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- Comparing Several Population Central Locations
 - Parametric tests (ANOVA F test based on independent samples, Welch F , ANOVA F test based on randomised blocks)
 - Nonparametric tests (Kruskal Wallis, Friedman test with ties and without ties F_{rc}, F_r)

Reminder: Always create an R Project and R script when starting on a new exercise.

Inferences about Several Population Central Locations

Previously, we studied the comparison of two populations - independent samples and paired (repeated measures) samples.

- Generalisation of the two-independent-sample Z/t test: one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) based on independent measures design
- Extension of the matched pair Z/t test: one-way ANOVA based on randomised blocks

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c: $11 - 2 = 9$

d: $272.25 - 54.5 = 217.75$

e: $217.75/9 = 24.19$

b: $27.25/24.19 = 1.13$

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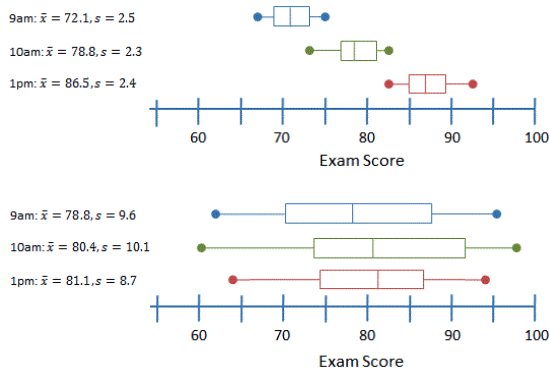
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Let's take a look at this example.



In this case, we can see that the means do appear to be different, but not by much. And within each sample, there is a lot of variation, so the difference in the means could just be due to the wide variation within each group.

The point here is that we can't just consider the differences in the means - whether those differences are significant or not depends on the standard deviations (and sample sizes, of course).

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Assumptions

Parametric one-way ANOVA based on independent samples has five conditions:

- i) The data set constitutes k independent random samples of independent observations drawn from k (sub-) populations.
- ii) The variable of interest is quantitative and continuous.
- iii) The measurement scale is interval or ratio.
- iv) Each (sub-) population is normally distributed, ...
- v) ... and has the same variance.

Hypothesis Test

To perform the test, we focus on the between-sample variation (between the means) and the within-sample variation (i.e. the standard deviation). If the former is large in comparison to the latter, we can say that one of the means must be different.

The test statistic that we use is another F-statistic, and it's the ratio of these two variations:

$$F = \frac{s_0^2}{s_p^2} = \frac{MST}{MSE}$$

$$\text{where } MST = \frac{SST}{k-1} = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^k n_j (\bar{x}_j - \bar{x})^2}{k-1} \text{ and } MSE = \frac{SSE}{n-k} = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^k \sum_{i=1}^{n_j} n_j (x_{ij} - \bar{x}_j)^2}{n-k}$$

Note

This test is always a right-tail test!

Checking for equal population variances assumption

A generalisation of the equality of two population variances is the Levene's test:

$$H_0 : \sigma_0^2 = \sigma_2^2 = \dots = \sigma_k^2 \quad H_A : \text{not all } \sigma_i^2 \text{ are equal}$$

So what if we reject the null of equal population variances?

For the Welch F-test, do remember to drop the `var.equal` argument in the `oneway.test()` R command

Exercise 2

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- Kruskal-Wallis Test

When the mean does not exist or the sampled populations are clearly not normally distributed, we should use neither the ANOVA F -test nor the Welch F -test, but some nonparametric test instead. The nonparametric counterpart of these tests is the Kruskal-Wallis test, a generalisation of the Wilcoxon rank-sum test to two or more (sub-) populations.

The Kruskal-Wallis test is a one-way ANOVA test for the equality of $k \geq 2$ (sub-) population medians based on the ranks of the observations in the pooled set of k independent samples, one from each (sub-) population.

Kruskal-Wallis Test Assumptions

- i The data set constitutes k independent random samples of independent observations drawn from k (sub-) populations.
- ii The variable of interest is quantitative and continuous.
- iii The measurement scale is at least ordinal.
- iv The sampled populations differ at most with respect to their central locations (i.e. medians).

$$H = \frac{12}{n(n+1)} \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{T_j^2}{n_j} - 3(n+1) \sim \chi_{k-1}^2 \quad \text{for sample sizes } \geq 5$$

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In Exercise 2 of Tutorial 6, the variable of interest is opinion about **believability**. This is a continuous variable, although the actual ratings are measured on an ordinal scale that has only four possible categories. The numbers assigned to these categories (1: not believable at all, . . . , 4 very believable) are absolutely arbitrary. We could use any four different real numbers to distinguish and rank the four categories. For this reason, this data set is ranked but qualitative.

