Automatic report for a Randomized Complete Block Design (RCBD)

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# 1. Model specification and data description

Data from 4 Treatments have been evaluated using a randomize complete block design with 2 blocks. The statistical model is

$$y\_{ij}=μ+τ\_{i}+β\_{j}+ϵ\_{ij}$$

where

* $y\_{ij}$ is the observed response with Treatment $i$ and block $j$.
* $μ$ is the mean response over all Treatments and blocks.
* $τ\_{i}$ is the effect for Treatment $i$.
* $β\_{j}$ is the effect for block $j$.
* $ϵ\_{ij}$ is the error term.

In this model we assume that the errors are independent and have a normal distribution with common variance, that is, $ϵ\_{ij}∼N(0,σ\_{ϵ}^{2})$.

# 2. Analysis for trait rice\_grain\_moisture\_content\_1000\_grain\_percent\_1

## 2.1. Exploratory analysis

It is always good to have some visualization of your data. Below a histogram and a boxplot are shown.

# Keep a copy of full data
mydata.full <- mydata
# Get means for subsampling
mydata <- st4gi::docomp("mean", trait, c(treatment, experimental.unit), rep, mydata)

par(mfrow = c(1, 2))
hist(mydata$trait)
boxplot(mydata$trait)



Since the number of Treatments in your experiment is not so large, we can plot the data for each Treatment:

st4gi::msdplot(trait, treatment, mydata, conf = 1, pch = 4)



## 2.2. ANOVA

You have fitted a linear model for a RCBD. The ANOVA table for your model is:

at <- aov.rcbd(trait, treatment, rep, mydata)
# Anova table
at

Analysis of Variance Table

Response: "rice\_grain\_moisture\_content\_1000\_grain\_percent\_1"
 Df Sum Sq Mean Sq F value Pr(>F)
treatment 3 2.375 0.79167 0.2836 0.8359
block 1 1.125 1.12500 0.4030 0.5707
Residuals 3 8.375 2.79167

The coefficient of variation for this experiment is 6.585%. The p-value for Treatments is 0.8359 which is not significant at the 5% level.

## 2.3. Assumptions

Don’t forget the assumptions of the model. It is supposed that the errors are independent with a normal distribution and with the same variance for all the Treatments. The following plots can help you evaluate this:

par(mfrow = c(1, 2))
plot(model, which = 1)
plot(model, which = 2)



Any trend in the residuals in the left plot would violate the assumption of independence while a trend in the variability of the residuals –for instance a funnel shape– suggests heterogeneity of variances. Departures from the theoretical normal line on the right plot are symptoms of lack of normality.

## 2.4. Treatment means

Because the effect of Treatments was not significant in the ANOVA, multiple comparison tests are not presented. The means of your Treatments are:

tapply(mydata$trait.est, mydata$treatment, mean, na.rm = TRUE)

 B1\_/\_Basin\_irrigation B1\_/\_Surface\_irrigation B2\_/\_Border\_irrigation
 25.5 24.5 25.5
B2\_/\_Surface\_irrigation
 26.0

## 2.5. Variance components

Below are the variance components for this model, under the assumption that Treatments and blocks are random. Here the model is fitted using REML and missing values are not estimated.

model <- lme4::lmer(trait ~ (1|treatment) + (1|rep), data = mydata)
vc <- data.frame(lme4::VarCorr(model))
vc[, c(1, 4, 5)]

boundary (singular) fit: see ?isSingular

 Variance Std.Dev.
treatment 0.000000 0.00000
block 0.000000 0.00000
Residual 1.696429 1.30247