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Probability and Statistics for Engineers

Problem Set 6

Assigned 2011 January 25  
Due 2011 February 1

Show your work on all problems! If you use a computer to assist with numerical computations, turn in your source code as well.

- 1 Devore Chapter 4, Problem 88
- 2 Devore Chapter 5, Problem 12
- 3 Devore Chapter 5, Problem 22
- 4 Devore Chapter 5, Problem 30
- 5 Computational Exercise (Extra Credit)

Download the two data sets for this problem from

[http://ccrg.rit.edu/~whelan/courses/2010\\_4wi\\_1016\\_345/data/ps06\\_prob5\\_set1.dat](http://ccrg.rit.edu/~whelan/courses/2010_4wi_1016_345/data/ps06_prob5_set1.dat)  
and

[http://ccrg.rit.edu/~whelan/courses/2010\\_4wi\\_1016\\_345/data/ps06\\_prob5\\_set2.dat](http://ccrg.rit.edu/~whelan/courses/2010_4wi_1016_345/data/ps06_prob5_set2.dat)  
using the credentials given in class.

For each dataset, construct a normal probability plot by sorting the data into ascending order and plotting  $z_{1-(i-.5)/n}$  vs  $x_i$ , where  $n$  is the number of points in the dataset,  $i = 1 \dots n$ ,  $x_i$  is the  $i$ th datapoint in the sorted set, and  $z_\alpha$  is defined as usual by  $\Phi(z_\alpha) = 1 - \alpha$ . You may find it useful to construct a function which uses the inverse error function to calculate  $z_\alpha$  for a given  $\alpha$ ; e.g., in `scipy/matplotlib`, you can use

```
from scipy.special import erfinv
def zscore(Phi):
    return np.sqrt(2) * erfinv( 2.0 * Phi - 1.0 )
```