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Regression Analysis for Business Syllabus

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Source material

Required

- JMP 17 (Accessible for free through canvas)
- Pekoz, Erol *Managers Guide to Statistics* available at the bookstore
<https://upenn.bncollege.com/my-account/rental-order/orders>
- Class Notes (canvas)

Additional Reading Suggestions

- Sall, Creighton, Lehman, *JMP Start Statistics*, 5th Edition, SAS Institute.
- Freedman, Pisani and Purves, *Statistics*, 4th edition, Norton.
- Keller, *Statistics for Management and Economics*, 10th edition, 2014, SouthWestern Cengage Learning.
- Stine and Foster, *Statistics for Business*, Addison Wesley.

Course Pedagogy

The traditional way of teaching a statistics class is lecture. The professor presents formulas, justifies the formulas and then perhaps illustrates their use by solving problems in class. Students ask questions about confusing points.

Although there will be plenty of lecture (some asynchronous), actual class time will also feature in-class activities, student problem-solving, and discussions.

For the course to work as well as possible, it is important that you **prepare for class**. Before every class there is a reading and self-study problems (not submitted). It is highly recommended that you prepare for class by do the reading first and then try to solve the problems. Solutions to all the self-study problems are posted to Canvas. If you properly prepare the lecture will be super clear and easy to follow. Towards the end of class there will be breakout problems. This will be submitted but not graded (the TAs will check that they have been submitted on time.) No credit will be given to late submissions.

The class is organized into modules on canvas where all the assignments posted.

Background

The statistics background for students in STAT 6130 is quite variable. Some of you have never had any courses and others have had many. *I will assume this is your first course in statistics.*

The Wharton MBA program has a strong analytical focus, and the Statistics 6130 class has always reflected that orientation. Sometimes the urgency to teach skills obscures the need for conceptual understanding. To that end, I am assigning the book “**Manager’s Guide to Statistics**” by Boston University Statistics Professor Erol Pekoz. The book is highly conceptual; it is in many ways a managerial version of class text “Statistics” by Freedman, Pisani and Purves. I think you will enjoy the book. If you are new to statistics (or it has been years and years) the reading will be an essential part of the learning process.

JMP (pronounced “jump”) is the computer package we’ll use extensively for statistical calculations and graphics. An essential component of 6130 will be homework that use JMP.

Why use JMP?

There are many statistical packages, including SAS, Minitab and even Excel (if you are generous). JMP has a growing user base, but it is not likely to be the tool of choice when you return to the work force. But JMP has many advantages. It is **extremely** powerful. Indeed, its most recent versions are equipped with an unsurpassed suite of artificial intelligence tools including natural language processing, machine learning and internet data acquisition. It can be used entirely through a “point and click” interface which is super easy and highly conducive to exploration. **Thus, you can concentrate on understanding.** You will also be doing very powerful analyses very quickly. It is also used in many upper-level stat classes at Wharton and UPenn.

Can I learn R?

The book has optional material that teaches you to use the free statistical programming language R. If majoring in Statistics is something you are seriously thinking about, then learning to use R will be important. Use of R is optional in this course, but it will be supported by a TA.

If you are interested in learning R there are plenty of great sources. To download and experiment with R you will need to download R and will likely find RStudio a helpful editor through which to interact with R:

- R: <https://cran.rstudio.com/>
- R studio: <https://www.rstudio.com/products/rstudio/download/>

I also have a standalone online intro R course that focuses on using sports analytics examples here: <https://athlyticz.com/tidy-i-row-zhAoWJmZs>. Use promo code SABINSTATS20 at checkout for a 20% discount.

Can I use Chat GPT 4 with Code Interpreter?

