

# Midterm 1 W25

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## Instructions

Answer the following questions and complete the exercises in RMarkdown. Please embed all of your code and push your final work to your repository. Your code must be organized, clean, and run free from errors. Remember, you must remove the `#` for any included code chunks to run. Be sure to add your name to the author header above.

Your code must knit in order to be considered. If you are stuck and cannot answer a question, then comment out your code and knit the document. You may use your notes, labs, and homework to help you complete this exam. Do not use any other resources- including AI assistance or other students' work.

Don't forget to answer any questions that are asked in the prompt! Each question must be coded; it cannot be answered by a sort in a spreadsheet or a written response.

Be sure to push your completed midterm to your repository and upload the document to Gradescope. This exam is worth 30 points.

Please load the following libraries.

```
library(tidyverse)
library(janitor)
```

Disable scientific notation.

```
options(scipen=999)
```

In the midterm 1 folder there is a second folder called `data`. Inside the `data` folder, there is a `.csv` file called `ecs21351-sup-0003-SupplementS1.csv`. These data are from Soykan, C. U., J. Sauer, J. G. Schuetz, G. S. LeBaron, K. Dale, and G. M. Langham. 2016. Population trends for North American winter birds based on hierarchical models. *Ecosphere* 7(5):e01351. 10.1002/ecs2.1351. This study uses the CBC (Christmas Bird Count) data to estimate population trends for North American winter birds.

Please load these data as a new object called `ecosphere`. In this step, I am providing the code to load the data, clean the variable names, and remove a footer that the authors used as part of the original publication.

```
ecosphere <- read_csv("data/ecs21351-sup-0003-SupplementS1.csv", skip=2) %>%
  #load the data and skip the first two rows
  clean_names() %>%
  #clean the variable names
  slice(1:(n() - 18))
  #remove the footer
```

# Questions

Problem 1. (1 point) What are the variable names?

```
names(ecosphere)
```

```
## [1] "order"                "family"
## [3] "common_name"          "scientific_name"
## [5] "diet"                 "life_expectancy"
## [7] "habitat"              "urban_affiliate"
## [9] "migratory_strategy"    "log10_mass"
## [11] "mean_eggs_per_clutch"  "mean_age_at_sexual_maturity"
## [13] "population_size"       "winter_range_area"
## [15] "range_in_cbc"          "strata"
## [17] "circles"              "feeder_bird"
## [19] "median_trend"          "lower_95_percent_ci"
## [21] "upper_95_percent_ci"
```

Problem 2. (1 point) Use the function of your choice to provide a data summary.

```
summary(ecosphere)
```

```

##      order          family      common_name      scientific_name
## Length:551      Length:551      Length:551      Length:551
## Class :character Class :character Class :character Class :character
## Mode  :character Mode  :character Mode  :character Mode  :character
##
##
##
##
##      diet          life_expectancy      habitat      urban_affiliate
## Length:551      Length:551      Length:551      Length:551
## Class :character Class :character Class :character Class :character
## Mode  :character Mode  :character Mode  :character Mode  :character
##
##
##
##
## migratory_strategy log10_mass      mean_eggs_per_clutch
## Length:551      Min.   :0.480      Min.   : 1.000
## Class :character 1st Qu.:1.365      1st Qu.: 3.000
## Mode  :character Median :1.890      Median : 4.000
##                  Mean   :2.012      Mean   : 4.527
##                  3rd Qu.:2.685      3rd Qu.: 5.000
##                  Max.   :4.040      Max.   :17.000
##
## mean_age_at_sexual_maturity population_size      winter_range_area
## Min.   : 0.200      Min.   : 15000      Min.   : 11
## 1st Qu.: 1.000      1st Qu.: 1100000      1st Qu.: 819357
## Median : 1.000      Median : 4900000      Median : 2189639
## Mean   : 1.592      Mean   : 18446745      Mean   : 5051047
## 3rd Qu.: 2.000      3rd Qu.: 18000000      3rd Qu.: 6778598
## Max.   :12.500      Max.   :30000000      Max.   :185968946
##                  NA's   :273
## range_in_cbc      strata      circles      feeder_bird
## Min.   : 0.00      Min.   : 1.00      Min.   : 2.0      Length:551
## 1st Qu.: 2.35      1st Qu.: 3.00      1st Qu.: 46.5      Class :character
## Median : 30.30      Median : 11.00      Median : 184.0      Mode  :character
## Mean   : 38.48      Mean   : 32.43      Mean   : 558.9
## 3rd Qu.: 72.95      3rd Qu.: 42.00      3rd Qu.: 661.0
## Max.   :100.00      Max.   :159.00      Max.   :3202.0
##
## median_trend      lower_95_percent_ci upper_95_percent_ci
## Min.   :0.739      Min.   :0.5780      Min.   : 0.798
## 1st Qu.:0.993      1st Qu.:0.9675      1st Qu.: 1.011
## Median :1.009      Median :0.9930      Median : 1.027
## Mean   :1.016      Mean   :0.9857      Mean   : 33.709
## 3rd Qu.:1.030      3rd Qu.:1.0140      3rd Qu.: 1.055
## Max.   :1.396      Max.   :1.3080      Max.   :18000.000
##

