

SSSA
Small Sample Statistical Analysis

Day 2
Non-parametric Methods I

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 - ▶ Fisher sign test and Wilcoxon rank sign test
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What are non-parametric tests

Tests that

- ▶ make fewer assumptions about the population – **distribution-free** tests or infinite-dimensional statistical models
- ▶ are more robust to outliers and heterogeneity of variance
- ▶ are robust even if you cannot reasonably characterize the distribution of the underlying population
- ▶ are applicable for interval and ordinal data – some for nominal data
- ▶ have test statistics that are distributed normally when N is large

When are non-parametric tests advantageous

- ▶ when assumptions of parametric tests/estimators are not met
Example: t-test statistic does not have a t-distribution if
underlying population not normal or sample size too small
- ▶

Disadvantages of non-parametric tests

- ▶ No estimates of variance
- ▶ Mostly no confidence intervals
- ▶ Need more observations to draw a conclusion with same certainty i.e., less powerful as parametric alternative when assumptions for parametric tests are met – differences are small, though and parametric alternatives perform vastly worse when assumptions are not met

Binomial test: Basics

- ▶ Observing outcomes of n independent repeated Bernoulli trials, what is the probability of success p ?
- ▶ Assumptions:
 1. Dichotomous data: outcomes can be classified as either success or failure
 2. p remains constant for each trial
 3. n trials are independent
- ▶ $H_0 : p = 0$
- ▶ Other tests/statistics below relate to the basic binomial test of significance
- ▶ Under assumptions 1-3, it is a distribution-free test of H_0 because the probability distribution of B is determined without further assumptions on the distribution of the underlying population

Binomial test: Procedure

- ▶ To $H_0 : p = 0$ set the desired level of significance α and set B to number of observed successes
- ▶ Reject H_0 if $B \geq b_{\alpha_{lower}}$ and $B \leq c_{\alpha}$
- ▶ where b_{α} is the upper α_1 percentile point and b_{α_2} is the lower percentile point with $\alpha = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2$

Binomial test: Example

- Say $n = 8$ and we test $H_0 : p = .4$ vs $p > .4$
- From the table of the binomial distribution for $n = 8$ and $p = .4$ we get

b	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
$Prob_{.4}(B \geq b)$	1	.9832	.8936	.6846	.4059	.1737	.0498	.0

- Suppose we want $\alpha < .05$, b_α s that satisfy $Prob_{.4}(B \geq b_\alpha) = \alpha$ are 6, 7, 8 – for the upper-tail test, reject $H_0 : p = .4$ if 6 or more successes are observed

One- or two-sample difference tests

- ▶ investigate treatment effects on ...
 - ▶ observations from one sample (paired or **dependent** data)
 - ▶ observations from two samples (**independent** data)
- ▶ Wilcoxon sign rank and Wilcoxon/Mann-Whitney rank sum tests in detail, lots of other tests

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Sign test: Basics

- ▶ Alternative to paired t-test which assumes normality and equal variance across groups in underlying data
- ▶ Information taken from signs in difference between paired observations
- ▶ Assumptions:
 - ▶ paired observations $(X_1^1, X_1^2), \dots, (X_N^1, X_N^2)$ are random sample and iid
 - ▶ paired observations are dependent
 - ▶ paired differences come from same continuous distribution
 - ▶ Use when direction of difference between two measurements on same unit can be determined

Sign test: Procedure

- ▶ Compute difference $D_i = X_i^1 - X_i^2$ between N pairs of matched observations
- ▶ Say, θ is median of distribution of D_i
- ▶ $H_0 : \theta = 0$ vs $H_A : \theta > 0$ or distribution of differences has median 0
- ▶ Test statistic D^+ is number of positive differences
- ▶ What is distribution of D^+ ? Think of $\theta_i = 1$ if $D^+ > 0$ and 0 otherwise as Bernoulli random variable \rightarrow Distribution is binomial
- ▶ Under H_0 number of positive and negative differences should be equal or $H_0 : D^+ \sim \text{binomial}(N, 1/2)$
- ▶ Say number of positive D_i is n^+ , then $B/2^N$ where $B = \binom{N}{n^+}$ gives the probability of getting exactly as many positive D_i
- ▶ To get obtain a p-Value, sum all binomial coefficients that are small than B and divided by 2^N

Sign test: Example

- ▶ Consider the `income`-variable in `gssData.dta`
- ▶ Question: Did income increase from '08 to '12?
- ▶ Note, it is an ordinal measured variable, taking a difference may not make sense – assume for this example that it makes sense

	income08	income12	D_i
1.	3	19	-16
2.	4	9	-5
3.	17	20	-3
4.	15	17	-2
5.	14	16	-2
6.	20	21	-1
7.	20	21	-1
8.	22	22	0
9.	16	13	3
10.	21	17	4
11.	19	15	4
12.	25	19	6
13.	14	6	8
14.	21	12	9
15.	11	1	10

