# Analysis of a GRTS Survey Design for a Linear Resource

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### 1 Preliminaries

This document presents analysis of a GRTS survey design for a linear resource. The linear resource used in the analysis is streams in the Upper Wabash basin in Indiana. The analysis will include calculation of three types of population estimates: (1) estimation of proportion and size (length of streams) for site evaluation status categorical variables; (2) estimation of proportion and size for stream condition categorical variables; and (3) estimation of the cumulative distribution function (CDF) and percentiles for quantitative variables. Testing for difference between CDFs from subpopulations also will be presented.

The initial step is to use the library function to load the spsurvey package. After the package is loaded, a message is printed to the R console indicating that the spsurvey package was loaded successfully.

Load the spsurvey package

```
> # Load the spsurvey package
> library(spsurvey)
>
```

Version 3.3 of the spsurvey package was loaded successfully.

# 2 Load the survey design and analytical variables data set

The next step is to load the data set, which includes both survey design variables and analytical variables. The data function is used to load the data set and assign it to a data frame named IN\_streams. The nrow function is used to determine the number of rows in the IN\_streams data frame, and the resulting value is assigned to an object named nr. Finally, the initial six lines and the final six lines in the IN\_streams data frame are printed using the head and tail functions, respectively.

Load the survey design and analytical variables data set

```
> # Load the data set and determine the number of rows in the data frame
> data(IN_streams)
> nr <- nrow(IN_streams)
>
```

Display the initial six lines in the data file.

> # Display the initial six lines in the data file
> head(IN\_streams)

```
TNT
      siteID xcoord
                                      wgt Strahler_Cat
                                                                  Status
                        ycoord
1 INRB98-001 7574790 12556023 180.49965
                                                    1st Landowner_Denial Target
2 INRB98-002 7490591 12580092 180.49965
                                                                 Sampled Target
                                                   1st
3 INRB98-003 7500191 12545177
                                                                 Sampled Target
                                57.70535
                                                   2nd
4 INRB98-004 7543103 12557747
                                26.40031
                                                   4th Landowner_Denial Target
5 INRB98-005 7459317 12689535
                                29.59298
                                                   3rd
                                                                 Sampled Target
6 INRB98-006 7515604 12649037
                                57.70535
                                                   2nd Physical_Barrier Target
  IBI_Score
              IBI_Status QHEI_Score
                                       QHEI_Status
                     <NA>
1
         NA
                                  NA
                                              <NA>
2
         50 Not_Impaired
                                  48
                                          Impaired
3
         22
                Impaired
                                  65 Not_Impaired
4
                     <NA>
                                  NA
                                              <NA>
         NA
5
         38 Not_Impaired
                                  31
                                          Impaired
6
                     <NA>
                                  NA
                                              <NA>
         NA
```

>

Display the final six lines in the data file.

```
> # Display the final six lines in the data file
> tail(IN_streams)
```

	siteID	xcoord	ycoord	wgt	Strahl	ler_Cat		Status
95	INRB98-095	7503526	12628573	57.70535		2nd	Landow	ner_Denial
96	INRB98-096	7496050	12662272	180.49965		1st		NonTarget
97	INRB98-097	7483750	12664829	29.59298		3rd	Chem	istry_Only
98	INRB98-098	7496653	12634435	180.49965		1st		NonTarget
99	INRB98-099	7443579	12609765	26.40031		4th		Sampled
100	INRB98-100	7445529	12651391	26.40031		4th	Chem	istry_Only
	TNT	IBI_Score	e IBI_St	tatus QHEI	_Score	QHEI_S	Status	
95	Target	N A	Ι	<na></na>	NA		<na></na>	
96	NonTarget	N A	1	<na></na>	NA		<na></na>	
97	Target	N A	1	<na></na>	NA		<na></na>	
98	NonTarget	N A	1	<na></na>	NA		<na></na>	
99	Target	48	Not_Impa	aired	78	Not_Imp	paired	
100	Target	N A	l	<na></na>	NA		<na></na>	

>

The sample of streams in Indiana is displayed in Figure 1. The sample sites for each Strahler order are displayed using a unique color.

# 3 Analysis of site status evaluation variables

The first analysis that will be examined is calculation of extent estimates for site status evaluation variables. Extent is measured both by the proportion of the resource in status evaluation categories and by size of the resource in each category. For a linear resource like streams, size refers to the length of streams in a category. For calculating extent estimates (and for all of the analyses we will consider), the survey design weights are incorporated into the calculation process. Weights used in the analyses were modified from the original survey design weights to ensure that the weights sum to the known size of the resource. Further information regarding weight adjustment is provided in the help page for the adjugt (weight adjustment) function. Two site status variables will be examined: (1) status, which classifies streams into seven evaluation categories and (2) TNT, which classifies streams as either "Target" or "NonTarget". The table and addmargins functions are used to create tables displaying the count for each code (level) of the two status variables.

## Indiana Stream Sites Color-Coded by Strahler Order

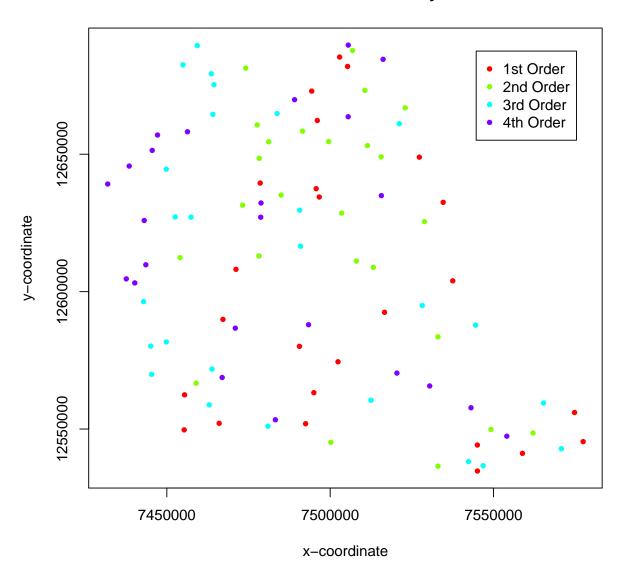


Figure 1: Location of stream sample sites in Indiana color-coded by Strahler order.

#### > addmargins(table(IN\_streams\$Status))

A table displaying the number of values for each level of the status variable follows:

Physical_Barrier	${\tt NonTarget}$	Landowner_Denial	Chemistry_Only
7	9	19	14
Sum	Unknown	Target_Not_Sampled	Sampled
100	1	2	48

#### > addmargins(table(IN\_streams\$TNT))

A table displaying the number of values for each level of the TNT variable follows:

NonTarget	Target	Sum
10	90	100

The cat.analysis function in the spsurvey package will be used to calculate extent estimates. Four data frames constitute the primary input to the cat.analysis function. The first column (variable) in the four data frames provides the unique identifier (site ID) for each sample site and is used to connect records among the data frames. The siteID variable in the IN\_streams data frame is assigned to the site ID variable in the data frames. The four data frames that will be created are named as follows: sites, subpop, design, and data.cat. The sites data frame identifies sites to use in the analysis and contains two variables: (1) siteID - site ID values and (2) Use - a logical vector indicating which sites to use in the analysis. The rep (repeat) function is used to assign the value TRUE to each element of the Use variable. Recall that nr is an object containing the number of rows in the IN\_streams data frame. The subpop data frame defines populations and, optionally, subpopulations for which estimates are desired. Unlike the sites and design data frames, the subpop data frame can contain an arbitrary number of columns. The first variable in the subpop data frame identifies site ID values and each subsequent variable identifies a type of population, where the variable name is used to identify type. A type variable identifies each site with a character value. If the number of unique values for a type variable is greater than one, then the set of values represent subpopulations of that type. When a type variable consists of a single unique value, then the type does not contain subpopulations. For this analysis, the subpop data frame contains three variables: (1) siteID - site ID values, (2) Upper\_Wabash - which will be used to calculate estimates for all of the sample sites combined, and (3) Strahler\_Order - which will be used to calculate estimates for each Strahler order individually. The Strahler\_order variable in the IN\_streams data frame is assigned to the Strahler\_Order variable in the subpop data frame. The design data frame consists of survey design variables. For the analysis under consideration, the design data frame contains the following variables: (1) siteID - site ID values; (2) wgt - final, adjusted, survey design weights; (3) xcoord - x-coordinates for location;

and (4) ycoord - y-coordinates for location. The wgt, xcoord, and ycoord variables in the design data frame are assigned values using variables with the same names in the IN\_streams data frame. Like the subpop data frame, the data.cat data frame can contain an arbitrary number of columns. The first variable in the data.cat data frame identifies site ID values and each subsequent variable identifies a response variable. The two response variables are Status and Target\_NonTarget, which are assigned the status and TNT variables, respectively, in the IN\_streams data frame. Missing data (NA) is allowed for the response variables, which are the only variables in the input data frames for which NA values are allowed.

