Hypothesis Testing

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1) Loading the datasets

```
bertscore <- read.csv("C:\\Users\\babus\\OneDrive\\Documents\\uni</pre>
uzh\\FS25\\conversational speech processing\\mypaper\\Beyond-WER-in-
ASR\\data\\eval results\\BERTScore scores.csv", skip=1)
str(bertscore)
## 'data.frame':
                    6 obs. of 3 variables:
                   : chr "EN2009c" "EN2009d" "ES2016a" "ES2016b" ...
## $ File
## $ with punct
                 : num 84.7 88 84 91.1 94 ...
## $ without_punct: num
                         86 89.3 86 93.7 95.8 ...
head(bertscore)
        File with_punct without_punct
## 1 EN2009c
                  84.66
                                85.98
## 2 EN2009d
                  87.98
                                89.34
## 3 ES2016a
                  84.01
                                86.02
## 4 ES2016b
                  91.10
                                93.74
## 5 ES2016c
                  93.98
                                95.83
## 6 ES2016d
                  89.66
                                90.12
summary(bertscore)
##
        File
                         with punct
                                       without punct
                                       Min.
## Length:6
                       Min.
                              :84.01
                                             :85.98
## Class :character
                       1st Qu.:85.49
                                       1st Qu.:86.85
## Mode :character
                       Median :88.82
                                       Median :89.73
##
                       Mean
                              :88.56
                                       Mean
                                              :90.17
##
                       3rd Ou.:90.74
                                       3rd Ou.:92.83
##
                       Max.
                             :93.98
                                       Max.
                                             :95.83
bleu <- read.csv("C:\\Users\\babus\\OneDrive\\Documents\\uni</pre>
uzh\\FS25\\conversational speech processing\\mypaper\\Beyond-WER-in-
ASR\\data\\eval results\\BLEU scores.csv")
str(bleu)
## 'data.frame':
                    6 obs. of 3 variables:
                   : chr "EN2009c" "EN2009d" "ES2016a" "ES2016b" ...
## $ File
## $ with punct : num 38.8 36.9 43.6 54.3 50 ...
## $ without_punct: num 38.1 38.5 49.1 59.4 55.1 ...
```

```
head(bleu)
        File with punct without punct
##
## 1 EN2009c
                  38.77
                                38.14
## 2 EN2009d
                  36.93
                                38.54
## 3 ES2016a
                  43.61
                                49.07
## 4 ES2016b
                  54.26
                                59.40
## 5 ES2016c
                  49.96
                                55.11
## 6 ES2016d
                  30.65
                                31.81
summary(bleu)
##
        File
                         with punct
                                       without punct
                              :30.65
## Length:6
                                              :31.81
                       Min.
                                       Min.
## Class :character
                       1st Ou.:37.39
                                       1st Ou.:38.24
## Mode :character
                       Median :41.19
                                       Median :43.80
##
                       Mean
                              :42.36
                                       Mean
                                              :45.34
##
                       3rd Qu.:48.37
                                        3rd Qu.:53.60
##
                       Max.
                              :54.26
                                              :59.40
                                       Max.
# splitting dataset as it contains scores of ROUGE-1 and ROUGE-L
lines <- readLines("C:\\Users\\babus\\OneDrive\\Documents\\uni</pre>
uzh\\FS25\\conversational speech processing\\mypaper\\Beyond-WER-in-
ASR\\data\\eval_results\\ROUGE_scores.csv")
split index <- grep("ROUGE-L", lines)</pre>
rouge1 lines <- lines[2:(split index - 1)]
rougel_lines <- lines[(split_index + 1):length(lines)]</pre>
rouge1 <- read.csv(text = rouge1_lines)</pre>
rougel <- read.csv(text = rougel_lines)</pre>
str(rouge1)
## 'data.frame':
                  6 obs. of 3 variables:
                   : chr "EN2009c" "EN2009d" "ES2016a" "ES2016b" ...
## $ File
## $ with_punct
                 : num 74.9 72.9 80.1 85 83 ...
## $ without punct: num 74.8 73 80 84.9 82.8 ...
head(rouge1)
##
        File with_punct without_punct
## 1 EN2009c
                  74.92
                                74.76
                                72.97
## 2 EN2009d
                  72.91
