

This **R** program explores two normality tests, the Ryan-Joiner Test discussed in the text and the Shapiro-Wilk test canned in **R**.

This is the same data as in the “M3082PregnancyEg, Pregnancy Example:  $\chi^2$  Goodness of Fit Test for Continuous Variable with Known Parameters.” It was taken from Larsen and Marx, *An Introduction to Mathematical Statistics and its Applications 4th ed.*, Prentice Hall, Upper Saddle River, NJ, 2006. The duration of pregnancy is thought to be a normal variable with mean  $\mu = 266$  days and a standard deviation of  $\sigma = 16$  days. The authors say that for the last 70 births at the Davidson County General Hospital in Nashville had durations

251	264	234	283	226	244	269	241	276	274
263	243	254	276	241	232	260	248	284	253
265	235	259	279	256	256	254	256	250	269
240	261	263	262	259	230	268	284	259	261
268	268	264	271	263	259	294	259	263	278
267	293	247	244	250	266	286	263	274	253
281	286	266	249	255	233	245	266	265	264

Is the data plausibly from a normal distribution?

The Ryan-Joiner Test works by measuring the linearity of points on the QQ-plot which is the one generated by **R** doing `qqplot`. The sorted data vector  $x_{(i)}$  is plotted against the theoretical quantiles  $y_i = \Phi^{-1}\left(\frac{i - .375}{n + .25}\right)$ . The linearity is measured by the sample correlation  $r$ . Since the  $y_i$  coordinates are not part of a bivariate normal distribution, the distribution of  $r$  in this case is not the same as from correlation tests. For one thing, both coordinates are increasing resulting in  $r \geq 0$ . Under the hypothesis that the sample is normal, the distribution of  $r$  is understood and the critical values are provided in Table A12.

The null and alternative hypotheses are

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_0 &: \text{the population distribution is normal;} \\ \mathcal{H}_a &: \text{the population distribution is not normal.} \end{aligned}$$

The correlation coefficient  $r$  of the points  $(x_{(1)}, y_1), \dots, (x_{(n)}, y_n)$  is the test statistic. The null hypothesis is rejected if  $r \leq c_{\alpha, n}$ , where  $c_{\alpha, n}$  are given in table A12.

For the pregnancy data,  $r = 0.995086$ . The critical values for a significance level  $\alpha = .10$  are  $c_{.10, 60} = .9835$  and  $c_{.10, 75} = .9865$  so interpolating,  $c_{.10, 70} = \frac{2}{3}c_{.10, 75} + \frac{1}{3}c_{.10, 60} = \frac{2}{3}(.9865) + \frac{1}{3}(.9835) = 0.9855$ . In any case,  $r > c_{.10, 75}$  so we are unable to reject the null hypothesis even at the significance level as large as .10.

The Shapiro-Wilk test is more powerful than the Ryan Joiner test as well as the other normality tests. It is based on a different statistic  $W$ , but tests the same hypotheses and is otherwise similar. Running the Shapiro-Wilk test gives a  $p$ -value of 0.688 for the pregnancy data. We are also unable to reject the null hypothesis even at the significance level .10.

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**R Session:**

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> x=scan()
1:  251  264  234  283  226  244  269  241  276  274
11:  263  243  254  276  241  232  260  248  284  253
21:  265  235  259  279  256  256  254  256  250  269
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41:  268  268  264  271  263  259  294  259  263  278
51:  267  293  247  244  250  266  286  263  274  253
61:  281  286  266  249  255  233  245  266  265  264
71:
Read 70 items

