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2^{k-p} Fractional Factorial Designs

- Large number of factors
  $\Rightarrow$ large number of experiments
  $\Rightarrow$ full factorial design too expensive
  $\Rightarrow$ Use a fractional factorial design
- 2^{k-p} design allows analyzing k factors with only 2^{k-p} experiments.
  2^{k-1} design requires only half as many experiments
  2^{k-2} design requires only one quarter of the experiments

Example: 2^{7-4} Design

Expt No.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	1	-1
2	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1
3	-1	1	-1	-1	1	-1	1
4	1	1	-1	1	-1	-1	-1
5	-1	-1	1	1	-1	-1	1
6	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	-1
7	-1	1	1	-1	-1	1	-1
8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

- Study 7 factors with only 8 experiments!

Fractional Design Features

- Full factorial design is easy to analyze due to orthogonality of sign vectors.

  Fractional factorial designs also use orthogonal vectors. That is:

  - The sum of each column is zero.

$$\sum_i x_{ij} = 0 \quad \forall j$$

*j*th variable, *i*th experiment.

  - The sum of the products of any two columns is zero.

$$\sum_i x_{ij} x_{il} = 0 \quad \forall j \neq l$$

  - The sum of the squares of each column is 2^{7-4}, that is, 8.

$$\sum_i x_{ij}^2 = 8 \quad \forall j$$

Analysis of Fractional Factorial Designs

- **Model**:

$$y = q_0 + q_A x_A + q_B x_B + q_C x_C + q_D x_D + q_E x_E + q_F x_F + q_G x_G$$

- Effects can be computed using inner products.

$$q_A = \sum_i y_i x_{Ai} = \frac{-y_1 + y_2 - y_3 + y_4 - y_5 + y_6 - y_7 + y_8}{8}$$

$$q_B = \sum_i y_i x_{Bi} = \frac{-y_1 - y_2 + y_3 + y_4 - y_5 - y_6 + y_7 + y_8}{8}$$

Example 19.1

I	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	y
1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	1	-1	20
1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	35
1	-1	1	-1	-1	1	-1	1	7
1	1	1	-1	1	-1	-1	-1	42
1	-1	-1	1	1	-1	-1	1	36
1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	-1	50
1	-1	1	1	-1	-1	1	-1	45
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	82
317	101	35	109	43	1	47	3	Total
39.62	12.62	4.37	13.62	5.37	0.125	5.87	0.37	Total/8

- Factors A through G explain 37.26%, 4.74%, 43.40%, 6.75%, 0%, 8.06%, and 0.03% of variation, respectively.

  $\Rightarrow$ Use only factors C and A for further experimentation.

Sign Table for a 2^{k-p} Design

Steps:

1. Prepare a sign table for a full factorial design with k-p factors.
2. Mark the first column I.
3. Mark the next k-p columns with the k-p factors.
4. Of the (2^{k-p}-k-p-1) columns on the right, choose p columns and mark them with the p factors which were not chosen in step 1.

Example: 2^{7-4} Design

Expt No.	A	B	C	AB	AC	BC	ABC
1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	1	-1
2	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1
3	-1	1	-1	-1	1	-1	1
4	1	1	-1	1	-1	-1	-1
5	-1	-1	1	1	-1	-1	1
6	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	-1
7	-1	1	1	-1	-1	1	-1
8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Example: 2^{4-1} Design

Expt No.	A	B	C	AB	AC	BC	D
1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	1	-1
2	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1
3	-1	1	-1	-1	1	-1	1
4	1	1	-1	1	-1	-1	-1
5	-1	-1	1	1	-1	-1	1
6	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	-1
7	-1	1	1	-1	-1	1	-1
8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Confounding

- **Confounding**: Only the combined influence of two or more effects can be computed.

$$
\begin{aligned}
q_A &= \sum_i y_i x_{Ai} \\
&= \frac{-y_1 + y_2 - y_3 + y_4 - y_5 + y_6 - y_7 + y_8}{8}
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
q_D &= \sum_i y_i x_{Di} \\
&= \frac{-y_1 + y_2 + y_3 - y_4 + y_5 - y_6 - y_7 + y_8}{8}
\end{aligned}
$$

Confounding (Cont)

$$
\begin{aligned}
q_{ABC} &= \sum_i y_i x_{Ai} x_{Bi} x_{Ci} \\
&= \frac{-y_1 + y_2 + y_3 - y_4 + y_5 - y_6 - y_7 + y_8}{8}
\end{aligned}
$$

$$q_D = q_{ABC}$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
q_D + q_{ABC} &= \sum_i y_i x_{Ai} x_{Bi} x_{Ci} \\
&= \frac{-y_1 + y_2 + y_3 - y_4 + y_5 - y_6 - y_7 + y_8}{8}
\end{aligned}
$$

- $\Rightarrow$ Effects of D and ABC are confounded. Not a problem if q_{ABC} is negligible.

Confounding (Cont)

- Confounding representation: *D=ABC*

  Other Confoundings:

$$
\begin{aligned}
q_A &= q_{BCD} = \sum_i y_i x_{Ai} \\
&= \frac{-y_1 + y_2 - y_3 + y_4 - y_5 + y_6 - y_7 + y_8}{8}
\end{aligned}
$$

$$\Rightarrow A = BCD$$

A=BCD, B=ACD, C=ABD, AB=CD, AC=BD, BC=AD, ABC=D, and I=ABCD

- *I=ABCD* ⇒ confounding of ABCD with the mean.

Other Fractional Factorial Designs

- A fractional factorial design is not unique. 2^p different designs.

Another 2^{4-1} Experimental Design

Expt No.	A	B	C	D	AC	BC	ABC
1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	1	-1
2	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1
3	-1	1	-1	-1	1	-1	1
4	1	1	-1	1	-1	-1	-1
5	-1	-1	1	1	-1	-1	1
6	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	-1
7	-1	1	1	-1	-1	1	-1
8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

- Confoundings: I=ABD, A=BD, B=AD, C=ABCD, D=AB, AC=BCD, BC=ACD, ABC=CD

Not as good as the previous design.

Algebra of Confounding

- Given just one confounding, it is possible to list all other confoundings.
- Rules:
  - I is treated as unity.
  - Any term with a power of 2 is erased.

$$I = ABCD$$

Multiplying both sides by A:

$$A = A^2BCD = BCD$$

Multiplying both sides by B, C, D, and AB:

Algebra of Confounding (Cont)

$$B = AB^2CD = ACD$$

$$C = ABC^2D = ABD$$

$$D = ABCD^2 = ABC$$

$$AB = A^2B^2CD = CD$$

and so on.

- Generator polynomial: *I=ABCD*

For the second design: *I=ABC.*

- In a 2^{k-p} design, 2^p effects are confounded together.

Example 19.7

- In the 2^{7-4} design:

$$D = AB, E = AC, F = BC, G = ABC$$

$$\Rightarrow I = ABD, I = ACE, I = BCF, I = ABCG$$

$$\Rightarrow I = ABD = ACE = BCF = ABCG$$

- Using products of all subsets:

$$\begin{aligned} I &= ABD = ACE = BCF = ABCG = BCDE \\ &= ACDF = CDG = ABEF = BEG \\ &= AFG = DEF = ADEG = BDFG \\ &= CEFG = ABCDEFG \end{aligned}$$

Example 19.7 (Cont)

- Other confoundings:

$$\begin{aligned} A &= BD = CE = ABCF = BCG = ABCDE \\ &= CDF = ACDG = BEF = ABEG \\ &= FG = ADEF = DEG = ABDFG \\ &= ACEFG = BCDEFG \end{aligned}$$

Design Resolution

- Order of an effect = Number of terms

  Order of *ABCD* = 4, order of I = 0.
- Order of a confounding = Sum of order of two terms

  E.g., AB=CDE is of order 5.
- Resolution of a Design

  = Minimum of orders of confoundings
- Notation: R_{III} = Resolution-III = 2^{k-p}_{III}
- Example 1: $I=ABCD \Rightarrow R_{IV}$ = Resolution-IV = 2^{4-1}_{IV}

  A=BCD, B=ACD, C=ABD, AB=CD, AC=BD,
  BC=AD, ABC=D, and I=ABCD

Design Resolution (Cont)

- Example 2:

  $I = ABD \Rightarrow \mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{III}}$ design.

