final project

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$1 \quad Econ \ 143$ - $Advanced \ Econometrics \ Final \ Project$

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Introduction and Initial Survey Data

My final project is a fun, Berkeley-related showcase of contingent valuation of students' willingness-to-pay for a campus-wide ski lift. I remember back to three years ago, when reading about Berkeley upon my acceptance, I came across some students' proposal for something called BearLift. Here is the link to the comment under Carol Christ's Reddit Ask-Me-Anything from three years ago: https://www.reddit.com/r/berkeley/comments/9mhs3p/i_am_carol_christ_chancellor_of_uc_berkeley_ask/e7

When we began covering nonparametric analysis in class, I knew that I can put two and two together and apply this nonparametric technique to a very playful topic. So, I first developed a survey through Google Forms and collected 57 responses from fellow Berkeley students (https://forms.gle/jSU8tq5m7x37S58X6). The form has far greater detail about the pros and cons of a potential ski lift. I randomly assigned students to different initial prices (\$100, \$200, \$300, \$400, \$500), then would direct them to the respective following price points (half or double) depending on their answer.

```
[]: import pandas as pd import numpy as np import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
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[]: survey = pd.read_csv("Econ143_Ski_Slope_CV_Responses _Form_Responses.csv") survey.tail()
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[]:
                          Email Address
                                                Timestamp
                    rdison@berkeley.edu
                                           5/12/2022 9:53
     53
                 jholobetz@berkeley.edu 5/12/2022 10:18
     54
            gabrielcharoes@berkeley.edu
     55
                                         5/12/2022 11:16
         michele.strazza.2000@gmail.com
     56
                                          5/12/2022 12:11
     57
                1022charlotte@gmail.com
                                         5/12/2022 13:17
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Per the nature of this experiment, these 5 symbols have been sorted into a random order. Please pick just the top answer. $\$

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   Are you willing to pay $100 in annual student fees for BearLift? \
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   You said no to $100 in annual student fees for Bear Lift. Are you willing to
pay $50 in annual student fees for BearLift? \
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   You said yes to $100 in annual student fees for Bear Lift. Are you willing to
pay $200 in annual student fees for BearLift? \
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   Are you willing to pay $200 in annual student fees for BearLift? \
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   You said no to $200 in annual student fees for Bear Lift. Are you willing to
pay $100 in annual student fees for BearLift? \
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   You said yes to $200 in annual student fees for Bear Lift. Are you willing to
pay $400 in annual student fees for BearLift? \
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Are you willing to pay \$300 in annual student 53 54 55 56 57	fees for BearLift? \ NaN NaN NaN NaN NaN NaN
You said no to \$300 in annual student fees for pay \$150 in annual student fees for BearLift? \ 53 54 55 56 57	Bear Lift. Are you willing to NaN NaN NaN NaN NaN NaN
You said yes to \$300 in annual student fees for pay \$600 in annual student fees for BearLift? \ 53 54 55 56 57	r Bear Lift. Are you willing to NaN NaN NaN NaN NaN NaN
Are you willing to pay \$400 in annual student 53 54 55 56 57	fees for BearLift? \ No NaN NaN Yes Yes
You said no to \$400 in annual student fees for pay \$200 in annual student fees for BearLift? \ 53 54 55 56 57	Yes NaN NaN NaN NaN
You said yes to \$400 in annual student fees for pay \$800 in annual student fees for BearLift? \ 53 54 55 56 57	r Bear Lift. Are you willing to NaN NaN NaN No Yes

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Are you willing to pay $500 in annual student fees for BearLift? \

NaN

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No

No

No

No

NaN

You said no to $500 in annual student fees for Bear Lift. Are you willing to
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You said yes to \$500 in annual student fees for Bear Lift. Are you willing to pay \$1000 in annual student fees for BearLift?

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56	NaN
57	NaN

Survey DataFrame Cleaning

Although we have collected our survey data with Google Forms, we still have a ways to go before we can derive students' willingness-to-pay for this ski slope. We still have to reformat this data in such a way that we can continue with our contingent valuation.

