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THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE, TEST ANXIETY, RACE, SEX, SCHOLASTIC ABILITY, AND SCHOOL ORGANIZATION:

A MULTI-VARIABLE APPROACH

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#### ABSTRACT

The relationships between academic performance, test anxiety, race, sex, scholastic ability, and school organization was investigated. It was found that the scholastic ability variable was the most predictive factor of academic performance. When covaring the scholastic ability variable, initial differences favoring Caucasian students in graded schools for academic performance and test anxiety became non-significant but significant differences between the sexes remained for for test anxiety. Caucasians, females, and those from graded schools scored significantly higher; however, when test anxiety was covaried, differences within school organizations became non-significant. Only linear significances were found, and all interactions were non-significant for the 206 students.

#### THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK

Anxiety, a twentieth century "discovery", has received much study since the origination of various anxiety scales during the past twenty-five years. Yet neither anxiety nor its relationship to performance (achievement) have reached a consensual status among researchers. (see Sarason, et al., 1960, 1964; Ruebush, 1963; Castaneda, et al., 1956; Allison, 1970; Deems, 1968; Lynn, 1957; and Taylor, 1956). Spielberger (1966) presented data showing anxiety research prior to 1950 as meager; however, since then over 1,500 studies have been listed in the Psychological Abstracts and more than 2,000 articles and books have appeared.

Some researchers attribute such increased activity to the formulation of various anxiety-measuring scales which stimulated the assessment of more than 120 personality-type tests to measure over 325 different anxiety variables by 1958. A popular and respected scale developed by S. B. Sarason entitled Test Anxiety Scale for Children (TASC) which measures anxiety in school within test-like situations was selected for use within this study.

Examination of selected literature established that the three dichotomous variables (race, sex, school organization) and the three continuous variables (academic performance, test anxiety, scholastic ability) were to be found within the research field, however, conclusive results as to their relational effects had been yet unrealized.

The examined school community of 23,000 inhabitants had an above-average level of schooling (college graduates>30%), an above-average income production (mean income>\$12,500), and a Caucasian population of 78% (U.S. Census Reports, 1972). The non-Caucasian income level surpassed its counterpart by more than \$500 yearly (mean income) while a large random sampling of school parents exhibited an average mean income of \$14,600 (Ross, 1971). Consequently, the importance of assessing the performance and characteristics of a racially mixed, middle-class socio-economic status suburban school system, with differing school organizational patterns, was viewed as significant since the researched literature had little to offer about samples of such composition.

## METHOD AND DATA SOURCE

Sample: The Ss comprised the entire fourth grade/fifth year population of the three elementary schools within the district. There were 132 fourth graders and 74 nongraded fifth year students, 107 males and 99 females, 105 non-Caucasians and 101 Caucasians among the 206 students.

Procedure and Design: Standardized tests of scholastic ability and scholastic achievement were administered by the classroom teachers as normally performed so the testing could qualify as much as possible as a non-reactive measure and possess greater external validity. Appropriate levels of the Otis-Lennon Mental Abilities Test (OLMAT) and the Paragraph Meaning sub-test of the Stanford Achievement Test (PMT-SAT) were used. The Test Anxiety Scale for Children (TASC) was given to the ten classroom groups by the same person (Novak).

Multiple linear regression analysis was employed since it could accomodate for various interactions and curvilinear relationships while explicating the functional relationships among several relevant independent variables and a criterion behavior (Kelly, 1970). Academic performance (reading comprehension score) test anxiety and scholastic ability served as criterion variables while the test anxiety and scholastic ability variables also served as independent predictor variables with the dichotomous variables of race, sex, and school organization. Various interactions were examined as well as certain curvilinear relationships between the continous variables.

Significant results were obtained for sixteen of the thirty-four hypotheses.

The "set" of independent variables of test anxiety, race, sex, scholastic aptitude, and school organization accounted for a significant amount of variance for the criterion of academic (reading comprehension) performance (57% variance) with the scholastic aptitude variable being the best single predictor.

TABLE I MODELS, F-RATIOS, AND  $\ensuremath{\text{R}}^2$  FOR HYPOTHESIS I

| DESCRIPTION OF MODELS   | MODEL      | R <sup>2</sup> | df    | F     | P      |
|---|------------|----------------|-------|-------|--------|
| Model $Y_1 = a_0 U + a_1 x_1 \dots$   |            | 193            | ,     |       |        |
| $+ a_8 x_8 + E_1$   | Ful1       | <b>.</b> 57    | 5/200 | 53.99 | 0.0*** |
| Restriction: $a_1 = a_2 =$  |            |                |       |       |        |
| a <sub>3</sub> =a <sub>4</sub> =a <sub>5</sub> =a <sub>6</sub> =a <sub>7</sub> =a <sub>8</sub> =0 | - 1        |                |       |       |        |
| Model Y <sub>I</sub> = a <sub>o</sub> U + E99   | Restricted | .00            |       |       |        |

### Hypothesis I:

An analysis of the series of independent variables selected (test anxiety, race, sex, scholastic ability, and school organization) accounts for a significant amount of the "explained" variance in the prediction of academic performance as represented by reading comprehension.

\*\*\* Significant beyond the .001 level (p < .00001 < .05)

See Table 5 and 6 for a description of all variables and models.

The continuous variables (academic performance, test anxiety, and scholastic aptitude or ability) were significantly related in linear fashion to one another: academic performance to scholastic ability (+.75); academic performance to test anxiety (-.28); and test anxiety to scholastic ability (-.38). The extent of curvilinearity between the continuous variables was not significant at alpha .05; thus, the relationships between the continuous variables were only linear in nature and did not lend support to the notion of a curvilinear relationship as stated by some researchers.

TABLE 2 MODELS, F-RATIOS AND  $\ensuremath{\mathrm{R}}^2$  FOR HYPOTHESIS IX

|            | DESCRIPTION OF MODELS                | MODEL | R <sup>2</sup> | df    | F   | P   |  |
|------------|--------------------------------------|-------|----------------|-------|-----|-----|--|
| Model<br>9 | $Y_1 = a_0 U + a_1 x_1 +$            |       |                |       |     |     |  |
|            | a <sub>34</sub> x <sub>34</sub> + E9 | Ful1  | .08            | •     |     |     |  |
|            | Restriction: a <sub>34</sub> =0      |       |                | 1/203 | 0.9 | .32 |  |
| Model      | $Y_1 = a_0 U + a_1 x_1 +$            |       |                |       |     |     |  |
| 8          | E <sub>8</sub>                       | Rest. | .07            |       |     |     |  |

#### Hypothesis IX:

An analysis of the curvilinear relationship between the predictor variable, test anxiety, and the criterion of academic performance (reading comprehension) accounts for a significant amount of variance above and beyond the variance accounted for by the linear relationship between the two variables.

TABLE 3

MODELS, F-RATIOS AND R<sup>2</sup> FOR HYPOTHESIS XI

| Model<br>11 | $Y_1 = a_0 U + a_6 x_6 + $ | Full  | .568 |       |     |     |  |
|-------------|--|-------|------|-------|-----|-----|--|
|             | Restriction: a <sub>35</sub> =0  |       |      | 1/203 | 1.7 | .18 |  |
| Model<br>10 | $Y_1 = a_0 U + a_6 x_6 + E_{10}$   | Rest. | .565 |       |     |     |  |

#### Hypothesis XI:

An analysis of the curvilinear relationship between the predictor variable, scholastic ability, and the criterion of academic (reading) performance accounts for a significant amount of variance above and beyond the variance accounted for by the linear relationship between the two variables.

Students from the self-contained, graded school organization and students of the Caucasian race had significantly higher mean scores for academic (reading comprehension) performance and significantly lower mean scores for test anxiety performance than their counterparts (nongraded organization and non-Caucasians); however, with the scholastic ability variable covaried, the mean score differences between these dichotomous groups became non-significant. There were no significant mean score differences between the sexes for any analyses made for academic performance, but females did score significantly higher mean scores for test anxiety with and without covariation of the scholastic ability variable.

