

## Learning outcomes:

- ⇒ Know what the difference in approach between parametric and nonparametric tests are.
- ⇒ Be able to understand, explain and execute the hypothesis test about a single population median.
- ⇒ Be able to calculate a p-value by hand and by using EXCEL's BINOM.DIST function.
- ⇒ Be able to calculate a p-value for larger sample sizes, where the normal distribution approximation of the binomial distribution is used in hand calculations and by using EXCEL's NORM.S.DIST and NORM.DIST functions.
- ⇒ Know what the requirements for the sample size is in order to do a normal approximation.
- ⇒ Be able to apply the correction factors when approximating the discrete binomial distribution with the continuous normal distribution

## 2.4 - Non-Parametric Methods

### Introduction:

- ❖ Most of the statistical methods referred to as parametric require the use of interval- or ratio-scaled data.
- ❖ Nonparametric methods are often the only way to analyse categorical (nominal or ordinal) data and draw statistical conclusions.
- ❖ Nonparametric methods require no assumptions about the population probability distributions
- ❖ Nonparametric methods are often called distribution-free methods.
- ❖ Whenever the data are quantitative, we will transform the data into categorical data in order to conduct the nonparametric test.

Previous Chapters	This chapter
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ All previous testing methods regarding the unknown population parameters <math>\mu</math>, <math>\sigma</math> and <math>P</math> were conducted using sample data from the population to calculate the sample parameters which is used as estimates.</li> <li>⇒ The assumption most often made is the one regarding the population's distribution form being known and Normal.</li> <li>⇒ Tests like these are referred to as <b>parametric tests</b> since the <b>test procedures are performed with known parameters and distributions characteristics</b>.</li> <li>⇒ <b>Data</b> is usually <b>quantitative</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ In this chapter testing procedures and measures will be discussed which can be used <b>without having any knowledge regarding the form and distribution of the population from which the data is sampled</b>.</li> <li>⇒ Tests like these are referred to as <b>nonparametric or distribution-free tests</b>.</li> <li>⇒ <b>Data</b> can be <b>quantitative or qualitative (ordinal or categorical)</b>.</li> <li>⇒ The <b>median</b> is rather <b>used</b> instead of the average, since it is not influenced by outliers in the dataset and the <b>ranks of the data</b> instead of the actual measurements <b>are used</b>.</li> </ul>

### Links which will also be helpful:

- ❖ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xA0QcbNxENs>
- ❖ [https://youtu.be/pWEWHKnwg\\_0](https://youtu.be/pWEWHKnwg_0)

## There are four Non-Parametric methods

1. Sign test (2.4.1)
2. Mann-Whitney-Wilcoxon test (2.4.2)
3. Kruskal-Wallis Test (2.4.3)
4. Spearman rank-correlation coefficient (2.4.4)

### 2.4.1 – Sign Test

#### Learning outcomes:



- ⇒ Be able to understand and explain the hypothesis test about a population median.
- ⇒ Be able to calculate a p-value by using EXCEL's BINOM.DIST function.
- ⇒ Be able to calculate a p-value for larger sample sizes, where the normal distribution approximation of the binomial distribution is used and EXCEL's NORM.S.DIST and NORM.DIST functions

#### The sign Test

- ⇒ The sign test is a versatile method for hypothesis testing that uses the binomial distribution with  $p = 0.50$  as the sampling distribution.
- ⇒ We present two applications of the sign test:
  1. A hypothesis test about a population median
  2. A matched-sample test about the difference between two populations

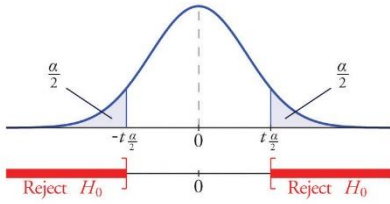
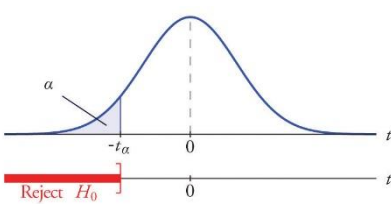
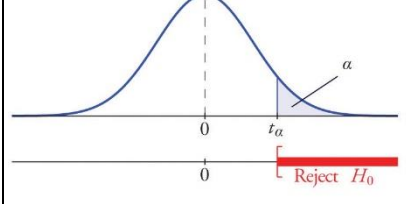
#### A hypothesis test about a population median

