

## Latin square design

Situation: two blocking variables; limited supply of experimental units or experimental capacity. The Latin square is a form of **incomplete block design**, in which each block receives less than  $t$  treatments

- ex.** Manufacturing process; treatments A, B, C  
Three operators (1, 2, 3): Blocking var 1  
Three days of the week (M, W, F): Blocking var 2

Each operator/day combination is a block.

In the following Latin square setup, each block receives only one treatment!

	M	W	F
1	B	A	C
2	A	C	B
3	C	B	A

Note that each treatment appears once in every row and once in every column

A  $t \times t$  Latin square design has  $t$  rows and  $t$  columns. There are  $t$  treatments; each treatment appears once in every row, and once in every column. Experimental units are assigned at random; or, a Latin square is picked at random from all possible  $t \times t$  Latin squares.

**Model:** Let  $Y_{ij}$  be the observation in the  $i$ th row,  $j$ th col, which has arisen from the  $k$ th treatment.

$$Y_{ij} = \mu + \alpha_k + \beta_i + \gamma_j + \epsilon_{ij}$$

Here  $\mu$  is the overall mean,  $\alpha_k$  is the effect of the  $k$ th treatment ( $\sum \alpha_k = 0$ ),  $\beta_i$  is the effect of the  $i$ th row ( $\sum \beta_i = 0$ ),  $\gamma_j$  is the effect of the  $j$ th col ( $\sum \gamma_j = 0$ ), and  $\epsilon_{ij} \sim \text{normal}(0, \sigma^2)$ .

The design is balanced, so the blocking variables and the treatments are orthogonal; formulas for the parameter estimates are:

$$\hat{\alpha}_k = \bar{y}_k - \bar{y}.. \quad \hat{\beta}_i = \bar{y}_{i.} - \bar{y}.. \quad \hat{\gamma}_j = \bar{y}_{.j} - \bar{y}..$$

$$\text{SS}(\text{treatment}) = t \sum_{k=1}^t (\bar{y}_k - \bar{y}..)^2$$

$$\text{SS}(\text{row}) = t \sum_{i=1}^t (\bar{y}_{i.} - \bar{y}..)^2$$

$$\text{SS}(\text{col}) = t \sum_{j=1}^t (\bar{y}_{.j} - \bar{y}..)^2$$

$$\text{SS}(\text{error}) = \sum_{i=1}^t \sum_{j=1}^t \left[ y_{ij} - \left( \mu + \hat{\alpha}_k + \hat{\beta}_i + \hat{\gamma}_j \right) \right]^2$$

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{\text{SS}(\text{error})}{(t-1)(t-1)}$$

**AOV table:**

Source	SS	df	MS	$F$
row	SS(row)	$t - 1$	$\frac{SS(\text{row})}{t-1}$	$\frac{MS(\text{row})}{MS(\text{error})}$
col	SS(col)	$t - 1$	$\frac{SS(\text{col})}{t-1}$	$\frac{MS(\text{col})}{MS(\text{error})}$
trt	SS(trt)	$t - 1$	$\frac{SS(\text{trt})}{t-1}$	$\frac{MS(\text{trt})}{MS(\text{error})}$
error	SS(error)	$(t - 1)(t - 1)$	$\frac{SS(\text{error})}{(t-1)(t-1)}$	
total	SS(total)	$t^2 - 1$		