

Day 1 Experimental design

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• **Universal principles**

- The same-ish questions should always be asked
	- **What is the question?**
	- **What measurements will be made?**
	- **What factors could influence these measurements?**
- But the answers/solutions will differ between areas

- Examples:
	- **Experimental design** will be affected by the question
		- but also by practical feasibility, factors that may affect causal interpretation …
		- e.g. number of treatments, litter size, number plants per bench …
	- **Sample size** will be affected by ethics, money, model …
		- e.g. mouse/plant vs. cell, clinical trials vs. lab experiment …
	- **Data exploration** will be affected by sample size, access to raw data …
		- e.g. >20.000 genes vs. weight of a small sample of mice

Vocabulary, tradition and software

- People use different words to describe the same data/graphs …
- There are different traditions in different labs, areas of science ...
- Different software mean different approaches: R, SPSS, GraphPad, Stata, Minitab …
- Examples:
	- Variable names: qualitative data = attribute
	- Scatterplots in GraphPad Prism = stripchart in R
	- 2 treatment groups in an experiment = 2 arms of a clinical trial
	- Replicate = $repeat = sample$
	- QQ plots in SPSS versus D'Agostino-Pearson test …
	- Sample sizes
- Very different biological questions, very different designs, sophisticated scientific approach or very simple
	- Similar statistical approach
	- Example:
		- **Data**: Gene expression values from The Cancer Genome Atlas for samples from tumour and normal tissue, **question**: which genes are showing a significant difference? *t***-test**
		- **Data**: weight from WT and KO mice, **question**: difference between genotypes? *t***-test**

Experimental Design Statistical Analysis

- **Translate the hypothesis into statistical questions**
	- Think about the statistical analyses before you collect any data
- What data will I collect?
- How will it be recorded/produced?
- Will I have access to the raw data?
- I have been told to do this test/use that template, is that right?
- Do I know enough stats to analyse my data?
	- If not: ask for help!

- Example:
	- **Hypothesis**: exercise has an effect on neuronal density in the hippocampus.
	- **Experiment**: 2 groups of mice on 2 different levels of activity:
		- No running or running for 30 minutes per day
		- After 3 weeks: mice are euthanized and histological brain sections are prepared
			- Neuronal density by counting the number of neurons per slide
	- Stats: one factor: activity and one outcome: number of neurons

Experimental Design (Statistical Analysis)

• **Experiment:** exercise has an effect on neuronal density in the hippocampus

- **Experimental unit**: cell, tissue sample, leaf, mouse, plant, litter …
	- Neuronal density experiment: experimental unit: **mouse**
- **Factor**:
	- Fixed factor: factor of interest, predictor, grouping factor, arm in controlled trial, independent variable …
		- e.g. : treatment, gender, genotype …
		- Neuronal density experiment: fixed factor: **running**
	- Random factor: factor we need to account for, blocking factor, nuisance factor …
		- e.g. : experiment, batch, plate, lanes …
		- Neuronal density experiment: **uh oh**
- **Key concepts**:
	- Blinding: not always possible, single and double-blinding
	- Randomisation

Experimental Design \rightarrow **Type of design**

Experimental Design Company Type of design

Good design: GenADA multi-site collaborative study 2010 Alzheimer's study on 875 patients **Completely random Complete Randomised block** Plate effects by plate **CRD CRBD** 0.0 0.0 **Bad design**Control Treatment Day1, Plate 1 ₫ Day3, Plate 3 Day2, Plate 2 Mouse 6 Mouse 1 $1 \t2 \t3$ Mouse 2 Mouse 7 Mouse 8 Mouse 3 Mouse 4 Mouse 9 Mouse 5 Mouse 10 -0.02 Control **Treatment 2** $EV = 12.6483$ **Treatment 1** Differences between Control, Treatment 1 and Controls and Cases Treatment 2 are confounded by day and plate. Plate effects by case/control Control Treatment 1 Treatment 2 0.08 0.06 Plate 1 Plate 2 Plate 3 Plate 1 Plate 2 Plate 3 0.942 Х ✓

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 -0.02

 $EV = 12.6483$

Experimental Design 19 Type of design

Complete Randomised block

- **RNA-Seq experiments**: multiplexing allows for randomization
	- Multiplexing: barcodes attached to fragments
	- Barcodes: distinct between libraries (samples)
	- **Important**: identify the sources of noise (nuisance variable)
		- Library preparation: big day-to-day variability
			- **Batch effect**
		- Big variability between runs
		- **Lane effect**

Experimental Design 19 Type of design

Incomplete Randomised block

Six samples

• **RNA-Seq experiments**:

- **Incomplete block design:**
	- All treatments/samples are not present in each block
- **Balanced Incomplete Block Design** (BIBD):
	- where all pairs of treatments/samples occur together within a **block** an equal number of times

Five samples per lanes

- Statistical analysis:
	- account for missing values
	- e.g.: a model fits blocks then samples

• Example: *in vivo* effect of a drug on gene expression on 2 tissues.

- More complex design:
	- **Split-plot + Completely Random Design**: commonly used for repeated measures designs

Experimental Design 19 Type of design

Other designs: crossover, sequential

: more an arrangement of factors than a design **Factorial Design**

- When considering more than one factor
- Back to our neuronal density experiment: exercise has an effect on neuronal density in the hippocampus

- Not enough: we want to account for:
	- Sex: factor of interest: **factorial design** (2 factors: running and sex)
	- Experimental variability: random factor: **blocking factor (one experiment = one block)**
	- Several histological slides: **nested variable**

Experimental Design Type of design

• Neuronal density experiment: Complete Randomised block design + **Split-plot**

- Rule of thumb: Block what you can, randomize what you cannot
	- **Blocking** is used to remove the effects of a few of the most important nuisance variables (known/controllable)
	- **Randomisation** is then used to reduce the contaminating effects of the remaining nuisance variables (unknown/uncontrollable, lurking).
- Drawing the experimental design can help!

Experimental Design (Statistical Analysis)

• **Experiment:** exercise has an effect on neuronal density in the hippocampus

• Statistical tests are tools used to quantify our level of confidence in what we see.

Statistical Analysis

- **Statistical tests are tools**
	- How do we choose the right tool?

