

Randomized Designs

R example 1 – completely randomized design

Assign 30 patients to treatments A, B, and C, according to a completely randomized design with equal allocation.

```
> Schedule = rmultinom(30,1,c(1/3,1/3,1/3))
> Schedule
      [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4] [,5] [,6] [,7] [,8] [,9] [,10] [,11] [,12] [,13] [,14] [,15] [,16]
[1,]     1     0     1     0     1     1     1     1     0     1     0     0     0     1     0     0
[2,]     0     0     0     1     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     1     0     0     1     1
[3,]     0     1     0     0     0     0     0     0     1     0     1     0     1     0     0     0
      [,17] [,18] [,19] [,20] [,21] [,22] [,23] [,24] [,25] [,26] [,27] [,28] [,29] [,30]
[1,]     0     1     0     0     1     0     0     1     0     1     0     0     0     0
[2,]     0     0     1     1     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     1     0     0
[3,]     1     0     0     0     0     1     1     0     1     0     1     0     1     1
> colSums(Schedule)
 [1] 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
> rowSums(Schedule)
[1] 12  7 11
```

Every patient is assigned to one treatment, but the sample sizes are not equal.

Prepare the treatment schedule:

```
> for (k in 1:30){
+ if(Schedule[1,k]==1){Treatment[k] = "Treatment A"}
+ if(Schedule[2,k]==1){Treatment[k] = "Treatment B"}
+ }
> Schedule
      [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4] [,5] [,6] [,7] [,8] [,9] [,10] [,11] [,12] [,13] [,14] [,15] [,16]
[1,]     1     0     1     0     1     1     1     1     0     1     0     0     0     1     0     0
[2,]     0     0     0     1     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     1     0     0     1     1
[3,]     0     1     0     0     0     0     0     0     1     0     1     0     1     0     0     0
      [,17] [,18] [,19] [,20] [,21] [,22] [,23] [,24] [,25] [,26] [,27] [,28] [,29] [,30]
[1,]     0     1     0     0     1     0     0     1     0     1     0     0     0     0
[2,]     0     0     1     1     0     0     0     0     0     0     0     1     0     0
[3,]     1     0     0     0     0     1     1     0     1     0     1     0     1     1
> Treatment
 [1] "Treatment A" "Placebo"          "Treatment A" "Treatment B"
"Treatment A" "Treatment A"
 [7] "Treatment A" "Treatment A" "Placebo"          "Treatment A" "Placebo"
"Treatment B"
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[13] "Placebo"      "Treatment A" "Treatment B" "Treatment B" "Placebo"
      "Treatment A"
[19] "Treatment B" "Treatment B" "Treatment A" "Placebo"      "Placebo"
      "Treatment A"
[25] "Placebo"      "Treatment A" "Placebo"      "Treatment B" "Placebo"
      "Placebo"
```

R Example 2 – block randomization

**Create a block randomization with 2 treatments and 10 patients.
First, install package “blockrand”.**

```
> utils::menuInstallPkgs()
> library(blockrand)

> blockrand(n=10)
  id block.id block.size treatment
1   1         1         2         A
2   2         1         2         B
3   3         2         6         A
4   4         2         6         A
5   5         2         6         A
6   6         2         6         B
7   7         2         6         B
8   8         2         6         B
9   9         3         4         B
10 10         3         4         A
11 11         3         4         A
12 12         3         4         B
```

Create a block randomization with 3 treatments and 15 patients.

```
> blockrand(n=15, num.levels=3)
  id block.id block.size treatment
1   1         1         6         C
2   2         1         6         B
3   3         1         6         B
4   4         1         6         A
5   5         1         6         C
6   6         1         6         A
```

7	7	2	3	A
8	8	2	3	C
9	9	2	3	B
10	10	3	6	C
11	11	3	6	B
12	12	3	6	A
13	13	3	6	A
14	14	3	6	C
15	15	3	6	B

R example 3 - stratification by gender

```
> male <- blockrand(n=12, num.levels=3, id.prefix='M',
block.prefix='M',stratum='Male')
> female <- blockrand(n=12, num.levels=3, id.prefix='F',
block.prefix='F',stratum='Female')
> my.study <- rbind(male,female)
> my.study
```

	id	stratum	block.id	block.size	treatment
1	M01	Male	M1	6	A
2	M02	Male	M1	6	C
3	M03	Male	M1	6	A
4	M04	Male	M1	6	B
5	M05	Male	M1	6	C
6	M06	Male	M1	6	B
7	M07	Male	M2	3	A
8	M08	Male	M2	3	B
9	M09	Male	M2	3	C
10	M10	Male	M3	9	C
11	M11	Male	M3	9	B
12	M12	Male	M3	9	B
13	M13	Male	M3	9	C
14	M14	Male	M3	9	A
15	M15	Male	M3	9	C
16	M16	Male	M3	9	A
17	M17	Male	M3	9	B
18	M18	Male	M3	9	A
19	F01	Female	F1	6	A
20	F02	Female	F1	6	A
21	F03	Female	F1	6	B
22	F04	Female	F1	6	C

23	F05	Female	F1	6	B
24	F06	Female	F1	6	C
25	F07	Female	F2	6	A
26	F08	Female	F2	6	A
27	F09	Female	F2	6	C
28	F10	Female	F2	6	C
29	F11	Female	F2	6	B
30	F12	Female	F2	6	B