

# Interactions and Factorial ANOVA

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# Interactions

- Interaction between explanatory variables means “It depends.”
- Relationship between one explanatory variable and the response variable *depends* on the value of the other explanatory variable.
- Can have
  - Quantitative by quantitative
  - Quantitative by categorical
  - Categorical by categorical

# Quantitative by Quantitative

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

$$E(Y|\mathbf{x}) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \beta_3 x_1 x_2$$

For fixed  $x_2$

$$E(Y|\mathbf{x}) = (\beta_0 + \beta_2 x_2) + (\beta_1 + \beta_3 x_2)x_1$$

Both slope and intercept depend on value of  $x_2$

And for fixed  $x_1$ , slope and intercept relating  $x_2$  to  $E(Y)$  depend on the value of  $x_1$

# Quantitative by Categorical

- One regression line for each category.
- Interaction means slopes are not equal
- Form a product of quantitative variable by each dummy variable for the categorical variable
- For example, three treatments and one covariate:  $x_1$  is the covariate and  $x_2, x_3$  are dummy variables

$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \beta_3 x_3 + \beta_4 x_1 x_2 + \beta_5 x_1 x_3 + \epsilon$$

# General principle

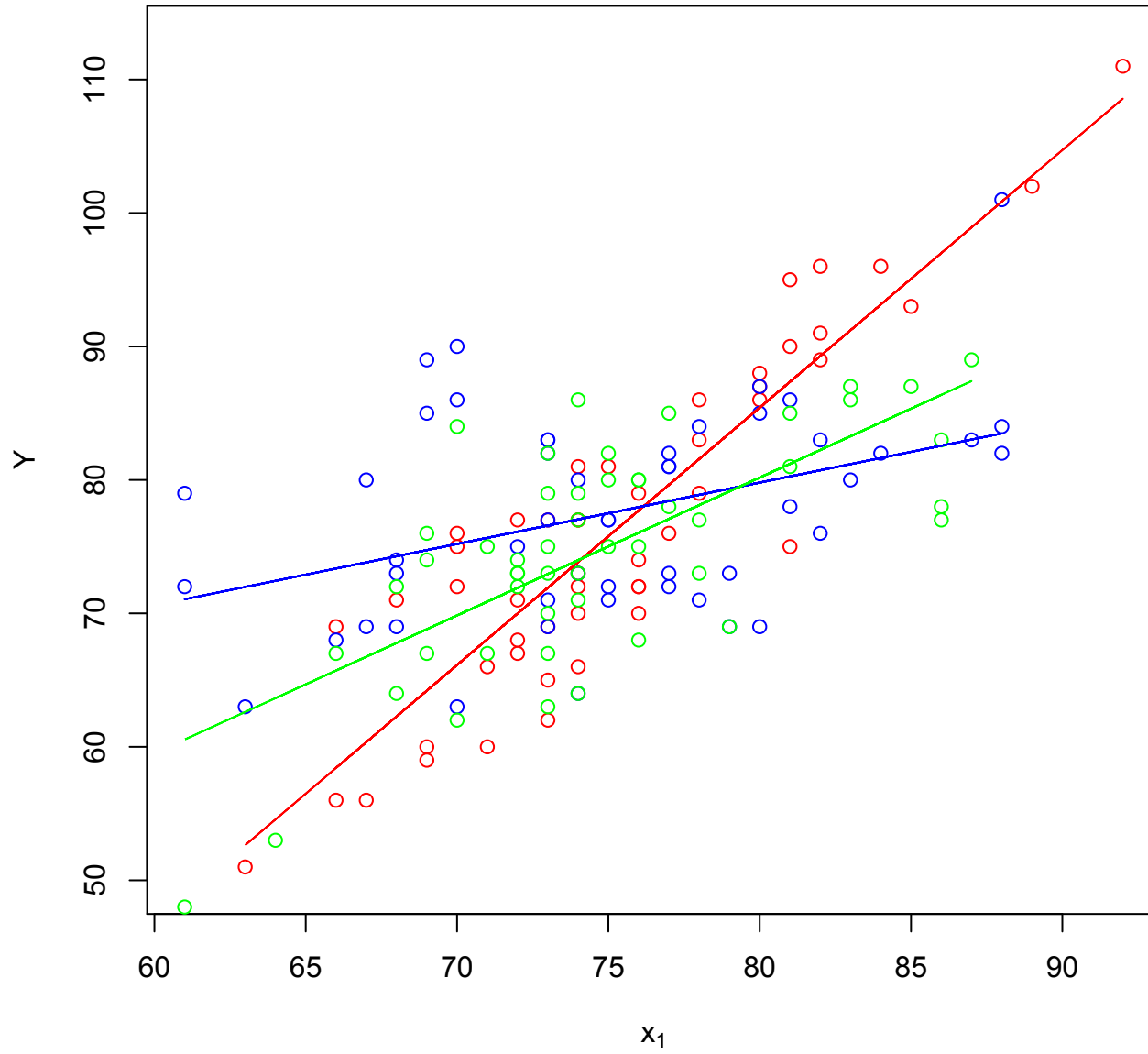
- Interaction between A and B means
  - Relationship of A to Y depends on value of B
  - Relationship of B to Y depends on value of A
- The two statements are formally equivalent

# Make a table

$$E(Y|\mathbf{x}) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \beta_3 x_3 + \beta_4 x_1 x_2 + \beta_5 x_1 x_3$$

Group	$x_2$	$x_3$	$E(Y \mathbf{x})$
1	1	0	$(\beta_0 + \beta_2) + (\beta_1 + \beta_4)x_1$
2	0	1	$(\beta_0 + \beta_3) + (\beta_1 + \beta_5)x_1$
3	0	0	$\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1$

Effect of Treatment Depends on  $x_1$



Group	$x_2$	$x_3$	$E(Y \mathbf{x})$
1	1	0	$(\beta_0 + \beta_2) + (\beta_1 + \beta_4)x_1$
2	0	1	$(\beta_0 + \beta_3) + (\beta_1 + \beta_5)x_1$
3	0	0	$\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1$

What null hypothesis would you test for

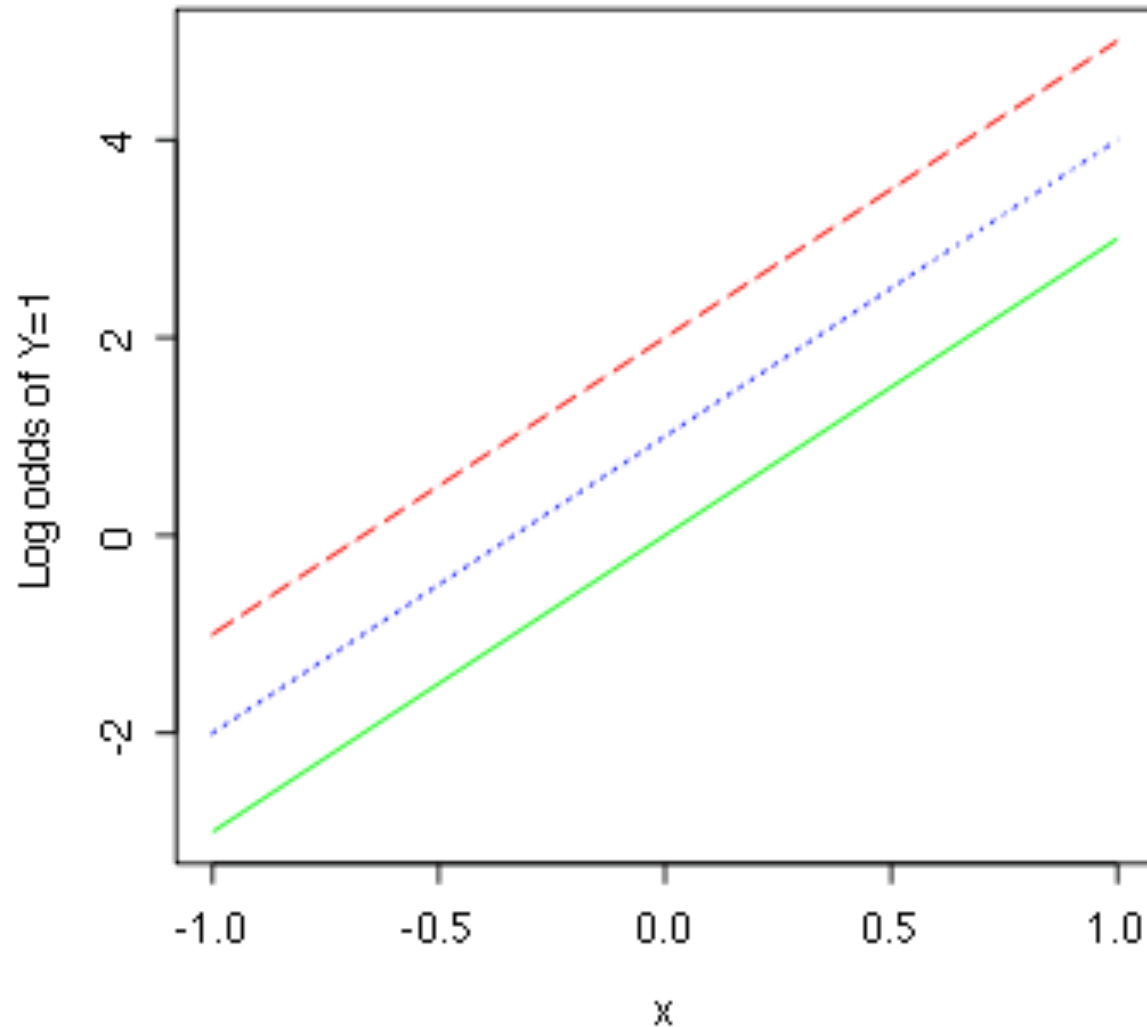
- Equal slopes
- Comparing slopes for group one vs three
- Comparing slopes for group one vs two
- Equal regressions
- Interaction between group and  $x_1$