We can apply the sign test by:

	Using a <b>plus sign</b> whenever the data in the sample are above the hypothesized value of the <b>median</b>
	Using a <b>minus sign</b> whenever the data in the sample are below the hypothesized value of the <b>median</b>
<b>DISREGARD</b>	<b>Discarding</b> any data <b>exactly equal</b> to the <b>hypothesized median</b> & your <b>sample size becomes one observation less</b>

- ❖ We get two sample cases – small and large
- ❖ Binomial distribution = sample test small
- ❖ The sample size = number of trials
- ❖ There are two outcomes possible per trial:
  1. A plus sign
  2. Minus sign
- ❖ The trials are independent.
- ❖ We let **P = probability of a plus sign**.
- ❖ If the population median is in fact a particular value, p should equal 0.50

	Small sample case	Large sample case
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Binomial distribution</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Normal distribution approximation of the binomial distribution to compute the p-value</li> </ul>
Distribution form	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whenever <math>n \leq 20</math>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approximately normal for <math>n &gt; 20</math></li> </ul>
Hypothesis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><math>H_0: p = 0.50</math> (The population median equals the value assumed)</li> <li><math>H_a: p \neq 0.50</math> (The population median is different than the value assumed)</li> </ul>	Number of Plus Signs when $\Rightarrow H_0: p = 0.50$
Test statistic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The number of plus signs is our test statistic</li> </ul>	
Rejection rule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assuming <math>H_0</math> is true, the sampling distribution for the test statistic is a binomial distribution with <math>p = 0.50</math></li> <li><math>H_0</math> is rejected if the p-value <math>&lt;</math> level of significance, <math>\alpha</math>.</li> </ul>	
Mean		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><math>\mu = 0.50n</math></li> </ul>
Standard deviation		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><math>\sigma = 0.25n</math></li> </ul>

Test	Two - sided	Left sided	Right-sided
$H_a$ :	Median = value	Median $\geq$ value	Median $\leq$ Value
$H_0$ :	Median $\neq$ value	Median < value	Median > value
			

### My own steps:

- 1) Identify whether if it's a large (binomial) or small (approximate normal distribution) case test  
-  $n \leq 20$  or  $n > 20$  or  $n \geq 20$
- 2) Count the plus and minus signs
- 3) Hypothesis test for POPULATION MEDIAN
- 4) State Test statistic
- 5) State Decision rule
- 6) Determine P-value
- 7) Rejection rule
- 8) Conclusion

Calculation for probabilities:

$$P(X = x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1 - p)^{n-x}$$

### Example 1: Small-Sample Case

Lawler's Grocery Store made the decision to carry Cape May Potato Chips based on the manufacturer's estimate that the **median sales should be \$450** per week on a per-store basis. Lawler's has been carrying the potato chips for three months. Data showing one-week sales at 10 randomly selected Lawler's stores.

We want to test the statement that the median sales per week at all stores is \$450

One week's sale at 10 Lawler grocery stores:

n	Store number	Weekly sales (\$)	Sign
1	56	485	+
2	19	562	+
3	36	415	-
4	128	860	+
5	12	426	-
6	63	474	+
7	39	662	+
8	84	380	-
9	102	515	+
10	44	721	+

### Step 1: Determine if it's a large or small test

Small sample test -  $n \leq 20$

$$\Rightarrow n = (7+3) = 10$$

### Step 2: Count signs

- $\Rightarrow$  The population median is \$450 the 50% of the signs should be positive and 50% of the signs must be minus
- $\Rightarrow$  Plus sign = 7
- $\Rightarrow$  Minus sign = 3
- $\Rightarrow n = 10$
- $\Rightarrow p = 0.50$  and  $1 - p = 0.50$  (Binomial)

### Step 3: Hypothesis test for POPULATION MEDIAN

- $\Rightarrow H_0: \text{Median} = 450$
- $\Rightarrow H_a: \text{Median} \neq 450$

Hypothesis test can be converted into binomial distribution's probability  $p$

- $\Rightarrow H_0: \text{Median} = 0.50$
- $\Rightarrow H_a: \text{Median} \neq 0.50$

### Step 4: Test statistic

- $\Rightarrow$  Number of plus signs
- $\Rightarrow$  Test stat = 7

### Step 5: Decision rule

- $\Rightarrow$  Reject  $H_0$  if  $p\text{-value} \leq \alpha$
- $\Rightarrow$  Do not reject  $H_0$  if  $P\text{-value} > \alpha$

### Step 6: Determine P-value

- $\Rightarrow$  Use Binomial table with  $n = 10$ ,  $p = 0.50$  to get the P-value
- $\Rightarrow$  P -value = the probability to get a value of 7 or more plus signs
- $\Rightarrow$  Because the observed number of plus signs is 7, we begin by computing the probability of obtaining 7 or more plus signs.
- $\Rightarrow$  The probability of 7, 8, 9, or 10 plus signs is:  $0.1172 + 0.0439 + 0.0098 + 0.0010 = 0.1719$
- $\Rightarrow$  P-value =  $2(0.1719) = 0.3438$  – because it's a two-tailed test
- $\Rightarrow$  P-value =  $0.3438 > 0.05$

### Step 7: Rejection rule

- $\Rightarrow$  Do not reject  $H_0$  if  $P\text{-value} > \alpha$
- $\Rightarrow$  P-value =  $0.3438 > 0.05$
- $\Rightarrow$  Do not reject  $H_0$

### Step 8: Conclusion

The statement that the median sales per week per store is \$450 cannot be rejected. There is insufficient evidence in the sample to reject the assumption that the median weekly sales are \$450.

Number of plus signs	Probability calculation	Probability
0	$P(X = 0) = \binom{10}{0} (0.50)^0 (1 - 0.50)^{10-0}$	0.0010
1	$P(X = 1) = \binom{10}{1} (0.50)^1 (1 - 0.50)^{10-1}$	0.0098
2	$P(X = 2) = \binom{10}{2} (0.50)^2 (1 - 0.50)^{10-2}$	0.0439
3	$P(X = 3) = \binom{10}{3} (0.50)^3 (1 - 0.50)^{10-3}$	0.1172
4	$P(X = 4) = \binom{10}{4} (0.50)^4 (1 - 0.50)^{10-4}$	0.2051
5	$P(X = 5) = \binom{10}{5} (0.50)^5 (1 - 0.50)^{10-5}$	0.2461
6	$P(X = 6) = \binom{10}{6} (0.50)^6 (1 - 0.50)^{10-6}$	0.2051
7	$P(X = 7) = \binom{10}{7} (0.50)^7 (1 - 0.50)^{10-7}$	0.1172
8	$P(X = 8) = \binom{10}{8} (0.50)^8 (1 - 0.50)^{10-8}$	0.0439
9	$P(X = 9) = \binom{10}{9} (0.50)^9 (1 - 0.50)^{10-9}$	0.0098
10	$P(X = 10) = \binom{10}{10} (0.50)^{10} (1 - 0.50)^{10-10}$	0.0010

### Example 2: Large sample size

- ⇒  $H_0: p = 0.50$
- ⇒ Mean:  $\mu = 0.50n$
- ⇒ Standard Deviation:  $\sigma = 0.25n$
- ⇒ Distribution Form: Approximately normal for  $n > 20$
- ⇒ Identify whether if it's a large (binomial) or small (approximate normal distribution) case test -  $n \leq 20$  or  $n > 20$  or  $n \geq 20$

#### Step 1: Determine if it's a large or small test

- ⇒ The media sales must be more than \$450

#### Step 2: Count signs

- ⇒ Number of plus signs
- ⇒ Test stat = 7

### Step 3: Hypothesis test for POPULATION MEDIAN

⇒  $H_0: \text{Median} \leq \$450$

⇒  $H_a: \text{Median} > \$450$

$H_0: \text{Median} \leq 0.50$

$H_a: \text{Median} > 0.50$

### Step 4: Test statistic

⇒ Number of plus signs

⇒ Test stat = 7

### Step 5: Decision rule

⇒ Reject  $H_0$  if  $p\text{-value} \leq \alpha = 0.05$

⇒ Do not reject  $H_0$  if  $P\text{-value} > \alpha = 0.05$

### Step 6: Determine P-value

⇒ P-value = probability to get a value of 7 or more plus signs

⇒ P-value =  $0.1172 + 0.0439 + 0.0098 + 0.0010 = 0.1719$

⇒ P-value =  $0.1719 > 0.05$

⇒  $H_0$  cannot be rejected

### Step 7: Rejection rule

⇒ P-value =  $0.1719 > 0.05$

⇒  $H_0$  cannot be rejected

### Step 8: Conclusion

⇒ Median sales are **not more** than \$450

## Example 3: Large sample size

### Step 1: Determine if it's a large or small test

⇒ The media sales must be less than \$450

### Step 2: Count signs

⇒ Number of plus signs

⇒ Test stat = 7

### Step 3: Hypothesis test for POPULATION MEDIAN

⇒  $H_0: \text{Median} \geq \$450$

⇒  $H_a: \text{Median} < \$450$

$H_0: \text{Median} \geq 0.50$

$H_a: \text{Median} < 0.50$

### Step 4: Test statistic

⇒ Number of plus signs

⇒ Test stat = 7

### Step 5: Decision rule

- ⇒ Reject  $H_0$  if  $p\text{-value} \leq \alpha = 0.05$
- ⇒ Do not reject  $H_0$  if  $P\text{-value} > \alpha = 0.05$

### Step 6: Determine P-value

- ⇒ P-value = probability to get a value of 7 or fewer plus signs
- ⇒ P-value =  $1 - 0.0439 + 0.0098 + 0.0010 = 0.9453$
- ⇒ P-value =  $0.9243 > 0.05$
- ⇒  $H_0$  cannot be rejected

### Step 7: Rejection rule

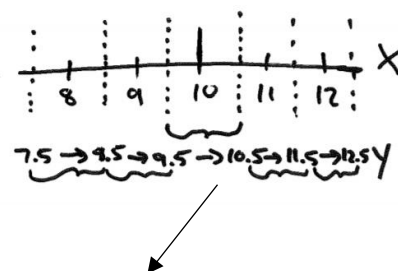
- ⇒ P-value =  $0.9243 > 0.05$
- ⇒  $H_0$  cannot be rejected

### Step 8: Conclusion

- ⇒ Median sales are NOT less than \$450

## How to determine Binomial probabilities

- ⇒ Determining binomial probabilities for large samples is time consuming
- ⇒ For large sample (20+)
- ⇒ The NORMAL APPROXIMATION of the Binomial can be used with
- ⇒  $\mu = np = 0.50(n)$
- ⇒  $\sigma^2 = np(1 - p) = 0.25n$
- ⇒  $\sigma = \sqrt{np(1 - p)} = \sqrt{0.25n}$
- ⇒ Binomial = discrete distribution
- ⇒ Normal = continuous distribution
- ⇒ Continuity correction factor is needed for conversion
- ⇒ Continuity correction factor =  $P(X = 10) = P(9.50 \leq Y \leq 10.50)$
- ⇒  $10 - 0.50 = 9.50$        $10 + 0.50 = 10.50$



### Example 4:

A year ago, the median price of a new home was \$236000. It is suspected that the economic downturn affected prices negatively. Real estate firms use sample data to see if the current median price of a new home is LESS than a year ago. A sample size of 61 recent new homes sold yielded 22 homes that sold for more than \$236000. 38 homes that sold for less than \$236000 and 1 sold for \$236000. Use  $\alpha = 0.05$

### Step 1: Determine if it's a large or small test

- ⇒ After deleting the home that sold for \$236000 the test will be performed on 60 homes

### Step 2: Count signs

- ⇒ 22 plus signs ( + )
- ⇒ 38 minus signs ( - )



### Step 3: Hypothesis test for POPULATION MEDIAN

- $\Rightarrow H_0: \text{Median} \geq \$236000$        $H_0: \text{Median} \geq 0.50$   
 $\Rightarrow H_a: \text{Median} < \$236000$        $H_a: \text{Median} < 0.50$

