

Multiple (more than 2) groups: Analysis of Variance (ANOVA):

Chapter 5: two basic concepts, Chapter 6: “after the F test” analyses

Treatments often (usually) chosen to answer specific questions

Diet and longevity study (case study 5.1): 6 treatments,

5 questions, each a difference between two means (shown in Display 5.3)

Two new statistical concepts in Chapter 5:

Pooling variability from more than 2 groups

Comparing models → the F test and Analysis of Variance (ANOVA)

Pooling variability:

Assume population variance same for all groups

treatments may change means; do not change variances

sample variances of each group, s_i^2 , all estimate the common population variance, σ^2

Pool into a single estimate

weighted average of variances, using df as the weights

just like pooling two groups, but now have k groups

$$s_p^2 = \frac{(n_1 - 1)s_1^2 + (n_2 - 1)s_2^2 + \cdots + (n_k - 1)s_k^2}{(n_1 - 1) + (n_2 - 1) + \cdots + (n_k - 1)}$$

pooled df = sum of sample-specific df

or: $N - k$ where N is total # obs, k is # of groups

Comparison of specific pairs of means, eg \bar{Y}_a and \bar{Y}_b :

Only change (and a small one) is to the df

$$se = s_p \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_a} + \frac{1}{n_b}}$$

Note: s_p based on all N obs, has df based on all N obs

“other part” of se based only on sample sizes for the two groups being compared

Estimates, T statistic for test, confidence intervals same as with 2 groups

F test: answers a more general question

Do all groups have the same population mean? (the null)

if not, at least one group has a different mean

Note: **not** all means are different from each other

most groups may have identical means, with just one group different This is a model comparison!

Models for k groups:

Same idea as two-group model comparison, just with more groups

model I: all groups have population mean μ

model II: each group has its own population mean μ_i

Not saying $\mu_1 \neq \mu_2$. Just saying they aren't forced to be the same

How well does a model fit the data?: Sum of squared errors = SSE

also known as sum of squared residuals

Residuals depend on predicted values, which depend on the model.

\hat{Y}_{ij} is the predicted value for observation Y_{ij}

$$\text{SSE} = \sum_{ij} (Y_{ij} - \hat{Y}_{ij})^2$$

When errors normally distributed with equal variance,

SSE is the best measure of fit of a model to data

compute SSE for the two models, compare them in a specific way

Why not use *chi*²?

Because we are back to normally distributed observations

Mean Square Error: MSE and root Mean Square Error: rMSE

Connection between the fit of model II and pooled variance

$$s_p^2 = \frac{\text{SSE}}{\text{df}}, \text{ when SSE computed using model II predicted values}$$

s_p^2 also called MSE (see why a bit later)

rMSE = $\sqrt{\text{MSE}}$, so rMSE for model II is the pooled sd, s_p

s_p^2 and s_p more commonly used names when 2 groups

MSE and rMSE more commonly used names when more than 2 groups

Full and reduced models

Model I usually called “reduced model”

reduced model always describes the null hypothesis

Model II usually called “full model”

F test:

logic: (same as logic for a Chi-square test, just different measures of fit)

If H_0 is true, model II will fit almost as well as Model I

If H_0 is false, model II will fit substantially better than Model I

What is “almost as well” and what is “substantially worse”?

Need to look at change in SSE, change in error df,

and compare to the MSE from model II

$$\begin{aligned} F &= \frac{\text{Difference in SSE/Difference in error df}}{s_p^2} \\ &= \frac{(SSE_{reduced} - SSE_{full})/(df_{reduced} - df_{full})}{SSE_{full}/df_{full}} \end{aligned}$$

When model assumptions appropriate, F has a known theoretical distribution

called the F distribution

Many F distributions: depend on:

numerator df = difference in error df

denominator df = df for MSE

Values larger than 4 are usually associated with $p < 0.05$, unless small df

ANOVA table:

A way to organize the computations.
Start with numbers from the two models

Source	df	SS
Between groups	$df_{reduced} - df_{full}$	$SSE_{reduced} - SSE_{full}$
Within groups (error, residual)	df_{full}	SSE_{full}
Corrected total	$df_{reduced}$	$SSE_{reduced}$

Then compute the last two columns, using the relationships:

$$MS = \frac{SS}{df}, \text{ for any row}$$

$$F = \frac{MS_{between}}{MS_{within}}$$

Source	df	SS	MS	F
Between groups	$df_{between}$	$SSE_{between}$	$SS_{between} / df_{between}$	$MS_{between} / MS_{within}$
Within groups (error, residual)	df_{full}	SSE_{full}	$SS_{within} / df_{within}$	
Corrected total	$df_{reduced}$	$SSE_{reduced}$		

What do you learn from the “usual” F test:

If accept H_0 , no evidence of any difference in means

If reject H_0 , at least one group has a different mean

follow up, “after the ANOVA” methods is Chapter 6

What is the difference between targeted questions and the “usual” F test?

Targeted questions are comparisons of specific groups

more likely to find a difference when that effect is present

usual F test looks for any difference

i.e., you aren’t sure which effects to look at

less likely to find a specific difference