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	<pre>small_outlier = df.query('{} < (@Q1 - 1.5 * @IQR)'.format(label)) large_outlier = df.query('{} > (@Q3 + 1.5 * @IQR)'.format(label))</pre>
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	something must have been done wrong. However, after looking at the COVID 19 dataset, it actually seems to be the case that the states did indeed have outliers and both have unique ways of reporting their data. We begin with Virginia. According to the data above, we see that January, February, and March has the majority of the death outlind dataset. The Virginia deaths in January seemed to have been reported sporadically, where some days there were dips (i.e. 0 death eported, 3 deaths reported), and then massive jumps. If you search up COVID deaths in Virginia on Google, there are a lot of article saying Virginia had data glitches which resulted in death "data dumps" in February and March. A lot of the deaths reported in February in Included these dumps, so it makes sense that there are so many outliers in the Virginia death dataset. Regarding the Virginia confirmed cases outliers, almost all of the outliers were in December and January. This corresponds with the surge in America. Interestingly enough, the data some days was also sporadic like the deaths data, where some days there were cases and then a big spike. As the holiday season approached, there were also much lower confirmed cases on days like Christmass.
r F	New Years. This makes sense and happened not only in Virginia, but also across America. Finally, in January, there were massive in data, specifically on January 17th. With these spikes also came much lower cases on preceeding on the next days, so it makes that we detected so many outliers for this month. Perhaps this could have something to do with the riots, election, and inauguration since DC is nearby. Finally, we look at the outliers for Utah. Regarding the deaths in Utah, Utah has a very jagged trend line if you search up the Utah graph on Google. There are a lot of days where Utah reports few deaths, and then it jumps up. We see this in November around Thanksgiving, and also in a lot of December and January. Utah's death graph has a lot of gaps where some days there are 0 deat other days it jumps up, so it makes sense that so many outliers were detected for Utah. Regarding cases in Utah, there is a similar trend too. For example, Utah reported 0 cases on Christmas and on January 1st, and the second service of the case of the c
	esulting spikes the next couple of days. Perhaps this could be because Utah has a lot of Mormons and they closed all testing cerchristmas and New Year's. The Utah cases data seems to be in general smoother than their deaths data, but there are once again where they go from lower reporting to higher reporting. Note: since there are too many outliers that were found from Tukey's Rule, we do not remove the outliers from the dataset use the original dataset for our required inferences Part 2: Required Inferences A: AR, EWMA, MSE, MAPE
	<pre>import pandas as pd df = pd.read_csv('23.csv',header=0, names=['date','UT_conf','VA_conf', 'UT_death', 'VA_death']) df[['UT_conf','VA_conf', 'UT_death', 'VA_death']] = df[['UT_conf','VA_conf', 'UT_death', 'VA_death']] df = df[(df['date'] >= '2020-08-01') & (df['date'] <= '2020-08-28')] for alpha in [0.5, 0.8]: print('alpha =', alpha) cols = ['UT_conf', 'VA_conf', 'UT_death', 'VA_death']</pre>
	<pre>ewma = {} mse = {} mape = {} for col in cols: ewma[col] = training[col].tolist()[0] mse[col] = 0 mape[col] = 0 # Calculate EWMA for the first three weeks of august for i in range(1, 21): for col in cols: ewma[col] = alpha * df[col].tolist()[i] + (1 - alpha) * ewma[col] for i in range(7): print('Day 2' + str(2 + i)) for col in cols:</pre>
	<pre>for col in cols: print(col, ewma[col]) sample = df[col].tolist()[21 + i] # Calculate sum of squared errors mse[col] += (ewma[col] - sample) ** 2 # Ignore 0 denominators if sample != 0: mape[col] += abs((sample - ewma[col]) / sample) # Incorporate new sample into EWMA ewma[col] = alpha * df[col].tolist()[21 + i] + (1 - alpha) * ewma[col] print() # Print accuracy results for col in cols: print(col, 'MSE:', mse[col] / 7.0)</pre>
111111111111111111111111111111111111111	<pre>print(col, 'MSE:', mse[col] / 7.0) print(col, 'MAPE:', mape[col] * 100.0 / 7.0) print() alpha = 0.5 Day 22 UT_conf 449.93113136291504 VA_conf 904.0607776641846 UT_death 1.498978614807129 VA_death 11.467790603637695 Day 23 UT_conf 408.4655656814575 VA_conf 1058.0303888320923 UT_death 4.7494893074035645 VA_death 9.233895301818848 Day 24</pre>
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	Day 27 UT_conf 375.0915978550911 VA_conf 867.7518993020058 UT_death 4.046843081712723 VA_death 18.827118456363678 Day 28 UT_conf 376.04579892754555 VA_conf 994.3759496510029 UT_death 3.5234215408563614 VA_death 15.413559228181839 UT_conf MSE: 6868.249511866323 UT_conf MAPE: 22.56675818919756 VA_conf MSE: 46542.94135335959 VA_conf MAPE: 20.63685287536803 UT_death MSE: 12.52929166613969
	UT_death MSE: 12.52929166613969 UT_death MAPE: 41.8512900340922 VA_death MSE: 97.33007033039794 VA_death MAPE: 86.64664928419849 alpha = 0.8 Day 22 UT_conf 490.5796127620181 VA_conf 950.815607480566 UT_death 0.3163906743685505 VA_death 10.444182113430557 Day 23 UT_conf 391.71592255240364 VA_conf 1159.7631214961132 UT_death 6.46327813487371 VA_death 7.688836422686112
