

**Repeatability reproducibility  
with a standard method  
ISO 5725-2**

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# ISO standards

- ISO/IEC 17025:1999 General requirements for the competence of **testing** and calibration **laboratories**
- ISO 5725-1:1994 Accuracy (trueness and precision) of measurement methods and results -- Part 1: **General principles and definitions**
- ISO 5725-2:1994 Accuracy (trueness and precision) of measurement methods and results -- Part 2: **Basic method for the determination of repeatability and reproducibility of a standard measurement method**
- ISO 5725-3:1994 Accuracy (trueness and precision) of measurement methods and results -- Part 3: **Intermediate measures of the precision of a standard measurement method**
- ISO 5725-4:1994 Accuracy (trueness and precision) of measurement methods and results -- Part 4: **Basic methods for the determination of the trueness of a standard measurement method**
- ISO 5725-5:1998 Accuracy (trueness and precision) of measurement methods and results -- Part 5: **Alternative methods for the determination of the precision of a standard measurement method**
- ISO 5725-6:1994 **Practical examples**

# repeatability and reproducibility of a standard measurement method

*ISO 5725-2* when test result is a numerical value (obtained or computed), where participating laboratories used a given standard method, to test a set of samples, with replicates

**repeatability** is a measure for the within-laboratory consistency. It is a variance (variability of measurements)

between-laboratory variance is a measure for variation between the participating laboratories.

**reproducibility** is the sum of repeatability and between-laboratory variance.

*value = for a lab, a method, a sample;  
each sample analysed at least twice in a lab for a method*

**ISO 5725-2** when test result = numerical value  
obtained or computed on a continuous scale

The repeatability is a measure for the within-laboratory consistency.

$$\text{Repeatability variance: } S^2_{rj} = \frac{\sum_{I=1}^{Pj} (n_{Ij} - 1) S^2_{Ij}}{\sum_{I=1}^{Pj} (n_{Ij} - 1)}$$

The between-laboratory variance is a measure for variation between the participating laboratories.

$$\text{Between-laboratory variance: } S^2_{Lj} = \frac{S^2_{dj} - S^2_{rj}}{\bar{n}_j}$$

The reproducibility is the sum of repeatability and between-laboratory variance.

$$\text{Reproducibility variance: } S^2_{Rj} = S^2_{rj} + S^2_{Lj}$$

where

$$S^2_{dj} = \frac{1}{p_j - 1} \sum_{l=1}^{P_j} n_{lj} (\bar{z}_{lj} - \bar{z}_j)^2$$

and

$$n_j = \frac{1}{p_j - 1} \left[ \begin{array}{c} \sum_{l=1}^{P_j} n_{lj} - \frac{\sum_{l=1}^{P_j} n_{lj}^2}{\sum_{l=1}^{P_j} n_{lj}} \end{array} \right]$$

$l$  = laboratory

$j$  = method

$n_{lj}$  = Number of test results obtained by laboratory  $l$  for method  $j$

$P_j$  = Number of laboratories with non-missing results for method  $j$

$S_{lj}$  = Standard deviation for method  $j$  and laboratory  $l$

$\bar{z}_j$  = overall mean for method  $j$

$\bar{z}_{lj}$  = mean for method  $j$  and laboratory  $l$

# Type of data needed

lab	sample	rep	value
lab01	sple1	rep1	4.44
lab01	sple1	rep2	4.39
lab01	sple2	rep1	9.34
lab01	sple2	rep2	9.34
lab01	sple3	rep1	17.4
lab01	sple3	rep2	16.9
lab01	sple4	rep1	19.23
lab01	sple4	rep2	19.23
lab01	sple5	rep1	24.28
lab01	sple5	rep2	24
lab02	sple1	rep1	4.03
lab02	sple1	rep2	4.23
lab02	sple2	rep1	8.42
lab02	sple2	rep2	8.33
lab02	sple3	rep1	14.42
lab02	sple3	rep2	14.5
lab02	sple4	rep1	16.06
lab02	sple4	rep2	16.22
lab02	sple5	rep1	20.4
lab02	sple5	rep2	19.91

