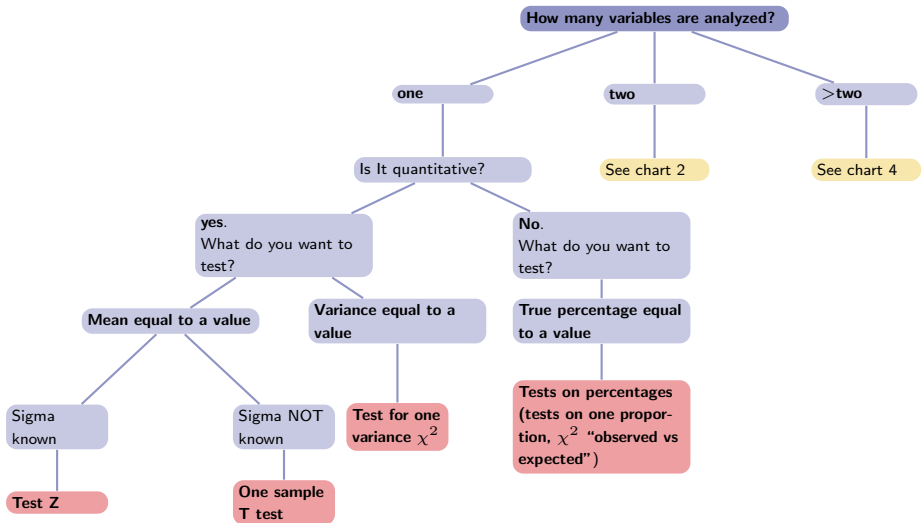
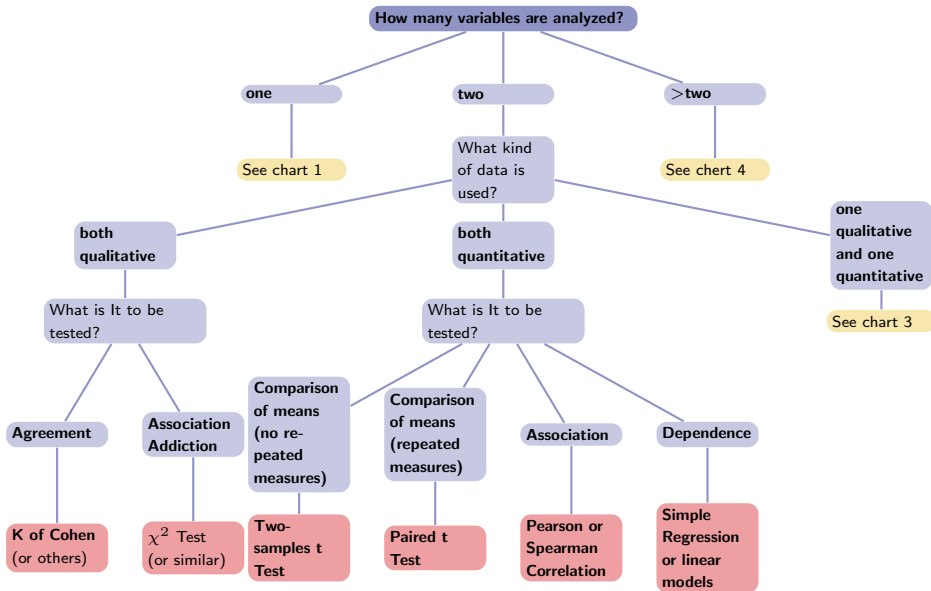


Decision Tree of statistical tests

Choice of the method according to the purpose of the data





2 variables: one qualitative and one quantitative

Does a **dependent** variable exist?

no

Association
indexesyes, the quantitative
is the dependent

What do you want to check?

yes, the qualitative
is the dependentLogit, Probit
Analysis (General-
ized linear models)Difference in variance of the
dependent v. varying the val-
ues of the qualitative v.Number of values assumed by
qualitative variable

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Test F or
Levene Test

>2

Bartlett o
Levene Testvirtually
unlimitedBreush-
Pagan Test
and othersDifference in mean of the de-
pendent v. varying the values
of the qualitative v.Number of values assumed by
qualitative variable

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Student's t test for
independent groups
or one-way ANOVA
with fixed effects for
independent groups

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one-way
ANOVA
with fixed
effects for
independent
groupsvirtually
unlimitedRegression, one-
way ANOVA with
Random effects for
independent groups

>2 variables.

It is hypothesized that one of the variables may depend from the other

What type of data has the dependent variable?

Qualitative or discrete quantitative

What do you want to check?

Dependence of the mean of the dependent variable from other variables

Generalized linear models or, in specific cases, multiple regression and generalized linear models

Continuous

What do you want to check?

Dependence of the variance of the dependent variable from other variables

Breush-Pagan Test or others

Dependence of the mean of the dependent variable from other variables

Multiple regression, general linear models, generalized linear models