

# DATA315 Assignment 1

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1. Suppose  $Y = 3X + Z$  where  $Z$  and  $X$  are independent random variables. Suppose  $X$  has mean 5 and variance 1 and  $Z$  has mean 0 and variance 9.

(a)  $E[Y] = E[3X + Z] = E[3X] + E[Z] = 3E[X] + E[Z] = 3 \cdot 5 + 0 = 15$

(b)  $V(2X) = 2^2 V(X) = 4 \cdot 1$

(c)  $E[X^2] = V(X) + E[X]^2 = 1 + 5^2 = 26$

(d)  $E[XY] = E[3X^2 + XZ] = 3E[X^2] + E[XZ] = 3 \cdot 26 + 0 = 78$

(e)  $Cov(X, Y) = E[XY] - E[X]E[Y] = 78 - 5 \cdot 15 = 3$

(f)  $E[Y|Z = 2] = E[3X + 2|Z = 2] = 3E[X|Z = 2] + 2 = 3 \cdot 5 + 2 = 17$

2. Suppose  $X$  is a normal random variable with mean 2.0 and standard deviation 0.8, and suppose  $Y = 5X + 7$ . Find the mean and standard deviation of  $Y$ .

(a)  $E[Y] = E[5X + 7] = 5E[X] + 7 = 5 \cdot 2 + 7 = 17$

(b)  $V(Y) = V(5X + 7) = 5^2 V(X) = 5^2 \cdot 0.8$

(c)  $SD(Y)^2 = V(Y) \Rightarrow SD(Y) = \sqrt{V(Y)} = \sqrt{5^2 \cdot 0.8} = 2\sqrt{5}$

3. Calculate the sample average and sample standard deviation of the level observations in `LakeHuron`. Use R for this question and submit the code together with your answers.

```
> data(LakeHuron)
> sample_average <- mean(LakeHuron)
> sample_sd <- sd(LakeHuron)
```

```
> print(paste("Sample Average:", sample_average))
[1] "Sample Average: 579.004081632653"
> print(paste("Sample Standard Deviation:", sample_sd))
[1] "Sample Standard Deviation: 1.31829852597076"
```

4. Suppose  $Z_1, Z_2$  and  $Z_3$  are independent standard normal random variables. Write down the joint pdf for  $Z_1, Z_2$  and  $Z_3$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f(z_1, z_2, z_3) &= f(z_1)f(z_2)f(z_3) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{-\frac{z_1^2}{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{-\frac{z_2^2}{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{-\frac{z_3^2}{2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{3/2}}e^{-\frac{z_1^2+z_2^2+z_3^2}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

5. Suppose  $Z_1, Z_2, \dots, Z_n$  are time series with white noise model

$$z_t = \varepsilon_t$$

where  $\varepsilon_t$  is independent random variable with exponential distribution  $\exp(\lambda)$ . Find the maximum likelihood estimator for  $\lambda$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f(z_t) &= \lambda e^{-\lambda z_t} \\ L(\lambda) &= \prod_{t=1}^n f(z_t) \\ &= \prod_{t=1}^n \lambda e^{-\lambda z_t} \\ &= \lambda^n e^{-\lambda \sum_{t=1}^n z_t} \\ \log L(\lambda) &= n \log \lambda - \lambda \sum_{t=1}^n z_t \\ \frac{d}{d\lambda} \log L(\lambda) &= \frac{n}{\lambda} - \sum_{t=1}^n z_t \\ \frac{n}{\lambda} - \sum_{t=1}^n z_t &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\lambda} &= \frac{n}{\sum_{t=1}^n z_t} \\ \because \bar{z} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n z_t \\ \hat{\lambda} &= \frac{n}{n\bar{z}} = \frac{1}{\bar{z}}\end{aligned}$$

6. Suppose  $Z_1, Z_2, \dots, Z_n$  is a time series. Let

$$L(\rho) = \sum_{t=2}^n (Z_t - \rho Z_{t-1})^2$$

- (a) Using calculus, find a formula for  $\hat{\rho}$ , the value of  $\rho$  which minimizes  $L(\rho)$ . (This is the least-squares estimator for  $\rho$ , the so-called lag 1 autocorrelation.)

