GENERATE YOUR DATA.

The structure of the generated dataset must follow the structure presented on the next table. Here is not needed to use your RNG.

	Factor 1	Factor 2	Factor 3	Factor 4	Factor 5	 Factor 10	Answer
Individual 1							
Individual 2							
Individual 2000							

- 1. Define, for each factor (from 1 to 5) a distribution (the RVGs that you prefer, uniform, normal, exponential, etc.). For the factors 6 to 10 define a function that uses the previous variables, as an example F6=F1+2F3.
- 2. Define an answer variable that will be composed by a function that combines a subset of the previous factors plus a normal distribution you know (to add some random noise).

OBTAIN AN EXPRESSION TO GENERATE NEW DATA.

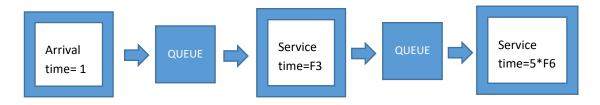
Imagine that you don't know nothing regarding how this dataset has been generated. Consider that the factors represent different machines and the answer is the time to do an operation.

You need to explore it because you want to define a model to obtain new data for your DOE (you want to detect the possible relations and the interactions between the factors, or maybe you want to test alternatives or predict future scenarios).

- 1. Explore the possible relations of all the factors and the answer variable, you can use any technique developed during the course (LRM or ANOVA).
- 2. Describe what you find on this analysis and, explain if it is coherent with the knowledge you have from the data.
- Use a simulation model to generate new data. The simulation model will be a very simple model composed by one server by each one of the factors you use on the answer. If the answer is

answer = F3 + 5F6 (+ Normal random noise).

Then the model can be like the one represented below, where the arrivals will be represented by a constant distribution with 1 of value. The answer will be the overall service time.



DOE

Now you have a model to generate new data. This model can be used to generate data for the different scenarios that must be considered.

- 1. Define a DOE to explore with what parametrization of the 10 factors the answer obtains the best value (define what means best, i.e. maximize or minimize the value).
- 2. Detect and analyze the interactions.

Remember

- Set the objectives.
- Select the process variables. Hypotheses to be tested, etc.
- Define an experimental design.
- Execute the design.
- Check that the data are consistent with the experimental assumptions.
- Analyze and interpret the results, detect effects of main factors and interactions.

ANSWERS

Generating the dataset

To form our dataset, we are using our RNG to define a distribution for each factor F1 to F5 in R and for the factors F6 to F10, we will define a function that uses a combination of the variables F1 to F5. The dataset has 2000 rows and 10 factors. Then the *Answer* variable will be composed as an arbitrary subset of the previous variables and also adding some random noise.

$$answer = 2 F8 + 3 F3 + F9 + F5 (+ Normal random noise).$$

I have chosen 4 different distributions for the factor 1 to 5. Factor F1 and F5 are formed by Normal Distributions using mean=0, sd=1, and mean=1, sd=2 respectively. For the factors F2 I have used Exponential Distribution using rate=0.5, and also for the factor F3, a Uniform Distribution is used with the lower bound of 5 and the upper bound of 10. And finally, for factor F4, I have chosen a Beta distribution with the shape parameters 1 and 2. The real meaning of these factors is not very important but we can assume that they are representing the time needed to do a process by different machines and the *Answer* would be the time that is dependent on these factors.

Factor	Distribution							
F1	Normal Distribution	Mean: 0, Standard deviations: 1						
F2	Exponential Distribution	rate=0.5						
F3	Uniform Distribution	min=5, max=10						
F4	Beta distribution	shape1 = 1, shape2 = 2						
F5	Normal Distribution	Mean: 1, Standard deviations: 2						
F6	F3 + 3 F1							
F7	F1 + F2							
F8	4 F5 + F3 + 2 F4							
F9	F5 + 2 F1							
F10	3 F3 + F1 + 3 F2							
Answer	2 F8 + 3 F3 + F9 + F5 + Normal distribut	cion with mean 0 and standard deviations 1						

By placing the factors 1 to 5 in the answer we can also define it regarding only these 5 factors. This answer variable could also be written as:

Answer = 2 F8 + 3 F3 + F9 + F5 + Normal distribution with mean 0 and standard deviations 1



Answer = 2 (4 F5 + F3 + 2 F4) + 3 F3 + (F5 + 2 F1) + F5 + Normal random noise



♣ Answer = 10 F5 + 5 F3 + 4 F4 + 2 F1 + Normal random noise

This form of the answer will be useful when are obtaining a new answer in the LRM part.

Here is the R code that was written to generate the dataset:

```
# number of individuals (rows in the dataset)
n=2000
# Normal distribution
factor1 <- rnorm(n, mean=0, sd=1)
# Exponential Distribution
factor2 <- rexp(n, rate=.5)
# Uniform distribution
factor3 <- runif(n, min=5, max=10)</pre>
# Beta distribution
factor4 \leftarrow rbeta (n , 1 , 2)
# Normal distribution
factor5 <- rnorm(n, mean=1, sd=2)
# define function F6 to F10 that use the variables F1 to F5
factor6 <- factor3 +(3*factor1)
factor7 <- factor1 + factor2
factor8 <- (4*factor5) + factor3 + (2*factor4)
factor9 <- factor5 + (2*factor1)
factor10 <- (3*factor3) + factor1 + (3*factor2)
err = rnorm(n, mean=0, sd=1)
# chosen answer variable
answer <- (2*factor8) - (3*factor3) + factor9 - factor5 + err
View (dset)
dim (dset)
str (dset)
describe (dset)
```

The dataset is visualized using a Scatterplot and a Boxplot and also shown in a paired panels.

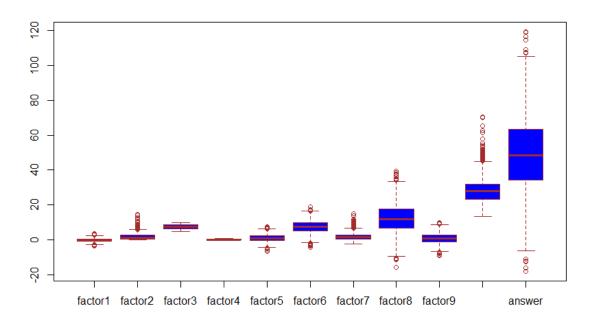


Figure 1 Visualization of the dataset using Boxplot

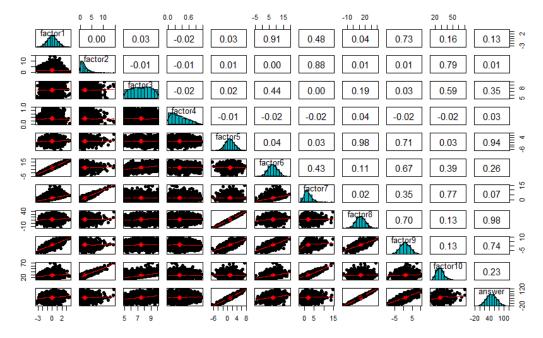


Figure 2 Visualization of the dataset in paired panels

```
> str (dset)
'data.frame':
'data.frame': 2000 obs. of 11 variables:
$ factor1 : num    0.37107    0.68267    1.25083    -0.00329    -0.01432    ...
                   0.9195 2.0447 0.0341 0.4426 1.4621 ...
 $ factor2 : num
 $ factor3 : num 6.37 7.41 9.19 8.89 7.35
 $ factor4 : num   0.275   0.251   0.354   0.29   0.683
 $ factor5 : num -1.382 0.347 2.507 -0.243 -0.942 ...
 $ factor6 : num 7.49 9.46 12.95 8.88 7.3 .
 $ factor7
           : num 1.291 2.727 1.285 0.439 1.448 ...
 $ factor8 : num 1.4 9.3 19.93 8.49 4.95
 $ factor9 : num -0.639 1.712 5.009 -0.25 -0.97 ...
 $ factor10: num 22.3 29.1 28.9 28 26.4
 $ answer : num 18.4 43.9 75.7 41.6 30.8 ...
> describe (dset)
         vars
                    mean
                             sd median trimmed
                                                   mad
                                                          min
                                                                       range
                                                                               skew kurtosis
            1 2000 -0.01 1.02
factor1
                                  -0.02
                                          -0.02 1.00
                                                        -3.30
                                                                3.69
                                                                        7.00
                                                                               0.04
                                                                                       -0.01 0.02
factor2
            2 2000
                    1.95
                           1.88
                                   1.38
                                           1.64
                                                  1.37
                                                         0.00
                                                                14.51
                                                                       14.51
                                                                               1.89
                                                                                        5.14 0.04
factor3
            3 2000
                     7.53
                           1.40
                                   7.56
                                           7.54
                                                  1.74
                                                         5.01
                                                                10.00
                                                                        4.99 -0.04
                                                                                        -1.14 0.03
factor4
            4 2000
                     0.33
                           0.23
                                   0.29
                                           0.31
                                                  0.26
                                                         0.00
                                                                 0.96
                                                                        0.96
                                                                             0.58
                                                                                       -0.58 0.01
factor5
            5 2000
                    1.01
                           2.00
                                   0.94
                                           0.99
                                                  1.95
                                                        -6.55
                                                                 7.58
                                                                       14.13
                                                                               0.06
                                                                                        0.12 0.04
            6 2000
                                                                19.13
                     7.50
                                           7.48
                                                                                       -0.02 0.08
factor6
                           3.40
                                   7.45
                                                  3.41
                                                        -4.35
                                                                       23.48
                                                                               0.01
            7 2000
                                                  1.77
                                                        -2.41
factor7
                    1.94
                           2.15
                                   1.53
                                           1.72
                                                                14.86
                                                                       17.26
                                                                               1.33
                                                                                        3.30 0.05
            8 2000 12.23
                                          12.17
                                                  8.10 -15.63
                                                                               0.07
factor8
                           8.16
                                 12.04
                                                                39.58
                                                                       55.21
                                                                                        0.03 0.18
                                          0.97
27.89
                                                                                        0.04 0.06
factor9
            9 2000 0.99
                           2.91
7.10
                                   0.91
                                                  2.88
                                                        -9.08
                                                                 9.95
                                                                       19.03
                                                                               0.06
                                                                70.30
           10 2000 28.44
factor10
                                  27.87
                                                  6.45 13.29
                                                                       57.00
                                                                               0.99
                                                                                        2.28 0.16
           11 2000 49.04 21.52 48.57
                                          48.92 21.43 -17.85 119.14 136.98
                                                                               0.07
                                                                                       -0.07 0.48
answer
```

Obtaining an expression to generate new data

We will assume that we don't know anything regarding the dataset we generated in the previous part. We are going to define a model to obtain new data for our DOE. For this purpose, we will be exploring the dataset using the Multiple Linear Regression Model (MLR) and Principal Component Analysis (PCA).

