

Assignment 4: Collaborating Together

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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*** (0.400)	2.854*** (0.751)	0.839 (1.045)	-0.050 (0.967)
treatgreater than 0	-0.782 (0.491)	-1.028 (0.633)	-0.415 (0.647)	-0.069 (0.589)
rgdp60		0.000 (0.000)	0.000 (0.000)	0.000* (0.000)
tradeshare			2.233* (0.842)	1.813* (0.765)
education				0.564*** (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
```

The End