- **The 'job' = the question(s)**
	- The main one: cause \longrightarrow effect
	- What (can) affects that relationship?
		- Both technical and biological

• **Data**

- Nature and behaviour of the data:
	- All statistical tests are associated with assumptions
		- e.g. normality and homogeneity of variance
	- If assumptions not met: bad p-values
- Running a statistical test is easy
	- but making sure it's the right test is not.
- Getting to know the data:
	- Data exploration
	- But also if not one's data:
		- raw or not raw?
		- If normalised/standardised, how?
		- e.g raw counts (qualitative data) vs. normalised (quantitative)

Experimental Design **Technical vs. Biological**

- Definition of **technical** and **biological** depends on the model and the question
	- e.g. mouse, cells …
- Question: Why **replicates** at all?
	- To make **proper inference** from sample to general population we need biological samples.
	- Example: difference on weight between grey mice and white mice:
		- cannot conclude anything from one grey mouse and one white mouse randomly selected
			- only 2 biological samples
		- need to repeat the measurements:
			- measure 5 times each mouse: **technical replicates**
			- measure 5 white and 5 grey mice: **biological replicates**
- Answer: Biological replicates are needed to infer to the general population

Always easy to tell the difference? Technical vs. Biological

- Definition of **technical** and **biological** depends on the model and the question.
- The model: mouse, plant … complex organisms in general.
	- Easy: one value per individual organism
		- e.g. weight, neutrophils counts …

• **What to do?** Mean of technical replicates = 1 biological replicate

- The model is still: mouse, plant … complex organisms in general.
	- Less easy: more than one value per individual
		- e.g. axon degeneration

- **What to do**? Not one good answer.
	- In this case: mouse $=$ experiment unit (block, split-plot)
		- axons = technical replicates, nerve segments = biological replicates

- The model is : worms, cells ...
	- Less and less easy: many 'individuals'
		- What is 'n' in cell culture experiments?
- Cell lines: no biological replication, only technical replication
- To make valid inference: valid design

Vial of frozen cells Dishes, flasks, wells … Cells in culture **Point of Treatment**

Control Treatment

Glass slides microarrays lanes in gel wells in plate

Point of Measurements

…

• Design 1: As bad as it can get

- After quantification: 6 values
	- But what is the sample size?
		- **n = 1**
			- no independence between the slides
			- variability = pipetting error

• Design 2: Marginally better, but still not good enough

- After quantification: 6 values
	- But what is the sample size?
		- **n = 1**
			- no independence between the plates
			- variability = a bit better as sample split higher up in the hierarchy

Design 3: Often, as good as it can get

- After quantification: 6 values
	- But what is the sample size?
		- **n = 3**
			- Key difference: the whole procedure is repeated 3 separate times
			- Still technical variability but done at the highest hierarchical level
			- Results from 3 days are (mostly) independent
			- Values from 2 glass slides: paired observations

Design 4: The ideal design

- After quantification: 6 values
	- But what is the sample size?
		- **n = 3**
			- Real biological replicates

Technical vs. Biological

Technical and biological replicates What to remember

- Take the time to identify technical and biological replicates
- Try to make the replications as independent as possible
- Never ever mix technical and biological replicates
- The hierarchical structure of the experiment needs to be respected in the statistical analysis (nested, blocks …).

Experimental Design 19 and Common Sense

- Design your experiment to be analysable
- The gathering of results or carrying out of a procedure is not the end goal
	- Think about the analysis of the data and design the experiment accordingly
- Imagine how your results will look
- Ask yourself whether these results will address your hypothesis
- Don't get fixated on being able to perform a cool technique or experimental protocol.
- Don't be overwhelmed (or try not to be).
- **Draw your experiment and imagine all that can go wrong at each step**

Day 1 Power Analysis

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• Definition of power: probability that a statistical test will reject a false null hypothesis (H₀). • **Translation**: the probability of detecting an effect, given that the effect is really there.

- **In a nutshell**: the bigger the experiment (big sample size), the bigger the power (more likely to pick up a difference).
- Main output of a **power analysis**:
	- Estimation of an appropriate **sample size**
		- **Too big:** waste of resources,
		- **Too small:** may miss the effect (p>0.05)+ waste of resources,
		- **Grants**: justification of sample size,
		- **Publications:** reviewers ask for power calculation evidence,
		- **Home office**: the 3 Rs: Replacement, **Reduction** and Refinement.

What does Power look like?

What does Power look like? Null and alternative hypotheses

- Probability that the observed result occurs if **H⁰** is true
	- H_0 : **Null hypothesis** = absence of effect
	- H₁: **Alternative hypothesis** = presence of an effect

What does Power look like? Type I error α

- **α :** the threshold value that we measure p-values against.
	- For results with 95% level of confidence: **α = 0.05**
	- = probability of **type I error**
- **p-value**: probability that the observed statistic occurred by chance alone
- **Statistical significance**: comparison between **α** and the **p-value**
	- p-value < 0.05: reject H_0 and p-value > 0.05: fail to reject H_0

What does Power look like? Power and Type II error β

- **Type II error** (β) is the failure to reject a <u>false</u> H₀
	- Probability of missing an effect which is really there.
	- **Power**: probability of detecting an effect which is really there
	- Direct relationship between **Power** and **type II error**:
		- **Power** = 1β

What does Power look like? Power = 80%

- **Type II error** (β) is the failure to reject a false H_0
	- Probability of missing an effect which is really there.
	- **Power**: probability of detecting an effect which is really there
		- Direct relationship between **Power** and type II error:
		- if **Power** = 0.8 then $β = 1$ **Power** = 0.2 (20%)
	- Hence a true difference will be missed 20% of the time
	- **General convention: 80%** but could be more
	- Cohen (1988):
		- For most researchers: Type I errors are four times more serious than Type II errors so **0.05 * 4 = 0.2**
		- Compromise: 2 groups comparisons:
			- 90% = $+30$ % sample size
			- $95\% = +60\%$ s sample size

What does Power look like? Critical value

• In **hypothesis testing**, a **critical value** is a point on the test distribution that is compared to the **test statistic** to determine whether to reject the null **hypothesis**

- Example of test statistic: t-value
- Absolute value of **test statistic** > **critical value** = statistical significance
	- Example: t-value > critical t-value -> p<0.05

To recapitulate:

- The null hypothesis (H_0) : H_0 = no effect
- The aim of a statistical test is to reject or not H_0 .

- Traditionally, a test or a difference are said to be "**significant**" if the probability of type I error is: **α =< 0.05**
- **High specificity** = low **False Positives** = low **Type I error**
- **High sensitivity** = low **False Negatives** = low **Type II error**

The power analysis depends on the relationship between 6 variables:

- the **difference** of biological interest
- the **variability** in the data (**standard deviation**)
- the significance level (5%)
- the desired power of the experiment (80%)
- the **sample size**
- the alternative hypothesis (ie one or two-sided test)

Effect size

The effect size: what is it?

