

BDHS2010_Midterm

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#MIDTERM 1-----  
#Notes on logistics: Each task assigned in the midterm document (a thru g)  
#is denoted by <a>, <b>, <c>, etc. and once that task is completed, I denote that  
# with "<a> COMPLETED", for example. I also used the "-----" pancake method  
#to create an outline for my code.  
  
#The given data set is psychiatric symptoms, secondary to an acute spinal injury  
#and associated to age. The columns are: Record ID- the unique identifier, Age  
#Group (two- 18-35, 65-80), BSI total (brief symptom indicator), and Sig.Scale  
#which is a score associated with clinical significance. Record ID is nominal,  
#Age Group is categorical, and BSI and Sig.Scale are ordinal--for our purposes,  
#these two should be stored as numeric.  
  
#State the Null and Alternative Hypotheses-----  
#NULL hypothesis- there is no difference between the mean scores in number of  
#symptoms and degree of symptoms between age-groups.  
#Alternative hypothesis- there is significant difference between the mean  
#scores in number of symptoms and degree of symptoms between age groups.  
  
#set working directory and create Git repository-----  
#I created a repo on the github as "Midterm.1" and created a git project in R  
#ands connected it to my online repo. Just to check the directory, I ran:  
getwd() #which returns my repo directory  
  
## [1] "/Users/jonathanrascon/R projects/BHDS2010/Git Repos/Midterm.1"  
  
#libraries-----  
#For convenience, I'll add all libraries here:  
  
library(readxl)  
library(tidyverse)  
library(pastecs)  
library(reshape2)  
library(car)  
  
#<a>Correctly create a data frame-----  
#First, I copied and pasted the data set into an excel file before  
#upload. I also will store this in github.  
  
BSI.sig.data <- read_xlsx("midterm.dataset.xlsx")  
  
#Check data types
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names(BSI.sig.data)

## [1] " Record " "Age.Group " "BSI.Total " "Sig.Scale "

#After a quick check, I found that all my columns were pulled with a weird
#naming format; they all had a space after them, giving them the weird naming
#convention you see below. I renamed them all.
BSI.sig.data <- BSI.sig.data %>% rename(Age.Group=`Age.Group`,
  Record = `Record`, Sig.Scale=`Sig.Scale`, BSI.Total=`BSI.Total`)

#I want to see if my data is stored as the type of data I want:
#numeric, character, etc.
typeof(BSI.sig.data$Record) ; typeof(BSI.sig.data$Age.Group)

## [1] "double"
## [1] "character"
typeof(BSI.sig.data$BSI.Total) ; typeof(BSI.sig.data$Sig.Scale)

## [1] "double"
## [1] "double"

#After checking all data types, I see that ID and Age are stored as "double". I will
#change Record and Age to character and Age as a factor.

BSI.sig.data <- BSI.sig.data %>% mutate_at(c("Record", "Age.Group"), as.character)
BSI.sig.data <- BSI.sig.data %>% mutate_at("Age.Group", factor)

#using the mutate_at function with concatenate, I change both to character strings
#and the age group to a factor. <a> COMPLETED.

#<b>Calculate the mean, variance and standard deviation for each age group-----
#By nesting the stat.desc function inside both the round and by functions, I can
#get a rounded, stratified statistical summary of the data. I also included the
#norm argument test to true, to return a normality test.

by(data = BSI.sig.data$BSI.Total, BSI.sig.data$Age.Group,
  FUN = function(x) round(stat.desc(x, norm = TRUE), 3))

## BSI.sig.data$Age.Group: 18-35
##      nbr.val    nbr.null    nbr.na      min      max      range
##      10.000      0.000      0.000     59.000    131.000    72.000
##      sum      median      mean    SE.mean CI.mean.0.95      var
##     880.000     90.500     88.000      7.996     18.088    639.333
##    std.dev    coef.var    skewness  skew.2SE    kurtosis    kurt.2SE
##      25.285      0.287      0.213      0.155     -1.540     -0.577
##   normtest.W  normtest.p
##      0.914      0.310
## -----
## BSI.sig.data$Age.Group: 65-80
##      nbr.val    nbr.null    nbr.na      min      max      range
##      10.000      0.000      0.000     18.000     76.000    58.000
##      sum      median      mean    SE.mean CI.mean.0.95      var
##     453.000     46.500     45.300      5.475     12.386    299.789
##    std.dev    coef.var    skewness  skew.2SE    kurtosis    kurt.2SE

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##      17.314      0.382      0.015      0.011      -1.087      -0.408
## normtest.W normtest.p
##      0.972      0.911
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#The first thing to notice is the extreme difference in mean! The BSI mean is much higher for the 18-35 group. Next, we can notice that, for both groups, the coefficient of variation is relatively small, suggesting that the values cluster fairly close to the mean. The next thing I notice is that both groups are likely normally distributed, because both groups show a normtest.p value greater than alpha=.05, therefore in both cases (where the NULL is that the data is normally distributed) we fail to reject the NULL. Complimenting this, is the normtest.W values for both groups being relatively close to 1. I conclude that this data is likely normally distributed. The sample means along with their confidence intervals do not overlap, suggest a difference in the population means of the age groups.

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by(data = BSI.sig.data$Sig.Scale, BSI.sig.data$Age.Group,
FUN = function(x) round(stat.desc(x, norm = TRUE), 3))
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## BSI.sig.data$Age.Group: 18-35
##      nbr.val  nbr.null  nbr.na      min      max      range
##      10.000      0.000      0.000      3.000      8.000      5.000
##      sum      median      mean  SE.mean CI.mean.0.95      var
##      61.000      7.000      6.100      0.504      1.141      2.544
##      std.dev  coef.var  skewness  skew.2SE  kurtosis  kurt.2SE
##      1.595      0.261     -0.736     -0.536     -0.999     -0.374
## normtest.W normtest.p
##      0.848      0.055
## -----
## BSI.sig.data$Age.Group: 65-80
##      nbr.val  nbr.null  nbr.na      min      max      range
##      10.000      0.000      0.000     -1.000      7.000      8.000
##      sum      median      mean  SE.mean CI.mean.0.95      var
##      32.000      3.500      3.200      0.727      1.645      5.289
##      std.dev  coef.var  skewness  skew.2SE  kurtosis  kurt.2SE
##      2.300      0.719     -0.170     -0.123     -0.966     -0.362
## normtest.W normtest.p
##      0.981      0.972
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#In general, we can notice almost all of the same trends for the number of subscales that have a significant t-score (sig.scale). The mean in 18-35 is much higher than in 65-80. The coefficient of variation is higher in 65-80 suggesting that the data points are more spread out in this group. Both groups show a high probability for normality and symmetry. And, the confidence intervals do not overlap (but are VERY close), suggesting again that there is a difference in the underlying population means.

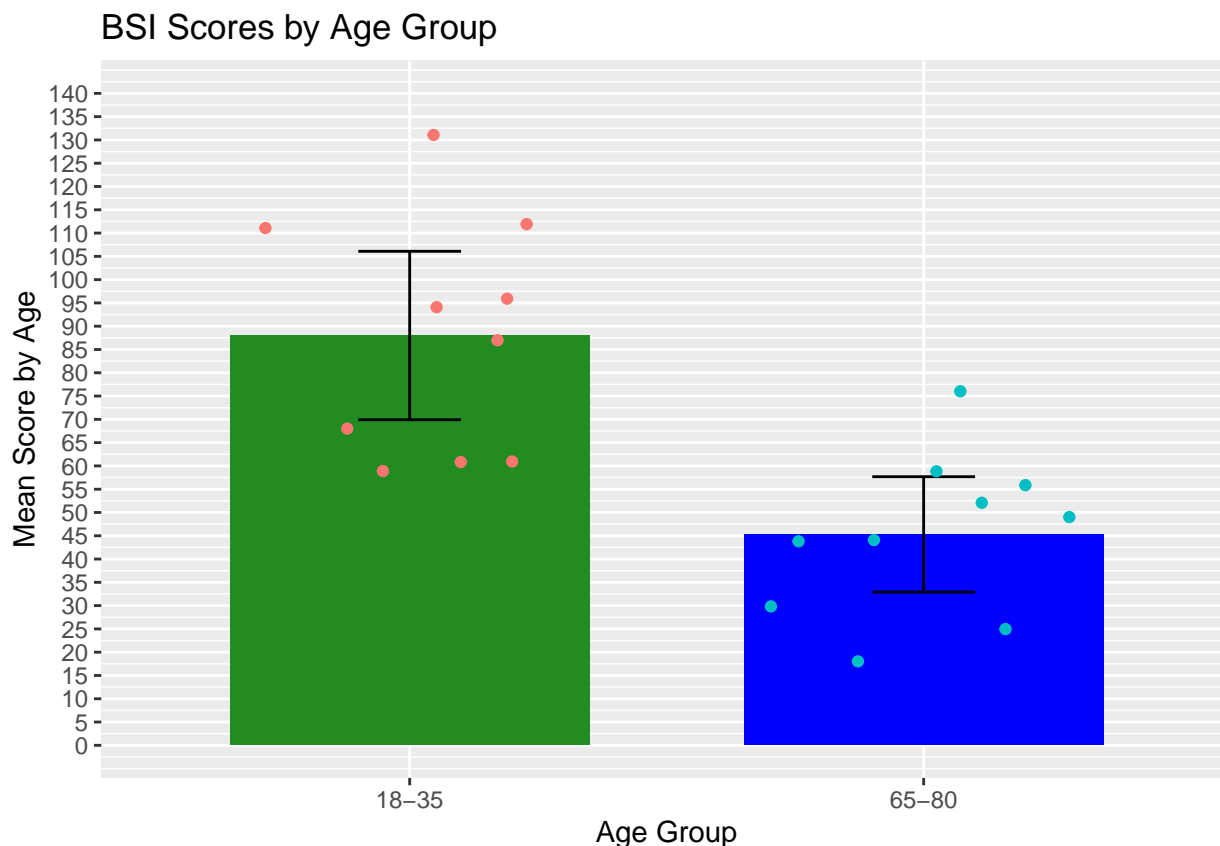
#Therefore, for both dependent variables, I suspect that there is a significant difference in means between groups. COMPLETED.

*#<c>Create bar charts displaying difference in means for BSI Total-----
#(1)assign an object, (2) pipe the data into ggplot, (3)assign aesthetics,
#(4)use stat_summary to create bars set to the means, (5)create errorbar geom
#using mean_cl_normal to create 95% confidence interval based on the normal
#distribution, (6)use scale_y_continuous to set breaks on the y-axis-- I did*

*#by 5 to more easily read the mean and CI values. (7)used scale_fill_manual to
#color the age groups, (8)set geom_jitter (this wasn't required, I just liked the
#idea of superposing the raw data points on top of the bars) to display raw data-
#the width and height arguments in geom_jitter tell r how much each point "jitters"
#away from the others, (9) and added labels and removed the legend.*

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BSI.plot <- BSI.sig.data %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = Age.Group, y = BSI.Total, fill = Age.Group)) +
  stat_summary(fun = mean, geom = "bar", width = .7) +
  geom_errorbar(stat = "summary", fun.data = "mean_cl_normal", width = 0.2,
               color = "black") +
  scale_y_continuous(limits = c(0, 140), breaks = seq(from = 0, to = 140, by = 5)) +
  scale_fill_manual(values = c("forestgreen", "blue")) +
  geom_jitter(aes(color = Age.Group), width = .3, height = .2, stat = "identity") +
  labs(title = "BSI Scores by Age Group", x = "Age Group",
       y = "Mean Score by Age") +
  theme(legend.position = "none")
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BSI.plot



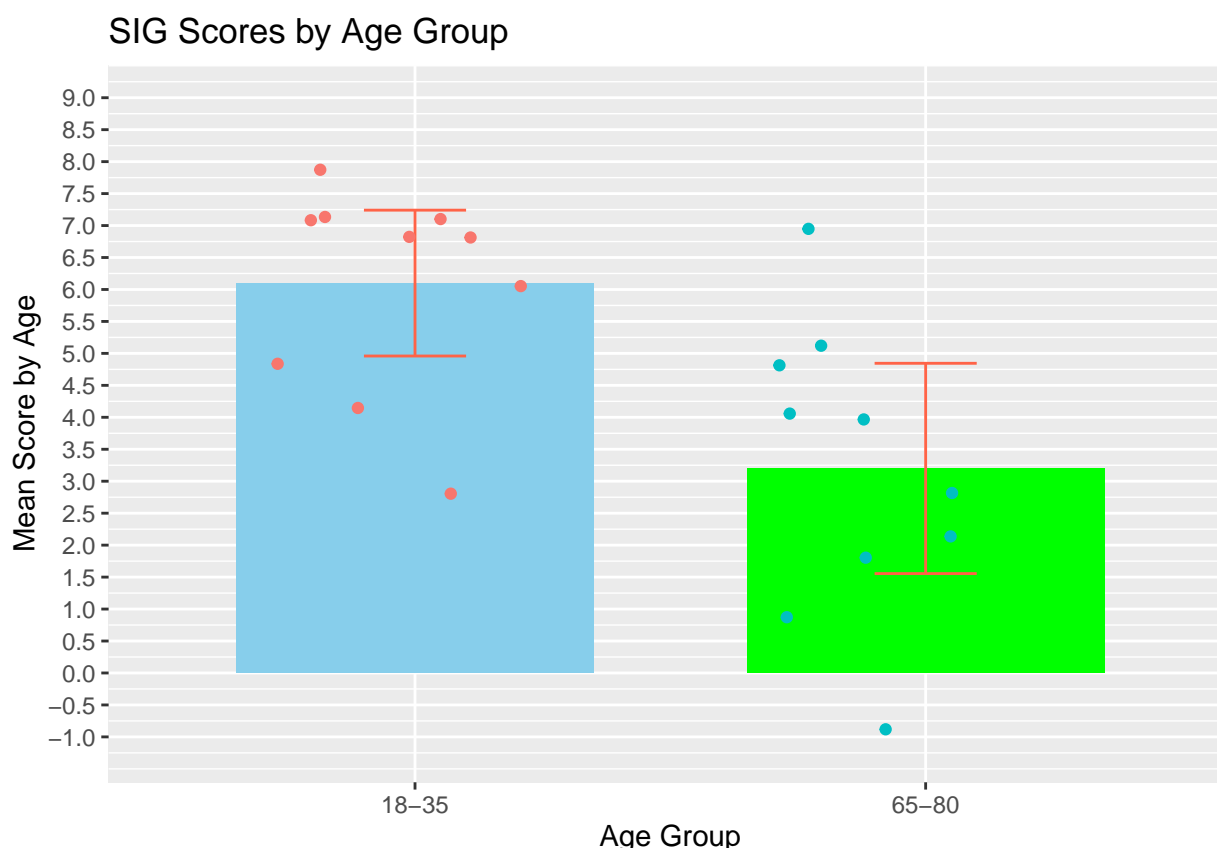
*#From this plot, we can easily see the very large difference in means, and that the
#confidence intervals do not overlap, supporting the idea that the underlying means
#of these two groups are different. With the addition of geom_jitter we can even
#see that the range of the spread of data points are similar between groups,
#which reflects similarity of coefficients of variation. <c> COMPLETED*

#<d>Create bar charts displaying difference in means for Sig Scale-----

*#Almost all methods for building this graph were the same as the previous, with
 #the exception of setting the limits within the scale_y_continuous function from
 #-1.2. If I did not set the limits to less than -1, the minimum jitter-point value
 #-1 would be removed from the graph and I would receive an error (and of course,
 #the point would not appear on the graph). My guess is that I need to set the limit
 #to the min value less by the height of the jitter value in order for the point to
 #consistently show.*

```
Sig.Scale.plot <- BSI.sig.data %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = Age.Group, y = Sig.Scale, fill = Age.Group)) +
  stat_summary(fun = mean, geom = "bar", width = .7) +
  geom_errorbar(stat = "summary", fun.data = "mean_cl_normal",
               width = 0.2, color = "tomato") +
  scale_y_continuous(limits = c(-1.2, 9), breaks = seq(from = -1, to = 9, by = .5)) +
  scale_fill_manual(values = c("skyblue", "green")) +
  geom_jitter(aes(color = Age.Group), width = .3, height = .2, stat = "identity") +
  labs(title = "SIG Scores by Age Group", x = "Age Group", y = "Mean Score by Age") +
  theme(legend.position = "none")
```

Sig.Scale.plot



*#From this plot, again, we can easily see the very large difference in means. It is
 #not quite as clear that the confidence intervals do not overlap (they don't), but
 #at worst, someone might conclude that they come very close (which they do). Again,
 #it is fairly clear from the graph that the underlying means of the two groups
 #differ significantly. Also, from the geom_jitter overlay, we can see that the
 #variation in the 65-80 group is much larger, which is also reflected in the*

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#respective coefficients of variation.
#<d> COMPLETED.

#Melt data into long(tidy) format-----
#The goal here is to create a faceted set of histograms to display the normality
#suggested by the Shapiro-Wilk scores we saw in the stat.desc outputs. To create
#a long, or tidy, data set, I assign unique identifiers with the id.vars argument.
#This tells r to keep all identifiers from these columns; the other columns will
#be "melted" together. the argument variable.name takes the column names(the ones
#not preserved in the id.vars argument) and creates a new column with the old
#column names as entries, and the assigned name as the name of the new column.
#All of the entries from those columns are stored under the column defined by the
#value.name argument.

BSI.sig.data.long <- melt(BSI.sig.data, id.vars = c("Record", "Age.Group"),
  variable.name = "Test.Type", value.name = "Score")

