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Hypothesis Testing . Quantitative Variables

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Example Data

- A study was 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

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
numero	sexo	grupo	tas1	tad1	tas2	tad2	tas3	tad3
1	VARON	B	150	100	150	90	170	
2	MUJER	B	160	90	170	90	160	
3	MUJER	B	150	90	110	90	115	
4	VARON	A	120	80	140	90	140	
5	MUJER	A	150	85	145	85	160	
6	MUJER	B	140	75	160	70	135	
7	MUJER	A	150	100	140	90	130	
8	VARON	A	160	90	170	90	170	
9	MUJER	A	145	105	170	95	140	
10	MUJER	A	210	110				
11	MUJER	A	170	100	170	90	170	
12	MUJER	B	140	90	140	90	100	

Questions to solve

- Are samples “comparable” at baseline?
- Has there been a change in BP between month 1 (first measure) and month 12?

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Type of Hypothesis

Confirmation Hypothesis

Aim is to confirm hypothesis about parameters or distributions.

Goodness of fit test to verify hypothesis about the distribution of variable in population

- Does arterial pressure in the population follow a normal distribution?

Test to verify values about a parameter.

- Is the average "bua" value in our population equal to 70?
- Is the proportion of lung cancer cases equal to 2.6%?

Type of Hypothesis

Independence Hypothesis

- Aim is to test hypothesis about
  - relation among variables in a population
    - Is CD4 lymphocytes count related with CD8 count in HIV positive?
  - differences in a variable among two or more populations.
    - Is the average "bua" value the same in menopausic and in no menopausic population?
    - Is the proportion of lung cancer cases the same in people with high or low fruit consumption?

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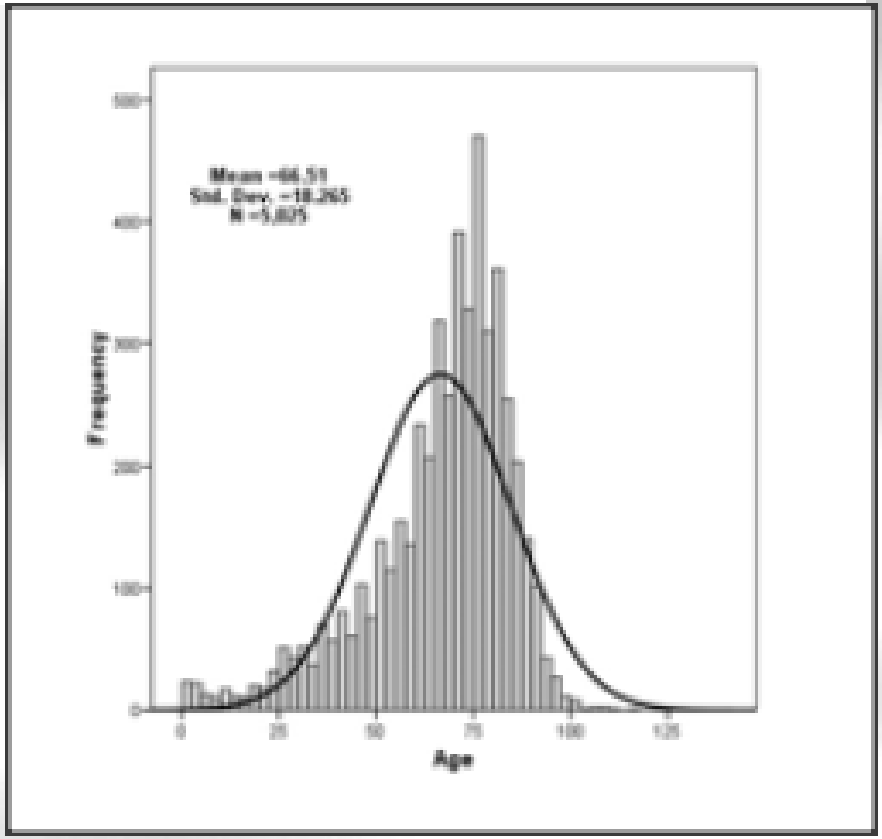
Normality test

- Some parametrical test assume data come from a normal population
- How can we check this assumption?
- What can we do if assumption is false?

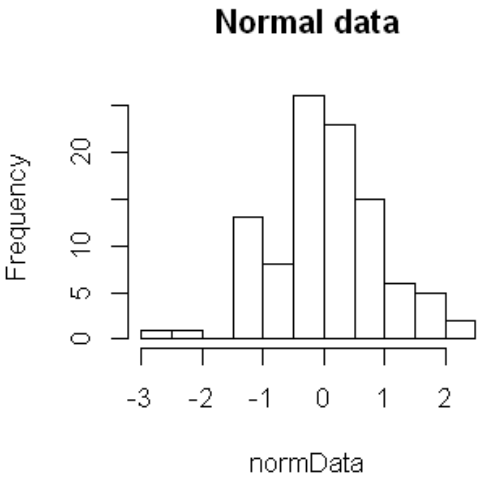


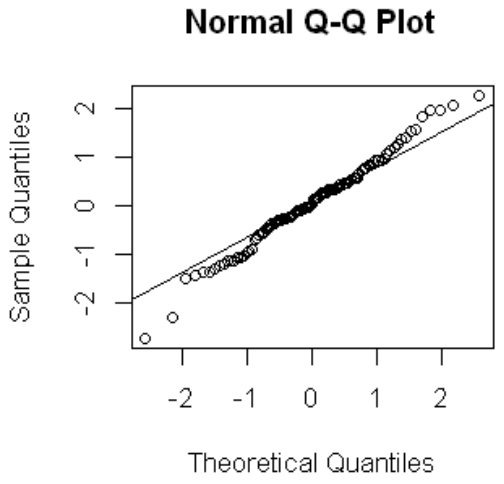
Testing normality

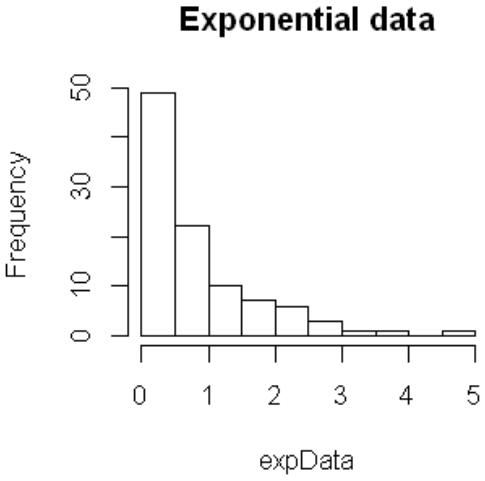
- We can use graphical methods or hypothesis tests
- Graphs
  - Check if it is a symmetric distribution
  - Probaility graphs (QQ-plots)
- Hypothesis test (Normality)
  - Kolmogorov-Smirnov test
  - Kolmogorov-Liliefors test
  - Shapiro-Wilks test

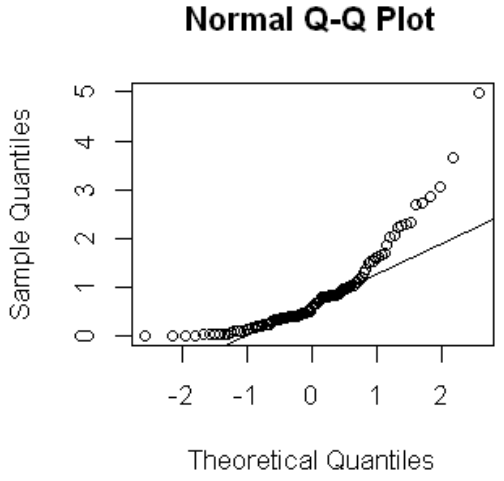
Histograms and QQ-plots

- Histogram
  - It should be symmetric with gaussian shape.
- QQ-plot
  - Dots should be over the diagonal line
- Non normal data deviate from normal patterns.
- Difficult to quantify if there are few data



