

# Day 17: Nonparametric tests - Supplemental material

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# MoRitz's tip: write "nice" R code

Check out the tidyverse style guide: <https://style.tidyverse.org/index.html>

Especially, Chapter 4: Pipes and Chapter 5: ggplot2

```
```{r}
employ <- employ %>% mutate(disability = factor(disability),
  disability = fct_relevel(disability, "none"),
  disability = fct_recode(disability, amputation = "amputee"))
summary(employ)
```
```

VS.

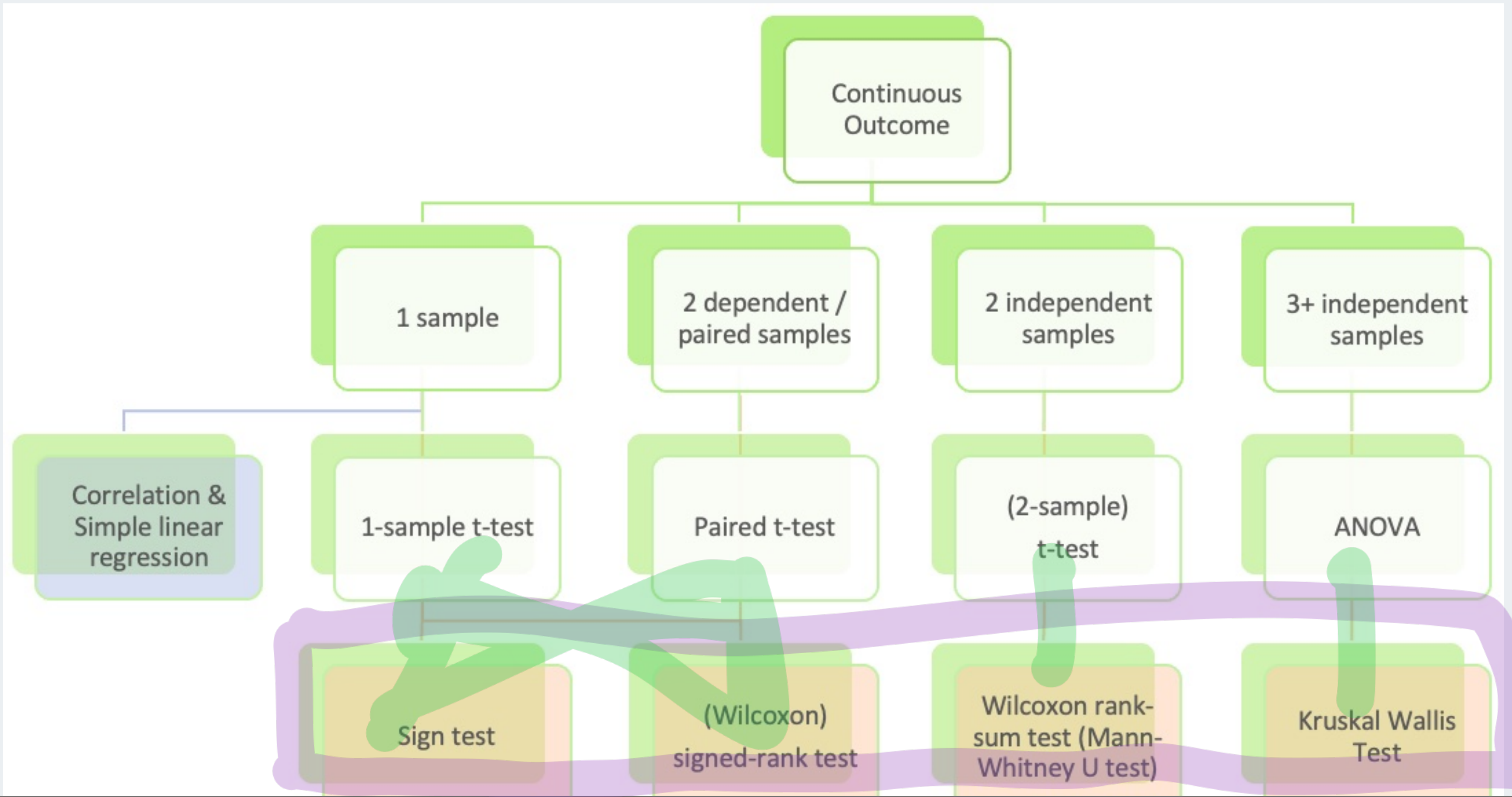
```
```{r}
employ <- employ %>%
  mutate(
    disability = factor(disability),
    # make "none" the first level
    disability = fct_relevel(disability,
      "none"),
    # change level name amputee to amputation
    disability = fct_recode(disability,
      amputation = "amputee"))
summary(employ)
```
```

```
```{r}
ggplot(employ, aes(x = disability, y = score, fill = disability,
  color = disability)) + geom_dotplot(binaxis = "y", alpha = .5) +
  geom_hline(aes(yintercept = mean(score)), lty = "dashed") +
  stat_summary(fun = "mean", geom = "point", size = 3, color = "grey33",
  alpha = 1) + theme(legend.position = "none")
```
```

VS.

```
```{r}
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  aes(x = disability, y = score,
    fill = disability,
    color = disability)) +
  geom_dotplot(binaxis = "y", alpha = .5) +
  geom_hline(aes(yintercept = mean(score)),
    lty = "dashed") +
  stat_summary(fun = "mean",
    geom = "point",
    size = 3,
    color = "grey33",
    alpha = 1) +
  theme(legend.position = "none")
```
```

# Where are we?



# Goals for today (Supplemental material)

- Why us a nonparametric approach?
- What the following tests are & when to use them
- **Sign test**
  - for paired data or single samples
- **(Wilcoxon) sign-rank test**
  - for paired data or single samples
  - accounts for sizes of differences
- How to use R for each test & interpret the results
- **Wilcoxon Rank-sum test**
  - for two independent samples
  - a.k.a **Mann-Whitney U test**
- **Kruskal-Wallis test**
  - nonparametric ANOVA test

## Additional resource

- Chapter 13: Nonparametric tests of Pagano's *Principles of Biostatistics*, 2022 edition
- Can download chapter from OHSU library eBook at <https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/ohsu/detail.action?docID=6950388&pq-origsite=primo>



# Nonparametric tests

## Background: parametric vs nonparametric

- Prior inference of means methods had conditions assuming the underlying population(s) was (were) normal (or at least approximately normal).
- Normal distribution is completely described (parameterized) by two parameters:  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$ .
- The first was often the parameter of interest, while the latter was assumed known ( $Z$ -test) or estimated ( $t$ -tests).
- The above are therefore described as **parametric** procedures.
- **Nonparametric** procedures
  - Make fewer assumptions about the structure of the underlying population from which the samples were collected.
  - Work well when distributional assumptions are in doubt.

# The good and the bad about nonparametric tests

## Good

- Fewer assumptions
- Tests are based on ranks
  - Therefore outliers have no greater influence than non-outliers.
  - Since tests are based on ranks we can apply these procedures to ordinal data
    - (where means and standard deviations are not meaningful).

## Drawbacks

- Less powerful than parametric tests (due to loss of information when data are converted to ranks)
- While the test is easy, it may require substantial (computer) work to develop a confidence interval [by "inverting" the test].
- Theory was developed for continuous data (where ties are not possible); if population or data contain many ties, then a correction to the procedures must be implemented.
- Some procedures have "large" and "small" sample versions; the small sample versions require special tables or a computer.

# Sign test

For paired data or single samples

# Example: Intraocular pressure of glaucoma patients

- Intraocular pressure of glaucoma patients is often reduced by treatment with adrenaline.
- A **new synthetic drug** is being considered, but it is more expensive than the **current adrenaline alternative**.
- 7 glaucoma patients were treated with both drugs:
  - one eye with adrenaline and
  - the other with the synthetic drug
- **Reduction in pressure** was recorded in each eye after following treatment (larger numbers indicate greater reduction)

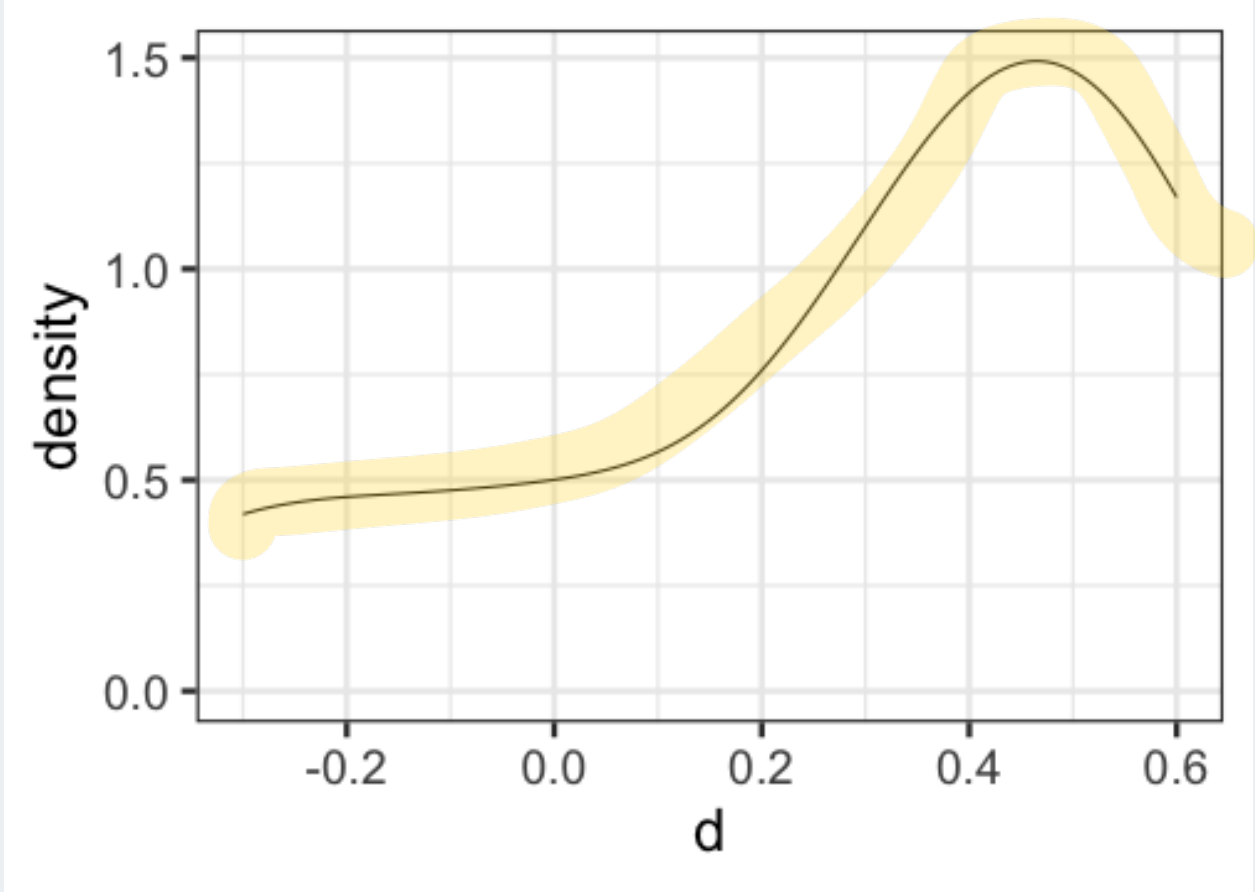
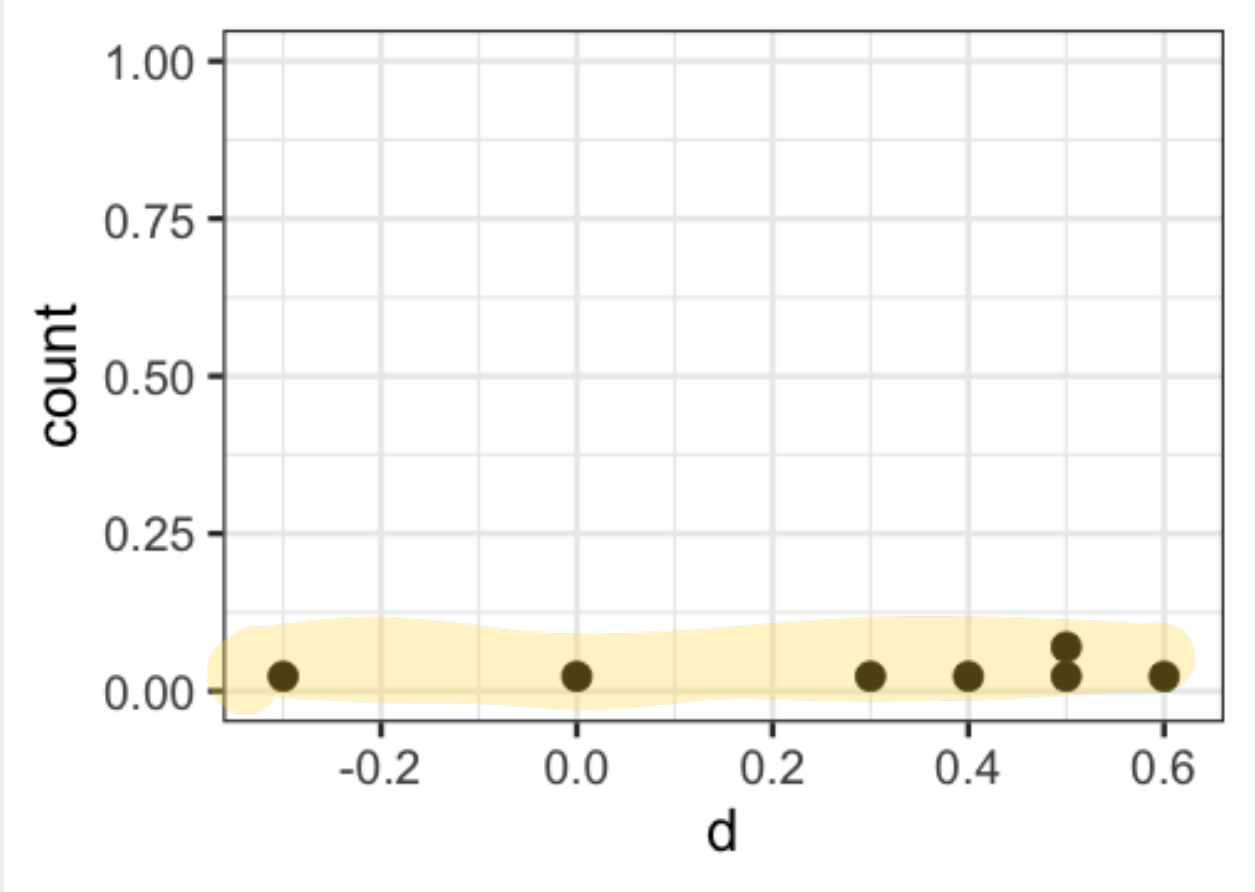
| Patient | Adren | Synth | d    | Sign |
|---------|-------|-------|------|------|
| 1       | 3.5   | 3.2   | -0.3 | -    |
| 2       | 2.6   | 3.1   | 0.5  | +    |
| 3       | 3.0   | 3.3   | 0.3  | +    |
| 4       | 1.9   | 2.4   | 0.5  | +    |
| 5       | 2.9   | 2.9   | 0.0  | NA   |
| 6       | 2.4   | 2.8   | 0.4  | +    |
| 7       | 2.0   | 2.6   | 0.6  | +    |

$n=6$

- **d** is the difference in reduction of pressure: **Synth - Adren**
- **Sign** is
  - + if the difference is positive and
  - - if the difference is negative

# Visualize the differences

Visualize the differences in reduction of pressure  $d$  : **Synth - Adren**



# Hypotheses & "statistic" (Sign test)

## Hypotheses

$H_0$  : The median difference in the population is 0

$H_a$  : The median difference in the population is NOT 0

| Patient | Adren | Synth | d    | Sign |
|---------|-------|-------|------|------|
| 1       | 3.5   | 3.2   | -0.3 | -    |
| 2       | 2.6   | 3.1   | 0.5  | +    |
| 3       | 3.0   | 3.3   | 0.3  | +    |
| 4       | 1.9   | 2.4   | 0.5  | +    |
| 5       | 2.9   | 2.9   | 0.0  | NA   |
| 6       | 2.4   | 2.8   | 0.4  | +    |
| 7       | 2.0   | 2.6   | 0.6  | +    |

## "Statistic"

$D^+$  = number of positive differences

$D^-$  = number of negative differences

What are  $D^+$  and  $D^-$  for our example?

$$D^+ = 5$$

$$D^- = 1$$

# Exact p-value (Sign test)

- If the median difference is 0 ( $H_0$  is true), then
    - half the population consists of positive differences
    - while half have negative differences.
  - Let  $p = P(\text{neg. diff.}) = P(\text{pos. diff.}) = 0.5$
- 
- If the median difference is 0 ( $H_0$  is true),
    - then a sample of  $n$  differences
      - behaves like  $n$  trials in a binomial experiment
      - where "success" is analogous to seeing a positive difference.
    - By symmetry ( $p = 0.5$ ), the same distribution applies to negative differences, i.e.,

$$D^+ \text{ and } D^- \sim \text{Bin}(n, p = 0.5)$$

- 
- Thus the (exact) p-value is calculated using the Binomial distribution



# Glaucoma example (exact) p-value

- 7 differences:
  - 1 negative ( $D^-$ )
  - 5 were positive ( $D^+$ )  $P(D^+ \geq 5)$
  - 1 difference is 0 and is discarded
- Thus the effective sample size is  $n = 6$ .

**One-sided p-value** = probability that we would see 1 or fewer negative signs among the  $n = 6$  differences, if the median difference is really 0

**Two-sided p-value** =  $2 \times$  One-sided p-value

```
# 2-sided p-value: 2*P(D^- <= 1)
2*pbinom(1, size = 6, p = 0.5)
```

$\leq 1$

```
## [1] 0.21875
```

$$\binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$$
$$\binom{n}{k} .5^k (.5)^{n-k} = \binom{n}{k} .5^n$$

$$D^- \sim \text{Bin}(n = 6, p = 0.5)$$

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} = \binom{n}{n-k}$$

$$p\text{-value} = P(D^- \leq 1)$$

$$= P(D^- = 0) + P(D^- = 1)$$

$$= \frac{6!}{0!6!} (0.5)^6 + \frac{6!}{1!5!} (0.5)^6$$
$$\approx 0.1094$$

$$p\text{-value} \times 2 \approx 0.2188$$

# Sign test in R: Glaucoma example

Below we create the dataset as a tibble (and add the signs):

```
IOP <- tibble(  
  Patient = 1:7,  
  Adren = c(3.5, 2.6, 3, 1.9, 2.9, 2.4, 2),  
  Synth = c(3.2, 3.1, 3.3, 2.4, 2.9, 2.8, 2.6)  
) %>%  
  mutate(d = Synth - Adren,  
         Sign = case_when(  
           d < 0 ~ "-",  
           d > 0 ~ "+"))
```

Recall we're testing the population median.  
Here's the sample median:

```
median(IOP$d)
```

```
## [1] 0.4
```

```
IOP %>% gt()
```

| Patient | Adren | Synth | d    | Sign |
|---------|-------|-------|------|------|
| 1       | 3.5   | 3.2   | -0.3 | -    |
| 2       | 2.6   | 3.1   | 0.5  | +    |
| 3       | 3.0   | 3.3   | 0.3  | +    |
| 4       | 1.9   | 2.4   | 0.5  | +    |
| 5       | 2.9   | 2.9   | 0.0  | NA   |
| 6       | 2.4   | 2.8   | 0.4  | +    |
| 7       | 2.0   | 2.6   | 0.6  | +    |

# Sign test in R: Glaucoma example (specifying both columns)

```
library(BSDA) # new package!! Make sure to first install it
# Can't "tidy" the output
SIGN.test(x = IOP$Synth, y = IOP$Adren, alternative = "two.sided", conf.level = 0.95)
```

Don't need to specify paired.

```
##
## Dependent-samples Sign-Test
##
## data: IOP$Synth and IOP$Adren
## S = 5, p-value = 0.2187
## alternative hypothesis: true median difference is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## -0.2057143 0.5685714
## sample estimates:
## median of x-y
## 0.4
##
## Achieved and Interpolated Confidence Intervals:
##
##          Conf.Level  L.E.pt U.E.pt
## Lower Achieved CI  0.8750  0.0000  0.5000
## Interpolated CI    0.9500 -0.2057  0.5686
## Upper Achieved CI  0.9844 -0.3000  0.6000
```

$S = D^+$

# Sign test in R: Glaucoma example (specifying differences)

```
# Note output calls this a "One-sample Sign-Test"  
SIGN.test(x = IOP$d, alternative = "two.sided", conf.level = 0.95)
```

```
##  
## One-sample Sign-Test  
##  
## data: IOP$d  
## s = 5, p-value = 0.2187  
## alternative hypothesis: true median is not equal to 0  
## 95 percent confidence interval:  
## -0.2057143 0.5685714  
## sample estimates:  
## median of x  
## 0.4  
##  
## Achieved and Interpolated Confidence Intervals:  
##  
##
```

|                      | Conf.Level | L.E.pt  | U.E.pt |
|----------------------|------------|---------|--------|
| ## Lower Achieved CI | 0.8750     | 0.0000  | 0.5000 |
| ## Interpolated CI   | 0.9500     | -0.2057 | 0.5686 |
| ## Upper Achieved CI | 0.9844     | -0.3000 | 0.6000 |

# Conclusion

Recall the hypotheses to the sign test:

$H_0$ : The median population difference in reduction of intraocular pressure in treatment with adrenaline vs. new synthetic drug is 0.

$H_a$ : The median population difference in reduction of intraocular pressure in treatment with adrenaline vs. new synthetic drug is NOT 0.

- Significance level:  $\alpha = 0.05$
- p-value = 0.2188 > .05 → FTR

## Conclusion:

The median difference in reduction of intraocular pressure between eyes being treated with the synthetic drug and adrenaline for seven glaucoma patients was 0.4 (95% CI: -0.2, 0.6). There is insufficient evidence the reduction in intraocular pressure differs when using the synthetic drug and adrenaline (2-sided sign test  $p$ -value = 0.219).

# Sign test with large samples: p-value normal approximation

- If the sample size is large, say greater than 20,
  - then binomial probabilities can be approximated using normal probabilities
- Normal approximation:

$$\mu = np = n(0.5) = n/2$$
$$\sigma = \sqrt{np(1-p)} = \sqrt{n(0.5)(0.5)} = \sqrt{n}/2$$

- Thus we have the test statistic:

$$z = \frac{D^- - n/2}{\sqrt{n}/2}$$

- With access to a computer, it's better to use the exact binomial probabilities instead of the normal approximation.

# Sign test with one sample

- One can use the sign test when testing just one sample.
- Note that we did this when in R, when running the sign test using just the differences.
- For one sample, we can specify the null population median value:

$H_0$  : The population median is  $m$

$H_a$  : The population median is NOT  $m$

Example: Run sign test for paired data with null  $m = 0.7$ :

```
SIGN.test(x = IOP$d, md = 0.7, alternative = "two.sided", conf.level = 0.95)
```

```
##  
## One-sample Sign-Test  
##  
## data: IOP$d  
## s = 0, p-value = 0.01563  
## alternative hypothesis: true median is not equal to 0.7  
## 95 percent confidence interval:  
## -0.2057143 0.5685714  
## sample estimates:  
## median of x 0.4
```



# (Wilcoxon) Signed-rank test

For paired data or single samples;  
accounts for sizes of differences

# (Wilcoxon) Signed-rank test

- Like the sign test, the (Wilcoxon) signed-rank test is used for
  - paired samples (i.e., a single set of differences) or
  - a one-sample comparison against a specified value
- However, this test *does* make use of information concerning the size of the differences.

## Hypotheses

$H_0$  : the population is symmetric around some value  $\tilde{\mu}_0$

$H_a$  : the population is not symmetric around some value  $\tilde{\mu}_0$

Don't have to be normal.

- Even if the population has a mean/median equal to  $\tilde{\mu}_0$ , the test may reject the null if the population isn't symmetric, thus only use if the data (differences) are symmetric.
- If the population is symmetric
  - then the mean and median coincide,
  - thus often the null hypothesis is phrased in terms of the median difference being 0

# Example: calculate signed ranks

- Rank the absolute values of the differences from smallest to largest
- For ties, take the average of the highest and lowest tied ranks
  - I.e. if ranks 3-7 are tied, then assign  $(3+7)/2 = 5$  as the rank
- Then calculate the signed ranks as +/- the rank depending on whether the sign is +/-

```
IOP_ranks <- IOP %>%  
  mutate(abs_d = abs(d)) %>%  
  arrange(abs_d) %>%  
  mutate(  
    Rank = c(NA, 1.5, 1.5, 3, 4.5, 4.5, 6),  
    Signed_rank = case_when(  
      d < 0 ~ -Rank,  
      d > 0 ~ Rank))
```

```
IOP_ranks %>% gt()
```

| Patient | Adren | Synth | d    | Sign | abs_d | Rank | Signed_rank |
|---------|-------|-------|------|------|-------|------|-------------|
| 5       | 2.9   | 2.9   | 0.0  | NA   | 0.0   | NA   | NA          |
| 1       | 3.5   | 3.2   | -0.3 | -    | 0.3   | 1.5  | -1.5        |
| 3       | 3.0   | 3.3   | 0.3  | +    | 0.3   | 1.5  | 1.5         |
| 6       | 2.4   | 2.8   | 0.4  | +    | 0.4   | 3.0  | 3.0         |
| 2       | 2.6   | 3.1   | 0.5  | +    | 0.5   | 4.5  | 4.5         |
| 4       | 1.9   | 2.4   | 0.5  | +    | 0.5   | 4.5  | 4.5         |
| 7       | 2.0   | 2.6   | 0.6  | +    | 0.6   | 6.0  | 6.0         |

# Test statistic (Wilcoxon) Signed-rank test

## If the null is true:

- The population is symmetric around some point ( $\tilde{\mu}_0 = 0$ , typically), and
- The overall size of the positive ranks should be about the same as the overall size of negative ranks.

Note:

- The sum of the ranks  $1, 2, \dots, n$  is always  $n(n+1)/2$ ,
- which can be broken down as the
  - sum of the positive ranks ( $T^+$ )
  - plus the sum of the negative ranks ( $T^-$ )

Thus, any of the following can be used as a test statistic and will lead to the same conclusion:

- $T^+$
- $T^-$
- $T^+ - T^-$
- $T_{min} = \min(T^+, T^-)$

# Example: calculate sums of signed ranks

```
IOP_ranks %>% gt()
```

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| 3       | 3.0   | 3.3   | 0.3  | +    | 0.3   | 1.5  | 1.5         |
| 6       | 2.4   | 2.8   | 0.4  | +    | 0.4   | 3.0  | 3.0         |
| 2       | 2.6   | 3.1   | 0.5  | +    | 0.5   | 4.5  | 4.5         |
| 4       | 1.9   | 2.4   | 0.5  | +    | 0.5   | 4.5  | 4.5         |
| 7       | 2.0   | 2.6   | 0.6  | +    | 0.6   | 6.0  | 6.0         |

- Sum of the positive ranks

- $T^+ = 1.5 + 3 + 4.5 + 4.5 + 6 = 19.5$

- Sum of the negative ranks

- $T^- = -1.5$

- The sum of the ranks  $1, 2, \dots, n$  is always  $n(n + 1)/2$ :

- $n(n + 1)/2 = 6(7)/2 = 21$

- $T^+ + |T^-| = 19.5 + |-1.5| = 21$

# Exact p-value (Wilcoxon) Signed-rank test (fyi) (1/2)

- **Exact p-value** is preferable
    - This is the default method in R's `wilcox.test()`
      - if the samples contain less than 50 finite values
      - and **there are no ties**
        - *R will automatically use normal approximation method if there are ties*
  - *We will not be calculating the exact p-value "by hand." We will be using R for this.*
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$$p - value = 2 * P(\min(T^+, T^-) \leq t)$$

- $t$  is the smaller of the calculated sums of the positive and negative ranks
- To calculate the exact p-value, we need the probability of each possible sum of ranks.

# Exact p-value (Wilcoxon) Signed-rank test (fyi) (2/2)

- To calculate the exact p-value, we need the probability of each possible sum of ranks:
  - list all possible combinations of positive and negative ranks for the sample size,
  - calculate the sum of the positive ranks ( $T^+$ ) for each possible combination (or  $T^-$ ), and
  - then figure out the probability of each possible  $T^+$  (assuming all combinations are equally likely)

Example when  $n = 3$ : (from <https://online.stat.psu.edu/stat415/lesson/20/20.2>)

|            |       |       |    |    |    |    |    |       |
|------------|-------|-------|----|----|----|----|----|-------|
|            | 1     | -1    | 1  | 1  | -1 | -1 | 1  | -1    |
|            | 2     | 2     | -2 | 2  | -2 | 2  | -2 | -2    |
|            | 3     | 3     | 3  | -3 | 3  | -3 | -3 | -3    |
| $T^+, T^-$ |       |       |    |    |    |    |    |       |
| $W$        | 6     | 5     | 4  | 3  | 3  | 2  | 1  | 0     |
|            | $T^+$ | $T^+$ |    |    |    |    |    | $T^+$ |

- $P(W = 0) = 1/8$ , because there is only one way that  $W = 0$
- $P(W = 1) = 1/8$ , because there is only one way that  $W = 1$
- $P(W = 2) = 1/8$ , because there is only one way that  $W = 2$
- $P(W = 3) = 2/8$ , because there are two ways that  $W = 3$
- $P(W = 4) = 1/8$ , because there is only one way that  $W = 4$
- $P(W = 5) = 1/8$ , because there is only one way that  $W = 5$
- $P(W = 6) = 1/8$ , because there is only one way that  $W = 6$

See <https://online.stat.psu.edu/stat415/lesson/20/20.2> for more details.

$$T^+ = 2 \rightarrow P(T^+ \leq 2) = 1/8 + 1/8 + 1/8 = 3/8$$



# Normal approx. p-value (Wilcoxon) Signed-rank test (fyi)

- **Normal approximation** method:
  - If the number of non-zero differences is at least 16, then a normal approximation can be used.
  - Have the option to apply a continuity correct (default) or not
- *We will not be calculating the p-value "by hand." We will be using R for this.*

Test statistic:

$$Z_{T_{min}} = \frac{T_{min} - \frac{n(n+1)}{4}}{\sqrt{\frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{24}}}$$

- $T_{min} = \min(T^+, T^-)$
- $n$  = sample size
- Test statistic  $Z_{T_{min}}$  follows a standard normal distribution  $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$
- Use normal distribution to calculate p-value

See <https://online.stat.psu.edu/stat415/lesson/20/20.2> for more details.

# (Wilcoxon) Signed-rank test in R: Glaucoma example

"Attempt" with exact p-value & specifying columns for paired data

```
# Exact p-value  
wilcox.test(x = IOP$Synth, y = IOP$Adren, paired = TRUE,  
            alternative = c("two.sided"), mu = 0,  
            exact = TRUE)
```

```
## Warning in wilcox.test.default(x = IOP$Synth, y = IOP$Adren, paired = TRUE, :  
## cannot compute exact p-value with ties
```

```
## Warning in wilcox.test.default(x = IOP$Synth, y = IOP$Adren, paired = TRUE, :  
## cannot compute exact p-value with zeroes
```

```
##  
##      Wilcoxon signed rank test with continuity correction Normal approx.  
##  
## data:  IOP$Synth and IOP$Adren  
## V = 19.5, p-value = 0.07314  
## alternative hypothesis: true location shift is not equal to 0
```

# (Wilcoxon) Signed-rank test in R: Glaucoma example

"Attempt" with exact p-value & running one sample test with differences

```
# Exact p-value
wilcox.test(x = IOP$d,
            alternative = c("two.sided"), mu = 0,
            exact = TRUE, correct = TRUE)
```

*← null value*

```
## Warning in wilcox.test.default(x = IOP$d, alternative = c("two.sided"), :
## cannot compute exact p-value with ties
```

```
## Warning in wilcox.test.default(x = IOP$d, alternative = c("two.sided"), :
## cannot compute exact p-value with zeroes
```

```
##
##      Wilcoxon signed rank test with continuity correction
##
## data:  IOP$d
## V = 19.5, p-value = 0.07314
## alternative hypothesis: true location is not equal to 0
```

# (Wilcoxon) Signed-rank test in R: Glaucoma example

"Attempt" with approximate p-value & specifying columns for paired data

```
# Normal approximation with continuity correction  
wilcox.test(x = IOP$Synth, y = IOP$Adren, paired = TRUE,  
            alternative = c("two.sided"), mu = 0,  
            exact = FALSE, correct = TRUE)
```

```
##  
##      Wilcoxon signed rank test with continuity correction  
##  
## data:  IOP$Synth and IOP$Adren  
## V = 19.5, p-value = 0.07314  
## alternative hypothesis: true location shift is not equal to 0
```

No more warnings!! However, ... should we be using the normal approximation here?

# Conclusion

Recall the hypotheses to the (Wilcoxon) Signed-rank test:

$H_0$ : the population difference in reduction of intraocular pressure in treatment with adrenaline vs. new synthetic drug is **symmetric around  $\tilde{\mu}_0 = 0$**

$H_a$ : the population difference in reduction of intraocular pressure in treatment with adrenaline vs. new synthetic drug is **not symmetric around  $\tilde{\mu}_0 = 0$**

- Significance level:  $\alpha = 0.05$

- p-value = 0.07314

Normal approx. (ties  $\rightarrow$  not exact)

>.05

**Conclusion:**

There is insufficient evidence the differences in reduction in intraocular pressure differs between the synthetic drug and adrenaline are symmetric about 0 (2-sided Wilcoxon signed rank test p-value = 0.07314)

However,...

$n \geq 16$  ( $n=6$ )

Need symmetric data

$\rightarrow$  skewed left



Sign test  
(Wilcoxon) sign-rank test

1-sample or  
paired samples

## Wilcoxon rank-sum test

For two independent samples  
a.k.a Mann-Whitney U test

# Wilcoxon rank-sum test

- The nonparametric alternative to the two-sample  $t$ -test
  - used to analyze two samples selected from separate (independent) populations
- Also called the Mann-Whitney U test.
- Unlike the signed-rank test, there is no need to assume symmetry
- Necessary **condition** is that the two populations being compared
  - have the **same shape** (both right skewed, both left skewed, both symmetric, etc.),
  - so any noted difference is due to a shift in the median
- Since they have the same shape, when summarizing the test, we can describe the results in terms of a difference in medians.

## Hypotheses:

$H_0$  : the two populations have the same median

$H_a$  : the two populations do NOT have the same median



# Example

Dr. Priya Chaudhary (OHSU) examined the evoked membrane current of dental sensory neurons (in rats) under control conditions and a mixture of capsaicin plus capsazepine (CPZ). [J. Dental Research](#) 80:1518--23, 2001.

```
CPZdata <- tibble(  
  control = c(3024, 2164, 864, 780, 125, 110),  
  cap_CPZ = c(426, 232, 130, 94, 75, 55)  
)
```

```
CPZdata %>%  
  get_summary_stats(type = "median") %>%  
  gt()
```

| variable | n | median |
|----------|---|--------|
| control  | 6 | 822    |
| cap_CPZ  | 6 | 112    |

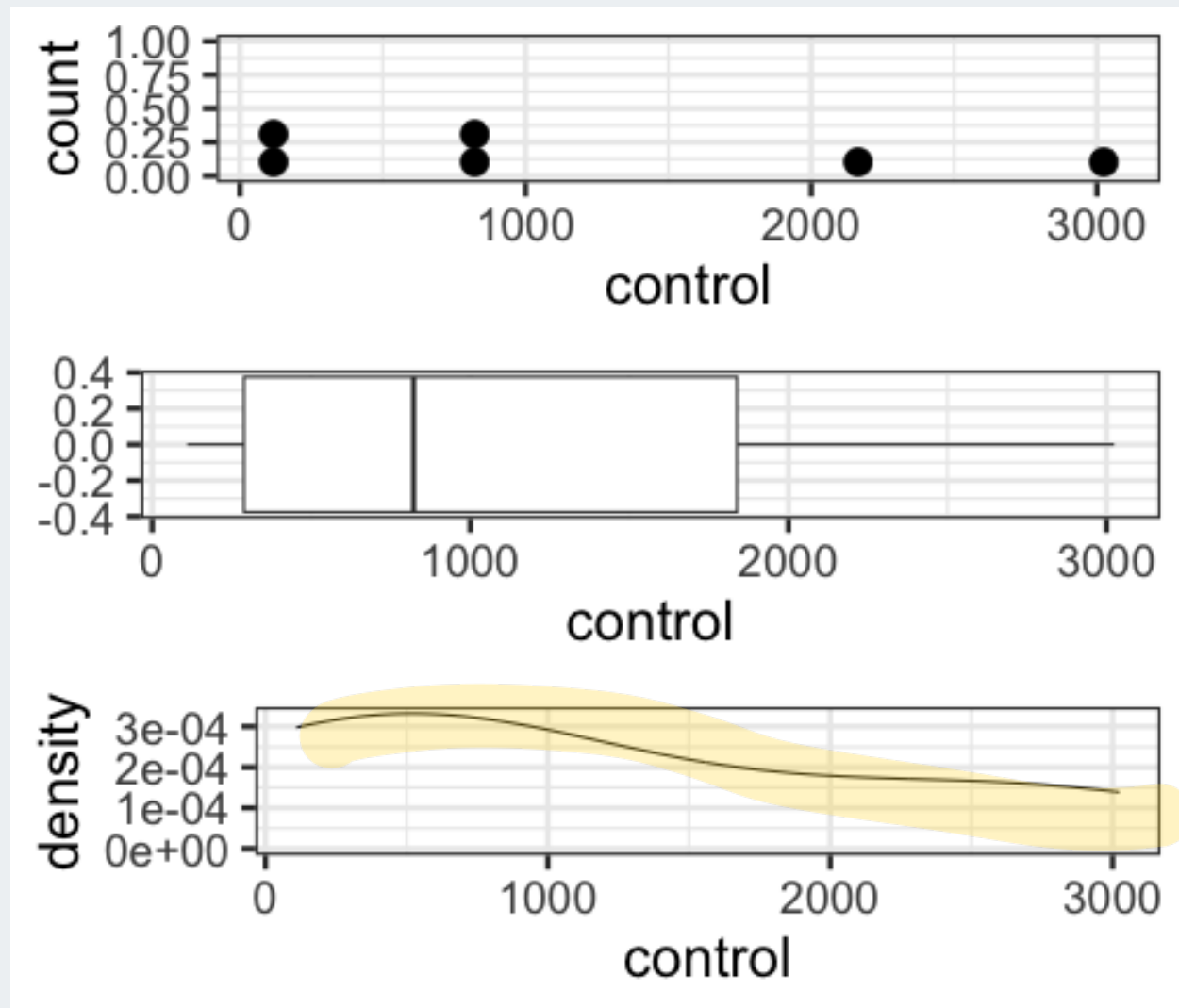
```
CPZdata %>% gt()
```

| control | cap_CPZ |
|---------|---------|
| 3024    | 426     |
| 2164    | 232     |
| 864     | 130     |
| 780     | 94      |
| 125     | 75      |
| 110     | 55      |

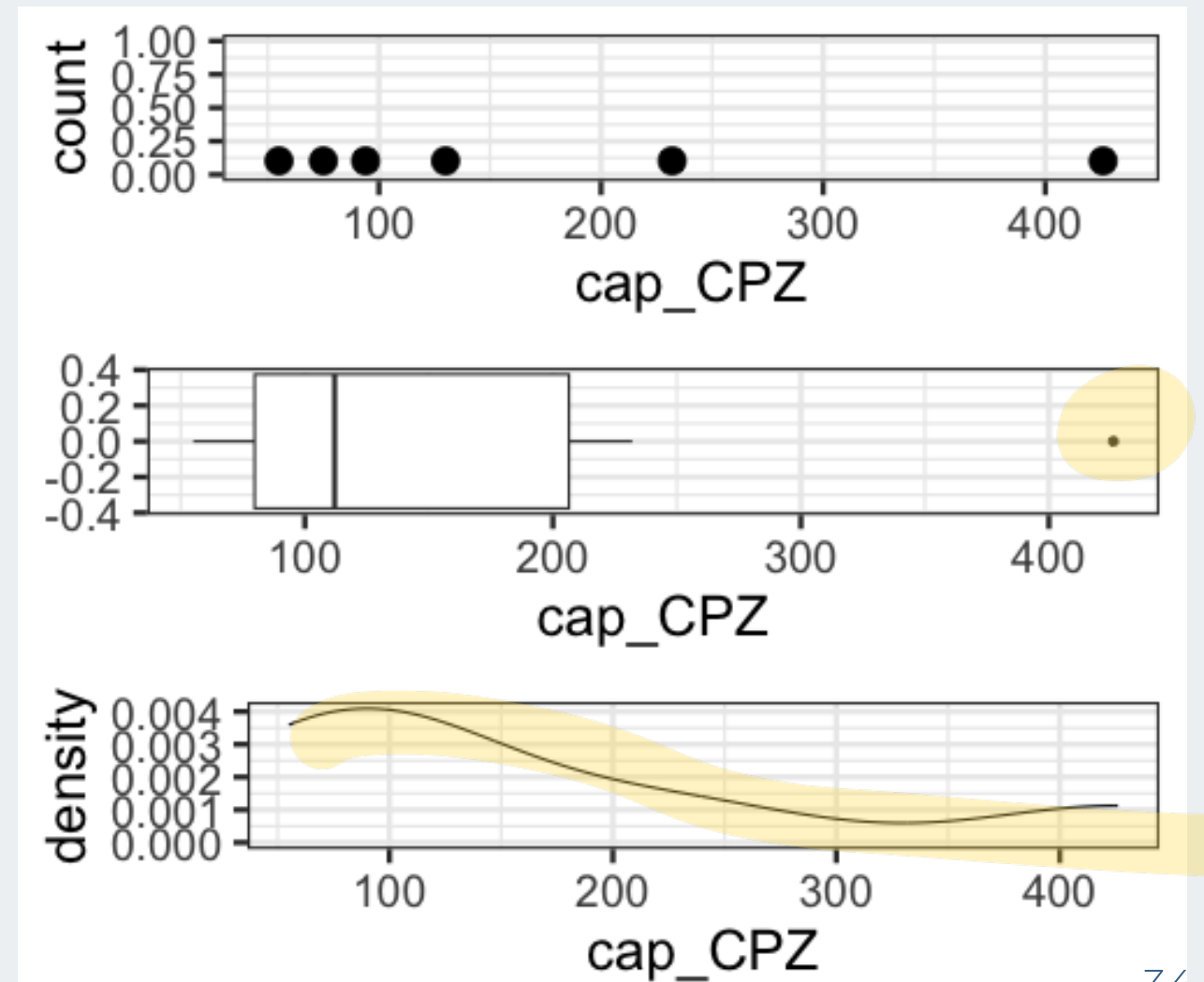
# Visualize the data

Do the independent samples have the same distribution?

Control group



Cap + CPZ group



# Calculating ranks and test statistic $W$

1. Combine the two samples together (keep track of which observations came from each sample).
2. Rank the full set of  $N = n_1 + n_2$  observations.
  - If ties exist, assign average ranks to the tied values (as with the signed-rank test).
3. Sum the ranks corresponding to those observations from the smaller sample.
  - This is a time-saving step; you could also have used the larger sample.
  - Call this sum  $W$ .

| Group   | Current | Rank |
|---------|---------|------|
| cap_CPZ | 55      | 1    |
| cap_CPZ | 75      | 2    |
| cap_CPZ | 94      | 3    |
| control | 110     | 4    |
| control | 125     | 5    |
| cap_CPZ | 130     | 6    |
| cap_CPZ | 232     | 7    |
| cap_CPZ | 426     | 8    |
| control | 780     | 9    |
| control | 864     | 10   |
| control | 2164    | 11   |
| control | 3024    | 12   |

$$W_{CPZ} = 1 + 2 + 3 + 6 + 7 + 8 = 27$$

$$W_{control} = 4 + 5 + 9 + 10 + 11 + 12 = 51$$

In our example, both groups have equal  $n$ ; choose either for computing  $W$ .

# Exact p-value approach (fyi)

- If  $n_1, n_2$  are both less than 10, then use an exact test,
  - otherwise use the large-sample normal approximation.
  - However, exact method can only be done if **no ties** are present
- p-value is the probability of getting a rank sum  $W$  as extreme or more extreme than the observed one.
  - Multiply the 1-tail probability by 2 for the 2-tailed probability

$$p - value = 2 \cdot P(W_{CPZ} \leq 27)$$

- To calculate  $P(W_{CPZ} \leq 27)$ ,
  - we need to enumerate all possible sets ranks for the sample size,
  - calculate the sum of ranks for each set of possible ranks,
  - and then the probability for each sum (assuming each set of ranks is equally likely).

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- We will *not be calculating the p-value "by hand."* We will be using R for this.

# Normal approximation approach (fyi)

If the null hypothesis is true, then the mean of the sum of the ranks from the smaller-sized group will be

$$\mu_W = \frac{n_s \cdot (n_s + n_l + 1)}{2},$$

with a standard deviation of

$$\sigma_W = \sqrt{\frac{n_s \cdot n_l \cdot (n_s + n_l + 1)}{12}}.$$

Provided both groups are large ( $\geq 10$ ),

$$Z = \frac{W - \mu_W}{\sigma_W} \approx \text{Normal}(0, 1)$$

## Example:

We have  $W = 27$  and  $n_l = n_s = 6$ :

$$\mu_W = \frac{6 \cdot (6 + 6 + 1)}{2} = 39$$

$$\sigma_W = \sqrt{\frac{6 \cdot 6 \cdot (6 + 6 + 1)}{12}} = \sqrt{39} \approx 6.2450$$

$$z \approx \frac{27 - 39}{6.2450} = -1.921538$$

The two-sided  $p$ -value is

$$p = 2 \cdot P(Z < -1.921538) = 0.05466394$$

# R code for creating ranks on previous slide

CPZdata

```
## # A tibble: 6 × 2
##   control cap_CPZ
##   <dbl> <dbl>
## 1 3024 426
## 2 2164 232
## 3 864 130
## 4 780 94
## 5 125 75
## 6 110 55
```

```
CPZdata_long <- CPZdata %>%
  pivot_longer(cols = c(control, cap_CPZ),
               names_to = "Group",
               values_to = "Current") %>%
  arrange(Current) %>%
  mutate(Rank = 1:12)
```

CPZdata\_long %>% gt()

| Group   | Current | Rank |
|---------|---------|------|
| cap_CPZ | 55      | 1    |
| cap_CPZ | 75      | 2    |
| cap_CPZ | 94      | 3    |
| control | 110     | 4    |
| control | 125     | 5    |
| cap_CPZ | 130     | 6    |
| cap_CPZ | 232     | 7    |
| cap_CPZ | 426     | 8    |
| control | 780     | 9    |
| control | 864     | 10   |
| control | 2164    | 11   |
| control | 3024    | 12   |

# Wilcoxon rank-sum test in R: with wide data

```
glimpse(CPZdata)
```

```
## Rows: 6  
## Columns: 2  
## $ control <dbl> 3024, 2164, 864, 780, 125, 110  
## $ cap_CPZ <dbl> 426, 232, 130, 94, 75, 55
```

Exact p-value

```
wilcox.test(x = CPZdata$cap_CPZ, y = CPZdata$control,  
            alternative = c("two.sided"), mu = 0,  
            exact = TRUE)
```

default:  
paired = FALSE

```
##  
## Wilcoxon rank sum exact test  
##  
## data: CPZdata$cap_CPZ and CPZdata$control  
## W = 6, p-value = 0.06494  
## alternative hypothesis: true location shift is not equal to 0
```

# Wilcoxon rank-sum test in R: with wide data

Normal approximation p-value without CC

```
wilcox.test(x = CPZdata$cap_CPZ, y = CPZdata$control,  
            alternative = c("two.sided"), mu = 0,  
            exact = FALSE, correct = FALSE) %>% tidy() %>% gt()
```

| statistic | p.value    | method                 | alternative |
|-----------|------------|------------------------|-------------|
| 6         | 0.05466394 | Wilcoxon rank sum test | two.sided   |

Normal approximation p-value with CC

```
wilcox.test(x = CPZdata$cap_CPZ, y = CPZdata$control,  
            alternative = c("two.sided"), mu = 0,  
            exact = FALSE, correct = TRUE) %>% tidy() %>% gt()
```

| statistic | p.value    | method  | alternative |
|-----------|------------|---|-------------|
| 6         | 0.06555216 | Wilcoxon rank sum test with continuity correction | two.sided   |



# Wilcoxon rank-sum test in R: with long data

Make data long (if it's not already long):

```
CPZdata_long <- CPZdata %>%  
  pivot_longer(cols = c(control, cap_CPZ),  
               names_to = "Group",  
               values_to = "Current")
```

```
head(CPZdata_long)
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 × 2  
##   Group      Current  
##   <chr>      <dbl>  
## 1 control    3024  
## 2 cap_CPZ    426  
## 3 control    2164  
## 4 cap_CPZ    232  
## 5 control    864  
## 6 cap_CPZ    130
```

Exact p-value

*RV ~ EV*

```
wilcox.test(Current ~ Group,  
            data = CPZdata_long,  
            alternative = c("two.sided"),  
            mu = 0,  
            exact = TRUE) %>%  
tidy() %>% gt()
```

| statistic | p.value    | method                       | alternative |
|-----------|------------|------------------------------|-------------|
| 6         | 0.06493506 | Wilcoxon rank sum exact test | two.sided   |

# Conclusion

Recall the hypotheses to the (Wilcoxon) Signed-rank test:

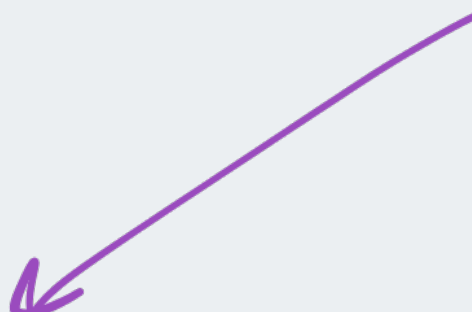
$H_0$  : the control and treated populations have the same median

$H_a$  : the control and treated populations do NOT have the same median

- Significance level:  $\alpha = 0.05$
- p-value = 0.06494

## Conclusion:

There is suggestive but inconclusive evidence that the evoked membrane current of dental sensory neurons (in rats) differs between the control group and the group exposed to a mixture of capsaicin plus capsazepine (2-sided Wilcoxon rank-sum test  $p$ -value = 0.06494).



# Kruskal-Wallis test

Nonparametric ANOVA test

# Kruskal-Wallis test: nonparametric ANOVA test

- Recall that an ANOVA tests means from more than 2 groups
- Conditions for ANOVA include
  - Sample sizes in each group are large (each  $n \geq 30$ ),
    - OR the data are relatively normally distributed in each group
  - Variability is "similar" in all groups
- If these conditions are in doubt, or if the response is ordinal, then the Kruskal-Wallis test is an alternative.

$$H_0 : \text{pop median}_1 = \text{pop median}_2 = \dots = \text{pop median}_k$$

$m, m$   
sample

$$\text{vs. } H_A : \text{At least one pair pop median}_i \neq \text{pop median}_j \text{ for } i \neq j$$

- K-W test is an extension of the (Wilcoxon) rank-sum test to more than 2 groups
  - With  $k = 2$  groups, the K-W test is the same as the rank-sum test

## K-W test statistic: $H$ (fyi)

$$H = \frac{12}{N(N+1)} \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{R_i^2}{n_i} - 3(N+1)$$

- $k$  is the number of groups,
- $n_i$  is the number of observations in group  $i$
- $N = n_1 + \dots + n_k$  is the total number of observations across all groups,
- $R_i$  is the sum of ranks for group  $i$

The test statistic  $H$  has a Chi-squared distribution with  $k - 1$  degrees of freedom:

$$H \sim \chi_{k-1}^2$$

Ranks are calculated similarly to the (Wilcoxon) rank-sum test.

# Ranks for the K-W test

1. Combine the  $k$  samples together (keep track of which observations came from each sample).
2. Rank the full set of  $N = n_1 + \dots + n_k$  observations.
  - If ties exist, assign average ranks to the tied values (as with the signed-rank test).
3. Then sum the ranks within each of the  $k$  groups
  - Label the sums of the ranks for each group as  $R_1, \dots, R_k$ .

If  $H_0$  is true, we expect the populations to have the same medians, and thus the ranks to be similar as well.

# Example: Ozone levels by month (1/2)

- `airquality` data included in base R - no need to load it
- Daily air quality measurements in New York, May to September 1973.
- Question: do ozone levels differ by month?

```
glimpse(airquality)
```

```
## Rows: 153
## Columns: 6
## $ Ozone <int> 41, 36, 12, 18, NA, 28, 23, 19, 8, NA, 7, 16, 11, 14, 18, 14, ...
## $ Solar.R <int> 190, 118, 149, 313, NA, NA, 299, 99, 19, 194, NA, 256, 290, 27...
## $ Wind <dbl> 7.4, 8.0, 12.6, 11.5, 14.3, 14.9, 8.6, 13.8, 20.1, 8.6, 6.9, 9...
## $ Temp <int> 67, 72, 74, 62, 56, 66, 65, 59, 61, 69, 74, 69, 66, 68, 58, 64...
## $ Month <int> 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, ...
## $ Day <int> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, ...
```

# Example: Ozone levels by month (2/2)

NO

```
Oz_mnth <- airquality %>%  
  group_by(Month) %>%  
  get_summary_stats(Ozone,  
    show = c("n", "mean", "median", "sd"))  
Oz_mnth %>% gt()
```

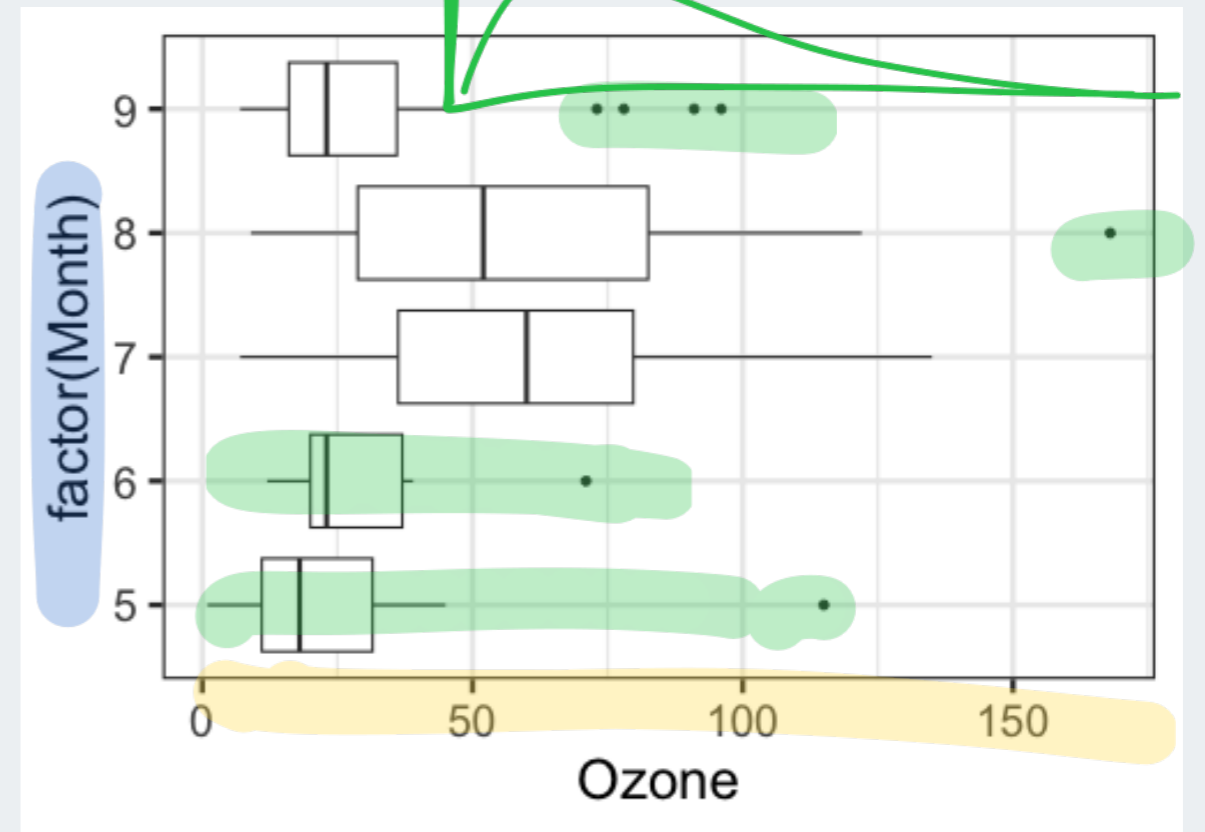
| Month | variable | n  | mean   | median | sd     |
|-------|----------|----|--------|--------|--------|
| 5     | Ozone    | 26 | 23.615 | 18     | 22.224 |
| 6     | Ozone    | 9  | 29.444 | 23     | 18.208 |
| 7     | Ozone    | 26 | 59.115 | 60     | 31.636 |
| 8     | Ozone    | 26 | 59.962 | 52     | 39.681 |
| 9     | Ozone    | 29 | 31.448 | 23     | 24.142 |

```
max(Oz_mnth$sd) / min(Oz_mnth$sd)
```

```
## [1] 2.179317
```

> 2

```
ggplot(airquality,  
  aes(x = Ozone, y = factor(Month))) +  
  geom_boxplot()
```





# Example: calculate ranks (fyi) (1/2)

```
ranks_0z_mnth <- airquality %>%  
  select(Ozone, Month)  
  
summary(ranks_0z_mnth)
```

```
##           Ozone           Month  
## Min.      : 1.00    Min.      :5.000  
## 1st Qu.: 18.00    1st Qu.:6.000  
## Median : 31.50    Median :7.000  
## Mean    : 42.13    Mean    :6.993  
## 3rd Qu.: 63.25    3rd Qu.:8.000  
## Max.    :168.00    Max.    :9.000  
## NA's    :37
```

```
ranks_0z_mnth <- ranks_0z_mnth %>%  
  drop_na(Ozone) %>%  
  arrange(Ozone) %>%  
  mutate(Rank = 1:nrow(.))
```

Ranks below do not take into account ties!!

```
ranks_0z_mnth
```

| ##    | Ozone | Month | Rank |
|-------|-------|-------|------|
| ## 1  | 1     | 5     | 1    |
| ## 2  | 4     | 5     | 2    |
| ## 3  | 6     | 5     | 3    |
| ## 4  | 7     | 5     | 4    |
| ## 5  | 7     | 7     | 5    |
| ## 6  | 7     | 9     | 6    |
| ## 7  | 8     | 5     | 7    |
| ## 8  | 9     | 8     | 8    |
| ## 9  | 9     | 8     | 9    |
| ## 10 | 9     | 9     | 10   |
| ## 11 | 10    | 7     | 11   |
| ## 12 | 11    | 5     | 12   |
| ## 13 | 11    | 5     | 13   |
| ## 14 | 11    | 5     | 14   |
| ## 15 | 12    | 5     | 15   |
| ## 16 | 12    | 6     | 16   |

# Example: calculate ranks (fyi) (2/2)

Ranks below do not take into account ties!!

ranks\_0z\_mnth

| ##    | Ozone | Month | Rank |
|-------|-------|-------|------|
| ## 1  | 1     | 5     | 1    |
| ## 2  | 4     | 5     | 2    |
| ## 3  | 6     | 5     | 3    |
| ## 4  | 7     | 5     | 4    |
| ## 5  | 7     | 7     | 5    |
| ## 6  | 7     | 9     | 6    |
| ## 7  | 8     | 5     | 7    |
| ## 8  | 9     | 8     | 8    |
| ## 9  | 9     | 8     | 9    |
| ## 10 | 9     | 9     | 10   |
| ## 11 | 10    | 7     | 11   |
| ## 12 | 11    | 5     | 12   |
| ## 13 | 11    | 5     | 13   |
| ## 14 | 11    | 5     | 14   |
| ## 15 | 12    | 5     | 15   |
| ## 16 | 12    | 6     | 16   |

Sum of ranks for each group: (not taking into account ties!!)

```
ranks_0z_mnth %>%  
  group_by(Month) %>%  
  summarise(sumRank = sum(Rank))
```

```
## # A tibble: 5 × 2  
##   Month sumRank  
##   <int> <int>  
## 1     5     939 R1  
## 2     6     434 R2  
## 3     7    2023  
## 4     8    1956  
## 5     9    1434 R5
```

# K-W test in R

$$RV \sim EV$$

$$y \sim x$$

$$DV \sim IV$$

```
kruskal.test(Ozone ~ Month, data = airquality)
```

```
##  
## Kruskal-Wallis rank sum test  
##  
## data: Ozone by Month  
## Kruskal-Wallis chi-squared = 29.267, df = 4, p-value = 6.901e-06
```



```
kruskal.test(Ozone ~ Month, data = airquality) %>% tidy() %>% gt()
```

| statistic | p.value      | parameter | method                       |
|-----------|--------------|-----------|------------------------------|
| 29.26658  | 6.900714e-06 | 4         | Kruskal-Wallis rank sum test |

There is sufficient evidence that the median ozone levels are different in at least two months from May - September, 1973 in New York City ( $p < 0.001$ ; Kruskal-Wallis test).

- (fyi) Since the K-W test is significant, follow-up with pairwise (Wilcoxon) rank-sum tests using a multiple comparison procedure to identify which months have different medians.

# Permutation tests & bootstrapping

another option to consider

# Permutation tests & bootstrapping

- In some cases we saw that the conditions failed or the sample size was too small for a normal approximation and there were ties in ranks preventing us from using an exact method.
- Another nonparametric option to consider is a permutation test or bootstrapping.
- If you're interested in learning more about this approach, check out the [ModernDive Statistical Inference via Data Science](#) book by Chester Ismay and Albert Kim.
  - Ch 7: [Sampling](#)
  - Ch 8: [Bootstrapping and Confidence Intervals](#)
  - Ch 9: [Hypothesis Testing](#)