

Flow-chart for popularly used statistical tests

Q1, Univariate /Multivariable	Q2, Difference /Correlation	Q3, Paired / related	Q4, Q5 Type of outcome (Normality)	Q 6 , No. of groups	Q 7 ,sample size	Valid Tests
Univariate	Difference	Independent (un-paired)	Continuous (Normal)	2		Student's t-test
				> 2		One-way ANOVA
			Continuous (Non-normal) / Ordered categorical	2		Mann-Whitney U test
				> 2		Kruskal-Wallis H test
			Nominal	2	< 20	Fisher's exact test
				≥2	≥20	Chi-square test
			Time to Event			Log-Rank test (Kaplan-Meier plot)
		Dependent (paired)	Continuous (Normal)	2		Paied-t test
				> 2		Repeated measured ANOVA Mixed effect Regression
			Continuous (Non-normal) / Ordered categorical	2		Wilcoxon signed-rank test
				> 2		Friedman test
			Nominal	2		McNemar's test
	Correlation		Continuous (Normal)			Pearson's correlation (r)
			Continuous (Non-normal) /ordered			Spearman's correlation (rs)
			Nominal (2 levels)	2		Spearman/Kappa (Agreement)
Multivariable		Independent (un-paired)	Continuous (Normal residuals)			Linear Regression
			Continuous (Non-normal residuals)			Linear Regression *
			Ordered categorical			Ordered Logistic Regression
			Nominal	(2 levels)		Binary Logistic Regression
				(> 2)		Multinomial Logistic Regression
			Time to Event			Cox Proportional Hazard Regression
		Dependent (paired)	Continuous (Normal residuals)			Linear Mixed Effect Regression
			Continuous (Non-normal residuals)			Linear Mixed Effect Regression *
			Ordered categorical			Generalized Estimation Equation (GEE)
			Nominal (2 levels)			Generalized Estimation Equation (GEE)

* Transform outcome variables for normalizing residuals

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