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STATISTICAL QUESTION/HYPOTHESIS

This analysis is performed to determine if common health conditions such as: obesity, smoking, and drinking, affect the number of cases and deaths of COVID-19. Since COVID-19 is a respiratory disease, it is expected that several health conditions may increase the likelihood of contracting and dying from COVID-19, especially smoking. A positive relationship between cases/deaths by COVID and our outlined health conditions is expected to be unearthed by this analysis, relationships between the independent variables are expected to exist as well.

OUTCOME OF EDA

The most significant relationships among the variables were dependent variables: cases and deaths, with independent variables: obesity. In addition, the slope produced by graphing the CDF indicated that about 70% of all US counties fall within 0-50 cases. To account for outliers, we appropriated 90% of the data. Other than in the simple regression model (death*percent_adults_with_obesity), the P-values above suggest no relationship between our dependent variable (death) and our entered variables. The Simple Linear Regression Model appears to be the best fit for our data.

WHAT DO YOU FEEL WAS MISSED DURING THE ANALYSIS?

It is common knowledge that factors such as age and ethnicity increase the chances of mortality, not only for COVID-19, but for other conditions as well; data containing the ages or average ages of respondents could prove to be very beneficial to an analysis such as this. A lot of information regarding the relationships between COVID-19 cases and deaths and relating variables went unearthed with this analysis.

WERE THERE ANY ASSUMPTIONS MADE YOU FELT WERE INCORRECT?

Speculations of this analysis included: expecting that more health conditions would increase the likelihood of contracting and dying from COVID-19, especially smoking. The analysis of smoking failed to suggest a relationship between COVID-19 deaths and cases.

WHAT CHALLENGES DID YOU FACE, WHAT DID YOU NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND?

It proved to be rather difficult to apply code examples from the book directly to this analysis. Graphing using packages suggested by the text was especially complicated