

Analysis of RT distributions with R

Non-parametric tests and rehearsal

9.24 Is the Shapiro-Wilk test `shapiro.test()` resistant to outliers? Run it for 100, 1000, 4000 random numbers, generated by the standard normal distribution and add the number 5 to every vector with e.g. `c(rnorm(100), 5)`. Does the presence of a single large outlier change the ability of the test to detect normality?

WW Synthesize 100 random number governed by the beta distribution `rbeta()` with the shape parameters `(1, 1)` and `(2, 2)`.

- Have a look at the respective histograms.
 - Now plot their empirical cumulative distribution functions into one plot using first `plot.ecdf` and then `lines(ecdf())`.
 - Use the `qbeta()` command to read out the 0.05, 0.50, 0.95 percentiles of the respective beta distributions.
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XX The Kruskal-Wallis test `kruskal.test(x ~ y, data = ...)` is an equivalent of the one-way test for non-normal data. Perform one on the data in the data set `PlantGrowth`, where `weight` is modeled by the factor `group`. Is there a significant difference in the means?

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ECDF

YY The data set `ChickWeight` contains data on the weight of chicken held under different diets.

- Assign the data set to a variable `cw` and attach `cw`.
 - Create four variables `cw.i` with `i` in 1 to 4, where you restrict the `cw` to the respective diet `i`.
 - Plot all ecdfs in one plot (first `plot.ecdf(...)` then `lines(ecdf(...))`). The diets seem to have different effects on the chicken weight.
 - Test this assumption with the Kruskal-Wallis test.
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ZZ Download the data "`data1.txt`" from the courses homepage to your local drive.

Read-in the data into a variable `dat` by the R command with the right file path

```
dat <- read.table("C:/...", sep = "\t", header = T)
```

Have a look at the data head and the structure of it (`str(dat)`) and attach it for convenience. We are interested in the effect of the factor `set size` on `Hit RTs`.

- Create four subsets of `dat` namely `d.3`, `d.6`, `d.12`, `d.18` by restricting `dat` to the respective `set size`, to `HIT` and removing outliers (i.e. `RT >= 850`). You may do this as in the last sessions, by defining columns of interest, e.g.

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```
ind3 <- (setsize == 3) & (message == "HIT") & (RT <= 850)
```

and then setting `d.3` accordingly.

- Now plot the densities of the pairs `d.3`, `d.6` and `d.12`, `d.18` on the same plot using `plot(density())` to the RT data of each subset.
- After that plot the ECDFs of the RTs of `d.3`, `d.6` on one plot and the ones of `d.12`, `d.18` on another. Which plot suggest difference in distribution more clearly?

9.3 The data set `stud.recs` (`UsingR`) contains math and verbal SAT scores (SAT = Scholastic Assessment Test) for some students. Load the data by `data(stud.recs, package = "UsingR")` and attach it. Assume naively that the two samples are independent, are the samples from the same population of scores?

First make a `qqplot`, a side-by-side boxplot and a plot of the ECDFs for the data `sat.m`, `sat.v` to see whether there is any merit to the question.

Now perform a Kolmogorov-Smirnov test `ks.test()` to see whether the ECDFs of `sat.m` and `sat.v` correspond. Does the test confirm the assumption from the visual inspection?

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BS *Bootstrapping* is the process of sampling with replacement from the data of interest in order to infer on unknown parameters when sample sizes are too small.

The bycatch [data set](#) ([UsingR](#)) contains the number of albatrosses incidentally caught by squid fishers, measured by an observer program. Load the data and unfold it to the single measurements by

```
hauls <- with(bycatch, rep(no.albatross, no.hauls))
```

Assign `n` to the length of `hauls`. Take a look at the histogram of `hauls`. Now use the following code to perform the bootstrapping:

```
xbar <- c()
for(i in 1:1000){
  boot.samp <- sample(hauls, n, replace = T)
  xbar[i] <- mean(boot.samp)
}
```

What is the mean and the standard deviation of `xbar`? In which interval lies `xbar` in 90% of the time? Use the [quantile\(\)](#) command on the percentiles 0.05 and 0.95 to address this question.
