

DETERMINING THE RELATIVE CONTRIBUTION OF YIELD COMPONENT IN BREAD WHEAT USING DIFFERENT STATISTICAL METHODS

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ABSTRACT

This investigation was carried out at Kaffr Al-Hmam Experimental Station Sharkia Governorate during 2010/2011 and 2011/2012 to evaluate the performance of seasons eight wheat genotypes namely Sakha 93, Sakha 94, Sids1, Gemmeza 7, Gemmeza 9, Gemmeza 10, Sids10 and Giza 168. The treatments were arranged in randomized complete blocks design with three replications, in order to investigate the relationship between seed yield / plant and its factors using multivariate techniques namely; correlation, stepwise, multiple linear regression ; path –coefficient and factor analysis.

Data showed that cultivar Sakha94 recorded the highest seed / plant, and number of spikes / plant. Moreover cultivar Giza 168 recorded the lowest grain yield plant. Factor analysis grouped the studied variables in two major factors which altogether accounted for 81.00 of the total variation. The first factor include number of spike / plant, number of grains /spike, spike grain weight, and 1000-grain weight. The second factor included the remaining variables. Multiple linear regression, stepwise and path analysis agreed upon the number of spike / plant, number of grains /spike, spike grain weight, 1000-grain weight as major contribution to seed yield variations. Factor analysis technique was more efficient than other techniques. It provides more information about cluster of intercorrelated variables. Results indicated no significant between the full model regression and stepwise for coefficient determination (R^2) and standard error of estimated value, however, the efficiency expressed is due, in fact, to the reduction in variables number in the equation from all variables in full model regression to four variables in stepwise.

INTRODUCTION

Wheat (*Triticum aestivum* L.) is the main important food crop grown for grains in Egypt, used for human. It is important to increase the productivity of this crop. This could be achieved by two ways, improving the variety of wheat from breeding point of view, and improving Agricore techniques practices. Yield is the end product of several characters. Relating these characters to define the importance contributing factor to yield is helpful as selection aids in breeding programs. Correlation coefficient is not only an important statistical procedure used to facilitate breeding programs for high yield, but it is also important to examine the direct and indirect contribution (Kim and Gary, 1985). Path coefficient analysis could be used, since it divides correlation coefficients into direct and indirect effects through path ways (Dewey and Lu, 1959).

Furthermore Walton (1971 and 1972) suggested factor analysis as a new technique to identify growth and plant characters related to yield in

spring wheat. Denis and Adams (1978) used factor analysis to search for and identify patterns of morphological characters in a set of wheat cultivars which could relate to yield.

Yildirim *et al* (1996) and Leilah and Al Khateed(2005) used factor analysis in wheat and related characters. Stepwise is used to determine the best predictive equation El-Sergany (1992) reported that step wise multiple linear regression was more efficient than the full model regression for yield. Khan and Dar (2010) used correlation and path coefficient analysis of some quantitative traits in wheat.

The objectives of this study was to evaluate the relative contribution for some variables of wheat using different statistical techniques.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Two field experiments were conducted at Kaffr Al-Hamam Experimental station, Sharkia Governorate during the two successive seasons of 2010/2011 and 2011/2012, using eight wheat genotypes namely; Sakha 93, Sakha 94, Sids1, Gemmeiza 7, Gemmeiza 9, Gemmeiza 10, Sids10 and Giza 168.

The eight genotypes were sown in November 15th 2010 and on November 18th 2011. in randomized complete block design with three replicates. Each plot consisted of 10 rows; 2 m long and 0.20 m apart. The distance between plants was 10 cm. Recommended practices were applied.

Days to heading were recorded on plot basis. At harvest, a random sample of 10 guarded plants was collected from each plot to record the following characters:

Number of tillers/plant; plant height (cm); number of spikes / plant; number of grains / spike; spike grain weight(g.), 1000-grain weight (g.), and grain yield / plant (g.)

