Advanced Biomedical Experimental Design & Statistics
BMEG 802 (F-2021)

Description ———

Understanding statistical analyses is an essential skill for scientists in academia and industry. Here we will discuss the philosophy of hypothesis testing, simulate datasets via sampling, and perform parametric and nonparametric tests. In additional to traditional tests (mean comparison, regression, ANOVA) we will also introduce some advanced techniques (maximum likelihood, Bayes, bootstrapping, and MCMC).

Instructor Info ——

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Course Info ———

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- NA

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Overview

The ability to understand, perform and communicate statistics is an invaluable skill-set in both academia and industry. The goal of this course is to form a strong foundation in statistics and probability that will guide us through fundamental and advanced techniques. This course will rely on students simulating datasets via sampling from probability distributions, which will be analyzed with both parametric and nonparametric tests. Module 1, Statistics and Probability Primer: We will review the building blocks of probability & statistics. Module 2, Fundamentals: Next, we will discuss several basic tests such as regression, hypothesis testing, effect size, and power analysis. Module 3, Omnibus Tests: This section will cover ANOVA (between, within, and mixed), ANCOVA, and nonparametric equivalents. Module 4, Advanced Techniques: Finally, we will introduce some more advanced techniques, including maximum likelihood, Bayes' Theorem, bootstrapping, and MCMC.

- Prerequisites: None

Learning Objectives

- Understand the role and philosophy of hypothesis testing
- Build a stronger understanding of probability by using sampling and resampling techniques
- Identify the appropriate statistical tests to use.
- Perform basic to advanced statistical models.
- Develop an ability to write and communicate statistical results.

Grading Scheme

70%	Biweekly Assignments (7 x 10% each)
15%	Midterm
15%	Final Exam

Material

There is no required textbook for this course. However, several additional resources will be provided to you in addition to lecture material. *Students are responsible for all material as it will appear on exams.*

Assignments

The assignments are designed so that you will a) learn how to perform statistical analyses, and b) build confidence before the midterm and exam. The theme of each assignment are listed directly below. Late assignments will have 10% deduction for each day that the assignment is late. Note that you can work in groups, but each student needs to submit his/her own version of the assignment.

1. Probability
2. Hypothesis Testing, Effect Size, and Power
3. Regression
4. Between & Within AVOVA
5. Factorial ANOVA & ANCOVA
6. Maximum Likelihood and Bayes' Theorem
7. Bootstrapping and MCMC

Midterm

There will be a take-home midterm exam worth 15% of the course grade. This will occur on [November 5th]. You will run the appropriate statistical tests on a number of data sets and interpret the results. There may also be some multiple choice and short-answer questions.

Final Exam

The final exam will occur [December 13th (tentative)]. You will run the appropriate statistical tests on a number of data sets and interpret the results. There may also be some multiple choice and short-answer questions. The final exam will cover material from beyond the midterm. The value of the exam will be 15% of your grade.

Programming Language / Statistical Software

It is important to highlight that the goal here is for you to understand statistics and probability, which can be carried out in a variety of programming languages / software packages. To carry out these calculations you will use a programming language (R, Python, Matlab, etc.) or statistical software (e.g., R, SPSS, etc) of your choice. Different labs rely on different tools to run statistics analyses, and each has their own advantages and disadvantages. As such, you are free to learn a new tool or use the one your lab uses—whatever you feel is best for your education, graduate work, and future. Note that all sample code will be provided in R.

Schedule

MODULE 1: Probability, Statistics and Software Primer

Week 1: Aug 31, Sept 2
- Introduction

- Statistics & Probability Primer, R resources

Week 2: Sept 7, 9
- Point and Continuous Probabilities

- Lab 1

MODULE 2: Fundamentals

Week 3: Sept 14, 16
- Hypothesis Testing and Multiple Corrections

- Lab 2   • Assignment 1 report due Sept 16th before class.

Week 4: Sept 21, 23
- Effect Size and Power

- Lab 3

Week 5: Sept 28, 30
- Regression (bivariate, multiple)

- Lab 4   • Assignment 2 report due Sept 28th before class.

MODULE 3: Omnibus Tests (General Linear Models)

Week 6: Oct 5, 7
- 1-Way (Between) ANOVA, Kruskal Wallis

- Factorial ANOVA   • Assignment 3 report due Oct. 7th before class.

Week 7: Oct 12, 14
- •Within ANOVA, Friedman Test

- •Lab 5

Week 8: Oct 19, 21
- •Between-Within ANOVA (Mixed Model)

- •Lab 6   • Assignment 4 report due Oct. 19th before class.

Week 9: Oct 26, 27
- •ANCOVA

- •Lab 7   • Assignment 5 report due Friday before 1pm.

MODULE 4: Advanced Techniques

Week 10: Nov 2, 4
- •Maximum Likelihood

- •Lab 8, Midterm Review   • Take Home Midterm on Nov. 5th.

Week 11: Nov 9, 11
- •Bayesian Statistics

- •Lab 9

Week 12: Nov 16, 18
- •NO CLASS — SfN Conference   • Assignment 6 report due Nov. 18th before midnight.

Week 13: Nov 22, 26
- •NO CLASS — THANKSGIVING BREAK

Week 14: Nov 29, Dec 3
- •Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC)

- •Lab 10

Week 15: Dec 7, 9
- •Bootstrapping   • Assignment 7 report due Dec 10th before 1pm.

- •Lab 11, Final Review   • Take Home Final on Dec. 13th.

Grading Scale

Letter Grade	Percent Grade
A	93-100%
A-	90-92.99%
B+	87-89.99%
B	83-86.99%
B-	80-82.99%
C+	77-79.99%
C	73-76.99%
C-	70-72.99%
D+	67-69.99%
D	63-66.99%
D-	60-62.99%

CANVAS

The syllabus, lectures and assignments will all be posted on CANVAS. I will attempt to have all lectures posted the day before the corresponding class.

Attendance

You are highly encouraged to attend class to maximize your educational experience. That being said, attendance is not mandatory except for the midterm, final, and handing in assignments.

Absences on religious holidays listed in university calendars are recognized as an excused absence. Nevertheless, students are urged to remind the instructor of their intention to be absent on a particular upcoming holiday. Absences on religious holidays not listed in university calendars, as well as absences due to athletic participation or other extracurricular activities in which students are official representatives of the university, shall be recognized as excused absences when the student informs the instructor in writing during the first two weeks of the semester of these planned absences for the semester.

Communication

If you have to get in touch with me via email, use the address listed above and put NEUROMECH-667 as the subject. *Note, I will NOT be answering homework or assignment questions via email, so please utilize class time (including prior to and following class), LAB days, and office hours.*

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For information on various places you can turn for help, more information on Sexual Misconduct policies, where to get help, and reporting information please refer to www.udel.edu/sexualmisconduct.

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