

Supplementary Material of “Optimal allocation strategies in platform trials”

Design with concurrent and non-concurrent controls - Case 3

We first define the treatment effect for arm 2 following the expressions presented in the supplementary material (see Section A.2). To do so, we define the matrices A, B, and C, and use equation (1.b) to obtain point estimates

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In[*]:= nd1 = n01 + n11
nd2 = n02 + n12 + n22
nd3 = n03 + n23
A = {{nd1, 0, 0}, {0, nd2, 0}, {0, 0, nd3}}
B = {{n11, 0}, {n12, n22}, {0, n23}}
Cm = {{n11 + n12, 0}, {0, n22 + n23}}

Out[*]:= n01 + n11

Out[*]:= n02 + n12 + n22

Out[*]:= n03 + n23

Out[*]:= {{n01 + n11, 0, 0}, {0, n02 + n12 + n22, 0}, {0, 0, n03 + n23}}

Out[*]:= {{n11, 0}, {n12, n22}, {0, n23}}

Out[*]:= {{n11 + n12, 0}, {0, n22 + n23}}
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In[ ]:= M = FullSimplify[Inverse[Cm - Transpose[B].Inverse[A].B]]
Nm = {{n11 * theta11 + n12 * theta12}, {n22 * theta22 + n23 * theta23}}
Collect[FullSimplify[M.Nm][[2]], {theta11, theta12, theta22, theta23}]
w11 = (n11 (n01 + n11) n12 n22 (n03 + n23) ) /
      (n11 n12 (n02 n03 n22 + n03 n22 n23 + n02 (n03 + n22) n23) +
       n01 (n03 n11 n12 n22 + (n03 n11 n12 + n11 n12 n22 + n03 (n11 + n12) n22) n23 +
        n02 (n11 + n12) (n22 n23 + n03 (n22 + n23) ) ) )
w12 = ((n01 + n11) n12^2 n22 (n03 + n23) ) /
      (n11 n12 (n02 n03 n22 + n03 n22 n23 + n02 (n03 + n22) n23) +
       n01 (n03 n11 n12 n22 + (n03 n11 n12 + n11 n12 n22 + n03 (n11 + n12) n22) n23 +
        n02 (n11 + n12) (n22 n23 + n03 (n22 + n23) ) ) )
w22 =
      (n22 (n11 n12 (n02 + n22) + n01 (n11 n12 + n02 (n11 + n12) + (n11 + n12) n22) ) (n03 + n23) ) /
      (n11 n12 (n02 n03 n22 + n03 n22 n23 + n02 (n03 + n22) n23) +
       n01 (n03 n11 n12 n22 + (n03 n11 n12 + n11 n12 n22 + n03 (n11 + n12) n22) n23 +
        n02 (n11 + n12) (n22 n23 + n03 (n22 + n23) ) ) )
w23 =
      ((n11 n12 (n02 + n22) + n01 (n11 n12 + n02 (n11 + n12) + (n11 + n12) n22) ) n23 (n03 + n23) ) /
      (n11 n12 (n02 n03 n22 + n03 n22 n23 + n02 (n03 + n22) n23) +
       n01 (n03 n11 n12 n22 + (n03 n11 n12 + n11 n12 n22 + n03 (n11 + n12) n22) n23 +
        n02 (n11 + n12) (n22 n23 + n03 (n22 + n23) ) ) )
sol = M.Nm
True ==
FullSimplify[sol[[2]][[1]] == w11 * theta11 + w12 * theta12 + w22 * theta22 + w23 * theta23]

