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1. Problem

An experiment has $n_1 = 8$ plants in the treatment group and $n_2 = 4$ plants in the control group. After some time, the plants' heights (in cm) are measured, resulting in the following data:

	value1	value2	value3	value4	value5	value6	value7	value8
sample 1:	1.91	1.64	1.7	1.72	1.23	1.29	1.61	1.49
sample 2:	0.89	0.96	1.12	0.8				

- (a) Determine degrees of freedom.
- (b) Determine t^* for a 98% confidence interval.
- (c) Determine SE .
- (d) Determine a lower bound of the 98% confidence interval of $\mu_2 - \mu_1$.
- (e) Determine an upper bound of the 98% confidence interval of $\mu_2 - \mu_1$.
- (f) Determine $|t_{obs}|$ under the null hypothesis $\mu_2 - \mu_1 = 0$.
- (g) Determine a lower bound of the two-tail p -value.
- (h) Determine an upper bound of two-tail p -value.
- (i) Do you reject the null hypothesis with a two-tail test using a significance level $\alpha = 0.02$? (yes or no)

1. (a)

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0	0	0
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(b)

					4
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5	4	0
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(c)

					0
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1	0	5
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(d)

				-	1
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1	0	5
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(e)

				-	0
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1	5	1
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(f)

					5
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9	8	8
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(g)

					0
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0	0	5
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(h)

					0
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0	1	0
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(i)

yes

1. **Solution**

These data are unpaired. We might as well find the sample means and sample standard deviations (use a calculator's built-in function for standard deviation).

$$\bar{x}_1 = 1.57$$

$$\bar{x}_2 = 0.942$$

$$s_1 = 0.227$$

$$s_2 = 0.135$$

We make a conservative estimate of the degrees of freedom using the appropriate formula.

$$df = \min(n_1, n_2) - 1 = \min(8, 4) - 1 = 3$$

We use the t table to find t^* such that $P(|T| < t^*) = 0.98$

$$t^* = 4.54$$

We use the SE formula for unpaired data.

$$SE = \sqrt{\frac{(s_1)^2}{n_1} + \frac{(s_2)^2}{n_2}} = \sqrt{\frac{(0.227)^2}{8} + \frac{(0.135)^2}{4}} = 0.105$$

We find the bounds of the confidence interval.

$$CI = (\bar{x}_2 - \bar{x}_1) \pm t^* SE$$

$$CI = (-1.105, -0.151)$$

We find t_{obs} .

$$t_{\text{obs}} = \frac{(\bar{x}_2 - \bar{x}_1) - (\mu_2 - \mu_1)_0}{SE} = \frac{(0.942 - 1.57) - 0}{0.105} = -5.99$$

We find $|t_{\text{obs}}|$.

$$|t_{\text{obs}}| = 5.99$$

We use the table to determine bounds on p -value. Remember, $df = 3$ and $p\text{-value} = P(|T| > |t_{\text{obs}}|)$.

$$0.005 < p\text{-value} < 0.01$$

We should consider both comparisons to make our decision.

$$|t_{\text{obs}}| > t^*$$

$$p\text{-value} < \alpha$$

Thus, we reject the null hypothesis. Also notice the confidence interval does not contain 0.

- (a) 3
- (b) 4.54
- (c) 0.105
- (d) -1.105
- (e) -0.151
- (f) 5.988
- (g) 0.005
- (h) 0.01
- (i) yes