

## Randomized Block Design with Sampling

- Sometimes we may have more than one observation per treatment-block combination.
- Within each block, we have a sample of  $n \geq 2$  observations having the same treatment.

- Model equation for RBD with sampling:

$$Y_{ijk} = \mu + \tau_i + \beta_j + \varepsilon_{ij} + \delta_{ijk}$$
$$i=1, \dots, t, \quad j=1, \dots, b, \quad k=1, \dots, n$$

- $\varepsilon_{ij}$  was experimental error → measures variation among the treatment mean responses (across the collection of blocks) [ $\text{var}(\varepsilon_{ij}) = \sigma^2$ ]
- $\delta_{ijk}$  is sampling error → measures variation among units having the same treatment within the same block [ $\text{var}(\delta_{ijk}) = \sigma_\delta^2$ ]
- In this situation, we must look carefully at the Expected MS to choose the appropriate denominator for our F-statistic.
- Assuming treatment effects are fixed and block effects are random:

<u>Source</u>	<u>df</u>	<u>Expected(MS)</u>
Treatments	$t-1$	$\sigma_{\delta}^2 + n\sigma^2 + \frac{nb}{t-1} \sum_i \tau_i^2$
Blocks	$b-1$	$\sigma_{\delta}^2 + n\sigma^2 + nt\sigma_{\beta}^2$
Exp. Error	$(t-1)(b-1)$	$\sigma_{\delta}^2 + n\sigma^2$
Samp. Error	$tb(n-1)$	$\sigma_{\delta}^2$
<u>Total</u>	<u><math>tb n - 1</math></u>	

- Testing for treatment effects:

Recall  $H_0: \tau_1 = \tau_2 = \dots = \tau_t = 0 \Leftrightarrow H_0: \sum_i \tau_i^2 = 0$

- If  $H_0$  is true, then which two Mean Squares have the same expected value?  $MS(\text{Trts})$  and  $MS(\text{Exp. Error})$

- Appropriate test statistic is:

$$F^* = \frac{MS(\text{Trts})}{MS(\text{Exp. Error})} \quad \text{Reject } H_0 \text{ if: } F^* > F_{\alpha}[t-1, (t-1)(b-1)]$$

- What is the test statistic for testing  $H_0: \sigma_{\beta}^2 = 0$ ?

$$F^* = \frac{MS(\text{Blocks})}{MS(\text{Exp. Error})} \quad \text{Reject } H_0 \text{ if: } F^* > F_{\alpha}[b-1, (t-1)(b-1)]$$

- What is the test statistic for testing  $H_0: \sigma^2 = 0$ ?

$$F^* = \frac{MS(\text{Exp. Error})}{MS(\text{Samp. Error})} \quad \text{Reject } H_0 \text{ if: } F^* > F_{\alpha}[(t-1)(b-1), tb(n-1)]$$

**Example:** Experiment on stretching ability (Table 10.6, p. 535-536)

**Response = stretching ability of rubber material**

**Treatments = 7 materials (A, B, C, D, E, F, G)**

**Blocks = 13 lab sites**

• At each lab, there were  $n = 4$  units for each type of material.

$n = 4, t = 7, b = 13 \rightarrow$  total of 364 observations overall.

• Is there a significant difference in mean stretching ability among the seven materials?

• We test:  $H_0: \tau_1 = \tau_2 = \dots = \tau_7 = 0$   
(or could write  $H_0: \sum_{i=1}^7 \tau_i^2 = 0$ )

$$F^* = \frac{MS(\text{Trts})}{MS(\text{Exp. Error})} = \frac{44796.35}{330.65} = 135.5$$

