Terms, topics, or concepts you should be familiar with:

p-value μ common faults in plots

reproducibility crisis σ sample statistic \overline{Y} population parameter s transformation continuous variable blinding parametric discrete variable pseudoreplication sample mon-parametric

experimental vs observational studies confounding variables

R skills you should have

Create matrices and vectors

Subset a vector, dataframe, or matrix to select only specific elements

Read a csv file to import data

Make a publication quality plot of 1, 2, or 3 variables that have a mix of continuous and discrete values Perform the statistical tests mentioned below

Tests you should be able to run

Binomial T-test (single sample, two sample, paired)

Chi-square Permutation

Example Problems

You administer a vaccine candidate for covid-19 and a placebo each to 1000 individuals. You find that after 2 months
there have been covid-19 cases in 32 placebo group and 6 vaccine group participants.
Does this vaccine work?
What test did you use?

You measure height of students at the MSC and the gym. Are the heights you measured significantly different

MSC: 126, 164, 148, 120, 178, 183

Gym: 151, 109, 151, 174, 118, 136

What test did you use for this question?

What p-value was associated with this test?

What do you infer from your test?

What p-value was associated with this test?

You grow plants with two different potting soils and measure height at 21 days. Use a non-parameteric test evaluate the results of your study.

Soil1: 23, 12, 45, 23, 21, 45, 21 Soil2: 35, 45, 21, 34, 67, 23, 16

You measure the reproductive success of fish in your study and record the sex and number of offspring that survive to adulthood for each fish in the study. Use a permutation test to determine whether males and females have equal variance in reproductive success.

Sex	f	m	f	f	m	f	f	f	m	m	m	m	m	f	m	m	f	m	f	f
Total reproduction	10	16	9	8	0	9	9	9	8	3	17	14	17	8	9	18	8	7	7	8

Determine which species don't have a 50:50 sex ratio

Species 16 males / 1 female

Species 2 345 males / 302 females

Species 3 127 males / 94 females

Use the iris data in R - data(iris) - to make a plot showing what you think is the most striking differences in the species