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#### **Analysis of Variance**

Traditionally, analysis of variance referred to regression analysis with categorical variables.

For example one-way analysis of variance involves comparing a continuous response variable in a number of groups defined by a single categorical variable.

In the middle of this century, great ingenuity was expended to devise specially balanced experimental designs that could be solved with an electric calculator.

Today, it is reasonable to consider analysis of variance as a special case of linear regression. In Stata the xi: prefix may be used with the regress command.

A critical assumption of these analyses is that the error terms for each observation are independent and have the same normal distribution. This assumption is often reasonable as long as we only have one response observation per patient.

These analyses assume that all parameters are attributes of the underlying population, and that we have obtained a representative sample of this population. These parameters measure attributes that are called **fixed-effects**.

In contrast, we often have multiple observations per patient. In this case some of the parameters measure attributes of the individual patients in the study. Such attributes are called **random effects**. A model that has both random and fixed effects is called a **mixed effects** model or a **repeated measures** model.

### 2. One-Way Analysis of Variance

Let  $n_i$  be the number of subjects in the  $i^{th}$  group

 $n = \sum n_i$  be the total number of study subjects

 $y_{ij}$  be a continuous response variable on the  $j^{th}$  patient from the  $i^{th}$  group.

We assume for i = 1, 2, ..., k;  $j = 1, 2, ..., n_i$  that

$$y_{ij} = \beta_i + \varepsilon_{ij} \tag{9.1}$$

where

 $\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots \beta_k$  are unknown parameters, and

 $\varepsilon_{ij}$  are mutually independent, normally

distributed error terms with  $\frac{mean\ 0}{standard\ deviation\ \sigma}$  and

Under this model, the expected value of  $y_{ij}$  is  $\mathbb{E}[y_{ij} | i] = \beta_i$ 

Models like  $\{9.1\}$  are called **fixed-effects** models because the parameters  $\beta_1, \beta_2, ..., \beta_k$  are fixed constants that are attributes of the underlying population.

The response  $y_{ij}$  differs from  $\beta_i$  only because of the error term  $\epsilon_{ij}$ . Let

 $b_1, b_2, \dots b_k$  be the least squares estimates of  $\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots \beta_k$ , respectively,

$$\overline{y}_i = \sum\limits_{i=1}^{n_i} y_{ij}/n_i$$
 be the sample mean for the  $i^{th}$  group,

and

$$s^2 = \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} \left(y_{ij} - \overline{y}_i\right)^2 / (n-k) \quad \text{be the mean squared error (MSE)} \\ \text{estimate of } \sigma^2 \qquad \qquad \{9.2\}$$

We estimate  $\sigma$  by s, which is called the root MSE. It can be shown that  $b_i = \overline{y}_i$ ,  $E[b_i] = \beta_i$ , and  $E[s^2] = \sigma^2$ . A 95% confidence interval for  $\beta_i$  is

given by 
$$\bar{y}_i \pm t_{n-k,0.025} \left( s/\sqrt{n_i} \right)$$
 {9.3}

Note that model  $\{9.1\}$  assumes that the standard deviation of  $\varepsilon_{ij}$  is the same for all groups. If it appears that there is appreciable variation in this standard deviation among groups then the 95% confidence interval for  $\beta_i$  should be estimated by

$$\overline{y}_i \pm t_{n_i-1,0.025} \left( s_i / \sqrt{n_i} \right)$$
 (9.4)

where  $s_i$  is the sample standard deviation of  $y_{ij}$  within the  $i_{th}$  group.

We wish to test the null hypothesis that the expected response is the same in all groups. That is, we wish to test whether

$$\beta_1 = \beta_2 = \dots = \beta_k \tag{9.5}$$

We can calculate a statistic that has a F distribution with k-1 and n-k degrees of freedom when this null hypothesis is true.

We reject the null hypothesis in favor of a multi-sided alternative hypothesis when the F statistic is sufficiently large.

