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# **Maximizing the Flight Time of a Paper Helicopter Using Response Surface Methodology**

## **Statistics**

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## 1. Introduction

Response Surface Methodology (RSM) is a set of techniques used to understand and optimize systems. It is commonly applied in the design, development, and formulation of new products, as well as the improvement of existing ones. (Myers et al., 2009). The goal of the study described in the introduction is to use RSM to maximize the flight time of a paper helicopter. The response variable being studied is the flight time, and the predictor variables include the rotor length, rotor width, body length, and fold length. The other variables, such as the foot length, fold width, fold direction, and paper type, are also specified.

The study is conducted using a specific software, R Version 4.1.1 and R Studio Version 1.4.1717. The flight measurements are taken by dropping the paper helicopters from a ceiling height of approximately 2.6m and measuring the flight time using a mobile phone stopwatch. The results of the study are presented in the Appendix, and certain parts of the output that guided the decision-making process are presented within the text.

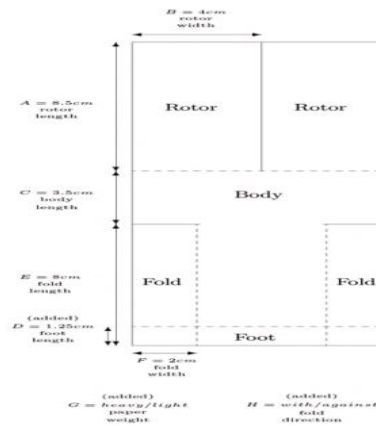


Figure 1: Blueprint of a helicopter, reproduced from [Erhardt, 2007]

## 2. Creating a design with $2^{k-1}$ elements

In this case, the study utilizes a complete factorial design with two levels (high and low) of four chosen factors to build 16 paper helicopters. However, to obtain information about the main effects and low-order interactions, a fraction of the complete factorial experiment can be run if certain high-order interactions are assumed to be insignificant. This type of design, known as a fractional factorial design  $2^{k-p}$ , is commonly used in industry for screening experiments. The study used a  $24-1$  fractional factorial design to investigate the main effects and two-way interactions, with replicates in two blocks. (Myers et al., 2009). The order of the runs in the blocks was randomized. The high and low values for the four factors were already determined in the article, and the measures of the four factors, their coded values, and the measured response are shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Screening experiment with uncoded and coded factor levels

run. order	std. order	block	rotor length (A) [cm]	rotor width (B) [cm]	body length (C) [cm]	fold length (E) [cm]	A coded	B coded	C coded	E coded	Time [s]
1	7	1	5,5	5	5,5	5	-1	1	1	-1	2,04
2	3	1	5,5	5	1,5	9	-1	1	-1	1	1,93
3	5	1	5,5	3	5,5	9	-1	-1	1	1	1,73
4	2	1	11,5	3	1,5	9	1	-1	-1	1	2,62
5	8	1	11,5	5	5,5	9	1	1	1	1	2,33
6	6	1	11,5	3	5,5	5	1	-1	1	-1	2,63
7	4	1	11,5	5	1,5	5	1	1	-1	-1	3,28
8	1	1	5,5	3	1,5	5	-1	-1	-1	-1	2,15
1	1	2	5,5	3	1,5	5	-1	-1	-1	-1	2,26
2	3	2	5,5	5	1,5	9	-1	1	-1	1	1,97
3	4	2	11,5	5	1,5	5	1	1	-1	-1	3,33
4	7	2	5,5	5	5,5	5	-1	1	1	-1	1,96
5	2	2	11,5	3	1,5	9	1	-1	-1	1	2,66
6	6	2	11,5	3	5,5	5	1	-1	1	-1	2,86
7	5	2	5,5	3	5,5	9	-1	-1	1	1	1,84
8	8	2	11,5	5	5,5	9	1	1	1	1	2,56

### 3. First Linear Response Surface Model

A statistical model was developed that includes both main effects and interactions between variables. The initial model had an overall significance level of  $p = 0.000000347$  and an F-statistic of 57.09 based on 7 and 8 degrees of freedom. The coefficients and their T-statistics are presented in Table 2. The analysis of variance for the model showed an error sum of squares of 0, which resulted in an "infinite" Lack of Fit F-statistic. Due to the limited sample size of 8 for a model with four predictor variables, further optimization was conducted. In a real-world setting, such a value may indicate that the model is "overfitted" and not reliable for prediction. Factors A and E were chosen for further optimization while factor C, although significant, was not considered in the subsequent analysis.

