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**Directions**

The final exam will consist of several application-type questions related to the following topics we’ve covered this semester – univariate EDA (quantitative & categorical), bivariate EDA (quantitative & categorical), linear regression, one-sample t-test, two-sample t-test, and chi-square. On the final exam, you will be asked to answer each question from results that you have prepared prior to the exam using R.

The dataset that you will examine is introduced below including actual questions that will be on the exam. You should load these data into R (from the class website) and create output that can be used to answer each question. Your R input and output should be printed and brought to the exam to be used to answer the exam questions.

The R output document that you bring to the exam must meet the following strict criteria:

* The document must be produced by you and you alone!! You may not ask anyone but me (including the tutors) for specific help on using R. If you have questions, I will be available in my office or via e-mail.
* The document can only contain R commands related to expressions, assignments, functions, or objects; R output; or R created graphics. You may not type or write ***any other*** material on the document (including labeling figures, tables, output, or sections). You may not type any “notes” (i.e., non-R-related expressions, assignments, functions or objects) as “R code.” The document should contain no code that results in errors.

Failure to follow all of these criteria will result in a 0 for the final exam (24% of your overall grade)!!

**Data Set – Possum1**

Researcher’s in Australia collected a variety of morphological (body characteristics) data on the mountain brushtail possum (*Trichosurus caninus gilby*). Specifics of the variables recorded are documented in the **Possum1.txt** data file (open the data file outside of R to read comments at the top). In addition, commands for “cleaning” the data file are suggested in the data file. Once the data file has been “cleaned” the ***miss*** and ***out*** variables can be ignored. Possible questions asked from these data are …

1. Univariate EDA for all variables [*excluding the “age” variable*].

2. Bivariate EDA for all pairs of quantitative variables. [*This may be done with one graph and one table.]*

3. Bivariate EDA for all pairs of categorical variables.

4. Linear regression results (equation results and r2) for predicting chest girth from total length.

5. Results for testing the following research hypotheses (use 5% level for each)

a. The mean tail length of possums is greater than 36 cm.

b. The mean chest diameter is different for possums captured from Victoria than for possums captured from “other” populations.

c. The mean belly girth is less for male than female possums.

d. The proportion of female possums differs between the two populations.

e. The mean age of female possums is greater than 3.

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You may have a pencil, a calculator, and your R output document for the **Possum1.txt** file on your desk. All other materials should be fully stored out of sight and your computer should be turned off.

Do not write anything on your document of results except to add labels – e.g., “Output #1” or “Figure 1” – for referring to when answering the questions below. When you are finished with the exam, you should staple this sheet, your handwritten answers, and your document of R results together, in that order.

You should answer all questions below with as much information as necessary to fully answer the question. All answers should be completed by using and referring to specific R output. Some questions require further calculations for which you are allowed to use your calculator. You are not allowed to make any further calculations in R. Your answers should be legibly handwritten on the sheets of paper provided, clearly labeled with the question number, and, *when marked by an asterisk*, written with complete sentences.

# **11 Steps for any Significance Test**

1. **[1]** state the rejection criterion (),

2. **[2]** state the null and alternative hypotheses to be tested – define the parameter,

3. **[1]** determine which hypothesis test to use – thoroughly explain why,

4. **[1]** collect the data (address type of study and randomization),

5. **[2]** check all necessary assumptions – explain how you tested the validity,

6. **[1]** calculate the appropriate statistic(s),

7. **[2]** calculate the appropriate test statistic,

8. **[2]** calculate the p‑value,

9. **[1]** state rejection decision,

10. **[2]\*** summarize your findings in terms of the problem, and

11. **[2]\* If reject H0,** compute a **100(1-)%** *confidence region* for the parameter.

**Questions:**

1. **[3pts]** Identify what type of variable each of the following is: foot length, sex, and chest girth.

2. **[5pts]\*** Perform a thorough EDA for the foot length of possums.

3. **[2pts]\*** Perform a thorough EDA for the sex of possums.

4. **[5pts]\*** Perform a thorough EDA for the relationship between total length and belly girth of possums.

5. **[2pts]\*** Interpret the slope of the linear regression that you performed.

6. **[2pts]** Predict the chest girth of a possum whose total length equals the median total length.

7. **[2pts]** What proportion of the total variability in chest girth is explained by knowing the total length?

8. **[15pts]** Test, at the 5% level, that the proportion of female possums differs between the two populations.

9. **[15 or 17 pts]** Test, at the 5% level, that the mean chest diameter is different for possums captured from Victoria than for possums captured from “other” populations.

10. **[8 pts]\*** Describe the importance of statistics (as a field of study or a collection of methods). Among other things make sure you describe the two major goals of statistics, identify at least three major concepts or ideas of statistics, and identify how some of the “tools” you have learned this semester illustrate or are related to why you think statistics is important.