
1 Supplementary resources

1.1 Software and Dunnett procedure description

Throughout this study we used the software R Studio under R version 4.1.2 ([R Core Team, 2021](#)). The datasets simulation will be done using the parameters of control presented bellow. We will present the *Dunnett* control group PCP. Additionally, a practical session in R will be presented. We then considered fictive data.

Illustrative data: For this practical we consider the following data on maize production (yield). We deal with 05 repeated measures treated with 03 different fertilizers, say ($G1, G2, G3$), repeated five (05) times within six (06) different blocks (B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 and B6). The first 10 lines of database are presented bellow:

```
load('data.rda')
head(d2, 10)

##    block group yield
## 1     B1     G1  6.01
## 2     B1     G1  5.10
## 3     B1     G1  7.77
## 4     B1     G2  5.37
## 5     B1     G2  6.84
## 6     B1     G2  5.52
## 7     B1     G3  5.80
## 8     B1     G3  5.75
## 9     B1     G3  4.72
## 10    B2     G1  7.72
```

We first performed the LMEM using the function `lme()` from the package `nlme` ([Pinheiro et al., 2021](#)). The fitted model is stored in the object `model` what we will use next for the PCPs running.

```
require(nlme)
model <- lme(yield ~ group, random = ~1|block , data = d2)
summary(model)

## Linear mixed-effects model fit by REML
##   Data: d2
##           AIC      BIC    logLik
##   149.7223 159.3814 -69.86113
##
## Random effects:
```

```
## Formula: ~1 | block
##           (Intercept) Residual
## StdDev:    0.2764528 0.846088
##
## Fixed effects:  yield ~ group
##                Value Std.Error DF   t-value p-value
## (Intercept)   6.250000 0.2291462 46  27.275169  0.0000
## groupG2       -0.125000 0.2820293 46  -0.443216  0.6597
## groupG3       -0.845556 0.2820293 46  -2.998112  0.0044
## Correlation:
##           (Intr) gropG2
## groupG2 -0.615
## groupG3 -0.615  0.500
##
## Standardized Within-Group Residuals:
##           Min           Q1           Med           Q3           Max
## -2.08323965 -0.67585052  0.09802814  0.51102697  2.31346622
##
## Number of Observations: 54
## Number of Groups: 6
```

```
anova(model)
```

```
##           numDF denDF   F-value p-value
## (Intercept)     1    46 1351.1802 <.0001
## group           2    46   5.2375 0.0089
```

Let's consider the following notations:

- X is the random variable which represents the skin pigmentation;
- k the number of groups (families);
- x_{ij} the j^{th} skin pigmentation measured in the i^{th} group;
- n_i the number of observations in the i^{th} group;
- for a group i , the arithmetic mean \bar{x}_i and sample variance s_i^2 are defined by the following formulas:

$$\bar{x}_i = \frac{1}{n_i} \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} x_{ij} \text{ and } s_i^2 = \frac{1}{n_i - 1} \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} (x_{ij} - \bar{x}_i)^2$$

To compare two group means \bar{x}_a and \bar{x}_b , we define $\alpha = 0.05$, the significance level for the following test in practical session. Let's then define the post-hoc comparison procedures involved in this study. In Appendix, we provide R code lines for running the *Dunnett* procedures based on the illustrative example.

Another Bonferroni procedure modified to control the family-wise error rate is developed by [Hommel \(1988\)](#). Described as more powerful than *Hochberg* procedure, the *Hommel* procedure is performed by first ordering the p-values $\hat{p}_1, \dots, \hat{p}_m$ obtained from usual pairwise multiple comparison test. Next, we compute

$$j = \max\{i \in \{1, \dots, n\} : p_{m-i+l} \geq \frac{l\alpha}{i}, \forall l = 1, \dots, i\} \quad (1.1)$$

All the m null hypotheses H_i^0 are rejected (significant difference between two means in comparison) if j does not exist else, the null hypotheses H_i^0 s.t. $\hat{p}_i^{Hom} = j * \hat{p}_i \leq \alpha$ are rejected.

Dunnett t test

To compare k treatment groups to a control group, the Canadian statistician Charles Dunnett (1955) developed his test for multiple comparison. The Dunnett's two-sides test detects an significant difference between the control group 0 and treatment group i when:

$$|\bar{x}_i - \bar{x}_0| > d_k^\alpha \times s \times \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{n_i} + \frac{1}{n_0}\right)} \quad (1.2)$$

where:

1. $s^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^k \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} (x_{ij} - \bar{x}_i)^2}{\sum_{i=0}^k (n_i - 1)}$
2. d_k^α is the upper $\alpha \times 100\%$ point of the distribution of $T = \max_{1 \leq i \leq k} \{|T_i|\}$ and $T_i = \frac{\bar{x}_i - \bar{x}_0}{s \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_i} + \frac{1}{n_0}}}$

1.2 Application Session in R

```
load('data.rda')
head(d2, 20)

##      block group yield
## 1      B1     G1  6.01
## 2      B1     G1  5.10
## 3      B1     G1  7.77
## 4      B1     G2  5.37
## 5      B1     G2  6.84
## 6      B1     G2  5.52
## 7      B1     G3  5.80
## 8      B1     G3  5.75
## 9      B1     G3  4.72
## 10     B2     G1  7.72
## 11     B2     G1  6.03
## 12     B2     G1  6.45
## 13     B2     G2  7.55
## 14     B2     G2  5.73
## 15     B2     G2  6.72
## 16     B2     G3  5.40
## 17     B2     G3  6.15
## 18     B2     G3  5.96
## 19     B3     G1  5.83
## 20     B3     G1  7.43

require(nlme)
model <- lme(yield ~ group, random = ~1|block , data = d2)

summary(model)

anova(model)

require(multcomp)

post <- multcomp::glht(model, linfct = mcp(group = "Dunnett"),
test = adjusted('none'))
summary(post)
```

References

- Hommel, G. (1988). A stagewise rejective multiple test procedure based on a modified Bonferroni test. *Biometrika*, 75(2), 383–386.
- Pinheiro, J., Bates, D., DebRoy, S., Sarkar, D., & R Core Team (2021). *nlme: Linear and Nonlinear Mixed Effects Models*. R package version 3.1-153.
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