Table 2 : Model coefficients of the first model, Response: Time

	Estimate	Std.Error	t-value	Pr(> t )
(Intercept)	2.380	0.020	101.200	0.000
x1 - factor A	0.400	0.020	16.950	<b>0.000</b>
x2 - factor B	0.040	0.020	1.724	0.120
x3 - factor C	-0.140	0.020	-5.970	0.000
x4 - factor E	-0.180	0.020	-7.610	<b>0.000</b>
x1:x2	0.050	0.020	2.150	0.060
x1:x3	-0.050	0.020	-2.040	0.080
x1:x4	-0.060	0.020	-2.630	<b>0.030</b>

### 4. Identifying the requirements for further optimization efforts

The second response surface model used only factors A and E as predictors and flight times as the response. The model's parameters were found to be acceptable, with a high overall F statistic and low p-value and significant individual coefficients at a significance level of 0.01. The determination and adjusted determination coefficients were both above 0.80, indicating that the model explains a substantial portion of the data variation. The Lack of Fit F-statistic was not significant at a significance level of 0.05. A contour plot was created (Figure 2) to illustrate the response increasing, with a color gradient (green indicating lower response, and orange indicating higher response). The model did not account for any non-linear relations in the data, but it identified a region where the response could be improved by adjusting only two factors. The gradient technique (steepest ascent method) was used to provide 6 estimates of improved flight time, and 6 new helicopters were built to test this assumption.

As illustrated in Table 3, The prediction was not verified, most likely due to inaccuracies in the time measurement in both the initial and follow-up experiments. As a result, the conditions from step 3 were used for the next step. The variables that were not manipulated were reset to the original values specified in the study (rotor width = 4cm, body length = 3.5cm) for this and subsequent steps.

Table 3: The relationship between helicopter design and performance as determined by ridge analysis.

distance (as default step size)	factor A - coded	factor E - coded	rotor length [cm]	fold length [cm]	estimated flight time [s]	actual flight time [s]
0	0.00	0.00	8.50	7.00	2.38	2.28
1	0.91	-0.41	11.24	6.18	2.82	2.73
2	1.82	-0.82	13.97	5.36	3.26	3.31
<b>3</b>	<b>2.74</b>	<b>-1.23</b>	<b>16.71</b>	<b>4.54</b>	<b>3.70</b>	<b>3.96</b>
4	3.65	-1.64	19.45	3.72	4.14	3.78
5	4.56	-2.05	22.18	2.90	4.57	4.13

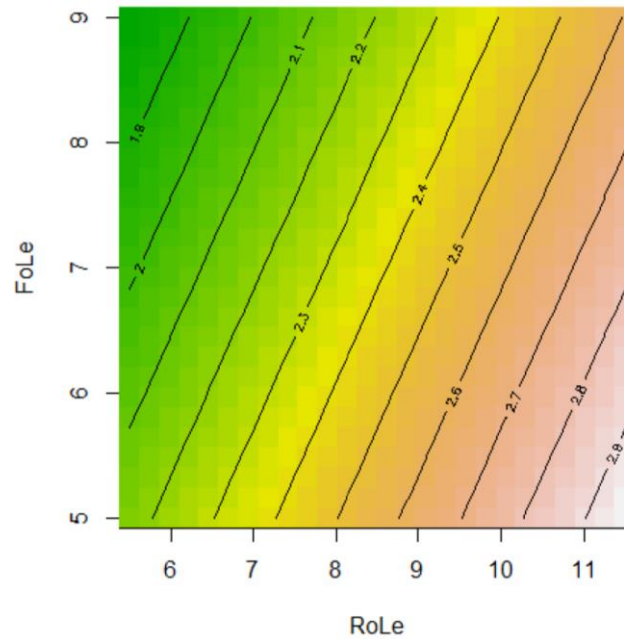


Figure 2 : Contour plot. This graph that illustrates the relationship between flight time and rotor length (x-axis) and fold length (y-axis) using contour lines

