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3 *K*-sample Methods

3.1 Setup

Extend the 2-sample methods to comparison of K groups, $K \geq 2$.

Data: X_{ij} : j th observation from the i th treatment group, $i = 1, \dots, K$, $j = 1, \dots, n_i$, where n_1, \dots, n_K may not equal. Let $N = \sum_{i=1}^K n_i$: total number of observations.

Trt	1	2	...	K
	x_{11}	x_{21}	\cdots	x_{K1}
	x_{12}	x_{22}	\cdots	x_{K2}
	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots
	x_{1n_1}	x_{2n_2}	\cdots	x_{Kn_k}

Hypotheses: test whether all observations are *i.i.d.*, or whether treatments differ in locations. We focus on testing the shift in locations.

One-way ANOVA model:

$$X_{ij} = \mu_i + \epsilon_{ij}, \quad (3.1)$$

where μ_i is the mean for treatment i , ϵ_{ij} are *i.i.d.* random variables.

Test

$$H_0 : \mu_1 = \mu_2 = \cdots = \mu_K$$

versus H_a : $\mu_i, i = 1, \dots, K$, are not all equal (that is, at least two treatments have unequal means).

3.2 Classic Method Based on Normality Assumption

- Assume ϵ_{ij} *i.i.d.* $\sim N(0, \sigma^2)$.

- Define **treatment i mean**: $\bar{X}_i = \frac{1}{n_i} \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} X_{ij}$
- Define **grand mean**: $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^K \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} X_{ij}$
- Sum of squares for treatment:

$$SST = \sum_{i=1}^K n_i (\bar{X}_i - \bar{X})^2 = \sum_{i=1}^K n_i \bar{X}_i^2 - N \bar{X}^2$$

- Sum of squares for error:

$$SSE = \sum_{i=1}^K \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} (X_{ij} - \bar{X}_i)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^K (n_i - 1) S_i^2,$$

where $S_i^2 = \frac{1}{n_i - 1} \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} (X_{ij} - \bar{X}_i)^2$ is the sample variance of treatment i .

- The F -test statistic is

$$F = \frac{SST/(K - 1)}{SSE/(N - K)} = \frac{MST}{MSE}.$$

- Under the assumption that ϵ_{ij} i.i.d. $\sim N(0, \sigma^2)$, $F \sim F_{K-1, N-K}$ under H_0 .
- Then critical values and p -value can be obtained by using the F distribution.
- If we are not willing to make the normality assumption, we can use a permutation F -test, i.e. use permutation to obtain the null distribution of the F test statistic.

3.3 Permutation F -test

Under H_0 , X_{ij} are exchangeable. There are total

$\binom{N}{n_1 n_2 \dots n_K} = \frac{N!}{n_1! n_2! \dots n_K!}$ ways to partition total N observations into K groups with sizes n_1, \dots, n_K .

Steps:

- Calculate F_{obs} using the original data.

- For each of the $\frac{N!}{n_1!n_2!\cdots n_K!}$ permutations (or for a random sample of R permutations), calculate F^* .

- Calculate

$$p\text{-value} = \frac{\# \text{ of } F^*\text{'s} \geq F_{obs}}{\# \text{ of permutations}}$$

Note:

- The Sum of Squares of Total

$$SSTotal = SST + SSE = \sum_{i=1}^K \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} (X_{ij} - \bar{X})^2 = \sum_{i=1}^K \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} X_{ij}^2 - N\bar{X}^2,$$

which does not change across the permutations.

- Equivalently, we can base our permutation test on

$$SST = \sum_{i=1}^K n_i (\bar{X}_i - \bar{X})^2 = \sum_{i=1}^K n_i \bar{X}_i^2 - N\bar{X}^2 \text{ or}$$

$$SSX = \sum_{i=1}^K n_i \bar{X}_i^2$$

instead of $F = \frac{MST}{MSE}$ since F is an increasing function of both SST and SSX .

