

Read H.O. 2, Chp 1 & 2 from Design 'Arrows' book.

Part I - Identifying the Design

• For each of the following four experiments, identify the following components of the experimental design:

(1) Type of Randomization: CRD, 2CRD, LSD, Split-plot, Crossover etc

(2) Type of treatment structure: single factor, crossed, nested, fractional, etc

(3) Identify each of the factors as being Fixed or Random

(4) Describe the EV's & the MV's.

(5) Describe the measurement process: Response variable, covariates, Subsampling, Repeated Measures

(see pg 40, H.O. 2)

EV - field (pesticide)
half field for irr
sub plot for variety
MV - Subplot of field.

Experiment 1 An experiment was conducted to study the effects of irrigation (yes or No) and three levels of pesticide (P_1, P_2, P_3) on the yields of three varieties of corn (V_1, V_2, V_3). 6 fields available for the experiment, w/ two fields randomly assigned to each of the levels of pesticide. Each field was divided into halves (E, W); one of these halves was randomly assigned to be irrigated and the other was left w/o irrigation. Each E, W half of a field was then divided into three regions and the three varieties were randomly assigned to these regions. The # of baskets of corn produced & total rainfall during the growing season were recorded in each of the regions.

fields are
blocks in H.O.
(2/9/22)

| Field | | | | | | Irrig. | Var |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| F_1 | F_2 | F_3 | F_4 | F_5 | F_6 | | |
| P_1 | P_1 | P_2 | P_2 | P_1 | P_2 | | |
| 53.4 | 49.3 | 55.9 | 46.1 | 47.2 | 52.1 | Yes | V_1 |
| 53.8 | 50.2 | 51.6 | 56.5 | 46.1 | 55.5 | Yes | V_2 |
| 58.2 | 51.1 | 52.4 | 56.4 | 47.3 | 53.8 | Yes | V_3 |
| 53.1 | 52.8 | 52.1 | 45.1 | 46.7 | 55.9 | NO | V_1 |
| 55.4 | 54.3 | 56.9 | 49.8 | 45.0 | 54.0 | NO | V_2 |
| 51.8 | 51.9 | 55.2 | 47.0 | 47.2 | 51.2 | NO | V_3 |

- A variety is a blocking factor
- irr. a blocking factor
- is cast. next a factor?
- Rainfall is a random factor
- Treatment: Irr * pest * variety
- Field is a block, E/W is a block
- are covariates factors?

(1) CRD w/ a split-split plot treatment assignment

(2) Whole plot treatment - Pesticide; split-plot treatment - Irrigation
split-split plot treatment - variety.

(3) Treatment factors: Pesticide (3 levels - fixed), variety (3 levels - fixed), Irrigation (2 levels - fixed)
Blocking factors: Field (6 levels - fixed)

(4) Whole plot EV - Field, split-plot EV is E or W half of field,
split-split EV - MV is the subplot of the field (1/6th of field.)

(5) Response: Corn yield, covariates: rainfall, subsampling/repeated measures: none.

Is field 2
a factor?

pg 34 !!!
 (see 14.0.2 pgs 38, 40, 53)*

Experiment 2: A steel manufacturer wanted to study the effect that 4 sizes of roller gaps (2 cm, 4 cm, 6 cm, 8 cm) have on a steel manufacturing process w.r.t the tensile strength (lbs/in²) of the steel obtained from five different blended alloys (A₁, A₂, A₃, A₄, A₅). The process consisted of taking a batch of metal from one of the alloys, dividing the batch into 4 equal portions and rolling one of the portions w/ each of the roller gaps. The tensile strength was then determined for the resulting rolled steel. This was repeated for each of the five alloys. The order in which the roller gaps were implemented was randomized for each batch of alloy and the order in which the alloys were run was randomized. Only 20 runs could be accomplished during a single day. The researcher was then able to observe all 5 alloys under each of the 4 roller gaps during a single day. The whole process was repeated on three consecutive days. The carbon content of the alloy may have an effect on the tensile strength of the rolled steel. Therefore the carbon content of each batch was measured prior to the rolling of the steel.

