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Wrap-Up (Inference for Relationships)

We've just completed the part of the course about the inferential methods for relationships between variables. The overall goal of inference for relationships is to assess whether the observed data provide evidence of a significant relationship between the two variables (i.e., a true relationship that exists in the population).

Much like the part about relationships in the Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) section, this part of the course was organized according to the role and type classification of the two variables involved. However, unlike the EDA section, when it comes to inferential methods, we further distinguished between three sub-cases in case $C \rightarrow Q$, so essentially we covered 5 cases in total.

The following very detailed role-type classification table summarizes both EDA and inference for the relationship between variables:

Role-Type Classification Table

		Response	
		Categorical	Quantitative
Explanatory	Categorical	C → C To Visualize 2-Way Table Outcome A Outcome B Outcome C Group 1 Group 2 Group 3 Numerical Summary Conditional Percentages Formal Inference Chi-Square test for Independance	To Visualize Side-by-side Boxplots group 1 group 2 group 3 Numerical Summary Descriptive Statistics Formal Inference 2 independant samples: Two-Sample t-test 2 dependant samples: Paired t-test > 2 independant samples: ANOVA > 2 dependant samples: Not covered in the course
	Quantitative	Q →C Logistic Regression Not covered in this course	To Visualize Scatterplot Scatterplot Numerical Summaries Correlation Coefficient Formal Inference Regression line. Significance test for the linear relationship (t-test for the slope).

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