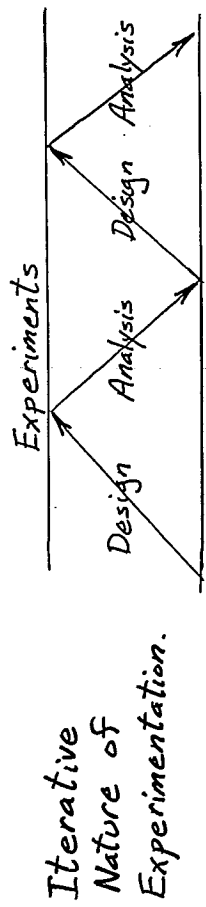


# DESIGN OF EXPERIMENTS



Conjecture

Why Design ?

- Reduces amount of experimentation needed.
- Ensures adequate range of variation in all  $x$ 's
- Minimizes confounding of effects
- Enables one to infer cause + effect

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Example: Chemical Process (BH<sup>2</sup>, Pg. 487)

Observed that undesirable frothing in reactor could be reduced by increasing Pressure ( $x_1$ )

Operating Procedure:

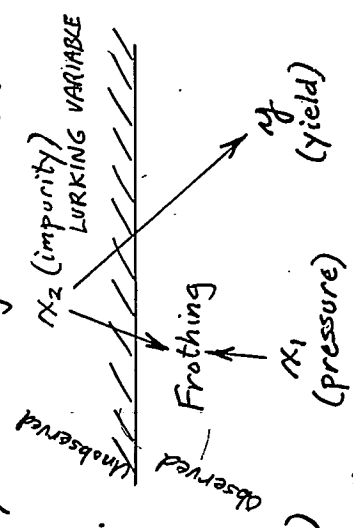
Increase  $x_1$  when frothing.

Truth (unknown):

(i) High impurity ( $x_2$ ) causes frothing

(ii) High  $x_2$  lowers yield ( $y$ )

(iii) Press ( $x_1$ ) has no effect on  $y$ .



## Part II

### DESIGN OF EXPERIMENTS

Box, Hunter & Hunter Chapters used in these notes are!

- Chapter 15 (2<sup>nd</sup> order CCD)
- Chapter 9/10/11/12 ( $2^k$  factorials)
- Chapter 13 Examples/Confounding
- Chap 15 Response surfaces

Copied: Chap 12;

## WHY DESIGN ?

1. Ensure adequate variability in all key variables.
2. Ensure identifiability of all important effects & interactions (unconfounded) *separate temperature & pressure effects because they tend to move together*
- ③ Maximize the information obtained in fewest number of experiments . *costly its time/materials*
4. Distinguish between causality and correlation

## 1. Adequate Variability

- Variable x may have very important effect on process performance.
- But, if variation in it is small relative <sup>to</sup> noise level, then may  
- Accept  $H_0$ : effect of  $x = 0$   
- obtain confidence interval on effect of x to include zero.

*Data set specific - need to excite variable enough*

- This does not mean that effect of x is not important - only that it isn't large enough in this particular data set to detect significance.

- Design of Experiments provides a form of guarantee that accepting  $H_0$  implies that the effect is not important.

*If the confidence interval includes zero, after a proper design, over the range of interest  $\Rightarrow$  that variable is NOT important - in that range*

## 2. Identifiability of Effects

- DOE helps ensure that all important main effects and interactions can be identified - minimizes confounding.  
*DOE forces independent variation*
- Our bad experimental habits arise from the nature of university laboratories:

-These labs aimed at demonstrating theoretical principles, not at building models, exploring for unknown effects, or optimizing processes.

*Industry wants  
- build models  
- optimize  
- explore unknowns*

Eg. Demonstrate the effect of Temp. on reaction equilibrium

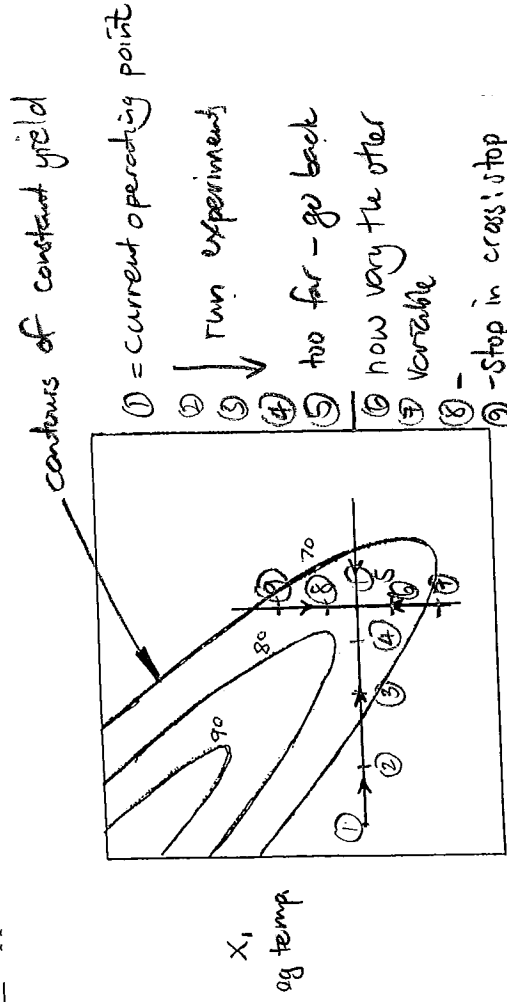
-Change Temp. holding all other variables constant !

*Change a single variable at a time*  
-Experiments focus on changing one variable at a time to verify the particular principle being studied.

- COST approach is not good when searching for effects, building models, or optimization processes

## Optimization

COST approach -- Changing One Single variable at a Time



$X_2$  - eg concentration

Design of Experiments - Efficient ways of changing many variables at once

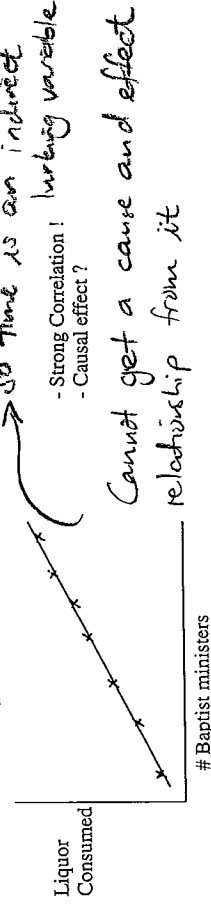
### 3. Maximizing the information obtained in the minimum number of experiments.

Example of industrial screening experiment (ICI, UK)

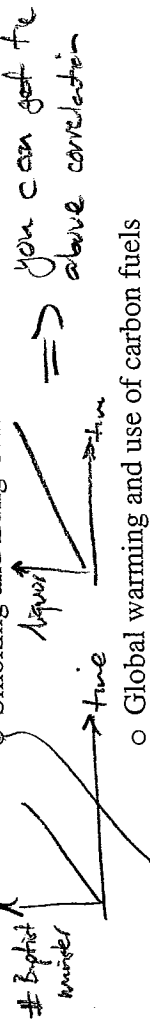
- Problem: In a new plant the cycle time in the filtration section was unacceptably long.
- Need to de-bottleneck
- Many factors suggested that might be responsible
- How to screen out important ones in fewest runs possible?

### 4. Distinguishing Between Correlation and Causation

- Data from Australia over many years on
  - Number of Baptist Ministers vs Amount of Liquor consumed



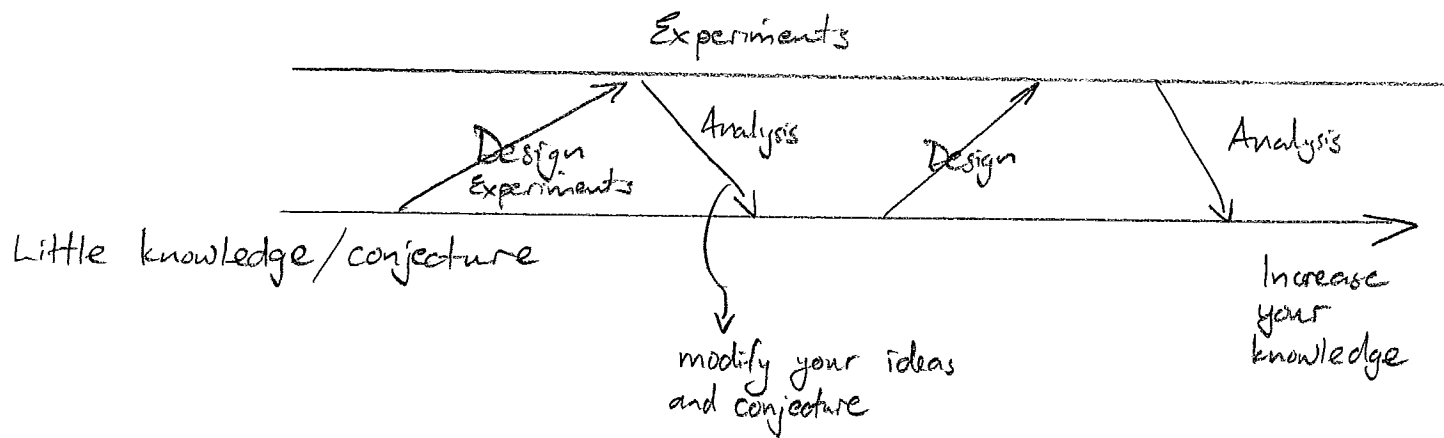
Smoking and Lung Cancer



- Global warming and use of carbon fuels

have to use random sampling groups.

# Design of Experiments



You have to do iterative/sequential design & analysis - no point to do 100 experiments based on little knowledge and then find little new knowledge.

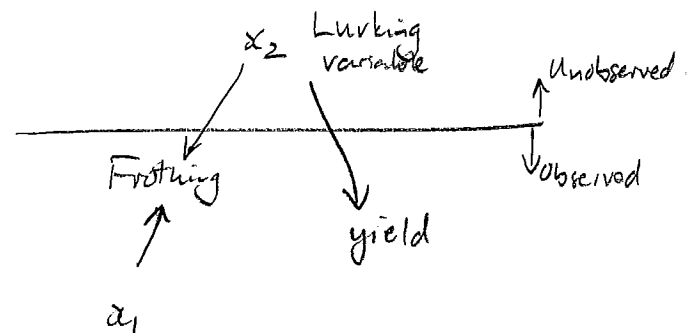
DOE puts information into data to be analysed, badly designed experiments cannot use very powerful methods to extract information from the data. A good design leads to a simple analysis.

See notes on Why Design - go in between here

Correlation vs Causation: Box, Hunter & Hunter p487

Increase pressure reduces frothing, so increase  $x_1$  when frothing

Truth: High impurity  $x_2$  cause frothing  
 High  $x_2$  also lowers yield  
 $x_1$  has no effect on  $y$   
 But  $x_1$  and  $y$  are highly correlated through ~~the~~ operating procedure.



# Blocking & Randomization

Example: Two treatments on rubber: A and B  
 cut a section and run A  
 cut a section and run B



Test  $H_0: \mu_A - \mu_B = 0$  hypothesis test

$H_1: \mu_A - \mu_B \neq 0$

A	B
$y_{A1}$	$y_{B1}$
$y_{A2}$	$y_{B2}$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$
$y_{AN}$	$y_{BN}$
$\bar{y}_A$	$\bar{y}_B \leftarrow \text{means}$

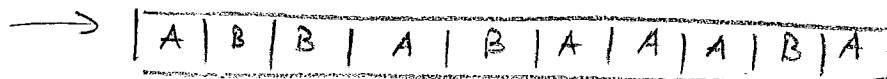
Use a t-test (confidence interval approach)

$t_{\alpha, N_A + N_B - 2}$  and it uses a pooled variance

Potential problem: properties may vary along the rubber length such as thickness

if you had ABCD then to compare  $y_A - y_B, y_B - y_C$  etc use ANOVA Table ANOVA with 2 variables is exactly same as t-test with 2 variables

→ We should randomize the treatment

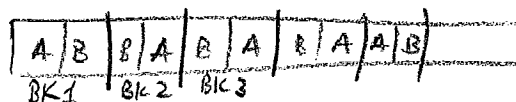


→ removes effect of unknown variation and other lurking variables.

→ called a randomized design

If we know variation along the strip is gradual side view

then we block two pieces



but randomize in the blocks; reason: pieces next to each other are very similar

The relative difference between A and B in each block should be approximately the same

## PAIRED T-TEST

Block	A	B	Difference = (A-B)
BK1	$y_{A1}$	$y_{B1}$	$d_1 = y_{A1} - y_{B1}$
BK2	$y_{A2}$	$y_{B2}$	$d_2 =$
BK3	$y_{A3}$	$y_{B3}$	$d_3$
$\vdots$			
			$\bar{d} = \sum d_i / n$

Now  $\bar{d}$  is better measure of  $\mu_A - \mu_B$   
 $H_0: E(d) = 0$   $H_1: E(d) \neq 0$   
 $S_d^2$  is used in t-test  $t_{\alpha, n-1}$  used  
 $S_d^2 = \frac{\sum d_i^2}{n}$

## Beer Example

- Improved by letting each one taste both beers
- Because tastes are individual, one has to use blocking
- Then look at differences — removes the bias.

example

A	10	6	3	5	$\bar{y}_A = 6$	$\left. \begin{array}{l} \bar{y}_A = 6 \\ \bar{y}_B = 5 \end{array} \right\} \bar{y}_A - \bar{y}_B = 1.0$
B	8	5	2	5	$\bar{y}_B = 5$	
diff	2	1	1	0	$\bar{y}_d = 1.0$	

But the variance in the data is large across A and B not so across the paired test. The standard error in comparing  $\bar{y}_A - \bar{y}_B$  is larger than that of  $\bar{y}_d$ .

Difference in sensitivity  $\rightarrow$

## Designs for Empirical Studies

M&R: Chap 12

ANOVA  
based

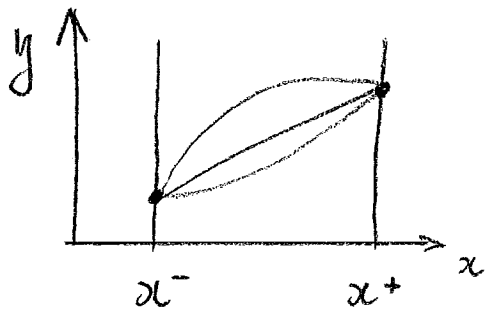
BHH Chap 9-12

Regression  
based.

- Screening Studies — which variables affect the response
- Empirical Model — approximate true  $f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = y$  model unknown.
  - designs for linear models
  - designs for higher order models

## $2^k$ factorial design

— assume linear effects for now



2 experiments run at  $x^-$  and  $x^+$   
if linear model

2 level design in 1 variable

$2^k$  levels design in  $k$  variables

$$y = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x$$

$\hat{\beta}_1$  = effect of changing  $x$  by one unit  
= main effect of  $x$ , a linear effect

include centre points to test for lack of fit.

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A more sensitive way to analyse the data is to pair the test blocks  $D-2$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Compare within blocks  
 (iii) Suppose we expect variation in rubber to be progressive along length of the strip!

data is to pair the test blocks

- Then two adjacent pieces will be much more similar than two distant ones.

$\therefore$  Block into pairs of adjacent pieces

Block into pairs of adjacent pieces  
Assign treatments (A, B) RANDOMLY within block

- Randomized Block Design

$$n_A + n_B \text{ samples}$$

	$H_0: \mu_A - \mu_B = 0$	$H_1: \mu_A - \mu_B \neq 0$	How many pooled?	DOF	variance	$\frac{y_{Ajk}}{y_A}$	$\frac{y_{Bjk}}{y_B}$
$H_0$	$\mu_A - \mu_B = 0$	$\mu_A - \mu_B \neq 0$	0				
$H_1$	$\mu_A - \mu_B \neq 0$	$\mu_A - \mu_B = 0$	1				

$B_1 A_1 B_2 A_2 B_3 A_3 B_4 A_4 B_5 A_5 B_6 A_6 B_7 A_7 B_8 A_8 B_9 A_9 B_{10} A_{10}$   
 $B_1, B_2, B_3, B_4, B_5, B_6, B_7, B_8, B_9, B_{10}$

Only compare within blocks

how many dof associated with  $\bar{I}$ :  $n$  observations  
-1 for its mean

$$\bar{d} : n \text{ observations}$$

ie: n-1 DOF

Blocking removes effect of possible uncontrolled variations along length of strip.

Only compare within

Block	A	B
$B_1$	$y_{A1}$	$y_{B1}$
$B_2$	$y_{A2}$	$y_{B2}$
$\vdots$		
$B_n$	$y_{An}$	$y_{Bn}$

how many DOF associated with  $\bar{d}$ :  $n$  observations  
 $-1$  for its mean  
ie:  $n-1$  DOF

difference  $d = y_A - y_B$

$d_1 = y_{A1} - y_{B1}$

$d_2$

$d_n$

$\bar{d}$

$\therefore d$  better measure of  $\mu_A - \mu_B$  than  $\bar{Y}_A - \bar{Y}_B$

Paired t-test:  $\frac{d - \bar{d}}{S_d} \sim t_{n-1}$

$$\frac{2}{5} \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{5}$$



Sum of squares:

$$\underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^{N_A} (y_{Ai} - \bar{y}_A)^2}_{\text{DOF: } N_A - 1} + \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^{N_B} (y_{Bi} - \bar{y}_B)^2}_{N_B - 1} = J$$

$$\text{DOF: } N_A - 1 + N_B - 1 = N_A + N_B - 2$$

$$s_p^2 = \frac{J}{N_A + N_B - 2}$$

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## Designs for Empirical Studies

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Montgomery & Runger : Chapt. 12  
 BH<sup>2</sup> : Chapt. 9, 10, 11, 12

1.) Screening Studies: Discovering which of a large number of variables affect response.

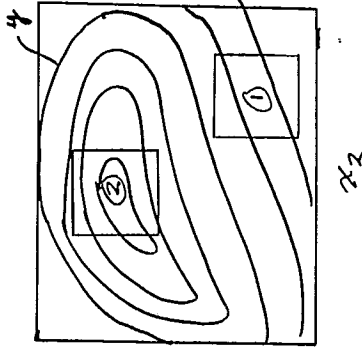
2.) Empirical model building studies

$$Y = f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k)$$

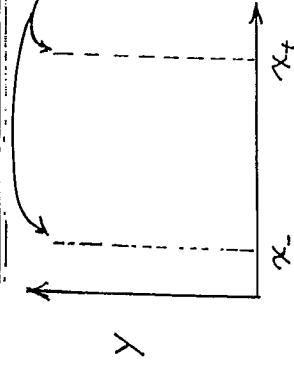
True model unknown. Use approx. models.

Region ①: Linear model OK

Region ②: Need model quadratic in  $x$ 's



## 2<sup>k</sup> FACTORIAL DESIGNS



- Want estimate of linear effect of  $x$  on  $y$ .
- Best 2 experiments?

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Effect on  $y$  of changing  $x$  from  $x_1$  to  $x_2$  is  $(y_2 - y_1) \leftarrow$  Main effect of  $x$

If fit LS model:  $\hat{y} = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x$

$\hat{\beta}_1$  = effect of changing  $x$  by one unit

- Linear effect only (two level experiment)

## 2<sup>2</sup> Factorial Design

2 independent variables:

temperature ( $T$ ):  $160^\circ\text{C} - 180^\circ\text{C}$   
 concentration ( $C$ ):  $20\% - 40\%$

Study effect of  $T + C$  on yield  $y$ .

Design:

two variables

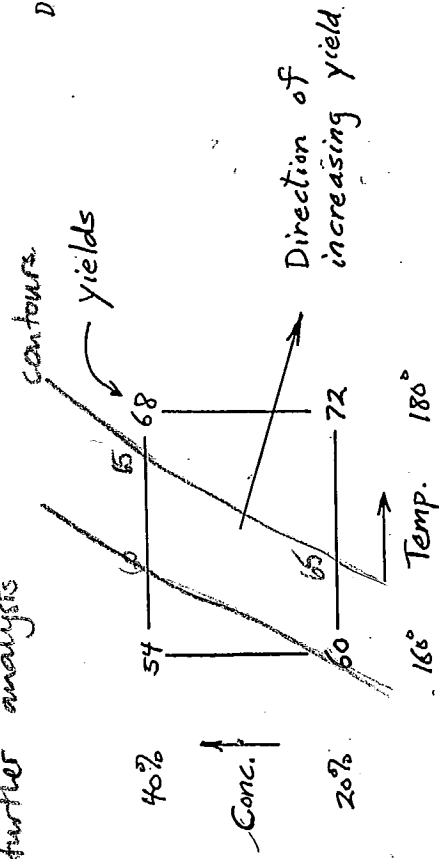
2<sup>2</sup> factorial in 2<sup>2</sup> = 4 runs

two levels

All possible combinations of 2 levels of 2 variables

If you have a good design you need to do very little further analysis

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### Main Effects of T + C

where T is constant

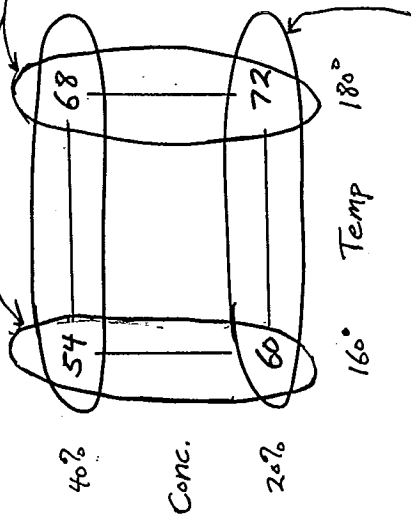
Two measures of effect of C

$$54 - 60 = -6$$

$$68 - 72 = -4$$

$$\text{Avg.} = -5$$

Main effect of C  
-5% yield change by increasing concentration from 20% to 40%



Two measures of main effect of T

$$68 - 54 = 14$$

$$72 - 60 = 12$$

$$\text{Avg.} = 13$$

Main effect of T

If you calculate  $\beta_i$ :  $\beta_0 = 63.5$ ,  $\beta_1 = 6.5$ ,  $\beta_2 = -2.5$   
 $\beta_{12} = 0.5$  ~ small (linear)

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### Interaction between T + C

Do variables T + C act independently on Y?

Is effect of T same at both levels of C?

" " C " " " " T?

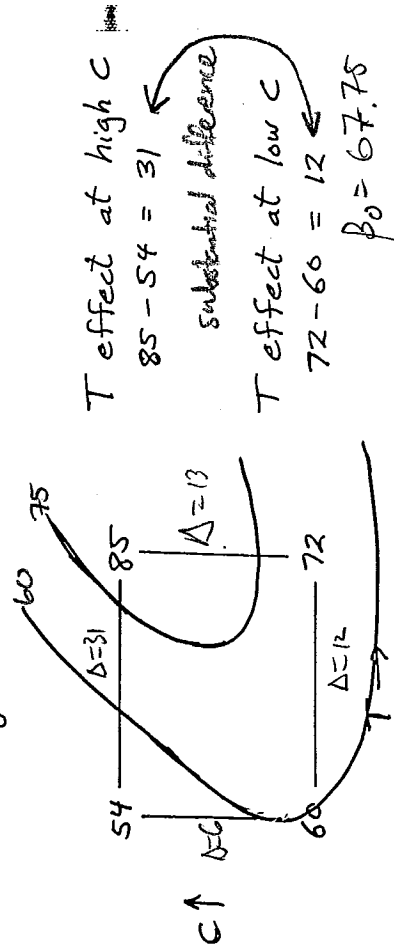
If T depends on C or C depends on T

If effect is different  $\Rightarrow$  T x C interaction

Above example  $\rightarrow$  very little interaction.

why, 14 vs 12 and -6 vs -4 are close

But change 68  $\rightarrow$  85  $\Rightarrow$  linear in this region



C effect at low T:  $54 - 60 = -6$

C effect at high T:  $85 - 72 = +13$

big difference

$\Rightarrow$  Large T x C interaction

because of these large differences

$\Rightarrow$  non linear

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We could fit a model of the form

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \beta_{12} x_1 x_2 + e$$



interaction term

Consider the effect of  $x_1$  at some fixed  $x_2 = x_2^*$

$$\Rightarrow y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2^* + \beta_{12} x_2^* x_1$$

$$y = (\beta_0 + \beta_2 x_2^*) + (\beta_1 + \beta_{12} x_2^*) x_1$$

~~$$y = \beta_3 + \beta_4 x_1$$~~

- if  $\beta_{12} = 0$

$\Rightarrow$  no interaction

$\Rightarrow x_1 \neq \text{fn}(x_2)$

- if  $\beta_{12} \neq 0$

$\Rightarrow$  interaction and the effect of  $x_1$  on  $y$  depends on the level of  $x_2$

Design so far:

T	C	LL	Centre condition	T = 170°
160°	20	LL		C = 30%
180	20	HL		
-160	40	LH	⇒ usually your current operating point	
180	40	HH		

Transform T & C to scaled variables

$$x_i = \frac{\text{Variable} - \text{Center point}}{\text{Range}/2}$$

Range of  $x_i$ 's

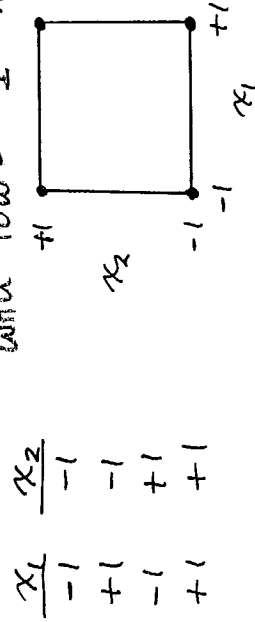
$$\begin{array}{cc} -1 & \text{to} & +1 \\ -1 & \text{to} & +1 \end{array}$$

$$T_{\text{scaled}} = x_1 = \frac{T - 170}{40}$$

$$C_{\text{scaled}} = x_2 = \frac{C - 30\%}{10}$$

Design matrix becomes!

with low = -1 high = +1



Fit model:  $\eta = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \beta_{12} x_1 x_2$

$$\eta = X\beta$$

→ this is an orthogonal design → PTO

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$$\eta = X\beta$$

$X$  = independent variable matrix

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} x_0 & x_1 & x_2 & x_1 x_2 \\ +1 & -1 & -1 & +1 \\ +1 & +1 & -1 & -1 \\ +1 & -1 & +1 & -1 \\ +1 & +1 & +1 & +1 \end{bmatrix} \quad Y = \begin{bmatrix} 60 \\ 72 \\ 54 \\ 68 \end{bmatrix} \quad \beta = \begin{bmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \\ \beta_{12} \end{bmatrix}$$

Fit model by LS:  $\hat{\beta} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T Y$

$$X^T X = \begin{bmatrix} \sum x_0^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sum x_1^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sum x_2^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \sum (x_1 x_2)^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

→ prove this for yourself

Columns of  $X$  are orthogonal ( $x_i^T x_j = 0$ )

$$\text{ie. } \sum x_0 x_1 = \sum x_0 x_2 = \sum x_0 (x_1 x_2) = \sum x_1 x_2$$

$$\hat{\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sum x_0^2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sum x_1^2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{\sum x_2^2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{\sum (x_1 x_2)^2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sum x_0 y \\ \sum x_1 y \\ \sum x_2 y \\ \sum (x_1 x_2) y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\hat{\beta}_i = \frac{\sum x_i y}{\sum x_i^2}$$

Each  $\hat{\beta}_i$  can be calculated independently

because  $X^T X$  is diagonal

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{-y_1 + y_2 - y_3 + y_4}{4}$$

$$\hat{\beta}_0 = \frac{+y_1 + y_2 + y_3 + y_4}{4} = \bar{y}$$

$$\hat{\beta}_2 = \frac{-y_1 - y_2 + y_3 + y_4}{4}$$

each column of  $X$  is orthogonal  $\Rightarrow \underline{x}_1 \cdot \underline{x}_2 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{x}_i \cdot \underline{x}_j = 0 \quad i \neq j$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{x}_i^T \underline{x}_j = 0$$

Factorial designs lead to orthogonal matrices of  $X$

The literature and  $BH^2$  values for  $\beta_i$  are twice the size of the ones we would obtain  $\Rightarrow$  we should halve their values  $\Rightarrow$  we should double the 0-9 values we calculate to compare to theirs

Note: I will denote  $\hat{\beta}_i$  = effect of variable  $x_i$

( $\hat{\beta}_i$  = effect on  $y$  of changing  $x_i$  from 0  $\rightarrow$  +1)  
(or from -1 to 0)

Most texts ( $BH^2$  + MR) denote "effect of  $x_i$ " as

= change in  $y$  due to changing  $x_i$  from -1 to +1

ie  $= 2 \hat{\beta}_i \rightarrow \hat{\beta}_i = \frac{-y_1 + y_2 - y_3 + y_4}{2}$  in literature

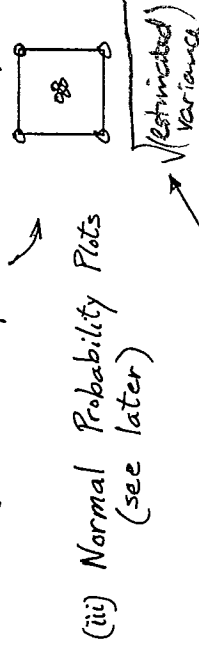
$Var(\hat{\beta}) = (X^T X)^{-1} \sigma^2$   $\rightarrow$  because we will use linear least squares

$\therefore Var(\hat{\beta}_i) = \frac{\sigma^2}{\sum x_i^2} = \frac{\sigma^2}{4}$   $\rightarrow$  variance of the error  $y = \beta x + e$

(\*)  $\hat{\beta}_i$ 's are all uncorrelated due to orthogonality of the design.

If  $\sigma^2$  is unknown  $\rightarrow$  estimate ( $s^2$ ) from prior data or replicates

Possibilities: (i) Replicate whole factorial  
(ii) Add replicate centre points



95% CI on  $\beta_i$ 's  
 $\hat{\beta}_i \pm t_{\alpha/2, 0.025} \sqrt{\frac{s^2}{\sum x_i^2}}$

If restricted - do runs that provide new information rather than replicates

$\rightarrow V =$  num of DOF from estimating  $s^2$   
If you are doing  $2^2$  factorial you estimate  $\beta_0, \beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3$  (4 variables)  
and 4 runs  $\Rightarrow$  0 DOF left

Factorial table in Matlab  $2^3$

(fullfact([2 2 2]) - 1) \* 2 - 1

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## 2<sup>3</sup> Factorial Design

$2^3 \leftarrow$  3 variables

$2 \leftarrow$  2 levels  $\rightarrow$  on/off variable

Variables: T, C, Catalyst type (eg A, B)

$\uparrow$  qualitative variable

Denote:  $x_3 = -1$  for catalyst A

$= +1$  " " B

$2^3$  factorial = All combinations of the 3 variables

Run Order	$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_1 x_2$	$x_1 x_3$	$x_2 x_3$	$x_1 x_2 x_3$
6	-1	-1	-1	-1	+1	+1	-1
3	+1	-1	-1	-1	-1	+1	+1
1	-1	+1	-1	+1	+1	-1	+1
7	+1	+1	-1	+1	-1	-1	-1
2	+1	-1	+1	-1	-1	-1	+1
8	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	-1	-1
5	-1	-1	+1	+1	-1	+1	-1
4	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1

Randomized Design Matrix

$\rightarrow$  to reduce effect of lurking variables

Could look at say 3 catalysts by introducing dummy variables we always need one less variable eg 2 dummy variables

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## Practical considerations

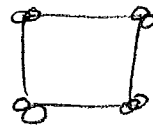
If it is not feasible to randomize all variables, at least randomize the other variables — more of a risk.

## DOF

If you run the 4 runs and 4 runs at the centre point

~~→ 4 repeats~~  $S^2$  at the centre point has 3 DOF  
use the variance at centre point as  $S^2$   
 $t_{3,0.025}$  is used for  $\hat{\beta}_i = \beta_i \pm t_{v,0.025} (SE)$

If you run 4 runs, twice i.e:



and if model is correct

$$\Rightarrow \text{DOF} = 4 = n - p \\ = 8 - 4$$

$p = 4$  parameters estimated

$S^2$  is obtained from the four repeats/replicates

$\sigma^2$ : — prior data — if you used  $n=100$  from prior data  $\Rightarrow t_{100,95\%}$  is used  
— replicates for  $\pm t_{v,0.025} \sqrt{\frac{\sigma^2}{n}}$



PTD

three main effects

$$\eta = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \beta_3 x_3 + \beta_{12} x_1 x_2 + \beta_{13} x_1 x_3 + \beta_{23} x_2 x_3 + \beta_{123} x_1 x_2 x_3$$

Linear Regression only

two factor interactions

$\eta = X\beta$  estimate 8 effects 3 factor interaction  
 estimate 8 parameters/effects from 8 runs  $\Rightarrow$  no degrees of freedom to calculate  $S^2$   
 Again by LS:  $\hat{\beta}_i = \frac{\sum x_i y}{\sum x_i^2}$

(This design analysed in assignment #2)  
 (Again note that all columns of  $X$  are orthogonal.)

•  $2^k$  Factorial in  $k$  variables can easily be written down in standard form.

### Desirable Features of Factorial Designs

- (i) Orthogonal  $\rightarrow$  easy calculations  
 $\rightarrow$  uncorrelated estimates  $\hat{\beta}_i$
- (ii) Good variation in all variables
- (iii) Efficient use of all data points \*
- (iv) Well patterned design  $\rightarrow$  Good visual appreciation
- (v) Allows experiments to be performed in blocks (Fractional Factorials)
- (vi) Allows designs of increasing order to be built up sequentially

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### Assessing Significance of Effects when we have no estimate of $\sigma^2$

Example:  $2^4$  factorial with no replicates (16 runs)

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If had estimate  $S^2$  with  $\nu$  df, then 95% CI's

$$\hat{\beta}_i \pm t_{\nu, 0.025} \sqrt{\frac{S^2}{16}} \leftarrow \text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_i)$$

What to do if have no variance estimate  $S^2$ ?

(1.) Use estimates of effects ( $\hat{\beta}_i$ ) that are expected to be small.

i Estimate  $\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_i)$  from 3 + 4 factor interactions.



- But, how do know which interactions to use?
- If use only smallest ones  $\rightarrow$  under estimation of  $\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_i)$

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Variance of  $\hat{\beta}_i$  for  $2^3$  design

$$Var(\hat{\beta}_i) = (X^T X)^{-1} \sigma^2 = \frac{\sum x_i^2}{8} \sigma^2$$

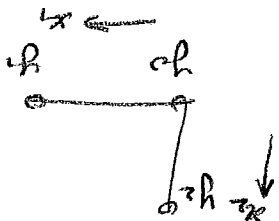
Then if you have estimate of  $\sigma^2/s^2$  you can get conf. intervals.

Use of data points

from  $2^{3-2}$  has 4 runs

every value of  $y$  is used to estimate every effect  
 $2^5$  - all 32 runs are used to estimate  $\beta_i$

If we had a bad design



$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{y_1 - y_0}{2} \quad \hat{\beta}_2 = \frac{y_2 - y_0}{2}$$

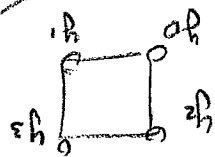
data points for all runs are not used this time

$$Var(\hat{\beta}_i) = \frac{1}{4} Var(y_1 - y_0)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} (\sigma^2 + \sigma^2) \text{ because } y_1 \text{ and } y_0 \text{ are independent}$$

$$Var(\hat{\beta}_i) = \frac{\sigma^2}{2}$$

A factorial design



$$Var(\hat{\beta}_i) = \frac{\sigma^2}{4} = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$$

have halved the variance

Also with the bad design one cannot estimate the interaction effects

TABLE 10.8. Estimated effects from a 2<sup>4</sup> factorial design, process development example

Interactions:  
The 'levels' of  $\alpha_1$  depends on the level of  $\alpha_2 \Rightarrow \mu_2 \neq 0$

Just looking at the first column  $\alpha$  where  $\alpha \neq 8$  there are some small values

Good assumption that the three order & fourth order interactions are

only zero. They are not zero at the moment due to measurement error

We calculate the variance of these 5 effects  $\hat{\beta}_i$

$$Est Var(\hat{\beta}_i) = \frac{1.50}{5} = 0.3$$

ie we make the hypothesis that  $H_0$  is higher order interactions are zero

$$\sigma^2 = 0.55 = SE(\hat{\beta}) \rightarrow \text{from } S^2 = \frac{1}{n-p} \sum (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2 \text{ then } \frac{S^2}{16} = 0.3$$

Calculation of Standard Errors for Effects Using Higher-Order Interactions

No direct estimate of  $\sigma^2$  is available from these 16 runs since there were no replicates. However we can obtain such an estimate if certain assumptions are made. In particular, if all three- and four-factor interactions are supposed negligible (an assumption made plausible by the earlier discussion of smoothness and similarity of response functions) these higher-order interactions would measure differences arising principally from experimental error.

They could thus provide an appropriate reference set for the remaining effects. We find:

effect	effect <sup>2</sup>
123	-0.75
124	0.50
134	-0.25
234	-0.75
1234	-0.25
sum	1.5000

$$0.3 = \frac{1.5}{5} = \text{estimate of variance with } 5 D.F. \Rightarrow \text{standard error} = \sqrt{0.3} = 0.55$$

conversion (%)	1234	1234	134	134	234	234	1	16	divisor
78	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
85	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
51	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
59	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
83	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
89	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
50	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
61	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
80	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
87	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
61	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
68	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
82	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
90	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
61	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
71	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

TABLE 10.7. Signs for calculating effects for a 2<sup>4</sup> factorial, process development example

2<sup>4</sup> = 2 & 4 interaction

## (2.) Normal Probability Plots

Montgomery & Runger : pg. 449, 737-744

BH<sup>2</sup> : pg. 329-334

Draper & Smith : pg. 177-183

Example : 2<sup>4</sup> factorial in  $n = 16$  runs (BH<sup>2</sup>)

Estimate 15 effects  $\hat{\beta}_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, 15$ ) +  $\hat{\beta}_0$

Under  $H_0$  :  $\beta_i = 0$  for all  $i$ , we would expect that all  $\hat{\beta}_i$ 's would come from a Normal distribution  $N(0, \frac{\sigma^2}{\sum x_i^2}) \leftarrow \text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_i)$

$\therefore$  Use Normal Probability Plot to see if this is true.

Idea of Normal Prob. Plots  $\rightarrow$  Fig 10.8 BH<sup>2</sup>

Why normal distributions?

- central limit theorem
- if  $y$  is normally distributed then so should  $\beta_i$  because they are just linear combinations of  $y$

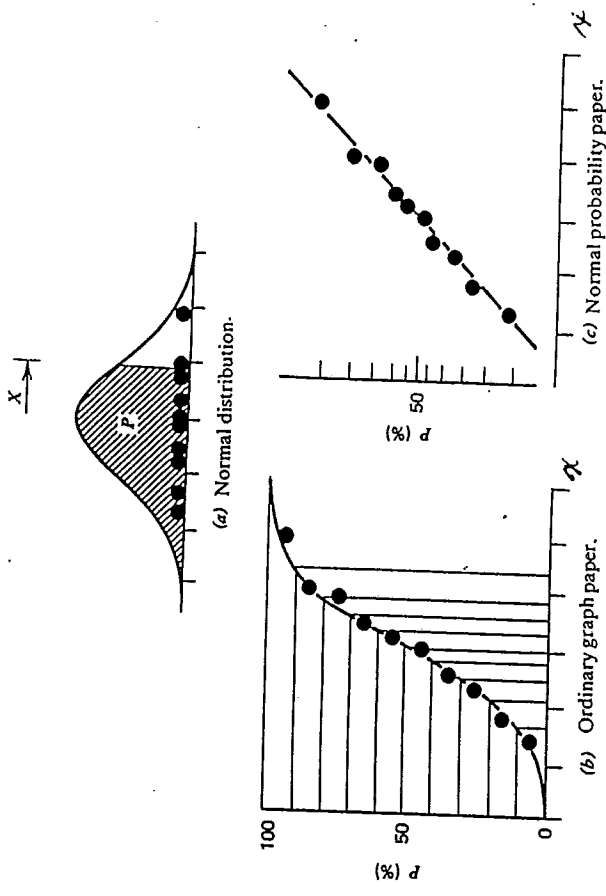


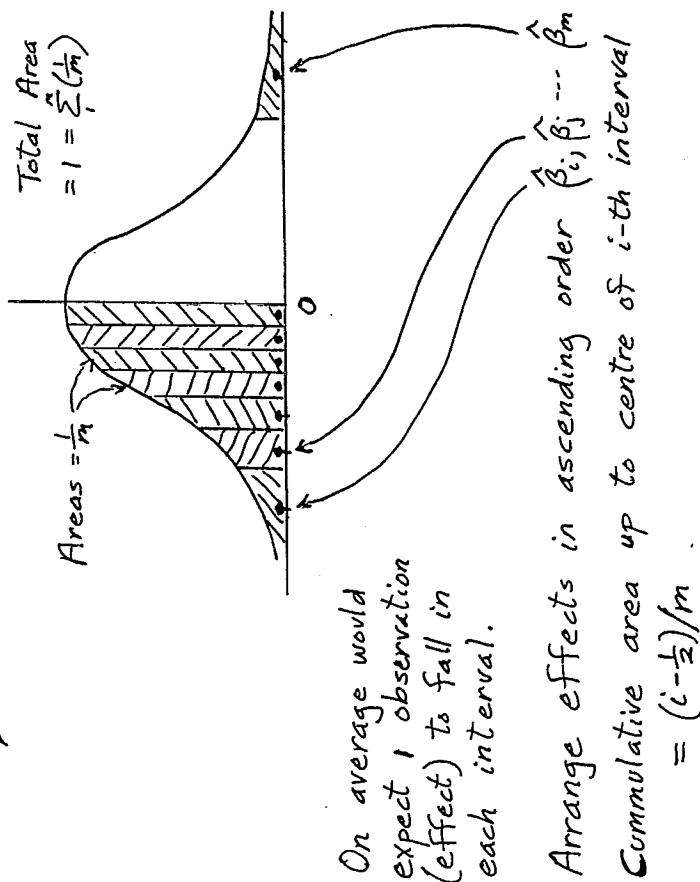
FIGURE 10.8. Normal probability plots.

If they fall on a straight line  $\Rightarrow$  they come from a normal distribution

Each interval has equal area = equal probability

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If  $m$  effects are truly distributed Normally with mean = 0, then could divide area under Normal distribution into  $m$  intervals of equal area ( $= 1/m$ ).



$\therefore$  Cumulative % probability for  $i$ -th largest effect =  $100(i - 1/2)/m$

$\therefore$  Plot  $\hat{\beta}_i$ 's in ascending order against

$P_i = 100(i - 1/2)/m$  on Normal Probability Plot.

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TABLE 10.9. The 15 ordered effects and the probability points  $P$ , process development example

The previous 2<sup>4</sup> design effects arranged in ascending order

order number $i$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
effect (?)	-8.0	-5.5	-2.25	-1.25	-0.75	-0.75	-0.25	-0.25	-0.25	0.00	0.50	0.75	1.00	4.50	24.00
identity of effects	1	4	3	23	123	234	34	134	1234	14	124	13	12	24	2
$P = 100(i - 1/2)/15$	3.3	10.0	16.7	23.3	30.0	36.7	43.3	50.0	56.7	63.3	70.0	76.7	83.3	90.0	96.7

plot  $P_i \Rightarrow$  normal curve or straight line on probability paper

## The $X^T X$ matrix

- Ordinary data:  $X^T X$  is not diagonal  
usually badly conditioned
- factorial design:  $X^T X$  is diagonal - best conditioning possible

for example:

$x_1$	$x_2$
-1	-1
+1	-1
-1	+1
+1	+1

$$X^T X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1^T x_1 & x_1^T x_2 \\ x_2^T x_1 & x_2^T x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$X^T X = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

- if experiment is properly performed ie:  $x_i$  was at +1 or -1
- each column of the  $X$  matrix is orthogonal to the others
- $X^T X$  is deliberately chosen to be diagonal to totally avoid the confounding effects between  $x_i$  columns

- other designs:  $X^T X$  is "almost" diagonal

Scaling

$$x_1 = \frac{T - 170}{10} \quad x_2 = \frac{C - 30}{10}$$

so we need to unscale the variables

scaled regression:

$$\hat{y} = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_1 + \hat{\beta}_2 x_2 + \hat{\beta}_{12} x_1 x_2$$

convert

$$= \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 \left( \frac{T - 170}{10} \right) + \hat{\beta}_2 \left( \frac{C - 30}{10} \right) + \dots$$

simplify

$$= \hat{\alpha}_0 + \hat{\alpha}_1 T + \hat{\alpha}_2 C + \hat{\alpha}_{12} TC$$



The effect we expect to be least important is  $\hat{\beta}_{123}$  - split on these runs. We may be tempted to run expts 1-4 on a batch and Expts 5-8 on another, but this will confound the effect of  $x_3$ , because  $x_3 = -1$  for expts 1-4  
 $x_3 = +1$  for expts 5-8

→ don't want this situation

Split on  $\beta_{123}$  because we suspect least importance, so we intentionally confound variable  $x_1 x_2 x_3$ , or  $\hat{\beta}_{123}$  may be confounded.

Because columns are orthogonal  $\Rightarrow$  for every other variable  $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_{12}, x_{13}, x_{23}$  two low levels of each of these variables is associated with Batch 1 and two high levels with Batch 2  $\Rightarrow$  they cancel each other out.

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{1}{8} \left( \overset{+}{\underset{\circ}{-y_1}} + \overset{-}{\underset{\bullet}{y_2}} + \overset{-}{\underset{\bullet}{y_3}} + \overset{+}{\underset{\circ}{y_4}} - \overset{-}{\underset{\bullet}{y_5}} + \overset{+}{\underset{\circ}{y_6}} - \overset{+}{\underset{\circ}{y_7}} + \overset{-}{\underset{\bullet}{y_8}} \right) \quad \sum = 0$$

even if there is a difference between Batch 1 and Batch 2, the effect will cancel out. This is true for every  $\hat{\beta}_i$

→ every  $y$  from the open  $\circ$  is slightly less than the  $y$  from the closed  $\bullet$ , but a constant  $k$ , say,

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{1}{8} (\sim) + k - k - k + k = \frac{1}{8} (\sim)$$

$\Rightarrow$  no difference  
 $\Rightarrow$  perfect cancellation } due to orthogonality



∴ Can't tell whether  $\hat{\beta}_{123}$  is due to a real 123 interaction or a block effect (material)  
 Confounded  
 i.e.  $\hat{\beta}_{123} = 123 \text{ effect} + \text{block effect}$  (Batch 1 vs Batch 2 effect)  
 expected to be small anyway.

Since 123 column is orthogonal to all other columns, any block effect will have no influence on them!

Any shift in level due to blocking is cancelled out

## 2<sup>k-1</sup> FRACTIONAL FACTORIAL DESIGNS

( $\frac{1}{2}$  fraction of a  $2^k$ )

Suppose want to examine 3 variables in 4 runs.

Use  $2^{3-1}$  fractional factorial ( $2^{3-1} = 4 \text{ runs}$ )

To set up the design, write down a  $2^3$  in 4 runs

Design Matrix

1	2	12
-	-	+
+	-	-
-	+	-
+	+	+

Variable 3 = 12 interaction variable level

Run this 4 run design in 3 variables (1, 2, 3)

Note: This  $2^{3-1}$  design corresponds to the  $\frac{1}{2}$  fraction of  $2^3$  design given by ●'s.  
 If had associated variable 3 with -12 interaction column we would have got other  $\frac{1}{2}$  fraction (ie. ○'s) open circles on p D-20

But! Have only 4 runs and so can't estimate all - 3 main effects  
 - 3 two-factor interactions } 8 effects  
 - 1 three factor interaction }  
 - mean

Confounding pattern

	I	1	2	3	12	13	23	123
These four are actually performed	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+
	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+
	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+
	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

not orthogonal anymore

Note that:

Column 3 = 12 ← was deliberately chosen  
 " 1 = 23 } these came from making that decision  
 " 2 = 13  
 " I = 123

∴ If fit model:  $\hat{y} = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_1 + \hat{\beta}_2 x_2 + \hat{\beta}_3 x_3$

→ 1 + 23 effects

→ 2 + 13 " " Effects are confounded.

→ 3 + 12 " " If interactions are small we are still fine.

→ avg. + 123 " " mean = I column effect

If  $k$  is large, how do we find the columns that are confounded?

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GENERATING RELATIONSHIP for design:  $I = 123$   
we associated 3 with 12 interaction

Key to unraveling the confounding of effects is the DEFINING RELATIONSHIP which in case of single generator is the same as the generating relationship:  $I = 123$  Defining Relationship also

$x_0$	$x_1 x_2 x_3$	$x_1^2$	$x_2^2$	$x_3^2$
$I$	$123$	$1^2$	$2^2$	$3^2$
+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+

Note also  $I = 1^2 = 2^2 = 3^2$

Multiply both sides of defining relation by  $x_k$

$1 \times I \rightarrow 1 = (1^2)23 = 23$  identity  $k=1,2,3$

$2 \times I \rightarrow 2 = 12^2 3 = 13$

$3 \times I \rightarrow 3 = 123^2 = 12$

$x_1 I = x_1 = \frac{I}{23} \quad \hat{\beta}_0 = \text{avg} + 123(+1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2)$

Quick way for a large number of runs

+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

We might need to run the full factorial  
→ the first half are NOT wasted

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→ we complete them  
After running the  $\frac{1}{2}$  fraction, if need more information (ie to break confounding of effects), one can add design given by other  $\frac{1}{2}$  fraction.

$3 = \frac{-12}{-}$  just the negative  
This is other  $\frac{1}{2}$  fraction given by 0's.

Combining these two  $\frac{1}{2}$  fractions ( $2^{3-1}$ ) we get full  $2^3$  factorial in two blocks as before  
when we had two separate blocked batches example  
The can estimate - all 3 main effects  
- all 3 2-Fi's (factor interactions)  
- block effect + 123 interaction

confounded

## 2<sup>4-1</sup> Fractional Factorial

- Write down full  $2^3$  factorial.
- Associate variable 4 with 123 column

	1	2	3	12	13	23	123	34
4 =	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+
	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-
	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-
	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-
	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

## Confounding of Effects?

Generator:  $I = 1234$  (Also defining we associated 123 with 4  $\Rightarrow I = 1234$  relationship)

$$1 \times I = 1^2 234 : \begin{matrix} \hat{\beta}_1 \rightarrow 1 + 234 \\ \hat{\beta}_2 \rightarrow 2 + 134 \\ \hat{\beta}_3 \rightarrow 3 + 124 \\ \hat{\beta}_4 \rightarrow 4 + 123 \end{matrix}$$

how we designed it

$$12 \times I = 1^2 2^2 34 : \begin{matrix} \hat{\beta}_{12} \rightarrow 12 + 34 \\ \hat{\beta}_{13} \rightarrow 13 + 24 \\ \hat{\beta}_{23} \rightarrow 23 + 14 \\ \hat{\beta}_0 \rightarrow \text{avg.} + 1234 \end{matrix}$$

$\hat{\beta}_i$  = actual, true value from full expt.

If, as is often true, 3 factor interactions are small, then will have estimates of

- All main effects
- Three combinations of 2 fi's (factor interactions)

Why not chose generator for  $2^{4-1}$  design as  $I = 124$  (ie assign 4 to 12 column)?

Poorer choice because main effects would then be confounded with 2 fi's

(eg.  $1+24, 2+14, \dots$ )

D-optimal: we have run 8 runs, which is the next best run to remove  $12+34$  confounding

If ambiguities exist after this  $\frac{1}{2}$  fraction then can add other  $\frac{1}{2}$  fraction given by

$$I = -1234$$

ie. by associating 4 with -123 column.

Combined design is full  $2^4$  run in 2 blocks.

Iterative approach to design:

- Run one fraction
- Examine results
- Add another fraction if necessary.

## Half Fractions of $2^k$ Designs

- Write down a full factorial in  $(k-1)$  var.
- Assign  $k$ -th variable to an interaction column. Any interaction could be used, but highest order interaction will give design with best confounding pattern.

k	Design	Generator	# Exp.
3	$2^{3-1}$	$I = 123$	4
4	$2^{4-1}$	$I = 1234$	8
5	$2^{5-1}$	$I = 12345$	16

Variable 5 associated with 1234 interaction

For  $k > 5$  # Experiments becomes large  
 $\therefore$  Fractionate further  $\Rightarrow 2^{k-P}$  factorial  
 ( $2^P$  fraction of  $2^k$  design)

We want as high a resolution as possible

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## Resolution in $2^{k-p}$ Designs

Resolution III designs are those with:

- (i) No main effects confounded with other main effects
- (ii) But some main effects confounded with 2 fi's

eg.  $2^{4-1}_{III}$   $I = 124$

difficult to interpret

Resolution IV:

- (i) No main effect confounded with

other main effects or with 2 fi's.

main effect confounded with 3 or higher interactions

- (ii) But 2 fi's confounded with one another

eg.  $2^{4-1}_{IV}$   $I = 1234$

4 associated with  $fi = 123$

Resolution V:

- (i) No main effect or 2 fi confounded with any other main effect or 2 fi.

eg.  $2^{5-1}_{V}$   $I = \pm 12345$

Can get main & 2 fi. parameters

A design is of Resolution R if the smallest word in the defining relation is of length R.

same as example on previous page

Once we have run a saturated design we cleverly choose the next set of runs so that in the end we have not done the full factorial design but we have obtained the maximum information D-28.

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Product of any generator = I  
with another generator

## A Special Class of Resolution III Designs:

### Saturated Designs

Good for screening designs

Saturated Design:  $(N-1)$  variables in  $N$  runs

eg. 7 variables in 8 runs:  $2^{7-4}$   
15 " " 16 " :  $2^{15-11}$

Example:  $2^{7-4}$  (8 runs) Resolution = III

$2^{-4}$  or  $\frac{1}{16}$  fraction of a  $2^7$  factorial (128 runs)  
 $8 = \frac{1}{16}(128)$

To construct: Write down a  $2^3$  factorial (8 runs)  
+ associate variables 4, 5, 6, 7 with interactions

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
-	-	-	+	+	+	-
+	-	-	-	-	+	+
-	+	-	-	+	-	+
+	+	-	+	-	-	-
-	-	+	+	-	-	+
+	-	+	-	+	+	-
-	+	+	+	-	+	-
+	+	+	+	+	+	+

should still be run in random order

Generators:  $I = 124 = 135 = 236 = 1237$   
Num Generators = Num of assigned variables

If  $I = 124$  and  $I = 135$ ,  
then  $I = (124)(135) = 2345$   
 $= (1)^2 2345$

$\therefore$  When a design has more than one generator the defining relation includes each generator and all possible products of them.

$\therefore$  Defining relation for this design is

$I = 124 = 135 = 236 = 1237$  (one generator at a time)  
 $I = 2345 = 1346 = 347 = 1256$  } multiplying 2 at a time  
 $= 257 = 167$

$I = 456 = 1457 = 2467 = 3567$  (3 at a time)  
 $= 1234567$  (4 at a time)

All these are identity columns

Resolution = III since smallest word length has only 3 characters

When had one generator  $\Rightarrow$  one defining relation  
Many with three word relations.

Very fractionated  $\Rightarrow$  Very confounding

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## Confounding Pattern of Variable 1

all of these are confounded with  $\beta_0$

Multiply defining relation through by 1 giving

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= 24 = 35 = 1236 = 237 = 12345 = 346 \\ &= 1347 = 256 = 1257 = 67 = \dots \end{aligned}$$

As number of runs  $\downarrow$  confounding  $\uparrow$

Following estimated effects can be obtained  
(ignoring 3 f.i.'s and higher) hypothesis:  
eg 1234, 12345 etc  $\rightarrow$  these are not important

obtained from the defining relation

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\beta}_0 &= \text{avg. of 8 runs} \\ \hat{\beta}_1 &= 1 + 24 + 35 + 67 \\ \hat{\beta}_2 &= 2 + 14 + 36 + 57 \\ \hat{\beta}_3 &= 3 + 15 + 26 + 47 \\ \hat{\beta}_4 &= 4 + 12 + 56 + 37 \\ \hat{\beta}_5 &= 5 + 13 + 46 + 27 \\ \hat{\beta}_6 &= 6 + 23 + 45 + 17 \\ \hat{\beta}_7 &= 7 + 34 + 25 + 16 \end{aligned}$$

First 8 runs (principal fraction)

(Ref. BH<sup>2</sup> page 392)

Compare

Second 8 runs

$N$  = number of runs in satd design or  $(N-1)$  = number of variables being screened

$\frac{N-1}{2}$  others

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What other designs are possible?

Alternative Fractions from same family of this 2<sup>7-4</sup> Design.

16 designs:  $I = (\pm 124) = \pm 135 = \pm 236 = \pm 1237$   
4 associated with +12 or -12 etc

Example: Associate variable 5 with -13 column

and 6 with -23 col. by our association  
Now the generator becomes:

Generator:  $I = 124 = -135 = -236 = 1237$

Defining Relation: take all possible products

$$\begin{aligned} I &= 124 = -135 = -236 = 1237 \\ &= -2345 = -1346 = 347 = 1256 = -257 = -167 \\ &= 456 = -1457 = -2467 = 3567 \\ &= 1234567 \end{aligned}$$

Estimated Effects:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\beta}'_1 &= 1 + 24 - 35 - 67 \\ \hat{\beta}'_2 &= 2 + 14 - 36 - 57 \\ \hat{\beta}'_3 &= 3 - 15 - 26 + 47 \\ \hat{\beta}'_4 &= 4 + 12 + 56 + 37 \\ \hat{\beta}'_5 &= 5 - 13 + 46 - 27 \\ \hat{\beta}'_6 &= 6 - 23 + 45 - 17 \\ \hat{\beta}'_7 &= 7 + 34 - 25 - 16 \end{aligned}$$

this is what they are estimating

New confounding pattern that we obtain

$\hat{\beta}'_0 = \text{avg.}$

Run 1:  $\beta_1 = 1 + 24 + 35 + 67$

Run 2:  $\beta'_1 = 1 + 24 - 35 - 67$

add  $\frac{\beta_1 = 1 + 24}{2}$   $\frac{\text{Subtract} = 35 + 67}{2}$

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## Combining the 2 Fractions

Look at defining relations ~~add & subtract~~

Combine and redo the least squares over

Take  $\frac{1}{2}$  sum and  $\frac{1}{2}$  difference of effects

estimated from the 2 fractions to get:

$\frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{16} = \frac{1}{8}$  fraction effectively

$\frac{1}{2}$  sum  $\frac{1}{2}$  difference

$\frac{1}{2}(\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}'_0) = \text{avg.}$

$\frac{1}{2}(\hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}'_0) = \text{block effect}$

$\frac{1}{2}(\hat{\beta}_1 + \hat{\beta}'_1) = 1 + 24$

$\frac{1}{2}(\hat{\beta}_1 - \hat{\beta}'_1) = 35 + 67$

$\frac{1}{2}(\hat{\beta}_2 + \hat{\beta}'_2) = 2 + 14$

$\frac{1}{2}(\hat{\beta}_2 - \hat{\beta}'_2) = 36 + 57$

$3 + 47$

$15 + 26$

$4 + 12 + 56 + 37$

higher order interactions

$5 + 46$

$13 + 27$

$6 + 45$

$23 + 17$

$7 + 34$

$25 + 16$

Compare/Combine their defining relations

Defining Relationship of combined design

= Words common to defining relationship of

both  $\frac{1}{16}$  fractions

$= 124 = 1237 = 347 = 1256 = 456 = 3567 = 1234567$

+135 and -135 are not common

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Adding fractions in sequence with suitably switched signs  $\rightarrow$  useful in resolving ambiguities that exist after a set of experiments has been run.

Two types of sign switching particularly useful

(i) Changing signs of one factor only

(ii) Changing signs of all factors

(i) Changing sign of one factor only

Suppose have already run  $2^{7-4}$

$I = 124 = 135 = 236 = 1237$

associated with all positive elements

Add new fraction with signs of variable 1 switched.

ie. all columns same except #1  $\rightarrow \begin{matrix} + \\ - \\ + \\ \vdots \end{matrix}$

New design generators + defining relation:

Replace 1 by -1 ie 4 associated with -12; 5 with -13;

ie.  $I = -124 = -135 = 236 = -1237$

Effects estimated:

$\hat{\beta}'_1 = 1 - 24 - 35 - 67$

$\hat{\beta}'_2 = 2 - 14 + 36 + 57$

$\hat{\beta}'_3 = 3 - 15 + 26 + 47$

$\vdots$

$\hat{\beta}'_7 = 7 + 34 + 25 - 16$

After the second set of runs we are in a position to estimate 16 parameters or effects.

We need to find what the 16 will be

- add & subtract the defining relationships
- compare / combine the defining relationships' words

The confounding that we break out is dependant on the second fraction we choose to run - which one do we choose to break certain confounding patterns.



## Combining the 2 Fractions

### Alternative :

- Put all 16 runs together + fit by least squares
- Use defining relationship of the combined design  
(words in common from defining relations of the 2 separate fractions)

$$I = 124 = 347 = 456 = 1237 = 1256 = 3567 = 1234567$$

$\therefore$  Ignoring 3 f.i.'s and higher

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = 1 + 24$$

$$\hat{\beta}_2 = 2 + 14$$

$$\hat{\beta}_3 = 3 + 47$$

$$\hat{\beta}_4 = 4 + 12 + 37 + 56$$

$\vdots$

$$\hat{\beta}_{35} = 35 + 67$$

$$\hat{\beta}_{36} = 36 + 57$$

$\vdots$

- Same result as got from adding + subtracting the results of the 2 separate fractions.
- But easier approach when have to combine 3 or more fractions.

