

QUESTION In a horticultural experiment three varieties of tomato plant are grown. The number n of plants of each variety and the yield x (in kg) of each plant are summarized in the table below

	variety	n	$\sum x$	$\sum x^2$
Money – Maker	(M)	8	95	1160
Tigerella	(T)	6	92	1430
Outdoor Girl	(G)	6	76	1000

Assuming that the yields of each variety are normally distributed about means μ_M, μ_T, μ_G respectively with common variance σ^2 .

- (i) Estimate σ^2 .
- (ii) Test the hypothesis $\mu_M = \mu_T = \mu_G$.
- (iii) Set up a 95% confidence interval for $\mu_M - \mu_T$

ANSWER $n = 20$ $T = 95 + 92 + 76 = 263$ $c = \frac{263^2}{20} = 3458.45$
 $\sum x^2 = 1160 + 1430 + 1000 = 3590$ $TSS = 3590 - C = 131.55$
 $BSS = \frac{95^2}{8} + 92^2 + 76^2 - C = 3501.46 - C = 43.01$
 $WSS = 131.55 - 43.01 = 88.54$

(i) anova Table

Source	df	ss	ms
Between groups	2	43.01	21.505
Within groups	17	88.54	5.208= $\hat{\sigma}^2(a)$
total	19	131.55	

- (ii) $H_0 : \mu_M = \mu_T = \mu_G$ $H_1 : \text{Not all equal}$ $\alpha = 5\%$
 $F_{2,17} = \frac{21.505}{5.208} = 4.13$ significant at 5%
- (iii) $\bar{x}_m = \frac{95}{8} = 11.875$ $\bar{x}_T = 15.33$ 95%CI

$$-3.46 \pm t_{17} \sqrt{5.208 \left(\frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{6} \right)}$$

$$-3.46 \pm 2.11 \times 1.2325$$

$$-3.46 \pm 2.60$$