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Fundamentals of Biostatistics

Principle of variability

Probabilistic analysis approach

Inferences from sample data to a population

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Population and Sample: Definitions

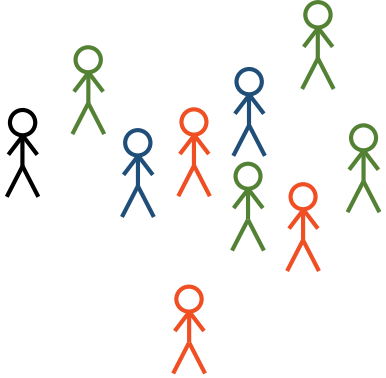
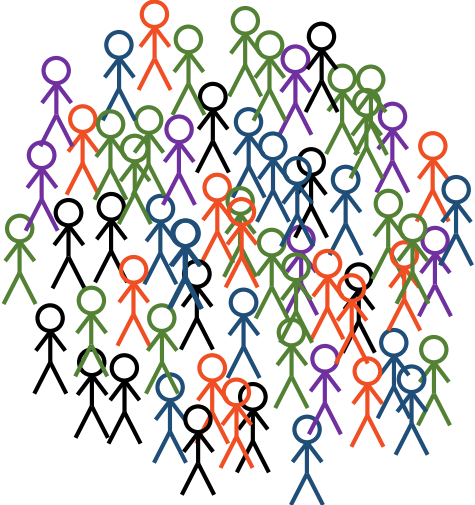
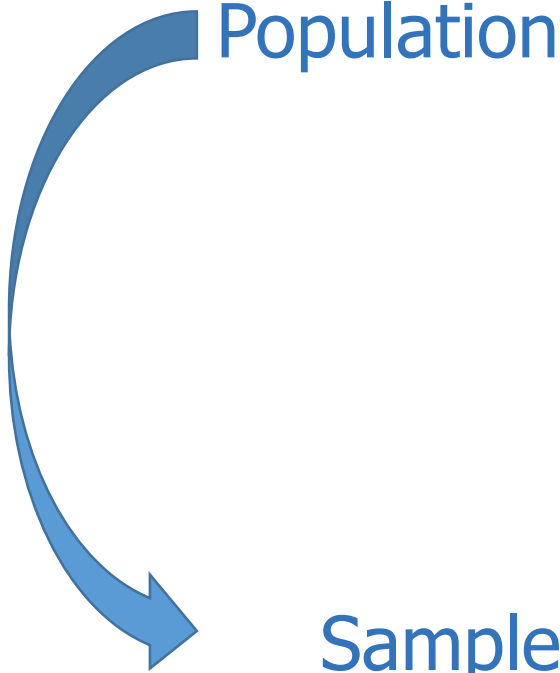
- Population

- Set of individuals with their own characteristics
 - Individuals aged 75 and over with atrial fibrillation
- Number of individuals often high
 - Prevalence around 400,000 to 700,000 in French

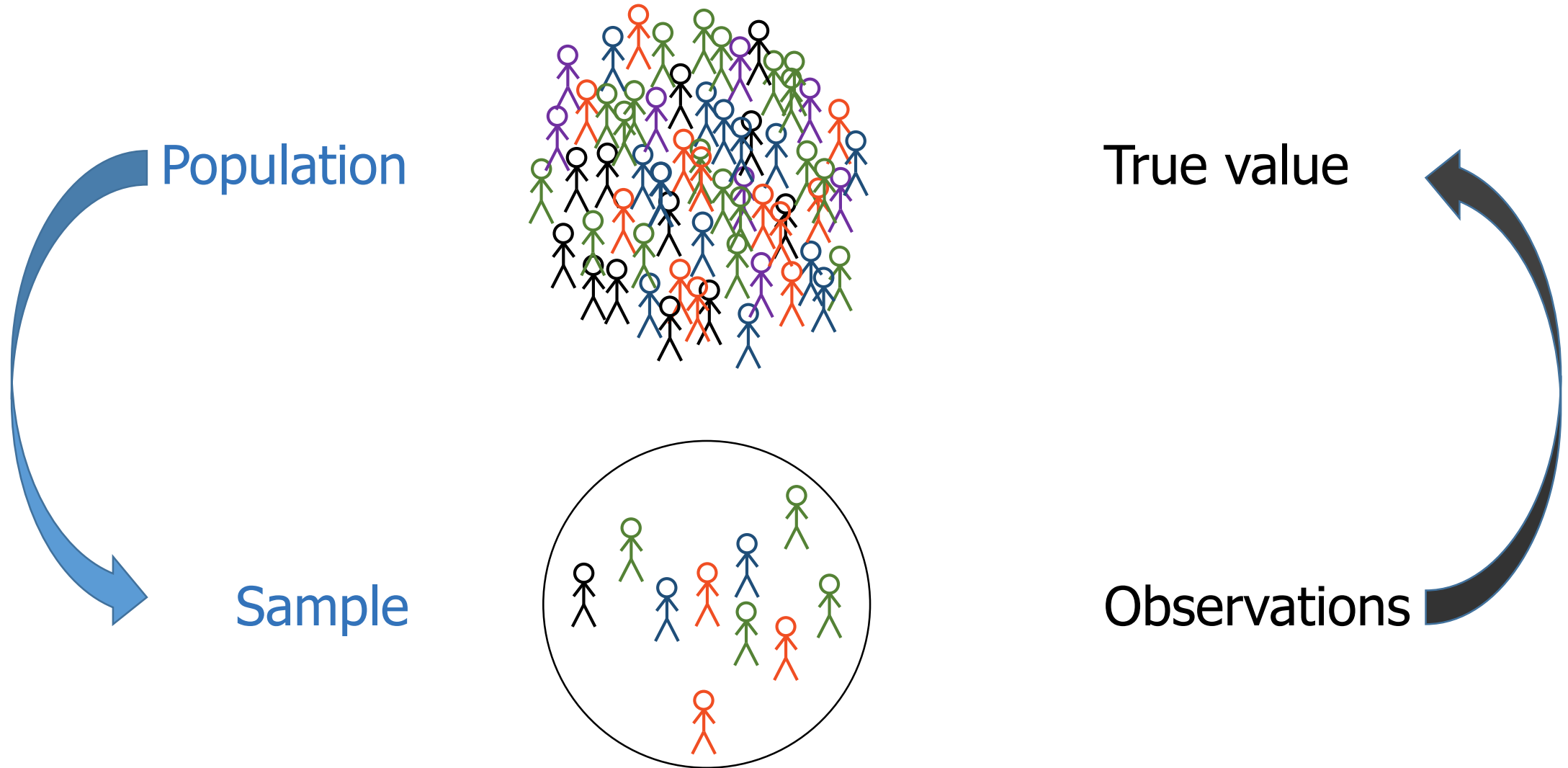
- Sample

- Subset of a population
- On each individual of the sample, one characteristic can be measured which is the subject of the study (often impossible on the whole population)
 - Occurrence of stroke, in order to estimate for each individual its own risk of stroke, or of other embolic event, the main predictors features (variables),...

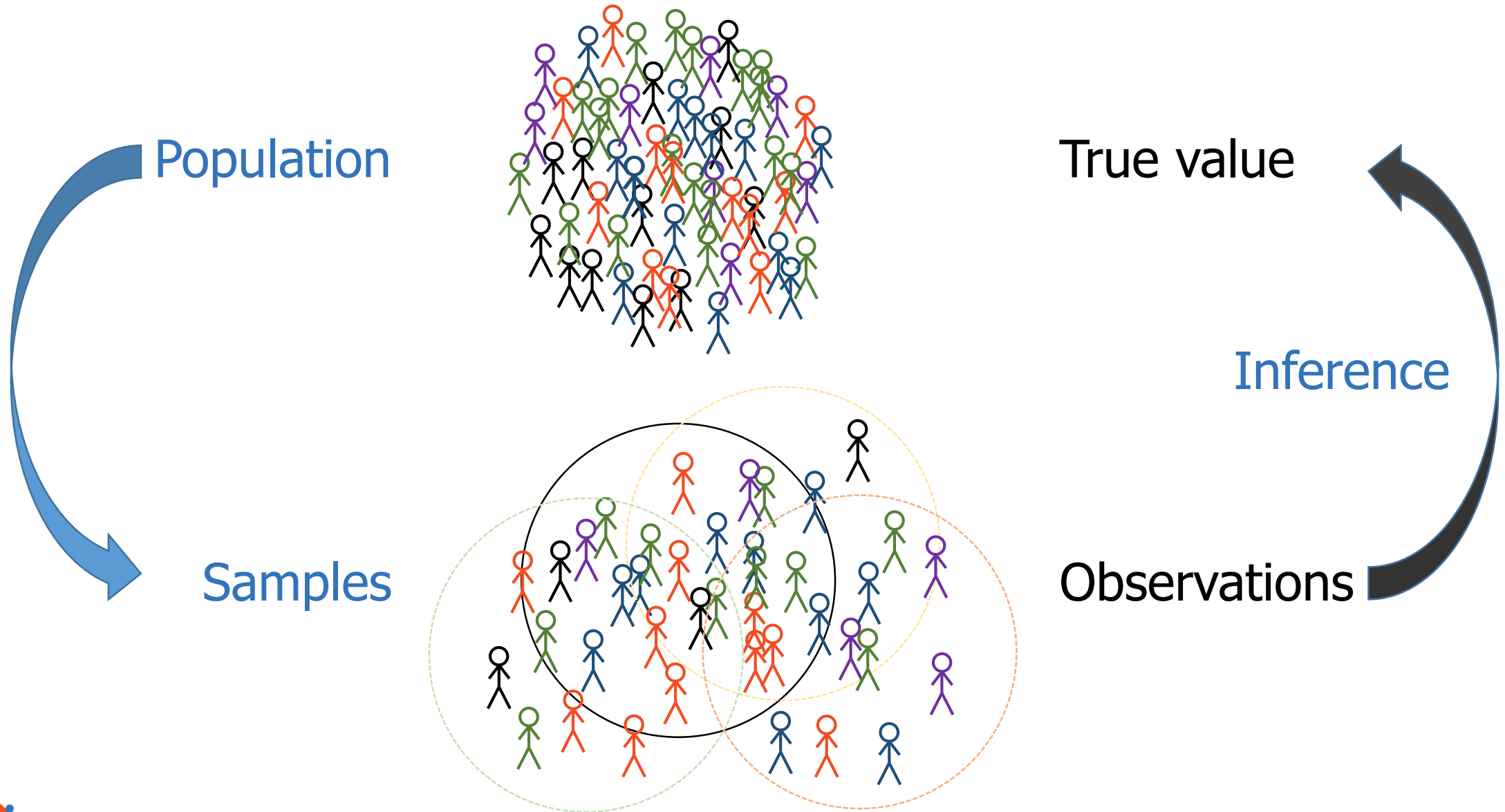
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Sample

- Observations made on the **sample** are used to answer questions about the target **population**
- Observed characteristics are **random variables**
- Their **descriptive parameters** allow us to know the distribution in the target population
 - ▶ Objective: **estimate** the parameters of the target **population** distribution
 - ▶ Way: use the observations made on the **sample**

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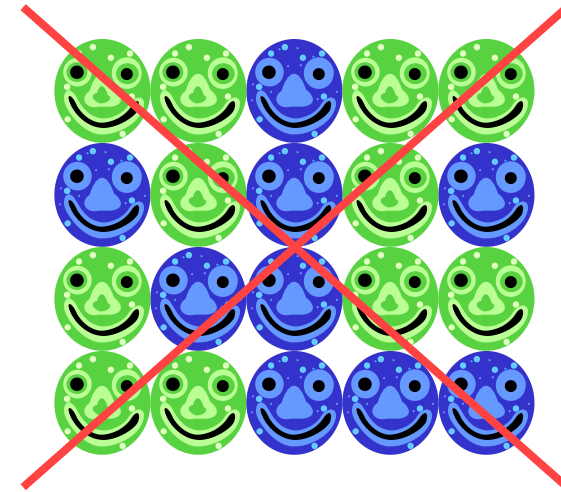


