

Please complete each problem and submit a PDF with your solutions. If you use code to solve the problems, you should include it in your submission.

Problem 1 (5 points)

Freedom House is an organization that tracks changes in political rights and civil liberties in the world. The Excel spreadsheet, `All_data_FIW_2013-2022.xlsx`, contains [data for the proprietary survey over the last ten years](#).

- A. Suppose we are interested in seeing how civil liberties have changed in the pandemic era (for our purposes, defined as 2019-2022). First, read in the data and calculate the differences in total civil liberties scores from 2019 to 2022 (1 pt).
- B. Using the calculated differences, create a choropleth map showing the change for every country/territory. Make sure to use a meaningful color scheme using guidelines from the last few weeks—give a brief description of the scheme you used and a justification for using it. According to your choropleth map, what are the global trends in changes in civil liberties in the pandemic era? (3 pts)
- C. Change the Coordinate Reference System (CRS) of your graph. (1 pt)

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Problem 2 (5 points)

Problem 2 will be posted after November 8 and will deal with next week's topic, Visualizing Uncertainty.

Problem 3 (10 points)

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