Unit 4: Inference for numerical data

4. ANOVA

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Announcements

- ▶ PS 4 due Friday
- ► PA 4 due Sunday
- ► RA 5 Monday after Spring Break

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http://imgs.xkcd.com/comics/significant.png

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when it is actually true?

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Null hypothesis:

$$H_0: \mu_{\text{placebo}} = \mu_{\text{purple}} = \mu_{\text{brown}} = \ldots = \mu_{\text{peach}} = \mu_{\text{orange}}.$$

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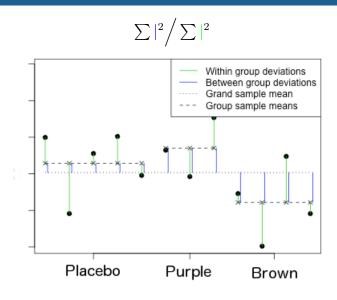
Which of the following is a correct statement of the alternative hypothesis?

- (a) For any two groups, including the placebo group, no two group means are the same.
- (b) For any two groups, not including the placebo group, no two group means are the same.
- (c) Amongst the jelly bean groups, there are at least two groups that have different group means from each other.
- (d) Amongst all groups, there are at least two groups that have different group means from each other.

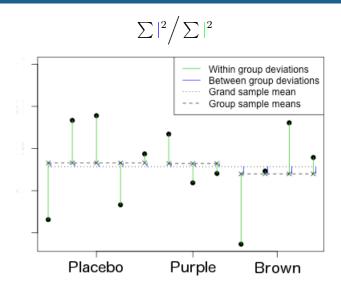
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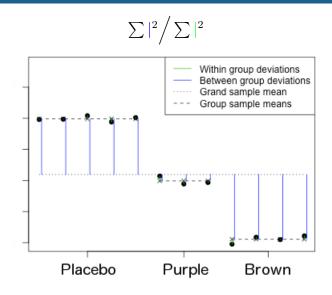
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Relatively large WITHIN group variation: little apparent difference



Relatively large BETWEEN group variation: there may be a difference



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-	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
Between groups	k-1	$\sum ^2$	MSG	F_{obs}	p_{obs}
Within groups	n-k	$\sum ^2$	MSE		
Total	n-1	$\sum (+)^2$			

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- ► If the ANOVA yields a significant results, next natural question is: "Which means are different?"
- ▶ Use t-tests comparing each pair of means to each other,
 - with a common variance (MSE from the ANOVA table) instead of each group's variances in the calculation of the standard error,
 - and with a common degrees of freedom (df_E from the ANOVA table)
- ► Compare resulting p-values to a modified significance level

$$\alpha^{\star} = \frac{\alpha}{K}$$

where K is the total number of pairwise tests

Application exercise: 4.4 ANOVA

See the course webpage for details.

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