

Hypotheses tests with continuous variables

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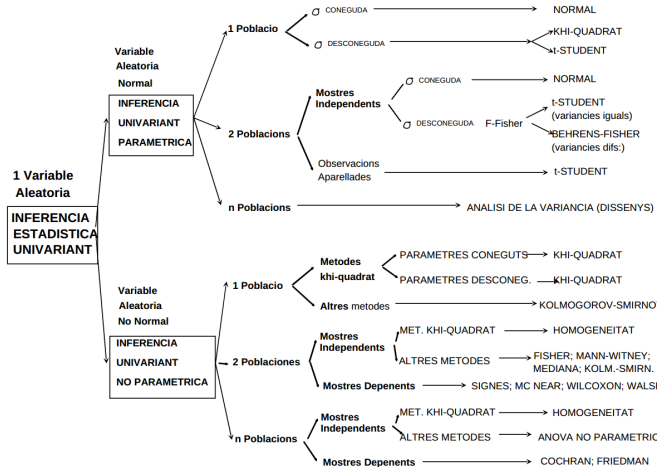
Section 2

Introduction

Introduction

- Once the concept of hypothesis testing is established,
- Researchers face the problem of *which test should be applied at every possible situation*.
- For this, ideally, they should...
 - understand the problem and the questions addressed,
 - know available tests for each problem,
 - know (how to check) applicability assumptions of each test,
 - know how robust each test is to assumptions violation.
- Easier to say than to do.
 - Sometimes cheatsheets may be helpful, but be warned against a blind use, that is understand and be critic with the steps.

Which test is appropriate for which problem



Example situation (1): Introduction

- Many experimental questions may be answered through hypothesis testing.
- Imagine, for example, a study designed to compare two distinct hypertension control programs.
- 60 individuals with HTA were randomly assigned to either one or the other group (30 per group)
- Blood pressure was measured each month during a year
 - For simplicity we may keep only data at months 1 and 12

Example situation (2): Data collected

```
hta <- read_excel("datasets/hta.xls")  
htaSimple <- hta %>% select(grupo, sexo, tas1, tad1, tas12,  
head(as.data.frame(htaSimple)))
```

##	grupo	sexo	tas1	tad1	tas12	tad12
## 1	B	VARON	150	100	150	80
## 2	B	MUJER	160	90	150	90
## 3	B	MUJER	150	90	110	85
## 4	A	VARON	120	80	130	90
## 5	A	MUJER	150	85	120	80
## 6	B	MUJER	140	75	140	90

Example situation (3): Reasonable questions

- The goal of the study is to compare the treatment effect so a reasonable question is:
 - *Is the average decrease in "tad" the same in both groups A and B?*
- Or, if we are testing a new treatment "B", hat is intended to be batter than "A"
 - *Is the average decrease in "tad" greater in group B?*
- *Although they are not planned in this study* other relevant questions may lead to questions that need a test to be answered, such as:
 - *Is the average tad above 150?*
 - *Has the average tad (in group A) decreased in 12 months?*
 - *Is the average tad different in men and women at basal time?*

Types of tests (1): Confirmatory vs Independence

Distinct classifications can be found in textbooks

- Confirmatory
 - Is average HTA above 150?
 - Is the the tas1 variable normally distributed
- Independence
 - Is sex related to HTA (or is mean(HTA) the same in men or women)
 - Is average HTA decrease the same for both groups?
- *This classification is useful but artificial, not to say that the term "independence" is slightly abused*

Types of tests (2): Parametric vs Non-parametric

- Parametric tests
 - assume some underlying distribution for the data
 - pose the test in terms of the distribution's parameters
 - E.g. the t-test assumes normality and relies on the normal and t-distribution's parameters
- Non-parametric tests
 - Do not assume an underlying distribution, but they are not assumption-free!
 - Check: Distribution free is not assumption free
- Permutation tests
 - If sample size is not tiny *permutation tests* are a good alternative.

