

Day 13: Chi-squared tests (Sections 8.3-8.4)

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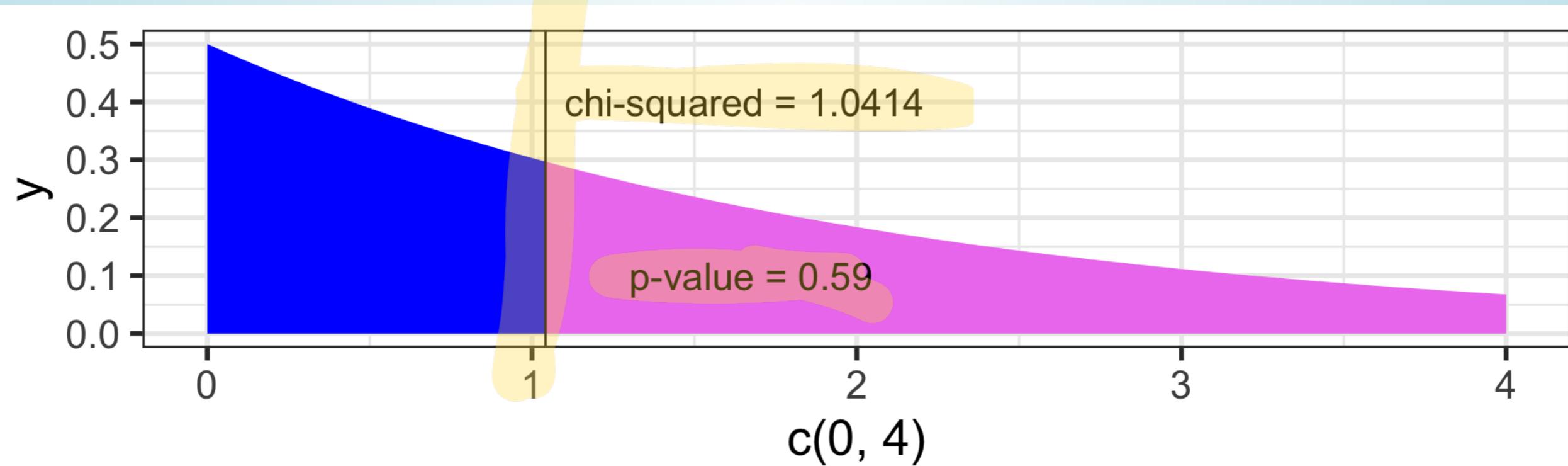
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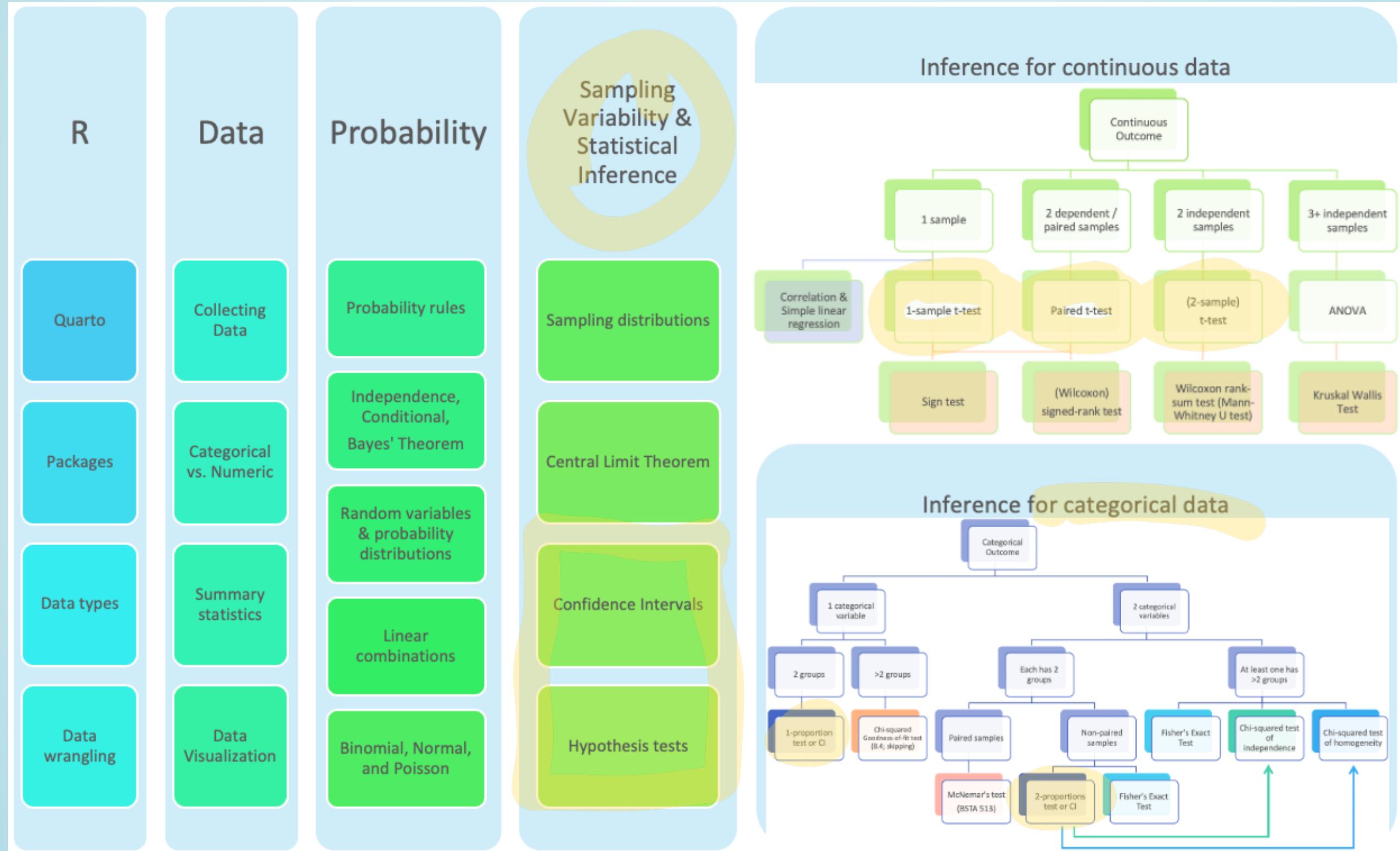
MoRitz's tip of the day