*3 to 30 laboratories*

*2 to XX samples*

*2 to 10 replicates*

*quantitative values*

Visible on this screen:

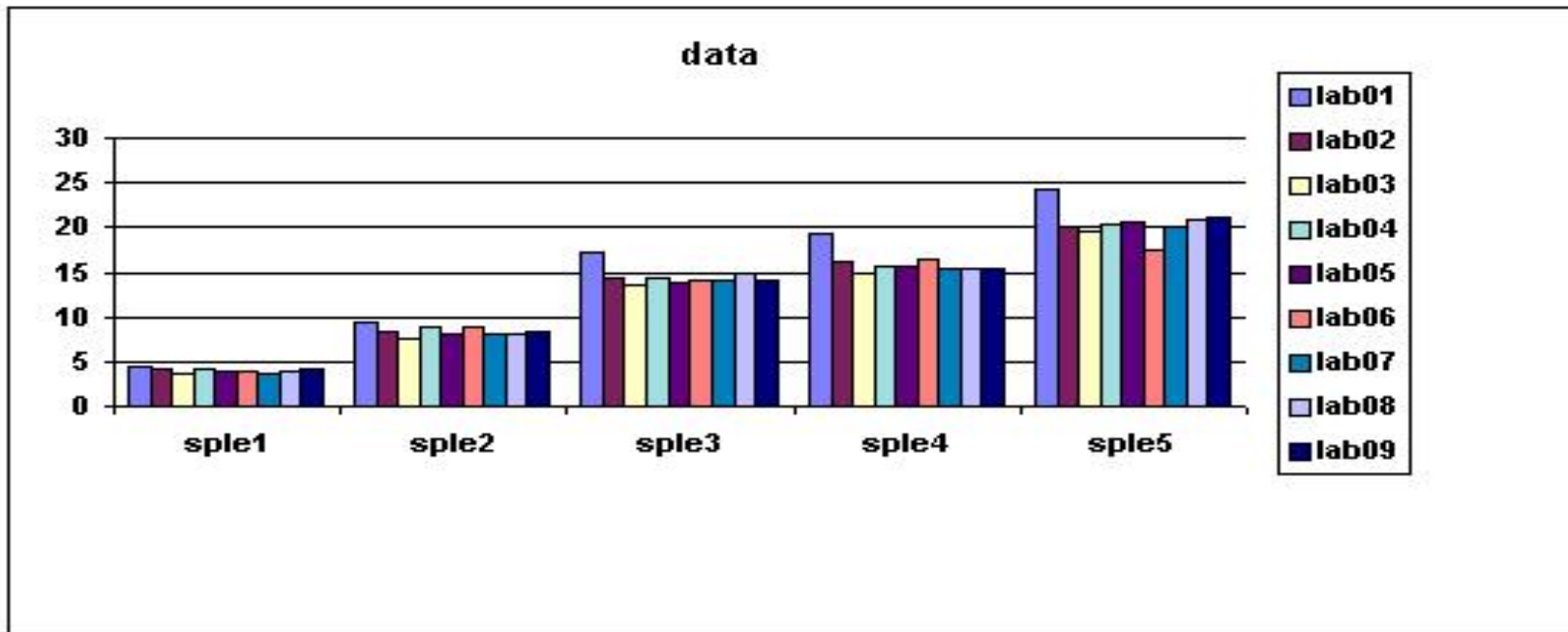
2 labs

5 samples

2 reps

# Free Tool Includes

- raw data, to be kept and if possible to be reproduced in extenso in report
- means and variances by laboratory and by laboratory X sample
- repeatability and reproducibility values
- h and k values and the test of their significance



