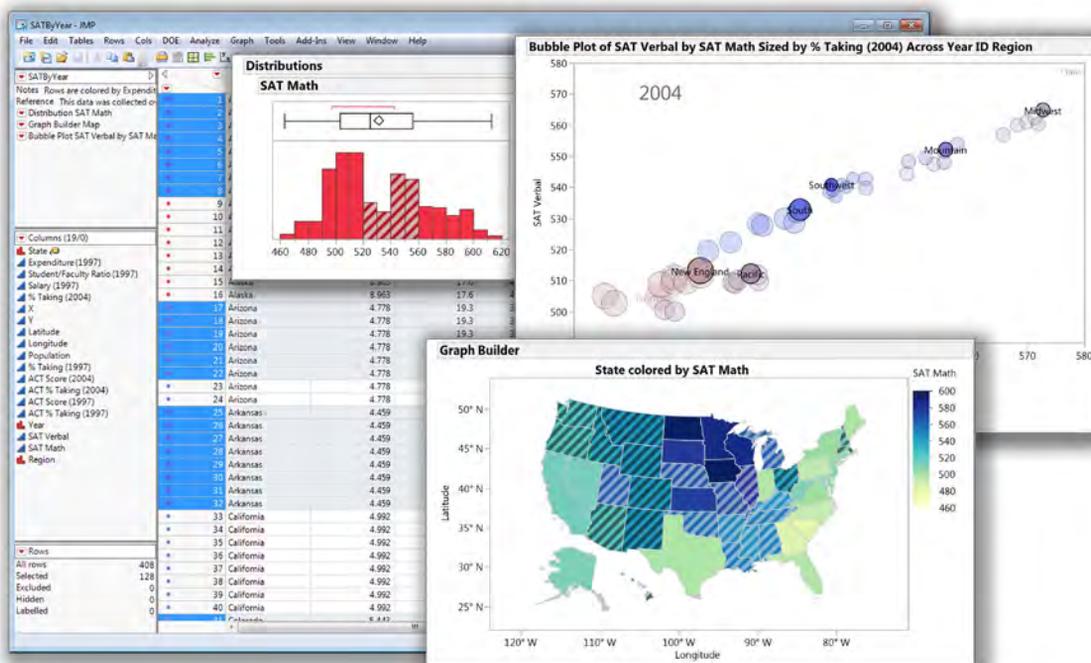
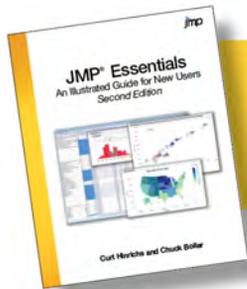


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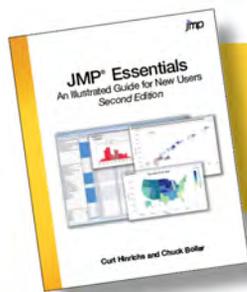
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Chapter 1 Getting Started

1.1 Using JMP Essentials

1.2 Launching JMP

1.3 JMP Menus

1.4 Elements of using JMP

1.5 JMP Launch Dialog Windows

1.6 The Excel Add-In (Optional)

1.7 JMP Preferences

1.8 Summary

JMP was developed to help people with questions about their data get the answers they need through the use of graphs and numerical results. For most people, memories of statistics can be a very unpleasant, if not forgotten, part of their education. If you see yourself as a new, occasional, or even reluctant user of data analysis, we want you to know that we have written this book for you.

It is important to note that throughout the historical development of statistics as a scientific discipline, people had real problems they needed to solve and developed statistical techniques to help solve them. Statistics can be thought of as sophisticated common sense, and JMP takes a practical, common sense approach to solving data-driven problems.

JMP was designed around the workflow of analyzing data rather than as a collection of tools only a statistician can understand. When you think about your data analysis problem, try to formulate the questions that might help you address it. For example, do you need to describe the variation in selling prices of homes in a city or understand the relationship of customer satisfaction with service waiting times? With this mindset, you will find the menus and navigation in JMP to be very compatible with the types of questions you are trying to answer.

Displaying graphs (or pictures) of data is one of JMP's strengths. For most people, an effective graph can convey more information more quickly than a table of numbers or statistics. In any JMP analysis, graphs are presented first and then the appropriate numerical results follow. This is by design. JMP also provides a **Graph** menu that contains additional visualization tools that are independent of numerical results. The goal of this chapter is to introduce you to JMP and its basic

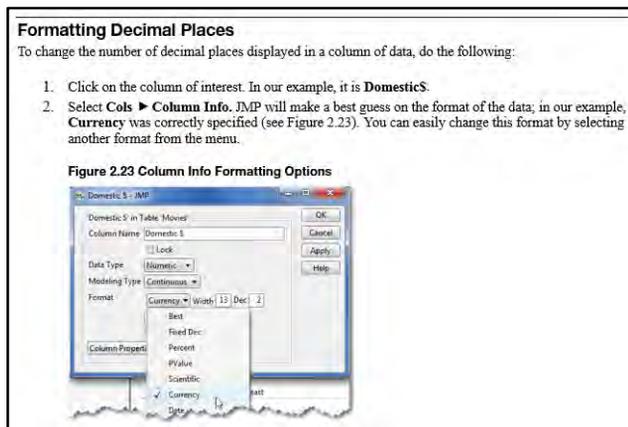
navigation. We cover the menus and windows and introduce you to the conventions used throughout the book.

1.1 Using JMP Essentials

All but one chapter in this book (Chapter 3, “Index of Graphs”) is laid out in a consistent manner to help you generate results quickly. The format of the book has been designed to be used alongside your computer where JMP is installed. After an introduction to the concept, we have designed each section to be self-contained. That is, with few exceptions, the steps required to produce a result begin and end without having to flip through several pages.

We provide numbered steps that generate the result illustrated in the figure that follows (see Figure 1.1).

Figure 1.1 Book Layout



Note: This edition of JMP Essentials was written with JMP 11 and pre-release versions of JMP 12. However, the methods covered in this book are mostly basic and have not substantially changed since the earliest releases of the software. Thus, you will find most instructions contained in this book compatible with earlier and future JMP releases.

Conventions

We are confident that, having made it this far, you know the basic terminology associated with operating a computer, including click, right-click, double-click, drag, select, copy, and paste. We use these terms and they appear in numbered steps (see Figure 1.2). When there is a single or self-evident step, these instructions are included in the body of the text. Each step or action appears in bold type.