	VA_death 7.688836422686112 Day 24 UT_conf 296.7431845104807 VA_conf 947.1526242992227 UT_death 1.2926556269747418 VA_death 20.737767284537224 Day 25 UT_conf 256.14863690209614 VA_conf 720.6305248598445 UT_death 3.4585311253949484 VA_death 7.347553456907444 Day 26 UT_conf 346.4297273804192 VA_conf 948.1261049719689 UT_death 6.29170622507899 VA_death 19.86951069138149
	Day 27 UT_conf 404.4859454760839 VA_conf 848.0252209943939 UT_death 3.658341245015798 VA_death 20.7739021382763 Day 28 UT_conf 382.49718909521675 VA_conf 1066.4050441988788 UT_death 3.1316682490031598 VA_death 13.754780427655259 UT_conf MSE: 7272.563582304673 UT_conf MAPE: 22.376088252382328 VA_conf MSE: 56130.37164951825 VA_conf MAPE: 23.863265213680524 UT_death MSE: 18.958039279788146
	VA_conf MAPE: 23.863265213680524 UT_death MSE: 18.958039279788146 UT_death MAPE: 52.52824016692329 VA_death MSE: 138.11454769741104 VA_death MAPE: 103.19426016019078 There were a few days in the last week of August where there were 0 new confirmed cases which had to be ignored in the MAPE calculation. Each day in the last week was incorporated into the prediction for the next day, which is how this analysis would be done in real ticks AR """AR(3) & AR(5)"""
	<pre>import pandas as pd import numpy as np # import matplotlib.pyplot as plt from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression # from statsmodels.tsa.ar_model import AutoReg # from statsmodels.tsa.stattools import adfuller # from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error file = 'https://raw.githubusercontent.com/michaelofsbu/CSE-544-Datasets/main/States%20Data/23.csv' state = pd.read_csv(file) state['Date'] = pd.to_datetime(state['Date'])</pre>
	<pre>aug = (state['Date'] >= '2020-08-01') & (state['Date'] <= '2020-08-31') state_aug = state[aug] state_aug = state_aug.reset_index() # mean absolute percent error def mape(actual, Predicted): mape = np.mean(np.abs((actual - Predicted)/actual))*100 return mape # mean squared error def msev(actual, Predicted): mse = np.square(np.subtract(actual, Predicted)).mean() return mse</pre>
	<pre># Autoregression model and p as the lags value def ar(p, df, train_size, col): # Add f-*p columns to dataframe for i in range(1, p+1): df['f-%d' % i] = df[col].shift(i) # Breaking data into training and test set and remove the null value train = pd.DataFrame(df[:train_size]).dropna() test = pd.DataFrame(df[train_size:]) # Separate the f-*p columns as data, first column as labels train_data = train.iloc[:,1:].values.reshape(-1, p) train_label = train.iloc[:,0].values.reshape(-1, 1) test_data = test.iloc[:,1:].values.reshape(-1, p)</pre>
	<pre>test_data = test.iloc[:,1:].values.reshape(-1, p) # Running linear regression to generate the coefficents and interceptions lr = LinearRegression() lr.fit(train_data, train_label) # Apply the autoregression formula y(t) = intercept + Σ coef(i) * y(t-i) pred = test_data.dot(lr.coefT) + lr.intercept_ pred = pred.flatten() # Compute the mse and mape value mse = msev(test[col], pred) mape_ = mape(test[col], pred) # Report the accuracy</pre>
,	<pre>print('AR(' + str(p) + ') mape: ', round(mape_, 2), '%\tmse:', round(mse)) for col in state_aug.columns[2:]: # data = state_aug[col] data = pd.DataFrame(state_aug[col]) print(col) ar(3, data, 21, col) ar(5, data, 21, col) print() UT confirmed AR(3) mape: 0.14 % mse: 6014</pre>
1	AR(5) mape: 0.33 % mse: 36549 VA confirmed AR(3) mape: 0.28 % mse: 143442 AR(5) mape: 0.48 % mse: 366682 UT deaths AR(3) mape: 0.71 % mse: 9 AR(5) mape: 0.8 % mse: 13 VA deaths AR(3) mape: 0.66 % mse: 351 AR(5) mape: 0.5 % mse: 244
	B: Wald's test, Z test, and t-test Wald's One Sample import pandas as pd import numpy as np state = pd.read_csv('23.csv') state['Date'] = pd.to_datetime(state['Date']) february = (state['Date'] >= '2021-02-01') & (state['Date'] <= '2021-02-28') march = (state['Date'] >= '2021-03-01') & (state['Date'] <= '2021-03-31') state_feb = state[february]
	<pre>state_feb = state[february] state_march = state[march] cases_VA_feb = state_feb[['Date', 'VA confirmed']] cases_count_VA_feb = cases_VA_feb['VA confirmed'] deaths_VA_feb = state_feb[['Date', 'VA deaths']] deaths_count_VA_feb = deaths_VA_feb['VA deaths'] cases_UT_feb = state_feb[['Date', 'UT confirmed']] cases_count_UT_feb = cases_UT_feb['UT confirmed'] deaths_UT_feb = state_feb[['Date', 'UT deaths']] deaths_count_UT_feb = deaths_UT_feb['UT deaths'] cases_VA_mar = state_march[['Date', 'VA confirmed']]</pre>
	<pre>cases_count_VA_mar = cases_VA_mar['VA confirmed'] deaths_VA_mar = state_march[['Date', 'VA deaths']] deaths_count_VA_mar = deaths_VA_mar['VA deaths'] cases_UT_mar = state_march[['Date', 'UT confirmed']] cases_count_UT_mar = cases_UT_mar['UT confirmed'] deaths_UT_mar = state_march[['Date', 'UT deaths']] deaths_count_UT_mar = deaths_UT_mar['UT deaths'] def walds_one(feb, march): #Here we are using Poisson MLE.</pre>
	<pre>#Here we are using Poisson MLE. #The MLE for Poisson is simply the sample mean, so we just take the mean theta_hat = np.mean(feb) #We were told to use sample mean for theta_0 theta_0 = np.mean(march) #se = sqrt(theta_hat / n) se = np.sqrt(theta_hat / len(march)) #Compute Wald's statistic walds_statistic = (theta_hat - theta_0) / se #Critical threshold for alpha = 0.05 is 1.96 if np.abs(walds_statistic) > 1.96:</pre>