Students within the self-contained, graded, school organization, students of the Caucasian race, and students of the female sex had significantly higher mean scores for the scholastic ability variable than their counterparts. When test anxiety was covaried, the mean score differences remained significant for scholastic ability between the races and between the sexes, results favoring Caucasians and females.

A five-way interaction between the "set" of predictors (sex, race, school organization, scholastic ability, and test anxiety) and two-way interactions between race and scholastic ability, between school organization and scholastic ability and between sex and scholastic ability provided no significant increase in predictability beyond the additive variance generated by the "set" of predictors for the criterion of academic performance; therefore, "global" statements about the linear relationships were statistically supported and permitted the "main" effect to represent the relationship across the entire range of the predictors' scores.

Of the thirty-four hypotheses tested, sixteen produced significant results ranging from p < .00001 < .05. Eight of the rejected hypotheses "approached" significance (p > .10 < .20). Only nine hypotheses were strongly rejected (p > .20). (See Table 4 for a summary of  $R^2$ , F-Ratios, and significance levels for the 34 hypotheses.). Table 7 (inter correlations between selected variables) is also presented for the reader's analysis beyond the hypotheses contained herein.

#### RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS

The findings of this investigation suggested that test anxiety served as an interfering variable to successful school achievement performance and may have served as an interfering variable to successful usage of scholastic ability capacity. The Response Interference Theory (Ruebush, 1960, 1963; Sarason, et al., 1960, 1964; Gifford and Marston, 1966, for example) received support from this study although those researchers who hypothesized a differential reaction across the predictor variable of test anxiety for the criterion of test performance were unsupported within these results.

Based on the findings, educators should consider the reduction of test anxiety within the classroom an effective means to aid students improve in academic achievement. Findings indicated that heightened test anxiety levels were possessed by the less scholastically able and by the more poorly achieving students. Whether the "typical" ability and achievement tests discriminate against non-Caucasians at every socio-economic level has served for extensive discussion within the educational field (see Shockley, 1972; Gage, 1972; Valentine, 1971; Rist, 1971, for example) without final resolution. Debate also continues about what a scholastic ability test exactly does measure; however a position was established within this study which skirted the controversy to some degree (see Novak (1973) for a description).

Females did score higher than males on scholastic ability and test anxiety but not on achievement which substantiates the Response Interference Theory. The extended implications of the female-oriented elementary school and the overt behavioral differences between the sexes becomes too complex (and somewhat peripheral) to pursue within this study (see Sarason, 1960, 1964; Hill and Sarason, 1966 for an extended discussion about sex differences).

Implications for the schools lead toward a notion that test anxiety can be found among all achievers, high and low, and teachers should remain aware of this. How the child views <a href="https://district.nic...himself">himself</a> in relation to others can be frequently overlooked by the adult world. Educators also need to develop a "sensitivity" to dependency traits in children; teachers need to look beyond the material to be learned and focus upon the interaction between student, material, and teacher. "Learning to cope" within the environment needs to be incorporated within the evaluative structure of the school. \*

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A replication of this study was recently conducted following two years spent by the sample within a nongraded, open pod school as a collective "mass". The authors of this paper are now in the process of analyzing the new data to note any new characteristics or changes registered by the pupils after two years of "common" schooling. During the initial study the students attended three separate and differentially organized elementary schools.

| <sub>t</sub> ypoth <b>e</b> ses | (Models) | $R^2_{f}$ | R <sup>2</sup> r | df    | F      | P           | Significance at th .05 level (N = 206) |
|---------------------------------|----------|-----------|------------------|-------|--------|-------------|--|
| ı.*                             | 1 vs 99  | .57       | .00              | 5/200 | 53.99  | ^           |  |
| II.                             | 1 vs 2   | .57       | .57              | 1/200 | .27    | .0          | Significant                            |
| III.                            | 1-3      | .57       | .57              | 1/200 | .01    | <b>-</b> 59 | Non-Significant                        |
|                                 | 1-4      | .57       | .57              | 1/200 |        | .89         | Non-Significant                        |
| IV.                             | 1-5      | .57       | .14              | 1/200 | 1.57   | .21         | Non-Significant                        |
| ٧.                              | 1-6      | .57       | .57              | -     | 202.22 | .0          | Significant                            |
| VI.                             |          |           |                  | 1/200 | 1.71   | .19         | Non-Significant                        |
| VII.                            | 1-7      | .59       | .57              | 8/192 | 1.49   | .15         | Non-Significant                        |
| AIII-T                          | 8-99     | .07       | .00              | 1/204 | 17.6   | .00004      | Significant                            |
| IX.                             | 8-9      | .08       | .07              | 1/203 | .9     | .32         | Non-Significant                        |
| Х.                              | 10-99    | .56       | -00              | 1/203 | 263.99 | .0          | Significant                            |
| XI.*                            | 10-11    | .568      | .565             | 1/203 | 1.7    | . 18        | Non-Significant                        |
| XII.                            | 12-99    | . 14      | .00              | 1/204 | 34.5   | .0          | Significant                            |
| XIII.                           | 12-13    | . 14      | . 14             | 1/203 | .04    | .83         | Non-Significant                        |
| XIV.                            | 14-99    | .07       | .00              | 1/204 | 15.8   | .0001       | Significant                            |
| xv.                             | 10-15    | .567      | .565             | 1/203 | .79    | .37         | Non-Significant                        |
| XVI.                            | 16-99    | .002      | .00              | 1/204 | .6     | .43         | Non-Significant                        |
| XVII.                           | 10-17    | .569      | 565              | 1/203 | 1.78   | .18         | Non-Significant                        |
| XVIII.                          | 18-99    | .035      | <b>.0</b> 0      | 1/204 | 7.55   | .006        | Significant                            |
| XIX.                            | 10-19    | .57       | .565             | 1/203 | 2.62   | .10         | Non-Significant                        |
| XX.                             | 20-99    | .025      | .00              | 1/204 | 5.32   | .02         | Significant                            |
| XXI.                            | 12-21    | .146      | . 144            | 1/203 | .49    | .48         | Non-Significant                        |
| XXII.                           | 22-99    | .021      | .00              | 1/204 | 4.5    | .03         | Significant                            |
| XXIII.                          | 12-23    | .187      | .144             | 1/203 | 10.7   | .001        | Significant                            |
| XXIV.                           | 24-99    | .02       | .00              | 1/204 | 4.58   | .033        | Significant                            |
| XXV.                            | 12-25    | .153      | .144             | 1/203 | 1.98   | .16         | Non-Significant                        |
| XXVI.                           | 26-99    | .092      | .00              | 1/204 | 20.9   | .00001      | Significant                            |
| XXVII.                          | 27-28    | .205      | .144             | 1/203 | 15.6   | .0001       | Significant                            |
| XVIII.                          | 29-99    | .023      | .00              | 1/204 | 4.90   | .02         | Significant                            |
| XXIX.                           | 28-39    | .189      | .144             | 1/204 | 11.19  | .0009       | Significant                            |
| XXX.                            |          |           |                  | 1/203 | 4.92   | .02         | Significant                            |
| XXXI.                           | 31-99    | .023      | .00              | •     | 2.31   | .12         | Non-Significant                        |
|                                 | 28-32    | . 154     | .144             | 1/203 |        | .30         | Non-Significant                        |
| XXXII.                          | 1-33     | .579      | .574             | 2/198 | 1.18   | .20         | Non-Significant                        |
| XXIII.                          | 1-34     | .581      | .574             | 2/198 | 1.59   |             | Non-Significant                        |
| XXXIV.                          | 1-35     | .574      | .574             | 2/198 | .0     | 1.0         | Mon-prantiteque                        |

Listed in tabular form within the paper.

See Tables 5 and 6 for a listing of models and a description of the variables included.

TABLE 5

THE COMPLETE SERIES OF REGRESSION MODELS WHICH REFLECT THE

EMPIRICALLY TESTED FUNCTIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

\* Model 99 All models listed as 99 develop a variance equal to zero.