So, in short, it would help to focus on the variable of interest. It does not matter if the actual measurements are on an ordinal scale or not.

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- If the experimental units are not homogeneous, then we divide it into subgroups such that within each block data is homogeneous.

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Error	g	43	h	-
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$$a: 4 - 1 = 3 \quad d: 5 - 1 = 4 \quad i: (4 \times 5) - 1 = 19$$

$$g: (19 - 3 - 4) \text{ or } (20 - 4 - 5 + 1) = 12 \quad b: 147/3 = 49$$

$$e: 35/4 = 8.75 \quad h: 43/12 = 3.58 \quad c: 49/3.58 = 13.69$$

$$f: 8.75/3.58 = 2.44$$

Exercise 3

There is often concern among students as to the consistency of marking between lecturers. It is common that lecturers obtain reputations for being 'hard' or 'light' markers, but there is often little to substantiate these reputations. A group of students investigated the consistency of marking by submitting the same eight essays to four different lecturers. The mark given by each lecturer was recorded for each essay. It is important to emphasize that the same essays were used for all lecturers because this eliminates any individual differences in the standard of work that each lecturer marked. The data shown in the following table are on the *Wide* sheet of the *t6e3* Excel file.

	Lecturer_1	Lecturer_2	Lecturer_3	Lecturer_4
Essay_1	62	58	63	64
Essay_2	63	60	68	65
Essay_3	65	61	72	65
Essay_4	68	64	58	61
Essay_5	69	65	54	59
Essay_6	71	67	65	50
Essay_7	78	66	67	50
Essay_8	75	73	75	45

Conduct a one-way parametric ANOVA on these data to test the null hypotheses that

- (i) the lecturers mark consistently;
- (ii) the essays are marked consistently.

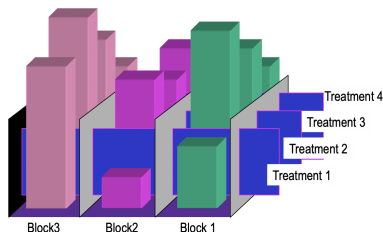
Use $\alpha = 0.05$. Perform the tests first manually and then in R.

One-Way ANOVA Based on the Randomised Block Design

The purpose of designing a randomised block experiment is to reduce the within-treatments variation, thus increasing the relative amount of between treatment variation.

This helps in detecting differences between the treatment means more easily.

Block all the observations with some commonality across treatments



Block	Treatment			Block mean
	1	2	k	
1	X11	X12	. . . X1k	$\bar{x}[B]_1$
2	X21	X22	X2k	$\bar{x}[B]_2$
.				
.				
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b	Xb1	Xb2	Xbk	$\bar{x}[B]_b$
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Six assumptions of Parametric one-way ANOVA based on a randomised block design with k treatments and b blocks

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- vi) The block and treatment effects are additive.

Decomposition of Total sum of squares SS

$$SS = SST + SSB + SSE$$

where

$$SS = \sum_{j=1}^k \sum_{i=1}^b (x_{ij} - \bar{x})^2 \quad SST = b \sum_{j=1}^k (\bar{x}_{T,j} - \bar{x})^2$$

$$SSB = k \sum_{i=1}^b (\bar{x}_{B,i} - \bar{x})^2 \quad SSE = \sum_{j=1}^k \sum_{i=1}^b (x_{ij} - \bar{x}_{T,j} - \bar{x}_{B,i} + \bar{x})^2$$

How is this different to independent samples design?

To perform hypothesis tests for treatments and blocks, we need

- Mean square for treatments $MST = \frac{SST}{k-1}$
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F-test rejection regions

- Testing the mean responses for treatment: $F > F_{\alpha, k-1, n-k-b+1}$
- Testing the mean responses for blocks: $F > F_{\alpha, b-1, n-k-b+1}$

*When using R, it is important to take a look at whether you have the data in **long** or **wide** format!*

Exercise 4

The personnel manager of a national accounting firm has been receiving complaints from senior managers about the quality of recent hirings. All new accountants are hired through a process whereby four managers interview each candidate and rate him / her on several dimensions such as academic credentials, work experience, and personal suitability. Each manager then summarises the results and evaluates the candidates on a scale 1-5. The evaluations are finally combined to make the final decision.