- The **effect size**: minimum meaningful effect of biological relevance.
	- Absolute difference + variability
- How to determine it?
	- Substantive knowledge
	- Previous research
	- **Conventions**
- **Jacob Cohen**
	- Author of several books and articles on power
	- Defined small, medium and large effects for different tests

The effect size: how is it calculated? The absolute difference

- It depends on the type of difference and the data
	- Easy example: comparison between 2 means

Absolute difference

Effect Size $=$

[Mean of experimental group] - [Mean of control group]

Standard Deviation

• The bigger the effect (the absolute difference), the bigger the power = the bigger the probability of picking up the difference

<http://rpsychologist.com/d3/cohend/>

The effect size: how is it calculated? The standard deviation

• The bigger the variability of the data, the smaller the power

Power Analysis

The power analysis depends on the relationship between 6 variables:

- the **difference** of biological interest
- the **standard deviation**
- **the significance level (5%) (p< 0.05) α**
- **the desired power of the experiment (80%) β**
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The sample size

- Most of the time, the output of a power calculation.
- **The bigger the sample, the bigger the power**
	- but how does it work actually?
- In reality it is difficult to reduce the variability in data, or the contrast between means,
	- most effective way of improving power:
		- increase the sample size.
- The standard deviation of the sample distribution= Standard Error of the Mean: **SEM** =SD/√N
	- SEM decreases as sample size increases

Standard deviation SEM: standard deviation of the sample distribution

The sample size

A population

random

The sample size

The sample size: the bigger the better?

It takes huge samples to detect tiny differences but tiny samples to detect huge differences.

- What if the tiny difference is meaningless?
	- Beware of **overpower**
	- Nothing wrong with the stats: it is all about interpretation of the results of the test.

- Remember the important first step of power analysis
	- **What is the effect size of biological interest?**

Power Analysis

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The alternative hypothesis: what is it?

• One-tailed or 2-tailed test? One-sided or 2-sided tests?

- Is the question:
	- Is the there a difference?
	- Is it bigger than or smaller than?
- Can rarely justify the use of a one-tailed test
- Two times easier to reach significance with a one-tailed than a two-tailed
	- Suspicious reviewer!

• **Fix any five of the variables and a mathematical relationship can be used to estimate the sixth**.

e.g. What sample size do I need to have a 80% probability (**power**) to detect this particular effect (**difference** and **standard deviation**) at a 5% **significance level** using a **2-sided test**?

• **Good news**:

there are packages that can do the power analysis for you ... providing you have some prior knowledge of the key parameters!

difference + standard deviation = effect size

- **Free packages**:
	- R
	- **G*Power** and InVivoStat
	- Russ Lenth's power and sample-size page:
		- <http://www.divms.uiowa.edu/~rlenth/Power/>

- Cheap package: StatMate (~ \$95)
- Not so cheap package: MedCalc (~ \$495)

Power Analysis Let's do it

- **Examples of power calculations**:
	- Comparing 2 proportions: **Exercise 1**
	- Comparing 2 means: **Exercise 2**

Sample Size: Power Analysis

Exercise 1:

- Scientists have come up with a solution that will reduce the number of lions being shot by farmers in Africa: painting eyes on cows' bottoms.
- Early trials suggest that lions are less likely to attack livestock when they think they're being watched
	- Fewer livestock attacks could help farmers and lions co-exist more peacefully.
- Pilot study over 6 weeks:
	- 3 out of 39 unpainted cows were killed by lions, none of the 23 painted cows from the same herd were killed.

Sample Size: Power Analysis

Exercise 1:

- **Questions**:
	- Do you think the observed effect is meaningful to the extent that such a 'treatment' should be applied? Consider ethics, economics, conservation …
	- Run a power calculation to find out how many cows should be included in the study.
- **Effect size:** measure of distance between 2 proportions or probabilities
- Comparison between 2 proportions: **Fisher's exact test**

Power Analysis Comparing 2 proportions

G*Power

Step 4: Choice of Parameters Tricky bit: need information on the size of the difference and the variability.

G*Power

• To be able to pick up such a difference, we will need 2 samples of about **102 cows** to reach significance (p<0.05) with 80% power.

Sample Size: Power Analysis

Exercise 2:

Pilot study: 10 arachnophobes were asked to perform 2 tasks:

Task 1: Group1 (n=5): to play with a big hairy tarantula spider with big fangs and an evil look in its eight eyes. Task 2: Group 2 (n=5): to look at pictures of the same hairy tarantula.

Anxiety scores were measured for each group (0 to 100).

- Use the data to calculate the values for a power calculation
- Run a power calculation (assume balanced design and parametric test)

Power Analysis

• To reach significance with a t-test, providing the preliminary results are to be trusted, and be confident about the difference between the 2 groups, we need about **20 arachnophobes** (2*10).

Power Analysis

Power Analysis

• For a range of sample sizes:

Sample Size: Power Analysis

Unequal sample sizes

- Scientists often deal with unequal sample sizes
	- No simple trade-off:
		- if one needs 2 groups of 30, going for 20 and 40 will be associated with decreased power.
	- **Unbalanced design = bigger total sample**
	- Solution:

Step 1: power calculation for equal sample size Step 2: adjustment

$$
N = \frac{2n(1+k)^{2}}{4k}
$$

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n_{1} = \frac{N}{(1+k)}
$$

$$
n_{2} = \frac{kN}{(1+k)}
$$

• Cow example: balanced design: **n = 102** but this time: unpainted group: 2 times bigger than painted one (k=2): Using the formula, we get a total: $N=2*102*(1+2)^{2}/4*2=230$

Painted butts (n₁)=77 Unpainted butts (n₂)=153

- Balanced design: **n = 2*102 = 204**
- Unbalanced design: **n= 77+153 = 230**

Sample Size: Power Analysis

Non-parametric tests

- Non-parametric tests: do not assume data come from a Gaussian distribution.
	- Non-parametric tests are based on ranking values from low to high
	- Non-parametric tests not always less powerful
- Proper power calculation for non-parametric tests:
	- Need to specify which kind of distribution we are dealing with
		- Not always easy
- Non-parametric tests never require more than 15% additional subjects providing that the distribution is not too unusual.
- **Very crude rule of thumb for non-parametric tests**:
	- Compute the sample size required for a parametric test and add 15%.

