BIOL3712 Integrated Physiology of Plants and Animals

Semester 2, 2025

Salinity experiment

data analysis workbook

Completion and submission of this workbook is worth 10% of your total topic grade.

Use the files provided and your r code to answer the questions on the following pages. Once you have completed this, please save it as a .pdf and submit it to FLO.



1. **R Basics.**

Please open and run through the “workshop1\_rbasics2025.R” code.

Answer the questions embedded in the script. Once you have completed this section, please copy and paste the output from your **console** here. **/5**

1. **Salinity (data standardisation)**

Open the file called “Salinity\_data\_excel.xlsx”. This contains two sheets – the data we saved as a .csv and will import into R, and a sheet for generating the dropdown lists (you don’t need to worry about this). Use this spreadsheet to answer the following questions:

1. How many predictor variables are there? How many levels of each predictor? How many replicates (*n*) for each level? **/3**
2. How were the variables FW root:shoot ratio and DW root:shoot ratio calculated? **/2**
3. **Salinity (first three response variables)**

Now open the file called “workshop1\_salinity. R”. Use the code in this file to answer the following questions for each of the response variables. This will form the basis of your statistical methods and results sections.

***Methods:***

For all variables:

1. How did you test the assumption that data was normally distributed? **/1**
2. How did you test the assumption that variances are homogenous? **/1**
3. Did you need to test the assumption that data are independent? Why/why not? **/1**

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**Salinity (final five response variables)**

**If you’d like to be in the running for a HD, please paste your code for the last five variables here**. This code will be worth 15 marks. Otherwise, please open the file “workshop1\_salinitycont\_2025.R”.

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Either way, continue completing the questions on the following pages for each variable.

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