

Introduction to statistics and probability using Python (3 credits) Prof. Yosef Ashkenazy

Pre requisite: None

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- The course requirements include the submission of homework assignments.
- The grade is determined by a final exam.

The Course includes:

1. Introduction: What is statistics? the uses of statistics, frequency distributions, cumulative frequency distributions, graphic presentation.
Python getting started: installing python, Anaconda, Jupyter Notebook, basic examples.
2. Descriptive measures: Symbols and summation notation, measures of location, mean, weighted mean, median, mode, selecting a measure of location, measures of variations, range, variance and standard deviation, changes of scale, coefficient of variation
Python: basic libraries, variables, random numbers, statistical measures.
3. Elementary probability: the meaning of probability, factorial notation, permutations and combinations, combined events, repeated independent trials.
Python: conditional statements and loops (“if”, “for” and “while” statements).
4. Population, samples and theoretical distributions: random variables, theoretical distributions of random variables, parameters and statistics, normal distribution, binomial distribution, normal approximation to the binomial.
Python: distribution using python, plotting. Demonstration of the central limit theorem.
5. Estimation: estimating parameters of normal and binomial distributions, interval estimates, confidence interval for the mean of a normal distribution (with known and unknown variance), t-distribution, sample size, confidence interval for p.
Python: shuffling tests and confidence interval.
6. Regression and correlation: linear regression, partitioning the sum of squares, variance estimates, inference about A and B, coefficient of determination, uses of regression, correlation.

Recommended Reading:

- Huntsberger, D.V. (1967). *Elements of Statistical inference*, Allyn and Bacon
- Williams, B. (1993). *Biostatistics*, Chapman & Hall
- Hoel, Port & Stone, (1971). *Introduction to Probability theory*, Houghton Mifflin Co.
- McKinney, W. (2013). *Python for Data Analysis*, O’Reilly Media
- Matthes E. (2016). *Python Crash Course*, No Starch Press,