Sample Size: Power Analysis

- What happens if we ignore the power of a test?
	- Misinterpretation of the results
- p-values: never ever interpreted without context:
	- **Significant p-value (<0.05)**: exciting! Wait: what is the difference?
		- > = smallest meaningful difference: exciting
		- < smallest meaningful difference: not exciting
			- very big sample, too much power
	- **Not significant p-value (>0.05)**: no effect! Wait: how big was the sample?
		- Big enough = enough power: no effect means no effect
		- Not big enough = not enough power
			- Possible meaningful difference but we miss it

Day 2 Babraham Institute is and data exploration

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Quantitative data

- They take numerical values (units of measurement)
- Discrete: obtained by counting
	- Example: number of students in a class
	- values vary by finite specific steps
- or continuous: obtained by measuring
	- Example: height of students in a class
	- any values
- They can be described by a series of parameters:
	- Mean, variance, standard deviation, standard error and confidence interval

Measures of central tendency Mode and Median

• **Mode:** most commonly occurring value in a distribution

• **Median**: value exactly in the middle of an ordered set of numbers

Example 1: 18 27 34 52 54 59 6 68 78 82 85 87 91 93 100, Median = 68 Example 2: 18 27 27 34 52 52 59 61 68 68 85 85 85 90, Median = 60

Measures of central tendency Mean

- Definition: average of all values in a column
- It can be considered as a model because it summaries the data
	- Example: a group of 5 lecturers: number of friends of each members of the group: 1, 2, 3, 3 and 4
		- Mean: $(1+2+3+3+4)/5 = 2.6$ friends per person
			- Clearly an hypothetical value
- How can we know that it is an accurate model?
	- Difference between the real data and the model created

Measures of dispersion

• Calculate the magnitude of the differences between each data and the mean:

• Total error = sum of differences

 $= 0 = \Sigma (x_i - \overline{x}) = (-1.6) + (-0.6) + (0.4) + (1.4) = 0$

No errors !

• Positive and negative: they cancel each other out.

Sum of Squared errors (SS)

- To avoid the problem of the direction of the errors: we square them
	- Instead of sum of errors: sum of squared errors (SS):

 $(SS) = \Sigma (x_i - \overline{x})(x_i - \overline{x})$ $= (1.6)^2 + (-0.6)^2 + (0.4)^2 + (0.4)^2 + (1.4)^2$ $= 2.56 + 0.36 + 0.16 + 0.16 + 1.96$ $= 5.20$

- SS gives a good measure of the accuracy of the model
	- But: dependent upon the amount of data: the more data, the higher the SS.
	- Solution: to divide the SS by the number of observations (N)
		- As we are interested in measuring the error in the sample to estimate the one in the population we divide the SS by N-1 instead of N and we get the **variance** (S²) = SS/N-1

Variance and standard deviation

• *variance*
$$
(s^2)
$$
 = $\frac{SS}{N-1}$ = $\frac{\Sigma (x_i - \overline{x})^2}{N-1}$ = $\frac{5.20}{4}$ = 1.3

- Problem with variance: measure in squared units
	- For more convenience, the square root of the variance is taken to obtain a measure in the same unit as the original measure:
		- the **standard deviation**
			- S.D. = $\sqrt{(SS/N-1)} = \sqrt{(s^2)} = s = \sqrt{1.3} = 1.14$
		- The standard deviation is a measure of how well the mean represents the data.

Standard deviation

Small S.D.: data close to the mean: mean is a good fit of the data

Large S.D.: data distant from the mean: mean is not an accurate representation

SD and SEM (SEM = SD/√N)

- What are they about?
	- The **SD** quantifies **how much the values vary** from one another: **scatter or spread**
		- The SD does not change predictably as you acquire more data.
	- The **SEM** quantifies **how accurately** you know the **true mean** of the population.
		- Why? Because it takes into account: **SD + sample size**
		- The SEM gets smaller as your sample gets larger
			- Why? Because the mean of a large sample is likely to be closer to the true mean than is the mean of a small sample.

SD and SEM

of the sample means.

SD or SEM ?

- If the scatter is caused by biological variability, it is important to show the variation.
	- Report the SD rather than the SEM.
		- Better even: show a graph of all data points.

- If you are using an in vitro system with no biological variability, the scatter is about experimental imprecision (no biological meaning).
	- Report the SEM to show how well you have determined the mean.

The SEM and the sample size

Histogram of random

random

The SEM and the sample size

Confidence interval

• Range of values that we can be 95% confident contains the true mean of the population.

- So limits of 95% CI: **[Mean - 1.96 SEM; Mean + 1.96 SEM]** (SEM = SD/√N)

Z-score

• Standardisation of normal data with mean µ and standard deviation σ

 σ

 $Z = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}$

• Example: μ =50 and σ =1.

A variable with value $x=60$ has a z-score=1

$$
Z\text{-score} \qquad Z = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}
$$

- Probability that a given value is found in a normally distributed sample with known µ and σ.
- Beyond a **threshold**, values 'do not belong' or are very unlikely to be found in such a sample.
	- Threshold $= 1.96$
	- Normal distribution: 95% of observations lie within μ ± 1.96σ (Z=1.96)
	- Probability to find values beyond \pm 1.96 σ is $=<$ 5% (p<0.05)

Z-score application RNA-seq analysis

- Differential gene expression: Noise
	- Length of gene and level of expression
	- Lowly expressed genes = highest fold changes
		- Often biologically meaningless

Graphical exploration of data

Data Exploration Categorical data

Data Exploration Quantitative data: Scatterplot

Quantitative data: Scatterplot/stripchart

Data Exploration Quantitative data: Boxplot

Quantitative data: Boxplot or Beanplot

Scatterplot shows individual data

Data density mirrored by the shape of the polygon

Quantitative data: Boxplot and Beanplot and Scatterplot Data Exploration

Data Exploration | Quantitative data: Histogram

Data Exploration Quantitative data: Histogram (distribution)

Poisson Distribution

Binomial Distribution

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Bimodal Distribution 2000 1500 Frequency 1000 ន្ល \circ -2 $\mathbf 0$ $\overline{2}$ 6 8 10 -4 \overline{a}

Plotting is not the same thing as exploring

• One experiment: change in the variable of interest between CondA to CondB. Data plotted as a **bar chart**.

Plotting (and summarising) is (so) not the same thing as exploring

- Five experiments: change in the variable of interest between 3 treatments and a control.
	- Data plotted as a **bar chart**.

Plotting (and summarising and choosing the wrong graph) is (definitely) not the same thing as exploring

- Four experiments: Before-After treatment effect on a variable of interest.
- Hypothesis: Applying a treatment will decrease the levels of the variable of interest.
	- Data plotted as a **bar chart**.

