



(b) You need the t statistic and hence the pooled standard deviation. Here

$$s_p = \sqrt{\frac{(12-1) \times 10.8^2 + (10-1) \times 12.4^2}{12+10-2}} \approx 11.55$$

and this value was given above. The t statistic is found then as

$$t = \sqrt{\frac{12 \times 10}{12+10}} \times \frac{(-6.5) - (-11.5)}{11.55} \approx 1.01$$

(c) The two-sided point corresponding to 20 ($= 12+10-2$) degrees of freedom for a 5% test is $t_{0.025; 20} = 2.086$.

(d) The value of t is clearly not significant. We accept the null hypothesis H_0 and say that we cannot find a significant difference between the two newsletters.

F2. Formally, this is a test of $H_0: \mu = 200$ versus $H_1: \mu \neq 200$, where μ is the true-but-unknown mean weight of the crates which are being sent to you. (It would be OK to formulate the alternative as $H_1: \mu < 200$.) The t statistic is

$$t = \sqrt{25} \frac{184 - 200}{10} = -8.00$$

If you do a 5% level test, the comparison value is $t_{0.025; 24} = 2.064$. But no matter what standard is used, this value is outrageous. The crates are significantly underweight, and you have every right to be upset. Also, the average shortfall is 16 pounds out of 200, which is 8%.

If you used $H_1: \mu < 200$, the comparison value would be $-t_{0.05; 24} = -1.711$. The rule would consist of rejecting H_0 when $t \leq -1.711$.

You could reasonably make a case for giving a confidence interval for μ . Let's suppose that you decide on 95% confidence. This interval would be $\bar{x} \pm t_{\alpha/2; n-1} \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$, and

numerically this is $184 \pm 2.064 \frac{10}{\sqrt{25}}$, giving 184 ± 4.128 or (179.872, 188.128). This

comes nowhere close to covering the comparison value 200, so you'll reach the same conclusion about the grapes.