```
[]: survey_drop_unnecessary_cols = survey.drop(survey.columns[:3], axis=1) # Drop_oemails, time-stamps, and randomizer
survey_fill_nan_and_replace_yes_no = survey_drop_unnecessary_cols.
oreplace("Yes", 1).replace("No", 2).fillna(0) # Replace Yes with 1 and No_oewith 2, fill na w/ 0
survey_cleaned = survey_fill_nan_and_replace_yes_no.iloc[1:].astype(int) #_oemove the 1st row (it errors) and set everything from float to int survey_cleaned.head()
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You said no to \$100 in annual student fees for Bear Lift. Are you willing to pay \$50 in annual student fees for BearLift? $\$

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   You said yes to $100 in annual student fees for Bear Lift. Are you willing to
pay $200 in annual student fees for BearLift? \
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5
   Are you willing to pay $200 in annual student fees for BearLift? \
1
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   You said no to $200 in annual student fees for Bear Lift. Are you willing to
pay $100 in annual student fees for BearLift? \
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   You said yes to $200 in annual student fees for Bear Lift. Are you willing to
pay $400 in annual student fees for BearLift? \
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   Are you willing to pay $300 in annual student fees for BearLift? \
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   You said no to $300 in annual student fees for Bear Lift. Are you willing to
pay $150 in annual student fees for BearLift? \
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2	0
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4	0
5	0
	You said yes to \$300 in annual student fees for Bear Lift. Are you willing to 600 in annual student fees for BearLift? $\$
1	2
2	0
3	0
4	0
5	0
I	Are you willing to pay \$400 in annual student fees for BearLift? \
1	0
2	0
3	0
4	0
5	0
pay	You said no to \$400 in annual student fees for Bear Lift. Are you willing to \$200 in annual student fees for BearLift? \
1	0
2	0
3	0
4	0
5	0
	You said yes to $$400$ in annual student fees for Bear Lift. Are you willing to $$800$ in annual student fees for BearLift? \
1	0
2	0
3	0
4	0
5	0
I	Are you willing to pay \$500 in annual student fees for BearLift? \
1	0
2	1
3	0
4	0
5	2
	You said no to \$500 in annual student fees for Bear Lift. Are you willing to
pay	\$250 in annual student fees for BearLift? \
1	0
2	0

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     5
        You said yes to $500 in annual student fees for Bear Lift. Are you willing to
    pay $1000 in annual student fees for BearLift?
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     1
    2
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[]: def build cv(respondent):
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         Will take a respondent's answer to the survey and reformat their answer,
         by marking the answers and prices they chose for both parts of the survey
         cv = np.empty(4)
         for price_index_pair in [[100, 0],[200,3],[300,6], [400,9],[500,12]]: #__
      identifies the 5 prices and their corresponding col index in surveys_cleaned.
      ⇔csv
             price = price_index_pair[0] # initial price
             index = price_index_pair[1] # col index for initial price
             if respondent[index] != 0: # signifies this is the initial price the
      ⇔respondent was given
                 cv[0] = respondent[index] # 1st response: 1 (yes) or 2 (no)
                 cv[1] = price
                 if respondent[index] == 2: # if response is no, go to_{\sqcup}
      →price-corresponding "no" col
                     cv[2] = respondent[index + 1] # 2nd response: 1 (yes) or 2 (no)
                     cv[3] = price / 2 # half price
                 else:
                     cv[2] = respondent[index + 2] # if response is yes, go tou
      ⇔price-corresponding "yes" col
                     cv[3] = price * 2 # double price
         return cv.astype(int) # set from float to int
[]: cv_data = survey_cleaned.apply(build_cv, axis=1) # apply build_cv to every row/
      →respondent in the survey
     cv_data = np.array([np.array(xi) for xi in cv_data]) # reformat cv_data as a np.
     cv = pd.DataFrame(cv_data, columns=['Yes1DK','PT1','Yes2DK','PT2']) # turn into_
      \hookrightarrow a DF
     cv.head()
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[]:
       Yes1DK PT1 Yes2DK
                            PT2
            1 300
                            600
    0
                        2
    1
            1 500
                         1 1000
    2
            1 200
                         2
                            400
    3
            1 100
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                            200
            2 500
                            250
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[]: cv["LB"] = -9
     cv["UB"] = -9
     # LOWER BOUND construction
     # yes-yes responders
     cv.loc[(cv["Yes1DK"]==1) & (cv["Yes2DK"]==1), "LB"] = cv["PT2"]
     # yes-no responders
     cv.loc[(cv["Yes1DK"]==1) & (cv["Yes2DK"]==2), "LB"] = cv["PT1"]
     # no-yes responders
     cv.loc[(cv["Yes1DK"]==2) & (cv["Yes2DK"]==1), "LB"] = cv["PT2"]
     # no-no responders
     cv.loc[(cv["Yes1DK"]==2) & (cv["Yes2DK"]==2), "LB"] = 0
     # UPPER BOUND construction
     # yes-yes responders
     cv.loc[(cv["Yes1DK"]==1) & (cv["Yes2DK"]==1), "UB"] = np.inf
     # yes-no responders
     cv.loc[(cv["Yes1DK"]==1) & (cv["Yes2DK"]==2), "UB"] = cv["PT2"]
     # no-yes responders
     cv.loc[(cv["Yes1DK"]==2) & (cv["Yes2DK"]==1), "UB"] = cv["PT1"]
     # no-no responders
     cv.loc[(cv["Yes1DK"]==2) & (cv["Yes2DK"]==2), "UB"] = cv["PT2"]
```

Below are 10 of the lower and upper bounds for students' willingness-to-pay for the ski slope based on our double-bounded dichtomous choice process

