

UPCOMING EXAM

Exam on February 17, 1999

- ▷ **Date of Midterm Exam 1: Wednesday, Feb 17, 1999**
- ▷ **Time of Midterm Exam 1: IN CLASS, 9:30–10:20am**
- ▷ **Place of Midterm Exam 1:**
 - The exam will be held in our usual classroom, DH 2315
 - You may be directed by the TA's to overflow seating in DH 2105
- ▷ **Ground rules:**
 - *Closed book*, closed notes.
 - Bring a *calculator*. You will not be able to share or borrow one during the exam.
 - Bring *one 8.5" by 11" sheet of paper* with anything you want written on either side.
 - *Show your work* for numerical calculations, and justify your qualitative answers. You will not get full credit unless you do. Also you will not get any credit for a wrong answer if you do not show work.
- ▷ **Review Session:**
 - There will be a review session held by two TA's Monday Night after Supper.
 - *Check with TA's in Lab for time and location.*
 - **Bring Questions!** We will *not* have any prepared lecture! Everything we say will be in response to your questions.
- ▷ **Office Hours During Exam Week:**
 - Monday 2:00–3:00, OSC 219, Iuliana Ianus
 - Tuesday 2:00–4:00, Baker 232C, Brian Junker
 - Tuesday 6:30–7:30, Poerter 226D, Alix Gitelman
 - Office Hours Wed Feb 17 and Thu Feb 18 are cancelled.
- ▷ **Labs and Homework**
 - *Labs are cancelled Feb 18 and Feb 19.*
 - Graded HW 4 will be inside Baker 132 on Tuesday for pickup.
- ▷ **All Class Materials are at:** <http://www.stat.cmu.edu/~brian/201/>

You are responsible for all class materials, reading, hw, and labs from Week 01 through Week 05, for the exam.

▷ What you should know for Exam 1:

• **Statistics—Exploratory Data Analysis**

1. Difference between a quantitative (continuous) and qualitative (categorical) variable.
2. Describing the distribution of a quantitative variable
 - (a) Shape and features: symmetry, modes/gaps, outliers
 - (b) Numerical summaries—know how to interpret
 - Central Location—mode, *mean**, *median**, *quartiles**.
 - Spread—*range**, *IQR**, standard deviation.
 - 50% rule for boxplots.
 - *68%–95%–99.7% rule** for symmetric, unimodal distributions; *Z-scores**.
 - (c) Transformations to improve “normality”: $\log_{10}(x)$, $\ln(x)$, x^p for $p < 1$ and $p > 1$.
3. Methods for displaying the distribution of a quantitative variable
 - (a) Histogram—How to read and interpret.
 - (b) Stem-and-Leaf Plot—How to make one; how to interpret.
 - (c) Boxplots—How to make one; How to read and interpret.
4. Comparing Distributions
 - (a) Back-to-back stem-and-leaf plots—How to interpret.
 - (b) Side-by-side Boxplots on the same scale—How to interpret.
 - (c) Scatter plot—Linear/Nonlinear, Trend, Clusters, Outliers, Unequal Variability—How to interpret.
 - (d) Two-way contingency table.
 - (e) Explanatory vs. response variable.
5. Regression Analysis
 - (a) Median trace plots (“boxplots within vertical strips”) when a straight line is no good.
 - (b) Straight line analysis:
 - Association and *correlation** r ; r^2 —How to interpret.
 - Least-squares line: $y = a + bx$, $b = r \cdot SD_y / SD_x$, $a = \bar{y} - b\bar{x}$ —How to use and interpret.
6. Two-way Tables
 - (a) Frequencies (counts) and Rates (proportions, percents)
 - (b) *Row Percents**, *Column Percents**; Explanatory/Response Variable
 - (c) Independence vs. Association
 - (d) *Expected table**, *Standardized residuals** —How to interpret.

**Know how to calculate quantities marked with * above by hand!*

Use the methods on pp. 77–78 of Siegel and Morgan for **median, quartiles, and IQR.**

• **Minitab**

- Know how to read and interpret the plots, summary statistics, and data tables you have created with MINITAB for homework assignments and labs.
- Review readings, labs, lab and homework solutions, and class lecture notes; know how to use these plots and summaries, and how to write analyses based on them.