Out[ ]:= {{ ((n01 + n11) (n03 (n02 + n12) n22 + n03 (n02 + n12) n23 + (n02 + n03 + n12) n22 n23) ) /
            (n01 n03 (n11 n12 + n02 (n11 + n12) ) n22 +
             n01 (n03 n11 n12 + n11 n12 n22 + n03 (n11 + n12) n22 + n02 (n11 + n12) (n03 + n22) ) n23 +
             n11 n12 (n02 n03 n22 + n03 n22 n23 + n02 (n03 + n22) n23) ) ,
            ((n01 + n11) n12 n22 (n03 + n23) ) / (n11 n12 (n02 n03 n22 + n03 n22 n23 + n02 (n03 + n22) n23) +
             n01 (n03 n11 n12 n22 + (n03 n11 n12 + n11 n12 n22 + n03 (n11 + n12) n22) n23 +
             n02 (n11 + n12) (n22 n23 + n03 (n22 + n23) ) ) ) },
          {{ ((n01 + n11) n12 n22 (n03 + n23) ) / (n11 n12 (n02 n03 n22 + n03 n22 n23 + n02 (n03 + n22) n23) +
             n01 (n03 n11 n12 n22 + (n03 n11 n12 + n11 n12 n22 + n03 (n11 + n12) n22) n23 +
             n02 (n11 + n12) (n22 n23 + n03 (n22 + n23) ) ) ) ,
            ((n11 n12 (n02 + n22) + n01 (n11 n12 + n02 (n11 + n12) + (n11 + n12) n22) ) (n03 + n23) ) /
            (n11 n12 (n02 n03 n22 + n03 n22 n23 + n02 (n03 + n22) n23) +
             n01 (n03 n11 n12 n22 + (n03 n11 n12 + n11 n12 n22 + n03 (n11 + n12) n22) n23 +
             n02 (n11 + n12) (n22 n23 + n03 (n22 + n23) ) ) ) } } }

Out[ ]:= {{n11 theta11 + n12 theta12}, {n22 theta22 + n23 theta23}}

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Out[*]= { (n11 (n01 + n11) n12 n22 (n03 + n23) theta11) /
  (n11 n12 (n02 n03 n22 + n03 n22 n23 + n02 (n03 + n22) n23) +
    n01 (n03 n11 n12 n22 + (n03 n11 n12 + n11 n12 n22 + n03 (n11 + n12) n22) n23 +
      n02 (n11 + n12) (n22 n23 + n03 (n22 + n23) ) ) ) +
  ( (n01 + n11) n122 n22 (n03 + n23) theta12) /
  (n11 n12 (n02 n03 n22 + n03 n22 n23 + n02 (n03 + n22) n23) +
    n01 (n03 n11 n12 n22 + (n03 n11 n12 + n11 n12 n22 + n03 (n11 + n12) n22) n23 +
      n02 (n11 + n12) (n22 n23 + n03 (n22 + n23) ) ) ) +
  (n22 (n11 n12 (n02 + n22) + n01 (n11 n12 + n02 (n11 + n12) + (n11 + n12) n22) )
    (n03 + n23) theta22) / (n11 n12 (n02 n03 n22 + n03 n22 n23 + n02 (n03 + n22) n23) +
    n01 (n03 n11 n12 n22 + (n03 n11 n12 + n11 n12 n22 + n03 (n11 + n12) n22) n23 +
      n02 (n11 + n12) (n22 n23 + n03 (n22 + n23) ) ) ) +
  ( (n11 n12 (n02 + n22) + n01 (n11 n12 + n02 (n11 + n12) + (n11 + n12) n22) )
    n23 (n03 + n23) theta23) /
  (n11 n12 (n02 n03 n22 + n03 n22 n23 + n02 (n03 + n22) n23) +
    n01 (n03 n11 n12 n22 + (n03 n11 n12 + n11 n12 n22 + n03 (n11 + n12) n22) n23 +
      n02 (n11 + n12) (n22 n23 + n03 (n22 + n23) ) ) ) }

Out[*]= (n11 (n01 + n11) n12 n22 (n03 + n23) ) /
  (n11 n12 (n02 n03 n22 + n03 n22 n23 + n02 (n03 + n22) n23) +
    n01 (n03 n11 n12 n22 + (n03 n11 n12 + n11 n12 n22 + n03 (n11 + n12) n22) n23 +
      n02 (n11 + n12) (n22 n23 + n03 (n22 + n23) ) ) )

Out[*]= ( (n01 + n11) n122 n22 (n03 + n23) ) / (n11 n12 (n02 n03 n22 + n03 n22 n23 + n02 (n03 + n22) n23) +
  n01 (n03 n11 n12 n22 + (n03 n11 n12 + n11 n12 n22 + n03 (n11 + n12) n22) n23 +
    n02 (n11 + n12) (n22 n23 + n03 (n22 + n23) ) ) )