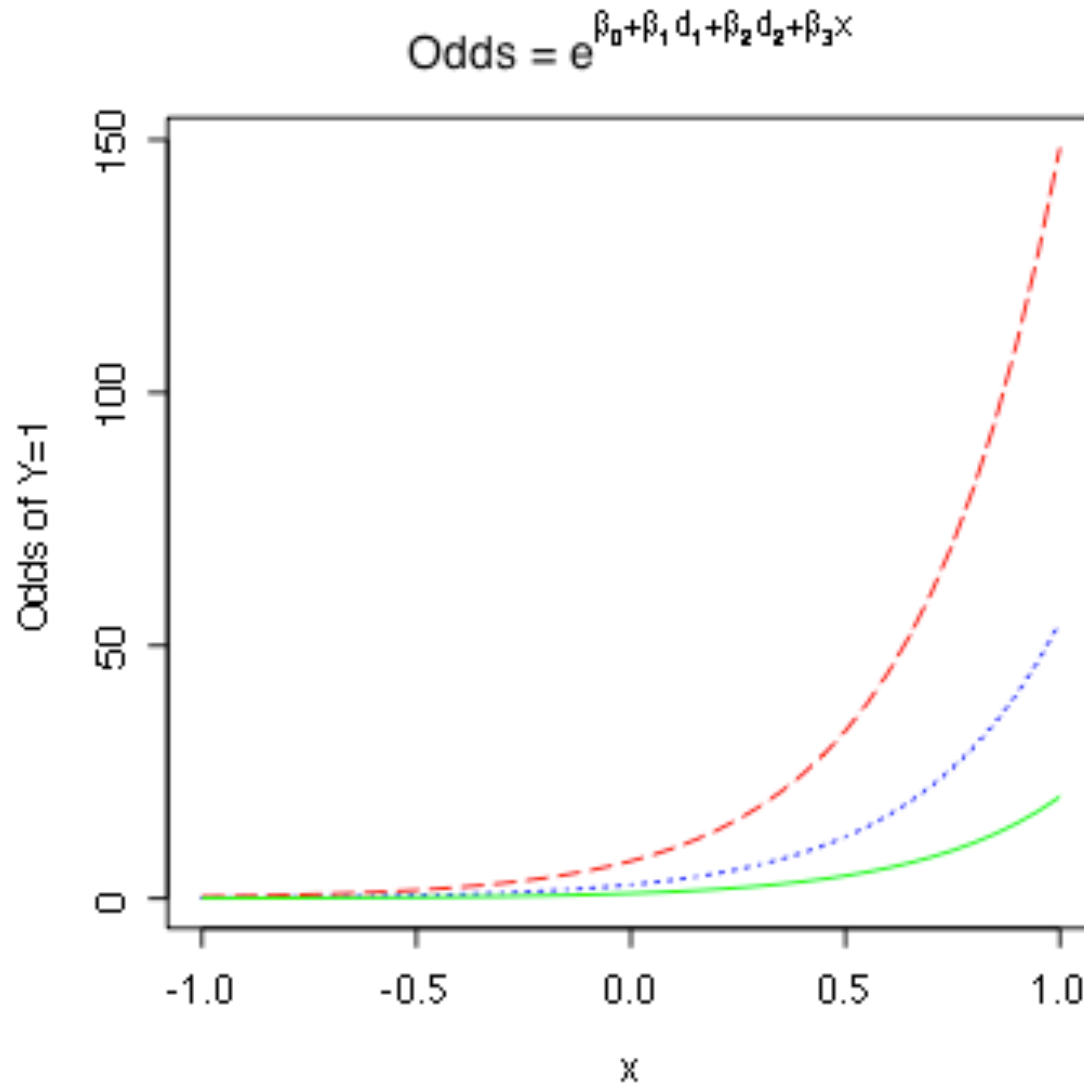
What about logistic  
regression?

# Equal slopes in the log odds scale

$$\text{Log Odds} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 d_1 + \beta_2 d_2 + \beta_3 x$$

