

LGN 5822 - Biometrical Genetics

L09 – Factorial Experiments

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Introduction

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- You can fix one level of a treatment and study the other, or you may **compare both simultaneously**
- Treatment designs that combine two (or more) treatment factors are factorial designs

Factorial Experiments

- Factorial experiments involve simultaneously more than one factor and each factor is at two or more levels

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Factorial Experiments: Objective

- Effect of different factors that influence the variable under study and the relationship between them
- The main idea of a factorial experiment is that it allows you to evaluate not only the individual effect of each factor, but also how these factors interact



Introduction

- Several factors affect simultaneously the characteristic under study in factorial experiments
- The researcher is interested in the main effects and the interaction effects among different factors

Factorial Experiments

Experimental Design X Factorial Arrangement

- **Experimental Design:** It is the manner in which levels of a factor or treatments are distributed to experimental units
 - Experiment design defines the error structure

Completely Randomized Design (CRD)

- Randomized Complete Block Design (RCBD)
 - Latin Square (LS)
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- **Factorial arrangement:** It is the way in which the combination of the levels of the factors under study is organized in experimental units

What is the difference?

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Experimental Design X Factorial Arrangement

- Factorial experiments are set up according to a type of design experimental, such as: CRD, RCBD, LS
- The choice of design depends on the homogeneity of the experimental unit



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Treatment Design

- In factorial experiments, treatments are obtained by combinations factor levels
- Complete factorial design, each level of a factor combines with all levels of the other factors

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Treatment Design

- The symbology commonly used for factorial experiments is to indicate the product of the levels of the factors under test ("x")
 - *e.g.* Factorial Experimente $2 \times 4 \times 6$
 - in the experiment were tested simultaneously 3 factors. The first has 2 levels, the second 4 levels and the third 6 levels
- When the number of levels is the same for all factors, the following symbols can be used: n^F
 - where **F** is the number of factors and **n** is the number of levels of each factor
 - *e.g.* 4^3 : the experiment has 3 factors with 4 levels each

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Treatment Design

- Factorial designs can include multiple levels of a larger number of treatments
 - *E.g.* if three factors are under investigation, the design is an $m \times n \times o$ factorial arrangement
- If the numbers of factors and/or levels are moderately large, the size of the experiment can be a limiting factor



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Effects

- **Main Effect:** is the effect of each factor, independent of the effect of other factors
- **Interaction Effect:** is effect of factors on the variable in study
 - The interaction between factors occurs when the effects of the levels of one factor are modified by the levels of the other factor