Out[*]= (n22 (n11 n12 (n02 + n22) + n01 (n11 n12 + n02 (n11 + n12) + (n11 + n12) n22) ) (n03 + n23) ) /
  (n11 n12 (n02 n03 n22 + n03 n22 n23 + n02 (n03 + n22) n23) +
    n01 (n03 n11 n12 n22 + (n03 n11 n12 + n11 n12 n22 + n03 (n11 + n12) n22) n23 +
      n02 (n11 + n12) (n22 n23 + n03 (n22 + n23) ) ) )

Out[*]= ( (n11 n12 (n02 + n22) + n01 (n11 n12 + n02 (n11 + n12) + (n11 + n12) n22) ) n23 (n03 + n23) ) /
  (n11 n12 (n02 n03 n22 + n03 n22 n23 + n02 (n03 + n22) n23) +
    n01 (n03 n11 n12 n22 + (n03 n11 n12 + n11 n12 n22 + n03 (n11 + n12) n22) n23 +
      n02 (n11 + n12) (n22 n23 + n03 (n22 + n23) ) ) )

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Out[ ]= { { ( (n01 + n11) (n03 (n02 + n12) n22 + n03 (n02 + n12) n23 + (n02 + n03 + n12) n22 n23)
            (n11 theta11 + n12 theta12) ) / (n01 n03 (n11 n12 + n02 (n11 + n12) ) n22 +
            n01 (n03 n11 n12 + n11 n12 n22 + n03 (n11 + n12) n22 + n02 (n11 + n12) (n03 + n22) ) n23 +
            n11 n12 (n02 n03 n22 + n03 n22 n23 + n02 (n03 + n22) n23) ) +
            ( (n01 + n11) n12 n22 (n03 + n23) (n22 theta22 + n23 theta23) ) /
            (n11 n12 (n02 n03 n22 + n03 n22 n23 + n02 (n03 + n22) n23) +
            n01 (n03 n11 n12 n22 + (n03 n11 n12 + n11 n12 n22 + n03 (n11 + n12) n22) n23 +
            n02 (n11 + n12) (n22 n23 + n03 (n22 + n23) ) ) ) },
            { ( (n01 + n11) n12 n22 (n03 + n23) (n11 theta11 + n12 theta12) ) /
            (n11 n12 (n02 n03 n22 + n03 n22 n23 + n02 (n03 + n22) n23) +
            n01 (n03 n11 n12 n22 + (n03 n11 n12 + n11 n12 n22 + n03 (n11 + n12) n22) n23 +
            n02 (n11 + n12) (n22 n23 + n03 (n22 + n23) ) ) ) +
            ( (n11 n12 (n02 + n22) + n01 (n11 n12 + n02 (n11 + n12) + (n11 + n12) n22) )
            (n03 + n23) (n22 theta22 + n23 theta23) ) /
            (n11 n12 (n02 n03 n22 + n03 n22 n23 + n02 (n03 + n22) n23) +
            n01 (n03 n11 n12 n22 + (n03 n11 n12 + n11 n12 n22 + n03 (n11 + n12) n22) n23 +
            n02 (n11 + n12) (n22 n23 + n03 (n22 + n23) ) ) ) } } }

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Out[ ]= True
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Variance computation

To compute the variance of treatment effect 2, first note

$$\text{Var}(\theta_2) = \text{Var}(w_{11}\theta_{11} + w_{12}\theta_{12} + w_{22}\theta_{22} + w_{23}\theta_{23})$$

