

Power Analysis

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What are the variables in a power analysis?

n, d, sig.level, and power are dependent on each other. If you have three, you can calculate the fourth.

n = number of samples in each group d = Cohen's d, or "effect size" sig.level = 0.05 power = 0.75 (0.2 is low power, 0.5 is medium, 0.8 is high power) alternative = two.sided (default)

Calculating Cohen's d

d = effect size calculated with help from <http://www.socscistatistics.com/effectsize/Default3.aspx>
Cohen's d = $(M2 - M1) / \text{SDpooled}$ $\text{SDpooled} = \sqrt{(\text{SD1}^2 + \text{SD2}^2) / 2}$

For my predicted data:

Cohen's d = $(40.47 - 33.05) / 5.458416 = 1.359369$.

Running the code:

```
library(pwr)
pwr.t.test(n = NULL, d = 1.359369, power = 0.75, sig.level = 0.05,
           type = "two.sample", alternative = "two.sided")
```

```
##
##      Two-sample t test power calculation
##
##              n = 8.583404
##              d = 1.359369
##      sig.level = 0.05
##      power = 0.75
##      alternative = two.sided
##
## NOTE: n is number in each group
```

It is possible that I could see an effect with an $n=9$. If I drop the power to 0.5...

```
pwr.t.test(n = NULL, d = 1.359369, power = 0.5, sig.level = 0.05,
           type = "two.sample", alternative = "two.sided")
```

```
##
##      Two-sample t test power calculation
##
##              n = 5.28125
##              d = 1.359369
##      sig.level = 0.05
##      power = 0.5
##      alternative = two.sided
##
## NOTE: n is number in each group
```

Conclusion: It is possible to see a moderate to large effect with $n \sim 8$