Compare to  $F_{.05, 6, 72} \approx 2.22$

Software gives P-value: near 0

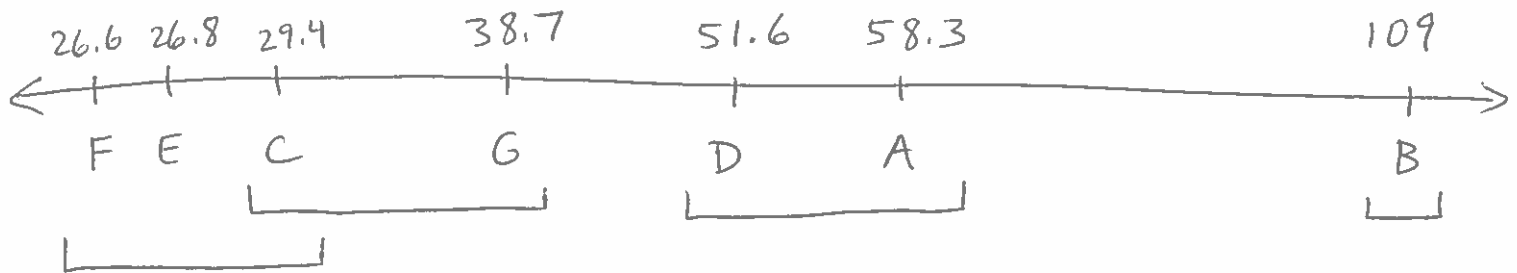
↑ In SAS,  
use TEST  
statement to  
specify appropriate  
Error (denominator)  
term.

• Reject  $H_0$  and conclude there is a significant difference in mean stretching ability among the seven materials.

- Which of the materials are significantly different in terms of mean stretching ability?
- Can use Tukey multiple comparisons procedure (experimentwise error rate  $\alpha = 0.05$ ).

**Results from software:**

Sample mean response for each material:



Based on Tukey Procedure, mean responses in the same "grouping" in the graph above are not significantly different.  
 ( $\alpha = .05$ )

**Latin Square Designs**

- Sometimes we may have two blocking factors.

**Example:** Suppose we are comparing tire performance across four tire brands (label them A, B, C, D).

- The blocking factors are Car (1, 2, 3, 4) and Tire Position (1, 2, 3, 4).
- If we make each car/position combination a block, we have 16 blocks → we need 64 tires (inefficient and costly!)
- What if we only have 16 tires for the experiment?

**A Poor Arrangement:**

		Tire Position			
		1	2	3	4
Car	1	A	A	A	A
	2	B	B	B	B
	3	C	C	C	C
	4	D	D	D	D

- Here, the value of car as a blocking factor is lost.
  - Each car has only one brand of tire.
- Effect of "brand" would be confounded with the effect of "car".

### A Better Arrangement:

		<u>Tire Position</u>			
		1	2	3	4
Car	1	A	B	C	D
	2	B	A	D	C
	3	C	D	A	B
	4	D	C	B	A

- Now each car gets each brand of tire and each position gets each brand of tire.
- This design is called a Latin Square.
- Each row and each column contains each treatment once and only once.
- A  $t \times t$  Latin Square is used for an experiment for  $t$  treatments and two blocking factors:
  - Row factor with  $t$  levels
  - Column factor with  $t$  levels

### Formal Linear Model for Latin Square:

$$Y_{ijk} = \mu + \rho_i + \gamma_j + \tau_k + \epsilon_{ijk}$$

$$\begin{aligned} i &= 1, \dots, t \\ j &= 1, \dots, t \\ k &= 1, \dots, t \end{aligned}$$

$\rho_i$  = effect of row  $i$

$\gamma_j$  = effect of column  $j$

$\tau_k$  = effect of treatment  $k$

$\epsilon_{ijk}$  = random error component

**Note:** In a Latin Square design, there is assumed to be no interaction!

**Example** (Table on course web page): Experiment to study the effect of music type on employee productivity

● **Treatments:** A = rock & roll, B = country, C = easy listening, D = classical, E = none.

● **Row factor levels:** 5 times of day (9-10, 10-11, 11-12, 1-2, 2-3)

● **Column factor levels:** 5 days of week (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri)