

Teaching, learning and personal tutoring: A virtual mini-conference



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Using Technology to Engage with Statistical Aspects for Student Projects

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Outline



This presentation will detail how I have engaged with students in an online environment to help their understanding with statistics for their final year projects.

Since working remotely, I have taught and supported students with statistics in a group and individual setting.

I will highlight how I have incorporated various activities to effectively teach students and encouraged independent learning, sharing the challenges and positives, as well as how technology has supported this.



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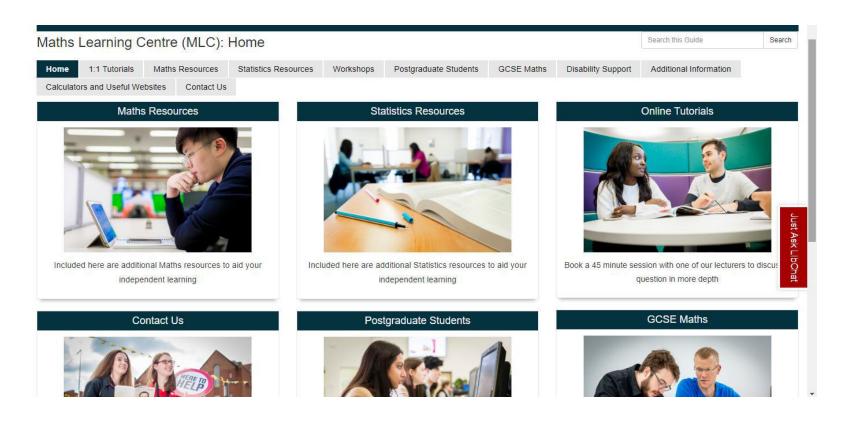
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Adapting Our Approach



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- Drop-ins 15 mins per student over 2 hour period (Starting next week via Microsoft Teams)
- Faculty support workshops in partnership (Synchronous/asynchronous starting from Oct)

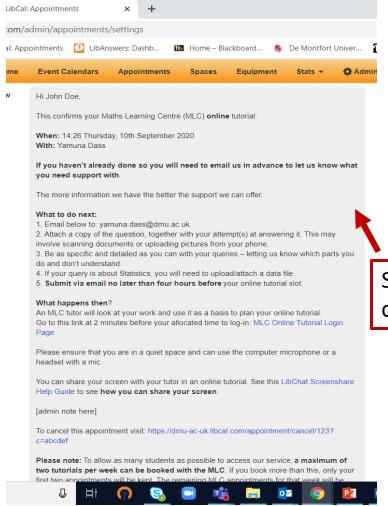


One-to-One Support



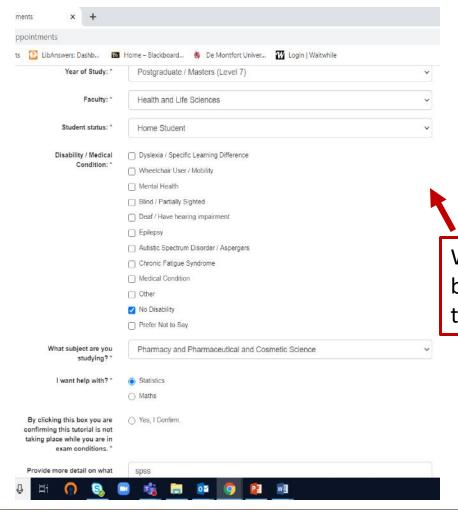
- Through one-to-ones I have given students individual maths & statistics support
- I have provided 71 one-to-one appointments since March, mainly project students
- I have worked with home and international students
- This has been delivered via Springshare (library system) and Zoom
- Clear joining instructions were sent to the students prior to session
- Students were asked to let us know in advance what they wanted support with

Student view



Student receives confirmation email

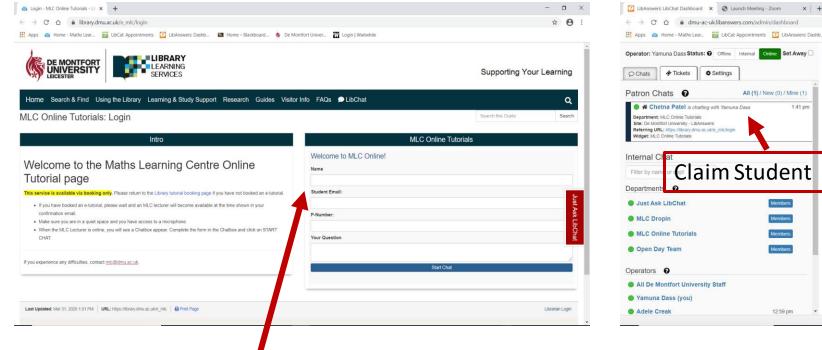
Tutor view



When a student books we receive this information

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Tutor view



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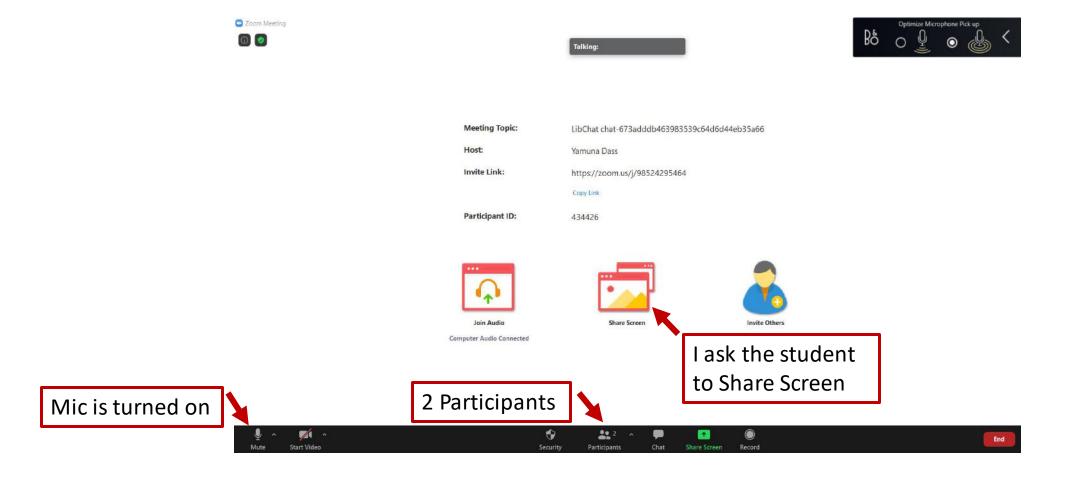
Student fills in their detail

