

Let's explain **why** one-way ANOVA and regression give **exactly the same F-statistic** — with a small, intuitive numeric example.

1 The core reason

Both **ANOVA** and **linear regression** are doing the *same decomposition of total variation*:

Total Variation (SST) = Explained Variation (SSR) + Unexplained Variation (SSE)

- **ANOVA** calls them:
 - *Between-group sum of squares* (SSB)
 - *Within-group sum of squares* (SSW)
- **Regression** calls them:
 - *Regression sum of squares* (SSR)
 - *Residual sum of squares* (SSE)

They're **numerically identical**, just using different names for the same quantities.



2 Let's use the same simple data

Group	Y values
A	10, 12, 8
B	20, 22, 18
C	15, 13, 17

3 Step 1: Compute means

Group	Mean
A	10
B	20
C	15

Overall mean:

$$\bar{Y} = (10 + 12 + 8 + 20 + 22 + 18 + 15 + 13 + 17)/9 = 15$$

4 Step 2: ANOVA view — partitioning total variation

(a) Total Sum of Squares (SST)

$$SST = \sum (Y_i - \bar{Y})^2$$

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Y	$Y_i - 15$	$(Y_i - 15)^2$
10	-5	25
12	-3	9
8	-7	49
20	5	25
22	7	49
18	3	9
15	0	0
13	-2	4
17	2	4

$SST = 25 + 9 + 49 + 25 + 49 + 9 + 0 + 4 + 4 = 174$



(b) Between-group Sum of Squares (SSB)

$$SSB = \sum n_j(\bar{Y}_j - \bar{Y})^2$$

For each group (each has $n_j = 3$):

Group	$\bar{Y}_j - 15$	$(\bar{Y}_j - 15)^2$	$3(\bar{Y}_j - 15)^2$
A	-5	25	75
B	5	25	75
C	0	0	0

$SSB = 75 + 75 + 0 = 150$

(c) Within-group Sum of Squares (SSW)

$$SSW = SST - SSB = 174 - 150 = 24$$

So:

- $SSB = 150$
 - $SSW = 24$
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(d) F-statistic (ANOVA)

$$F = \frac{MSB}{MSW} = \frac{(SSB/(k-1))}{(SSW/(N-k))}$$

Here $k = 3$, $N = 9$:

$$F = \frac{(150/2)}{(24/6)} = \frac{75}{4} = 18.75$$

✅ ANOVA F-statistic = **18.75**



5 Step 3: Regression view

Regression with dummy variables:

Group	x_B	x_C	Y
A	0	0	10
A	0	0	12
A	0	0	8
B	1	0	20
B	1	0	22
B	1	0	18
C	0	1	15
C	0	1	13
C	0	1	17

Model:

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_B x_{B,i} + \beta_C x_{C,i} + \varepsilon_i$$

We already found:

. $\beta_0 = 10$

. $\beta_B = 10$

. $\beta_C = 5$

Predicted values (\hat{Y}_i) from regression:

Group	Predicted \hat{Y}	Residual = $Y - \hat{Y}$
A	10	0, 2, -2
B	20	0, 2, -2
C	15	0, -2, 2

For each group j :

$$SSR_j = n_j \times (\hat{Y}_j - \bar{Y})^2$$

Group	n_j	\hat{Y}_j	$(\hat{Y}_j - 15)$	$(\hat{Y}_j - 15)^2$	$n_j(\hat{Y}_j - 15)^2$
A	3	10	-5	25	75
B	3	20	+5	25	75
C	3	15	0	0	0

Compute sums of squares:

- **Regression SS (SSR)** = variation in fitted means from overall mean = **150**
- **Residual SS (SSE)** = variation within groups = **24**

Exactly same as ANOVA's SSB and SSW!

F-statistic (regression)

$$F = \frac{(SSR/2)}{(SSE/6)} = \frac{(150/2)}{(24/6)} = \frac{75}{4} = 18.75$$

✓ Regression F-statistic = **18.75**, same as ANOVA.

🧭 6 Why they match conceptually

Because **ANOVA** and **regression** are two languages describing the same model:

ANOVA term	Regression term	Meaning
Between-group SS (SSB)	Regression SS (SSR)	Variation explained by group means
Within-group SS (SSW)	Residual SS (SSE)	Unexplained (random) variation
Total SS (SST)	Total SS (SST)	Overall variation in data

Both partition variance in the exact same way and compute

$$F = \frac{\text{explained variation per df}}{\text{unexplained variation per df}}$$

Concept	One-way ANOVA	Multiple Linear Regression	Meaning
Explained variation	$SS_{Between} = \sum_{j=1}^k n_j (\bar{Y}_j - \bar{Y})^2$	$SS_{Reg} = \sum_{i=1}^N (\hat{Y}_i - \bar{Y})^2$	Variation explained by the model (differences in fitted means)
Unexplained variation	$SS_{Within} = \sum_{j=1}^k \sum_{i=1}^{n_j} (Y_{ij} - \bar{Y}_j)^2$	$SS_{Res} = \sum_{i=1}^N (Y_i - \hat{Y}_i)^2$	Variation not explained by the model (residuals)
Total variation	$SS_{Total} = \sum_{j=1}^k \sum_{i=1}^{n_j} (Y_{ij} - \bar{Y})^2$	$SS_{Tot} = \sum_{i=1}^N (Y_i - \bar{Y})^2$	Total variation in the data around the overall mean