

Chapter 9: Comparing two paired populations

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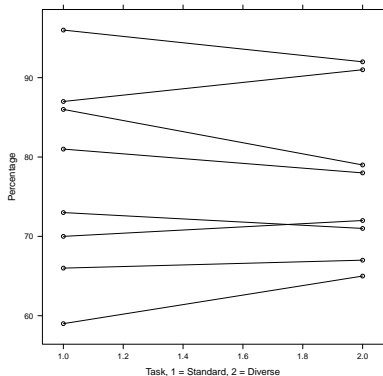
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- 8 office workers were randomly selected. They were observed for one work day under the standard conditions, and the percentage of time that their dominant upper-arm was below 30 degrees was recorded. The next day, **these same individuals** had their work diversified, and again were observed.

- The results are:

Participant	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Diverse	78	91	79	65	67	72	71	96
Standard	81	87	86	59	66	70	73	92

- Dotplots connected for each individual:



Some go up, some go down, and some stay the same. It's unlikely that we will see much difference.



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NO, because of the dependence. The data is clearly paired, since we are taking two measurements on each individual.

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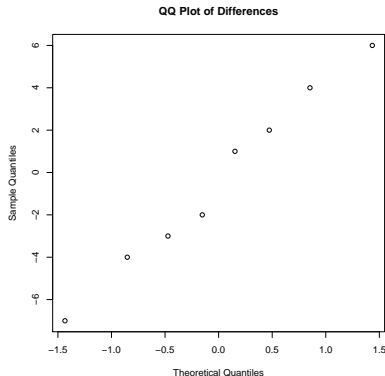
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- Paired t test is indeed one sample t test on the differences!



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This looks quite straight, so we can assume normality.

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- Compare to a T_7 distribution, p-value is about 0.702. Thus we would not reject. It seems that diversification of work has little effect on arm angle.



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Equivalently, let $m_D = m_1 - m_2$,

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- P-value: Let b be the observation of B , then for two-sided alternative,

$$\text{p-value} = 2 \min\{P(B \geq b), P(B \leq b)\}.$$



For paired populations, take difference to remove the dependence and then use one sample tests.