

# Kruskal-Wallis test for a categorical and continuous variable.

The Kruskal–Wallis test is a non-parametric method that does not assume normality, unlike the analogous one-way analysis of variance. It is assumed that the distribution of the population should not be necessarily normal and the variances should not be necessarily equal. The test can be implemented in R using the `kruskal.test(x,g)` function. The `x` parameter is a continuous (interval/ratio) variable. The `g` parameter is the categorical variable representing different groups to which the continuous values belong. The test does not identify where this stochastic dominance occurs or for how many pairs of groups stochastic dominance obtains. Since ANOVA assumes normal distribution let us use Kruskal-Wallis test. Even if we use ANOVA we get similar results.

The null hypothesis with a Kruskal-Wallis test is that all the different groups represented by the samples are very similar based on the median value.

```
df=read.csv("Marketing-Customer-Value-Analysis.csv")
df1 = subset(df, select = -c(Customer,Effective.To.Date) )
cat_var=apply(df1,is.character)
data_matrix <- data.matrix(df1[cat_var])
colnames(data_matrix)
```

```
## [1] "State"          "Response"       "Coverage"       "Education"
## [5] "EmploymentStatus" "Gender"         "Location.Code"  "Marital.Status"
## [9] "Policy.Type"     "Policy"         "Renew.Offer.Type" "Sales.Channel"
## [13] "Vehicle.Class"   "Vehicle.Size"
```

## State

```
kruskal.test(x =df$Customer.Lifetime.Value, g = as.factor(df$State))
```

```
##
## Kruskal-Wallis rank sum test
##
## data: df$Customer.Lifetime.Value and as.factor(df$State)
## Kruskal-Wallis chi-squared = 5.0721, df = 4, p-value = 0.28
```

```
aggregate(df$Customer.Lifetime.Value ~ df$State, data = data.frame(df$Customer.Lifetime.Value,df$State), FUN=mean, na.rm=T)
```

```
##      df$State df$Customer.Lifetime.Value
## 1    Arizona          7861.341
## 2 California          8003.648
## 3    Nevada          8056.707
## 4    Oregon          8077.901
## 5 Washington          8021.472
```

There is 28% chance that the means are same. Therefore, we fail to reject the null hypothesis. There is no significant difference in CLV among the customers from different States. Thus State variable can be avoided in our model.

## Response

```
kruskal.test(x =df$Customer.Lifetime.Value, g = as.factor(df$Response))
```

```
##  
##  Kruskal-Wallis rank sum test  
##  
## data:  df$Customer.Lifetime.Value and as.factor(df$Response)  
## Kruskal-Wallis chi-squared = 0.42011, df = 1, p-value = 0.5169
```

```
aggregate(df$Customer.Lifetime.Value ~ df$Response, data = data.frame(df$Customer.Lifetime.Va  
lue,df$Response), FUN=mean, na.rm=T)
```

```
##  df$Response df$Customer.Lifetime.Value  
## 1          No          8030.022  
## 2          Yes          7854.871
```

There is 51% chance that the means are same. Therefore, we fail to reject the null hypothesis. There is no significant difference in CLV among the customers based on their response to marketing calls. Thus Response variable can be avoided in our model.

## Coverage

```
kruskal.test(x =df$Customer.Lifetime.Value, g = as.factor(df$Coverage))
```

```
##  
##  Kruskal-Wallis rank sum test  
##  
## data:  df$Customer.Lifetime.Value and as.factor(df$Coverage)  
## Kruskal-Wallis chi-squared = 502.5, df = 2, p-value < 2.2e-16
```

```
aggregate(df$Customer.Lifetime.Value ~ df$Coverage, data = data.frame(df$Customer.Lifetime.Va  
lue,df$Coverage), FUN=mean, na.rm=T)
```

```
##  df$Coverage df$Customer.Lifetime.Value  
## 1      Basic          7190.706  
## 2  Extended          8789.678  
## 3   Premium         10895.603
```

The p value here is  $\ll 0.05$ . Therefore, we reject the null hypothesis. There is significant difference in CLV among the customers with different policy coverages. Thus Coverage variable could be useful.

## Education

```
kruskal.test(x =df$Customer.Lifetime.Value, g = as.factor(df$Education))
```

```
##  
## Kruskal-Wallis rank sum test  
##  
## data: df$Customer.Lifetime.Value and as.factor(df$Education)  
## Kruskal-Wallis chi-squared = 12.234, df = 4, p-value = 0.01569
```

```
aggregate(df$Customer.Lifetime.Value ~ df$Education, data = data.frame(df$Customer.Lifetime.V  
alue,df$Education), FUN=mean, na.rm=T)
```

```
##          df$Education df$Customer.Lifetime.Value  
## 1          Bachelor          7872.660  
## 2           College          7851.065  
## 3            Doctor          7520.345  
## 4 High School or Below          8296.709  
## 5             Master          8243.485
```

The p value here is  $< 0.05$ . Therefore, we reject the null hypothesis. There is significant difference in CLV among the customers with different Education levels. Thus Education of customers can be useful in predicting CLV.

