**Assignment #1  
Due: May 31, 2022**

**This is due prior to the beginning of live session on the due date. Use this document to answer questions. Include the questions with answers and highlight answers. Copy and paste relevant software output into this document in your answer. Software is only required to be used where indicated. Please submit as a word document or pdf.**

**Please identify any students you worked with on this assignment.**

1. *[Week 1]* Researchers at the University of Utah use a driving simulator in experiments on the effects of divided attention. In one of their experiments, participants were randomly assigned to one of two conditions. One condition was called the single-task condition, and participants’ task was to follow a course in the driving simulator. The other condition was called the dual-task condition, and participants’ had to follow the course in the driving simulator while at the same time engaged in a hands-free cell phone conversation. The driving simulator recorded each participant’s reaction time (in milliseconds) to an obstacle that appeared unexpectedly. The average reaction time was significantly greater in the dual-task condition. Therefore, divided attention had a detrimental effect on driving performance.
   1. Identify the independent variable in the study. Is this variable continuous or discrete?
   2. Identify the dependent variable in the study. Is this variable continuous or discrete?
2. *[Week 1]* A math teacher asked 18 of her students to rate how much they like math on a 1 - 7 Likert-scale (1 = not at all, 7 = very much):

3, 7, 5, 3, 5, 6, 3, 2, 6, 4, 4, 3, 4, 2, 3, 6, 4, 7

1. Enter the data into software and create a histogram.
2. Describe the shape of the distribution using terminology learned in class.
3. *[Week 2]* Consider the following frequency distribution:

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| --- | --- |
| Score | Freq |
| 7 | 18 |
| 6 | 77 |
| 5 | 20 |
| 4 | 7 |
| 3 | 3 |
| 2 | 1 |
| 1 | 3 |

* 1. What was the sample size?
  2. What percent of participants had a score of 4?
  3. What is the percentile rank for a score of 5?
  4. What is the score corresponding to the 80th percentile?

1. *[Week 2]* Consider two variables from the undergrad student survey (Survey.xlsx): high school GPA (HSGPA) and college GPA (CollegeGPA). Both are on a 5 point scale.
   1. Using software, calculate and report the mean, median, and standard deviation for each variable.
   2. Interpret the meaning of the mean, median, and standard deviation of the high school GPA variable in the \*context of this problem.\* Do not provide general definitions here, but interpret what each statistic means for these data.
   3. Interpret the meaning of the mean, median, and standard deviation of the college GPA variable in the \*context of this problem.\* Do not provide general definitions here, but interpret what each statistic means for these data.
   4. Based on the descriptive statistics interpreted in parts (c) and (d), write a sentence or two about the difference between college and high school GPA for this sample.
2. [Week 3] Each participant in an experiment was given one of three tasks. Let these three tasks be symbolized by and . The number of errors each participant made in performing the task was recorded by use of the categories “0 errors,” “1 error,” and “2 or more errors.” Thus, every participant was classified in two ways, by task and by number of errors. The following table shows the probabilities for these joint events for any participant drawn at random.

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|  | Task | | |  |
| Errors |  |  |  | Total |
| 0 | .05 | .02 | .10 | .17 |
| 1 | .08 | .17 | .13 | .38 |
| 2 or more | .20 | .15 | .10 | .45 |

Total .33 .34 .33

Use these probabilities to find

* 1. The marginal probabilities of the task events and
  2. The marginal probabilities for numbers of errors
  3. The conditional probability for zero errors given task
  4. The conditional probability for two or more errors given task
  5. The conditional probability of task given no errors

1. [Week 3] Assume a normally distributed population of resting heart rates with μ = 76 and σ = 5.
2. Compute the z-score for a heart rate of 73.
3. What is the probability of randomly selecting someone whose heart rate is below 73?
4. What is the probability of randomly selecting someone whose heart rate above 79?
5. What is the probability of randomly selecting someone whose heart rate either below 60 or above 90?