# Designing comparative experiments using R (Chris Brien and Sam Rogers)

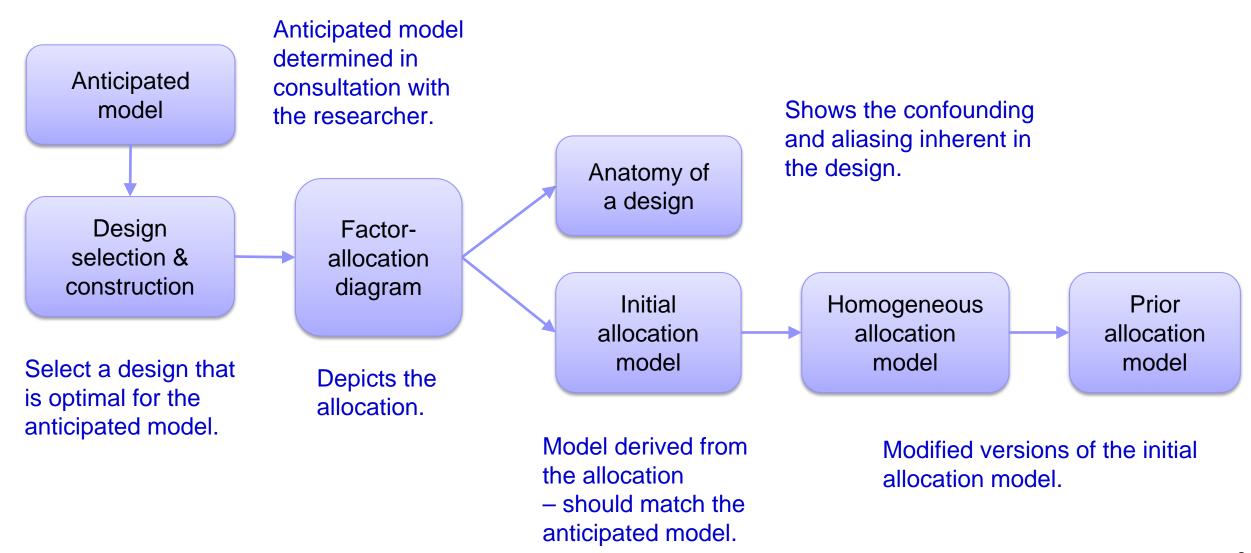
II. Nonorthogonal experimental design

#### **Outline**

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- Using the concepts for unbalanced designs.
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- 6. Systematic allocation and pseudoreplication.
- Summary of confounding and aliasing.

#### Recall the paradigm for designing experiments

(Brien, 2017)



#### 1. Designing nonorthogonal experiments

- For nonorthogonal experiments, getting the initial systematic design is generally more difficult than for orthogonal experiments.
  - Cannot just deploy a standard known design;
  - Will demonstrate a number of approaches.
- Our dae friends, designRandomize and designAnatomy, play the same role as for orthogonal experiments. (designRandomize is not used for spatial designs.)
- How do we know that the design that we have is good?
  - Design optimality is the answer.
  - > There is A-, D-, C-, E-, G-, M- and S-optimality. Which one?

#### **Design optimality**

- For comparative experiments, A-optimality is the favoured optimality criterion.
  - The definition of A-optimality is that it minimizes the total variance of the predictions or Prediction Error Variance (PEV) (Kiefer, 1959)
  - > The PEV is the same as the average variance of pairwise differences (AVPD):
    - when terms to be optimized (e.g. Treatments) are fixed;
    - not when the terms to be optimized are random.
    - when the residual model is not iid i.e. correlated residuals are OK.
- Often suggested that minimum AVPD is the criterion of choice for comparative experiments.
  - So they will be A-optimal if the terms to be optimized are fixed;
  - But what if the terms to be optimized are random?
    - Is AVPD appropriate for random factors?
    - Given the effects are random, conducting inference on a pair of differences is not meaningful.
    - So PEV seems a reasonable measure, but it is not the same as AVPD; nonetheless AVPD is used.
- As previously mentioned, often fixed-model A-optimal designs are sought for comparative experiments:
  - > All model terms are assume fixed, except the residuals.

#### 2. Using the concepts for balanced designs

- Suppose have 20 plots arranged in a grid of 4 rows x 5 columns.
- We want to assign 5 lines to the 20 plots.
- Again, what design to use?
  - Completely Randomized CRD,
  - > Randomized Complete or Incomplete Block (RCBD or IBD), or
  - Youden Square Design (YSD) (an LSD is impossible)?
- Already know that, irrespective of the design:
  - > the unit factors are Rows, Columns and the treatment factor is Lines.
- Suppose that Row and Column differences are probable.
- What is the anticipated model?
  - Lines + Rows + Columns | Rows:Columns same as for an LSD

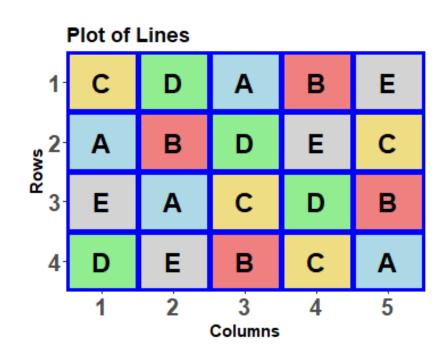
#### 2(a) Row and Column differences likely in 4 x 5 grid

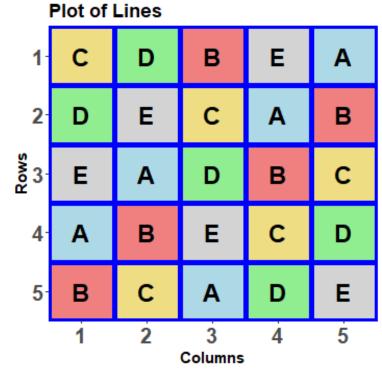
- Need a design that allows for Row and Column main effects.
  - Are Rows and Columns crossed or nested? Why?
    - Crossed because expect consistent differences between Rows and between Columns.
- YSD is a design that is optimal for this model:
  - Construct by taking a Latin square and omitting a row.
- Use of designRandomize (and designLatinSqrSys) to get a design:

```
b < -4
t <- 5
> #'## Construct a systematic layout and obtain the randomized layout
> YSD.sys <- cbind(fac.gen(list(Rows=b, Columns=t)),</pre>
                    Lines = factor(designLatinSqrSys(t)[1:(b*t)],_labels = LETTERS[1:t]))
> YSD.lay <- designRandomize(allocated = YSD.sys["Lines"],</pre>
                              recipient = YSD.sys[c("Rows", "Columns")],
                               seed
                                         = 95332)
> #'## Output the layout
                                                                        Generate Latin square,
> YSD.lay
                                                                        but take only first 20 of
                                            Extract column subsets
                                                                        25 values (4 rows x 5
                                            Of data frames.
                                                                        columns).
```

#### YSD.lay

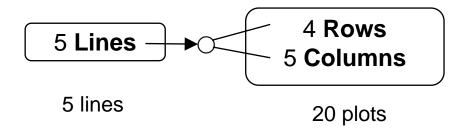
	Rows	Columns	Lines
1	1	1	C
2	1	2	D
3	1	3	A
4	1	4	В
5	1	5	E
6	2	1	A
7	2	2	В
8	2	3	D
9	2	4	E
10	2	5	C
11	3	1	E
12	3	2	A
13	3	3	C
14	3	4	D
15	3	5	В
16	4	1	D
17	4	2	E
18	4	3	В
19	4	4	C
20	4	5	A





#### The initial allocation-based mixed model

■ The factor allocation diagram is:

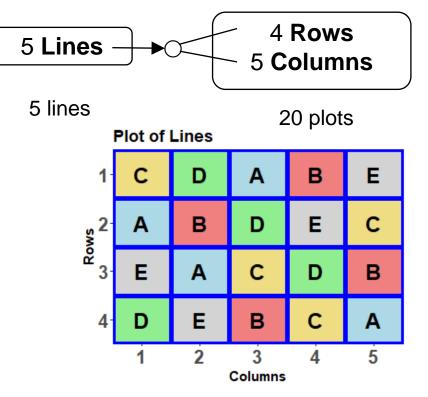


■ From the factor allocation diagram, the initial allocation model is:

- This model and the anticipated model are different here Rows and Columns are random.
- The Rows and Columns terms could be moved to the fixed model to form a homogeneous allocation model,
  - which in turn may become the prior allocation model.

#### Working out the confounding

- What are the recipient (unit) sources?
  - > Rows, Columns & Rows#Columns
- Lines will be confounded with which recipient (unit) sources?
  - > With Columns & Rows#Columns (cf. LSD).



- Can determine this by investigating the relationships between two sets of projectors, those for lines and those for plots:
  - > one source projector for each term in the initial allocation model;
  - ightharpoonup { $\mathbf{Q}_{L}$ } and { $\mathbf{P}_{R}$ ,  $\mathbf{P}_{C}$ ,  $\mathbf{P}_{R\#C}$ }.
- Require the eigenvalues of **PQ**<sub>L</sub>**P** for all 3 **P**s.
- They are calculated and statistical summaries of them are tabulated by designAnatomy.