## 3 ES2016a
                  80.14
                                80.04
## 4 ES2016b
                  84.99
                                84.93
## 5 ES2016c
                                82.82
                  83.00
## 6 ES2016d
                  70.03
                                69.89
summary(rouge1)
```

```
##
        File
                         with punct
                                       without punct
##
                       Min.
   Length:6
                              :70.03
                                       Min.
                                              :69.89
## Class :character
                       1st Qu.:73.41
                                       1st Qu.:73.42
## Mode :character
                       Median :77.53
                                       Median :77.40
##
                       Mean
                              :77.67
                                       Mean
                                             :77.57
##
                       3rd Qu.:82.28
                                       3rd Qu.:82.12
##
                       Max.
                              :84.99
                                       Max.
                                              :84.93
str(rougel)
                    6 obs. of 3 variables:
## 'data.frame':
## $ File
                   : chr
                         "EN2009c" "EN2009d" "ES2016a" "ES2016b" ...
## $ with punct
                  : num 39.4 35.1 39.4 37.2 46.9 ...
## $ without punct: num 39.2 35.1 39.3 37.2 46.8 ...
head(rougel)
##
        File with_punct without_punct
## 1 EN2009c
                  39.35
                                39.22
## 2 EN2009d
                  35.10
                                35.10
## 3 ES2016a
                  39.37
                                39.28
## 4 ES2016b
                  37.24
                                37.22
                  46.86
## 5 ES2016c
                                46.83
## 6 ES2016d
                  31.62
                                31.30
summary(rougel)
##
        File
                         with punct
                                       without punct
                                              :31.30
## Length:6
                       Min.
                              :31.62
                                       Min.
## Class :character
                       1st Qu.:35.63
                                       1st Qu.:35.63
## Mode :character
                       Median :38.30
                                       Median :38.22
##
                       Mean
                              :38.26
                                       Mean
                                              :38.16
##
                       3rd Qu.:39.37
                                       3rd Qu.:39.27
##
                       Max.
                              :46.86
                                       Max.
                                              :46.83
wer <- read.csv("C:\\Users\\babus\\OneDrive\\Documents\\uni</pre>
uzh\\FS25\\conversational speech processing\\mypaper\\Beyond-WER-in-
ASR\\data\\eval results\\WER scores.csv", skip=1)
str(wer)
## 'data.frame':
                    6 obs. of 3 variables:
                         "EN2009c" "EN2009d" "ES2016a" "ES2016b" ...
## $ File
                   : chr
## $ with punct
                  : num 89.1 89.9 88.7 82.9 77 ...
## $ without punct: num 86.2 87.5 86.4 78.3 71.6 ...
head(wer)
##
        File with punct without punct
## 1 EN2009c
                  89.12
                                86.16
## 2 EN2009d
                  89.94
                                87.55
## 3 ES2016a
                  88.73
                                86.38
## 4 ES2016b
                  82.87
                                78.33
```

```
## 5 ES2016c
                  77.02
                                71.61
## 6 ES2016d
                  86.95
                                83.21
summary(wer)
##
        File
                         with_punct
                                       without punct
##
  Length:6
                       Min.
                              :77.02
                                       Min.
                                              :71.61
                       1st Qu.:83.89
                                       1st Qu.:79.55
##
   Class :character
##
   Mode :character
                       Median :87.84
                                       Median :84.69
##
                              :85.77
                                              :82.21
                       Mean
                                       Mean
##
                       3rd Qu.:89.02
                                       3rd Qu.:86.33
##
                       Max.
                              :89.94
                                       Max. :87.55
```