 $Y_1 = a_0 U + a_1 X_1 + a_2 X_2 + a_3 X_3 + a_4 X_4 + a_5 X_5 + a_6 X_6$ 

 $+ a_{7}x_{7} + a_{8}x_{8} + a_{36}x_{36} + a_{37}x_{37} + E_{35}$ 

Model 35

Developed in tabular form in this paper.

# TABLE 6 AN EXPLANATION OF THE SYMBOLS USED IN MODEL CONSTRUCTION

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Y = criterion score, <u>Stanford Achievement Test</u>, Paragraph Meaning Sub-Test, (PMT-SAT) reading comprehension; a dependent variable
  Y<sub>2</sub> = criterion score, <u>Test Anxiety Scale for Children</u> (TASC); a dependent variable
  Y<sub>3</sub> = criterion score Otis Lennon Mental Abilities Test (OLMAT);
a dependent variable
  x = test anxiety score (TASC), a continuous predictor
  x<sub>2</sub> = Caucasian race is 1; zero otherwise
 x_q = Non-Caucasian race is 1; zero otherwise
 x<sub>4</sub> = Male sex is 1; zero otherwise
 x_{5} = Female sex is 1; zero otherwise
 x<sub>6</sub> = score on Otis-Lennon Mental Abilities Test (OLMAT) listed as
an I.Q. ratio score, a continuous predictor
 x_7 = Nongraded school member is 1; zero otherwise
 x_{g} = Graded school member is 1; zero otherwise
 x_{Q} = Caucasian race member X OLMAT score interaction <math>(x_{2}*x_{6})
x_{10} = \text{Non-Caucasian race member X OLMAT score interaction } (x_3*x_6)
x<sub>11</sub> = OLMAT SCORE X nongraded school member (x<sub>6</sub>*x<sub>7</sub>)
x_{12} = \text{OIMAT score } X \text{ graded school member } (x_6 *_{x_8})
x_{13} = Caucasian race X male <math>(x_2 * x_4)
x_{14} = Caucasian males X graded school (<math>x_{13}^*x_8)
x_{15} = Caucasian males X non-graded school (x_{13} * x_7)
x_{16} = Caucasian race X female (x_2*x_5)
x_{17} = Caucasian females X graded school (x_{16}*x_{8})
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 $x_{18}$  = Caucasian females X non-grd school  $(x_{16} * x_7)$ 

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x_{19} = Non-Caucasian race X male <math>(x_0 * x_4)
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$$x_{20}$$
 = Non-Caucasian males X graded school  $(x_{19} * x_8)$ 

$$x_{21} = Non-Caucasian males X non-graded school  $(x_{19} * x_{7})$$$

$$x_{22}$$
 = Non-Caucasian race X female  $(x_3 * x_5)$ 

$$x_{23} = Non-Caucasian females X graded school  $(x_{22}*x_8)$$$

$$x_{24} = Non-Caucasian females X non-graded school  $(x_{22} * x_7)$$$

$$x_{25}$$
 = Interaction between TASC X OIMAT  $(x_1*x_6)$ 

$$x_{26}$$
 = Caucasian males, graded school X TASC-OLMAT ( $x_{14} * x_{25}$ )

$$x_{27}$$
 = Caucasian males, non-graded X TASC-OLMAT  $(x_{15} * x_{25})$ 

$$x_{28}$$
 = Caucasian females, graded X TASC-OLMAT  $(x_{17} x_{25})$ 

$$x_{29}$$
 = Caucasian females, nongraded X TASC-OLMAT ( $x_{18} * x_{25}$ )

$$x_{30}$$
 = Non-Caucasian males, graded X TASC-OIMAT ( $x_{20}$ \*x25)

$$x_{31} = \text{Non-Caucasian males, nongraded X TASC-OLMAT } (x_{21} * x_{25})$$

$$x_{32} = \text{Non-Caucasian females, graded X TASC-OLMAT } (x_{23} * x_{25})$$

$$x_{33}$$
 = Non-Caucasian females, nongraded X TASC-OLMAT ( $x_{24} = x_{25}$ )

$$x_{34}$$
 = The square of the score on TASC  $(x_1 * x_1 = x_1^2)$ 

$$x_{35}$$
 = The square of the score on OLMAT  $(x_6 \pm x_6 = x_6^2)$ 

$$x_{36}$$
 = The interaction between the male sex and OLMAT Score  $(x_4 * x_6)$ 

 $x_{37} =$  The interaction between the female sex and OLMAT Score  $(x_5 * x_6)$ 

TABLE 7

CORRELATIONS BETWEEN CERTAIN SELECTED VARIABLES

OF POTENTIAL INTEREST\*

| VARIABLES | 1 | 2  | : 3  | 4    | 5  | 6    | 7    | 8    | 9    | 10   | 11   | 12   | 13   |
|-----------|---|----|------|------|----|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 3         |   | 28 | +.26 | 26   | 05 | +.05 | +.75 | 18   | +.18 | +.36 | 19   | 14   | +.32 |
| 2         |   | -  | 15   | +.15 | 14 | +.14 | 38   | +.14 | 14   | 20   | +.12 | +.12 | 21   |
| 3         |   |    |      |      |    |      |      |      |      | +.98 | 98   | 45   | +.50 |
| 4         |   |    |      |      | 03 | +.03 | 30   | +.46 | 46   | 19   | +.98 | +.45 | 50   |
| 5         |   |    |      |      |    | -1.0 | 15   | 07   | +.07 | +.02 | 06   | 08   | +.03 |
| 6         |   |    |      |      |    |      | +.15 | +.07 | 07   | 02   | +.06 | +.08 | 03   |
| 7         |   |    |      |      |    |      |      | 15   | +.15 | +.43 |      | 07   | +.32 |
| 8         |   |    |      |      |    |      |      |      | -1.0 | 46   | +.46 | +.18 | 97   |
| 9         |   |    |      |      |    |      |      |      |      | +.46 | 46   | 18   | +.97 |
| 10        |   |    |      |      |    |      |      |      |      |      | 97   | 45   | +.53 |
| 11        |   |    |      |      |    |      |      |      | •    |      |      | +.46 | 49   |
| 12        |   |    |      |      |    |      |      |      |      |      |      |      | 96   |
| 13        |   |    |      |      |    |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |

<sup>\*</sup> Because of the confounding effect of the dichotomous variables' impact upon some correlation coefficients, only underlined correlations should be examined. Some dichotomous variables are correlated to other dichotomous variables which produce unusable correlational coefficients.

Variable 1 = Paragraph Meaning Test, Stanford Achievement Battery, Int. I

Variable 2 = Test Anxiety Scale for Children

Variable 3 = Caucasian Race

Variable 4 = Non-Caucasian Race

Variable 5 = Male Sex

Variable 6 = Female Sex

Variable 7 = Otis-Lennon Mental Abilities Test, Scholastic Ability

Variable 8 = Nongraded School Organization

Variable 9 = Graded School Organization

Variable 10 = Caucasian X Scholastic Ability

Variable 11 = Non-Caucasian X Scholastic Ability

Variable 12 = Nongraded Organization X Scholastic Ability

Variable 13 = Graded Organization X Scholastic Ability

Correlations of ±.20 required for significance at the .05 corrected & a

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# PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE EDUCATION OF THEIR CHILDREN

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#### Introduction

Relevance, responsiveness and restoration have joined the traditional "Three R's in the lexicon of the modern educator. Schools, it is said, have become too large and have developed many of the suffocating characteristics of a self-serving bureaucracy; they are not relevant to society nor responsive to the needs of the people they serve. Many maintain that the best hope to reverse this process is to involve community people in the educational decision making process. Parents and others interested in education should be restored a role in decisions heretofore made exclusively by schoolmen.

During the past few years a great deal of effort and some money has been expended to accomplish this end. Progress has been made. Public interest has been stimulated and community involvement encouraged. Most applaud this development as beneficial to the institution of public education but more importantly to the children our schools serve. Most also agree, however, that in order for progress to continue along these lines, the principal participants in the educational process--parents, school, and community people--must reach some common perceptions regarding their individual roles in the educational decision making process.