Hands on: Always start looking at the data

```
library(ggplot2)
library(patchwork)

p1 <- ggplot(hta, aes(y = tas1)) +
  geom_boxplot()

p2 <- ggplot(hta, aes(x = tas1)) +
  geom_histogram()

(p1 / p2)
```

Hands on: Always start looking at the data

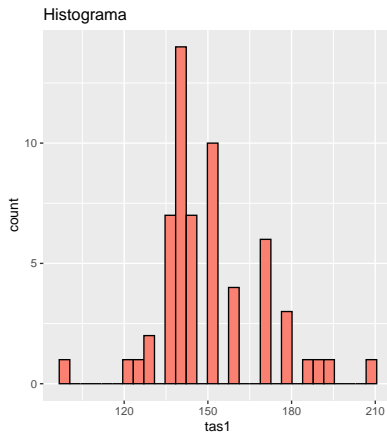
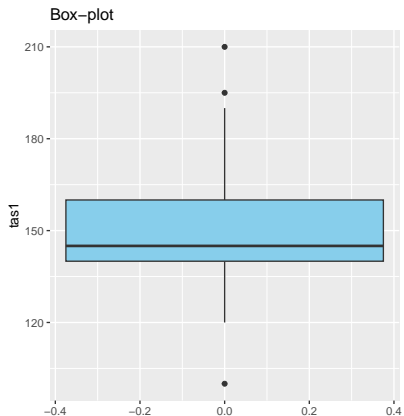
```
p_load(ggplot2, patchwork)

p1 <- ggplot(hta, aes(y = tas1)) +
  geom_boxplot(fill = "skyblue") +
  labs(title = "Box-plot", y = "tas1")

p2 <- ggplot(hta, aes(x = tas1)) +
  geom_histogram(bins = 30, fill = "salmon", color = "black") +
  labs(title = "Histograma", x = "tas1")

(p1 | p2)
```

Data visualization



Section 3

Normality and tests

Normality and tests

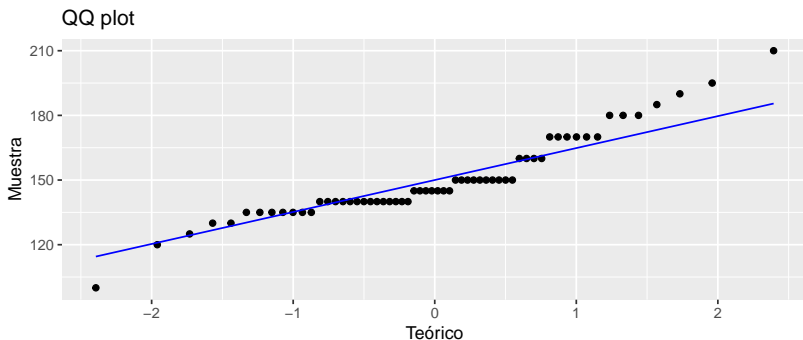
- The choice of test seems to pivot around the question of μ is my data normally distributed?
- Leaving apart a tence to repeat what we have been taught, why is this so?
 - If the data is normally distributed there exist some *optimal tests* for some one or two sample problems.
 - Data show often a bell-shaped form that can be assimilated to have a gaussian distribution (it is *normal* to observe this).
 - Iven if data is not bell-shaped, if sample size is big enough th sample mean tends to be bell -shaped as sample size increase.
- In summary, normality is not only “practical” but common.
- As a consequence checking normality has become one of the first steps of any data analysis.
 - It doesn't hurt, but it is clearly over-rated.

Normality Test

- Normality tests can be used to decide if the data can be considered to follow a normal distribution.
- This is more a theoretical than practical issue because ...
 - If the sample size is too small, the test is not powerful enough.
 - If the sample size is too big, the test will almost always reject the normality hypothesis
- Normality can be tested
 - Graphically:
 - Check if it is a symmetric distribution
 - Probability graphs (QQ-plots)
 - Using Hypothesis test (Normality)
 - Kolmogorov tests
 - Shapiro-Wilks test

Normality test: Graphically

```
ggplot(hta, aes(sample = tas1)) +  
  stat_qq() +  
  stat_qq_line(color = "blue") +  
  labs(title = "QQ plot", x = "Teórico", y = "Muestra")
```



Normality test: Shapiro-Wilks

- In normality test, the null hypothesis is normality
- That is, rejecting the null suggests departure of normality.
 - H_0 : The data follow a normal distribution
 - H_1 : The data do not follow a normal distribution

```
shapiro.test(hta$stad1)  # Shapiro Wilk test
```

```
##  
## Shapiro-Wilk normality test  
##  
## data:  hta$stad1  
## W = 0.96622, p-value = 0.09512
```

Section 4

One sample tests

One sample tests

- One sample tests refer to a single characteristic of the population such as:
 - *Is it true that the average tad in HTA population is above 150?*
- It is often said that they are less interesting because they are rarely used in most practical situations where the main goal is comparison
- *However*, noticing that a paired tests is equivalent to a one sample tests for the difference makes us realize their relevance.