```
[]: cv[["LB","UB"]][0:10]
[]:
          LB
                  UB
         300
               600.0
       1000
     1
                 inf
               400.0
     2
         200
     3
         200
                 inf
           0
               250.0
```

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5 500 1000.0
6 0 200.0
7 200 inf
8 0 50.0
9 0 150.0
```

Now armed with the pairs of lower and upper bounds, we can build our matrix of dummy variables that indicate what prices respondents are willing to pay.

```
[]: cv["D1"] = ((cv["LB"] <= 0))
                                   & (cv["UB"]>=50)
                                                          )*1
     cv["D2"] = ((cv["LB"] <= 50) & (cv["UB"] >= 100)
                                                          )*1
     cv["D3"] = ((cv["LB"] <= 100) & (cv["UB"] >= 150)
                                                         )*1
     cv["D4"] = ((cv["LB"] <= 150) & (cv["UB"] >= 200)
                                                         )*1
     cv["D5"] = ((cv["LB"] \le 200) & (cv["UB"] > 250)
                                                         )*1
     cv["D6"] = ((cv["LB"] <= 250) & (cv["UB"] >= 300)
                                                         )*1
     cv["D7"] = ((cv["LB"] <= 300) & (cv["UB"] >= 400)
                                                         )*1
     cv["D8"] = ((cv["LB"] <= 400) & (cv["UB"] >= 500)
                                                         )*1
     cv["D9"] = ((cv["LB"] <= 500) & (cv["UB"] >= 600)
                                                      )*1
     cv["D10"] = ((cv["LB"] <= 600) & (cv["UB"] >= 800) )*1
     cv["D11"] = ((cv["LB"]<=800) & (cv["UB"]>=1000) )*1
     cv["D12"] = ((cv["LB"] <= 1000) & (cv["UB"] >= np.inf))*1
     cv[["D1","D2","D3","D4","D5","D6","D7","D8","D9","D10","D11","D12"]][0:10]
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[]:
          D1
               D2
                     D3
                          D4
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The entire objective of this process is to find some measure of central tendency regarding students' willingness-to-pay for the ski lift. We can achieve this by working our way towards a satisfactory cumulative distribution function and finding the interval at the 50th percentile.

