

This **R** program explores testing for an apriori contrast. This data was taken from Walpole, Myers, Myers, *Probability and Statistics for Engineers and Scientists, 6th ed.*, Prentice Hall, 1998. Six samples of five different concrete aggregates were exposed to moisture for 48 hours and the absorbed water was measured. The question of interest today is whether the fourth aggregate differs from the others. This is an example of an apriori contrast. In this experimental design, multiple tests are not performed on the data which increase the chances of a type I error for one of them.

A statistic to indicate that the fourth aggregate performs differently than the others is

$$\theta = -\mu_1 - \mu_2 - \mu_3 + 4\mu_4 - \mu_5 = \sum_{i=1}^I c_i \mu_i$$

where the weights $\sum_{i=1}^I c_i = 0$. In a balanced design, where the same number J of replicates are tested for each factor level, the estimator is

$$\hat{\theta} = -\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2 - \bar{x}_3 + 4\bar{x}_4 - \bar{x}_5 = \sum_{i=1}^I c_i \bar{x}_i.$$

Because

$$V(\hat{\theta}) = V\left(\sum_{i=1}^I c_i \bar{x}_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^I c_i^2 V(\bar{x}_i) = \frac{\sigma^2}{J} \sum_{i=1}^I c_i^2$$

the α significance CI is given by

$$\sum_{i=1}^I c_i \bar{x}_i \pm t_{\alpha/2, I(J-1)} \sqrt{\frac{MSE \sum_{i=1}^I c_i^2}{J}}.$$

The data shows that there is significant evidence that $\theta \neq 0$.

The same contrast may be tested using the f -statistic. In this case, the contrast gives a sum of squares. The statistic

$$\frac{(\hat{\theta})^2}{\sigma_{\hat{\theta}}^2} = \frac{J \left(\sum_{i=1}^I c_i \bar{x}_i\right)^2}{\sigma^2 \sum_{i=1}^I c_i^2}$$

is a χ^2 -square random variable with one degree of freedom. Since $s^2 = MSE$ estimates the variance,

$$\frac{J(\hat{\theta})^2}{s_{\hat{\theta}}^2} = \frac{J \left(\sum_{i=1}^I c_i \bar{x}_i\right)^2}{MSE \sum_{i=1}^I c_i^2}$$

is f -distributed random variable with 1 and $I(J-1)$ degrees of freedom. It is equivalent to the t -statistic.

In entering the contrast, observe that the matrix $C = \text{contrast}(ag)$ has the desired contrast as the first column, and $I-2=3$ other orthonormal contrasts inserted in the other columns. Indeed, we check that $C^T C$ is the identity matrix except the upper left corner, which gives $\sum_{i=1}^I c_i^2$. To access the contrast sum square, the summary code for linear models is invoked instead of the summary for anova. The two tests are equivalent. They give the same p -value.

Finally, we plot the results of anova. This gives four diagnostic plots. The qq-normal plot shows points lining up along the 45°-line which shows that the standardized residuals seem to be normally distributed.

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> # Absorption data
> x=scan()
1: 551
2:
Read 1 item
> x=scan()
1: 551 595 639 417 563 457 580 615 449 631 450 508 511 517 522
16: 731 583 573 438 613 499 633 648 415 656 632 517 677 555 679
31:
Read 30 items
> matrix(x,ncol=5,byrow=T)
      [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4] [,5]
[1,] 551 595 639 417 563
[2,] 457 580 615 449 631
[3,] 450 508 511 517 522
[4,] 731 583 573 438 613
[5,] 499 633 648 415 656
[6,] 632 517 677 555 679

> Ag=rep(1:5,6);Ag
[1] 1 2 3 4 5 1 2 3 4 5 1 2 3 4 5 1 2 3 4 5 1 2 3 4 5
> ag=ordered(Ag)
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> tapply(x,ag,summary)
$`1`
  Min. 1st Qu.  Median    Mean 3rd Qu.    Max.
450.0  467.5   525.0   553.3  611.8   731.0

$`2`
  Min. 1st Qu.  Median    Mean 3rd Qu.    Max.
508.0  532.8   581.5   569.3  592.0   633.0

$`3`
  Min. 1st Qu.  Median    Mean 3rd Qu.    Max.
511.0  583.5   627.0   610.5  645.8   677.0

$`4`
  Min. 1st Qu.  Median    Mean 3rd Qu.    Max.
415.0  422.2   443.5   465.2  500.0   555.0

$`5`
  Min. 1st Qu.  Median    Mean 3rd Qu.    Max.
522.0  575.5   622.0   610.7  649.8   679.0

> plot(x~ag,main="Absorption of moisture in Concrete Aggregates",xlab="Aggregate")
>
> ##### ANALYSIS OV VARIANCE
>
> aov1 <- aov(x~ag);summary(aov1);anova(aov1)
      Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value    Pr(>F)
ag      4  85356 21339.1   4.3015 0.008752 **
Residuals 25 124020  4960.8
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Signif. codes:  0 *** 0.001 ** 0.01 * 0.05 . 0.1  1
Analysis of Variance Table

