

# What statistical test should I use?

Predictor variable(s)	Outcome variable(s)	Number of predictor and outcome variables	Assumptions to check	When should I choose a non-parametric test instead of a parametric test?	
				Parametric Test	Non-parametric Test
Categorical	Quantitative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Predictor (1 group)</li> <li>1 Outcome</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outcome approximately normally distributed</li> <li>No major outliers</li> </ul>	1 sample t-test	Wilcoxon rank test
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Predictor (2 <u>dependent</u> groups)</li> <li>1 Outcome</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outcome <u>differences</u> approximately normally distributed</li> <li>No major outliers</li> </ul>	Paired t-test	Wilcoxon rank test
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Predictor (2 independent groups)</li> <li>1 Outcome</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outcome approximately normally distributed</li> <li>Outcome has similar variances across groups</li> </ul>	Unpaired t-test	Mann-Whitney U test
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Predictor (3+ <u>dependent</u> groups)</li> <li>1 Outcome</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outcome <u>differences</u> approximately normally distributed</li> <li>Outcome differences have similar variances</li> </ul>	Repeated Measures ANOVA	Friedman Test
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Predictor (3+ independent groups)</li> <li>1 Outcome</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outcome approximately normally distributed</li> <li>Outcome has similar variances across groups</li> </ul>	ANOVA	Kruskall-Wallis test
	Categorical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Predictor (3+ independent groups)</li> <li>1 Outcome (3+ independent groups)</li> </ul>	For the non-parametric test (there is no parametric test): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data must be frequencies in a contingency tables</li> <li>Expected value of cells should be 5 or greater</li> </ul>		Chi-Square test of Independence
Quantitative	Quantitative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Predictor</li> <li>1 Outcome</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Linear relationship between predictor and outcome</li> <li>Predictor and outcome approximately normally distributed</li> </ul>	Pearson Correlation	Spearman Correlation
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1+ Predictors</li> <li>1 Outcome</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Linear relationship between predictor(s) and outcome</li> <li>Residuals approximately normally distributed</li> <li>Variance of residuals approximately uniformly distributed</li> <li>Low correlation among predictors (low multicollinearity)</li> </ul>	Linear Regression	Non-parametric Regression Methods
	Categorical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1+ Predictors</li> <li>1 Outcome (2 groups)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Linear relationship between predictor(s) and log odds</li> </ul>	Logistic Regression	Classification Methods