

# Homework 4

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## Problem 1

- a) Let  $d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n$  be the differences between 25 pairs with and  $\Delta$  be the median of  $d_i$ .  
 $H_0 : \Delta \geq 0$   
 $H_1 : \Delta < 0$

$n * p(1 - p) \geq 5$  so I will apply normal-approximation to perform the one-sided sign test.

Let  $C$  be the number of negative differences, ignoring the zero differences;  $n^*$  be the number of non-zero differences.

Now,  $C = 14$  and  $n^* = 24$

The test statistics is:

$$\frac{n^*}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + z_{1-\alpha} \sqrt{\frac{n^*}{4}} = 16.53 > C$$

$$\text{p-value} = 1 - \Phi\left(\frac{C - \frac{n^*}{2} - \frac{1}{2}}{\sqrt{\frac{n^*}{4}}}\right) = 0.27$$

Therefore, we fail to reject the null hypothesis. We do not have significant ( $\alpha = 0.05$ ) evidence to support that the median sugar readings was less than 120.

- b)  $H_0$  : The median difference between blood sugar samples and 120 is equal to or greater than zero  
 $H_1$  : The median difference between blood sugar samples and 120 is less than zero

In order to perform the Wilcoxon Signed-Rank Test (one-sided), I calculated the absolute differences between samples and 120 and their rank as follows.

```
bs = bs |>
  filter(sample != 120) |> # exclude difference = 0
  group_by(sample) |>
  mutate(
    d = sample - 120,
    abs_d = abs(d), # absolute differences
    positive_d = ifelse(d > 0, 1, 0),
    negative_d = ifelse(d < 0, 1, 0),
    same_n = n() # count numbers of same blood sugar samples
  ) |>
  ungroup() |>
  arrange(abs_d) |>
  mutate(
    rank = rank(abs_d) # assign average rank based on absolute differences
  ) |>
  print()
```

```
## # A tibble: 24 x 7
##   sample      d abs_d positive_d negative_d same_n rank
##   <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>      <dbl>      <dbl> <int> <dbl>
## 1    121      1      1          1          0      1      1
## 2    118     -2      2          0          1      4      4
## 3    118     -2      2          0          1      4      4
## 4    118     -2      2          0          1      4      4
## 5    122      2      2          1          0      1      4
## 6    118     -2      2          0          1      4      4
## 7    123      3      3          1          0      3     8.5
## 8    117     -3      3          0          1      1     8.5
## 9    123      3      3          1          0      3     8.5
## 10   123      3      3          1          0      3     8.5
## # i 14 more rows
```

Let  $R$  be the rank sum for negative differences.

$R = 187.5$

Since there are ties, the test statistics  $T$  is:

$$T = \frac{|R - \frac{n^*(n^*+1)}{4}| - \frac{1}{2}}{\sqrt{\frac{n^*(n^*+1)(2n^*+1)}{24} - \sum_{i=1}^g \frac{(t_i^3 - t_i)}{48}}} = 1.08 \sim N(0, 1) \text{ under } H_0$$

p-value =  $[1 - \Phi(T)] = 0.14$

Therefore, we failed to reject the null hypothesis and cannot conclude that there is a significant ( $\alpha = 0.05$ ) evidence that median blood sugar reading was less than 120.

## Problem 2

a)

```
# exclude homo sapiens
df_brain_nonh = df_brain |>
  filter(species != "Homo sapiens")

# fit a regression model for the nonhuman data
reg_nonh = lm(glia_neuron_ratio ~ ln_brain_mass, df_brain_nonh)

reg_nonh |>
  broom::tidy() |>
  print()
```

```
## # A tibble: 2 x 5
##   term      estimate std.error statistic  p.value
##   <chr>      <dbl>      <dbl>      <dbl>    <dbl>
## 1 (Intercept)  0.164      0.160       1.02  0.322
## 2 ln_brain_mass  0.181      0.0360      5.03 0.000151
```

b)

```
# prediction intervals (95%)
predict(
  reg_nonh,
```

```

newdata = tibble(
  ln_brain_mass = df_brain |>
    filter(species == "Homo sapiens") |>
    pull(ln_brain_mass)
),
interval = "prediction", level = 0.95
) |>
round(3)