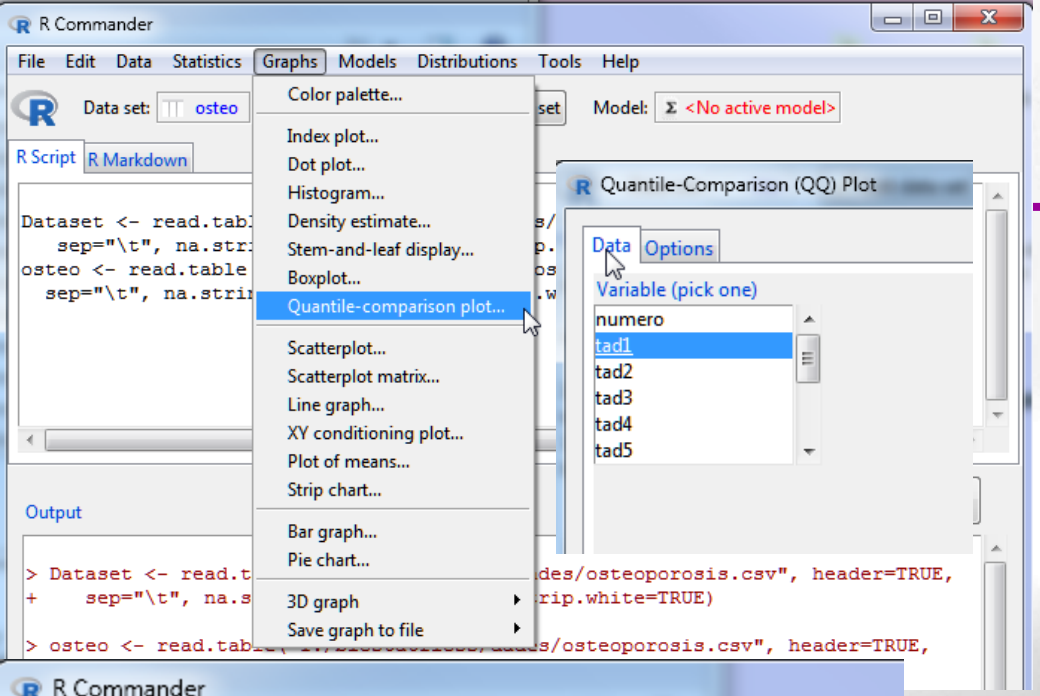


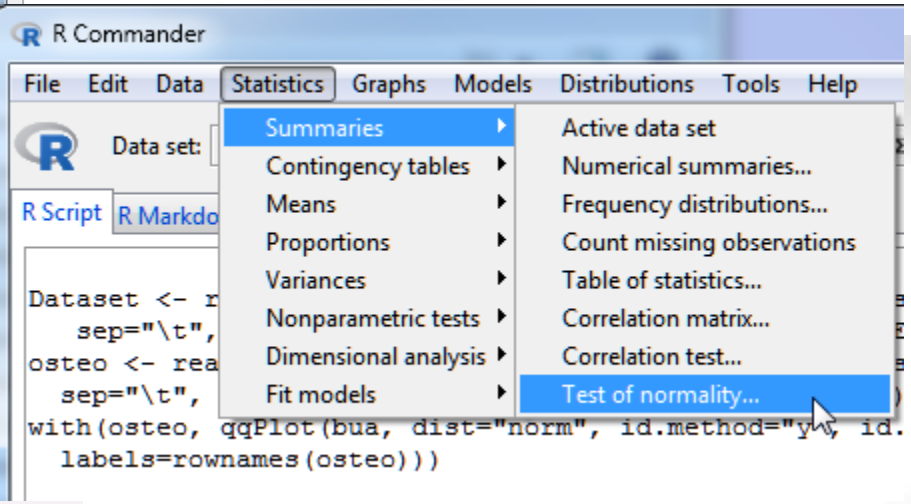


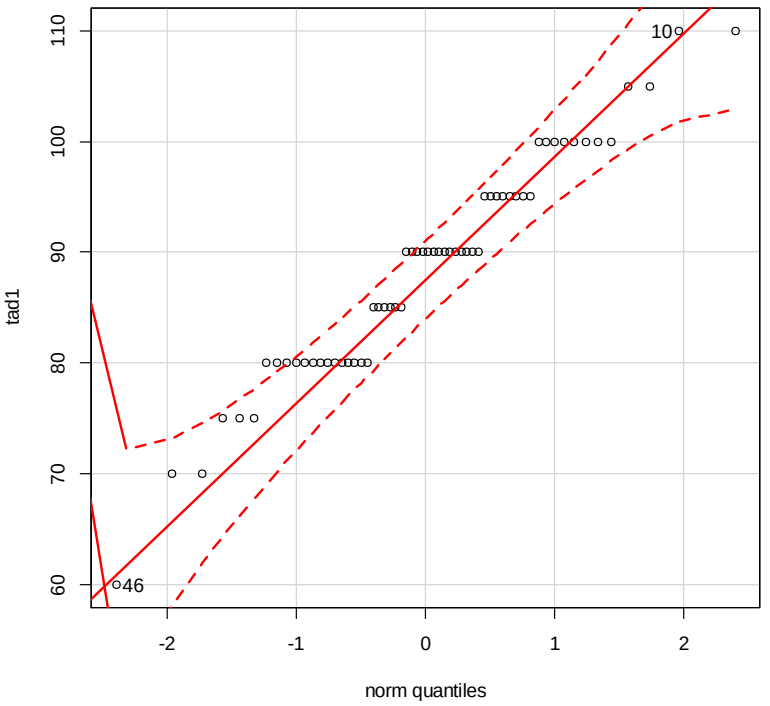


Normality test

- Statistical normality test are more precise than graphs. It is possible to calculate a p-value.
- The most used tests are Kolmogorov-Smirnov and Shapiro-Wilks test.
- The hypothesis to test are:
  - H_0: Data follow a normal distribution
  - H_1 : Data do not follow a normal distribution





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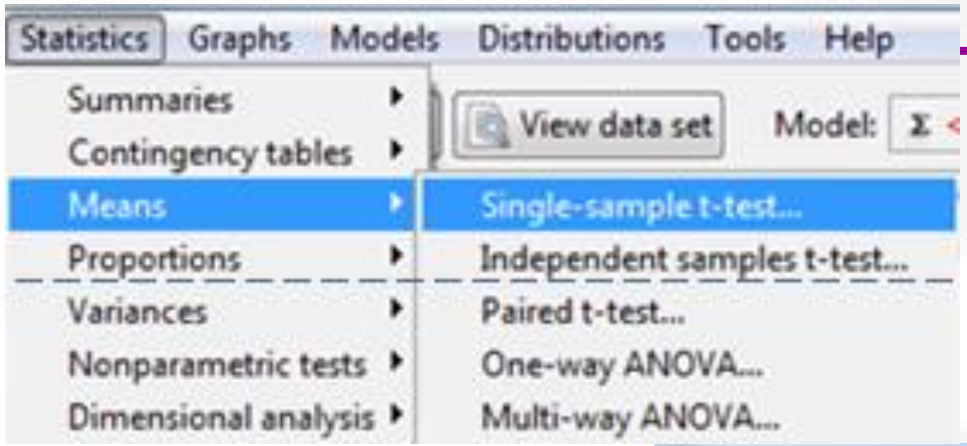
        Shapiro-Wilk normality test

data:  tad1
W = 0.96622, p-value = 0.09512
```

One sample t-test

- We do not use it very often.
- Very similar to estimation questions. It can be solved calculalting a confidence itnerval
- Idea: We want to verify form a sample a previous hypothesis about the mean in a population
- *Can it be accepted that the initial TAD is 90 in Hipertensive patients?*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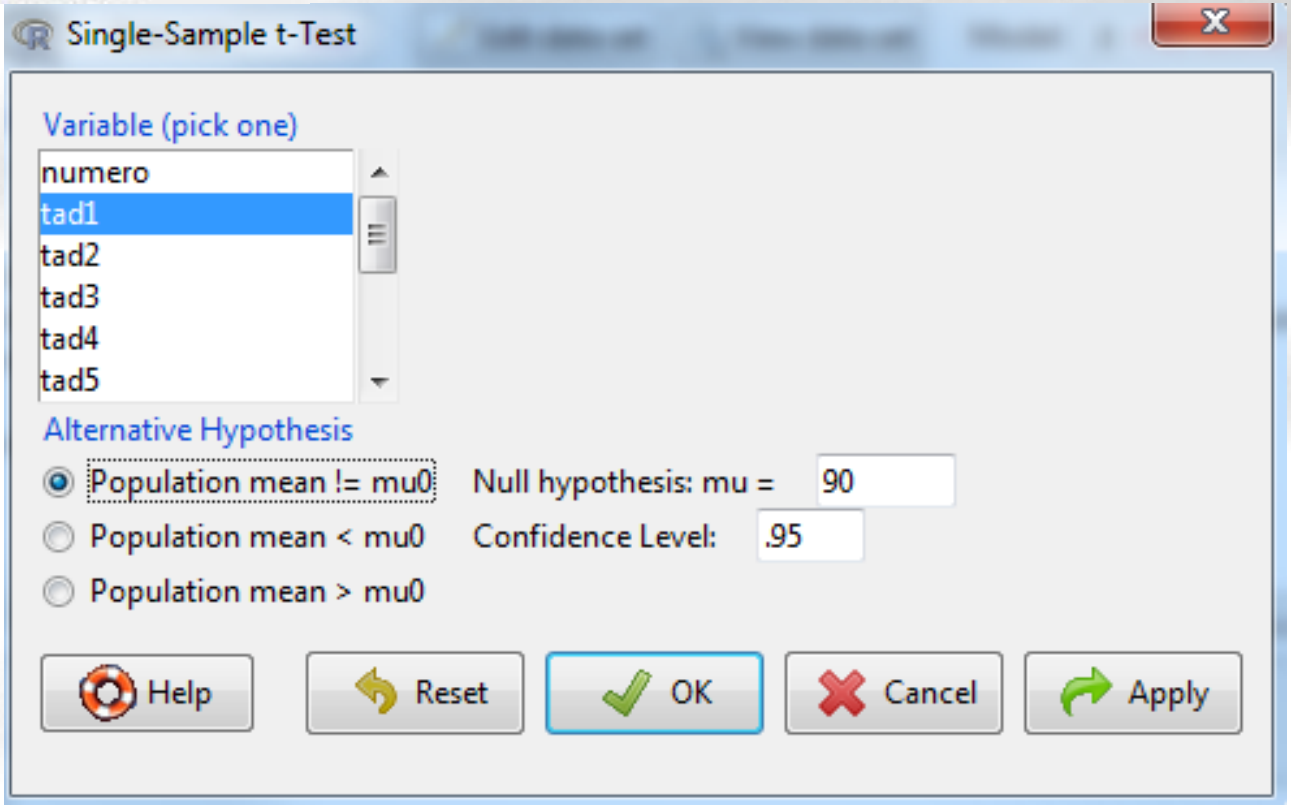
Independent samples t-test...
Paired t-test...
One-way ANOVA...
Multi-way ANOVA...


Single-Sample t-Test
Variable (pick one)
numero
tad1
tad2
tad3
tad4
tad5
Alternative Hypothesis
Population mean != mu0
Population mean < mu0
Population mean > mu0
Null hypothesis: mu =
90
Confidence Level:
.95
Help
Reset
OK
Cancel
Apply

One Sample t-test

