

**Part A:** For each of the following scenarios list the type of t-test that should be used (2-sample or paired)

1. Is global pathology score different for people who are younger than 85 when they die compared to people who are older than 85?

2-sample

2. Is the mean years of education among males higher than females?

2-sample

3. Does the number of major depressive episodes change before and after medical treatment in a group of 25 people with bipolar disorder?

paired

4. Does BMI differ for people who exercise 2 or more times week compared to people who exercise less than 2 times per week?

2-sample

**Part B:** Use the FHS dataset (frmgham2.csv) to complete the work below:

1. Read in the frmgham2.csv dataset
  - a. Create a new dataset (subset of the larger dataset) including only PERIOD=1  
*See R script*
2. Let's compare ages between those with prevalent CHD and those without
  - a. Generate descriptive statistics (mean, sd, median, min, max, q1, q3) for age by PREVCHD diagnosis status. There are multiple ways to do this.
    - i. Try it by sub-setting the data

	Prevalent CHD	No Prevalent CHD
mean	57.48	49.58
sd	7.42	8.57
median	59	49
min	32	37
max	69	70
(q1, q3)	(53, 63)	(42, 56)

- ii. Try it by using a 'by' statement

- Example: `by(FHS1$AGE, FHS1$PREVCHD, summary)`
- Note: `by(continuous, categorical, function)`

*See R script*

- b. Use a hypothesis test to see if there is a difference in average ages between those with prevalent CHD and those without? Be sure to: define your null and alternative hypotheses, state the test statistic, p-value, and state a final conclusion.

The null and alternative hypotheses are:

$$H_0: \mu_{prevCHD} = \mu_{noprevCHD} \text{ vs. } H_1: \mu_{prevCHD} \neq \mu_{noprevCHD}$$

The test statistic is -14.389. The p-value from a two-sample t-test is less than 2.2e-16. There is a significant difference in mean age comparing persons with prevalent CHD to those without.

- c. Interpret your results – based on the spread of the data and the results of the ttest, is this difference in age meaningful?

From the descriptive statistics, it seems like there is a meaningful difference in age. Specifically, persons with prevalent CHD are older on average than those without prevalent CHD.