## 5. Central Composite Design and Second Order Model

Central composite designs are commonly used basic experimental designs for estimating second-order response surface models. These designs include a factorial design for estimating first-order and two-factor interactions,  $k$  axial (or "star") points for estimating the second-order terms, and replicated center points to estimate the second-order terms and estimate error. The value of  $\alpha$  is set to  $\sqrt{k}$  for rotatability, ensuring that the accuracy of prediction with a quadratic equation is not dependent on direction (Erhardt, 2007). A central composite design was generated with a center point of rotor length = 16.7cm and fold length = 4.5cm. The center point was repeated twice in the "cube" block and twice in the "star" block. The measurements of the resulting helicopters, their coded values, and the measured response are shown in Table 4. The second-order model created after the central composite design is acceptable, with a model F-statistic of 7.86 on 5 and 6 degrees of freedom (p-value of 0.013), and determination and adjusted determination coefficients both above 0.75. The individual model coefficients can be found in the appendix. Both factors were individually significant at  $\alpha = 0.05$ , as well as the quadratic term of the fold length.

Table 4 :Optimization experiment with coded and uncoded factor levels

run.order	std.order	block	rotor lenght	fold lenght	A coded	E coded	Time
			A [cm]	E [cm]			
1	6	1	16,7	4,5	0	0	4,04
2	2	1	19,44	3,68	1	-1	3,87
3	3	1	13,96	5,32	-1	1	3,25
4	1	1	13,96	3,68	-1	-1	3,32
5	5	1	16,7	4,5	0	0	3,96
6	4	1	19,44	5,32	1	1	3,45
1	2	2	20,57	4,5	1,41	0	4,27
2	4	2	16,7	5,66	0	1,41	2,66
3	6	2	16,7	4,5	0	0	4,1
4	5	2	16,7	4,5	0	0	3,82
5	3	2	16,7	3,34	0	-1,41	3,9
6	1	2	12,83	4,5	-1,41	0	3,14

## 6. The Final Paper Helicopter and conclusion

The second-order model has a stationary point, which is a maximum, at a rotor length of 20cm and fold length of 4cm in the original units. The contour plot of this model is shown in Figure 3. The estimated flight time of 4.23 seconds, as determined by the R function canonical path, was relatively close to the actual flight time of the helicopter, 4.17 seconds. However, it is important to note the limitations of our experiment and suggest ways for improvement. The sample size was small and could be increased in future experiments. Additionally, including more repetition blocks could improve the precision of the models. The quality of flight time measurement could be enhanced by recording the experiments and basing the measurements on the frame rate of a camera instead of human eye and reaction time. Also, releasing the helicopters from a greater height could be considered. In conclusion, some improvement in flight time was achieved, but the small scale of our experiment does not allow us to confirm that the true maximum has been reached.

