



# **Introduction to statistics**

**(Day 3)**

# Agenda

- **Where:**

- Mar 4: 
- Mar 5: 
- Mar 6 : Online

- **When:**

- 14-17
- 1 coffee break

- **Who:**

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- **How (to pass):**

- Attend at least 2 lessons

# How to ask questions/give feedback

- Interrupt me
- Take advantage of end/start/breaks
- Send emails [alessia.visconti@unito.it](mailto:alessia.visconti@unito.it)
- Use the shared pad:  
[https://etherpad.wikimedia.org/p/intro\\_stats\\_2024\\_specialita](https://etherpad.wikimedia.org/p/intro_stats_2024_specialita) (or  
<https://t.ly/vRbvy>)



# Recap



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- The collection, organisation, summarisation, and analysis of data  
→ *Descriptive* statistics
- The drawing of inferences about a body of data when only a part of the data is observed  
→ *Inferential* statistics

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- When can't study a population, we select a representative sample
- There are different sampling strategies
- Data are described with measures of centrality (mode, median, mean) and dispersion (range, IQR, standard deviation)
- Parameters (calculated on the population) vs statistics (calculated on the sample)

# Recap

- Using the standard normal distribution we can calculate the probability of an observation
- Multiple phenomena and statistical distributions are normally distributed (CLT)
- We use statistics to estimate parameters (point estimates)
- We use interval estimates (confidence intervals) to estimate point estimates' uncertainty

# Making decision with data

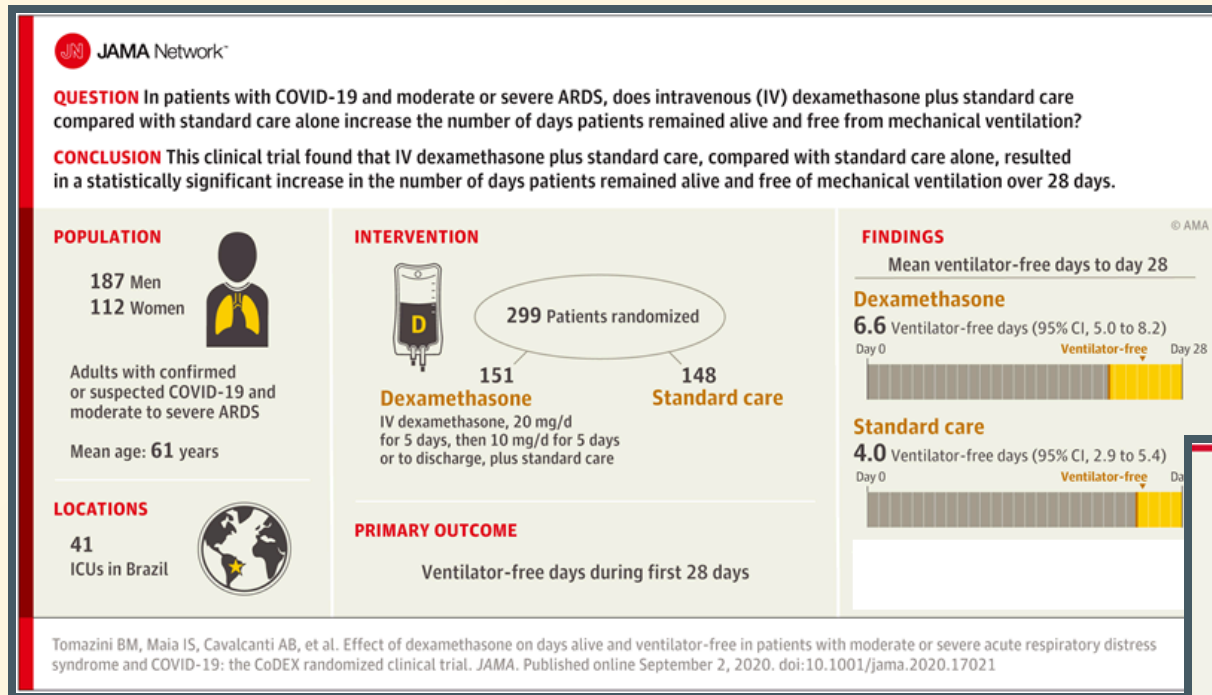




# Learning objectives

- Make and test hypotheses
- Interpret P values
- Understand Type I and II errors
- Understand the power of a study

# Making hypotheses



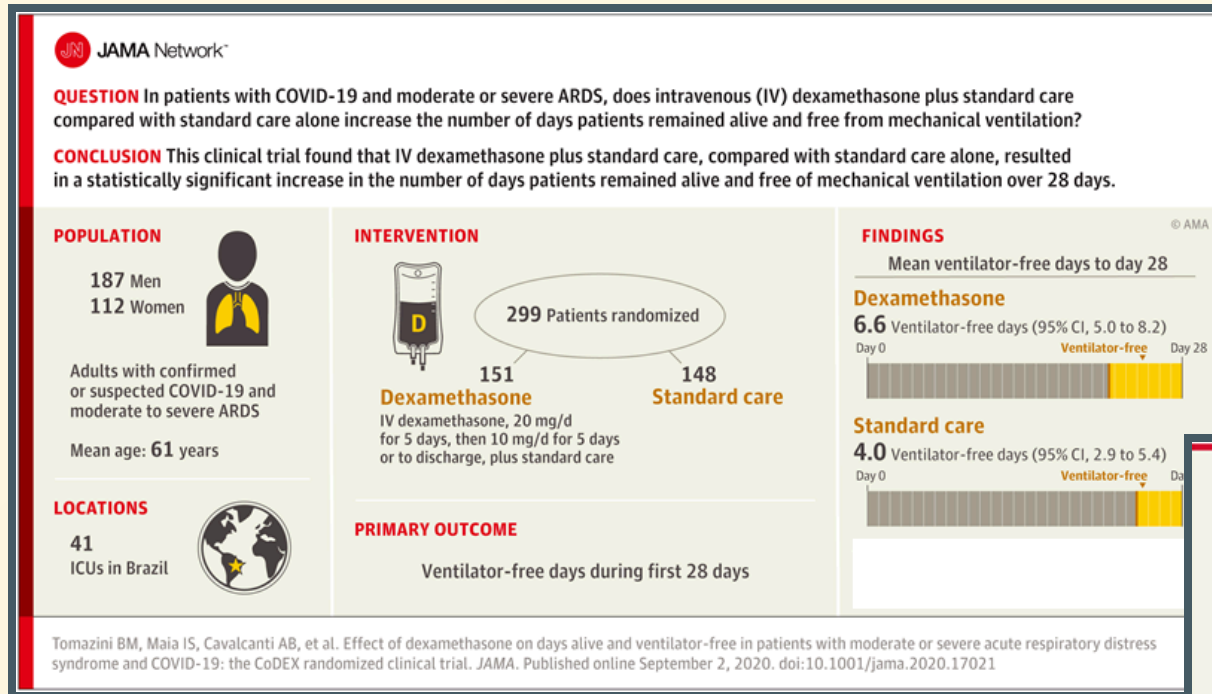
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→ Alternative hypothesis ( $\mathcal{H}_1$ )

