# Unbalanced Designs & Quasi F-Ratios ANOVA for unequal n's, pooled variances, & other useful tools

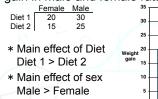
#### **Unequal n's**

Focus (so far) on Balanced Designs

- \* Equal n's in groups (CR-p and CRF-pq)
- \* Observation in every block (RB-p RBF-pq)
- What happens when cell n's are unequal?
  - \* Induce correlations between the factors
  - \* SS no longer independent • SS<sub>total</sub> is not clearly partitioned
    - ANOVA assumptions may not hold

## Unequal n's

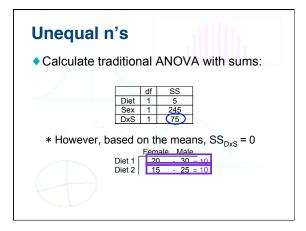
• Example: fake data from a study of the effects of two different diets on weight gain in male and female rats



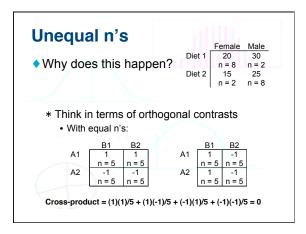




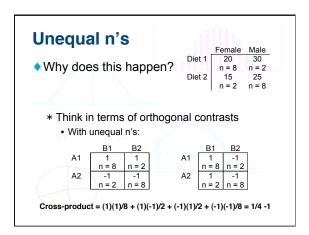




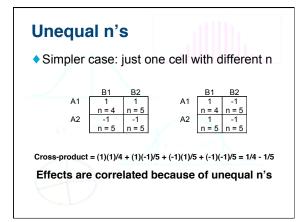




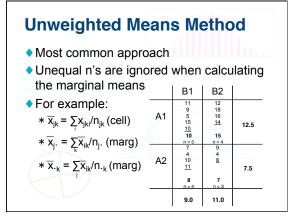




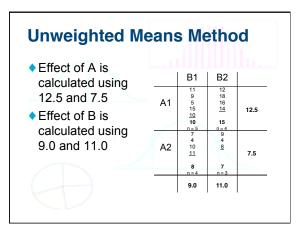




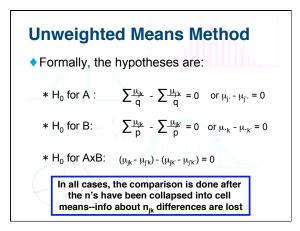














#### **Unweighted Means Method**

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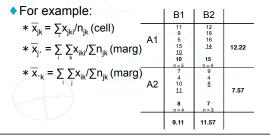
\* Analogous to semi-partial correlation

\* Remove induced correlations before calculating the SS for each effect

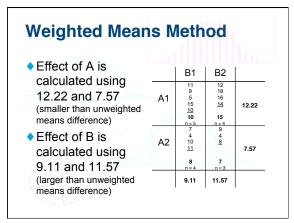
\* Reflect "unique" contributions of each effect

#### Weighted Means Method

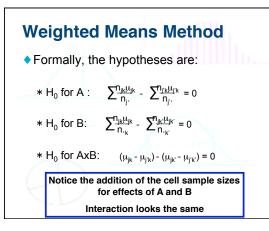
- Second most common approach
- Difference in n use to weight the means













- In regression terms, the SS for each effect is computed *before* all other effects have been removed from the model
  - \* Analogous to simple correlation
  - \* Induced correlations: variance from other effects are picked up by a given effect SS
  - \* No longer seeing the unique contributions

#### Weighted v Unweighted

- What do the differences in n's reflect?
  - \* Differences in reflect relative frequency of the conditions in the population: use weighted means
  - \* Differences due to some aspect of the treatment:
    - use weighted means
  - \* Otherwise, use unweighted means method • the differences carry no *real* meaning

#### Weighted v Unweighted

What leads to unequal n's?