Statistical Testing for Difference

To assess whether punctuation and meeting type have a statistically significant effect on the metrics, we conduct two sets of tests: 1. Between conditions: with punctuation vs without punctuation 2. Between meeting types: scenario-based (scripted) vs natural speech (unscripted)

Given the small sample size (n = 6 meetings), the results must be interpreted with caution. Small samples increase the risk of both Type I and Type II errors and limit the generalizability of findings. To determine the appropriate statistical test, we first assess whether the normality assumption holds by applying the Shapiro–Wilk test and inspecting QQ plots. If the differences appear approximately normal, we proceed with parametric tests: the paired t-test for comparisons between conditions and the independent t-test for comparisons between meeting types (scenario vs. natural). If normality is violated, we instead use the corresponding non-parametric alternatives: the Wilcoxon signed-rank test for paired comparisons, and the Wilcoxon rank-sum test (Mann–Whitney U) for independent group comparisons.

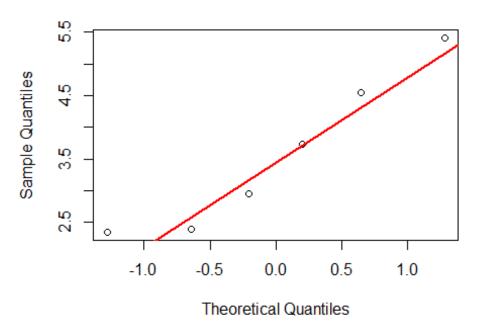
These are the hypotheses for testing between conditions: - Null Hypothesis: There is no difference in the metric score between the 2 conditions - Alternative Hypothesis: There is a difference in the metric score between the 2 conditions These are the hypotheses for testing between meeting types: - Null Hypothesis: The mean of the metric score is the same for scenario and natural speech meetings - Alternative Hypothesis: The metric score has a significant difference between the two types All the tests are evaluated at an significance level of alpha = 5%.

WER

Testing between Conditions

Testing normality:

```
wer$diff <- wer$with_punct - wer$without_punct
shapiro_test <- shapiro.test(wer$diff)
print(shapiro_test)</pre>
```



As the p-value is

greater than alpha, we fail to reject the Null Hypothesis. This means, normality can be assumed. This is supported by the QQ plot as there are no strong outliers or curvatures present. Therefore, we can proceed with the paired t-test:

Paired t-test:

```
t.test(wer$with_punct, wer$without_punct, paired = TRUE)

##

## Paired t-test

##

## data: wer$with_punct and wer$without_punct

## t = 7.0791, df = 5, p-value = 0.0008705

## alternative hypothesis: true mean difference is not equal to 0

## 95 percent confidence interval:
```

```
## 2.270475 4.859525

## sample estimates:

## mean difference

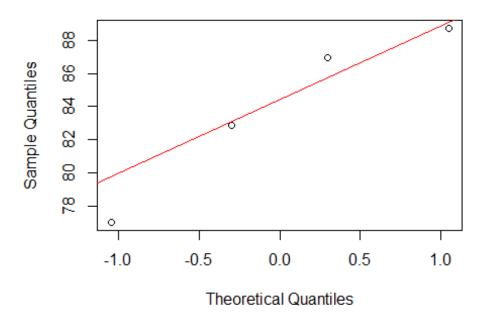
## 3.565
```

As the p-value is smaller than alpha, we can reject the Null Hypothesis. There IS a statistically difference between WER scores with and without punctuation.

Testing between Meeting types

Checking normality:

```
wer$Type <- ifelse(grep1("^ES", wer$File), "scenario", "natural")
shapiro.test(wer$with_punct[wer$Type == "scenario"])
##
## Shapiro-Wilk normality test
##
## data: wer$with_punct[wer$Type == "scenario"]
## W = 0.93984, p-value = 0.6534
shapiro.test(wer$without_punct[wer$Type == "scenario"])
##
## Shapiro-Wilk normality test
##
## data: wer$without_punct[wer$Type == "scenario"]
### data: wer$without_punct[wer$Type == "scenario"]
### data: wer$without_punct[wer$Type == "scenario"])
qqnorm(wer$with_punct[wer$Type == "scenario"])
qqline(wer$with_punct[wer$Type == "scenario"], col = "red")</pre>
```



For both cases,

with and without punctuation, the normality is not violated as shown in the results. The p-value is larger than alpha, therefore, we fail to reject the Null Hypothesis. Therefore we will go ahead with the independent samples t-test:

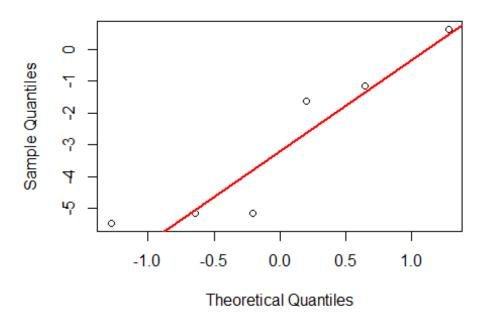
```
# for with punctuation
t.test(with_punct ~ Type, data = wer)
##
##
   Welch Two Sample t-test
##
## data: with_punct by Type
## t = 2.143, df = 3.1454, p-value = 0.1173
## alternative hypothesis: true difference in means between group natural and
group scenario is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
  -2.519683 13.794683
## sample estimates:
  mean in group natural mean in group scenario
##
##
                  89.5300
                                         83.8925
# for without punctuation
t.test(without_punct ~ Type, data = wer)
##
##
   Welch Two Sample t-test
## data: without_punct by Type
## t = 2.119, df = 3.2653, p-value = 0.1169
```

```
## alternative hypothesis: true difference in means between group natural and
group scenario is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## -3.03409 16.97909
## sample estimates:
## mean in group natural mean in group scenario
## 86.8550 79.8825
```

