

# Statistical Methods

## 10. Introduction to Analysis of Variance (ANOVA)

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# Workshop outline

- ☐ Motivation for ANOVA
- ☐ Checking assumptions
- ☐ ANOVA using SPSS
- ☐ Multiple comparisons – post hoc tests

Participants should have previous experience of:

- ☐ Descriptive Statistics – see Workshop 3
- ☐ SPSS – see Workshop 7
- ☐ Two sample tests – see Workshop 8

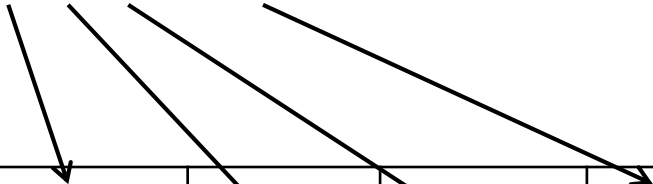
# Example 1

- ❑ Amount of oil used by four machines (litres/week)
  - ❑ Recorded over 6 sampled periods
  - ❑ Does this sample data provide evidence that oil consumption differs between the machines?
- ⇒ Create summary statistics and error bar charts
- ⇒ Describe the data

# Oil data

Machine number gives 4 data groups  
(known as a **factor**)

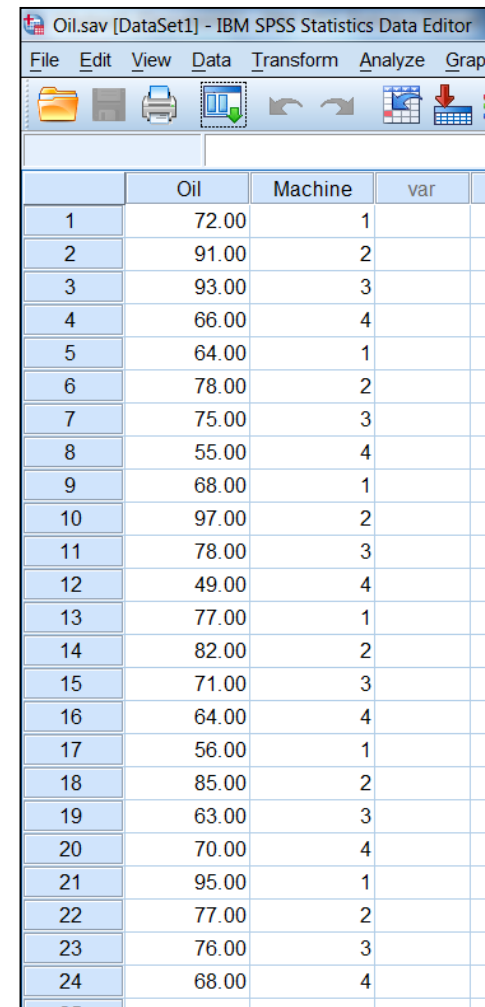
**Note:** This example has the same number of data values for each group, but this is not necessary (as in the unpaired t-test)



Machine	1	2	3	4
Oil consumption	72	91	93	66
	64	78	75	55
	68	97	78	49
	77	82	71	64
	56	85	63	70
	95	77	76	68

# Oil data in SPSS

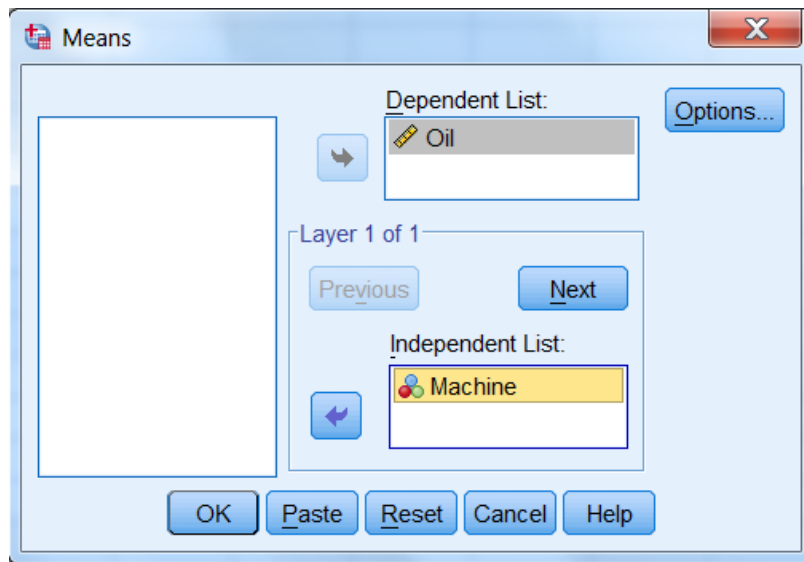
- ❑ Open the file Oil.sav
- ❑ Oil data is given in a single column with the *Machine* variable indicating the machine it refers to



	Oil	Machine	var
1	72.00	1	
2	91.00	2	
3	93.00	3	
4	66.00	4	
5	64.00	1	
6	78.00	2	
7	75.00	3	
8	55.00	4	
9	68.00	1	
10	97.00	2	
11	78.00	3	
12	49.00	4	
13	77.00	1	
14	82.00	2	
15	71.00	3	
16	64.00	4	
17	56.00	1	
18	85.00	2	
19	63.00	3	
20	70.00	4	
21	95.00	1	
22	77.00	2	
23	76.00	3	
24	68.00	4	

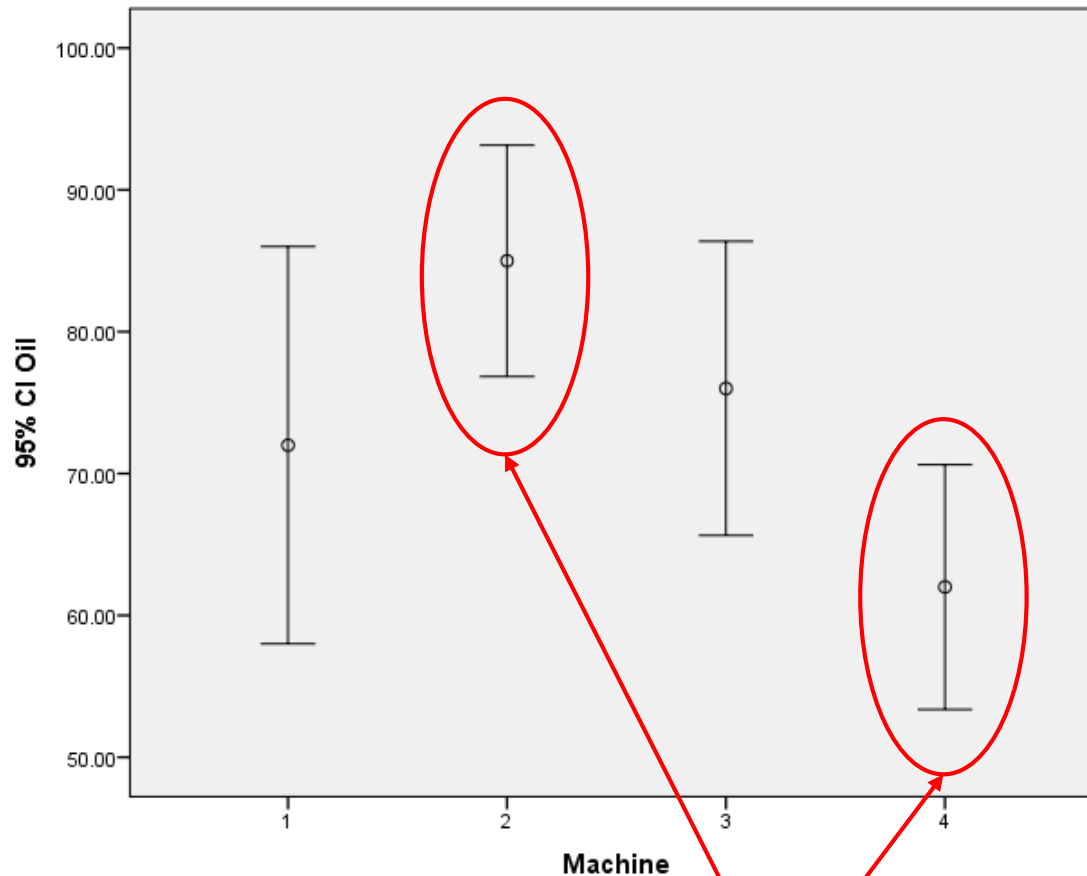
# Simple statistics

- ❑ Analyze - Compare means – means
- ❑ Add *Oil* and *Machine* as shown



Report			
Oil			
Machine	Mean	N	Std. Deviation
1	72.0000	6	13.34166
2	85.0000	6	7.77174
3	76.0000	6	9.87927
4	62.0000	6	8.22192
Total	73.7500	24	12.60521

# Error bar chart (Oil v. Machine)



Error bar charts are better for larger samples. They show the means and their confidence intervals

Non-overlapping confidence intervals indicate possible significant differences

# Initial observations

- ❑ There appear to be differences between the sample means, i.e. variation between groups
- ❑ But there is also variation within groups
- ❑ Can we conclude that there are differences between groups (population means)?
- ❑ We need an objective approach – this is known as **ANOVA**



