

Statistical Methods

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Topics

1 Three-Factor ANOVA

Objectives

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- State the treatment effects version of the three-factor ANOVA model when $L > 1$.
- Carry out three-factor ANOVA F tests for the interaction effects and main effects of Factors A, B, and C when $L > 1$.
- Interpret the two- and three-factor interaction effects and main effects in the three-factor ANOVA model.
- Interpret residuals and fitted values.
- Use residuals to check normality and constant standard deviation assumptions.

Three-Factor ANOVA

- Sometimes we'll want to simultaneously test for the effects of **three** factors.

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The data are in a three-dimensional table on the next slide.

Factor B: Radar System**Radar System 1** ($j = 1$)**Factor C: Aircraft**

		Aircraft 1 ($k = 1$)	Aircraft 2 ($k = 2$)
Factor A: Time	Day ($i = 1$)	49.21	55.11
		49.37	57.44
	Night ($i = 2$)	47.12	54.75
		50.68	55.80

Radar System 2 ($j = 2$)**Factor C: Aircraft**

		Aircraft 1 ($k = 1$)	Aircraft 2 ($k = 2$)
Factor A: Time	Day ($i = 1$)	49.22	47.97
		49.57	47.75
	Night ($i = 2$)	49.56	51.56
		49.62	50.52

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Radar System 3 ($j = 3$)

		Factor C: Aircraft	
		Aircraft 1 ($k = 1$)	Aircraft 2 ($k = 2$)
Factor A: Time	Day ($i = 1$)	51.90 50.00	48.27 51.93
	Night ($i = 2$)	48.60 50.75	53.74 50.99

Radar System 4 ($j = 4$)

		Factor C: Aircraft	
		Aircraft 1 ($k = 1$)	Aircraft 2 ($k = 2$)
Factor A: Time	Day ($i = 1$)	56.96 52.95	51.11 47.87
	Night ($i = 2$)	53.39 54.41	48.08 49.80

- Each **combination** of levels of the **three** factors is referred to as a **group** (e.g. a **treatment group** in an experiment).

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I = The numbers of levels of Factor A.

J = The numbers of levels of Factor B.

K = The numbers of levels of Factor C.

L = The number of observations (common sample size) in each of the IJK treatment groups.

X_{ijkl} = The l th observation at the i th level of Factor A, j th level of Factor B, and k th level of Factor C.

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$\bar{X}....$ = The **grand mean** of all $IJKL$ observations.

$\bar{X}_{i...}$ = The **Factor A level mean** of all observations at level i of Factor A.

$\bar{X}_{.j..}$ = The **Factor B level mean** of all observations at level j of Factor B.

$\bar{X}_{..k.}$ = The **Factor C level mean** of all observations at level k of Factor C.

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$\bar{X}_{i.k.}$ = The mean of all observations at level i of Factor A and k of Factor C.

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$\bar{X}_{ijk.}$ = The **group mean** of the observations in the i, j, k th group.

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The Three-Factor ANOVA Model

- When $L > 1$, we use a model that has parameters representing the **effects** of the **three** factors as well as their **interactions**.

Three-Factor ANOVA Model (Full Model):

$$X_{ijkl} = \mu + \alpha_i + \beta_j + \delta_k + \gamma_{ij}^{AB} + \gamma_{ik}^{AC} + \gamma_{jk}^{BC} + \gamma_{ijk}^{ABC} + \epsilon_{ijkl},$$

where

μ is a constant called the **true grand mean**.

α_i is the **effect** of the i th level of **Factor A**.

β_j is the **effect** of the j th level of **Factor B**.

δ_k is the **effect** of the k th level of **Factor C**.

γ_{ij}^{AB} is the **two-factor interaction effect** for the i th level of **Factor A** and j th level of **Factor B**.

γ_{ik}^{AC} is the **two-factor interaction effect** for the i th level of **Factor A** and k th level of **Factor C**.

γ_{jk}^{BC} is the **two-factor interaction effect** for the j th level of **Factor B** and k th level of **Factor C**.

γ_{ijk}^{ABC} is the **three-factor interaction effect** for the i th level of **Factor A**, j th level of **Factor B**, and k th level of **Factor C**.

ϵ_{ijkl} are iid $N(0, \sigma)$ **random errors**.

(More formal definitions on the next slide.)

- More formally, let

μ_{ijk} = The **population mean** for the i th level of **Factor A**, j th level of **Factor B**, and k th level of **Factor C**.