## EmploymentStatus

```
kruskal.test(x =df$Customer.Lifetime.Value, g = as.factor(df$EmploymentStatus))
```

```
##  
## Kruskal-Wallis rank sum test  
##  
## data: df$Customer.Lifetime.Value and as.factor(df$EmploymentStatus)  
## Kruskal-Wallis chi-squared = 42.562, df = 4, p-value = 1.276e-08
```

```
aggregate(df$Customer.Lifetime.Value ~ df$EmploymentStatus, data = data.frame(df$Customer.Lif  
etime.Value,df$EmploymentStatus), FUN=mean, na.rm=T)
```

```
## df$EmploymentStatus df$Customer.Lifetime.Value  
## 1          Disabled          7847.889  
## 2          Employed          8219.118  
## 3      Medical Leave          7641.822  
## 4          Retired          7487.865  
## 5          Unemployed          7636.320
```

The p value here is  $< 0.05$ . Therefore, we reject the null hypothesis. There is significant difference in CLV among the customers with different Employment status. Thus Employment status of customers can be useful in predicting CLV.

## Gender

```
kruskal.test(x =df$Customer.Lifetime.Value, g = as.factor(df$Gender))
```

```
##  
## Kruskal-Wallis rank sum test  
##  
## data: df$Customer.Lifetime.Value and as.factor(df$Gender)  
## Kruskal-Wallis chi-squared = 0.48206, df = 1, p-value = 0.4875
```

```
aggregate(df$Customer.Lifetime.Value ~ df$Gender, data = data.frame(df$Customer.Lifetime.Valu  
e,df$Gender), FUN=mean, na.rm=T)
```

```
## df$Gender df$Customer.Lifetime.Value  
## 1 F 8096.602  
## 2 M 7909.551
```

The p value is > 0.05. Therefore, we fail to reject the null hypothesis. There is no significant difference in CLV among the customers based on Gender. Thus Gender can be avoided in our model.

## Location code

```
kruskal.test(x =df$Customer.Lifetime.Value, g = as.factor(df$Location.Code))
```

```
##  
## Kruskal-Wallis rank sum test  
##  
## data: df$Customer.Lifetime.Value and as.factor(df$Location.Code)  
## Kruskal-Wallis chi-squared = 2.4638, df = 2, p-value = 0.2917
```

```
aggregate(df$Customer.Lifetime.Value ~ df$Location.Code, data = data.frame(df$Customer.Lifeti  
me.Value,df$Location.Code), FUN=mean, na.rm=T)
```

```
## df$Location.Code df$Customer.Lifetime.Value  
## 1 Rural 7953.699  
## 2 Suburban 8004.457  
## 3 Urban 8064.133
```

The p value is > 0.05. Therefore, we fail to reject the null hypothesis. There is no significant difference in CLV among the customers based on their Location code. Thus Location Code can be avoided in our model.

## Marital Status

```
kruskal.test(x =df$Customer.Lifetime.Value, g = as.factor(df$Marital.Status))
```

```
##
## Kruskal-Wallis rank sum test
##
## data: df$Customer.Lifetime.Value and as.factor(df$Marital.Status)
## Kruskal-Wallis chi-squared = 20.896, df = 2, p-value = 2.901e-05
```

```
aggregate(df$Customer.Lifetime.Value ~ df$Marital.Status, data = data.frame(df$Customer.Lifetime.Value, df$Marital.Status), FUN=mean, na.rm=T)
```

```
## df$Marital.Status df$Customer.Lifetime.Value
## 1 Divorced 8241.239
## 2 Married 8078.967
## 3 Single 7714.837
```

The p value here is  $< 0.05$ . Therefore, we reject the null hypothesis. There is significant difference in CLV based on the Marital Status. Thus Marital Status can be useful in predicting CLV.

## Policy Type

```
kruskal.test(x = df$Customer.Lifetime.Value, g = as.factor(df$Policy.Type))
```

```
##
## Kruskal-Wallis rank sum test
##
## data: df$Customer.Lifetime.Value and as.factor(df$Policy.Type)
## Kruskal-Wallis chi-squared = 4.6075, df = 2, p-value = 0.09988
```

```
aggregate(df$Customer.Lifetime.Value ~ df$Policy.Type, data = data.frame(df$Customer.Lifetime.Value, df$Policy.Type), FUN=mean, na.rm=T)
```

```
## df$Policy.Type df$Customer.Lifetime.Value
## 1 Corporate Auto 7814.410
## 2 Personal Auto 8027.364
## 3 Special Auto 8594.245
```

The p value is  $> 0.05$ . Therefore, we fail to reject the null hypothesis. There is no significant difference in CLV among the customers based on the Policy Type. Thus Policy Type can be avoided in our model.

## Policy

```
kruskal.test(x = df$Customer.Lifetime.Value, g = as.factor(df$Policy))
```

```
##
## Kruskal-Wallis rank sum test
##
## data: df$Customer.Lifetime.Value and as.factor(df$Policy)
## Kruskal-Wallis chi-squared = 7.9444, df = 8, p-value = 0.4389
```

```
aggregate(df$Customer.Lifetime.Value ~ df$Policy, data = data.frame(df$Customer.Lifetime.Value, df$Policy), FUN=mean, na.rm=T)
```

```
##      df$Policy df$Customer.Lifetime.Value
## 1 Corporate L1      8474.928
## 2 Corporate L2      7597.695
## 3 Corporate L3      7707.722
## 4 Personal L1      7989.762
## 5 Personal L2      8054.909
## 6 Personal L3      8023.912
## 7 Special L1      8332.763
## 8 Special L2      8326.906
## 9 Special L3      9007.092
```

The p value is  $> 0.05$ . Therefore, we fail to reject the null hypothesis. There is no significant difference in CLV among the customers based on the Policy. Thus Policy can be avoided in our model.

## Renew.Offer.Type

```
kruskal.test(x = df$Customer.Lifetime.Value, g = as.factor(df$Renew.Offer.Type))
```

```
##
## Kruskal-Wallis rank sum test
##
## data: df$Customer.Lifetime.Value and as.factor(df$Renew.Offer.Type)
## Kruskal-Wallis chi-squared = 168.9, df = 3, p-value < 2.2e-16
```

```
aggregate(df$Customer.Lifetime.Value ~ df$Renew.Offer.Type, data = data.frame(df$Customer.Lifetime.Value, df$Renew.Offer.Type), FUN=mean, na.rm=T)
```

```
##      df$Renew.Offer.Type df$Customer.Lifetime.Value
## 1 Offer1      8707.086
## 2 Offer2      7396.754
## 3 Offer3      7997.887
## 4 Offer4      7179.947
```

The p value here is  $< 0.05$ . Therefore, we reject the null hypothesis. There is significant difference in CLV based on the Renew offer type. Thus Renew offer type can be useful in predicting CLV.

## Sales.Channel

```
kruskal.test(x = df$Customer.Lifetime.Value, g = as.factor(df$Sales.Channel))
```

```
##
## Kruskal-Wallis rank sum test
##
## data: df$Customer.Lifetime.Value and as.factor(df$Sales.Channel)
## Kruskal-Wallis chi-squared = 4.4918, df = 3, p-value = 0.213
```

```
aggregate(df$Customer.Lifetime.Value ~ df$Sales.Channel, data = data.frame(df$Customer.Lifetime.Value, df$Sales.Channel), FUN=mean, na.rm=T)
```

```
## df$Sales.Channel df$Customer.Lifetime.Value
## 1 Agent 7957.709
## 2 Branch 8119.712
## 3 Call Center 8100.086
## 4 Web 7779.788
```

The p value is  $> 0.05$ . Therefore, we fail to reject the null hypothesis. There is no significant difference in CLV among the customers based on the Sales channel. Thus Sales channel can be avoided in our model.

## Vehicle.Class

```
kruskal.test(x = df$Customer.Lifetime.Value, g = as.factor(df$Vehicle.Class))
```

```
##
## Kruskal-Wallis rank sum test
##
## data: df$Customer.Lifetime.Value and as.factor(df$Vehicle.Class)
## Kruskal-Wallis chi-squared = 1310.5, df = 5, p-value < 2.2e-16
```

```
aggregate(df$Customer.Lifetime.Value ~ df$Vehicle.Class, data = data.frame(df$Customer.Lifetime.Value, df$Vehicle.Class), FUN=mean, na.rm=T)
```

```
## df$Vehicle.Class df$Customer.Lifetime.Value
## 1 Four-Door Car 6631.727
## 2 Luxury Car 17053.348
## 3 Luxury SUV 17122.999
## 4 Sports Car 10750.989
## 5 SUV 10443.512
## 6 Two-Door Car 6671.031
```

The p value here is  $< 0.05$ . Therefore, we reject the null hypothesis. There is significant difference in CLV based on the vehicle class the customers own. Thus Vehicle class of customers can be useful in predicting CLV.

## Vehicle.Size

```
kruskal.test(x = df$Customer.Lifetime.Value, g = as.factor(df$Vehicle.Size))
```

```
##
## Kruskal-Wallis rank sum test
##
## data: df$Customer.Lifetime.Value and as.factor(df$Vehicle.Size)
## Kruskal-Wallis chi-squared = 9.565, df = 2, p-value = 0.008375
```

```
aggregate(df$Customer.Lifetime.Value ~ df$Vehicle.Size, data = data.frame(df$Customer.Lifetime.Value, df$Vehicle.Size), FUN=mean, na.rm=T)
```

```
##    df$Vehicle.Size df$Customer.Lifetime.Value
## 1           Large           7544.996
## 2         Medsize           8050.662
## 3           Small           8085.096
```

The p value here is  $< 0.05$ . Therefore, we reject the null hypothesis. There is significant difference in CLV based on the vehicles sizes. Thus Vehicle Sizes of customers can be useful in predicting CLV.

Therefore based on Kruskal Wallace test, the categorical variables that would help in predicting the CLV are:

- Vehicle.Size
- Vehicle.Class
- Renew.Offer.Type
- Marital.Status
- Coverage
- Education
- EmploymentStatus