Create the sites data frame.

```
> sites <- data.frame(siteID=IN_streams$siteID,
+ Use=rep(TRUE, nr))</pre>
```

Create the subpop data frame.

Create the design data frame.

Create the data.cat data frame.

Use the cat.analysis function to calculate extent estimates for the site status evaluation variables.

```
> # Calculate extent estimates for the site status evaluation variables
> Extent_Estimates <- cat.analysis(sites, subpop, design, data.cat)
>
```

The extent estimates for all basins combined are displayed using the print function. The object produced by cat.analysis is a data frame containing thirteen columns. The first five columns identify the population (Type), subpopulation (Subpopulation), response variable

(Indicator), levels of the response variable (Category), and number of values in a category (NResp). A category labeled "Total" is included for each combination of population, subpopulation, and response variable. The next four columns in the data frame provide results for the proportion estimates: the proportion estimate (Estimate.P), standard error of the estimate (StdError.P), lower confidence bound (LCB95Pct.P), and upper confidence bound (UCB95Pct.P). Argument conf for cat.analysis allows control of the confidence bound level. The default value for conf is 95, hence the column names for confidence bounds contain the value 95. Supplying a different value to the conf argument will be reflected in the confidence bound names. Confidence bounds are obtained using the standard error and the Normal distribution multiplier corresponding to the confidence level. The final four columns in the data frame provide results for the size (units) estimates: the units estimate (Estimate.U), standard error of the estimate (StdError.U), lower confidence bound (LCB95Pct.U), and upper confidence bound (UCB95Pct.U). Note that the size estimate for the Total category will be equal to the sum of the survey design weights.

#### > # Print the extent estimates for all basins combined > print(Extent\_Estimates[c(1:8, 32:34),])

	Туре	Subpopulat	ion		Indicator	Cate	egory	NResp
1	Upper_Wabash	Upper Wab	ash		Status	Chemistry_	Only	14
2	Upper_Wabash	Upper Wab	ash		Status	Landowner_De	ndowner_Denial	
3	Upper_Wabash	Upper Wak	ash		Status	NonTa	arget	9
4	Upper_Wabash	Upper Wak	ash		Status	Physical_Bar	rier	7
5	Upper_Wabash	Upper Wah	ash		Status	San	npled	48
6	Upper_Wabash				Status T	arget_Not_Sam	-	2
7	Upper_Wabash	Upper Wab	ash		Status	_	nown	1
8	Upper_Wabash	Upper Wak	ash		Status	7	Total	100
32	Upper_Wabash	Upper Wab	ash	Target_l	NonTarget	NonTa	arget	10
33	Upper_Wabash	Upper Wab	ash	Target_l	NonTarget	Ta	arget	90
34	Upper_Wabash	Upper Wab	ash	Target_l	NonTarget	7	Total	100
	Estimate.P S	StdError.P	LCE	B95Pct.P	UCB95Pct.	P Estimate.U	StdEr	ror.U
1	6.5597397	1.6598843	3.	.3064261	9.813053	2 482.67548	110.	03523
2	17.8769326	3.7404140	10.	. 5458559	25.208009	2 1315.41150	285.	35722
3	22.0775177	5.0281966	12.	. 2224335	31.932601	9 1624.49685	423.	20639
4	5.5434713	2.4060864	0.	.8276286	10.259314	0 407.89693	179.	10621
5	46.4405214	5.0106571	36	.6198139	56.261228	9 3417.16319	427.	23184
6	1.1430273	0.7450965	0.	.0000000	2.603389	6 84.10566	54.	27639
7	0.3587901	0.2951899	0.	.0000000	0.937351	6 26.40031	21.	63337
8	100.0000000	0.0000000	100	.0000000	100.000000	0 7358.14992	536.	14393
32	22.4363077	5.0285302	12.	. 5805696	32.292045	9 1650.89716	423.	75896
33	77.5636923	5.0285302	67.	.7079541	87.419430	4 5707.25276	460.	82638
34	100.0000000	0.0000000	100	.0000000	100.000000	0 7358.14992	536.	14393
	LCB95Pct.U UC	CB95Pct.U						
1	267.01038	698.34058						

```
2
    756.12163 1874.70137
3
    795.02756 2453.96614
4
     56.85522 758.93864
5
  2579.80417 4254.52221
6
      0.00000 190.48543
7
      0.00000
                68.80094
  6307.32713 8408.97271
32 820.34487 2481.44945
33 4804.04965 6610.45587
34 6307.32713 8408.97271
>
```

