



Using R for Power Analysis
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R is a free software downloadable at <http://www.r-project.org/>

Notes:	Code and Output:
<p>1. R Console Setup: > prompts you for formula or function. The result appears on the next line(s).</p>	
<p>2. Comments begin with # Anything in the line following a # is a comment.</p>	<p>> # This is a comment!</p>
<p>3. Installing a Package</p> <p>To conduct a power or sample size analysis using R the pwr package must be installed and loaded.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Select “Install Packages” in the dropdown menu “Packages” at the top of the screen. 2) Select the country, and state that is nearest you. 3) Select the package “pwr” and press “ok”. 4) Activate the package using the library command. <p>All the following functions are also explained in this link. http://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/pwr/pwr.pdf</p>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="flex: 1;"> </div> <div style="flex: 1; padding-left: 10px;"> <p># In step 3) you can also use the command: >install.packages("pwr")</p> <p>Step 4) type in > library(pwr)</p> </div> </div>
<p>4. the conventional effect size (Cohen's Rules of Thumb)</p> <p>cohen.ES(test = c("p", "t", "r", "anova", "chisq", "f2"), size = c("small", "medium", "large"))</p> <p>Arguments: Test: Choose one statistical test of interest</p> <p>Size: Choose <u>one</u> effect size: small, medium, or large</p>	
<p>5. Determine a medium effect size for a two-samples t-test according to Cohen's Rules of Thumb</p> <p>Cohen suggests that d values of 0.2, 0.5, and 0.8 represent small, medium, and large effect sizes respectively.</p>	<p>>cohen.ES(test = c("t"), size = c("medium"))</p> <p>Conventional effect size from Cohen (1982)</p> <p>test = t size = medium effect.size = 0.5</p>
<p>6. Determine a small effect size for multiple regression</p>	<p>>cohen.ES(test = c("f2"), size = c("small"))</p> <p>Conventional effect size from Cohen (1982)</p> <p>test = f2 size = small effect.size = 0.02</p>

<p>7. power analysis function for t-tests</p> <p><code>pwr.t.test(n = , d = , sig.level = , power = , type = c("two.sample", "one.sample", "paired"), alternative = c("two.sided", "less", "greater"))</code></p> <p>Arguments:</p> <p>d: Effect size</p> <p>n: Number of observations in sample</p> <p>sig.level: Significance level (default= .05)</p> <p>power: Power of test (usually 0.8)</p> <p>type: Choose one character string (default= two-sample) specifying the type of t-test.</p> <p>alternative: choose one character string (default two.sided) specifying the alternative hypothesis.</p>	
<p>8. Find the power for an independent-samples t-test given sample size</p> <p>For an independent-sample two-sided t-test, with 30 subjects in each group, and a medium effect size. What is the power?</p>	<p>>pwr.t.test(n =30 , d = .5, sig.level =.05)</p> <p>Two-sample t test power calculation</p> <pre> n = 30 d = 0.5 sig.level = 0.05 power = 0.4778965 alternative = two.sided </pre> <p>NOTE: n is number in <i>each</i> group</p>
<p>9. Find the required sample size for an independent-samples t-test and a given power</p> <p>For an independent-sample two-sided t-test, 80% power, and a small effect size. What is the sample size?</p>	<p>>pwr.t.test(n =NULL , d = .2, sig.level =.05, power=.8)</p> <p>Two-sample t test power calculation</p> <pre> n = 393.4057 d = 0.2 sig.level = 0.05 power = 0.8 alternative = two.sided </pre> <p>NOTE: n is number in <i>each</i> group</p>
<p>10. Displaying the sample size (n) only Add "\$n" to the end of the <code>pwr.t.test</code> command.</p>	<p>pwr.t.test(n =NULL , d = .2, sig.level =.05, power=.8)\$n [1] 393.4057</p>
<p>11. t-test (two samples with unequal n) example</p> <p>Function: <code>pwr.t2n.test</code></p> <p>Example. Find the power for an independent-samples t-test at the 5% level of significance, medium effect size, with sample sizes of 20 and 80.</p>	<p>>pwr.t2n.test(n1 =20 , n2=80 , d =.5 , sig.level = 0.05, power =NULL ,alternative = c("two.sided", "less", "greater"))</p> <p>t test power calculation</p> <pre> n1 = 20 n2 = 80 d = 0.5 sig.level = 0.05 power = 0.5081857 alternative = two.sided </pre>

12. Balanced one way ANOVA

Function: `pwr.anova.test`

Arguments:

k: Number of groups

n: Number of observations per group

f: Effect size (Cohen suggests that f values of 0.1, 0.25, and 0.4 represent small, medium, and large effect sizes respectively).

sig.level: Significance level

power: Power of test

13. Balanced one way ANOVA Example

Example. Find the sample size for a one way ANOVA test, with 3 groups, a medium effect size, 80% power, and at the 5% level of significance.

So n= 53 per group (159 total)

> `pwr.anova.test(k =3 , n =NULL , f =.25, sig.level =.05 , power =.8)`

Balanced one-way analysis of variance power calculation

k = 3
n = **52.3966**
f = 0.25
sig.level = 0.05
power = 0.8

NOTE: n is number in each group

14. Chi Square

Function: `pwr.chisq.test`

Arguments:

w: Effect size

N: Total number of observations

df: Degrees of freedom.

