

Midterm 1 W24

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Instructions

Answer the following questions and complete the exercises in RMarkdown. Please embed all of your code and push your final work to your repository. Your code must be organized, clean, and run free from errors. Remember, you must remove the `#` for any included code chunks to run. Be sure to add your name to the author header above.

Your code must knit in order to be considered. If you are stuck and cannot answer a question, then comment out your code and knit the document. You may use your notes, labs, and homework to help you complete this exam. Do not use any other resources- including AI assistance.

Don't forget to answer any questions that are asked in the prompt!

Be sure to push your completed midterm to your repository. This exam is worth 30 points.

Background

In the data folder, you will find data related to a study on wolf mortality collected by the National Park Service. You should start by reading the `README_NPSwolfdata.pdf` file. This will provide an abstract of the study and an explanation of variables.

The data are from: Cassidy, Kira et al. (2022). Gray wolf packs and human-caused wolf mortality. Dryad (<https://doi.org/10.5061/dryad.mkkwh713f>).

Load the libraries

```
library("tidyverse")
library("janitor")
```

Load the wolves data

In these data, the authors used `NULL` to represent missing values. I am correcting this for you below and using `janitor` to clean the column names.

```
wolves <- read.csv("data/NPS_wolfmortalitydata.csv", na = c("NULL")) %>% clean_names()
```

Questions

Problem 1. (1 point) Let's start with some data exploration. What are the variable (column) names?

```
names(wolves)
```

```
## [1] "park"          "biolyr"         "pack"           "packcode"       "packsize_aug"
## [6] "mort_yn"        "mort_all"       "mort_lead"      "mort_nonlead"   "reprody1"
## [11] "persisty1"
```

Problem 2. (1 point) Use the function of your choice to summarize the data and get an idea of its structure.

```
# Data summary
summary(wolves)
```

```
##      park          biolyr          pack          packcode
## Length:864      Min.   :1986 Length:864      Min.    : 2.00
## Class :character 1st Qu.:1999 Class :character 1st Qu.: 48.00
## Mode  :character Median :2006 Mode  :character Median : 86.50
##                Mean  :2005                Mean  : 91.39
##                3rd Qu.:2012                3rd Qu.:133.00
##                Max.   :2021                Max.    :193.00
##
## packsize_aug      mort_yn      mort_all      mort_lead
## Min.   : 0.0000 Min.   :0.0000 Min.   : 0.0000 Min.   :0.00000
## 1st Qu.: 5.000 1st Qu.:0.0000 1st Qu.: 0.0000 1st Qu.:0.00000
## Median : 8.000 Median :0.0000 Median : 0.0000 Median :0.00000
## Mean   : 8.789 Mean   :0.1956 Mean   : 0.3715 Mean   :0.09552
## 3rd Qu.:12.000 3rd Qu.:0.0000 3rd Qu.: 0.0000 3rd Qu.:0.00000
## Max.   :37.000 Max.   :1.0000 Max.   :24.0000 Max.   :3.00000
## NA's    :55                                     NA's    :16
## mort_nonlead      reprody1      persisty1
## Min.   : 0.0000 Min.   :0.0000 Min.   :0.0000
## 1st Qu.: 0.0000 1st Qu.:1.0000 1st Qu.:1.0000
## Median : 0.0000 Median :1.0000 Median :1.0000
## Mean   : 0.2641 Mean   :0.7629 Mean   :0.8865
## 3rd Qu.: 0.0000 3rd Qu.:1.0000 3rd Qu.:1.0000
## Max.   :22.0000 Max.   :1.0000 Max.   :1.0000
## NA's    :12      NA's    :71      NA's    :9
```

```
# Data strucutre
str(wolves)
```

```
## 'data.frame':   864 obs. of  11 variables:
## $ park      : chr  "DENA" "DENA" "DENA" "DENA" ...
## $ biolyr    : int   1996 1991 2017 1996 1992 1994 2007 2007 1995 2003 ...
## $ pack      : chr   "McKinley River1" "Birch Creek N" "Eagle Gorge" "East Fork" ...
## $ packcode   : int    89 58 71 72 74 77 101 108 109 53 ...
## $ packsize_aug: num   12 5 8 13 7 6 10 NA 9 8 ...
## $ mort_yn    : int    1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
## $ mort_all   : int    4 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 1 ...
## $ mort_lead  : int    2 2 0 0 0 0 1 2 1 1 ...
## $ mort_nonlead: int    2 0 2 2 2 2 1 0 1 0 ...
## $ reprody1   : int    0 0 NA 1 NA 0 0 1 0 1 ...
## $ persisty1  : int    0 0 1 1 1 1 0 1 0 1 ...
```

Problem 3. (3 points) Which parks/ reserves are represented in the data? Don't just use the abstract, pull this information from the data.

```
table(wolves$park)
```

```
##
## DENA GNTV VNP YNP YUCH
## 340 77 48 248 151
```

We have 'DENA', 'GNTV', 'VNP', 'YNP', and 'YUCH'