During the last decade, a great deal of attention has been given to expanding the role of parents in educational decision making. In most cases, however, the specific roles that parents are to assume

have not been adequately defined. This lack of specificity has frequently generated a loss of trust in school administration and conflict among those involved. Consequently, the Far West Laboratory, recognizing the need, has initiated a program to survey the perceptions of the various educational stakeholders with respect to parental roles in educational programs. The purpose of this paper is to present and analyze the data collected by the Far West Laboratory.

The paper is divided into three major sections. Section I begins with a description of the evaluation instrument and data collection procedures used by the Far West Laboratory. This section ends with a presentation of the basic questions to be analyzed in this study. In Section II, the writers describe the multiple regression techniques used by the writers to gain leverage on the research questions. In Section III the writers analyze Far West's data using the Harding/ Johnson cluster grouping process.

#### SECTION I

#### The Instrument:

The data was collected by survey technique. Six hundred twentyone educational stakeholders in various Far West target school districts were asked to complete the Far West Laboratory Parent/Content
Questionnaire. This instrument measures the perception of parental
role by various educational stakeholders. The objective is to identify differences in the perceptions of these groups with regard to the
role they feel parents should play in the educational decision making
process. A copy of this questionnaire is found in Appendix I of this
study.

The reader will note (from Appendix I) that the questionnaire combines eleven "parent" phrases and twenty-two "content" phrases to yield 242 statements that describe various degrees of parental control in educational decisions. Parent phrases indicate levels of parental control; e.g., parents should care, parents do care, etc. Content phrases indicate the program areas where this control is perceived. For example, a "parent" phrase--"Parents do make decisions about"--and a "content" phrase--"who teaches their children"--would be combined to form one statement: "Parents do make decisions about who teaches their children." This parent phrase would be similarly combined with the remaining 21 content phrases. The process is repeated over each of the eleven parent phrases, yielding the 22 descriptive statements.

#### The Population:

The 621 original respondents represented a cross section of 36 educational roles and nine geographical areas. These stakeholders include teachers, parents, administrators and allied education roles; e.g., nurses, teacher aides, etc., from urban, rural, and suburban school districts. Appendix II contains a list of the educational roles and geographical areas included in the survey.

#### The Data:

After the data were collected, key-punched, and verified, it was further sorted and categorized. Observations with missing responses were eliminated and the roles (02--teacher aide, 03--teacher assistant, 04--associate teacher) were combined. This reduced the data set from 621 to 550 observations. The resulting frequency table, which categorizes the data by role and district as it was used in the final data runs, is found in Appendix III.

#### The Questions:

In addition to providing the writers of this paper with precollected data, Far West Laboratory also specified the questions they wished answered. In generic terms the laboratory wished to gain leverage on the following questions:

- 1. What are the perceptions of parental roles currently held by educational stakeholder groups?
- 2. If these stakeholder groups differ with regards to where these perceptions, between which groups do these differences lie?

Their intent was to identify potential conflict areas between educational stakeholder groups and ultimately to implement policy to resolve these differences.

The writers proposed two complimentary analytical approaches in order to attack these questions; a variant of multiple regression analysis and the Harding/Johnson cluster grouping technique. In the remaining paragraphs of this paper, the writers will present the analysis associated with each of these techniques.

#### SECTION II

#### THE REGRESSION MODELS

The response of each of the 550 educational stakeholders to each of the 242 questions in the <u>Parent/Content Questionnaire</u> were recorded as either a one (indicating agreement with the statement) or as a zero (indicating disagreement with that particular statement). Thus, the stakeholders response to each item in the questionnaire was coded in binary form. By categorizing the stakeholders into mutually exclusive collectively exhaustive groups, they too can be identified in a binary coding system. Using data coded in this way it is possible to specify an interactive multiple regression equation; group membership being used as the independent and item response as the dependent variables. The raw regression coefficient of these regression equations, specified in this way, can be interpreted as the conditional probability of a favorable response to a Parent/Content question, given the responding stakeholders group membership.

The first step in specifying these regression equations was to group the various educational stakeholders into appropriate mutually exclusive groups. This was necessary in order to build manageable parsimony in the resulting equations as well as to provide a sufficient number of observations within each classification cell. Moreover, it was recognized that the classification agreed upon must expose the data in such a way that the results could be used in policy planning and program evaluation.

After discussion with the project director at the Far Western Laboratory, it was decided that two basic regression models should

## Coding -- Urbanization Model:

Once the data was classified, an interaction coding scheme was devised for each of the regression models. In the urbanization model, two variables ( $X_2$  and  $X_3$ ) were designated district variables and two variables ( $X_4$  and  $X_5$ ) were designated role variables. Variable designation for the remaining role and district variables (Role 1, District 1) were assigned to the unit vector in order to avoid introducing four additional binary variables into the model. Table 3 shows the coding scheme used in the Urbanization Model.

TABLE 3
CODING SCHEME--URBANIZATION MODEL

| •        |      |                       |       | Bina  | ry | Var            | iab            | les       |                |                |                |                | _ |
|----------|------|-----------------------|-------|-------|----|----------------|----------------|-----------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---|
|          |      | Unit                  | Dist  | rict  |    | Ro             | le             |           | Ir             | ter            | act            | ion            | 1 |
| District | Role | Vector                | Vari  | ables | 7  | /ari           | abl            | <b>es</b> | 7              | ari            | abl            | es.;           | ı |
|          |      | <b>x</b> <sub>1</sub> | $x_2$ | $x_3$ |    | X <sub>4</sub> | X <sub>5</sub> |           | $x_{\epsilon}$ | X <sub>7</sub> | x <sub>8</sub> | x <sub>9</sub> | ı |
|          |      |                       |       |       |    |                | •              |           |                |                |                |                | _ |
| 1        | 1    | 1                     | 0     | O     |    | 0              | 0              |           | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0 -            |   |
| 1        | 2    | 1                     | 0     | 0     |    | 1              | 0              |           | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0              |   |
| 1        | 3    | 1                     | 0     | 0     |    | 0              | 1              |           | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0              |   |
| 2.       | 1    | . 1                   | 1     | 0     |    | 0              | 0              |           | 0              | 0.             | 0              | 0              |   |
| 2        | 2    | 1                     | 1     | 0     |    | 1              | 0              |           | 1              | 0              | 0              | O              |   |
| 2        | 3    | 1                     | 1     | 0     |    | 0              | 1              |           | 0              | 1              | 0              | Ó              |   |
| 3        | 1    | 1                     | 0     | 1     |    | Ò              | 0              | •         | 0              | 0              | 0              | -0             |   |
| 3        | 2    | 1                     | 0     | 1     |    | 1              | Õ              |           | 0              | 0              | 1              | 0              |   |
| 3        | 3    | 1                     | 0     | 1     |    | Ō              | 1              |           | 0              | Ō              | 0              | 1              |   |
|          |      |                       |       |       |    | _              |                |           |                |                |                |                |   |

# Determining the Probabilities -- Urbanization Model:

Using the coefficients associated with the independent variables in this model, it is possible to generate a predicted response for each question (criterion). This predicted score may then be interpreted as the probability that the criterion will be one (i.e., 1 = favorable response to a parent/content question) given group membership.

For example, using  $D_1R_j$  to indicate the various joint occurances of district and role group membership, FR to indicate favorable response, and  $B_i$  to indicate the regression coefficients, we can say:

$$P(FR/D_1R_1) = B_1$$

$$P(FR/D_1R_2) = B_1 + B_4$$

$$P(FR/D_1R_3) = B_1 + B_5$$

$$P(FR/D_2R_1) = B_1 + B_2$$

$$P(FR/D_2R_2) = B_1 + B_2 + B_4 + B_6$$

$$P(FR/D_2R_3) = B_1 + B_2 + B_5 + B_7$$

$$P(FR/D_3R_1) = B_1 + B_3$$

$$P(FR/D_3R_2) = B_1 + B_3 + B_4 + B_8$$

$$P(FR/D_3R_3) = B_1 + B_3 + B_5 + B_9$$

Moreover, defining N<sub>ij</sub> as the number of observations in each district-role combination, we can compute the marginal probabilities for each district and role.

$$P(D_{1}) = \frac{1}{EN_{1,j}} \left[ P(FR/D_{1}R_{1}) \cdot N_{1,1} + P(FR/D_{1}R_{2}) \cdot N_{1,2} + P(FR/D_{1}R_{3}) \cdot N_{1,3} \right]$$

$$P(D_{2}) = \frac{1}{EN_{2,j}} \left[ P(FR/D_{2}R_{1}) \cdot N_{2,1} + P(FR/D_{2}R_{2}) \cdot N_{2,2} + P(FR/D_{2}R_{3}) \cdot N_{2,3} \right]$$

$$P(D_{3}) = \frac{1}{EN_{3,j}} \left[ P(FR/D_{3}R_{1}) \cdot N_{3,1} + P(FR/D_{3}R_{2}) \cdot N_{3,2} + P(FR/D_{3}R_{3}) \cdot N_{3,3} \right]$$

$$P(E_{1}) = \frac{1}{EN_{1,1}} \left[ P(FR/D_{1}R_{1}) \cdot N_{1,1} + P(FR/D_{2}R_{1}) \cdot N_{2,1} + P(FR/D_{3}R_{1}) \cdot N_{3,1} \right]$$

$$P(R_{2}) = \frac{1}{EN_{1,2}} \left[ P(FR/D_{1}R_{2}) \cdot N_{1,2} + P(FR/D_{2}R_{2}) \cdot N_{2,2} + P(FR/D_{3}R_{2}) \cdot N_{3,2} \right]$$

$$P(R_{3}) = \frac{1}{EN_{1,3}} \left[ P(FR/D_{1}R_{3}) \cdot N_{1,3} + P(FR/D_{2}R_{3}) \cdot N_{2,3} + P(FR/D_{3}R_{3}) \cdot N_{3,3} \right]$$

The probability of a favorable response is simply the mean of the criterion.

#### Coding -- Implementation Model:

The Implementation Model was coded in a similar fashion. It has two districts, three roles, and six interaction terms, plus the unit vector.

TABLE 4

CODING SCHEME -- INPLEMENTATION MODEL

|   |     |  |                                      |                                      | ]                                    | Bina                                      | ry   | Vari                                 | ab | les                 |                                 |                                 |                   |                   |                 |   |
|---|-----|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|--------------------------------------|----|---------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---|
| District                                  | : 1 | Role   | Unit<br>Vector<br>X <sub>I</sub>     | Dist:                                | rict<br>X3                           | •   | Ro1<br>X <sub>5</sub>                          | е<br>Х <sub>6</sub>                  | ٠  | x <sub>7</sub>      |                                 |                                 |                   | tio               |                 | 2 |
| 1<br>1<br>1<br>2<br>2<br>2<br>2<br>2<br>3 |     | 1<br>2<br>3<br>4<br>1<br>2<br>3<br>4<br>1<br>2 | 1<br>1<br>1<br>1<br>1<br>1<br>1<br>1 | 0<br>0<br>0<br>0<br>1<br>1<br>1<br>0 | 0<br>0<br>0<br>0<br>0<br>0<br>0<br>0 | 0<br>1<br>0<br>0<br>0<br>0<br>1<br>0<br>0 | 0<br>0<br>1<br>0<br>0<br>0<br>0<br>1<br>0<br>0 | 0<br>0<br>0<br>1<br>0<br>0<br>0<br>1 | •  | 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 | 0<br>0<br>0<br>0<br>0<br>0<br>0 | 0<br>0<br>0<br>0<br>0<br>0<br>0 | 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 | 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 | 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 |   |
| 3   |     | 3<br>4   | 1                                    | 0                                    | 1                                    | 0   | 1<br>0   | 0                                    |    | 0                   | 0                               | 0<br>0                          | 0                 | 0                 | 0               |   |

The conditional and marginal probabilities for this model are computed in the same manner as in the Urbanization Model.

#### Determining Probabilities -- An Example:

Before presenting the results of the actual regression runs, it might be useful to demonstrate the process used with a simple example. Table 5 shows a data listing for a three district, four role interaction model. This, of course, is the same classification scheme used in the Implementation Model. The reader should note there are an unequal number of observations in each district role classification (see Column 2). Column Three indicates the number of individuals that agreed with the question. Column Four indicates the proportion of the total number of people in each classification, that agreed with the example question. The remaining columns indicate the coding of the criterion (Column 5) and independent variables (Columns 6, 7, 8),

| D <sub>2</sub> R <sub>1</sub> | D <sub>1</sub> R <sub>4</sub> . | D183       | Di R2 | Dlrí  | Identification<br>Role & District    | •                   |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------|-------|-------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| · ·                           | ω                               | 10         | U     | ω     | Z N                                  | <b>.</b>            |
| ω                             | . 2                             | , И        | . ω   | 2     | FR                                   | 3                   |
| 3/5                           | 2/3                             | 5/10       | . 3/5 | . 2/3 | P(FR/D <sub>1</sub> R <sub>j</sub> ) | æ                   |
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| 0000                          | 000                             | 000000000  | 00000 | 000   | 6. District Variables 2 3            | Role,               |
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|         |                               | - 2          | 8 -                           |         | <b>.</b> |                                   |                 |
|---------|-------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|---------|----------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| D3R2    | D <sub>3</sub> R <sub>1</sub> | D2R4         | D <sub>2</sub> R <sub>3</sub> |         | D R 2 2  | Identification<br>Role & District | <b>P</b>        |
| ω       | Ui .                          | W            | Մո                            |         | 10       | Z                                 | ~               |
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| 2/3     | 3/5                           | 2/3          | 3/5                           |         | 4/10     | P(FR/Diri)                        | 4               |
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| 000     | 00000                         | 000          | 0000                          | 000000  | 000      | Role<br>Variables                 | 7               |
| 000     | 00000                         | 000          | 00000                         |         |          | 7                                 |                 |
| 000     | 00000                         | 000          |                               | 000000  | 000      | 8                                 | ٠.              |
| 000     | 00000                         |              | 00000                         | 000000  | 000      | Inte<br>Var<br>9                  |                 |
|         | 00000                         | 000          | 00000                         | 000000  | 000      | 10<br>10                          | 00              |
| 000     | 00000                         | 000          | 00000                         | 000000  | 000      | fon<br>ee                         |                 |
| 000     | 00000                         | 000          | 00000                         | 000000  | 000      | 12                                |                 |

| D3R4        | D3R3 · | Identification<br>Role & District    | 1           |
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| 5/10        | 4/5    | P(FR/D <sub>1</sub> R <sub>j</sub> ) | 4           |
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|             | 00000  | 8                                    |             |
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|             | 00000  | nteraction<br>Variables              | œ           |
| 000000000   |        |                                      |             |
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Table 6 is a photo copy of the regression statistics resulting from running the data in Table 5 on a standard IBM multiple regress ion program.