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Then the **true grand mean** is:

$$\mu = \frac{\sum_i \sum_j \sum_k \mu_{ijk}}{IJK},$$

and the **Factor A, B, and C effects** are:

$$\alpha_i = \mu_{i..} - \mu, \quad \beta_j = \mu_{.j.} - \mu, \quad \text{and} \quad \delta_k = \mu_{..k} - \mu,$$

where the **true Factor A, B, and C levels means**, $\mu_{i..}$, $\mu_{.j.}$ and $\mu_{..k}$, are defined as:

$$\mu_{i..} = \frac{\sum_j \sum_k \mu_{ijk}}{JK}, \quad \mu_{.j.} = \frac{\sum_i \sum_k \mu_{ijk}}{IK}, \quad \text{and} \quad \mu_{..k} = \frac{\sum_i \sum_j \mu_{ijk}}{IJ}.$$

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The **two-factor interaction effects** are defined as:

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma_{ij}^{AB} &= \mu_{ij.} - (\mu + \alpha_i + \beta_j) \\ &= \mu_{ij.} - \mu_{i..} - \mu_{.j.} + \mu,\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma_{ik}^{AC} &= \mu_{i.k} - (\mu + \alpha_i + \delta_k) \\ &= \mu_{i.k} - \mu_{i..} - \mu_{..k} + \mu,\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma_{jk}^{BC} &= \mu_{.jk} - (\mu + \beta_j + \delta_k) \\ &= \mu_{.jk} - \mu_{.j.} - \mu_{..k} + \mu,\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\mu_{ij.} = \frac{\sum_k \mu_{ijk}}{K}, \quad \mu_{i.k} = \frac{\sum_j \mu_{ijk}}{J}, \quad \text{and} \quad \mu_{.jk} = \frac{\sum_i \mu_{ijk}}{I}.$$

- It can be shown that defining the α_i 's, β_j 's, δ_k 's, γ_{ij}^{AB} 's, γ_{ik}^{AC} 's, γ_{jk}^{BC} 's, and γ_{ijk}^{ABC} 's as on the previous slides is equivalent to imposing the constraints

$$\sum_i \alpha_i = 0, \quad \sum_j \beta_j = 0, \quad \sum_k \delta_k = 0,$$

and

$$\sum_j \gamma_{ij}^{AB} = 0 \text{ (for each fixed } i), \quad \sum_i \gamma_{ij}^{AB} = 0 \text{ (for each fixed } j).$$

$$\sum_k \gamma_{ik}^{AC} = 0 \text{ (for each fixed } i), \quad \sum_i \gamma_{ik}^{AC} = 0 \text{ (for each fixed } k).$$

$$\sum_k \gamma_{jk}^{BC} = 0 \text{ (for each fixed } j), \quad \sum_j \gamma_{jk}^{BC} = 0 \text{ (for each fixed } k),$$

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and

$$\sum_i \gamma_{ijk}^{ABC} = 0, \quad \sum_j \gamma_{ijk}^{ABC} = 0, \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_k \gamma_{ijk}^{ABC} = 0,$$

where in each summation, the other two subscripts are fixed.

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$$\text{SST} = \sum_i \sum_j \sum_k \sum_l (X_{ijkl} - \bar{X} \dots)^2 \quad \text{df} = IJKL - 1$$

which measures the **total** variation in the X_{ijkl} 's.

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 - **SSA**, **SSB**, and **SSC** are the **Factor A**, **B**, and **C sums of squares**, defined as

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{SSA} &= \sum_i \sum_j \sum_k \sum_l (\bar{X}_{i\dots} - \bar{X}_{\dots})^2 \\
 &= JKL \sum_{i=1}^I (\bar{X}_{i\dots} - \bar{X}_{\dots})^2 \quad \mathbf{df} = I - 1
 \end{aligned}$$

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 &= IKL \sum_{j=1}^J (\bar{X}_{.j\dots} - \bar{X}_{\dots})^2 \quad \mathbf{df} = J - 1
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{SSC} &= \sum_i \sum_j \sum_k \sum_l (\bar{X}_{..k.} - \bar{X}_{....})^2 \\
 &= IJL \sum_{k=1}^K (\bar{X}_{..k.} - \bar{X}_{....})^2 \quad df = K - 1
 \end{aligned}$$

which measure, respectively, variation between the **levels** of **Factor A**, between **levels** of **Factor B**, and between **levels** of **Factor C** due to both the **factor effect** and **random error**.