- \* Patients versus controls
- \* Loss of observations due to difficulty of one condition relative to other conditions
- \* Loss of observations due to random choice of trial types
- \* Loss of observations due to technical difficulties
- \* Loss of participants

#### Weighted v Unweighted

- How do you identify the correct SS for weighted and unweighted models?
  - \* Different ways to calculate SS's for a model
    - Type I
    - Type II
    - Type III
  - \* Like regression, these methods are dependent on how you want to look at the contributions of each term in the model

### Type I SS

#### Hierarchical Decomposition

- $\ast$  Each term adjusted only for the terms that
- have already been entered in the model
- Weighted SS for the first term enteredSequential SS for the second term
- Correct SS for the interaction
- \* In SPSS: order matters
  - List variables in specific order

NOTE: run multiple times with each effect as the first variable and combine to get weighted means analysis

#### **Type II SS**

Factor Sequential

- \* Each term is adjusted for other effects that do not include that term in the model
- \* In SPSS: the two effects will be resolved without the contribution of each other.
- \* This gives you the sequential SS for your effects (as if each was the 2nd term)

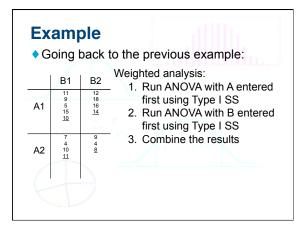
NOTE: this ends up being something in between a weighted and unweighted analysis.

#### Type III SS

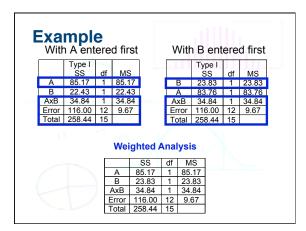
#### Unweighted Analysis

- \* Each term is adjusted for all relevant terms in the model
  - · Reflects unique contribution of each variable
- \* Gives you the unweighted SS for each effect and the correct interaction
- \* In SPSS: Type III is the default (but be sure to check!)

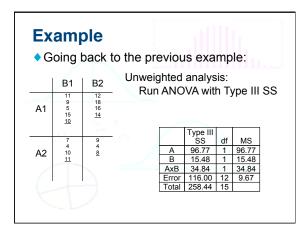
NOTE: Use this for unweighted analyses

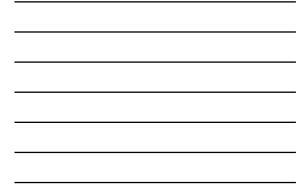


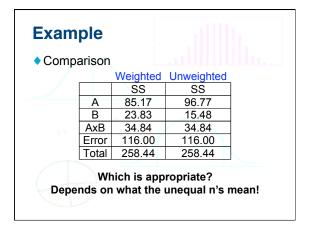


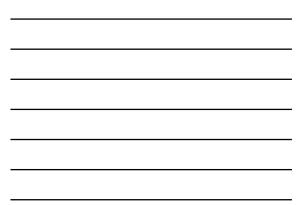










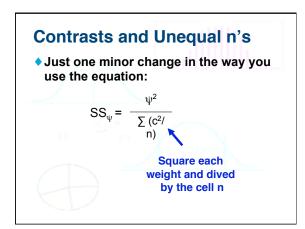


#### **Reporting Stats**

Be consistent:

match descriptive and inferential stats

- Weighted analysis:
  - \* Report weighted means
  - \* ANOVA values should be from weighted analysis (using Type I SS repeatedly)
- Unweighted analysis:
  - \* Report unweighted means
  - \* ANOVA values should be from unweighted
  - analysis (Type III SS)



#### ANOVA assumptions ≠ n's

- Most studies concerned with homogeneity of variance and normality (e.g., Milligan et al., 1987)
- Homogeneity of variance
  - \* Simulations paired various sample size patterns with various unequal variances
  - \* Result: unbalanced ANOVA is *very* sensitive to inhomogeneity
  - \* Type I error rates can be too high or too low depending on the exact mapping of variance to sample size

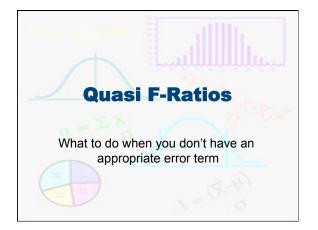
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Normality

- \* News is far more promising
- \* Unbalanced ANOVA is almost as robust to normality violations as a balanced ANOVA
- Upshot?
  - \* Worry about homogeneity of variance
  - \* Do not worry about normality
  - \* Better yet, try not to have unequal n's!