The P value associated with this test is the probability that this statistic exceeds the observed value when this null hypothesis is true.

When there are just two groups, the F statistic will have 1 and n-2 degrees of freedom. In this case, the one-way analysis of variance is equivalent to an independent t test.

The square root of this F statistic equals the absolute value of the t statistic with n-2 degrees of freedom.

A test due to Levene (1960) can be performed to test the assumption that the standard deviation of  $\mathbf{\epsilon_{ij}}$  is constant within each group. If this test is significant, or if there is considerable variation in the values of  $s_i$ , then you should use equation  $\{9.4\}$  rather than equation  $\{9.3\}$  to calculate confidence intervals for the group means.

$$\overline{y}_i \pm t_{n-k,0.025} \left( s / \sqrt{n_i} \right)$$
 (9.3)

$$\bar{y}_i \pm t_{n_i-1,0.025} \left( s_i / \sqrt{n_i} \right)$$
 (9.4)

### 3. Multiple Comparisons

If, the analysis of variance F statistic is significant and the number of groups is not too large, we can make pair-wise comparisons of the different groups.

If the standard deviations within the k groups appears similar we can increase the power of the test that  $\beta_i = \beta_i$  by using the formula

$$t_{n-k} = \left(\overline{y}_i - \overline{y}_j\right) / \left(s \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_i} + \frac{1}{n_j}}\right)$$

$$\{9.6\}$$

where  $\underline{s}$  is the root MSE estimate of  $\underline{\sigma}$  obtained from the analysis of variance.

Under the null hypothesis that  $\beta_i = \beta_j$  equation {9.6} will have a *t* distribution with *n-k* degrees of freedom.

This test is more powerful then the independent t test but is less robust.

A 95% confidence interval for the difference in population means between groups i and j is

$$\overline{y}_i - \overline{y}_j \pm t_{n-k,0.025} \left( s \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_i} + \frac{1}{n_j}} \right) \tag{9.7}$$

Alternately, a confidence interval based on the independent t test may be used if it appears unreasonable to assume a uniform standard deviation in all groups

$$\overline{y}_i - \overline{y}_j \pm t_{n_i + n_j - 2, 0.025} \left( s_p \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_i} + \frac{1}{n_j}} \right)$$
 (9.8)

If the F test is not significant you should not report pair-wise significant differences unless they remain significant after a **Bonferroni multiple comparisons adjustment** (multiplying the P value by the number of pair wise tests.

If the number of groups is large and there is no natural ordering of the groups then a multiple comparisons adjustment may be advisable even if the F test is significant.

# 4. Fisher's Protected Least Significant Difference (LSD) Approach to Multiple Comparisons

The idea of only analyzing subgroup effects (e.g. differences in group means) when the main effects (e.g. F test) are significant is known as known as Fisher's Protected Least Significant Difference (LSD) Approach to Multiple Comparisons.

The F statistic tests the hypothesis that all of the group response means are simultaneously equal.

If we can reject this hypothesis it follows that some of the means must be different.

Fisher argued that in this situation you should be able to investigate which ones are different without having to pay a multiple comparisons penalty.

This approach is not guaranteed to preserve the experiment-wide Type I error probability, but makes sense in well structured experiments where the number of groups being examined is not too large.

# 5. Reformulating Analysis of Variance as a Linear Regression Model

A one-way analysis of variance is, in fact, a special case of the multiple regression model. Let

 $y_h$  denote the response from the  $h^{th}$  study subject, h = 1, 2, ..., n, and let

 $x_{hi} = \begin{cases} 1: \text{ if the } h^{th} \text{ patient is in the } i^{th} \text{ group} \\ 0: \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$ 

Then model (9.1) can be rewritten

$$y_h = \alpha + \beta_2 x_{h2} + \beta_3 x_{h3} + \dots + \beta_k x_{hk} + \varepsilon_h$$
 {9.9}

where  $\varepsilon_h$  are mutually independent, normally distributed error terms with mean 0 and standard deviation  $\sigma$ . Note that model  $\{9.9\}$  is a special case of model (3.1). Thus, this analysis of variance is also a regression analysis in which all of the covariates are zero-one indicator variables.

Also,

$$\mathbf{E}\big[\,y_h \mid x_{h2}, x_{h3}, \cdots, x_{hk}\,\big] = \begin{cases} &\alpha \text{ if the } h^{th} \text{ patient is from group 1}\\ &\alpha + \beta_i \text{ if the } h^{th} \text{ patient is from group } i > 1 \end{cases}$$

Thus,  $\alpha$  is the expected response of patients in the first group and  $\beta_i$  is the expected difference in the response of patients in the  $i_{th}$  and first groups.

The least squares estimates of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta_i$  are  $\overline{y}_1$  and  $\overline{y}_i - \overline{y}_1$ , respectively.

We can use any multiple linear regression program to perform a one-way analysis of variance, although most software packages have a separate procedure for this task.

## Non-parametric Methods

#### Kruskal-Wallis Test

The Kruskal-Wallis test is the non-parametric analog of the oneway analysis of variance (Kruskal and Wallis 1952).

Model  $\{9.1\}$  assumes that the  $\varepsilon_{ii}$  terms are normally distributed and have the same standard deviation. If either of these assumptions is badly violated then the Kruskal-Wallis test should be used.

Suppose that patients are divided into k groups as in model  $\{9.1\}$ and that  $y_{ij}$  is a continuous response variable on the  $j^{th}$  patient from the  $i^{th}$  group.

The null hypothesis of this test is that the distributions of the response variables are the same in each group.

Let

be the number of subjects in the  $i^{th}$  group,  $n = \sum n_i$  be the total number of study subjects.

We rank the values of  $y_{ij}$  from lowest to highest and let  $R_i$  be the sum of the ranks for the patients from the  $i^{th}$  group.

If all of the values of  $y_{ii}$  are distinct (no ties) then the Kruskal-Wallis

test statistic is
$$H = \frac{12}{n(n+1)} \left( \sum \frac{R_i^2}{n_i} \right) - 3(n+1) \tag{9.10}$$

When there are ties a slightly more complicated formula is used (see Steel and Torrie 1980).

Under the null hypothesis, H will have a chi-squared distribution with k-1 degrees of freedom as long as the number of patients in each group is reasonably large.

Note that the value of  $\underline{H}$  will be the <u>same</u> for any two data sets in which the <u>data</u> values have the <u>same ranks</u>. Increasing the largest observation or decreasing the smallest observation will have no effect on H. Hence, extreme outliers will not unduly affect this test.

The non-parametric analog of the independent *t*-test is the **Wilcoxon-Mann-Whitney rank-sum test**. This rank-sum test and the Kruskal-Wallis test are equivalent when there are only two groups of patients.

#### 7. Example: A Polymorphism in the Estrogen Receptor Gene

The human estrogen receptor gene contains a two-allele restriction fragment length polymorphism that can be detected by Southern blots of DNA digested with the PuvII restriction endonuclease. Bands at 1.6 kb and/or 0.7 kb identify the genotype for these alleles.

Parl et al. (1989) studied the relationship between this genotype and age of diagnosis among 59 breast cancer patients.

	Genotype*			— Total
	1.6/1.6	1.6/0.7	0.7/0.7	iotai
Number of Patients	14	29	16	59
Age at breast cancer diagn	osis			
Mean	64.643	64.379	50.375	60.644
Standard Deviation	11.18	13.26	10.64	13.49
95% Confidence Interval				
Equation {9.3} Pooled SD estimate	(58.1 – 71.1)	(59.9 – 68.9)	(44.3 – 56.5)	
Equation {9.4} Separate SD estimates	(58.2 – 71.1)	(59.3 – 69.4)	(44.7 – 56.0)	(57.1 – 64.2)

To test the null hypothesis that the age at diagnosis does not vary with genotype, we perform a one-way analysis of variance on the ages of patients in these three groups using model {9.1}.

