Lab 6: Chi-squared Test

2009 Iran Election

On June 12 2009, the Republic of Iran held an election where President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad sought re-election against three challengers. When it was announced that Ahmadine-jad had won with 62% of the vote, there were widespread allegations of election fraud.

There are many methods - both quantitative and qualitative - to detect election fraud. In this lab we will explore just one proposed method

The Data

The election commission released total vote counts for each candidate by region. Let's load up this data.¹

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download.file("http://stat.duke.edu/courses/Fall11/sta101.02/labs/nc.csv",
destfile = "nc.csv")
```

Benford's Law

Let's load up the nc data set.

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The Chi-squared test for goodness-of-fit

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