Project Analysis

Group Project on Knocking

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Model Specification

$$Y_{ij} = \mu + \alpha_i + \beta_j \! + \! \gamma_{ij}$$
 , $\varepsilon_{ijk} \sim N(0,\! \sigma)$

 Y_{ij} = Amount of knocking.

 μ = sample mean.

 α_i = Factor 1 : Air/Fuel Ratio.

i = Levels: Regular, Booster#1, Booster #2. And their 3 replicates.

 β_i = Factor 2: Octane Booster.

j = Levels: Stoichiometric, lean, Rich. And their 3 replicates.

 γ_{ij} = interaction of air/fuel ratio and octane booster main effects

 ε_{ijk} = collective effects of all other factors, normally distributed

 σ = Standard Deviation.

 $N(0,\sigma)$ = Normal distribution.

ANOVA Table

	Df	Sum Sq	Mean Sq	F value	Pr(>F)
Air-Fuel Ratio	2	1987.0	993.50	380.489	< 0.0005
Octane	2	1900.0	950.00	363.830	< 0.0005
Air-Fuel Ratio:Octane	4	552.0	138.00	52.851	< 0.0005

Table 1. ANOVA Table

Regression Diagnostics

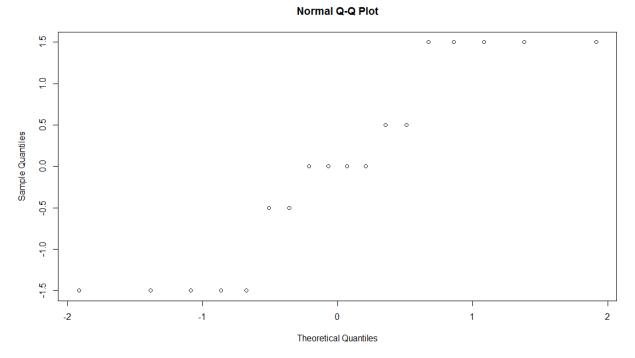


Figure 1. Q-Q plot of residuals

The plot is generally linear; therefore, the normality assumption is valid.

Inference

The null hypothesis H_0 is that there there is no interaction effect. According to Table 1, the *p*-value of the interaction is < 0.0005, so there is a statistically significant interaction between all the factors. This can plainly be seen in the graph below:

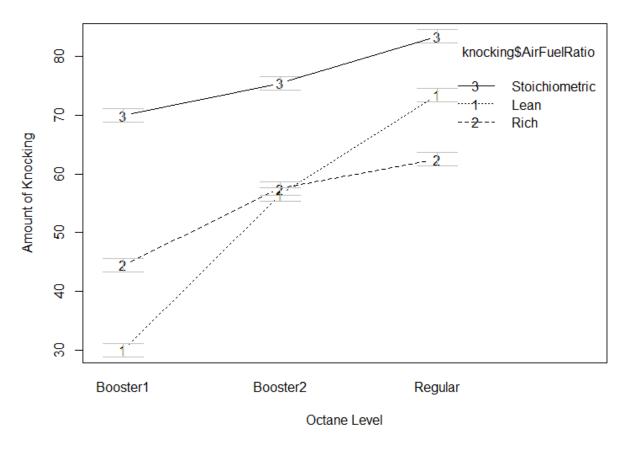


Figure 2. Interaction of factors

As can be seen in the Figure 2, the performance of regular fuel improves as the air-fuel ratio goes from lean to rich, while the performance of both booster 1 and 2 decrease as they go from lean to rich. This shows that there is an interaction between the octane level and the air-fuel ratio.

95% Confidence Intervals					
	Lower Bound	Upper Bound			
Rich - Lean	-1.104	4.104			
Stoichiometric - Lean	20.395	25.604			
Stoichiometric - Rich	18.895	24.104			
Booster 2 - Booster 1	12.395	17.604			
Regular - Booster 1	22.395	27.604			
Regular - Booster 2	7.395	12.604			

Table 2. 95% confidence intervals of main effects

All but one of the confidence intervals do not include 0, therefore there is a statistically significant difference between nearly every combination. This reflects the fact that the interaction effect is statistically significant, and corroborates the conclusion based on the *p*-value. This table also parallels the results shown in Figure 2, namely that the "bigger" differences in confidence intervals parallel the differences on the chart. For example, the table shows 95% confidence of regular fuel having between 22.395 and 27.604 more knocks in one cycle than booster #1. On the chart (Figure 2), the various tests for regular fuel knock about 20-30 more times than for booster #1.