PCA

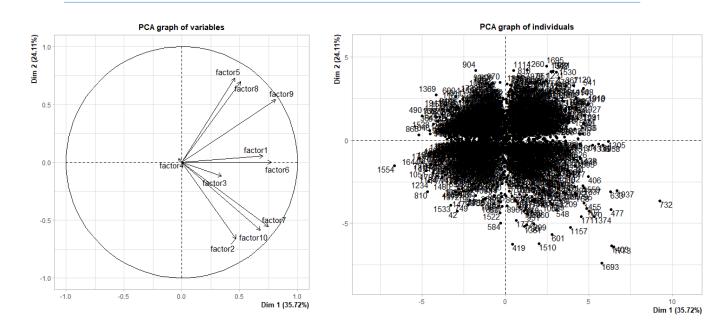
Principal component analysis (PCA) is a technique for reducing the dimensionality of big datasets, increasing interpretability but at the same time minimizing information loss.

PCA transforms the original variables into a smaller set of linear combinations.

To explore the different relations and interactions between each variable, we do a PCA analysis. This analysis is used to define the main factors that exist on the dataset.

As we assume that we don't know anything about the dataset, we should consider all factors as active factors and remove the last column which is "answer" from the dataset. The output graphs contain a PCA graph of individuals, a PCA graph of variables, and a Scree plot which displays how much variation each principal component captures from the data.

```
#PCA analysis (Answer's column is removed)
pca1 = PCA(dset[,-11], scale.unit=TRUE, ncp =5, graph=T)
pca1$eig
plot (pca1$eig[,1], type= "o", main= "ScreePlot")
```



> pca1\$eig

		eigenvalue	percentage of variance	cumulative p	percentage of	variance
comp	1	3.572449e+00	3.572449e+01			35.72449
comp	2	2.411478e+00	2.411478e+01			59.83927
comp	3	1.729275e+00	1.729275e+01			77.13203
comp	4	1.286631e+00	1.286631e+01			89.99834
comp	5	1.000166e+00	1.000166e+01		1	100.00000
comp	6	4.276669e-29	4.276669e-28		1	100.00000
comp	7	4.810770e-30	4.810770e-29		1	100.00000
comp	8	1.490619e-30	1.490619e-29		1	.00.00000
comp	9	6.593382e-32	6.593382e-31		1	.00.00000
comp	10	1.950890e-32	1.950890e-31		1	100.00000

ScreePlot

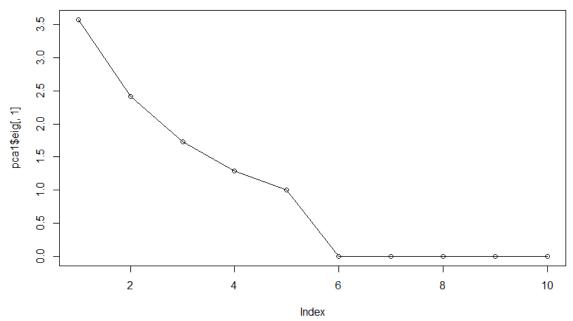


Figure 3 Amount of variation each principal component captures from the data

After examining the data, it is possible to conclude that there are two distinct sets of positively correlated variables. As we see in the variables factor map of PCA, by reducing the dimensions we almost lost 40.17 percent of the data but resume about 59.8 percent of the total variance of the dataset which is acceptable. After examining the data, it is possible to conclude that there are two distinct sets of positively correlated variables. The first group contains F5, F8 F9, and F1 and the second group contains F6, F3, F7, F10, and F2. We will continue exploring the possible relations between all variables of the dataset by performing several linear models.

Linear Regression Model

Multiple linear regression is used to estimate the relationship between **two or more independent** variables and one dependent variable.

We are going to apply a multiple linear regression model to the dataset that we generated in the beginning. The function *Im* in R is used for this purpose. Then we get the summary of the results.

The first linear model test was used to examine the relationship between the answer and all of the other factors in the dataset.

```
# Generating the linear model of the answer distribution
regmodel1 <- lm( answer ~ ., data=dset)
summary (regmodel1)
call:
lm(formula = answer \sim ., data = dset)
Residuals:
Min 10 Median
-3.0083 -0.6921 -0.0014
                            3Q
0.6798
                                     3.5125
Coefficients: (5 not defined because of singularities)
              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|) 0.1318227 0.1275668 1.033 0.302
(Intercept)
                                                    0.302
factor1
               2.0088118
                            0.0215910
                                        93.039
                                                   <2e-16
factor2
              -0.0005355
                           0.0116914 -0.046
0.0157155 317.158
                                                    0.963
                                                   <2e-16 ***
               4.9843000
factor3
                            0.0948929
                                                   <2e-16 ***
               3.9777918
                                         41.919
factor4
                            0.0110239 905.532
                                                           ***
factor5
               9.9824981
                                                   <2e-16
factor6
                                                        NA
factor7
                       NA
                                    NA
                                              NA
                                                        NA
factor8
                       NA
                                              NA
                                                        NA
                                    NA
factor9
                       NΑ
                                    NΑ
                                              NΑ
                                                        NΑ
factor10
                       NA
                                    NA
                                             NA
                                                        NA
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Residual standard error: 0.9849 on 1994 degrees of freedom Multiple R-squared: 0.9979, Adjusted R-squared: 0.9979
F-statistic: 1.904e+05 on 5 and 1994 DF,
                                                p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

We can observe from the results that a NA value is defined for F6 to F10. These NA items denote that each of these variables is a linear combination of the other variables, meaning that their behavior can be predicted using various combinations of the other factors. As a result, more tests will be required to determine their relationship. Furthermore, the p-value for F1, F3, F4, F5 is less than 0.05, while the t-value is significantly higher or lower than 0. As a result, we can conclude that these variables are related to the answer distribution. Instead, the findings reveal that factor2 is unrelated to answer distribution, so this variable like the factors 6 to 10 can be removed from the linear model.

The relationship between each element must be discovered before running the new linear model with the eliminated variables. To do so, a linear model is used for each of the variables that returned a NA result.

```
# Generating the linear model of factor6 distribution
regmodel2 <- lm(formula = factor6 ~ factor1 + factor2 + factor3 + factor4 + factor5,
                    data = dset)
summary (regmodel2)
Call:
lm(formula = factor6 ~ factor1 + factor2 + factor3 + factor4 +
     factor5, data = dset)
Residuals:
Min 1Q Median 3Q Max -2.532e-13 -2.610e-16 1.280e-16 4.680e-16 8.024e-14
                               Median
Coefficients:
                Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
..568e-14 7.993e-16 -1.962e+01 <2e-16
                                                        <2e-16 ***
(Intercept) -1.568e-14
                            1.353e-16 2.217e+16
7.326e-17 -4.140e-01
9.847e-17 1.016e+16
                                                        <2e-16 ***
factor1
               3.000e+00
              -3.030e-17
                                                         0.679
factor2
                                                        <2e-16 ***
factor3
               1.000e+00
               1.709e-16
                            5.946e-16
                                         2.870e-01
                                                         0.774
factor4
               6.390e-17
                                         9.250e-01
factor5
                            6.908e-17
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Residual standard error: 6.172e-15 on 1994 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 1, Adjusted R-squared:
F-statistic: 1.215e+32 on 5 and 1994 DF, p-val
                                                 p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

We can observe from the data that factor1 and factor3 have p-values less than 0.05 and t-values much higher or lower than 0. As a result, we can conclude that these two factors are related to the factor6 distribution. The R-squared value in this example is 1, indicating that the confidence of correctly predicting the factor6 distribution in this generated linear model is very good. As a result, it is stated below.

Factor6: 3.0 Factor1 + 1.0 Factor3

```
# Generating the linear model of factor7 distribution
regmodel3 <- lm( formula = factor7 ~ factor1 + factor2 + factor3 + factor4 + factor5,
                      data = dset)
summary (regmodel3)
call:
lm(formula = factor7 ~ factor1 + factor2 + factor3 + factor4 +
    factor5, data = dset)
Residuals:
                                Median
Min 1Q Median 3Q Max
-3.209e-15 -3.730e-16 -1.610e-16 4.800e-17 2.968e-13
Coefficients:
               Estimate Std. Error 7.361e-15 8.625e-16 1.000e+00 1.460e-16
                                          t value Pr(>|t|)
8.534e+00 <2e-16 ***
(Intercept)
factor1
                                           6.850e+15
                                                          <2e-16 ***
                                                          <2e-16 ***
factor2
                1.000e+00
                             7.905e-17
                                           1.265e+16
               -8.688e-17
                             1.063e-16 -8.180e-01
                                                           0.414
factor3
                            6.416e-16 -2.810e-01
7.454e-17 -1.269e+00
factor4
              -1.803e-16
                                                           0.779
factor5
              -9.457e-17
                                                           0.205
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Residual standard error: 6.66e-15 on 1994 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 1, Adjusted R-squared: 1
F-statistic: 4.153e+31 on 5 and 1994 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

We can observe from the data that factor1 and factor2 have p-values less than 0.05 and t-values much higher or lower than 0. As a result, we can conclude that these two factors are related to the factor7 distribution. The R-squared value in this example is 1, indicating that the confidence of correctly predicting the factor7 distribution in this generated linear model is very good. As a result, it is stated below.

Factor7: 1.0 Factor1 + 1.0 Factor2

