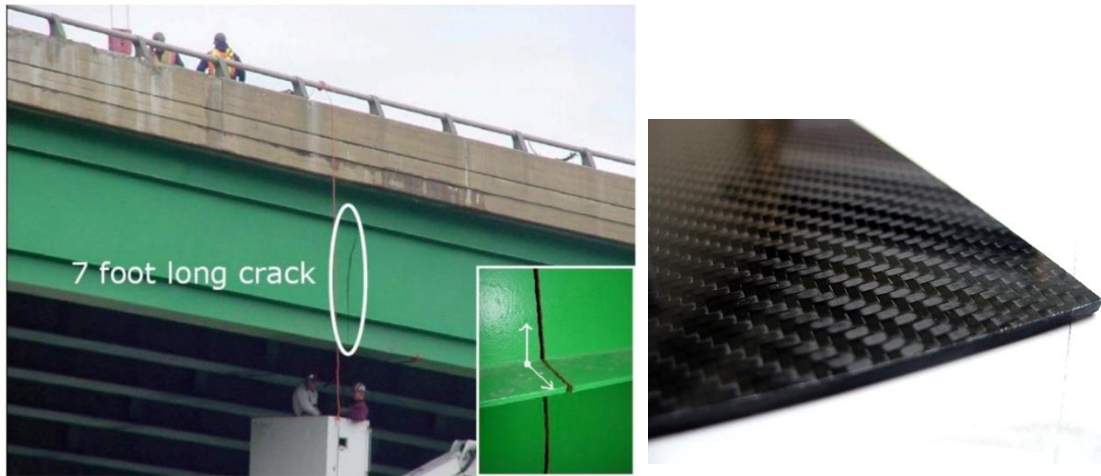


# Project Guidelines and Rubrics

## Statistical Analysis of the Effectiveness of Composite Patches to Rehabilitate Cracked Steel Structures



**Your engineering challenge:** To apply in a real-world, state-of-the-art research problem the concepts learned in an *AP Statistics* course, and quantify the effectiveness of the carbon-fiber-reinforced polymer-nitinol-epoxy composite patches to rehabilitate cracked steel structures. *Requirements:* A basic knowledge of TI-Nspire graphing calculator and Microsoft Excel, as well as how to create Microsoft PowerPoint slide presentations.

### Project Guidelines

1. Because of the project workload, you will work in teams of three students each.
2. You are tasked with performing a statistical analysis of the sets of stress test results included in this rubric.
3. To measure the effectiveness of the CFRP composite patches to stop crack propagation in steel specimens, compute for each of the unpatched and patched datasets the following statistics:
  - A. The sample mean (in the problem context, that is the mean fatigue life [MFL] of the specimens)
  - B. The sample standard deviation and coefficient of variation
  - C. The five-number summary: minimum value, first quartile ( $Q_1$ ), median ( $Q_2$ ), third quartile ( $Q_3$ ), maximum value
  - D. The 10% trimmed mean
  - E. The relative efficiency  $E_R$  (*patched elements MFL / unpatched elements MFL*), and the relative median efficiency  $E_M$  (*median fatigue life of patched specimens / median fatigue life of unpatched specimens*)
4. Compare trimmed mean with sample mean. Conclude by stating which one gives a better description of the MFL of the steel specimens.
5. Compare standard deviations and coefficients of variation. Analyze the variability of the data and determine if it is consistent with the MFL change.
6. Compare median with mean and draw conclusions about which one best describes the data set.
7. Compare the relative efficiency  $E_R$  with the median relative efficiency  $E_M$  and determine which one better describes the overall patching method efficiency.
8. Compare the test results of the patched and unpatched specimens using modified box-and-whisker plots.
9. Compare the relative efficiencies obtained for the different data sets using a clustered bar graph, and determine the two most efficient rehabilitation methods using a Pareto chart for the MFLs.
10. Create a standalone PowerPoint slide show or video (mp4, wma, mpeg) to clearly present your results, conclusions and recommendation to the mayor and city council (the rest of the class).
11. Present your slide presentation or video.

