Foundations of Data Science

Midterm Exam

7:10-9:00pm, Friday, October 18

Berkeley Honor Code [1 point]

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INSTRUCTIONS
• Do not open the exam until you are instructed to do so.
• Write your initials at the top of each page.
• There are six (6) questions and 16 pages on this exam, including cover page. Read the instructions and point values carefully for each question, part and subpart.
• Where relevant, you may assume that all necessary Python modules have been imported.
• You may only have with you: a pencil(s), an eraser(s), your student ID, a water bottle, and your midterm reference sheet, unless you have received pre-approved accommodations otherwise.
• If you need to use the restroom, bring your phone, exam, reference sheet, and student ID to the front of the room.
Question Types
For questions with circular bubbles , you should fill in exactly <i>one</i> choice.
○ You must choose either this option
Or this one, but not both!
For questions with $square\ checkboxes$, you may fill in $multiple\ choices$.
\square You could select this choice.
☐ You could select this one too!

1 Multiple Choice [32 points]

For each of the following questions, fill in the bubble/square(s) corresponding to the correct answers.

a.	(5 points) When working with a new dataset, which of the three facets of data science should you approach first?
	○ Inference
	Exploration
	O Prediction
b.	(5 points) Torin performs an A/B test on a dataset and concludes that the A and B groups are different from one another. What must be true for him to make the claim that being in one group versus the other causes the difference?
	\bigcirc His p-value cutoff must be equal to or lower than 5%.
	His data must be collected in a mechanism/context that allows him to make a causal claim from it.
	O He has made a visualization of the distributions between the two groups that shows a clear difference.
	○ He needs a large enough sample size.
c.	(4 points) What allowed John Snow to infer that the water supply was the cause of the frequent cholera outbreaks in London? Select all that apply.
	\square Snow saw that most of the people who caught cholera received water from the Broad St. pump.
	☐ Snow randomly assigned people to drink from the Lambeth and S&V water supplies and recorded the incidence of cholera among people drinking from each supply.
	√ Snow saw that people who either received Lambeth or S&V water were not too different from one another in any aspect. He recorded the incidence of cholera among people drinking from each supply and saw a higher rate of cholera among those who drank from the S&V supply.
	\square None of the above.
d.	(4 points) True or False: Jolin rolls a fair, ten-sided die fifteen times. There may be some faces of the die that do not appear in Jolin's empirical distribution of the fifteen die rolls.
	$\sqrt{ m True}$
	○ False
e.	(3 points) Which of the following procedures cross-classifies data in a table with at least two variables? Select all that apply.
	Creating a two-variable group table
	Creating a pivot table
	☐ Creating a joined table
	$\hfill\Box$ Creating two separate, one-variable group tables

f.	(3)	points)	What	will ł	oe output	to	the screen	once	the	following	Python	expression	runs
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○ The correct answer is not here.

g. (3 points) How many rows and columns will my_table have once the following Python code runs?

my_table.select('numbers').where('numbers', are.above(1))

- \bigcirc 1 row and 2 columns
- 2 rows and 1 column
- $\sqrt{3}$ rows and 2 columns
- \bigcirc 2 rows and 3 columns
- h. (2 points) In a past homework, we discussed a European roulette wheel that has equally sized spaces: one green, 18 black, and 18 red. On each spin, a white ball lands inside one of these spaces. *True or False:* If the wheel is spun a large number of times, the proportion of times that the ball lands inside either a green space or red space will approach $\frac{1}{37} * \frac{18}{37}$.
 - True

 $\sqrt{\text{False}}$

i. (2 points) What will be output to the screen once the following Python expression runs?

np.arange(1, 7, 2) + make_array(True, False, True)

 $\sqrt{\text{array}([2, 3, 6])}$

- array(['1True', '3False','5True'])
- An error will occur because the data types do not match.
- O An error will occur because the array lengths do not match.
- array([2, 7, 3])
- j. (1 point) Bowie flips a fair coin four times and gets heads none (zero) of the times. She then decides to test the hypothesis that the coin is fair against the alternative that it is biased towards the other side of the coin, tails. Using the number of heads flipped as the test statistic, is Bowie's result considered statistically significant?
 - O Yes
 - √ No
 - There is not enough information given to determine an answer.

