

13-Randomized Block Designs

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1 The F test for a randomized block design

For randomized block data Y_{ij} , where i represents the i^{th} block and j represents the j^{th} treatment, the model equation is

$$Y_{ij} = \mu_j + \beta_i + \epsilon_{ij}$$

On the basis of SSTR and SSE, we define the **block sum of squares** (SSB) by

$$SSB = \sum_{i=1}^b \sum_{j=1}^k (\bar{Y}_{i.} - \bar{Y}_{..})^2$$

Since the variables belong to the same block are dependent, the formula of SSE is defined by

$$SSE = \sum_{i=1}^b \sum_{j=1}^k (Y_{ij} - \bar{Y}_{.j} - \bar{Y}_{i.} + \bar{Y}_{..})^2$$

The next theorem describes the relation among SSTOT, SSTR, SSE, and SSB.

Theorem 1.1. *Suppose that k treatment levels are measured over a set of b blocks. Then*

1. $SSTOT = SSTR + SSB + SSE$.
2. $SSTR$, SSB , and SSE are independent random variables.

Theorem 1.2. *Suppose that k treatment levels, with means μ_1, \dots, μ_k , are measured over a set of b blocks, where the block effects are $\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_b$. Then*

1. When $H_0 : \mu_1 = \mu_2 = \dots = \mu_k$ is true, $SSTR/\sigma^2$ has a χ^2 distribution with $k - 1$ degrees of freedom.
2. When $H_0 : \beta_1 = \beta_2 = \dots = \beta_b$ is true, SSB/σ^2 has a χ^2 distribution with $b - 1$ degrees of freedom.
3. Regardless of whether the μ_j 's or the β_i 's are equal, SSE/σ^2 has a χ^2 distribution with $(b - 1)(k - 1)$ degrees of freedom.

Of course, we can also test the hypothesis $\mu_1 = \dots = \mu_k$ and $\beta_1 = \dots = \beta_b$ by F test.

2 Tukey comparisons for randomized block data

Theorem 2.1. *Let $\bar{Y}_{.j}$, $j = 1, 2, \dots, k$, be the sample means in a $b \times k$ randomized block design. Let μ_j be the true treatment means, $j = 1, 2, \dots, k$. The probability is $1 - \alpha$ that all $\binom{k}{2}$ pairwise subhypothesis $H_0 : \mu_s = \mu_t$ will simultaneously satisfy the inequalities*

$$\bar{Y}_{.s} - \bar{Y}_{.t} - D\sqrt{MSE} < \mu_s - \mu_t < \bar{Y}_{.s} - \bar{Y}_{.t} + D\sqrt{MSE}$$

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where $D = Q_{\alpha, k, (b-1)(k-1)} / \sqrt{b}$. If, for a given s and t , zero is not contained in the preceding inequality, $H_0 : \mu_s = \mu_t$ can be rejected in favor of $H_1 : \mu_s \neq \mu_t$ at the α level of significance.

In the case that $k = 2$, we can use the method similar to two-sample inferences.

Finally, the paired t test and the randomized block test are equal when $k = 2$.