Analysis of covariance, ANCOVA

Self-test answers



 Use R to find out the mean and standard deviation of both the participant's libido and the partner's libido in the three groups.

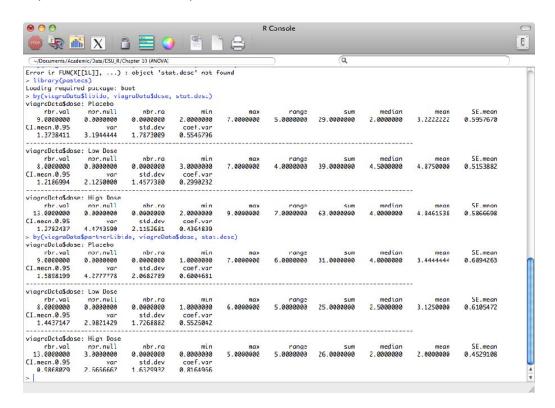
The easiest way to get these values is to use the function stat.desc() from the package pastecs; **R** will output a host of useful descriptive statistics). Therefore, by combining by() and stat.desc(), we can get a table of descriptives for each group by executing:

Library(pastecs)

by(viagraData\$libido, viagraData\$dose, stat.desc)

by(viagraData\$partnerLibido, viagraData\$dose, stat.desc)

Note we load the *pastecs* packages first; then we get descriptives for **libido** and **partnerLibido** using two separate commands. Your output will look like this:





• Use *ggplot2* to produce boxplots for the Viagra data. Try to re-create Figure 11.4.

This task is actually quite tricky because the data are not in the correct format. First we need to add a variable that identifies each participant (id) so that we can restructure the data. We do this by executing:

viagraData\$id<-(1:30)

The data are currently in wide format, but we need them in long format, so we create a new datafile called restructuredData that has the data in the correct format using the melt() function from the shape package:

```
restructuredData<-melt(viagraData, id = c("dose"), measured = c("libido",</pre>
"partnerLibido"))
names(restructuredData)<-c("dose", "libido_type", "libido")</pre>
```

This dataframe now looks like this:

```
libido_type libido
1
       1
                 libido
                 libido
2
       1
3
                 libido
       1
                                5
4
       1
                 libido
                                2
5
                 libido
                                2
       1
6
                 libido
                                2
                                7
7
       1
                 libido
8
       1
                 libido
                               2
4
7
9
       1
                 libido
10
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29
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31
       1 partnerLibido
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35
       1 partnerLibido
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36
       1 partnerLibido
                                7
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         partnerLibido
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                                4
39
         partnerLibido
40
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       2 partnerLibido
      2 partnerLibido
2 partnerLibido
41
                                3
                                1
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43
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       2 partnerLibido
45
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       3 partnerLibido
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       3
         partnerLibido
                                0
56
         partnerLibido
                                1
57
                                3
         partnerLibido
58
         partnerLibido
                                0
59
         partnerLibido
         partnerLibido
```

Note how participant's and partner's libido are now stacked in a single column (called libido) and that a new variable (libido type) has been created that indicates whether the libido score relates to the participant (0) or the partner (1).

Finally, we obtain the graph by executing:

```
boxplot <- ggplot(restructuredData, aes(dose, libido))</pre>
boxplot + geom_boxplot() + facet_wrap(~libido_type) + labs(x = "Dose", y = "Libido")
```



• Conduct an ANOVA to test whether partner's libido (our covariate) is independent of the dose of Viagra (our independent variable).

We can do this by executing these commands:

```
checkIndependenceModel<-aov(partnerLibido ~ dose, data = viagraData)
summary(checkIndependenceModel)</pre>
```



• Plot a scatterplot of **partnerLibido** against **libido**.

We can get the scatterplot by executing:

```
scatter <- ggplot(viagraData, aes(partnerLibido, libido))
scatter + geom_point(size = 3) + geom_smooth(method = "lm", alpha = 0.1) + labs(x =
"Partner's Libido", y = "Participant's Libido")</pre>
```



Run a one-way ANOVA to see whether the three groups differ in their levels of libido.

We can compute this model by executing:

```
anovaModel<-aov(libido ~ dose, data = viagraData)
summary(anovaModel)</pre>
```



• Use *ggplot2* to re-create Figure 11.3.

Unlike the previous plot, which required a radical restructuring of the data, this one is much easier because we can use the original dataframe. The graph is created by executing the following commands:

```
scatter <- ggplot(viagraData, aes(partnerLibido, libido, colour = dose))
scatter + geom_point(aes(shape = dose), size = 3) + geom_smooth(method = "lm",
aes(fill = dose), alpha = 0.1) + labs(x = "Partner's Libido", y = "Participant's Libido")</pre>
```



 Use ggplot2 to produce boxplots for the invisibility data. Try to re-create Figure 11.7.

This task again requires us to restructure the data. The data currently look like this:

```
cloak mischief1 mischief2 id
  No Cloak
   No Cloak
                                    3
3
   No Cloak
4
   No Cloak
                      6
                                    4
                                    5
6
7
5
  No Cloak
                      6
                               10
6
  No Cloak
                      4
                               11
   No Cloak
  No Cloak
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                                    8
  No Cloak
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10 No Cloak
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                      1
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11 No Cloak
                      8
                                 8
7
                                  11
12 No Cloak
                      2
                                  12
13 No Cloak
                                 8 13
                      5
14 No Cloak
                      6
                                  14
```

```
15 No Cloak
                                  9 15
16 No Cloak
                                 10 16
17 No Cloak
                                  6 17
18 No Cloak
                       4
                                 10 18
19 No Cloak
                                  9 19
20 No Cloak
                       5
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21 No Cloak
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22 No Cloak
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9 27
27 No Cloak
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28 No Cloak
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   No Cloak
                                11 29
30 No Cloak
                       1
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31 No Cloak
                       3
                                  8 31
32 No Cloak
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       Cloak
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      Cloak
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43
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                       1
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      Cloak
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                       2
      Cloak
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       Cloak
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57
      Cloak
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79
       Cloak
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                                  8
                                    78
79
       Cloak
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                                 10 80
       Cloak
```

The data are currently in wide format, but we need them in long format, so we create a new datafile called *restructuredData* that has the data in the correct format:

```
restructuredData<-melt(invisibilityData, id = c("cloak"), measured = c("mischief1",
"mischief2"))
names(restructuredData)<-c("cloak", "Time", "mischief")</pre>
```

The data now look like this:

```
cloak Time mischief

No Cloak mischief1

No Cloak mischief1
```

7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18	No Cloak		3 6 7 1 8 2 5 6 2 5 0 4 5
20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33	No Cloak	mischief1	5 2 3 5 7 5 7 4 4 4 1 3 3 5 5
34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46	No Cloak	mischief1	4 1 7 6 9 5 4 10 7 7 2 2
47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59	Cloak	mischief1	4 6 4 6 5 1 6 3 2 4 1 2 2
60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 71 72 73	Cloak	mischief1 mischief1 mischief1 mischief1 mischief1 mischief1 mischief1 mischief1	3 6 1 6 6 6 5 6 1 7 6 5 7 6
74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88	Cloak Cloak Cloak Cloak Cloak Cloak Cloak No Cloak	mischief1 mischief1 mischief1 mischief1 mischief1 mischief1 mischief1 mischief2	4 4 7 2 3 6 0 11 7 8 7 10 7
89 90 91 92 93	No Cloak No Cloak No Cloak No Cloak No Cloak	mischief2 mischief2 mischief2 mischief2 mischief2	11 6 8 7 8