2 Playing with Playlists [19 points]

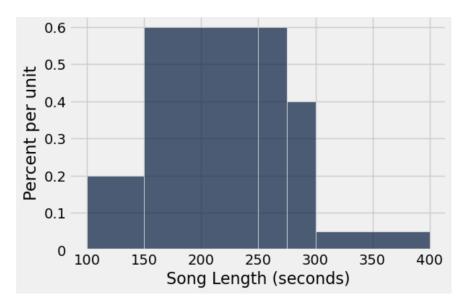
- a. (5 points) Cai links her Spotify account to a music analytics website and is surprised to see she only listens to 100 songs across 5 genres. The number of songs she listens to by genre is distributed as follows:
 - 5 Jazz songs
 - 25 K-pop songs
 - 35 OPM (Original Filipino music) songs
 - 15 R&B songs
 - 20 Classical songs
 - (i) (3 points) Cai decides to pick songs **randomly without replacement**. She gets recommendations from her friend Ella, who loves OPM and R&B but is very particular about the order of her playlists. Assuming Cai is still picking from her selection of 100 songs, what is the probability that she will pick a 3-song playlist in which the first song chosen is R&B, the second is OPM, and the last is R&B? You may leave your answer as an arithmetic expression.

Solution: 15/100 * 35/99 * 14/98

(ii) (2 points) Cai realizes her friend Ella is neither a K-pop fan nor a Jazz fan! Now selecting songs randomly with replacement, Cai makes a playlist with 10 songs. What is the probability that at least one of the songs is something Ella likes (not K-pop or Jazz)? You may leave your answer as an arithmetic expression.

Solution: 1 - (25/100 + 5/100) * *10

b. (6 points) Cai realizes she plays classical music a lot when she studies. She decides to visualize her classical songs' lengths in seconds and creates the following histogram from the 20 classical songs in her playlist:



(i) (3 points) Write a new vertical axis label for the histogram based on the variable being visualized.

Solution: Percent per second/s

- (ii) (2 points) Based on the histogram that Cai generated using the Table.hist method, which of the following statements can be concluded? Select all that apply.
 - \square The percentage of songs in Cai's 20 classical songs playlist that are less than 150 seconds is equal to 20 percent.
 - \square The percentage of songs in Cai's 20 classical songs playlist that are less than 200 seconds is equal to 40 percent.
 - $\sqrt{}$ The percentage of songs in Cai's 20 classical songs playlist that are less than 250 seconds is equal to 70 percent.
 - \square The percentage of songs in Cai's 20 classical songs playlist that are longer than 275 seconds is equal to 15 percent.
 - \square The number of songs in Cai's playlist that are longer than 250 seconds is equal to 10 songs.
 - $\sqrt{}$ The number of songs in Cai's 20 classical songs playlist that are less than 250 seconds is equal to 14 songs.
- (iii) (1 point) Cai wants to recreate the histogram with different bins, but forgets how to do so. Write a line of code which will access documentation for the Table.hist function in her Jupyter Notebook.

Solution: Table.hist?

- c. (3 points) Bing takes a random sample of 100 different songs in his Spotify library and puts these in a new playlist. He happens to pick songs only across 5 genres—and the same genres as Cai! His 100 songs are distributed slightly differently, as follows:
 - 10 Jazz songs
 - 30 K-pop songs
 - 30 OPM (Original Filipino music) songs
 - 20 R&B songs
 - 10 Classical songs

In words, state a test statistic which can be used to test the hypothesis that the distribution of Bing's songs in his entire library is the same the distribution of Cai's 100 songs.

