

Giving Presentations

Today I'll give a presentation based on the storm damage case. These are slides that the forestry professor put together for a presentation to the Minneapolis City Council, and I'm going to do my best to give a talk as if you were that audience.

What do you notice? What went well? What went poorly?

How would the slides be different for a different audience? Consider an audience of statisticians, an audience of forestry professionals, and an audience of the public community.

How would the words I said be different for a different audience? Consider an audience of statisticians, an audience of forestry professionals, and an audience of the public community.

What general guidelines or tips have you heard about giving presentations? (You can either agree or disagree with them.)

HW 11: Due Mon Apr 17

The next homework will be to revise your plan. Here's what I'll want you to do:

- 1) Make revisions based on my suggestions. You may disagree with some of my suggestions, if so, do what you think is right. My suggestions vary greatly in size; they range from minor editing suggestions to reworking parts of the analysis, so the number of revisions I marked as needed does not necessarily correspond to the quality of your work. The suggestions I want you to fix are numbered; I also may have included other suggestions, these you do not have to fix but you can.
- 2) Make at least one revision that I did not suggest. (That is, a new one that you identified, not one that I suggested either with a number or without.)
- 3) On a separate sheet of paper, write a "response to reviewers" letter with a sentence (or more, as needed) explaining what you changed for each of my suggestions, using the numbering I used on your draft. If you disagreed with any of my suggestions, use this response to justify your choices. Additionally, write a sentence (or more, as needed) about the additional revisions you made. Finally, if you made any revisions based on my un-numbered comments, describe those.
- 4) Turn in your revised draft, your original draft with my comments on it, and your response to reviewers letter.

I again have flexibility with the due date, just be in touch about your situation.

HW 12: Due Mon Apr 24

Then I want you to present your results to your client, and watch two (or more) presentations of your peers.

- 1) Put together a short presentation about your case (with the audience being your client). It should have 5-10 slides and last 5-10 minutes. Practice it at least once by yourself first.
- 2) Find at least one classmate who was consultant for the sound case and at least one who was consultant for the salt case. Give your presentation to them, and watch their presentations. Video record your presentation so you can watch it later. (Consider doing this in groups of four, your initial pair and another initial pair together).
- 3) Reflection on the presentation: Watch the recording of your presentation and reflect on it. How did it go? Use the guidelines we discussed in class today. Name one thing in particular you did well and one thing in particular you want to improve.
- 4) Reflection on the analysis: Compare your analysis to the presentation of the same case. (If it's helpful, exchange your written reports as well.) What did they do differently? What did they do the same? Was the "take-home message" the same? Why or why not? What did you learn from hearing how someone else analyzed the data?

Send your reflections by email, with a link to your video recording uploaded to your University Google Drive. I have flexibility with this due date too, again, just be in touch.

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