Fuel consumption difference between Automatic and Manual transmission

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Dataset

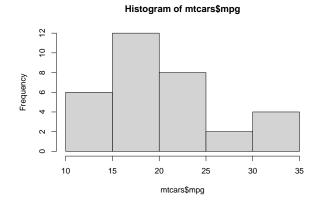
Given the built-in mtcars dataset analyze fuel consumption between automatic and manual transmission cars.

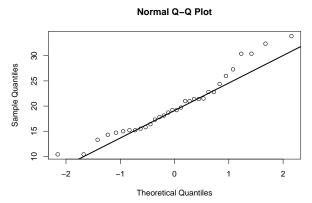
```
head(mtcars)
```

```
##
                      mpg cyl disp hp drat
                                                wt qsec vs am gear carb
                     21.0
## Mazda RX4
                                160 110 3.90 2.620 16.46
## Mazda RX4 Wag
                               160 110 3.90 2.875 17.02
## Datsun 710
                     22.8
                                    93 3.85 2.320 18.61
                                                                       1
## Hornet 4 Drive
                     21.4
                               258 110 3.08 3.215 19.44
## Hornet Sportabout 18.7
                               360 175 3.15 3.440 17.02
                                                                  3
                                                                       2
                                                                  3
## Valiant
                     18.1
                               225 105 2.76 3.460 20.22
```

Check whether mpg comes from a Gaussian distribution with Q-Q plot.

```
hist(mtcars$mpg)
qqnorm(mtcars$mpg, pch = 1)
qqline(mtcars$mpg, lwd = 2)
```





Binary feature am represents automatic with 0 and manual with 1. For convenience we convert it into a categorical variable.

```
mtcars$am <- as.factor(mtcars$am)
levels(mtcars$am) <- c('at','mt')
head(mtcars)</pre>
```

```
##
                      mpg cyl disp hp drat
                                               wt qsec vs am gear carb
## Mazda RX4
                               160 110 3.90 2.620 16.46
                     21.0
                                                         0 mt
                               160 110 3.90 2.875 17.02
## Mazda RX4 Wag
                     21.0
                                                                       4
                     22.8
## Datsun 710
                              108
                                   93 3.85 2.320 18.61
                                                                       1
                                                         1 mt
## Hornet 4 Drive
                     21.4
                            6
                               258 110 3.08 3.215 19.44
                                                         1 at
                                                                  3
                                                                       1
                            8 360 175 3.15 3.440 17.02
                                                                  3
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## Hornet Sportabout 18.7
                                                         0 at
## Valiant
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                            6 225 105 2.76 3.460 20.22 1 at
                                                                       1
```

We split the dataset into two subsets Automatic(AT) and Manual~(MT) transmission. We want to find confidence intervals for 0.95 confidence for the mean MPG for both categories. In order to do this we run t-test

```
mpg.automatic <- mtcars[mtcars$am == "at",]$mpg
mpg.manual <- mtcars[mtcars$am == "mt",]$mpg
t.test(mpg.automatic, mpg.manual)</pre>
```

```
##
## Welch Two Sample t-test
##
## data: mpg.automatic and mpg.manual
## t = -3.7671, df = 18.332, p-value = 0.001374
## alternative hypothesis: true difference in means is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## -11.280194 -3.209684
## sample estimates:
## mean of x mean of y
## 17.14737 24.39231
```

P-value is 0.001374 which is below the 5% confidence, so alternative hypothesis is accepted. The 95% confidence interval of the difference in mean fuel consumption between Automatic and Manual transmission is between 3.2 and 11.2

References