

Chi-Square Distribution χ^2

$$P(X^2 > \chi_{\alpha,k}^2) = \int_{\chi_{\alpha,k}^2}^{\infty} f(u) du = \alpha$$

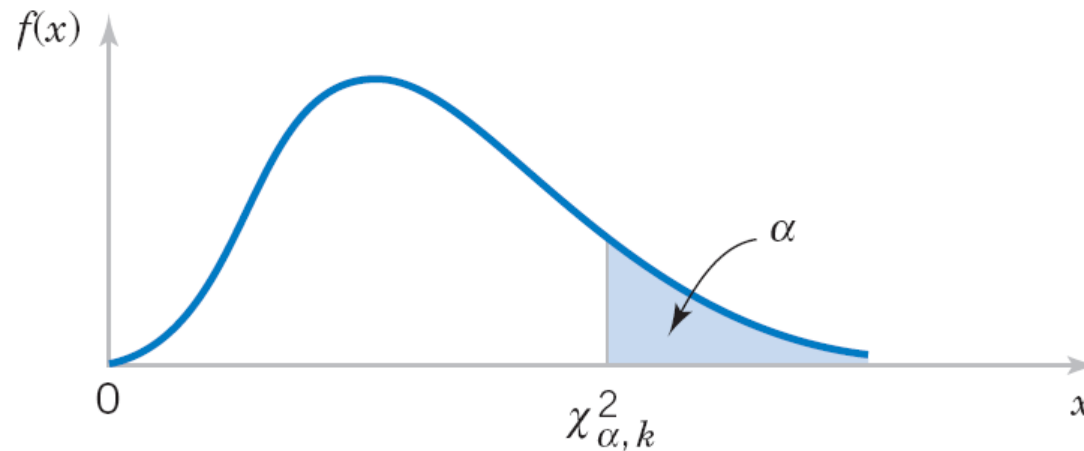


Figure 4-22 Percentage point $\chi_{\alpha,k}^2$ of the χ^2 distribution.

Inference on the Variance of a Normal Population

$$\frac{\sum (y_u - \bar{y})^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2 \sim \frac{(n-1) s^2}{\sigma^2}$$

Laboratory technicians in an hospital are expected to be able to perform highly reproducible blood cell counts.

An applicant for a technician position is tested. He is given blood in a test tube and he is asked to provide 20 random cell counts from that tube using a standard procedure. The 20 cells counts represent a random sample which has a sample variance $s^2 = 15.3$ (cells)². If the variance of the cell counts exceeds 10 (cells)², the applicant will not be considered for the job. Is there evidence in the sample data to suggest that the applicant's laboratory skills are not satisfactory? Use $\alpha=0.05$ and assumes that the cell counts have a normal distribution.

Inference on the Variance of a Normal Population

$$\frac{\sum (y_u - \bar{y})^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2 \sim \frac{(n-1) s^2}{\sigma^2}$$

Testing Hypotheses on the Variance of a Normal Distribution

Null hypothesis: $H_0: \sigma^2 = \sigma_0^2$

Test statistic: $\chi_0^2 = \frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma_0^2}$

Alternative Hypotheses

$$H_1: \sigma^2 \neq \sigma_0^2$$

$$H_1: \sigma^2 > \sigma_0^2$$

$$H_1: \sigma^2 < \sigma_0^2$$

Rejection Criterion

$$\chi_0^2 > \chi_{\alpha/2, n-1}^2 \text{ or } \chi_0^2 < \chi_{1-\alpha/2, n-1}^2$$

$$\chi_0^2 > \chi_{\alpha, n-1}^2$$

$$\chi_0^2 < \chi_{1-\alpha, n-1}^2$$

$\sum (y_u - \bar{y})^2$ = sum of squared residuals and $\sigma^2/(n-1)$ is a scale factor

Chi-Square Distribution with n-1 d.f.