Solution: Total Variation Distance

- d. (5 points) Cai now creates a new playlist by combining an independent, random sample of classical songs from the Spotify catalog and an independent, random sample of R&B songs from the Spotify catalog. She sees that the classical songs sampled are generally longer than the R&B songs sampled. She is a busy student and doesn't have the resources to collect all the Spotify data for these music genres, so she wants to perform a hypothesis test based on these samples to see if the lengths of classical and R&B songs in the population differ.
 - (i) (3 points) Which of the following are valid **null** hypotheses that Cai can use to test her claim? Select all that apply.
 - □ The distribution of R&B song lengths in Cai's playlist is different from the distribution of classical song lengths in Cai's playlist.
 - √ The distribution of all R&B song lengths in the Spotify catalog is the same as the distribution of all classical song lengths in the catalog, and any observed difference is due to chance.
 - □ The distribution of classical song lengths in Cai's playlist is the same as the distribution of R&B song lengths in Cai's playlist, and any observed difference is due to chance.
 - ☐ The distribution of all R&B song lengths in the Spotify catalog is different from the distribution of all classical song lengths in the catalog.
 - (ii) (2 points) Which of the following are valid **alternative** hypotheses that Cai can use to test her claim? Select all that apply.
 - □ The distribution of R&B song lengths in Cai's playlist is different from the distribution of classical song lengths in the playlist.
 - $\sqrt{}$ The distribution of all R&B song lengths in the Spotify catalog is different from the distribution of all classical song lengths in the Spotify catalog.
 - □ The distribution of all R&B song lengths in the Spotify catalog is the same as the distribution of all classical song lengths in the Spotify catalog, and any observed difference is due to chance.
 - $\sqrt{}$ The distribution of all R&B songs in the Spotify catalog, on average, contains larger values than the distribution of all classical song lengths in the Spotify catalog.
 - ☐ The distribution of all R&B songs in Cai's playlist, on average, contains smaller values than the distribution of all classical song lengths in the Cai's playlist.

3 Staff Members' Cupcake Social [15 points]

Sam, Ramisha, and Thomas are planning to hold a cupcake social for Data Science staff members, and have collected the survey responses for 100 staff members in a table called **cupcakes**. For this question, assume that all Data Science staff members in the population have filled out the form. A four-row excerpt of the table is shown below. It contains the following columns:

- Name (str): The first name of the staff member who filled out the form.
- Attending (bool): Either True if the staff member can attend the social, or False if they cannot
- Preferred Flavor (str): A column containing either the string "Chocolate" or "Vanilla" that indicates the staff member's preferred flavor of cupcake. (Assume these are the only two flavor options).
- Num Cupcakes (int): The number of cupcakes the staff member plans to eat at the cupcake social. Assume that if a student is not attending, Num Cupcakes will always be 0.

Name	Attending	Preferred Flavor	Num Cupcakes
Aileen	False	Chocolate	0
Carisma	True	Chocolate	2
Paul	True	Vanilla	1
Andrew	True	Vanilla	0

... (96 rows omitted)

a. (4 points) Write one line of code that evaluates to the total number of cupcakes the staff members plan to eat at the cupcake social.

(i) (2 points) Fill in blank A.

Solution: sum OR np.sum

(ii) (1 point) Fill in blank B.

Solution: column

(iii) (1 point) Fill in blank C.

Solution: "Num Cupcakes"

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b. (3 points) Complete the code below so that the variable majority_attending is assigned True if more than 50% of the staff members who filled out the form plan to attend the cupcake social, and False otherwise.

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majority_attending = _____
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Solution: majority_attending = np.mean(cupcakes.column('Attending')) > 0.5
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c. (3 points) Define a function called flavor_to_num that takes in a cupcake flavor as a string argument and returns True if the passed-in string is "Vanilla" and False if it is "Chocolate."

```
Solution:
    def flavor_to_num(flavor):
        if flavor == 'Vanilla':
            return True
        else:
            return False
```