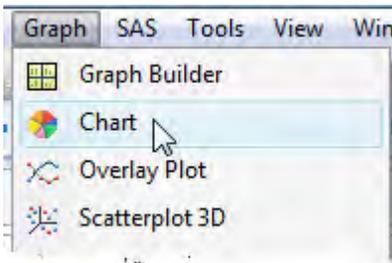
Figure 1.2 Selection Path Example

1. Select **File** ► **Open**.
The **Big Class.xls** file, which is illustrated here, can be found by selecting **C:** ► **Program Files** ► **SAS** ► **JMP** ► **11** ► **Samples** ► **Import Data** ► **Big Class.xls**.
2. From the **Files of Type** drop-down menu, select **Excel Files**.
3. Select the file that you want, then select **Open** which will launch the Excel Import Wizard dialog with a view of your data. If it looks correctly structured, select **Import**.

In writing this book, we have adopted the same conventions contained in JMP documentation to ease your transition to using the documentation.

Menu items such as **Graph** are associated with a JMP command such as **Chart**. We use the greater than (►) symbol to indicate the next step in an operation. Thus, **Graph** ► **Chart** indicates that you should select the **Chart** command (or platform) from the **Graph** menu (see Figure 1.3).

Figure 1.3 Menu Conventions



Book Features

Most chapters feature one or more examples to illustrate the procedures within that chapter (see Figure 1.4). All of the examples have corresponding data tables that are included in JMP's built-in Sample Data directory (**Help** ► **Sample Data**).

Figure 1.4 Data Table Description

Example 2.1 Big Class

We will be using the **Big Class.jmp** data file to illustrate the steps in this chapter. This data set consists of 40 middle-school students and their name, height, weight, gender, and age. You can access this data set in the Sample Data folder that is installed with JMP:

File ► **Open** ► **C:** ► **Program Files** ► **SAS** ► **JMP** ► **11** ► **Samples** ► **Data** ► **Big Class.jmp**

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Important definitions are in bold for easy reference (see Figure 1.5).

Figure 1.5 Definitions

<p>Data refers to any values placed in the cell of a JMP data grid. Examples include numeric and/or text descriptions: 3.6, \$2500, Female, Somewhat Likely, or 11/14/13.</p> <p>Data type refers to the nature of the data. The data type can be either numeric (numbers) or character (often words and letters but sometimes also numbers).</p> <p>Modeling type refers to how the data within a column should be used in an analysis or a graph. JMP uses three distinct modeling types: continuous, nominal, and ordinal.</p>
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We include notes, tips, and cautions where appropriate to point out relevant or important information (see Figure 1.6).

Figure 1.6 Note and Tips

<p>Note: Once you've selected a new value, you can replace that value in the same column, create a new column with these values, or even create a formula column. Be careful! If you select In Place, these values cannot be changed because the Recode command replaces values in that column.</p>

The appendices offer reference material including Appendix C (see Figure 1.7), a JMP 11 Quick Guide that provides essential menu steps to perform a specific analysis (if you know what you're after), Appendix B, a glossary of terms used in this book, and Appendix A, an introduction to using JMP and SAS together.

Figure 1.7 JMP Quick Guide

Task	Menu Selection
Adding Labels	<i>Click on column heading; Cols > Label/ <u>Unlabel</u></i>
ANOVA -One Way	Analyze > Fit Y by X; ▼ > Means/ <u>Anova</u>
-Two or More Factors	Analyze > Fit Model
Bar Chart .	Graph > Chart

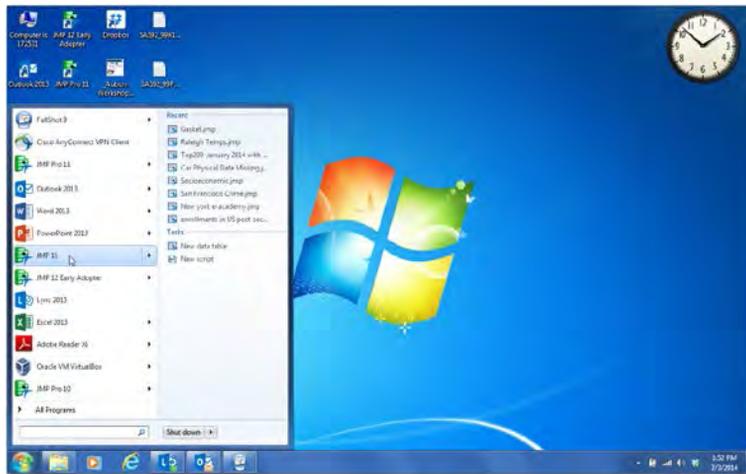
1.2 Launching JMP

Let's begin by launching JMP. To launch JMP from the Microsoft Windows Start menu:

1. Select the **Start** menu.
2. Select All Programs.
3. Select **JMP 11** ► **JMP 11** (see Figure 1.8).

Note: Windows 8 users will begin with the Start Screen.

Figure 1.8 Opening JMP in Windows



Note: JMP is offered in two versions: JMP and JMP Pro. JMP Pro contains more advanced predictive modeling tools that are beyond the scope of this book. Thus, you will find the steps we cover in this book identical to both versions. The only minor exception is here: Select **Start** ► **All Programs** ► **JMP Pro 11** ► **JMP Pro 11**.

Macintosh users can click on the JMP icon (see Figure 1.9) to launch JMP from the application dock. If the icon does not appear on the dock, select **Finder** ► **Applications** ► **JMP 11**.

Figure 1.9 Accessing JMP on the Mac

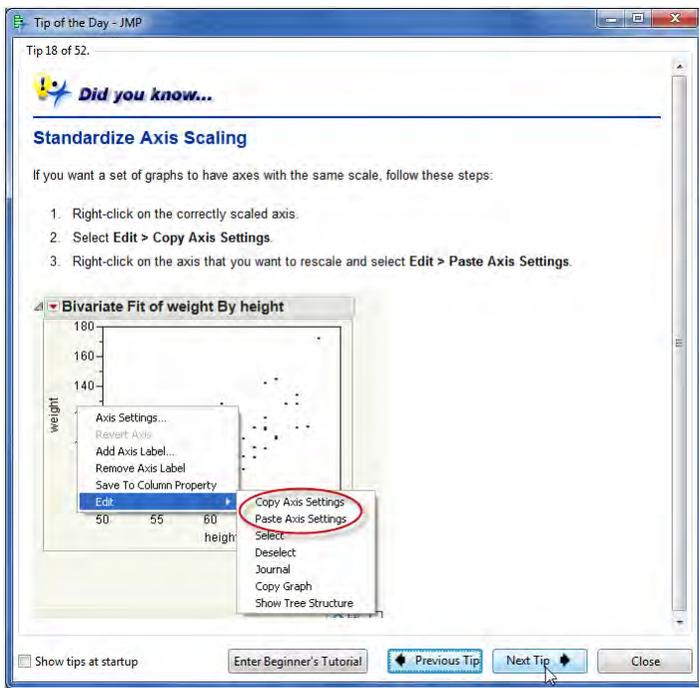


After JMP has launched, you might notice that two windows have also opened: Tip of the Day and JMP Home Window.