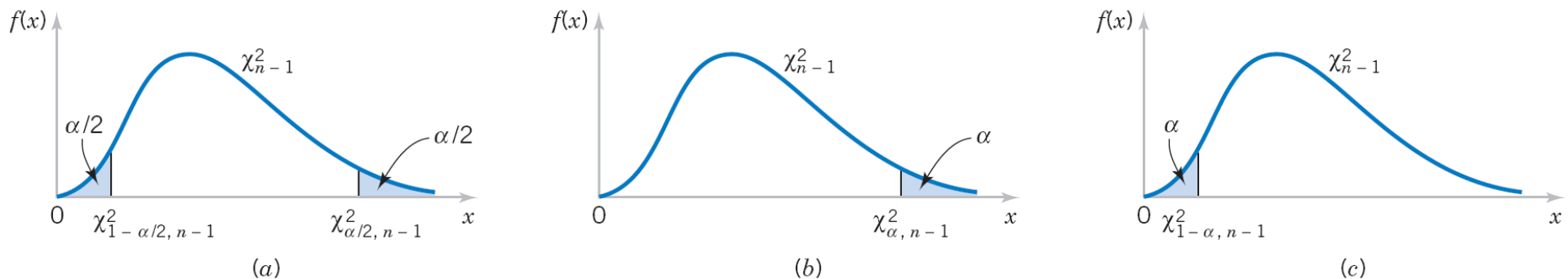


Figure 4-23 Distribution of the test statistic for $H_0: \sigma^2 = \sigma_0^2$ with critical region values for (a) $H_1: \sigma^2 \neq \sigma_0^2$, (b) $H_0: \sigma^2 > \sigma_0^2$, and (c) $H_0: \sigma^2 < \sigma_0^2$.

Inference about the Variance of a Normal Population

$$\frac{\sum (y_u - \bar{y})^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2 \sim \frac{(n-1) s^2}{\sigma^2}$$

Laboratory technicians in an hospital are expected to be able to perform highly reproducible blood cell counts.

A job applicant for a technician position is tested. He is given blood in a test tube and he is asked to provide 20 random cell counts from that tube using a standard procedure. The 20 counts represent a random sample which has a sample variance $s^2 = 153$ (cells)². If the variance of the applicant's cell counts exceeds 100 (cells)², he will not be considered for the job. Is there evidence in the sample data to suggest that the applicant's laboratory skills are not satisfactory? Use $\alpha=0.05$ and assumes that the cell counts have a normal distribution.

$$H_0: \sigma^2 = 100$$

$$H_1: \sigma^2 > 100$$

$X_o^2 = 29.07$ and Tables (Appendix) show that $X_{0.05,19}^2 = 30.14$, therefore cannot reject H_0 (no evidence that the applicant's skills are not satisfactory)

Inference on the Ratio of Variances of Two Normal Populations

The Test Procedure with F ratio

Let $X_{11}, X_{12}, \dots, X_{1n_1}$ be a random sample from a normal population with mean μ_1 and variance σ_1^2 , and let $X_{21}, X_{22}, \dots, X_{2n_2}$ be a random sample from a second normal population with mean μ_2 and variance σ_2^2 . Assume that both normal populations are independent. Let S_1^2 and S_2^2 be the sample variances. Then the ratio

$$F = \frac{S_1^2/\sigma_1^2}{S_2^2/\sigma_2^2}$$

has an F distribution with $n_1 - 1$ numerator degrees of freedom and $n_2 - 1$ denominator degrees of freedom.

F Distribution for Inference on the Ratio of Two Variances

The *F* Distribution

We wish to test the hypotheses:

$$H_0: \sigma_1^2 = \sigma_2^2$$

$$H_1: \sigma_1^2 \neq \sigma_2^2$$

A student in bone engineering is interested in making a suspension of polymer microspheres. He found that two similar instruments in his lab can be used. One was designed by a company named Teckman and the other one by Abilent. The variability in the diameter of microspheres in the suspension is a critical characteristics and low variability is desirable for subsequent processing steps. Therefore the student is interested in determining if these instruments result in a significantly different microsphere diameter variability.

