

INTRODUCTION TO STATISTICS

LECTURE 12

LAST TIME

- Hypothesis testing
- P-values
- Overview of some statistical tests
 - One-sample tests
 - t-test
 - One sample t-test
 - Two-sample tests
 - Two sample t-test
 - Welch's test
 - Pair samples t-test

TODAY

- Wrap-up hypothesis testing
 - Non-parametric tests: an overview
 - Practice
- Two random variables
 - Covariance
 - Correlation

QUICK QUIZ

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What is the probability to obtain a value of the test statistic at least as extreme as the one you've got?

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 - distribution-free or
 - having a specified distribution but with the distribution's parameters unspecified.

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- Two unspecified continuous distributions are identical.

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For large n , ($n \geq 30$) $U \sim \text{normal}$

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 - some specific tabulated distribution.

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H_1 : the difference between observed and expected counts is large
(!!! one-sided)

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- Test statistic: Pearson's chi-square statistic

$$\chi^2 = \sum \frac{(O_i - E_i)^2}{E_i} \sim \chi^2(df), \quad df = (n - 1)(m - 1)$$

where O_i - observed count, and E_i - expected count

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- This comes with the cost: when parametric tests are applicable, non-parametric ones have less *power*
 - *a larger sample size can be required to draw conclusions with the same degree of confidence.*

PRACTICE!

Google Classroom -> Lecture 11 -> Two-sample tests

TWO RANDOM VARIABLES

Covariance and correlation

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COVARIANCE & INDEPENDENCE

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The inverse is not true: $\sigma_{XY} = 0$ does not imply that X and Y are independent.

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2. $-1 \leq \rho \leq 1$

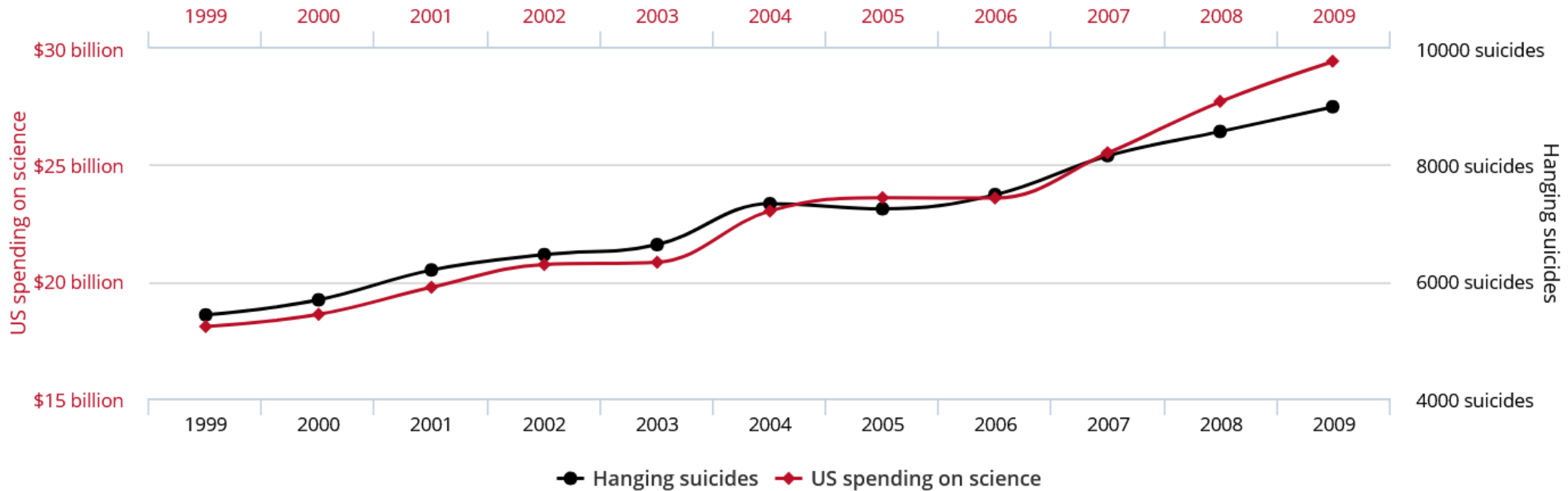
WHAT IS CORRELATION

- Degree to which a pair of variables are *linearly* related.
 - *The higher $|\rho|$ is, the greater the degree of linear dependency is.*
- Sign:
 - $\rho(X, Y) > 0$
“The larger X is, the larger Y tends to be”
 - $\rho(X, Y) < 0$
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WHAT IS CORRELATION

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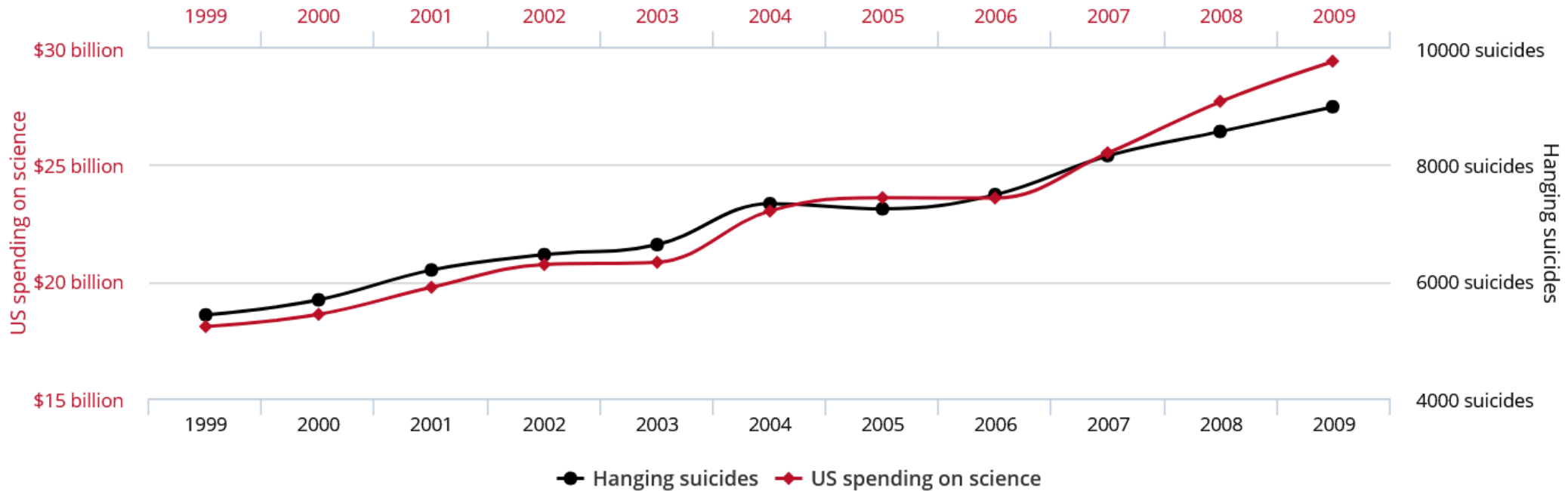
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Data sources: U.S. Office of Management and Budget and Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

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