# 9. Two-sample T-test and analysis of variance. Power and Type-II errors.

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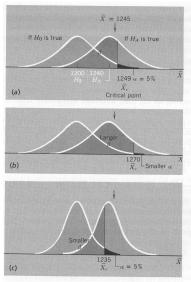
## Type I and Type II errors

Of course we take a risk to wrongly rejecting a true  $H_0$ , of  $\alpha$ . There's however also a risk that we wrongly *not* reject a false  $H_0$ , which is called  $\beta$ .

	Truth	
Test result	<i>H</i> <sub>0</sub> true	$H_0$ false
Reject H <sub>0</sub>	Type I error, $\alpha$	ΟK, (1-β)
Do not reject $H_0$	ΟK (1-α)	Type II error, $eta$

Next 2 slides from: Wonnacott & Wonnacott, Introductory statistics.

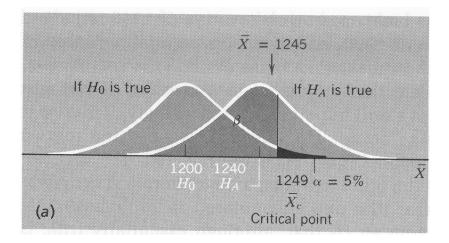




#### FIGURE 9-7

(a) Hypothesis test of Figure 9-6 showing  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ . (b) How a reduction in  $\alpha$  increases  $\beta$ , other things being equal. (c) How an increase in sample size allows one error probability ( $\beta$ ) to be reduced, without increasing the other ( $\alpha$ ).







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*Description*: Compute power of test, or determine parameters to obtain target power.

Details: Exactly one of the parameters n, delta, power, sd, and sig.level must be passed as NULL, and that parameter is determined from the others. Notice that the last two have non-NULL defaults so NULL must be explicitly passed if you want to compute them.



## Compute sample size

NOTE: n is number in \*each\* group



## Compute delta $(H_A)$

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## Compute power

```
> power.t.test(n = 20, delta = 1, sd = 1, sig.level = 0.05,
+ power = NULL, type = "two.sample", alternative = "two.sided")
```

Two-sample t test power calculation

```
n = 20
delta = 1
sd = 1
sig.level = 0.05
power = 0.8689528
alternative = two.sided
```

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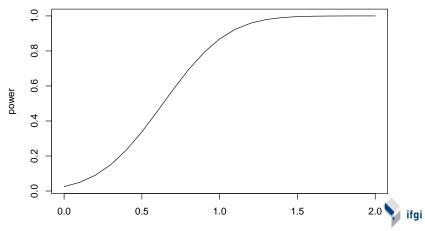
## Compute significance level

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(Note that this is of little operational use; computing sd is of even less operational use)



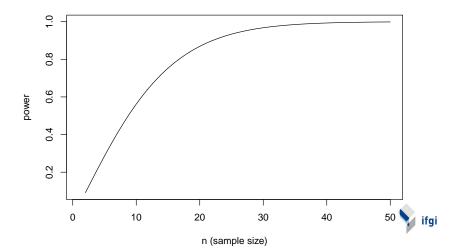
### Compute power function vs. delta, n = 20, s = 1



delta

### Compute power function vs. n; delta = 1

> plot(1:50, power.t.test(delta = 1, n = 1:50)\$power, type = "l", + xlab = "n (sample size)", ylab = "power")



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Taking a larger sample always increases power. Can we do something else to increase power? Yes: choose a more appropriate analysis. Recall the paired data of lecture 7:

obj	$t_1$	$t_2$
1	13.5	12.7
2	15.3	15.1
3	7.5	6.6
4	10.3	8.5
5	8.7	8.0

```
> x1 = c(13.5, 15.3, 7.5, 10.3, 8.7)
> x2 = c(12.7, 15.1, 6.6, 8.5, 8)
> x1 - x2
```

[1] 0.8 0.2 0.9 1.8 0.7



```
> t.test(x1, x2, var.equal = TRUE)
        Two Sample t-test
data: x1 and x2
t = 0.4066, df = 8, p-value = 0.695
alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0
95 percent confidence interval:
-4 111314 5 871314
sample estimates:
mean of x mean of y
    11.06 10.18
> t.test(x1, x2, paired = TRUE)
        Paired t-test
data: x1 and x2
t = 3.3896, df = 4, p-value = 0.02754
alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0
95 percent confidence interval:
0.1591929 1.6008071
sample estimates:
mean of the differences
                   0.88
```

