

Of Nizegys and Meenys

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A Team-Taught Course

- # A familiar scenario for many students
- # Two or more professors teach different parts of a course, and grades are combined from the various sections of the course.

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- # In this hypothetical full-year introductory psychology course, Professor Nizegy teaches the first half of Psychology 100, and Professor Meeny teaches the second half.

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- # Nizegy is a popular professor renowned for his lenient grading. Most grades he gives are quite similar.
- # Meeny is a grouchy professor who seldom gives good grades, and whose grades show a great deal of variability.

Grading Standards

- # 3 evenly-spaced levels of performance, Good, Average, Bad

<i>Performance</i>	<i>Professor's Grade</i>	
	<i>Nizegy</i>	<i>Meeny</i>
<i>Good</i>	90	80
<i>Average</i>	85	65
<i>Bad</i>	80	50

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<i>Student</i>	<i>Performance</i>	
	<i>Term 1 (Nizegy)</i>	<i>Term 2 (Meeny)</i>
<i>A</i>	Good	Bad
<i>B</i>	Average	Average
<i>C</i>	Bad	Good

A Tale of 3 Students

- # Result

Student	Term 1	Term 2	Course
A	90	50	70
B	85	65	75
C	80	80	80

Questions and Conclusions

- # Was this fair?
- # Why did it happen?
- # How can the result be generalized?