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In[ ]:= theta11 = n01 / (n01 + n11) * (y11 - y01);
theta12 = (n02 + n22) / (n02 + n12 + n22) * y12 -
  ((n02 / (n02 + n12 + n22)) * y02 + (n22 / (n02 + n12 + n22)) * y22);
theta22 = (n02 + n12) / (n02 + n12 + n22) * y22 -
  ((n02 / (n02 + n12 + n22)) * y02 + (n12 / (n02 + n12 + n22)) * y12);
theta23 = n03 / (n03 + n23) * (y23 - y03);
expr = w11 * theta11 + w12 * theta12 + w22 * theta22 + w23 * theta23;
Collect[FullSimplify[expr], {y01, y11, y02, y12, y22, y03, y23}];
expr01 = FullSimplify[
  (-n01 n03 n11 n12 n22 - n01 n11 n12 n22 n23) / (n01 n03 (n11 n12 + n02 (n11 + n12)) n22 +
    n01 (n03 n11 n12 + n11 n12 n22 + n03 (n11 + n12) n22 + n02 (n11 + n12) (n03 + n22)) n23 +
    n11 n12 (n02 n03 n22 + n03 n22 n23 + n02 (n03 + n22) n23))];
expr02 = FullSimplify[
  (-n01 n02 n03 n11 n22 - n01 n02 n03 n12 n22 - n02 n03 n11 n12 n22 - n01 n02 n11 n22 n23 -
    n01 n02 n12 n22 n23 - n02 n11 n12 n22 n23) / (n01 n03 (n11 n12 + n02 (n11 + n12)) n22 +
    n01 (n03 n11 n12 + n11 n12 n22 + n03 (n11 + n12) n22 + n02 (n11 + n12) (n03 + n22)) n23 +
    n11 n12 (n02 n03 n22 + n03 n22 n23 + n02 (n03 + n22) n23))];
expr03 = FullSimplify[
  (-n01 n03 n11 n12 n23 - n02 n03 n11 n12 n23 - n03 n11 n12 n22 n23 - n01 n03 n11 (n02 + n22)
    n23 - n01 n03 n12 (n02 + n22) n23) / (n01 n03 (n11 n12 + n02 (n11 + n12)) n22 +
    n01 (n03 n11 n12 + n11 n12 n22 + n03 (n11 + n12) n22 + n02 (n11 + n12) (n03 + n22)) n23 +
    n11 n12 (n02 n03 n22 + n03 n22 n23 + n02 (n03 + n22) n23))];
expr11 = FullSimplify[
  (n01 n03 n11 n12 n22 + n01 n11 n12 n22 n23) / (n01 n03 (n11 n12 + n02 (n11 + n12)) n22 +
    n01 (n03 n11 n12 + n11 n12 n22 + n03 (n11 + n12) n22 + n02 (n11 + n12) (n03 + n22)) n23 +
    n11 n12 (n02 n03 n22 + n03 n22 n23 + n02 (n03 + n22) n23))];
expr12 = FullSimplify[
  (-n01 n03 n11 n12 n22 - n01 n11 n12 n22 n23) / (n01 n03 (n11 n12 + n02 (n11 + n12)) n22 +
    n01 (n03 n11 n12 + n11 n12 n22 + n03 (n11 + n12) n22 + n02 (n11 + n12) (n03 + n22)) n23 +
    n11 n12 (n02 n03 n22 + n03 n22 n23 + n02 (n03 + n22) n23))];
expr22 = FullSimplify[
  (n02 n03 n11 n12 n22 + n01 n03 (n11 n12 + n02 (n11 + n12)) n22 + n01 n02 n12 n22 n23 + n02 n11
    n12 n22 n23 + n01 n11 (n02 + n12) n22 n23) / (n01 n03 (n11 n12 + n02 (n11 + n12)) n22 +
    n01 (n03 n11 n12 + n11 n12 n22 + n03 (n11 + n12) n22 + n02 (n11 + n12) (n03 + n22)) n23 +
    n11 n12 (n02 n03 n22 + n03 n22 n23 + n02 (n03 + n22) n23))];
expr23 = FullSimplify[ (n02 n03 n11 n12 n23 + n03 n11 n12 n22 n23 +
  n01 n03 (n11 n12 + n02 (n11 + n12)) + (n11 + n12) n22) n23) /
  (n01 n03 (n11 n12 + n02 (n11 + n12)) n22 +
    n01 (n03 n11 n12 + n11 n12 n22 + n03 (n11 + n12) n22 + n02 (n11 + n12) (n03 + n22)) n23 +
    n11 n12 (n02 n03 n22 + n03 n22 n23 + n02 (n03 + n22) n23))];
FullSimplify[
  Collect[FullSimplify[expr], {y01, y11, y02, y12, y22, y03, y23}] == expr01 * y01 +
    expr02 * y02 + expr03 * y03 + expr11 * y11 + expr12 * y12 + expr22 * y22 + expr23 * y23];

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Variance expression is then $\text{term2s} \cdot \sigma^2/N$, where

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In[ ]:= term2f = FullSimplify[expr01^2 * y01 + expr02^2 * y02 + expr03^2 * y03 + expr11^2 * y11 +
  expr12^2 * y12 + expr22^2 * y22 + expr23^2 * y23 /. {y01 → 1 / n01, y02 → 1 / n02,
  y03 → 1 / n03, y11 → 1 / n11, y12 → 1 / n12, y22 → 1 / n22, y23 → 1 / n23}];
term2s =
  FullSimplify[term2f /. {n01 → r01 * Nt, n02 → r02 * Nt, n03 → r03 * Nt, n11 → r11 * Nt,
  n12 → r12 * Nt, n22 → r22 * Nt, n23 → r23 * Nt}] * Nt;

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Define terms to optimise

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In[ ]:= substp =
  {r11 → r1 p11, r12 → r2 p12, r22 → r2 p22, r02 → r2 p02, r23 → r3 p23, r3 → 1 - r1 - r2};

In[ ]:= subst = {r11 → r1 / 2, r01 → r1 / 2, r23 → r3 / 2, r03 → r3 / 2, r02 → r2 - r12 - r22};
term1 = FullSimplify[(r11 * r01 / (r11 + r01)) + (r12 * r02 / (r12 + r02)) /. subst /. substp]
term2 = FullSimplify[(1 / term2s) /. subst /. substp]

Out[ ]:= 
$$\frac{r1}{4} + \frac{p12 (-1 + p12 + p22) r2}{-1 + p22}$$


Out[ ]:= 
$$\frac{(r1^2 + r1 (-1 + (-4 (-1 + p12) p12 + (1 - 2 p22)^2) r2) + 4 p12 r2 (-1 + p12 + r2 + 4 (-1 + p22) p22 r2 + p12 (-1 + 4 p22) r2))}{(-4 r1 + 16 (-1 + p12) p12 r2)}$$


In[ ]:= substg = {r01 → r1 - r11, r03 → r3 - r23, r02 → r2 - r12 - r22};
termg1 =
  FullSimplify[(r11 * r01 / (r11 + r01)) + (r12 * r02 / (r12 + r02)) /. substg /. substp]
termg2 = FullSimplify[(1 / term2s) /. substg /. substp]

Out[ ]:= 
$$p11 (r1 - p11 r1) + \frac{p12 (-1 + p12 + p22) r2}{-1 + p22}$$


Out[ ]:= 
$$\frac{p22 r2 (-((-1 + p11) p11 (-1 + p22) r1) + p12 (-1 + p12 + p22) r2)}{(-1 + p11) p11 r1 + (-1 + p12) p12 r2} + p23 r3 \left(1 + \frac{p23 r3}{-1 + r1 + r2}\right)$$


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Numerical example: optimisation assuming balanced design in periods 1 and 3

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In[ ]:= ex = {r1 → 0.1, r2 → 0.8, r3 → 0.1};
FindMinimum[{-term1 /. ex, term1 == term2 /. ex, p12 > 0, p22 > 0},
  {{p12, r2 / 3 /. ex}, {p22, r2 / 3 /. ex}}]

Out[ ]:= {-0.164091, {p12 → 0.303787, p22 → 0.289682}}

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Optimisation (approach 1) - here we do not assume balanced design in periods 1 and 3 and thus also allocation rates in periods 1 and 3 are optimized

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In[ ]:= ex = {r1 → 0.4, r2 → 0.4, r3 → 0.2};
FindMinimum[{-termg1 /. ex, termg1 == termg2 /. ex,
  p12 > 0, p22 > 0, p11 > 0, p23 > 0, p11 < 1, p23 < 1},
  {{p11, r1 / 2 /. ex}, {p12, r2 / 3 /. ex}, {p22, r2 / 3 /. ex}, {p23, r3 / 2 /. ex}}]