Tip of the Day

The Tip of the Day window is the first thing you see because it addresses the most common questions that new users ask, such as, “How do I do X?” Well, the X in these common questions is represented and answered in 52 different Tip of the Day windows. You can scroll through them by clicking **Next Tip** at the bottom of the window (Figure 1.10). Some of the Tip boxes contain important and basic navigational hints, while others only apply to more advanced features in JMP.

Figure 1.10 Tip of the Day



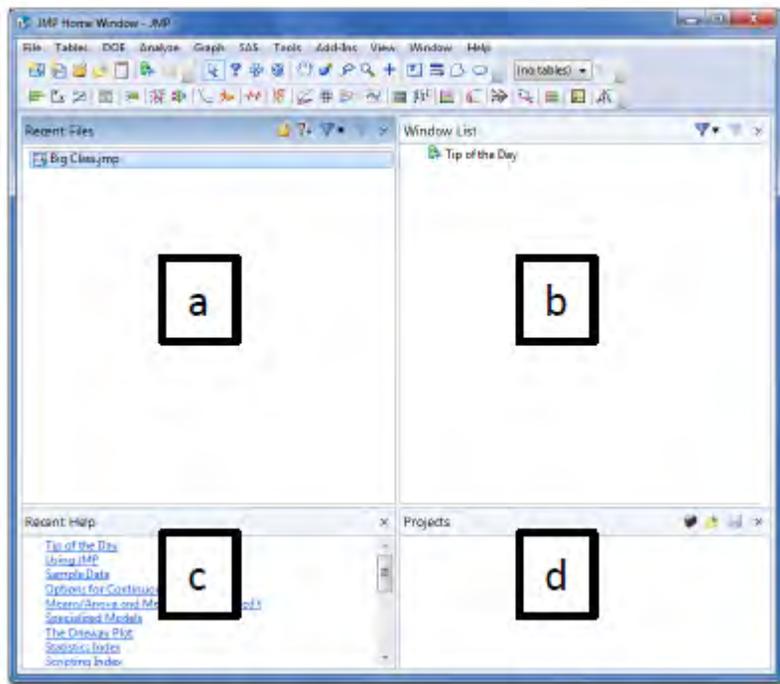
Note the **Enter Beginner's Tutorial** button. This tutorial walks you through a basic analysis of data, from opening data tables to creating graphs and results. JMP contains several other tutorials that are directed toward more specific types of problems and are found in the **Help** menu.

Note: If you do not want to see the Tip of the Day window every time you launch JMP, you can simply uncheck the **Show tips at startup** box in the lower left corner of the window.

The JMP Home Window

When you launch JMP, the Home Window appears (Figure 1.11). The Home Window first appeared in Windows in JMP 9, but now also appears in a similar format in the Macintosh version, beginning in JMP 11. The Home Window organizes and helps you navigate data tables, documentation, and open files and any results that you've generated. If you tend to have several data tables and analyses running at the same time, the Home Window provides a convenient way to quickly navigate to what you want.

Figure 1.11 The JMP Home Window



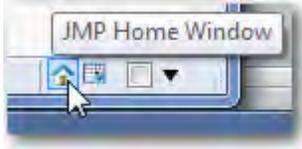
The Home Window is divided into four panels, which are:

- a. The upper left panel contains recent files that you've accessed, listed from the most recently opened. If you are opening JMP for the first time, this panel should be blank.
- b. The upper right panel titled "Window" contains a list of open data tables files and their associated results. In JMP, you can have any number of data tables and results open, but only one active data file may be analyzed at any one time. You may double click on any item in this panel to activate it and bring it to the forefront.
- c. The lower left panel contains Recent Help. JMP includes extensive documentation built right into the software. This panel lists the documentation you've accessed with the most recent at the top.

- d. The lower right panel lists projects that are a special type of JMP file that allow you to package a number files, slide decks, and so forth within a single file.

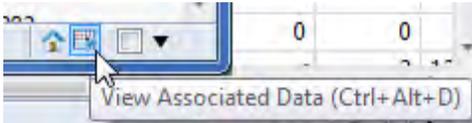
While the Home Window allows you to navigate directly to a file or result, each data table and results window also provides shortcuts back to the Home Window. At the lower right of each window, select the icon that looks like a house to return to the Home Window (Figure 1.12).

Figure 1.12 Shortcut Back to the Home Window



A results window has a second icon, which is also the same icon used to denote “.jmp” formatted files which we call JMP Data Tables. Click on a Data Table icon and you will be taken to the corresponding data table for that results window (Figure 1.13). Note that if you are looking at a data table, you will not see this second icon because you are already in the data table window.

Figure 1.13 Shortcut Back to the Data Table

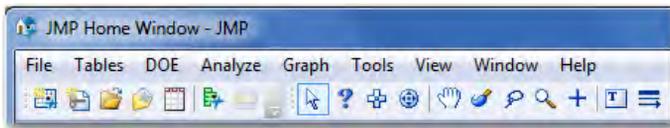


The check box with the down arrow button next to it allows you to combine multiple results windows or graphs into a single window or “dashboard”. We will discuss creating dashboards in Chapter 7.

1.3 JMP Menus

At the top of the Home Window, you see a series of menus (**File, Edit, Tables**, and so on). These are the menus we use to illustrate the concepts in this book. They are also the same menus we refer to as JMP's native menus because they have been present in JMP since its first release.

These menus serve to open or import data, to edit or structure it, and to create graphs and analyses of your data. They are also a valuable source for assistance through the **Help** menu, which is discussed later. The menus are logically sequenced from left to right.



