

# Randomized Complete Block Design (RCBD)

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# Blocking Design

- A **nuisance factor** is a factor that affects the response  $y$  but is not of interest to the researcher
- When planning an experiment must always consider the possibility of nuisance factors
- If unknown nuisance factor, randomization provides protection from bias but error variance will be inflated
- If known (and measurable) but uncontrollable use ANCOVA
- If known and controllable, we use a blocking design
- Extension of a paired  $t$ -test where pairs are the blocks

# Randomized Complete Block Design (RCBD)

- Arrange  $b$  blocks, each containing  $a$  “similar” EUs
- Randomly assign  $a$  treatments to the EUs in block
- The linear statistical model is

$$y_{ij} = \mu + \tau_i + \beta_j + \epsilon_{ij} \quad \begin{cases} i = 1, 2, \dots, a \\ j = 1, 2, \dots, b \end{cases}$$

$\tau_i$  -  $i$ th treatment effect

$\beta_j$  -  $j$ th block effect

$\epsilon_{ij} \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$

- Model includes additional **additive** block effect

# Partitioning the SS

- Rewrite observation as:

$$\begin{aligned} y_{ij} &= \bar{y}_{..} + (\bar{y}_{i.} - \bar{y}_{..}) + (\bar{y}_{.j} - \bar{y}_{..}) + (y_{ij} - \bar{y}_{i.} - \bar{y}_{.j} + \bar{y}_{..}) \\ &= \hat{\mu} + \hat{\tau}_i + \hat{\beta}_j + \hat{\epsilon}_{ij} \end{aligned}$$

- Can partition  $SS_T = \sum \sum (y_{ij} - \bar{y}_{..})^2$  into

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} b \sum (\bar{y}_{i.} - \bar{y}_{..})^2 & + & a \sum (\bar{y}_{.j} - \bar{y}_{..})^2 & + & \sum \sum (y_{ij} - \bar{y}_{i.} - \bar{y}_{.j} + \bar{y}_{..})^2 \\ SS_{\text{Treatment}} & + & SS_{\text{Block}} & + & SS_E \end{array}$$

- Under  $H_0$ , all  $SS/\sigma^2$  independent  $\chi^2$
- Ratio of SS will be  $F$  distributed

# Hypothesis Testing

- Can show (in the **fixed case**):

$$E(MS_E) = \sigma^2$$

$$E(MS_{\text{Treatment}}) = \sigma^2 + b \sum \tau_i^2 / (a - 1)$$

$$E(MS_{\text{Block}}) = \sigma^2 + a \sum \beta_j^2 / (b - 1)$$

- Use  $F$ -test to test equality of treatment effects

$$F_0 = \frac{SS_{\text{Treatment}} / (a - 1)}{SS_E / ((a - 1)(b - 1))}$$

- Could also use  $F$ -test for inference on block effects but...
  - Usually not of interest (i.e., you chose to block for a reason)
  - Blocks not randomized to experimental units
  - Best to view  $F_0$  and its  $P$ -value as a measure of blocking success

# Analysis of Variance Table

Source of Variation	Sum of Squares	Degrees of Freedom	Mean Square	$F_0$
Blocks	$SS_{\text{Block}}$	$b - 1$	$MS_{\text{Block}}$	$F_0$
Treatment	$SS_{\text{Treatment}}$	$a - 1$	$MS_{\text{Treatment}}$	
Error	$SS_E$	$(b - 1)(a - 1)$	$MS_E$	
Total	$SS_T$	$ba - 1$		

If  $F_0 > F_{\alpha, a-1, (b-1)(a-1)}$  then reject  $H_0$

$$SS_T = \sum \sum y_{ij}^2 - y_{..}^2 / N \quad SS_{\text{Treatment}} = \frac{1}{b} \sum y_{i.}^2 - y_{..}^2 / N$$

$$SS_{\text{Block}} = \frac{1}{a} \sum y_{.j}^2 - y_{..}^2 / N \quad SS_E = SS_T - SS_{\text{Treatment}} - SS_{\text{Block}}$$

# Example - Consumer Testing

An experiment was designed to study the effectiveness of four different detergents to remove stains. Four white t-shirts were stained with one of three common stains and allowed to sit for a day. The shirts were then washed and the following “removal” readings (higher is better) were obtained with specially-designed equipment. Is there a difference among the detergents?

