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Day 21

ANOVA → Analysis of VAriance

THE classic Fisher test.

Model: $y \sim N(\mu, \sigma)$

- μ and σ are unknown.
- μ may not be the same for all data points
- σ is assumed same for all data points

In one-way ANOVA:

- Data: one numerical response variable y and one categorical explanatory variable whose values are the “groups”.
- We need ≥ 2 groups

Example situations where we use it:

- Compare control group to > 1 treatment group
- Observational study comparing 3 or more groups/populations

Use cases

- Between-group effects: variation due to changes in μ
- Within-group effects: variation due to individual differences

Notation

- \bar{y} = grand mean or the mean of all data in the whole sample.
- N = total sample size
- I = number of groups
- \bar{y}_i = sample mean in group i
- s_i = sample standard deviation in group i
- n_i = sample size in group i
- y_{ij} = value of y for the j^{th} case in group i .

Hypothesis Testing

H_0 : $\mu_1 = \mu_2 = \dots = \mu_I$

- All the population means are equal \implies no effect of group on response.
- Under H_0 , $y_{ij} \sim N(\mu, \sigma)$
- Also: $\bar{y}_i \sim N(\mu, \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n_i}})$
- μ, σ are fixed but unknown

H_a : not H_0 [not really necessary because this is Fisher framework]

- \implies effect of group on response

Implicit Assumptions of Model

- Normal population distribution
- σ is the same for all groups [not as critical]
 - robust to violations of this assumption as long as the largest $s_i < 2 \times$ smallest s_i