

Nonparametric Correlation

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Overview

This function makes use of the scipy package, specifically the *scipy.stats.spearmanr* and *scipy.stats.kendalltau* functions. With one numeric dependent column, the user can perform nonparametric correlation tests on all numeric columns.

Recommended Directory Location

Save the script to the following directory:

*..\Application Data\Golden Helix SVS\UserScripts\Spreadsheet\Analysis

Note: The **Application Data** folder is a hidden folder on Windows operating systems and its location varies between XP and Vista. The easiest way to locate this directory on your computer is to open SVS and select **Tools >Open Folder > UserScripts Folder**. If saved to the proper folder, this script will be accessible from the spreadsheet **Analysis** menu.

Preparing to use the Script

This script should be run from a spreadsheet containing a numeric dependent column and several active numeric columns.

1. From an appropriate spreadsheet, choose **Analysis >Nonparametic Correlation**. The Nonparametric Association Tests (Binary Dependent) dialog allows the user to choose the test and output options.
2. Choose the Spearman Rank Correlation test or the Kendall Tau Correlation test and choose to output or not the Bonferroni adjusted p-values and the $-\log_{10}$ p-values.
3. The resulting spreadsheet has a column containing the test statistic for each active numeric column in the original spreadsheet, a p-value column and optional $-\log_{10}(P)$ and Bonf-P columns. If a marker map was applied to the columns of the original spreadsheet, it is reapplied to the rows or the Results spreadsheet.

For more information about the internal scipy functions see:

<http://docs.scipy.org/doc/scipy/reference/generated/scipy.stats.spearmanr.html#scipy.stats.spearmanr>

and

<http://docs.scipy.org/doc/scipy/reference/generated/scipy.stats.kendalltau.html#scipy.stats.kendalltau>