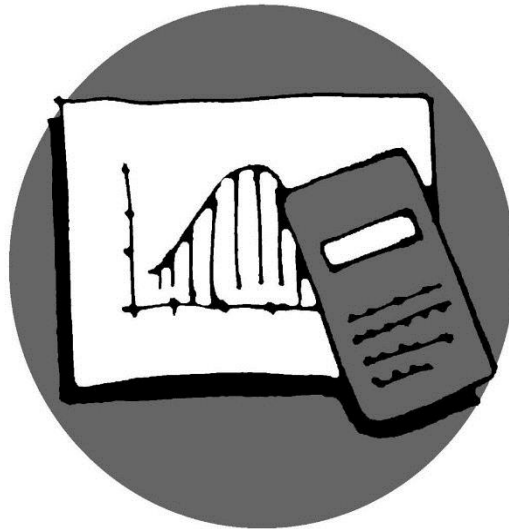


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# **Analysis of Variance for Randomised Complete Block Design**

**(Two Way Analysis)**

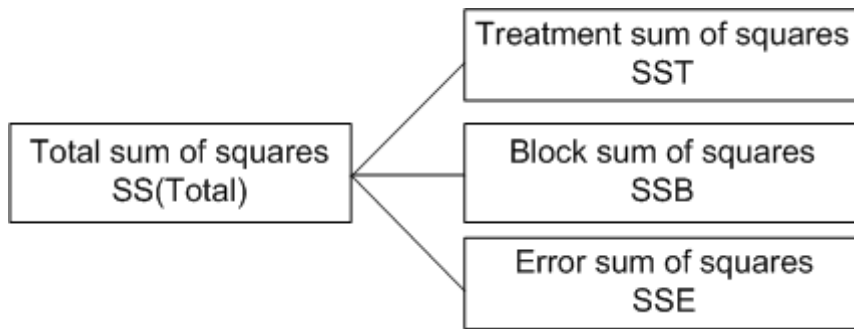


# RANDOMISED COMPLETE BLOCK DESIGN

## Two-way Analysis of Variance

Suppose in investigating the performance of the 3 types of cars, 5 drivers were each assigned one car of each type. In statistics, this is called a randomised complete block design, consisting of  $b=5$  blocks, with  $k=3$  treatments. Each block contains matched groups of  $k$  experimental units – one unit for each treatment - so in this example there are three experimental units in each block.

The analysis of variance for an RCBD partitions the total sum of squares into three parts:



The ANOVA table:

SOURCE	df	SS	MS	F	p
Blocks					
Treatment					
Error					
Total					

Note that the table is similar to the Completely Randomised ANOVA table, but there is now a row included for blocks.  $b$  is generally used to represent the number of blocks involved. Using this added information, the table can be completed:

## ANOVA CALCULATIONS FOR RANDOMISED BLOCK DESIGN

The calculations are similar, but note the differences.

- Calculate the Degrees of Freedom for each source of variation:

$$df_{blocks} = (b - 1); \quad df_{treatment} = (k - 1); \quad df_{total} = (n - 1);$$

$$df_{error} = df_{total} - df_{treatment} - df_{blocks} = (n - k - b + 1)$$

- Calculate the Correction Factor
- Calculate the Total Sum of Squares
- Calculate the Block totals
- Calculate the Treatment totals
- Calculate the Block Sum of Squares
- Calculate the Group (Treatment) Sum of Squares
- Calculate the Error Sum of Squares (by subtraction)
- Calculate the Mean Square for Block, Group and Error – divide  $SS_{block}$ ,  $SS_{treatment}$  and  $SS_{error}$  by  $b - 1$ ,  $k - 1$  and  $(n - b - k + 1)$  respectively.
- Calculate the F Value
- Determine the p-value