Statistical procedures:

Single and combined analysis of variance of randomized complete block design over the two seasons were performed according to Sendocor and Cochran (1980). Treatment means were compared by using least significant difference test (L.S.D.) test at 5% and 1% levels of significance. The following procedures indicated :

1- Basic statistics arithmetic mean, standard deviation, standard error were calculated. Simple correlation coefficient was computed between seed yield and its components.

2- Factor analysis:

The factor analysis procedure basically reduces a large number of correlated variables to a small number of uncorrelated factors (Cattell 1965); when the contribution of a factor to the total percentage of the trace is less than 10%, the process stops.

After extraction, the matrix of factors is transmitted to a varimax orthogonal rotation. The effect of rotation is to accentuate the larger loading in each factor and to discard the minor loading coefficient for improving the opportunity to achieve meaningful biological interpretation of each factor.

Communality (h^2) is the variance amount of a variable accounted for the common factors together. Since the purpose was to determine the way in which yield components are related to each other, yield was not included in this structure.

- 3- Multiple linear regression analysis was performed as applied by Draper and Smith (1966).
- 4- The stepwise multiple linear regression was used to compute sequence of multiple regression equation in a stepwise manner (Draper and Smith 1966). At each step one variable was added to the regression equations, it was the one that caused the maximum reduction in residual sum of squares. Equivalently, it was the variables that had the highest partial correlation with the dependent variable adjusted for the variables already added. Similarly, it was the variable which of added, had the highest f value in the regression analysis of variance.
- 5- Path coefficient analysis was used as applied by Dewey and Lu (1959). It is used to partition the total correlation coefficients between yield and its components into direct and indirect effects.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

1-Performance of varieties:

Mean performance of genotypes for all studied characters indicated diversity as shown in Table (1). With respect for all studied character in the two seasons and combined, it is noticed that grain yield/plant (gm) was significantly affected by the tested cultivars. However, Sakha94 variety produced the highest grain yield/plant, number of spikes / plant and number of tillers/plant, while; the cultivar Giza 168 produced the lowest for grain yield / plant. In addition, Sids 10 had the highest performance in both seasons and combined analysis for grain yield / plant. compared with the rest of other varieties.

2-Simple correlation coefficients mean values, standard deviation and standard error for the studied variables are presented in Table 2. The results showed that, relationship between seed yield / plant and each of the other seven components was positive and highly significant. This indicated that these characters had great influence on grain yield/plant. These findings in most cases were in accordance with those obtained by Khan and Dar (2010)

3- Factor analysis:

The results of factor analysis are recorded in Table 3. Factor analysis grouped the seven variables into two main factors which accounted for 81.01% of the total variability in dependence structure.

Factor 1 included that five variables accounted for 55.343% of the total variance. These variables were number of spike / plant, number of grains /spike, spike grain weight, 1000-grain weight.

Factor 2 included that three variables which accounted 25.671% of the total variance. These three variables were number of days to heading, plant height and number of tillers/plant. These results were similar to those of according with Leilah and Al Khateed(2005)

Table (1): Mean values of the eight characters as affected by wheat genotypes performance during 2010/2011 and 2011/2012 seasons and its combined analysis.