# h values shows if a lab has a tendency to under or over estimate

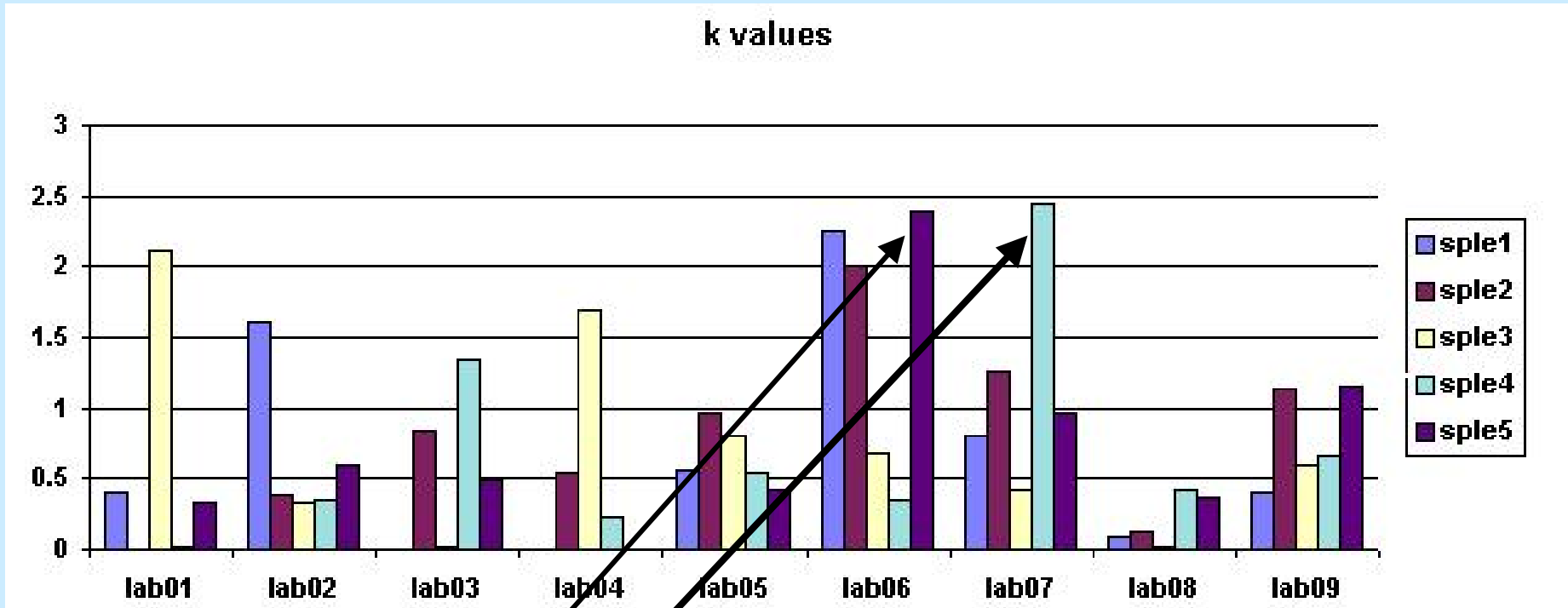
h values



lab	sple1	sple2	sple3	sple4	sple5
lab01	5%		5%	1%	5%
lab02					
lab03					
lab04					
lab05					
lab06					
lab07					
lab08					
lab09					



# k values indicates the relative variability of the results



lab	sample	k values	k 1%	k 5%	k crit 1%	k crit 5%
lab01	sple3	2.11		5%	2.29	1.9
lab06	sple1	2.26		5%	2.29	1.9
lab06	sple2	2.01		5%	2.29	1.9
lab06	sple5	2.39	1%	5%	2.29	1.9
lab07	sple4	2.45	1%	5%	2.29	1.9

# Guided tour

The screenshot displays the Microsoft Access 2000 interface. The main window is titled "ISO5725\_2000 : Base de données (format de fichier Access 2000)". The left-hand navigation pane shows a tree view with categories: Objets, Tables, Requêtes (selected), Formulaires, États, Pages, Macros, Modules, Groupes, and Favoris. The main area shows a list of objects, including tables like "calT", "data out", "data labsample", "desc stat lab", "desc stat", "desc stat", "finrepetr", "h values", "h values", and "h values".

