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# Statistical interpretation of data Part 2: Techniques of estimation and test relating to means and variances

Introduction This Japanese Industrial Standard has been made on the basis of ISO 2854:1976 Statistical interpretation of data — Techniques of estimation and test relating to means and variances published in 1976 as the 1st edition and ISO 2602:1980 Statistical interpretation of test results — Estimation of the mean — Confidence interval. However, the policy of ongoing work for the revision of ISO 2854 carried out by ISO/TC 69/SC 3/WG 3 decides to unify ISO 2602:1980 and ISO 3301: 1975 Statistical interpretation of data — Comparison of two means in the case of paired observations with it. This Standard, therefore, contains the technical contents of ISO 2602:1980 and ISO 3301:1975 as well.

### 1 Scope

- 1.1 This Japanese Industrial Standard specifies the methods for the statistical treatments shown below:
- a) determination of the mean (expectation) of random variables or a confidence interval for the variance:
- b) test of a hypothesis relating to the mean of random variables or the values of variance by means of sample.
- 1.2 These methods are significant only when the measured values are resulted from the observations independent from each other.

In the case of finite population, they are applicable when the data are considered to be independent. This case is materialized when the sample size is sufficiently small compared with the finite population. By a rule of thumb, it is preferable that the sample size is smaller than 1/10 of the population size.

1.3 In applying these methods, the random variables shall be assumed to be of a normal distribution. In this hypothesis is possible to be validated from the wide experiences related to the groups of the data to be tested, the random variables are considered to be of normal distribution. The method for studying the random variables to be, or not to be, of normal distribution is as specified in **JIS Z 9041-1** or **ISO 5479**:1997.

Besides, there is the case where the normality hypothesis is recognized based on the external information not based on the sample. If the normality hypothesis is rejected, this method should not be used. However, even if the normality hypothesis is not rejected, there is no guarantee that the random variables are of normal distribution. If a probability paper is used, the graphical study relating to normality is possible and, if a departure from the normal distribution becomes large, the abnormality may be clarified. The application of probability paper, which may be possible to discern the type of departure from the normal distribution, is positioned as a supplement to numerical study of normal distribution.

When the normality of random variables are doubted, the methods given in this Standard should not be used and the method not requiring normality assumption should be used.