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No Cloak mischief2
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    No Cloak mischief2
96
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112 No Cloak mischief2
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136
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137
       Cloak mischief2
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140
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146
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      Cloak mischief2
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      Cloak mischief2
       Cloak mischief2
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      Cloak mischief2
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156
       Cloak mischief2
157
       Cloak mischief2
                               10
158
       Cloak mischief2
                                8
       Cloak mischief2
                               10
159
       Cloak mischief2
160
```

Finally, we obtain the graph by executing:

```
boxplot <- ggplot(restructuredData, aes(cloak, Mischief))
boxplot + geom_boxplot() + facet_wrap(~Time) + labs(x = "Cloak of Invisibility", y =
"Number of Mischievous Acts")</pre>
```



 Create a standard ANCOVA model of these data. What conclusions can you draw?

First we want to do Levene's test to see whether the variance in **mischief2** (the outcome) varies across groups that received the cloak or not (**cloak**):

leveneTest(invisibilityData\$mischief2, invisibilityData\$cloak, center = median)

The output shows that Levene's test is very non-significant, F(1, 78) = 0.03, p = .86. This means that for these data the variances are very similar (hence the high probability value). The assumption of homogeneity of variance seems to be met.

```
Levene's Test for Homogeneity of Variance
    Df F value Pr(>F)
group 1 0.0307 0.8615
78
```

Next we should check that the covariate is independent from the experimental manipulation. In this case, the proposed covariate is baseline mischief (mischief1), and we need to check that this variable was roughly equal across levels of our independent variable (cloak). We can test this by running an ANOVA with mischief1 as the outcome and cloak as the predictor:

```
checkIndependenceModel<-aov(mischief1 ~ cloak, data = invisibilityData)
summary(checkIndependenceModel)
summary.lm(checkIndependenceModel)</pre>
```

The main effect of **cloak** is not significant, F(1, 78) = 0.14, p = .71, which shows that the average level of mischief at baseline was roughly the same in the two experimental groups. This result means that it is appropriate to use baseline mischief as a covariate in the analysis.

```
Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F) cloak 1 0.65 0.6537 0.1351 0.7142 Residuals 78 377.33 4.8376
```

To create the ANCOVA the model we execute:

```
invisibilityModel<-aov(mischief2~ mischief1 + cloak, data = invisibilityData)
Anova(invisibilityModel, type = "III")</pre>
```

Looking first at the significance values, it is clear that the covariate significantly predicts the dependent variable, because the significance value is less than .05. Therefore, the tendency for mischief after the experimental manipulation was influenced by the baseline tendency for mischief (as you might expect). What's more interesting is that when the effect of baseline mischief is removed, the effect of having a cloak of invisibility is significant (*p* is .001 which is less than .05).

We can get the adjusted means by executing:

```
adjustedMeans<-effect("cloak", invisibilityModel, se = TRUE)
summary(adjustedMeans)
adjustedMeans$se</pre>
```

The adjusted means (and their confidence intervals) show that there was significantly more mischief in those with a cloak of invisibility than those who were just told that the cameras would be switched off.

```
cloak effect
cloak
No Cloak Cloak
8.79065 10.13300

Lower 95 Percent Confidence Limits
cloak
No Cloak Cloak
8.188603 9.615469

Upper 95 Percent Confidence Limits
cloak
No Cloak Cloak
9.392696 10.650527
```

To get the regression parameter for the covariate we can execute:

```
summary.lm(invisibilityModel)
```

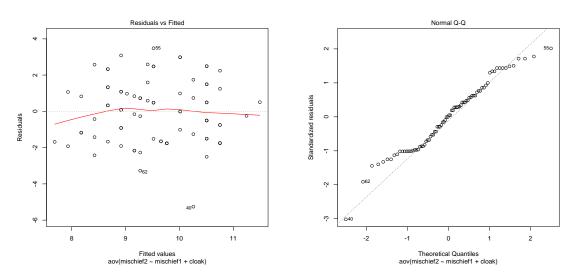
If the b-value for the covariate is positive then it means that the covariate and the outcome variable have a positive relationship (as the covariate increases, so does the outcome). If the b-value is negative it means the opposite: that the covariate and the outcome variable have a negative relationship (as the covariate increases, the outcome decreases). For these data the b-value is positive (b = 0.25), indicating that as the natural tendency for mischief (baseline) increases so does the tendency for mischief after the experimental manipulation:

```
Coefficients: Estimate Std. Error t value \Pr(>|t|) (Intercept) 7.68342 0.49935 15.387 < 2e-16 *** mischief1 0.24674 0.09071 2.720 0.00807 ** cloak[T.Cloak] 1.34235 0.39887 3.365 0.00119 **
```

We can look at the graphs of the model by executing:

```
plots(invisibilityModel)
```

The left plot does not show any substantial funnelling (although the fitted line is not perfectly flat) which implies that the residuals are probably not heteroscedastic. The second plot (on the right) is a Q-Q plot, which tells us about the normality of residuals in the model. We want our residuals to be normally distributed, which means that the dots on the graph should hover around the diagonal line. On ours, these is some deviation from the line.



To test the assumption of homogeneity of regression slopes we execute:

```
hoRS<-update(invisibilityModel, .~. + mischief1:cloak)
Anova(hoRS, type = "III")</pre>
```

The output shows that the interaction between **cloak** and **mischief1** (the covariate) is not significant, which means that we can assume homogeneity of regression slopes.

```
Response: mischief2
                  Sum Sq Df F value
301.863 1 96.3849
                                           Pr(>F)
                            1 96.3849 3.681e-15
(Intercept)
                                          0.04377 *
mischief1
                   13.167
                            1 4.2044
cloak
                   11.888
                            1
                               3.7958
                                          0.05507
mischief1:cloak
                    1.060
                            1
                               0.3385
                                          0.56244
                  238.021 76
Residuals
```

Labcoat Leni's real research

Space invaders

Problem

Muris, P., et al. (2008). Child Psychiatry and Human Development, 39, 469–480.

example, being highly anxious myself, if I overheard a student saying 'Andy Field's lectures are really different' I would assume that 'different' meant 'rubbish', but it could also mean 'refreshing' or 'innovative'. One current mystery is how these interpretational biases develop in children. Peter Muris and his colleagues addressed this issue in an ingenious study. Children did a task in which they imagined that they were astronauts who had discovered a new planet. Although

the planet was similar to Earth, some things were different. They were given

Anxious people tend to interpret ambiguous information in a negative way. For

some scenarios about their time on the planet (e.g. 'On the street, you encounter a spaceman. He has a sort of toy handgun and he fires at you ...') and the child had to decide which of two outcomes occurred. One outcome was positive ('You laugh: it is a water pistol and the weather is fine anyway') and the other negative ('Oops, this hurts! The pistol produces a red beam which burns your skin!'). After each response the child was told whether their choice was correct. Half of the children were always told that the negative interpretation was correct, and the reminder were told that the positive interpretation was correct.

Over 30 scenarios children were trained to interpret their experiences on the planet as negative or positive. Muris et al. then gave children a standard measure of interpretational biases in everyday life to see whether the training had created a bias to interpret things negatively. In doing so, they could ascertain whether children learn interpretational biases through feedback (e.g. from parents) about how to disambiguate ambiguous situations.

The data from this study are in the file **Muris et al. (2008).dat**. The independent variable is **Training** (positive or negative) and the outcome was the child's interpretational bias score (**Interpretational_Bias**) — a high score reflects a tendency to interpret situations negatively. It is important to factor in the **Age** and **Gender** of the child and also their natural anxiety level (which they measured with a standard questionnaire of child anxiety called the **SCARED**) because these things affect interpretational biases also. Labcoat Leni wants you to carry out a one-way ANCOVA on these data to see whether **Training** significantly affected children's **Interpretational_Bias** using **Age**, **Gender** and **SCARED** as covariates. What can you conclude?

Solution

First of all, load in the data:

```
murisData<-read.delim("Muris et al. (2008).dat", header = TRUE)</pre>
```

Next we can make the variable **Training** a factor, with two levels (Negative Training and Positive Training):

We can now conduct a normal ANCOVA. First we want to do Levene's test to see whether the variance in **Interpretational_Bias** (the outcome) varies across the interaction of the variables; training (**Training**), age (**Age**), gender (**Gender**) and anxiety (**SCARED**) groups. To do this can execute:

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```
group 62 0.1902 1
```

The output shows that Levene's test is non-significant, F(62, 7) = 0.19, p > .05. This means that for these data the variances are very similar (hence the high probability value). The assumption of homogeneity of variance seems to be met.

Let's look at the ANOVA output before entering any of the covariates:

```
murisModel<-aov(Interpretational_Bias ~ Training, data = murisData)
summary(murisModel)

Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)
Training 1 25986 25986.4 11.747 0.001039 **
Residuals 68 150431 2212.2
```

The above output shows a significant effect of training on interpretational bias scores without taking the effects of age, gender or SCARED into account.

Next we should check that the covariates are independent from the experimental manipulation. In this case, the proposed covariates are **Age**, **Gender** and **SCARED** and we need to check that these variables were roughly equal across levels of our independent variable (**Training**). We can test this by running an ANOVA with **age**, **gender** and **SCARED** as the outcomes and **Training** as the predictor:

```
checkIndependenceModel.1<-aov(Age ~Training, data = murisData)</pre>
checkIndependenceModel.2<-aov(Gender ~Training, data = murisData)</pre>
checkIndependenceModel.3<-aov(SCARED ~Training, data = murisData)</pre>
summary(checkIndependenceModel.1)
              Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)
1 0.525 0.52456 0.6677 0.4167
Training
                                 0.6677 0.4167
           68 53.418 0.78556
Residuals
summary(checkIndependenceModel.2)
             Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)
Training
              1 0.1311 0.13114 0.5138 0.4759
             68 17.3546 0.25521
Residuals
summary(checkIndependenceModel.3)
              Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value
                                            Pr(>F)
                          9.965
Training
            1 10.0 9.965
68 6638.7 97.628
                                 0.1021
                                            0.7503
Residuals
```

None of the main effects were significant, all ps > .05, which shows that the average level of all the covariates (**Age**, **Gender** and **SCARED**) were roughly the same in the two experimental groups. This result means that it is appropriate to use **Age**, **Gender** and **SCARED** as covariates in the analysis.

Next we can create the ANCOVA model. Remember that if we want to use Type III sums of squares, we have to set some orthogonal contrasts – even though it seems a little pointless as both of the categorical variables (**Gender** and **Training**) have only two groups. To do this we can execute:

```
contrasts(murisdata$Gender)<-c(-1,1)</pre>
contrasts(murisdata$Training)<-c(-1,1)
murisModel<-aov(Interpretational_Bias~SCARED + Age + Gender + Training, data =</pre>
murisData)
Anova(murisModel, type = "III")
Response: Interpretational Bias
              Sum Sq Df F value
                                        Pr(>F)
               12296 1 7.4590 0.0081165 **
26400 1 16.0157 0.0001636 ***
(Intercept)
SCARED
               2643 1 1.6036 0.2099092
11083 1 6.7236 0.0117414
22129 1 13.4248 0.0005010
Age
Gender
                        1 13.4248 0.0005010 ***
Training
             107147 65
Residuals
```

We can see that even after partialling out the effects of age, gender and natural anxiety, the training had a significant effect on the subsequent bias score, F(1, 65) = 13.42, p < .001. In terms of the covariates, age did not significantly influence the acquisition of interpretational biases. However, both anxiety and gender did.

We can get the adjusted means by executing:

```
adjustedMeans<-effect("Training", murisModel, se = TRUE)
summary(adjustedMeans)
adjustedMeans$se</pre>
```

The adjusted means (and their confidence intervals) tell us that interpretational biases were stronger (higher) after negative training. This result is as expected. It seems, then, that giving children feedback that tells them to interpret ambiguous situations negatively does induce an interpretational bias that persists into everyday situations, which is an important step towards understanding how these biases develop.

```
Training effect
Training
Negative Training Positive Training
144.6175 108.5835

Lower 95 Percent Confidence Limits
Training
Negative Training Positive Training
130.61893 94.98436

Upper 95 Percent Confidence Limits
Training
Negative Training Positive Training
158.6160 122.1827
adjustedMeans$se
[1] 7.009296 6.809317
```

To get the regression parameter for the covariate we can execute:

```
summary.lm(murisModel)
```

If we look at the parameter estimates below, we can use the beta values to interpret the effects. For anxiety (**SCARED**), b = 2.01, which reflects a positive relationship. Therefore, as anxiety increases, the interpretational bias increases also (this is what you would expect because anxious children would be more likely to naturally interpret ambiguous situations in a negative way). If you draw a scatterplot of the relationship between **SCARED** and **Interpretational_Bias** you'll see a very nice positive relationship. For **Gender** (GenderGirl) b = 26.12, Therefore, girls show a stronger natural tendency to interpret ambiguous situations negatively. This is consistent with the anxiety literature, which shows that females are more likely to have anxiety disorders.

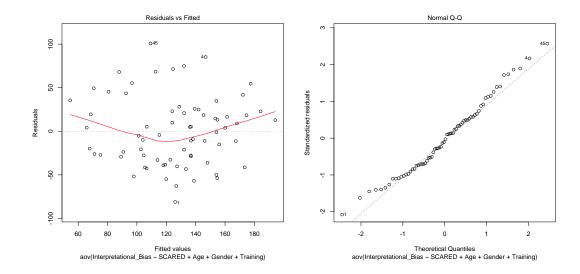
One important thing to remember is that although anxiety and gender naturally affected whether children interpreted ambiguous situations negatively, the training (the experiences on the alien planet) had an effect above and beyond these natural tendencies (in other words, the effects of training cannot be explained by gender or natural anxiety levels in the sample).

```
Coefficients:
                          Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
                                              2.731 0.008117 **
(Intercept)
                                     61.7499
                          168.6465
SCARED
                           2.0071
                                       0.5015
                                                4.002 0.000164 ***
                           -7.2781
Age
                                       5.7473
                                              -1.266 0.209909
GenderGirl
                           26.1207
                                      10.0736
                                                2.593 0.011741
                                      9.8346 -3.664 0.000501 ***
TrainingPositive Training -36.0340
```

We can look at the graphs of the model by executing:

```
plot(murisModel)
```

The left plot does not show any substantial funnelling (although the fitted line is not perfectly flat) which implies that the residuals are probably not heteroscedastic. The second plot (on the right) is a Q-Q plot, which tells us about the normality of residuals in the model. We want our residuals to be normally distributed, which means that the dots on the graph should hover around the diagonal line. On ours, there is some slight deviation from the line.