As the p-values are greater than alpha, we fail to reject the null hypothesis in both cases. There is no statistically significant difference in WER scores between natural and scenario meetings with punctuation or without it. This result should be taken with caution, as the natural group only contained 2 samples. Therefore, the results do not hold much power.

BLEU

Testing between Conditions



As the p-value is

greater than alpha, we fail to reject the Null Hypothesis. This means, normality can be assumed. This is supported by the QQ plot as there are no strong outliers or curvatures present. Therefore, we can proceed with the paired t-test: #### Paired t-test:

```
t.test(bleu$with_punct, bleu$without_punct, paired = TRUE)

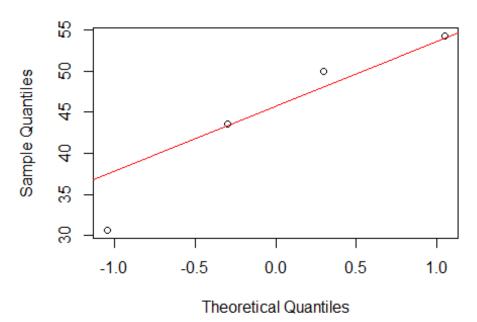
##
## Paired t-test
##
## data: bleu$with_punct and bleu$without_punct
## t = -2.8113, df = 5, p-value = 0.03749
## alternative hypothesis: true mean difference is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## -5.708030 -0.255303
## sample estimates:
## mean difference
## -2.981667
```

As the p-value is smaller than alpha, we can reject the Null Hypothesis. There IS a statistically difference between BLEU scores with and without punctuation.

Testing between Meeting types

Checking normality:

```
bleu$Type <- ifelse(grep1("^ES", bleu$File), "scenario", "natural")</pre>
shapiro.test(bleu$with_punct[bleu$Type == "scenario"])
##
##
   Shapiro-Wilk normality test
##
## data: bleu$with_punct[bleu$Type == "scenario"]
## W = 0.94037, p-value = 0.6566
shapiro.test(bleu$without_punct[bleu$Type == "scenario"])
##
   Shapiro-Wilk normality test
##
##
## data: bleu$without_punct[bleu$Type == "scenario"]
## W = 0.90418, p-value = 0.4521
qqnorm(bleu$with_punct[bleu$Type == "scenario"])
qqline(bleu$with_punct[bleu$Type == "scenario"], col = "red")
```



For both cases.

with and without punctuation, the normality is not violated as shown in the results. The p-value is larger than alpha, therefore, we fail to reject the Null Hypothesis. Therefore we will go ahead with the independent samples t-test:

```
# for with punctuation
t.test(with_punct ~ Type, data = wer)
```

```
##
## Welch Two Sample t-test
##
## data: with punct by Type
## t = 2.143, df = 3.1454, p-value = 0.1173
## alternative hypothesis: true difference in means between group natural and
group scenario is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## -2.519683 13.794683
## sample estimates:
## mean in group natural mean in group scenario
##
                                         83.8925
                  89.5300
# for without punctuation
t.test(without_punct ~ Type, data = wer)
##
## Welch Two Sample t-test
##
## data: without_punct by Type
## t = 2.119, df = 3.2653, p-value = 0.1169
## alternative hypothesis: true difference in means between group natural and
group scenario is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## -3.03409 16.97909
## sample estimates:
## mean in group natural mean in group scenario
##
                  86.8550
                                         79.8825
```

As the p-values are greater than alpha, we fail to reject the null hypothesis in both cases. There is no statistically significant difference in BLEU scores between natural and scenario meetings with punctuation or without it. This result should be taken with caution, as the natural group only contained 2 samples. Therefore, the results do not hold much power.