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- **SSAB**, **SSAC**, and **SSBC** are the **two-factor interaction sums of squares**, given by

$$\begin{aligned} \text{SSAB} &= \sum_i \sum_j \sum_k \sum_l (\bar{X}_{ij..} - \bar{X}_{i...} - \bar{X}_{.j..} + \bar{X}_{....})^2 \\ &= KL \sum_{i=1}^I \sum_{j=1}^J (\bar{X}_{ij..} - \bar{X}_{i...} - \bar{X}_{.j..} + \bar{X}_{....})^2 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{SSBC} &= \sum_i \sum_j \sum_k \sum_l (\bar{X}_{.jk.} - \bar{X}_{.j..} - \bar{X}_{..k.} + \bar{X}_{....})^2 \\
 &= IL \sum_{j=1}^J \sum_{k=1}^K (\bar{X}_{.jk.} - \bar{X}_{.j..} - \bar{X}_{..k.} + \bar{X}_{....})^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$df = (J - 1)(K - 1)$$

which measure, respectively, variation due to the **AB**, **AC**, and **BC two-factor interaction effects** and **random error**.

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- **SSABC** is the *three-factor interaction sum of squares*, given by

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 &\quad + \bar{X}_{.j..} + \bar{X}_{..k.} - \bar{X}_{....})^2 \\
 &= L \sum_{i=1}^I \sum_{j=1}^J \sum_{k=1}^K (\bar{X}_{ijk.} - \bar{X}_{ij..} - \bar{X}_{i.k.} - \bar{X}_{.jk.} + \bar{X}_{i...} \\
 &\quad + \bar{X}_{.j..} + \bar{X}_{..k.} - \bar{X}_{....})^2 \\
 &\quad \text{df} = (I - 1)(J - 1)(K - 1)
 \end{aligned}$$

which measures variation due to the **ABC three-factor interaction effect** and **random error**.

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 - **SSE** is the **error sum of squares**, defined as

$$\text{SSE} = \sum_i \sum_j \sum_k \sum_l (X_{ijkl} - \bar{X}_{ijk\cdot})^2$$

$$df = IKJ(L - 1)$$

which measures variation of the X_{ijkl} 's **within** treatment groups due to **random error**.

Proposition

ANOVA Partition for the Full Model: It can be shown that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{SST} = & \text{SSA} + \text{SSB} + \text{SSC} + \text{SSAB} + \text{SSAC} \\ & + \text{SSBC} + \text{SSABC} + \text{SSE} \end{aligned}$$

Additive Property of Degrees of Freedom:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{df for SST} &= \text{df for SSA} + \text{df for SSB} + \text{df for SSC} \\ &\quad + \text{df for SSAB} + \text{df for SSAC} \\ &\quad + \text{df for SSBC} + \text{df for SSABC} \\ &\quad + \text{df for SSE} \end{aligned}$$

Mean Squares for the Full Model

- The **Factor A**, **Factor B**, **Factor C**, **two-factor interaction**, and **three-factor interaction mean squares**, and the **mean squared error** are:

$$MSA = \frac{SSA}{I-1}$$

$$MSB = \frac{SSB}{J-1}$$

$$MSC = \frac{SSC}{K-1}$$

$$MSAB = \frac{SSAB}{(I-1)(J-1)}$$

$$MSAC = \frac{SSAC}{(I-1)(K-1)}$$

$$MSBC = \frac{SSAB}{(J-1)(K-1)}$$

$$MSABC = \frac{SSAB}{(I-1)(J-1)(K-1)}$$

$$MSE = \frac{SSE}{IJK(L-1)}$$

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- The table below lists the **eight sets of hypotheses**, **F test statistics**, and **sampling distributions** of the test statistics under the null hypothesis.

