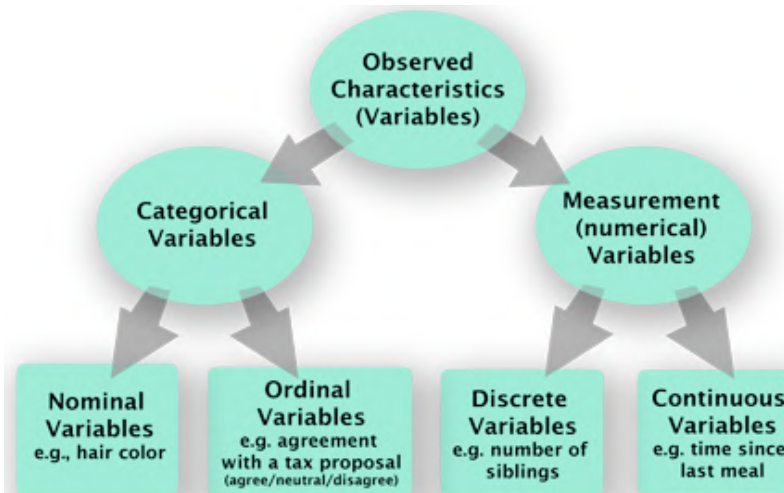


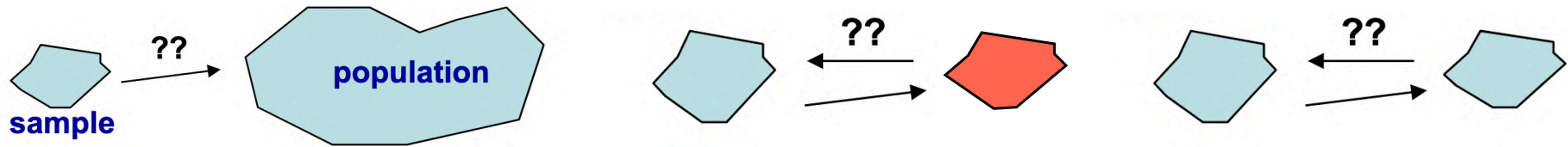
# **Non-parametric tests**

# Selecting a statistical test

- Different tests are used according to the level of measurement:
  - Interval
  - Ordinal
  - Categorical
- Parametric vs non-parametric (makes no assumption on the population distribution or sample size) assumptions



# Selecting a statistical test



- Different tests are used for varying amount of groups/conditions:
  - two samples
  - > two samples
- Different tests are used for related versus unrelated designs:
  - unrelated samples = between subjects designs
  - related samples = within subjects designs & matched pairs

# Selecting a statistical test

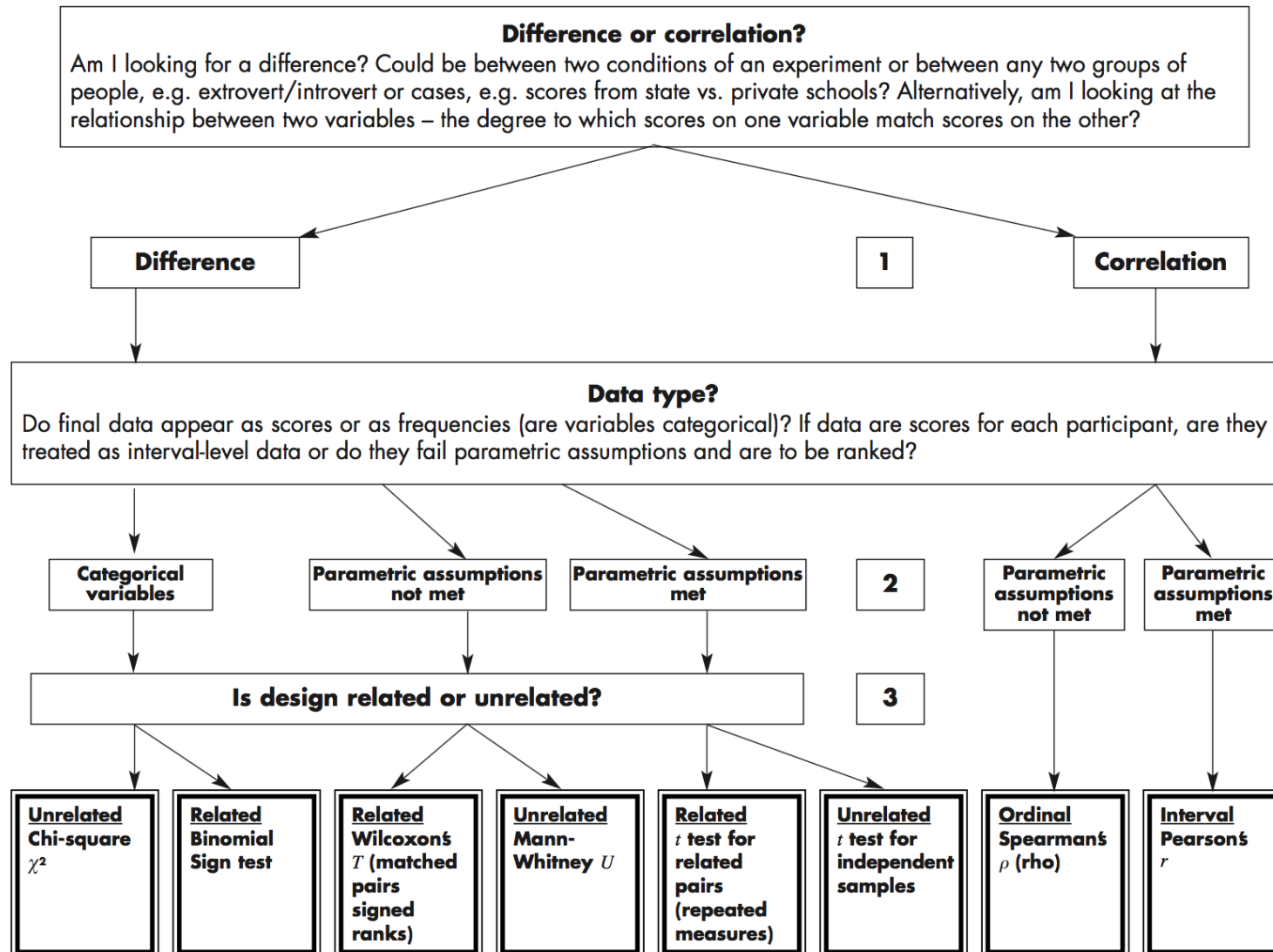


Figure 23.1 Choosing an appropriate two-sample test.

# Different types of tests

Test type	Between subjects designs (Independent samples)	Within subject designs (repeated measures/ matched pairs)
Non-parametric (for categorical data)	<i>Chi-square test</i>	<i>The binomial sign test</i>
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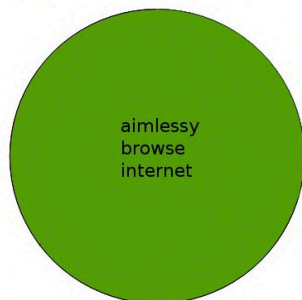
# Chi-Square Test

Theoretical  
categorical distribution  
vs  
Observed  
categorical distribution

Weekend in college



Expectation



Reality

preference for one brand

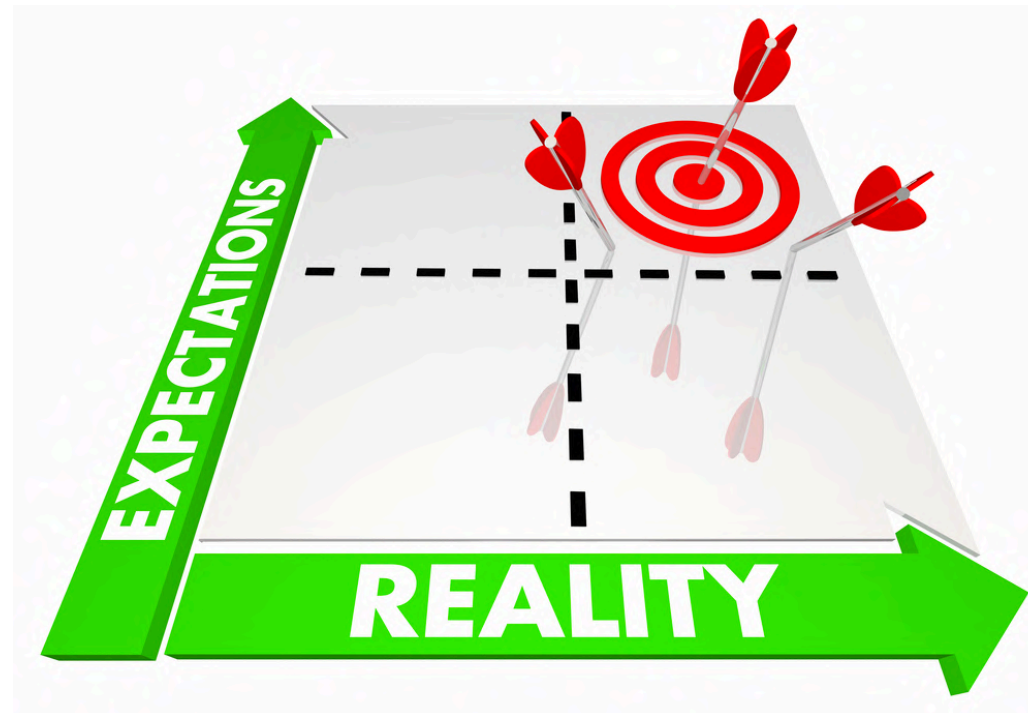


# Chi-Square test

$$\chi^2_c = \sum \frac{(O_i - E_i)^2}{E_i}$$

$H_0$

$H_A$



Data collected

# Chi-Square Test

- Goodness-of-fit:
  - compare the observed sample distribution with the expected probability distribution
  - $H_0$  = no difference from a known population
- Chi-Square fit test:
  - determines how well theoretical distribution fits the empirical distribution
  - $H_0$  = no difference, equal proportions

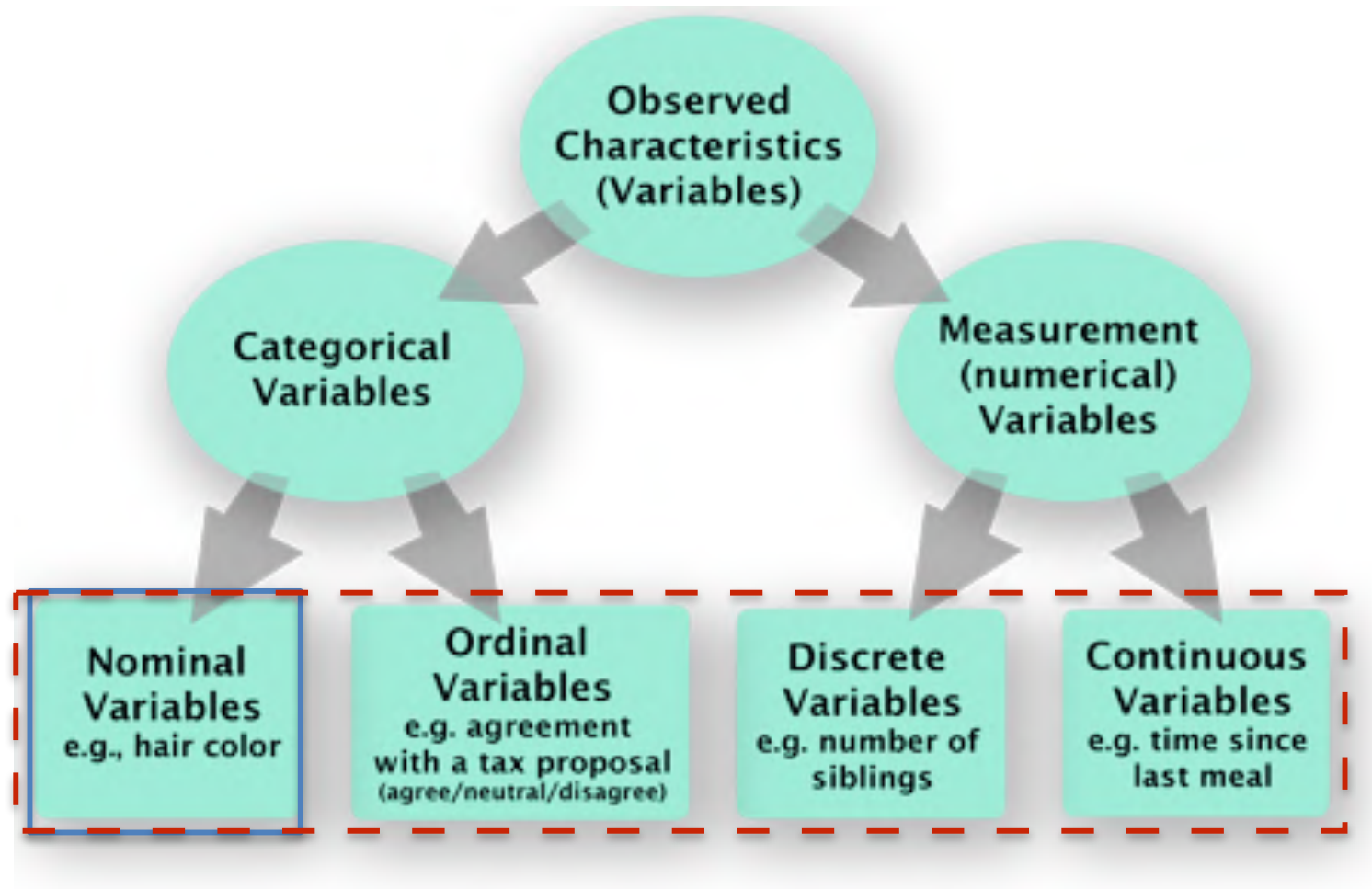


# Chi-Square Test

- Test for Independence (for two variables):
  - test *relationship* between two separate variables
  - $H_0$  = there is no relationship between the variables
    - eg: females prefer pepsi more than males



# Chi-Square Test





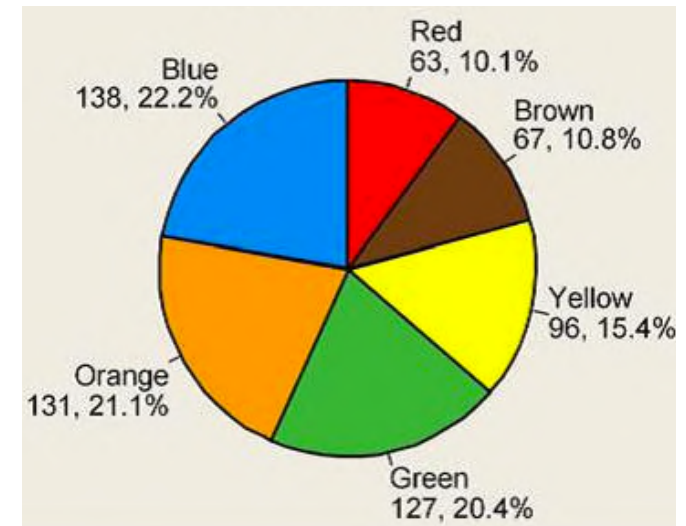
# Chi-Square test/goodness-of-fit

**EXAMPLE**



**$H_0$**

M&Ms Color Distribution %  
according to their website



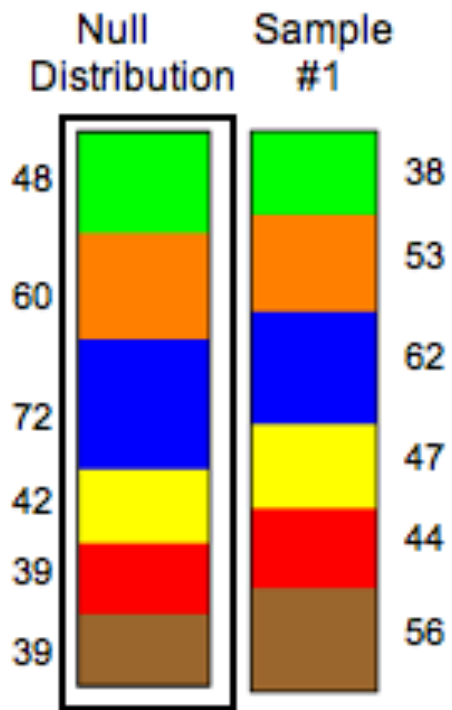
**$H_0$ :** The color distribution is equal

**revised  $H_0$ :** The color distribution is 13% brown, 13% red, 14% yellow, 24% blue, 20% orange, 16% green

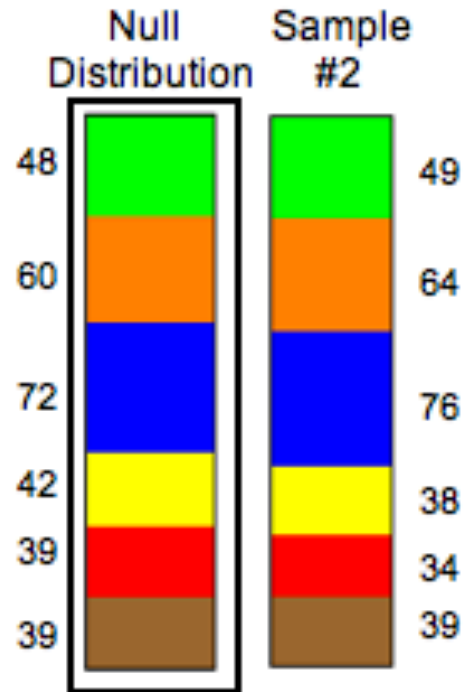
**$H_A$ :** The color distribution is different from 13% brown, 13% red, 14% yellow, 24% blue, 20% orange, 16% green



$$\chi^2_c = \sum \frac{(O_i - E_i)^2}{E_i}$$



$$\chi^2 = 12.94$$



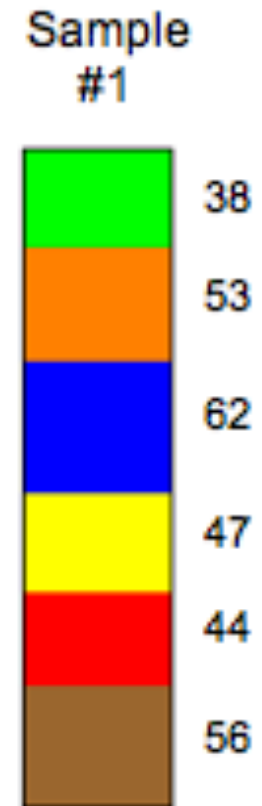
$$\chi^2 = 1.53$$

df = ?

H<sub>0</sub>?

# Chi-Square distribution & df

- Degrees of freedom for goodness-of-fit
  - number of cells you would need to calculate all other cell values, assuming we know marginal values
- $df = C - 1$ ,  $C$  = no. of categories

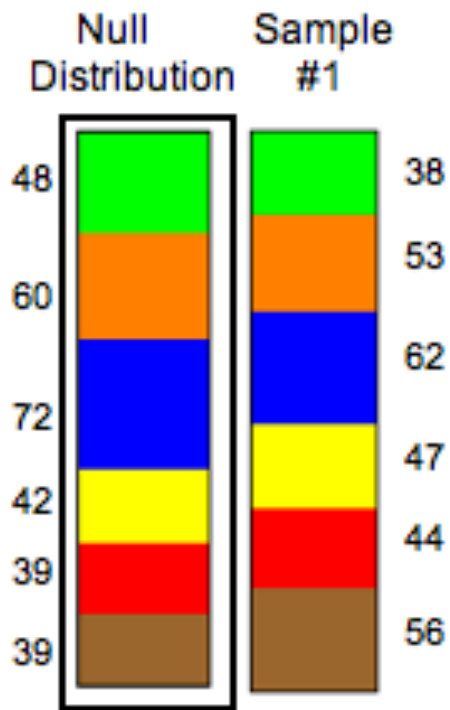


**df = ?**

<https://www.khanacademy.org/math/statistics-probability/inference-categorical-data-chi-square-tests/chi-square-goodness-of-fit-tests/v/chi-square-distribution-introduction>

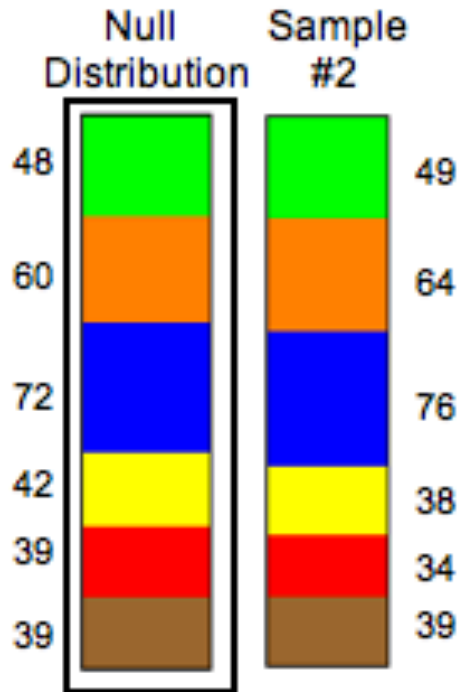


$$\chi^2_c = \sum \frac{(O_i - E_i)^2}{E_i}$$



$$\chi^2 = 12.94$$

**REJECTED**



$$\chi^2 = 1.53$$

**ACCEPTED**

**df = 5**

Critical values of the Chi-square distribution with  $d$  degrees of freedom

Probability of exceeding the critical value						
$d$	0.05	0.01	0.001	$d$	0.05	0.01
1	3.841	6.635	10.828	11	19.675	24.725
2	5.991	9.210	13.816	12	21.026	26.217
3	7.815	11.345	16.266	13	22.362	27.688
4	9.488	13.277	18.467	14	23.685	29.141
5	11.070	15.086	20.515	15	24.996	30.578
6	12.592	16.812	22.458	16	26.296	32.000
7	14.067	18.475	24.322	17	27.587	33.409
8	15.507	20.090	26.125	18	28.869	34.805
9	16.919	21.666	27.877	19	30.144	36.191
10	18.307	23.209	29.588	20	31.410	37.566

**H<sub>0</sub>?**

# Degrees of Freedom (*df*)

- number of independent pieces of information that go into the estimate of a parameter
- *df* depends on
  - particular calculation you will be performing
  - what you already know before making calculation

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rATNoxKg1yA>

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**H<sub>A</sub>:** artists typically tend to be Aries or Cancer

**EXAMPLE**

**H<sub>0</sub>:**

Category	Observed
Aries	29
Taurus	24
Gemini	22
Cancer	19
Leo	21
Virgo	18
Libra	19
Scorpio	20
Sagittarius	23
Capricorn	18
Aquarius	20
Pisces	23

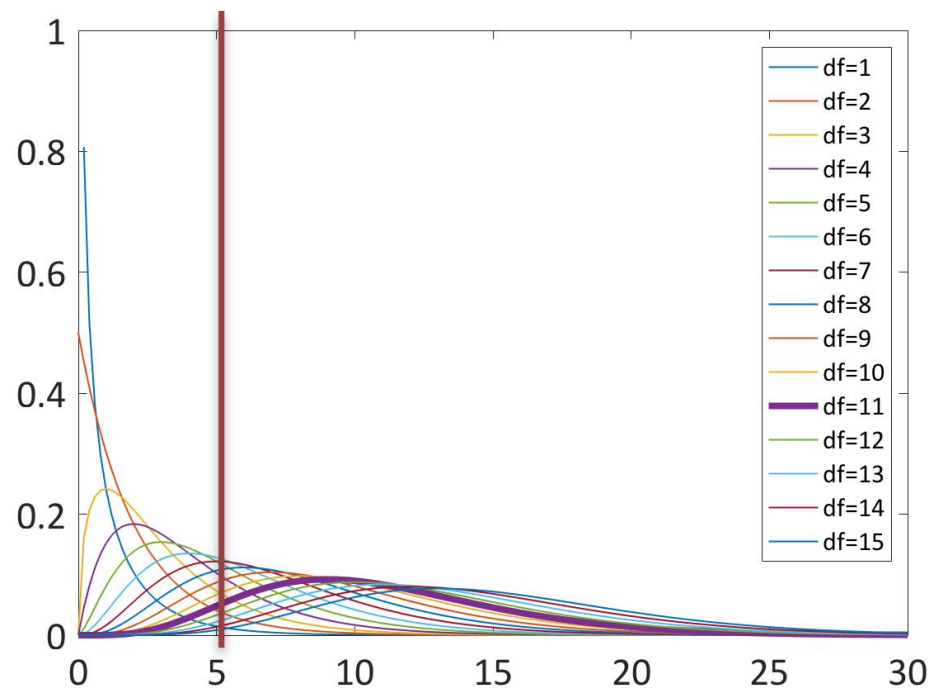


**256 artists**



**df = ?**





Chi-square Distribution Table

d.f.	.995	.99	.975	.95	.9	.1	.05	.025
1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	2.71	3.84	5.02
2	0.01	0.02	0.05	0.10	0.21	4.61	5.99	7.38
3	0.07	0.11	0.22	0.35	0.58	6.25	7.81	9.35
4	0.21	0.30	0.48	0.71	1.06	7.78	9.49	11.14
5	0.41	0.55	0.83	1.15	1.61	9.24	11.07	12.83
6	0.68	0.87	1.24	1.64	2.20	10.64	12.59	14.45
7	0.99	1.24	1.69	2.17	2.83	12.02	14.07	16.01
8	1.34	1.65	2.18	2.73	3.49	13.36	15.51	17.53
9	1.73	2.09	2.70	3.33	4.17	14.68	16.92	19.02
10	2.16	2.56	3.25	3.94	4.87	15.99	18.31	20.48
11	2.60	3.05	3.82	4.57	5.58	17.28	19.68	21.92
12	3.07	3.57	4.40	5.23	6.30	18.55	21.03	23.34
13	3.57	4.11	5.01	5.89	7.04	19.81	22.36	24.74
14	4.07	4.66	5.63	6.57	7.79	21.06	23.68	26.12

zodiac signs are evenly  
distributed across artists

$H_0$

ACCEPTED



# Chi-Square test for independence

test *relationship* between two separate variables

$H_{01}$  = there is no relationship between extraversion and comfort level of dancing in public



test *difference* between two conditions

$H_{02}$  = there is no difference in comfort level of dancing in public between introverts and extraverts

# Chi-Square (example) $\chi^2_c = \sum \frac{(O_i - E_i)^2}{E_i}$

	Extraverts	Introverts	TOTAL
Not comfortable	10	40	50
comfortable	40	10	50
TOTAL	50	50	100

**observed** frequencies of Introverts and Extraverts who say they would or would not feel comfortable dancing in public

# Chi-Square (example)

	Extraverts	Introverts	TOTAL
Not comfortable	10	40	50
comfortable	40	10	50
TOTAL	50	50	100

**expected** frequencies if the null hypothesis were true?

# Chi-Square (example)

$$\frac{\text{row total} \times \text{column total}}{\text{total } n \text{ for table}}$$

	Extraverts	Introverts	TOTAL
Not comfortable	10 25	40 25	50
comfortable	40 25	10 25	50
TOTAL	50	50	100

**observed** and **expected** frequencies Introverts and Extraverts who say they would or would not feel comfortable dancing in public

# Chi-Square (example)

	Extroverts	Introverts	TOTAL
Comfortable	10 <sup>25</sup>	40 <sup>25</sup>	50
Not Comfortable	40 <sup>25</sup>	10 <sup>25</sup>	50
TOTAL	50	50	100

$$\chi^2 = \sum \frac{(\text{observed} - \text{expected})^2}{\text{expected}}$$

$$\frac{(40 - 25)^2}{25} + \frac{(10 - 25)^2}{25} + \frac{(10 - 25)^2}{25} + \frac{(40 - 25)^2}{25}$$

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$$\chi^2 = 36$$

df=?

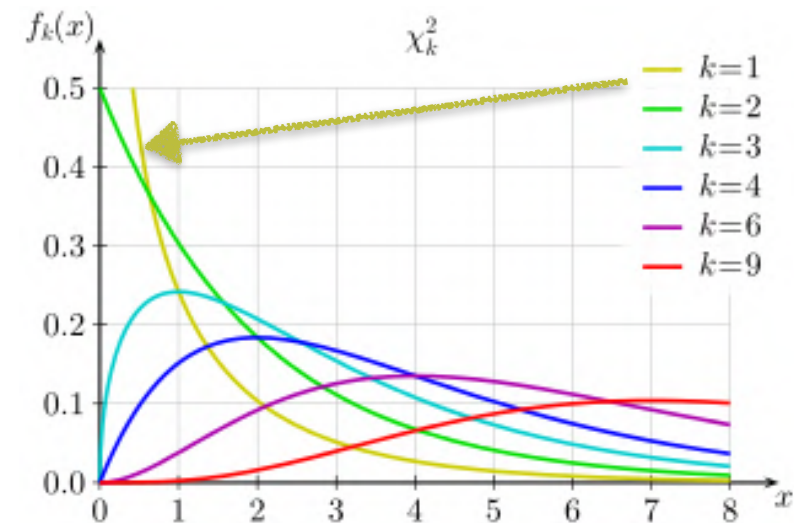
# Chi-Square (example)

- Degrees of freedom for independence
  - number of cells you would need to calculate all other cell values, assuming we know marginal values

$$df = (R-1)(C-1)$$

$$df = (2-1)(2-1) = 1$$

- Our chi-square is significant
  - Introverts tend to feel more comfortable dancing in public compared to Extraverts (surprise!)

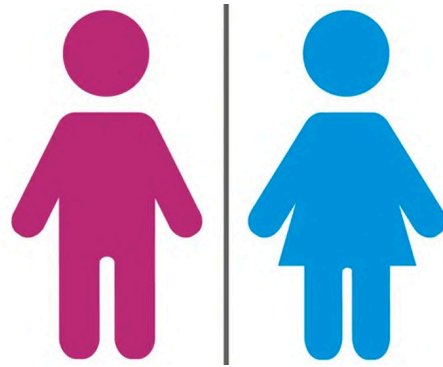


$$\chi^2 = 36$$

$H_0$  **REJECTED**

# Gender Study

EXAMPLE



**H<sub>0</sub>:** There is no relationship between gender and willingness to use mental health services

**H<sub>0</sub>:** The distribution of reported willingness to use mental health services has the same proportions for males and females

**H<sub>A</sub>:** The distribution of reported willingness to use mental health services for males has proportions that are different from those in females



# Contingency Table

row total × column total  
total  $n$  for table

Willingness to Use Mental Health Services (n=150)

	No	Maybe	Yes	<b>Total</b>
Males	17 <b>12</b>	32 <b>30</b>	11 <b>18</b>	60
Female	13 <b>18</b>	43 <b>45</b>	34 <b>27</b>	90
<b>Total</b>	30	75	45	150

$$df = (R-1)(C-1)$$

$$df = 2$$

# Gender Study

EXAMPLE

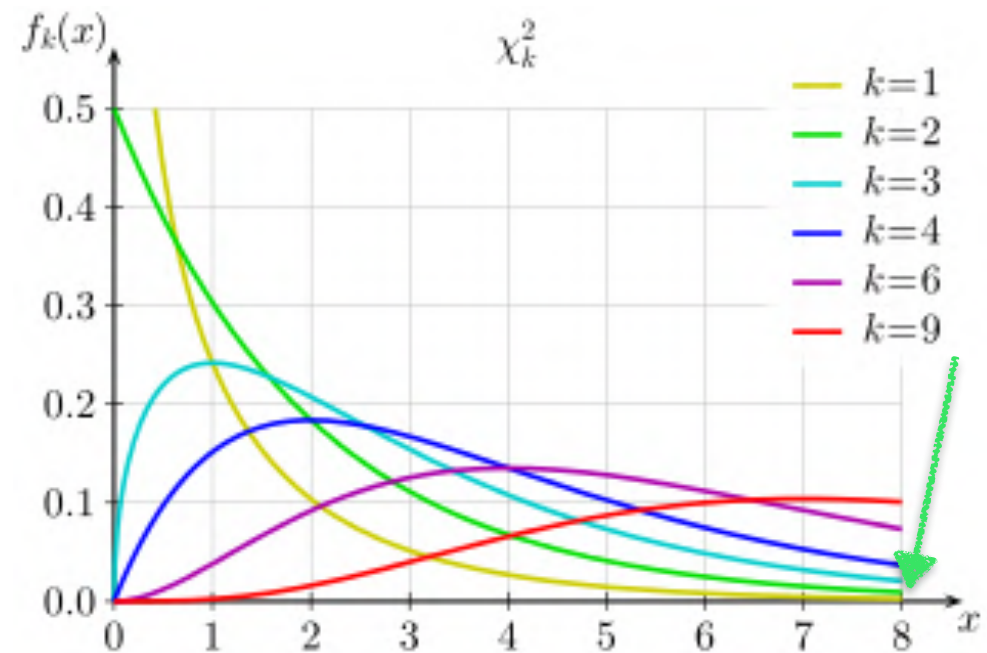
Willingness to Use Mental Health Services