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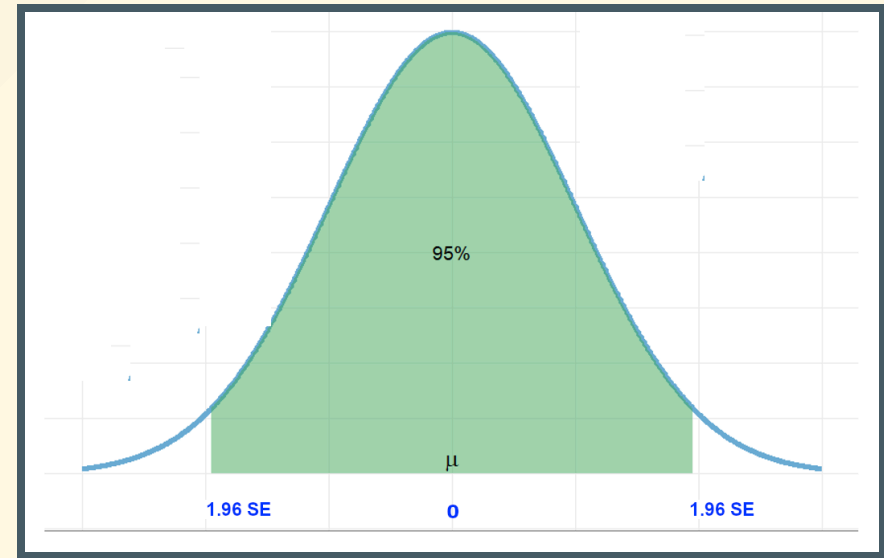
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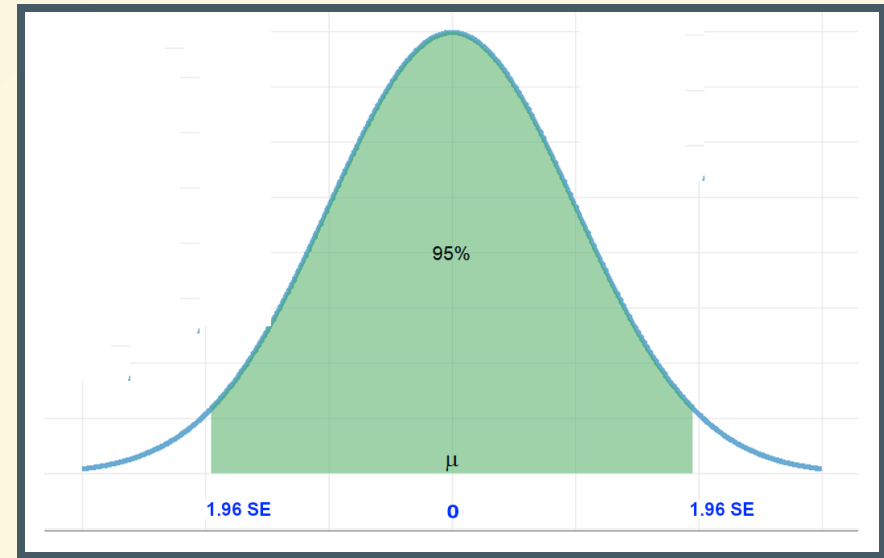
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How far from  $\mu = 0$  is too far to accept the null hypothesis with less than 5% chance?

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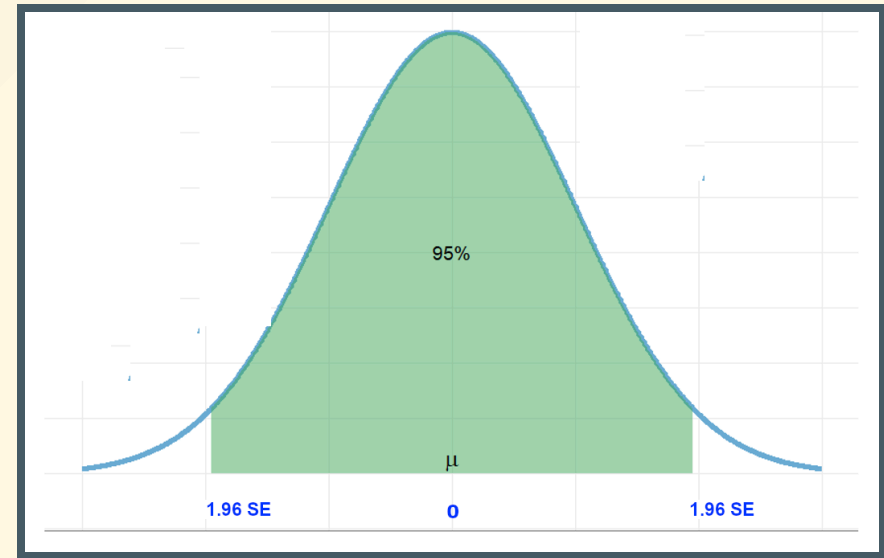
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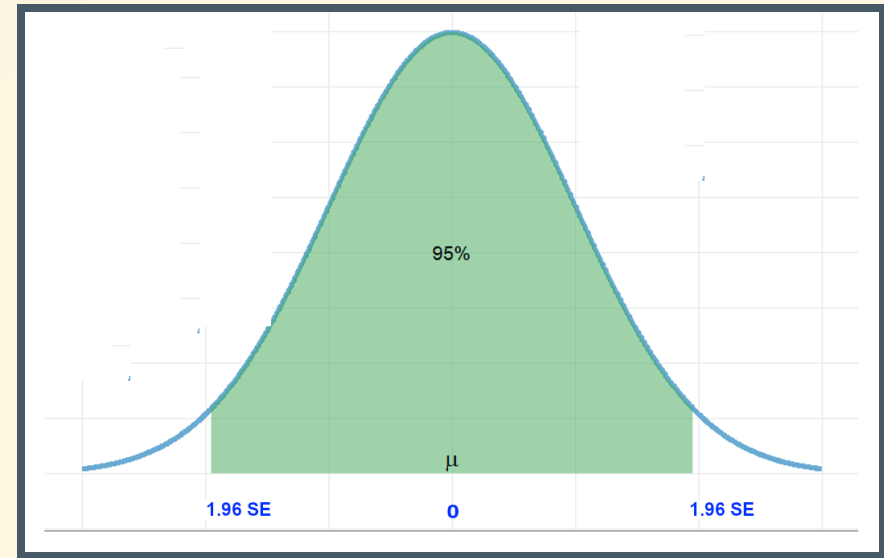
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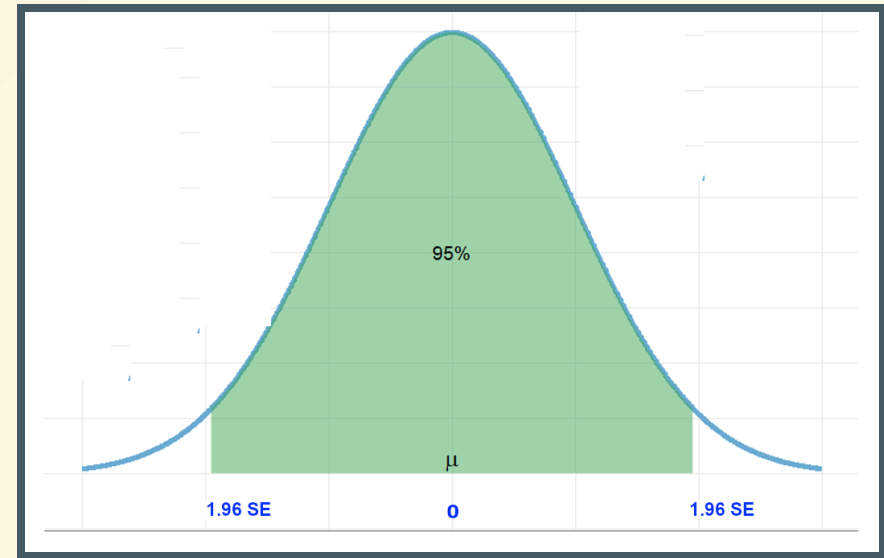
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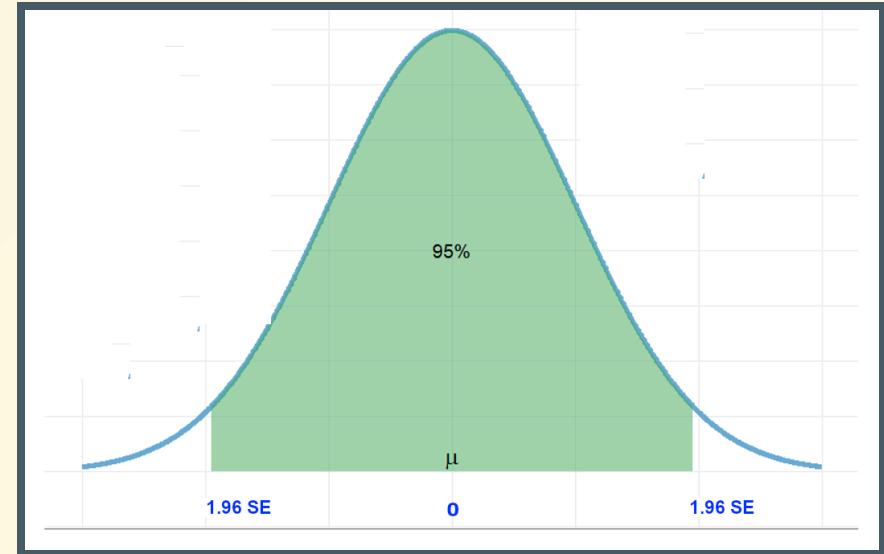


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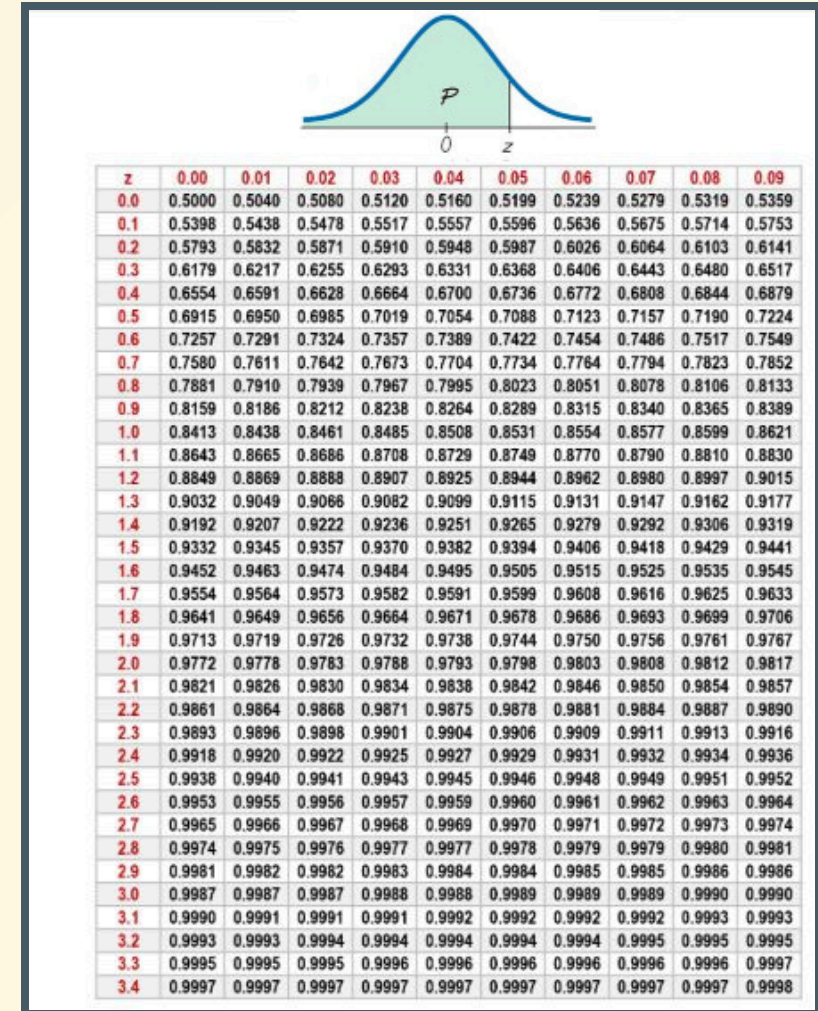
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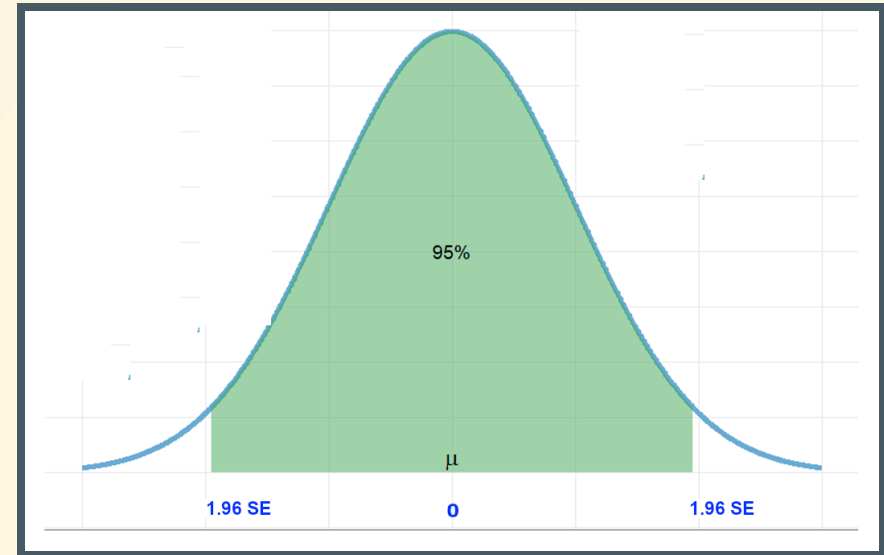


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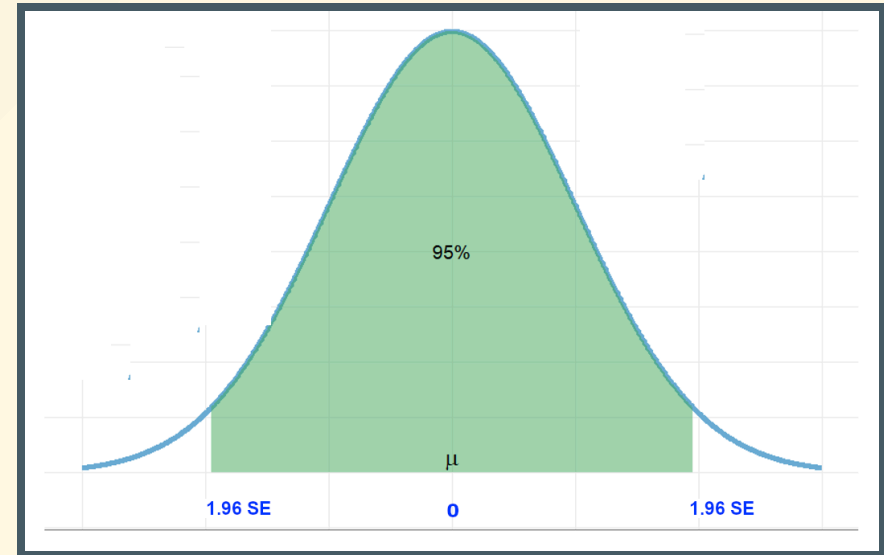
$$\mathcal{P}(|\bar{X}| > 2.4) = 2 \times (1 - 0.9918) = 2 \times 0.0082 = 0.0164 \quad \leftarrow \text{P value}$$

# One- and two-tailed tests



$\mathcal{H}_1: \mu_i - \mu_c \neq 0$   
→ two-tailed test

$\mathcal{H}_1: \mu_i - \mu_c > 0$   
 $\mu_i - \mu_c < 0$   
→ one-tailed test



# Making decision



$p < \alpha \rightarrow \text{reject } \mathcal{H}_0$

$p \geq \alpha \rightarrow \text{fail to reject } \mathcal{H}_0$


$$\alpha = 0.05 \rightarrow P < 0.05 \rightarrow |\bar{X}| > 1.96 \times \hat{S}E$$

$$\alpha = 0.01 \rightarrow P < 0.01 \rightarrow |\bar{X}| > 2.58 \times \hat{S}E$$


$$\alpha = 0.1 \rightarrow P < 0.1 \rightarrow |\bar{X}| > 1.65 \times \hat{S}E$$



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- Bonferroni correction:  $\alpha = \alpha/M$
- False discovery rate (FDR)

# Hypothesis testing (in steps)

1. Set  $\mathcal{H}_0$  and  $\mathcal{H}_1$
2. Define  $\alpha$
3. Calculate the test statistics and the P value
4. Make a decision about  $\mathcal{H}_0$

## Exercise 15

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3. Calculate the test statistics ↓

$$\bar{X} = \bar{x}_s - \bar{x}_c = 3241.6 - 3424.1 = -182.5$$

$$\hat{SE} = \sqrt{\frac{s_s^2}{n_s} + \frac{s_c^2}{n_c}} = \sqrt{\frac{476.5^2}{5065} + \frac{474.6^2}{8143}} = 8.51$$

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4. Make a decision about  $\mathcal{H}_0 \rightarrow$  We refuse  $\mathcal{H}_0$

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$$\bar{P} = \hat{p}_i - \hat{p}_c = \frac{13}{180} - \frac{40}{183} = 0.07 - 0.22 = -0.15 = -15\%$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{SE} &= \sqrt{\frac{\bar{P} \times (1 - \bar{P})}{n_i} + \frac{\bar{P} \times (1 - \bar{P})}{n_c}} = \sqrt{\frac{0.15 \times (1 - 0.15)}{180} + \frac{0.15 \times (1 - 0.15)}{183}} = 0.037 \\ &\rightarrow \pm 1.96 \times \hat{SE} = \pm 1.96 \times 0.037 = \pm 0.073 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\mathcal{P}(|\bar{P}| > 4.06) = 2 \times (1 - 0.999975) = 0.00005 = 5 \times 10^{-5} \leftarrow \text{P value}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}\chi^2 &= \sum \frac{(\text{Observed} - \text{Expected})^2}{\text{Expected}} = \\ &= \frac{(13 - 16.28)^2}{26.28} + \frac{(167 - 153.72)^2}{153.72} + \\ &+ \frac{(40 - 27.2)^2}{27.2} + \frac{(143 - 155.26)^2}{155.26} = \\ &= 14.85\end{aligned}$$

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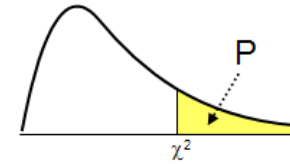
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	P										
DF	0.995	0.975	0.20	0.10	0.05	0.025	0.02	0.01	0.005	0.002	0.001
1	0.0000393	0.000982	1.642	2.706	3.841	5.024	5.412	6.635	7.879	9.550	10.828
2	0.0100	0.0506	3.219	4.605	5.991	7.378	7.824	9.210	10.597	12.429	13.816
3	0.0717	0.216	4.642	6.251	7.815	9.348	9.837	11.345	12.838	14.796	16.266
4	0.207	0.484	5.989	7.779	9.488	11.143	11.668	13.277	14.860	16.924	18.467
5	0.412	0.831	7.289	9.236	11.070	12.833	13.388	15.086	16.750	18.907	20.515
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# Pearson's $\chi^2$ test



Is zidovudine the same as standard care?

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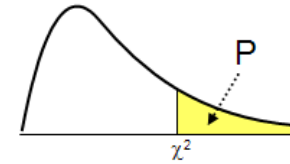
$$\alpha = 0.05$$

$$\chi^2 = 14.85 \quad df = 1$$

$$\chi^2_\alpha = 3.84 < 14.85$$

→ reject  $\mathcal{H}_0$

$$\mathcal{P}(\chi^2 > 14.85) = 1.2 \times 10^{-4}$$



	P										
DF	0.995	0.975	0.20	0.10	0.05	0.025	0.02	0.01	0.005	0.002	0.001
1	0.0000393	0.000982	1.642	2.706	3.841	5.024	5.412	6.635	7.879	9.550	10.828
2	0.0100	0.0506	3.219	4.605	5.991	7.378	7.824	9.210	10.597	12.429	13.816
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Use the  $\chi^2$  test,  $\alpha = 0.05$

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4. Make a decision about  $\mathcal{H}_0 \rightarrow$  We refuse  $\mathcal{H}_0$

# Pearson's $\chi^2$ test -- Yates' correction

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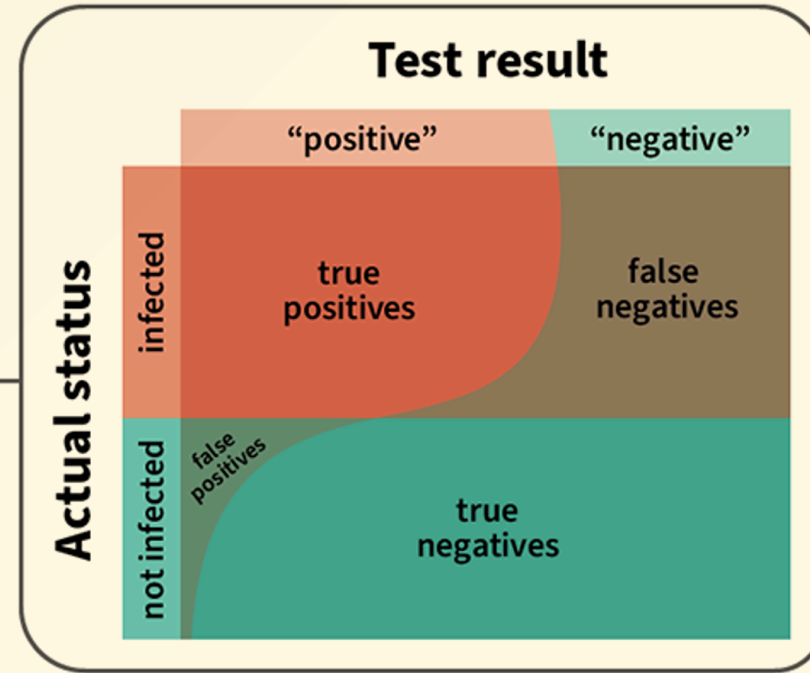
$\beta$  is the Type II error

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# Specificity vs sensitivity

The COVID-19 swab test is highly **specific** but not as **sensitive**.

That means a positive result is almost always true, but a negative result is sometimes false.



$$\text{Sensitivity} = \frac{\text{number of true positives}}{\text{number of those tested who really are infected}} = \text{“how many of the infections did we find?”}$$

$$\text{Specificity} = \frac{\text{number of true negatives}}{\text{number of those tested who really are not infected}} = \text{“how many of the healthy people did we clear?”}$$

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Non rejected	true negative	



# Power of a study

- 🎯  $1 - \beta$  is the power of a statistical test  
(Acceptable power: 80%)

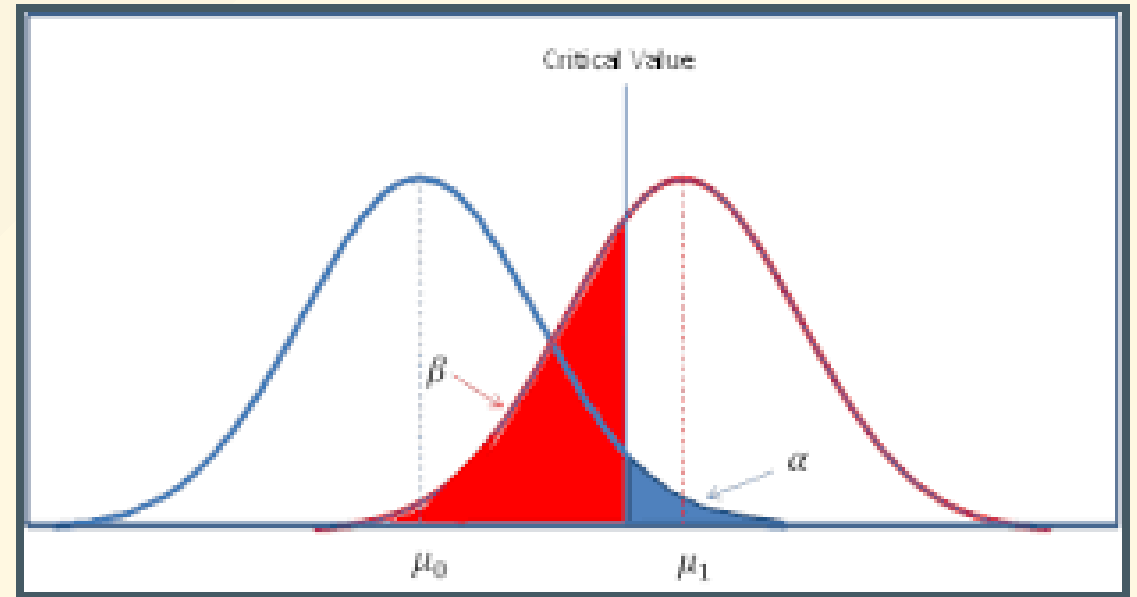
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Rejected		$1 - \beta$
Non rejected	$1 - \alpha$	

# Power of a study



The power is increased by:

- larger  $\alpha$
- larger  $\mu_i - \mu_c$
- smaller  $\sigma^2$
- larger sample size  $n$