# Introduction to ANOVA

- ❑ ANOVA is a multiple group extension of the two sample independent t test used to compare two groups (population means)
- ❑ ANOVA is used to compare several groups (population means)
- ❑ Called ANOVA from **AN**alysis **Of** **V**ariance
- ❑ (The name is therefore a bit confusing because it appears to be a **means** test, not a variance test)

# Introduction to ANOVA

- ❑ Better than doing lots of two sample tests, e.g. 6 tests for 4 machines
- ❑ For every test, there is a probability that we reject  $H_0$  when it is true
- ❑ This probability is 0.05 for testing at a significance level of 0.05
- ❑ Doing several tests increases the probability of making a wrong inference of significance (Type I error)
- ❑ E.g. for our example, the probability of a wrong inference, assuming they are all equally randomly distributed and that these events are independent is  $1 - 0.95^6 = 1 - 0.735 = 0.265$ , i.e. more than 1 in 4

# The ANOVA model

$$y_{ij} = \mu + m_i + e_{ij}$$

- ❑  $y_{ij}$  denotes oil consumption for the  $j^{\text{th}}$  measurement of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  machine
- ❑ The parameter  $m_i$  denotes how the consumption for machine  $i$  differs from the overall mean  $\mu$
- ❑  $e_{ij}$  denotes the error for the  $j^{\text{th}}$  measurement of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  machine
- ❑ The ANOVA model assumes that all these errors are normally distributed with zero mean and equal variances

# Testing

- In our example, we test the hypothesis:

$$H_0: m_1 = m_2 = m_3 = m_4 = 0$$

Or, more simply, that the machine means are the same

- Intuitively, this is done by looking at the difference between means relative to the difference between observations, i.e. is the mean to mean variation greater than you would expect by chance?

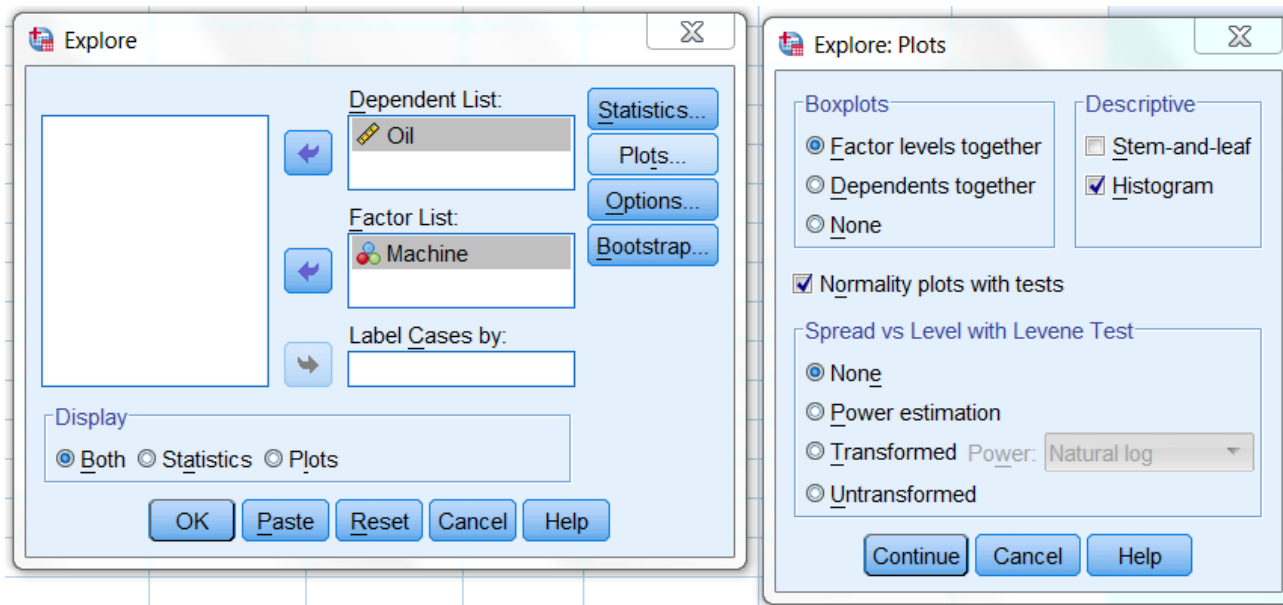
# Assumptions

(Similar to the two-sample unpaired t-test)

1. The dependent values  $y_{ij}$  are normally distributed for each  $i$ . However, if there are many groups there is a danger of a Type I error.
2. The errors  $e_{ij}$  for the whole data set are normally distributed. But we must estimate the sample means ( $\mu + m_i$ ) first. (This theoretically follows from Assumption 1, but it is worth testing separately with small samples.)
3. The variances of each group are equal

# Assumption 1: Testing each group for normality

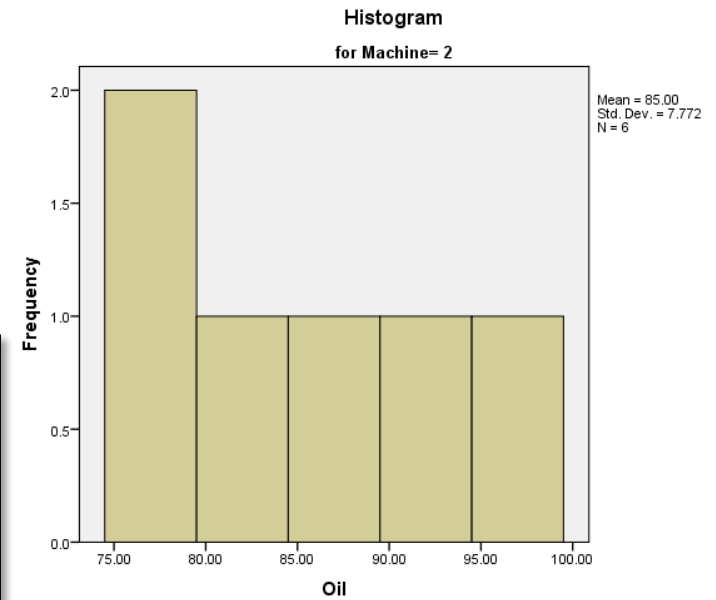
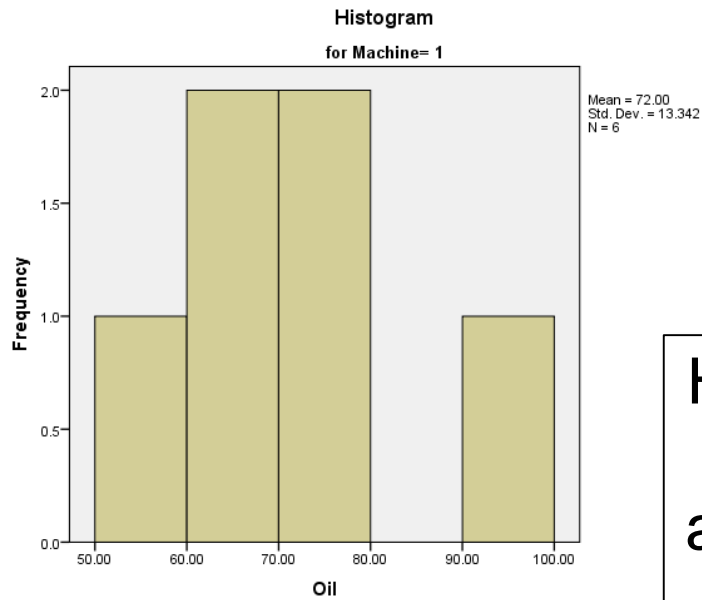
- ❑ Analyze – Descriptive Statistics – Explore
- ❑ Choose the variables as shown
- ❑ Select Plots... and choose Histogram and Normality plots with tests as shown



