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Enumeration of large four-and-two-level designs

Introduction

Four-level factors are useful:

- to study multi-level categorical factors
- to study non-linear effects of numerical factors

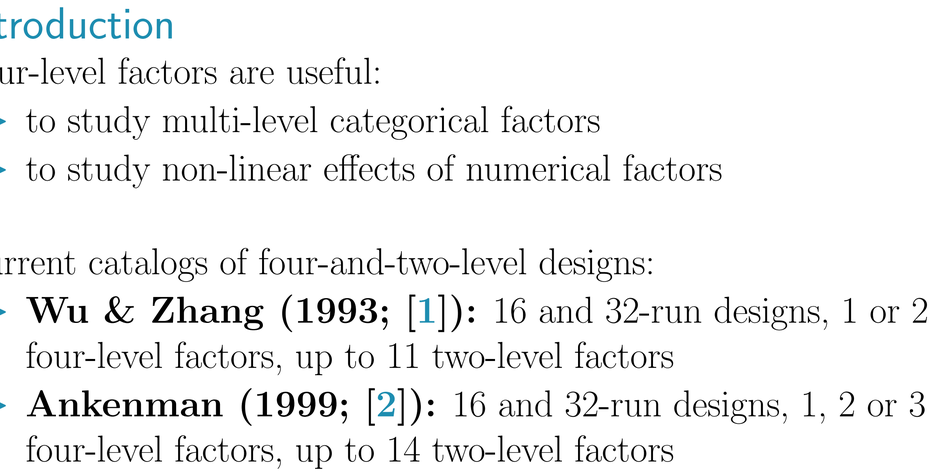
Current catalogs of four-and-two-level designs:

- **Wu & Zhang (1993; [1]):** 16 and 32-run designs, 1 or 2 four-level factors, up to 11 two-level factors
- **Ankenman (1999; [2]):** 16 and 32-run designs, 1, 2 or 3 four-level factors, up to 14 two-level factors

Cheese-making experiment

Screening experiment in 128 runs. There are 10 potentially influential factors :

- 9 two-level factors $\rightarrow 2^9$
- 1 four-level factor $\rightarrow 4^1$



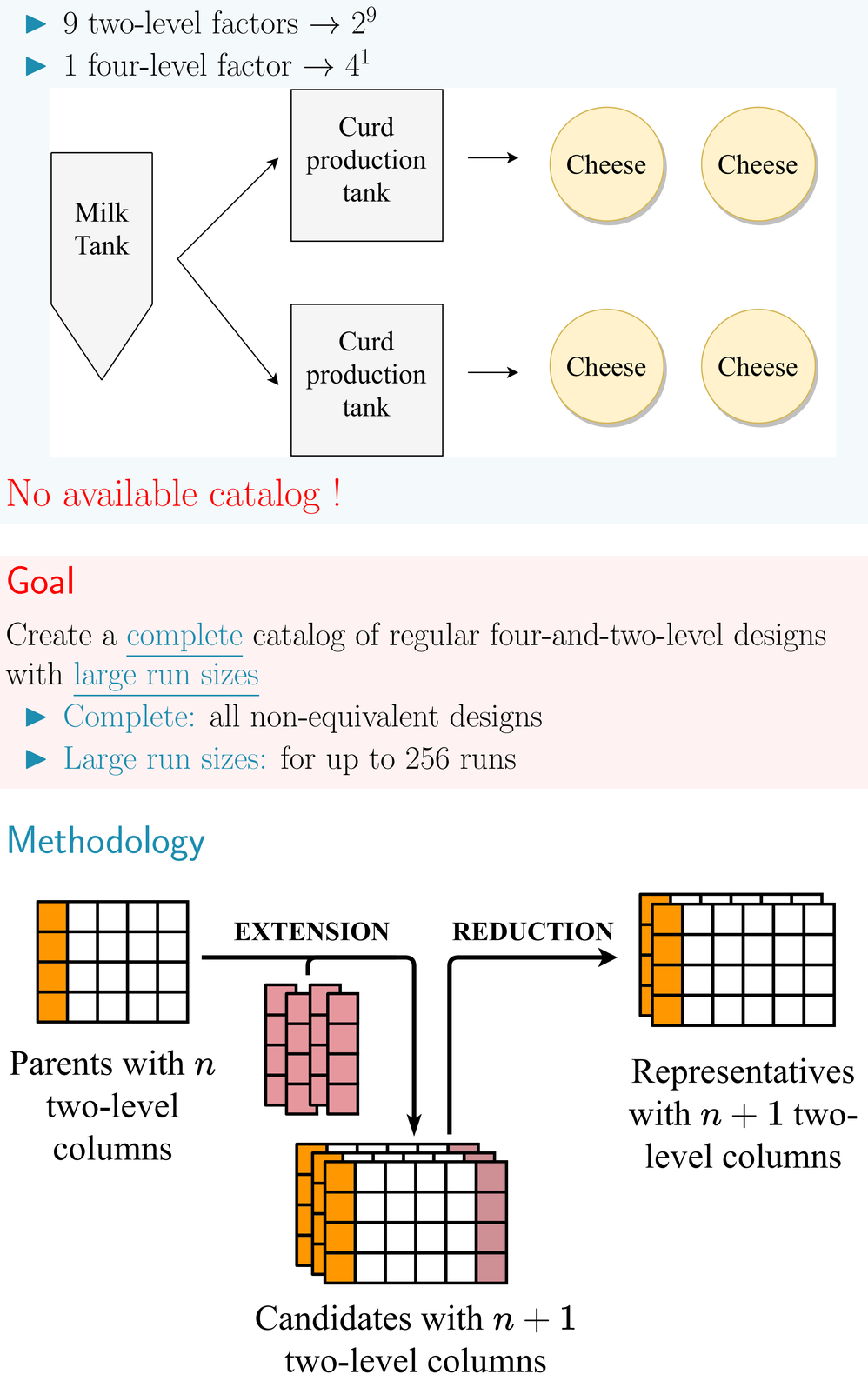
No available catalog !

