

# 17. R Analysis of Split-Plot Experiments

# Field Split-Plot Experiment

R C B D

Field													
Block 1	Genotype C				Genotype A				Genotype B				
	0	100	150	50	50	100	150	0	150	100	50	0	
Block 2	Genotype B				Genotype A				Genotype C				
	150	100	50	0	0	50	150	100	100	50	150	0	
Block 3	Genotype A				Genotype B				Genotype C				
	100	50	0	150	0	100	150	50	50	100	150	0	
Block 4	Genotype B				Genotype C				Genotype A				
	0	50	100	150	150	100	50	0	50	150	100	0	

# Install and Load Packages for Linear Mixed-Model Analysis in R

```
> install.packages("lme4")
```

for fitting the linear mixed effects models

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> install.packages("lmerTest")
```

for obtaining correct df and p-values associated with inference of mixed effects

```
> library(lme4)
```

```
> library(lmerTest)
```

## Read Data

```
> fd = read.delim(  
  "https://dnett.github.io/S510/FieldSplitPlotData.txt")  
  
> head(fd)  
   block  geno fert      y  
1       1     1     0 148.7  
2       1     1    50 150.4  
3       1     1   100 166.7  
4       1     1   150 156.5  
5       1     2     0 162.5  
6       1     2    50 168.6
```

```
> #Define factors and shorten names.  
  
> y = fd$y  
  
> b = factor(fd$block)  
  
> g = factor(fd$geno)  
    ↗ 4 levels: 1, 2, 3, 4  
> f = factor(fd$fert/50+1)
```

## Fit the Model

> o = lmer(y ~ g + f + g:f + (1 | b) + (1 | b:g))

we are allowing for  
a random intercept for  
each level of b

$$y_{ijk} = \mu + \alpha_i + \beta_j + \gamma_{ij} + b_k + w_{ik} + e_{ijk}$$

$$b_k \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0, \sigma_b^2)$$

$$w_{ik} \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0, \sigma_w^2)$$

$$e_{ijk} \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0, \sigma_e^2)$$

```
> summary(o)
```

Linear mixed model fit by REML.

t-tests use Satterthwaite's method ['lmerModLmerTest']

Formula: y ~ g + f + g:f + (1 | b) + (1 | b:g)

REML criterion at convergence: 275.1

Scaled residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-1.43560	-0.60942	-0.07892	0.53263	2.09822

Random effects:

Groups	Name	Variance	Std.Dev.
b:g	(Intercept)	67.29	8.203
b	(Intercept)	122.89	11.086
Residual		39.71	6.301
Number of obs: 48, groups: b:g, 12; b, 4			

$$\hat{\sigma}_w^2$$
$$\hat{\sigma}_e^2$$
$$\hat{\sigma}_b^2$$

SE for  $g_1 g_2 f_1$

are based on CS-approx.

Fixed effects:

	Estimate	Std. Error	df	t value	Pr(> t )	
(Intercept)	126.025	7.581	6.740	16.624	1.01e-06	***
<u>g<sub>2</sub></u>	<u>22.500</u>	<u>7.314</u>	<u>11.154</u>	<u>3.076</u>	<u>0.010384</u>	*
<u>g<sub>3</sub></u>	<u>-12.275</u>	<u>7.314</u>	<u>11.154</u>	<u>-1.678</u>	<u>0.121064</u>	
f <sub>2</sub>	13.750	4.456	27.000	3.086	0.004649	**
f <sub>3</sub>	22.425	4.456	27.000	5.033	2.79e-05	***
f <sub>4</sub>	19.025	4.456	27.000	4.270	0.000216	***
g <sub>2</sub> :f <sub>2</sub>	-2.825	6.301	27.000	-0.448	0.657499	
g <sub>3</sub> :f <sub>2</sub>	17.875	6.301	27.000	2.837	0.008540	**
g <sub>2</sub> :f <sub>3</sub>	3.750	6.301	27.000	0.595	0.556721	
g <sub>3</sub> :f <sub>3</sub>	24.525	6.301	27.000	3.892	0.000588	***
g <sub>2</sub> :f <sub>4</sub>	8.600	6.301	27.000	1.365	0.183583	
g <sub>3</sub> :f <sub>4</sub>	35.800	6.301	27.000	5.681	4.92e-06	***

--- there are 12 distinct treatments and all treatment means have an estimated SE = 7.581

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