### Project Checklist

Activities, Results and Analysis	Points	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Evaluation
1. Project Results Report	<b>100</b>		
A. Slide with project title, student names and date	(5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
B. Slides with project description, including objective, procedures, resources used	(5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
C. Slides containing the 12 data sets and patching configurations used	(10)	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
D. Slides with the computed mean (MFL), standard deviation, coefficient of variation, five-number summary, 10% trimmed mean, and relative efficiencies for <b>each</b> data set	(15)	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
E. Slides with modified box-and-whisker plots comparing the five-number summaries for patched and unpatched data; include lines representing the corresponding means	(15)	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
F. Slides with a brief interpretation of the statistics obtained for <b>each</b> data set	(15)	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
G. Slide with the clustered bar graph to compare all the relative efficiencies obtained	(10)	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
H. Slide with the Pareto chart displaying the MFLs obtained	(10)	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
I. Project conclusions	(10)	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
J. References	(5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<b>Total Points:</b>			

Results Presentation	Points	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Evaluation
2. PowerPoint slideshow containing information and results listed in points 1A-1J	(70)	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
3. In-class presentation of results; proficient answers to questions	(20)	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
4. Students' professional look	(10)	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<b>Total Points:</b>			

- Notes:**
1. No project will be accepted after the **due date:** [Date here: \_\_\_\_\_]
  2. Help will be provided for math, graphing, and final presentation preparation, during afterschool tutorial time.

## Additional Support

The YouTube videos listed below are helpful to gain a basic understanding of the different elements and concepts used in the CFRP patching rehabilitation methods. These videos (and more) are also grouped in different tutorials under the *First Semester Project* playlist at <https://www.sophia.org/playlists/ap-statistics-first-semester-project>.

### Fiber Reinforced Polymers

- F1 Getting to Know Fiber Reinforced Polymers: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iqD9hBQXi5Y>
- F2 Concrete Bridge Repair w/ Fiber Reinforced Polymers - Carbon Wrap Solutions: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NSbp19f01O8>
- F3 Case Study - FRP Composite Bridges: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xS2rgXqy5GE>
- F4 Fiber Reinforced Polymer FRP Reinforced Concrete Solutions: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TbOkmzQRDcU>

### Carbon Fiber Composites

- C1 Strong material - carbon fiber composite materials in aircraft: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FTUw0OWWMLU>
- C2 Steel Shaft vs. Carbon Fiber Shaft: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hjErH4\\_1fks](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hjErH4_1fks)
- C3 Intro to Composites: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WYqCnEvTRUQ>
- C4 Composite materials intro by JEC: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dbywZ4PJ3QA>
- C5 Composite Materials 1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=201C6gpu8QU>
- C6 Composite Materials 2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cje-5EGPUY8>
- C7 Composites 101 (Vacuum bagging carbon fiber): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T4ZFj4ftWE>
- C8 Carbon composite product process of manufacture [2013 UCHIDA Factory]: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Q5An-X-5yA>
- C9 Carbon Fiber for Dummies: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qfaW4c-Ourc>

### Polymers

- P1 GCSE Science Chemistry Unit 1. Lesson 38: Polymers: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DXPmBEMsRXI>
- P2 GCSE Science Chemistry Unit 1. Lesson 39: Issues around using polymers: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wyukfA\\_vZhI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wyukfA_vZhI)
- P3 Polymers - Crash Course Chemistry #45: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rHxxLYzJ8Sw>
- P4 Getting to Know Fiber Reinforced Polymers: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iqD9hBQXi5Y>
- P5 Fiber Reinforced Polymer FRP Reinforced Concrete Solutions: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TbOkmzQRDcU>
- P6 Case Study - FRP Composite Bridges: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xS2rgXqy5GE>

### Structure Failures

- S1 Video Captured of 35W Bridge Collapse: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CMdv2wRaQo4>
- S2 35W Bridge Collapse Visualization: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O6ommRCUcsg>
- S3 Rare Interstate 35W aftermath footage shot by the Minnesota Department of Transportation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LyJxDfEgEjU>
- S4 Alexander Kielland Rig Disaster: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7QVn3NUW\\_aQ&feature=player\\_embedded](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7QVn3NUW_aQ&feature=player_embedded)
- S5 P36 Plataforma que afundou - Parte 1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yuOoFykbZcs>
- S6 P36 Plataforma que afundou - Parte 2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gUqXA4IMlek>

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**Alexander Kielland Drilling Platform Structural Failure**  
Norwegian North Sea | March 27, 1980



**The intact Alexander Kielland drilling platform.**

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## Project Results Report Rubric