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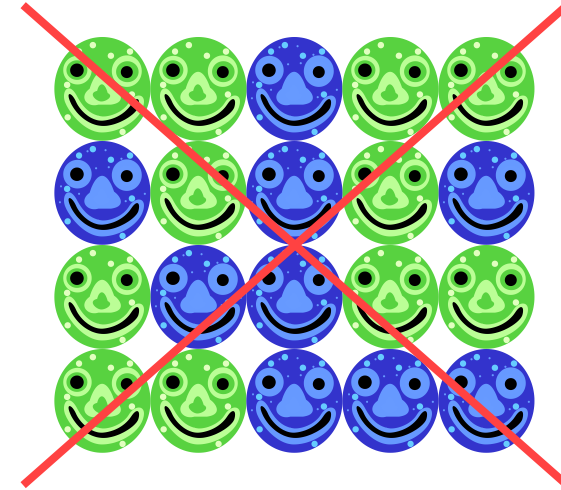


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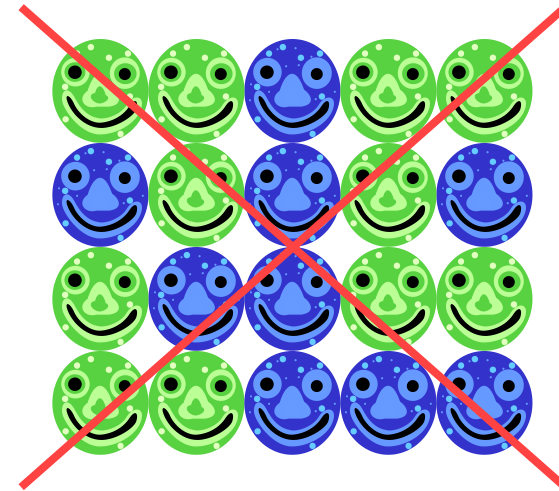


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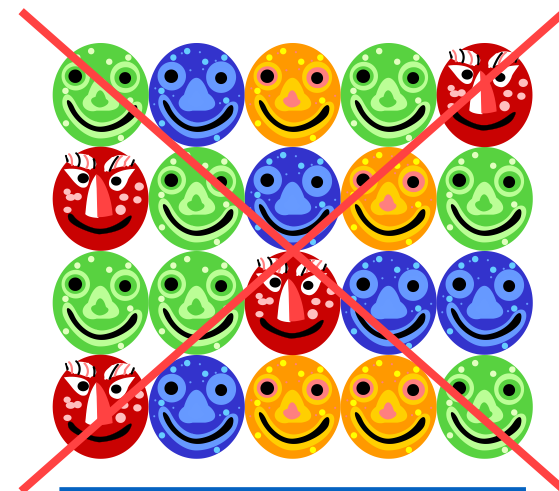
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Sample 1



Sample 2



Selection bias




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Sample 3

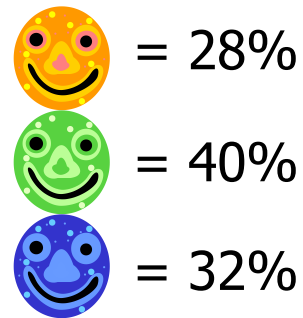


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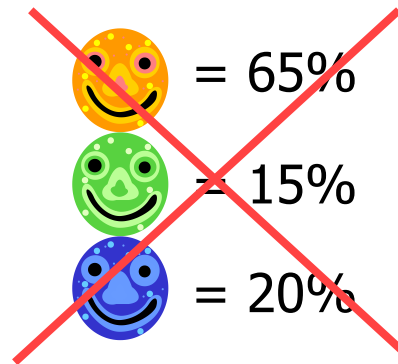
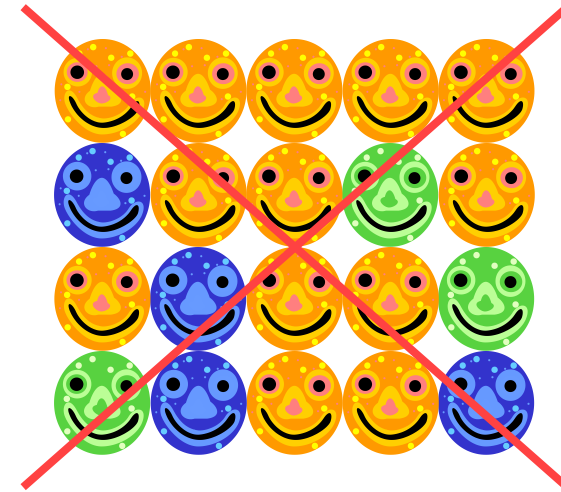
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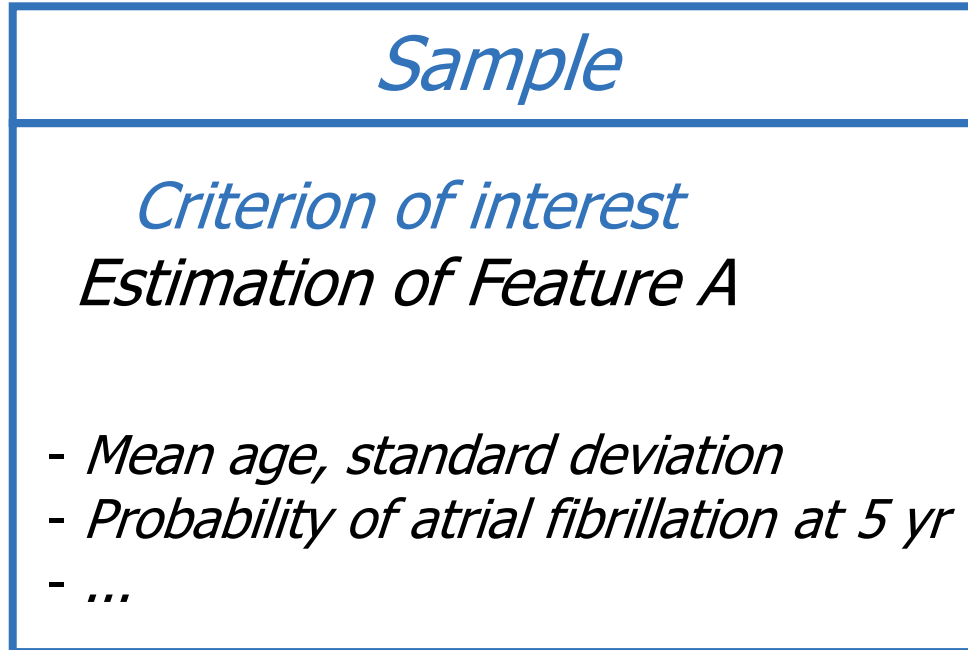


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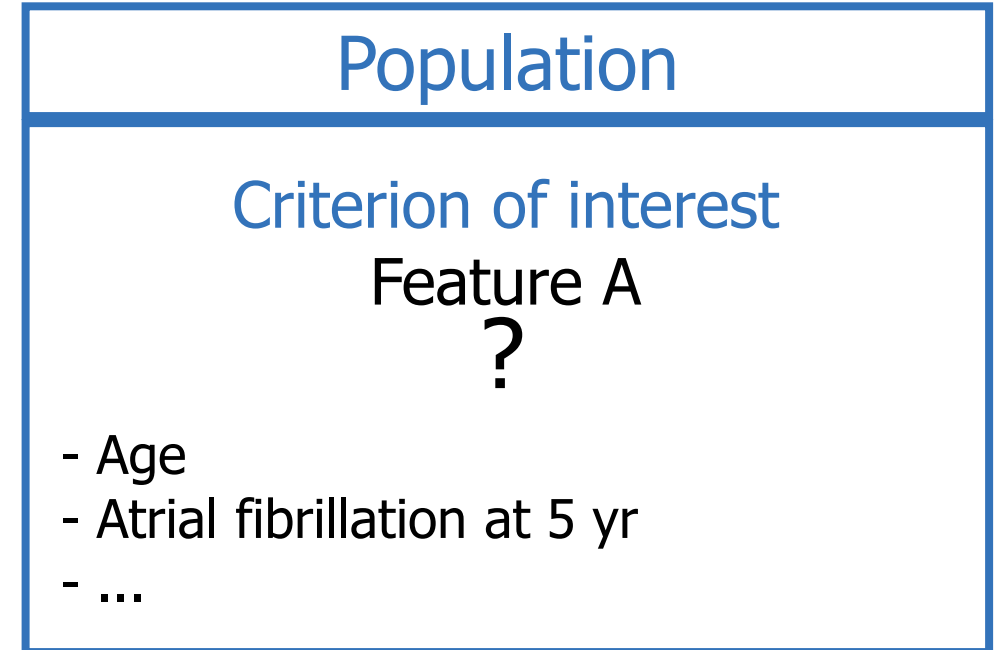
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Representative sample

Population and Sample



Inference

Creating the Sample-s

- A sample provides information on the population
- A good ("unbiased") sample should be **representative** of the population from which it is drawn
- Need to precisely define the population
- **Random sampling** (pick at random) is the best way to do this
- The choice of the process may depend on the **objective of the study**, and therefore on the **design of the study**
 - Selection of case / of control in a case-control study
 - Selection of individuals in a retrospective cross sectional study
 - Selection, creation of patient groups in a prospective randomised controlled trial
 - Selection, creation of the exp. / non-exposed groups in a prospective cohort study

Sample and Representativeness

- Selection method defined *a priori*
- Description of the study subjects
- Selection criteria
 - Inclusion, non-inclusion criteria
- Deviations from the protocol

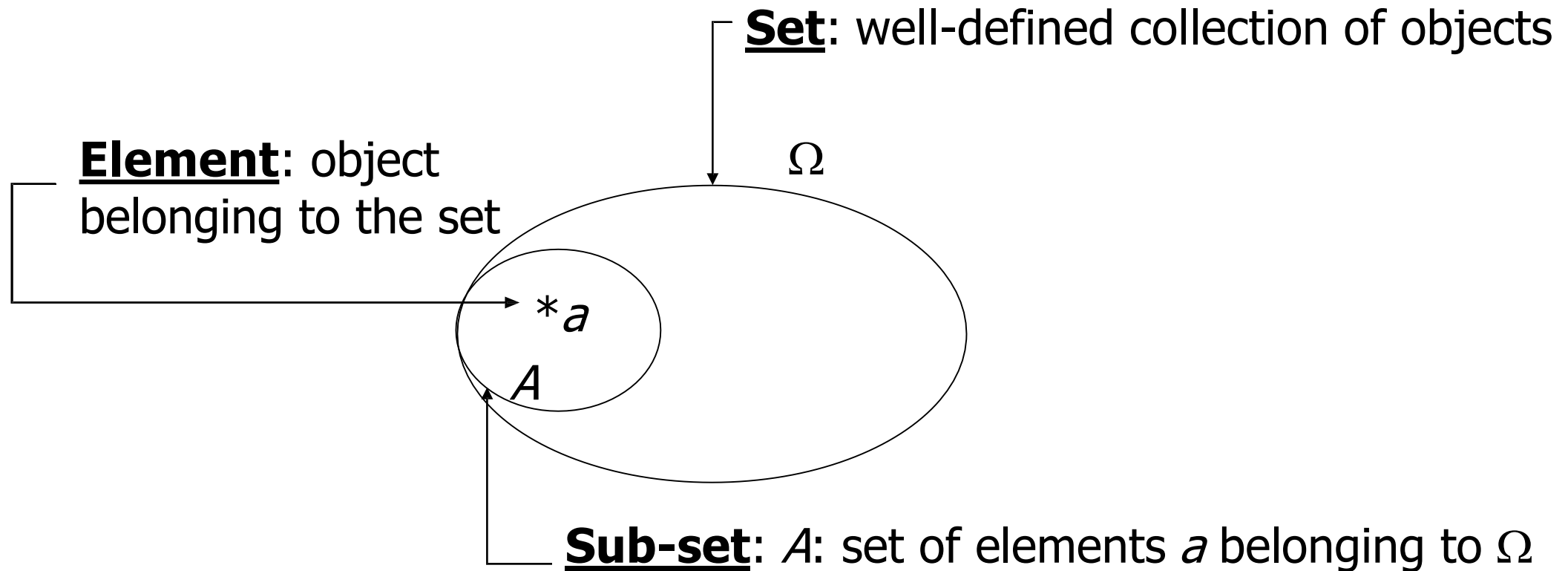
Random Sampling

- Each individual in the population has an equal chance of being in the sample (**equiprobability**)
- Sampling
 - Simple
 - Stratified (ex.: centre, sex,...)

