

Siegel-Tukey Test For Equality In Variability

Description

Non-parametric Siegel-Tukey test for equality in variability. The null hypothesis is that the variability of x is equal between two groups. A rejection of the null hypothesis indicates that variability differs between the two groups. `SiegelTukeyRank` returns the ranks, calculated after Siegel Tukey logic.

Usage

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SiegelTukeyTest(x, ...)
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## Default S3 method:
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SiegelTukeyTest(x, y, adjust.median = FALSE,  
                alternative = c("two.sided", "less", "greater"),  
                mu = 0, exact = NULL, correct = TRUE, conf.int = FALSE,  
                conf.level = 0.95, ...)
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## S3 method for class 'formula'
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SiegelTukeyTest(formula, data, subset, na.action, ...)
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SiegelTukeyRank(x, g, drop.median = TRUE)
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Arguments

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| <code>x, y</code> | numeric vector of data values. Non-finite (e.g. infinite or missing) values will be omitted. |
| <code>g</code> | a vector or factor object giving the group for the corresponding elements of x . |
| <code>adjust.median</code> | Should between-group differences in medians be leveled before performing the test? In certain cases, the Siegel-Tukey test is susceptible to median differences and may indicate significant differences in variability that, in reality, stem from differences in medians. Default is <code>FALSE</code> . |
| <code>alternative</code> | a character string specifying the alternative hypothesis, must be one of <code>"two.sided"</code> (default), <code>"greater"</code> or <code>"less"</code> . You can specify just the initial letter. |
| <code>mu</code> | a number specifying an optional parameter used to form the null hypothesis. See Details. |
| <code>exact</code> | a logical indicating whether an exact p-value should be computed. This is passed directly to wilcox.test . |

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| <code>correct</code> | a logical indicating whether to apply continuity correction in the normal approximation for the p-value. |
| <code>conf.int</code> | a logical indicating whether a confidence interval should be computed. |
| <code>conf.level</code> | confidence level of the interval. |
| <code>formula</code> | a formula of the form <code>lhs ~ rhs</code> where <code>lhs</code> gives the data values and <code>rhs</code> the corresponding groups. |
| <code>data</code> | an optional matrix or data frame (or similar: see model.frame) containing the variables in the formula <code>formula</code> . By default the variables are taken from <code>environment(formula)</code> . |
| <code>subset</code> | an optional vector specifying a subset of observations to be used. |
| <code>na.action</code> | a function which indicates what should happen when the data contain NAs. Defaults to <code>getOption("na.action")</code> . |
| <code>drop.median</code> | logical, defining whether the median of the combined samples should be left out, ensuring that there's an even number of elements (which is a requirement of the Siegel-Tukey test). Defaults to <code>TRUE</code> . |
| <code>...</code> | further arguments to be passed to or from methods. |

Details

The Siegel-Tukey test has relatively low power and may, under certain conditions, indicate significance due to differences in medians rather than differences in variabilities (consider using the argument `adjust.median`). Consider also using [mood.test](#) or [ansari.test](#).

Value

A list of class `htest`, containing the following components:

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| <code>statistic</code> | Siegel-Tukey test (Wilcoxon test on tie-adjusted Siegel-Tukey ranks, after the median adjustment if specified). |
| <code>p.value</code> | the p-value for the test |

`null.value` is the value of the median specified by the null hypothesis. This equals the input argument `mu`.

`alternative` a character string describing the alternative hypothesis.

`method` the type of test applied

`data.name` a character string giving the names of the data.

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References

Siegel, S., Tukey, J. W. (1960): A nonparametric sum of ranks procedure for relative spread in unpaired samples. *Journal of the American Statistical Association*.

Sheskin, D. J. (2004): *Handbook of parametric and nonparametric statistical procedures* 3rd edition. Chapman and Hall/CRC. Boca Raton, FL.

See Also

[mood.test](#), [ansari.test](#), [wilcox.test](#), [LeveneTest](#)

Examples

```
# Duller, S. 183
x <- c(12, 13, 29, 30)
y <- c(15, 17, 18, 24, 25, 26)
SiegelTukeyTest(x, y)
SiegelTukeyTest(x, y, alternative="greater")

# Duller, S. 323
old <- c(870,930,935,1045,1050,1052,1055)
new <- c(932,970,980,1001,1009,1030,1032,1040,1046)
SiegelTukeyTest(old, new, alternative = "greater")
# compare to the recommended alternatives
mood.test(old, new, alternative="greater")
ansari.test(old, new, alternative="greater")

# Bortz, S. 250
x <- c(26.3,26.5,26.8,27.0,27.0,27.2,27.3,27.3,27.4,27.5,27.6,27.8,27.9)
id <- c(2,2,2,1,2,2,1,2,2,1,1,1,2)-1
SiegelTukeyTest(x ~ id)

# Sachs, Angewandte Statistik, 12. Auflage, 2007, S. 314
A <- c(10.1,7.3,12.6,2.4,6.1,8.5,8.8,9.4,10.1,9.8)
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B <- c(15.3,3.6,16.5,2.9,3.3,4.2,4.9,7.3,11.7,13.1)
SiegelTukeyTest(A, B)

### 1
x <- c(4,4,5,5,6,6)
y <- c(0,0,1,9,10,10)
SiegelTukeyTest(x, y)

### 2
# example for a non equal number of cases:
x <- c(4,4,5,5,6,6)
y <- c(0,0,1,9,10)
SiegelTukeyTest(x, y)

### 3
x <- c(33, 62, 84, 85, 88, 93, 97, 4, 16, 48, 51, 66, 98)
id <- c(0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,1,1,1,1,1)
SiegelTukeyTest(x ~ id)

### 4
x <- c(177,200,227,230,232,268,272,297,47,105,126,142,158,172,197,220,225,230,262,270)
id <- c(rep(0,8),rep(1,12))
SiegelTukeyTest(x ~ id, adjust.median=TRUE)

### 5
x <- c(33,62,84,85,88,93,97)
y <- c(4,16,48,51,66,98)
SiegelTukeyTest(x, y)

### 6
x <- c(0,0,1,4,4,5,5,6,6,9,10,10)
id <- c(0,0,0,1,1,1,1,1,1,0,0,0)
SiegelTukeyTest(x ~ id)

### 7
x <- c(85,106,96, 105, 104, 108, 86)
id <- c(0,0,1,1,1,1,1)
SiegelTukeyTest(x ~ id)
```

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