

* Method comparison -

→ Various approaches

① freq. plot (Histograms) of difference \bar{c}
measure of central tendency and
dispersion [Distribution of diff. \bar{c}]

② A difference (bias) plot, c shows difference
as a function of average concentration
of ~~analyte~~ measurements (Bland-Altman)

③ Regression analysis.

① Difference [Bland-Altman] plot:

Use :- for evaluating method comparison data.

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plot of difference against average of results
of methods to be compared.

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• provide info. on relation b/w dif. and
concentration → evaluate whether problem is in
certain range

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caused by non linearity of -
one of method.

• Also to observe whether dif. tends to
↑ proportionally \bar{c} ↑ in concentration or
whether independent of conc.

- This relation of dif and concentration
 useful in context of how to adjust
 irregularity → By changing method to correct
 non linearity
 ↘
 By restricting analytical
 measurement range.

example

Method comparison done for comparing
 ALT measurement by reagent of kit compared
 and inhouse to reagent.

procedure

around 150-200 samples also including QC were
 analysed with both methods

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 Data collected and exported in spreadsheet

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 Difference Average of results by both methods
 and difference b/w results by both
 methods calculated

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 graph plotted

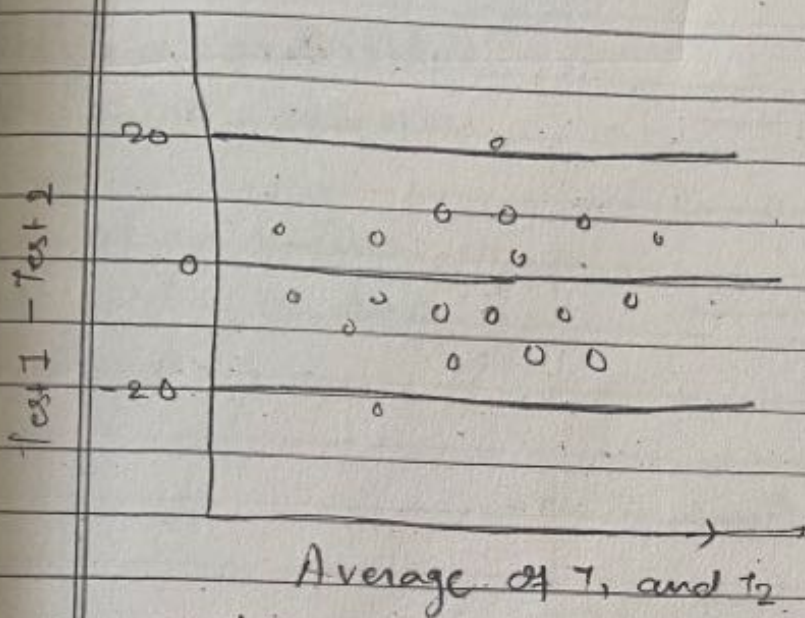
$(x_1 - x_2)$
 vs
 Average

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 Difference b/w result
 against average
 concentration

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 B.A plot for
 difference

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 Relative difference
 against average
 concent

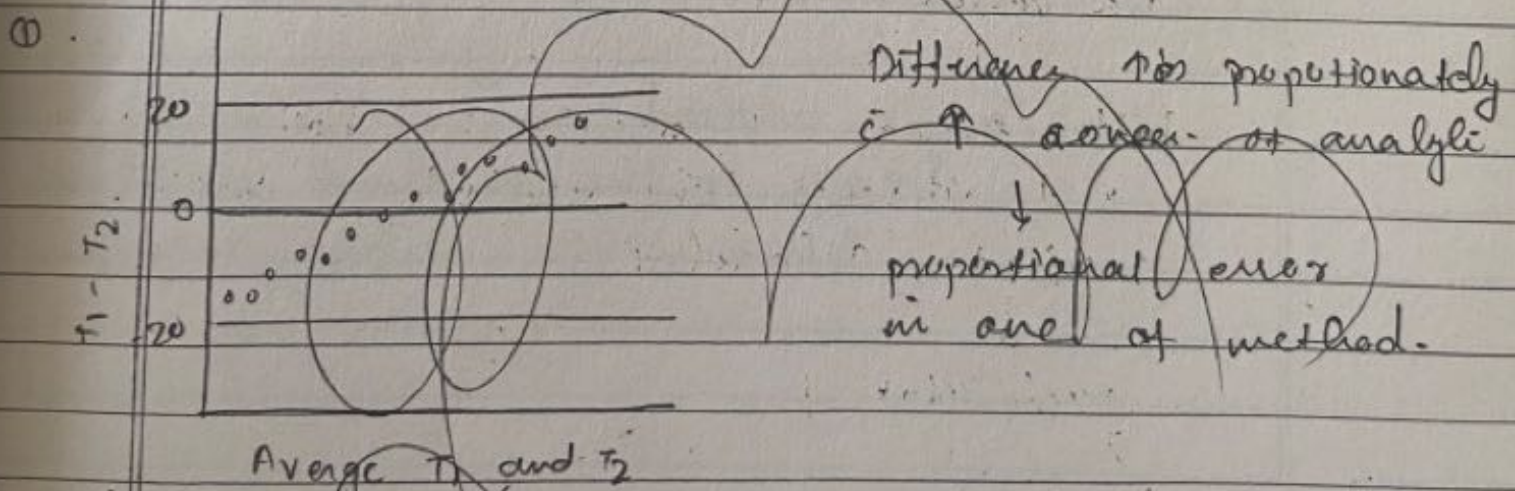
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 B.A plot for



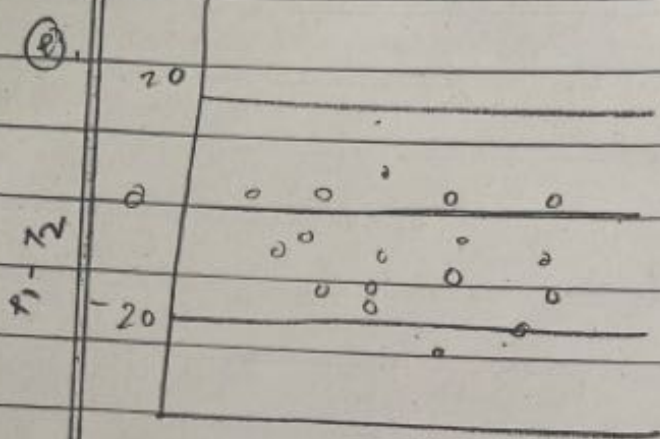
evenly
- Scatter diagram of difference plotted against average of 2 measures

If the difference \bar{c} is in 2SD ^{to} ~~are~~ not clinically important, 2 methods can be used interchangeably.

Example of some situation and its interpretation:

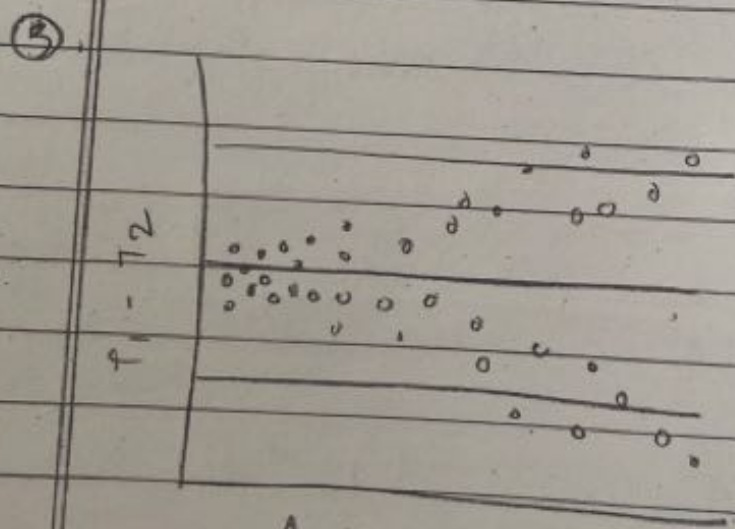


Case of proportional error.



Difference is either
 Negative or positive
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 systematic error
one of the methods

Average
 Absolute systematic error.



↑ in scattering \bar{x}
 ↑ in concentration
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 ↑ in random error
 \bar{x} ↑ in concentration

Average
 Non linear method
 ↳ one of the methods is non linear over certain range