Probabilities

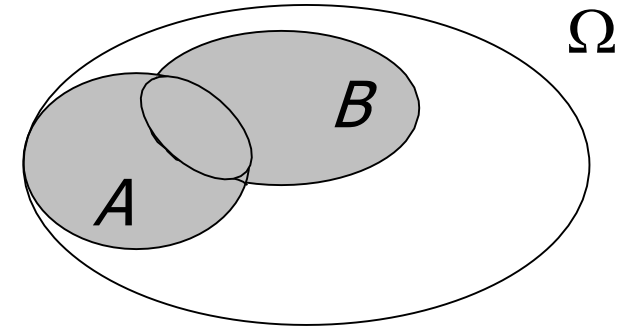
- Probability: models **random** phenomena whose outcomes are known but whose value cannot be predicted because their **realisation** is **uncertain**
- Observation of the outcomes of a random phenomenon on sufficiently large series allows to determine their **frequencies** and subsequently the **distribution** that governs it

Reminders about Sets

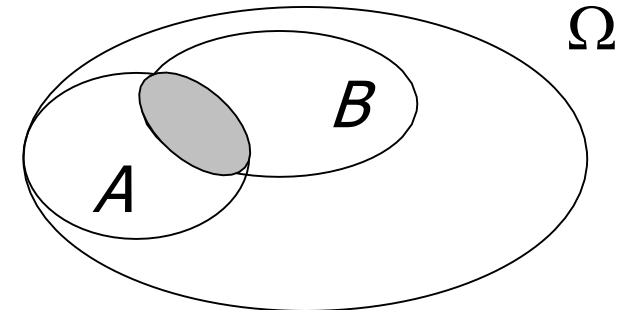


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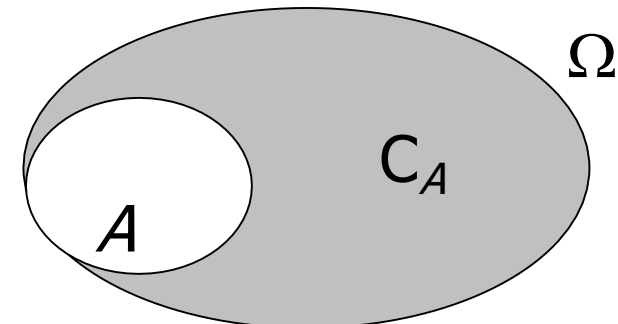
Union: $A \cup B \Leftrightarrow A \text{ or } B$



Intersection: $A \cap B \Leftrightarrow A \text{ and } B$
if $A \cap B = \emptyset$ then A and B are disjoint



Complementarity: C_A



Notion of Probability

- **Probability**: modelling of random phenomena
- **Universal set**, Ω : set of possible outcomes (all objects) for a given experiment (certain event)
- **Event**: subset A of Ω , that is a collection of outcomes (objects). An **elementary event** is a

Example

Rolling a 6-sided faire dice

Universal set, $\Omega = \{f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4, f_5, f_6\}$

Event A : faces of number $\leq 2 = f_1 \cup f_2$

Event B : faces of number $\geq 5 = f_5 \cup f_6$

Event C : faces of even number $\{2, 4, 6\} = f_2 \cup f_4 \cup f_6$

$$A \cup B = f_1 \cup f_2 \cup f_5 \cup f_6, A \cap B = \emptyset$$

$$A \cup C = f_1 \cup f_2 \cup f_4 \cup f_6, A \cap C \neq \emptyset$$

Notion of Probability

Experiment repeated n times



	f1	f2	f3	f4	f5	f6	Total
Absolute Frequencies	n_1	n_2	n_3	n_4	n_5	n_6	n
Relative Frequencies (Fr.)	n_1/n	n_2/n	n_3/n	n_4/n	n_5/n	n_6/n	1

$$\text{Fr.}(A) = (n_1 + n_2)/n$$

$$\text{Fr.}(A \cup B) = (n_1 + n_2 + n_5 + n_6)/n = (n_1 + n_2)/n + (n_5 + n_6)/n = \text{Fr.}(A) + \text{Fr.}(B)$$

$$\text{Fr.}(A \cup C) = (n_1 + n_2 + n_4 + n_6)/n \neq \text{Fr.}(A) + \text{Fr.}(C)$$

When $n \rightarrow \infty$ the **relative frequency** of an event tends towards the **probability** of that event

Probability Axioms

- Let Ω be a fundamental set, P the probability function that associates to any event A a positive or null real number. $P(A)$ is called the probability of event A if:

$$P(A) \geq 0$$

$$P(\Omega) = 1$$

$$\text{if } A \cap B = \emptyset \Rightarrow P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B)$$

$$\text{if } A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset \Rightarrow P(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots) = P(A_1) + P(A_2) + \dots$$

It can be deduced that:

$$P(\emptyset) = 0$$

$$P(A) \leq 1$$

$$P(C_A) = 1 - P(A)$$

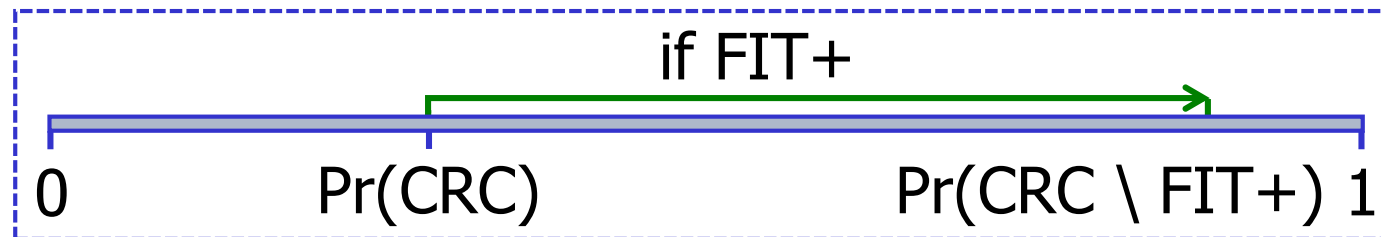
$$\text{if } A \subset B, \text{ then } P(A) \leq P(B)$$

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$$

Conditional Probability

- Example

- We are interested in the faecal immunochemical test (FIT) for colorectal cancer (CRC) screening
- The probability of having CRC knowing that the FIT is positive is a conditional probability: $P(\text{CRC} \mid \text{FIT}+)$



Conditional Probability

- The probability of A knowing B is defined by

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

hence $P(A \cap B) = P(A|B)P(B) = P(B|A)P(A)$

and

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B)}$$

Bayes' rule

Independence in Probability

- A and B are independent if and only if

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$$

- If A and B are independent and $P(A) > 0$, $P(B) > 0$, then

$$P(A \setminus B) = P(A \cap B) / P(B) = P(A)P(B) / P(B) = P(A)$$

- 2 disjoint events with non-null probabilities are never independent
 - Disjoint: $P(A \cap B) = 0$
 - Independent: $P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$

Conditional Probability

- A_1, \dots, A_n events that partition Ω
- B any event

then

$$P(B) = P(B \cap A_1) \cup P(B \cap A_2) \cup \dots \cup P(B \cap A_n)$$

and

$$P(A_i | B) = \frac{P(B | A_i)P(A_i)}{P(B | A_1)P(A_1) + \dots + P(B | A_n)P(A_n)}$$

Developed Bayes' rule

Conditional Probability: Example

- The estimated prevalence of AIDS in a population is 10%
- We know that a diagnostic test is positive in 95% of HIV+ people, and negative in 98% of HIV- people
- What is the probability of being HIV+ if the result of the test is positive?

$$P(HIV +) = 0.1$$

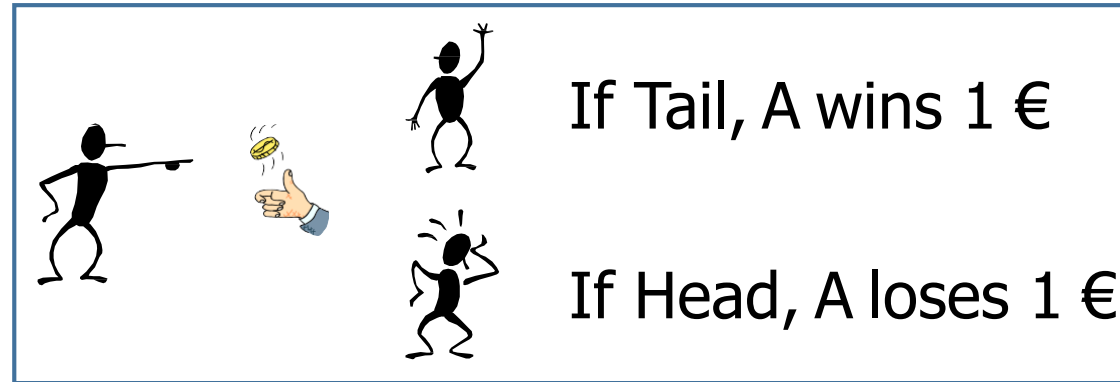
$$P(T + \setminus HIV +) = 0.95$$

$$P(T + \setminus HIV -) = 0.02$$

$$P(HIV + \setminus T +) = \frac{P(T + \setminus HIV +)P(HIV +)}{P(T + \setminus HIV +)P(HIV +) + P(T + \setminus HIV -)P(HIV -)}$$

$$P(HIV + \setminus T +) = \frac{0.95 \times 0.1}{0.95 \times 0.1 + 0.02 \times 0.9} = 0.84$$

Random Variable



- Ω : {Tail, Head}
- $P(\text{Tail})=P(\text{Head})=0.5$
- G : A's gain; $G=+1$ if Tail; $G=-1$, if Head
- $P(G=+1)=P(G=-1)=0.5$
- G 's distribution: $\{(+1; 0.5), (-1; 0.5)\}$

G is a **random variable** that follows a certain **probability distribution**

Random Variable: Definition

- Let E a set of events
- with universal finite set Ω ,
- and a an elementary event of E
 - ▶ For any event a belonging to E , a number x (random variable) corresponds according to a well-defined distribution

Random Variable: Example

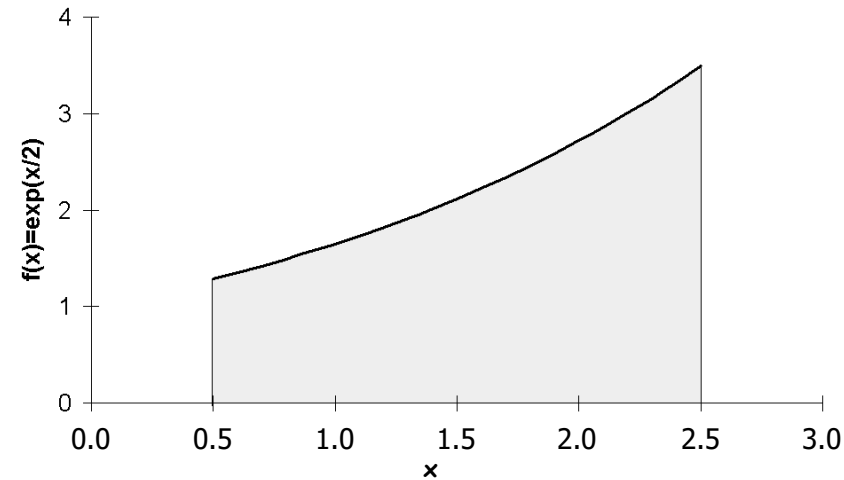
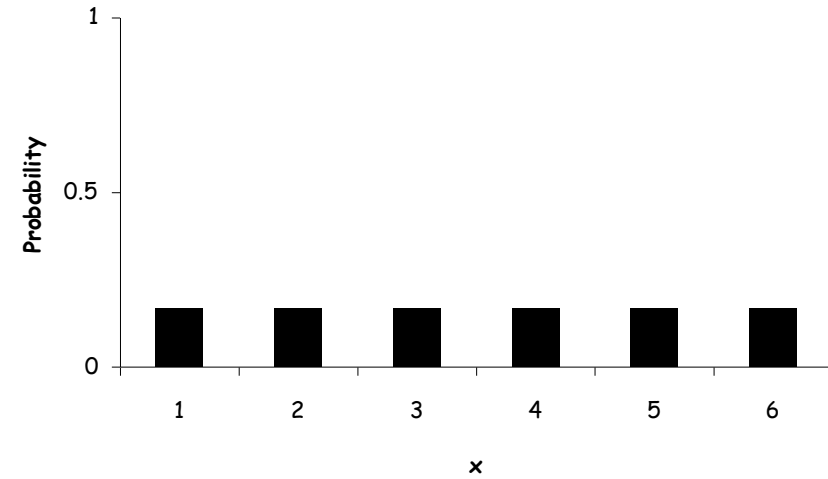
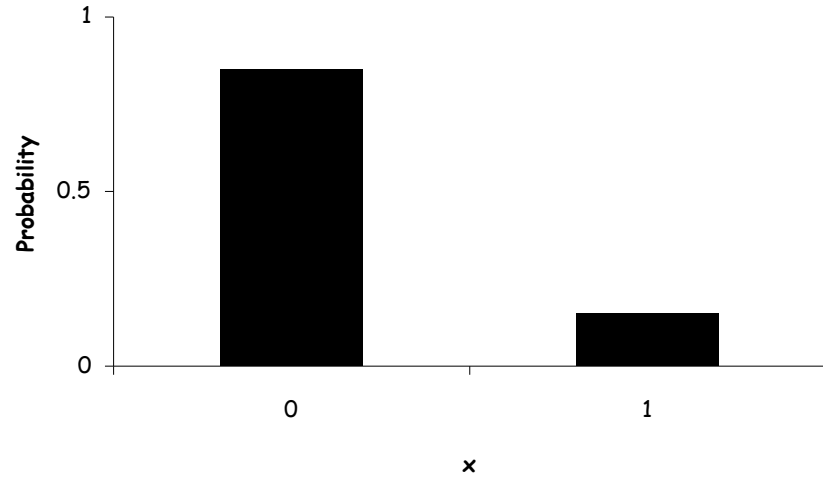
- Let disease M for which it is necessary to start treatment before the diagnosis is confirmed. However, the drug used is known to cause adverse events (AE)
- We know that: $P(M^+) = 0.05$; $P(AE^+ \setminus M^+) = 0.30$; $P(AE^- \setminus M^-) = 0.85$