To test the assumption of homogeneity of regression slopes we execute:

```
hoRS<-update(murisModel, .~. + SCARED:Training + Age:Training + Gender:Training + Anova(hoRS, type = "III")
```

The output shows that none of the interactions between the covariates and the predictor were significant, which means that we can assume homogeneity of regression slopes.

```
Anova Table (Type III tests)
Response: Interpretational Bias
                 Sum Sq Df F
                             value
                                       Pr(>F)
(Intercept)
                   3360
                            2.0880 0.1534996
SCARED
                                    0.0002419
                           15.1836
Age
                   1004
                            0.6240
                                    0.4325727
Gender
                   8307
                            5.1628
                                    0.0265545
Training
                    440
                            0.2732
                                    0.6030528
SCARED: Training
                   6366
                            3.9561
                                    0.0511191
Age:Training
                            0.3307
                    532
                                    0.5673025
Gender: Training
                            0.0004 0.9834079
Residuals
```

Have a look at the original article to see how Muris et al. reported the results of this analysis – this can help you to see how you can report your own data from an ANCOVA. (One bit of good practice that you should note is that they report effect sizes from their analysis – as you will see from the book chapter, this is an excellent thing to do.)

Smart Alex's solutions

Task 1

• Stalking is a very disruptive and upsetting (for the person being stalked) experience in which someone (the stalker) constantly harasses or obsesses about another person. It can take many forms, from being sent intensely disturbing letters threatening to boil your cat if you don't reciprocate the stalker's undeniable love for you, to literally following you around your local area in a desperate attempt to see which CD you buy on a Saturday (as if it would be anything other than Fugazi!). A psychologist, who'd had enough of being stalked by people, decided to try two different therapies on different groups of stalkers (25 stalkers in each group – this variable is called **Group**). To the first group of stalkers he gave what he termed cruel-to-be-kind therapy. This therapy was based on punishment for stalking behaviours; in

short, every time the stalkers followed him around, or sent him a letter, the psychologist attacked them with a cattle prod until they stopped their stalking behaviour. It was hoped that the stalkers would learn an aversive reaction to anything resembling stalking. The second therapy was psychodyshamic therapy, which is a recent development on Freud's psychodynamic therapy that acknowledges what a sham this kind of treatment is (so you could say it's based on Fraudian theory!). In keeping with Freud's ideas the therapist would discuss the stalker's penis (or lack of it if they were a woman), the penis of their father, their dog's penis, the penis of the cat down the road and anyone else's penis that sprang to mind. At the end of therapy, the psychologist measured the number of hours in the week that the stalker spent stalking their prey (this variable is called **stalk2**). The therapist believed that the success of therapy might well depend on how bad the problem was to begin with, so had measured the number of hours that the patient spent stalking prior to treatment (**stalk1**). The data are in the file **Stalker.dat**. Analyse the effect of therapy on stalking behaviour after therapy, controlling for the amount of stalking behaviour before therapy. Also try conducting a robust ANCOVA.

The first thing we need to do is load in the data, so assuming you have set your working directory to where the **Stalker.dat** data are then we can execute the following command:

```
stalkerData<-read.delim("Stalker.dat", header = TRUE)</pre>
```

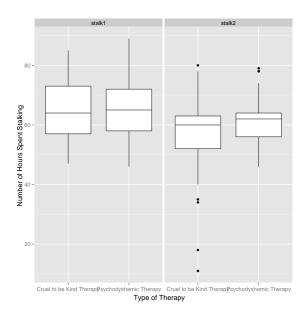
Next, we can set the variable **group** to be a factor, with two levels "Cruel to be Kind Therapy" and "Psychodyshamic Therapy":

```
stalkerData\$group < -factor(stalkerData\$group, levels = c(1:2), labels = c("Cruel to be Kind Therapy", "Psychodyshamic Therapy"))
```

Next, we could create some boxplots, but don't forget that we need to restructure the data first:

```
restructuredData<-melt(stalkerData, id = c("group"), measured = c("stalk1", "stalk2"))
names(restructuredData)<-c("group", "Time", "Stalk")

boxplot <- ggplot(restructuredData, aes(group, Stalk))
   boxplot + geom_boxplot() + facet_wrap(~Time) + labs(x = "Type of Therapy", y = "Number of Hours Spent Stalking")</pre>
```



The boxplots show that the number of hours spent stalking were comparable at baseline (**stalk1**) and decreased in both groups. The whiskers show that the spread of scores is greater for the participants who received cruel to be kind therapy.

Let's have a look at the ANOVA when the covariate is not included by executing:

It is clear from the significance value that there is no difference in the hours spent stalking after therapy for the two therapy groups (p is .074, which is greater than .05). You should note that the total amount of variation to be explained (SS_T) was 9118 (591.68 + 8526.32), of which the experimental manipulation accounted for 591.68 units (SS_M), while 8526.32 were unexplained (SS_R).

We can now conduct a normal ANCOVA. First we want to do Levene's test to see whether the variance in stalking behaviour (stalk2, the outcome) varies across the interaction of different groups experiencing different types of therapy (group) and the number of hours spent stalking before therapy (stalk1). To do this we can execute:

The output shows that Levene's test is significant, which means that for these data the variances are significantly different and the assumption of homogeneity of variance has been violated.

Next we should check that the covariate is independent of the experimental manipulation. In this case, the proposed covariate is baseline stalking behaviour (**stalk1**), and we need to check that this variable was roughly equal across levels of our independent variable (**group**). We can test this by running an ANOVA with **stalk1** as the outcome and **group** as the predictor:

```
checkIndependenceModel<-aov(stalk1 ~ group, data = stalkerData)
summary(checkIndependenceModel)</pre>
```

The main effect of **stalk1** is not significant, F(1, 48) = 0.06, p = .80, which shows that the average level of baseline stalking behaviour was roughly the same in the two experimental groups. This result means that it is appropriate to use baseline stalking behaviour as a covariate in the analysis.

```
Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F) group 1 7.2 7.22 0.0624 0.8038 Residuals 48 5555.4 115.74
```

To create the ANCOVA model we execute:

Looking first at the significance values in the ANCOVA output above, it is clear that the covariate significantly predicts the dependent variable, so the hours spent stalking after therapy depend on the extent of the initial problem (i.e. the hours spent stalking before therapy). More interesting is that when the effect of initial stalking behaviour is removed, the effect of therapy becomes significant (p has gone down from .074 to .023, which is less than .05).

We can get the adjusted means by executing:

```
adjustedMeans<-effect("group", stalkerModel, se = TRUE)
summary(adjustedMeans)
adjustedMeans$se</pre>
```

```
group effect
group
Cruel to be Kind Therapy 55.29875 Psychodyshamic Therapy
61.50125

Lower 95 Percent Confidence Limits
group
Cruel to be Kind Therapy 51.53426 Psychodyshamic Therapy
51.53426 For.73677

Upper 95 Percent Confidence Limits
group
Cruel to be Kind Therapy 59.06323 Psychodyshamic Therapy
59.06323 Fsychodyshamic Therapy
65.26574

adjustedMeans$se
[1] 1.871259 1.871259
```

To interpret the results of the main effect of therapy we need to look at adjusted means. These adjusted means are shown above. There are only two groups being compared in this example so we can conclude that the therapies had a significantly different effect on stalking behaviour; specifically, stalking behaviour was lower after the therapy involving the cattle prod compared to psychodyshamic therapy.

