36-402/608 Homework #4 due 10:30AM 2/11

1. Pygmalion effect (40 points, 5 each)

Load the Sleuth's Pygmalion dataset (case1302.csv), which is the second featured case of Chapter 13, and is found on the Sleuth CD. Do the usual EDA to be sure you understand the form of the data. Let's use μ_C and μ_P to represent the population means of score for subjects exposed to control vs. "Pygmalion" treatment, and μ_{C1} through μ_{C10} to represent the population means of score for subjects in the 10 companies.

- (a) Turn in the R summary(aov()) table that allows you to retain the null hypothesis of no interaction between company and treatment in their effects on score.
- (b) Turn in the R summary(aov()) table that checks just the "block" effect of company. Turn in the null hypothesis of interest (formula or word format, being sure to refer to population not sample means), and state whether or not you have sufficient evidence to reject it.
- (c) Turn in the R summary(aov()) that tests for the additional effect of treatment after adjusting (correcting) for the effect of company (without interaction). Turn in the null hypothesis of interest and state whether or not you have sufficient evidence to reject it.
- (d) What is the best estimate of σ^2 , the within-group error variance, for the model in part c?
- (e) What is the p-value for treatment when it is put in the additive model before company?
- (f) Make a residual plot for the model from part c. Briefly state your conclusions reached from examining this plot.
- (g) Run qqn() (from http://www.stat.cmu.edu/ \sim hseltman/files/qqn.R) on the residuals from same model as part c, and briefly state your conclusions reached from examining this plot.
- (h) Why is the p-value from summary(aov(score~company+treat,pyg)) smaller than the p-value from summary(aov(score~treat,pyg)), and how does this relate to improving power? (Substitute your data.frame name for "pyg".)

2. Stepping and heart rate (45 points)

The study examined in this problem is about the effects of "stepping" exercise on heart rate (HR). Subjects were randomly assigned to two different heights of steps, and three different frequencies. Instructor differences may occur, so instructors were treated as blocks. (We will not use the "order" or "RestHR" variables.)

Load the data from "stepping.dat" using

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stp = read.table("stepping.dat", header=TRUE)
dim(stp) # 30 6
sapply(stp, class)
# Order Block Height Frequency RestHR HR
# "integer" "integer" "integer" "integer" "integer" "integer"
stp$Block = factor(stp$Block)
stp$Height = factor(stp$Height, labels=c("Low","High"))
stp$Frequency = factor(stp$Frequency, labels=c("Low","Med","High"))
summary(stp)
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- (a) Run with(stp, table(Height, Frequency, Block)) and turn in a statement of what you observe.
- (b) Make a similar table without Block, and turn in a statement of what you observed including either the term "balanced" or "unbalanced".
- (c) Run the additive 3-way ANOVA model for the HR outcome with all three explanatory factors. Try different orderings of the variables paying special attention to the SS values and F values (as an easier to read surrogate for the p-values). Explain the pattern when i) comparing Block+Frequency+Height to Frequency+Block+Height and ii) comparing Block+Frequency+Height to Block+Height+Frequency.
- (d) Taking any of the tables of part c, we can see the $df_W = 21$, $SS_W = 1169.2$, and $MS_W = 55.7$, where W stands for "within groups". Some programs include lines for Between Groups and Total. What would the values be for df_B , SS_B , df_T , and df_T , and df_T .
- (e) Logically the interaction to be most concerned about is that the effect of a change in step height on heart rate depends on (changes with) the specific level of treatment. Fit that model (including blocks as the first factor) and turn in the p-value for the interaction, and your conclusion about interaction.
- (f) When we have a term in a model that is not statistically significant, it is helpful to get a CI on the effect estimates to allow subject matter experts to determine whether a practically significant effect is likely.
 - We will examine whether the step height effect is statistically different for low vs. high frequency. First run

mi=aov(HR~Block+Frequency+Height+Frequency:Height, stp)
coefficients(mi)

to see the estimated coefficients. Next think carefully about how you would use the coefficients to calculate the expected HR for conditions FH&HH, FH&HL, FL&HH, and FL&HL, where, e.g., FH&HH means frequency is high and step height is high.

By examining the interaction plot, you can see that the quantity of interest is (FH&HH-FH&HL) - (FL&HH-FL&HL), which simplifies nicely in this case to $b_{FrequencyHigh:HeightHigh}$, with an estimate of 9.75. To make a CI, we need to get the standard error of this quantity, using either

sqrt(vcov(mi)["FrequencyHigh:HeightHigh", "FrequencyHigh:HeightHigh"]) or summary.lm(mi), which both give 6.163. The pertinent df is from the Residual line: 19. The "plus or minus" comes from qt(0.975, 19).

Give a careful statement about our confidence in the size of the interaction using the confidence interval (rounded to whole numbers) in a form that could be understood by an exercise physiologist. Start with "We are 95% confident that".

- (g) Turn in the R summary(aov()) table for the additive 3-way ANOVA model and your conclusions about whether or not step height and frequency have effects on heart rate.
- (h) The client asks for the following planned contrast hypotheses: to test whether the "high frequency heart rate differs from the average of the medium and low frequencies" and whether the "medium frequency heart rate differs from the low frequency." Using the additive model, construct the coefficients and carry out the contrast tests using fit.contrasts() in package "gmodels". Turn in the R code, the R output, and a brief summary of your conclusions, being sure to correctly explain the sign of any significant effect(s).
- (i) Explain why it does not make sense to construct contrasts for Height (hint: the answer is statistical, not from the subject matter.)

3. Writing exercise #1 (15 points) Turn this in on a separate non-stapled piece of paper with your name on it.

You are the statistician for the Institute of Global Oceanographic Research (IGOR). Your boss, Dr. Frankenstein, is an intelligent, but very busy woman who had only one statistics course 20 years ago. You must write a one page (one side only) executive report for her, summarizing how you analyzed the algal regrowth data and what you conclusions are. You may include any text, tables and graphs that you want, but she will not look beyond a single (one sided) report.

Your goal is to honestly explain what you found, and make certain that she will not get mad at you if someone else tells her some true additional details of your analysis

that you left out, and that she will not be embarrassed if she uses your report as part of a talk at a scientific meeting. Assume that she sees dozens of these reports a week, and can't remember the details of each study that she funded.

You should base your report on Breakout # 8 and the experimental description on page 375 of the Sleuth. You do not need not do any reanalysis of the data (though you may, if you like). You can use the code in HW4p3.R to regenerate all of the results in the breakout as an aid to generating tables and graphs.

This assignment will be graded on how well you choose the information to present based on what is most important, and how clearly you communicate the ideas (though you will not be penalized for grammar errors or other errors related to non-English first language).