

# Goodness-of-fit Test – Model (Distribution) Selection

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## Popular methods

- **Pearson Goodness-of-Fit Test:**

Use Observations and Expected values.

For continuous case, we have to determine bins (intervals).

For discrete case, it is advantageous.

- **Kolmogorov-Smirnov Goodness-of-Fit Test (K-S test):**

Compare the CDFs. It needs true (population) parameter values.

- Anderson-Darling: Similar to K-S test.

# Common mistakes in Model Selection

## Common mistakes in using K-S or A-D Test

- It only applies to continuous distributions. (연속형만 가능).
- It tends to be more sensitive near the center of the distribution than at the tails. Kurtosis (尖度/峯度)가 normal model departure에서 중요한 역할을 함. 즉, tail이 각종 통계량에 미치는 영향이 훨씬 중요.
- Perhaps the most serious limitation is that the distribution must be fully specified. (모든 모수는 추정치가 아닌 **모집단의 값을 알고 있어야 함**). That is, if location, scale, and shape parameters are estimated from the data, the critical region of the K-S test is no longer valid. It typically must be determined by simulation. (If it is pivotal, then it would be OK).
- See <https://www.itl.nist.gov/div898/handbook/eda/section3/eda35g.htm>



## 그래프를 이용한 Model 선택 방법

- **Basic idea - linearization(선형화)**
- Q-Q plot (quantile versus quantile plot. **The most widely used**).
- Q-Q norm (Q-Q plot under normal distribution).
- Q-Q Weibull (Q-Q plot under Weibull. It is **impossible**).
- Other plots – Weibull plot (not QQ Weibull), etc.

## 장단점

- **장점:** Seeing is believing.
- **단점:** Seeing is illusive (착시) and subjective (주관적).

## Can we make the graphical method objective?

- Calculate the **sample correlation** in the plot.
- Then how to find the critical value for the sample correlation?

## Q-Q plot 원리

Let  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$  be order statistics of  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ . Then the empirical CDF of  $y_i$  is approximated by

$$F(y_i) \approx \frac{i}{n} \text{ or } \frac{i}{n+1} \text{ or } \frac{i-0.5}{n} \text{ or } \frac{i-0.375}{n+0.25}$$

etc. Take an inverse,  $F^{-1}$  on both sides.

$$y_i \approx F^{-1}\left(\frac{i-0.5}{n}\right)$$

Plot  $y_i$  (on y-axis) versus  $F^{-1}\left(\frac{i-0.5}{n}\right)$  (on x-axis):

$$y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n \text{ vs. } F^{-1}\left(\frac{1-0.5}{n}\right), \dots, F^{-1}\left(\frac{2-0.5}{n}\right), F^{-1}\left(\frac{n-0.5}{n}\right).$$

## Q-Q norm 원리

For the normal distribution, we have a very nice property

$$Z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} \sim N(0, 1).$$

where  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma)$ . Note that  $(X - \mu)/\sigma$  is a **pivotal quantity**. Thus, the CDF of  $(X - \mu)/\sigma$  is given by  $\Phi(z)$  which does **not include any unknown parameters**. We have

$$\frac{y_i - \mu}{\sigma} \approx \Phi^{-1}\left(\frac{i - 0.5}{n}\right),$$

which is equivalent to

$$y_i = \mu + \sigma \Phi^{-1}\left(\frac{i - 0.5}{n}\right) = a + bt_i,$$

where  $a = \mu$  (intercept),  $b = \sigma$  (slope), and  $t_i = \Phi^{-1}\left(\frac{i - 0.5}{n}\right)$ . Regardless of intercept and slope, it is a normal if the plot is on the straight line.

# Weibull random variable

- One of the most popular distributions used to model the lifetimes and reliability data is the Weibull distribution, named after a Swedish **mechanical engineer** by the name of Walodje Weibull 1939.
- Indeed, this distribution is as central to the parametric analysis of **reliability engineering** and **survival** data as the normal distribution in statistics.
- For Weibull case, it is impossible to derive the pivotal quantity with Quantile – Quantile.
- Thus, we have to use a different way.
- But, its spirit is the same – **Linearization**.

# Weibull random variable

## Definition

A random variable  $X$  is called Weibull with shape  $\alpha$  and scale  $\beta$  if its cumulative distribution function is given by

$$F(x) = 1 - \exp \left\{ - \left( \frac{x}{\beta} \right)^\alpha \right\}, \quad x \geq 0.$$

It is easily shown that its pdf is given by

$$f(x) = \frac{\alpha x^{\alpha-1}}{\beta^\alpha} \exp \left\{ - \left( \frac{x}{\beta} \right)^\alpha \right\}.$$

The mean of the Weibull random variable is  $\beta \cdot \Gamma[(\alpha + 1)/\alpha]$ , where  $\Gamma(\alpha) = \int_0^\infty x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x} dx$ .

# Weibull random variable

## Reparametrized Form

The following reparametrized form is often used

$$F(x) = 1 - \exp(-\lambda x^\alpha) \quad \text{and} \quad f(x) = \lambda \alpha x^{\alpha-1} \exp(-\lambda x^\alpha),$$

where  $\lambda = \beta^{-\alpha}$ .

- The parameter  $\lambda$  is called the rate parameter.
- It should be noted that with the shape parameter  $\alpha = 1$ , the Weibull distribution becomes the exponential distribution with mean  $\beta$  (or rate  $\lambda$ ).

# How to draw Weibull probability plot

The Weibull CDF is given by

$$F(x) = 1 - \exp(-\lambda x^\alpha).$$

Then we have

$$\log(1 - p) = -\lambda x_p^\alpha,$$

where  $p = F(x)$ . It follows that

$$\log \{ -\log(1 - p) \} = \log \lambda + \alpha \log x_p.$$

This implies that the plot of

$$\boxed{\log \{ -\log(1 - p) \}} \text{ versus } \boxed{\log x_p}$$

draws a straight line with the slope  $\alpha$  and the intercept  $\log \lambda$ . The widely-used Weibull *probability paper* is based on this idea.

# How to draw Weibull probability plot

- Need to find  $p = F(x)$  and  $x_p$  with real experimental data. That is, we need to estimate  $p = F(x)$  and  $x_p$  in the following plot:
- The empirical CDF  $\hat{F}(x)$  is used for  $p = F(x)$  which is an increasing step function jumping  $1/n$  at  $x_{(1)}, x_{(2)}, \dots, x_{(n)}$ , where  $x_{(i)}$  is sorted from the smallest.
- Thus  $\hat{p}_i = \hat{F}(x_{(i)})$  has values,  $1/n, 2/n, \dots, n/n$ .

$$\boxed{\log \{ -\log(1 - \hat{p}_i) \}} \text{ versus } \boxed{\log x_{(i)}}.$$

Actually, Blom (1958) method is more popular, which uses  $\hat{p}_i = (i - 0.375)/(n + 0.25)$  to have better power – plotting position problem.



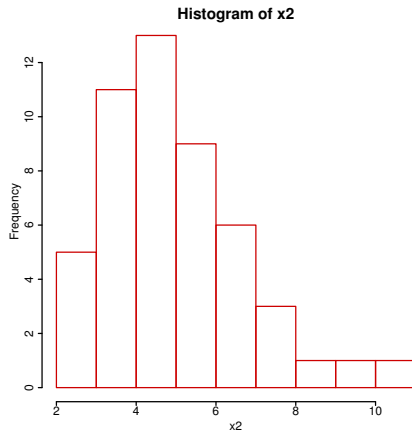
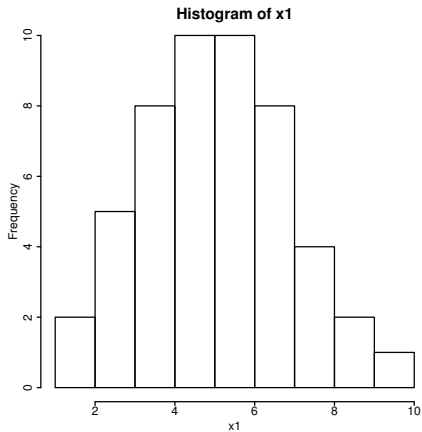
# Example 1: W-LN

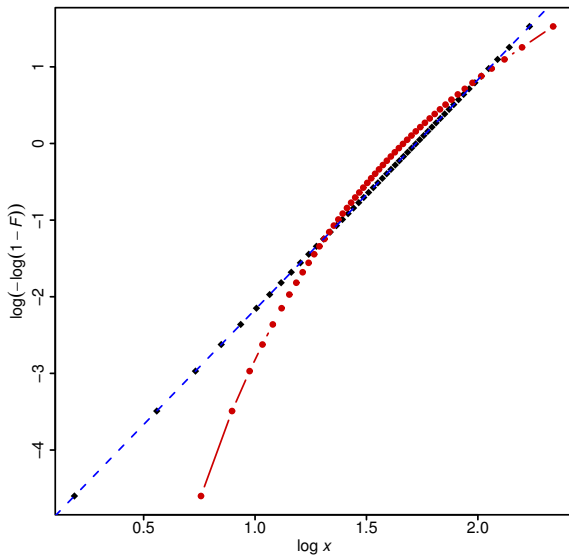
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7.504885 7.757387 8.071660 8.506590 9.315591

## Data II

2.132357 2.451394 2.652611 2.809841 2.943303 3.061764 3.169903 3.270548 3.365555  
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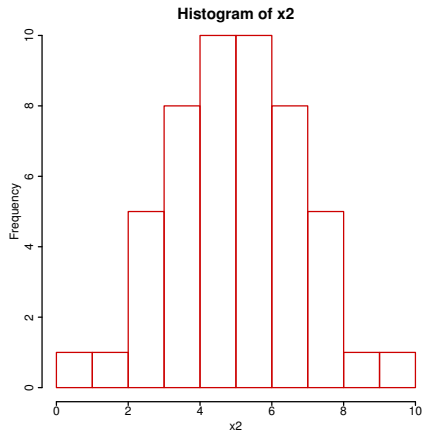
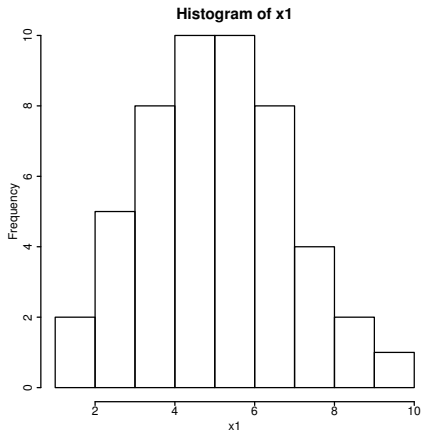
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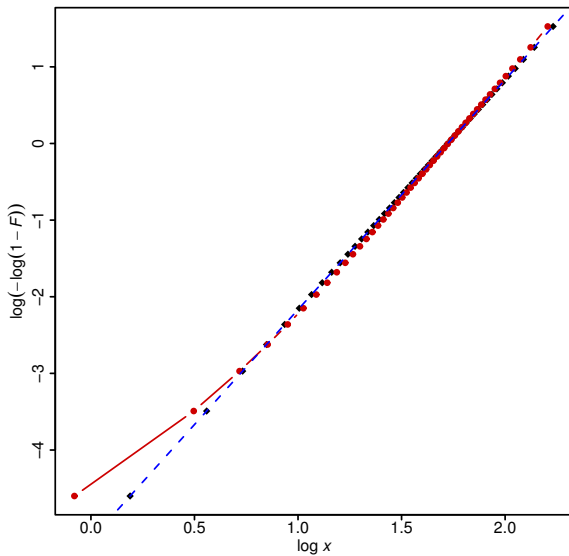
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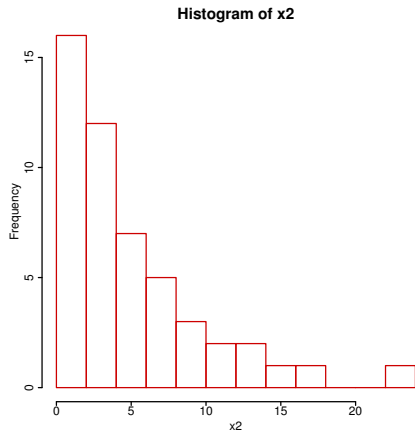
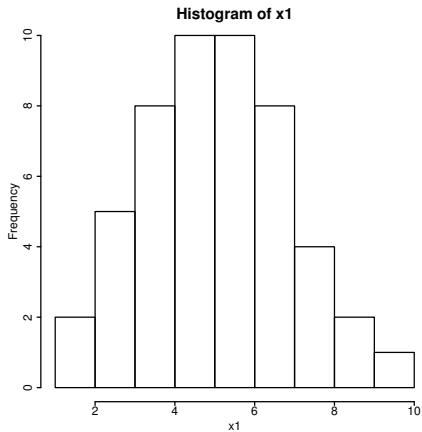
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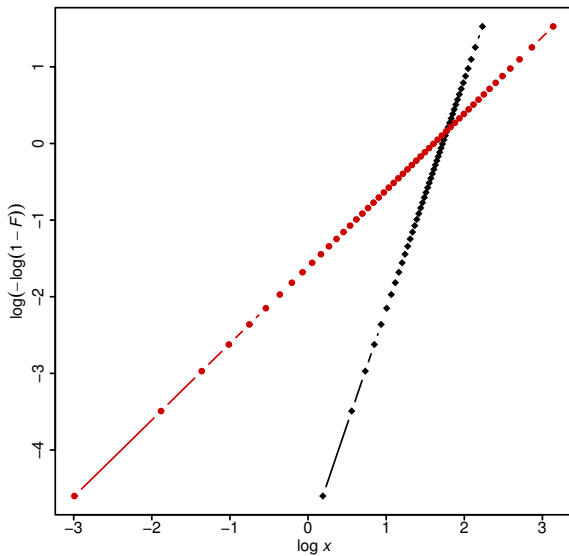
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### Data II

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3.3667227 3.5667494 3.7751129 3.9925384 4.2198503 4.4579906 4.7080427 4.9712613  
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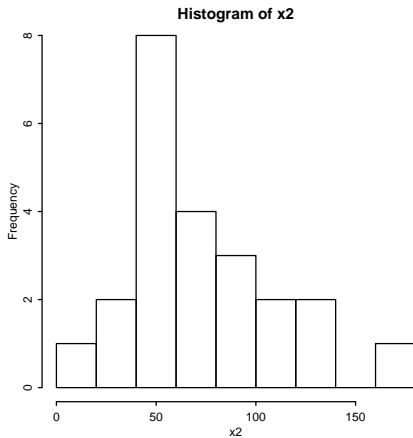
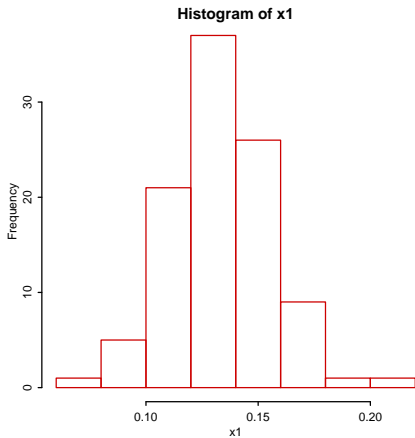
# Real Data: Birnbaum-Saunders and Leemis Data

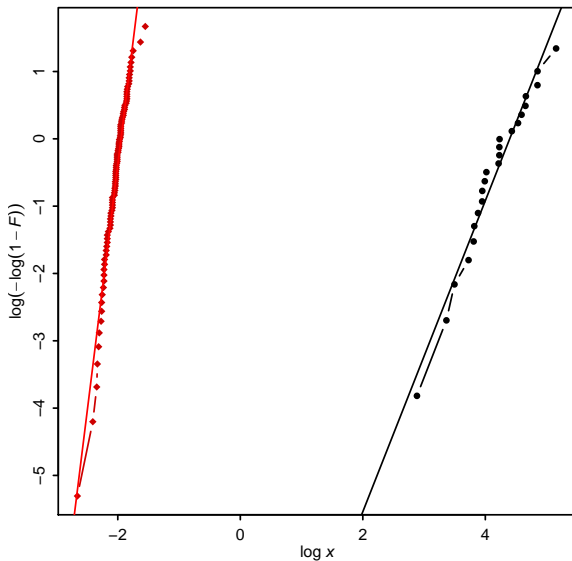
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## Data II - Example 8.16 in Leemis (1995)

17.88, 28.92, 33.00, 41.52, 45.12, 45.60, 48.48, 51.84, 51.96, 54.12, 55.56, 67.80, 68.64, 68.64, 68.88, 84.12, 93.12, 98.64, 105.12, 105.84, 127.92, 128.04, 173.40





## How to determine whether the data are from Weibull or not

$H_0$  : Weibull versus  $H_1$ : non-Weibull.

- Recall:  $\log \{ -\log(1 - p) \} = \log \lambda + \alpha \log x_p$ .
- Thus  $\log \{ -\log(1 - \hat{p}_i) \}$  versus  $\log x_{(i)}$  draws a straight line, where  $\hat{p}_i = (i - 0.375)/(n + 0.25)$ . Thus, the linearity measure (sample correlation) can be used for Weibullness test.
- Idea: Large  $r$  implies Weibullness.

$$H_0 : r \geq r_0 \text{ versus } H_1 : r < r_0$$

Then, how large is large enough for  $r$ ?

- To this end, we should know the distribution of  $r$  and then find the critical value (from pivot) with the significance level (or Type-I error).

## Distribution of $r$ sample correlations under the normal distribution

If  $(X, Y)$  is from bi-variate normal, it is known that

$$r\sqrt{\frac{n-2}{1-r^2}} \sim t\text{-distribution}$$

with  $n - 2$  degrees of freedom.

- In general,  $-1 \leq r \leq 1$ , and  $-\infty < r\sqrt{\frac{n-2}{1-r^2}} < \infty$ .
- As  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , CLT works in general. I.e.,  $r\sqrt{\frac{n-2}{1-r^2}} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1)$
- In the Weibull plot,  $0 < r \leq 1$ . Thus,  $0 < r\sqrt{\frac{n-2}{1-r^2}} < \infty$ .
- CLT can not work for the Weibull case.

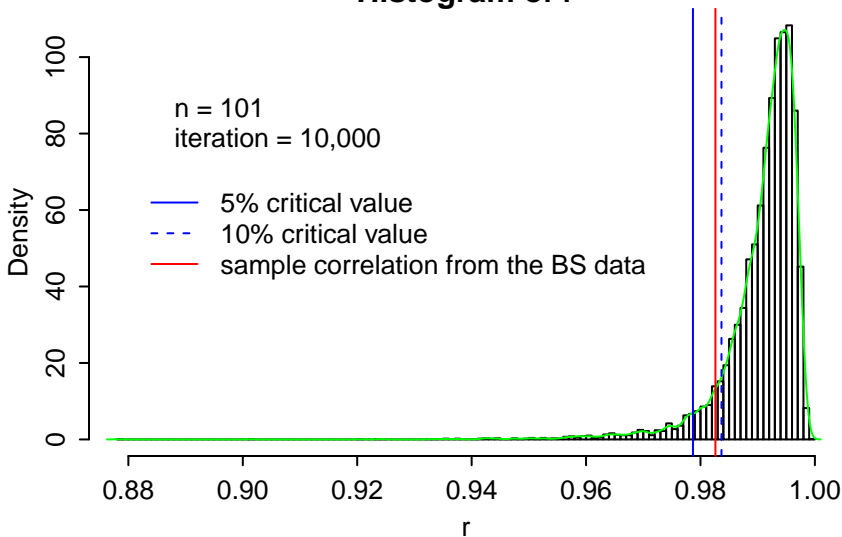
- We can not use normal approximation. We need to find the distribution of  $r$ .
- We can find the distribution of  $r$  under Weibull distribution using Monte Carlo simulation.
- Again, recall  $\log \{ -\log(1 - p) \} = \log \lambda + \alpha \log x_p$ .
- Since  $\text{cor}(aX + b, cY + d) = \text{cor}(X, Y)$ , it is enough to generate random sample of size  $n$  from any Weibull distribution. This implies that the correlation from the Weibull plot is independent of the parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\lambda$ .
- Thus, the sample correlation is a **pivotal quantity**.

## Algorithm

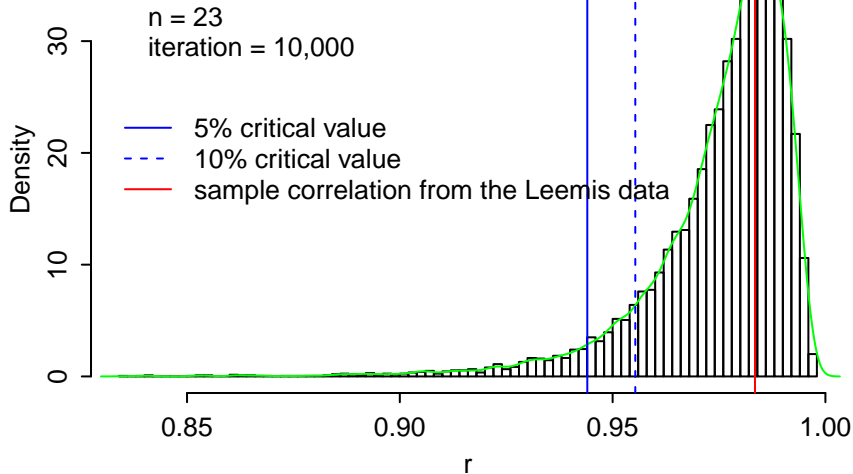
- Generate Weibull random observations of size  $n$  from any Weibull, say, Weibull  $(1,1)$ .
- Sort the data. Denote  $x_{(i)}$ .
- Calculate  $\log \{ -\log(1 - \hat{p}_i) \}$  where  $\hat{p}_i = (i - 0.375)/(n + 0.25)$ .
- Calculate the sample correlation between  $\log \{ -\log(1 - \hat{p}_i) \}$  and  $\log x_{(i)}$ .
- Repeat the above (say, up to  $N$  iteration numbers).
- Find the empirical quantiles for critical values (say, 5%, 10%, etc.)



## Histogram of r



## Histogram of $r$



## Critical Values

| $n$ | 1.0%   | 2.0%   | 2.5%   | 5.0%   | 10%    | 20%    |
|-----|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 101 | 0.9593 | 0.9686 | 0.9710 | 0.9777 | 0.9833 | 0.9878 |
| 23  | 0.9085 | 0.9239 | 0.9284 | 0.9429 | 0.9553 | 0.9665 |

## Sample Correlations for the BS and Leemis Data Sets

- Data I (BS Data)

$r = 0.982614$  with  $n = 101$

Using 5% Type-I error, the Data are from Weibull.