In this analysis, n=59, k=3 and  $\beta_1, \beta_2$  and  $\beta_3$  represent the expected age of breast cancer diagnosis among patients with the 1.6/1.6, 1.6/0.7, and 0.7/0.7 genotypes, respectively.

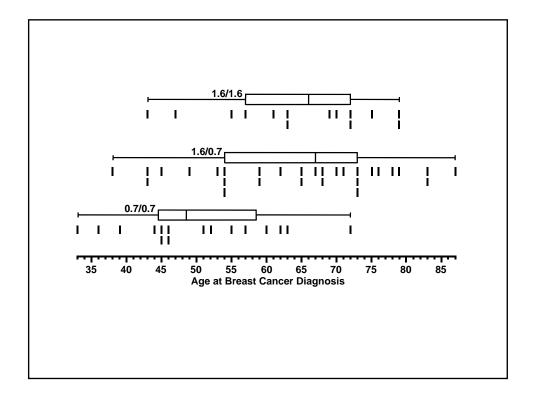
The estimates of these parameters are the average ages given in the preceding table.

The P value form the F statistic equals 0.001.

Table 9.2

Comparison	Difference in Mean Age of Diagnosis	95% —— Confidence Interval	<i>P</i> Value	
			Eq. {0.7}*	Rank- sum**
1.6/0.7 vs. 1.6/1.6	-0.264	(-8.17 to 7.65)	0.95	0.96
0.7/0. 7 vs. 1.6/1.6	-14.268	(-23.2 to -5.37)	0.002	0.003
0.7/0. 7 vs. 1.6/0.7	-14.004	(-21.6 to -6.43)	< 0.0005	0.002

<sup>\*</sup> Equation 7 uses the pooled estimate of s

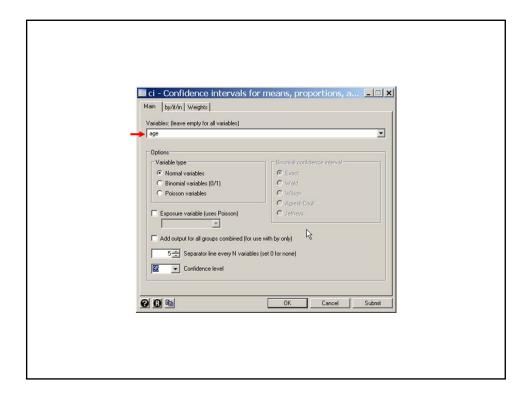


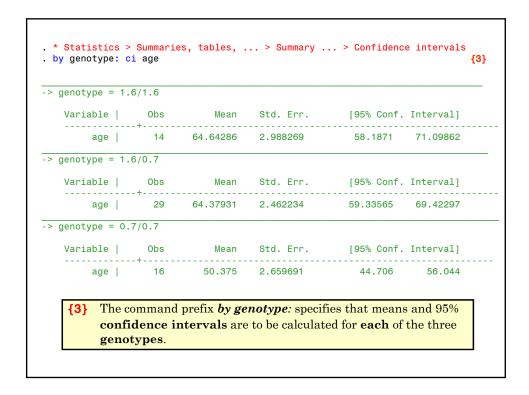
<sup>\*\*</sup> Wilcoxon-Mann-Whitney rank-sum test

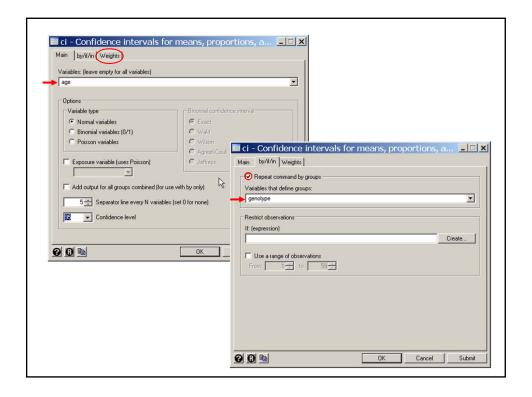
#### 8. One-Way Analyses of Variance using Stata

