Introduction to Quantitative Methods

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Education


MPA in Graduate School of Public Administration (Seoul National University, Republic of Korea) Master Thesis: “Impact of the Learning Process to Organizational Cooperation: Application of Cellular Automata to the Agency Theory”, Best Masters Paper of the Year

B.S. in Applied Statistics, School of Business (Yonsei University, Republic of Korea)

Expertise

Organizational Theory, Program Evaluation in the Public Sector, Public Policy Theories and Application, Public Administration in Asia, Research Methods, Theories of Public Administration, Policy-Making Process, Corruption and Ethics
### Most Recent Works


### Books

Course Information

Course Description
This course is specially designed for undergraduate students who want to systematically understand social phenomena through numbers. Although quantitative analysis methods are comprehensive and have been developed over years in different disciplines, the essence of statistics is to answer following two questions: “how to summarize quantitative information” and “how to make inference on the population’s characteristics.” To tackle with these two questions, we, firstly, learn the statistical theory. This module will cover probability theory, probability and sampling distribution, hypothesis tests of group means, Chi-Square test for categorical variables, and correlation and regression analysis. During the process of learning these theories, students will have an opportunity to learn how to use statistical software. In this course, students will use EXCEL and SAS in the class. To help student understand other parts of the world, we will use World Value Survey data. All questions in the midterm and final exam questions should be answered using statistical software.

Course Evaluation
Class participation 10%
Assignment 30%
Midterm exam 30%
Final exam 30%

Attendance will be important for keeping up with class. Good attendance and active participation will be reflected in grade.

Course Materials

Etc. (e.g. Guidelines)
Students are expected to read the chapters of the lecture.

Course Schedule

Session 1: Introduction: what are scientific methods, quantitative method, and statistics?
- What is a scientific method?
- Difference btw qualitative and quantitative analysis?
- Purpose of statistics

Session 2: Describing and summarizing information: distribution & variation
- SAS Introduction
- Measurement
- Sample and population
- Measures of central tendency
- Measure of variability and dispersion
- Drawing a cross table using EXCEL

Session 3 : Visualization of Data

Session 4 : Normal Distribution

- Shape of normal distribution
- Characteristics of normal distribution

Session 5 : Fundamental concepts for statistical inferences

- Random sampling: treatment, control, randomization, and blinded and double blinded
- Sampling error
- Sampling distribution
- Central limit theorem
- Law of large number

Session 6, 7 : Confidence Intervals

- CI for the mean with population standard deviation is known
- CI for the mean with population standard deviation is unknown
- Confidence Intervals for proportions
- Margin of error
- EXCEL

Session 8 : Midterm Exam

Session 9 : Hypothesis testing with a single sample means

- Null and Alternative hypothesis
- Type I, II, and III error
- P-value

Session 10 : Hypothesis testing with two sample means

- Independent t-test
- Paired t-test
Session 11: Hypothesis test of categorical variable: Chi-square test

- Association and Independent test
- The Chi-Square Test

Session 12-13: Correlation and Simple Regression

- Assumptions
- Normal equation and BLUE
- Model Fits
- Statistical significance of regression coefficients
- Interpretation of coefficients

Session 14: Multiple Regression

- Assumptions
- Variable Transformation
- Dummy variable
- Partial regression coefficient
- Interpretation of coefficients

Session 15: Final Exam