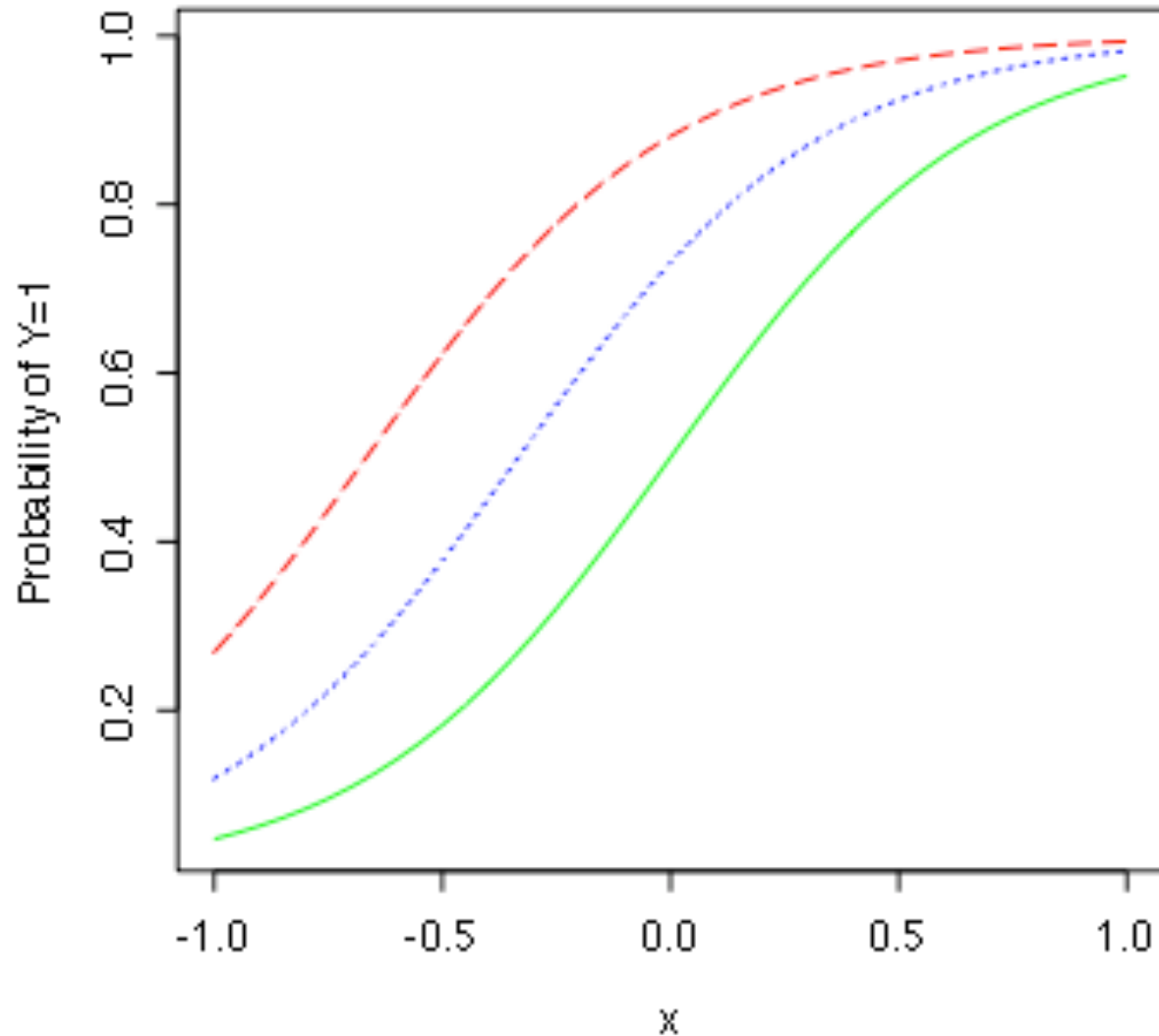


# Equal slopes in the log odds scale means proportional odds



# Proportional Odds in Terms of Probability

$$\text{Probability} = \frac{e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 d_1 + \beta_2 d_2 + \beta_3 x}}{1 + e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 d_1 + \beta_2 d_2 + \beta_3 x}}$$



# Interactions

- With equal slopes in the log odds scale, *differences* in odds and *differences* in probabilities do depend on  $x$ .
- Regression coefficients for product terms still mean something.
- If zero, they mean that the *odds ratio* does not depend on the value(s) of the covariate(s).
- Odds ratio has odds of  $Y=1$  for the reference category in the denominator.
- Categorical by categorical interactions are meaningful.

# Categorical by Categorical

- Naturally part of factorial ANOVA in experimental studies
- Also applies to purely observational data

# Factorial ANOVA

More than one categorical  
explanatory variable

# Factorial ANOVA

- Categorical explanatory variables are called **factors**
- More than one at a time
- Primarily for true experiments, but also used with observational data
- If there are observations at all combinations of explanatory variable values, it's called a *complete* factorial design (as opposed to a fractional factorial).



# The potato study

- Cases are potatoes
- Inoculate with bacteria, store for a fixed time period.
- Response variable is percent surface area with visible rot.
- Two explanatory variables, randomly assigned
  - Bacteria Type (1, 2, 3)
  - Temperature (1=Cool, 2=Warm)

# Two-factor design

	<b>Bacteria Type</b>		
<b>Temp</b>	1	2	3
1=Cool			
2=Warm			

Six treatment conditions

# Factorial experiments

- Allow more than one factor to be investigated in the same study: Efficiency!
- Allow the scientist to see whether the effect of an explanatory variable *depends* on the value of another explanatory variable: Interactions
- Thank you again, Mr. Fisher.

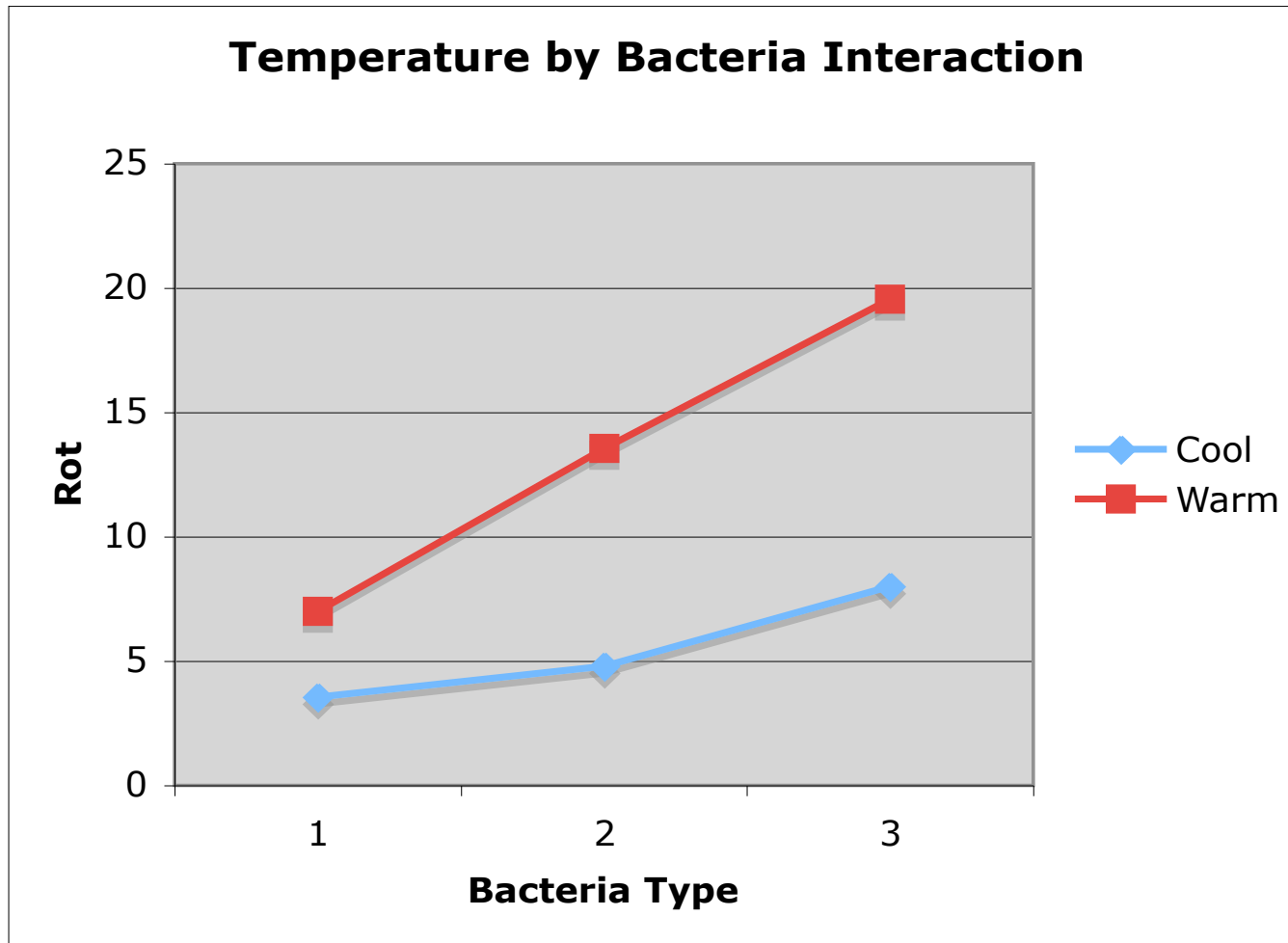
Normal with equal variance  
and conditional (cell) means  $\mu_{i,j}$

	Bacteria Type			
Temp	1	2	3	
1=Cool	$\mu_{1,1}$	$\mu_{1,2}$	$\mu_{1,3}$	$\frac{\mu_{1,1} + \mu_{1,2} + \mu_{1,3}}{3}$
2=Warm	$\mu_{2,1}$	$\mu_{2,2}$	$\mu_{2,3}$	$\frac{\mu_{2,1} + \mu_{2,2} + \mu_{2,3}}{3}$
	$\frac{\mu_{1,1} + \mu_{2,1}}{2}$	$\frac{\mu_{1,2} + \mu_{2,2}}{2}$	$\frac{\mu_{1,3} + \mu_{2,3}}{2}$	$\mu$

