ChickWeight

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1. Understanding the Data

This ChickWeight dataset describes the body weights of the chicks measured at birth and every second day thereafter until day 20. They were also measured on day 21. The purpose of the report is to examine the effect of 4 diets on early growth of chicks. The dataset has 578 rows and 4 columns, having weight, Time, Chick and Diet as four variables with no missing values (checked using is.na(ChickWeight) function).

Structure of ChickWeight Dataset:

Firstly, we will describe the general structure of ChickWeight Dataset describing the variables (their datatypes and levels)

##	weight	Time	\mathtt{Chick}	Diet
##	Min. : 35.0	Min. : 0.00	13 : 12	1:220
##	1st Qu.: 63.0	1st Qu.: 4.00	9 : 12	2:120
##	Median :103.0	Median :10.00	20 : 12	3:120
##	Mean :121.8	Mean :10.72	10 : 12	4:118
##	3rd Qu.:163.8	3rd Qu.:16.00	17 : 12	
##	Max. :373.0	Max. :21.00	19 : 12	
##			(Other):506	

Using str(ChickWeight) function, we get the following details:

Weight

datatype: numeric

description: weight of the chicken

Time

datatype: numeric

description: the day weight was recorded beginning with day 0 as the day it was born

Chick

datatype: an ordered factor with levels 50

description: a unique identifier for the chick. For instance, the first row in chick variable shows that the chick with unique ID# 13 has the lowest weight, followed by chick ID 9, 20 and so on.

Diet

datatype: factor with levels 1, 2, 3, 4

description: indicates which experimental diet the chicks receive

2. Analyzing the Data

Summary of the ChickWeight dataset:

Here, we will focus on Weight, Time, Chick and Diet - giving a sense of their central tendency, dispersion, range, levels, etc. There are 2 numeric variables (weight and Time) for which the measure of central tendency, dispersion and range are calculated.

Measures of central tendency

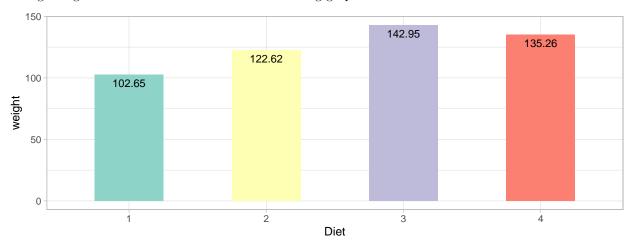
##		Measure		Weight		Time
##	1:	Mean		121.818	-	10.718
##	2:	Median	1	103	1	10
##	3:	Mode	Τ	41	1	0 2

Measures of Dispersion

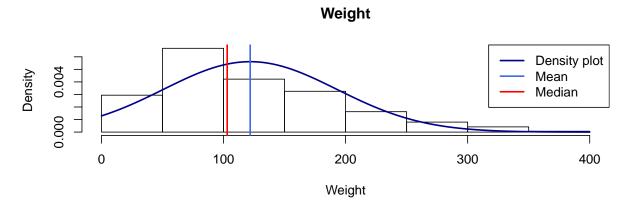
##		Me	easure		Weight		Time
##	1:	Va	riance	1	5051.223	-	45.676
##	2:	Standard Dev	iation	1	71.072	-	6.758
##	3:	Inter-Quartile Range	(IQR)	1	100.75	-	12
##	4:		Range	1	35 373		0 21

Summarizing the above measures grouped by diet

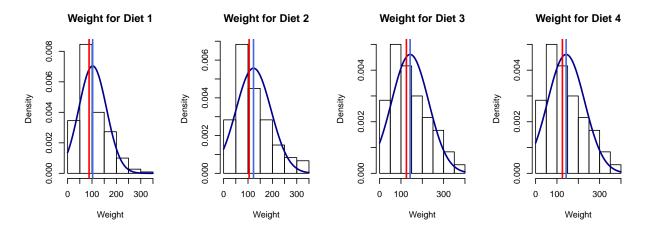
Average weights for each diet is shown in the following graph:



From the above graph, the average weight of $Diet\ 3 > Diet\ 4 > Diet\ 2 > Diet\ 1$. In order to understand the distribution, skewness, and general idea of mean and median, the following graphs show the *overall weight vs Diet*, and *individual weight vs Diet*.



It is observed that the distribution is rightly skewed, as Mean > Median.



Overall Co-relation for Weight~Time for the given dataset

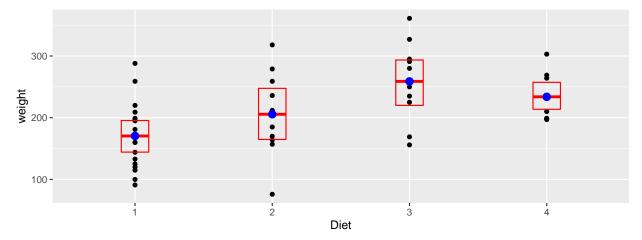
[1] 0.8371017

Confidence intervals for mean weight at day 20 for each diet

This is the analysis for part b of Assignment 1

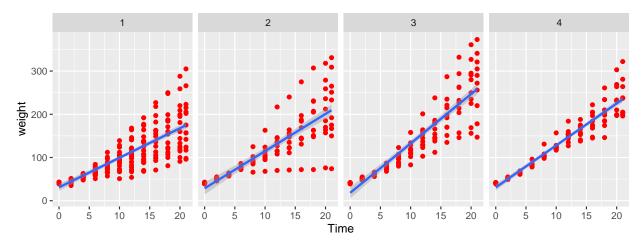
Here we are anlaysing the mean weight observed with each of the 4 diets with 95% confidence intervals to further confirm the weight~Diet relationship that was observed above.

##	Diets		Sample_size		Avg_Weight		Lower_Value		Upper_Value		Range_of_CI
## 1	1: Diet 1		17		170.4118		141.9093	-	198.9142		57.00496
## 2	2: Diet 2	1	10	-	205.6000	1	155.3446	1	255.8554	1	100.51086
## 3	3: Diet 3	1	10	-	258.9000	1	212.2273	1	305.5727	1	93.34535
## 4	1: Diet 4		9	-	233.8889	1	205.0115	1	262.7663	1	57.75477



The above graph depicts confidence intervals for mean weight at day 20 for each diet. It is observed that the Range of CI for Diet 2 > Diet 4 >

General trend of Weight observed with each diet over a period of 21 days (using GGplot and Face grid functions)



We observe that there is an increase in weight for all four Diets over 21 days, with highest increase for Diet 3 (as we can see that it has the maximum positive slope).

3. Conclusion

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- 1. The average weights for all four Diets are positively correlated with Time i.e. there is strong linear relationship and both the variables move in the same direction, but there is maximum correlation for Diet 3 and minimum for Diet 1 w.r.t time for 20 days period.
- 2. The average weight of Diet 3 > Diet 4 > Diet 2 > Diet 1
- 3. There is an increase in weight for all four Diets over 21 days, with highest increase for Diet 3

Future Scope

1. Overall co-relation for Weight~Time for the given dataset indicates a strong linear relationship i.e both the variables are positively corelated with one another, so if we have data for more days and if we go beyond 20 days, the weight of the chicken will further increase in a linearly.