
Statistics

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1 Introduction

The probability theory mainly research random variables such as x . x could be some of the values with a measure call probability:

$$P(x = k), \quad P(x \in A), \quad \text{where } A \text{ is a Boreal set}$$

The general study of statistics is to find out the distribution of x , hopefully, the probability distribution function or cumulative distribution function. Moreover, for multivariate variables, the task could be to find out the joint distribution($P(x_1, x_2, \dots)$) or conditional distribution($P(x|y)$). Typically, the following steps:

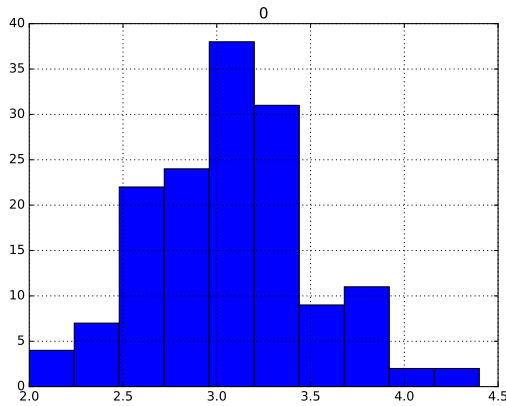
- Guess what should be the right distribution
- Estimate the parameters
- Prove your suppose(prove the distribution assumption or the parameters estimation is right)

So, this document is going to review the basic points of statistics follow the step: guess→estimate→prove.

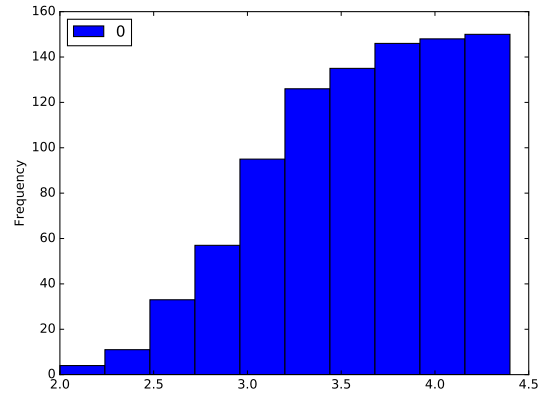
2 Guess

2.1 Data perspective

Normally, the frequency bar chart can help us for a general perspective of the data probability distribution (`data.hist(grid=...)`) or cumulative distribution (`idata.plot.hist(cumulative=True)`).



(a) probability distribution



(b) cumulative distribution

Figure 1: Histogram

And the estimation of probability distribution

$$P(s_k < x \leq s_{k+1}) \approx \sum I(s_k < x_i \leq s_{k+1})/N$$

or cumulative distribution

$$P(x \leq s_{k+1}) \approx \sum I(x_i \leq s_{k+1})/N$$

3 Estimate

4 Prove