	M^+	M^-
AE^+	$P(AE^+ \cap M^+) = 0.3 \times 0.05$ $= \mathbf{0.015}$ $X = 1$	$P(AE^+ \cap M^-) = (1 - 0.85) \times (1 - 0.05)$ $= \mathbf{0.143}$ $X = 1$
AE^-	$P(AE^- \cap M^+) = (1 - 0.3) \times 0.05$ $= \mathbf{0.035}$ $X = 0$	$P(AE^- \cap M^-) = 0.85 \times (1 - 0.05)$ $= \mathbf{0.808}$ $X = 0$

where, X is a random variable indicator of AE.

The distribution of X is: $\{(0; 0.84), (1; 0.16)\}$

Characteristic of a Random Variable



Characteristic of Central Tendency

Mean, Mathematical Expectation

- Discrete variable X
 - Let X be a random variable taking values x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n with the probabilities p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n and $\sum_i p_i = 1, i = 1, \dots, n$

$$\mu = E(X) = \sum_i p_i x_i$$

- Continuous variable X
 - Defined by a density function $f(x)$

$$\mu = E(X) = \int_a^b x f(x) dx$$

Characteristic of Central Tendency

Mean, Mathematical Expectation

- Example 1: $\mu = (p \times 1) + ((1 - p) \times 0) = (p \times 1) + (q \times 0) = 0.16$
- Example 2: $\mu = 1/6 + 2/6 + 3/6 + 4/6 + 5/6 + 6/6 = 3.5$
- Example 3: $\mu = E(X) = \int_{0.5}^{2.5} f(x)dx = \int_{0.5}^{2.5} \exp(x/2) dx = [\exp(x/2)]_{0.5}^{2.5} = 2.21$

Characteristic of Dispersion

Variance, Standard Deviation

- Discrete variable X

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma^2 &= \sum_i p_i [x_i - \mu]^2 \\ &= E((X - \mu)^2) = E(X^2) - (E(X))^2\end{aligned}$$

- Continuous variable X

$$\sigma^2 = \int_a^b (x - \mu)^2 f(x) dx$$

σ^2 = Variance

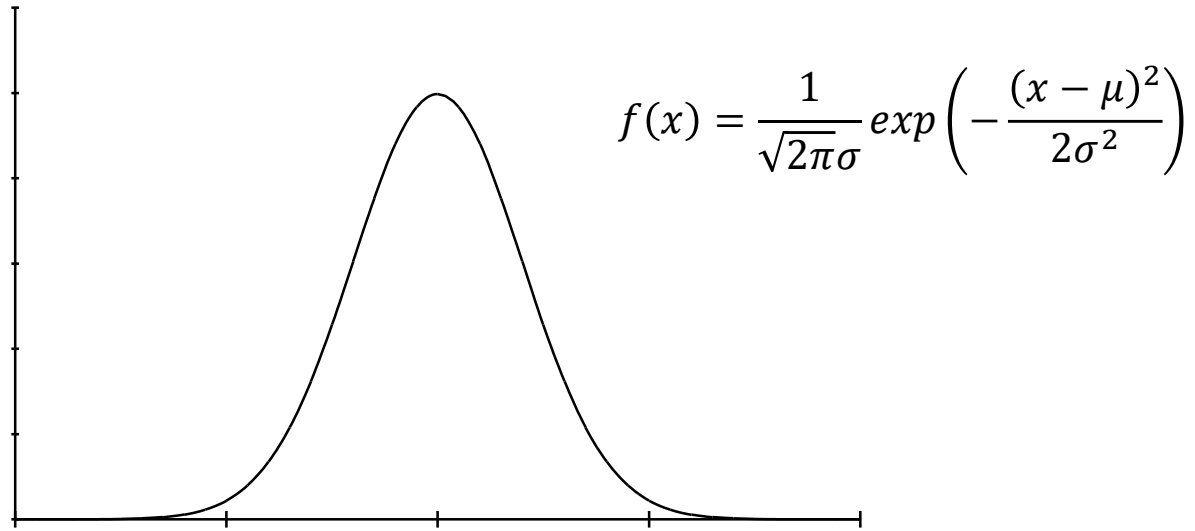
σ = Standard deviation

Characteristic of Dispersion

Variance, Standard Deviation

- Example 1: $\sigma^2 = p \times (1 - p)^2 + q \times (0 - q)^2 = pq$
- Example 2: $\sigma^2 = 1/6 [(1 - 3.5)^2 + \dots + (6 - 3.5)^2] = 2.9$
- Example 3: $\sigma^2 = \int_{0.5}^{2.5} (x - 2.21)^2 \exp(x/2) dx = \int_{0.5}^{2.5} x^2 \exp(x/2) dx - 2.21^2 = 0.68$

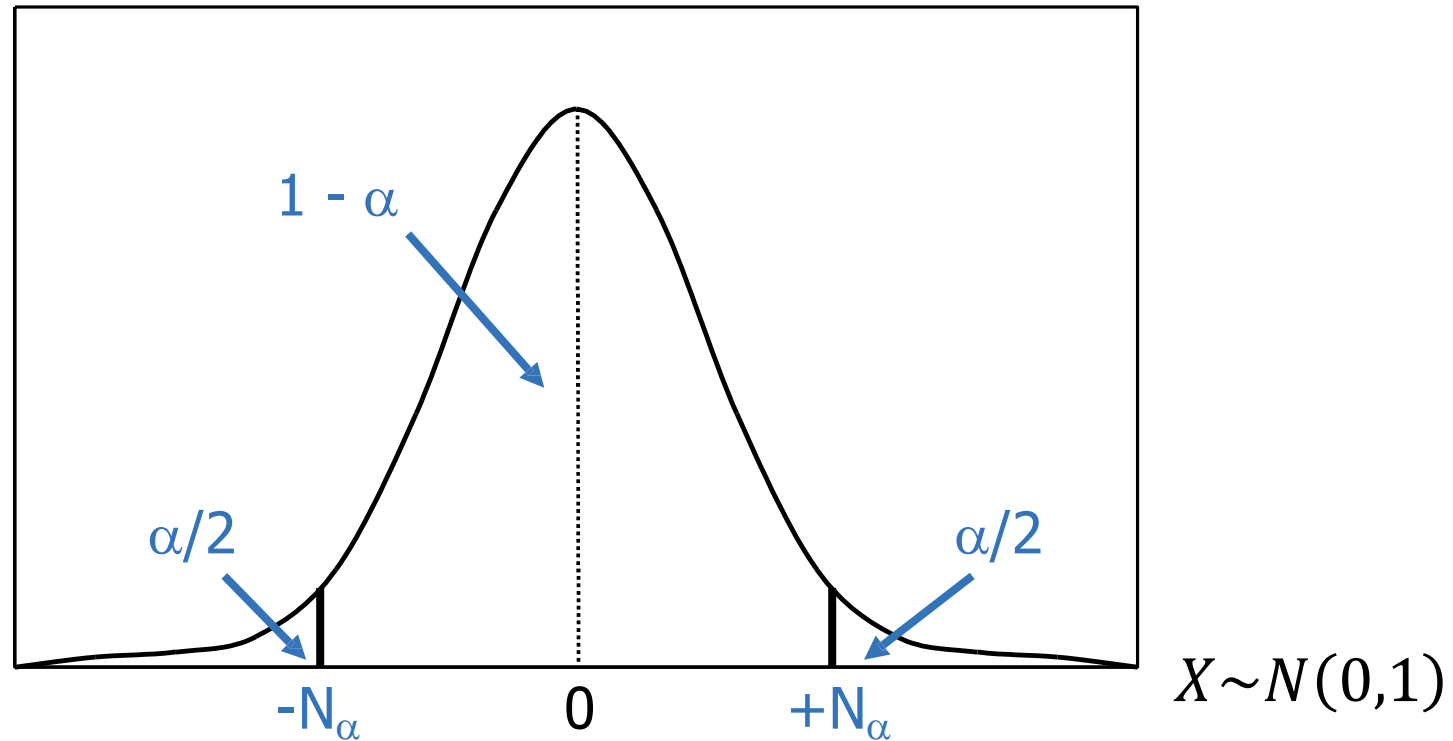
Normal Distribution (Gauss): $N(\mu, \sigma)$



- Properties

- Defined by a continuous density function, determined by μ and σ
- Density function symmetric with respect to μ
- Density function goes to a maximum for $x = \mu$ (mode = μ)
- Median = μ