```
data:  tad1
t = -1.2137, df = 59, p-value = 0.2297
alternative hypothesis: true mean is not equal to 90
95 percent confidence interval:
 85.80626 91.02707
sample estimates:
mean of x
 88.41667
```

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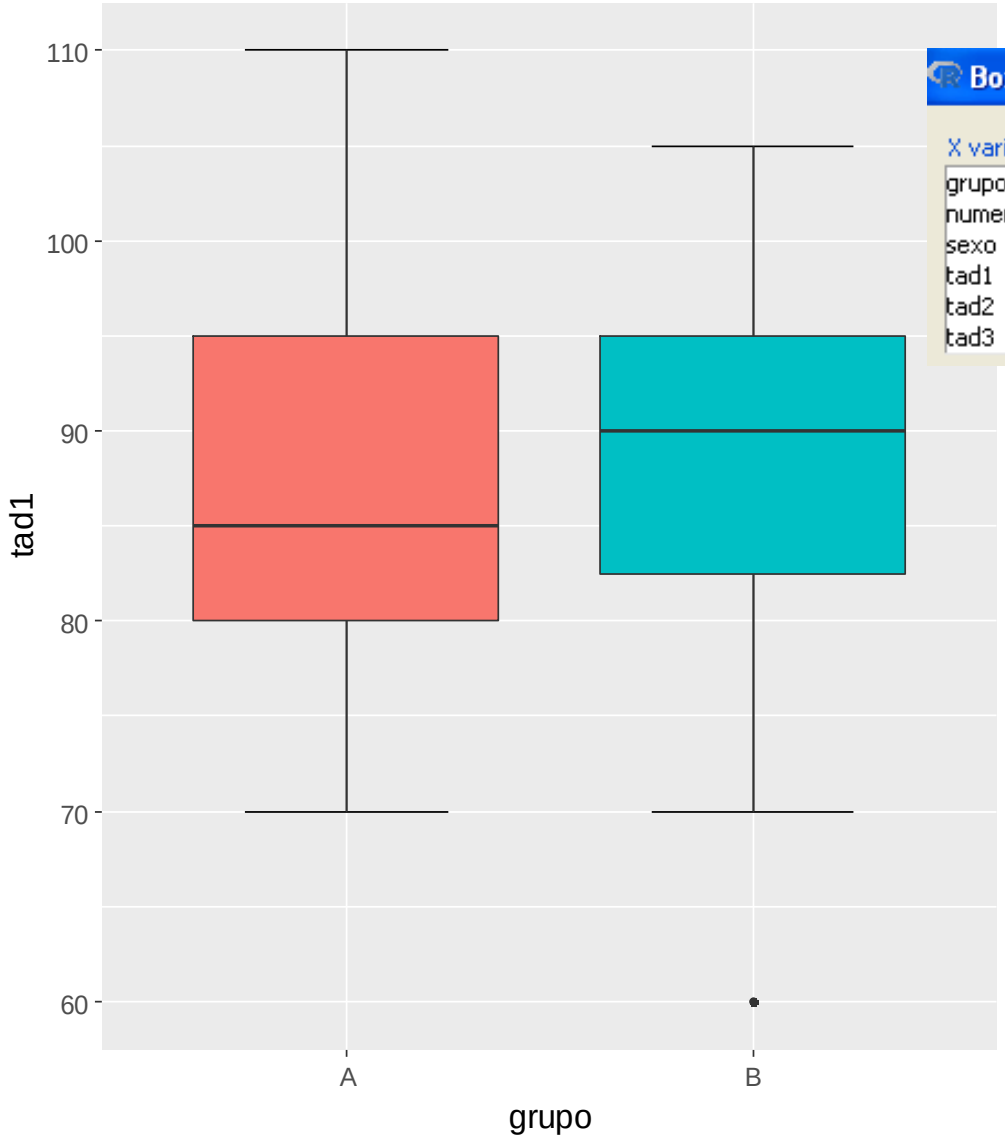
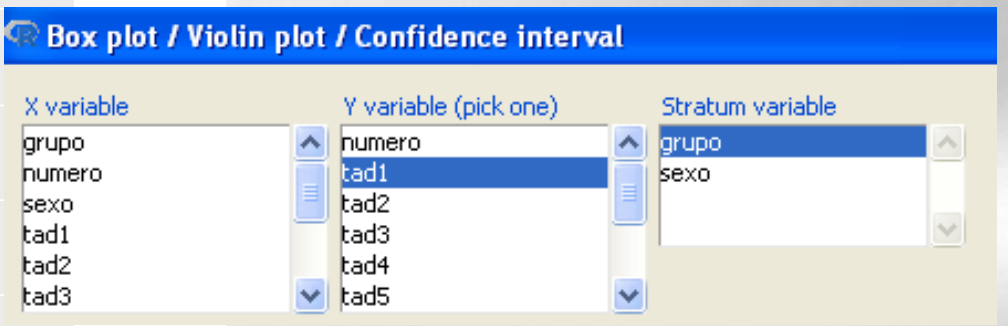
- Is blood pressure comparable between first and 12th measures

Boxplot TAD, by group





Compare a Quantitative variable in two groups

Null Hypothesis: There is not difference of the variable in two population or groups

Samples have been generated

INDEPENDENT

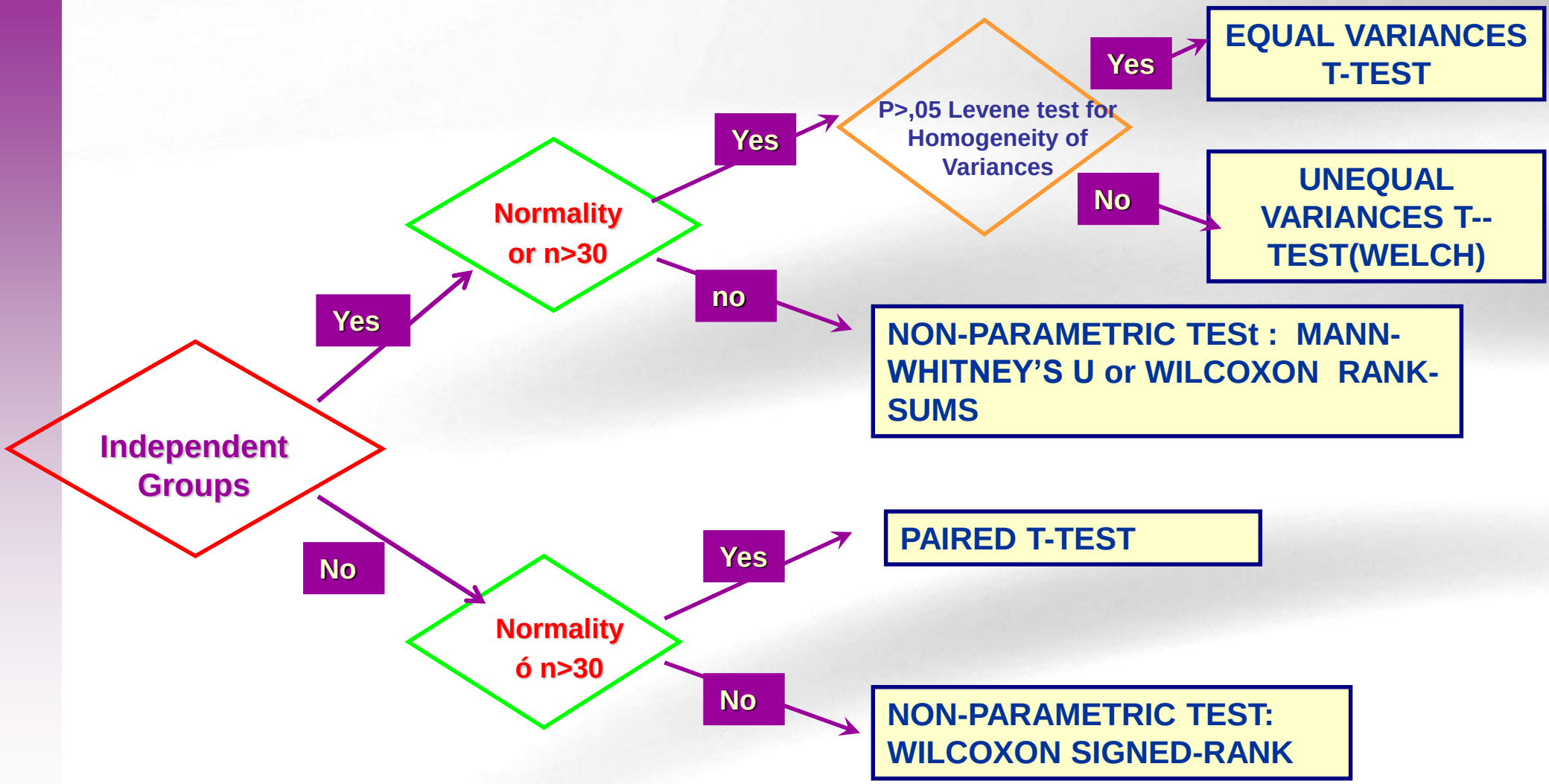
Selected individuals in a group have nothing to do with selected individuals in the other group.

DEPENDENT

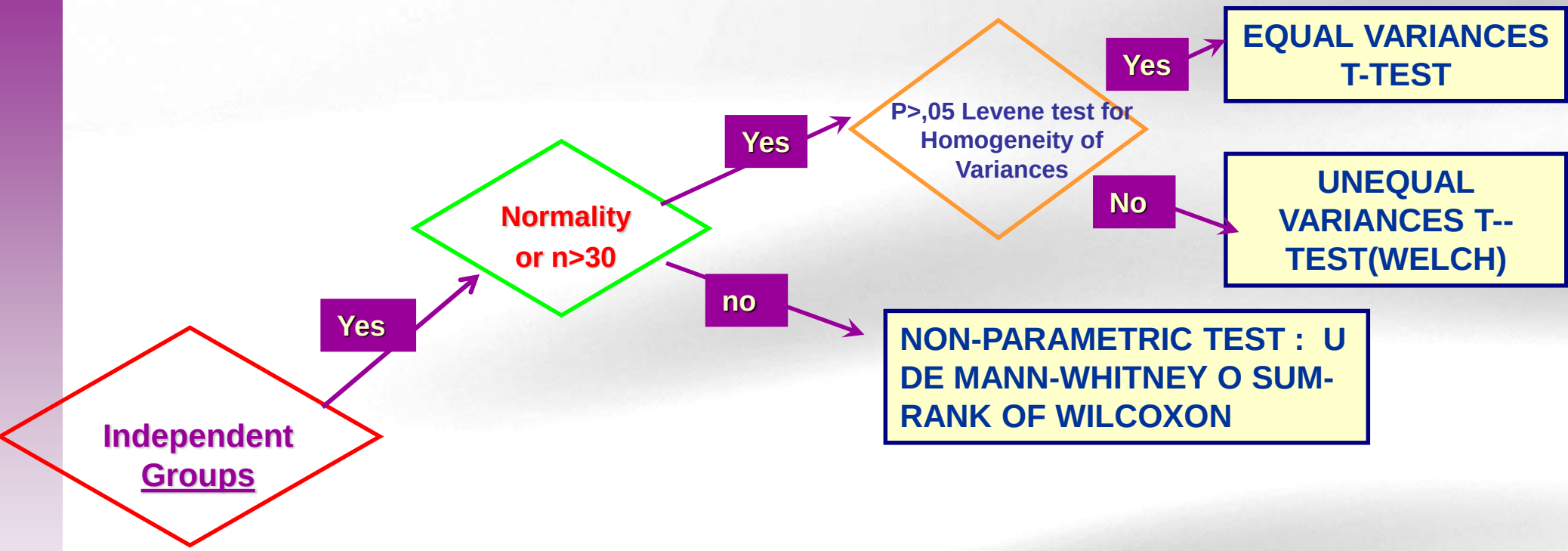
Each individual in a group has a correspondent in other group.

These are ***paired data***.

Two sample tests

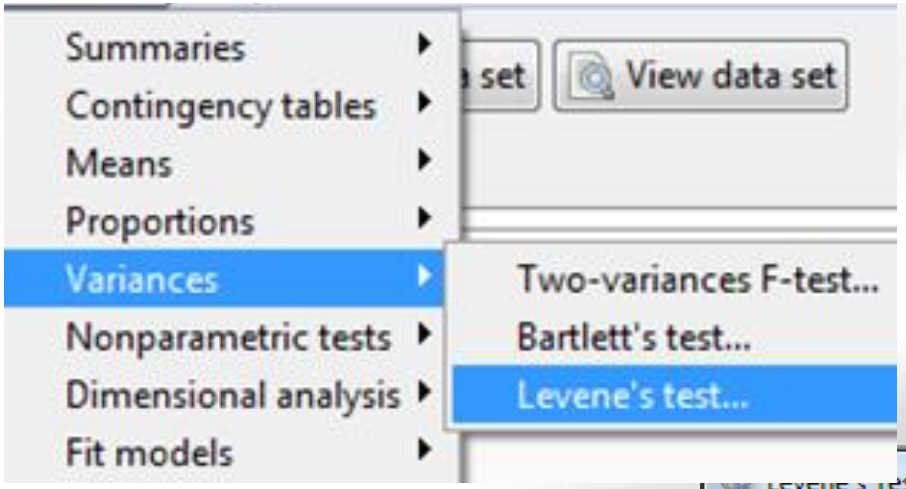


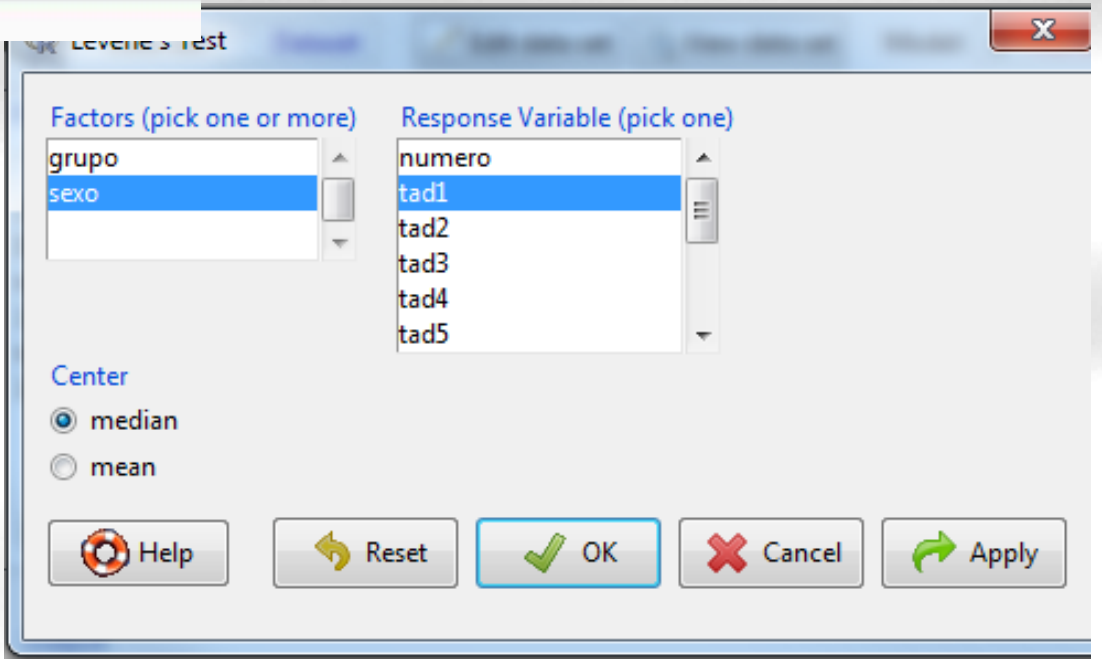
Two sample tests (1)



1. Data is normal (normality test) or sample size > 30.
2. Mean is a good summary statistic for this problem.
3. Test homogeneity of variances

Testing variance homogeneity



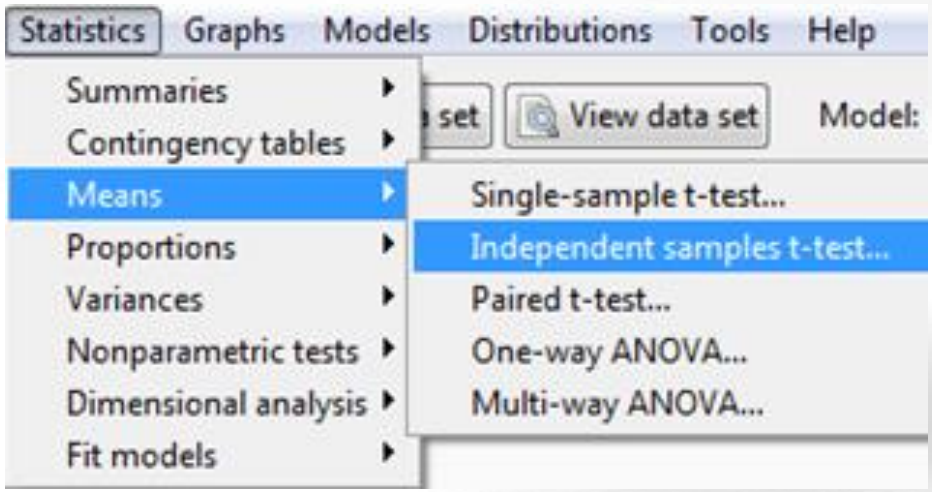


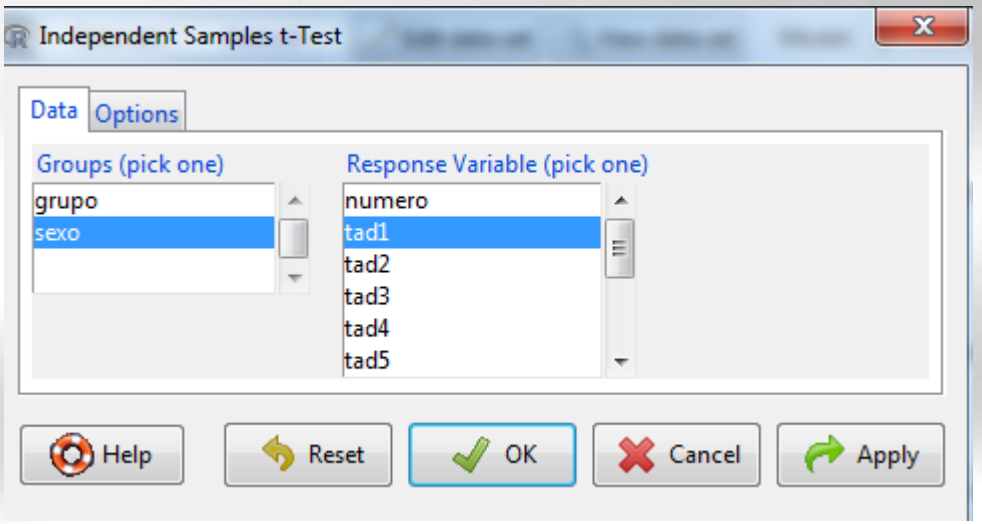
```
> with(Dataset, tapply(tad1, sexo, var, na.rm=TRUE))
    MUJER     VARON
 82.50751 138.24111

