

## Lecture 1 - Introduction

Sta 102 / BME 102

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## Course goals & objectives

- 1 Recognize the importance of data collection, identify limitations in data collection methods, and determine how they affect the scope of inference.
- 2 Use statistical software to summarize data numerically and visually, and to perform data analysis.
- 3 Have a conceptual understanding of the unified nature of statistical inference.
- 4 Apply estimation and testing methods to analyze single variables or the relationship between two variables in order to understand natural phenomena and make data-based decisions.
- 5 Model numerical response variables using a single explanatory variable or multiple explanatory variables in order to investigate relationships between variables.
- 6 Interpret results correctly, effectively, and in context without relying on statistical jargon.
- 7 Critique data-based claims and evaluate data-based decisions.
- 8 Complete an independent research project employing what you learn in this class.

## General Info

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<i>Lecture:</i>	Social Sciences 136 Mondays and Wednesdays, 3:05 - 4:20 pm
<i>Labs:</i>	Old Chem 101 01L - Tuesdays 1:25 - 2:40 pm 02L - Tuesdays 3:05 - 4:20 pm 03L - Tuesdays 4:40 - 5:55 pm

## Major topics

- *Introduction to data:* Observational studies and non-causal inference, principles of experimental design and causal inference, exploratory data analysis: description, summary and visualization.
- *Probability and distributions:* The basics of probability and chance processes, Bayesian perspective in statistical inference, the normal distribution.
- *Framework for inference:* Central Limit Theorem and sampling distributions
- *Statistical inference for numerical variables*
- *Statistical inference for categorical variables*
- *Simple linear regression:* Bivariate correlation and causality, introduction to modeling
- *Multivariate regression:* Multiple regression, logistic regression

## Course materials

**Optional Materials:** Statistics for the Life Sciences - Samuels, Witmer, Schaffner Pearson, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, 2012 (ISBN: 9780321652805)

OpenIntro Statistics - Diez, Barr, Çetinkaya-Rundel CreateSpace, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, 2012 (ISBN: 1478217200)

Four function calculator

## Office hours

**Professor** Tuesdays 10:00 am - 12:00 pm or by appointment.

**TAs** Tracy Truong - Sundays 3:00 - 5:00 pm  
Sophie Guo - Mondays 1:00 - 2:00 pm and 7:30 - 8:30 pm  
Kyle Burris - Tuesdays 12:30 - 2:30 pm

- You are highly encouraged to stop by with any questions or comments about the class, or just to say hi and introduce yourself.
- Homework will be due on Wednesdays - I strongly recommend at least attempting all problems to make the most of OH.

## Webpage

Announcements, slides, assignments, etc. posted on the website.

### Schedule

Week	Date	Topic	Reading	Slides	Assignments
Week 0	Wed, 1/7	No class, no lab			
	Fri, 1/9	Introduction	Samuels Ch. 1 Diez Ch. 1		
Week 1	Wed, 1/14	Data and Data Summaries	Samuels Ch. 2		
	Fri, 1/16	Axioms of Probability	Samuels Ch. 3.1 - 3.3 Diez Ch. 2		
Week 2	Wed, 1/21	More Conditional Probability			
	Fri, 1/23	Discrete distributions	Samuels Ch. 3.6 - 3.7 Diez Ch. 3		

[http://stat.duke.edu/~cr173/Sta102\\_Fa15/](http://stat.duke.edu/~cr173/Sta102_Fa15/) or via Sakai

## Grading

Homework	-	10%	Midterm 1	-	15%
Labs	-	10%	Midterm 2	-	15%
Project(s)	-	20%	Final	-	30%

- Grades will be curved at the end of the course after overall averages have been calculated.
  - Average of > 90 guaranteed A-.
  - Average of > 80 guaranteed B-.
  - Average of > 70 guaranteed C-.
- The more evidence there is that the class has mastered the material, the more generous the curve will be.
- Letter midterm grades will be assigned after Midterm 1

## Homework

**Objective:** Help you develop a more in-depth understanding of the material and help you prepare for exams and the project.

- Questions from the textbooks and outside sources. (Full questions will be downloadable as a PDF from course website)
- Due at the beginning of class on the due date.
- 11 homeworks planned - lowest score will be dropped.
- Show all your work to receive credit.
- You are encouraged to work with others, but you *must* turn in your own work.
- Excused absences do not excuse homework.

