International Trade Lab Directions:

This assignment is due at the start of lab on Thursday, September 17. Have the following sheet filled out when you arrive to lab. If you have questions, please see one of us.

1. In 2008, what were the top 5 places to which the US sent exports? Which were the top 5 for imports? (Treat the European Union as one place). Go to www.commerce.gov. On the left-hand side you will find the International Trade Administration. On the right-hand side of that you’ll see “I want to” and choose Find statistics. In the middle of that you’ll see Top Trade Partners. The EU (EU-27) is at the bottom.

2. Go back to the International Trade Administration page and go to Exports from US Metropolitan Areas. There go to the Top 20 Metropolitan Area Exporters and pull up the fact sheet for Houston. What were top four products exported from Houston? What were the three top countries to which goods were exported?

3.A. Go back to the International Trade Administration page and see if you can find your hometown under the pull-down menu Metro Exports Value (pick the closest metro area if your hometown is not listed). How much was exported in the first half of 2007? If the 1st half of 2008? How much did exports grow between the first half of 2007 and the first half of 2008? Use the formula \(\% \text{ growth rate} = \frac{(2008 \text{ exports} - 2007 \text{ exports})}{2007 \text{ exports}} \times 100\).

B. Go to the pull-down menu Metro Exports by Top 5 NAICs (which stands for North American Industry Classification of types of goods). What were the top 5 products exported from your hometown in the first half of 2008?

C. Go to the pull-down menu Top 50 Metro Exports by Country. What were the top 5 countries that received your hometown’s exports in the first half of 2008?

4. What goods do we import from and export to China? Go to www.census.gov. In the middle, under Business and Industry, click on Foreign Trade. Choose the top tab marked Data, then Product Trade at the left. Under End Use you can find a list of products and the value of those products we import or export by country. Find the top three products we import from China. Find the top three products we export to China.
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1. Top Five:

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2.A. What were the top 4 products exported from Houston?
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2.B. What were the top 3 countries to which goods were exported?
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3. Hometown or closest metro area: ________________________________

   A. Exports 1st half 2007: __________________
      Exports 1st half 2008: __________________
      Rate of growth in exports: ____________

   B. Top 5 Products: ____________________________
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   C. Top 5 Countries: ____________________________
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4. Trade with China. Three products with highest total value we:

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