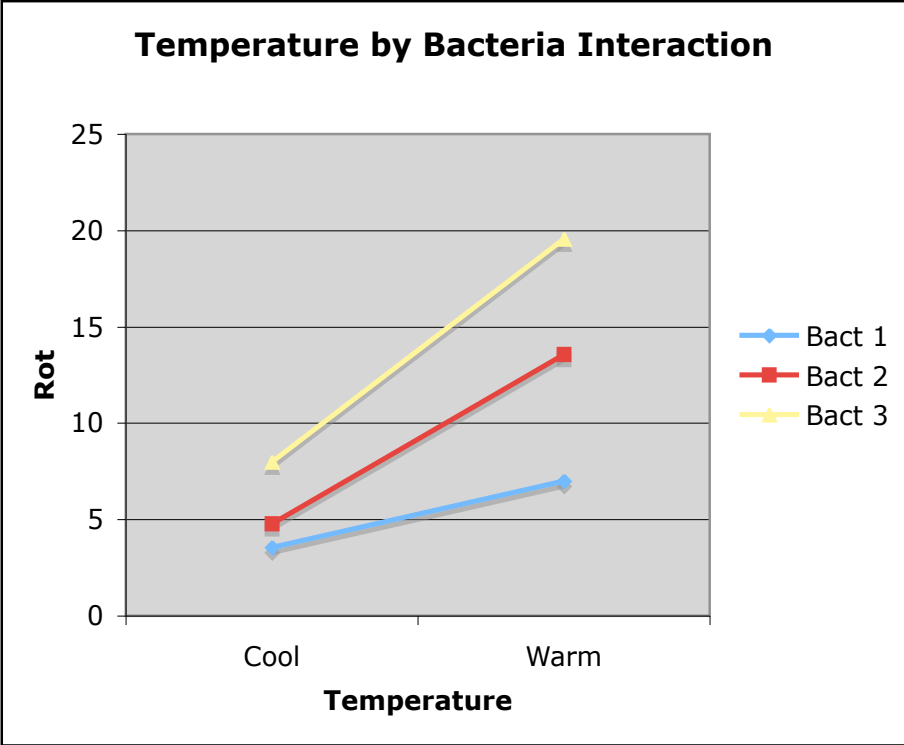
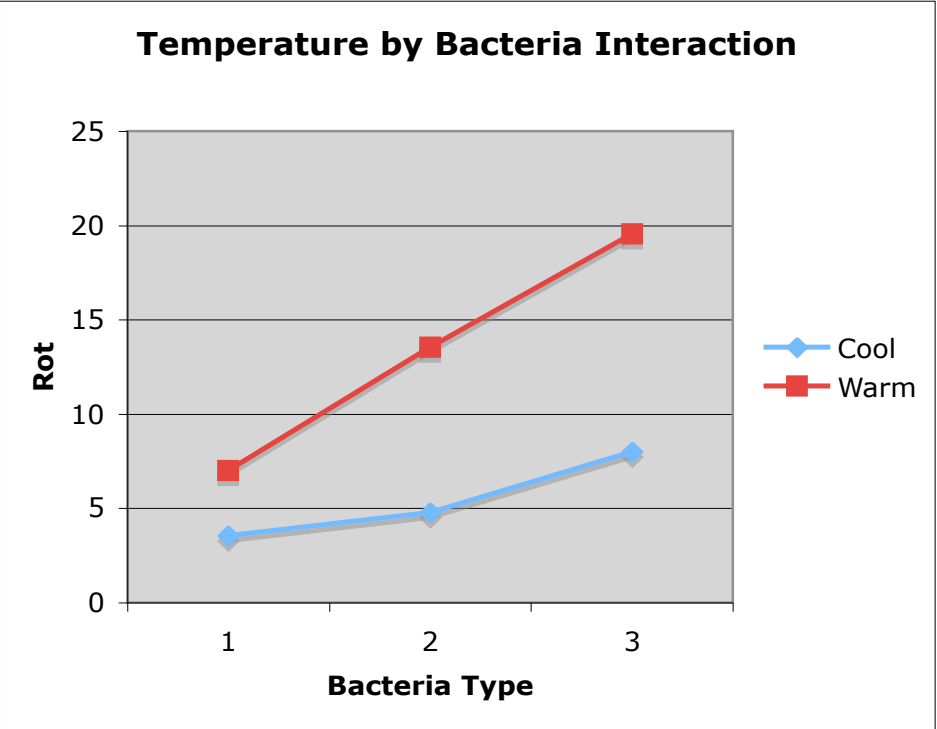
# Tests

- Main effects: Differences among marginal means
- Interactions: Differences between differences (What is the effect of Factor A? **It depends** on the level of Factor B.)

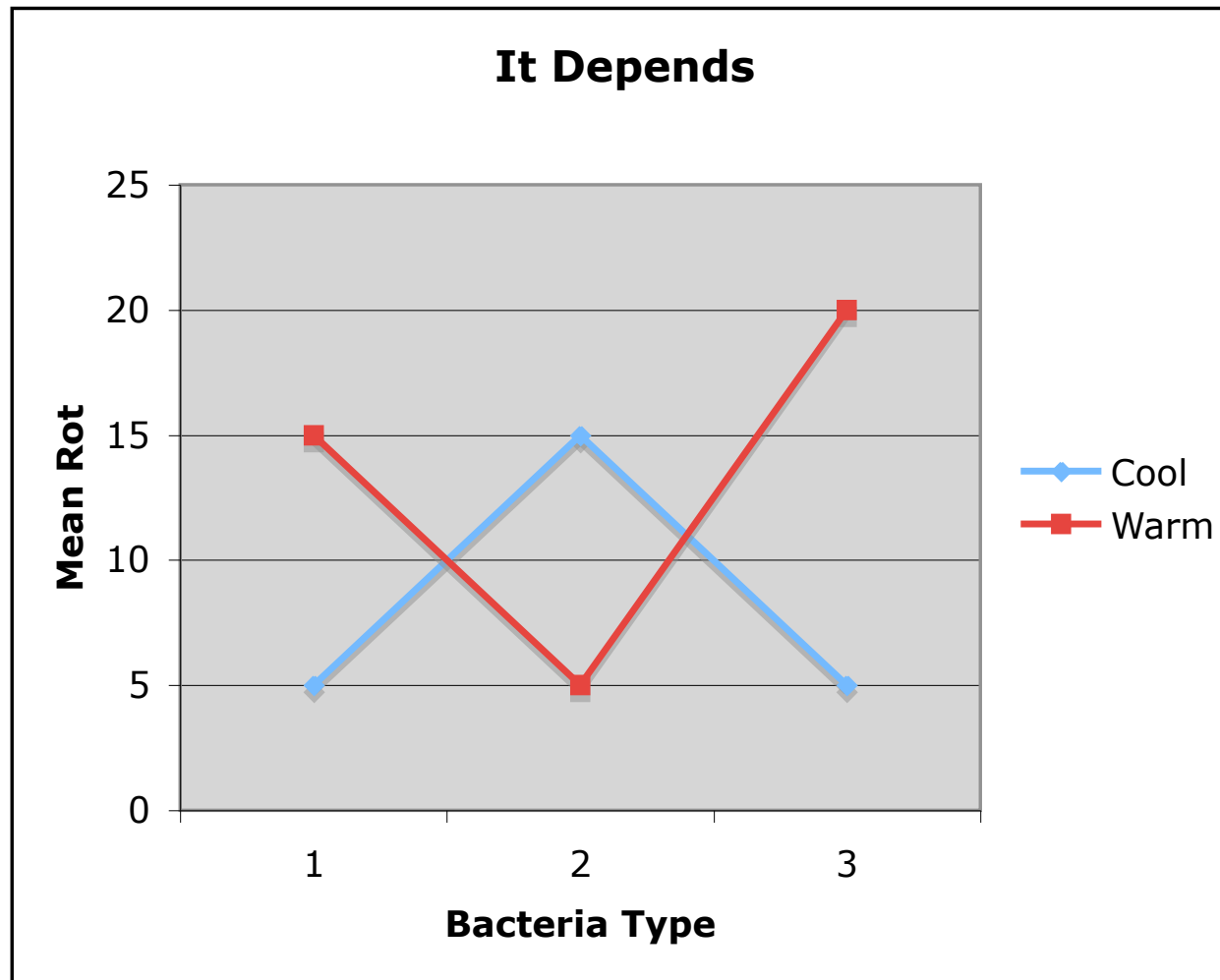
# To understand the interaction, plot the means