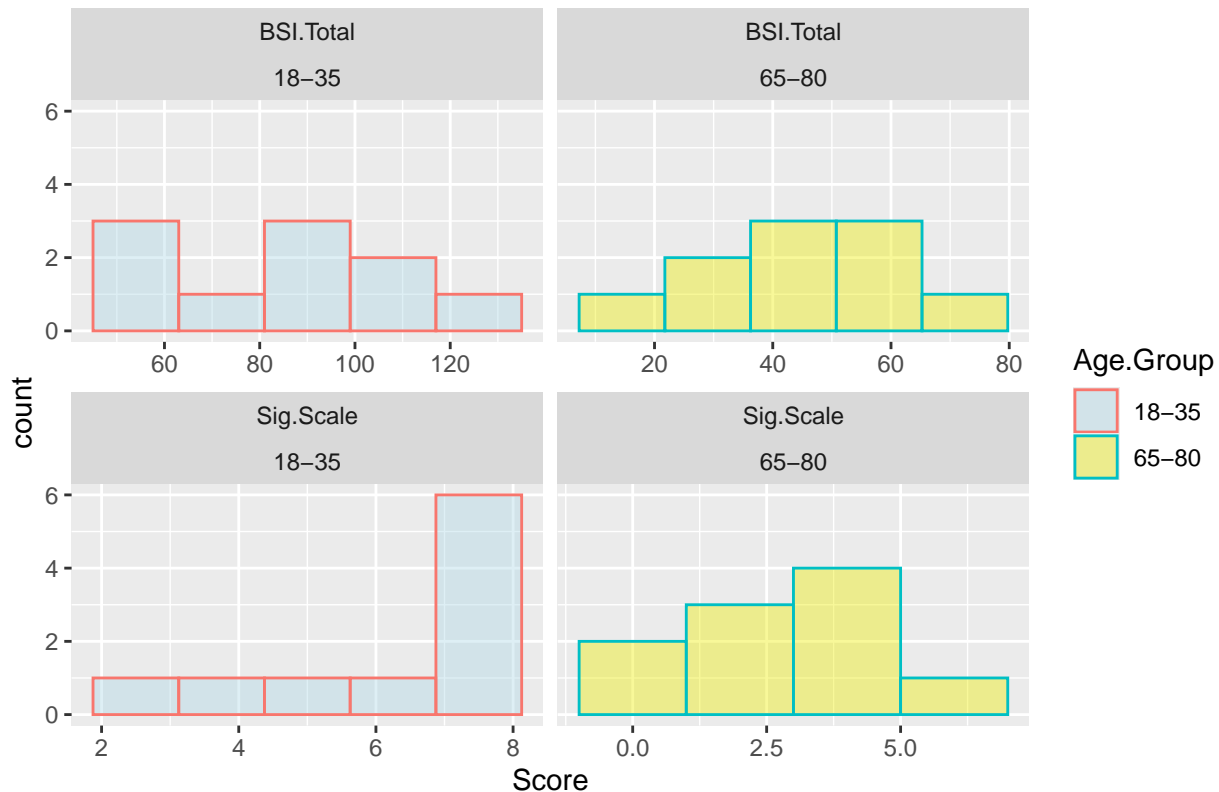
#Create histograms facted by test type and age group-----
#For a histogram in ggplot, we only assign an x component into aes. This is
#a good reason to use long data; I can assign all my scores to the x-component
#and facet them into the appropriate groups with facet_wrap. Thus, I use faceting
#to create histograms by test type and age group. I use the scales = "free_x"
#argument in facet_wrap because the two test types have a different scoring system.
#This tells r to assign x values appropriate to the specific data. I didn't use
#the "free" argument because I want to keep my counts along the y-axis consistent.

data.histogram <- BSI.sig.data.long %>% ggplot(aes(Score)) +
  geom_histogram(aes(color = Age.Group, fill = Age.Group),
  position = "identity", bins = 5, alpha = .4) +
  scale_fill_manual(values = c("lightblue", "yellow2")) +
  facet_wrap(~Test.Type + Age.Group, scales = "free_x") +
  labs(title = "Histogram-Normality Display")

data.histogram

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Histogram–Normality Display



#I think these graphs do a good job displaying the "normality" of the data, with the exception of the Sig.Scale for 18-35 age group. One question I have for these graphs is how to choose the appropriate number of bins.

*#<e>Pair rows 1-10 to 11-20. and build histograms of differences,-----
#and use Shapiro-Wilks test to test normality.
#the difficulty was in pairing 1 to 11, 2 to 12, etc. and I could not see a way
#to do this simply with pivot_wider or dcast (because the Record numbers do not
#match up). Therefore, I chose to build a new data frame using cbind nested inside
#data.frame; (1) I attached the data set to my workspace, then (2)pulled each cell
#from its place in the original data.frame.
#(3) I ran a summary to see the new names of the wide data frame (X1-X6)
then (4) overwrote the new data frame by piping it into the rename function to give
#the columns appropriate names, (5) piped into mutate_at to assign my numeric columns
#as numeric (they were not), and (6) piped into mutate to create my difference
#columns. This "brute force" method may not have been the most efficient, but it
#certainly worked.*

*#Note that going forward, I had to put the column names between two tick `` marks.
#This, I suspect, is because the names have spaces in them.*

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attach(BSI.sig.data)
BSI.sig.data.wide <- data.frame(cbind(Record[1:10], Record[11:20], BSI.Total[1:10],
                                     BSI.Total[11:20], Sig.Scale[1:10], Sig.Scale[11:20]))
detach(BSI.sig.data)
summary(BSI.sig.data.wide)
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##           X1                X2                X3                X4
## Length:10          Length:10          Length:10          Length:10
## Class :character    Class :character    Class :character    Class :character
## Mode  :character    Mode  :character    Mode  :character    Mode  :character
##           X5                X6
## Length:10          Length:10
## Class :character    Class :character
## Mode  :character    Mode  :character

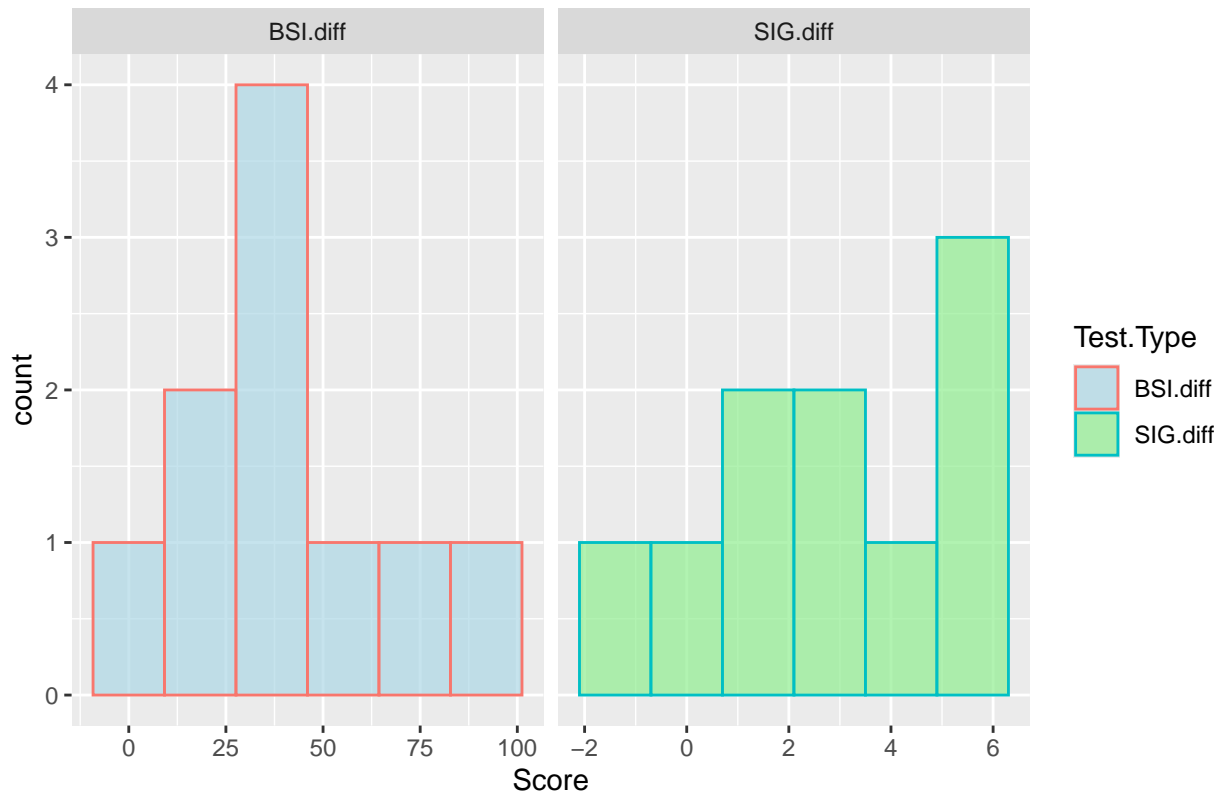
BSI.sig.data.wide <- BSI.sig.data.wide %>% rename("ID 18-35" = X1, "ID 65-80" = X2,
  "BSI 18-35" = X3, "BSI 65-80" = X4, "Sig Scale 18-35" = X5,
  "Sig Scale 65-80" = X6) %>% mutate_at(c("BSI 18-35", "BSI 65-80",
  "Sig Scale 18-35", "Sig Scale 65-80"), as.numeric) %>%
  mutate(BSI.diff = `BSI 18-35` - `BSI 65-80`,
  SIG.diff = `Sig Scale 18-35` - `Sig Scale 65-80`)

