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Experiment 3

Aim: To Perform a One-Way ANOVA in SAS Software.

A one-way ANOVA is used to determine whether or not there is a statistically significant difference between the means of three or more independent groups.

Dataset:

Here I am creating a dataset where suppose a researcher recruits 30 students to participate in a study. The students are randomly assigned to use one of three studying methods to prepare for an exam.

The exam results for each student are shown below:

Method A	Method B	Method C
78	81	84
81	83	88
82	83	88
82	85	89
85	86	90
88	88	93
88	90	95
90	91	98

Code to create the above dataset:

```
CODE    LOG    RESULTS
[Icons]
2 data my_data;
3     input Method $ Score;
4     datalines;
5 A 78
6 A 81
7 A 82
8 A 82
9 A 85
10 A 88
11 A 88
12 A 90
13 B 81
14 B 83
15 B 83
16 B 85
17 B 86
18 B 88
19 B 90
20 B 91
21 C 84
22 C 88
23 C 88
24 C 89
25 C 90
26 C 93
27 C 95
28 C 98
29 ;
30 run;
```

To perform one-way ANOVA:

Next, I used **proc ANOVA** to perform the one-way ANOVA

```
31
32 /*perform one-way ANOVA*/
33 proc ANOVA data=my_data;
34 class Method;
35 model Score = Method;
36 means Method / tukey cldiff;
37 run;
```

Interpreting the Results

The ANOVA Procedure

Class Level Information		
Class	Levels	Values
Method	3	A B C

Number of Observations Read	24
Number of Observations Used	24

The ANOVA Procedure

Dependent Variable: Score

Source	DF	Sum of Squares	Mean Square	F Value	Pr > F
Model	2	175.5833333	87.7916667	5.26	0.0140
Error	21	350.2500000	16.6785714		
Corrected Total	23	525.8333333			

R-Square	Coeff Var	Root MSE	Score Mean
0.333914	4.698685	4.083941	86.91667

Source	DF	Anova SS	Mean Square	F Value	Pr > F
Method	2	175.5833333	87.7916667	5.26	0.0140

From this table we can see:

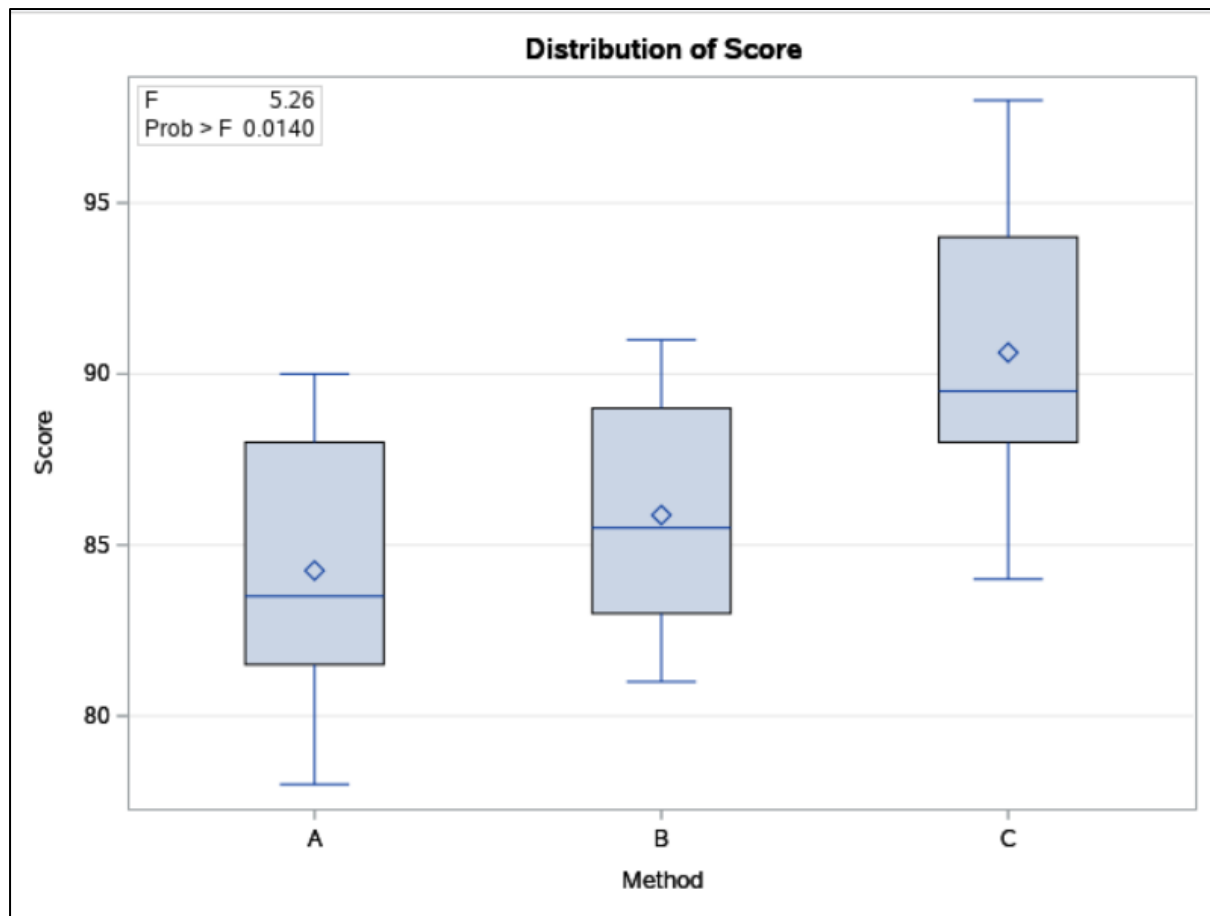
- The overall F Value: **5.26**
- The corresponding p-value: **0.0140**

one-way ANOVA uses the following null and alternative hypotheses:

- **H₀**: All group means are equal.
- **H_A**: At least one group mean is different from the rest.

Since the p-value from the ANOVA table (0.0140) is less than $\alpha = .05$, we reject the null hypothesis.

SAS also provides boxplots to visualize the distribution of exam scores for each of the three studying methods:



From the boxplots we can see that the exam scores tend to be higher among students who used studying method C compared to methods B and A.

Conclusion:

A one-way ANOVA was performed to compare the effect of three different studying methods on exam scores.

From the above example, from one-way ANOVA we can conclude that there was a statistically significant difference in mean exam score between at least two groups ($F(2, 21) = [5.26]$, $p = 0.014$).