- Example 3:

$$
\begin{aligned}
I &= ABD = ACE = BCF = ABCG = BCDE \\
&= ACDF = CDG = ABEF = BEG \\
&= AFG = DEF = ADEG = BDFG \\
&= ABDG = CEFG = ABCDEFG
\end{aligned}
$$

- This is a resolution-III design.
- A design of higher resolution is considered a better design.

Case Study 19.1: Latex vs. troff

Factors and Levels

	Factor	-Level	+Level
A	Program	Latex	troff-me
B	Bytes	2100	25000
C	Equations	0	10
D	Floats	0	10
E	Tables	0	10
F	Footnotes	0	10

Case Study 19.1 (Cont)

- Design: 2^{6-1} with I=BCDEF

Factor		Effect	% Variation
B	Bytes	12.0	39.4%
A	Program	9.4	24.4%
C	Equations	7.5	15.6%
AC	Program		
	$\times$ Equations	7.2	14.4%
E	Tables	3.5	3.4%
F	Footnotes	1.6	0.70%

Case Study 19.1: Conclusions

- Over 90% of the variation is due to: Bytes, Program, and Equations and a second order interaction.
- Text file size were significantly different making it's effect more than that of the programs.
- High percentage of variation explained by the ``program $\times$ Equation" interaction
  $\Rightarrow$ Choice of the text formatting program depends upon the number of equations in the text. troff not as good for equations.

CPU Time

Program	# of Equations	
	-1(0)	1(10)
-1(Latex)	-9.7	-9.1
1(Troff)	-5.3	24.1

Case Study 19.1: Conclusions (Cont)

- Low ``Program $\times$ Bytes'' interaction $\Rightarrow$ Changing the file size affects both programs in a similar manner.
- In next phase, reduce range of file sizes. Alternately, increase the number of levels of file sizes.

Case Study 19.2: Scheduler Design

- Three classes of jobs: word processing, data processing, and background data processing.

Factors and Levels in the Scheduler Design Study

Symbol	Factor	Level -1	Level 1
A	Preemption	No	Yes
B	Time Slice	Small	Large
C	Queue Assignment	One Queue	Two Queues
D	Requeueing	Two Queues	Five Queues
E	Fairness	Off	On

- Design: 2^{5-1} with $I=ABCDE$

Measured Throughputs

No.	A	B	C	D	E	T_W	T_I	T_B
1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	15.0	25.0	15.2
2	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	11.0	41.0	3.0
3	-1	1	-1	-1	-1	25.0	36.0	21.0
4	1	1	-1	-1	1	10.0	15.7	8.6
5	-1	-1	1	-1	-1	14.0	63.9	7.5
6	1	-1	1	-1	1	10.0	13.2	7.5
7	-1	1	1	-1	1	28.0	36.3	20.2
8	1	1	1	-1	-1	11.0	23.0	3.0
9	-1	-1	-1	1	-1	14.0	66.1	6.4
10	1	-1	-1	1	1	10.0	9.1	8.4
11	-1	1	-1	1	1	27.0	34.6	15.7
12	1	1	-1	1	-1	11.0	23.0	3.0
13	-1	-1	1	1	1	14.0	26.0	12.0
14	1	-1	1	1	-1	11.0	38.0	2.0
15	-1	1	1	1	-1	25.0	35.0	17.2
16	1	1	1	1	1	11.0	22.0	2.0