Response: x
      Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value    Pr(>F)
ag      4  85356 21339.1   4.3015 0.008752 **
Residuals 25 124020  4960.8
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Signif. codes:  0 *** 0.001 ** 0.01 * 0.05 . 0.1  1

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> ##### PLOT CANNED DIAGNOSTICS (FOUR PLOTS ON SAME PAGE)
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> layout(matrix(c(1,3,2,4),ncol=2))
> plot(aov1)
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> ### APRIORI CONTRAST: IS 4 SIG. DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHERS?
>
> contrasts(ag) <- cbind(c(-1,-1,-1,4,-1))
> contrasts(ag)
  [,1]      [,2]      [,3]      [,4]
1  -1 -4.172882e-01 -6.338305e-01 -4.172882e-01
2  -1 -2.834576e-01  7.676611e-01 -2.834576e-01
3  -1  8.503729e-01 -6.691527e-02 -1.496271e-01
4   4  2.775558e-17 -1.665335e-16  5.551115e-17
5  -1 -1.496271e-01 -6.691527e-02  8.503729e-01

> t(contrasts(ag)) %*% contrasts(ag)
      [,1]      [,2]      [,3]      [,4]
[1,] 2.000000e+01 3.330669e-16 -9.436896e-16 2.220446e-16
[2,] 3.330669e-16 1.000000e+00 -3.989864e-17 0.000000e+00
[3,] -9.436896e-16 -3.989864e-17 1.000000e+00 -7.632783e-17
[4,] 2.220446e-16 0.000000e+00 -7.632783e-17 1.000000e+00
> aov2 <- aov(x ~ ag);summary.lm(aov2)

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Call:

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aov(formula = x ~ ag)
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Residuals:

	Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
	-103.333	-49.667	3.417	43.375	177.667

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	561.800	12.859	43.688	< 2e-16 ***
ag1	-24.158	6.430	-3.757	0.000921 ***
ag2	35.499	28.754	1.235	0.228469
ag3	4.621	28.754	0.161	0.873622
ag4	35.666	28.754	1.240	0.226355

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 70.43 on 25 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.4077, Adjusted R-squared: 0.3129

F-statistic: 4.302 on 4 and 25 DF, p-value: 0.008752

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> anova(aov2)
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Analysis of Variance Table

Response: x

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
ag	4	85356	21339.1	4.3015	0.008752 **
Residuals	25	124020	4960.8		

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

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> ##### COMPUTE THE CI FOR THE CONTRAST FOR SEVERAL alpha's
>
> xbar=tapply(x,ag,mean);xbar
      1      2      3      4      5
553.3333 569.3333 610.5000 465.1667 610.6667
> contvec=c(-1,-1,-1,4,-1);contvec
[1] -1 -1 -1  4 -1
> SSc=sum(contvec^2);SSc
[1] 20
> thetahat=sum(contvec*xbar);thetahat
[1] -483.1667
> I=length(ag);I
[1] 30
> I=5;J=6;tcrit=qt(.025,I*(J-1),lower.tail=F);tcrit
[1] 2.059539
> MSE=mean(tapply(x,ag,var));MSE
[1] 4960.813
> c(thetahat-tcrit*sqrt(MSE*SSc/J),thetahat+tcrit*sqrt(MSE*SSc/J))
[1] -748.0080 -218.3253
> tcrit=qt(.005,I*(J-1),lower.tail=F);tcrit
[1] 2.787436
> c(thetahat-tcrit*sqrt(MSE*SSc/J),thetahat+tcrit*sqrt(MSE*SSc/J))
[1] -841.6102 -124.7232
> tcrit=qt(.0025,I*(J-1),lower.tail=F);tcrit
[1] 3.078199
> c(thetahat-tcrit*sqrt(MSE*SSc/J),thetahat+tcrit*sqrt(MSE*SSc/J))
[1] -879.00019 -87.33314
> tcrit=qt(.0005,I*(J-1),lower.tail=F);tcrit
[1] 3.725144
> c(thetahat-tcrit*sqrt(MSE*SSc/J),thetahat+tcrit*sqrt(MSE*SSc/J))
[1] -962.192434 -4.140899

>
>##### COMPUTE THE f-TEST FOR THIS CONTRAST
>
> SSttheta=J*thetahat^2/(SSc);SSttheta
[1] 70035.01
> f=SSttheta/MSE;f
[1] 14.11765
> pvalue=pf(f,1,25,lower.tail=F);pvalue
[1] 0.0009214009
> fcrit=qf(.001,1,25,lower.tail=F);fcrit
[1] 13.8767
>

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Absorption of moisture in Concrete Aggregates