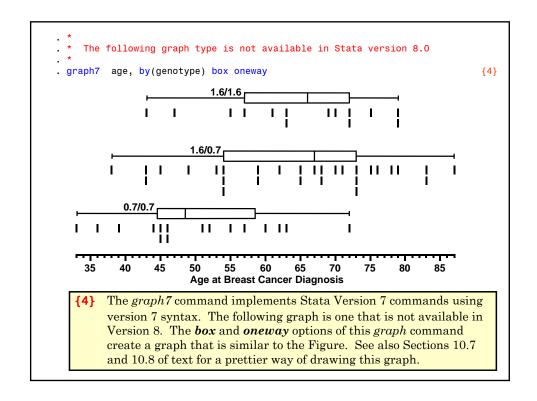
The following Stata log file and comments illustrate how to perform the one-way analysis of variance discussed in the preceding section.

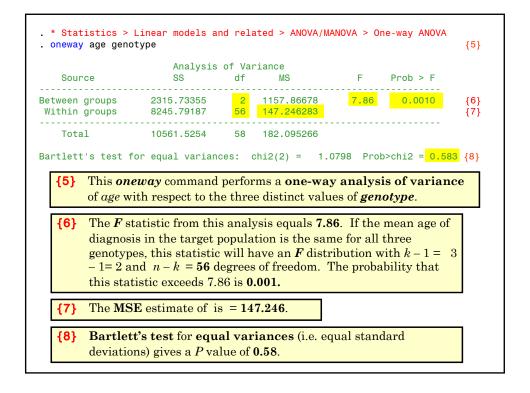
- 13 This data set contains the age of diagnosis and estrogen receptor genotype of the 59 breast cancer patients studied by Parl et al. (1989). The genotypes 1.6/1.6, 1.6/0.7 and 0.7/0.7 are coded 1, 2 and 3 in the variable genotype, respectively.
- **{2}** This *ci* command calculates the mean age of diagnosis (*age*) together with the associated **95% confidence interval**. This confidence interval is calculated using equation {9.4}. The estimated **standard error of the mean** and the **number of patients** with non-missing ages is also given.