#### Check properties using designAnatomy

Summary table of the decomposition for plots & lines (based on adjusted quantities)

Source.plots df1 Source.lines df2 aefficiency eefficiency order
Rows 3

Columns	4 Lines	4	0.0625	0.0625	1
Rows#Columns	12 Lines	4	0.9375	0.9375	1

Residual 8

The design is not orthogonal

but the **order** is one and so the design is balanced

For the first time,

- Lines occurs twice in an analysis;
- > neither the aefficiency nor the eefficiency are 1;
- Lines is partially confounded with two sources.

#### The design's properties

Summary table of the decomposition for plots & lines (based on adjusted quantities)

```
Source.plots df1 Source.lines df2 aefficiency eefficiency order Rows 3

Columns 4 Lines 4 0.0625 0.0625 1

Rows#Columns 12 Lines 4 0.9375 0.9375 1

Residual 8
```

#### The design is not orthogonal

- All 4 df for Lines are confounded with both Columns and Rows#Columns;
- None are confounded with Rows.

- Thus there are 4 nonzero eigenvalues for  $P_CQ_LP_C$  and for  $P_{RC}Q_LP_{RC}$ :
  - $\rightarrow$  For  $P_CQ_1P_C$ , all are 0.0625 (1/16);
  - ightharpoonup For  $P_{RC}Q_{L}P_{RC}$ , all are 0.9375 (15/16);
  - ➤ Being 1<sup>st</sup>-order balanced, the efficiencies sum to 1.
- 15/16 of the information for Lines is confounded with Rows#Columns.
  - ➤ Generally, prefer the intrablock or intrarow-intracolumn efficiency to be greater than, say, 0.75.

#### To combine or not combine information?

- Lines, being confounded with Columns and with Rows#Columns, there are available two estimates of the Lines effects:
  - > It is expected that those estimated from Columns differences would have greater variability than those estimated from Rows#Columns. Why?
- Should these two sets of estimates be combined?
  - ➤ In this case, not a lot would be lost by relying on the intrarow-intracolumn estimates: actually, only 1/16 of the information.
  - > The advantage is that the more variable inter-column estimates do not contaminate the less variable intrarow-intracolumn estimates.
- In the context of mixed modelling,
  - > The combined estimates are produced when Columns is random.
  - > The intrarow-intracolumn estimates are produced when Columns is fixed.
  - > That is, in deciding whether Columns is fixed or random, consider whether intrablock or combined estimates of Lines are required.

#### What if you don't know what design to use here?

- Look up Cochran and Cox (1957) [C&C] but they are called incomplete Latin squares, or use agicolae (De Mendiburu, 2019).
  - However, you have to know what you the design that you need.
- Use computer searching: CycDesigN, SAS or od.
  - Both the standalone software CycDesigN and the R package od (Butler, 2019) search for a design that minimizes the average variance of pairwise differences (AVPD).
    - CycDesigN searches for fixed-model A-optimal designs;
    - od searches for mixed-model A-optimal designs;
  - Provided the terms being optimized (treatments) are fixed, these designs are A-optimal because the AVPD equals the PEV.
    - Otherwise, they may not be A-optimal.
  - > The harmonic mean of the efficiency factors, the A-efficiency, is proportional to the PEV when the only random term is the residual (or identity) term.
  - SAS searches for a D-optimal design.
    - Minimizes the volume of the confidence ellipsoid of estimates (not necessarily A-optimal).
    - The product of the reciprocals of the efficiency factors is minimized.
    - o D-optimal designs are used when response curve parameters are to be estimated.

#### Using od to obtain an optimal design

- The od function has the following arguments:
  - > fixed, random and residual are formulae for specifying the mixed model.
  - permute is a formula with a single term that is to be optimized by swapping values for the term between rows of its design matrix.
  - > swap is a formula for specifying a term for restricting the permutes to be within its levels.
  - search specifying a search strategy: random, tabu (records rejected designs), randomwalk (as for random, but accepts a non-improving design with proability P) and tabu+rw (combined).
  - maxit gives the number of tabu loops or random interchanges.
  - start.values allows one to specify the values of variance parameters, without beginning a search.
  - data is a data.frame containing an initial design (obligatory as used to resolve terms in formulae).

#### Using od to obtain an optimal 4 x 5 grid design

```
> #'### Initialize with a randomized RCBD layout
> R4C5.ini <- cbind(fac.gen(list(Rows=b, Columns=t)),</pre>
                    Lines = factor(rep(1:t, times = b), labels = LETTERS[1:t]))
> R4C5.ini <- designRandomize(allocated = R4C5.ini["Lines"],</pre>
                              recipient
                                                 = R4C5.ini[c("Rows", "Columns")],
                              nested.recipients = list(Columns = "Rows"),
                                                 = 7851)
                              seed
> #'### Get the od design
> R4C5.od <- od(fixed = ~ Rows + Columns + Lines,
                permute = ~ Lines,
                search = "tabu", maxit = 25,
                        = R4C5.ini)
                data
Done set up; elapsed = 0.00
Initial A-value = 0.952475 (5 A-equations; rank C 4)
A-value after tabu loop 1 is 0.569492
                                          > R4C5.lay <- R4C5.od$design
                                          > #'### Independently calculate the A-measure
A-value after tabu loop 2 is 0.558333
                                           > (designAmeasures(mat.Vpredicts(target = ~ Lines -1,
A-value after tabu loop 3 is 0.533333
                                                                        fixed = ~ Rows + Columns,
. . .
                                                                        design = R4C5.lay)))
A-value after tabu loop 25 is 0.533333
                                                   a11
Hash table size 30
                                          all 0.5333333
Final A-value after 25 tabu iterations: 0.533333
Done optimise; elapsed = 0.02
                                                   ■ The AVPD for the row-column design (0.53)
```

is almost half that for the RCBD (0.95).

#### The od design

```
> #'### Randomize design according to the plots structure
> R4C5.lay <- designRandomize(allocated = R4C5.lay["Lines"],
+ recipient = R4C5.lay[c("Rows", "Columns")],
+ seed = 65460)</pre>
```

- > This randomization ensures a valid randomization.
  - o That is, a randomization that is randomly selected from all possible randomizations.

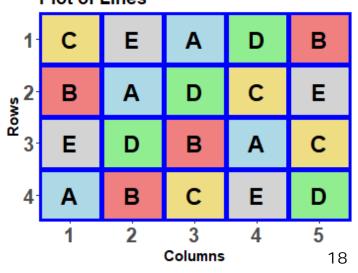
No change in the AVPD.

#### The anatomy of the od design

```
> #'### Check properties of the od layout
> R4C5.canon <- designAnatomy(formulae = list(plots = ~ Rows*Columns,
                                               lines = ~ Lines).
+
                              data
                                        = R4C5.lay)
> summary(R4C5.canon)
Summary table of the decomposition for plots & lines (based on adjusted quantities)
 Source.plots df1 Source.lines df2 aefficiency eefficiency order
Rows
                3
Columns
                4 Lines
                                         0.0625
                                                     0.0625
                                                                      Plot of Lines
Rows#Columns 12 Lines
                                         0.9375
                                                     0.9375
                  Residual
The design is not orthogonal
```

Same as the Youden square anatomy.

Each treatment occurs in 4 out of 5 columns and so the design is a YSD.



#### Can choose the wrong starting design

permute = ~Lines, search = "tabu", :

Disconnected design of order 4

```
> #'## Try a starting design in which row-column randomization is used on a systematic design
> R4C5.ini <- designRandomize(allocated = data.frame(Lines =
                                                         factor(rep(1:t, times = b),
+
                                                                labels = LETTERS[1:t])),
                              recipient = list(Rows=b, Columns=t)
                                                                    Plot of Lines
                                        = 95332)
                              seed
                                                                                     В
> #'### Get the od design
> R4C5.od <- od(fixed = ~ Rows + Columns + Lines,
                permute = ~ Lines,
+
                                                                              Columns
                                                At least some DF for the fixed permute term
                search = "tabu", maxit = 25,
                                                   are confounded with other fixed terms:
                        = R4C5.ini)
                data
                                                    > All DF Lines with Columns here;
Done set up; elapsed =
                        0.00
                                                Solution:
Error in od(fixed = ~Rows + Columns + Lines,
```

- Choose a connected design (full Lines of at least partially confounded with Rows#Columns.
- Or, use a mixed model (not here).

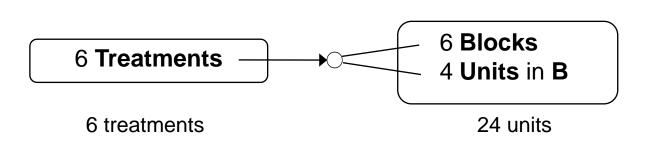
#### Some points to remember in using od

- The treatment terms cannot be confounded with fixed unit terms:
  - > e.g. Lines confounded with Columns.
- od does not necessarily produce a properly randomized design:
  - > That is, one randomly selected from all possible randomizations;
  - > Can use designRandomize after od when independent errors are assumed.
- The computed A-value (AVPD) can be checked, or the value under an alternative model calculated, with designAmeasures(mat.Vpredicts(...)).
  - > mat.Vpredicts calculates the predictions variance matrix and designAmeasures calculates the AVPD from the matrix.
- Some, but only some, designs are optimal under both fixed and random units terms:
  - > orthogonal, balanced (incomplete-) block, (most generalized) Youden square and the lattice square designs are A-optimal under fixed and mixed models. 20

#### 3. Using the concepts for unbalanced designs

## 3(a) A partially balanced incomplete-block design (PBIBD) from C&C (p.379)

- This design is suitable for a situation in which:
  - > the number of treatments is 6,
  - > each treatment is to be replicated 4 times,
  - the anticipated model is Treatments | Blocks + Blocks:Units, and
  - > the number of units per block restricted to 4.



