

Class 06: Topic 5: Designing Experiments

Held: Monday, 4 February 2008

Summary: We begin to consider the ways in which you might design *experiments* (rather than observational studies) that help us gather not just information about our observational units, but even make some conclusions as to likelihood of certain variables causing an effect on other variables.

Notes:

- I'm hoping to get some grades to you on Wednesday. I apologize for the delay.
- Homework for Wednesday: Activities 5-8, 5-10, 5-12, 5-16, 5-25, 5-27, 5-28.
- The assignments links are now updated.
- Today's applet is available from the applets link.
- Don't forget to visit Cassie!
- Additional handouts today: index cards and slips of paper.

- Preparation: Overview and Preliminaries 1-3 of Topic 6.
- Due: Activities 4-6, 4-7, 4-8, 4-9, 4-12, 4-20.

Overview:

- Cause-and-effect analyses.
- Experimental design.

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