d. (2 points) Using flavor_to_num, complete a line of code that will update the cupcakes table to contain a new column called Vanilla? that contains the value True if the staff member's preferred flavor is "Vanilla" and False if it is "Chocolate." You may assume the flavor_to_num function in part (c) has been defined properly.

```
cupcakes = _____
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Solution: cupcakes = cupcakes.with_columns('Vanilla?', cupcakes.apply(flavor_to_num,
'Preferred Flavor'))

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e. (2 points) Assume the Vanilla? column has been correctly added to the cupcakes table. Create a new table (complete the code) called attendance that has two columns: the first column contains the unique values in the Attending column of the cupcakes table, and the second column contains the proportion of staff members who prefer vanilla cupcakes.

attendance = _	
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Solution:

cupcakes.group('Attending', np.mean).select('Attending', 'Vanilla? mean')

- f. (1 point) Based on the analysis above, Edwin is curious if the distribution of flavor preferences in this dataset is different for the staff members who plan to attend versus those who don't. Select the option that best describes what Edwin should do to answer his question.
 - Occided an A/B test to determine if the two groups (staff members who attended versus those who didn't) have the same underlying distribution of flavor preferences.
 - O Run a randomized controlled experiment to determine if attending has a causal impact on flavor preferences.
 - $\sqrt{}$ Group the updated cup cakes table by attendance status and take the difference between the proportions of those that choose Vanilla in each group, amongst the surveyed staff members.

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4 Movies [7 points]

The Data 8 staff has been performing data visualizations on films that were released this year. Their data lies in a table called movies and a four-row excerpt is below. The table contains the following columns:

- Movie (str): The name of the movie.
- Genre (str): The classification of the movie.
- Gross (int): The money made by the movie, in millions of USD.
- Tickets Sold (int): The number of movie tickets sold, in millions.

Movie	Genre	Gross	Tickets Sold
Inside Out 2	Adventure	653	61
Kung Fu Panda 4	Comedy	193	18
Beetlejuice Beetlejuice	Comedy	251	23
Bad Boys: Ride & Die	Action	192	18

a. (4 points) Conan would like to visualize the number of movies in each genre. Out of the plot types

... (348 rows omitted)

	below, whi	ich one is most appropriate?
	○ I	Line plot
	\circ	Scatter plot
	$\sqrt{1}$	Bar chart
	\bigcirc I	Histogram
	\bigcirc (Overlaid line plot
	\bigcirc (Overlaid scatter ploot plot
	\bigcirc (Overlaid bar chart
	\bigcirc (Overlaid histogram
b.	, - ,	Sahand would like to compare the distributions of tickets sold among different genres of film. eplot types below, which one is most appropriate?
	\bigcirc I	Line plot
	\circ	Scatter plot
	\bigcirc I	Bar chart
	\bigcirc I	Histogram
	\bigcirc (Overlaid line plot
	\bigcirc (Overlaid scatter plot
	\bigcirc (Overlaid bar chart
	(Overlaid histogram

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c.	(1 point) Arfa wants to determine whether there is an association between the amount of money a movie
	makes and the number of tickets that it sells. She is deciding between the three visualizations listed
	below. Select which one of these three you think is most appropriate. In 2-3 sentences, justify why the
	other two plot types you did not choose are less appropriate than the one you chose.

\bigcirc	Bar chart
\bigcirc	Line plot

 $\sqrt{\text{ Scatter plot}}$

Solution:

Reason 1: The bar chart is not appropriate because both of the variables in question are numericala bar chart is not appropriate for numerical data.

Reason 2: The line plot is used for two numerical variables, but one of the numerical variables typically denotes the passing of time. None of the two variables in question have this interpretation.

5 It 8n't my day today [11 points]

Prof Jeremy is sitting in Evans 323 on 4 hours of sleep after grinding Fortnite to get enough V-Bucks to buy the next Battle Pass. As a result, the code he has been writing today is sloppy. In each of the parts in this question, you will interact with technically or conceptually incorrect Python code.

a. (4 points) Prof Jeremy tried to simulate ten rolls of a fair, six-sided die. Unfortunately, things went wrong and an error was produced. Here is the code he used:

Explain the source of the error in one sentence.

Solution: The error occurs due to sampling without replacement.

b. (2 points) Prof Jeremy flipped what he thinks is a fair coin 100 times and observed 15 heads. He would like to test the hypothesis that his coin is indeed fair against an alternative that the coin is unfair.

For his test statistic, Jeremy decides to use the absolute difference between the observed and expected proportion of heads under the null hypothesis. He decides to use a p-value cutoff of 5 percent and simulates the process of flipping 100 fair coins. Finally, he calculates a p-value based on his simulations. The code he used is below.

```
observed_prop = 0.15
observed_abs_diff = abs(0.15-0.5)
model_proportions = make_array(0.15, 0.85)
num_simulations = 200

distribution_under_null = make_array()

for i in np.arange(num_simulations):
    simulated_prop = sample_proportions(100, model_proportions).item(0)
    simulated_diff = abs(simulated_prop-0.5)
    distribution_under_null = np.append(distribution_under_null, simulated_diff)

extreme_stats = distribution_under_null >= observed_abs_diff
p_value = np.count_nonzero(extreme_stats)
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Which of the following problems can you identify with Prof Jeremy's implementation of this code? Select all that apply.

