

Wilcoxon's Test

Introduction

The advantage of Wilcoxon's signed rank test over normal sign test is that 'Sign Test' considers only the signs of the deviations, $X_i - \tilde{\mu}$ and not their magnitudes, whereas, Wilcoxon's signed rank test considers sign as well as magnitude of deviations $X_i - \tilde{\mu}$.

Wilcoxon's Test for One Sample

Wilcoxon's signed rank test assumes that the population of interest is continuous and symmetric. Under this assumption mean and median are approximately same, so null alternative of interest is either $H_0: \mu = \mu_0$ (mean) or $H_0: \tilde{\mu} = \tilde{\mu}_0$ (median).

For test procedure, a sample X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n of size n is taken from population.

Then deviations from mean for each sample observations, i.e., $d_i = X_i - \tilde{\mu}_0$ is computed for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. and their absolute values, i.e., $|d_i|$, are noted..

Then ranks are given to these absolute values $|d_i|$ in ascending order and these ranks are given the signs of the corresponding deviations.

If $d_i = X_i - \tilde{\mu}_0 = 0$ for any observation, then such observations are discarded and no ranks are assigned to such deviations.

Then sum of positive ranks and negative ranks are computed. Let R^+ denote the sum of positive ranks and R^- denote the sum of negative ranks.

Let $R = \min(R^+, R^-)$

For specified value of α and n , the critical value R_α^* is obtained from 'Wilcoxon's Signed Ranks Test' table. (Given below)

Finally H_0 is rejected at α level of significance, if (a) $R \leq R_\alpha^*$ (for two-tailed test) (b) $R^+ \leq R_\alpha^*$ (for left tailed test) (c) $R^- \leq R_\alpha^*$ (for right tailed test)

Wilcoxon's Test for Paired Observations

In this test two continuous populations are considered. It is not necessary to assume that they are symmetric. Let μ_1 and μ_2 be means of the two populations. Wilcoxon's signed rank test for paired observations is used to test the null hypothesis that the two populations have identical means, i.e.,

$$H_0 : \mu_1 = \mu_2$$

against appropriate alternative hypothesis.

For the test procedure two samples, one from each population, are taken randomly. Both these samples are considered to have same size, n .

Then differences of each pair of sample observations are computed assigning a + sign if first sample observation is greater than second and assigning a – sign otherwise.

If any pair of sample observations are identical, then such pair is discarded and test is based on remaining non-identical observations only.

Then the ranks are given to these differences in ascending order of their absolute values. If two or more differences are tied (or same) then average rank is assigned as the common rank.

Then to each rank sign of their difference is given.

Then the sum of positive ranks and negative ranks are computer. Let R^+ denote the sum of positive ranks and R^- denote the sum of negative ranks.

Let $R = \min(R^+, R^-)$

Remaining procedure is same as that of individual observation.

Wilcoxon' Signed Rank Test Table

n	alpha values						
	0.001	0.005	0.01	0.025	0.05	0.10	0.20
5	--	--	--	--	--	0	2
6	--	--	--	--	0	2	3
7	--	--	--	0	2	3	5
8	--	--	0	2	3	5	8
9	--	0	1	3	5	8	10
10	--	1	3	5	8	10	14
11	0	3	5	8	10	13	17
12	1	5	7	10	13	17	21
13	2	7	9	13	17	21	26
14	4	9	12	17	21	25	31
15	6	12	15	20	25	30	36
16	8	15	19	25	29	35	42
17	11	19	23	29	34	41	48
18	14	23	27	34	40	47	55
19	18	27	32	39	46	53	62
20	21	32	37	45	52	60	69
21	25	37	42	51	58	67	77
22	30	42	48	57	65	75	86
23	35	48	54	64	73	83	94
24	40	54	61	72	81	91	104
25	45	60	68	79	89	100	113
26	51	67	75	87	98	110	124
27	57	74	83	96	107	119	134

n	alpha values						
	0.001	0.005	0.01	0.025	0.05	0.10	0.20
28	64	82	91	105	116	130	145
29	71	90	100	114	126	140	157
30	78	98	109	124	137	151	169
31	86	107	118	134	147	163	181
32	94	116	128	144	159	175	194
33	102	126	138	155	170	187	207
34	111	136	148	167	182	200	221
35	120	146	159	178	195	213	235
36	130	157	171	191	208	227	250
37	140	168	182	203	221	241	265
38	150	180	194	216	235	256	281
39	161	192	207	230	249	271	297
40	172	204	220	244	264	286	313
41	183	217	233	258	279	302	330
42	195	230	247	273	294	319	348
43	207	244	261	288	310	336	365
44	220	258	276	303	327	353	384
45	233	272	291	319	343	371	402
46	246	287	307	336	361	389	422
47	260	302	322	353	378	407	441
48	274	318	339	370	396	426	462
49	289	334	355	388	415	446	482
50	304	350	373	406	434	466	503

