Spring 2018, Stat 428/528: Advanced Data Analysis I

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Time and Location: 11:00am-11:50am MWF, DSH 329

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Textbook: Lecture notes for Advanced Data Analysis 2. Lecture notes are partially based on previous material developed by Ed Bedrick, Ron Schrader, and Erik Erhardt. See **Reference:** Dr. Erik Erhardt's website for teaching ADA2 in the past semesters https://statacumen.com/teaching/ada2/ada2_pre-flipped/

Note: There will not be class on March 19th, the Monday after Spring Break.

Topics: Topics covered through the semester are: Introduction to R and Rstudio, Summarizing and Displaying Data, Estimation in One-Sample and Two-sample Problems, One-Way Analysis of Variance, Nonparametric Methods, Categorical Data Analysis, Correlation and Regression, Introduction to the Bootstrap, and Data Cleaning. These topics are mainly included in chapters 0-11.

At the end of the course, you should be able to

- Use statistical software, such as R, to read and manage data, create informative plots, report numerical summaries;
- Understand from a data story the goals of the study and apply the correct statistical procedure to analyze data;
- Discover relationships and make predictions through model development and selection;
- Explain the scientific aspects of a problem to nonscientists in a fashion that enhances understanding and decision making.

Computing

Rstudio will be used in this class. You can either use a classroom computer or your own

laptop. Saving data: If you're using classroom computers, use Flashdrives or UNM's OneDrive (available in LoboMail) for saving files.

Grading: Homework Assignments will be given about every 2 weeks to make for about a total of about 5-7 assignments. Homework 50%, Midterm Exam 1, 15%; Midterm Exam 2, 15%, Final project, 20%. There is no final exam. The Final project will consist of either a poster or presentation (for which you can work in groups if desired). The Final project can be based on your current research (especially for graduate students) or a detailed data analysis based on a project provided by the instructor. Grading for graduate students and undergraduates will be separate.

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A 90%-100% 85%-100%
B 80%-89% 75%-84%
C 70%-79% 60%-74%
D under 70% under 60%

Disability statement

If you have a documented disability that will impact your work in this class, please contact me to discuss your needs. Youll also need to register with the Accessibility Resource Center in 2021 Mesa Vista Hall (building 56) across the courtyard east from the SUB.

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Learning Outcomes

General outcomes:

- 1. Organize knowledge in graphs, tables, and code to support concise, comprehensible, and scientifically defensible written interpretations to produce knowledge within a reproducible research environment.
- 2. Distinguish a testable scientific hypothesis or data-supported interpretation from an opinion.
- 3. Understand from a data story the goals of the study and apply the correct statistical procedure.
- 4. Explain the scientific aspects of a problem to nonscientists in a fashion that enhances understanding and decision making.

Topical outcomes:

- 5. Define parameters of interest and hypotheses in words and notation.
- 6. Summarize data visually, numerically, and descriptively and interpret the observed characteristics. Calculate and interpret numerical summaries such as mean, variance, five-number summary, confidence intervals, and p-values, and create visual summaries such as bar plots, scatter plots, and histograms.
- 7. Distinguish between statistical significance and scientific relevance.
- 8. Use statistical software, such as R, to read and manage data, create informative plots, report numerical summaries, and apply statistical models, by recommended programming practice including abstraction and documentation.
- 9. Understand the differences and limitations of controlled experiments and observational studies. Design experiments to infer causal treatment effects. Analyze observational data to infer associations between measured variables.

- 10. Identify and explain the statistical methods, assumptions, and limitations used in reported studies in scientific literature or popular media.
- 11. Evaluate and criticize published studies, the work of peers, and your own work and assess what was done well, what could be done better, and examine whether their conclusions are supported using statistical principles.
- 12. Make evidence-based decisions by constructing and deciding between testable hypotheses using appropriate data and methods.
- 13. Discover relationships and make predictions through model development and selection.