

Two Sample t-Test and CIs

Estimate two population means (confidence intervals) or perform a hypothesis test for the difference between two independent means (two sample t-test) using the Fit Y by X platform. Note: If more than two means (more than two levels of the categorical X variable), refer to the page **One-Way ANOVA**.

Confidence Intervals

- 1. Select Analyze > Fit Y by X.
- Click on a continuous variable from Select Columns, and click Y, Response (continuous variables have blue triangles).
- Click on a two-level categorical variable and click X,
 Factor (categorical variables have red or green bars).
- 4. Click **OK**. The Oneway Analysis output window will display.
- Click on the red triangle, and select Means and Std Dev to produce summary statistics and individual confidence intervals for each mean (Lower 95% and Upper 95%).

$\frac{\mathbf{y}}{\mathbf{x}}$ Big Class - Fit Y by X of weight by sex - JMP - - × 160-140-120-100 80-М Means and Std Deviations Std Err Level Number Mean Std Dev Mean Lower 95% Upper 95% 100 944 23 4357 5 5238 89 290 112.60 108.318 21.0993 4.4984 117.67 **☆**□ ▼

Example: Big Class.jmp (Help > Sample Data)

Two Sample t-Test

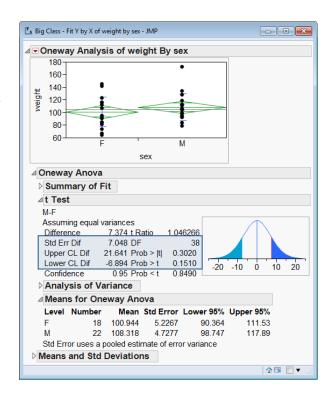
From the Oneway Analysis output window (shown above), click on the **red triangle** and select **Means/Anova/Pooled t**.

JMP® will plot means diamonds (95% confidence intervals for each mean), and will generate:

- The Summary of Fit (not shown).
- The t-test report, with a graph to aid in interpreting the results.
- The Analysis of Variance table.
- Means for Oneway Anova (not shown), which includes confidence intervals based on the pooled estimate of the standard error.

Interpretation of the results (using a significance level of 0.05 - click **the red triangle, Set** α **Level** to change significance level):

- 1. **Upper CL Dif** and **Lower CL Dif** give the 95% CI for the true difference. Since the **95% CI contains zero, conclude that there is not a significant difference** between the means.
- 2. Prob > |t| is the p-value for the two-tailed test. The null hypothesis is that means are equal (the mean difference is zero). Since the Prob > |t| is greater than 0.05, cannot reject the null hypothesis (i.e., we cannot conclude that there is a significant difference).



Notes: Means/Anova/Pooled t is the test under the assumption of equal variances. For a test without the assumption of equal variances, select t Test instead. See the *Basic Analysis* book (under Help > Books) for more details.