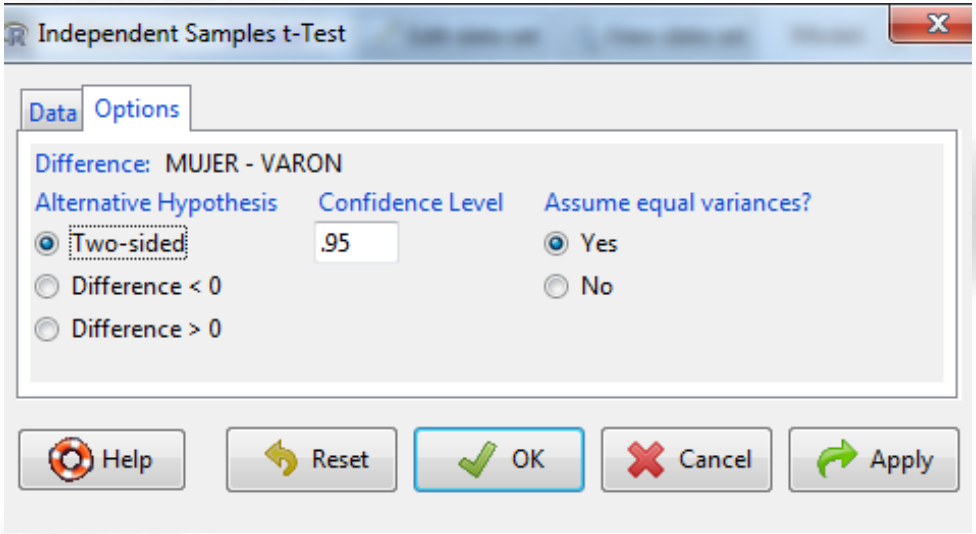
> leveneTest(tad1 ~ sexo, data=Dataset, center="median")
Levene's Test for Homogeneity of Variance (center = "median")
      Df F value Pr(>F)
group  1  1.3506 0.2499
      58
```

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

T-test when variances are equal







T-test when variances are equal


```
> t.test(tad1~sexo, alternative='two.sided', conf.level=.95, var.equal=TRUE,
+    data=Dataset)

        Two Sample t-test

data:  tad1 by sexo
t = 0.3543, df = 58, p-value = 0.7244
alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0
95 percent confidence interval:
 -4.453505  6.368899
sample estimates:
mean in group MUJER mean in group VARON
           88.78378            87.82609
```

Differences are not statistically significant

T-test when variances are not equal (Welch)

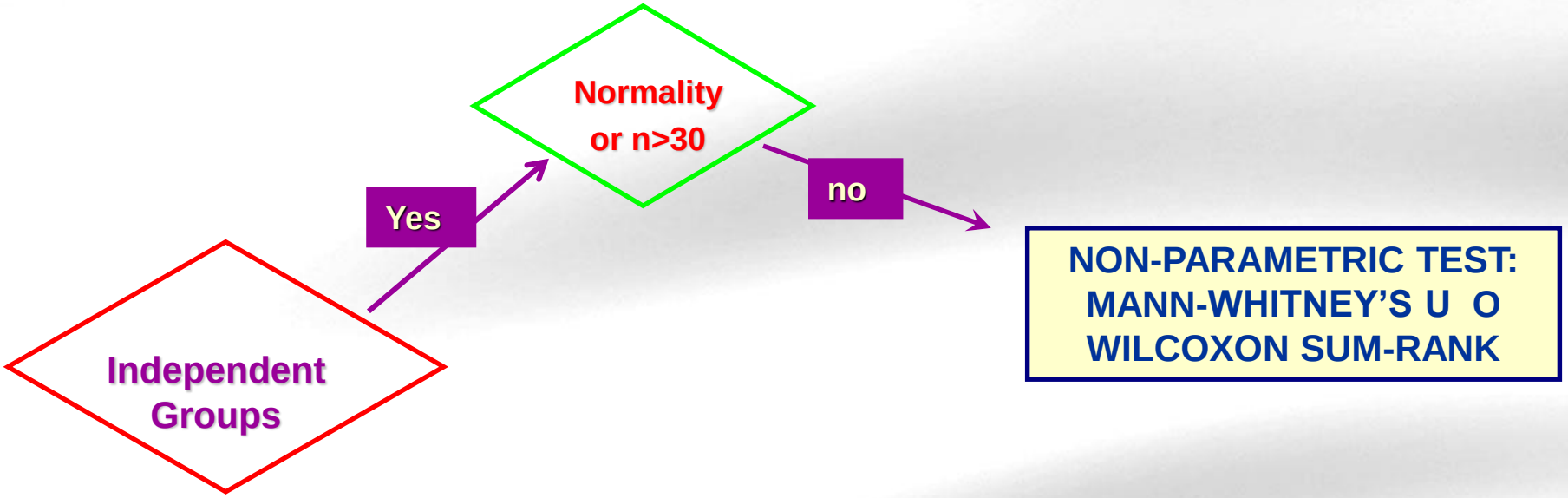

