# Analysis of Variance ANOVA F-Test

- Data sets are often succinctly described by giving their Mean (for a description of the center) and Standard Deviation (to describe the variation)
- Variance is the square of the Standard Deviation
- The **F-test** is used to determine if there is a Statistically Significant difference among three or more Means

 ANOVA test is used to test the difference of means among three or more independent normally distributed samples

- Example
  - There are three types of training given to our workers. Do they result in different effects on worker performance?

#### **Criteria for using the ANOVA test**

- Normally distributed quantitative samples
- The groups have assumed equal variances
- Testing the difference among three or more means



#### = F score

## **Null Hypothesis:** There is No difference among different means

**Alternative Hypothesis:** At least one mean differs from the rest of other means

#### There are 3 types of ANOVA

- 1-Way Single Factor
- 2-Way without Replication
- 2-Way with Replication

A researcher wishes to try <u>three different</u> <u>techniques</u> to lower blood pressure of individuals diagnosed with high blood pressure. The subjects are randomly assigned to three groups; the first group takes <u>medication</u>, the second group <u>exercises</u>, and the third group follows <u>a special diet</u>.

After four weeks, the reduction in each person's blood pressure is recorded.



### **Post-hoc Test**

Post hoc tests are designed for situations in which the researcher has already obtained a significant F-test with a factor that consists of three or more means and additional exploration of the differences among means is needed to provide specific information on which means are significantly different from each other **Least Square Difference (LSD)** 

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You are planning an experiment that will involve 4 equally sized groups, including 3 experimental groups and a control. Each group will contain (n) observations.

Your expectation is that each of the 3 experimental treatments will have approximately the same effect, and that this effect will be small over the control

1	Control 118	<b>Exp1</b> 107	<b>Exp2</b> 133	<b>Exp3</b> 134
2	121	165	154	176
3	97	121	91	171
4	86	126	63	159
5	118	87	62	118
6	45	135	164	125
7	119	83	96	100
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9	91	144	128	163
10	72	119	105	111