

# Machine Learning Assignment CH3 slide38

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**To determine the critical value for F-statistic:**

**1. Choose a significance level ( $\alpha$ ):**

This is the probability of rejecting the null hypothesis when it is actually true.

**2. Determine the degrees of freedom (df):**

Numerator degrees of freedom  $df_1 = k$  (number of independent variables or groups being tested).

Denominator degrees of freedom  $df_2 = n - k - 1$  (total sample size – number of predictors – 1).

**3. Look up the critical value from the F-distribution table using:**

```
n = 30 # Sample size
k = 3   # Number of independent variables
df1 = k # Numerator df (number of predictors)
df2 = n - k - 1 # Denominator df (residual degrees of freedom)
# Set significance level (alpha)
alpha = 0.05
# Calculate critical value from F-distribution
f_critical = f.ppf(1 - alpha, dfn=df1, dfd=df2)
```

If it calculated F-statistic  $> 2.98$ , it rejects the null hypothesis — meaning at least one of the independent variables significantly contributes to the model.