> power.t.test(delta = 0.88, n = 5, sd = sqrt((var(x1) + + var(x2))/2))

Two-sample t test power calculation

n = 5
delta = 0.88
sd = 3.422353
sig.level = 0.05
power = 0.0548756
alternative = two.sided

NOTE: n is number in \*each\* group

> power.t.test(delta = 0.88, n = 5, sd = sd(x1 - x2), type = "paired")

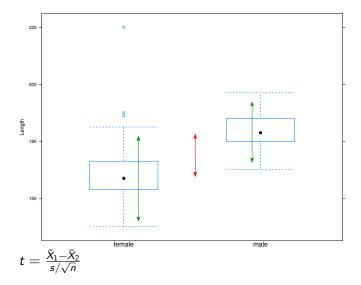
Paired t test power calculation

n = 5
delta = 0.88
sd = 0.580517
sig.level = 0.05
power = 0.7192318
alternative = two.sided

NOTE: n is number of \*pairs\*, sd is std.dev. of \*differences\* within p

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## Two-sample T-test and analysis of variance.





• let  $n_1 = n_2 = n$  and  $N = n_1 + n_2$ , and assume  $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2$ 

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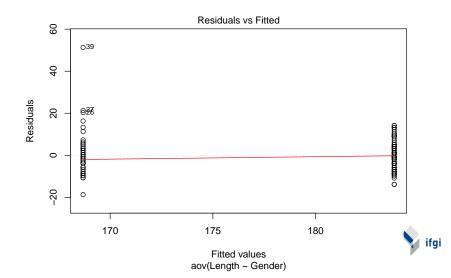
Gender: effect, explanatory variable, grouping variable, between groups

Residuals: error, within-groups, unexplained variability Df: degrees of freedom for that row Sum Sq: sum of squares, between or within Mean Sq: mean squares: Sum Sq divided by Df F value: Mean Sq effect divided by Mean Sq Residuals Pr(>F): significance level, p-value

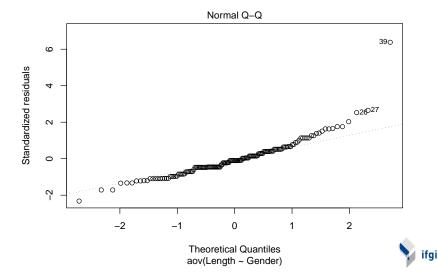


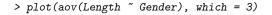
> plot(aov(Length ~ Gender), which = 1)
> Length[31]

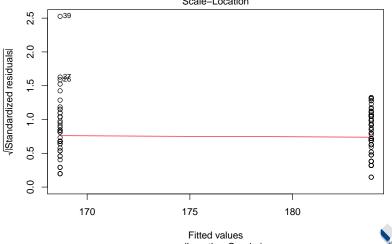
[1] 162



> plot(aov(Length ~ Gender), which = 2)







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aov(Length ~ Gender)

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## Two-way ANOVA; setting up data

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t2 c

t2 d

t2

6.6

10 8.0

8 9 8.5

```
The data can also be organized like this:
> x = data.frame(resp = c(x1, x2), time = rep(c("t1", "t2")),
     each = 5), obj = rep(letters[1:5], 2))
+
> x
  resp time obj
1
  13.5
       t1
             а
  15.3 t1 b
2
3
 7.5 t1 c
  10.3 t1 d
4
5
 8.7 t1
             е
  12.7 t2 a
6
7
  15.1
       t2
```

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#### One-way ANOVA:

```
> summary(aov(resp ~ time, x))
```

Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F) time 1 1.936 1.936 0.1653 0.695 Residuals 8 93.700 11.713

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```
> summary(aov(resp ~ time + obj, x))
```

Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F) time 1 1.936 1.9360 11.490 0.0275393 \* obj 4 93.026 23.2565 138.021 0.0001545 \*\*\* Residuals 4 0.674 0.1685 ---Signif. codes: 0 '\*\*\*' 0.001 '\*\*' 0.01 '\*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1



```
Paired t-test vs two-way ANOVA
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