Add text to a plot using `annotate()`:

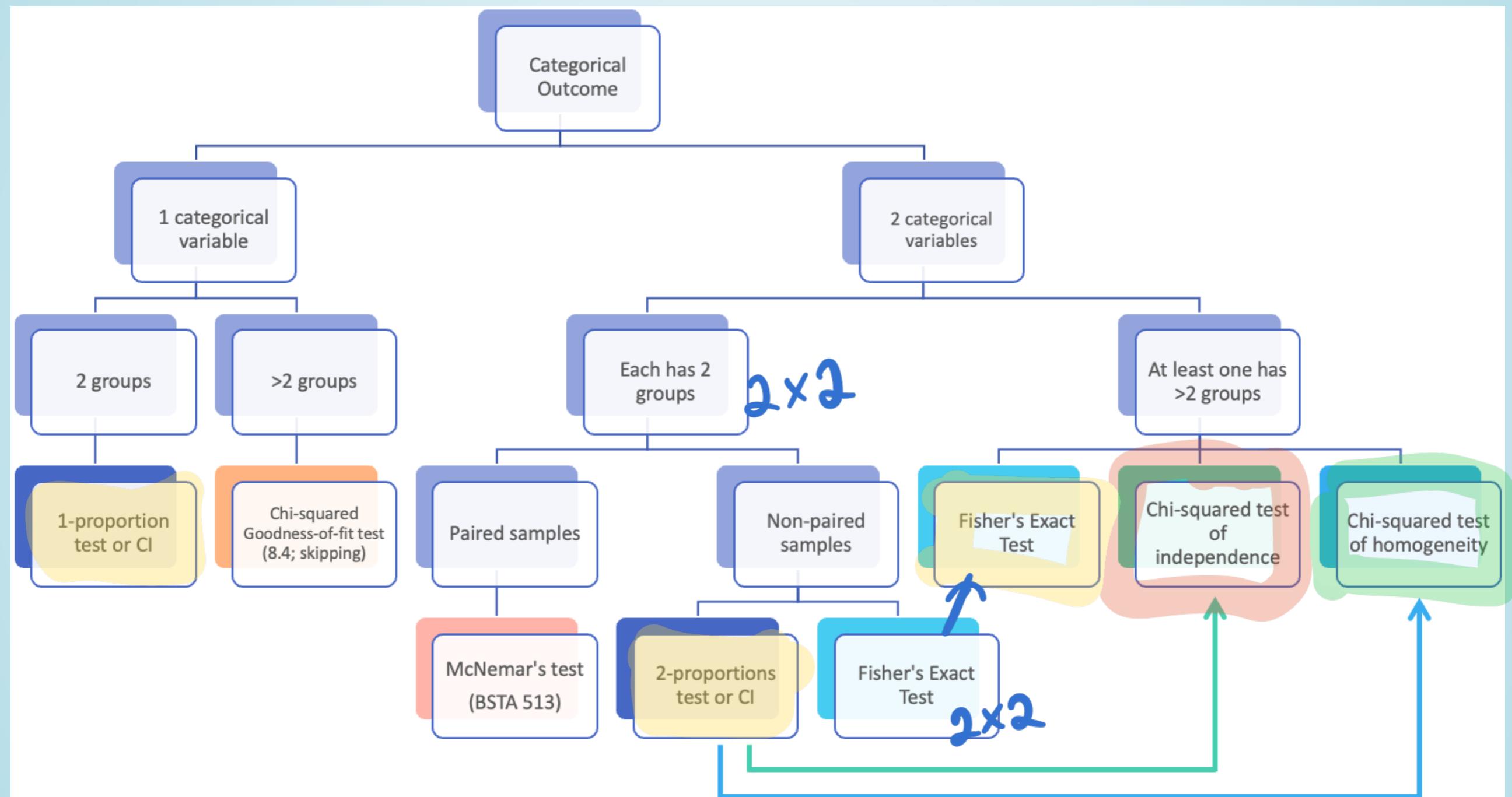
```
1 ggplot(NULL, aes(c(0,4))) + # no dataset, create axes for x from 0 to 4
2   geom_area(stat = "function", fun = dchisq, args = list(df=2),
3             fill = "blue", xlim = c(0, 1.0414)) +
4   geom_area(stat = "function", fun = dchisq, args = list(df=2),
5             fill = "violet", xlim = c(1.0414, 4)) +
6   geom_vline(xintercept = 1.0414) + # vertical line at x = 1.0414
7   annotate("text", x = 1.1, y = .4, # add text at specified (x,y) coordinate
8             label = "chi-squared = 1.0414", hjust=0, size=6) +
9   annotate("text", x = 1.3, y = .1,
10             label = "p-value = 0.59", hjust=0, size=6)
```



Where are we?