Inference on the Ratio of Variances of Two Normal Populations

The F Distribution

$$f_{1-\alpha, u, v} = \frac{1}{f_{\alpha, v, u}} \quad (5-20)$$

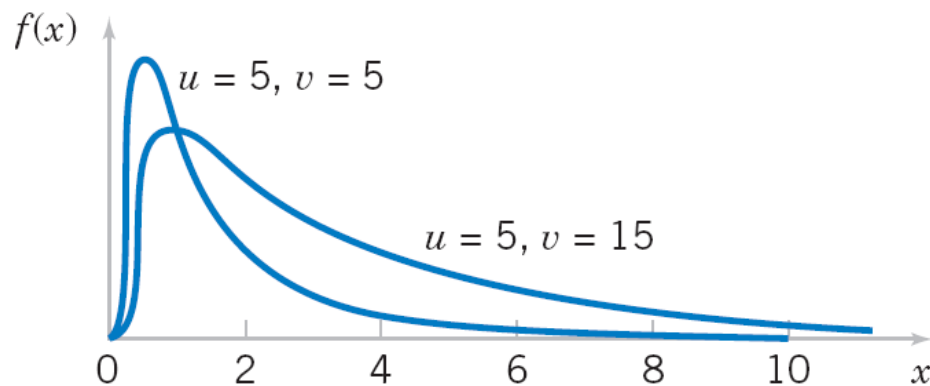


Figure 5-4 Probability density functions of two F distributions.

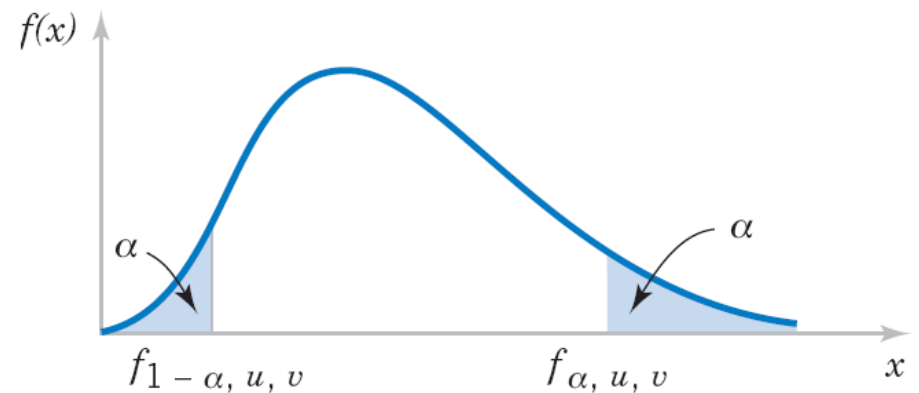


Figure 5-5 Upper and lower percentage points of the F distribution.

Inference on the Ratio of Variances of Two Normal Populations

The Test Procedure

Testing Hypotheses on the Equality of Variances of Two Normal Distributions

Null hypothesis: $H_0: \sigma_1^2 = \sigma_2^2$

Test statistic: $F_0 = \frac{S_1^2}{S_2^2}$ (5-21)

Alternative Hypotheses

$$H_1: \sigma_1^2 \neq \sigma_2^2$$

$$H_1: \sigma_1^2 > \sigma_2^2$$

$$H_1: \sigma_1^2 < \sigma_2^2$$

Rejection Criterion

$$f_0 > f_{\alpha/2, n_1-1, n_2-1} \text{ or } f_0 < f_{1-\alpha/2, n_1-1, n_2-1}$$

$$f_0 > f_{\alpha, n_1-1, n_2-1}$$

$$f_0 < f_{1-\alpha, n_1-1, n_2-1}$$

The critical regions are shown in Fig. 5-6.

Inference on the Ratio of Variances of Two Normal Populations

The Test Procedure

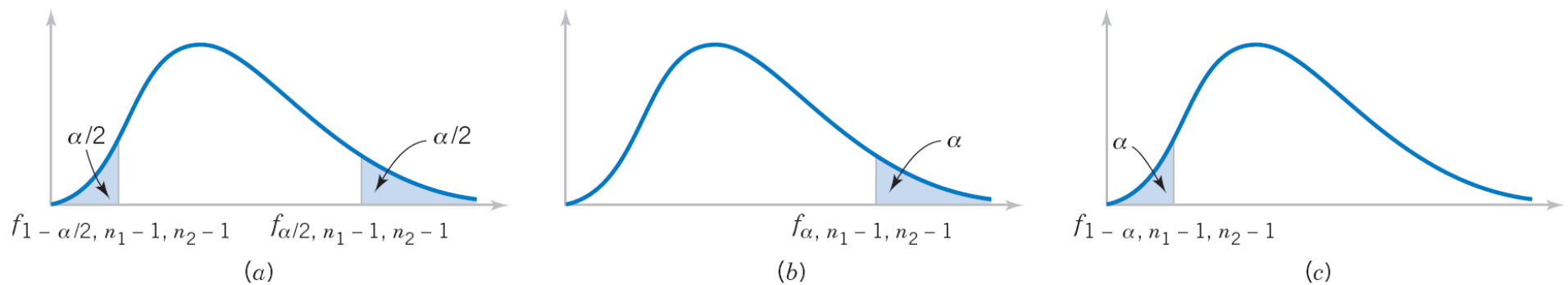


Figure 5-6 The F distribution for the test of $H_0: \sigma_1^2 = \sigma_2^2$ with critical region values for (a) $H_1: \sigma_1^2 \neq \sigma_2^2$, (b) $H_1: \sigma_1^2 > \sigma_2^2$, and (c) $H_1: \sigma_1^2 < \sigma_2^2$.

Example for the use of the F distribution for a two-sample variance test

A student in bone engineering is interested in making a suspension of polymer microspheres. He found that two similar instruments in his lab can be used. One was designed by a company named Teckman and the other one by Abilent. The variability in the diameter of microspheres in the suspension is a critical characteristics and low variability is desirable for subsequent processing steps. Therefore the student is interested in determining if these instruments result in a significantly different microsphere diameter variability. To test this, the student prepares 16 microsphere *suspensions* with each instrument ($n_1=n_2=16$). The sample standard deviations $s_1=1.96$ microns and $s_2=2.14$ microns. Use $\alpha=0.05$.

