

Part 2. Basic inferential data analysis

Load data.

```
library(datasets)
data(ToothGrowth)
```

Let's explore the data.

```
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 ...

summary(ToothGrowth)

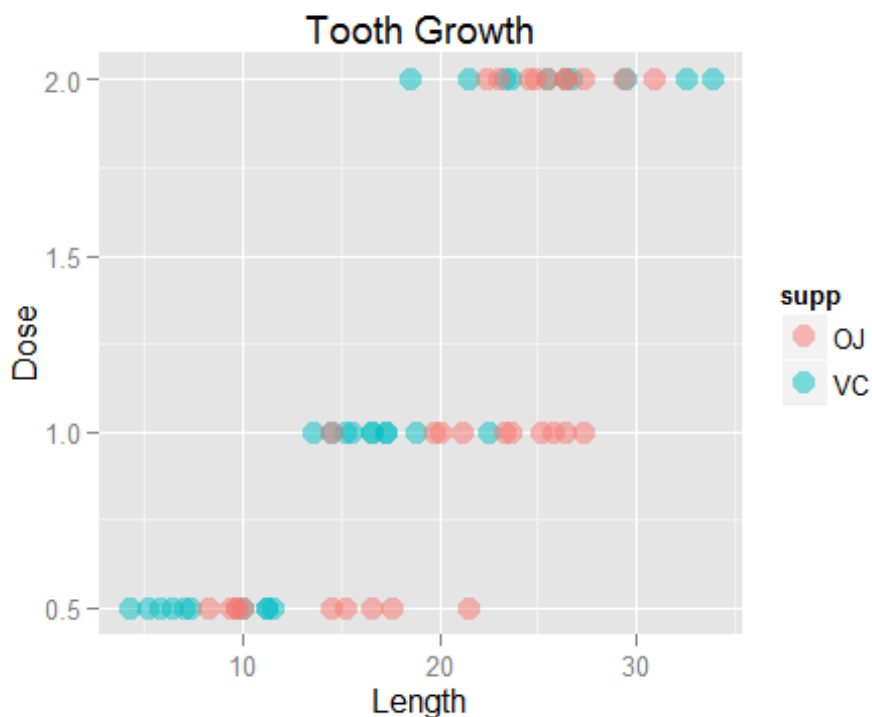
##      len      supp      dose
## Min.   : 4.2   OJ:30   Min.   :0.50
## 1st Qu.:13.1   VC:30   1st Qu.:0.50
## Median :19.2           Median :1.00
## Mean   :18.8           Mean   :1.17
## 3rd Qu.:25.3           3rd Qu.:2.00
## Max.   :33.9           Max.   :2.00

table(ToothGrowth$supp, ToothGrowth$dose)

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

We describe that ToothGrowth is a data frame with three variables - length in millimeter, OJ and VC supplements, and doses (0.5, 1.0 and 2.0). Two types of supplements are administered to two groups of 30 subjects each to promote tooth growth. Each supplement is given in 0.5, 1.0 and 2.0 doses to ten subjects each.

```
library(ggplot2)
ggplot(ToothGrowth, aes(len, dose)) + geom_point(aes(color = supp), size = 4,
alpha = 1/2) + labs(title = "Tooth Growth") + labs(x = "Length", y = "Dose")
```



- It appears that increasing dose (0.5 -> 1.0 -> 2.0) results in longer growth.
- Which supplement is better?
- We will not assume that higher than 2.0 doses results in even longer growth.

Different doses

Null hypothesis: The means in different doses are the same.

Alternative hypothesis: The means are different.

The groups have the same variance.

Compare 0.5 and 1.0 dosages

```
TG0.5and1.0 = subset(ToothGrowth, dose %in% c(0.5, 1.0))
t.test(len ~ dose, paired = FALSE, var.equal = TRUE, data = TG0.5and1.0)

##
## Two Sample t-test
##
## data: len by dose
## t = -6.477, df = 38, p-value = 1.266e-07
## alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## -11.984 -6.276
## sample estimates:
```

```
## mean in group 0.5    mean in group 1
##           10.61           19.73
```

The test suggest that we reject the null hypothesis in favor of the alternative based on p-value = 1.266e-07. The difference in means (-9.13) would only happen by chance 1 time in $1.266 * 10^7$ experiments. Thus, we conclude that the difference in means is not a chance, but it is due to a real effect of higher dosage.

Comparing 1.0 and 2.0 dosages yields a similar result.

```
TG1.0and2.0 = subset(ToothGrowth, dose %in% c(1.0, 2.0))
t.test(len ~ dose, paired = FALSE, var.equal = TRUE, data = TG1.0and2.0)

##
##  Two Sample t-test
##
## data:  len by dose
## t = -4.901, df = 38, p-value = 1.811e-05
## alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
##  -8.994 -3.736
## sample estimates:
## mean in group 1 mean in group 2
##           19.73           26.10
```

Which supplement is better?

The two supplements will have different variances.

Compare OJ and VC

```
t.test(len ~ supp, paired = FALSE, var.equal = FALSE, data = ToothGrowth)

##
##  Welch Two Sample t-test
##
## data:  len by supp
## t = 1.915, df = 55.31, p-value = 0.06063
## alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
##  -0.171  7.571
## sample estimates:
## mean in group OJ mean in group VC
##           20.66           16.96
```

OJ is better and the difference ~4 mm lies within the 95% confidence interval.