

Statistics

Chapter Seven

• **Analysis of Variance (ANOVA)**: used to compare group means when **t-tests** are not appropriate **eg.** when three or more groups are being compared.

→ **Dependent variable** must be **interval or ratio level** (high-level)

→ **eg.** heart rate, scores on self-esteem scale

→ **Independent variable** is **nominal** (**eg.** three racial/ethnic groups) or could be **ordinal** with a small number of categories (**eg.** normal weight, overweight, obese)

• **ANOVA null hypothesis**: group means are equal

→ **eg.** $H_0: \mu_1 = \mu_2 = \mu_3 = \mu_4$

→ **ANOVA alternate hypothesis**: at least one of the group means are not equal

→ **eg.** $H_1: \text{not } H_0$

• **Assumptions for ANOVA**

→ **Random sampling** from the populations

→ **Dependent variable** is normally distributed in the populations

→ **Variances** in the populations are equal

→ Can be tested with **Levene's Statistic**

→ **Robust to violation of normality assumptions** if **n per group** is greater than 20

→ **eg.** if variables are not normally distributed it doesn't matter as long as there's at least 20 people

→ **Robust to homogeneity assumption** if **n's** are similar

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Partitioning Variance

- Variance is associated to different things
- Involves isolating "reasons" why people's scores might differ from one another
 - Some of the reasons people differ is because of their individual variability
 - But another reason might be because of the independent variable

Sources of Variation

- Between-group variance: differences between the groups being compared
- Within-group variance: Individual differences among people in the groups

In ANOVA the computed statistic is the F-statistic

- $F = \text{Between-group variance} / \text{within-group variance}$
or
- $F = \text{Effect of IV} + \text{Sampling error} / \text{Sampling error}$
- Sampling distributions of F are asymmetric around the value of 1.0

One-way ANOVA

- Used for comparing means of three or more independent groups
- Computations involve deviations of scores from the group means and the overall grand means

Step 1 in calculating ANOVA: sum of squares

- Sum of squares within: total of the squared deviations of each person's score from their group mean, $\sum (x - \bar{x})^2$
 - take each value, subtract the mean, square it, add the values up
- Sum of squares between: the total of the squared deviations of each group mean from the grand mean

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• Step 2 in Calculating ANOVA: Mean Square

→ Mean Squares within (MS_w): the sum of squares within divided by df_{within}.

→ df_{within}: N - number of groups

→ Mean Squares between (MS_b): the sum of squares between divided by df_{between}.

→ df_{between}: number of groups - 1

• Step 3 in Calculating ANOVA: Testing F

→ $F = MS_b / MS_w$

→ This computed F is then compared to a table of critical values for the appropriate degrees of freedom and significance criterion

→ If calculated F ≥ than tabled F the results are statistically significant

→ The null hypothesis can be rejected

* Sum of square between extra step

→ Take the mean from each group and subtract the grand mean, then square that value, multiply by number of people in that group

• If anova calculated in spss, a significance level is .05 or smaller it is significant and the null hypothesis can be rejected.

• Multifactor ANOVA: ANOVA can be extended to situations in which there are multiple independent variables

→ Most typical is a two way ANOVA which involves 2 distinct IVs

→ In two-way ANOVA each IV is sometimes called a factor

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• Hypothesis in Two-Way ANOVA

→ Null hypothesis for main effects

→ Null hypothesis for Factor A: $H_0: \mu_{11} = \mu_{12}$

→ Null hypothesis for Factor B: $H_0: \mu_{11} = \mu_{21}$

• The **interaction hypothesis** is about the joint effects of the factors - it concerns whether the effect of one IV is consistent at all levels of a second IV

→ The null hypothesis is that means are equal for all cells

→ $H_0: \mu_{11} = \mu_{21} = \mu_{12} = \mu_{22}$

• **Repeated Measures ANOVA**: the same thing as a two-sample t-test for dependent groups (RM-ANOVA)

→ **Three sources of variation**

→ Total variability (SS_{total}) is comprised of:

→ A "treatment" effect ($SS_{treatment}$) same as between factor

→ Error variation (SS_{error}) same as within

→ A "subjects" factor ($SS_{subjects}$)

• **Sums of Squares Subjects**

→ **Variability for subjects** ($SS_{subjects}$) reflects individual differences the tendency of people to be different from each other, but consistent across different conditions or at different times.

→ Individual differences (subject variability) can be captured because the same people are measured multiple times

→ $SS_{subjects}$ can be removed from the "error" term for calculating the F statistic making it a more powerful test

• F-Test for RM-ANOVA

→ $F = MS_{treatment} / MS_{error}$

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- RM-ANOVA has an additional assumption of sphericity.

- It is assumed that the variance of the difference scores in the populations are equal.

- Difficult assumption to meet bc RM-ANOVA are not robust to violations.

- Test for sphericity: The Mauchly Test

- When sphericity cannot be assumed then df must be adjusted using:

- Huynh-Feldt Epsilon

- Greenhouse-Geisser Epsilon

- ANOVA only tells us whether the null is true it does not pinpoint the means that are significantly different from one another.

- Multiple Comparison Procedures must be used to compare individual pairs of group means.

- Multiple Comparison Procedures

- Tukey's HSD Test is most common amongst nurse researchers.

- Magnitude of Effects in ANOVA

- The overall relationship btwn the IV and DV can be estimated through the effect size index called eta squared.

- eta squared (η^2) expresses the percentage of variability in the DV "explained" or accounted for by the IV.

- eta squared is often used to estimate sample size needs for ANOVA situations.