Data Analysis Using SPSS

Parametric and Non-parametric Tests

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Choosing the Correct Statistical Test Questions to ask yourself:

- 1. What scale of measurement has been used?
- 2. Are you testing **differences** between groups or **associations** between variables? **Purpose**
- 3. Are the samples **independent or related** (same person tested twice or paired)?
- 4. How many groups are involved?
- 5. Nature of Distribution of Your Data-Normality?

How to Use SPSS: Choosing the Appropriate Statistical Analysis Technique

Choosing the Right Statistic

- Matching research design to appropriate analysis
- Useful to follow a step-by-step process with 3 basic questions to be answered
 - What type of research question are you asking?
 - What type & number of variables do you want to analyze?
 - What type of data do you have and what characteristics does it have?

Step 1:What question type do you want to answer?

- Descriptive
 - What is the typical blood pressure for people in a given population?
- Correlational/Predictive
 - Is there a relationship between blood pressure and SES?
 - Can neighborhood predict blood pressure?
- Group Differences/Cause & Effect
 - Is the typical blood pressure higher in one residential area compared to another?

Overview of Common Statistical Analyses

- Descriptive Analysis
 - Frequency, percentiles, central tendency, standard scores
- Correlational Analysis
 - Correlation
 - Regression
- Analyzing Differences Between Groups
 - t-tests
 - One–Way ANOVA
 - Factorial ANOVA
 - MANOVA

Step 2: Identify & define your variables

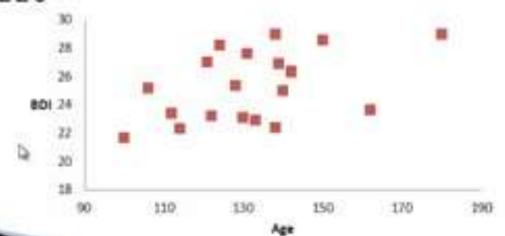
- Independent vs. dependent
- Number of each
- Operational definition of each variable
- Normal/expected range of scores/levels of each variable
 - Independent variables
 - Dependent variables

Step 3:Identify the nature of the variables

- Level of measurement for each variable
 - Nominal/categorical
 - Ordinal
 - Interval/ratio
- Additional information
 - Interval/ratio
 - Normally distributed?
 - Appropriate range of scores?
 - Nominal/categorical
 - Are the groups equal/balanced?
 - Are some of the categories empty?

Step 4: Draw a diagram of your design

- Summarize key points in a diagram
- Identify type of question & Identify variables as specifically as possible
- Example 1:Is there a relationship between blood pressure and body weight?
 - Body weight-continuous; body mass in pounds from 100-250
 - Blood pressure-continuous; pressure in mmHg from 100-220



Step 4: Draw a diagram of your design

- Example 2: Do people with BMI values below 25 have lower SBP than people with BMI above 25?
 - BMI value-independent, categorical (two groups/levels): BMI ≤ 25/BMI ≥ 25.1
 - SBP-dependent; continuous: mmHg range from 100-220

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	BMI ≤ 25	BMI ≥ 25.1
Mean Systolic BP (mmHg) 4		

Step 4:Draw a diagram of your design

- Example 3: Is the effect of sex on SBP different for people with BMI values below 25 than people with BMI above 25?
 - Sex-independent, categorical: males/females
 - BMI value-independent, categorical (two groups/levels): BMI ≤ 25/BMI ≥ 25.1
 - SBP-dependent; continuous: mmHg range from 100-220

	BMI ≤ 25	BMI ≥ 25.1
Mean SBP for males		
Mean SBP for females		

Step 5: Determine need for parametric test

- Does your data meet the assumptions of parametric testing?
- What if it doesn't?
 - Use parametric testing anyway
 - Transform the data
 - Use a non-parametric technique
 - Pearson Correlation/Spearman Correlation or Chisquare for Independence
 - Independent t-test/Mann-Whitney U Test
 - Dependent t-test/Wilcoxon Signed Rank test
 - One-Way ANOVA/Kruskal-Wallis Test

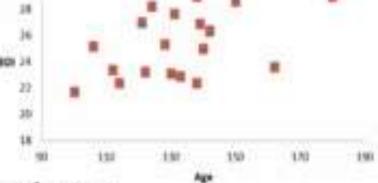
Step 6: Make the final decision

- Make determinations about your variables
- Make sure you meet all the assumptions
- Are there other approaches that could be taken?
- What approach have other studies with similar designs used?

