Two-Factor Mixed and Within-Participants Designs

PSYC214: Statistics For Group Comparisons

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Learning Objectives

- Two-factor mixed and within-participants designs
- Focus on procedures rather than how the analysis is calculated
- How to interpret ANOVA tables and graphs
- Handling significant main effects, and simple main effects, of factors with three or more levels

Introduction

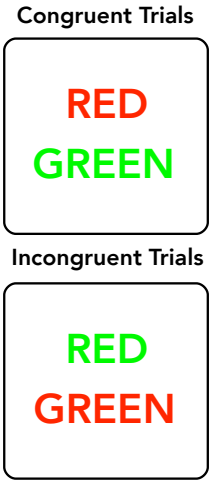
- We have now covered the three most mathematically straightforward designs:
  1. splitting total variability into between-group variability and within-group variability — one factor between-participants designs
  2. splitting within-group variability into between-participant variability and residual variability — one factor within-participants designs
  3. splitting between-group variability into main effect and interaction variability — 2×2 between-participants design
- There is little new to learn from analysing more complicated designs by hand

A Two-Factor Mixed Design

- Mixed design ANOVAs are particularly versatile and are often used in psychology
- These designs have at least one between-participants factor and at least one within-participants factor
- Allows the researcher to capitalise on the benefits of between- and within-participants designs within the same design
- Let's consider an example based on the Stroop task

The Stroop Task

- In the Stroop task, participants must name the ink colour of a colour word as quickly as possible:
  - on congruent trials, the ink colour and colour name are consistent
  - on incongruent trials, the ink colour and colour name are inconsistent
- Stroop effect = longer RTs for incongruent, compared to congruent, trials
- A measure of **response inhibition**



Example of A Mixed Design

- A researcher wants to know if response inhibition is impaired in patients with Schizophrenia using the Stroop task
- She employs a 2 $\times$ 2 mixed design:
  - patient group: healthy *vs.* schizophrenia
  - trial type: congruent *vs.* incongruent
- patient group is necessarily a between-participants factor
- trial type is a within-participants factor
- There are 2 $\times$ 2 = 4 conditions; two groups of participants (healthy *vs.* schizophrenia) each complete two conditions of the experiment (congruent *vs.* incongruent trials)

Hypothetical Data For Mixed-Design Stroop Experiment

			Factor B: Trial type (within participants)	
			Level B_1	*Level B_2*
			congruent	*incongruent*
Factor *A*:	Level A_1 healthy	P_1	680	790
Group (between participants)		P_2	616	746
		P_3	530	670
		P_4	630	830
		P_5	694	794
	Level A_2 schizophrenia	P_6	630	852
		P_7	610	875
		P_8	602	863
		P_9	660	912
		P_{10}	673	928

Hypothetical Data For Mixed Design-Stroop Experiment

		Factor B: Trial type		
		Level B_1 *congruent*	*Level B_2* *incongruent*	Overall
Factor *A*: Group	Level A_1 healthy	630	776	703
	Level A_2 schizophrenia	635	885	760
	Overall	632.5	830.5	

Error Terms In A Mixed-Design ANOA

- Recall that a between-participants design uses the within-group variance as its error term
- By contrast, a within-participants design uses the residual variance as its error term
- A mixed-design ANOVA produces two error terms:
  1. one for the between-participants main effect
  2. one for the within-participants main effect and the interaction
- You must be careful to ensure when reporting the ANOVA that the correct degrees of freedom are read from the table

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Simple Main Effects Table For Mixed-Design Stroop Experiment

- There are different approaches to testing simple main effects in mixed designs
- The simplest approach uses **pooled error terms**
- We begin by calculating the between-group variance for each simple main effect
- The calculations are identical to those used for the between-participants design (see Week 7 lecture slides)
- Each pair of simple main effects is tested for significance using the same error term (hence pooled error term approach)