```

Problem 3. (2 points) How many distinct orders of birds are represented in the data?

```
ecosphere %>%
  select(order) %>%
  summarize(n_order = n_distinct(order))
```

```
## # A tibble: 1 × 1
##   n_order
##   <int>
## 1      19
```

Problem 4. (2 points) Which habitat has the greatest species diversity? (meaning number of species)

```
ecosphere %>%
  group_by(habitat) %>%
  summarize(n_species = n())
```

```
## # A tibble: 7 × 2
##   habitat    n_species
##   <chr>         <int>
## 1 Grassland      36
## 2 Ocean         44
## 3 Shrubland     82
## 4 Various       45
## 5 Wetland      153
## 6 Woodland     177
## 7 <NA>         14
```

Problem 5. (2 points) For species associated with urban environments, what is the min, max, and mean winter range area?

```
ecosphere %>%
  filter(urban_affiliate == "Yes") %>%
  summarize(
    min_winter_range_area = min(winter_range_area),
    max_winter_range_area = max(winter_range_area),
    mean_winter_range_area = mean(winter_range_area)
  )
```

```
## # A tibble: 1 × 3
##   min_winter_range_area max_winter_range_area mean_winter_range_area
##   <dbl>                <dbl>                <dbl>
## 1          193          26419123          5969323.
```

Problem 6. (2 points) As part of our analysis, we need `mass_g` as a new variable. Please convert `log10_mass` to mass in grams (hint: `mass_g = 10^log10_mass`) and store the output as part of the `ecosphere` data.

```
ecosphere <- ecosphere %>%
  mutate(mass_g = 10^log10_mass)
```

Problem 7. (4 points) Which migratory strategy has the highest average mass (`mass_g`)?

```
ecosphere %>%
  group_by(migratory_strategy) %>%
  summarize(average_mass_g = mean(mass_g)) %>%
  arrange(desc(average_mass_g)) #for legibility/ease of reading
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 × 2
##   migratory_strategy average_mass_g
##   <chr>                <dbl>
## 1 Moderate              523.
## 2 Short                493.
## 3 Withdrawal          480.
## 4 Resident            435.
## 5 Irruptive            371.
## 6 Long                306.
```

Problem 8. (4 points) Irruptive migratory behavior is characterized by unpredictable movements in response to food availability. What is the average population size for species with irruptive migratory behavior, grouped by habitat and diet?

```
ecosphere %>%
  filter(migratory_strategy == "Irruptive") %>%
  group_by(habitat, diet) %>%
  summarize(
    average_population_size = mean(population_size, na.rm=T),
    .groups = 'keep'
  )
```

```
## # A tibble: 7 × 3
## # Groups:   habitat, diet [7]
##   habitat    diet    average_population_size
##   <chr>    <chr>                <dbl>
## 1 Grassland Vertebrates      70000
## 2 Shrubland Seed          31500000
## 3 Various   Seed           300000
## 4 Woodland  Fruit          27000000
## 5 Woodland  Omnivore        3900000
## 6 Woodland  Seed           21500000
## 7 Woodland  Vertebrates     60000
```

Problem 9. (4 points). Diet, life expectancy, urban\_affiliate, and migratory\_strategy are all variables associated with extinction risk or population decline. Which species have a combination of vertebrate diet, long life expectancy, no urban affiliation, and are long-distance migrants? Assuming that the bird with the highest mass is the most at risk, which is the species of greatest concern?

```
ecosphere %>%
  select(common_name,
         scientific_name,
         diet,
         life_expectancy,
         urban_affiliate,
         migratory_strategy,
         mass_g) %>%
  filter(diet == "Vertebrates",
         life_expectancy == "Long",
         urban_affiliate == "No",
         migratory_strategy == "Long") %>%
  filter(mass_g == max(mass_g)) #selecting for the one at highest risk (highest mass)
```

```
## # A tibble: 1 × 7
##   common_name      scientific_name  diet life_expectancy urban_affiliate
##   <chr>           <chr>           <chr> <chr>           <chr>
## 1 Black-footed Albatross Phoebastria nigr... Vert... Long           No
## # i 2 more variables: migratory_strategy <chr>, mass_g <dbl>
```

