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MATH1541 Statistics  
Exercise Sheet 16

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## 1 Q1

### 1.1 With Main Outliers

Let differences be denoted  $d$ :  $\bar{d} = 2.55$ ,  $s_d = 4.7117$ ,  $n_d = 15$ .

$H_0 : \mu_d = 0$ ,  $H_a : \mu_d \neq 0$ ,  $\alpha = 5\%$  (two-tailed)

The critical values for the  $t_{n-1}$  test in this case are thus the 0.025 values from the tails of  $t_{14}$  distribution. These values are  $\pm 2.1448$ .

We calculate the test statistic,  $t$ , as follows:

$$t = \frac{\bar{d} - \mu_d}{\frac{s_d}{\sqrt{n_d}}}$$
$$t = \frac{2.55 - 0}{\frac{4.7117}{\sqrt{15}}}$$
$$t = 2.0961$$

We can go about checking the significance of the test statistic in one of many ways, but the most straightforward is to compare it to the critical value. Since  $t < 2.1448$ , we fail to reject the null hypothesis at the 5% significance level - the evidence does not suggest  $\mu_d \neq 0$ .

### 1.2 Assumptions

To make this a valid test, we must assume:

- Each observation is independent
- Each observation is selected with a simple random sample
- The original distribution of the plant heights is reasonably Normal (incl. no outliers and little to no skew)

### 1.3 Without Main Outliers

There are three outliers in the data set - two are contained in the cross-fertilised portion, while one is in the self-fertilised. The two cross-fertilised outliers are further from the lower outlier limit (17.65625, calculated as  $Q_2 - 1.5 \cdot \text{IQR}$ ) for the cross-fertilised data than the other outlier is from the self-fertilised limit, as well as being absolutely lower than the other outlier. Therefore, they and their corresponding self-fertilised data points have been omitted. Additionally, when converted to differences, the only outliers are the ones stemming from the cross-fertilised data, further reinforcing the decision to omit those two data points.

Let differences be denoted  $d$ :  $\bar{d} = 4.0481$ ,  $s_d = 2.7260$ ,  $n_d = 13$ .

$H_0 : \mu_d = 0$ ,  $H_a : \mu_d \neq 0$ ,  $\alpha = 5\%$  (two-tailed)

The critical values for the  $t_{n-1}$  test in this case are thus the 0.025 values from the tails of  $t_{12}$  distribution. These values are  $\pm 2.1788$ .

We calculate the test statistic,  $t$ , as follows:

$$t = \frac{\bar{d} - \mu_d}{\frac{s_d}{\sqrt{n_d}}}$$
$$t = \frac{4.0481 - 0}{\frac{2.7260}{\sqrt{13}}}$$
$$t = 5.3542$$

We can go about checking the significance of the test statistic in one of many ways, but the most straightforward is to compare it to the critical value. Since  $t > 2.1788$ , we reject the null hypothesis at the 5% significance level - the evidence does not suggest  $\mu_d = 0$ .