```
> t.test(tad1~sexo, alternative='two.sided', conf.level=.95, var.equal=FALSE,
+    data=Dataset)

        Welch Two Sample t-test

data:  tad1 by sexo
t = 0.3336, df = 38.144, p-value = 0.7405
alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0
95 percent confidence interval:
 -4.852834  6.768228
sample estimates:
mean in group MUJER mean in group VARON
           88.78378            87.82609
```

Differences are not statistically significant

Two groups, data non normal



Non parametric tests

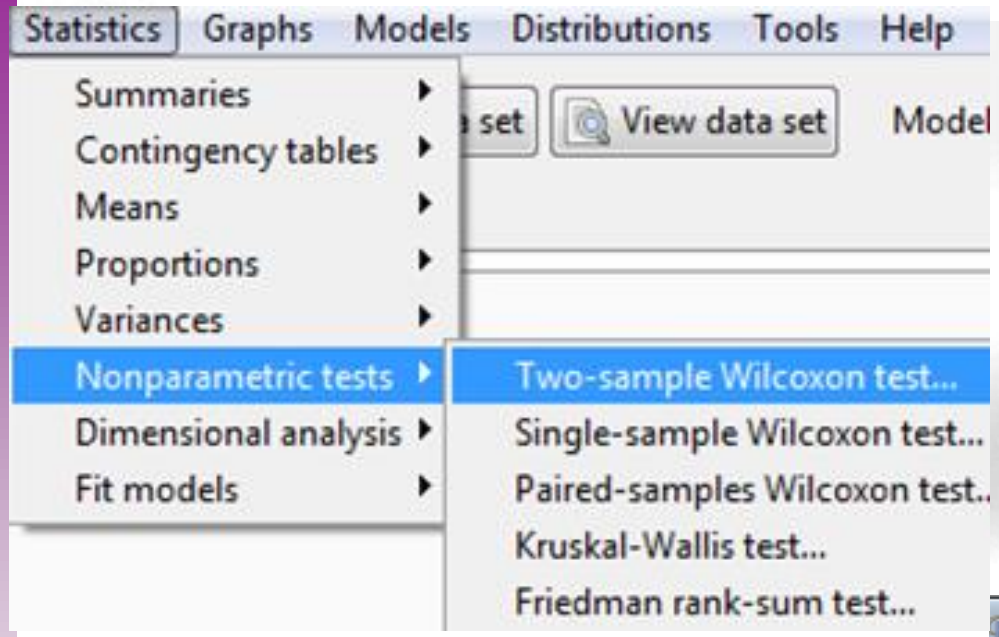
- If data distribution is unknown or mean is not the best way to summarize data …
  - Non parametric test are not based on the usual parameters from a distribution, such as μ or σ^2.
  - Instead they may be based …
    - On order statistics, such as median or percentiles
  - They take into account the whole distribution.

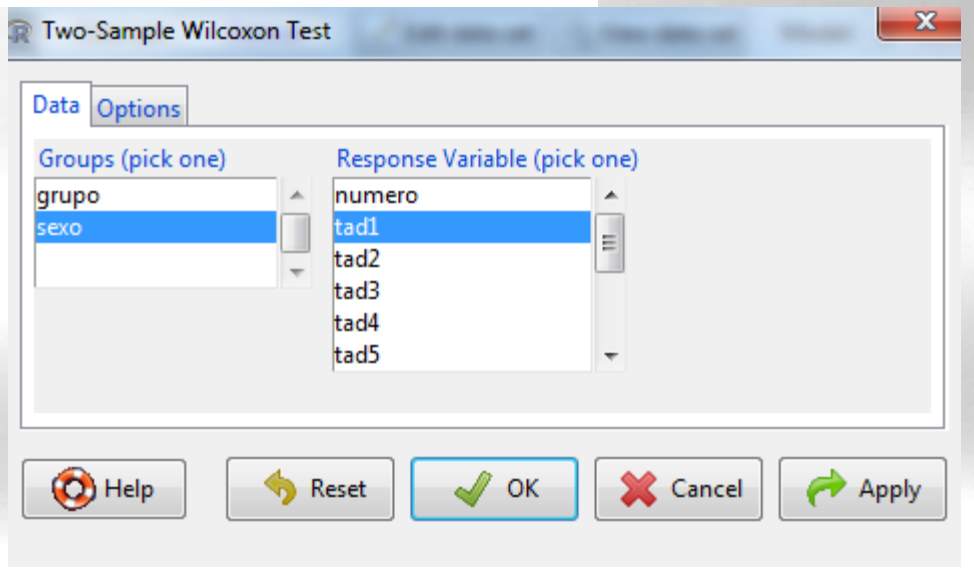
Test based on ranks(Wilcoxon)

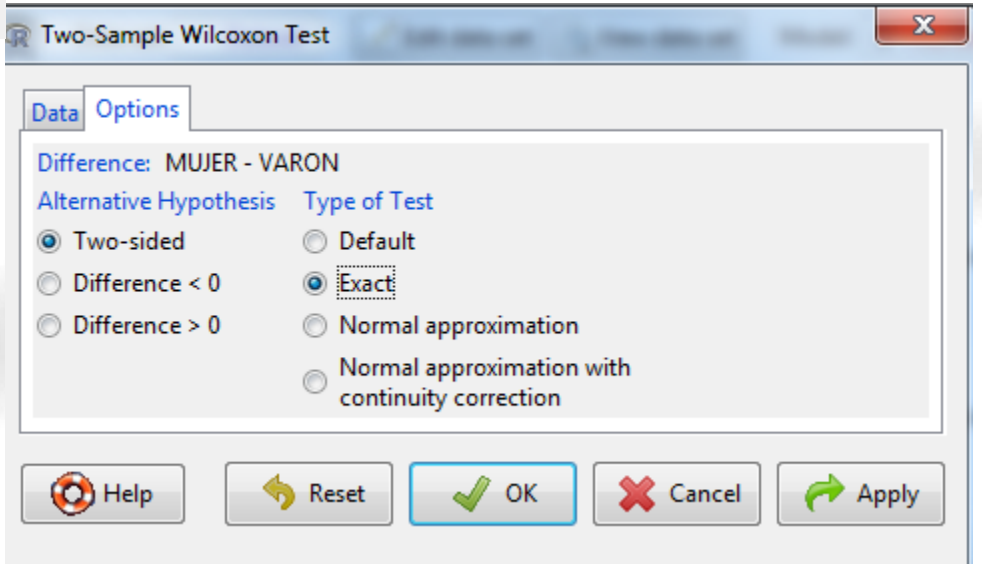
- Based on susbtituting original values by “ranks” in a joint sample
  - 12, 5, 14, 16, 3 → ranks are: 3, 2, 4, 5, 1
- Ranks only depend on the position of each value in the ordered sample.
  - 120, 95, 121, 130, 3 have the same ranks as values in the first sample

- ☺ NP test are more robust than parametrics ones
- ☹ In the ideal situation where parametric tests are valid they are considered to be preferable.

Mann Whitney's U (Wilcoxon Rank-sum)







Mann Whitney's U (Wilcoxon Rank-sum)


```
> wilcox.test(tad1 ~ sexo, alternative='two.sided', exact=TRUE, correct=FALSE, data=Dataset)

        Wilcoxon rank sum test

data:  tad1 by sexo
W = 434, p-value = 0.8955
alternative hypothesis: true location shift is not equal to 0