To get the regression parameter for the covariate we can execute:

```
summary.lm(stalkerModel)
```

If the b-value for the covariate is positive then it means that the covariate and the outcome variable have a positive relationship (as the covariate increases, so does the outcome). If the b-value is negative it means the opposite: that the covariate and the outcome variable have a negative relationship (as the covariate increases, the outcome decreases). For these data the b-value is positive (b = 0.89), indicating that as the natural tendency for stalking (baseline) increases so does the tendency for stalking behaviour after the experimental manipulation:

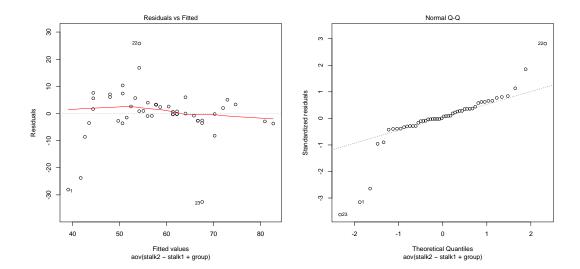
```
Coefficients:

Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) 0.2606 8.2906 0.031 0.9751
stalk1 0.8914 0.1255 7.104 5.69e-09 ***
group1 3.1013 1.3236 2.343 0.0234 *
```

We can look at the graphs of the model by executing:

```
plot(stalkerModel)
```

The left plot shows some funnelling, which implies that there is a chance that the residuals are heteroscedastic. The second plot (on the right) is a Q-Q plot, which tells us about the normality of residuals in the model. We want our residuals to be normally distributed, which means that the dots on the graph should hover around the diagonal line. On ours, there is a fair amount of deviation from the line.



To test the assumption of homogeneity of regression slopes we execute:

```
hoRS<-update(stalkerModel, .~. + stalk1:group)
Anova(hoRS, type = "III")</pre>
```

The output shows that the interaction between **group** and **stalk1** (the covariate) is not significant, which means that we can assume homogeneity of regression slopes.

```
Response: stalk2
               Sum Sq Df F value
                                        Pr(>F)
(Intercept)
                       1 0.8133 0.3719
1 31.9101 9.696e-07
                            0.8133
                  71.3
stalk1
                 148.3 1
77.3 1
                                        0.1999
group
                148.3
                            1.6912
stalk1:group
                            0.8816
Residuals
               4034.4 46
```

We now calculate the effect size:

$$\mathrm{partial} \; \eta_{\mathrm{therapy}}^2 = \frac{\mathrm{SS}_{\mathrm{therapy}}}{\mathrm{SS}_{\mathrm{therapy}} + \mathrm{SS}_{\mathrm{residual}}} = \frac{480.3}{480.3 + 4111.7} = \; .10$$

This represents a medium to large effect. Therefore, the effect of a cattle prod compared to psychodyshamic therapy is a substantive finding.

For the effect of the covariate, the error mean square is the same, but the effect is much bigger (MS_M is 4414.60 rounded to 2 decimal places). If we place this value in the equation, we get the following:

$$\text{partial } \eta_{\text{stalk1}}^2 = \frac{\text{SS}_{\text{stalk1}}}{\text{SS}_{\text{stalk1}} + \text{SS}_{\text{residual}}} = \frac{4414.6}{4414.6 + 4111.7} = .52$$

This represents a very large effect, therefore, the relationship between initial stalking behaviour and the stalking behaviour after therapy is very strong indeed.

The correct way to report the main finding would be:

```
Levene's Test for Homogeneity of Variance
Df F value Pr(>F)
group 37 6.5752e+29 < 2.2e-16 ***
12
```

Levene's test was significant, F(37, 12) = 6.58e+29, p < .001, indicating that the assumption of homogeneity of variance had been violated. The main effect of therapy was significant, F(1, 47) = 5.49, p < .05, partial $\eta^2 = .10$, indicating that the time spent stalking was lower after using a cattle prod (M = 55.30, SE = 1.87) compared to after psychodyshamic therapy (M = 61.50, SE = 1.87).

✓ The covariate was also significant, F(1, 47) = 50.46, p < .001, partial $\eta^2 = .52$, indicating that level of stalking before therapy had a significant effect on level of stalking after therapy (there was a positive relationship between these two variables). All significant values are reported at p < .05.

The second part of the question asks us to conduct a robust ANCOVA. The main difficulty in running robust regression is getting the data into the right format. The functions for robust ANCOVA require us to create four variables, which I have labelled as follows in the functions:

- covGrp1: This variable contains scores for the covariate (stalk1) for the first group (in this case the 'Cruel to be Kind Therapy' group of the group variable).
- *dvGrp1*: This variable contains scores for the dependent variable/outcome (**stalk2**) for the first group (in this case the 'Cruel to be Kind Therapy' group of the **group** variable).
- covGrp2: This variable contains scores for the covariate (stalk1) for the second group (in this case the 'Psychodyshamic Therapy' group of the group variable).
- *dvGrp2*: This variable contains scores for the dependent variable/outcome (**stalk2**) for the second group (in this case the 'Psychodyshamic Therapy' group of the **group** variable).

To create these variables, we could start by splitting the dataframe into two new dataframes: one for the Cruel to be Kind Therapy group and the other for the Psychodyshamic Therapy group. We can achieve this by executing these commands:

```
CruelGroup<-subset(stalkerData, group=="Cruel to be Kind Therapy",)
PsychoGroup<-subset(stalkerData, group=="Psychodyshamic Therapy",)</pre>
```

Note that we have created two new dataframes (named *CruelGroup* and *PsychoGroup*). In both cases we have used the *subset()* function, specified the original dataframe (*stalkerData*), set a condition on which to select rows (this condition is that the value of the variable **group** is equal to "*Cruel to be Kind Therapy*" for the first dataframe and "*Psychodyshamic Therapy*" for the second). We can now create the four variables by selecting the appropriate columns (i.e., variables) from these new dataframes. Execute these four commands:

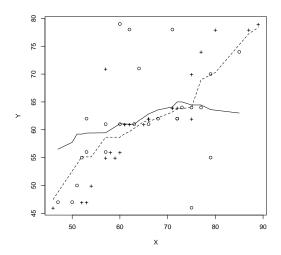
```
covGrp1<- CruelGroup$stalk1
dvGrp1<- CruelGroup$stalk2
covGrp2<-PsychoGroup$stalk1
dvGrp2<-PsychoGroup$stalk2</pre>
```