Solved Problem

#.1

A study in which a rocket motor is formed by binding an igniter propellant and a sustainer propelled inside a metal housing. Results of testing 20 randomly selected motors for the shear strength of the bond between the two propellant types is given below (*in working table of answer*):

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Use Wilcoxon's signed rank test to observe whether shear strength is 2000 psi.

Solution-

Here,

$$H_0: \mu = 2000 \quad H_1: \mu \neq 2000$$

Working table-

Observation #	Shear Strength (X)	Difference (X-2000)	Signed Rank
1	2158.70	158.70	+3
2	1678.15	-321.85	-14
3	2316.00	316.00	+13
4	2061.30	61.30	+2
5	2207.50	207.50	+6
6	1708.30	-291.70	-12
7	1784.70	-215.30	-7
8	2575.10	575.10	+19
9	2357.90	357.90	+16
10	2256.70	256.70	+11
11	2165.20	165.20	+4
12	2399.50	399.50	+17
13	1779.80	-220.20	-8
14	2336.75	336.75	+15
15	1765.30	-234.70	-9
16	2053.30	53.50	+1
17	2414.40	414.40	+18
18	2200.50	200.50	+5
19	2654.20	654.20	+20
20	1753.70	-246.30	-10

Here, *sum of + ve ranks* (R^+) = 150

sum of - ve ranks (R^-) = 60

$R = \min(R^+, R^-) = 60$

From Wilcoxon's signed rank critical value table, for $n = 20$, $R_{0.05}^* = 52$

Since it is not true that $R \leq R_{0.05}^*$ so H_0 is not rejected.

#.2

An automobile engineer is investigating two different types of metering devices for an electronic fuel injection system to determine if they differ in their fuel mileage performance. The system is installed on 12 different cars and a test is run with each metering system on each car. The observations are as follows-

Car #	1 2 3
Meter1
Meter2

Use Wilcoxon's signed rank test to determine if the two metering devices differ in their fuel mileage performance.

Solution:

Let μ_1 and μ_2 denote mean fuel mileage of two metering devices.

Here, $H_0: \mu_1 = \mu_2$ $H_1: \mu_1 \neq \mu_2$

Working table-

Car #	Meter1	Meter2	Difference	Rank of Diff.
1	17.6	16.8	0.8	8
2	19.4	20.2	-0.6	-5
3	19.5	18.2	1.3	12
4	17.1	16.4	0.7	6.5
5	15.3	16.0	-0.7	-6.5
6	15.9	15.4	0.5	4
7	16.3	16.5	-0.2	-1
8	18.4	18.0	0.4	3
9	17.3	16.4	0.9	9
10	19.1	20.1	-1.0	-10
11	17.8	16.7	1.1	11
12	18.2	17.9	0.3	2

Here, *sum of + ve ranks* (R^+) = 55.5

sum of - ve ranks (R^-) = 22.5

$R = \min(R^+, R^-) = 22.5$

From Wilcoxon's signed rank critical value table, for $n = 12$, $R_{0.05}^* = 13$

Since it is not true that $R \leq R_{0.05}^*$ so H_0 is not rejected.

Mann-Whitney's U-Test

Introduction

It is a non-parametric test procedure that is used to test the equality of mean of two continuous populations the form of distribution of which may or may not be known.

Let X_1 and X_2 be two independent continuous populations with means μ_1 and μ_2 .

The null and alternative hypothesis underlying the test are:

$$H_0: \mu_1 = \mu_2$$

$$H_1: \mu_1 < \mu_2 \text{ or } \mu_1 > \mu_2 \text{ or } \mu_1 \neq \mu_2$$

For the test procedure random samples of size n_1 is taken from population X_1 and of size n_2 is taken from X_2 .

Then ranks are assigned to each $n_1 + n_2$ total observations regarding both as one single sample in an ascending order of their magnitudes.

If two or more observations are tied (or identical) then mean of the ranks that would have been assigned they are different is assigned as their common rank.

After assigning ranks to each sample observation, the sum of ranks for sample observations from X_1 and from X_2 are computed.

Let R_1 be the sum of ranks in the first sample and R_2 be the sum of ranks in second sample.

