MCLS Workshop: Computing Statistical Power in R Using Simulation

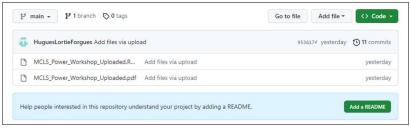
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Material

https://github.com/HuguesLortieForgues/Workshops



Do not run all the code at once

Plan for the workshop

- 14h00 to 15h30
 - Break: 30 mins
- 16h00 to 17h30

- · What is data simulation
- · What is power analysis
- · What is power analysis using simulation
- Important concepts and R functions for the workshop
- Examples
 - 1. Independent Sample t-test
 - 2. One-Way ANOVA
 - 3. Correlation
 - 4. Paired Sample t-test
 - 5. Repeated-measure ANOVA (3 Levels)
 - 6. Factorial ANOVA (Two Between-Subject Variables)
 - 7. Mixed-design ANOVA (One Between-Subject and One Within-Subject Variable).
 - 8. Simple Regression
 - 9. Multiple Regression with Interaction
 - 10. Regression with Nested Data Using a Mixed-Effect Model
- I will not talk about how to find the effect size to use in the power analysis.
- My code is not the most efficient/elegant.

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What is data simulation

- Data simulation is the process of creating synthetic, or artificial, data that mimics the characteristics of real-world data.
 - Sometimes called: Monte-Carlo simulations, Stochastic simulations
- A useful approach to:
 - Calculate power in complex designs
 - Conduct sensitivity analyses (e.g., what if the data is not normal?)
 - Prepare analysis scripts for pre-registration
 - Improve understanding of statistical concepts

What is power analysis

• Statistical power is the probability of statistically detecting a treatment effect when one truly exists.

"Obviously, an experiment designed [with low power] is not worth performing. Unfortunately, this particular point escaped the attention of a large number of authors of statistical texts...As a result, important experiments are often performed with the possibility of very frequent most regrettable errors."

Jerzy Neyman (1977)

• Why calculate power? Avoid waste.

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BELIEF IN THE LAW OF SMALL NUMBERS

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People have erroneous intuitions about the laws of chance. In particular, they regard a sample randomly drawn from a population as highly representative, that is, similar to the population in all essential characteristics. The prevalence of the belief and its unfortunate consequences for psychological research are illustrated by the responses of professional psychologists to a questionnaire concerning research decisions.

Research Article

Researchers' Intuitions About Power in Psychological Research

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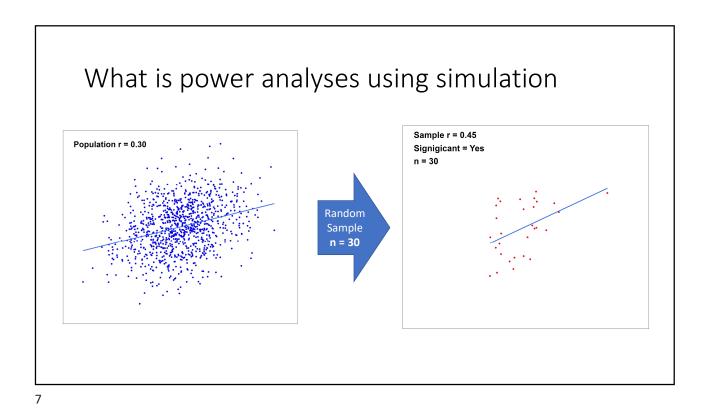
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Do Studies of Statistical Power Have an Effect on the Power of Studies?

Peter Sedlmeier and Gerd Gigerenzer University of Konstanz, Federal Republic of Germany

