Stats 2B03 - Statistical Methods for Science

Textbook:

Biostatistics: A Foundation for Analysis in the Health Sciences (8th, 9th, or 10th edition) by Wayne Daniel

Course Schedule:

3 Lectures per week 1 lab per week

Objectives:

- To obtain a good understanding of the basic fundamental ideas of statistics
- To be able to carry out statistical calculations by hand
- To be able to analyze large data sets using Minitab
- To be able to understand and interpret computer output, and their relation to hand calculations
- To be able to determine which methods can be applied to a given data set
- To understand and be able to check the assumptions behind each statistical procedure

Major Topics:

Describing data, grapical representations of data, probability, confidence intervals, hypothesis testing, one-way ANOVA, analysis of categorical data, regression and correlation, nonparametric statistics

Software:

Minitab

Course Evaluation:

5 Assignment/Labs - 3% each 2 Tests - 20% each Final Exam - 45%

Format of Combined Assignment/Labs

- Some hand calculations
- Some Minitab calculation to verify hand calculations and to provide information that can't be obtained by hand (e.g. *p*-values for an F-test)
- Using Minitab to analyse some large data sets (possibly provided by interested departments), interpreting the output, and checking assumptions

Lecture Schedule:

- **Lectures 1:** Chapter 1 Some basic concepts and terminology
- **Lectures 2-4:** Chapter 2 Organizing Data, grouped frequency distributions, describing data with graphs, measures of center and variability, the empirical rule, z-scores, percentiles, outliers, five-number summary, boxplots
- **Lectures 5,6:** Chapter 3 Probability, sample spaces, addition rules, multiplication rule, conditional probability
- **Lectures 7-10:** Chapter 4 Binomial distribution, Poisson distribution, the standard normal distribution, applications of the normal distribution, determining normality (normal probability plots)
- **Lecture 11:** 5.3 Central Limit Theorem
- Lecture 12-14: Chapter 6 Point and interval estimation for the population mean and proportion
- **Lectures 15-18:** Chapter 7 Hypothesis testing for the population mean and proportion, p-values, power, inference for the difference between two population means
- **Lectures 19-22:** 8.2 one-way ANOVA, paired comparisons, checking the ANOVA assumptions
- **Lectures 23-25**: Chapter 12 Analysis of categorical data, contingency tables, Pearson's Chi-Square statistic, testing for goodness of fit, independence, and homogeneity
- **Lectures 26-29**: Chapter 9 Linear regression and correlation, ANOVA for regression, testing the usefulness of the linear regression model, diagnostic tools for checking the regression assumptions, estimation and prediction
- **Lectures 30-33**: Chapter 10 and 11.2 Multiple regression analysis, interpreting the results of a significant regression, misinterpreting a regression analysis, using qualitative and quantitative predictor variables, testing sets of regression coefficients
- **Lectures 34-35**: Chapter 13 Nonparametric statistics, the Wilcoxon signed rank test, and the Mann-Whitney test