

RMASS2: Repeated Measures with Attrition: Sample Sizes for 2 Groups

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RMASS2 calculates the sample size for a two-group repeated measures design. It allows for attrition and a variety of variance-covariance structures for the repeated measures. Details on the methods can be found in Hedeker, Gibbons, and Waternaux (1999, *Journal of Educational and Behavioral Statistics*, 24:70-93). In running the program, the default parameter values are given in [].

Program Parameters

fout - output file name

n - number of timepoints (maximum is 20)

alpha - alpha level for statistical test (possible values = .01, .05, .10)

nside - sided test (1 or 2)

beta - level of power (from .5 to .95 in multiples of .05)

ratio - ratio of sample sizes (group 1 to group 2)

attrit - attrition across time (1=yes, 2=no)

- if *attrit=1* - attrition rates between adjacent timepoints (assumed equal for both groups)

mtype - type of expected group differences (0=means, 1=effect sizes)

- if *mtype=0* - expected difference in group means at each timepoint
- if *mtype=1* - estype - effect size type (0=constant, 1=linear trend, 2=user-defined)
 - if *estype=0* - expected effect size (equal across time)
 - if *estype=1* - expected effect size at last timepoint
 - if *estype=2* - expected effect size at each timepoint

vtype - variance-covariance structure of repeated measures (0= no random effects: $\Sigma_y = \sigma_j^2 \mathbf{R}$ $j = 1, \dots, n$ timepoints; 1=random-effects structure: $\Sigma_y = \mathbf{X} \Sigma_v \mathbf{X}' + \sigma^2$)

- if *vtype=0*
 - standard deviation at each timepoint σ_j
 - correlation structure of repeated measures (**R**: 1=all correlations equal, 2=stationary AR1; 3=non-stationary AR1; 4=toeplitz or banded matrix)
- if *vtype=1*
 - *nr* = number of random effects (maximum is 4)
 - random-effects variance-covariance matrix Σ_v
 - random-effects design matrix \mathbf{X} ($n \times nr$ elements)
 - error variance σ^2 and autocorrelated error structure

contrast - type of time-related contrast for statistical test (0=average across time, 1=linear trend, 2=user-defined)

- if *contrast=2* - contrast coefficient at each timepoint