Partly. I think technology is not quite ready for prime time, but data analysis and learning intro programming skills is well suited for AI. **You cannot use Chat GPT for homework or any written work.**

Class

Classes will begin with a lecture and often a problem or two sometimes based on the reading. Then we will “flip” the class after about 50-60 mi and break into groups to complete a worksheet of problems. We will then regroup and time permitting a group will present their solution to the class. You have been assigned seats according to your learning teams, but you may work with any students you wish on your breakout problems *so long as it is not disruptive to the learning environment*. When you submit, include the names of the students in your group on that day,

Attendance and Videos

Use the attendance app to record your participation. There is no check-in when there is no-class and not on the dates of the in-class exam. For information, see [\(For Students\) Wharton Attendance, Absence, and Video Requests Module](#)

Lecture Date	Key Topics
1 August 26	<i>How not to be fooled with data!</i> Causality, confounding and Controlled Studies. The method of comparison.
2 August 28	<i>The Histogram</i> Portraying variation in the data. Summary measures of the center and spread of the Data (median, mean and IQR). SD and Empirical Rule
3 Sep 4	<i>More Data Visualization: Box plots, mosaic plots,</i> <i>More Data Summary Examples</i>
4 Sep 09 QUIZ 1	<i>Normal Distribution:</i> A very useful tool for understanding data and making predictions.

5 Sep 11	<i>Telling Statistical Stories with Graphs: The graph-builder in JMP.</i>
6 Sep 16	<i>Correlation</i>
7 Sept 18 QUIZ 2	<i>More Correlation</i>
8 Sep 23	<i>Regression Equation, Regression Residuals</i>
9 Sept 25	<i>Multiple Regression Continued</i> Fitting hyperplanes to data. Interpreting Regression Equations. Marginal and Partial Slope.
10 Sep 31	<i>Multiple Regression Continued</i> Dummy Variables, Interactions
11 Oct 2	<i>Multiple Regression Examples. Transformations</i> We will have in-person class even though Dr. Wyner's sections do not.
12 October 7	Exam I: In class.

13 Oct 21	<i>Probability: a "language" to reflect uncertainty</i> Conditional Probability and Bayes Rule
14 Oct 23	<i>Random Variables and their Expected Value and SD</i>
15 Oct 28	<i>Sampling variation:</i> The law of averages and the standard error of the sample percentage.
16 Oct 30 QUIZ 3	<i>Central Limit Theorem of Statistics</i>
17 Nov 4	<i>Confidence Intervals</i>
18 Nov 6	<i>Hypothesis Testing</i> One Sample tests, the p-value.

19 Nov11	<i>Hypothesis Testing:</i> Two Sample tests: The “A/B” test
20 Nov 13 QUIZ 4	<i>Confidence Intervals in Single Variable Regression</i> The p-value of a regression.
21 Nov 18	<i>Confidence Intervals in Multiple Regression</i>
22 Nov 20	<i>Building a regression model</i> Stepwise regression, data mining.
23 Dec 2 Quiz 5 (optional)	<i>How to diagnose problems in regression and what to do about them Wrap-Up !!</i>
24 Dec 04	<i>Exam II</i>
Dec 17	<i>Final Project Due at 11:59 PM.</i>

Homework, Quizzes and Exams

- There will be 6 homework assignments and one final exam-data-analysis project. (5-10 hours of work). Brevity is encouraged! The final data analysis project is individual. Assignments **3 and 5 are individual**. Assignments 1,2,4, and 6 are with your teams. Due dates are September 10th , 19st , **October 3th** and 29th, **November 12th** and December 2nd.
- There will be 4 short quizzes. These will be multiple choice. There will be a fifth quiz that is a make-up for anyone who missed a quiz earlier in the semester.
- There will be two 1.5 hour exams in class (October 7th and December 4th)
- One week grade query maximum from the time work has been handed back (go to the TA).

Many problems will be from the book. All datasets required are posted to canvas. Some of the homework assignments must be done individually and submitted online by the due date and time. You may discuss the problems with other students in the class, but **your final write-up should be done individually or team** and then uploaded to the

“Assignments” section of the course website. Group assignments are submitted once and there is one grade for the entire group. *The content of your homework is to be generated by you (or your team) and you alone. If you copy work from another team or from another*

source you not only will get severely penalized, you (and your team) will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct for review.