	Below Standard	Met Standard	Above Standard
<b>A. Project Title, Names and Date</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Incomplete or missing student names, project name, and/or date</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Student names, project name, date displayed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Student and project names, and date</li> <li>- Attention-catching animation</li> <li>- Background music</li> </ul>
<b>B. Project Description</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Missing or incomplete outline of project objective</li> <li>- Missing or incomplete outline of procedures and resources used</li> <li>- Missing or incomplete outline of results obtained</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Correct description of the project objective</li> <li>- Correct outline of the procedures and resources used</li> <li>- Correct summary of obtained results</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Correct description of project objective</li> <li>- Correct outline of the procedures and resources used</li> <li>- Correct summary of obtained results</li> <li>- Eye-catching slide format &amp; animations</li> <li>- Figures/pictures to help understanding</li> </ul>
<b>C. Data</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Incomplete or missing experimental data to analyze</li> <li>- Data incorrectly formatted, labeled or separated</li> <li>- Displayed data difficult to read (such as: font size &lt; 24 pt, font color poor contrast with slide background color)</li> <li>- Patching configuration missing</li> <li>- Data source labs missing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Complete experimental data or necessary portions to support explanations</li> <li>- Data formatted, clearly labeled and separated</li> <li>- Displayed data easy to read (font size &gt; 24 pt, font color high contrast with slide background color)</li> <li>- Patching configuration included</li> <li>- Data source labs included</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Complete experimental data or necessary portions to support explanations</li> <li>- Data formatted and clearly labeled and separated</li> <li>- Displayed data easy to read (size, font)</li> <li>- Patching configuration included and explained</li> <li>- Data source labs included</li> <li>- Eye-catching slide format &amp; animations</li> </ul>
<b>D. Statistics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Incomplete or missing statistics</li> <li>- Data incorrectly formatted, labeled or separated; calculator number format used</li> <li>- Displayed data difficult to read (font size &lt; 24 pt, font color poor contrast with slide background color)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Complete statistics for patched and unpatched specimens</li> <li>- Data correctly formatted, labeled and separated</li> <li>- Displayed data easy to read (font size &gt; 24 pt, font color high contrast with slide background color)</li> <li>- Patching configuration included</li> <li>- Data origins included</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Complete statistics for patched and unpatched specimens</li> <li>- Data professionally formatted, labeled, and separated</li> <li>- Displayed data easy to read (font size &gt; 24 pt, font color high contrast with slide background color)</li> <li>- Patching configuration included</li> <li>- Data origins included</li> <li>- Eye-catching slide format &amp; animations</li> <li>- Provides equations or computation methods to help understanding</li> </ul>

	Below Standard	Met Standard	Above Standard
<p><b>E. Analysis</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Omitted trimmed mean/sample mean comparison and/or interpretation</li> <li>- Missing sample standard deviations and/or coefficients of variation comparisons and/or interpretations</li> <li>- Missing median-mean and/or relative efficiencies comparisons and/or interpretations</li> <li>- Missing or wrong box-and-whisker plots comparing patched-unpatched data; omitted graph explanation</li> <li>- Box-and-whisker plots display incomplete data; sample means values not included</li> <li>- Clustered bar graph comparing relative efficiencies missing or displaying incomplete data; omitted graph explanation</li> <li>- Pareto chart for MFL missing or displaying incomplete data; omitted graph explanation</li> <li>- Graphs incorrectly labeled, missing any of the next: title, axis labels, units, legends, appropriate scales; font size difficult to read</li> <li>- Graphs formatted w colors that are difficult to read or see lines, #s or text</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Included trimmed mean/sample mean comparison and interpretation</li> <li>- Included sample standard deviations and coefficients of variation comparisons and interpretations</li> <li>- Included median-mean and relative efficiencies comparisons and interpretations</li> <li>- Included box-and-whisker plots comparing patched-unpatched data, and explanations</li> <li>- Included box-and-whisker plots displaying complete data; included sample means values</li> <li>- Clustered bar graph displaying complete relative efficiencies data, and explanation included</li> <li>- Pareto chart for MFL displaying complete data and explanation included</li> <li>- Graphs correctly labeled: title, axis labels, units, legends, appropriate scales included; uses appropriate font sizes</li> <li>- Graphs formatted with colors that make easy to read or see lines, #s or text</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Included trimmed mean/sample mean comparison and interpretation</li> <li>- Included sample standard deviations and coefficients of variation comparisons and interpretations</li> <li>- Included median-mean and relative efficiencies comparisons and interpretations</li> <li>- Included box-and-whisker plots comparing patched-unpatched data, and explanations</li> <li>- Included box-and-whisker plots displaying complete data; included sample means values</li> <li>- Clustered bar graph comparing relative efficiencies displaying complete data and explanation included</li> <li>- Pareto chart for MFL displaying complete data and explanation included</li> <li>- Eye-catching slide format &amp; animations</li> <li>- Correct highlighting of elements as they are compared or explained</li> <li>- Graphs correctly labeled and formatted in a professional way</li> </ul>

