

When the parameter is: **a mean of differences  $\mu_{diff}$**

CHOOSE: **Matched Pairs T-Interval** to estimate  $\mu_{diff}$ , or  
**Matched Pairs T-Test** to test  $H_0: \mu_{diff} = 0$ .

CHECK:

- There is paired data from a random sample or matched pairs experiment.
- $n_{diff} \geq 30$ , OR population of differences known to be nearly normal, OR population of differences could be nearly normal because observed differences have no excessive skew or outliers (draw graph of *differences*).

CALCULATE: (TInterval or T-Test)

point estimate: mean of sample difference  $\bar{x}_{diff}$

SE of estimate:  $\frac{s_{diff}}{\sqrt{n_{diff}}}$

$df = n_{diff} - 1$

When the parameter is: **the slope  $\beta$  of a regression line**

CHOOSE: **T-Interval for the slope** to estimate  $\beta$ , or  
**T-Test for the slope** to test  $H_0: \beta = 0$ .

CHECK:

- There is  $(x, y)$  data from a random sample or experiment.
- The residual plot shows no pattern making a linear model reasonable. (More specifically, the residuals should be independent, nearly normal, and have constant standard deviation.)

CALCULATE: (LinRegTInt or LinRegTTest)

point estimate: sample slope  $b$

SE of estimate: SE of slope (from computer output)

$df = n - 2$

The  **$\chi^2$  tests for categorical variables**: **chi-square statistic** =  $\sum \frac{(\text{observed} - \text{expected})^2}{\text{expected}}$

When comparing the distribution of **one categorical variable to a fixed/specified population distribution**

CHOOSE:  **$\chi^2$  Goodness of Fit Test**

CHECK:

- Data come from a random sample or process.
- All expected counts  $\geq 5$ . (To calculate expected counts for each category, multiply the sample size by the expected proportion under  $H_0$ .)

CALCULATE: ( $\chi^2$ GOF-Test)

$\chi^2 =$

$df = \# \text{ of categories} - 1$

When comparing the distribution of **a categorical variable across 2 or more populations/treatments**

CHOOSE:  **$\chi^2$  Test for Homogeneity**

CHECK:

- Data come from 2 or more independent random samples or 2 or more randomly assigned treatments.
- All expected counts  $\geq 5$ . (Calculate expected counts and verify this to be true.)

CALCULATE: ( $\chi^2$ -Test, then 2ND MATRIX, EDIT, 2: [B] to find expected counts)

$\chi^2 =$

$df = (\# \text{ of rows} - 1)(\# \text{ of cols} - 1)$

When looking for **association or dependence between two categorical variables**

CHOOSE:  **$\chi^2$  Test for Independence**

CHECK:

- Data come from a random sample or process.
- All expected counts  $\geq 5$ . (Calculate expected counts and verify this to be true.)

CALCULATE: ( $\chi^2$ -Test, then 2ND MATRIX, EDIT, 2: [B] to find expected counts)

$\chi^2 =$

$df = (\# \text{ of rows} - 1)(\# \text{ of cols} - 1)$