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1. Problem

An experiment has  $n_1 = 8$  plants in the treatment group and  $n_2 = 8$  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:	12.1	12.5	10	10.8	7.4	11.2	8.2	12.1
sample 2:	10.9	14.2	10.8	12.6	8.7	13.7	16.2	13.8

- (a) Determine degrees of freedom.
- (b) Determine  $t^*$  for a 95% confidence interval.
- (c) Determine  $SE$ .
- (d) Determine a lower bound of the 95% confidence interval of  $\mu_2 - \mu_1$ .
- (e) Determine an upper bound of the 95% confidence interval of  $\mu_2 - \mu_1$ .
- (f) Determine  $|t_{\text{obs}}|$  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  $\alpha = 0.05$ ? (yes or no)

1. (a) 

					7
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0	0	0
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(b) 

					2
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3	6	0
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(c) 

					1
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0	7	2
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(d) 

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4	3	0
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(e) 

					4
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6	3	0
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(f) 

					1
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9	5	8
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(g) 

					0
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0	5	0
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(h) 

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1	0	0
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(i) 

no
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## 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).

$$\bar{x}_1 = 10.5$$

$$\bar{x}_2 = 12.6$$

$$s_1 = 1.88$$

$$s_2 = 2.38$$

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

$$df = \min(n_1, n_2) - 1 = \min(8, 8) - 1 = 7$$

We use the  $t$  table to find  $t^*$  such that  $P(|T| < t^*) = 0.95$

$$t^* = 2.36$$

We use the  $SE$  formula for unpaired data.

$$SE = \sqrt{\frac{(s_1)^2}{n_1} + \frac{(s_2)^2}{n_2}} = \sqrt{\frac{(1.88)^2}{8} + \frac{(2.38)^2}{8}} = 1.072$$

We find the bounds of the confidence interval.

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

$$CI = (-0.43, 4.63)$$

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

$$t_{\text{obs}} = \frac{(\bar{x}_2 - \bar{x}_1) - (\mu_2 - \mu_1)_0}{SE} = \frac{(12.6 - 10.5) - 0}{1.072} = 1.96$$

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

$$|t_{\text{obs}}| = 1.96$$

We use the table to determine bounds on  $p$ -value. Remember,  $df = 7$  and  $p\text{-value} = P(|T| > |t_{\text{obs}}|)$ .

$$0.05 < p\text{-value} < 0.1$$

We should consider both comparisons to make our decision.

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

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

Thus, we retain the null hypothesis. Also notice the confidence interval does contain 0.

- (a) 7
- (b) 2.36
- (c) 1.072
- (d) -0.43
- (e) 4.63
- (f) 1.958
- (g) 0.05
- (h) 0.1
- (i) no