- $\sqrt{\mbox{ In the calculation of the p-value, np.count_nonzero(extreme_stats)}}$ should be divided by num_simulations.
- ☐ The 100 inside of the call to sample_proportions should be replaced with num_simulations.
- \square The index in the call to .item() should be 1, not 0.
- $\sqrt{}$ The test statistics are not being simulated according to the null hypothesis.
- ☐ The p-value cutoff is not included anywhere in the calculation of the p-value.

- c. (5 points) Finally, Prof Jeremy is feeling a little sporty and wants to learn about NBA players. He loads in the nba table from a previous lab, which gives statistics on players during the 2023-2024 season. Below is a four-row excerpt. The table includes the columns:
 - Player (str): Player name
 - Age (int): Player's age in years.
 - Team (str): A three letter abbreviation for the team which the player is signed to.
 - Position (str): An abbreviation for the position the player takes on the court.
 - Salary (int): Gives the players' yearly salaries in millions of US dollars.
 - Games (int): The number of games the player played in the 2023-24 season.

Player	Age	Team	Position	Salary	Games
Stephen Curry	35	GSW	PG	519	74
LeBron James	39	LAL	PF	476	71
Joel Embiid	29	PHI	С	476	39
Kawhi Leonard	32	LAC	SF	456	68

- ... (521 rows omitted)
- (i) (3 points) Prof Jeremy is attempting to do some table manipulations, but his lack of sleep is catching up with him. Which of the following lines of Jeremy's code will result in an error? Select all that apply.

```
√ warriors = nba.where('Team', GSW)

□ np.count_nonzero(nba.column('Salary'))

√ nba.where(nba.column('Salary'), are.above(30))

√ nba.with_columns('games_to_age_ratio', 'Games' * 'Age')

□ nba.take(np.arange(5)).column('Team').item(2)
```

(ii) (2 points) Prof Jeremy wants to be a sports broadcaster one day and is practicing his chops by writing a function called team_announcement which will announce every player on a given team, along with their age and position, from youngest to oldest. Here is the function he wrote.

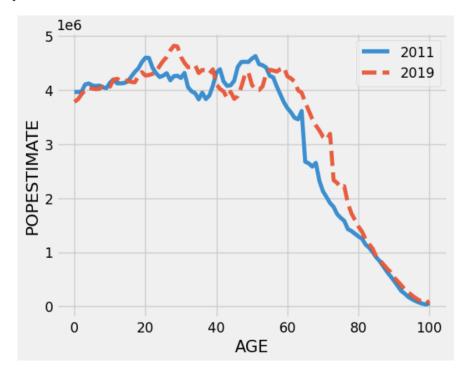
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# 1
       def team_announcement('team_name'):
# 2
            team = nba.where('Team', team_name).sort('Age')
# 3
            ages = team.column('Age')
# 4
            positions = team.select('Position')
# 5
            names = team.select('Player')
# 6
# 7
            for i in np.arange(team.num_rows):
# 8
                    print('Playing ' + positions.item(i) + ', age ' +
                        ages.item(i) + ', here is ' + names.item(i) + '!')
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Which lines of the function will result in errors? Select all that apply.

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- \square line 2
- \square line 3
- \Box line 4
- \square line 5
- \square line 7
- $\sqrt{\text{ line } 8}$

6 Census [9 points]

The following is a version of a plot we created in lecture using the US Census data. Look over the plot before answering the questions below.



a. (4 points) State approximately how many infants (people aged 0) there were in the United States in 2011.

Solution: Approximately 4,000,000 infants.

b. (1 point) Give an explanation for the pattern between the 2011 and 2019 lines as age changes in 2-3 sentences.

Solution:

The two lines have a similar pattern, but the 2019 line is shifted to the right of the 2011 line. This is likely due to the aging of the 2011 group by eight years.

c. (4 points) Give the plot an effective title based on what we have discussed in lecture.[1cm]

Solution: The title conveys an interpretation of the pattern in the plot. It should *not* read "Age vs Population" or something similar.

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7 Congratulations! [0 points]

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- Double check that you have not skipped over any questions!

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