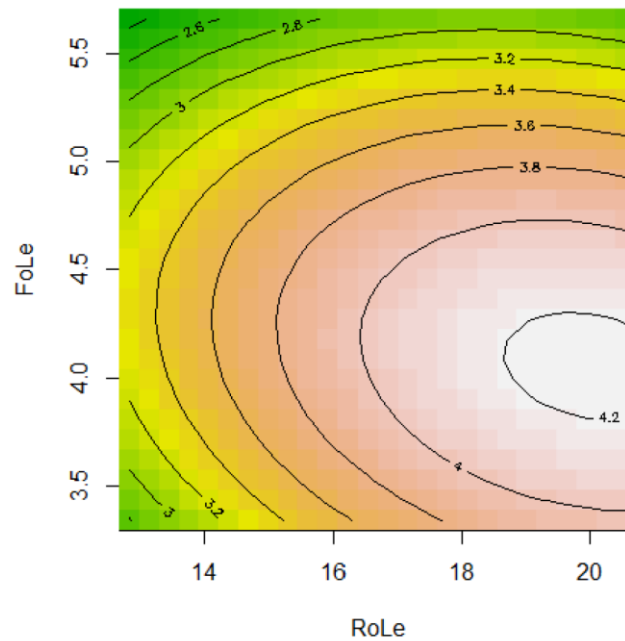


Figure 3 :The contour plot of flight time depending on rotor lenght (RoLe - x axis) and fold lenght

## 7. R Script

```
> library(rsm)
Warning message:
package 'rsm' was built under R version 4.1.2
>
> ## 1. Design
>
> ## basic design
> design <- cube(basis = ~ x1 + x2 + x3,
+               generators = x4 ~ x1*x2*x3,
+               n0 = 0,
+               reps = 1,
+               coding = c(x1 ~ (RoLe - 8.5)/3,
+               x2 ~ (RoWi - 4.0)/1,
+               x3 ~ (BoLe - 3.5)/2,
+               x4 ~ (FoLe - 7.0)/2),
+               randomize = FALSE)
>
> as.data.frame(design)
  run.order std.order x1 x2 x3 x4
1         1         1  1 -1 -1 -1
2         2         2  2  1 -1 -1
3         3         3  3 -1  1 -1
4         4         4  4  1  1 -1
5         5         5  5 -1 -1  1
6         6         6  6  1 -1  1
7         7         7  7 -1  1  1
8         8         8  8  1  1  1
> design
  run.order std.order RoLe RoWi BoLe FoLe
1         1         1  1  5.5  3  1.5  5
2         2         2  2 11.5  3  1.5  9
3         3         3  3  5.5  5  1.5  9
4         4         4  4 11.5  5  1.5  5
5         5         5  5  5.5  3  5.5  9
6         6         6  6 11.5  3  5.5  5
7         7         7  7  5.5  5  5.5  5
8         8         8  8 11.5  5  5.5  9

x1 ~ (RoLe - 8.5)/3
x2 ~ (RoWi - 4)/1
x3 ~ (BoLe - 3.5)/2
x4 ~ (FoLe - 7)/2
>
> ## Setting up the experiment
>
> set.seed(8) # setting your own seed
> expt <- djoin(dupe(design), dupe(design))
>
> as.data.frame(expt)
```

	run.order	std.order	x1	x2	x3	x4	Block
1	1	7	-1	1	1	-1	1
2	2	3	-1	1	-1	1	1
3	3	5	-1	-1	1	1	1
4	4	2	1	-1	-1	1	1
5	5	8	1	1	1	1	1
6	6	6	1	-1	1	-1	1
7	7	4	1	1	-1	-1	1
8	8	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1
9	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	2
10	2	3	-1	1	-1	1	2
11	3	4	1	1	-1	-1	2
12	4	7	-1	1	1	-1	2
13	5	2	1	-1	-1	1	2
14	6	6	1	-1	1	-1	2
15	7	5	-1	-1	1	1	2
16	8	8	1	1	1	1	2

> expt

	run.order	std.order	RoLe	RoWi	BoLe	FoLe	Block
1	1	7	5.5	5	5.5	5	1
2	2	3	5.5	5	1.5	9	1
3	3	5	5.5	3	5.5	9	1
4	4	2	11.5	3	1.5	9	1
5	5	8	11.5	5	5.5	9	1
6	6	6	11.5	3	5.5	5	1
7	7	4	11.5	5	1.5	5	1
8	8	1	5.5	3	1.5	5	1
9	1	1	5.5	3	1.5	5	2
10	2	3	5.5	5	1.5	9	2
11	3	4	11.5	5	1.5	5	2
12	4	7	5.5	5	5.5	5	2
13	5	2	11.5	3	1.5	9	2
14	6	6	11.5	3	5.5	5	2
15	7	5	5.5	3	5.5	9	2
16	8	8	11.5	5	5.5	9	2