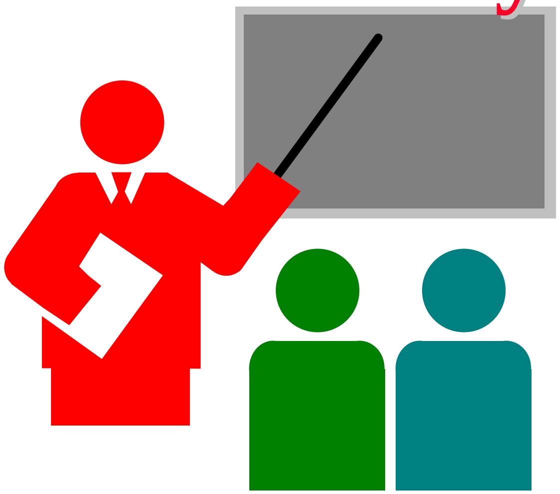
Effects and Variation Explained

Confounded Effects 1	2	T_W Estimate	T_W Perc. Var.	T_I Estimate	T_I Perc. Var.	T_B Estimate	T_B Perc. Var.
I	ABCDE	15.44		31.74		9.54	
A	BCDE	-4.81	55.5%	-8.62	31.0%	-4.86	58.8%
B	ACDE	3.06	22.5%	-3.54	5.2%	1.79	8.0%
C	ABDE	0.06	0.0%	0.43	0.1%	-0.62	1.0%
D	ABCE	-0.06	0.0%	-0.02	0.0%	-1.21	3.6%
AB	CDE	-2.94	20.7%	1.34	0.8%	-2.33	13.5%
AC	BDE	0.06	0.0%	0.49	0.1%	-0.44	0.5%
AD	BCE	0.19	0.1%	-0.08	0.0%	0.37	0.3%
BC	ADE	0.19	0.1%	0.44	0.1%	-0.12	0.0%
BD	ACE	0.06	0.0%	0.47	0.1%	-0.66	1.1%
CD	ABE	-0.19	0.1%	-1.91	1.5%	0.58	0.8%
DE	ABC	-0.06	0.0%	0.21	0.0%	-0.47	0.5%
CE	ABD	0.06	0.0%	1.21	0.6%	-0.16	0.1%
BE	ACD	0.31	0.2%	7.96	26.4%	-1.37	4.7%
AE	BCD	-0.56	0.8%	0.88	0.3%	0.28	0.2%
E	ABCD	0.19	0.1%	-9.01	33.8%	1.66	6.8%

Case Study 19.2: Conclusions

- For word processing throughput (T_W): A (Preemption), B (Time slice), and AB are important.
- For interactive jobs: E (Fairness), A (preemption), BE, and B (time slice).
- For background jobs: A (Preemption), AB, B (Time slice), E (Fairness).
- May use different policies for different classes of workloads.
- Factor C (queue assignment) or any of its interaction do not have any significant impact on the throughput.
- Factor D (Requiring) is not effective.
- Preemption (A) impacts all workloads significantly.
- Time slice (B) impacts less than preemption.
- Fairness (E) is important for interactive jobs and slightly important for background jobs.

Summary



- Fractional factorial designs allow a large number of variables to be analyzed with a small number of experiments
- Many effects and interactions are confounded
- The resolution of a design is the sum of the order of confounded effects
- A design with higher resolution is considered better

Exercise 19.1

Analyze the 2^{4-1} design:

		C_1		C_2	
		D_1	D_2	D_1	D_2
A_1	B_1		40	15	
	B_2		20	10	
A_2	B_1	100			30
	B_2	120			50

- Quantify all main effects.
- Quantify percentages of variation explained.
- Sort the variables in the order of decreasing importance.
- List all confoundings.
- Can you propose a better design with the same number of experiments.
- What is the resolution of the design?

Exercise 19.2

Is it possible to have a 2^{4-1}_{III} design? a 2^{4-1}_{II} design? 2^{4-1}_{IV} design? If yes, give an example.

Homework

- Updated Exercise 19.1
  Analyze the 2^{4-1} design:

		C_1		C_2	
		D_1	D_2	D_1	D_2
A_1	B_1		30	15	
	B_2		20	10	
A_2	B_1	100			30
	B_2	110			50

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- Quantify percentages of variation explained.
- Sort the variables in the order of decreasing importance.
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