	<pre>print(" W = ", np.abs(walds_statistic), " > 1.96, therefore reject the Null Hypothesis") else: print(" W = ", np.abs(walds_statistic), " <= 1.96, therefore accept the Null Hypothesis") walds_one(deaths_count_UT_feb, deaths_count_UT_mar) walds_one(cases_count_UT_feb, cases_count_UT_mar) walds_one(cases_count_VA_feb, cases_count_VA_mar) walds_one(deaths_count_VA_feb, deaths_count_VA_mar) W = 31.172891168763257 > 1.96, therefore reject the Null Hypothesis W = 169.5916851488749 > 1.96, therefore reject the Null Hypothesis W = 386.3680317489496 > 1.96, therefore reject the Null Hypothesis</pre>
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	<pre>def z_one(original, feb, march): #Z test requires true standard deviation, so we need to find that sigma = np.std(original) x_bar = np.mean(feb) mu_0 = np.mean(march) sigma_over_sqrtn = sigma / np.sqrt(len(feb))</pre>
	<pre>z_statistic = (x_bar - mu_0) / sigma_over_sqrtn if np.abs(z_statistic) > 1.96: print(" Z = ", np.abs(z_statistic), "> 1.96 therefore reject the null hypothesis") else: print(" Z = ", np.abs(z_statistic), "<= 1.96 therefore accept the null hypothesis") z_one(state['VA confirmed'], cases_count_VA_feb, cases_count_VA_mar) z_one(state['VA deaths'], deaths_count_VA_feb, deaths_count_VA_mar) z_one(state['UT confirmed'], cases_count_UT_feb, cases_count_UT_mar) z_one(state['UT deaths'], deaths_count_UT_feb, deaths_count_UT_mar)</pre>
	Z = 1.371705720445352 <= 1.96 therefore accept the null hypothesis Z = 5.108579550253789 > 1.96 therefore reject the null hypothesis Z = 0.7020619767080907 <= 1.96 therefore accept the null hypothesis Z = 1.8576534274536443 <= 1.96 therefore accept the null hypothesis Z = 1.8576534274536443 <= 1.96 therefore accept the null hypothesis not the case of mean monthly cases for Utah, and the case of mean monthly deaths for Utah and Virginia, here sinze Z <= 1.96, when the null hypothesis. That means that it is indeed true that the means are the same in February and March for these. One exception to this is the mean monthly deaths in Virginia. Our Z value here was 5.11 which is greater than the critical threshold here we reject the null hypothesis and claim that the means are not the same. We believe that the Z test is not applicable here. One of the criteria for the Z test is knowing the true standard deviation. Howeve there in the news and social media all the time, it seems that the true standard deviation of COVID cases can never really be known.
֡֜֜֜֜֜֜֜֜֜֜֜֜֜֜֜֜֜֜֜֜֜֜֜֜֜֜֜֜֜֜֜֜֜֜֜֜	the news and social media all the time, it seems that the true standard deviation of COVID cases can never really be known because there is indeed a lot of asymptomatic cases which do not show up in the numbers, some false negatives, mistakes in test of thresholds, and finally people just simply refusing to get tested. These could all be contributing factors to now knowing the true transport deviation, so in this case, the Z test is not really applicable since it assumes we know the true standard deviation. Wald's 2 sample def walds_two(feb, march): x_bar = np.mean(feb) y_bar = np.mean(march) delta_hat = x_bar - y_bar
	<pre>#Since we're using Poisson MLE, variance will be sample mean se_hat = np.sqrt((x_bar / len(feb)) + (y_bar / len(march))) walds_statistic = delta_hat / se_hat if np.abs(walds_statistic) > 1.96: print(" W = ", np.abs(walds_statistic), " > 1.96, therefore reject the Null Hypothesis") else: print(" W = ", np.abs(walds_statistic), " <= 1.96, therefore accept the Null Hypothesis") walds_two(cases_count_UT_feb, cases_count_UT_mar) walds_two(deaths_count_UT_feb, deaths_count_UT_mar)</pre>
	<pre>walds_two(cases_count_VA_feb, cases_count_VA_mar) walds_two(deaths_count_VA_feb, deaths_count_VA_mar) W = 115.44969347830576 > 1.96, therefore reject the Null Hypothesis W = 20.83218579296163 > 1.96, therefore reject the Null Hypothesis W = 260.4310819769535 > 1.96, therefore reject the Null Hypothesis W = 114.81653434010379 > 1.96, therefore reject the Null Hypothesis Similarly to the one sample Wald's test, in all of these cases the Wald's statistic W was much greater than the threshold value of a sased off of this, we can say the following:</pre>
	for Virginia values, the mean number of cases AND the mean of daily deaths for Feb'21 is different from the corresponding mean values for March'21 for Utah values, the mean number of cases AND the mean of daily deaths for Feb'21 is different from the corresponding mean values for March'21 seems that in this case, the 2 sample Wald's test is NOT applicable for this. Wald's test assumes that the estimator theta_hat is a this case, the data is not AN. -test one sample def t_one(feb, march):
	<pre>def t_one(feb, march): x_bar = np.mean(feb) mu_0 = np.mean(march) ssd = np.std(feb) s_over_n = ssd / np.sqrt(len(feb)) t = (x_bar - mu_0) / s_over_n #Critical threshold 2.051831 found by table lookup if np.abs(t) > 2.051831: print(" t = ", np.abs(t), "> 2.051831 therefore reject the null hypothesis") else: print(" t = ", np.abs(t), "<= 2.051831 therefor accept the null hypothesis") t_one(cases_count_UT_feb, cases_count_UT_mar)</pre>
1	t_one(deaths_count_UT_feb, deaths_count_UT_mar) t_one(cases_count_VA_feb, cases_count_VA_mar) t_one(deaths_count_VA_feb, deaths_count_VA_mar) t = 13.711719528357026 > 2.051831 therefore reject the null hypothesis t = 17.85120765089191 > 2.051831 therefore reject the null hypothesis t = 13.113863589190032 > 2.051831 therefore reject the null hypothesis t = 26.739252053774308 > 2.051831 therefore reject the null hypothesis n all of these cases the t statistic T was greater than the threshold value of 2.051831. Based off of this, we can say the following:
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	<pre>def t_two_unpaired(feb, march): x_bar = np.mean(feb) y_bar = np.mean(march) d_bar = x_bar - y_bar sx = np.var(feb) / len(feb) sy = np.var(march) / len(march) sx_sy = np.sqrt(sx + sy) t = d_bar / sx_sy #Critical threshold found from table lookup if np.abs(t) > 2.002465: print(" t = ", np.abs(t), "> 2.002465 therefore reject the null hypothesis") else: print(" t = ", np.abs(t), "<= 2.002465 therefore reject the null hypothesis")</pre>
	t_two_unpaired(cases_count_UT_feb, cases_count_UT_mar) t_two_unpaired(deaths_count_UT_feb, deaths_count_UT_mar) t_two_unpaired(cases_count_VA_feb, cases_count_VA_mar) t_two_unpaired(deaths_count_VA_feb, deaths_count_VA_mar) t = 11.910784809405355 > 2.002465 therefore reject the null hypothesis t = 14.159815154650781 > 2.002465 therefore reject the null hypothesis t = 11.357687622323128 > 2.002465 therefore reject the null hypothesis t = 21.770162931599856 > 2.002465 therefore reject the null hypothesis
	In all of these cases the t statistic T was greater than the threshold value of 2.002465. Based off of this, we can say the following: For Virginia values, the mean number of cases AND the mean of daily deaths for Feb'21 is different from the corresponding mean values for March'21 For Utah values, the mean number of cases AND the mean of daily deaths for Feb'21 is different from the corresponding mean values for March'21 It seems that in this case, the 2 sample unpaired T test is NOT applicable for this test. T test assumes that the data samples for X are normally distributed, and we do not know that. C: KS and Permutation
1	<pre>import pandas as pd import numpy as np import matplotlib.pyplot as plt from bisect import bisect_left, bisect_right from scipy import stats import warnings from pandas.core.common import SettingWithCopyWarning warnings.simplefilter(action="ignore", category=SettingWithCopyWarning) def plot_ecdf(S, label):</pre>
	<pre>x = np.sort(S) y = np.arange(len(x))/float(len(x)) plt.step(x, y, label=label) return x, y def ks_2_sample(X, Y): x1, y1 = plot_ecdf(X, 'UT') x2, y2 = plot_ecdf(Y, 'VA') data_all = np.concatenate([x1, x2]) # using searchsorted solves equal data problem n1, n2 = len(x1), len(x2) idx1 = np.searchsorted(x1, data_all, side='right') idx2 = np.searchsorted(x2, data_all, side='right')</pre>
	<pre>idx2 = np.searchsorted(x2, data_all, side='right') cdf1 = idx1 / n1 cdf2 = idx2 / n2 cddiffs = cdf1 - cdf2 minS = np.clip(-np.min(cddiffs), 0, 1) maxS = np.max(cddiffs) if minS > maxS: val = minS idx = np.argmin(cddiffs) else: val = maxS idx = np.argmax(cddiffs) maxdiff_x = x1[idx1[idx]] plt.plot((maxdiff_x, maxdiff_x), (y1[idx1[idx]], y2[idx2[idx]]), 'b', label='Max Diff = {:.4f}'.fo plt.legend()</pre>
	<pre>plt.legend() plt.xlabel('Num Cases') plt.ylabel('eCDF') plt.show() def run_part_c(X, Y): print(stats.ks_2samp(X, Y)) ks_2_sample(X, Y) def main(): df = pd.read_csv('23.csv',header=0, names=['date','UT_conf','VA_conf', 'UT_death', 'VA_death']) start_idx = df[df['date'] == '2020-09-30'].index[0] end_idx = df[df['date'] == '2020-12-31'].index[0] + 1 filtered_df = df[start_idx:end_idx] filtered_df[['UT_conf','VA_conf', 'UT_death', 'VA_death']] = filtered_df[['UT_conf','VA_conf', 'UT_death', 'VA_death']]</pre>
	<pre>filtered_df[['UT_conf', 'VA_conf', 'UT_death', 'VA_death']] = filtered_df[['UT_conf', 'VA_conf', 'U filtered_df = filtered_df[1:] # for confirmed print("Confirmed:") X, Y = map(list, zip(*filtered_df[['UT_conf', 'VA_conf']].values)) run_part_c(X, Y) # for deaths print("Deaths:") X, Y = map(list, zip(*filtered_df[['UT_death', 'VA_death']].values)) run_part_c(X, Y) main()</pre>
	Confirmed: Ks_2sampResult(statistic=0.16304347826086957, pvalue=0.1736682169213413) 10 0.8 0.6 0.4 0.2 UT WA
	0.0 - VA Max Diff = 0.1630 0 2000 4000 6000 8000 10000 12000 14000 16000
T P	Num Cases Deaths: Ks_2sampResult(statistic=0.33695652173913043, pvalue=5.0189303748185584e-05) 10 0.8 0.6

import numpy as np import matplotlib.pyplot as plt import pandas from scipy.stats import binom from scipy.stats import geom from scipy.stats import poisson from scipy.stats import ksone from scipy.stats import kstest def plot_ecdf(S, label): x = np.sort(S)y = np.arange(len(x))/float(len(x))plt.legend() plt.step(x, y, label=label) return x, y df = pandas.read_csv('23.csv', header=0, names=['date', 'UT_conf', 'VA_conf', 'UT_death', 'VA_death']) df[['UT_conf','VA_conf', 'UT_death', 'VA_death']] = df[['UT_conf','VA_conf', 'UT_death', 'VA_death']].diff().fi # Filter October through December $ks_df = df[(df['date'] \ge '2020-10-01') & (df['date'] \le '2020-12-31')]$ # Split the data up by column into numpy lists UT_confirmed = np.array(ks_df['UT_conf'].tolist()) VA_confirmed = np.array(ks_df['VA_conf'].tolist()) UT_deaths = np.array(ks_df['UT_death'].tolist()) VA_deaths = np.array(ks_df['VA_death'].tolist()) for label, UT, VA in [('Confirmed', UT_confirmed, VA_confirmed), ('Deaths', UT_deaths, VA_deaths)]: print(label) # Sort the data for the CDFs UT = np.sort(UT) VA = np.sort(VA)x = np.linspace(min(VA), max(VA), num=1000)# Plot VA eCDF plt.figure(1 if label == 'Confirmed' else 4) plt.title(label) plot_ecdf(VA, 'VA eCDF') # Vectorize Poisson cdf. # MME estimate of lambda is the mean of the # UT data points poisson_cdf = lambda k: poisson.cdf(k, np.mean(UT)) poisson_cdf = np.vectorize(poisson_cdf) # Evaluate Poisson cdf at state VA data points $y = poisson_cdf(VA)$ diff1 = max(np.abs(y - np.arange(len(VA))/float(len(VA)))) diff2 = max(np.abs(y - (np.arange(len(VA)) + 