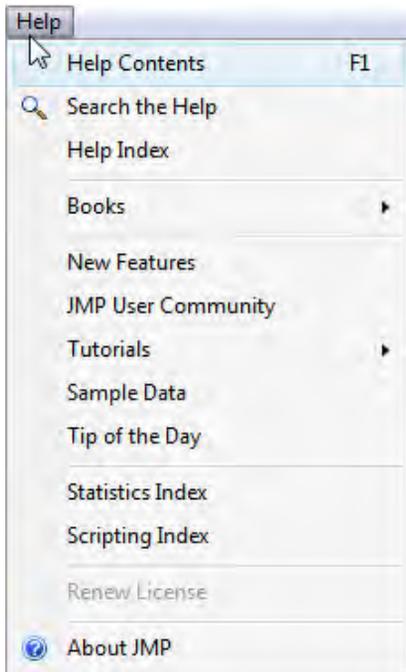
- **File** is where you go to open or import data and to save, print, or exit JMP. It is also where you can customize the appearance or settings within JMP through **Preferences** (explained in Section 1.5).
- **Edit** will appear when needed and provides the usual cut, clear, copy, paste, and select functions, as well as undo, redo, and special JMP functions.
- **Tables** provides the tools to manage, summarize, and structure your data (see Section 2.6).
- **DOE** contains the Design of Experiments tools, which we will not cover in this book. For more information, see **Help ► Books ► JMP Design of Experiments Guide**.
- **Analyze** contains the analysis tools that generate both graphs and statistics and serves as the home for all of JMP's statistical tools from simple to advanced (Chapters 5 & 6).
- **Graph** contains graph tools that are independent of statistics (at least initially). Graphs in this menu include basic charts to advanced multivariable and animated visualization tools and maps (Chapters 3 & 4).
- **Tools** allows you to transform your cursor into a help tool, a brushing tool, a selection or scrolling tool, and much more (Section 7.2).
- **View** provides options to control which windows, menus and toolbars are visible including the JMP Starter (Section 8.3).
- **Window** helps you manage windows within JMP.
- **Help** provides resources for learning and using JMP. Let's start with an introduction to the **Help** menu.

Note: Additional menu items including “Add-ins” and “SAS” may appear if and when you have tools of these types installed.

The Help Menu

The **Help** menu (see Figure 1.14) provides access to learning resources you can use as you expand your knowledge of JMP features, learn about statistics, and learn how to interpret results. These resources include searchable indexes, guided tutorials, tips of the day, and printable books including *Using JMP*. Data tables employed in this book and in all JMP documentation are included in the Sample Data directory. Chapter 8 covers the features of the **Help** menu in greater detail.

Figure 1.14 The Help Menu



JMP also features context-specific help, meaning that when you use the JMP Help Tool in any graph or statistical result, you are directed to the right spot in the documentation to assist you in understanding the result. For more information on the JMP Help Tool, see section 8.1. In statistical results, JMP provides Hover Help that reveals context-specific interpretation of statistical results. See Chapter 5 for more information.

Interpretation can be straightforward for descriptive graphs or basic summary statistics, but as you dig deeper into an analysis or employ more advanced methods, it is vitally important that you understand the meaning of the results, particularly when they are shared or presented. The documentation under Help ► Books includes over 4,300 pages of reference material in fourteen books that address the needs of professional statisticians and analysts. If you encounter results that you do not understand, however, we strongly recommend that you seek assistance from experienced data analysts.

The Analyze and Graph Menus

Because most graphs or statistical results begin with the **Analyze** and **Graph** menus, let's explore the structure within these two menus a little bit more.

Click on the **Analyze** menu at the top of the window. Glance at the choices on the menu. Top-down, the platforms are organized from the basic to more advanced tools. Next, click on the **Graph** menu at the top of the window. Glance at the graph choices. The menus in JMP—specifically the **Analyze** and **Graph** menus (see Figures 1.15a and 1.15b)—are designed to provide both a description and visual cues for analyzing, graphing, and exploring data.

Figure 1.15a The Analyze Menu

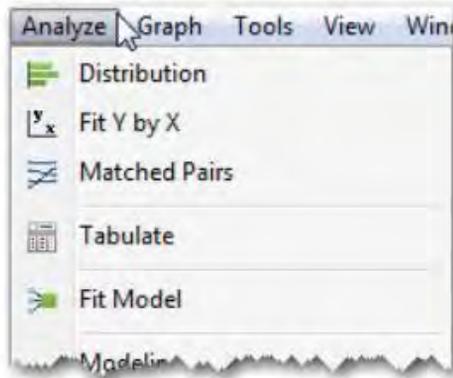
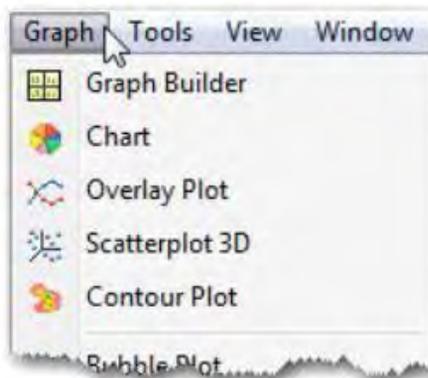
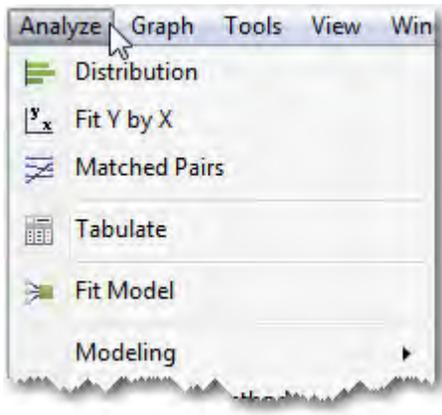


Figure 1.15b The Graph Menu



Note that each entry under these menus has both a name and an icon (on the Mac, the icons will not appear). The icons next to the **Graph** menu options give you a preview of each graph. From the **Analyze** menu, the icons depict the description or relationships you will see in graphs and statistical results (Figure 1.16).

Figure 1.16 Visual Cues Provided for Basic Analysis

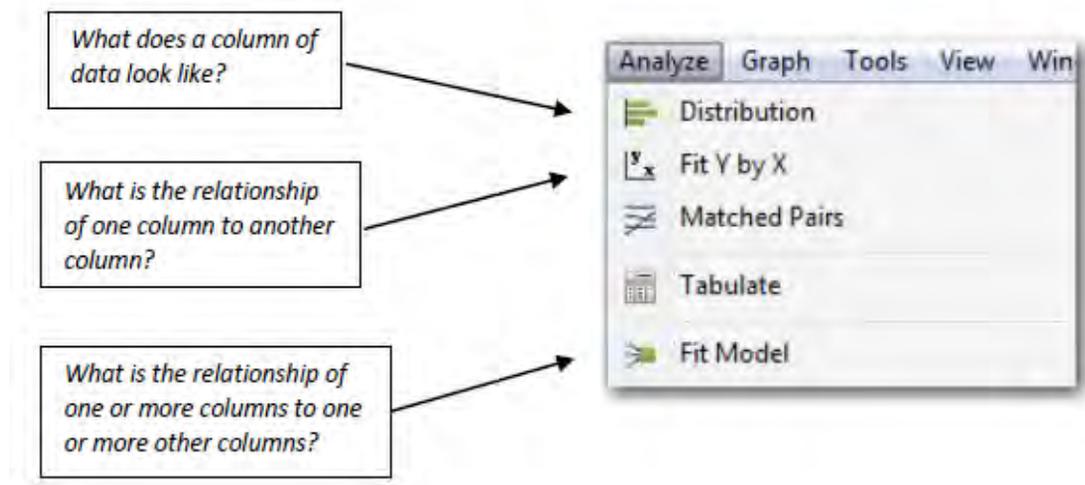


Note: The **Analyze** menu items produce both graphs and statistical results, while the **Graph** menu items produce only graphs.