	Blocks														
Units	I	Ш	Ш	IV	V	VI									
1	1	2	3	4	5	6									
2	4	5	6	1	2	3									
3	2	3	1	5	6	4									
4	5	6	4	2	3	1									

#### **PBIBD** randomized layout

```
> #'## Input the systematic design
> b <- 6
> k < - 4
> t <- 6
> PBIBD2.sys <- cbind(fac.gen(list(Blocks = b, Units = k)),
                      Treatments = factor(c(1,4,2,5,
+
                                            2,5,3,6,
                                            3,6,1,4,
                                            4,1,5,2,
                                            5,2,6,3,
                                            6,3,4,1)))
> #'## Randomize the systematic design
> PBIBD2.lay <- designRandomize(allocated</pre>
                                                  = PBIBD2.sys["Treatments"],
                                recipient
                                                  = PBIBD2.sys[c("Blocks", "Units")],
+
                                nested.recipients = list(Units = "Blocks"),
                                seed
                                                   = 98177)
```

#### **PBIBD** properties

```
>#'## Compute the anatomy
> PBIBD2.canon <- designAnatomy(formulae = list(unit = ~ Blocks/Units,
                                                trt = ~ Treatments),
+
                                         = PBIBD2.lay)
+
                                data
 summary(PBIBD2.canon, which.criteria = c('aeff', 'xeff', 'eeff','order', 'dforth'))
Summary table of the decomposition for unit & trt (based on adjusted quantities)
Source.unit df1 Source.trt df2 aefficiency xefficiency eefficiency order dforthog
Blocks
                 5 Treatments
                                       0.2500
                                                   0.2500
                                                               0.2500
                                2
                                                                          1
                                                                                   0
                   Residual
                                3
                                       0.8824
Units[Blocks]
               18 Treatments
                                                   1.0000
                                                               0.7500
                   Residual
                               13
```

The design is not orthogonal

- What are the eigenvalues for P<sub>BU</sub>Q<sub>L</sub>P<sub>BU</sub>?
  - > Three are one and two are 0.75 for a harmonic mean of 0.8824.
- That 88% of Lines information confounded with Units[Blocks] is good₂₃

#### **PBIBD** with unique Units levels

```
AUnits = All Units
> PBIBD2.lay$AUnits <- with(PBIBD2.lay, fac.combine(list(Blocks,Units)))</pre>
> levels(PBIBD2.lay$AUnits)
    "1" "2" "3" "4" "5" "6" "7" "8" "9" "10" "11" "12" "13" "14" "15" "16" "17" "18"
[19] "19" "20" "21" "22" "23" "24"
> #'### Blocks + AUnits
> PBIBD2U.canon <- designAnatomy(formulae = list(unit = ~ Blocks + AUnits,
                                                 trt = ~ Treatments),
+
                                          = PBIBD2.lay)
+
                                 data
> summary(PBIBD2U.canon, which.criteria = c('aeff', 'xeff', 'eeff','order', 'dforth'))
Summary table of the decomposition for unit & trt (based on adjusted quantities)
Source.unit
               dfl Source.trt df2 aefficiency xefficiency eefficiency order dforthog
Blocks
                  5 Treatments
                                        0.2500
                                                    0.2500
                                                                0.2500
                                                                           1
                                                                                    0
                    Residual
AUnits[Blocks] 18 Treatments
                                        0.8824
                                                    1.0000
                                                                0.7500
                                                                                    3
                    Residual
                                13
The design is not orthogonal
> #'### Blocks/AUnits
> PBIBD2U.canon <- designAnatomy(formulae = list(unit = ~ Blocks/AUnits,
                                                                              Produces exactly the
                                                      = ~ Treatments),
+
                                                 trt
                                                                              same anatomy.
                                          = PBIBD2.lay)
                                 data
```

#### Using od to get an A-optimal design

Done optimise; elapsed = 0.02

```
> #'### Initialize with a randomized layout
> PBIBD.ini <- cbind(fac.gen(list(Blocks=b, Units=k)),</pre>
                     Treatments = factor(rep(1:t, times = b*k/t), labels = LETTERS[1:t]))
+
> PBIBD.ini <- designRandomize(allocated = PBIBD.ini["Treatments"],</pre>
                              recipient = PBIBD.ini[c("Blocks", "Units")],
                               nested.recipients = list(Units = "Blocks"),
+
                               seed
                                                 = 4794)
> #'### Get the od design
                                                   > (designAmeasures(
> PBIBD.od <- od(fixed = ~ Blocks + Treatments,
                                                       mat.Vpredicts(target = ~ Treatments -1,
                permute = ~ Treatments,
                                                                     fixed = ~ Blocks,
                                                   +
                search = "tabu", maxit = 25,
                                                                     design = PBIBD2.lay)))
                data = PBIBD.ini)
                                                             all
Done set up; elapsed = 0.00
                                                   all 0.5666667
Initial A-value = 0.566667 (6 A-equations; rank C 5)
A-value after tabu loop 1 is 0.559487
A-value after tabu loop 2 is 0.559487
                                                                 AVPD for C&C design.
A-value after tabu loop 3 is 0.559487
Final A-value after 25 tabu iterations: 0.559487
```

#### PBIBD od randomization

#### PBIBD od design properties

```
> #'### Check properties of the od layout
> PBIBD.canon <- designAnatomy(formulae = list(plots = ~ Blocks/Units,
                                                      = ~ Treatments),
+
                               data
                                        = PBIBD.lay)
> summary(PBIBD.canon, which.criteria = c('aeff', 'xeff', 'eeff', 'order', 'dforth'))
Summary table of the decomposition for plots & trts (based on adjusted quantities)
 Source.plots df1 Source.trts df2 aefficiency xefficiency eefficiency order dforthog
Blocks
                                        0.0937
                                                     0.1875
                                                                 0.0625
                 5 Treatments
                   Residual
Units[Blocks]
                18 Treatments
                                        0.8937
                                                     1.0000
                                                                 0.8125
                                                                            3
                                                                                      1
                   Residual
                                13
```

The design is not orthogonal

- The od design is (nearer) A-optimal, with
  - > a higher A-efficiency than the PBIBD2 (0.8937 versus 0.8824),
  - three rather than two different efficiency factors,
  - the range of the efficiency value is less (min of 0.75 versus 0.8125).

This shows that, in contrast to a BIBD, a PBIBD of order 2 is not necessarily A-optimal.

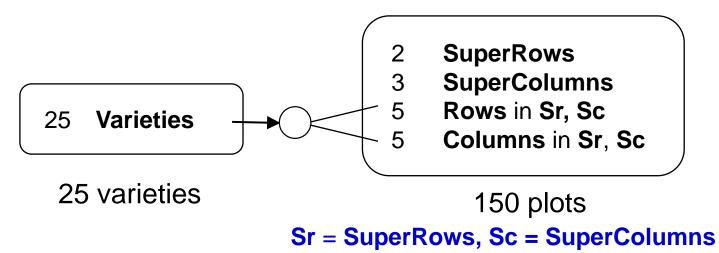
Which one to use?

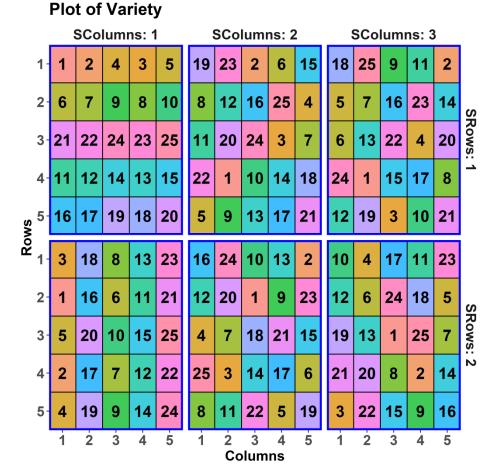
- The PBIBD2 will have only 2SEM values and so 3 SEDs.
- The od design would have 6 SEDs, but they would cover a narrower range.

More than A-value to consider.