	Season	Sakha 93	Sakha 94	Sids1	Gemm eeza7	Gemm eeza9	Gemm eza10	Sids10	Giza168	L.S.D
Days to heading (day)	S ₁	88.33	93.22	90.89	99.55	95.14	96.16	87.20	99.86	2.11
	S ₂	89.31	95.15	90.00	96.99	94.03	98.41	86.13	98.70	2.79
	Comb.	88.82	94.18	90.44	98.01	94.58	97.28	86.66	99.29	1.88
Plant height (Cm)	S ₁	83.36	94.44	112.16	100.22	102.99	103.06	93.20	102.09	3.22
	S ₂	83.09	96.66	112.11	102.11	104.62	112.85	97.13	102.03	2.44
	Comb.	83.22	95.55	112.14	101.16	103.80	107.95	95.16	102.06	1.24
Number of Tillers/plant	S ₁	10.90	11.22	8.22	5.33	7.36	6.34	5.01	8.22	0.67
	S ₂	12.80	13.00	8.89	7.44	7.56	8.22	4.34	9.00	0.89
	Comb.	11.85	12.11	8.05	6.37	7.96	7.28	4.67	8.61	0.75
Number of Spikes/plant	S ₁	852	7.00	6.73	5.00	7.15	6.00	4.37	7.45	0.315
	S ₂	7.54	11.44	6.25	7.05	6.81	6.54	4.03	7.13	0.403
	Comb.	8.03	9.22	6.49	6.02	6.98	5.77	4.20	7.29	0.400
Number of Grains/spike	S ₁	73.40	66.44	72.40	63.54	66.98	62.75	73.11	52.31	1.282
	S ₂	63.00	60.00	72.30	62.91	62.50	63.48	72.99	52.25	1.241
	Comb.	68.20	63.22	72.35	63.22	64.14	62.63	73.05	52.28	1.241
Spike grain weight	S ₁	2.88	3.66	3.66	3.11	3.52	3.66	4.09	3.10	0.720
	S ₂	2.97	3.00	3.39	3.01	3.17	4.01	4.01	2.72	0.243
	Comb.	2.90	3.33	3.52	3.06	3.34	3.83	4.05	2.91	0.445
1000 grain Weight (g.)	S ₁	54.11	60.10	62.47	55.89	60.07	64.55	68.89	50.57	3.341
	S ₂	56.33	60.22	62.05	56.31	60.52	62.02	67.11	51.28	2.452
	Comb.	55.22	60.16	62.26	55.10	60.29	63.28	68.0	50.92	2.651
grain yield /plant (g.)	S ₁	16.55	18.17	14.26	13.58	14.12	13.33	17.89	12.95	0.212
	S ₂	17.02	19.57	14.09	13.17	13.25	14.18	18.02	12.26	0.401
	Comb.	16.78	18.87	14.17	13.37	13.68	13.75	18.40	12.60	0.351

Table (2): Simple correlation coefficients, means, standard deviations and standard errors for wheat grain yield/ plant and its components over 2010/2011 and 2011/2012 seasons.

Components	r value	Mean	Standard deviation	Standard error
1-Days to heading (day)	0.687**	93.68	12.441	1.710
2-Plant height (cm)	0.763**	100.13	15.447	2.073
3- Number of tillers / plant	0.897**	8.36	0.726	0.178
4- Number of spikes/ plant	0.916**	6.75	0.561	0.168
5- Number of grain / spike	0.988**	64.88	10.567	2.583
6- Spike grain Weight (g.)	0.822**	3.36	0.342	0.100
7- 1000- grain weight (g.)	0.891**	59.40	13.955	2.037
8- grain yield/plant (g.)		15.20	1.589	0.273

** Significant at 0.01 level of significant.

Table (3): Summary of factor leading for 8 variables of wheat.

Variables	Factors		Communality (h ²)
	Factor 1	Factor 2	
1-Days to heading (day)	0.122	0.655	0.561
2-Plant height (cm)	0.151	0.767	0.798
3- Number of tillers / plant	0.017	0.907	0.652
4- Number of spikes/ plant	0.873	0.199	0.835
5- Number of grain / spike	0.875	0.163	0.893
6- Spike grain Weight (g.)	0.751	0.153	0.0747
7- 1000- grain weight (g.)	0.876	0.189	0.860
Latent roots	2.899	2.571	5.470
Factor variance ratio %	55.343	25.671	81.014

4- Multiple linear regression analysis:

The prediction equation for grain yield is shown in Table (4) and is formulated as follows:

$$Y = -3.312 + 0.006 X_1 + 0.008 X_2 - 0.015 X_3 + 0.444 X_4^{**} + 0.143 X_5^{**} + 0.193 X_6^{**} + 0.299 X_7^{**}$$

The relative contribution (R²%) for yield factor 81.0% of the total variation in grain yield could be linearly related variation in all variables and 19.0 % could be due to residual, number of spike / plant, number of grains /spike, spike grain weight, 1000-grain weight, had the highest partial coefficient of determination (R²= 7.456%, 6.032, 5.451, 14.245 respectively) the other characters had little contribution in the total yield variance. In addition, given that number of observations were much greater than the number of potential x variables under consideration, the addition of new variable will always increase R² but it will not necessarily increase the precision of the estimate of the response. Therefore, the stepwise multiple linear regression analysis was carried out to determine the best variables accounted for most variance in yield. The stepwise multiple linear regression analysis was acceding with results by Leilah and Al Khateed(2005)

Table (4): Summary of factor leading for 7 variables of wheat.