# Either Way

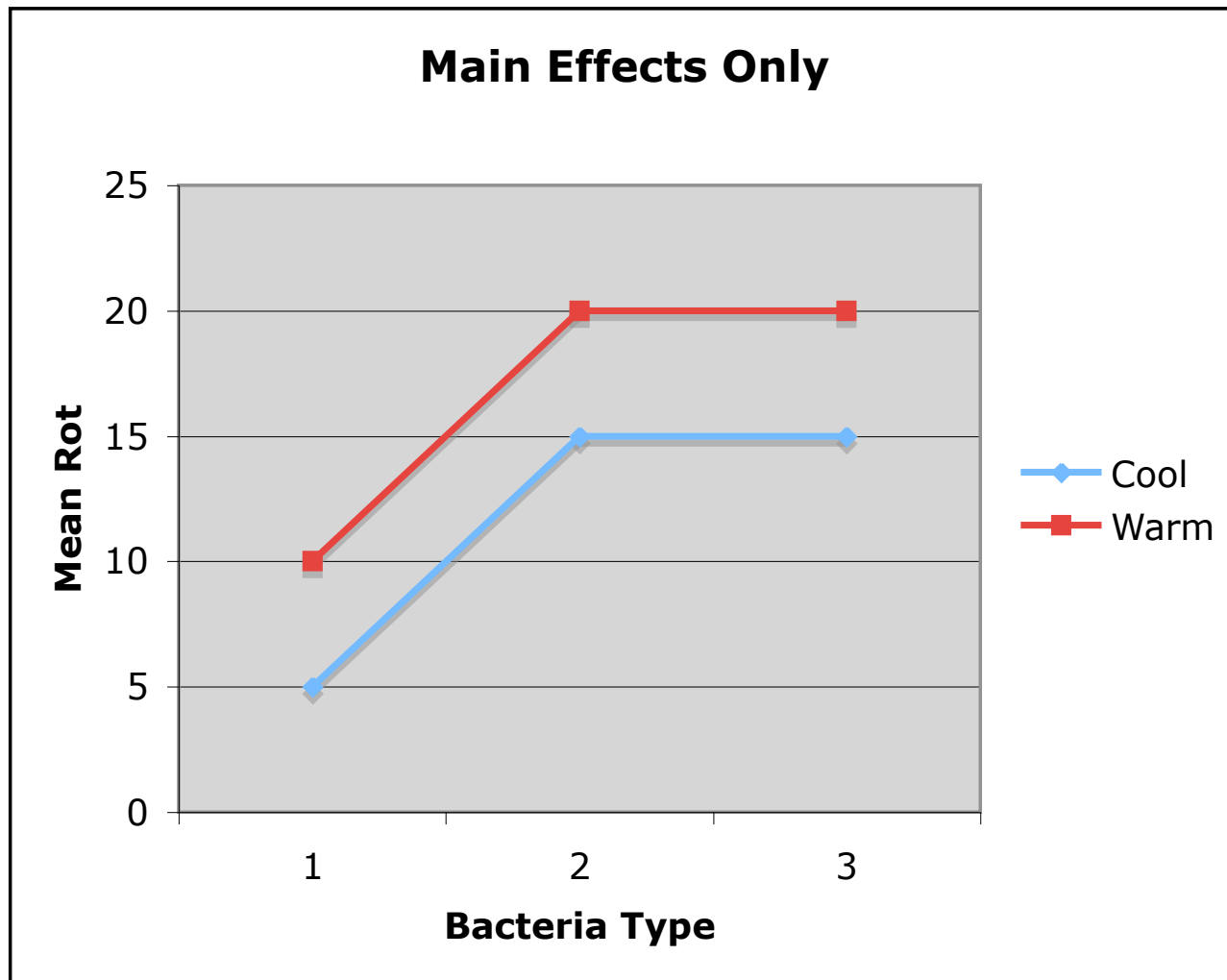


# Non-parallel profiles = Interaction

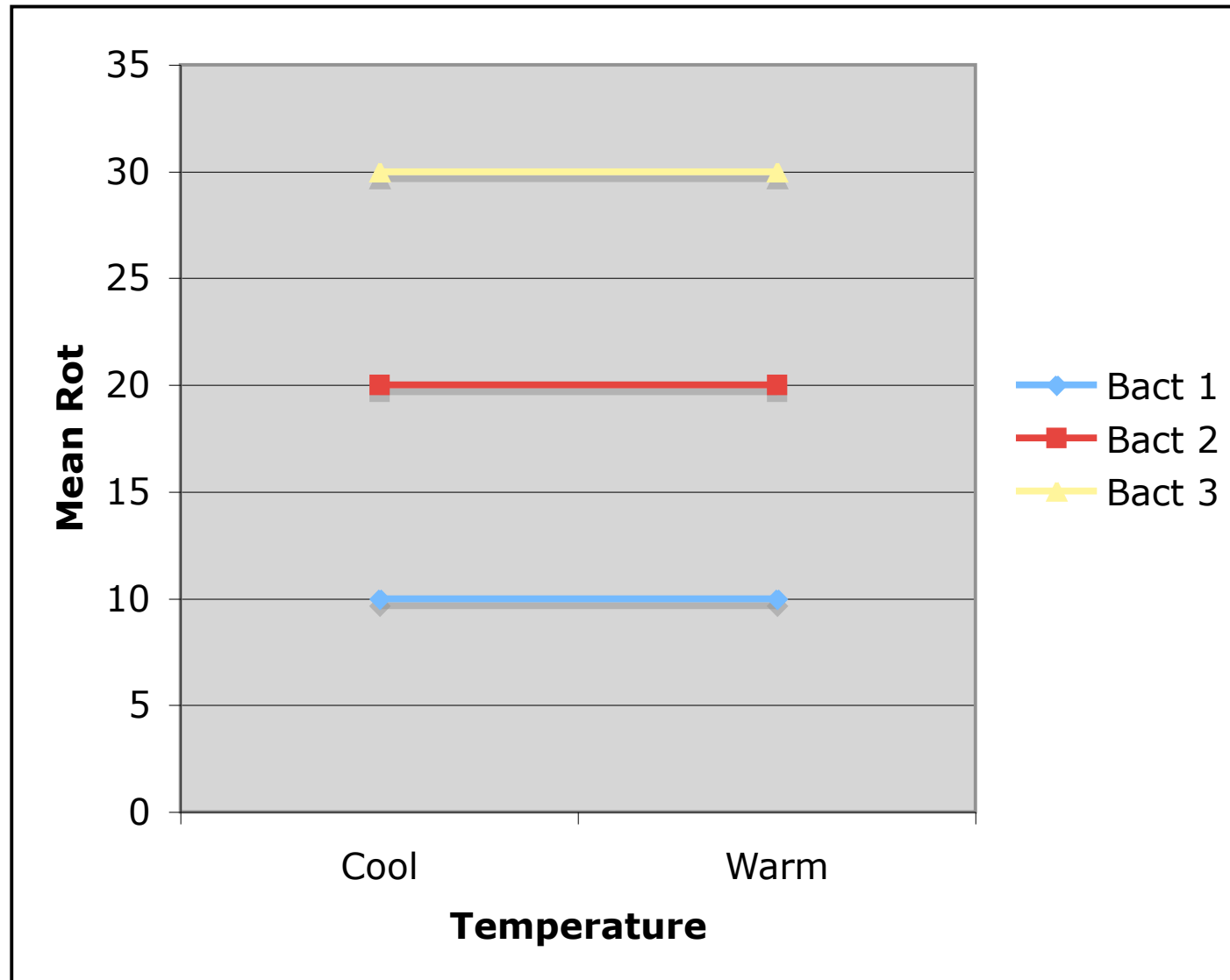




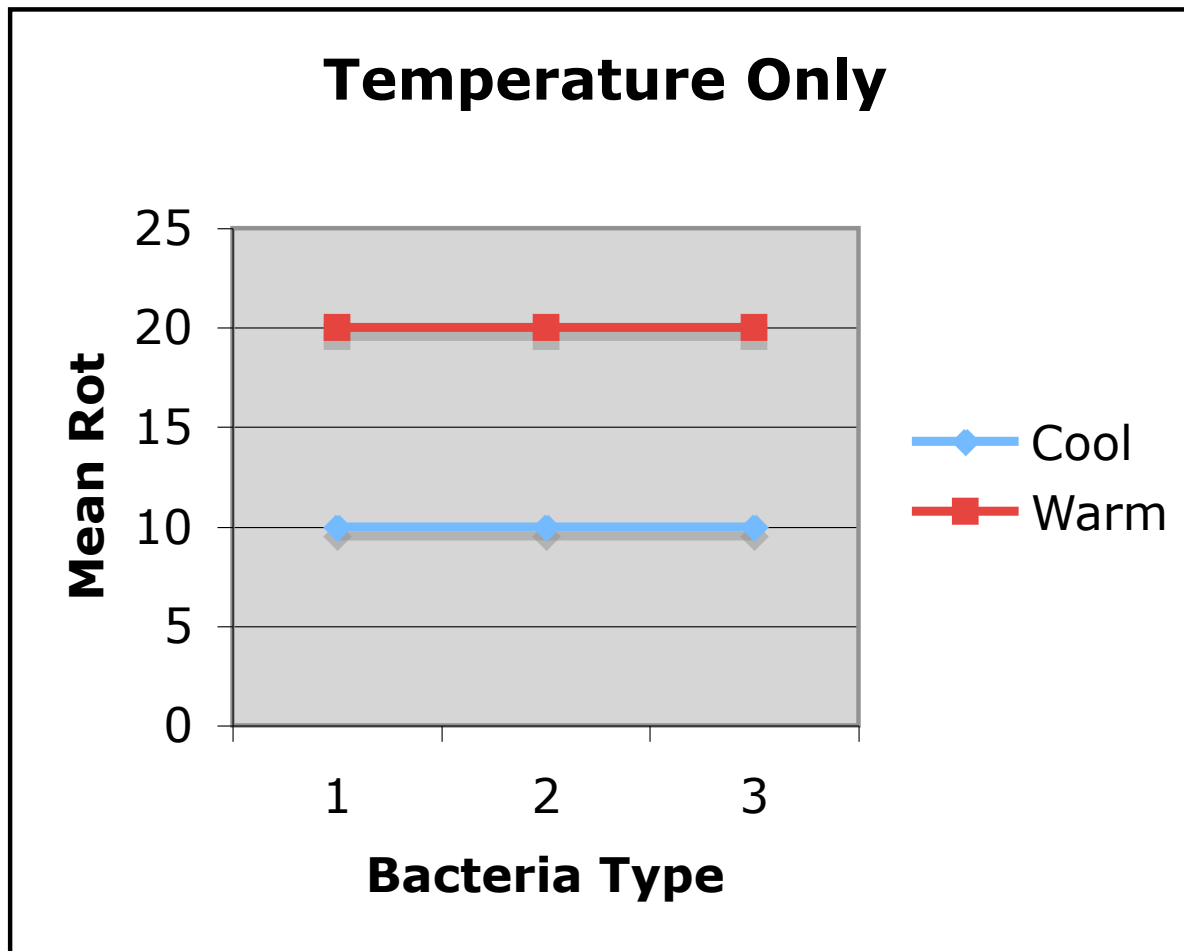
# Main effects for both variables, no interaction



