



Penguin Prediction

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The Dataset

Palmer Archipelago (Antarctica) penguin data. Data were collected and made available by Dr. Kristen Gorman and the Palmer Station, Antarctica LTER, a member of the Long Term Ecological Research Network.

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The variables in the dataset are shown below:

- species: penguin species (Chinstrap, Adélie, or Gentoo)
- culmen_length_mm: culmen length (mm)
- culmen_depth_mm: culmen depth (mm)
- flipper_length_mm: flipper length (mm)
- body_mass_g: body mass (g)
- island: island name (Dream, Torgersen, or Biscoe) in the Palmer Archipelago (Antarctica)
- sex: penguin sex

What are culmen length & depth? The culmen is “the upper ridge of a bird’s beak” (definition from Oxford Languages). For this penguin data, the culmen length and culmen depth are measured as shown below (thanks Kristen Gorman for clarifying!):

1. Visualize and describe in detail the distribution for female adilie penguins. What would you describe as a ‘typical’ weight?
2. Create a pairwise boxplot for the body mass of penguins across the different species. Colour fill each category by penguin gender. Describe in detail what insights may be drawn from the plot.
3. Create a pairwise boxplot of the culmen length for penguins across the different islands. Colour fill each category by species. Describe in detail what insights may be drawn from the plot.
4. Create a scatter plot for the body mass versus flipper length for adelic penguins in Torgersen. Size the points based on culmen length.
 - (a) If you were told that a adelic penguin in Torgersen had a flipper length of 180 mm use your plot to predict the body mass of the penguin.
 - (b) Color the plot you made in the first part of this problem by Gender. How would knowing the gender of the penguin to be ‘Male’ change your answer to part (a)?
5. Create a cool visualizing of your choosing using the dataset and describe in detail what insights you were able to draw from it.