

ESMA 6787: Exam 1

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Problem 1: Definitions

Define the followings:

- (a) p-value: It is the probability that we would see that our results given that we assume that the null hypothesis is true
- (b) Projection Matrix: It is the map of our estimated parameter and data onto the response variable. In other words is the estimation of our fitted line
- (c) Complete randomized Design: It is an experiment design were we randomly assign treatments to a sample.
- (d) Complete Randomized Block Design: Similar to the CRD but with the distinction of partitioning the sample in shared characteristic

Problem 2: Dough Experiment

In the experiment to study the effects of the amount of baking powder in a biscuit dough upon the rise heights of the biscuits, four levels of baking powder were tested and four replicate biscuits were made with each level in a random order.

Table 1: Training Methods Data			
0.25 tsp	0.5 tsp	0.75 tsp	1 tsp
11.4	27.8	47.6	61.6
11.0	29.2	47.0	62.4
11.3	26.8	47.3	63.0
9.5	26.0	45.5	63.9

- (a) What is the experimental unit?
Answer: The biscuits dough
- (b) Under this model show why each of the following is estimable or non-estimable:

$$\tau_1, \tau_2, \tau_3, \tau_4, \quad \tau_1 + \tau_2 - (\tau_3 + \tau_4), \mu + \tau_1 + \tau_2$$

The overall model is given by the following:

$$Y_{ij} = \mu + \tau_i + \epsilon_{ij}$$

Thus:

- (a) $\tau_1 + \tau_2 - (\tau_3 + \tau_4)$ Is also estimable given it is a also a linear combination
- (b) $\mu + \tau_1 + \tau_2$ is also estimable given it is a also a linear combination
- (c) Perform the analysis of variance to test the hypothesis of no treatment effect.

Table 2: ANOVA for the Effect of Baking Powder on Biscuit Rise Height					
Source	df	Sum of Squares	Mean Square	F-statistic	p-value
BakingPowder	3	6145.73	2048.58	1822.65	3.23×10^{-16}
Residual	12	13.49	1.12	-	-

- (d) Formulate a contrast to test the hypothesis that increase in rise height is a linear function of the increase in baking powder in the dough, and test this hypothesis.
Choosing $L = -3\tau_1 - 1\tau_2 + 1\tau_3 + 3\tau_4$ with the hypothesis:

- (a) H_0 : no linear
 (b) H_1 : linear

Table 3: ANOVA for the Effect of Baking Powder on Biscuit Rise Height and Linear Trend

Source	df	Sum of Squares	Mean Square	F-statistic	p-value
Treatment (BakingPowder)	3	6145.732	2048.577	1822.645	3.23×10^{-16}
Linear Trend	1	6137.256	6137.256	3912.062	1.54×10^{-18}
Residual	12	13.488	1.124	-	-

With the p-value we reject the null hypothesis and say that there exists a linear relationship between Rise and amount of baking powder

- (e) If the dough were made in batches and the four replicate biscuit rise heights in each column (Table 1) were all from the same batch, would your answer to (a) be different? How could the data be analyzed if this were the case?

Answered: The answer would be the same if we would now have a batch effect. We could use latin squares for this experiment if it is structured in batches

Problem 3: Randomize group

Consider a completely randomized design with four treatment groups, in which a total of $N = 100$ units are to be used. Although it won't be explicitly used in the analysis model, treatments 1 through 5 actually represent increasing concentrations of one component in an otherwise standard chemical compound, and the primary purpose of the experiment is to understand whether certain measurable properties of the compound change with this concentration. The investigator decides to address these questions by estimating these quantities

$$\tau_2 - \tau_1, \tau_2 - \tau_3, \tau_2 - \tau_4, \tau_3 - \tau_4, \tau_3 - \tau_1$$

where each τ_i is a parameter in the standard effects model. Find the optimal allocation for the 100 available units (i.e., values for n_1, \dots, n_5) that minimizes the average variance of estimates of the five contrasts of interest. Do this as a constrained, continuous optimization problem, then round the solution to integer values that are consistent with the required constraints.

Consider a completely randomized design with five treatments and a total of $N = 100$ experimental units. We are interested in the following five contrasts:

$$\tau_2 - \tau_1, \quad \tau_2 - \tau_3, \quad \tau_2 - \tau_4, \quad \tau_3 - \tau_4, \quad \tau_3 - \tau_1$$

where τ_i are the treatment effects in the standard effects model.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(\tau_2 - \tau_1) &= \sigma^2 \left(\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2} \right) \\ \text{Var}(\tau_2 - \tau_3) &= \sigma^2 \left(\frac{1}{n_2} + \frac{1}{n_3} \right) \\ \text{Var}(\tau_2 - \tau_4) &= \sigma^2 \left(\frac{1}{n_2} + \frac{1}{n_4} \right) \\ \text{Var}(\tau_3 - \tau_4) &= \sigma^2 \left(\frac{1}{n_3} + \frac{1}{n_4} \right) \\ \text{Var}(\tau_3 - \tau_1) &= \sigma^2 \left(\frac{1}{n_3} + \frac{1}{n_1} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$V_{\text{avg}} \propto \frac{2}{n_1} + \frac{3}{n_2} + \frac{3}{n_3} + \frac{2}{n_4}.$$

$$f(n_1, n_2, n_3, n_4) = \frac{2}{n_1} + \frac{3}{n_2} + \frac{3}{n_3} + \frac{2}{n_4}$$

subject to

$$n_1 + n_2 + n_3 + n_4 + n_5 = 100, \quad n_i > 0.$$

$$\begin{aligned} n_1 = n_4 &= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\lambda}}, \quad n_2 = n_3 = \sqrt{\frac{3}{\lambda}}, \\ 2\sqrt{\frac{2}{\lambda}} + 2\sqrt{\frac{3}{\lambda}} &= 100 \implies \sqrt{\lambda} = \frac{\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}}{50}. \\ n_1 = n_4 &\approx 22.5, \quad n_2 = n_3 \approx 27.5, \quad n_5 \approx 0. \end{aligned}$$

Treatment	1	2	3	4	5
Units n_i	22	28	28	22	0

1 Problem 4

The effect of plant growth regulators and spear bud scales on spear elongation in asparagus was investigated by Yang-Gyu and Woolley (2006). Elongation rate of spears is an important factor determining final yield of asparagus in many temperate climatic conditions. Spears were harvested from 6-year-old Jersey Giant asparagus plants grown in a commercial planting at Bulls (latitude 40.2S, longitude 175.4E), New Zealand. Spears were harvested randomly and transported from field to lab for investigation. After trimming to 80mm length, spears were immersed completely for 1 h in aqueous solutions of 10 mg l⁻¹ concentration of indole-3-acetic acid (IAA), abscisic acid (ABA), GA3, or CPPU (Sitofex EC 2.0%; SKW, Trostberg, Germany) in test tubes. Control spears were submerged in distilled water for 1 h. The experiment was a completely randomized design with five replications (spears) per treatment

Table 4: Spear length in mm

Control	IAA	ABA	GA3	CPPU
94.7	89.9	96.8	99.1	104.4
96.1	94.0	87.8	95.3	98.9
86.5	99.1	89.1	94.6	98.9
98.5	92.8	91.1	93.1	106.5
94.9	99.4	89.4	95.7	104.8

- What are the experimental units?
- Proposed a linear model in this case. Explain each of the variable carefully.
- Test the hypothesis of no treatment effect. State the alternative, decision rule, and conclusion.
- Test all pairwise comparisons of treatment means. You can use either Bonferroni, Turkeyk, Scheffe or Dunnett, assume that $\alpha = 0.01$.
- Can we test if there's difference between the control group with any of the treatment group? Discuss your results bases on part (c) and (d).
- Perform a non-parametric approach to test the hypothesis of no treatment effect. State the alternative, decision rule, conclusion and assume that $\alpha=0.01$.

- (g) Perform non-parametric pairwise comparisons of treatment effect. Discuss your results comparing the control group with the treatment groups. Further, assume that $\alpha = 0.01$.

2 Problem 5

An accounting firm prior to introducing in the firm widespread training in statistical sampling for auditing tested three training methods: (1) study at home with programmed training materials, (2) training sessions at local offices conducted by local staff, and (3) training sessions in Chicago conducted by national staff. Thirty auditors were grouped into 10 blocks of three according to time elapsed since college graduation and the auditors in each block were randomly assigned to the three training methods. At the end of the training each auditor was asked to analyze a complex case involving statistical applications proficiency measure based on this analysis was obtained for each auditor.

Table 5: Training Methods

Block	1	2	3
1	73	81	92
2	76	78	89
3	75	76	87
4	74	77	90
5	76	71	88
6	73	75	86
7	68	72	88
8	64	74	82
9	65	73	81
10	62	69	78

- (a) Why do you think the blocking variable "time elapsed since college graduation" was employed?
- (b) Obtain the residuals for the randomized block model and plot them against the fitted values. Also, prepare a normal probability plot of the residuals. What are your findings?
- (c) Plot the responses Y_{ij} by blocks. What does this plot suggest about the appropriateness of the no-interaction assumption here?

Assume that the randomized block model is appropriate.

- (a) Test whether or not the mean proficiency is the same for the three training methods. Use a level of significance $\alpha = 0.05$. State the alternatives, decision rule, and conclusion. What is the p-value of the test?
- (b) Make all pairwise comparisons between the training method means; use the Tukey procedure with a 90% confidence level coefficient. State your findings.
- (c) Test whether or not blocking effects are present; use $\alpha = 0.05$. State the alternatives, decision rule, and conclusion. What is the p-value of the test?