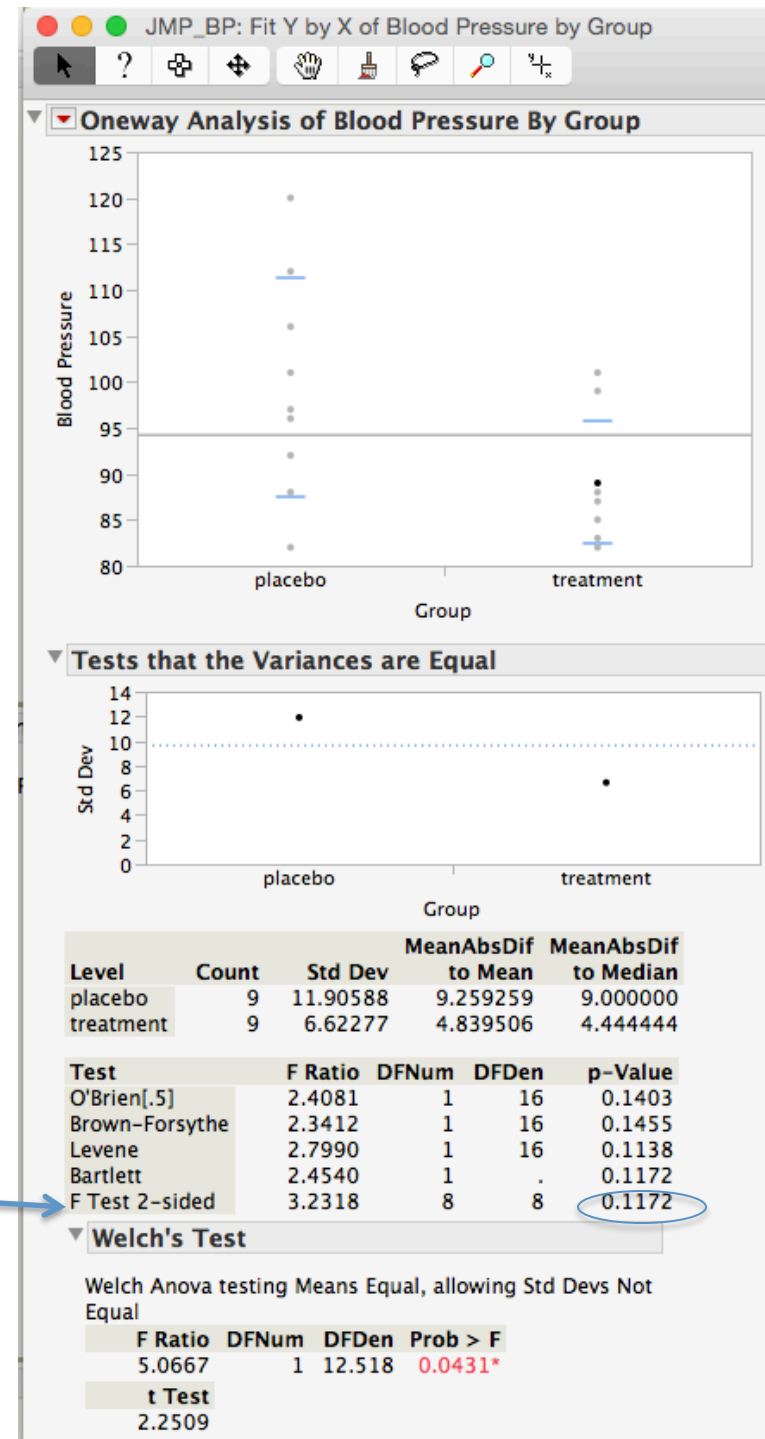
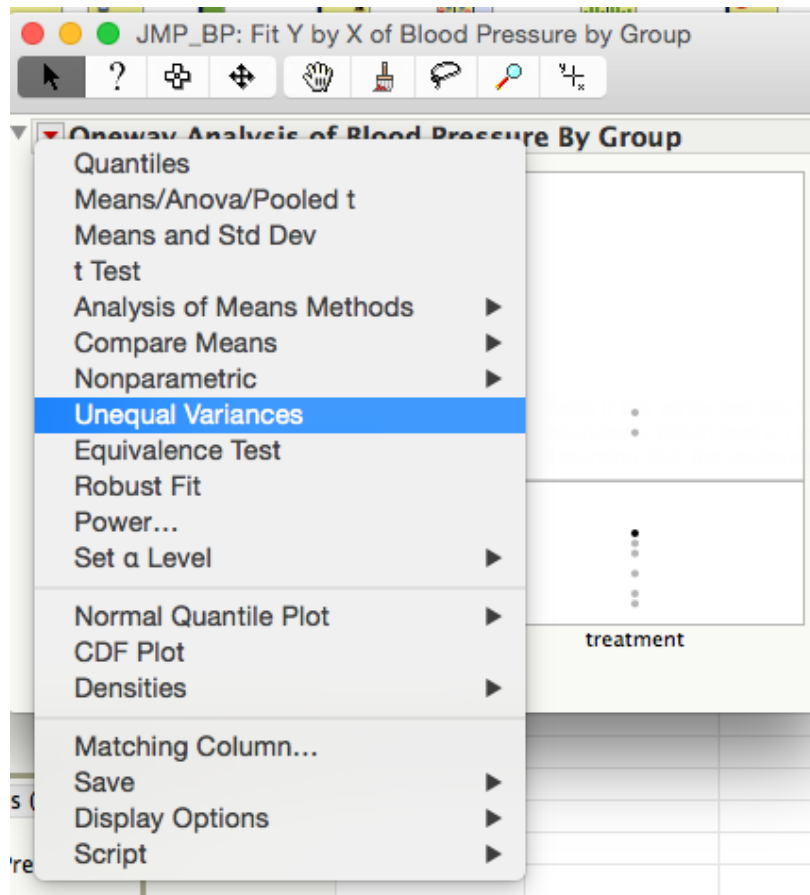
$$H_0: \sigma_1^2 = \sigma_2^2$$