An "in and out : Formulaire" window is open in the foreground. It contains the following text and elements:

- Text: "fill table data if data appropriate in excel file c:\data-in.xls as shown below"
- Button: "import"
- Text: "display printable results on screen"
- Button: "see/print"
- Text: "creates HTML files on c:\"
- Button: "export"
- Text: "creates printable recap"
- Button: "report"

A data table is displayed within the form window:

lab	sample	rep	value
lab 1	sam 1	rep 1	0.71
...	...	...	...

At the bottom of the form window, it says "sylvain.gregoire@geves.fr august 2000". The status bar at the bottom of the Access window shows "Mode Formulaire" and "NUM". The Windows taskbar at the very bottom shows the Start button and several open applications, including "activitéXP : Ba...", "activité : Table", "ISO5725\_200...", "in and out : F...", "5 Explorateur...", "Boîte de récep...", and "Microsoft Pow...". The system clock shows "FR" and "14:45".

# Exercise 1

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- Open charbonISO 5725\_2000.mdb Access database
- Obtain a report and look at it
- Look at table data
  - How many labs did the test?
  - How many samples were used?
  - What is approx. the repeatability?
  - Look at graphs mean by lab, data and h values
  - Look at graph k values
  - Look at h and k critical values
- Discussion

# More methods, or factors

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- You may wish to use the program in cases where you have different methods, or made a factor vary in a method  
=>you can simply split in different analysis per level of factor (factor=a, factor=b,...)
- You may want to design an experiment with many factors and for each factor have different modalities.  
=>In that case use ANOVA or GLM or ... You are too far from the ISO standard definition

*For each combination of XXX\*YYY I have repeats*

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<u>Lab</u>	<u>Lot/Sample</u>	<u>Repeat</u>	<u>Value</u>
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Lab	Method	Repeat	Value
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Method	Lot	Repeat	Value
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XXX	YYY	Repeat	Value
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10 labs 4 lots 3 methods -> 1 report per method (or per lot)

8 labs, 3 methods, 3 levels of presence -> 1 report per method (or level)

3 methods 4 levels of presence 10 labs -> “labs as repeats”

Etc...

Remember repeatability, reproducibility is computed by “YYYY”  
(lot/sample)

# h and k values

- Critical h values at 1% and 5%

High h value = over estimate / general mean

Low h value = under estimate / general mean

- Critical k values at 1% and 5%

High k value, greater variability in repeats

Low k values are not spotted on the critical values

$$h_{ij} = (\bar{y}_{ij} - \bar{y}_j) / \sqrt{1/(p_j - 1) \sum_{i=1}^{p_j} (\bar{y}_{ij} - \bar{y}_j)^2}$$

$$k_{ij} = s_{ij} \sqrt{p_j} / \sqrt{\sum s_{ij}^2}$$

If Nb Labs\* Nb samples = 100 -> 1 and 5 are expected at 1% and 5%

With 10 labs 3 samples = 30 -> 0 or 1 at 1% 1 or 2 at 5% are expected

- Over-estimate compared to mean of all values; it does not tell who is right who is wrong
- No true value is given in the computations, no reference laboratory is given in the computations
- These are alerts to take into account by the experts

# Exercise 2 two differences to discover

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- Open charbon2ISO5725\_2000.mdb Access database
- Obtain a report and look at it
- Change the heading of the report, with your name
- Look at table data
- Use of data set charbon2
  - How many labs did the test? (see names)
  - How many samples were used? (see names)
  - What is approx. the repeatability?
  - Look at graphs mean by lab, data and h values
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- discussion

# Exercise 2 two differences to discover

- Open harbor2ISO5725\_XX.mdb Access database
- Obtain a report and look at it
- Change the heading of the report, with your name
- Look at table data
- Use of data set charbon2
  - How many labs did the test? (see names)
  - How many samples were used? (see names)
  - What is approx. the repeatability?
  - Look at graphs mean by lab, data and h values
  - Look at graph k values *Lab 1 lot 1 rep 2 is exotic*
  - Look at h and k critical values *Lab5 has less variability*
- discussion *Lab names and sample names changed*

