Excel Homework 1 – Rebecca Mih

- 1. What are three conclusions we can make about Kickstarter campaigns given the provided data?
- The most popular kickstarter category for submissions is : Theatre
 The most popular kickstarter sub-category is: Plays
- The most successful kickstarter projects (% successful) are: Music, Theatre and Film
 - There are a number of sub-categories which have 100% success and should be encouraged for more submissions
 - Pop, Rock, Classical, metal
 - Podcasts
 - Plays, Non-Fiction
 - Television, Shorts
 - Hardware
 - Tabletop games
- The country with most submissions was (not surprisingly) the USA by a long margin, followed: Great Britain, Canada
- 2. What are some of the limitations of this dataset? What are some of the limitations of this dataset?
 - The biggest limitation of this dataset is that we were given ~4000 launched projects in the data to analyse, but it says in the background that there have been 300,000 kickstarter projects launched
 - i. So that's like ~1.2% of the data. I don't really know how good of a proxy this data is, to the actual data out there.
 - The data misses some areas which could help answer the question of ways to improve kickstarter success rates. For example, is there any of this data available:
 - More data on the incentives / rewards for backers (i.e. would likely be the product, or some other award) which may influence the backer
 - Number of types of rewards
 - Expected sales price of the product / reward
 - Price proposed for backers for product / reward
 - More information on the backers age / gender / regional demographics (for US)
 - o More on how the Kickstarter Campaigns were carried out
 - How many emails were sent
 - How many media posts (social and conventional)
 - # of Endorsements
 - Type of Endorsements (famous people, institutions, etc)
- 3. What are some other possible tables/graphs that we could create?
 - a. Fund Targets by Category / Sub-Category (Successful vs others)
 - b. Number of backers by category and sub-category
 - c. Average donation by category and sub-category

- d. Analyse additional data (more of the 300,000 projects, and with more details as mentioned above)
- e. When there is enough data, re-aggregate the data by region (Asia, North America, Europe, etc) and re-do the analysis to see if more trends show up