

# comparing two paired means using Bayes factors

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# zinc in drinking water



location	Surface	Bottom	Difference
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3	0.567	0.39	0.177
4	0.531	0.41	0.121
5	0.707	0.605	0.102
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# zinc concentration example

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bayes_inference(difference, data=zinc, statistic="mean", type="ht",
                prior="JZS", mu_0=0, method="theo", alt="twosided")

## Single numerical variable
## n = 10, y-bar = 0.0804, s = 0.0523
## (Using Zellner-Siow Cauchy prior:  $\mu \sim C(0, 1 \cdot \sigma)$ )
## (Using Jeffreys prior:  $p(\sigma^2) = 1/\sigma^2$ )
##
## Hypotheses:
## H1:  $\mu = 0$  versus H2:  $\mu \neq 0$ 
## Priors:
##  $P(H1) = 0.5$  ,  $P(H2) = 0.5$ 
## Results:
##  $BF[H2:H1] = 50.7757$ 
##  $P(H1|data) = 0.0193$     $P(H2|data) = 0.9807$ 
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