

## Parameters Studied in HS267

Unit	Parameter	Estimator	Derivation
Cohort Studies	$RR$ (relative risk)	$\hat{RR}$	ratio of two “rates”
Case-Control Studies	$OR$ (odds ratio)	$\hat{OR}$	ratio of two exposure odds
Inference on Variance	$\sigma^2$ (variance)	$s^2$	mean sum of squares
	$\sigma_1^2 / \sigma_2^2$	$s_1^2 / s_2^2$	ratio of two variances
	$\mu_1 - \mu_2$ (mean difference)	$\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2$	mean difference
ANOVA	$\sigma_B^2 / \sigma_W^2$ §	$s_B^2 / s_W^2$	ANOVA $F$ statistic
	$\mu_i - \mu_j$	$\bar{x}_i - \bar{x}_j$	Post-hoc comparisons
Correlation	$\rho$ (correlation coefficient)	$r$	Sum of cross-products
Regression	$\beta$ (slope)	$b$	Least squares line

Additional notation:

$n$  = group size

$N$  = total sample size

$\alpha$  = type I error rate

$\alpha_B$  = alpha adjusted according to Bonferroni’s method

$1 - \beta$  = probability of type II avoidance

$p$  [value] = probability of current data assuming null hypothesis were true

$p$  = population proportion (Binomial Parameter)

Graphical help:

Side-by-side boxplot - comparison of means and variances

Scatter plot - correlation and regression

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§ Used to test inequality of means in the population.