Where are we? Categorical outcome zoomed in



Goals for today (Sections 8.3-8.4)

- Statistical inference for **categorical data** when either are
 - comparing **more than two groups**,
 - or have categorical outcomes that have **more than 2 levels**,
 - or both
- Chi-squared tests of association (independence)
 - Hypotheses
 - test statistic
 - Chi-squared distribution
 - p-value
 - technical conditions (assumptions)
 - conclusion
 - R: `chisq.test()`
- Fisher's Exact Test
- Chi-squared test vs. testing difference in proportions
 - Test of Homogeneity

Chi-squared tests of association (independence)

Testing the association (independence) between two categorical variables

Is there an association between depression and being physically active?

- Data sampled from the **NHANES** R package:
 - American National Health and Nutrition Examination Surveys
 - Collected 2009-2012 by US National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS)
 - **NHANES** dataset: 10,000 rows, resampled from **NHANESraw** to undo oversampling effects
 - Treat it as a simple random sample from the US population (for pedagogical purposes)
- **Depressed**
 - Self-reported *number of days where participant felt down, depressed or hopeless.*
 - One of **None**, **Several**, or **Most** (more than half the days).
 - Reported for participants aged 18 years or older.
- **PhysActive**
 - *Participant does moderate or vigorous-intensity sports, fitness or recreational activities* (Yes or No).
 - Reported for participants 12 years or older.

Hypotheses for a Chi-squared test of association (independence)

correlation: between 2 continuous variables

Generic wording:

Test of “association” wording

- H_0 : There is no association between the two variables
- H_A : There is an association between the two variables

Test of “independence” wording

- H_0 : The variables are independent
- H_A : The variables are not independent

For our example:

Test of “association” wording

- H_0 : There is no association between depression and physical activity
- H_A : There is an association between depression and physical activity

Test of “independence” wording

- H_0 : The variables depression and physical activity are independent
- H_A : The variables depression and physical activity are not independent

No symbols

For chi-squared test hypotheses we do not have versions using “symbols” like we do with tests of means or proportions.

Data from NHANES

- Results below are from
 - a random sample of 400 adults (≥ 18 yrs old)
 - with data for both the depression **Depressed** and physically active (**PhysActive**) variables.

Days with Depression				
Physical Activity	None	Several	Most	Total
Yes	199	26	1	226
No	115	32	27	174
Total	314	58	28	400

- What does it mean for the variables to be independent?

H_0 : Variables are Independent

- Recall from Chapter 2, that events A and B are independent if and only if

$$P(A|B) = P(A)$$

$$P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A)P(B)$$

$$P(B|A) = P(B)$$

- If depression and being physically active are independent variables, then *theoretically* this condition needs to hold for *every combination of levels*, i.e.

$$P(\text{None and Yes}) = P(\text{None})P(\text{Yes})$$

$$P(\text{None and No}) = P(\text{None})P(\text{No})$$

$$P(\text{Several and Yes}) = P(\text{Several})P(\text{Yes})$$

$$P(\text{Several and No}) = P(\text{Several})P(\text{No})$$

$$P(\text{Most and Yes}) = P(\text{Most})P(\text{Yes})$$

$$P(\text{Most and No}) = P(\text{Most})P(\text{No})$$

Physical Activity	Days with Depression			Total
	None	Several	Most	
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$$P(\text{None and Yes}) = \frac{314}{400} \cdot \frac{226}{400} \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{199}{400}$$

$$P(\text{Most and No}) = \frac{28}{400} \cdot \frac{174}{400} \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{27}{400}$$

With these probabilities, for each cell of the table we calculate the **expected** counts for each cell under the H_0 hypothesis that the variables are independent

Expected counts (if variables are independent)

- The expected counts (if H_0 is true & the variables are independent) for each cell are
 - $np = \text{total table size} \cdot \text{probability of cell}$

Expected count of Yes & None:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 400 \cdot P(\text{None and Yes}) \\
 &= 400 \cdot P(\text{None})P(\text{Yes}) \\
 &= 400 \cdot \frac{314}{400} \cdot \frac{226}{400} \\
 &= \frac{314 \cdot 226}{400} \\
 &= 177.41 \\
 &= \frac{\text{column total} \cdot \text{row total}}{\text{table total}}
 \end{aligned}$$

		Days with Depression			Total
Physical Activity	None	Several	Most		
		Yes	26	1	226
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Total	314	58	28	400	

- If depression and being physically active are **independent** variables
 - (as assumed by H_0),
- then the **observed counts** should be close to the **expected counts** for each cell of the table

