

# Cost-effective Experimental Design

## Overview

This is an R Markdown document. For further clarification of this code, read " Design and Sampling Plan Optimization for RT-qPCR Experiments in Plants: A Case Study in Blueberry" by Die, Roman, Flores and Rowland (in preparation).

## 0. Dependencies

This document has the following dependencies:

```
library(dplyr)
```

### 1. Set the number of potential replicates (1 to X) for each of the sample processing steps

```
nsubject = 5  
nrna = 4  
nqpcr = 3  
nrt=4
```

### 2. Build a general matrix of potential sampling plans (as dataframe)

```
c.subject = rep(c(1:nsubject),each=nrna*nrt*nqpcr)  
c.rna =rep(rep(c(1:nrna),each=nrt*nqpcr),nsubject)  
c.rt = rep(rep(c(1:nrt),each=nqpcr),nsubject*nrna)  
c.qpcr = rep(rep(c(1:nqpcr),nrt),nrna*nsubject)  
  
#Check that all columns are equal length  
length(c.subject) == length(c.rna) & length(c.subject)== length(c.rt) & length(c.subject)== length(c.qpcr)  
  
## [1] TRUE
```

```
#Build the dataframe of sampling plans  
dat <- tbl_df(data.frame(subject =c.subject,RNA =c.rna,RT=c.rt,qPCR =c.qpcr))
```

### 3. Define a function to estimate the variance (or SD) of the mean Cq or “Total expected variation”

```
total.var = function(nsubject,nrna,nrt,nqpcr) {  
  mean.var <- rna/(nsubject*nrna) + rt/(nsubject*nrna*nrt) +  
             qpcr/(nsubject*nrna*nrt*nqpcr)  
}
```

### 4. Enter the variation (or SD) observed from the pilot experiment

```

# Example 4A. Mean GOIs, Tissue = leaves
n.genes = 3
rna =(0.43+0.02+0.64) / n.genes
rt = (0.73+0.28+0.53) / n.genes
qpcr = (0.32+0.18+0.49) / n.genes
# Example 4B. Mean GOIs, Tissue = fruits
n.genes = 3
rna = (0.41+0.42+0.43)/n.genes
rt = (0.34+0.31+0.29)/n.genes
qpcr = (0.30+0.27+0.35)/n.genes

```

5. Estimate the total expected variation (mean Cq) per sampling plan and add those values to the data frame

```

dat <- mutate(dat, Total.Mean = round(total.var(subject,RNA, RT, qPCR),2))

```

6. Create a new variable (total number of replicates) and add those values to the data frame

```

dat <- mutate(dat,Total.Rep=subject*RNA*RT*qPCR)

```

7. Enter the unitary cost throughout sample processing

```

cost.sub = 50
cost.rna = 10
cost.RT = 3
cost.qPCR = 1

```

8. Estimate cost for each sampling plan and add those values to the data frame

```

meanDat <- mutate(dat, Sampling.Cost = subject*cost.sub + (RNA*subject*cost.rna) +
  (RT*RNA*subject*cost.RT) + (qPCR*RT*RNA*subject*cost.qPCR)) %>%
  arrange(Sampling.Cost, desc(Total.Rep), desc(Total.Mean)) %>%
  select(Sampling.Cost, Total.Rep, Total.Mean, subject, RNA, RT, qPCR)

