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**LO 1.** Define analysis of variance (ANOVA) as a statistical inference method that is used to determine - by simultaneously considering many groups at once - if the variability in the sample means is so large that it seems unlikely to be from chance alone.

**LO 2.** Recognize that the null hypothesis in ANOVA sets all means equal to each other, and the alternative hypothesis suggest that at least one mean is different.

$$H_0: \mu_1 = \mu_2 = \dots = \mu_k$$

 $H_A$ : At least one mean is different

LO 3. List the conditions necessary for performing ANOVA

- 1. the observations should be independent within and across groups
- 2. the data within each group are nearly normal
- 3. the variability across the groups is about equal and use graphical diagnostics to check if these conditions are met.
- **LO 4.** Recognize that the test statistic for ANOVA, the F statistic, is calculated as the ratio of the mean square between groups (MSG, variability between groups) and mean square error (MSE, variability within errors). Also recognize that the F statistic has a right skewed distribution with two different measures of degrees of freedom: one for the numerator ( $df_G = k 1$ , where k is the number of groups) and one for the denominator ( $df_E = n k$ , where n is the total sample size).
- Note that you won't be expected to calculate MSG or MSE from the raw data, but you should have a conceptual understanding of how they're calculated and what they measure.
- **LO 5.** Describe why calculation of the p-value for ANOVA is always "one sided".
- LO 6. Describe why conducting many t-tests for differences between each pair of