```
# Generating the linear model of factor8 distribution
regmodel4 <- lm( formula = factor8 ~ factor1 + factor2 + factor3 + factor4 + factor5,
                      data = dset)
summary (regmodel4)
call:
lm(formula = factor8 ~ factor1 + factor2 + factor3 + factor4 +
    factor5, data = dset)
Residuals:
Min 10 Median 30 Max
-9.784e-14 -1.220e-15 -4.000e-16 5.400e-16 5.712e-13
Coefficients:
Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|) (Intercept) -2.269e-15 1.760e-15 -1.289e+00 0.198 factor1 9.317e-17 2.979e-16 3.130e-01 0.754
factor2
               -1.397e-16
                               1.613e-16 -8.660e-01
2.168e-16 4.612e+15
1.309e-15 1.528e+15
                                                               0.387
                                                             <2e-16 ***
factor3
                1.000e+00
                2.000e+00
                                                             <2e-16
factor4
                                                             <2e-16 ***
                4.000e+00 1.521e-16 2.630e+16
factor5
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Residual standard error: 1.359e-14 on 1994 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 1, Adjusted R-squared: 1
F-statistic: 1.443e+32 on 5 and 1994 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

We can observe from the data that factor3, factor4, and factor5 have p-values less than 0.05 and t-values much higher or lower than 0. As a result, we can conclude that these two factors are related to the factor8 distribution. The R-squared value in this example is 1, indicating that the confidence of correctly predicting the factor8 distribution in this generated linear model is very good. As a result, it is stated below.

Factor8: 4.0 Factor5 + 1.0 Factor3 + 2 Factor4

```
# Generating the linear model of factor9 distribution
regmodel5 <- lm( formula = factor9 ~ factor1 + factor2 + factor3 + factor4 + factor5,
                     data = dset)
summary (regmodel5)
call:
lm(formula = factor9 ~ factor1 + factor2 + factor3 + factor4 +
     factor5, data = dset)
Residuals:
Min 1Q Median 3Q Max
-1.896e-13 -1.000e-16 1.080e-16 3.140e-16 6.754e-14
Coefficients:
                                           t value Pr(>|t|)
3.788e+00 0.000156 ***
                 Estimate Std. Error
                             6.370e-16
(Intercept)
                2.413e-15
                                                        < 2e-16 ***
factor1
                2.000e+00
                             1.078e-16
                                          1.855e+16
                            5.838e-17 -5.930e-01 0.553279
7.847e-17 3.490e-01 0.727337
4.738e-16 -7.000e-01 0.484147
5.504e-17 1.817e+16 < 2e-16
factor2
               -3.462e-17
                2.736e-17
factor3
               -3.316e-16
factor4
                                                        < 2e-16 ***
                1.000e+00
factor5
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Residual standard error: 4.918e-15 on 1994 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 1, Adjusted R-squared: 1
F-statistic: 1.397e+32 on 5 and 1994 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

We can observe from the data that factor1 and factor5 have p-values less than 0.05 and t-values much higher or lower than 0. As a result, we can conclude that these two factors are related to the factor8 distribution. The R-squared value in this example is 1, indicating that the confidence of correctly predicting the factor9 distribution in this generated linear model is very good. As a result, it is stated below.

Factor9: 2.0 Factor1 + 1.0 Factor5

```
# Generating the linear model of factor10 distribution
regmodel6<- lm( formula = factor10 ~ factor1 + factor2 + factor3 + factor4 + factor5,
                   data = dset)
summary (regmodel6)
call:
lm(formula = factor10 ~ factor1 + factor2 + factor3 + factor4 +
    factor5, data = dset)
Residuals:
                              Median
Min 1Q Median
-3.069e-12 -5.600e-16 1.530e-15
                                       3Q
3.440e-15
Coefficients:
                                       t value Pr(>|t|)
-1.454e+01 <2e-16
                Estimate Std. Error
(Intercept) -1.315e-13
                            9.041e-15
                                                       <2e-16 ***
                            1.530e - \bar{15}
factor1
               1.000e+00
                                         6.535e+14
                                                       <2e-16 ***
factor2
               3.000e+00
                            8.286e-16
                                         3.621e+15
                                         2.694e+15
2.040e-01
                                                       <2e-16 ***
               3.000e+00
1.375e-15
                            1.114e-15
6.725e-15
factor3
                                                        0.838
factor4
               7.982e-16
                           7.813e-16
                                        1.022e+00
                                                        0.307
factor5
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Residual standard error: 6.98e-14 on 1994 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 1, Adjusted R-squared: 1
F-statistic: 4.14e+30 on 5 and 1994 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

We can observe from the data that factor1, factor2, and factor3 have p-values less than 0.05 and t-values much higher or lower than 0. As a result, we can conclude that these two factors are related to the factor8 distribution. The R-squared value in this example is 1, indicating that the confidence of correctly predicting the factor10 distribution in this generated linear model is very good. As a result, it is stated below.

Factor10: 1.0 Factor1 + 3.0 Factor2 + 3.0 Factor3

We can see that the answers produced are the same as what we defined first by comparing the linear combinations generated for all the factors from 6 to 10. Once determining all of the relationships between the variables with linear combinations, it's time to run the linear model of the answer without the discarded features. From the first LM we have done, we have found factor2 is unrelated to answer distribution and we won't include it in the following regression.

```
# Generating the linear model without discarded factors
regmodel7 <- lm(formula = answer ~ factor1 + factor3 + factor4 + factor5
                                                                                         data = dset)
summary (regmodel7)
call:
lm(formula = answer ~ factor1 + factor3 + factor4 + factor5,
    data = dset)
Residuals:
Min 1Q Median 3Q
-3.0085 -0.6926 -0.0026 0.6800
                                           Max
                                       3.5111
              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
                            0.12516
                                                   0.296
(Intercept)
               0.13070
                                        1.044
                            0.02159 93.063
0.01571 317.260
0.09486 41.934
                                                  <2e-16 ***
               2.00881
4.98431
factor1
                                                  <2e-16 ***
factor3
                                                  <2e-16 ***
factor4
               9.98249
                            0.01102 905.816
                                                  <2e-16 ***
factor5
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Residual standard error: 0.9847 on 1995 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.9979, Adjusted R-squared: 0.9979
F-statistic: 2.381e+05 on 4 and 1995 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

We can observe the all factors have p-values less than 0.05 and t-values much higher or lower than 0. As a result, we can conclude that all factors are related to the answer distribution. The R-squared value in this example is 0.9958, indicating that the confidence of correctly predicting the factor10 distribution in this generated linear model is very good. As a result, it is stated below.

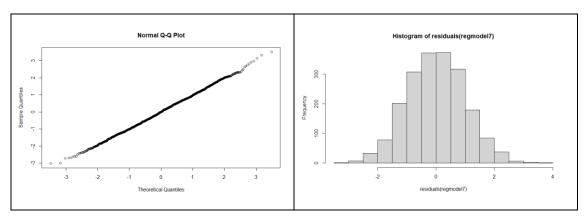
Lastly and before obtaining the answer expression, test assumptions for the linear model must be determined in order to show the validity of the test.

Testing the Assumptions of LRM

Normality test - Shapiro-Wilk normality test (and also using gqnorm and a histogram)

```
# Normality test
qqnorm(residuals(regmodel7))
hist(residuals(regmodel7))
```

Table 1 these graphs below show that the data is following a normal distribution



```
# Shapiro-Wilk normality test
shapiro.test(residuals(regmodel7))

Shapiro-Wilk normality test

data: residuals(regmodel7)
W = 0.99914, p-value = 0.4756
```

The calculated p-value is higher than the significance level of 0.05, so there is no indication that normality distribution is violated.

Homogeneity of variance - Breusch Pagan test

The calculated p-value is higher than the significance level of 0.05, so there is no indication of heteroscedasticity on the calculated model.

Independence of variables - Durbin Watson test

The calculated p-value is higher than the significance level 0, so the alternative hypothesis can be accepted. It means that the variables are not independent and it exits a correlation between them.

Obtaining a new answer

By confirming the validity of the test, we will be able to determine the following expression (y = b0 + b1*x1 + b2*x2 + b3*x3) that could be used to generate new data. (Numbers in red the number in green are marked in the last LRM results)

```
Answer = 0.13070 + 10.00118 Factor5 + 4.99923 Factor3 + 4.00015 Factor4 + 2.01580 Factor1
```

We can see the answer we obtained from the last LRM is the same as the answer we defined during defining our data set and the little difference between the numbers is due to the random noise we considered for the answer at the beginning.

Lastly, a prediction of the next value of the answer will be done to see if the linear model we just constructed is correct for our dataset. As a result, a new dataset with the same properties as the original will be created. This time the answer elements will be determined using the newly constructed linear model.

```
# Normal distribution
factor1 <- rnorm(50, mean=0, sd=1)
# Exponential Distribution
factor2 <- rexp(50, rate=.5)
# Uniform distribution
factor3 <- runif(50, min=5, max=10)
# Beta distribution
factor4 <- rbeta (50 , 1 , 2)
# Normal distribution
factor5 <- rnorm(50, mean=1, sd=2)
# define function F6 to F10 that use the variables F1 to F5
factor6 <- factor3 +(3*factor1)
factor7 <- factor1 + factor2</pre>
factor8 <- (4*factor5) + factor3 + (2*factor4)
factor9 <- factor5 + (2*factor1)
factor10 <- (3*factor3) + factor1 + (3*factor2)
# new answer variable
answer <- 0.13070 + (10.00118 * factor5) + (4.99923 * factor3) + (4.00015 * factor4) + (2.01580 * factor1)
```

Now after we formed our new dataset we will use the predict function in R to predict the next value of the answer.

