

**20. Gender Differences in Performance on Mathematics Achievement Tests.** Display 13.25 shows a sample of five rows from a data set on 861 ACT Assessment Mathematics Usage Test scores from 1987. The test was given to a sample of high school seniors who met one of three profiles of high school mathematics course work: (a) Algebra I only; (b) two Algebra courses and Geometry; and (c) two Algebra courses, Geometry, Trigonometry, Advanced Mathematics, and Beginning Calculus. Analyze the data to determine whether male scores are distributed differently than female scores, after accounting for coursework profile, and whether the difference is the same for all profiles. Write a brief summary of statistical findings and include a graphical display. (These data were generated from summary statistics for one particular form of the test, as reported in Doolittle, A. E., 1987, Gender differences in performance on mathematics achievement items, ACT Research Report Series, 87-16.)

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**Display 13.25** ACT mathematics test scores for a set of high school seniors having one of three mathematics course profiles (a sample of five of 861 rows)

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Gender	Profile	Score
male	a	5
male	b	13
female	a	18
female	c	28
male	c	32

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The dataset for today is ex1320.csv. I recommend you use PROC MIXED or PROC GLM (or both) for this example. There are no random effects, so the problem is appropriate for either.

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data ACTSCORES;
  infile input1 misover DSD dlm="," firstobs=2;
  input gender $ profile $ score;
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run;
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The variable “profile” has 3 levels: “a” indicates Algebra I only, “b” indicates two algebra courses plus geometry and “c” indicates two algebra courses plus geometry, trigonometry, advanced math and beginning calculus.

- 1) You do NOT need to list the data, there are 861 observations. To examine the data you may wish to sort by gender and profile and get means by gender and profile. “proc sort; by gender profile; proc means; by gender profile;”.
- 2) Using GLM or MIXED fit the model including the interaction, “MODEL SCORE = GENDER PROFILE GENDER\*PROFILE;” or “MODEL SCORE = GENDER | PROFILE;”.  
**State your conclusions on the significance of gender, profile and the interaction. You may use the back of this page or you may email your answers.**
- 3) Output the lsmeans or get means from PROC MEANS and plot the means. The Y axis will be the value of the mean, the X axis will be the profile value (a, b or c) and the letters within the plot should indicate male or female.  
**State your interpretation of the interaction. Obviously, this will be more interesting if the interaction is significant than if it is not. You may use the back of this page or you may email your answers.**

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