#### Interim summary

- Unequal n's happen
- To deal with them...
- \* Know why the n's are not equal
- \* Understand weighted v unweighted analyses
- Be consistent with your stats
- Be clear in your results sections



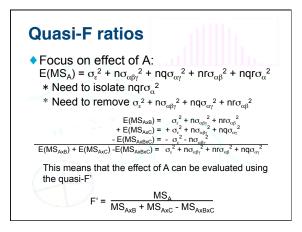
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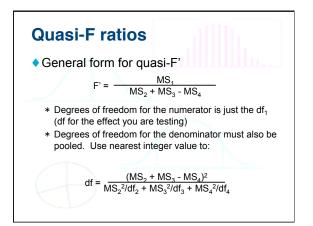
- Sometimes we do not have the error terms we need to assess certain effects in the model (think E[MS])
- We can "create" an F value that will test the effect by pooling the available values
- Pooling produces a "quasi-F" statistic
   \* F will have specific degrees of freedom
  - $\ast$  F can be used to assess significance

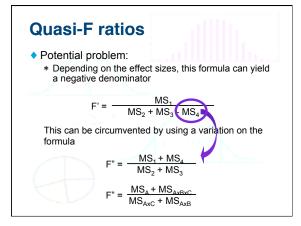
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Example	
* CRF-par.	A, B, and C as random effects
	E(MS)
A	$\sigma_{\epsilon}^{2} + n\sigma_{\alpha\beta\gamma}^{2} + nq\sigma_{\alpha\gamma}^{2} + nr\sigma_{\alpha\beta}^{2} + nqr\sigma_{\alpha}^{2}$
В	$\sigma_{\epsilon}^{2} + n\sigma_{\alpha\beta\gamma}^{2} + np\sigma_{\beta\gamma}^{2} + nr\sigma_{\alpha\beta}^{2} + npr\sigma_{\beta}^{2}$
С	$\sigma_{\epsilon}^{2} + n\sigma_{\alpha\beta\gamma}^{2} + np\sigma_{\beta\gamma}^{2} + nq\sigma_{\alpha\gamma}^{2} + npq\sigma_{\gamma}^{2}$
AxB	$\sigma_{a}^{2} + n\sigma_{a}^{2} + nr\sigma_{a}^{2}$
AxC	$\sigma_s^2 + n\sigma_{ab}^2 + nq\sigma_{ab}^2$
BxC	$\sigma_{\epsilon}^{2} + n\sigma_{\alpha\beta\gamma}^{2} + np\sigma_{\beta\gamma}^{2}$
AxBxC	$\sigma_{\epsilon}^2 + n\sigma_{\alpha\beta\gamma}^2$
Residual	$\sigma_{\epsilon}^2$
Which e	ffects can we test?

Q	uasi-F ratios	
E	Focus on effect of A: $f(MS_A) = \sigma_{\epsilon}^2 + n\sigma_{\alpha\beta\gamma}^2 + n$ * Need to isolate $nqr\sigma_{\alpha}^2$ * Need to remove $\sigma_{\epsilon}^2 + n$	
A B C AxB AxC BxC AxBxC Residual	$\begin{array}{c} E(MS) \\ \sigma_{t}^{2} + n\sigma_{ab}^{2} + nq\sigma_{a}^{2} + nr\sigma_{ab}^{2} + nq\sigma_{a}^{2} \\ \sigma_{t}^{2} + n\sigma_{ab}^{2} + np\sigma_{b}^{2} + n\sigma_{ab}^{2} + n\sigma_{ab}^{2} + n\sigma_{ab}^{2} \\ \sigma_{t}^{2} + n\sigma_{ab}^{2} + np\sigma_{b}^{2} + nq\sigma_{a}^{2} + nq\sigma_{a}^{2} \\ \sigma_{t}^{2} + n\sigma_{ab}^{2} + n\sigma_{ab}^{2} \\ \sigma_{t}^{2} + n\sigma_{ab}^{2} + n\sigma_{ab}^{2} \\ \sigma_{t}^{2} + n\sigma_{ab}^{2} + nq\sigma_{b}^{2} \\ \sigma_{c}^{2} + n\sigma_{ab}^{2} \\ \sigma_{c}^{2} + n\sigma_{ab}^{2} \\ \sigma_{c}^{2} \\ \sigma_{c}^{2$	Use combinations of other MS values e.g., E(MS <sub>AxB</sub> ) + E(MS <sub>AxC</sub> ) - E(MS <sub>AxBxC</sub> )