#To create histograms of the differences fo the two test types, I (1) created
#a new object to store the graph, (2) piped the wide data frame into select, (3)
#selected only the new difference columms, (4) melted those columns by test type
#and score (I left out the id.vars argument because I did not keep any for the graph)
#and (5) piped that into ggplot with only Score assigned to the aesthetics, (6)
#add a histogram layer, added a manual color scheme by test type, (7) and faceted
#by test type, using the free_x argument, and (8) finally giving each facet n.breaks
#in the x-axis using the scale_x_continuous function (I don't know why one facet
#only got 5)

diff.plot <- BSI.sig.data.wide %>% select(BSI.diff, SIG.diff) %>%
  melt(variable.name = "Test.Type", value.name = "Score") %>% ggplot(aes(Score)) +
  geom_histogram(aes(color = Test.Type, fill = Test.Type),
    position = "identity", bins = 6, alpha = .7) +
  scale_fill_manual(values = c("lightblue", "lightgreen")) +
  facet_wrap(~Test.Type, scales = "free_x") +
  scale_x_continuous(n.breaks = 6) +
  labs(title = "Difference in Scores Between Paired Age Groups")

diff.plot
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Difference in Scores Between Paired Age Groups



*#The data looks relatively normal, as the Shapiro-Wilks test will bear out, but
#I still wonder the best way to assign number of bins.*

```
#Run shapiro-Wilks test to test for normality-----
#NULL hypothesis for BSI.diff: data is distributed normally; ALT. hypothesis:
#data is not distributed normally.
shapiro.test(BSI.sig.data.wide$BSI.diff)
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##
## Shapiro-Wilk normality test
##
## data: BSI.sig.data.wide$BSI.diff
## W = 0.92598, p-value = 0.4095
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shapiro.test(BSI.sig.data.wide$SIG.diff)
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##
## Shapiro-Wilk normality test
##
## data: BSI.sig.data.wide$SIG.diff
## W = 0.951, p-value = 0.6803
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*#For both test, we "fail to reject the null", that is to say, we conclude that
#the data is likely normal with p-values > alpha=.05. I suspected this going in
#because the data sets we combined by subtraction were also normally distributed.
#<e> COMPLETED.*

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#<f>Test for significant differences between age groups of each test-----
#Test all assumptions necessary to run each test.
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#(1)Normality: I already tested this back in <b> for all groups and tests
#using the stat.decs function; all groups tested as normal by the Shapiro-Wilks
#test
#(2)Test variances for equality:
#F-test to compare variances between age groups:
#NULL hypotheses: underlying population variances of the two groups are equal;
#ALT. hypotheses: underlying populaion variances are different.
attach(BSI.sig.data.wide)

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var.test(`BSI 18-35`, `BSI 65-80`)
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##
## F test to compare two variances
##
## data: BSI 18-35 and BSI 65-80
## F = 2.1326, num df = 9, denom df = 9, p-value = 0.2746
## alternative hypothesis: true ratio of variances is not equal to 1
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## 0.5297106 8.5858828
## sample estimates:
## ratio of variances
## 2.132612

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#I ran an f-test to compare variances because we assume that the samples are
#independent, and because we saw that the data is normally distributed; therefore
#an f-test is appropriate to compare variances between age groups.
#The p-value is greater than alpha=.05, therefore we fail to reject the null
#and conclude that the variances between age groups for BSI total are equal.

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var.test(`Sig Scale 18-35`, `Sig Scale 65-80`)
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##
## F test to compare two variances
##
## data: Sig Scale 18-35 and Sig Scale 65-80
## F = 0.48109, num df = 9, denom df = 9, p-value = 0.2908
## alternative hypothesis: true ratio of variances is not equal to 1
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## 0.1194966 1.9368753
## sample estimates:
## ratio of variances
## 0.4810924

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#The p-value is greater than alpha=.05, therefore we fail to reject the null
#and conclude that the variances between age groups for Sig Scale are equal.
#I will note that this result is not well demonstrated by my jitter overlay in the
#Sig Scale bar graph.

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#Run t-tests to compare by age group each test type-----
#Because each test groups tests as normal, they are presumed to be independent,
#and that the variances are equal, we'll run each test with paired set to
#false and var.equal set to true.
#NULL hypothesis: True mean is equal between age groups
#ALT. hypothesis: True means are not equal.

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t.test(`BSI 18-35`, `BSI 65-80`, paired = FALSE, var.equal = TRUE)

