

# Lecture 0

## Course Information

DSA 8070 Multivariate Analysis

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## About the Instructor



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### About the Instructor

- Associate Professor of Applied Statistics and Data Science

- Born in Laramie, WY, and grew up in Taiwan



- Obtained a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering and switched to Statistics in graduate school



- Earned a Ph.D. in Statistics in 2017 from Purdue University.



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Logistics

- There will be [three projects](#). The due dates are:
  - Project I: Sep. 25, Thursday
  - Project I: Nov. 6, Thursday
  - Project II: Dec. 11, Thursday
- There will be weekly R Labs:
  - To be uploaded to Canvas by 11:59 pm ET on the due dates
  - Worst grade will be dropped
- No lectures during [Thanksgiving week](#) (Nov. 24-28)

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Course Materials at CANVAS

- Course syllabus / Announcements
- Lecture slides/notes/videos
- R Labs/Projects
- Data sets for lectures and labs



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Reference Books

- *Applied Multivariate Statistics with R*, **Daniel Zelterman**, 2015 [\[Link\]](#)
- *Modern Multivariate Statistical Techniques: Regression, Classification, and Manifold Learning*, **Alan Izenman**, 2008, [\[Link\]](#)
- *Methods of Multivariate Analysis*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, **Alvin Rencher and William Christensen**, 2012 [\[Link\]](#)
- *Applied Multivariate Statistical Methods*, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition, **Richard Johnson and Dean Wichern**, 2008 [\[Link\]](#)



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Evaluation

Grades will be weighted as follows:

R Labs	25%
Project I	25%
Project II	25%
Project III	25%

Final course grades will be assigned using the following grading scheme:

>= 90.00	A
88.00 ~ 89.99	A-
85.00 ~ 87.99	B+
80.00 ~ 84.99	B
78.00 ~ 79.99	B-
75.00 ~ 77.99	C+
70.00 ~ 74.99	C
68.00 ~ 69.99	C-
<= 67.99	F



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Computing

We will use software to perform statistical analyses.  
Specifically, we will be using R/Rstudio

- a free/open-source programming language for statistical analysis
- available at <https://www.r-project.org/> (R); <https://rstudio.com/> (Rstudio)

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Topics

Week	Dates	Topic
1	8/20 - 8/22	Introduction and Multivariate Data Exploration
2	8/25 - 8/28	A Short Review of Matrix Algebra
3	9/2 - 9/5	Multivariate Normal Distributions and Copula Models
4	9/9 - 9/12	Inference and Comparison of Mean Vectors
5	9/15 - 9/19	Multivariate Regression I
6	9/22 - 9/26	Multivariate Regression II
7	9/29 - 10/3	Inference for Covariance Matrix
8	10/6 - 10/19	Principal Components Analysis
9	10/13 - 10/17	Factor Analysis
10	10/20 - 10/24	Canonical Correlation Analysis
11	10/27 - 10/31	Discrimination and Classification
12	11/3 - 11/7	Cluster Analysis
13	11/10 - 11/15	Multidimensional Scaling and Distance Embedding
14	11/17 - 11/21	Manifold Learning and Nonlinear Embedding Methods
15	11/24 - 11/28	No Class—Thanksgiving
16	12/1 - 12/5	Review

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