Days 2 and 3 Analysis of Quantitative data

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Outline of this section

- Assumptions for parametric data
- Comparing two means: **Student's** *t***-test**
- Comparing more than 2 means
	- One factor: **One-way ANOVA**
	- Two factors: **Two-way ANOVA**
- Relationship between 2 continuous variables:
	- Linear: **Correlation**
	- Non-linear: **Curve fitting**
- **Non-parametric tests**

Introduction

- **Key concepts to always keep in mind**
	- Null hypothesis and error types
	- Statistics inference
	- Signal-to-noise ratio

The null hypothesis and the error types

- The null hypothesis (H_0) : H_0 = no effect
	- e.g. no difference between 2 genotypes
- The aim of a statistical test is to reject or not H_0 .

- Traditionally, a test or a difference is said to be "**significant**" if the probability of type I error is: **α =< 0.05**
- **High specificity** = low **False Positives** = low **Type I error**
- **High sensitivity** = low **False Negatives** = low **Type II error**

Signal-to-noise ratio

• Stats are all about understanding and controlling variation.

- signal If the **noise is low** then the **signal is detectable** …
- noise = statistical significance
- signal noise … but if the **noise** (i.e. interindividual variation) **is large** then the **same signal will not be detected** = no statistical significance
- In a statistical test, the ratio of signal to noise determines the significance.

Analysis of Quantitative Data

- Choose the correct statistical test to answer your question:
	- They are 2 types of statistical tests:
		- **Parametric tests** with 4 assumptions to be met by the data,
		- **Non-parametric tests** with no or few assumptions (e.g. Mann-Whitney test) and/or for qualitative data (e.g. Fisher's exact and χ^2 tests).

Assumptions of Parametric Data

• All parametric tests have 4 basic assumptions that must be met for the test to be accurate.

1) Normally distributed data

• Normal shape, bell shape, Gaussian shape

• Transformations can be made to mane data suitable for parametric analysis.

Assumptions of Parametric Data

- Frequent departures from normality:
	- Skewness: lack of symmetry of a distribution

- Kurtosis: measure of the degree of 'peakedness' in the distribution
	- The two distributions below have the same variance approximately the same skew, but differ markedly in kurtosis.

More peaked distribution: kurtosis > 0 Flatter distribution: kurtosis < 0

(e) Platykurtic and leptokurtic

Assumptions of Parametric Data

2) Homogeneity in variance

• The variance should not change systematically throughout the data

3) Interval data (linearity)

• The distance between points of the scale should be equal at all parts along the scale.

4) Independence

- Data from different subjects are independent
	- Values corresponding to one subject do not influence the values corresponding to another subject.
	- Important in repeated measures experiments

Analysis of Quantitative Data

• **Is there a difference between my groups regarding the variable I am measuring?**

- e.g. are the mice in the group A heavier than those in group B?
	- Tests with 2 groups:
		- Parametric: **Student's** *t***-test**
		- Non parametric: **Mann-Whitney/Wilcoxon rank sum test**
	- Tests with more than 2 groups:
		- Parametric: **Analysis of variance (one-way and two-way ANOVA)**
		- Non parametric: **Kruskal Wallis**

• **Is there a relationship between my 2 (continuous) variables?**

- e.g. is there a relationship between the daily intake in calories and an increase in body weight?
	- Test: **Correlation** (parametric or non-parametric) and **Curve fitting**

Comparison between 2 groups Parametric data

Comparison between 2 groups: Student's *t***-test**

• **Basic idea**:

- When we are looking at the differences between scores for 2 groups, we have to judge the difference between their means relative to the spread or variability of their scores.
	- Eg: comparison of 2 groups: control and treatment

Student's *t***-test**

Student's *t***-test**

Student's *t***-test**

- 3 types:
	- **Independent t-test**
		- compares means for two independent groups of cases.
	- **Paired t-test**
		- looks at the difference between two variables for a single group:
			- the second 'sample' of values comes from the same subjects (mouse, petri dish …).
	- One-Sample t-test
		- tests whether the mean of a single variable differs from a specified constant (often 0)

Example: coyotes.xlsx

- Question: do male and female coyotes differ in size?
- **Sample size**
- **Data exploration**
- **Check the assumptions for parametric test**
- **Statistical analysis: Independent t-test**

Exercise 3: Power analysis

• Example case:

No data from a pilot study but we have found some information in the literature.

In a study run in similar conditions as in the one we intend to run, **male coyotes** were found to measure: **92cm+/- 7cm (SD**).

We expect a **5% difference** between genders.

• **smallest biologically meaningful difference**

G*Power

Independent t-test

A priori **Power analysis**

Example case:

You don't have data from a pilot study but you have found some information in the literature.

In a study run in similar conditions to the one you intend to run, male coyotes were found to measure:

92cm+/- 7cm (SD)

You expect a 5% difference between genders with a similar variability in the female sample.

You need a sample size of n=76 (2*38)

Power Analysis

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For a range of sample sizes:

Data exploration ≠ **plotting data**

Exercise 4: Data exploration

- The file contains individual body length of male and female coyotes. Question: do male and female coyotes differ in size?
	- Plot the data as stripchart, boxplot and violinplot

Exercise 4: Exploring data - *Answers*

Assumptions for parametric tests

Normality

翻 Col. stats Females Males $\mathbf{1}$ Number of values 43 43 $\overline{2}$ $\overline{3}$ 71.00 78.00 Minimum 25% Percentile 86.00 87.00 5 90.00 92.00 Median 6 75% Percentile 93.50 96.00 $\overline{1}$ Maximum 102.5 105.0 $\mathbf{8}$ 9 Mean 92.06 89.71 10 6.550 Std. Deviation 6.696 11 Std. Error of Mean 0.9988 1.021 12 13 Lower 95% Cl of mean 87.70 90.00 14 Upper 95% Cl of mean 91.73 94.12 15 16 Sum 3858 3958 17 18 D'Agostino & Pearson normality test 19 $K₂$ 4.203 0.5080 20 P value 0.1223 0.7757 21 Passed normality test (alpha=0.05)? Yes Yes 22 P value summary ns ns $\overline{23}$ $\overline{24}$ Shapiro-Wilk normality test 25 W 0.9700 0.9845 $\overline{26}$ P value 0.3164 0.8190 27 Passed normality test (alpha=0.05)? Yes Yes 28 P value summary ns ns

Independent *t***-test: results**

Males tend to be longer than females but not significantly so (p=0.1045)

Homogeneity in variance

What about the power of the analysis?

Power analysis

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But is a 2.3 cm difference between genders biologically relevant (<3%) ?

Sample size: the bigger the better?

It takes huge samples to detect tiny differences but tiny samples to detect huge differences.

- What if the tiny difference is meaningless?
	- Beware of **overpower**
	- Nothing wrong with the stats: it is all about interpretation of the results of the test.