If from the principal screening run it appears as if Variable 1 & its interactions appear to be important

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Switching the sign of column 1

Combining 2 fractions  $\Rightarrow$  brings out the main effects and its two factor interaction

$$\frac{1}{2}(\hat{\beta}_i - \hat{\beta}_i')$$

$$24 + 35 + 67$$

14
15
12
13
17
16

two factor interactions

$$\frac{1}{2}(\hat{\beta}_i + \hat{\beta}_i')$$

main effect

2 + 36 + 57
3 + 26 + 47
4 + 56 + 37
5 + 46 + 27
6 + 23 + 45
7 + 34 + 25

two higher order effects as well - not shown

ie. Adding to one fraction a second fraction with

signs of a single variable switched, we

isolate effect of that variable + all its 2 f.i.'s

(ii) Switching signs of all variables

1 $\rightarrow$ -1	2 $\rightarrow$ -2	...	7 $\rightarrow$ -7
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$$I = -124 = -135 = -236 = 1237$$

work out new defining relationships

Effects estimated:  $\hat{\beta}_0' = \text{avg.}$

$$\hat{\beta}_1' = 1 - 24 - 35 - 67$$

$$\hat{\beta}_2' = 2 - 14 - 36 - 57$$

$$\hat{\beta}_7' = 7 - 34 - 25 - 16$$

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Combining 2 fractions

$$\frac{1}{2}(\hat{\beta}_i + \hat{\beta}_i')$$

Block effect

1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	
7	

$$\frac{1}{2}(\hat{\beta}_i - \hat{\beta}_i')$$

Avg.

$$24 + 35 + 67$$

$$14 + 36 + 57$$

$$34 + 25 + 16$$

ie. Adding to a fraction a further fraction

with signs of all variables reversed, we

separate main effects of all variables from

the 2 f.i.'s.

So now have all main effects

and clusters of two factor interactions

May stop experiments here if a normal

probability plot shows the other terms to

negligible

Could add a third fraction to remove the

confounding from some of the two factor

interactions

TABLE 13.4. Results of Example 3

variable	Current operation	Alternative operation					
1 water supply	town reservoir	well					
2 raw material	on site	other					
3 temperature	low	high					
4 recycle	yes	no					
5 caustic soda	fast	slow					
6 filter cloth	new Supplier	old supplier					
7 holdup time	low	high					
			filtration time				
			(min)				
			y				
test	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

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#### Four Tentative Interpretations of Results

In Table 13.5 three of the calculated effects ( $I_1$ ,  $I_3$ , and  $I_5$ ) are large in absolute value and have been circled. There are several possible interpretations. Four of the most likely are:

1. Main effects 1, 3, and 5 are producing the effects.
2. Main effects 1 and 3 and interaction 13 are producing the effects.
3. Main effects 1 and 5 and interaction 15 are producing the effects.
4. Main effects 3 and 5 and interaction 35 are producing the effects.

cannot resolve this which is the best second fraction to run

#### EXAMPLE 3

TABLE 13.5. Calculated values and abbreviated confounding pattern for eight-run filtration experiment, Example 3

McGregor's Notation	Ignore 3 f.i.
$2\beta_1 =$	$I_1 = (-10.9) \rightarrow 1 + 24 + 35 + 67$
$2\beta_2 =$	$I_2 = -2.8 \rightarrow 2 + 14 + 36 + 57$
	$I_3 = (-16.6) \rightarrow 3 + 15 + 26 + 47$
	$I_4 = 3.2 \rightarrow 4 + 12 + 37 + 56$
	$I_5 = (-22.8) \rightarrow 5 + 13 + 27 + 46$
	$I_6 = -3.4 \rightarrow 6 + 17 + 23 + 45$
	$I_7 = 0.5 \rightarrow 7 + 16 + 25 + 34$

TABLE 13.6. Results of second filtration experiment, Example 3

test	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	filtration time (min)	y
9	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	66.7	
10	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	65.0	
11	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	86.4	
12	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	61.9	
13	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	47.8	
14	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	59.0	
15	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	42.6	
16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	67.6	

Break it out into the main effects, switch sign of all the variable - because these possibilities include to main effects

TABLE 13.7. Calculated values and abbreviated confounding pattern for 16-run filtration experiment, Example 3

$2\hat{\beta}_1 =$	$I_1 = (-6.7) \rightarrow 1$
$2\hat{\beta}_2 =$	$I_2 = -3.9 \rightarrow 2$
	$I_3 = -0.4 \rightarrow 3$
	$I_4 = 2.8 \rightarrow 4$
	$I_5 = (-19.2) \rightarrow 5$
	$I_6 = 0.1 \rightarrow 6$
	$I_7 = -4.4 \rightarrow 7$
	$I_{12} = 0.5 \rightarrow 12 + 37 + 56$
	$I_{13} = -3.6 \rightarrow 13 + 27 + 46$
	$I_{14} = 1.1 \rightarrow 14 + 36 + 57$
	$I_{15} = (-16.2) \rightarrow 15 + 26 + 47$
	$I_{16} = 4.9 \rightarrow 16 + 25 + 34$
	$I_{17} = -3.4 \rightarrow 17 + 23 + 45$
	$I_{24} = -4.2 \rightarrow 24 + 35 + 67$

Normal probability plot shows if these are statistically significant

1 = water  
2 = caustic addition

$$y = \beta_0 + \frac{6.7}{2}x_1 - \frac{19.2}{2}x_5 - \frac{16.2}{2}(x_1x_5)$$

To minimise  $y$  one sets  $x_1 = +1$   
 $x_5 = +1$  }  $x_1x_5 = 1$

$\Rightarrow$  minimises the filtration time

Going from - to + decreases filtration time by  $\frac{1}{2}(6.7 + 19.2 + 16.2)$

Can see the interactions in the averages

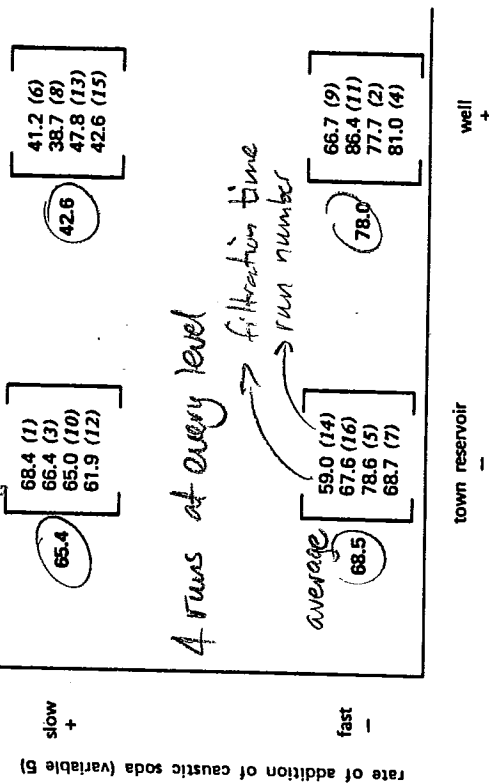


FIGURE 13.2. Results of the 16 trials in relation to two variables, water supply source (1) and rate of addition of caustic soda (5), Example 3. The average result under each one of the four conditions is in bold type. The test condition numbers are given in parentheses.

Equivalent to a  $2^2$  factorial if the other variables are not important

Want the highest resolution possible  
 III = main effects not confounded with each other  
 IV = no main effects confounded with 2 factor interactions  
 V = IV and no 2fi. are confounded either  
 Resolution III + IV Designs with Arbitrary

Number of Variables

Commonly Used	Typical Generators		
# of variables	# of runs	Designs	Shortest word length
4	8	$2^{4-1}_{III}$	1234
5	8	$2^{5-2}_{III}$	1234, 235
6	8	$2^{6-3}_{III}$	1234, 235, 136
7	8	$2^{7-4}_{III}$	1234, 125, 136, 237
15	16	$2^{15-11}_{III}$	
31	32	$2^{31-26}_{III}$	
8	16	$2^{8-4}_{III}$	

Note: Best to set up design using symbols 1, 2, ... and then assign which variable will be 1, 2, 3 -- etc.

only after looking at confounding patterns  
 10: if you look at the confounding pattern and see that 1, 2 are "lumped" together, then assign two variable that you know will not interact

## Other Equivalent Saturated Designs

### Taguchi Orthogonal Arrays

really equivalent to standard fractional factorial systems

#### 2-Level Designs:

$L_4 \rightarrow 2^{3-1}_{III}$

$L_8 \rightarrow 2^{7-4}_{III}$

$L_{12} \rightarrow 12 \text{ run Plackett + Burman}$

$L_{16} \rightarrow 2^{15-11}_{III}$

normally go 4, 8, 16, 32 (can get a 12 run design)

#### 3-Level Designs (Taguchi 3 level designs)

$L_9 \rightarrow 3^2$  with 2 variables (main + 2fi + quad)

$3^{3-1}$  " 3 " (main + quad + group of 2fi.)

$3^{4-2}$  " 4 " (main + quad) more confounded

9 runs

19 quadratic effects

Start with a standard (linear) design and if we feel there are non-linearities we expand the work done so far to include non-linearities

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3 Variables:  $2^3 + cp + star$

## DESIGNS FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> ORDER MODELS

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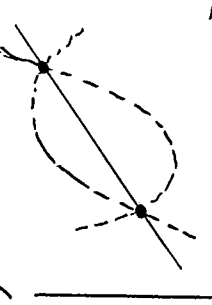
Montgomery & Runger: Chapter 12.9

If 1<sup>st</sup> order + interaction model exhibits

Lack of Fit

→ include  $x_1^2, x_2^2, \dots$  terms

Need more than 2 level designs to capture the quadratic effects



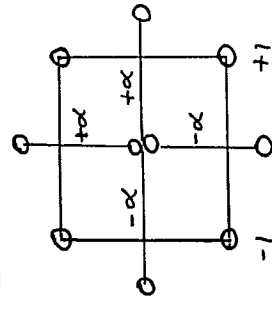
## Central Composite Designs - a class from response surface designs

1. Start with  $2^k$  or  $2^{k-p}$  design with center points.

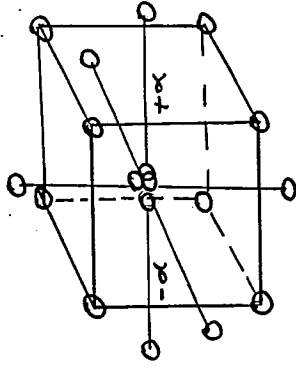
2. Add vertices of star.

$x_1$	$x_2$	
-1	-1	$2^3$
+1	-1	
-1	+1	
+1	+1	
0	0	cp
-α	0	
+α	0	star
0	-α	
0	+α	
0	0	cp

For 2 variable design  $\alpha = \sqrt{2} = 1.414$  is good choice



$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	
-1	-1	-1	$2^3$
+1	-1	-1	
-1	+1	-1	
+1	+1	-1	
-1	-1	+1	cp
+1	-1	+1	
-1	+1	+1	
+1	+1	+1	
0	0	0	star
-α	0	0	
+α	0	0	
0	-α	0	cp
0	+α	0	
0	0	-α	
0	0	+α	cp



$\alpha = 1.68$

For  $k=4$ :  $2^4 + cp + star$

For  $k > 4$ :  $2^{k-p} + cp + star$

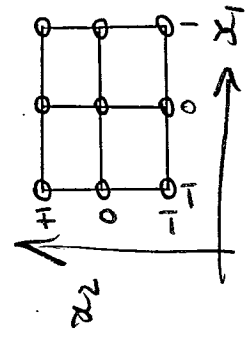
k	Design	$\alpha$ (for rotatability)
2	$2^2$	$1.414 = 2^{1/4}$
3	$2^3$	$1.68 = 2^{3/4}$
4	$2^4$	$2.0 = 16^{1/4}$
5	$2^{5-1}$	$2.0 = 16^{1/4}$
6	$2^{6-1}$	$2.38 = 32^{1/4}$

One should run all 3-level designs in a fractionated/incomplete form  
 for quadratic models we require at least 3 levels

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3-LEVEL FACTORIALS  
 matches central composite design with  $\alpha=1$

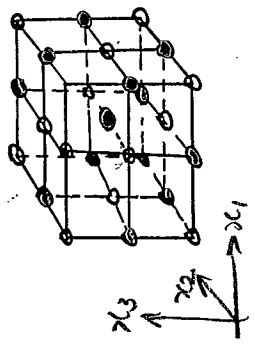
3<sup>2</sup> design: 2 variables at all combinations of 3 levels



3<sup>3</sup> design:

27 runs

Very dense  
 => we fractionate it



9 runs

Box + Behnken and 3 Level Orthogonal Arrays (Taguchi)

→ Incomplete (fractional) 3 Level designs

only run the experiments

Run	x <sub>1</sub>	x <sub>2</sub>	x <sub>3</sub>
1	-1	-1	0
2	+1	-1	0
3	-1	+1	0
4	+1	+1	0
5	-1	-1	-1
6	+1	-1	-1
7	-1	+1	-1
8	+1	+1	-1

$\left. \begin{matrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{matrix} \right\} 2^2$   
 $\left. \begin{matrix} -1 & -1 & +1 & +1 \end{matrix} \right\} 2^2$   
 repeats 1cp for each factorial

minimum of 13 runs

Full quadratic model

$$\eta = b_0 + b_1 x_1 + b_2 x_2 + b_3 x_3 + b_{12} x_1 x_2 + b_{13} x_1 x_3 + b_{23} x_2 x_3 + b_{11} x_1^2 + b_{22} x_2^2 + b_{33} x_3^2$$

(10 parameters)

Allows for approximation of many responses.  
 Running all 27 runs we would get the same model, just with improved confidence limits

Most statistical software provides 2-D and 3-D plotting to examine response surface.

from runs 164 we can get effect of x<sub>1</sub> and x<sub>2</sub> and its interaction and because x<sub>3</sub> = 0 we can also estimate b<sub>11</sub>, x<sub>1</sub><sup>2</sup> ie total of 4 params b<sub>1</sub>, b<sub>2</sub>, b<sub>12</sub> and b<sub>11</sub>

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# RESPONSE SURFACE METHODS (RSM)

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M+R Chapter 12.9

Empirical (data-driven) approach to process optimization.

processes that are too complex to model from first principles

1. Design experiment in region of interest

2. Build model:  $\hat{y} = f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k)$

3. Use model to find new conditions  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k$  that will improve a single response  $\hat{y}_i$  or give good region for several responses.

4. Repeat steps 1., 2. and 3. until attain optimal conditions

gradual move to a better operating point  
iterative: repeat and learn and improve  
Problem with COST Approach

Ex. Maximize yield of a reaction  
by choice of - reaction time (t)  
- reaction temp (T)

change a single variable at a time

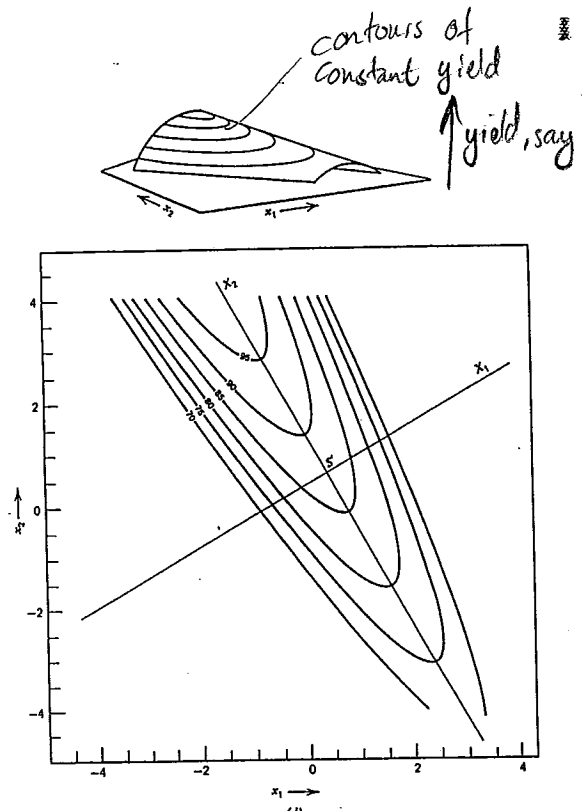


FIGURE 15.7. (d) Example of a second-degree equation representing a rising ridge.  
 $\hat{y} = 82.71 + 8.80x_1 + 8.19x_2 - 6.95x_1^2 - 2.07x_2^2 - 7.59x_1x_2$   
 $\hat{y} - 87.69 = -9.02x_1^2 + 2.97x_2$

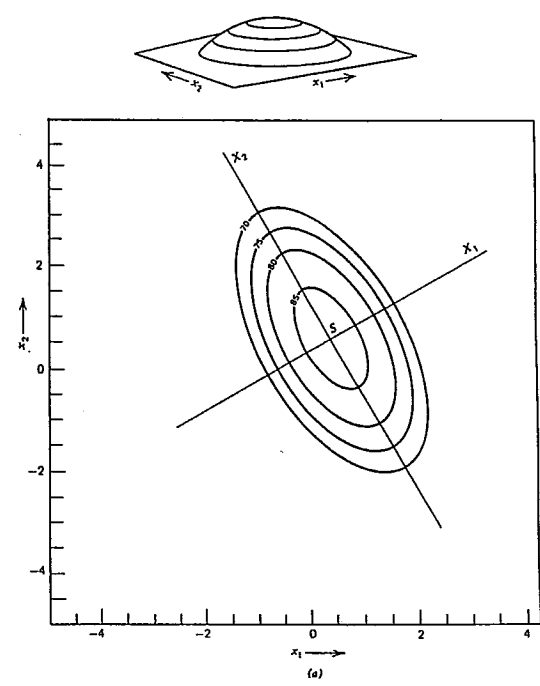
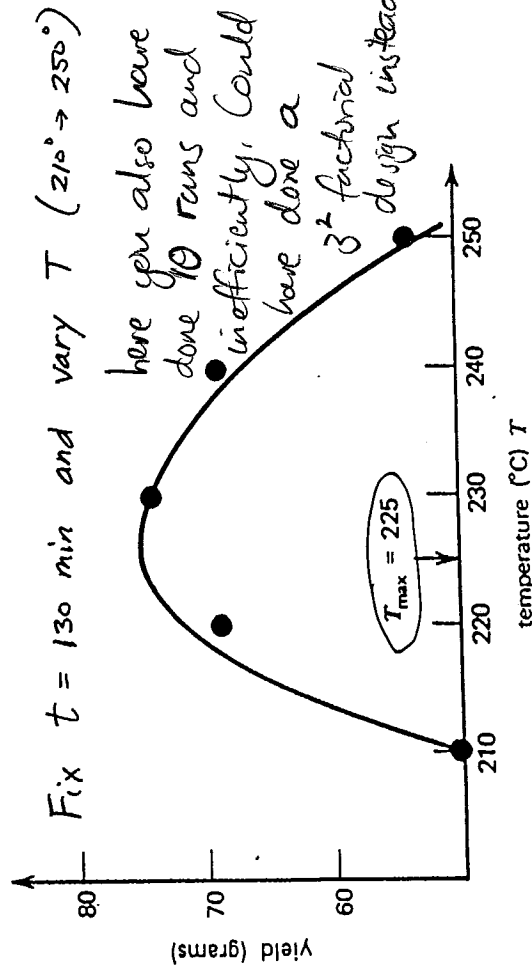
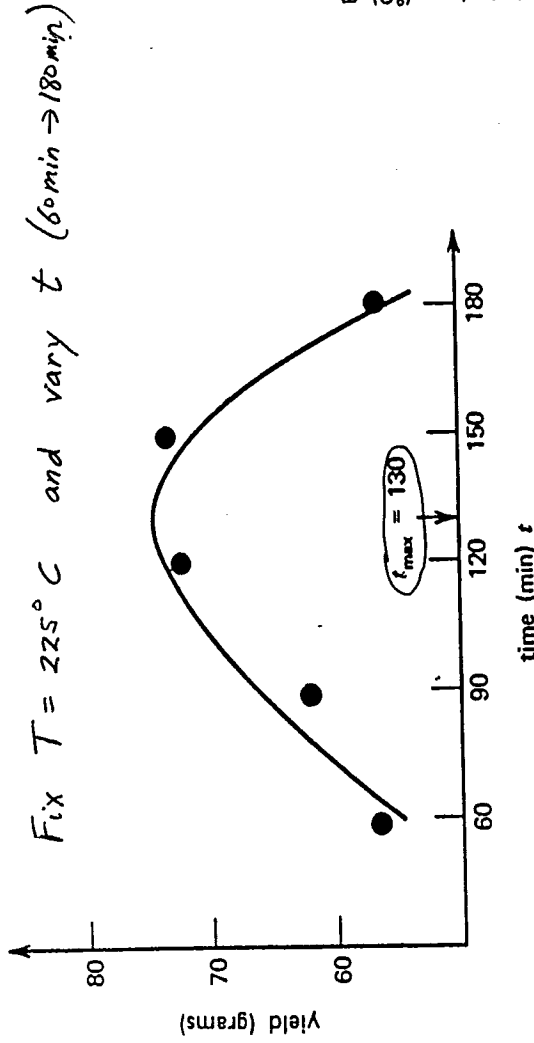


FIGURE 15.7. (a) Example of second-degree equations representing a simple maximum.  
 $\hat{y} = 83.57 + 9.39x_1 + 7.12x_2 - 7.44x_1^2 - 3.71x_2^2 - 5.80x_1x_2$   
 $\hat{y} - 87.69 = -9.02x_1^2 - 2.13x_2^2$

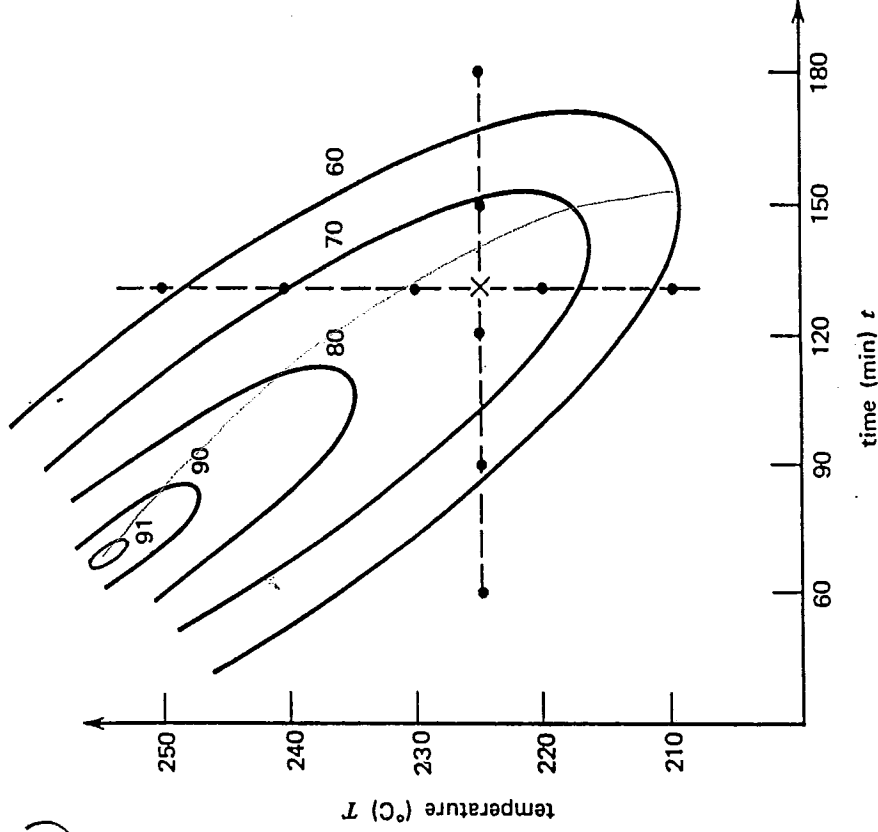
other shapes: eg saddles - indicates interaction between variables  
- local minima possible



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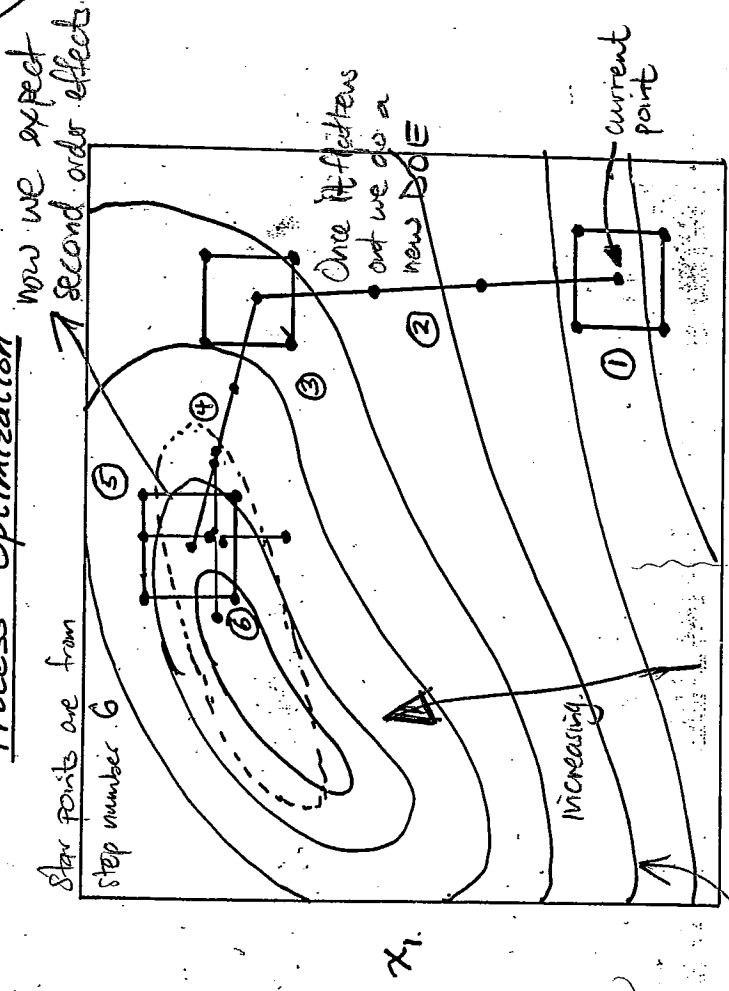
eventually just land up on the ridge

Problem is caused by: not a simple process there is definitely  $x_1 - x_2$  interaction here

FIGURE 15.1. Hypothetical results from one-variable-at-a-time approach.

# RSM - Experimental Approach to

## Process Optimization



- ① Perform factorial (or fractional factorial) design about current operating conditions
- Fit linear model

$$\hat{y} = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_1 + \hat{\beta}_2 x_2 + \hat{\beta}_{12} x_1 x_2$$

significant  $\nearrow$   
 small  $\nwarrow$

because we are in a linear region

units that you move in are SCALED units that you original chose to do designed experiments, ie units that lead to a square design

③ Calculate direction of Steepest Ascent + perform experiments along this direction until response doesn't improve.

### Path of SA:

$$\frac{\partial \hat{y}}{\partial x_1} = \hat{\beta}_1$$

$$\frac{\partial \hat{y}}{\partial x_2} = \hat{\beta}_2$$

(If  $\hat{\beta}_{12}$  term is small ie model is linear)

Move them both in a same proportion  
 ie Move  $x_1$   $\hat{\beta}_1$  units in direction of  $x_1$   
 for every  $\hat{\beta}_2$  units in direction of  $x_2$   
 Unrelated to this specific example of temp & time vs yield  
 eg.  $\hat{y} = 3.5 + 1.5 x_1 - 3.0 x_2 + 0 x_1 x_2$

Points along path of SA:  $x_1$   $x_2$

Current pt $\rightarrow$	0	0
$2x_1 = x_2$	1.0	-2.0
	1.5	-3.0
	3.0	-6.0

- ③ extrapolating so you should do a factorial after Lay down a new factorial design a few steps
- ④ If linear terms still large +  $\hat{\beta}_{12}$  small again calculate direction of SA + perform experiments along it.

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial x_1} = \hat{\beta}_1 + \hat{\beta}_{12} x_2 \quad \frac{\partial y}{\partial x_2} = \hat{\beta}_2 + \hat{\beta}_{12} x_1$$

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### ⑤ 3rd Factorial design.

- Clear Lack of Fit of Linear Model
- Linear effects  $\hat{\beta}_1, \hat{\beta}_2$  small
- Interaction term  $\hat{\beta}_{12}$  large
- Check on curvature or quadratic effect ( $\beta_{11}x_1^2 + \beta_{22}x_2^2$  terms)?

parameters from groups

	$x_0$	$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_1^2$	$x_2^2$	$x_1x_2$	
	+	-	-	+	+	+	two ways to estimate
	+	+	-	+	+	+	$\hat{\beta}_0 = \frac{y_1 + y_2 + y_3 + y_4}{4}$
	+	-	+	+	+	-	$= \bar{y}_F$
	+	+	+	+	+	+	$\rightarrow \frac{y_1 + y_2 + y_3 + y_4}{4} = \bar{y}_F$
	+	0	0	0	0	0	$\rightarrow \frac{y_1 + y_2 + y_3 + y_4}{4} = \bar{y}_F$
	+	0	0	0	0	0	$\rightarrow \frac{y_1 + y_2 + y_3 + y_4}{4} = \bar{y}_F$

If model were linear (ie  $\hat{\beta}_{11} = \hat{\beta}_{22} = 0$ ) then  $\hat{\beta}_0 = \bar{y}_F$  would be estimate of response at center of design.

$\therefore \bar{y}_F - \bar{y}_{cp} \rightarrow$  estimate of ( $\hat{\beta}_{11} + \hat{\beta}_{22}$ ) (curvature)

⑥ If curvature and/or interaction large relative to main effects the add star points  $\rightarrow$  2nd order central composite design

Linear in parameters, nonlinear in  $\Delta$  RSM-7

### ⑥ Fit full second order model

$$\hat{y} = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1x_1 + \hat{\beta}_2x_2 + \hat{\beta}_{12}x_1x_2 + \hat{\beta}_{11}x_1^2 + \hat{\beta}_{22}x_2^2$$

now main effects are not really meaningful - do an overall quadratic optimization

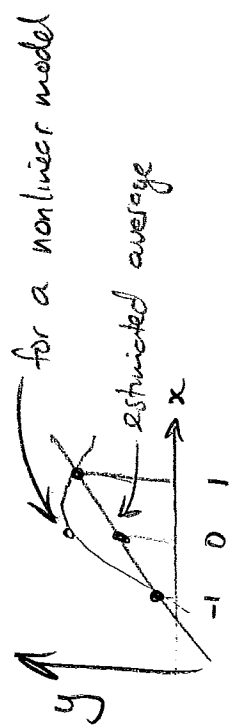
### ⑦ Plot response contours.

