Chapter 6 – Tests of Differences

**Exercise 1**

The data below shows students’ scores before and after an intervention in a school class.

1. Explain what type of analysis is appropriate for this data set to determine whether or not there is a significant difference between the students’ scores before and after the intervention class.
2. State the null and alternative hypotheses.
3. Find the data below by opening Student Grades.csv.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Student | Before Intervention | After Intervention |
| 1 | 18 | 22 |
| 2 | 21 | 25 |
| 3 | 16 | 17 |
| 4 | 22 | 24 |
| 5 | 19 | 16 |
| 6 | 24 | 29 |
| 7 | 17 | 20 |
| 8 | 21 | 23 |
| 9 | 23 | 19 |
| 10 | 18 | 20 |
| 11 | 14 | 15 |
| 12 | 16 | 15 |
| 13 | 16 | 18 |
| 14 | 19 | 26 |
| 15 | 18 | 18 |
| 16 | 20 | 24 |
| 17 | 12 | 18 |
| 18 | 22 | 25 |
| 19 | 15 | 19 |
| 20 | 17 | 16 |

1. Perform the appropriate analysis and interpret the results according to the formed hypothesis.

**Exercise 2**

A study assessed the effectiveness of a new drug designed to reduce repetitive behaviors in children affected with autism. A total of 8 children with autism enroll in the study and the amount of time that each child is engaged in repetitive behavior during three-hour observation periods are measured both before treatment and then again after taking the new medication for a period of 1 week. The data are shown below (find this data in Drug Treatment.csv file).

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| --- | --- | --- |
| **Child** | **Before Treatment** | **After 1 Week of Treatment** |
| 1 | 85 | 75 |
| 2 | 70 | 50 |
| 3 | 40 | 50 |
| 4 | 65 | 40 |
| 5 | 80 | 20 |
| 6 | 75 | 65 |
| 7 | 55 | 40 |
| 8 | 20 | 25 |

1. Given this small dataset, explain what is the appropriate test to see if there is a significant difference between the median of two groups.
2. State the null and alternative hypotheses.
3. Use the data in Drug Treatment.csv.
4. Perform the appropriate analysis and interpret the results according to the formed hypothesis. As previously, look at descriptive statistics as well as the relevant statistical test.

**Exercise 3**

In an attempt to improve students’ grades within one class, two sets of intervention classes were performed. The students’ grades were recorded as below.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Student | Before Intervention | After First Intervention Class | After Second Intervention Class |
| 1 | 18 | 22 | 20 |
| 2 | 21 | 25 | 22 |
| 3 | 16 | 17 | 20 |
| 4 | 22 | 24 | 26 |
| 5 | 19 | 16 | 15 |
| 6 | 24 | 29 | 30 |
| 7 | 17 | 20 | 25 |
| 8 | 21 | 23 | 26 |
| 9 | 23 | 19 | 25 |
| 10 | 18 | 20 | 23 |
| 11 | 14 | 15 | 20 |
| 12 | 16 | 15 | 14 |
| 13 | 16 | 18 | 22 |
| 14 | 19 | 26 | 24 |
| 15 | 18 | 18 | 19 |
| 16 | 20 | 24 | 23 |
| 17 | 12 | 18 | 25 |
| 18 | 22 | 25 | 27 |
| 19 | 15 | 19 | 22 |
| 20 | 17 | 16 | 20 |

1. Explain why administering multiple t-tests would not be beneficial for this scenario. Which test would be appropriate?
2. State the null and alternative hypotheses.
3. Load and view Student Grades Extended.csv.
4. Perform the appropriate analysis and interpret the results related to the hypothesis.

**Exercise 4**

Suppose that you want to compare the grades of students from two *different* classes, where the first class followed a traditional teaching method, whereas the second was an experimental class where a different teaching style was applied. Do note that each separate group needs to be represented by a number (here, within the 'Class' variable); this would be the same with an ANOVA (independent samples / unrelated), only with more than 2 such numbers.

This data set is available in Teaching Methods.csv

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Student | Grade | Class |
| 1 | 18 | 1 |
| 2 | 21 | 1 |
| 3 | 16 | 1 |
| 4 | 22 | 1 |
| 5 | 19 | 1 |
| 6 | 24 | 1 |
| 7 | 17 | 1 |
| 8 | 21 | 1 |
| 9 | 23 | 1 |
| 10 | 18 | 1 |
| 11 | 14 | 1 |
| 12 | 16 | 1 |
| 13 | 16 | 1 |
| 14 | 19 | 1 |
| 15 | 18 | 1 |
| 16 | 20 | 1 |
| 17 | 12 | 1 |
| 18 | 22 | 1 |
| 19 | 15 | 1 |
| 20 | 17 | 1 |
| 21 | 22 | 2 |
| 22 | 25 | 2 |
| 23 | 17 | 2 |
| 24 | 24 | 2 |
| 25 | 16 | 2 |
| 26 | 29 | 2 |
| 27 | 20 | 2 |
| 28 | 23 | 2 |
| 29 | 19 | 2 |
| 30 | 20 | 2 |
| 31 | 15 | 2 |
| 32 | 15 | 2 |
| 33 | 18 | 2 |
| 34 | 26 | 2 |
| 35 | 18 | 2 |
| 36 | 24 | 2 |
| 37 | 18 | 2 |
| 38 | 25 | 2 |
| 39 | 19 | 2 |
| 40 | 16 | 2 |

1. State the null and alternative hypotheses.
2. Which test is appropriate here?
3. Input the data in R, perform the analysis and interpret the results.