

# Types of Statistical Inference

Single categorical variable

One-proportion z-interval and test  
(Chapters 19-21)

Single quantitative variable

One sample t-interval and test  
(Chapter 23)

Two quantitative variables

Regression inference (Chapter 27)

Two categorical variables

Two categories each:  
Two proportion z-interval and test (Chapter 22)

More than two categories each:  
Chi-square tests (Chapter 26)

One categorical, one quantitative variable

Two categories:  
2-sample t-interval and test (Chapter 24)  
Paired t-interval and test (Chapter 25)

More than two categories:  
ANOVA test (Chapter 28)

# Chi square tests

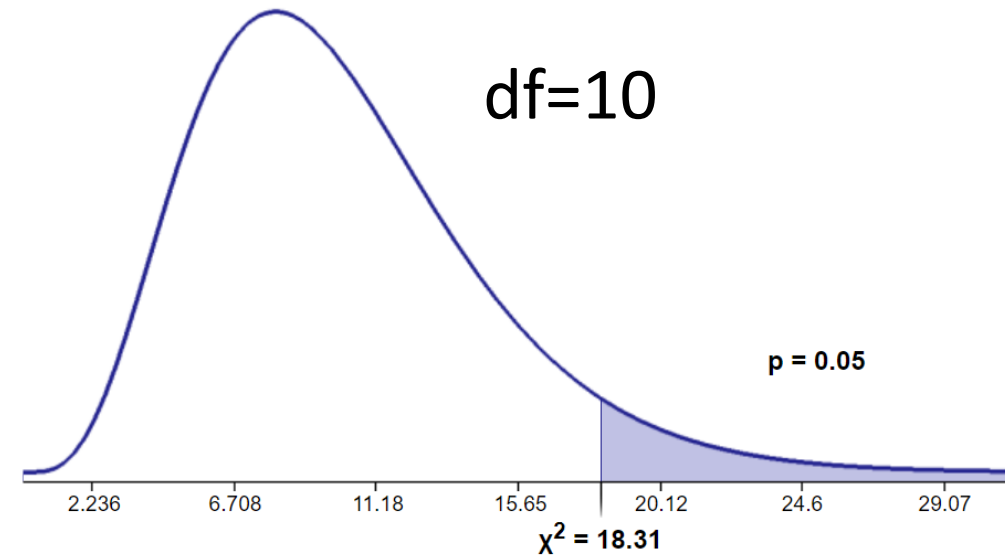
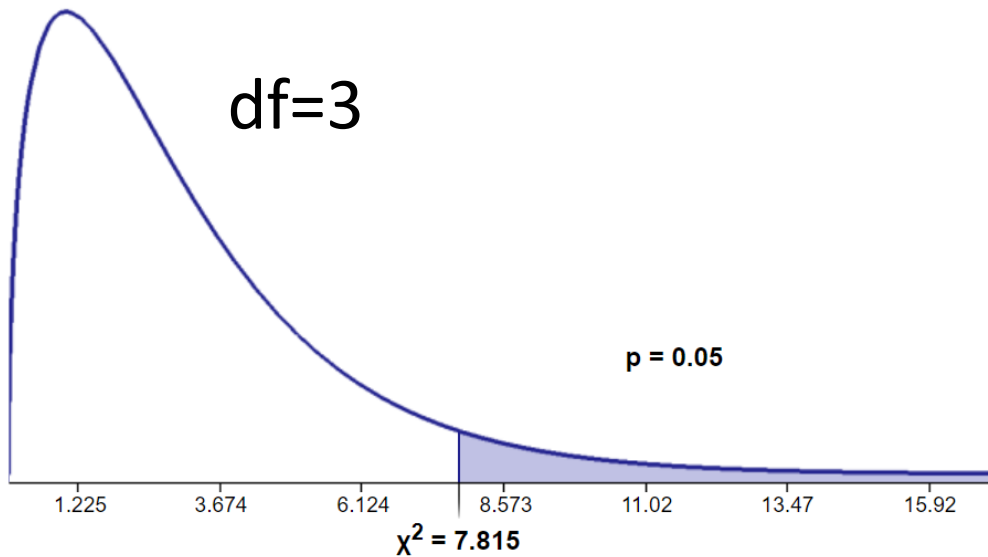
- Uses the chi-square distributions
- Since the distribution is right-skewed, there's no confidence interval, only a one-sided hypothesis test.

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# Types of chi-square tests:

- **Chi-square test for goodness-of-fit:** Compares a list of observed outcomes for a single categorical variable to the expected outcomes given by a model.  
(1 categorical variable, 1 sample)
- **Chi-square test for homogeneity:** Compares observed distributions of one categorical variable across multiple samples to test for differences among the populations.  
(1 categorical variable, multiple samples)
- **Chi-square test for independence:** Compares observed distributions of two categorical variables to test for an association between the two variables.  
(2 categorical variables, 1 sample)  
(same technique as homogeneity)

# Chi square goodness-of-fit test

1.  $H_0$ : The counts in all categories match the expected counts

$H_A$ : The count in at least one category doesn't match the expected count

2. Find the  $\chi^2$ -score of the sample.

3. Convert the  $\chi^2$ -score to a  $P$ -value.

4. Compare the  $P$ -value to  $\alpha=.05$ .

5. Retain the null if the  $P$ -value is greater than  $\alpha$ , and reject the null hypothesis if the  $P$ -value is less than  $\alpha$ . Report the  $P$ -value of the test.

$$\chi^2 = \sum \frac{(\text{observed} - \text{expected})^2}{\text{expected}}$$

summed over all categories

**Degrees of freedom**

$$df = \text{number of categories} - 1$$

# Chi square test for homogeneity or independence

1.  $H_0$ : The counts in all categories match across different samples/categories  
 $H_A$ : The count in at least one category doesn't match

2. Find the  $\chi^2$ -score of the sample.
3. Convert the  $\chi^2$ -score to a  $P$ -value.
4. Compare the  $P$ -value to  $\alpha=.05$ .
5. Retain the null if the  $P$ -value is greater than  $\alpha$ , and reject the null hypothesis if the  $P$ -value is less than  $\alpha$ . Report the  $P$ -value of the test.

$$\chi^2 = \sum \frac{(\text{observed} - \text{expected})^2}{\text{expected}}$$

summed over all categories

$$\text{expected} = \frac{(\text{row sum})(\text{column sum})}{\text{total sum}}$$

## Degrees of freedom

$$df = (\text{rows} - 1)(\text{columns} - 1)$$

# Chi square conditions

1. **Counted data.** The numbers are counts of cases, not percentages.
2. **Independence.** The cases (people) are independent of each other.
3. **Randomization.** The sample is representative.
4. **10% Condition.** The sample is less than 10% of the population.
5. **Expected cell frequency.** The expected count in each cell in the table is at least 5.