

The lower the variability, the higher probability that we will reject the null hypothesis.

Statistical power is the probability that the statistical test will reject a false null hypothesis. (即,  $H_0$  是 false 的, 而且我们也正确地把  $H_0$  给 reject 了)

Or, in plain English, Statistical power is the likelihood that a study will detect an effect when there is an effect there to be detected.

文心一言

Statistical power is the probability of rejecting a null hypothesis when it is false. a measure of the sensitivity of a statistical test to detect effects or differences when they truly exist.

A higher power value indicates a greater chance of detecting a true effect, while a lower power value indicates a greater chance of failing to detect a true effect (i.e., a type II error).

Factors: sample size, effect size, significance level, data distribution.

	$H_0$ is true	$H_0$ is false
Reject $H_0$	Type I Error (false positive)	Correct decision (true positive)
Do not reject $H_0$	Correct decision (true negative)	Type II Error (false negative)

this probability  
= statistical power

Type I error

- A Type I Error is rejecting the null hypothesis when it is true.
- $\text{Prob}(\text{Type I Error}) = \text{Significance level} = P(\text{reject } H_0 | H_0 \text{ true})$

Type II error

- A Type II error is not rejecting a null hypothesis when it is false.
- $\text{Prob}(\text{Type II Error}) = \beta = P(\text{accept } H_0 | H_1 \text{ true})$
- Value of  $\beta$  typically depends on which particular alternative hypothesis is true.

Power of a hypothesis test

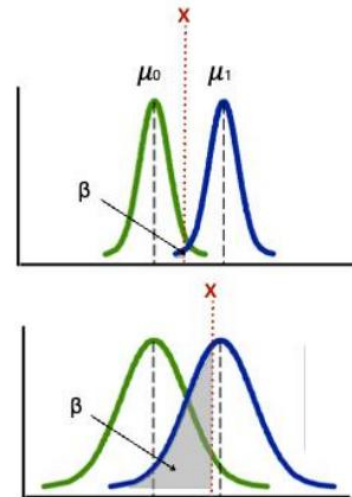
- $\text{Power} = 1 - \beta = P(\text{reject } H_0 | H_1 \text{ true})$
- Probability of rejecting the null hypothesis if the alternative hypothesis is true

In clinical trials, Phase III: industry minimum power = 80%

Factors

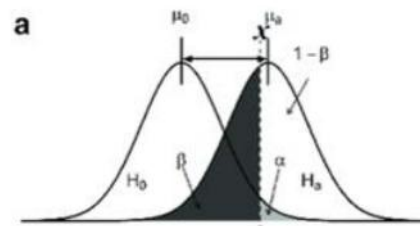
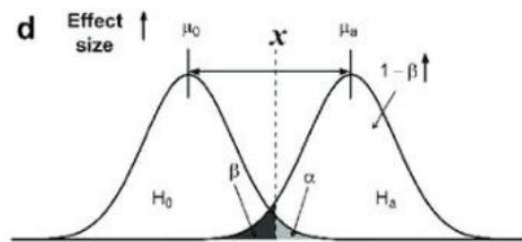
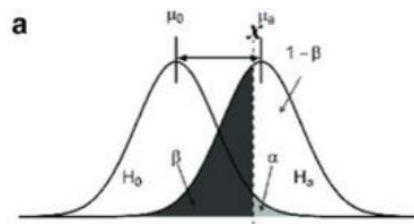
Standard deviation  $\sigma$

power  
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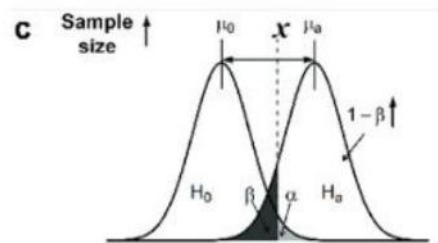
Effect size  $\Delta\mu$

power  
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Sample size  $n$

power  
↑ ↑



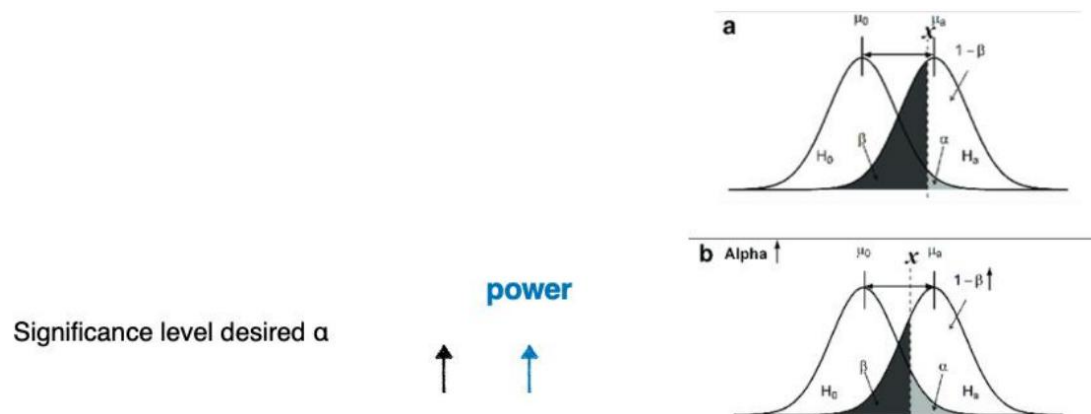
这个是有道理的。不是说 increase sample size 改变了 standard deviation, 我之前这样理解是谬论。如果把样本重复几遍, 均值方差标准差都是不变的, 但是依然增大了 power。

而且还有一个惊人的发现，就是 increase sample size 之后居然更加 normal 了，因为 shapiro test 的 p-value 变小了！这应该就是上面文心一言回答我 power 与什么有关的时候告诉我与 data distribution 有关的原因。

文心一言

您提到的分母是  $n-1$  的情况通常是在计算样本方差时使用的，这是为了修正由于样本估计总体均值时带来的偏差。但是，当您明确知道整个数据集（即总体，而不是样本）的均值时，应该使用  $n$  作为分母来计算方差。

而我们这里画的是 population distribution, 不应该单纯从 sample 意义上分析这个问题。



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power.t.test()
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做这个的时候比如说问你 sample size 要到达多少才行，就用 `power.t.test()` 算出来一个小数之后，再用 `power.t.test()` 验证一下

注意如果 `type = "two.sample"`, 无论你给定函数的 `n` 还是函数算出来的 `n` 都是 `number in each group`, 回答问题的时候要说明像这样: `You require 46 students in each group (heavy vs non-heavy drinkers)`.

Problem set 比较坑，他是这么问的 What happens to our statistical power (increases or decreases) if we decrease our sample size to 10? 我们做的话是要理解成总样本量为 10，即两个组加起来样本量为 10，也就是说 two-sample 的话 5 observations in each group