

SIMPLE SASWEAVE USAGE EXAMPLE: ANALYSIS OF FISHER'S IRIS DATA

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The famous (Fisher's or Anderson's) iris data set gives the measurements in centimeters of the variables sepal length and width, and petal length and width, respectively, for 50 flowers from each of 3 species of iris. The species are *setosa*, *versicolor*, *virginica*.

First, let's run a simple ANOVA comparing the sepal lengths of the three species.

The ANOVA Procedure

Source	DF	Sum of Squares	Mean Square	F Value	Pr > F
Model	2	6321.21333	3160.60667	119.26	<.0001
Error	147	3895.62000	26.50082		
Corrected Total	149	10216.83333			

We can see that the three species have significantly different sepal lengths. Figure 1 shows the corresponding boxplot.

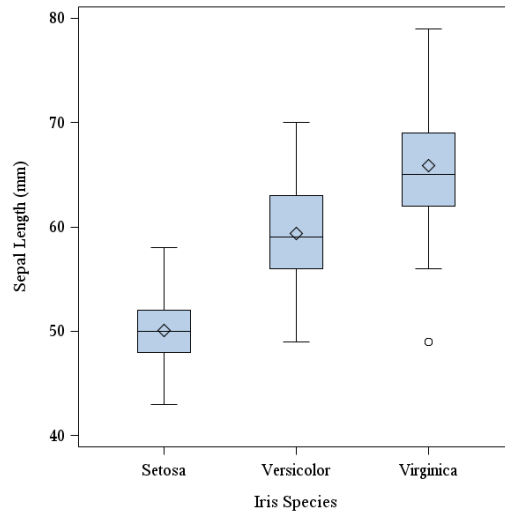


FIGURE 1. Boxplot of sepal lengths by species.