#### 3(b) A wheat experiment (Gilmour et al., 1995)

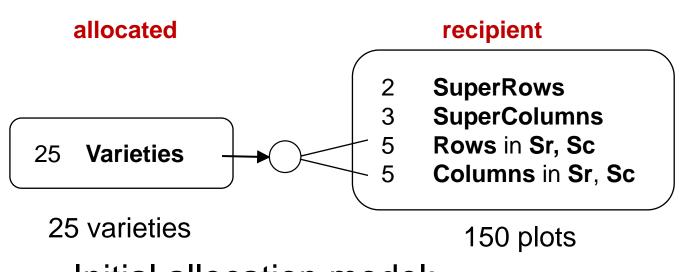
- Investigates 25 varieties of wheat.
- $\blacksquare$  A balanced lattice square on a 10  $\times$  15 grid from C&C.
- Six reps, each 5 rows × 5 columns
- It is an example in the asrem1 manual, and the asremlPlus manual and the Wheat vignette: vignette(package = 'asremlPlus').
- Factor-allocation diagram

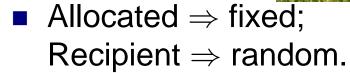




How is this design to be randomized? 28

### The wheat experiment — models





Take all combinations of the factors within a panel, subject to the restriction that a nested factor cannot occur without its nesting factor.
A randomization model

- Initial allocation model:
  - > Varieties | SRows + SColumns + SRows:SColumns + SRows:SColumns:Pows + SRows:SColumns:Columns

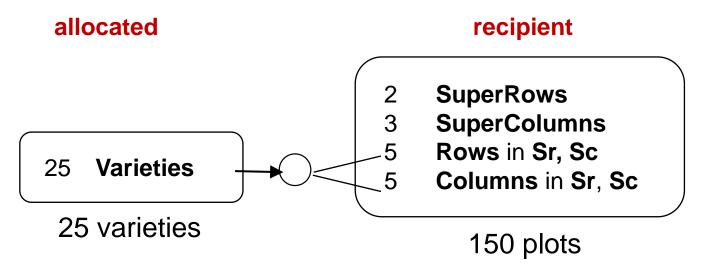
SRows:SColumns:Rows + SRows:SColumns:Columns +

SRows:SColumns:Rows:Columns.

An identity (or residual) term
– it uniquely indexes the units.

- The balanced lattice square is A-optimal for this model.
- No term for differences between whole rows and whole columns, because not randomized by them.
  - o If had, then structure (SRows/Rows) \* (SColumns/Columns), not (SRows\*SColumns) / (Rows\*Columns).

#### The wheat experiment – models (revised)



- Initial allocation model:
  - Varieties | SRows\*SColumns + SRows:SColumns:Rows + SRows:SColumns:Columns + SRows:SColumns:Rows:Columns.

nugget variance

- Homogeneous allocation model:
  - Might make SRows\*SColumns fixed.
- Prior allocation model:
  - Varieties | SRows\*SColumns + SRows:SColumns:Rows + SRows:SColumns:Columns + ar1(SRows:Rows):ar1(SColumns:Columns).
- The prior allocation model is not a randomization model, but a randomizationbased model.

spatial residual

#### The wheat experiment - properties

Based on initial or homogeneous allocation model, with SRows\*SColumns combined.

```
> Wheat.canon <- designAnatomy(formulae = list(units = ~ (SRows:SColumns)/(Rows*Columns),</pre>
                                                   trt
                                                          = ~ Variety),
                                 data
                                           = Wheat.dat)
> summary(Wheat.canon, which.criteria = c("aeff", "order"))
Summary table of the decomposition for units & trt (based on adjusted quantities)
 Source.units
                                df1 Source.trt df2 aefficiency order
 SRows: SColumns
                                                                          However, Gilmour et al.
 Rows[SRows:SColumns]
                                 24 Variety
                                                  24
                                                           0.1667
                                                                          (1995) and Butler et al.
 Columns[SRows:SColumns]
                                 24 Variety
                                                  24
                                                           0.1667
                                                                          (2018) have ignored
 Rows#Columns[SRows:SColumns]
                                 96 Variety
                                                  24
                                                           0.6667
                                                                          SRows:SColumns (Reps).
                                     Residual
                                                  72
                                                                          What happens?
The design is not orthogonal
> Wheat.RC.canon <- designAnatomy(formulae = list(units = ~ ARows*AColumns,
                                                              = ~ Variety),
                                                      trt
                                                                          ARow = SRows: Rows; (A = AII)
                                     data
                                               = Wheat.dat)
                                                                          AColumn = SColumns: Columns.
> summary(Wheat.RC.canon)
Summary table of the decomposition for units & trt (based on adjusted quantities)
                df1 Source.trt df2 aefficiency eefficiency order Not randomization-based:
Source.units
                                                                     1 > Pushes down the 53 DF of the
                                                         0.1667
                   9 Variety
                                           0.1667
 ARows
                                    8
                                                                        first 3 sources from the lattice:
                     Residual
                                                                          into all units sources:
                  14 Variety
                                                         0.1667
 AColumns
                                   12
                                           0.1667

    some in ARow#ACol Residual.

                     Residual
                                                                    18 More Variety information
                                   24
 ARows#AColumns 126 Variety
                                           0.8452
                                                         0.6732
                                                                         confounded with Row#Col, but<sup>31</sup>...
                     Residual
                                  102
```

#### A-optimality of the design

- The resolved design has the advantage that SRows\*Scolumns (Replicate) differences do not contribute to the variability of the Varieties.
- It is the A-optimal resolved design.
- It is not the A-optimal row-column design, i.e. under the model:
  - ARows + AColumns + Varieties | Rows:Columns.
- Nor is it A-optimal for the prior allocation model with :
  - Varieties | SRows\*SColumns + SRows:SColumns:Rows + SRows:SColumns:Columns + units + ar1(SRows:Rows):ar1(SColumns:Columns).
- For these alternative models, use od to search for (near) A-optimal designs.

## 3(c) A Plant Accelerator (PA) design

- Split-unit design from od.
- 75 lines assigned to main units (2 carts) using a blocked, row-column design:
  - > 6 blocks of 4 Lanes;
  - 21 NAM lines (blue) on4 main units each;
  - 52 NAM lines (grey) on3 main units each;
  - Scout & Gladius (green) on 12 main units each.
- 2 Conditions randomized to pairs of carts (not shown).

Layout of Lines for optimized design

24-	27	27	53	53	57	57	60	60	6	6	10	10	9	9	4	4	75	75	17	17	29	29
23-	67	67	1	1	14	14	5	5	34	34	71	71	23	23	75	75	74	74	73	73	50	50
22-	40	40	69	69	48	48	31	31	68	68	52	52	75	75	39	39	70	70	36	36	43	43
21-	15	15	2	2	61	61	62	62	45	45	12	12	21	21	74	74	56	56	66	66	8	8
20-	60	60	71	71	5	5	74	74	74	74	20	20	64	64	46	46	30	30	41	41	15	15
19-	24	24	3	3	75	75	4	4	55	55	1	1	56	56	57	57	12	12	75	75	42	42
18-	75	75	35	35	37	37	47	47	51	51	36	36	66	66	9	9	34	34	2	2	53	53
17-	22	22	13	13	58	58	72	72	11	11	44	44	43	43	67	67	28	28	65	65	7	7
16-	5	5	39	39	31	31	49	49	75	75	74	74	32	32	18	18	13	13	46	46	62	62
15-	23	23	27	27	65	65	48	48	8	8	14	14	33	33	73	73	47	47	70	70	24	24
14-	63	63	55	55	16	16	25	25	22	22	45	45	19	19	26	26	21	21	71	71	12	12
s 13-		72	7	7	69	69	44	44	41	41	30	30	35	35	20	20	10	10	59	59	37	37
12-	45	45	25	25	40	40	32	32	5	5	7	7	62	62	19	19	11	11	14	14	75	75
11-	61	61	58	58	34	34	18	18	10	10	17	17	52	52	72	72	3	3	29	29	59	59
10-	54	54	26	26	20	20	53	53	38	38	60	60	22	22	6	6	46	46	16	16	1	1
9-	2	2	74	74	35	35	75	75	43	43	9	9	74	74	21	21	50	50	74	74	33	33
8-		10	41	41	7	7	66	66	42	42	15	15	54	54	24	24	1	1	19	19	6	6
7-	73	73	75	75	56	56	3	3	70	70	58	58	25	25	65	65	38	38	28	28	17	17
6-	51	51	21	21	59	59	67	67	48	48	39	39	11	11	50	50	49	49	63	63	14	14
5-	74	74	64	64	74	74	8	8	18	18	32	32	16	16	68	68	61	61	4	4	13	13
4-	30	30	68	68	18	18	40	40	4	4	16	16	42	42	54	54	75	75	27	27	49	49
3-	64	64	29	29	51	51	17	17	33	33	75	75	74	74	12	12	31	31	37	37	63	63
2-	3	3	23	23	52	52	2	2	69	69	8	8	57	57	44	44	15	15	38	38	20	20
1-	6	6	47	47	13	13	11	11	36	36	19	19	28	28	55	55	26	26	9	9	74	74
	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2

**Positions** 

#### The anticipated model

Zones-MainPositions cell

- Zones + Lines + Conditions +
   Lines:Conditions |
   MainPositions +
   Zones:MainPositions +
   Zones:MainPositions:Rows +
   Zones:MainPositions:Rows:Carts.
  - Zones are the blocks of 4 Lanes;
  - MainPositions are the columns of pairs of carts;
  - Rows are the 4 lanes within a Zone;
  - Zones:MainPositions:Rows are the main units.
  - Carts are the pairs of Carts within a Zones:MainPositions:Rows combination; they are the sub-units.