Standard Normal Distribution: $N(0,1)$

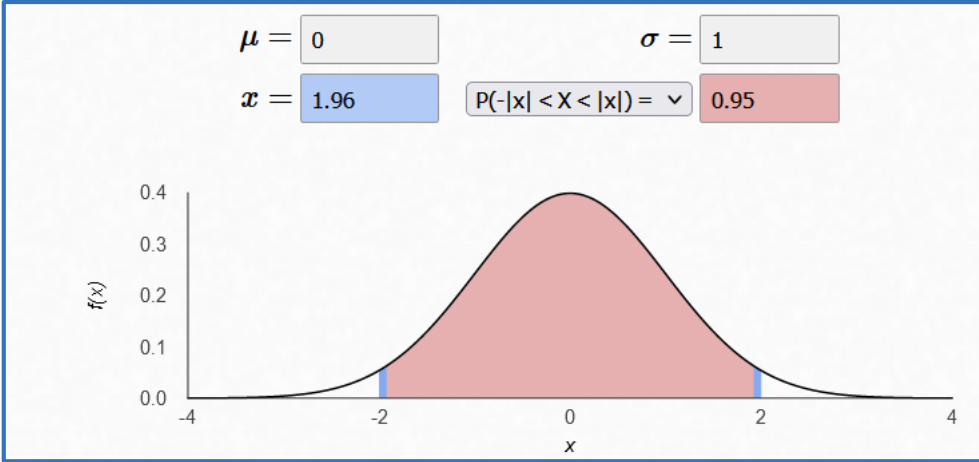
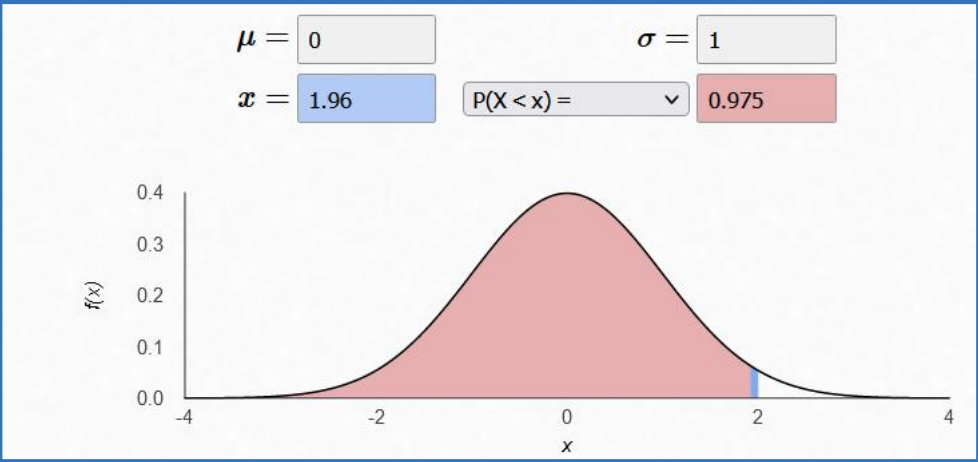
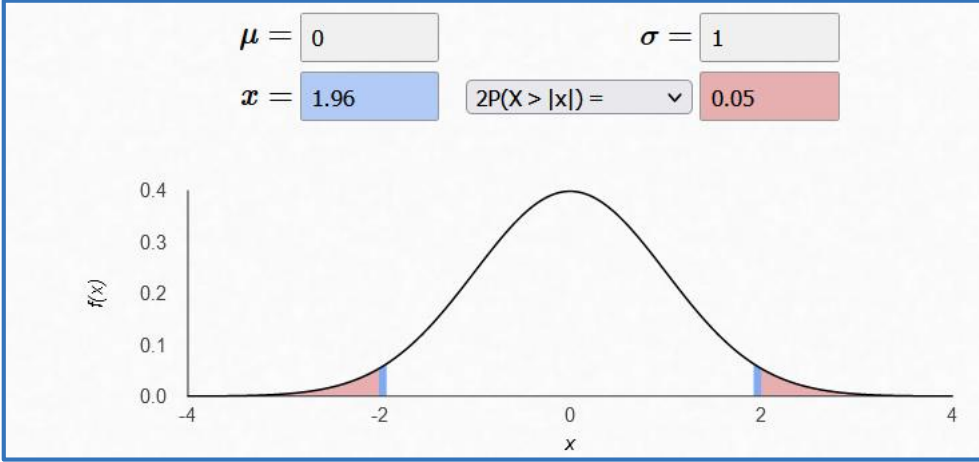
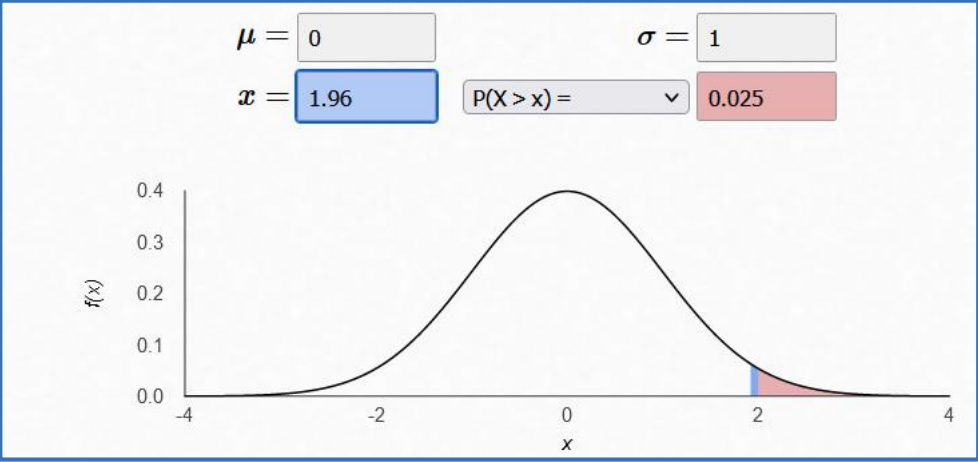


$$\alpha = P(X \leq -N_\alpha \text{ or } X \geq +N_\alpha) = P(|X| \geq +N_\alpha)$$

Standard Normal Distribution: $N(0,1)$

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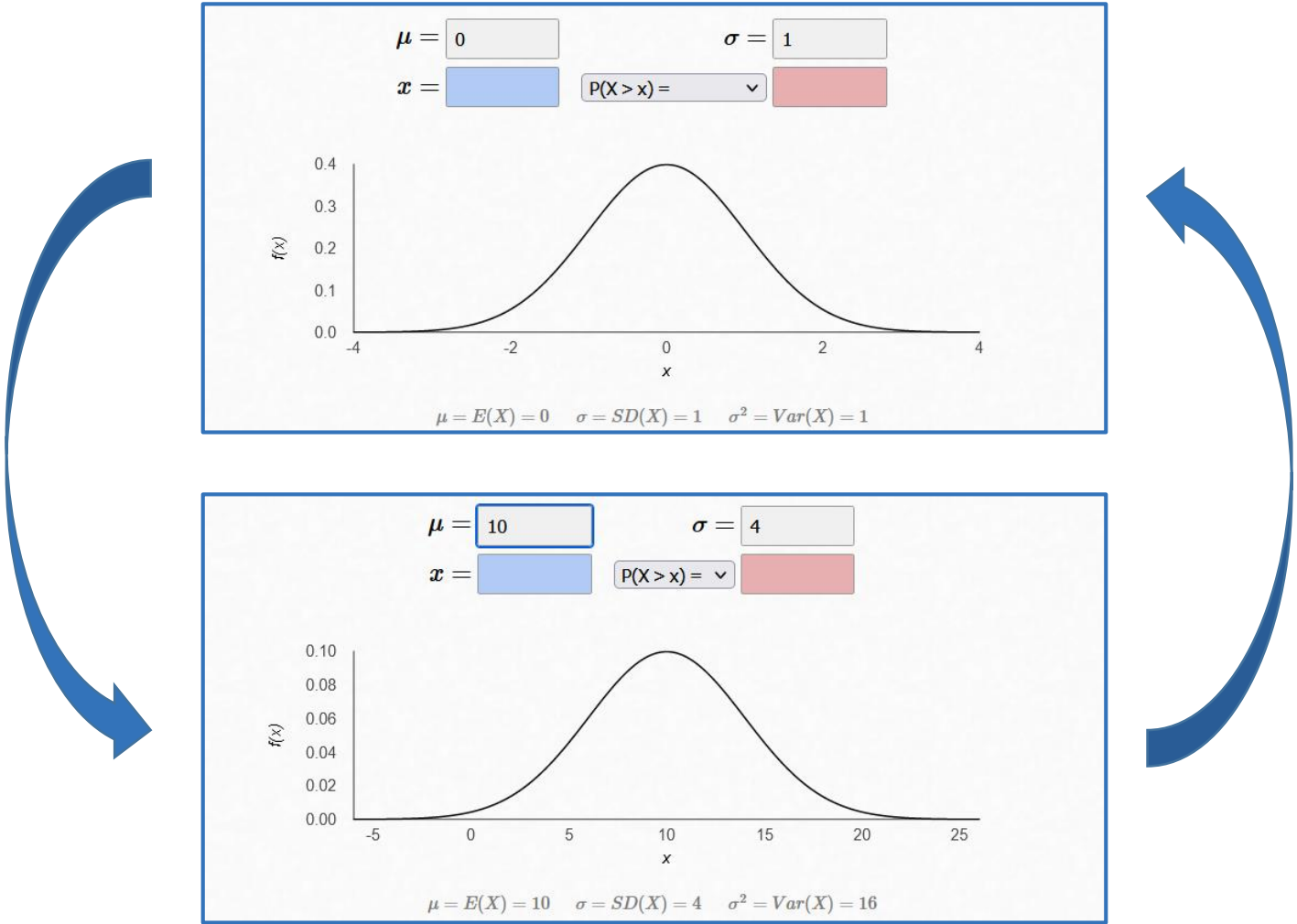
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Standard Normal Distr. $N(0,1) \leftrightarrow$ Normal Distr. $N(\mu, \sigma)$

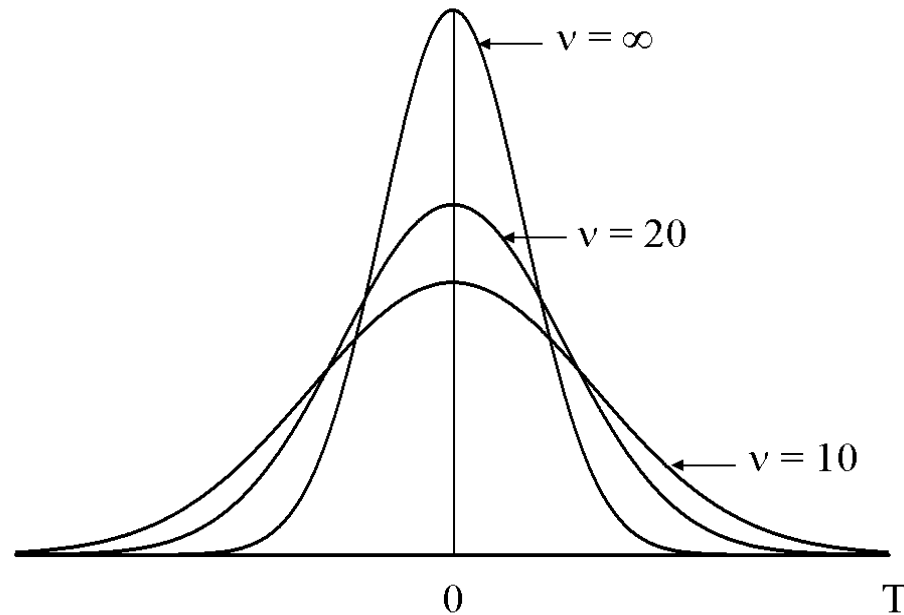
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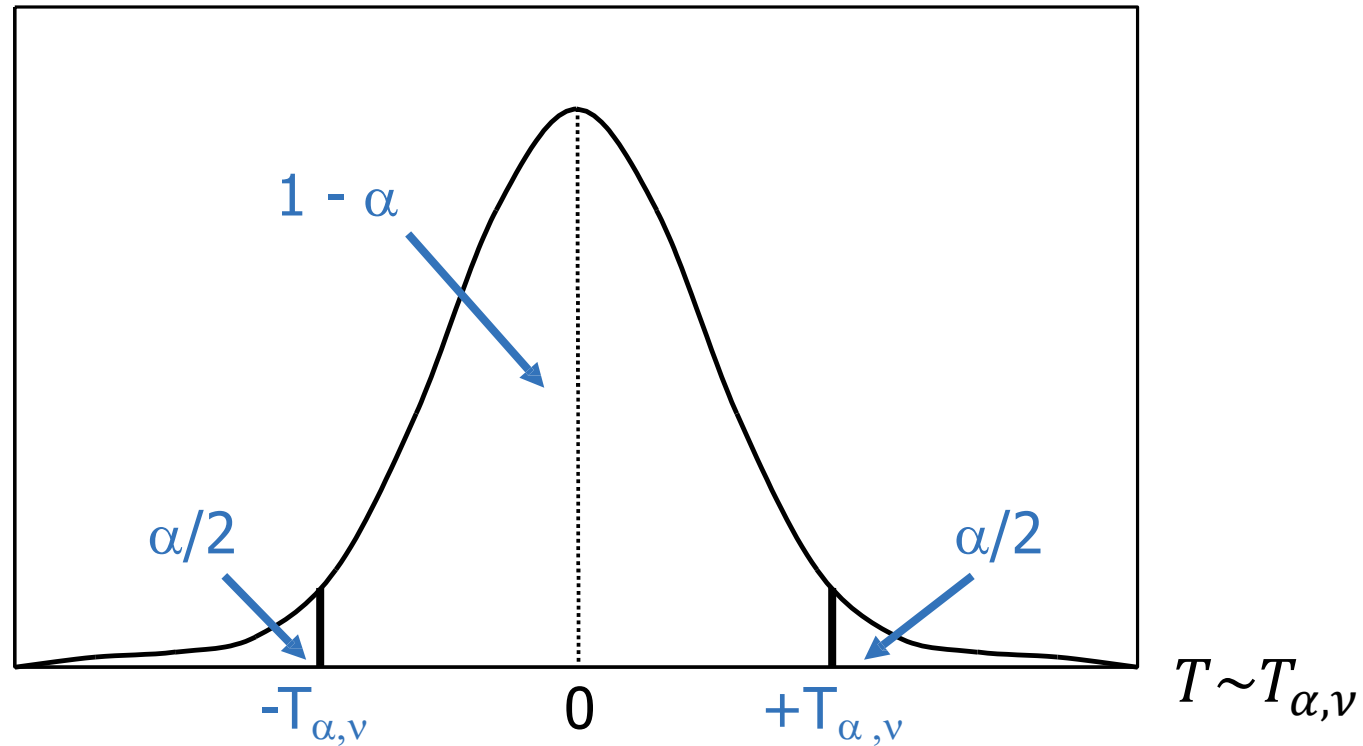