$$\chi^2 = 8.23$$

$$df = 2$$

$H_0$

REJECTED



Males are less willing to use Mental Health Services

# Effect Size

Effect size in Chi square

- For a 2 x 2 table -> Phi Coefficient

$$\phi = \sqrt{\frac{\chi^2}{n}}$$

Correlation between two categorical variables

Phi of 0.1 small, 0.3 medium, 0.5 large

- For larger tables -> Cramer's V coefficient (> 2 x 2)

$$V = \sqrt{\frac{\chi^2}{n \times df^*}}$$

Df\* is the smallest of C-1, R-1

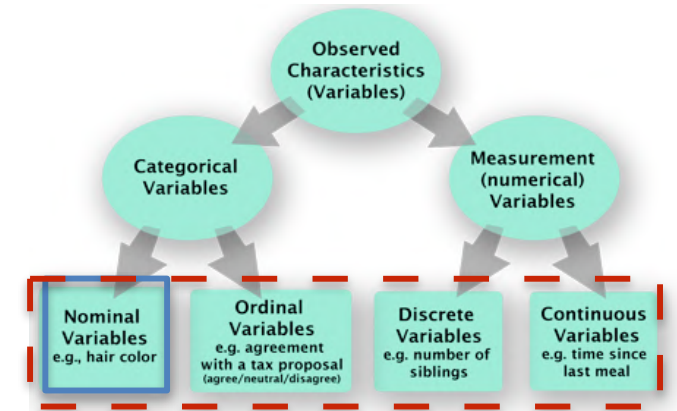
$$\text{Phi} = \sqrt{8.23/150} \\ = 0.23$$

Results showed a significant difference between males' and females' attitude toward using mental health services,

$$\chi^2 (2, n = 150) = 8.23, p < .05, V = 0.23$$

# Chi-Square Test and Correlation

Participant	Self-Esteem X	Academic Performance Y
A	13	73
B	19	88
C	10	71
D	22	96
E	20	90
F	15	82
.	.	.
.	.	.
.	.	.



		Level of Self-Esteem			
		High	Medium	Low	
Academic Performance	High	17	32	11	60
	Low	13	43	34	90
		30	75	45	$n = 150$

# Chi-square and independent measures $t$ and ANOVA

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# Median Test for Independent Samples

- non-parametric alternative to independent measures *t*-test (or ANOVA) to determine significant group differences
- $H_0$  = different samples come from population that share a common median

Self-Esteem Scores for Children at Three Levels of Academic Performance							
High		Medium				Low	
22	14	22	13	24	20	11	19
19	18	18	22	10	16	13	15
12	21	19	15	14	19	20	16
20	18	11	18	11	10	10	18
23	20	12	19	15	12	15	11

# Median Test for Independent Samples

- calculate median for combined group ( $n = 40$ )
- within each group, perform median (17) split and fill contingency table

Self-Esteem Scores for Children  
at Three Levels of Academic Performance

High		Medium				Low	
22	14	22	13	24	20	11	19
19	18	18	22	10	16	13	15
12	21	19	15	14	19	20	16
20	18	11	18	11	10	10	18
23	20	12	19	15	12	15	11

	Academic Performance		
	High	Medium	Low
Above Median	8	9	3
Below Median	2	11	7

# Median Test for Independent Samples

	Academic Performance		
	High	Medium	Low
Above Median	8 <b>5</b>	9 <b>10</b>	3 <b>5</b>
Below Median	2 <b>5</b>	11 <b>10</b>	7 <b>5</b>

$$\chi^2 = 5.4 \quad df = 2 \quad \chi^2 = 5.99 (p < .05)$$

—> not sufficient evidence to conclude that there are significant differences among the self-esteem for these three groups of students



# Chi-Square test

## Limitations

- Observations must be unique to one cell (Between subjects)
  - each person must fall into only one cell
  - not valid for within subject designs (repeated measures/ matched pairs)
- Only frequencies can be studied, not means, percentages, ratios, etc.
- Low **expected** frequencies cause problems (should be  $\geq 5$ )
  - loss of statistical power
- No group should contain less than 10 (or 5) (try to regroup instead)
- Not apt for low sample size.
- Informs of presence or absence (probability of occurrence) of association but doesn't measure strength of association

## Life after chi-squared: an introduction to log-linear analysis.

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### Abstract

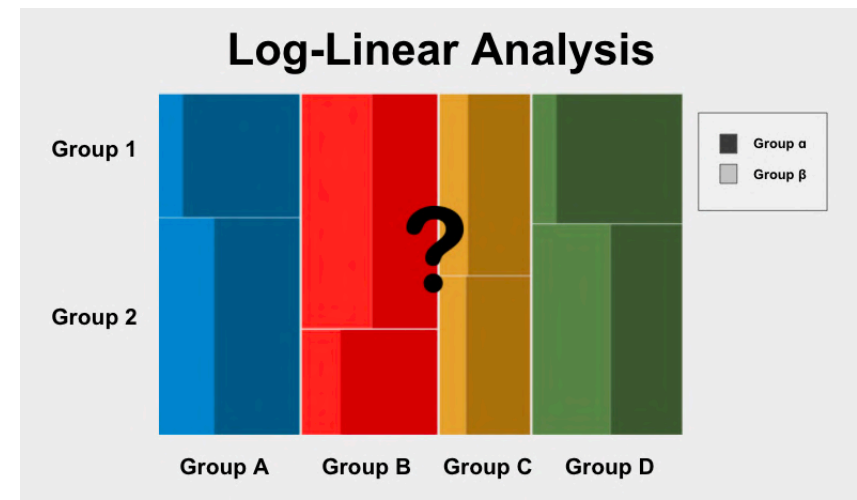
Chi-squared tests are used to examine the relationships among categorical variables. However, they are difficult to use and interpret when more than 2 variables are involved. In such cases, it is better to use a related statistic, called log-linear analysis. This article is an introduction to log-linear models, illustrating how they can be used to tease apart relationships among several variables in looking at the factors associated with photonumerophobia.

	Age category of car		
	New	Old	Total
<b>Male drivers</b>			
<b>Behaviour at amber light</b>			
Stopped	79	63	142
Did not stop	87	95	182
Total	166	158	324
<b>Female drivers</b>			
<b>Behaviour at amber light</b>			
Stopped	95	83	178
Did not stop	51	94	145
Total	146	177	323
Total old/new cars:	312	335	647

**Table 18.15** Stopping behaviour of male and female drivers in old and new cars.

# Log-Linear Analysis

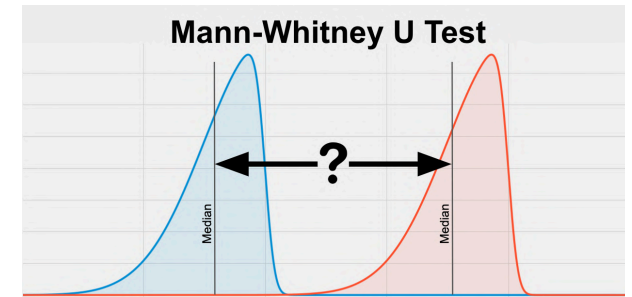
- variable of interest is proportional or categorical
- have two or more options
- no assumptions of IV or DV
- used for both hypothesis testing and model building



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# Mann-Whitney U Test



- between subjects design
- skewed distribution
- used on ordinal non-normal data
- **assumption:**
  - a real difference between two populations should cause the scores in one sample to be generally larger than the other;
  - if two samples are combined and all scores are ranked, then the larger ranks should be concentrated in one sample and smaller ranks in the other
  - eg: Likert items (e.g., a 7-point scale from "strongly agree" through to "strongly disagree")

# Mann-Whitney U test

- ex: children's tendency to stereotype according to traditional gender roles if they have working mothers vs not

Full-time jobs		No job outside home	
Score	Points	Score	Points
17	9	19	6
32	7	63	0
39	6.5	78	0
27	8	29	4
58	6	39	1.5
25	8	59	0
31	7	77	0
		81	0
		68	0
<b>Totals:</b>	51.5 = $U_1$		11.5 = $U_2$
$U$ is the lower of 51.5 and 11.5, so $U$ is 11.5			

critical  $U$  value = 12  
 $\alpha < .05$

- the observed  $U$  value should be less than or equal to critical  $U$  value in order to reject  $H_0$