	Layout of Lines for optimized design																						
2	24	27	27	53	53	57	57	60	60	6	6	10	10	9	9	4	4	75	75	17	17	29	29
2	23-	67	67	1	1	14	14	5	5	34	34	71	71	23	23	75	75	74	74	73	73	50	50
	22	40	40	69	69	48	48	31	31	68	68	52	52	75	75	39	39	70	70	36	36	43	43
2	21	15	15	2	2	61	61	62	62	45	45	12	12	21	21	74	74	56	56	66	66	8	8
2	20-	60	60	71	71	5	5	74	74	74	74	20	20	64	64	46	46	30	30	41	41	15	15
•	19-	24	24	3	3	75	75	4	4	55	55	1	1	56	56	57	57	12	12	75	75	42	42
•	18-	75	75	35	35	37	37	47	47	51	51	36	36	66	66	9	9	34	34	2	2	53	53
•	17-	22	22	13	13	58	58	72	72	11	11	44	44	43	43	67	67	28	28	65	65	7	7
•	16-	5	5	39	39	31	31	49	49	75	75	74	74	32	32	18	18	13	13	46	46	62	62
•	15-	23	23	27	27	65	65	48	48	8	8	14	14	33	33	73	73	47	47	70	70	24	24
	14-	63	63	55	55	16	16	25	25	22	22	45	45	19	19	26	26	21	21	71	71	12	12
_anes	13-	72	72	7	7	69	69	44	44	41	41	30	30	35	35	20	20	10	10	59	59	37	37
Ľ	12-	45	45	25	25	40	40	32	32	5	5	7	7	62	62	19	19	11	11	14	14	75	75
	11-	61	61	58	58	34	34	18	18	10	10	17	17	52	52	72	72	3	3	29	29	59	59
•	10-	54	54	26	26	20	20	53	53	38	38	60	60	22	22	6	6	46	46	16	16	1	1
	9-	2	2	74	74	35	35	75	75	43	43	9	9	74	74	21	21	50	50	74	74	33	33
	8-	10	10	41	41	7	7	66	66	42	42	15	15	54	54	24	24	1	1	19	19	6	6
	7-	73	73	75	75	56	56	3	3	70	70	58	58	25	25	65	65	38	38	28	28	17	17
	6-	51	51	21	21	59	59	67	67	48	48	39	39	11	11	50	50	49	49	63	63	14	14
	5-	74	74	64	64	74	74	8	8	18	18	32	32	16	16	68	68	61	61	4	4	13	13
	4-	30	30	68	68	18	18	40	40	4	4	16	16	42	42	54	54	75	75	27	27	49	49
	3-	64	64	29	29	51	51	17	17	33	33	75	75	74	74	12	12	31	31	37	37	63	63
	2-	3	3	23	23	52	52	2	2	69	69	8	8	57	57	44	44	15	15	38	38	20	20
	1-	6	6	47	47	13	13	11	11	36	36	19	19	28	28	55	55	26	26	9	9	74	74
		23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14 F	13 Posit	12 tion	11 s	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	3 <b>2</b>

#### Check properties of the PA design

```
> PA.canon <- designAnatomy(formulae = list(carts = ~ (Zones*MainPositions)/Rows/Carts,
                                                  trts = ~ Lines * Conditions),
+
                               data = PA.lay)
 summary(PA.canon, which=c("aeff", "eeff", "order", "dfor"))
Summary table of the decomposition for carts & trts (based on adjusted quantities)
Source.carts
                                df1 Source.trts
                                                     df2 aefficiency eefficiency order dforthog
                                  5 Lines
                                                              0.1497
                                                                          0.1254
                                                                                     5
 Zones
MainPositions
                                 10 Lines
                                                      10
                                                              0.2101
                                                                          0.1724
                                                                                    10
Zones#MainPositions
                                 50 Lines
                                                              0.1209
                                                                                    50
                                                      50
                                                                          0.0193
Rows[Zones:MainPositions]
                                198 Lines
                                                      74
                                                              0.6764
                                                                          0.2746
                                                                                    66
                                                                                              9
                                    Residual
                                                     124
Carts[Zones:MainPositions:Rows] 264 Conditions
                                                              1.0000
                                                                          1.0000
                                                                                     1
                                                                                              1
                                    Lines#Conditions
                                                              1.0000
                                                                          1.0000
                                                                                             74
                                                     74
                                    Residual
                                                     189
```

The design is not orthogonal

- > The information about Lines confounded with Rows[Zones:MainPositions] is low.
  - However, all 74 df for Lines confounded with it and so Lines is connected.
- It is anticipated that the differences between MainPositions can be described in terms of a linear trend across MainPositions and that Zones: MainPositions can be ignored.
  - o Could optimize for linear trend by replacing MainPositions with a centred numeric covariate, say xMainPosn.
  - This tends to push extra replicates to the first and last MainPositions, which is not optimal for curved trends.
  - So optimize for factor MainPositions and check properties for numeric covariate xMainPosn.

#### Linear trend across MainPositions

Replace 11 MainPositions with 44 MainUnits and include a covariate.

```
> PA.xMainPosn.canon <- designAnatomy(list(cart=~ Zones/MainUp/its/Carts,</pre>
                                                 treat=~ xMainPosn + Lines * Conditions),
+
                                           data = PA.lay)
  summary(PA.xMainPosn.canon, which=c("aeff", "eeff", "order", "dfor"))
Summary table of the decomposition for cart & treat (based on adjusted quantities)
Source.cart
                       df1 Source.treat
                                            df2 aefficiency eefficiency order dforthog
                         5 Lines
                                              5
                                                     0.1500
                                                                 0.1255
Zones
Mainunits[Zones]
                       258 xMainPosn
                                                     1.0000
                                                                 1.0000
                           Lines
                                             74
                                                     0.9879
                                                                 0.8217
                                                                                    69
                           Residual
                                            183
Carts[Zones:Mainunits] 264 Conditions
                                                     1.0000
                                                                 1.0000
                                                                                     1
                           Lines#Conditions
                                                                 1.0000
                                                                                    74
                                            74
                                                     1.0000
                           Residual
                                            189
                                                                              Clearly, Lines is not
```

(at least 82%; on average 98.8%).

Table of (partial) aliasing between sources derived from the same formula

Source df Alias In aefficiency eefficiency order dforthog Lines 74 xMainPosn treat 0.9960 0.7687 2 73 Lines#Conditions 149 xMainPosn treat 0.9980 0.7687 2 148

Clearly, Lines is not orthogonal to a linear trend in **xMainPosn**. The aliasing is moderate (23% of one Lines df is lost).

The design is not orthogonal

More importantly the majority of the rest of the information about Lines, is available from Rows[Zones:MainPositions] (main units);

# Using od to get a design — initial main-unit design

Zones-MainPositions cell

- Aim to balance between 6 Zones the numbers of
  - RILs (1:21) replicated 4 times (blue),
  - > Parents (74:75) replicated 12 times (green),
  - > RILs (22:73) replicated 3 times (grey).

> b <- 6

> r < -4

```
> c <- 11
> maxit <-25
> search <- "tabu"
> main.sys <- cbind(fac.gen(list(Zones = b, Rows = r, MainPositions = c)),</pre>
                    Lines = factor(c(1:14, 74:75, 74:75, 22:47,
                                                                         #Z1
                                      15:21, 1:7, 74:75, 74:75, 48:73,
                                                                         #Z2
                                      8:21, 74:75, 74:75, 22:47,
                                                                         #Z3
                                      1:14, 74:75, 74:75, 48:73,
                                                                         #Z4
                                      15:21, 1:7, 74:75, 74:75, 22:47,
                                                                         #Z5
                                      8:21, 74:75, 74:75, 48:73)))
                                                                         #Z6
```

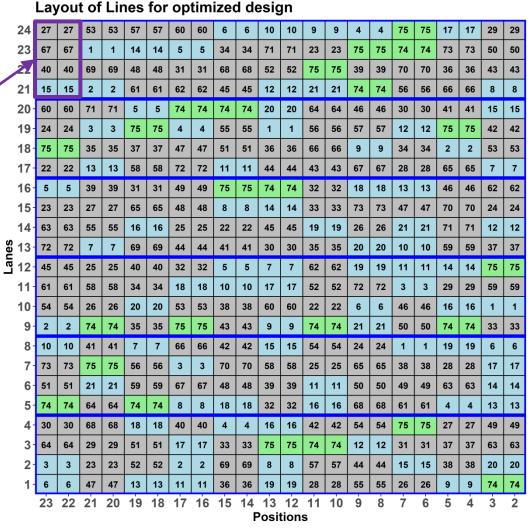
Systematic main-unit layout of Lines

The balancing is not essential, but an attempt to ensure that a balanced design is considered.

## Recall the anticipated model

ZonesMainPositions cell

- Zones + Lines + Conditions +
   Lines:Conditions |
   MainPositions + Zones:MainPositions +
   Zones:MainPositions:Rows +
   Zones:MainPositions:Rows:Carts.
- Several random terms.
  - By default od assumes that the variance component for Zones:MainPositions:Rows:Carts is one and the rest are 0.1 times it.
    - That is, other than the residual, the components are small.
    - Suppose this is OK, except that MainPositions is likely to be 0.5.
    - Zones fixed is equivalent to assuming that the variance component is infinite.