Student's t-Distribution

- ν degree of freedom (number of independent data)
- One family of Student distribution for each df
- Properties
 - Symmetric with respect to 0
 - Mode = 0
 - Flattens when ν small
 - Tends to $N(0,1)$ when $\nu \rightarrow \infty$



Student's t-Distribution

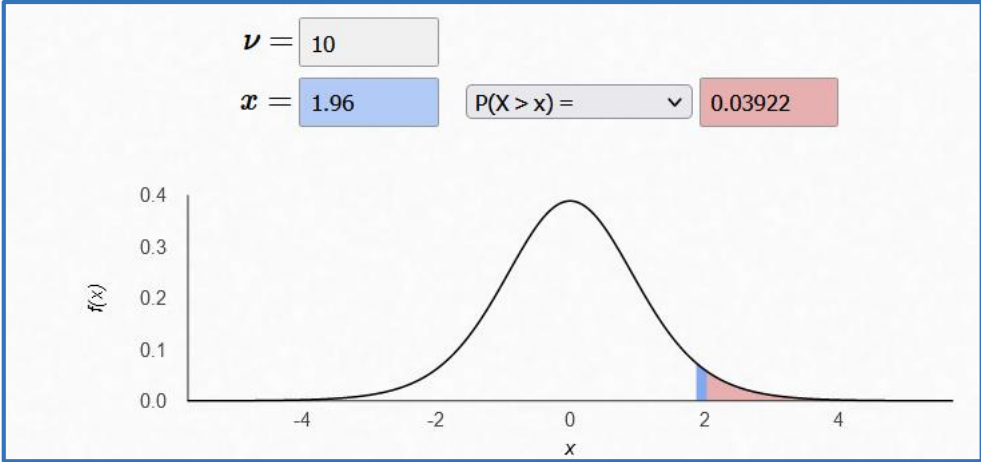
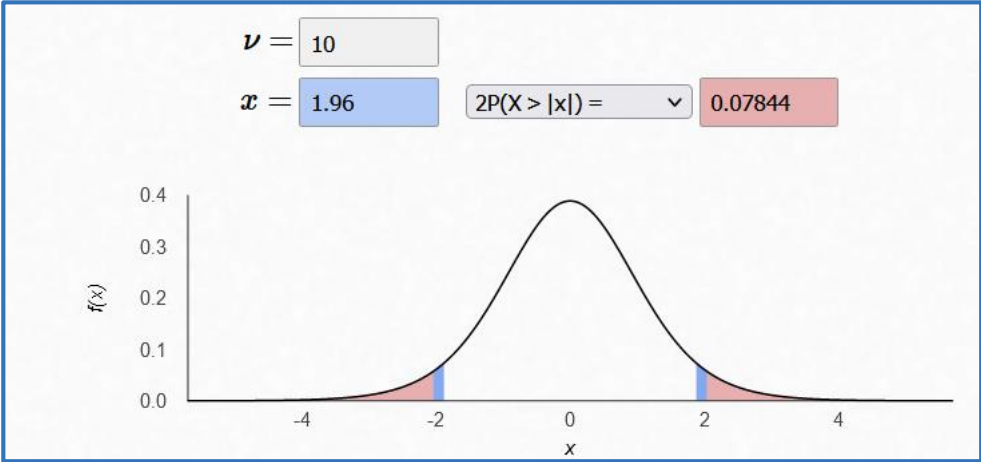
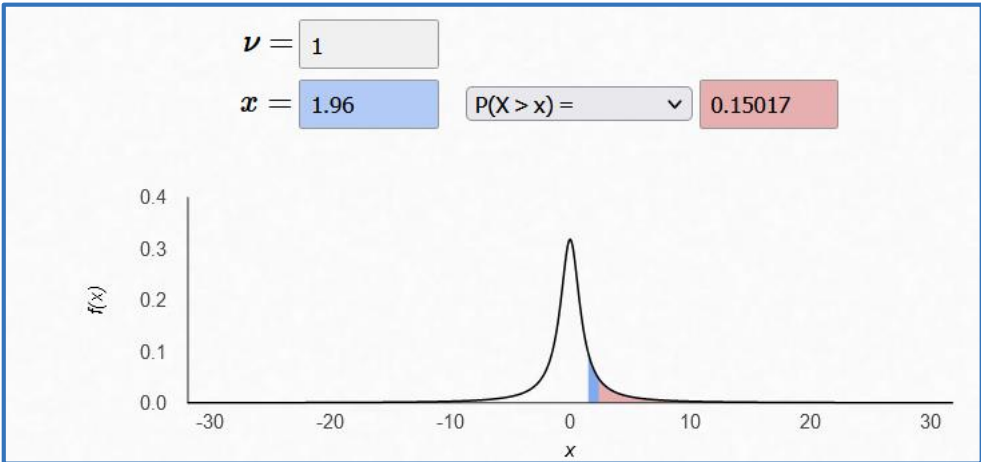
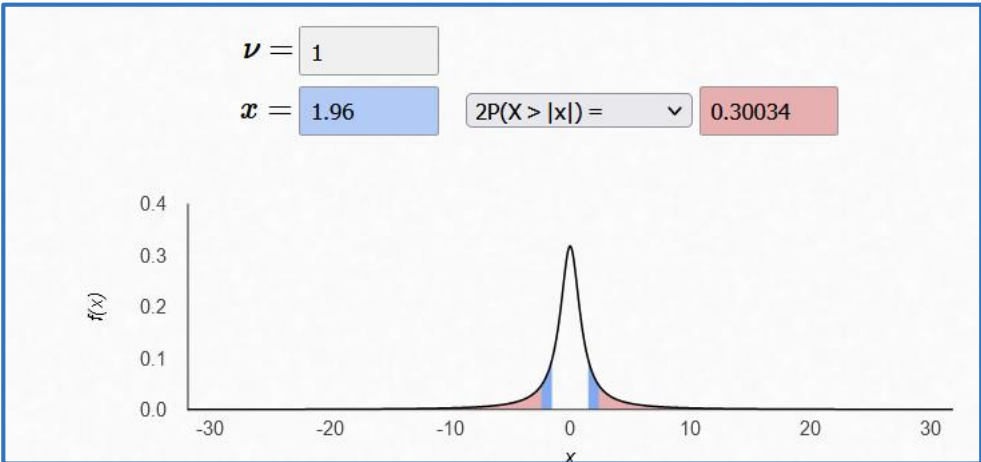


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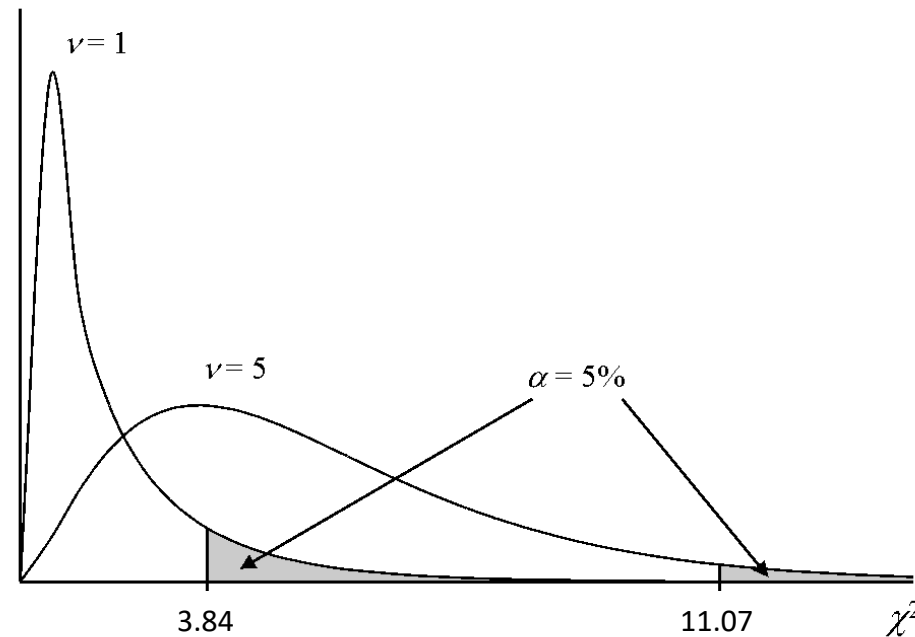
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Chi-Squared Distribution

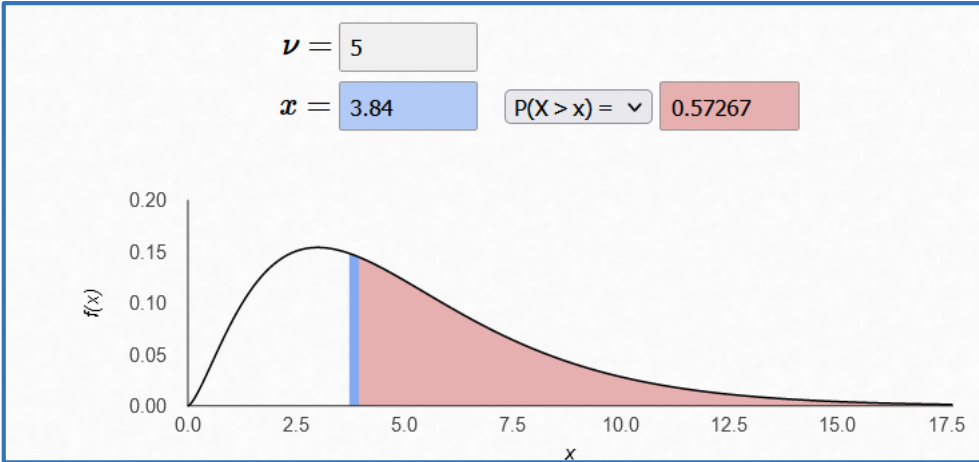
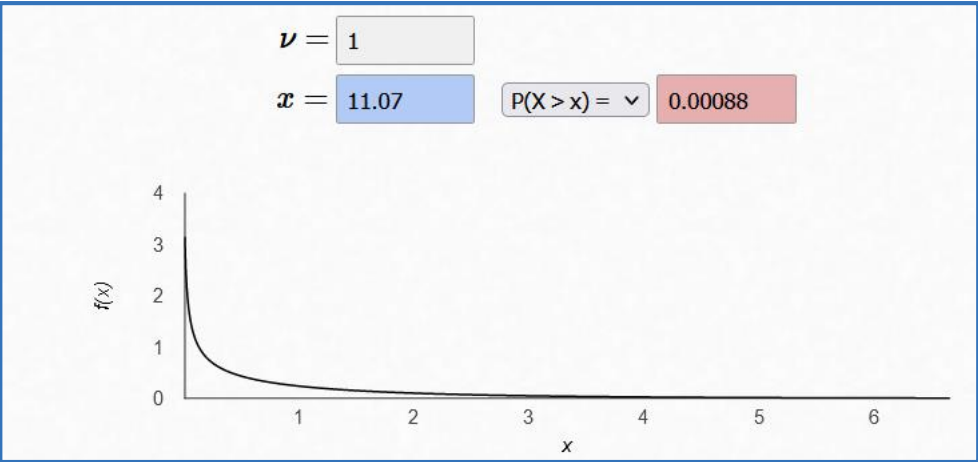
- One family of Chi-squared distribution for each df
- Properties
 - Asymmetric for ν small



