

# Lecture 19

## Multiple Comparison and Linear Contrasts

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### One-Way ANOVA & Overall F-Test

- We use **one-way ANOVA** to compare means of **J** ( $\geq 3$ ) **groups/conditions**

$$H_0 : \mu_1 = \mu_2 = \dots = \mu_J$$

$$H_a : \text{at least a pair } \mu\text{'s differ}$$

- If  $H_0$  is rejected, ANOVA just states that there is a significant difference between the groups **but not where those differences occur**
- We need to perform additional post hoc tests, **multiple comparisons**, to determine where the group differences are

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### Pairwise T-Tests

- Suppose we have 4 groups, i.e.  $J = 4$ , then we need to perform  $\binom{4}{2} = 6$  two-sample tests to locate where the group differences are

$$H_0 : \mu_1 = \mu_2 \text{ vs. } H_a : \mu_1 \neq \mu_2$$

$$H_0 : \mu_1 = \mu_3 \text{ vs. } H_a : \mu_1 \neq \mu_3$$

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- What if we simply perform these tests using, say,  $\alpha = 0.05$  for each test?

$$P(\text{making a least one type I error}) = 1 - (1 - 0.05)^6 = 0.265$$

if each test was independent

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Family-Wise Error Rate (FWER)

Family-Wise Error Rate (FWER)  $\bar{\alpha}$ : the probability of making 1 or more type I errors in a set of hypothesis tests

For  $m$  independent tests, each with individual type I error rate  $\alpha$ , then we have

$$\bar{\alpha} = 1 - (1 - \alpha)^m$$

$m$	$\alpha$		
	0.1	0.05	0.01
1	0.100	0.050	0.010
3	0.271	0.143	0.030
6	0.469	0.265	0.059
10	0.651	0.401	0.096
15	0.794	0.537	0.140
21	0.891	0.659	0.190

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The Bonferroni Correction

If we would like to control the FWER to be  $\alpha$ , then we adjust the significant level for each of the  $m$  tests to be  $\frac{\alpha}{m}$

$$FWER = P(\cup_{i=1}^m p_i \leq \frac{\alpha}{m}) \leq \sum_{i=1}^m P(p_i \leq \frac{\alpha}{m}) = m \frac{\alpha}{m} = \alpha$$

where  $p_i$  is the p-value for the  $i_{th}$  test  
If we have 4 treatment groups, then we need to perform 6 tests ( $m = 6$ )  $\Rightarrow$  will need to set the significant level for each individual pairwise t-test to be  $0.05/6 = 0.0083$  to ensure that FWER is less than 0.05

**Remark:** Bonferroni procedure can be very conservative but gives guaranteed control over FWER at the risk of reducing statistical power. Does not assume independence of the comparisons.

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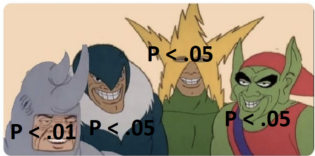
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Me and the significant boys



Me and the significant boys after Bonferroni correction



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### Example

A researcher who studies sleep is interested in the effects of ethanol on sleep time. She gets a sample of 20 rats and gives each an injection having a particular concentration of ethanol per body weight. There are 4 treatment groups, with 5 rats per treatment. She records Rapid eye movement (REM) sleep time for each rat over a 24-period.

Treatment	Control	1g/kg	2g/kg	4g/kg
Mean	82.2	81.0	73.8	65.7
Std	9.6	5.3	9.4	7.9

Recall in last lecture we reject  $H_0 : \mu_1 = \mu_2 = \mu_3 = \mu_4$  at 0.05 level. But where these differences are?

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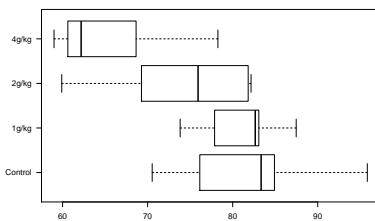
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### Example: Multiple Testing with Bonferroni Correction



P-value

Test	$\mu_1, \mu_2$	$\mu_1, \mu_3$	$\mu_1, \mu_4$	$\mu_2, \mu_3$	$\mu_2, \mu_4$	$\mu_3, \mu_4$
Pooled	0.816	0.202	0.018	0.175	0.007	0.179
Non-pooled	0.818	0.202	0.019	0.185	0.009	0.180

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### Fisher's Protected Least Significant Difference (LSD) Procedure

- We conclude that  $\mu_i$  and  $\mu_j$  differ at  $\alpha$  significance level if  $|\bar{X}_i - \bar{X}_j| > LSD$ , where

$$LSD = t_{\alpha/2, df=N-J} \sqrt{MSE \left( \frac{1}{n_i} + \frac{1}{n_j} \right)}$$

- This procedure builds on the equal variances t-test of the difference between two means
- The test statistic is improved by using MSE rather than  $s_p^2$

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Tukey's Honest Significance Difference (HSD) Test