| | Day 1 | | | | | Day 2 | | | | | Day 3 | | | | |
|-------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | B1 | B2 | B3 | B4 | B5 | B1 | B2 | B3 | B4 | B5 | B1 | B2 | B3 | B4 | B5 |
| | A ₁ | A ₃ | A ₂ | A ₅ | A ₄ | A ₅ | A ₂ | A ₃ | A ₄ | A ₁ | A ₃ | A ₅ | A ₂ | A ₁ | A ₄ |
| run 1 | 6cm | 2cm | 6cm | 8cm | 4cm | 2cm | 8cm | 6cm | 4cm | 2cm | 6cm | 2cm | 4cm | 2cm | 6cm |
| run 2 | 2cm | 6cm | 4cm | 2cm | 8cm | 6cm | 6cm | 4cm | 6cm | 4cm | 4cm | 4cm | 8cm | 4cm | 8cm |
| run 3 | 4cm | 8cm | 2cm | 6cm | 2cm | 4cm | 4cm | 8cm | 4cm | 8cm | 8cm | 6cm | 6cm | 8cm | 4cm |
| run 4 | 8cm | 4cm | 8cm | 4cm | 6cm | 4cm | 2cm | 2cm | 2cm | 6cm | 2cm | 8cm | 2cm | 6cm | 2cm |

- 15 days fixed
- (1) RCBD w/ split-plot treatment assignment
 - (2) Block factor is Day, Treatment factors are Alloy crossed w/ roller gaps.
 - (3) Day (fixed - 3 levels), Alloy (Fixed - 5 levels), Roller gaps (Fixed - 4 levels)
 - (4) Whole plot EO - 5 batches of alloy
 Split plot EO = MU - 4 portions of alloy from each of the 5 units.
 - (5) Response variable is tensile strength of the rolled steel.
 Covariate is the carbon content of each batch.

Experiment 3:

- (1) RCBD w/ a strip plot treatment assignment
- (2) Blocking factor: Litter
Treatment factors: species, crossed w/ technique.
- (3) • Litter - (5 levels - random)
• Rat (Litter) - (4 levels - Fixed)
• Species of fish (4 levels - Random)
• Technique (3 levels - Fixed)
- (4) • EU for the species is Rat (Litter) } see H.O.2 pg 41
• EU for the technique is the kidney of a rat
• MU: kidney of Rat (Litter)
- (5) Response variable: % of mercury absorbed by the rats
No covariates
No subsampling / repeated measurements

Experiment 4: — are students a blocking factor?

- (1) Cross-over Design
- (2) Instructor * Assessment Method
- (3) Instructor (Random - 4 levels), Assessment Method (2 levels - Fixed)
Period (Random - 3 levels)
- (4) EU's = MU's = Student
- (5) Response variable: Exam score, no covariates,
no subsampling; repeated measurements (3 per student)

Part II - selecting the Design:

- A researcher is developing a commercial shrimp farming operation. She has sought your help in designing and analyzing a study to investigate the influence of three factors on the growth rate of shrimp raised in aquaria. The three factors are:

T = Water Temperature (25°C , 35°C)

S = Water Salinity (10‰, 25‰, 40‰)

P = Density of shrimp in the aquarium (2 shrimp/liter, 4 shrimp/liter)

The response variable is the four week weight gain on per shrimp basis.

Two possible experimental designs are below. For each design, discuss the advantages and disadvantages of the design. In addition, give a brief description of how you would assign the levels of the three factors or combinations of factor levels to the experimental materials. There are 36 aquaria available for the study.

D1: Each aquarium can be partitioned into two sections.

- Randomly assign 6 aquaria of the 6 water temp - salinity combinations. Then randomly assign a density level to a partition within each of the 36 aquaria.

Whole plot EUs (EUs for temp-salinity combinations) are the 36 aquaria.

Split-plot EUs (EUs for shrimp density) are the 12 partitions of the aquaria.

Advantages: greater replication. There are 6 replicates for each of the Temp-salinity-density combinations as opposed to 3 replicates of each in D2.

Disadvantages: harder to implement

D2: No partitioning of Aquaria.

- Randomly assign 3 aquaria to each of the 12 temp-salinity-density combinations in a completely randomized design.

Advantages: easier to implement

Disadvantages: fewer replicates

to split about blocking to aquaria

Is this a split-plot treatment?