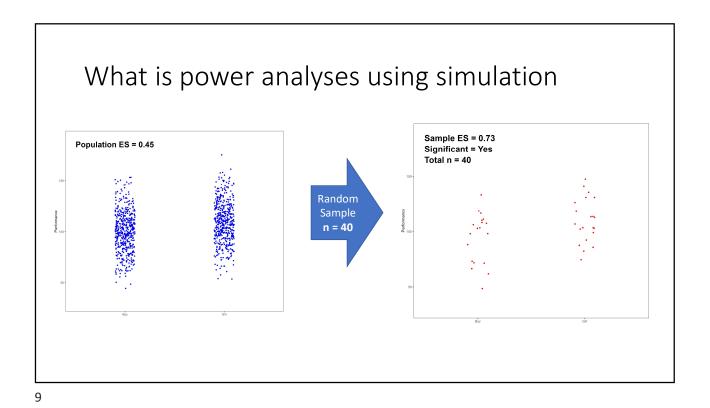
The long-term impact of studies of statistical power is investigated using J. Cohen's (1962) pioneering work as an example. We argue that the impact is nil; the power of studies in the same journal that Cohen reviewed (now the Journal of Abnormal Psychology) has not increased over the past 24 years. In 1960 the median power (i.e., the probability that a significant result will be obtained if there is a true effect) was .46 for a medium size effect, whereas in 1984 it was only. 37. The decline of power is a result of alpha-adjusted procedures. Low power seems to go unnoticed: only 2 out of 64 experiments mentioned power, and it was never estimated. Nonsignificance was generally interpreted as confirmation of the null hypothesis (if this was the research hypothesis), although the median power was as low as .25 in these cases. We discuss reasons for the ongoing neglect of power.



What is power analyses using simulation

Sample r = 0.24
Signigicant = No
n = 30

R



What is power analyses using simulation

Sample ES = 0.60
Significant = Yes
Total n = 40

What is power analyses using simulation Population Model Sample 2 Sample 1000 Sample 1 Analysis 1 Analysis 2 Analysis 1000 p < .05? p < .05? p < .05?

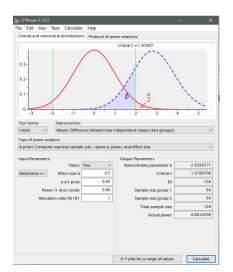
Power = % of significant effects

• If I were to repeat the study multiple times, how many of them would be significant?

(Lane, Hennes, & West, 2016)

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Computing power: Analytical methods



install.packages("pwr") library(pwr)

function	power calculations for			
pwr.2p.test	two proportions (equal n)			
pwr.2p2n.test	two proportions (unequal n)			
pwr.anova.test	balanced one way ANOVA			
pwr.chisq.test	chi-square test			
pwr.f2.test	general linear model			
pwr.p.test	proportion (one sample)			
pwr.r.test	correlation			
pwr.t.test	t-tests (one sample, 2 sample, paired)			
pwr.t2n.test	t-test (two samples with unequal n)			

A note on the approach

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- Common to:
 - Input the effect size, power needed, and alpha level
 - Obtain required sample size
- What we will do:
 - Input effect size, sample size, and alpha level
 - Obtain statistical power

Simpler/More intuitive

We can redo this multiple time and create a power curve.

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Useful R Functions & Concepts Used Throughout the Workshop

Function: c() to combine

Sequence:

The expression **1:10** generates a sequence of numbers from 1 to 10, inclusive.

In R, the c() function is used to combine objects into a single vector or list.

Here are a few examples to illustrate the usage of the c() function:

```
vector <- c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
vector
## [1] 1 2 3 4 5</pre>
```

In this case, the c() function combines the individual elements 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 into a single vector [1, 2, 3, 4, 5].

Combining multiple vectors into one:

```
vector1 <- c(1, 2, 3)
vector2 <- c(4, 5, 6)
combined_vector <- c(vector1, vector2)
combined_vector</pre>
```

[1] 1 2 3 4 5 6

Here, the c() function combines the elements of vector1 and vector2 into a single vector [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6].

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Function: rep() to replicate

The rep() function is used to create repeated copies of a vector, a value, or a set of values.

When using times, you specify the total number of repetitions of the entire object or vector.

```
vector <- c(1, 2, 3)
rep(vector, times = 3)
## [1] 1 2 3 1 2 3 1 2 3</pre>
```

When using each, you specify the number of repetitions for each element in the object or vector.

```
vector <- c(1, 2, 3)
rep(vector, each = 3)

## [1] 1 1 1 2 2 2 3 3 3</pre>
```

Exercises

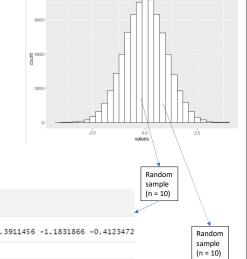
Exercises:

- Using the functions shown above, write the following sequences of numbers
- 12121212
- 11221122
- 1234123456785678

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Function: rnorm()

• In R, the **rnorm()** function is used to generate random samples from a normal distribution.