```
[]: def E_Step(F, D):
    """
    F: (F(b1),F(b2),...,F(bL)) willingness-to-pay CDF values, numpy (L-1,)
    □ array
    D: N x L matrix of indicators for WTP
    """
    L = len(F) + 1  # number of disjoint intervals
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```
F_star = list(F)
                             # add O and 1 to list of CDF values
   F_star.insert(0,0)
   F_star.append(1)
   F_dif = []
                              # compute probability assigned to each of the l=1,.
\hookrightarrow.,L WTP intervals
                               # given current value of F
   for l in range(L):
       F_dif.append(F_star[l+1] - F_star[l])
   delta_0 = D * F_dif
                                  # N x L matrix with numerator values for
\rightarrow delta_il, i = 1, ..., N, l = 1, ..., L
   delta_1 = D @ F_dif
                                  # N - vector with denominator values for
\rightarrow delta_il, i = 1, ..., N
   delta = delta_0.T / delta_1 # L x N matrix with posterior probability that_
\hookrightarrow each of the i = 1, ..., N,
                                   # units is in the l = 1, ..., L bins given the
\hookrightarrow data and current value of F
   return delta.T
```

The next block of code uses Turnbull's method to compute "self-consistent" estimates of $F = (F(b_1), F(b_2), \dots, F(b_{L-1}))'$.

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Iteration = 1, 2-norm of change in F = 0.719990
Iteration = 2, 2-norm of change in F = 0.052285
Iteration = 3, 2-norm of change in F = 0.019912
Iteration = 4, 2-norm of change in F = 0.012506
Iteration = 5, 2-norm of change in F = 0.009025
Iteration = 6, 2-norm of change in F = 0.007418
Iteration = 7, 2-norm of change in F = 0.006689
Iteration = 8, 2-norm of change in F = 0.006321
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Iteration = 10, 2-norm of change in F = 0.005855
Iteration = 11, 2-norm of change in F = 0.005635
Iteration = 12, 2-norm of change in F = 0.005406
Iteration = 13, 2-norm of change in F = 0.005172
Iteration = 14, 2-norm of change in F = 0.004936
Iteration = 15, 2-norm of change in F = 0.004702
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Iteration = 18, 2-norm of change in F = 0.004035
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Iteration = 20, 2-norm of change in F = 0.003633
Iteration = 21, 2-norm of change in F = 0.003447
Iteration = 22, 2-norm of change in F = 0.003270
Iteration = 23, 2-norm of change in F = 0.003103
Iteration = 24, 2-norm of change in F = 0.002946
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Iteration = 25, 2-norm of change in F = 0.002797
Iteration = 26, 2-norm of change in F = 0.002657
Iteration = 27, 2-norm of change in F = 0.002525
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Iteration = 29, 2-norm of change in F = 0.002285
Iteration = 30, 2-norm of change in F = 0.002175
Iteration = 31, 2-norm of change in F = 0.002072
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Iteration = 39, 2-norm of change in F = 0.001437
Iteration = 40, 2-norm of change in F = 0.001376
Iteration = 41, 2-norm of change in F = 0.001319
Iteration = 42, 2-norm of change in F = 0.001265
Iteration = 43, 2-norm of change in F = 0.001213
Iteration = 44, 2-norm of change in F = 0.001165
Iteration = 45, 2-norm of change in F = 0.001119
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Iteration = 48, 2-norm of change in F = 0.000995
Iteration = 49, 2-norm of change in F = 0.000957
Iteration = 50, 2-norm of change in F = 0.000922
Iteration = 51, 2-norm of change in F = 0.000888
Iteration = 52, 2-norm of change in F = 0.000856
Iteration = 53, 2-norm of change in F = 0.000825
Iteration = 54, 2-norm of change in F = 0.000796
Iteration = 55, 2-norm of change in F = 0.000768
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Iteration = 57, 2-norm of change in F = 0.000716
Iteration = 58, 2-norm of change in F = 0.000692
Iteration = 59, 2-norm of change in F = 0.000669
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Iteration = 61, 2-norm of change in F = 0.000625
Iteration = 62, 2-norm of change in F = 0.000605
Iteration = 63, 2-norm of change in F = 0.000585
Iteration = 64, 2-norm of change in F = 0.000567
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Iteration = 66, 2-norm of change in F = 0.000532
Iteration = 67, 2-norm of change in F = 0.000515
Iteration = 68, 2-norm of change in F = 0.000500
Iteration = 69, 2-norm of change in F = 0.000485
Iteration = 70, 2-norm of change in F = 0.000470
Iteration = 71, 2-norm of change in F = 0.000456
Iteration = 72, 2-norm of change in F = 0.000443
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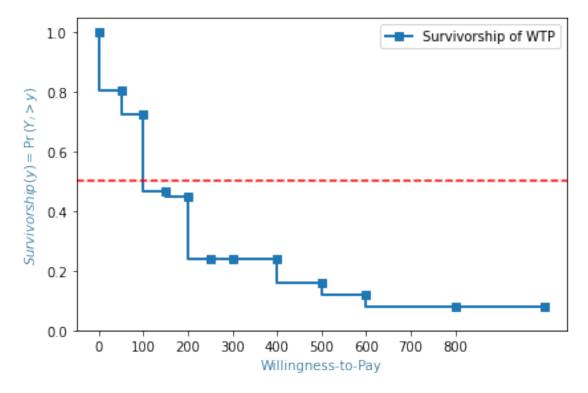
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Iteration = 73, 2-norm of change in F = 0.000430
Iteration = 74, 2-norm of change in F = 0.000417
Iteration = 75, 2-norm of change in F = 0.000405
Iteration = 76, 2-norm of change in F = 0.000394
Iteration = 77, 2-norm of change in F = 0.000383
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Iteration = 93, 2-norm of change in F = 0.000251
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Iteration = 100, 2-norm of change in F = 0.000213
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Iteration = 103, 2-norm of change in F = 0.000198
Iteration = 104, 2-norm of change in F = 0.000194
Iteration = 105, 2-norm of change in F = 0.000190
Iteration = 106, 2-norm of change in F = 0.000186
Iteration = 107, 2-norm of change in F = 0.000181
Iteration = 108, 2-norm of change in F = 0.000178
Iteration = 109, 2-norm of change in F = 0.000174
Iteration = 110, 2-norm of change in F = 0.000170
Iteration = 111, 2-norm of change in F = 0.000166
Iteration = 112, 2-norm of change in F = 0.000163
Iteration = 113, 2-norm of change in F = 0.000160
Iteration = 114, 2-norm of change in F = 0.000156
Iteration = 115, 2-norm of change in F = 0.000153
Iteration = 116, 2-norm of change in F = 0.000150
Iteration = 117, 2-norm of change in F = 0.000147
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Iteration = 119, 2-norm of change in F = 0.000141
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Iteration = 121, 2-norm of change in F = 0.000136
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Iteration = 127, 2-norm of change in F = 0.000121
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Iteration = 129, 2-norm of change in F = 0.000116
Iteration = 130, 2-norm of change in F = 0.000114
Iteration = 131, 2-norm of change in F = 0.000112
Iteration = 132, 2-norm of change in F = 0.000110
Iteration = 133, 2-norm of change in F = 0.000108
Iteration = 134, 2-norm of change in F = 0.000106
Iteration = 135, 2-norm of change in F = 0.000104
Iteration = 136, 2-norm of change in F = 0.000102
Iteration = 137, 2-norm of change in F = 0.000101
```

The code below outputs the CDF we are after: the 50th percentile for willingness-to-pay is somewhere between \$100 and \$150.

```
[]:
                                          Survivorship of WTP
         Willingness-To-Pay
                              F(y), CDF
                           0
                               0.000000
                                                      1.000000
     1
                          50
                               0.196802
                                                      0.803198
     2
                         100
                               0.275522
                                                      0.724478
     3
                         150
                               0.535366
                                                      0.464634
     4
                         200
                               0.550813
                                                      0.449187
     5
                         250
                                                      0.240992
                               0.759008
                         300
     6
                               0.759649
                                                      0.240351
     7
                               0.760972
                         400
                                                      0.239028
     8
                         500
                               0.839917
                                                      0.160083
     9
                         600
                               0.879562
                                                      0.120438
                         800
     10
                               0.919781
                                                      0.080219
     11
                        1000
                               0.920871
                                                      0.079129
```

Below we plot the willingness-to-pay survivor function for the BearLift proposal.



2 Conclusion

We went out and gathered real data about an interesting topic that could have a real impact on the everyday lives of Berkeley students. We then conducted a nonparametric analysis of the data and found some measure of centeredness, by optimizing the posterior probabilities and cumulative distribution. We found that the 50th percentile of willingness-to-pay for BearLift lies in the (\$100, \$150) interval, and we can chart the survivorship function of the willingness-to-pay as we change the proposed price of the annual fee.