Simple Main Effects Table For Mixed-Design Stroop Experiment

- The error term for testing the significance of the between-participant effects is the pooled within-group variance for the four cells
- This is calculated identically to a fully between-participants design $\{SS_{S/AB} = [Y] - [AB]; df_{S/AB} = ab(s-1)\}$
- This is used to test the significance of the two simple main effects of the between-participants factor:
  - group at congruent
  - group at incongruent

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Error term	36281.00	8	4535.125		
Trial type at					
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schizophrenia	157502.500	1	157502.500	346.445	< .001
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- The other error term is the within-participants factor error term from the initial ANOVA (*Error B*$\times$*S/A*)
- This is used to test the two within-participants simple main effects:
  - trial type at healthy
  - trial type at schizophrenia

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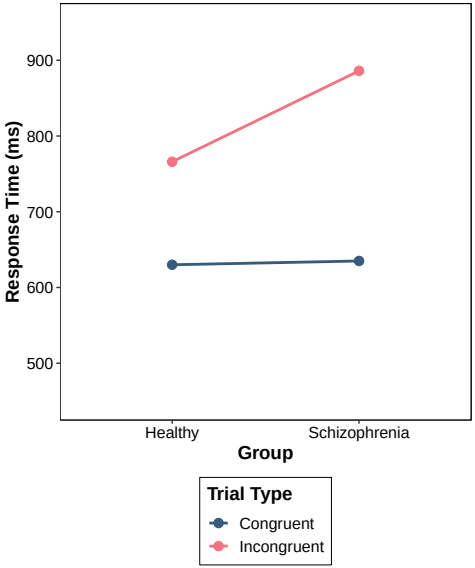
- An alternative to this approach would be to calculate a separate *t*-test for each pair of means being compared
- We would use independent-samples *t*-tests to test the simple main effects of the between-participants factor
- We would use repeated-measures *t*-tests to test the simple main effects of the within-participants factor

Simple Main Effects Table For Mixed-Design Stroop Experiment

- Once you have calculated the simple main effects, generate an interaction plot
- Locate the simple main effects in the graph to facilitate interpretation of the interaction

Interaction Plot



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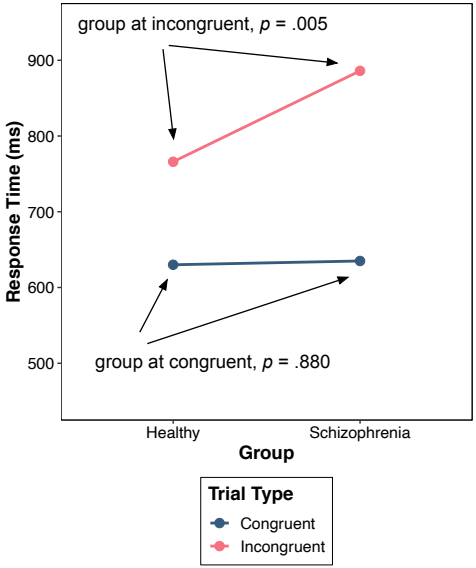

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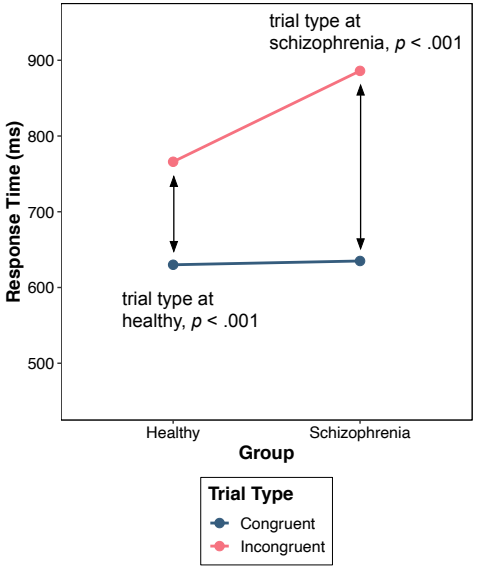

Simple Main Effects Table For Mixed-Design Stroop Experiment

- Once you have a graph and have calculated the simple main effects, write out the various effects as you were shown in the Week 6 lab session
- This involves reporting the *F* values for each simple main effect and stating the direction of the significant differences
- Once the significant effects have been identified, they must be interpreted
- Write a couple of sentences to describe the nature of the interaction (see the Week 7 lab session for an example)

What If The Design Has Three or More Levels In Either Factor?