Observed vs. Expected counts

- The **observed** counts are the counts in the 2-way table summarizing the data
- The **expected** counts are the counts we would expect to see in the 2-way table if there was no association between depression and being physically active

		Days with Depression			
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		Days with Depression			
Physical Activity	None	Several	Most	Total	
Yes	199 $0.565 \cdot 314 = 226/400 \cdot 314 = 177.41$	26 $0.565 \cdot 58 = 226/400 \cdot 58 = 32.77$	1 $0.565 \cdot 28 = 226/400 \cdot 28 = 15.82$	226 $226/400 = 0.565$	
No	115 $0.435 \cdot 314 = 174/400 \cdot 314 = 136.59$	32 $0.435 \cdot 58 = 174/400 \cdot 58 = 25.23$	27 $0.435 \cdot 28 = 174/400 \cdot 28 = 12.18$	174 $174/400 = 0.435$	
Total	314	58	28	400	

Expected count for cell i, j :

$$\text{Expected Count}_{\text{row } i, \text{ col } j} = \frac{(\text{row } i \text{ total}) \cdot (\text{column } j \text{ total})}{\text{table total}}$$

The χ^2 test statistic

Test statistic for a test of association (independence):

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{\text{all cells}} \frac{(\text{observed} - \text{expected})^2}{\text{expected}}$$

- When the variables are independent, the observed and expected counts should be close to each other

Physical Activity	Days with Depression			Total
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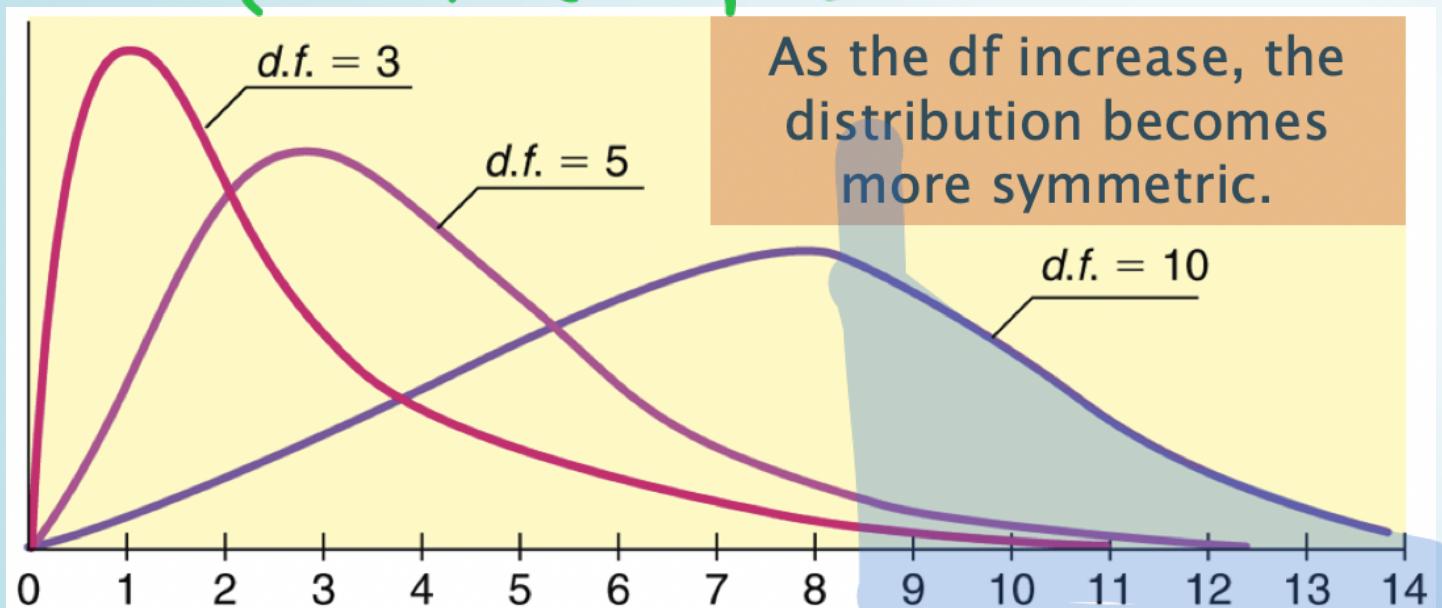
$$\begin{aligned} \chi^2 &= \sum \frac{(O - E)^2}{E} \\ &= \frac{(199 - 177.41)^2}{177.41} + \frac{(26 - 32.77)^2}{32.77} + \dots + \frac{(27 - 12.18)^2}{12.18} \\ &= 41.2 \end{aligned}$$

Is this value big? Big enough to reject H_0 ?

The χ^2 distribution & calculating the *p*-value

The χ^2 distribution shape depends on its degrees of freedom

- It's skewed right for smaller df,
 - gets more symmetric for larger df
- $df = (\# \text{ rows}-1) \times (\# \text{ columns}-1)$
 $(2-1) \times (3-1) = 2$



- The **p-value** is always the **area to the right** of the test statistic for a χ^2 test.

- We can use the **pchisq** function in R to calculate the probability of being at least as big as the χ^2 test statistic:

```
1 pv <- pchisq(41.2, df = 2,  
2 lower.tail = FALSE)  
3 pv  
[1] 1.131186e-09
```

What's the conclusion to the χ^2 test?

