

**Data**—Categorical OR Quantitative (Numerical)  
Categorical Data—Nominal OR Ordinal  
Quantitative Data—Continuous OR Discrete

**Normal Distribution**-68% values lie within the range Mean +/- 1SD  
95% values lie within the range Mean +/- 2 SD  
99.7% values lie within the range Mean +/- 3 SD

**To test whether data is normally distributed** → Kolmogorov-Smirnov test

**Variance** =  $\Sigma (X-x)^2/n-1$  where X=variable value, x=mean, n=number of variable

**Standard deviation ( $\sigma$ )** is the square root of variance. SD is a measure of variance, does not depend on sample size in its magnitude but does so for accuracy.

**Coefficient of Variation** → for repeated measurements of a given parameter

**Standard Error of Mean** = SD/ sq root n. SE M is a measure of the precision of an estimate, decreases in magnitude as the sample size increases.

**Type I error (alpha)** → to reject null hypothesis when it is in fact true → set at 5%

**Type II error (beta)** → to accept null hypothesis when it is in fact false → set at 20%

**Power of a study** =  $1-\beta$

$N = 16\sigma^2/d^2$

Where  $\sigma$  = SD & d = expected difference

**Paired tests of significance** are necessary for paired samples as each subject acts as its own control and the variability between subjects is removed

**Chi Square ( $\chi^2$ ) Test** → by default are 2-sided; carried out on actual numbers, rather than on derived statistics (% , ratio, proportion). Use 2x2 contingency tables for quick analysis.

When numbers analysed are small (eg if the total <100 or any one cell <10), then either one should apply Yates' correction OR apply Fischer's exact t test. Fischer's t Test will have 2 p values-conventional, corresponding to  $\chi^2$  test without Yates' correction and mid-p value, which corresponds to the value of p obtained using  $\chi^2$  test with the correction.

**McNemar's test** → for paired nominal data. It is a variant of  $\chi^2$  test.

**Quantitative / Ordinal Non-parametric Data** → if paired → use Wilcoxon signed ranks test

If unpaired → use Mann Whitney U test

**Correlation** → association between 2 quantitative variables

**Regression** → estimation of best straight line to summarise the association

**Correlation analysis for non-parametric data** → Spearman's Rank Correlation Coefficient ( $r_s$ )

**Correlation analysis for parametric data** → Pearson's Correlation Coefficient ( $r$ ) .

Values between  $-1$  and  $+1$  depending on direction of correlation. Value of  $0$  means there is no correlation

**Graphical plotting regression** → use the dependant variable as the ordinate (Y-axis) and the independent variable as the abscissa (X-axis)

**To test** whether association is merely apparent and might have arisen by chance → t test

**Regression** → average value of  $y$  (dependant) is a function of  $x$  (independent)

**Regression equation** →  $y = \alpha + \beta x$

**Regression coefficient** →  $\beta$

**Survival analysis** → studying time between entry to a study and a subsequent event

*Kaplan Meyer survival curve*

*Log Rank test* → To compare 2 survival curves. Assumes that data are ordinal/ continuous and that risk of an event in one group relative to the other does not change with time

## SIGNIFICANCE TESTS FOR PAIRED OBSERVATIONS

**Nominal** → McNemar's test

**Ordinal** → Wilcoxon signed ranks test

**Quantitative (non-parametric)** → Wilcoxon signed ranks test

**Quantitative (parametric)** → Paired t test

## SIGNIFICANCE TESTS FOR UNPAIRED OBSERVATIONS (2)

**Nominal** →  $\chi^2$  / Fischer's test

**Ordinal** →  $\chi^2$  / Mann-Whitney U test

**Quantitative discrete** → Mann-Whitney U test

**Quantitative non-parametric** → Mann-Whitney U test/ Log rank test

**Quantitative parametric** → Student t test

## SIGNIFICANCE TESTS FOR > 2 UNPAIRED OBSERVATIONS

**Ordinal/ Quantitative Discrete/ Quantitative Nonparametric** → Kruskal-Wallis test  
**Quantitative parametric** → One way ANOVA (Analysis of Variance)

### **Nominal data:**

Paired → McNemar's test  
Unpaired →  $\chi^2$  / Fischer's test

### **Ordinal data:**

Paired → Wilcoxon signed ranks test  
Unpaired →  $\chi^2$  / Mann-Whitney U test

### **Quantitative data (Non-parametric) :**

Paired → Wilcoxon signed ranks test  
Unpaired → Mann-Whitney U test

### **Quantitative data (Parametric) :**

Paired → Paired t test  
Unpaired → Independent t test

### **Quantitative data (paired) :**

Parametric → Paired t test  
Non-parametric → Wilcoxon signed ranks test

### **Quantitative data (unpaired) :**

Parametric → Independent t test  
Non-parametric → Mann-Whitney U test