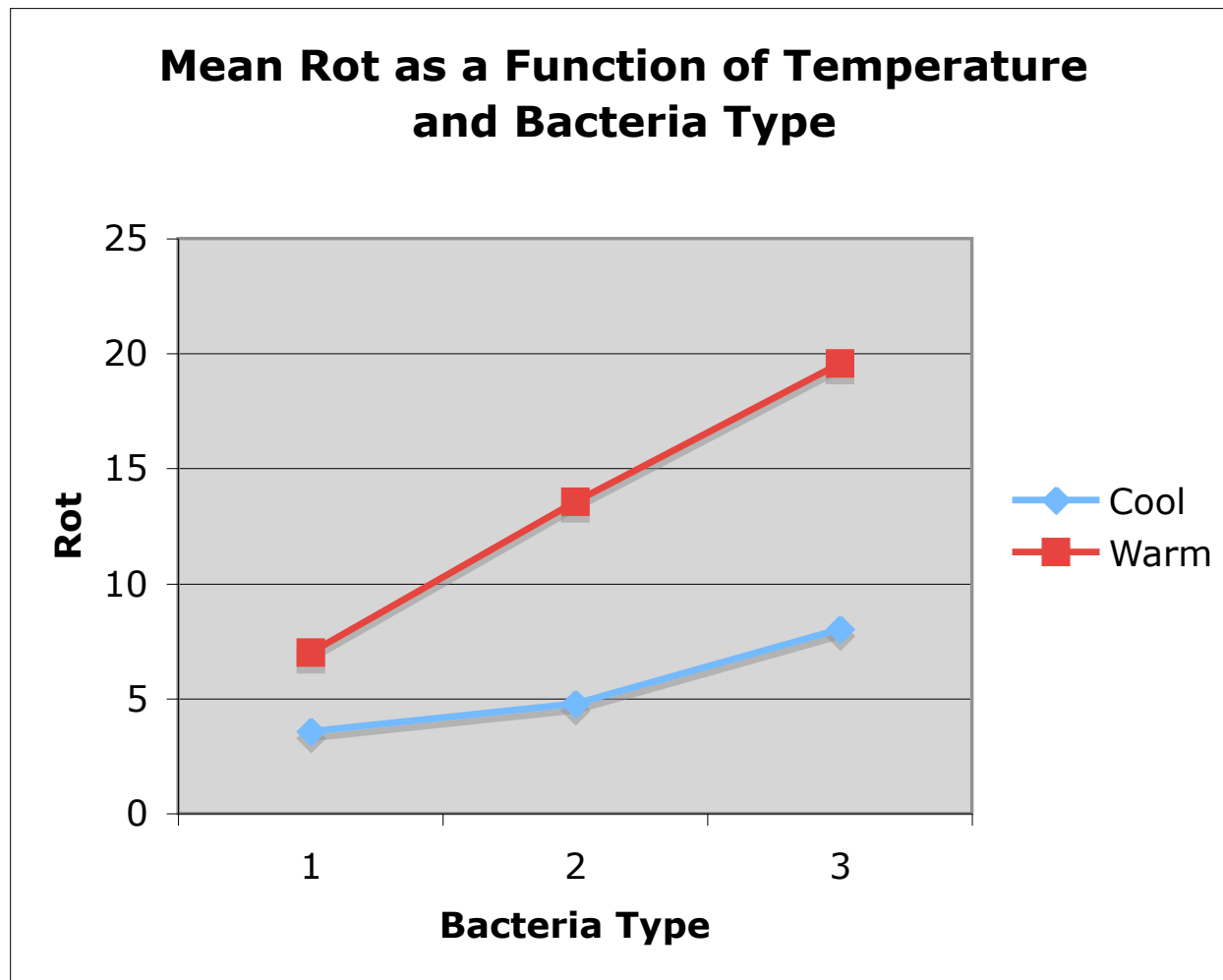
# Main effect for Bacteria only



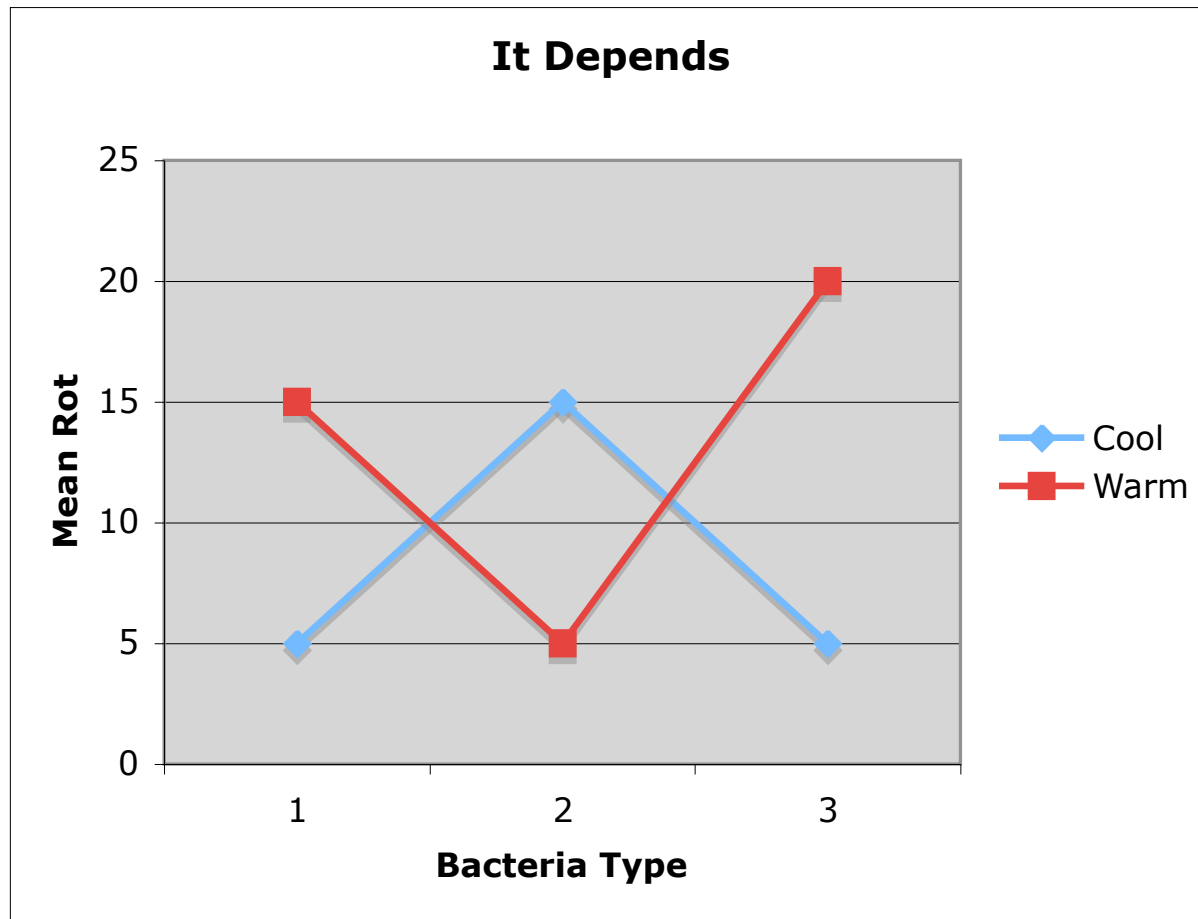
# Main Effect for Temperature Only



# Both Main Effects, and the Interaction



# Should you interpret the main effects?



# A common error

- Categorical explanatory variable with  $k$  categories
- $p$  dummy variables (rather than  $k-1$ )
- And an intercept
  
- There are  $k$  population means represented by  $k+1$  regression coefficients - not unique

## But suppose you leave off the intercept

- Now there are  $k$  regression coefficients and  $k$  population means
- The correspondence is unique, and the model can be handy -- less algebra
- Called **cell means coding**

# Less algebra

In a model with an intercept, test whether the average response to Drug A and Drug B is different from response to the placebo, controlling for age. What is the null hypothesis?

Drug	$x_2$	$x_3$	$\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \beta_3 x_3$
A	1	0	$(\beta_0 + \beta_2) + \beta_1 x_1$
B	0	1	$(\beta_0 + \beta_3) + \beta_1 x_1$
Placebo	0	0	$\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1$

$$H_0 : \beta_2 + \beta_3 = 0$$



# Show your work

$$\frac{1}{2}[(\beta_0 + \beta_2 + \beta_1 x_1) + (\beta_0 + \beta_3 + \beta_1 x_1)] = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1$$

$$\iff \beta_0 + \beta_2 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_0 + \beta_3 + \beta_1 x_1 = 2\beta_0 + 2\beta_1 x_1$$

$$\iff 2\beta_0 + \beta_2 + \beta_3 + 2\beta_1 x_1 = 2\beta_0 + 2\beta_1 x_1$$

$$\iff \beta_2 + \beta_3 = 0$$

We want to avoid this kind of thing

# Cell means coding: $k$ indicators and no intercept

$$E[Y|\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x}] = \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \beta_3 x_3$$