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| 0.060607   |  |
| 0.26866<br>0.29851<br>0.46106<br>0.04323<br>0.046106   |  |
| 0.42957  | 0 大学的经验,0.74357763   |
| 0.14925 0.35903 0.14132 0.14132  | 3 348721   |
| 0.07463 0.26477 0.01882 0.1666   |  |
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By summing over the appropriate coefficients (see pages 6 and 7 above), we can see that:

#### TABLE 7

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>IBM Application Program, System/360 Scientific Subroutine (360 A-CM-03X) Version III.

$$P(FR/D_1) = \frac{1}{21} \left[ (.66666)(3) + (.60000)(5) + (.50000)(10) + (.66666)(3) \right] = .57143$$

$$P(FR/D_2) = \frac{1}{23} \left[ (.60000)(5) + (.40000)(10) + (.60000)(5) + (.60000)(3) \right] = .52174$$

$$P(FR/D_3) = \frac{1}{23} \left[ (.60000)(5) + (.66666)(3) + (.80000)(5) + (.50000)(10) \right] = .60876$$

$$P(FR/R_1) = \frac{1}{13} \left[ (.66666)(3) + (.60000)(5) + (.60000)(5) \right] = .61538$$

$$P(FR/R_2) = \frac{1}{18} \left[ (.60000)(5) + (.40000)(10) + (.66666)(3) \right] = .50000$$

$$P(FR/R_3) = \frac{1}{20} \left[ (.50000)(10) + (.60000)(5) + (.80000)(5) \right] = .55000$$

$$P(FR/R_4) = \frac{1}{16} \left[ (.66666)(3) + (.66666)(3) + (.50000)(10) \right] = .56250$$

and

P(FR) = .56716

The reader will note from the data listing that these results are the same proportions we built into this example problem (see / Column 4, Table 5)..

#### Data Analysis -- The Regression Models:

In the tables that follow, the writers use the technique described above on each of the 242 questions in the <a href="Parent/Content Questionnaire">Parent/Content Questionnaire</a>. and display the probabilities that result. Tables 8 and 10, for example, list the probabilities generated for the Urbanization and Implementation Models, respectively. In both of these tables, a row represents the probabilities generated from a single regression run.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>The probabilities that result from these analyses are presented in this paper. The regression printouts are found under separate cover on file with the Far West Laboratory.

The rows are grouped, displaying the twenty-two content phrases on a single page. Each table runs eleven pages--one page for each of the eleven parent phrases in the questionnaire.

Tables 9 and II are simply a reaggregation of the probabilities displayed in Tables 8 and 10. In Table 9, the Urbanization data is displayed by grouping the eleven parent phrases on each of twenty-two pages, each page representing the same content phrase.

The plus and minus signs on these four tables (i.e., Tables 8, 9, 10, and 11) indicate that that particular group's response was significantly different (at the .01 level) from the typical response to that question holding either content (Tables 8 and 10) or parent (Tables 9 and 11) phrase constant.

Tables 12 and 13 are summary tables for the Urbanization Model.

Table 13 summarizes the responses of the various stakeholders on each of the eleven parent phrases. Table 12 summarizes the responses of the various stakeholders on each of the twenty-two content phrases.

The numbers in the body of each of these tables can be interpreted as the probability of a favorable response to a particular parent (Table 12) or content (Table 13) phrase. Tables 14 and 15 are interpreted similarly for the Implementation Models.

The same analytical pattern was used to interpret the data in each of these tables. The results of the analysis are found in the summary that preceeds each table.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Parent Phrase #5, "Parents are denied any say about," is a negative phrase. The probabilities reported in Tables 9 through 15 have been adjusted to account for this fact. All probabilities associated with this phrase are reported in these tables as one minus the probabilities generated using the original data.

In these summaries, the writers first looked at the column headed by P(FR). The magnitude of the probabilities listed in this column indicates the existence of strong negative (low probability) or positive (high probability) feelings with regards to particular items in the <a href="mailto:Parent/Content Questionnaire">Parent/Content Questionnaire</a>.

Next, the columns displaying the conditional probability of a favorable response, across roles holding districts constant, were searched. The writer first looked for a sign change across these probabilities. This would indicate a conflict in perceptions among stakeholder groups. Then, the probabilities were searched to identify those items that had at least a twenty point spread in probability values. This indicates a lesser degree of conflict in judgement across the various stakeholder roles.

Finally, the writers looked at the columns displaying the conditional probability of a favorable response across districts holding roles constant. Again, a sign change was taken as evidence of extreme differences in perception and a twenty point spread as a minor difference.

#### THE ANALYSIS OF INCOMPLETE DATA USING REGRESSION

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#### 1. Introduction

The purpose of this paper is to demonstrate how multiple regression analysis can conveniently be used to analyze "incomplete" experimental design data. This approach is particularly attractive today because of the wide-spread availability of computers and the arrival of time-sharing computer terminals on the scene.

Basically, the regression approach to the analysis of an experimental design calls for the reparametrization of the traditional design model to one of full rank. Mendenhall [4] introduces his readers to this reparametrized approach but later abendons it in favor of the usual sums of squares calculating procedures since he confines his presentation to complete and/or balanced data. Other authors ([2], [5], [6] and [7]) develop the general linear hypothesis which is fundamental to the regression approach but fail to exploit it in the sense of this paper. In [3] the regression approach is the central theme but the book lacks in underlying theory. First let us review the pertinent concepts needed for the examples to follow.

Consider the multiple regression model

$$Y_{\underline{i}} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{\underline{i}} + \cdots + \beta_k x_{\underline{k}\underline{i}} + \varepsilon_{\underline{i}} , \underline{i} = 1, 2, \cdots, \underline{n}$$
where

$$E(\epsilon_{i}) = 0$$
 for all 1  
 $E(\epsilon_{i}\epsilon_{j}) = \begin{cases} \sigma^{2} & \text{if } i = j ; i,j = 1,2,...,n \\ 0 & \text{if } i \neq j ; i,j = 1,2,...,n \end{cases}$ 

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In matrix notation we write

$$\overline{\chi} = \overline{\chi} + \overline{c}$$
 (5)

where Y and E are  $n \times 1$  random vectors, X is an  $n \times (k+1)$  matrix of known fixed quantities of rank k+1, and  $\beta$  is a  $(k+1) \times 1$  vector of unknown parameters such that

$$E(z) = 0$$
 and  $Cov(z) = \sigma^2 I$ ,

I being the n × n identity matrix. The corresponding sample form is written as

where the vector b is the estimate of vector  $\beta$  in (2).

Let  $\underline{\beta}$  be a  $\underline{q} \times 1$  vector whose elements consist of a subset of the elements of  $\underline{\beta}$  and let  $\underline{0}$  be the  $\underline{q} \times 1$  zero vector. If we assume that  $\underline{\varepsilon}$  is multivariate normal, then the hypothesis

$$\mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{O}}:\underline{\mathbf{B}}^{\bullet}=\underline{\mathbf{O}}.$$

can be tested using the statistic

$$\mathbf{r} = \frac{(\mathbf{SSE}^* - \mathbf{SSE})/\mathbf{q}}{\mathbf{SSE}/(\mathbf{n} - \mathbf{k} - \mathbf{1})} \tag{4}$$

which is a value of an F random variable with q and n-k-1 degrees of freedom. Here SSE denotes the error sum of squares obtained fitting the "full" model and SSE denotes the error sum of squares corresponding to the "reduced" er-"conditional" model which results when the condition  $\beta = 0$  is imposed on the full model. The procedure is demonstrated in the following example.

Consider the linear regression model

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \beta_3 x_3 + \beta_4 x_4 + \epsilon$$

which we shall call the full model, and suppose we wish to test the hypothesis

$$H_0: \beta_2 = \beta_3 = \beta_4 = 0$$
.

Imposing Ho en the full model, we arrive at the conditional model

$$Y = \beta_0^* + \beta_1^* x_1 + \epsilon^0$$

For this example, the F-statistic (4) has 3 and n - 5 degrees of freedom and the quantity SSE - SSE is sometimes said to be the reduction in error sum of squares due to the inclusion of  $\beta_2$ ,  $\beta_3$  and  $\beta_4$  in the model. Therefore some authors (e.g., Searle [7]) denote this reduction by

$$R(\beta_2,\beta_3,\beta_4|\beta_0,\beta_1) = SSE - SSE.$$

It should also be noted here that the regression sum of squares, denoted by SSR, is a quantity that, like SSE, is included in the output of any standard multiple regression computer program. Alternately we could compute  $R(\beta_2,\beta_3,\beta_4|\beta_8,\beta_1)$  in the above example as

$$R(\beta_2, \beta_3, \beta_1 | \beta_0, \beta_1) = SSR - SSR^*$$
.

