

Read the introduction to Exploration 9.2 on page 494, then answer the following related questions. You will use the **Diets** data from the book's website.

1. What is the research question? What are the observational units?

Q: Are these 4 diets equally effective? units: women (311) of them

2. Identify the explanatory and response variables and their types.

explanatory: diet (categorical; 4 categories)

response: change in BMI (quantitative)

3. State the relevant null and alternative hypotheses using correct notation.

$H_0: \mu_1 = \mu_2 = \mu_3 = \mu_4$  vs.  $H_A: \text{not all equal}$

4. Examine the boxplots for the different groups before doing anything else. What kind of  $p$ -values do you expect, and what conclusion do you anticipate?

Boxplots look similar — suggest a large  $p$ -value?

5. There are two observed statistics: MAD and  $F$ . What are their values?

MAD = 0.585 ;  $F = 3.8$

6. Using the MAD statistic, conduct a simulation and compute the relevant  $p$ -value.

MAD  $p$ -value: 1.4159. (varies)

7. Using the  $F$  statistic, conduct a simulation and compute the relevant  $p$ -value.

$F$   $p$ -value (simulated): .759. (varies)

8. What is the theoretical  $p$ -value based on the  $F$  statistic?

$F$   $p$ -value (theoretical): 1.069.

9. These three  $p$ -values should be consistent. What do you conclude from them?

reject the null — all 4 diets do not seem to be equally effective

10. For a follow-up analysis, compute confidence intervals for pairwise differences. Which conditions differ significantly?

Atkins differs from the other 3