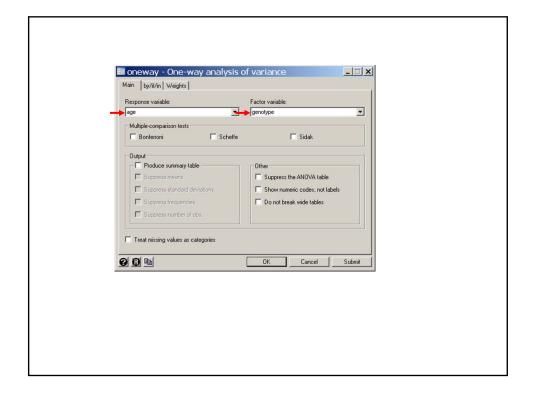




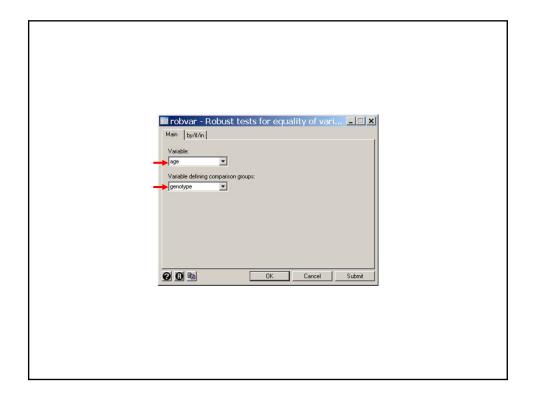


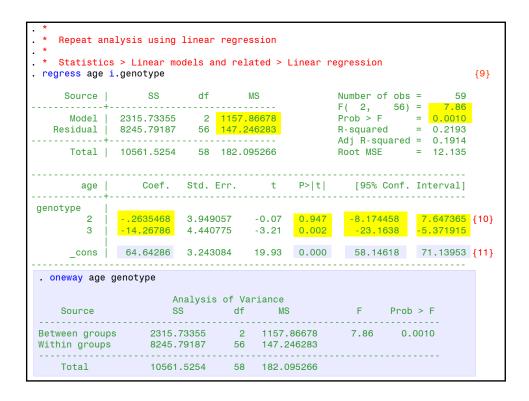




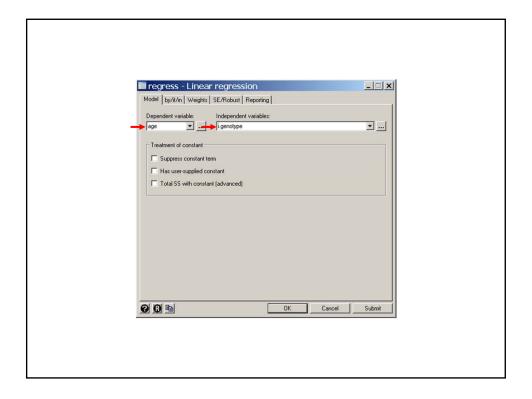


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Test whether the standard deviations of age are equal in
     patients with different genotypes.
  * Statistics > Summaries, ... > Classical ... > Robust equal variance test
. robvar age, by(genotype)
                 Summary of Age at Diagnosis
   Genotype |
                  Mean Std. Dev. Freq.
   1.6/1.6 | 64.642857 11.181077
1.6/0.7 | 64.37931 13.259535
                                              14
    1.6/0.7
                64.37931
                                              29
                   50.375 10.638766
    0.7/0.7
                                              16
      Total | 60.644068 13.494268
                                 Pr > F = 0.44120161
W0 = 0.83032671
                   df(2, 56)
W50 = 0.60460508
                   df(2, 56)
                                  Pr > F = 0.54981692
W10 = 0.79381598
                   df(2, 56)
                                 Pr > F = 0.45713722
This robvar command performs a test of the equality of variance among
groups defined by genotype using methods of Levene (1960) and Brown and
Forsythe (1974). These tests are less sensitive to departures from normality
than Bartlett's test. There is no evidence of heterogeneity of variance for age
in these three groups.
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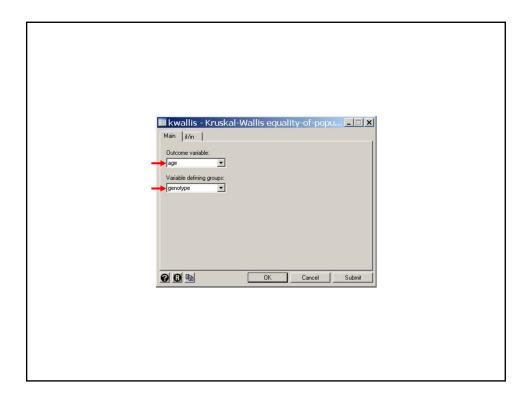
- **(9)** This **regress** command preforms exactly the same one-way analysis of variance as the **oneway** command given above. Note that the F statistic, the P value for this statistic and the MSE estimate of are identical to that given by the **oneway** command. The **syntax** of the xi: prefix is explained in Section **5.10**. The model used by this command is equation  $\{9.9\}$  with k = 3.
- {10} The estimates of  $\beta_2$  and  $\beta_3$  in this example are  $\overline{y}_2 \overline{y}_1 = 64.379 64.643 = -0.264$  and  $\overline{y}_3 \overline{y}_1 = 50.375 64.643 = -14.268$ , respectively. They are highlighted in the column labeled *Coef.* The 95% confidence intervals for  $\beta_2$  and  $\beta_3$  are calculated using equation {9.7}. The t statistics for testing the null hypotheses that  $\beta_2 = 0$  and  $\beta_3 = 0$  are -0.07 and -3.21, respectively. They are calculated using equation {9.6}. The highlighted values in this output are also given in **Table 9.2**.
- {11} The estimate of  $\alpha$  is  $\overline{y}_1 = 64.643$ . The 95% confidence interval for  $\alpha$  is calculated using equation {9.3}. These statistics are also given in Table 10.1.