1)/float(len(VA))))# Calculate D-statistic for KS test D = max(diff1, diff2)print('Poisson D statistic: ', D) print('P-value: ', 2 * ksone.sf(D, len(VA))) plt.plot(x, poisson_cdf(x), label='Poisson') # Vectorize Geometric cdf. # MME estimate of lambda is 1 / the mean of the # UT data points geom_cdf = lambda k: geom.cdf(k, 1.0 / np.mean(UT)) geom_cdf = np.vectorize(geom_cdf) $y = geom_cdf(VA)$ diff1 = max(np.abs(y - np.arange(len(VA)))/float(len(VA))))diff2 = max(np.abs(y - (np.arange(len(VA)) + 1)/float(len(VA))))# Calculate D-statistic for KS test D = max(diff1, diff2)print('Geometric D statistic: ', D) print('P-value: ', 2 * ksone.sf(D, len(VA))) plt.plot(x, geom_cdf(x), label='Geometric') # Calculate MME estimates of n and p p = 1 - (np.sum(UT - np.mean(UT)) ** 2) / np.sum(UT)n = round(np.mean(UT) / p)# Vectorize Binomial cdf. binom_cdf = lambda k: binom.cdf(k, n, p) binom_cdf = np.vectorize(binom_cdf) $y = binom_cdf(VA)$ diff1 = max(np.abs(y - np.arange(len(VA))/float(len(VA)))) diff2 = max(np.abs(y - (np.arange(len(VA)) + 1)/float(len(VA))))# Calculate D-statistic for KS test D = max(diff1, diff2)print('Binomial D statistic: ', D) print('P-value: ', 2 * ksone.sf(D, len(VA))) plt.plot(x, binom_cdf(x), label='Binomial') print() plt.legend() plt.show() No handles with labels found to put in legend. Confirmed Poisson D statistic: 0.569909148988736 P-value: 8.771987309017859e-29 Geometric D statistic: 0.2397119300394826 P-value: 3.887160419432116e-05 No handles with labels found to put in legend. Binomial D statistic: 0.5978260869565217 P-value: 6.04716768035127e-32 Deaths Poisson D statistic: 0.5437734002096557 P-value: 5.066266734407831e-26 Geometric D statistic: 0.3996676497550304 P-value: 8.964128524963551e-14 Binomial D statistic: 0.7173913043478262 P-value: 1.8193584181125665e-48 Confirmed 1.0 0.8 0.6 0.4 0.2 0.0 3000 4000 1000 2000 5000 6000 7000 Deaths 1.0 0.8 0.6 0.4 VA eCDF 0.2 Poisson Geometric Binomial 0.0 20 40 60 80 The null hypothesis is that the distributions are the same. For both confirmed cases and deaths, the Utah MME CDFs are quite different from the Virginia eCDF. This is unsurprising because the total population of Virginia is more than twice that of Utah. The p-values are extremely small, and with a significance level of 0.05, the null hypothesis is rejected for all six cases. Permutation Test In []: import warnings from pandas.core.common import SettingWithCopyWarning warnings.simplefilter(action="ignore", category=SettingWithCopyWarning) def run_permutation_test(X, Y, NUM_PERM): $X_{mean} = np.mean(X)$ $Y_{mean} = np.mean(Y)$ observed_diff = abs(X_mean - Y_mean) count = 0 $all_levels = X + Y$ for _ in range(NUM_PERM): np.random.shuffle(all_levels) g1 = all_levels[:len(X)] g2 = all_levels[len(X):] diff = abs(np.mean(g1) - np.mean(g2))if diff > observed_diff: count += 1 return observed_diff, count, NUM_PERM, count / NUM_PERM In []: def run_part_c(X, Y): observed_diff, count, num_perm, ratio = run_permutation_test(X, Y, 1000) print("Number of more extreme permutations: ", count) print("Total permutations: ", num_perm) print("Ratio: ", ratio) print() def main(): df = pd.read_csv('23.csv', header=0, names=['date', 'UT_conf', 'VA_conf', 'UT_death', 'VA_death']) $start_idx = df[df['date'] == '2020-09-30'].index[0]$ $end_idx = df[df['date'] == '2020-12-31'].index[0] + 1$ filtered_df = df[start_idx:end_idx] filtered_df[['UT_conf', 'VA_conf', 'UT_death', 'VA_death']] = filtered_df[['UT_conf', 'VA_conf', 'UT_death', filtered_df = filtered_df[1:] # print(filtered_df) # for confirmed print("Confirmed:") X, Y = map(list, zip(*filtered_df[['UT_conf', 'VA_conf']].values)) run_part_c(X, Y) # for deaths print("Deaths:") X, Y = map(list, zip(*filtered_df[['UT_death', 'VA_death']].values)) run_part_c(X, Y) main() Confirmed: Number of more extreme permutations: 930 Total permutations: 1000 Ratio: 0.93 Deaths: Number of more extreme permutations: 0 Total permutations: 1000 Ratio: 0.0 From above, we see that for confirmed cases, 0.93 of the permutations had differences in the mean above the original observed difference. Since this is greater than 0.05, we cannot reject the null hypothesis that the UT and VA confirmed cases follow the same distribution. For number of deaths, we see that *none* of the permuations has more extreme means and since 0 is below our threshold of 0.05, we can reject the null hypothesis and claim that the death distribution of UT and VA are not the same. **D**: MAP/Bayesian In []: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt from scipy.stats import gamma import math In []: # refrence: http://seor.vse.gmu.edu/~klaskey/SYST664/Bayes_Unit3.pdf start_date = '2020-06-01' df['total_deaths'] = df['UT_death'] + df['VA_death'] # deaths_per_day = df[df['date'] > start_date] deaths_per_day = df[df['date'] >= start_date]['total_deaths'] $x_range = math.ceil(max(deaths_per_day) /10)$ $x_{axis} = np.linspace(0, x_range, x_range*10)$ fig = plt.figure(figsize=(20,5)) fig.suptitle('Posterior Gamma distributions') sead = 28initial_sample = deaths_per_day[:sead] beta = np.mean(initial_sample) # calculating posterior gamma distribution for 4 iterations for i in range(1,5): # posterior params calculations lambda_posterior = 1.0/(i*step + 1.0/beta) a_posterior = np.sum(deaths_per_day[sead : sead + i*step]) + 1 beta = np.mean(deaths_per_day[sead:sead + i*step]) # y-axis calculations y_axis = gamma.pdf(x_axis, a=a_posterior, scale=lambda_posterior) # picking map as the x-cordinate with max