

Exercise 5B.1

A multimedia program designed to improve dietary behavior among low-income women was evaluated by randomly assigning women to intervention and control groups. One outcome was the score on a knowledge test taken about 2 months after the program. A summary of the data is below:

Group	n	\bar{x}	s
Intervention	15	5.08	1.15
Control	12	4.33	1.16

Is there evidence that there is a difference between intervention and control?

Exercise 5B.2

An entrepreneur wants to compare the daily sales for two different designs of web pages for her Internet business. She randomly assigns the next 60 days to either Design A or Design B, 30 days to each.

- (a) Would you use a one-sided or two-sided significance test? Why?

- (b) How many degrees of freedom will the test statistic have?

- (c) The t statistic for comparing the mean sales is 2.06. Draw a conclusion for the entrepreneur.

Exercise 5B.3

In the University of New Hampshire student survey data, information is collected on each student's gender and his/her GPA. This sample was used to test whether there is a difference in GPA between male and female students (at UNH in 1988). Use the Stata output below to answer the questions on the next page.

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. ttest gpa, by(gender)
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Two-sample t test with equal variances

Group	Obs	Mean	Std. Err.	Std. Dev.	[95% Conf. Interval]	
Female	119	2.882941	.0412487	.4499705	2.801257	2.964625
Male	99	2.718788	.0458589	.45629	2.627782	2.809793
combined	218	2.808394	.0310989	.4591705	2.7471	2.869689
diff		.1641533	.0616013		.0427366	.28557

diff = mean(Female) - mean(Male)

t = 2.6648

Ho: diff = 0

degrees of freedom = 216

Ha: diff < 0

Ha: diff != 0

Ha: diff > 0

Pr(T < t) = 0.9959

Pr(|T| > |t|) = 0.0083

Pr(T > t) = 0.0041

- (a) What is the estimate of the difference in GPA, females minus males?
- (b) What is the 95% confidence interval for the mean difference in GPA between females and males?
- (c) What is the null hypothesis being tested?
- (d) What is the test statistic for the test?
- (e) What is the distribution of this test statistic under the null hypothesis?
- (f) If my alternative hypothesis is that females and males have different GPAs, what is the p-value?
- (g) If my alternative hypothesis is that females have higher GPA than males, what is the p-value?