```

9. Enter the requirements for the actual experiment

```

time.points = 3
budget = 1000

```

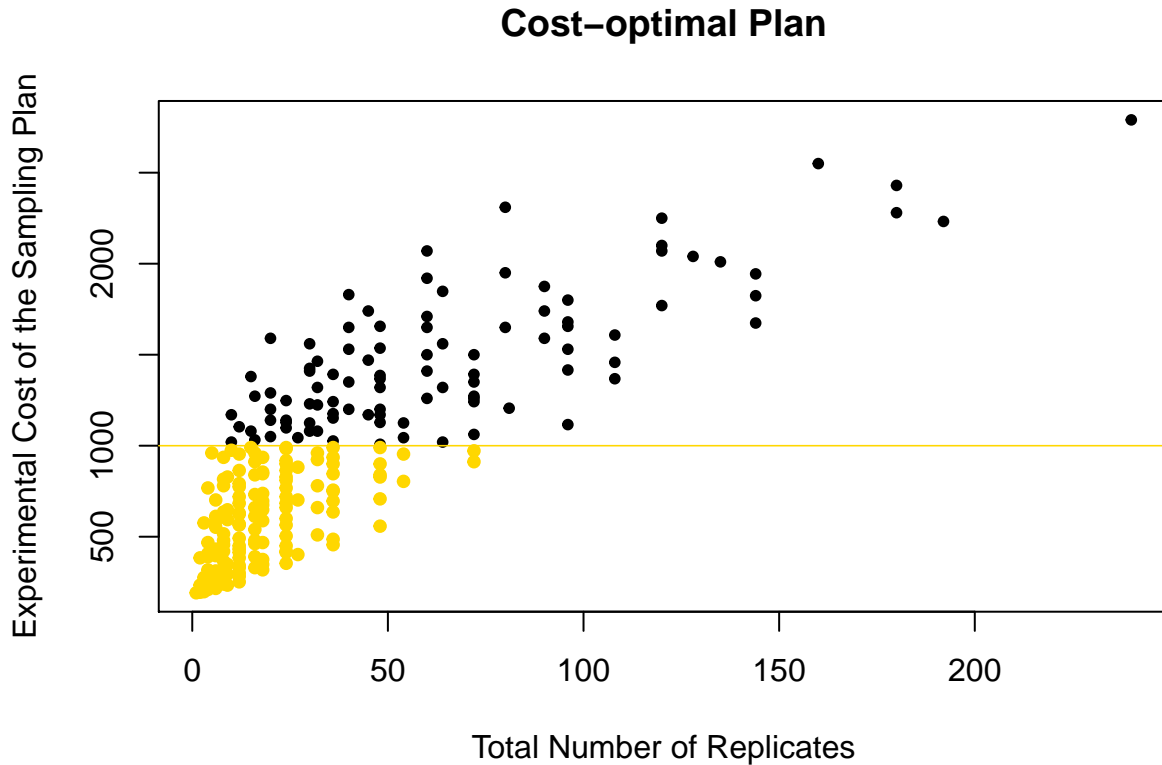
10. Create an index to identify sampling plans limited by the available budget

```

ind <- which(meanDat$Sampling.Cost*time.points < budget)

```

11. Plot the experimental plans and identifies those within the available budget



12. Get the sampling plan (out of those within the available budget) showing the minimum variance (or SD)

In other words: out of the different sampling plans, what is the minimum variance that we can find?

```
min.var <- min(meanDat[ind,3])
min.var
```

```
## [1] 0.07
```

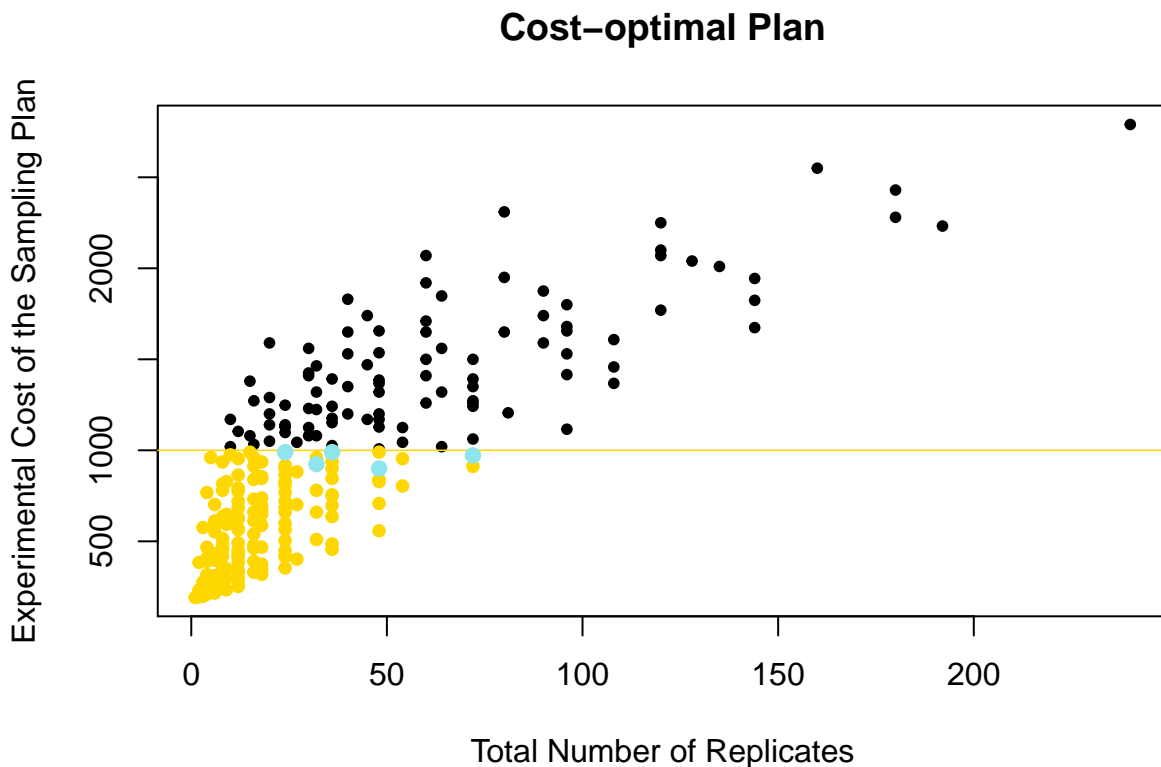
13. Get and plot the sampling plan(s) showing the minimum variance (or SD)

```
#Get the sampling plan(s)
target = which(meanDat[ind,3] == min.var)
meanDat <- rename(meanDat, Cost.TP=Sampling.Cost)
meanDat[target,]
```

```
## Source: local data frame [5 x 7]
##
##   Cost.TP Total.Rep Total.Mean subject  RNA   RT  qPCR
##   (dbl)   (int)    (dbl)   (int) (int) (int) (int)
## 1    300     48     0.07      2    4    3    2
## 2    308     32     0.07      2    4    4    1
```

```
## 3      324      72      0.07      2      4      3      3
## 4      330      36      0.07      3      3      2      2
## 5      330      24      0.07      3      4      1      2
```

```
#Plot the sampling plan(s): identify plans with unique total number of replicates
plot(meanDat$Total.Rep, meanDat$Cost.TP*time.points, pch=20, main="Cost-optimal Plan",
     xlab="Total Number of Replicates", ylab="Experimental Cost of the Sampling Plan")
points(meanDat$Total.Rep[ind], (meanDat$Cost.TP*time.points)[ind],
       col="gold1", cex=0.8, bg="gold1", pch=21)
abline(h=budget, col="gold1", lwd=0.8)
points(meanDat$Total.Rep[target],
       (meanDat$Cost.TP*time.points)[target],
       col="cadetblue2", cex=1, bg="cadetblue2", pch=21)
```