probability $map = x_axis[np.argmax(y_axis)]$ avg_deaths = np.mean(deaths_per_day[sead : sead + i*step]) print("MAP for iteration {} is {}, average deaths {}".format(i, map, avg_deaths)) plt.plot(x_axis, y_axis, label='Week {}'.format(i+4)) plt.xlabel('Occurances') plt.ylabel('Probability') plt.legend() plt.show() MAP for iteration 1 is 19.349614395886892, average deaths 19.571428571428573 MAP for iteration 2 is 20.251928020565554, average deaths 20.285714285714285 MAP for iteration 3 is 17.645244215938305, average deaths 17.666666666666668 MAP for iteration 4 is 16.34190231362468, average deaths 16.357142857142858 Posterior Gamma distributions 0.5 Week 6 Week 7 0.4 Probability 0.2 0.1 0.0 As we see in the plot above, as we increase in iterations, the plots move to the left since the number of deaths are decreasing over time in this data range. Part 3: Exploratory Task In this exploratory section, we are working with USDA dairy datasets. We are using one main USDA dairy dataset, and then an accompanying dataset that goes into detail about the pricing of the items mentioned in the dairy dataset. **Exploratory 1:** The baking craze and COVID cases in USA During COVID-19, a lot of Americans took up baking as a hobby. Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter were all flooded with pictures of baked bread, croissants, cookies, and cakes. This led to the "Quarantine 15" meme where people claimed they gained 15 lbs from the excess of lockdown cooking and carbs. We are wondering whether the United States surge in COVID-19 had any affect on the sale of dairy products during this time, especially since so many people took up baking as a hobby. We are using the USDA Dairy Glance dataset, which includes various dairy product statistics from January 2020 to March 2021. Our first hypothesis is as follows: Did the surge in COVID-19 cases lead to an increase in butter output? Dairy products are a staple for many baked goods, so we hypothesize that this baking craze could have led to an increase in butter output from farmers. Here, we apply Pearson's correlation to see if monthly milk and butter output are correlated with monthly cumulative US covid cases Ho: Butter output from January to June and cumulative monthly USA covid cases from January to June are not correlated H1: Butter output from January to June and cumulative monthly USA covid cases from January to June are correlated In []: import pandas as pd import numpy as np import warnings from pandas.core.common import SettingWithCopyWarning warnings.simplefilter(action="ignore", category=SettingWithCopyWarning) butter = pd.read_csv('butter.csv') file = 'https://raw.githubusercontent.com/michaelofsbu/CSE-544-Datasets/main/US-all/US_confirmed.csv' us = pd.read_csv(file) us = us.T.drop("State") us.index = pd.to_datetime(us.index) us['cumulative'] = us.sum(axis=1) us['cumulative'] = us['cumulative'].diff() us['cumulative'][0] = 8 us = us[["cumulative"]] us = us[(us.index >= '2020-01-22') & (us.index <= '2020-12-31')]us = us.groupby(us.index.month).sum() us[(us.index == 1)]us = us[(us.index == 1) | (us.index == 2) | (us.index == 3) | (us.index == 4) | (us.index == 5) | (us.index == 5) | (us.index == 6) | (ubutter = butter.iloc[0:6] butter_xbar = butter['Butter Output'].mean() cases_ybar = us['cumulative'].mean() butter_output = np.array(butter['Butter Output']) cases_cumulative = np.array(us['cumulative']) numerator = 0 $x_sum_denominator = 0$ $y_sum_denominator = 0$ for i in range(len(butter_output)): x = butter_output[i] - butter_xbar y = cases_cumulative[i] - cases_ybar numerator += x * y $x_sum_denominator += x**2$ y_sum_denominator += y**2 print(abs(numerator / np.sqrt(x_sum_denominator * y_sum_denominator))) 0.2010300471679496Based off of the Pearson correlation score, since the value is 0.201 and |0.201| is < 0.5, we accept the null hypothesis that butter output from January to June and Cumulative USA covid cases from January to June are **not** correlated. This test is practical for dairy producers or dairy companies to see if there are any correlations with their product and certain events taking place. With this information, producers could fine tune their output or production levels based off of events in the world or market, and then output appropriately. A great example of this is in the very beginning of the COVID pandemic in America. Around March and April, there were news stories and videos of dairy farmers dumping hundreds of gallons of milk because they produced too much. If these dairy farmers knew that COVID cases were not correlated with dairy output, then perhaps they could have saved thousands of gallons of milk and not overproduced. One of the shortcomings of this test is the short time frame and lack of larger samples. Since we were only interested in January to June, which corresponds to months that have low COVID cases, COVID peaks, and then a decline in cases, our test is quite limited in this aspect. However, we think it is still an interesting idea. Sadly the USDA did not have weekly dairy data output that we know of because if it did we could have fine tuned our test more and gotten more samples. **Exploratory 2:** Gym bros, quarantine, and protein shakes! With COVID lockdowns came a lack of gyms and the infamous "at home workouts", which a lot of people seem to have grown absolutely sick of. What goes hand in hand with gyms being open? Whey protein shakes. Every "gym bro" goes around with their protein shakes after a workout, and