

Box-Behnken Designs - Some Properties

- Only require three levels of each factor (c.f., CCDs require 5 levels when $\alpha \neq 1$)
- All the design points (except the center) have length two, i.e., they all lie on the same sphere
 - These designs are particularly suited for spherical regions
 - Because of the spherical property, there should be at least three to five runs at the center point
- The design for $k = 4$ is rotatable and the other designs are nearly rotatable
- Orthogonal blocking

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Box-Behnken Designs - Orthogonal Blocking

- For $k = 4, 5$, the designs can be arranged in orthogonal blocks
- $k = 4$, can be arranged in 3 blocks

$$\begin{bmatrix} \pm 1 & \pm 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \pm 1 & \pm 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline \pm 1 & 0 & 0 & \pm 1 \\ 0 & \pm 1 & \pm 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline \pm 1 & 0 & \pm 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \pm 1 & 0 & \pm 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- $k = 5$, can be arranged in 2 blocks

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Uniform Shell Designs

- The designs have $k^2 + k + 1$ points, which consist of
 - $k^2 + k$ points uniformly spaced on the k -dimensional sphere, and
 - one center point
- For $k = 2$, it can be described by a regular hexagon plus the center point

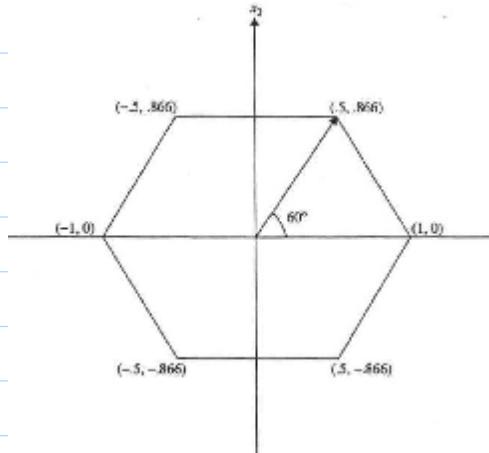


Figure 10: Uniform shell design, $k=2$

- For $k = 3$, it is identical to the Box-Behnken design

Uniform Shell Designs

- Uniformity property
 - Covering region of a design point: collection of points on the sphere that are closer to this design point than to the other design points.
 - Uniformity ensures that the covering region of each design point has the *same* spherical area.
- Run size comparison
 - For $k > 5$, its run size is much larger than $(k+1)(k+2)/2$
- For $2 \leq k \leq 5$, the designs are given in Table 10C.1 (textbook)
 - These designs can be rotated without affecting the uniformity property. However, rotation will likely increase the number of levels.
 - In the table, the design points minimize the number of the levels
- A disadvantage of spherical designs: lack of coverage of the region between the origin and the spherical shell

Analysis Strategies for Multiple Responses

- Multiple response analysis starts with building a regression fitted model for each response separately
- Some analysis strategies
 - Overlaid contour plots (if there are few responses and only two or three important input variables.)
 - Constrained optimization (if, among the responses, one is of primary importance)
 - Desirability function (if the goal is to find an optimal balance among several response characteristics)
- The desirability function approach transform each predicted response \hat{y}_i to a desirability value d_i , where $0 \leq d_i \leq 1$
 - The value of the desirability function d increases as the “desirability” of the corresponding response increases.

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Analysis Strategies for Multiple Responses

- Desirability function

- For nominal-the-best problem:

$$d = \begin{cases} \left| \frac{\hat{y} - L}{t - L} \right|^{\alpha_1}, & L \leq \hat{y} \leq t \\ \left| \frac{\hat{y} - U}{t - U} \right|^{\alpha_2}, & t \leq \hat{y} \leq U \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- For smaller-the-better problem

$$d = \begin{cases} \left| \frac{\hat{y} - U}{a - U} \right|^{\alpha}, & a \leq \hat{y} \leq U \\ 0, & \hat{y} > U \end{cases}$$

- For larger-the-better problem

$$d = \begin{cases} \left| \frac{\hat{y} - L}{U - L} \right|^{\alpha}, & L \leq \hat{y} \leq U \\ 1, & \hat{y} > U \\ 0, & \hat{y} < L \end{cases}$$

Analysis Strategies for Multiple Responses

- Desirability function II

- In some practical situations, the L and U values in the desirability function I cannot be properly chosen.
- For nominal-the-best problem:

$$d = \begin{cases} \exp\{-c_1|\hat{y} - t|^{\alpha_1}\}, & -\infty < \hat{y} \leq t \\ \exp\{-c_2|\hat{y} - t|^{\alpha_2}\}, & t \leq \hat{y} < \infty \end{cases}.$$

- For smaller-the-better problem

$$d = \exp\{-c|\hat{y} - a|^{\alpha}\}, \quad a \leq \hat{y} < \infty.$$

- For larger-the-better problem

$$d = \begin{cases} 1 - \exp\{-c\hat{y}^{\alpha}\} / \exp\{-cL^{\alpha}\}, & L \leq \hat{y} < \infty \\ 0, & \hat{y} < L \end{cases}$$

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Analysis Strategies for Multiple Responses

- Overall desirability function D

- Weighted geometric mean

$$D = d_1^{w_1} d_2^{w_2} \cdots d_m^{w_m},$$

where the weights w_i 's satisfy $0 < w_i < 1$ and $w_1 + \cdots + w_m = 1$.

- * $\ln D = \sum_{i=1}^m w_i \ln d_i$
- * If any $d_i = 0$, then $D = 0$
- * When $w_1 = \cdots = w_m = 1/m$, D is the geometric mean

- Weighted arithmetic mean

$$D = w_1 d_1 + w_2 d_2 + \cdots + w_m d_m$$

- Any setting for the input factors that maximizes the D value is chosen to be one which achieves an optimal balance over the m responses.
 - After finding such a setting, it should be verified whether all constraints on the responses are satisfied