

What is the process for calculating the Grand Mean in ANOVA, and can you provide an example?

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The Grand Mean in ANOVA (Analysis of Variance) is a statistical measure used to determine the overall mean of a set of data. This measure is commonly used in experiments or studies where multiple groups are being compared. The process for calculating the Grand Mean involves taking the mean of each group and then finding the average of those means.

To calculate the Grand Mean, the following steps can be followed:

1. Collect data and divide it into groups: The first step is to collect the data and divide it into groups based on the different levels of the independent variable.
2. Calculate the mean of each group: Calculate the mean of each group by adding all the values in the group and dividing it by the number of values in that group.
3. Find the sum of all the means: Add all the means calculated in the previous step.
4. Divide the sum by the number of groups: Divide the sum of all the means by the number of groups to obtain the Grand Mean.

For example, let's say we want to calculate the Grand Mean for a study comparing the test scores of three different classes. The mean test scores for Class A, B, and C are 80, 75, and 85 respectively. The calculation would be as follows:

$$\text{Grand Mean} = (80 + 75 + 85) / 3 = 80$$

Therefore, the Grand Mean for this study is 80, indicating the overall average test score for all three classes. This measure can be useful in determining the overall performance of the groups and can help in making comparisons between them.

Calculate the Grand Mean in ANOVA (With Example)

In statistics, a is used to compare the means of three or more independent groups to determine if there is a statistically significant difference between the corresponding population means.

One metric we always calculate when using an ANOVA

is the grand mean, which represents the mean value for all in the dataset.

It is calculated as:

$$\text{Grand Mean} = \sum x_i / n$$

where:

x_i : The i th observation in the dataset
 n : The total number of observations in the dataset

The grand mean is important because it's used in the formula to calculate the total sum of squares, which is an important value that ends up in the final ANOVA table.

The following example shows how to calculate the grand mean for an ANOVA in practice.

Example: Calculating the Grand Mean in ANOVA

Suppose we want to know whether or not three different exam prep programs lead to different mean scores on a certain exam. To test this, we recruit 30 students to participate in a study and split them into three groups.

The students in each group are randomly assigned to use one of the three exam prep programs for a month to prepare for an exam. At the end of the month, all of the students take the same exam.

The exam scores for each group are shown below:

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
85	91	79
86	92	78
88	93	88
75	85	94
78	87	92
94	84	85
98	82	83
79	88	85
71	95	82
80	96	81

To calculate the grand mean for this dataset, we simply add up all of the observations and then divide by the total number of observations:

Grand Mean: $(85 + 86 + 88 + 75 + 78 + 94 + 98 + 79 + 71 + 80 + 91 + 92 + 93 + 85 + 87 + 84 + 82 + 88 + 95 + 96 + 79 + 78 + 88 + 94 + 92 + 85 + 83 + 85 + 82 + 81) / 30 = 85.8$.

The grand mean is 85.8. This represents the average exam score for all 30 students.

Note that this value won't necessarily match the individual group means.

	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
	85	91	79
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	98	82	83
	79	88	85
	71	95	82
	80	96	81
Group Means	83.4	89.3	84.7
Overall Mean	85.8		

This grand mean is then used in the formula to calculate the total sum of squares, which is calculated as the sum of the squared deviations between each individual observation and the grand mean:

Total Sum of Squares: $(85 - 85.8)^2 + (86 - 85.8)^2 + (88 - 85.8)^2 + \dots + (82 - 85.8)^2 + (81 - 85.8)^2 = 1292.8$.

This value is then eventually used in the final ANOVA table:

Source	Sum of Squares (SS)	df	Mean Squares (MS)	F
Treatment	192.2	2	96.1	2.358
Error	1100.6	27	40.8	
Total	1292.8	29		

Related:

The good news is that you will rarely have to calculate the grand mean for an ANOVA by hand since most statistical software can do it for you.

However, it's good to know how the grand mean is calculated and how it's actually used in the ANOVA table.

Additional Resources

The following tutorials explain how to perform a one-way ANOVA in practice: