



48th ICRO-SUN PG TEACHING PROGRAMME



# CLINICAL TRIAL & CANCER STATISTICS

## Generating hypothesis for an oncology study and hypothesis testing

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"The only way to prove that a hypothesis is correct is to test it." - Karl Popper

# Outline

- Research Question
- Objective
- Hypothesis Generation
- Hypothesis Testing
- Different statistical Test
- Questions

# Background

- Critical step is to ask questions
  - preventive, diagnostic, or therapeutic approaches

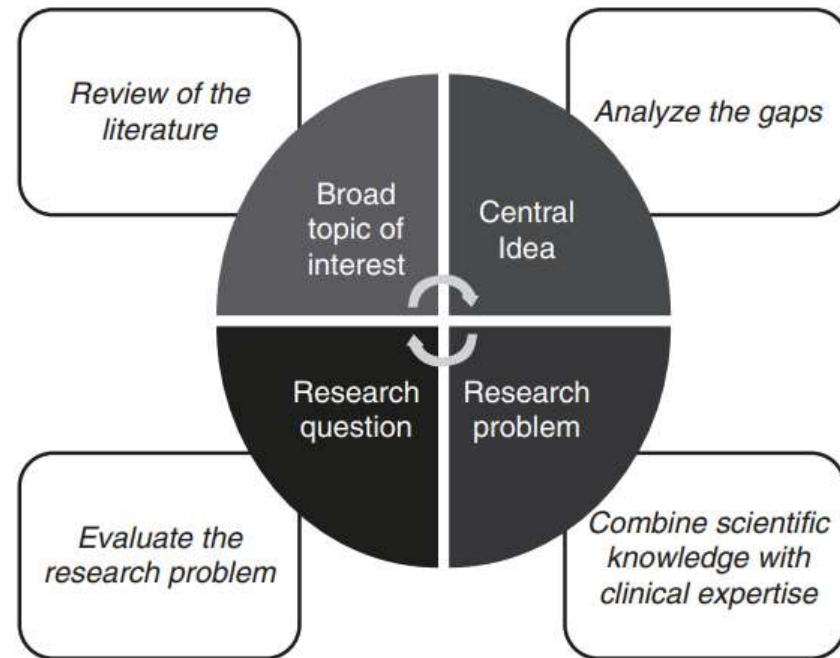


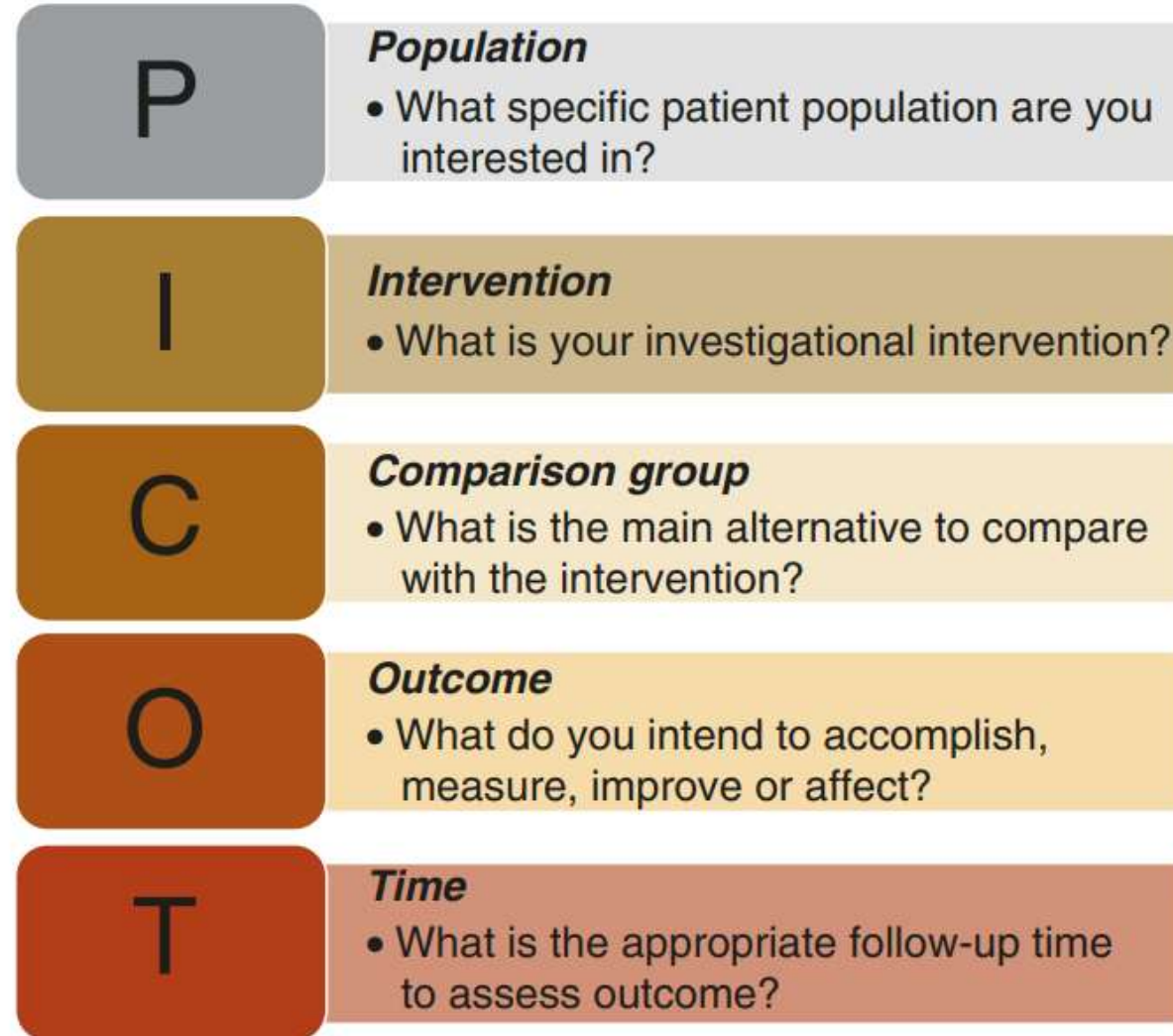
Figure: Process for achieving a good research question

A research question is a **specific, directed inquiry** within **lacunae of existing body of knowledge**, which the researcher then **seeks to answer**.

# Research Question: FINER



# Research Question: PICOT



❖ Not all of these elements need to be present in all research questions

# PICOT

- Population: Specific
  - Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria: Age, Gender, Co-morbidities, type of tumor
    - Eg: To identify circulating microRNAs able to identify **ovarian cancer patients at high risk for relapse**
- Intervention/Exposure
  - Treatment, procedure, therapy, or placebo
  - How to measure: clinical outcomes, surrogates (biomarkers), questionnaires, quality-of-life scales, cost effectiveness
    - Eg: evaluate the security and effectiveness of **cisplatin with constant dose intense temozolomide (TMZ)** for reduplicative glioblastoma multiforme (GBM) within 6 months

# PICOT

- Comparison: Similar to experimental group except active treatment
  - Placebo, standard care or practice, a different therapy
    - Eg: To investigate the clinical efficacy of Vandetanib plus gemcitabine versus placebo plus gemcitabine in locally advanced or metastatic pancreatic adenocarcinoma
- Outcome
  - Objective response rate, progression-free survival, overall survival, and patient-reported outcomes
    - Eg: Evaluate whether antiandrogen therapy plus radiotherapy would further improve cancer control as a salvage therapy for recurrent localized prostate cancer and prolong overall survival in comparison with radiation therapy alone



# PICOT

- Outcome
  - Primary
  - Secondary
- Time
  - Duration of the data collection and the follow-up period for the main event
  - Depend on type of cancer and its prognosis
    - Eg: Compare Intensity-modulated radiotherapy with or without weekly cisplatin for the treatment of locally recurrent nasopharyngeal carcinoma between April 2022 and January 2022

# Examples of research question

- Is drug ABC more efficient than drug XYZ in patients with cervical cancer? (**Bad RQ**)
  - Is drug ABC more efficient in alleviating distress than drug XYZ in patients with cervical cancer? (**Bad RQ**)
  - Is drug ABC more efficient in alleviating distress than drug XYZ in patients with cervical cancer within 2 years? (**Good RQ**)
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- **P** → Patients with cervical cancer
  - **I** → Drug ABC
  - **C** → Drug XYZ
  - **O** → Distress
  - **T** → 2 years

# Aim and objectives:

**Aim:** Ultimate, broad, long-term goal or outcome the researcher wants to achieve

**Objective:** specific, short-term outcomes that the researcher wants to achieve by continuously chasing it.

❖ **Primary objective:** identifies a clear focus and helps determine the sample size and feasibility of the study

❖ **Secondary objective:** Additional goals or outcomes that support the primary objectives and may be associated factors

# Objectives: SMART

## Objectives Checklist

Criteria to assess objectives	YES	NO
1. Is the objective <b>SMART</b> ? <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Specific:</b> Who? (target population and persons doing the activity) and What? (action/activity)</li><li>• <b>Measurable:</b> How much change is expected</li><li>• <b>Achievable:</b> Can be realistically accomplished given current resources and constraints</li><li>• <b>Realistic:</b> Addresses the scope of the health program and proposes reasonable programmatic steps</li><li>• <b>Time-phased:</b> Provides a timeline indicating when the objective will be met</li></ul>		
2. Does it relate to a single result?		
3. Is it clearly written?		

# Randomized controlled trial to evaluate the effects of combined progressive exercise on metabolic syndrome in breast cancer survivors: rationale, design, and methods

- **Research Question:** What is the effect of combined (aerobic and resistance) exercise on components of MetS, as well as on physical fitness and QOL, in breast cancer survivors
- **Aim:** To assess the **effects of combined (aerobic and resistance) exercise on components of MetS**, as well as on **physical fitness and QOL**, in **breast cancer survivors soon after completing cancer-related treatments**.
  - Primary objective: To determine the effects on Components of metabolic syndrome (MetS)
    - Waist circumference, blood pressure, fasting glucose, HDL, triglycerides
  - Secondary objectives: To determine effects on
    - cardiorespiratory fitness, muscle strength, body composition, quality of life, shoulder strength and range of motion (ROM), and serum levels of insulin, C-reactive protein, and glycosylated hemoglobin (HbA1c).

# Hypothesis

- Clear statement of the expected research outcomes
- Not needed in descriptive studies
  - Declarative form (not interrogative)
  - Identifies PICO or PIO
  - Relationship between two variables
  - Testable
  - Operational
  - States the expected outcome of study

*Patients with primary glioblastoma that undergo surgery followed by adjuvant radiotherapy and chemotherapy have longer survival than patients receiving only adjuvant radiotherapy*

# Hypotheses: Null vs Alternate

## Research Question

Is there a difference between two groups with respect to the outcome?

- Is drug is better than the standard one for treating a certain type of tumor

## Null Hypothesis

There is no difference between two groups with respect to the outcome.

- **H<sub>0</sub>**: The new drug has a similar (not better and not worse) frequency of adverse effects compared with the standard one for treating castrate-resistant prostate cancer.

## Alternative Hypothesis

There is a (statistically) significant difference between two groups with respect to the outcome.

- **H<sub>a/1</sub>**: The new drug has a lower frequency of adverse effects than the standard one for treating prostate cancer.
- **or**
- **H<sub>a</sub>**: The new drug has a greater frequency of adverse effects than the standard one for treating prostate cancer.

# Hypotheses: Directional vs Non directional

- Smoking is not associated with lung cancer (**Null hypothesis**)
- **Directional** : foretell the **direction of relationship** between independent and dependent variables
  - Smoking is associated with a higher incidence of lung cancer (**One-tailed hypothesis**) or
  - Smoking is associated with a lower incidence of lung cancer (or it is protective) (**One-tailed hypothesis**)
- **Non directional**
  - Smoking has some association with lung cancer (uncertain of how it influences lung cancer) (**Two-tailed hypothesis**)



# Types of Hypotheses

- Null Hypothesis ( $H_0$ ): no difference in outcome between the treatments
- Alternative Hypothesis ( $H_1$ ): difference in outcome between the treatments
- Example: Difference in means

$$H_0: \mu_1 = \mu_2$$

against

$$H_1: \mu_1 < \mu_2$$

(Left tailed)

$$H_1: \mu_1 \neq \mu_2$$

(two-tailed)

$$H_1: \mu_1 > \mu_2$$

(Right tailed)

# Errors related to hypothesis– the Court Judgment Model

- **Presumption of innocence**– the convict is innocent unless proven guilty.
  - This assertion is analogous to  $H_0$
- **Burden of proof** of guilt of the convict lies with the investigator
- **We reject presumption** of innocence convict is **proved to be not innocent**
  - This assertion is analogous to  $H_1$
- In this case there are four possibilities:

Court Judgement Actual Position	Pronounced guilty	Pronounced not guilty
Crime not committed	Serious error	Correct decision
Crime committed	Correct decision	Less serious error

# Errors related to hypothesis

Possibilities	H0 rejected, H1 accepted	H0 not rejected, H1 rejected
Null hypothesis true/no difference exists in real life	Wrong decision– Type I error ( $\alpha$ )	Correct decision– Level of confidence ( $1-\alpha$ )
Null hypothesis is untrue/a difference exists in real life	Correct decision– Power of the study ( $1-\beta$ )	Wrong decision-- Type II error ( $\beta$ )

- Type I error is more grave than Type II error

# Types of errors

- **Type I error:** finds difference in treatments when in actuality no difference

$$P(\text{Type I error}) = \alpha$$

- **Type II error:** fails to find a difference in treatments when in actuality there is a difference

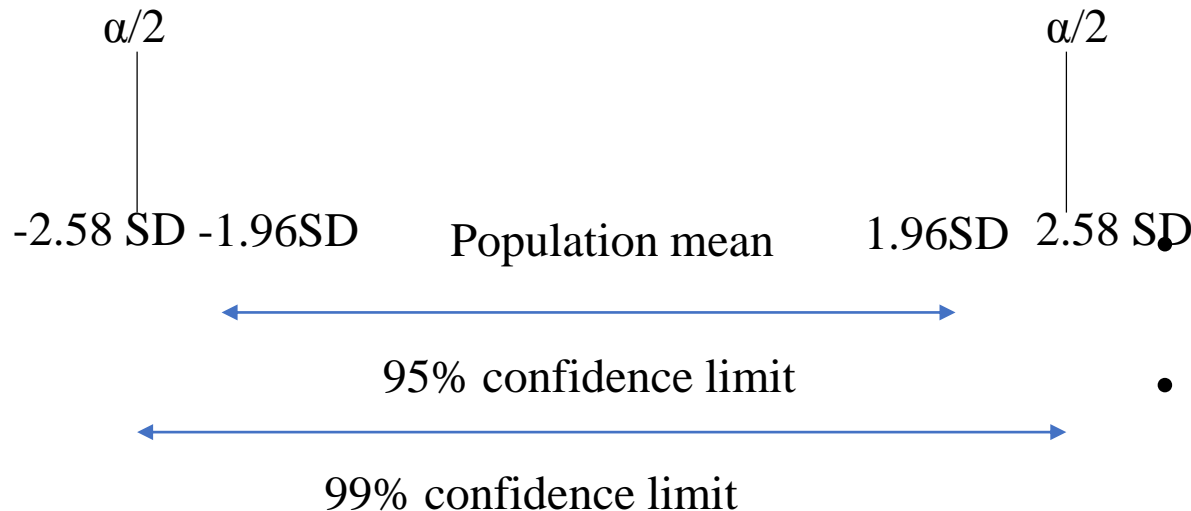
$$P(\text{Type II error}) = \beta$$

# Errors related to hypothesis: Summary

- **$\alpha$** : Probability of making a **Type I error**
  - Probability of rejecting null hypothesis (hypothesis of no difference) when it is in fact true
  - Usually kept at 5% (or 0.05 if expressed in decimal).
- **$1-\alpha$** : Probability that our study will correctly rule out a difference if in reality no difference exists
  - Known as **level of confidence**
- **$\beta$** : Probability of making a Type II error
  - Probability that our study will fail to find an association if in reality, an association exists.
  - Usually set at 20%. (0.2 in decimal)
- **$1-\beta$** : Probability that our study will correctly find an association if in reality an association exists (**power**)

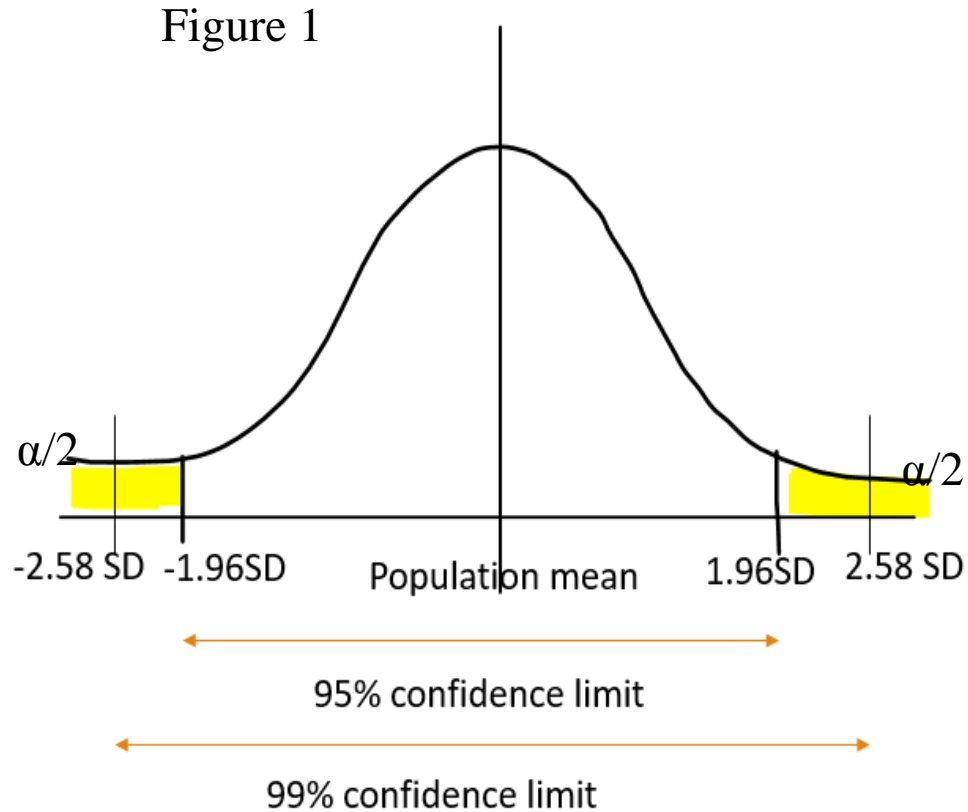
# Confidence Limit

Figure 1



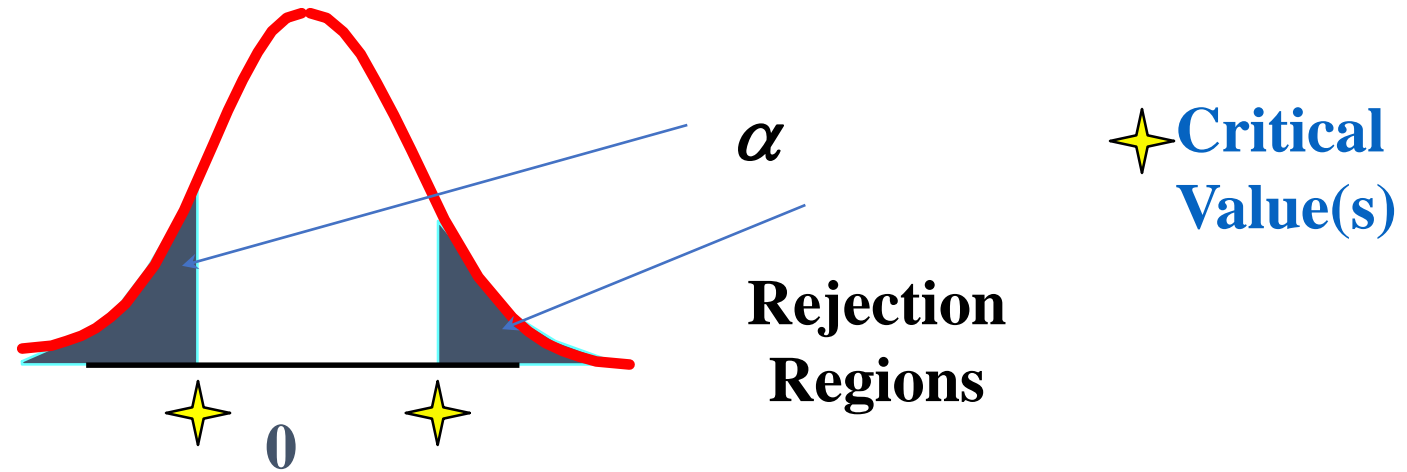
- Confidence limit or confidence interval is the upper and lower limit (range) of a parameter (eg, mean) for a given level of confidence
- It depends on the pre decided value of  $\alpha$
- **Interpretation:** In the population, 95% values fall within the non-shaded area (confidence limits:  $-1.96$  to  $+1.96SD$ )
- Conversely we can say: any extreme values falling beyond the confidence limits (shaded area) is rare occurrence (only 5% probability of occurring)
- If  $\alpha$  were to be changed to 1%, 99% values would fall within the non-shaded area
- As  $\alpha$  decreases, the confidence interval increases.