Example 3.3.1 *Compare permutation F -test and one-way ANOVA F -test. The observations for three treatments are randomly sampled from $N(15, 9^2)$, $N(25, 9^2)$ and $N(30, 9^2)$.*

j	1	2	3	4	5
trt1	25.07	-1.45	22.61	28.58	15.51
trt2	20.80	25.29	27.52	13.48	16.70
trt3	34.13	31.70	30.78	24.22	29.86

3.4 Kruskal-Wallis Test

Nonparametric rank test for comparing K treatments:

- Replace the original observations with ranks
- Carry out the permutation test on the ranks
- This leads to a test equivalent to the Kruskal-Wallis test

The Kruskal-Wallis statistic is

$$KW = \frac{12}{N(N+1)} \sum_{i=1}^K n_i \left(\bar{R}_i - \frac{N+1}{2} \right)^2,$$

where

- \bar{R}_i : the average rank for the i th treatment
- $(N+1)/2$ is the average of all the ranks $1, 2, \dots, N$
- $n_i(\bar{R}_i - \frac{N+1}{2})^2$: Sum of Squares for Treatment (SST) on ranks

- KW critical values for a limited number of scenarios can be found in Table A6
- For large samples,

$$KW \sim \chi_{K-1}^2 \text{ approximately.}$$

R used the χ_{K-1}^2 approximation for p -value calculation

- The utility of approximate p -values based on the χ_{K-1}^2 distribution is questionable
- We can obtain the p -value directly by using the permutation test based on the KW statistic
- For large N , the total number of permutations is large, so we may use a random sample of the permutations as an approximation.
For example, $n = 5$ for each of 3 treatments, $N = 15$,
 $\binom{15}{5 \ 5 \ 5} = 756,756$

Adjustment for Ties:

- When there are ties, we adjust the ranks using midranks (average ranks) for the tied data.
- Use the adjusted ranks, calculate the KW test statistic for tied data

$$KW_{ties} = \frac{1}{S_R^2} \sum_{i=1}^K n_i \left(\bar{R}_i - \frac{N+1}{2} \right)^2,$$

where S_R^2 is the sample variance of the combined adjusted ranks.

Example 3.4.1 Refer to Example 3.3.1.

$\bar{R}_i = 5.8, 6, 12.2$, $n_i = 5, i = 1, 2, 3$, $N = 15$, $(N+1)/2 = 8$. So

$$\begin{aligned} KW &= \frac{12}{15 \times 16} \sum_{i=1}^3 5(\bar{R}_i - 8)^2 \\ &= \frac{12 \times 5}{15 \times 16} \{(5.8 - 8)^2 + (6 - 8)^2 + (12.2 - 8)^2\} = 6.62. \end{aligned}$$

j	Raw			Rank		
	trt1	trt2	trt3	trt1	trt2	trt3
1	25.1	20.8	34.1	8	5	15
2	-1.5	25.3	31.7	1	9	14
3	22.6	27.5	30.8	6	10	13
4	28.6	13.5	24.2	11	2	7
5	15.5	16.7	29.9	3	4	12
trt mean	18.1	20.8	30.1	5.8	6	12.2

```
# Kruskal-Wallis test with chi-square approximation
```

```
> kruskal.test(x,grps)
```

```
Kruskal-Wallis rank sum test
```

```
data: x and grps
```

```
Kruskal-Wallis chi-squared = 6.62, df = 2, p-value = 0.03652
```

```
> summary(aov(rank.x ~ factor(grps)))
```

	Df	Sum Sq	MeanSq	F-value	Pr(>F)
factor(grps)	2	132.4	66.2	5.3821	0.02146 *
Residuals	12	147.6	12.3		

```
Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```



```
> SST = summary(aov(rank.x ~ factor(grps)))[[1]][1,2]
> 132.4*12/(N*(N+1))
[1] 6.62
```