Normal Distribution, Mean = 0, SD = 1

```
rnorm(n = 10, mean = 0, sd = 1)
```

[1] 0.1916863 -0.3030520 0.6559188 0.9119106 -0.3496928 -0.3511093 -0.4980334 0.3911456 -1.1831866 -0.4123472

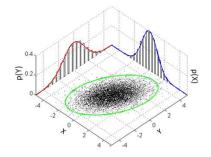
"" {r}
rnorm(n = 10, mean = 0, sd = 1)

[1] 0.58037503 -1.22693306 1.79795871 -0.04016572 0.23934289 -1.67093158 -0.43333902 -0.15586945 0.20587191 0.42659279

From the MASS package

Function: mvrnorm()

- Generates random samples from a multivariate normal distribution.
 - A generalization of the normal distribution to multiple dimension.



• Useful to create correlated variables

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Concept: the "for loop"

• Type of looping construct that is used to execute a block of code repeatedly a specified number of times

```
for (i in 1:10){
    print("hello")
}

[1] "hello"
```

Storing information in a "for loop"

• We can use a variable to store the information as the loop iterates.

```
container <- NULL #Creating an empty container
for(i in 1:10){
   container <- c(container, i)
}
container #Here I print the values contained in the variable "container".</pre>
```

```
sum(container <= 5)/length(container)
[1] 0.5</pre>
```

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Extracting information from an R output

• library(broom)

```
v1 <- rnorm(n = 10000, mean = 0, sd = 1)
v2 <- rnorm(n = 10000, mean = 0, sd = 1)
tidy(cor.test(v1,v2, method = "pearson"))$p.value[1]
...
```

Example 1: Independent Sample t-test

```
gr1
gr1
gr1
                         0.11
1.98
            gr1
gr1
                         0.39
                         -1.03
                         0.69
                         0.26
             gr1
                         1.19
11
                         -0.72
12
13
                         0.49
                         0.56
14
15
16
17
18
                         0.22
                         0.04
19
20
                         -0.71
                         0.39
                         0.44
21
22
23
24
25
                         0.68
0.54
                         1.24
26
27
                         1.19
1.16
```

```
#Sample size
n_per_group <- 15
#Parameters
MeanGr1 <- 0
SDGr1 <- 1
MeanGr2 <- 0.2
SDGr2 <- 1

#Container
pvalues <- NULL

group1 <- rnorm(n = n_per_group, mean = MeanGr1, sd = SDGr1)
group2 <- rnorm(n = n_per_group, mean = MeanGr2, sd = SDGr2)
score <- c(group1, group2)
groupID <- rep(c("gr1", "gr2"), each = n_per_group)
MyData <- data.frame(groupID, score)

t_model <- t.test(score ~ groupID, data = MyData)
pvalues <- c(pvalues, tidy(t_model)$p.value[1])</pre>
```

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Exercises: Independent Sample t-test

- Modify the example above to effect size of d = 0.5 and compare what you obtain with G*Power.
- 2. Increase the sample size to 50 per group and see what happens to the power?
- 3. What happens to power if the sample size of the two groups is very different?
- 4. Modify the example above to conduct a Wilcoxon rank-sum test (non-parametric version of the t-test)
- 5. Increase the number of simulated examples from 1000 to 10000 for more accurate results (but a longer running time).
- 6. Compute the power if the null hypothesis is true (i.e., the means of both groups are equal)
- 7. Draw a histogram of the p-value obtained when the null hypothesis is true.

Most Rigorous Large-Scale Educational RCTs Are Uninformative: Should We Be Concerned?

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There are a growing number of large-scale educational randomized controlled trials (RCTs). Considering their expense, it is important to reflect on the effectiveness of this approach. We assessed the magnitude and precision of effects found in those large-scale RCTs commissioned by the UK-based Education Endowment Foundation and the U.S.-based National Center for Educational Evaluation and Regional Assistance, which evaluated interventions aimed at improving academic achievement in K–12 (141 RCTs; 1,222,024 students). The mean effect size was 0.06 standard deviations. These sat within relatively large confidence intervals (mean width = 0.30 SDs), which meant that the results were typically uninformative (the median Bayes factor was 0.68). We argue that our field needs, as a priority, to understand why educational RCTs typically find small and uninformative effects.

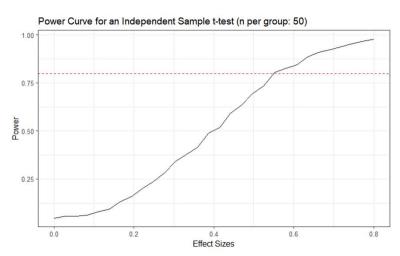
Keywords: educational policy; evaluation; meta-analysis; program evaluation

Lortie-Forgues, H., & Inglis, M. (2019). Rigorous large-scale educational RCTs are often uninformative: Should we be concerned?. *Educational Researcher*, 48(3), 158-166.

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Power Curve

Also, possible to have sample size on the x-axis.



• See Appendix at the end of the RMarkdown document

Example 2: One-Way ANOVA

Independent Sample t-test

```
#Sample size
n_per_group <- 15

#Parameters
MeanGr1 <- 0
SDGr1 <- 1
MeanGr2 <- 0.2
SDGr2 <- 1

#Container
pvalues <- NULL

for(i in 1:1000){
    group1 <- rnorm(n = n_per_group, mean = MeanGr1, sd = SDGr1)
    group2 <- rnorm(n = n_per_group, mean = MeanGr2, sd = SDGr2)
    score <- c(group1, group2)
    group2 <- rcormorm(n = n_per_group, mean = MeanGr2, sd = SDGr2)

    score <- c(group1, group2)
    group10 <- rep(c("gr1", "gr2"), each = n_per_group)

    MyData <- data.frame(group1D, score)

    t_model <- t.test(score ~ group1D, data = MyData)
    pvalues <- c(pvalues, tidy(t_model)$p.value[1])

    }

#Power
sum(pvalues <= 0.05)/length(pvalues)</pre>
```

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Example 2: One-Way ANOVA

Independent Sample t-test

```
#Sample size
n_per_group <- 15

#Parameters
MeanGr1 <- 0
50Gr1 <- 1
MeanGr2 <- 0.2
SDGr2 <- 1

#Container
pvalues <- NULL

for(i in 1:1000){
    group1 <- rnorm(n = n_per_group, mean = MeanGr1, sd = SDGr1)
    group2 <- rnorm(n = n_per_group, mean = MeanGr2, sd = SDGr2)
    score <- c(group1, group2)
    groupID <- rep(c("gr1", "gr2"), each = n_per_group)
    MyData <- data.frame(groupID, score)

t_model <- t.test(score ~ groupID, data = MyData)
    pvalues <- c(pvalues, tidy(t_model)$p.value[1])

}

#Power
sum(pvalues <= 0.05)/length(pvalues)</pre>
```

One-Way ANOVA

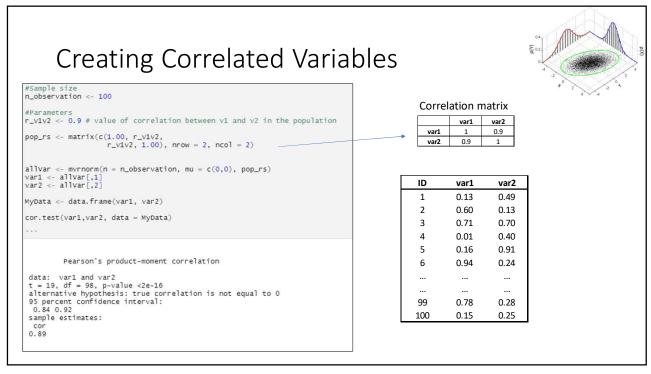
```
#Sample Size
n_per_group <- 15
#Parameters
MeanGr1 <- 0
SDGr1 <- 1
MeanGr2 <- 0.2
SDGr2 <- 1
MeanGr3 <- 0
SDGr3 <- 1

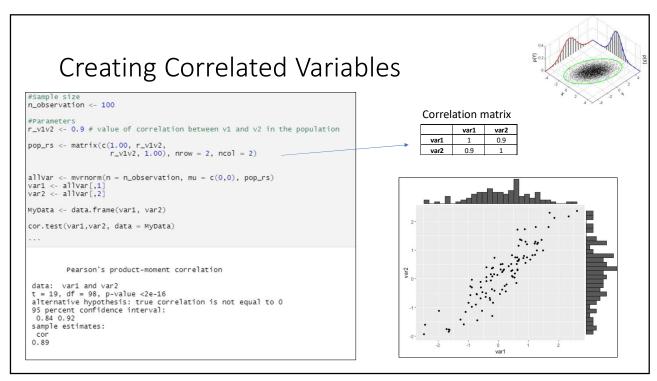
#Container
pvalues <- NULL
for(i in 1:1000){
    group1 <- rnorm(n = n_per_group, mean = MeanGr1, sd = SDGr1)
    group2 <- rnorm(n = n_per_group, mean = MeanGr2, sd = SDGr2)
    group3 <- rnorm(n = n_per_group, mean = MeanGr3, sd = SDGr3)
    score <- c(group1, group2, group3)
    groupI0 <- as.factor(rep(c("gr1", "gr2", "gr3"), each = n_per_group))
    MyData <- data.frame(groupID, score)
    anova.model <- aov(score ~ groupID, data = MyData)
    pvalues <- c(pvalues, tidy(anova.model)$p.value[1])
}
sum(pvalues <= 0.05)/length(pvalues)</pre>
```

Exercises: One-Way ANOVA

- Explore how having widely different variance (or SD) between groups influences Type 1 error associated with a one-way ANOVA.
 - Note that homogeneity of variances (i.e., assumption of equal variances, or homoscedasticity assumption) is an assumption of one-way ANOVA.

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Example 3: Correlation

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Exercises:

- Instead of a Pearson correlation, use a Spearman correlation (i.e., method = "spearman"). Is the statistical power similar?
- What happens to the power if we dichotomise var2 using a median split? var2 <- ifelse(var2 > median(var2), 1,0)
- · What happens to the power if we introduce random noise in the measurement of a variable (i.e., reduce the reliability of a measure)?
- What is the mean value of correlations that have met the criteria for statistical significance? How does it compare to the correlation value in the population?

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Quantifying "Promising Trials Bias" in Randomized Controlled Trials in Education

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ABSTRACT

Randomized controlled trials have proliferated in education, in part because they provide an unbiased estimator for the causal impact of interventions. It is increasingly recognized that many such trials in education have low power to detect an effect if indeed there is one. However, it is less well known that low powered trials tend to systematically exaggerate effect sizes among the subset of interventions that show promising results $(p < \alpha)$. We conduct a retrospective design analysis to quantify this bias across 22 such promising trials, finding that the estimated effect sizes are exaggerated by an average of 52% or more. Promising trial bias can be reduced ex-ante by increasing the power of the trials that are commissioned and guarded against ex-post by including estimates of the exaggeration ratio when reporting trial findings. Our results also suggest that challenges around implementation fidelity are not the only reason that apparently successful interventions often fail to subsequently scale up. Instead, the effect from the initial promising trial may simply be exaggerated.

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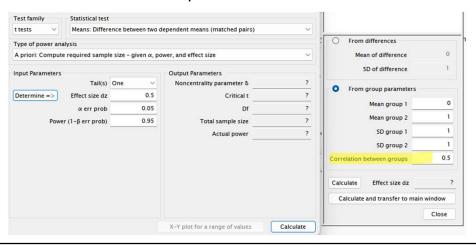
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KEYWORDS

Randomized controlled trials; Type M error; Type S error

Example 4: Paired Sample t-test

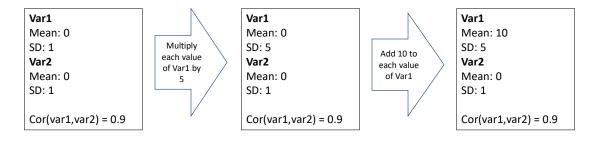
• The correlation between repeated measurement matters



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Example 4: Paired Sample t-test

- Invariance of the correlation coefficient under linear transformations.
 - Correlation coefficient remains unchanged when we apply linear transformations to the variables involved



Does not work if transformations are non-linear (e.g., square, square root, 1/x) or multiply by 0.