The personnel manager believes that the quality problem is caused by the evaluation system. However, she needs to know whether there is general agreement among the interviewing managers in their evaluations. To test for differences, she takes a random sample of 8 applicants.

Applicant	Manager			
	1	2	3	4
1	2	1	2	2
2	4	2	3	2
3	2	2	2	3
4	3	1	3	2
5	3	2	3	5
6	2	2	3	4
7	4	1	5	5
8	3	2	5	3

What conclusion can the personnel manager draw from this experiment at the 5% significance level?

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Recall how the one-way ANOVA F -test on randomised blocks require the sub-populations to be normally distributed and of equal variance?

The Friedman test can be used to test for differences between (sub-) populations using arandomised block design when the normality and homoskedasticity (i.e. equal variance) requirements of parametric ANOVA are not satisfied

OR when the dependent variable being measured is ordinal.

Hypotheses

$H_0 : \eta_1 = \eta_2 = \dots = \eta_k$ and $H_A : \text{not all population medians are equal}$

Rank the observations in each block from smallest to largest (k), and sum the ranks across each treatment

Test statistic MUST BE divided by a correction factor if there are tied observations

$$F_{rc} = \frac{F_r}{C} \quad \text{where } F_r = \frac{12}{b \times k \times (k+1)} \sum_{j=1}^k T_j^2 - 3b(k+1)$$

and

$$C = 1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^b (t_i^3 - t_i)}{b(k^3 - k)}$$

and t_i is the number of tied scores in the i^{th} block

Sampling distribution of F_r and F_{rc} is non-standard, but when k or b is sufficiently large ($k > 6$ or $b > 24$), it is approximated with a χ_{k-1}^2 .

Calculations of the ranks

Applicant	Manager							
	1	Rank	2	Rank	3	Rank	4	Rank
1	2	3.0	1	1.0	2	3.0	2	3.0
2	4	4.0	2	1.5	3	3.0	2	1.5
3	2	2.0	2	2.0	2	2.0	3	4.0
4	3	3.5	1	1.0	3	3.5	2	2.0
5	3	2.5	2	1.0	3	2.5	5	4.0
6	2	1.5	2	1.5	3	3.0	4	4.0
7	4	2.0	1	1.0	5	3.5	5	3.5
8	3	2.5	2	1.0	5	4.0	3	2.5
Sum		21.0		10.0		24.5		24.5

Do we need to use the correction factor?

$$C = 1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^b (t_i^3 - t_i)}{b(k^3 - k)} = 1 - \frac{2(3^3 - 3) + 6(2^3 - 2)}{8(4^3 - 4)} = 0.825$$

and the corrected test statistic is

$$F_{rc} = \frac{F_r}{C} = \frac{10.61}{0.825} = 12.86$$

What is the distribution of the test statistic? Would it be χ^2 ?

Small sample critical values for the Friedman test¹

	$k = 3$		$k = 4$		$k = 5$		$k = 6$	
b	0.05	0.01	0.05	0.01	0.05	0.01	0.05	0.01
2	-	-	6.000	-	7.600	8.000	9.143	9.714
3	6.000	-	7.400	9.000	8.533	10.13	9.857	11.76
4	6.500	8.000	7.800	9.600	8.800	11.20	10.29	12.71
5	6.400	8.400	7.800	9.960	8.960	11.68	10.49	13.23
6	7.000	9.000	7.600	10.20	9.067	11.87	10.57	13.62
7	7.143	8.857	7.800	10.54	9.143	12.11		
8	6.250	9.000	7.650	10.50	9.200	12.30		
9	6.222	9.556	7.667	10.73	9.244	12.44		
10	6.200	9.600	7.680	10.68				
11	6.545	9.455	7.691	10.75				
12	6.500	9.500	7.700	10.80				
13	6.615	9.385	7.800	10.85				
14	6.143	9.143	7.714	10.89				
15	6.400	8.933	7.720	10.92				
16	6.500	9.375	7.800	10.95				
17	6.118	9.294	7.800	11.05				
18	6.333	9.000	7.733	10.93				
19	6.421	9.579	7.863	11.02				
20	6.300	9.300	7.800	11.10				
21	6.095	9.238	7.800	11.06				
22	6.091	9.091	7.800	11.07				
23	6.348	9.391						
24	6.250	9.250						