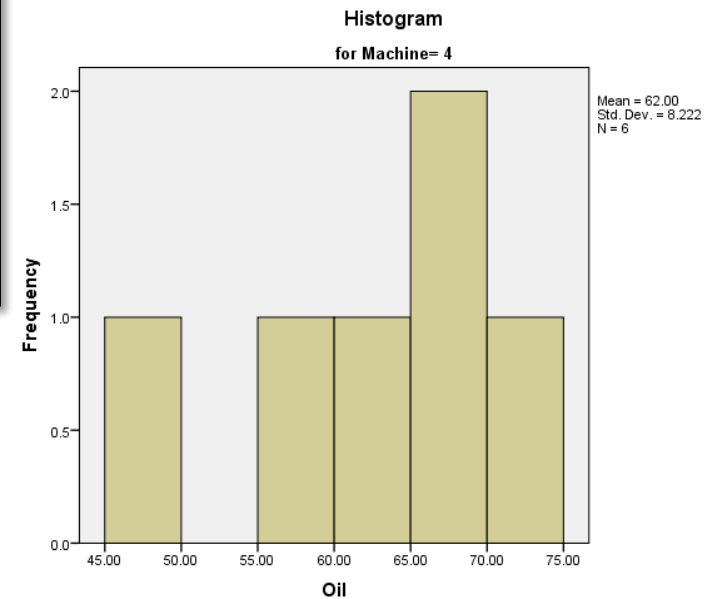
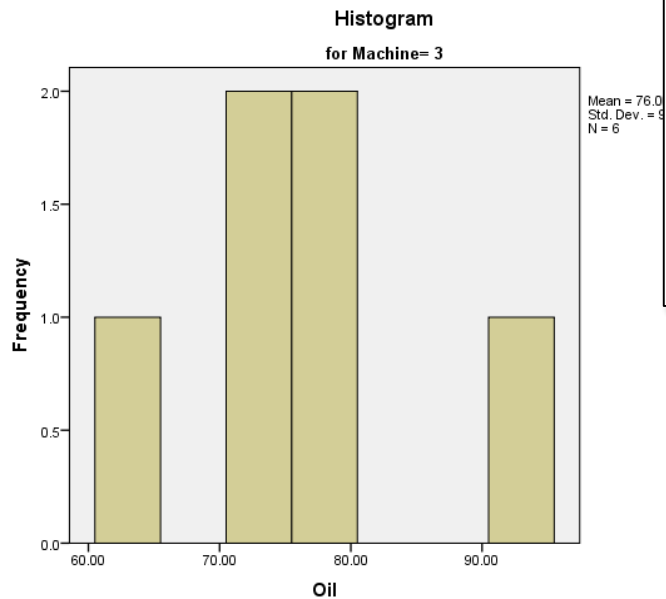
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Machine		Kolmogorov-Smirnov <sup>a</sup>			Shapiro-Wilk		
		Statistic	df	Sig.	Statistic	df	Sig.
Oil	1	.187	6	.200 <sup>*</sup>	.950	6	.741
	2	.167	6	.200 <sup>*</sup>	.932	6	.593
	3	.253	6	.200 <sup>*</sup>	.933	6	.607
	4	.263	6	.200 <sup>*</sup>	.888	6	.310

a. Lilliefors Significance Correction  
<sup>\*</sup>. This is a lower bound of the true significance.

- ❑ Shapiro-Wilk test significance levels are all greater than 0.1 (look at this test first for small to medium sizes, up to one or two thousand)
- ❑ No evidence that individual machine data is not normally distributed



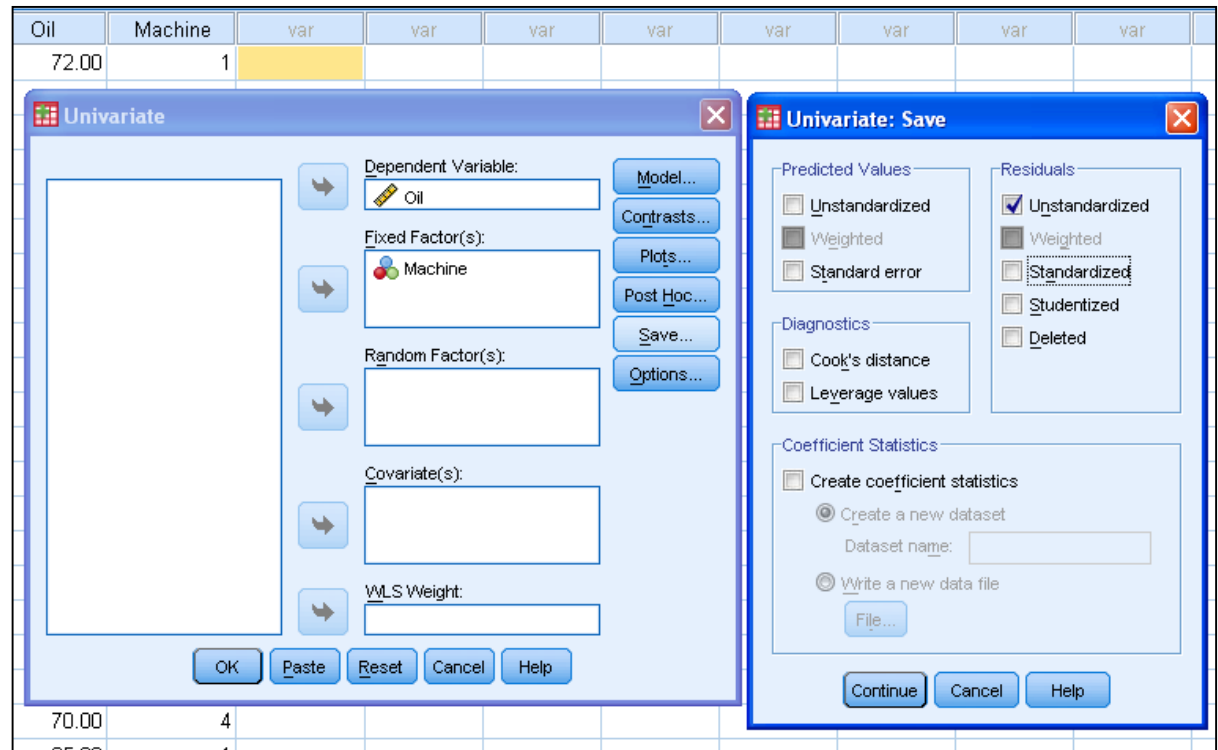
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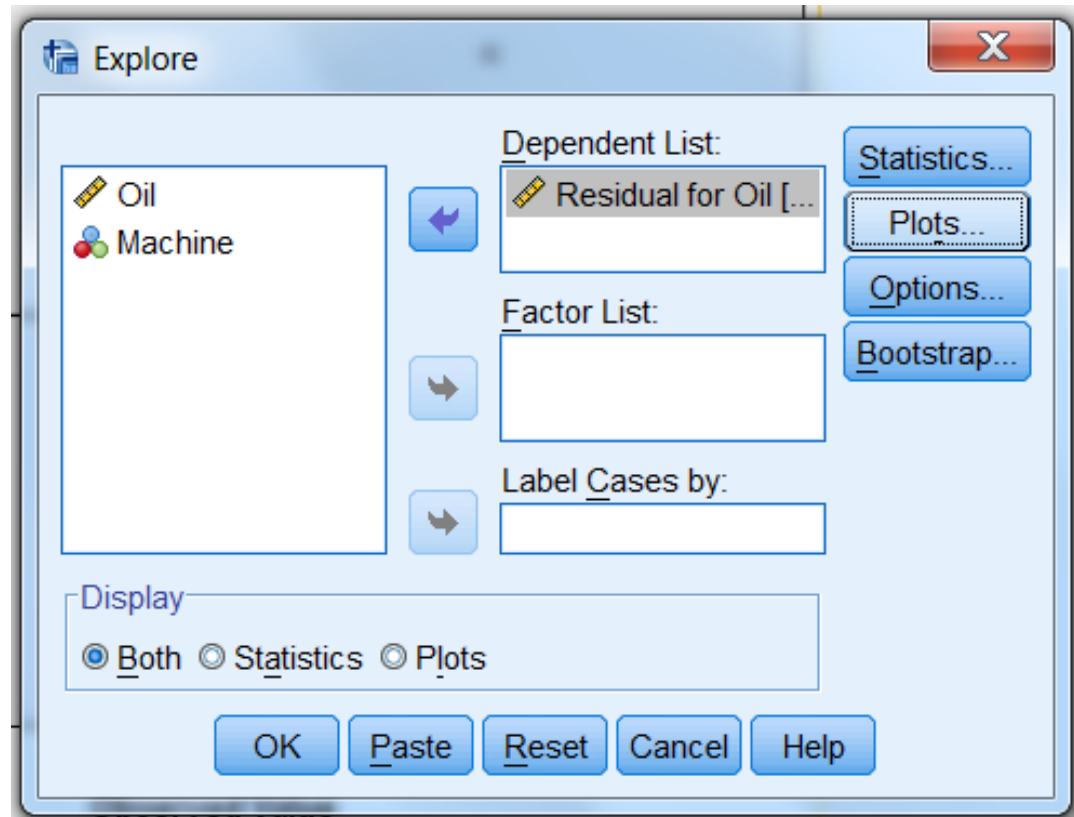


# Assumption 2: Testing errors for normality

- ❑ First create the residuals
- ❑ Select Analyze – General linear model – Univariate
- ❑ Add the variables as shown
- ❑ Select Save...
- ❑ Choose Unstandardised residuals
- ❑ Based on estimates of  $m_i$



- ❑ Select Analyze
  - Descriptive Statistics – Explore
- ❑ Add the residual variable as shown
- ❑ Keep the Plots... settings as before