- Remember the important first step of power analysis
	- **What is the effect size of biological interest?**

Coyotes

Exercise 5: Dependent or Paired *t***-test**

working memory.xlsx

A group of rhesus monkeys (n=15) performs a task involving memory after having received a placebo. Their performance is graded on a scale from 0 to 100. They are then asked to perform the same task after having received a dopamine depleting agent.

Is there an effect of treatment on the monkeys' performance?
Another example of *t***-test:**

working memory.xlsx

Normality

Another example of *t***-test:**

working memory.xlsx

Paired *t***-test: Results working memory.xlsx**

Comparison between 2 groups Non-Parametric data

Non-parametric test: Mann-Whitney = Wilcoxon rank test

- Non-parametric equivalent of the t-test.
- **What if the data do not meet the assumptions for parametric tests?**
	- The outcome is a rank or a score with limited amount of possible values: non-parametric approach.
- **How does the Mann-Whitney test work?**

- Statistic of the Mann-Whitney test: **W (U)**
	- W = sum of ranks mean rank: W_1 =3.5 and W_2 =10.5
	- Smallest of the 2 Ws: W_1 + sample size = **p-value**

Exercise 6: smelly teeshirt.xlsx

- Hypothesis: Group body odour is less disgusting when associated with an in-group member versus an outgroup member.
- Study: Two groups of Cambridge University students are presented with one of two smelly, worn t-shirts with university logos.
- **Question**: are Cambridge students more disgusted by worn smelly T-shirts from Oxford or Cambridge? Disgust score: 1 to 7, with 7 the most disgusting
	- Explore the data with an appropriate combination of 2 graphs
	- Answer the question with a non-parametric approach
	- What do you think about the design?

Exercise 6: smelly teeshirt.xlsx

• **Question**: are Cambridge students more disgusted by worn smelly T-shirts from Oxford or Cambridge? Disgust score: 1 to 7, with 7 the most disgusting

齫 **Mann-Whitney test** 1 Table Analyzed smelly teeshirt $\overline{2}$ 3 Column B Oxford $4 \overline{\smash{\vee}}$ vs. VS. 5 Column A Cambridge 6 7 Mann Whitney test 8 0.0037 P value 9 Exact or approximate P value? Exact 10 P value summary **i** 11 Significantly different (P < 0.05)? Yes 12 One- or two-tailed P value? Two-tailed 13 Sum of ranks in column A.B 41,95 14 Mann-Whitney U 15

• A paired design would have been better.

Non-parametric test: Wilcoxon's signed-rank

- Non-parametric equivalent of the paired t-test
- **How does the test work?**

- Statistic of the Wilcoxon's signed-rank test: **T (W)**
	- Here: Wilcoxon's $T = 4.5$ (smallest of the 2 (absolute value))
	- $N = 9$ (we ignore the 0 difference): $T + N \rightarrow p$ -value

Exercise 7: botulinum.xlsx

A group of 9 disabled children with muscle spasticity (or extreme muscle tightness limiting movement) in their right upper limb underwent a course of injections with botulinum toxin to reduce spasticity levels. A second group of 9 children received the injections alongside a course of physiotherapy. A neurologist (blind to group membership) assessed levels of spasticity pre- and post-treatment for all 18 children using a 10-point ordinal scale.

Higher ratings indicated higher levels of spasticity.

- **Question**: do botulinum toxin injections reduce muscle spasticity levels?
	- Score: 1 to 10, with 10 the highest spasticity

Exercise 7: botulinum.xlsx

• **Question**: do botulinum toxin injections reduce muscle spasticity levels?

Answer: There was a significant difference pre- and post- treatment in ratings of muscle spasticity. (T=-45, p=0.004). *Note: T=W*

Comparison between more than 2 groups One factor

Comparison of more than 2 means

- Running multiple tests on the same data increases the **familywise error rate**.
- What is the familywise error rate?
	- The error rate across tests conducted on the same experimental data.
- One of the basic rules ('laws') of probability:
	- The Multiplicative Rule: The probability of the joint occurrence of 2 or more independent events is the product of the individual probabilities.

 $P(A,B) = P(A) \times P(B)$

For example:

 $P(2 \text{ Heads}) = P(\text{head}) \times P(\text{head}) = 0.5 \times 0.5 = 0.25$

Familywise error rate

- **Example**: All pairwise comparisons between 3 groups A, B and C:
	- A-B, A-C and B-C
- Probability of making the Type I Error: **5%**
	- The probability of not making the Type I Error is 95% (=1 0.05)
- Multiplicative Rule:
	- Overall probability of no Type I errors is: $0.95 * 0.95 * 0.95 = 0.857$
- So the probability of making at least one Type I Error is 1-0.857 = 0.143 or **14.3%**
	- The probability has increased from 5% to 14.3%
- Comparisons between 5 groups instead of 3, the familywise error rate is 40% (=1-(0.95)ⁿ)

Familywise error rate

- Solution to the increase of familywise error rate: correction for multiple comparisons
	- **Post-hoc tests**
- Many different ways to correct for multiple comparisons:
	- Different statisticians have designed corrections addressing different issues
		- e.g. unbalanced design, heterogeneity of variance, liberal vs conservative
- However, they all have **one thing in common**:
	- the more tests, the higher the familywise error rate: the more stringent the correction
- Tukey, Bonferroni, Sidak, Benjamini-Hochberg …
	- Two ways to address the multiple testing problem
		- **Familywise Error Rate** (FWER) vs. **False Discovery Rate** (FDR)

Multiple testing problem

- **FWER**: **Bonferroni**: $\alpha_{\text{adjust}} = 0.05/n$ comparisons e.g. 3 comparisons: $0.05/3=0.016$
	- Problem: very conservative leading to loss of power (lots of false negative)
	- 10 comparisons: threshold for significance: 0.05/10: 0.005
	- Pairwise comparisons across 20.000 genes \odot
- **FDR**: **Benjamini-Hochberg**: the procedure controls the expected proportion of "discoveries" (significant tests) that are false (false positive).
	- Less stringent control of Type I Error than FWER procedures which control the probability of at least one Type I Error
	- More power at the cost of increased numbers of Type I Errors.
- **Difference between FWER and FDR**:
	- a p-value of 0.05 implies that 5% of all tests will result in false positives.
	- a FDR adjusted p-value (or **q-value**) of 0.05 implies that 5% of significant tests will result in false positives.

Analysis of variance

• Extension of the 2 groups comparison of a *t*-test but with a slightly different logic:

- ANOVA compares variances:
	- If variance between the several means > variance within the groups (random error) then the means must be more spread out than it would have been by chance.