##
## Two Sample t-test
##
## data: BSI 18-35 and BSI 65-80
## t = 4.4062, df = 18, p-value = 0.0003407
## alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## 22.34032 63.05968
## sample estimates:
## mean of x mean of y
## 88.0 45.3

t.test(`Sig Scale 18-35`, `Sig Scale 65-80`, paired = FALSE, var.equal = TRUE)

##
## Two Sample t-test
##
## data: Sig Scale 18-35 and Sig Scale 65-80
## t = 3.2766, df = 18, p-value = 0.004192
## alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## 1.040555 4.759445
## sample estimates:
## mean of x mean of y
## 6.1 3.2

detach(BSI.sig.data.wide)
#For both tests, the p-value is significantly less than alpha= .05, therefore
#we fail to reject either null and conclude that the the true means between
#age groups are different, and that the confidence interval tell how much larger
#the means of the 18-35 group are compared to the 65-80 group. <f> COMPLETED.

#This result is well reflected in the bar graphs shown above, given that the means
#for both graphs appear so far apart, and that the confidence intervals do not overlap.

#<g>Retest by age group with the new assumption that the data is paired-----
# i.e. each person was followed over a long period of time and we tested them at
#different timepoints: ONLY FOR THE BSI data!!
#NULL hypothesis: The difference of the means from the two timepoints is zero
#ALT. hypothesis: The difference of the means from the two timepoints is not zero
#(1)Normality: because I ran a Shapiro-Wilks test above on the normality
#of the differences, and it was shown to be normally distributed, I conclude
#that the differences data is normal for the paired samples.
#(2)Variance: I will test the variance at the two timepoints.
#Using Levene's test, we calculate the difference in variance of the BSI Total
#score by age. Because the data is normally distributed, I set the center to mean.
leveneTest(BSI.Total~Age.Group, data = BSI.sig.data, center = mean)

## Levene's Test for Homogeneity of Variance (center = mean)
## Df F value Pr(>F)
## group 1 2.2145 0.154
## 18

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#fail to reject the null; we assume variances are equal.

#We accept the NULL, i.e. the variances for the different timepoints
#for each test are equal. Therefore, I will run a t-test with paired set to true
#and var.equal set to true.

#Create a data frame with only ID numbers 1-10-----

paired.data.wide <- BSI.sig.data.wide %>% select(-`ID 65-80`) %>%
  rename(ID = `ID 18-35`)

attach(paired.data.wide)

t.test(`BSI 18-35`, `BSI 65-80`, paired = TRUE, var.equal = TRUE)

##
## Paired t-test
##
## data: BSI 18-35 and BSI 65-80
## t = 4.9066, df = 9, p-value = 0.00084
## alternative hypothesis: true mean difference is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## 23.01346 62.38654
## sample estimates:
## mean difference
## 42.7

#We fail to reject the null, and conclude that the mean difference is not equal to
#zero. <g> COMPLETED.

detach(paired.data.wide)

#Conclusions-----
#(1)Treated as independent samples, that is, samples taken as a snapshot of a moment
#in time, the means of the two age groups of the Brief Symptom Inventory (BSI)
#total score show a statistically significant difference in mean scores, with
#the 18-35 group showing a higher score on average. The variances, on average,
#tested as equal, both tested as normally distributed, with similar coefficients
#of variation. We would conclude that, on average, older patients who suffer an
#acute spinal injury, suffer fewer psychiatric symptoms as a co-morbid effect
# of that injury on the BSI scale.

#We also can conclude that there is a statistically significant difference of the
#means between the two age groups on the Significance Score, with the 18-35 group
#showing a higher score on average. The variances, on average, tested as equal,
#both tested as normally distributed, but the coefficients of variation differed,
#showing a higher deviation from the mean in the older group. We would conclude
#that, on average, the older patients show a lesser number of "clinically significant"
#t-scores on the symptom subscales.

#A final note for the independent samples is that there is a great deal of parity
#between the statistical description and conclusions of the BSI total data and
#the Sig Scores data leading me to believe there is a correlation between a person's
#score on the BSI and the Sig Scale.

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```
point.graph <- BSI.sig.data %>% ggplot(aes(x = BSI.Total, y = Sig.Scale)) +
  geom_point(aes(group = Age.Group, color = Age.Group)) +
  geom_smooth(method = "lm") + scale_x_continuous(n.breaks = 14) +
  scale_y_continuous(n.breaks = 10) + labs(title = "Linear Trend Between Tests")
```

```
point.graph
```



```
cor(BSI.sig.data$BSI.Total, BSI.sig.data$Sig.Scale)
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## [1] 0.7719855
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*#Both the graph and the pearson correlation test suggest a strong positive
#linear relationship between scores of the two tests.*

*#(2)Treated as a paired sample, i.e. individuals tested at different timepoints,
#the data shows a statistically significant difference in means for the average
#BSI total score at different ages. For a paired sample, this suggests that,
#over time, a person's score on the BSI scale decreases, or that the number of
#psychiatric symptoms a person suffers decreases as the time since the injury increases.*