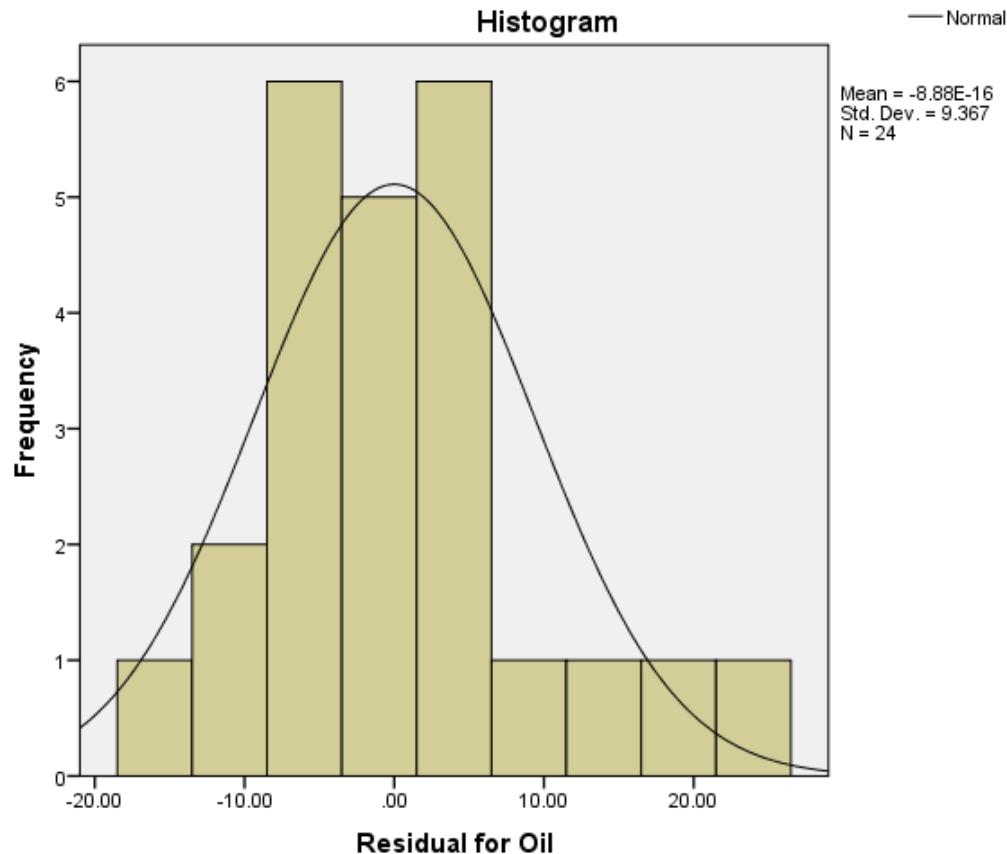
Tests of Normality						
	Kolmogorov-Smirnov <sup>a</sup>			Shapiro-Wilk		
	Statistic	df	Sig.	Statistic	df	Sig.
Residual for Oil	.094	24	.200*	.972	24	.721

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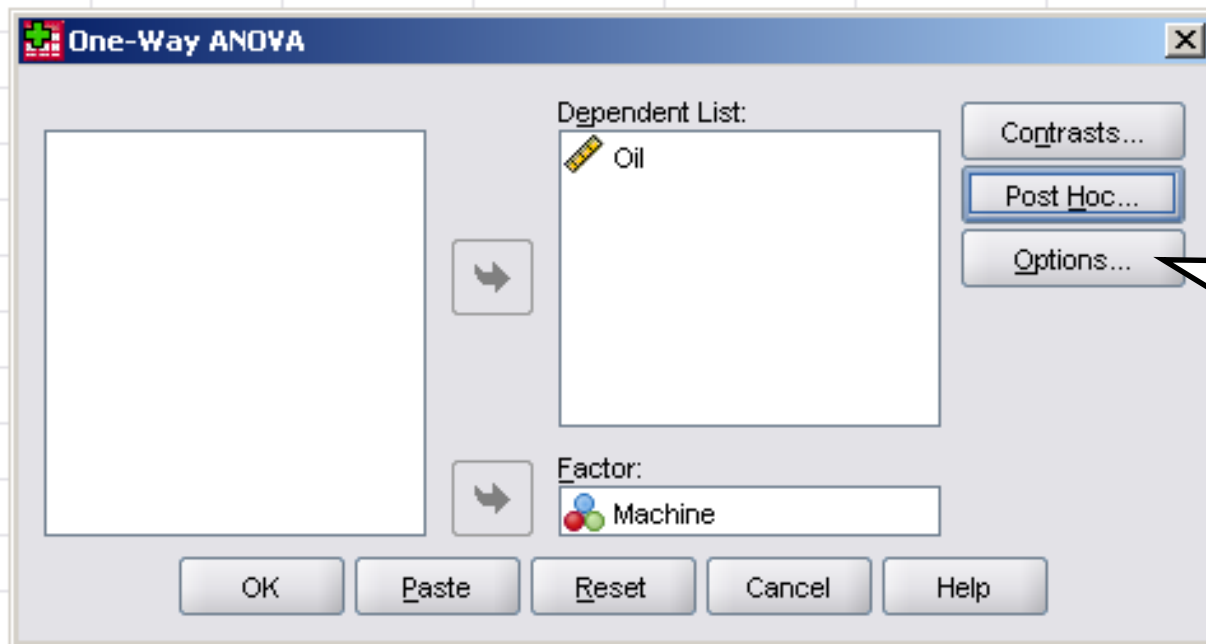
- ☐ Significance level of Shapiro-Wilk test is greater than 0.1
- ☐ No evidence that the residuals are not normally distributed
- ☐ However, a slightly higher threshold is required than usual because we have already estimated the group means  $\mu + m_i$  (and thus reduced the degrees of freedom)

The histogram is again acceptable. The sample size is now 24. A normal curve approximation has been added using the Chart Editor window.



# Assumption 3: Equal variances for Oil data

Analyze → Compare Means → One-Way ANOVA



Click on  
Options...  
button

	Oil	Machine	var	var	var	var
	72.00	1				
	91.00	2				
	93.00	3				
	66.00	4				
	64.00	1				
	78.00	2				
	75.00	3				
	55.00	4				
	68.00	1				
	97.00	2				
	78.00	3				
	49.00	4				
	77.00	1				
	82.00	2				
	71.00	3				
	64.00	4				
	56.00	1				

**One-Way ANOVA: Options**

**Statistics**

☐ Descriptive

☐ Fixed and random effects

☒ Homogeneity of variance test

☐ Brown-Forsythe

☐ Welch

☐ Means plot

**Missing Values**

☒ Exclude cases analysis by analysis

☐ Exclude cases listwise

Continue Cancel Help

Click on  
Homogeneity of  
variance test

- ❑ This carries out a Levene's test for homogeneity of variance
- ❑ Null hypothesis: the variances are equal

Test of Homogeneity of Variances			
Oil			
Levene Statistic	df1	df2	Sig.
.361	3	20	.782

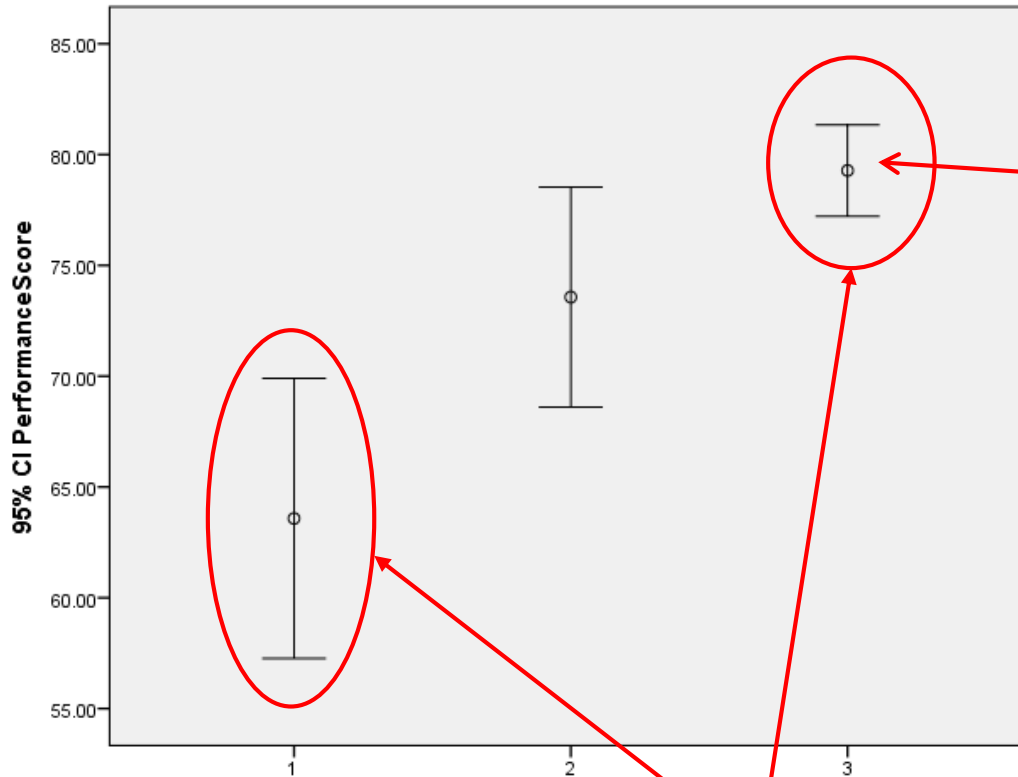
- ❑ Significance value  $> 0.1$  so we have no evidence to doubt assumption of equal variances

# Example 2

- ❑ A research project involving three different designs of a new product
- ❑ Tested by 60 people
- ❑ Each person was assigned to assess one product, providing in an overall performance score out of 100
- ❑ 20 people per product
- ⇒ Create summary statistics and an error bar chart
- ⇒ Describe the data
- ⇒ Test the ANOVA assumptions
- ⇒ Interpret the output



# Error bar chart (*PerformanceScore* v. *Design*)



Performance scores for *Design 3* seems to be quite different from the other two groups, especially *Design 1*.

The variance of *Design 3* also seems to be smaller.