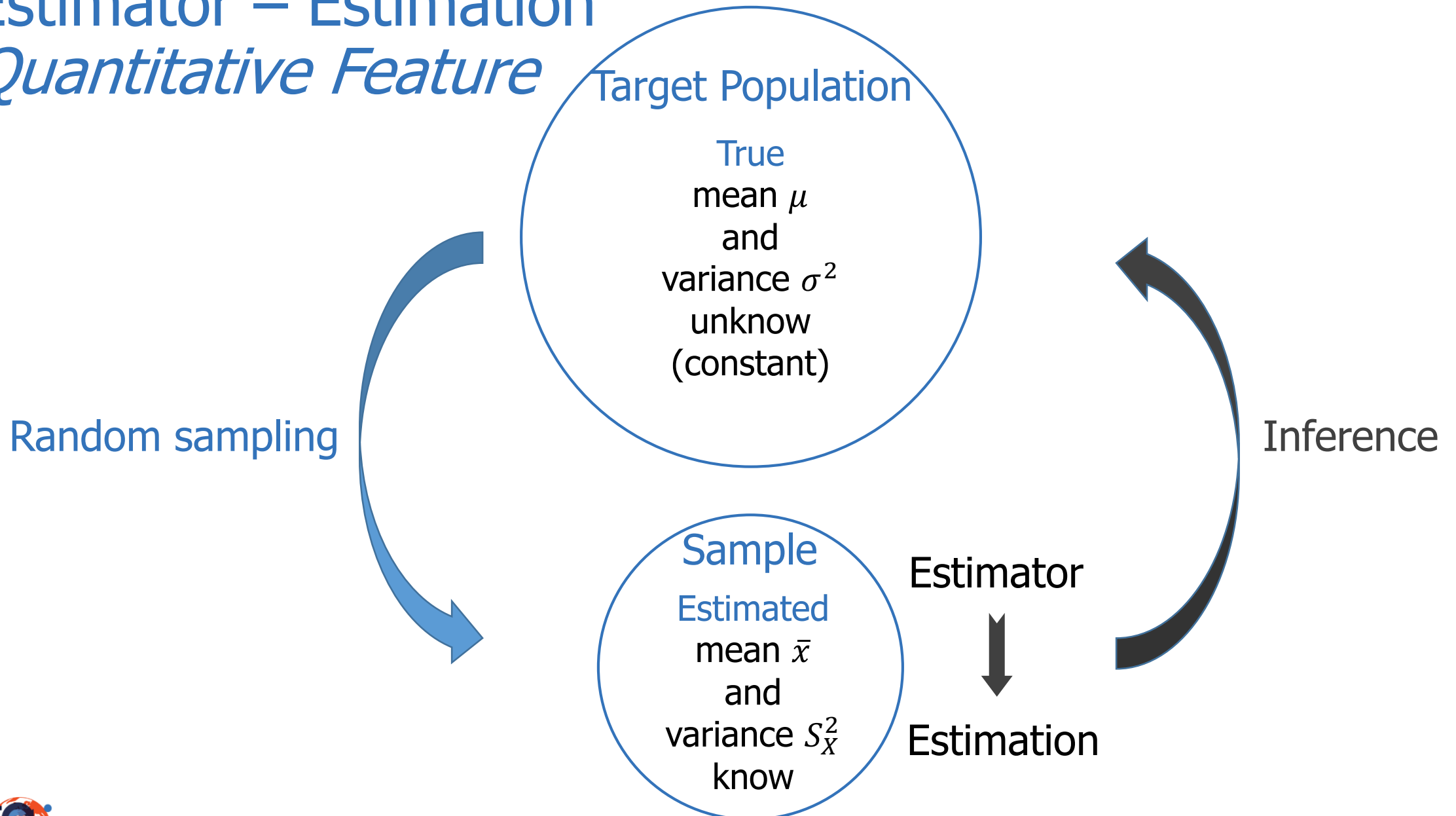
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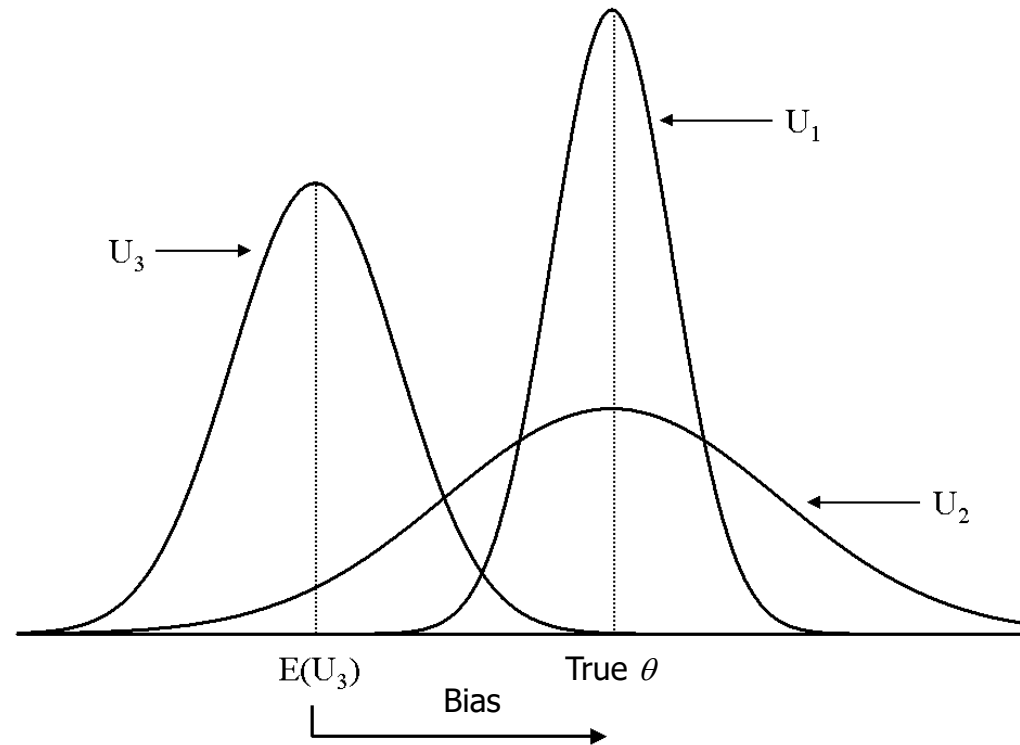


Estimator – Estimation *Quantitative Feature*



Quality of an Estimator

- U : unbiased estimator of θ if $E(U) = \theta$
- U : biased estimator of θ if $E(U) \neq \theta$, and the bias = $E(U) - \theta$



Estimation of a Population Mean and Variance

Quantitative feature X , with observations x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n randomly drawn from a sample of size n

- Estimator, unbiased, of μ

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{n}$$

- Estimator, convergent, unbiased, of σ^2

$$S_X^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n - 1}$$

- $S_X = \sqrt{S_X^2}$ estimation of the standard deviation

Estimation of a Population Proportion and Variance

Qualitative feature X , with k the number of times a given characteristic is presents in a randomly sample of size n

- Estimator, unbiased, of P

$$p = \frac{k}{n}$$

- Estimator, convergent, unbiased, of $Var(P)$

$$Var(p) = \frac{p(1-p)}{n}$$

- $\sqrt{Var(p)}$ estimation of the standard deviation

Estimation and Confidence Interval

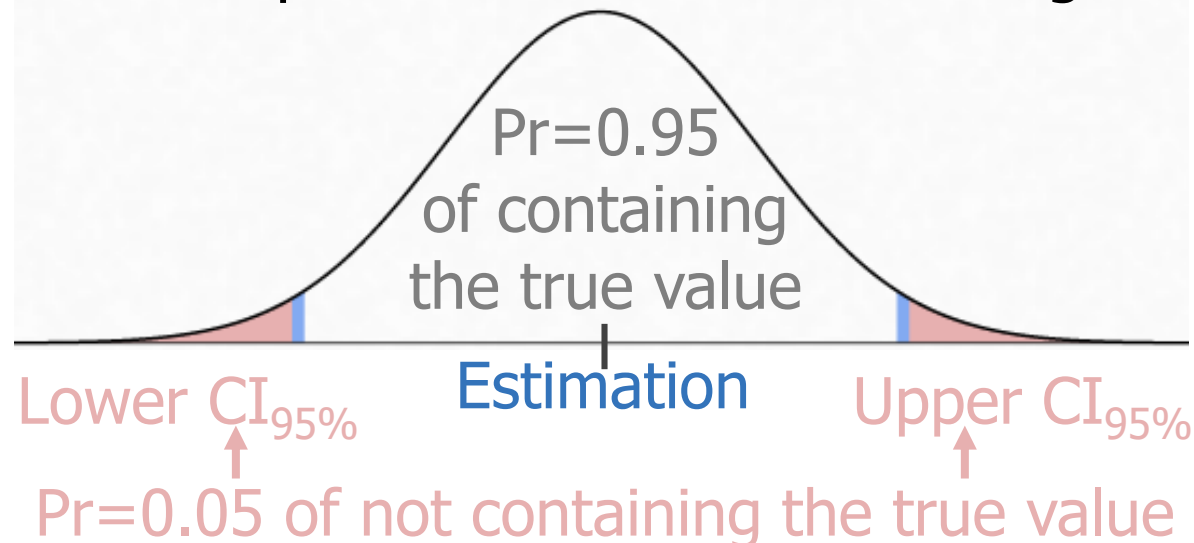
- **Estimation**: point value that is desired to be close to the true (population) value of the parameter of interest (smaller or larger due to sampling fluctuations)
- Need to provide a degree (an **interval**) of **confidence** (CI) of resulting estimate
 - Determined from the data of a sample in which one can bet, with an acceptable risk of being wrong, that the true population value is

Confidence Interval

- Risk (α) corresponding to the sampling fluctuations considered as acceptable
- Confidence interval of the estimated parameter $\hat{\theta}$ has the following form
$$\hat{\theta} - \text{sampling fluctuations ; } \hat{\theta} + \text{sampling fluctuations}$$
- Interpretation
 - We accept that there is a $\alpha.100$ chances in a hundred of being wrong by saying that the true value of the parameter of interest belongs to the interval
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Confidence Interval

- Risk α usually=0.05
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 - We accept that there is a 5 chances in a hundred of being wrong by saying that the true value of the parameter of interest belongs to the interval
 - We accept that there is a 95 chances in a hundred of not being wrong by saying that the true value of the parameter of interest belongs to the interval



Confidence Interval

- Of a mean

- If $n \geq 30$, then $L_\alpha = N_\alpha$

- If $n < 30$, and the distribution of the feature in the population is Normal, then $L_\alpha = T_{\alpha, \nu}$

$$\bar{x} - L_\alpha \cdot \frac{S_x}{\sqrt{n}} ; \bar{x} + L_\alpha \cdot \frac{S_x}{\sqrt{n}}$$

- Of a proportion

- If $p = k/n$ is not close to 1 or 0

- If $p \cdot n \geq 5$ and $(1 - p) \cdot n \geq 5$

$$p - N_\alpha \cdot \sqrt{\frac{p \cdot (1 - p)}{n}} ; p + N_\alpha \cdot \sqrt{\frac{p \cdot (1 - p)}{n}}$$

Statistical Tests: Example 1

- In a comprehensive cancer registry, cancer mortality in 2010 was as follows:

Lung	Colorectal	Breast	Others
<i>24%</i>	<i>14%</i>	<i>19%</i>	<i>43%</i>

- Has this repartition changed (effect of treatments, preventive measures,...)?
 - ▶ Unbiased survey of 1000 cancer deaths in 2020
 - ▶ Comparison of an observed distribution to a theoretical distribution

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- ▶ Distribution with a variability

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YES

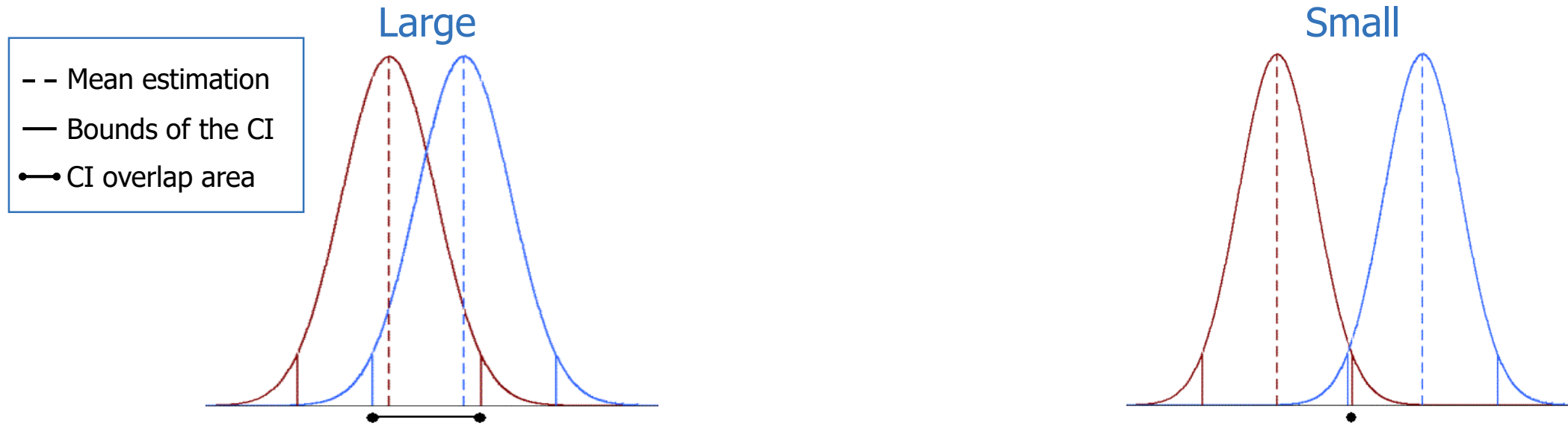
- ▶ No change is not impossible
- ▶ More likely to change

Statistical Tests: Example 2

- Patients with atrial fibrillation (AF) treated by treatment A and patients with AF treated by treatment B
- Does the average number of AF recurrences differ according to the treatment of the first AF event?
 - ▶ Comparison of 2 independent random samples
 - ▶ Outcome: mean number of recurrences and confidence intervals from an unbiased sample of patients

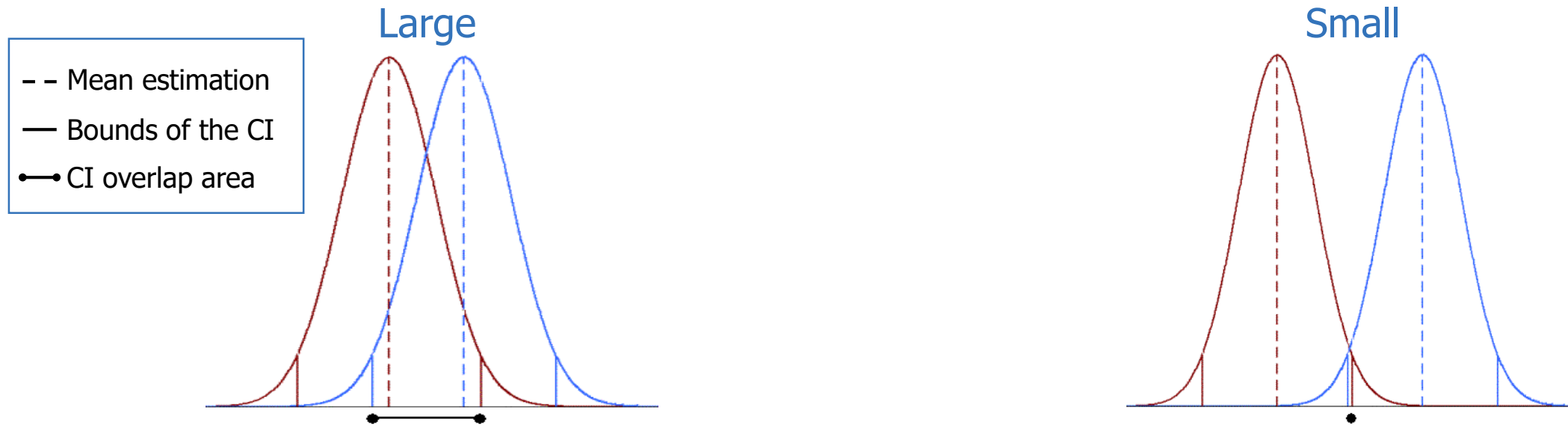
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- ▶ The observed difference between the estimated means is due to sampling fluctuations
- ▶ The 2 samples come from the same population
- ▶ It is “unlikely” that the observed difference between the estimated means is due to chance
- ▶ The probability that the 2 samples come from the same population is “low”

Statistical Tests: Principles

- How to define a threshold between a “large” and “small” coverage area?
 - Value that satisfied the hypothesis that the estimated difference between the means is due to sampling fluctuations: null hypothesis (H_0)
 - This hypothesis will be rejected if the difference between the estimated distribution and the theoretical distribution is too “large”, i.e. H_0 is too implausible

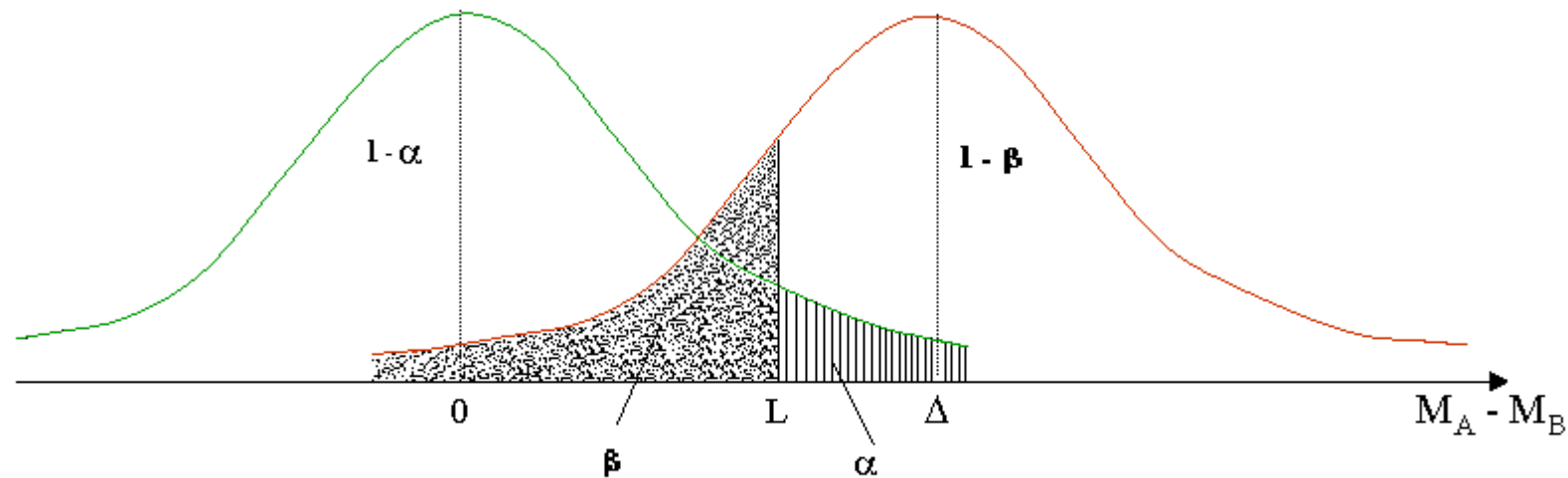
Statistical Tests: Example 2

- Estimated mean number of recurrences
 - \bar{x}_A in Group A
 - \bar{x}_B in Group B
- Hypothesis
 - Null $H_0: \mu_A = \mu_B$, there is no treatment difference
 - Alternative (two-sided) $H_1: \mu_A \neq \mu_B$, there is a treatment effect
- Statistic of the appropriate test, $d = M_A - M_B$
- A significance level L is determined at which $|d|$ is considered to be “too large”, i.e. such that
 - $\alpha = P[|d| > L \text{ under the null}]$, usually the level of significance $\alpha = 0.05$
- Statistical test of difference between two population means
 - If the obtained p-value is less than the significant level we reject the null hypothesis, in other case we do not reject the null hypothesis

Statistical Tests: Types of Errors

Distribution of $M_A - M_B$ under H_0

Distribution of $M_A - M_B$ under $H_1: \mu_A - \mu_B = \Delta$



$$\beta = P[|M_A - M_B| < L \text{ under } H_1: \mu_A - \mu_B = \Delta]$$

$$\alpha = P[|M_A - M_B| > L \text{ under } H_0]$$

- Notations

- $M_A - M_B$: random variables
- $\mu_A - \mu_B$: theoretical differences

Statistical Tests: Types of Errors

- The decision to reject or not H_0 is made under certain errors, since the true state is unknown

		Reality (unknown)	
		H_0 is true	H_1 is true
Decision from the statistical test result	Don't reject H_0	Correct inference Probability = $1 - \alpha$	Type II error Probability = β
	Reject H_0	Type I error Probability = α	Correct inference Probability = $1 - \beta$ Statistical Power

Statistical Tests: Interpretation

- P-value

- Probability of obtaining test results as least as extreme as the results actually observed, under the assumption that the null hypothesis is correct
- $p = P[|M_A - M_B| > d \text{ under } H_0]$
- Information in terms of probability of the distance between the observed value of the statistic and an expected value under H_0
- Does not measure the strength of an effect (i.e. means difference, relative risk,...)

- Interpretation of a statistical test

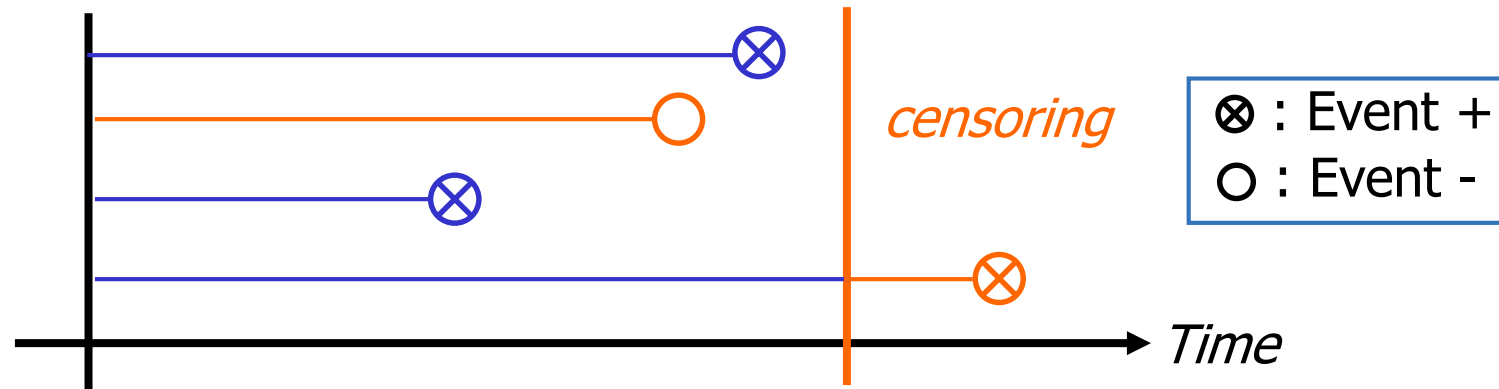
- $p > \alpha$: non rejection of H_0 (non significant result –in a statistical point of view)
- $p \leq \alpha$: rejection of H_0 , with error of type I (significant result –in a statistical point of view)

Statistical Tests: Choice

- Type of the features
 - Qualitative × Qualitative
 - Sex × Tumour stage
 - Qualitative × Quantitative
 - Sex × Tumour size (mm)
 - Quantitative × Quantitative
 - Biological marker (UI/mL) × Tumour size (mm)
- Type of samples
 - Unpaired (independent): distinct “subjects”
 - Paired (dependent): same “subjects”
- Test hypotheses and methodological hypotheses of the methods

Statistical Tests: Choice

- Censored data or not-censored data
 - Censored: patient follow-up ended before the event of interest occurred
 - Event: death, recurrence of a disease,...



Statistical Tests: Choice

- Univariate or multivariate statistical analysis
 - Univariate: the event of interest is explained only by a single feature
 - Pharyngeal cancer = $f(\text{age})$
 - Pharyngeal cancer = $f(\text{smoking})$
 - Pharyngeal cancer = $f(\text{alcohol})$
 - Multivariate: the event of interest is explained by several features taken together
 - Pharyngeal cancer = $f(\text{age, smoking, alcohol})$

Univariate Analysis – Not-Censored Data

	Qualitative	Quantitative
Qualitative	Chi-squared	Means comparison * Analysis of variance
Quantitative		Correlation coefficient + Simple linear regression

- * • “Large” samples: Student’s t-test (paired or unpaired)
- “Small” samples: nonparametric tests
 - Unpaired: Mann-Whitney U-test, Kruskal-Wallis test
 - Paired: Wilcoxon test, Friedman test
- + • “Large” samples: Pearson’s correlation
- “Small” samples: Spearman’s correlation

Univariate Analysis – Censored Data

- Survival analysis
 - Kaplan-Meier estimator
- Comparison of survival distributions
 - Log-Rank test

Multivariate Analysis – Not-Censored Data

Dependent Variable	Predictor features	Method
Qualitative	Qualitative or Quantitative	Logistic regression, multinomial regression
Quantitative	Qualitative or Quantitative	Multiple linear regression

Multivariate Analysis – Censored Data

- Survival analysis
 - Cox proportional hazards model (qualitative of quantitative features)