Nonparametric Testing Hypothesis

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CHAPTER OBJECTIVES

The hypothesis tests from Chapters 7 through 9 are based on assumptions such that the populations of continuous data follow the normal distributions. However, in real-world data, such assumptions may not be satisfied.

This chapter introduces the nonparametric methods for testing hypothesis by converting data such as rankings which do not require assumptions on the population distribution.

Section 10.1 introduces tests for the location parameter of single population such as the Sign Test and Signed Rank Test.

Section 10.2 introduces tests for comparing location parameters of two populations such as the Wilcoxon Rank Sum Test.

Section 10.3 introduces tests for comparing location parameter of several populations such as the Kruskal-Wallis Test and Friedman Test.

10.1 Nonparametric Test for the Location Parameter of Single Population

- The hypothesis test for a population mean in Chapter 7 can be done using t distribution in the case of a small sample if the population is assumed as a normal distribution. As such, if we make some assumptions about a population distribution and test a population parameter using sample data, it is called a parametric test. The hypothesis tests for two population parameters in Chapter 8 and the analysis variance in Chapter 9 are also parametric tests, because they assume that populations are normal distributions.
- However, real world data may not be appropriate to assume that a population follows a normal distribution, or there may not be enough number of samples to assume a normal distribution. In some cases, data collected are not continuous or can be ordinal such as rank, then the parametric tests are not appropriate. In such cases, methods to test population parameters by converting the data into signs or ranks without assuming on population distributions are called the distribution-free or nonparametric tests.
- Since the nonparametric test utilizes the converted data such as signs or ranks, there may be some loss of information about the data. Therefore, if a population can be assumed as a normal distribution, there is no reason to use the nonparametric tests. In fact, when a population follows a normal distribution, a nonparametric test has a higher probability of the type 2 error at the same significance level. However, a nonparametric test would be more appropriate if the data are from a population that do not follow a normal distribution.
- The hypothesis test for a population mean in Chapter 7 is based on the theory of the central limit theorem for the sampling distribution of all possible sample means. However, the nonparametric test use signs by examining whether data values are small or large from the central location parameter of the population (the Sign Test of 10.1.1), or use ranks by calculating the ranking of the data (the Wilcoxon Signed Rank Test of Section 10.1.2). Here, the central location parameter can be the population mean or the population median, but usually referring to the population median that is not affected by an extreme point of the data.
- Estimation of a population parameter can also be made by using a nonparametric method, but this chapter only introduces nonparametric hypothesis tests. Those interested in the nonparametric estimation should refer to the relevant literature.

10.1.1 Sign Test

• Let's take a look at the sign test with the following examples.

If the number of $+$ signs and $-$ signs are similar, the weight of cookie bag would **Example 10.1.1** be 200g approximately. If the number of $+$ signs is larger than $-$ signs, then the **Answer** weight of cookie bag is greater than 200g. If the number of $-$ signs is larger than **(continued)** + signs, then the weight of cookie bag is less than 200g. Since the above sign data only investigate whether a data is larger or smaller than 200 and never use a concept of the mean, it can be considered as testing for the population median (M) as follows: H_1 : $M \neq 200$ H_0 : $M = 200$ H_1 : M In the sign data above, 'the number of + signs' (denote it as n_{+}) or 'the number of – signs' (denote as n_{-}) follows a binomial distribution with parameters of $n=10$, =0.5 (<Figure 10.1.4>). Binomial Distribution $n = 10$, $p = 0.50$ Mean \approx 5.00, Std Dev = 1.58 \leq Figure 10.1.4> Binomial distribution when $n=10$, $p=0.5$ • Therefore, if H_0 is correct, the number of + signs may be the most likely to be 5 $|$ and 0, 1 or 9, 10 are very unlikely to be present. In order to test $H_0:$ M = 200 \mid with 5% significance level, since it is a two-sided test, rejection region should have the 2.5% probability at both ends of the binomial distribution, so it is approximately as follows: If the number of + signs (n_+) is either 0, 1 (cumulated probability from left is 0.011) or 9, 10 (cumulated probability from right is 0.011), then reject H_0 This rejection region has a total probability of $2*0.011 = 0.022$ which is smaller than the significance level of 0.05. When we use a discrete distribution such as binomial distribution, it may be difficult to find a rejection region which is exactly the same as the significance level. If we include one more value in the rejection region, the decision rule is as follows: If the number of + signs (n_+) is either 0, 1, 2 (cumulated probability from left is 0.055) or 8, 9, 10 (cumulated probability from right is 0.055), then reject H_0 This rejection region has a total probability of $2*0.055 = 0.110$ which is greater than the significance leve of 0.05. Therefore, the middle values 1.5 (of 1 and 2) and 8.5 (of 8 and 9) can be used in the decision rule as follows: If the number of + signs (n_+) < 1.5 or n_+ > 8.5, then reject H_0

When the population median is M , the sign test is used to test whether $M=M_0$ or $M>M_0$ (or $M < M_0$ or $M \neq M_0$). However, if the population distribution is symmetrical to the mean, the sign test is the same as the test of the population mean, because mean and median are the same in this case.

When there are n number of samples, the test statistic for the sign test uses the number of data which are greater than M_0 which is denoted as n_+ . The sign test uses the random variable of 'the number of + signs $(n_{+})'$ which follows a binomial distribution with parameters n and $p=0,5$, i.e., $B(n,0.5)$ when the null hypothesis is true. You can use the number of data which are less than M_0 , i.e., n_{-} = $n - n_{+}$ and n_{-} also follows a binomial distribution $B(n, 0.5)$. Let us use n_+ in this section. $B(n,0.5)_{\alpha}$ represents the right tail $100\times \alpha$ percentile, but the accurate percentile value may not exist, because it is a discrete distribution. In this case, middle value of two nearest percentile is often used. Table 10.1.1 summarizes the decision rule for each type of hypothesis of the sign test.