## Research Projects

**Objective:** Give you independent applied research experience using real data

Project:

- Open ended research project.
- You choose a research question, find relevant data, analyze it, write up your results.
- Three stages:
  - 1 Proposal
  - 2 Univariate Analyses
  - 3 Multivariate Analyses

More details after Midterm 1.

## Labs

**Objective:** Give you hands on experience with data analysis using statistical software, provide you with tools for the projects.

<https://vm-manage.oit.duke.edu/containers/rstudio>

- 12 labs planned - lowest score will be dropped.
- Write ups due the following week - most can be completed in class, turned in via Sakai.
- You must attend the lab you are enrolled in, if you do not attend in a given week you are eligible for at most 50% credit on that lab.

## Exams

- Midterm 1: *Wednesday, September 30th in class*
- Midterm 2: *Wednesday, November 4th in class*
- Final: *Friday, December 11th, 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm* (Cumulative)
- Exam dates cannot be changed. No make-up exams will be given. If you cannot take the exams on these dates you should drop this class.
- You may bring a calculator to the exams (no cell phones, iPods, etc.) and you may also bring one sheet of notes ("cheat sheet"). This sheet must be no larger than  $8\frac{1}{2}'' \times 11''$  and must be prepared by you (no photocopies). You may use both sides of the sheet.

## Students with disabilities

Students with disabilities who believe they may need accommodations in this class are encouraged to contact the [Student Disability Access Office](#) at (919) 668-1267 as soon as possible to better ensure that such accommodations can be made.

## Other Policies

- The final exam must be taken at the stated time and you cannot pass this class if you do not take the final exam.
- You must score an average of at least 30% on the research project to pass this class.
- Regrade requests must be made within one week of when the assignment is returned, and must be submitted in writing.

## Late Work Policy

- For homework and lab write ups:
  - late but during class: -10%
  - after class on due date: -20%
  - next day or later: -100%
- For research projects: -10% / day late

## Academic Dishonesty

Any form of academic dishonesty will result in an immediate 0 on the given assignment and will be reported to the [Office of Student Conduct](#). Additional penalties may also be assessed if deemed appropriate. If you have any questions about whether something is or is not allowed, ask me beforehand.

Some examples:

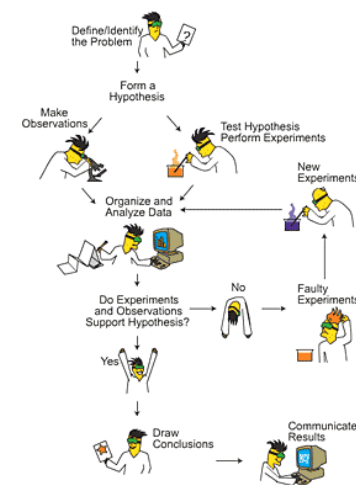
- Use of disallowed materials (including any form of communication with classmates or looking at a classmate's work) during exams.
- Plagiarism of any kind.
- Use of outside answer keys or solution manuals for the homework.



## Tips for success

- 1 Complete the reading before each lecture, and review again at the end of each chapter.
- 2 Be an active participant during lectures and labs.
- 3 Ask questions - during class or office hours, or by email. Ask me, the TAs, and your classmates.
- 4 Do the problem sets - start early and make sure you attempt and understand all questions.
- 5 Start your project early and allow adequate time to complete the necessary components.
- 6 Give yourself plenty of time to prepare a good cheat sheet for exams. This requires going through the material and taking the time to review the concepts that you're not comfortable with.
- 7 Do not procrastinate - don't let a week go by with unanswered questions as it will just make the following week's material even more difficult to follow.

## Statistics and the Scientific Method



From Universe Today - <http://www.universetoday.com/74036/what-are-the-steps-of-the-scientific-method/>

## Charles Darwin

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INTRODUCTION . . . . . Page 1

## THE ORIGIN OF SPECIES

BY MEANS OF NATURAL SELECTION,

OR THE

PRESERVATION OF FAVOURED RACES IN THE STRUGGLE  
FOR LIFE.

BY CHARLES DARWIN, M.A.,

FELLOW OF THE ROYAL, GEOLOGICAL, LINNEAN, ETC., SOCIETIES;  
AUTHOR OF 'JOURNAL OF RESEARCHES DURING H. M. S. BEAGLE'S VOYAGE  
ROUND THE WORLD.'

### CHAPTER I.

#### VARIATION UNDER DOMESTICATION.

Causes of Variability — Effects of Habit — Correlation of Growth — Inheritance — Character of Domestic Varieties — Difficulty of distinguishing between Varieties and Species — Origin of Domestic Varieties from one or more Species — Domestic Pigeons, their Differences and Origin — Principle of Selection anciently followed, its Effects — Methodical and Unconscious Selection — Unknown Origin of our Domestic Productions — Circumstances favourable to Man's power of Selection . . . . . 7-43

### CHAPTER II.

#### VARIATION UNDER NATURE.

Variability — Individual differences — Doubtful species — Wide ranging, much diffused, and common species vary most — Species of the larger genera in any country vary more than the species of the smaller genera — Many of the species of the larger genera resemble varieties in being very closely, but unequally, related to each other, and in having restricted ranges . . . . . 44-59

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### CHAPTER III.

#### STRUGGLE FOR EXISTENCE.

Bears on natural selection — The term used in a wide sense — Geometrical powers of increase — Rapid increase of naturalised animals and plants — Nature of the checks to increase — Competition universal — Effects of climate — Protection from the number of individuals — Complex relations of all animals and plants throughout nature — Struggle for life most severe between individuals and varieties of the same species; often severe between species of the same genus — The relation of organism to organism the most important of all relations . . . . . Page 60-79

### CHAPTER IV.

#### NATURAL SELECTION.

Natural Selection — its power compared with man's selection — its power on characters of trifling importance — its power at all ages and on both sexes — Sexual Selection — On the generality of intercrosses between individuals of the same species — Circumstances favourable and unfavourable to Natural Selection, namely, intercrossing, isolation, number of individuals — Slow action — Extinction caused by Natural Selection — Divergence of Character, related to the diversity of inhabitants of any small area, and to naturalisation — Action of Natural Selection, through Divergence of Character and Extinction, on the descendants from a common parent — Explains the Grouping of all organic beings . . . . . 80-130

### CHAPTER V.

#### LAWS OF VARIATION.

Effects of external conditions — Use and disuse, combined with natural selection; organs of flight and of vision — Acclimatisation — Correlation of growth — Compensation and economy of growth — False correlations — Multiple, rudimentary, and lowly organised structures variable — Parts developed in an unusual manner are highly variable: specific characters more variable than generic: secondary sexual characters variable — Species of the same genus vary in an analogous manner — Reversions to long-lost characters — Summary . . . . . 131-170

## Charles Darwin

## Francis Galton

TABLE I.

NUMBER OF ADULT CHILDREN OF VARIOUS STATURES BORN OF 205 MID-PARENTS OF VARIOUS STATURES.  
(All Female heights have been multiplied by 1.08).

Heights of the Mid-parents in inches.	Heights of the Adult Children.														Total Number of		Medians.
	Below	62.2	63.2	64.2	65.2	66.2	67.2	68.2	69.2	70.2	71.2	72.2	73.2	Above	Adult Children.	Mid-parents.	
Above ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
72.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	5	72.2
71.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	6	69.9
70.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	43	11	69.5
69.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	68	22	68.9
68.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	153	41	68.2
67.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	219	40	67.6
66.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	211	33	67.2
65.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	78	20	66.7
64.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	66	12	65.8
Below ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	5	..
Totals ..	5	7	32	59	48	117	138	120	167	99	64	41	17	14	929	205	..
Medians ..	..	..	66.3	67.8	67.9	67.7	67.9	68.3	68.5	69.0	69.0	70.0	..	..	..	..	..

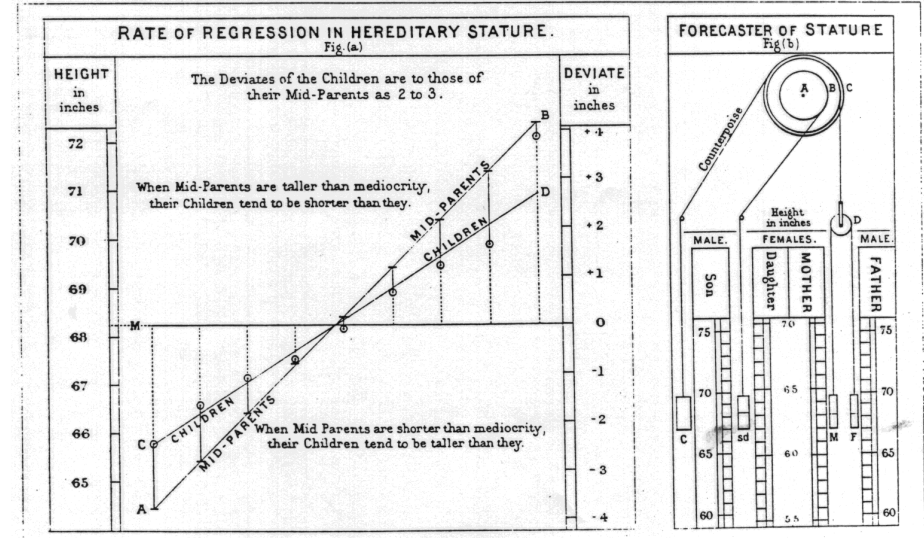
NOTE.—In calculating the Medians, the entries have been taken as referring to the middle of the squares in which they stand. The reason why the headings run 62.2, 63.2, &c., instead of 62.5, 63.5, &c., is that the observations are unequally distributed between 62 and 63, 63 and 64, &c., there being a strong bias in favour of integral inches. After careful consideration, I concluded that the headings, as adopted, best satisfied the conditions. This inequality was not apparent in the case of the Mid-parents.

