

Follow-up tests for Mixed designs (some Grouping factors, and some within-subject factors)

An example with contrived data fictionalized from a paper by Surber & Gzesh, 1984, *Journal of Experimental Child Psychology*. The task is a two arm balance scale with a constant weight on one arm. On each trial a weight is placed at some distance on one side. The participant says where to put the constant weight on the other side in order to make the two arms balance. The task can be done without feedback by fixing the arms. Inhelder and Piaget used this device in their studies of the development of logical reasoning, and so did Robert Siegler. The others used a choice task, whereas Surber & Gzesh had a continuous measure. The expectation is that there will be developmental differences in use of the Weight and Distance cues to make the scale balance. These developmental differences should show up as significant Grade x Wt or Grade x Dist interactions. Siegler claimed that children start by attending first to the #weights, then later learn to attend to distance, and finally combine them in the proper way. Siegler's choice task was insensitive to the difference between adding weight and distance versus multiplying. By using the continuous response measure, Surber & Gzesh had a better test of the multiplying model for subjective combination of weight and distance.

The grouping variables are Grade and Gender, and the trial factors are Weight(2) and Distance (3).

P	grade	gend	Weight 1			Weight 2		
			D1	D2	D3	D1	D2	D3
1	1	1	1	1	2	2	3	5
2	1	1	1	2	2	3	4	6
3	1	1	3	4	4	2	5	5
4	1	2	2	3	2	4	6	7
5	1	2	1	3	3	4	5	4
6	1	2	2	2	3	5	6	7
7	2	1	3	3	5	4	7	8
8	2	1	1	1	3	3	8	7
9	2	1	2	2	4	3	5	7
10	2	2	3	4	5	3	5	7
11	2	2	1	2	4	2	5	6
12	2	2	1	3	5	2	6	8

1. The overall anova (from my 'legacy' DOS software, BMDP): Because Grade and Gender both begin with G, I named Grade "radeg" (moved the first letter to end). We have sig main effects of Weight and Distance, and a Weight x Dist interaction. Then there are significant interactions of Grade x Gender x Weight, Distance x Grade.

SOURCE	SUM OF SQUARES	D. F.	MEAN SQUARE	F	TAIL PROB.
MEAN	1027.55556	1	1027.55556	435.20	0.0000
radeg (grade)	8.00000	1	8.00000	3.39	0.1029
gend	1.38889	1	1.38889	0.59	0.4651
rg	4.50000	1	4.50000	1.91	0.2048
1 ERROR	18.88889	8	2.36111		
w	102.72222	1	102.72222	71.12	0.0000
wr	0.05556	1	0.05556	0.04	0.8494
wg	0.00000	1	0.00000	0.00	1.0000
wrg	8.00000	1	8.00000	5.54	0.0464
2 ERROR	11.55556	8	1.44444		
dist	78.69444	2	39.34722	92.89	0.0000
dr	9.25000	2	4.62500	10.92	0.0010
dg	0.19444	2	0.09722	0.23	0.7975
drg	1.75000	2	0.87500	2.07	0.1592
3 ERROR	6.77778	16	0.42361		
wd	10.02778	2	5.01389	13.13	0.0004
wdr	2.69444	2	1.34722	3.53	0.0538
wdg	1.08333	2	0.54167	1.42	0.2710
wdrdrg	0.75000	2	0.37500	0.98	0.3961
4 ERROR	6.11111	16	0.38194		

SOURCE	GREENHOUSE GEISSER PROB.	HUYNH FELDT PROB.
dist	0.0000	0.0000
dr	0.0016	0.0010
dg	0.7767	0.7975
drg	0.1649	0.1592
wd	0.0005	0.0004
wdr	0.0559	0.0538
wdg	0.2714	0.2710
wdrdrg	0.3942	0.3961

2A. Interaction contrast on the within factors. If the task is done correctly, then the W_t x Dist interaction should be Linear x Linear.

Step 1: Generate contrast coeff's

Step 2: Apply contrast coeff's to indiv data, find ψ -hats for individuals.

Step 3: Analyze the ψ -hats in a Grade x Gender between-groups anova. The W -linear x D-linear is the test of the grand mean.

Step 1: generate contrast coefficients by multiplying them together:

		D1	D2	D3
		-1	0	1
W1	1	-1	0	1
W2	-1	1	0	-1

Step 2: Multiply contrast coefficients x the individual data to make individual psi-hats.

grade	gender	psi-hat
1	1	-2
1	1	-2
1	1	-2
1	2	-3
1	2	2
1	2	-1
2	1	-2
2	1	-2
2	1	-2
2	2	-2
2	2	-1
2	2	-2

Step 3: Analyze the psi-hats in a between group 2 way between-participants anova. This gives the error term we need. It is a partitioned error. Notice that we have 8 df for error for this test, whereas in the original anova there were 16 df for error.

The test of the grand mean is significant – this says the W-linear x D-linear interaction is significant.

We need to normalize the SS to make sure it is part of the SS WxD in the original anova. $\sum c_j^2 = 4$. So proper SS is $30.0833/4 = 7.521$. This is a pretty good proportion of the SS W x D from the original anova: $7.521/10.028 = .75$. We can also normalize the SS error = $13.3333 / 4 = 3.3333$.

DEPENDENT VARIABLE - LxL

SOURCE	SUM OF SQUARES	D.F.	MEAN SQUARE	F	TAIL PROB.
→ MEAN	30.08333	1	30.08333	18.05	0.0028
radeg (grade)	0.75000	1	0.75000	0.45	0.5212
gend	2.08333	1	2.08333	1.25	0.2960
rg	0.75000	1	0.75000	0.45	0.5212
1 ERROR	13.33333	8	1.66667		

Other things to note:

- The Grade effect in this anova is the Grade x Wt-linear x Dist-linear interaction contrast (yes, a 3-way interaction contrast).
- The Gender effect is the Gender x Wt-linear x Dist-linear interaction contrast (also a 3-way interaction contrast)
- The Grade x Gender effect is the Grade x Gender x Wt-linear x Dist-linear interaction contrast (a 4-way interaction contrast).

-- If there are more than two levels of the Grouping factors, then these effects would be called ‘partial interactions’, which are no longer covered in this course.

2B. Test of the residual from the interaction contrast. SS_{resid} from $W \times D = 10.028 - 7.521 = 2.507$. Because $W \times D$ has 2 df, we can also subtract the to make a residual error $SS = 6.1111 - 3.3333 = 2.7778$. So the residual $F = 2.507 / (2.7778 / 8) = 7.220$. This has $df = 1, 8$. The residual is also significant, $p = 0.028$. My interpretation would be that the results deviate from the multiplying form predicted by correct task understanding. Plot the means to see that.

3. Interaction contrast across a Grouping x Within factor: Grade x Dist-linear. This would test whether Grades 1 and 2 differ in the linear trend on Distance; i.e., it looks for developmental change in use of the Distance cue (but only in the linear trend of it). To do this, we want to average over the Wt factor.

Step 1: generate contrast coefficients

Step 2: apply contrast coefficients to individual data, and make a table of psi-hats.

Step 3: analyze the psi-hats in a

Step 1: The linear contrast coeff's are $1 \ 0 \ -1$. Because this contrast averages across the Weight factor, we can either make individual means over the weight factor, or we can make a 'stretched out' set of contrast coefficients, $1 \ 0 \ -1 \ 1 \ 0 \ -1$, and apply those. We apply the coeff's to the individual data because part of the contrast involves a within-participants factor.

Step 2: Here are the individual psi-hats, with the codes for the grouping factors:

grade	gender	D-linear psi-hat
1	1	-4
1	1	-4
1	1	-4
1	2	-3
1	2	-2
1	2	-3
2	1	-6
2	1	-6
2	1	-6
2	2	-6
2	2	-7
2	2	-10

Step 3: Do a 2-way between-participants anova on the psi-hats. The test of the Mean tests overall D-linear. The Grade ('randeg') effect is Grade x D-linear, and is what we are looking for. It is significant. Grade 2 has a stronger Distance-linear trend than Grade 1. Standardize the SS's by dividing by $\sum c_j^2 = 4$. $SS_{D-linear} = 310.0833 / 4 = 77.521$. This is a very large portion of the $SS_{D-linear}$ in original anova = 78.694. $SS_{Grade \times D-linear} = 36.75 / 4 = 9.1875$. This is part of Grade x Dist in the original anova, which had $SS = 9.25$. Most of the Grade x Dist interaction is linear on Distance.

SOURCE	SUM OF SQUARES	D.F.	MEAN SQUARE	F	TAIL PROB.
MEAN	310.08333	1	310.08333	265.79	0.0000
→ radeg (grade)	36.75000	1	36.75000	31.50	0.0005
gend	0.08333	1	0.08333	0.07	0.7960
rg	6.75000	1	6.75000	5.79	0.0428
1 ERROR	9.33333	8	1.16667		

Note that you could also test D-linear on the grades separately and ask “Is linear trend on D significant for Grade 1?” and “Is linear trend on D significant for Grade 2”? But this test is more straight-forward.

