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To conform with the International Standard, **ISO 3494:1976** has been especially employed.

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- Part 1: Statistical presentation of data
- Part 2: Techniques of estimation and test relating to means and variances
- Part 3: Tests and confidence intervals relating to proportions
- Part 4: Power of tests relating to means and variances

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Statistical interpretation of data — Part 4: Power of tests relating to means and variances

Introduction This Japanese Industrial Standard has been prepared based on ISO 3494 *Statistical interpretation of data — Power of tests relating to means and variances* issued in 1976 as the first edition without changing the technical contents.

The portion underlined with dots in this Standard is not stated in the original International Standard.

Section One: Comparison tests

General remarks

- 1) This Standard follows on from "**JIS Z 9041-2** *Statistical interpretation of data — Techniques of estimation and tests relating to means and variances*".

The conditions of application of this Standard are as stated in the "General remarks" in **JIS Z 9041-2**. It will be recalled that the tests used are valid if the distribution of the observed variable is assumed to be normal in each population (see comments on paragraph 3 of the "General remarks" in **JIS Z 9041-2**). **JIS Z 9041-2** is concerned only with the type I risk (or significance level). This International Standard puts forward notions of the type II risk and of power of the test.

- 2) **JIS Z 9041-2** will also be recalled that the type I risk is the probability of rejecting the null hypothesis (tested hypothesis) if this hypothesis is true (case of two-sided tests), or the maximum value of this probability (case of one-sided tests). The non-rejection of the null hypothesis produces, in practice, acceptance of the hypothesis, yet non-rejection does not mean that the hypothesis is true.

Accordingly, the type II risk, designated by β , is the probability of not rejecting the null hypothesis when it is false. The complement of the probability of committing the error of the second kind ($1 - \beta$) is the "power" of the test (see "Historical note" following these general remarks).

- 3) Whereas the value of the type I risk is chosen by the consumers according to the consequences that could arise from that risk (either of the values $\alpha = 0.05$ or $\alpha = 0.01$ is commonly employed), the type II risk is dependent on the true hypothesis (the null hypothesis H_0 being false) i.e. the alternative hypothesis to the null hypothesis. In the comparison of a population mean with a given value μ_0 , for example, a specific alternative corresponds to a value of the population mean of $\mu \neq \mu_0$ being a deviation $\mu - \mu_0 \neq 0$. As a general rule, in tests of comparison of means and variances, the alternatives are defined by the values that might be assumed by a parameter.
- 4) The operating characteristic curve of a test is the curve which shows the value β of the type II risk as a function of the parameter defining the alternative. β is also dependent on the value chosen for the type I risk, on size(s) of sample(s) and on the nature of the test (two-sided or one-sided). In the tests of comparison of means, β also depends on the standard deviation of the population(s). Where this is unknown, the risk β cannot be known exactly.