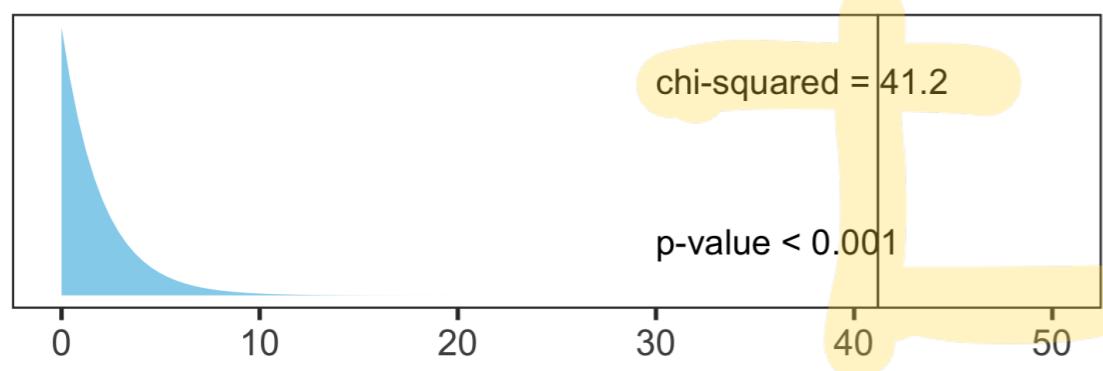
OR $1 - \text{pchisq}(41.2, df=2)$

Conclusion

Recall the hypotheses to our χ^2 test:

- H_0 : There is **no association** between depression and being physically activity
- H_A : There is **an association** between depression and being physically activity

Chi-squared test p-value



Conclusion:

Based a random sample of 400 US adults from 2009-2012, there is sufficient evidence that there is **an association** between depression and being physically activity ($p\text{-value} < 0.001$).

Warning

If we fail to reject, we **DO NOT** have evidence of no association.



→ **Do not say variables are independent!**

**Correct: insufficient evidence there is an association .
(not independent)**

Technical conditions

• Independence

- Each case (person) that contributes a count to the table must be independent of all the other cases in the table
 - In particular, observational units cannot be represented in more than one cell.
 - For example, someone cannot choose both "Several" and "Most" for depression status. They have to choose exactly one option for each variable.

• Sample size

- In order for the distribution of the test statistic to be appropriately modeled by a chi-squared distribution we need

■ **2 × 2 table:** $\rightarrow df=1$

- expected counts are at least 10 for each cell

■ **larger tables:**

- no more than 1/5 of the expected counts are less than 5, and
- all expected counts are greater than 1 ≥ 2

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Chi-squared tests in R

Depression vs. physical activity dataset

Create dataset based on results table:

```
1 DepPA <- tibble(  
2   Depression = c(rep("None", 314),  
3     rep("Several", 58),  
4     rep("Most", 28)),  
5   PA = c(rep("Yes", 199), # None  
6     rep("No", 115),  
7     rep("Yes", 26), # Several  
8     rep("No", 32),  
9     rep("Yes", 1), # Most  
10    rep("No", 27))  
11 )
```

Physical Activity	Days with Depression			Total
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Summary table of data:

```
1 DepPA %>%  
2 tabyl(Depression, PA)
```

```
Depression  No Yes  
          Most 27 1  
          None 115 199  
          Several 32 26
```

```
1 # base R:  
2 table(DepPA)
```

```
PA  
Depression  No Yes  
          Most 27 1  
          None 115 199  
          Several 32 26
```

χ^2 test in R using dataset

If only have **2 columns** in the dataset:

```
1 ChisqTest_DepPA <-  
2   chisq.test(table(DepPA))
```

```
Pearson's Chi-squared test  
  
data: table(DepPA)  
X-squared = 41.171, df = 2, p-value = 1.148e-09
```

If have **>2 columns** in the dataset, we need to specify which columns to table:

```
1 ChisqTest_DepPA <-  
2   chisq.test(table(  
3     DepPA$Depression, DepPA$PA)))
```

```
Pearson's Chi-squared test  
  
data: table(DepPA$Depression, DepPA$PA)  
X-squared = 41.171, df = 2, p-value = 1.148e-09
```

The tidyverse way (fewer parentheses)

```
1 table(DepPA$Depression, DepPA$PA) %>%  
2   chisq.test()
```

```
Pearson's Chi-squared test  
  
data: .  
X-squared = 41.171, df = 2, p-value = 1.148e-09
```

`tidy()` the output (from `broom` package):

```
1 table(DepPA$Depression, DepPA$PA) %>%  
2   chisq.test() %>%  
3   tidy() %>% gt()
```

statistic	p.value	parameter	method
41.17067	1.147897e-09		2 Pearson's Chi-squared test

Pull *p*-value

```
1 table(DepPA$Depression, DepPA$PA) %>%  
2   chisq.test() %>%  
3   tidy() %>% pull(p.value)
```

```
[1] 1.147897e-09
```

Observed & expected counts in R

You can see what the **observed** and **expected** counts are from the saved chi-squared test results:

```
1 ChisqTest_DepPA$observed
```

	No	Yes
Most	27	1
None	115	199
Several	32	26

```
1 ChisqTest_DepPA$expected
```

	No	Yes
Most	12.18	15.82
None	136.59	177.41
Several	25.23	32.77

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- Why is it important to look at the expected counts?
- What are we looking for in the expected counts?