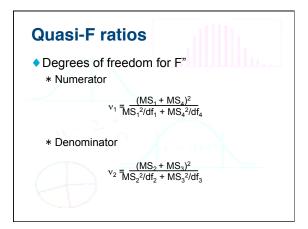


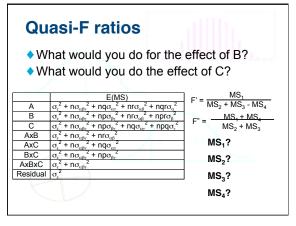




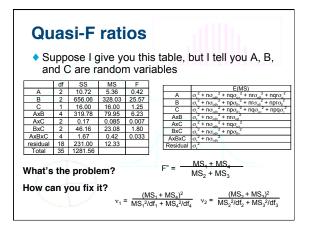




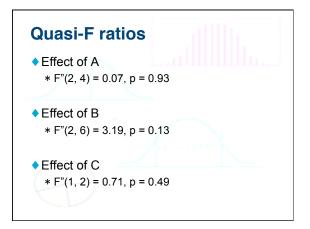












#### Quasi-F ratios

- Distribution of quasi-F values (F' or F")
   \* Not actually a central F
  - \* Central F is a good approximation of the distribution
- These principles can be used any time you need to figure out an error term, provided you can figure out E(MS) values

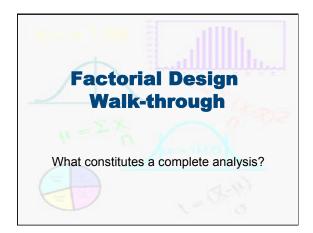
#### **Quasi-F ratios & Contrasts**

- How do you handle contrasts?
- No single clear approach
  - \* If you use the F', then the same denominator and df can be used for the contrasts.
  - \* Common approach: separate tests on subsets of data
- Quasi-F's for procedure
  - \* Justify ignoring irrelevant factors
  - \* Proceed with simpler model

#### Summary so far

 Weighted and unweighted analyses for unequal n's: know when to use them

- Quasi F ratios:
   \* F' or F"
  - \* Pay attention to kinds of effects you have!



#### What are the steps?

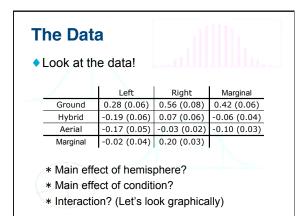
- Example: fMRI and spatial learning
  - \* All participants were scanned while learning three different environments
    - One from the ground-level perspective
    - One from the aerial perspective
    - One from a "hybrid" perspective (aerial-with-turns)
  - Want to know the effect of condition and hemisphere in the anterior superior parietal cortex (ROI defined from a previous study)

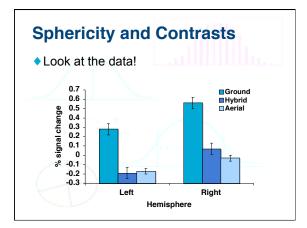
# Data & Predictions Data Extract percent signal change (relative to baseline) For each participant (n = 14)

In each condition (p = 3)
In each hemisphere (q = 2)

- \* Predictions
  - Ground vs. Aerial (replication)
  - Two alternatives for hybrid condition

    - » If not, ground > hybrid = aerial





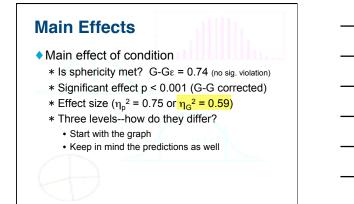


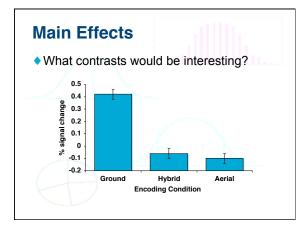
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Source	SS	d f	MS	F	G-G p
BLOCK	.458	13	0.035		
HEMI	1.072	1	1.072	15.36	.002
Error(HEMI)	0.908	13	0.070		
COND	4.658	2	2.329	38.59	<.001
Error(COND)	1.569	26	0.060		
HEMI * COND	0.075	2	0.038	1.215	.313
Error(HEMI*COND)	0.805	26	0.031		