The write.csv function is used to store the extent estimates as a comma-separated value (csv) file. Files in csv format can be read by programs such as Microsoft Excel.

```
> write.csv(Extent_Estimates, file="Extent_Estimates.csv", sep=",",
+ row.names=FALSE)
```

## 4 Analysis of stream condition variables

The second analysis that will be examined is estimating resource proportion and size for stream condition variables. Two stream condition variables will be examined: (1) IBL\_Status, which classifies streams by IBI (index of biotic integrity) status categories and (2) QHEL\_Status, which classifies streams by QHEI (qualitative habitat evaluation index) status categories. The table and addmargins functions are used to create tables displaying the count for each level of the two stream condition variables.

```
> addmargins(table(IN_streams$IBI_Status))
```

A table displaying the number of values for each level of the IBI status variable follows:

```
Impaired Not_Impaired Sum
12 36 48
```

> addmargins(table(IN\_streams\$QHEI\_Status))

A table displaying the number of values for each level of the QHEI status variable follows:

```
Impaired Not_Impaired Sum
14 34 48
```

As for extent estimates, the cat.analysis function will be used to calculate condition estimates. The sites data frame for this analysis differs from the one used to calculate extent estimates. The Use logical variables in sites is set equal to the value "Sampled", so that only sampled sites are used in the analysis. The subpop and design data frames created in the prior analysis can be reused for this analysis. The data.cat data frame contains the two stream condition variables: IBLStatus and QHELStatus. Variables IBLStatus and QHELStatus in the IN\_streams data frame are assigned to IBLStatus and QHELStatus, respectively.

Create the sites data frame.

Create the data.cat data frame.

Use the cat analysis function to calculate estimates for the stream condition variables.

```
> # Calculate estimates for the categorical variables
> Condition_Estimates <- cat.analysis(sites, subpop, design, data.cat)
>
```

Print the stream condition estimates for all sites combined.

```
> # Print the condition estimates for all basins combined
> print(Condition_Estimates[c(1:3, 16:18),])
```

```
Type Subpopulation
                                Indicator
                                               Category NResp Estimate.P
  Upper_Wabash
                 Upper Wabash
                               IBI_Status
                                               Impaired
                                                           12
                                                                27.66052
2 Upper_Wabash
                 Upper Wabash IBI_Status Not_Impaired
                                                           36
                                                                72.33948
                 Upper Wabash IBI_Status
  Upper_Wabash
                                                  Total
                                                           48
                                                              100.00000
                 Upper Wabash QHEI_Status
16 Upper_Wabash
                                               Impaired
                                                           14
                                                                40.90216
17 Upper_Wabash
                 Upper Wabash QHEI_Status Not_Impaired
                                                           34
                                                                59.09784
                 Upper Wabash QHEI_Status
                                                  Total
18 Upper_Wabash
                                                           48
                                                               100.00000
   StdError.P LCB95Pct.P UCB95Pct.P Estimate.U StdError.U LCB95Pct.U UCB95Pct.U
1
     6.611920
                14.70139
                           40.61964
                                        945.205
                                                  247.3122
                                                             460.4819
                                                                         1429.928
2
     6.611920
                59.38036
                           85.29861
                                       2471.958
                                                            1793.9811
                                                                        3149.935
                                                  345.9131
```

```
3
     0.00000
                100.00000
                            100.00000
                                         3417.163
                                                    362.5003
                                                               2706.6756
                                                                            4127.651
16
     8.383366
                 24.47106
                             57.33325
                                         1397.694
                                                    357.9031
                                                                696.2163
                                                                            2099.171
17
     8.383366
                 42.66675
                             75.52894
                                         2019.470
                                                    305.3225
                                                               1421.0486
                                                                            2617.891
                100.00000
18
     0.00000
                            100.00000
                                         3417.163
                                                    362.5003
                                                               2706.6756
                                                                            4127.651
```

>

Use the write csv function to write the condition estimates as a csv file.

