

A college uses two assessments, X and Y , when interviewing applicants for research posts at the college. These assessments have been used for a large number of applicants this year.

The scores for a random sample of 9 applicants who took assessment X are as follows.

21.4 24.6 25.3 22.7 20.8 21.5 22.9 21.3 22.3

The scores for a random sample of 10 applicants who took assessment Y are as follows.

20.9 23.5 24.8 21.9 23.4 24.0 23.8 24.1 25.1 25.8

The interviewer believes that the population median score from assessment X is lower than the population median score from assessment Y .

Carry out a Wilcoxon rank-sum test, at the 1% significance level, to test whether the interviewer's belief is supported by the data. [7]