Example 4: Paired Sample t-test

ID	Time	Value
1	T1	-0.61
2 3 4	T1	-0.05
	T1	-1.74
	T1	-1.52
5	T1	0.53
6	T1	0.49
7	T1	0.51
8	T1	-0.52
9	T1	-0.49
10	T1	1.09
1	T2	-2.07
2	T2	1.05
3	T2	-0.43
4	T2	0.17
5	T2	0.21
6	T2	0.51
7	T2	0.61
8	T2	1.28
9	T2	-1.01
10	T2	1.31

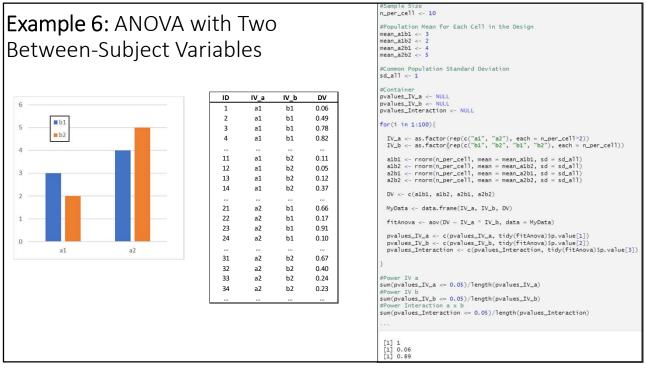
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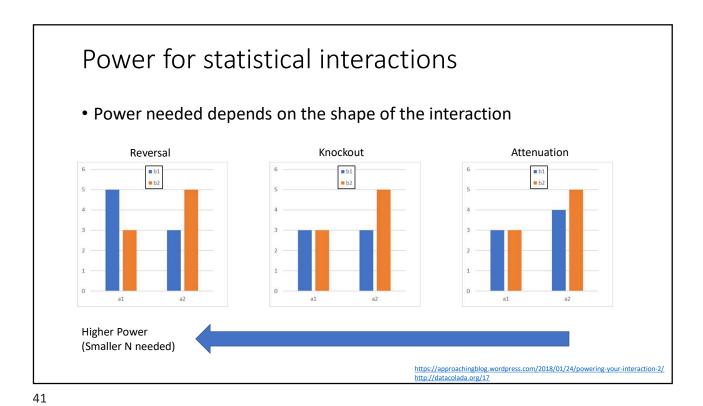
Example 4: Paired Sample t-test

Exercise:

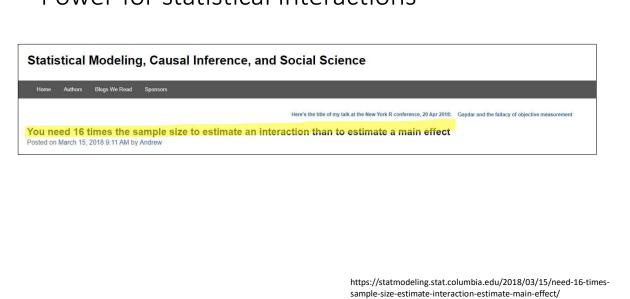
- What happens to the power of the test when the correlation between the two time-point decreases?
- · What if you incorrectly use an Independent Sample t-test to analyse this data?

