### COGS 14A: Week 6

Wednesday Bushong

#### Midterm

- If you have a grading dispute, bring it to the TA who graded that specific question (and do it soon)
- Version 1:
  - Wednesday: 1, 4
  - Calvin: 2, 3, 5
  - Esther: 6, 7
- Version 2:
  - Wednesday: 2, 4
  - Calvin: 1, 3, 7
  - Esther: 5, 6

# Recap of Between-Subjects Design

- 2 (or more) groups randomly assigned
- Experimental group(s) compared w/ control group

# Within-Subjects Design

- Each participant receives every level of the independent variable
- Different designs:
  - Pretest-posttest (2 measurements)
  - Repeated measures (>2 measurements)
    - Some longitudinal studies

#### Pros

- Require fewer subjects!
- Takes less time to complete study
- Subject variables remain constant
- Lower error variance (more statistical power)
  - Have less people, therefore less variability

### Confounds

- Demand characteristics
  - Participants adopt strategy, which systematically skews the results
  - How to avoid?
- Carryover effects (order effects)
  - Each participant sees the test more than once
  - Practice effects
  - Fatigue effects

### Confounds Cont'd

- History effects
  - Event happens which affects participants' behavior
- Maturation effects
  - E.g., participant hits puberty
- Testing effects

# Counterbalancing Order Effects

- Vary the order of presenting the different conditions across participants
- Complete W-S Design
- Incomplete W-S Design

### Complete W-S Design

- Every participant sees every possible ordering
- For 2 conditions A and B: AB, BA
- For 3 conditions A, B, and C: ABC, ACB, BAC, BCA, CAB, CBA
- Etc.

# Incomplete W-S Design

- Each participant sees a unique order of conditions at least once, but doesn't see all of the possible conditions
  - Random order with rotation
  - Balanced Latin square

ABCD

BDAC

CADB

DCBA

# Quasi-Experimental Design

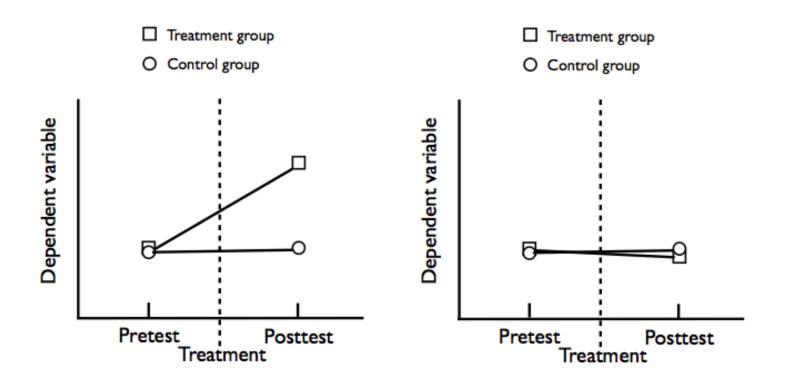
- Manipulate independent variable but for which equivalent groups are not possible
- Quasi-experiment not ideal, but is often the only solution to a true experiment

## Pre-experimental Designs

- Not a true experiment!
  - No control of potential confounds by random assignment of participants to groups
  - No control group

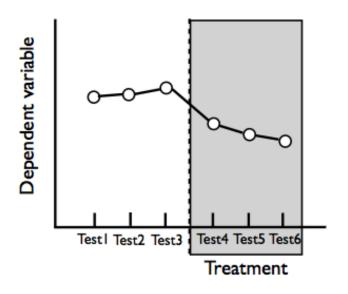
### Nonequivalent Control Group Design

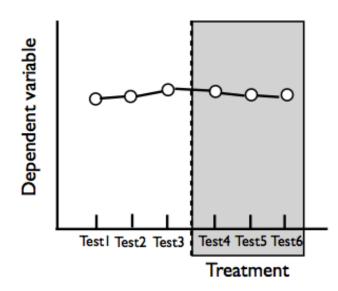
 Compare two groups that are close, but not, equivalent



# Time-Series Design

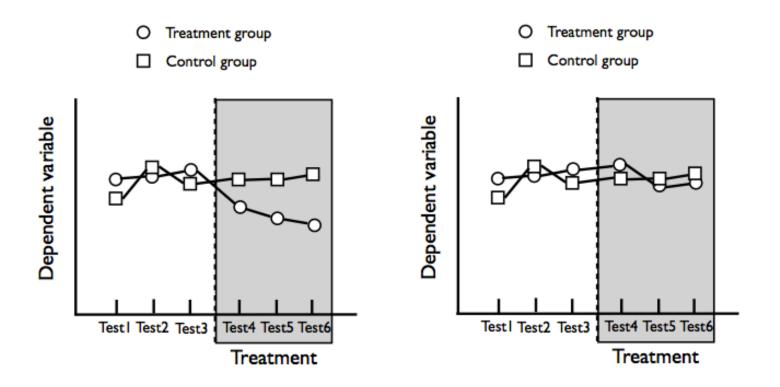
Multiple observations of a single group





# Multiple Time-Series Design

Get control group and time series!



