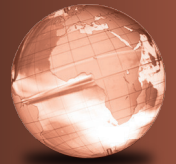


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Symbol Table

f	frequency with which a value occurs	\hat{p}	sample proportion
Σ	capital sigma; summation	\hat{q}	sample proportion equal to $1 - \hat{p}$
Σx	sum of the values	\bar{p}	proportion obtained by pooling two samples
Σx^2	sum of the squares of the values	\bar{q}	proportion or probability equal to $1 - \bar{p}$
$(\Sigma x)^2$	square of the sum of all values	$P(A)$	probability of event A
Σxy	sum of the products of each x value multiplied by the corresponding y value	$P(A B)$	probability of event A , assuming event B has occurred
n	number of values in a sample	${}_nP_r$	number of permutations of n items selected r at a time
N	number of values in a finite population; also used as the size of all samples combined	${}_nC_r$	number of combinations of n items selected r at a time
$n!$	n factorial	\bar{A}	complement of event A
k	number of samples or populations or categories	H_0	null hypothesis
\bar{x}	mean of the values in a sample	H_1	alternative hypothesis
\bar{R}	mean of the sample ranges	α	alpha; probability of a type I error or the area of the critical region
μ	mu; mean of all values in a population	β	beta; probability of a type II error
s	standard deviation of a set of sample values	r	sample linear correlation coefficient
σ	lowercase sigma; standard deviation of all values in a population	ρ	rho; population linear correlation coefficient
s^2	variance of a set of sample values	r^2	coefficient of determination
σ^2	variance of all values in a population	R^2	multiple coefficient of determination
z	standard score	r_s	Spearman's rank correlation coefficient
$z_{\alpha/2}$	critical value of z	b_1	point estimate of the slope of the regression line
t	t distribution	b_0	point estimate of the y-intercept of the regression line
$t_{\alpha/2}$	critical value of t	\hat{y}	predicted value of y
df	number of degrees of freedom	d	difference between two matched values
F	F distribution	\bar{d}	mean of the differences d found from matched sample data
χ^2	chi-square distribution	s_d	standard deviation of the differences d found from matched sample data
χ^2_R	right-tailed critical value of chi-square	s_e	standard error of estimate
χ^2_L	left-tailed critical value of chi-square	T	rank sum; used in the Wilcoxon signed-ranks test
p	probability of an event or the population proportion		
q	probability or proportion equal to $1 - p$		

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