## ANOVA Table for randomised complete block design

<b>Correction Factor:</b>	$CF = \frac{(\sum \text{all entries})^2}{\text{number of entries}} = \frac{(\sum y)^2}{n}$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Add all entries</li> <li>▪ Square the result</li> <li>▪ Divide by <math>n</math></li> </ul>
<b>Total Sum of Squares:</b>	$SS_{Total} = \sum(\text{each entry})^2 - CF = \sum y^2 - \frac{(\sum y)^2}{n}$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Square each entry</li> <li>▪ Add all results</li> <li>▪ Subtract CF</li> </ul>
<b>Sum of Squares between Blocks:</b>	$SS_{Blocks} = \frac{\sum(\text{Block total})^2}{\text{number of treatments}} - CF$ $= \frac{B_1^2 + B_2^2 + \dots + B_k^2}{k} - \frac{(\sum y)^2}{n}$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Square each block total</li> <li>• Add totals</li> <li>• Divide by no. of treatments</li> <li>• Add results</li> <li>• Subtract CF</li> </ul> <p>This <i>Sum of Squares</i> reflects the differences <b>between</b> the blocks</p>
<b>Sum of Squares between Treatments</b>	$SS_{Treatments} = \frac{\sum(\text{Treatment total})^2}{\text{number of blocks}} - CF$ $= \frac{T_1^2 + T_2^2 + \dots + T_k^2}{b} - \frac{(\sum y)^2}{n}$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Square each group (Treatment) total</li> <li>▪ Divide by no. of blocks</li> <li>▪ Add results</li> <li>▪ Subtract CF</li> </ul>
<b>Sum of Squares for Error:</b>	$SS_{Error} = SS_{Total} - (SS_{Blocks} + SS_{Treatments})$	
<b>Mean Square for Blocks:</b>	$MS_{Blocks} = \frac{SS_{Blocks}}{b - 1}$	
<b>Mean Square for Treatments:</b>	$MS_{Treatments} = \frac{SS_{Treatments}}{k - 1}$	
<b>Mean Square for Error:</b>	$MS_{Error} = \frac{SS_{Error}}{(n - b - k + 1)}$	
<b>Test statistic F:</b>	$F_{Treatments} = \frac{MS_{Treatments}}{MS_{Error}} \quad F_{Block} = \frac{MS_{Blocks}}{MS_{Error}}$	
<b>Standard Error of Difference between means:</b>	$SED(\text{treatments}) = \sqrt{\frac{2 \times MS_{Error}}{b}}$ <p>Note General Formula: <math>SED = \sqrt{\frac{2 \times MS_{Error}}{r}}</math></p>	<p><math>b</math> is number of blocks</p> <p><math>r</math> is number of values used to calculate the respective mean.</p>

**Returning to the Car Brand Problem:**

	Driver					Total
	M	N	P	R	S	
Brand A	7.6	8.4	8.0	7.6	8.4	40.0
Brand B	7.8	8.0	9.1	8.5	9.6	43
Brand C	9.6	10.4	9.2	9.7	10.6	49.5
Totals	25	26.8	26.3	25.8	28.6	132.5

(i)  $df_{block} = 4; df_{treatment} = 2; df_{total} = 14; df_{error} = df_{total} - df_{block} - df_{treatment} = 8$

(ii) **Calculate the correction factor**

$$CF = \frac{(\sum \text{all entries})^2}{\text{number of entries}} = \frac{(\sum y)^2}{n} = 1170.42.$$

(iii) **Calculate the Total Sum of Squares**

$$SS_{Total} = \sum (\text{each entry})^2 - CF = \sum y^2 - \frac{(\sum y)^2}{n} = 13.69$$

(iv) **Calculate the Block Sum of Squares**

$$SS_{block} = \frac{(25^2 + 26.8^2 + 26.3^2 + 25.8^2 + 28.6^2)}{3} - \frac{132.5^2}{15} = 2.427$$

(v) **Calculate the Treatment Sum of Squares**

$$= \frac{40^2}{5} + \frac{43^2}{5} + \frac{49.5^2}{5} - \frac{(\sum y)^2}{n} = 9.43$$

(vi) **Calculate the Error Sum of Squares**

$$SS_{error} = SS_{total} - SS_{block} - SS_{regression} = 13.69 - 2.427 - 9.43 = 1.833$$

(vii) **Calculate**

$$MS_{block} = \frac{2.427}{4} = 0.60675 \qquad MS_{treatment} = \frac{9.43}{2} = 4.715$$

$$MS_{error} = \frac{1.833}{8} = 0.229$$

(viii) **Calculate F**

$$F_{block} = \frac{0.60675}{0.229} = 2.64$$

$$F_{treatment} = \frac{4.715}{0.229} = 20.6$$

SOURCE	df	SS	MS	F	p
Blocks	4	2.427	0.60675	2.65	<i>not significant</i>
Treatment	2	9.43	4.715	20.6	$p < 0.001$
Error	8	1.833	0.229		
Total	14	13.69			

## Practice questions

1. A Randomised Complete Block Design was used for an experiment on grapes to test the effect of bird repelling netting on the sugar content of the grapes at harvest. (The netting has some shading effect, and the beneficial effect of repelling birds has to be balanced against loss of production.) There were 8 blocks and 5 netting treatments (one of which is a control: that is no netting.) Fill out the following *part of* and an Analysis of Variance Table with the correct number of degrees of freedom for each of the appropriate sources of variance. (Note there may be more than two required here.)