```
#Predict with prediction interval
pred <- predict(regmodel7, newdata=dset2, interval="prediction")
pred

compData <- c()
predictedDataFrame <- data.frame(x1=pred)
answerDataFrame <- data.frame(x1=answer)
for(x in 1:nrow(predictedDataFrame)) {
   if( answerDataFrame$x1[x] >= predictedDataFrame$x1.lwr[x] &&
        answerDataFrame$x1[x] <= predictedDataFrame$x1.upr[x]){
        compData[x] <- TRUE
    }else{
        compData[x] <- FALSE
   }
}
predictedDataFrame["prediction"] <- compData
predictedDataFrame</pre>
```

Results

```
x1.upr prediction
70.380918 TRUE
57.242679 TRUE
82.498873 TRUE
  x1.fit
68.448117
55.310356
                           x1.lwr
66.515317
53.378034
                          78.629961
2.828907
38.550282
26.914486
  80.564417
  4.763249
40.483506
                                                   6.697591
42.416731
30.779596
                                                                                       TRUE
  28.847041
                                                                                       TRUE
  51.860504
33.908932
                           49.927836
31.975503
                                                    53.793172
35.842361
                                                                                       TRUE
  37.972410
                           36.038717
                                                    39.906104
                                                                                       TRUE
  72.285945
75.177914
22.123975
                          70.353288
73.244039
20.190616
                                                   74.218601
77.111789
                                                                                       TRUE
                                                   24.057333
                                                                                       TRUE
 -17.669238
17.111101
                        -19.605598
15.177671
                                                 -15.732878
19.044531
                                                                                       TRUE
                          40.602350
36.262400
23.893038
17.111390
                                                   44.466887
40.131296
27.764489
20.978041
  42.534619
                                                                                        TRUE
  38.196848
25.828763
19.044716
                                                                                       TRUE
                                                                                        TRUE
                                                                                       TRUE
                                                   20.976041
60.655843
46.501812
64.570803
52.155110
59.457013
22.357252
  58.723237
44.566970
                           56.790632
42.632129
                                                                                       TRUE
                          60.703679
48.289053
55.592604
18.490709
  62.637241
50.222082
57.524809
                                                                                       TRUE
                                                                                       TRUE
                                                                                        TRUE
  20.423980
                                                                                       TRUE
  34.593105
39.874187
                          32.659407
37.942205
                                                   36.526803
41.806168
                                                                                        TRUE
                                                                                       TRUE
46.282269 44.349946
-13.942889 -15.879549
58.643836 56.712028
50.075969 48.142269
                                                 48.214593
-12.006229
60.575644
52.009670
                                                                                       TRUE
                                                                                       TRUE
                                                                                       TRUE
                                                                                       TRUE
  41.098569
40.637209
                           39.166245
38.704456
                                                   43.030892
42.569962
66.867272
                                                                                       TRUE
  64.934049
                           63.000825
                                                                                       TRUE
                           30.775329
47.463754
40.161490
                                                   34.641336
51.337912
44.025657
  32.708332
49.400833
                                                                                       TRUE
                                                                                       TRUE
  42.093574
                                                                                       TRUE
  29.911811
32.091365
71.848644
                                                   31.845035
34.024615
73.782343
                           27.978588
30.158115
                                                                                       TRUE
                          69.914946
41.759553
32.432185
22.493092
                                                                                       TRUE
                                                   45.629344
36.300886
26.361927
  43.694449
34.366535
24.427510
                                                                                        TRUE
                                                                                       TRUE
                                                                                       TRUE
                           69.811955
54.855119
74.292949
                                                   73.677962
58.719280
78.158773
  71.744959
56.787200
                                                                                       TRUE
                                                                                       TRUE
  76.225861
                                                                                       TRUE
                                                   95.063601
45.608802
46.439302
                           91.194514
41.744602
42.575186
                                                                                       TRUE
  43.676702
44.507244
                                                                                       TRUE
                                                                                       TRUE
  64.070991
71.179390
                           62.137047
69.246847
                                                   66.004935
73.111932
                                                                                       TRUE
```

We got 50 True values in the result that are well-predicted values and as expected. The prediction interval obtained is then 100%, and it can be validated that the values produced are within the prediction interval of 95% of the samples, indicating that the model designed is accurate.

Simulation using GPSS

To simulate the data in **GPSS** we will be using the expression obtained from the Linear Regression Model. We should compare the *answer* obtained in GPSS with the *answer* in the corresponding row in the dataset. Time minus 1 in GPSS should be compared because the entity enters the system one second later than the beginning of the simulation. Here is a sample code snippet of the GPSS to simulate the model. (Random row in the dataset is selected to show the result)

```
; answer = 10.00118 * Factor5 + 4.99923 * Factor3 + 4.00015 * Factor4 + 2.01580 * Factor1

GENERATE 1

ADVANCE (2.01580 # 1.63017987 + ABS(Normal(1,0,1))) ; Factor1

ADVANCE (4.99923 # 6.182544 + ABS(Normal(1,0,1))) ; Factor3

ADVANCE (4.00015 # 0.446788853 + ABS(Normal(1,0,1))) ; Factor4

ADVANCE (10.00118 # 1.558518000 + ABS(Normal(1,0,1))) ; Factor5

TERMINATE 1
```

```
GPSS World Simulation Report - Untitled Model 1.32.1
                Wednesday, June 16, 2021 21:46:17
         START TIME
                             END TIME BLOCKS FACILITIES STORAGES
              0.000
                               54.682
                                         6
                                                 0
                                                            0
LABEL
                 LOC BLOCK TYPE
                                    ENTRY COUNT CURRENT COUNT RETRY
                     GENERATE
                                         54
                                                       0
                 2
                     ADVANCE
                                         54
                                                       4
                                                               0
                 3
                     ADVANCE
                                         50
                                                      31
                                                               0
                  4
                     ADVANCE
                                         19
                                                               0
                                                       3
                 5
                     ADVANCE
                                                               0
                                         16
                                                       15
                      TERMINATE
                                          1
                                                        0
                                                               0
```

•	factor1 [‡]	factor2 [‡]	factor3 [‡]	factor4 [‡]	factor5 [‡]	factor6 [‡]	factor7 [‡]	factor8 [‡]	factor9 [‡]	factor10 [‡]	answer ‡
1	-0.29033934	7.943801e+00	8.261064	0.263721296	3.004368673	7.3900457	7.653461511	20.80598099	2.423689988	48.32425	71.507120
2	1.63017987	2.663852e-01	9.660620	0.691849232	1.630307372	14.5511593	1.896565106	17.56554765	4.890667117	31.41119	69.706010
3	0.32836868	4.464704e+00	9.188122	0.509045772	-0.744278707	10.1732277	4.793072671	7.22909834	-0.087541343	41.28685	41.474233
4	-0.60101252	2.234076e+00	7.368464	0.099828134	1.580458318	5.5654264	1.633063183	13.88995351	0.378433275	28.20661	50.963633
5	-1.56406737	2.422823e+00	9.001158	0.323819000	-1,211865946	4.3089556	0.858755526	4.80133192	-4.340000687	32.70787	31.823199
6	0.26643961	1.050962e+00	6.824901	0.732039781	2.266635029	7.6242202	1.317401841	17.35552101	2.799514256	23.89403	59.757650
7	1.88411265	8.440073e-01	7.140634	0.380350820	-1.210708656	12.7929719	2.728119922	3.05850094	2.557516638	25.83804	27.950847
8	1.16198402	1.925742e+00	6.182544	0.446788853	1.558518000	9.6684962	3.087725601	13.31019382	3.882486039	25.48684	53.056356
9	-0.87261698	1.200427e-04	8.673573	0.369997962	3.311490693	6.0557221	-0.872496938	22.65953174	1.566256732	25.14846	74.331093
10	-0.11333330	1.360227e+00	9.749958	0.562966963	1.091754615	9.4099584	1.246893496	15.24291067	0.865088020	33.21722	61.806595
11	-0.71339685	4.941632e-01	5.009642	0.464565012	-1.979733335	2.8694518	-0.219233616	-1.98016097	-3.406527033	15.79802	5.083103
12	0,51402568	1.391552e+00	7.489033	0.088367200	3.424626814	9.0311098	1,905578091	21,36427445	4.452678181	27,15578	73.899002

We see the **(time -1)** in GPSS is very close to our Answer in the dataset in highlighted row. This is just for showing a sample code and the results but next in the DOE section, we will do 10 replications and make a separate GPSS file for each scenario in the next part. (Please find GPSS files in the folder **"/GPSS_Replications"**)

DOE

To define the relationship between factors affecting a process and the output of that process we use the Design of experiments (DOE). This systematic method is used to find cause-and-effect relationships and is needed to manage process inputs in order to minimize or maximize the output.

We'll use the previously created model data in this part to investigate how these records interact with the answer dependent variable. The goal of this final exercise is to conduct a design of tests with the model created in the previous session to see which parametrization of the variables yields the best result. The following statements must be defined to conduct an experiment design.

Set the objectives.

Specify the factor parametrization with which the answer yields the maximum value.

• Select the process variables. Hypotheses to be tested, etc.

Examining the variables required considering factors 1 to 10 but, based on the findings of the preceding exercise, it was discovered that the **answer** is only connected with **factor1**, **factor3**, **factor4**, and **factor5**.

So, with only these four parameters, a reduction can be achieved. The significance of this simplification will be discussed in the DOE section.

• Define an experimental design.

A full factorial design must be undertaken in order to ensure that all of the combinations are investigated during the experimentation in order to identify the parametrization of the 10 factors with which the answer obtains the highest value. Because our factor values contain more than two levels, we need to perform $n \times v^k$ experiments, where n is the number of replications, v is the number of levels for each factor, and k is the number of factors to be explored. The total number of experiments required with ten factors and more than two levels is excessive. The 2k experimental design is the best factorial design to achieve the goal, where k is the number of components being explored in the experiment.

Two-level factorial experiments are factorial experiments in which each factor is investigated at only two levels. The early stages of experimentation usually involve the investigation of a large number of potential factors to discover the "vital few" factors. Two-level factorial experiments are used during these stages to quickly filter out unwanted effects so that attention can then be focused on the important ones. All combinations of the levels of the factors are run with this design. The Yates algorithm will be used to simplify the experiment's interaction calculus.

Ten variables must be studied in the current experimental design. Then, for a single replication, a full factorial two-level experiment requires $2^{10}=1024$ experiments. Hopefully, it was found during the last part that the answer distribution is only connected with **factor1**, **factor3**, **factor4**, and **factor5**. As a result, the number of factors can be reduced, and the number of runs required has been reduced to $2^4=16$ experiments. Furthermore, replications are required in order to determine the impact of measurement errors but as replications are very time-consuming we will do 10 replications and in the **GPSS** we need to produce **160** separate files for each replication. Furthermore, replications are required in order to obtain information on measurement inaccuracies. Determining the number of replications required to produce a result within a particular confidence level. Lastly, $\mathbf{n} \times 2^k$ is used to calculate the number of runs for this experiment, which is $\mathbf{10} \times 2^4 = \mathbf{160}$. The **two** levels defined for each factor will be the **minimum** and the **maximum** value of each of them and **160** runs will be performed. (I have written a **VB.NET** code to read the excel files and generate **160 GPSS** files that are located in the project folder)

Note: There is a single excitable file which is located in the project folder called **ExcelToGPSS.exe**. This file is the compiled form of the VB.NET code.

• Execute the design.

The dataset of the ten replications must be completed before it can be executed. Forming the datasets needed can be simplified with the factors 1, 3, 4, and 5 regarding the new expression found in the LRM part. Using a **for loop in R** we are going to generate the numbers needed for performing 10 replications. Only For the Normal distributions we use the absolute values to avoid negative numbers.