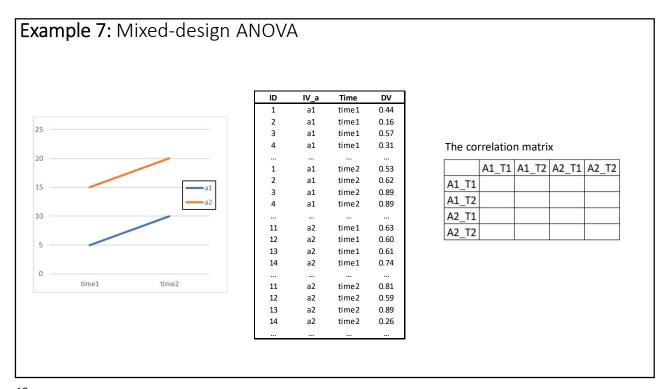
Example 5: Repeated-measure ANOVA ##Sample Size n_participant <- 10 #Population Mean for Each Cell in the Design mean_time1 <- 3 mean_time2 <- 4 mean_time3 <- 4 #Common Population Standard Deviation sd_all <- 1 #Common population correlation among within-subjects factors $r_within <- 0.2$ rvalues <- matrix(c(1.00, r_within, r_within, r_within, r_within, 1.00, r_within, r_within, r_within, r_within, 1.00), nrow = 3, ncol = 3) for(i in 1:100){ $\label{eq:allvar-myrnorm} \begin{subarray}{ll} allVar--myrnorm(n_participant, mu = c(0,0,0), rvalues, empirical = FALSE) \\ time4 &- (allVar[,1] * sd_all) + mean_time1 \\ time2 &- (allVar[,3] * sd_all) + mean_time2 \\ time3 &- (allVar[,3] * sd_all) + mean_time3 \\ \end{subarray}$ time1 time2 time3 Value <- c(time1, time2, time3) Time <- rep(c("T1", "T2", "T3"), each = n_participant) ID <- as.factor(rep(1:n_participant, times = 3))</pre> MyData <- data.frame(ID, Time, Value) sum(pvalues <= 0.05)/length(pvalues) [1] 0.67

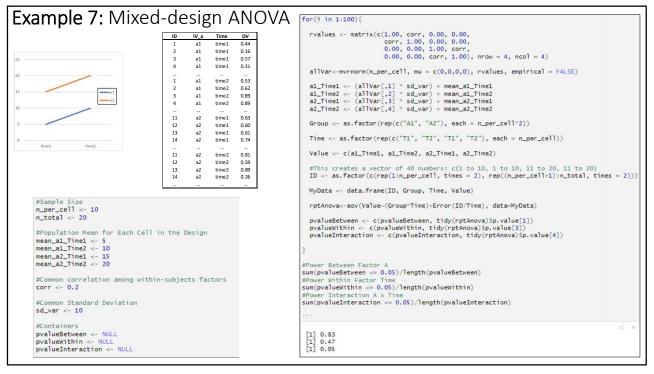




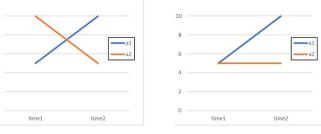
Power for statistical interactions

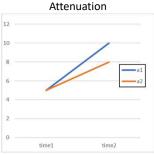






Power for statistical interactions • Power needed depends on the shape of the interaction Reversal Knockout Attenuat 12 12





Higher Power (Smaller N needed)

https://approachingblog.wordpress.com/2018/01/24/powering-your-interaction-2/http://datacolada.org/17

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Example 8: Simple Regression

Example 9: Multiple Regression

```
##Sample Size
n_observation <- 80

#population parameters
b0 <- 1 #Intercept
b1 <- 0.2 #Slope b1
b2 <- 0.3 #Slope b2
b3 <- 0.4 #Slope b3 (interaction)
res_se <- 1 #Residual Standard Deviation (or Residual Standard Error)

#containers
pvalues_b1 <- NULL
pvalues_b2 <- NULL
pvalues_b2 <- NULL
pvalues_b3 <- NULL
for(i in 1:100){
    x1 <- rnorm(n_observation, mean = 0, sd = 1)
    x2 <- rnorm(n_observation, mean = 0, sd = 1)
    y <- b0 + b1*x1 + b2*x2 + b3*x1*x2 + rnorm(n_observation, mean = 0, sd = res_se)

MyData <- data.frame(x1, x2, y)

fit <- lm(y ~ x1 * x2, data = MyData)

pvalues_b0 <- c(pvalues_b1, tidy(fit)$p.value[1])
pvalues_b1 <- c(pvalues_b2, tidy(fit)$p.value[2])
pvalues_b2 <- c(pvalues_b2, tidy(fit)$p.value[3])
pvalues_b3 <- c(pvalues_b3, tidy(fit)$p.value[4])

}

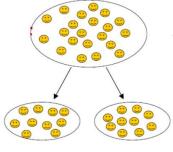
#Power B0
sum(pvalues_b0 <= 0.05)/length(pvalues_b1)

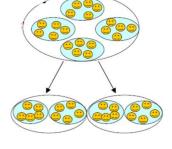
#Power B1
sum(pvalues_b2 <= 0.05)/length(pvalues_b2)

#Power B3 (interaction)
sum(pvalues_b3 <= 0.05)/length(pvalues_b3)
```

