

# **TESTING THE DIFFERENCES IN AVERAGE HEIGHT BETEWEEN BOYS AND GIRLS**



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## **ABSTRACT**

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Note: 1- Low, 2-Medium, 3- High

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# **CHAPTER 1**

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 OBJECTIVE**

The primary objective of this project is to determine whether there is a statistically significant difference in the average height of boys and girls. By analyzing gender-based height data, the study aims to uncover patterns related to biological growth and nutritional factors. This information is useful for making informed decisions in fields like healthcare, sports training, and educational development. Accurate results are ensured by using statistical methods supported by R programming. The focus is on delivering reliable, data-backed conclusions. Ultimately, the project helps bridge understanding between physical growth patterns and their real-world applications.

### **1.2 OVERVIEW**

Height is a critical measure of growth, and studying its variation between boys and girls can reveal valuable insights. Such differences may be influenced by genetic, nutritional, and environmental factors. By analyzing collected height data based on gender, the study contributes to a better understanding of developmental trends. The findings have wide applications in sports selection, education planning, and health assessments. A systematic and data-driven approach ensures precision in the analysis. This overview highlights the broader importance of studying gender-specific growth patterns.

### **1.3 DATA SCIENCE RELATED CONCEPTS**

R programming plays a central role in this project by enabling data import, cleaning, analysis, and visualization. Statistical techniques, particularly the independent t-test, are used to test the difference in mean heights. Through exploratory data analysis (EDA), trends and variations in the dataset are identified. Key machine learning concepts like data preprocessing and feature analysis are also applied. Visual tools such as boxplots and histograms help in better interpretation of the results. While the focus is on statistics, the project sets a foundation for future use of ML in similar studies.

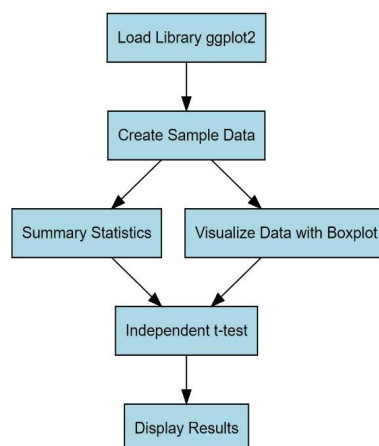
# CHAPTER 2

## PROJECT METHODOLOGY

### 2.1 PROPOSED WORK

The process involves conducting a statistical analysis to compare the average height of boys and girls. The first step is to collect a reliable dataset containing gender-wise height information. After data collection, preprocessing will be done to clean and organize the data for analysis. Descriptive statistics will be calculated to summarize the data, followed by data visualization using graphs such as boxplots and histograms for better understanding. An independent t-test will be performed using R programming to determine if the difference in average heights between boys and girls is statistically significant. The final step is to interpret the results and draw meaningful conclusions that can be applied in educational, sports, and healthcare settings.

### 2.2 BLOCK DIAGRAM



# **CHAPTER 3**

## **MODULE DESCRIPTION**

### **3.1 DATA COLLECTION MODULE**

This module relevant data on the height of boys and girls is gathered from reliable sources such as public datasets, school records, or surveys. The dataset must include gender labels and height values to ensure proper comparison. The quality of the data is crucial, as errors at this stage can affect the accuracy of results. The collected data is stored in a structured format, like CSV or Excel, for easy use in R programming. This forms the foundation for the analysis in subsequent modules.

### **3.2 DATA PREPROCESSING MODULE**

Once the data is collected, it undergoes preprocessing to remove inconsistencies, missing values, and outliers. This step ensures the dataset is clean and suitable for statistical analysis. Data types are checked and converted if necessary, and gender labels are standardized (e.g., converting "M"/"F" to "Boy"/"Girl"). Any irrelevant columns are removed to focus solely on gender and height. This module prepares the data for accurate and meaningful testing.

### **3.3 STATISTICAL TESTING MODULE**

This module focuses on applying statistical methods to determine if there is a significant difference in the average heights of boys and girls. The independent t-test is used to compare the means of the two groups. Assumptions of normality and equal variance are checked before performing the test. The t-test provides a p-value that helps determine statistical significance. This result will confirm whether the height difference is due to random chance or represents a true variation.

### **3.4 DATA VISUALIZATION MODULE**

To support the analysis and improve interpretability, data visualization techniques are applied using R programming. Graphs such as boxplots, histograms, and bar charts are created to show the distribution and comparison of heights between boys and girls. These visuals help in identifying patterns, trends, and outliers in the data. Well-designed plots make the results easy to understand for both technical and non-technical audiences. This module enhances the clarity and impact of the findings

# **CHAPTER 4**

## **CONCLUSION & FUTURE SCOPE**

### **CONCLUSION**

The analysis reveals notable differences in height between boys and girls, reflecting underlying biological and developmental factors. Understanding these differences plays a crucial role in designing targeted nutritional and health interventions, as well as optimizing educational and sports programs. Employing statistical methods in R programming provided a robust and reliable framework for evaluating the data, ensuring that the conclusions drawn are both accurate and meaningful.

### **FUTURE SCOPE**

Expanding the research to include a broader demographic range and additional variables such as socioeconomic status, diet, and physical activity could offer deeper insights into the factors influencing height differences. Applying similar statistical techniques to other growth indicators or health parameters may further enrich knowledge in pediatric growth and development. Moreover, creating user-friendly R-based applications could support practitioners in real-time monitoring and decision-making related to child growth and well-being



## APPENDICES

### APPENDIX A – SOURCE CODE

```
library(shiny)
library(tidyverse)

data <- data.frame(
  gender = c(rep("Boy", 10), rep("Girl", 10)),
  height = c(150, 152, 155, 149, 151, 153, 148, 154, 150, 152,
            145, 147, 149, 144, 146, 148, 143, 147, 145, 146)
)
ui <- fluidPage(
  titlePanel("Height Comparison of Boys and Girls"),

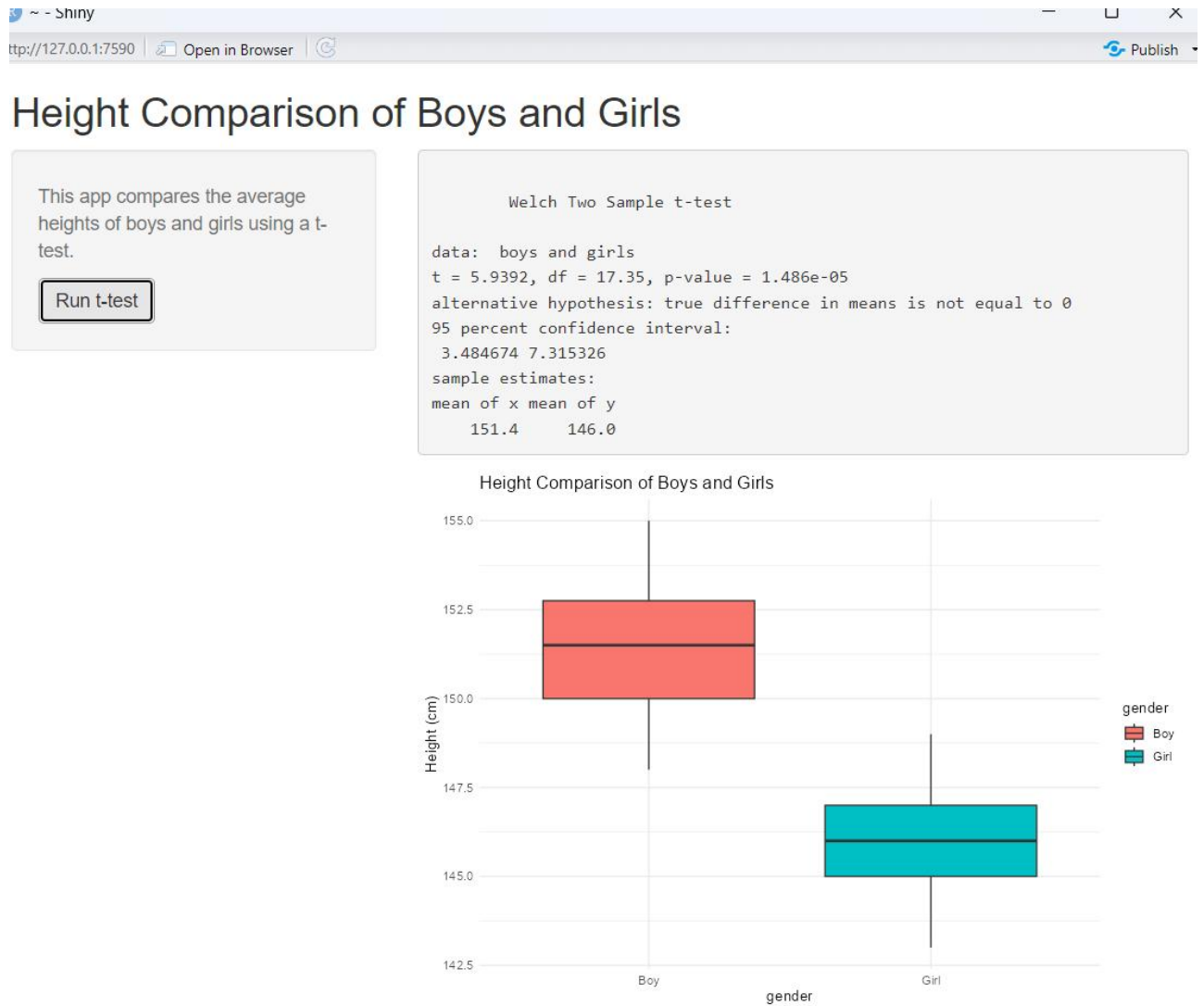
  sidebarLayout(
    sidebarPanel(
      helpText("This app compares the average heights of boys and girls using a t-
test."),
      actionButton("runTest", "Run t-test")
    ),
    mainPanel(
      verbatimTextOutput("testResult"),
      plotOutput("boxPlot")
    )
  )
)
server <- function(input, output) {

  boys <- filter(data, gender == "Boy")$height
  girls <- filter(data, gender == "Girl")$height

  observeEvent(input$runTest, {
    output$testResult <- renderPrint({
      t.test(boys, girls)
    })
  })
}
```

```
output$boxPlot <- renderPlot({  
  ggplot(data, aes(x = gender, y = height, fill = gender)) +  
    geom_boxplot() +  
    labs(title = "Height Comparison of Boys and Girls", y = "Height (cm)") +  
    theme_minimal()  
})  
}  
shinyApp(ui = ui, server = server)
```

## APPENDIX B – SCREENSHOTS



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