> ##### QQ-PLOT OF PREGNANCY DATA #####
> qqnorm(x,main="QQ-plot of Pregnancy Data",
        ylab="Duration of Pregnancy (Days)")
> qqline(x)
>
> ##### SORT THE DATA #####
> sortx=sort(x)
> n=length(x);n
[1] 70
>
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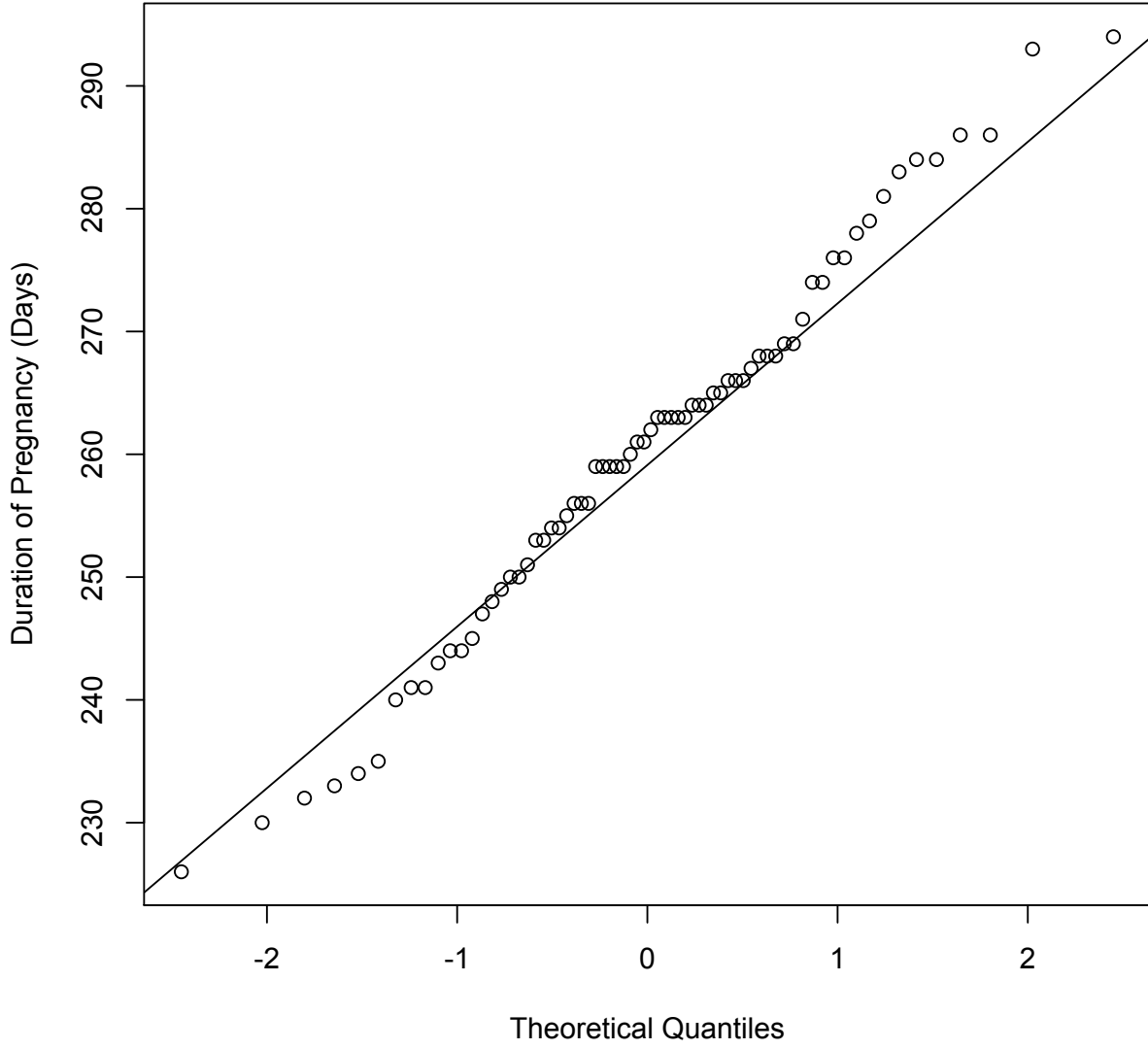
> ##### THE QUANTILES ARE BASED ON PROBABILITIES ##
> ##### (i-.375)/(n + .25) WHICH ARE CANNED IN R ##
> ##### AS ppoints(n,a=.375) ##
> (1:5-.375)/(5+.25)
[1] 0.1190476 0.3095238 0.5000000 0.6904762 0.8809524
> ppoints(5,a=.375)
[1] 0.1190476 0.3095238 0.5000000 0.6904762 0.8809524
>
> ##### COMPUTE THE THEORETICAL QUANTILES #####
> y=qnorm(ppoints(n,a=.375))
>
> ##### QQ-PLOT "BY HAND" FOR PREGNANCY DATA #####
>
> plot(y, sortx, pch=19, main="QQ-Plot 'By Hand' of Pregnancy Data",
  ylab="Duration of Pregnancy (Days)",xlab="Theoretical Quantiles")
> abline(lm(sortx~y))
>
> ##### COMPUTE THE RYAN-JOINER r #####
> r=cor(sortx,y); r
[1] 0.995086
>
> ##### INTERPOLATE THE CRITICAL TABLE VALUES ####
> crit60=.9835
> crit75=.9865
> 75*2/3+60/3
[1] 70
> crit70=crit75*2/3+crit60/3; crit70
[1] 0.9855
>
> ##### RUN THE SHAPIRO-WILK TEST #####
> shapiro.test(x)

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Shapiro-Wilk normality test

data: x  
W = 0.987, p-value = 0.688

QQ-plot of Pregnancy Data



QQ-Plot 'By Hand' of Pregnancy Data

