



# PRACTICAL GUIDE TO BIVARIATE TESTS

# VARIABLES

Chi Square Test of Independence ( $\chi^2$ )

- IV: categorical (e.g. nominal, ordinal)
- DV: categorical (e.g. nominal, ordinal)

Independent Samples T-test ( $t$ )

- IV: categorical (e.g. nominal, ordinal)
  - Only two groups/categories compared
- DV: continuous (e.g. interval-ratio)

One-Way Analysis of Variance / ANOVA ( $F$ )

- IV: categorical (e.g. nominal, ordinal)
  - Three or more groups/categories compared
- DV: continuous (e.g. interval-ratio)

Correlation ( $r$ )

- IV: continuous (e.g. interval-ratio)
- DV: continuous (e.g. interval-ratio)

Independent Variable	Dependent Variable	
	Nominal or Ordinal	Interval-Ratio
Nominal or Ordinal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chi Square (<math>\chi^2</math>)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Independent Samples t-Test (<math>t</math>):<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• only 2 groups (categories) for IV</li></ul></li><li>• One-Way ANOVA (<math>F</math>):<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3 or more groups (categories) for IV</li></ul></li></ul>
Interval-Ratio	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Correlation (<math>r</math>)</li></ul>

# HYPOTHESES

## Chi Square Test of Independence ( $\chi^2$ )

- $H_0$ : No relationship between the variables / variables are independent of one another
- $H_1$ : Relationship between variables / variables are NOT independent of one another

## Independent Samples T-test ( $t$ )

- $H_0$ : No mean difference between two groups / mean of the DV does NOT vary by group
- $H_1$ : Mean difference between two groups / mean of the DV DOES vary by group

## One-Way Analysis of Variance / ANOVA ( $F$ )

- $H_0$ : No mean difference between three or more groups / mean of the DV does NOT vary by group
- $H_1$ : Mean difference between three or more groups / mean of the DV DOES vary by group

## Correlation ( $r$ )

- $H_0$ : No relationship between the variables / variables are unrelated
- $H_1$ : Relationship between the variables / variables are related

# ALPHA ( $\alpha$ ) AND SIGNIFICANCE ( $p$ ) LEVELS

## Alpha ( $\alpha$ )

- Chance of Type I error (reject null when not supposed to) that we're willing to tolerate
- Conventionally:  $\alpha = .05$  (5 percent chance of Type I error)
- Threshold/cutoff/finish line for our obtained value to reach
  - beyond which difference/association is considered so extremely different from the null that that we reject the null hypothesis
- Selected beforehand

## Significance level ( $p$ )

- Probability that the null hypothesis is true, given the data
- Compared to alpha ( $\alpha$ )
- If small (smaller than our prior selected alpha), the null hypothesis is very unlikely, and can reject
- Determined by the data