One sample parametric vs non-parametric tests

- If we assume normality an appropriate test for a hypothesis about the mean is the *t*-test
 - $H_0 : \mu = \mu_0, \quad H_1 : \mu \neq \mu_0, (\mu > \mu_0, \mu < \mu_0).$
- If we don't assume normality we can rely on
 - Wilcoxon rank test, if data re symmetrical
 - Sign test in other cases

Hands on one sample tests (1): t-test

- Is tad in HTA patients above 90?
- Notice that even if we are interested in “above 90” the null is “equality”
 - $H_0 : \mu = 90$, $H_1 : \mu > 90$.

```
t.test(hta$tad1,mu=90, alternative="greater") # One sample T.test
```

```
##  
## One Sample t-test  
##  
## data: hta$tad1  
## t = -1.2137, df = 59, p-value = 0.8852  
## alternative hypothesis: true mean is greater than 90  
## 95 percent confidence interval:  
## 86.23664 Inf  
## sample estimates:  
## mean of x  
## 88.41667
```

Hands on one sample tests (2): Wilcoxon test

- In wilcoxon test the null hypothesis is about the median.

```
wilcox.test(hta$stad1, mu = 90, alternative = "greater") #
```

```
##
```

```
## Wilcoxon signed rank test with continuity correction
```

```
##
```

```
## data: hta$stad1
```

```
## V = 429, p-value = 0.8934
```

```
## alternative hypothesis: true location is greater than 90
```


Section 5

Two sample tests

Two sample tests

```
head(hta)
```

```
## # A tibble: 6 x 27
##   numero sexo grupo  tas1  tad1  tas2  tad2  tas3  tad3  tas4  tad4  tas5
##   <dbl> <chr> <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <
## 1      1  VARON B      150   100   150    90   170    90   175    85   140
## 2      2  MUJER B      160    90   170    90   160    80   150    90   150
## 3      3  MUJER B      150    90   110    90   115    90   120    80   125
## 4      4  VARON A      120    80   140    90   140    90   130    90   130
## 5      5  MUJER A      150    85   145    85   160    90   140    80   120
## 6      6  MUJER B      140    75   160    70   135    75   140    70   140
## # i 14 more variables: tas6 <dbl>, tad6 <dbl>, tas7 <dbl>, tad7 <dbl>,
## #   tas8 <dbl>, tad8 <dbl>, tas9 <dbl>, tad9 <dbl>, tas10 <dbl>, tad10 <dbl>
## #   tas11 <dbl>, tad11 <dbl>, tas12 <dbl>, tad12 <dbl>
```

Homogeneity variance Test

```
library(car)
hta %>%
  group_by(sexo) %>%
  summarise(var = sd(tas1))
```

```
## # A tibble: 2 x 2
##   sexo    var
##   <chr> <dbl>
## 1 MUJER  17.6
## 2 VARON  22.1
```

```
leveneTest(hta$tad1~factor(hta$sexo),center="median")
```

```
## Levene's Test for Homogeneity of Variance (center = "median")
##           Df F value Pr(>F)
## group    1   1.3506 0.2499
##           58
```

- p value is over 0.05
- We can assume homogeneity of variances

T test when variances are equal

```
t.test(hta$tas1~factor(hta$sexo), var.equal = TRUE )
```

```
##
```

```
## Two Sample t-test
```

```
##
```

```
## data: hta$tas1 by factor(hta$sexo)
```

```
## t = -0.2471, df = 58, p-value = 0.8057
```

```
## alternative hypothesis: true difference in means between group MUJER and gro
```

```
## 95 percent confidence interval:
```

```
## -11.603461 9.053519
```

```
## sample estimates:
```

```
## mean in group MUJER mean in group VARON
```

```
## 149.5946 150.8696
```

- Type I Error is over than 0.05
- We cannot reject mean equality

T test when variances are unequal

```
t.test(hta$tas1~factor(hta$sexo),var.equal=FALSE )
```

```
##
```

```
## Welch Two Sample t-test
```

```
##
```

```
## data: hta$tas1 by factor(hta$sexo)
```

```
## t = -0.23436, df = 39.098, p-value = 0.8159
```

```
## alternative hypothesis: true difference in means between group MUJER and gro
```

```
## 95 percent confidence interval:
```

```
## -12.277927 9.727986
```

```
## sample estimates:
```

```
## mean in group MUJER mean in group VARON
```

```
## 149.5946 150.8696
```