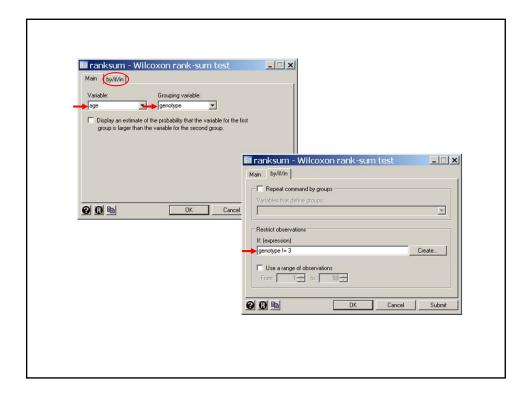
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. lincom 3.genotype - 2.genotype
                                                                          {14}
 (1) - 2.genotype + 3.genotype = 0.0
         age | Coef. Std. Err. t P>|t| [95% Conf. Interval]
     (1) | -14.00431 3.778935 -3.71 0.000 -21.57443 -6.434194
    Perform a Kruskal-Wallis analysis of variance
  * Statistics > Nonparametric... > Tests of hypotheses > Kruskal-Wallis...
. kwallis age, by(genotype)
Test: Equality of populations (Kruskal-Wallis test)
   genotype | Obs | Rank Sum
    1.6/1.6 | 14 | 494.00
1.6/0.7 | 29 | 999.50
    0.7/0.7 | 16 | 276.50
chi-squared = 12.060 with 2 d.f. probability = 0.0024
chi-squared with ties =
                          12.073 with 2 d.f.
probability = 0.0024
```

```
This command estimates \beta_3 - \beta_2 by \hat{\beta}_3 - \hat{\beta}_2 = \overline{y}_3 - \overline{y}_2 = 50.375 - 64.379 = -14.004. The null hypothesis that \beta_3 + \beta_2 same as the hypothesis that the mean age of diagnosis in groups 2 and 3 are equal. The confidence interval for \beta_3 - \beta_2 is calculated using equation \{9.7\}. The highlighted values are also given in Table 9.2.
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**(15)** This *kwallis* command performs a **Kruskal-Wallis** test of *age* by *genotype*. The test statistic, adjusted for ties, equals 12.073. The associated *P* value equal 0.0024.



```
. * Statistics > Nonparametric... > Tests... > Wilcoxon rank-sum test
. ranksum age if genotype !=3, by(genotype)
Two-sample Wilcoxon rank-sum (Mann-Whitney) test
   genotype |
                  obs rank sum
                                     expected
    1.6/1.6 | 14 310 308
1.6/0.7 | 29 636 638
   -----<del>-</del>-----
   combined |
                 43
                            946
                                        946
unadjusted variance 1488.67
adjustment for ties -2.70
                    1485.97
adjusted variance
Ho: age(genotype==1.6/1.6) = age(genotype==1.6/0.7)
   z = \frac{0.052}{\text{Prob}} > |z| = 0.9586
     {16} This command performs a Wilcoxon-Mann-Whitney rank-sum
            test on the age of diagnosis of women with the 1.6/1.6 genotype
            versus the 1.6/0.7 genotype. The P value for this test is 0.96.
           The next two commands perform the other two pair-wise
           comparisons of age by genotype using this rank-sum test. The
           highlighted P values are included in Table 10.2.
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```
. * Statistics > Nonparametric... > Tests... > Wilcoxon rank-sum test
. ranksum age if genotype -=2, by(genotype)

Two-sample Wilcoxon rank-sum (Mann-Whitney) test

genotype | obs rank sum expected

1.6/1.6 | 14 289 217
0.7/0.7 | 16 176 248

combined | 30 465 465

unadjusted variance 578.67
adjustment for ties -1.67

adjusted variance 576.99

Ho: age(genotype==1.6/1.6) = age(genotype==0.7/0.7)

z = 2.997
Prob > |z| = 0.0027
```