Having created these variables, we can input them into the robust ANCOVA commands (note that I have also changed the number of bootstrap samples to 2000) and execute them:

```
ancova(covGrp1, dvGrp1, covGrp2, dvGrp2)
X nl n2 DIF TEST se ci.low ci.hi p.value crit.val [1,] 52 l3 l2 -4.347222 0.8928197 4.869093 -18.814099 10.119654 0.3881421 2.971165
[2,] 57 15 15 -5.000000 1.2850588 3.890873 -16.970348 6.970348 0.2265335 3.076520
[3,] 62 20 18 -1.250000 0.5761977 2.169394 [4,] 66 20 17 -1.287879 0.7065820 1.822688
                                                     -7.344261
                                                                  4.844261 0.5706801 2.809199
                                                     -6.411654
                                                                  3.835896 0.4877380 2.811109
[5,] 72 17 12 -1.568182 0.8827332 1.776507
                                                                  3.779770 0.3947346 3.010374
                                                     -6.916134
ancboot(covGrp1, dvGrp1, covGrp2, dvGrp2, nboot = 2000)
    X n1 n2
                     DIF
                                 TEST
                                            ci.low
                                                         ci.hi p.value
[1,] 52 13 12 -4.347222 -0.8928197 -18.467487 9.773043 [2,] 57 15 15 -5.000000 -1.2850588 -16.283447 6.283447
                                                                   0.3950
                                                                    0.2370
[3,] 62 20 18 -1.250000 -0.5761977
                                          -7.541196 5.041196
                                                                   0.5600
[4,] 66 20 17 -1.287879 -0.7065820
                                          -6.573636 3.997878
[5,] 72 17 12 -1.568182 -0.8827332
                                           -6.720014 3.583651
Scrit
[1] 2.899978
```

The output of the <code>ancova()</code> function and the <code>ancboot()</code> function can be interpreted in the same way. We can see that there are no significant differences between trimmed means for any of the five design points. In other words, none of the groups differ significantly in their number of hours spent stalking (adjusted for baseline stalking behaviour). This suggests that type of therapy did not significantly affect the number of hours spent stalking.

Looking at the plot of the covariate plotted against the outcome variable below, we can see that the crosses are usually higher than the circles. This probably explains why we found no significant group differences in the robust analysis.



Task 2

• A marketing manager for a certain well-known drinks manufacturer was interested in the therapeutic benefit of certain soft drinks for curing hangovers. He took 15 people out on the town one night and got them drunk. The next morning as they awoke, dehydrated and feeling as though they'd licked a camel's sandy feet clean with their tongue, he gave five of them water to drink, five of them Lucozade (in case this isn't sold outside the UK, it's a very nice glucose-based drink) and the remaining five a leading brand of cola (this variable is called **drink**). He then measured how well they felt (on a scale from 0 = I feel like death to 10 = I feel really full of beans and healthy) two hours later (this variable is called **well**). He wanted to know which drink produced the greatest level of wellness. However, he realized it was important to control for how drunk the person got the night before, and so he measured this on a scale from 0 = as sober as a nun to 10 = flapping about like a haddock out of water on the floor in a puddle of their own vomit. The data are in the file **HangoverCure.dat**. Conduct an ANCOVA to see whether people felt better after different drinks when controlling for how drunk they were the night before.

First of all, load in the data:

```
hangoverData<-read.delim("HangoverCure.dat", header = TRUE)</pre>
```

Next we can make the variable drink a factor:

Conduct a one-way ANOVA without covariate:

The above output shows the ANOVA for these data when the covariate is not included. It is clear from the significance value that there are no differences in how well people feel when they have different drinks.

We can now conduct a normal ANCOVA. First we want to do Levene's test to see whether the variance in **well** (how well the person feels) varies across the interaction of different types of drinks (**drink**) and how drunk the person was the night before (**drunk**). To do this we can execute:

```
leveneTest(hangoverData$well, interaction(hangoverData$drink, hangoverData$drunk),
center = median)
```

The output shows that Levene's test is very non-significant, F(10, 4) = 0.34, p = .92. This means that for these data the variances are very similar (hence the high probability value). The assumption of homogeneity of variance seems to be met.

```
Levene's Test for Homogeneity of Variance
Df F value Pr(>F)
group 10 0.34 0.9242
```

Next we should check that the covariate is independent from the experimental manipulation. In this case, the proposed covariate is how drunk the person was the night before (**drunk**), and we need to check that this variable was roughly equal across levels of our independent variable (**drink**). We can test this by running an ANOVA with **drunk** as the outcome and **drink** as the predictor:

```
checkIndependenceModel<-aov(drunk ~ drink, data = hangoverData)
summary(checkIndependenceModel)</pre>
```

The main effect of **drunk** is non-significant, F(2, 12) = 1.35, p = .29, which shows that the average level of drunkenness the night before was roughly the same in the three experimental groups. This result means that it is appropriate to use drunk as a covariate in the analysis.

```
Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)
drink 2 8.4 4.2 1.3548 0.2948
Residuals 12 37.2 3.1
```

Next we can create the ANCOVA model and set some contrasts. As explained in the book chapter, **R** will set some contrasts by default, but these contrasts are not orthogonal, and because we are using Type III sums of squares, this just won't do! We need to make sure that our contrasts *are* orthogonal otherwise the Type III sums of squares will be screwed up. Therefore, we will set our own contrasts.

I tend to find Lucozade to be the best cure for a hangover. To test this hypothesis, I have set the first contrast to compare drinking Lucozade to drinking water and cola (-1, 2, -1) and the second contrast to compare water to cola (1, 0, -1). We can specify these contrasts by executing the following commands:

```
\label{local_contrasts} $$ \contrasts(hangoverData$drink)<-cbind(c(-1,2,-1), c(1,0,-1))$$ hangoverModel<-aov(well~drunk + drink, data = hangoverData) Anova(hangoverModel, type="III")
```

It is clear that the covariate significantly predicts the dependent variable, so the drunkenness of the person influenced how well they felt the next day. What's more interesting is that when the effect of drunkenness is removed, the effect of drink becomes significant (*p* is .041, which is less than .05).

```
Response: well
             Sum Sq Df
                       F value
                                    Pr(>F)
                    1 361.4557 9.197e-10 ***
(Intercept)
            145.006
                                   0.00026 ***
             11.187
                     1 27.8860
drunk
                                   0.04130 *
                     2
                         4.3177
drink
              3.464
Residuals
              4.413 11
```

We can get the adjusted means by executing:

```
adjustedMeans<-effect("drink", hangoverModel, se = TRUE)
summary(adjustedMeans)
adjustedMeans$se</pre>
```

The adjusted means show that the significant ANCOVA reflects a difference between the water and the Lucozade groups. The cola and water groups appear to have fairly similar adjusted means, indicating that cola is no better than water at helping your hangover.

```
drink effect
drink
Water Lucozade Cola
5.109677 6.238710 5.251613

Lower 95 Percent Confidence Limits
drink
Water Lucozade Cola
4.484559 5.589003 4.587591

Upper 95 Percent Confidence Limits
drink
Water Lucozade Cola
5.734796 6.888416 5.915635

adjustedMeans$se
[1] 0.2840176 0.2951889 0.3016933
```

To get the regression parameter for the covariate we can execute:

```
summary.lm(hangoverModel)
```

For these data the b-value is negative (b = -0.55), indicating that the more drunk a person was the night before, the less well they felt the next day. The output also shows the model parameters, which correspond to the contrasts that we specified for the variable **drink**. The first dummy variable (**drink1**) compares drinking Lucozade to drinking water and cola. The associated t-statistic is significant, indicating that the effect of Lucozade was significantly different from cola and water. Looking at the adjusted means, it seems that my hypothesis is supported: people felt significantly better after drinking Lucozade than the other two drinks.

The second dummy variable (**drink2**) compares water and cola, the associated *t*-statistic is non-significant (not surprising when looking at how similar the adjusted means are!), indicating that the effect of drinking Cola was not significantly different from drinking water.

