

# Two-Sample t-test Non-Homogenous Variances

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# Example

- Case:
  - Independent Samples: different variances
  - Sample: Compare means of two samples

Group 1	Group 2
$N = 8$	$N = 8$
Mean, $M_1 = 3$	Mean, $M_2 = 4.5$
Std Dev, $S_1 = 1.51$	Std Dev, $S_2 = 3.21$
Variance, $S_1^2 = 2.29$	Variance, $S_2^2 = 10.29$
$\sum X = 24$	$\sum X = 36$
$\sum X^2 = 88$	$\sum X^2 = 234$

# F Critical Value

- $F_{cv} = 3.79$  (F-Dist. Table,  $df_1 = 7$ ,  $df_2 = 7$ ,  $\alpha = 0.05$ )

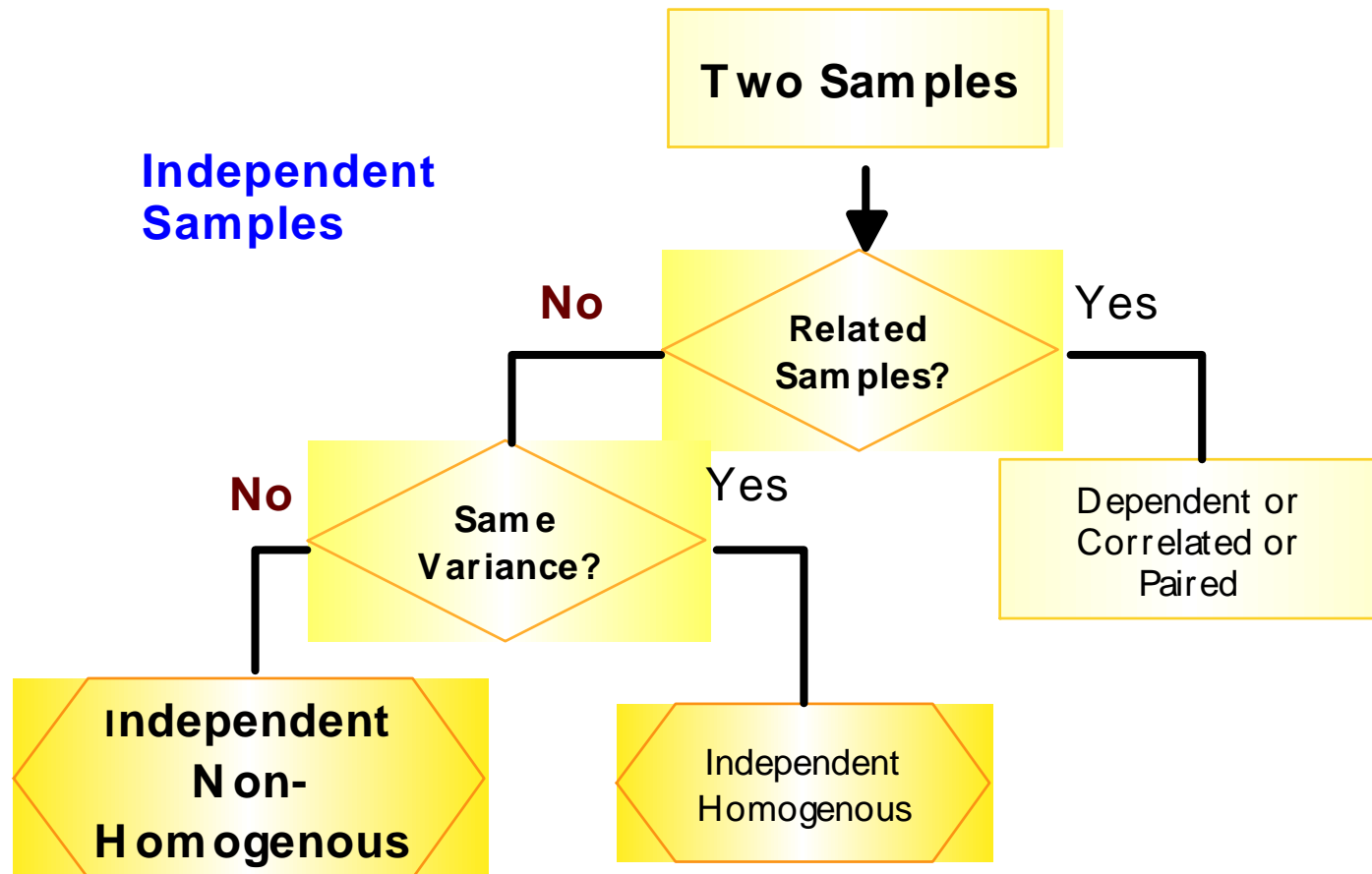
df 2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	df 2
1	161.4462	199.4995	215.7067	224.5833	230.1604	233.9875	236.7669	238.8842	240.5432	241.8819	1
2	18.51276	19.00003	19.16419	19.24673	19.29629	19.32949	19.35314	19.37087	19.38474	19.39588	2
3	10.12796	9.552082	9.276619	9.117173	9.013434	8.940674	8.88673	8.845234	8.812322	8.785491	3
4	7.70865	6.944276	6.591392	6.388234	6.256073	6.163134	6.094211	6.041034	5.9988	5.964353	4
5	6.607877	5.786148	5.409447	5.192163	5.050339	4.950294	4.875858	4.818332	4.77246	4.735057	5
6	5.987374	5.143249	4.757055	4.533689	4.387374	4.283862	4.206669	4.146813	4.099007	4.059956	6
7	5.59146	4.737416	4.34683	4.120309	3.971522	3.865978	<b>3.79</b>	3.725717	3.676675	3.636529	7
8	5.317645	4.458968	4.06618	3.837854	3.687504	3.580581	3.50046	3.438103	3.388124	3.347168	8
9	5.117357	4.256492	3.862539	3.63309	3.481659	3.373756	3.29274	3.229587	3.18	3.137274	9

# Test for Homogeneity of Variance

- $H_0: s_1^2 = s_2^2$       So,  $H_a: s_1^2 \neq s_2^2$
- $F_{cv} = 3.79$  ( $df_1 = 7$ ,  $df_2 = 7$  and  $\alpha = 0.05$ )
- $F_{stat} = 4.5$  ( $10.29/2.29 = 4.5$ )
- Decision: **Reject**  $H_0$  that variances are same
  - Since  $F_{stat} > F_{cv}$

**Conclusion:** Variances are not homogenous

# Independent Samples with Non-Homogenous Variance



# Degree of Freedom, $df$

- Underlying  $t$ -distribution
- Degree of freedom,  $df$ , defined by formula
- $df = 10$

Given:  $n_1 = 8, s_1^2 = 2.29$

Given:  $n_2 = 8, s_2^2 = 10.29$

$$df = \frac{\left(\frac{s_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{s_2^2}{n_2}\right)^2}{\frac{\left(\frac{s_1^2}{n_1}\right)^2}{n_1 - 1} + \frac{\left(\frac{s_2^2}{n_2}\right)^2}{n_2 - 1}} = \frac{\left(\frac{2.29}{8} + \frac{10.29}{8}\right)^2}{\frac{\left(\frac{2.29}{8}\right)^2}{7} + \frac{\left(\frac{10.29}{8}\right)^2}{7}} = 9.96 \approx 10$$

# Step 1: Hypotheses

- Null,  $H_0$  (*no difference in means*)

$$\mu_1 - \mu_2 = 0$$

- Alternative,  $H_a$  (Non-Directional)

$$\mu_1 - \mu_2 \neq 0$$

## Step 2: Set Rejection Criterion

- Significance Level:  $\alpha = 0.05$
- Critical value:  $t$ -distribution,  $df = 10$   
(from Formula)
  - Two-tailed (non-directional)
  - $t_{cv} = 2.228$
  - Reject  $H_0$  if  $t_{stat} \geq 2.228$