From least squares theory, t-statistics of interest available for the analysis of data using regression include

$$t = \frac{b_1 - \beta_1}{s\sqrt{c_{jj}}}$$
,  $j = 0,1,...,k$  (5)

where  $s = \sqrt{SSE/(n-k-1)}$  and  $c_{j,j}$  is the j<sup>th</sup> diagonal element of the inverse of the X transpose X matrix denoted by  $(X^*X)^{-1}$ . This, of course, can be used to test a hypothesis or construct a confidence interval about a single parameter,  $\beta_j$ . Inferences in regard to a linear combination of the parameters can be made using the statistic

$$t = \frac{\underline{a'}\underline{b} - \underline{a'}\underline{\beta}}{\underline{s}\sqrt{\underline{a'}(X'X)^{-1}}\underline{a}}$$
 (6)

For example, a 1 - a confidence interval for the E(Y) corresponding to a

given x vector is

$$\underline{x'b} \pm t_{\alpha/2} = \sqrt{\underline{x'(x'x)^{-1}}\underline{x}}. \tag{7}$$

The degrees of freedom associated with (5) and (6) is n-k-1.

## 2. Analyzing a randomized incomplete block design

Searle [7] discusses the two-way crossed classification model without interaction in Section 1 of Caapter 7 in his book with reference to the data given in Table 1. If we look upon "stove brand" as a block and "nake of pan" as a treatment the traditional representation of the model for the associated experiment is

$$Y_{ij} = \mu + \beta_i + \tau_j + \epsilon_{ij}$$
,  $i = 1,2,3,4 ; j = 1,2,3$ . (8)

Table 1. Randomized Incomplete Block Data

| Brand    | Make of Pen  |    |    |   |  |  |  |
|----------|--------------|----|----|---|--|--|--|
| of Stove | A            | E  | C  |   |  |  |  |
| x        | 18           | 12 | 24 |   |  |  |  |
| ¥ .      | . <b>-</b> . | -  | 9  | • |  |  |  |
| z        | 3            | -  | 15 |   |  |  |  |
| . w      | 6            | 3  | 18 |   |  |  |  |

Source: Searle [7], Table 7.1

Following Mendenhall [4], we can reparametrize this model to the regression model

$$Y = x_0 + x_1 + x_2 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 + x_5 + x_5 + x_6$$
 (9)

where

$$x_{1} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if Pan B} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
,  $x_{5} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if Pan C} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ 

In terms of the parameters of the traditional model, it is easy to derive the correspondence  $a_0 = \mu + \beta_1 + \tau_1$  and

$$\alpha_1 = \beta_2 - \beta_1$$
 ,  $\alpha_2 = \beta_3 - \beta_1$  ,  $\alpha_3 = \beta_4 - \beta_1$  ,  $\alpha_5 = \tau_3 - \tau_1$  .

Hence the hypothesis that all treatment effects in model (8) are equal,

implies the hypothesis

with respect to model (9). Similarly, the hypothesis  $\beta_1 = \beta_2 = \beta_3 = \beta_4$  implies  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \alpha_3 = 0$ . These hypotheses can then be tested by using test statistic (4) with a summary displayed in the usual analysis of variance table.

Using a multiple regression program we obtain the following results in analyzing the data in Table 1.

Full Model: 
$$Y = x_0 + x_1x_1 + x_2x_2 + x_3x_3 + x_4x_4 + x_5x_5 + \epsilon$$

Conditional Model 1: 
$$Y = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 x_1 + \alpha_2 x_2 + \alpha_3 x_3 + \epsilon$$
  
SSE = 270 and SSR = 162

Conditional Medel 2: 
$$Y = \alpha_0^{88} + \alpha_4^{88} \times_4 + \alpha_5^{88} \times_5 + \epsilon^{88}$$

$$SSE^{88} = 283.5 \text{ and } SSR^{88} = 148.5$$

The partial enalysis of variance summarizing these numerical results appears in Table 2. Searle's R( ) notation is also given. Notice that in

Table 2. ANOVA for Randomized Incomplete Block Design

| Source       | d.f. |             |                             |
|--------------|------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| Stove Brands | 3    | 271.5 = SSE | - SSE = R(β μ,τ)            |
| Make of Pans | 2    | 258 = SSE   | - ESE = $R(\tau \mu,\beta)$ |
| Error        | . 3  | 12 = 8SE    |                             |

lotal :

this notation SSR =  $R(\beta|\mu)$  and SSR =  $R(\tau|\mu)$ . In traditional statistical nomenclature,  $R(\beta|\mu,\tau)$  and  $R(\tau|\mu,\beta)$  are called the "adjusted" sums of squares while  $R(\beta|\mu)$  and  $R(\tau|\mu)$  are called the "unadjusted" sum of squares.

To illustrate some auxiliary statistical inferences, we obtain from the regression print-out the estimates

 $a_0 = 16$ ,  $a_1 = -17$ ,  $a_2 = -12$ ,  $a_3 = -9$ ,  $a_4 = -4$ ,  $a_5 = 10$ and a = 2. Hence to compare Pan A with Pan C we test

$$H_0: \tau_1 = \tau_3$$

and observe that  $\tau_1 = \tau_3$  implies  $a_5 = 0$ . Therefore we use (5) and calculate

$$t = \frac{65}{8\sqrt{c_{55}}} = \frac{10}{2\sqrt{2/3}} = 6.12$$
 with 3 degrees of freedom.

Next, suppose we wish to compare Pen C with the average of Pans A and B. The hypothesis

$$H_0 : 2\tau_3 = \tau_1 + \tau_2$$

implies 245 - a4 = 0. Here we use (6) and calculate

t = 
$$\frac{\underline{d'a}}{s\sqrt{\underline{d'(x'x)^{-1}\underline{d}}}} = \frac{24}{2\sqrt{2.25}} = 8$$
 with 3 degrees of freedom

where  $\underline{d}' = [0 \ 0 \ 0 \ -1 \ 2]$ . The elements of vector  $\underline{a}$  are given above.

As an example of (7), let us obtain the 95% confidence interval for the mean response to Stove W and Pan C,

$$E(Y_{1;3}) = \mu + \beta_{1;} + \tau_{3}$$

$$= \alpha_{0} + \alpha_{3} + \alpha_{5}$$

We calculate

$$\underline{x'a} + t_{.025} = \sqrt{\underline{x'(x'x)^{-1}}\underline{x}} = 17 + 4.86$$

where  $t_{-0.25} = 3.182$  and x' = [1 0 0 . 1 : 0 1] ...

Parenthetically, it should be noted that the above inference calculations were easily carried out on a computer terminal using APL.

#### 3. Analysis of an incomplete factorial

Bancreft [1] fits the factorial model

$$Y_{ijk} = \mu + \alpha_{i} + \beta_{j} + (\alpha \beta)_{ij} + \epsilon_{ijk}$$

$$i = 1,2,3,4,5; j = 1,2; k = 1,2,...,n_{ij}$$
(10).

to the data found in Table 3. Because of the unequal subclass frequencies

Bancroft spent several pages describing the traditional methods for

obtaining the edjusted sums of squares for the analysis of variance. How
ever, we shall see that the absence of orthogonality presents no complications

whatsoever for the regression approach.

For our full model, we reparametrize model (10) to the regression model  $Y = Y_0 + Y_1X_1 + Y_2X_2 + Y_3X_3 + Y_4X_4 + Y_5X_5 + Y_{15}X_2X_5 + Y_{35}X_3X_5 + \varepsilon$  (11) where  $\begin{cases}
1, & \text{if } A_2 \\
0, & \text{otherwise}
\end{cases} \begin{cases}
1, & \text{if } A_4 \\
0, & \text{otherwise}
\end{cases} \begin{cases}
1, & \text{if } A_5 \\
0, & \text{otherwise}
\end{cases} \begin{cases}
1, & \text{if } B_2 \\
0, & \text{otherwise}
\end{cases}$ 

| Table 3.       | Incomplete Factorial Data |                  |  |  |  |
|----------------|---------------------------|------------------|--|--|--|
| A B            | Bı                        | , B <sub>2</sub> |  |  |  |
| <b>A</b> 1     | 22, 25                    | -1, 40, 18       |  |  |  |
| A <sub>2</sub> | 41, 41                    | 23, 13           |  |  |  |
| A3             | 29, 29, 37                |                  |  |  |  |
| A              | 49, 50                    | 61.              |  |  |  |
| A <sub>5</sub> | .55                       |                  |  |  |  |

Source: Bancroft [1], Toble 1.10

Notice that the interaction terms enter into the model as products and that there are only two such terms (instead of four) because of the two empty cells. To obtain the partial analysis of variance as found in Table 4, we fit model (11) and the following conditional models to the data.

Conditional Model 1:  $Y = \gamma_0^8 + \gamma_{1}^8 x_{1} + \gamma_{2}^8 x_{2} + \gamma_{3}^8 x_{3} + \gamma_{4}^8 x_{4} + \gamma_{5}^8 x_{5} + \varepsilon$ Conditional Model 2:  $Y = \gamma_0^{80} + \gamma_{1}^{80} x_{1} + \gamma_{2}^{80} x_{2} + \gamma_{3}^{80} x_{3} + \gamma_{4}^{80} x_{4} + \varepsilon$ Conditional Model 3:  $Y = \gamma_0^{800} + \gamma_{5}^{800} x_{5} + \varepsilon$ 

Observe the anomaly that the main effects sums of squares are obtained by first assuming a no interaction model whereas the error sum of squares is calculated assuming interaction. This implies that the tests for main effects are unbiased only if interaction is not present. For example, it can be shown that  $\gamma_5 = \beta_2 - \beta_1 + (\alpha \beta)_{12} - (\alpha \beta)_{11}$ . Using the results displayed in Table 4, we find here that interaction is "not significant."

As in the previous example, the regression sums of squares  $SSR = 2572.30 = R(\alpha | \mu) \text{ and } SSR = 473.20 = R(\beta | \mu)$ 

are referred to as unadjusted sums of squares in the literature.

| ,Table | 4. | AVOVA | for | Incomplete | Factorial |
|--------|----|-------|-----|------------|-----------|
|--------|----|-------|-----|------------|-----------|

| Source      | d.f | 88          |           |            |                                     |
|-------------|-----|-------------|-----------|------------|-------------------------------------|
| Treatments  | 7.  | 3213.77     | = SSR =   | λ(α,β,αβ μ | )                                   |
| A(adjusted) | · 1 | <br>2249    | .05 = SSE | - 8SE      | $= R(\alpha   \mu, \beta)$          |
| B(edjusted) | 1   | <br>149.    | .95 = SSE | - SSE      | $= \pi(\beta   \mu, \alpha)$        |
| AB          | 2   | . 491.      | .51 = 888 | - SSE      | = $R(\alpha\beta \mu,\alpha,\beta)$ |
| Error       | . 8 | 1041.67     | = SSE     |            |                                     |
| Total       | 15  | <br>4255.44 |           |            |                                     |

Next, let us assume that it is appropriate to investigate the polynomial effects corresponding to factor A. Using traditional methods, the calculations for such effects are horrendous but again regression analysis does the jeb naturally and without strain. Although there are no additional complications when the levels of A are not equally spaced, for the purpose of illustration let us assume equal spacing. We begin with the model

where

$$x_{1} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } A_{1} \\ 1 & \text{if } A_{2} \\ 2 & \text{if } A_{3} \\ 3 & \text{if } A_{4} \\ 4 & \text{if } A_{5} \end{cases} \qquad x_{2} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } B_{2} \\ 0 & \text{if } B_{1} \end{cases}$$

After fitting this polynomial model we successively fit the models Conditional Model 1:  $Y = \gamma_0^{(1)} + \gamma_1^{(1)} z_1 + \gamma_2^{(1)} x_1^2 + \gamma_3^{(1)} x_1^3 + \gamma_5^{(1)} x_2 + \varepsilon^{(1)}$  Conditional Model 2:  $Y = \gamma_0^{(2)} + \gamma_1^{(2)} x_1 + \gamma_2^{(2)} x_1^2 + \gamma_5^{(2)} x_2 + \varepsilon^{(2)}$  Conditional Model 3:  $Y = \gamma_0^{(3)} + \gamma_1^{(3)} x_1 + \gamma_5^{(3)} x_2 + \varepsilon^{(3)}$  Conditional Model 4:  $Y = \gamma_0^{(4)} + \gamma_5^{(4)} x_2 + \varepsilon^{(4)}$ .

The mechanics of partitioning factor A's sum of squares adjusted for factor B into its polynemial components is indicated in Table 5.

Table 5. Polynomial Effects for Factor A

|             | 1.4    |      |         |                      |                      |
|-------------|--------|------|---------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Source      |        | d.f. | 83      | •                    |                      |
| Linear      |        | i,   | 1738.18 | _ SSR(3)             | - ssr(4)             |
| Quadratic   | *      | 1 .  | 66.25   | = SSR <sup>(2)</sup> | - ESR(3)             |
| Cubic       |        | 1.   | 20.14   | = BSR(1)             | - SSR(2)             |
| Quartic     |        | 1    | 424.49  | = BSR -              | <sub>SSR</sub> (1) - |
| Total (A sd | usted) | 14   | 2249.06 |                      | 1.                   |

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### ABSTRACTS FOR VOLUME 5

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Two types of Problems concerning the comparison of two or more non-independent correlations are presented. The first one concerns the ability to determine if the multiple correlation between a criterion and a set of predictors is significantly different from an R between the same criterion and a different set of predictors within the same sample. The second deals with the question of the differential predictive ability of a set of predictors from population to population. Rationale for a comparison proceedure is also given.

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This paper presents a statistical procedure for examining differences in criteria above independent differences. The theoretical position underlying the approach is that "the sum of the parts is greater than the whole." A model is set up where a researcher is trying to determine whether the Gestalt method or the Behavioral method of group counseling is more effective for increasing the self concept of a certain population:

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An alternative regression solution to the repeated measures design (AxBxS) is given, contrasting to a solution given earlier by Pyle (Viewpoints 1974, Vol. 5, No. 1, 23-32). The solution given here can be completed without altering the criterion measures to find the A and B effects. Also, the presenting solution can be translated quite easily into experimental design terminology.

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Several questions, issues and approaches to teaching a basic course in Multiple Linear Regression (MLR) are raised in this article. These include the following: 1) MLR as a generalized procedure; 2) Use of matrix algebra in MLR; 3) Redundant models in MLR; 4) Orthogonal coding; and 5) data analysis and MLR. Suggestions and recommendations are made for the issues raised.

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Multiple regression analysis was used to examine the different effects of special class placement on the reading achievement of Educable Mentally Retarded (EMR) pupils. Self-contained classes, selected academic placement Programs and learning resource centers were the types of placement studied. A significant difference was found between the reading score of EMR boys in learning resource centers and EMR girls in the same classes. The boys scored higher. Further, boys scored higher in learning resource centers than they did in any other placement, and girls scored higher in selected academic placement programs than they did in any other placement.

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The role of causality in scientific investigation, and in particular as it relates to multiple regression needs to be further discussed in this journal. Statistical pragmatism (as measured by  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ) is seen as a necessary but not sufficient condition for ascertaining causality. A research strategy is described which will help the researcher define the level of causal inference to which he is entitled. Interpretations of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  will vary depending upon the level which the researcher has allowed.

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Pohlmann's algorithm for incorporating cost criteria into the valuable selection problem in multiple regression is examined. It is pointed out that this algorithm has the property that the choice of the optimal subset can be artificially changed by the addition of another variable. An example is included to illustrate this property.

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This article presents the use of Regression Analysis as the most logical and meaningful way to analyze continuous developmental change. An experiment is presented using both a conventional analysis of variance for repeated measures and Multiple Linear Regression for purposes of comparing the two techniques.

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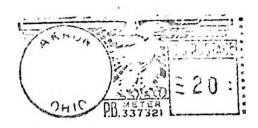
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