

ANOVA - F test

In the one-way ANOVA problem if we let

$$\bar{\mu} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n n_i \mu_i}{N},$$

it can be shown (see proof below) that:

a.
$$E(BSS) = (k - 1)\sigma^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n n_i (\mu_i - \bar{\mu})^2.$$

b.
$$E(WSS) = (N - k)\sigma^2$$

Proof:

a.

$$E(BSS) = E\left(\sum_{i=1}^k n_i (\bar{y}_i - \bar{y})^2\right) = E\left(\sum_{i=1}^k n_i \bar{y}_i^2 - 2\bar{y} \sum_{i=1}^k n_i \bar{y}_i + \bar{y}^2 \sum_{i=1}^k n_i\right).$$

In the previous expression we can substitute

$$\sum_{i=1}^k n_i = N, \text{ and } \sum_{i=1}^k n_i \bar{y}_i = N\bar{y}$$

to get

$$\begin{aligned} E(BSS) &= E\left(\sum_{i=1}^k n_i \bar{y}_i^2 - 2\bar{y}N\bar{y} + N\bar{y}^2\right) = E\left(\sum_{i=1}^k n_i \bar{y}_i^2 - N\bar{y}^2\right) = \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^k n_i E(\bar{y}_i^2) - NE(\bar{y}^2) = \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^k n_i (\text{var}(\bar{y}_i) + (E(\bar{y}_i))^2) - N(\text{var}(\bar{y}) + (E(\bar{y}))^2) = \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^k n_i \left(\frac{\sigma^2}{n_i} + \mu_i^2\right) - N\left(\frac{\sigma^2}{N} + \bar{\mu}^2\right). \end{aligned}$$

We get the last term in the previous expression because:

$$E(\bar{y}) = E\left(\frac{n_1 \bar{y}_1 + n_2 \bar{y}_2 + \dots + n_k \bar{y}_k}{N}\right) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k n_i \mu_i}{N} = \bar{\mu}.$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} E(BSS) &= \sum_{i=1}^k n_i \left(\frac{\sigma^2}{n_i} + \mu_i^2\right) - N\left(\frac{\sigma^2}{N} + \bar{\mu}^2\right) = k\sigma^2 + \sum_{i=1}^k n_i \mu_i^2 - \sigma^2 - N\bar{\mu}^2 \Rightarrow \\ &= (k - 1)\sigma^2 + \sum_{i=1}^k n_i (\mu_i - \bar{\mu})^2. \end{aligned}$$

b.

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(WSS) &= E\left(\sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} (y_{ij} - \bar{y}_i)^2\right) = \\
 &E\left(\sum_{j=1}^{n_1} (y_{1j} - \bar{y}_1)^2 + \sum_{j=1}^{n_2} (y_{2j} - \bar{y}_2)^2 + \cdots + \sum_{j=1}^{n_k} (y_{kj} - \bar{y}_k)^2\right) = \\
 &E\left((n_1 - 1)s_1^2 + (n_2 - 1)s_2^2 + \cdots + (n_k - 1)s_k^2\right),
 \end{aligned}$$

where s_i^2 is the sample variance for each group. We also know that $\frac{(n-1)s^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$. Therefore, since $E(\chi_{n-1}^2) = n - 1$, the expected value of each term is:

$$E\left((n_i - 1)s_i^2\right) = (n_i - 1)\sigma^2.$$

Finally:

$$E(WSS) = (n_1 - 1)\sigma^2 + (n_2 - 1)\sigma^2 + \cdots + (n_k - 1)\sigma^2 = (N - k)\sigma^2.$$

Conclusion:

Using the results of part (a) and part (b) we see that if H_0 is true then $E\left(\frac{BSS}{k-1}\right) = \sigma^2$ and $E\left(\frac{WSS}{N-k}\right) = \sigma^2$. But when H_0 is not true we have

$$E\left(\frac{BSS}{k-1}\right) = \sigma^2 + \sum_{i=1}^k n_i \frac{(\mu_i - \bar{\mu})^2}{k-1} > \sigma^2.$$

Therefore small values of the ratio

$$F = \frac{\frac{BSS}{k-1}}{\frac{WSS}{N-k}}$$

favor H_0 , while large values favor H_a . We reject H_0 if $F > F_{1-\alpha; k-1, N-k}$.