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Example 10: Regression with Nested Data





Intervention group Control group

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Each participant score is determined by:

- The condition they are in (either 1 or 2): Condition effect
- The cluster they belong to (ranging from 1 to 40): Cluster effect
- Their own individual performance: Participant effect

ID	Condition_ID	Cluster_ID	DV
1	1	1	0.34
2	1	1	0.37
3	1	1	0.60
4	1	1	0.42
1997	1	20	0.52
1998	1	20	0.41
1999	1	20	0.75
2000	1	20	0.50
2001	2	21	0.56
2002	2	21	0.22
2003	2	21	0.16
2004	2	21	0.58
3997	2	40	0.26
3998	2	40	0.14
3999	2	40	0.99
4000	2	40	0.05

```
#Sample Size
N_Cluster <- 40
N_per_Cluster <- 100
N_Total <- N_per_Cluster * N_Cluster

#Parameters
effectsD <- 0.45
var_Cluster <- 1
var_Error <- 2
totalSD <- sqrt(var_Cluster + var_Error)
#population ICC
#var_Cluster/(var_Cluster + var_Error)
#Containers
pvalues <- NULL
```

Example 10: Regression with Nested Data

Intracluster correlation coefficient (ICC)
The ICC represents the proportion of total variation that is due to the differences between clusters.

```
0.34
0.37
        Condition_ID Cluster_ID
                                            0.60
                                             0.52
1997
1998
1999
                                 20
20
20
21
21
21
21
2000
                                             0.50
2001
2002
2003
                                            0.56
0.22
0.16
2004
                                            0.58
3998
3999
4000
                                             0.05
```

```
#Sample Size
N_cluster <- 40
N_per_cluster <- 100
N_portal <- N_per_cluster * N_cluster

#Parameters
effectSD <- 0.45
var_cluster <- 1
var_Error <- 2
totalsD <- sqrt(var_cluster + var_Error)
#population ICC
#var_cluster/(var_cluster + var_Error)
#Containers
#Containers
```

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RECAP

- What is data simulation
- What is power analysis
- What is power analysis using simulation
- Important concepts and R functions for the workshop
- Examples
 - 1. Independent Sample t-test
 - 2. One-Way ANOVA
 - 3. Correlation
 - 4. Paired Sample t-test
 - Repeated-measure ANOVA (3 Levels)
 - 6. Factorial ANOVA (Two Between-Subject Variables)
 - 7. Mixed-design ANOVA (One Between-Subject and One Within-Subject Variable).
 - 8. Simple Regression
 - 9. Multiple Regression with Interaction
 - 10. Regression with Nested Data Using a Mixed-Effect Model

R packages

Gpower or the R package pwr

Independent Sample t-test One-Way ANOVA Correlation Paired Sample t-test

R package Superpower (Lakens & Caldwell, 2022)

Repeated-measure ANOVA Factorial ANOVA Mixed-design ANOVA

PANGEA: Power Analysis for GEneral Anova designs (Jake Westfall)

Regression with Nested Data Using a Mixed-Effect Model

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Other useful functions

- The sample() function is used to randomly sample elements from a given vector or set
- The **set.seed()** function is used to initialize the random number generator with a specific seed value.
 - You will always obtain the same values.

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# Sample 3 random elements from a vector vector <- c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) sampled <- sample(vector, 3) sampled

[1] 2 3 5

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# Sample 3 random elements from a vector vector <- c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) sampled <- sample(vector, 3, replace = TRUE) sampled

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How to increase the power of your study?

- Increase sample size.
- Other ways:
 - Reduce measurement error (better measures, more raters)
 - Control for covariates associated with the outcome
 - Select extreme groups
 - https://janhove.github.io/analysis/2017/10/24/increasing-power-precision
 - https://janhove.github.io/design/2017/07/14/OtherRoadsToPower
 - https://janhove.github.io/design/2014/11/18/neglected-covariates