If $R_1 < R_2$ then we compute the value of following U-statistic

$$U = R_1 - \frac{n_1(n_1 + 1)}{2}$$

and if $R_2 < R_1$, the following U-statistic is computed:

$$U = R_2 - \frac{n_2(n_2 + 1)}{2}$$

The U-statistic is observed to be normally distributed with mean and variance given by

$$E(U) = \mu_U = \frac{n_1 n_2}{2}$$

$$V(U) = \sigma_U^2 = \frac{n_1 n_2}{n(n^3 - 1)} \cdot \frac{n^3 - n}{12}$$

If there are ties within sample, then still Z_0 is used as test statistic. However, if there are ties across samples with the i^{th} ran repeated t_i times, then $V(U)$ is corrected as

$$V(U) = \sigma_U^2 = \frac{n_1 n_2}{n(n^3 - 1)} \cdot \left(\frac{n^3 - n}{12} - \sum \frac{t_i^3 - t_i}{12} \right)$$

Now,

$$\frac{U - E(U)}{\sqrt{V(U)}} \sim N(0, 1)$$

Let,

$$Z_0 = \frac{U - E(U)}{\sqrt{V(U)}} = \frac{U - \frac{n_1 \times n_2}{2}}{\sqrt{\frac{n_1 n_2 (n_1 + n_2 + 1)}{12}}}$$

Finally, the null hypothesis is rejected at α level of significance, if (a) for two tailed test $|Z_0| \geq Z_{\alpha/2}$ and (b) for one tailed test $|Z_0| \geq Z_{\alpha}$.

Solved Problem

#.1

A farmer wishes to determine whether there is a difference in yields between two different varieties of wheat I and wheat II. The following data shows the productions of wheat per unit area using the two varieties. Can the farmer conclude at 0.01 level of significance that a difference exists by using Mann-Whitney's U-test.

Wheat I

Wheat II

Solution-

H0 H1:

Working Table-

Wheat I	Rank	Wheat II	Rank
15.9	9	16.4	12.5
15.3	5	16.8	15
16.4	12.5	17.1	17
14.9	3	16.9	16
15.3	5	18.0	19
16.0	10.5	15.6	8
14.6	2	18.1	20
15.3	5	17.2	18
14.5	1	15.4	7
16.6	14		
16.0	10.5		
	$R_1 = 77.5$		$R_2 = 132.5$

Here, $n_1 = 11$ $n_2 = 9$ $n = 11 + 9 = 20$

Since $R_1 < R_2$, so test statistic is

$$U = R_1 - \frac{n_1(n_1 + 1)}{2} = 77.5 - \frac{11(11 + 1)}{2} = 11.5$$

Since samples are large we compute

$$E(U) = \frac{n_1 \cdot n_2}{2} = \frac{11 \times 9}{2} = 49.5$$

Since there is 1 tie of rank across two groups, so correction factor is

$$\sum(t^3 - t) = 2^3 - 2 = 6$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 V(U) &= \frac{n_1 n_2}{n(n-1)} \left(\frac{n^3 - n}{12} - \frac{\sum(t_i^3 - t_i)}{12} \right) \\
 &= \frac{11 \times 9}{20(20-1)} \left(\frac{20^3 - 20}{12} - \frac{6}{12} \right) = 0.26(665 - 0.5) = 172.77
 \end{aligned}$$

The test statistic is

$$Z_0 = \frac{U - E(U)}{\sqrt{V(U)}} = \frac{11.5 - 49.5}{\sqrt{172.77}} = -2.891$$

Rejected.

Practice Problem

Comparing two kinds of emergency flares, a consumer testing service obtained the following burning times (rounded to the nearest tenth of a minute):

Brand C	19.5	21.5	15.3	17.4	16.8	16.6	20.3	22.5	21.3	23.4	19.7	21
Brand D	16.5	15.8	24.7	10.2	13.5	15.9	15.7	14	12.1	17.4	15.6	15.8

Use Mann-Whitney U-test at 0.01 level of significance to check whether it is reasonable to say that the burning rates of two kinds of flares are identical.

Solution-

H_0 : populations are identical.

H_1 : populations are not identical.