	Stain 1	Stain 2	Stain 3
Detergent 1	45	43	51
Detergent 2	47	46	52
Detergent 3	48	50	55
Detergent 4	42	37	49

$$\sum \sum y_{ij} = 565 \text{ and } \sum \sum y_{ij}^2 = 26867$$
$$y_{1.} = 139, y_{2.} = 145, y_{3.} = 153 \text{ and } y_{4.} = 128$$
$$y_{.1} = 182, y_{.2} = 176, \text{ and } y_{.3} = 207$$

# Constructing ANOVA Table

Using the earlier formulas...

$$SS_T = 26867 - 565^2/12 = 264.92$$

$$SS_{\text{Trt}} = (139^2 + 145^2 + 153^2 + 128^2)/3 - 565^2/12 = 110.92$$

$$SS_{\text{Block}} = (182^2 + 176^2 + 207^2)/4 - 565^2/12 = 135.17$$

$$SS_E = 265 - 111 - 135 = 18.83$$

$$F_0 = (111/3)/(19/6) = 11.78$$

P-value < 0.01 (Reject  $H_0$  - At least one detergent effect is different from 0)



# Diagnostics

- Assumptions / Model Conditions
  - 1 Model is correct (additive block effect assumption)
  - 2 Errors independent, Normally distributed, constant variance
- Assessing normality

Histogram, normal probability plot of residuals
- Assessing constant variance

Residuals vs blocks, treatments, and  $\hat{y}_{ij}$
- Assessing additivity

Is the block effect different for different treatments?  
Plot  $y$  vs block, connecting  $y$  from same treatment  
If roughly same pattern across treatments, additivity reasonable  
Tukey's Test of Non-additivity (formal test of specific alternative)

# Comparisons of Treatments

- Multiple Comparisons/Contrasts
  - Similar procedures as before with CRD
  - $n$  is replaced by  $b$  in all standard error formulas
  - Degrees of freedom error are  $(b - 1)(a - 1)$
- Example: Comparison of detergents
  - Pairwise comparisons using Tukey's adjustment ( $\alpha = .05$ )

6 degrees of freedom error  $\rightarrow q_{0.05}(4, 6) = 4.90$   
 $s_{\bar{y}} = \sqrt{MSE/3} = \sqrt{(18.83/6)/3} = 1.02$   
Least Significant difference is  $4.90(1.02) = 5.01$ .

Treatments			
4	1	2	3
42.67	46.33	48.33	51.00
A	A		
	B	B	B

# Using SAS

```
symbol1 v=circle; axis1 offset=(5);
data wash;
  input stain soap y @@;
  cards;
1 1 45 1 2 47 1 3 48 1 4 42 2 1 43 2 2 46 2
3 50 2 4 37 3 1 51 3 2 52 3 3 55 3 4 49
;
proc glm plots=all;
  class stain soap;  model y = soap stain;
  means soap / tukey lines; output out=diag r=res p=pred;
proc univariate noprint;
  qqplot res / normal (L=1 mu=0 sigma=est);
  hist res /normal (L=1 mu=0 sigma=est) kernel(L=2 K=quadratic);
proc gplot;
  plot res*soap/haxis=axis1; plot res*stain/haxis=axis1;
  plot res*pred;
run;
```

# SAS Output

Source	DF	Sum of Squares	Mean Square	F Value	Pr > F
Model	5	246.0833333	49.2166667	15.68	0.0022
Error	6	18.8333333	3.1388889		
Corr Total	11	264.9166667			

R-Square	Coeff Var	Root MSE	y Mean
0.928908	3.762883	1.771691	47.08333

Source	DF	Type I SS	Mean Square	F Value	Pr > F
soap	3	110.9166667	36.9722222	11.78	0.0063
stain	2	135.1666667	67.5833333	21.53	0.0018

