

Now we can test for differences in adjusted means; but before that: Critical statistical issues underlying General Linear Models (including ANCOVAs) Lecture 10 (Type I and III sum-of-square)











Analysis of covariance (ANCOVA) evaluates whether the means of a dependent variable are equal across levels of a categorical independent variable (treatment), while statistically controlling for the effects of other continuous variables that are not of primary interest, known as covariates or nuisance variables.

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$$\mathbf{Y} = \boldsymbol{\mu} + \mathbf{A}_1 + \mathbf{X}_1 (+\mathbf{A}_1 \times \mathbf{X}_1)$$

Fruit production = μ + *Grazing* + *Root size*

+ Grazing × Root size





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2) When multiple predictors are used, we estimate partial effects i.e., the total amount of variation explained by grazing once initial size (covariate) is controlled for (removed).





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2) Remember that as in a regression model, partial effects are used, i.e., the total amount of variation explained by grazing once initial size (covariate) is controlled for (removed).

3) However, standard ANOVA assumes that categorical factors are orthogonal, and this is not possible when a categorical and a continuous variable are tested in the same model. After all, if grazing and Root would be orthogonal, there would be no correlation between them!

grazing is a contrast (as seen in our last lecture)

> cor(as.numeric(Grazing),Root)
[1] -0.772087



























































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The effects of grazers on the performance of individuals and populations of scarlet gilia, *Ipomopsis aggregata*

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I. aggregata exhibits considerable powers of regrowth following removal of its primary shoot by herbivores, but we found no evidence of overcompensation (i.e. of significantly higher plant performance where plants were exposed to ungulate herbivory) in a comparison between individuals on grazed and ungrazed sides of exclosure fences

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Testing for assumptions should be performed before reporting results – we did not do it here so that we paid attention to the problem first!



Assumptions

Assumption 1: linearity (more in the regression module) The regression relationship between the dependent variable and concomitant variables must be linear.

Assumption 2: homogeneity of error variances (residual plot or the Breusch-Pagan test)

Equal variances for different treatment classes and observations.

Assumption 3: independence of error terms (more in mixed models) The errors are uncorrelated. That is, the error covariance matrix is diagonal.

Assumption 4: normality of error terms (Q-Q plot) The residuals (errors) should be normally distributed.

Assumption 5: homogeneity of regression slopes (tested already).

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grazed non-grazed











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- It is not always possible to randomize factors completely independent of each other. In the case of the fruit productivity, ideally the researchers should have made sure that the plants in grazing and no grazing plots should have had the same size.

- Confounding or nuisance (non-random) factors can often be the case, particularly in non-experimental studies.
- The terminology and some of the theory underlying "Type I, II & III" sum of squares seems to have been generated by SAS (Statistical Analysis System).



	General linear models (not Generalized linear model)		
	Linear Model	Common name	
0	$Y = \mu + X$	Simple linear regression	
Ø	$Y = \mu + A_1$	One-factorial (one-way) ANOVA	
Ø	$\mathbf{Y} = \boldsymbol{\mu} + \mathbf{A}_1 + \mathbf{A}_2 + \mathbf{A}_1 \times \mathbf{A}_2$	Two-factorial (two-way) ANOVA	
0	$\mathbf{Y} = \boldsymbol{\mu} + \mathbf{A}_1 + \mathbf{X} (+\mathbf{A}_1 \times \mathbf{X})$	Analysis of Covariance (ANCOVA)	
	$Y = \mu + X_1 + X_2 + X_3$	Multiple regression	
	$Y = \mu + A_1 + g + A_1 \times g$	Mixed model ANOVA	
	$Y_1 + Y_2$ = $\mu + A_1 + A_2 + A_1 \times A_2$	Multivariate ANOVA (MANOVA)	
	A represents categorical predictors (factors) g represents groups of data (more on this later) $(+A_1 \times X)$ - step 1 on an ANCOVA, but not in the final analysis Multiple factors $A_1 + A_2$ + etc (and their interactions)		

