

Applied Stats II - Problem Set 1

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Code in PS1_ImeldaFinn.R

Question 1

The Kolmogorov-Smirnov test uses cumulative distribution statistics to test the similarity of the empirical distribution of some observed data and a specified PDF, and serves as a goodness of fit test. The test statistic is created by:

$$D = \max_{i=1:n} \left\{ \frac{i}{n} - F_{(i)}, F_{(i)} - \frac{i-1}{n} \right\}$$

where F is the theoretical cumulative distribution of the distribution being tested and $F_{(i)}$ is the i th ordered value. Intuitively, the statistic takes the largest absolute difference between the two distribution functions across all x values. Large values indicate dissimilarity and the rejection of the hypothesis that the empirical distribution matches the queried theoretical distribution. The p-value is calculated from the Kolmogorov-Smirnov CDF:

$$p(D \leq x) = \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{x} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} e^{-(2k-1)^2 \pi^2 / (8x^2)}$$

which generally requires approximation methods (see Marsaglia, Tsang, and Wang 2003). This so-called non-parametric test (this label comes from the fact that the distribution of the test statistic does not depend on the distribution of the data being tested) performs poorly in small samples, but works well in a simulation environment. Write an R function that implements this test where the reference distribution is normal. Using R generate 1,000 Cauchy random variables (`rcauchy(1000, location = 0, scale = 1)`) and perform the test (remember, use the same seed, something like `set.seed(123)`, whenever you're generating your own data).

The code for the `kolmogorov_smirnov` function is:

```
1 # function to return values for kolmogorov-smirnov test
2 #   - one-sample, comparison to normal PDF
3 # input: empirical data
4 # output: D-statistic, D+, D-, K-statistic (=D*sqrt(N)), P(K)
```

```

5 kolmogorov_smirnov <- function (dat) {
6   # get number of elements in data
7   N <- length(dat)
8   # convert data to ECDF
9   ECDF <- ecdf(dat)
10  empiricalCDF <- ECDF(dat)
11  # calculate test statistic (D)
12  Dmin <- min(empiricalCDF - pnorm(dat))
13  Dmax <- max(empiricalCDF - pnorm(dat))
14  D <- max(abs(c(Dmin, Dmax)))
15
16  #calculate critical value (K-statistic)
17  K <- D * sqrt(N)
18
19  # get probability of calculated test statistic
20  k = seq(1,N)
21
22  #calculate q value for P(K)
23  qval <- sum(exp(-1*((2*k - 1)^2)*(pi^2)/(8 * K^2)))
24  qval <- qval * sqrt(2 * pi) * (1/K)
25
26  # return results
27  res <- tibble('D'= D, 'Dmax' = Dmax, 'Dmin' = Dmin,
28               'K'=K, 'pval'=1-qval)
29  return(res)
30 }

```

The test data was generated using the `rcauchy` function, and is summarised in Table 1.

```

1   # create empirical distribution of observed data
2   set.seed(123)
3   N <- 1000
4   data <- rcauchy(n=N, location = 0, scale = 1)
5

```

Table 1: Data Summary Table

Statistic	N	Mean	St. Dev.	Min	Max
Observed_CDF	1,000	0.500	0.289	0.001	1.000
Normal	1,000	0.505	0.358	0.000	1.000

Table 2: Kolmogorov-Smirnov Test results

	value
D	0.13473
Dmax	0.12356
Dmin	-0.13473
K	4.26048
pval	0

one sample, two sided, normal; alpha 0.05; D alpha: 0.04301

A hypothesis test was carried out using results from the `kolmogorov-smirnov` function:

```
1 ks_results <- kolmogorov-smirnov(data)
2 # print(ks_results)
3 # A tibble: 1 x 5
4   D   Dmax   Dmin   K   pval
5   <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
6 1 0.135 0.124 -0.135 4.26 2.22e-16
7
```

Hypothesis Test

1. H_0 the observed data is normally distributed
2. H_a the observed data is not normally distributed
3. the test statistic D is 0.135
4. the α value is 0.05
5. the critical value K is 4.26
6. the **pvalue** is 2.22×10^{-16} (ie the probability of observing these values if the data was normally distributed is approximately 0)
7. as **pvalue** is less than α we **reject** the null hypothesis ($D_{\alpha,N} = 0.04301$, we reject H_α if $D > D_{\alpha,N}$)¹

There is insufficient evidence to support the hypothesis that our observed data is normally distributed.

