

**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

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

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

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

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

## 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
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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 Error	Pr >  t	LSMEAN 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		t Value	Pr >  t
		Error			
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