ASSIGNMENT 2

STATISTICS

1. What is the difference between Descriptive statistics and inferential statistics?

Descriptive statistics describes data according to its characteristics such as

- Measure of central tendency
- Measures of dispersion
- Skewness
- Kurtosis

Inferential statistics allows you to make predictions ("inferences") from that data.using test such as

- T-test
- Chi-square test
- Normal test
- F-test and soon
- 2. What is the difference between population and sample in inferential statistics

A population is the entire group that you want to draw conclusions about. A sample is the specific group that you will collect data from.

- 3. Most common characteristics used in descriptive statistics
 - Measure of central tendency- mean, median, mode
 - Measures of dispersion- mean deviation, standard deviation, variance
 - Skewness
 - Kurtosis
- 4. How to calculate range and inter quartile range

Range is the difference between maximum and minimum value in the data set

Range = max - min

The interquartile range formula is the first quartile subtracted from the third quartile:

Inter quartile range = $Q_3 - Q_1$.

5. How is statistical significance of an inference assessed

Statistical significance can be accessed using hypothesis testing:

- Stating a null hypothesis which is usually the opposite of what we wish to test (classifiers A and B perform equivalently, Treatment A is equal of treatment B)
- Then, we choose a suitable statistical test and statistics used to reject the null hypothesis
- Also, we choose a critical region for the statistics to lie in that is extreme enough for the null hypothesis to be rejected (p-value)
- We calculate the observed test statistics from the data and check whether it lies in the critical region

Common tests:

- One sample Z test
- Two-sample Z test
- One sample t-test
- paired t-test
- Two sample pooled equal variances t-test
- Two sample unpooled unequal variances t-test and unequal sample sizes (Welch's t-test)
- Chi-squared test for variances
- Chi-squared test for goodness of fit
- Anova (for instance: are the two regression models equals? F-test)
- Regression F-test (i.e. is at least one of the predictor useful in predicting the response?)