Framework of the Analyze Menu

There is a problem-solving framework to the **Analyze** menu that we will discuss in detail in Chapter 5. As mentioned in the introduction, your exploratory objective will translate to these menu items. This structure streamlines the analysis process; in order to select the correct menu item, you only need to count how many columns you are interested in and know whether you are trying to describe, compare, or understand their relationship (see Figure 1.17).

Figure 1.17 Framework of the Analyze Menu



This framework cues you to the correct analysis choice on the menu without exposing you to many statistical terms until you need them. Make no mistake; you still get the statistics when you want them, but you do not have to know all the statistical terms or assumptions in order to access them.

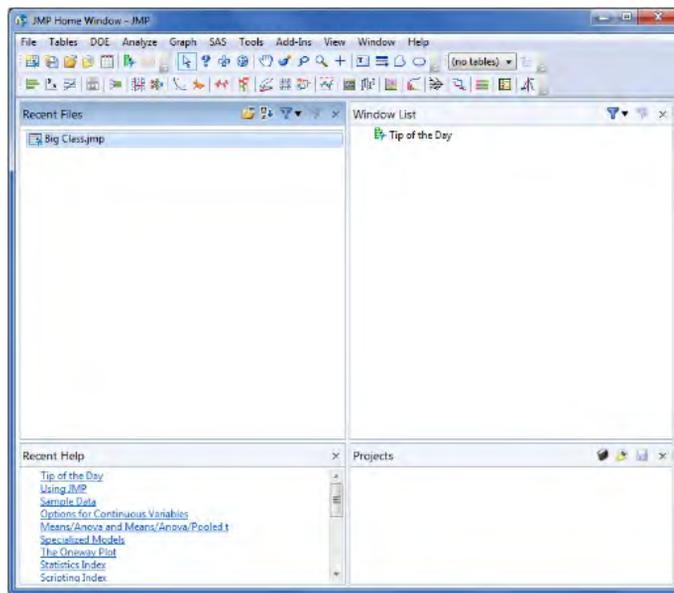
Note: JMP's **Analyze** menu contains terms such as **Distribution** and **Fit Y by X** that might be unfamiliar, but the ideas behind them are very straightforward. We describe them in simple terms as needed throughout the book. Many items under the **Analyze** and **Graph** menus are referred to as platforms or commands through this book. For example, **Distribution** and **Fit Y by X** are referred to as platforms.

1.4 Elements of using JMP

Before we launch JMP for the first time, let's look at the four common elements of a JMP analysis. All JMP analyses contain these and they follow a consistent process.

1. The first is the **JMP Home Window**, where you begin a JMP session (Figure 1.18). This is your mission control center. As described earlier in this chapter, from here you can open or create a data table or easily navigate between data tables, results, and help.

Figure 1.18 The JMP Home Window



- The second element is a **Data Table** where your data reside, which you may have imported or opened through the Home Window (Figure 1.19). The data table is also where you will usually initiate an analysis or graph described next. We will cover the Data Table in Chapter 2.

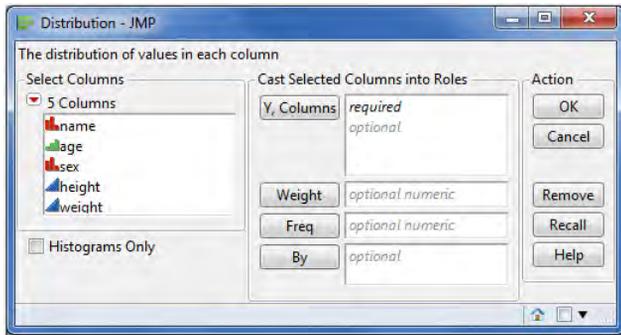
Figure 1.19 A JMP Data Table

The screenshot shows the JMP software interface with a data table titled 'Big Class'. The table contains 27 rows of student data. The columns are 'name', 'age', 'sex', 'height', and 'weight'. The 'Rows' panel on the left indicates that all 40 rows are currently visible, though only 27 are shown in the table view.

	name	age	sex	height	weight
1	KATIE	12	F	59	95
2	LOUISE	12	F	61	123
3	JANE	12	F	55	74
4	JACLYN	12	F	66	145
5	LILLIE	12	F	52	64
6	TIM	12	M	60	84
7	JAMES	12	M	61	128
8	ROBERT	12	M	51	79
9	BARBARA	13	F	60	112
10	ALICE	13	F	61	107
11	SUSAN	13	F	56	67
12	JOHN	13	M	65	98
13	JOE	13	M	63	105
14	MICHAEL	13	M	58	95
15	DAVID	13	M	59	79
16	JUDY	14	F	61	81
17	ELIZABETH	14	F	62	91
18	LESLIE	14	F	65	142
19	CAROL	14	F	63	84
20	PATTY	14	F	62	85
21	FREDERICK	14	M	63	93
22	ALFRED	14	M	64	99
23	HENRY	14	M	65	119
24	LEWIS	14	M	64	92
25	EDWARD	14	M	68	112
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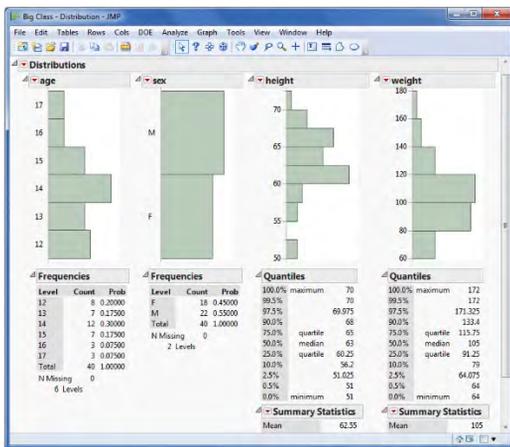
- Once you have a data table open in JMP, you'll want to select a task through the JMP menus. These tasks (or commands as we call them in JMP) generate a **Launch Window** to execute your desired command (Figure 1.20). You will notice that the columns or variables from your data table are pre-populated in the Launch window. Chapters 3 through 6 will explore these tasks and their results.

Figure 1.20 A Launch Window



- The result of any executed command is called the **Report Window**, which contains the graphs and statistics you've asked JMP to glean from your data (Figure 1.21). We will be seeing Report Windows throughout this book as we illustrate JMP's features, but Chapter 7 will focus on how to share these graphs and reports with others.

Figure 1.21 A Report Window



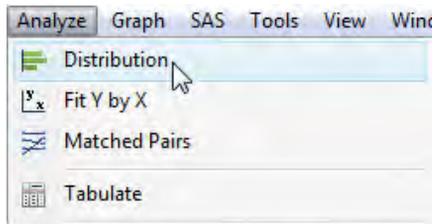
1.5 JMP Launch Dialog Windows

Throughout this book, each set of instructions used to create a graph or an analysis is prompted by a launch window that follows a consistent format and execution. To launch a window, however, you must first open a data table.

For purposes of illustration, we will open the Equity.jmp data table:

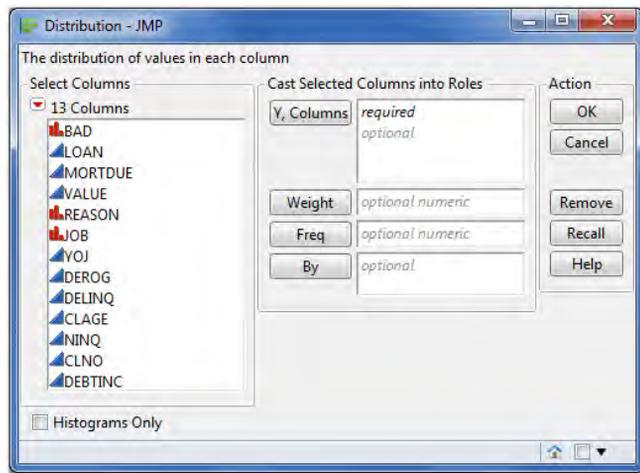
1. Select **Help ► Sample Data ► Open the Sample Data Directory ► Equity.jmp**.
2. Select **Analyze ► Distribution** (see Figure 1.22).

Figure 1.22 Selecting the Distribution Platform



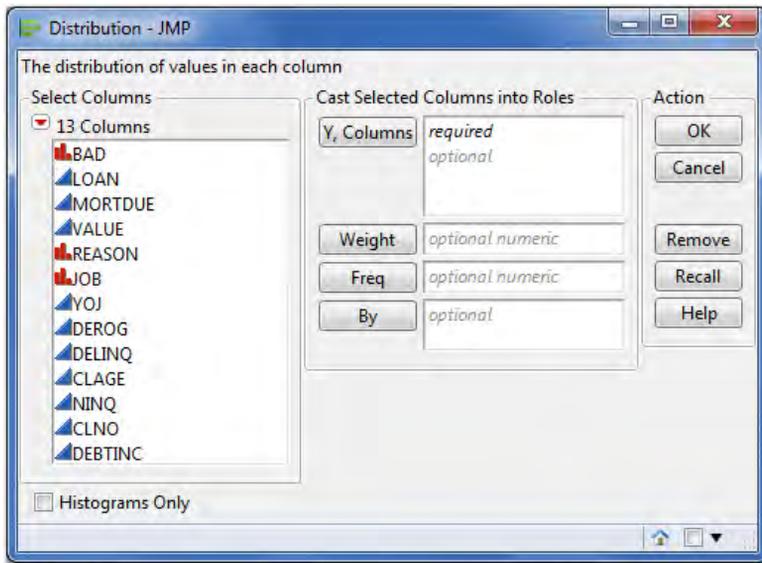
3. This generates the Distribution window with the columns (variables) from the Equity.jmp data table populated under the Select Columns window (see Figure 1.23).

Figure 1.23 The Distribution Launch Window



Most JMP launch windows consist of three main elements, organized from left to right (see Figure 1.24):

Figure 1.24 Launch Window Basics



1. **Available columns** (or variables) of data to analyze from your data table. These appear on the left under **Select Columns**.
2. **Roles** that you want to place (or cast) on the column(s). In this area, you see buttons and empty areas under **Cast Selected Columns into Roles**. Within these empty areas, you are given a hint in italics about which columns are required and which are optional to run the analysis.
3. **Action buttons** to execute commands.

To use this Distribution window or almost any other in JMP, click on a column and select the role (or click and drag the column into that role's empty space). Once you are satisfied with your selections, select **OK**.

Almost every analysis and graph window in JMP appears in this way. Now that you've learned this format, you are ready to handle just about any command window in JMP.

Note: The **Y, Columns** role refers to what column you want to place on the vertical, or y, axis. In other windows, such as Fit Y by X, you also have an **X** role to select that corresponds to the horizontal, or x, axis. The Weight, Freq, and By roles are more specialized, but can streamline your analyses often without the requirement of reshaping your data (For more information, see **Help ► Books ► Using JMP ► Launch Windows**).

1.6 The Excel Add-In (Optional)

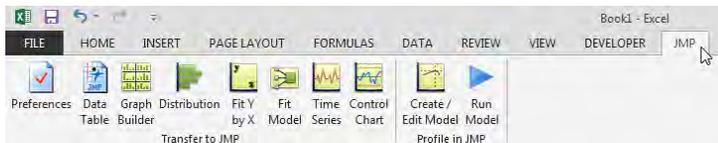
We find that many new users of JMP are often Microsoft Excel users too. JMP can easily import Excel data, which we will describe in greater detail in Chapter 2, but one feature that Excel power users may appreciate is the JMP add-in for Excel. The Excel add-in is a convenient Windows-only way to launch JMP platforms from within the Excel environment. If Excel is installed on your Windows computer and you then install JMP, the add-in should appear as a new tab along the top of your Excel window (see Figure 1.25). If it does not, go to ‘Add-ins’ within Excel and select the check box next to the JMP add-in item.

Figure 1.25 The JMP Add-In Tab in Excel



Selecting the JMP tab will reveal a JMP ribbon providing a good selection (but not all) of the commonly used JMP platforms (see Figure 1.26).