Variables	Loading	Total communality
Factor 1		25.671
1-Days to heading (day)	0.655	
2-Plant height (cm)	0.767	
3- Number of tillers / plant	0.907	
Factor 2		55.343
4- Number of spikes/ plant	0.873	
5- Number of grain / spike	0.875	
6- Spike grain Weight (g.)	0.751	
7- 1000- grain weight (g.)	0.876	
Commutative variance		81.014

5- Stepwise multiple linear regression analysis:

Either variables acceptance or removal, and relative contributions of variables (R²%) in predicting grain yield plant are presented in Table 5. According to these results, 81.0% of the total variation to four accepted variables namely; number of spike / plant, number of grains /spike, spike grain weight, 1000-grain weight. While, number of day to heading, plant height and number of tillers/plant, were removed from the equation due to their low relative contributions.

The prediction equation was formulated as follow:

$$Y^2 = -4.201 + 0.444 X_1 + 0.143 X_2 + 0.193 X_3 + 0.299 X_4.$$

These results are in agreement with those reported by El-Rassas *Et al.* (1990).

Table (5): Relative contributions of 7 components in grain yield variation over both seasons of 2010/2011 and 2011/2012 by using multiple linear regression analysis.

Components	Regression coefficient	Standard error	Relative contribution partial (r ² %)
1-Days to heading (day)	-0.006	0.003	0.121
2-Plant height (cm)	0.008	0.002	0.044
3- Number of tillers / plant	0.015	0.007	0.560
4 Number of spikes/ plant	0.444	0.094	7.456**
5- Number of grain / spike	0.143	0.030	6.032**
6- Spike grain Weight (g.)	0.193	0.022	5.451**
7- 1000- grain weight (g.)	0.299	0.025	14.245**

Y intercept = -3.312 standard error of est. = 0.664

Adjusted R squared = 0.799.

R squares= 0.810

Multiple = 0.898.

6- Path coefficient analysis:

Total contribution of yield components with direct, and indirect effect are shown Table (6). Results indicated that, number of spike / plant, number of grains /spike, spike grain weight, 1000-grain weight, were of great importance of yield variation. These results agreed with Hycicek and Yildirim (2006)

Table (6): Accepted and removed variables according to stepwise analysis and the relative contributions (r² %) in grain yield variation over both seasons of 2010/2011 and 2011/2012.

Components	Regression coefficient	Standard error	Relative contributions (Partial %)
Accepted variables			
4- Number of spikes/ plant	0.444	0.094	7.456**
5- Number of grain / spike	0.143	0.030	6.032**
6- Spike grain Weight (g.)	0.193	0.022	5.451**
7- 1000- grain weight (g.)	0.299	0.025	14.245**
Removed variables			
1-Days to heading (day)			0.91
2-Plant height (cm)			0.010
3- Number of tillers /plant			0.90

Y- intercept = -4.201

Standard error of est. = 0.661

R squared = 0.813

Adjusted R squared = 0.806

Multiple R = 0.896

1000-grain weight and number of spikes / plant provide to have the highest indirect contribution to seed yield. Total contribution of studied characters mentioned above tender to the contribution 81.00 variation in seed yield/plant. It could be recommended from the previous results that:

1- The most important variables over all studied statistical procedures were grain yield/plant, number of spike / plant, number of grains /spike, spike grain weight, 1000-grain weight,. Results of factor analysis approach was more efficient than other procedures. It provides more information about cluster

intercorrelated variables . This help plant breeders to determine the mature and important of character in breeding programes. Estimated R^2 and standard error showed no significant various between the full model regression and stepwise, therefore, it could reduce the number of variables in the equation from all variables to four variable in stepwise.

