

Re: Goodness of fit measures for a distribution

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"Unknown" <noone@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:<d343rg\$1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>...
> Well gentlemen, it has certainly been an eye opener.
> From this rollercoaster of subjective information, off colour jokes,
> suggestions that I lack of an objective and statistical knowledge I sort of
> derived the following two conclusions:
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> 1) Never ever ask any more questions on any newsgroup. Instead, go to the
> library and read a book on statistics.
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> 2) If I ever see any statistician in the street, I will run him over with my
> car.

Actually, you received several quite important pieces of information, and apart from one poster I don't see any kind of comment that a reasonable person would take offense at.

The largest difficulty appears to be an unwillingness to accept that it would be better to more clearly define your aim rather than receive a meaningless answer, If you wanted a meaningless recipe rather than actual statistical advice you should have stated that at the start.

If you went to a newsgroup frequented by doctors and said "I have something wrong with me that I'm not going to talk about much, and I want to know which kind of leech I should use." you shouldn't be surprised if they wanted you to clarify your problem a little and at the same time didn't actually nominate a particular species of leech right away. If you got angry because they didn't come up with a leech, would that really be their fault? Or does it just demonstrate that perhaps when you seek expert help it's because you didn't understand something?

If you took their natural response as something you should issue threats over, then maybe you need to look carefully at your motives in seeking help in the first place. What answer did you want us to give?

Glen

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