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#### Chapter 1

# Multivariate Analysis of Variance: Part I<sup>1</sup>



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In this set of steps, readers will calculate a multivariate analysis of variance procedure, following the determination of the extent to which data for the dependent variables reflect normal distributions. Although a parametric statistical procedure requires that its data be reflective of a normal curve, the multivariate analysis of variance procedure is

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regarded as being sufficiently robust that it can withstand most violations. For detailed information regarding the assumptions underlying the multivariate analysis of variance (MANOVA) procedure, readers are referred to the Hyperstats Online Statistics Textbook at http://davidmlane.com/hyperstat/<sup>4</sup>; to the *Electronic Statistics Textbook* (2011) at http://www.statsoft.com/textbook/<sup>5</sup>; or to Andy Field's (2009) Discovering Statistics Using SPSS at http://www.amazon.com/Discovering-Statistics-Introducing-Statistical-Method/dp/1847879071/ref=sr 1 1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1304967862&sr=1-1<sup>6</sup>

Research questions for which a MANOVA procedure is appropriate involve asking for differences in multiple dependent variables by group membership (i.e., more than two groups may be present). In addition to multiple dependent variables being present, multiple independent variables can be present as well. That is, differences in several achievement variables could be analyzed by student gender, student ethnicity, student socioeconomic status, and the like. A specific research question that could be addressed is, "What is the difference in academic achievement among elementary school students as a function of ethnic membership, gender, and grade level?" Academic achievement in this example could be reading, math, science, and social studies scores. The independent variables are ethnicity, gender, and grade level.

For this particular chapter, the research question on which we will conduct a MANOVA will be: What is the difference in verbal aptitude among elementary reading groups? Verbal aptitude consists of Verbal 1 (inf), Verbal 2 (sim), Verbal 3 (ari), and Verbal 4 (voc).

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In this example, our independent or grouping variable is elementary reading group.

By clicking on variable view, you can see how many groups of students are present in the reading group variable; the names of the groups; and the numbers which have been assigned to each group.

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 $\sqrt{\text{Split your file on the basis on your independent variable/fixed factor/grouping variable.}$ To do so, click on the icon next to the scales. Holding your cursor on it will reveal Split File, as shown below.

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After clicking on the split file icon, the following screen will appear: You will note that the Analyze all cases, do not create groups is checked. This value is the default for SPSS as all cases are analyzed, unless otherwise specified. To obtain measures of normality for each of the three reading groups, the Compare groups button will need to be clicked.

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The screen below will appear after the Compare groups button has been clicked. Note that the Groups Based on rectangle has now become active. The independent (grouping) variable should be highlighted, as it already is, and then moved to the Groups Based on cell. After highlighting the Reading Group Membership variable, then click on the arrow below.

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