Sign test: Example

- ▶ Consider the `income`-variable in `gssData.dta`
- ▶ Note, it is an ordinal measured variable, taking a difference may not make sense – assume for this example that it makes sense looking at the categories not the income label
- ▶ Differences: -10 -9 -8 -6 -4 -4 -3 0 **1 1 2 2 3 5 16**
- ▶ How likely is it to observe 7 positive D_i when H_0 if $p = .5$ is true
- ▶ Binomial with $N = 15$, $p = .5$, and $x = 7$: $Prob(X \leq 7) = 0.50$

Sign test: Example

$p=$	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.09	0.1	0.15	0.2	0.25	0.3	0.35	0.4	0.45	0.5
$n=14$ $x=0$	0.8687	0.7536	0.6528	0.5647	0.4877	0.4205	0.3620	0.3112	0.2670	0.2288	0.1028	0.0440	0.0178	0.0068	0.0024	0.0008	0.0002	0.0001
1	0.9916	0.9690	0.9355	0.8941	0.8470	0.7963	0.7436	0.6900	0.6368	0.5846	0.3567	0.1979	0.1010	0.0475	0.0205	0.0081	0.0029	0.0009
2	0.9997	0.9975	0.9923	0.9833	0.9699	0.9522	0.9302	0.9042	0.8745	0.8416	0.6479	0.4481	0.2811	0.1608	0.0839	0.0398	0.0170	0.0065
3	1.0000	0.9999	0.9994	0.9958	0.9920	0.9864	0.9786	0.9685	0.9559	0.9392	0.8213	0.6552	0.4205	0.2205	0.1243	0.0632	0.0287	0.0100
4	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.9998	0.9996	0.9990	0.9980	0.9965	0.9941	0.9908	0.9533	0.8702	0.7415	0.5842	0.4227	0.2793	0.1672	0.0898
5	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.9999	0.9998	0.9996	0.9992	0.9985	0.9885	0.9561	0.8883	0.7805	0.6405	0.4859	0.3373	0.2120
6	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.9999	0.9998	0.9978	0.9884	0.9617	0.9067	0.8164	0.6925	0.5461	0.3953
7	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.9997	0.9976	0.9897	0.9685	0.9247	0.8499	0.7414	0.6047
8	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.9996	0.9978	0.9917	0.9757	0.9417	0.8811	0.7880
9	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.9997	0.9983	0.9940	0.9825	0.9574	0.9102
10	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.9998	0.9989	0.9961	0.9886	0.9713
11	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.9999	0.9994	0.9978	0.9935
12	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.9999	0.9997	0.9991
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$n=15$ $x=0$	0.8601	0.7386	0.6333	0.5421	0.4633	0.3953	0.3367	0.2863	0.2430	0.2059	0.0874	0.0352	0.0134	0.0047	0.0016	0.0005	0.0001	0.0000
1	0.9904	0.9647	0.9270	0.8809	0.8290	0.7738	0.7168	0.6597	0.6035	0.5490	0.3186	0.1671	0.0802	0.0353	0.0142	0.0052	0.0017	0.0005
2	0.9996	0.9970	0.9906	0.9797	0.9638	0.9429	0.9171	0.8870	0.8531	0.8159	0.6042	0.3980	0.2361	0.1268	0.0617	0.0271	0.0107	0.0037
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Sign test: Example

Sign test

sign	observed	expected
positive	7	7
negative	7	7
zero	1	1
all	15	15

One-sided tests:

Ho: median of income08 - income12 = 0 vs.

Ha: median of income08 - income12 > 0

Pr(#positive >= 7) =

Binomial(n = 14, x >= 7, p = 0.5) = 0.6047

Ho: median of income08 - income12 = 0 vs.

Ha: median of income08 - income12 < 0

Pr(#negative >= 7) =

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Two-sided test:

Ho: median of income08 - income12 = 0 vs.

Ha: median of income08 - income12 != 0

Pr(#positive >= 7 or #negative >= 7) =

min(1, 2*Binomial(n = 14, x >= 7, p = 0.5)) = 1.0000

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15	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000

Sign test: Small sample issues

- ▶ Only needs sign of difference, not difference itself
- ▶ Less efficient than Wilcoxon sign-rank test (uses only sign not ordering) but rather robust to outliers
- ▶ How to deal with $D_i = 0$: Usually ignored but reduces effective sample size
- ▶ works for interval data but pay attention to ties - which correction for tied values?
- ▶ Generally, within-subject design may require fewer subjects

Wilcoxon sign-rank test: Basics

- ▶ Alternative to paired t-test which assumes normality and equal variance across groups in underlying data
- ▶ Information taken from signs in difference between paired observations (pre- vs post-treatment)
- ▶ When actual difference pre- vs post-treatment is greater than 0, tendency to larger proportion of positive differences

Wilcoxon sign-rank test: Basics

- ▶ Assumptions:
 - ▶ paired observations $(X_1^1, X_1^2), \dots, (X_N^1, X_N^2)$ are random sample and iid i.e., differences are mutually independent (while paired observations are dependent)
 - ▶ paired differences come from a continuous distribution
- ▶ Test of null hypothesis of zero shift in location (no treatment effect), $H_0 : \theta = 0$ – null hypothesis states that each of the distributions for the differences is symmetrically distributed about 0
- ▶ Use when direction of difference and magnitude between two measurements on same unit can be determined

