

Peer-graded Assignment: Statistical Inference Course Project

Part II

Basic Inferential Data Analysis

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Overview

This report will analyze tooth growth.

Analysis

Loading and exploring data:

```
data("ToothGrowth")
dim(ToothGrowth)

## [1] 60  3

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 ...

table(ToothGrowth$supp, ToothGrowth$dose)

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

Basic summary:

```
summary(ToothGrowth)

##      len      supp      dose
## Min.   : 4.20  OJ:30  Min.   :0.500
## 1st Qu.:13.07  VC:30  1st Qu.:0.500
## Median :19.25           Median :1.000
## Mean   :18.81           Mean   :1.167
## 3rd Qu.:25.27           3rd Qu.:2.000
## Max.   :33.90           Max.   :2.000
```

Subsetting vitamin C & orange juice:

```
VC <- dplyr::filter(ToothGrowth, supp == "VC")
OJ <- dplyr::filter(ToothGrowth, supp == "OJ")
t.test(VC$len, OJ$len, paired = FALSE, var.equal = FALSE)$conf
```

```
[1] -7.5710156 0.1710156 attr(,"conf.level") [1] 0.95
```

```
t.test(VC$len, OJ$len, paired = FALSE, var.equal = FALSE)$p.value
```

```
[1] 0.06063451
```

The interval contains zero, but the p-value is above 5% so it is not conclusive.

The next step is comparing the different doses. The hypothesis is that the dose has an effect on the tooth length.

```
dose05 <- ToothGrowth$len[ToothGrowth$dose == 0.5]
dose1 <- ToothGrowth$len[ToothGrowth$dose == 1.0]
dose2 <- ToothGrowth$len[ToothGrowth$dose == 2.0]
t.test(dose05, dose1)$conf
```

```
## [1] -11.983781 -6.276219
## attr(,"conf.level")
## [1] 0.95
```

```
t.test(dose05, dose1)$p.value
```

```
## [1] 1.268301e-07
```

```
t.test(dose05, dose2)$conf
```

```
## [1] -18.15617 -12.83383
## attr(,"conf.level")
## [1] 0.95
```

```
t.test(dose05, dose2)$p.value
```

```
## [1] 4.397525e-14
```

```
t.test(dose1, dose2)$conf
```

```
## [1] -8.996481 -3.733519
## attr(,"conf.level")
## [1] 0.95
```

```
t.test(dose1, dose2)$p.value
```

```
## [1] 1.90643e-05
```

As we can see from all 3 t.tests, the p-values are less than 0.05. Therefore we can accept the hypothesis that the dose has an effect on tooth length, in other words: the mean is not equal to zero. We also see that all of the 95% confidence intervals are below zero. This confirms that increasing the dose increases the tooth length.

In the third step we'll inspect the difference in mean lengths between the vitamin C (VC) group and orange juice (OJ) group for each dose level applied.

```
dose05VC <- VC$len[VC$dose == 0.5]
dose1VC <- VC$len[VC$dose == 1.0]
dose2VC <- VC$len[VC$dose == 2.0]
dose05OJ <- OJ$len[OJ$dose == 0.5]
dose1OJ <- OJ$len[OJ$dose == 1.0]
dose2OJ <- OJ$len[OJ$dose == 2.0]
```

As in previous cases, we'll assume that observations are not paired and that variances are not equal.

```
t.test(dose05VC, dose05OJ)$p.value
```

```
## [1] 0.006358607
```

```
t.test(dose05VC, dose05OJ)$conf
```

```
## [1] -8.780943 -1.719057
```

```
## attr(,"conf.level")
```

```
## [1] 0.95
```

```
t.test(dose1VC, dose1OJ)$p.value
```

```
## [1] 0.001038376
```

```
t.test(dose1VC, dose1OJ)$conf
```

```
## [1] -9.057852 -2.802148
```

```
## attr(,"conf.level")
```

```
## [1] 0.95
```

```
t.test(dose2VC, dose2OJ)$p.value
```

```
## [1] 0.9638516
```

```
t.test(dose2VC, dose2OJ)$conf
```

```
## [1] -3.63807 3.79807
```

```
## attr(,"conf.level")
```

```
## [1] 0.95
```

We can see from the t-tests that the difference between group means for VC and OJ is statistically significant for dose levels 0.5 and 1 mg/day, because the p-values are less than 0.05. The dose of 2 mg/day has a large p-value and the confidence interval includes zero, therefore there is no significant difference.

where $p = 0.006358 < p = 0.05$ and for dose level of 1 mg/day, where the p value $p = 0.001038 < p = 0.05$. For dose level 2 mg/day we have that $p\text{-value} = 0.9639 > 0.05$ and 95 percent confidence interval: -3.63807 3.79807 includes zero. We conclude that there is no statistically significant difference between the group means for VC and OJ when the dose level is 2 mg/day.

Conclusions

The assumptions: 1. Samples used are random iid samples. 2. Each sample is independent of one another, in other words, they are not paired. 3. The population distribution of each sample must be approximately normal or mound shaped and roughly symmetric.

Conclusions:

4. State your conclusions and the assumptions needed for your conclusions.

Assumptions: 1. Samples used are random iid samples. 2. Each sample is independent of one another, in other words, they are not paired. 3. The population distribution of each sample must be approximately normal or mound shaped and roughly symmetric. **Conclusions:** 1. Supplement type alone does not affect the mean value of length of odontoblasts (cells responsible for tooth growth). 2. Dose level alone, without consideration of supplement type affects tooth growth significantly. Increasing the dosage will induce better tooth growth. 3. Orange Juice as a supplement, when used in dose levels of 0.5 mg/day and 1mg/day promotes better tooth growth than ascorbic acid. When applied in dose level of 2 mg/day, it has an effect on tooth growth similar to that of an ascorbic acid.

The result of comparing all the doses is that their p-values are very low and the confidence intervals do not contain zero, so we can deny the hypothesis and conclude that the dose does affect the tooth length.

Conclusion

In conclusion I have analysed the tooth growth data and confirmed that an increase in the dose of the supplement increases the tooth growth. It is inconclusive whether the type of supplement, vitamin C or orange juice, affects the tooth. The assumptions needed for these conclusions is that the guinea pigs were randomly selected from a population of guinea pigs. v