# Statistical Significance

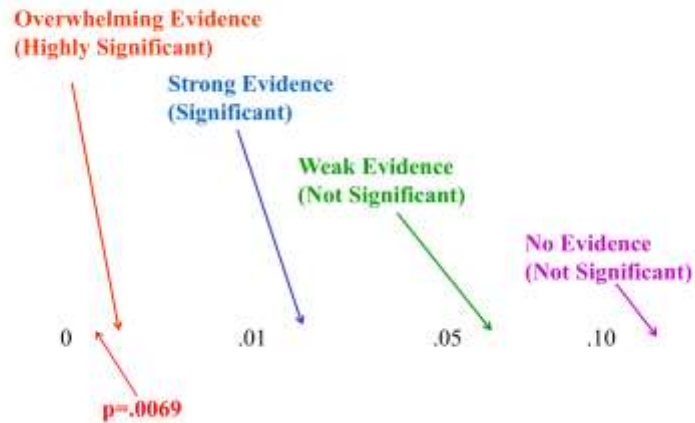


- Hence, if a sample mean lies *within the shaded area*, it is an extreme value that is *significantly different* from 95% of population values. **The null hypothesis is rejected.**
  - If the sample mean lies on the *border* or within the *non-shaded area*, it falls within the range of 95% population (confidence interval). **The null hypothesis is not rejected.**
  - This cut-off for maximum allowable error ( $\alpha$ ) is also known as **level of significance**.
  - Statistical significance is decided by p-value which is computed while testing the hypothesis.
  - p-value is the probability that the results we have obtained after hypothesis testing are purely by chance.
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- If  $p < \alpha$ , our results are statistically significant
  - If  $p > \alpha$ , our results are statistically insignificant.

# Level of Significance, $\alpha$ and the Rejection Region



## Interpreting the p-value...



The critical value of  $z$  for  $\alpha = 0.05$  is  $z = 1.645$  (i.e., 5% of the distribution is above 1.645)

The critical value of  $z$  for  $\alpha = 0.025$  is  $z = 1.96$  (i.e., 2.5% of the distribution is above 1.96)



# P-value

- Probability of obtaining result by chance rather than as a true effect
- Probability of obtaining a test statistics ( $\leq$  or  $\geq$ ) more extreme than actual sample value given  $H_0$  is true
- Observed level of significance
- $P$  value  $< \alpha$  indicates significant results
  - where  $\alpha$  is the maximum permissible Type I error- **5%**
  - $P > 0.05$  -Do not reject  $H_0$  /fails to reject
    - Results are statistically insignificant.
  - $P < 0.05$  - reject  $H_0$ 
    - Results are statistically significant

# Analyses

- Univariate (one variable at a time)
- Bivariate (two variables at a time)
- Multivariate (more than two variables at a time)

# Univariate Analysis

## **Categorical**

Frequency

percentage

prevalence and

Incidence

## **Quantitative**

Mean

Median

Range/IQ Range

SD

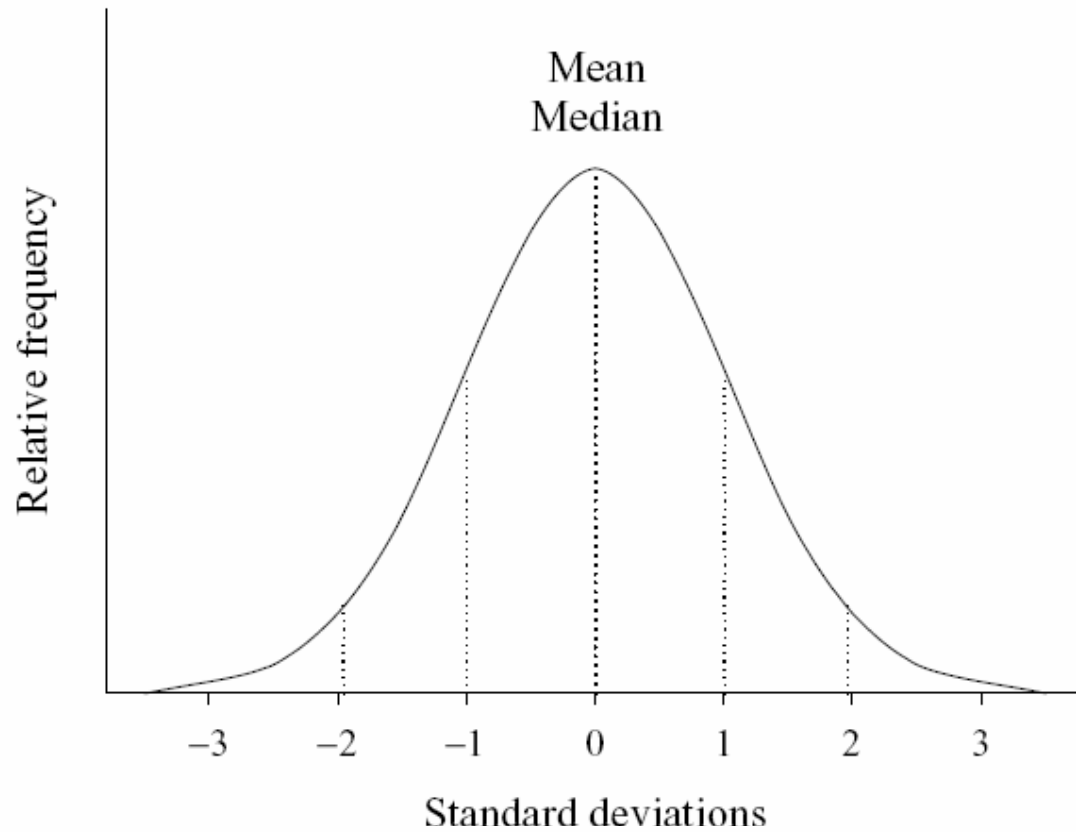
# Bivariate Analyses

1. Categorical vs Categorical
2. Categorical vs Quantitative
3. Quantitative vs Quantitative

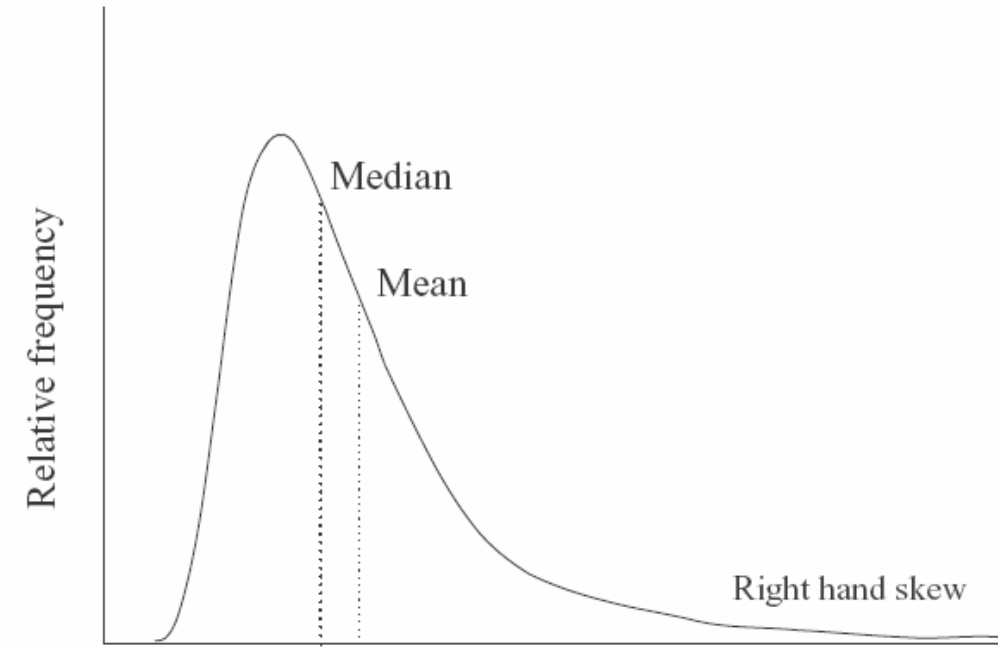
# Points to consider in choosing the appropriate Statistical test

1. Combination of two variables
2. Normal or Non-normal
3. Groups 2 or  $>2$
4. Related or non-related

## Normal Distribution



## Skewed Distribution

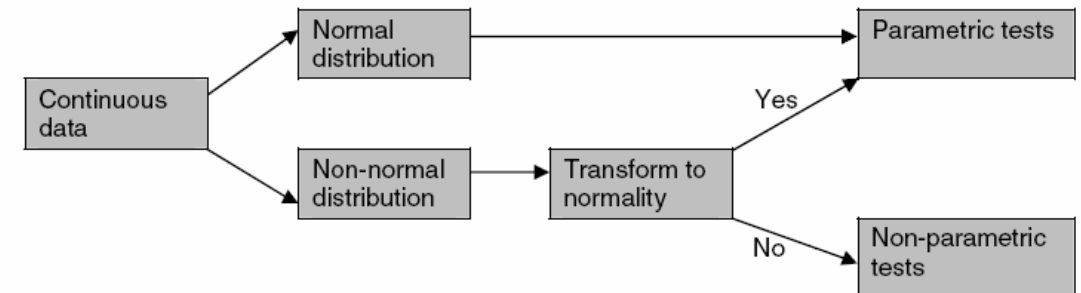


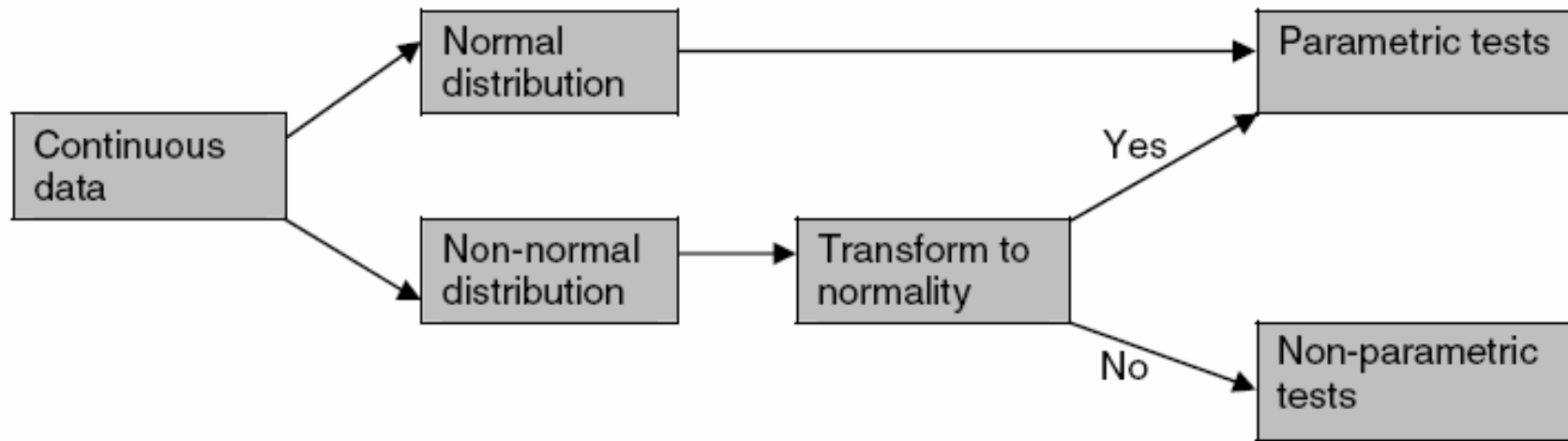
### Tests of Normality

	Kolmogorov-Smirnov <sup>a</sup>			Shapiro-Wilk		
	Statistic	df	Sig.	Statistic	df	Sig.
Birth weight	0.067	139	0.200*	0.981	139	0.056
Gestational age	0.151	133	0.000	0.951	133	0.000
Length of stay	0.241	132	0.000	0.643	132	0.000

\*This is a lower bound of the true significance.

<sup>a</sup>Lilliefors significance correction.





**Figure 2.1** Pathway for the analysis of continuous variables.

# 1. Categorical vs Categorical

**$X=2, Y=2$**

*Unrelated*

- Chi square test

- Fishers Exact test

*Related*

McNemar test

**$X>2, Y>2$**

*Unrelated*

- Chi square test

- Fishers Exact test

X : Group variable

Y : Outcome variable



# Categorical vs Quantitative

## Parametric

X=2 & Y: Normal

*Unrelated*      *Related*

**Student's t test**   **Paired 't' test**

X> 2 & Y: Normal

*Unrelated*      *Related*

**One way**              **Repeated**

**ANOVA**              **measures ANOVA**

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**measures ANOVA**

## Non-Parametric

X=2 & Y: Non Normal

*Unrelated*

*Related*

**Wilcoxon ranksum**

**Wilcoxon  
signrank**

X>2 & Y: Non-Normal

*Unrelated*

*Related*

**Kruskal Wallis**

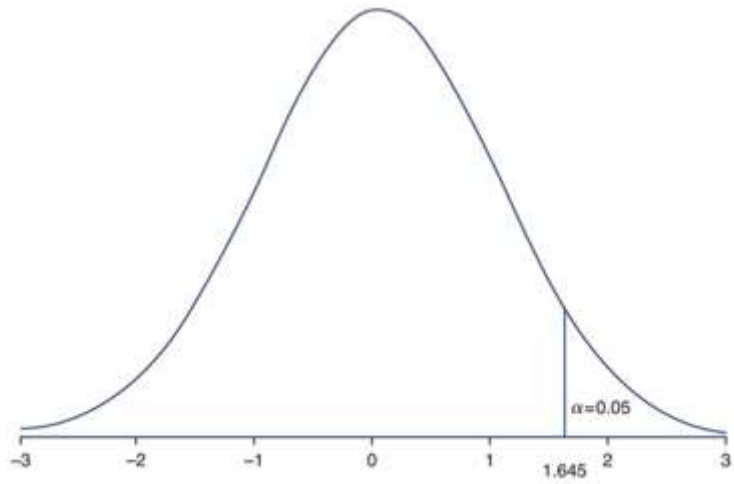
**Freidmans test**

# Steps of hypothesis testing

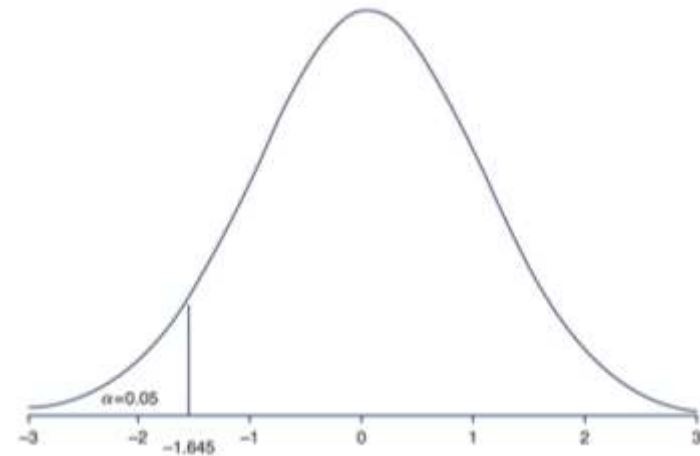
1. **State the Hypotheses in terms of population parameters**
  - $H_0$  – Null hypothesis, usually the opposite of our research hypothesis
  - $H_a$  – Alternative hypothesis, corresponds to our research hypothesis
2. Fixation of the **level of significance**
  - $\alpha$ , Type I error, 5% risk of being in error when rejecting  $H_0$  asserting that groups differ
3. Selection of the **appropriate test to be utilized**
4. Calculating the **critical ratio**
5. Comparing the calculated value with the table value (if Critical Value  $>$  Test Value,  $p < 0.05$ , statistically significant)
6. Making inferences
  - If P-value  $> \alpha$  then fail to reject the null hypothesis
    - “There is insufficient evidence to conclude [ $H_a$  in words]”
  - If P-value  $< \alpha$  then reject the null hypothesis.
    - “There is sufficient evidence to conclude [ $H_a$  in words]”

# Steps of hypothesis testing

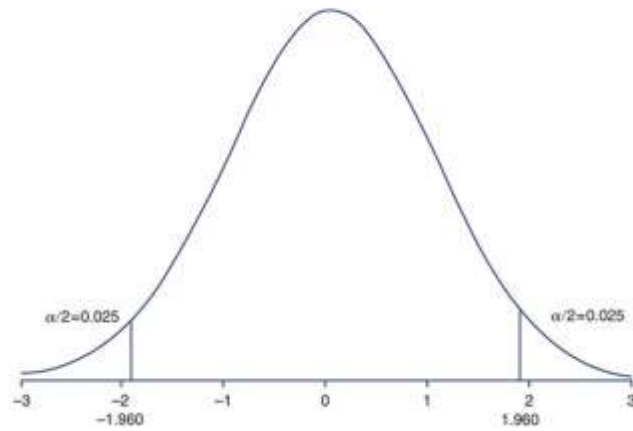
- Decision rule: circumstances to reject the null hypothesis for a specific test depends on
  - Research hypothesis
  - Test statistics: based on distribution z, t
    - Decision rule is based on standard normal distribution (z) or t distribution
  - Level of significance: if  $\alpha$  is 0.05, critical value is 1.645
  - Whether an upper-tailed, lower-tailed, or two-tailed test is proposed
    - Upper tailed test reject  $H_0$  if the test statistic is greater than or equal to the critical value
    - Lower-tailed test reject  $H_0$  if the test statistic is less than or equal to the critical value
    - In a two-tailed test, reject  $H_0$  if the test statistic is extreme—either greater than or equal to an upper critical value or less than or equal to a lower critical value



Rejection Region for Upper-Tailed Z Test ( $H_1 : \mu > \mu_0$ ) with  $\alpha = 0.05$

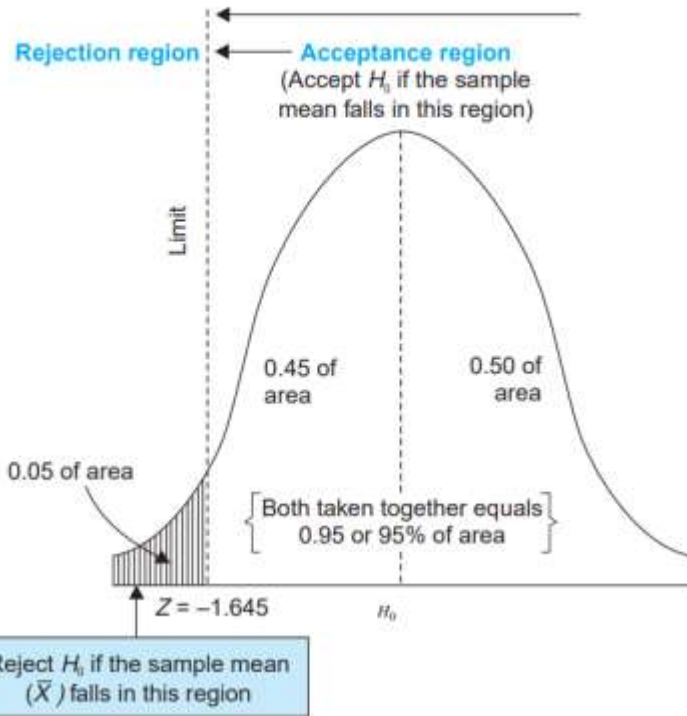


Rejection Region for Lower-Tailed Z Test ( $H_1 : \mu < \mu_0$ ) with  $\alpha = 0.05$

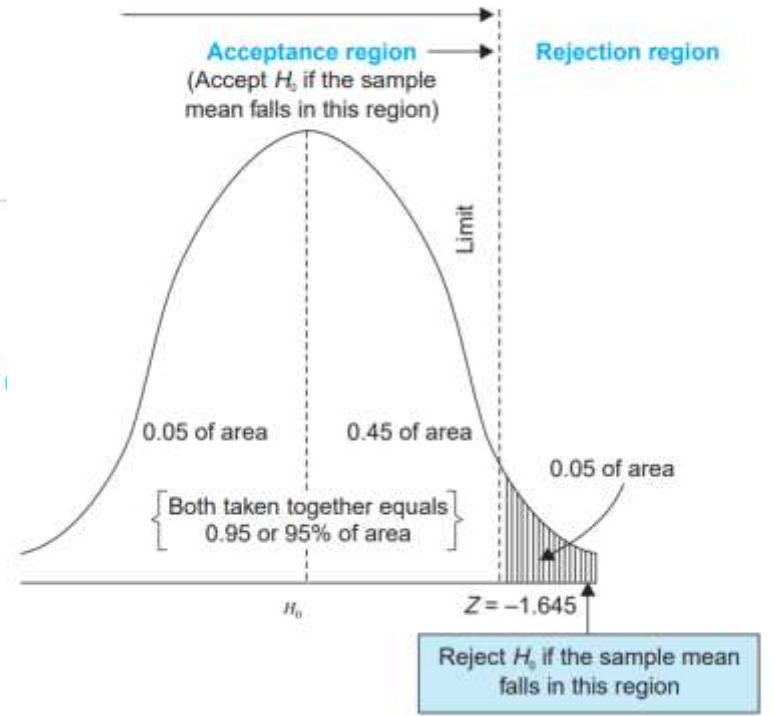


Rejection Region for Two-Tailed Z Test ( $H_1 : \mu \neq \mu_0$ ) with  $\alpha = 0.05$

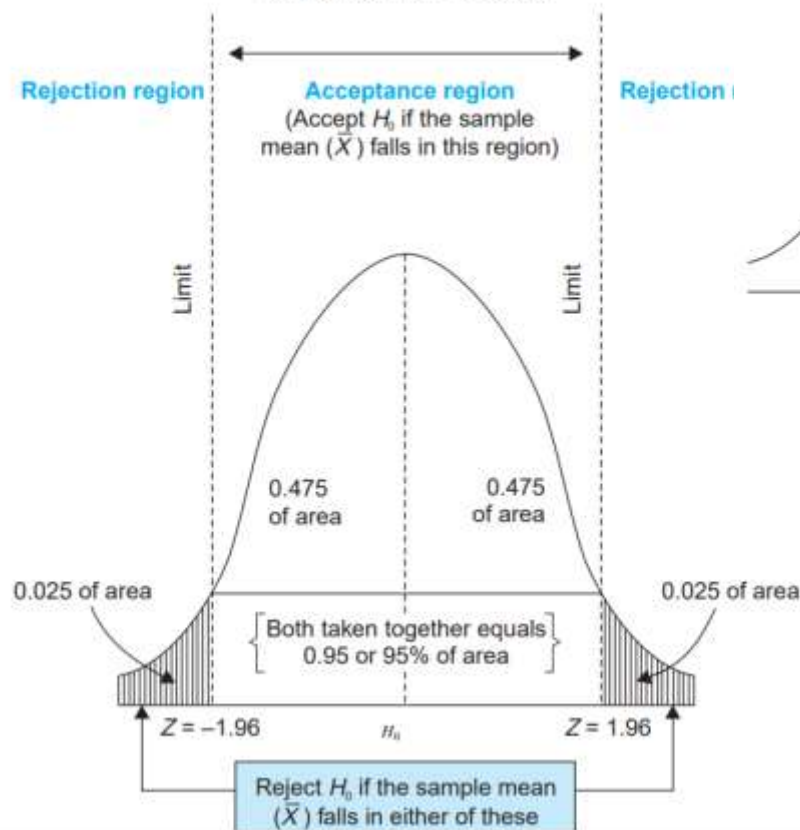
Acceptance and rejection regions in case of one tailed test (left-tail) with 5% significance



