

# BIO 682

## Nonparametric Statistics

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### Lecture 8

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### Example: Sign Test

1. The number of warning cries delivered against intruders by male and female pairs of trogons.




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#### Method:

For  $N = 10$ , count the *smallest number* of + or - (here = 2).

a. Don't count ties or 0.



Pair	M	F	direction	Sign
1	8	3	>	+
2	4	3	>	+
3	6	4	>	+
4	6	3	>	+
5	3	3	=	0
6	2	6	<	-
7	5	2	>	+
8	3	3	=	0
9	1	2	<	-
10	6	0	>	+

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## For N < 35

1. Look up P in a table of binomial probabilities.
2. In this case, P = .055 (1-tailed test).
3. But if no direction is predicted, use 2P (= .110, ns).

TABLE D. TABLE OF PROBABILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH VALUES AS SMALL AS OBSERVED VALUES OF  $x$  IN THE BINOMIAL TEST\*  
Given in the body of this table are one-tailed probabilities under  $H_1$  for the binomial test when  $P = Q = \frac{1}{2}$ . To save space, decimal points are omitted in the p's.

N \ x	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
5		.031	.188	.500	.812	.969	†										
6		.016	.109	.344	.556	.801	.984	†									
7		.008	.062	.227	.500	.773	.938	.992	†								
8		.004	.035	.145	.363	.637	.855	.965	.996	†							
9		.002	.020	.090	.254	.500	.746	.910	.980	.998	†						
10		.001	.011	.055	.172	.377	.623	.828	.945	.989	.999	†					
11			.006	.033	.113	.274	.500	.726	.887	.967	.994	†					
12			.003	.019	.073	.194	.387	.613	.806	.927	.981	.997	†				
13			.002	.011	.046	.133	.291	.500	.709	.867	.954	.989	.998	†			
14			.001	.006	.029	.090	.212	.395	.605	.788	.910	.971	.994	.999	†		
15				.004	.018	.059	.151	.304	.500	.696	.849	.941	.982	.996	†		
16				.002	.011	.038	.105	.227	.402	.598	.773	.895	.962	.989	.998	†	
17				.001	.006	.025	.072	.166	.315	.500	.685	.834	.928	.975	.994	.999	
18				.001	.004	.015	.048	.119	.240	.407	.593	.760	.881	.952	.985	.996	.999
19				.002	.010	.032	.081	.180	.324	.500	.676	.820	.918	.968	.990	.998	
20				.001	.006	.021	.058	.132	.252	.412	.588	.748	.868	.942	.979	.994	
21				.001	.004	.013	.039	.095	.192	.332	.500	.668	.808	.905	.961	.987	
22				.002	.008	.026	.067	.143	.262	.416	.584	.738	.857	.933	.974		
23				.001	.005	.017	.047	.105	.202	.339	.500	.661	.798	.896	.953		
24				.001	.003	.011	.032	.076	.154	.271	.419	.581	.729	.846	.924		
25				.002	.007	.022	.054	.115	.212	.345	.500	.655	.788	.885			

\* Adapted from Table IV, B, of Walker, Helen, and Lev, J., 1933. *Statistical inference*. New York: Holt, p. 458, with the kind permission of the authors and publisher.  
† 1.0 or approximately 1.0.

## Wilcoxon Signed-Ranks Test

1. A more powerful test because it provides a test of:
  - a. Order (like sign test)
  - b. magnitude.
2. Useful in behavioral tests when information is known about magnitude:
  - a. It is then possible to rank pairs based on *magnitude of differences*.

## Wilcoxon Signed-Ranks Test: Method

1. Use the same table as before, except add the following:
  - a. Calculate unsigned difference between M and F.
  - b. Rank them.
  - c. Add the sign of the difference to the rank.
2. Note, 0 is omitted from ranks.

## Wilcoxon Signed-Ranks Test: Method

Pair	M	F	dir.	d	rank	signed rank
1	8	3	>	5	7	7
2	4	3	>	1	1.5	1.5
3	6	4	>	2	3	3
4	6	3	>	3	4.5	4.5
5	3	3	=	0	-	-
6	2	6	<	4	6	-6
7	5	2	>	3	4.5	4.5
8	3	3	=	0	-	-
9	1	2	<	1	1.5	-1.5
10	6	0	>	6	8	8

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## Wilcoxon Signed-Ranks Test: Method

2. Determine N (# of non-zero d's = 8)

3. Calculate:

a.  $T^+$ , sum of (+) ranks (= 28.5).

b.  $T^-$ , sum of (-) ranks (= -7.5).

4. The smaller absolute value is  $T_s$ , look up on Table 30.

a. Here,  $T_s = 7.5$ , > 6 for which  $P = 0.0547$ , ns.

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TABLE 30 Critical values of the Wilcoxon rank sum.

Nominal $\alpha$	0.05		0.025		0.01		0.005	
	$T$	$\alpha$	$T$	$\alpha$	$T$	$\alpha$	$T$	$\alpha$
5	0	.0312						
6	1	.0625						
7	2	.0849	0	.0156				
8	3	.0791	1	.0312				
9	3	.0391	2	.0234	0	.0078		
10	4	.0547	3	.0391	1	.0156		
11	4	.0331	3	.0195	1	.0078	0	.0039
12	6	.0547	4	.0273	2	.0117	1	.0078
13	5	.0488	5	.0195	3	.0098	1	.0039
14	9	.0643	6	.0273	4	.0137	2	.0098
15	10	.0420	8	.0244	5	.0098	3	.0049
16	11	.0527	9	.0322	6	.0137	4	.0068
17	13	.0413	10	.0210	7	.0093	5	.0049
18	14	.0508	11	.0259	8	.0122	6	.0068
19	17	.0461	13	.0212	9	.0084	7	.0066
20	18	.0549	14	.0261	10	.0105	8	.0061
21	21	.0471	17	.0229	12	.0085	9	.0040
22	22	.0549	18	.0287	13	.0107	10	.0052
23	23	.0453	21	.0247	15	.0083	12	.0043
24	26	.0520	22	.0290	16	.0101	13	.0054
25	30	.0473	25	.0240	19	.0090	15	.0042
26	31	.0535	26	.0277	20	.0108	16	.0051
27	33	.0457	29	.0222	23	.0091	19	.0046
28	36	.0523	30	.0253	24	.0107	20	.0055
29	41	.0492	34	.0224	27	.0087	23	.0047
30	42	.0544	35	.0253	28	.0101	24	.0055
31	47	.0494	40	.0241	32	.0091	27	.0045
32	48	.0542	41	.0269	33	.0104	28	.0052
33	53	.0478	46	.0247	37	.0090	32	.0047
34	54	.0521	47	.0273	38	.0102	33	.0054
35	60	.0487	52	.0242	43	.0096	37	.0047
36	61	.0527	53	.0266	44	.0107	38	.0053

TABLE 31 Critical values of  $T^+$  for the Wilcoxon signed ranks test

Table gives for a given  $N$ ,  $n = P(T^+ \geq t)$ , the probability that  $T^+$  is greater than or equal to the value  $t$ .

N	$n$							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	.4250							
2	.3750	.5000						
3	.2706	.4237						
4	.2250	.3750						
5	.1875	.3125	.5000					
6	.1500	.2500	.4062	.5000				
7	.1125	.1875	.2938	.4219	.5000			
8	.0875	.1500	.2500	.3594	.4609	.5000		
9	.0625	.1125	.2062	.3125	.4125	.4800	.5000	
10	.0475	.0875	.1625	.2500	.3375	.4219	.4726	.5000
11	.0325	.0625	.1250	.2062	.2812	.3543	.4125	.4519
12	.0275	.0500	.1000	.1625	.2250	.2938	.3543	.4062
13	.0225	.0375	.0750	.1250	.1875	.2500	.3125	.3672
14	.0175	.0300	.0600	.1000	.1500	.2062	.2609	.3125
15	.0125	.0225	.0450	.0750	.1125	.1500	.2000	.2500
16	.0075	.0175	.0350	.0600	.0900	.1250	.1625	.2000
17	.0050	.0125	.0250	.0450	.0700	.1000	.1375	.1750
18	.0037	.0087	.0175	.0325	.0525	.0750	.1000	.1312
19	.0027	.0062	.0125	.0225	.0375	.0543	.0750	.0988
20	.0019	.0044	.0087	.0162	.0262	.0391	.0543	.0726

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## For Large Samples,

1. As before, the values of  $T^+$  begin to approximate a normal distribution.

$$z = \frac{T^+ - \mu_{T^+}}{\sigma_{T^+}}$$

Where:  $\mu_{T^+} = N(N+1)/4$   
and  $\sigma_{T^+} = N(N+1)(2N+1)/24$

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## Two Sample Tests

1. U-test, Wilcoxon's test
  - a. Tests used to determine if two independent samples have same median.
  - b. Analogous to  $t$ -test
- c. Use ordinal data, which  $t$ -test will not accommodate (very well).

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## $t$ -test or U-test?

- a. If data meet assumptions of  $t$ -test, use it, smaller  $N$  needed than U- or W-tests.
- b. However, if sample size can be increased, can be as/more powerful than  $t$ -test

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## U-test, Wilcoxon's test

1. Both tests devised at about the same time.
  - a. Method is slightly different, but same results are obtained.
2. Wilcoxon also produces the same statistic as a paired t-test.
  - a. Should be used in the same situations.

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## U-test: Example

*Thermosphaeroma* isopods, inhabit hot spring in New Mexico.

1. Small environment, isopods keep pool free of predators.
2. Sexual dimorphism is great, males guard females.
  - a. Female sexual receptivity associated with molt.
  - b. Females are spatially dispersed, apparent time constraints on male guarding time.



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## Male Mate Discrimination

1. Males observed assessing females.
  - a. Females held > 5 sec, < 15 min - were rejects.
  - b. Females held over 15 min - were paired.

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MANN-WHITNEY UTEST OF THERMOPHAEROMA DATA

PAIRED	BLENG	RANK	UNPAIRED BLENG	RANK	
1	30	47	2	24.5	28.5
1	28	37	2	18	14.5
1	18	14.5	2	28	37
1	38.25	57.5	2	18	14.5
1	30	47	2	28	37
1	36	54.5	2	18	14.5
1	18	14.5	2	24.5	28.5
1	36	54.5	2	18	14.5
1	19.5	20	2	28	37
1	16.5	7	2	18	14.5
1	30	47	2	28	37
1	30	47	2	18	14.5
1	22.75	23.5	2	22.75	23.5
1	18	14.5	2	16.5	7
1	28	37	2	28	37
1	18	14.5	2	32	51.5
1	22.75	23.5	2	28	37
1	36	54.5	2	16.5	7
1	22.75	23.5	2	24.5	28.5
1	32	51.5	2	16.5	7
1	28	37	2	24.5	28.5
1	30	47	2	16.5	7
1	28	37	2	22.75	23.5
1	38.25	57.5	2	15	3.5
1	28	37	2	28	37
1	30	47	2	12.25	1.5
1	36	54.5	2	22.75	23.5
1	30	47	2	15	3.5
1	28	37	2	12.75	1.5
29	27.81896	1091	29	21.49137	620
	6.422917			5.467175	

## U-Test: Method

1. Rank body sizes of paired ( $n_1$ ), and rejected females ( $n_2$ ):
  - a. As a single series.
  - b. Lowest to highest.
  - c. Calculate  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$  as  $\sum r_{ij}$ .

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## U-Test: Method

2. If  $N < 20$ , Calculate U as:

$$n_1 n_2 + n_2(n_2 + 1)/2 - R_2$$

3. if  $N > 20$ , calculate z as approximation of normal dist:

$$z = \frac{U - \mu_U}{\sigma_U}$$

where:  $\mu_U = n_1 n_2 / 2$

$$\sigma_U = \sqrt{[n_1 n_2 (n_1 + n_2 + 1) / 12]}$$

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## Tied Ranks:

1. Changes the variability in the set of ranks
  - a. Therefore, need to adjust the value of  $\sigma_U$

$$\sigma_U = \sqrt{[n_1 n_2 / N(N-1)][(N^3 - N)/12 - \sum T]}$$

where

$$\sum T = \sum (t^3 - t) / 12$$

- b.  $t$  = number of tied scores for a given rank
  - c.  $\sum T$  amounts to a term in the denominator that accounts for the length of the run of tied scores.

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## Note That,

c. This correction makes the value of  $z$  *larger*

d. Thus, the uncorrected test is more *conservative*.

$$z = \frac{U - \mu_U}{\sigma_U}$$

$$\sigma_U = \sqrt{[n_1 n_2 / N(N-1)] [(N^3 - N) / 12 - \Sigma T]}$$

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## *k*-Sample Cases

### 1. Friedman's 2-way ANOVA

a. A test to determine whether  $k$  ( $= a$ ) matched samples are from the same population.

b. Example: testing four groups of a individuals with four different feeding regimes.

c. See S&C for details on this one.

d. This test *must* have a balanced design (all samples equal) and be fully factorial (all cells filled) to work.

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## *k*-Sample Cases

### 2. Kruskal-Wallis test

a. A non-parametric ANOVA

1. Tests the hypothesis that the *medians* of a groups are equal.

2. Data cast in a 2 way table.

	Group				
	1	2	3	...	k
$x_{11}$	$x_{12}$	$x_{13}$	...		$x_{1a}$
$x_{21}$	$x_{22}$	$x_{23}$	...		$x_{2a}$
$\vdots$					
$x_{n1}$					$x_{na}$

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## Kruskal-Wallis Test

3. The N observations are replaced by ranks in a single series.

White	Yellow	Purple
96	82	115
128	124	149
83	132	166
61	135	147
101	109	

a. Ranking is in order, low to high.

b. Tied ranks as before  
 $(1+2+3)/3 = 2$

White	Yellow	Purple
4	2	7
9	8	13
3	10	14
1	11	12
5	6	
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$R_j$	22	37
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## Kruskal-Wallis H

1. Ranks are then summed for each of the a groups, where,

$R_j = (\sum r_{ij})$  = the sum of i ranks for each j-th column.

$n_j$  = number of cases in the j-th column

N = total number of cases.

$$H = \frac{12}{N(N+1)} \sum \frac{R_j^2}{n_j} - 3(N+1)$$

with  $df = a-1$

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## Kruskal-Wallis: Example

1. The numbers of beetles on three colors of flowers

White	Yellow	Purple
96	82	115
128	124	149
83	132	166
61	135	147
101	109	

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## Kruskal-Wallis: Example

2. Rank the scores as a *single series* from lowest to highest.

	White	Yellow	Purple
	4	2	7
	9	8	13
	3	10	14
	1	11	12
	5	6	—
R <sub>j</sub>	22	37	46

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## Kruskal-Wallis: Example

3. Then use K-W formula to calculate H:

	White	Yellow	Purple
	4	2	7
	9	8	13
	3	10	14
	1	11	12
	5	6	—
R <sub>j</sub>	22	37	46

$$H = \frac{12}{N(N+1)} \sum \frac{R_j^2}{n_j} - 3(N+1)$$

with  $df = a-1$

$$= \frac{12}{14(14+1)} [(22)^2/5 + (37)^2/5 + (46)^2/4] - 3(14+1)$$

$$= 6.4, df = 2$$

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TABLE O  
Critical values for the Kruskal-Wallis one-way analysis of variance by  
ranks statistic, KW

Sample sizes			α				
n <sub>1</sub>	n <sub>2</sub>	n <sub>3</sub>	.10	.05	.01	.005	.001
2	2	2	4.25				
3	2	1	4.29				
3	2	2	4.71	4.71			
3	3	1	4.57	5.14			
3	3	2	4.56	5.36			
3	3	3	4.62	5.68	7.20	7.20	
4	2	2	4.50				
4	2	3	4.46	5.33			
4	3	1	4.66	5.21			
4	3	2	4.51	5.44	6.44	7.00	
4	3	3	4.71	5.73	6.75	7.32	8.02
4	4	1	4.17	4.97	6.67		
4	4	2	4.25	5.45	7.04	7.28	
4	4	3	4.55	5.60	7.14	7.59	8.32
4	4	4	4.65	5.69	7.66	8.06	8.65
5	2	1	4.20	5.00			
5	2	2	4.26	5.16	6.53		
5	3	1	4.02	4.96			
5	3	2	4.45	5.25	6.82	7.18	
5	3	3	4.53	5.65	7.08	7.51	8.24
5	4	1	3.99	4.99	6.95	7.36	
5	4	2	4.54	5.27	7.12	7.57	8.11
5	4	3	4.55	5.63	7.44	7.91	8.50
5	4	4	4.62	5.62	7.76	8.14	9.00
5	5	1	4.11	5.13	7.31	7.75	
5	5	2	4.62	5.34	7.27	8.13	8.68
5	5	3	4.54	5.77	7.54	8.24	9.04
5	5	4	4.53	5.64	7.77	8.37	9.32
5	5	5	4.56	5.70	7.98	8.72	9.68
Large samples			4.61	5.99	9.21	10.68	13.82

Note: The absence of an entry in the previous table indicates that the distribution may not take on the necessary extreme values.  
Adapted from Table F of Kruskal, C. H., and van Wallendael, C. (1988). A nonparametric introduction to statistics. New York: Macmillan, with the permission of the publisher.

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## Kruskal-Wallis: Significance

1. Note that the smallest  $n_j$  is  $< 5$ :
  - a. For  $a > 3$  and  $n_j > 5$ ,  $H$  is distributed as  $\chi^2$  with  $df = a - 1$ .
  - b. For smaller values of  $n_j$ , must use exact probability table.
2. See Table O:
  - a. Match up sample sizes.
  - b. Find value of  $H$  and read off exact probability ( $H_{obs} = 6.4$ ).  
 $H_{[.05;5,5,4]} = 5.64, P < 0.05$ .

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## Kruskal-Wallis: Tied Ranks

1. To correct for large numbers of tied scores,
  - a. Calculate  $D$  (S&R):

$$D = 1 - \frac{\sum T}{N^3 - N}$$

Where:  $\sum T = \sum(t^3 - t)/12$ , and  $t$  = number of tied scores for a given rank.

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