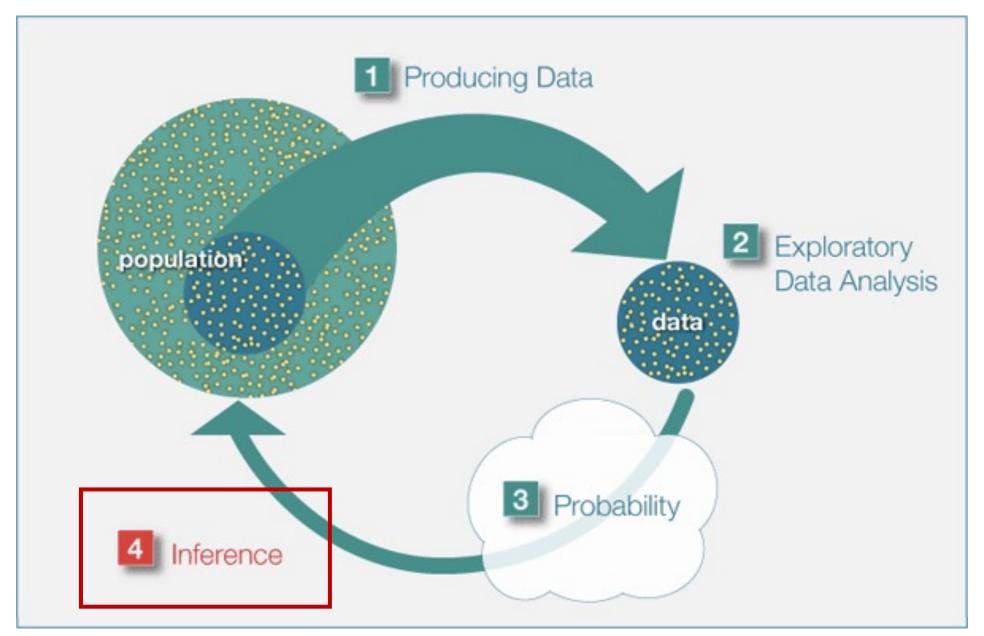
Special Topics in Biostatistics and Bioinformatics Week VI

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Parameter vs. Statistic

Parameters are characteristics of the population

- We estimate population parameters with data
 - But the estimation may change from sample to sample

• Goal: Estimate the parameter + How certain are we?

$$\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i$$

$$s_{x} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (X_{i} - \bar{X})^{2}}$$

$$CI = \left(\overline{X} - c\frac{S_{\chi}}{\sqrt{n}}, \overline{X} + c\frac{S_{\chi}}{\sqrt{n}}\right)$$

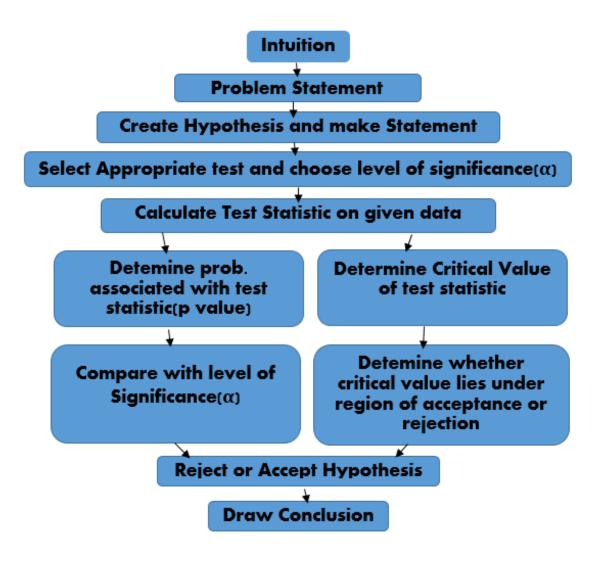
Hypothesis Testing

- A form of inference
- A decision rule

$$Expr = \beta_0 + \beta_1 Treatment + \varepsilon$$

- H₀: The relationship between treatment and expression is exactly zero
- H₁: The relationship between treatment and expression is not zero

