

Summary of Basic Statistical Tests

Type of Data	Question?	If data are...	then do
1 numerical vector	normal distribution? equal probabilities? location of mean?	counts normal non-normal	shapiro.test(), ks.test() chisq.test() t.test() wilcox.test()
2 independent vectors	same distribution? same means? same variances?	normal non-normal normal	ks.test(), w.jitter t.test() wilcox.test() var.test()
2 paired vectors	same means? functional relation? correlated?	normal non-normal normal normal input non-normal	t.test(..., paired = T) wilcox.test(..., paired = T) lm() cor.test cor.test(..., method = "spearman")
1 numerical vector, 1 factor	different group means?	normal, same variances different variances	lm(), anova(), aov() kruskal.test()
2 numerical vectors, 1 factor	different means? interactions?	normal	lm()
2 vectors of counts	different proportions?		chisq(), fisher.test()

Problems and pitfalls of linear regression: (i) outliers, (ii) nonlinear covariates

Snag of anova with factor levels > 2 : multiple comparisons inflating chances of a significant result; use Bonferroni correction or Tukey's H(onestly)S(ignificant)D(ifference)