Assignment 4: Collaborating Together
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Part 1: Contributing to another student's Github repository

In this assignment, you will create a Github repository, containing this document and the .pdf output, which analyzes a dataset individually using some of the tools we have developed.

This time, make sure to not only put your name and student e-mail in your Rmarkdown header, but also your Github account, as I have done myself.

However, you will also pair up with a class mate and contribute to each others' Github repository. Each student is supposed to contribute to another student's work by writing a short interpretation of 1 or 2 sentences at the designated place (this place is marked with **designated place**) in the other student's assignment.

This interpretation will not be graded, but a Github shows the contributors to a certain repository. This way, we can see whether you have contributed to a repository of a class mate.

Question 1.1: Fill in the **github username** of the class mate to whose repository you have contributed.

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Part 2: Analyzing various linear models

In this part, we will summarize a dataset and create a couple of customized tables. Then, we will compare a couple of linear models to each other, and see which linear model fits the data the best, and yields the most interesting results.

We will use a dataset called `GrowthSW` from the `AER` package. This is a dataset containing 65 observations on 6 variables and investigates the determinants of economic growth. First, we will try to summarize the data using the `modelsummary` package.

```
library(AER)
data(GrowthSW)
```

One of the variables in the dataset is `revolutions`, the number of revolutions, insurrections and coup d'etats in country i from 1965 to 1995.

	More than 0 revolutions					Revolutions equal to 0				
	Mean	Median	SD	Min	Max	Mean	Median	SD	Min	Max
growth	1.68	1.92	2.11	−2.81	7.16	2.46	2.29	1.28	0.42	6.65
rgdp60	1988.67	1259.00	1698.18	367.00	6823.00	5283.32	5393.00	2439.39	1374.00	9895.00

Question 2.1: Using the function `datasummary`, summarize the mean, median, sd, min, and max of the variables `growth`, and `rgdp60` between two groups: countries with `revolutions` equal to 0, and countries with more than 0 revolutions. Call this variable `treat`. Make sure to also write the resulting data set to memory. Hint: you can check some examples here.

```
library(modelsummary); library(tidyverse)

GrowthSW$treat <- ifelse(GrowthSW$revolutions == 0,
                         "Revolutions equal to 0", "More than 0 revolutions")

datasummary(growth + rgdp60 ~ treat*(Mean + Median + SD + Min + Max), data = GrowthSW)
```

Designated place: type one or two sentences describing this table of a fellow student below. For example, comment on the mean and median growth of both groups. Then stage, commit and push it to their github repository.

Part 3: Make a table summarizing reressions using modelsummary and kable

In question 2, we have seen that growth rates differ markedly between countries that experienced at least one revolution/episode of political stability and countries that did not.

Question 3.1: Try to make this more precise this by performing a t-test on the variable growth according to the group variable you have created in the previous question.

```
# Perform t-test on growth variable based on treat groups
t.test(growth ~ treat, data = GrowthSW)
```

```
##
##  Welch Two Sample t-test
##
## data:  growth by treat
## t = -1.8531, df = 61.015, p-value = 0.06871
## alternative hypothesis: true difference in means between group More than 0 revolutions and group Revo
## 95 percent confidence interval:
##  -1.62566475  0.06182741
## sample estimates:
## mean in group More than 0 revolutions  mean in group Revolutions equal to 0
##                              1.678066                              2.459985
```

Question 3.2: What is the p-value of the test, and what does that mean? Write down your answer below.

As the p-value (0.06871) is larger than the common significance level of 0.05, we do not have strong evidence to reject the null hypothesis. Therefore, we cannot conclude that there is a significant difference in the mean growth between the two groups: with revolution and without revolution. However, further analysis could be done.

We can also control for other factors by including them in a linear model, for example:

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
(Intercept)	1.678***	1.826***	0.425	−0.119
	(0.286)	(0.374)	(0.638)	(0.590)
treatRevolutions equal to 0	0.782	1.028	0.415	0.069
	(0.491)	(0.633)	(0.647)	(0.589)
rgdp60		0.000	0.000	0.000*
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tradeshare			2.233*	1.813*
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education				0.564***
				(0.144)
Num.Obs.	65	65	65	65
R2	0.039	0.045	0.143	0.318

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$$\text{growth}_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \cdot \text{treat}_i + \beta_2 \cdot \text{rgdp60}_i + \beta_3 \cdot \text{tradeshare}_i + \beta_4 \cdot \text{education}_i + \epsilon_i$$

Question 3.3: What do you think the purpose of including the variable `rgdp60` is? Look at `?GrowthSW` to find out what the variables mean.

RGDP60 represents the 1960 GDP per capita in 1960 U.S. dollars. We must take this into account as well because a smaller absolute GDP per capita is predicted to expand more easily than a larger one.

We now want to estimate a stepwise model. Stepwise means that we first estimate a univariate regression $\text{growth}_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \cdot \text{treat}_i + \epsilon_i$, and in each subsequent model, we add one control variable.

Question 3.4: Write four models, titled `model1`, `model2`, `model3`, `model4` (using the `lm` function) to memory. Hint: you can also use the `update` function to add variables to an already existing specification.

```
model1 <- lm(growth ~ treat, data = GrowthSW)
model2 <- update(model1, . ~ . + rgdp60)
model3 <- update(model2, . ~ . + tradeshare)
model4 <- update(model3, . ~ . + education)
```

Now, we put the models in a list, and see what `modelsummary` gives us:

```
list(model1, model2, model3, model4) |>
  modelsummary(stars=T,
               gof_map = c("nobs", "r.squared")
)
```

Question 3.5: Edit the code chunk above to remove many statistics from the table, but keep only the number of observations N, and the R^2 statistic.

Question 3.6: According to this analysis, what is the main driver of economic growth? Why?

The main driver of economic growth appears to be the variable "education." It consistently shows a significant and positive coefficient across all models, indicating a strong positive influence on economic growth. Also, this variable has the greatest R2 in a model, reaching up to 32%, which means that variables here best describe our model.

Question 3.7: In the code chunk below, edit the table such that the cells (including standard errors) corresponding to the variable `treat` have a red background and white text. Make sure to load the `kableExtra` library beforehand.

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```
library(kableExtra)

list(model1, model2, model3, model4) |>
  modelsummary(stars = TRUE, gof_map = c("nobs", "r.squared")) |>
  kable_styling() |>
  column_spec(column = 2, background = "red", color = "white")
```

Question 3.8: Write a piece of code that exports this table (without the formatting) to a Word document.

```
list(model1, model2, model3, model4) |>
modelsummary(stars=T, title = "Regression table",
             gof_map=c("nobs", "adj.r.squared"),
             output = 'table_1.docx')
```

The End