

Self-Assessment

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Code:

I ran the randomization test, Anova, linear regression, drop-one analysis for Rodentia, and the q-q plot for both lifespan and litters per year. I also came up with the graph (figure 2) that shows the variation of life span of each genera within their order. My code for all the above analysis can be seen on the team-placeholder Github.

Paper:

Kyra and I worked on the outline of the paper, with her orating the majority of it and me writing and organizing the words down, adding some comments here and there. This outline contributed to about ~1200 words of the paper. Afterwards, each of us picked a section to work on and I chose to work on the background section, which was the one section left out of our outline (an additional ~600 words). I also worked on writing all the references for the paper. After everyone finished worked on their sections, I spent a couple hours editing the entire paper for grammar, spelling, flow, tense, and repetition, as several key points in the paper had been restated multiple times due to the many writers contributing to it simultaneously.

Presentation:

We chose to present the sections we worked on for the paper so I presented the Background section. We practiced several times together and I focused on keeping my section concise and under 2.5 minutes. I also edited the background slides that Daire had made to flow more with my speech. I also edited the format and fonts of the rest of the presentation to make sure everything looked coherent.

Other:

Other minor organizational contributions I made to the group included creating our Facebook group for group communication and booking study rooms in Gerstein for our meetings. I also attended every team meeting we had (as did every other member of the group).

Overall:

I'm really happy I got to be in this group as everyone worked really hard to make our project a success. While everyone diligently worked on the analysis, Daire did a great job with our powerpoint, Krystal spent many hours formatting our figures and putting the final paper together, and Kyra was the glue and bedrock whom without our project would not have taken fruit. I did my best by supporting each section of the project and being as detail-oriented as I could be. Everyone constantly volunteered to work on parts of the project and always followed through with their work and I am glad I got to be a part of Team Placeholder for the remainder of this already enjoyable course.