As before, these confidence intervals clearly don't overlap, indicating likely significant differences

# Check normality of each group

- ☐ Analyze – Descriptive Statistics – Explore
- ☐ Select *PerformanceScore* in the Dependent list and *Design* as the factor
- ☐ Select Normality plots with tests and Histograms under Plots...

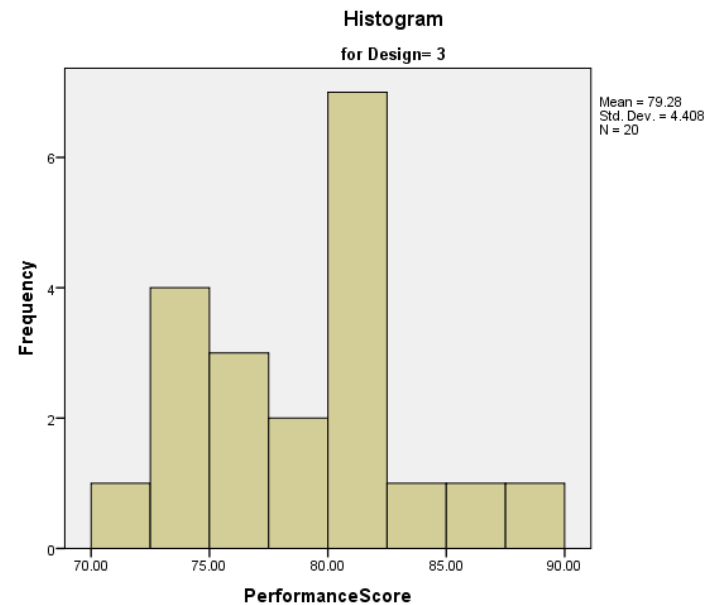
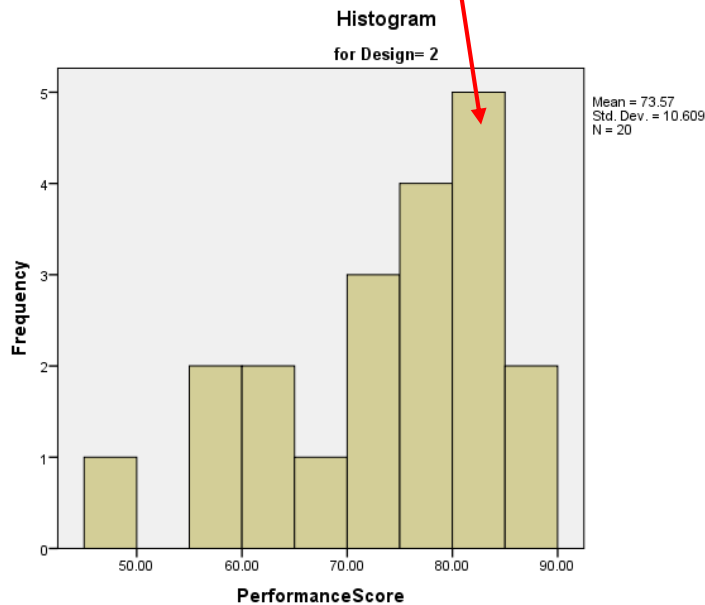
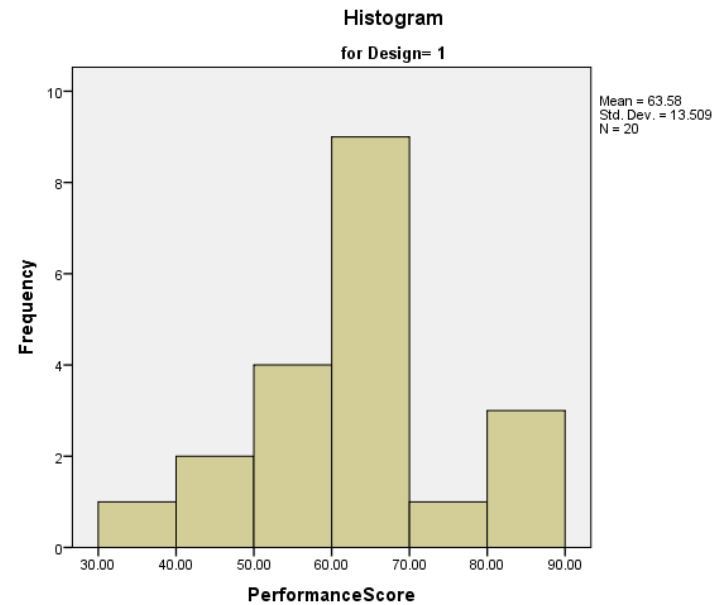
Tests of Normality						
Design	Kolmogorov-Smirnov <sup>a</sup>			Shapiro-Wilk		
	Statistic	df	Sig.	Statistic	df	Sig.
PerformanceScore 1	.139	20	.200 <sup>*</sup>	.957	20	.494
2	.134	20	.200 <sup>*</sup>	.948	20	.344
3	.153	20	.200 <sup>*</sup>	.962	20	.582

\*. This is a lower bound of the true significance.

a. Lilliefors Significance Correction

- ☐ No evidence that individual groups are not normally distributed

Histograms are fairly acceptable, although *Design 2* appears to have a slight negative skew (although it is less than twice its standard error)



# Normality of errors check

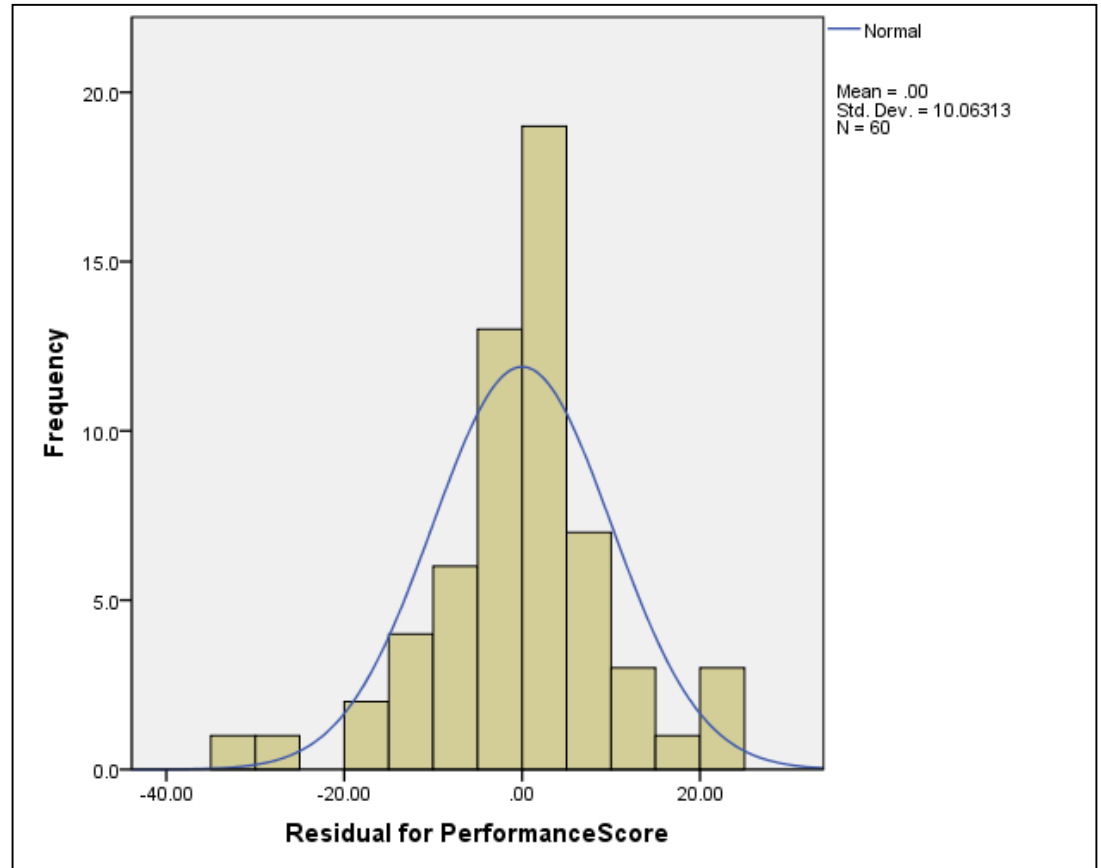
- ☐ Analyze – General Linear Model – Univariate
- ☐ Save... Unstandardised Residuals as before
- ☐ Analyze – Descriptive Statistics – Explore
- ☐ Select *Residual for PerformanceScore* as the variable
- ☐ Select Plots... Normality plots with tests

Tests of Normality						
	Kolmogorov-Smirnov <sup>a</sup>			Shapiro-Wilk		
	Statistic	df	Sig.	Statistic	df	Sig.
Residual for PerformanceScore	.123	60	.025	.957	60	.032

a. Lilliefors Significance Correction

- ☐ Evidence that residuals are not normally distributed from Shapiro-Wilk test ( $p < 0.05$ )

- ❑ Kurtosis looks a bit high – it is 1.553
- ❑ Its standard error is 0.608
- ❑ So it is more than twice its standard error



# Equality of variances check

- ☐ Analyze – Compare Means – One-Way ANOVA
- ☐ Select Options... and Homogeneity of variance test

Test of Homogeneity of Variances			
PerformanceScore			
Levene Statistic	df1	df2	Sig.
4.637	2	57	.014

- ☐ Significance value  $< 0.05$  so we do have evidence to reject the assumption of equal variances

# Robustness of ANOVA

- ❑ ANOVA is quite robust to changes in skewness but not to changes in kurtosis. Thus, it should not be used when:

$$\frac{|Kurtosis|}{Standard\ Error\ of\ Kurtosis} > 2$$

for any group.