Out[ ]:= {-0.144071, {p11 → 0.5, p12 → 0.153829, p22 → 0.457912, p23 → 0.5}}

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In[ ]:= FindMinimum[
  {-termg1 /. ex, termg1 == termg2 /. ex, p12 > 0, p22 > 0, p11 > 0, p23 > 0, p11 < 1, p23 < 1},
  {{p11,  $\frac{r1}{2}$  /. ex}, {p12,  $\frac{r2}{3}$  /. ex}, {p22,  $\frac{r2}{3}$  /. ex}, {p23,  $\frac{r3}{2}$  /. ex}}]
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Out[ ]:= {-0.144071, {p11 → 0.5, p12 → 0.153829, p22 → 0.457912, p23 → 0.5}}
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In[ ]:= termg2
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Out[ ]:= 
$$\frac{p22 r2 (-(-1 + p11) p11 (-1 + p22) r1) + p12 (-1 + p12 + p22) r2}{(-1 + p11) p11 r1 + (-1 + p12) p12 r2} + p23 r3 \left(1 + \frac{p23 r3}{-1 + r1 + r2}\right)$$

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In[ ]:= {{p11,  $\frac{r1}{2}$  /. ex}, {p12,  $\frac{r2}{3}$  /. ex}, {p22,  $\frac{r2}{3}$  /. ex}, {p23,  $\frac{r3}{2}$  /. ex}}
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Out[ ]:= {{p11, 0.2}, {p12, 0.133333}, {p22, 0.133333}, {p23, 0.1}}
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Note that we cannot find analytical solutions, but the numerical solutions satisfy that the optimal design follows a balanced design in periods 1 and 3.

Optimisation (approach 2) - assume balanced designs in periods 1 and 3

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In[ ]:= constr = term1 - term2;
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In[ ]:= e1 = FullSimplify[Solve[D[term1, p12] == 1 D[constr, p12], 1]]
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e2 = FullSimplify[Solve[D[term1, p22] == 1 D[constr, p22], 1]]
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e3 = e1[[1]][[1]][[2]] == e2[[1]][[1]][[2]]
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Out[ ]:= {{1 →  $\frac{(-1 + 2 p12 + p22) (r1 - 4 (-1 + p12) p12 r2)^2}{(-1 + 2 p12 + p22) r1^2 - 8 p12 (2 p12^2 + p12 (-3 + p22) - (-1 + p22) (1 + p22^2)) r1 r2 + 16 p12^2 (-1 + p12 + p22) (1 + 2 p12^2 + p22^2 - p12 (3 + p22)) r2^2}}$ }}
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Out[ ]:= {{1 →  $\frac{p12^2 (-r1 + 4 (-1 + p12) p12 r2)}{(-p12^2 r1 + (-1 + p22)^2 (-1 + 2 p22) r1 + 4 p12 (-1 + p12 + p22) (1 + p12^2 - (3 + p12) p22 + 2 p22^2) r2)}$ }}
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Out[ ]:= 
$$\frac{(-1 + 2 p12 + p22) (r1 - 4 (-1 + p12) p12 r2)^2}{(-1 + 2 p12 + p22) r1^2 - 8 p12 (2 p12^2 + p12 (-3 + p22) - (-1 + p22) (1 + p22^2)) r1 r2 + 16 p12^2 (-1 + p12 + p22) (1 + 2 p12^2 + p22^2 - p12 (3 + p22)) r2^2} ==$$


$$\frac{p12^2 (-r1 + 4 (-1 + p12) p12 r2)}{(-p12^2 r1 + (-1 + p22)^2 (-1 + 2 p22) r1 + 4 p12 (-1 + p12 + p22) (1 + p12^2 - (3 + p12) p22 + 2 p22^2) r2)}$$

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In[ ]:= sol2 = Solve[e3, {p12}];
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In[*]:= **solsim = Simplify[sol2[[7]]]**