Drug	$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$\beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \beta_3 x_3$
A	1	0	0	$\mu_1 = \beta_1$
B	0	1	0	$\mu_2 = \beta_2$
Placebo	0	0	1	$\mu_3 = \beta_3$

Easy to test  $H_0: \beta_1 + \beta_2 = 2\beta_3$

Add a covariate:  $x_4$

$$E[Y|\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x}] = \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \beta_3 x_3 + \beta_4 x_4$$

Drug	$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$\beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \beta_3 x_3 + \beta_4 x_4$
A	1	0	0	$\beta_1 + \beta_4 x_4$
B	0	1	0	$\beta_2 + \beta_4 x_4$
Placebo	0	0	1	$\beta_3 + \beta_4 x_4$

# Contrasts

$$c = a_1\mu_1 + a_2\mu_2 + \cdots + a_p\mu_p$$

$$\hat{c} = a_1\bar{Y}_1 + a_2\bar{Y}_2 + \cdots + a_p\bar{Y}_p$$

where  $a_1 + a_2 + \cdots + a_p = 0$

# In a one-factor design

- Mostly, what you want are tests of contrasts,
- Or collections of contrasts.
- You could do it with any dummy variable coding scheme.
- Cell means coding is often most convenient.
- With  $\beta = \mu$ , test  $H_0: L\beta = h$
- Can get a confidence interval for any single contrast using the  $t$  distribution.

# Testing Contrasts in Factorial Designs

	Bacteria Type			
Temp	1	2	3	
1=Cool	$\mu_{1,1}$	$\mu_{1,2}$	$\mu_{1,3}$	$\frac{\mu_{1,1} + \mu_{1,2} + \mu_{1,3}}{3}$
2=Warm	$\mu_{2,1}$	$\mu_{2,2}$	$\mu_{2,3}$	$\frac{\mu_{2,1} + \mu_{2,2} + \mu_{2,3}}{3}$
	$\frac{\mu_{1,1} + \mu_{2,1}}{2}$	$\frac{\mu_{1,2} + \mu_{2,2}}{2}$	$\frac{\mu_{1,3} + \mu_{2,3}}{2}$	$\mu$

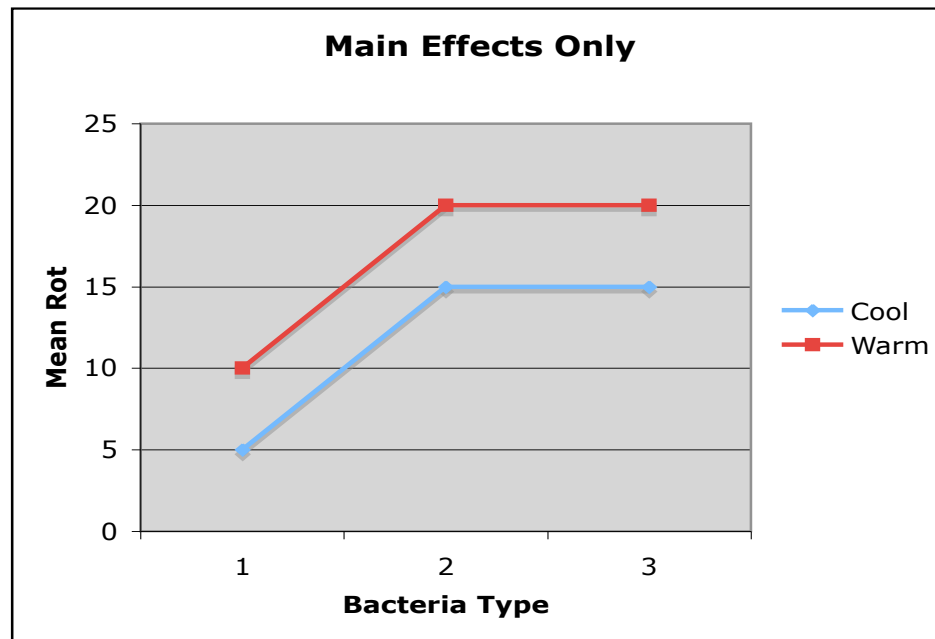
- Differences between marginal means are definitely contrasts
- Interactions are also sets of contrasts