Data are stored in coded form using these coding formulas

...  $x1 \sim (RoLe - 8.5)/3$

$x2 \sim (RoWi - 4)/1$

$x3 \sim (BoLe - 3.5)/2$

$x4 \sim (FoLe - 7)/2$

>

> ## Writing CSV-File for measurements

>

> expt.coded <- code2val(expt, attr(expt, "codings"))

> write.csv2(cbind(expt.coded[, c(1:2, 7, 3:6)], expt[, 3:6]),

+ file="helicopter.csv", row.names=FALSE)

>

> ## 1. Design - re-generating the used design

>

> ## basic design

> design <- cube(basis = ~ x1 + x2 + x3,

+ generators = x4 ~ x1\*x2\*x3,

+ n0 = 0,

```

+       reps = 1,
+       coding = c(x1 ~ (RoLe - 8.5)/3,
+                 x2 ~ (RoWi - 4.0)/1,
+                 x3 ~ (BoLe - 3.5)/2,
+                 x4 ~ (FoLe - 7.0)/2),
+       randomize = FALSE)
>

```

```

> ## Setting up the experiment
>

```

```

> set.seed(008)    # setting your own seed
> expt <- djoin(dupe(design), dupe(design))
>

```

```

> expt

```

	run.order	std.order	RoLe	RoWi	BoLe	FoLe	Block
1	1	1	7	5.5	5	5.5	5
2	2	2	3	5.5	5	1.5	9
3	3	3	5	5.5	3	5.5	9
4	4	4	2	11.5	3	1.5	9
5	5	5	8	11.5	5	5.5	9
6	6	6	6	11.5	3	5.5	5
7	7	7	4	11.5	5	1.5	5
8	8	8	1	5.5	3	1.5	5
9	1	1	1	5.5	3	1.5	5
10	2	2	3	5.5	5	1.5	9
11	3	3	4	11.5	5	1.5	5
12	4	4	7	5.5	5	5.5	5
13	5	5	2	11.5	3	1.5	9
14	6	6	6	11.5	3	5.5	5
15	7	7	5	5.5	3	5.5	9
16	8	8	8	11.5	5	5.5	9

Data are stored in coded form using these coding formulas

```

... x1 ~ (RoLe - 8.5)/3

```

```

x2 ~ (RoWi - 4)/1

```

```

x3 ~ (BoLe - 3.5)/2

```

```

x4 ~ (FoLe - 7)/2

```

```

> dat <- read.csv2("helicopter_Marjan_Stella.csv")
>

```

```

> expt$Time <- dat$Time
>

```

```

> ## First order and two-way interaction model of all data

```

```

> rsm1 <- rsm(Time ~ FO(x1, x2, x3, x4) + TWI(x1, x2, x3, x4),
+

```

```

+       data=expt)
> summary(rsm1)

```

Near-stationary-ridge situation detected -- stationary point altered

Change 'threshold' if this is not what you intend

Call:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t )	
(Intercept)	2.384375	0.023560	101.2040	1.015e-13	***
x1	0.399375	0.023560	16.9513	1.488e-07	***
x2	0.040625	0.023560	1.7243	0.1229384	
x3	-0.140625	0.023560	-5.9688	0.0003349	***
x4	-0.179375	0.023560	-7.6135	6.226e-05	***
x1:x2	0.050625	0.023560	2.1488	0.0638986	.
x1:x3	-0.048125	0.023560	-2.0426	0.0753634	.
x1:x4	-0.061875	0.023560	-2.6263	0.0303538	*



```
rsm(formula = Time ~ FO(x1, x2, x3, x4) + TWI(x1, x2, x3,
x4), data = expt)
```

Signif. codes: 0 '\*\*\*' 0.001 '\*\*' 0.01 '\*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Multiple R-squared: 0.9804, Adjusted R-squared: 0.9632  
F-statistic: 57.09 on 7 and 8 DF, p-value: 3.347e-

