

Stat 511 SAS Type I,II, and III Sums of Squares Stuff in 2-Way Factorials¹

Here is a summary of the various SAS "types" of sums of squares for a 2-way factorial.

"Source"	Type I SS (in the order A,B,A × B)	Type II SS	Type III SS
A	$R(\alpha^* \text{'s} \mu^*)$	$R(\alpha^* \text{'s} \mu^*, \beta^* \text{'s})$	SS_{H_0} for $H_0: \alpha_i = 0 \forall i$ in cell means model
B	$R(\beta^* \text{'s} \mu^*, \alpha^* \text{'s})$	$R(\beta^* \text{'s} \mu^*, \alpha^* \text{'s})$	SS_{H_0} for $H_0: \beta_j = 0 \forall j$ in cell means model
A×B	$R(\alpha\beta^* \text{'s} \mu^*, \alpha^* \text{'s}, \beta^* \text{'s})$	$R(\alpha\beta^* \text{'s} \mu^*, \alpha^* \text{'s}, \beta^* \text{'s})$	SS_{H_0} for $H_0: \alpha\beta_{ij} = 0 \forall i, j$ in cell means model

The "A×B" sums of squares of all three types are the same. *When the data are balanced*, the "A" and "B" sums of squares of all three types are also the same. But when the sample sizes are not the same, the "A" and "B" sums of squares of different "types" are generally not the same, only the Type III sums of squares are appropriate for testing hypotheses $H_0: \alpha_i = 0 \forall i$ or $H_0: \beta_j = 0 \forall j$ in the cell means model. Exactly what hypotheses in the cell means model could be tested using the Type I or Type II sums of squares is both hard to figure out and actually quite bizarre when one does figure it out.

Notice also that perhaps contrary to one's naive hopes, a hypothesis like $H_0: \alpha_i^* = 0 \forall i$ in a restricted effects model is not necessarily the same hypothesis as $H_0: \alpha_i = 0 \forall i$ in the cell means model. The latter is a hypothesis that row average means are the same for all rows. The former, that could be tested with a numerator sum of squares

$$R(\alpha^* \text{'s} | \mu^*, \beta^* \text{'s}, \alpha\beta^* \text{'s})$$

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is **not** necessarily any such hypothesis.

To see this consider a simple 2×3 effects model under the SAS baseline restriction. For this set-up, the 6 cell means are as below

		B		
		1	2	3
A	1	$\mu^* + \alpha_1^* + \beta_1^* + \alpha\beta_{11}^*$	$\mu^* + \alpha_1^* + \beta_2^* + \alpha\beta_{12}^*$	$\mu^* + \alpha_1^*$
	2	$\mu^* + \beta_1^*$	$\mu^* + \beta_2^*$	μ^*

Here the hypothesis that the two row average means are the same is the hypothesis

$$H_0 : \alpha_1^* + \frac{1}{3}(\alpha\beta_{11}^* + \alpha\beta_{12}^*) = 0$$

The hypothesis $H_0: \alpha_1^* = 0$ in this parameterization is the hypothesis that in fact the cell means are as in the table below. That is, the hypothesis is the hypothesis that $\mu_{13} = \mu_{23}$!!!!

		B		
		1	2	3
A	1	$\mu^* + \beta_1^* + \alpha\beta_{11}^*$	$\mu^* + \beta_2^* + \alpha\beta_{12}^*$	μ^*
	2	$\mu^* + \beta_1^*$	$\mu^* + \beta_2^*$	μ^*