

# What is the purpose of performing a one-way Manova in SPSS data analysis?

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The purpose of performing a one-way Manova in SPSS data analysis is to determine if there is a significant difference between two or more independent groups on multiple dependent variables. This statistical test allows researchers to assess the overall effect of the independent variable(s) on the dependent variables, while controlling for any potential confounding variables. It is particularly useful in research studies that involve measuring multiple outcomes or variables, as it can provide a more comprehensive understanding of the relationship between the independent and dependent variables. Additionally, the results of a one-way Manova can aid in identifying which specific dependent variables contribute most significantly to the overall group differences. Overall, performing a one-way Manova in SPSS can provide valuable insights and inform further analysis and interpretation of research findings.

## One-way Manova | SPSS Data Analysis Examples

**Version info: Code for this page was tested in IBM SPSS 20.**

**MANOVA is used to model two or more dependent variables that are continuous with one or more categorical predictor variables.**

**Please note: The purpose of this page is to show how to use various data analysis commands. It does not cover all aspects of the research process which researchers are expected to do. In particular, it does not cover data cleaning and checking, verification of assumptions,**

## **model diagnostics or potential follow-up analyses.**

### **Examples of one-way multivariate analysis of variance**

#### **Example 1.**

**A researcher randomly assigns 33 subjects to one of three groups. The first group receives technical dietary information interactively from an on-line website. Group 2 receives the same information from a nurse practitioner, while group 3 receives the information from a video tape made by the same nurse practitioner. The researcher looks at three different ratings of the presentation, difficulty, usefulness and importance, to determine if there is a difference in the modes of presentation. In particular, the researcher is interested in whether the interactive website is superior because that is the most cost-effective way of delivering the information.**

#### **Example 2. A clinical psychologist recruits 100 people**

who suffer from panic disorder into his study. Each subject receives one of four types of treatment for eight weeks. At the end of treatment, each subject participates in a structured interview, during which the clinical psychologist makes three ratings: physiological, emotional and cognitive. The clinical psychologist wants to know which type of treatment most reduces the symptoms of the panic disorder as measured on the physiological, emotional and cognitive scales. (This example was adapted from Grimm and Yarnold, 1995, page 246.)

Description of the data

Let's pursue Example 1 from above.

We have a data file, manova.sav, with 33 observations on three response variables. The response variables are ratings called useful, difficulty and importance. Level 1 of the group

variable is the treatment group, level 2 is control group 1 and level 3 is control group 2.

Let's look at the data. It is always a good idea to start with descriptive statistics.

get file='d:datamanova.sav' .

descriptives

variables=difficulty useful importance.

Descriptive Statistics

	N	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation
DIFFICULTY	33	2.40	10.25	5.7152	2.01760
USEFUL	33	11.90	24.30	16.3303	3.29246
IMPORTANCE	33	.20	18.80	6.4758	3.98513
Valid N (listwise)	33				

frequencies

variables=group.

**Statistics**

GROUP

N	Valid	33
	Missing	0

**GROUP**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1.00	11	33.3	33.3	33.3
	2.00	11	33.3	33.3	66.7
	3.00	11	33.3	33.3	100.0
Total		33	100.0	100.0	

**means tables=difficulty useful importance by group.**

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**Case Processing Summary**

	Cases					
	Included		Excluded		Total	
	N	Percent	N	Percent	N	Percent
difficulty * group	33	100.0%	0	0.0%	33	100.0%
useful * group	33	100.0%	0	0.0%	33	100.0%
importance * group	33	100.0%	0	0.0%	33	100.0%

**Report**

group		difficulty	useful	importance
treatment	Mean	6.1909	18.1182	8.6818
	N	11	11	11
	Std. Deviation	1.89971	3.90380	4.86309
control_1	Mean	5.5818	15.5273	5.1091
	N	11	11	11
	Std. Deviation	2.43426	2.07562	2.53119
control_2	Mean	5.3727	15.3455	5.6364
	N	11	11	11
	Std. Deviation	1.75903	3.13827	3.54691
Total	Mean	5.7152	16.3303	6.4758
	N	33	33	33
	Std. Deviation	2.01760	3.29246	3.98513

**correlations variables=difficulty useful importance.**

**Correlations**

		difficulty	useful	importance
difficulty	Pearson Correlation	1	.098	.198
	Sig. (2-tailed)		.588	.270
	N	33	33	33
useful	Pearson Correlation	.098	1	-.341
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.588		.052
	N	33	33	33
importance	Pearson Correlation	.198	-.341	1
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.270	.052	
	N	33	33	33

## Analysis methods you might consider

Below is a list of some analysis methods you may have encountered. Some of the methods listed are quite reasonable, while others have either fallen out of favor or have limitations.

### One-way MANOVA

We will start by running the manova command. After the categorical predictor variable group, we need to specify the minimum and maximum values of that variable in parentheses.

manova difficulty useful importance by group(1,3).

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The default error term in MANOVA has been changed from WITHIN CELLS to WITHIN+RESIDUAL. Note that these are the same for all full factorial designs.

\*\*\*\*\* Analysis of Variance \*\*

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**33 cases accepted.**

**0 cases rejected because of out-of-range factor values.**

**0 cases rejected because of missing data.**

**3 non-empty cells.**

**1 design will be processed.**

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**\*\*\*\*\* Analysis of Variance --**

**Design 1 \*\*\*\*\***

**EFFECT .. GROUP**

**Multivariate Tests of Significance (S = 2, M = 0, N = 13 )**

**Test Name Value Approx. F Hypoth. DF Error DF Sig. of F**

**Pillais .47667 3.02483 6.00 58.00 .012**

**Hotellings .89723 4.03753 6.00 54.00 .002**

**Wilks .52579 3.53823 6.00 56.00 .005**

**Roys .47146**

**Note.. F statistic for WILKS' Lambda is exact.**

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**EFFECT .. GROUP (Cont.)**

**Univariate F-tests with (2,30) D. F.**

**Variable Hypoth. SS Error SS Hypoth. MS Error MS F  
Sig. of F**

**DIFFICUL 3.97515 126.28728 1.98758 4.20958 .47216  
.628**

**USEFUL 52.92424 293.96544 26.46212 9.79885 2.70053  
.083**

**IMPORTAN 81.82969 426.37090 40.91485 14.21236  
2.87882 .072**

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**Abbreviated Extended  
Name Name**

**DIFFICUL DIFFICULTY  
IMPORTAN IMPORTANCE**

**We will begin by comparing the treatment group (group  
1) to an average of the**

control groups (groups 2 and 3). This tests the hypothesis that the mean of the control groups equals the treatment group. We will also compare control group 1 (group 2) to control group 2 (group 3). The first hypothesis is given on the second line of the contrast subcommand, and the second hypothesis is given on the third line of the contrast subcommand.

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manova difficulty useful importance by group(1,3)
/contrast(group) = special (1 1 1
2 -1 -1
0 1 -1)
/design = group(1) group(2).
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***** Analysis of Variance --
Design 1 *****
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**EFFECT .. GROUP(1)**

**Multivariate Tests of Significance (S = 1, M = 1/2, N = 13)**  
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**Test Name Value Exact F Hypoth. DF Error DF Sig. of F**

**Pillais .47101 8.31034 3.00 28.00 .000**

**Hotellings .89039 8.31034 3.00 28.00 .000**

**Wilks .52899 8.31034 3.00 28.00 .000**

**Roys .47101**

**Note.. F statistics are exact.**

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**EFFECT .. GROUP(1) (Cont.)**

**Univariate F-tests with (1,30) D. F.**

**Variable Hypoth. SS Error SS Hypoth. MS Error MS F  
 Sig. of F**

**DIFFICUL 3.73470 126.28728 3.73470 4.20958 .88719  
 .354**

**USEFUL 52.74242 293.96544 52.74242 9.79885 5.38251  
 .027**

**IMPORTAN 80.30060 426.37090 80.30060 14.21236  
 5.65005 .024**

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\*\*\*\*\* Analysis of Variance --  
 Design 1 \*\*\*\*\*

EFFECT .. GROUP(2)

Multivariate Tests of Significance (S = 1, M = 1/2, N = 13 )

Test Name Value Exact F Hypoth. DF Error DF Sig. of F

Pillais .00679 .06381 3.00 28.00 .979

Hotellings .00684 .06381 3.00 28.00 .979

Wilks .99321 .06381 3.00 28.00 .979

Roys .00679

Note.. F statistics are exact.

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EFFECT .. GROUP(2) (Cont.)

Univariate F-tests with (1,30) D. F.

Variable Hypoth. SS Error SS Hypoth. MS Error MS F  
 Sig. of F

DIFFICUL .24045 126.28728 .24045 4.20958 .05712 .813

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USEFUL .18182 293.96544 .18182 9.79885 .01856 .893
IMPORTAN 1.52909 426.37090 1.52909 14.21236 .10759
.745

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We can use the `pmeans` subcommand to obtain adjusted predicted values for each of the groups. In the first table below, we get the predicted means for the dependent variable difficulty. In the next two tables, we get the predicted means for the dependent variables useful and importance. These values can be helpful in seeing where differences between levels of the predictor variable are and describing the model.

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manova difficulty useful importance by group(1,3)
/pmeans.

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### Adjusted and Estimated Means

Variable .. DIFFICULTY

Factor Code Obs. Mean Adj. Mean Est. Mean Raw Resid.  
Std. Resid.

GROUP 1	6.19091	6.19091	6.19091	.00000	.00000
GROUP 2	5.58182	5.58182	5.58182	.00000	.00000
GROUP 3	5.37273	5.37273	5.37273	.00000	.00000

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### Adjusted and Estimated Means (Cont.)

Variable .. USEFUL

Factor Code Obs. Mean Adj. Mean Est. Mean Raw Resid.  
Std. Resid.

GROUP 1	18.11818	18.11818	18.11818	.00000	.00000
GROUP 2	15.52727	15.52727	15.52727	.00000	.00000
GROUP 3	15.34545	15.34545	15.34545	.00000	.00000

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## Adjusted and Estimated Means (Cont.)

Variable .. IMPORTANCE

Factor Code Obs. Mean Adj. Mean Est. Mean Raw Resid.  
Std. Resid.

GROUP 1	8.68182	8.68182	8.68182	.00000	.00000
GROUP 2	5.10909	5.10909	5.10909	.00000	.00000
GROUP 3	5.63636	5.63636	5.63636	.00000	.00000

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In each of the three tables above, we see that the predicted means for groups 2 and 3 are very similar; the predicted mean for group 1 is higher than those for groups 2 and 3.

In the example below, we obtain the differences in the means for each of the

dependent variables for each of the control groups (groups 2 and 3) compared to the treatment group (group 1). With respect to the dependent variable difficulty, the difference between the means for control group 1 versus the treatment group is approximately -0.61 (5.58 - 6.19). The difference between the means for control group 2 versus the treatment group is approximately -0.82 (5.37 - 6.19).

manova difficulty useful importance by group(1,3)

/contrast(group) = special(1 1 1

-1 1 0

-1 0 1).

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**Estimates for DIFFICULTY**

--- Individual univariate .9500 confidence intervals

## GROUP

Parameter Coeff. Std. Err. t-Value Sig. t Lower -95% CL-  
Upper

2 -.6090908051 .87486 -.69622 .49165 -2.39579 1.17761

3 -.8181818182 .87486 -.93522 .35714 -2.60488 .96852

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**Estimates for USEFUL**

--- Individual univariate .9500 confidence intervals

## GROUP

Parameter Coeff. Std. Err. t-Value Sig. t Lower -95% CL-  
Upper

2 -2.5909088308 1.33477 -1.94109 .06169 -5.31687 .13505

3 -2.7727272727 1.33477 -2.07731 .04643 -5.49869 -  
.04676

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**Estimates for IMPORTANCE**

--- Individual univariate .9500 confidence intervals

## GROUP

**Parameter Coeff. Std. Err. t-Value Sig. t Lower -95% CL-  
Upper**

**2 -3.5727272291 1.60750 -2.22253 .03393 -6.85569 -  
.28977**

**3 -3.0454544317 1.60750 -1.89452 .06783 -6.32841 .23750**

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**Finally, let's run separate univariate ANOVAs.**

**oneway useful difficulty importance by group.**

**ANOVA**

		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
USEFUL	Between Groups	52.924	2	26.462	2.701	.083
	Within Groups	293.965	30	9.799		
	Total	346.890	32			
DIFFICULTY	Between Groups	3.975	2	1.988	.472	.628
	Within Groups	126.287	30	4.210		
	Total	130.262	32			
IMPORTANCE	Between Groups	81.830	2	40.915	2.879	.072
	Within Groups	426.371	30	14.212		
	Total	508.201	32			

**While none of the three ANOVAs were statistically significant at the alpha = .05 level, in particular, the F-ratio for difficulty was less than 1.**

**Things to consider**

**See also**

**References**