



# One-Sample Rank Biserial (`es_rank_biserial_os`)

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## Introduction

The `es_rank_biserial_os` function calculates a one-sample rank biserial coefficient.

This document contains the details on how to use the functions, and formulas used in them.

## 1 About the Function

### 1.1 Input parameters:

- **data**
  - Excel: a specific range with the numeric scores
  - Python: a pandas series with the numeric scores
  - R: a vector with the numeric scores
- *Optional parameters*
  - **hypMed**  
the hypothesized median. If not specified the midrange will be used.

### 1.2 Output

- **hypMed**  
The hypothesized median used
- **rb**  
The effect size measure

Note for *Excel*:

the array function `es_rank_biserial_os_arr` will require 2 rows and 2 columns.

### 1.3 Dependencies

- **Excel**
  - None, but you can run the `es_rank_biserial_os_addHelp` macro so that the function will be available with some help in the 'User Defined' category in the functions overview.
- **Python**  
The following libraries are needed:
  - [pandas](#) is needed for data entry and showing the results
- **R**  
*None*



## 2 Examples

### 2.1 Excel

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	Teach_Motivate						
2	1						
3	2		0,3088235	=es_rank_biserial_os(A2:A21)			
4	5						
5	1		hypMed				
6	1		2	0,391813	=es_rank_biserial_os(A2:A21;C6)		
7	5						
8	3						
9	1		hyp. med.	rb			
10	5		3	0,308824			
11	1						
12	1		C9:D10 =>	=es_rank_biserial_os_arr(A2:A21)			
13	5						
14	1						
15	1						
16	3						
17	3						
18	3						
19	4						
20	2						
21	4						
22							

### 2.2 Python

```
[1]: from eff_size_rank_biserial_os import es_rank_biserial_os
import pandas as pd

dataList = [1, 2, 5, 1, 1, 5, 3, 1, 5, 1, 1, 5, 1, 1, 3, 3, 3, 4, 2, 4]
data = pd.Series(dataList)

es_rank_biserial_os(data)

[1]: mu      rb
0  3.0  0.308824

[2]: es_rank_biserial_os(data, hypMed = 2.5)

[2]: mu      rb
0  2.5  0.057143
```

### 2.3 R

```
> source("eff_size_rank_biserial_os.R")
>
> data <- c(1, 2, 5, 1, 1, 5, 3, 1, 5, 1, 1, 5, 1, 1, 3, 3, 3, 4, 2, 4)
> es_rank_biserial_os(data)
hypMed      rb
1      3 -0.3088235
> es_rank_biserial_os(data, hypMed=2)
hypMed      rb
1      2 0.3918129
```



### 3 Details of Calculations

$$r_{rb} = \frac{4 \times \left| T - \frac{R^+ + R^-}{2} \right|}{n \times (n + 1)} = \frac{|R^+ - R^-|}{R}$$

#### Symbols

- $R^+$  the sum of the ranks with a positive deviation from the hypothesized median
- $R^-$  the sum of the ranks with a positive deviation from the hypothesized median
- $T$  the minimum of  $R^+, R^-$
- $n$  the number of ranks with a non-zero difference with the hypothesized median
- $R$  the sum of all ranks, i.e.  $R^+ + R^-$

Note: A proof of the equivalence of the two formulas can be found in the appendix.

### 4 Sources

Unknown, the formula can be found in King and Minium. (2008, p. 403):

matched-pairs rank biserial correlation coefficient,  $r_c$   
 a measure of effect size for the Wilcoxon signed-ranks test

To calculate effect size, we use the matched-pairs rank biserial correlation coefficient,  $r_c$ :

FORMULA FOR  $r_c$

$$r_c = \frac{4 \left| T - \left( \frac{R_+ + R_-}{2} \right) \right|}{n(n + 1)} \quad (21.5)$$

Kerby's re-arrangement:

used as the test statistic (e.g., Glantz, 2005). Thus, the formula is now  $r = W/S$ . And of course, for a directional hypothesis,  $W$  can be stated as the difference between the favorable sums and unfavorable sums. The result is that the matched-pairs rank biserial correlation can

the total sum of ranks, which can be symbolized as  $S$ . Next, the value in parenthesis is merely the expected

(Kerby, 2014, p. 5)

### References

Kerby, D. S. (2014). The simple difference formula: An approach to teaching nonparametric correlation. *Comprehensive Psychology*, 3, 1–9. <https://doi.org/10.2466/11.IT.3.1>

King, B. M., & Minium, E. W. (2008). *Statistical reasoning in the behavioral sciences* (5th ed.). John Wiley & Sons, Inc.



## Appendix: Proof of Equivalence

Assuming  $T = R^+$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{4 \times \left| T - \frac{R^+ + R^-}{2} \right|}{n \times (n+1)} &= \frac{4 \times \left| R^+ - \frac{R^+ + R^-}{2} \right|}{n \times (n+1)} = \frac{|4 \times R^+ - 2 \times (R^+ + R^-)|}{n \times (n+1)} = \frac{|2 \times R^+ - 2 \times R^-|}{n \times (n+1)} \\ &= \frac{2 \times |R^+ - R^-|}{n \times (n+1)} = \frac{2}{n \times (n+1)} \times |R^+ - R^-| = \frac{1}{\frac{n \times (n+1)}{2}} \times |R^+ - R^-|\end{aligned}$$

If we define  $R$  as the sum of all ranks we can write this as:  $R = \sum \text{ranks} = \frac{n \times (n+1)}{2}$ . Using this we get:

$$\frac{4 \times \left| T - \frac{R^+ + R^-}{2} \right|}{n \times (n+1)} = \frac{1}{\frac{n \times (n+1)}{2}} \times |R^+ - R^-| = \frac{1}{R} \times |R^+ - R^-| = \frac{|R^+ - R^-|}{R}$$

If we assume  $T = R^-$  we get the same result:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{4 \times \left| T - \frac{R^+ + R^-}{2} \right|}{n \times (n+1)} &= \frac{4 \times \left| R^- - \frac{R^+ + R^-}{2} \right|}{n \times (n+1)} = \frac{|4 \times R^- - 2 \times (R^+ + R^-)|}{n \times (n+1)} = \frac{|2 \times R^- - 2 \times R^+|}{n \times (n+1)} \\ &= \frac{2 \times |R^- - R^+|}{n \times (n+1)} = \frac{2}{n \times (n+1)} \times |R^- - R^+| = \frac{1}{\frac{n \times (n+1)}{2}} \times |R^- - R^+| \\ &= \frac{1}{R} \times |R^- - R^+| = \frac{|R^- - R^+|}{R} = \frac{|R^+ - R^-|}{R}\end{aligned}$$

Q.E.D.