Effect	Hypotheses	Test Statistic	Distribution of Test Statistic Under H_0
Factor A	$H_{0A}: \alpha_i = 0$ for all i H_{aA} : not all α_i 's equal zero	$F = \frac{MSA}{MSE}$	$F(I-1, IJK(L-1))$
Factor B	$H_{0B}: \beta_j = 0$ for all j H_{aB} : not all β_j 's equal zero	$F = \frac{MSB}{MSE}$	$F(J-1, IJK(L-1))$
Factor C	$H_{0C}: \delta_k = 0$ for all k H_{aC} : not all δ_k 's equal zero	$F = \frac{MSC}{MSE}$	$F(K-1, IJK(L-1))$
AB Interaction	$H_{0AB}: \gamma_{ij} = 0$ for all i and j H_{aAB} : not all γ_{ij} 's equal zero	$F = \frac{MSAB}{MSE}$	$F((I-1)(J-1), IJK(L-1))$
AC Interaction	$H_{0AC}: \gamma_{ik} = 0$ for all i and k H_{aAC} : not all γ_{ik} 's equal zero	$F = \frac{MSAC}{MSE}$	$F((I-1)(K-1), IJK(L-1))$
BC Interaction	$H_{0BC}: \gamma_{jk} = 0$ for all j and k H_{aBC} : not all γ_{jk} 's equal zero	$F = \frac{MSBC}{MSE}$	$F((J-1)(K-1), IJK(L-1))$
ABC Interaction	$H_{0ABC}: \gamma_{ijk}^{ABC} = 0$ for all $i, j,$ and k H_{aABC} : not all γ_{ijk}^{ABC} 's equal zero	$F = \frac{MSABC}{MSE}$	$F((I-1)(J-1)(K-1), IJK(L-1))$

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In each case, a **large value** of the F test statistic provides **evidence against H_0 in favor of H_a** .

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- **Comment:** The **ANOVA F tests** can be used even if the samples are from **non-normal** populations as long the per-group sample sizes are large.

The ANOVA Table

- The results are summarized in an **ANOVA table**:

Source of Variation	df	Sum of Squares	Mean Square	f	P-value
Factor A	$I - 1$	SSA	$MSA = \frac{SSA}{I-1}$	$\frac{MSA}{MSE}$	p
Factor B	$J - 1$	SSB	$MSB = \frac{SSB}{J-1}$	$\frac{MSB}{MSE}$	p
Factor C	$K - 1$	SSC	$MSC = \frac{SSC}{K-1}$	$\frac{MSC}{MSE}$	p
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Error	$IJK(L - 1)$	SSE	$MSE = \frac{SSE}{IJK(L-1)}$		
Total	$IJKL - 1$	SST			

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- **Including the three-factor interaction** term γ_{ijk}^{ABC} in the model (and allowing it to be non-zero), allows the **two-factor interaction** effects to be **different** depending on the **level** of the **third factor**.

- Consider *three scenarios* with $I = 2$ levels of **Factor A**, $J = 2$ levels of **Factor B**, and $K = 3$ levels of **Factor C**.

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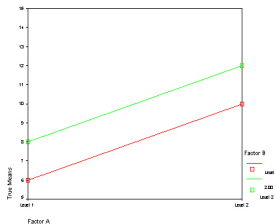
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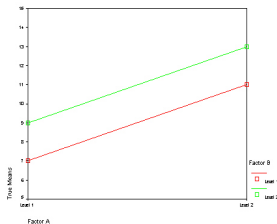
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This so-called ***additive model*** says the **effect** of **each factor** is the **same** for **every combination** of the **levels** of the **other two factors**.

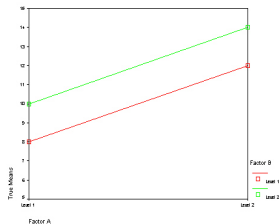
Interaction Plot of A and B at Level 1 of C



Interaction Plot of A and B at Level 2 of C



Interaction Plot of A and B at Level 3 of C



Above, the **Factor A effect** (represented by the upward slope of the lines) is the **same** for **every combination** of levels of **Factors B and C**.

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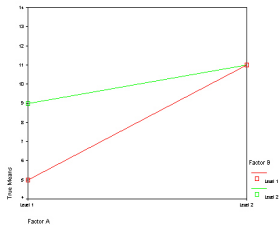
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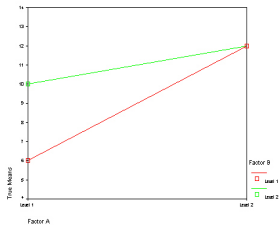
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This **model** says that there's an **interaction** between **Factors A** and **B**, but the **AB interaction effect** is the **same regardless** of the **level** of **Factor C**.

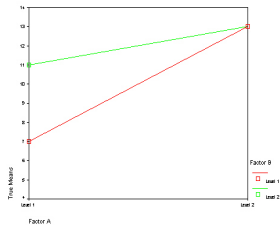
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Above, the **AB interaction pattern** is the *same* for every level of **Factor C**.

