

# Assignment 4: Collaborating Together

## Introduction to Applied Data Science

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### Part 1: Contributing to another student's Github repository

In this assignment, you will create a Github repository, containing this document and the .pdf output, which analyzes a dataset individually using some of the tools we have developed.

This time, make sure to not only put your name and student e-mail in your Rmarkdown header, but also your Github account, as I have done myself.

However, you will also pair up with a class mate and contribute to each others' Github repository. Each student is supposed to contribute to another student's work by writing a short interpretation of 1 or 2 sentences at the designated place (this place is marked with **designated place**) in the other student's assignment.

This interpretation will not be graded, but a Github shows the contributors to a certain repository. This way, we can see whether you have contributed to a repository of a class mate.

**Question 1.1:** Fill in the **github username** of the class mate to whose repository you have contributed.

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### Part 2: Analyzing various linear models

In this part, we will summarize a dataset and create a couple of customized tables. Then, we will compare a couple of linear models to each other, and see which linear model fits the data the best, and yields the most interesting results.

We will use a dataset called **GrowthSW** from the **AER** package. This is a dataset containing 65 observations on 6 variables and investigates the determinants of economic growth. First, we will try to summarize the data using the **modelsummary** package.

```
library(AER)
data(GrowthSW)
```

One of the variables in the dataset is **revolutions**, the number of revolutions, insurrections and coup d'états in country  $i$  from 1965 to 1995.

| factor(treat)  |        | Mean    | Median  | SD      | Min     | Max     |
|----------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| equal to 0     | growth | 2.46    | 2.29    | 1.28    | 0.42    | 6.65    |
|                | rgdp60 | 5283.32 | 5393.00 | 2439.39 | 1374.00 | 9895.00 |
| greater than 0 | growth | 1.68    | 1.92    | 2.11    | -2.81   | 7.16    |
|                | rgdp60 | 1988.67 | 1259.00 | 1698.18 | 367.00  | 6823.00 |

**Question 2.1:** Using the function `datasummary`, summarize the mean, median, sd, min, and max of the variables `growth`, and `rgdp60` between two groups: countries with `revolutions` equal to 0, and countries with more than 0 revolutions. Call this variable `treat`. Make sure to also write the resulting data set to memory. Hint: you can check some examples [here](#).

```
library(modelsummary); library(tidyverse)

# write your code here
GrowthSW <- GrowthSW |> mutate(treat = if_else(revolutions>0, "greater than 0", "equal to 0"))
datasummary(factor(treat)*(growth + rgdp60) ~ Mean + Median +SD + Min + Max,data = GrowthSW)
```

**Designated place:** type one or two sentences describing this table of a fellow student below. For example, comment on the mean and median growth of both groups. Then stage, commit and push it to their github repository.

### Part 3: Make a table summarizing rerecessions using `modelsummary` and `kable`

In question 2, we have seen that growth rates differ markedly between countries that experienced at least one revolution/episode of political stability and countries that did not.

**Question 3.1:** Try to make this more precise this by performing a t-test on the variable `growth` according to the group variable you have created in the previous question.

```
# write t test here
treatment_group <- GrowthSW$growth [GrowthSW$treat == "greater than 0"]
control_group <- GrowthSW$growth [GrowthSW$treat == "equal to 0"]

t.test(treatment_group, control_group)
```

```
##
## Welch Two Sample t-test
##
## data: treatment_group and control_group
## t = -1.8531, df = 61.015, p-value = 0.06871
## alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## -1.62566475 0.06182741
## sample estimates:
## mean of x mean of y
## 1.678066 2.459985
```

**Question 3.2:** What is the *p*-value of the test, and what does that mean? Write down your answer below.

[The *p*-value of the test is 0.06871. Based on these results, it can be said that since the *p*-value is greater than the significance level of 5%. We fail to reject the null hypothesis  $H_0$ . Therefore, we do not have empirical evidence to conclude that the growth of countries without revolutions is higher.]

|                     | (1)                 | (2)                 | (3)               | (4)                 |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| (Intercept)         | 2.460***<br>(0.400) | 2.854***<br>(0.751) | 0.839<br>(1.045)  | -0.050<br>(0.967)   |
| treatgreater than 0 | -0.782<br>(0.491)   | -1.028<br>(0.633)   | -0.415<br>(0.647) | -0.069<br>(0.589)   |
| rgdp60              |                     | 0.000<br>(0.000)    | 0.000<br>(0.000)  | 0.000*<br>(0.000)   |
| tradeshare          |                     |                     | 2.233*<br>(0.842) | 1.813*<br>(0.765)   |
| education           |                     |                     |                   | 0.564***<br>(0.144) |
| Num.Obs.            | 65                  | 65                  | 65                | 65                  |
| R2                  | 0.039               | 0.045               | 0.143             | 0.318               |

+ p < 0.1, \* p < 0.05, \*\* p < 0.01, \*\*\* p < 0.001

We can also control for other factors by including them in a linear model, for example:

$$\text{growth}_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \cdot \text{treat}_i + \beta_2 \cdot \text{rgdp60}_i + \beta_3 \cdot \text{tradeshare}_i + \beta_4 \cdot \text{education}_i + \epsilon_i$$

**Question 3.3:** What do you think the purpose of including the variable `rgdp60` is? Look at `?GrowthSW` to find out what the variables mean.

[The variable `rgdp60` is equal to value of GDP per capita in 1960, converted to 1960 US dollars. GDP growth rate may have a relationship with per capita of the GDP (rich or poor country). Therefore, “`rgdp60`” is taken as a variable to estimate/explain the growth rate of GDP (growth)]

We now want to estimate a stepwise model. Stepwise means that we first estimate a univariate regression  $\text{growth}_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \cdot \text{treat}_i + \epsilon_i$ , and in each subsequent model, we add one control variable.

**Question 3.4:** Write four models, titled `model1`, `model2`, `model3`, `model4` (using the `lm` function) to memory. Hint: you can also use the `update` function to add variables to an already existing specification.

```
model1 <- lm(growth ~ treat, data=GrowthSW)
model2 <- update(model1, ~ . + rgdp60, data = GrowthSW)
model3 <- update(model2, ~ . + tradeshare, data = GrowthSW)
model4 <- update(model3, ~ . + education, data = GrowthSW)
```

Now, we put the models in a list, and see what `modelsummary` gives us:

```
list(model1, model2, model3, model4) |>
  modelsummary(stars=T, gof_map = c("nobs", "r.squared"))
# edit this to remove the statistics other than R-squared and N
)
```

**Question 3.5:** Edit the code chunk above to remove many statistics from the table, but keep only the number of observations  $N$ , and the  $R^2$  statistic.

**Question 3.6:** According to this analysis, what is the main driver of economic growth? Why?

[According to this analysis, among the variables we have, the main driver of economic growth is “education” because  $R^2$  increases more than previous cases when we introduce education as variable.]

**Question 3.7:** In the code chunk below, edit the table such that the cells (including standard errors) corresponding to the variable `treat` have a red background and white text. Make sure to load the `kableExtra` library beforehand.

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```
library(kableExtra)
list(model1, model2, model3, model4) |>
  modelsummary(stars=T, gof_map = c("nobs", "r.squared"))|>
  # use functions from modelsummary to edit this table
  row_spec(c(3, 4), background = "red", color = "white")
```

**Question 3.8:** Write a piece of code that exports this table (without the formatting) to a Word document.

```
list(model1, model2, model3, model4) |>
  modelsummary(stars=T, gof_map = c("nobs", "r.squared"), title = "Regression Table", output = 'table_1
```

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