

Analysis of Quantitative data

Non parametric statistics

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Comparison between 2 groups
Non-Parametric data

Non-parametric test:

Mann-Whitney = Wilcoxon rank test

- Non-parametric equivalent of the t -test (and not).
- Not meeting the assumptions for parametric tests is not enough to switch to a non-parametric approach.
 - Like always, data exploration is key.
- **How does the Mann-Whitney test work?**

Group 1	Group 2
5	8
7	9
3	6

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Real values	Ranks
3	1
5	2
6	3
7	4
8	5
9	6

→

	Group 1	Group 2
	2	5
	4	6
	1	3
Sum	7	14

- Statistic of the Mann-Whitney test: **U (W)**

$$U_1 = 7 - 6 = 1 \text{ and } U_2 = 14 - 6 = 8$$

- Smallest of the 2 Us: $U_1 + \text{sample size} \rightarrow \text{p-value}$

$$U_1 = R_1 - \frac{n_1(n_1 + 1)}{2}$$

$$U_2 = R_2 - \frac{n_2(n_2 + 1)}{2}$$

Where:

- R = sum of ranks
- n = sample size.

Exercise: smelly T-shirt.xlsx

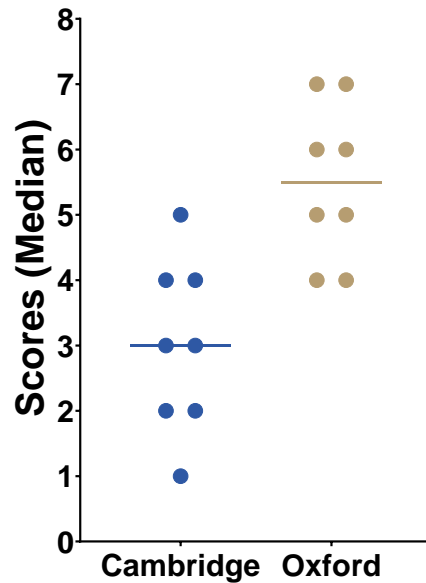


- Hypothesis: Group body odour is less disgusting when associated with an in-group member versus an out-group member.
- Study: Two groups of Cambridge University students are presented with one of two smelly, worn T-shirts with university logos.
- **Question:** Can Cambridge students tell the difference between worn smelly T-shirts from Oxford or Cambridge?
Disgust score: 1 to 7, with 7 the most disgusting
 - Explore the data with an appropriate combination of 2 graphs
 - Answer the question with a non-parametric approach
 - What do you think about the design?

Exercise: smelly T-shirt.xlsx



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Mann-Whitney test		
1	Table Analyzed	smelly teeshirt
2		
3	Column B	Oxford
4	vs.	vs.
5	Column A	Cambridge
6		
7	Mann Whitney test	
8	P value	0.0037
9	Exact or approximate P value?	Exact
10	P value summary	**
11	Significantly different (P < 0.05)?	Yes
12	One- or two-tailed P value?	Two-tailed
13	Sum of ranks in column A,B	41 , 95
14	Mann-Whitney U	5
15		

Answer:

- Cambridge students can tell the difference between Oxford and Cambridge ($U = 5$, $p = 0.0037$).
- A paired design would have been better.

Non-parametric test: Wilcoxon's signed-rank

- Non-parametric equivalent of the paired t -test (ish).
- **How does the test work?**

Before	After	Differences
9	3	-6
7	4	-3
10	4	-6
8	5	-3
5	6	1
8	2	-6
7	7	0
9	4	-5
10	5	-5



Abs. Diff.	Ranking	Ranks
0		
1	1	1
3	2	2.5
3	3	2.5
5	4	4.5
5	5	4.5
6	6	7
6	7	7
6	8	7



2+3=5/2=2.5: average rank

	Negative ranks	Positives ranks
		1
	-2.5	
	-2.5	
	-4.5	
	-4.5	
	-7	
	-7	
	-7	
Sum	-35	1

- Statistic of the Wilcoxon's signed-rank test: Sum of signed ranks = **W**
 - Here: $W = -35 + 1 = -34$
 - Statistic W + sample size \rightarrow **p-value**

Exercise: botulinum.xlsx

	Before	After
1	9	3
2	7	4
3	10	4
4	8	5
5	9	6
6	8	2
7	7	4
8	9	4
9	10	5



A group of 9 disabled children with muscle spasticity (or extreme muscle tightness limiting movement) in their right upper limb underwent a course of injections with botulinum toxin to reduce spasticity levels. A neurologist (blinded) assessed levels of spasticity pre- and post-treatment for all 9 children using a 10-point ordinal scale.

Higher ratings indicated higher levels of spasticity.

- **Question:** do botulinum toxin injections reduce muscle spasticity levels?
 - Score: 1 to 10, with 10 the highest spasticity

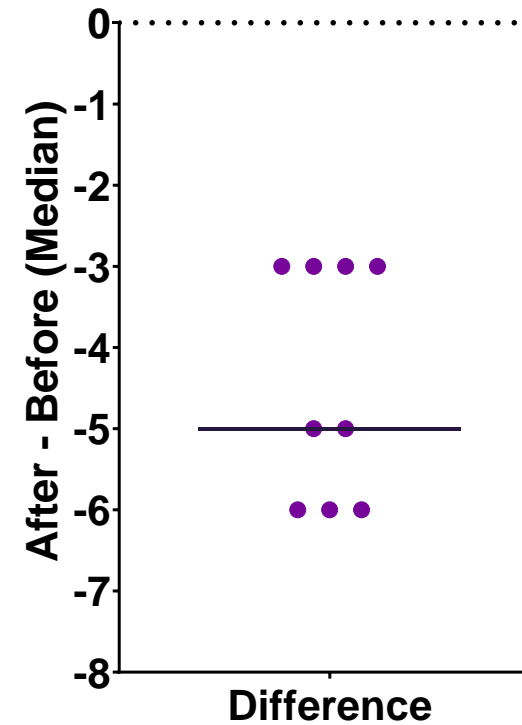
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6	8	2
7	7	4
8	9	4
9	10	5



- **Question:** do botulinum toxin injections reduce muscle spasticity levels?

Wilcoxon test		
1	Table Analyzed	botulinum
2		
3	Column B	after
4	vs.	vs.
5	Column A	before
6		
7	Wilcoxon matched-pairs signed rank test	
8	P value	0.0039
9	Exact or approximate P value?	Exact
10	P value summary	**
11	Significantly different (P < 0.05)?	Yes
12	One- or two-tailed P value?	Two-tailed
13	Sum of positive, negative ranks	0, -45
14	Sum of signed ranks (W)	-45
15	Number of pairs	9



Answer: There was a significant difference pre- and post- treatment in ratings of muscle spasticity ($W = -45$, $p = 0.0039$).

Comparison between more than 2 groups

One factor

Non-Parametric data

Kruskal-Wallis and Friedman tests

- Non-parametric equivalents of the One-Way ANOVA
 - Also based on ranks
 - **Kruskal-Wallis**: independent measures
 - **Friedman**: repeated measures
- Statistic associated with **Kruskal-Wallis** is **H**
- Statistic associated with **Friedman** is **Q** or **T1** or **FM**
- The statistics have a Chi^2 distribution
 - Kruskal-Wallis H = Friedman statistic = One-Way ANOVA F
- Post-hoc test associated with Kruskal-Wallis and Friedman: **Dunn's test**
 - The Dunn's test works pretty much like the Mann-Whitney test.

Kruskal-Wallis test: Example



- Creatine, a supplement popular among body builders
- Three groups: No creatine; Once a day; and Twice a day.
- **Question**: does the average weight gain depend on the creatine group to which people were assigned?

Kruskal-Wallis

Example: creatine.xlsx

Actual values

No	Once	Twice
63	0	2239
-261	-652	171
-153	4724	40
-13	-2	1395
965	0	
	-86	



Ranks

No	Once	Twice
10	7.5	14
2	1	11
3	15	9
5	6	13
12	7.5	
	4	
32	41	47

$$H = \left[\frac{12}{n(n+1)} \sum_{j=1}^c \frac{T_j^2}{n_j} \right] - 3(n+1)$$

$$H = \left[\frac{12}{15(15+1)} \left(\frac{32^2}{5} + \frac{41^2}{6} + \frac{47^2}{4} \right) \right] - 3(15+1) = \mathbf{3.868}$$

Where:

- n = sum of sample sizes for all samples,
- c = number of samples,
- T_j = sum of ranks in the j^{th} sample,
- n_j = size of the j^{th} sample.

Friedman test: Example



- An auction house is putting three violins, A, B, and C, up for bidding. Ten violinists are blindfolded and asked to rate the instruments and each player plays the violins in a randomly determined sequence (BCA, ACB, etc.).
- After each violin is played, the violinist rates the instrument on a 10-point scale of overall excellence (1=lowest, 10=highest).
- **Question**: which violin is the best according to the 10 violinists?

Friedman test

Example: violin.xlsx

Actual values

Violinists	Violin A	Violin B	Violin C
1	9	7	6
2	9.5	6.5	8
3	5	7	4
4	7.5	7.5	6
5	9.5	5	7
6	7.5	8	6.5
7	8	6	6
8	7	6.5	4
9	8.5	7	6.5
10	6	7	3



Ranks

Violinists	Violin A	Violin B	Violin C
1	3	2	1
2	3	1	2
3	2	3	1
4	2.5	2.5	1
5	3	1	2
6	2	3	1
7	3	1.5	1.5
8	3	2	1
9	3	2	1
10	2	3	1
Sum	77.5	67.5	57

$$Q \text{ or } T1 \text{ or } FM = \frac{n(k - 1) \left[\sum_{i=1}^k \frac{R_i^2}{n} - C_F \right]}{\sum r_{ij}^2 - C_F}$$

$$C_F = \left(\frac{1}{4} \right) nk(k + 1)^2$$

Where:

- n = sum of sample sizes for all samples,
- k = number of samples,
- R_j = sum of ranks in the jth sample,
- r_{ij} = rank i of the jth sample.

Kruskal-Wallis and Friedman tests

- **Have a go!**

Exercise: creatine.xlsx

- Question: does the average weight gain depend on the creatine group to which people were assigned?

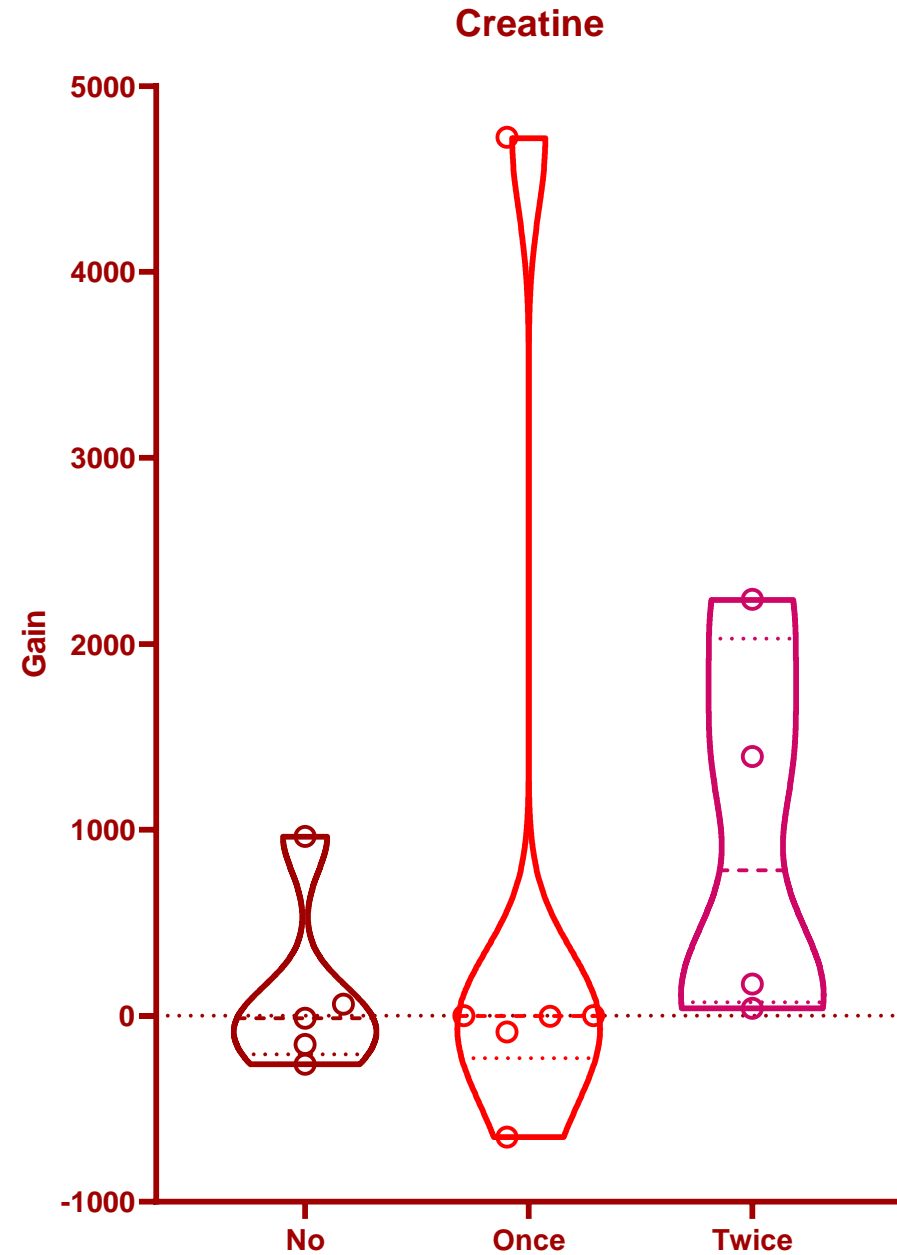
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- Question: which violin is the best according to the 10 violinists?

Kruskal-Wallis

Example: creatine.xlsx Results

Kruskal-Wallis test ANOVA results		
1	Table Analyzed	Creatine
2		
3	Kruskal-Wallis test	
4	P value	0.1458
5	Exact or approximate P value?	Exact
6	P value summary	ns
7	Do the medians vary signif. ($P < 0.05$)?	No
8	Number of groups	3
9	Kruskal-Wallis statistic	3.868
10		
11	Data summary	
12	Number of treatments (columns)	3
13	Number of values (total)	15
14		
15		

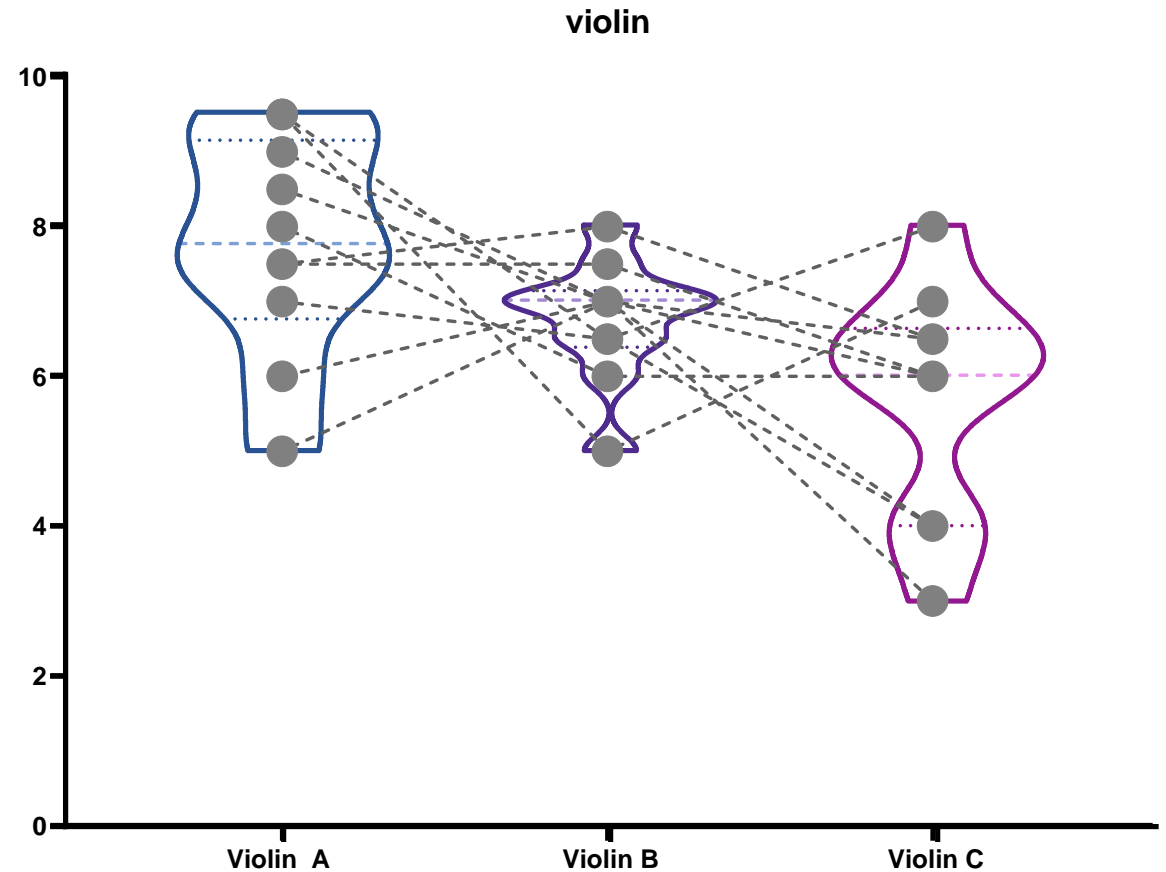


Friedman

Example: violin.xlsx

Results

Table Analyzed	violin
Friedman test	
P value	0.0033
Exact or approximate P value?	Exact
P value summary	**
Are means signif. different? (P < 0.05)	Yes
Number of groups	3
Friedman statistic	10.47
Data summary	
Number of treatments (columns)	3
Number of subjects (rows)	10



Dunn's multiple comparisons test	Rank sum diff.	Significant?	Summary	Adjusted P Value
Violin A vs. Violin B	5.500	No	ns	0.6563
Violin A vs. Violin C	14.00	Yes	**	0.0052
Violin B vs. Violin C	8.500	No	ns	0.1720

Association between 2 continuous variables

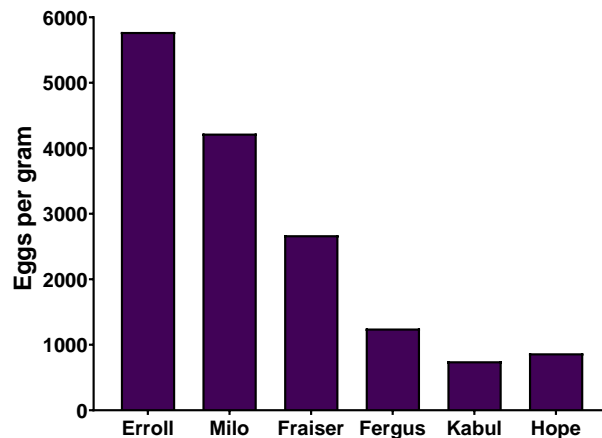
Linear relationship

Non-Parametric data

Non-Parametric: Spearman Correlation Coefficient

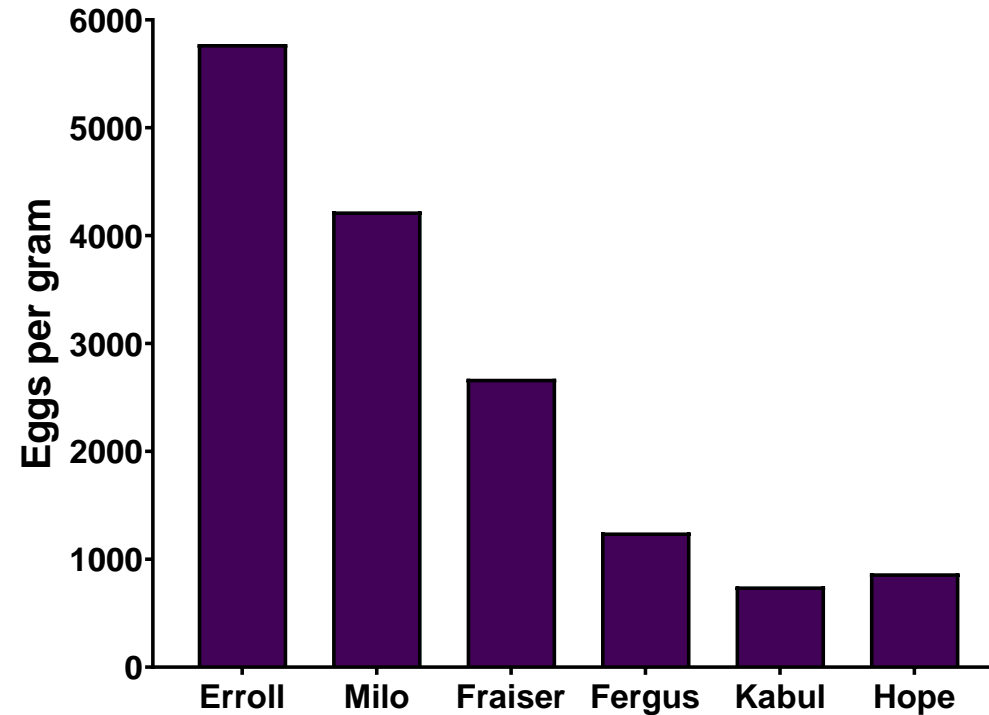
- Only really useful for ranks (either one or both variables)
- ρ (rho) is the equivalent of r and calculated in a similar way
- **Example: Dominance.xlsx**
 - Six male colobus monkeys ranked for dominance
 - Question: is social dominance associated with parasitism?
 - Eggs of *Trichirus* nematode per gram of monkey faeces

Monkey	Dominance	Eggs. per . gram
Erroll	1	5777
Milo	2	4225
Fraiser	3	2674
Fergus	4	1249
Kabul	5	749
Hope	6	870



Non-Parametric: Spearman Correlation Coefficient

Correlation		Dominance vs. Eggs per gram
1	Spearman r	
2	r	-0.9429
3	95% confidence interval	
4		
5	P value	
6	P (two-tailed)	0.0167
7	P value summary	*
8	Exact or approximate P value?	Exact
9	Significant? (alpha = 0.05)	Yes
10		
11	Number of XY Pairs	6
12		



- **Answer:** the relationship between dominance and parasitism is significant ($\rho = -0.94$, $p = 0.017$) with high ranking males harbouring a heavier burden.