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<b>F. Project Conclusions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Missing or incomplete project conclusions</li> <li>- Conclusions not supported with the correct statistical terms</li> <li>- Conclusions missing or poorly done in problem context</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conclusions including relevant hypothesis, procedures and results</li> <li>- Conclusions using correct statistical terms</li> <li>- Conclusions completely in problem context</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conclusions including relevant hypothesis, procedures and results</li> <li>- Conclusions using correct statistical terms</li> <li>- Conclusions completely in problem context</li> <li>- Eye-catching slide format &amp; animations</li> <li>- Provides illustrations, graphs or figures to help understanding</li> </ul>
<b>G. Overall Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Slides not formatted</li> <li>- Difficult to read fonts used</li> <li>- Not a standalone presentation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Slides professionally formatted</li> <li>- Most of the text in presentation in readable font (size &gt; 24 pt, appropriate color)</li> <li>- Standalone presentation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Slides formatted using background pictures related to topic, and students' own designs</li> <li>- All text in readable font (font size &gt; 24, pt and appropriate color)</li> <li>- Eye-catching slide transitions</li> </ul>



**Project Results Report Presentation Rubric**

	Non-Professional	Quite Professional	Professional
<b>Body Language</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reads notes or slides</li> <li>- Eyes not on audience</li> <li>- Lacks confidence during the entire presentation</li> <li>- Unnatural and distracting movements or gestures (fidgeting or nervous)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sometimes reads notes or slides</li> <li>- Some eye contact with audience</li> <li>- Some movement and gestures</li> <li>- Some confidence and poise (but still somewhat nervous)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Eye contact with audience</li> <li>- Little or no reading of slides or notes</li> <li>- Natural movements and gestures</li> <li>- Appears confident during the entire presentation</li> </ul>
<b>Voice</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Speaks too softly to be understood</li> <li>- Speaks too quickly or slowly</li> <li>- Frequently uses words or sounds like: Okay, so..., you know..., uh, umm, I mean...</li> <li>- Not using correct technical language or formal English</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Speaks clearly most of the time</li> <li>- Sometimes speaks too quickly or slowly</li> <li>- Speaks loudly enough for most of the audience</li> <li>- Occasionally uses words or sounds like: Okay, so..., you know..., uh, umm, I mean...</li> <li>- Uses correct technical language or formal English during most of the presentation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Speaks clearly during the entire presentation</li> <li>- Speaks at uniform volume and normal pace, not too quickly or slowly</li> <li>- Speaks loudly enough for everyone to hear</li> <li>- Rarely or never uses words or sounds like: Okay, so..., you know..., uh, umm, I mean...</li> <li>- Uses correct technical language or formal English during the entire presentation</li> </ul>
<b>Overall Presentation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No main idea presented; or wrong or incomplete</li> <li>- Ideas presented in the incorrect sequence</li> <li>- Missing important steps in the development</li> <li>- Missing, incorrect or incomplete introduction and/or conclusion</li> <li>- Poor presentation time management</li> <li>- Did not correctly answer the asked question(s)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Main idea presented, but not proficiently explained</li> <li>- Ideas presented in the correct order, but lack connections or missing important points</li> <li>- Introduction and conclusion present, but not effective</li> <li>- Presentation done in the allotted time, but time not poorly distributed among topics or ideas</li> <li>- Answers most questions correctly and in context</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Main idea presented in a clear and effective way</li> <li>- Ideas presented in the correct order, emphasizing main points, and in context</li> <li>- Effective introduction and conclusion</li> <li>- Presentation done in the allotted time, and time proficiently distributed on topics or ideas</li> <li>- Answers questions correctly and in context, enriching answers with relevant info or examples</li> </ul>
<b>Students' Visual Impression (Look)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wearing clothes inappropriate for the occasion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wearing semi-formal clothes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wearing clothes suitable for the occasion (professional job interview)</li> </ul>