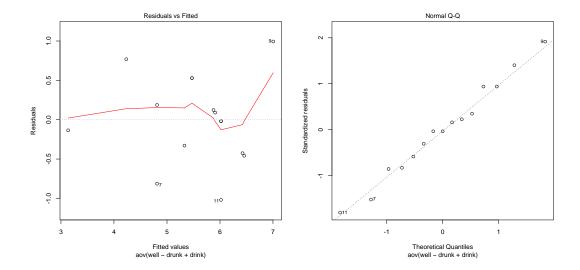
Coefficients:

```
Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)
             7.39785
                        0.38911 19.012 9.2e-10 ***
            -0.54839
                        0.10385
                                 -5.281
                                         0.00026 ***
drunk
                                          0.01523
drink1
             0.35269
                        0.12287
                                   2.870
drink2
             0.07097
                        0.20976
                                   0.338
                                         0.74149
```

We can look at the graphs of the model by executing:

```
plot(hangoverModel)
```

The left plot does not show any substantial funnelling (although the fitted line is nowhere near flat) which implies that the residuals are probably not heteroscedastic. The second plot (on the right) is a Q-Q plot, which tells us about the normality of residuals in the model. We want our residuals to be normally distributed which means that the dots on the graph should hover around the diagonal line. On ours, there is only very slight deviation from the line.



To test the assumption of homogeneity of regression slopes we execute:

```
hoRS<-update(hangoverModel, .~. + drunk:drink)
Anova(hoRS, type = "III")</pre>
```

The output shows that the interaction between **drink** and **drunk** (the covariate) is not significant, which means that we can assume homogeneity of regression slopes.

```
Anova Table (Type III tests)
Response: well
            Sum Sq Df
                      F value
                                   Pr(>F)
(Intercept) 59.295
                   1 194.1961 2.134e-07
             5.216
                      17.0812
                                0.002548
                        5.5278
drink
             3.376
                                 0.027166
drunk:drink
             1.665
                        2.7263
                                 0.118668
Residuals
             2.748
```

We can calculate η^2 for the main effect of drink:

Partial
$$\eta_{drink}^2 = \frac{SS_{drink}}{SS_{drink} + SS_{residual}} = \frac{3.46}{3.46 + 4.41} = .44$$

We can also do the same for the covariate:

$$=\frac{11.187}{11.187+4.413}=.72$$

We've got t-statistics for the comparisons between the cola and water groups and the cola and Lucozade groups. These t-statistics have N-2 degrees of freedom, where N is the total sample size (in this case 15). Therefore we get:

$$r_{\text{Lucozade vs. Water and Cola}} = \sqrt{\frac{2.87^2}{2.87^2 + 13}} = .62$$

$$r_{\text{Water vs. Cola}} = \sqrt{\frac{0.34^2}{0.34^2 + 13}} = .09$$

We could report the main finding as:

The covariate, drunkenness, was significantly related to the how ill the person felt the next day, F(1, 11) = 27.89, p < .001, $\eta^2 = .72$. There was also a significant effect of the type of drink

on how well the person felt after controlling for how drunk they were the night before, F(2, 11) = 4.32, p < .05, $\eta^2 = .44$.

We can also report some contrasts:

✓ Planned contrasts revealed that having Lucozade significantly improved how well you felt compared to having cola or water, t(13) = 2.87, p < .05, r = .62, but having cola was no better than having water, t(13) = 0.34, ns, r = .09. We can conclude that cola and water have the same effects on hangovers but that Lucozade seems significantly better at curing hangovers than cola.

Task 3

• The annual elephant football (soccer) event in Nepal is the highlight of the elephant calendar. However, in recent years a heated argument has arisen between the African and Asian elephants. It started in 2010 when the president of the Asian Elephant Football Association (AEFA), an elephant named Boji, claimed that Asian elephants were more talented than their African counterparts. The head of the African Elephant Soccer Association (AESA), an elephant called Tunc, replied in a press statement that read 'I make it a matter of personal pride never to take seriously any remark made by something that looks like an enormous scrotum'. I was called in to settle things. I collected data from the two types of elephants (elephant) over a season. For each elephant, I measured how many goals they scored in the season (goals) and how many years of experience they had (experience). The data are in Elephant Football.dat. Analyse the effect of the type of elephant on goal scoring, controlling for the amount of football experience the elephant has. Also try conducting a robust ANCOVA.

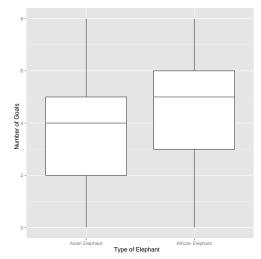
First of all, load in the data:

```
elephantData<-read.delim("Elephant Football.dat", header = TRUE)</pre>
```

Next we can make the variable **elephant** a factor, with two levels (Asian and African):

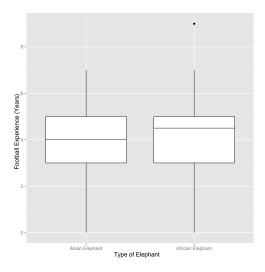
Let's create some boxplots of the data. In this example, instead of restructuring the data, it makes more sense to create two boxplots, one plotting type of elephant against number of goals scored and one plotting type of elephant against number of years of football experience:

```
boxplot <- ggplot(elephantData, aes(elephant, goals))
boxplot + geom_boxplot() + labs(x = "Type of Elephant", y = "Number of Goals")</pre>
```



This boxplot suggests that African elephants scored more goals over the season than Asian elephants.

```
boxplot <- ggplot(elephantData, aes(elephant, experience))
boxplot + geom_boxplot() + labs(x = "Type of Elephant", y = "Football Experience
(Years)")</pre>
```



This boxplot suggests that the two types of elephant (Asian and African) had roughly the same number of years of football experience.

We can now conduct a normal ANCOVA. First we want to do Levene's test to see whether the variance in **goals** (the outcome) varies across the interaction between **elephant** and **experience**. To do this we can execute:

```
leveneTest(elephantData$goals, interaction(elephantData$elephant,
elephantData$experience), center = median)
```

The output shows that Levene's test is very non-significant, F(16, 103) = 1.24, p = .25. This means that for these data the variances are very similar (hence the high probability value). The assumption of homogeneity of variance seems to be met.

```
Levene's Test for Homogeneity of Variance
Df F value Pr(>F)
group 16 1.2414 0.2504
```

Next we should check that the covariate is independent of the experimental manipulation. In this case, the proposed covariate is number of years of prior football experience (**experience**), and we need to check that this variable was roughly equal across levels of our independent variable

(elephant). We can test this by running an ANOVA with experience as the outcome and elephant as the predictor:

```
checkIndependenceModel<-aov(experience ~ elephant, data = elephantData)
summary(checkIndependenceModel)
summary.lm(checkIndependenceModel)</pre>
```

The main effect of **experience** is not significant, F(1, 118) = 1.38, p = .24, which shows that the average level of experience was roughly the same in the two experimental groups. This confirms the boxplot above. This result means that it is appropriate to use experience as a covariate in the analysis.

```
Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)
elephant 1 4.03 4.0333 1.3838 0.2418
Residuals 118 343.93 2.9147
```

To create the ANCOVA model with orthogonal contrasts we execute:

```
contrasts(elephantData$elephant)<-c(-1, 1)
elephantModel<-aov(goals~ experience + elephant, data = elephantData)
Anova(elephantModel, type = "III")</pre>
```

