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df	Degrees of freedom
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$F_{a,b}$	F test statistic, with subscripts a, b = appropriate degrees of freedom
$f$	Frequency
$U, U'$	Mann-Whitney test statistics
$r$	Sample correlation coefficient
$r^2$	Coefficient of determination
$R$	Multiple correlation coefficient
$R^2$	Coefficient of multiple determination

$H_0$	Null hypothesis
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AIC	Akaike's Information Criterion
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