Problem 10. (4 points). Make a new column `conservation_status` that labels species with a population size less than 300,000 as “threatened” and species with a population size greater than 300,000 as “stable”. Make sure your results are sorted in descending order. How many species are threatened vs. stable? Based on the results, do you see a problem with this analysis?

```
ecosphere %>%
  mutate(
    conservation_status = ifelse(population_size > 300000, "stable", "threatened")) %>%
  arrange(desc(population_size))
```

```
## # A tibble: 551 × 23
##   order      family common_name scientific_name diet life_expectancy habitat
##   <chr>      <chr>  <chr>      <chr>          <chr> <chr>      <chr>
## 1 Passeriform... Turdi... American R... Turdus migrato... Fruit Middle Woodla...
## 2 Passeriform... Ember... Chipping S... Spizella passe... Seed Short Woodla...
## 3 Passeriform... Ember... Dark-eyed ... Junco hyemalis Seed Middle Woodla...
## 4 Passeriform... Ember... Savannah S... Passerculus sa... Omni Short Grassl...
## 5 Passeriform... Ember... White-thro... Zonotrichia al... Seed Short Woodla...
## 6 Passeriform... Ember... Song Sparr... Melospiza melo... Omni Middle Various
## 7 Passeriform... Parul... Yellow-rum... Dendroica coro... Inve Short Woodla...
## 8 Passeriform... Icter... Red-winged... Agelaius phoen... Omni Middle Various
## 9 Passeriform... Icter... Brown-head... Molothrus ater Omni Middle Various
## 10 Passeriform... Polio... Blue-gray ... Polioptila cae... Inve Short Woodla...
## # i 541 more rows
## # i 16 more variables: urban_affiliate <chr>, migratory_strategy <chr>,
## #   log10_mass <dbl>, mean_eggs_per_clutch <dbl>,
## #   mean_age_at_sexual_maturity <dbl>, population_size <dbl>,
## #   winter_range_area <dbl>, range_in_cbc <dbl>, strata <dbl>, circles <dbl>,
## #   feeder_bird <chr>, median_trend <dbl>, lower_95_percent_ci <dbl>,
## #   upper_95_percent_ci <dbl>, mass_g <dbl>, conservation_status <chr>
```

*#Problem: about half of the species listed don't have a population size ("NA"), and are unable to be categorized as either "stable" or "threatened".*

Problem 11. (4 points) Use the `ecosphere` data to perform one exploratory analysis of your choice. The analysis must have a minimum of three lines and two functions. You must also clearly state the question you are attempting to answer.

```
# Proposed Question:
# Within the species with short life spans, which habitat
# has the highest mean_age_at_sexual_maturity?
# Assume that the only variables of import are
# life_expectancy, habitat, and mean_age_at_sexual_maturity,
# and include n for each habitat.

ecosphere %>%
  select(life_expectancy, habitat, mean_age_at_sexual_maturity) %>%
  filter(life_expectancy == "Short") %>%
  group_by(habitat) %>%
  summarize(
    max_mean_age_at_sexual_maturity = max(mean_age_at_sexual_maturity, na.rm=T),
    n = n(),) %>%
  arrange(-max_mean_age_at_sexual_maturity)
```

```
## # A tibble: 7 × 3
##   habitat    max_mean_age_at_sexual_maturity     n
##   <chr>          <dbl> <int>
## 1 Ocean              4       4
## 2 Wetland            3      48
## 3 Shrubland         2.5     61
## 4 Grassland          2     25
## 5 Various            2     21
## 6 Woodland           2    101
## 7 <NA>              1       5
```

## Submit the Midterm

1. Save your work and knit the .rmd file.
2. Open the .html file and “print” it to a .pdf file in Google Chrome (not Safari).
3. Go to the class Canvas page and open Gradescope.
4. Submit your .pdf file to the midterm assignment- be sure to assign the pages to the correct questions.
5. Commit and push your work to your repository.