during COVID, we think not that many people bought protein due to the lack of gyms. Thankfully for us, the USDA has data on dry whey protein prices. We are curious if the prices of whey protein follow the same distribution as monthly cumulative COVID cases. This is very interesting because we hypothesize that they could be similarly distributed. In other words, when COVID cases were higher, such as in March/April 2020 or in the winter surge of 2020, states either fully shut down gyms or had severe capacity restrictions, so perhaps whey protein prices followed a similar trend, where prices either decreased due to lower demand, or increased due to higher demand. Our hypothesis is as follows: H0: The distribution of monthly dry whey protein prices from January-December 2020 is the same as the distribution of monthly COVID 19 cases from January-December 2020 H1: The distribution of monthly dry whey protein prices from January-December 2020 is **not** the same as the distribution of monthly COVID 19 cases from January-December 2020 (Note: this data was in pdf format, so we had to manually enter the values) In []: import pandas as pd import numpy as np import warnings from pandas.core.common import SettingWithCopyWarning warnings.simplefilter(action="ignore", category=SettingWithCopyWarning) file = 'https://raw.githubusercontent.com/michaelofsbu/CSE-544-Datasets/main/US-all/US_confirmed.csv' us = pd.read_csv(file) us = us.T.drop("State") us.index = pd.to_datetime(us.index) us['cumulative'] = us.sum(axis=1) us['cumulative'] = us['cumulative'].diff() us['cumulative'][0] = 8 us = us[["cumulative"]] us = us[(us.index >= '2020-01-22') & (us.index <= '2020-12-31')]us = us.groupby(us.index.month).sum() us = us[(us.index == 1) | (us.index == 2) | (us.index == 3) | (us.index == 4) | (us.index == 5) | (us.index == 6) | (uwhey_prices = pd.read_csv('drywhey.csv') whey_prices.index = np.arange(1, len(whey_prices) + 1) whey_prices = whey_prices.drop("Month", axis=1) from sklearn.preprocessing import MinMaxScaler scaler = MinMaxScaler() whey_price = np.sort(np.array(whey_prices['Price'])) us_cases = np.sort(np.array(us['cumulative'])) # Use a MinMax scaler to scale data. Since the cases numbers are so high compared to the protein prices, we mus w_normalized = scaler.fit_transform(whey_price.reshape(-1,1)).reshape(1,-1).flatten() us_normalized = scaler.fit_transform(us_cases.reshape(-1,1)).reshape(1,-1).flatten() def plot_ecdf(S, label): x = np.sort(S)y = np.arange(len(x))/float(len(x))plt.step(x, y, label=label) return x, y def ks_2_sample(X, Y): x1, y1 = plot_ecdf(X, 'Whey Protein Prices') x2, y2 = plot_ecdf(Y, 'US Monthly Cases') $data_all = np.concatenate([x1, x2])$ # using searchsorted solves equal data problem n1, n2 = len(x1), len(x2)idx1 = np.searchsorted(x1, data_all, side='right') idx2 = np.searchsorted(x2, data_all, side='right') cdf1 = idx1 / n1cdf2 = idx2 / n2cddiffs = cdf1 - cdf2minS = np.clip(-np.min(cddiffs), 0, 1) maxS = np.max(cddiffs)if minS > maxS: val = minS idx = np.argmin(cddiffs) else: val = maxS idx = np.argmax(cddiffs) $maxdiff_x = x1[idx1[idx]]$ $plt.plot((maxdiff_x), (y1[idx1[idx]], y2[idx2[idx]]), \ 'b--', \ label='Max \ Diff = \{:.4f\}'.format(val)\}$ plt.legend() plt.xlabel('Num Cases') plt.ylabel('eCDF') plt.show() In []: ks_2_sample(w_normalized, us_normalized) 0.8 0.4 0.2 Whey Protein Prices US Monthly Cases Max Diff = 0.4167 0.0 0.2 0.0 0.4 0.6 0.8 1.0 Num Cases Based off of the KS test, we can see that the maximum difference between the eCDFs of whey protein prices and scaled US cumulative cases is 0.4167. Therefore, since 0.4167 > .2604 (used table lookup for KS with n = m + n = 24), we reject the null hypothesis that monthly whey protein prices and monthly cumulative COVID 19 cases are distributed the same. Since the KS test has no assumptions, it is practical and useful for this dataset because we have no idea how these prices are distributed. We think that this inference is practical because it shows us whether COVID 19 has had an effect on protein prices, and if the affect fluctuates periodically based on COVID cases. In our case, it turns out that they were not distributed the same way, so monthly COVID-19 cases did not have an affect on protein prices, to our disappointment. However, perhaps a protein company such as Optimum Nutrition or MyProtein could use a test like this to see what really is distributed the same as the protein prices. For example, a company could go into deeper granularity and see that California protein prices could be low since they have the strictest COVID restrictions, and see if that follows the same distribution as COVID cases. If the prices do indeed follow the same distribution, then they could tune output and production for each state based on the state level data. Unrelated to this, but also a cool future idea would be using a KS test to see if the distribution of post COVID gym membership numbers and protein prices follow the same distribution. **Exploratory 3:** Wisconsin cheese in relation to COVID With the rollout of COVID vaccines, dry ice has been in demand for the preservation of these vaccines. However, dry ice is also crucial for the production and delivery of dairy products, and Wisconsin cheese farmers have requested to safeguard supplies of dry ice for this reason. This is one of many factors that could have influenced the price of cheese in Wisconsin during the past year of the pandemic. With more people staying at home and less willing