ROUGE-1

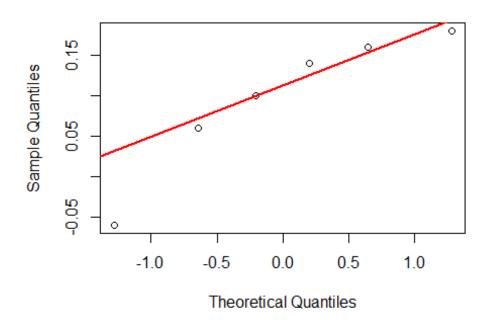
Testing between Conditions

```
rouge1$diff <- rouge1$with_punct - rouge1$without_punct
shapiro_test <- shapiro.test(rouge1$diff)
print(shapiro_test)

##
## Shapiro-Wilk normality test
##
## data: rouge1$diff
## W = 0.89236, p-value = 0.3308</pre>
```

```
qqnorm(rouge1$diff,
    main = "Q-Q Plot",
    xlab = "Theoretical Quantiles",
    ylab = "Sample Quantiles")

qqline(rouge1$diff, col = "red", lwd = 2)
```



As the p-value is

greater than alpha, we fail to reject the Null Hypothesis. This means, normality can be assumed. This is supported by the QQ plot as there are no strong outliers or curvatures present. Therefore, we can proceed with the paired t-test: #### Paired t-test:

```
t.test(rouge1$with_punct, rouge1$without_punct, paired = TRUE)

##
## Paired t-test
##
## data: rouge1$with_punct and rouge1$without_punct
## t = 2.6903, df = 5, p-value = 0.04328
## alternative hypothesis: true mean difference is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## 0.004300431 0.189032902
## sample estimates:
## mean difference
## 0.09666667
```

As the p-value is smaller than alpha, we can reject the Null Hypothesis. There IS a statistically difference between ROUGE1 scores with and without punctuation. As the p-

value is not that much smaller though, and the sample size is quite small, this result does not hold much power.

Testing between Meeting types

Checking normality:

```
rouge1$Type <- ifelse(grep1("^ES", rouge1$File), "scenario", "natural")

shapiro.test(rouge1$with_punct[rouge1$Type == "scenario"])

##

## Shapiro-Wilk normality test

##

## data: rouge1$with_punct[rouge1$Type == "scenario"]

## W = 0.87351, p-value = 0.3116

shapiro.test(rouge1$without_punct[rouge1$Type == "scenario"])

##

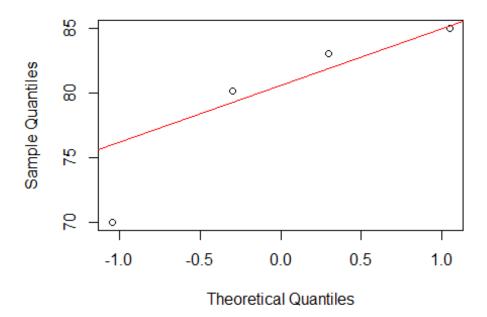
## Shapiro-Wilk normality test

##

## data: rouge1$without_punct[rouge1$Type == "scenario"]

## W = 0.87598, p-value = 0.3218

qqnorm(rouge1$with_punct[rouge1$Type == "scenario"])
qqline(rouge1$with_punct[rouge1$Type == "scenario"], col = "red")</pre>
```



For both cases,

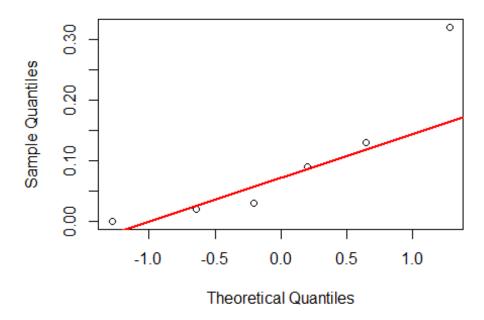
with and without punctuation, the normality is not violated as shown in the results. The p-value is larger than alpha, therefore, we fail to reject the Null Hypothesis. Therefore we will go ahead with the independent samples t-test:

```
# for with punctuation
t.test(with_punct ~ Type, data = rouge1)
##
##
   Welch Two Sample t-test
##
## data: with_punct by Type
## t = -1.6205, df = 3.4865, p-value = 0.1908
## alternative hypothesis: true difference in means between group natural and
group scenario is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
  -15.849178
                 4.599178
## sample estimates:
## mean in group natural mean in group scenario
##
                   73.915
                                          79.540
# for without punctuation
t.test(without_punct ~ Type, data = rouge1)
##
##
   Welch Two Sample t-test
## data: without_punct by Type
## t = -1.6107, df = 3.3958, p-value = 0.195
```