- ❑ Otherwise, provided the group sizes are equal and there are at least 20 degrees of freedom, ANOVA is quite robust to violations of its assumptions
- ❑ However, the variances must still be equal

Source:

Glass, G. V., Peckham, P. D. and Sanders, J. R. (1972)

Consequences of failure to meet assumptions underlying the fixed effects analyses of variance and covariance,  
*Review of Educational Research*, 42(3), pp. 237-288.

# Robustness calculation for Example 2

Group	Kurtosis	Standard Error of Kurtosis	$\frac{ Kurtosis }{\text{Standard Error of Kurtosis}}$
1	0.493	0.992	$0.497 < 2$
2	0.435	0.992	$0.439 < 2$
3	0.115	0.992	$0.116 < 2$

- ☐ Group sizes are equal
- ☐ Total degrees of freedom =  $20 + 20 + 20 - 1 = 59 > 20$
- ☐ All OK so far
- ☐ However, ANOVA cannot be used because the variances are not equal



# Summary of findings: ANOVA assumptions

Example	1	2
Normality of groups	No evidence of non-normality	No evidence of non-normality
Normality of residuals	No evidence of non-normality	Evidence of non-normality
Equality of variances	No evidence of non-equality	Evidence of non-equality
Robustness	N/A	Satisfied apart from non-equality of variances

# What if these assumptions are in doubt?

- ❑ If normality assumptions are in doubt:
  - Use a **non-parametric** test: Kruskal-Wallis (general) or Jonckheere-Terpstra (where the groups are in a sequence and you wish to look for a linear trend)
  - Select Analyze – Nonparametric Tests – Independent Samples... then select these tests on the Settings tabs after selecting Customise Tests
- ❑ If variances assumption in doubt:
  - Use the **Brown-Forsythe** or **Welch** test (the Welch test is more powerful except where there is an extreme mean with a large variance when the Brown-Forsyth is better)
  - Select ANOVA and click on Options... button and select the **Brown-Forsythe** and **Welch** options
  - Use the significance values there instead

# Example 1

- ❑ All 3 assumptions are OK so use normal ANOVA
- ❑ Analyze – Compare Means – One-Way ANOVA

The screenshot shows the SPSS Data Editor window with a dataset named 'OilConsumption.sav [DataSet1]'. The data is organized into columns: 'Oil' (values: 72.00, 91.00, 93.00, 66.00, 64.00, 78.00, 75.00, 55.00, 68.00, 97.00, 78.00, 49.00, 77.00) and 'Machine' (values: 1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 2, 3, 4, 1). The 'One-Way ANOVA' dialog box is open, showing 'Oil' in the 'Dependent List' and 'Machine' in the 'Factor' box. Red circles highlight these selections.

	Oil	Machine
1	72.00	1
2	91.00	2
3	93.00	3
4	66.00	4
5	64.00	1
6	78.00	2
7	75.00	3
8	55.00	4
9	68.00	1
10	97.00	2
11	78.00	3
12	49.00	4
13	77.00	1

# SPSS output

## ANOVA

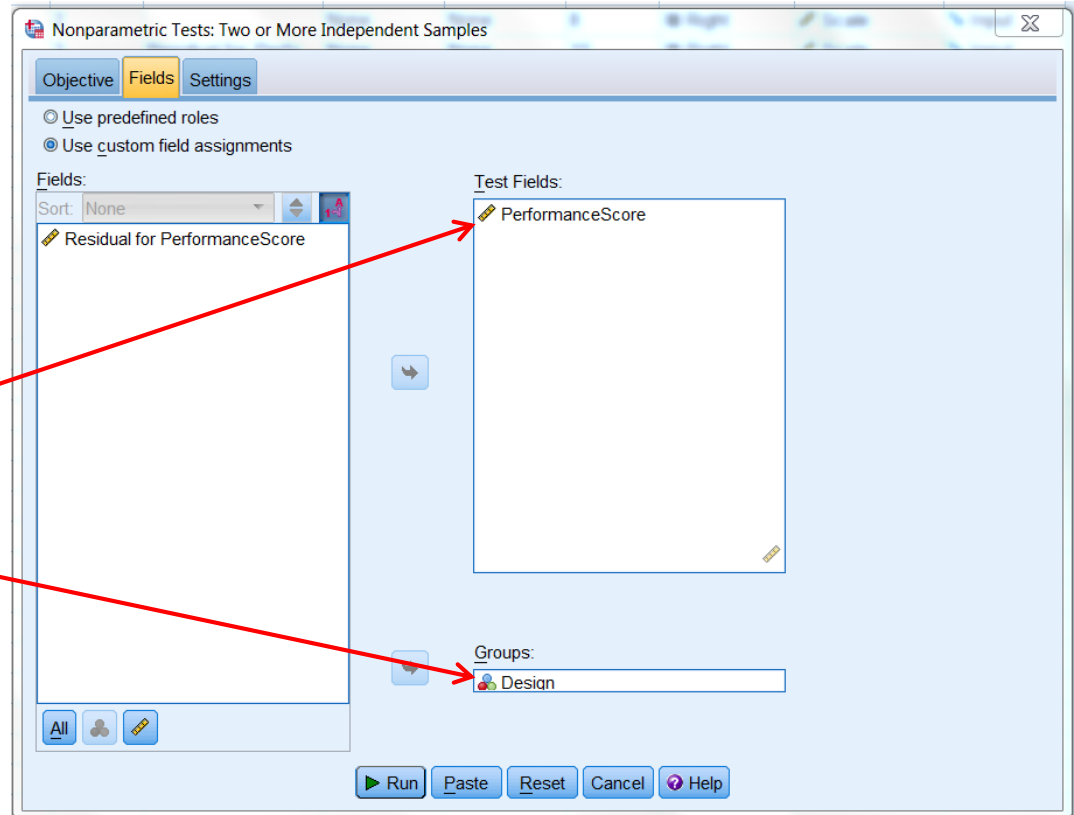
Oil

	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Between Groups	1636.500	3	545.500	5.406	.007
Within Groups	2018.000	20	100.900		
Total	3654.500	23			

- ☐ Significant at 0.01
- ☐ So there is strong evidence of differences in mean oil consumption between the four machines

# Example 2

- ❑ Normality cannot be assumed and groups are not ordered so use the Kruskal-Wallis test
- ❑ Select Analyze – Nonparametric tests – Independent Samples...
- ❑ Add *PerformanceScore* and *Design* on the Groups tab



## Hypothesis Test Summary

	Null Hypothesis	Test	Sig.	Decision
1	The distribution of PerformanceScore is the same across categories of Design.	Independent-Samples Kruskal-Wallis Test	.000	Reject the null hypothesis.

Asymptotic significances are displayed. The significance level is .05.

- ☐ Give a p-value  $< 0.001$
- ☐ Very strong evidence that there are differences between the groups

However, ANOVA was robust for Example 2 apart from the differences in variances so we can also use the Brown-Forsythe or Welch test:

Robust Tests of Equality of Means				
PerformanceScore				
	Statistic <sup>a</sup>	df1	df2	Sig.
Welch	13.278	2	30.962	.000
Brown-Forsythe	12.048	2	40.540	.000

a. Asymptotically F distributed.

- ❑ Both tests are significant at the 0.001 level
- ❑ Thus there is very strong evidence that the means are not equal

# Multiple comparisons

- ☐ What if we conclude there are differences between the groups?
- ☐ We don't know where differences are!
- ☐ We can do **post-hoc** tests to compare each pair of groups
- ☐ Similar to 2-sample tests but adjusted for the multiple testing issue