# **Factorial Designs**

- Assess the effect of more than one independent variable on a single dependent variable
  - Each variable has two or more levels
- Several hypotheses tested simultaneously
  - Main effects
  - Interaction effects

# Types of Two-Factor Designs

- Both between-groups factors
- Both within-subjects factors
- One between-group, one within-subjects (mixed design or split-plot design)
- Differences: error variance, number of participants, potential confounds, etc.
  - 2-way ANOVAs, but computed differently

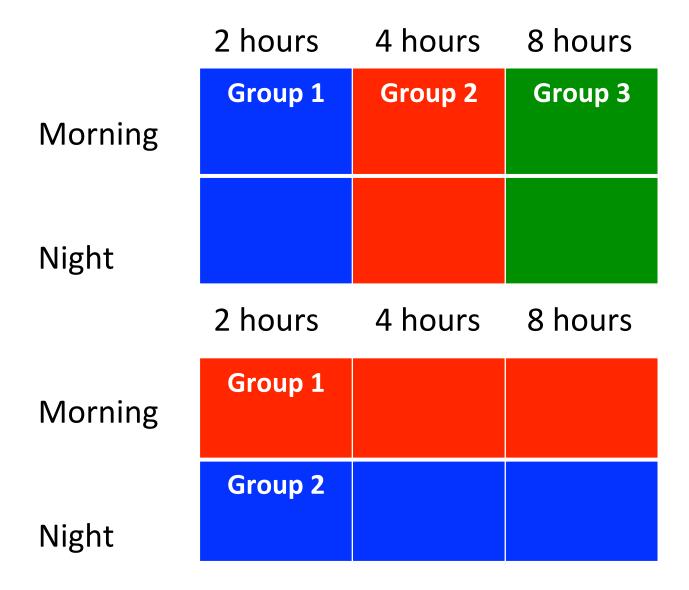
## Both Between-Groups

2 hours 4 hours 8 hours Morning **Group 1 Group 2 Group 3** Group 4 Group 5 Group 6 Night

# **Both Within Subjects**

2 hours 4 hours 8 hours **Group 1** Morning Night

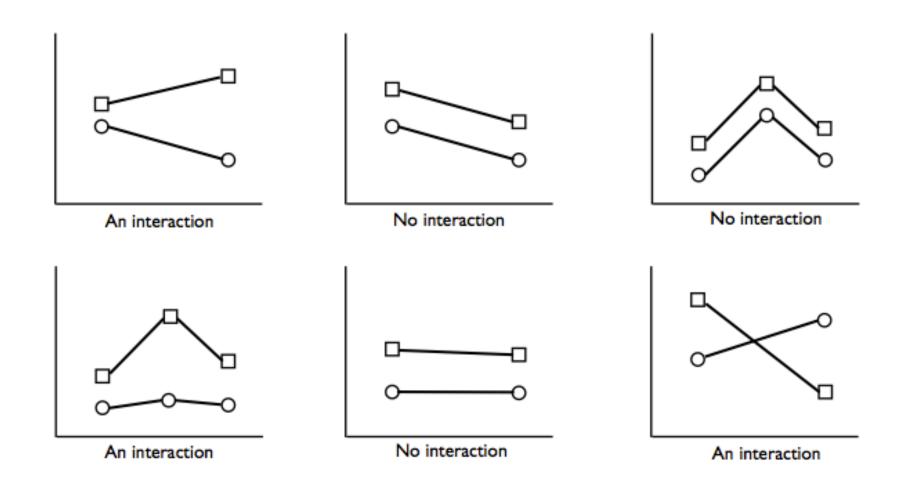
## One B/w Groups, One W/in Subjects



#### **Pros and Cons**

- If you need 10 people per group for statistical power, total # of subjects for each scenario:
  - Both Between-Groups: 60
  - Both Within Subjects: 10
  - One of each: 20 or 30
- On the other hand, all within subjects is very sensitive to confounds such as subject attrition

### **Possible Interactions**



## Higher-Order Designs

- Three-factor design (IVs A, B, and C)
  - A: 3 levels
  - B: 3 levels
  - C: 2 levels
  - 2 x 3 x 3 design
    - 3 main effects (A, B, and C)
    - 3 two-way interactions (AB, BC, AC)
    - 1 three-way interaction (ABC)
    - 7 effects total!

# Interpretation Problems in Higher-Order Designs

- 4-way interaction A, B, C, D
  - Main: A, B, C, D
  - 2-way interactions: AB, AC, AD, BC, BD, CD
  - 3-way interactions: ABC, BCD, ABD,
  - 4-way interaction: ABCD
  - 14 total effects!
  - What happens when you only find effects in, say, AB, BCD, and B? What does that even mean?