

Statistical Inference Project Part 2

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Background

The purpose of this document is to analyse the ToothGrowth Data in R. This will include:

1. Load the ToothGrowth data and perform some basic exploratory data analyses,
2. Provide a basic summary of the data, and
3. Use confidence intervals and/or hypothesis tests to compare tooth growth by supp and dose

Analysis

Load the ToothGrowth data and perform some basic exploratory data analyses

The code and results for this part are given in the Appendix.

Provide a basic summary of the data

A great summary of the data can be found at https://class.coursera.org/statinference-030/forum/thread?thread_id=26.

Use confidence intervals and/or hypothesis tests to compare tooth growth by supp and dose

For this section we will conduct 3 hypothesis using non paired T-tests, one for each dose level. In each case we will test the null hypothesis that the mean length of the odontoblast cells is the same between the form of Orange Juice (OJ) or chemically pure Vitamin C in aqueous solution (VC). In each case we are assuming unequal variances.

```
doselist <- unique(ToothGrowth$dose)
for (i in doselist) {
  print(paste("T-Test for Dose Level", i))
  print(t.test(len~supp,data = ToothGrowth, alternative= c("two.sided"), mu=0,
    paired=FALSE, var.equal=FALSE, conf.level= .95, subset=ToothGrowth$dose==i))
}
```

```
## [1] "T-Test for Dose Level 0.5"
##
##  Welch Two Sample t-test
##
## data:  len by supp
## t = 3.1697, df = 14.969, p-value = 0.006359
## alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
##  1.719057 8.780943
## sample estimates:
## mean in group OJ mean in group VC
##           13.23           7.98
##
## [1] "T-Test for Dose Level 1"
##
```

```
## Welch Two Sample t-test
##
## data: len by supp
## t = 4.0328, df = 15.358, p-value = 0.001038
## alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## 2.802148 9.057852
## sample estimates:
## mean in group OJ mean in group VC
## 22.70 16.77
##
## [1] "T-Test for Dose Level 2"
##
## Welch Two Sample t-test
##
## data: len by supp
## t = -0.046136, df = 14.04, p-value = 0.9639
## alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## -3.79807 3.63807
## sample estimates:
## mean in group OJ mean in group VC
## 26.06 26.14
```

For dose levels .5 and 1 we reject the null hypothesis that the means are equal since they both have p-values less than .05. For dose level 2, we fail to reject the null hypothesis since the p-value is greater than .05.

Appendix

```
head(ToothGrowth)
```

```
##      len supp dose
## 1  4.2   VC  0.5
## 2 11.5   VC  0.5
## 3  7.3   VC  0.5
## 4  5.8   VC  0.5
## 5  6.4   VC  0.5
## 6 10.0   VC  0.5
```

```
str(ToothGrowth)
```

```
## 'data.frame':    60 obs. of  3 variables:
## $ len : num  4.2 11.5 7.3 5.8 6.4 10 11.2 11.2 5.2 7 ...
## $ supp: Factor w/ 2 levels "OJ","VC": 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 ...
## $ dose: num  0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 ...
```

```
with(ToothGrowth, table(supp, dose))
```

```
##      dose
## supp 0.5  1  2
##   OJ  10 10 10
##   VC  10 10 10
```

```
qplot(dose, len, data=ToothGrowth, xlab="Dose", ylab="Length", main="", facets=~supp)
```