- Same conclusions as before
- Test is also known as Welch test

U Mann-Whitney or Sum Rank non parametric test

```
wilcox.test(hta$tad1~factor(hta$sexo)  
            ,alternative='two.sided',exact=TRUE, correct=FALSE)
```

```
##  
## Wilcoxon rank sum test  
##  
## data: hta$tad1 by factor(hta$sexo)  
## W = 434, p-value = 0.8955  
## alternative hypothesis: true location shift is not equal to 0
```

```
hta%>%  
  group_by(sexo) %>%  
  summarise(median = median(tad1))
```

```
## # A tibble: 2 x 2  
##   sexo median  
##   <chr>   <dbl>  
## 1 MUJER     90  
## 2 VARON     90
```

Paired T-test

```
t.test(hta$tas1,hta$tas12,paired=TRUE)
```

```
##  
## Paired t-test  
##  
## data: hta$tas1 and hta$tas12  
## t = 6.0672, df = 51, p-value = 1.609e-07  
## alternative hypothesis: true mean difference is not equal to 0  
## 95 percent confidence interval:  
## 8.518285 16.943253  
## sample estimates:  
## mean difference  
## 12.73077
```

```
summary(hta$tas1)
```

```
##      Min. 1st Qu.  Median    Mean 3rd Qu.    Max.  
##    100.0   140.0   145.0   150.1   160.0   210.0
```

```
summary(hta$tas12)
```

Paired Sign-Rank Wilcoxon Test

```
wilcox.test(hta$tad1,hta$tad12, exact=TRUE, paired=TRUE)
```

```
##  
## Wilcoxon signed rank test with continuity correction  
##  
## data: hta$tad1 and hta$tad12  
## V = 478.5, p-value = 0.05333  
## alternative hypothesis: true location shift is not equal to 0
```


Read diabetes data

```
require(pacman)
p_load(readxl, dplyr, magrittr)
diabetes <- read_excel("datasets/diabetes.xls")
sapply(diabetes, class)
```

```
##      numpacie      mort      tempsviu      edat      bmi      edatdiag
## "numeric" "character" "numeric" "numeric" "numeric" "numeric"
##      tabac      sbp      dbp      ecg      chd
## "character" "numeric" "numeric" "character" "character"
```

```
diabetes_factor <- diabetes %>%
  mutate_if(sapply(diabetes, is.character), as.factor) %>%
  select (-numpacie)
```

```
diabetes%>%
  group_by(ecg) %>%
  summarise( n=n(),
    mean = mean(edat),
    sd=sd(edat))
```

ANOVA

```
anova<-aov(edat~ecg,data=diabetes_factor)  
summary(anova)
```

```
##              Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value  Pr(>F)  
## ecg           2   2166   1083.0    8.619 0.00029 ***  
## Residuals    146  18347    125.7  
## ---  
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

Multicomparison

```
library(multcomp)
tuk <- glht(anova, linfct = mcp(ecg = "Tukey"))

print(summary(tuk)) # pairwise tests
```

```
##
## Simultaneous Tests for General Linear Hypotheses
##
## Multiple Comparisons of Means: Tukey Contrasts
##
##
## Fit: aov(formula = edat ~ ecg, data = diabetes_factor)
##
## Linear Hypotheses:
```

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
## Frontera - Anormal == 0	-11.094	4.010	-2.767	0.016497 *
## Normal - Anormal == 0	-14.405	3.543	-4.065	0.000216 ***
## Normal - Frontera == 0	-3.310	2.405	-1.376	0.345699

```
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## (Adjusted p-values shown -- see help('p.adjust'))
```

Multicomparison plot

```
plot(confint(tuk))
```

Kruskal-Wallis Test

```
diabetes_factor%>%  
  group_by(ecg) %>%  
  summarise(median = median(edat))
```

```
## # A tibble: 3 x 2  
##   ecg      median  
##   <fct>    <dbl>  
## 1 Anormal     64  
## 2 Frontera    53  
## 3 Normal     49
```

```
kruskal.test(edat~ecg,data=diabetes_factor)
```

```
##  
## Kruskal-Wallis rank sum test  
##  
## data: edat by ecg  
## Kruskal-Wallis chi-squared = 17.483, df = 2, p-value = 0.0001598
```

Dunn Test for multiple comparison

```
library(dunn.test)
dunn.test(diabetes_factor$edat, diabetes_factor$ecg, method="bonferroni")
```

```
##      Kruskal-Wallis rank sum test
##
## data: x and group
## Kruskal-Wallis chi-squared = 17.4826, df = 2, p-value = 0
##
##
##
##                                     Comparison of x by group
##                                     (Bonferroni)
## Col Mean-|
## Row Mean |      Anormal      Frontera
## -----+-----
## Frontera |      2.721182
##           |      0.0098*
##           |
## Normal   |      4.075469      1.467464
##           |      0.0001*      0.2134
##
##
```