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Anthropological Miscellanea.

## Francis Galton

Plate IX.



## R.A. Fisher



"I occasionally meet geneticists who ask me whether it is true that the great geneticist R.A. Fisher was also an important statistician." - L.J. Savage (Annals of Statistics, 1976)

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## R.A. Fisher cont.

## Biology:

- Heterozygote advantage
- Population genetics (Modern evolutionary synthesis)
- Fisherian runaway selection
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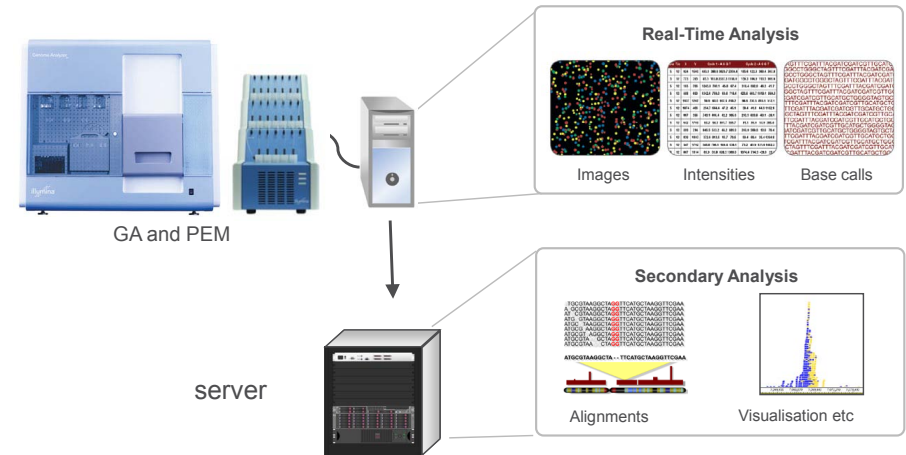
## Statistics:

- Analysis of Variance
- Null hypothesis
- Maximum Likelihood
- F distribution
- Fisher's Exact test
- Fisher Information
- Randomization testing
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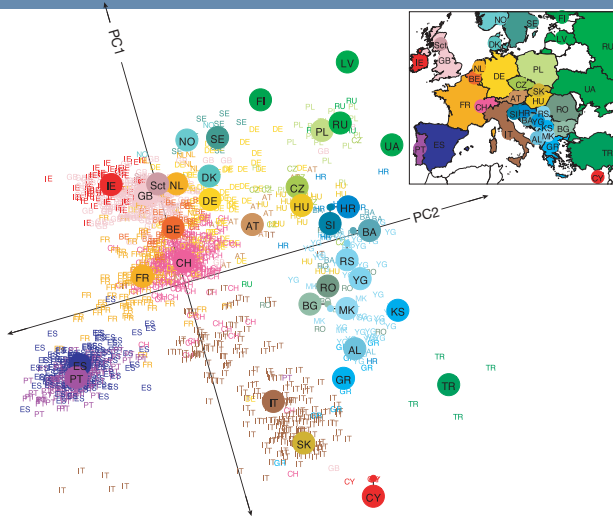
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## Next Gen Sequencing



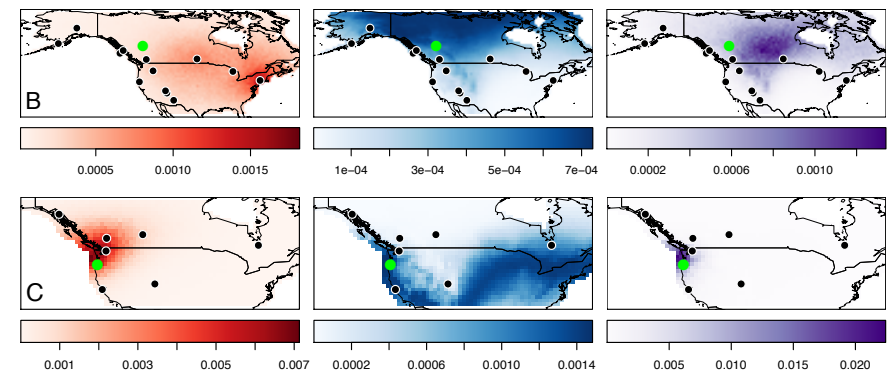
<http://www.ebi.ac.uk/industry/Documents/workshop-materials/newsequence291009/Basecalling-Klaus-Maisinger.pdf>

## Novembre et al. - Nature 2008



Analysis of 197,146 SNPs in 1,387 Europeans with known family origins

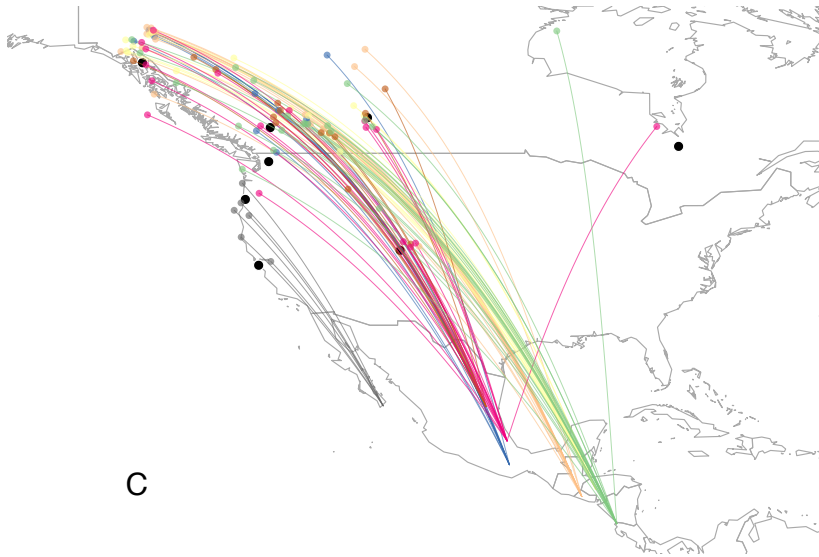
## Migratory Connectivity



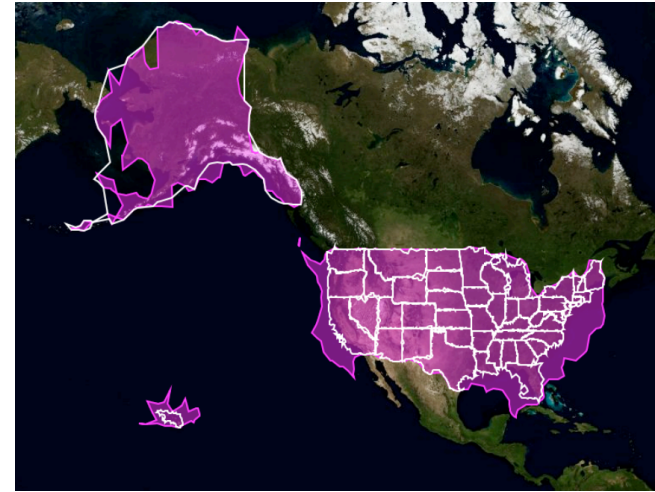
Rundel et al. - Molecular Ecology 2013



## Migratory Connectivity



## Map based on Flickr tags


<http://aaronstraupcope.com>

## Manhattan - Parking Tickets and Police Precincts

raw data

prediction

truth

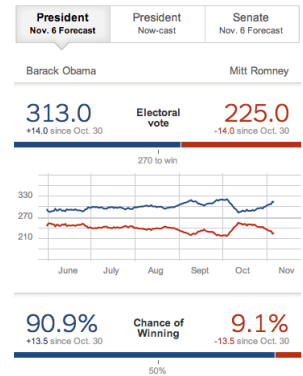


## The most famous statistician in the world ...



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## 538 - How to Tell Someone's Age When All You Know Is Her Name