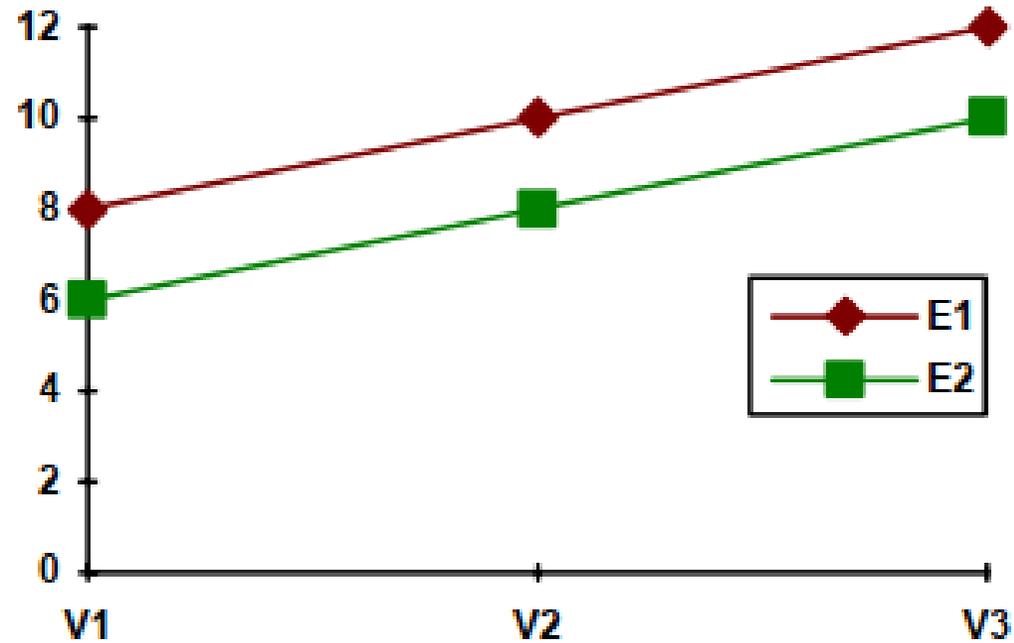


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Effects

- Factorial: 3x2

Is there interaction?



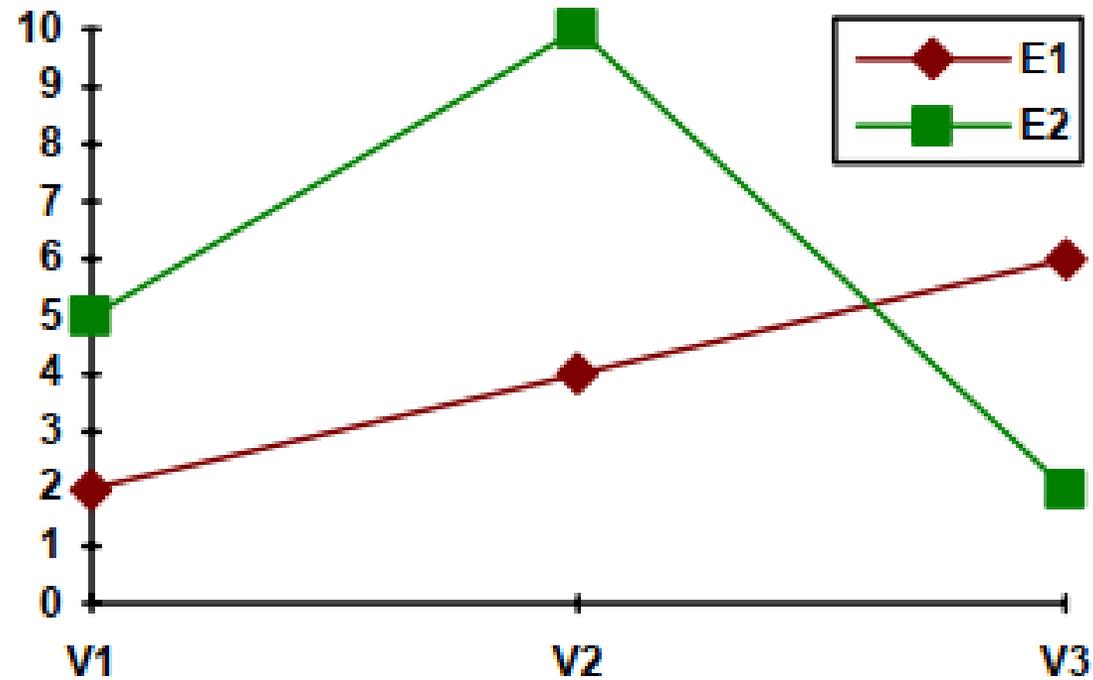
No interaction

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Effects

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Is there interaction?



Interaction

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Data Table

- Factors A and B, with I and levels, respectively, according to the CRD
 - K replicates

Repetition	A1				A2				...	AI			
	B1	B2	...	BJ	B1	B2	...	BJ		B1	B2	...	BJ
1	Y_{111}	Y_{121}	...	Y_{1J1}	Y_{211}	Y_{221}	...	Y_{2J1}	...	Y_{I11}	Y_{I21}	...	Y_{IJ1}
2	Y_{112}	Y_{122}	...	Y_{1J2}	Y_{212}	Y_{222}	...	Y_{2J2}	...	Y_{I12}	Y_{I22}	...	Y_{IJ2}
...
K	Y_{11K}	Y_{12K}	...	Y_{1JK}	Y_{21K}	Y_{22K}	...	Y_{2JK}	...	Y_{I1K}	Y_{I2K}	...	Y_{IJK}
Total	$Y_{11\bullet}$	$Y_{12\bullet}$...	$Y_{1J\bullet}$	$Y_{21\bullet}$	$Y_{22\bullet}$...	$Y_{2J\bullet}$...	$Y_{I1\bullet}$	$Y_{I2\bullet}$...	$Y_{IJ\bullet}$

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Data Table

- Number of experimental units: $N = I \times J \times K$
- Total of the ij -th treatment: $AB_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^k Y_{ijk} = Y_{ij.}$
- Total of the i -th level of factor A: $A_i = \sum_{j=1, k=1}^{j, k} Y_{ijk} = Y_{i..}$
- Total of the j -th level of factor B: $B_j = \sum_{i=1, k=1}^{i, k} Y_{ijk} = Y_{.j.}$

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Data Table

- Mean of the i -th level of factor A: $\widehat{m}_{A_i} = \frac{A_i}{JK}$
- Mean of the j -th level of factor B: $\widehat{m}_{B_j} = \frac{B_j}{IK}$
- General mean: $\widehat{m} = \frac{G}{N}$
 - Number of experimental units: $N = I \times J \times K$

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Data Table: Total Treatments

Factor A	Factor B				Total
	B1	B2	...	B _J	
A1	Y ₁₁ .	Y ₁₂	Y _{1J} .	A ₁
A2	Y ₂₁ .	Y ₂₂	Y _{2J} .	A ₂
...
A _I	Y _{I1} .	Y _{I2}	Y _{IJ} .	A _I
Totals	B ₁	B ₂	...	B _j	G

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Statistical Model

Consider a factorial experiment, with two factors: factor T with i levels and factor G with j levels, installed according to the DIC, with K repetitions

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Statistical Model

Model

- In a CRD, data can be described with the following model:

$$y_{ijk} = \mu + \tau_i + \gamma_j + (\tau\gamma)_{ij} + \varepsilon_{ijk}$$

where τ_i is the effect of treatment T, γ_j is the effect of treatment G and $(\tau\gamma)_{ij}$ represents the interaction of the two factors

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Statistical Model

Model

- In a RCBD, data can be described with the following model:

$$y_{ijk} = \mu + \tau_i + \gamma_j + (\tau\gamma)_{ij} + \omega_k + \varepsilon_{ijk}$$

where τ_i is the effect of treatment T, γ_j is the effect of treatment G and $(\tau\gamma)_{ij}$ represents the interaction of the two factors

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Statistical Model

- The effects τ_i of treatment T and γ_i of treatment G are called *main effects*

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Statistical Model

We assume that:

- $\varepsilon_{ijk} \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$, for $i = 1, \dots, t$ and $j = 1, \dots, g$ and $k = 1, \dots, r$
- $\text{cov}(\varepsilon_{ijk}, \varepsilon_{i'j'k'}) = 0$

Errors are independent and identically distributed (i.i.d)

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Analysis of Variance

- If treatments T and G are random:

Source of Variation	Degrees of Freedom	Mean Square	Expected Mean Square
T	$t - 1$	MS_T	$\sigma^2 + r\sigma_{tg}^2 + rg\sigma_t^2$
G	$g - 1$	MS_G	$\sigma^2 + r\sigma_{tg}^2 + rt\sigma_g^2$
T \times G	$(t - 1)(g - 1)$	$MS_{T \times G}$	$\sigma^2 + r\sigma_{tg}^2$
Within	$tg(r - 1)$	MS_{Within}	σ^2
Total	$tgr - 1$		

The expected mean squares are the expected values of these terms with the specified model

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Analysis of Variance

Mixed Models

- For mixed effects models, we will use REML estimates, the likelihood ratio test and model selection criteria such as AIC/BIC
- From now on, we deal with fixed effects only



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Analysis of Variance

- If T is fixed and G is random:

Source of Variation	Degrees of Freedom	Mean Square	Expected Mean Square
T	$t - 1$	MS_T	$\sigma^2 + r\sigma_{tg}^2 + \frac{rg}{t-1} \sum_i \tau_i^2$
G	$g - 1$	MS_G	$\sigma^2 + rt\sigma_g^2$
T \times G	$(t - 1)(g - 1)$	$MS_{T \times G}$	$\sigma^2 + r\sigma_{tg}^2$
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G	$g - 1$	MS_G	$\sigma^2 + \frac{rt}{g-1} \sum_j \gamma_j^2$
T \times G	$(t - 1)(g - 1)$	$MS_{T \times G}$	$\sigma^2 + \frac{r}{(t-1)(g-1)} \sum_{ij} (\tau\gamma)$
Within	$tg(r - 1)$	MS_{Within}	σ^2
Total	$tgr - 1$		

Hypothesis Testing

- The null hypothesis of no effect of treatment T is

$$H_0: \tau_i = 0 \text{ for all } i$$

- Similarly, the null hypothesis of no effect of treatment G is

$$H_0: \tau_j = 0 \text{ for all } j$$

- The null hypothesis of no interaction effects is

$$H_0: +(\tau\gamma)_{ij} = 0 \text{ for all } i, j$$

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Hypothesis Testing

Source of Variation	Degrees of Freedom	Mean Square	Expected Mean Square	F-Statistic
T	$t - 1$	MS_T	$\sigma^2 + \frac{rg}{t-1} \sum_i \tau_i^2$	$F = \frac{MS_T}{MS_{Within}}$
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Interaction

- Possible results for the F test of the interaction

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Note

- **Non-significant interaction**, the effects of the factors are independent

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Interaction

- Possible results for the F test of the interaction

Note

- A **significant interaction** means that the effect of one treatment is dependent on the levels of another
- Interpretation of treatment effects can be difficult, especially when there are many interactions
- The effect of one factor depends on the level of the other factor

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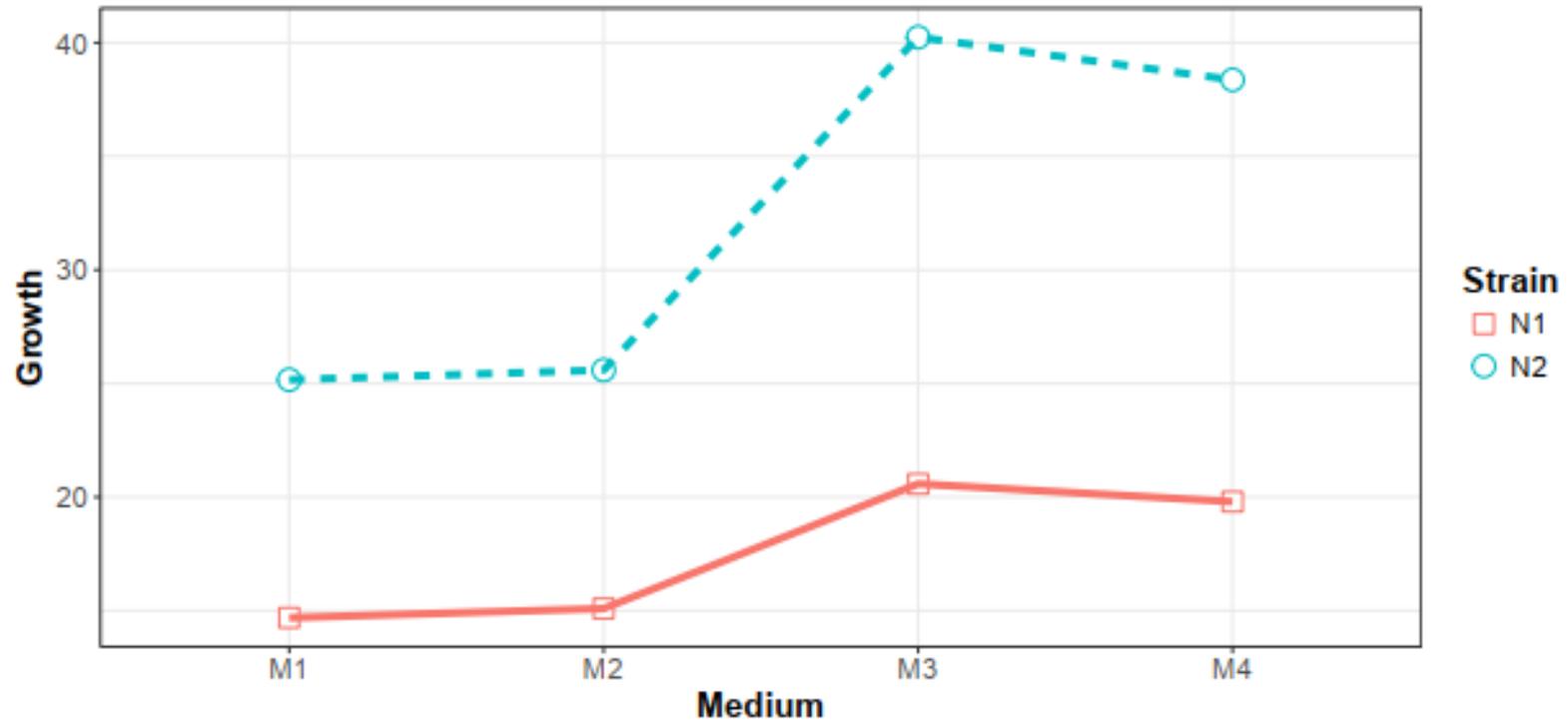
Example: Interaction

- Suppose we are investigating the effect of $m = 4$ different culture mediums (solution) with the growth rate of $n = 2$ strains

- We can plot cell means to construct the **interaction plot**

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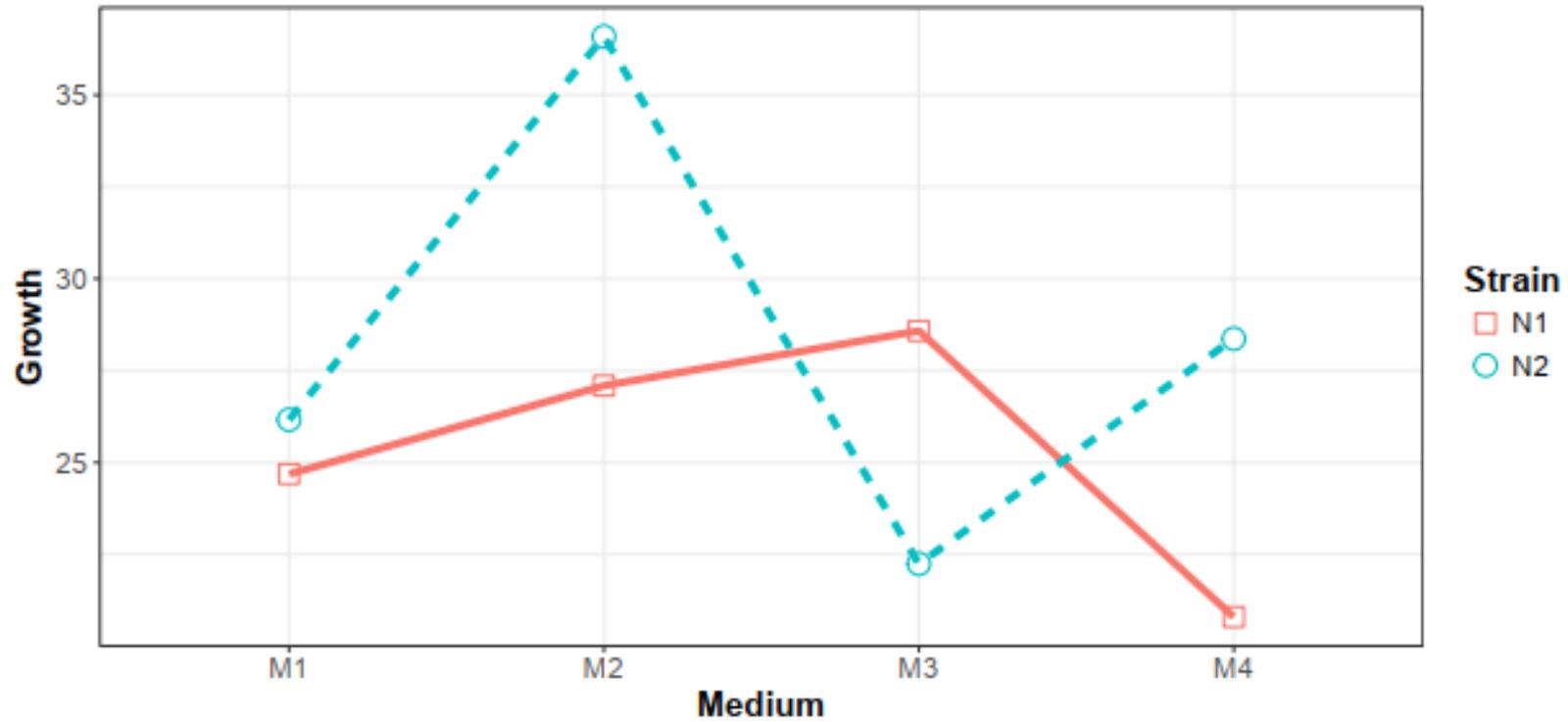
Example: Interaction



Quantitative interaction

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Example: Interaction



Qualitative interaction

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Multiple Comparisons

- In the absence of interaction, we can contrast the main (average) effects of both treatment factors
 - Compare the levels of treatment T and/or
 - Compare the levels of treatment G

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Multiple Comparisons

- **If interaction is significant**, we compare the levels of treatment T within each level of treatment G (and vice versa)

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Advantages of a factorial experiment

- It allows the study of main effects and the effect of the interaction between factors
- The number of degrees of freedom associated with the residue is high when compared to simple experiments on the same factors, **which contributes to reducing the residual variance, increasing the precision of the experiment**

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Disadvantage of a factorial experiment

- Requires a greater number of experimental units in relation to simple experiments

Let's Practice 01!

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# Anova without interaction
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> fm3 <- lm(dry_matter ~ block + treatment, data = dados)
> anova(fm3)
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Analysis of Variance Table
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Response: dry_matter
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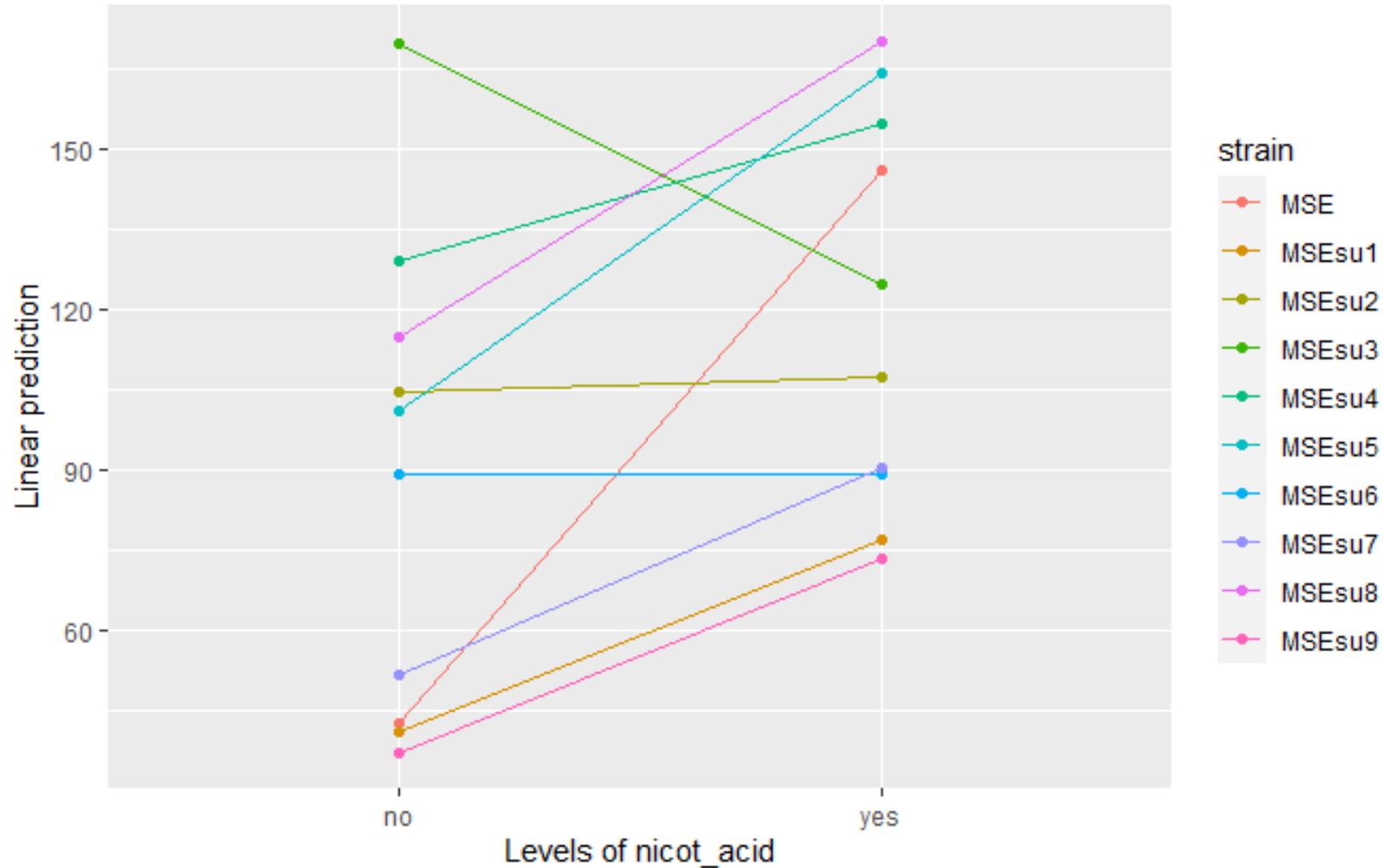
	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
block	1	64	64.0	1.7148	0.206
treatment	19	70179	3693.6	98.9537	4.403e-15 ***
Residuals	19	709	37.3		

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Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
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Let's Practice 01!

- Graph to analyze interaction



Let's Practice 01!

- Multiple comparisons

Results are averaged over the levels of: nicot_acid
Confidence level used: 0.95

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> pairs(fm_means)
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contrast	estimate	SE	df	t.ratio	p.value
MSE - MSEsu1	35.45	4.4	20	8.063	<.0001
MSE - MSEsu2	-11.60	4.4	20	-2.638	0.2628
MSE - MSEsu3	-52.80	4.4	20	-12.009	<.0001
MSE - MSEsu4	-47.45	4.4	20	-10.792	<.0001
MSE - MSEsu5	-38.25	4.4	20	-8.700	<.0001
MSE - MSEsu6	5.25	4.4	20	1.194	0.9650
MSE - MSEsu7	23.35	4.4	20	5.311	0.0011
MSE - MSEsu8	-48.20	4.4	20	-10.963	<.0001
MSE - MSEsu9	39.10	4.4	20	8.893	<.0001
MSEsu1 - MSEsu2	-47.05	4.4	20	-10.701	<.0001
MSEsu1 - MSEsu3	-88.25	4.4	20	-20.072	<.0001
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