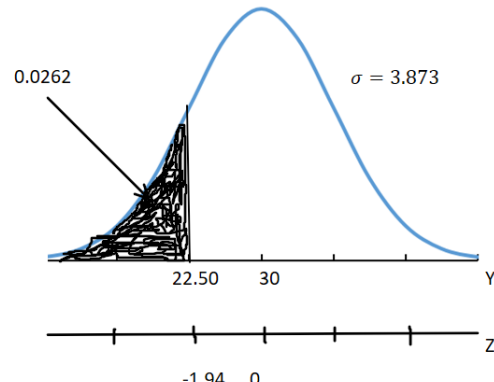
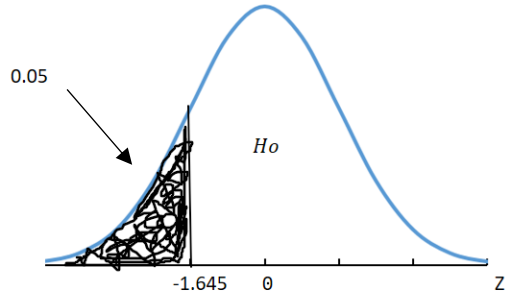
### Step 4: Determine the median and standard deviation

- $\Rightarrow \mu = np = 0.50(n) = 0.50(60) = 30$  plus ( + ) signs  
 $\Rightarrow \sigma^2 = np(1 - p) = 0.25n = 0.25(60) = 15$   
 $\Rightarrow \sigma = \sqrt{np(1 - p)} = \sqrt{0.25n} = \sqrt{15}$   
 $\Rightarrow S = 3.8729$

### Step 5: Decision rule

- $\Rightarrow$  Reject  $H_0$  if p-value  $\leq \alpha = 0.05$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Do not reject  $H_0$  if P-value  $> \alpha = 0.05$

### Step 6: Determine P-value or critical value

P – value	Critical Value
<p> <math>\Rightarrow X = \text{the number of plus signs}</math>  <math>\Rightarrow</math> Use the normal distribution to approximate the binomial probability <math>P(X &lt; 22)</math>.  <math>\Rightarrow</math> The binomial probability of 22 is computed by the normal probability interval 21.5 to 22.5  <math>\Rightarrow P(21.5 &lt; X &lt; 22.5)</math>  <math>\Rightarrow Z = (x - \mu)/s</math>  <math>\Rightarrow \text{Convert } Y \text{ to } Z</math>  <math>\Rightarrow P\left(\frac{21.50-30}{3.873}\right) &lt; z &lt; P\left(\frac{22.5-30}{3.873}\right)</math>  <math>\Rightarrow P(-2.19 &lt; z &lt; 1.94)</math>  <math>\Rightarrow \text{P-value} = -1.93648 - ( - 2.19468) = 0.0262</math>  <math>\Rightarrow \text{P-value} = 0.0262</math> </p> 	<p> <math>\Rightarrow Z = (x - \mu)/s</math>  <math>\Rightarrow = (22.5 - 30) / 3.873 = - 1.94</math>  <math>\Rightarrow \text{The test statistic} = -1.94</math>  <math>\Rightarrow \text{Critical value} = -1.645</math>  <math>\Rightarrow \text{Reject } H_0 \text{ if } Z &lt; - 1.645</math>  <math>\Rightarrow (- 1.94 &lt; - 1.645)</math>  <math>\Rightarrow \text{Reject } H_0</math> </p> 

### Step 7: Rejection rule

P - value	Critical Value
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>⇒ Using 0.05 level of significance</li><li>⇒ Reject <math>H_0</math> if p-value &lt; 0.05</li><li>⇒ <math>0.0262 &lt; 0.05</math></li><li>⇒ Reject <math>H_0</math></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>⇒ The test statistic = -1.94</li><li>⇒ Critical value = -1.645</li><li>⇒ Reject <math>H_0</math> if <math>Z &lt; -1.645</math></li><li>⇒ <math>(-1.94 &lt; -1.645)</math></li><li>⇒ Reject <math>H_0</math></li></ul>

### Step 8: Conclusion

⇒ Median price of current new homes is less than the \$236,000 median price a year ago.

### YouTube videos:

1. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1bkuW0EJGKs>
2. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eqZUI18V\\_dg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eqZUI18V_dg)
3. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oiu9ymGuCVA>
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