- If the interaction is not significant, any significant main effects for factors with three or more levels will need to be followed up with planned comparisons (*t*-tests) or post-hoc tests (Tukey test)
- When the interaction is significant, the simple main effects for a factor with three or more levels will need to be followed up with planned comparisons or post-hoc tests
- In both circumstances, planned comparisons will often be preferable
- Make sure you use the right type (independent samples *vs.* repeated measures) for the effect you are testing

Calculating *F* ratios

- The book chapter in the recommended reading includes a demonstration of how to calculate the *F* ratios for a mixed design by hand
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A Two-Factor Fully Within-Participants Design

- A researcher wants to know if the size of the Stroop effect decreases with practice
- She employs a 2×3 fully within-participants design:
  - trial type: congruent *vs.* incongruent
  - block: 1 *vs.* 2 *vs.* 3
- Making *trial type* within-participants means we can establish each participant's susceptibility to the Stroop effect
- *block* must necessarily be a within-participants factor, as it requires experience with the task
- There are $2 \times 3 = 6$ conditions; a single group of participants completes each condition

Hypothetical Data For Fully Within-Participants Design Stroop Experiment

	A_1 congruent			A_2 incongruent		
	B_1 block 1	B_2 block 2	B_3 block 3	B_1 block 1	B_2 block 2	B_3 block 3
P_1	700	600	550	910	700	625
P_2	600	550	575	850	650	650
P_3	480	590	693	720	685	743
P_4	630	690	597	830	790	600
P_5	720	730	650	845	770	680
Means	626.00	632.00	613.00	831.00	719.00	659.60

ANOVA Table For Fully Within-Participants Design Stroop Experiment

Source	Sum of Squares	Degrees of Freedom	Mean Square	F	P
A (trial type)	95541.63	1	95541.63	68.124	$< .001$
Error $A \times P$	5609.87	4	1402.47		
B (block)	42821.60	2	21410.80	2.128	0.182
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$A \times B$	33872.27	2	16936.13	53.537	$< .001$
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- To test the simple main effects, we calculate the between-group variances as we did in our Week 7 lecture
- The error terms to use are those from the original ANOVA table
- Thus, for the simple main effects of factor A (trial type) at B_1, B_2, and B_3 the error term for testing factor A could be used ($Error\ A \times P$)
- For the simple main effects of factor B (block) at A_1 and A_2 the error term for testing factor B could be used ($Error\ B \times P$)

Simple Main Effects Table For Fully Within-Participants Design Stroop Experiment

Source	Sum of Squares	Degrees of Freedom	Mean Square	F	P
Trial type at					
block 1	105062.50	1	105062.50	74.913	$< .001$
block 2	18922.50	1	18922.50	13.492	0.021
block 3	5428.90	1	5428.90	3.871	0.121
Error term	5609.87	4	1402.47		
Block at					
congruent	943.33	2	471.67	0.047	0.954
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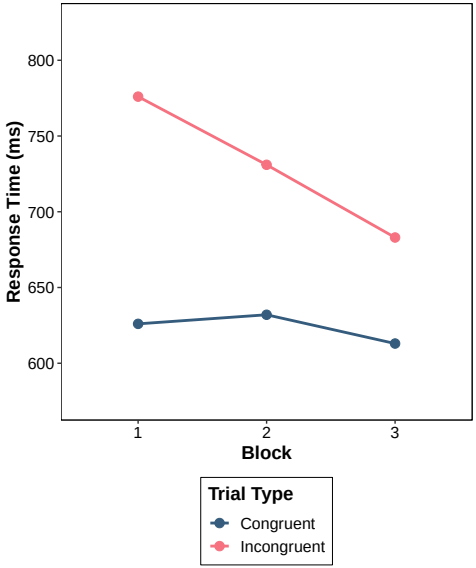