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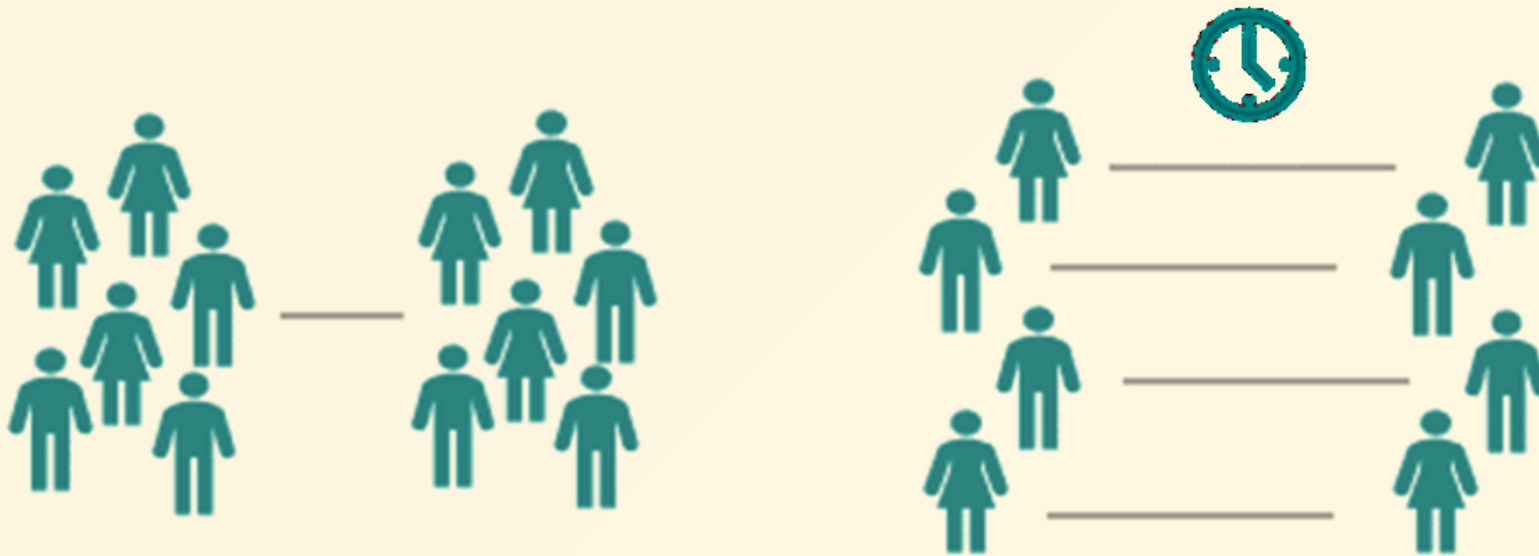
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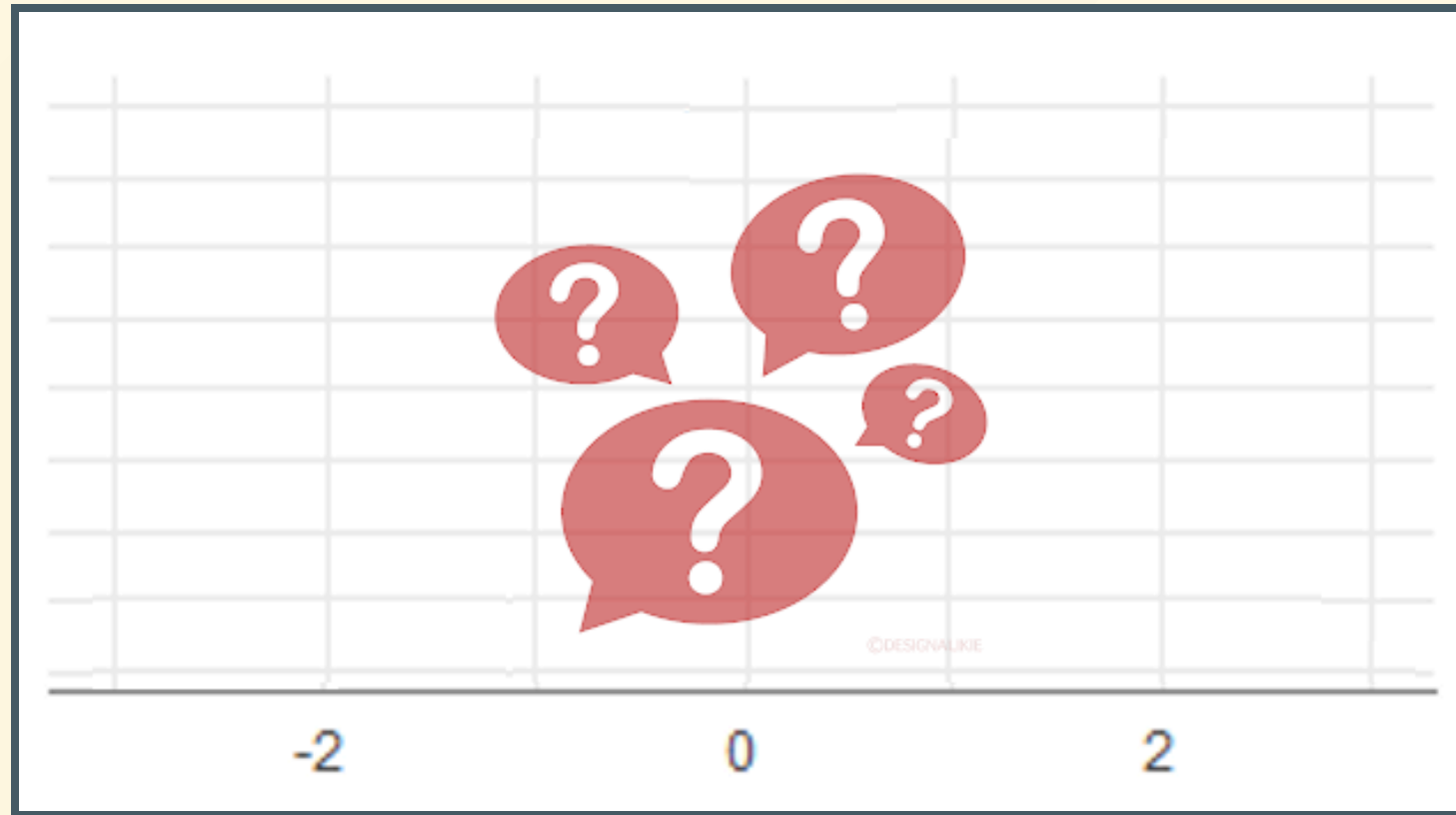