Acceptance and rejection regions in case of one-tailed test (right tail) with 5% significance level



Acceptance and rejection regions in case of a two-tailed test (with 5% significance level)



# Contingency Table

		Outcome		Total
		Yes	No	
Exposure	Exposed	a ( $n_{11}$ )	b ( $n_{12}$ )	a + b
Exposure	Unexposed	c ( $n_{21}$ )	d ( $n_{22}$ )	c + d
		a + c	b + d	n

Most common way to summarize categorical data

# Comparing two proportion

Is particular medicine more effective than another?

Researcher would be interested in studies involving comparison of groups, say,  $R_x A$  vs.  $R_x B$ .

- Chance variation
- Effect variation

**OUTCOME: Cure ☺ / Not Cure ☹**



# Proportion Test

	CURE	NO CURE	TOTAL
$R_x A$	20 (5.1%)	373 (94.9%)	393
$R_x B$	6 (1.9%)	316 (98.1%)	322

**What is our interest?**

**$R_x A$  cure rate Vs  $R_x B$  cure rate**

# Comparing two proportion

## **Null hypothesis:**

The hypothesis of “no difference” or no effect” in the population is called null hypothesis.

Cure rate in  $R_x$  A group = Cure rate in  $R_x$  B group

## **Research (or) Alternative hypothesis:**

Research hypothesis states that there is difference.

Treatment A  $\neq$  Treatment B

# Procedure & Steps

- Find the type of problem and the question to be answered
- State the Null Hypothesis
- State the research Hypothesis
- Selection of the appropriate test to be utilized
- Fixation of the level of significance
- Calculating the critical ratio

$$\frac{\text{Difference in the proportions}}{\text{Standard Error}}$$

- Comparing the calculated value with the table value ( $CV > TV \rightarrow p < 0.05$  significant).
- Making inferences.

# Comparing two proportion

**Proportion of people cured in A (p1)=  $x_1/n_1 = 20/393 = 0.051$**

**Proportion of people cured in B (p2)=  $x_2/n_2 = 6/322 = 0.019$**

$$z = \frac{|p_1 - p_2|}{\sqrt{PQ\left(\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}\right)}} \quad P = \left(\frac{n_1 p_1 + n_2 p_2}{n_1 + n_2}\right) \times 100, \quad Q = 100 - P$$

$$Z = \left(\frac{0.051 - 0.019}{0.014}\right) = 2.29 > Z(1.96) \quad \mathbf{p < 0.05}$$

## **Conclusion:**

There is a significant difference between  $R_x A$  and  $R_x B$  with respect to their cure rates.

# Comparison of two independent Means

(Student's t-test / unpaired t-test)

A t-test is used when we wish to compare two means

## Type of data required

Independent  
Variable

One nominal variable with two levels

E.g., (i) boy/girl students; (ii) non-smoking/heavy smoking mothers

Dependent  
Variable

Continuous variable

E.g., (i) marks obtained by the students in the annual exam; (ii) Birth weight of children

# Assumptions

- The samples are random & independent of each other
- The independent variable is categorical & contains only two levels
- The distribution of dependent variable is normal. If the distribution is seriously skewed, the t-test may be invalid.
- The variances are equal in both the groups

Example: A study was conducted to compare the birth weights of children born to 15 non-smoking with those of children born to 14 heavy smoking mothers.

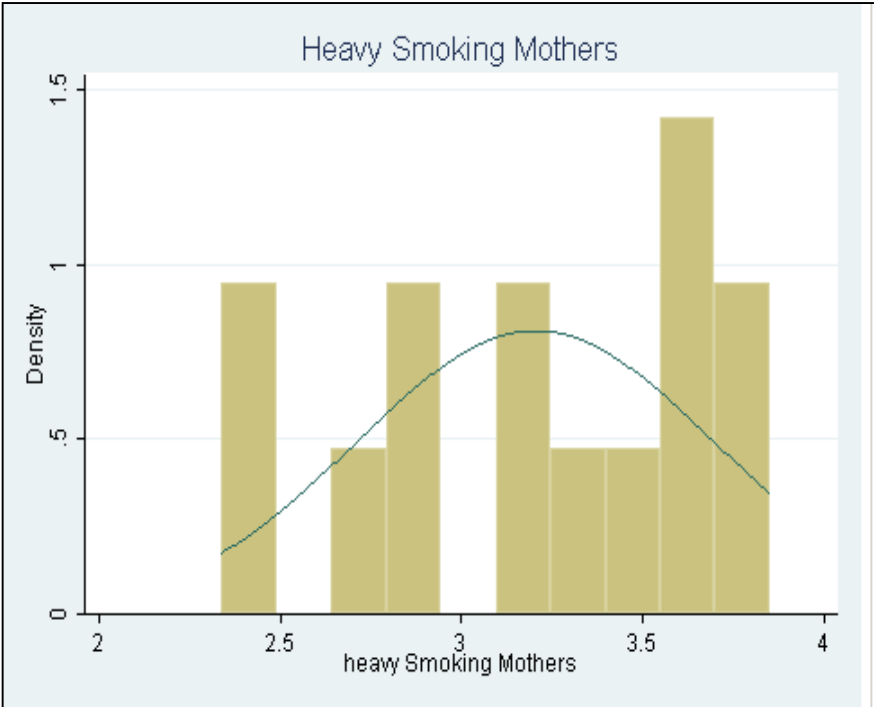
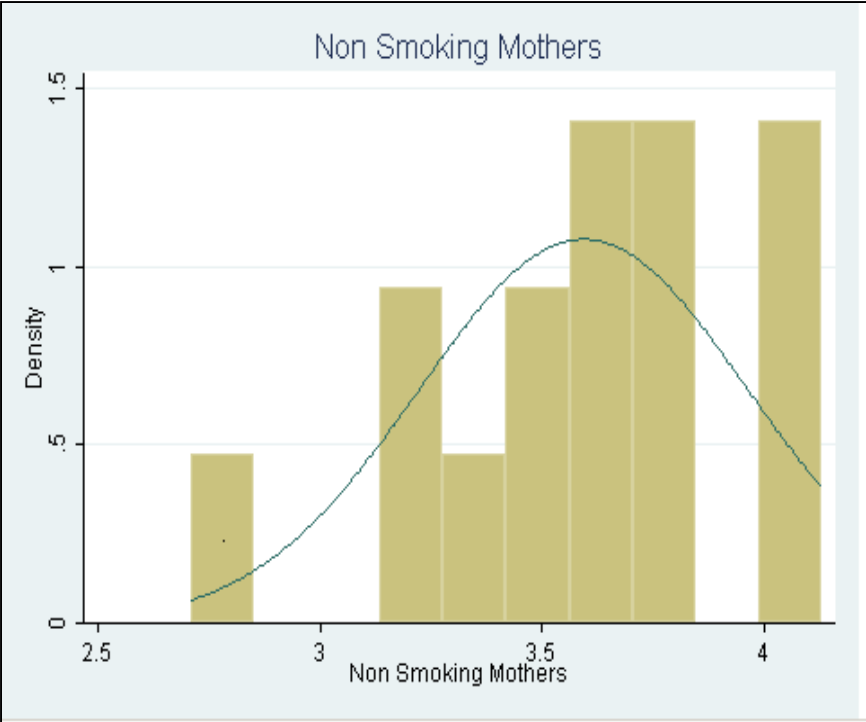
Non-smoking Mothers (n = 15)	Heavy smoking Mothers (n = 14)
3.99	3.18
3.79	2.84
3.60	2.90
3.73	3.27
3.21	3.85
3.60	3.52
4.08	3.23
3.61	2.76
3.83	3.60
3.31	3.75
4.13	3.59
3.26	3.63
3.54	2.38
3.51	2.34
2.71	