4. Simple main effect of Grouping factor @ each level of a within factor.

To do this, just use the data from the one level of the within factor. Let’s test Grade@Distance-1. I took only the Distance-1 data (with the two Weights). Here is the result: The test of Grade (‘randeg’) tests Grade@Dist-1. Notice that the error df is the same as in the overall anova, **BUT** the SS is different. This is because we are partitioning the error by only taking part of the data. The df is partitioned too (see below on ‘partition’).

I did all 3 simple effect tests here. We see that the Grade effect is only significant at Distance-3. This fits with the Grade x D-linear interaction. The slopes are different, so the means need not differ at all points. Plot the data and see.

Grade @ Distance-1

DEPENDENT VARIABLE - w1d1		w2d1				
SOURCE		SUM OF SQUARES	D.F.	MEAN SQUARE	F	TAIL PROB.
MEAN		140.16667	1	140.16667	152.91	0.0000
→ radeg (grade)		0.16667	1	0.16667	0.18	0.6811
gend		0.16667	1	0.16667	0.18	0.6811
rg		4.16667	1	4.16667	4.55	0.0656
1 ERROR		7.33333	8	0.91667		
W		10.66667	1	10.66667	25.60	0.0010
Wr		0.66667	1	0.66667	1.60	0.2415
Wg		0.66667	1	0.66667	1.60	0.2415
Wrg		2.66667	1	2.66667	6.40	0.0353
2 ERROR		3.33333	8	0.41667		

Grade @ Distance-2

DEPENDENT VARIABLE - w1d2		w2d2				
SOURCE		SUM OF SQUARES	D. F.	MEAN SQUARE	F	TAIL PROB.
MEAN		376.04167	1	376.04167	291.13	0.0000
radeg	(grade)	2.04167	1	2.04167	1.58	0.2441
gend		1.04167	1	1.04167	0.81	0.3954
rg		2.04167	1	2.04167	1.58	0.2441
1	ERROR	10.33333	8	1.29167		
W		51.04167	1	51.04167	58.33	0.0001
Wr		2.04167	1	2.04167	2.33	0.1651
Wg		0.37500	1	0.37500	0.43	0.5311
Wrg		5.04167	1	5.04167	5.76	0.0432
2	ERROR	7.00000	8	0.87500		

Grade @ Distance-3

DEPENDENT VARIABLE - w1d3		w2d3				
SOURCE		SUM OF SQUARES	D. F.	MEAN SQUARE	F	TAIL PROB.
MEAN		590.04167	1	590.04167	590.04	0.0000
radeg	(grade)	15.04167	1	15.04167	15.04	0.0047
gend		0.37500	1	0.37500	0.37	0.5573
rg		0.04167	1	0.04167	0.04	0.8434
1	ERROR	8.00000	8	1.00000		
W		51.04167	1	51.04167	55.68	0.0001
Wr		0.04167	1	0.04167	0.05	0.8365
Wg		0.04167	1	0.04167	0.05	0.8365
Wrg		1.04167	1	1.04167	1.14	0.3175
2	ERROR	7.33333	8	0.91667		

Verify the partition. This helps me think about the analyses.

$\sum SS$ for the grade effects in these 3 simple effect tests = $.167 + 2.042 + 15.042 = 17.251$, which is SS_r (or grade) + SS_{dxr} in the original anova = $8.00 + 9.25$.

The $\sum SS_{error}$ for testing grade in the 3 analyses = $7.333 + 10.3333 + 8.000 = 25.667$.

This is $SS_{s/rg} + SS_{s/rg \times d} = 18.889 + 6.778$, the error terms for grade and grade x dist in the original omnibus anova. The $\sum df_{error}$ for these three tests of the grade effects = 24. This is the sum of the df_{error} for the grade effect, $s/rg = 8$, and the df_{error} for Distance, $s/rg \times D = 16$.

5. Simple main effect of a Within factor @ each level of a grouping factor.

Let's test Distance @ Grade 1, and Distance @ Grade 2. I used just the data from Grade 1, then just the data from Grade 2, in separate anovas. These also test Weight @ Grade, and $W \times D$ @ Grade, and Gender @ Grade. Normally we wouldn't partition error for the Gender @ Grade test because it involves only the Grouping variables. You could use the original error term from the overall anova with a hand calculation for that.

Results show that the Distance effect is significant at both Grades. The interesting part (from the point of view of the original purpose of the study) is that the $W \times D$ interaction is signif for Grade 2 but not for Grade 1. Plot the data!