> write.csv(Condition\_Estimates, file="Condition\_Estimates.csv")

# 5 Analysis of stream condition variables correcting for population size

The frame is a data structure containing spatial location data in addition to other attributes regarding a resource of interest and is used to create a survey design. A frame often takes the form of a shapefile. The frame can be used to obtain size values (e.g., length of streams) for the populations and subpopulations examined in an analysis. Examination of the Estimates. U column in the Condition\_Estimates data frame produced by cat.analysis reveals that the estimated Total value for both condition variables and each combination of population value and subpopulation value does not sum to the corresponding frame size value. For example, the Total entry in the Estimate. U column for the IBL status variable, population "Upper\_Wabash" and subpopulation "Upper Wabash" is 3,417 kilometers (rounded to a whole number). The corresponding frame size value is 7,358 kilometers. The population size) argument to cat. analysis provides a mechanism for forcing the size estimates to sum to a desired value, e.g., the frame size value. Note that including popsize as an argument results in assigning the popsize value to the Total category of the size estimates. Use of the popsize argument assumes that sites which were evaluated but not sampled were missing at random. The missing at random assumption may not be a valid assumption, e.g., sites for which access was denied by the landowner may not be the same as sites that were sampled. For the current analysis, we will assume that the assumption is valid. As a first step for use of the popsize argument, the c (combine) function is used to create a named vector of frame size values for each basin. Output from the c function is assigned to an object named framesize. The popsize argument is a list, which is a particular type of R object. The popsize list must include an entry for each population type included in the subpop data frame, i.e., Upper\_Wabash and Strahler\_Order for this analysis. The sum function applied to framesize is assigned to the Upper\_Wabash entry in the popsize list. Recall that the Strahler order population type contains subpopulations, i.e., Strahler order categories. When a population type contains subpopulations, the entry in the popsize list also is a list. The as list function is applied to framesize, and the result is assigned to the Strahler\_Order entry in the popsize list.

Assign frame size values.

```
> framesize <- c("1"=4514.450, "2"=1443.260, "3"=740.146, "4"=660.294)</pre>
```

Use the cat.analysis function to calculate estimates for the stream condition variables.

```
> Condition_Estimates_popsize <- cat.analysis(sites, subpop, design, data.cat,
```

- + popsize=list(Upper\_Wabash=sum(framesize),
- + Strahler\_Order=as.list(framesize)))

Print the stream condition estimates for all sites combined.

```
> # Print the stream condition estimates for all sites combined
```

> print(Condition\_Estimates\_popsize[c(1:3, 16:18),])

```
Type Subpopulation
                                 Indicator
                                               Category NResp Estimate.P
                 Upper Wabash IBI_Status
                                                            12
                                                                 27.66052
  Upper_Wabash
                                               Impaired
                                                                 72.33948
2 Upper_Wabash
                 Upper Wabash IBI_Status Not_Impaired
                                                            36
                 Upper Wabash IBI_Status
                                                            48 100.00000
  Upper_Wabash
                                                  Total
16 Upper_Wabash
                Upper Wabash QHEI_Status
                                                            14
                                               Impaired
                                                                 40.90216
17 Upper_Wabash
                Upper Wabash QHEI_Status Not_Impaired
                                                            34
                                                                 59.09784
18 Upper_Wabash
                 Upper Wabash QHEI_Status
                                                  Total
                                                            48
                                                                100.00000
   StdError.P LCB95Pct.P UCB95Pct.P Estimate.U StdError.U LCB95Pct.U UCB95Pct.U
1
     6.611920
                14.70139
                            40.61964
                                       2035.302
                                                  486.5150
                                                              1081.750
                                                                         2988.854
2
     6.611920
                59.38036
                            85.29861
                                       5322.848
                                                  486.5150
                                                              4369.296
                                                                         6276.400
3
           NA
                                       7358.150
                                                        NA
                                                                               NA
                      NA
                                  NΑ
                                                                    NA
                24.47106
                            57.33325
                                                  616.8607
                                                              1800.618
16
     8.383366
                                       3009.642
                                                                         4218.667
     8.383366
                42.66675
                            75.52894
                                                  616.8607
                                                              3139.483
17
                                       4348.508
                                                                         5557.532
18
           NA
                                       7358.150
                                                         NA
                                                                    NA
                                                                                NA
                      NA
                                  NΑ
```

>

Use the write.csv function to write the condition estimates as a csv file.

```
> write.csv(Condition_Estimates_popsize, file="Condition_Estimates_popsize.csv")
```