$$H_1: \sigma_1^2 \neq \sigma_2^2$$

$$f_o = s_1^2/s_2^2 = 0.85$$

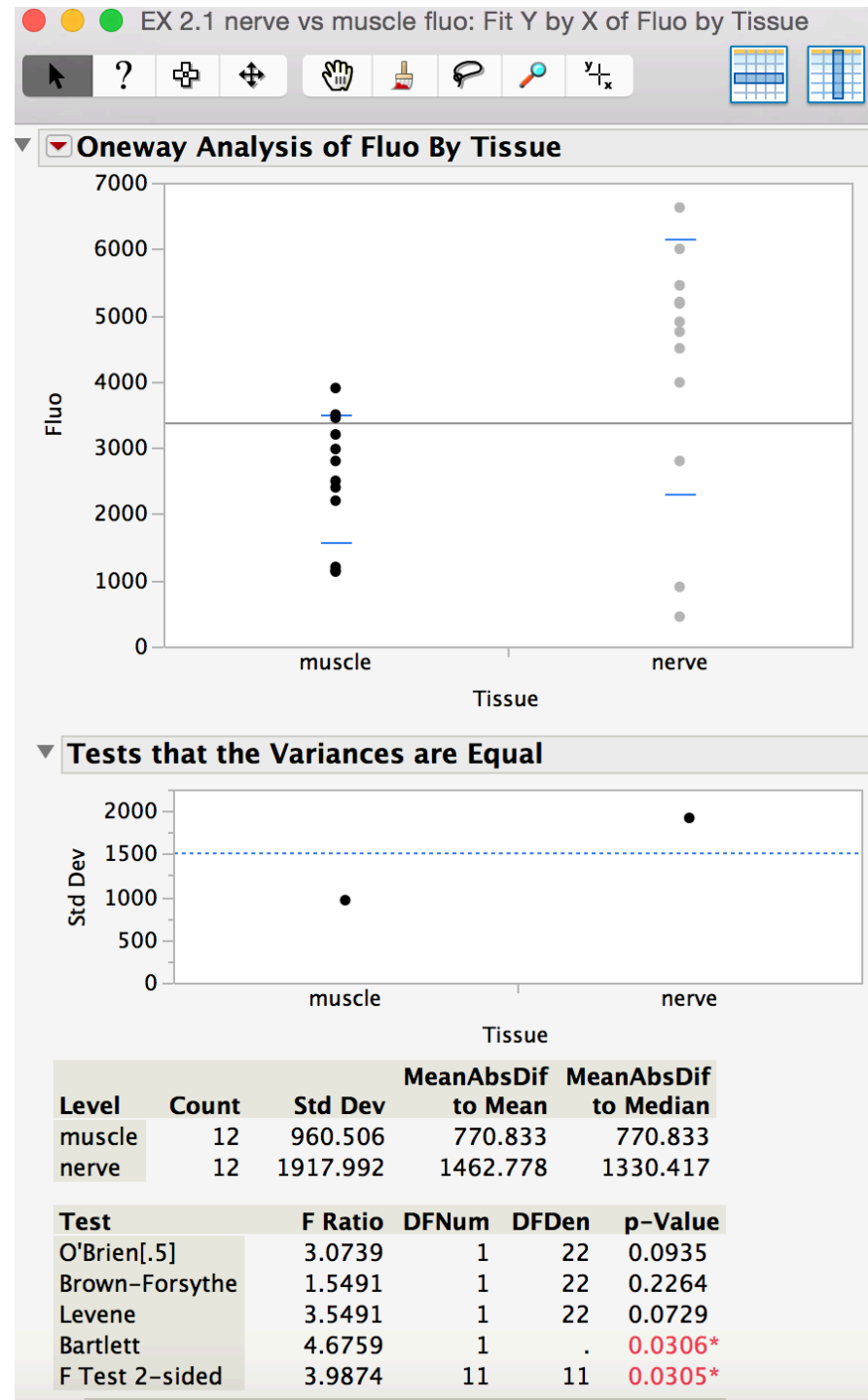
$f_{0.975,15,15} = 0.35 < 0.85 < f_{0.025,15,15} = 2.86$, we cannot reject H_0
(no strong evidence of differences between instruments in terms of variability in microsphere diameter)

F-test in JMP (fit Y by X) for BP example



we cannot reject H_0
no strong evidence of difference in
variance

F-test in JMP (fit Y by X)
for nerve vs muscle fluo
(ex.2.1 textbook)



F-test: we reject H_0
(evidence of difference in variance)