Hypothesis Testing - Steps

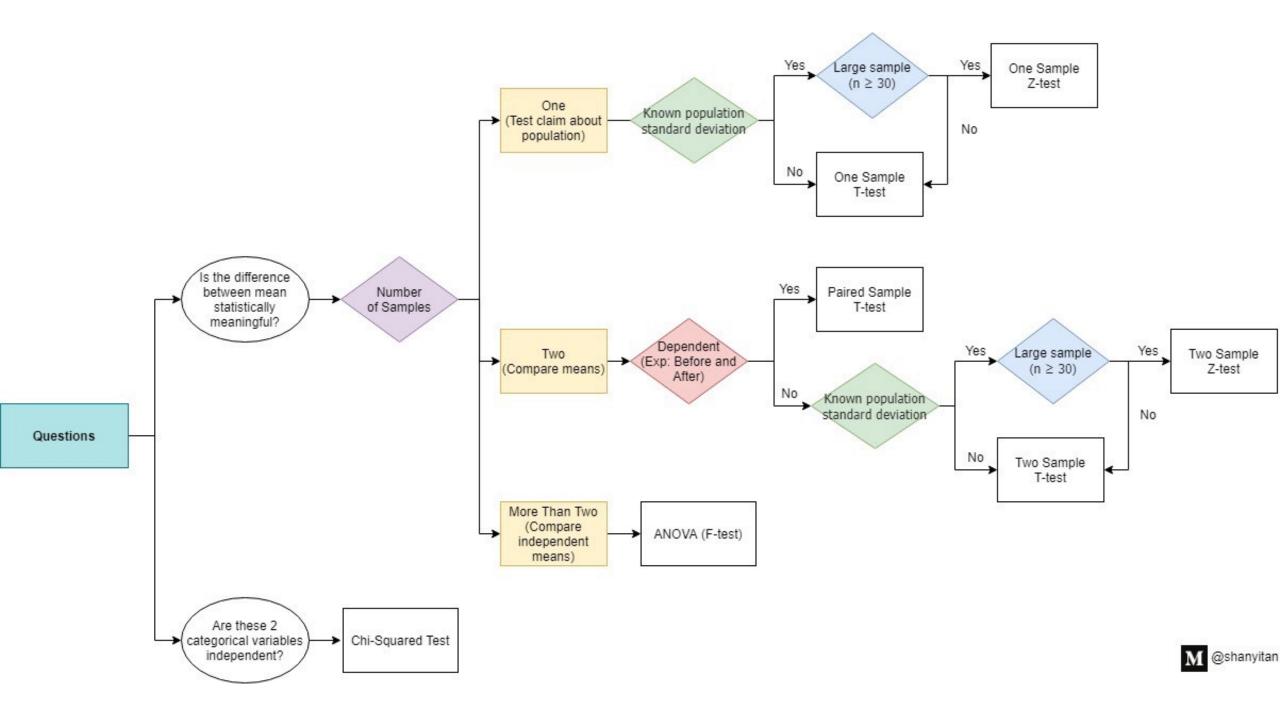


The most popular statistic: t-statistic

$$t = \frac{\beta}{se(\hat{\beta})}$$

Moderated t-statistic (Remove bias due to small variability):

$$t = \frac{\beta}{se(\hat{\beta}) + c}$$



Non-parametric Tests

- Often used when assumptions of parametric tests are not met
- Robust with respect to the distribution of data
- Less assumptions
 - e.g., they do not depend on the assumption of normality
- Less statistical power compared to parametric tests
 - Higher risk of type II errors (e.g., high probability of accepting there is no difference between the groups where there is a difference)

Non-parametric Tests

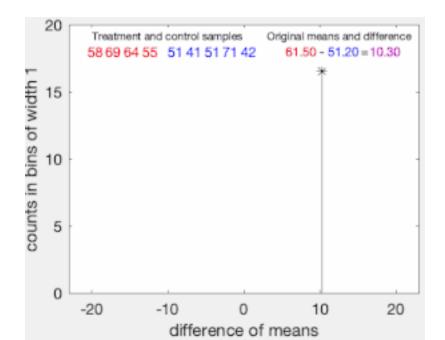
- χ² test
- Wilcoxon rank-sum test (Mann–Whitney U test) ~ Independent samples t-test
- Kruskal-Wallis test ~ one-way ANOVA
- Mood's Median Test ~ one-way ANOVA
- Friedman test ~ two-way ANOVA
- Spearman's rank correlation test ~ Pearson correlation test

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Permutation Test

- Permute labels to "break any relationship"
- the distribution of the test statistic under the null hypothesis is obtained by calculating all possible values of the test statistic under all possible rearrangements of the observed data points

https://www.jwilber.me/permutationtest/



| | Decision | |
|----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| H _o | Fail to reject | Reject |
| True | Correct decision | Type I Error α |
| False | Type II Error B | Correct decision |

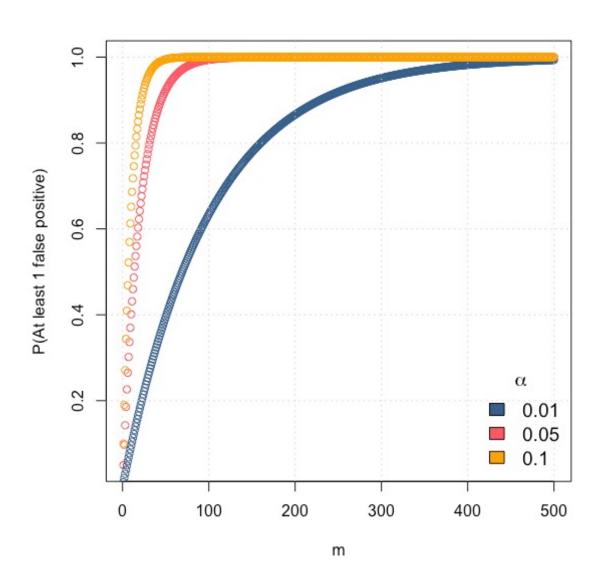
Multiple Testing - Example

- A typical microarray experiment might result in performing 10000 separate hypothesis tests
- If we use a standard p-value cut-off of 0.05, we'd expect **500** genes to be deemed "significant" by chance

Multiple Testing

- P(making a type I error) = α
- P(not making a type I error) = 1α
- P(not making a type I error in m tests) = $(1 \alpha)^m$
- P(making at least 1 type I error in m tests) = $1 (1 \alpha)^m$

Multiple Testing



Approaches to Control Type I Error Rate (V)

- Per comparison error rate (PCER)
- Per-family error rate (PFER)
- Family-wise error rate (FWER) Bonferroni, Holm
- False discovery rate (FDR) Benjamini & Hochberg
- Positive false discovery rate (pFDR)