

Ansal is investigating the wingspans of Monarch butterflies in two different regions, X and Y . He takes a random sample of 8 Monarch butterflies from region X and records their wingspans, x cm. His results are as follows.

8.2 7.0 7.3 8.8 7.8 8.5 9.2 7.4

Ansal also takes a random sample of 9 Monarch butterflies from region Y and records their wingspans, y cm. His results are summarised as follows.

$$\Sigma y = 71.10 \quad \Sigma y^2 = 567.13$$

Ansal suspects that the mean wingspan of Monarch butterflies from region X is greater than the mean wingspan of Monarch butterflies from region Y . It is known that the wingspans of Monarch butterflies in regions X and Y are normally distributed with equal population variances.

Test, at the 10% significance level, whether Ansal's suspicion is supported by the data.

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