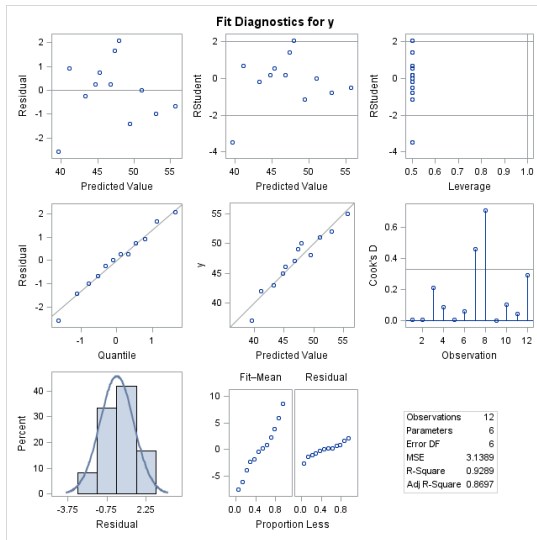
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soap	3	110.9166667	36.9722222	11.78	0.0063
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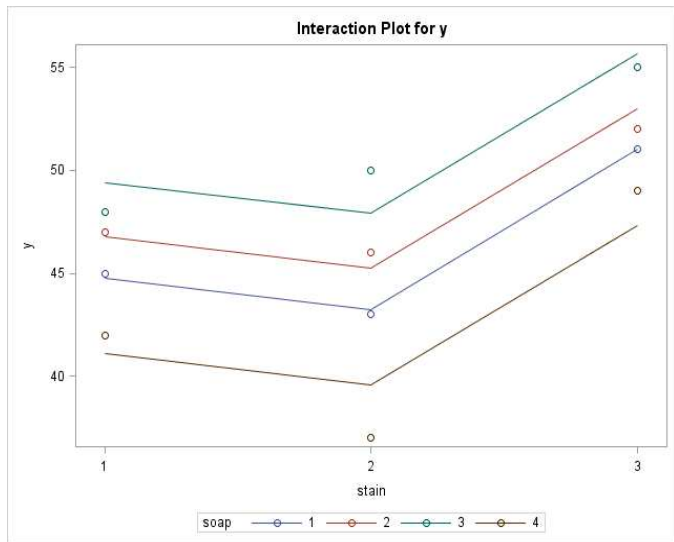
# SAS Output

Tukey's Studentized Range (HSD) Test for y

Alpha	0.05
Error Degrees of Freedom	6
Error Mean Square	3.138889
Critical Value of Studentized Range	4.89559
Minimum Significant Difference	5.0076

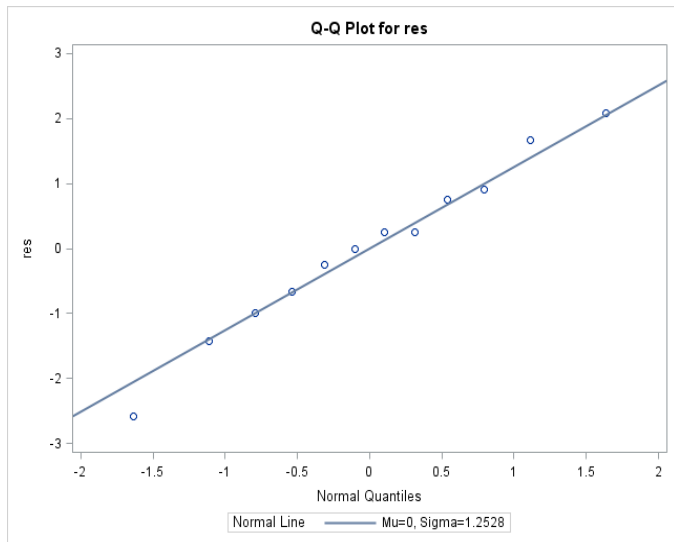
Tukey Grouping	Mean	N	soap
A	51.000	3	3
A			
A	48.333	3	2
A			
B A	46.333	3	1
B			
B	42.667	3	4

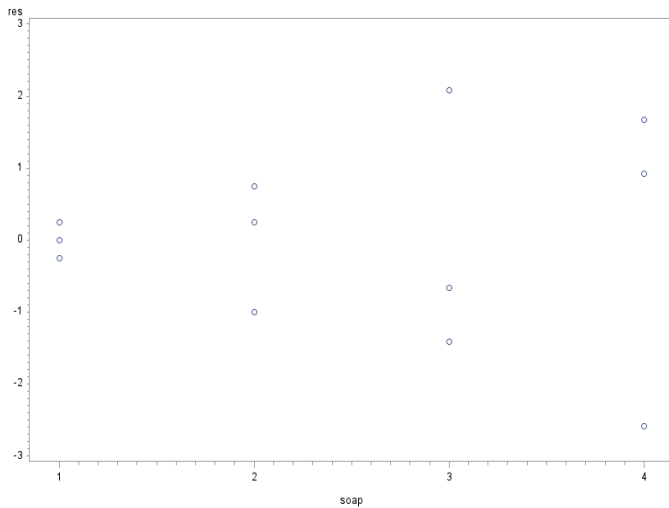


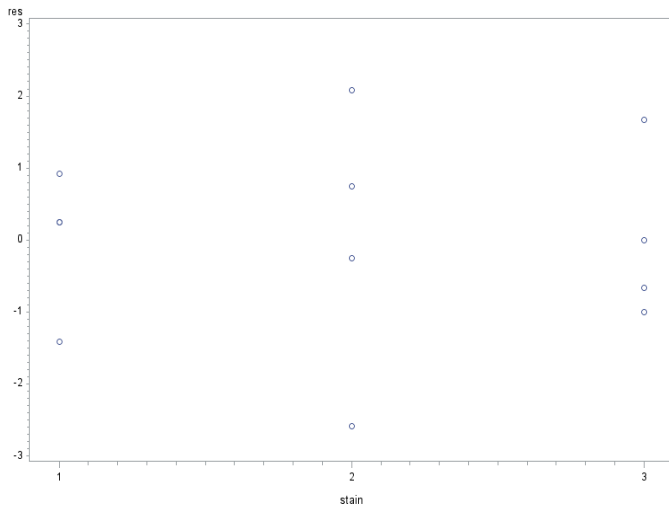


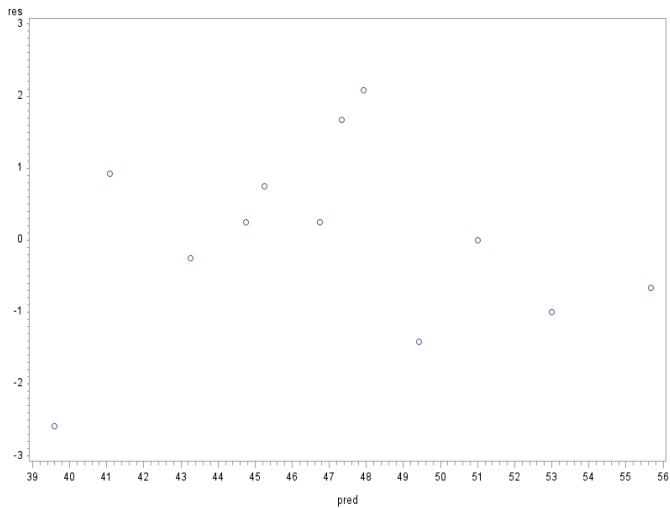












# Summary

- Residuals appear relatively Normal but there may be a nonconstant variance issue or outlier
- Will consider removing to assess influence on inference
- Also considered a mixed model allowing the error variance to be different for soap groups
  - Model allowing different variance per soap does not converge
  - Model allowing different variance for Soaps #1 and #2 and for Soaps #3 and #4 suggests little difference in fit (BIC=31.8 versus 31.7)
  - Also, multiple comparison results do not change
- Therefore will use original model to draw conclusions

# Underlying Regression Model

- Simple extension of CRD design matrix
- Add additional  $b - 1$  columns to represent block
- Block columns orthogonal to treatment columns
- Thus, order of fit does not matter

# Design Matrix for Detergent Study

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Missing Values

- When missing observations (missing at random)
  - Orthogonality lost - missing row in design matrix  $X$
  - Order of fit now important
- Procedures
  - 1 Regression approach
    - Use Type III SS's (general regression significance test)
  - 2 Estimate missing value (single or multiple imputation)
    - One option: Choose value that minimizes  $SS_E$  (minimize its contribution)

$$\begin{aligned}SS_E &= \sum \sum y_{ij}^2 - y_{..}^2/ab - \frac{1}{b} \sum y_{i.}^2 + y_{..}^2/ab - \frac{1}{a} \sum y_{.j}^2 + y_{..}^2/ab \\&= x^2 - \frac{1}{b} (y'_{i.} + x)^2 - \frac{1}{a} (y'_{.j} + x)^2 + \frac{1}{ab} (y'_{..} + x)^2 + R \\x &= \frac{ay'_{i.} + by'_{.j} - y'_{..}}{(a-1)(b-1)}\end{aligned}$$



# Example - Detergent Study

- Suppose  $y_{4,2} = 37$  was missing
- Estimation Approach

$$y'_{4.} = 91 \quad y'_{..} = 528 \quad y'_{.2} = 139$$

- Estimate is

$$x = \frac{4(91) + 3(139) - 528}{6} = 42.17$$

- Plug this in and fit model but adjust error df!!!
- Regression:  $\hat{\sigma}^2 = 1.097$
- Estimate:  $\hat{\sigma}^2 = 1.097$  (must divide by 5 not 6)

```

data wash;
  input stain soap y @@;
  if y=37 then y=.;
  cards;
1 1 45 1 2 47 1 3 48 1 4 42 2 1 43 2 2 46
2 3 50 2 4 37 3 1 51 3 2 52 3 3 55 3 4 49
;
proc glm;
  classes stain soap;  model y = soap stain;
  output out=diag r=res p=pred;
  means soap / lsd lines; lsmeans soap / adjust=tukey lines;

data new1; set wash;
  if y=. then y=42.166666666666;

proc glm;
  classes stain soap; model y = soap stain;
  output out=diag r=res p=pred;
  means soap / tukey lines;  lsmeans soap / adjust=tukey lines;
run;

```

# Regression - Type III

Source	DF	Sum of Squares	Mean Square	F Value	Pr > F
Model	5	148.5138889	29.7027778	27.07	0.0013
Error	5	5.4861111	1.0972222		
C. Total	10	154.0000000			

Source	DF	Type I SS	Mean Square	F Value	Pr > F
soap	3	48.1666667	16.0555556	14.63	0.0066
stain	2	100.3472222	50.1736111	45.73	0.0006

Source	DF	Type III SS	Mean Square	F Value	Pr > F
soap	3	58.9305556	19.6435185	17.90	0.0042
stain	2	100.3472222	50.1736111	45.73	0.0006

# Regression - Type III

Tukey's Studentized Range (HSD) Test for y

Alpha	0.05
Error Degrees of Freedom	5
Error Mean Square	1.097222
Critical Value of Studentized Range	5.21819
Minimum Significant Difference	3.3472
Harmonic Mean of Cell Sizes	2.666667

NOTE: Cell sizes are not equal.

Tukey Grouping	Mean	N	soap
A	51.0000	3	3
A			
B A	48.3333	3	2
B			
B	46.3333	3	1
B			
B	45.5000	2	4 ** Not correct

# Regression - Type III

Least Squares Means

Adjustment for Multiple Comparisons: Tukey-Kramer

soap	y LSMEAN	Standard Error	Pr >  t	LSMEAN Number
1	46.3333333	0.6047650	<.0001	1
2	48.3333333	0.6047650	<.0001	2
3	51.0000000	0.6047650	<.0001	3
4	44.3888889	0.7807483	<.0001	4

		LSMEAN		
		y LSMEAN	soap	Number
**Means based on model				
parameter estimates	A	51.00000	3	3
adjust for missing	A			
block obs	B	48.33333	2	2
	B			
	B	46.33333	1	1
	C			
	C	44.38889	4	4

# Estimate Approach

Source	DF	Sum of Squares	Mean Square	F Value	Pr > F
Model	5	179.7060185	35.9412037	39.31	0.0002
Error	6	5.4861111	0.9143519		
Corrected Total	11	185.1921296			

R-Square	Coeff Var	Root MSE	y Mean
0.970376	2.012501	0.956217	47.51389

Source	DF	Type I SS	Mean Square	F Value	Pr > F
soap	3	71.9513889	23.9837963	26.23	0.0008
stain	2	107.7546296	53.8773148	58.92	0.0001

Source	DF	Type III SS	Mean Square	F Value	Pr > F
soap	3	71.9513889	23.9837963	26.23	0.0008
stain	2	107.7546296	53.8773148	58.92	0.0001

$$F_0 = \frac{71.95/3}{5.49/5}$$

$$= 21.84$$

$$P - \text{value} = 0.0027$$

# Regression - Type III

Tukey's Studentized Range (HSD) Test for y

Alpha	0.05
Error Degrees of Freedom	6
Error Mean Square	0.914352
Critical Value of Studentized Range	4.89559
Minimum Significant Difference	2.7027

Tukey Grouping		Mean	N	soap	
	A	51.0000	3	3	
	A				
B	A	48.3333	3	2	Same estimates as regr approach (lsmeans) but not correct df and MSE
B					
B	C	46.3333	3	1	
	C				
	C	44.3889	2	4	

# Tukey's Test for Non-additivity

- Considers a special type of 1 df interaction
- Other types of interaction may also be considered
- Tukey assumes the following model (page 203-206)

$$y_{ij} = \mu + \tau_i + \beta_j + \gamma\tau_i\beta_j + \epsilon_{ij}$$

- Use regression approach to test  $H_0 : \gamma = 0$



# Tukey's Test for Non-additivity

- Procedure

- 1 Fit additive model  $y_{ij} = \mu + \tau_i + \beta_j + \epsilon_{ij}$
- 2 Obtain  $\hat{y}_{ij}$  and  $y_{ij} - \hat{y}_{ij}$
- 3 Fit additive model  $\hat{y}_{ij}^2 = q_{ij} = \mu + \tau_i + \beta_j + \epsilon_{ij}$
- 4 Regress  $y_{ij} - \hat{y}_{ij} = q_{ij} - \hat{q}_{ij}$

Partitioning  $SS_E$  into  $SS_N$  and remainder

The parameter  $\hat{\gamma}$  is the slope estimate

$$SS_{\text{non-additivity}} = \hat{\gamma}^2 \sum \sum (q_{ij} - \hat{q}_{ij})^2$$

$$F_0 = \frac{SS_N/1}{(SS_E - SS_N)/((a-1)(b-1)-1)}$$

## Example 5-2 from Montgomery

- Impurity in chemical product is affected by temperature and pressure. We will assume temperature is the blocking factor. The data are shown below. We will test for non-additivity.

Temp	Pressure				
	25	30	35	40	45
100	5	4	6	3	5
125	3	1	4	2	3
150	1	1	3	1	2

- Can use SAS to compute SS
- Must divide by proper degrees of freedom

$$F_0 = \frac{.0985/1}{1.9015/7} = .36$$

$F_0 < F_{1,7}$  - Do Not Reject.

# SAS Procedures

```
data impurity;
input trt blk y @@;
cards;
1 1 5 1 2 3 1 3 1 2 1 4 2 2 1 2 3 1 3 1 6 3 2 4
3 3 3 4 1 3 4 2 2 4 3 1 5 1 5 5 2 3 5 3 2
;

proc glm;
  class blk trt; model y=blk trt;
  output out=resid1 r=res1 p=pred1;

data predsqr; set resid1;
  predsqr = pred1*pred1;

proc glm;
  class blk trt; model predsqr=blk trt;
  output out=resid2 r=res2 p=pred2;

proc glm; model res1=res2; run;
```

Source	DF	Sum of Squares	Mean Square	F Value	Pr > F
Model	6	34.93333333	5.82222222	23.29	0.0001
Error	8	2.00000000	0.25000000		
Corrected Total	14	36.93333333			

Source	DF	Type I SS	Mean Square	F Value	Pr > F
blk	2	23.33333333	11.66666667	46.67	<.0001
trt	4	11.60000000	2.90000000	11.60	0.0021

Source	DF	Sum of Squares	Mean Square	F Value	Pr > F
Model	1	0.09852217	0.09852217	0.67	0.4266
Error	13	1.90147783	0.14626753		
Corrected Total	14	2.00000000			

Source	DF	Type I SS	Mean Square	F Value	Pr > F
res2	1	0.09852217	0.09852217	0.67	0.4266

Parameter	Estimate	Std Error	t Value	Pr >  t
Intercept	-.0000000000	0.09874800	-0.00	1.0000
res2	0.0369458128	0.04501655	0.82	0.4266

# Random Block/Treatment Effects

- Could randomly select trts and/or blocks
- Do not need to worry about additivity
- Interaction considered random effect
- Interaction variance appears in all EMS
- Perform usual F-test (ratio of MS)
- Use Proc Mixed instead of Proc Glm
- Otherwise underestimate variability in trt means

```

data wash;
input stain soap y @@;
cards;
1 1 45 1 2 47 1 3 48 1 4 42 2 1 43 2 2 46
2 3 50 2 4 37 3 1 51 3 2 52 3 3 55 3 4 49
;
proc glm;
  class stain soap; model y = soap stain soap*stain;
  random stain soap*stain / test;
run;

```

\*\*\*Letting SAS compute EMS;  
 \*\*\*Adding soap\*stain interaction;  
 \*\*\*EMS provided when random used;

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Source      DF    Sum of Squares    Mean Square    F Value    Pr > F
Model       11      264.9166667        24.0833333          .          .
Error        0          .          .    ***With no df for error
Total       11      264.9166667    ***Var(error) and Var(stain*soap)
                                     ***confounded

```

Source	DF	Type III SS	Mean Square	F Value	Pr > F
SOAP	3	110.9166667	36.9722222	.	.
STAIN	2	135.1666667	67.5833333	.	.
STAIN*SOAP	6	18.8333333	3.1388889	.	.

Source	Type III Expected Mean Square
SOAP	Var(Error) + Var(STAIN*SOAP) + Q(SOAP)
STAIN	Var(Error) + Var(STAIN*SOAP) + 4 Var(STAIN) *** The EMS;
STAIN*SOAP	Var(Error) + Var(STAIN*SOAP)

```

data wash;
input stain soap y @@;
cards;
1 1 45 1 2 47 1 3 48 1 4 42 2 1 43 2 2 46
2 3 50 2 4 37 3 1 51 3 2 52 3 3 55 3 4 49
;
proc glm;
  class stain soap; model y = soap stain;
  random stain / test;          ***test option uses EMS as guide for F tests;
  lsmeans soap / stderr tdiff lines;

proc mixed;
  class stain soap; model y = soap;
  random stain; lsmeans soap / tdiff;
run;

proc glimmix;          ***Mixed model procedure with lines option;
  class stain soap; model y = soap;
  random stain; lsmeans soap / lines;
run;

```

# The GLM Procedure

Source	DF	Sum of Squares	Mean Square	F Value	Pr > F
Model	5	246.0833333	49.2166667	15.68	0.0022
Error	6	18.8333333	3.1388889		
Corrected Total	11	264.9166667			

Source	DF	Type III SS	Mean Square	F Value	Pr > F
soap	3	110.9166667	36.9722222	11.78	0.0063
stain	2	135.1666667	67.5833333	21.53	0.0018

		Standard		LSMEAN	
soap	y LSMEAN	Error	Pr >  t	Number	
1	46.3333333	1.0228863	<.0001	1	
2	48.3333333	1.0228863	<.0001	2	***Std errors
3	51.0000000	1.0228863	<.0001	3	***for indiv means
4	42.6666667	1.0228863	<.0001	4	***not correct

		LSMEAN		
	y LSMEAN	soap	Number	
A	51.00000	3	3	
A				***Std errors for trt
B A	48.33333	2	2	difference is
B				correct
B	46.33333	1	1	
C	42.66667	4	4	



# The Mixed Procedure

## Covariance Parameter Estimates

Cov Parm	Estimate
stain	16.1111
Residual	3.1389

## Type 3 Tests of Fixed Effects

Effect	Num DF	Den DF	F Value	Pr > F
soap	3	6	11.78	0.0063

## Least Squares Means

Effect	soap	Estimate	Std Error	DF	t Value	Pr >  t
soap	1	46.3333	2.5331	6	18.29	<.0001
soap	2	48.3333	2.5331	6	19.08	<.0001
soap	3	51.0000	2.5331	6	20.13	<.0001
soap	4	42.6667	2.5331	6	16.84	<.0001

\*\*\*Std errors  
are correct

## Differences of Least Squares Means

Effect	soap	_soap	Estimate	Std Error	DF	t Value	Pr >  t
soap	1	2	-2.0000	1.4466	6	-1.38	0.2161
soap	1	3	-4.6667	1.4466	6	-3.23	0.0180
soap	1	4	3.6667	1.4466	6	2.53	0.0444
soap	2	3	-2.6667	1.4466	6	-1.84	0.1148
soap	2	4	5.6667	1.4466	6	3.92	0.0078
soap	3	4	8.3333	1.4466	6	5.76	0.0012

# The Glimmix Procedure

## Covariance Parameter Estimates

Cov Parm	Estimate	StdError
stain	16.1111	16.9019
Residual	3.1389	1.8122

## Type III Tests of Fixed Effects

Effect	Num DF	Den DF	F Value	Pr > F
soap	3	6	11.78	0.0063

## soap Least Squares Means

soap	Estimate	StdError	DF	t Value	Pr >  t
1	46.3333	2.5331	6	18.29	<.0001
2	48.3333	2.5331	6	19.08	<.0001
3	51.0000	2.5331	6	20.13	<.0001
4	42.6667	2.5331	6	16.84	<.0001

## soap Estimate

3	51.0000	A
		A
2	48.3333	B A
		B
1	46.3333	B
4	42.6667	C

# Choice of Sample Size

- Same as determining the number of blocks ( $b$ )
- Use same tables/procedures with  $b$  replacing  $n$
- Can focus on overall  $F$  test for fixed or random trts
- Can also focus on specific contrast or contrasts

## Example 4.2

```
data params;
  input a alpha d var;
  cards;
  4 .05 6 9
;
data new;
  set params;
  do b=2 to 15;
    df = (a-1)*(b-1);          ***df error now (a-1)(b-1);
    nc = b*d*d/(2*var);        ***replaced n by b in nc for CRD;
    fcut = finv(1-alpha,a-1,df);
    beta=probf(fcut,a-1,df,nc);
    power = 1- beta;
    output;
  end;
proc print;
run;
```

## Example 4.2

Obs	a	alpha	d	var	b	df	nc	fcut	beta	power
3	4	0.05	6	9	4	9	8	3.86255	0.54011	0.45989
4	4	0.05	6	9	5	12	10	3.49029	0.39437	0.60563
5	4	0.05	6	9	6	15	12	3.28738	0.27616	0.72384
6	4	0.05	6	9	7	18	14	3.15991	0.18672	0.81328
7	4	0.05	6	9	8	21	16	3.07247	0.12254	0.87746
8	4	0.05	6	9	9	24	18	3.00879	0.07836	0.92164

Appears that for 80% power we need 7 blocks

# RCBD with Replication

- What if multiple trt observations per block?
  - $b$  blocks,  $a$  treatments,  $n$  replications/block

$$y_{ijl} = \mu + \tau_i + \beta_j + \epsilon_{ijl} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} i = 1, 2, \dots, a \\ j = 1, 2, \dots, b \\ l = 1, 2, \dots, n \end{array} \right.$$

- When would this occur?
  - Have large field with very gradual slope
  - Blocks expensive but observations cheap
- Increases  $df_E$  (or allows for interaction)

# RCBD with Replication

Source of Variation	Sum of Squares	Degrees of Freedom	Mean Square	$F$
Blocks	$SS_{\text{Block}}$	$b - 1$	$MS_{\text{Block}}$	
Treatment	$SS_{\text{Treatment}}$	$a - 1$	$MS_{\text{Treatment}}$	$F_0$
Error	$SS_E$	$abn - b - a + 1$	$MS_E$	
Total	$SS_T$	$abn - 1$		

# RCBD with Replication

- Usual diagnostics checks
- Replace  $b$  by  $bn$  in multiple comparisons or power
- Allows for easier assessment of additivity
  - More error degrees of freedom
  - Interaction and error not confounded
  - Can separate error and interaction SS

Source of Variation	Sum of Squares	Degrees of Freedom	Mean Square	$F$
Blk	$SS_{\text{Blk}}$	$b - 1$	$MS_{\text{Blk}}$	$F_0$
Treatment	$SS_{\text{Treatment}}$	$a - 1$	$MS_{\text{Treatment}}$	
Blk*Trt	$SS_{\text{Blk*Trt}}$	$(b - 1)(a - 1)$	$MS_{\text{Blk*Trt}}$	
Error	$SS_{\text{E}}$	$ab(n - 1)$	$MS_{\text{E}}$	
Total	$SS_{\text{T}}$	$abn - 1$		



# Example

You have been asked to design an experiment to compare four varieties of seed corn. You have at your disposal a field consisting of sixteen subplots (in a 4x4 grid). If you were told that one side of the field is next to a highway and the side directly across from this one is next to a river, how would you design the experiment?

**If we feel pretty certain that subplots near the road or river will “behave” differently than subplots in the middle of the field, we might want to create  $b = 3$  blocks. Block 1 consists of the four subplots along the road. Block 2 consists of the 4 subplots along the river and Block 3 consists of the eight subplots in the middle. Thus, we have two blocks which only have  $n = 1$  observation per treatment and one block that has  $n = 2$  observations per treatment.**

# Example

- Statistical model is

$$y_{ijk} = \mu + \tau_i + \beta_j + (\tau\beta)_{ij} + \epsilon_{ijk} \quad \begin{cases} i = 1, 2, 3, 4 \\ j = 1, 2, 3 \\ k = 1, \dots, n_j \end{cases}$$

where  $n_j = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } j = 1, 2 \\ 2 & \text{if } j = 3 \end{cases}$

Source of Variation	Sum of Squares	Degrees of Freedom	Mean Square	$F_0$
Blocks	$SS_{\text{Block}}$	2	$MS_{\text{Block}}$	
Interaction	$SS_{\text{Trt*Blk}}$	6	$MS_{\text{Trt*Blk}}$	
Treatment	$SS_{\text{Treatment}}$	3	$MS_{\text{Treatment}}$	$F_0$
Error	$SS_E$	4	$MS_E$	
Total	$SS_T$	15		

# Example

- If we used four blocks, we could not separate error and interaction
- In this analysis,  $SS_E$  based on observations within block 3 because it has replicates
- Only 4 df error so not a very powerful design
- Later, we will discuss the concept of pooling. In this case, we might test for interaction and if it is not significant, remove it thereby combining it with error. This increase the df from 4 to 10.

# Background Reading

- Statistical analysis: Montgomery Section 4.1.1
- Checking model conditions: Montgomery Section 4.1.2
- Additivity assumption when blocks fixed: Montgomery Section 4.1.3
- Random block effects: Montgomery Section 4.1.3
- Block size determination : Montgomery Section 4.1.3
- Regression approach / Missing values: Montgomery Section 4.1.4