

# Package ‘samplesize’

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**Title** Sample Size Calculation for Various t-Tests and Wilcoxon-Test

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**Description** Computes sample size for Student's t-test and for the Wilcoxon-Mann-Whitney test for categorical data. The t-test function allows paired and unpaired (balanced / unbalanced) designs as well as homogeneous and heterogeneous variances. The Wilcoxon function allows for ties.

**License** GPL (>= 2)

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samplesize-package      *Computes sample size for several two-sample tests*

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### Description

Computes sample size for independent and paired Student's t-test, Student's t-test with Welch approximation, Wilcoxon-Mann-Whitney test with and without ties on ordinal data

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n.ttest(): sample size for Student's t-test and t-test with Welch approximation

n.wilcox.ord(): sample size for Wilcoxon-Mann-Whitney test with and without ties

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### References

Bock J., Bestimmung des Stichprobenumfangs fuer biologische Experimente und kontrollierte klinische Studien. Oldenbourg 1998

Zhao YD, Rahardja D, Qu Yongming. Sample size calculation for the Wilcoxon-Mann-Whitney test adjusting for ties. Statistics in Medicine 2008; 27:462-468

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n.ttest                      *n.ttest computes sample size for paired and unpaired t-tests.*

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### Description

n.ttest computes sample size for paired and unpaired t-tests. Design may be balanced or unbalanced. Homogeneous and heterogeneous variances are allowed.

### Usage

```
n.ttest(power = 0.8, alpha = 0.05, mean.diff = 0.8, sd1 = 0.83, sd2 = sd1,
        k = 1, design = "unpaired", fraction = "balanced", variance = "equal")
```

**Arguments**

power	Power (1 - Type-II-error)
alpha	Two-sided Type-I-error
mean.diff	Expected mean difference
sd1	Standard deviation in group 1
sd2	Standard deviation in group 2
k	Sample fraction k
design	Type of design. May be paired or unpaired
fraction	Type of fraction. May be balanced or unbalanced
variance	Type of variance. May be homo- or heterogeneous

**Value**

Total sample size	Sample size for both groups together
Sample size group 1	Sample size in group 1
Sample size group 2	Sample size in group 2

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**References**

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**Examples**

```
n.ttest(power = 0.8, alpha = 0.05, mean.diff = 0.80, sd1 = 0.83, k = 1,  
design = "unpaired", fraction = "balanced", variance = "equal")
```

```
n.ttest(power = 0.8, alpha = 0.05, mean.diff = 0.80, sd1 = 0.83, sd2 =  
2.65, k = 0.7, design = "unpaired", fraction = "unbalanced", variance =  
"unequal")
```

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n.wilcox.ord

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*Sample size for Wilcoxon-Mann-Whitney for ordinal data*


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### Description

Function computes sample size for the two-sided Wilcoxon test when applied to two independent samples with ordered categorical responses.

### Usage

```
n.wilcox.ord(power = 0.8, alpha = 0.05, t, p, q)
```

### Arguments

power	required Power
alpha	required two-sided Type-I-error level
t	sample size fraction $n/N$ , where $n$ is sample size of group B and $N$ is the total sample size
p	vector of expected proportions of the categories in group A, should sum to 1
q	vector of expected proportions of the categories in group B, should be of equal length as p and should sum to 1

### Details

This function approximates the total sample size,  $N$ , needed for the two-sided Wilcoxon test when comparing two independent samples, A and B, when data are ordered categorical according to Equation 12 in Zhao et al.(2008). Assuming that the response consists of  $D$  ordered categories  $C_1, \dots, C_D$ . The expected proportions of these categories in two treatments A and B must be specified as numeric vectors  $p_1, \dots, p_D$  and  $q_1, \dots, q_D$ , respectively. The argument  $t$  allows to compute power for an unbalanced design, where  $t = n_B/N$  is the proportion of sample size in treatment B.

### Value

total sample size	Total sample size
m	Sample size group 1
n	Sample size group 2

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### References

Zhao YD, Rahardja D, Qu Yongming. Sample size calculation for the Wilcoxon-Mann-Whitney test adjusting for ties. *Statistics in Medicine* 2008; 27:462-468

**Examples**

```
## example out of:  
## Zhao YD, Rahardja D, Qu Yongming.  
## Sample size calculation for the Wilcoxon-Mann-Whitney test adjusting for ties.  
## Statistics in Medicine 2008; 27:462-468  
n.wilcox.ord(power = 0.8, alpha = 0.05, t = 0.53, p = c(0.66, 0.15, 0.19), q = c(0.61, 0.23, 0.16))
```

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