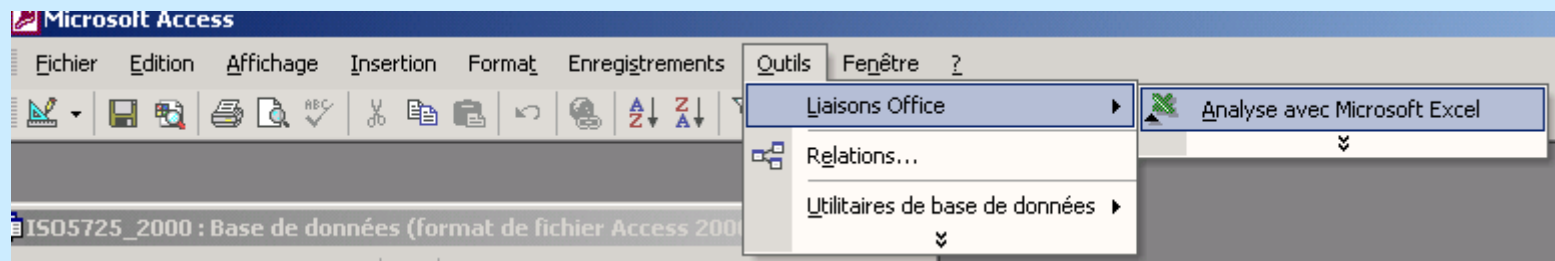


# From office Access to Excel

- Button std dev



	lab	lot1	lot2	lot3	lot4
▶	lab 1	1,5016740940	0,0208166879	0,0095743242	0,0282842443
	lab 2	0,0099999905	0,0057734972	0,0057734972	0
	lab 3	0,0208166640	0,0152752377	0,0057734972	0,0100001097
	lab 4	0,0100000203	0,0251661460	0,0115469944	0,0378593529
	lab 5	0,0070710611	0,0057734972	0,0054772204	0,0089442634
	lab 6	0,0057734972	0,0152752377	0,0173204916	0,0199999809
	lab 7	0,0115469944	0,0346409831	0,0100000501	0,0208166401
	lab 8	0,0251661224	0,0416332803	0,0057734972	0,0057734972



Microsoft Excel - std-dev Analyse croisee\_par\_lab\_sample.xls

Echier Edition Affichage Insertion Format Outils Données Fenêtre ?

100%

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	A	B	C	D	E
1	lab	lot1	lot2	lot3	lot4
2	lab 1	1,501674094	0,020816688	0,009574324	0,028284244
3	lab 2	0,009999999	0,005773497	0,005773497	0
4	lab 3	0,020816664	0,015275238	0,005773497	0,01000011
5	lab 4	0,01000002	0,025166146	0,011546994	0,037859353
6	lab 5	0,007071061	0,005773497	0,00547722	0,008944263
7	lab 6	0,005773497	0,015275238	0,017320492	0,019999981
8	lab 7	0,011546994	0,034640963	0,01000005	0,02081664
9	lab 8	0,025166122	0,04163328	0,005773497	0,005773497

Assistant Graphique - Étape 1 sur 4 - Type de Graphique

Types standard | Types personnalisés

Type de graphique :

Histogramme

Barres

Courbes

Secteurs

Nuages de points

Aires

Anneau

Radar

Surface

Bulles

Boursier

Histogramme groupé. Compare les valeurs prises à différentes abscisses x.

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Suppress lot  
1 lab 1

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# Troubleshooting

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- Out of capacity  $\leq$  no variability for 1 (any) sample
- Reproducibility  $<$  repeatability  $\leq$  report with =
- Non normality
  - use and notify in your report
  - transform data, advantage tests are ok if good transformation, disadvantage you lose technical unit

# Complete implementation of ISO 5725-2 need more than free tool

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- Data check
- Grubbs to detect outliers
- Linearity of repeatability along measures (do it with Excel)
- etc...

SAS, Statgraphics, and other packages can help, specific ISO software are often expensive