2-D or 3-D plot routines in all statistical design software (MODDE)

- Examine response surface and move towards best conditions \*

The dashed contour is an approximation made by the DOE software of the real contours

For  $k > 3$  variables, use fractional factorials



If model were linear  $\bar{y} =$  estimate of response at the centre point

$\rightarrow$  compares the difference between actual centre points and our guess of the centre point, if it is linear model  $\rightarrow$  if large difference  $\Rightarrow$  quadratic effects are important

Saddle points are tricky: improve by going in two directions  $\rightarrow$  choose least cost option

# DOE

## Linear Empirical

- Factorial
- Fractional factorial
- Random block design

## Nonlinear, mechanistic model

### form known

now need to estimate the parameters in this model  
(still empirical really)

i.e. which DOE will give precise parameter estimates

Optimal designs: i.e.  $\max |X^T X|$

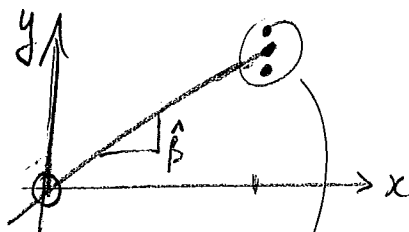
objective: good estimate of how precise we can get our parameter - minimise variance of  $\hat{\beta}$

example:  $y = \beta x$

$$\text{var}(\hat{\beta}) = \frac{\sigma^2}{\sum x^2}$$

to minimise  $\text{var}(\hat{\beta}) \Rightarrow \max \sum x^2$

i.e. run all experiments at the maximum value of the  $x$

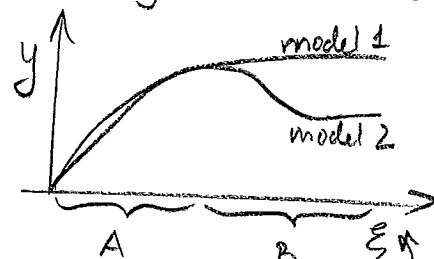


### form unknown

eg: Langmuir form

- diffusion step controlling
- reaction step controlling
- desorption step controlling

dependent on which one  
Discriminate between them  
which one is most plausible  
vast body of work on this



$$\max_{\xi} (\hat{y}_1 - \hat{y}_2)^2$$

one of the variables  
should run experiments in  
part B, i.e. where the  
predictions deviate the  
most - put all models  
in maximum jeopardy

After this return to form known

Assumptions: model is perfect

- optimize to joint confidence region
- optimize for minimum variance in OPT-1
- some appropriate sense

## OPTIMAL DESIGNS

"Optimal Designs" are designs which optimize some objective function via the choice of design conditions  $\underline{x}$  eg: settings of  $\underline{x}$  our variables

### Designs for Precise Parameter Estimation

Assume we know or have selected the structure of the model.

eg.  $\eta = \underline{x}\beta$  (linear) } model is already determined  
or  $\eta = f(\underline{x}, \beta)$  (nonlinear)

Consider linear model (in the parameters)

$$\eta = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \beta_{12} x_1 x_2 + \beta_{11} x_1^2 + \beta_{22} x_2^2$$

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 & x_2 & x_1 x_2 & x_1^2 & x_2^2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}) = (X^T X)^{-1} \sigma^2 \quad \text{Variance/covariance matrix}$$

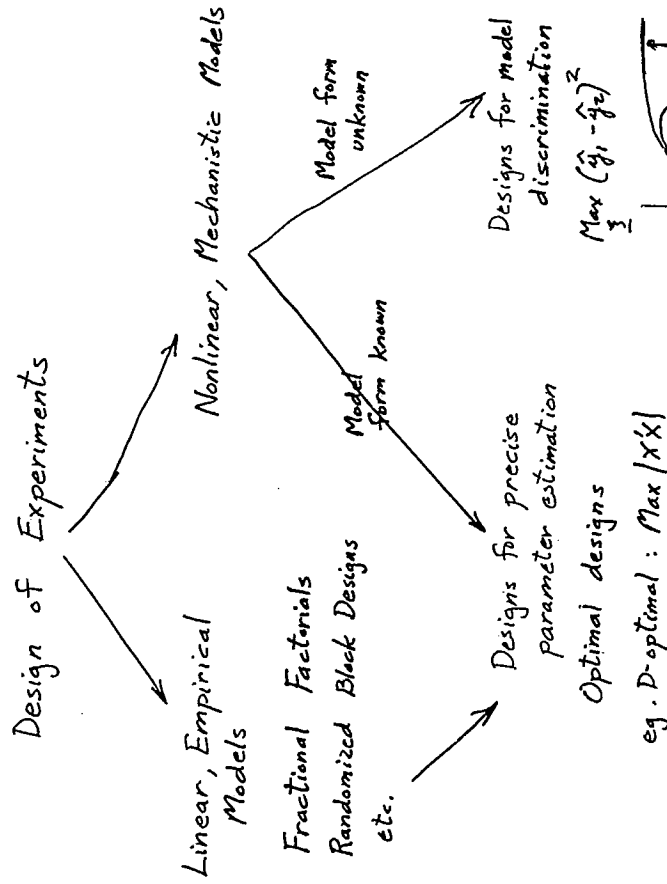
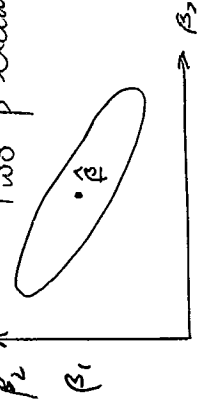
P. Definite matrix

Joint Confidence Region given by ellipse

$$(\beta - \hat{\beta})^T (X^T X) (\beta - \hat{\beta}) = p s^2 F_{\alpha}(p, n-p) \quad \text{number of parameters estimated}$$

Quadratic equation in  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$  Two  $\beta$  example

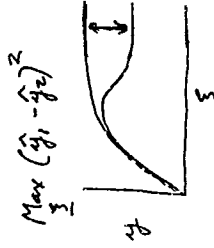
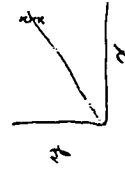
want to minimise the area of this ellipse



$$y = \beta x$$

$$\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}) = \frac{\sigma^2}{\sum x_i^2}$$

$$\text{Max} |X^T X| \equiv \text{Max} \sum x_i^2 \equiv \text{Min Var}(\hat{\beta})$$



Example: Linear model

$$\eta = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \beta_{12} x_1 x_2$$

Design "best" 4 experiments to give most precise estimates of  $\beta$  in D-optimal sense.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Max } |X^T X| &= \text{Max} \\ \text{exp 1} &\rightarrow (x_{11}, x_{21}) \\ \text{exp 2} &\rightarrow (x_{12}, x_{22}) \\ \text{exp 3} &\rightarrow (x_{13}, x_{23}) \\ \text{exp 4} &\rightarrow (x_{14}, x_{24}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c} \begin{matrix} (1,1) & (1,2) & (1,3) & (1,4) \\ 4 & \sum_{u=1}^4 x_{1u} & \sum_{u=1}^4 x_{1u} x_{2u} & \sum_{u=1}^4 x_{1u} x_{2u}^2 \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} (2,1) & (2,2) & (2,3) & (2,4) \\ \sum_{u=1}^4 x_{2u}^2 & \sum_{u=1}^4 x_{1u} x_{2u} & \sum_{u=1}^4 x_{1u}^2 x_{2u} & \sum_{u=1}^4 x_{1u}^2 x_{2u}^2 \end{matrix} \\ \hline \text{sym.} & \end{array}$$

subject to constraints:  $-1 \leq x_1 \leq 1$   
 $-1 \leq x_2 \leq 1$

Optimization routine  $\rightarrow$  Search for 4 experiments

Solution  $\rightarrow 2^2$  Factorial

$$\text{Max } |X^T X| = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 64$$

Optimal 8 run design = Repeated  $2^2$

In general if have p parameters, D-opt design will place experiments at p locations, and then just start repeating these if want more than p experiments.

It will repeat the same design  
 This comes from the fact that one can tell upfront what your parameter variance will be before you do the experiments.

Opt-3

Objective: Design experiments to minimize some measure of uncertainty in  $\beta$ .

eg. - Case of one parameter

$$\text{Var}(\beta) = \frac{\sigma^2}{\sum_{u=1}^n x_u^2}$$

may want to include other points to create form of model

Min.  $\text{Var}(\beta)$  by maximizing  $\sum_{u=1}^n x_u^2$

$\Rightarrow$  Place all  $x_u$ 's at upper limit of x.

More than one  $\beta$ . turning here we have more uncertainty in the slope

$$\text{Var}(\beta) = (X^T X)^{-1} \sigma^2 \neq f(y) \text{ it is totally independent of the response, only depends on where we place } x$$

Summarize all the uncertainty into one number  
 Need single measure of precision.

we can predict our confidence intervals before we even do the experiments

A-Optimality:  $\text{Min}_{x_u} \text{Trace}(X^T X)^{-1} \sigma^2$

average optimality  
 $= \text{Min}_{x_u} \sum_{i=1}^p \text{Var}(\beta_i)$   
 $= \text{sum of variances of parameters}$

D-Optimality:  $\text{Min}_{x_u} \text{Determinant-optimality}$

Volume (area) of elliptical joint confidence region for  $\beta \propto |X^T X|^{-1/2}$  directly proportional to this value  $\sim$  Determinant

$\therefore$  Design criterion: independent of scaling & units

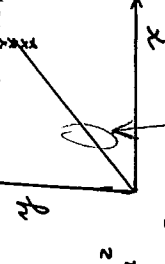
$$\text{Max}_{x_u, u=1,2,\dots} |X^T X|$$

$\rightarrow$  choice of experimental conditions

Opt-2

$$\eta = \beta x$$

assumes it is exact or correct



More than one  $\beta$ . turning here we have more uncertainty in the slope

$$\text{Var}(\beta) = (X^T X)^{-1} \sigma^2 \neq f(y) \text{ it is totally independent of the response, only depends on where we place } x$$

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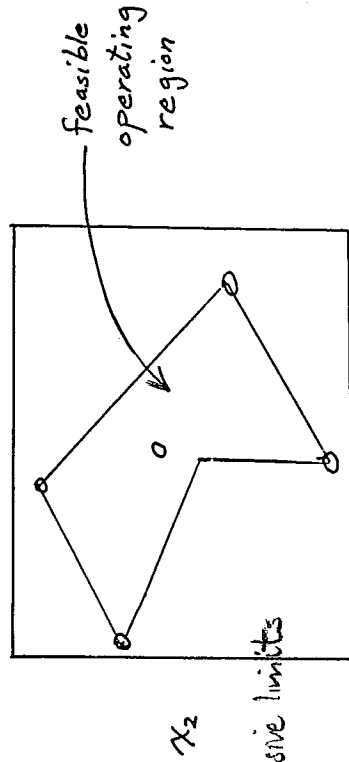
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$\rightarrow$  choice of experimental conditions

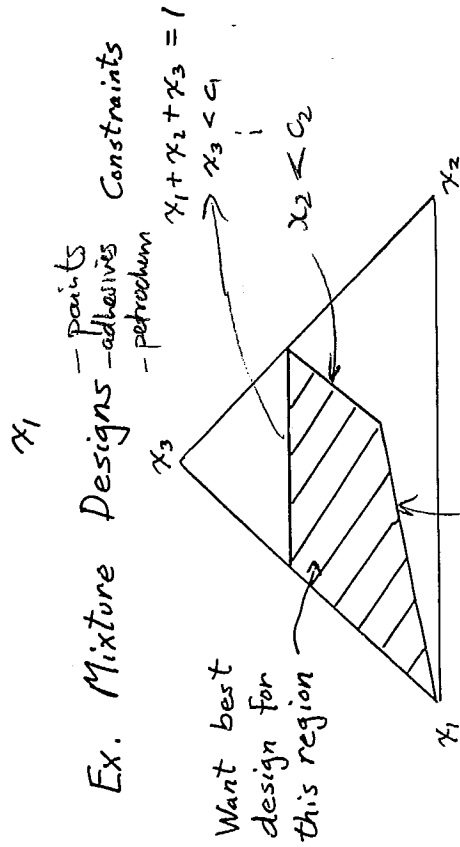
## Important Areas for Optimal Designs

### (1) Constrained Design Regions

Want to fit model  $\eta = X\beta$  in a constrained experimental region



eg: explosive limits



### (2) Sequential Designs

- Suppose have already performed  $n$  experiments.
- Now want to design  $(n+1)$ -st experiment ( $x_{n+1}$ ) (or set of  $m$  new experiments) which when added to existing  $n$  experiments will give us "best" estimates of  $\beta$ .

Write  $\underline{X}_{n+1} = \begin{bmatrix} \underline{X}_n \\ \underline{x}_{n+1} \end{bmatrix}$    
(n+1)xp   
known nxp conditions   
new row of conditions

$$\text{ie: } \underline{x}_{n+1} = 1 \quad x_1 \quad x_2 \quad x_1^2 \quad x_2^2$$

$$\text{Max } |\underline{X}_{n+1}^T \underline{X}_{n+1}| =$$

$$= \text{Max } \left| \underbrace{\underline{X}_n^T \underline{X}_n}_{\text{fixed, known matrix}} + \underbrace{\underline{x}_{n+1}^T \underline{x}_{n+1}}_{\text{function of unknown conditions}} \right|$$

$x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots$

Commercial software makes (1) + (2) easy.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \underline{X}_n & \underline{x}_{n+1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \underline{X}_n \\ \underline{x}_{n+1} \end{bmatrix} = \underline{X}_n^T \underline{X}_n + \underline{x}_{n+1}^T \underline{x}_{n+1}$$

ie, add new runs to a preexisting "bad" design to fix it up.  
 or add some runs to a fractional factorial

you have  $\hat{\beta}_{34} \rightarrow x_3 x_4 + (x_1 x_5)$  interaction confounding

we want to separate this out to get

$$\rightarrow \hat{\beta}_{34} x_3 x_4 + \beta_{15} x_1 x_5$$

Add this to determine the next best runs

$\rightarrow$  Software



(3) Optimal Designs for Nonlinear Models

Theoretical model (kinetics, mass transfer, ...)

$$\eta_u = \eta(\underbrace{\xi_u}_{\substack{\text{vector of} \\ \text{independent variables} \\ \text{for } u\text{-th experiment} \\ \text{(eg. Temp, Press, ...)}}}, \underbrace{\beta}_{(px) \text{ vector of parameters}})$$

$$x_{iu} = \frac{\partial \eta(\xi_u, \beta)}{\partial \beta_i} \quad \begin{matrix} u = 1, 2, \dots, n \\ i = 1, 2, \dots, p \end{matrix}$$

$$\underline{X} = \{x_{iu}\}_{n \times p}$$

$$\max_{\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_n} |X^T X|$$

Dilemma:  $x_{iu} = f(\text{unknown } \beta_0)$  $\therefore$  Need to know  $\beta$  in order to design experiments!Solution: Evaluate derivatives at current best estimates  $\hat{\beta}$

## CHAPTER 12

## Fractional Factorial Designs at Two Levels

The number of runs required by a full  $2^k$  factorial design increases geometrically as  $k$  is increased. It turns out, however, that when  $k$  is not small the desired information can often be obtained by performing only a fraction of the full factorial design. This chapter describes how suitable fractions can be generated and discusses their advantages and limitations.

### 12.1. REDUNDANCY

Consider a two-level design in seven variables. A complete factorial arrangement requires  $2^7 = 128$  runs. From these runs 128 statistics can be calculated, which estimate the following effects:

main		interactions					
average	effects	2-factor	3-factor	4-factor	5-factor	6-factor	7-factor
1	7	21	35	35	21	7	1

Now the fact that all these effects can be estimated does not imply that they all are of appreciable size. There tends to be a certain hierarchy. In terms of absolute magnitude, main effects tend to be larger than two-factor interactions, which in turn tend to be larger than three-factor interactions, and so on. This fact relates directly to the properties of smoothness and similarity discussed earlier. (In particular, for quantitative variables the main effects and interactions can be associated with the terms of a Taylor series expansion of a response function. Ignoring, say, three-factor interactions corresponds to ignoring terms of third order in the Taylor expansion.)

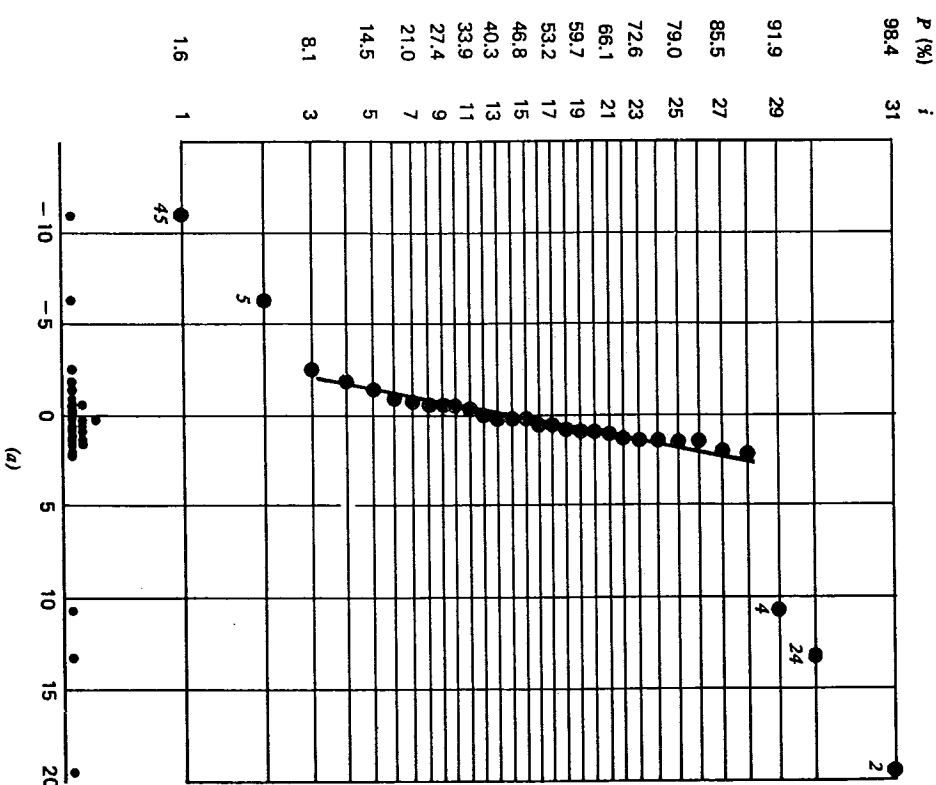


FIGURE 12.1. (a) Normal plot of effects from  $2^5$  factorial design, reactor example

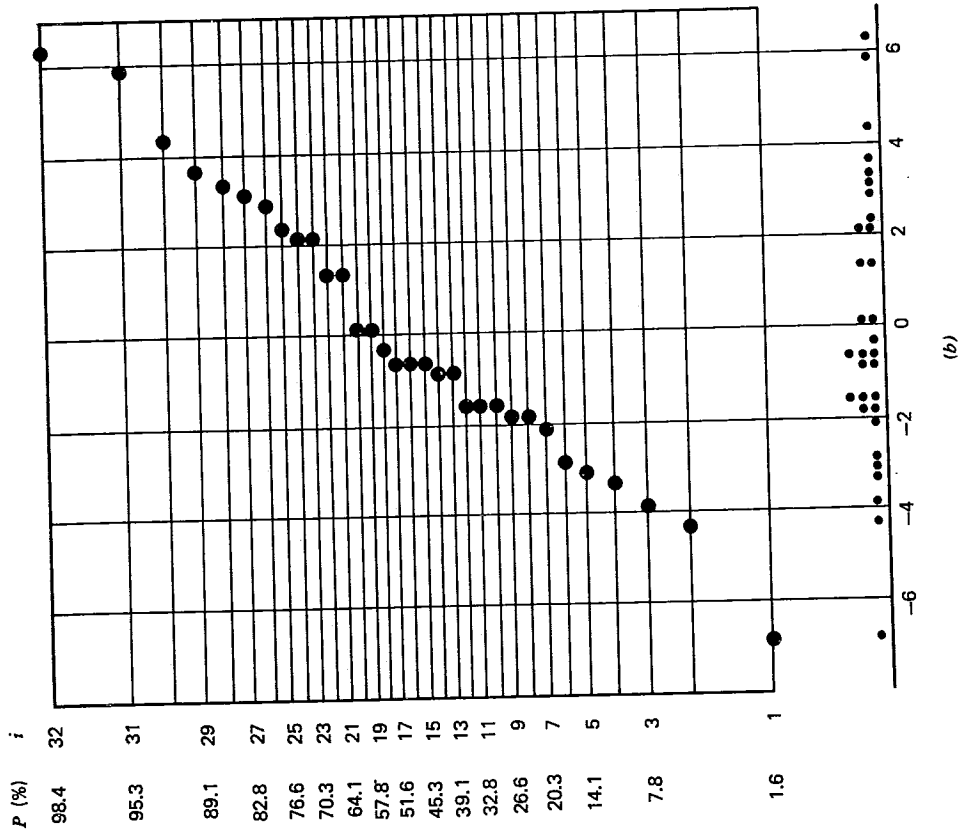


FIGURE 12.1. (b) Normal plot of residuals after eliminating 2, 4, 5, 24, and 45 from 2<sup>5</sup> factorial design, reactor example.

12.2. A HALF-FRACTION OF A 2<sup>5</sup> DESIGN: REACTOR EXAMPLE

Table 12.1a shows data from a complete 2<sup>5</sup> factorial design analyzed in Table 12.1b. Normal plots (Figure 12.1) indicate that over the ranges of the variables studied the main effects 2, 4, and 5 and interactions 24 and 45 are the only effects distinguishable from noise.

TABLE 12.1a. Results from 2<sup>5</sup> factorial design, reactor example

variable		-	+
1	feed rate (liters/min)	10	15
2	catalyst (%)	1	2
3	agitation rate (rpm)	100	120
4	temperature (°C)	140	180
5	concentration (%)	3	6

run	variable					response (% reacted) y
	1	2	3	4	5	
1	-	-	-	-	-	61
*2	+	-	-	-	-	53
*3	-	+	-	-	-	63
4	+	+	-	-	-	61
*5	-	-	+	-	-	53
6	+	+	+	-	-	56
7	-	+	+	+	-	54
*8	+	+	+	+	-	61
*9	-	-	-	+	+	69
10	+	-	-	+	+	61
11	-	+	-	+	+	94
*12	+	+	+	+	+	93
13	-	-	+	+	+	66
*14	+	-	+	+	+	60
*15	-	+	+	+	+	95
16	+	+	+	+	+	98
*17	-	-	-	+	+	56
18	+	-	-	+	+	63
19	-	+	-	+	+	70
*20	+	+	-	+	+	65
21	-	-	+	+	+	59
*22	+	-	+	+	+	55
*23	-	+	+	+	+	67
24	+	+	+	+	+	65
25	-	-	-	+	+	44
*26	+	-	-	+	+	45
*27	-	+	-	+	+	78
28	+	+	-	+	+	77
*29	-	-	+	+	+	49
30	+	-	+	+	+	42
31	-	+	+	+	+	81
*32	+	+	+	+	+	82

## FRACTIONAL FACTORIAL DESIGNS AT TWO LEVELS

TABLE 12.1*b*. Analysis of  $2^5$  factorial design, reactor example

estimates of effects		
average = 65.5		
1 = -1.375	123 = 1.50	
2 = 19.5	124 = 1.375	
3 = -0.625	125 = -1.875	
4 = 10.75	134 = -0.75	
5 = -6.25	135 = -2.50	
	145 = 0.625	
12 = 1.375	235 = 0.125	
13 = 0.75	234 = 1.125	
14 = -0.875	245 = -0.250	
15 = 0.125	345 = 0.125	
23 = 0.875		
24 = 13.25	1234 = 0.0	
25 = 2.0	1245 = 0.625	
34 = 2.125	2345 = -0.625	
35 = 0.875	1235 = 1.5	
45 = -11.0	1345 = 1.0	
	12345 = -0.25	

The full  $2^5$  factorial requires 32 runs. Suppose that the experimenter had chosen to make only the 16 runs marked with asterisks in Table 12.1, so that only the data of Table 12.2 were available. When the 15 main effects and two-factor interactions are calculated from the reduced set of data in Table 12.2, they produce the estimates listed there, which are not very different from those obtained from the complete factorial design. Furthermore the normal plots of Figure 12.2 call attention to precisely the same effects: 2, 4, 24, 45 and 5. Thus the essential information could have been obtained with only half the effort.

The 16-run design in Table 12.2 is called a *half-fraction*. It is often designated as a  $2^{5-1}$  fractional factorial design since

$$\frac{1}{2}2^5 = 2^{-1}2^5 = 2^{5-1} = 2^{5-1}$$

The notation tells us that the design accommodates five variables, each at two levels, but that only  $2^{5-1} = 2^4 = 16$  runs are employed.

TABLE 12.2 Analysis of a half-fraction of the full  $2^5$  design: a  $2^{5-1}$  fractional factorial design, reactor example

run	variable					response (% reacted)									
	1	2	3	4	5	10	1	2	100	120	140	180	3	6	y
17	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	56
2	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	53
3	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	63
20	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	65
5	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	53
22	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	55
23	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	67
8	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	61
9	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	69
26	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	45
27	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	78
12	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	93
29	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	49
14	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	60
15	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	95
32	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	82

estimates of effects  
(assuming that three-factor and higher order interactions are negligible)

average =	65.25	12 =	1.5
1 =	-2.0	13 =	0.5
2 =	20.5	14 =	-0.75
3 =	0.0	15 =	1.25
4 =	12.25	23 =	1.50
5 =	-6.25	24 =	10.75
		25 =	1.25
		34 =	0.25
		35 =	2.25
		45 =	-9.50

16 effects for  $2^{5-1}$  design

### 12.3. CONSTRUCTION AND ANALYSIS OF HALF-FRACTIONS: REACTOR EXAMPLE

*How Were the 16 Runs Chosen?*

The  $2^{5-1}$  design in Table 12.2 was constructed as follows:

1. A full  $2^4$  design was written for the four variables 1, 2, 3, and 4.
2. The column of signs for the 1234 interaction was written, and these were used to define the levels of variable 5. Thus we made  $5 = 1234$ .

**Exercise 12.1.** By using this procedure, verify that the design obtained is the one given in Table 12.2.

#### *The Anatomy of the Half-Fraction*

At this point we seem to have gained something for nothing. It is natural to ask, Have we lost anything? Look again at the fractional factorial design of Table 12.2. We have made 16 runs and estimated 16 quantities: the mean, the 5 main effects, and the 10 two-factor interactions. But what happened to the remaining 16 effects we were able to estimate with the full factorial design—the 10 three-factor interactions, the 5 four-factor interactions, and the 1 five-factor interaction?

Let us try to estimate the value of the three-factor interaction 123. Multiplying the signs in columns 1, 2, and 3, we obtain the sequence (which, to save space, we write as a row rather than a column)

$$123 = - + + - + - + - + - + - + - + - +$$

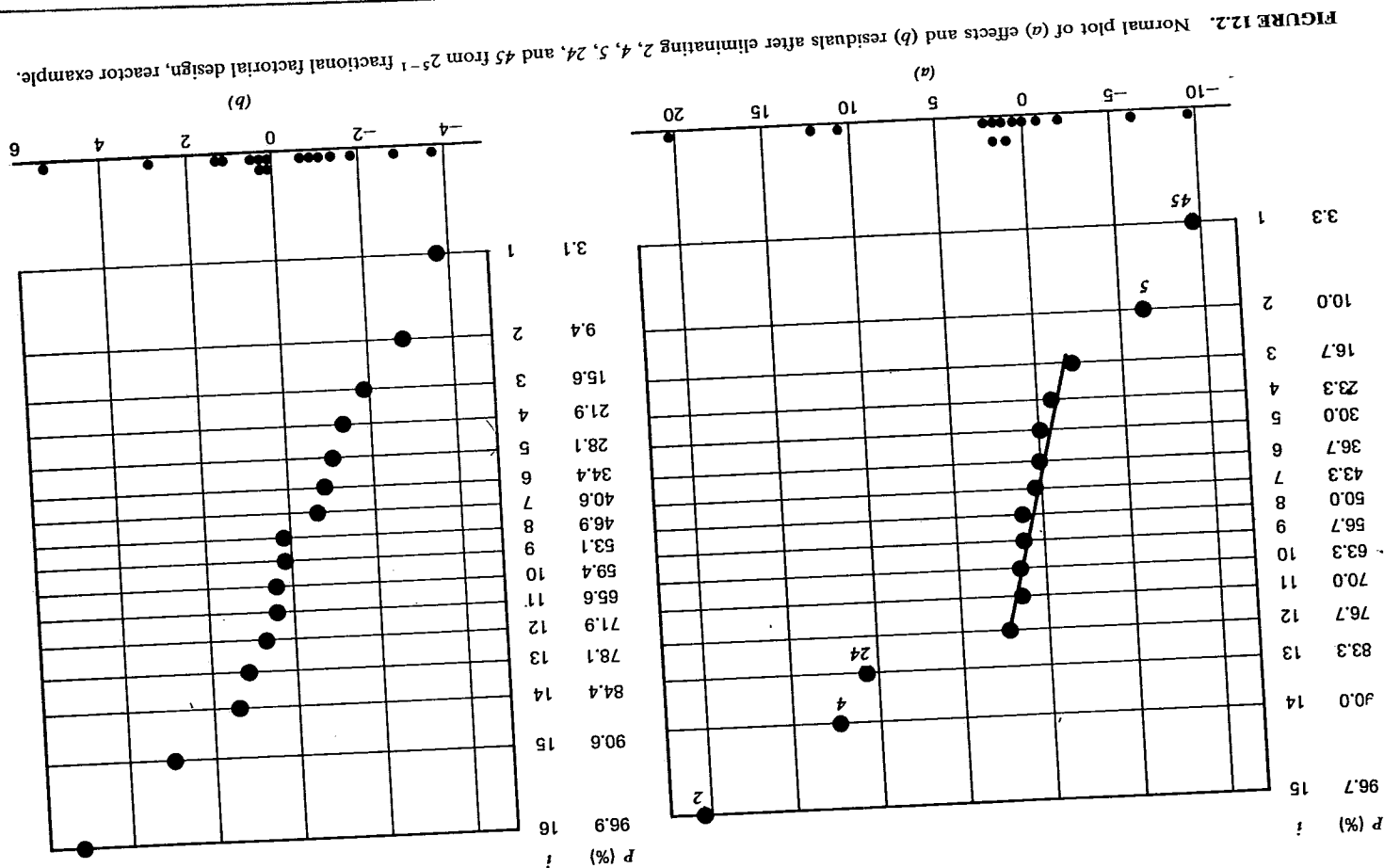
We notice that this is identical to

$$45 = - + + - + - + - + - + - + - + - +$$

Thus  $123 = 45$ , and as a consequence the 123 and 45 interactions are confounded. Equivalently, in the fractional design the individual interactions 123 and 45 are said to be *aliases* of each other. Now suppose that we use the symbol  $l_{45}$  to denote the linear function of the observations which we used to estimate the 45 interaction:

$$l_{45} = \frac{1}{8}(-56 + 53 + 63 - 65 + 53 - 55 - 67 + 61 - 69 + 45 + 78 - 93 + 49 - 60 - 95 + 82) = -9.50 \quad (12.1)$$

We can call this the  $l_{45}$  contrast since it is the *difference* between two averages of eight results. Properly speaking, contrast  $l_{45}$  estimates the *sum* of the mean



$I_1$  is actually obtained. The half-fraction is defined\* by a single generator, so that the relation  $I = 12345$  also provides the *defining relation* of the design.

