

Designs with Restrictions on Randomization (Ch. 13 & 16)

Until now, we've focused on examples where experimental units are randomly assigned to treatments. But sometimes, we have certain restrictions (or constraints) on randomization. These lead to several "named" designs, which we will discuss in Handouts #18-23:

Handout	Named Design	Chapter	Textbook Pages
18	Randomized Complete Block Design <i>one trt. factor (maybe factorial combinations) randomized to units within block</i>	13	315-324
19	Latin Square Design <i>One trt. factor assigned in structured way to exp. units within two blocking factors (with same # levels as trt. factor)</i>	13	324-344, 441
20	Split-Plot Design <i>one blocking factor, two trt. factors (each with different size exp. unit of randomization); one randomization is nested</i>	16	417-428
21	Split-Split-Plot Design <i>one blocking factor, three trt. factors (each with different size exp. unit of randomization); two randomizations are nested</i>	16	428-434
22	Strip Plot (Split Block) Design <i>one blocking factor, two trt. factors (each with different size exp. unit of randomization); <u>no nested randomization</u> (neither is subset of the other)</i>	16	434-438
23	Repeated Measures Design <i>like split-plot, but with "time" as [non-randomized] split-plot factor; <u>multiple obs. on each exp. unit</u> <u>at the same time points</u></i>	16	438-441

Many other named designs extend from these six main designs. Keys here:

- A natural grouping of experimental units comprises one level of a 'blocking' factor
- Treatment factors are randomly assigned to experimental units
 - But different treatment factors could be applied to different experimental units
 - Also, the assignment (randomization) of experimental units could be restricted (nested within another factor's levels, for example) or not random at all.