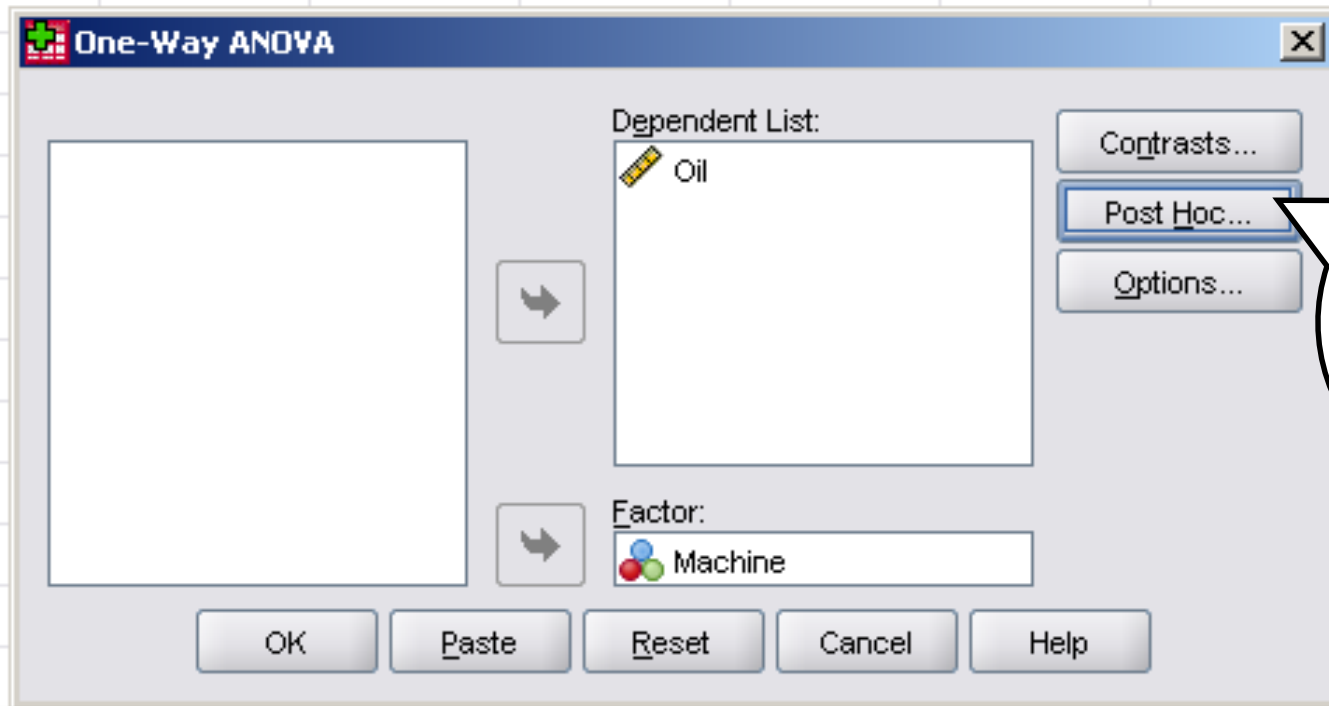
# Which post hoc test?

- ☐ For equal group sizes and similar variances, use **Tukey (HSD)** or, for guaranteed control over Type I errors (more conservative), use **Bonferroni**
- ☐ For slightly different group sizes, use **Gabriel**
- ☐ For very different group sizes, use **Hochberg's GT2**
- ☐ For unequal variances, use **Games-Howell**

Source: (Field, 2013: 459)

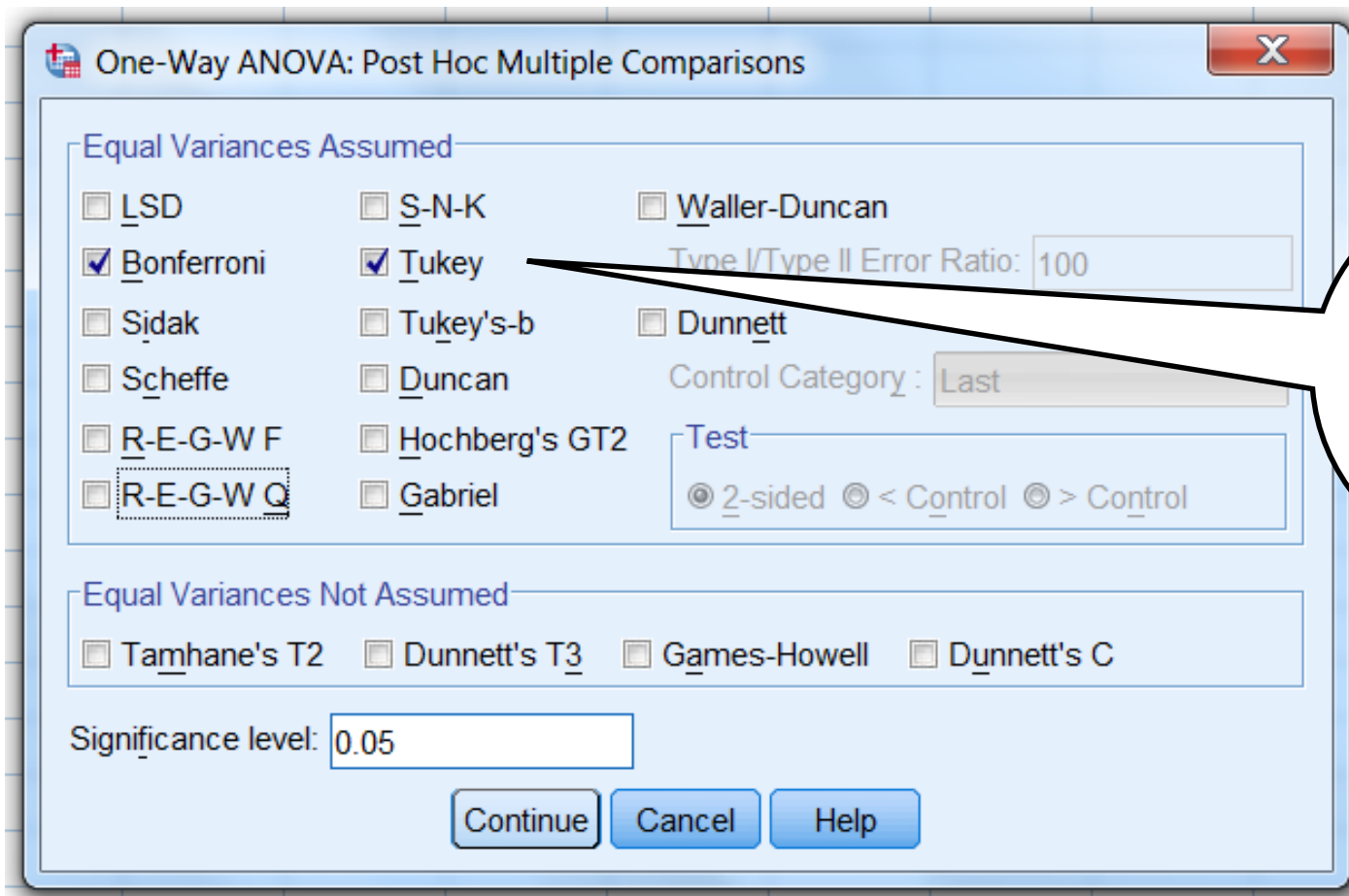
# Example 1

Analyze – Compare Means – One-Way ANOVA



Click on  
Post  
Hoc..  
button

# Multiple comparisons in SPSS



The image shows the 'One-Way ANOVA: Post Hoc Multiple Comparisons' dialog box in SPSS. The 'Equal Variances Assumed' section is active, showing a list of comparison tests. In this list, 'Bonferroni' and 'Tukey' are selected with checkmarks, while 'LSD', 'Sidak', 'Scheffe', 'R-E-G-W F', 'R-E-G-W Q', 'S-N-K', 'Tukey's-b', 'Duncan', 'Hochberg's GT2', 'Gabriel', 'Waller-Duncan', and 'Dunnett' are not. The 'Type I/Type II Error Ratio' is set to 100, and the 'Control Category' is set to 'Last'. The 'Test' section shows '2-sided' selected. The 'Equal Variances Not Assumed' section is inactive. The 'Significance level' is set to 0.05. At the bottom are 'Continue', 'Cancel', and 'Help' buttons.

One-Way ANOVA: Post Hoc Multiple Comparisons

Equal Variances Assumed

- ☐ LSD
- ☒ Bonferroni
- ☐ Sidak
- ☐ Scheffe
- ☐ R-E-G-W F
- ☐ R-E-G-W Q
- ☐ S-N-K
- ☒ Tukey
- ☐ Tukey's-b
- ☐ Duncan
- ☐ Hochberg's GT2
- ☐ Gabriel
- ☐ Waller-Duncan
- ☐ Dunnett

Type I/Type II Error Ratio: 100

Control Category: Last

Test

☒ 2-sided ☐ < Control ☐ > Control

Equal Variances Not Assumed

- ☐ Tamhane's T2
- ☐ Dunnett's T3
- ☐ Games-Howell
- ☐ Dunnett's C

Significance level: 0.05

Continue Cancel Help

Choose  
Tukey  
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tests

### Multiple Comparisons

Dependent Variable: Oil

		Mean Difference (I- J)	Std. Error	Sig.	95% Confidence Interval		
(I) Machine	(J) Machine				Lower Bound	Upper Bound	
Tukey HSD	1	2	-13.00000	5.79943	.146	-29.2322	3.2322
		3	-4.00000	5.79943	.900	-20.2322	12.2322
		4	10.00000	5.79943	.338	-6.2322	26.2322
	2	1	13.00000	5.79943	.146	-3.2322	29.2322
		3	9.00000	5.79943	.427	-7.2322	25.2322
		4	23.00000*	5.79943	.004	6.7678	39.2322
	3	1	4.00000	5.79943	.900	-12.2322	20.2322
		2	-9.00000	5.79943	.427	-25.2322	7.2322
		4	14.00000	5.79943	.107	-2.2322	30.2322
	4	1	-10.00000	5.79943	.338	-26.2322	6.2322
		2	-23.00000*	5.79943	.004	-39.2322	-6.7678
		3	-14.00000	5.79943	.107	-30.2322	2.2322
Bonferroni	1	2	-13.00000	5.79943	.219	-29.9756	3.9756
		3	-4.00000	5.79943	1.000	-20.9756	12.9756
		4	10.00000	5.79943	.600	-6.9756	26.9756
	2	1	13.00000	5.79943	.219	-3.9756	29.9756
		3	9.00000	5.79943	.818	-7.9756	25.9756
		4	23.00000*	5.79943	.005	6.0244	39.9756
	3	1	4.00000	5.79943	1.000	-12.9756	20.9756
		2	-9.00000	5.79943	.818	-25.9756	7.9756
		4	14.00000	5.79943	.153	-2.9756	30.9756
	4	1	-10.00000	5.79943	.600	-26.9756	6.9756
		2	-23.00000*	5.79943	.005	-39.9756	-6.0244
		3	-14.00000	5.79943	.153	-30.9756	2.9756