> two groups - Kruskal-Wallis test

# Mann-Whitney U test

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critical  $U$  value = 12  
 $\alpha < .05$

children of working mothers are less likely to use gender-role stereotypes

**REJECTED**  
 $H_0$

# Kruskal-Wallis Test

Aim



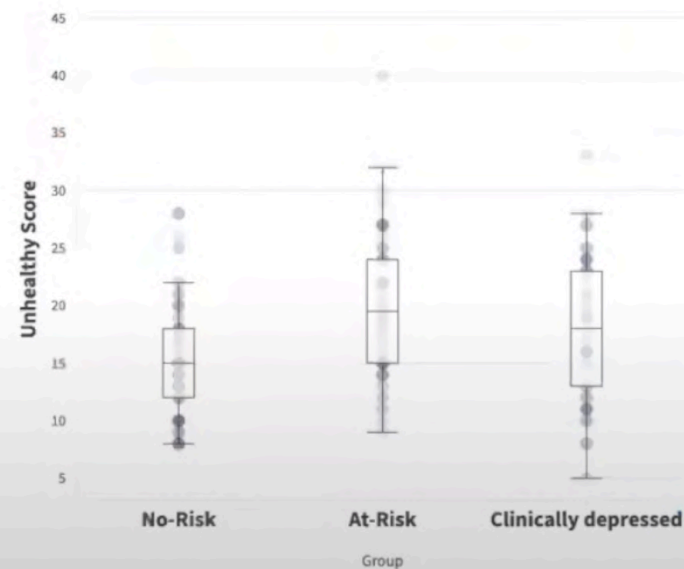
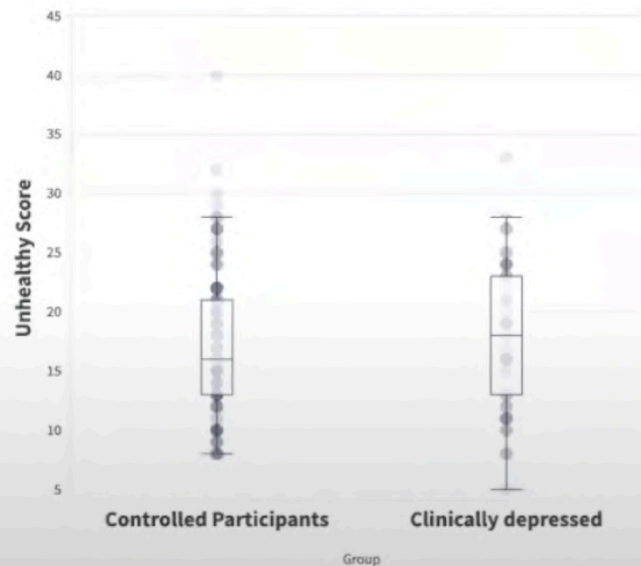
Clinically Depressed Cohort (DC)



Controlled Participants (CP)

To investigate musical engagement strategies via HUMS in DC compared to control participants (CP) from the community

## Results: Group Differences for *Unhealthy* Scores





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# Wilcoxon Signed-Rank Test

- **ordinal level** (tests based on rank order)
- within subjects design (**related, repeated-measures/matched pairs**)
- null hypothesis as the claim that the two populations from which scores are sampled are identical
- most of the time this is more specifically that the two medians are equal (not means because we are working at the ordinal level)
- the observed  $W$  value should be less than or equal to critical  $W$  value in order to reject  $H_0$

# Wilcoxon Signed-Rank Test

- example:
  - assess if students performed better in the mock exam than the final GRE exam

$H_0$  : Population median difference = 0

$H_1$  : Population median difference > 0      (1-tail)

# Wilcoxon Signed-Rank Test

Student	Mock	Real	Diff(d)	Rank
1	316	320	-4	-4.5
2	324	319	5	6
3	317	318	-1	-1.5
4	323	314	9	10
5	333	333	0	n/a
6	329	321	8	9
7	328	311	17	12
8	319	309	10	11
9	320	318	2	3
10	314	321	-7	-8
11	309	315	-6	-7
12	323	319	4	4.5
13	335	334	1	1.5

$$T_+ = 57 \quad T_- = 21$$

$$W_{\text{stat}} = \min(T_+, T_-) = 21$$

(> critical W value 17  
 $\alpha < .05$ )

n	Two-Tailed Test		One-Tailed Test	
	$\alpha = .05$	$\alpha = .01$	$\alpha = .05$	$\alpha = .01$
5	--	--	0	--
6	0	--	2	--
7	2	--	3	0
8	3	0	5	1
9	5	1	8	3
10	8	3	10	5
11	10	5	13	7
12	13	7	17	9
13	17	9	21	12
14	21	12	25	15

$H_0$



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# The Binomial Sign Test

## Categorical data

- Within subjects design
- Items are dichotomous and **nominal**
- may be reduced from interval or ordinal level
- two dependent samples should be paired or matched

# The Binomial Sign Test

A	B	C	D	E	
Client	Self-image rating before therapy	Self-image rating after 3 months' therapy	Difference (C – B)	Sign of difference	
a	3	7	4	+	
b	12	18	6	+	
c	9	5	-4	-	
d	7	7	0		
e	8	12	4	+	$S = 1$
f	1	5	4	+	
g	15	16	1	+	
h	10	12	2	+	
i	11	15	4	+	
j	10	17	7	+	

**Table 17.6** Self-image scores before and after three months' therapy.

- the observed  $S$  value should be less than or equal to critical  $S$  value in order to reject  $H_0$

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critical  $S$  value = 1

$\alpha \leq .05$

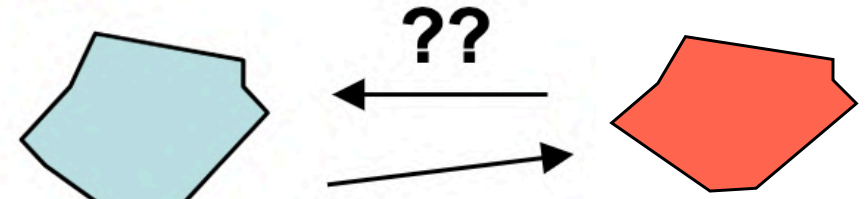
**REJECTED**

$H_0$



**EXAMPLE**

which tests can i use?



unrelated / between

analytic skills: **CSE vs ECE**

Brain connectivity patterns **musicians vs non-musicians**

**Gender differences** in social media usage

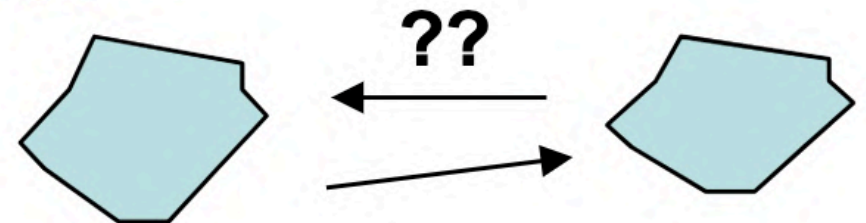
**EXAMPLE**

Performance in **Quiz 1 vs Quiz 2**

Memory **Pre- vs Post-** Sleep deprivation

Pollution level **before vs after** Diwali

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related / within  
conditions

# Different types of tests

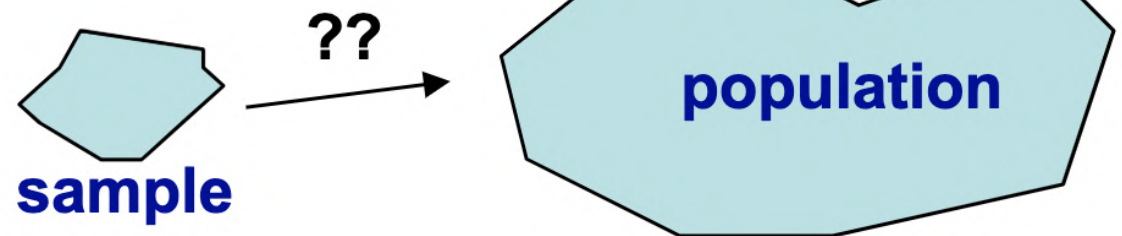
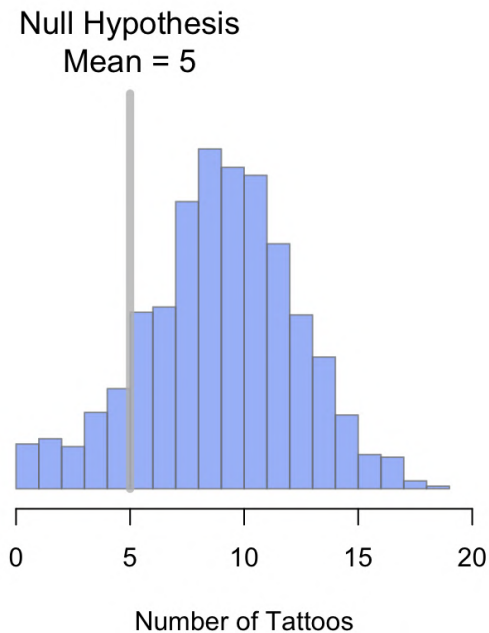
Test type	Between subjects designs (Independent samples)	Within subject designs (repeated measures/ matched pairs)
Non-parametric (for categorical data)	Chi-square	<i>The binomial sign test</i>
Non-parametric (for ordinal data)	<i>Mann-Whitney U</i>	<i>Wilcoxon Signed-Rank Test</i>
Parametric	<i>Unrelated t-test (level of data: interval)</i>	<i>Related t-test (level of data: interval)</i>

# Single Sample t-test

Does the observed distribution come from a population with a certain mean?