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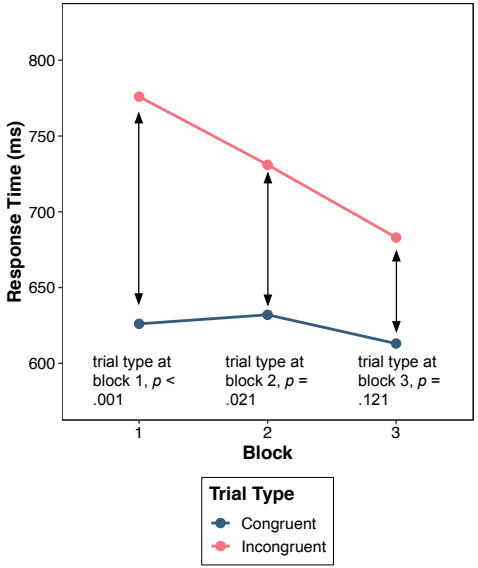

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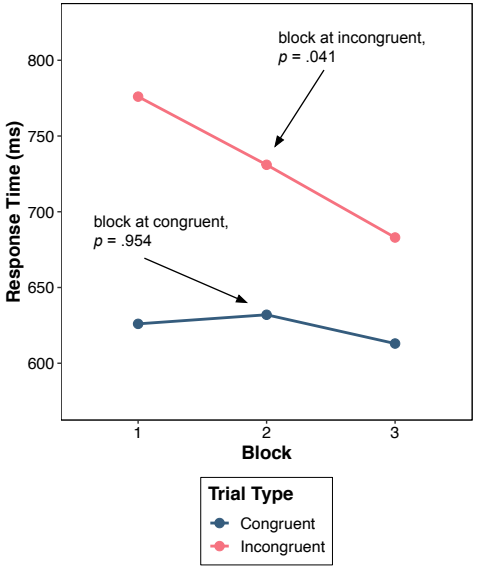

Follow Up Tests For Simple Main effects Of Factors With Three Or More Levels

- In this instance, one of the simple main effects of our factor with three levels (block at incongruent) was significant
- We therefore need to perform follow up tests (planned comparisons or post-hoc tests) to determine where the differences are located
- I recommend using planned comparisons where possible
- We will evaluate the simple main effect of block at incongruent trials by performing two repeated-measures *t*-tests comparing block 1 *vs.* block 2 and block 2 *vs.* block 3 (i.e., planned comparisons)

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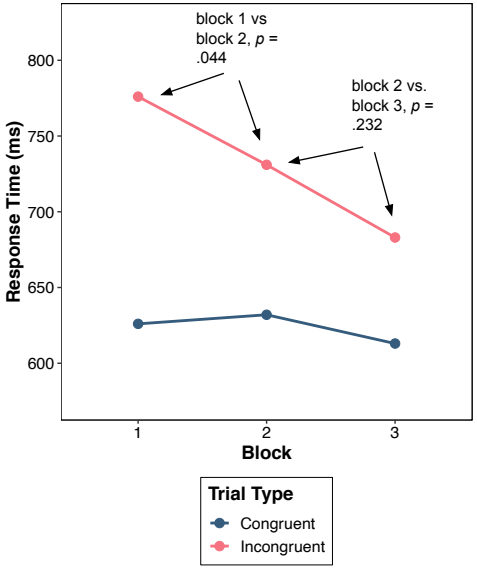

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A Note On The Sphericity Assumption

- The sphericity assumption extends to within-participants factorial designs with factors containing three or more levels
- It also applies to within-participant factors with three or more levels in mixed designs
- R will apply the Greenhouse and Geisser correction if the sphericity assumption is violated
- We'll cover this in more detail in next week's lab

In Next Week's Lab ...

- Running a 2 $\times$ 3 mixed/within-participants ANOVA in R
- Follow-up tests for factors with more than two levels

References

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