```
# K-W test with permutation-based approx p-value
> Fobs <- getF(rank.x, grps)
> permFs <- perm.approx.F(rank.x, grps, R=1000)
> mean(permFs >= Fobs)
[1] 0.032
```

Example 3.4.2 *Motivational Effect of Knowledge of Performance: Table 6.6 of Hollander and Wolfe (page 205). 18 male workers were divided randomly into 3 groups: control (no information is given), Group B (some rough information), Group C (accurate information of outputs). The number of pieces processed by each person in the experimental period.*

j	Control	Group B	Group C
1	40 (5.5)	38 (2.5)	48 (18)
2	35 (1)	40 (5.5)	40 (5.5)
3	38 (2.5)	47 (17)	45 (15)
4	43 (10.5)	44 (13)	43 (10.5)
5	44 (13)	40 (5.5)	46 (16)
6	41 (8)	42 (9)	44 (13)
trt mean	40.2 (6.75)	41.8 (8.75)	44.3 (13)

Solution:

Sorted data: 35 38 38 40 40 40 40 41 42 43 43 44 44 44 45 46 47 48

The values in the parentheses are the ranks. Midranks are used when there are ties.

```
> # Kruskal-Wallis test with chi-square approximation
```

```
> kruskal.test(x,grps)
```

```
Kruskal-Wallis rank sum test
```

```
data: x and grps
```

```
Kruskal-Wallis chi-squared = 4.3615, df = 2, p-value = 0.1130
```

```
> # K-W test with permutation-based approx p-value
```

```
> summary(aov(rank.x ~ factor(grps)))
```

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
factor(grps)	2	122.25	61.12	2.5882	0.1082
Residuals	15	354.25	23.62		

```
> (SST = summary(aov(rank.x ~ factor(grps)))[[1]][1,2])  
[1] 122.25
```

```
> (SR2 = var(rank.x))  
[1] 28.02941  
> (SST/SR2)  
[1] 4.36149  
  
> #Fobs <- summary(aov(rank(x)~factor(grps)))[1,4]  
> Fobs <- getF(rank.x, grps)  
> set.seed(122356)  
> permFs <- perm.approx.F(rank.x, grps, R=1000)  
> mean(permFs >= Fobs)  
[1] 0.124
```

3.5 Multiple Comparisons

3.5.1 Motivation

- The F -test and K-W test can only test if there is any difference among K treatments.
- When $H_0 : \mu_1 = \cdots = \mu_K$ is rejected, we want to know which treatment differs from the others, i.e. to identify where the difference is.
- One way: pairwise comparison. E.g $K = 3$
 - Perform two-sample test to test $H_{01} : \mu_1 = \mu_2$ versus $H_a : \mu_1 \neq \mu_2$ at significance level 5%. That is, the chance of incorrectly rejecting H_{01} when two means are the same is 0.05.
 - Perform 2-sample test to test $H_{02} : \mu_1 = \mu_3$ at level 0.05.
 - Perform 2-sample test to test $H_{03} : \mu_2 = \mu_3$ at level 0.05.
 - If three tests are independent, then when $\mu_1 = \mu_2 = \mu_3$, the

probability of incorrectly rejecting at least one of $H_{0i}, i = 1, 2, 3$ is greater than 0.05.

- And this Type I error rate increases quickly with K . When $\alpha = 0.05$, $K = 6$, total $\binom{6}{2} = 15$ pairwise comparisons, the overall Type I error rate is $1 - (1 - \alpha)^{15} = 0.54$.
- **Multiple comparison:** to determine which treatments differ from others and meanwhile control the overall false rejection rate under the desired level α .

3.5.2 Methods for Multiple Comparisons

Method 1: Bonferroni Adjustment

- K treatments, total $n = \binom{K}{2} = \frac{K(K-1)}{2}$ number of pairwise comparisons
- Compare p -value for each pairwise comparison with significance level

$$\alpha/n = \frac{\alpha}{K(K-1)/2}$$

- This guarantees protection against inflation but tends to be too conservative.

For example, $K = 6$, $n = \binom{K}{2} = 15$. Let overall desired rejection rate $\alpha = 0.05$. We reject each pairwise comparison if the p -value $\leq 0.05/15 = 0.0033$. Then the probability of observing at least one

significant result is

$$P(\geq 1 \text{ rejection}) = 1 - P(\text{no rejections}) = 1 - (1 - 0.0033)^{15} = 0.048.$$

Here, we're just a bit under our desired 0.05 level. We benefit here from assuming that all tests are independent of each other. In practical applications, that is often not the case. Depending on the correlation structure of the tests, the Bonferroni correction could be extremely conservative, leading to a high rate of false negatives.

Method 2: Fisher's Protected Least Significant Difference (LSD)

- The first multiple comparison invented.
- First check overall test for equality of multiple treatments for example F -test or KW test etc.
 - If the omnibus test is significant, then conduct pairwise comparison test with significance level α

- If not significant, then do not proceed and declare no significant difference among all treatments
- Problem: if only one (or some) of the treatments is/are different from others, Method 2 can lead to many false conclusions of statistical significance, so the overall type I error is not well controlled.
- This method is not recommended.

Method 3: Tukey's Honest Significant Difference (HSD)

- Define the normalized mean difference between groups i and j as:

$$T_{ij} = \frac{|\bar{X}_i - \bar{X}_j|}{\sqrt{\frac{MSE}{2} \left(\frac{1}{n_i} + \frac{1}{n_j} \right)}},$$

where $MSE = SSE/df$ is the mean squared error in the one-way ANOVA, and $df = N - K$.

- Define the largest difference statistic as

$$Q = \max_{ij} T_{ij}, \quad 1 \leq i < j \leq K.$$

- All pairwise (normalized) differences T_{ij} are compared with the critical values of Q —the largest difference. This makes Tukey's HSD approach conservative.
- Under H_0 : no difference among K treatments,

$$Q \sim \text{studentized range Q-distribution } q(K, df).$$

- Let $q(\alpha, K, df)$ be the α th percentage point of the null distribution of Q .
- Limited values of $q(\alpha, K, df)$ are given in Table A8.

- For comparing treatments i and j , if the statistic

$$T_{ij} = \frac{|\bar{X}_i - \bar{X}_j|}{\sqrt{\frac{MSE}{2} \left(\frac{1}{n_i} + \frac{1}{n_j} \right)}} > q(\alpha, K, df),$$

we declare treatments i and j different. That is, we declare a significant difference between treatments i and j if

$$|\bar{X}_i - \bar{X}_j| > q(\alpha, K, df) \sqrt{\frac{MSE}{2} \left(\frac{1}{n_i} + \frac{1}{n_j} \right)} \doteq HSD.$$

- The null distribution of Q can be obtained by permutation.
- R functions
 - Tukey.HSD (Judy's implementation based on permutation)
 - TukeyHSD (existing R function based on Q-distribution)

Example 3.5.1 *The following table shows simulated data from $N(1, 1)$, $N(10, 1)$ and $N(1, 1)$. Use the given summary statistics to carry out multiple comparisons using Bonferroni, Fisher's LSD and Tukey's HSD methods. Use significance level 0.05.*

$i \backslash j$	1	2	3	4	5	\bar{X}_i	S_i^2
group1	-0.01	0.15	0.25	-0.90	0.86	0.07	0.40
group2	11.14	9.56	10.33	8.45	9.59	9.81	1.00
group3	0.77	0.03	1.96	3.24	2.40	1.68	1.65

ANOVA table:

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
factor(grps)	2	272.83	136.42	134.3	6.12e-09 ***
Residuals	12	12.19	1.02		

Pairwise t-test results:

```
> t.test(x1, x2, var.equal=TRUE)
```

```
t = -18.3981, df = 8, p-value = 7.843e-08  
> t.test(x1, x3, var.equal=TRUE)  
t = -2.5157, df = 8, p-value = 0.03605  
> t.test(x2, x3, var.equal=TRUE)  
t = 11.1831, df = 8, p-value = 3.662e-06
```


3.5.3 Multiple Comparison Permutation Tests

We can avoid messing with tables by adopting the permutation.

Bonferroni Permutation Tests

- Perform 2-sample permutation tests on all pairs of treatments and compare the permutation p -value for each pair with the adjusted significance level

$$\alpha' = \frac{\alpha}{K(K-1)/2}$$

- If the p -value for one pair is less than α' , declare significance difference between this pair of treatments
- If the permutation test is based on ranks, need be careful: in K -sample comparison test such as KW test, the ranks range from 1 to $N = n_1 + \cdots + n_K$, but when comparing treatments i and j , the ranks range from 1 to $n_i + n_j$
- This procedure controls the overall error rate $\leq \alpha$

Fisher's Protected LSD Permutation Tests

- Carry out permutation tests to test if there is any difference among K treatments, e.g. permutation based on F statistic or KS statistic.
- If and only if we reject the above omnibus test, we then consider pairwise comparisons.
- If comparing treatments i and j , randomly permute the labels of $n_i + n_j$ observations associated with treatment i and j to form the permuted data for groups i and j . For each permutation (or a random sample of R permutations), compute T_{ij}^* . One logical statistic is

$$T_{ij}^* = \bar{X}_i^* - \bar{X}_j^*,$$

where \bar{X}_i^* and \bar{X}_j^* are the sample means of the i th and the j th treatment groups based on the permutation data.

- Compute permutation p -value

$$p\text{-value} = \frac{\# \text{ of } |T_{ij}^*| \text{'s} \geq |T_{ij}|}{R},$$

where T_{ij} is the statistic $\bar{X}_i - \bar{X}_j$ based on the observed data, and R is the number of permutations.

- Note that the permutation distribution of T_{ij}^* is a valid reference distribution for comparing any two treatments with the same sample sizes as n_i and n_j .

Tukey's HSD Permutation Tests

- Using the observed raw data (or ranks), calculate the mean squared error $MSE = SSE/(N - K)$ and calculate

$$T_{ij} = \frac{|\bar{X}_i - \bar{X}_j|}{\sqrt{\frac{MSE}{2} \left(\frac{1}{n_i} + \frac{1}{n_j} \right)}}$$

for all $K(K - 1)/2$ pairs of (i, j) .

- For each partition of N observations into K groups with sizes n_1, \dots, n_K (or for a sample of R such permutations), calculate

$$Q^* = \max_{ij} T_{ij}^* = \max_{ij} \frac{|\bar{X}_i^* - \bar{X}_j^*|}{\sqrt{\frac{MSE}{2} \left(\frac{1}{n_i} + \frac{1}{n_j} \right)}} = \frac{\max_i(\bar{X}_i^*) - \min_i(\bar{X}_i^*)}{\sqrt{\frac{MSE}{2} \left(\frac{1}{n_i} + \frac{1}{n_j} \right)}}$$

- Calculate p -value for each T_{ij} (comparison of treatments i and j):

$$p\text{-value} = \frac{\# \text{of } Q\text{'s} \geq T_{ij}}{R}.$$

- If $p\text{-value} \leq \alpha$, declare significant difference between treatments i and j .

Example 3.5.2 (*Clay Percentage*) (*Table 3.3.1 in Higgins*) Six samples of soil were selected from 4 locations and the percentage of clay was determined in each sample.

location\j	1	2	3	4	5	6	group mean
location 1	26.5	15.0	18.2	19.5	23.1	17.3	19.93
location 2	16.5	15.8	14.1	30.2	25.1	17.4	19.85
location 3	19.2	21.4	26.0	21.6	35.0	28.9	25.35
location 4	26.7	37.3	28.0	30.1	33.5	26.3	30.32

3.6 Ordered Alternatives

In some situations, it may be reasonable to suspect that the responses from different treatments follow some order.