Looking first at the significance values, it is clear that the covariate (experience) significantly predicts the dependent variable (goals), because the significance value (.002) is less than .05. Therefore, the number of goals scored by the different elephants was influenced by the number of years of football experience they had (as you might expect). What's more interesting is that when the effect of experience is removed, the effect of type of elephant is significant (p = .004 which is less than .05).

```
Anova Table (Type III tests)

Response: goals
Sum Sq Df F value Pr(>F)
(Intercept) 131.70 1 40.4640 4.034e-09 ***
experience 32.32 1 9.9306 0.002065 **
elephant 27.95 1 8.5887 0.004069 **
Residuals 380.80 117
```

We can get the adjusted means by executing:

```
adjustedMeans<-effect("elephant", elephantModel, se = TRUE)
summary(adjustedMeans)
adjustedMeans$se</pre>
```

The adjusted means (and their confidence intervals) show that African elephants scored significantly more goals than Asian elephants.

```
elephant effect
elephant
 Asian Elephant African Elephant
        3.589534
                         4.560466
Lower 95 Percent Confidence Limits
elephant
 Asian Elephant African Elephant
        3.126929
                         4.097860
Upper 95 Percent Confidence Limits
elephant
 Asian Elephant African Elephant
        4.052140
adjustedMeans$se
      121
                122
0.2335862 0.2335862
```

To get the regression parameter for the covariate we can execute:

```
summary.lm(elephantModel)
```

If the *b*-value for the covariate is positive then it means that the covariate and the outcome variable have a positive relationship (as the covariate increases, so does the outcome). If the *b*-value is negative it means the opposite: that the covariate and the outcome variable have a negative relationship (as the covariate increases, the outcome decreases). For these data the *b*-value is

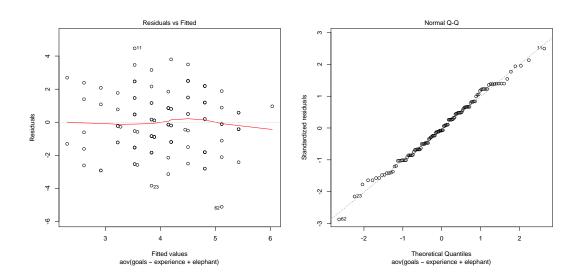
positive (b = 0.31), indicating that as the level of experience increases so does the number of goals scored in the football season:

```
Coefficients:
            Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)
                         0.43901
             2.79259
                                   6.361 4.03e-09 ***
experience
             0.30655
                         0.09728
                                   3.151
                                          0.00206 **
elephant1
             0.48547
                         0.16565
                                   2.931
                                          0.00407 **
```

We can look at the graphs of the model by executing:

```
plot(elephantModel)
```

The left plot does not show any substantial funnelling (although the fitted line is not perfectly flat), which implies that the residuals are probably not heteroscedastic. The second plot (on the right) is a Q-Q plot, which tells us about the normality of residuals in the model. We want our residuals to be normally distributed which means that the dots on the graph should hover around the diagonal line. On ours, there is only very slight deviation from the line.



To test the assumption of homogeneity of regression slopes we execute:

```
hoRS<-update(elephantModel, .~. + experience:elephant)
Anova(hoRS, type = "III")</pre>
```

The output shows that the interaction between **elephant** and **experience** (the covariate) is not significant, which means that we can assume homogeneity of regression slopes.

```
Response: goals
                     Sum Sq
                             Df F value
                                            Pr(>F)
                              1 15.1756 0.0001643 ***
(Intercept)
                      49.80
                      13.06
                                3.9806 0.0483722
experience
                                 0.8082 0.3705086
elephant
                       2.65
                       0.16
                                 0.0477 0.8275456
experience:elephant
Residuals
                     380.64 116
```

As such we do not need to conduct a robust ANCOVA. However, because the question asks us to conduct a robust ANCOVA we will do it anyway.

We need to get the data into the right format. For example, we need to create the four variables **covGrp1**, **dvGrp1**, **covGrp2**, **dvGrp2**. We could start by splitting the dataframe into two new dataframes: one for the Asian elephant group and one for the African elephant group. We can achieve this by executing these commands:

```
asian<-subset(elephantData, elephant=="Asian Elephant",)</pre>
```

```
african<-subset(elephantData, elephant=="African Elephant",)
```

We can now create the four variables by selecting the appropriate columns (i.e., variables) from these new dataframes. Execute these four commands:

```
covGrp1<-asian$experience
dvGrp1<-asian$goals
covGrp2<-african$experience
dvGrp2<-african$goals</pre>
```

Having created these variables, we can input them into the robust ANCOVA commands and execute them:

```
ancova(covGrp1, dvGrp1, covGrp2, dvGrp2)
[1] "NOTE: Confidence intervals are adjusted to control the probability"
[1] "of at least one Type I error."
[1] "But p-values are not"
$output
                                                        \verb"ci.low"
      X n1 n2
                       DIF
                                 TEST
[1,] 2 15 30 -1.277778 1.846494 0.6920022 -3.281135 0.7255791 0.08366899 [2,] 4 38 50 -1.066667 2.139515 0.4985554 -2.394075 0.2607418 0.03711825
[3,] 4 38 50 -1.066667 2.139515 0.4985554 -2.394075 0.2607418 0.03711825
[4,] 5 42 50 -1.092308 2.256915 0.4839827 -2.379391 0.1947753 0.02810398
[5,] 6 25 41 -1.333333 2.341798 0.5693630 -2.875131 0.2084640 0.02504472
      crit.val
[1,] 2.895015
[2,] 2.662510
[3,] 2.662510
[4,] 2.659358
ancboot(covGrp1, dvGrp1, covGrp2, dvGrp2, nboot = 2000)
[1] "Note: confidence intervals are adjusted to control FWE"
[1] "But p-values are not adjusted to control FWE"
[1] "Taking bootstrap samples. Please wait.'
$output
     X n1 n2
                       DIF
                                  TEST
                                            ci.low
                                                          ci.hi p.value
[1,] 2 15 30 -1.277778 -1.846494 -3.234577 0.6790212
[2,] 4 38 50 -1.066667 -2.139515 -2.476449 0.3431158 [3,] 4 38 50 -1.066667 -2.139515 -2.476449 0.3431158 [4,] 5 42 50 -1.092308 -2.256915 -2.460882 0.2762670
                                                                   0.0335
                                                                  0.0320
[5,] 6 25 41 -1.333333 -2.341798 -2.943341 0.2766743
$crit
[1] 2.827735
```

The output of the *ancova()* function and the *ancboot()* function can be interpreted in the same way. We can see that there are significant differences between trimmed means for four of the five design points. In other words, in most cases the groups differ significantly in their mean number of goals scored (adjusted for number of years of football experience). We didn't get a significant difference for values of the covariate around 2 (the start of the five design points tested), which seems to suggest that being an African elephant increased the elephant's chances of scoring more goals in all elephant's except for those who had very limited football experience (2 years or less).

Looking at the plot of the covariate against the outcome variable below, we can see that the circles are usually higher than the crosses. The one exception is when X = 2, where there is a cross at the highest point and a circle at the lowest point. This probably explains why we found no significant group differences at this design point in the robust analysis (it is the one point where it is not obvious that the circles are generally higher than the crosses.