```

```

##      fit   lwr   upr
## 1 1.471 1.036 1.907

```

The predicted glia-neuron ratio for humans given the brain mass using the nonhuman primate relationship is 1.471.

c)

```

# prediction intervals (95%)
predict(
  reg_nonh,
  newdata = tibble(
    ln_brain_mass = df_brain |>
      filter(species == "Homo sapiens") |>
      pull(ln_brain_mass)
  ),
  interval = "confidence", level = 0.95
) |>
round(3)

```

```

##      fit   lwr   upr
## 1 1.471 1.230 1.713

```

The 95% prediction interval for the predicted human glia-neuron ratio given the brain mass is 1.036 - 1.907, and the 95% confidence interval is 1.230 - 1.713.

I would use prediction interval rather than confidence interval when it comes to prediction because the prediction interval is more conservative by accounting for both the uncertainty of estimating a value and the random variability of the sample.

- d) Given the output in part (b), the 95% prediction interval is 1.036 - 1.907. The sample observation of human glia-neuron ratio is 1.65, which is within the range of the 95% prediction interval. Thus, using the regression model for nonhuman data, we can say that the human brain does not have an excessive glia-neuron ratio for its mass compared with other primates.
- e) Because no other primates have brain mass as big as human, the regression model (based on primates' data) may not be able to accurately predict the `glia_neuron_ratio` with large `ln_brain_mass`.

## Problem 3

a)

```
## # A tibble: 788 x 10
##       id totalcost   age gender interventions drugs e_rvisits complications
##   <dbl>   <dbl> <dbl>  <dbl>         <dbl> <dbl>   <dbl>         <dbl>
## 1     1     179.   63     0             2     1       4             0
## 2     2     319   59     0             2     0       6             0
## 3     3    9311.  62     0            17     0       2             0
## 4     4     281.  60     1             9     0       7             0
## 5     5   18727.  55     0             5     2       7             0
## 6     6     453.  66     0             1     0       3             0
## 7     7     323.  64     1             2     0       3             0
## 8     8    3874.  45     1             3     0       5             0
## 9     9    3244.  68     0             6     2       5             0
## 10    10     226.  64     1             3     0       2             0
## # i 778 more rows
## # i 2 more variables: comorbidities <dbl>, duration <dbl>
```

The data set consists of 10 variables and 788 observations.

The main outcome in this case is `totalcost` and the main predictor is `e_rvisits`. Other important covariates include `age`, `gender`, `complications`, and `duration`. (It is not specified but I will treat gender 0 as male, and 1 as female)

The descriptive statistics for all variables of interest is as follows.

Characteristic	N = 788 <sup>1</sup>
Total cost (USD)	2,800.0 / 507.2 (6,690.3)
ER visits	3.4 / 3.0 (2.6)
Age	58.7 / 60.0 (6.8)
Female	180 (23%)
No. of complications	
0	745 (95%)
1	42 (5.3%)
3	1 (0.1%)
Duration of treatment condition (days)	164.0 / 165.5 (120.9)

<sup>1</sup>Mean / Median (SD); n (%)

b)

```
# multiple linear regression model
reg_cost = lm(totalcost ~ e_rvisits + age + gender + complications + duration, data = df_hd)

reg_cost |>
  broom::tidy()
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 5
##   term          estimate std.error statistic p.value
##   <chr>         <dbl>     <dbl>     <dbl>   <dbl>
## 1 (Intercept)    4124.     1907.      2.16 3.09e- 2
```

## 2 e_rvisits	895.	84.4	10.6	1.30e-24
## 3 age	-93.8	32.4	-2.89	3.92e- 3
## 4 gender	-1053.	518.	-2.03	4.25e- 2
## 5 complications	3073.	886.	3.47	5.54e- 4
## 6 duration	7.21	1.83	3.95	8.47e- 5