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{d\rho} L(\rho) &= \frac{d}{d\rho} \sum_{t=2}^n (Z_t - \rho Z_{t-1})^2 \\ &= \sum_{t=2}^n 2(Z_t - \rho Z_{t-1}) \cdot (-Z_{t-1}) \\ &= -2 \sum_{t=2}^n Z_{t-1} Z_t + 2\rho \sum_{t=2}^n Z_{t-1}^2 \\ &= 0 \\ \sum_{t=2}^n Z_{t-1} Z_t &= \rho \sum_{t=2}^n Z_{t-1}^2 \\ \hat{\rho} &= \frac{\sum_{t=2}^n Z_{t-1} Z_t}{\sum_{t=2}^n Z_{t-1}^2}\end{aligned}$$

- (b) Suppose, in addition, that  $Z_1, Z_2, \dots, Z_n$  are independent normally distributed random variables with mean 0 and standard deviation  $\sigma$ . Find  $E[\sum_{t=2}^n Z_t Z_{t-1}]$  and  $E[\sum_{t=1}^{n-1} Z_t^2]$ .

i.

$$\begin{aligned}
 E \left[ \sum_{t=2}^n Z_t Z_{t-1} \right] &= \sum_{t=2}^n E[Z_t Z_{t-1}] \\
 &= \sum_{t=2}^n E[Z_t] E[Z_{t-1}] \\
 &= \sum_{t=2}^n 0 \cdot 0 \\
 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

ii.

$$\begin{aligned}
 E \left[ \sum_{t=1}^{n-1} Z_t^2 \right] &= \sum_{t=1}^{n-1} E[Z_t^2] \\
 &= \sum_{t=1}^{n-1} \text{Var}(Z_t) \\
 &= \sum_{t=1}^{n-1} \sigma^2 \\
 &= (n-1)\sigma^2
 \end{aligned}$$

(c) Let

$$X_t = Z_{t-1}, \quad t = 2, \dots, n$$

and

$$Y_t = Z_t, \quad t = 1, \dots, n-1.$$

Write down the formula for the sample correlation between  $X$  and  $Y$ , expressed in terms of the  $Z$ 's, and compare the formula you obtained with  $\hat{\rho}$  obtained in part (a).

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{\rho}_{XY} &= \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(X)\text{Var}(Y)}} \\
 \text{Cov}(X, Y) &= \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{t=1}^{n-1} (X_t - \bar{X})(Y_t - \bar{Y}) \\
 &\Rightarrow \sum_{t=1}^{n-1} (Z_{t-1} - \bar{Z}_{t-1})(Z_t - \bar{Z}_t)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Var}(X) &= \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{t=1}^{n-1} (X_t - \bar{X})^2 \\
&\Rightarrow \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{t=1}^{n-1} (Z_{t-1} - \bar{X})^2 \\
\text{Var}(Y) &= \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{t=1}^{n-1} (Y_t - \bar{Y})^2 \\
&\Rightarrow \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{t=1}^{n-1} (Z_t - \bar{Y})^2 \\
\bar{X} &= \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{t=1}^{n-1} Z_{t-1} \\
\bar{Y} &= \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{t=1}^{n-1} Z_t \\
\hat{\rho}_{XY} &= \frac{\sum_{t=1}^{n-1} (Z_{t-1} - \bar{Z}_{t-1})(Z_t - \bar{Z}_t)}{\sqrt{\sum_{t=1}^{n-1} (Z_{t-1} - \bar{Z}_{t-1})^2 \sum_{t=1}^{n-1} (Z_t - \bar{Z}_t)^2}} \\
\hat{\rho}_{XY} &= \frac{\sum_{t=2}^n (Z_{t-1} - \bar{X})(Z_t - \bar{Y})}{\sqrt{\sum_{t=2}^n (Z_{t-1} - \bar{X})^2 \sum_{t=2}^n (Z_t - \bar{Y})^2}}
\end{aligned}$$

If  $\hat{\rho}$  from part (a) is the sample autocorrelation of  $Z$  then at lag 1, then:

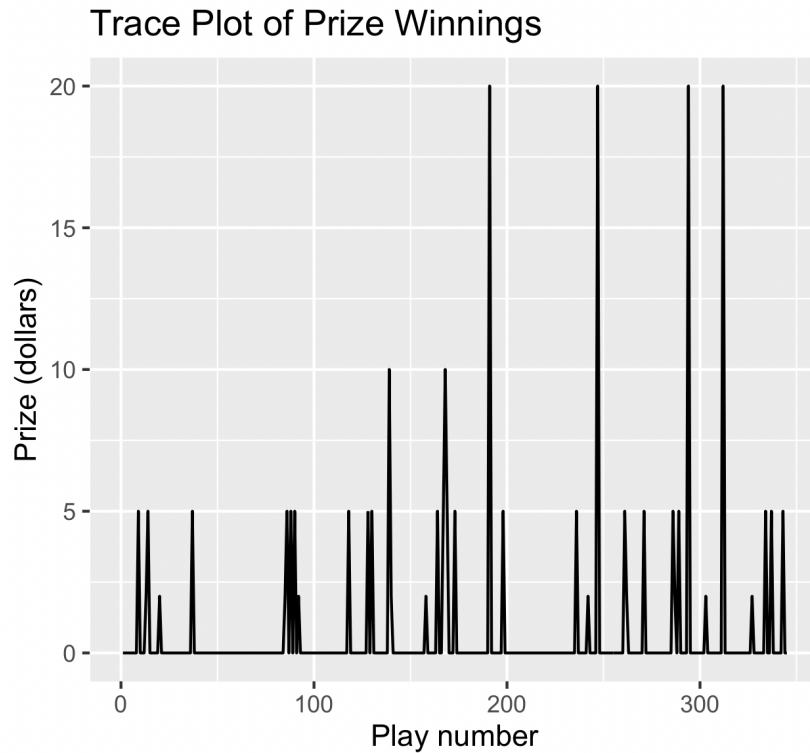
$$\hat{\rho} = \frac{\sum_{t=2}^n Z_{t-1} Z_t}{\sum_{t=2}^n Z_{t-1}^2}$$

The formula for  $\hat{\rho}_{XY}$  is similar but includes centering with the sample means,  $\bar{X}$  and  $\bar{Y}$ . If  $Z_t$  has mean of 0, then  $\bar{X} = \bar{Y} = 0$  then it is true that  $\hat{\rho} = \hat{\rho}_{XY}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{\rho}_{XY} &= \frac{\sum_{t=2}^n Z_{t-1} Z_t}{\sqrt{\sum_{t=2}^n Z_{t-1}^2 \sum_{t=2}^n Z_t^2}} \\
\hat{\rho}_{XY} &= \frac{\sum_{t=2}^n Z_{t-1} Z_t}{\sum_{t=2}^n Z_{t-1}^2}
\end{aligned}$$

7. Let  $Z_t$  be the time series where  $t = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Consider a time series with  $n = 4$ .
- (a) Find the distribution of the statistic  $\tau$  for the Mann-Kendall test. Since it is a time series with  $n = 4$ , then we would have
  - (b) Verify in these cases that the variance of  $\tau$  is  $\frac{2(2n+5)9}{n(n-1)}$ .
  - (c) Suppose  $z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4$  are 0.2, 0.25, 0.22, 0.3. Perform the Mann-Kendall test using the exact distribution you have derived.
8. The data in `DAAG::vlt$prize` consist of a time series of observations of prize winnings (in dollars) taken on a video lottery terminal in a sequence of 345 plays. Obtain a trace plot of the series and conduct a trend test. Is there strong evidence of a decrease or increase in the prize winnings over time?

```
> library(DAAG)
> library(ggplot2)
> data(vlt)
> prize <- vlt$prize
> ggplot(data = data.frame(play = 1:345,
prize = prize), aes(x = play, y = prize)) +
geom_line() + labs(x = "Play number",
y = "Prize (dollars)",
title = "Trace Plot of Prize Winnings")
```



Here, we can see that there is a random fluctuations in the prize winnings over time. Now we use the Mann-Kendall test, to test for a trend.

```
> library(Kendall)
> MannKendall(prize)
tau = 0.0367, 2-sided pvalue = 0.3973
```

This suggests that there is an upward trend, but the p-value is not significant enough to reject the null hypothesis that there is no trend.  $\therefore$  There is no evidence of a systematic increase or decrease in prize winnings over the 345 plays.

9. Consider the time series: 13, 11, 14, 17, 16, 15. Conduct the Mann-Kendall trend test by hand, using the following steps.
  - (a) Calculate the value of  $\tau$  showing the steps that you are using.

- (b) Calculate the variance of  $\tau$  under the null hypothesis.
- (c) Under the approximate normal assumption, calculate the test statistic using  $\tau$  and the standard error. What would you conclude from this test?