### Using od to set variance parameters for the mainunit design

```
> #'### Set variance parameters
> main.ini <- od(fixed = ~ Zones + Lines,</pre>
                  random = ~ MainPositions + Zones:(Rows + MainPositions),
                  permute = ~ Lines,
                 start.values = TRUE,
                  data = main.sys)
                                                            With this argument, returns an object
> vp.table <- main.ini$vparameters.table <
                                                            that includes a variance parameter table.
> vp.table$Value[1] <- 0.5</pre>
> (vp.table)
            Component Value
        MainPositions
1
                         0.5
                         0.1
           Zones:Rows
                                                 MainPositions will be set
 Zones: MainPositions
                         0.1
                                                 to 0.5, as desired.
              units!R
                         1.0
```

#### Using od to get a near-A-optimal main-unit design

```
> #'### Optimize
> main.od <- od(fixed = ~ Zones + Lines,</pre>
                random = ~ MainPositions + Zones:(Rows + MainPositions),
+
                permute = ~ Lines,
                maxit = maxit, search = search,
                G.param = vp.table,
                                                        Need to supply the variance parameter
                data = main.svs)
                                                        table to the G.param argument.
Done set up; elapsed =
                         0.00
Initial A-value = 1.035331 (75 A-equations; rank C 74)
A-value after tabu loop 1 is 0.707094
A-value after tabu loop 2 is 0.706797
A-value after tabu loop 3 is 0.706732
. . .
A-value after tabu loop 25 is 0.706413
Hash table size 678
Final A-value after 25 tabu iterations: 0.706413
Done optimise; elapsed = 4.65
> main.lay <- main.od$design</pre>
```

# How does the mixed-model design compare with a fixed-model design for the mixed model?

```
> main.fix.od <- od(fixed = ~ Zones*MainPositions + Zones:Rows + Lines,</pre>
                    permute = ~ Lines,
                    maxit = maxit, search = search,
                    data = main.sys)
Done set up; elapsed =
                         0.00
Initial A-value = 1.664428 (75 A-equations; rank C 73)
A-value after tabu loop 1 is 0.929683
A-value after tabu loop 25 is 0.912422
Hash table size 555
Final A-value after 25 tabu iterations: 0.912422
Done optimise; elapsed = 4.62
> #'### Calculate A-measure under mixed model
> main.fix.lay <- main.fix.od$design</pre>
> designAmeasures(mat.Vpredicts(target = ~ Lines - 1,
                                 fixed = \sim Zones -1,
                                 random = ~ MainPositions + Zones:(Rows + MainPositions) - 1,
                                 G = as.list(vp.table$Value[-4]),
                                 design = main.fix.lay))
          all
                        This compares with 0.706043, and is 1.06 times the mixed-model design.
all 0.7455769
                        The sed would only be slightly inflated (3%).
```

#### Expand the main-unit design to a split-unit design

```
> #'### Expand main-unit design to add Carts with Conditions
> PA.sys <- cbind(fac.gen(list(Zones = b, Rows = r, MainPositions = c, Carts = 2)),
                  data.frame(Lines
                                         = factor(rep(main.lay$Lines, each=2), levels=1:75),
                             Conditions = factor(rep(1:2, times=264),
                                                      labels = c('0 NaCl','100 NaCl'))))
 #'### Randomize the whole design
> PA.lay <- designRandomize(allocated = PA.sys[c("Lines", "Conditions")],</pre>
                                                                                             Repermute
                            recipient = PA.sys[c("Zones", "Rows", "MainPositions",
                                                      "Carts")],
                                                                                            Rows
                            nested.recipients = list(Rows = c("Zones", "MainPositions"),
                                                      Carts = c("Zones", "Rows",
                                                                 "MainPositions")),
                            seed = 51412)
> PA.lay <- cbind(fac.gen(list(Lanes = nlanes, Positions = posns)),
                  PA.lay)
                                                                         Permute Carts within
> #'### Add factors and variates
                                                                          Zones-Rows-MainPositions Cell
> PA.lay <- within(PA.lay,
                    xMainPosn <- as.numfac(MainPositions)</pre>
                    xMainPosn <- -(xMainPosn - mean(xMainPosn))</pre>
                    MainUnits <- fac.combine(list(Rows, MainPositions))</pre>
```

### 4. Summary of constructing nonorthogonal designs

- More difficult to identify the systematic design for a nonorthogonal design.
  - Not just a matter of using a standard, well-known design.
- Still use designRandomize to ensure a valid randomization and designAnatomy to check the properties of any design.
- For this, it remains necessary to:
  - Divide factors based on allocation of factors (as well as fixed/random).
  - Identify the crossing and nesting, which depends not only on the innate relationships, but also the model employed to account for anticipated variation.
- Numeric covariates introduce partial aliasing (nonorthogonality between allocated terms).

#### **Degrees of balance**

- Three degrees of balance have been encountered in the designs presented:
  - 1. Orthogonal, and so balanced: all canonical efficiency factors (nonzero eigenvalues) are one;
  - 2. Balanced, but nonorthogonal: some canonical efficiency factors are not one, however, they take just one value for (i) any recipient source or (ii) any allocated source when confounded with a particular recipient source.
  - 3. Unbalanced and so must be nonorthogonal: the canonical efficiency factors for at least one source of type (i) or (ii) above take more than one value.
- As we go down this list:
  - the degree of balance decreases and the complexity of the analysis increases;
- One of the great advantages of balanced designs is that all the standard errors of estimates of contrasts for a source of type (ii) will be equal.
  - All contrasts are treated equally.
  - Easier to present the results.
  - However, not always achievable.

#### Identifying an optimal design

- Several methods available for selecting an optimal design:
  - Deploy a standard design, like a randomized complete-block or split-unit design, known to be optimal
    - designRandomize can be used to obtain layouts for these.
  - Manually constructing a design, including the use of design keys for factorial experiments (Patterson & Bailey, 1978), given enough knowledge of combinatorics.
  - Consult a catalogue of designs (e.g. Cochran and Cox, 1957; Hinkelmann & Kempthorne, 2005; agricolae, de Mendiburu, 2019).
  - Computer generation of designs:
    - CycDesigN, od, SAS, JMP.

### 5. What happens when there is missing data?

- Suppose the 18<sup>th</sup> plot in the YSD is lost.
- How does this affect the design's properties?

Need an **NA** for the plot, but cannot have an **NA** for **designAnatomy**.

Plot of Lines

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#### The anatomy for a missing value

```
> summary(YSD.miss1.canon, which.criteria = c("aeff", "xeff", "eeff", "order"))
Summary table of the decomposition for plots & lines (based on adjusted quantities)
 Source.plots dfl Source.lines df2 aefficiency xefficiency eefficiency order
Rows
                3 Lines
                                         0.0500
                                                     0.0500
                                                                  0.0500
                                                                             1
                  Residual
 Columns
                4 Lines
                                         0.0444
                                                     0.1968
                                                                  0.0189
Rows#Columns
               11 Lines
                                         0.8948
                                                     0.9663
                                                                  0.7681
                                                                             3
                  Residual
Table of (partial) aliasing between sources derived from the same formula
 Source df Alias In
                        aefficiency xefficiency eefficiency order
 Columns 4 Rows plots
                              0.9870
                                          1.0000
                                                      0.9500
                                      Columns is not orthogonal to Rows;
                                      it is partially aliased with Rows;
The design is not orthogonal
```

Columns is orthogonalized to Rows,

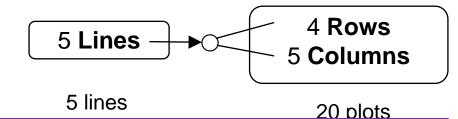
losing 1.3% in the process.

#### The anatomy for a missing value

```
> summary(YSD.miss1.canon, which.criteria = c("aeff", "xeff", "eeff", "order"))
Summary table of the decomposition for plots & lines (based on adjusted quantities)
 Source.plots df1 Source.lines df2 aefficiency xefficiency eefficiency order
                3 Lines
                                          0.0500
                                                      0.0500
                                                                   0.0500
Rows
                  Residual
                                         0.0444
                                                      0.1968
 Columns
                4 Lines
                                                                   0.0189
Rows#Columns
               11 Lines
                                          0.8948
                                                      Q.9663
                                                                   0.7681
                  Residual
The design is not orthogonal
                                                                 Lines confounding is no
                                                                 longer balanced.
                                                       Nor is it orthogonal to Rows.
```

Less Lines information confounded with Rows#Columns (cf 0.9375 for the YSD).

### Confounding versus aliasing



Summary table of the decomposition for plots & lines (based on adjusted quantities) Source.plots df1 Source.lines df2 aefficiency xefficiency eefficiency order 3 Lines 0.0500 0.0500 0.0500 Rows 1 Residual 4 Lines 0.1968 0.0189 3 Columns 0.0444 Rows#Columns 11 Lines 0.8948 0.9663 0.7681 3 Residual

```
Table of (partial) aliasing between sources derived from the same formula

Source df Alias In aefficiency xefficiency eefficiency order

Columns 4 Rows plots 0.9870 1.0000 0.9500 2
```

- Aliasing refers to nonorthogonality between sources in the same tier (panel):
  - > i.e. both allocated or both recipient sources; e.g. Rows and Columns.
- Confounding refers to nonorthogonality between sources from different tiers (panels):
  - > i.e. an allocated and a recipient source; e.g. Lines and Rows.