to explore the markets, cheese could be an appealing product that can last a long time in one's kitchen. We wanted to explore if there was a relation between cheese prices in Wisconsin compared to COVID cases in Wisconsin. To do so, we use data from the USDA on prices of multiple variety of cheeses. Here, we apply Pearson's correlation and 2-sample KS test to see if monthly cheese prices are correlated with monthly cumulative Wisconsin covid cases. H0: The distribution of various cheese prices from January-December 2020 is the same as the distribution of monthly Wisconsin COVID 19 cases from January-December 2020 H1: The distribution of various cheese prices from January-December 2020 is **not** the same as the distribution of monthly Wisconsin COVID 19 cases from January-December 2020 In []: import pandas as pd import matplotlib.pyplot as plt import numpy as np from sklearn.preprocessing import MinMaxScaler from scipy import stats In []: def plot_ecdf(S, label): x = np.sort(S)y = np.arange(len(x))/float(len(x))plt.step(x, y, label=label) return x, y def ks_2_sample(X, Y): # f = plt.figure(i) x1, y1 = plot_ecdf(X, 'Cheese Prices') x2, y2 = plot_ecdf(Y, 'WI Monthly Cases') $data_all = np.concatenate([x1, x2])$ # using searchsorted solves equal data problem n1, n2 = len(x1), len(x2)idx1 = np.searchsorted(x1, data_all, side='right') idx2 = np.searchsorted(x2, data_all, side='right') cdf1 = idx1 / n1cdf2 = idx2 / n2cddiffs = cdf1 - cdf2minS = np.clip(-np.min(cddiffs), 0, 1) maxS = np.max(cddiffs)if minS > maxS: val = minS idx = np.argmin(cddiffs) val = maxS idx = np.argmax(cddiffs) $maxdiff_x = x1[idx1[idx]]$ $plt.plot((maxdiff_x, maxdiff_x), (y1[idx1[idx]], y2[idx2[idx]]), \ 'b--', \ label='Max \ Diff = \{:.4f\}'.format(val)\}$ plt.legend() plt.xlabel('Num Cases') plt.ylabel('eCDF') plt.show() df = pd.read_csv('US_confirmed.csv') $wi_data = df.loc[48][1:].diff().fillna(0)$ $wi_data = wi_data[(wi_data.index >= '2020-01-22') & (wi_data.index <= '2020-12-31')]$ wi_data = wi_data.drop(['2020-09-15', '2020-10-17', '2020-10-18', '2020-11-23', '2020-12-27']) # 2020-09-15 0 0 # 2020-10-17 0 # 2020-10-18 -4742 # 2020-11-23 # 2020-12-27 -18439 wi_data.index = pd.to_datetime(wi_data.index, format='%Y-%m-%d') wi_months_data = wi_data.groupby(wi_data.index.month).sum() # print(wi_months_data) wi_cheese_data = pd.read_csv('Wisconsin_Cheese_Prices.csv') # print(wi_cheese_data) cheese_names = list(wi_cheese_data['WISCONSIN']) def test_correlation(idx): cheese_price = np.array(wi_cheese_data.loc[idx][1:-1]) # print(cheese_price) print(stats.pearsonr(cheese_price, wi_months_data)[0]) for i in range(7): print(cheese_names[i]) test_correlation(i) print() def test_cheese(idx): scaler = MinMaxScaler() wi_cases = np.sort(np.array(wi_months_data)) wi_normalized = scaler.fit_transform(wi_cases.reshape(-1,1)).reshape(1,-1).flatten() cheese_price = np.sort(np.array(wi_cheese_data.loc[idx][1:-1])) cheese_normalized = scaler.fit_transform(cheese_price.reshape(-1,1)).reshape(1,-1).flatten() # print(cheese_normalized) ks_2_sample(cheese_normalized, wi_normalized) for i in range(7): print(cheese_names[i]) test_cheese(i) print() PROCESS AMERICAN 5 POUND LOAF 0.26920390276953043 BRICK AND/OR MUENSTER 5 POUNDS 0.30282344836664515 CHEDDAR 40 POUND BLOCK 0.3028234483666451 MONTEREY JACK 10 POUNDS 0.302823448366645 BLUE 5 POUNDS 0.30282344836664504 MOZZARELLA 5-6 POUNDS 0.30282344836664526 SWISS 6-9 POUND CUTS 0.4277729127467491 PROCESS AMERICAN 5 POUND LOAF 0.8 0.6 0.4 Cheese Prices WI Monthly Cases Max Diff = 0.58330.0 Num Cases BRICK AND/OR MUENSTER 5 POUNDS 0.8 0.6 0.2 Cheese Prices WI Monthly Cases Max Diff = 0.58330.0 0.0 0.2 0.6 0.8 1.0 Num Cases CHEDDAR 40 POUND BLOCK 0.8 0.6 0.4 0.2 Cheese Prices WI Monthly Cases Max Diff = 0.58330.0 0.4 0.0 0.2 0.6 0.8 1.0 Num Cases MONTEREY JACK 10 POUNDS 0.8 0.6 0.4 0.2 Cheese Prices WI Monthly Cases Max Diff = 0.58330.0 0.0 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 1.0 Num Cases BLUE 5 POUNDS 0.8 0.6 0.4 0.2 Cheese Prices WI Monthly Cases Max Diff = 0.5833 MOZZARELLA 5-6 POUNDS 0.8 0.6 å 0.2 Cheese Prices WI Monthly Cases Max Diff = 0.58330.0 0.0 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 1.0 Num Cases SWISS 6-9 POUND CUTS 0.8 0.6 0.2 Cheese Prices WI Monthly Cases Max Diff = 0.58330.0 0.0 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 1.0 Num Cases We find that across all the cheeses, the correlation ranged from 0.27 to 0.43. Since all of these values fall below 0.5, we claim that cheese prices are not correlated with COVID confirmed cases in Wisconsin. Additionally, all of the KS differences were 0.5833 > 0.2604 (found by lookup table). Thus, we reject the null and claim that the distibution of various cheese prices from January-December 2020 is not the same as the distribution of monthly Wisconsin COVID 19 cases from January-December 2020. We feel that this is due to numerous factors as there are arguments for both the increase and decrease of cheese prices when compared to COVID cases. In one sense, there should be a decrease of cheese prices due to overall lower consumer demand since people are not going out as much. However, cheese can be a product that can be stored for long periods of time, and will always have demand in certain industries that remained active during COVID times (ex. food takeout/delivery such as pizza). It is difficult to balance all of these factors and thus, this can contribute to a lack of correlation between cheese prices and COVID cases.