## 6 Analysis of quantitative variables

The third analysis that will be examined is estimating the CDF and percentiles for quantitative variables. Two quantitative variables will be examined: (1) IBLScore - IBI score and (2) QHELScore - QHEI score. The summary function is used to summarize the data structure of the two quantitative variables.

```
> summary(IN_streams$IBI_Score)
```

Summarize the data structure of the IBI score variable:

```
Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max. NA's 0.00 31.50 36.00 36.12 42.00 54.00 52
```

> summary(IN\_streams\$QHEI\_Score)

Summarize the data structure of the QHEI score variable:

```
Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max. NA's 25.00 47.75 60.00 59.65 71.25 87.00 52
```

The cont.analysis function will be used to calculate estimates for quantitative variables. Input to the cont.analysis function is the same as input for the cat.analysis function except that the data frame containing response variables is named cont.data rather than cat.data. The sites, subpop, and design data frames created in the analysis of stream condition variables can be reused for this analysis. The data.cont data frome contains the two quantitative variables: IBL\_Score and QHEL\_Score, which contain the numeric scores for the IBI and QHEI variables, respectively. Variables IBL\_Score and QHEL\_Score in the IN\_streams data frame are assigned to IBL\_Score and QHEL\_Score, respectively. The popsize argument is included in the call to cont.analysis.

Create the data.cont data frame.

Use the cont.analysis function to calculate CDF and percentile estimates for the quantitative variables.

```
> CDF_Estimates <- cont.analysis(sites, subpop, design, data.cont,
+ popsize=list(Upper_Wabash=sum(framesize),
+ Strahler_Order=as.list(framesize)))</pre>
```

The object produced by cont.analysis is a list containing two objects: (1) CDF, a data frame containing the CDF estimates and (2) Pct, a data frame containing percentile estimates plus estimates of population values for mean, variance, and standard deviation. Format for the CDF data frame is analogous to the data frame produced by cat.analysis. For the CDF data frame, however, the fourth column is labeled Value and contains the value at which the

CDF was evaluated. Unlike the data frames produced by the other analysis functions we have examined, the Pct data frame contains only nine columns since there is a single set of estimates rather than two sets of estimates. In addition, the fourth column is labeled Statistic and identifies either a percentile or the mean, variance, or standard deviation. Finally, since percentile estimates are obtained by inverting the CDF estimate, the percentile estimates do not have a standard error value associated with them.

Use the write.csv function to write the CDF estimates as a csv file.

```
> write.csv(CDF_Estimates$CDF, file="CDF_Estimates.csv")
```

The cont.cdfplot function in spsurvey can be used to produce a PDF file containing plots of the CDF estimates. The primary arguments to cont.cdfplot are a character string containing a name for the PDF file and the CDF data frame in the CDF\_Estimates object.

Produce a PDF file containing plots of the CDF estimates.

```
> cont.cdfplot("CDF_Estimates.pdf", CDF_Estimates$CDF)
>
```

Print the percentile estimates for IBI score for all sites combined.

> # Print the percentile estimates for IBI score for all sites combined
> print(CDF\_Estimates\$Pct[1:10,])

Type Subpopulation		Indicator	Statistic	NResp	Estimate	
1	Upper_Wabash	Upper Wabash	<pre>IBI_Score</pre>	5Pct	1	0.00000
2	Upper_Wabash	Upper Wabash	<pre>IBI_Score</pre>	10Pct	2	23.39923
3	Upper_Wabash	Upper Wabash	<pre>IBI_Score</pre>	25Pct	8	28.73106
4	Upper_Wabash	Upper Wabash	<pre>IBI_Score</pre>	50Pct	23	34.24697
5	Upper_Wabash	Upper Wabash	<pre>IBI_Score</pre>	75Pct	31	39.58683
6	Upper_Wabash	Upper Wabash	<pre>IBI_Score</pre>	90Pct	41	44.24131
7	Upper_Wabash	Upper Wabash	<pre>IBI_Score</pre>	95Pct	44	48.88966
8	Upper_Wabash	Upper Wabash	<pre>IBI_Score</pre>	Mean	48	34.19264
9	Upper_Wabash	Upper Wabash	<pre>IBI_Score</pre>	Variance	48	112.13090
10	Upper_Wabash	Upper Wabash	IBI_Score	${\tt Std.}\ {\tt Deviation}$	48	10.58919
	StdEi	cror LCB95Pct	UCB95Pct			
1		0.000000	24.63962			
2		0.000000	26.64929			
3		24.221557	32.17595			
4		31.384275	37.06088			
5		35.911571	43.88564			
6		40.800963	51.47035			
7		41.691545	54.00000			

```
8 1.7410238506777 30.780300 37.60499
9 45.0419816500115 23.850234 200.41156
10 2.12679116946548 6.420754 14.75762
```

