

Single sample profile (repeated measures) analysis

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Suppose you have a *random sample* $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n$ from a p -variable multivariate distribution with

- unknown mean vector $\boldsymbol{\mu} = [\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_p]'$
- observations $\mathbf{x} = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p]'$ that are *repeated measures* data. That is, variables x_1, \dots, x_p are *comparable*.

Each x_i represents a measurement on

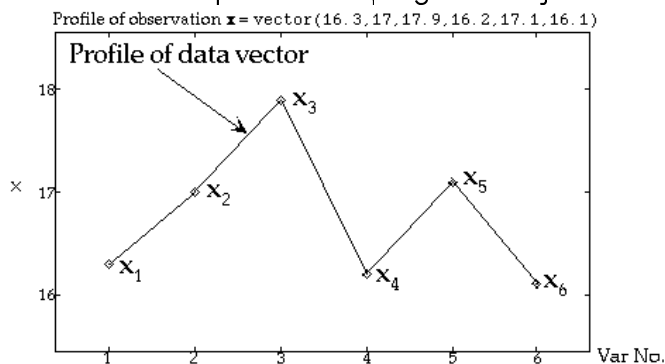
- the *same quantity* in the same units, for example, blood pressure
- under differing conditions or at differing times.

We often call the different times or conditions **treatments**.

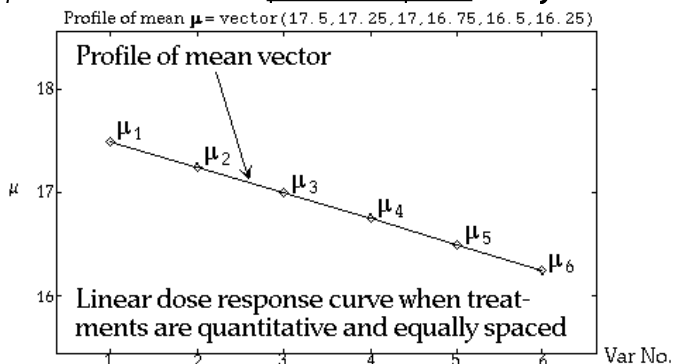
When there are p variables, there are p treatments being compared.

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A data vector \mathbf{x} can be depicted by a "profile" -- a plot of x_j against j .

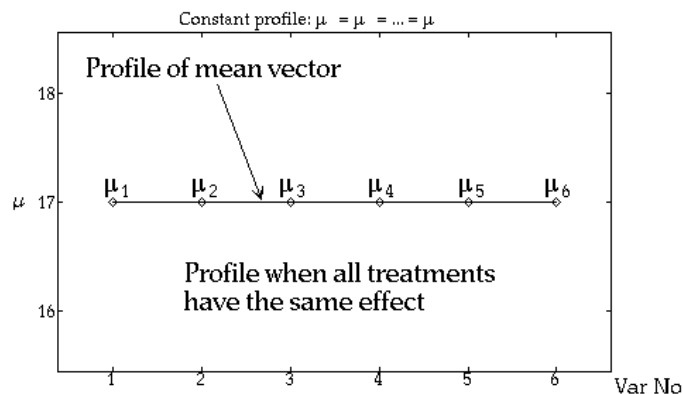


And you can plot μ_j vs j to obtain a population mean profile plot of $\boldsymbol{\mu}$.



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When $\mu_1 = \mu_2 = \dots = \mu_p$, the profile is flat.



This simple pattern in the profile graphically represents the null hypothesis

$$H_0: \mu_1 = \mu_2 = \dots = \mu_p$$

of no treatment differences.

When treatments are *quantitative*, the population profile may be viewed as a dosage response curve.

When the profile is a straight line, the response is linear in the dose.

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Usually one goal in repeated measures analysis is to *compare* the treatment means μ_i .

This investigates the *shape of the profile* of μ , that is, the pattern of differences $\mu_i - \mu_j$. The shape isn't changed by adding a constant to each mean.

You can label a data matrix like this.

	Trt 1	Trt 2	Trt 3	...	Trt p
Case 1	X_{11}	X_{12}	X_{13}	...	X_{1p}
Case 2	X_{21}	X_{22}	X_{23}	...	X_{2p}
Case 3	X_{31}	X_{32}	X_{33}	...	X_{3p}
Case 4	X_{41}	X_{42}	X_{43}	...	X_{4p}
...
Case n	X_{n1}	X_{n2}	X_{n3}	...	X_{np}

This is reminiscent of a table of data from a randomized block experiment.

