PLANT-GROWTH EXPERIMENT

13. Model Checking with SPSS

The test procedures of ANOVA described in the previous sections are valid only if it is assumed that all heights are independent of one another, the dependent variable is normally distributed and that variances are equal for all treatment groups.

Analysis of variance is robust to departures from normality, although the data should be symmetric. To check the above assumptions, you can use homogeneity of variances tests and spread-versus-level plots. You can also examine the residuals and residual plots. All the options are available from the *GM-General Factorial*...dialog box when you click on *Options* tab.

Estimated Marginal Means Eactor(s) and Factor Interactions: (OVERALL) seed water seed*water	Display Means for:
	<u>C</u> ompare main effects Co <u>n</u> fidence interval adjustment: LSD (none)
Display	✓ Homogeneity tests
Estimates of effect size	Spread vs. level plot
Observed power Parameter estimates	✓ <u>R</u> esidual plot ✓ <u>L</u> ack of fit
Contrast coefficient matrix	General estimable function
Significance le⊻el: 05 Confi	dence intervals are 95% Continue Cancel Help

Selecting the *Homogeneity tests* allows you to calculate the Levene statistic to test for the equality of group variances. This test is not dependent on the assumption of normality. The spread versus level plots can be used to determine whether the assumption of equal variances might be violated.