This defining relation is the key to the confounding pattern. For example, multiplying the defining relation on both sides by  $I$  yields

$$I = 2345$$

In a similar way multiplying by  $2$  gives  $2 = 1345$  and so on to produce all the identities in the first column of Table 12.3.

### The Complementary Half-Fraction

In the above example the generator  $5 = 1234$ , or, equivalently,  $I = 12345$ , produced the defining relation for the design. In other words, by generating a new column  $5 = 1234$  we obtained the half-fraction corresponding to the runs marked with asterisks in Table 12.1. The defining relation  $I = 12345$  provided by this generator immediately yields the confounding pattern of Table 12.3. The complementary half-fraction is generated by putting  $5 = -1234$ . We then obtain the half-fraction corresponding to the runs of the original  $2^5$  that are *not* marked with asterisks in Table 12.1. The defining relation for this design may be written as

$$I = -12345$$

In practice either half-fraction can equally well be used. For the data of Table 12.1 the complementary half-fraction would have given, for example,

$$I_1 = -0.75 \rightarrow 1 - 2345$$

$$I_2 = 18.50 \rightarrow 2 - 1345$$

**Exercise 12.3.** For the 16 runs in Table 12.1 that do *not* have asterisks, calculate the average and the 15 contrasts  $I_1, I_2, \dots, I_{15}$ . Show by making a normal plot that the conclusions that would result from this fraction would be similar to those obtained from the other one.

*Answer:* (average,  $1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 12, 13, 14, 15, 23, 24, 25, 34, 35, 45$ ) = (65.75, -0.75, 18.5, -1.25, 9.25, -6.25, 1.25, 1.0, -1.0, -1.0, 0.25, 15.75, 2.75, 4.0, -0.5, -12.5).

### Combining the Two Half-Fractions

Suppose that after completing one of the half-fractions the other was subsequently added, so that the whole factorial was available. Unconfounded estimates of all effects

\* When higher fractions are employed, there is more than one generator. For example, a quarter-fraction is defined by two generators. For more complicated fractions see Appendix 12A.

could then be obtained by analyzing the 32 runs as a full  $2^5$  factorial design run in two blocks of 16. The same result would be obtained by suitably adding and subtracting estimates from the two individual fractions. For example, we have

first fraction	second fraction
$I_2 = 20.5 \rightarrow 2 + 1345$	$I_2 = 18.5 \rightarrow 2 - 1345$

whence

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2}(I_2 + I_2) &= \frac{1}{2}(20.5 + 18.5) = 19.5 \rightarrow 2 \\ \frac{1}{2}(I_2 - I_2) &= \frac{1}{2}(20.5 - 18.5) = 1.0 \rightarrow 1345 \end{aligned} \quad (12.6)$$

These values for  $2$  and  $1345$  agree with those given in Table 12.1 for the complete  $2^5$  design.

### 12.4. THE CONCEPT OF DESIGN RESOLUTION: REACTOR EXAMPLE

The  $2^{5-1}$  fraction is called a *resolution V* design. Looking at the confounding pattern in Table 12.3, we see, for example, that  $I_1 \rightarrow 1 + 2345$  and  $I_{12} \rightarrow 12 + 345$ . Thus main effects are confounded with four-factor interactions, and two-factor interactions with three-factor interactions.

In general, a design of resolution  $R$  is one in which no  $p$ -factor effect is confounded with any other effect containing less than  $R - p$  factors. The resolution of a design is denoted by the appropriate Roman letter appended as a subscript. Thus we could refer to the design of Table 12.2 as a  $2^{5-1}_{IV}$  design. To illustrate:

1. A design of resolution  $R = III$  does not confound main effects with one another but does confound main effects with two-factor interactions.
2. A design of resolution  $R = IV$  does not confound main effects and two-factor interactions but does confound two-factor interactions with other two-factor interactions.
3. A design of resolution  $R = V$  does not confound main effects and two-factor interactions with each other, but does confound two-factor interactions with three-factor interactions, and so on.

In general, the *resolution* of a two-level fractional design is the *length of the shortest word in the defining relation*.

values of effects 45 and 123. We indicate this by the notation  $l_{45} \rightarrow 45 + 123$ . If the columns of signs corresponding to all the other three-factor, four-factor, and five-factor interactions are obtained by multiplying signs, we get the results shown in Table 12.3.

TABLE 12.3. Confounding pattern and estimates from  $2^{5-1}$  design of Table 12.2

relationship between column pairs	confounding pattern	estimate
1 = 2345	$l_1 \rightarrow 1 + 2345$	$l_1 = -2.0$
2 = 1345	$l_2 \rightarrow 2 + 1345$	$l_2 = 20.5$
3 = 1245	$l_3 \rightarrow 3 + 1245$	$l_3 = 0.0$
4 = 1235	$l_4 \rightarrow 4 + 1235$	$l_4 = 12.25$
5 = 1234	$l_5 \rightarrow 5 + 1234$	$l_5 = -6.25$
12 = 345	$l_{12} \rightarrow 12 + 345$	$l_{12} = 1.5$
13 = 245	$l_{13} \rightarrow 13 + 245$	$l_{13} = 0.5$
14 = 235	$l_{14} \rightarrow 14 + 235$	$l_{14} = -0.75$
15 = 234	$l_{15} \rightarrow 15 + 234$	$l_{15} = 1.25$
23 = 145	$l_{23} \rightarrow 23 + 145$	$l_{23} = 1.5$
24 = 135	$l_{24} \rightarrow 24 + 135$	$l_{24} = 10.75$
25 = 134	$l_{25} \rightarrow 25 + 134$	$l_{25} = 1.25$
34 = 125	$l_{34} \rightarrow 34 + 125$	$l_{34} = 0.25$
35 = 124	$l_{35} \rightarrow 35 + 124$	$l_{35} = 2.25$
45 = 123	$l_{45} \rightarrow 45 + 123$	$l_{45} = -9.50$
(1 = 12345)	$[l_1 \rightarrow \text{average} + \frac{1}{2}(12345)]$	$(l_1 = 65.25)$

**Exercise 12.2.** As was done for columns 45 and 123, verify that columns 24 and 135 are identical. Verify the identity of the other column pairs in Table 12.3.

#### A Justification for the Analysis

Evidently our earlier analysis would be justified if it could be assumed that effects of third and fourth order (represented by three-factor and four-factor interactions) could be ignored. In the reactor example the assumption was apparently justified. We shall see later that the analysis could also be justified on different and somewhat more subtle grounds (see the subsection entitled "An Alternative Rationale for the Half-Fraction Design in the Reactor Experiment").

#### How to Find the Confounding Patterns

In manipulating fractional factorials it is important to be able to obtain the confounding pattern for any given design. The method of associating like sign sequences is extremely tedious. Fortunately a much more expeditious route is available. To understand it remember the following four points:

1. Boldface numerals (e.g., 3 and 12) refer to *columns* of plus and minus signs.
2. A product column is obtained by multiplication of the individual elements in the columns that make up that product. (The product column 124, for instance, is obtained by multiplication of the individual elements in the corresponding columns, 1, 2, and 4.)
3. Multiplying the elements in any column by a column of identical elements gives a column of plus signs, which is designated by the letter **I**, that is,  $1 \times 1 = 1^2 = \mathbf{I}$ ,  $2^2 = \mathbf{I}$ ,  $3^2 = \mathbf{I}$ ,  $4^2 = \mathbf{I}$ , and so forth.
4. A contrast like  $l_{45}$  in Equation 12.1 is obtained by multiplying the observations by the appropriate plus and minus signs in column 45 and dividing by  $N/2 = 8$  where  $N$  is the number of observations (16 in this case). Each quantity  $l$  is thus a contrast between two averages, each of  $N/2$  observations. The single exception is  $l_I = \bar{y}$ , which is obtained by multiplying the observations by the column **I** of plus signs (i.e., summing the observations) and dividing the result by  $N$  (in this example  $N = 16$ ).

#### Generator and Defining Relation

The  $2^{5-1}$  design in Table 12.2 was constructed by setting

$$\mathbf{5} = 1234 \quad (12.2)$$

This relation is called the *generator* of the design. Multiplying both sides by 5, we obtain

$$5 \times 5 = 1234 \times 5 \quad (12.3)$$

or

$$5^2 = 12345 \quad (12.4)$$

Thus the generator for the design can equivalently (and more conveniently) be written as

$$\mathbf{I} = 12345 \quad (12.5)$$

This version of the identity is readily confirmed by multiplying together the elements in columns 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, and noting that a column of plus signs,





*inert*—it will have no detectable main effect or interaction with any other variable. On the assumption of one or more inert variables, the  $2^{5-1}$  design will generate complete factorials in the remaining variables, *no matter which variables these are*.

In fact, our analysis for the reactor example suggests that only three of the variables had detectable effects: 2, 4, and 5 (catalyst, temperature, and concentration). Since variables 1 and 3 were effectively inert, we had a *replicated*  $2^3$  factorial in variables 2, 4, and 5, and the results can be assembled as in Figure 12.3.

### Factorials Embedded in Fractions: The General Importance of the Concept of Resolution

In general, it can be shown that a fractional factorial design of resolution  $R$  contains complete factorials (possibly replicated) in every set of  $R - 1$  variables. Suppose, then, that the experimenter has a number of candidate variables but believes that all but  $R - 1$  of them (specific identity unknown) may have no detectable effects. Then, if he employs a design of resolution  $R$  and his conjecture is justified, he will have a complete factorial design in the effective variables. This idea is illustrated with the  $2^{3-1}$  design in Figure 12.4, which projects a  $2^2$  pattern in every subspace of two dimensions.

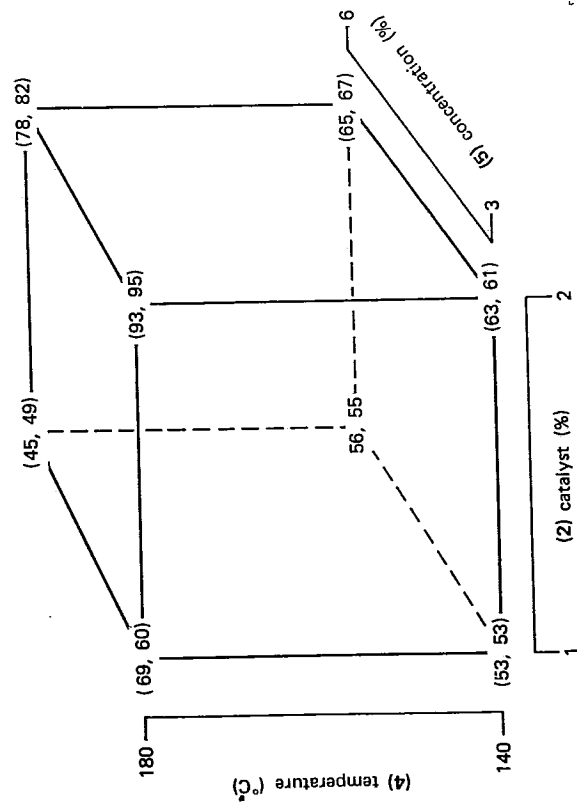


FIGURE 12.3. Data (% reacted) from a  $2^{5-1}$  fraction, shown as replicated  $2^3$  factorial in variables 2, 4, and 5, reactor example.

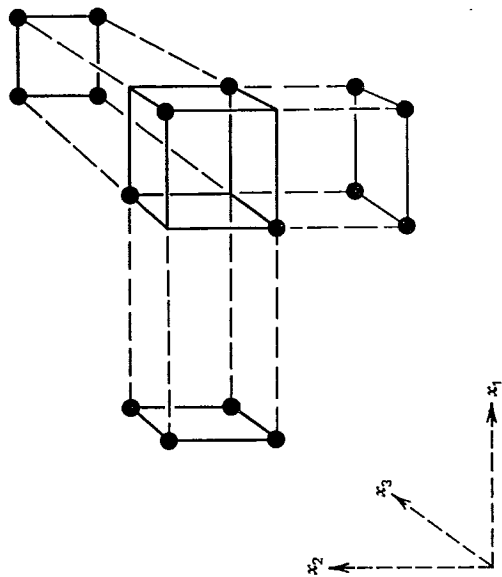


FIGURE 12.4. A  $2^{3-1}$  design, showing projections into three  $2^2$  factorials.

**Exercise 12.5.** If a resolution  $R$  design gives a full factorial in every set of  $R - 1$  variables, is it necessarily true that a full factorial is obtained in every subset containing fewer than  $R - 1$  variables?  
*Answer:* Yes.

**Exercise 12.6.** A  $2^{5-1}$  design gives full factorials in every subset of  $q$  variables. What is the value of  $q$ ?  
*Answer:* 4, 3, 2, or 1 (for an example of  $q = 3$  see Figure 12.3).

### Economy in Experimentation Arising from the Sequential Use of Fractional Designs

Suppose that an experimenter who can make his runs sequentially wishes to investigate five factors, each at two levels, and is contemplating a  $2^5$  design involving 32 runs. It is almost always better for him to run a half-fraction containing 16 runs first, analyze the results, and think about them. If necessary, he can always run the second fraction later to complete the full design. Frequently, however, the first half-fraction itself will allow him to proceed to the next stage of experimental iteration, which may involve, for example, the introduction of new variables or different levels of the old ones. Use of this sequential approach can thus greatly accelerate progress. It is worth noting that:

1. The experimenter should randomize within each fraction.
2. If eventually it is decided to run both fractions, these fractions will be randomized orthogonal blocks of the complete design.

- 3. No information will be "lost" except that concerning the interaction which is actually confounded with the block contrast.
- 4. The design run as two randomized fractions can give greater precision than the whole design run in random order because the block difference is eliminated.

Recapitulation

We began the chapter by discussing redundancy. It was pointed out that, for moderate  $k$ , a full factorial design frequently makes possible the estimation of many more effects than are detectably different from the noise. Sometimes these nondetectable effects are high-order interactions and sometimes they are all the effects associated with some inert variable or variables.

The fractional factorials discussed in this chapter are ideally suited to exploiting the probable existence of redundancy of one or both of these kinds for the following reason:

- 1. It can be arranged so that the confounding that occurs is between effects of high and low order,
- 2. A complete factorial design is available for whichever subset of  $R - 1$  variables turns out to have appreciable effects.

In sequential experimentation, unless the total number of runs for a full or replicated factorial is needed to achieve sufficient precision, it is usually better to run fractional factorial designs. The fractions, used as building blocks, can build up to the full factorial design if this is necessary.

We now illustrate these ideas for designs of resolution III.

12.5. RESOLUTION III DESIGNS: BICYCLE EXAMPLE\*

Suppose that the hypothetical data of Table 12.5 are times in seconds for a particular person to complete eight trial bicycle runs up a hill between fixed marks. These runs were performed in random order on eight successive days. The design is of resolution III and is a  $\frac{1}{16}$  fraction of the full  $2^7$  factorial. Thus it is a  $2^{7-4}_{III}$  design. (Note that  $2^{7-4} = 2^3 = 8$ .)

Table 12.6 gives the calculated contrasts. For example,

$$I_1 = \frac{1}{8}(-69 + 52 - 60 + 83 - 71 + 50 - 59 + 88) \quad (12.7)$$

\* This hypothetical example is an extension of the real one in Appendix 11A, but it is assumed now that both the rider and the bicycle are different.

TABLE 12.5. An eight-run experimental design for studying how time to cycle up a hill is affected by seven variables ( $I = 124, I = 135, I = 236, I = 1237$ ).

run	seat up/down	dynamo off/on	handlebars up/down	gear low/medium	raincoat on/off	breakfast yes/no	tires hard/soft	time to climb hill (sec)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	y
				12	13	23	123	
1	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	69
2	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	52
3	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	60
4	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	83
5	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	71
6	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	50
7	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	59
8	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	88

TABLE 12.6. Calculated contrasts and abbreviated confounding pattern for data and design in Table 12.5

seat	$l_1 = 3.5 \rightarrow 1 + 24 + 35 + 67$
dynamo	$l_2 = (12.0) \rightarrow 2 + 14 + 36 + 57$
handlebars	$l_3 = 1.0 \rightarrow 3 + 15 + 26 + 47$
gear	$l_4 = (22.5) \rightarrow 4 + 12 + 56 + 37$
raincoat	$l_5 = 0.5 \rightarrow 5 + 13 + 46 + 27$
breakfast	$l_6 = 1.0 \rightarrow 6 + 23 + 45 + 17$
tires	$l_7 = 2.5 \rightarrow 7 + 34 + 25 + 16$
	$(l_1 = 66.5 \rightarrow \text{average})$

	69	83
medium	71	88
gear 4	52	60
low	50	59
	off	on
	dynamo 2	

The table also gives an abbreviated\* confounding pattern in which interactions between three or more factors have been ignored. Suppose that previous experience suggested that the standard deviation for repeated runs up the hill under the same conditions is about 3 seconds. Thus the calculated effects  $l_1, l_2, \dots, l_7$  have a standard error of about

$$\sqrt{\frac{3^2}{4} + \frac{3^2}{4}} = 2.1$$

Evidently only two contrasts,  $l_2$  and  $l_4$ , are distinguishable from noise. Their values are circled in Table 12.6. The simplest interpretation of the results is that only two of the seven factors, the dynamo (2) and gear (4), exert a detectable influence, and they do so by way of their main effects. Having the dynamo on adds about 12 seconds to the time, and using medium gear instead of low gear adds about 22 seconds. On this interpretation we have in effect

\* The method by which the confounding pattern has been obtained is given in Appendix 12A.

a replicated  $2^2$  design in the variables 2 and 4, as indicated at the bottom of Table 12.6. There is, of course, some ambiguity in these conclusions. It is possible, for example, that  $l_4$  is large, not because of a large main effect 4, but because one or more of the interactions 12, 56, 37 are large. We see in Appendix 12B how sequential addition of further runs can resolve such ambiguities. However, for this example we suppose that the experimenter's knowledge of the nature of his bicycle suggests that the simpler explanation is likely to be right. The experimenter might well decide to proceed to the next stage of the investigation at this point.

Because one use of resolution III designs is to determine the main effects of each of the factors, assuming that they do not interact, these arrangements have sometimes been called "main effect plans."

### Embedded $2^2$ Factorials in Resolution III designs

A resolution R design has a complete factorial (possibly replicated) in every subset of  $R - 1$  variables. For the resolution III design of Table 12.5, for example, whichever two columns of the design are chosen, they form a complete  $2^2$  factorial replicated twice. Also notice what happens to the confounding pattern in Table 12.6 supposing that two variables, say 2 and 4, are effective, and the rest, that is, 1, 3, 5, 6, and 7, are essentially inert. Then all interactions and main effects containing these numbers vanish,  $l_2 \rightarrow 2, l_4 \rightarrow 4$ , and  $l_1 \rightarrow 24$ , and the remaining  $l$ 's measure experimental error only.

**Exercise 12.7.** For the examples in Table 12.4, verify that any subset of  $R - 1$  variables from a design of resolution R produces a full factorial design.

### Construction of $2^{7-4}_{III}$ Design

The  $2^{7-4}$  design in Table 12.5 can be constructed as follows:

1. Write a full factorial design for the three variables, 1, 2, and 3.
2. Associate additional variables 4, 5, 6, and 7 with all the interaction columns 12, 13, 23, and 123, respectively.

The design is obtained by associating every available contrast with a variable and is therefore sometimes called a *saturated design*.\*

\* It is actually possible to construct supersaturated designs, but we do not recommend them in ordinary circumstances.

Other  $2^{7-4}$  Fractions

In Table 12.5 a one-sixteenth fraction of a full  $2^7$  factorial design is shown. How can the other one-sixteenth fractions that make up the full factorial design be generated? The first design was generated by setting

$$4 = +12 \quad 5 = +13 \quad 6 = +23 \quad 7 = +123 \quad (12.8)$$

but, for example, we could equally well have used

$$4 = -12 \quad 5 = +13 \quad 6 = +23 \quad 7 = +123 \quad (12.9)$$

This gives a different one-sixteenth fraction, which is shown in Table 12.7 with further hypothetical data on times to cycle up the hill. Note that none of the runs in this new design is the same as any of those in the preceding design. Calculated contrasts for this design are shown in Table 12.8.

TABLE 12.7. A second  $2^{7-4}$  fractional factorial design with times to cycle up a hill ( $I = -124, I = 135, I = 236, I = 1,237$ ).

run	seat	dynamo	handlebars	gear	raincoat	breakfast	tires	time to climb hill (sec)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
			-12	13	23	123		
9	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	47
10	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	74
11	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	84
12	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	62
13	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	53
14	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	78
15	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	87
16	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	60

What is the confounding pattern for the new fraction? Notice that the new fraction was obtained by switching signs for variable 4 in the first design (variable 4 was associated with -12 instead of +12). The abbreviated confounding pattern for this new fraction may be obtained, therefore, by switching signs in the confounding pattern of Table 12.6. This gives the confounding pattern in Table 12.8.

For this set of data the contrasts calculated from the second fraction confirm the conclusions from the first fraction.

TABLE 12.8. Calculated contrasts and abbreviated confounding pattern for second design in bicycle experiment

$I_1 =$	$0.8 \rightarrow 1 - 24 + 35 + 67$
$I_2 =$	$10.2 \rightarrow 2 - 14 + 36 + 57$
$I_3 =$	$2.7 \rightarrow 3 + 15 + 26 - 47$
$I_4 =$	$25.2 \rightarrow 4 - 12 - 56 - 37$ (i.e., $I_{-4} = -25.2 \rightarrow -4 + 12 + 56 + 37$ )
$I_5 =$	$-1.7 \rightarrow 5 + 13 - 46 + 27$
$I_6 =$	$2.2 \rightarrow 6 + 23 - 45 + 17$
$I_7 =$	$-0.7 \rightarrow 7 - 34 + 25 + 16$

## The Sixteen Different Fractions

In all there are 16 different ways of allocating signs to the four generators:

$$4 = \pm 12, \quad 5 = \pm 13, \quad 6 = \pm 23, \quad 7 = \pm 123 \quad (12.10)$$

Thus appropriate sign switching in columns\* 4, 5, 6, and 7 of Table 12.5 produces 16 fractional factorial designs which together make up the complete  $2^7$  factorial design. Corresponding sign switching in Table 12.6 produces the 16 different confounding patterns.

## Designing Two Fractions

Consider again the bicycle example. Suppose that the 16 results from the two  $2^{7-4}$  fractionals were considered together. What conclusions could be drawn? Combining the results from Tables 12.6 and 12.8, we obtain Table 12.9.

Conclusions would now be somewhat more certain. In particular, the large main effect of factor 4 (gear) is now estimated free of bias from two-factor interactions, and has a value close to that conjectured earlier. The joint effect of the string of interactions  $I_2 + 56 + 37$  can now be estimated separately from the main effect 4, and it is shown to be small. Most interestingly, all the two-factor interactions involving the important variable 4 are now *free of aliases*. (Of course we continue to assume all three-factor and higher order interactions to be zero.) For this particular set of data, however, none of these two-factor interactions is distinguishable from noise. Factor 2 (dynamo), somewhat less aliased than before, is showing an effect similar to that previously conjectured.

\* The reader can confirm by experimentation that switching signs in other columns of the design only produces one or another of these basic 16 fractions. However, the *order* in which the runs appear can be different.

TABLE 12.9. Analysis of complete set of 16 runs, combining the results of the two fractions, bicycle example

seat	$\frac{1}{2}(I_1 + I_1') = \frac{1}{2}(3.5 + 0.8) =$	$2.2 \rightarrow 1 + 35 + 67$
dynamo	$\frac{1}{2}(I_2 + I_2') = \frac{1}{2}(12.0 + 10.2) =$	$11.1 \rightarrow 2 + 36 + 57$
handlebars	$\frac{1}{2}(I_3 + I_3') = \frac{1}{2}(1.0 + 2.7) =$	$1.9 \rightarrow 3 + 15 + 26$
gear	$\frac{1}{2}(I_4 + I_4') = \frac{1}{2}(22.5 + 25.2) =$	$23.9 \rightarrow 4$
raincoat	$\frac{1}{2}(I_5 + I_5') = \frac{1}{2}(0.5 - 1.7) =$	$-0.6 \rightarrow 5 + 13 + 27$
breakfast	$\frac{1}{2}(I_6 + I_6') = \frac{1}{2}(1.0 + 2.2) =$	$1.8 \rightarrow 6 + 23 + 17$
tires	$\frac{1}{2}(I_7 + I_7') = \frac{1}{2}(2.5 - 0.7) =$	$0.9 \rightarrow 7 + 25 + 16$
	$\frac{1}{2}(I_1 - I_1') = \frac{1}{2}(3.5 - 0.8) =$	$1.3 \rightarrow 24$
	$\frac{1}{2}(I_2 - I_2') = \frac{1}{2}(12.0 - 10.2) =$	$0.9 \rightarrow 14$
	$\frac{1}{2}(I_3 - I_3') = \frac{1}{2}(1.0 - 2.7) =$	$-0.9 \rightarrow 47$
	$\frac{1}{2}(I_4 - I_4') = \frac{1}{2}(22.5 - 25.2) =$	$-1.4 \rightarrow 12 + 56 + 37$
	$\frac{1}{2}(I_5 - I_5') = \frac{1}{2}(0.5 + 1.7) =$	$1.1 \rightarrow 46$
	$\frac{1}{2}(I_6 - I_6') = \frac{1}{2}(1.0 - 2.2) =$	$-0.6 \rightarrow 45$
	$\frac{1}{2}(I_7 - I_7') = \frac{1}{2}(2.5 + 0.7) =$	$1.6 \rightarrow 34$

### Sequential Use of Highly Fractionated Designs

The preceding example illustrates a useful application of highly fractionated designs as sequential building blocks. Additional fractions may be selected to resolve ambiguities, which knowledge of the variables and data available so far suggest may be of importance. We explore two important applications of this idea. The reader can devise others to suit particular circumstances.

#### Addition of a Second Fraction to De-alias Any One Main Effect and All Its Associated Two-Factor Interactions

Consider the two fractions used in the bicycle experiment. The largest effect obtained from the first set of eight runs was associated with the choice of gear (variable 4). It might have been argued, therefore, that if further runs were to be made, they could best be employed to de-alias 4 and all the interactions of other variables with 4.

Table 12.9 shows that by adding a second fraction in which the sign of variable 4 has been switched, a design of 16 runs possessing the desired property is obtained. This ability to de-alias one effect and all its two-factor interactions by adding a second fraction with the appropriate column of signs switched is a handy device for the sequential use of these designs.

#### Adding a Second Fraction to De-alias All Main Effects

Consider Table 12.5 again, and suppose that a different second fraction is added in which signs are switched in *all* the columns. Then for the new fraction

the first two rows in the confounding pattern (obtained by switching signs in Table 12.6) are

$$\begin{aligned} I_1' &\rightarrow 1 - 24 - 35 - 67 & (I_{-1}' &\rightarrow -1 + 24 + 35 + 67) \\ I_2' &\rightarrow 2 - 14 - 36 - 57 & (I_{-2}' &\rightarrow -2 + 14 + 36 + 57) \end{aligned} \quad (12.11)$$

By combining this second fraction with the original fraction, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2}(I_1 + I_1') &\rightarrow 1, & \frac{1}{2}(I_1 - I_1') &\rightarrow 24 + 35 + 67 \\ \frac{1}{2}(I_2 + I_2') &\rightarrow 2, & \frac{1}{2}(I_2 - I_2') &\rightarrow 14 + 36 + 57 \end{aligned} \quad (12.12)$$

and so on.

This way of augmenting the design yields *all* main effects clear of all two-factor interactions, but the two-factor interactions themselves are still confounded in groups of three. An example of the use of this sequence is given in Section 13.3.

**Exercise 12.8.** Show that the second fraction obtained above by switching all signs may also be obtained (with runs in a different order) by switching signs in columns 4, 5, 6, and 7 only. Can you find other ways to reproduce the second fraction? Explain the equivalences you find.

### General Construction of Resolution III Designs

Resolution III designs for  $2^k - 1$  variables may be obtained by saturating a  $2^k$  factorial with additional variables. For example, to construct a saturated 16-run design in 15 variables first write a full factorial design for four variables and then associate the extra variables 5, 6, ..., 15 with the 11 interaction columns 12, 13, 14, 23, 24, 34, 123, 124, 134, 234, and 1234, respectively. The resulting design is a  $2_{III}^{15-11}$  fractional factorial design for 15 variables in 16 runs.

**Exercise 12.9.** Construct a two-level fractional factorial design for 31 variables in 32 runs. This is a  $2^{k-p}$  design; what values do  $k$  and  $p$  have? *Answer:*  $k = 31$ ,  $p = 26$ .

**Exercise 12.10.** Indicate how you could construct a  $2^{63-57}$  fractional factorial design. Is this a saturated design? *Answer:* Yes.

Useful designs may be obtained by appropriately deleting columns from the saturated designs. For example, dropping columns 4 and 7 from the design matrix for a  $2^{7-4}$  design yields a  $2^{5-2}$  design, the defining relation for which can be obtained from that for the  $2^{7-4}$  design by deleting all words containing 4 and 7. The variables to be dropped are selected so as to obtain the most satisfactory alias arrangement.

*Plackett and Burman Saturated Designs*

The saturated fractional factorial designs have the following orthogonal\* property: if we take any two columns, then, corresponding to the  $N/2$  plus signs in the first column, there will be  $N/4$  plus and  $N/4$  minus signs in the second column, and similarly for the minus signs in the first column. Provided that all interactions are negligible, designs with this property allow unbiased estimation of all main effects of  $N - 1$  variables with smallest possible variance. The fractional factorials so far discussed are available only if  $N$  is a power of 2. Plackett and Burman (1946) have obtained arrangements with this same orthogonal property when  $N$  is a multiple of 4. For example, their design for  $k = 11$  factors in  $N = 12$  runs is shown in Table 12.10. The fashion in which two-factor interactions confound main effects for most Plackett and Burman designs is complicated. However, fold-over pairs of any such orthogonal design are of resolution IV (see Box and Wilson, 1951).

TABLE 12.10. Plackett and Burman design for study of 11 factors in 12 runs

run	variable										
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+
2	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-
3	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+
4	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+
5	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+
6	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+
7	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-
8	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
9	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
10	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
11	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

## 12.6. RESOLUTION IV DESIGNS: INJECTION MOLDING EXAMPLE

We have seen that for designs of resolution V main effects are confounded only with four-factor interactions, and two-factor interactions only with three-factor interactions. Full factorial designs are generated by every subset

\* If the level of the  $i$ th variable is represented by  $x_i = \pm 1$  and that of the  $j$ th variable by  $x_j = \pm 1$ , then  $\sum x_i = 0$ ,  $\sum x_j = 0$ , and  $\sum x_i x_j = 0$  for every  $i$  and  $j$ .

of four variables. Designs of resolution III introduce much more serious confounding, with main effects having two-factor interactions as aliases. For these designs full factorial designs exist for every subset of two variables. Designs of resolution IV occupy an intermediate position. No main effect is confounded with any two-factor interaction, but two-factor interactions are confounded with each other. For these designs full factorial designs exist for every subset of three variables.

### *An Experiment on Injection Molding*

In an injection molding experiment (Table 12.11) eight variables were studied in a  $2^{8-4}$  (a  $\frac{1}{16}$  replicate of a  $2^8$  factorial of resolution IV). The normal plots, shown in Figure 12.5, suggest that the linear contrasts  $l_3, l_{15}$ , and  $l_5$  are distinguishable from the noise. The largest remaining effect is  $l_8$ . The confounding pattern, assuming negligible interaction between three or more factors, is shown in Table 12.12. It seems likely that main effects associated with holding pressure (3) and booster pressure (5) exist. Also, the interactions most likely to explain the large size of  $l_{15}$  are perhaps  $l_5$  and  $3l_8$ , since these involve factors 3 and 5, which have large main effects. It is, however, possible that interactions exist between factors that have no main effects. Without further information the situation is uncertain. One way to proceed is to choose a further fraction of eight or 16 runs designed to resolve the ambiguity. However, in this particular example the large size of  $l_{15}$  suggested that the problem might be resolved with even fewer than eight runs. We show in Appendix 12B how four additional runs were chosen and used to discover and estimate the responsible interaction.

### *Construction of the Resolution IV Design by "Folding Over" a Resolution III Design*

The sixteen-run  $2^{8-4}_{IV}$  design in Table 12.11 was constructed as follows. The eight-run  $2^{7-4}_{III}$  design was first written as in Table 12.5 for the seven variables 1, 2, 3, ..., 7. A further column labeled 8 and consisting entirely of plus signs was then added. The remaining eight runs were obtained by switching all signs in the first set of eight runs. Thus run 9 was obtained by switching all signs in run 1 and so on.

#### *The Alias Pattern*

The alias pattern for the folded-over design given in Table 12.11 can be obtained from that of the resolution III design (Table 12.6) by the following argument. Suppose that we compute for the first set of eight runs

$$l_1 = \frac{1}{8}(-y_1 + y_2 \dots + y_8)$$

and for the second set of eight runs

$$-l_1 = \frac{1}{4}(-y_9 + y_{10} \cdots + y_{16})$$

Then using Table 12.6

$$l_1 \rightarrow I + 18 + 24 + 35 + 67 \quad \text{and} \quad -l_1 = -I + 18 + 24 + 35 + 67$$

Now the contrast  $l_1$  for the complete set of 16 runs is

$$l_1 = \frac{1}{8}(-y_1 + y_2 + \cdots + y_8 + y_9 + y_{10} \cdots - y_{16}) = \frac{1}{2}(l_1 + l_1)$$

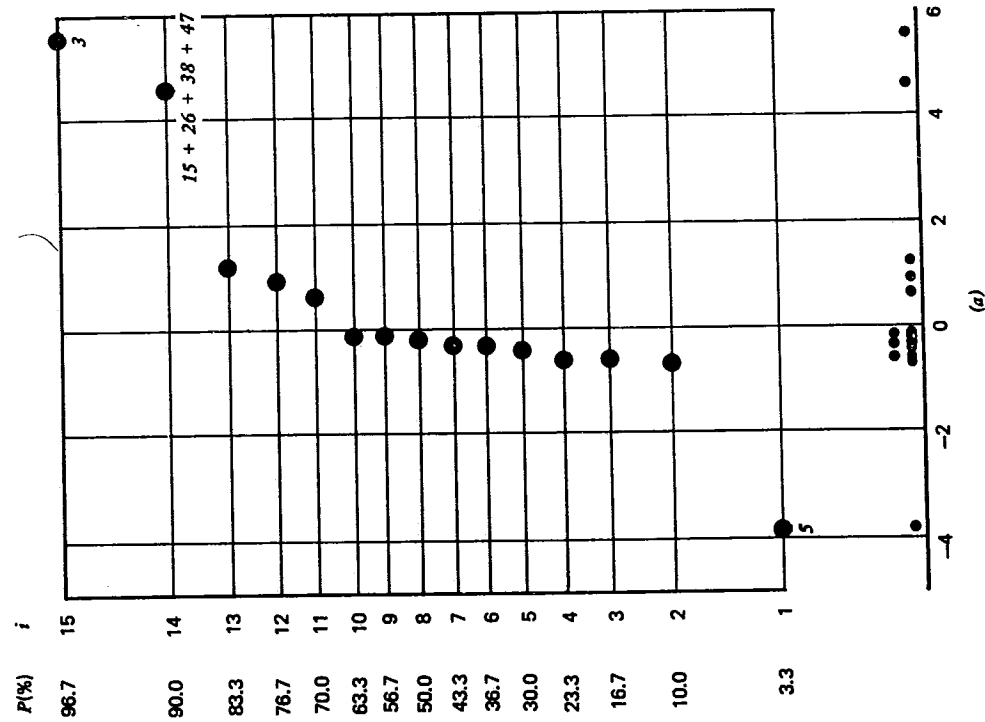


FIGURE 12.5. (a) Normal plot of contrasts, injection molding example.

Similarly for the contrast associated with the interaction  $18$  it is

$$l_{18} = \frac{1}{8}(-y_1 + y_2 + \cdots - y_8 - y_9 + y_{10} \cdots + y_{16}) = \frac{1}{2}(l_1 - l_1)$$

Thus  $l_1 \rightarrow I$  and  $l_{18} \rightarrow 18 + 24 + 35 + 67$ . The same argument applied to the remaining contrasts yields the confounding pattern of Table 12.12. A more complete discussion is given in Appendix 12A.

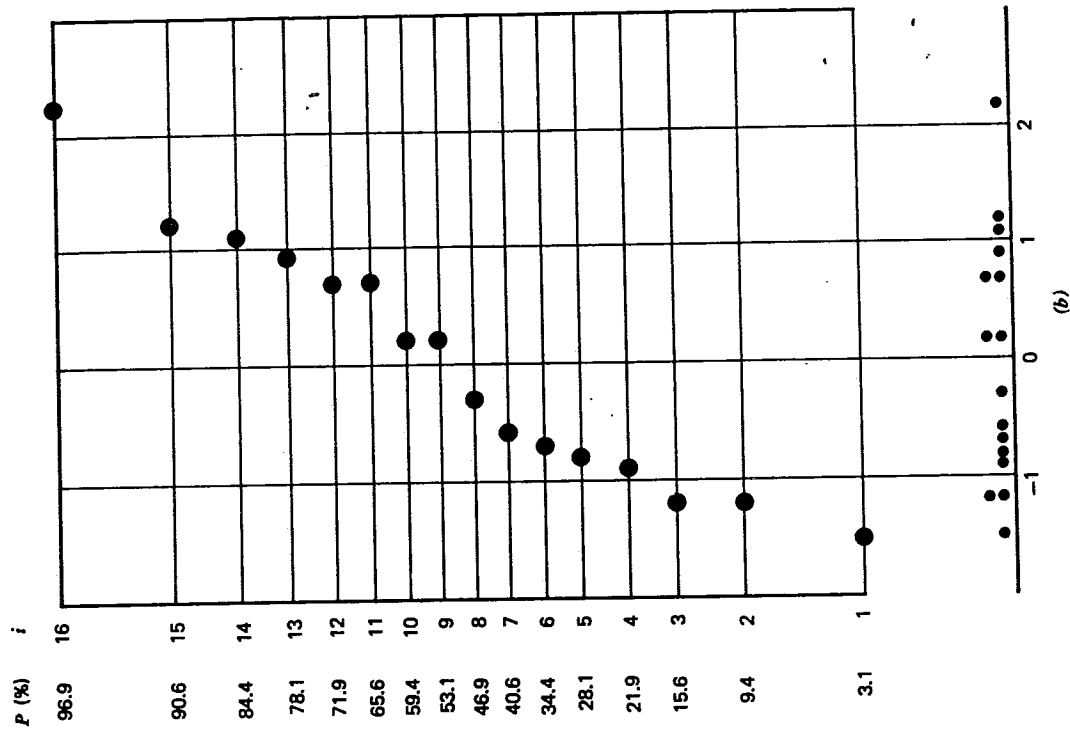


FIGURE 12.5. (b) Normal plot of residuals  $2^{8-4}$  design, injection molding example.

TABLE 12.12. Calculated contrasts

with their expected  
values: interactions  
between three or more  
factors ignored, mold-  
ing example

$l_1 = -0.7 \rightarrow 1$
$l_2 = -0.1 \rightarrow 2$
$l_3 = 5.5 \rightarrow 3$
$l_4 = -0.3 \rightarrow 4$
$l_5 = -3.8 \rightarrow 5$
$l_6 = -0.1 \rightarrow 6$
$l_7 = 0.6 \rightarrow 7$
$l_8 = 1.2 \rightarrow 8$
$l_{12} = -0.6 \rightarrow 12 + 37 + 48 + 56$
$l_{13} = 0.9 \rightarrow 13 + 27 + 46 + 58$
$l_{14} = -0.4 \rightarrow 14 + 28 + 36 + 57$
$l_{15} = 4.6 \rightarrow 15 + 26 + 38 + 47$
$l_{16} = -0.3 \rightarrow 16 + 25 + 34 + 78$
$l_{17} = -0.2 \rightarrow 17 + 23 + 68 + 45$
$l_{18} = -0.6 \rightarrow 18 + 24 + 35 + 67$
average = 19.75

*Alternative  $2^{8-4}$  Fractions*

Sixteen different  $2^{8-4}$  fractions are members of the family making up the complete  $2^8$  design. Individual members of the family may be generated by sign switching. Exactly as with the resolution III designs, the switching of signs in one or more columns will always yield a member of the family, and the associated confounding pattern is obtained by making the corresponding sign changes in the alias patterns of Table 12.12.

*Building Blocks*

Resolution IV designs may be used sequentially as were the resolution III designs. As before, sign switching may be used to eliminate particular confounding links.

*General Construction of Resolution IV Designs*

The construction of a resolution IV design containing  $2^k$  variables follows exactly the pattern given for the  $2^{8-4}$  design:

TABLE 12.11. A  $2^{8-4}$  resolution IV design, molding example ( $I = 1248$ ,  $I = 1358$ ,  $I = 2368$ ,  $I = 1237$ ).

	mold temperature	moisture content	holding pressure	cavity thickness	booster pressure	cycle time	gate size	screw speed	shrinkage
run	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	y
1	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	14.0
2	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	16.8
3	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	15.0
4	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	15.4
5	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	27.6
6	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	24.0
7	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	27.4
8	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	22.6
9	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	22.3
10	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	17.1
11	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	21.5
12	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	17.5
13	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	15.9
14	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	21.9
15	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	16.7
16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20.3



1. Write a complete  $2^k$  factorial with added columns for all interaction terms.
2. Generate a resolution III design for  $2^k - 1$  variables by saturating this design with variables.
3. Add a further variable as a column of plus signs.
4. Repeat the design with all signs reversed to give a resolution IV design for  $2^k$  variables in  $2^{k+1}$  runs.

An alternative general method is given in Appendix 12A.

## 12.7. ELIMINATION OF BLOCK EFFECTS IN FRACTIONAL DESIGNS

Fractional designs may be run in blocks, with suitable contrasts used as "block variables." A design in  $2^q$  blocks is defined by  $q$  independent contrasts. All effects (including aliases) associated with these basic contrasts *and all their interactions* are confounded with blocks.

### Example $2^{5-1}$ Design in Two Blocks of Eight

Consider again the  $2^{5-1}$  design of Table 12.2. Suppose the investigator decided that interaction between feed rate and catalyst concentration was likely to be negligible. This interaction 13 could then be used for blocking. The eight runs 2, 20, 5, ..., 15, having a minus sign in the 13 column, would be run in one block, and the eight runs 17, 3, 22, ..., 32 in the other. Notice that in this design the alias 245 (here assumed negligible) of 13 is also confounded with blocks.

### Example: $2^{5-1}$ Design in Four Blocks of Four Runs

Suppose that, in the  $2^{5-1}$  design of Table 12.2, columns 13 and 23 are confounded with blocks. Then the interaction between these columns  $13 \times 23 = 123^2 = 12$  is also confounded. The design would thus be appropriate if we were prepared to confound with blocks all two-factor interactions between variables 1, 2, and 3 and their aliases. To achieve this arrangement, runs 20, 5, 12, and 29, for which the 13 and 23 columns have signs (— —), could be put in the first block, runs 2, 23, 26, and 15, for which columns 13 and 23 have signs (— +) in the second block, and so on. Thus in terms of a two-way table the arrangement would be as follows:

13	+	III	IV
		+	+
13	—	I	II
		—	—

+ — 23

## The Resolution IV Designs as Main Effect Plans in Blocks of Two

It occasionally happens that we must work with very small block sizes. A remarkable class of such designs based on the resolution IV arrangement provides economical main effect plans with a block size of only two. In one investigation the subject of study was an effluent impurity that tended to vary slowly with time. Runs made consecutively were thus much more comparable than those made further apart. It was possible to run the design in blocks of 2-hour periods, one experimental condition being run in the first hour and one in the second. At one stage of the investigation a 16-run main effect plan was used to study the main effects of eight variables based on a blocked  $2^{8-4}_{IV}$  design. The plan is shown in Table 12.13. To see how this is derived, consider the original design given in Table 12.11 and the aliasing strings in Table 12.12. For the blocking scheme suppose that we use any two-factor interaction contrast, say  $l_{12}$ , to accommodate  $B_1$ , and a second, say  $l_{13}$ , to accommodate  $B_2$ ; then  $l_{17}$  cannot be used for  $B_3$  since it can be obtained by multiplying the signs of 12 and 13. Suppose, therefore, we use  $l_{14}$  for  $B_3$ . (The reader may confirm that any other remaining two-factor interaction contrast can equally well be employed.) Then the seven columns of signs obtained for  $B_1, B_2, B_3, B_1B_2, B_1B_3, B_2B_3, B_1B_2B_3$  exactly correspond to the contrasts  $l_{12}, l_{13}, l_{14}, l_{15}, l_{16}, l_{17}, l_{18}$ , in some order. They thus involve only the strings of interactions and not the main effects. When the design is rearranged in the eight blocks as on the right of Table 12.13, it is seen that the second run in each block is the mirror image or "fold-over" of the first run, that is, the signs in one run are exactly reversed in the other.

In designs of this kind, both the ordering within pairs and the sequence in which the pairs (blocks) are run should be random.

Rather than regard all between-block information as lost, the design can be analyzed on the basis that there are two different error variances. The within-block variance is appropriate for inferences about main effects, and the between-block variance for inferences about the strings of two-factor

TABLE 12.13.  $2^{8-4}_{IV}$  design in eight blocks of size two

run	$2^{8-4}_{IV}$ design								block variable			design rearranged, in eight blocks													run
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	$B_1$ 12	$B_2$ 13	$B_3$ 14	block	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	$B_1$	$B_2$	$B_3$		
1	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	1	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	2	
2	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	10	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	
3	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	5	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	5	
4	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	13	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	13	
5	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	6	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	6	
6	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	14	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	14	
7	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	1	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	1	
8	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	9	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	9	
9	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	7	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	7	
10	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	15	
11	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	4	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	4	
12	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	12	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	12	
13	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	3	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	3	
14	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	11	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	11	
15	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	8	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	8	
16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	16	

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interactions. For large designs two separate plots can be made on normal probability paper.

**Exercise 12.11.** Above we used  $I_{12}$ ,  $I_{13}$ , and  $I_{14}$  as three independent interaction contrasts. Confirm that the same final blocking plan is obtained whichever three independent interactions are used.

**Exercise 12.12.** Suppose that  $k = 2^q$  ( $q = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ ). Show (a) that a  $2^{k-p}_{IV}$  design may be obtained with  $p = k - q - 1$ , and (b) that the design can always be run in blocks of two as main effect plans in  $k$  variables, and that the "mirrored pair" property always holds.

## 12.8. DESIGNS OF RESOLUTION V AND HIGHER

At the beginning of this chapter we introduced the  $2^{5-1}_{IV}$  design. Like other resolution V designs, this arrangement has the property that no main effect or two-factor interaction is confounded with any other main effect or two-factor interaction. Table 12.14 lists some other designs of resolution V and higher and shows how they may be blocked so that no main effect or two-factor interaction is confounded with any other main effect or two-factor interaction.

For illustration consider the  $2^{11-4}_{IV}$  designs for studying 11 variables in 128 runs. To obtain the design, write a complete factorial in the  $11 - 4 = 7$  variables 1, 2, 3, ..., 7; then associate new variables 8, 9, 10, 11 with interactions as shown in column (5) of the table. To arrange in eight blocks of 16 runs write columns  $B_1 = 149$ ,  $B_2 = 1210$ ,  $B_3 = 8910$ . The 16 runs for which  $(B_1, B_2, B_3)$  are  $(---)$  are put in one block, the 16 runs for which  $(B_1, B_2, B_3)$  are  $(+--)$  in another, and so on.

*Application of Yates's Algorithm to Fractional Designs*

Yates's algorithm can be used in analyzing data from any  $2^{k-p}$  fractional factorial design. The algorithm is applied in the usual way to any embedded complete factorial in  $k-p$  factors. For example one way to compute and identify the effects for the  $2^{8-4}_{IV}$  design of Table 12.11 is as follows:

- rearrange the 16 runs in Yates order as a complete factorial in variables 1, 2, 3 and 8
- calculate the effects using Yates algorithm
- associate the calculated effects with their appropriate aliases.

**Exercise 12.13.** Make an analysis of the data in Table 12.11, using Yates's algorithm.

TABLE 12.14. Construction and blocking of some designs of resolution V and higher so that no main effect or interaction is confounded with any other main effect or interaction

(1)	number of variables	(2)	number of runs	(3)	degree of fractionation	(4)	type of design	(5)	method of introducing "new" factors	(6)	blocking (with no main effect or interaction confounded)	(7)	method of introducing blocks
5	16	$\frac{1}{2}$	$2^{5-1}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$2^{5-1}$	$\pm 5 = 1234$	two blocks of 16 runs	$\pm 5 = 1234$	not available	$B_1 = 123$	two blocks of 16 runs	$B_1 = 1357$	$B_2 = 1256$
6	32	$\frac{1}{2}$	$2^{6-1}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$2^{6-1}$	$\pm 6 = 12345$	eight blocks of 8 runs	$\pm 7 = 123456$	eight blocks of 16 runs	$B_1 = 1357$	eight blocks of 16 runs	$B_1 = 1357$	$B_2 = 1256$
7	64	$\frac{1}{2}$	$2^{7-1}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$2^{7-1}$	$\pm 7 = 123456$	four blocks of 16 runs	$\pm 7 = 1234$	four blocks of 16 runs	$B_1 = 135$	four blocks of 16 runs	$B_1 = 135$	$B_2 = 1234$
8	64	$\frac{1}{4}$	$2^{8-2}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$2^{8-2}$	$\pm 7 = 1234$	eight blocks of 8 runs	$\pm 7 = 1234$	eight blocks of 16 runs	$B_1 = 135$	eight blocks of 16 runs	$B_1 = 135$	$B_2 = 1234$
9	128	$\frac{1}{4}$	$2^{9-2}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$2^{9-2}$	$\pm 8 = 13467$	eight blocks of 16 runs	$\pm 8 = 1256$	eight blocks of 16 runs	$B_1 = 138$	eight blocks of 16 runs	$B_1 = 138$	$B_2 = 129$
10	128	$\frac{1}{8}$	$2^{10-3}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$2^{10-3}$	$\pm 8 = 1237$	eight blocks of 16 runs	$\pm 8 = 1237$	eight blocks of 16 runs	$B_1 = 149$	eight blocks of 16 runs	$B_1 = 149$	$B_2 = 1210$
11	128	$\frac{1}{16}$	$2^{11-4}$	$\frac{1}{16}$	$2^{11-4}$	$\pm 8 = 1237$	eight blocks of 16 runs	$\pm 8 = 1237$	eight blocks of 16 runs	$B_1 = 149$	eight blocks of 16 runs	$B_1 = 149$	$B_2 = 1210$
						$\pm 9 = 2345$		$\pm 9 = 2345$		$B_2 = 1210$		$B_2 = 1210$	
						$\pm 10 = 1346$		$\pm 10 = 1346$		$B_3 = 789$		$B_3 = 789$	
						$\pm 10 = 1346$		$\pm 10 = 1346$		$B_3 = 129$		$B_3 = 129$	
						$\pm 11 = 1234567$		$\pm 11 = 1234567$		$B_3 = 138$		$B_3 = 138$	
										$B_3 = 149$		$B_3 = 149$	

(7)

method of introducing blocks

(with no main effect or interaction confounded)

(6)

blocking

(5)

method of introducing "new" factors

(4)

type of design

(3)

degree of fractionation

(2)

number of runs

(1)

number of variables

Estimation redundancy often occurs in data from  $2^k$  factorials. Many higher order interactions may be negligible, and some of the factors may be without detectable effects of any kind. Utilization of fractional factorials can then reduce experimental effort. In general, increase in the degree of fractionation lowers the resolution of the best fraction and increases confounding between effects of various orders. Fractional designs may be employed as building blocks in the iterative acquisition of knowledge. In this evolution, designs can be augmented so that ambiguities revealed at one stage of experimentation can be resolved in the next. A summary of some useful fractional designs is given in Table 12.15.

## APPENDIX 12A. STRUCTURE OF THE FRACTIONAL DESIGNS\*

### Confounding Patterns for Resolution III Designs

The  $2^{7-4}$  design of Table 12.5 was obtained by setting

$$4 = 12, \quad 5 = 13, \quad 6 = 23, \quad 7 = 123 \quad (12A.1)$$

Multiplying both sides of each of these identities by 4, 5, 6, and 7, respectively, provides the four generating relations in the form

$$I = 124, \quad I = 135, \quad I = 236, \quad I = 1237 \quad (12A.2)$$

Combinations such as 124 and 135 may be referred to as "words." The defining relation includes all words that are equal to the identity I. These are the generators 124, 135, 236, 1237 themselves and all other words that can be obtained by multiplying these generators together. Multiplying two at a time gives

$$I = 2345 = 1346 = 347 = 1256 = 257 = 167 \quad (12A.3)$$

three at a time† gives

$$I = 456 = 1457 = 2467 = 3567 \quad (12A.4)$$

and four at a time gives

$$I = 1234567 \quad (12A.5)$$

The complete defining relation is therefore

$$\begin{aligned} I &= 124 = 135 = 236 = 1237 = 2345 = 1346 = 347 \\ &= 1256 = 257 = 167 = 456 = 1457 = 2467 = 3567 \\ &= 1234567 \end{aligned} \quad (12A.6)$$

\* Further discussion will be found in Box and Hunter (1961).

† For example,  $124 \times 135 \times 236 = 1^2 2^2 3^2 456 = 456$ .

TABLE 12.15. Two-level fractional designs for  $k$  variables and  $N$  runs (numbers in parentheses represent replication)

	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
number of variables $k$									
$N$ runs	4	8	16	32	64	128			
	$2_{III}^{3-1}$ $\pm 3 = 12$	$2_{IV}^{4-1}$ $\pm 4 = 123$	$2_{III}^{5-2}$ $\pm 4 = 12$ $\pm 5 = 13$	$2_{III}^{6-3}$ $\pm 4 = 12$ $\pm 5 = 13$ $\pm 6 = 23$	$2_{III}^{7-4}$ $\pm 4 = 12$ $\pm 5 = 13$ $\pm 6 = 23$ $\pm 7 = 123$	$2_{IV}^{8-5}$ $\pm 5 = 123$ $\pm 6 = 134$ $\pm 7 = 123$ $\pm 8 = 124$	$2_{III}^{9-6}$ $\pm 5 = 123$ $\pm 6 = 234$ $\pm 7 = 134$ $\pm 8 = 124$ $\pm 9 = 1234$ $\pm 10 = 12$	$2_{III}^{10-7}$ $\pm 5 = 123$ $\pm 6 = 234$ $\pm 7 = 134$ $\pm 8 = 124$ $\pm 9 = 1234$ $\pm 10 = 12$ $\pm 11 = 13$	$2_{III}^{11-8}$ $\pm 6 = 123$ $\pm 7 = 234$ $\pm 8 = 345$ $\pm 9 = 134$ $\pm 10 = 145$ $\pm 11 = 245$
	$2_{III}^{3-1}$ 2 times	$2_{IV}^{4-1}$ 2 times	$2_{III}^{5-2}$ $\pm 5 = 1234$	$2_{III}^{6-3}$ $\pm 5 = 123$ $\pm 6 = 234$	$2_{III}^{7-4}$ $\pm 5 = 123$ $\pm 6 = 234$ $\pm 7 = 134$	$2_{IV}^{8-5}$ $\pm 5 = 234$ $\pm 6 = 134$ $\pm 7 = 123$ $\pm 8 = 124$	$2_{III}^{9-6}$ $\pm 5 = 123$ $\pm 6 = 234$ $\pm 7 = 134$ $\pm 8 = 124$ $\pm 9 = 1234$ $\pm 10 = 12$	$2_{III}^{10-7}$ $\pm 5 = 123$ $\pm 6 = 234$ $\pm 7 = 134$ $\pm 8 = 124$ $\pm 9 = 1234$ $\pm 10 = 12$ $\pm 11 = 13$	$2_{III}^{11-8}$ $\pm 6 = 123$ $\pm 7 = 234$ $\pm 8 = 345$ $\pm 9 = 134$ $\pm 10 = 145$ $\pm 11 = 245$
	$2_{III}^{3-1}$ 4 times	$2_{IV}^{4-1}$ 2 times	$2_{III}^{5-2}$ $\pm 6 = 12345$	$2_{III}^{6-3}$ $\pm 6 = 12345$ $\pm 7 = 1245$	$2_{III}^{7-4}$ $\pm 6 = 1234$ $\pm 7 = 1245$	$2_{IV}^{8-5}$ $\pm 6 = 123$ $\pm 7 = 124$ $\pm 8 = 2345$	$2_{III}^{9-6}$ $\pm 6 = 2345$ $\pm 7 = 1345$ $\pm 8 = 1245$ $\pm 9 = 1345$ $\pm 10 = 2345$	$2_{III}^{10-7}$ $\pm 6 = 1234$ $\pm 7 = 1235$ $\pm 8 = 1245$ $\pm 9 = 1345$ $\pm 10 = 2345$	$2_{III}^{11-8}$ $\pm 6 = 123$ $\pm 7 = 234$ $\pm 8 = 345$ $\pm 9 = 134$ $\pm 10 = 145$ $\pm 11 = 245$
	$2_{III}^{3-1}$ 8 times	$2_{IV}^{4-1}$ 4 times	$2_{III}^{5-2}$ 2 times	$2_{III}^{6-3}$ $\pm 7 = 123456$	$2_{III}^{7-4}$ $\pm 7 = 123456$ $\pm 8 = 1256$	$2_{IV}^{8-5}$ $\pm 7 = 1234$ $\pm 8 = 1356$ $\pm 9 = 3456$	$2_{III}^{9-6}$ $\pm 7 = 1234$ $\pm 8 = 1356$ $\pm 9 = 1245$ $\pm 10 = 1235$	$2_{III}^{10-7}$ $\pm 7 = 2346$ $\pm 8 = 1346$ $\pm 9 = 1245$ $\pm 10 = 1235$	$2_{III}^{11-8}$ $\pm 7 = 345$ $\pm 8 = 1234$ $\pm 9 = 126$ $\pm 10 = 2456$ $\pm 11 = 1456$
	$2_{III}^{3-1}$ 16 times	$2_{IV}^{4-1}$ 8 times	$2_{III}^{5-2}$ 4 times	$2_{III}^{6-3}$ 2 times	$2_{III}^{7-4}$ $\pm 8 = 1234567$	$2_{IV}^{8-5}$ $\pm 8 = 13467$ $\pm 9 = 23567$	$2_{III}^{9-6}$ $\pm 8 = 13467$ $\pm 9 = 23567$	$2_{III}^{10-7}$ $\pm 8 = 1237$ $\pm 9 = 2345$ $\pm 10 = 1346$ $\pm 11 = 1234567$	$2_{III}^{11-8}$ $\pm 8 = 1237$ $\pm 9 = 2345$ $\pm 10 = 1346$ $\pm 11 = 1234567$
	(16)	(8)	(4)	(2)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)

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This defining relation provides the confounding pattern for the whole design. For example, multiplying through by  $I$  gives

$$I = 24 = 35 = 1236 = 237 = 12345 = 346 = 1347 = 256 \\ = 1257 = 67 = 1456 = 457 = 12467 = 13567 = 234567 \quad (12A.7)$$

Thus interactions  $24, 35, 1236$ , etc., are confounded with (are aliases of) main effect  $I$ . By repeatedly using the defining relation, and omitting words with three or more letters, we obtain the abbreviated version of the confounding pattern of Table 12.6, which is appropriate on the assumption that all interactions among three or more variables are negligible.

Note that the defining relation for the  $2^{7-4}$  design contains 16 words and each main effect and interaction has 15 aliases. In general, a  $2^{k-p}$  design is produced by  $p$  generators and has a defining relation containing  $2^p$  words.

The 16 possible combinations of  $\pm$  signs for the four generators

$$I = \pm 124, \quad I = \pm 135, \quad I = \pm 236, \quad I = \pm 1237 \quad (12A.8)$$

determine the 16 separate fractions. In composing the defining relations for each of these different fractions, we employ the usual rules of algebraic multiplication to determine the signs in the defining relation and hence in the confounding pattern. For example, if the individual generators had been  $-124, +135, +236$  and  $-1237$  the complete defining relation would be  $I = -124 = 135 = 236 = -1237 = -2345 = -1346 = 347 = 1256 = -257 = -167 = -456 = 1457 = 2467 = -3567 = 1234567$ .

**Exercise 12A.1.** Obtain the generators and defining relation for the  $2_{IV}^{7-4}$  fraction obtained by setting  $4 = -12, 5 = 13, 6 = 23, 7 = 123$ . Use the defining relation to obtain the aliases of all main effects. By omitting interactions between more than three factors, confirm the entries in Table 12.8.

## Resolution

The resolution  $R$  of a fractional design is the length of the shortest word in the defining relation. It should be clear from this definition that the saturation method for generating fractionals must always give designs of resolution III.

## Confounding Patterns for Resolution IV Designs

In Section 12.6 we described the generation of a  $2_{IV}^{8-4}$  design by "fold-over." We now consider more carefully the confounding pattern for this design. The two component groups of eight runs can be regarded as separate  $2_{IV}^{8-5}$  designs with generating relations

$$I_8 = 8 = 124 = 135 = 236 = 1237 \quad (12A.9)$$

and

$$I_8 = -8 = -124 = -135 = -236 = 1237 \quad (12A.10)$$

The design thus constructed is identical to that given in Table 12.11. The only reason for starting with variables termed 1, 2, 3, and 8 instead of 1, 2, 3, and 4 is to make it easy to see the identity between this method and the preceding one.

The defining relation for this design is  $I = 1248 = 1358 = 2368 = 1237 = 2345 = 1346 = 3478 = 1256 = 2578 = 1678 = 4568 = 1457 = 2467 = 3567 = 1234567$ . The identical design could be obtained, for example, using the generators 1237, 1248, 1346, 2345, that is, by first writing down the 16 runs of a  $2^4$  factorial in variables 1, 2, 3 and 4, and then associating the extra variables with the three factor interactions. This method for constructing the  $2^{8-4}$  design is that presented in Table 12.15.

### APPENDIX 12B. CHOOSING ADDITIONAL RUNS TO RESOLVE AMBIGUITIES FROM FRACTIONAL FACTORIALS

In the injection molding example of Section 12.6 the linear contrast  $l_{15} = 4.6$  is not easily explained by system noise. But there is ambiguity in its interpretation, since it estimates the sum of the effects  $15 + 26 + 38 + 47$ . Three is the smallest number of additional runs that could allow separate estimation of the true values of these two-factor interactions. However, since the additional runs have to be made at a different time from the first 16 runs, we should also allow for a general change in level (a block effect). Thus the minimum number of additional runs we need is 4. We now consider how 4 such runs might be chosen.

For the runs made so far, the columns of signs corresponding to the interactions 15, 26, 38, and 47 are identical. We need 4 additional runs that will permit separate estimation of the mean values of these interactions and will also allow for a possible block effect (a change in level between the first 16 runs and the additional 4 runs). One sensible possibility is to employ additional runs that yield signs for the interaction columns as follows:

	15	26	47	38
	+	-	-	+
	+	+	-	-
	+	-	+	-
	+	+	+	+

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+
+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-
+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

Four additional runs that will do this are:

respectively, where the notation  $I_8$  refers to a column of eight plus signs. A set of four generators, and hence the defining relation, for the combined  $2^{8-4}$  design can now be obtained from these expressions as follows. The relation  $I_8 = 1237$  holds for both sets of eight runs. Consequently, if  $I_{16}$  represents the column of 16 plus signs associated with the combined design,

$$I_{16} = 1237$$

and 1237 is a generator for the combined design. Also, for the first part of the design  $I_8 = (8)(124) = 1248$ , and for the second part  $I_8 = (-8)(-124) = 1248$ . Thus for the complete design  $I_{16} = 1248$ .

By a similar argument  $I_{16} = 1358 = 2368$ . Thus the complete set of four generators is

$$I_{16} = 1237, \quad I_{16} = 1248, \quad I_{16} = 1358, \quad I_{16} = 2368 \quad (12A.11)$$

By multiplication as before we obtain the defining relation:

$$\begin{aligned} I_{16} &= 1237 = 1248 = 1358 = 2368 \\ &= 3478 = 2578 = 1678 = 2345 = 1346 = 1256 \\ &= 1457 = 2467 = 3567 = 4568 \\ &= 12345678 \end{aligned} \quad (12A.12)$$

Since the shortest word is of length four, the combined design is of resolution IV as required.

**Exercise 12A.2.** Verify the confounding pattern shown in Table 12.13, and extend it to include aliases of all orders.

**Exercise 12A.3.** Although the defining relation for any fractional factorial is unique, the generators for a  $2^{k-p}$  factorial design with  $p > 1$  are not unique. Any set of  $k - p$  words that generate the defining relation is a set of generators. Show that an alternative set of generators for the  $2^{8-4}$  design of Table 12.11 is 3478, 2578, 1457, and 2467.

### An Alternative Method for Generating Resolution IV Designs

As an alternative to the fold-over method, any  $2^{k-p}$  design may be constructed as follows:

1. Write the design matrix for a full factorial design for  $k - p$  variables.
2. Associate extra variables with all interaction columns containing an odd number of numerals.

We demonstrate by obtaining anew the  $2^{8-4}$  design of Table 12.11, whose confounding was discussed above. To do this, write down a  $2^4$  factorial for the variables 1, 2, 3, and 8. The four three-factor interaction columns are then 128, 138, 238, and 123. Now associate these with the four "new" variables 4, 5, 6, and 7 to obtain a set of four generators:

1	2	8	4
1	3	8	5
2	3	8	6
1	2	3	7

This four-run design is obtained by writing a plus sign for each element in the 1, 2, 3, 4 columns and then choosing the remaining signs to satisfy the requirements of the previous table. The choice is not unique. In particular, the signs in one or more rows and/or in one or more columns may be switched, and the resulting design will still possess the desired characteristics. The experimenter has many choices. Suppose that he decides to perform a design in which variables 3 and 5, which apparently have the largest main effects, are not maintained at the same levels but are varied in a  $2^2$  factorial design. Such a sequence is easily obtained as before by assigning the necessary signs to columns 3 and 5 and then arranging the other columns to satisfy the required condition. One such arrangement for the injection molding example is given in Table 12B.1, which also contains new data.

TABLE 12B.1. Four additional runs with data, injection molding example

run	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	shrinkage
17	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	29.4
18	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	19.7
19	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	13.6
20	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	24.7

### Incorporating the New Data

In general, the incorporation of design fragments can always be achieved by use of the method of least squares (see Chapter 14 and references given there). For designs of the kind here considered, where the number of extra constants is exactly equal to the number of additional runs, the least squares analysis simplifies. It then corresponds exactly to a commonsense analysis that is illustrated below for the data of Tables 12.11 and 12B.1.

From the analysis of the first 16 runs it appears that, apart from the effect of noise, the data may be explained by a mean level plus the main effects of variables 3 and 5 and the effect of one more of interactions 15, 26, 47, and 38. The main effect of variable 8 is the next largest effect and has also been treated as real in this analysis. We denote the mean level in the second block by  $M$ . Now the response expected when an effect (main effect or interaction) is at the plus level is the mean plus one half of that effect. Similarly the response expected at the minus level is the mean minus one half of that effect. Thus we can make a table of the following kind, which summarizes all of the information available about the four interactions both from the new runs and from the previous 16 runs.

run	$M$	$\frac{1}{2}I_3 = 2.75$	$\frac{1}{2}I_5 = -1.9$	$\frac{1}{2}I_8 = 0.6$	$\frac{1}{2}(15)$	$\frac{1}{2}(26)$	$\frac{1}{2}(47)$	$\frac{1}{2}(38)$
17	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+
18	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-
19	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-
20	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
					+	+	+	+

In the first row of this table, for example,  $\frac{1}{2}I_3 = 2.75$  is the best available estimate (taken from Table 12.12) of one half of the main effect of factor 3. The second row of the table tells us that the result  $y_{17} = 29.4$  should be explained by the equation

$$M + 2.75 - (-1.9) + 0.6 + \frac{1}{2}(15) - 26 - 47 + 38 = 29.4 \quad (12B.1)$$

This yields

$$M + \frac{1}{2}(15) - 26 - 47 + 38 = 24.15 \quad (12B.2)$$

The last row of the table presents all the information provided by the first 16 runs about the interaction effects, that is, that half their sum is equal to  $\frac{1}{2}I_{15} = 2.3$ . Putting the reduced equations together, we have

$M$	$\frac{1}{2}(15)$	$\frac{1}{2}(26)$	$\frac{1}{2}(47)$	$\frac{1}{2}(38)$	
+	+	-	-	+	24.15
+	+	+	-	-	19.95
+	+	-	+	-	17.65
+	+	+	+	+	23.25
	+	+	+	+	2.3

From the last two equations  $M$  is estimated as 20.95. Substituting this value in each of the preceding equations, we obtain

$\frac{1}{2}(15)$	$\frac{1}{2}(26)$	$\frac{1}{2}(47)$	$\frac{1}{2}(38)$	
+	-	-	+	3.2
+	+	-	-	-1.0
+	-	+	-	-3.3
+	+	+	+	2.3

From this table the effect of interest seems mainly associated with interaction 38. More precisely, by solving these last four equations we obtain

$$0.6 \rightarrow 15, \quad 0.7 \rightarrow 26, \quad -1.6 \rightarrow 47, \quad 4.9 \rightarrow 38$$

It seems very likely, therefore, that a considerable interaction between holding pressure and screw speed accounts for the majority, if not all, of the interaction effects found.

The nature of this interaction may be comprehended from the two-way table below, which shows the average shrinkage at all combinations of low and high values of holding pressure and screw speed using data from the original 16 runs.

	+	15.3	25.4
screw speed			
(8)	-	18.7	19.6
	-		
holding pressure (3)	+		

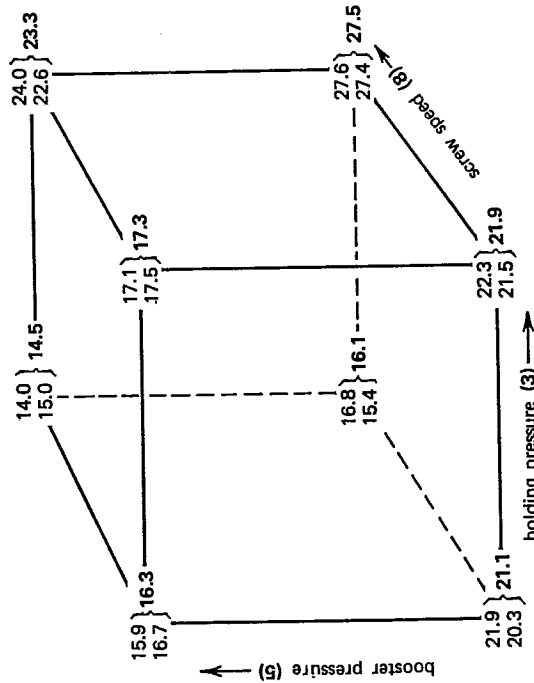


FIGURE 12B.1. The  $2^{8-4}$  design as a replicated  $2^3$  factorial in variables 3, 5, and 8.

We see that, whereas at low holding pressure increasing screw speed reduces shrinkage from 19 to 15 units, at high holding pressure increasing screw speed increases shrinkage from 20 to 25 units.

### A Replicated $2^3$ Design Encapsulated in the $2^{8-4}$ Fractional Factorial

The results appear to be explained by main effects and interactions of factors 3, 5, and 8. Supposing the remaining factors to be essentially inert, we rearrange the data as a

TABLE 12B.2. The  $2^{8-4}$  design as a replicated  $2^3$  factorial in variables 3, 5, and 8

runs	3	5	8	shrinkage	average from first 16 runs
14, 16	-	-	-	21.9 20.3	21.1
9, 11	+	-	-	22.3 21.5	21.9
13, 15	-	+	-	15.9 16.7	16.3
10, 12	+	+	-	17.1 17.5	17.3
2, 4 (18*)	-	+	+	16.8 15.4 (18.5*)	16.1
5, 7 (17*)	+	-	+	27.6 27.4 (28.2*)	27.5
1, 3 (19*)	-	+	+	14.0 15.0 (12.4*)	14.5
6, 8 (20*)	+	+	+	24.0 22.6 (23.5*)	23.3

replicated  $2^3$  factorial in factors 3, 5, and 8 in Table 12B.2 and Figure 12B.1, taking advantage of the property that the design provides duplicated  $2^3$  factorials in all possible subsets of three variables.

In Table 12B.2 the results from the additional runs (17, 18, 19, 20), indicated by asterisks, have been adjusted for differences associated with blocks, that is,  $20.95 - 19.75 = 1.2$  has been subtracted from each value. These adjusted values are seen to agree quite well with the original shrinkage values on the assumption that 3, 5, and 8 are the important factors.

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## QUESTIONS FOR CHAPTER 12

1. What is a fractional factorial design?
2. What is a half-fraction, and how can you construct such a design?
3. What is a saturated design, and how can you construct such a design?
4. Discuss the sequential use of fractional designs.
5. A  $2^{8-3}$  design has how many runs? How many variables? How many levels for each variable? Answer the same questions for a  $2^{k-p}$  design.
6. All other things being equal, why would a resolution IV design be preferred to a resolution III design?
7. Is it possible to construct a  $2^{8-3}$  design of resolution III? Resolution IV? Resolution V?
8. In what situations is it useful to employ fractional factorial designs?

9. How can fractional factorial designs be blocked? How should they be randomized?
10. How might you analyze data from a  $2^{7-1}$  design? A  $2^{7-4}$  design?
11. What is a defining relation? A generator? A confounding pattern? Why is it necessary to know the confounding pattern for a fractional factorial design?
12. Construct, starting with the 12-run Plackett and Burman design, a 12-variable resolution IV design.
13. Design a  $2^{5-1}$  design in eight blocks of size two so that main effects are clear of block effects.

## CHAPTER 13

### More Applications of Fractional Factorial Designs

The purpose of this chapter is to give further examples of the use of fractional factorial designs. It is a companion to Chapter 11, which served the same purpose for factorial designs.

#### 13.1. EXAMPLE 1: EFFECTS OF FIVE VARIABLES ON SOME PROPERTIES OF CAST FILMS

*Full design =  $2^5 = 32$  runs*

In this example five variables were studied: the catalyst concentration, the amount of a certain additive, and the amounts of three emulsifiers A, B, and C. In an initial  $2^{5-2}$  fraction eight polymer solutions were prepared, each was spread as a film on a microscope slide, and the properties of the films were recorded after they dried. The results for six different responses are shown in Table 13.1.

Surprisingly many conclusions can be drawn from these results by mere visual inspection. On the assumption (reasonable for this particular application) of dominant main effects, the important variable affecting haziness is emulsifier A (variable 3). The important variable affecting adhesion is catalyst concentration (variable 1). The important variables affecting the remaining responses of grease on top of the film, grease under the film, dullness of the film when the pH was adjusted, and dullness of the film when the original pH was used are 4, 5, 4, and 4, respectively.

#### *Commentary*

If experiments are carefully planned, a great deal of information can sometimes be obtained without much mathematical analysis (no computation was needed in this case). The converse of this statement, however, is not



TABLE 13.1.  $2^{5-2}$  fraction (4 = 23, 5 = 123) with results for six responses of interest, Example 1

run	variable					response					
	1	2	3	4	5	③ hazy?	① adheres?	④ grease on top of film?	⑤ grease under film?	④ dull (adjusted pH)?	④ dull (original pH)?
1	-	-	-	+	-	no	no	yes	no	slightly	yes
2	+	-	-	+	+	no	yes	yes	yes	slightly	yes
3	-	+	-	-	+	no	no	no	yes	no	no
4	+	+	-	+	-	no	yes	no	no	no	no
5	-	-	+	-	+	yes	no	no	yes	no	slightly
6	+	-	+	-	-	yes	yes	no	no	no	no
7	-	+	+	+	-	yes	no	yes	no	slightly	yes
8	+	+	+	+	+	yes	yes	yes	yes	slightly	yes

variable		-	+
1	catalyst (%)	1	1½
2	additive (%)	¼	½
3	emulsifier A (%)	2	3
4	emulsifier B (%)	1	2
5	emulsifier C (%)	1	2

## EXAMPLE 1

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true. If experiments are not carefully planned, it may be impossible to obtain much useful information even with extensive and careful analysis. This is the reason why design is more important than analysis. In this case, after the initial set of eight runs further fractions could have been run to confirm the tentative findings, but the experimenter judged this unnecessary and moved successfully to the next part of his investigation.

$$4 = 23 \quad 5 = 123 \quad P=2 \Rightarrow 2^1 \text{ words}$$

Exercise 13.1. Show that the generating relations for the design of Table 13.1 are  $I = 234$  and  $I = 1235$ . Use these relations to obtain the defining relation and the alias structure.

$$I = 234 = 1235 = 145 \quad I_1 \rightarrow 1234 + 235 + 45 + 1$$

Exercise 13.2. Show that the alias structure may be obtained alternatively by thinking of the design as a saturated  $2^{7-4}$  design in which two variables have been omitted.

$$2^{5-2} \equiv 2^{7-4} \Rightarrow 2^{8-5} \quad 3 \text{ variables omitted?}$$

The reader may ask how the experimenter could be certain that the effects were due to main effects and not to interactions in the alias strings. The answer is that he was not certain. From his knowledge of these variables, however, he thought that to press on was the best bet. In doing so he took a calculated risk of having to turn back at a later stage, if his bet did not come off. Decisions of this kind by experimenters are not peculiar to the use of fractional factorial designs. The truth is that the experimenter, in deciding what to do next, is never *certain* of what is best. He always guesses or, to use a more palatable term, uses judgment, and he always runs the risk of being wrong. This apparently dangerous mode of life may come as a surprise, but it is easy to see that efficiency requires it.

Imagine three experimenters, one who was very cautious, one who took carefully calculated risks, and one who jumped to conclusions on very thin evidence. Bear in mind that time and resources are really *always* limited. Consequently to repeat a set of experiments unnecessarily is to deny that effort to the investigation of other variables; on the other hand, frequent doubling back, because false trails are followed, wastes effort. It is clear, then, that the experimenter who takes some suitable intermediate position between the ultraconservative and the foolhardy is likely to be most successful.

"But," some may say, "I thought statistics made everything objective." If by that they mean that statistics ought to lead along a unique, painless route to the truth, they are mistaken. What statistics does, for a given amount of effort, is to lessen the risks of being wrong, either through missing important facts or through giving credence to phenomena that have no reality. Statistics allows the investigator to play the calculated-risk game most efficiently.

## 13.2. EXAMPLE 2: STABILITY OF NEW PRODUCT

A chemist in an industrial development laboratory was trying to formulate a household liquid product using a completely new process. He was able to demonstrate fairly quickly that the product could be manufactured and that it possessed a number of attractive properties. Unfortunately it could not be marketed because it was unstable.

When the statistician first met him, the chemist had for months been trying many different ways of synthesizing the product in the hopes of hitting on conditions that would give stability, but without success. He had succeeded, however, in identifying four variables that had important influences on stability: (1) acid concentration, (2) catalyst concentration, (3) temperature, and (4) monomer concentration. *Full design = 16 expts*

With his budget almost expended, he agreed somewhat reluctantly to perform his first statistically planned experiment, the  $2^{4-1}$  fractional factorial design shown in Table 13.2. In these tests, which were performed in random order, the chemist was trying to achieve a stability value of at least 25. His initial reaction to the data was disgust, since none of the individual observations reached the desired stability level.

Using the analysis shown in Table 13.3, the statistician suggested the simplest explanation of the data was that only two variables, 1 and 2,

TABLE 13.2. Results for Example 2

test	variable				stability (R)
	1	2	3	4	
1	+	+	+	+	20
2	+	+	+	+	14
3	+	+	+	+	17
4	+	+	+	+	10
5	+	+	+	+	19
6	+	+	+	+	13
7	+	+	+	+	14
8	+	+	+	+	10

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_1 &= -2.875 \\ \beta_2 &= -3.75 \\ \beta_3 &= -0.625 \\ \beta_4 &= 0.375 \end{aligned}$$

variable	-	+
1 acid concentration (%)	20	30
2 catalyst concentration (%)	1	2
3 temperature (°C)	100	150
4 monomer concentration (%)	25	50

$$I = 1234 \Rightarrow \text{Resolution IV design}$$

## EXAMPLE 2

TABLE 13.3. Analysis of data for Example 2

main effects and three-factor interactions	
$I_1 = -5.8 \rightarrow 1 + 234$	
$I_2 = -3.8 \rightarrow 2 + 134$	
$I_3 = -1.2 \rightarrow 3 + 124$	
$I_4 = 0.8 \rightarrow 4 + 123$	
two-factor interactions	
$I_{12} = 0.2 \rightarrow 12 + 34$	
$I_{13} = 0.8 \rightarrow 13 + 24$	
$I_{14} = -0.2 \rightarrow 14 + 23$	
average and four-factor interaction	
$I_{1234} = 14.6 \rightarrow \text{average} + \frac{1}{4}(1234)$	

influenced stability, the other two being inert. If this hypothesis were true, the design could be viewed as a duplicated  $2^2$  factorial design in acid concentration (1) and catalyst concentration (2) as shown in Figure 13.1. The chemist was asked, therefore, whether he would have been surprised if he had obtained discrepancies in duplicate runs similar to those in Figure 13.1. He said that he would not.

The possible implications of the results if the statistician's hypothesis was true were demonstrated by roughly sketching in by eye contour lines of a "stability plane" as shown in Figure 13.1. This picture suggested that experiments should be performed in the direction of the arrow. The contour lines shown are actually those obtained by the method of least squares (see Section 14.1). The direction at right angles to these contours is called the *direction of steepest ascent* (see Section 15.2). Refinement is, however, unnecessary in this example; "eyeball analysis" is all that is needed. A few exploratory runs performed in the general direction indicated produced, for the first time since the beginning of the investigation, a product with stability greater than the goal of 25.

## Commentary

This example illustrates the following:

1. How a fractional factorial design was used for screening purposes to isolate two important variables from the original set of four proposed by the experimenter.
2. How a desirable *direction* in which to carry out further experiments was discovered.

A saturated 4 variable design is a  $2^3$  design (Resolution = IV)

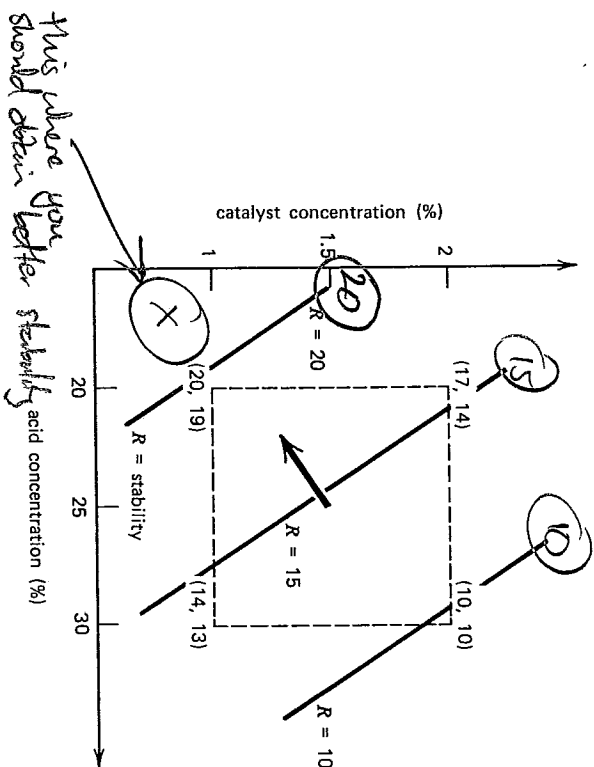


FIGURE 13.1. Results of  $2^{2-1}$  fractional factorial design viewed as a duplicated  $2^2$  factorial design with approximate stability contours, Example 2.

An additional result of this investigation was that the experimenter became an evangelist for experimental design.

### 13.3. EXAMPLE 3: BOTTLENECK AT THE FILTRATION STAGE OF AN INDUSTRIAL PLANT

A number of similar chemical plants had been successfully operating for several years in different locations. In the older plants the time to complete a particular filtration cycle was about 40 minutes, but in a newly constructed plant filtration took almost twice as long, resulting in serious delays. What was the cause of the difficulty?

#### Seven Variables

To begin to solve this problem a meeting was called, at which a number of possibilities were considered.

#### EXAMPLE 3

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1. Source of water supply. The plant engineer explained that the water for the new plant, which came from the city reservoir some 30 miles away, differed somewhat in mineral content from that available at the other locations. Some well water was available at the new site that more closely resembled the water supply at the older plants. The engineer suggested, therefore, that some tests be run with well water.
2. Origin of raw material. The process superintendent pointed out that the raw material, which was manufactured on site, was not identical in all respects to that used in the older plants. Consequently he proposed that some of the raw material from one of the older plants be shipped to the new plant and used in some tests.
3. Level of temperature. The temperature of filtration in the new plant was slightly lower than in the older plants. The plant chemist thought that this might be the cause of the problem.
4. Presence of recycle. A major difference between the new plant and the older ones was a recycle device absent in the latter. It was suggested that the inclusion of this device could increase filtration time.
5. Rate of addition of caustic soda. The rate of caustic soda addition in the new plant was higher than in the older plants. The process foreman suggested that the rate be decreased in the new plant.
6. Type of filter cloth. A new type of filter cloth was being used in the new plant. The process superintendent pointed out that it would be a relatively simple matter to get some filter cloths from the older plants and make some test runs with them.
7. Length of holdup time. In the new plant the holdup time was lower than in the older plants, and the quality control engineer gave reasons for believing that this might be the cause of the problem.

Much disagreement was expressed at the meeting about these factors. Some participants even argued that changes proposed by others were ridiculous.

#### The Design and the Results

$$Full = 128 \text{ runs}$$

Schubert Res = III design

To sort out these ideas the  $2^{7-4}$  screening design shown in Table 13.4 was performed on the plant. At the outset the attitude of the person responsible for the investigation was that out of these seven factors perhaps one or two would be found to be important. The chance was small, he thought, that there would be as many as three or more important variables; in fact, it was judged quite possible that none of those selected for investigation would have any effect at all. The order of the eight tests was randomized, and the data shown in Table 13.4 were obtained.

TABLE 13.4. Results of Example 3

variable	-	+
1 water supply	town reservoir	well
2 raw material	on site	other
3 temperature	low	high
4 recycle	yes	no
5 caustic soda	fast	slow
6 filter cloth	new	old
7 holdup time	low	high

test	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	filtration time (min)	y
1	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	68.4	
2	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	77.7	
3	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	66.4	
4	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	81.0	
5	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	78.6	
6	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	41.2	
7	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	68.7	
8	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	38.7	

## Four Tentative Interpretations of Results

In Table 13.5 three of the calculated effects ( $I_1$ ,  $I_3$ , and  $I_5$ ) are large in absolute value and have been circled. There are several possible interpretations. Four of the most likely are:

1. Main effects 1, 3, and 5 are producing the effects.
2. Main effects 1 and 3 and interaction 13 are producing the effects.
3. Main effects 1 and 5 and interaction 15 are producing the effects.
4. Main effects 3 and 5 and interaction 35 are producing the effects.

## The Second Design

To reduce these ambiguities a selected set of eight additional tests (see Table 13.6) was run, converting the original resolution III design to one of resolution IV. This was done by "fold-over" (Chapter 12), that is, by arranging that the added fraction had signs opposite to those in the original design.

TABLE 13.5.

Calculated values and abbreviated confounding pattern for eight-run filtration experiment, Example 3

$I_1 =$	$(-10.9) \rightarrow 1 + 24 + 35 + 67$
$I_2 =$	$-2.8 \rightarrow 2 + 14 + 36 + 57$
$I_3 =$	$(-16.6) \rightarrow 3 + 15 + 26 + 47$
$I_4 =$	$3.2 \rightarrow 4 + 12 + 37 + 56$
$I_5 =$	$(-22.8) \rightarrow 5 + 13 + 27 + 46$
$I_6 =$	$-3.4 \rightarrow 6 + 17 + 23 + 45$
$I_7 =$	$0.5 \rightarrow 7 + 16 + 25 + 34$

TABLE 13.6. Results of second filtration experiment, Example 3

test	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	123	filtration time (min)	y
9	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	66.7	
10	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	65.0	
11	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	86.4	
12	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	61.9	
13	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	47.8	
14	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	59.0	
15	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	42.6	
16	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	67.6	

## Analysis of Sixteen Results

Combining the data from both eight-run designs yields the estimates given in Table 13.7. The three largest effects in absolute value are  $I_1$ ,  $I_5$ , and  $I_{15}$ . It now seems likely that 1 and 5 are the two most important variables, with not only large main effects but also a large interaction. On this interpretation, 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7 are inert variables and the 16 tests are essentially a  $2^2$  factorial design in variables 1 and 5 replicated four times (see Figure 13.2).