As the p-values are greater than alpha, we fail to reject the null hypothesis in both cases. There is no statistically significant difference in ROUGE-1 scores between natural and scenario meetings with punctuation or without it. This result should be taken with caution, as the natural group only contained 2 samples. Therefore, the results do not hold much power.

ROUGE-L

Testing between Conditions



As the p-value is

greater than alpha, we fail to reject the Null Hypothesis. This means, normality can be assumed. The QQ plot does contain one outlier compared to the other datasets. This should be kept in mind. We proceed with the paired t-test: ##### Paired t-test:

```
t.test(rougel$with_punct, rougel$without_punct, paired = TRUE)

##

## Paired t-test

##

## data: rougel$with_punct and rougel$without_punct

## t = 2.0258, df = 5, p-value = 0.09863

## alternative hypothesis: true mean difference is not equal to 0

## 95 percent confidence interval:

## -0.02644217 0.22310883

## sample estimates:

## mean difference

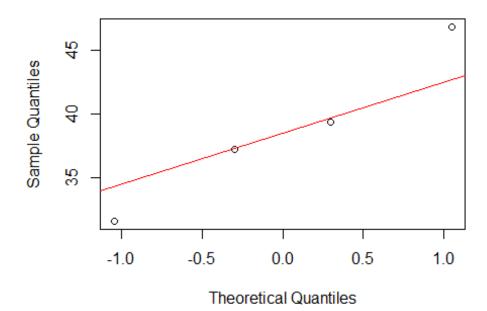
## 0.09833333
```

As the p-value is greater than alpha, we fail to reject the Null Hypothesis. There is NOT a statistically difference between ROUGE-L scores with and without punctuation.

Testing between Meeting types

Checking normality:

```
rougel$Type <- ifelse(grepl("^ES", rougel$File), "scenario", "natural")</pre>
shapiro.test(rougel$with punct[rougel$Type == "scenario"])
##
##
   Shapiro-Wilk normality test
##
## data: rougel$with_punct[rougel$Type == "scenario"]
## W = 0.98305, p-value = 0.9197
shapiro.test(rougel$without_punct[rougel$Type == "scenario"])
##
   Shapiro-Wilk normality test
##
##
## data: rougel$without_punct[rougel$Type == "scenario"]
## W = 0.98357, p-value = 0.9226
qqnorm(rougel$with_punct[rougel$Type == "scenario"])
qqline(rougel$with_punct[rougel$Type == "scenario"], col = "red")
```



For both cases.

with and without punctuation, the normality is not violated as shown in the results. In the QQ-plot we can notice one stronger outlier. The p-value is larger than alpha, therefore, we fail to reject the Null Hypothesis. Therefore we will go ahead with the independent samples t-test:

```
# for with punctuation
t.test(with_punct ~ Type, data = rougel)
```

```
##
## Welch Two Sample t-test
##
## data: with punct by Type
## t = -0.40703, df = 3.9186, p-value = 0.7052
## alternative hypothesis: true difference in means between group natural and
group scenario is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## -12.190439
                 9.095439
## sample estimates:
## mean in group natural mean in group scenario
##
                  37.2250
                                         38.7725
# for without punctuation
t.test(without punct ~ Type, data = rougel)
##
## Welch Two Sample t-test
##
## data: without_punct by Type
## t = -0.39292, df = 3.9624, p-value = 0.7146
## alternative hypothesis: true difference in means between group natural and
group scenario is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## -12.118664
                 9.123664
## sample estimates:
## mean in group natural mean in group scenario
##
                  37,1600
                                         38,6575
```

As the p-values are greater than alpha, we fail to reject the null hypothesis in both cases. There is no statistically significant difference in ROUGE-L scores between natural and scenario meetings with punctuation or without it. This result should be taken with caution, as the natural group only contained 2 samples. Therefore, the results do not hold much power.

