

# Problem Set 1

## Applied Stats II

Due: February 14, 2022

### Instructions

- Please show your work! You may lose points by simply writing in the answer. If the problem requires you to execute commands in R, please include the code you used to get your answers. Please also include the .R file that contains your code. If you are not sure if work needs to be shown for a particular problem, please ask.
- Your homework should be submitted electronically on GitHub in .pdf form.
- This problem set is due before class on Monday February 14, 2022. No late assignments will be accepted.
- Total available points for this homework is 80.

### Question 1

The Kolmogorov-Smirnov test uses cumulative distribution statistics 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).

As a hint, you can create the empirical distribution and theoretical CDF using this code:

```
1 # create empirical distribution of observed data
2 ECDF <- ecdf(data)
3 empiricalCDF <- ECDF(data)
4 # generate test statistic
5 D <- max(abs(empiricalCDF - pnorm(data)))
6
7
```

## MY ANSWERS

### QUESTION 1

```
1 #####
2 ##### Question 1 #####
3
4 # libraries
5 library(dgof) # for performing K-S test
6 library(tidyverse)
7 library(stargazer)
8
9 # MY TEST FOR ECDF
10 set.seed(2020)
11 x <- rnorm(5)
12 ecdf(x)
13 plot(ecdf(x))
14 #####
15
16 # Empirical Cumulative Distribution Function EDCF
17 # This computes the ECDF of a numeric input vector
18
19 set.seed(123) # set seed for reproducibility
20 # set.seed(123) from problem set 1
21
22 # rcauchy() is used to compute random cauchy density among a range of inputs
23 # not very well explained
24 data <- rcauchy(1000, location = 0, scale = 1) # as given in problem set 1
25 data <- sort(data)
26 # applying the ecdf function to calculate the ecdf values of the R data
27 vector_ecdf <- ecdf(data)
28 vector_ecdf
29
30 plot(ecdf(data)) # create the ecdf plot
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31 # the plot is S shaped
32
33 # the Kolmogorov–Smirnov test is used in situations where a comparison has to
    be made
34 # between an observed sample distribution and theoretical distribution
35 ks_data <- max(abs(vector_edcf(data) - pnorm(data)))
36 print(ks_data)
37 # gives 0.1347281 and this is the test statistic
38
39 # or using R ks.test() function
40 ks.test(data, "pnorm")
41 # THIS GIVES
42 ## data:  data
43 ## D = 0.13573, p-value = 2.22e-16
44 ## alternative hypothesis: two-sided
45
46 # we can see that the test statistic is 0.13573 and the corresponding
47 # p-value is 2.2e-16. Since the p-value is less than .05,
48 # we reject the null hypothesis.
49 # We have sufficient evidence to say that the sample data does not come
50 # from a normal distribution.
51
52 # I found it difficult to turn the K–S CDF function into R code
53 # considering that x values are to do with the largest absolute differences
54 # between the two distribution functions.
55 # CDF = The cumulative distribution function (CDF) of a random variable
    evaluated
56 # at x, is the probability that x will take a value less than or equal to x.
57
58
59 # x = seq(0, 1, by = 0.01)
60 # plot(x, vector_edcf(x))
61
62 # 2 pi
63
64

```

## 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.

```
1 set.seed(123)
2 # create empirical distribution of observed data
3 ECDF <- ecdf(data)
```

### QUESTION 2

```
1 ##### Question 2 #####
2
3 set.seed(123) # as given in the problem set 1 – question 2
4
5 # ECDF <- ecdf(data)
6 data <- data.frame(x = runif(200, 1, 10)) # as given in the problem set 1 –
   question 2
7
8 data$y <- 0 + 2.75*data$x + rnorm(200, 0, 1.5)
9
10 head(data) # prints out the 6 data values using the head() function
11 # '      x      y
12 # 1 2.397377 5.099089
13 # 2 8.612659 22.124880
14 # 3 2.929424  8.028945
15 # 4 7.028859 19.131100
16 # 5 6.559808 14.215458
17 # 6 1.449998  5.548355
18
19 ## Estimate the OLS Regression
20
21 ols_reg <- lm(data$x ~ data$y, data) # linear model lm()
22
23 # or
24 ols_reg1 <- lm(y ~ x, data = data)
25 #summary(data)
26 summary(ols_reg)
27 summary(ols_reg1)
28
29
```