Figure 1.26 The JMP Ribbon In Excel

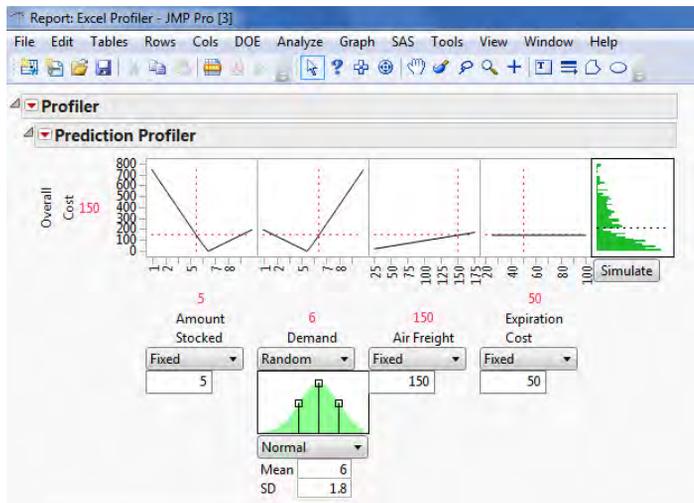


Because the JMP environment offers dynamic and visual exploration of your data, each JMP platform option will launch JMP, convert your Excel worksheet into a JMP data table, and set up the corresponding Launch window within the JMP environment. Let's briefly summarize their functions.

1. **Preferences** help to bring your data to JMP in the right format. Here, you can specify the number of header rows in your Excel worksheet and whether to bring over hidden rows or columns.
2. **Data Table** automatically converts your Excel worksheet into a JMP Data Table. Note that it will utilize the preferences you've set. If your data does not transfer correctly, change your preferences accordingly or utilize the Excel Import Wizard discussed in Chapter 2.
3. **Graph Builder** is an easy-to-use data visualization platform. Selecting this option will convert your worksheet into a JMP data table, launch the Graph Builder platform, and populate the dialog with your variables or columns so that you are ready to visualize your data.

4. **Distribution, Fit Y by X, Fit Model, Time Series, and Control Chart** will again, convert your worksheet into a JMP data table and launch the corresponding platform with your variables ready to be assigned into roles.
5. **Create/Edit Model and Run Model** allow you to visualize your spreadsheet models using JMP's profiler. If you are interested in performing "what-if" analysis on your spreadsheet models, the profiler allows you to do so visually. This is a great tool for presenting models because you can interact with the model and immediately visualize the effect of change. It also contains Monte Carlo simulation to explore how uncertainty will affect your model and fine-tune it to achieve desired results (see Figure 1.27).

Figure 1.27 The Excel Profiler

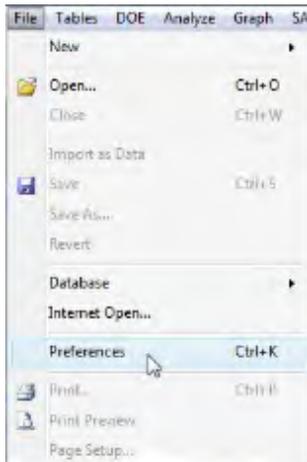


1.7 JMP Preferences

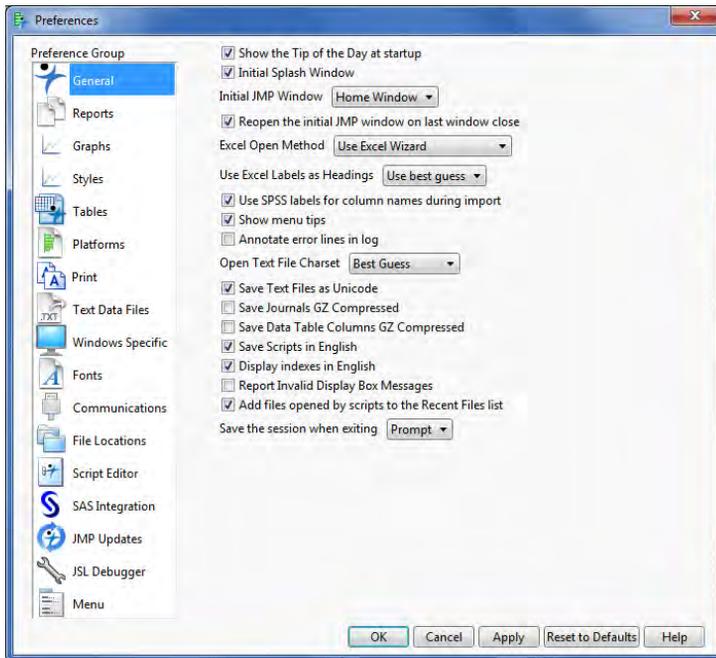
JMP's **Preferences** determine the way JMP appears or behaves on your machine. JMP has been carefully crafted to support the workflow of the data analyst. Its defaults have been selected to reflect common use, which we use in this book. However, JMP also provides options to tailor the software to corporate standards or individual tastes. In this section, we will explore how one can customize the look, feel, and options that appear in JMP. Preferences (**File ► Preferences**) are the primary means of setting or changing the defaults in JMP that you will see each time you operate the software—think global settings here. Virtually any function in JMP can be set as a default, including specific tests within any platform, the look of graphs, color schemes, font sizes and styles, and how JMP works with other products such as SAS.

To view the preferences, choose **File ► Preferences** (see Figure 1.28).

Figure 1.28 Accessing Preferences from the File Menu



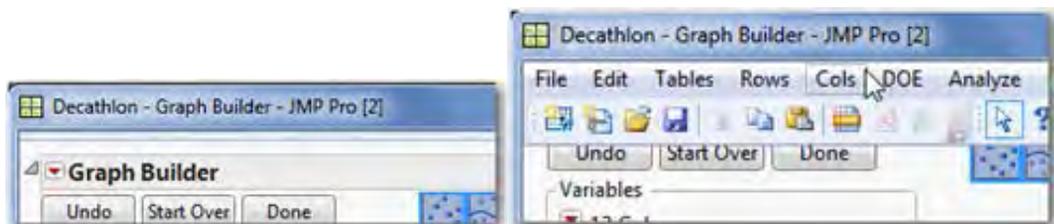
This opens the Preferences window (see Figure 1.29), containing 17 main categories on the left and options within those categories on the right. You can change preferences by checking or unchecking the boxes within the categories on the right or by selecting items from drop-down menus. Changing preferences may affect such things as the graph or result format, the font, the location of a file, and much more, each and every time you use those features in JMP. If you are unsure about making a change to the preferences, we recommend that you wait until you have a need to do so.

Figure 1.29 The Preferences Dialog Window

Note: If you need to make a change within a single graph or result, note that JMP also provides many of these formatting options within the graphs themselves.