In a randomized block situation with n replicates of p treatments, you have $n \times p$ experimental units (EUs).

- EUs are grouped in n homogeneous blocks (replicates), each with p "plots"
- Treatments assigned randomly to the p EUs in each block

After randomizing, a field experiment with $p = 4$ and $n = 6$ might look like

Block 1	Treatment 4	Treatment 2	Treatment 1	Treatment 3
Block 2	Treatment 4	Treatment 2	Treatment 3	Treatment 1
Block 3	Treatment 1	Treatment 2	Treatment 4	Treatment 3
Block 4	Treatment 2	Treatment 1	Treatment 3	Treatment 4
Block 5	Treatment 4	Treatment 1	Treatment 2	Treatment 3
Block 6	Treatment 4	Treatment 1	Treatment 3	Treatment 2

Every block (row of table) contains a complete set of p treatments, *in random order*.

Analogy with RCBD

The single sample profile analysis situation appears to be quite similar to a univariate randomized complete block (RCB) situation with n blocks, but when $p > 2$, the analysis is different.

- Each repeated measures individual or case corresponds to a RCB "block".
- Each response variable for a case corresponds to a "plot" in a block "treated" with the distinguishing feature of that measurement.

Examples of blocks

- Time periods (day, week), with the treatments in random order within the time period
- Batches of flour split into smaller quantities used to make a loaf of bread with varying amounts of an ingredient. The amounts are randomly assigned to the loaves (plots) from the same batch of flour (block).
- Compact regions of a field or greenhouse bench with treatments assigned randomly to different positions (plots) in the field or on the bench.
- Subjects getting various treatments *in random order* (plot = time of treatment)

How does repeated measures differ from a RCB?

In repeated measures analysis, the "treatment" levels are not randomized.

From the multivariate point of view, in a RCB you can view the data as *repeated measurements* on a block, with each block a "case".

But randomization and constant σ^2 (not affected by the treatments) imply that Σ for the p observations in a block has a *very special* structure, namely

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma^2 & \rho\sigma^2 & \rho\sigma^2 & \dots & \rho\sigma^2 \\ \rho\sigma^2 & \sigma^2 & \rho\sigma^2 & \dots & \rho\sigma^2 \\ \rho\sigma^2 & \rho\sigma^2 & \sigma^2 & \dots & \rho\sigma^2 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \rho\sigma^2 & \rho\sigma^2 & \rho\sigma^2 & \dots & \sigma^2 \end{bmatrix}, \rho > -1/(p-1)$$

- All variances $\sigma_{ii} = \sigma^2$ are the same
- All covariances $\sigma_{ij} = \rho\sigma^2, i \neq j$, are the same
- This means that all correlations $\rho_{ij} = \rho, i \neq j$, are the same, too.

In multivariate repeated measures, you don't have the randomization and Σ does not usually have this simple structure.

Σ can have other special forms besides intraclass structure.

For example, when x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p are observations at times $t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_p$, correlations might be $\rho_{jk} = \rho^{|t_j - t_k|}$. For equally spaced times $t_j = j$, Σ would look like

$$\Sigma = \sigma^2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \rho & \rho^2 & \rho^3 & \dots & \rho^{p-1} \\ \rho & 1 & \rho & \rho^2 & \dots & \rho^{p-2} \\ \rho^2 & \rho & 1 & \rho & \dots & \rho^{p-3} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \rho^{p-1} & \rho^{p-2} & \rho^{p-3} & \rho^{p-4} & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

This is a first order autoregression (AR(1)) structure.

Analysis that takes this structure into account will be better than one that does not.

This is a type of analysis you can use SAS **Proc Mixed** for.

A Σ of this form (equal diagonal values and equal off-diagonals) is said to have **intraclass** structure.

Even without randomization, when Σ has intraclass structure, a two-way univariate ANOVA is a correct way to analyze the data.

When Σ does have this special structure, univariate ANOVA will be better than a multivariate analysis because

- tests will have greater power
- confidence intervals will be shorter.
- It works when $n \leq p$

When Σ does not have this structure, univariate ANOVA is *not* appropriate.

However, adjustments to degrees of freedom due to Greenhouse and Geisser can sometimes be made to make ANOVA "work".

Profile analysis questions of interest

These are much the same as for randomized block analysis.