- The test procedure:
  - Requires equal sample size  $n$  per populations
  - Find a critical value  $\omega$  as follows:

$$\omega = q_{\alpha}(J, N - J) \sqrt{\frac{MSE}{n}}$$

where  $q_{\alpha}(J, N - J)$  can be obtained from the studentized range table

- If  $\bar{X}_{max} - \bar{X}_{min} > \omega \Rightarrow$  there is sufficient evidence to conclude that  $\mu_{max} > \mu_{min}$
- Repeat this procedure for each pair of samples. Rank the means if possible

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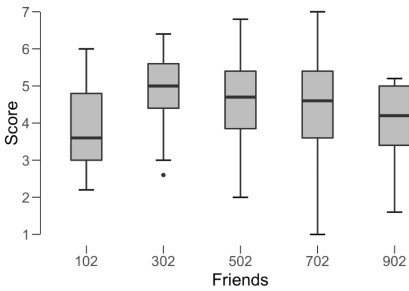
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Facebook Friends Example

A researcher would like to investigate the relationship between Facebook social attractiveness and the number of Facebook friends. An experiment was conducted where five groups of participant judge the same Facebook profiles, except for the one aspect that was manipulated: the number of friends for that profile.



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Example: Descriptive Statistics

	Score				
	102	302	502	702	902
Valid	24	33	26	30	21
Missing	0	0	0	0	0
Mean	3.817	4.879	4.562	4.407	3.990
Std. Deviation	0.999	0.851	1.070	1.428	1.023
Minimum	2.200	2.600	2.000	1.000	1.600
Maximum	6.000	6.400	6.800	7.000	5.200

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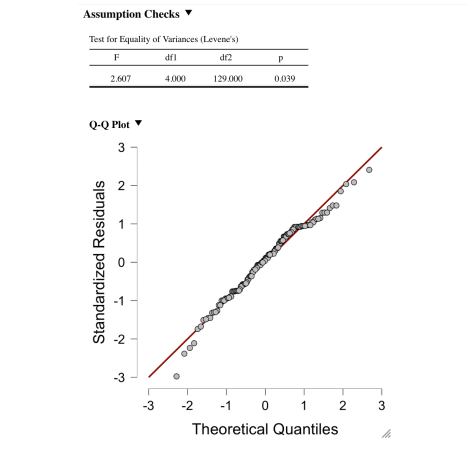
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Example: Checking Model Assumptions



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Facebook Friends: Overall F-Test

**Question:** Are Facebook attractiveness affected by # of friends?

$H_0: \mu_1 = \mu_2 = \dots = \mu_5$   
 $H_a$ : At least one group mean is different from others

Analysis of Variance Table

Response: Score

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value
Friends	4	19.89	4.9726	4.142
Residuals	129	154.87	1.2005	

Pr(>F)

Friends	0.00344	**
Residuals		

Next, we need to figure out where these differences occur

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Facebook Example: Fisher's LSD

We conclude that  $\mu_i$  and  $\mu_j$  differ at  $\alpha$  level if  $|\bar{X}_i - \bar{X}_j| > LSD$ , where

$$LSD = t_{\alpha/2, df=N-J} \sqrt{MSE \left( \frac{1}{n_i} + \frac{1}{n_j} \right)}$$

> LSD_none\$groups	> LSD_bon\$groups
Score groups	Score groups
302 4.878788 a	302 4.878788 a
502 4.561538 ab	502 4.561538 ab
702 4.406667 abc	702 4.406667 ab
902 3.990476 bc	902 3.990476 b
102 3.816667 c	102 3.816667 b

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## Facebook Example: Tukey's HSD Test

Yet there is another method to deal with multiple testing: **Tukey's Honest Significant Difference (HSD) test**. We conclude that  $\mu_i$  and  $\mu_j$  differ at  $\alpha$  familywise level if  $|\bar{X}_i - \bar{X}_j| > \omega$ , where

$$\omega = q_{\alpha}(J, N - J) \sqrt{\frac{MSE}{n}},$$

$q_{\alpha}(J, N - J)$  can be obtained from the **studentized range table**

*Critical Values of Studentized Range Distribution(q) for Familywise ALPHA = .05.*

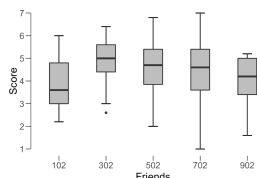
Denominator	Number of Groups (s.k.a. Treatments)									
DF	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
51	3.414	3.756	3.999	4.187	4.340	4.469	4.580	4.677		
52	3.412	3.753	3.996	4.184	4.337	4.465	4.576	4.673		
53	3.410	3.751	3.994	4.181	4.334	4.462	4.572	4.669		
54	3.408	3.749	3.991	4.178	4.331	4.459	4.569	4.666		
55	3.406	3.747	3.989	4.176	4.328	4.455	4.566	4.662		
56	3.405	3.745	3.986	4.175	4.325	4.452	4.562	4.659		
57	3.403	3.743	3.984	4.170	4.322	4.449	4.559	4.656		
58	3.402	3.741	3.982	4.168	4.319	4.447	4.556	4.652		
59	3.400	3.739	3.979	4.165	4.317	4.444	4.553	4.649		
60	3.399	3.737	3.977	4.163	4.314	4.441	4.550	4.646		