Request Screenshare



Zoom

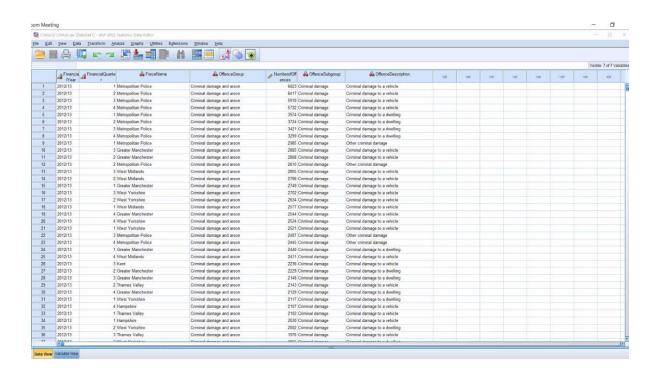


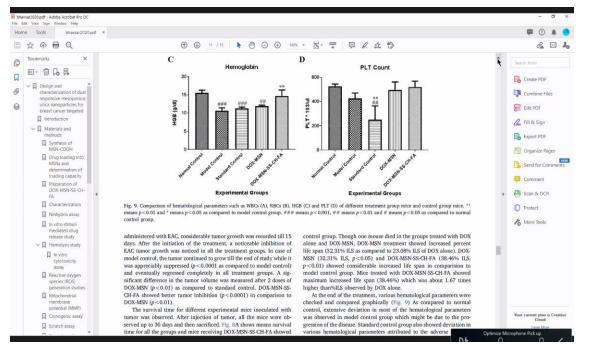




Examples of Screen Sharing



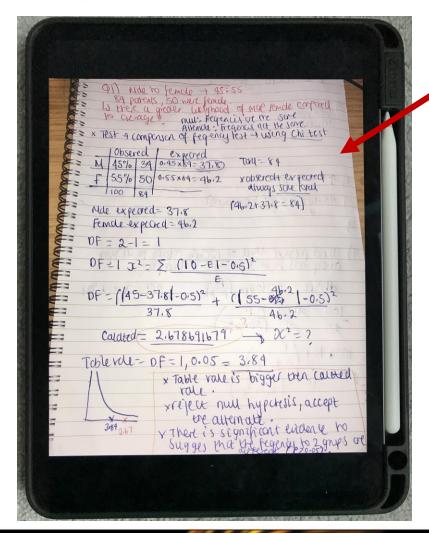




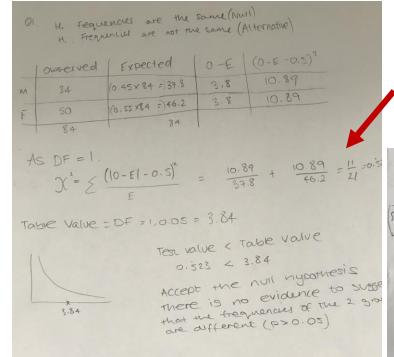


Visualiser in Action



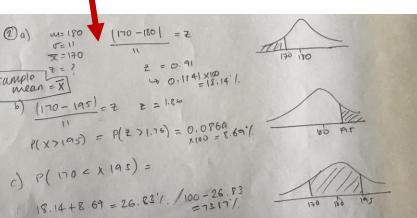


Student's work which was sent via email



Me writing live during the session

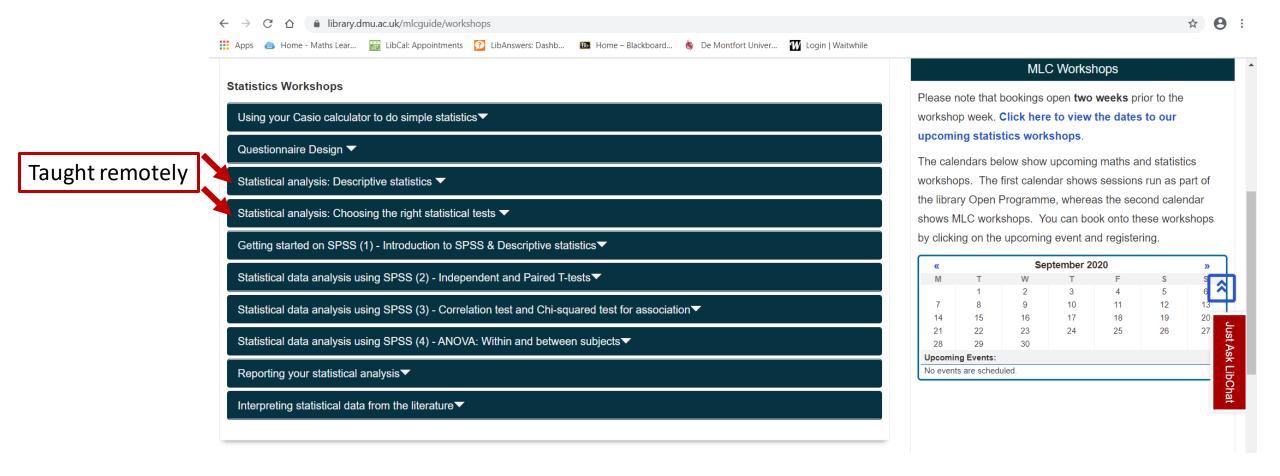






Statistics Workshops







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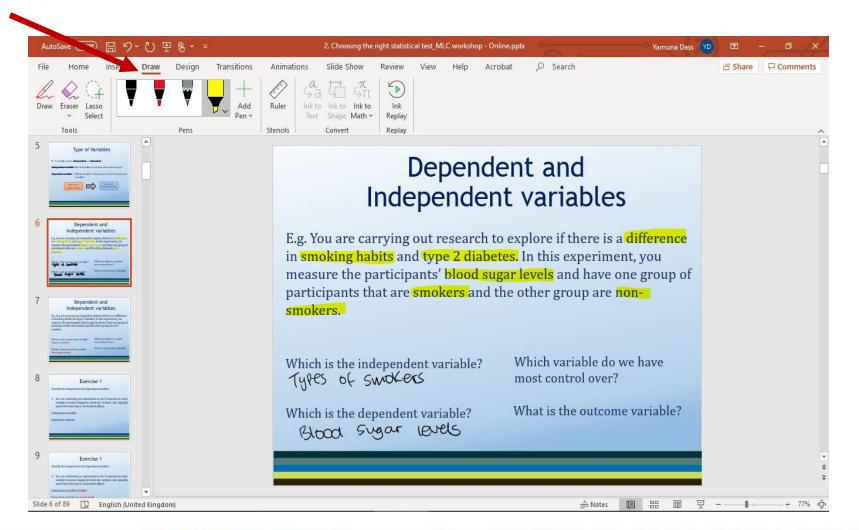


- Delivered self selecting workshops
- Small group of students attended (6-10 students)
- The students were from a range of disciplines and were mainly PG students
- This was delivered via Blackboard Collaborate Ultra and Microsoft Teams
- I asked my colleague to join in to support the delivery of these sessions
- PowerPoint and clear joining instructions was sent to the students prior to session
- Explained statistical concepts and then gave students an opportunity to attempt exercise questions, encouraged the use of chat and speech function
- Used the Wacom to interact and engage with students



Wacom in Action





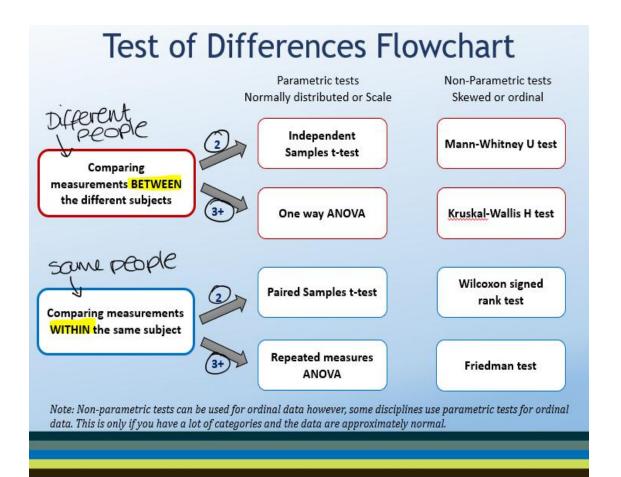
Used the 'Draw' function to write on the PowerPoint





Further Examples





Exercise 3a

Research question: Do women do more hours of housework than men?

- a) Is this a two-tailed or a one-tailed hypothesis?
- b) What is your independent variable and data type Genden
- c) What is your dependent variable and data type House of work
- d) What should be checked for normality?
- e) Are the groups related or unrelated?
- f) How many means are being compared?
- g) Which parametric test should be used if the assumption of normality is met?
- h) Which non-parametric test should be used if the assumption of normality is not met?

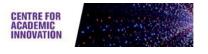


Summary



- Delivered remotely via various platforms still need lots of practice!
- I'm still learning how I can engage and interact with students effectively to teach maths & statistics
- Having the right equipment to teach maths & statistics
- Extra screen maybe..?
- If possible, have another colleague join your session
- Overall students are quite understanding and patient
- Have clear communication with students





Thank you for listening!

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