#### Confounding versus aliasing

- Confounding and aliasing are about the relationships between sources.
- An allocated (recipient) source can be aliased or partially aliased with another allocated (recipient) source.
  - An aliased source is one that when the term for it is fitted, there is no information about its source available.
  - A partially aliased source only loses some of its information to sources for previously fitted terms, e.g. Columns is partially aliased with Rows.
  - Aliasing is to be avoided if possible, although sometimes it is purposefully employed (e.g. alias potentially small three-factor treatment interactions with treatment main effects in fractional factorial experiments).
- An allocated source can be confounded or partially confounded with a recipient source.
  - It is confounded with a recipient source when all information about it is associated with that recipient source.
  - If only part of the information is associated with the recipient source, then it is partially confounded with the recipient source.
  - Confounding or partial confounding is unavoidable in experiments.
  - Confounding is preferred to partial confounding, if it is achievable (and provided there is a Residual for the recipient source).

#### **Confounding examples**

#### Confounding

> summary(RCBD.canon)

In an RCBD, Lines is confounded with Columns[Rows], i.e. all information about Lines is associated with the recipient source Columns[Rows].

```
Source.plots df1 Source.lines df2 aefficiency eefficiency order Rows 3 Columns[Rows] 20 Lines 4 1.0000 1.0000 1 Residual 16
```

#### Partial Confounding

Source.plots	df1	Source.lines	df2	aefficiency	xefficiency	eefficiency	order
Rows	3	Lines	1	0.0500	0.0500	0.0500	1
		Residual	2				
Columns	4	Lines	4	0.0444	0.1968	0.0189	3
Rows#Columns	11	Lines	4	0.8948	0.9663	0.7681	3
		Residual	7				

In a YSD with a missing value, Lines is partially confounded with Rows, Columns and Columns [Rows], i.e. some information about Lines is associated with all recipient sources.

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#### A missing treatment

How does a missing treatment affect the properties of the design?

```
> #'## Set up a layout with a missing Line
> YSD.missA.lay <- YSD.lay
> YSD.missA.lay$Lines[YSD.missA.lay$Lines == "A"] <- NA</pre>
```

#### The anatomy for a missing treatment

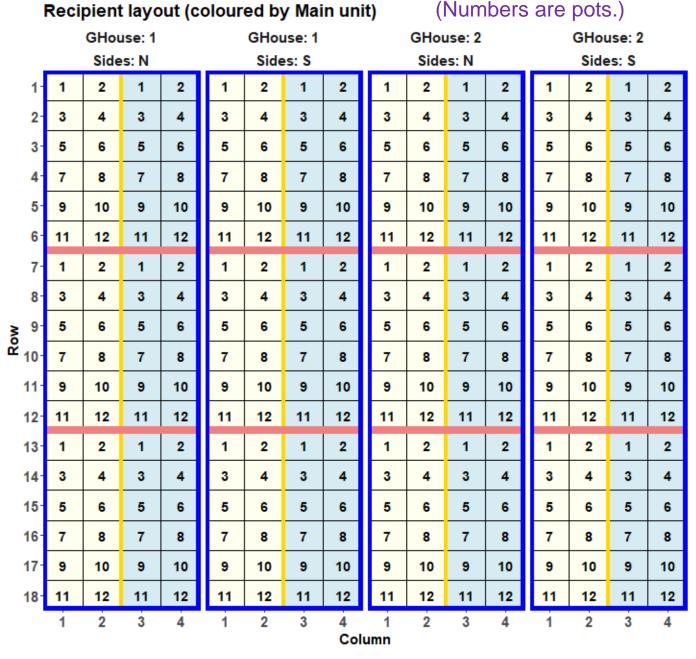
```
> #'## Get the anatomy of the layout
> YSD.missA.canon <- designAnatomy(formulae = list(plots = ~ Rows*Columns,</pre>
                                                    lines = ~ Lines).
+
                                   data = na.omit(YSD.missA.lay))
+
> summary(YSD.missA.canon, which.criteria = c("aeff", "xeff", "eeff", "order"))
Summary table of the decomposition for plots & lines (based on adjusted quantities)
 Source.plots df1 Source.lines df2 aefficiency xefficiency eefficiency order
Rows
Columns
                4 Lines
                                        0.0909
                                                     0.0909
                                                                 0.0909
                  Residual
Rows#Columns
                8 Lines
                                        0.9091
                                                     0.9091
                                                                 0.9091
                  Residual
                                                                            What has been the
Table of (partial) aliasing between sources derived from the same formula
                                                                            effect of the
 Source df Alias In
                        aefficiency xefficiency eefficiency order
                                                                            missing treatment?
Columns 4 Rows plots
                             0.9362
                                         1.0000
                                                      0.9167
                                                                 2
```

### 6. Systematic allocation and pseudoreplication

- It happens that randomization is not always desirable or possible.
- A grapevine experiment is to be run in two greenhouses:
  - One greenhouse is to be kept at ambient temperature and the other is to be cooled;
  - Of the two greenhouses, one is naturally warmer than the other and so needs to be the warm greenhouse.
  - > So randomization is not desirable.
- Within each greenhouse, two salinity treatments (control and saline) are to be applied to 12 varieties.
- The combinations of Heat, Salinity and Varieties are to be replicated 6 times.

### **Grapevine design**

- Within each greenhouse:
  - There are 2 Sides (blue rectangles), with 6 main units per Side (pink and yellow lines separates main units).
  - A split-unit design is to be used to assign
    - Salinities to main units;
    - Varieties to 12 pots (subunits) in each main unit.
  - > Split-unit design because:
    - Large differences between Salinities;
    - Variety differences are the most important.



#### **Grapevine design**

#### Anticipated model:

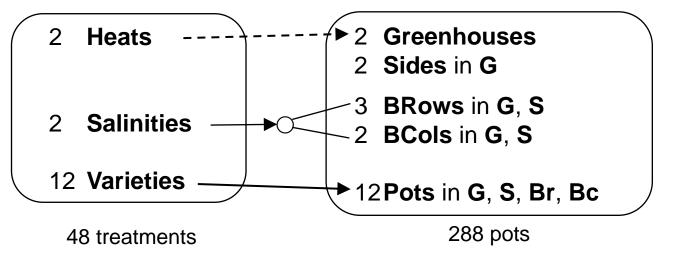
Heat \* Salinity \* Varieties | Ghouses + Ghouses:Sides +

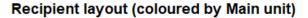
Ghouses:Sides:BRows +

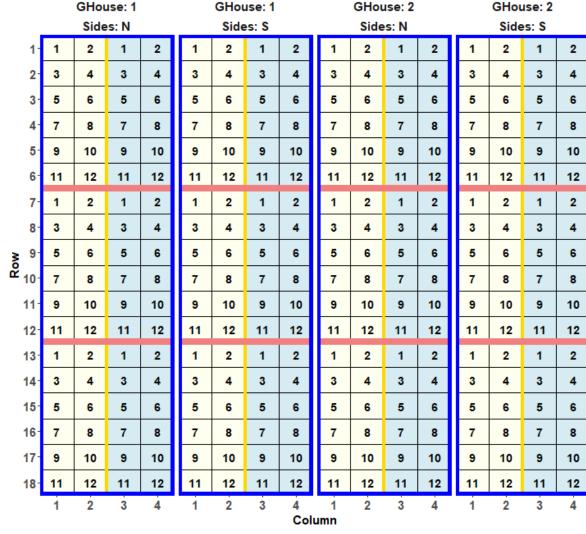
Ghouses:Sides:BCols +

Main units Ghouses:Sides:Brows:BCols +

Subunits Ghouses: Sides: Brows: Bcols: Pots.







Main.unit 1 2

To balance Salinity, a  $3 \times 2$  extended Latin square design, based on  $2 \times 2$  Latin squares is to be used in each Side.

# Generating the systematic design in R

Generate Heat and Varieties in standard order; the 12 works as if a factor with 12 levels occurs in this position. 2 Heats
2 Greenhouses
2 Sides in G
3 BRows in G, S
2 BCols in G, S
12 Varieties
12 Pots in G, S, BR, BC
48 treatments
2 Greenhouses
2 Sides in G
3 BRows in G, S
2 BCols in G, S

Generate the recipient factors indexing the pots.

Salinity has to be assigned using Extended Latin Squares (ELS).

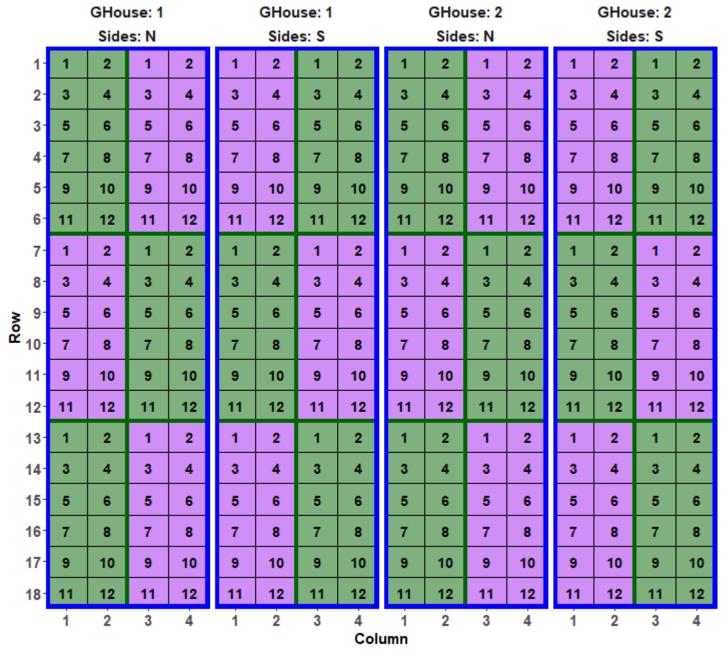
Two Latin squares with different starting rows.