#### **Main Effects**

- Step through each one systematically
- Main effect of hemisphere
  - \* Is sphericity met? NOT RELEVANT!
  - \* Significant effect p = 0.002
  - \* Effect size  $(\eta_p^2 = 0.54 \text{ or } \eta_G^2 = 0.25)$
  - \* Only two levels:
  - Conclude that right superior parietal cortex was more active than left superior parietal cortex



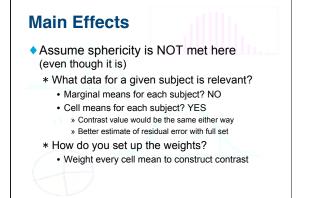


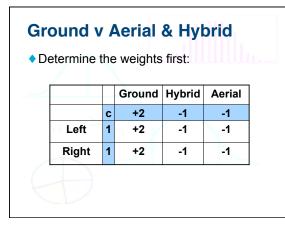
#### **Main Effects**

 Assume sphericity is NOT met here (even though it is)

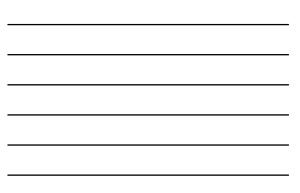
\* What data for a given subject is relevant?

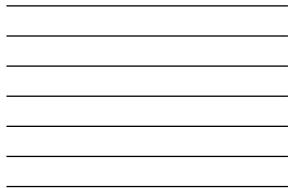
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2	0.20	-0.08	-0.26	0.73	0.14	0.11
3	0.36	-0.07	-0.03	0.75	-0.13	0.06
4	0.22	-0.10	-0.02	0.74	-0.01	-0.02
5	0.37	-0.09	-0.23	0.14	0.38	-0.01
6	0.36	-0.06	-0.25	0.28	0.05	-0.16
7	-0.16	-0.76	-0.09	0.82	0.14	0.09
8	0.58	-0.12	-0.03	0.44	0.09	-0.03
9	-0.04	0.04	-0.78	0.35	0.28	0.03
10	0.39	-0.21	-0.09	0.59	0.08	-0.08
11	0.57	-0.16	-0.17	0.72	-0.49	-0.17
12	0.58	-0.07	-0.09	0.72	0.24	-0.10
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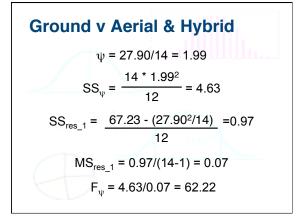




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12	0.58	-0.07	-0.09	0.72	0.24	-0.10	2.63	6.92
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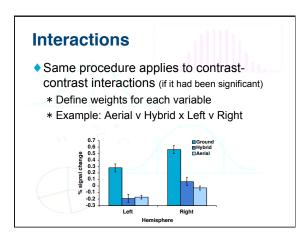


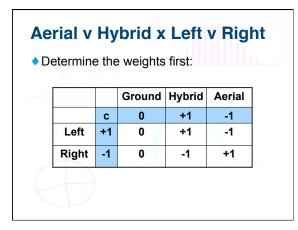


#### Ground v Aerial & Hybrid

All other aspects remain the same

- \* How much of the effect is accounted for?
  - % effect =  $SS_{\psi}/SS_{effect}$  = 4.63/4.66 = 0.99
  - Ground > Aerial & Hybrid
- \* Would we need to do more?• Not really
  - Only other interesting hypothesis from our prediction is Aerial v Hybrid, but there is no variance left for this contrast







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- Keep the big picture in mind
- Deal with effects separately
- Contrasts & sphericity
  - \* Use all of the subject data at the level it was entered into the ANOVA
  - \* Be VERY careful about:
    - ∑c²
    - Correct number of observations
  - \* All of this is easy in a spreadsheet or Matlab