

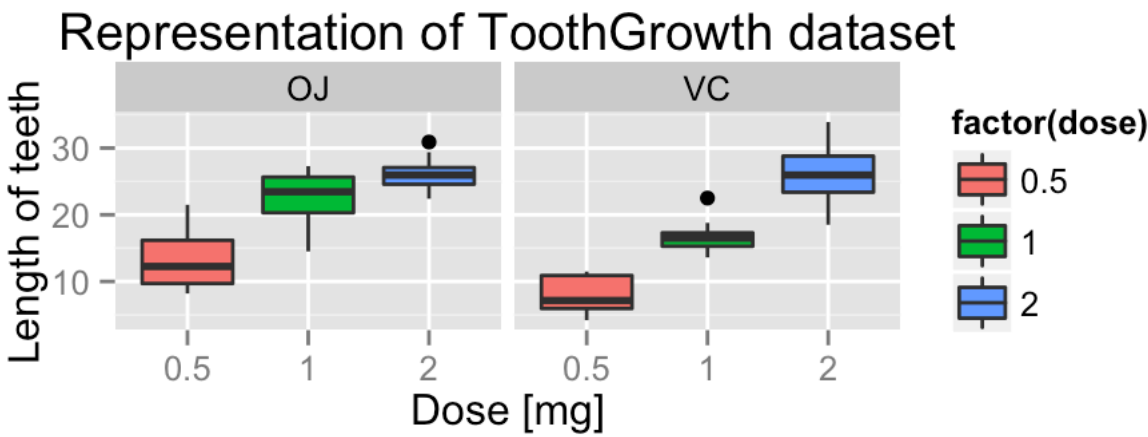
Overview

This report shows the analysis done upon the ToothGrowth data in the R datasets package.

Step 1: Load the ToothGrowth data and perform some basic exploratory data analyses

```
# load data and perform some exploratory data analyses
data(ToothGrowth)
str(ToothGrowth)

## 'data.frame':    60 obs. of  3 variables:
## $ len : num  4.2 11.5 7.3 5.8 6.4 10 11.2 11.2 5.2 7 ...
## $ supp: Factor w/ 2 levels "OJ","VC": 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 ...
## $ dose: num  0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 ...
```



Step 2: Provide a basic summary of the data

```
##           len           supp           dose
## Min.      : 4.20      OJ:30      Min.       :0.500
## 1st Qu.:13.07      VC:30      1st Qu.:0.500
## Median   :19.25                Median    :1.000
## Mean     :18.81                Mean      :1.167
## 3rd Qu.:25.27                3rd Qu.:2.000
## Max.     :33.90                Max.      :2.000
```

As shown in the review of the dataset made in Step 1, together with the summmary above presented, the data is a set of 60 observations of length of teeth in each of 10 guinea pigs at each of three dose levels of Vitamin C (0.5, 1 and 2 mg) with each of two delivery methods (orange juice:OC or ascorbic acid:AC).

Plotting length of teeth against dose and supplement shows that the length of teeth seems correlated with the dose level (quantity of Vitamin C), and also seems that Ascorbic Acid (VC) supplement could have influenced in a major effect of the dose provided, making teeth to grow a bit more.

Step 3: Use confidence intervals and/or hypothesis tests to compare tooth growth by supp and dose

Now let's use confidence intervals for the analysis of different scenarios.

Dose alone

```
dataset <- data.table(ToothGrowth)
t1<-subset(dataset,dose==0.5)$len
t2<-subset(dataset,dose==1)$len
t<-t.test(t1,t2,paired=FALSE,var.equal=FALSE)
t$conf.int[1:2]
```

```
## [1] -11.983781 -6.276219
```

The confidence interval does not contain 0 when increasing the dose level from 0.5 mg to 1 mg, so the null hypothesis (this is this dose does not increase the teeth length) is rejected.

```
t1<-subset(dataset,dose==1)$len
t2<-subset(dataset,dose==2)$len
t<-t.test(t1,t2,paired=FALSE,var.equal=FALSE)
t$conf.int[1:2]
```

```
## [1] -8.996481 -3.733519
```

Again the null hypothesis is rejected, so the increase of level dose from 1 mg to 2 mg do increase the teeth length.

Supplement alone

```
t1<-subset(dataset,supp=='VC')$len
t2<-subset(dataset,supp=='OJ')$len
t<-t.test(t1,t2,paired=FALSE,var.equal=FALSE)
t$p.value
```

```
## [1] 0.06063451
```

```
t$conf.int[1:2]
```

```
## [1] -7.5710156 0.1710156
```

The confidence interval contains zero, and the P-value is 0.061. The null hypothesis (Vitamin C supplement alone does not affect teeth growth) is rejected, as expected.

Supplement by dosage

```
t1<-subset(dataset,supp=='VC' & dose==0.5)$len
t2<-subset(dataset,supp=='OJ' & dose==0.5)$len
t<-t.test(t1,t2,paired=FALSE,var.equal=FALSE)
t$conf.int[1:2]
```

```
## [1] -8.780943 -1.719057
```

The confidence interval when comparing both supplements at the dose level of 0.5 mg does not contain zero, so the null hypothesis that supplement type when dose is 0.5 level does not affect tooth growth is rejected.

```
t1<-subset(dataset,supp=='VC' & dose==1)$len
t2<-subset(dataset,supp=='OJ' & dose==1)$len
t<-t.test(t1,t2,paired=FALSE,var.equal=FALSE)
t$conf.int[1:2]
```

```
## [1] -9.057852 -2.802148
```

The confidence interval when comparing both supplements at the dose level of 1 mg does not contain zero, so the null hypothesis that supplement type when dose is 1 level does not affect tooth growth is rejected.

```
t1<-subset(dataset,supp=='VC' & dose==2)$len
t2<-subset(dataset,supp=='OJ' & dose==2)$len
t<-t.test(t1,t2,paired=FALSE,var.equal=FALSE)
t$p.value
```

```
## [1] 0.9638516
```

```
t$conf.int[1:2]
```

```
## [1] -3.63807 3.79807
```

The confidence interval when comparing both supplements at the dose level of 2 mg does contain zero this time, and the P-value is almost 1.0, so the null hypothesis (supplement type when dose is 2 level does not affect tooth growth) cannot be rejected.

Step 4: Conclusions and assumptions

Conclusions

- The increase of dose level of Vitamine C alone increases tooth growth.
- Regardless of dose level, supplement type alone does not affect tooth growth.
- For dose levels of 0.5 mg and 1 mg the supplement type of orange juice (OJ) has a greater impact on tooth growth than ascorbic acid (VC), but
- For a dose level of 2 mg, there is no impact on the different type of supplement used (OJ versus VC).

Assumptions

- The sample of pigs is representative.
- The dose level and the supplement type were randomly assigned.
- The distribution of the means is normal and the confidence intervals are assumed not to be paired.