$$t = \frac{|\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2|}{S \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}}}$$

Where,

$$S^2 = \frac{(n_1)s_1^2 + (n_2)s_2^2}{n_1 + n_2 - 2}$$

# Checking the Normality





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. ttest NonSmokers == Heavysmokers, unpaired
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Two-sample t test with equal variances
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Variable	Obs	Mean	Std. Err.	Std. Dev.	[95% Conf. Interval]	
NonSmo~s	15	3.593333	.0957261	.3707457	3.388021	3.798645
Heavys~s	14	3.202857	.1316774	.4926916	2.918385	3.487329
combined	29	3.404828	.0872692	.4699591	3.226065	3.58359
diff		.3904762	.1611908		.0597401	.7212123

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diff = mean(NonSmokers) - mean(Heavysmokers)          t = 2.4224  
Ho: diff = 0                                         degrees of freedom = 27
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Ha: diff < 0  
Pr(T < t) = 0.9888
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Ha: diff != 0  
Pr(|T| > |t|) = 0.0224
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Ha: diff > 0  
Pr(T > t) = 0.0112
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## How to report the results?

	Heavy smoking mothers (n=14)		Non-smoking mothers (n=15)		Diff in means (95% CI)	P-Value
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD		
<b>Birth weight of children</b>	3.20	0.49	3.60	0.37	0.4 (0.06 – 0.72)	0.022

The difference between birth weight of children born to non-smoking and heavy smoking mothers found by chance is only 2 in a 100 times.

# Two groups of paired Observations

## Paired t-test

- Same individuals are studied more than once in different circumstances
  - eg. Measurements made on the same people before and after intervention
- The outcome variable should be continuous
- The difference between pre - post measurements should be normally distributed

A study was carried to evaluate the effect of the new diet on weight loss. The study population consist of 12 people have used the diet for 2 months; their weights before and after the diet are given below.

Patient No.	Weight (Kgs)	
	Before Diet	After Diet
1	75	70
2	60	54
3	68	58
4	98	93
5	83	78
6	89	84
7	65	60
8	78	77
9	95	90
10	80	76
11	100	94
12	108	100

The research question asks whether the diet makes a difference?

## Paired t test output

```
. ttest Before == After

Paired t test
```

variable	obs	Mean	Std. Err.	Std. Dev.	[95% Conf. Interval]	
Before	12	83.25	4.346934	15.05822	73.68246	92.81754
After	12	77.83333	4.36382	15.11672	68.22863	87.43804
diff	12	5.416667	.6210735	2.151462	4.049693	6.78364

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mean(diff) = mean(Before - After)          t = 8.7215
Ho: mean(diff) = 0                        degrees of freedom = 11

Ha: mean(diff) < 0                        Ha: mean(diff) != 0          Ha: mean(diff) > 0
Pr(T < t) = 1.0000                        Pr(|T| > |t|) = 0.0000          Pr(T > t) = 0.0000
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# Clinical Significance Vs Statistical Significance

A possible antipyretic is tested in patients with the common cold.

500 receive the candidate drug

500 receive a placebo control

Temperatures measured 4 hours after dosing

	<b>N</b>	<b>Mean</b>	<b>StDev</b>	<b>SE Mean</b>
<b>Drug</b>	500	39.950	0.653	0.029
<b>Control</b>	500	40.058	0.699	0.031

**p value = 0.011**

Statistical Significance? Yes. Probably there is a reduction in temperature

Clinical Significance? NO. Temperature only fell by about 0.1°c

***Because the sample size is so large we are able to detect a very small change in temperature***

# Review questions:

Q1. Power in statistical terms, represents:

- a) False negative error
- b) Type 1 error
- c)  $1 - \beta$
- d) Sample size

Q2. The basic goal of hypothesis testing is:

- a) To confirm alternate hypothesis
- b) To determine if there is a meaningful difference in outcome between different groups
- c) To establish a p value
- d) To establish alpha value



Q3. Six volunteers have gone on high-oat bran cholesterol lowering diet for 3 months. Pretrial and posttrial cholesterol values are as follows:

	Cholesterol levels (mg/dl)	
Subject	Pretrial	Posttrial
1	180	182
2	225	220
3	243	241
4	150	140
5	212	222
6	218	216

In the trial, what is the appropriate test of significance?

- a) Critical ratio
- b) Z test
- c) Paired t test
- d) ANOVA

Q4. Statistical significance is achieved when:

- a) Alpha is greater than or equal to p
- b) Beta is greater than or equal to alpha
- c) p is greater than or equal to alpha
- d) p is greater than or equal to beta

Q5. For a test of CA breast treatment, alpha is set at 0.01 and beta is set at 0.30. in a two tailed test, the new treatment is superior to the standard of care at  $p=0.04$ , producing results that are 1 point less effective on a scale in 5% of patients. This result:

- a) shows a statistically significant difference between therapies
- b) Shows a clinically meaningful difference between therapies
- c) Would be less significant if the test were one tailed
- d) Favours continued use of the standard care in clinical practice

- Q6 Which of the following is a type of hypothesis test that is used to compare the means of two independent groups?
  - a) T-test
  - b) ANOVA
  - c) Chi-squared test
  - d) Paired t-test

- Q7 Alpha, in statistical term means
  - a) False Negative error
  - b) Sample Size
  - c) Type I error
  - d) 1-beta

- Q8 Which of the following is a characteristic of a good research hypothesis?
  - a) It is a statement of fact
  - b) It is a general statement
  - c) It is a specific and testable statement
  - d) It is a vague statement

- Q9 Which of the following is a correct interpretation of a p-value of 0.02?
  - a) There is a 2% chance that the null hypothesis is true
  - b) There is a 98% chance that the alternative hypothesis is true
  - c) The observed result is 2 standard deviations away from the mean
  - d) The probability of obtaining the observed result or a more extreme result, assuming the null hypothesis is true, is 2%

- Q10 Which of the following is an example of a two-tailed hypothesis test?
  - a) Testing whether the mean of a sample is greater than a specified value
  - b) Testing whether the mean of a sample is less than a specified value
  - c) Testing whether the proportion of successes in a sample is greater than a specified value
  - d) Testing whether the mean of a sample is different from a specified value



# Answers

- Q1:c
- Q2:b
- Q3:c
- Q4:a
- Q5:d
- Q6:a
- Q7:c
- Q8:c
- Q9: d
- Q10:d

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