- Research Question: What is the relationship between gender and having a diagnosis of clinical depression?
- What you have:
 - One categorical independent variable (IV); sex: male/female
 - One categorical dependent variable (DV); diagnosis of depression: yes/no (i.e. # of people in each category)

	Males	Females
Has depression		
Does not have depression		

- Research Question: Is there a relationship between age and depression index? Does depression increase with age?
- What you have:
 - Two continuous variables (age, score on a depression index (BDI))



Technique: Pearson Correlation

- Research Question: Will 10 weeks of exercise training reduce the BDI score?
- What you have:
 - One categorical IV: (pre-test/post-test)
 - One continuous DV (BDI score)

	Pre-test	Post-test
Mean BDI score		

- Technique: Dependent/paired-sample t-test
- Non-parametric alternative: Wilcoxon Signed Rank Test

- Is there are difference in BDI score for people under 30, 31-49 and 50 years and over?
- What you have:
 - One categorical IV with two or more groups/levels (age: under 30, 31-49, 50+)
 - One continuous DV (BDI score)

	<30 years	31-49 years	50+ years
Mean BDI			
score			

Technique: One-Way ANOVA

- Research Question: What is the effect of age on BDI scores for males and females?
- What you have
 - Two categorical IVs (sex: male/female; age: <30, 31-49, >50)
 - One continuous DV (BDI score)

	<30 years	31-49 years	> 50 years
Mean male BDI score			
Mean Female BDI score			

Technique: Factorial (Two-Way) ANOVA

Non-parametric Alternative: None

- RQ: Which of two therapy interventions is more effective in reducing BDI score across three time periods (pretreatment, post-treatment, 3 months post-treatment)?
- What you have:
 - One between groups IV: type of intervention (exercise, meditation)
 - One within-groups IV: (3 measurement points)
 - One continuous DV (BDI score)

	Time 1	Time 2	Time 3
Mean BDI with exercise			
Mean BDI with meditation			

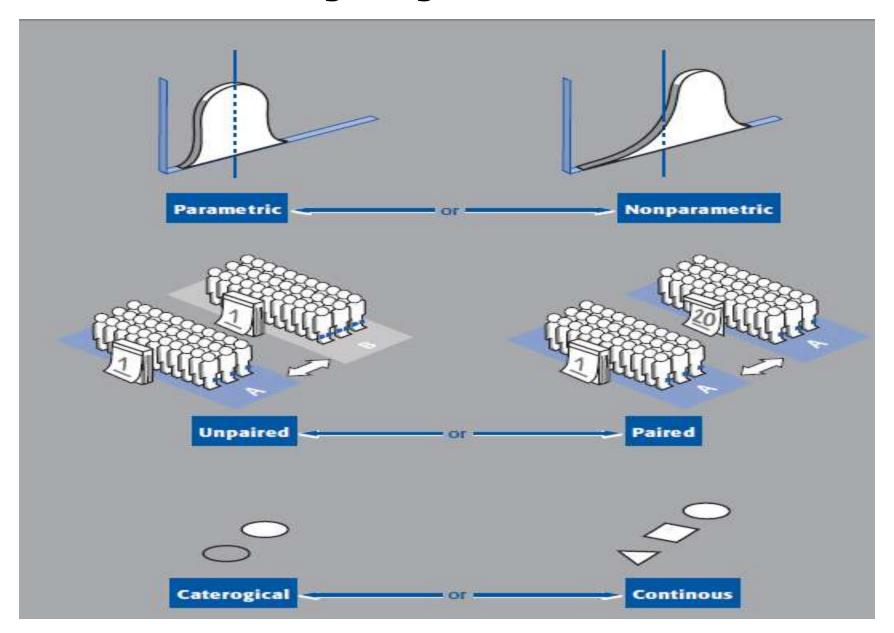
Technique: Factorial Repeated Measures (Mixed Between-Within or Split-Plot) ANOVA

- RQ: Do males have better overall ratings of psychological health (depression, anxiety, perceived stress) than females?
- What you have
 - One categorical IV (sex: male/female)
 - Two or more continuous DVs (depression, anxiety, perceived stress measures)

	Males	Females
Mean Anxiety score		
Mean Depression score		
Mean Perceived Stress score		

- Technique: MANOVA
- Non-parametric alternative: None

How to analyze your data



Summary.... Type of Analysis by data type

Analysis	Uni-variate Data	Bivariate Data
Exploratory Data analysis/ Descriptive Analysis	1. Presenting Frequencies •Table •Graphical forms 2. Measuring Location /Measures of Central Tendency •Mean •Median •Mode 3. Measuring Dispersion •Range and Inter quartile Range •Standard Deviation/Variation 4. Measuring change •Index Numbers	1. Presenting Frequencies •Cross Tabulation •Graphical forms •Scatter Diagrams •Stem Plots

Type of Analysis by data type...

Confirmatory Data Analysis/Inferential
Statistics

1. Estimation From Samples

- •Confidence Intervals (P)
- 2. ForecastingTime Series Analysis

1. Measuring Association

- •Pearson's Correlation Coefficient-r (P)
- •Spearman's Rank Correlation Coefficientr_k (NP)
- **2. Measuring Differences**Chi Squared (X²)
 Test(NP)
- 3. Student t- test(P)

Note:

P = Parametric Technique

NP = Non- Parametric Technique

Scale of Measurement

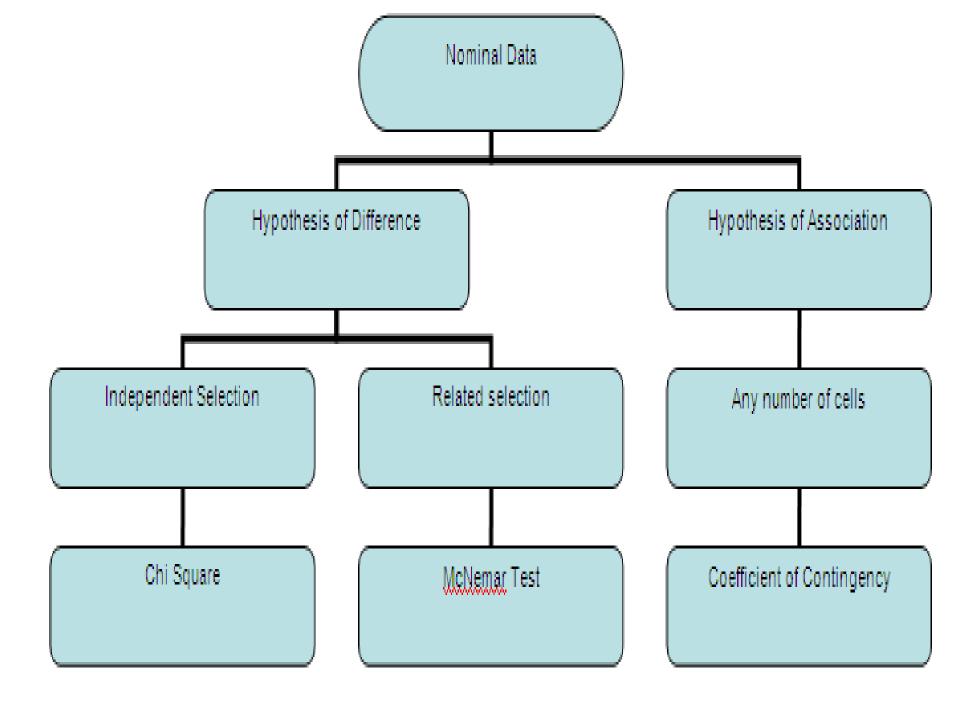
Type of Statistic		Scale of Measurement
Nonparametric	_	Nominal
Nonparametric		Ordinal
Nonparametric	Parametric	Approximately Interval
-	Parametric	Interval
	Parametric	Ratio

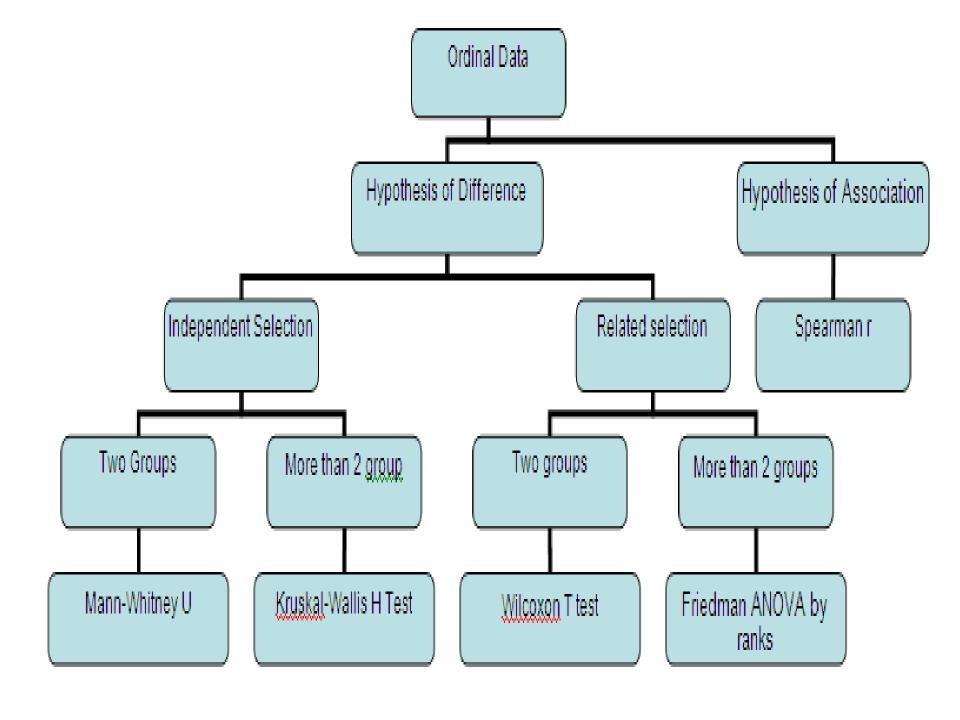
Nonparametric statistics

Nominal Data	Ordinal Data
Chi-Square Goodness-of-Fit Test	Mann-Whitney <i>U</i> Test
Chi-Square Test of Independence	Wilcoxon T Test
McNemar Test	Kruskal-Wallis <i>H</i> Test
	Friedman ANOVA by Ranks
	Spearman's <i>r_s</i>

Parametric statistics

Parametric statistics are used when our data are measured on **approximately interval, interval, or ratio** scales of measurement.





Interval/ratio data:

