

**Lecture 8: Balanced Incomplete Block Design**  
Montgomery Section 4.4

### Catalyst Experiment

Four catalysts are being investigated in an experiment. The experimental procedure consists of selecting a batch raw material, loading the pilot plant, applying each catalyst in a separate run and observing the reaction time. The batches of raw material are considered as blocks, however each batch is only large enough to permit three catalysts to be run.

| Block(raw material) |     |     |     |     |               |
|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------------|
| Catalyst            | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4   | $y_{i.}$      |
| 1                   | 73  | 74  | -   | 71  | 218           |
| 2                   | -   | 75  | 67  | 72  | 214           |
| 3                   | 73  | 75  | 68  | -   | 216           |
| 4                   | 75  | -   | 72  | 75  | 222           |
| $y_{.j}$            | 221 | 224 | 207 | 218 | 870= $y_{..}$ |

## Balanced Incomplete Block Design (BIBD )

Example 1.

| treatment | block |   |   |   |   |   |
|-----------|-------|---|---|---|---|---|
|           | 1     | 2 | 3 |   |   |   |
| A         | A     | - | A | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| B         | B     | B | - | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| C         | -     | C | C | 0 | 1 | 1 |

$$a = 3, b = 3, k = 2, r = 2, \lambda = 1$$

Incidence Matrix:  $\mathcal{N} = (n_{ij})_{a \times b}$  where  $n_{ij} = 1$ , if treatment  $i$  is run in block  $j$ ;  
 $=0$  otherwise.

Example 2.

|           | block |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|-----------|-------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| treatment | 1     | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| A         | A     | A | A | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| B         | B     | - | - | B | B | - | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| C         | -     | C | - | C | - | C | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| D         | -     | - | D | - | D | D | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |

$$a = 4, b = 6, k = 2, r = 3, \lambda = 1, \mathcal{N} = (n_{ij})_{4 \times 6}$$

### **BIBD: Design Properties**

- there are  $a$  treatments and  $b$  blocks.
- each block contains  $k$  (different) treatments.
- each treatment appears in  $r$  blocks.
- each pair of treatments appears together in  $\lambda$  blocks.

$a$ ,  $b$ ,  $k$ ,  $r$ , and  $\lambda$  are not independent

- $N = ar = bk$ , where  $N$  is the total number of runs;

- $\lambda(a - 1) = r(k - 1)$ :
  1. for any fixed treatment  $i_0$
  2. two different ways to count the total number of pairs including treatment  $i_0$  in the experiment.
    - I.  $a - 1$  possible pairs, each appears in  $\lambda$  blocks, so  $\lambda(a - 1)$ ;
    - II. treatment  $i_0$  appears in  $r$  blocks. Within each block, there are  $k - 1$  pairs including  $i_0$ , so  $r(k - 1)$
- $b \geq a$  (a brainteaser for math/stat students).
- Nonorthogonal design

Extensive list of BIBDs can be found in Fisher and Yates (1963) and Cochran and Cox (1957).

## BIBD: Statistical Model

- Statistical Model

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

- additive model (without interaction)
- Not all  $y_{ij}$  exist because of incompleteness
- Usual treatment and block restrictions :  $\sum \tau_i = 0$ ;  $\sum \beta_j = 0$
- Nonorthogonality of treatments and blocks

**Use Type III Sums of Squares and lsmeans**

## Model Estimates

- Least squares estimates for  $\mu$ , etc.

$$\hat{\mu} = \frac{y_{..}}{N}; \quad \hat{\tau}_i = \frac{kQ_i}{\lambda a}; \quad \hat{\beta}_j = \frac{rQ'_j}{\lambda b}$$

where

$$Q_i = y_{i.} - \frac{1}{k} \sum n_{ij} y_{.j}; \quad Q'_j = y_{.j} - \frac{1}{r} \sum n_{ij} y_{i.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(Q_i) &= \text{Var}(y_{i.}) + \text{Var}\left(\frac{1}{k} \sum n_{ij} y_{.j}\right) - 2\text{Cov}\left(y_{i.}, \frac{1}{k} \sum n_{ij} y_{.j}\right) \\ &= r\sigma^2 + \frac{r}{k^2} k\sigma^2 - \frac{2}{k} r\sigma^2 \\ &= \frac{(k-1)r}{k} \sigma^2 \end{aligned}$$

- $\text{Var}(\hat{\tau}_i) = \left(\frac{k}{\lambda a}\right)^2 \text{Var}(Q_i) = \left(\frac{k}{\lambda a}\right)^2 \frac{(k-1)r}{k} \sigma^2 = \frac{k(a-1)}{\lambda a^2} \sigma^2; \quad \text{S.E.}_{\hat{\tau}_i} = ?$
- $\text{Var}(\hat{\tau}_i - \hat{\tau}_j) = \frac{2k\sigma^2}{\lambda a}; \quad \text{S.E.}_{\hat{\tau}_i - \hat{\tau}_j} = ?$



### Analysis of Variance Table

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

- $SS_T = \sum \sum y_{ij}^2 - y_{..}^2/N$
- $SS_{\text{Block}} = \frac{1}{k} \sum y_{.j}^2 - y_{..}^2/N$

