points)

The worksheet "Defect Severity" list open issues categorized by level of severity for the applications in use at Ravix. Create a Clustered column chart similar to the one shown below:



Defect Severity

Problem 5 (10 points)

The worksheet "Defects by Sales" shows the number of defect per month as well as the sales for that month. Create a Line Graph for this data. Use a secondary axis to help show how these two variables interact.



Problem 6 (50 Points)

The worksheet "Defect Activities" shows how long defects took to repair. The time is shown in minutes. To better understand the data, the manager of the QA Department has asked for a frequency distribution (histogram) of the repair time.

Follow these steps to create the frequency plot:

1. Create a named range for the activity data in cells B4 to B57. Name the range

"TimeValues".

2. Calculate the maximum and minimum data values in the range of activity times. Use the named range in your MIN and MAX functions. Place the formulas into cells B59 and B60.

3. Calculate the bin size as (MAX - MIN) / # Intervals. Round down to 0 decimal places to get whole numbers. Place the formula into cell B62.

- 4. Create a bins array in cells E5 through E11. Start with the MIN value in cell E4 and increase by the Bin Size.
- 5. Use the FREQUENCY function to count the number of values in each bin interval. Recall that the steps to enter the FREQUENCY array function are these:
 - a. Select the range of cells that will hold the result of the FREQUENCY function
 - b. Type in =FREQUENCY(...) with the correct arguments you need to figure this out!
 - c. When done entering the function, press CTRL+SHIFT+ENTER on Windows to COMMAND+RETURN on Mac
 - d. Create a column chart from the frequency data. It should look like the chart below



GRADING RUBRIC

This rubric is intended to guide graders in their evaluation of the students' submissions.

Criterion	Grading
Charts show correct data	5 points per chart
Charts formatted correctly	5 points maximum per chart
Named range in Problem 6	5 points
Frequency function	10 points
Binning array	10 points
Max, Min, & Bin Size for Problem 6	5 points each
Formulas are copyable and resilient to	10 points
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