Table 10.1.1 Decision rule of the sign test

Type of Hypothesis	Decision Rule Test Statistic n_{+} = 'number of plus sign data'				
1) H_0 : $M = M_0$ $H_1 : M > M_0$	If $n_+ > B(n,0.5)$, then reject H_0 , else accept H_0				
$\vert 2)$ H_0 : $M = M_0$ H_1 : $M < M_0$	If n_+ < $B(n,0.5)_{1-\alpha}$, then reject H_0 , else accept H_0				
(3) H_0 : $M = M_0$ $H_1: M \neq M_0$	If n_+ < $B(n,0.5)_{1-\alpha/2}$ or n_+ > $B(n,0.5)_{\alpha/2}$, then reject H_0 , else accept H_0				

s i If the observed value is the same as M_0 **?**

If any of the observations has the same value as M_0 , they are not used $\,|\,$ in the sign test. In other words, reduce n .

• As studied in Chapter 5, the binomial distribution $B(n, 0.5)$ can be approximated by the normal distribution $N(0.5n, 0.5^2n)$ if n is sufficiently large. Therefore, if the sample size is large, the test statistic n_+ = 'the number of plus sign data' can be tested using the normal distribution $N(0.5n, 0.5^2n)$. Table 10.1.2 summarizes the decision rule for each hypothesis of the sign test in the case of large samples.

10.1.2 Wilcoxon Signed Rank Sum Test

• The sign test described in the previous section converted sample data to either + or - symbols by examining whether the data were larger or smaller than the medium M_0 . In this case, most of the information that the original sample data have is lost. In order to apply the Wilcoxon signed rank test, we subtract M_0 first from the sample data and take the absolute value of this data. Assign ranks on these absolute values and calculate the sum of the larger ranks than M_0 and the sum of the smaller ranks than M_0 . If two rank sums are similar, we conclude that the population median is equal to M_0 . This signed rank sum test is the most widely used nonparametric method for testing the central location parameter of a population. This test takes into account not only whether the sample data are larger or smaller than M_0 , but also the relative size of the sample data from M_0 .

when $n = 10$

If we denote the population median as M , the signed rank sum test is to test whether the population median is M_0 or greater than (or less than or not equal to) M_0 . However, if the population distribution is symmetric about the mean, the signed rank sum test becomes to test about the population mean because the population median and mean are the same. The basic statistical model is as follows:

 $X_i = M_0 + \epsilon_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ $X_i = M_0 + \epsilon_i$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$
where ϵ_i 's are independent, symmetric about the mean 0 and follow the same distribution.

• If $x_1, x_2, ..., x_n$ are sample data, ranks of $|x_i - M_0|$ are calculated first and the sum of ranks for the data which are greater than M_0 (+ sign data of $x_i - M_0$), denoted as R_{+} , is calculated. R_{+} is the test statistic for the signed rank sum test and the sampling distribution of R_{+} , denoted as $w_{+}(n)$, is calculated for testing hypothesis by considering all possible cases. \mathbb{F} eStatU $_{\mathbb{J}}$ provides $w_{+}(n)$ until $n=22.$ $w_{+}(n)_{\alpha}$ denotes right tail 100 $\times \alpha$ percentile of the $w_{+}(n)$ distribution, but it is not easy to find the exact percentile because $w_+(n)$ is a discrete distribution and is usually used to approximate the two adjacent values. Table 10.1.5 summarizes the decision rule for the Wilcoxon signed rank sum test for each type of

hypothesis.

Table 10.1.5 Decision rule of Wilcoxon signed rank sum test

• If the sample size is large enough, the test statistic R_+ is approximated to a normal distribution with the following mean $E(R_+)$ and variance $V(R_+)$ when
the null hypothesis is true.
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V(R_{+}) = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{24}
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• Table 10.1.6 summarizes the decision rule of the signed rank sum test for each type of hypothesis.

	Table 10.1.6 Decision rule of Wilcoxon signed rank sum test (large sample case)			
Decision Rule Type of Hypothesis Test Statistic: R_+ = Rank sum of + sign data of $ x_i - M_0 $				
	1) $H_0: M = M_0$ If $\frac{R_+ - E(R_+)}{\sqrt{V(R_+)}} > z_\alpha$, then reject H_0 , else accept H_0			
	2) $H_0: M = M_0$ If $\frac{R_+ - E(R_+)}{\sqrt{V(R_+)}} < -z_\alpha$, then reject H_0 , else accept H_0			
	$\begin{vmatrix} 3 & H_0: M = M_0 \ H_1: M \neq M_0 \end{vmatrix}$ If $\left \frac{R_+ - E(R_+)}{\sqrt{V(R_+)}} \right > z_{\alpha/2}$, then reject H_0 , else accept H_0			

Table 10.1.6 Decision rule of Wilcoxon signed rank sum test (large sample case)

• The distribution of $w_+(n)$ is independent of the population distribution. In other words, the Wilcoxon signed rank sum test is a distribution free test. For example, if $n=3$, the distribution of $w_+(3)$ can be obtained as follows:

• Therefore, the distribution of $w_+(3)$ can be calculated as follows which is independent of the population distribution.

• If there is a tie on the value of $|x_i - M_0|$, the average rank is calculated when the ranking is obtained. In this case, the variance of R_+ in case of large sample is calculated using the following modified formula.

 $V(R_+) = \frac{1}{24} [n(n+1)(2n+1) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{g} t_j (t_j - 1)(t_j + 1)]$ $V(R_+) = \frac{1}{24} [n(n+1)(2n+1) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{g} t_j (t_j - 1)(t_j + 1)]$
Here g = (number of groups of tie)

 t_j = (size of j^{th} tie group, i.e., number of observations in the tie group) if there is no tie, size of j^{th} tie group is 1 and $t_j = 1$

10.2 Nonparametric Test for Location Parameters of Two Populations

- The testing hypothesis for the two population means in Chapter 8 used the t-distribution in case of a small sample, if each population could be assumed to be a normal distribution. However, the assumption that the population follows a normal distribution may not be appropriate for real world data, or that there may not be enough sample data to assume a normal distribution. Alternatively, if collected data is ordinal such as ranking, then the parametric t-test is not appropriate. In such cases, a nonparametric method is used to test parameters by converting data to ranks without assuming the distribution of the population. This section introduces the Wilcoxon rank sum test.
- Nonparametric tests convert data into ranks, so there may be some loss of information about the data. Therefore, if data are normally distributed, there is no reason to apply a nonparametric test. However, a nonparametric method would be a more appropriate method if the data do not follow a normal distribution.
- As in Chapter 8, this section introduces nonparametric tests for testing location parameters of two populations for the samples drawn independently from each population and for the samples drawn as paired.

10.2.1 Independent Samples: Wilcoxon Rank Sum Test

• Let's take a look at the Wilcoxon rank sum test with the following example.

Sum of ranks $R_1 = 55$ $R_2 = 36$

Ranks of Sample 2

1

6 7 8.5 10.5

3

95

- The sum of all ranks is $1+2+\cdots+13=13(13+1)/2=91$. The sum of ranks in sample 1 is R_1 = 55 and the sum of ranks in sample 2 is R_2 = 36. Note that R_1 + R_2 = 91. If R_1 and R_2 are similar, the null hypothesis that two population medians are the same is accepted. In this example R_1 is larger than R_2 and it seems the median of the population 1 is larger than the median of the population 2. But how much difference in the rank sum would be statistically significant if you consider the sample sizes?
- To investigate how large a difference in the rank sum is statistically significant when the null hypothesis is true, the sampling distribution of the random variable R_2 = 'Rank sum of sample 2' (or R_1 = 'Rank sum of sample 1') should be known. If H_0 is true, the number of cases for R_2 is $_{13}P_6$ = 1716 as shown in Table 10.2.2. It is not easy to examine all of these possible rankings to find the distribution table. 『eStatU』provides the Wilcoxon rank sum distribution and its table as shown in <Figure 10.2.4>.

Example 1

Let's generalize the Wilcoxon rank sum test described in [Example 10.2.1]. Denote random samples selected independently from each of the two populations as follows. The sample sizes are n_1 and n_2 respectively, and $n = n_1 + n_2$.

Sample 1
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X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{n_1}
$$

\nSample 2 Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_{n_2}

\nFor convenience, assume $n_1 \geq n_2$. If $n_1 \leq n_2$, you can swap between X and Y.

• The statistical model of the Wilcoxon rank sum test is as follows:

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X_i = M_1 + \epsilon_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \cdots, n_1
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Y_j = M_1 + \Delta + \epsilon_j, \quad j = 1, 2, \cdots, n_2, \quad \text{* You may write} \quad M_2 = M_1 + \Delta
$$

Here Δ is the difference between location parameters. ϵ_i 's are independent and follow the same continuous distribution which is symmetric around 0.

• The test statistic for the Wilcoxon rank sum test is the sum of ranks, R_2 , for Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_{n_2} based on the combined sample of $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{n_1}, Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_{n_2}$. The distribution of the random variable R_2 = 'Sum of the ranks for Y sample' can be obtained by investigating all possible cases of ranks for Y which is ${}_{n}P_{n}$ and is denoted as $w_2(n_1,n_2)$. $\sqrt[\text{FestatU}_1\text{ provides the Wilcoxon rank sum distribution}$ $w_2(n_1,n_2)$ and its table up to $n=25$. $w_2(n_1,n_2)_{\alpha}$ denotes the right tail $\bf 100\times\alpha$ percentile, but it might not be able to find the accurate percentile, because $w_2(n_1,n_2)$ is a discrete distribution. In this case, middle value of two percentiles near $w_2(n_1,n_2)_{\alpha}$ is often used as an approximation. Table 10.2.4 summarizes the decision rule for each type of hypothesis.

 \mathbb{F} If there is a tie in the combined sample, assign the average rank.

• When the null hypothesis is true, if the sample is large enough, the test statistic is approximated to the normal distribution with the following mean $E(R_2)$ and variance $V(R_2)$:

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E(R_2) = \frac{n_2(n_1 + n_2 + 1)}{2}
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V(R_2) = \frac{n_1 n_2(n_1 + n_2 + 1)}{12}
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• Table 10.2.5 summarizes the decision rule for each hypothesis type of the Wilcoxon rank sum test if the sample is large enough.

Table 10.2.5 Wilcoxon rank sum test (large sample case)					
Type of Hypothesis	Decision Rule Test Statistic: R_2 = 'Sum of ranks assigned samples of Y'				
	1) $H_0: M_1 = M_2$ If $\frac{R_2 - E(R_2)}{\sqrt{V(R_2)}} > z_\alpha$, then reject H_0 , else accept H_0				
	$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & H_0: M_1 = M_2 \ H_1: M_1 < M_2 \end{vmatrix}$ If $\frac{R_2 - E(R_2)}{\sqrt{V(R_2)}}$ $\langle -z_\alpha,$ then reject H_0 , else accept H_0				
	3) $H_0: M_1 = M_2$ If $\left \frac{R_2 - E(R_2)}{\sqrt{V(R_2)}} \right > z_{\alpha/2}$, then reject H_0 , else accept H_0				

Table 10.2.5 Wilcoxon rank sum test (large sample case)

• The distribution of rank sum statistic, $w_2(n_1,n_2)$, is not dependent on the population distribution. That is, the rank sum test is a distribution free test. For example, if $n_1 = 3$ and $n_2 = 2$, the distribution $w_2(3,2)$ can be found as follows. All possible cases of ranks for R_2 is ${}_5P_2 = 10$.

• Therefore, the distribution $w_2(3,2)$ is given regardless of the population distribution as follows:

If there is a tie in the combined sample, the average rank is assigned to each data. In this case, the variance of R_2 should be modified in case of large sample as follows: e in the combined sample, the average

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V(R_2)=\frac{n_1n_2}{12}\left[n_1+n_2+1-\frac{\displaystyle\sum_{j=1}^q t_j(t_j-1)(t_j+1)}{(n_1+n_2)(n_1+n_2-1)}\right]
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Here $g =$ (number of tied groups)

 t_j = (size of j^{th} tie group, i.e., number of observations in the tie group) if there is no tie, size of j^{th} tie group is 1 and t_j =1

10.2.2 Paired Samples: Wilcoxon Signed Rank Sum Test

- Section 8.1.2 discussed the testing hypothesis for two population means using paired samples. Paired samples are used when it is difficult to extract samples independently from two populations, or if independently extracted, the characteristics of each sample object are so different that the resulting analysis is meaningless. If two populations are normally distributed, the t-test was applied for the difference data of the paired samples as described in Section 8.1.2. However, if the normality assumption of two populations can not be satisfied, the Wilcoxon signed rank sum test in Section 10.1.2, which is a nonparametric test, can be applied to the difference data of the paired samples.
- In case of the paired samples, first calculate the differences $(d_i = x_{i1} x_{i2})$ for each paired sample as shown in Table 10.2.6. For the data of differences, we examine the normality to check whether the parametric test can be applicable or not. If it is not applicable, we apply the Wilcoxon signed rank sum test on the differences.

Pair number	Sample of population 1 x_{i1}	Sample of population 2 x_{i2}	Difference $d_i = x_{i1} - x_{i2}$
2 \cdots \boldsymbol{n}	x_{11} x_{21} \cdots x_{n1}	x_{12} x_{22} \cdots x_{n2}	$d_1 = x_{11} - x_{12}$ $d_2 = x_{21} - x_{22}$ \cdots $d_n = x_{n1} - x_{n2}$

Table 10.2.6 Data of differences for paired samples

• Let's take a look at the next example.

The Wilcoxon signed rank test for the paired samples is to test whether the population median of the differences between two populations, M_{d} , is zero or not. If we denote the paired samples as $(x_1,y_1),\,(x_2,y_2),\,\cdots,\,(x_n,y_n)$, the Wilcoxon signed rank sum test calculates the difference $d_i = x_i - y_i$ first and assign ranks on $|d_i|$. The sum of ranks of $|d_i|$ which has + sign, R_+ , is used as the test statistic. \ulcorner eStatU \lrcorner provides the distribution of R_+ , denoted as $w_+(n)$, up to $n=22$. $w_+(n)_{\alpha}$ refers to the right tail 100 $\times \alpha$ percentile of this distribution which may not have an accurate percentile value, because it is a discrete distribution. In this case the average of two values near $w_+(n)_{\alpha}$ is used approximately. Table 10.2.9 summarizes the decision rule of the Wilcoxon signed rank sum test for paired samples by the type of hypothesis.

Type of Hypothesis	Decision Rule Test Statistic: R_+ = 'sum of ranks on $ d_i $ with + sign'
1) $H_0: M_d = 0$ $H_1: M_d > 0$	If $R_+ > w_+(n)_a$, then reject H_0 , else accept H_0
$\begin{aligned} \big\vert 2\big\vert \,\, H_0 \,\, : \,\, M_d \,\, = \,\, 0 \ \, H_1 \,\, : \,\, M_d \,\, < \,\, 0 \,\, \big\vert \end{aligned}$	If $R_+ < w_+(n)_{1-\alpha}$, then reject H_0 , else accept H_0
3) $H_0: M_d = 0$	$\left \text{If } R_+ < w_+(n)_{1-\alpha/2} \text{ or } R_+ > w_+(n)_{\alpha/2} \text{ , then reject } H_0, \right.$ H_1 : $M_d \neq 0$ else accept H_0

Table 10.2.9 Wilcoxon signed rank sum test for paired samples

• If the sample size of the paired sample is large, use the normal distribution approximation formula shown in Table 10.1.6.

10.3 Nonparametric Test for Location Parameters of Several Populations

• The testing hypothesis for several population means in Chapter 9 was possible if each population could be assumed to be a normal distribution and has the same population variance. However, the assumption that the population follows a normal distribution may not be true for real-world data, or that there may not

be enough data to assume a normal distribution. Alternatively, if data are ordinal such as ranks, then the parametric test is not appropriate. In this case, a nonparametric test is used by converting data into ranks without making assumptions about the population distribution. This section introduces the Kruskal-Wallis test corresponding to the completely randomized design of experiments and the Friedman test corresponding to the randomized block design of experiments in Chapter 9.

• Since nonparametric tests are done by using the converted data such as ranks, there may be some loss of information about the data. Therefore, if data are normally distributed, there is no reason to apply a nonparametric test. However, a nonparametric test would be a more appropriate method if data were selected from a population that did not follow a normal distribution.

10.3.1 Completely Randomized Design: Kruskal-Wallis Test

• The Kruskal-Wallis test extends the Wilcoxon rank sum test for two populations. Consider the following example.

Example 10.3.1 Answer (continued)

Click the ANOVA icon $\left[\begin{array}{cc} \mu_1\mu_2 \\ \mu_6 \end{array}\right]$. Select 'Score' as 'Analysis Var' and 'Company' as 'by Group' variable in the variable selection box. Then a dot graph with the 95% confidence interval of each population mean will appear as in <Figure 10.3.2>. Company C has the highest average of satisfaction scores, followed by Company A and Company B. However, it should be tested if these differences are statistically significant. Clicking the [Histogram] button in the options window below the graph will reveal the histogram and its normal distribution curve for each company, as in<Figure 10.3.3>.

<Figure 10.3.2> Dot graph and the confidence interval by company

<Figure 10.3.3> Histogram by company

* Looking at the histogram, the data are not sufficient to assume that the population follows a normal distribution, because the number of data is so small. In such a case, applying the parametric hypothesis test such as the ANOVA F-test may lead to errors. The hypothesis for this problem is to test whether $M^{}_1, M^{}_2, M^{}_3$ of the three populations are the same or not as follows:

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H_0: M_1 = M_2 = M_3
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 H_1 : At least one pair of location parameters is not the same.

w The Kruskal–Wallis test combines all three samples into a single set of data and calculate ranks of this data. If there is a tie, then the average rank will be assigned. Then the sum of the ranks in each sample, R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , is calculated. The test statistic H for the Kruscal-Wallis test is similar to the F -test by converting sample data into ranks as follows:
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H = \frac{12}{n(n+1)} \sum_{j=1}^{3} \frac{R_j^2}{n_j} - 3(n+1)
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To obtain ranks of the combined sample, it is convenient to arrange the data in ascending order separately and then rank the whole data as shown in Table 10.3.1.

The total sum of ranks is $1+2+\cdots+10=10(10+1)/2=55$. The sum of ranks for **Example 10.3.1** sample 1 is R_1 = 21, for sample 2 is R_2 = 7, and for sample 3 is R_3 = 27. When **Answer** the number of data in each sample is taken into account, if R_1 , R_2 , and **(continued)** similar, the null hypothesis that three population location parameters are the same would be accepted. In this example, despite of the small sample size for sample 3, R_3 is larger thant R_1 or R_2 . Also R_1 is larger than R_2 . Based on these $|$ H_3 is larger thant H_1
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n the above example, the $H = \frac{12}{10(10+1)} \left(\frac{21^2}{4}\right)$
f the null hypothesis is differences, can you conclude that the three population location parameters are statistically different? In the above example, the H statistic is as follows: $\frac{12}{10+1} \left(\frac{21^2}{4} + \frac{7^2}{3} + \frac{27^2}{3} \right) - 3(10+1) = 7.318$ If the null hypothesis is true, the distribution of the test statistic should be known to investigate how large a value of H is statistically significant. If $n = 10$, the number of cases for ranking $\{1,2,3, \cdots, 10\}$ is $10! = 3,628,800$. It is not easy to examine all of these possible rankings to create a distribution table of H . ^FeStat U_J shows the distribution of the Kruskal–Wallis *H* for n_1 =4, n_2 =3, and n_3 =3 as shown in <Figure 10.3.4>, and a part of the distribution table as in Table 10.3.2. As shown in the figure, the distribution of H is an asymmetrical distribution. Kruskal-Wallis H Distribution $n_k = 4$, $n_k = 3$, $n_k = 3$.
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Od St À <Figure 10.3.4> Kruskal Wallis H distribution when n_1 =4, n_2 =3, n_3 =3 Table 10.3.2 Kruskal Wallis H distribution when $n_1 = 4$, $n_2 = 3$, $n_3 = 3$ Kruskal Wallis H distribution $k = 3$ $n_1 = 4$ $n_2 = 3$ $n_3 = 3$ x \parallel P(X = x) \parallel P(X \leq x) \parallel P(X \geq x) 0.018 0.0162 0.0162 1.0000 0.045 0.0133 0.0295 0.9838 ⋯ ⋯ │ ⋯ │ ⋯ ⋯ │ ⋯ ⋯ │ ⋯ ⋯ │ 5.727 0.0048 0.9543 0.0505 5.791 0.0095 0.9638 0.0457 5.936 0.0019 0.9657 0.0362 5.982 || 0.0076 || 0.9733 || 0.0343 || 6.018 0.0019 0.9752 0.0267 6.155 0.0019 0.9771 0.0248 6.300 0.0057 0.9829 0.0229 6.564 0.0033 0.9862 0.0171 6.664 0.0010 0.9871 0.0138 6.709 0.0029 0.9900 0.0129 6.745 0.0038 0.9938 0.0100 7.000 0.0019 0.9957 0.0062 7.318 || 0.0019 || 0.9976 || 0.0043 || 7.436 0.0010 0.9986 0.0024 8.018 0.0014 1.0000 0.0014

• Let us generalize the Kruskal⁻Wallis H test described so far with an example. Denote random samples collected independently from the k populations (at each level of one factor) when their sample sizes are n_1 , n_2 , ..., n_k as follows: $(n = n_1 + n_2 + \cdots + n_k).$

Level 1	Level 2	\cdots	Level k		
X_{11} X_{12} \cdots X_{1n_1}	X_{21} $X_{\rm 22}$ \cdots X_{2n_2}	\cdots	$X_{\!\scriptscriptstyle k1}$ X_{k2} \cdots X_{kn_k}		
Level 1 Mean X_1 .	Level 2 Mean X_2 .	\cdots	Level k Mean X_k .	Total Mean X_{\cdot} .	

Table 10.3.3 Notation for random samples from each level

• The statistical model of the Kruskal-Wallis test is as follows:

$$
X_{ij}\,=\,\mu\,+\,\tau_i\,+\,\epsilon_{ij},\ \, i=1,2,\cdots,k;\ \, j=1,2,\cdots,n_i\qquad\text{where}\quad\sum_{i\,=\,1}^k\,\tau_i=0.
$$

Here τ_i represents the effect of the level i and ϵ_{ij} 's are independent and follow the same continuous distribution.

• The hypothesis of the Kruskal-Wallis test is as follows:

 $H_0: \tau_1 = \tau_2 = \ \cdots \ = \tau_k$ H_1 : At least one pair of τ_j is not equal. • For the Kruskal⁻Wallis test, ranking data for the combined sample must be created. Table 10.3.4 is a notation of ranking data for each level.

Level 1	Level ₂	.	Level k	
R_{11} R_{12} \ldots R_{1n_1}	R_{21} R_{22} \ddots R_{2n_2}	.	R_{k1} R_{k2} \cdots R_{kn_k}	
Sum of ranks in level 1 R_1 .	Sum of ranks in level 2 R_2 .	.	Sum of ranks in level $k R_k$.	
Mean of ranks in level 1 R_1 .	Mean of ranks in level 2 R_2 .	.	Mean of ranks in level k R_k .	Total mean of ranks $\overline{R}_{} = (n+1)/2$

Table 10.3.4 Notation of ranking data in each level

The sum of squares for the one-way analysis of variance studied in Chapter 9 by using the ranking data in Table 10.3.4 are as follows:

$$
SST = \sum_{i=1}^{k} \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} (R_{ij} - \overline{R}_{...})^2 = \sum_{k=1}^{n} (k - \overline{R}_{...})^2 = n(n+1)(n-1)
$$

\n
$$
SSTr = \sum_{i=1}^{k} \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} (\overline{R}_{i..} - \overline{R}_{...})^2
$$

\n
$$
SSE = SST - SSTr
$$

$$
SSTr = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} (R_i - R_{\dots})^2
$$

\n
$$
SSE = SST - SSTr
$$

\n• Also, the statistic for the *F*-test is as follows:
\n
$$
F = \frac{MSTr}{MSE} = \frac{\frac{SSTr}{k-1}}{\frac{SSE}{n-k}} = \frac{\frac{SSTr}{k-1}}{\frac{SST - SSTr}{n-k}} = \frac{\frac{n-k}{k-1}}{\frac{SST}{SST - 1}}
$$

Since SST is a constant, the statistic for the F -test is proportional to $SSTr$.

• The statistic for the Kruskal-Wallis test H is proportional to $SSTr$ as follows:

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e statistic for the Kruskal-Wallis test *H* i

$$
H = \frac{12}{n(n+1)} \sum_{i=1}^{k} n_i (\overline{R}_{i..} - \overline{R}_{...})^2
$$

$$
= \frac{12}{n(n+1)} \sum_{i=1}^{k} R_{i..}^2 - 3(n+1)
$$

- $y_i = \frac{12}{n(n+1)} \sum_{i=1}^{k} R_i^2$. $-3(n+1)$

 The multiplication constant $\frac{12}{n(n+1)}$ in the statistic follows approximately $\frac{12}{(n+1)}$ in the definition of H statistics is intended to ensure that the statistic follows approximately the chi-square distribution with $k-1$ degrees of freedom.
- The distribution of the Kruskal-Wallis test statistic H, denoted as $h(n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k)$, can be obtained by considering all possible cases of ranks $\{1, 2, \cdots, n\}$ which is $n!$. \ulcorner <code>EStatU</code> \lrcorner provides the table of $h(n_1,n_2,\cdots,n_k)$ up to $n=10$. $h(n_1,n_2,\cdots,n_k)_{\alpha}$ denotes the right tail 100 $\times \alpha$ percentile, but it might not have the exact value of this percentile, because $h(n_1,n_2,\cdots,n_k)$ is a discrete distribution. In this case, the middle of two adjacent values of 100 $\times \alpha$ percentile is often used. The decision rule of the Kruskal-Wallis test is as Table 10.3.5.

Table 10.3.5 Kruskal-Wallis test

- The distribution of the Kruskal-Wallis H statistic is independent of a population distribution. In other words, the Kruskal-Wallis test is a distribution-free test.
- If the null hypothesis is true and the sample size is large enough, the test statistic H is approximated by the chi-square distribution with $k-1$ degrees of freedom. Table 10.3.6 summarizes the decision rule for the Kruskal-Wallis test in case of large samples.

• If there is a tie in the combined sample, the average rank is assigned to each data. In this case, the statistic H shall be modified as follows:

$$
T_1: \text{At least one pair of } \tau_j \text{ is}
$$
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$$
\text{there is a tie in the combii}
$$
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$$
\text{It: } \text{It is a possible to find the condition}
$$
\n
$$
H' = \frac{H}{1 - \sum_{j=1}^{g} \frac{T_j}{n^3 - n}}
$$

Here $g =$ (number of tied groups)

$$
T_j = \sum_{j=1}^{s} t_j(t_j - 1)(t_j + 1)
$$

 t_j = (the size of the j^{th} tie group, i.e., the number of observations in the tie group) if there is no tie, the size of the j^{th} tie group is 1 and t_j =1.

10.3.2 Randomized Block Design: Friedman Test

In Section 9.2, we studied the randomized block design to measure the fuel mileage of three types of cars which reduce the impact of the block factor, i.e., driver. If each population follows a normal distribution, sample data are analyzed using the F-test based on the two-way analysis of variance without the interaction. However, the assumption that a population follows a normal distribution may not be appropriate for real-world data, or that there may not be enough data to assume a normal distribution. Alternatively, if the data collected might not be continuous and are ordinal such as ranks, then the parametric test is not appropriate. In such cases, nonparametric tests are used to test parameters by converting data to ranks without assuming the distribution of the population. This section introduces the Friedman test corresponding to the randomized block design experiments in Section 9.2.2.

Let us take a look at the Friedman test using [Example 9.2.1] which was the car fuel mileage measurement problem.

Example 10.3.2 \bullet Click icon **(continued)** w Click icon $\frac{|\mu_1\mu_2|}{\text{in }\mathbb{R}}$ of the analysis of variance. Select 'Miles' as 'Analysis Var' and 'Car' as 'by Group'. Then the dot graph by car type and the 95% confidence interval for **(continued)** the population mean will appear. Again, clicking the [Histogram] button in the options window below the graph will show the histogram and normal distribution curve for each car type as shown in <Figure 10.3.9>. Probability Histogram and Normal Distribution

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Std Dev=3.10

- Looking at the histogram, it is not sufficient to assume that each population follows
a normal distribution, because of the small number of data. In such case, applying the parametric F -test may lead to errors.
- The hypothesis for this problem is to test whether or not the location parameters M_1 , M_2 , M_3 of the three populations are the same.

 $H_0: M_1 = M_2 = M_3$ H_1 : At least one pair of location parameters is not equal.

• The Friedman test calculates the sum of ranks, R_1, R_2, R_3 , for each of the three types of cars after the ranking is calculated for the fuel mileage measured for each driver (block) (Table 10.3.8). If there is a tie, then the average of ranks is assigned.

		Car A	Car B	Car C
Driver	◠			
(Block)	3			
	5			
Sum of ranks		R_1 =15	R_2 =5	R_3 =10

Table 10.3.8 Ranking in each of the block

The sum of ranks for Car A is $R_1 = 15$, for Car B is $R_2 = 5$, for Car C is $R_3 = 10$. The sum of ranks looks different. Are the differences statistically significant? • The Friedman test statistic S can be considered as the F statistic in the two-way $|$ analysis of variance to these ranking data as follows: 10. The sum of ranks looks
The Friedman test statistic
analysis of variance to these
 $S = \frac{12}{nk(k+1)} \sum_{j=1}^{k} R_j^2$

$$
S = \frac{12}{nk(k+1)} \sum_{j=1}^{k} R_j^2 - 3n(k+1), \quad k \text{ is the number of population.}
$$

Answer

Example 10.3.2 Answer (continued)

In this example, $k=3$ and the S statistic is as follows:

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$$
S = \frac{12}{5 \times 3(3+1)}
$$
 and the S statistic is as follows:

The distribution of the test statistic S , when the null hypothesis is true, should be known to investigate how large a value of S is statistically significant. Since the number of cases of ranking when $n=5, \, \, k=3 \,$ is $\, (3!)^5 = 7776,$ it is not easy to $\,|\,$ examine all of these possible rankings to obtain a distribution. 『eStatU』 provides the distribution of the test statistic S in the case of $n = 5$, $k = 3$ as in <Figure 10.3.10> and its distribution table as Table 10.3.9. As shown in the graph, the distribution of S is an asymmetrical distribution.

The Friedman test is a right sided test. If we look for the five percentile from the right tail corresponding to significance level, the nearest value is $P(X \ge 6.4) = 0.0394$. Since it is a discrete distribution, there is no exact value of five percentile. Hence, the rejection region with the significance level of 5% can be written as follows:

'If $S\geq\,6.4,$ then reject H_{0} '

Since S = 10 in this example, H_0 is rejected.

Let's generalize the Friedman test described so far using the above example. Assume that there are k number of levels and denote the rank of n number of data as follows:

Treatment Block	Level 1	Level 2	\ddotsc	Level k		
2 \ddots n	X_{11} X_{12} \cdots X_{1n}	X_{21} X_{22} \cdots X_{2n}	\cdots	$X_{\!\scriptscriptstyle k1}$ X_{k2} \cdots X_{kn}		
Mean	X_1 .	\overline{X}_2 .	\ddotsc	\overline{X}_k .	Total Mean X .	

Table 10.3.10 Notation of n random samples for k number of levels with randomized block design

A statistical model of the Friedman test is as follows:

$$
X_{ij} = \mu + \tau_i + \beta_j + \epsilon_{ij}, \qquad i = 1, 2, \cdots, k; \ \ j = 1, 2, \cdots, n
$$

Here τ_i is the effect of level i which satisfies $\sum_{i=1}^k \tau_i = 0$ and β_j is the effect of block j which satisfies $\sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j = 0.$ ϵ_{ij} 's are in $\sum_{j=1}^{n} \beta_{j} = 0$. ϵ_{ij} 's are independent and follows the same continuous distribution.

The hypothesis of the Friedman test is as follows:

 $H_0: \tau_1 = \tau_2 = \cdots = \tau_k$ H_1 : At least one pair of τ_i is different

For the Friedman test, ranking data for each block must be created. Table 10.3.11 is the notation of ranking data for each level.

Treatment Block	Level 1	Level ₂	\cdots	Level k	
1 $\overline{2}$ \ddots n	R_{11} R_{12} \cdots R_{1n}	R_{21} R_{22} \cdots R_{2n}	\ddotsc	$\begin{array}{c} R_{k1} \\ R_{k2} \end{array}$ \ddots R_{kn}	
Sum of ranks	R_1 .	R_2 .	\ddots	R_k .	
Average of ranks	\overline{R}_1 .	\overline{R}_2 .	\cdots	\overline{R}_k .	Average of ranks \overline{R} . $= (k+1)/2$

Table 10.3.11 Notation of rank data in each level

If we apply the analysis of variance for the rank data of Table 10.3.11 instead of the observation data in Section 9.2, the total sum of squares, SST , and the block sum of squares SSB are constants. The treatment sum of squares $SSTr$ is as follows:

$$
SSTr = \sum_{i=1}^{k} n(\overline{R}_{i.} - \overline{R}_{. . .})^2
$$

$$
SST = SSTr + SSE
$$

Therefore, the F test statistic can be written as follows:

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\n
$$
F = \frac{MSTr}{MSE} = c \frac{SSTr}{SST - SSTr - SSE},
$$
 Here c is a constant.
\nat is, since SST is a constant, F test statistic is proportion

• The Friedman test statistic S is proportional to $SSTr$ as follows:

That is, since *SST* is a constant, *F* test statistic is proportional to *SSTr*. The Friedman test statistic *S* is proportional to *SSTr* as follows:
\n
$$
S = \frac{12}{k(k+1)} SSTr = \frac{12n}{k(k+1)} \sum_{i=1}^{k} (\overline{R}_{i} - \overline{R}_{i-1})^{2}
$$
\n
$$
= \frac{12}{nk(k+1)} \sum_{i=1}^{k} R_{i}^{2} - 3n(k+1)
$$

 $= \frac{12}{nk(k+1)} \sum_{i=1}^{k} R_i^2$. $-3n(k+1)$
The reason *S* statistic has the constant multiplication of $\frac{12}{k(k+1)}$ is to
which follows a chi-square distribution with $k-1$ degrees of freedom $\frac{12}{(11)}$ is to make S which follows a chi-square distribution with $k-1$ degrees of freedom.

The distribution of the Friedman test statistic S is denoted as $s(k, n)$. ^FeStatU_J provides the distribution of $s(k, n)$ up to $n \le 8$ if $k=3$ and up to $n \le 6$ if $k = 4$. $s(k, n)_{\alpha}$ denotes the right tail 100 $\times \alpha$ percentile, but there might not be the exact percentile, because it is a discrete distribution. In this case, the middle value of two nearest $s(k,n)_{\alpha}$ is often used approximately. Table 10.3.12 is the summary of decision rule of the Friedman test.

If there are tied values on each block, use the average rank.

- The distribution of the Friedman statistic S is independent of the population distribution. In other words, the Friedman test is a distribution-free test.
- If the null hypothesis is true and if the sample is large enough, the test statistic S is approximated by the chi-square distribution with $k-1$ degrees of freedom. Table 10.3.13 summarizes the decision rule for the Friedman test in case of large sample.

If there is a tie in the block, the average rank is assigned to each data. In this case, the statistic S shall be modified as follows:

$$
S' = \frac{S}{1 - \sum_{j=1}^{g} \frac{T_j}{np(p^2 - 1)}}
$$

Here $g =$ (number of tied groups)

$$
T_j = \sum_{j=1}^{3} t_j (t_j - 1)(t_j + 1)
$$

 t_j = (the size of the j^{th} tie group, i.e., the number of observations in the tie group). If there is no tie, the size of the j^{th} tie group is 1 and $t_j = 1$

Exercise

10.1 A psychologist has selected 12 handicap workers randomly from production workers employed at various factories in a large industrial complex and their work competency scores are examined as follows. The psychologist wants to test whether the population average score is 45 or not. Assume the population distribution is symmetrical about the mean.

32, 52, 21, 39, 23, 55, 36, 27, 37, 41, 34, 51

- 1) Check whether a parametric test is possible.
- 2) Apply the sign test with the significance level of 5%.
- 3) Apply the Wilcoxon signed rank test with the significance level of 5%.
- 10.2 A tire production company wants to test whether a new manufacturing process can produce a more durable tire than the existing process. The tire by a new process was tested to obtain the following data: (unit: $1000km$)

- 1) Check whether a parametric test is possible.
- 2) Apply the Wilcoxon rank sum test whether the new process and the existing process have the same durability or not with the significance level of 5%.
- 10.3 A company wants to compare two methods of obtaining information about a new product. Among company employees, 19 were randomly selected and divided into two groups. The first group learned about the new product by the method A, and the second group learned by the method B. At the end of the experiment, the employees took a test to measure their knowledge of the new product and their test scores are as follows. Can we conclude from these data that the median values of the two groups are different? Test with the significance level of 0.05.

10.4 10 men and 10 women working in the same profession were selected independently and their monthly salaries were surveyed. Can you say that a man in this profession earns more than a woman. Test with the significance level of 0.05. (Unit: 10USD)

10.5 To find out the fuel mileage improvement effect of a new gasoline additive, 10 cars of the same state were selected. The gas mileage was tested without gasoline additives and with additives running the same road at the same speed and obtain the following data. Test whether the new gasoline additive is effective in improving the fuel mileage with the significance level of 0.05.

 10.6 In order to determine the efficacy of the new pain reliever, seven persons were tested with aspirin and new pain reliever. The experimental time of the two pain relievers were sufficiently spaced, and the order of the medication experiment was randomly determined. The time (in minutes) until feeling pain relief was measured as follows. Do the data indicate that the new pain reliever has faster pain relief than aspirin? Test with the significance level of 0.05.

10.7 A person was asked to taste 15 coffee samples to rank from 1 (hate first) to 15 (best). The 15 samples are taken from each of the three types of coffee (A, B, C) and are tasted in random order. The following table shows the ranking of preference by the coffee type. Test the null hypothesis that there is no difference in three types of coffee preferences at the significance level of 0.05.

10.8 A bread maker wants to compare the four new mix of ingredients. 5 breads were made by each mixing ratio of ingredients, a total of 20 breads, and a group of judges who did not know the difference in mixing ratio of ingredients were given the following points. Test the null hypothesis that there is no difference in taste according to the mixing ratio of ingredients at the significance

level of 0.05.

Multiple Choice Exercise

- 10.1 What is NOT the reason to have a nonparametric test?
	- ① Population is not normally distributed.
	- ② Ordinal data.
	- ③ Data follows a normal distribution.
	- ④ There is an extreme point in sample.
- 10.2 Which of the following nonparametric tests is for testing the location parameter of single population?
	- ① Wilcoxon signed rank sum test ② Wilcoxon rank sum test
		-
	- ③ Kruskal-Wallis test ④ Friedman test
-
- 10.3 Which of the following nonparametric tests is for testing the location parameters of two populations?
	- ① Wilcoxon signed rank sum test ② Wilcoxon rank sum test ③ Kruskal-Wallis test ④ Friedman test
- 10.4 Which of the following nonparametric tests is for tesing the location parameters of multiple
- populations?
	- ① Wilcoxon signed rank sum test ② Wilcoxon rank sum test
	- ③ Kruskal-Wallis test ④ Friedman test
- 10.5 Which of the following nonparametric tests is appropriate for testing of the randomized block design method?
	- ① Wilcoxon signed rank sum test ② Wilcoxon rank sum test
	- ③ Kruskal-Wallis test ④ Friedman test

10.6 What is the sign test?

- ① Test for the location parameter of single population
- ② Test for two location parameters of two populations
- ③ Test for several location parameters of multiple populations
- ④ Test for the randomized block design

10.7 What is the transformation of data that is often used for nonparametric tests?

③ (0-1) transformation ④ ranking transformation

10.8 What is the test statistic used for the sign test?

- ① rank ② (number of + signs) (number of signs) ③ degrees of freedom ④ (number of + signs)
- 10.9 What is the test statistic used for testing two location parameters of two populations using a nonparametric test?
- (number of + signs)
- sum of ranks in population 2
- (number of signs)
- (sum of ranks in population 1) + (sum of ranks in population 2)

10.10 What is the theoretical basis for the H statistic used for the Kruskal-Wallis test?

- Within sum of squares of rank data
- Error sum of squares of rank data
- Total sum of squares of rank data
- Treatment sum of squares of rank data

(Answers) 10.1 ③, 10.2 ①, 10.3 ②, 10.4 ③, 10.5 ④, 10.6 ①, 10.7 ④, 10.8 ④, 10.9 ②, 10.10 ④,