Problem 4. (4 points) Which park has the largest number of wolf packs?

```
wolves%>%
  group_by(park)%>%
  summarize(max_number = sum(packsize_aug, na.rm = T))%>%
  arrange(desc(max_number))
```

```
## # A tibble: 5 × 2
##   park max_number
##   <chr>      <dbl>
## 1 YNP      2731
## 2 DENA     2500
## 3 YUCH     1048
## 4 GNTV      781.
## 5 VNP        50
```

Problem 5. (4 points) Which park has the highest total number of human-caused mortalities mort_all?

```
wolves%>%
  group_by(park)%>%
  summarize(highest_mort = sum(mort_all))%>%
  arrange(desc(highest_mort))
```

```
## # A tibble: 5 × 2
##   park highest_mort
##   <chr>      <int>
## 1 YUCH      136
## 2 YNP       72
## 3 DENA      64
## 4 GNTV      38
## 5 VNP       11
```

YUCH has the highest total number of human-caused mortalities

The wolves in Yellowstone National Park (<https://www.nps.gov/yell/learn/nature/wolf-restoration.htm>) are an incredible conservation success story. Let's focus our attention on this park.

Problem 6. (2 points) Create a new object "ynp" that only includes the data from Yellowstone National Park.

```
ynp <- wolves%>%
  filter(pack == "YNP")
```

Problem 7. (3 points) Among the Yellowstone wolf packs, the Druid Peak Pack (<https://www.pbs.org/wnet/nature/in-the-valley-of-the-wolves-the-druid-wolf-pack-story/209/>) is one of most famous. What was the average pack size of this pack for the years represented in the data?

```
ynp%>%
  filter(pack == "druid")%>%
  summarize(avg_size = mean(packsize_aug, na.rm =T))
```

```
##   avg_size
## 1 13.93333
```

Problem 8. (4 points) Pack dynamics can be hard to predict- even for strong packs like the Druid Peak pack. At which year did the Druid Peak pack have the largest pack size? What do you think happened in 2010?

```
wolves%>%
  group_by(biolyr)%>%
  filter(pack == "druid")%>%
  arrange(desc(packsize_aug))
```

```
## # A tibble: 15 × 11
## # Groups:   biolyr [15]
##   park biolyr pack packcode packsize_aug mort_yn mort_all mort_lead
##   <chr> <int> <chr>   <int>      <dbl>   <int>   <int>   <int>
## 1 YNP    2001 druid     26        37     0     0     0
## 2 YNP    2000 druid     26        27     1     1     0
## 3 YNP    2008 druid     26        21     0     0     0
## 4 YNP    2003 druid     26        18     0     0     0
## 5 YNP    2007 druid     26        18     0     0     0
## 6 YNP    2002 druid     26        16     0     0     0
## 7 YNP    2006 druid     26        15     0     0     0
## 8 YNP    2004 druid     26        13     0     0     0
## 9 YNP    2009 druid     26        12     0     0     0
## 10 YNP   1999 druid     26         9     0     0     0
## 11 YNP   1998 druid     26         8     0     0     0
## 12 YNP   1997 druid     26         5     1     2     1
## 13 YNP   1996 druid     26         5     0     0     0
## 14 YNP   2005 druid     26         5     0     0     0
## 15 YNP   2010 druid     26         0     0     0     0
## # i 3 more variables: mort_nonlead <int>, reprody1 <int>, persisty1 <int>
```

In 2001, Druid Peak pack have the largest pack size. Druid Peak pack has a high mortality because of other nonhuman caused reasons.

Problem 9. (5 points) Among the YNP wolf packs, which one has had the highest overall persistence persisty1 for the years represented in the data? Look this pack up online and tell me what is unique about its behavior- specifically, what prey animals does this pack specialize on?

```

ynp%>%
  group_by(pack)%>%
  filter(persisty1 == 1)%>%
  summarize(overall_persisty = sum(persisty1))%>%
  arrange(desc(overall_persisty))

```

```

## # A tibble: 38 × 2
##   pack      overall_persisty
##   <chr>          <int>
## 1 mollies          26
## 2 cougar          20
## 3 yelldelta       18
## 4 druid           13
## 5 leopold         12
## 6 agate           10
## 7 8mile           9
## 8 canyon           9
## 9 gibbon/mary      9
## 10 nezperce        9
## # i 28 more rows

```

Mollies has the highest overall persistence `persisty1` for the years. Wolf kills provide carcasses that are utilized by a variety of scavengers, including grizzly bears. They specialize on bison in winter.

Problem 10. (3 points) Perform one analysis or exploration of your choice on the `wolves` data. Your answer needs to include at least two lines of code and not be a summary function.

which park has the highest overall mortLEAD in 2000

```

wolves%>%
  filter(biolyr == 2000)%>%
  group_by(park)%>%
  summarize(overall_mL = sum(mort_lead))%>%
  arrange(desc(overall_mL))

```

```

## # A tibble: 4 × 2
##   park      overall_mL
##   <chr>          <int>
## 1 YUCH          3
## 2 DENA          1
## 3 GNTTP         1
## 4 YNP           0

```

Yukon-Charley Rivers National Preserve has the highest overall mortLEAD in 2000