Distance @ Grade 1

DEPENDENT VARIABLE - w1d1						
	w1d2	w1d3	w2d1	w2d2	w2d3	
SOURCE	SUM OF SQUARES	D.F.	MEAN SQUARE	F	TAIL PROB.	
MEAN	427.11111	1	427.11111	187.51	0.0002	
gend	5.44444	1	5.44444	2.39	0.1970	
1 ERROR	9.11111	4	2.27778			
W	49.00000	1	49.00000	29.40	0.0056	
Wg	4.00000	1	4.00000	2.40	0.1963	
2 ERROR	6.66667	4	1.66667			
Dist	17.55556	2	8.77778	24.31	0.0004	
Dg	0.88889	2	0.44444	1.23	0.3420	
3 ERROR	2.88889	8	0.36111			
WD	2.66667	2	1.33333	2.67	0.1296	
WDg	0.66667	2	0.33333	0.67	0.5398	
4 ERROR	4.00000	8	0.50000			

SOURCE	GREENHOUSE GEISSER PROB.	HUYNH FELDT PROB.
Dist	0.0059	0.0014
Dg	0.3320	0.3395
WD	0.1533	0.1296
WDg	0.5038	0.5398

Distance @ Grade 2

DEPENDENT VARIABLE - w1d1						
	w1d2	w1d3	w2d1	w2d2	w2d3	
SOURCE	SUM OF SQUARES	D.F.	MEAN SQUARE	F	TAIL PROB.	
MEAN	608.44444	1	608.44444	248.91	0.0001	
gend	0.44444	1	0.44444	0.18	0.6918	
1 ERROR	9.77778	4	2.44444			
W	53.77778	1	53.77778	44.00	0.0027	
Wg	4.00000	1	4.00000	3.27	0.1447	
2 ERROR	4.88889	4	1.22222			
Dist	70.38889	2	35.19444	72.40	0.0000	
Dg	1.05556	2	0.52778	1.09	0.3827	
3 ERROR	3.88889	8	0.48611			
WD	10.05556	2	5.02778	19.05	0.0009	
WDg	1.16667	2	0.58333	2.21	0.1721	
4 ERROR	2.11111	8	0.26389			

SOURCE	GREENHOUSE	HUYNH
	GEISSER PROB.	FELDT PROB.
Dist	0.0000	0.0000
Dg	0.3797	0.3827
WD	0.0081	0.0019
WDg	0.2053	0.1828

Verify the Partition so we understand what we did.

- a) The **between-participants** part of the design:
 - i. $\sum SS_{\text{Error for gender@grade}} = 9.111 + 9.778 = 18.889 = SS_{\text{s/rg}}$ in omnibus anova. $\sum df_{\text{error for gender@grade}} = 4 + 4 = 8$, the df_{error} for the between part of the analysis in the original anova.
 - ii. $\sum SS_{\text{gender}} = 5.444 + .444 = 5.888 = SS_{\text{gend}} + SS_{\text{gradexgend}}$ in omnibus anova. When we divide the data by Grade, we are essentially doing simple effect tests of Gender@Grade.

- b) Weight, a **within**-participant variable:
 - i. $\sum SS_{\text{Error for W@grade}} = 6.667 + 4.889 = 11.556 = SS_{\text{Error for weight (s/rg x w)}}$ in omnibus anova. $\sum df_{\text{error for W @grade}} = 4 + 4 = df_{\text{error for weight}}$ in omnibus.
 - ii. $\sum SS_{\text{weight@grade}} = 49.0 + 53.778 = 102.778 = SS_{\text{weight}} + SS_{\text{weight x grade}}$ in omnibus anova = $102.7222 + .0556$.

- c) Distance
 - i. $\sum SS_{\text{Error for D@grade}} = 2.889 + 3.889 = 6.778 = SS_{\text{Error for distance (s/rg x d)}}$ in the omnibus anova. And the df 's add up properly too.
 - ii. $\sum SS_{\text{distance@grade}} = 17.556 + 70.389 = 87.945 = SS_{\text{dist}} + SS_{\text{dist x grade}}$ in omnibus anova = $78.694 + 9.250$.

- d) Within x Between partitions
 - i. Weight x gender in the simple effect analyses here sum to weight x grade x gender + weight x gender in the omnibus anova (it so happens that one of these values is zero for these contrived data).
 - ii. Dist x gender in the simple effects sum to dist x grade x gender + dist x gender in the omnibus anova.

Stop and think: Do we want partitioned error for these tests? Remember, any test that involves a within-participant (repeated measures) factor should probably use a partitioned error. Partitioned error reduces the scope over which the sphericity assumption must hold.