Due: Wednesday, November 4, 2015.

- 1. (1.5pt) Answer Exercise 1 (b), page 155, assuming regression estimation. Also provide the equation of the regression model you propose and what the variables represent.
- 2. (1.5pt) Answer Exercise 1 (a), page 155, assuming regression estimation but with two regressors  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ . Also provide the equation of the regression model you propose and what the variables represent.
- 3. Read the description in Exercise 10, page 157, of the data set cherry.dat. This data is posted on the course web page. Using this data, find the following:
  - (a) (3pt) Fit the three regression models

$$\widehat{V} = \widehat{B}_0 + \widehat{B}_1 D \tag{1}$$

$$\widehat{V} = \widehat{B}_0 + \widehat{B}_2 H \tag{2}$$

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where V, D, and H are the volume, diameter, and height measurements.

- (b) (3pt) Assume  $t_D = 41835$  inches,  $t_H = 201756$  inches, and the population size N = 2967 trees. Answer 10(c) for each of the three models.
- (c) (1pt) Compare models (1) and (2). Which do you consider the better model for estimating the total volume  $t_V$ ? Briefly justify your answer.
- (d) (1.5pt) Compare model (3) to the model you selected in (b). Do you think including both variables provides an improved model for estimating the total volume  $t_V$  or does including both variables just lead to a more complicated model but with no real improvement? Justify your answer.
- (e) (1.5pt) Provide an interpretation of the confidence interval generated using model (3) in the context of the study.
- 4. (2pt) For stat grad students only: Exercise 26, page 161.
- 5. (2pt) For stat grad students only: Exercise 27, page 161. You will need to verify both equalities.