> with(Dataset, tapply(tad1, sexo, median, na.rm=TRUE))
MUJER VARON
   90    90
```

Differences are not significant

Questions to answer

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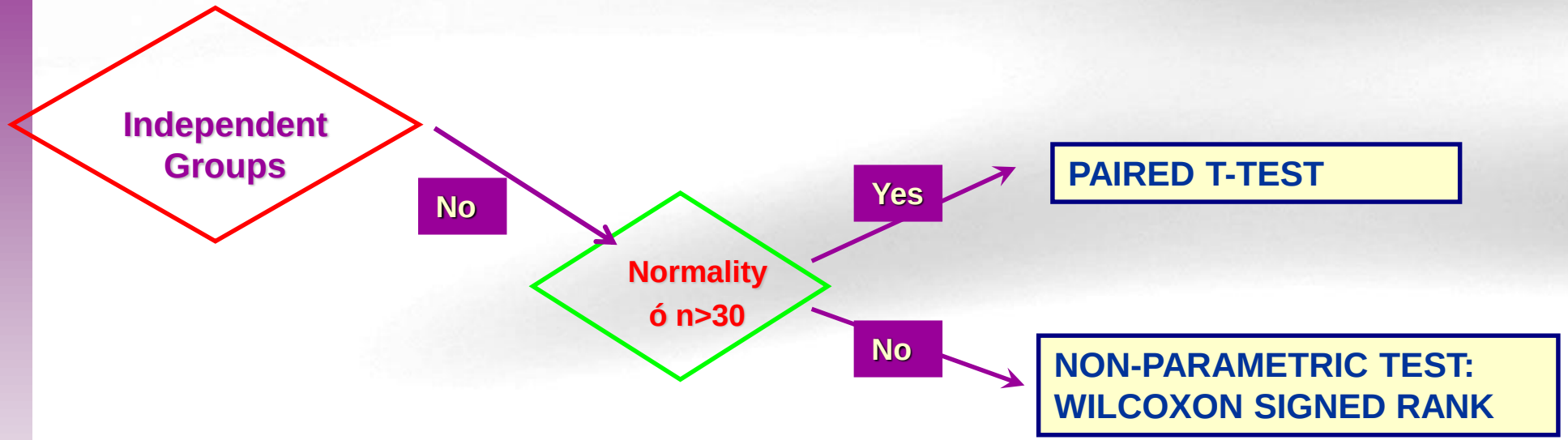
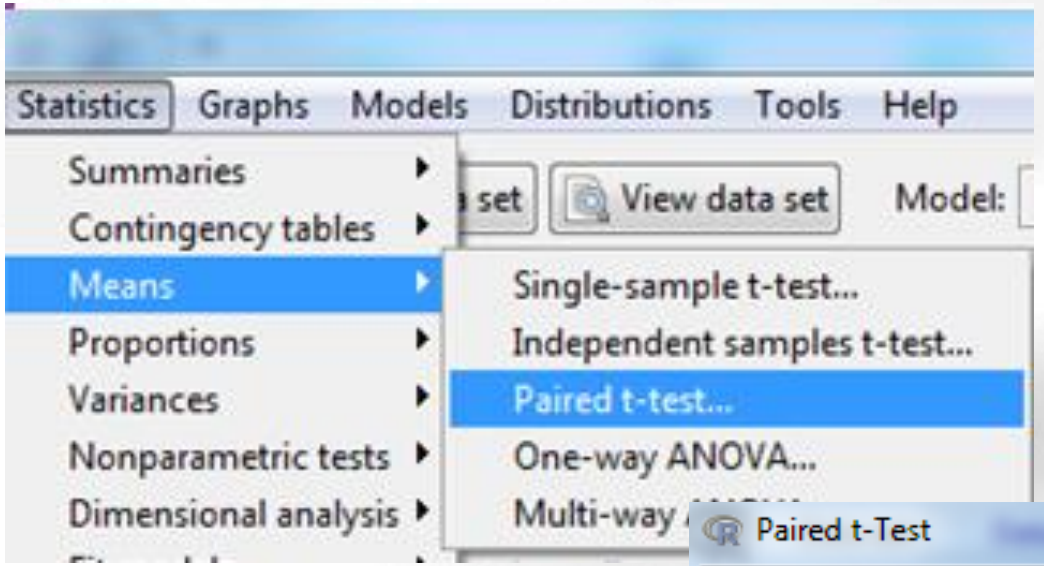
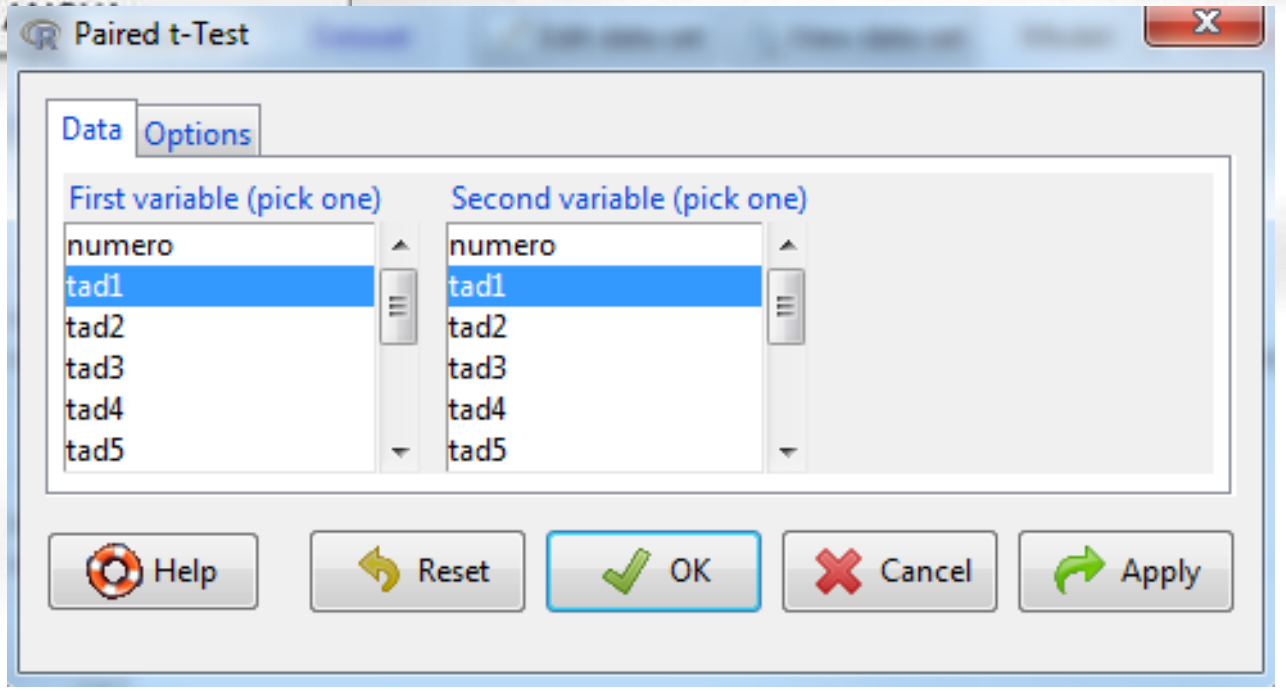
Two dependent groups



Paired t-test





Paired t-test

```
> with(Dataset, (t.test(tad1, tad12, alternative='two.sided', conf.level=.95, paired=TRUE)))

        Paired t-test

data:  tad1 and tad12
t = 1.8507, df = 51, p-value = 0.07001
alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0
95 percent confidence interval:
 -0.2364274  5.8133505
sample estimates:
mean of the differences
               2.788462
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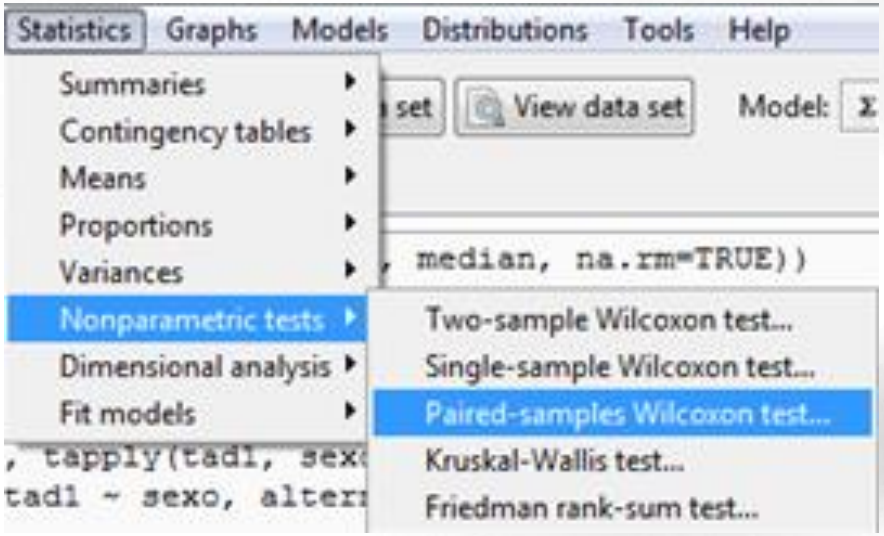
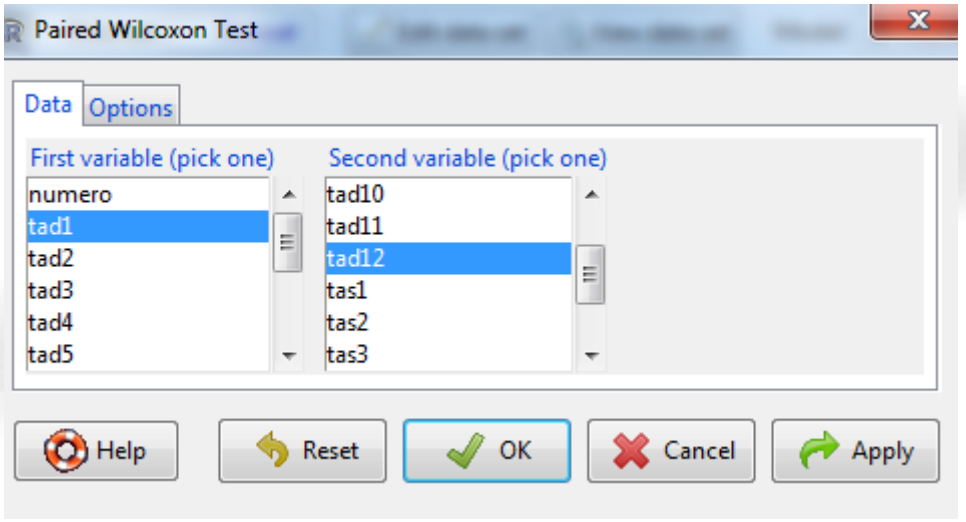
Differences are not significant

Wilcoxon signed-rank test





Wilcoxon signed-rank test


```
> with(Dataset, wilcox.test(tad1, tad12, alternative='two.sided', exact=TRUE, paired=TRUE))

        Wilcoxon signed rank test with continuity correction

data:  tad1 and tad12
V = 478.5, p-value = 0.05333
alternative hypothesis: true location shift is not equal to 0
```

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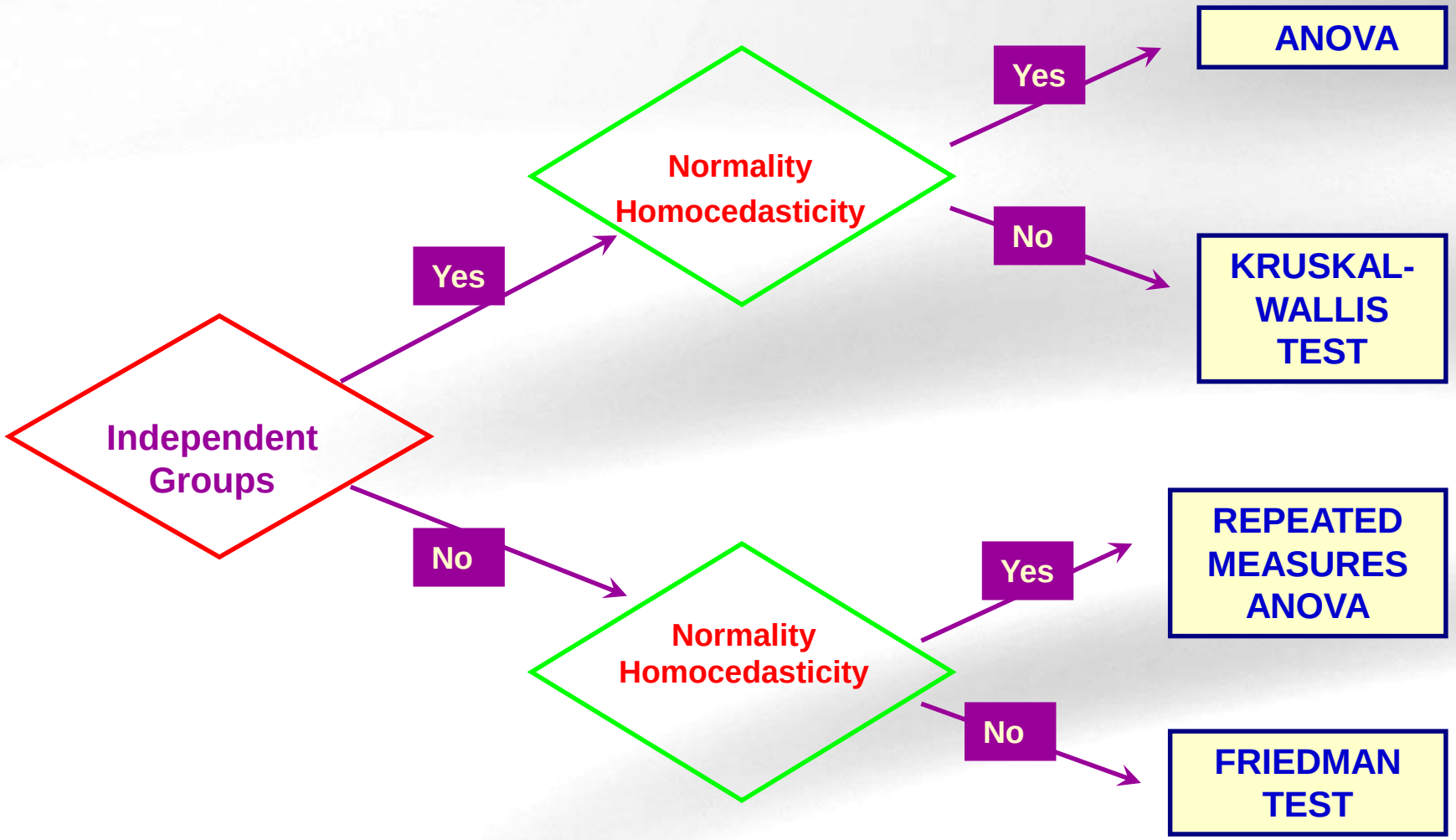
Three or more groups to compare