χ^2 test in R with 2-way table

Create a base R table of the results:

```
1 (DepPA_table <- matrix(c(199, 26, 1, 115, 32, 27), nrow = 2, ncol = 3, byrow = T))  
[ ,1] [ ,2] [ ,3]  
[1, ] 199    26     1  
[2, ] 115    32     27  
  
1 dimnames(DepPA_table) <- list("PA" = c("Yes", "No"), # row names  
2                               "Depression" = c("None", "Several", "Most")) # column names  
3 DepPA_table  
  
Depression  
PA      None Several Most  
Yes    199      26     1  
No     115      32     27
```

Run χ^2 test with 2-way table:

```
1 chisq.test(DepPA_table)  
  
Pearson's Chi-squared test  
  
data: DepPA_table  
X-squared = 41.171, df = 2, p-value = 1.148e-09  
  
1 chisq.test(DepPA_table)$expected  
  
Depression  
PA      None Several Most  
Yes    177.41   32.77 15.82  
No     136.59   25.23 12.18
```

(Yates') Continuity correction

- For a **2x2** contingency table,
 - the χ^2 test has the option of including a continuity correction
 - just like with the proportions test
- The **default includes a continuity correction**
- There is no CC for bigger tables

```
1 DepPA_table2x2 <- matrix(c(199, 27, 115, 59), nrow = 2, ncol = 2, byrow = T))  
[,1] [,2]  
[1,] 199   27  
[2,] 115   59  
  
1 dimnames(DepPA_table2x2) <- list("PA" = c("Yes", "No"),      # row names  
2                               "Depression" = c("None", "Several/Most")) # column names  
3 DepPA_table2x2  
  
Depression  
PA    None Several/Most  
Yes    199        27  
No     115        59
```

Output **without** a CC

```
1 chisq.test(DepPA_table2x2, correct = FALSE)  
  
Pearson's Chi-squared test  
  
data: DepPA_table2x2  
X-squared = 28.093, df = 1, p-value = 1.156e-07
```

Compare to output **with** CC:

```
1 chisq.test(DepPA_table2x2)  
  
Pearson's Chi-squared test with Yates' continuity correction  
  
data: DepPA_table2x2  
X-squared = 26.807, df = 1, p-value = 2.248e-07
```

Fischer's Exact Test

Use this if expected cell counts are too small

Example with smaller sample size

- Suppose that instead of taking a random sample of 400 adults (from the NHANES data), a study takes a random sample of 100 such that
 - 50 people that are physically active and
 - 50 people that are not physically active

```
1 DepPA100_table <- matrix(c(43, 5, 2, 40, 4, 6), nrow = 2, ncol = 3, byrow = T))  
[,1] [,2] [,3]  
[1,] 43     5     2  
[2,] 40     4     6  
1 dimnames(DepPA100_table) <- list("PA" = c("Yes", "No"), # row names  
2                               "Depression" = c("None", "Several", "Most")) # column names  
3  
4 DepPA100_table  
Depression  
PA      None Several Most  
Yes      43       5      2  
No       40       4      6
```

Chi-squared test warning

```
1 chisq.test(DepPA100_table)
```

```
Warning in stats::chisq.test(x, y, ...): Chi-squared approximation may be
incorrect
```

```
Pearson's Chi-squared test
```

```
data: DepPA100_table
X-squared = 2.2195, df = 2, p-value = 0.3296
```

```
1 chisq.test(DepPA100_table)$expected
```

```
Warning in stats::chisq.test(x, y, ...): Chi-squared approximation may be
incorrect
```

```
Depression
PA      None Several Most
Yes    41.5      4.5     4
No     41.5      4.5     4
```

- Recall the **sample size** condition
 - In order for the test statistic to be modeled by a chi-squared distribution we need
 - **2 × 2 table: expected counts are at least 10 for each cell**
 - **larger tables:**
 - **no more than 1/5 of the expected counts are less than 5**, and
 - **all expected counts are greater than 1**

Fisher's Exact Test

- Called an exact test since it
 - calculates an exact probability for the p-value
 - instead of using an asymptotic approximation, such as the normal, t, or chi-squared distributions
 - For 2x2 tables the p-value is calculated using the **hypergeometric** probability distribution (see book for details)

```
1 fisher.test(DepPA100_table)
```

```
Fisher's Exact Test for Count Data

data: DepPA100_table
p-value = 0.3844
alternative hypothesis: two.sided
```

Comments

- Note that there is no test statistic
- There is also no CI
- This is always a two-sided test
- There is no continuity correction since the hypergeometric distribution is discrete

Simulate p-values: another option for small expected counts

From the `chisq.test` help file:

- Simulation is done by random sampling from the set of all contingency tables with the same margin totals
 - works only if the margin totals are strictly positive.
- For each simulation, a χ^2 test statistic is calculated
- P-value is the proportion of simulations that have a test statistic at least as big as the observed one.
- No continuity correction

```
1 set.seed(567)
2 chisq.test(DepPA100_table, simulate.p.value = TRUE)
```

```
Pearson's Chi-squared test with simulated p-value (based on 2000
replicates)
```

```
data: DepPA100_table
X-squared = 2.2195, df = NA, p-value = 0.3893
```

χ^2 test vs. testing proportions

χ^2 test vs. testing differences in proportions

If there are only 2 levels in both of the categorical variables being tested, then the p -value from the χ^2 test is equal to the p -value from the differences in proportions test.