Table (7): Direct and indirect effects for yield factors of seed yield / plant of wheat according to path analysis and percentage of direct effect.

Characters	Direct effect	Indirect effect	Total correlation	Direct effect %
4 Number of spikes/ plant	0.031	0.118	0.149	11.071
5- Number of grain / spike	0.020	0.140	0.160	7.143
6 Spike grain Weight (g.)	0.038	0.141	0.179	13.571
7- 1000- grain weight (g.)	0.191	0.127	0.318	68.215
R^2 %	80.6			

** Significant at 0.01 levels of significane

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تقدير المساهمة النسبية لمكونات المحصول في قمح الخبز باستخدام بعض الطرق الإحصائية

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أجريت هذه الدراسة بمحطة البحوث الزراعية بكفر الحلمم محافظة الشرقية خلال موسمي ٢٠١١/٢٠١٠ و ٢٠١٢/٢٠١١ لتقييم المساهمة النسبية لأهم مكونات محصول الحبوب في القمح كما استخدم في هذه الدراسة ثمانية أصناف من قمح الخبز المصري وهي سخا ٩٣ وسخا ٩٤ وسدس ١ وجميزة ٧ وجميزة ٩ وجميزة ١٠ وسدس ١٠ وجميزة ١٦٨ وأستخدم تصميم القطاعات الكاملة العشوائية في ثلاث مكررات وكانت الصفات المدروسة هي عدد الأيام حتى طرد الأشطاء وارتفاع النبات وعدد الأشطاء للنبات وعدد السنابل وعدد حبوب السنبل ووزن حبوب السنبل ووزن الألف حبه ومحصول الحبوب للنبات. وأجريت التحليلات الآتية: تحليل التباين- الارتباط البسيط وتحليل العامل ومعادلات التنبؤ بالمحصول باستخدام النموذج الكامل والمرحلي للانحدار المتعدد ومعامل المرور.

أظهرت الدراسة النتائج التالي

- ١- حقق الصنف سخا ٩٤ أعلى محصول حبوب للنبات وعدد الأفرع للنبات بينما كان الصنف جميزة ١٦٨ الأقل في محصول النبات في كلا الموسمين .
- ٢- دلت النتائج على وجود ارتباط عالي موجب ومعنوي بين محصول الحبوب للنبات وجميع الصفات تحت الدراسة.
- ٣- أظهرت نتائج تحليل العامل أن المكونات المدروسة تقع في عاملين ويضم العامل الأول عدد السنابل للنبات وعدد حبوب السنبل ووزن حبوب السنبل ووزن الألف حبه ، بينما يضم العامل الثاني باقي الصفات المدروسة.
- ٤- كانت نتائج تحليل الانحدار المتعدد المرحلي والانحدار المتعدد ومعامل المرور متفقة على أن عدد السنابل للنبات وعدد حبوب السنبل ووزن حبوب السنبل ووزن الألف حبه هي المكونات ذات الإسهامات الأكبر في المحصول.
- ٥- أظهرت نتائج تحليل العامل أن التحليل يتسع لدراسة مزيد من المكونات حيث أن المكونات المدروسة لم تفسر سوى ٨١.٠٠% من التباين الكلي. وكانت نتائج تحليل العامل أكثر الطرق كفاءة وأنها تعطي معلومات أكبر وأسهل عن المتغيرات المتداخلة.
- ٦- أظهرت الدراسة أن طريقة الانحدار المتعدد المرحلي تعطي أفضل معادلة للتنبؤ بالمحصول مع إعطاء أهمية نسبية لكل متغير في كل معادلة وأنه لا يوجد فرق بين قيمة معامل التحديد والخطأ القياسي في كلا الطريقتين وهذه ميزة للانحدار المتعدد المرحلي في تحقيق أهمية المتغيرات والتي تخدم مربى النبات.

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