# Independent and paired samples





# Non-parametric tests

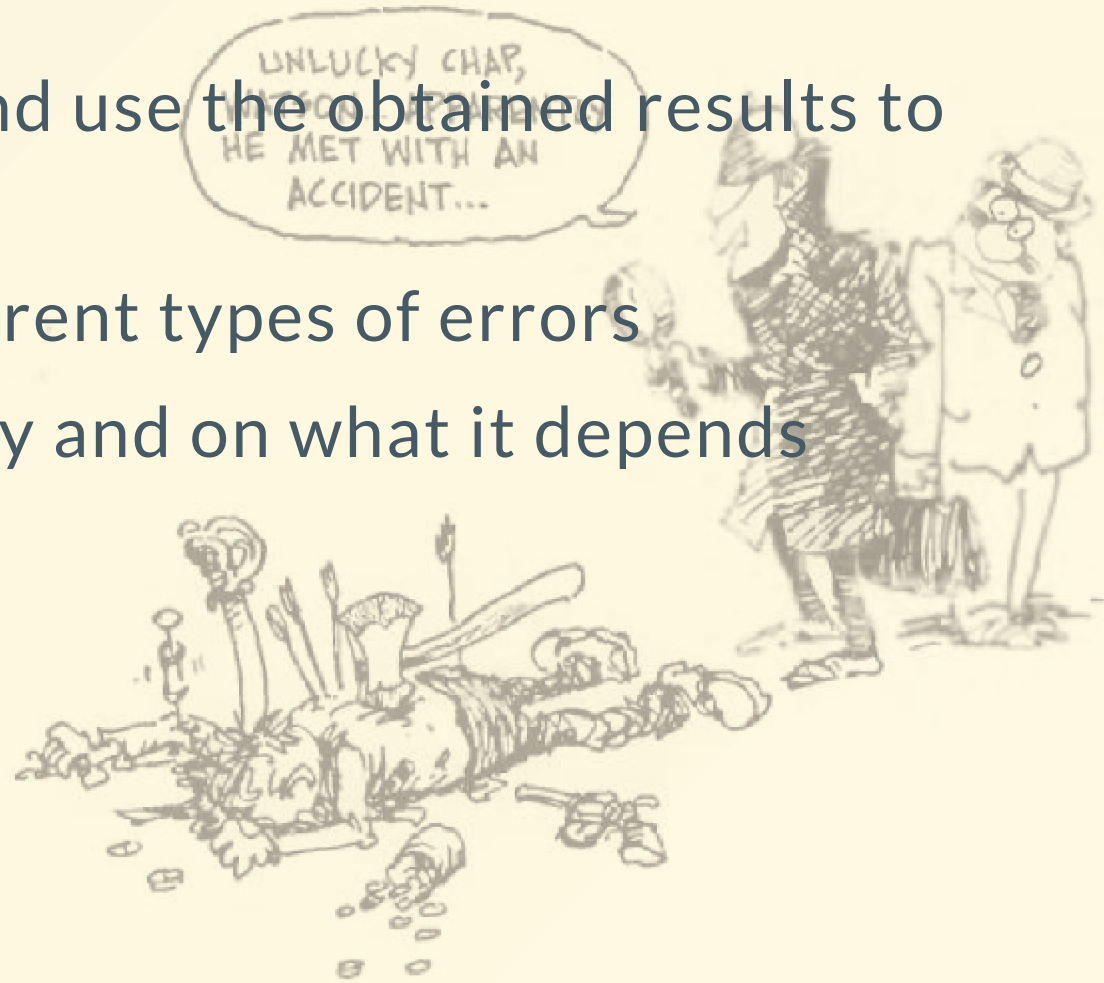


# Non-parametric tests

Sample	Data type	$\mathcal{H}_0$	Parametric test	Non-parametric test
Independent	Numerical	$\mu_1 = \mu_2$	Student's t-test	Mann-Whitney's test
Paired	Numerical	$\mu_1 = \mu_2$	Student's t-test	Wilcoxon's test
Independent	Categorical	$\pi_1 = \pi_2$	Z-test, $\chi^2$	Fisher's test
Paired	Categorical	$\pi_1 = \pi_2$	-	McNemar's test

# Summary

- We can make and test hypotheses, and use the obtained results to make decision
- We are aware that we can make different types of errors
- We know what is the power of a study and on what it depends



# Wrap up



# The PARACHUTE trial

## RESEARCH

### Parachute use to prevent death and major trauma when jumping from aircraft: randomized controlled trial

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#### WHAT IS ALREADY KNOWN ON THIS TOPIC

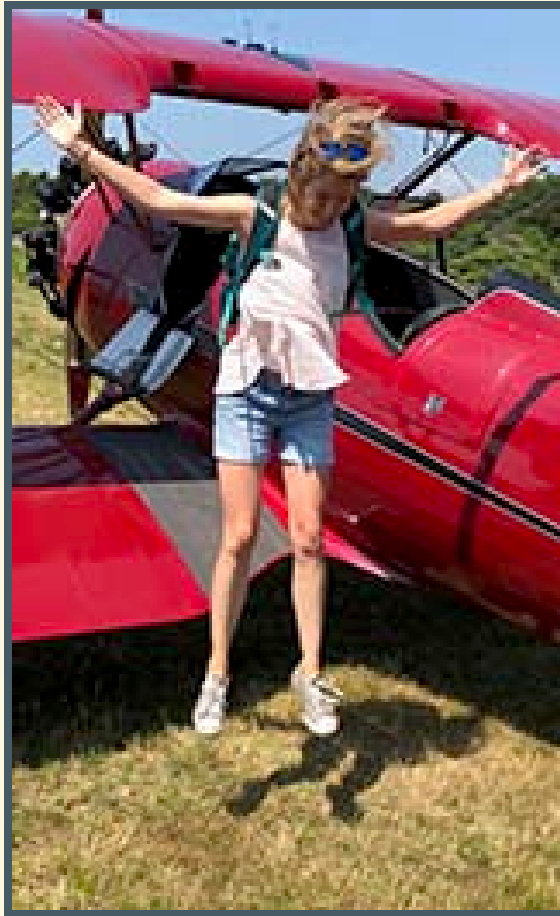
Parachutes are routinely used to prevent death or major traumatic injury among individuals jumping from aircraft, but their efficacy is based primarily on biological plausibility and expert opinion

No randomized controlled trials of parachute use have yet been attempted, presumably owing to a lack of equipoise

#### WHAT THIS STUDY ADDS

This randomized trial of parachute use found no reduction in death or major injury compared with individuals jumping from aircraft with an empty backpack  
Lack of enrolment of individuals at high risk could have influenced the results of the trial

# The PARACHUTE trial



# Closing remarks

“ *To consult the statistician after an experiment is finished is often merely to ask him to conduct a post mortem examination. He can perhaps say what the experiment died of.* ”

R. Fisher

# Thank you

