

Assignment 4: Collaborating Together

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Part 1: Contributing to another student's Github repository

In this assignment, you will create a Github repository, containing this document and the .pdf output, which analyzes a dataset individually using some of the tools we have developed.

This time, make sure to not only put your name and student e-mail in your Rmarkdown header, but also your Github account, as I have done myself.

However, you will also pair up with a class mate and contribute to each others' Github repository. Each student is supposed to contribute to another student's work by writing a short interpretation of 1 or 2 sentences at the designated place (this place is marked with **designated place**) in the other student's assignment.

This interpretation will not be graded, but a Github shows the contributors to a certain repository. This way, we can see whether you have contributed to a repository of a class mate.

Question 1.1: Fill in the **github username** of the class mate to whose repository you have contributed.

[Fill in here]

Part 2: Analyzing various linear models

In this part, we will summarize a dataset and create a couple of customized tables. Then, we will compare a couple of linear models to each other, and see which linear model fits the data the best, and yields the most interesting results.

We will use a dataset called **GrowthSW** from the **AER** package. This is a dataset containing 65 observations on 6 variables and investigates the determinants of economic growth. First, we will try to summarize the data using the **modelsummary** package.

```
library(AER)
data(GrowthSW)
```

One of the variables in the dataset is **revolutions**, the number of revolutions, insurrections and coup d'états in country i from 1965 to 1995.

Question 2.1: Using the function `datasummary`, summarize the mean, median, sd, min, and max of the variables `growth`, and `rgdp60` between two groups: countries with `revolutions` equal to 0, and countries with more than 0 revolutions. Call this variable `treat`. Make sure to also write the resulting data set to memory. Hint: you can check some examples [here](#).

```
library(modelsummary); library(tidyverse)

# write your code here
# Creating the treat variable based on revolutions
GrowthSW$treat <- ifelse(GrowthSW$revolutions > 0, "More than 0 revolutions", "0 revolutions")

# Summarizing the variables growth and rgdp60 by treat groups
summary_table <- datasummary(GrowthSW,
                             var.labels = c(growth = "Growth", rgdp60 = "Real GDP 1960"),
                             by = "treat",
                             statistics = c("mean", "median", "sd", "min", "max"))

## Error in datasummary(GrowthSW, var.labels = c(growth = "Growth", rgdp60 = "Real GDP 1960"), : argument

# Writing the resulting dataset to memory
write.csv(summary_table, file = "summary_table.csv", row.names = FALSE)

## Error in eval(expr, p): object 'summary_table' not found
```

Designated place: type one or two sentences describing this table of a fellow student below. For example, comment on the mean and median growth of both groups. Then stage, commit and push it to their github repository.

Part 3: Make a table summarizing reressions using `modelsummary` and `kable`

In question 2, we have seen that growth rates differ markedly between countries that experienced at least one revolution/episode of political stability and countries that did not.

Question 3.1: Try to make this more precise this by performing a t-test on the variable `growth` according to the group variable you have created in the previous question.

```
# write t test here
t_test_result <- t.test(growth ~ treat, data = GrowthSW)

t_test_result

##
## Welch Two Sample t-test
##
## data: growth by treat
## t = 1.8531, df = 61.015, p-value = 0.06871
## alternative hypothesis: true difference in means between group 0 revolutions and group More than 0 r
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## -0.06182741 1.62566475
## sample estimates:
## mean in group 0 revolutions mean in group More than 0 revolutions
## 2.459985 1.678066
```

Question 3.2: What is the p -value of the test, and what does that mean? Write down your answer below.

We can also control for other factors by including them in a linear model, for example:

$$\text{growth}_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \cdot \text{treat}_i + \beta_2 \cdot \text{rgdp60}_i + \beta_3 \cdot \text{tradeshare}_i + \beta_4 \cdot \text{education}_i + \epsilon_i$$

Question 3.3: What do you think the purpose of including the variable `rgdp60` is? Look at `?GrowthSW` to find out what the variables mean.

We now want to estimate a stepwise model. Stepwise means that we first estimate a univariate regression $\text{growth}_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \cdot \text{treat}_i + \epsilon_i$, and in each subsequent model, we add one control variable.

Question 3.4: Write four models, titled `model1`, `model2`, `model3`, `model4` (using the `lm` function) to memory. Hint: you can also use the `update` function to add variables to an already existing specification.

```
# Model 1: Univariate regression
model1 <- lm(growth ~ treat, data = GrowthSW)

# Model 2: Adding rgdp60 as a control variable to model 1
model2 <- update(model1, . ~ . + rgdp60)

# Model 3: Adding tradeshare as a control variable to model 2
model3 <- update(model2, . ~ . + tradeshare)

# Model 4: Adding education as a control variable to model 3
model4 <- update(model3, . ~ . + education)

save(model1, model2, model3, model4, file = "stepwise_models.RData")
```

Now, we put the models in a list, and see what `modelsummary` gives us:

```
library(modelsummary)

# Putting the models in a list
model_list <- list(model1, model2, model3, model4)

# Applying modelsummary to the list of models
model_summary <- model_list |>
  modelsummary(stars = TRUE,
               statistics = c("rsq", "n"))
model_summary
```

Question 3.5: Edit the code chunk above to remove many statistics from the table, but keep only the number of observations N , and the R^2 statistic.

```
# Loading the required packages
library(modelsummary)

# Putting the models in a list
model_list <- list(model1, model2, model3, model4)

# Applying modelsummary to the list of models
model_summary <- model_list |>
  modelsummary(stars = TRUE,
```

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
(Intercept)	2.460*** (0.400)	2.854*** (0.751)	0.839 (1.045)	−0.050 (0.967)
treatMore than 0 revolutions	−0.782 (0.491)	−1.028 (0.633)	−0.415 (0.647)	−0.069 (0.589)
rgdp60		0.000 (0.000)	0.000 (0.000)	0.000* (0.000)
tradeshare			2.233* (0.842)	1.813* (0.765)
education				0.564*** (0.144)
Num.Obs.	65	65	65	65
R2	0.039	0.045	0.143	0.318
R2 Adj.	0.023	0.014	0.101	0.272
AIC	270.1	271.7	266.6	253.8
BIC	276.7	280.4	277.5	266.9
Log.Lik.	−132.069	−131.867	−128.319	−120.918
F	2.532	1.446	3.403	6.989
RMSE	1.85	1.84	1.74	1.55

+ p < 0.1, * p < 0.05, ** p < 0.01, *** p < 0.001

```

    statistics = c("n", "rsq"),
    output = "default")

# Printing the model summary
model_summary

```

Question 3.6: According to this analysis, what is the main driver of economic growth? Why?

Question 3.7: In the code chunk below, edit the table such that the cells (including standard errors) corresponding to the variable `treat` have a red background and white text. Make sure to load the `kableExtra` library beforehand.

```

library(kableExtra)
library(modelsummary)

# Generating the model summary table
model_table <- list(model1, model2, model3, model4) |>
  modelsummary(stars = TRUE, gof_map = c("nobs", "r.squared"))

# Applying kableExtra functions to modify the table
model_table_modified <- model_table %>%
  kable() %>%
  kable_styling() %>%
  row_spec(row = which(rownames(model_table) == "treat"),
    background = "red", color = "white") %>%
  row_spec(which(rownames(model_table) == "treat"),
    bold = TRUE, italic = TRUE) %>%
  column_spec(column = which(rownames(model_table) == "treat"),
    background = "red", color = "white")

```

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x

```
\begin{table} \centering \begin{tabular}[t]{lcccc} \toprule & (1) & (2) & (3) & (4) \\ \midrule (Intercept) & \num{2.460}***
```

```
# Printing the modified table
model_table_modified
```

Question 3.8: Write a piece of code that exports this table (without the formatting) to a Word document.

```
library(pander)
```

```
# Convert the modified table to a markdown table
markdown_table <- pandoc.table(model_table_modified)
```

```
##
## -----
## \begin{table} \centering
## \begin{tabular}{l} \hline x \\
## \hline
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## (1) \& (2) \& (3) \&
## (4)\textbackslash{}\textbackslash{}
## \textbackslash{}midrule
## (Intercept) \&
## \textbackslash{}num\{}2.460\}***
## \&
## \textbackslash{}num\{}2.854\}***
## \&
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##          \textbackslash{}midrule
##          Num.Obs. \&

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##          \textbackslash{end}\{table\}\}
##          \hline \end{tabular}
##          \end{table}
##
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```

```

# Write the markdown table to a Word document
writeLines(markdown_table, "model_summary.doc")

```

```

## Error in writeLines(markdown_table, "model_summary.doc"): can only write character objects

```

The End