```
# 10 replications using a loop
for (i in 1:10) {
# Define factor 2 to 5
factor1 <- rnorm(2000, mean=0, sd=1)
  Exponential Distribution
factor2 <- rexp(2000, rate=.5)
  Uniform distribution
factor3 <- runif(2000, min=5, max=10)
  Beta distribution
factor4 <- rbeta (2000 , 1 , 2)
   Normal distribution
factor5 <- rnorm(2000, mean=1, sd=2)
# Define the answer based on LRM answer <- 0.13070 + (10.00118 * factor5) + (4.99923 * factor3) + (4.00015 * factor4) + (2.01580 * factor1)
# creating a data frame
data1Rep <- data.frame(factor1, factor3, factor4, factor5, answer)</pre>
          the summary (To extract min and max of each factor)
print(summary(data1Rep))
min_Factor1 = min(abs(factor1))
max_Factor1 = max(abs(factor1))
min_Factor3 = min(factor3)
max Factor3 = max(factor3)
min_Factor4 = min(factor4)
max_Factor4 = max(factor4)
min_Factor5 = min(abs(factor5))
max_Factor5 = max(abs(factor5))
cat("min_Factor1 =\t", min_Factor1,"\n")
cat("max_Factor1 =\t", max_Factor1,"\n")
cat("min_Factor3 =\t", min_Factor3,"\n")
cat("min_Factor4 =\t", min_Factor4,"\n")
cat("min_Factor4 =\t", max_Factor4,"\n")
cat("min_Factor5 =\t", min_Factor5,"\n")
cat("max_Factor5 =\t", max_Factor5,"\n")
cat("-----",
cat("-----"
```

We will read the max and min values from the summary of 10 datasets. (data1Rep, data2Rep) The two levels for each factor must be identified when the required datasets have been generated. The maximum and minimum values will be applied for each of these levels, as described in the previous steps. As a result, these mins and the max numbers must be determined from the datasets that have been created.

```
factor1
Min. :-3.608408
1st Qu.:-0.649812
Median : 0.001081
Mean :-0.003610
3rd Qu.: 0.665895
                                                                         factor4
Min. :0.0006547
1st Qu.:0.1407920
Median :0.2885399
                                             factor3
                                                                                                                     factor5
                                                                                                                                                         answer
                                        Min. : 5.001
1st Qu.: 6.258
Median : 7.483
Mean : 7.494
3rd Qu.: 8.717
                                                                                                                Min. :-5.3344
1st Qu.:-0.3459
Median : 1.0901
Mean : 1.0420
3rd Qu.: 2.3336
Max. : 7.9626
                                                                                                                                                   Min. :-16.83
1st Qu.: 34.00
Median : 49.52
Mean : 49.32
                                                                         Mean :0.3285782
3rd Qu.:0.4792253
                                                                                                                                                   Mean :
3rd Qu.:
Max. : 3.574410
min_Factor1 =
                                        Max. :10.000
0.0001037634
                                                                                       :0.9894305
max Factor1 =
                                            3.608408
                                            5.001422
9.99987
min_Factor3 =
max_Factor3 = min_Factor4 =
                                            0.0006547366
max_Factor4 = min_Factor5 =
                                            0.9894305
0.001767884
max Factor5 =
                                            7.962584
 _____
       factor1 fa
n. :-3.409207 Min.
                                              factor3
1. : 5.000
                                                                                factor4
1. :0.0001925
                                                                                                                      factor5 answer
n. :-5.7010 Min. :-30.74
                                                                         Min.
                                                                                                               Min.
```

```
1st Qu.:-0.2894
Median : 0.9199
Mean : 0.9533
3rd Qu.: 2.2425
Max. : 7.8002
1st Qu.:-0.711249

Median :-0.008889

Mean :-0.022218

3rd Qu.: 0.661175

Max : 3.197115

min_Factor1 =
                                                      1st Qu.: 6.179
Median : 7.517
Mean : 7.480
3rd Qu.: 8.696
Max. :10.000
0.0005637909
                                                                                                   1st Qu.:0.1357331
Median :0.3126588
Mean :0.3441515
3rd Qu.:0.5220244
                                                                                                                                                                                                       1st Qu.: 34.49
Median : 48.07
Mean : 48.39
3rd Qu.: 62.56
Max. :129.65
                                                                                                                    :0.9897237
                                                          3.409207
5.000166
9.999614
0.0001925086
max_Factor1 = min_Factor3 =
max_Factor3 =
min_Factor4 =
max_Factor4 = min_Factor5 =
                                                           0.9897237
0.003472341
                                                       0.0034,2.
7.800222
max_Factor5 =
------
factor1
Min. :-3.372026
1st Qu.:-0.643181
Median :-0.001215
Mean : 0.012554
3rd Qu.: 0.655158
Max. : 3.895558
min_Factor1 =
                                                     factor3
Min. :5.001
1st Qu.:6.276
Median :7.531
Mean :7.525
3rd Qu.:8.781
Max. :9.999
                                                                                               factor4
Min. :0.000118
1st Qu.:0.131620
Median :0.293583
Mean :0.335108
3rd Qu.:0.501974
                                                                                                                                                  factor5
Min. :-6.0955
1st Qu.:-0.3222
Median : 0.9764
Mean : 1.0123
                                                                                                                                                                                                  answer
Min. :-34.50
1st Qu.: 34.96
Median : 49.31
Mean : 49.24
                                                                                                                                                  3rd Qu.: 2.3725
Max. : 7.1752
                                                                                                                                                                                                   3rd Qu.:
                                                      Max. :9.999
0.0007268499
                                                                                                 Max.
                                                                                                                   :0.990895
                                                                                                                                                                                                   мах.
max_Factor1 = min_Factor3 = max_Factor3 = min_Factor4 =
                                                           3.895558
5.000561
9.999421
                                                           0.0001179996
                                                         0.9908948
0.000184324
7.175217
max Factor4 =
min_Factor5 = max_Factor5 =
factor1
                                                   factor3
Min. :5.000
1st Qu.:6.289
Median :7.510
Mean :7.512
3rd Qu.:8.786
Max. :9.999
0.0006879138
3.641478
5.000314
9.999259
                                                            factor3
                                                                                                     factor4
                                                                                                                                                           factor5
                                                                                                                                                                                                            answer
  Min. :-3.64148
1st Qu.:-0.68942
Median : 0.03464
                                                                                              Min. :0.0002176
1st Qu.:0.1364312
Median :0.3065279
                                                                                                                                                  Min. :-6.8377
1st Qu.:-0.4721
Median : 0.9583
                                                                                                                                                                                                  Min. :-32.79
1st Qu.: 34.31
Median : 48.81
Mean : 0.02023
3rd Qu.: 0.70930
Max. : 3.00044
min_Factor1 =
max_Factor1 =
                                                                                              Mean :0.3385150
3rd Qu::0.5160299
Max. :0.9907930
                                                                                                                                                  Mean : 0.9541
3rd Qu.: 2.3435
Max. : 7.9183
                                                                                                                                                                                                   Mean : 48.62
3rd Qu.: 63.23
                                                                                                                                                                                                   мах.
min_Factor3 =
                                                     9.999259
0.000217598
0.990793
0.001511877
7.918329
                                                           9.999259
0.0002175981
max_Factor3 =
min_Factor4 =
max_Factor4 =
min_Factor5 =
max_Factor5 =
_____
                                                           factor3
         factor1
                                                                                                                                                          factor5
factor1
Min. :-3.80294
1st Qu.:-0.71713
Median :-0.03767
Mean :-0.04679
3rd Qu.: 0.68105
Max. : 3.31719
min_Factor1 =
max_Factor1 =
min_Factor3 =
max_Factor3 =
                                                   factor3
Min. :5.002
1st Qu.:6.174
Median :7.385
Mean :7.445
3rd Qu.:8.629
Max. :9.998
3.460042e-05
3.802939
5.001835
9.998252
                                                                                                     factor4
                                                                                                                                                                                                           answer
                                                                                                                                                                                                  answer
Min. :-22.90
1st Qu.: 34.54
Median : 48.82
Mean : 48.96
3rd Qu.: 63.65
                                                                                              Min. :0.0005325
1st Qu.:0.1276577
Median :0.2810480
                                                                                                                                                  Min. :-5.0729
1st Qu.:-0.3505
                                                                                                                                                  Median: 1.0397
Mean: 1.0388
3rd Qu:: 2.4122
Max: 7.5662
                                                                                              Mean :0.3294701
3rd Qu::0.5113273
Max: :0.9823327
                                                                                              Mean
                                                                                              Max.
                                                                                                                                                                                                   Max.
                                                 9.998252
0.0005324765
0.9823327
0.0005762919
7.566216
max Factor3 =
min_Factor4 =
max Factor4 =
min_Factor5 = max_Factor5 =
answer
Min. :-14.36
1st Qu.: 34.55
Median : 49.09
Mean : 49.32
3rd Qu.: 64.64
Max. :119.84
          factor1
                                                          factor3
                                                                                                      factor4
                                                                                                                                                           factor5
factor1
Min. :-3.64287
1st Qu.:-0.66291
Median : 0.07194
Mean : 0.03389
3rd Qu.: 0.74250
Max. : 3.04673
min_Factor1 =
max_Factor1 =
                                                   factor3
Min. :5.001
1st Qu.:6.228
Median :7.527
Mean :7.526
3rd Qu.:8.788
Max. :9.998
2.037343e-05
3.642873
                                                                                                                                                  Min. :-5.6599
1st Qu.:-0.3668
Median : 1.0050
Mean : 1.0146
3rd Qu.: 2.3404
Max. : 7.7004
                                                                                              Min. :0.0009798
1st Qu.:0.1342382
Median :0.2962541
                                                                                              Mean :0.3359629
3rd Qu::0.5116311
Max: :0.9890679
                                                                                              Mean
                                                                                              Max.
max Factor1 =
                                                           5.000803
9.998039
0.000979788
min_Factor3 = max_Factor3 =
min_Factor4 =
                                                           0.9890679
0.000665678
7.700372
max_Factor4 =
min_Factor5 = max_Factor5 =
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                                                 factor3 factor4
Min. :5.006 Min. :0.0000126
1st qu.:6.324 Ist qu.:0.1423792
Median :7.534 Median :0.2890208
Mean :7.548 Mean :0.3325910
  factor1
Min. :-3.6873
1st Qu.:-0.6960
                                                                                                                                                factor5
Min. :-5.1188
1st Qu.:-0.3409
                                                                                                                                                                                                          answer
                                                                                                                                                                                               Min. :-20.72
1st Qu.: 34.63
Median : 49.55
Mean : 49.45
Median :-0.0105