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## Facebook Example: Tukey's HSD Test

	diff	lwr	upr	p adj
302-102	1.0621212	0.2488644	1.87537798	0.003889635
502-102	0.7448718	-0.1132433	1.60298691	0.121456224
702-102	0.5900000	-0.2402014	1.42020143	0.288431585
902-102	0.1738095	-0.7320145	1.07963355	0.984016816
502-302	-0.3172494	-1.1121910	0.47769215	0.804080046
702-302	-0.4721212	-1.2368466	0.29260420	0.432633745
902-302	-0.8883117	-1.7345313	-0.04209203	0.034535577
702-502	-0.1548718	-0.9671402	0.65739661	0.984391504
902-502	-0.5710623	-1.4604793	0.31835479	0.391768065
902-702	-0.4161905	-1.2787075	0.44632652	0.669927748



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## Linear Contrasts

Suppose we have  $J$  populations (e.g. response for  $J$  different treatments) of interest. We have seen how to perform multiple comparisons. For example, the comparison between  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  can be conducted using the test:  $H_0 : \mu_1 - \mu_2 = 0$  vs.  $H_a : \mu_1 - \mu_2 \neq 0$ . This comparison is actually a special case of **linear contrasts**

### Linear Contrasts

Let  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_J$  are constants where  $\sum_{j=1}^J c_j = 0$ , then  $\sum_{j=1}^J c_j \mu_j$  is called a **linear contrast** of the population means.

**Example:** Suppose  $J = 4$

1  $\mu_1 - \mu_3 : c_1 = 1, c_2 = 0, c_3 = -1, c_4 = 0$

2  $\mu_2 - \mu_4 : c_1 = 0, c_2 = 1, c_3 = 0, c_4 = -1$

3  $\mu_1 - \frac{1}{3}\mu_2 - \frac{1}{3}\mu_3 - \frac{1}{3}\mu_4 : c_1 = 1, c_2 = c_3 = c_4 = -\frac{1}{3}$

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## Inferences for Linear Contrasts

If we want to make an inference about  $L = \sum_{j=1}^J c_j \mu_j$ . Then we use

$$\hat{L} = \sum_{j=1}^J c_j \bar{X}_j$$

as the point estimate. Furthermore, we can construct a  $100(1 - \alpha)\%$  CI for  $L$ :

$$(\hat{L} - t_{(\alpha/2, df=N-J)} \hat{se}_{\hat{L}}, \hat{L} + t_{(\alpha/2, df=N-J)} \hat{se}_{\hat{L}}),$$

where  $\hat{se}_{\hat{L}} = \sqrt{\text{MSE} \left( \frac{c_1^2}{n_1} + \dots + \frac{c_J^2}{n_J} \right)}$

To test whether  $L$  is significantly different from 0, we can conduct the following test:

$$H_0 : \sum_{j=1}^J c_j \mu_j = 0 \text{ vs. } H_a : \sum_{j=1}^J c_j \mu_j \neq 0$$



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## Hypothesis Testing for Linear Contrasts

- Null and Alternative Hypotheses:

$$H_0 : \sum_{j=1}^J c_j \mu_j = 0 \text{ vs. } H_a : \sum_{j=1}^J c_j \mu_j \neq 0$$

- Test Statistic:

$$t_{obs} = \frac{\hat{L} - 0}{\hat{se}_{\hat{L}}} = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^J c_j \bar{X}_j}{\sqrt{\text{MSE} \left( \frac{c_1^2}{n_1} + \dots + \frac{c_J^2}{n_J} \right)}}$$

- Decision:

Reject  $H_0$  if  $|t_{obs}| > t_{\alpha/2, df=N-J}$  (or p-value  $< \alpha$ )



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## Facebook Example: Linear Contrast

Suppose we'd like to compare  $\mu_1$  vs.  $\frac{\mu_3 + \mu_4}{2}$ . Let  $L = 1\mu_1 - \frac{1}{2}\mu_3 - \frac{1}{2}\mu_4$ . Then the above comparison is equivalent to test whether  $L$  is different from 0

- $H_0 : L = 0$  vs.  $H_a : L \neq 0$

$$t_{obs} = \frac{\hat{L}}{\hat{se}_{\hat{L}}} = \frac{1 \times 3.817 - 0.5 \times 4.562 - 0.5 \times 4.407}{\sqrt{1.2005 \times \left( \frac{1^2}{24} + \frac{0.5^2}{26} + \frac{0.5^2}{30} \right)}} = \frac{-0.6674}{0.2675} = -2.495$$

- Since  $|t_{obs}| = |-2.495| = 2.495 > t_{0.025, df=129} = 1.9785$ . We reject  $H_0$  at 0.05 level

**Note:** If we are performing several tests for different linear contrasts simultaneously, we'll need to adjust  $\alpha$  level accordingly to control the FWER



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