

Homework Solutions

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Exercise 27

(a) The hypotheses are

$$\begin{aligned}H_0 &: \mu_1 = \mu_2 \\H_1 &: \mu_1 \neq \mu_2\end{aligned}$$

(b) Enter the data into two separate lists in the TI-83 and use **1-Var-Stats** for each list. We obtain $\bar{x}_1 = 37.43$, $s_1 = 3.69$, $\bar{x}_2 = 42.5$, and $s_2 = 3.89$. Next, calculate s_p .

$$\begin{aligned}s_p &= \sqrt{\frac{(n_1 - 1)s_1^2 + (n_2 - 1)s_2^2}{n_1 + n_2 - 2}} \\&= \sqrt{\frac{6 \cdot 3.69^2 + 7 \cdot 3.89^2}{13}} \\&= 3.80.\end{aligned}$$

Now compute t .

$$\begin{aligned}t &= \frac{(\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2) - 0}{s_p \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}}} \\&= \frac{37.43 - 42.5}{3.80 \sqrt{\frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{8}}} \\&= -\frac{5.07}{1.967} \\&= -2.578.\end{aligned}$$

The p -value is $2 \times \text{tcdf}(-E99, -2.578, 13) = 0.0229$.

(c) The results are significant at the 0.05 level. That is, reject H_0 . This means that the average body weight of Strain 2 rats is greater than the average body weight of Strain 1 rats.

You can get these results on the TI-83 by using **2-SampTTest**.