Analysis of variance

• The statistic for ANOVA is the **F ratio**.

 \bullet F =

Variance between the groups

 F = Variance within the groups (individual variability)

Variation explained by the model (= systematic)

Variation explained by unsystematic factors (= random variation)

- If the variance amongst sample means is greater than the error/random variance, then F>1
	- In an ANOVA, we test whether F is significantly higher than 1 or not.

Analysis of variance

- Variance (= SS / N-1) is the mean square
	- df: degree of freedom with $df = N-1$

Exercise 8: One-way ANOVA

protein expression.xlsx

• **Question**: is there a difference in protein expression between the 5 cell lines?

- **1 Plot the data**
- **2 Check the assumptions for parametric test**

Parametric tests assumptions

Parametric tests assumptions

Analysis of variance: Post hoc tests

- The ANOVA is an "omnibus" test: it tells you that there is (or not) a difference between your means but not exactly which means are significantly different from which other ones.
	- To find out, you need to apply **post hoc** tests.
	- These post hoc tests should only be used when the ANOVA finds a significant effect.

One-Way **Analysis of variance**

Analysis of variance: results

Exercise 9: neutrophils.xlsx

- A researcher is looking at the difference between 4 cell groups. He has run the experiment 5 times. Within each experiment, he has neutrophils from a WT (control), a KO, a KO+Treatment 1 and a KO+Treatment2.
- **Question**: Is there a difference between KO with/without treatment and WT?

Exercise 9: neutrophils.xlsx

Answer: There is a significant difference from WT for the first and third groups.

Comparison between more than 2 groups One factor What about power analysis?

Comparison of more than 2 means

- Different ways to go about power analysis in the context of ANOVA:
	- η^2 : explained proportion variance of the total variance.
		- Can be translated into effect size d.
		- Not very useful: only looking at the omnibus part of the test
	- Minimum power specification: looks at the difference between the smallest and the biggest means.
		- All means other than the 2 extreme one are equal to the grand mean.
	- Smallest meaningful difference
		- Works like a post-hoc test.

Power Analysis Comparing more than 2 means

- Research example: Comparison between 4 teaching methods
- Smallest meaningful difference
	- Same assumptions:
		- Equal group sizes and equal variability (SD = 80)
	- 3 comparisons of interest: vs. Group 1
	- Smallest meaningful difference: group 1 vs. Group 2
		- t-test: Mean $1 = 550$, $SD = 80$ and mean $2 = 598$, $SD = 80$
		- Power calculation like for a t-test but with a Bonferroni correction (adjustment for multiple comparisons)

Power Analysis Comparing more than 2 means

- Smallest meaningful difference
	- Power calculation like for a t-test but with a Bonferroni correction.
	- Protein expression example:
		- Comparisons vs. cell line A.
		- Meaningful difference: D vs. A

Comparison between more than 2 groups One factor Non-Parametric data

Non Parametric approach: Kruskal-Wallis

- Non-parametric equivalent of the one-way ANOVA
- It is a test based on ranks
- **kruskal.wallis()** produces omnibus part of the analysis
- Post-hoc test associated with Kruskal-Wallis: **Dunn test**
- **dunn. test ()** gives both Kruskall-Wallis and pairwise comparisons results ## dunn.test package ##
- Statistic associated with Kruskal-Wallis is H and it has a Chi² distribution
- The Dunn test works pretty much like the Mann-Whitney test.

Exercise 10: creatine.xlsx

- Creatine, a supplement popular among body builders
- Three groups: No creatine; Once a day; and Twice a day.
- **Question**: does the average weight gain depend on the creatine group to which people were assigned?

Exercise 10: creatine.xlsx

Comparison between more than 2 groups Two factors

Two-way Analysis of Variance (Factorial ANOVA)

Example: goggles.xlsx

- The 'beer-goggle' effect
	- The term refers to finding people more attractive after you've had a few beers. Drinking beer provides a warm, friendly sensation, lowers your inhibitions, and helps you relax.
- Study: effects of alcohol on mate selection in night-clubs.
- Pool of independent judges scored the levels of attractiveness of the person that the participant was chatting up at the end of the evening.
- **Question**: is subjective perception of physical attractiveness affected by alcohol consumption?
	- Attractiveness on a scale from 0 to 100

Interaction

None 2 Pints 4 Pints

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- **Interaction plots: Examples**
	- Fake dataset:
		- 2 factors: **Genotype** (2 levels) and **Condition** (2 levels)

- **Interaction plots: Examples**
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Single Effect

- **Interaction plots: Examples**
	- 2 factors: **Genotype** (2 levels) and **Condition** (2 levels)

Zero or Both Effect

- **Interaction plots: Examples**
	- 2 factors: **Genotype** (2 levels) and **Condition** (2 levels)

Interaction

With significant interaction (real data)

Without significant interaction (fake data)

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Association between 2 continuous variables Linear relationship

- A correlation coefficient is an index number that measures:
	- The magnitude and the direction of the relation between 2 variables
	- It is designed to range in value between -1 and +1

- Assumptions for correlation
	- Regression and linear Model (lm)

- **Linearity**: The relationship between X and the mean of Y is linear.
- **Homoscedasticity**: The variance of residual is the same for any value of X.
- **Independence:** Observations are independent of each other.
- **Normality:** For any fixed value of X, Y is normally distributed.

- Assumptions for correlation
	- Regression and linear Model (Im)
- **Outliers**: the observed value for the point is very different from that predicted by the regression model.
- **Leverage points**: A leverage point is defined as an observation that has a value of x that is far away from the mean of x.
- **Influential observations**: change the slope of the line. Thus, have a large influence on the fit of the model.
- ***One method to find influential** points is to compare the fit of the **model with** and **without** each observation.
- Bottom line: **influential outliers** are problematic.

- Most widely-used correlation coefficient:
	- Pearson product-moment correlation coefficient "r"

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r = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \overline{x})(y_i - \overline{y})}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \overline{x})^2 \sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - \overline{y})^2}}
$$

- The 2 variables do not have to be measured in the same units but they have to be proportional (meaning linearly related)
- Coefficient of determination:
	- r is the correlation between X and Y
	- r^2 is the coefficient of determination:
		- It gives you the proportion of variance in Y that can be explained by X, in percentage.

Correlation Example: roe deer.xlsx

• Is there a relationship between parasite burden and body mass in roe deer?

Linear reg. Tabular results

Correlation Example: roe deer.xlsx

There is a negative correlation between parasite load and fitness but this relationship is only significant for the males(p=0.0049 vs. females: p=0.2940).