- Test the null hypothesis of *no treatment effects*

$$H_0: \mu_1 = \mu_2 = \dots = \mu_p.$$

- **Multiple comparisons:** test all hypotheses of the form $H_{0jk}: \mu_j = \mu_k, j \neq k$
- Find **simultaneous confidence limits** for all $\mu_j - \mu_k, j \neq k$

The model in the RCB situation is often written as

$$x_{ij} = \mu + \alpha_i + B_j + \epsilon_{ij}$$

That is

$$x_{ij} = \mu_i + B_j + \epsilon_{ij}, \text{ with } \mu_i = \mu + \alpha_i$$

- $\mu_i = \mu + \alpha_i, i = 1, \dots, p$
- The $\{\alpha_i\}$ are fixed treatment effects, usually with $\sum_{1 \leq i \leq p} \alpha_i = 0$. This implies $\mu = \bar{\mu} = (1/p) \sum_{1 \leq i \leq p} \mu_i$ so that $\alpha_i = \mu_i - \mu$.
- The $\{B_j\}$ are fixed block effects with $\sum_{1 \leq j \leq n} B_j = 0$ or random block effects with $E(B_j) = 0$
- The $\{\epsilon_{ij}\}$ are independent $N(0, \sigma^2)$ (constant variance)

The repeated measures model is

$$x_{ij} = \mu + \alpha_i + \epsilon_{ij}$$

$$V[\epsilon_i] = \Sigma, \epsilon_i = [\epsilon_{1j}, \epsilon_{2j}, \dots, \epsilon_{pj}]'$$

There are lots of ways to state the hypothesis of no treatment effects:

$$H_0: \text{all } \mu_i \text{'s equal}$$

A. All pairs of successive means are the same, that is

$$H_{0a}: \mu_2 - \mu_1 = 0, \mu_3 - \mu_2 = 0, \dots, \mu_p - \mu_{p-1} = 0$$

This has $p-1$ "components", none of which may be omitted. The first $\mu_i - \mu_{i-1} \neq 0$ marks a *change point*.

B. All means are the same as μ_1 , that is

$$H_{0b}: \mu_2 - \mu_1 = 0, \mu_3 - \mu_1 = 0, \dots, \mu_p - \mu_1 = 0$$

These are $p-1$ essential components and, when $p > 2$, they differ from those defining H_{0a} .

You might be interested in these when treatment 1 is a "control" or a base-line level, and you are comparing all other treatments with it.

If $\sum_i c_i \mu_i$ is a contrast among the means μ_i ($\sum c_i = 0$), then

$$\sum_i c_i \mu_i = \sum_i c_i \alpha_i$$

the same contrast among the effects.

Example: $c_1 = 1, c_2 = -1, c_3 = \dots = c_p = 0,$
 $\sum_i c_i \mu_i = \mu_1 - \mu_2 = (\mu + \alpha_1) - (\mu + \alpha_2) = \alpha_1 - \alpha_2$

I will usually state hypotheses about comparisons of treatments in terms of $\{\mu_i\}$, but they can also be stated in terms of $\{\alpha_i\}$. For example, with the convention that $\sum_i \alpha_i = 0$,

$$H_0: \mu_1 = \mu_2 = \dots = \mu_p$$

is equivalent to the hypothesis of no treatment effects, that is, to

$$H_0: \alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \dots = \alpha_p = 0$$

C. $\mu_k = \text{average of } \mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_{k-1}$ for $k = 2, 3, \dots, p$

$$H_{0c}: \mu_2 - \mu_1 = 0,$$

$$\mu_3 - (\mu_1 + \mu_2)/2 = 0,$$

$$\mu_4 - (\mu_1 + \mu_2 + \mu_3)/3 = 0, \dots,$$

$$\mu_p - (\mu_1 + \mu_2 + \dots + \mu_{p-1})/(p-1) = 0$$

Multiplying by $-1, -2, -3, \dots$, H_{0c} is

$$H_{0c}: \mu_1 - \mu_2 = 0,$$

$$\mu_1 + \mu_2 - 2\mu_3 = 0,$$

$$\mu_1 + \mu_2 + \mu_3 - 3\mu_4 = 0,$$

$$\dots$$

$$\mu_1 + \mu_2 + \dots + \mu_{p-1} - (p-1)\mu_p = 0$$

These are contrast with integer weights.

H_{0c} , too, has $p-1$ essential components. These, too, might be of interest when looking for a change point.