Wilcoxon sign-rank test: Procedure

- ▶ Compute difference $D_i = X_i^1 - X_i^2$ between N pairs of matched observations
- ▶ Order absolute values of differences from smallest to largest
- ▶ Let S_1^2 denote the rank of D_1, \dots, S_N denote the rank of D_N in the joint ordering
- ▶ Assign average rank to ties
- ▶ Wilcoxon signed rank statistic, W^+ , is sum of positive signed ranks
- ▶ Under $H_0 : \theta = 0$, W^+ is distributed according to the distribution derived by Wilcoxon (1954)
- ▶ Reject H_0 if $W^+ \geq w_{\alpha/2}$ or $W^+ \leq \frac{n(n+2)}{2} - w_{\alpha/2}$

Wilcoxon sign-rank test: Distribution of W

- ▶ Based on permutations of all possible rankings
- ▶ Btw, related to Mann-Whitney U
- ▶ Where is the distribution coming from?

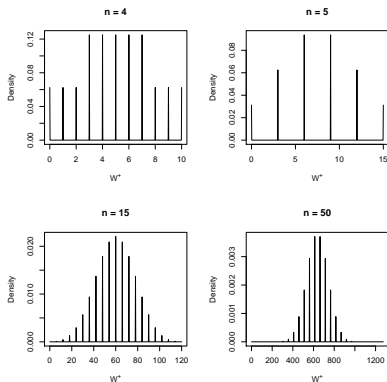
Wilcoxon sign-rank test: Example

	income08	income12	D_i	absD_i	rank
1.	22	22	0	0	1
2.	20	21	-1	1	2.5
3.	20	21	-1	1	2.5
4.	14	16	-2	2	4.5
5.	15	17	-2	2	4.5
6.	16	13	3	3	6.5
7.	17	20	-3	3	6.5
8.	21	17	4	4	8.5
9.	19	15	4	4	8.5
10.	4	9	-5	5	10
11.	25	19	6	6	11
12.	14	6	8	8	12
13.	21	12	9	9	13
14.	11	1	10	10	14
15.	3	19	-16	16	15

Wilcoxon sign-rank test: Distribution of W^+

- ▶ Sum of ranks of positive differences: 74.5
- ▶ (Sum of ranks of negative difference: 45.5)
- ▶ Lowest possible rank? 0 – no difference is positive
- ▶ Highest possible rank? $N(N + 1)/2 = 15(16)/2 = 120$ – all differences are positive

Wilcoxon sign-rank test: Distribution of W^+



- ▶ What is the smallest significance level at which these data lead to rejection of H_0 ?
- ▶ For our example, we have $N = 14$ and $W^+ = 74.5$

Wilcoxon sign-rank test: Critical values of W^+ for $N = 14$

.117	$n = 14$	66	.213	93
.102		67	.196	94
.088		68	.179	95
.076		69	.163	96
.065		70	.148	97
.055		71	.134	98
.046		72	.121	99
.039		73	.108	100
.032		74	.097	101
.026		75	.086	102
.021		76	.077	103
.017		77	.068	104
.013		78	.059	105
.010		79	.052	106
.008		80	.045	107
.006		81	.039	108
.005		82	.034	109
.003		83	.029	110
.002		84	.025	111
.002		85	.021	112
.001		86	.018	113
.001		87	.015	114
<.0005		88	.012	$n = 16$ 93
.207		89	.010	94
.188		90	.008	95
.170		91	.007	96
.153		92	.005	97
.137		93	.004	98
.122		94	.003	99
.108		95	.003	100
.095		96	.002	101
.084		97	.002	102
.073		98	.001	103
.064		99	.001	104
.055		100	.001	105
.047		101	<.0005	106
				107

Wilcoxon sign-rank test: Example

- ▶ Reject H_0 if $W^+ \geq w_{\alpha/2}$ or $W^+ \leq \frac{n(n+2)}{2} - w_{\alpha/2}$
- ▶ For $\alpha = .052$, reject if $W^+ \geq 80$ or $W^+ \leq \frac{15(16)}{2} - 80 = 120 - 80 = 40$ – so we do not reject
- ▶ What is the large sample approximation:
 - ▶ Standardize W^+ : Under the null, $E(W^+) = \frac{n(n+1)}{4}$ and $var(W^+) = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{24}$
 - ▶ $W^* = \frac{W^+ - E(W^+)}{\sqrt{var(W^+)}}$
 - ▶ With $n \rightarrow \infty$, $W^+ \sim N(0, 1)$
 - ▶ Adjustments for ties are needed

Wilcoxon sign-rank test: Example

Wilcoxon signed-rank test

sign	obs	sum ranks	expected
positive	7	73.5	59.5
negative	7	45.5	59.5
zero	1	1	1
all	15	120	120

```

unadjusted variance      310.00
adjustment for ties      -0.50
adjustment for zeros     -0.25
-----
adjusted variance        309.25