- For example, researchers may anticipate the degree of pain relief will be greater for treatments with larger doses of the pain relief drug. Let μ_d denote the mean of pain reduction with dose d . We may want to test

$$H_a : \mu_0 \leq \mu_1 < \cdots < \mu_5.$$

- Argonomists may believe that the average yield of corn obtained with different levels of fertilizers (none, low, medium, high) will be

$$\mu_{none} \leq \mu_{low} \leq \mu_{medium} \leq \mu_{high}.$$

Let $F_i(x)$ be the CDF of the treatment i group, $i = 1, \dots, K$. We are interested in assessing the hypotheses:

$$H_0 : F_1(x) = F_2(x) = \dots = F_K(x)$$

against

$$H_a : F_1(x) \geq F_2(x) \geq \dots \geq F_K(x) \text{ (at least one strict inequality),}$$

(i.e. group 1 has the smallest values,..., group k has the largest values)

If we have location shift alternatives, the above H_a can be expressed as

$$H_a : \mu_1 \leq \mu_2 \leq \dots \leq \mu_K \text{ (at least one strict inequality).}$$

Jonckheere-Terpstra Test

- Let T_{ij} be any reasonable test statistic for testing

$$H_0 : F_i(x) = F_j(x), \text{ v.s. } H_a : F_i(x) \geq F_j(x), \quad i < j$$

i.e. for one-sided alternative where the j th group gives larger

values.

- For instance, T_{ij} can be chosen as the Wilcoxon's rank-sum test statistic or Mann-Whitney's test statistic for comparing group i versus group j .

Note: for testing $H_a : \mu_1 \leq \mu_2 \leq \cdots \leq \mu_K$ using T_{ij} ,

- if we choose T_{ij} as the rank-sum test statistic, define T_{ij} as the sum of ranks of the j th treatment for $i < j$, i.e. the treatment with larger values;
- equivalently, if we choose T_{ij} as the Mann-Whitney test statistic, define T_{ij} as the number of pairs such that the observation from treatment $i \leq$ the observation from treatment j .

Therefore, a larger value of T_{ij} supports the alternative that $\mu_i \leq \mu_j$.

- Define the JT test statistic as

$$JT = \sum_{i < j} T_{ij}.$$

- The null distribution of JT can be obtained by using permutation
 - Compute JT from the raw observed data.
 - Calculate JT^* for each of (or a sample R of) the possible allocations of the N observations into K groups of sizes n_1, \dots, n_K .
 - Define p -value as

$$p\text{-value} = \frac{\#\text{of } JT^*\text{'s} \geq JT_{obs}}{R}.$$

- Reject H_0 if $p\text{-value} \leq \alpha$.
- We can use F-test or KW test to test if there is any difference among K treatments, but they would lose power since we have a specific alternative in mind.

Example 3.6.1 *The basal area increment (BAI) for 16 stands of mixed species of oak trees in southeastern Ohio was measured. The BAI is related to yearly growth increment in a tree. The 16 stands were grouped according to the growing site index. As growing site index increases, the growing environment becomes more favorable for a stand of trees. The BAI data were grouped into 5 distinct categories according to the associated growing site index values.*

Growing site index interval					
	66-68	69-71	72-74	75-77	78-80
stand	idx1	idx2	idx3	idx4	idx5
1	1.91	2.44	2.45	2.52	2.78
2	1.53		2.04	2.36	2.88
3	2.08		1.60	2.73	2.10
4	1.71		2.37		1.66

Pairwise rank-sum statistics T_{ij} :

$i \backslash j$	2	3	4	5
1	5	22	18	23
2		11	8	12
3			16	21
4				16

Therefore, $JT = 5 + 22 + \cdots + 16 = 152$. By using permutation, we obtain the p -value=0.019. So we reject H_0 .

Compare to KW test:

Kruskal-Wallis rank sum test

data: x and grps

Kruskal-Wallis chi-squared = 5.9669, df = 4, p-value = 0.2016

So by incorporating the direction of treatment effects, we are able to detect a significant difference among the treatments.