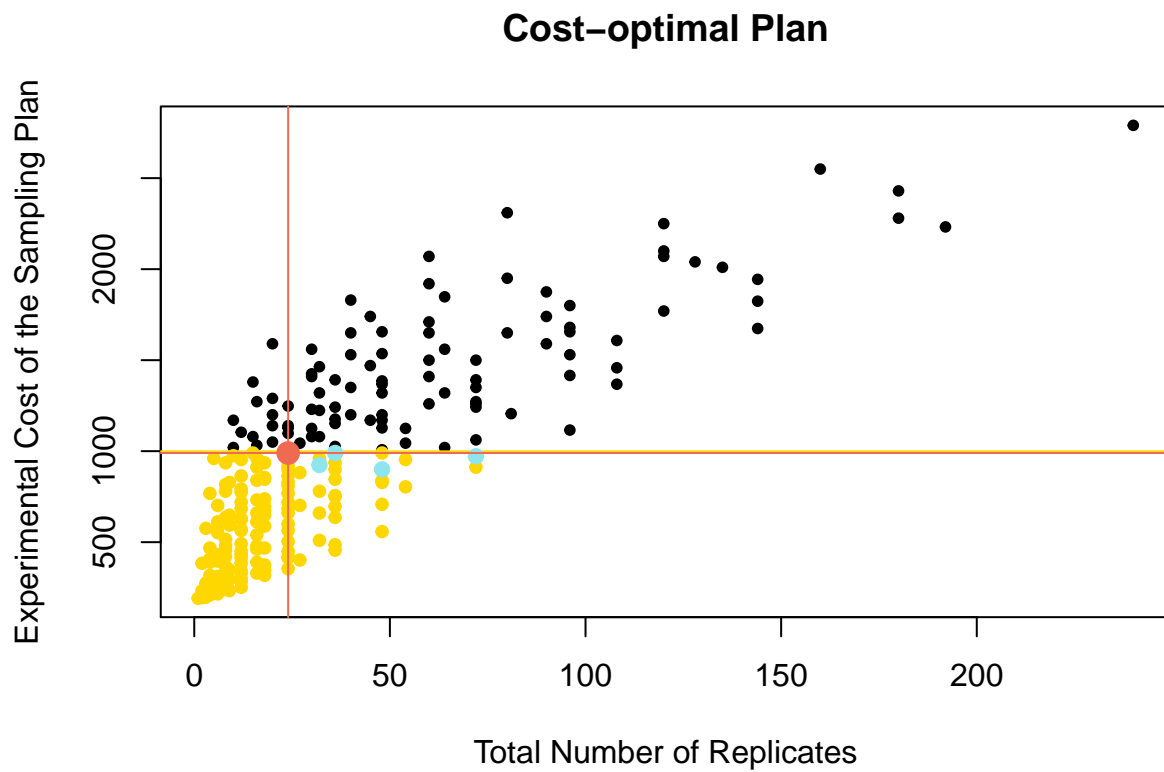


#### 14. Get and plot the OPTIMAL PLAN (out of those showing the minimum variance)

```
#14.1 Criteria 1: plan that requires less final replicates
ind2 <- which(meanDat[target,2]==min(meanDat[target,2]))
#Find the optimal sampling plan
meanDat[target[ind2],]
```

```
## Source: local data frame [1 x 7]
##
##   Cost.TP Total.Rep Total.Mean subject  RNA   RT  qPCR
##   (dbl)   (int)    (dbl)   (int) (int) (int) (int)
## 1     330     24     0.07     3    4    1    2
```