Pair of ELS designs repeated twice, one for each GHouse.

# Systematic grapevine design

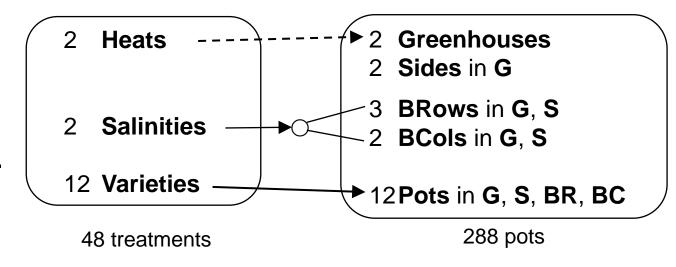
Numbers are Varieties.

#### Systematic layout (coloured by Salinity)



# Randomizing the grapevine design

- Use designRandomize from dae to randomize the systematic layout.
  - The randomization is determined by the nesting relationships between the recipient factors.



The except option allows the generation of a design, in which Heat is systematically allocated, while Salinity and Lines are randomized.

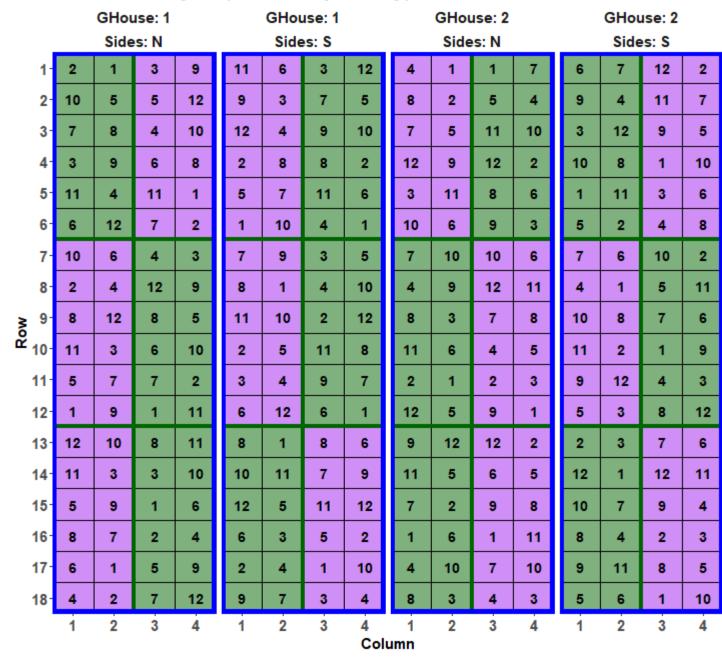
The nested.recipients specifies the nesting shown in the pots panel; factors not nested are assumed to be crossed.

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### **Grapevine design**

- Warm has been systematically assigned to the first Greenhouse.
- Within a Side there are 2 columns (BCols) of main units:
  - One has 2 main units with Control and the other 2 with Na.
- A complete set of the 12 Varieties is randomized within each main unit.

#### Greenhouse layout (coloured by Salinity)



#### Properties of the grapevine design

Matches the nested.recipients

```
> split.canon <- designAnatomy(formulae = list(tests = ~ GHouse/Sides/(BRows*BCols)/Pots,</pre>
                                                 cond = ~ Heat*Salinity*Varieties),
                                data = split.lay)
> summary(split.canon, which.criteria=c("aeff", "order"))
Summary table of the decomposition for tests & cond (based on adjusted quantities)
                                                              df2 aefficiency order
 Source, tests
                                 df1 Source.cond
                                                                        1.0000
GHouse
                                   1 Heat
 Sides[GHouse]
                                   2
BRows[GHouse:Sides]
                                   8
BCols[GHouse:Sides]
                                   4 Salinity
                                                                        0.1111
                                     Heat#Salinity
                                                                        0.1111
                                     Residual
 BRows#BCols[GHouse:Sides]
                                   8 Salinity
                                                                        0.8889
                                                                        0.8889
                                     Heat#Salinity
                                     Residual
                                                                6
 Pots[GHouse:Sides:BRows:BCols] 264 Varieties
                                                                        1.0000
                                                               11
                                                                                   1
                                     Heat#Varieties
                                                               11
                                                                        1.0000
                                                                                   1
                                     Salinity#Varieties
                                                               11
                                                                        1.0000
                                     Heat#Salinity#Varieties
                                                               11
                                                                        1.0000
                                     Residual
                                                              220
```

Heat is confounded with GHouse, an effect of the pseudoreplication.

Salinity (& Heat#Salinity) are not orthogonal, but most information is confounded with Brows#Bcols[GH:S]. (Design property)

All Varieties effects are orthogonal.

The design is not orthogonal

But all orders are one and so it is balanced.

#### Prior allocation model for the grapevine design

Summary table of the decomposition for tests & cond (based on adjusted quantities)

Source.tests	df1	Source.cond		aefficiency	order		
GHouse	1	Heat	1	1.0000	1		
Sides[Ghouse]	2						
BRows[GHouse:Sides]							
BCols[GHouse:Sides]	4	Salinity	1	0.1111	1		
		Heat#Salinity	1	0.1111	1		
		Residual	2				
BRows#BCols[GHouse:Sides]	8	Salinity	1	0.8889	1		
		Heat#Salinity	1	0.8889	1		
		Residual	6				
Pots[GHouse:Sides:BRows:BCols]	264	Varieties	11	1.0000	1		
		Heat#Varieties	11	1.0000	1		
		Salinity#Varieties	11	1.0000	1		
		Heat#Salinity#Varieties	11	1.0000	1		
		Residual	220				
The design is not orthogonal							

The confounding of Heat and GHouse, is exhaustive in that all GHouse information is mixed up with Heat differences (there is no Residual GHouse Residual).

That is Heat and GHouse are inextricably mixed up together so that one cannot say which part of any difference associated with either factor is due one or other of the factors. It means that the initial allocation model will not fit.

To have a prior allocation model that will fit, one of GHouse and Heat must be removed.

#### Prior allocation model for the grapevine design

GHouse is the obvious choice so that Heat and its interactions are retained.

Heat \* Salinity \* Varieties | Ghouses + Ghouses: Sides + Ghouses: Sides: BRows

+ Ghouses:Sides:BCols + Ghouses:Sides:Brows:BCols + Ghouses:Sides:Brows:Bcols:Pots.

Summary table of the decomposition for tests & cond (based on adjusted quantities)

Source.tests	df1	Source.cond	df2	aefficiency	order
GHouse:Sides	3	Heat	1	1.0000	1
		Residual	2		
BRows[GHouse:Sides]	8				
BCols[GHouse:Sides]	4	Salinity	1	0.1111	1
		Heat#Salinity	1	0.1111	1
		Residual	2		
BRows#BCols[GHouse:Sides]	8	Salinity	1	0.8889	1
		Heat#Salinity	1	0.8889	1
		Residual	6		
Pots[GHouse:Sides:BRows:BCols]	264	Varieties	11	1.0000	1
		Heat#Varieties	11	1.0000	1
		Salinity#Varieties	11	1.0000	1
		Heat#Salinity#Varieties	11	1.0000	1
		Residual	220		

This model is a "model of convenience": it gives a fit.
However, it does not contain all the pertinent sources of variation in the experiment.

This revised anatomy shows that Sides variability will be used for judging overall Heat differences; this is very likely to be an underestimate of the variability affecting Heat differences.

### 7. Summary of confounding and aliasing

- In comparative experiments,
  - > there is always some confounding; and
  - there may be some aliasing.
- All allocation, be it systematic, haphazard, spatial or randomized, results in confounding:
  - > designAnatomy does not distinguish between different types of allocation.
  - Properly replicated treatments can be systematically allocated.
    - The danger with systematic replication is that it will be confounded with any systematic trends associated with the factors to which it is allocated.
- Pseudoreplication manifests as exhaustive confounding.
- Numeric covariates introduce partial aliasing (nonorthogonality between allocated terms).
- Missing values introduce partial aliasing and confounding.

# Practical session for *Nonorthogonal experimental* design in R

- 1. Using dae and od to obtain randomized layouts for orthogonal designs.
  - An alpha design
  - ii. A BIBD.
  - iii. A nonorthogonal row-column design for a Casuarina trial.
  - iv. A 25-line wheat experiment from Gilmour et al. (1995).
  - v. A small environmental experiment.
- 2. Again, you have only to follow the script that has been given.
- 3. There are some questions for you to answer about each design.

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