## Step 3: Compute Test Statistics

Given:  $n_1 = 8, M_1 = 3, s_1 = 1.51, s_1^2 = 2.29, \sum X = 24, \sum X^2 = 88$

Given:  $n_2 = 8, M_2 = 4.5, s_1 = 3.21, s_1^2 = 10.29, \sum X = 36, \sum X^2 = 234$

$$\text{Std Error: } s_{(M_1-M_2)} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{s_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{s_2^2}{n_2}\right)} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{2.29}{8} + \frac{10.29}{8}\right)} = 1.25$$

Note: Standard Error Formula

$$\text{Test statistics, } t = \frac{M_1 - M_2}{s_{(M_1-M_2)}} = \frac{3 - 4.5}{1.25} = -1.2$$

Absolute value of  $t_{stat} = 1.2$

## Step 4: Confidence Interval

- CI = Statistics +/- Critical Value (Standard Error)
- Mean Difference,  $M_D = -1.5$ , Since  $3 - 4.5$
- $t_{cv} = 2.228$  (two-tailed,  $df = 10$  and  $\alpha = 0.05$ )
- $CI_{95} = -1.5 \pm 2.228(1.25) = -4.285$  to  $1.285$

## Step 5: Effect Size

- ES = Mean Difference / Standard Error =  $(M_1 - M_2)/s$
- Calculated  $s^2$  (pooled estimate) = **6.29**
- So  $s = \text{Sqrt}(20) = \mathbf{2.50}$
  
- ES =  $(3 - 4.5)/2.5 = -1.5/2.5 = -0.60$ ; **Use absolute value,  $d = 0.60$**
  
- **Conclusion:** Medium effect (about 0.6)

$$s^2 = \frac{[\sum X_1^2 - \frac{(\sum X_1)^2}{n_1}] + [\sum X_2^2 - \frac{(\sum X_2)^2}{n_2}]}{n_1 + n_2 - 2} = \frac{[88 - \frac{576}{8}] + [234 - \frac{1296}{8}]}{8 + 8 - 2} = 6.29$$

## Step 6: Decision

- Homogeneity of Variance assumption **not** met
- **Do not** Reject  $H_0$ :
  - 1.  $t_{stat} < t_{cv}$  or  $1.2 < 2.228$
  - 2. Hypothesized population difference of  $0$  is within  $CI_{95}$ 
    - $CI_{95}$ :  $-4.285$  to  $1.285$
  - 3.  $ES = 0.60 \geq 0.6$ , is Medium effect
- **Conclusion:** The group 1 mean is **not** significantly different from group 2 mean

# SPSS Outputs

## Group Statistics

	Group2	N	Mean	Std. Deviation	Std. Error Mean
Words	1.00	8	3.0000	1.51186	.53452
	2.00	8	4.5000	3.20713	1.13389

## Independent Samples Test

		Levene's Test for Equality of Variances		t-test for Equality of Means						
		F	Sig.	t	df	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Difference	Std. Error Difference	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference	
									Lower	Upper
Words	Equal variances assumed	8.400	.012	-1.197	14	.251	-1.50000	1.25357	-4.18863	1.18863
	Equal variances not assumed			-1.197	9.965	.259	-1.50000	1.25357	-4.29446	1.29446

**F-Test:** Reject null hypothesis - not same variance, since  $F_{sig} = 0.012 < 0.05$

**t-Test:** Don't reject null – means are same, since:

1.  $t_{test} = 1.197 < t_{cv} = 2.228$  (two-tailed,  $df = 10$ ,  $\alpha = 0.05$ )
2.  $p\text{-value} = 0.259 > 0.05$  and
3.  $CI_{95}$  contains 0