0.08, 0.18, 0.23, 0.36, 0.42, 0.55, 0.63, 0.72, 0.89, 0.91, the sequence has one run, an up run. It is not likely a random sequence.

If a is the total number of runs in a truly random sequence, the mean and variance of a is given by

$$\mu_a = \frac{2N-1}{3}$$

and

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{16N - 29}{90}$$

• For N>20, the distribution of a is reasonably approximated by a normal distribution, $N(\mu_a,\sigma_a^2)$. Converting it to a standardized normal distribution by

$$Z_0 = \frac{a - \mu_a}{\sigma_a}$$

that is

$$Z_0 = \frac{a - [(2N - 1)/3]}{\sqrt{(16N - 29)/90}}$$

• Failure to reject the hypothesis of independence occurs when $-z_{\alpha/2} \le Z_0 \le z_{\alpha/2}$, where the α is the level of significance.

$$Z_{\alpha/2} = Z_{0.025} = -1.96 _ +1.96$$

 $Z_0 = -4.38$ rejected