Pre-Class Work: Self-Study and Reading

Before most classes, there is a reading assignment from the text and “self-study problems” many based on the readings and lectures. These will not be graded, and they will be simple and they do not need to be submitted.

Breakout Problems

After every lecture, there will be breakout problems assigned to be completed in groups but **you are required to submit individually**. You are required to submit breakout problem solutions online as a quiz by the time allotted on the day of class. Completed submissions will be graded as complete/incomplete and are not included in your final grade but will make up a substantial portion of your class participation grade. Submissions are due on the day they are assigned, after class ends. You have been assigned seats according to your learning teams, but you may work with any students you wish on your breakout problems. When you submit, include the names of the students in your group on that day,

Teaching Assistants (TAs)

TAs for Stat 6130 will hold office hours throughout the course. Times and locations will be posted on canvas. You can refer questions to any of your TAs. Questions about regrades should be taken to your PhD student TAs. The PhD TA’s are Joey Rudoler and Henry Shugart. All discussions about the course will be done through EdDiscussion. The TA’s will handle all absentee inquiries, regrades, or any other administration of the course.

Class Participation Information

I will construe class participation broadly. There will be plenty of opportunity to participate in class, you don't need to do them all equally well.

1. Answer questions and ask questions during lectures.
2. Submit breakout problems
3. Attend class consistently (use the attendance app to record your presence).

Grading

1. The tests and the quizzes are in-class, taken on a laptop using the Lockdown browser. They are closed book, closed notes except that for each exam (not quizzes!) you may use both sides of one sheet of handwritten notes.
2. Tests last one hour and thirty minutes
3. Quizzes are 10-12 minutes in length. There will be a “fifth” quiz that is optional and can be used to replace the lowest quiz or used as a make-up, if an in-class quiz is missed.
4. Late homework is penalized by 25% for up to 24 hours late and 50% for up to 48 hours late. At that point solutions will be posted and no further submissions will be accepted. Any homework grade queries must be made via email, to the TA within one-week of the solutions being posted.
5. There are no extra credit opportunities in the course.

Grades for the course will be based on the following components

- Test 1: 20%
- Test 2: 25%
- Quizzes: 15%
- Homework: 10%
- Take-home final exam data-analysis project: 20%.
- Attendance and class participation (including breakout problems): 10%.

Makeup

There is no reason to miss a test or a quiz as they are scheduled in class, and students should not schedule anything that conflicts with class time, especially on quiz and exam dates. Please plan accordingly. Exceptions will only be made for true unforeseen emergencies and major life events like illness, marriages, deaths etc. The pre-arranged make-up date for quizzes is November 29th.

Miscellaneous Notes

Failure to complete the final project results in an automatic failure of the course.

Individual homework must be your own work. Students who submit work that is not solely their own effort or the effort of their learning team, will automatically fail the class.

If you check-in as present for a class that you are not attending you will get a 0 on your attendance and participation grade for the entire semester. Warning: The attendance record is displayed on my computer monitor so it is not difficult to quickly check for discrepancies.

Cell phones and computers are not allowed in class. You may take notes on a tablet computer or iPad. If you use your phone in class you will get a 0 on your attendance grade for the semester. A second infraction will lower your grade to not higher than a C. If you must use your phone for an emergency, leave the room. You may use computers during the breakout sessions but not cell phones.

Personal Philosophy

I want everyone in the class to feel comfortable sharing their ideas and thoughts related to the subject matter and not be afraid to say something incorrect or make a mistake. This means there is a strict no laughing or joking policy at statements made by peer students that are part of the learning discussion. That being said, I want class to be light-hearted but it should never be at anyone's expense other than my own (I have a tendency to be self-deprecating).