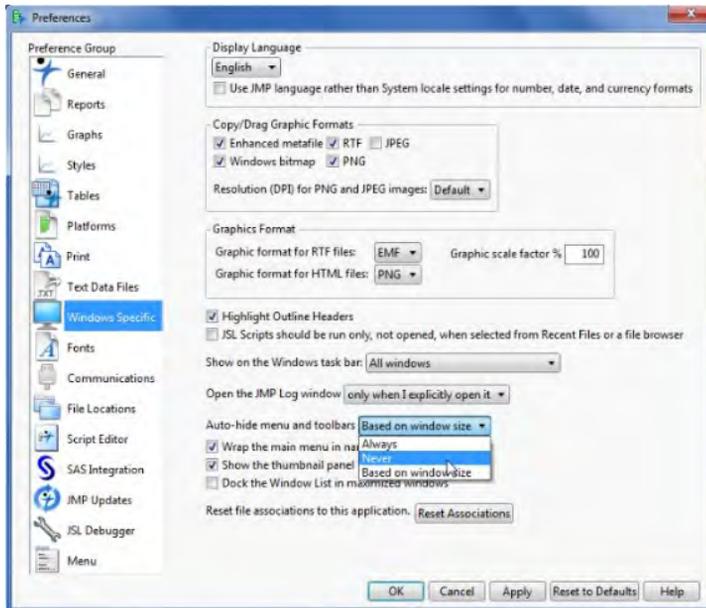
Let's see how this works. New users often prefer to “turn-off” the menu auto-hide option (which by design, provides a little more window real estate for graphics and statistics power users), making it a little easier to find the menu options described in this book.

Below we have an illustration of the menu hidden and un-hidden (Figure 1.30). Notice the “File”, “Edit”, etc menus appear when they are not hidden.

Figure 1.30 Illustration of Menu Hidden and Unhidden

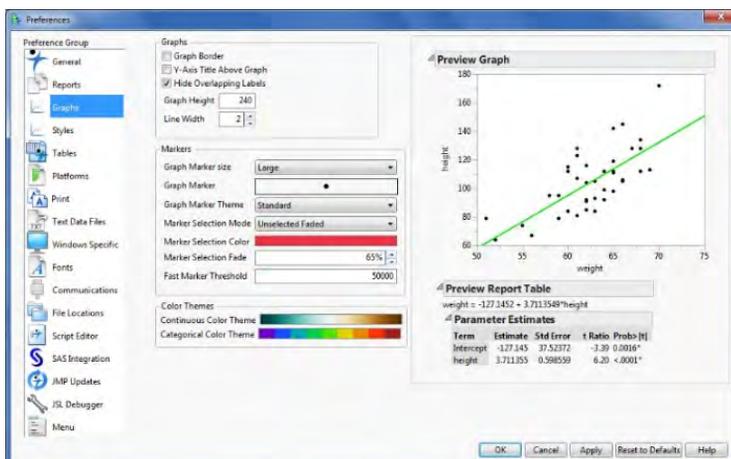
To change this “auto-hide” default to always show the menus, select **File ► Preferences ► Windows Specific ► Autohide menus and toolbar ► Never** (Figure 1.31).

Figure 1.31 Removing Menu Auto-Hide



If you wish to change the default marker size, style, or color themes employed in graphs, select **File ► Preferences ► Graphs**. Included is a handy preview to see how your selections will appear (Figure 1.32).

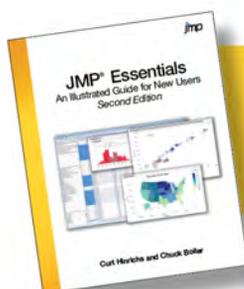
Figure 1.32 Graph Preferences



1.8 Summary

JMP was developed to help the business professional, scientist, or engineer get answers to the questions and problems they encounter. The navigation and menus within JMP provide a natural extension of your problem-solving and a direct means to explore your data and generate the results you need. This book uncovers the structure of JMP's menus and provides easy steps for producing results. The standardized format of the windows in JMP prompts you through most analysis and graphing. Results can be customized using global detailed preferences.

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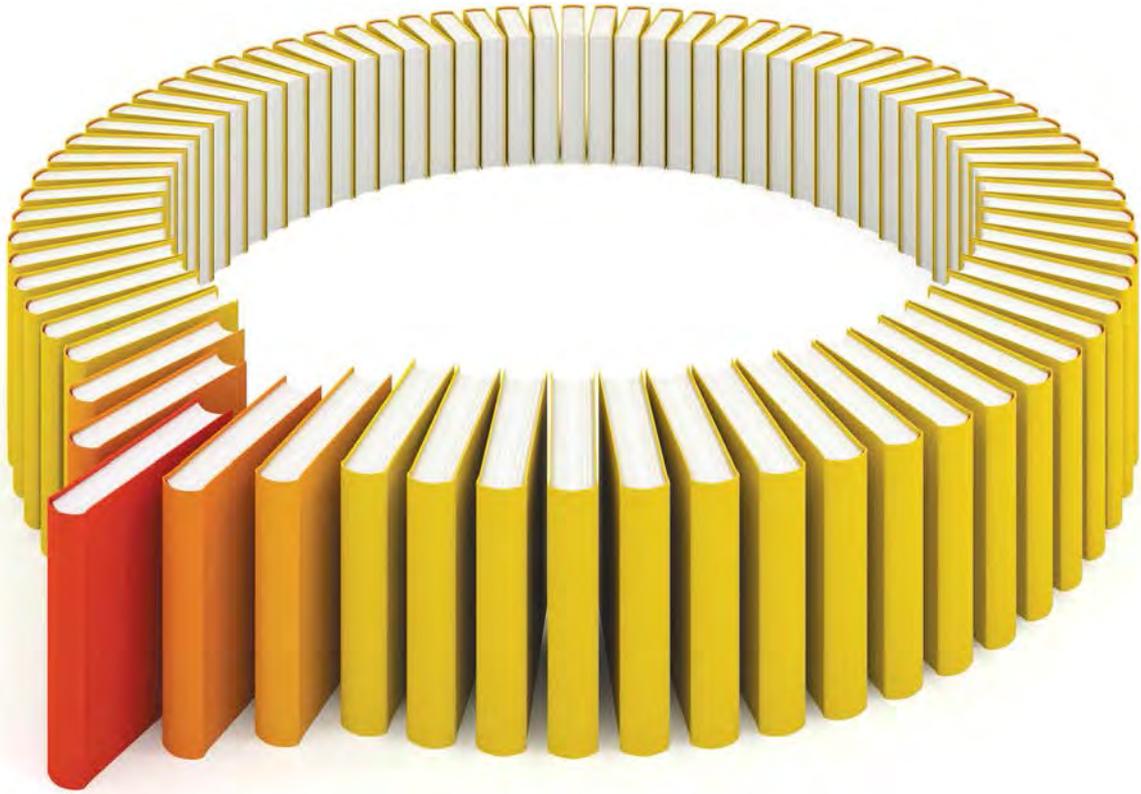
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