Working Table-

Brand C	Rank	Brand D	Rank
19.5	16	16.5	11
21.5	21	15.8	8.5
15.3	5	24.7	24
17.4	14.5	10.2	1
16.8	13	13.5	3
16.6	12	15.9	10
20.3	18	15.7	7
22.5	22	14.0	4
21.3	20	12.1	2
23.4	23	17.4	14.5
19.7	17	15.6	6
21.0	19	15.8	8.5
	$R_1 = 200.5$		$R_2 = 99.5$

Here,

$$n_1 = n_2 = 12, \quad n = 12 + 12 = 24$$

Since $R_2 < R_1$, so test statistic is

$$U = R_2 - \frac{n_2(n_2 + 1)}{2} = 99.5 - \frac{12(12 + 1)}{2} = 21.5$$

Since samples are large we compute

$$E(U) = \frac{n_1 \cdot n_2}{2} = \frac{12 \times 12}{2} = 72$$

Since there is 1 tie of rank across two groups, so

$$V(U) = \frac{n_1 n_2}{n(n-1)} \left(\frac{n^3 - n}{12} - \frac{\sum (t_i^3 - t_i)}{12} \right)$$

$$= \frac{12 \times 12}{24(24-1)} \left(\frac{24^3 - 24}{12} - \frac{2^3 - 2}{12} \right) = 0.2680(1150 - 0.5) = 299.789$$

The test statistic is

$$Z_0 = \frac{U - E(U)}{\sqrt{V(U)}} = \frac{21.5 - 72}{\sqrt{299.789}} = -2.91$$

Rejected.

Kruskal-Wallis H- Test

Introduction

- It is non-parametric test procedure that is used to test equality of means of several populations the form of distribution of which may or may not be known.
- It is generalization of U-test in the sense that in U-test equality of mean of two populations are considered whereas, in H-test equality of means of several populations are considered.
- Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k be k independent and continuous populations with means $\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_k$.
- The objective of the H-test is to test

$$H_0: \mu_1 = \mu_2 = \dots = \mu_k$$

Or,

$$H_0: \text{All } k \text{ populations are identical.}$$

against the alternative

$$H_1: k \text{ populations are not all identical.}$$

- For the test procedure k samples of sizes n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k are taken from each population.
- Then ranks are assigned to entire sample observations jointly.
- Let R_1, R_2, \dots, R_k be sum of ranks of observations in 1st, 2nd, ..., k^{th} populations.
- Also let $n = \sum_{i=1}^k n_i$
- Now, if the null hypothesis is true it is observed that the statistic

$$H = \frac{12}{n(n+1)} \sum_{i=1}^k \left(\frac{R_i^2}{n_i} \right) - 3(n+1)$$

is distributed as χ^2 distribution with $k-1$ degrees of freedom.

If i^{th} rank is repeated t_i times either within or between groups then a correction factor of

$$1 - \frac{\sum_i (t_i^3 - t_i)}{n^3 - n}$$

is introduced and corrected test statistic is

$$H = \frac{\frac{12}{n(n+1)} \sum_{i=1}^k \left(\frac{R_i^2}{n_i} \right) - 3(n+1)}{1 - \frac{\sum (t_i^3 - t_i)}{n^3 - n}}$$

Finally, the null hypothesis is rejected at α level of significance, if $H \geq \chi_{k-1}^2$.

(Chi-square table is given below)

Chi-square Distribution Table

d.f.	.995	.99	.975	.95	.9	.1	.05	.025	.01
1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	2.71	3.84	5.02	6.63
2	0.01	0.02	0.05	0.10	0.21	4.61	5.99	7.38	9.21
3	0.07	0.11	0.22	0.35	0.58	6.25	7.81	9.35	11.34
4	0.21	0.30	0.48	0.71	1.06	7.78	9.49	11.14	13.28
5	0.41	0.55	0.83	1.15	1.61	9.24	11.07	12.83	15.09
6	0.68	0.87	1.24	1.64	2.20	10.64	12.59	14.45	16.81
7	0.99	1.24	1.69	2.17	2.83	12.02	14.07	16.01	18.48
8	1.34	1.65	2.18	2.73	3.49	13.36	15.51	17.53	20.09
9	1.73	2.09	2.70	3.33	4.17	14.68	16.92	19.02	21.67
10	2.16	2.56	3.25	3.94	4.87	15.99	18.31	20.48	23.21
11	2.60	3.05	3.82	4.57	5.58	17.28	19.68	21.92	24.72
12	3.07	3.57	4.40	5.23	6.30	18.55	21.03	23.34	26.22
13	3.57	4.11	5.01	5.89	7.04	19.81	22.36	24.74	27.69
14	4.07	4.66	5.63	6.57	7.79	21.06	23.68	26.12	29.14
15	4.60	5.23	6.26	7.26	8.55	22.31	25.00	27.49	30.58
16	5.14	5.81	6.91	7.96	9.31	23.54	26.30	28.85	32.00
17	5.70	6.41	7.56	8.67	10.09	24.77	27.59	30.19	33.41
18	6.26	7.01	8.23	9.39	10.86	25.99	28.87	31.53	34.81
19	6.84	7.63	8.91	10.12	11.65	27.20	30.14	32.85	36.19
20	7.43	8.26	9.59	10.85	12.44	28.41	31.41	34.17	37.57
22	8.64	9.54	10.98	12.34	14.04	30.81	33.92	36.78	40.29
24	9.89	10.86	12.40	13.85	15.66	33.20	36.42	39.36	42.98
26	11.16	12.20	13.84	15.38	17.29	35.56	38.89	41.92	45.64
28	12.46	13.56	15.31	16.93	18.94	37.92	41.34	44.46	48.28
30	13.79	14.95	16.79	18.49	20.60	40.26	43.77	46.98	50.89
32	15.13	16.36	18.29	20.07	22.27	42.58	46.19	49.48	53.49
34	16.50	17.79	19.81	21.66	23.95	44.90	48.60	51.97	56.06
38	19.29	20.69	22.88	24.88	27.34	49.51	53.38	56.90	61.16

Solved Problem

#.1

Following are the number of printing mistakes counted on pages selected at random from three Sunday editions of a newspaper:

April 11	4	10	2	6	4	12
April 18	8	5	13	8	8	10
April 25	7	9	11	2	4	12

Use Kruskal-Wallis H-test at 0.05 level of significance to test that the samples come from identical populations.

Solution-

H_0 : populations are identical

H_1 : populations are not identical

Rank Table-

Here, $n_1 = n_2 = n_3 = 6$ $n = 6 + 6 + 6 = 18$

							R_i	R_i^2/n_i
Apr. 11	4	13.5	1.5	6	4	16.5	46.5	360.375
Apr. 18	10	6	18	10	10	13.5	67.5	759.375
Apr. 25	8	12	15	1.5	4	16.5	57	541.5
								1661.25

Here, rank 1.5 occurs 2 times, rank 4 occurs 3 times, rank 10 occurs 3 times, rank 13.5 occurs 2 times and rank 16.5 occurs 2 times, so

$$\sum (t_i^3 - t_i) = (2^3 - 2) + (3^3 - 2) + (3^3 - 3) + (2^3 - 2) + (2^3 - 2) = 48$$

The test statistic is

$$H = \frac{\frac{12}{n(n+1)} \sum_{i=1}^k \left(\frac{R_i^2}{n_i} \right) - 3(n+1)}{1 - \frac{\sum (t_i^3 - t_i)}{n^3 - n}}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{12}{18(18+1)} \times 1661.25 - 3(18+1)}{1 - \frac{48}{18^3 - 18}} = \dots \dots$$

Critical value is $\chi_{0.05,3-1}^2 = 5.991$

Not rejected.

Practice Problem

An experiment was designed to compare three preventive methods against corrosion yielded the following maximum depths (in thousands of an inch) in pieces of wires subjected to the respective treatments:

Method I	77	54	67	74	71	66	
Method II	60	41	59	65	62	64	52
Method III	49	52	69	47	56		

Use the Kruskal-Wallis H-test at 0.05 level of significance to test the hypothesis that the three samples come from identical populations.

Solution-

H0: the three samples come from identical populations

H1: the three samples do not come from identical populations

Here, $n_1 = 6, n_2 = 7, n_3 = 5$ $n = 6 + 7 + 5 = 18$

Rank Table

								R_i	R_i^2/n_i
MethodI	18	6	14	17	16	13		84	1176
MethodII	9	1	8	12	10	11	4.5	55.5	440.04
MethodIII	3	4.5	15	2	7			31.5	198.45
									1814.49

Here, rank 4.5 occurs 2 times so

$$\sum (t_i^3 - t_i) = (2^3 - 2) = 6$$

The test statistic is

$$H = \frac{\frac{12}{n(n+1)} \sum_{i=1}^k \left(\frac{R_i^2}{n_i} \right) - 3(n+1)}{1 - \frac{\sum (t_i^3 - t_i)}{n^3 - n}}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{12}{18(18+1)} \times 1814.49 - 3(18+1)}{1 - \frac{6}{18^3 - 18}} = \frac{6.667}{0.99} = 6.67$$

Critical value is $\chi_{0.05,3-1}^2 = 5.991$

Not rejected.