How certain are we that it comes from a different population?

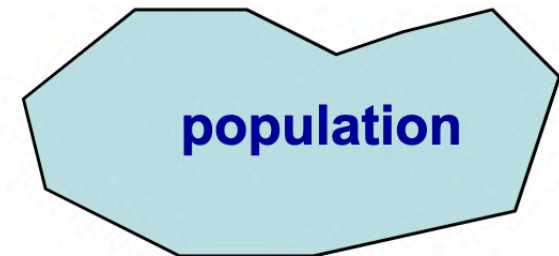
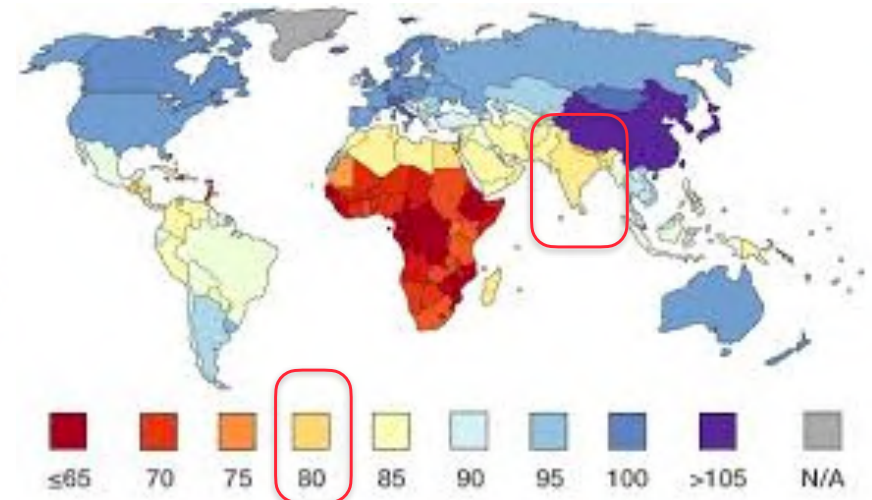
## 1-Sample t-test



**EXAMPLE**

# Single Sample t-test

$$t = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\frac{s}{\sqrt{N}}}$$

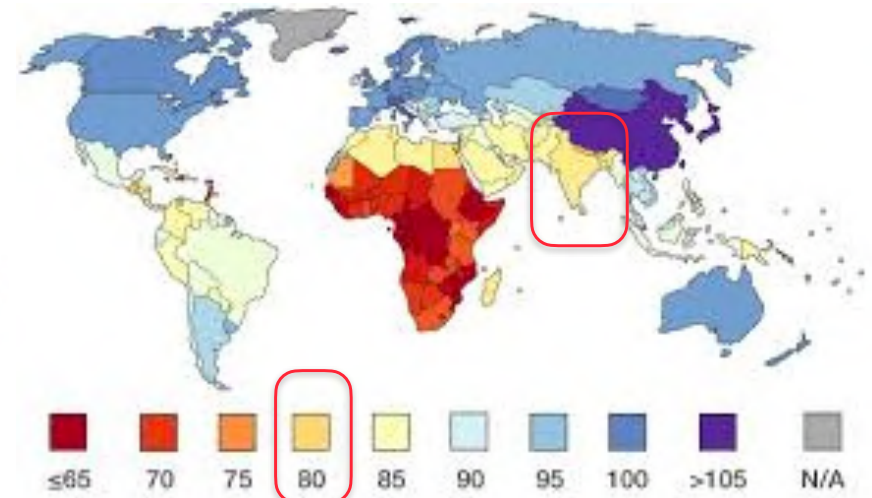


**H<sub>0</sub>:**

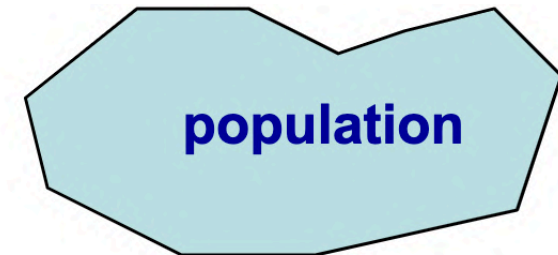
**H<sub>A</sub>:**

**EXAMPLE**

# Single Sample t-test



$$N = 500$$
$$\bar{X} = 83$$



$$\mu = 80$$

$$t = 14.9 \text{ (} df = 499 \text{), } p < .001$$

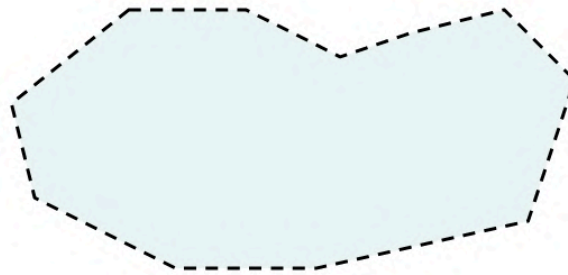
$H_0$

**REJECTED**

# Two Sample test

Do they come from the same population?

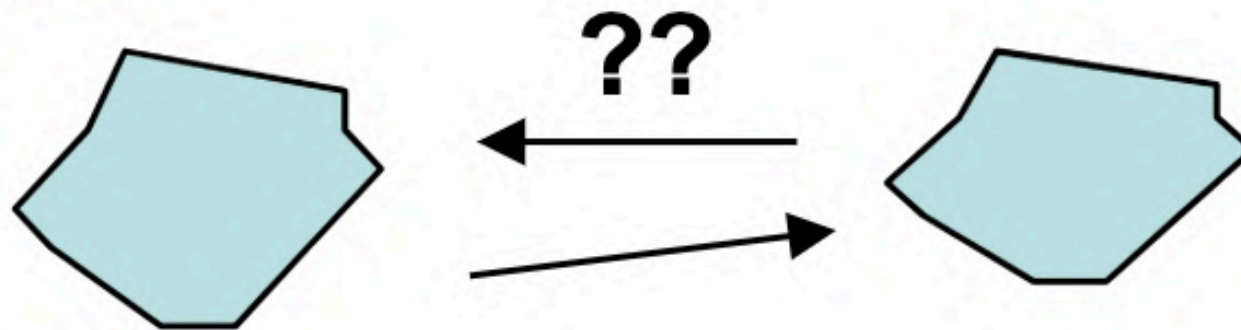
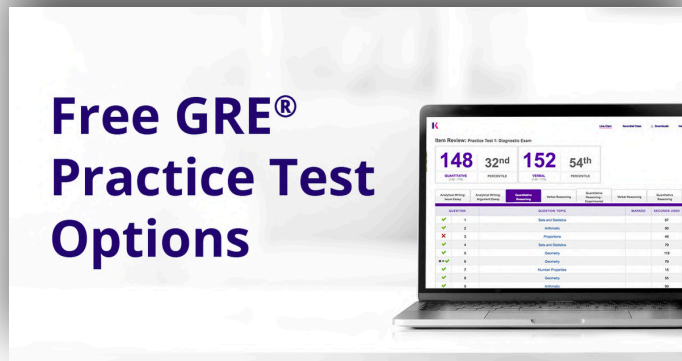
How certain are we that they are different?





# Two Sample related $t$ -test

**H<sub>A</sub>:** Students perform better/worse in mock tests



**EXAMPLE**

**dir or non-dir H<sub>A</sub>?**



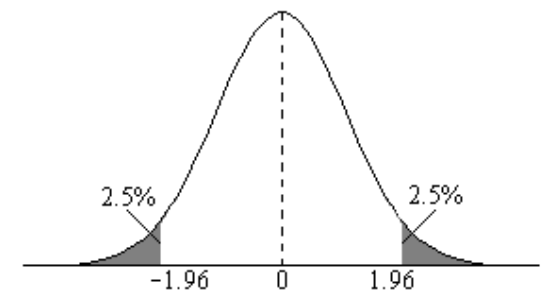
# Two Sample related $t$ -test

Student	Mock	Real
1	316	320
2	324	319
3	317	318
4	323	314
5	333	330
6	329	321
7	328	311
8	319	309
9	320	318
10	314	321

$H_0$

**ACCEPTED**

**non-dir  $H_A$**

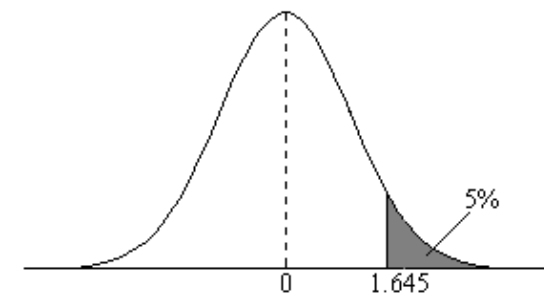


(b) Two-tailed test

$H_0$

**REJECTED**

**dir  $H_A$**



(a) One-tailed test

Is  $t$ -test valid??

# > 2 groups/conditions

Test type	Between subjects designs (Independent samples)	Within subjects designs (dependent samples)
Parametric	<i>One-way ANOVA</i>	<i>One-way Repeated measures ANOVA</i>
Non-parametric	<i>Kruskal-Wallis one way analysis of variance</i>	Friedman's two-way analysis of variance

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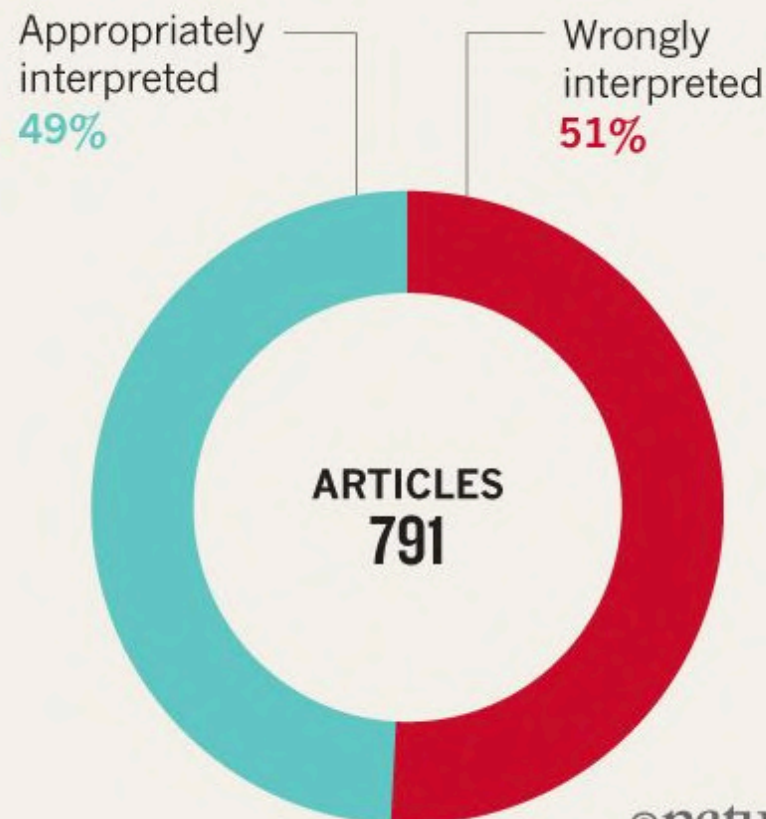
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## WRONG INTERPRETATIONS

An analysis of 791 articles across 5 journals\* found that around half mistakenly assume non-significance means no effect.

\*Data taken from: P. Schatz *et al. Arch. Clin. Neuropsychol.* **20**, 1053–1059 (2005); F. Fidler *et al. Conserv. Biol.* **20**, 1539–1544 (2006); R. Hoekstra *et al. Psychon. Bull. Rev.* **13**, 1033–1037 (2006); F. Bernardi *et al. Eur. Sociol. Rev.* **33**, 1–15 (2017).



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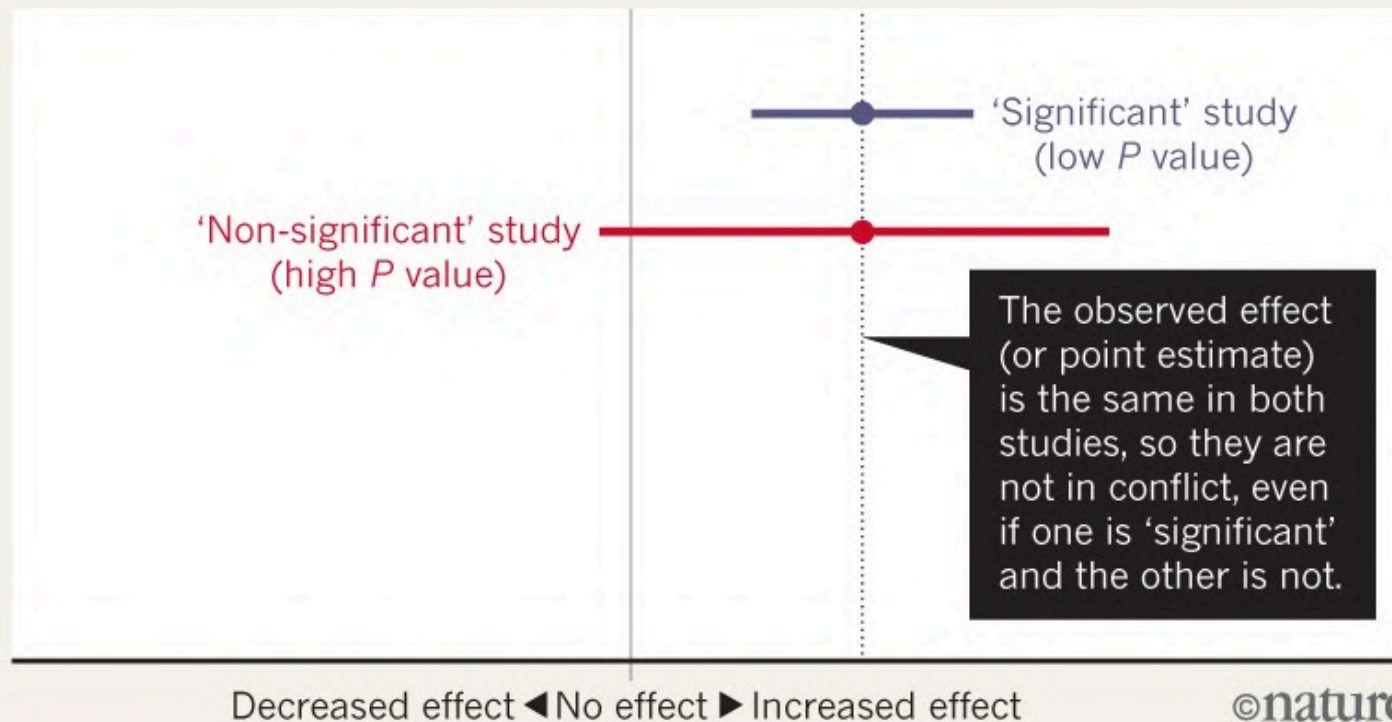
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## BEWARE FALSE CONCLUSIONS

Studies currently dubbed ‘statistically significant’ and ‘statistically non-significant’ need not be contradictory, and such designations might cause genuine effects to be dismissed.



# $p$ -hacking

1. Stop collecting data once  $p < .05$
2. Analyze many measures, but report only those with  $p < .05$ .
3. Collect and analyze many conditions, but only report those with  $p < .05$ .
4. Use covariates to get  $p < .05$ .
5. Exclude participants to get  $p < .05$ .
6. Transform the data to get  $p < .05$ .