BERTScore

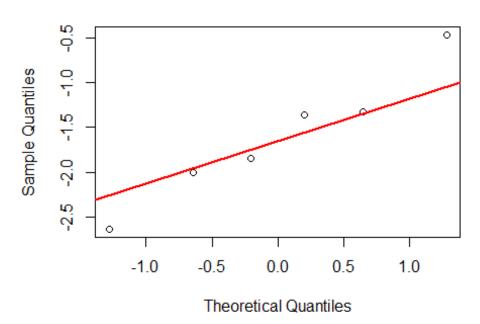
Testing between Conditions

```
bertscore$diff <- bertscore$with_punct - bertscore$without_punct
shapiro_test <- shapiro.test(bertscore$diff)
print(shapiro_test)

##
## Shapiro-Wilk normality test
##
## data: bertscore$diff
## W = 0.97726, p-value = 0.9371</pre>
```

```
qqnorm(bertscore$diff,
    main = "Q-Q Plot",
    xlab = "Theoretical Quantiles",
    ylab = "Sample Quantiles")

qqline(bertscore$diff, col = "red", lwd = 2)
```



As the p-value is

greater than alpha, we fail to reject the Null Hypothesis. This means, normality can be assumed. This is supported by the QQ plot as there are no curvatures present. There seems to be one stronger outlier, which is taken notice of.

Therefore, we can proceed with the paired t-test: #### Paired t-test:

```
t.test(bertscore$with_punct, bertscore$without_punct, paired = TRUE)

##

## Paired t-test

##

## data: bertscore$with_punct and bertscore$without_punct

## t = -5.309, df = 5, p-value = 0.003169

## alternative hypothesis: true mean difference is not equal to 0

## 95 percent confidence interval:

## -2.3845998 -0.8287335

## sample estimates:

## mean difference

## -1.606667
```

As the p-value is much smaller than alpha, we can reject the Null Hypothesis. There IS a statistically difference between BERTSCORE F1 scores with and without punctuation.

Testing between Meeting types

Checking normality:

```
bertscore$Type <- ifelse(grepl("^ES", bertscore$File), "scenario", "natural")

shapiro.test(bertscore$with_punct[bertscore$Type == "scenario"])

##

## Shapiro-Wilk normality test

##

## data: bertscore$with_punct[bertscore$Type == "scenario"]

## W = 0.95508, p-value = 0.7479

shapiro.test(bertscore$without_punct[bertscore$Type == "scenario"])

##

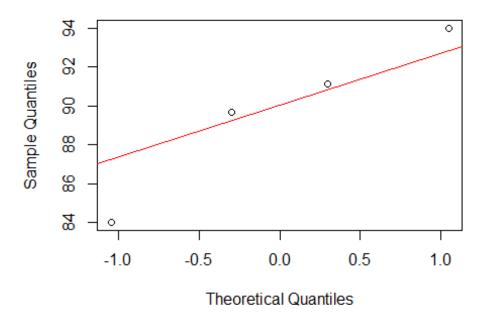
## Shapiro-Wilk normality test

##

## data: bertscore$without_punct[bertscore$Type == "scenario"]

## w = 0.9687, p-value = 0.8334

qqnorm(bertscore$with_punct[bertscore$Type == "scenario"])
qqline(bertscore$with_punct[bertscore$Type == "scenario"], col = "red")</pre>
```



For both cases,

with and without punctuation, the normality seems to be not violated as shown in the results. Once again, we take notice of one stronger outlier. The p-value is larger than alpha, therefore, we fail to reject the Null Hypothesis. Therefore we will go ahead with the independent samples t-test:

```
# for with punctuation
t.test(with_punct ~ Type, data = bertscore)
##
   Welch Two Sample t-test
##
##
## data: with_punct by Type
## t = -1.2599, df = 3.6421, p-value = 0.2824
## alternative hypothesis: true difference in means between group natural and
group scenario is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
   -11.084884
                 4.349884
## sample estimates:
   mean in group natural mean in group scenario
##
##
                  86.3200
                                         89.6875
# for without punctuation
t.test(without_punct ~ Type, data = bertscore)
##
##
   Welch Two Sample t-test
##
```

As the p-values are greater than alpha, we fail to reject the null hypothesis in both cases. There is no statistically significant difference in BERTScore F1 scores between natural and scenario meetings with punctuation or without it. This result should be taken with caution, as the natural group only contained 2 samples. Therefore, the results do not hold much power.