- $SS_{\text{Treatments}}$  needs adjustment for incompleteness

$$Q_i = y_{i.} - \frac{1}{k} \sum_{j=1}^b n_{ij} y_{.j} \quad \text{where} \quad n_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if trt } i \text{ in blk } j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- trt  $i$ 's **total** minus trt  $i$ 's block averages
- $\sum Q_i = 0$

$$SS_{\text{Treatment}(\text{adjusted})} = k \sum Q_i^2 / \lambda a = \frac{\lambda a}{k} \sum \hat{\tau}_i^2$$

- $SS_E$  by subtraction
- If  $F_0 > F_{\alpha, a-1, N-a-b+1}$  then reject  $H_0$

## Mean Tests and Contrasts

- Must compute adjusted means (lsmeans)
- Adjusted mean is  $\hat{\mu} + \hat{\tau}_i$
- Standard error of adjusted mean is  $\sqrt{\text{MSE}(\frac{k(a-1)}{\lambda a^2} + \frac{1}{N})}$
- Contrasts based on adjusted treatment totals

For a contrast:  $\sum c_i \mu_i$

Its estimate:  $\sum c_i \hat{\tau}_i = \frac{k}{\lambda a} \sum c_i Q_i$

Contrast sum of squares:

$$SS_C = \frac{k(\sum_{i=1}^a c_i Q_i)^2}{\lambda a \sum_{i=1}^a c_i^2}$$

## Pairwise Comparison

- Pairwise comparison  $\tau_i - \tau_j$ :

1. Bonferroni:

$$CD = t_{\alpha/2m, ar-a-b+1} \sqrt{MS_E \frac{2k}{\lambda a}}.$$

2. Tukey:

$$CD = \frac{q_{\alpha}(a, ar - a - b + 1)}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{MS_E \frac{2k}{\lambda a}}$$

## SAS Code and output

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options nocenter ps=60 ls=75;
data example;
  input trt block resp @@;
  datalines;
1 1 73 1 2 74 1 4 71 2 2 75 2 3 67 2 4 72
3 1 73 3 2 75 3 3 68 4 1 75 4 3 72 4 4 75
;

proc glm;
class block trt;
model resp = block trt;
lsmeans trt / tdiff pdiff adjust=bon stderr;
lsmeans trt / pdiff adjust=tukey;
contrast 'a' trt 1 -1 0 0;
estimate 'b' trt 0 0 1 -1;
run;
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**SAS output**

Dependent Variable: resp

| Source          | DF | Sum of Squares | Mean Square | F Value | Pr > F |
|-----------------|----|----------------|-------------|---------|--------|
| Model           | 6  | 77.75000000    | 12.95833333 | 19.94   | 0.0024 |
| Error           | 5  | 3.25000000     | 0.65000000  |         |        |
| Corrected Total | 11 | 81.00000000    |             |         |        |

| Source | DF | Type I SS   | Mean Square | F Value | Pr > F |
|--------|----|-------------|-------------|---------|--------|
| block  | 3  | 55.00000000 | 18.33333333 | 28.21   | 0.0015 |
| trt    | 3  | 22.75000000 | 7.58333333  | 11.67   | 0.0107 |

| Source | DF | Type III SS | Mean Square | F Value | Pr > F |
|--------|----|-------------|-------------|---------|--------|
| block  | 3  | 66.08333333 | 22.02777778 | 33.89   | 0.0010 |
| trt    | 3  | 22.75000000 | 7.58333333  | 11.67   | 0.0107 |

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Least Squares Means

Adjustment for Multiple Comparisons: Bonferroni

| trt | resp LSMEAN | Standard<br>Error | Pr >  t | LSMEAN<br>Number |
|-----|-------------|-------------------|---------|------------------|
| 1   | 71.3750000  | 0.4868051         | <.0001  | 1                |
| 2   | 71.6250000  | 0.4868051         | <.0001  | 2                |
| 3   | 72.0000000  | 0.4868051         | <.0001  | 3                |
| 4   | 75.0000000  | 0.4868051         | <.0001  | 4                |

Bonferroni Method:

| i/j | 1        | 2        | 3        | 4        |
|-----|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 1   |          | -0.35806 | -0.89514 | -5.19183 |
|     |          | 1.0000   | 1.0000   | 0.0209   |
| 2   | 0.358057 |          | -0.53709 | -4.83378 |
|     | 1.0000   |          | 1.0000   | 0.0284   |
| 3   | 0.895144 | 0.537086 |          | -4.29669 |
|     | 1.0000   | 1.0000   |          | 0.0464   |
| 4   | 5.191833 | 4.833775 | 4.296689 |          |
|     | 0.0209   | 0.0284   | 0.0464   |          |

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 Tukey's Method:

| i/j | 1      | 2      | 3      | 4      |
|-----|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 1   |        | 0.9825 | 0.8085 | 0.0130 |
| 2   | 0.9825 |        | 0.9462 | 0.0175 |
| 3   | 0.8085 | 0.9462 |        | 0.0281 |
| 4   | 0.0130 | 0.0175 | 0.0281 |        |



Dependent Variable: resp

| Contrast | DF | Contrast SS | Mean Square | F Value | Pr > F |
|----------|----|-------------|-------------|---------|--------|
| c1       | 1  | 0.08333333  | 0.08333333  | 0.13    | 0.7349 |

| Parameter | Estimate    | Standard Error | t Value | Pr >  t |
|-----------|-------------|----------------|---------|---------|
| b         | -3.00000000 | 0.69821200     | -4.30   | 0.0077  |

## Other Incomplete Designs

- Youden Square
- Partially Balanced Incomplete Block Design
- Cyclic Designs
- Square, Cubic, and Rectangular Lattices