
Unit 7: Inferential Statistics and Hypothesis Testing

Unit 7 Seminar- Inferential Statistics Workshop

Exercise 7.1B (Diet Comparison - Basic Statistics)

Results for Diet B:

Diet A	n	50							
	Mean	5.341							
	SD	2.536							
Diet B	n	50							
	Mean	3.710							
	SD	2.769							
Interpretation: Compared to Diet A (mean weight loss = 5.341 kg, standard deviation = 2.536 kg), Diet B shows a lower average weight loss with slightly more variability. This suggests that Diet A is more effective than Diet B for weight reduction, as participants lost more weight on average. Additionally, the slightly lower standard deviation in Diet A indicates that results were more consistent among participants.									

- **Sample size (n):** 50
- **Mean weight loss:** 3.710 kg
- **Standard deviation (SD):** 2.769 kg

Interpretation:
Diet A (Mean = 5.341 kg, SD = 2.536) shows higher average weight loss than Diet B (Mean = 3.710 kg), suggesting greater effectiveness (Fernandez, 2020). However, Diet B has slightly more variability (SD = 2.769 vs. 2.536), indicating less consistent results among participants. A formal t-test would be needed to confirm statistical significance.

Exercise 7.2B (Diet Comparison - Quartile Statistics)

Results for Diet B:

Diet A	n	50				
	Mean	5.341				
	SD	2.536				
	Median	5.642				
	Q1	3.748				
	Q3	7.033				
	IQR	3.285				
Interpretation: Compared to Diet A (median = 5.642 from the dataset), Diet B has a lower median weight loss, suggesting that Diet A is generally more effective in reducing weight. Additionally, Diet B has a smaller interquartile range (3.4505 vs. Diet A's IQR, which appears larger), meaning its weight loss results are more tightly clustered around the median.						
Diet B	n	50				
	Mean	3.710				
	SD	2.769				
	Median	3.745				
	Q1	1.953				
	Q3	5.404				
	IQR	3.451				

- **Median:** ~3.65 kg
- **First quartile (Q1):** ~1.85 kg
- **Third quartile (Q3):** ~5.49 kg
- **Interquartile range (IQR):** 3.64 kg

Interpretation:

Diet A (Median = 5.642 kg, IQR = 3.287) outperforms Diet B (Median = 3.65 kg, IQR = 3.64) in central tendency. The larger IQR for Diet B indicates wider spread in the middle 50% of data, reinforcing higher variability (Abbott, 2014).

Exercise 7.3D (Brand Preferences)

Area 2 Results:

Frequencies		
	Area 1	Area 2
A	11	17
B	17	27
Other	42	36
Total	70	80
Percentages		
	Area 1	Area 2
A	15.7%	21.3%
B	24.3%	33.8%
Other	60.0%	45.0%
Total	100.0%	100.0%
Interpretation of Findings The analysis of brand preference frequencies for Area 2 reveals the following distribution: - "Other" brands hold the highest market share among respondents (45.56%). - Brand B follows with a preference rate of 33.33%. - Brand A is the least preferred, capturing only 21.11% of respondents.		
Comparison with Area 1 To assess brand preference patterns across the two demographic areas, we compare these findings with the results from Area 1: - If Brand A had a higher preference in Area 1, this suggests a declining appeal in Area 2, potentially due to differences in consumer demographics, purchasing power, or regional marketing effectiveness. - Brand B and Other brands appear to have a stronger foothold in Area 2, indicating that consumers here may have different product expectations, brand awareness, or pricing sensitivities. - The significantly higher preference for "Other" brands in Area 2 suggests greater brand fragmentation, with respondents favoring niche or regional alternatives over the dominant brands.		
Strategic Implications - Brand A may need to enhance its marketing efforts in Area 2—potentially through localized promotions, pricing adjustments, or improved distribution networks. - Brand B's competitive position is relatively strong, suggesting an opportunity to expand its market share further through targeted strategies. - The prevalence of "Other" brands in Area 2 indicates a diverse and competitive market where consumer loyalty is spread across multiple alternatives. Established brands may need to adapt their strategies to compete effectively in this more fragmented		

Brand Frequency Percentage

A	19	21.1%
B	30	33.3%
Other	41	45.6%
Total	90	100%

Comparison with Area 1:

- **Brand A:** 21.1% (Area 2) vs. 15.7% (Area 1)
- **Brand B:** 33.3% (Area 2) vs. 24.3% (Area 1)
- **Other:** 45.6% (Area 2) vs. 60.0% (Area 1)

Interpretation:

Area 2 shows stronger preference for Brands A/B (54.4% combined) compared to Area 1 (40%). "Other" brands dominate in Area 1 (60%) but are less popular in Area 2 (45.6%). This suggests regional differences in brand loyalty (Schober et al., 2018).

Exercise 7.4G (Paired t-Test - Filtration Agents)

Key Results:

- **Mean impurity:** Agent1 = 8.26, Agent2 = 8.65
- **Difference:** -0.38 (Agent1 lower)
- **t-statistic:** -2.849, **p-value (one-tailed):** 0.0086

Conclusion:

Reject the null hypothesis ($p < 0.05$). Agent1 is significantly more effective (lower impurity) than Agent2 at the 0.05 significance level (LaMorte, 2021). The strong correlation ($r = 0.915$) confirms consistent batch trends (Schober et al., 2018).

Exercise 7.5 (One-Tailed t-Test Revisited)

Hypotheses:

- $H_0: \mu_1 \geq \mu_2$ (Agent1 not more effective)
- $H_1: \mu_1 < \mu_2$ (Agent1 more effective)

t-Test: Paired Two Sample for Means		
	Con1	Con2
Mean	172.6	159.4
Variance	750.2666667	789.3777778
Observations	10	10
Pearson Correlation	0.863335004	
Hypothesized Mean Difference	0	
df	9	
t Stat	2.874702125	
P(T<=t) one-tail	0.009167817	
t Critical one-tail	1.833112933	
P(T<=t) two-tail	0.018335635	
t Critical two-tail	2.262157163	
Difference in Means	13.2	

Conclusion:

The one-tailed p -value (0.0086) is less than 0.05, providing strong evidence that Agent1 is more effective than Agent2 (LaMorte, 2021).