

You may do this homework in groups of one or of two. The answers are due by email, to daf@cs.uiuc.edu, with CS 498 in the title, by **October 31**.

- 1) The body mass index (BMI) is a number computed to give some idea of how much body fat an individual carries. It is computed as $703 * (\text{weight in pounds}) / (\text{height in inches})^2$. The use of the index is moderately controversial; you can look at the wikipedia page for some discussion. One item of belief is that the normal range for BMI is 18.5-25 (under 18.5 is underweight; over 25 is overweight; over 30 is obese). Use the height-weight dataset (from <http://www2.stetson.edu/~jrasp/data.htm>), go to that webpage, then look for bodyfat.xls) to test the hypothesis that the mean human bmi is 21.25
- 2) Five people play the “odd man out” game. In this game, each person flips a coin of their own. If four coins come up one face, and the fifth comes up another, then the person with the odd coin loses; otherwise, they go again, until a loser is found. Over a period of time, they play this game many times. The number of losses is given in the table. Use the Chi-squared test to determine whether the number of losses is consistent with game being played fairly.

Person	Number of losses
1	10
2	9
3	11
4	13
5	7

- 3) Testing hypothesis tests by simulation: Perform the following experiment. Draw two samples at random, without replacement, of 30 heights from the height-weight dataset, and use a z-test to test whether they come from the same population or a different population. Use a two-sided test, and a significance level of 5%. Now repeat the experiment 1000 times (using Matlab!). For what fraction of these experiments was the hypothesis rejected? What conclusion can you draw?