Source of variance	Degrees of freedom

2. A trial examined the effectiveness of three types of insect traps. The three traps were set out five separate periods, which can be thought of as “blocks”, and the average number of insects caught recorded.

The Analysis of Variance table is:

Source of variance	Sums of Squares	DF	Mean Square	F ratio	P
Trap	427142	2			
Period	102715	4		2.64	
Error	77924	8	9740.5		
Total					

What is the Mean Square for the Trap term?

3. In question 2, what is the p-value for the Period F-ratio?
4. In question 2, what is the Standard Error of the Difference (S.E.D.) between the Trap means?
5. Birth weight of babies born to mothers of various pregnancy weight groups (taken to be “blocks”) and consumption of cigarettes (none, 1 pack/day, and more than 1 pack/day) were recorded.

The data and the row and column totals are displayed as follows:

Rows: weight group      Columns: cigarette group

1	2	3		All
1	3.2	2.8	1.7	7.7
2	3.2	2.8	2.5	8.5
3	3.2	3.1	2.5	8.8
4	3.4	3.1	2.6	9.1
5	3.5	3.3	2.8	9.6
6	3.5	3.4	2.9	9.8
All	20.0	18.5	15.0	53.5

- (i) Complete the ANOVA table below

Analysis of Variance for birth weight  
ANOVA

Source of Variation	SS	df	MS	F	P-value
Weight Group	0.983	5	0.1966	5.8	0.01
Cigarette Group	(a)	2	(d)	(e)	0.0001
Error	(b)	(c)	0.0339		
Total	3.516	17			

- (ii) Calculate the standard error of the difference between the cigarette consumption means.

### Answers Randomised Complete Block Design

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|---------|----|--|
| Source  | df | working  |
| Block   | 7  | Block df = no. of blocks – 1 = 8 – 1 = 7                         |
| Netting | 4  | Netting df = no. of netting treatments – 1 = 5 – 1 = 4           |
| Error   | 28 | Error df = Total df – Block df – Netting df<br>= 39 – 7 – 4 = 28 |
| Total   | 39 | Total df = $n - 1 = 40 - 1 = 39$                                 |

$$2. \quad MS_{trap} = \frac{SS_{trap}}{df_{trap}} = \frac{427142}{2} = 213571$$

- $P > 0.05$ .  
Method: Look up critical values of F in tables for  $df_1 = 4$ , and  $df_2 = 8$  for various values of  $\alpha$ .  $F_{.05,4,8} = 3.84 = 3.838$  (depending on your table). Compare the tables F values with the calculated F (2.64 - from the ANOVA table in the question). Because  $F_{calc} < F_{.05}$ , conclude that  $P > 0.05$ .

$$4. \quad sed(traps) = \sqrt{\frac{2 \times MS_{Error}}{b}} = \sqrt{\frac{2 \times 9740}{5}} = 62.4195 \quad (\text{No of periods} = 5)$$

$$5. (i) (a) \quad SS_{cigarettes} = \frac{\sum(block^2)}{k} - CF = \frac{20^2 + 18.5^2 + 15^2}{6} - \frac{53.5^2}{18} = 2.194$$

$$(b) \quad SS_{error} = SS_{total} - SS_{weight} - SS_{cigarettes} = 3.516 - 0.983 - 2.194 = 0.339$$

$$(c) \quad df = 17 - 7 = 10 \quad (d) \quad MS_{cigarette} = \frac{2.194}{2} = 1.097$$

$$(e) \quad F_{cigarette} = \frac{1.097}{0.0339} = 32.36$$

OR Start with (c)  $df_{error} = 10 \Rightarrow$

$$(b) \quad SS_{error} = 10 \times MS_{error} = 10 \times 0.0399 = 0.399$$

$$\Rightarrow (a) \quad SS_{cig} = SS_{total} - (SS_{weight} + SS_{error}) = 3.516 - (0.983 + 0.339) = 2.194$$

$$\Rightarrow (d) \quad MS_{cig} = \frac{SS_{cig}}{df_{cig}} = \frac{2.194}{2} = 1.097$$

$\Rightarrow$  (e) as above.

$$(ii) \quad SED(cigarettes) = \sqrt{\frac{2 \times MS_{Error}}{b}} = \sqrt{\frac{2 \times 0.0339}{6}} = 0.1063$$