Mean :-0.0110

3rd Qu.: 0.6712

Max. : 3.2270

min_Factor1 =

max_Factor1 =
                                                                                                                                                Median: 1.0227
Mean: 1.0281
3rd Qu.: 2.3560
Max: 7.9113
                                                                                         Median :0.2890208
Mean :0.3325910
3rd Qu.:0.4958816
                                                 3rd Qu.:8.794
Max. :9.999
0.0002917005
                                                                                                                                                                                                3rd Qu.: 63.93
                                                                                           Max. :0.9920018
                                                                                                                                                                                               Max.
                                                      3.687285
5.005938
9.998564
min_Factor3 = max_Factor3 =
```

```
1.256288e-05
0.9920018
min_Factor4 =
max_Factor4 =
                                                           0.0005431999
max Factor5 =
                                                          7.911268
 _____
factor1
Min.:-3.55900
1st Qu.:-0.62139
Median: 0.02772
Mean: 0.03791
3rd Qu.: 0.68090
Max: 2.98265
min_Factor1 =
max_Factor1 =
min_Factor3 -
                                                                                                                                                factor5
Min. :-6.5692
1st Qu.:-0.2916
                                                          factor3
                                                                                                    factor4
                                                                                                                                                                                                        answer
                                                 Min. :5.001
1st Qu.:6.157
Median :7.439
Mean :7.442
                                                                                                                                                                                               answer
Min. :-20.23
1st Qu.: 35.58
Median : 49.42
Mean : 49.32
                                                                                            Min. :0.0000284
1st Qu.:0.1390748
                                                                                                                                                Median: 1.0779
Mean: 1.0597
3rd Qu.: 2.4027
Max: 8.4139
                                                                                            Median :0.2844356
Mean :0.3268047
                                                  Mean :7.442
3rd Qu.:8.682
Max. :9.999
0.0001350095
                                                                                             3rd Qu.:0.4807441
Max. :0.9550922
                                                                                                                                                                                               3rd Qu.: 62.80
Max. :120.85
                                                          3.558999
5.000984
9.998997
min_Factor3 = max_Factor3 =
min_Factor4 = max_Factor4 =
                                                          2.835084e-05
0.9550922
                                                      0.002665675
8.413858
min Factor5 =
max_Factor5 =
          _
 _____
                                                     factor3
Min.: 5.006
1st Qu.: 6.223
Median: 7.507
Mean: 7.501
3rd Qu.: 8.760
Max.: 10.000
9.169633e-05
3.937069
5.005781
9.999624
9.756719e-05
0.9927728
6.530282e-07
 _____
  factor1
Min. :-3.487722
1st Qu.:-0.670039
Median : 0.02551
Mean : 0.006652
3rd Qu.: 0.693193
Max. : 3.937069
                                                                                                                                                    factor5
Min. :-5.3035
1st Qu.:-0.3247
Median : 1.0365
Mean : 1.0138
3rd Qu.: 2.4531
Max. : 7.1483
                                                                                                          factor4
                                                                                                                                                                                                              answer
                                                                                                 factor4
Min. :0.0000976
1st Qu.:0.1395444
Median :0.2998153
Mean :0.3384988
3rd Qu.:0.5130756
Max. :0.9927728
                                                                                                                                                                                                    answer
Min. :-23.84
1st Qu.: 34.87
Median : 49.07
Mean : 49.14
3rd Qu.: 64.54
Max. :119.77
max. : 3.93
min_Factor1 =
max_Factor1 =
min_Factor3 =
max_Factor3 =
min_Factor4 =
max_Factor4 =
min_Factor5 = max_Factor5 =
                                                          6.530282e-07
7.148334
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_____
         factor1
                                                           factor3
                                                                                                       factor4
                                                                                                                                                           factor5
                                                     factor3
Min. :5.003
1st Qu:6.299
Median :7.544
Mean :7.542
3rd Qu:8.786
Max. :9.999
0.0002070577
3.968519
5.0034
9.999191
6.411577e-05
0.9684727
0.003971868
                                                                                                                                                                                                           answer
factor1
Min. :-3.606381
1st Qu::-0.686325
Median :-0.037148
Mean : 0.008639
3rd Qu:: 0.735519
Max. : 3.968519
min_Factor1 =
max_Factor1 =
min_Factor3 -
                                                                                               factor4
Min. :0.0000641
1st Qu.:0.1336889
Median :0.2803335
Mean :0.3276715
3rd Qu.:0.4914276
Max. :0.9684727
                                                                                                                                                  Min. :-5.7658
1st Qu.:-0.4151
Median : 1.0268
Mean : 0.9537
3rd Qu.: 2.2807
Max. : 7.1082
                                                                                                                                                                                                Min. :-24.40
1st Qu:: 34.59
Median : 49.36
Mean : 48.70
3rd Qu:: 63.13
Max. :121.20
                                                                                                                                                                                                 Max.
min_Factor3 = max_Factor3 = min_Factor4 =
max_Factor4 =
                                                           0.003971868
min_Factor5 = max_Factor5 =
```

				The Min and ma	ax values of rea	ch factor for e	ach replication	ns obtained fr	om R					
				Rep1	Rep2	Rep3	Rep4	Rep5	Rep6	Rep7	Rep8	Rep9	Rep10	
Factor1	2.0158		min Factor1	0.000103763	0.000563791	0.00072685	0.000687914	3.46E-05	2.04E-05	0.000291701	0.00013501	9.17E-05	0.000207058	
Factor3	4.99923		max Factor1	3.608408	3.409207	3.895558	3.641478	3.802939	3.642873	3.687285	3.558999	3.937069	3.968519	
actor4	4.00015		min Factor3	5.001422	5.000166	5.000561	5.000314	5.001835	5.000803	5.005938	5.000984	5.005781	5.0034	
actor5	10.00118		max Factor3	9.99987	9.999614	9.999421	9.999259	9.998252	9.998039	9.998564	9.998997	9.999624	9.999191	
			min Factor4	0.000654737	0.000192509	0.000118	0.000217598	0.000532477	0.000979788	1.26E-05	2.84E-05	9.76E-05	6.41E-05	
			max Factor4	0.9894305	0.9897237	0.9908948	0.990793	0.9823327	0.9890679	0.9920018	0.9550922	0.9927728	0.9684727	
			min Factor5	0.001767884	0.003472341	0.000184324	0.001511877	0.000576292	0.000665678	0.0005432	0.002665675	6.53E-07	0.003971868	
			max Factor5	7.962584	7.800222	7.175217	7.918329	7.566216	7.700372	7.911268	8.413858	7.148334	7.108243	
														•
			We are going	to perform 10 re	eplications.									
			For each row	in the table belo	ow, we have a G	PSS file. (160	Files)							
				Factor1	Factor3	Factor4	Factor5	Value_1	Value_3	Value_4	Value_5	Answer		Mean (10 replication
			1	-	-	-	-	0.000103763	5.001422	0.000654737	0.001767884	25.024		25.02
			2	+	-	-	-	3.608408	5.001422	0.000654737	0.001767884	32.297		32.51
		3	-	+	-	-	0.000103763	9.99987	0.000654737	0.001767884	50.012		50.00	
			4	+	+	-	-	3.608408	9.99987	0.000654737	0.001767884	57.286		57.49
			5	-	-	+	-	0.000103763	5.001422	0.9894305	0.001767884	28.979		28.96
			6	+	-	+	-	3.608408	5.001422	0.9894305	0.001767884	36.253		36.45
			7	-	+	+	-	0.000103763	9.99987	0.9894305	0.001767884	53.967		53.94
		1 Rep	8	+	+	+	-	3.608408	9.99987	0.9894305	0.001767884	61.241		61.43
			9	-	-	-	+	0.000103763	5.001422	0.000654737	7.962584	104.641		101.72
			10	+	-	-	+	3.608408	5.001422	0.000654737	7.962584	111.915		109.21
			11	-	+	-	+	0.000103763	9.99987	0.000654737	7.962584	129.630		126.70
			12	+	+	-	+	3.608408	9.99987	0.000654737	7.962584	136.903		134.19
			13	-	-	+	+	0.000103763	5.001422	0.9894305	7.962584	108.597		105.66
			14	+	-	+	+	3.608408	5.001422	0.9894305	7.962584	115.870		113.15
			15	-	+	+	+	0.000103763	9.99987	0.9894305	7.962584	133.585		130.64
			16	+	+	+	+	3.608408	9.99987	0.9894305	7.962584	140.859		138.13
			17	-	-	-	-	0.000563791	5.000166	0.000192509	0.003472341	25.034		
			18	+	-	-	-	3.409207	5.000166	0.000192509	0.003472341	31.905		
			19	-	+	-	-	0.000563791	9.999614	0.000192509	0.003472341	50.027		
			20	+	+	-	-	3.409207	9.999614	0.000192509	0.003472341	56.898		
			21	-	-	+	-	0.000563791	5.000166	0.9897237	0.003472341	28.992		
			22	+	-	+	-	3.409207	5.000166	0.9897237	0.003472341	35.863		
			23		+	+	_	0.000563791	9 99961/	0 9897237	0.003/1723/11	53 985		

Figure 4: 10 replications (160 runs) in Excel (File: "\Excel Files\Replications.xlsx")

In Excel, we generate the Yates table for the 10 replications using the maximum and minimum values of each of the factors (Extracted from results in R). The response is then determined using the extreme values for 10 replications. Finally, the mean of the ten obtained values is calculated, and this calculated value is what the Yates algorithm will utilize as a response.

The finalized table is copied to a new file called *DataForYatesInR.xlsx*, which is then imported into R.

