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% CODE CHALLENGE 1 -
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% The purpose of this challenge is to estimate atmospheric pressure in
% Boulder CO using a pressure model and measurements, and compare the
% two
% through error analysis and statistics.
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% To complete the challenge, execute the following steps:
% 1) Load the given dataset
% 2) Extract altitude and pressure data
% 3) Determine standard deviation, variance, mean, and
%     standard error of the mean of the pressure data
% 4) Using information given about the instrument, find uncertainty
%     associated
%     with altitude measurements
% 5) Use the model to predict pressure measurements at each altitude
%     in the
%     data set, along with propagated uncertainty
% 6) Compare results, discuss, and print answers to the command
%     window.
% Bonus) Repeat for larger measurement uncertainty in altitude
%
% NOTE: DO NOT change any variable names already present in the code.
%
% Upload your team's script to Canvas to complete the challenge.
%
% NAME YOUR FILE AS Challenge1_Sec{section number}_Group{group
%     breakout #}.m
% ***Section numbers are 1 or 2***
% EX File Name: Challenge1_Sec1_Group15.m
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% 1)
% 2)
% 3)
% 4)
% 5)
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% Housekeeping
clear all    % Clear all variables in workspace
close all   % Close all open figure windows
clc         % Clear the command window

```

## 1) Load data from given file

```
data = readtable('PressureInBoulder.csv');
```

*Warning: The DATETIME data was created using format 'MM/dd/yyyy HH:mm' but also matched 'dd/MM/yyyy HH:mm'. To avoid ambiguity, use a format character vector. e.g. '%{MM/dd/yyyy HH:mm}D'*

*Warning: Table variable names were modified to make them valid MATLAB identifiers. The original names are saved in the VariableDescriptions property.*

## 2) Extract just the altitude and station pressure data columns to meaningfully named variables

```
AltitudeData = data.Altitude_m_;
PressureData = data.StationPressure_kPa_;
```

## 3) Determine Statistics and Error

the standard deviation, variance, mean, and standard error of the mean (sem) of the pressure data

```

StdevPressure = std(PressureData);

VarPressure = var(PressureData);

MeanPressure = mean(PressureData);

Sem_Pressure = StdevPressure/sqrt(length(PressureData));

```

## 4) Uncertainty

The altitude measurements were taken using an instrument that displayed altitude to the nearest tenth of a meter.

```

%    What is the associated absolute uncertainty with these
%    measurements?

AltitudeUncertainty = .05;% [m]

```

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## 5) Pressure Predictions

Using the altitude measurements and uncertainty, predict pressure with t  
First, propagate uncertainty BY HAND before calculating uncertainty for  
Then check: is it different for each calculation?

```
%           Model
%   P_est =   P_s * e^(-k*h)
%   Assume P_s is 101.7 ± 0.4 kPa and k is 1.2*10^(-4) [1/m]

P_s = 101.7;      % ± 0.4 [kPa]
k = 1.2*10^(-4); % [1/m]

P_est = P_s*exp(-k*AltitudeData);

P_sig = sqrt(((0.4*exp(-k*AltitudeData)).^2) +
  ((AltitudeUncertainty*(-k*P_est)).^2));
```

## 6) Print Results

Display the predicted pressure from the model with it's associated uncer  
the average pressure with the it's standard error of the mean from the d

```
results = table(P_est,P_sig);
P_data = [num2str(MeanPressure) ' ± ' num2str(Sem_Pressure ) '
  kPa'];
disp(results);
disp(P_data);

% Disucss the accuracy of the model and whether or not you think the
% model agrees with the measurements

disp('Model Discussion: The model is accurate and does agree with the
  measurments, despite our readings hovering on the edge of the average
  pressure.')
```

<i>P_est</i>	<i>P_sig</i>
83.765	0.32946
83.767	0.32947
83.766	0.32946
83.766	0.32946
83.767	0.32947
83.767	0.32947
83.765	0.32946
83.767	0.32947
83.767	0.32947
83.766	0.32946
83.764	0.32945
83.767	0.32947
83.765	0.32946
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83.765	0.32946
83.765	0.32946
83.767	0.32947

84.3025  $\pm$  0.00023221 kPa

*Model Discussion: The model is accurate and does agree with the measurments, despite our readings hovering on the edge of the average pressure.*

## Bonus

Repeat **steps 4-6**, but **assume the altitude measurements were taken on a lower precision instrument that only displayed altitude to nearest 10 meters**

How **does this change the results and comparison ?**

```
altitude_uncertainty_new = 5; % [m]
```

```
P_sig_new = sqrt(((0.4*exp(-k*AltitudeData)).^2) +  
((altitude_uncertainty_new*(-k*P_est)).^2));
```

```
disp(table(P_est, P_sig_new));
```

```
disp('Lowering the precision of the altitude increases the uncertainty  
of P_est, the estimated pressure.');
```

<i>P_est</i>	<i>P_sig_new</i>
_____	_____
83.765	0.33327
83.767	0.33328
83.766	0.33328
83.766	0.33327
83.767	0.33328
83.767	0.33328
83.765	0.33327
83.767	0.33328
83.767	0.33328
83.766	0.33328
83.764	0.33327
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83.764	0.33327
83.765	0.33327
83.765	0.33327
83.767	0.33328

*Lowering the precision of the altitude increases the uncertainty of  $P_{est}$ , the estimated pressure.*

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