Usually (number of rows-1)(number of columns -1)

sig.level: Significance level

power: Power of test

15. Chi Square Example

Example. Find the power for a Chi Square test for independence for two categorical variables (one with three levels and one with four levels), with 300 observation, a medium effect size, and at the 5% level of significance.

3 levels(rows)

4 levels (columns)

Education	Age			
	20-29	30-39	40-49	50 and older
G.E.D				
A.A				
B.S				

Note: $df = (\text{number of rows}-1)(\text{number of columns} -1)$
 $= (3-1) (4-1) = 2*3 = 6$

> `pwr.chisq.test(w =.3 , N =300 , df =6 , sig.level = 0.05, power =NULL)`

(Cohen suggests that w values of 0.1, 0.3, and 0.5 represent small, medium, and large effect sizes respectively).

Chi squared power calculation

w = 0.3
N = 300
df = 6
sig.level = 0.05
power = 0.9872113

NOTE: N is the number of observations

16. Multiple Regression

Function: pwr.f2.test

Arguments:

u: Numerator degrees of freedom (the number of continuous predictors plus the number of dummy variables minus one)

v: Denominator (error) degrees of freedom

f2: Effect Size

(Cohen suggests f2 values of 0.02, 0.15, and 0.35 represent small, medium, and large effect sizes).

sig.level: Significance level

power: Power of test

Notes: every categorical variable with k levels has k-1 dummy variables because one level serves as the reference category

The sample size(n) is the sum of u and v plus one.

17. Multiple Regression Example

Example

Find sample size

for multiple regression test
with two continuous predictor,

- * GRE score

- * Blood pressure,

and two categorical predictors,

- Sex (Male or Female),

- Marital Status (married, single, or other),

with a medium effect size,

80% power,

and at the 5% level of significance.

u = 4

i.e.

2 continuous variables

+ (2-1) dummy variables

+ (3-1) dummy variables

-1

4

```
>pwr.f2.test(u = 4, v = NULL, f2 = .15, sig.level = 0.05, power = 0.8)
```

Multiple regression power calculation

u = 4

v = 79.44992

f2 = 0.15

sig.level = 0.05

power = 0.8

Note: total sample size = N = 80+4+1=85

18. Example Generating a Table of sample sizes

Example:

Suppose that you are determining the required sample size for a two-sided upper-tailed independent samples t-test with 80% power.

Generate a table showing the required sample size for each of the following 8 effect sizes:

d = 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, and 0.8.

```
>seq=c(0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8)
```

```
>FindN=array(0,8)
```

```
>for (i in 1:8) FindN[i]=pwr.t.test(d=seq[i],power=.8, sig.level=.05, type="two.sample", alternative="greater")$n
```

```
>data.frame(d=seq ,N=ceiling(FindN))
```

d	N
1 0.1	1238
2 0.2	310
3 0.3	139
4 0.4	78
5 0.5	51
6 0.6	36
7 0.7	26
8 0.8	21

19. Generating Power Curve

Example:

Suppose that you are determining the required sample size for a two-sided upper-tailed independent samples t-test with 80% power.

Generate power curves showing the required sample size for each of the following 8 effect sizes:

$d = 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, \text{ and } 0.8.$

On the graph output:

x axis shows the range of effect sizes

y axis shows required samples sizes

Three power curves are generated ($p=.6, .7, \text{ or } .8$). You can find the required sample size on the y axis respective to the desired effect size and power.

```
# Plot sample size curves for detecting correlations of  
# various sizes.
```

```
library(pwr)
```

```
# range of effect sizes
```

```
d <- seq(.1,.8,.01)
```

```
nd <- length(d)
```

```
# power values
```

```
p <- seq(.6,.8,.1)
```

```
np <- length(p)
```

```
# obtain sample sizes
```

```
samsize <- array(numeric(nd*np), dim=c(nd,np))
```

```
for (i in 1:np){
```

```
  for (j in 1:nd){
```

```
    result <- pwr.t.test(n = NULL, d = d[j],
```

```
    sig.level = .05, power = p[i],
```

```
    alternative = "two.sided")
```

```
    samsize[j,i] <- ceiling(result$n)
```

```
  }
```

```
}
```

```
# set up graph
```

```
xrange <- range(d)
```

```
yrange <- round(range(samsize))
```

```
colors <- rainbow(length(p))
```

```
plot(xrange, yrange, type="n",
```

```
  xlab="Effect sizes (d)",
```

```
  ylab="Sample Size (n)", ylim=c(0,1600) )
```

```
# add power curves
```

```
for (i in 1:np){
```

```
  lines(d, samsize[,i], type="l", lwd=2, col=colors[i])
```

```
}
```

```
# add annotation (grid lines, title, legend)
```

```
abline(v=0, h=seq(0,yrange[2],50), lty=2, col="grey89")
```

```
abline(h=0, v=seq(xrange[1],xrange[2],.02), lty=2,  
  col="grey89")
```

```
title("Sample Size Estimation for t-test Studies\n  
Sig=0.05 (Two-tailed)")
```

```
legend("topright", title="Power", as.character(p),  
  fill=colors)
```

Sample Size Estimation for t-test Studies

Sig=0.05 (Two-tailed)