## 06 Analysis of Variance Table

Response: Time

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
FO(x1, x2, x3, x4)	4	3.4096	0.8524	95.9782	8.539e-07
TWI(x1, x2, x3, x4)	3	0.1393	0.0464	5.2289	0.02734
Residuals	8	0.0711	0.0089		
Lack of fit	0	0.0000	Inf		
Pure error	8	0.0711	0.0089		

Stationary point of response surface:

x1	x2	x3	x4
-2.288053	-2.321969	2.207303	2.837962

Stationary point in original units: RoLe

RoWi	BoLe	FoLe
1.635840	1.678031	7.914607

Eigenanalysis:

eigen() decomposition

\$values

```
[1] 0.04665678 0.00000000 0.00000000 -0.04665678
```

\$vectors

	[,1]	[,2]	[,3]	[,4]
x1	0.7071068	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.7071068
x2	0.3836235	0.6630869	0.5157342	-0.3836235
x3	-0.3646792	-0.2216991	0.8275673	0.3646792
x4	-0.4688732	0.7149583	-0.2216991	0.4688732

>

> ## 3. Optimization (part 1)

>

```
> rsm2 <- rsm(Time ~ FO(x1, x4), data=expt)
```

```
> summary(rsm2)
```

Call:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t )
(Intercept)	2.384375	0.051571	46.2352	8.254e-16 ***
x1	0.399375	0.051571	7.7442	3.186e-06 ***
x4	-0.179375	0.051571	-3.4782	0.004081 **

---

```
rsm(formula = Time ~ FO(x1, x4), data = expt)
```

Signif. codes: 0 '\*\*\*' 0.001 '\*\*' 0.01 '\*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Multiple R-squared: 0.8472, Adjusted R-squared: 0.8237

F-statistic: 36.04 on 2 and 13 DF, p-value: 4.978e-

## 06 Analysis of Variance Table

Response: Time

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
FO(x1, x4)	2	3.06681	1.53341	36.0357	4.978e-06
Residuals	13	0.55318	0.04255		
Lack of fit	1	0.06126	0.06126	1.4943	0.245
Pure error	12	0.49192	0.04099		

Direction of steepest ascent (at radius 1):

x1	x4
0.9122151	-0.4097116

Corresponding increment in original units:

RoLe	FoLe
2.7366453	-0.8194233

```
>
>
> ## Plotting
> contour(rsm2, ~ x1 + x4, image=TRUE)
>
> ## Optimization according to steepest ascent
> ## 5-step rediction accoring to first-order model
> # step size left as default, cause it produced non-negative lenghts
> steepest(rsm2, dist=0:5)
```

Path of steepest ascent from ridge analysis:

	dist	x1	x4	RoLe	FoLe	yhat
1	0	0.000	0.000	8.500	7.000	2.384
2	1	0.912	-0.410	11.236	6.180	2.822
3	2	1.824	-0.819	13.972	5.362	3.260
4	3	2.737	-1.229	16.711	4.542	3.698
5	4	3.649	-1.639	19.447	3.722	4.136
6	5	4.561	-2.049	22.183	2.902	4.573

```
>
>
> #Corresponding increment in original units:
```

```
> # RoLe      FoLe
> #2.7366453 -0.8194233
```

```
>
> ## 4. Optimization (part 2)
```

```
>
> ## Basic RSM design
> design2 <- ccd(2,
+               n0=2,
+               coding = c(x1 ~ (RoLe - 16.7)/2.74,
+               x2 ~ (FoLe - 4.5)/0.82),
+               randomize = FALSE)
```

```
>
> as.data.frame(design2)
  run.order std.order      x1      x2 Block
```