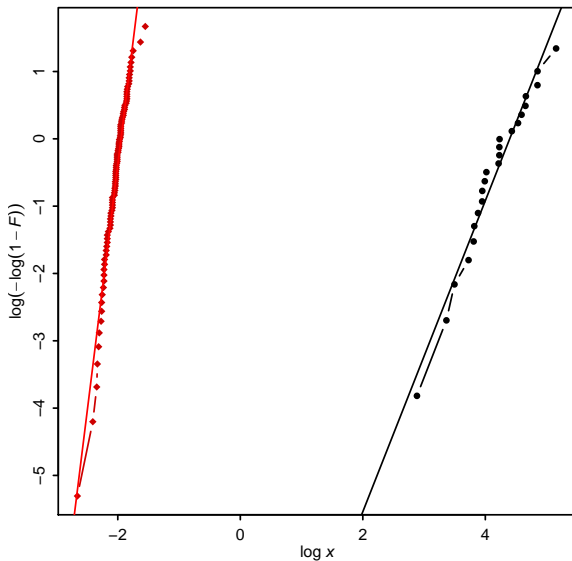
However, with 10% or more Type-I error, the Data are not from Weibull.

- Data II (Leemis Data)

$r = 0.983456$  with  $n = 23$

The Data are from Weibull for any above Type-I errors.

We can also find the  $p$ -value from the empirical pdf. The  $p$ -value for the BS data is 8.5% while that for the Leemis is 63%.



# Recall Real Data: Birnbaum-Saunders and Leemis Data

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0.163, 0.163, 0.164, 0.166, 0.166, 0.168, 0.170, 0.174, 0.196, 0.212

## Data II - Example 8.16 in Leemis (1995)

17.88, 28.92, 33.00, 41.52, 45.12, 45.60, 48.48, 51.84, 51.96, 54.12, 55.56, 67.80, 68.64,  
68.64, 68.88, 84.12, 93.12, 98.64, 105.12, 105.84, 127.92, 128.04, 173.40

First, download weibullness R package at:

<https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/weibullness/>

## R package – weibullness

```
# Data coding:
```

```
# Birnbaum-Saunders data
```

```
data1 = c(
```

```
0.070, 0.090, 0.096, 0.097, 0.099, 0.100, 0.103, 0.104, 0.104, 0.105,  
0.107, 0.108, 0.108, 0.108, 0.109, 0.109, 0.112, 0.112, 0.113, 0.114,  
0.114, 0.114, 0.116, 0.119, 0.120, 0.120, 0.120, 0.121, 0.121, 0.123,  
0.124, 0.124, 0.124, 0.124, 0.124, 0.128, 0.128, 0.129, 0.129, 0.130,  
0.13, 0.130, 0.131, 0.131, 0.131, 0.131, 0.131, 0.132, 0.132, 0.132,  
0.133, 0.134, 0.134, 0.134, 0.134, 0.134, 0.136, 0.136, 0.137, 0.138,  
0.138, 0.138, 0.139, 0.139, 0.141, 0.141, 0.142, 0.142, 0.142, 0.142,  
0.142, 0.142, 0.144, 0.144, 0.145, 0.146, 0.148, 0.148, 0.149, 0.151,  
0.151, 0.152, 0.155, 0.156, 0.157, 0.157, 0.157, 0.157, 0.158, 0.159,  
0.162, 0.163, 0.163, 0.164, 0.166, 0.166, 0.168, 0.170, 0.174, 0.196,  
0.212)
```

```
# Leemis data
```

```
data2 = c(
```

```
17.88, 28.92, 33.00, 41.52, 45.12, 45.60, 48.48, 51.84, 51.96, 54.12,  
55.56, 67.80, 68.64, 68.64, 68.88, 84.12, 93.12, 98.64, 105.12, 105.84,  
127.92, 128.04, 173.40)
```

## R package – weibullness (Continued)

```
> install.packages("weibullness")
```

```
> library(weibullness)  
weibullness Package is installed.
```

```
> wp.test(data1)  
Weibullness test from the Weibull plot
```

```
data: data1  
correlation = 0.98261, p-value = 0.08924
```

```
> wp.test(data2)  
Weibullness test from the Weibull plot
```

```
data: data2  
correlation = 0.98346, p-value = 0.6294
```

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