Male

Female

Association between 2 continuous variables Linear relationship Diagnostic

• **Question**: Is there a relationship between time spent revising and exam anxiety? And, if yes, are boys and girls different?

• **Focus**: how good is the model?

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• **Question**: Is there a relationship between time spent revising and exam anxiety? And, if yes, are boys and girls different?

• **Focus**: how good is the model? **Diagnostic**: we don't like students 24, 87 and 78

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Association between 2 continuous variables Linear relationship Non-parametric

Non-Parametric:

Spearman Correlation Coefficient

• Only really useful for ranks (either one or both variables) •**ρ (rho)** is the equivalent of r and calculated in a similar way

• **Example: dominance.xslx**

- Six male colobus monkeys ranked for dominance
- Question: is social dominance associated with parasitism?
	- Eggs of *Trichirus* nematode per gram of monkey faeces

Non-Parametric: Spearman Correlation Coefficient

• **Answer**: the relationship between dominance and parasitism is significant (ρ =-0.94, p=0.017) with high ranking males harbouring a heavier burden.

Association between 2 continuous variables Non-linear relationship

Curve fitting

• **Dose-response curves**

- Nonlinear regression
- Dose-response experiments typically use around 5-10 doses of agonist, equally spaced on a logarithmic scale
- Y values are responses
- The aim is often to determine the **IC50** or the **EC50**
	- **IC50 (I=Inhibition)**: concentration of an agonist that provokes a response half way between the maximal (Top) response and the maximally inhibited (Bottom) response.
	- **EC50 (E=Effective):** concentration that gives half-maximal response

Inhibition: $Y=Bottom + (Top-Bottom)/(1+10^(X-LogIC50)))$

Step by step analysis and considerations:

1- Choose a **Model**:

not necessary to normalise

should choose it when values defining 0 and 100 are precise

variable slope better if plenty of data points (variable slope or 4 parameters)

2- Choose a **Method:** outliers, fitting method, weighting method and replicates

3- **Compare** different conditions:

O No comparison

Diff in parameters \circledcirc For each data set, which of two equations (models) fits best?

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Diff between conditions for one or more parameters $\longrightarrow \bullet$ Do the best-fit values of selected unshared parameters differ between data sets?

Constraint vs no constraint \bullet For each data set, does the best-fit value of a parameter differ from a hypothetical value?

Diff between conditions for one or more parameters \longrightarrow \bullet Does one curve adequately fit all the data sets?

4- **Constrain**:

depends on your experiment depends if your data don't define the top or the bottom of the curve

Step by step analysis and considerations:

5- **Initial values**:

defaults usually OK unless the fit looks funny

6- **Range**:

defaults usually OK unless you are not interested in the x-variable full range (ie time)

7- **Output**:

summary table presents same results in a … summarized way.

8 – **Confidence**: calculate and plot confidence intervals

9- **Diagnostics**:

check for normality (weights) and outliers (but keep them in the analysis) check Replicates test rep analysis and considerations:

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Day 3 Analysis of Qualitative data

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- \bullet = not numerical
- = values taken = usually names (also *nominal*)
	- e.g. causes of death in hospital
- Values can be numbers but not numerical
	- e.g. group number = numerical label but not unit of measurement
- Qualitative variable with intrinsic order in their categories = *ordinal*
- Particular case: qualitative variable with 2 categories: *binary* or *dichotomous*
	- e.g. alive/dead or male/female
Fisher's exact and Chi²

Example: cats and dogs.xlsx

- Cats and dogs trained to line dance
- 2 different rewards: food or affection
- **Question**: Is there a difference between the rewards?
- **Is there a significant relationship between the 2 variables?**
	- does the reward significantly affect the likelihood of dancing?
- To answer this type of question:
	- **Contingency table**
	- **Fisher's exact or Chi² tests**

But first: **how many cats** do we need?

Exercise 11: Power calculation

- Preliminary results from a pilot study: **25%** line-danced after having received affection as a reward vs. **70%** after having received food.
	- **How many cats** do we need?

Exercise 11: Power calculation

Output:

If the values from the pilot study are good predictors and if we use a sample of n=23 for each group, we will achieve a power of 83%.

Chi-square and Fisher's tests

- Chi² test very easy to calculate by hand but Fisher's very hard
- Many software will not perform a Fisher's test on tables > 2x2
- **Fisher's test more accurate** than Chi² test on **small samples**
- **Chi² test more accurate** than Fisher's test on **large samples**
- Chi² test assumptions:
	- 2x2 table: no expected count <5
	- Bigger tables: all expected > 1 and no more than 20% < 5
- Yates's continuity correction
	- All statistical tests work well when their assumptions are met
	- When not: probability Type 1 error increases
	- Solution: corrections that increase p-values
		- Corrections are dangerous: no magic
		- Probably best to avoid them

Chi-square test

• In a chi-square test, the observed frequencies for two or more groups are compared with expected frequencies by chance.

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\chi^2 = \Sigma
$$
 (Observed Frequency - Expected Frequency)²

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\chi^2 = \Sigma
$$
 Expected Frequency

- With observed frequency = collected data
- **Example with 'cats and dogs'**

Chi-square test

Did they dance? * Type of Tr aining * Anim al Cr osstabulation

Example: expected frequency of cats line dancing after having received food as a reward:

Direct counts approach:

Expected frequency=(row total)*(column total)/grand total = 32*32/68 = **15.1**

Probability approach:

Expected frequency:(32/68)*(32/68)=0.22: **22% of 68 = 15.1**

For the cats:

 $Chi^2 = (26-15.1)^2/15.1 + (6-16.9)^2/16.9 + (6-16.9)^2/16.9 + (30-19.1)^2/19.1 = 28.4$

Is 28.4 big enough for the test to be significant?

Did they dance? * Type of Training * Animal Crosstabylation

Is 28.4 big enough for the test to be significant?

Student's *t***-test** *χ*

2 test

Results

Fisher's exact test: results

• **In our example:**

cats are more likely to line dance if they are given food as reward than affection (p<0.0001) whereas dogs don't mind (p>0.99).

A researcher decided to check the hypothesis that the proportion of cane toads with intestinal parasites was the same in 3 different areas of Queensland.

From Statistics Explained by Steve McKillup

Question: Is the proportion of cane toads infected by intestinal parasites the same in 3 different areas of Queensland?

Answer:

The proportion of cane toads infected by intestinal parasites varies significantly between the 3 different areas of Queensland (p=0.0015), the animals being more likely to be parasitized in Rockhampton and Mackay than in Bowen.

New question:

Is the proportion of infected cane toads lower in Bowen than in the other 2 areas?