>

Use the write.csv function to write the percentile estimates as a csv file.

```
> write.csv(CDF_Estimates$Pct, file="Percentile_Estimates.csv")
```

The cont.cdftest function in spsurvey can be used to test for statistical difference between the CDFs from subpopulations. For this analysis we will test for statistical difference between the CDFs for the four Strahler order categories. The cont.cdftest function will test all possible pairs of Strahler order categories. Arguments to cont.cdftest are the same as arguments to cont.analysis. Since we are interested only in testing among Strahler order categories, the subpop data frame is subsetted to include only the siteID and Strahler\_Order variables. Note that the popsize argument was modified from prior examples to include only the entry for Strahler\_Order.

```
> CDF_Tests <- cont.cdftest(sites, subpop[,c(1,3)], design, data.cont,
+ popsize=list(Strahler_Order=as.list(framesize)))</pre>
```

During execution of the program, a warning message was generated. The warning message is stored in a data frame named 'warn.df'. Enter the following command to view the warning message: warnprnt()

The print function is used to display results for IBI score of the statistical tests for difference between CDFs for Strahler order categories. The object produced by cont.cdftest is a data frame containing eight columns. The first column (Type) identifies the population. The second and third columns (Subpopulation\_1 and Subpopulation\_2) identify the subpopulations. The fourth column (Indicator) identifies the response variable. Column five contains values of the test statistic. Six test statistics are available, and the default statistic is an F-distribution version of the Wald statistic, which is identified in the data frame as "Wald-F". The default statistic is used in this analysis. For further information about the test statistics see the help file for the cdf.test function in spsurvey, which includes a reference for the test for differences in CDFs. Columns six and seven (Degrees\_of\_Freedom\_1 and Degrees\_of\_Freedom\_2) provide the numerator and denominator degrees of freedom for the Wald test. The final column (p\_Value) provides the p-value for the test.

```
> # Print results of the statistical tests for difference between CDFs from
> # Strahler order categories for IBI score
```

<sup>&</sup>gt; print(CDF\_Tests, digits=2)

```
Type Subpopulation_1 Subpopulation_2 Indicator Wald_F
   Strahler_Order
                               1st
                                               2nd IBI_Score 0.350
2
  Strahler_Order
                                               3rd
                                                    IBI_Score 0.314
                               1st
3
  Strahler_Order
                               1st
                                               4th
                                                    IBI_Score
                                                               3.535
  Strahler_Order
                                               3rd
                                                    IBI_Score 0.065
                               2nd
   Strahler_Order
                               2nd
                                               4th
                                                    IBI_Score 3.554
  Strahler_Order
                                                    IBI_Score 2.670
                               3rd
                                               4th
7
  Strahler_Order
                               1st
                                               2nd QHEI_Score 0.989
8 Strahler_Order
                               1st
                                               3rd QHEI_Score
                                                               1.633
   Strahler_Order
                                               4th QHEI_Score 5.631
                               1st
10 Strahler_Order
                               2nd
                                               3rd QHEI_Score 0.406
11 Strahler_Order
                               2nd
                                               4th QHEI_Score
                                                               3.510
12 Strahler_Order
                               3rd
                                               4th QHEI_Score 1.968
   Degrees_of_Freedom_1 Degrees_of_Freedom_2 p_Value
1
                      2
                                           21
                                                0.709
2
                      2
                                           23
                                                0.733
3
                      2
                                           17
                                                0.052
                      2
4
                                           25
                                                0.938
5
                      2
                                           19
                                                0.049
6
                      2
                                           21
                                                0.093
7
                      2
                                           21
                                                0.389
                      2
8
                                           23
                                                0.217
                      2
9
                                           17
                                                0.013
                      2
10
                                           25
                                                0.671
                      2
11
                                           19
                                                0.050
                      2
12
                                           21
                                                0.165
```

Use the write.csv function to write CDF test results as a csv file.

>

```
> # Write CDF test results as a csv file
> write.csv(CDF_Tests, file="CDF_Tests.csv", row.names=FALSE)
>
```