Similar to previous example where it was essentially just a duplicate of a  $2^2$  design

## MULTIVARIATE METHODS for PROCESS ANALYSIS, MONITORING & OPTIMIZATION

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## INTRODUCTION

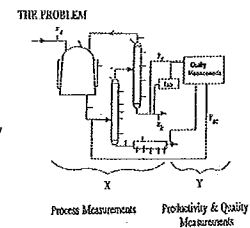
- ♦ Collect large amounts of data on industrial processes
- ♦ Need to use these data to
  - Troubleshoot problems
  - Monitor process operation
  - Build inferential models
  - Improve processes
- ♦ Need efficient methods

## OUTLINE

- ♦ Nature of Process Data
- ♦ Latent Variable Models
  - PCA & PLS Estimation
- ♦ Exploration & Analysis of Process Databases
  - Monomer recovery unit
- ♦ Process Monitoring
  - Batch polymerization process
- ♦ Product Design

## NATURE OF PROCESS DATA

- ♦ Process data are messy
- ♦ Large # of process variables (e.g. 1000). Many quality variables.
- ♦ Extreme colinearity. Not 1000 things happening! Only a few underlying events drive the process.
- ♦ Signal/Noise ratio low
- ♦ Missing Data



eg: Distillation Column

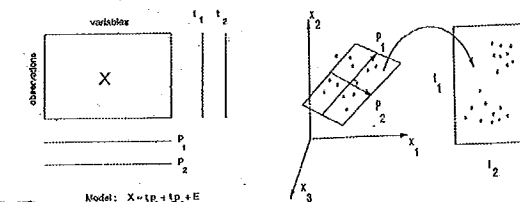
In control one aims for zero S:N ratio  
so we need to magnify S:N to get signal

## MULTIVARIATE STATISTICAL METHODS and the LATENT VARIABLE MODEL

- ♦ Linear LV Model:
  - $X = T_A P_A^T + E$  ( $N \times K$ ) ( $N \times A$ ) ( $A \times K$ )  $= t_1 p_1^T + t_2 p_2^T + \dots$
  - $Y = T_A Q_A^T + F$
  - True dimension of operating space is  $A \ll K$
  - All variables have error
  - Model for X space as well as Y (Key point)
  - PCA, PLS

## Multivariate Statistical Methods: Principal Component Analysis (PCA)

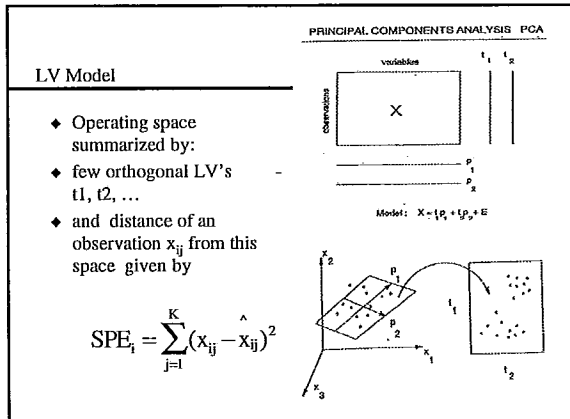
### PRINCIPAL COMPONENTS ANALYSIS PCA



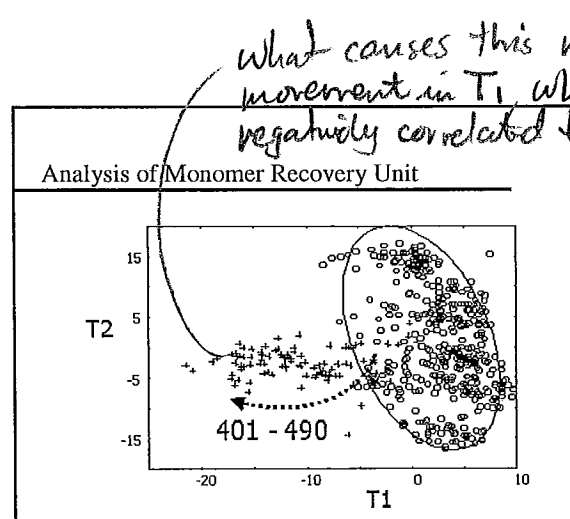
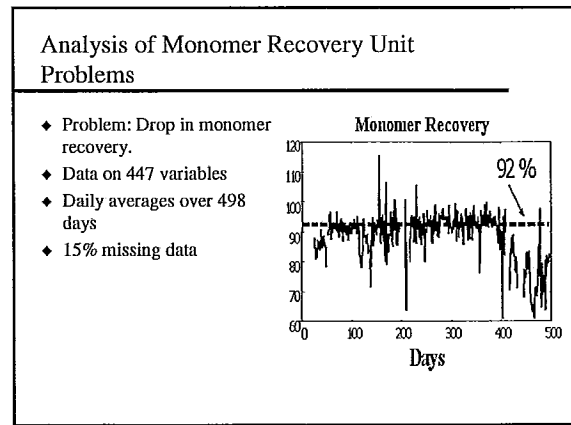
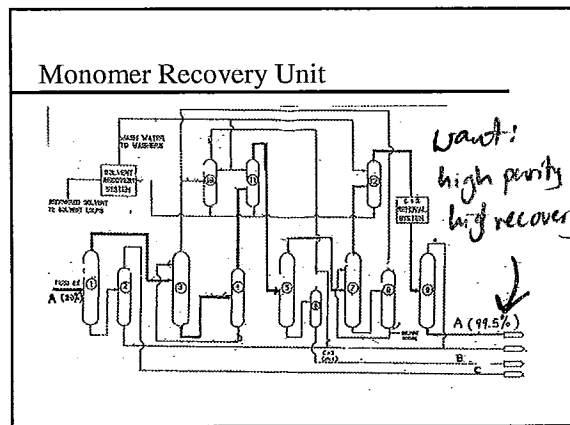
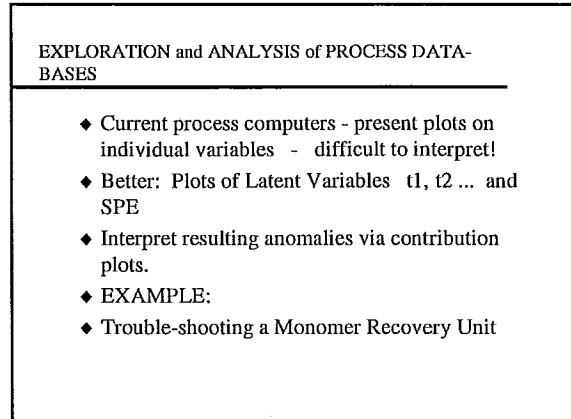
Like regression  $t_i \equiv \hat{\alpha}_i$   
loadings  $\rightarrow p_i \equiv \hat{\beta}_i$

extract max variance from X and  
summarize it in one variable  $t_1$  ~~and~~  $p_1$   
that can explain more variance than  
any other variable

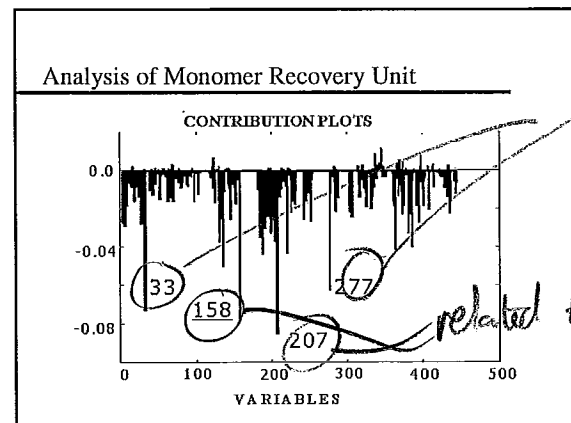
If test: After  $t_2$  extracting  $t_3$  will be insignificant  
 $\Rightarrow t_1, t_2$  describe all info & the rest is just noise



If an upset enters the new points move off the plane and SPE (DModX) will start to increase



Something has happened for it to diverge off the plane.



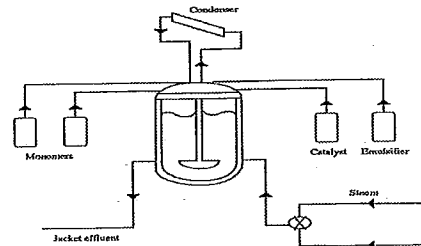
Which variables contributed to this movement off the space, contribution of each column variable to the particular  $t_i$

### Analysis of Monomer Recovery Unit

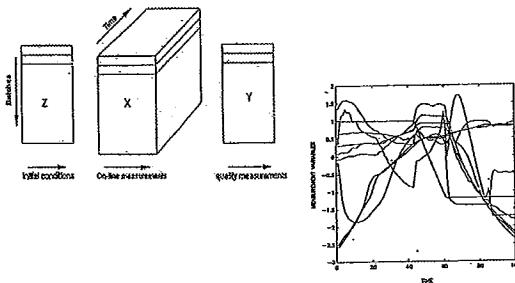
- ◆ Contribution plots show:
  1. Recovery low when concentration of A in feed is high (variables 33 & 277)
  2. Problem appears in column number 3 (variables 158 & 207)
  3. Tray #129 temperature has largest contribution (variable 209)
  4. Suggestion: Put controller on tray 129 temperature
  5. It worked. Recovery back to 91%

*Even if it just isolates the column that causes problems, then do a DOE about that column, unit etc*

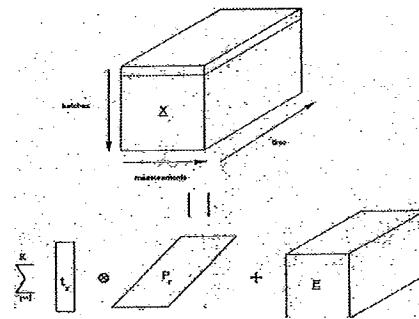
### ANALYSIS OF BATCH PROCESS DATA



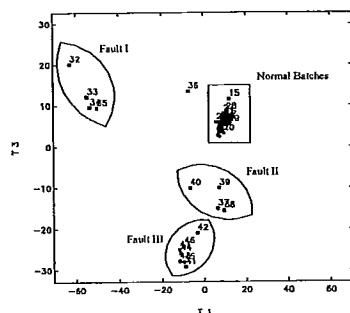
### Nature of Batch Data



### Multiway PCA



### 55 Batches from a Nylon Polymerization Process



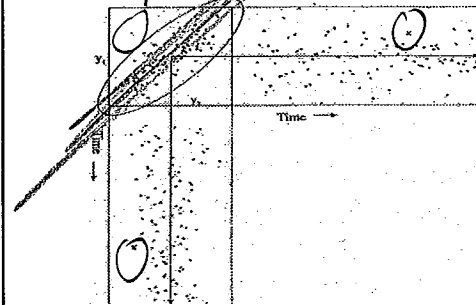
### Analysis of Nylon Polymerization Process:

- ◆ 3 major groups of bad batches observed.
- ◆ Contribution plots showed possible reasons for the different groups of bad batches.
- ◆ These were fixed through mechanical and operating policy changes
- ◆ Improvements implemented world-wide

## PROCESS MONITORING

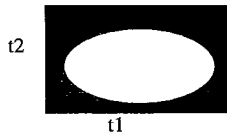
- ♦ Want to monitor processes in real-time.
- ♦ Traditional SPC charts consider only one variable at a time and usually only the quality variables  $Y$ .
- ♦ Lose most of information if ignore the process variables ( $X$ )
  - Many more  $X$ 's ; -  $X$ 's more precise & more frequent
  - Fingerprints of faults also in  $X$ ;
  - Need  $X$ 's to diagnose the problem
- ♦ Problem when have many nearly collinear variables. \*

## Need for Multivariate SPC

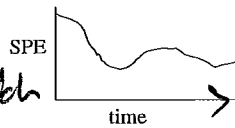


## Multivariate SPC Charts

- ♦ Represent all information in few new variables:
- ♦ Latent variables:  $t_1, t_2$
- ♦ Squared Prediction Error: SPE

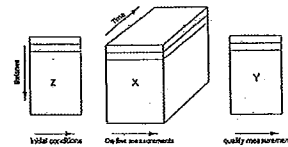


*SPE limits vary with time for both processes*



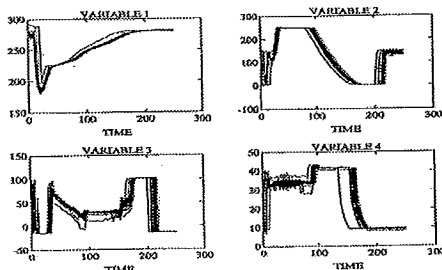
## Industrial Polycondensation Reactor

- ♦ 61 Batches
- ♦ 14 Initial Set-up variables ( $Z$ )
- ♦ 10 Process variables ( $X$ ) at 250 time intervals
- ♦ 4 Quality variables ( $Y$ )

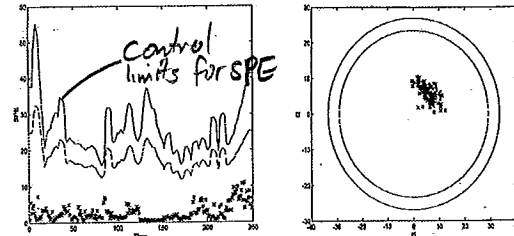


*The model: data used in the model (to build it) MUST have a small SPE (No  $t_1/t_2$  off the plane)*

## Profiles for first 4 variables

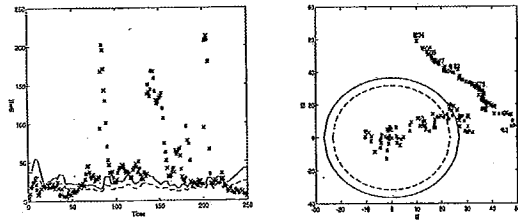


## On-line Monitoring of a Good Batch

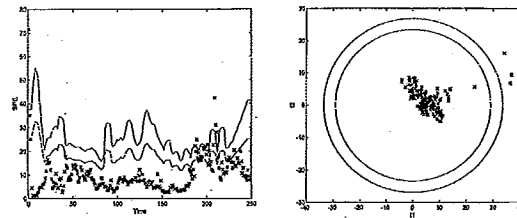




### On-line Monitoring of a Bad Batch-1



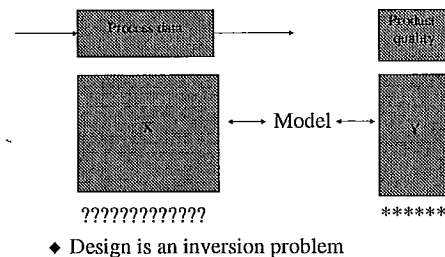
### On-line Monitoring of a Bad Batch-2



### Product design

- ◆ **PROBLEM:**
  - Given new product specifications  $y_{des}$  find process conditions  $x_{prod}$  which will produce this product.
- ◆ **Possible Approaches:**
  - Theoretical models and optimization
  - Response surface methods – DOE
  - Statistical methods based on historical data

### What do we have?



### Inversion of Empirical Models

- ◆ Model:  $Y = X B$
- ◆  $y_{des}^T = x_{new}^T B$
- ◆ Inversion:  $x_{new}^T = y_{des}^T B^{-1}$
- ◆ **Problem:**
  - More  $x$ 's than  $y$ 's
  - Infinite # solutions by inverting MLR, NN models
  - No respect for existing process operating procedures & constraints
- ◆ **Latent variable models – model X as well as Y**
  - Inversion gives window of solutions that lie in X space of existing operation
  - Respects past operation and constraints

### Several Related Problems

1. Transfer production of a product from one plant to another.
2. Alignment of operating conditions among plants that produce same product.
3. Scale-up from pilot plant to plant reactor.

## CONCLUSIONS

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- ◆ Multivariate methods are powerful tools for the analysis and monitoring of processes.
- ◆ Key Factor is use of Latent Variable models:
  - Great dimensionality reduction
  - Model for the X-space
    - » Handles missing data
    - » Allows for trouble-shooting of process problems (contribution plots)
    - » Monitoring using process data
    - » Allows for inversion into existing operating space
  - Easy presentation and interpretation of results
- ◆ Now widely accepted and used in industry

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Overview of Principal Component Analysis

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eg  $N = 20$   
 $K = 1000$   $X^T X = 1000 \Rightarrow$  can only estimate 20 parameters

Starting point: Problem  $\Rightarrow$  Data Table  $X$  ( $N \times K$ )  
Training set

$N$   $K$   
 $X$

Objects (cases, samples, rows, ...):

- Analytical samples
- Process time points
- Trials (experim. runs)
- Chemical compounds, ....

Variables (tags, properties, columns):

- Sensors (T, P, flow, pH, conc., ...)
- Spectral amplitudes (NMR, NIR, Raman, UV-Vis, XRF, ...)
- Chromatographic Peaks (HPLC, GC, Electroforesis, ...)

- Data set = table (matrix)  
N rows (objects, samples, ...)  
K variables (properties, tests, ...)
- Often many variables – large K
- Often few observations ( $K \gg N$ )  
or many of both (N and K large)
- Missing data
- Clusters and collinearity

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Example of a multivariate data set of  
A polymerization,  $N=820$  observations,  $K=160$  variables.

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Why Multivariate Analysis by Projection ?  
PCA      PLS

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- Deal with the Dimensionality Problem
- Handles all Types of data tables
  - Short:  $N < K$       Square:  $N = K$       Long:  $N \gg K$
- Handle collinearities
- Handle missing data
- Robust to noise in both X and Y
  - noise can be non-random
- Separates regularities from noise:
  - Models X & models Y
  - Models relation between X and Y
- Extracts information from all data simultaneously: MVSPC
- Results displayed graphically

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Data table = K-space & N points

Transformation (log, square root, ...) may first be needed

- K-dimensional space (K variables)
- Each variable defines a coordinate axis, length  $s_k$
- Object/observation = point in K-space
- data table = swarm of points in K-space

$N$   $K$   
 $X$

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Data tables, matrices,  
rows = obs, columns = variables

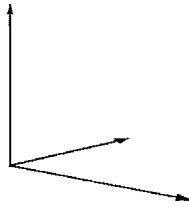
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- Data table = matrix  
= array with N rows and K columns
- Centering = subtracting column averages,  
 $\rightarrow$  columns that vary around zero
- Scaling; usually dividing columns by their SD (unit variance)
- PCA
  - Summarizing rows  $\rightarrow$  linear combinations row-wise of X (scores,  $t_k$ )
  - Summarizing cols  $\rightarrow$  linear combinations col.-wise of X (loadings,  $p_k$ )

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### PCA -- Geometric Interpretation, 1 X-space



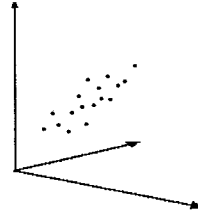
- For the matrix of the training set,  $X$ , we construct a space, with  $K$  dimensions
- This is called X-space
- Each variable has one coordinate axis, with the length determined by its scaling, usually unit variance ( $UV, s_k^2 = 1$ )

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### PCA -- Geometric Interpretation, 2 points



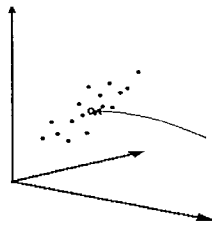
- Each training set object is represented by one point in X-space.
- The "training" data matrix  $X$  hence is as swarm of points in this space

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### PCA -- Geometric Interpretation, 3 average



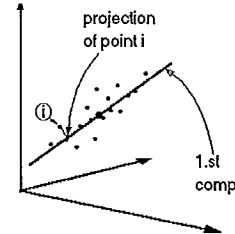
- First, we calculate the average of each variable. The vector of variable averages is a point in X-space.
- This average is subtracted from the data matrix, corresponding to moving the origin of the coordinate system to the middle of the data swarm.

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### PCA -- Geometric Interpretation, 4 1.st PC



- The first principal component (PC) is a line in X-space that best approximates the data (least squares).
- The line goes through the average point.
- The direction of the line is determined by the loading vector  $p_1$  (elements  $p_{1k}$ )
- The coordinates of the points ( $i$ ) are  $t_{1i}$

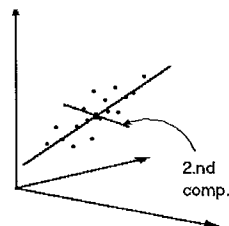
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*Handwritten note:*  $j^{th}$  observ  
Values of  $t$  represent projection length to the line from the centre to the line

### PCA -- Geometric Interpretation, 5 2.nd PC



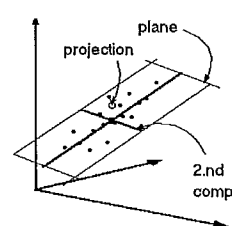
- The second PC is a line in X-space orthogonal to the line of the 1.st component
- Also goes through the average point.
- This line improves the approximation of the data points as much as possible.

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### PCA -- Geometric Interpretation, 6 PC-plane



- The principal components (PC.s) together form a plane (or hyper-plane) in X-space.
- The variability around the X-(hyper)plane is used to calculate a tolerance interval within which new objects similar to the training set will be situated.
- Projection = window in K-space

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*Handwritten note:* projected point onto the plane defined by  $p_1$  &  $p_2$   
 $t_1$  &  $t_2$  represent the projected point to the plane

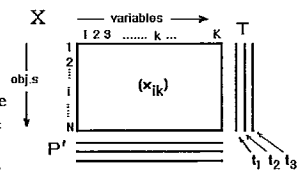
## Projection -- PCA

The scores  $t_{ia}$  (comp. a, object i) are the places along the lines where the objects are projected

The scores,  $t_{ia}$ , are new variables that best summarize the old ones; that are combinations of the old ones with coefficients  $p_{ak}$

Sorted on importance,  $t_1, t_2, t_3, \dots$

$$X = T P' + E$$



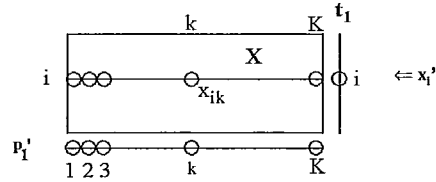
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a score; a linear combination side-wise (row-wise)  
= weighted average of all values for the row

$$t_{1i} = x_{i1} p_{11} + x_{i2} p_{12} + x_{i3} p_{13} + \dots + x_{ik} p_{1k} + \dots + x_{iK} p_{1K} = x_i' p_1$$



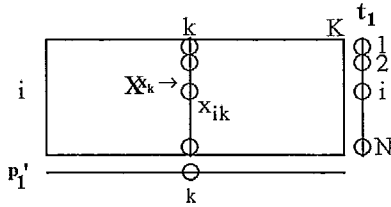
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a loading (and PLS-weight) = weighted col. average  
= a linear combination vertically, column-wise

$$p_{1k} = t_{11} x_{1k} + t_{12} x_{2k} + t_{13} x_{3k} + \dots + t_{1i} x_{ik} + \dots + t_{1N} x_{Nk} = t_1' x_k$$



Loading  $p_{1k}$  = importance of variable k in first PC

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How to estimate the loadings (p) & scores (t)

- $p_1$ 's are the eigenvectors of  $X'X$  matrix
- Eigenvalues  $\lambda_i$ 's are variances of  $t_i$ 's  $\lambda_1 > \lambda_2 > \lambda_3$
- Can calculate them recursively using NIPALS algorithm

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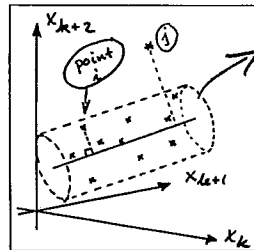
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for one principal component

Observation (row) residuals,

$$E = X - TP'$$

- Row Residuals = "left-overs"
- How well model fits an observation or row in X
- Row SD, distance to the model (DModX) =  $s_i = [\sum_k e_{ik}^2 / (K - A - 1)]^{1/2}$
- Critical Distance:  $D_{crit} = s_0 * \sqrt{F}$



confidence interval

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Column (variable) residuals

Measures of size of residuals:

- $R_k^2$  measures how well the models describes the variable (k)
- $Q_k^2$  measures the predictive power (cross-validation) of var. k
- $R^2$  and  $Q^2$  -- same, but over all variables, whole matrix

$$R^2 = 1 - [SS_{resid} / SS_{data}] \quad SS = \text{sum of squares}$$

$$Q^2 = 1 - [SS_{predictive resid} / SS_{data}] = 1 - [PRESS / SS_{data}]$$

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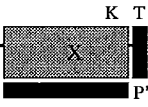
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$$s_i = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_k e_{ik}^2}{K - A - 1}}$$

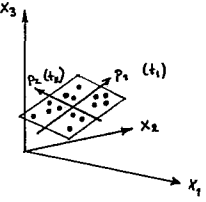
$t_i$  = coordinates in plane  
 $p_i$  = define the plane's axes

PCA, overview of a data table (data set):



1. Transformation (optional)
2. Centering -- subtract column averages
3. Scaling -- usually, divide by col. SD.s
4. PCA = least squares projection of data onto (hyper)-plane
5. scores,  $t$ , are coordinates in the (hyper)-plane
6. loadings,  $p$ , define the direction of the (hyper)-plane

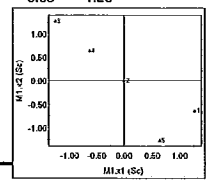
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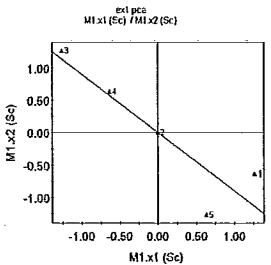
Ex.1: Two variables  $x_1, x_2$   
 Data with Centering and scaling the variables

	$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_{1c}$	$x_{2c}$	$x_{1cs}$	$x_{2cs}$
•	98	45	2	-1	1.26	-0.63
•	96	46	0	0	0	0
•	94	48	-2	2	-1.26	1.26
•	95	47	-1	1	-0.63	0.63
•	97	44	1	-2	0.63	-1.26
Avg	96	46				
SD	1.58	1.58				
ws	0.63	0.63				



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The first PC score ( $t_1$ )  
 Combination of  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  with equal (but opposite) weights



$x_1$  and  $x_2$  well correlated:

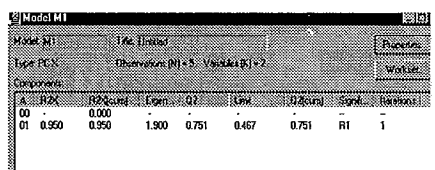
When  $x_1$  decreases,  $x_2$  increases, and vice versa

$t_1$  = projection onto line (position along the line, relative to the center)

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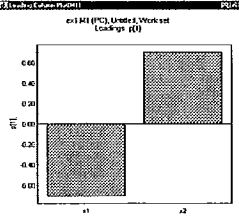
Ex.1: Weights (loadings) of  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  in the first PC  
 (how  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  combine to form the new variable  $t_1$ )

- $p_{11}$  = weight of  $x_1$  = -0.71
- $p_{12}$  = weight of  $x_2$  = 0.71
- $t_1 = -0.71 x_1 + 0.71 x_2$



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Loadings  $p$  and score  $t$   $t = x * p$

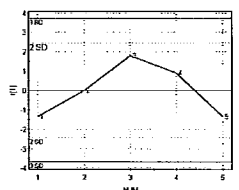


$x_1$	$x_2$	$t_1$
1.26	-0.63	-1.34
0	0	0
-1.26	1.26	1.79
-0.63	0.63	0.89
0.63	-1.26	-1.34

$p_1$	$p_2$
-0.707	0.707

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Interpreting score plot  $t_1$  using the loadings  
 scores ( $t$ ):  $t = X * p$   $t_i = \sum_k p_k x_{ik}$



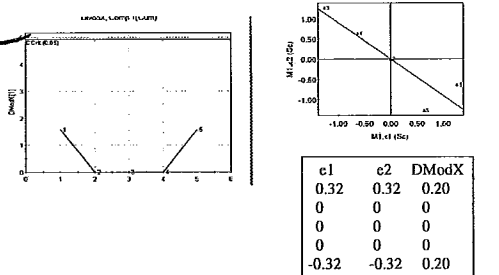
$x_{1sc}$	$x_{2sc}$	$t_1$
1.26	-0.63	-1.34
0	0	0
-1.26	1.26	1.79
-0.63	0.63	0.89
0.63	-1.26	-1.34

$\sum_k p_k^2 = 1.0$  (normalization)

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79.5% CI

Residuals:  $E = X - t p'$   
Distance to the model (row residual SD)



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How many components (A) in PCA ?

- Cross-validation, continue until  $Q^2$  does not improve (check one component beyond)
- Eigen-values larger than 1 or 2 (eigen-value = % SS explained \* K)
- Plot of eigen-values ("scree plot") (subjective)
- To make  $R^2 > 0.9$  or  $0.95$  (risky)
- Others
- For graphical display, use two or three components

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Cross-validation (CV)  
a way to assess the predictive power of a model

- A number of rounds of model fitting, with parts of data matrix kept out.
- In each round, the kept out part is then predicted from the model.
- PRESS is sum of squared differences between predicted and observed x-elements, over all rounds of model fitting

$$PRESS = \sum (x_{ik} - x_{pred,ik})^2$$

$$Q^2 = 1 - [PRESS / SS_{data}]$$

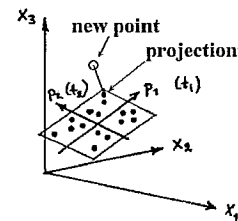
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PCA, predictions (new objects = prediction set)

- New point ( $x_j'$ )  
row vector  $[x_{j1} \ x_{j2} \ \dots \ x_{jK}]$
- Coordinates on PC plane:  
 $[t_{1j} \ t_{2j} \ t_{3j} \ \dots \ t_{Aj}] = t_j'$
- Residuals ( $e_j' = x_j' - t_j' P$ )  
row vector  $[e_{j1} \ e_{j2} \ \dots \ e_{jK}]$   
summarized as  $SD_j = s_j = DModX_j$  (distance to model)

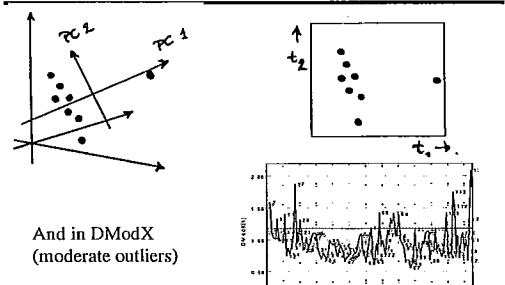


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Outliers: Easily seen in score plots,  $A < 5$  (serious ones)



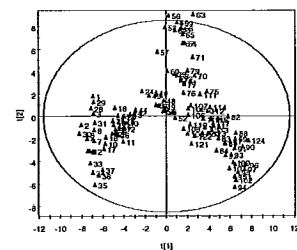
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Other inhomogeneities (strong groups, clusters)

- Also seen in score plots
- Groups/clusters
- Similarities
- Classification



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## Multivariate Statistical Process Control (MSPC)

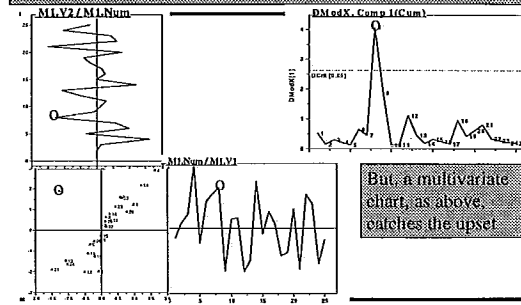
- Use all process and quality variables simultaneously
- Monitor the process
- Detect changes
- Find assignable causes
- Multivariate charts offer tremendous advantage over traditional univariate charts
  - Look at more than just magnitude of each variable
  - Look also at relationships among all variables

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Separate charts of correlated variables may miss serious upsets, #8  
This risk increases with the number of variables, K



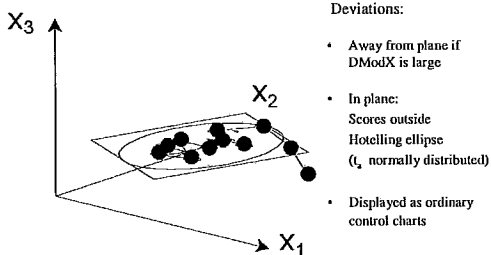
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## MSPC

Process is "OK" if data is close to the model plane)



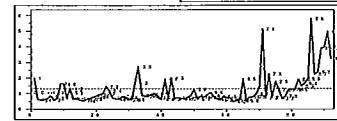
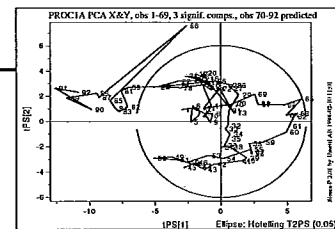
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## M-SPC

A projection of the 33 dim. space onto a 2-dim. plane shows evolution in time of ALL the variables



and a summary of the deviations (the distance between the data and model)

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## The "contribution plots": Show what has happened in the individual observation

- A large residual (DModX), e.g., point 86, is suspect  
we look at the residuals  $z_k = e_{86,k}$   
times a weight ( $v_k = \sqrt{R_k^2}$ )
- A score value (e.g. point 80) is suspect  
we look at the scaled data  $z_k = (x_{80,k} - \bar{x}_{80,k}) * w_k$   
times a weight ( $v_k = p_k$ , or,  $v_k = \sqrt{R_k^2}$ )
- Contributions =  $z_k v_k$ ; for  $k=1, 2, \dots, K$  (each variable)
- The "contribution" plots identify "culprit" variables

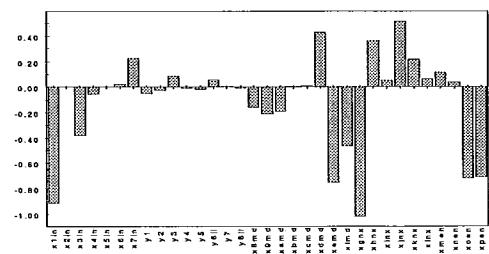
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## Why is obs. 80 outside the "normal" area in t-space? Contribution plot of data (here X&Y) row-wise (observation - mean vector)\* weights [w = p1]

Contribution Scores, AVG-Obs 80, O H X scaled, weight=p, Comp 1



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#### Use of PCA; one table only (called X)

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- Overview, summary of X
  - Graphics: -scores, loadings, contribution, DModX
  - use T as descriptors of the objects instead of X
  - Great reduction in dimension
- similarities, groups,
- MSPC
- classification

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#### AREAS OF APPLICATION FOR MULTIVARIATE METHODS

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1. Analysis of historical data (Process trouble-shooting)  
Both batch and continuous processes
2. Multivariate Statistical Process Control (MSPC)
3. Soft sensors / Inferential models
4. Multivariate calibration (e.g. NIR spectrometers)
5. Classification / Pattern recognition

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6. Multivariate time series analysis
7. Quantitative Structure Activity Relations (QSAR) and  
Quantative Structural Property Relations (QSPR)
8. Multi-Spectral Image Analysis
9. Other Areas:
  1. Product design / Model inversion problems
  2. Multivariate specifications

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