# Interactions are sets of Contrasts

	Bacteria Type			
Temp	1	2	3	
1=Cool	$\mu_{1,1}$	$\mu_{1,2}$	$\mu_{1,3}$	$\frac{\mu_{1,1} + \mu_{1,2} + \mu_{1,3}}{3}$
2=Warm	$\mu_{2,1}$	$\mu_{2,2}$	$\mu_{2,3}$	$\frac{\mu_{2,1} + \mu_{2,2} + \mu_{2,3}}{3}$
	$\frac{\mu_{1,1} + \mu_{2,1}}{2}$	$\frac{\mu_{1,2} + \mu_{2,2}}{2}$	$\frac{\mu_{1,3} + \mu_{2,3}}{2}$	$\mu$

- $H_0 : \mu_{1,1} - \mu_{2,1} = \mu_{1,2} - \mu_{2,2} = \mu_{1,3} - \mu_{2,3}$
- $H_0 : \mu_{1,2} - \mu_{1,1} = \mu_{2,2} - \mu_{2,1}$  and  
 $\mu_{1,3} - \mu_{1,2} = \mu_{2,3} - \mu_{2,2}$

# Interactions are sets of Contrasts



- $H_0 : \mu_{1,1} - \mu_{2,1} = \mu_{1,2} - \mu_{2,2} = \mu_{1,3} - \mu_{2,3}$
- $H_0 : \mu_{1,2} - \mu_{1,1} = \mu_{2,2} - \mu_{2,1}$  and  
 $\mu_{1,3} - \mu_{1,2} = \mu_{2,3} - \mu_{2,2}$



# Equivalent statements

- The effect of A depends upon B
- The effect of B depends on A

$$H_0 : \mu_{1,1} - \mu_{2,1} = \mu_{1,2} - \mu_{2,2} = \mu_{1,3} - \mu_{2,3}$$

$$H_0 : \mu_{1,2} - \mu_{1,1} = \mu_{2,2} - \mu_{2,1} \text{ and}$$

$$\mu_{1,3} - \mu_{1,2} = \mu_{2,3} - \mu_{2,2}$$

# Three factors: A, B and C

- There are three (sets of) main effects: One each for A, B, C
- There are three two-factor interactions
  - A by B (Averaging over C)
  - A by C (Averaging over B)
  - B by C (Averaging over A)
- There is one three-factor interaction:  $A \times B \times C$

# Meaning of the 3-factor interaction

- The form of the  $A \times B$  interaction depends on the value of  $C$
- The form of the  $A \times C$  interaction depends on the value of  $B$
- The form of the  $B \times C$  interaction depends on the value of  $A$
- These statements are equivalent. Use the one that is easiest to understand.

# To graph a three-factor interaction

- Make a separate mean plot (showing a 2-factor interaction) for each value of the third variable.
- In the potato study, a graph for each type of potato

# Four-factor design

- Four sets of main effects
- Six two-factor interactions
- Four three-factor interactions
- One four-factor interaction: The nature of the three-factor interaction depends on the value of the 4th factor
- There is an F test for each one
- And so on ...

# As the number of factors increases

- The higher-way interactions get harder and harder to understand
- All the tests are still tests of sets of contrasts (differences between differences of differences ...)
- But it gets harder and harder to write down the contrasts
- Effect coding becomes easier

# Effect coding

Like indicator dummy variables with intercept, but put -1 for the last category.

<b>Bact</b>	<b>B<sub>1</sub></b>	<b>B<sub>2</sub></b>
1	1	0
2	0	1
3	-1	-1

<b>Temperature</b>	<b>T</b>
1=Cool	1
2=Warm	-1

$$E(Y|\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x}) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 B_1 + \beta_2 B_2 + \beta_3 T + \beta_4 B_1 T + \beta_5 B_2 T$$

# Interaction effects are products of dummy variables

$$E(Y|\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x}) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 B_1 + \beta_2 B_2 + \beta_3 T + \beta_4 B_1 T + \beta_5 B_2 T$$

- The A x B interaction: Multiply each dummy variable for A by each dummy variable for B
- Use these products as additional explanatory variables in the multiple regression
- The A x B x C interaction: Multiply each dummy variable for C by each product term from the A x B interaction
- Test the sets of product terms simultaneously



# Make a table

$$E(Y|\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x}) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 B_1 + \beta_2 B_2 + \beta_3 T + \beta_4 B_1 T + \beta_5 B_2 T$$

Bact	Temp	B <sub>1</sub>	B <sub>2</sub>	T	B <sub>1</sub> T	B <sub>2</sub> T	$E(Y \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x})$
1	1	1	0	1	1	0	$\beta_0 + \beta_1 + \beta_3 + \beta_4$
1	2	1	0	-1	-1	0	$\beta_0 + \beta_1 - \beta_3 - \beta_4$
2	1	0	1	1	0	1	$\beta_0 + \beta_2 + \beta_3 + \beta_5$
2	2	0	1	-1	0	-1	$\beta_0 + \beta_2 - \beta_3 - \beta_5$
3	1	-1	-1	1	-1	-1	$\beta_0 - \beta_1 - \beta_2 + \beta_3 - \beta_4 - \beta_5$
3	2	-1	-1	-1	1	1	$\beta_0 - \beta_1 - \beta_2 - \beta_3 + \beta_4 + \beta_5$

# Cell and Marginal Means

	<b>Bacteria Type</b>			
<b>Tmp</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	
<b>1=C</b>	$\beta_0 + \beta_1 + \beta_3 + \beta_4$	$\beta_0 + \beta_2 + \beta_3 + \beta_5$	$\beta_0 - \beta_1 - \beta_2$ $+ \beta_3 - \beta_4 - \beta_5$	$\beta_0$ $+ \beta_3$
<b>2=W</b>	$\beta_0 + \beta_1 - \beta_3 - \beta_4$	$\beta_0 + \beta_2 - \beta_3 - \beta_5$	$\beta_0 - \beta_1 - \beta_2$ $- \beta_3 + \beta_4 + \beta_5$	$\beta_0$ $- \beta_3$
	$\beta_0 + \beta_1$	$\beta_0 + \beta_2$	$\beta_0 - \beta_1 - \beta_2$	$\beta_0$

# We see

- Intercept is the grand mean
- Regression coefficients for the dummy variables are deviations of the marginal means from the grand mean
- What about the interactions?

$$E(Y|\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x}) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 B_1 + \beta_2 B_2 + \beta_3 T + \beta_4 B_1 T + \beta_5 B_2 T$$

**A bit of algebra shows**

$$\mu_{1,1} - \mu_{2,1} = \mu_{1,2} - \mu_{2,2} \text{ is equivalent to } \beta_4 = \beta_5$$

$$\mu_{1,2} - \mu_{2,2} = \mu_{1,3} - \mu_{2,3} \text{ is equivalent to } \beta_4 = -\beta_5$$

$$\text{So } \beta_4 = \beta_5 = 0$$

# What are “effects?”

$$E(Y|\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x}) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 B_1 + \beta_2 B_2 + \beta_3 T + \beta_4 B_1 T + \beta_5 B_2 T$$

- **There are 3 main effects for Bacteria Type:**  $\beta_1$ ,  $\beta_2$  and  $-\beta_1 - \beta_2$ .
- They are deviations of the marginal means from the grand mean.
- **There are 2 main effects for Temperature:**  $\beta_3$  and  $-\beta_3$
- They are deviations of the marginal means from the grand mean.
- **There are 6 interaction effects.**
- They are deviations of the cell mean from the grand mean plus the main effects.
- They add to zero across rows and across columns.
- The non-redundant ones are  $\beta_4$  and  $\beta_5$ .
- This is regression notation. There are ANOVA notations as well.

# Factorial ANOVA with effect coding is pretty automatic

- You don't have to make a table unless asked.
- It always works as you expect it will.
- Hypothesis tests are the same as testing sets of contrasts.
- Covariates present no problem. Main effects and interactions have their usual meanings, “controlling” for the covariates.
- Plot the “least squares means” ( $\hat{Y}$  at  $\bar{x}$  values for covariates).

# Again

- Intercept is the grand mean
- Regression coefficients for the dummy variables are deviations of the marginal means from the grand mean
- Test of main effect(s) is test of the dummy variables for a factor.
- Interaction effects are products of dummy variables.

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