

R Workshop: T-test

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An Introduction to T-tests

Assumptions of T-tests

Normality of Residuals

```
library(tidyverse)

data <- starwars %>%
  filter(sex == "male" | sex == "female") ①

model <- lm(height ~ sex, data = data) ②

residuals <- data.frame(res = residuals(model)) ③

problem <- residuals %>% filter(res > 2.5 | res < -2.5) ④
```

```
nrow(problem)/nrow(data)
```

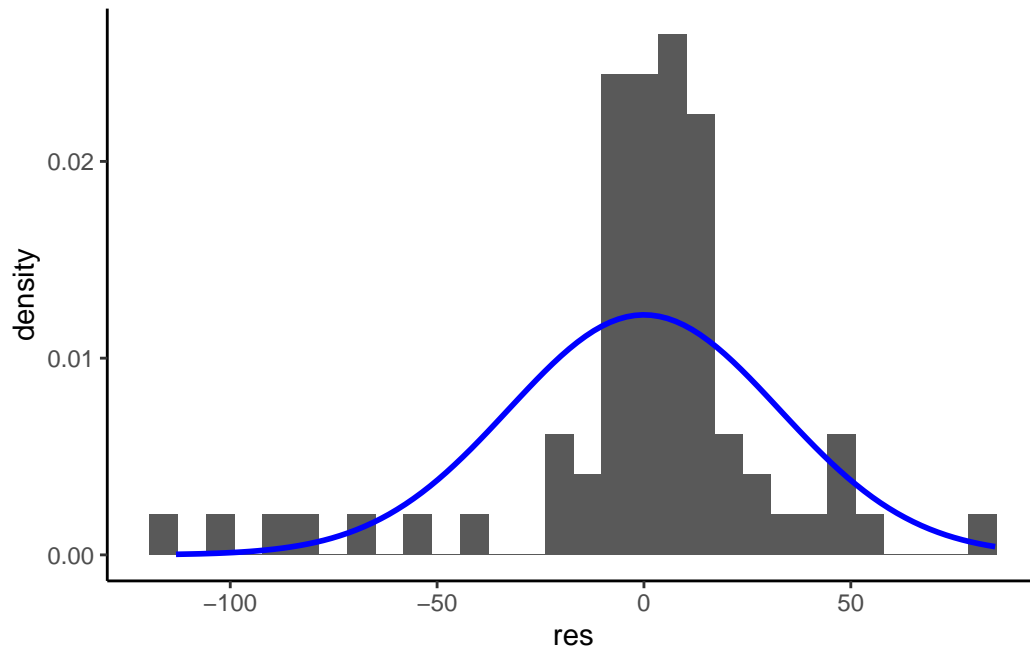
- ① Filtering for male the female using the `filter()` function
- ② Running a linear regression (that is a t-test here) to get residuals
- ③ Calculate residuals for the observations
- ④ Find potentially problematic observations

```
[1] 0.8157895
```

Graphical Depiction of Normality of Residuals

```
residual_graph <- ggplot(residuals,aes(x = res)) + ①  
  geom_histogram(aes(y=after_stat(density))) + ②  
  stat_function(fun = dnorm, ③  
               args = list(mean = mean(residuals$res),  
                           sd = sd(residuals$res)),  
               col = "blue",  
               linewidth = 1) +  
  theme_classic()  
  
print(residual_graph) ④
```

- ① We are plotting the residuals here. We give ggplot a `geom` (i.e., histogram)
- ② We also give some other arguments like a density distribution.
- ③ Here we are basically providing what is needed to draw a normal distribution given the data using the `stat_function()` function. The `col` and `linewidth` arguments simply change the color and size of the normal curve. The `theme_classic()` just changes some aesthetic things. I personally prefer this theme for all ggplot2 graphs
- ④ `print` will show us the graph output



Statistical Depiction of Normality of Residuals

We can also test the assumption statistically using the `shapiro.test()` function here

```
shapiro.test(residuals$res)
```

Shapiro-Wilk normality test

```
data: residuals$res
W = 0.84515, p-value = 3.515e-07
```

Homogeneity of Variance

Homogeneity of variance is important even for a basic t-test. Below is how we might go about testing this assumption.

Graphical Depiction of Homogeneity of Variance

```
variance_boxplot <- ggplot(data, aes(x = sex,  
                                     y = height)) +
```

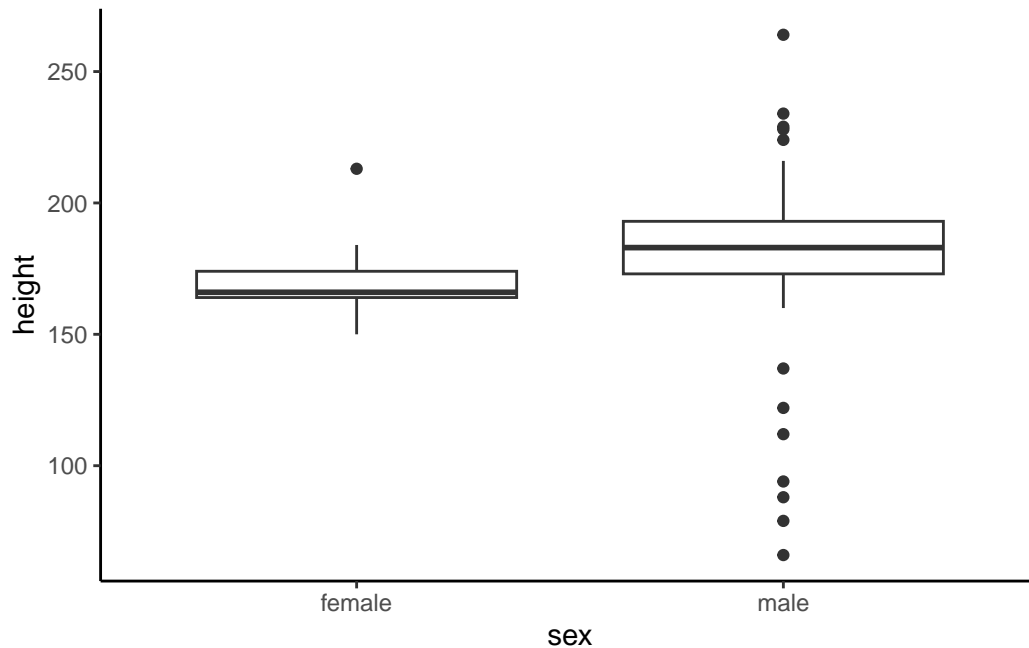
①

```
geom_boxplot() +  
theme_classic()
```

②

```
print(variance_boxplot)
```

- ① Graphically we can represent this as a boxplot with the group variable as the **x** and the outcome as the **y**. We see this here
- ② We again provide a **geom** for ggplot2 to use and provide a **theme()** choice here



Statistical Depiction of Homogeneity of Variance

We can also test the assumption using the Bartlett test. This can be shown below

```
bartlett.test(height ~ sex,data)
```

```
Bartlett test of homogeneity of variances
```

```
data: height by sex
```

```
Bartlett's K-squared = 11.126, df = 1, p-value = 0.0008511
```

Running a T-test

```
t.test(height ~ sex, data = data)
```

①

- ① The `t.test()` function will take a DV and IV argument as well as the dataframe used. We can see this here

Welch Two Sample t-test

data: height by sex

t = -1.5876, df = 55.148, p-value = 0.1181

alternative hypothesis: true difference in means between group female and group male is not 0

95 percent confidence interval:

-22.256861 2.579668

sample estimates:

mean in group female	mean in group male
169.2667	179.1053