\*. The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

- Only significant difference for Tukey HSD is between Machines 2 and 4
- Strong evidence ( $p < 0.01$ ) that Machine 2 uses more oil than Machine 4
- Significance levels are higher and confidence interval bounds are smaller than for Bonferroni, as expected

# Multiple comparisons conclusions

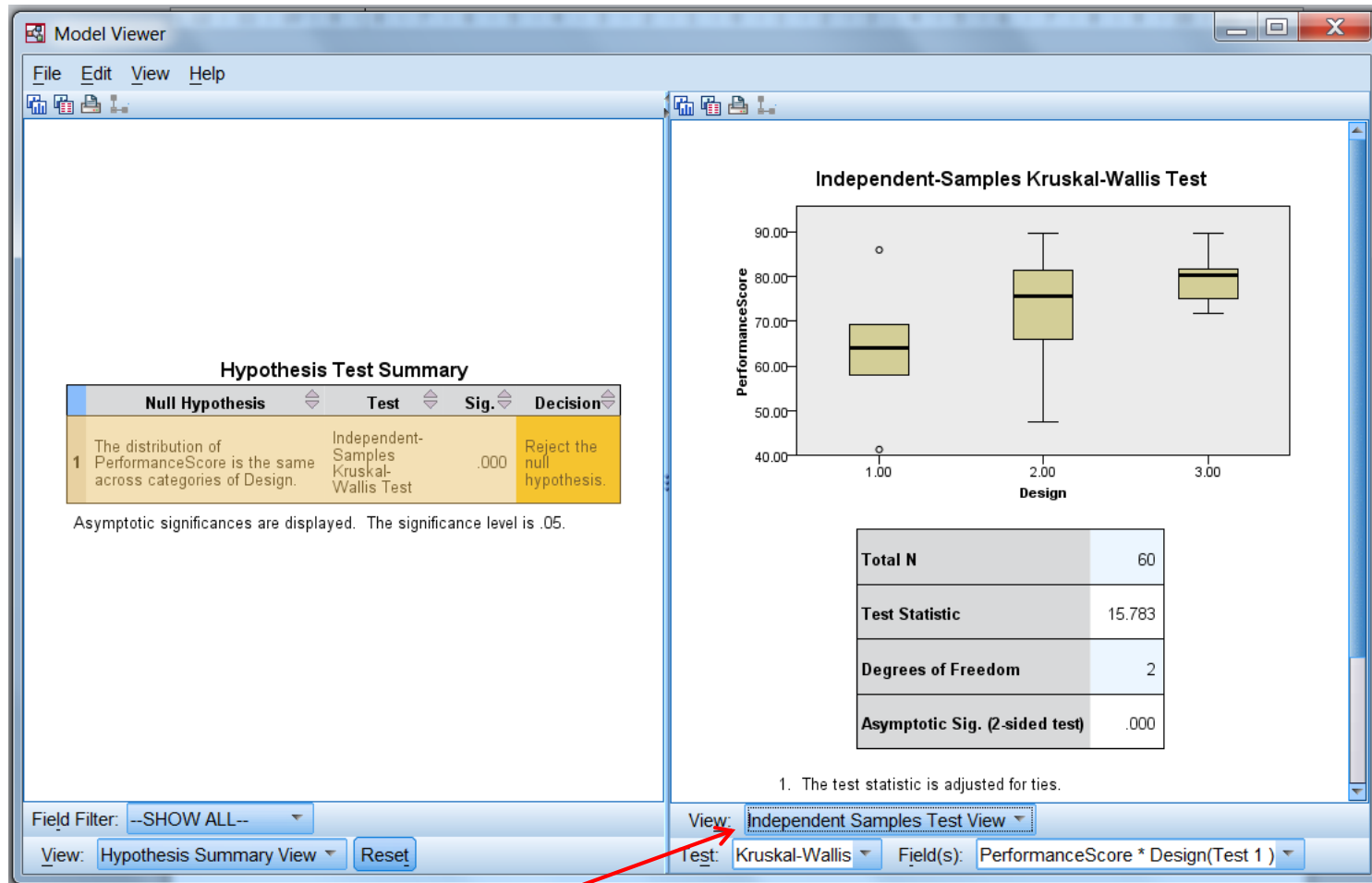
- ❑ Only significant difference is between Machines 2 and 4
- ❑ Strong evidence ( $p < 0.01$ ) with both tests that Machine 2 uses more oil than Machine 4
- ❑ 95% confidence interval for difference between machines is approximately 7 to 39 litres/week
- ❑ No evidence of differences in oil usage between other machines (because all the other confidence intervals for Tukey HSD contain 0)

# Example 2

- ❑ As normality cannot be assumed, need to use nonparametric tests

Hypothesis Test Summary			
	Null Hypothesis	Test	Sig.
1	The distribution of PerformanceScore is the same across categories of Design.	Independent-Samples Kruskal-Wallis Test	.000
Asymptotic significances are displayed. The significance level is .05.			

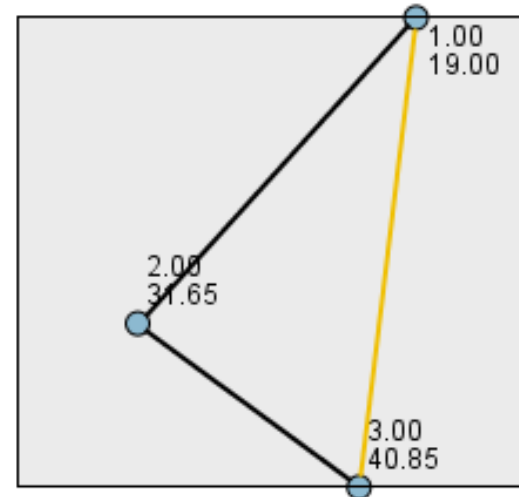
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Change the view option to  
Pairwise Comparisons

- ❑ The adjusted significance values are corrected using an equivalent to the Bonferroni correction for parametric ANOVA
- ❑ Very strong evidence of a difference between groups 1 and 3
- ❑ Weak evidence of a difference between groups 1 and 2

Pairwise Comparisons of Design



Each node shows the sample average rank of Design.

Sample 1-Sam...	Test Statistic	Std. Error	Std. Test Statistic	Sig.	Adj.Sig.
0-1	-12.650	5.523	-2.291	.022	.066
0-2	-21.850	5.523	-3.956	.000	.000
1-2	-9.200	5.523	-1.666	.096	.287

Each row tests the null hypothesis that the Sample 1 and Sample 2 distributions are the same. Asymptotic significances (2-sided tests) are displayed. The significance level is .05.



However, as ANOVA was robust apart from the equality of variances assumption we can also use the Games-Howell post hoc test:

More powerful conclusions than the nonparametric tests

Multiple Comparisons						
PerformanceScore Games-Howell						
(I) Design	(J) Design	Mean Difference (I-J)	Std. Error	Sig.	95% Confidence Interval	
					Lower Bound	Upper Bound
1	2	-9.98789 <sup>*</sup>	3.84079	.035	-19.3762	-.5996
	3	-15.69947 <sup>*</sup>	3.17733	.000	-23.6566	-7.7424
2	1	9.98789 <sup>*</sup>	3.84079	.035	.5996	19.3762
	3	-5.71158	2.56883	.086	-12.1043	.6812
3	1	15.69947 <sup>*</sup>	3.17733	.000	7.7424	23.6566
	2	5.71158	2.56883	.086	-.6812	12.1043

\*. The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

- ☐ Very strong evidence of differences between groups 1 and 3
- ☐ Evidence of differences between groups 1 and 2
- ☐ Weak evidence of differences between groups 2 and 3

# Recap

We have considered:

## ❑ Describing multiple groups:

- Scatter plots
- Means and standard deviations
- Boxplots

## ❑ Checking assumptions:

- Normality of each group (Shapiro-Wilk and Kolmogorov Smirnov)
- Normality of errors (creating unstandardised residuals, then as above)
- Equality of variances (Levene's test)
- Robustness to violations of assumptions (kurtosis, group sizes and degrees of freedom)

# Recap (2)

- ❑ Carrying out the ANOVA test
- ❑ Unequal variances alternatives (Brown-Forsythe and Welch)
- ❑ Nonparametric alternatives: Kruskal-Wallis (general) and Jonckheere-Terpstra (linear)
- ❑ Post hoc tests (Tukey, Bonferroni, Gabriel and Hochberg's GT2)
- ❑ Unequal variances alternative (Games-Howell)
- ❑ Nonparametric alternatives (Kruskal-Wallis pairwise comparisons)