Example: Previously we tested whether the proportion who had participated in sports betting was the same for college and noncollege young adults:

$$H_0 : p_{coll} - p_{noncoll} = 0$$

$$H_A : p_{coll} - p_{noncoll} \neq 0$$

```
1 SportsBet_table <- matrix(  
2   c(175, 94, 137, 77),  
3   nrow = 2, ncol = 2, byrow = T)  
4  
5 dimnames(SportsBet_table) <- list(  
6   "Group" = c("College", "NonCollege"), # row r  
7   "Bet" = c("No", "Yes")) # column names  
8  
9 SportsBet_table
```

Group	Bet	
	No	Yes
College	175	94
NonCollege	137	77

```
1 chisq.test(SportsBet_table) %>% tidy() %>% gt()
```

	statistic	p.value	parameter	method
	0.01987511	0.8878864	1	Pearson's Chi-squared test with Yates' continuity correction

```
1 prop.test(SportsBet_table) %>% tidy() %>% gt()
```

estimate1	estimate2	statistic	p.value	parameter	conf.low	conf.high	method	alternative
0.6505576	0.6401869	0.01987511	0.8878864	1	-0.07973918	0.1004806	2-sample test for equality of proportions with continuity correction	two.sided

```
1 2*pnorm(sqrt(0.0199), lower.tail=F) # p-value
```

```
[1] 0.8878167
```

Test of Homogeneity

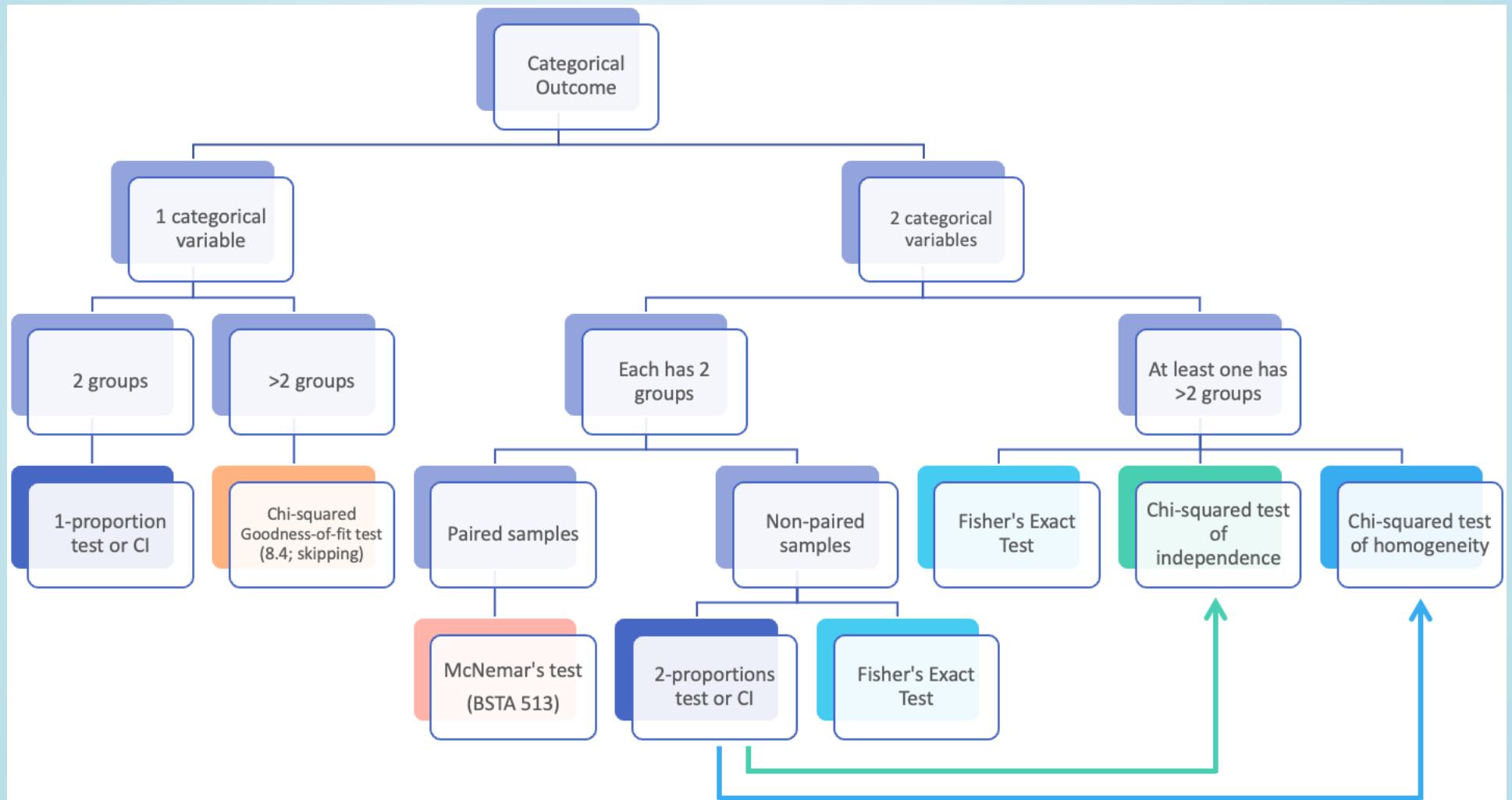
- Running the sports betting example as a chi-squared test is actually an example of a **test of homogeneity**
- In a test of homogeneity, proportions can be compared between many groups

$$H_0 : p_1 = p_2 = p_3 = \dots = p_n$$

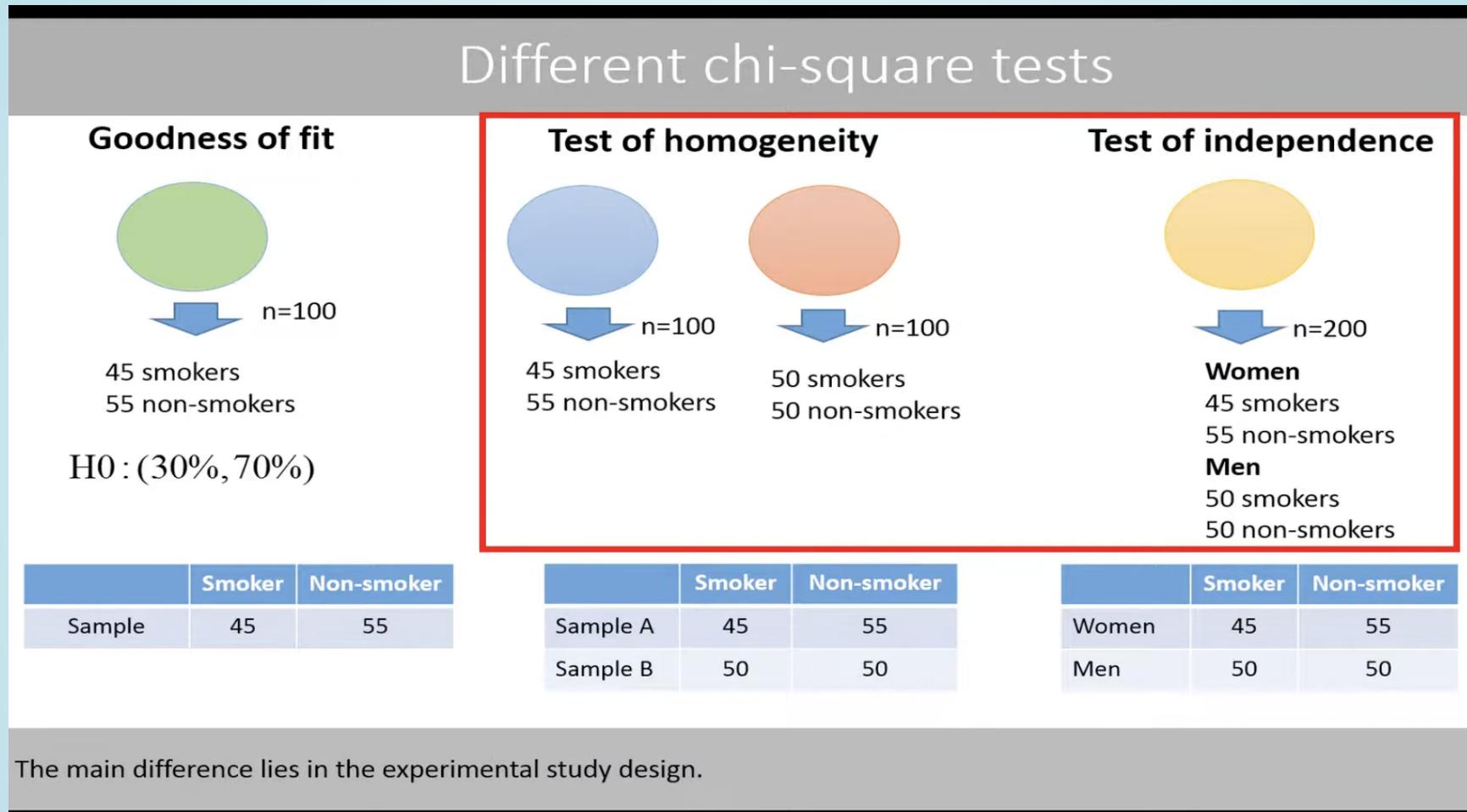
$$H_A : p_i \neq p_j \text{ for at least one pair of } i, j$$

- It's an extension of a two proportions test.
- The test statistic & p-value are calculated the same was as a chi-squared test of association (independence)
- When we fix the margins (whether row or columns) of one of the "variables" (such as in a cohort or case-control study)
 - the chi-squared test is called a **Test of Homogeneity**

Overview of tests with categorical outcome



Chi-squared Tests of Independence vs. Homogeneity vs. Goodness-of-fit



- See YouTube video from TileStats for a good explanation of how these three tests are different: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TyD-_1JUhxw
- UCLA's INSPIRE website has a good summary too: http://inspire.stat.ucla.edu/unit_13/

What's next?