Three or more groups



Analysis of the variance

Null Hypothesis

The means of all population are equal

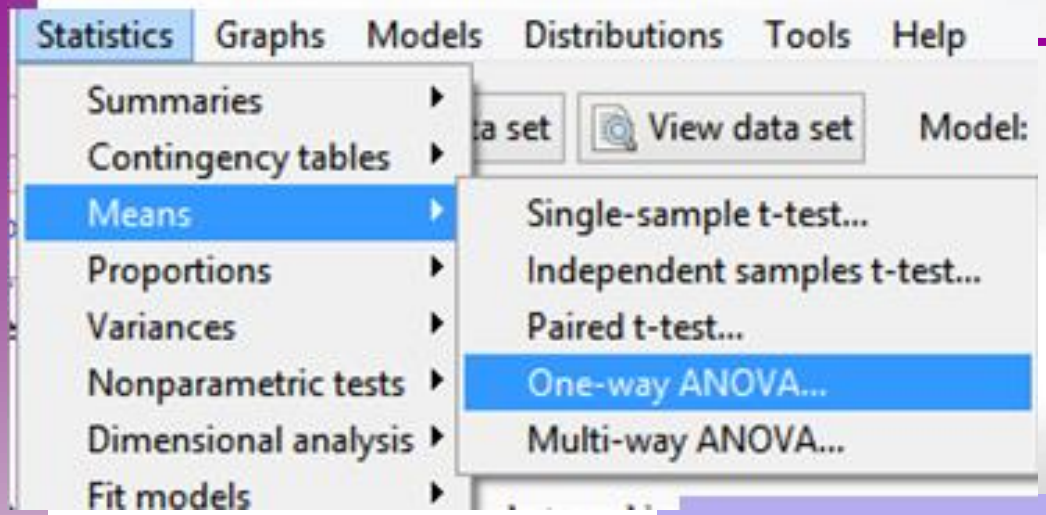
$$H_0 \quad \mu_1 = \mu_2 = \ldots = \mu_k$$

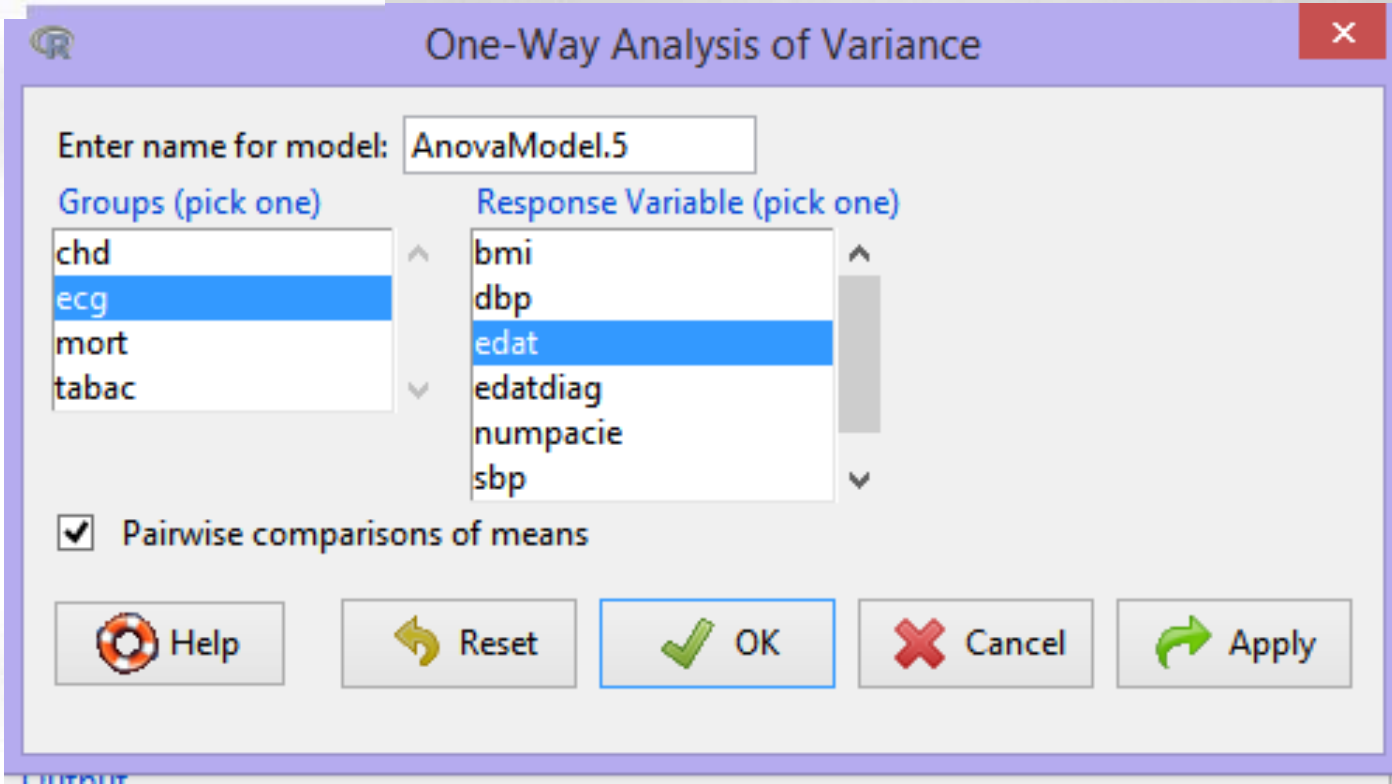
Alternative Hypothesis

Not all the means are equal. At least there are two different means

$$H_a \quad \exists\, i,j \;\; \mu_i \neq \mu_j$$

Anova in R Commander





```
> AnovaModel.4 <- aov(edat ~ ecg, data=diabetes)
> summary(AnovaModel.4)
```

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             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
```

```
> with(diabetes, numSummary(edat, groups=ecg, statistics=c("mean", "sd")))
```

```
             mean       sd data:n
Normal   50.50450 11.492981    111
Frontera 53.81481 11.368097     27
Anormal  64.90909  6.759505     11
```

```
     Simultaneous Tests for General Linear Hypotheses

Multiple Comparisons of Means: Tukey Contrasts


Fit: aov(formula = edat ~ ecg, data = diabetes)

Linear Hypotheses:
                       Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
Frontera - Normal == 0    3.310      2.405   1.376 0.345713
Anormal - Normal == 0    14.405      3.543   4.065 0.000217 ***
Anormal - Frontera == 0  11.094      4.010   2.767 0.016472 *
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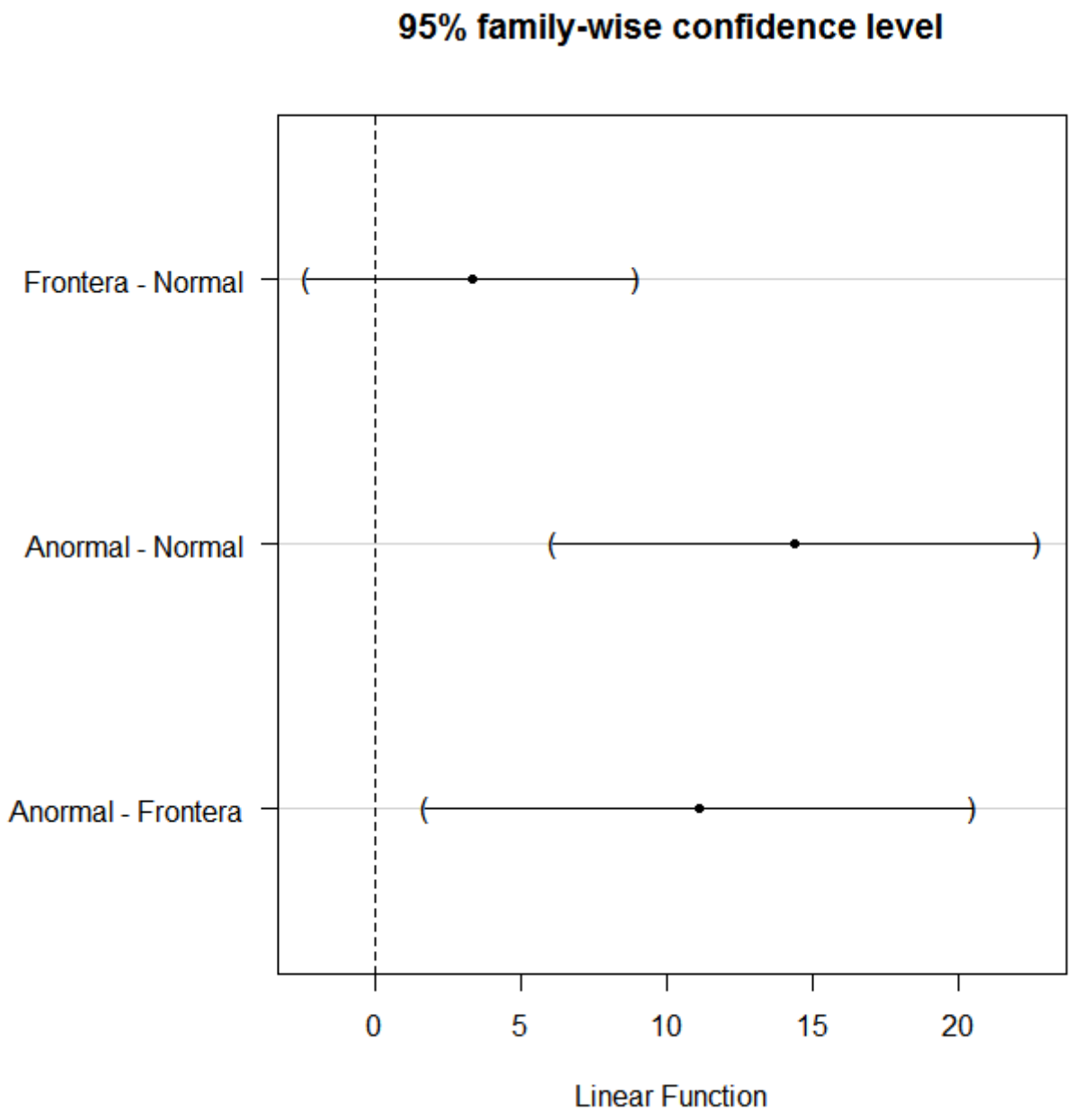
(Adjusted p values reported -- single-step method)
```


95% family-wise confidence level
Frontera - Normal
Anormal - Normal
Anormal - Frontera
0
5
10
15
20
Linear Function

Multiple Comparisons

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So, the p-value of our metaphor is 0.01

You could accept that **1%** is **a risk small** enough to **pass the bridge** and pursue your goal. OK

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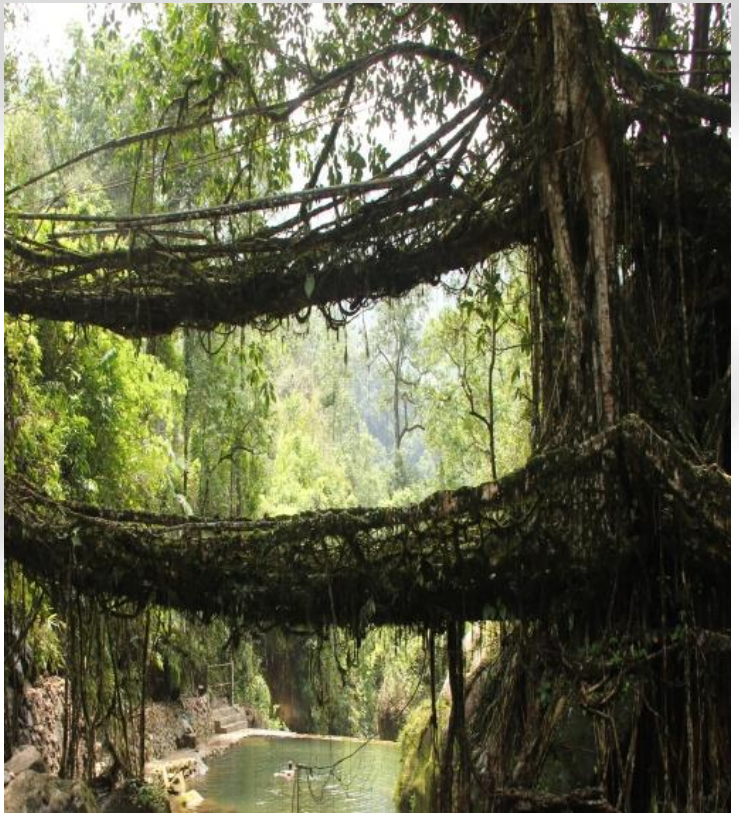

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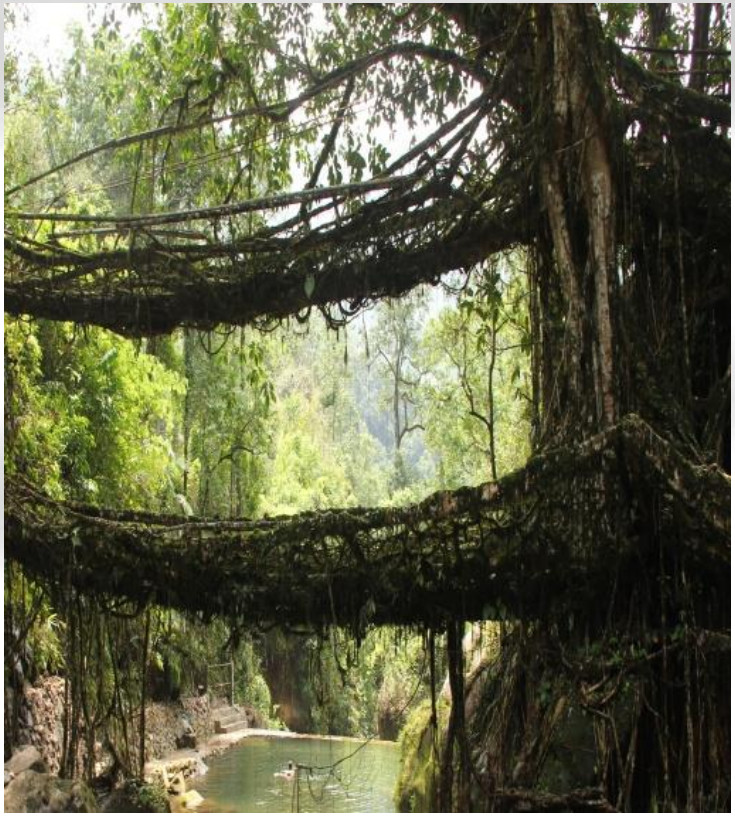

•In this case, the probability of falling while crossing one of the bridges is obviously too high ('cause we have just one life).

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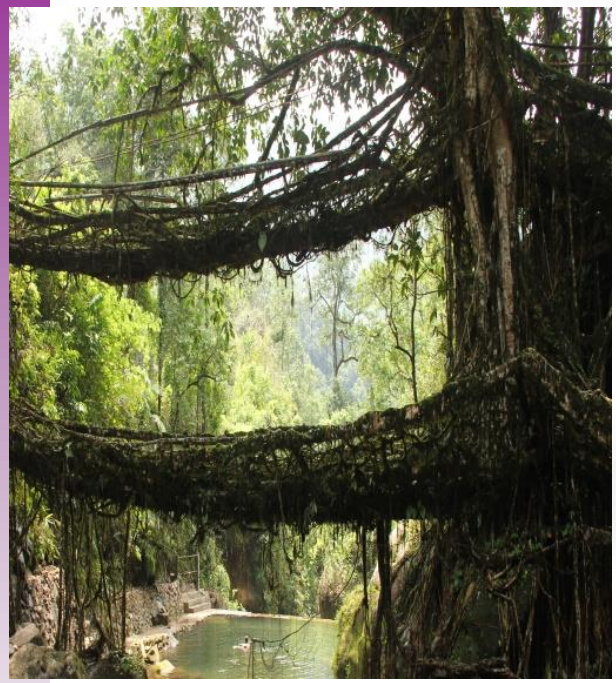

Therefore, in this case (multiple testing), the p-value by itself is not a good reference for accepting or not statistical significance.

We must apply some type of correction to the p-values (allowing us to be safe in crossing all the bridges).

Some p-value corrections

- Bonferroni (α/k)
- Post-Hoc test ANOVA (Tukey, Scheffe, Dunn-test)
- False Discovery rate
- Benjamini-Hochberg correction

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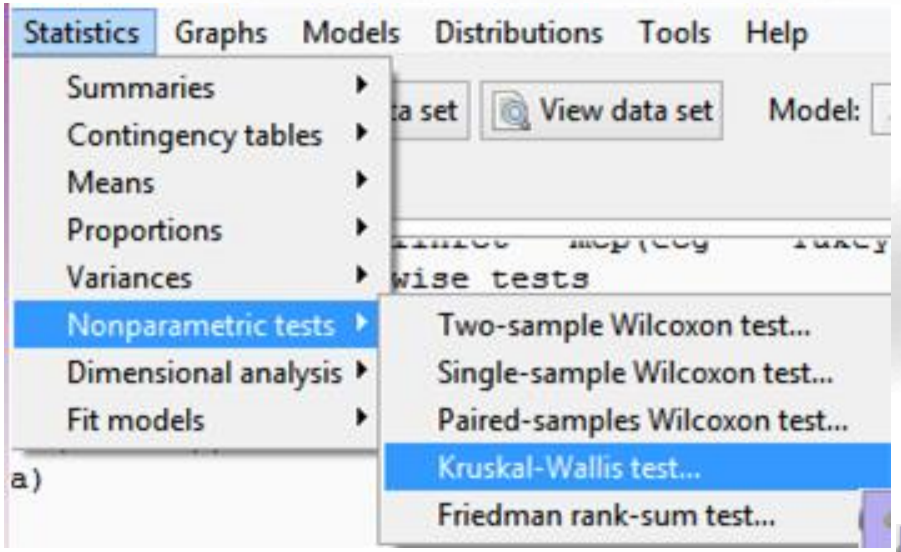
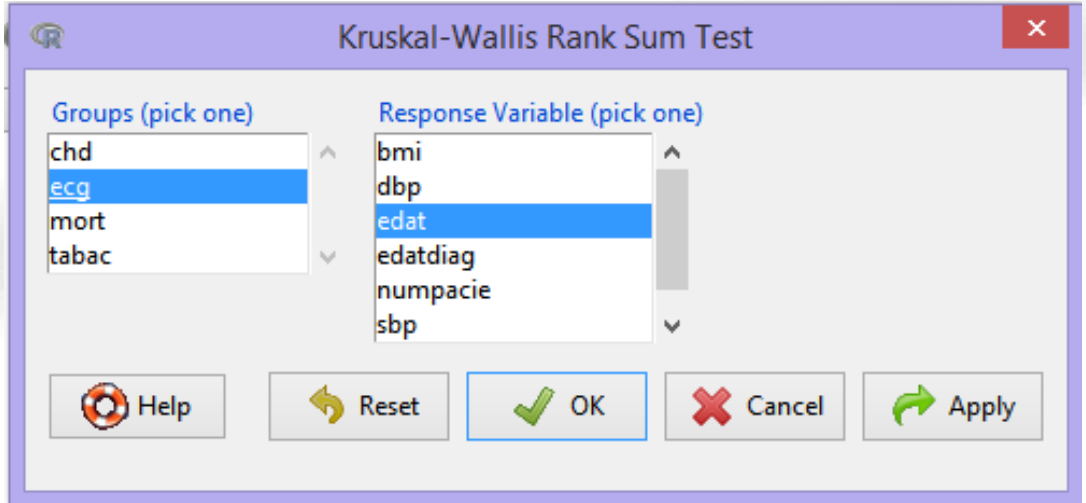
Kruskal-Wallis test

- Is the non-parametric versión of ANOVA based on ranks





Kruskal-Wallis Test

```
> with(diabetes, tapply(edat, ecg, median, na.rm=TRUE))
```

```
  Normal Frontera  Anormal
      49       53       64
```

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

```
    Kruskal-Wallis rank sum test

data:  edat by ecg
Kruskal-Wallis chi-squared = 17.4826, df = 2, p-value = 0.0001598
```

Exercise

- Is there a relation between follow up time (tempsviu) and death (mort)?
- Is there a relation between systolic blood pressure (bdp) and ECG?

Common misunderstandings about the p-value

- The p-value is **not** the probability that the null hypothesis is true, nor it is the probability that the alternative hypothesis is false (it is not connected to either of these).
- The p-value **cannot** be used to figure out the probability of a hypothesis being true.
- The p-value is **not** the probability of wrongly rejecting the null hypothesis.
- The p-value is **not** the probability that replicating the experiment would yield the same conclusion.
- The p-value does **not** indicate the size or importance of the observed effect. The two do vary together however: the larger the effect (effect size), the smaller sample size will be required to get a significant p-value.