The results are summarised in Table 2.

The results were checked using the `cont_ks_test` function from the `KSgeneral` package, and the same results were obtained.²

```
1 # KSgeneral::cont_ks_test(data, "pnorm")
2
3   One-sample Kolmogorov-Smirnov test
4
5   data: data
6   D = 0.13573, p-value < 2.2e-16
7   alternative hypothesis: two-sided
```

¹<https://www.itl.nist.gov/div898/handbook/eda/section3/eda35g.htm>

²these agreed with the results with the default `ks.test` function.

Question 2

Estimate an OLS regression in `R` that uses the Newton-Raphson algorithm (specifically `BFGS`, which is a quasi-Newton method), and show that you get the equivalent results to using `lm`. Use the code below to create your data.

From Eliason³, when $Y \sim N(X\beta, \sigma^2)$ OLS and MLE estimators for the β are equivalent. Therefore we can apply MLE estimation using the `optim` function with `method = BFGS`.

The data was generated as follows:

```
1  set.seed (123)
2  data2 <- data.frame(x = runif(200, 1, 10))
3  data2$y <- 0 + 2.75*data2$x + rnorm(200, 0, 1.5)
4
5
```

³Eliason, Scott R, *Maximum Likelihood Estimation: Logic and Practice*, 1993, p17

Q2 Data

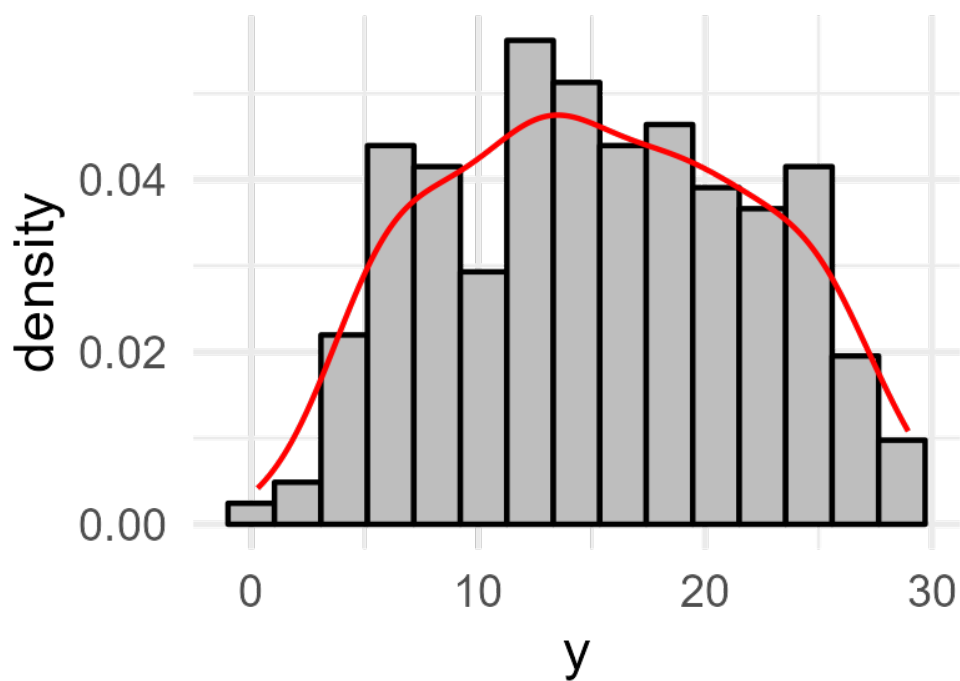
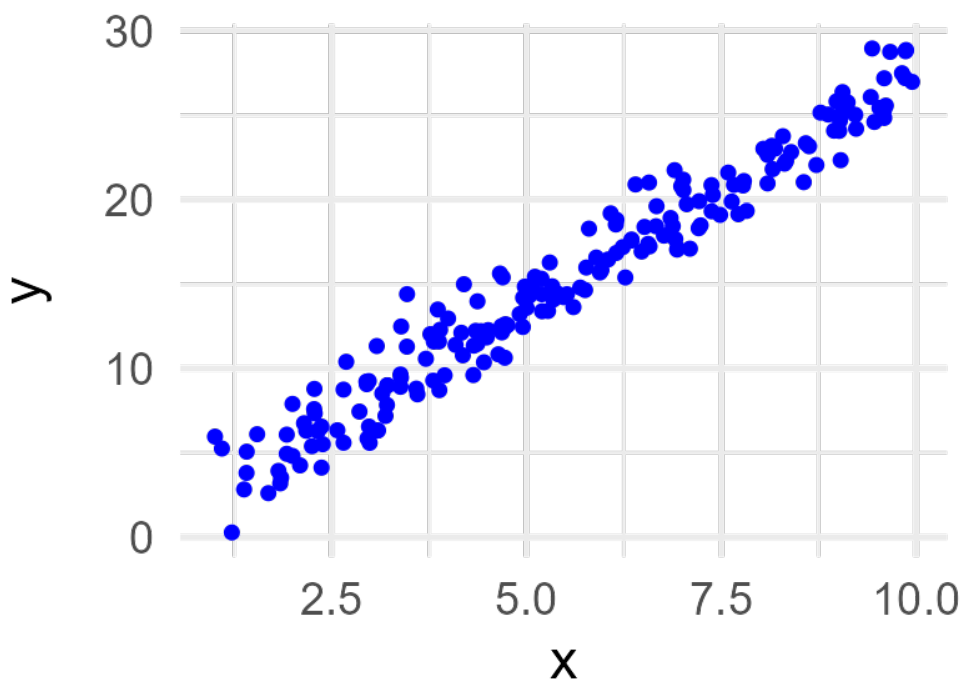


Figure 1: Q2 Data

The code to implement the Maximum Likelihood Estimation/OLS is:

```

1 # define likelihood function to be solved by optim
2 linear.lik <- function(theta, y, X){
3   n <- nrow(X)
4   k <- ncol(X)
5   beta <- theta[ 1 : k ]
6   sigma2 <- theta[ k + 1 ] ^ 2
7   e <- y - X%*%beta
8   logl <- -.5 *n* log(2 * pi) -.5 *n* log(sigma2) - (( t(e)%*%
9                                                         e)/(2 * sigma2))
10  return(-logl)
11 }
12
13 # use optim to get MLE estimators for parameters
14 linear.MLE <- optim(fn = linear.lik, par = c(theta=1, y=1, X=1),
15                   hessian =TRUE, y = data2$y, X= cbind(1, data2$x), method = "BFGS")
16
17 # get se for the parameters
18 linear.MLE$se <- sqrt(diag(solve(linear.MLE$hessian)))

```

The results from the function are $\hat{\beta}_0 = 0.1398324$, $\hat{\beta}_1 = 2.7265559$, $\hat{\sigma}^2 = 1.4390716$:

```

1 linear.MLE$par
2 #theta      y      X
3 #0.1398324  2.7265559 -1.4390716
4
5 linear.MLE$se
6 #      theta      y      X
7 #0.25140690  0.04136606  0.07191798
8

```

The linear regression model was called:

```

1 linear.lm <- lm(y ~ x, data2)

```

The results for the MLE and linear models are in Table 3:

The prediction equation is: $y = 0.1398324 + 2.7265559 \times x$.

$\hat{y} = 0.13983(\theta) + 5.55753(\bar{x}) * 2.72656(\beta) = 15.29274$

$\bar{y} = 15.29289$

Table 3:

	<i>Dependent variable:</i>	
	y	
	MLE	Linear
theta	0.1398324 (0.251)	
y	2.7265559 (0.041)	
X	-1.4390716 (0.072)	
x		2.727*** (0.042)
Constant		0.139 (0.253)
Observations	200	200
R ²		0.956
Adjusted R ²		0.956
Residual Std. Error (df = 198)		1.447
F Statistic		4,298.687*** (df = 1; 198)
<i>Note:</i>	*p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01	