```
library("readxl")
# Select an Excel file manually
yatesTable <- read_excel(file.choose(),1)</pre>
                         > yatesTable
                           A tibble: 16 x 5
                            Factor1 Factor3 Factor4 Factor5 Values
                                    <chr> <chr> <chr>
                                                               <db7>
                             <chr>
                                                                 25.0
                          2 +
                                                                 32.5
                                                                 50
                                                                 57.5
                          4 +
                          5 -
                                                                29.0
                          6 +
                                                                36.4
                                                                53.9
                          8 +
                                                                61.4
                          9 -
                                                               102.
                          10 +
                                                               109.
                                                               127.
                                                               134.
                                                               106.
                          14 +
                                                               113.
                         15 -
                                                               131.
                         16 +
                                                               138.
```

Then we will make an ANOVA model and then perform a Yates algorithm in Rstudio.

```
#Yates algorithm
anovaModel <- aov(Values~ Factor1*Factor3*Factor4*Factor5, data=yatesTable)
anovaMode1
yatesModel <- yates.effects(anovaModel, data = yatesTable)
yatesModel
> anovaModel
call:
  aov(formula = Values ~ Factor1 * Factor3 * Factor4 * Factor5,
   data = yatesTable)
Terms:
                 Factor1
                          Factor3
                                   Factor4
                                              Factor5 Factor1:Factor3 Factor1:Factor4 Factor3:Factor4 Factor1:Factor5
                224.400 2496.002
Sum of Squares
                                     62.094 23531.560
                                                                0.000
                                                                               0.000
                                                                                               0.000
Deg. of Freedom
              Factor3:Factor5 Factor4:Factor5 Factor1:Factor3:Factor4 Factor1:Factor3:Factor5 Factor1:Factor4:Factor5
Sum of Squares
                         0.000
                                         0.000
                                                                0.000
                                                                                        0.000
                                                                                                               0.000
Deg. of Freedom
              Factor3:Factor4:Factor5 Factor1:Factor3:Factor4:Factor5
Sum of Squares
                                 0.000
                                                                0.000
Deg. of Freedom
> yatesModel <- yates.effects(anovaModel, data = yatesTable)
> yatesModel
                         Factor1
                                                          Factor 3
                                                                                           Factor4
                   7.490000e+00
                                                     2.498000e+01
                                                                                      3.940000e+00
                         Factor5
                                                 Factor1:Factor3
                                                                                  Factor1:Factor4
                    7.670000e+01
                                                     9.684010e-15
                                                                                      2.043765e-15
                Factor3:Factor4
-3.877424e-15
                                                                                  Factor3:Factor5
                                                 Factor1:Factor5
                                                     6.226799e-15
                                                                                      5.634680e-15
                 Factor4:Factor5
                                         Factor1:Factor3:Factor4
                                                                          Factor1:Factor3:Factor5
                    1.661753e-15
                                                    -7.277333e-15
                                                                                     -1.146037e-14
        Factor1:Factor4:Factor5
                                         Factor3:Factor4:Factor5 Factor1:Factor3:Factor4:Factor5
                                                    -5.004360e-15
                    3.285305e-15
                                                                                      1.948262e-15
```

```
> meanData <- (sum(yatesTable$Values)/16)
> meanData
[1] 81.575
```

Ultimately, the mean of the various factors is determined in order to determine the calculus's primary effects.

• Check that the data are consistent with the experimental assumptions.

We run an ANOVA test and the related assumptions to the data collected to show data consistency. We accept the assumptions of normality, homogeneity of variance, and independence because all tests pass with the experimental data. For **all 10 replications**, we performed the assumption tests.

```
for (i in 1:10) {
  # Define factor 2 to 5
  factor1 <- rnorm(2000, mean=0, sd=1)
  # Exponential Distribution
  factor2 <- rexp(2000, rate=.5)</pre>
   # Uniform distribution
  factor3 <- runif(2000, min=5, max=10)
   Beta distribution
  factor4 <- rbeta (2000 , 1 , 2)
    Normal distribution
  factor5 <- rnorm(2000, mean=1, sd=2)
  # Define the answer based on LRM answer <- 0.13070 + (10.00118 * factor5) + (4.99923 * factor3) + (4.00015 * factor4) + (2.01580 * factor1)
  # creating a data frame
  # print the summary (To extract min and max of each factor)
  #ANOVA test for each replication
  anovaModel <- aov(answer~ factor1*factor3*factor4*factor5 , data=data1Rep)
  #Shapiro-Wilk normality test
  print(shapiro.test(residuals(anovaModel)))
  #Breusch Pagan test
 print(lmtest::bptest(anovaModel))
  #Durbin Watson test
  print(lmtest::dwtest(anovaModel))
           Shapiro-Wilk normality test
       residuals(anovaModel)
W = 0.034562, p-value < 2.2e-16
           studentized Breusch-Pagan test
data: anovaModel
BP = 5.5613, df = 15, p-value = 0.9862
           Durbin-Watson test
data: anovaModel DW = 1.1155, p-value < 2.2e-16 alternative hypothesis: true autocorrelation is greater than 0
           Shapiro-Wilk normality test
data: residuals(anovaModel)
W = 0.31817, p-value < 2.2e-16</pre>
           studentized Breusch-Pagan test
       anovaModel
BP = 11.267, df = 15, p-value = 0.7335
```

Durbin-Watson test data: anovaModel DW = 0.986, p-value < 2.2e-16 alternative hypothesis: true autocorrelation is greater than 0 Shapiro-Wilk normality test data: residuals(anovaModel)
W = 0.078542, p-value < 2.2e-16</pre> studentized Breusch-Pagan test data: anovaModel BP = 9.4417, df = 15, p-value = 0.8533 Durbin-Watson test data: anovaModel DW = 1.6077, p-value < 2.2e-16 alternative hypothesis: true autocorrelation is greater than 0 Shapiro-Wilk normality test data: residuals(anovaModel)
W = 0.034162, p-value < 2.2e-16</pre> studentized Breusch-Pagan test data: anovaModel
BP = 9.2451, df = 15, p-value = 0.8644 Durbin-Watson test data: anovaModel DW = 1.0889, p-value < 2.2e-16 alternative hypothesis: true autocorrelation is greater than 0 Shapiro-Wilk normality test data: residuals(anovaModel)
W = 0.061433, p-value < 2.2e-16</pre> studentized Breusch-Pagan test data: anovaModel BP = 5.6008, df = 15, p-value = 0.9857 Durbin-Watson test data: anovaModel DW = 1.4556, p-value < 2.2e-16 alternative hypothesis: true autocorrelation is greater than 0 Shapiro-Wilk normality test data: residuals(anovaModel)
W = 0.053938, p-value < 2.2e-16</pre> studentized Breusch-Pagan test data: anovaModel
BP = 10.116, df = 15, p-value = 0.8124 Durbin-Watson test data: anovaModel DW = 1.3505, p-value < 2.2e-16 alternative hypothesis: true autocorrelation is greater than 0 Shapiro-Wilk normality test data: residuals(anovaModel)
W = 0.058344, p-value < 2.2e-16</pre> studentized Breusch-Pagan test data: anovaModel BP = 1.7998, df = 15, p-value = 1 Durbin-Watson test

data: anovaModel
DW = 0.99564, p-value < 2.2e-16</pre>

```
alternative hypothesis: true autocorrelation is greater than 0
              Shapiro-Wilk normality test
        residuals(anovaModel)
data:
W = 0.099562, p-value < 2.2e-16
              studentized Breusch-Pagan test
data: anovaModel
BP = 70.19, df = 15, p-value = 4.133e-09
              Durbin-Watson test
data: anovaModel
DW = 1.2101, p-value < 2.2e-16 alternative hypothesis: true autocorrelation is greater than 0
              Shapiro-Wilk normality test
data: residuals(anovaModel)
W = 0.073121, p-value < 2.2e-16</pre>
              studentized Breusch-Pagan test
data: anovaModel
BP = 12.899, df = 15, p-value = 0.6101
              Durbin-Watson test
data: anovaModel DW = 1.4713, p-value < 2.2e-16 alternative hypothesis: true autocorrelation is greater than 0
              Shapiro-Wilk normality test
data: residuals(anovaModel)
W = 0.044022, p-value < 2.2e-16</pre>
              studentized Breusch-Pagan test
data: anovaModel
BP = 6.7936, df = 15, p-value = 0.9631
              Durbin-Watson test
data: anovaModel
DW = 1.444, p-value < 2.2e-16
alternative hypothesis: true autocorrelation is greater than 0
```

We can see that all the assumptions of normality, homogeneity of variance, and independence for all 10 replications are passed.

• Analyze and interpret the results, detect effects of main factors and interactions

The main goal of this experiment, as stated at the start of the Design of the experiment, is to identify the parametrization of the 10 variables with which the answer receives the maximum value. It means we want to know by changing which parameter we can optimize the answer. As a result, the factors we're looking for are those that have the most impact on the answer value. With the information gathered, any variables that have a negative impact will be removed. Because their relationship was previously evaluated, none of the criteria had a negative impact on the *answer* in this situation and there is no need to discard any factor.

```
> yatesModel
                                                                                   Factor3
1.124094e+02
                                        Factor1
                               3.377340e+01
                                                                                                                                         1.769488e+01
                               Factor5
3.439029e+02
                                                                               Factor1:Factor3
-2.865092e-14
                                                                                                                                    Factor1:Factor4
-5.928830e-14
                          3.4390296+02
Factor3:Factor4
-3.560354e-14
Factor4:Factor5
-5.478055e-14
                                                                               Factor1:Factor5
-2.444878e-14
                                                                                                                                    Factor3:Factor5
                                                                                                                                        -4.339659e-14
                                                                 Factor1:Factor3:Factor4
2.085787e-14
                                                                                                                      Factor1:Factor3:Factor5
7.334635e-15
            Factor1:Factor4:Factor5
3.797202e-14
                                                                 Factor3:Factor4:Factor5 Factor1:Factor3:Factor4:Factor5 7.113068e-14 -5.638500e-14
```

The value retrieved must be assessed for the factors and interactions that have a positive effect. There is no interaction with a strong effect, as we can see.

Considering that the calculated mean is 81.5, the following factors sorted by significance are the ones that are given the most weight:

- 1. Factor5 (343.9)
- 2. Factor3 (112.4)
- 3. Factor1 (33.7)
- 4. Factor4 (17.69)

Appendix

VB.NET code to generate GPSS files of 10 replications

Note: There is a single excitable file which is located in the project folder called ExcelToGPSS.exe. This file is the compiled form of the VB.NET code.

```
SMDE SECOND ASSIGNMENT (60% Of THE FINAL MARK, INDIVIDUAL)
  FIB-UPC June, 2021
' ALI ARABYARMOHAMMADI
   In order to make the replications, for each row In the table of Excel file, we have a
GPSS file. (160 Files)
Imports System.IO
Imports System. Text
Imports Microsoft.Office.Interop.Excel
Imports Excel = Microsoft.Office.Interop.Excel
Public Class ExcelToGPSS
    Dim ListFactorsAndValues As New List(Of FactorsAndValues)
    Private Sub Button1 Click (ByVal sender As System. Object,
                              ByVal e As System. EventArgs) Handles Button1. Click
        Dim Mypath As String
        Dim OpenFileDialog1 As New OpenFileDialog
        OpenFileDialog1.Filter = "EXCEL FILE | *.xlsx"
        If OpenFileDialog1.ShowDialog = DialogResult.OK Then
            Mypath = OpenFileDialog1.FileName
            Exit Sub
        End If
        Dim InputFile = "Input File: " & Mypath
        LabelInputFile.Text = InputFile
        Dim rootPath As String = Path.GetDirectoryName (Mypath) & "\GPSS Replications\"
        LabelOutputFolder.Text = rootPath
        LabelWait.Visible = True
        ReadExcelAndFillTheList (Mypath)
        Dim folderPath = Path.Combine(rootPath, String.Format("{0}", Now.ToString("yyyy-
MM-dd HH-mm-ss")))
        If Not Directory.Exists(folderPath) Then
           Directory.CreateDirectory(folderPath)
        End If
        Dim c As Integer = 0
        For Each item As FactorsAndValues In ListFactorsAndValues
            Dim stb As New StringBuilder
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Dim line1 = String.Format("\{0,-5\}\{1,20\}\{2,20\}\{3,20\}\{4,20\}", ";", "Factor1",
"Factor3", "Factor4", "Factor5")

Dim line2 = String.Format("{0,-5}{1,20}{2,20}{3,20}{4,20}", ";",
item.SignFactor1.ToString.Trim(), item.SignFactor3.ToString.Trim(),
item.SignFactor4.ToString.Trim(), item.SignFactor5.ToString.Trim())
            Dim line3 = String.Format("\{0,-5\}\{1,20\}\{2,20\}\{3,20\}\{4,20\}", ";", "Value 1",
"Value 3", "Value_4", "Value5")
            Dim line4 = String.Format("\{0,-5\}\{1,20\}\{2,20\}\{3,20\}\{4,20\}", ";",
item.Value_1, item.Value_3, item.Value_4, item.Value_5)
            stb.AppendLine(line1)
            stb.AppendLine(line2)
            stb.AppendLine("; answer = 10.00118 * Factor5 + 4.99923 * Factor3 + 4.00015
* Factor4 + 2.01580 * Factor1")
            stb.AppendLine(vbNewLine)
            stb.AppendLine(vbNewLine)
            stb.AppendLine(vbNewLine)
            stb.AppendLine("GENERATE 1")
            stb.AppendLine("ADVANCE (2.01580 # " & item. Value 1 & " +
ABS (Normal (1,0,1))) ; Factor 1")
            stb.AppendLine("ADVANCE (4.99923 # " & item.Value 3 & " +
ABS(Normal(1,0,1))) ; Factor3")
            stb.AppendLine("ADVANCE (4.00015 # " & item. Value 4 & "
ABS(Normal(1,0,1))) ; Factor4")
            stb.AppendLine("ADVANCE (10.00118 \# " & item.Value 5 & " +
ABS(Normal(1,0,1))) ; Factor5")
            stb.AppendLine("TERMINATE 1")
            Dim srt As String
            If c \leftarrow 16 Then srt = "Rep1"
            If c > 16 And c <= 32 Then srt = "Rep2"
            If c > 32 And c <= 48 Then srt = "Rep3"
            If c > 48 And c \le 64 Then srt = "Rep4"
            If c > 64 And c \le 80 Then srt = "Rep5"
            If c > 80 And c \le 96 Then srt = "Rep6"
            If c > 96 And c \leftarrow 112 Then srt = "Rep7"
            If c > 112 And c <= 128 Then srt = "Rep8"
            If c > 128 And c <= 144 Then srt = "Rep9"
If c > 144 And c <= 160 Then srt = "Rep10"
            Dim strFile As String = srt & " " & c & ".gps"
            Dim path As String = folderPath & "\" & strFile
            Dim fs As FileStream = File.Create(path)
            fs.Close()
            Dim fileExists As Boolean = File.Exists(path)
            If fileExists = False Then Continue For
            Dim file1 As System.IO.StreamWriter
            file1 = My.Computer.FileSystem.OpenTextFileWriter(path, True)
            file1.Write(stb.ToString())
            file1.Close()
            c += 1
        Next
        LabelWait.Visible = False
        MsgBox("GPSS files have been successfully created!")
    End Sub
    Private Sub ReadExcelAndFillTheList (Mypath As String)
        Dim xlApp As Excel.Application
        xlApp = New Excel.ApplicationClass
        Dim xlWorkBook As Workbook
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Dim xlWorkSheet As Worksheet
        xlWorkBook = xlApp.Workbooks.Open(Mypath)
        xlWorkSheet = xlWorkBook.Worksheets("sheet1")
        'display the cells value B2
        For i As Integer = 0 To 159
            Dim FactorsAndValues As New FactorsAndValues
            FactorsAndValues.SignFactor1 = xlWorkSheet.Cells(17 + i, 5).value
            FactorsAndValues.SignFactor3 = xlWorkSheet.Cells(17 + i, 6).value
            FactorsAndValues.SignFactor4 = xlWorkSheet.Cells(17 + i, 7).value
            FactorsAndValues.SignFactor5 = xlWorkSheet.Cells(17 + i, 8).value
            FactorsAndValues.Value_1 = xlWorkSheet.Cells(17 + i, 9).value
            FactorsAndValues.Value_3 = xlWorkSheet.Cells(17 + i, 10).value
            FactorsAndValues.Value_4 = xlWorkSheet.Cells(17 + i, _{11}).value
            FactorsAndValues.Value_5 = xlWorkSheet.Cells(17 + i, 12).value
            ListFactorsAndValues.Add (FactorsAndValues)
        Next
        'edit the cell with new value
        xlWorkBook.Close()
        xlApp.Quit()
        releaseObject(xlApp)
        releaseObject(xlWorkBook)
        releaseObject(xlWorkSheet)
    End Sub
    Private Sub releaseObject (ByVal obj As Object)
            System.Runtime.InteropServices.Marshal.ReleaseComObject(obj)
            obj = Nothing
        Catch ex As Exception
           obj = Nothing
        Finally
            GC.Collect()
        End Try
    End Sub
    Private Sub ExcelToGPSS Load(sender As Object, e As EventArgs) Handles MyBase.Load
        LabelWait.Visible = False
    End Sub
End Class
Public Class FactorsAndValues
    Public Property SignFactor1 As String
    Public Property SignFactor3 As String
    Public Property SignFactor4 As String
    Public Property SignFactor5 As String
    Public Property Value 1 As Double
Public Property Value 3 As Double
    Public Property Value 4 As Double
    Public Property Value_5 As Double
End Class
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