1	1	1	-1.000000	-1.000000	1
2	2	2	1.000000	-1.000000	1
3	3	3	-1.000000	1.000000	1
4	4	4	1.000000	1.000000	1
5	5	5	0.000000	0.000000	1
6	6	6	0.000000	0.000000	1
7	1	1	-1.414214	0.000000	2
8	2	2	1.414214	0.000000	2
9	3	3	0.000000	-1.414214	2
10	4	4	0.000000	1.414214	2
11	5	5	0.000000	0.000000	2
12	6	6	0.000000	0.000000	2

```
> design2
```

	run.order	std.order	RoLe	FoLe	Block
1	1	1	13.96000	3.680000	1
2	2	2	19.44000	3.680000	1
3	3	3	13.96000	5.320000	1
4	4	4	19.44000	5.320000	1
5	5	5	16.70000	4.500000	1
6	6	6	16.70000	4.500000	1
7	1	1	12.82505	4.500000	2
8	2	2	20.57495	4.500000	2
9	3	3	16.70000	3.340345	2
10	4	4	16.70000	5.659655	2
11	5	5	16.70000	4.500000	2
12	6	6	16.70000	4.500000	2

Data are stored in coded form using these coding formulas

```
... x1 ~ (RoLe - 16.7)/2.74
```

```
x2 ~ (FoLe - 4.5)/0.82
```

```
>
```

```
> expt2.coded <- code2val(expt2, attr(expt2, "codings"))
```

```
> write.csv2(cbind(expt2.coded[, c(1:2, 5)],
```

```
+ round(expt2.coded[, 3:4], digits=2),
```

```
+ round(expt2[, 3:4], digits=2)),
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```
+ file="helicopter2_e_b.csv", row.names=FALSE)
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> ## Basic RSM design
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> design2 <- ccd(2,
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+ n0=2,
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+ coding = c(x1 ~ (RoLe - 16.7)/2.74,
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+ x2 ~ (FoLe - 4.5)/0.82),
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+ randomize = FALSE)
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```
> set.seed(8) # setting your own seed
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```
> expt2 <- dupe(design2)
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>
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> expt2
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	run.order	std.order	RoLe	FoLe	Block
1	1	6	16.70000	4.500000	1

2	2	2	19.44000	3.680000	1
3	3	3	13.96000	5.320000	1
4	4	1	13.96000	3.680000	1
5	5	5	16.70000	4.500000	1
6	6	4	19.44000	5.320000	1
7	1	2	20.57495	4.500000	2

8	2	4	16.70000	5.659655	2
9	3	6	16.70000	4.500000	2
10	4	5	16.70000	4.500000	2
11	5	3	16.70000	3.340345	2
12	6	1	12.82505	4.500000	2

Data are stored in coded form using these coding formulas

...  $x1 \sim (\text{RoLe} - 16.7)/2.74$

$x2 \sim (\text{FoLe} - 4.5)/0.82$

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> ## 5. Analysis - Optimization (part 3)

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> dat2 <- read.csv2("helicopter2\_Marjan\_stella\_measurements.csv")

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> expt2\$Time <- dat2\$Time

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> rsm3 <- rsm(Time ~ SO(x1, x2), data=expt2)

> summary(rsm3)

Call:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t )
(Intercept)	3.980000	0.118021	33.7228	4.526e-08 ***
x1	0.293508	0.083453	3.5170	0.012564 *
x2	-0.280453	0.083453	-3.3606	0.015218 *
x1:x2	-0.087500	0.118021	-0.7414	0.486448
x1^2	-0.142500	0.093304	-1.5273	0.177551
x2^2	-0.355000	0.093304	-3.8048	0.008918 **

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rsm(formula = Time ~ SO(x1, x2), data = expt2)

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Multiple R-squared: 0.8676, Adjusted R-squared: 0.7572

F-statistic: 7.86 on 5 and 6 DF, p-value:

0.01304 Analysis of Variance Table

Response: Time

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
FO(x1, x2)	2	1.31841	0.65920	11.8315	0.008276
TWI(x1, x2)	1	0.03063	0.03063	0.5497	0.486448
PQ(x1, x2)	2	0.84064	0.42032	7.5440	0.023033

Residuals 6 0.33429 0.05572

Lack of fit 3 0.29029 0.09676 6.5976 0.077785

Pure error 3 0.04400 0.01467

Stationary point of response surface:

x1	x2
1.1963922	-0.5424471

Stationary point in original units:

RoLe	FoLe
19.978115	4.055193

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Eigenanalysis: eigen()
decomposition
$values
[1] -0.1338451 -0.3636549
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$vectors
      [,1]      [,2]
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```
x1 -0.9809888 0.1940643
x2  0.1940643 0.9809888
```

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>
> ## Plotting
> contour(rsm3, ~ x1 + x2, image=TRUE)
>
> #choosing best measurements for helicopter
> canonical.path(rsm3, dist=seq(-5, 5, by=0.5), which=1)
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	dist	x1	x2	RoLe	FoLe	yhat
1	-5.0	6.101	-1.513	33.41674	3.25934	0.886
2	-4.5	5.611	-1.416	32.07414	3.33888	1.521
3	-4.0	5.120	-1.319	30.72880	3.41842	2.090
4	-3.5	4.630	-1.222	29.38620	3.49796	2.592
5	-3.0	4.139	-1.125	28.04086	3.57750	3.027
6	-2.5	3.649	-1.028	26.69826	3.65704	3.395
7	-2.0	3.158	-0.931	25.35292	3.73658	3.696
8	-1.5	2.668	-0.834	24.01032	3.81612	3.930
9	-1.0	2.177	-0.737	22.66498	3.89566	4.098
10	-0.5	1.687	-0.639	21.32238	3.97602	4.198
11	0.0	1.196	-0.542	19.97704	4.05556	4.232
12	0.5	0.706	-0.445	18.63444	4.13510	4.198
13	1.0	0.215	-0.348	17.28910	4.21464	4.098
14	1.5	-0.275	-0.251	15.94650	4.29418	3.930
15	2.0	-0.766	-0.154	14.60116	4.37372	3.696
16	2.5	-1.256	-0.057	13.25856	4.45326	3.395
17	3.0	-1.747	0.040	11.91322	4.53280	3.027
18	3.5	-2.237	0.137	10.57062	4.61234	2.592
19	4.0	-2.728	0.234	9.22528	4.69188	2.090
20	4.5	-3.218	0.331	7.88268	4.77142	1.521
21	5.0	-3.709	0.428	6.53734	4.85096	0.885

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> canonical.path(rsm3, dist=seq(-5, 5, by=0.5), which=2)
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	dist	x1	x2	RoLe	FoLe	yhat
1	-5.0	0.226	-5.447	17.31924	0.03346	-4.858
2	-4.5	0.323	-4.957	17.58502	0.43526	-3.133
3	-4.0	0.420	-4.466	17.85080	0.83788	-1.586
4	-3.5	0.517	-3.976	18.11658	1.23968	-0.223
5	-3.0	0.614	-3.485	18.38236	1.64230	0.960
6	-2.5	0.711	-2.995	18.64814	2.04410	1.959
7	-2.0	0.808	-2.504	18.91392	2.44672	2.778
8	-1.5	0.905	-2.014	19.17970	2.84852	3.413
9	-1.0	1.002	-1.523	19.44548	3.25114	3.868
10	-0.5	1.099	-1.033	19.71126	3.65294	4.141
11	0.0	1.196	-0.542	19.97704	4.05556	4.232
12	0.5	1.293	-0.052	20.24282	4.45736	4.141
13	1.0	1.390	0.439	20.50860	4.85998	3.868
14	1.5	1.487	0.929	20.77438	5.26178	3.414
15	2.0	1.585	1.420	21.04290	5.66440	2.776
16	2.5	1.682	1.910	21.30868	6.06620	1.959
17	3.0	1.779	2.401	21.57446	6.46882	0.958

18	3.5	1.876	2.891		21.84024	6.87062		-0.223
19	4.0	1.973	3.382		22.10602	7.27324		-1.588
20	4.5	2.070	3.872		22.37180	7.67504		-3.133
21	5.0	2.167	4.362		22.63758	8.07684		-4.858

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