```

```

Ho: income08 = income12
    z =    0.796
    Prob > |z| =    0.4260

```

signrankex income08 = income12

Wilcoxon signed-rank test

sign	obs	sum ranks	expected
positive	7	66.5	52.5
negative	7	38.5	52.5
zero	1		
all	15	120	120

Ho: income08 = income12

S = 14.000

Prob >= |S| = 0.3976

Wilcoxon sign-rank test: Small sample issues

- ▶ Wilcoxon sign-rank test incorporates more information than sign-test but also needs more information
- ▶ How to deal with $D_i = 0$: Usually ignored but reduces effective sample size
- ▶ works for interval data but pay attention to ties - which correction for tied values?
- ▶ Generally, within-subject design may require fewer subjects

CI for Wilcoxon sign rank test: Basics

- ▶ Related to Wilcoxon sign-rank statistic and Hodges-Lehman location estimator
- ▶ Hodges-Lehman estimator for real treatment effect θ is
$$\hat{\theta} = \text{median}\left\{\frac{D_i + D_j}{2}, i \leq j = 1, \dots, n\right\}$$
- ▶ Then, $O^1 \leq \dots O^M$ are the ordered values of the average differences with $M = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$

CI for Wilcoxon sign rank test: Procedure

- ▶ Obtain upper $(\alpha/2)$ th percentile point $w_{\alpha/2}$ of the null distribution of W^+
- ▶ $C_\alpha = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + 1 - w_{\alpha/2}$
- ▶ CI for two-sided test of $H_0 : \theta = 0$ (zero location shift):
 - ▶ $\theta_{lb} = O^{C_\alpha}$
 - ▶ $\theta_{ub} = O^{M+1-C}$

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Independent samples

Independent samples

Fishers exact test: Basics

- Say we observe the outcomes O_{11} (O_{21}) of n_1 (n_2) independent repeated Bernoulli trials with real success probability p_1 (p_2) in a sample from population 1 (2)

	Successes	Failures	Totals
Sample 1	O_{11}	O_{12}	$n_{1.}$
Sample 2	O_{21}	O_{22}	$n_{2.}$
Totals	$n_{.1}$	$n_{.2}$	n

- Assumption
 - trials from sample 1 are independent of those from sample 2
- $H_0 : p_1 = p_2 = p$

Fishers exact test: Procedure

- ▶ $Prob(O_{11} = x | n_{1.}, n_{2.}, n_{1.1}, n_{2.2}) = \frac{n_{1.}! n_{2.}! n_{1.1}! n_{2.2}!}{n! x! O_{12}! O_{21}! O_{22}!}$
- ▶ Fisher's exact test rejects $H_0 : p_1 = p_2$ if $O_{11} \geq q_\alpha$
where q_α is chosen from the conditional distribution described above so that $Prob(O_{11} = x | n_{1.}, n_{2.}, n_{1.1}, n_{2.2}) = \alpha$ where α is our desired level of significance

Fishers exact test: Example

cat		varBi		Total
		0	1	
0		5	4	9
1		4	2	6
Total		9	6	15

- $H_0 : p_1 > p_2$
- What are the probabilities of the tables that would give us a value as larger as or larger than the observed value of $O_{11} = 5$?

Fishers exact test: Example

3	6	4	5	5	4	6	3	7	2	8	1	9	0
6	0	5	1	4	2	3	3	2	4	1	5	0	6
.017		.151		.378		.336		.108		.011		.000	

- ▶ $H_0 : p_1 < p_2$
- ▶ What are the probabilities of the tables that would give us a value as small as or small than the observed value of $O_{11} = 5$?
 - it is $.017 + .151 + .378 = .546$

Fishers exact test: Small sample issues

- ▶ Appropriate when expected frequency in any of the cells is below 5 – otherwise χ^2 -test
- ▶ Also small sample test of independence

Fishers exact test: Example

```
. tab cat varBi, exact;
```

cat		varBi		Total
		0	1	
0		5	4	9
1		4	2	6
Total		9	6	15

Fisher's exact = 1.000

1-sided Fisher's exact = 0.545

Median test: Basics

- ▶ Assumptions:
 - ▶ observations X_1^1, \dots, X_n^1 (X_1^2, \dots, X_m^2) from population 1 (2) are random samples and iid
 - ▶ independence between the two samples
- ▶ Hypothesis: medians of the two populations are the same

Median test: Procedure

- ▶ Take grand median of combined sample of $N = n + m$ observations
- ▶ Classify each observation as below or above the grand median, drop those equal to the median
- ▶ Fill 2x2 contingency table
- ▶ Perform Fisher's exact test
- ▶ Easily extendable to k samples

Median test: Example

	<i>cat</i> == 0	<i>cat</i> == 1	
Below grand median	5	2	7
Above grand median	3	4	7
	8	6	14

Median test: Example

```
. median var, by(cat) exact medianties (drop)
```

Median test

Greater than the median	cat		
	0	1	Total
no	5	2	7
yes	3	4	7
Total	8	6	14

```

      Pearson chi2(1) =   1.1667   Pr = 0.280
      Fisher's exact =                0.592
1-sided Fisher's exact =                0.296

```

Continuity corrected:

```
      Pearson chi2(1) =   0.2917   Pr = 0.589
```

Median test: Small sample issues

- ▶ Valid only for interval and ordinal data
- ▶ With skewed distributions, median is a robust statistic!
- ▶ Measures how many observations are below/above median in group and not by how much do observations differ – less powerful test than parametric alternative

Alternative parametric t-test

Dangerous beast if hunting for low p-values in this case

```
. ttest var, by(cat)
```

Two-sample t test with equal variances

Group	Obs	Mean	Std. Err.	Std. Dev.	[95% Conf. Interval]	
0	9	6.777778	1.769948	5.309844	2.69627	10.85929
1	6	10.5	1.979057	4.84768	5.412672	15.58733
combined	15	8.266667	1.367886	5.297798	5.332844	11.20049
diff		-3.722222	2.707443		-9.571297	2.126853

[illegible]
$$\begin{aligned} H_a: \text{diff} &< 0 \\ \Pr(T < t) &= 0.0962 \end{aligned}$$
$$\begin{aligned} H_a: \text{diff} &\neq 0 \\ \Pr(|T| > |t|) &= 0.1924 \end{aligned}$$
$$\begin{aligned} H_a: \text{diff} &> 0 \\ \Pr(T > t) &= 0.9038 \end{aligned}$$

- Disregard? – skewed distribution, unknown variance

Mann-Whitney/Wilcoxon: Basics

- ▶ Basic hypothesis, no treatment effect or sample from one population
- ▶ If treatment effect positive, values from one sample tend to be larger than values from other sample → ranks of values in one sample larger than in the other
- ▶ Mann Whitney U / Wilcoxon W statistic provide base for similar test

Mann-Whitney/Wilcoxon: Basics

- ▶ Assumptions:
 - ▶ observations X_1^1, \dots, X_n^1 (X_1^2, \dots, X_m^2) from population 1 (2) are random samples and iid
 - ▶ independence between the two samples
 - ▶ continuous outcome variable
- ▶ Hypothesis: $H_0 : F(x) = G(x) \forall x$ where F (G) is the distribution function corresponding to population 1 (2) – comparison of distributions!
- ▶ Alternatively: $H_0 : E(X^1) - E(X^2) = 0$ – test of shift in location only when underlying distribution of similar shape – check out Fligner-Policello

Mann-Whitney/Wilcoxon: Procedure

- ▶ Order combined sample of $N = n + m$ observations from smallest to largest
- ▶ Let S_1^2 denote the rank of X_1^2, \dots, S_m denote the rank of X_m^2 in the joint ordering
- ▶ Assign ties average rank
- ▶ Sum of ranks assigned to X^2 -values is $W = \sum_j 1^N S_j$
- ▶ Two-sided test: Reject H_0 if $W \geq w_{\alpha/2}$
- ▶ Get distribution of W from table – generated from all combinations of rank-orderings
- ▶ Mann Whitney U :
 - ▶ For each pair of X_i^1 and X_j^2 observe which is smaller and score one for that pair if X_i is smaller
 - ▶ Sum of scores is U
 - ▶ Without ties, $W = U + n(n+1)/2$

Mann-Whitney/Wilcoxon: Example

- ▶ Consider the variable `var` in the `fakeData.dta`
- ▶ We ask, is there a difference in distribution of `var` across the groups defined by `cat` – between-subject treatment effect

```
. ranksum var, by(cat)
```

Two-sample Wilcoxon rank-sum (Mann-Whitney) test

cat	obs	rank sum	expected
0	9	59.5	72
1	6	60.5	48
combined	15	120	120

unadjusted variance 72.00

adjustment for ties -0.51

adjusted variance 71.49

Ho: $\text{var}(\text{cat}=0) = \text{var}(\text{cat}=1)$

z = -1.478

Prob > |z| = 0.1393

Mann-Whitney/Wilcoxon: Example

- Is normal approximation appropriate let's look at exact probabilities

```
. ranksumex var, by(cat)
```

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Exact statistics

```
Ho: var(cat==0) = var(cat==1)  
Prob <=      35.5 = 0.0769  
Prob >=      60.5 = 0.0771  
Two-sided p-value = 0.1540
```

- Note: exact distribution too conservative with many ties.

Mann-Whitney/Wilcoxon: Example

- And we do have many ties

	rank	var	cat
1.	1	1	0
2.	2.5	2	0
3.	2.5	2	0
4.	4.5	3	1
5.	4.5	3	0
6.	6	5	0
7.	7	6	1
8.	8	9	0
9.	9	11	0
10.	10	12	1
11.	11.5	13	1
12.	11.5	13	0
13.	13	14	1
14.	14.5	15	1
15.	14.5	15	0

Mann-Whitney/Wilcoxon: Small sample issues

- ▶ Valid for any distribution of the sample – exact test only valid if few or no ties between the groups!
- ▶ Much less sensitive to outliers than two-sample t-test
- ▶ Wilcoxon only little less likely to detect location shift than t-test
- ▶ For joint sample sizes larger than 20, use normal approximation
- ▶ rank sum test only a test of equality in medians/means if distributions are of same shape but differ in location
- ▶ works for interval or ordinal data but pay attention to ties

Alternative parametric t-test

- Again, it's a dangerous beast if hunting for low p-values in this case

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diff		-3.722222	2.707443		-9.571297	2.126853
diff = mean(0) - mean(1)				t = -1.3748		
Ho: diff = 0				degrees of freedom = 13		
Ha: diff < 0		Ha: diff != 0		Ha: diff > 0		
Pr(T < t) = 0.0962		Pr(T > t) = 0.1924		Pr(T > t) = 0.9038		

- Disregard? – skewed distribution, unknown variance

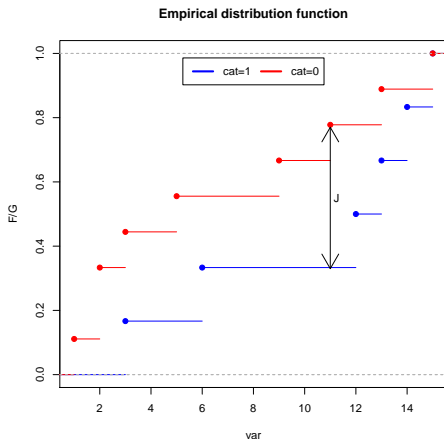
Kolmogorov-Smirnov: Basics

- ▶ Test of equality of distributions, not a directional test
- ▶ Assumptions:
 - ▶ observations X_1^1, \dots, X_n^1 (X_1^2, \dots, X_m^2) from population 1 (2) are random samples and iid
 - ▶ independence between the two samples
 - ▶ continuous outcome variables
- ▶ Test of $H_0 : F(x) = G(x) \forall x$ vs $H_A : F(x) \neq G(x)$ for at least one x
- ▶ Transforms values of observations into a step function, makes it a distribution-free test

Kolmogorov-Smirnov: Procedure

- ▶ For the two samples X_1 and X_2 order the combined $N = n + m$ values denoted Z_1, \dots, Z_N
- ▶ obtain the empirical distribution functions
- ▶ For every $i = 1, \dots, N$, let
$$F(Z_i) = \frac{\# \text{ of sample } X_1\text{s} \leq Z_i}{m}$$
$$G(Z_i) = \frac{\# \text{ of sample } X_2\text{s} \leq Z_i}{n}$$
- ▶ This is the fraction of sample observations less than or equal to the value behind Z_i
- ▶ Then, $J = \frac{mn}{d} \max_{i=1, \dots, N} \{F(Z_i) - G(Z_i)\}$ is the test statistic where d is the greatest common divisor of m and n
- ▶ Reject H_0 if $J \geq j_\alpha$

Kolmogorov-Smirnov: Example



Adjusted, largest distance between empirical distribution functions
is J statistic

Kolmogorov-Smirnov: Example

	var	F	G	D_FG	maxD_FG	M	N	J
1.	1	.1111111	0	.1111111	.4444444	9	6	8
2.	2	.3333333	0	.3333333	.4444444	9	6	8
3.	2	.3333333	0	.3333333	.4444444	9	6	8
4.	3	.4444444	.1666667	.2777778	.4444444	9	6	8
5.	3	.4444444	.1666667	.2777778	.4444444	9	6	8
6.	5	.5555556	.1666667	.3888889	.4444444	9	6	8
7.	6	.5555556	.3333333	.2222222	.4444444	9	6	8
8.	9	.6666667	.3333333	.3333333	.4444444	9	6	8
9.	11	.7777778	.3333333	.4444444	.4444444	9	6	8
10.	12	.7777778	.5	.2777778	.4444444	9	6	8
11.	13	.8888889	.6666667	.2222222	.4444444	9	6	8
12.	13	.8888889	.6666667	.2222222	.4444444	9	6	8
13.	14	.8888889	.8333333	.0555556	.4444444	9	6	8
14.	15	1	1	0	.4444444	9	6	8
15.	15	1	1	0	.4444444	9	6	8

- ▶ We cannot reject H_0 at standard levels of significance
- ▶ Ties! For exact probabilities, each step should have been $1/15 = .067$

Kolmogorov-Smirnov: Example

31	.0559	55
35	.0280	56
36	.0140	63
40	.0060	64
45	.0010	
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$m = 6, n = 9$		
x	$P_0\{J \geq x\}$	x
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10	.1758	6
11	.0947	7
12	.0611	8
13	.0280	
14	.0140	
15	.0060	x
16	.0028	
18	.0004	10
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$m = 7, n = 9$		
x	$P_0\{J \geq x\}$	x
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35	.1267	8
36	.0979	9
38	.0787	10
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Kolmogorov-Smirnov: Small sample issues

- ▶ Ties require adjustment to how exact p-values are computed. Could derive the conditional null distribution by considering the $\binom{N}{\# \text{ of ties}}$ possible ways how our observations could be assigned – not implemented in R, Stata
- ▶ Exact values appropriate, Smirnovs (1933) approximations not good for samples smaller than 50
- ▶ Do not do the one-sample test for normality with Kolmogorov-Smirnov – even best (also non-parametric) alternative, Shapiro-Wilk test, has not enough power to reject normality

Kruskal-Wallis: Basics

- ▶ Test of the location of k populations
- ▶ Parametric alternative is the one-way ANOVA – builds on a measure of group differences but in ranks
- ▶ Extension of the Mann-Whitney U to more than two groups
- ▶ Population may be defined by confounding variables – moving into multi-variate analysis

Kruskal-Wallis: Basics

- ▶ Assumptions:
 - ▶ observations X_1^1, \dots, X_n^1 (X_2^1, \dots, X_m^2) from population 1 (2) are random samples and iid
 - ▶ independence between the two samples
 - ▶ continuous outcome variables
 - ▶ distribution of outcome variable has similar shape across groups
- ▶ Under these assumptions and H_0 the vector of ranks has a uniform distribution over the set of all $N!$ permutations of the vectors of integers $(1, 2, \dots, N)$
- ▶ $H_0 : \theta_1 = \dots = \theta_k$ —Kruskal-Wallis tests against H_a of at least two treatment effects are not equal
- ▶ Applicable to ordinal and continuous scales

Kruskal-Wallis: Procedure

- ▶ Combine N observations from k samples and rank all X
- ▶ Let r_{ij} be the rank of observation X_{ij} then

$$R_j = \sum_{i=1} n_j \text{ and } R_{.j} = \frac{R_j}{n_j} \text{ for treatment } j$$

- ▶ Then,

$$H = \frac{12}{N(N+1)} \sum_{j=1}^k n_j \left(R_{.j} - \frac{N+1}{2} \right)^2$$

where n_j is the number of observations in treatment j – add appropriate correction of ties

- ▶ H is a constant \times a weighted sum of squared differences between the observed average rank and the expected value under the null within a group
- ▶ Reject H_0 if $H \geq h_\alpha$

Kruskal-Wallis: Example

	cat3	var	rank
1.	3	1	1
2.	2	2	2.5
3.	3	2	2.5
4.	1	3	4.5
5.	1	3	4.5
6.	1	5	6
7.	2	6	7
8.	2	9	8
9.	2	11	9
10.	2	12	10
11.	3	13	11.5
12.	3	13	11.5
13.	2	14	13
14.	1	15	14.5
15.	3	15	14.5

Kruskal-Wallis: Example

```
. kwallis var, by(cat3);
```

Kruskal-Wallis equality-of-populations rank test

+-----+			
cat3	Obs	Rank Sum	
-----+-----			
1	4	29.50	
2	6	49.50	
3	5	41.00	
+-----+			

```
chi-squared =      0.107 with 2 d.f.  
probability =      0.9480
```

```
chi-squared with ties =      0.108 with 2 d.f.  
probability =      0.9476
```

$$\blacktriangleright H = \frac{12}{15(16)} 4(29.5/4 - 8)^2 + 6(49.5/6 - 8)^2 + 5(41/5 - 8)^2 = .106875$$

Kruskal-Wallis: Example

```
. set seed 010101;

. permute var h = r(chi2), reps(10000) nowarn nodots: kwallis var, by(cat3);

Monte Carlo permutation results                                Number of obs   =           15
```

```
command: kwallis var, by(cat3)
h: r(chi2)
permute var: var
```

T		T(obs)	c	n	p=c/n	SE(p)	[95% Conf. Interval]	

	h	.1068756	9551	10000	0.9551	0.0021	.9508566	.9590757

Note: confidence interval is with respect to p=c/n.

Note: c = #{|T| >= |T(obs)|}

Kruskal-Wallis: Small sample issues

- ▶ When n grows larger, the distribution of H approaches a χ^2 -distribution
- ▶ Adjustments for ties necessary
- ▶ Sample size need to allow able to derive permutation distribution
- ▶ Not a test of location unless distributions of k groups similar

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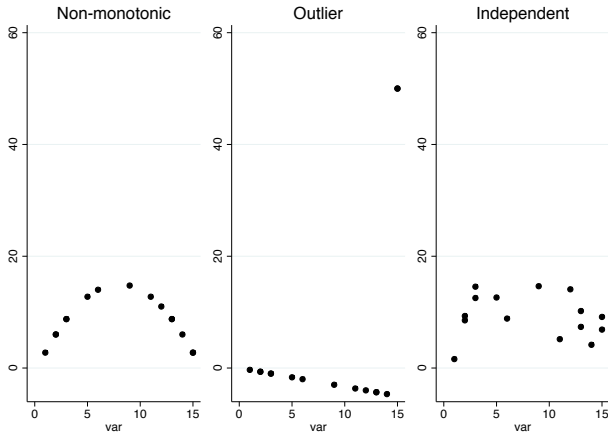
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Alternatives to correlation coefficients

Spearman's ρ : Basics

- ▶ Pearsons correlation for variables converted to ranks
- ▶ Remember: $\rho_{X,Y} = \frac{\text{cov}(X,Y)}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y}$
- ▶ Spearman's ρ tells us something about the proportion of variability accounted for but computed from ranks
- ▶ Assumptions:
 - ▶ X and Y random sample and iid
 - ▶ ordinal or interval data
 - ▶ Monotonic relationship between the two variables
- ▶ H_0 : The variables do not have a rank-order relationship

Spearman's ρ : Example



Spearman's ρ : Example

- Let's look at pairwise Pearson's correlations coefficients

.	pwcorr	var	varX, sig			
			var	varNon~n	varOut~r	varInd

	var		1.0000			
	varNonMon		-0.0657	1.0000		
			0.8161			
	varOutlier		0.4443	-0.5894	1.0000	
			0.0971	0.0208		
	varInd		-0.1208	0.5183	-0.1290	1.0000
			0.6680	0.0478	0.6467	

Spearman's ρ : Example

```
. spearman var varX, stats(rho p)
```

	var	varNon~n	varOut~r	varInd
var	1.0000			
varNonMon	-0.0820 0.7713	1.0000		
varOutlier	-0.2986 0.2797	-0.5743 0.0251	1.0000	
varInd	-0.1380 0.6238	0.5251 0.0445	-0.0771 0.7849	1.0000

Spearman's ρ : Small sample issues

- ▶ Relationship needs to be only monotonic not linear (or normal) as for Pearson's correlation coefficient
- ▶ Rather robust to outliers (thanks to ranks again)
- ▶ Are transformations an option to satisfy monotonicity? It is a rank measure, what transformations would that be?
- ▶ With $N > 30$, Pearson's r and Spearman's ρ are sufficiently equivalent – critical value with $p = 0.05$ for Pearson's with 28 df is .361, for Spearman's with $N=30$ is .363

Spearman's ρ : Small sample issues

- ▶ Report Spearman's ρ with a proper summary statistic of the data (e.g., median and IQR)
- ▶ Check for number of ties
- ▶ Don't use correlation coefficients for data with limit range (e.g. Likert scale)
- ▶ (Don't forget adjustments to p-value if testing multiple hypothesis)

Kendall's τ : Basics

- ▶ Define n as number of observations, any pair of ranks (x_i, y_i) and (x_j, y_j) of one variable pair as concordant if $(x_i - x_j)(y_i - y_j) > 0$ and discordant otherwise – where $C(D)$ is number of concordant (discordant pairs),
- ▶ $\tau_a = \frac{C-D}{n(n-1)/2}$
- ▶ $\tau_b = \frac{C-D}{\sqrt{n(n-1)/2-U}\sqrt{n(n-1)/2-V}}$
with U and V being the sum of the number of tied values in all tied sets in variable X and Y , respectively
- ▶ It's a probability: difference between the probability that two variables are in the same order in the observed data versus the probability that the two variables are in different orders

Kendall's τ : Example

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.          ktau var varX, stats(rho obs p)
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+-----+
|  Key  |
+-----+
|  tau_a  |
|  tau_b  |
|  Sig. level  |
+-----+
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	var	varNon~n	varOut~r	varInd
var	0.9619 1.0000			
varNonMon	-0.0571 -0.0622 0.7996	0.8762 1.0000		
varOutlier	-0.4667 -0.4851 0.0165	-0.4000 -0.4357 0.0373	0.9619 1.0000	
varInd	-0.0857 -0.0874 0.6907	0.4000 0.4273 0.0382	-0.0667 -0.0680 0.7654	1.0000 1.0000

Kendall's τ : Small sample issues

- ▶ τ approaches a normal distribution more rapidly ($N \geq 10$) than Spearman's ρ (Gilpin 1993), with continuous variables even for ($N \geq 8$), Kendall/Gibbons 1990)
- ▶ Said to be more accurate with smaller samples because less sensitive to discrepancies in data
- ▶ Give vastly different exact p-values for various sample sizes and data values: $-1 \leq 3 * \tau - 2\rho \leq 1$ (Siegel/Castellan 1988)

More tests

- ▶ Goodman and Kruskal's gamma:
 - ▶ $\gamma = \frac{C-D}{C+D}$
 - ▶ Distribution of G has high variability and is skewed for small to moderate sample sizes, convergence to ideal distribution in the asymptotic case is slow (Gans/Robertson 1981)
- ▶ Somers' D :
 - ▶ Define T_Y as number of pairs with equal y but unequal x
 - ▶ $D_{YX} = \frac{C-D}{C+D+T_Y}$
 - ▶ improvement in predicting X attributed to knowing an observation's value Y
 - ▶ Note, ranksum and signrank both test $D_{YX} = 0$
 - ▶ Asymptotic approximations work when smaller of the two samples has $N \geq 8$

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