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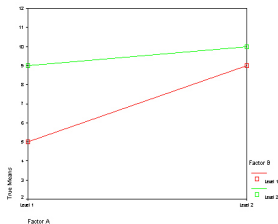
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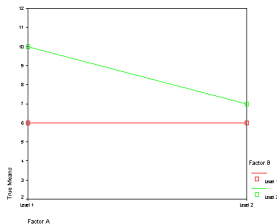
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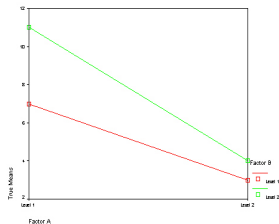
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Example

For the study of the effects of four **radar systems**, two different **aircraft**, and two different **time periods** (day and night), the **ANOVA table** is below.

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Time:Aircraft	1	5.152	5.152	2.054	0.171
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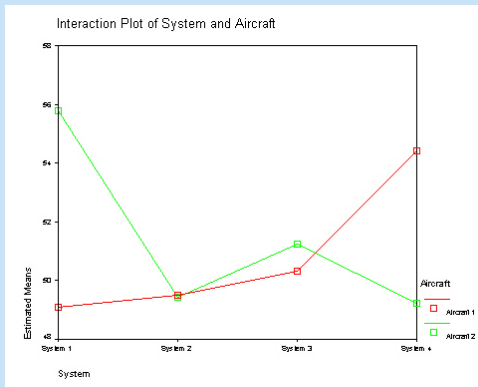
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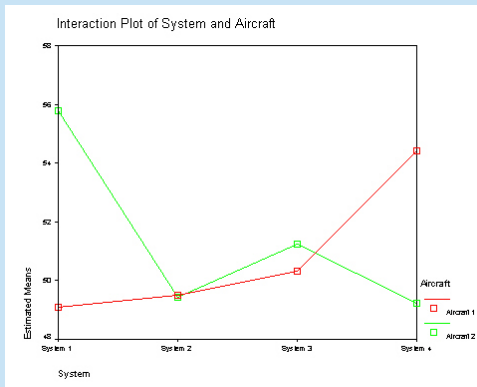
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An **interaction plot** of **radar system** and **aircraft** is on the next slide.





Based on the plot, for **Aircraft 1**, the best **radar system** is **System 4**. But for **Aircraft 2**, the best system is **System 1**.

Estimating Parameters in the Full Model

- Here are the estimators for the model parameters.

Model Parameter Estimators: We estimate the unknown model parameters μ , α_i , β_j , δ_k , γ_{ij}^{AB} , γ_{ik}^{AC} , γ_{jk}^{BC} , γ_{ijk}^{ABC} and σ using the **estimators** $\hat{\mu}$, $\hat{\alpha}_i$, $\hat{\beta}_j$, $\hat{\delta}_k$, $\hat{\gamma}_{ij}^{AB}$, $\hat{\gamma}_{ik}^{AC}$, $\hat{\gamma}_{jk}^{BC}$, $\hat{\gamma}_{ijk}^{ABC}$, and $\hat{\sigma}$, defined as:

Model Parameter	Estimator
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- **Comment:** From parameter **estimates** above, the **sums of squares** can be written as:

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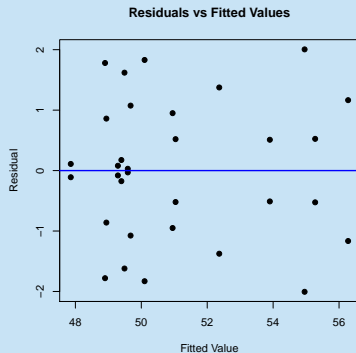
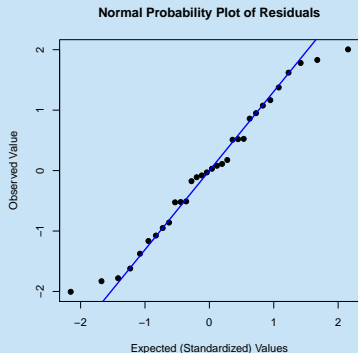
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Example

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The first plot indicates that the assumption of **normality** of the error term ϵ_{ijkl} is valid, and the second indicates that the assumption of a **constant standard deviation** σ of ϵ_{ijkl} is valid.