Goal

Create a complete catalog of regular four-and-two-level designs with large run sizes

- Complete: all non-equivalent designs
- Large run sizes: for up to 256 runs

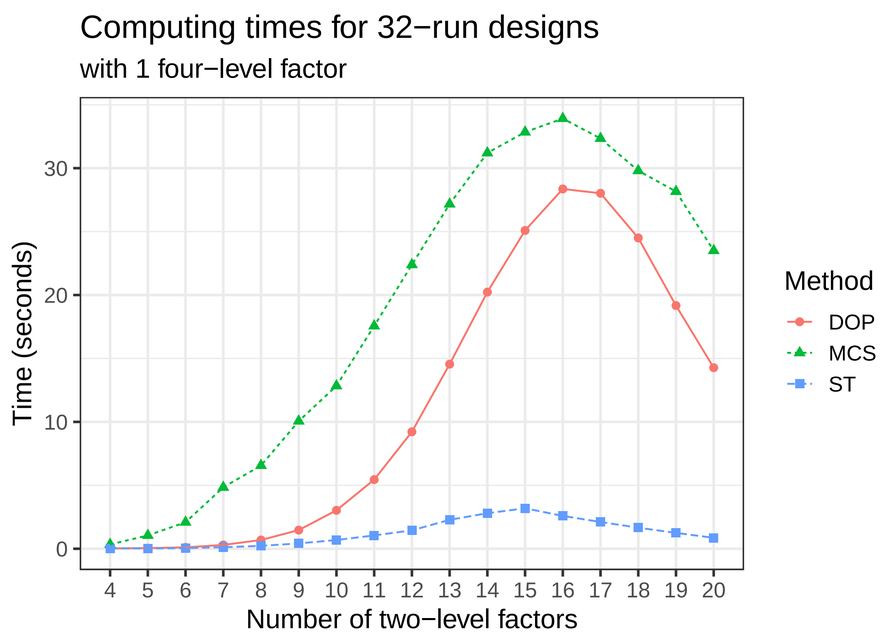
Methodology



Selected algorithms

- Extension procedures: Search Table (ST; [3]) , Delete-One-Factor Projection (DOP; [4]), Minimum Complete Set (MCS; [5])
- Reduction procedures: NAUTY graph isomorphism [6, 7], LMC canonical form testing [5]

	ST	**DOP**	**MCS**
NAUTY	ST-NAUTY	DOP-NAUTY	Not optimal
LMC test	Not optimal	Incompatible	MCS - LMC



- ST-NAUTY was the most efficient of the 3 enumeration methods. Similar results for other test cases.

Results

Number of enumerated 4^m2^n designs for $n \leq 20$:

m	**N** (Resolution)			
	32 (III)	**64** (IV)	**128** (IV)	**256** (IV)
1	8,279	254	1,442,301	$>$ 86,528
2	36,692	137	2,837,275	$>$ 40,848
3	-	28	2,141,911	$>$ 78,386

Cheese-making experiment revisited

There are 264 4^12^9 designs involving 128 runs

ID	**Added columns**	**WLP** (A_4, A_5, A_6)
1	60, 77, 86, 103	(0, 8, 6)
2	29, 46, 90, 101	(0, 9, 3)
3	13, 58, 91, 116	(1, 6, 6)

- Designs 1 and 2 were not compatible with required restrictions in the randomization.
- Design 3 is the best design that is compatible with these restrictions.
- Remaining designs have inferior WLP.

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