Which Mushroom will kill you?!

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# 1. Summary/Abstract

**Briefly describe what the data is, how it was collected, where you will get (or got) it from. How many observations do you have, what was measured? Anything else important to report about the data?**

The dataset I will be using is from Kaggle called [Muchroom Dataset](https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/prishasawhney/mushroom-dataset/data). The kaggle version is a cleaned version of the original [Mushroom Dataset for Binary Classification](https://archive.ics.uci.edu/dataset/848/secondary+mushroom+dataset), available at UCI Library. The data set contains 9 columns and 54036 rows. There is one variable that is binary which indicates if the mushroom is edible or not. The following 8 variables are different features of the mushroom. Here are those variables.

Cap Diameter

Cap Shape

Gill Attachment

Gill Color

Stem Height

Stem Width

Stem Color Season

Target Class - Is it edible or not?

**At this stage you are not required to already have and show the data, but if you do, even better. Then add a few lines of code which load the data and using some of the commands you learned about, provide summary descriptions of the data.**

I am still working on importing and creating summary descriptions of my dataset.

**Explain the question you want to answer using the data. What will be your outcome(s) of interest (if any)? What (if any) specific predictors will you focus on? What relations/patterns are you looking for in the data?**

The main quesiton I want to answer is the following. *Determine what is the best model to predict if a mushroom is edible or not using the following 8 variables are your predictors.*

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I will focus on each predictor variable to see what is most significant in predicting if a mushroom is edible or not.

**As much as you know, suggest how you will analyze it. At this stage in the course, we haven’t covered analysis approaches yet, so you can keep things vague and non-technical here.**

I will run multiple different regression models to determine which is best at predicting the predictor varible. Some models I will consider are, linear/multilinear regression, logistic regression, decision tree models, etc.

**You are allowed, but not yet required, to provide background information for the question you plan to answer. For instance you can describe why it’s an interesting question, who else has done similar analyses, how your analysis will be new/different, etc. Similar to what you read in an introduction to a research paper. For the final report, you’ll need these parts. For part 1, they are not required, but you are welcome to already write down some of that.**

I want to enhance my modeling skills by trying multiple models to obtain the largest accuracy. Something unique that I will be doing compared to everything Ive seen on Kaggle for this data set is that I will be using R while everyone else used Python.

**Eventually, for your final report, what you write for this part will go into different sections of the full report. Some will go into the introduction, some in the methods section. You can already place these items there, or for now just write them as a single section.**

Ok thanks.

### 1.0.1 BELOW IS WHAT WILL GET DONE THROUGHOUT THE SEMESTER (:

# 2. Introduction

## 2.1 General Background Information

*Provide enough background on your topic that others can understand the why and how of your analysis*

## 2.2 Description of data and data source

*Describe what the data is, what it contains, where it is from, etc. Eventually this might be part of a methods section.*

## 2.3 Questions/Hypotheses to be addressed

*State the research questions you plan to answer with this analysis.*

To cite other work (important everywhere, but likely happens first in introduction), make sure your references are in the bibtex file specified in the YAML header above and have the right bibtex key. Then you can include like this:

Examples of reproducible research projects can for instance be found in (McKay, Ebell, Billings, et al., 2020; McKay, Ebell, Dale, Shen, & Handel, 2020).

# 3. Methods

*Describe your methods. That should describe the data, the cleaning processes, and the analysis approaches. You might want to provide a shorter description here and all the details in the supplement.*

## 3.1 Schematic of workflow

Sometimes you might want to show a schematic diagram/figure that was not created with code (if you can do it with code, do it). [Figure 1](#fig-schematic) is an example of some - completely random/unrelated - schematic that was generated with Biorender. We store those figures in the assets folder.

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| Figure 1: A figure that is manually generated and shows some overview/schematic. This has nothing to do with the data, it’s just a random one from one of our projects I found and placed here. |

## 3.2 Data aquisition

*As applicable, explain where and how you got the data. If you directly import the data from an online source, you can combine this section with the next.*

## 3.3 Data import and cleaning

*Write code that reads in the file and cleans it so it’s ready for analysis. Since this will be fairly long code for most datasets, it might be a good idea to have it in one or several R scripts. If that is the case, explain here briefly what kind of cleaning/processing you do, and provide more details and well documented code somewhere (e.g. as supplement in a paper). All materials, including files that contain code, should be commented well so everyone can follow along.*

## 3.4 Statistical analysis

*Explain anything related to your statistical analyses.*

# 4. Results

## 4.1 Exploratory/Descriptive analysis

*Use a combination of text/tables/figures to explore and describe your data. Show the most important descriptive results here. Additional ones should go in the supplement. Even more can be in the R and Quarto files that are part of your project.*

[Table 1](#tbl-summarytable) shows a summary of the data.

Note the loading of the data providing a **relative** path using the ../../ notation. (Two dots means a folder up). You never want to specify an **absolute** path like C:\ahandel\myproject\results\ because if you share this with someone, it won’t work for them since they don’t have that path. You can also use the here R package to create paths. See examples of that below. I generally recommend the here package.

Table 1: Data summary table.

| skim\_type | skim\_variable | n\_missing | complete\_rate | factor.ordered | factor.n\_unique | factor.top\_counts | numeric.mean | numeric.sd | numeric.p0 | numeric.p25 | numeric.p50 | numeric.p75 | numeric.p100 | numeric.hist |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| factor | Gender | 0 | 1 | FALSE | 3 | M: 4, F: 3, O: 2 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| numeric | Height | 0 | 1 | NA | NA | NA | 165.66667 | 15.97655 | 133 | 156 | 166 | 178 | 183 | ▂▁▃▃▇ |
| numeric | Weight | 0 | 1 | NA | NA | NA | 70.11111 | 21.24526 | 45 | 55 | 70 | 80 | 110 | ▇▂▃▂▂ |

## 4.2 Basic statistical analysis

*To get some further insight into your data, if reasonable you could compute simple statistics (e.g. simple models with 1 predictor) to look for associations between your outcome(s) and each individual predictor variable. Though note that unless you pre-specified the outcome and main exposure, any “p<0.05 means statistical significance” interpretation is not valid.*

[Figure 2](#fig-result) shows a scatterplot figure produced by one of the R scripts.

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| Figure 2: Height and weight stratified by gender. |

## 4.3 Full analysis

*Use one or several suitable statistical/machine learning methods to analyze your data and to produce meaningful figures, tables, etc. This might again be code that is best placed in one or several separate R scripts that need to be well documented. You want the code to produce figures and data ready for display as tables, and save those. Then you load them here.*

Example [Table 2](#tbl-resulttable2) shows a summary of a linear model fit.

Table 2: Linear model fit table.

| term | estimate | std.error | statistic | p.value |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| (Intercept) | 149.2726967 | 23.3823360 | 6.3839942 | 0.0013962 |
| Weight | 0.2623972 | 0.3512436 | 0.7470519 | 0.4886517 |
| GenderM | -2.1244913 | 15.5488953 | -0.1366329 | 0.8966520 |
| GenderO | -4.7644739 | 19.0114155 | -0.2506112 | 0.8120871 |

# 5. Discussion

## 5.1 Summary and Interpretation

*Summarize what you did, what you found and what it means.*

## 5.2 Strengths and Limitations

*Discuss what you perceive as strengths and limitations of your analysis.*

## 5.3 Conclusions

*What are the main take-home messages?*

*Include citations in your Rmd file using bibtex, the list of references will automatically be placed at the end*

This paper (Leek & Peng, 2015) discusses types of analyses.

These papers (McKay, Ebell, Billings, et al., 2020; McKay, Ebell, Dale, et al., 2020) are good examples of papers published using a fully reproducible setup similar to the one shown in this template.

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# 6. References

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