If each of the factors A, B, and C has two levels, then there are $2^3 = 8$ possible factor-level combinations, listed below.

We now define the respective main effects:

$$A_{\text{main}} = \frac{1}{4} \left[(\overline{abc} - \overline{bc}) + (\overline{ab} - \overline{b}) + (\overline{ac} - \overline{c}) + (\overline{a} - \overline{1}) \right]$$

$$B_{\text{main}} = \frac{1}{4} \left[(\overline{abc} - \overline{ac}) + (\overline{ab} - \overline{a}) + (\overline{bc} - \overline{c}) + (\overline{b} - \overline{1}) \right]$$

$$C_{\text{main}} = \frac{1}{4} \left[(\overline{abc} - \overline{ab}) + (\overline{ac} - \overline{a}) + (\overline{bc} - \overline{b}) + (\overline{c} - \overline{1}) \right]$$

The two-way interactions are given by

$$AB = \frac{1}{4} \left[\left\{ (\overline{abc} - \overline{bc}) - (\overline{ac} - \overline{c}) \right\} + \left\{ (\overline{ab} - \overline{b}) - (\overline{a} - \overline{1}) \right\} \right]$$

$$BC = \frac{1}{4} \left[\left\{ (\overline{abc} - \overline{ac}) - (\overline{ab} - \overline{a}) \right\} + \left\{ (\overline{bc} - \overline{c}) - (\overline{b} - \overline{1}) \right\} \right]$$

$$AC = \frac{1}{4} \left[\left\{ (\overline{abc} - \overline{bc}) - (\overline{ab} - \overline{b}) \right\} + \left\{ (\overline{ac} - \overline{c}) - (\overline{a} - \overline{1}) \right\} \right]$$

Finally, we define the three-way interaction:

ABC =
$$\frac{1}{4} \left[\left\{ (\overline{abc} - \overline{bc}) - (\overline{ac} - \overline{c}) \right\} - \left\{ (\overline{ab} - \overline{b}) - (\overline{a} - \overline{1}) \right\} \right]$$

General model for a three-factor design:

$$Y_{ijkl} = \mu + \alpha_i + \beta_j + \tau_k + (\alpha\beta)_{ij} + (\alpha\tau)_{ik} + (\beta\tau)_{jk} + (\alpha\beta\tau)_{ijk} + \varepsilon_{ijkl}$$

where

$$i=1,\ldots,a$$
 indexes the levels of first factor (factor A) $j=1,\ldots,b$ indexes the levels of second factor (factor B) $k=1,\ldots,c$ indexes the levels of third factor (factor C) $l=1,\ldots,n_{ijk}$ indexes plots / observations (within each factor combination) $\varepsilon_{ijkl} \sim \text{i.i.d.} \ \mathcal{N}(0,\sigma_{\varepsilon}^2)$ corresponds to plot error / within group variation

ANOVA table

Source	df	SS
A	a-1	SSA
В	b-1	SSB
\mathbf{C}	c-1	SSC
AB	(a-1)(b-1)	SSAB
AC	(a-1)(c-1)	SSAC
BC	(b-1)(c-1)	SSBC
ABC	(a-1)(b-1)(c-1)	SSABC
Error	abc(n-1)	SSError
Total	abcn - 1	SSTotal

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where:

$$SSTotal = \sum_{ijkl} (\bar{y}_{ijk} - \bar{y}_{...})^{2}$$

$$SSError = \sum_{ijkl} (y_{ijkl} - \bar{y}_{ijk.})^{2}$$

$$SSA = bcn \sum_{i=1}^{a} (\bar{y}_{i...} - \bar{y}_{....})^{2}$$

$$SSB = acn \sum_{j=1}^{b} (\bar{y}_{.j..} - \bar{y}_{....})^{2}$$

$$SSC = abn \sum_{k=1}^{c} (\bar{y}_{..k.} - \bar{y}_{....})^{2}$$

$$SSAB = cn \sum_{i=1}^{a} \sum_{j=1}^{b} (\bar{y}_{ij..} - \bar{y}_{i...} - \bar{y}_{.j..} + \bar{y}_{....})^{2}$$

$$SSAC = bn \sum_{i=1}^{a} \sum_{k=1}^{c} (\bar{y}_{i.k.} - \bar{y}_{i...} - \bar{y}_{..k.} + \bar{y}_{....})^{2}$$

$$SSBC = an \sum_{j=1}^{b} \sum_{k=1}^{c} (\bar{y}_{.jk.} - \bar{y}_{.j..} - \bar{y}_{..k.} + \bar{y}_{....})^{2}$$

$$SSABC = n \sum_{ijkl} (\bar{y}_{ijk.} - \bar{y}_{ij..} - \bar{y}_{..k.} - \bar{y}_{.jk.} + \bar{y}_{....})^{2}$$

and

$$\bar{y}_{i\cdots} = \frac{1}{bcn} \sum_{jkl} y_{ijkl}, \quad \bar{y}_{\cdot j\cdots} = \frac{1}{acn} \sum_{ikl} y_{ijkl}, \quad \bar{y}_{\cdot \cdot k\cdot} = \frac{1}{abn} \sum_{ijl} y_{ijkl},$$

$$\bar{y}_{ij\cdots} = \frac{1}{cn} \sum_{kl} y_{ijkl}, \quad \bar{y}_{i\cdot k\cdot} = \frac{1}{bn} \sum_{jl} y_{ijkl}, \quad \bar{y}_{\cdot \cdot jk} = \frac{1}{an} \sum_{il} y_{ijkl},$$

$$\bar{y}_{ijk\cdot} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{l} y_{ijkl}, \quad \bar{y}_{\cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot} = \frac{1}{abcn} \sum_{ijkl} y_{ijkl},$$

Note that if we assume $\sum_i \alpha_i = 0$, $\sum_j \beta_j = 0$, $\sum_k \tau_k = 0$, $\sum_i (\alpha \beta)_{ij} = 0$ for each j, $\sum_j (\alpha \beta)_{ij} = 0$ for each i, and similar for $(\alpha \tau)_{ik}$, $(\beta \tau)_{jk}$ and $(\alpha \beta \tau)_{ijk}$, then

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \hat{\alpha}_{i} & = & \bar{y}_{i}... - \bar{y}.... \\ \hat{\beta}_{j} & = & \bar{y}_{\cdot j}.. - \bar{y}.... \\ \hat{\tau}_{k} & = & \bar{y}_{\cdot \cdot k}. - \bar{y}.... \\ (\widehat{\alpha\beta})_{ij} & = & \bar{y}_{ij}.. - \bar{y}_{i}... - \bar{y}_{\cdot j}.. + \bar{y}.... \\ (\widehat{\alpha\tau})_{ik} & = & \bar{y}_{i \cdot k}. - \bar{y}_{i}... - \bar{y}_{\cdot \cdot k}. + \bar{y}.... \\ (\widehat{\beta\tau})_{jk} & = & \bar{y}_{\cdot jk}. - \bar{y}_{\cdot j}.. - \bar{y}_{\cdot \cdot k}. + \bar{y}.... \\ (\widehat{\alpha\beta\tau})_{ijk} & = & \bar{y}_{ijk}. - \bar{y}_{ij}.. - \bar{y}_{i \cdot k}. - \bar{y}_{\cdot jk}. + \bar{y}_{i}... + \bar{y}_{\cdot \cdot j}.. + \bar{y}_{\cdot \cdot \cdot k}. - \bar{y}_{\cdot \cdot ..} \end{array}$$