# 9. Two-Way Analysis of Variance, Analysis of Covariance, and Other Models

Fixed-effects analyses of variance generalize to a wide variety of complex models. For example, suppose that hypertensive patients were treated with either a placebo, a diuretic alone, a beta-blocker alone, or with both a diuretic and a beta-blocker. Then a model of the effect of treatment on diastolic blood pressure (DBP) might be

$$y_i = \alpha + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \beta_2 x_{i2} + \varepsilon_i$$
 {9.11}

where

 $\alpha$ ,  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$  are unknown parameters,

$$x_{i1} = \begin{cases} 1: i^{th} \text{ patient is on a diuretic} \\ 0: \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$x_{i2} = \begin{cases} 1: i^{th} \text{ patient is on a beta-blocker} \\ 0: \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- $\mathbf{y}_i$   $\;$  is the DBP of the ith patient after some standard interval therapy , and
- $\varepsilon_i$  are error terms that are independently and normally distributed with mean zero and standard deviation  $\sigma$

Model {9.11} is an example of a fixed-effects, **two-way analysis of variance**.

It is called two-way because each patient is simultaneously influenced by two covariates — in this case whether she did, or did not, receive a diuretic or a beta-blocker.

A critical feature of this model is that each patient's blood pressure is only observed once.

It is this feature that makes the independence assumption for the error term reasonable and makes this a fixed-effects model. In this model,

 $\alpha$  is the mean DBP of patients on placebo,

 $\alpha + \beta_1$  is the mean DBP of patients on the diuretic alone,

 $\alpha + \beta_2$  is the mean DBP of patients on the beta-blocker alone, and

 $\alpha + \beta_1 + \beta_2$  is the mean DBP of patients on both treatments.

The model is additive since it assumes that the mean DBP of patients on both drugs is  $\alpha$  +  $\beta_1$  + $\beta_2$ .

If this assumption is unreasonable, we can add an interaction term as in Section 3.12.

### 10. Fixed Effects Analysis of Covariance

This refers to linear regression models with both categorical and continuous covariates. Inference from these models is called analysis of covariance.

For example, we could add the patient's age to model (9.11). This gives

$$y_i = \alpha + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \beta_2 x_{i2} + \beta_3 \times age_i + \varepsilon_i$$
 {9.12

where  $age_i$  is the  $i^{th}$  patient's age,  $\beta_3$  is the parameter associated with age, and the other terms are as defined in model  $\{9.11\}$ . The analysis of model  $\{9.12\}$  would be an example of analysis of covariance.

These models no longer need the special consideration that they received in years passed and can be easily handled by the *regress* command.

#### 11. What we have covered

- Regression analysis with categorical variables and one response measure per subject
- One-way analysis of variance: The *oneway* command
  - > 95% confidence intervals for group means
  - > 95% confidence intervals for the difference between group means
  - Testing for homogeneity of standard deviations across groups The robvar command
- Multiple comparisons issues
  - Fisher's protected least significant difference approach
  - ➤ Bonferroni's multiple comparison adjustment
- Reformulating analysis of variance as a linear regression model
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  - Kruskal-Wallis test: The kwallis command
  - ➤ Wilcoxon rank-sum test: The ranksum command
- Two-Way Analysis of Variance
  - ➤ Simultaneously evaluating two categorical risk factors
- Analysis of Covariance
  - Analyzing models with both categorical and continuous covariates

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