Plot the optimal sampling plan accordingt to criteria 14.1



*#14.2 Criteria 2: plan that is least expensive*

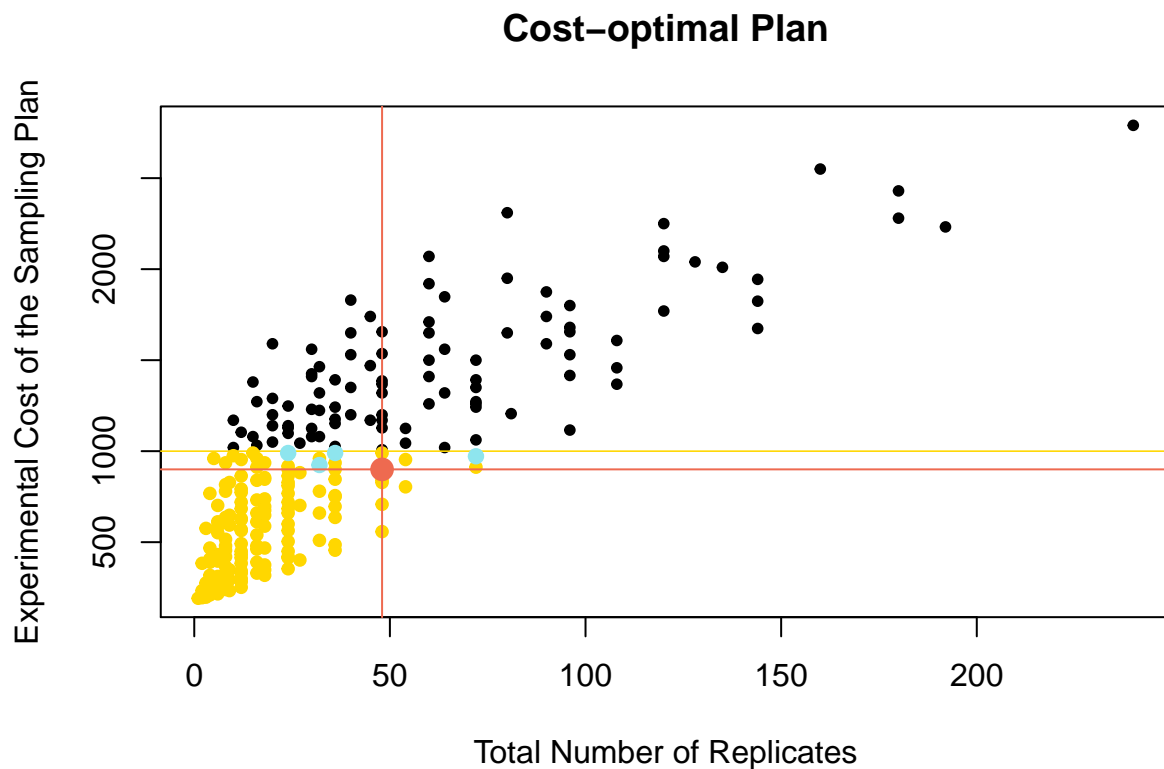
```
meanDat[target[1],]
```

```
## Source: local data frame [1 x 7]
```

```
##
```

```
##   Cost.TP Total.Rep Total.Mean subject  RNA   RT  qPCR
##   (dbl)   (int)    (dbl)   (int) (int) (int) (int)
## 1     300     48     0.07      2    4    3    2
```

Plot the optimal sampling plan according to criteria 14.2



## SessionInfo

```
## R version 3.2.2 (2015-08-14)
## Platform: x86_64-apple-darwin13.4.0 (64-bit)
## Running under: OS X 10.11.1 (El Capitan)
##
## locale:
## [1] en_US.UTF-8/en_US.UTF-8/en_US.UTF-8/C/en_US.UTF-8/en_US.UTF-8
##
## attached base packages:
## [1] stats      graphics  grDevices utils      datasets  methods   base
##
## other attached packages:
## [1] dplyr_0.4.3
##
## loaded via a namespace (and not attached):
## [1] Rcpp_0.12.3    digest_0.6.9  assertthat_0.1 R6_2.1.2
## [5] DBI_0.3.1      formatR_1.2.1 magrittr_1.5    evaluate_0.8
## [9] stringi_1.0-1 lazyeval_0.1.10 rmarkdown_0.9.2 tools_3.2.2
## [13] stringr_1.0.0 yaml_2.1.13    parallel_3.2.2 htmltools_0.3
## [17] knitr_1.12.3
```

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