Out[*]:= $\left\{ p_{12} \rightarrow \frac{1}{24 (-1 + p_{22}) r_2} \left(-4 (3 - 6 p_{22} + 2 p_{22}^2) r_2 + (2 \times 2^{1/3} (1 - i \sqrt{3}) r_2 ((3 - 9 p_{22} + 6 p_{22}^2) r_1 + (3 - 12 p_{22} + 18 p_{22}^2 - 12 p_{22}^3 + 4 p_{22}^4) r_2)) \right) / \left(-9 p_{22}^2 r_1 r_2^2 + 27 p_{22}^3 r_1 r_2^2 - 18 p_{22}^4 r_1 r_2^2 + 18 p_{22}^2 r_2^3 - 72 p_{22}^3 r_2^3 + 108 p_{22}^4 r_2^3 - 72 p_{22}^5 r_2^3 + 16 p_{22}^6 r_2^3 + \sqrt{r_2^3 (-4 ((3 - 9 p_{22} + 6 p_{22}^2) r_1 + (3 - 12 p_{22} + 18 p_{22}^2 - 12 p_{22}^3 + 4 p_{22}^4) r_2))^3 + p_{22}^4 r_2 (9 (1 - 3 p_{22} + 2 p_{22}^2) r_1 - 2 (9 - 36 p_{22} + 54 p_{22}^2 - 36 p_{22}^3 + 8 p_{22}^4) r_2)^2} \right)^{1/3} + 2^{2/3} (1 + i \sqrt{3}) (-9 p_{22}^2 r_1 r_2^2 + 27 p_{22}^3 r_1 r_2^2 - 18 p_{22}^4 r_1 r_2^2 + 18 p_{22}^2 r_2^3 - 72 p_{22}^3 r_2^3 + 108 p_{22}^4 r_2^3 - 72 p_{22}^5 r_2^3 + 16 p_{22}^6 r_2^3 + \sqrt{r_2^3 (-4 ((3 - 9 p_{22} + 6 p_{22}^2) r_1 + (3 - 12 p_{22} + 18 p_{22}^2 - 12 p_{22}^3 + 4 p_{22}^4) r_2))^3 + p_{22}^4 r_2 (9 (1 - 3 p_{22} + 2 p_{22}^2) r_1 - 2 (9 - 36 p_{22} + 54 p_{22}^2 - 36 p_{22}^3 + 8 p_{22}^4) r_2)^2} \right)^{1/3} \right\}$

In[*]:= **\$Assumptions = p12 > 0 && p22 > 0 && Element[p12, Reals] && Element[p22, Reals]**

Out[*]:= **p12 > 0 && p22 > 0 && p12 ∈ ℝ && p22 ∈ ℝ**

In[*]:= **Re[solsim]**

Out[*]:= $\left\{ \text{Re} \left[p_{12} \rightarrow \frac{1}{24 (-1 + p_{22}) r_2} \left(-4 (3 - 6 p_{22} + 2 p_{22}^2) r_2 + (2 \times 2^{1/3} (1 - i \sqrt{3}) r_2 ((3 - 9 p_{22} + 6 p_{22}^2) r_1 + (3 - 12 p_{22} + 18 p_{22}^2 - 12 p_{22}^3 + 4 p_{22}^4) r_2)) \right) / \left(-9 p_{22}^2 r_1 r_2^2 + 27 p_{22}^3 r_1 r_2^2 - 18 p_{22}^4 r_1 r_2^2 + 18 p_{22}^2 r_2^3 - 72 p_{22}^3 r_2^3 + 108 p_{22}^4 r_2^3 - 72 p_{22}^5 r_2^3 + 16 p_{22}^6 r_2^3 + \sqrt{r_2^3 (-4 ((3 - 9 p_{22} + 6 p_{22}^2) r_1 + (3 - 12 p_{22} + 18 p_{22}^2 - 12 p_{22}^3 + 4 p_{22}^4) r_2))^3 + p_{22}^4 r_2 (9 (1 - 3 p_{22} + 2 p_{22}^2) r_1 - 2 (9 - 36 p_{22} + 54 p_{22}^2 - 36 p_{22}^3 + 8 p_{22}^4) r_2)^2} \right)^{1/3} + 2^{2/3} (1 + i \sqrt{3}) (-9 p_{22}^2 r_1 r_2^2 + 27 p_{22}^3 r_1 r_2^2 - 18 p_{22}^4 r_1 r_2^2 + 18 p_{22}^2 r_2^3 - 72 p_{22}^3 r_2^3 + 108 p_{22}^4 r_2^3 - 72 p_{22}^5 r_2^3 + 16 p_{22}^6 r_2^3 + \sqrt{r_2^3 (-4 ((3 - 9 p_{22} + 6 p_{22}^2) r_1 + (3 - 12 p_{22} + 18 p_{22}^2 - 12 p_{22}^3 + 4 p_{22}^4) r_2))^3 + p_{22}^4 r_2 (9 (1 - 3 p_{22} + 2 p_{22}^2) r_1 - 2 (9 - 36 p_{22} + 54 p_{22}^2 - 36 p_{22}^3 + 8 p_{22}^4) r_2)^2} \right)^{1/3} \right] \right\}$

In[*]:= **sol2 /. ex /. p22 → 0.23 / 0.8**

Out[*]:= $\left\{ \{ p_{12} \rightarrow -0.207107 \}, \{ p_{12} \rightarrow 1.20711 \}, \{ p_{12} \rightarrow -0.196053 \}, \{ p_{12} \rightarrow 0.908553 \}, \{ p_{12} \rightarrow 0.866963 - 5.55112 \times 10^{-17} i \}, \{ p_{12} \rightarrow -0.185879 - 2.77556 \times 10^{-17} i \}, \{ p_{12} \rightarrow 0.329662 + 1.11022 \times 10^{-16} i \} \right\}$

In[]:= **eq = FullSimplify[term1 - term2]**

$$\text{Out[]} = \frac{1}{4} \left(r1 + \frac{4 p12 (-1 + p12 + p22) r2}{-1 + p22} + \frac{1}{r1 - 4 (-1 + p12) p12 r2} (r1^2 + r1 (-1 + (-4 (-1 + p12) p12 + (1 - 2 p22)^2) r2) + 4 p12 r2 (-1 + p12 + r2 + 4 (-1 + p22) p22 r2 + p12 (-1 + 4 p22) r2)) \right)$$

In[]:= **eq3 = FullSimplify[e3]**

$$\text{Out[]} = (r1 - 4 (-1 + p12) p12 r2) (p12^2 / (-p12^2 r1 + (-1 + p22)^2 (-1 + 2 p22) r1 + 4 p12 (-1 + p12 + p22) (1 + p12^2 - (3 + p12) p22 + 2 p22^2) r2) + ((-1 + 2 p12 + p22) (r1 - 4 (-1 + p12) p12 r2)) / ((-1 + 2 p12 + p22) r1^2 - 8 p12 (2 p12^2 + p12 (-3 + p22) - (-1 + p22) (1 + p22^2)) r1 r2 + 16 p12^2 (-1 + p12 + p22) (1 + 2 p12^2 + p22^2 - p12 (3 + p22)) r2^2) = 0$$

In[]:= **NSolve[{eq == 0 /. ex, eq3 /. ex}, {p12, p22}]**

$$\text{Out[]} = \left\{ \left\{ p22 \rightarrow -28924.1 + 18543.2 i, p12 \rightarrow -0.249998 + 9.81706 \times 10^{-7} i \right\}, \right. \\ \left\{ p22 \rightarrow -0.0311394 + 0.265623 i, p12 \rightarrow -0.211592 + 0.0051594 i \right\}, \\ \left\{ p22 \rightarrow -0.0311394 - 0.265623 i, p12 \rightarrow -0.211592 - 0.0051594 i \right\}, \\ \left\{ p22 \rightarrow -0.0311394 + 0.265623 i, p12 \rightarrow -0.211592 + 0.0051594 i \right\}, \\ \left\{ p22 \rightarrow 0.457912, p12 \rightarrow 0.153829 \right\}, \left\{ p22 \rightarrow 0.457912, p12 \rightarrow 0.153829 \right\}, \\ \left\{ p22 \rightarrow 0.7153 + 0.205041 i, p12 \rightarrow 0.151828 - 0.155807 i \right\}, \\ \left\{ p22 \rightarrow 0.7153 - 0.205041 i, p12 \rightarrow 0.151828 + 0.155807 i \right\}, \\ \left\{ p22 \rightarrow 1.84182, p12 \rightarrow 1.94225 \right\}, \left\{ p22 \rightarrow 0.5, p12 \rightarrow 0.5 \right\}, \left\{ p22 \rightarrow 0.5, p12 \rightarrow 0.5 \right\}, \\ \left\{ p22 \rightarrow 0.117486 - 0.930047 i, p12 \rightarrow 1.17003 + 0.720353 i \right\}, \\ \left\{ p22 \rightarrow 0.117486 + 0.930047 i, p12 \rightarrow 1.17003 - 0.720353 i \right\}, \\ \left. \left\{ p22 \rightarrow 1.59697, p12 \rightarrow -0.816608 \right\} \right\}$$